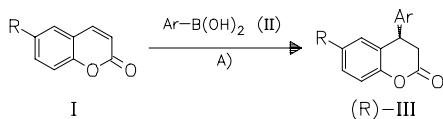


## Benzopyran derivatives

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a R: -Me ; Ar: -Ph	88% (99.6% e.e.)
b R: -E ; Ar: -Ph	94% (99.3% e.e.)
c R: -Me ; Ar:	45% (99.1% e.e.)
d R: -H ; Ar:	90% (99.7% e.e.)

A): 3mol% Rh(acac)(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>/(R)-SEGPHOS (cat.), dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (10:1), 60°C

E: -CO-O-Me

