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Enantioselective Synthesis of 1,2-Dihydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehydes by Addition of Boronates to Isochromene Acetals Catalyzed by Tartaric Acid

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## Asymmetric [4+2] Cycloaddition of Isochromene Acetals with Boronates

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{OEt}} + (i \text{PrO})_{2} \text{B} \xrightarrow{\text{Ar}} \frac{\text{catalyst (10 mol\%)}}{\text{THF-PhMe (1:1)}} \times R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{II}} \text{Ar}$$

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{OH}} \text{OH}$$

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## Selected examples:

## The reaction of $\alpha$ -substituted vinylboronate:

**Significance:** The authors present the tartaric acid catalyzed asymmetric [4+2] cycloaddition of isochromene acetals with vinylboronates. A series of 1,2-dihydronaphthalene-1-carbaldehydes were prepared with excellent yields (up to 91%), diastereo- (dr up to >99:1), and enantioselectivities (er up to 98.5:1.5).

**Comment:** This method provides a facile access to chiral dihydronaphthalene building blocks that can be used to make important natural products and biological active compounds. Tartaric acid in combination with Ho(OTf)<sub>3</sub> is highly effective for the reaction.

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