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Catalytic Asymmetric Mannich Reaction of Glycine Schiff Bases with α-Amido Sulfones as Precursors of Aliphatic Imines

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Copper-Catalyzed Asymmetric Mannich Reaction of Glycine Imines

Selected examples:

Proposed transition-state model:

Significance: α,β -Diamino acids are valuable due to their presence in peptide-based drugs and other bioactive compounds. In this report, the authors have extended their copper-catalyzed Mannich reaction of glycine Schiff bases to imines derived from aliphatic aldehydes, which previously performed poorly.

Comment: α-Amido sulfones are employed as imine precursors, due to the instability of imines derived from aliphatic aldehydes. Excellent enantioselectivity and syn-selectivity is obtained for a variety of imines. The products have high synthetic applicability due to the orthogonal protection of the amines.

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