A Powerful Chiral Counteranion Motif for Asymmetric Catalysis

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up to 99%*ee*

R = alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aromatic



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Activation of simples aldehydes

General Background



Activation of imines and functionalized aldehydes

pKa 1 (water)



Activation of Imines and functionalized ketones

pKa -3 (water)

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Imines as electrophiles





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Functionalized aldehydes as electrophiles



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Ketone as electrophiles





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Activation of simple aldehydes

pKa ~ -5.9 (water)

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Different Acids





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Simple aldehydes as electrophiles



Yield: <2%

`Ar

Yield: >99% ee: 80%

ÇF₃ Ar:

Substrate scope



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Proposed catalytic cycle



Conclusion

- Activation of simple aldehydes
- High turn over was achieved in the reaction
- Potential counterion in ACDC