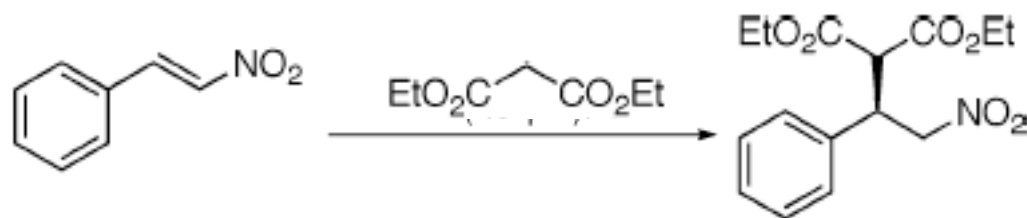


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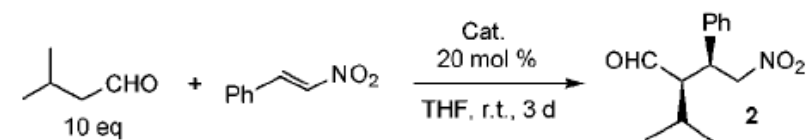
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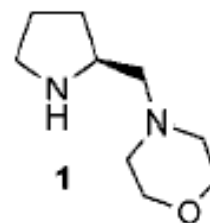
- 1) Chiral diamines
- 2) Cinchona alkaloids
- 3) Biunctional thioureas

# The first example: diamines as promising catalysts

**Table 1.** Catalyst Screening for the Michael Reaction



entry	cat	yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	dr <sup>b</sup> ( <i>syn/anti</i> )	ee <sup>c</sup> ( <i>syn</i> )
1		< 5	93 : 7	25
2		< 5	--	--
3		80	80 : 20	75
4		89	83 : 17	73
5		80	82 : 18	64
7		70	82 : 18	70
8		88	80 : 20	47
9		78	92 : 8	72

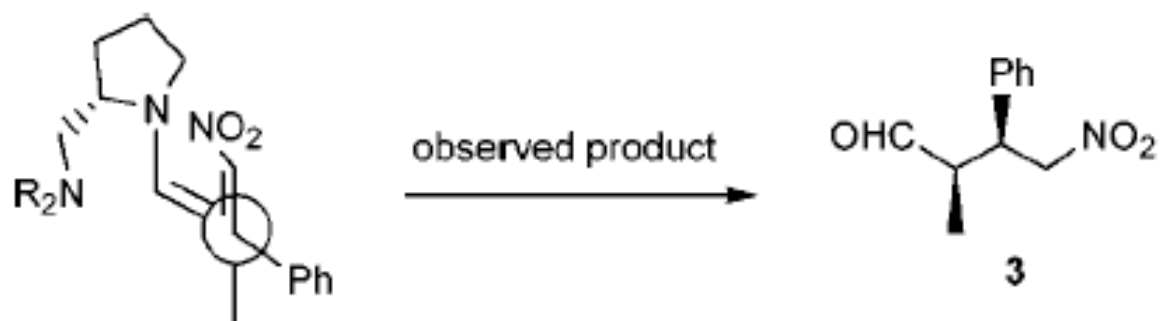


aldehyde	R'	time	yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	dr <sup>b</sup> ( <i>syn/anti</i> )	ee <sup>c</sup> ( <i>syn</i> )
	Ph	3 h	85	90/10	56 <sup>d</sup>
	Ph	27 h	94	86/14	65
		3 d	67	96/4	75 <sup>e</sup>
		3 d	77	98/2	78 <sup>e</sup>
		2 d	82	86/14	71

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# Proposed transition state

**Scheme 1.** Proposed Transition State

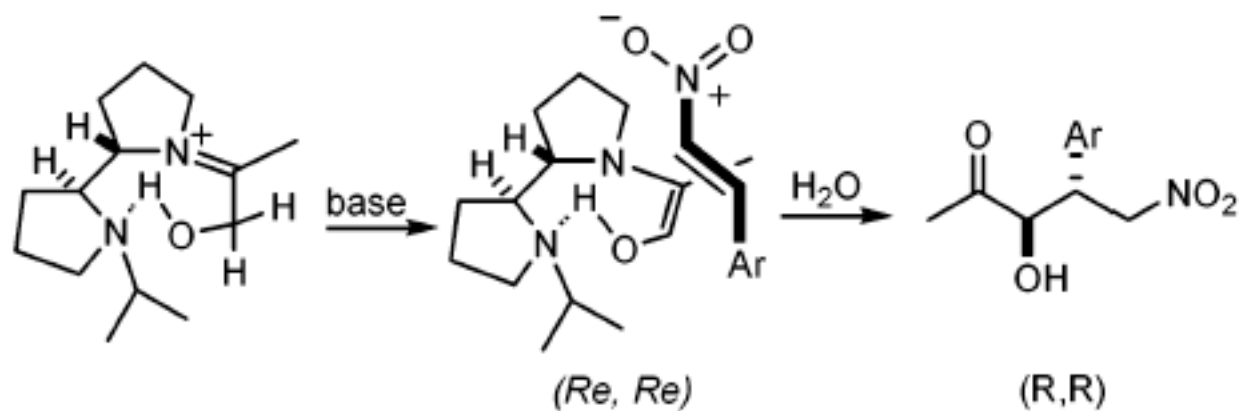


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$\alpha$ -hydroxy ketones: control of selectivity via H-bonding

**Scheme 1.** Proposed Mechanism for Diamine-Catalyzed Michael Addition

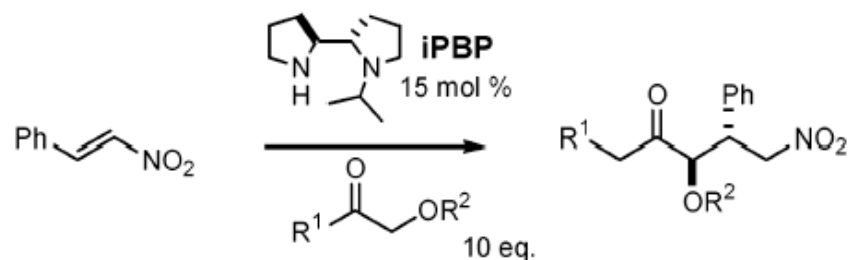


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# Michael addition of $\alpha$ -hydroxy ketone

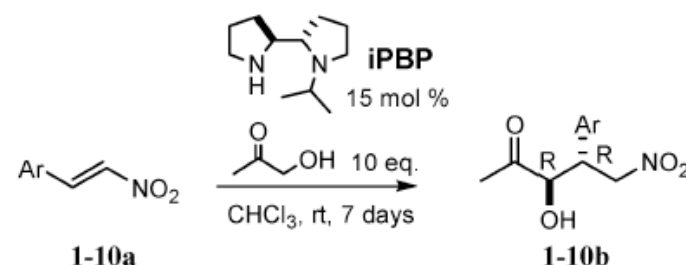
**Table 1.** Asymmetric Addition of  $\alpha$ -alkoxycarbonyl Compounds to Nitrostyrene, Catalyzed by Diamine **iPBP**



entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	solvent	reaction conditions	dr <sup>a</sup> <i>anti/syn</i>	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	Me	Me	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt, 2 days	17:83	75	69
2	Me	H	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	rt, 7 days	83:17	79	97.6
3	<i>n</i> -Pr	H	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	60 °C, 7 d	92:8	21	98.4
4	Me	H	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	rt, 7 days	82:18	68	98.3
5	Me	H	Et <sub>2</sub> O	rt, 7 days	70:30	60	81
6	Me	H	THF	rt, 7 days	60:40	37	73
7	Me	H	MeOH	rt, 2 days	75:25	53	93
8	Me	H	<i>i</i> PrOH	rt, 4 days	68:32	48	75
9	Me	H	DMF	rt, 7 days		0 <sup>d</sup>	
10 <sup>e</sup>	Me	H	MeOH	rt, 4 days	30:70	67	11

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or SFC of the crude product. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield after column chromatography. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral GC or SFC of the purified product (major diastereomer). <sup>d</sup> Decomposition of the starting material. <sup>e</sup> With L-proline as chiral catalyst.

**Table 2.** Asymmetric Addition of  $\alpha$ -Hydroxyacetone to Nitroolefins, Catalyzed by Diamine **iPBP**, in Chloroform



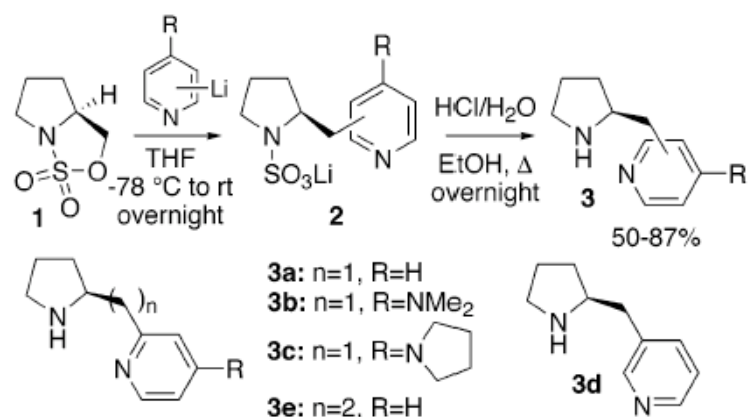
entry/product	Ar	dr <sup>a</sup> <i>anti/syn</i>	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	Ph	83:17	79	97.6
2	4-MePh	84:16	68	97.6
3	4-MeOPh	81:19	65	97.3
4	4-Cl-Ph	87:13	81	97.8
5	2-CF <sub>3</sub> Ph	95:5	84	98.5
6	2,6-Cl <sub>2</sub> Ph	84:16	83	98.1
7	3,4-Cl <sub>2</sub> Ph	88:12	66	98.1
8	2,4-Cl <sub>2</sub> Ph	91:9	85	98.6
9	1-naphthyl	78:22	68	98.3
10	2-thienyl	78:22	66	96.3

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR or SFC of the crude product. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield after column chromatography. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral SFC of the purified product.

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# Protonated pyrrolidine-pyridine catalysts



**Table 1.** Catalytic Asymmetric Michael Addition of Cyclohexanone (**4**) to Nitrostyrene **5** under Various Conditions<sup>a</sup>

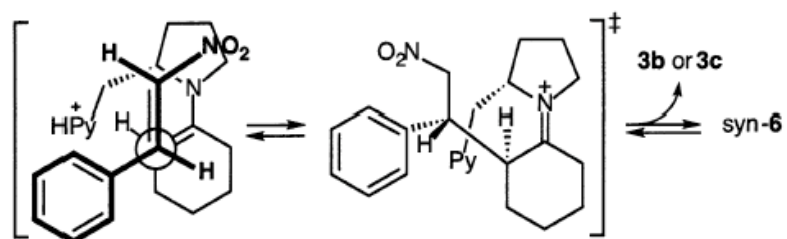
entry	cat.	solvent	time (h)	yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	dr <sup>c</sup> (syn/anti)	ee (%) <sup>d</sup> (syn)
1	<b>3a</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	24	82	95/5	63
2 <sup>e</sup>	<b>3a</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	36	76	97/3	86
3	<b>3b</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	36	78	95/5	88
4 <sup>e</sup>	<b>3b</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (+ acid <sup>f</sup> )	36	99	97/3	94
5 <sup>e</sup>	<b>3b</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (+ acid <sup>g</sup> )	20	98	98/2	95
6 <sup>e</sup>	<b>3c</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (+ acid <sup>f</sup> )	24	97	97/3	95
7 <sup>e</sup>	<b>3c</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub> (+ acid <sup>g</sup> )	24	95	98/2	99
8	<b>3d<sup>h</sup></b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	48	66	91/9	56
9	<b>3e<sup>h</sup></b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	48	55	92/8	55

<sup>a</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) using **4** (0.5 mL, 20 equiv) and **5** (0.25 mmol) in the presence of 10 mol % of the catalyst. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude mixture. <sup>d</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD, hexane/2-propanol = 90:10). <sup>e</sup> At 0 °C. <sup>f</sup> 2,4-Dinitrobenzenesulfonic acid (10 mol %) was added. <sup>g</sup> 2,4-Dinitrobenzenesulfonic acid (5 mol %) was added.

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Scheme 2



entry	time	product	yield (%)	dr (syn/anti)	ee (%) (syn)
1 <sup>b</sup>	46 h		97	97 / 3	93
2 <sup>c</sup>	24 h	<b>7</b>	100	97 / 3	96
3 <sup>b</sup>	21 h		100	98 / 2	92
4 <sup>c</sup>	24 h	<b>8</b>	99	98 / 2	93
5 <sup>b</sup>	50 h		92	97 / 3	98
6 <sup>c</sup>	36 h	<b>9</b>	100	97 / 3	93
7 <sup>b</sup>	24 h		99	99 / 1	94
8 <sup>c</sup>	8 h	<b>10</b>	99	98 / 2	93

9 <sup>b</sup>	29 h		92	94 / 6	88
10 <sup>c</sup>	48 h	<b>11</b>	98	93 / 7	90
11 <sup>b</sup>	68 h		95	99 / 1	96
12 <sup>c</sup>	24 h	<b>12</b>	98	98 / 2	92
13 <sup>b</sup>	6 d		45	97 / 3	7
14 <sup>c</sup>	6 d	<b>13</b>	42	96 / 4	9
15 <sup>d</sup>	48 h		93	98 / 2	22

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) at 0 °C using ketone (20% vol) and nitroolefin (0.25 mmol) in the presence of 10 mol % of **3** and 5 mol % of 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonic acid. <sup>b</sup> **3b** was used. <sup>c</sup> **3c** was used. <sup>d</sup> **3a** was used.



# Quaternary carbon formation

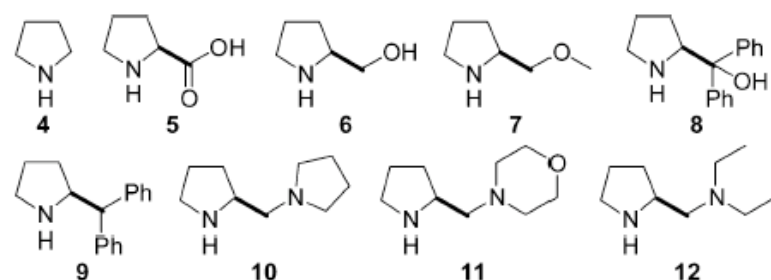


Figure 1. Various amine catalysts.

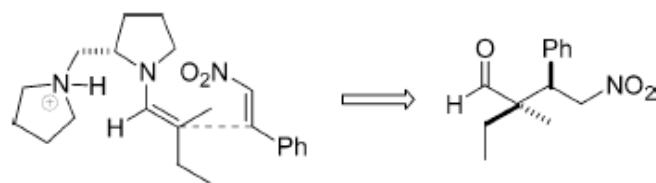


Figure 2. Proposed transition state.

Table 1. Organocatalyzed Direct Michael Reactions for the Synthesis of Quaternary Carbon

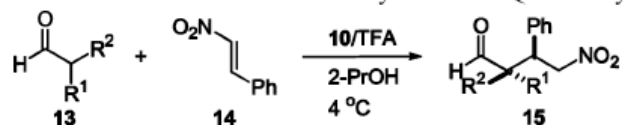
entry	catalyst <sup>a</sup>	additive (equiv)	time (h)	yield (%)	ee <sup>b</sup> (%)
1 <sup>c</sup>	<b>4</b>	AcOH (1.5)	12	84	
2	<b>5</b>		48	87	23
3	<b>6</b>		48	79	63
4	<b>7</b>		48	72	17
5	<b>8</b>	AcOH (0.3)	96	<1	65
6	<b>9</b>	AcOH (0.3)	96	82	21
7	<b>10</b>		0.5	90	50
8	<b>10</b>	TFA (0.3)	24	96	61
9	<b>11</b>	TFA (0.3)	96	19	73
10	<b>12</b>	TFA (0.3)	96	4	75

<sup>a</sup> Catalyst structures are shown in Figure 1. <sup>b</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC using a CHIRALPAK AS-H column. <sup>c</sup> Isobutylaldehyde (1.2 equiv) was used.

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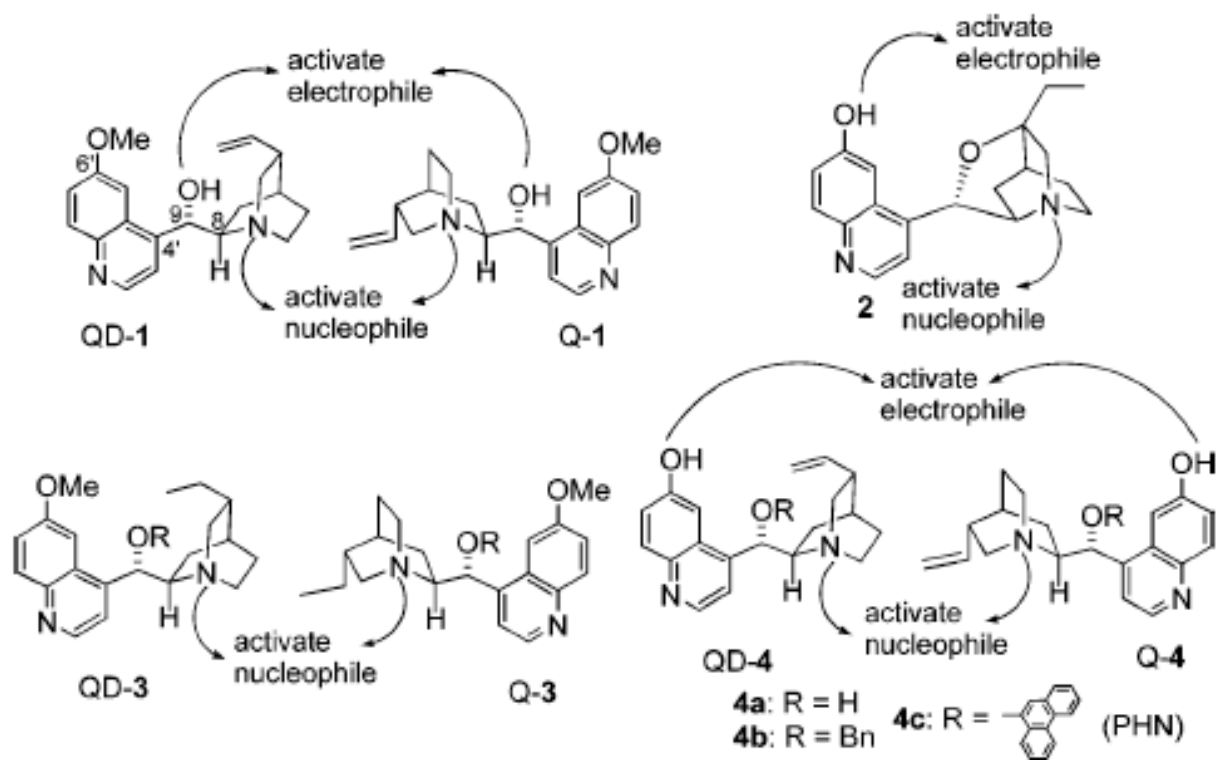
**Table 3.** Diamine **10**/TFA-Catalyzed Direct Michael Reactions for the Synthesis of Quaternary Carbon



entry	donor <b>13</b>	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	time (h)	product <b>15</b>	yield (%)	dr <sup>a</sup> (syn/anti)	ee (%) <sup>b</sup> (syn/anti)
1	<b>13a</b>	Me	Me	48	<b>15a</b>	87	-	80
2	<b>13b</b>		-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	24	<b>15b</b>	93	-	91
3	<b>13c</b>		-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> -	96	<b>15c</b>	90	-	59
4	<b>13d</b>	Me	Et	96	<b>15d</b>	94	74/26	81/75
5	<b>13e</b>	Me	Pr	96	<b>15e</b>	95	74/26	86/67
6	<b>13f</b>	Me	nonyl	96	<b>15f</b>	96	70/30	85/58
7	<b>13g</b>	Me		96	<b>15g</b>	93	84/16	75/45
8	<b>13h</b>	Me	Ph	96	<b>15h</b>	87 <sup>c</sup>	89/11	18/79
9	<b>13i</b>	Me		96	<b>15i</b>	75 <sup>c</sup>	55/45	65/65
10	<b>13j</b>	Me		96	<b>15j</b>	64 <sup>c</sup>	54/46	70/64
11	<b>13k</b>	Me		96	<b>15k</b>	75 <sup>c</sup>	67/33	74/43

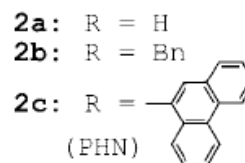
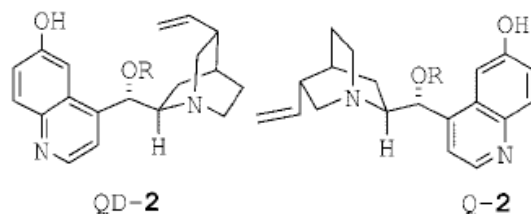
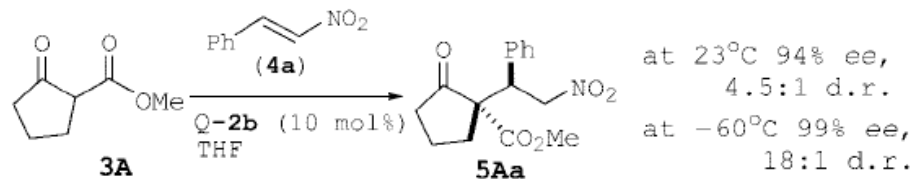
<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis using CHIRALCEL OD-H, OJ-H, and/or CHIRALPAK AS-H columns. <sup>c</sup> Starting material was recovered in 9% (entry 8), 25% (entry 9), 30% (entry 10), and 16% (entry 11) yields.

# Cinchona alkaloids: bifunctional catalysis

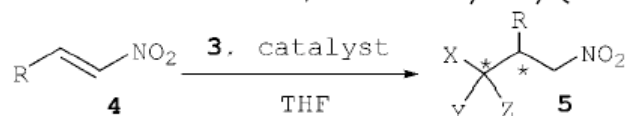


**Figure 1.** Mode of activation of nucleophile and electrophile by cinchona alkaloids.

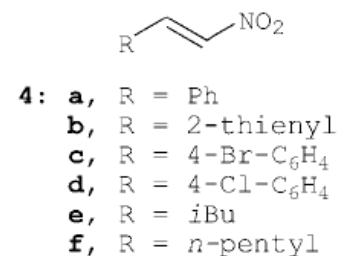
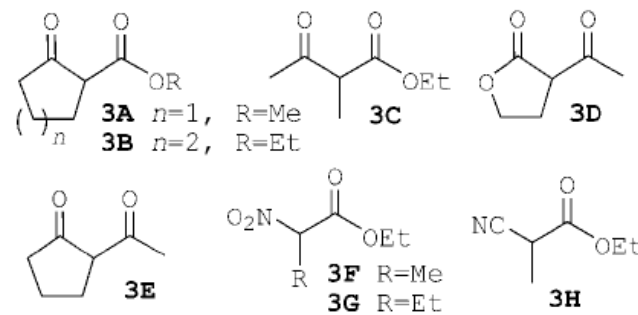
# Chiral quaternary carbon formation



**Table 1:** Diastereoselective and enantioselective 1,4-addition catalyzed by Q-2.<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	3	4	Cat.	T [°C]	t	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	d.r. <sup>[c]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	3A	4a	Q-2b	-60	48 h	94	95:5	99
2	3A	4e	Q-2b	-60	4 d	87	>98:2	99
3	3B	4a	Q-2a	-20	72 h	93	>98:2	99
4	3B	4b	Q-2a	-20	74 h	91	>98:2	99
5	3B	4c	Q-2a	-20	74 h	95	>98:2	>99
6	3B	4e	Q-2c	23	4 d	83	>98:2	99
7	3C	4a	Q-2c <sup>[e]</sup>	-20	63 h	73 <sup>[g]</sup>	91:9	>99
8	3D	4d	Q-2b	-60	44 h	87	98:2	99
9	3D	4e	Q-2c	-60	48 h	82	98:2	99
10	3E	4a	Q-2b	-60	48 h	76 <sup>[g]</sup>	86:14	99
11	3F	4a	Q-2a	-20	60 h	78 <sup>[g]</sup>	92:8	92
12	3F	4f	Q-2a	-20	84 h	78 <sup>[g]</sup>	93:7	92
13	3G	4a	Q-2a <sup>[f]</sup>	-50	6 d	77	95:5	96
14	3H	4a	Q-2b <sup>[f]</sup>	-50	6 d	77 <sup>[g]</sup>	>98:2	>99
15	3H	4f	Q-2a	-20	84 h	75	93:7	98

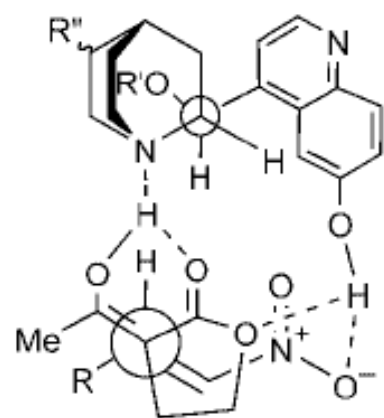


**Figure 1.** Carbon nucleophiles **3** and Michael acceptors **4** from Table 1.

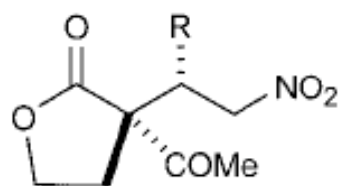
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[a] Unless noted, reactions were conducted on a 0.2-mmol scale in 0.2 mL THF with 10 mol% Q-2.  
 [b] Yield of isolated product. [c] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of crude product. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis. [e] Here 15 mol% catalyst was used. [f] Here 20 mol% catalyst was used. [g] Yield of the pure major diastereomer.

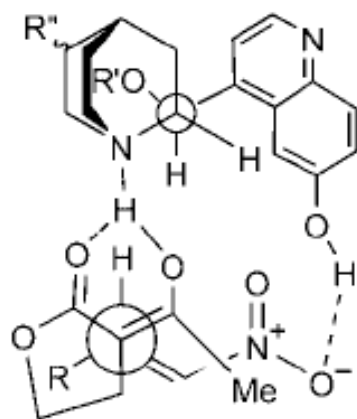


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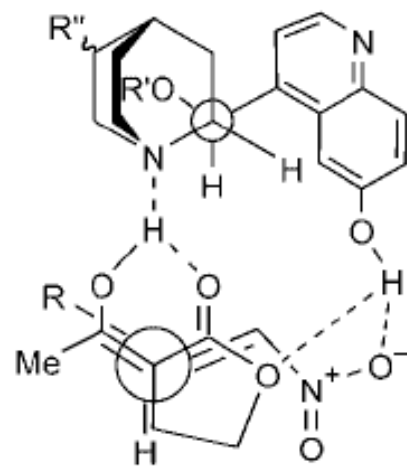


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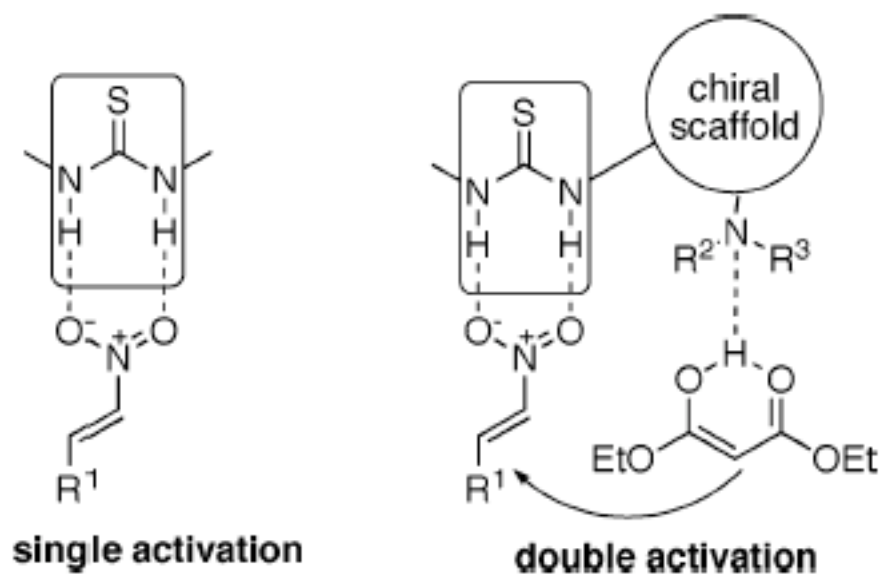


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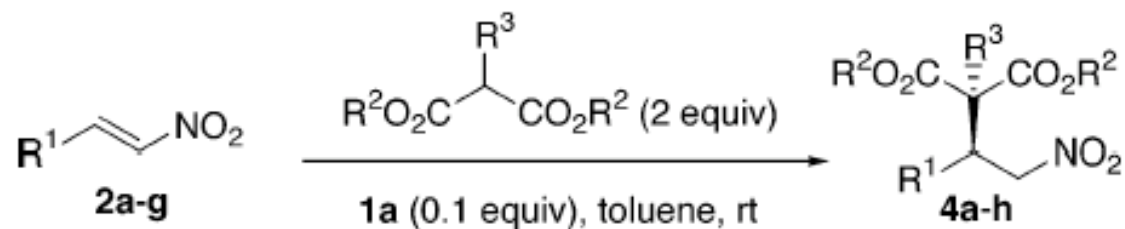
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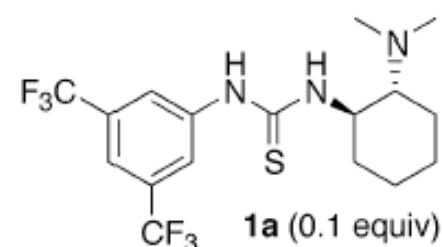
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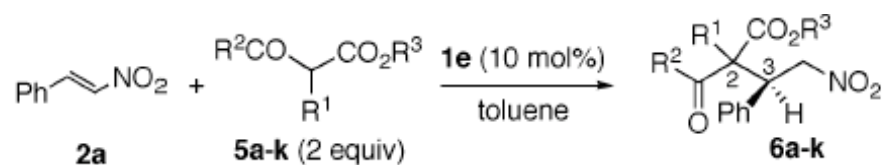
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entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	adduct	time (h)	% yield <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup> (config.) <sup>d</sup>
1	Ph	Et	H	<b>4a</b>	24	86	93 ( <i>S</i> )
2	2,6-(MeO) <sub>2</sub> Ph	Et	H	<b>4b</b>	72	87	93 ( <i>S</i> )
3	4-F-Ph	Et	H	<b>4c</b>	12	87	92 ( <i>S</i> )
4	1-naphthyl	Et	H	<b>4d</b>	24	95	92 (–) <sup>e</sup>
5	2-thienyl	Et	H	<b>4e</b>	48	74	90 (–) <sup>e</sup>
6	pentyl	Et	H	<b>4f</b>	48	78	81 ( <i>S</i> )
7	<sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	<b>4g</b>	48	88	81 ( <i>S</i> )
8	Ph	Me	Me	<b>4h</b>	36	82	93 (–) <sup>e</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The reaction was conducted with nitroolefins (1 equiv), nucleophiles (2 equiv), and toluene at room temperature. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of **4** using a chiral column. <sup>d</sup> Absolute configuration was determined by comparing the specific rotation of **4** with that of literature data.<sup>6</sup> <sup>e</sup> Not determined.





entry	5	temp. (°C)	time (h)	yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	dr <sup>b</sup> (2 <i>R</i> /2 <i>S</i> ) <sup>c</sup>	ee (%) <sup>d</sup> major
1		rt	0.5	91	∟ <sup>d</sup>	89 <sup>e</sup>
2		rt	2	99	∟ <sup>d</sup>	89
3		rt	6	89	22/78	91
4		rt	48	87	36/64	95
5		-50	24	96	93/7	93

6		-20	36	93	96/4	85
7		-40	24	76	83/17	89
8		-50	3	96	57/43	93
9		rt	2	97	95/5	90
10		-60	24	94	7/93	81



