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CHMO from *Acinetobacter* sp. Although this review is limited in coverage, the potential of biocatalytic chiral heterocycle synthesis is clear. Furthermore, the development of directed evolution technologies allows rapid optimization of inefficient wild type enzymes, providing superior catalysts that are highly active, selective and robust, and that are commercially attractive alternatives to traditional chiral chemical technologies. Given the increasing access to such evolved catalysts, and the growing acceptance of biocatalysis in the synthetic community, the stage is set for continued growth in this field, with many new and exciting applications waiting to be discovered. Chem , 54, Crosby, Tetrahedron , 47, Crosby, Tetrahedron , , 47, Witholt, Chimia , 50, Holt, Chimica Oggi , 14, Swift, Macromolecules , 29, Silvani, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 7, Pasta, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 7, Today , 2, Furstoss, Tetrahedron , 53, Asymmetry , 8, Kiener, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 8, Brevia, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 8, Acta , 81, Enzym , 5, Faber, Synthesis , Fujisawa, Tetrahedron , 54, Zwanenburg, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 9, Enzymatic , 7, 99JOC M. Shimizu, Synlett , 99T T. Hiram, Tetrahedron , 55, Wallis, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 10, Dassar, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 10, Patel, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 10, Huet, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 10, Acta , 73, Furstoss, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 11, Liu, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 11, Tabusa, Heterocycles , 54, Vogel, Synthesis , 6, Furstoss, Tetrahedron , 57, Faber, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , Faber, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 13, Suemune, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 12, Liu, C-H Wong, Angew. Tabusa, Heterocycles , 58, Stanetty, Synlett , Furstoss, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 13, Guisan, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 13, Fernandez-Lafuente, , Tetrahedron Asymmetry , 13, Faber, Tetrahedron Asymmetry , , 12,

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2H-azirine, whilst the ground triplet state gave the oxazole. They rationalised the observed product ratio as being due to the presence of the inert solvent, hexafluorobenzene, and assumed it caused enhancement of the singlet-triplet transition, leading to more oxazole formation. These investigators found that only singlet ethoxycarbonylcarbene reacts with nitriles to yield oxazoles. Upon benzophenone sensitisation of the reaction mixture, no oxazole formation takes place; instead the triplet carbene reacts with benzophenone to give the diradical, which adds to acetonitrile yielding ethyl 5,5-diphenylmethyl-4,5-dihydro-oxazolecarboxylate. Despite the above, there is also considerable evidence to suggest that oxazole formation proceeds via an intermediate nitrile ylide, particularly in the catalysed reactions see below. Nitrile ylides have been detected in laser flash photolysis studies of diazo compounds in the presence of nitriles, and stable nitrile ylides can be isolated in some cases. Although 2-acyl-2H-azirines are known to give oxazoles upon irradiation, the reaction is wavelength dependent, and isoxazoles are formed at some wavelengths, as they are in the thermal rearrangement of 2-acyl-2H-azirines. Since the thermal reaction of diazocarbonyl compounds with nitriles leads to oxazole formation, it would seem that mechanistic path C is unlikely in these reactions. In a more detailed study, a range of Lewis acids was screened for catalytic activity, using diazoacetophenone 1 a and acetonitrile as the test reaction. Unfortunately, it was found that in the case of boron trifluoride etherate, the nitrile had to be used in a ten-fold excess, however the use of antimony V fluoride allowed the use of the nitrile in only a three fold excess Table 1. They found that not only diazoketones, as reported by Doyle, but also diazoketoesters could be decomposed in the presence of nitriles to give oxazoles Table 2. They also studied the range of nitriles that could be employed, finding that substituted thiocyanates and cyanamides, along with chloroacetonitrile also participate in the reaction Table 2. Holt and co-workers found that diazoacetophenone 1 a in the presence of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid and acetonitrile gave 2-methylphenyl oxazole It was assumed that protonation of the diazo compound occurred to give a diazonium ion which underwent nucleophilic attack by acetonitrile to give a nitrilium ion which subsequently cyclised. On the other hand, two mechanisms for the Lewis acid mediated process have. Iyata favours initial attack by the Lewis acid on the diazocarbonyl oxygen to give a diazonium betaine which suffers nucleophilic attack by the nitrile to give, with loss of nitrogen, a nitrilium betaine which subsequently cyclises Scheme Synthesis of Oxazoles from Diazocarbonyl Compounds Doyle however favours a mechanism involving the initial formation of a Lewis acid-nitrile adduct which suffers nucleophilic attack by the diazocarbonyl oxygen to give a 2-imidatoalkenediazonium salt, which cyclises, with extrusion of nitrogen gas, to the oxazole Scheme Doyle has successfully employed the reaction in the synthesis of annuloline 20, a disubstituted oxazole isolated from the roots of the annual rye grass. Et<sub>2</sub>O - CH<sub>2</sub>Br 2. Their studies pointed towards the copper undergoing two key changes in the catalytic process, the first being a reduction under the reaction conditions of copper II to copper I, and the second being a change of ligands around the copper I. The reactants, the nitrile and diazo compound, were found to play an important role in the formation of the most effective catalytic species. The reaction with acetonitrile was studied with a range of other metal chlorides, but all proved less satisfactory than WC Subsequently Teyssié et al. The authors claim that these observations fit with an oxazole formation mechanism involving the decomposition of the diazoester via co-ordination with the palladium. They assumed the nitrile formed an active complex with the catalyst, which decomposed the diazo compound. Much of the early work into the rhodium II -catalysed formation of oxazoles from diazocarbonyl compounds was pioneered by the group of Helquist. They first reported, in , the rhodium II acetate catalysed reaction of dimethyl diazomalonate with nitriles. A range of nitriles was screened, including aromatic, alkyl and vinyl derivatives; with unsaturated nitriles, cyclopropanation was found to be a competing reaction Table 3. Synthesis of Oxazoles from Diazocarbonyl Compounds N<sub>2</sub>. The oxazole 28 obtained from bromoacetonitrile was found to give a heteroaromatic benzylic organozinc derivative which underwent reaction with aldehydes and ketones leading to a range of alcohols 29 in good yield Scheme Utilising this reaction has led Helquist et al. The ester was then reduced to the alcohol, with simultaneous removal of the 5-methoxy group, which was then transformed to the nitrile 34 via the aldehyde and oxime. Shi and Xu have shown that ethyl 3,3,3-trifluoro

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diazopropionate 37 will undergo oxazole formation in the presence of rhodium II acetate and a range of nitriles Scheme Likewise the rhodium II perfluorobutyrate catalysed reaction of the silyl diazo compound 38 with methyl cyanofornate in the presence of benzaldehyde gave the corresponding oxazole; no products resulting from carbonyl ylide formation with the aldehyde were isolated. In the rhodium II acetate catalysed decomposition of 2-diazo-1,3-cyclohexanedione in the presence of dihydrofuran and acetonitrile, two products were formed; the bis-tetrahydrofuran 39 and the oxazole 40 Scheme Initially due to its Lewis acidity it reversibly forms a complex with the nitrile; nitriles are known to complex to the free axial coordination sites in rhodium II carboxylates as evidenced by the change of colour upon addition of a nitrile to a solution of rhodium II acetate, and by X-ray crystallography. Secondly the metal catalyses the decomposition of the diazocarbonyl compound to give a transient metalcarbene which reacts with the nitrile to give a nitrile ylide intermediate. Whether the nitrile ylide is metal bound or not is unclear. Whatever the exact mechanism, the rhodium II catalysed reaction of diazocarbonyl compounds with nitriles is a useful route to oxazoles. A further example from our own laboratory illustrates the use of the reaction in the synthesis of the oxazolyindole alkaloids pimprinine 43a, pimprinethine 43b, and WSA 43c. Diazoacetylyndole 42 reacted with simple nitriles in the presence of rhodium II trifluoroacetamide to give the corresponding oxazoles, deprotection of which gave the natural products 43 Scheme

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