BASE-CATALYZED STEREOSPECIFIC ISOMERIZATION OF ALLYLIC HALIDES

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Vinyl halides are important building blocks in organic synthesis for the formation of carbon-carbon (C-C), as well as of carbon-heteroatom bonds (eg. C-N and C-O). Here we report a base-catalyzed method for the synthesis of vinyl halides from the corresponding allylic halides under very mild conditions; In the presence of a base catalyst, a 1,3-proton shift takes place. This shift happens stereoselectively. Mechanistic investigations will also be presented.

- Mild conditions
- Broad scope
- Excellent transfer of chirality

Scheme 1. Base-catalyzed isomerization of allylic halides.

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