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Indium in Organic Synthesis

Message from the Guest Editors

A variety of indium reagents has played an important role in fundamental organic transformations, since the first practical preparation of allylic indium species was demonstrated by Araki et al. in a 1988 report. In spite of a short amount of time since the beginning of indium chemistry, amazing diverse applications have been developed, such as Barbier-type reaction, reduction, Lewis acid-catalyzed addition, carbometalation, transition metal-catalyzed coupling, and radical reactions, in the last three decades. Either indium metal, indium(I) and indium(III) species have been smartly employed in those organic transformations. Almost all applications are strongly based on characteristic high functional group tolerance, even toward active protons, including water. Recently, indium chemistry has been presenting attractive synthetic procedures under the conditions where other reagents hardly show their activity. We believe that the moderate reactivity of indium reagents can be precisely activated to achieve desired selective reactions. We welcome a wide range of articles on indium chemistry.

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