Enantioselective Addition of Masked Acyl Cyanides to \(N\)-Boc Imines

**Selected examples and derivatization:**

- **98% yield, \(\text{er} = 94.6\)\(^\circ\)
- **96% yield, \(\text{er} = 95.5\)\(^\circ\)
- **99% yield, \(\text{er} = 97.5:2.5\)\(^\circ\)

**Comment:** In light of the high academic and industrial interest in the synthesis of (protected) amino acids and peptides, the development of new enantioselective approaches to such scaffolds is an attractive research goal. The Rawal group contributes nicely to this area by exploiting the nucleophilic character of the MAC reagent, which enables an umpolung-type bond-forming event (see also: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2013, 135, 16050; *Synfacts* 2013, 9, 1348). It is remarkable that even highly sensitive aliphatic \(N\)-Boc imines are employed in this methodology.