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Tandem Enantioselective Zinc-Promoted Reaction

TMS — H Et₂Zn, ligand (5 mol%) PhMe, 5–15 °C, 48 h
$$\frac{\text{Zn-Brook}}{\text{NaHCO}_3}$$
 $\frac{\text{Zn-Brook}}{\text{Then E-X}}$ $\frac{\text{Me}}{\text{Ho}}$ $\frac{\text{NaHCO}_3}{\text{Ho}}$ $\frac{\text{N$

Selected examples:

Allenyl Zn-Brook rearrangement

Significance: In a one-pot operation, two stereocenters and three new bonds were created with high selectivity. The reaction proceeds through a sequence of asymmetric alkynylation of an acyl silane, tandem Brook-type rearrangement, eneallene cyclization, addition of an electrophile, and finally oxidation. It will be extremely useful in organic synthesis, and it is a new approach to synthetic transformations.

Comment: Quantum mechanical calculations show that this method passes through an allenyl Zn-Brook rearrangement and that this transformation bypasses the intermediate derived from the classic [1,2]-Brook rearrangement. This important finding nicely rationalizes the observation that the rearrangement proceeds without racemization.

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