

Asymmetric Centers in Optically Active Molecules Containing a Heteroatom

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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue is devoted advances in the chemistry of optically active compounds containing non-common heteroatoms, like S, P, Si, and B. The asymmetric center(s) may be in the heteroatom itself or in other parts of the molecular structure. The Special Issue welcomes regular research papers, reviews, and short communications in this field. Relevant topics include asymmetric heteroatom-contacting organic and organometallic syntheses, and optical resolutions. Synthetic strategies and methodologies, applications of chiral auxiliaries or catalysts, transition metal complexes of P-ligands, the application of homogeneous catalysis, methods for the separation of enantiomers, theoretical or spectroscopic aspects, as well as physicochemical or biological activities of stereoisomers may be discussed in this scientific paper.

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