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Chiral iron porphyrin (+)- D_4 -(por)FeCl catalyzes highly enantioselective cyclopropanation of alkenes using *in situ* generated diazoacetonitrile with up to 35000 product turnover

With α -diazoacetonitrile, *in situ* generated through the reaction of commercially available aminoacetonitrile hydrochloride with sodium nitrite, as carbene source, chiral iron porphyrin catalyzed asymmetric cyclopropanation reaction is applicable to a broad substrate scope (44 examples) with high enantioselectivity (up to 98% ee) and product turnover (up to 35000 TON). The reactive chiral iron-cyanocarbene intermediate has been characterized by spectroscopic methods.

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