

New distribution channel: Homogeneous catalysts from Evonik now available from Sigma-Aldrich for research

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Evonik Industries announces that as of February 1, Sigma-Aldrich will offer Evonik's catASium® and catCXium® product families. Sample amounts of these homogeneous catalysts are being made available, for research purposes, from the Sigma-Aldrich Corporation based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The range will consist of ligands and metal complex catalysts for asymmetric hydrogenations (casASium® family) as well as for palladium catalyzed C-X coupling reactions (cataCXium® family).

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"With these ligands we are covering a broad spectrum of organic syntheses to prepare complex molecules starting from simple starting materials," said Dr. Jürgen Krauter, responsible for marketing in Evonik's Catalysts Business Line. "Through the broad distribution capabilities of Sigma-Aldrich we are offering chemists in research and development easy access to these homogeneous catalysts."

"This means a significant step forward for us to become a leading provider in (asymmetric) catalysis, one of today's most important areas in organic chemistry," said Dr. Daniel Weibel, product manager for asymmetric synthesis at Sigma-Aldrich. Commercial amounts of the homogeneous catalysts will continue to be distributed by Evonik.

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