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**Synthesis of Axially Dissymmetric Chiral Ammonium Salts by  
Quaternization of Secondary Amines with (R)-(+)-2,2'-Bis(bromomethyl)-  
6,6'-dinitrobiphenyl and (R)-(+)-2,2'-Bis(bromomethyl)-1,1'-binaphthyl  
and an Examination of their Abilities as Chiral Phase-transfer Catalysts.**

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Chiral quaternary ammonium salts were prepared from the reaction of (R)-(+)-2,2'-bis(bromomethyl)-6,6'-dinitrobiphenyl and (R)-(+)-2,2'-bis(bromomethyl)-1,1'-binaphthyl with some secondary amines and observed to exhibit activity in chiral induction in the epoxidation of chalcone (e.e. = 1.3-7.5%) and the Darzens condensation of benzaldehyde and phenacyl chloride (e.e. = 1.6-2.0%) under phase-transfer conditions.

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**A Novel Inclusion Phenomenon of *cis*- and  
*trans*-2,5-Bis(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrrolidines.**

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Recrystallization of *cis*- and *trans*-2,5-bis(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)pyrrolidine in methanol, ethanol, acetonitrile and acetone gives solvent-inclusion compounds as colourless needles, the structures of which were confirmed by thermal analysis, <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and elemental analysis.

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**Nucleophilic Substitution Reaction of Optically Pure Chloroselenurane  
with Active Methylene Compounds.  
Formation of Optically Pure Selenonium Ylides.**

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Nucleophilic substitution reaction of (*R*<sub>se</sub>)-chloroselenurane with active methylene compounds proceeded in highly stereoselective manner with retention of configuration to give (*S*<sub>se</sub>)-selenonium ylides. (*S*<sub>se</sub>)- and (*R*<sub>se</sub>)-Ylides were stereospecifically formed from the reaction of (*R*<sub>se</sub>)- and (*S*<sub>se</sub>)-selenoxides with active methylene compounds.