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## Volume Editor's Preface

Adding a C-1 unit to an organic molecule is an important way of bringing about variation of an active component, whatever function it may have. Alternatively, the new C-1 unit can serve as a bridge to further modification. Forming part of the *Science of Synthesis Reference Library*, the structure of these volumes deviates from the core work *Science of Synthesis*, as it gives a different intersection of the systematic organization of the latter. While united by C-1 units as the common feature, the chemistry of the present volumes probably varies more than that in other volumes of the *Science of Synthesis Reference Library*. I am grateful to a large group of chemists from various backgrounds that have contributed their expertise in the various areas to this work and who have made this enterprise a success. Without their dedication this would not have been possible. All have contributed with enthusiasm and, moreover, a large proportion of the contributions were received according to plan. As a result, the whole project has been completed within less than two years. I would also like to thank the editorial team at Thieme, especially Alex Russell, the scientific editor, who solved smoothly many issues that popped up during this journey, and Michaela Frey, the production coordinator, with whom I exchanged numerous mails the last half year while she kept the train going and on the right track. It has been a pleasure to share this enterprise with you.

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