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Efficient Asymmetric α-Oxyamination of Aldehydes by Resin-Supported Peptide Catalyst in Aqueous Media *Org. Lett.* **2010**, *12*, 1804-1807.

Supported Peptide for Asymmetric α-Oxyamination of Aldehydes

up to 87% yield up to 93% ee

Peptide catalyst 1:

Pro-D-Pro-Aib-Trp-Trp — (Leu)_{25.4} — \bigcirc = -HN-CH₂-PEG-PS

catalytically active site hydrophobic chain

amphiphilic resin

75% vield. 93% ee

73% yield, 87% ee

Significance: A polystyrene-poly(ethylene glycol) resin supported peptide catalyst bearing terminal five-residue Pro-D-Pro-Aib-Trp-Trp combined with polyleucine was prepared. The polymeric peptide was successfully applied to the asymmetric α -oxyamination of aldehydes with TEMPO in the presence of a catalytic amount of FeCl₂ and NaNO₂ to give the corresponding products under aqueous aerobic conditions with up to 87% yield and 93% ee (5 examples).

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Comment: The Kudo group has previously reported asymmetric hydrogenation (K. Akagawa et al. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **2009**, *20*, 461; K. Akagawa et al. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 2035) and asymmetric Friedel–Crafts alkylation (K. Akagawa et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2009**, *50*, 5602) in aqueous media with this catalyst. The polyleucine moiety between the tryptophan and the resin support not only provides a hydrophobic environment, but also effects the stereoselectivity of the reaction.

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