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Atropisomerism

History & Background

Atropisomerism: a term coined by Richard Kuhn in 1933, it refers to stereoisomerism resulting from hindered rotation around a single bond such that the isolation of individual conformers is possible.

From Greek: *a* - not *tropos* - to turn



 The first atropisomer was reported in 1922 by G. H. Christie and J. Kenner. A single enantiomer of 6,6'-dinitro-2,2'-diphenic acid was isolated from the racemic mixture via diastereoselective crystallization with a chiral resolving agent:



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