Preface

New and improved methods in preparative organic chemistry are often scattered throughout the literature. Review articles on these preparative methods are therefore convenient and welcome.

Each chapter in this volume contains several detailed laboratory procedures. Items of both industrial and laboratory interest are included. Numerous references to the original literature and tables of compounds make the chapters more than a mere recounting of synthetic procedures. Since some readers may not have ready access to patents and some foreign journals, reference to Chemical Abstracts has been made where possible.

This volume is a collection of articles which appeared originally in Angewandte Chemie. The compilation of these articles into one handy volume and its translation should be of value to a wide audience of research workers and graduate students, especially in organic chemistry and biochemistry.

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