## Key words

## thioureas

## cyanation

## ketimines



19 examples 65-95\% yield er from 95:5 to >99.5:0.5


Application to the total synthesis of spirohydantoin I:
Y.-L. LIU, J. ZHOU* (EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI, CHINA) Organocatalytic Asymmetric Cyanation of Isatin Derived $N$-Boc Ketoimines
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## Thiourea-Catalyzed Asymmetric Cyanation of $N$-Boc Ketimines




Significance: The first catalytic asymmetric cyanation of isatin-derived N -Boc ketimines has been reported by Zhou and co-worker. Wide substrate scope and excellent enantioselectivities were obtained. A tandem aza-Wittig-Strecker reaction has also been reported, which was applied to the total synthesis of spirohydantoin I.

Comment: An aza-Wittig-Strecker reaction sequence has been reported, which offers a good methodology to develop a catalytic asymmetric reaction of N -Boc ketimines, generated in situ from the achiral ketones. The strategy has potential applications in other types of reactions, in which $N$-Boc imines are involved.

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