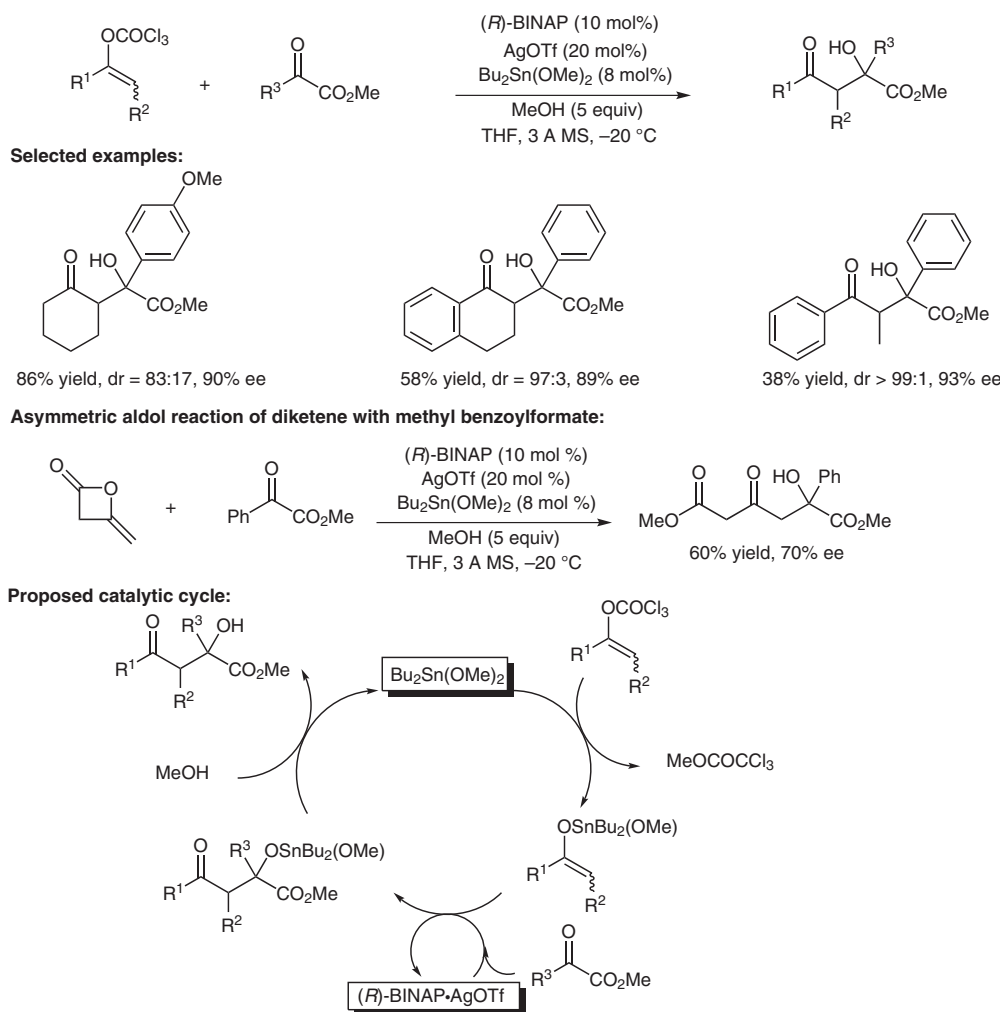


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Dibutyltin Dimethoxide and Ag(I)-BINAP-Catalyzed Aldol Reactions of Ketones



Significance: The authors have reported a new asymmetric aldol reaction of alkenyl trichloroacetates with α -keto esters by using dibutyltin dimethoxide and Ag(I)-BINAP complex in the presence of methanol. The aldol products were obtained in good to excellent yields and up to 93% ee. This methodology was further extended to the reaction of diketene with methyl benzoylformate.

Comment: Previously, the authors reported that dibutyltin dimethoxide acts as a catalyst in the aldol reaction of alkenyl trichloroacetates with aldehydes (*Tetrahedron Lett.* **2003**, 44, 7163). In this paper, they have extended this method to α -keto esters. It is interesting that the addition of a catalytic amount of silver(I) bidentate phosphine complex remarkably accelerated the aldol reaction.

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