# *Candida antarctica* lipases acting as versatile catalysts for the synthesis of enantiopure (*R*)- and (*S*)-1-(2-phenylthiazol-4-yl)ethanamines

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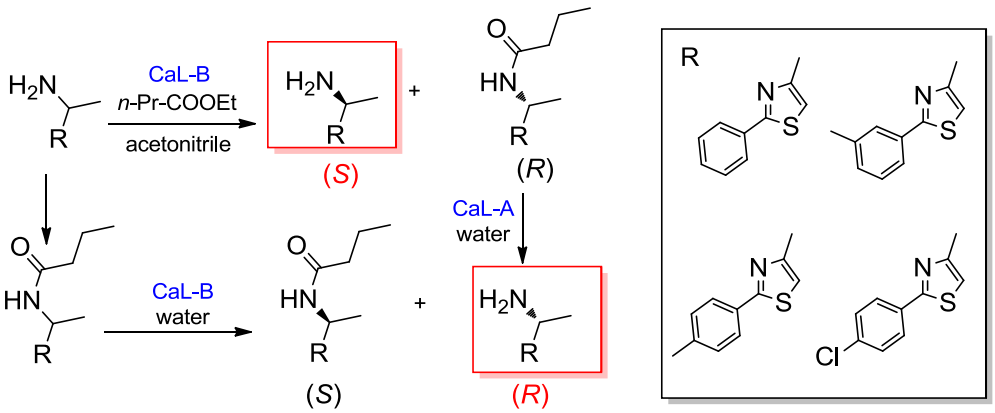


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**Abstract**

The synthesis of both enantiomers of four new phenylthiazole-based amines by enantiomer-selective acylation of racemic amines and by hydrolysis of the corresponding racemic amides using lipase B from *Candida antarctica* (Novozyme 435*)* as chiral catalyst was performed with good yields and excellent enantioselectivities. In order to prevent the frequently occurring partial racemization of enantiopure amides during chemical hydrolysis to the corresponding (*R*)-amines, the deprotection of the *N*-acylated (*R*)-enantiomers by mild enzymatic hydrolysis with lipase A from *Candida antarctica* immobilised on Celite was also developed.