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Highly Diastereoselective Conjugate Addition to Alkylidene Bis(sulfoxides): Asymmetric Synthesis of (+)-erythro-Roccellic Acid. — Alkylidene bis(sulfoxide) derivatives are used for diastereoselective Michael addition reactions. Various heteronucleophiles such as amines and alkoxides lead to the formation of enantiopure α-amino and α-hydroxy acids, β-amino alcohols and diols. Stereoselection can be controlled by means of chelation or lack of chelation affected by the appropriate counterion. The bis-sulfoxide (XVIIIa) is transformed to (R)-fenoprofen (XIX). (+)-Erythro-roccellic acid is obtained by the same procedure from (XXII). This first asymmetric synthesis provides a new route to enantiopure succinate derivatives. — (BREBION, F.; DELOUVRIE, B.; NAJERA, F.; FENSTERBANK*, L.; MALACRIA*, M.; VAISSERMANN, J.; Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 42 (2003) 43, 5342-5345; Lab. Chim. Org., CNRS, Univ. P. et M. Curie, F-75252 Paris, Fr.; Eng.) — S. Adam

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