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1,2-Bis-N-[2′-(diphenylphosphino)-benzo/naphtho]-1,2-diamino-cyclohexane – Trost Modular Ligands

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Introduction

Over the past ten years Trost et al. have developed a modular approach to ligand design for the Pd-catalysed asymmetric allylic alkylation (AAA) reaction. Much attention has focused on ligands such as 1a and its variant 1b which, under appropriate conditions, provide outstanding selectivity in a broad range of Pd-catalysed reactions.1,2 It should be noted that the mode of ligand bonding is not exclusively P,P-chelating, as in complexes 2a and 2b, and that ligand coordination is non-C2-symmetric.3 Applications and uses of 1a and 1b are described.

Abstracts

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The Pd-catalysed desymmetrisation of meso diesters is a proven and highly versatile method for providing monosubstituted products of high ee.\(^2\)\(^3\)

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\(\text{Aristeromycin}\)

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