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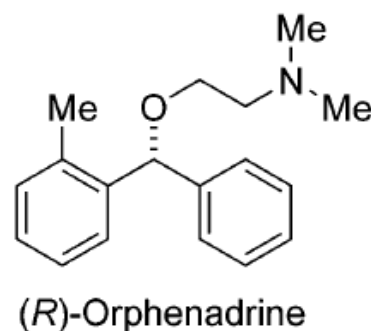
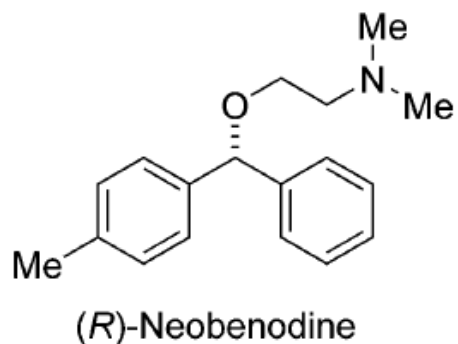
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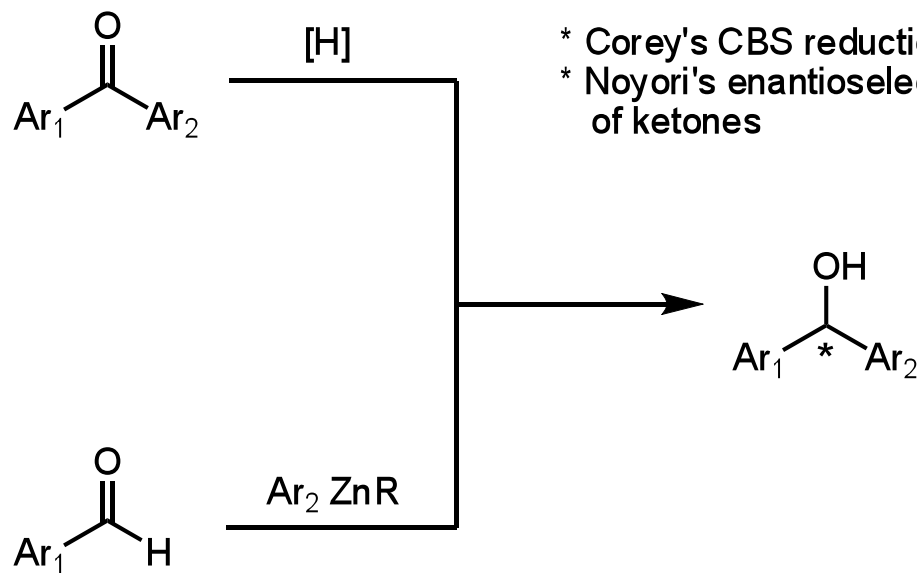
# Catalytic Asymmetric Arylation of Aldehydes

## Synthesis of Diarylmethanols



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- Problem:  $Ar_1$  &  $Ar_2$  are similar in volume and electronic nature

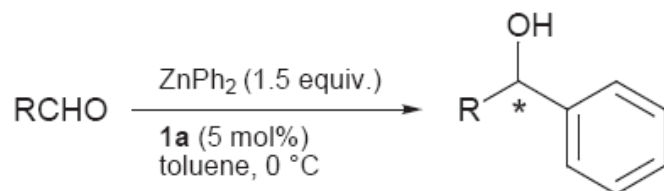


- \* Corey's CBS reduction methodology
- \* Noyori's enantioselective hydrogenation of ketones

\* Use of Organozinc Compounds

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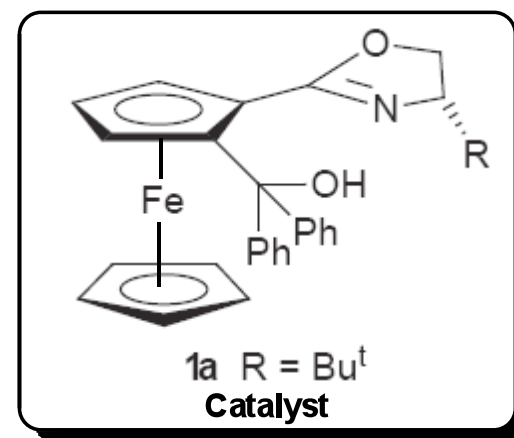
**Table 2** Asymmetric addition of diphenylzinc to various aldehydes in the presence of 5 mol% of ferrocene **1a**



Entry	R	t/h	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	Ee <sup>b</sup> (%)	Configura-tion <sup>d</sup>
1	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	15	99	82	<i>R</i>
2	Ferrocenyl	11	89	≥96 <sup>c</sup>	<i>R</i>
3	2-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	14	98	31	<i>R</i>
4	1-Naphthyl	14	99	28	<i>R</i>
5	Me	15	94	75	<i>S</i>
6	Ph(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	10	91	50	<i>S</i>
7	Bu <sup>t</sup>	16	99	56	<i>S</i>
8	2-Pyridyl	12	98	3	<i>R</i>

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield after column chromatography. <sup>b</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC on stationary phase. <sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR in the presence of Eu(tfc)<sub>3</sub>.

<sup>d</sup> Determined by comparison of the optical rotation with literature values.



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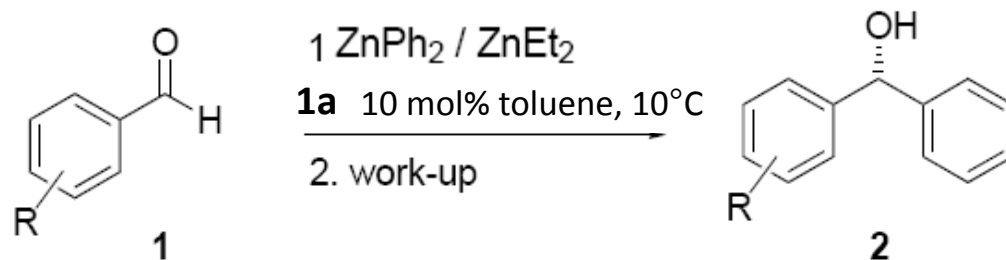
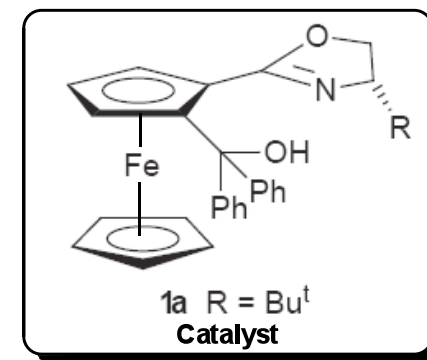


Table 2. Catalyzed phenyl transfer to various aldehydes.<sup>[a]</sup>

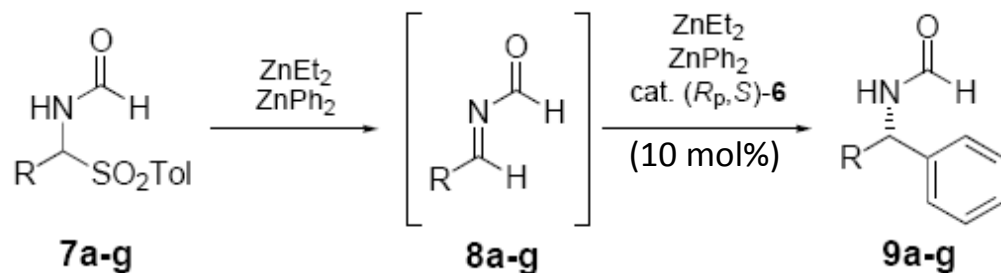
Entry	R in RCHO	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	ee of 2 [%] <sup>[c,d]</sup>	Absolute config. <sup>[e]</sup>
1	4-Cl-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	86	97 (88)	<i>R</i>
2	4-H <sub>3</sub> CO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	82	98 (87)	<i>R</i>
3	3-H <sub>3</sub> CO-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	99	96	<i>R</i>
4	4-H <sub>3</sub> C-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	86	98 (85)	<i>R</i>
5	4-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	98	97 (91)	<i>R</i>
6	2-C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	70	96 (89)	<i>R</i>
7	2-Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	64	91 (73)	<i>R</i>
8	2-Furyl	99	95 (80)	<i>R</i>
9	<i>E</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH=CH	97	90 (73)	<i>S</i>
10	C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	68	94 (56)	<i>S</i>
11	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub>	82	83	<i>S</i>
12	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	75	91	<i>S</i>



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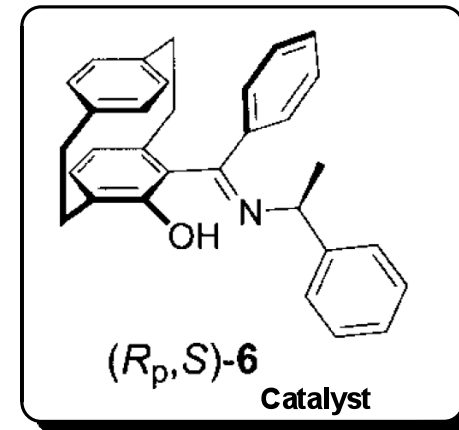
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Table 2. Substrate spectrum for the transfer of a phenyl group to imines.<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	R	Product	$(R_p, S)$ - <b>6</b> [mol %]	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	<i>ee</i> [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9a</b>	10	99 (85)	97 (+)
2	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9a</b>	5	99	94 (+)
3	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9b</b>	10	99 (82)	94 (+)-(R)
4	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9b</b>	5	99	81 (+)-(R)
5	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9b</b>	1	98	69 (+)-(R)
6	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9c</b>	10	99 (75)	97 (+)
7	3-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9d</b>	10	98	89 (+)
8	2,6-Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9e</b>	10	99 (89)	95 (+)
9	4- <i>t</i> BuC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9f</b>	10	98 (81)	96 (+)
10	4-COOMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>9g</b>	10	99 (80)	95 (-)

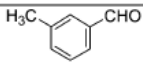
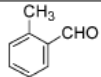
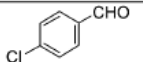
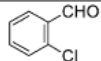
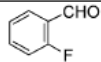
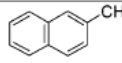
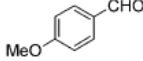
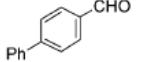
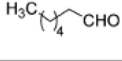
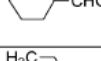
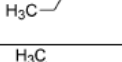
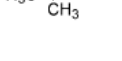
[a] Reactions were carried out in toluene at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h, 1.5 equiv  $\text{ZnPh}_2$ , 1.5 equiv  $\text{ZnEt}_2$ , with 0.25 mmol of imine precursor **7a-g**. [b] Determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. Yields in parenthesis refer to yields after column chromatography. [c] Determined by HPLC on a chiral stationary phase (see Supporting Information).

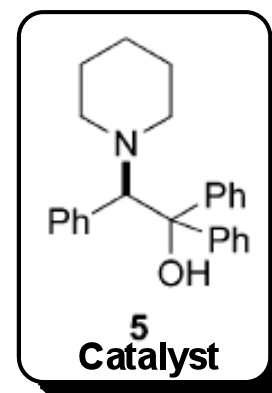
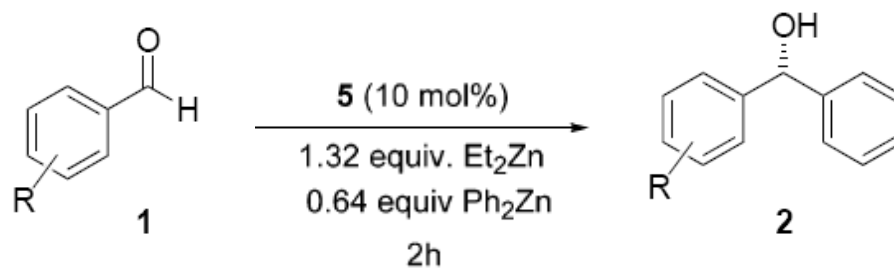


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1		hexane	0	99	96	S
2		hexane	0	84	98	S
3		hexane	r.t.	82	95	S
4		hexane	0	91	93	S
5		hexane	0	61	98	S
6		hexane	r.t.	70	96	S
7		hexane	r.t.	91	95	S
8		hexane	0	r.t.	97	S
9		hexane	0	84	63	R
10		hexane	0	96	60	R
11		hexane	0	80	83	R
12		hexane	r.t.	85	92	R
		hexane	0	91	97	



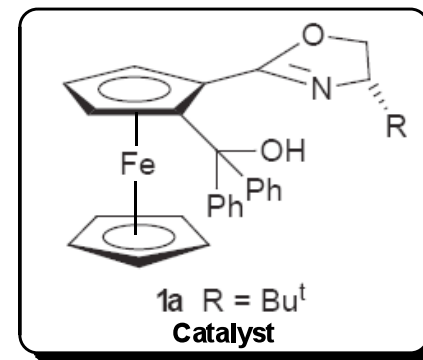
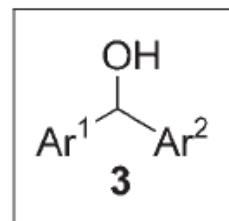
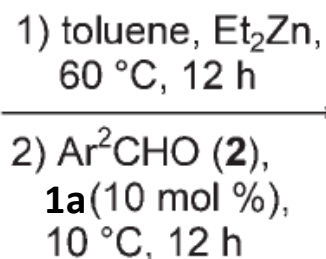
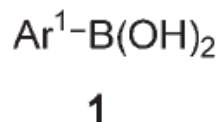
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Ph<sub>2</sub>Zn = expensive reagent

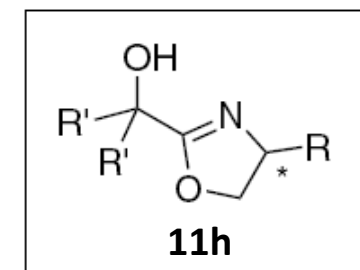
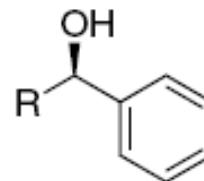
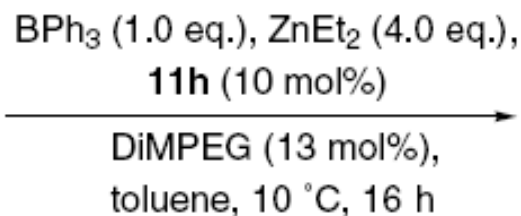
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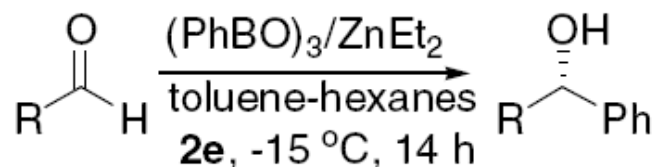
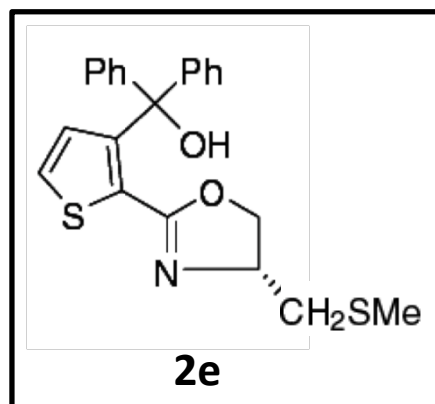
## Boronic Acids



## Triphenyl Boranes



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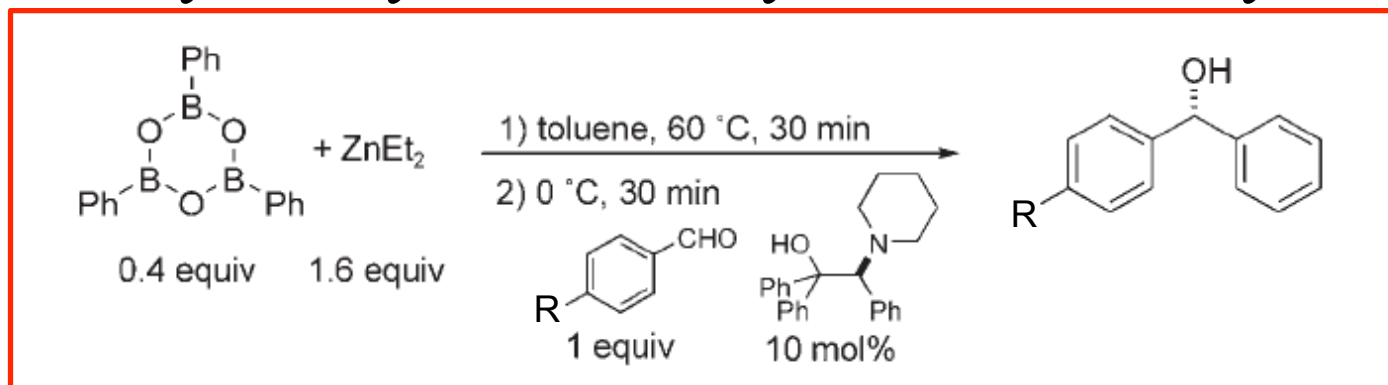
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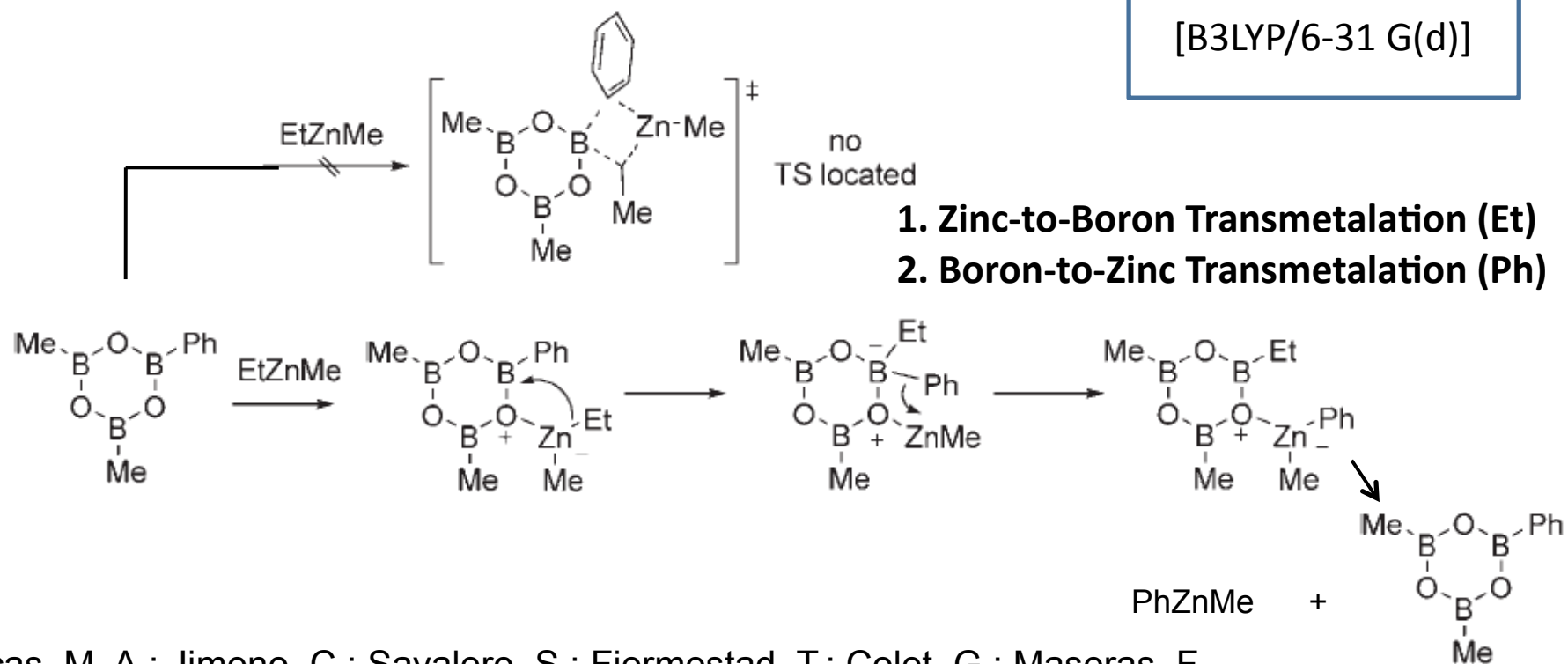
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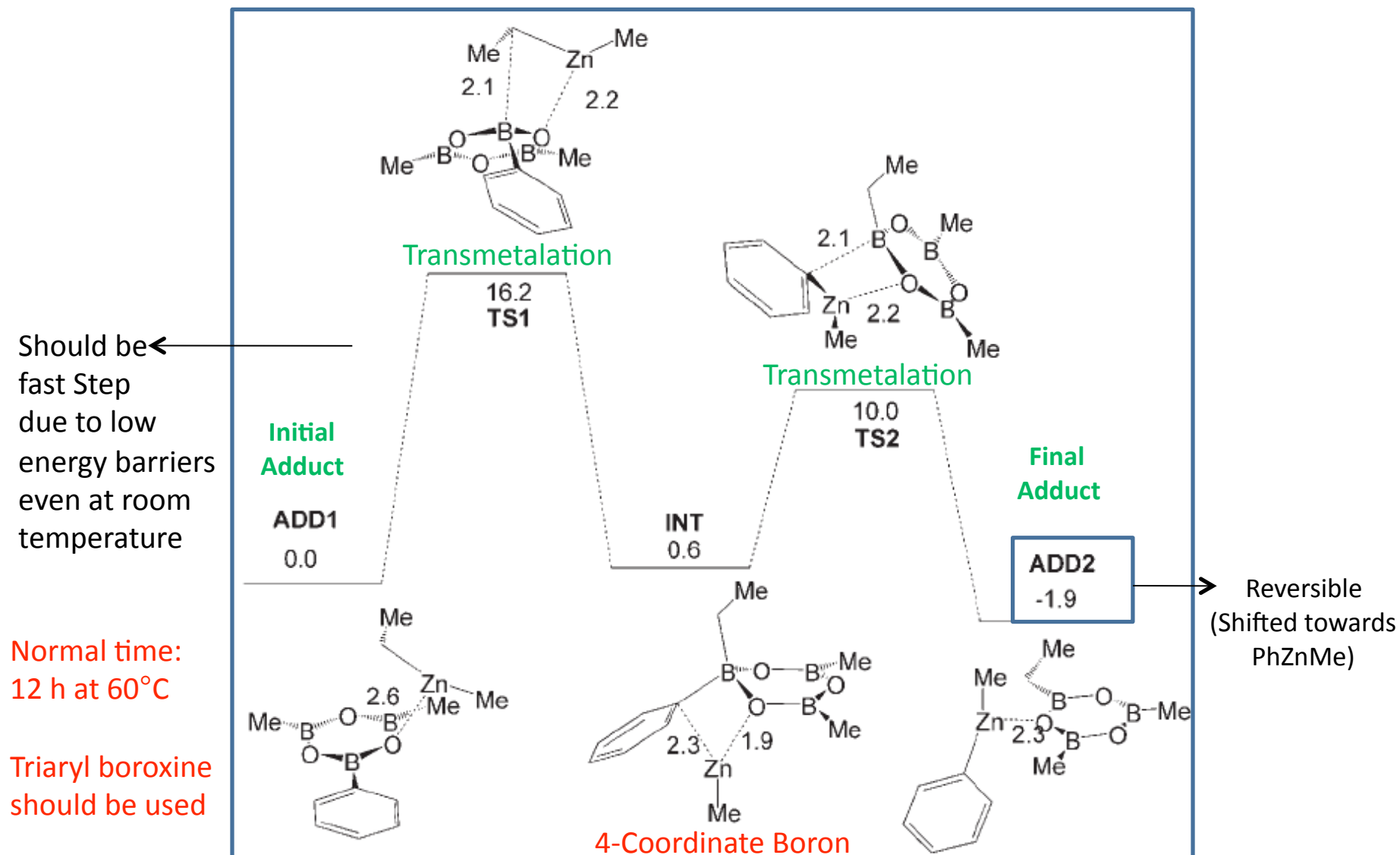
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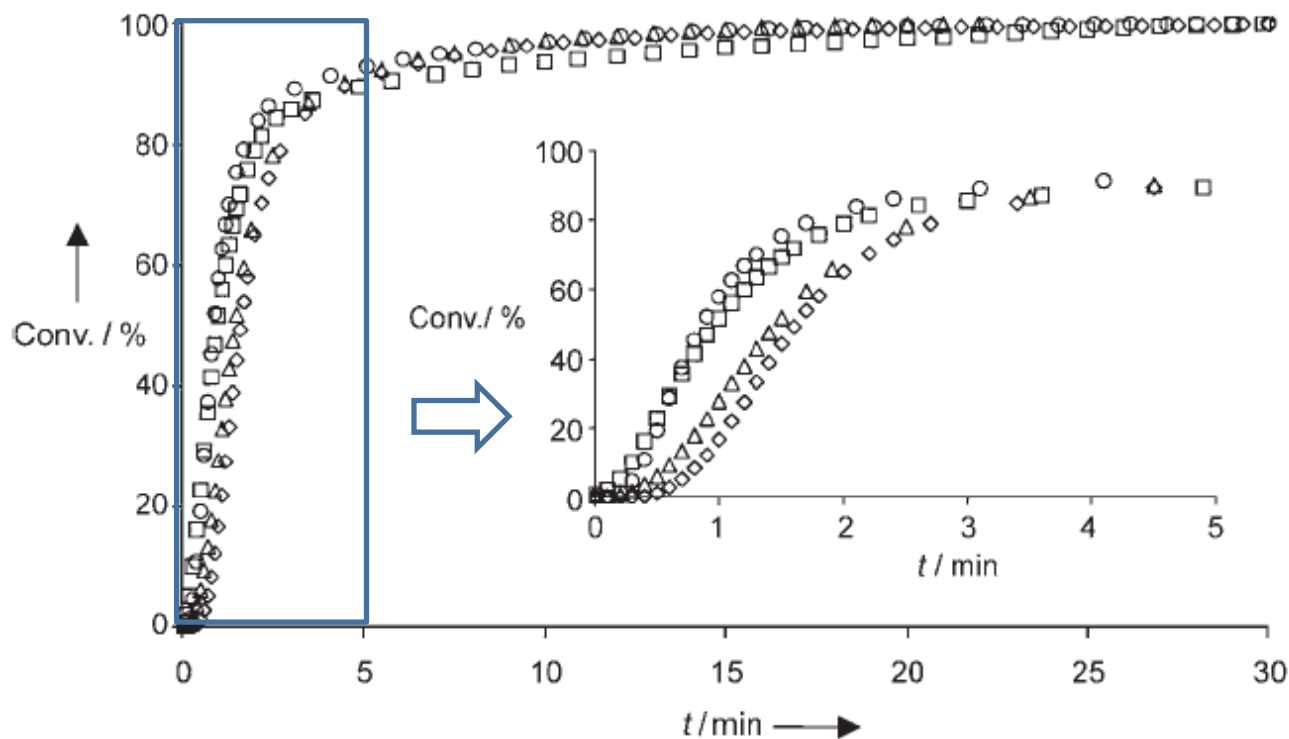


# Computed Potential-energy profile



**Figure 1.** Computed B3LYP/6-31G(d) potential-energy profile [kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>] for the boroxine system. Interatomic distances are given in [Å].

# Kinetic Studies of Transmetalation of $(\text{RBO})_3$ with $\text{Et}_2\text{Zn}$



**Figure 2.** Kinetic profiles of the transmetalation of four different triaryl boroxines  $(\text{RBO})_3$  with  $\text{Et}_2\text{Zn}$  at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . Diamonds:  $\text{R}=4\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$ ; squares:  $\text{R}=3,5\text{-Me}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ ; triangles:  $\text{R}=4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ; circles:  $\text{R}=\text{Ph}$ .

\* reactions reaches equilibrium in very short times (15–30 min) irrespective of the aryl substituent.

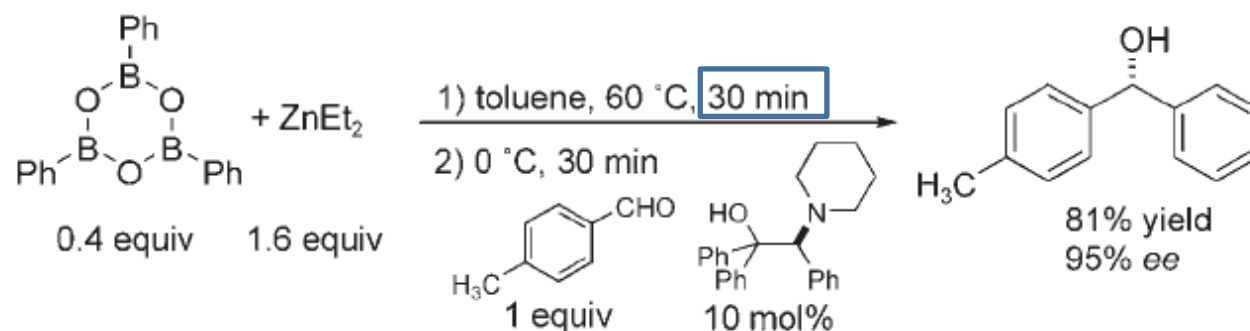
# Calorimetric Studies

**Table 1:** Reaction heats for the transmetalation of four different boroxines.

Boroxine	Reaction heat <sup>[a]</sup>	Boroxine	Reaction heat <sup>[a]</sup>
Ph	15.2	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	8.6
3,5-Me <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	12.7	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	11.6

[a] At 60 °C, in kilocalories per mol of boroxine.

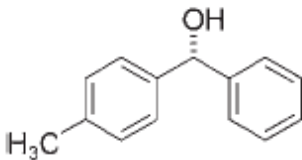
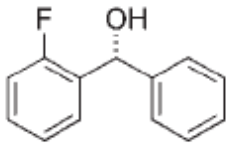
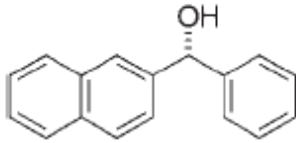
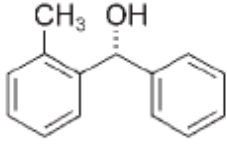
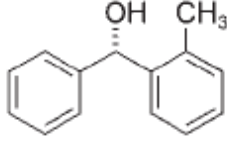
Reaction heat per transmetalation : 2.9 – 5.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> (in agreement with -1.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>)



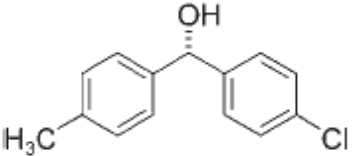
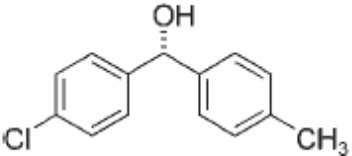
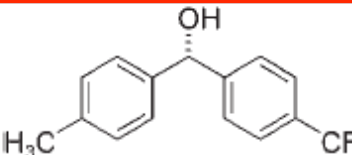
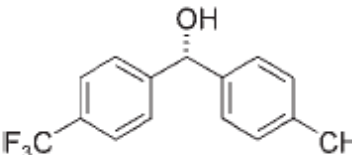
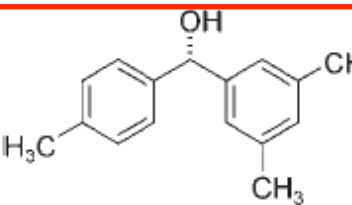
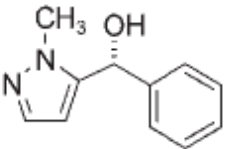
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# Substrate Scope

**Table 2:** Catalytic asymmetric addition of triaryl boroxines to aldehydes in the presence of 10 mol% (*S*)-**1**.

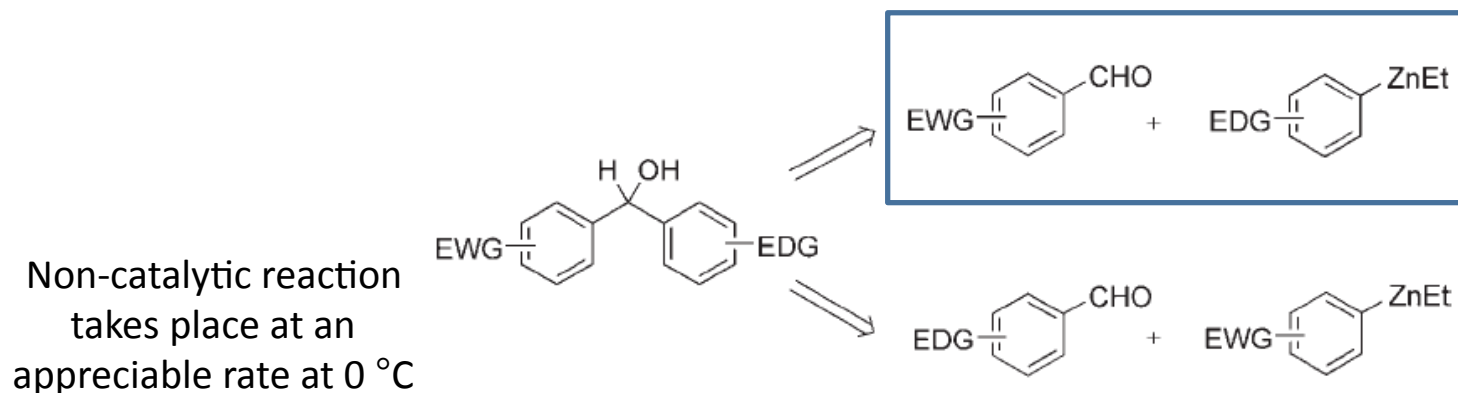
Entry	Boroxine	Aldehyde	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>	<i>ee</i> [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	4-tolyl		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2a</b> 94	95
2	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	2-fluorophenyl <sup>[d]</sup>		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2b</b> 98	91 <sup>[e]</sup>
3	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	2-naphthyl <sup>[d]</sup>		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2c</b> 90	91
4	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	2-tolyl <sup>[f]</sup>		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2d</b> 98	94
5	2-tolyl <sup>[c]</sup>	phenyl		( <i>S</i> )- <b>2d</b> 84	65

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6	4-chlorophenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	4-tolyl		( <i>S</i> )- <b>2e</b> 96	73
7	4-tolyl <sup>[g]</sup>	4-chlorophenyl		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2e</b> 93	94
8	4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	4-tolyl		( <i>S</i> )- <b>2f</b> 18	2
9	4-tolyl <sup>[g]</sup>	4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2f</b> 72	88
10	3,5-dimethylphenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	4-tolyl		( <i>S</i> )- <b>2g</b> 96	86
11	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	<i>N</i> -methylpyrazol-5-yl		( <i>R</i> )- <b>2h</b> 81 <sup>[h]</sup>	87 <sup>[h]</sup>

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# Calculations to Study the Effect of Substituents on Arylation Step

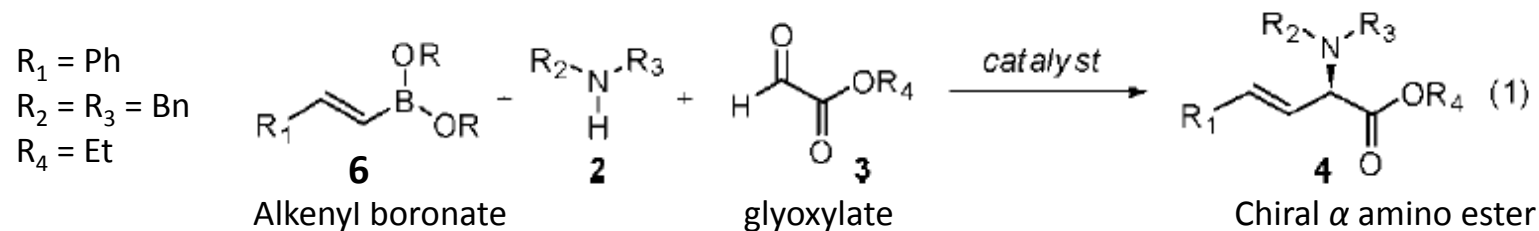


**Table 3:** Computed electronic effects in the aryl transfer to aldehydes.

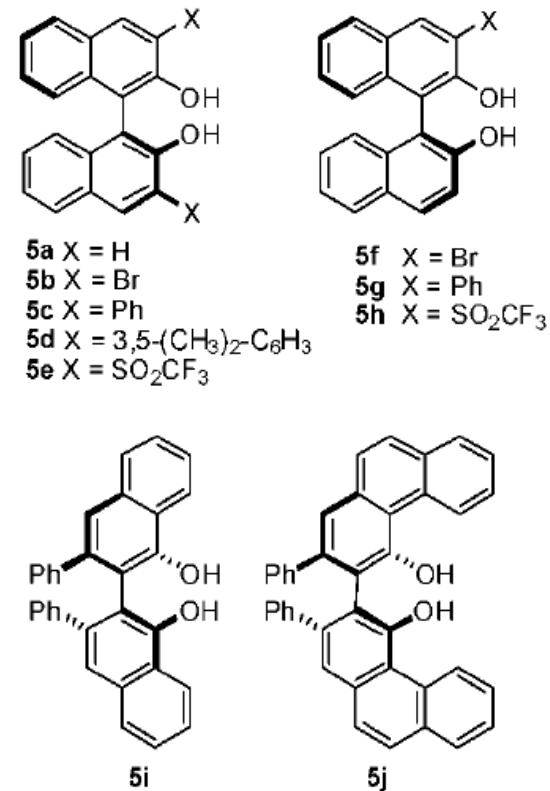
Entry	X	Y	$E_{\text{rel}}^{\ddagger}$ [kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
1	H	H	0
2	MeO	H	-0.54
3	H	MeO	+1.64
4	NO <sub>2</sub>	H	+2.69
5	H	NO <sub>2</sub>	-3.33

B3LYP/LANL2DZ  
Relative Activation energy

# Catalytic Asymmetric Vinylation of Iminium cations

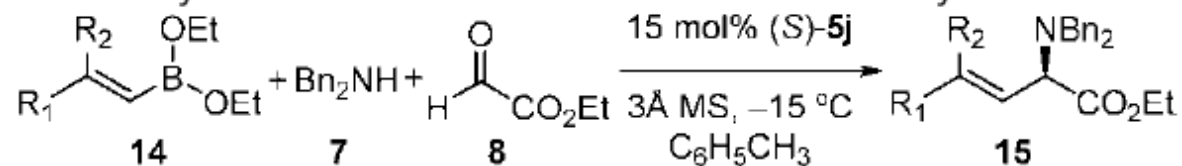


entry	boronate	R	catalyst	% yield <sup>b</sup>	er <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>6a</b>	H		80	
2	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr		<5	
3	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5a</b>	45	60:40
4	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5b</b>	65	75:25
5	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5c</b>	51	70:30
6	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5d</b>	25	59:41
7	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5e</b>	70	55:45
8	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5f</b>	60	70:30
9	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5g</b>	43	64:36
10	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5h</b>	67	72:28
11	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5i</b>	77	85:15
12	<b>6b</b>	<i>i</i> -Pr	<b>5j</b>	80	87:13
13	<b>6c</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>5j</b>	90	90:10
14	<b>6d</b>	Et	<b>5j</b>	81	95.5:4.5
15	<b>6e</b>	<i>n</i> -Bu	<b>5j</b>	77	93:7
16	<b>6a</b>	H	<b>5j</b>	90	57:43



# Catalytic Asymmetric Vinylation of Iminium cations with Dibenzylamine

**Table 2.** Asymmetric Petasis Reaction with Dibenzylamine **7<sup>a</sup>**



entry	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	product	% yield <sup>b</sup>	er <sup>c</sup>
1	Ph	H	<b>15a</b>	81	95.5:4.5
2	<i>p</i> -CH <sub>3</sub> O-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>15b</b>	84	96:4
3	<i>p</i> -Br-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>15c</b>	82	95:5
4	<i>m</i> -F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>15d</b>	80	95:5
5	<i>m</i> -CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>15e</b>	82	95:5
6	3-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> S	H	<b>15f</b>	87	95:5
7 <sup>d</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	H	<b>15g</b>	76	97:3
8 <sup>d</sup>	<i>n</i> -Bu	H	<b>15h</b>	73	95:5
9 <sup>d</sup>	BnOCH <sub>2</sub>	H	<b>15i</b>	74	95.5:4.5
10	Ph	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>15j</b>	78	95:5
11 <sup>d</sup>	<i>n</i> -Bu	CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>15k</b>	71	93:7

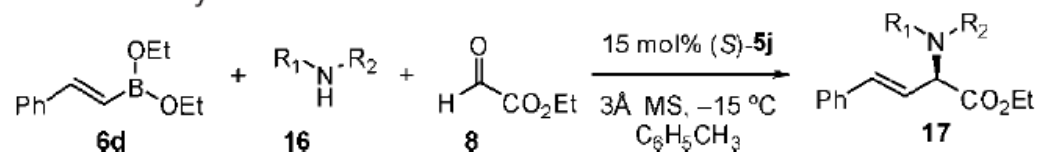
<sup>a</sup> Reactions were run with 0.25 mmol **14**, 0.25 mmol amine, 0.25 mmol glyoxylate, 0.0375 mmol (*S*)-**5j**, and 3 Å molecular sieves in toluene for 36 h under Ar, followed by flash chromatography on silica gel. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>d</sup> Reactions were run at 0 °C.



# Catalytic Asymmetric Vinylation of Iminium cations with boronate (Ph)

**Table 3.** Asymmetric Petasis Reaction with Boronate **6d**<sup>a</sup>

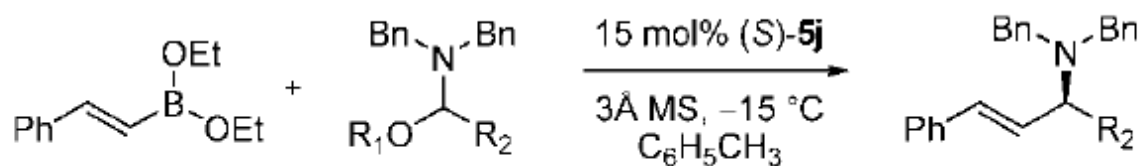


entry	amine	product	% yield <sup>b</sup>	er <sup>c</sup>
1		<b>17a</b>	81	95:5
2		<b>17b</b>	73	93:7
3		<b>17c</b>	82	97:3
4		<b>17d</b>	80	98.5:1.5
5		<b>17e</b>	94	95:5
6		<b>17f</b>	84	95.5:4.5
7		<b>17g</b>	74	89:11
8		<b>17h</b>	87	97:3
9		<b>17i</b>	81	dr 90:10 ( <i>R,R</i> : <i>R,S</i> )
10		<b>17j</b>	89	dr 84:16 ( <i>S,R</i> : <i>S,S</i> )

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# Mechanistic Studies

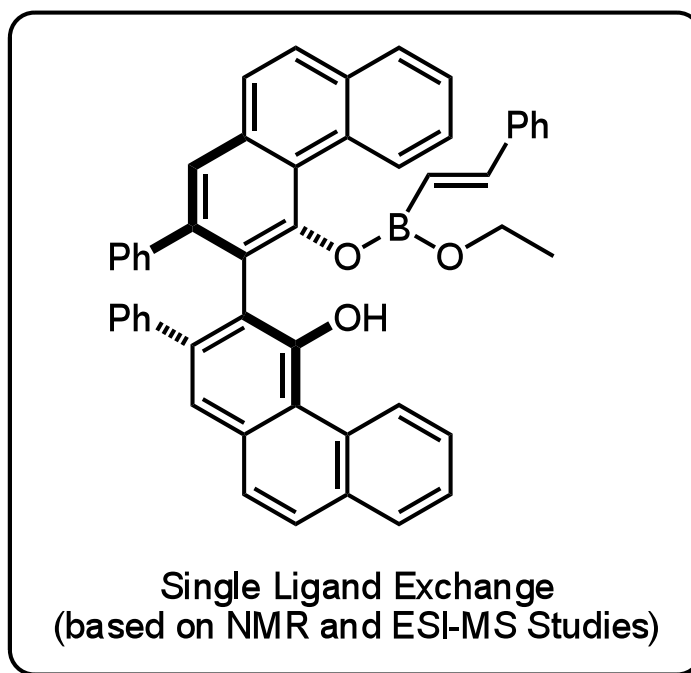
Scheme 2



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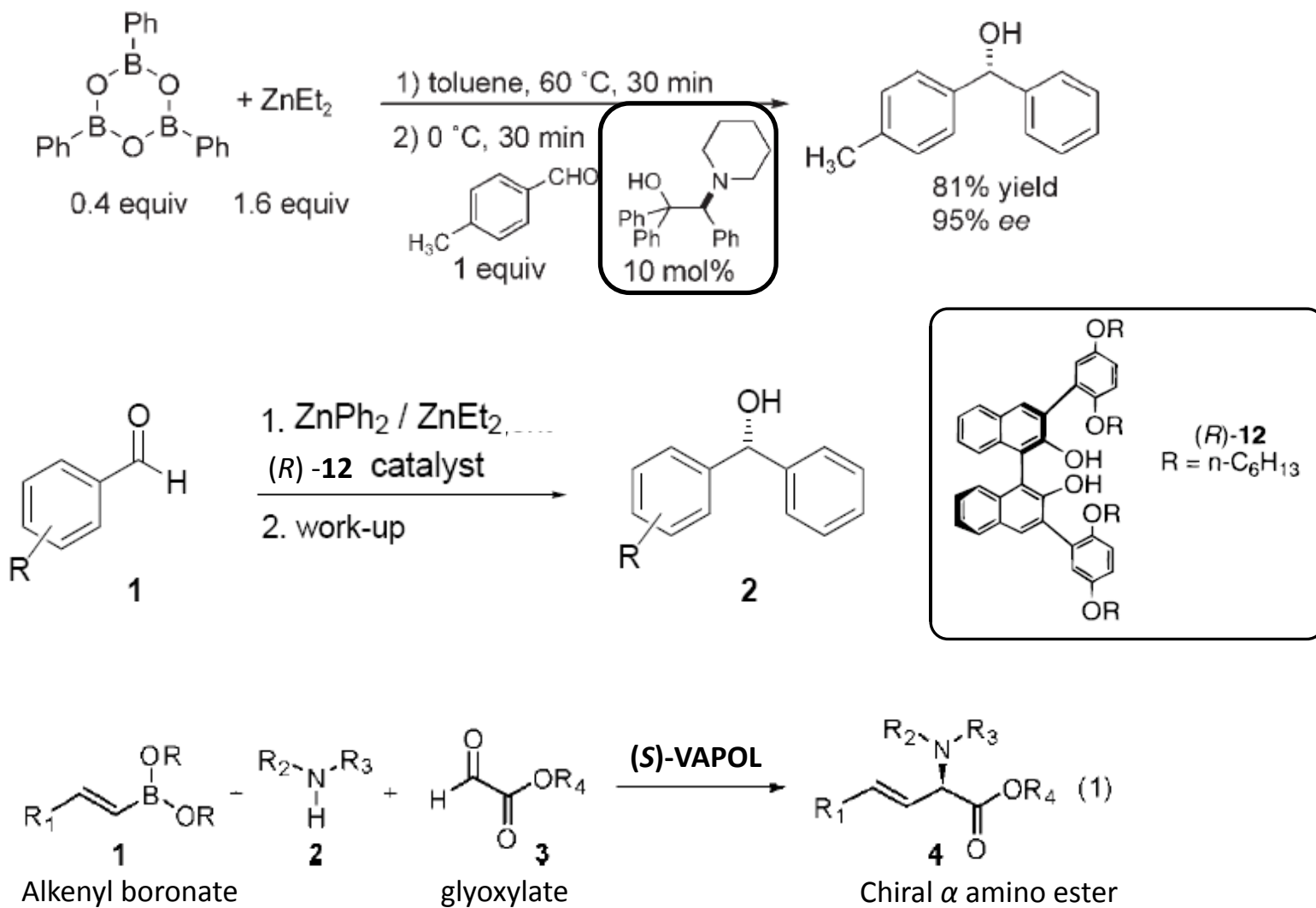
20 R <sub>1</sub> = H, R <sub>2</sub> = CO <sub>2</sub> Et	9 R <sub>2</sub> = CO <sub>2</sub> Et, 82%y, 94:6 er
21 R <sub>1</sub> = Et, R <sub>2</sub> = CO <sub>2</sub> Et	9 R <sub>2</sub> = CO <sub>2</sub> Et, 80%y, 95:5 er
22 R <sub>1</sub> = H, R <sub>2</sub> = H	23 R <sub>2</sub> = H, < 5% y

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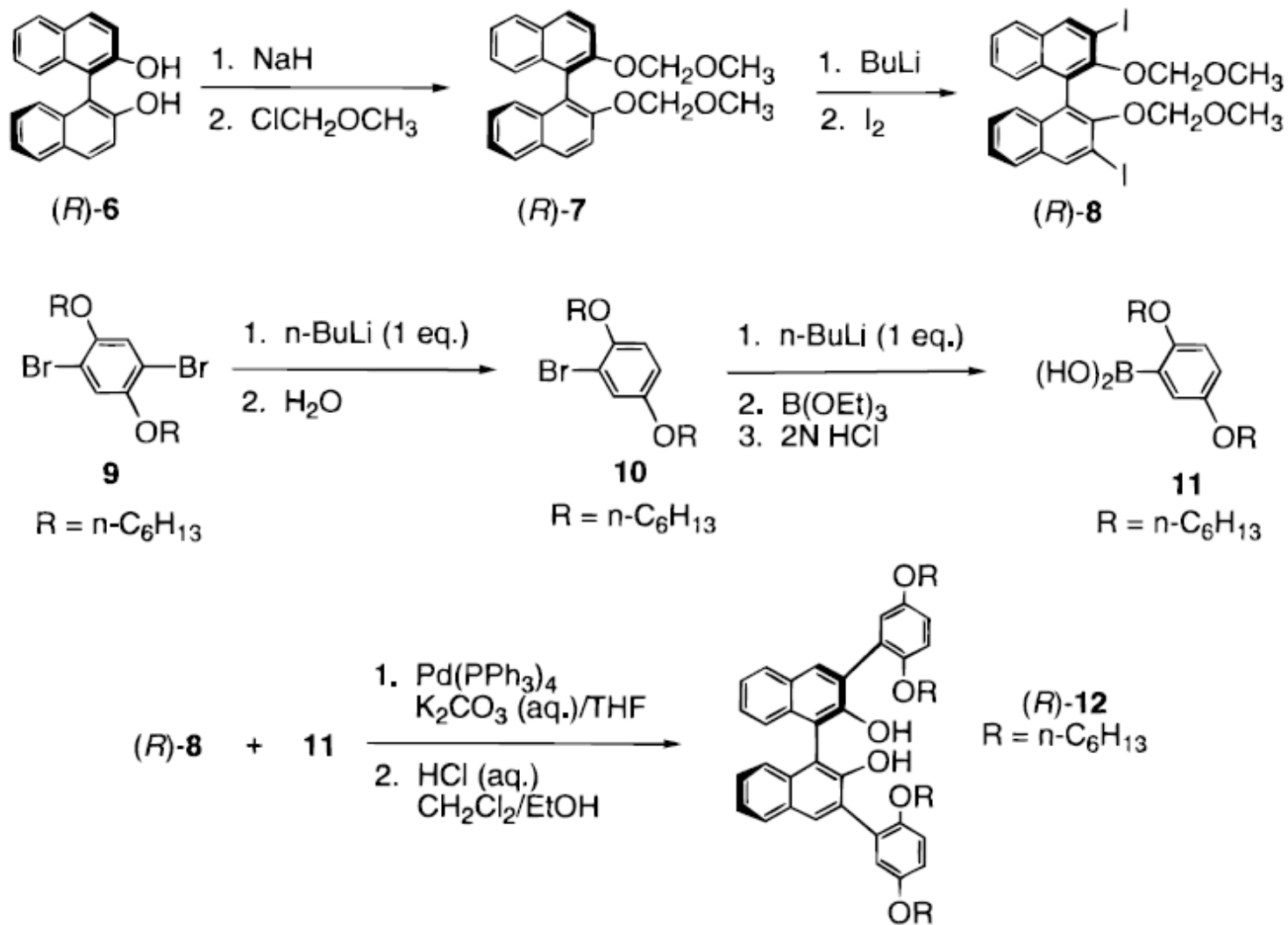
Single Ligand Exchange  
(based on NMR and ESI-MS Studies)

## Careful Observation of all the reactions



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**Scheme 1. Synthesis of a Monobinaphthyl Model Compound (*R*)-12**



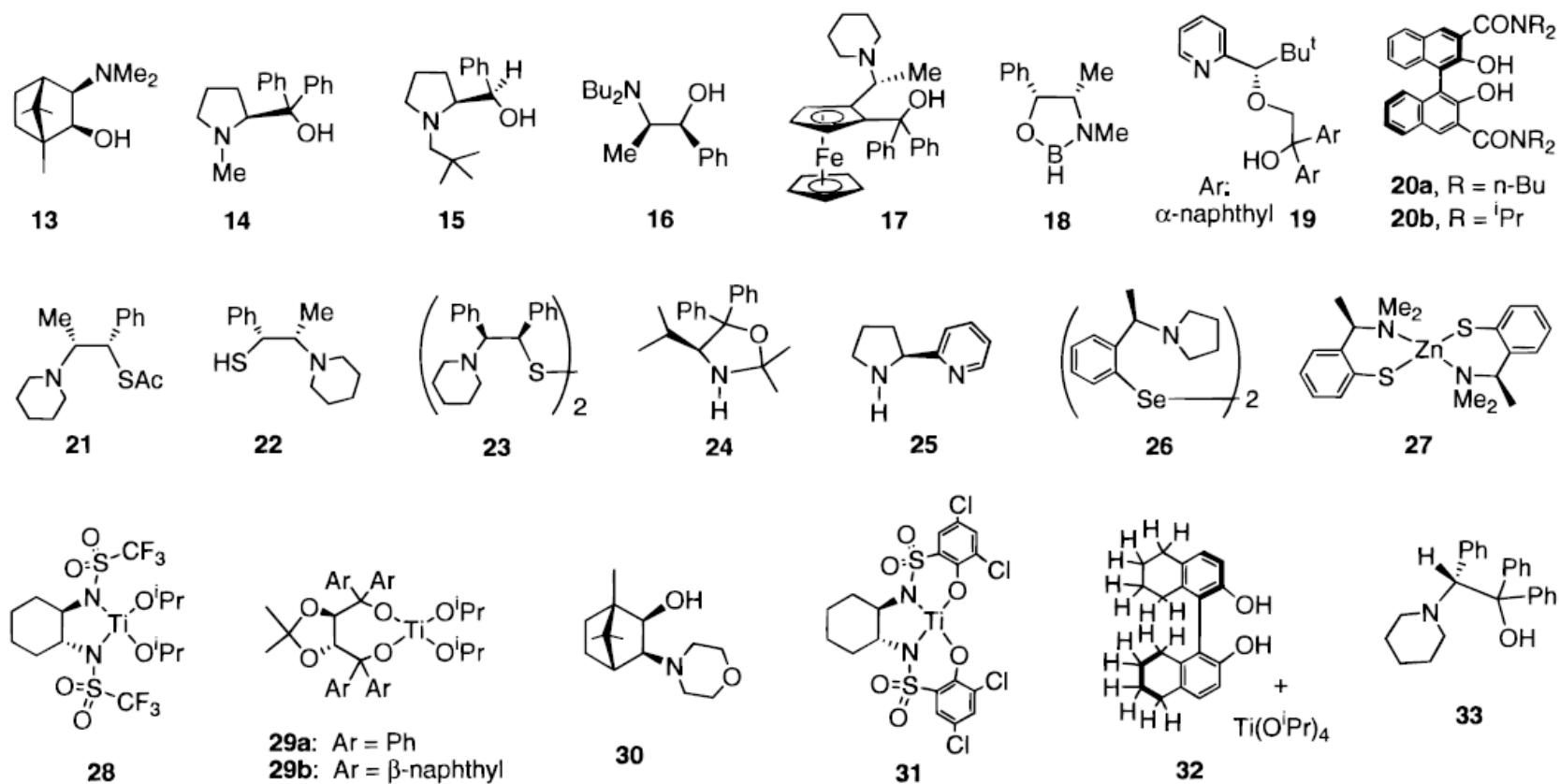


Figure 2. Currently known good catalysts for the enantioselective diethylzinc addition to aldehydes.