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General Websites

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## General Websites

1. Google Scholar ([www.scholar.google.com](http://www.scholar.google.com))
  - Search across many disciplines and sources: peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles, from academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories, universities and other scholarly organizations.
  - Features like Gmail.
2. Google Reader ([www.reader.google.com](http://www.reader.google.com))
  - Subscribe to various journals/news websites/blogs.
  - Get regular updates in your reader inbox from those websites – without going to those websites.
  - For example, ASAP articles from JACS.
  - Features like Gmail.
3. Organic Division ([www.organicdivision.org](http://www.organicdivision.org))
  - A million links
  - Organic data tables – Chemical reaction/Chemical data/Spectroscopy/Organometallic topics/Nomenclature/Organic Compounds/Techniques *ands links therein!*
  - Organic weblinks – 9 categories and links therein.
  - *An amazing resource.*
4. Organic Syntheses ([www.orgsynth.org](http://www.orgsynth.org))
  - Annual/collective volumes

## Tools

### 1. Web of Science

(<http://portal.isiknowledge.com/portal.cgi?DestApp=WOS&Func=Frame&Init=Ye>)

- For citation alerts.
- *Room service* – Every time a reference cites your selected articles, they send you an email.

### 2. e-EROS – Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis

(<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/mrwhome/104554785/HOME?CRETR>)

- Database of 70,000 reactions & 4,000 most frequently consulted reagents.
- Search by: chemical structure – substructure – reagent – reaction type – experimental conditions – etc.
- *Very useful and practical.*

### 3. NMR Databases

- Spectral database for organic compounds, SDBS  
([http://riodb01.ibase.aist.go.jp/sdbs/cgi-bin/cre\\_index.cgi?lang=eng](http://riodb01.ibase.aist.go.jp/sdbs/cgi-bin/cre_index.cgi?lang=eng))
- <http://www.chem.wisc.edu/areas/organic/index-chem.htm>
- [www.sigmaaldrich.com](http://www.sigmaaldrich.com)

### 4. Boiling point calculation at different temperatures/pressures

- <http://www.ch.cam.ac.uk/magnus/boil.html>
- [http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/Area\\_of\\_Interest/Research\\_Essentials/Solvents/Key Resources/nomograph.html](http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/Area_of_Interest/Research_Essentials/Solvents/Key_Resources/nomograph.html)

## Tools

### 5. Named Reactions

- <http://themerckindex.chemfinder.com/TheMerckIndex/NameReactions/TOC.asp>
- <http://www.monomerchem.com/display4.html>
- <http://orgchem.chem.uconn.edu/namereact/named.html>
- [http://www.geocities.com/chempen\\_software/reactions.htm](http://www.geocities.com/chempen_software/reactions.htm)

## Research Group Websites

1. Allison Frontier – Not Voodoo (Demystifying Synthetic Organic Lab. Techniques)  
(<http://chem.chem.rochester.edu/~nvd/>)
  - Tour of collective wisdom – browse by experience level.
  - Magic formulas eg. work up formulas etc.
  - Interesting, funny statistics.
  - Troubleshooting, tips and advices – practical and lab level.
2. David Evans, Harvard University
3. Douglas Taber ([www.organic-chemistry.org](http://www.organic-chemistry.org))

## Lab Techniques

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2. Al's Notebook ([www.alsnotebook.com](http://www.alsnotebook.com))
  - A collection of commonly used experimental procedures and other interesting stuff for synthetic chemists

## Blogs

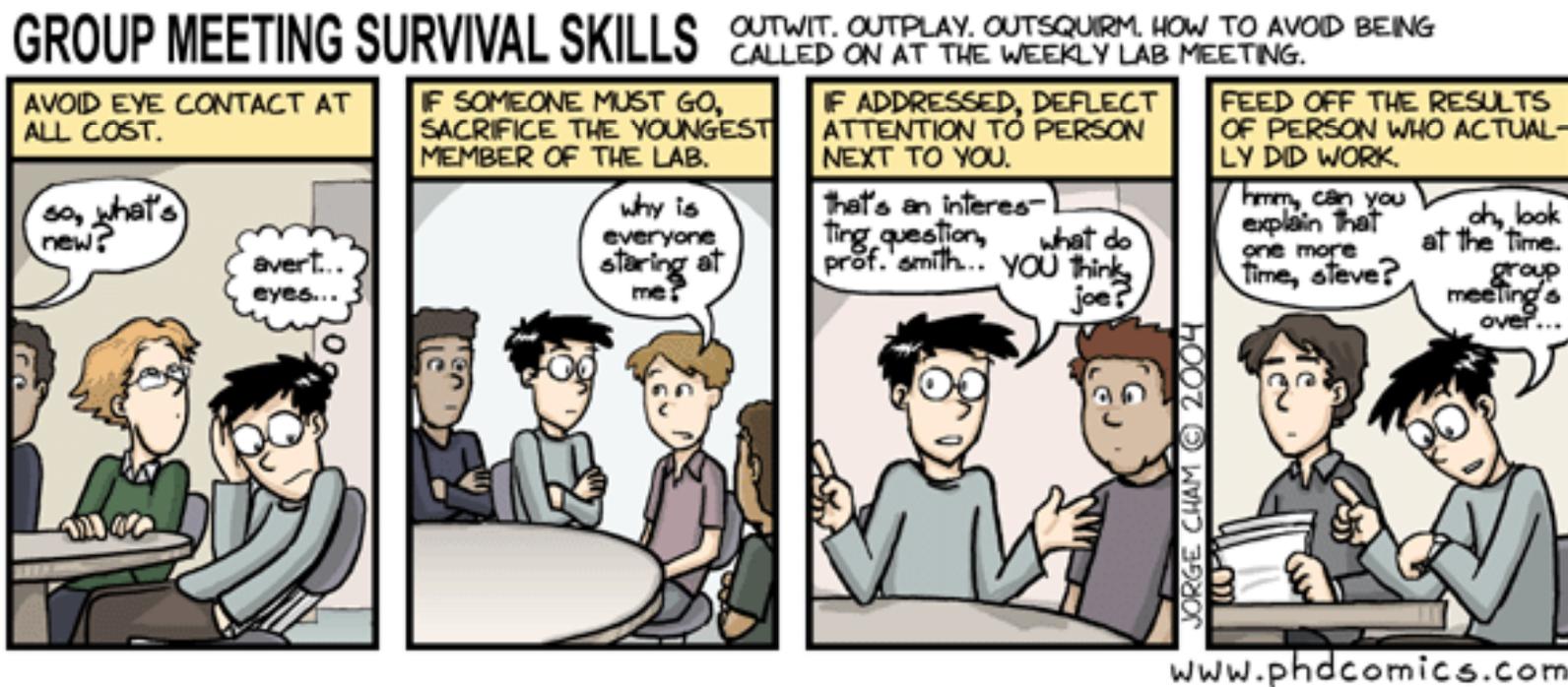
1. Corante “In The Pipeline” – Derek Lowe ([www.pipeline.corante.com](http://www.pipeline.corante.com))
  - Pharmaceutical industry blog.
2. [www.totallysynthetic.com](http://www.totallysynthetic.com)
  - The latest and best total syntheses – dissected nicely.
  - Retrosynthesis and key forward steps.
3. [www.blog.chembark.com](http://www.blog.chembark.com)

## Industrial/Pharmaceutical Links

1. Product/chemical search – product information/vendors/suppliers
  - [www.emolecules.com](http://www.emolecules.com) – Over 7 million chemicals
  - [www.chemnet.com](http://www.chemnet.com) – Chinese website with good information about Indian/Chinese vendors
  - [www.globalspec.com](http://www.globalspec.com) – Engineering Search Engine – Product/Suppliers
2. Patents
  - [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) – US patents
  - [www.espacenet.com](http://www.espacenet.com) – Worldwide/European patents
  - [www.freepatent.com](http://www.freepatent.com)
  - [www.pat2pdf.org](http://www.pat2pdf.org)
  - [www.patentstorm.us](http://www.patentstorm.us)
  - [www.google.com/patents](http://www.google.com/patents)
3. MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets)
  - [www.msds.com](http://www.msds.com)

## The Fun Stuff

1. Molecules with silly/unusual names
  - <http://www.chm.bris.ac.uk/sillymolecules/silymols.htm>
2. [www.phdcomics.com](http://www.phdcomics.com)
  - *you are not a phd student if you haven't spent hours on this website!*



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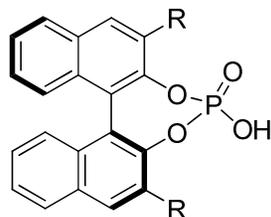
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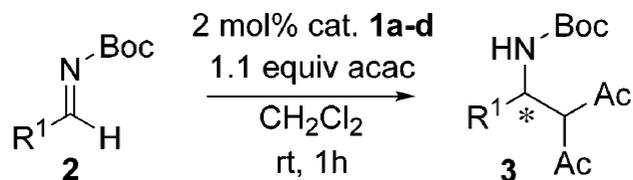
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# Chiral Phosphoric Acids – Powerful Organocatalysts



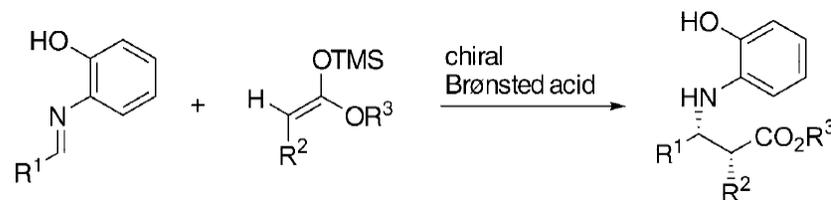
Terada, *JACS* **2004**, 5356

Mannich Reaction: R = 4-( $\beta$ -naph.)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>



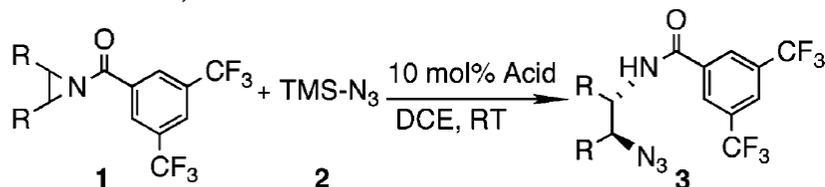
Akiyama, *ACIEE* **2004**, 1566

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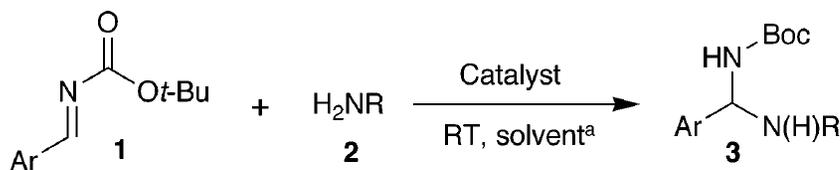


Explosive growth in the field in the last 4 years

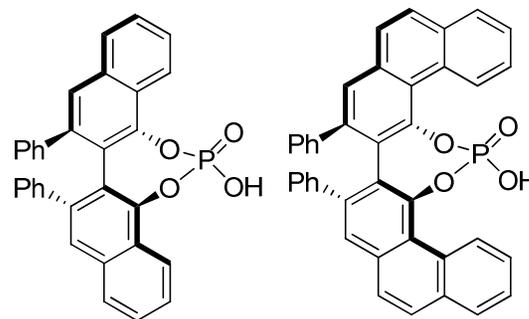
*JACS* **2007**, ASAP.



*JACS* **2005**, 127, 15696



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## Chiral Counteranions – Emerging Field in Catalysis

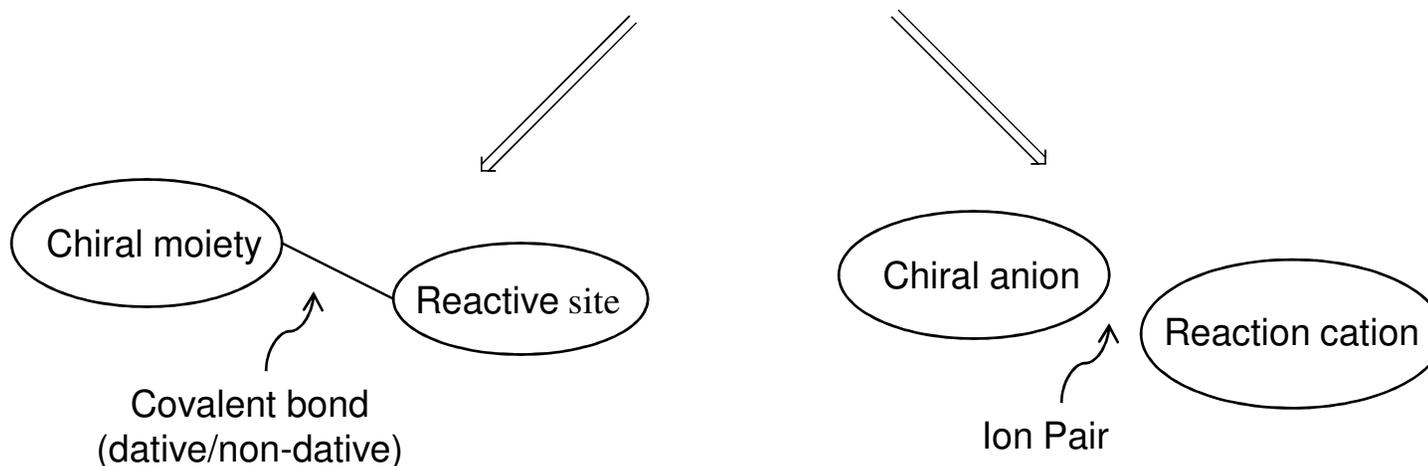
Chiral compounds – requirement for agrochemical/pharmaceutical purposes



Nature's "chiral pool" or

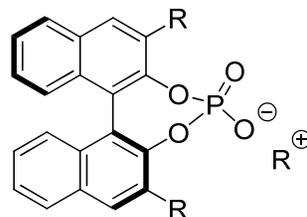
Resolution of a racemate or

Asymmetric synthesis by chiral catalysts



Same or small library of chiral anionic counteranions –  
make a wide range of cationic catalysts enantioselective

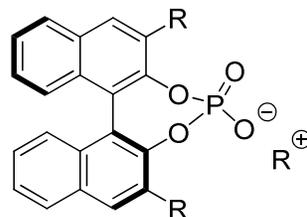
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Benjamin List – *ACDC*



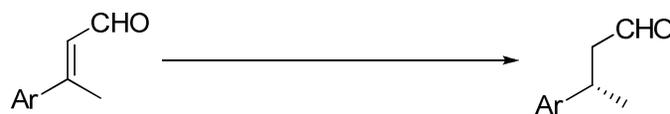
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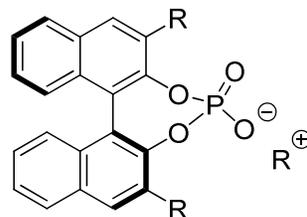
*A*symmetric *C*ounteranion-*D*irected *C*atalysis

“....catalytic reactions that proceed via cationic intermediates can be conducted asymmetrically via the use of a chiral enantiomerically enriched anion incorporated into the catalyst.”

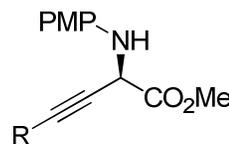
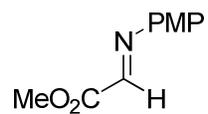
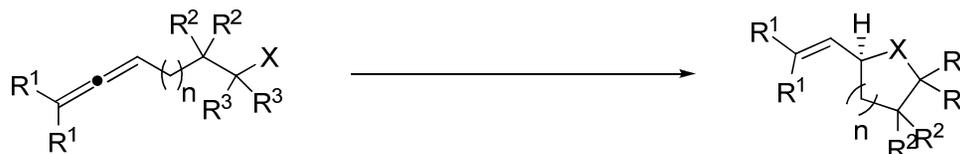


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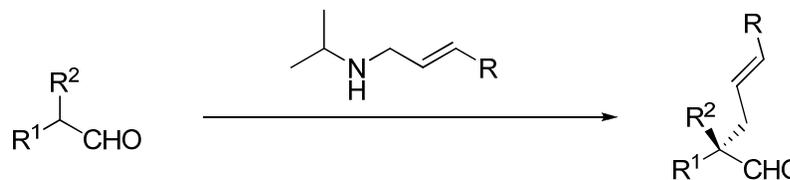


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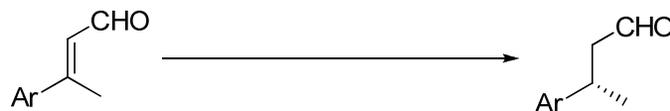
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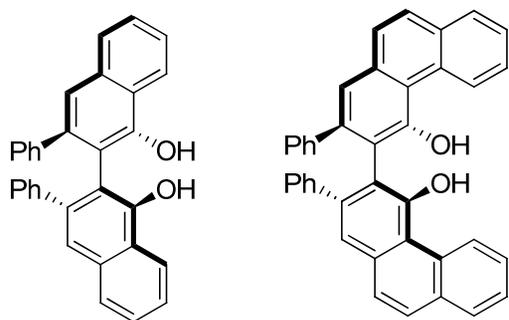


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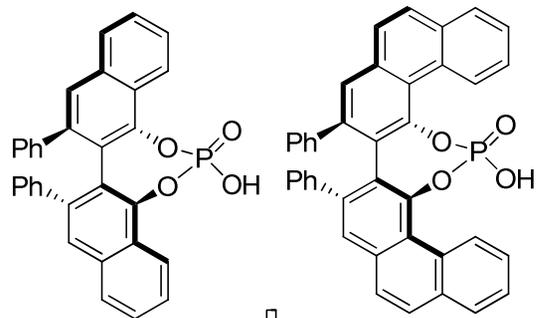


# But Why Do I Care?

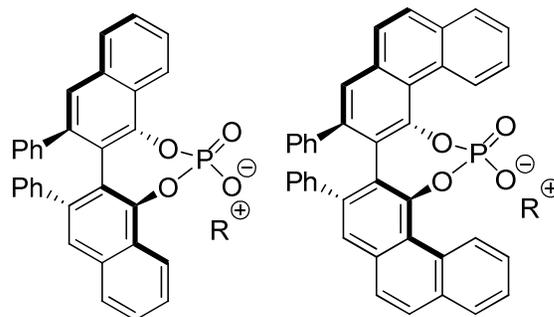
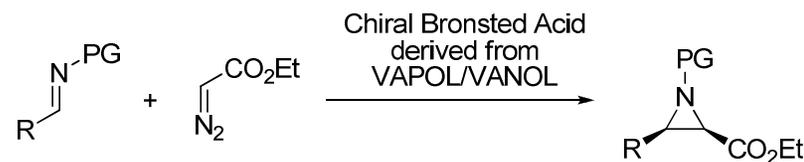
## The Ultimate Dream VAPOL & VANOL – “Privileged” Ligands



Successfully applied in various catalytic asymmetric protocols



Promising Bronsted acid catalysts

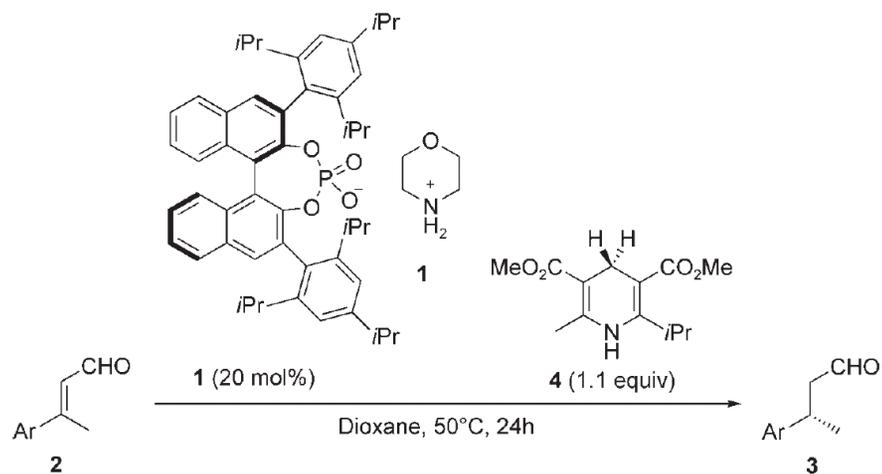


Dual Catalysts????

Now wouldn't that be cool???

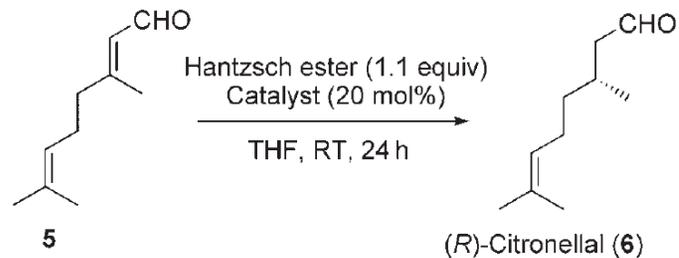
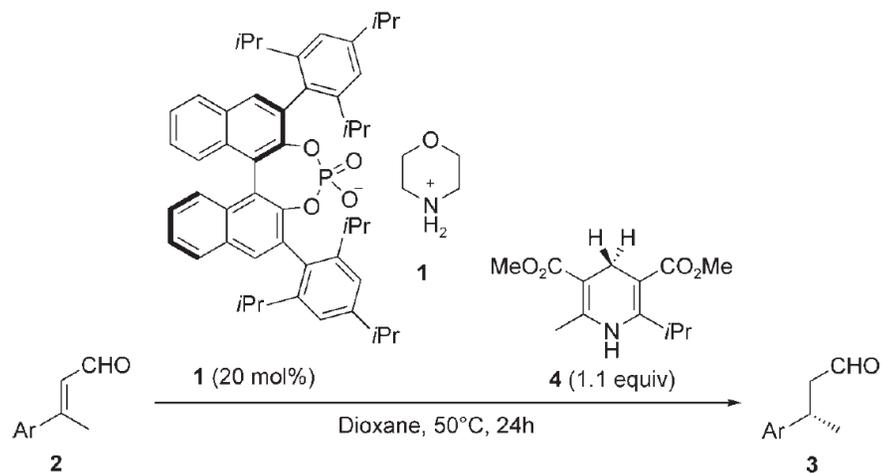
Ideas anyone? ☺

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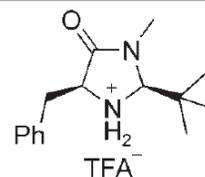


Substrate	Product	Yield [%]	e.r. <sup>[a]</sup>
		87	98:2
		84	99:1
		90	99:1
		67	98:2
		63	99:1
		72	>99:<1
		<5	n.d.

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List, *ACIEE* 2005, 110

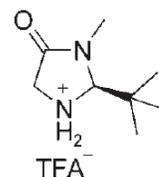


(*S*)-**6**

58<sup>[a]</sup>

70:30<sup>[c]</sup>

Macmillan *JACS* 2005, 32



(*S*)-**6**

82<sup>[a]</sup>

70:30<sup>[d]</sup>

This work

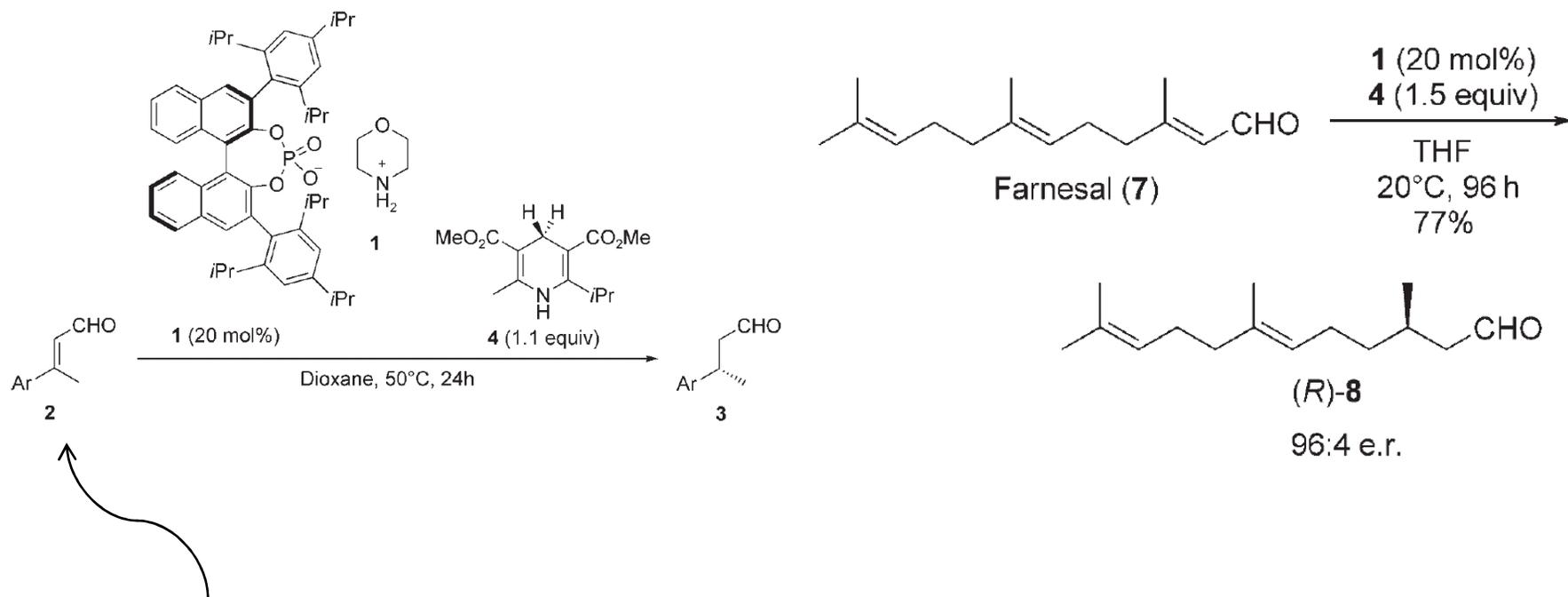
**1**

(*R*)-**6**

71

95:5

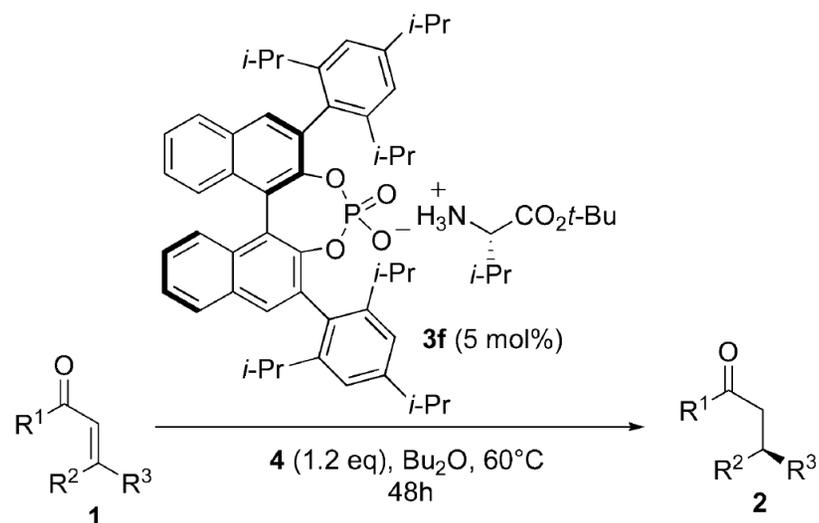
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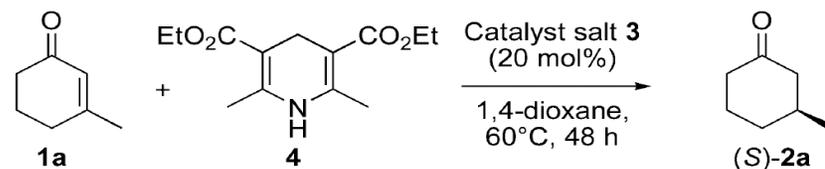
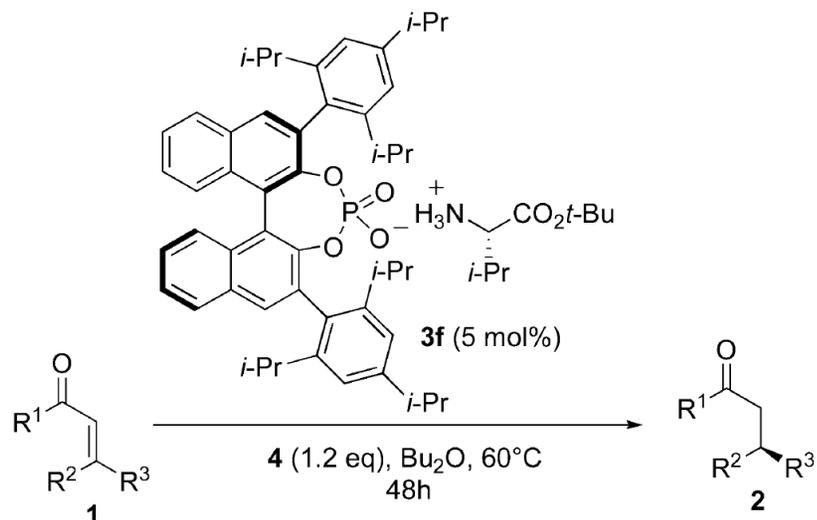
Both E & Z isomers and mixtures provide same enantiomer – Stereoconvergent process

Protocol not good for  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones

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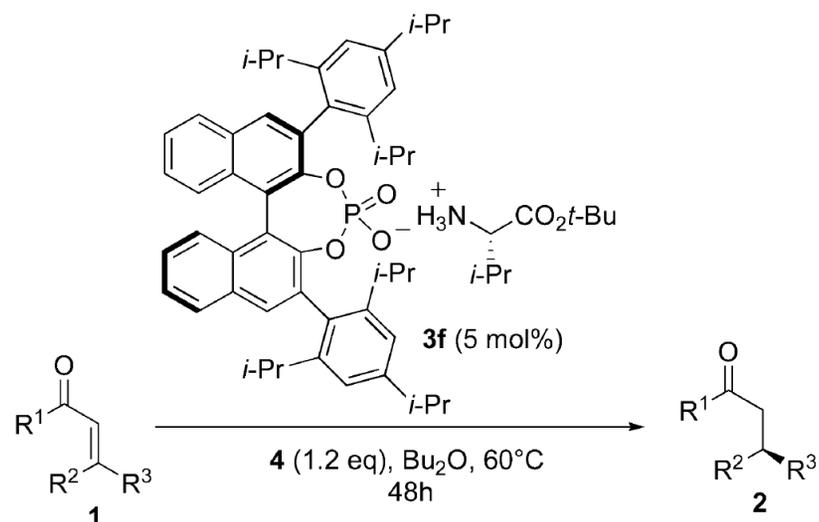


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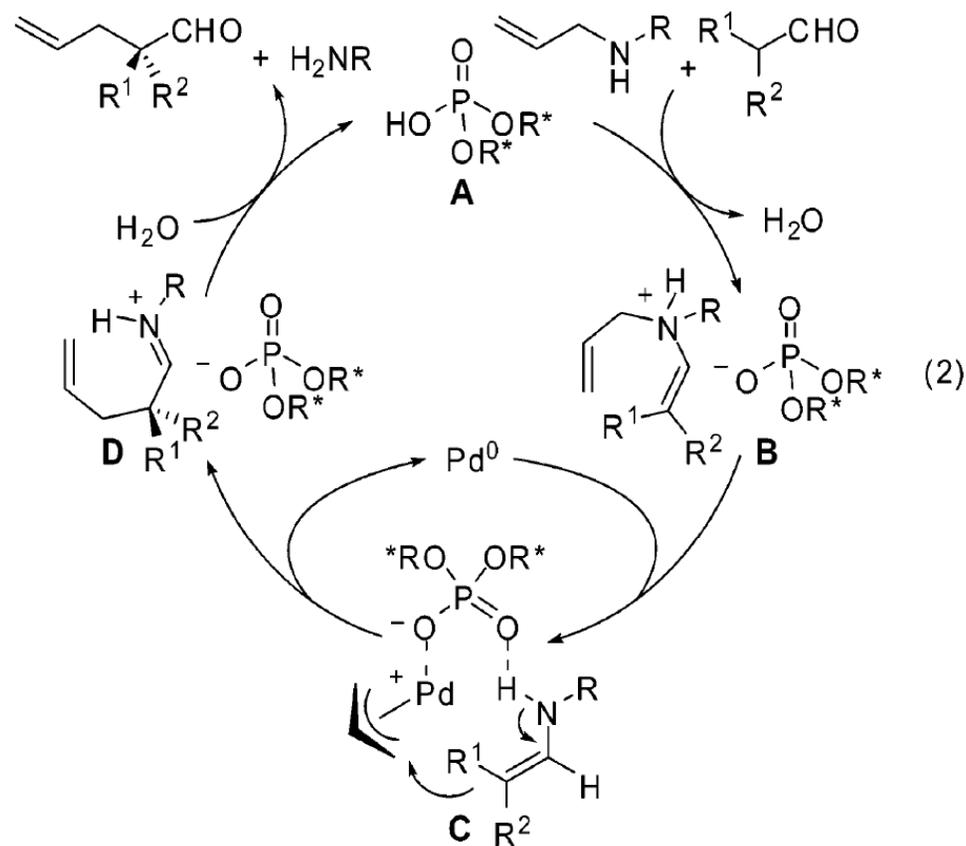
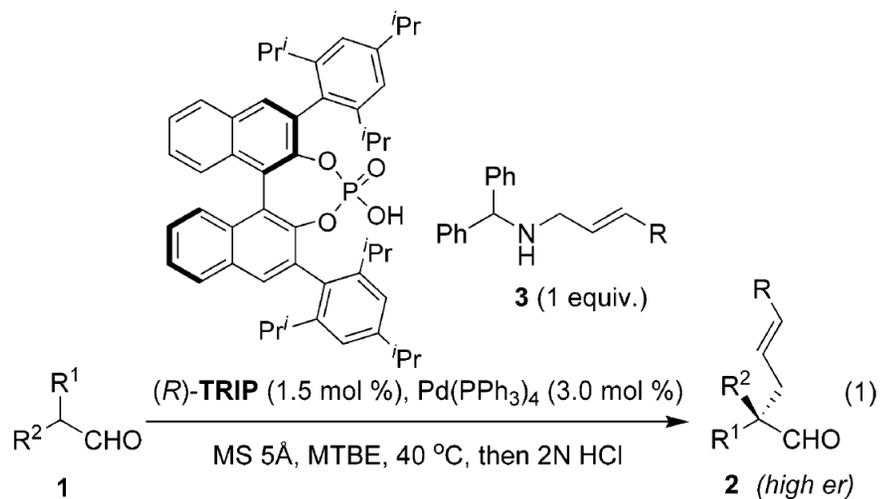
entry	catalyst-cation	-anion	cat.	conv. [%] <sup>b</sup>	er <sup>b</sup>
1		CF <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	<b>3a</b>	23	75:25
2		CF <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	<b>3b</b>	66	77:23
3		CF <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	<b>3c</b>	72	76:24
4		CF <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	<b>3d</b>	42	64:36
5 <sup>c</sup>			<b>3e</b>	25	87:13
6		R = 2,4,6-( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	<b>3f</b>	14	95:5
7 <sup>c</sup>		R = 2,4,6-( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	<b>3f</b>	81	97:3
8		R = 2,4,6-( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	<b>3g</b>	66	74:26
9 <sup>c</sup>	H <sup>+</sup>	R = 2,4,6-( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	<b>3h</b>	5	40:60
10 <sup>c</sup>		R = 2,4,6-( <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> (S)-Enantiomer	<b>3i</b>	45	58:42

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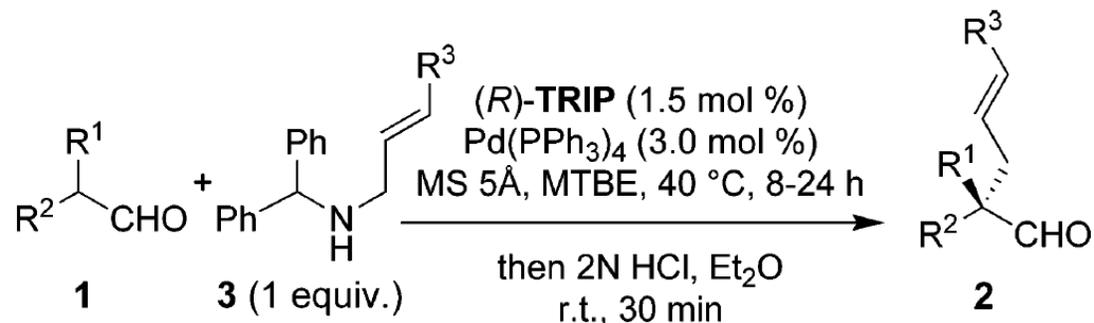


enone	product	yield [%] <sup>a</sup>	<i>er</i> <sup>a,b</sup>
R= Me	<b>2a</b>	99	97:3
R= Et	<b>2b</b>	98	98:2
R= <i>i</i> -Bu	<b>2c</b>	89	98:2
R= <i>i</i> -Pr	<b>2d</b>	94	99:1
R= CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	<b>2e</b>	99 <sup>c</sup>	98:2 <sup>d</sup>
R= Ph	<b>2f</b>	99	92:8
R= Me	<b>2g</b>	78 <sup>e</sup>	99:1
R= Et	<b>2h</b>	71 <sup>e</sup>	98:2
R= CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> Ph	<b>2i</b>	68 <sup>d,e</sup>	98:2 <sup>d</sup>
		>99	98:2
R= CO <sub>2</sub> Et	<b>2k</b>	>99	92:8
R= Ph	<b>2l</b>	81	85:15

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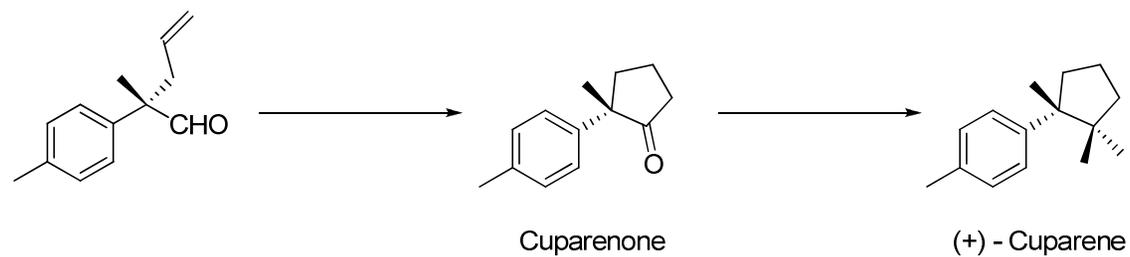
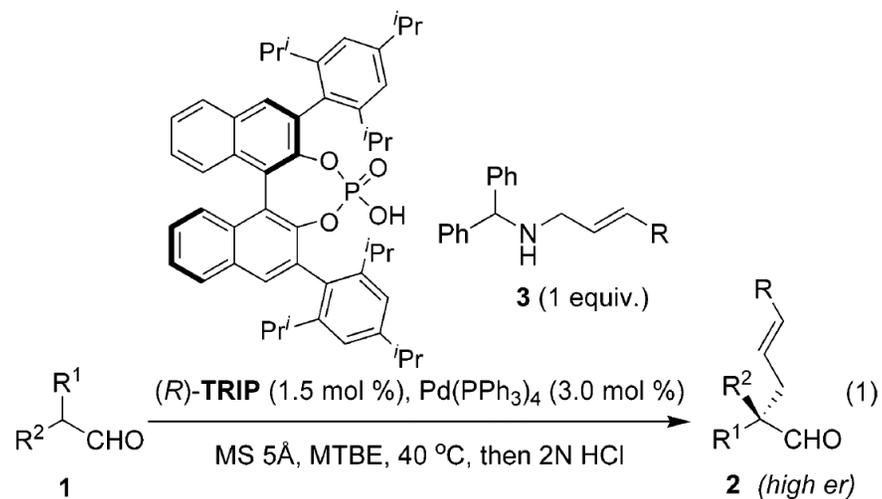
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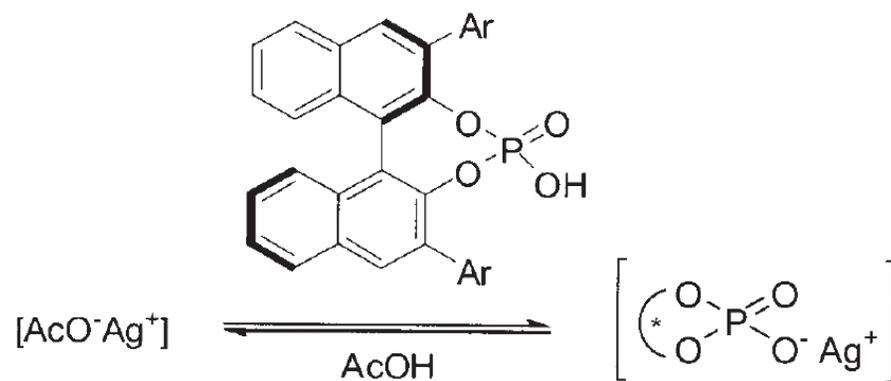
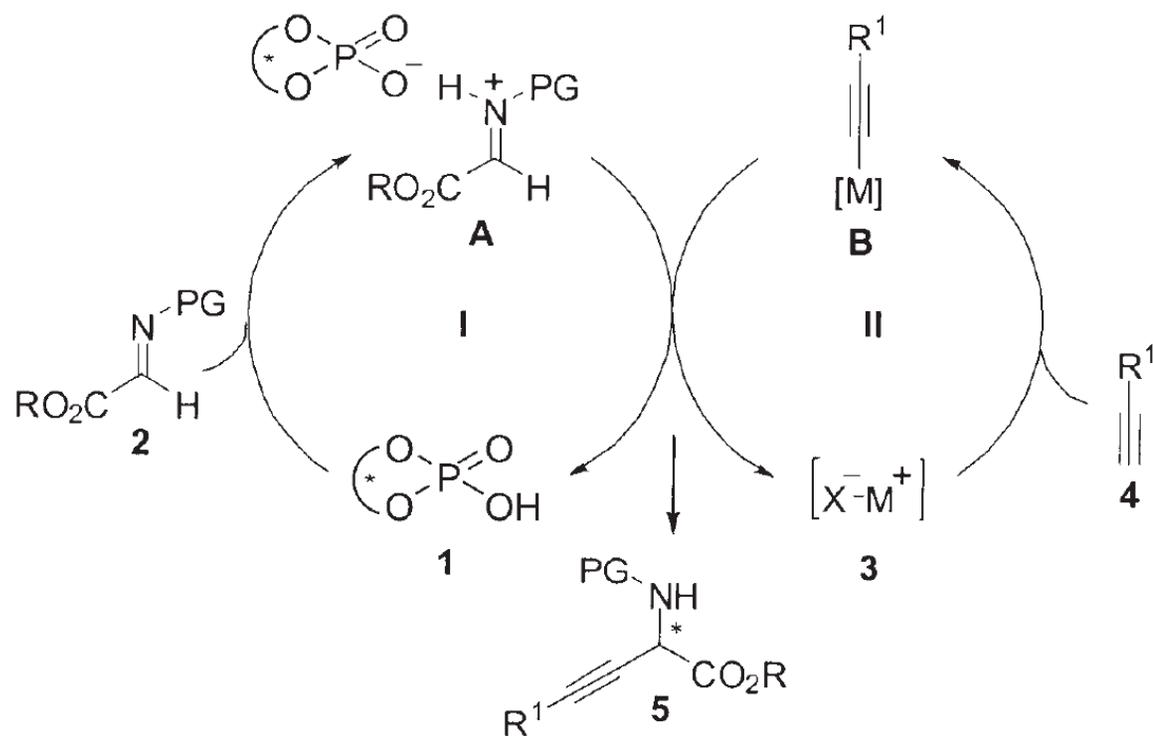
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1	Me	Ph	H	<b>2a</b>	85	98.5:1.5
2	Me	4-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>2b</b>	89	97:3
3	Me	3-Me-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>2c</b>	84	98:2
4	Me	3-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>2d</b>	85	98:2
5 <sup>b</sup>	Me	2-F-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>2e</b>	74	97:3
6	Me	4- <i>i</i> -Bu-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	H	<b>2f</b>	76	97.5:2.5
7	Me	2-naph	H	<b>2g</b>	71	97:3
8	Me	2-thiophenyl	H	<b>2h</b>	80	93:7
9			H	<b>2i</b>	45	95:5
10 <sup>c</sup>	Me	<i>c</i> -hex	H	<b>2j</b>	65	85:15
11 <sup>d,e</sup>	Me	Ph	Me	<b>2k</b>	40	96:4
12 <sup>d,e</sup>	Me	Ph	Ph	<b>2l</b>	82	91:9

<sup>a</sup> From GC or HPLC. <sup>b</sup> Reaction run at 50 °C. <sup>c</sup> Reaction run at 110 °C in toluene. <sup>d</sup> Reaction run at 60 °C. <sup>e</sup> Reaction run for 72 h.

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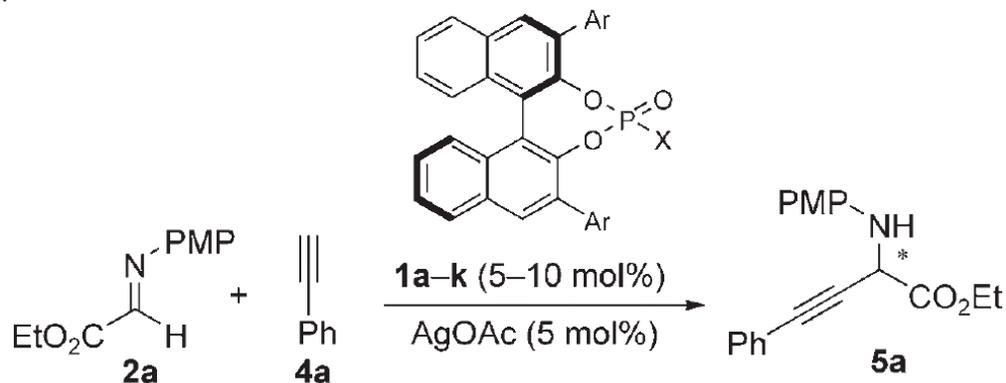


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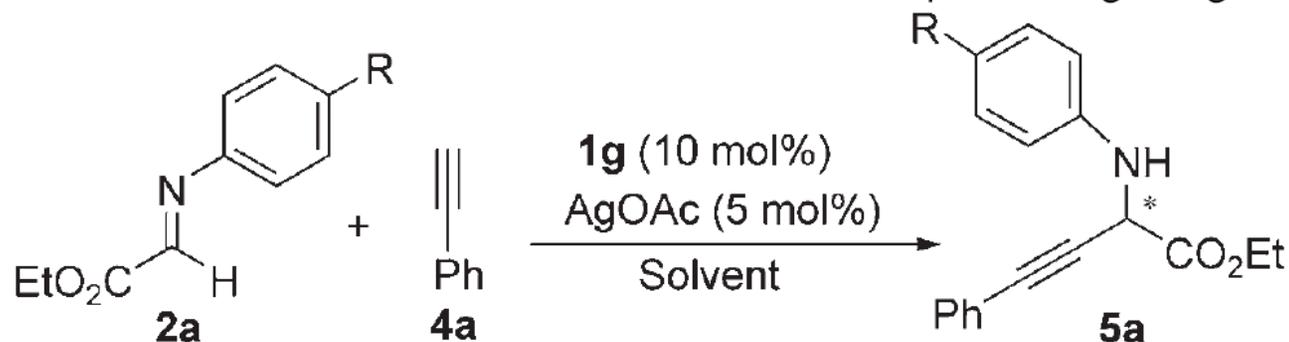
**Table 1:** Chiral Brønsted acids in the enantioselective silver-catalyzed alkyne addition.



Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	<b>1</b>	Ar	X	<b>1</b> [mol %]	e.r. <sup>[b]</sup>
1	<b>1a</b>	phenyl <sup>[c]</sup>	OH	10	57:14
2	<b>1b</b>	4-biphenyl	OH	5	55:45
3	<b>1c</b>	1-naphthyl <sup>[c]</sup>	OH	10	55:45
4	<b>1d</b>	2-naphthyl	OH	10	54:46
5	<b>1e</b>	3,5-(CF <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	OH	5	62:38
6	<b>1f</b>	3,5- <i>t</i> Bu <sub>2</sub> -PMP	OH	5	49:51
7	<b>1g</b>	9-phenanthryl	OH	5	86:14
8	<b>1g</b>	9-phenanthryl	OH	10	91:9
9	<b>1h</b>	[H] <sub>8</sub> Ph <sub>3</sub> Si	OH	5	69:31
10	<b>1i</b>	9-anthracenyl	OH	10	91:9
11	<b>1j</b>	9-phenanthryl <sup>[d]</sup>	NHTf	10	41:59
12	<b>1k</b>	9-anthracenyl <sup>[d]</sup>	NHTf	10	31:69

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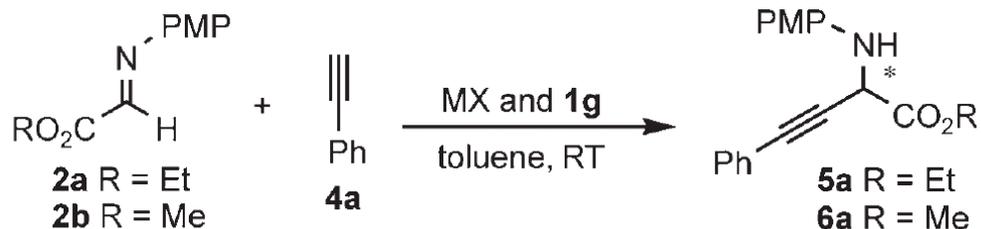
**Table 2:** Evaluation of solvents and protecting groups.



Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	Solvent	R	e.r. <sup>[b]</sup>
1	benzene	OMe	86:14
2	toluene	OMe	91:9
3	p-xylene	OMe	84:16
4	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	OMe	76:24
5	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	OMe	53:47
6	( <i>n</i> Bu) <sub>2</sub> O	OMe	73:27
7	toluene	OEt	82:18
8	toluene	Opentyl	88:12
9	toluene	OCF <sub>3</sub>	58:42
10	toluene	OPh	76:24

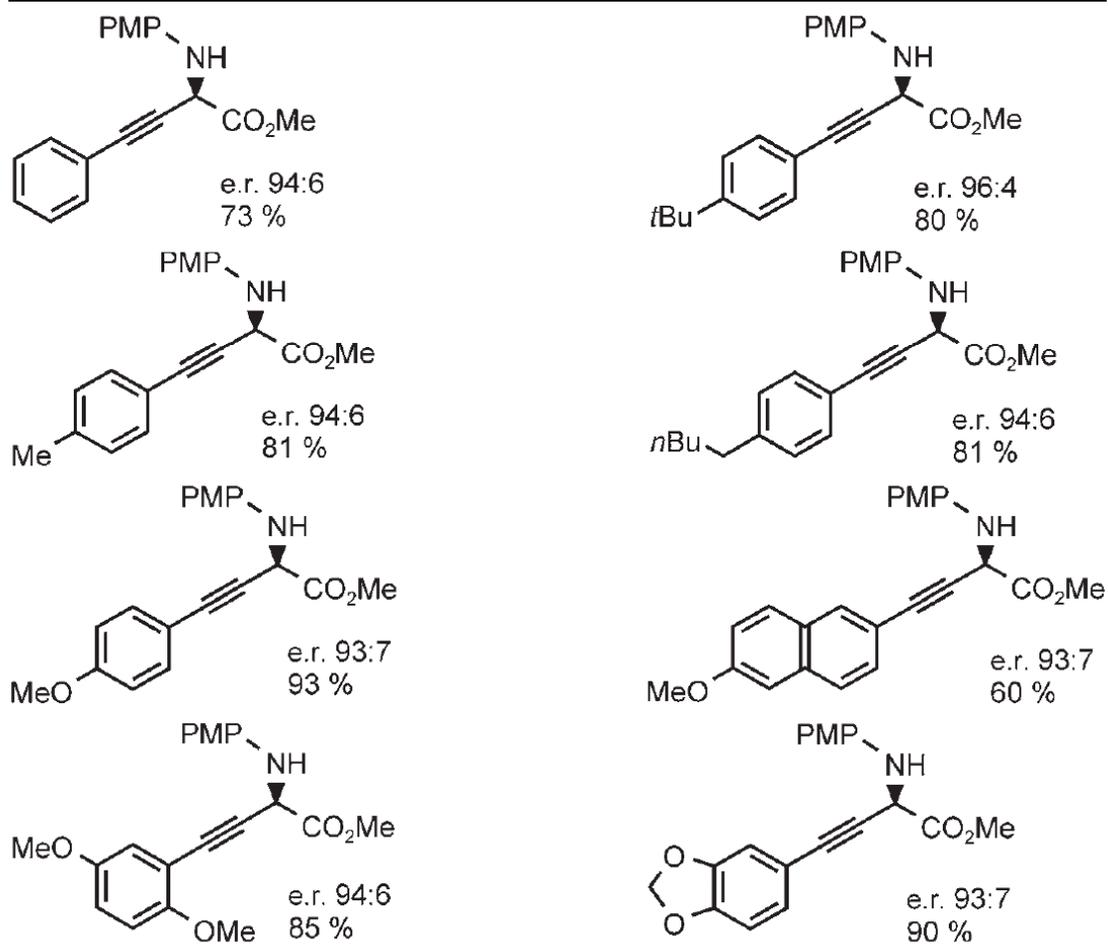
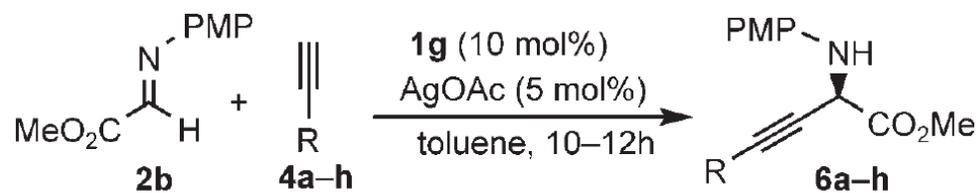
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**Table 3:** Variation of the metal salts, catalyst loading, and *N*-PMP-imino ester.

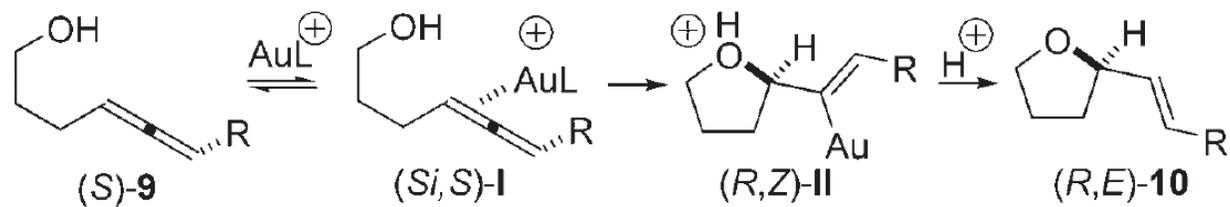
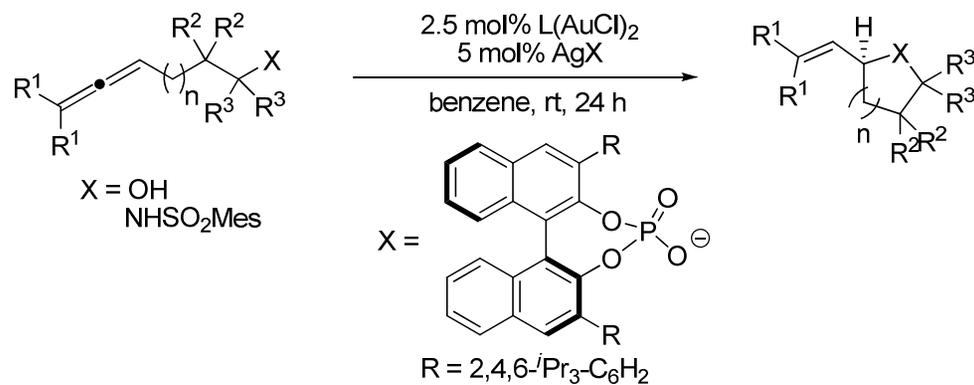


Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	MX	MX [mol %]	<b>1g</b> [mol %]	R	e.r. <sup>[b]</sup>
1	–	–	10	Et	n.d. <sup>[c]</sup>
2	AcOAc	10	–	Et	n.d.
3	AgOAc	5	2	Et	76:24
4	AgOAc	5	5	Et	86:14
5	AgOAc	5	10	Et	91:9
6	AgOAc	5	10	Me	94:6
7	AgOAc	5	20	Et	87:13
8	AgOBz	5	5	Et	65:35
9	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	2.5	5	Et	55:45
10	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	2.5	5	Et	73:27
11	AgCO <sub>2</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	5	10	Et	85:15
12	AgSO <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>3</sub>	5	10	Et	72:28
13	AgNO <sub>3</sub>	5	10	Et	81:19
14	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	5	10	Et	79:21
15	CuOAc	5	10	Et	92:8
16	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	5	10	Et	93:7

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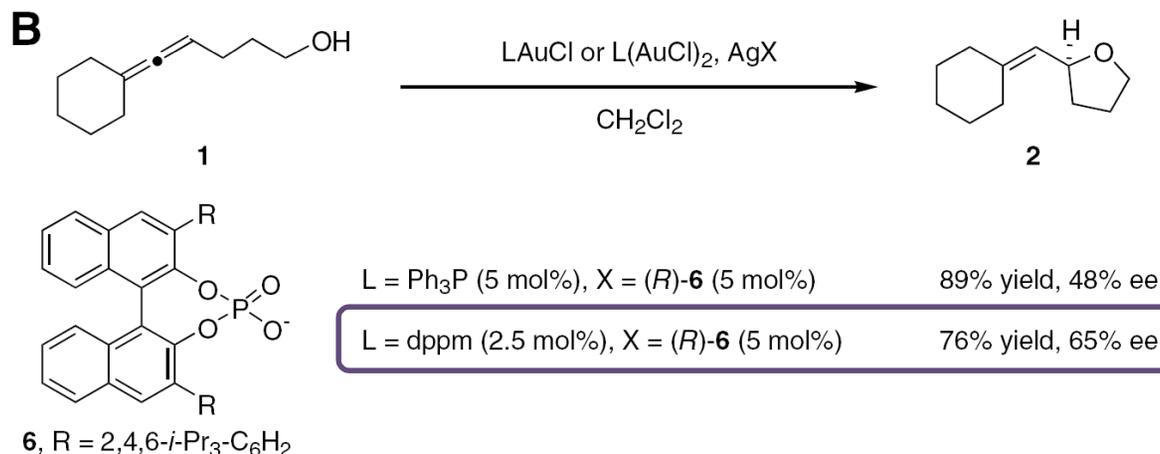
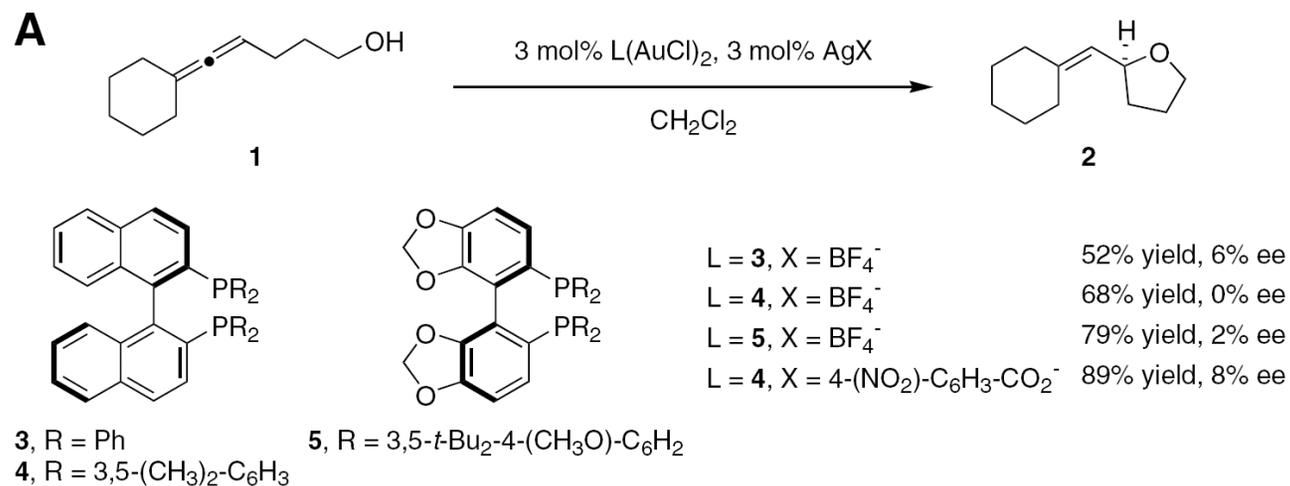


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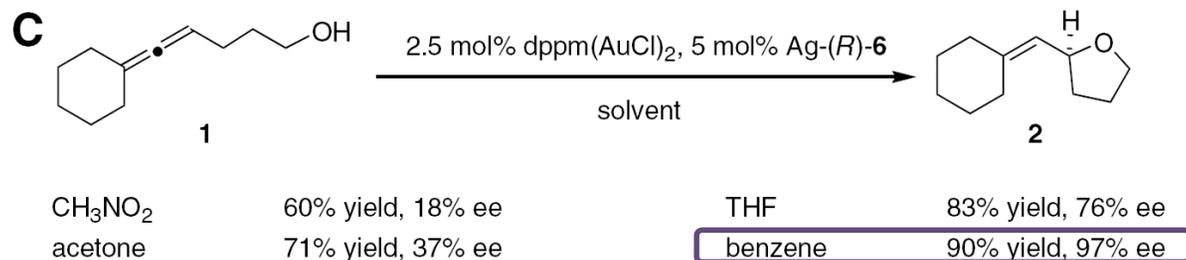
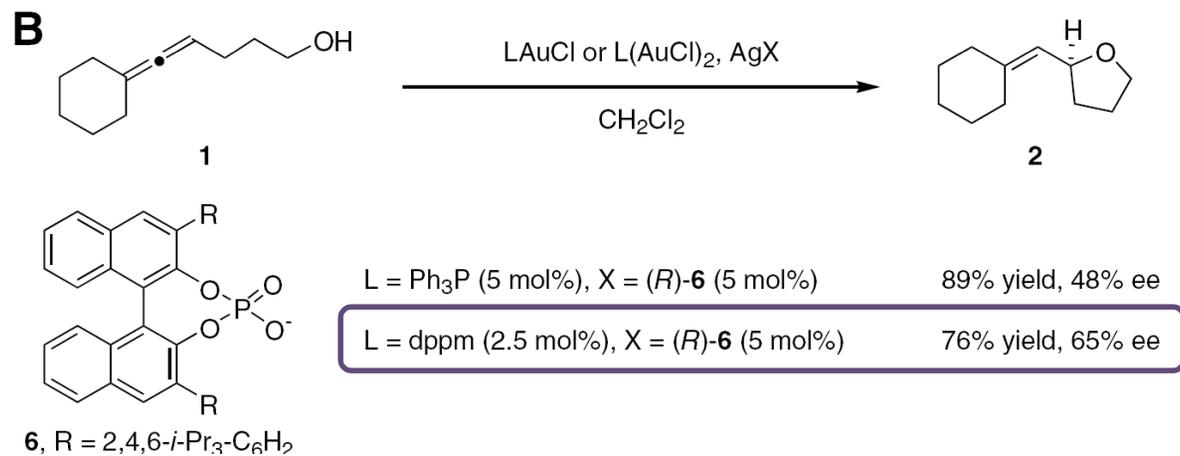
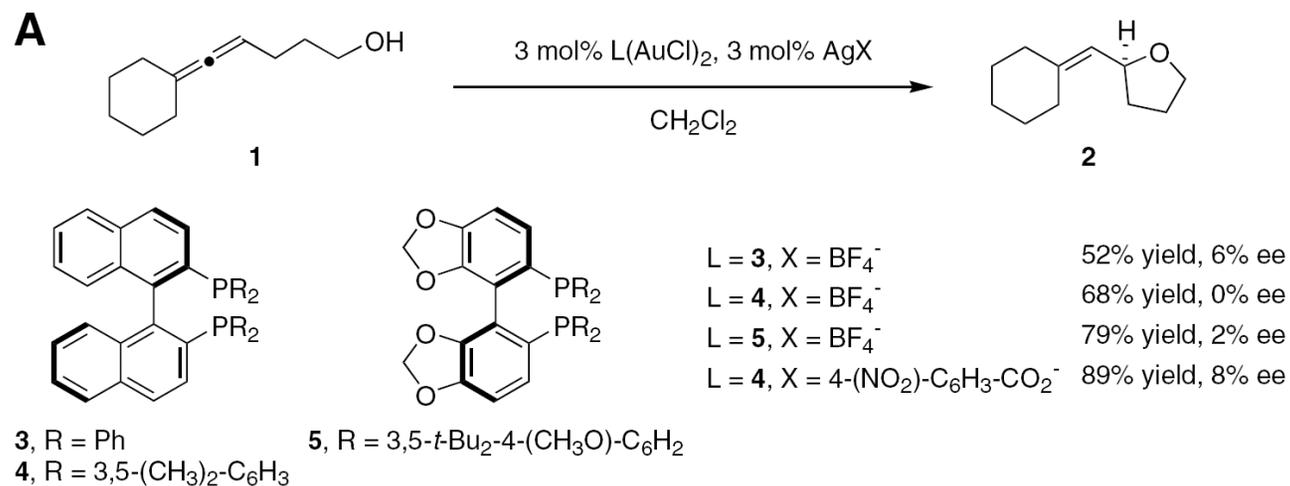


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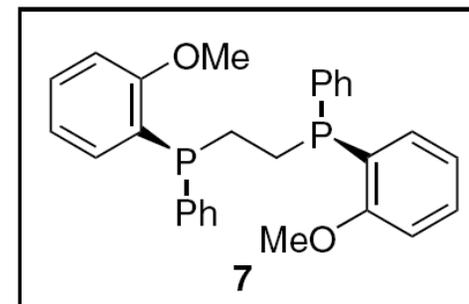
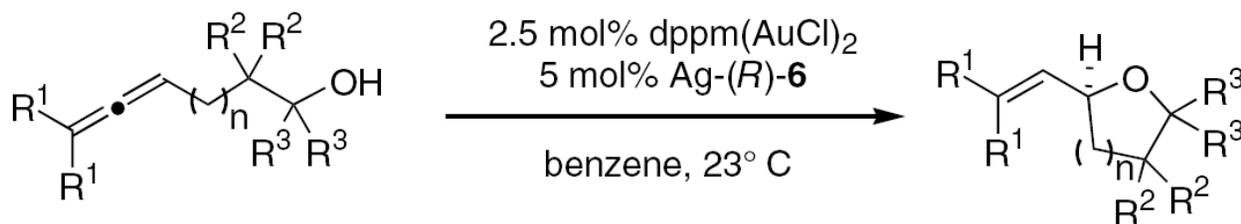
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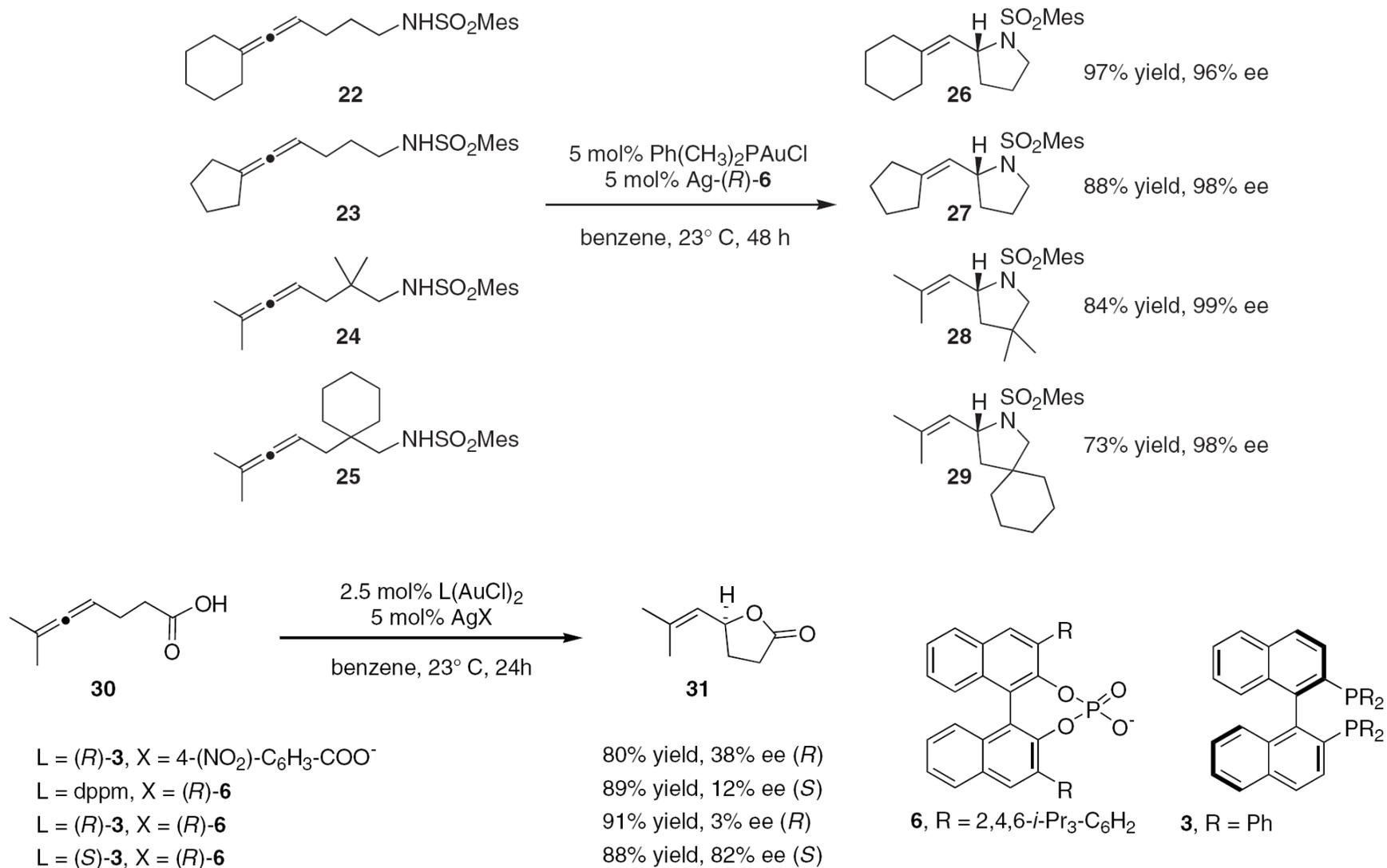
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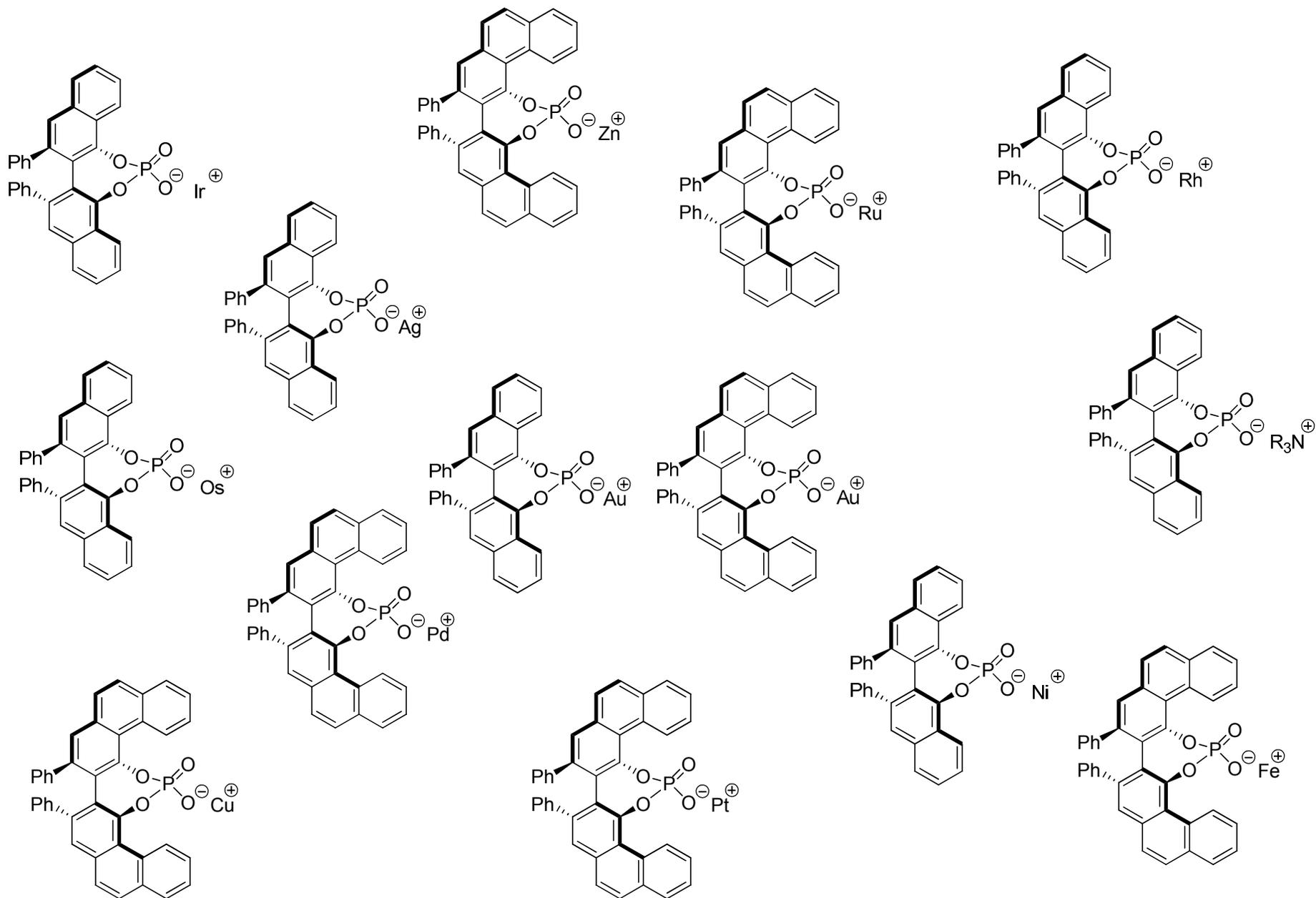
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1	<b>1</b>	1	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	H	H	1	<b>2</b>	90	97
2	<b>8</b>	1	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	1	<b>15</b>	91	95
3	<b>9</b>	1	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	5	<b>16</b>	89	96
4	<b>10</b>	1	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	2	<b>17</b>	79	99
5	<b>11</b>	1	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	H	Ph	30	<b>18</b>	86	92
6	<b>12</b>	1	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> -	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	13	<b>19</b>	90	90
7	<b>13</b>	2	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	15	<b>20</b>	81	90
8	<b>14</b>	2	H	H	H	24	<b>21</b>	96	92 (80)

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