

Iridium Catalyzed allylic substitutions

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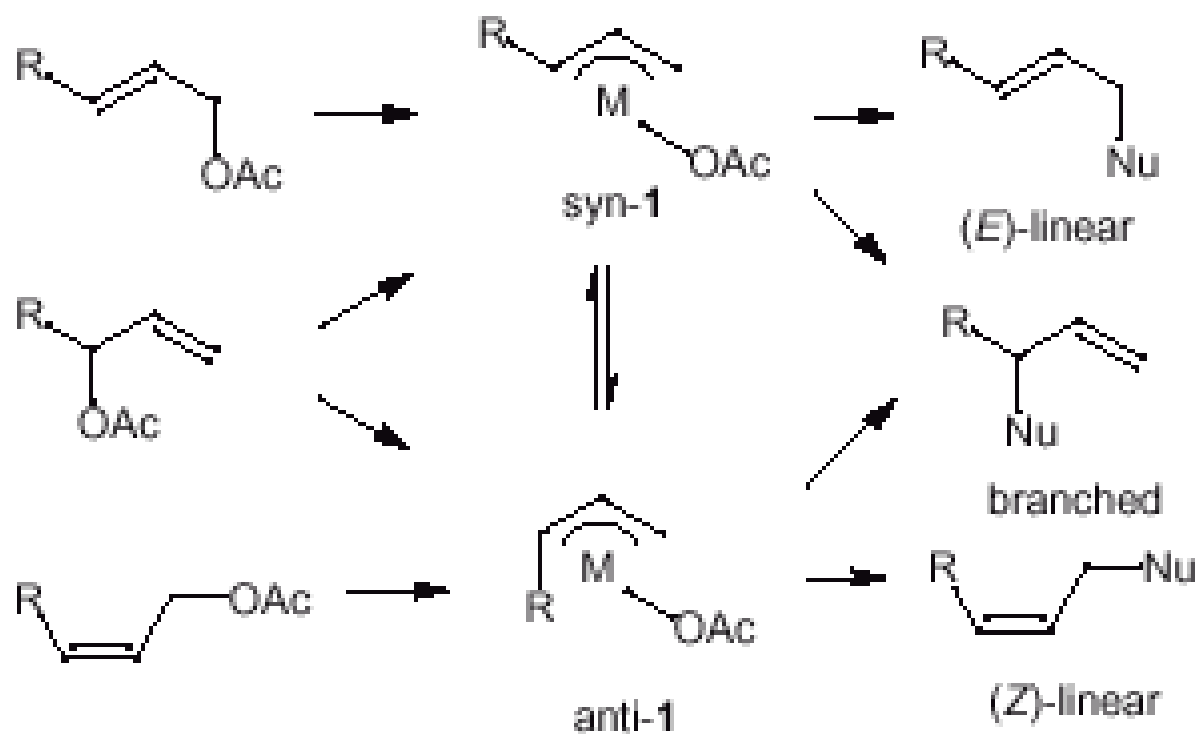
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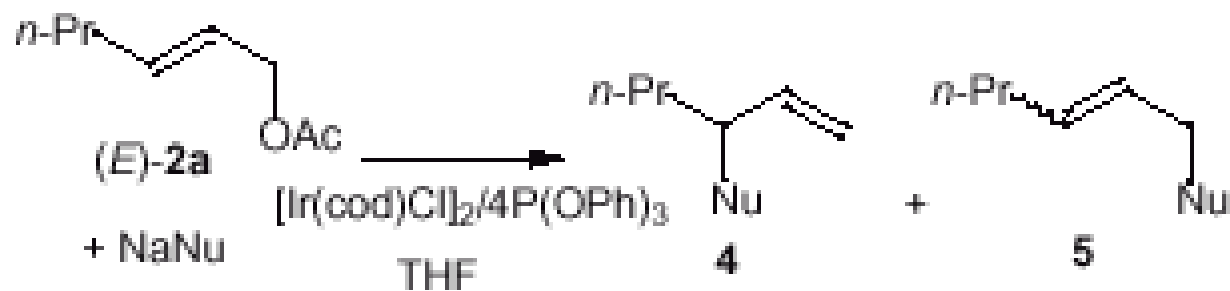
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Possible Reaction Pathways

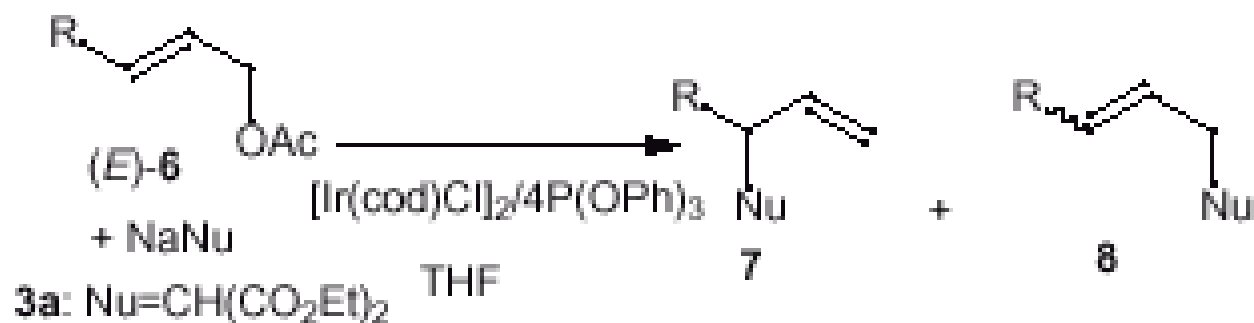


Sodium Malonate Examples



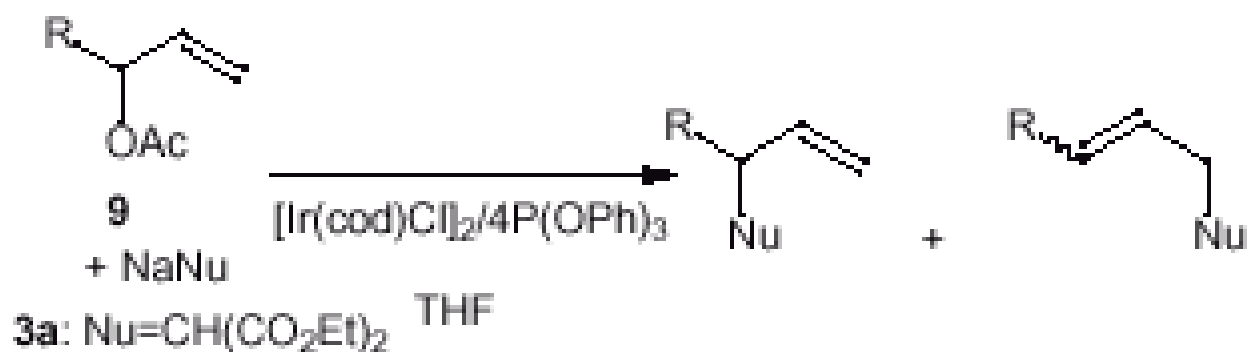
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| 3b: Nu=CH(CO ₂ Me) ₂ | rt 3 h | Yield 90% | 4b : 5b=97 : 3 |
| 3c: Nu=CHAcCO ₂ Et | reflux 7 h | Yield 85% | 4c : 5c=93 : 7 |
| 3d: Nu=CMe(CO ₂ Et) ₂ | reflux 1 h | Yield 87% | 4d : 5d=29 : 71 |

Effect of R-Group on Substitution



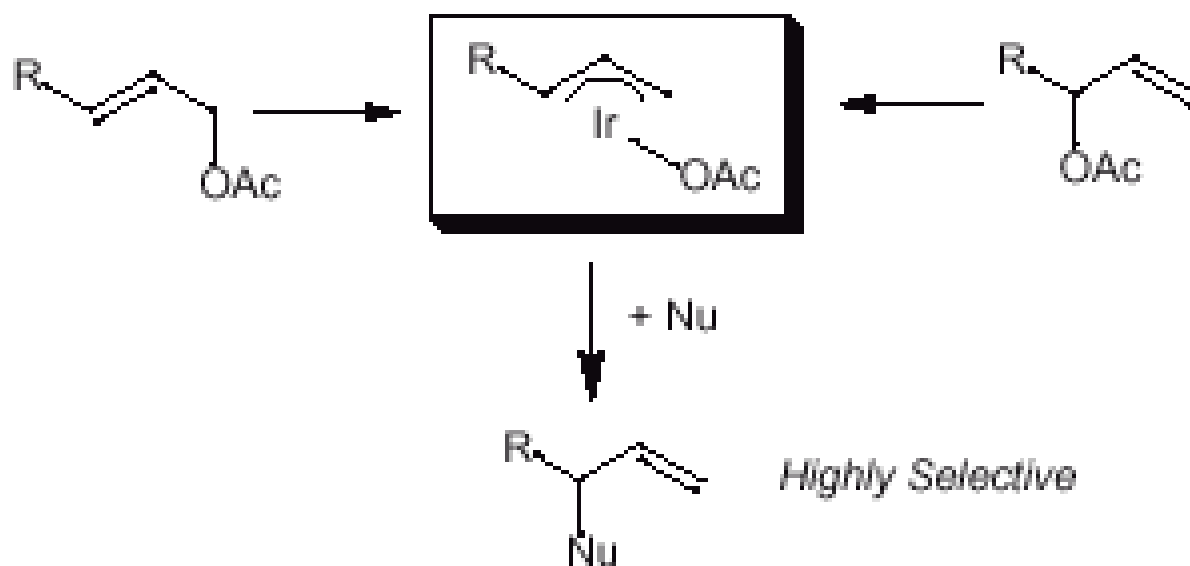
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| 6a: R=Me | rt 2 h | Yield 77% | 7a : 8a=97 : 3 |
| 6b: R=Ph | rt 3 h | Yield 98% | 7b : 8b=99 : 1 |
| 6c: R= <i>n</i> -Hex | rt 5 h | Yield 99% | 7c : 8c=95 : 5 |
| 6d: R= <i>n</i> -Oct | rt 5 h | Yield 95% | 7d : 8d=95 : 5 |

Effect of Position of L.G.

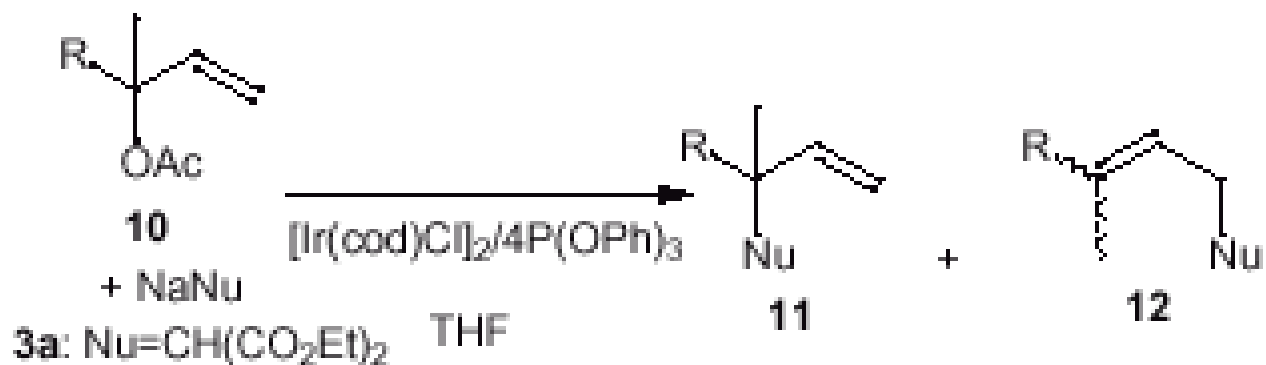


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| 9a: R= <i>n</i> -Pr | rt 3 h | Yield 86% | 4a : 5a=95 : 5 |
| 9b: R=Ph | rt 3 h | Yield 91% | 7b : 8b=99 : 1 |
| 9d: R= <i>n</i> -Oct | rt 3 h | Yield 95% | 7d : 8d=95 : 5 |

Suggestion of π -allyl Intermediate

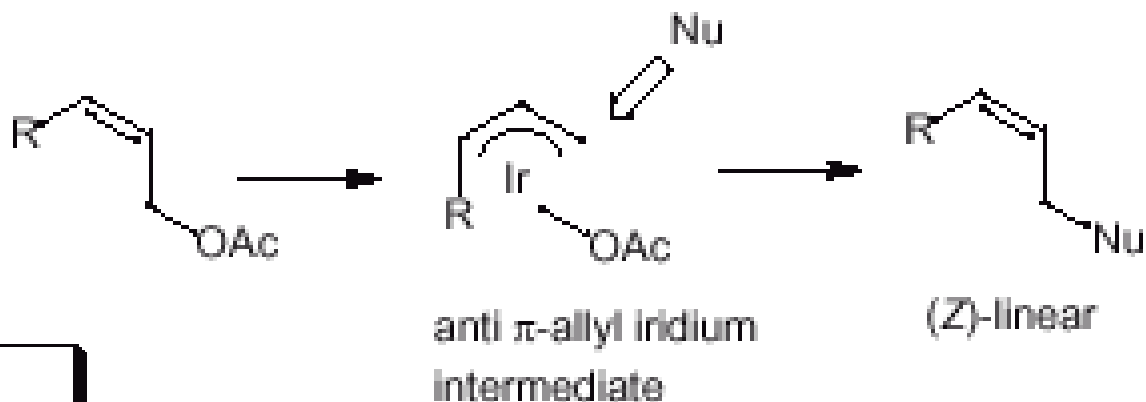
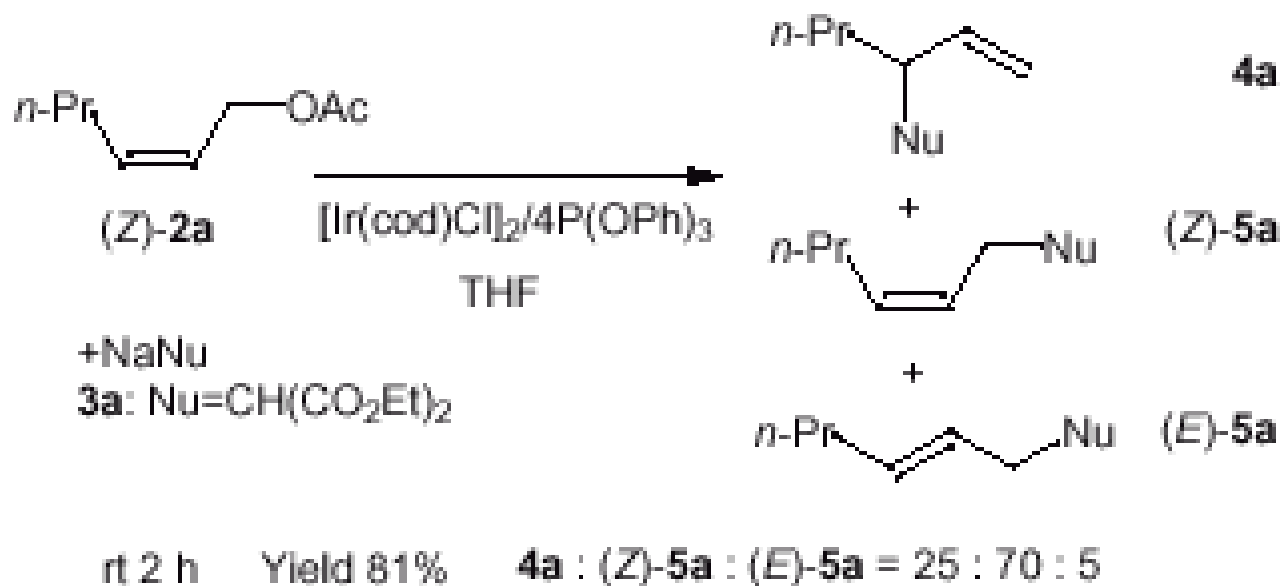


Disubstituted 3° Allylic Terminus

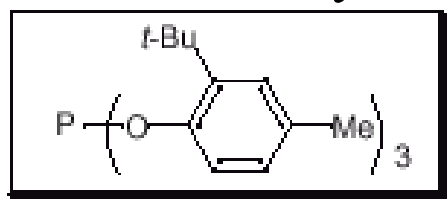


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| 10a: R=Me | rt 2 h | Yield 80% | 11a : 12a =100 : 0 |
| 10b: R= <i>n</i> -Bu | rt 16 h | Yield 80% | 11b : 12b =100 : 0 |
| 10c: R=CH ₂ CH ₂ C=CMe ₂ | rt 16 h | Yield 85% | 11c : 12c =100 : 0 |

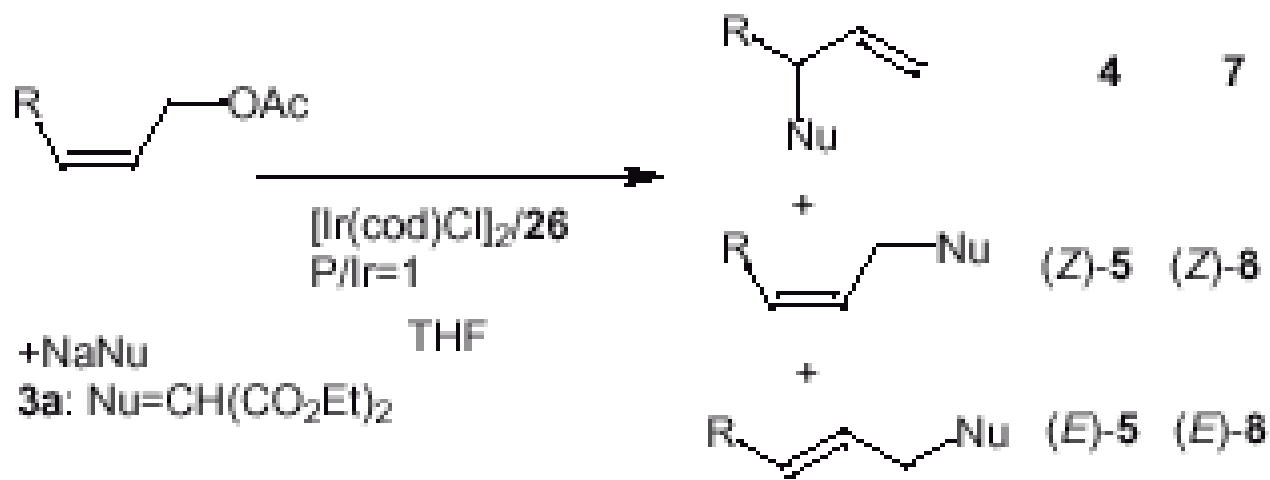
Z-Selective Allylic Alkylation



Linear Only

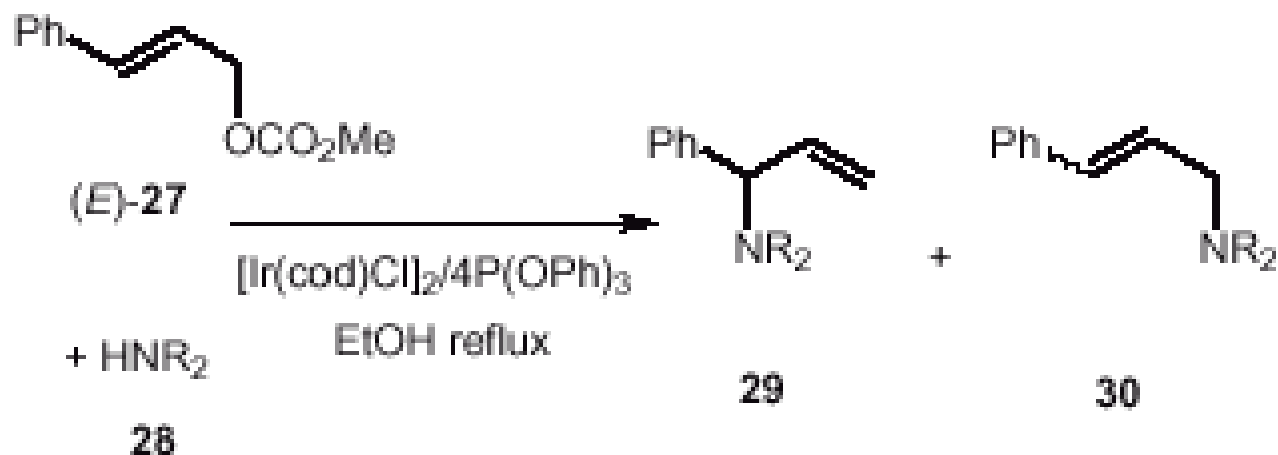


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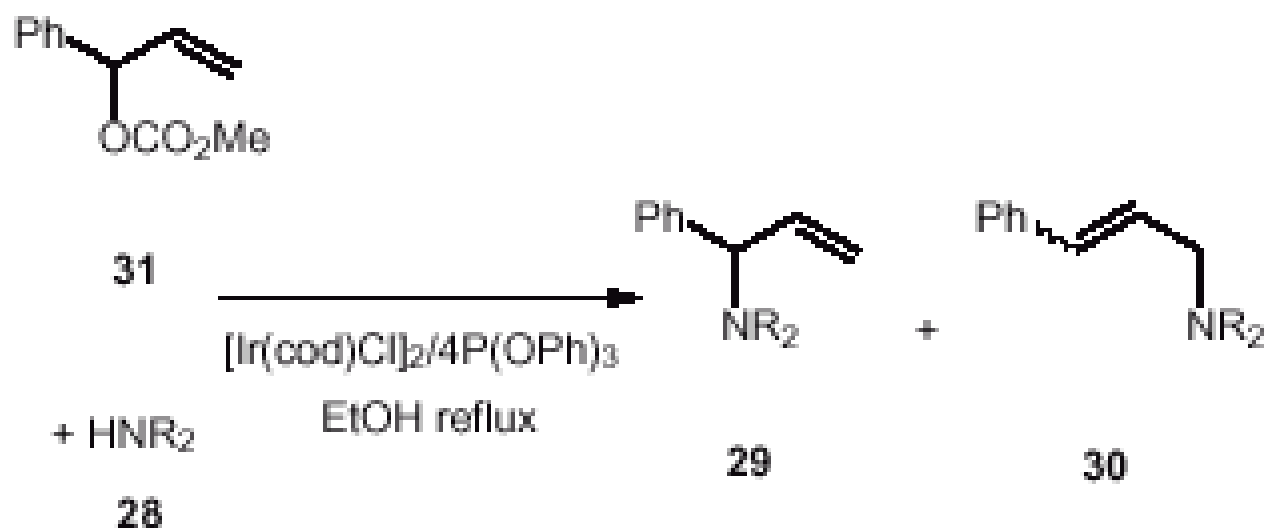
$(Z)-2a$: R=*n*-Pr reflux 5 h Yield 85% $4a$: $(Z)-5a$: $(E)-5a$ = 3 : 90 : 7
 $(Z)-6c$: R=*n*-Hex reflux 3 h Yield 86% $7c$: $(Z)-8c$: $(E)-8c$ = 2 : 89 : 9
 $(Z)-6d$: R=*n*-Oct reflux 3 h Yield 84% $7d$: $(Z)-8d$: $(E)-8d$ = 2 : 87 : 11

Allylic Amination



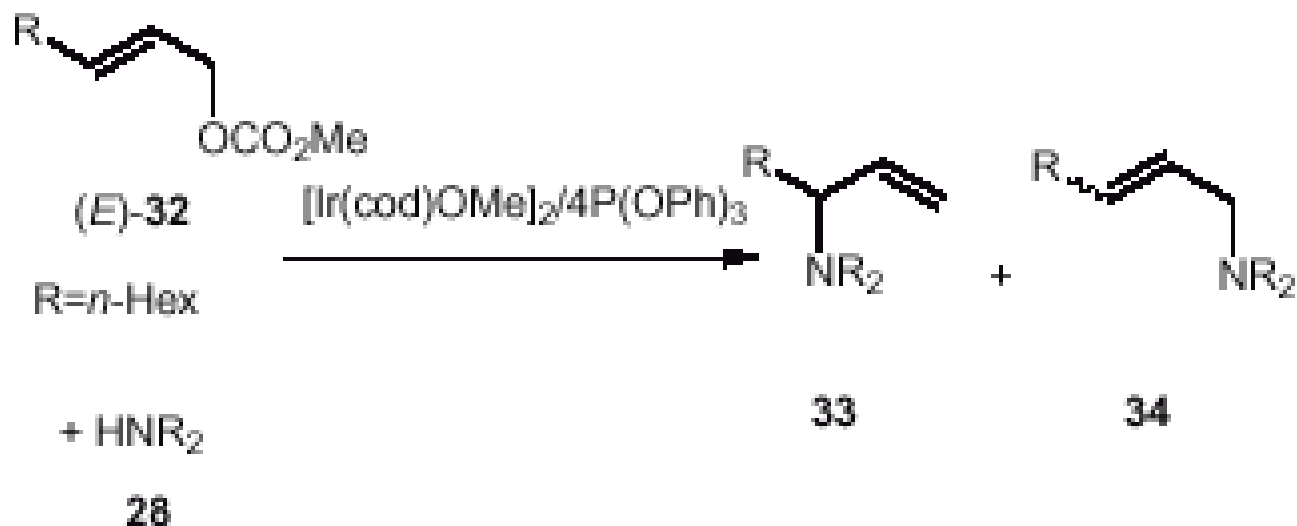
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| 28b: pyrrolidine | Yield 95% | 29b : 30b =96 : 4 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28c: morpholine | Yield 92% | 29c : 30c =92 : 8 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28d: cyclopentylamine | Yield 93% | 29d : 30d =96 : 4 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28e: <i>n</i> -butylamine | Yield 79% | 29e : 30e =95 : 5 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28f: diethylamine | Yield 75% | 29f : 30f =65 : 35 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28g: <i>tert</i> -butylamine | Yield 92% | 29g : 30g =81 : 19 | (E/Z=100/0) |
| 28h: benzylamine | Yield 89% | 29h : 30h =96 : 4 | (E/Z=100/0) |

Allylic Amination



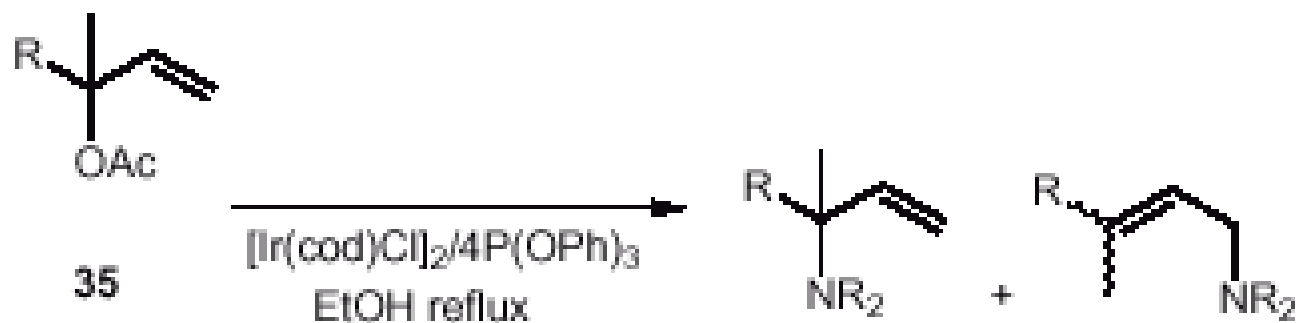
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| 28a : piperidine | Yield 85% | 29a : 30a =98 : 2 | (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |
| 28e : <i>n</i> -butylamine | Yield 89% | 29e : 30e =99 : 1 | (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |

Allylic Amination



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|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|
| 28a: piperidine | acetone reflux 3 h | Yield 87% | 33a : 34a =81 : 19 (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |
| 28d: cyclopentylamine | MeCN reflux 24 h | Yield 76% | 33d : 34d =92 : 8 (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |
| 28e: <i>n</i> -butylamine | MeCN reflux 24 h | Yield 70% | 33e : 34e =95 : 5 (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |
| 28i: aniline | EtOH reflux 2 h | Yield 95% | 33i : 34i =93 : 7 (<i>E/Z</i> =100/0) |

Disubstituted Allylic Amination



35a: R=*n*-Pentyl

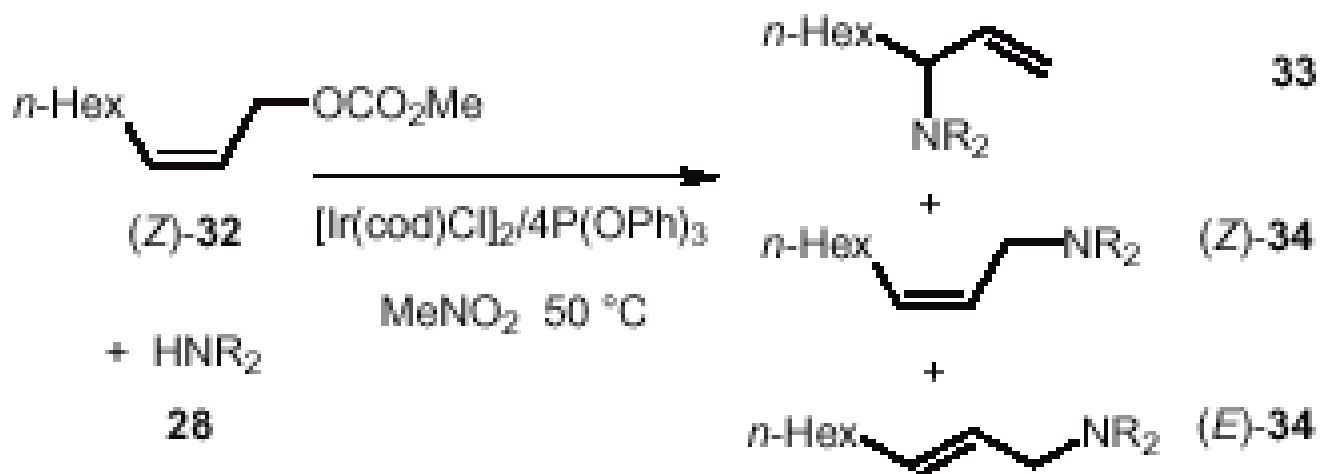
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+ HNR₂

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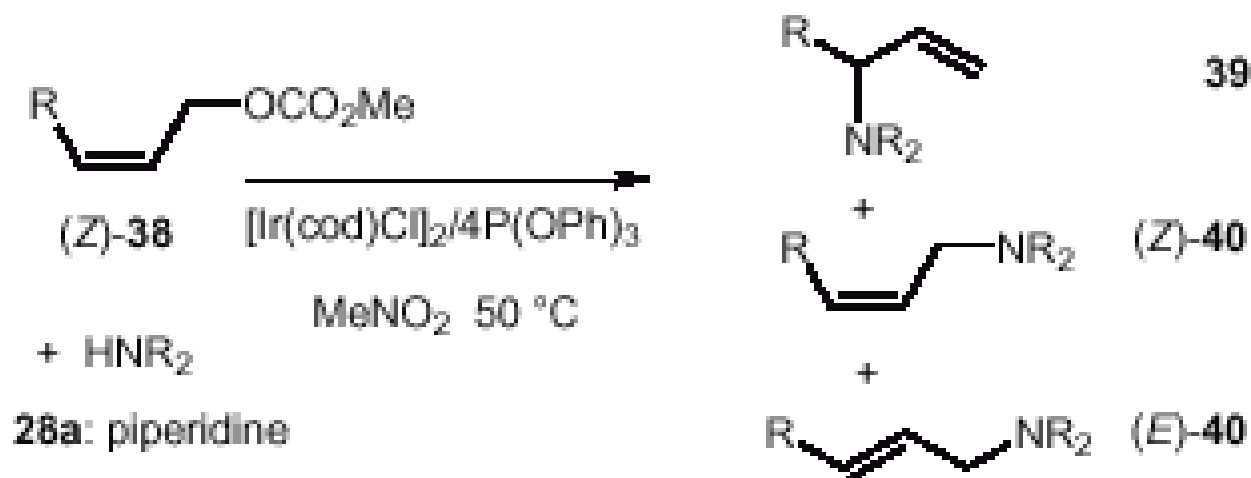
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| 35a | 28a piperidine | Yield 76% | 36aa : 37aa=100 : 0 |
| 35a | 28b pyrrolidine | Yield 70% | 36ab : 37ab=100 : 0 |
| 35a | 28e <i>n</i> -butylamine | Yield 59% | 36ae : 37ae=100 : 0 |
| 35a | 28i aniline | Yield 77% | 36ai : 37ai= 100 : 0 |
| 35b | 28a piperidine | Yield 76% | 36ba : 37ba=100 : 0 |

Z-Selective Allylic Amination/Different Amines



| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 28b: pyrrolidine | Yield 80% | 33b : (Z)-34b : (E)-34b = 6 : 94 : 0 |
| 28c: morpholine | Yield 80% | 33c : (Z)-34c : (E)-34c = 12 : 88 : 0 |
| 28e: <i>n</i> -butylamine | Yield 56% | 33e : (Z)-34e : (E)-34e = 21 : 79 : 0 |
| 28f: diethylamine | Yield 69% | 33f : (Z)-34f : (E)-34f = 3 : 97 : 0 |

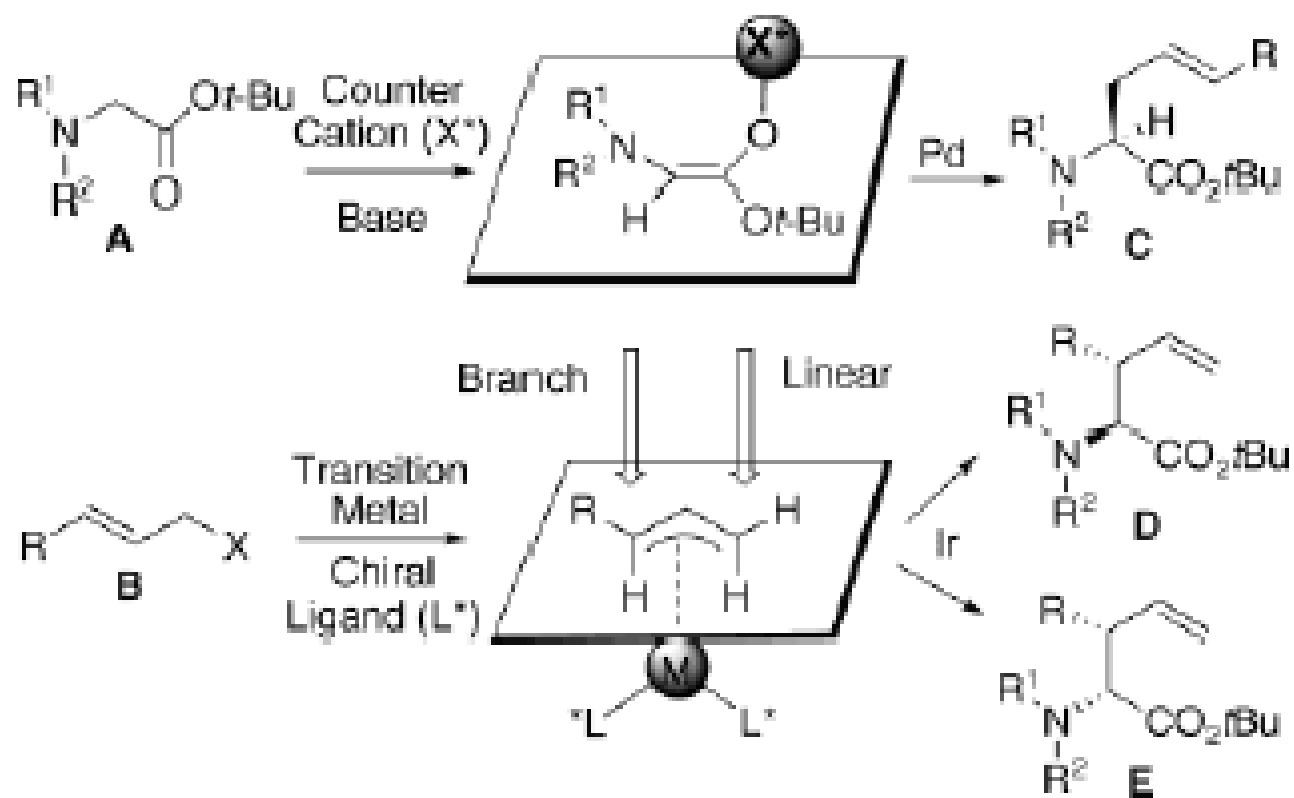
Z-Selective Allylic Amination/Different R-Group



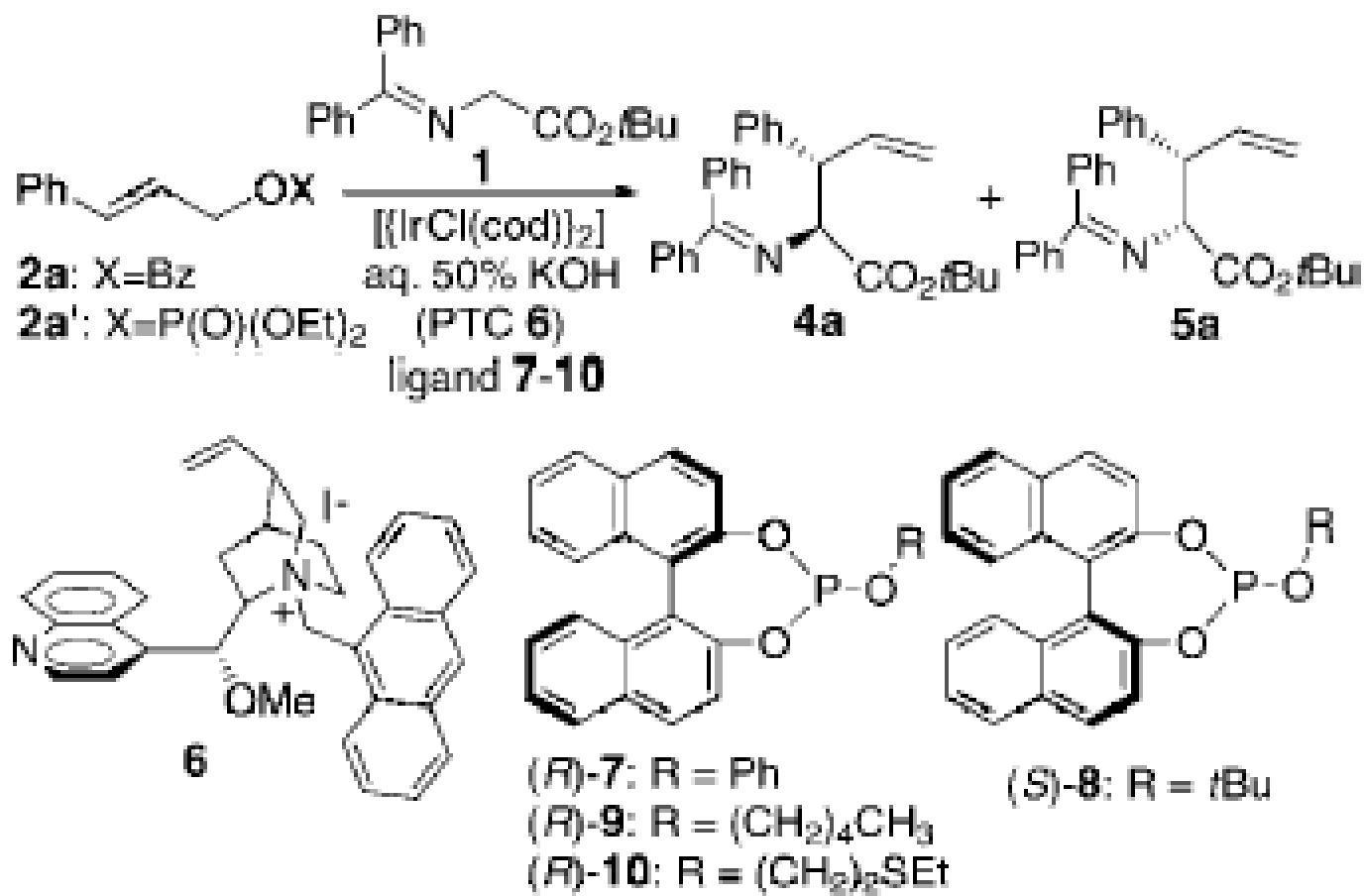
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| $(Z)\text{-38a}$: R= <i>n</i> -Oct | Yield 86% | $39\text{a} : (Z)\text{-40a} : (E)\text{-40a} = 6 : 94 : 0$ |
| $(Z)\text{-38b}$: R=Ph(CH ₂) ₃ | Yield 89% | $39\text{b} : (Z)\text{-40b} : (E)\text{-40b} = 8 : 92 : 0$ |
| $(Z)\text{-38c}$: <i>n</i> -BuOCH ₂ | Yield 95% | $39\text{c} : (Z)\text{-40c} : (E)\text{-40c} = 1 : 99 : 0$ |

Enantio- And Diastereoselective Ir-Catalyzed Allylic Substitutions for Asymmetric Synthesis of Amino Acid Derivatives

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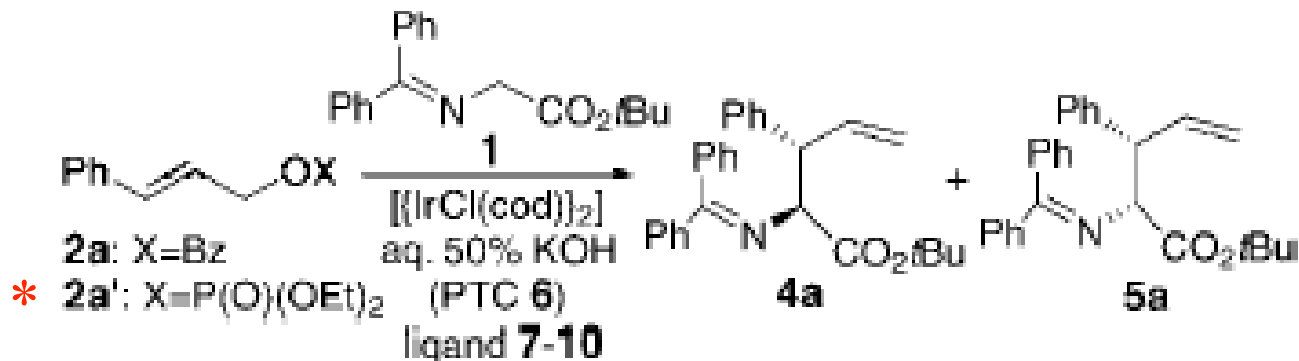


Ir-Catalyzed Asymmetric Allylic Substitution Reaction Studied



Scheme 2. Ir-catalyzed asymmetric allylic substitution of **1** with **2a, a'**.

Effect of
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Table 1: Ir-catalyzed asymmetric allylic substitution of **1** and **2 a, a'** with chiral PTC **6** or various chiral ligands **7–10**.^[a]

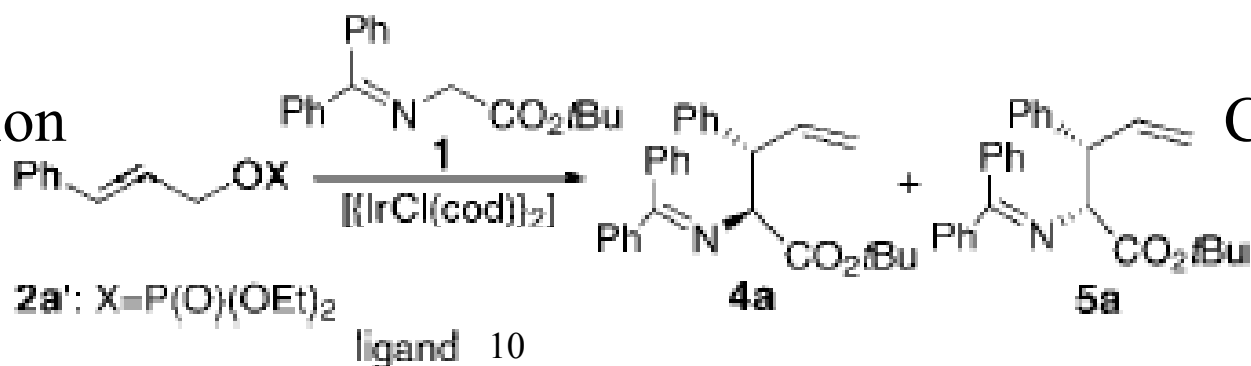
| Entry | Substrate | Ligand (mol%) | Yield [%] ^[b] (4:5) | ee of 4 [%] ^[c] |
|--------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 a | 6 (10), (PhO) ₃ P (40) | 40 (75:25) | 46 |
| 2 | 2 a | (<i>R</i>)- 7 (20) | 29 (69:31) | 32 ^[d] |
| 3 | 2 a | (<i>S</i>)- 8 (40) | 7 (86:14) | 68 ^[d] |
| 4 | 2 a | (<i>R</i>)- 9 (20) | 6 (67:33) | 95 |
| 5 | 2 a | (<i>R</i>)- 10 (20) | 11 (73:27) | 93 |
| 6 ^[e] | 2 a' | (<i>R</i>)- 9 (20) | 0 | – |
| * 7 ^[e] | 2 a' | (<i>R</i>)- 10 (20) | 82 (82:18) | 97 |

[a] All reactions were carried out in toluene. The ratio of **1**:**2**:50% KOH:[IrCl(cod)]₂ was 100:100:300:10 unless otherwise noted.

[b] Yields of isolated products. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis with Daicel Chiral Pack OD-H column. [d] The enantiomer of **4** was obtained.

[e] The reaction was carried out at 0 °C.

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Table 2: Ir-catalyzed allylic substitution of **1** and **2a'** under various reaction conditions.^[a]

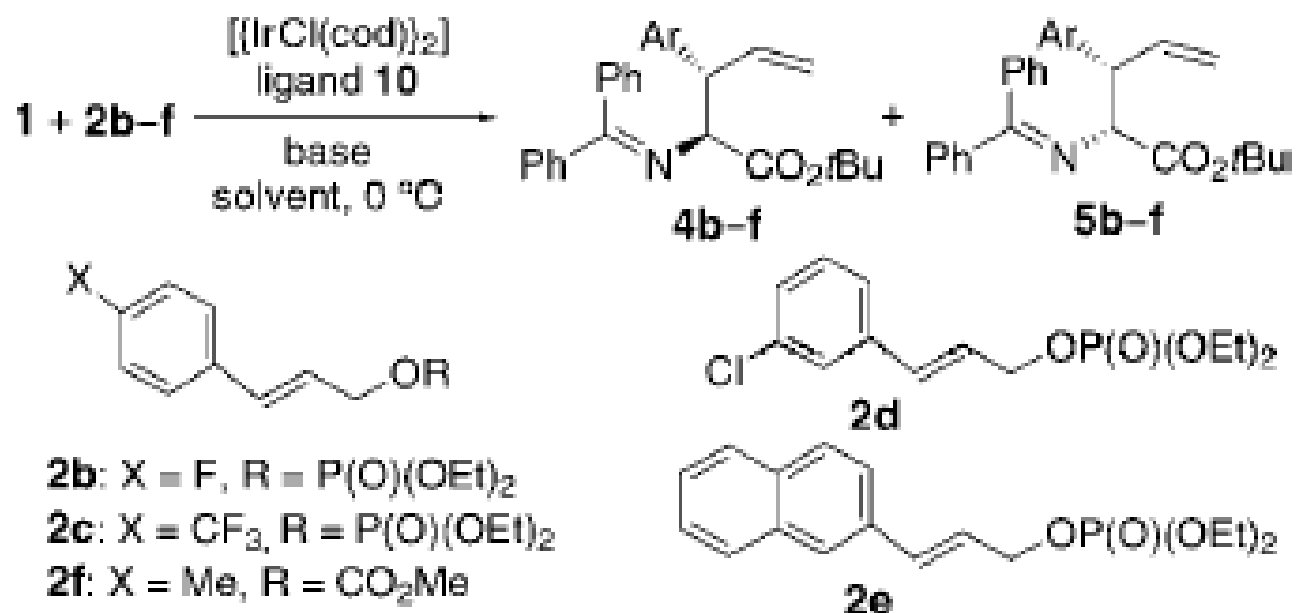
| Entry | Reaction conditions | Yield [%] ^[b] | | Ratio (4:5) | <i>ee</i> [%] ^[c] | |
|-------|--|--------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------|----|
| | | branched | linear | | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | CsOH·H ₂ O, toluene | 43 | 0 | 70:30 | 95 | 59 |
| 2 | 50% KOH, toluene | 82 | 0 | 82:18 | 97 | 66 |
| 3 | KN(SiMe ₃) ₂ , THF | 28 | 0 | 79:21 | 48 | 72 |
| 4 | NaH, THF | 29 | 0 | 62:38 | 91 | 73 |
| 5 | LiBr, DBU ^[d] , THF | 20 | 23 | 30:70 | 44 | 63 |
| 6 | LDA, THF | 56 | 3 | 11:89 | — ^[e] | 96 |
| 7 | LiN(SiMe ₃) ₂ , THF | 82 | < 1 | 12:88 | 56 | 92 |

[a] All reactions were carried out at 0 °C in the presence of [{IrCl(cod)}₂] (10 mol%) and (*R*)-**10** (20 mol%). [b] Yields of isolated products.

[c] Determined by HPLC analysis with Daicel Chiral Pack OD-H column.

[d] DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene. [e] The *ee* was not determined.

Different Substrates

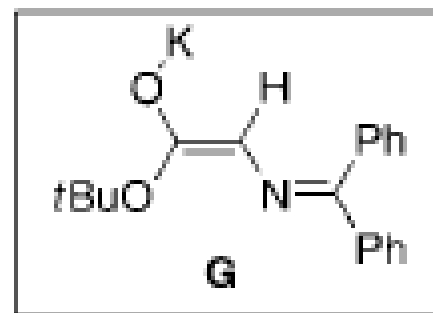
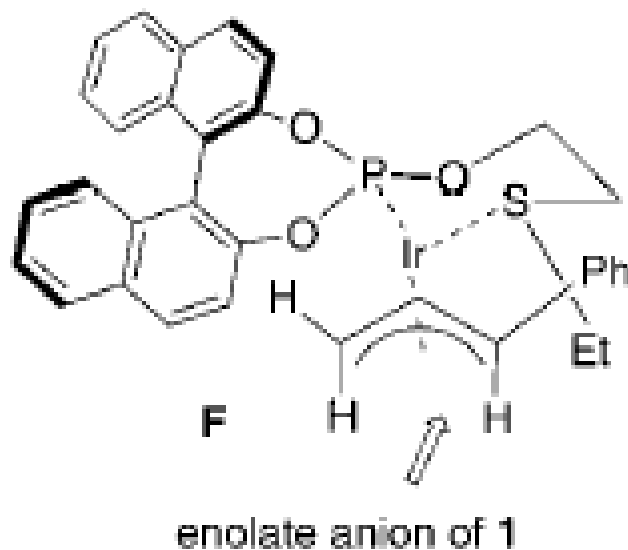


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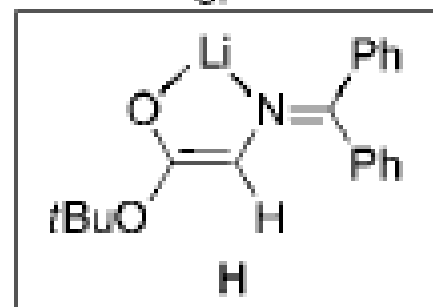
B = LiN(SiMe₃)₂

| Entry | Substrate 2 | Method ^[a] | Yield [%] ^[b] | | Ratio (4:5) | ee [%] ^[c] | |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------------|----|
| | | | branched | linear | | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | 2b | A | 77 | 0 | 78:22 | 97 | 63 |
| 2 | 2c | A | 77 | 0 | 68:32 | 97 | 68 |
| 3 | 2d | A | 79 | 0 | 76:24 | 97 | 74 |
| 4 | 2e | A | 97 | 0 | 77:23 | 94 | 69 |
| 5 ^[d] | 2f | A | 63 | 0 | 83:17 | 91 | 74 |
| 6 | 2b | B | 82 | 0 | 13:87 | 59 | 85 |
| 7 | 2c | B | 78 | 0 | 10:90 | 93 | 94 |
| 8 | 2d | B | 81 | <1 | 10:90 | 73 | 94 |
| 9 | 2e | B | 84 | <1 | 11:89 | 67 | 96 |
| 10 | 2f | B | 88 | 1.1 | 34:66 | 51 | 70 |

Plausible Allyl Ir^{III} Complex

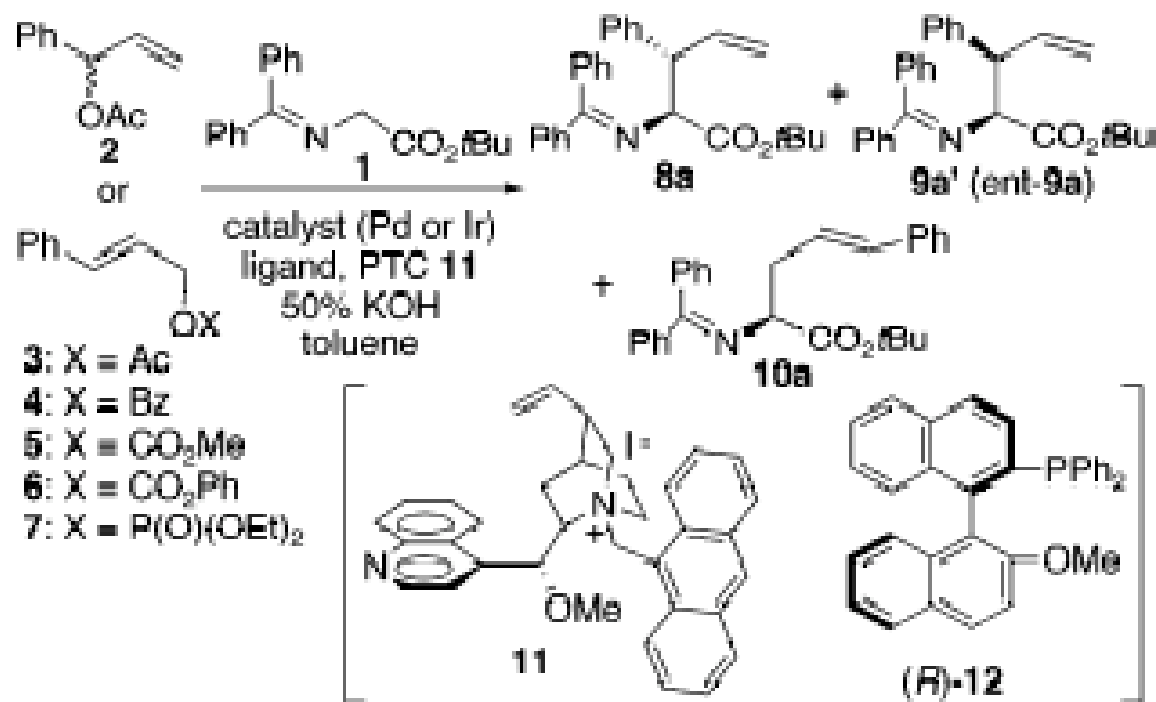


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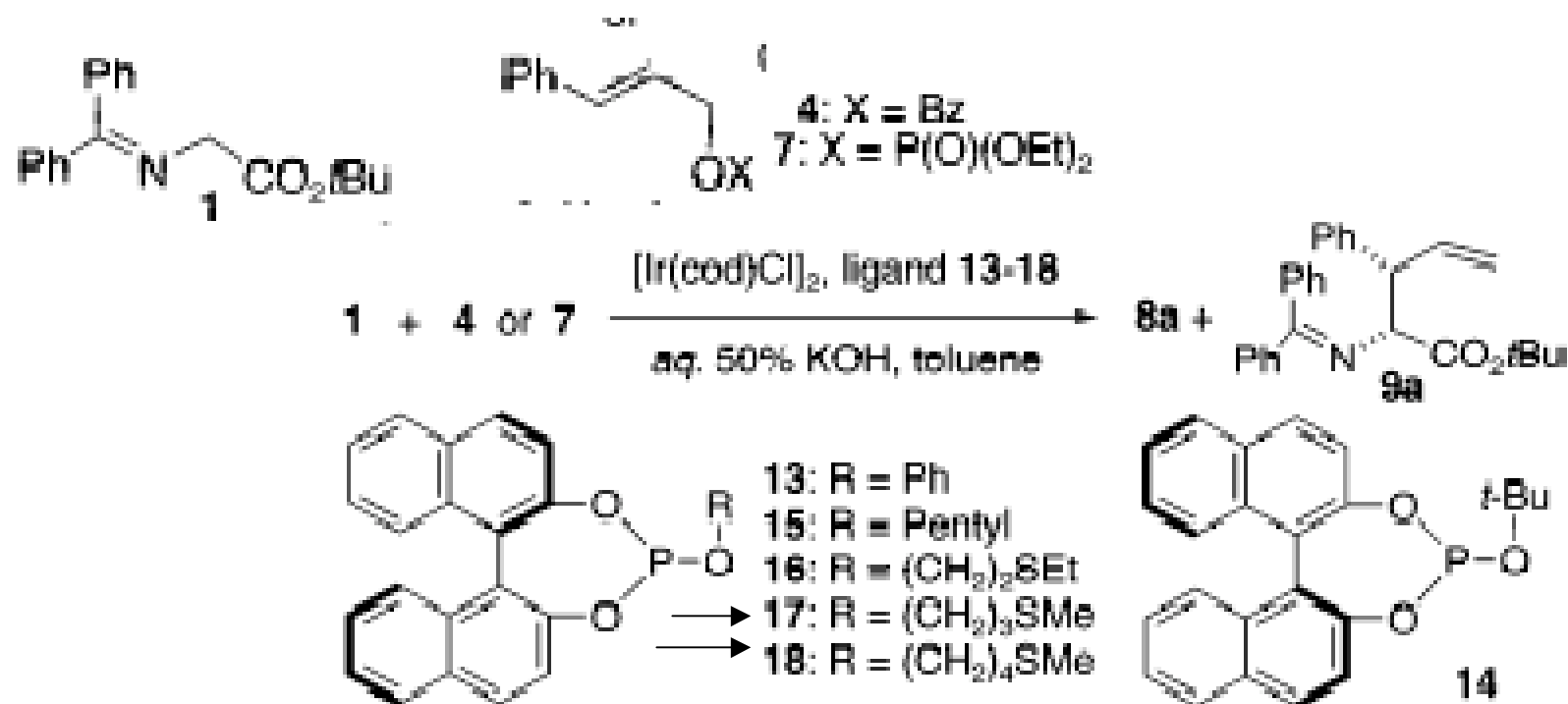


| entry | substrate | conditions | yield, % | | ratio 8a:9a' | ee, % | |
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| | | | 8a + 9a' | 10a | | 8a | 9a' |
| 1 | 2 | A ^a | 13 | 71 | 5:95 | <i>c</i> | 85 |
| 2 | 3 | B ^b | 31 | 0 | 77:23 | 49 | <i>c</i> |
| 3 | 4 | B ^b | 40 | 0 | 75:25 | 46 | <i>c</i> |
| 4 | 5 | B ^b | 15 | 0 | 80:20 | 29 | <i>c</i> |
| 5 | 6 | B ^b | 23 | 0 | 83:17 | 57 | <i>c</i> |
| 6 | 7 | B ^b | 47 | 0 | 83:17 | 26 | <i>c</i> |

^a Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃ (3 mol %), chiral ligand **12** (9 mol %), 0 °C.

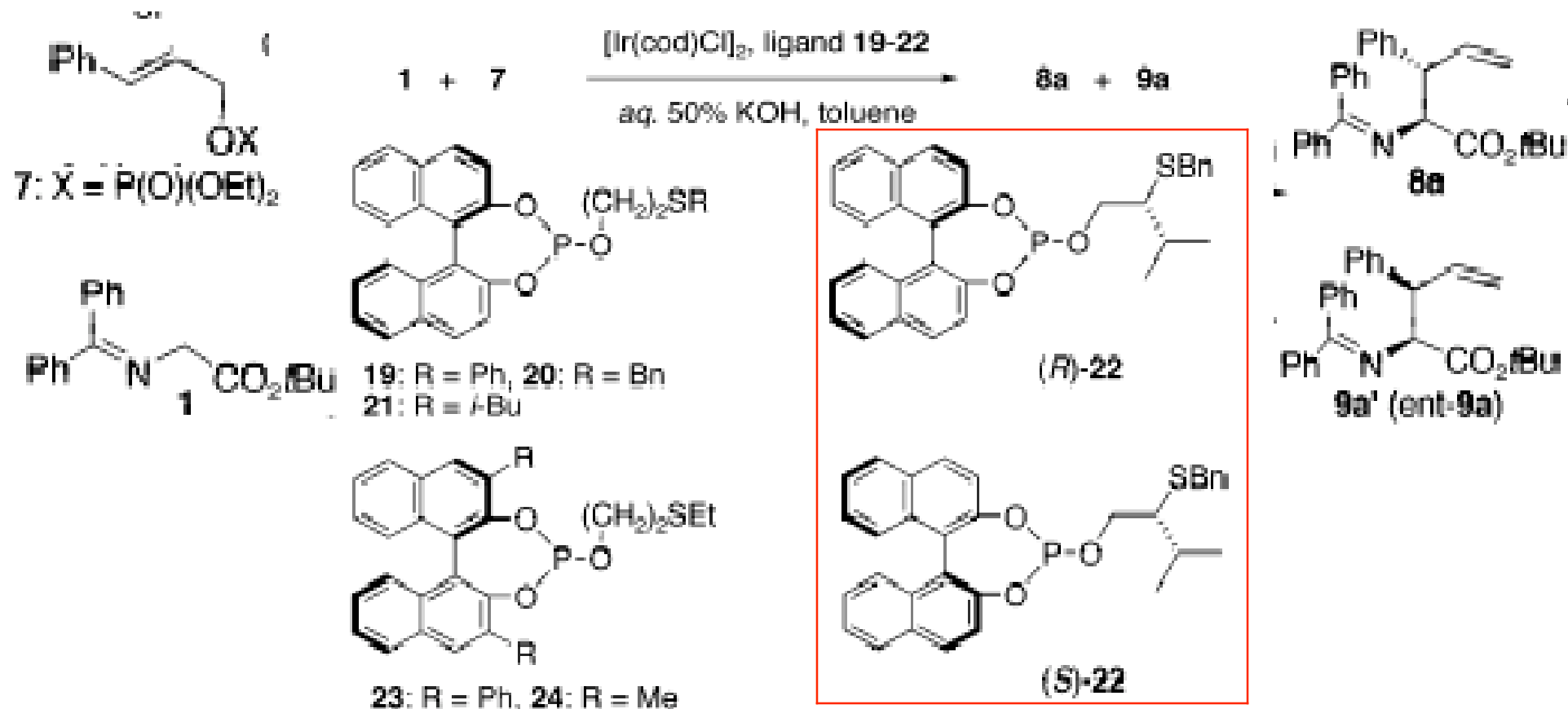
^b [Ir(cod)Cl]₂ (10 mol %), (PhO)₃P (40 mol %), room temperature.

^c Not determined.



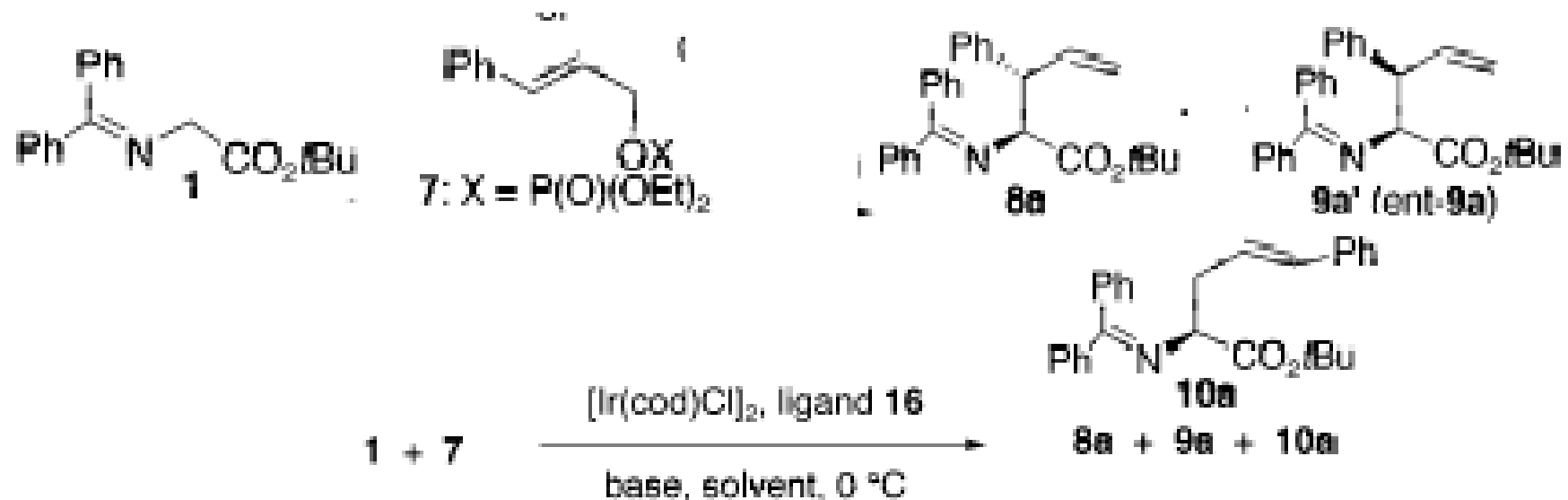
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| | | | | | 8a | 9a |
| 1 | 4 | 13 , rt | 29 | 69:31 | <i>a</i> | 23 ^a |
| 2 | 4 | 14 , rt | 7 | 86:14 | 68 ^a | <i>b</i> |
| 3 | 4 | 15 , rt | 6 | 67:33 | 95 | 46 |
| 4 | 4 | 16 , rt | 11 | 73:27 | 93 | 25 |
| 5 | 7 | 16 , 0 °C | 82 | 82:18 | 97 | 66 |
| 6 | 7 | 15 , 0 °C | 0 | | | |
| → 7 | 7 | 17 , 0 °C | 43 | 65:35 | 29 | 39 |
| → 8 | 7 | 18 , 0 °C | 4 | 75:25 | 41 | 53 |

^a The enantiomers of **8a** and **9a** were obtained as a major product. ^b Not determined.



| entry | ligand | yield, % 8a + 9a | ratio 8a:9a | ee, % | |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | 8a | 9a |
| 1 | (<i>R</i>)-19 | 17 | 71:29 | 82 | 52 |
| 2 | (<i>R</i>)-20 | 62 | 71:29 | 97 | 42 |
| 3 | (<i>R</i>)-21 | 67 | 75:25 | 96 | <i>a</i> |
| 4 | (<i>R</i>)-22 | 37 | 81:19 | 95 | <i>a</i> |
| 5 | (<i>S</i>)-22 | 52 | 79:21 | 68 ^b | 25 ^b |

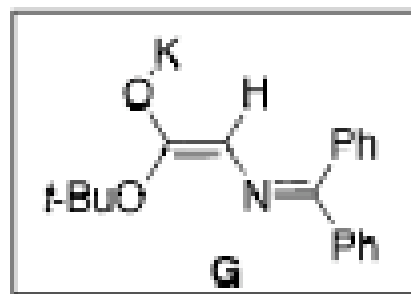
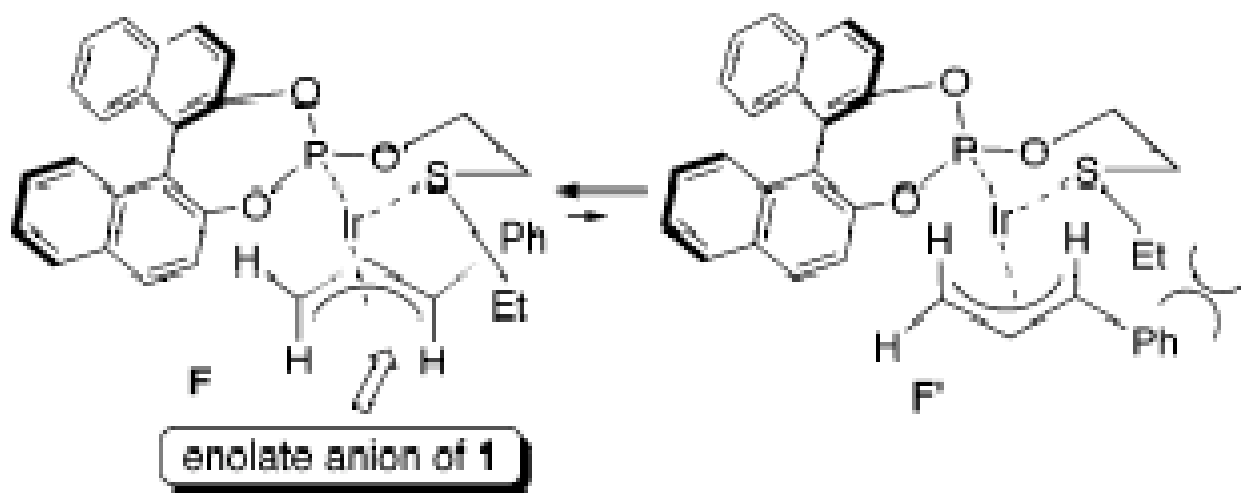
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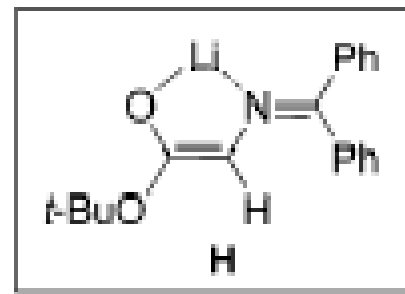
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| | | 8a:9a | 10a | | 8a | 9a |
| 1 | 11 , 50%KOH, Tol. | 30 | 0 | 83:17 | 95 | 87 |
| 2 | PTC, ^a 50%KOH, Tol. | 41 | 0 | 51:49 | 95 | 60 |
| 3 | solid KOH, Tol. | 71 | 0 | 70:30 | 97 | <i>b</i> |
| 4 | $\text{KN}(\text{SiMe}_3)_2$, THF | 28 | 0 | 79:21 | 48 | 72 |
| 5 | $\text{CsOH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Tol. | 43 | 0 | 70:30 | 95 | 59 |
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^a PTC: $[\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3]\text{Br}$. ^b Not determined.

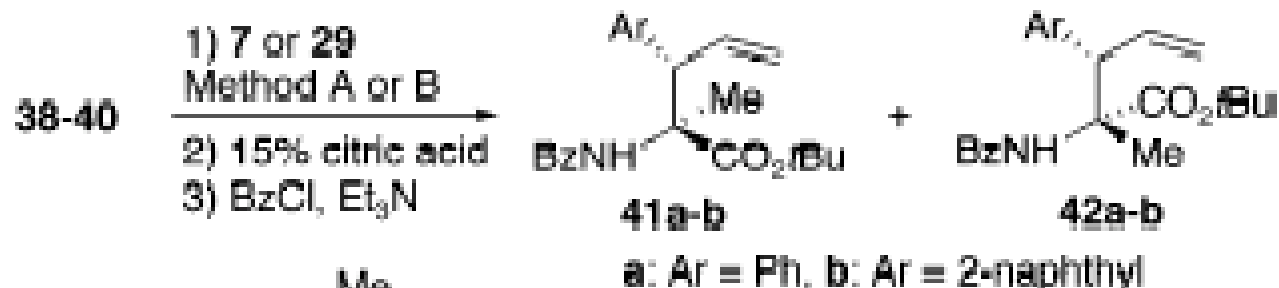
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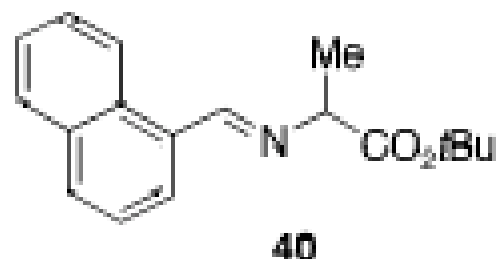
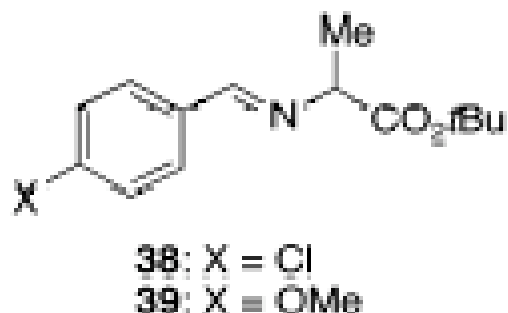
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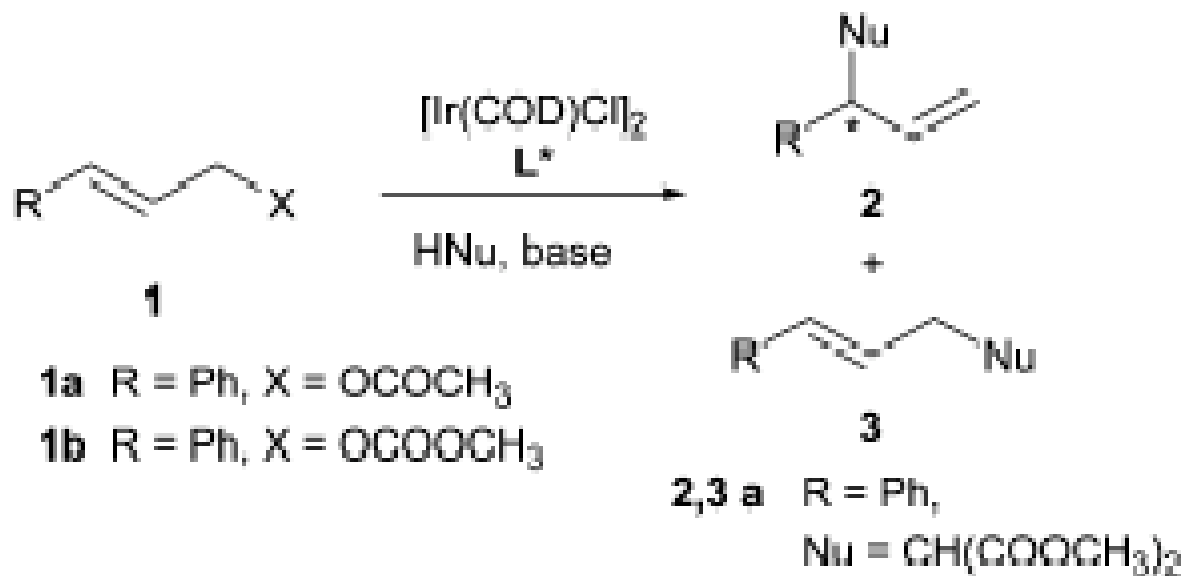


| entry | substrate | method ^a | yield, % | | ee, % | |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | 41 + 42 | ratio | 41 | 42 |
| 1 | 38 + 7 | A | 18 | 50:50 | 92 | 30 |
| 2 | 38 + 29 | A | 22 | 50:50 | 91 | 35 |
| 3 | 40 + 29 | A + 11 ^b | 17 | 65:35 | 91 | 46 |
| 4 | 40 + 29 | A + PTC ^c | 49 | 55:45 | 93 | 66 |
| 5 | 38 + 29 | B | 59 | 17:83 | 84 | 82 |
| 6 | 39 + 29 | B | 47 | 19:81 | 82 | 75 |
| 7 | 40 + 29 | B | 64 | 25:75 | 87 | 83 |

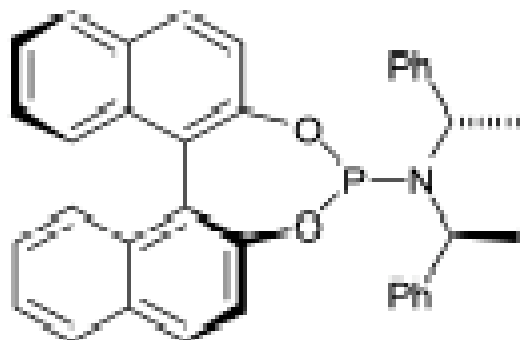
^a Method A: In toluene at 0 °C. The ratio of **38-40**:**7-29**:50% KOH:[Ir(cod)Cl]₂:(*R*)-**16** was 100:100:300:10:20, Method B: In THF at 0 °C. The ratio of **38-40**:**29**:LiN(SiMe₃)₂:[Ir(cod)Cl]₂:(*R*)-**16** was 150:100:150:10:20. ^b **11** (10 mol %). ^c PTC: [CH₃(CH₂)₁₅N(CH₃)₃]Br (10 mol %).

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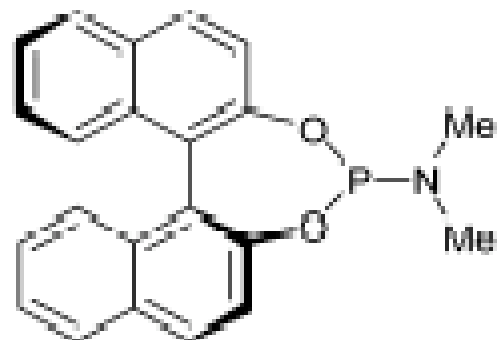
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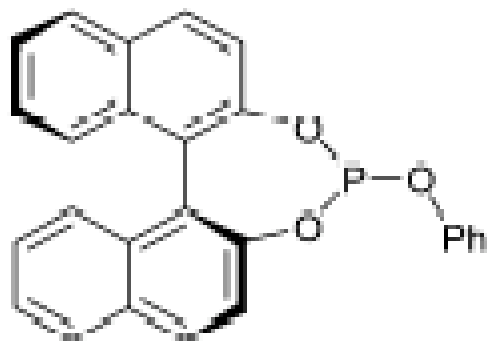
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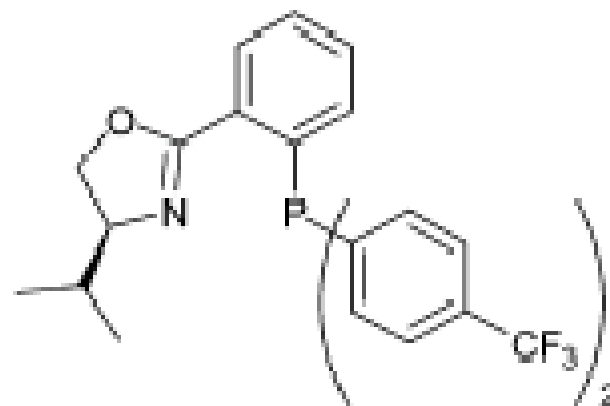
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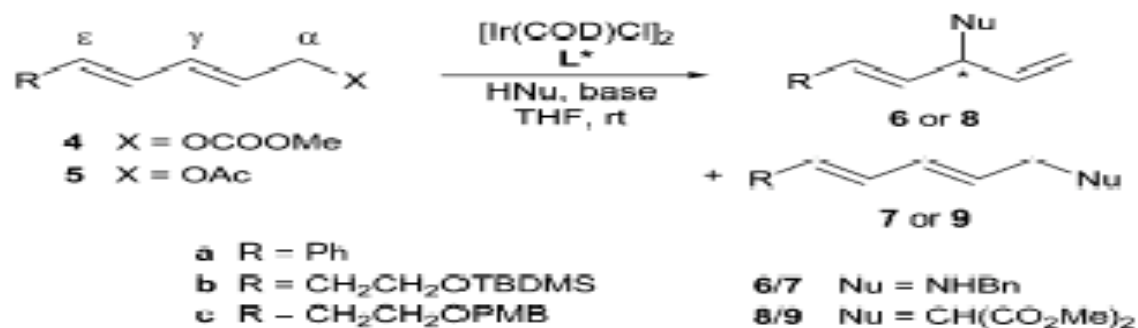
L2 (aS)



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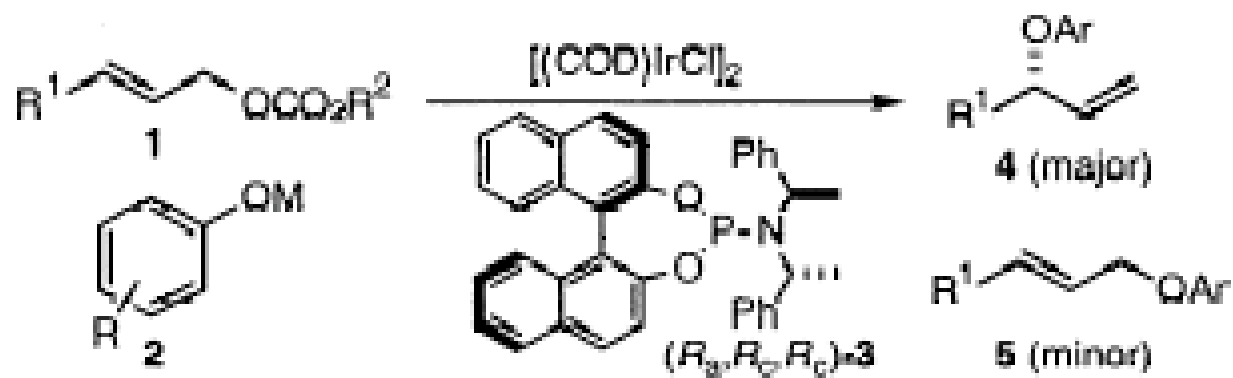


| Entry | Substrate | Ligand | Nucleophile | <i>t</i> _R /h | Yield (%) ^b of 6 + 7 or 8 + 9 | Ratio ^{c,d} 6 : 7 or 8 : 9 | ee (%) ^e (Config.) |
|-------|-----------|--------|--|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 4a | L1 | BnNH ₂ | 24 | 61 | 99 : 1 | 6a : 97 (+)(<i>S</i>) |
| 2 | 4b | L1 | BnNH ₂ | 48 | 72 | 94 : 6 | 6b : 97 (–) |
| 3 | 4c | L1 | BnNH ₂ | 14 | 71 | 96 : 4 | 6c : 97 (–) |
| 4 | 4a | L2 | LiCHE ₂ | 23 | 76 | 95 : 5 | 8a : 0 |
| 5 | 5a | L2′ | LiCHE ₂ | 40 | 40 | 99 : 1 | 8a : 80 (+) |
| 6 | 5a | L2′ | NaCHE ₂ | 12 | 88 | 99 : 1 | 8a : 50 (+) |
| 7 | 4a | L1 | LiCHE ₂ | 24 ^g | 62 | 99 : 1 | 8a : 76 (–) |
| 8 | 4a | L1 | LiCHE ₂ –LiCl ^h | 43 ^g | 63 | 79 : 21 | 8a : 66 (–) |
| 9 | 4a | L1 | LiCHE ₂ –ZnCl ₂ ^h | 43 ^g | 77 | 95 : 5 | 8a : 78 (–) |
| 10 | 4a | L1 | NaCHE ₂ –LiCl ^h | 22 ^g | 87 | 94 : 6 | 8a : 90 (–) |
| 11 | 5a | L1 | LiCHE ₂ | 43 ^g | 49 | 91 : 9 | 8a : 84 (–) |
| 12 | 5a | L1 | NaCHE ₂ –LiCl ^h | 23 ^g | 76 | 92 : 8 | 8a : 89 (–) |
| 13 | 4a | L3 | LiCHE ₂ | 17 | 64 | 94 : 6 | 8a : 58 (+) |
| 14 | 4a | L3 | NaCHE ₂ | 72 | 84 | 95 : 5 | 8a : 10 (–) |
| 15 | 4b | L1 | LiCHE ₂ | 24 ^g | 84 | 94 : 6 | 8b : 87 (–) |

^a Reaction time. ^b Yield of isolated product. ^c The product of ϵ -attack was not observed. ^d Determined by ¹H NMR of the crude products. ^e Determined by HPLC (Daicel columns, 250 × 4.6 mm, 5 μ m, + guard cartridge 10 × 4 mm, 5 μ m, flow: 0.5 ml min⁻¹); **6a**: (Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, eluent: *n*-hexane–*i*-PrOH 99 : 1 + 0.1% HNEt₂): *t*_R[(*R*)-**6a**] = 21 min, *t*_R[(*S*)-**6a**] = 27 min; **6b**: determination after transformation to **6c**; **6c**: (Daicel Chiralpak AD-H, 20 °C, eluent: *n*-hexane–*i*-PrOH 99.5 : 0.5 + 0.1% HNEt₂): *t*_R[(–)-**6c**] = 79 min, *t*_R(+) = 111 min; **8a**: (Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H, eluent: *n*-hexane–*i*-PrOH 90 : 10): *t*_R[(–)-**8a**] = 26 min, *t*_R[(+)-**8a**] = 29 min; **8b**: determination after transformation to **8c**; **8c**: (Daicel Chiralcel AD-H, eluent: *n*-hexane–*i*-PrOH 98 : 2): *t*_R[(+)-**8b**] = 45 min, *t*_R[(–)-**8b**] = 53 min. ^f Ratio Ir : ligand = 1 : 2. ^g Reaction temperature: 50 °C. ^h Addition of 1 eq. of LiCl or ZnCl₂ to the catalyst solution.

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Effect of Nucleophile

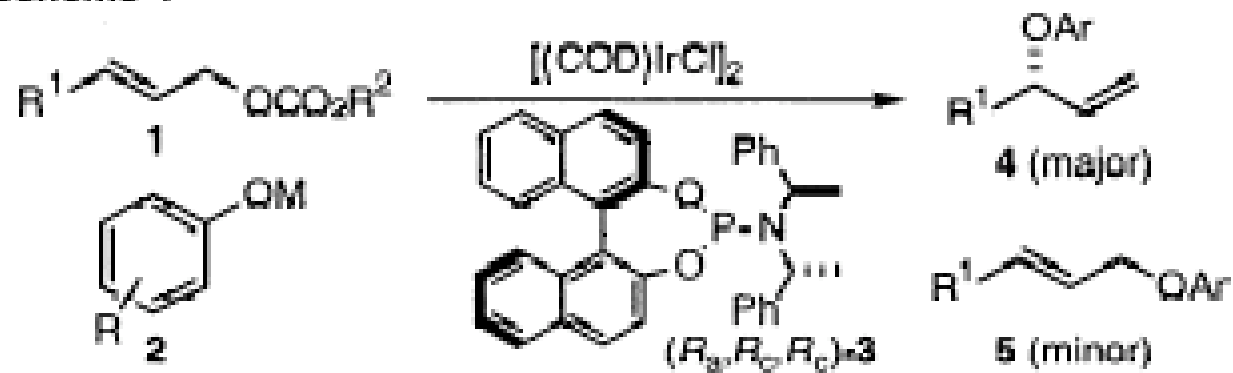


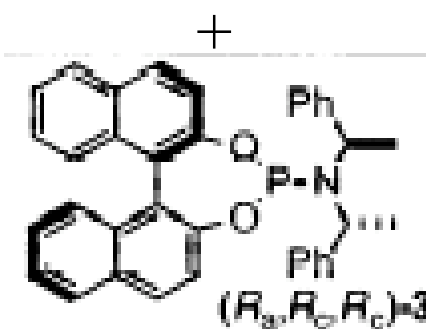
Table 1. Effect of Nucleophile on the Ir-Catalyzed Enantioselective Allylic Etherification of (*E*)-Cinnamyl Carbonates ($R^1 = \text{Ph}$)^a

| entry | R^2 | 1 | M-OPh | temp (°C) | time (h) | 4/5 ^b | yield (%) ^c | % ee ^d |
|-------|-------|----|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Me | 1a | PhOH/ Et_3N | 50 | 15 | 93/7 | 76 | 84 |
| 2 | Me | 1a | PhOH/ <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt | 50 | 45 | 89/11 | 66 | 78 |
| 3 | Me | 1a | PhOH/ Me_2NEt | 50 | 11 | 53/47 | 31 | 45 |
| 4 | Me | 1a | NaOPh 2a ^e | 23 | 22 | 97/3 | 40 | 92 |
| 5 | Et | 1b | NaOPh 2a ^e | 23 | 35 | 99/1 | 76 | 94 |
| 6 | Et | 1b | NaOPh 2a ^e | 50 | 17 | 95/5 | 78 | 92 |
| 7 | Me | 1a | LiOPh 2b ^f | 50 | 20 | 96/4 | 86 ^g | 96 |
| 8 | Me | 1a | LiOPh/ CuCl | 50 | 12 | 96/4 | 73 | 37 |



| entry | R ¹ , R ² (1) | metal-aryloxide (2) | time (h) | 4/5 ^b | yield (%) ^c | ee (%) |
|-------|--|---|----------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Ph, Me (1a) | 2-MeC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2c | 14 | 96/4 | 87 | 95 (<i>R</i>) ^d |
| 2 | Ph, Me (1a) | 4-MeC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2d | 22 | 98/2 | 91 | 95 |
| 3 | Ph, Me (1a) | 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2e | 8 | 98/2 | 88 | 97 |
| 4 | Ph, Me (1a) | 3-MeOC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2f | 17 | 95/5 | 84 ^e | 96 |
| 5 | Ph, Me (1a) | 3-PhC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2g | 13 | 96/4 | 76 | 95 |
| 6 | Ph, Me (1a) | 2-PhC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2h | 10 | 96/4 | 65 | 93 |
| 7 | Ph, Me (1a) | 3-Me ₂ NC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2i | 14 | 99/1 | 56 | 97 |
| 8 | Ph, Me (1a) | 3,4-(OCH ₂ O)C ₆ H ₃ OLi 2j | 18 | 99/1 | 65 | 94 |
| 9 | Ph, Me (1a) | 2,4-Me ₂ C ₆ H ₃ OLi 2k | 11 | 98/2 | 85 ^e | 95 |
| 10 | Ph, Me (1a) | 2,4,6-Me ₃ C ₆ H ₂ OLi 2l | 22 | 93/7 | 82 ^e | 93 |
| 11 | Ph, Et (1b) | 4-BrC ₆ H ₄ ONa 2m ^f | 8 | 96/4 | 91 | 90 |
| 12 | Ph, Et (1b) | 4-ClC ₆ H ₄ ONa 2n ^f | 20 | 93/7 | 86 | 92 |
| 13 | Ph, Et (1b) | 4-Br,3-MeC ₆ H ₃ ONa 2o ^f | 8 | 95/5 | 89 | 87 |
| 14 | Ph, Et (1b) | 4-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄ ONa 2p ^f | 10 | 90/10 | 92 | 80 (<i>R</i>) ^d |
| 15 | 2-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , Me (1c) | PhOLi 2b | 41 | 98/2 | 79 | 75 |
| 16 | 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ , Me (1d) | PhOLi 2b ^e | 13 | 97/3 | 70 | 86 |
| 17 | <i>n</i> -Pr, Me (1e) | PhOLi 2b | 14 | 92/8 | 93 | 92 |
| 18 | <i>n</i> -Pr, Me (1e) | 2-MeC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2c | 20 | 87/13 | 86 | 90 |
| 19 | <i>n</i> -Pr, Me (1e) | 4-MeOC ₆ H ₄ OLi 2e | 14 | 90/10 | 73 | 85 |

Catalyst*



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CONCLUSIONS

- It can be used to selectively produce the highly branched products
- Diastereoselectivity can be controlled by using Li or K as counter ion
- Good method for preparing unnatural amino acids as well as quaternary amino acids