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### **DROC/ROC of Small Ring Aza-Heterocycles**

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### Abstract:

We have demonstrated that Lewis acid-catalyzed nucleophilic ring opening of small ring azaheterocycles does proceed through an S<sub>N</sub>2-type pathway. By exploiting and exploring our protocol of domino-ring-opening-cyclization (DROC) and ring-opening-cyclization (ROC), a number of non-racemic N/O-heterocycles of contemporary interest have been synthesized. Those compounds include tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carbolines,  $\gamma$ -lactams, pyrazinoindoles, oxazinoindoles, tetrahydrobenzoxazepines, tetrahydrobenzothiazepines, tetrahydrobenzodiazepines, 1,2,4-oxadiazinanes, 1,4,2-dioxazinanes, iminothiazolidines, tetrahydrobenzoazepinoindoles, hexahydropyrroloindoles, oxazolidines, imidazolines, indolines, tetrahydroquinoxalines, tetrahydroquinolines, tetrahydropyrimidines, oxazinanes, morpholines, polyhydroxylated-pyrrolidines, piperidines, dihydropyrroles, tetrahydropyridines, piperazines, spiropiperidino indolenines, enaminonitriles and many more such intricate molecular frameworks with immense biological significance. The progressive development of this chemistry in terms of further mechanistic investigations, enhanced enantio- and diastereoselectivity and important applications in asymmetric organic synthesis will be presented.



Scheme 1. Synthetic exploration of domino ring-opening cyclization (DROC) and ringopening cyclization (ROC) of Small Ring Aza-Heterocycles

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## **Bio-Sketch of Speaker**

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