

We believe that this broad contemporary overview on the state-of-the-art in enzymatic methods for asymmetric synthesis will be a useful portal for anyone interested in applying biocatalysis as a highly potent, selective, and sustainable technology complementary to metal catalysis and organocatalysis, and that this three-volume set will be a valuable addition to the acclaimed suite of *Science of Synthesis* resources as part of the *Reference Library*, which has an approach orthogonal to the original concept of focusing on product types rather than methodology. We as editors have benefited enormously from the excellent scientific expertise of the many authors from all over the world, and we are grateful for their outstanding efforts and their precious time dedicated to the successful completion of this unique project. Finally, we also would like to express our sincere appreciation to the entire editorial team at Thieme for their extraordinary efforts made toward a seamless handling of manuscripts throughout the entire publication process, but in particular for the excellent collaboration with volume coordinators Alex Russell, Toby Reeve, Matthew Weston, and Mark Smith, and not least to our colleague Joe Richmond for his initiative.

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