

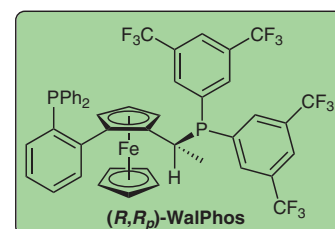
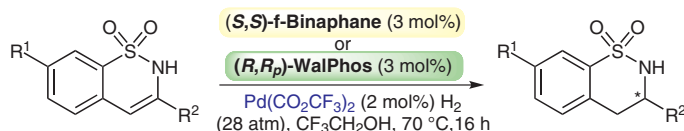
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Enantioselective Pd-Catalyzed Hydrogenation of Enesulfonamides

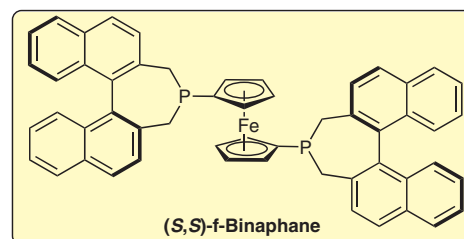
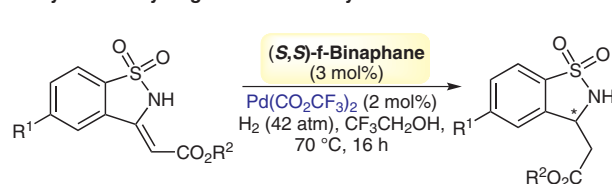
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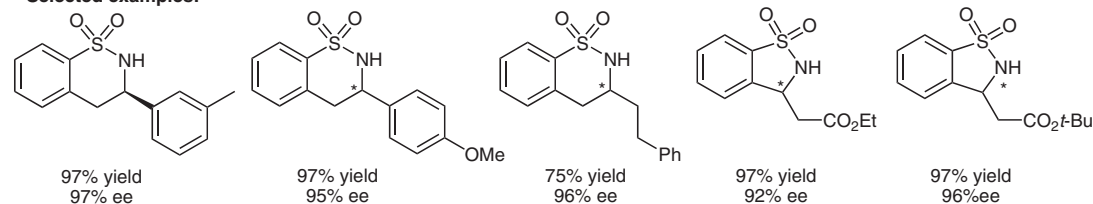
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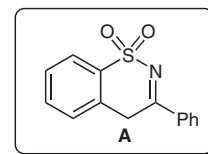
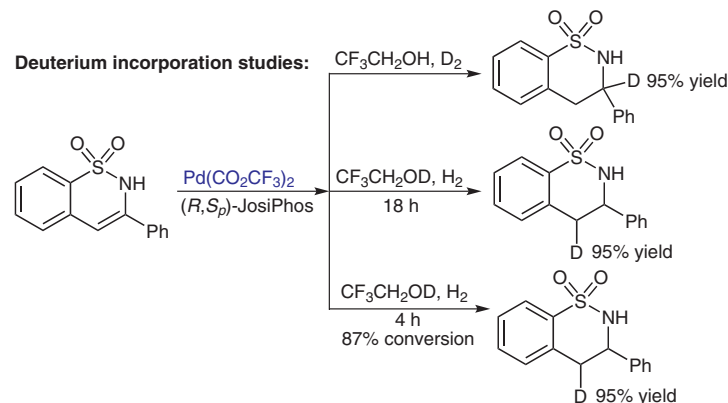
Asymmetric hydrogenation of *exo*-cyclic enesulfonamides:



Selected examples:



Deuterium incorporation studies:



**Significance:** The synthesis of enantioenriched sultams by asymmetric hydrogenation of enesulfonamides is described. Both *endo*- and *exo*-cyclic enesulfonamides react efficiently to give the sultams in high yield and enantioselectivity.

**Comment:** Deuterium incorporation studies suggest that the enesulfonamide initially undergoes acid-catalyzed tautomerization to form *N*-sulfonylimine **A**, which undergoes asymmetric hydrogenation to afford the sultam product.

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