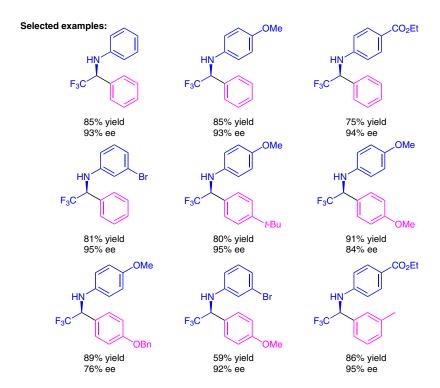
Synthesis

Pd-Catalyzed Enantioselective Synthesis of α -(Trifluoromethyl)arylmethylamines

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Significance: Trifluoromethylacetaldimines, generated in situ from the corresponding N,O-acetals, undergo 1,2-addition of arylboroxines under palladium catalysis to generate a variety of R-(trifluoromethyl)arylmethylamines with good to high enantioselectivity and yield.

Comment: The reported protocol is very versatile since it proceeds without the exclusion of ambient air and moisture. Moreover, several functional groups are tolerated, and readily available N,O-acetals synthesized from trifluoroaldehyde are used as starting materials.