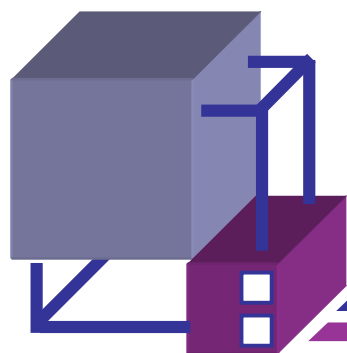


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**Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation Catalyst**



**—Highly efficient asymmetric reduction without hydrogen—**

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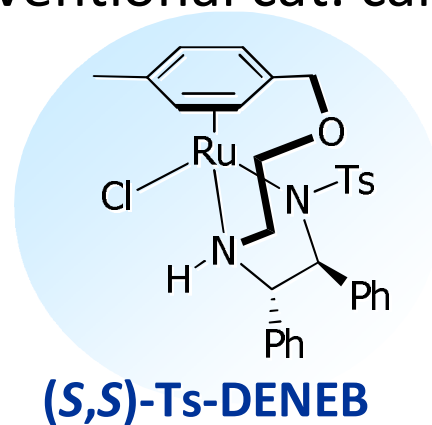
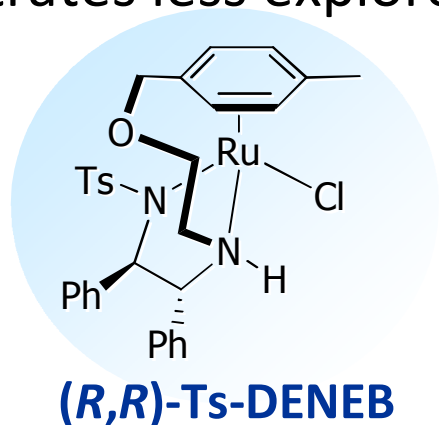




# DENEB™; *Oxo-Tethered Ruthenium(II) Complex*

Extremely highly efficient catalytic asymmetric reduction  
without special equipment;  
Easy to screen and commercialize !

1. High Catalytic Activity;  
catalyst loading can be cut down to 1/60\*
2. High Enantioselectivity;  
improvement process of optical purity can be skipped
3. Wide Scope of Substrate;  
substrates less explored by conventional cat. can be applied



\*compared with conventional catalysts



# Asymmetric Transfer Hydrogenation

## Conventional Technology

Advantage;

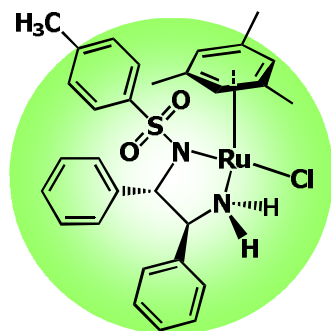
- a) Easy handling
- b) No hydrogen
- c) No special equipment such as autoclave

Disadvantage;

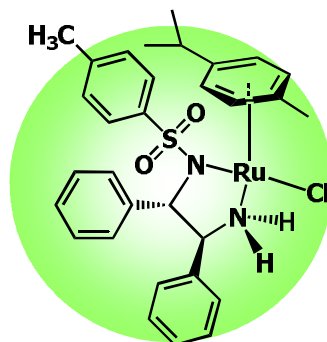
- a) Low catalytic activity (around S/C=500)
- b) Applicable substrates are limited

**Maintain !**

**Overcome !**



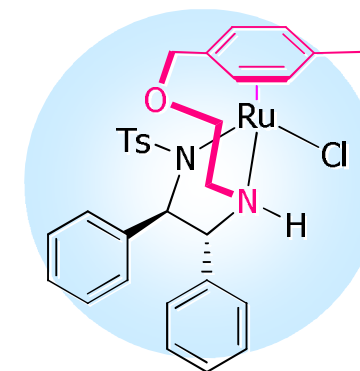
RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene)



RuCl(TsDPEN)(p-Cymene)

## Conventional catalysts

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## Ts-DENEB™

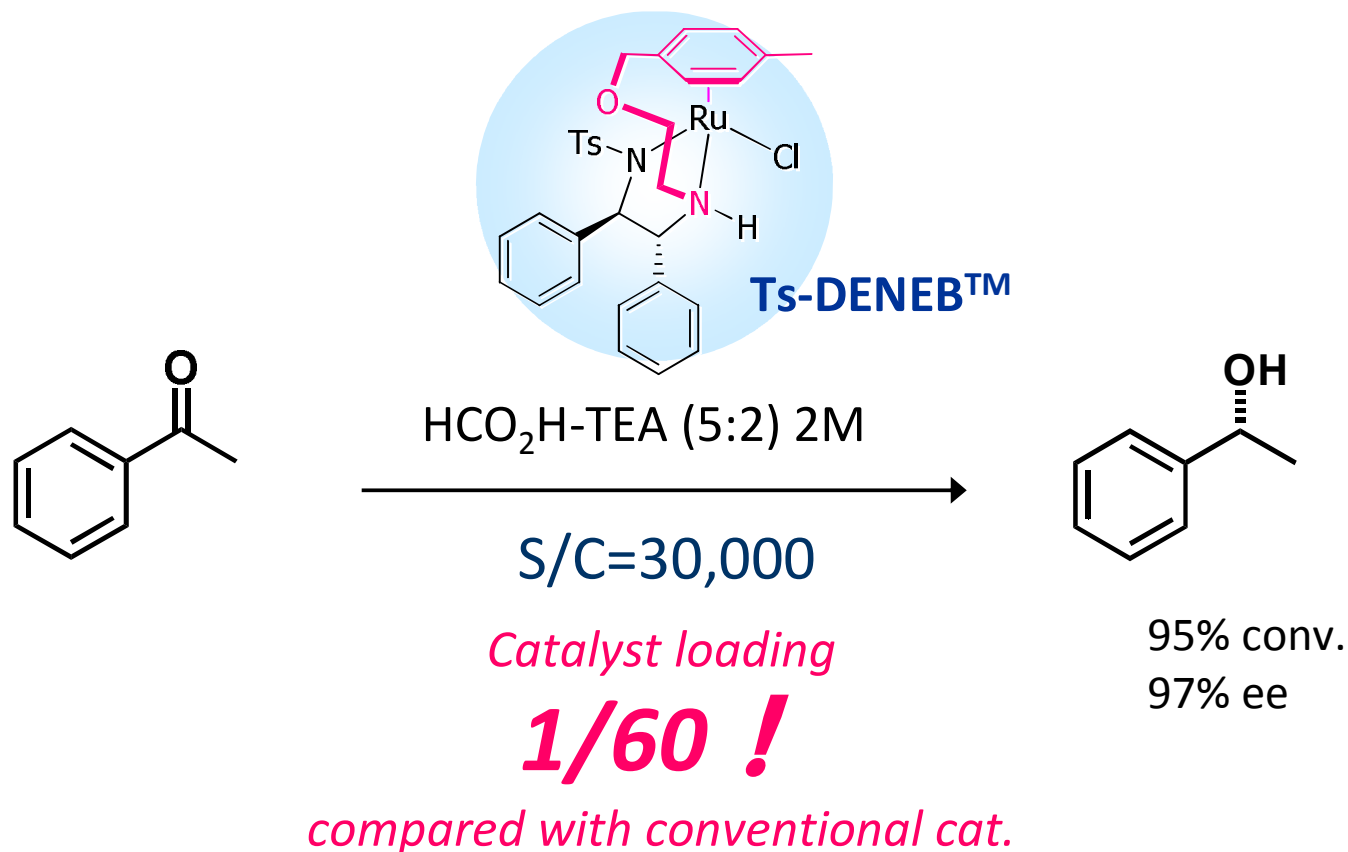
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S/C = Substrate mol/ Catalyst mol; catalyst loading against substrate

TON (Turnover Number); the number of moles of substrate that a mole of catalyst can convert before inactivated



# Extremely High Catalytic Activity



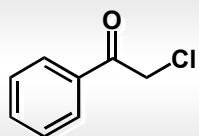
- Significant reduction of catalyst loading !
- Low residual Ru in reaction liquid enables to simplify purification process !



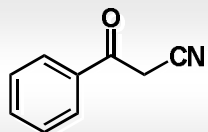
# Expanded Scope of Substrate

## 1. Applicable Substrates to Conventional Catalysts

**Remarkable improvement in cat. loading and optical purity !**



RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene); S/C = 500, 97.7% conv., Sel. 66.1%, 90.9% ee  
Ts-DENEb; S/C = 1,000, 97.7% conv., Sel. > 95%, 97.3% ee

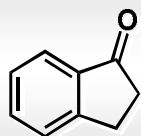


RuCl(TsDPEN)(*p*-Cymene); S/C = 500, 23.0% conv., 86.0% ee  
Ts-DENEb; S/C = 1,000, 100% conv., 94.7% ee

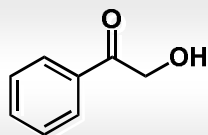


## 2. Less Explored Substrates by Conventional Catalysts

**Innovative results can be achieved !**



RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene); S/C = 500, 17.4% conv., 90.1% ee  
Ts-DENEb; S/C = 1,000, 97.1% conv., 98.4% ee



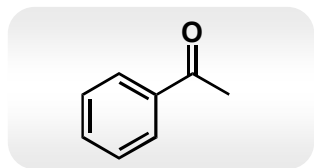
RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene); S/C = 300, 5.3% conv., 6.5% ee  
Ts-DENEb; S/C = 1,000, 97.6% conv., 96.0% ee





# Economical Benefit for Industrialization

## 1. Efficient Production with Less Amount of Catalyst



RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene);  
Ts-DENEb;

S/C = 500, >98% Conv. 98% ee  
S/C = 30,000, 95% Conv. 97% ee



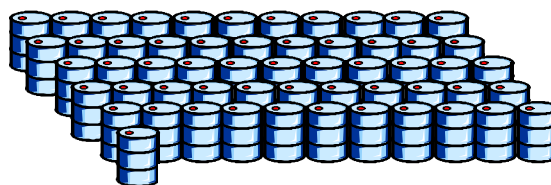
RuCl(TsDPEN)(Mesitylene)



Product  
98kg



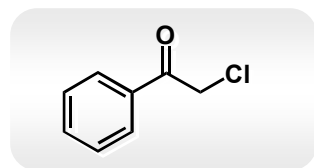
Ts-DENEb



Product  
5,699kg

Output with 1kg catalyst;  
*60 times more!!*

## 2. Comparison against Rh Catalyst



RhCl(TsDPEN)(Cp\*);  
Ts-DENEb;

S/C = 1,000, > 99% Conv. 96% ee  
S/C = 1,000, 98% Conv. 97% ee



Rh

M.W.  
102.91



Ru

M.W.  
101.07

Metal cost of catalyst;  
*Less than 10%!!*



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