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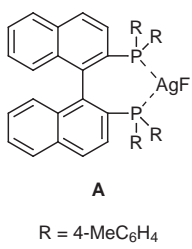
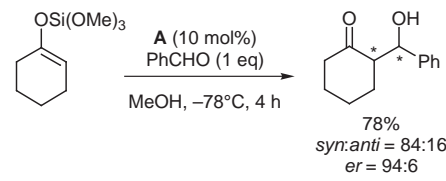
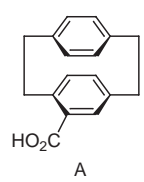
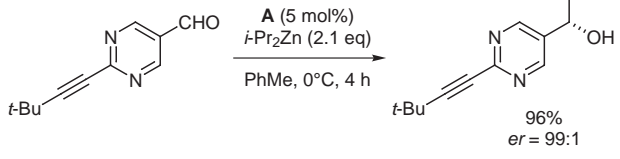
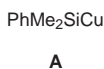
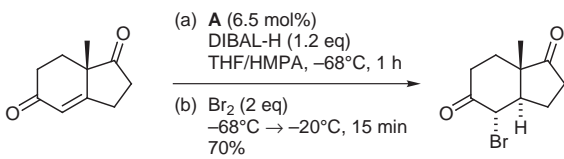
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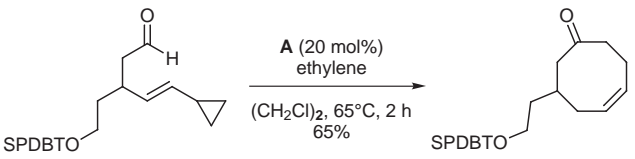
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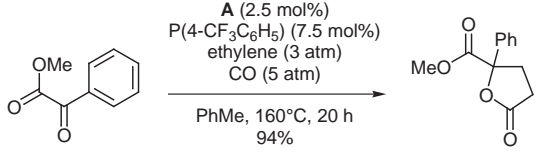
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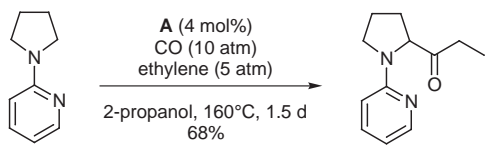
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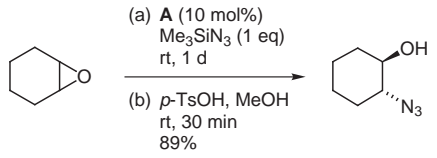
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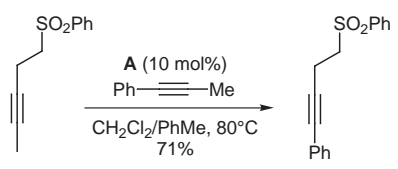
(R)-p-Tol-BINAP · AgFCOMplex		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses the enantioselective aldol reaction of trimethoxysilyl enol ethers with aldehydes.</p> <p>Yanagisawa, A.; Nakatsuka, Y.; Asakawa, K.; Kageyama, H.; Yamamoto, H. <i>Synlett</i> 2001, 69.</p>	 <p>A R = 4-MeC₆H₄</p>	 <p>11 examples (yields 56-87%, 74:26 > <i>syn:anti</i> > 99:1, %ee 85-97%).</p>
(R)-4-Carboxy[2.2]paracyclophane		Catalyst
<p>Reagent A acts as a chiral initiator in the enantioselective addition of diisopropylzinc to 2-alkynylpyrimidine-5-carbaldehyde to afford the corresponding 2-alkynylpyrimidyl alkanol.</p> <p>Tanji, S.; Ohno, A.; Sato, I.; Soai, K. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2001, 3, 287.</p>	 <p>A</p>	 <p>1 example (yield 96%, %ee 97%) and 2 other initiators are reported.</p>
Dimethylphenylsilylcopper(I)		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses the reductive bromination of the Hajos dione.</p> <p>Daniewski, A. R.; Liu, W. <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> 2001, 66, 626.</p>	 <p>A</p>	 <p>1 example (70% yield) is reported.</p>

[Rh(dppe)]ClO₄		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses an intramolecular hydroacylation reaction for the synthesis of eight-membered rings. Examples with [Rh(dppe)]OTf are also reported.</p> <p>Aloise, A. D.; Layton, M. E.; Shair, M. D. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2000, <i>122</i>, 12610.</p>	<p>[Rh(dppe)]ClO₄</p> <p>A</p>	 <p>5 examples (yields 54-65%) are reported.</p>

Ruthenium Carbonyl		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses the intramolecular cyclo-coupling of ketones, alkenes or alkynes, and carbon monoxide for the synthesis of functionalised γ-butyrolactones.</p> <p>Tobisu, M.; Chatani, N.; Asaumi, T.; Amako, K.; Ie, Y.; Fukumoto, Y.; Murai, S. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2000, <i>122</i>, 12663.</p>	<p>Ru₃(CO)₁₂</p> <p>A</p>	 <p>56 examples (yields 13-99%) are reported.</p>

[RhCl(CO)₂]₂		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses the carbonylation of sp³ C-H bonds adjacent to the nitrogen of cyclic alkylamines.</p> <p>Chatani, N.; Asaumi, T.; Ikeda, T.; Yorimitsu, S.; Ishii, Y.; Kakiuchi, F.; Murai, S. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> 2000, <i>122</i>, 12882.</p>	<p>[Rh(CO)₂]₂</p> <p>A</p>	 <p>8 examples (yields 12-84%) are reported.</p>

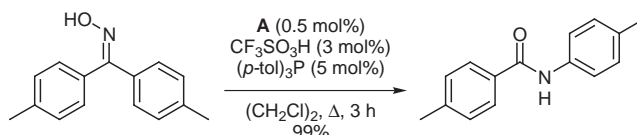
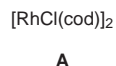
Tetrabutylammonium Chloride		Catalyst
<p>The title reagent catalyses the azidolysis of epoxides to give the corresponding azido alcohol in solvent free conditions.</p> <p>Schneider, C. <i>Synlett</i> 2000, 1840.</p>	<p><i>n</i>-Bu₄NF</p> <p>A</p>	 <p>7 examples (yields 5-89%) are reported.</p>

Molybdenum Metathesis Catalyst		Catalyst
<p>Reagent A, when activated in situ by dichloromethane, catalyses the cross metathesis reaction of functionalised alkynes.</p> <p>Fürstner, A.; Mathes, C. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2001, <i>3</i>, 221.</p>	<p>Mo[N(<i>t</i>-Bu)(Ar)₃]</p> <p>A</p> <p>Ar = 3,5-dimethylphenyl</p>	 <p>15 examples (yields 47-82%) are reported.</p>

Chloro(1,5-cyclooctadiene)rhodium(I) Dimer

Catalyst

The title reagent catalyses the Beckmann rearrangement of oximes to give the corresponding amides.



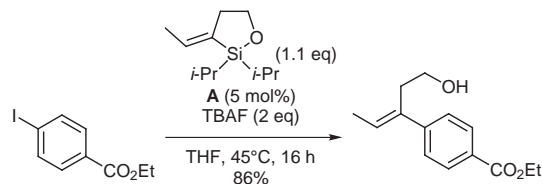
Arisawa, M.; Yamaguchi, M. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 311.

16 examples (yields 30-99%) are reported.

Bis(dibenzylideneacetone)palladium

Catalyst

The title reagent catalyses the cross-coupling of alkydenesilacyclopentanes with aryl or alkenyl halides to give trisubstituted homoallylic alcohols.



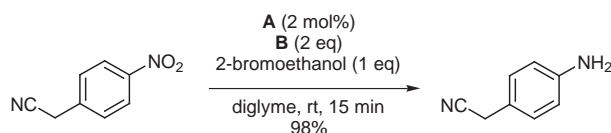
Denmark, S. E.; Pan, W. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 61.

13 examples (yields 45-88%) are reported.

Phthalocyanatoiron [PcFe(II)] / Sodium Borohydride

Catalyst

The title reagent pair, in the presence of 2-bromoethanol, catalyses the reduction of nitroarenes.



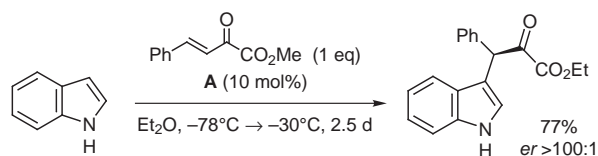
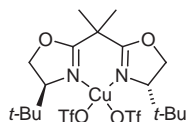
Wilkinson, H. S.; Tanuory, G. J.; Wald, S. A.; Senanayake, C. H. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, *42*, 167.

7 examples (yields 67-95%) are reported.

[[(S)-t-Bu-BOX]Cu(OTf)₂] Complex

Catalyst

The title reagent catalyses the asymmetric Friedel-Crafts alkylation of β,γ-unsaturated α-ketoesters.



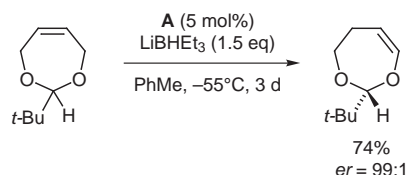
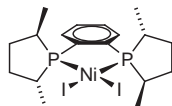
Jensen, K. B.; Thorhauge, J.; Hazell, R. G.; Jorgensen, K. A. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2001**, *40*, 160.

13 examples (yields 69-99%, %ee 79-99.5%).

1,2-Bis(phospholanyl)benzene-Modified Diiodonickel Complex

Catalyst

The title reagent, when activated with LiBHET₃, catalyses the highly enantioselective isomerization of 4,7-dihydro-1,3-dioxepins.

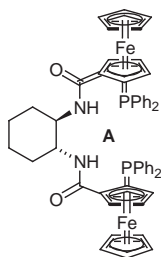


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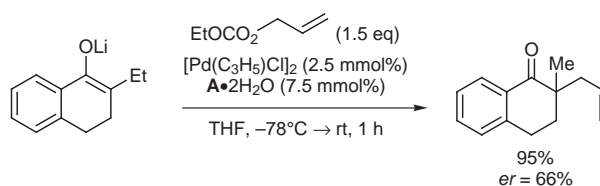
3 examples (yields 74-75%, %ee 90-98%) are reported.

(R,R,Sp,Sp)-Bis-N[2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenylcarbonyl]-diaminocyclohexane Derivative**Ligand**

The title ligand is used in palladium-catalysed asymmetric alkylation of ketone enolates.



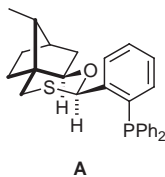
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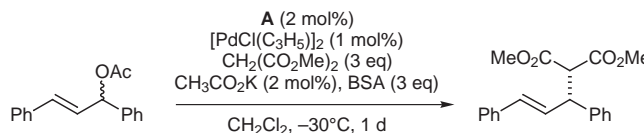
3 examples (yields 77-95%, %ee 66-87%) are reported.

(1R,3R,5R,8S)-11,11-Dimethyl-4-oxa-5-(2-diphenylphosphino)phenyl-6-thiatricyclo[6.2.1.0]undecane**Ligand**

The title ligand is used in palladium-catalysed asymmetric allylic substitution reactions.



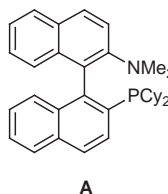
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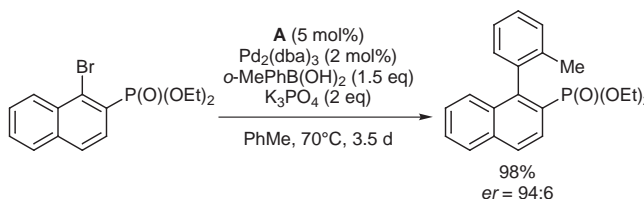
4 examples (yields 74-98%, %ee 76-94%) are reported.

(S)-(+)-2-Cyclohexylphosphino-2'-dimethylamino-1,1'-binaphthyl**Ligand**

The title ligand is used in the Pd-catalysed asymmetric Suzuki coupling for the preparation of biaryl compounds.



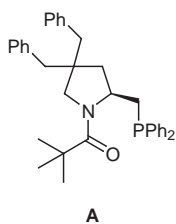
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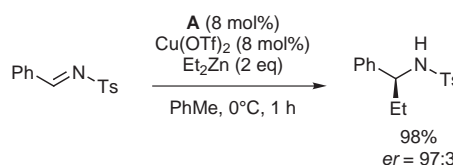
17 examples (yields 74-98%, %ee 57-92%) are reported.

Chiral Amidophosphine**Ligand**

Ligand **A** is used in the Cu-catalysed asymmetric addition of diethylzinc to *N*-sulfonylimines.



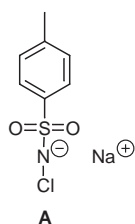
Fujihara, H.; Nagai, K.; Tomioka, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 12055.



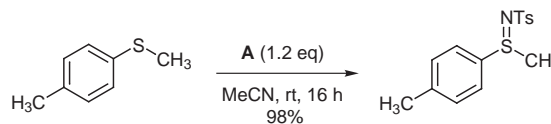
16 examples (yields 22-99%, %ee 5-94%) are reported.

Chloramine-T**Reagent**

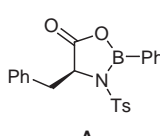
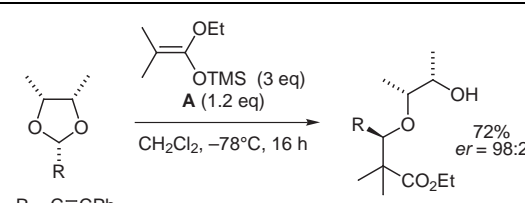
The title reagent is used for the preparation of *N*-sulfonylsulfilimines from sulfides.

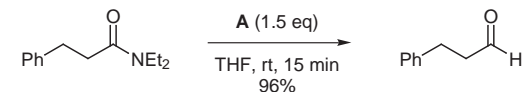


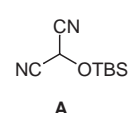
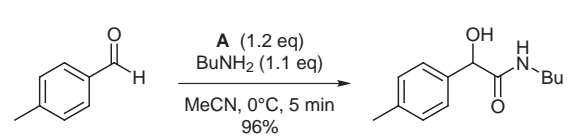
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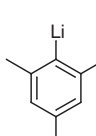
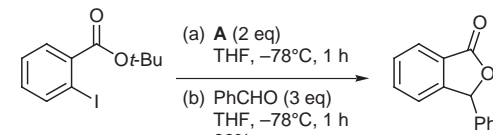


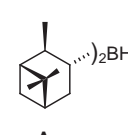
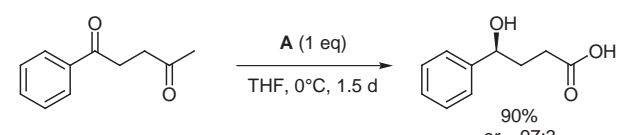
15 examples (yields 70-99%) are reported.

Chiral Oxazaborolidinone		Reagent
The title reagent mediates the enantioselective ring-cleavage of diastereomeric 1,3-dioxolane acetals.		
Harada, T.; Yamanaka, H.; Oku, A. <i>Synlett</i> 2001 , 61.	R = C≡CPh	6 examples (yields 46-92%, %ee 83-98%) are reported.

Cp ₂ Zr(H)Cl (Schwartz reagent)		Reagent
The title reagent reduces tertiary amides to aldehydes.	Cp ₂ Zr(H)Cl A	
White, J. M.; Rao Tunoori, A.; Georg, G. I. <i>J. Am Chem. Soc.</i> 2000 , <i>122</i> , 11995.		16 examples (yields 74-99%) are reported.

tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxymalononitrile		Reagent
The title reagent is used in a one-pot synthesis of α-silyloxyamides from aldehydes and ketones.		
Nemoto, H.; Ma, R.; Suzuki, I.; Shibuya, M. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2000 , <i>2</i> , 4245.		26 examples (yields 35-97%) are reported.

Mesityllithium		Reagent
The title reagent is used as a selective lithiating agent for the preparation of aryllithium compounds having alkoxy carbonyl groups.		
Kondo, Y.; Asai, M.; Miura, T.; Uchiyama, M.; Sakamoto, T. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2001 , <i>3</i> , 13.	A	8 examples (yields 57-97%) are reported.

Diisopinocampheylborane		Reagent
The title reagent is used for the reduction of α-, β-, and γ-keto acids to give corresponding hydroxy acids with high enantioselectivity.		
Ramachandran, P. V.; Brown, H. C.; Pitre, S. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2001 , <i>3</i> , 17.		6 examples (yields 75-90%, %ee 77-90%) are reported.

Copper(I) Thiophene-2-carboxylate (CuTC)		Reagent
<p>The title reagent mediates the Pd-catalysed cross-coupling of thioalkyne derivatives with boronic acids to give functionalized alkynes.</p>	<p>CuTC A</p>	<p>11 examples (yields 39-91%) are reported.</p>
<p>Savarin, C.; Srogl, J.; Liebeskind, L. S. <i>Org. Lett.</i> 2001, 3, 91.</p>		
Tetrabromomethane/Methanol		Reagent
<p>The title reagent pair is used for the highly chemoselective esterification of <i>sp</i>³-C tethered carboxylic acids in the presence of <i>sp</i>²-C and <i>sp</i>-C tethered carboxylic acids.</p>	<p>CBr₄ A MeOH B</p>	<p>11 examples (yields 39-91%) are reported.</p>
<p>Lee, A. S.-Y.; Yang, H.-C.; Su, F.-Y. <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> 2001, 42, 301.</p>		
Cyanomethylenetriethylphosphorane (CMMP)		Reagent
<p>The title reagent mediates Mitsunobu-type alkylation of prenyl and geranyl phenyl sulfone with primary and secondary alcohols.</p>	<p>NC=PMe₃ A</p>	<p>12 examples (yields 54-100%) are reported.</p>
<p>Uemoto, K.; Kawahito, A.; Matsushita, N.; Sakamoto, I.; Kaku, H.; Tsunoda, T. <i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> 2001, 42, 905.</p>		
Iodomethylzinc 2,4,6-Trichlorophenoxide		Reagent
<p>The title reagent is used for the cyclopropanation of alkyl-substituted alkenes.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>6 examples (yields 90-98%) are reported.</p>
<p>Charette, A. B.; Francoeur, S.; Martel, J.; Wilb, N. <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2000, 39, 4539.</p>		
Phenylaziridine		Reagent
<p>The title reagent undergoes [3+2] dipolar cycloaddition with geminal alkenes, in the presence of a Lewis acid, to give single products.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>4 examples (yields 72-78%) are reported.</p>
<p>Ungureanu, I.; Klotz, P.; Mann, A. <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> 2000, 39, 4615.</p>		