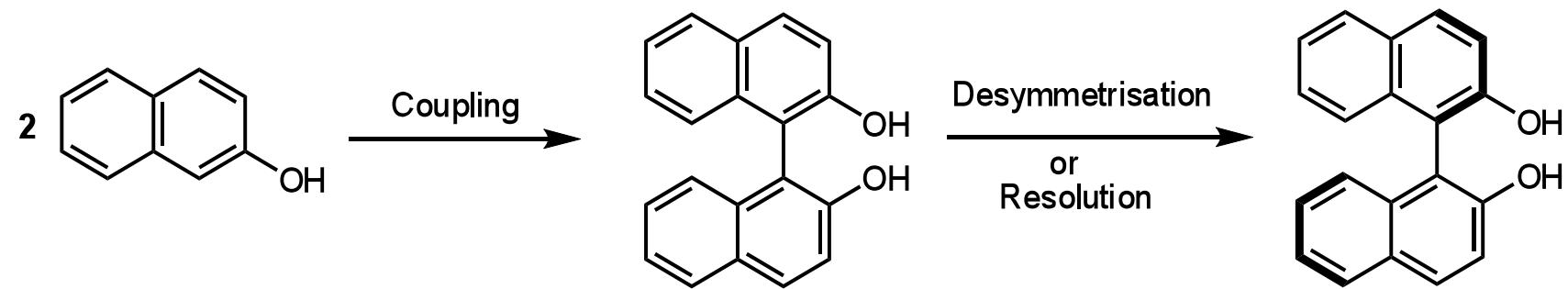


# **Highly Enantioselective Oxidative Couplings of 2-Naphthols Catalyzed by Chiral Bimetallic Oxovanadium Complexes with Either Oxygen or Air as Oxidant**

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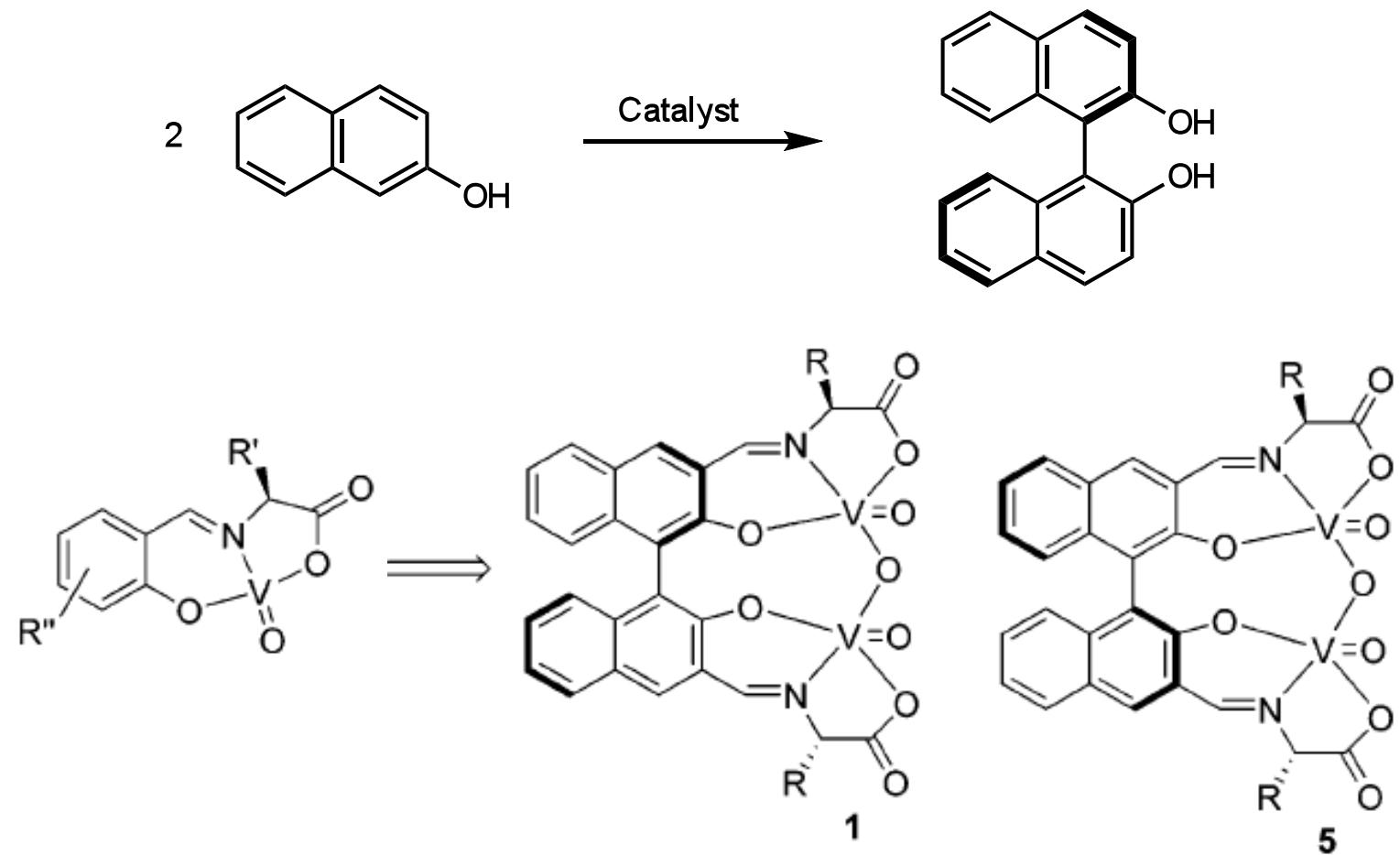
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# Conventional Methods: Preparation of Chiral BINOL

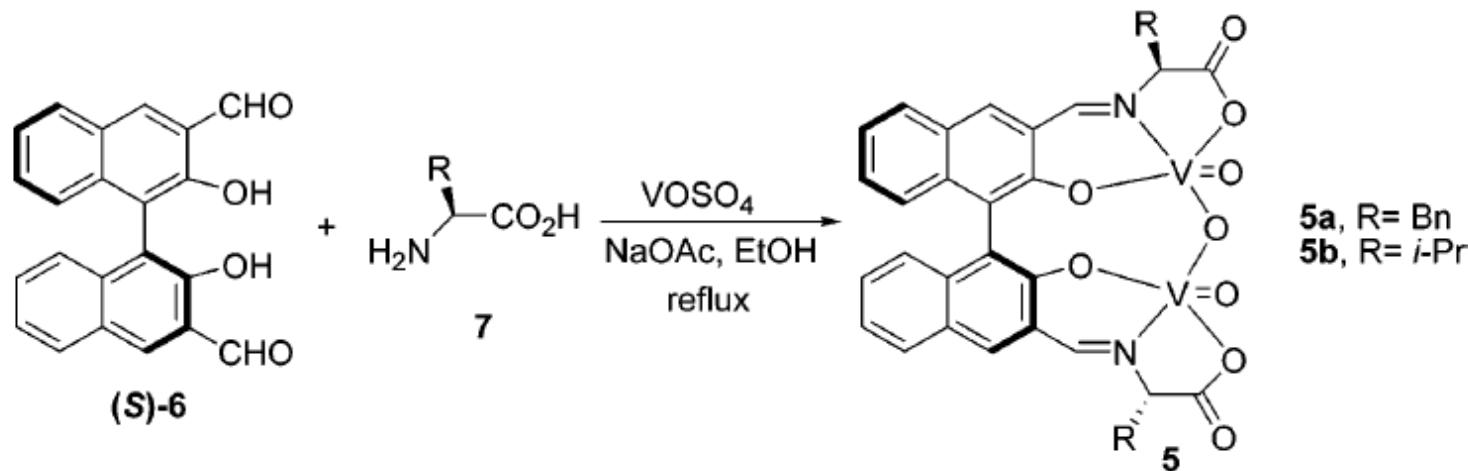
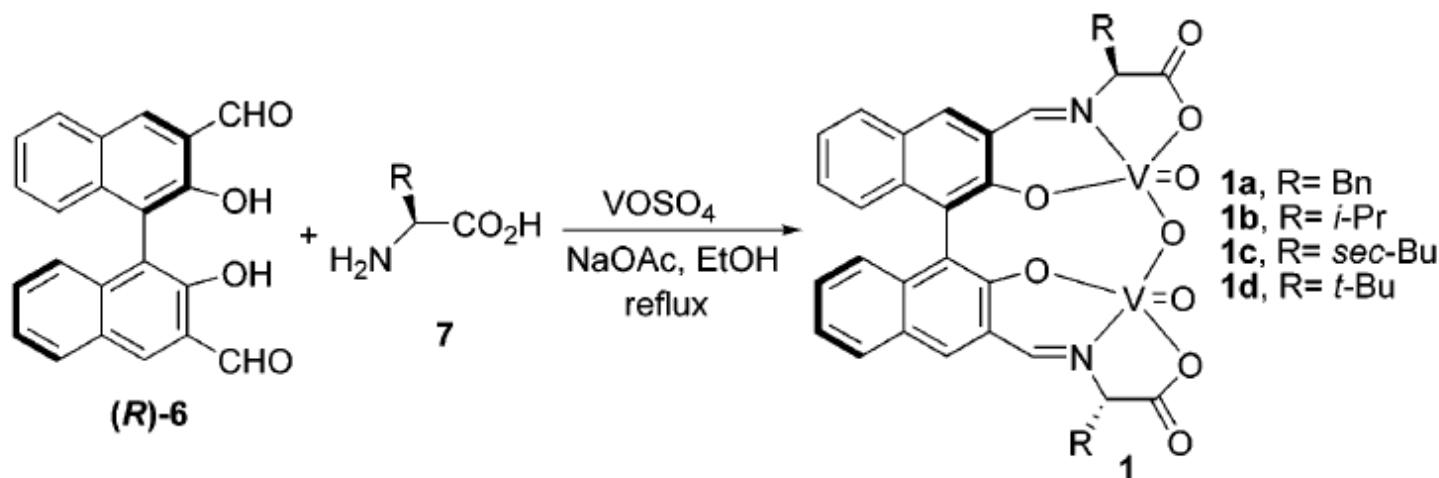


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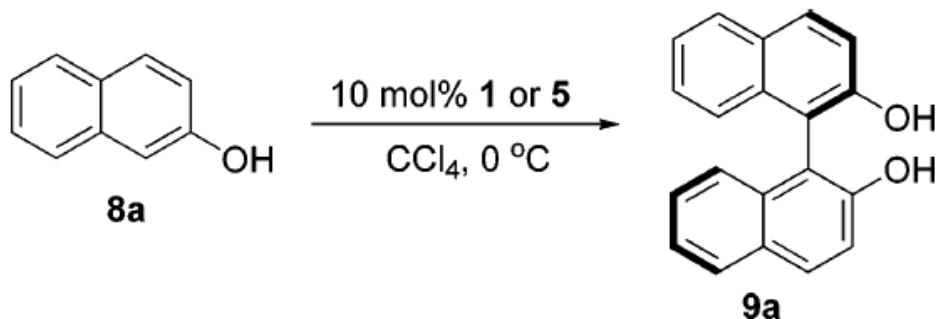
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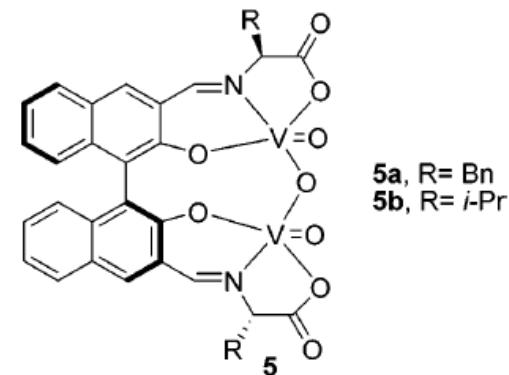
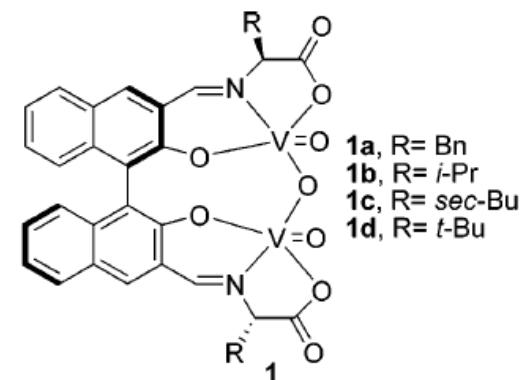
# Preparation of the Catalyst



# Screening of the Catalyst



entry	catalyst	time (days)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>1a</b>	5	<20	50
2	<b>1b</b>	8	70	81
3	<b>1c</b>	6	93	83
4	<b>1d</b>	8	63	71
5	<b>5a</b>	5	70	6 <sup>d</sup>
6	<b>5b</b>	5	75	10 <sup>d</sup>



<sup>a</sup> The reaction was carried out in  $\text{CCl}_4$ . <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> The ee values were determined by HPLC on a Kromasil CHI-TBB column, and the absolute configuration is *R*. <sup>d</sup> Reactions were conducted at RT.

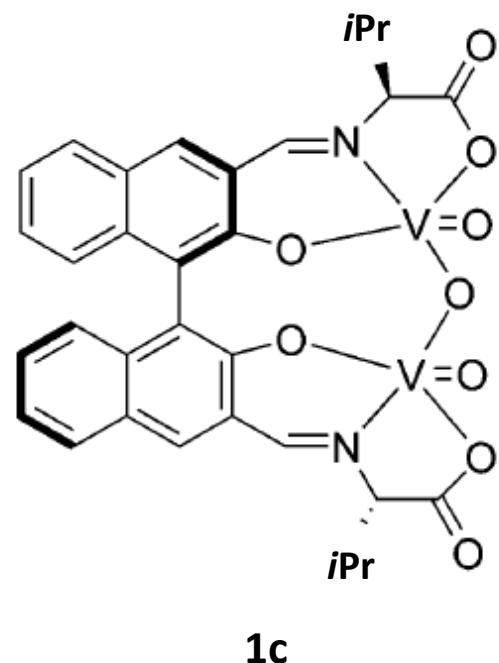
# Substrate Scope

$\text{R}^1$   
 $\text{R}^2$   
**8**       $\xrightarrow[CCl_4, 0^\circ\text{C}, 7 \text{ days}]{10 \text{ mol\% } 1\text{c}, O_2 (1 \text{ atm})}$        $\text{R}^1$   
 $\text{R}^2$   
**9**

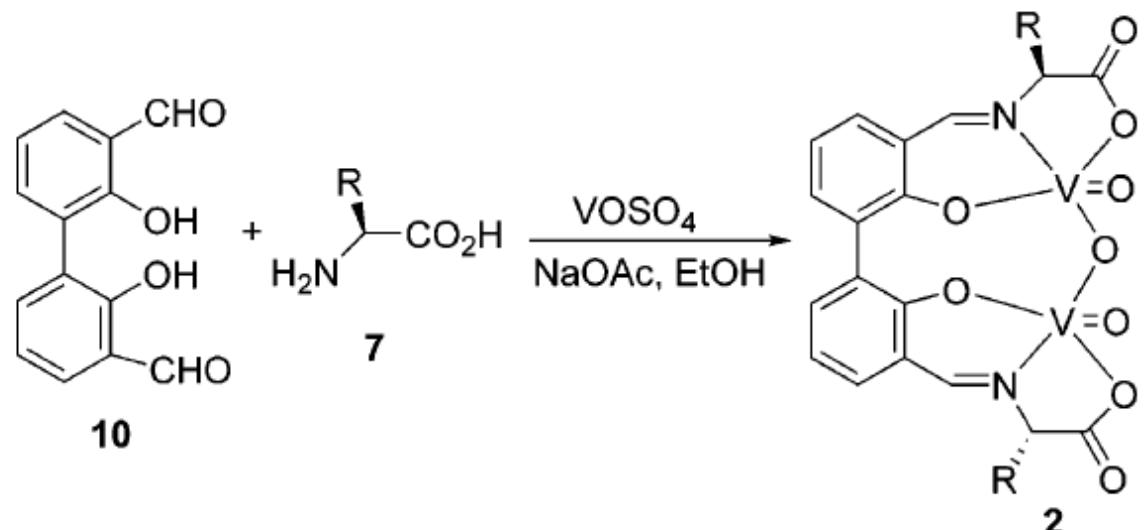
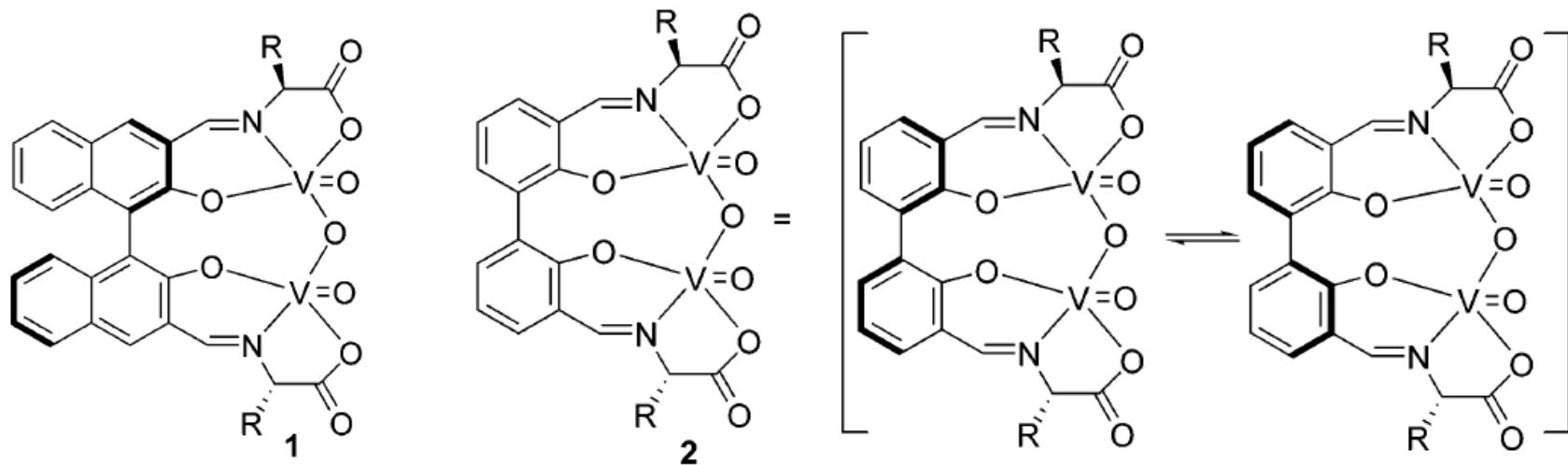
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entry	products	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>9b</b>	H	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	98	95
2	<b>9c</b>	H	OMe	88	98
3	<b>9d</b>	H	OEt	99	93
4	<b>9e</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> Bu	95	96
5	<b>9f</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	93	94
6	<b>9g</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub>	91	92
7	<b>9h</b>	H	OBn	96	96

<sup>a</sup> The reactions are carried out at 0 °C in the presence of 10 mol % of catalyst **1c** using CCl<sub>4</sub> as solvent. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> The ee values are determined by HPLC on a Kromasil CHI-TBB or Chiralpak AD column.



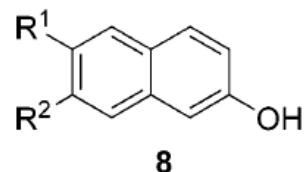
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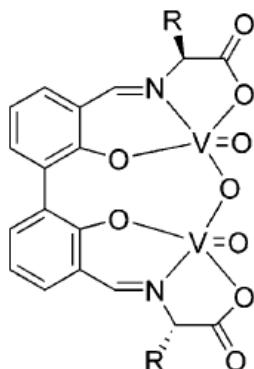
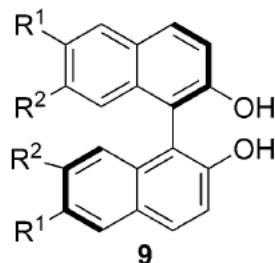
- 2a, R= Bn
- 2b, R= 4-MeO-Bn
- 2c, R= 4-F-Bn
- 2d, R=  $\beta$ -naphthyl
- 2e, R= i-Pr
- 2f, R= sec-Bu
- 2g, R= t-Bu
- 2h, R= n-Bu

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# Substrate Scope



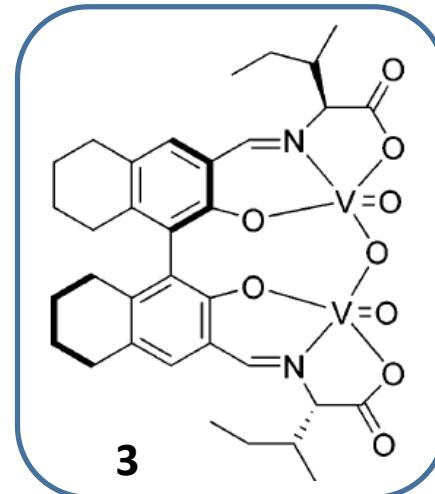
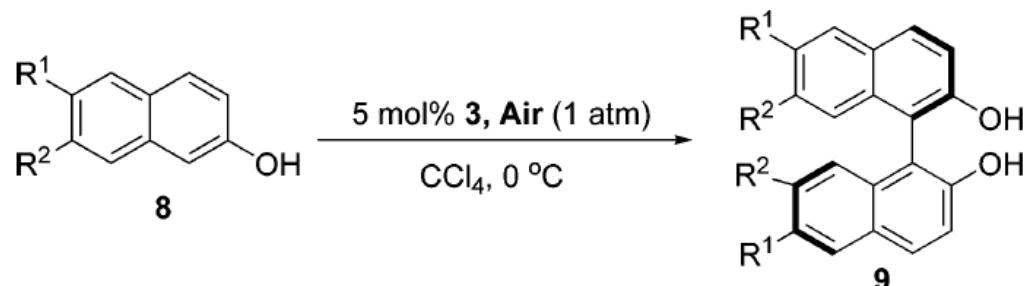
CCl<sub>4</sub>  
O°C  
5 mol% 2f  
O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm)



R=sec-Bu

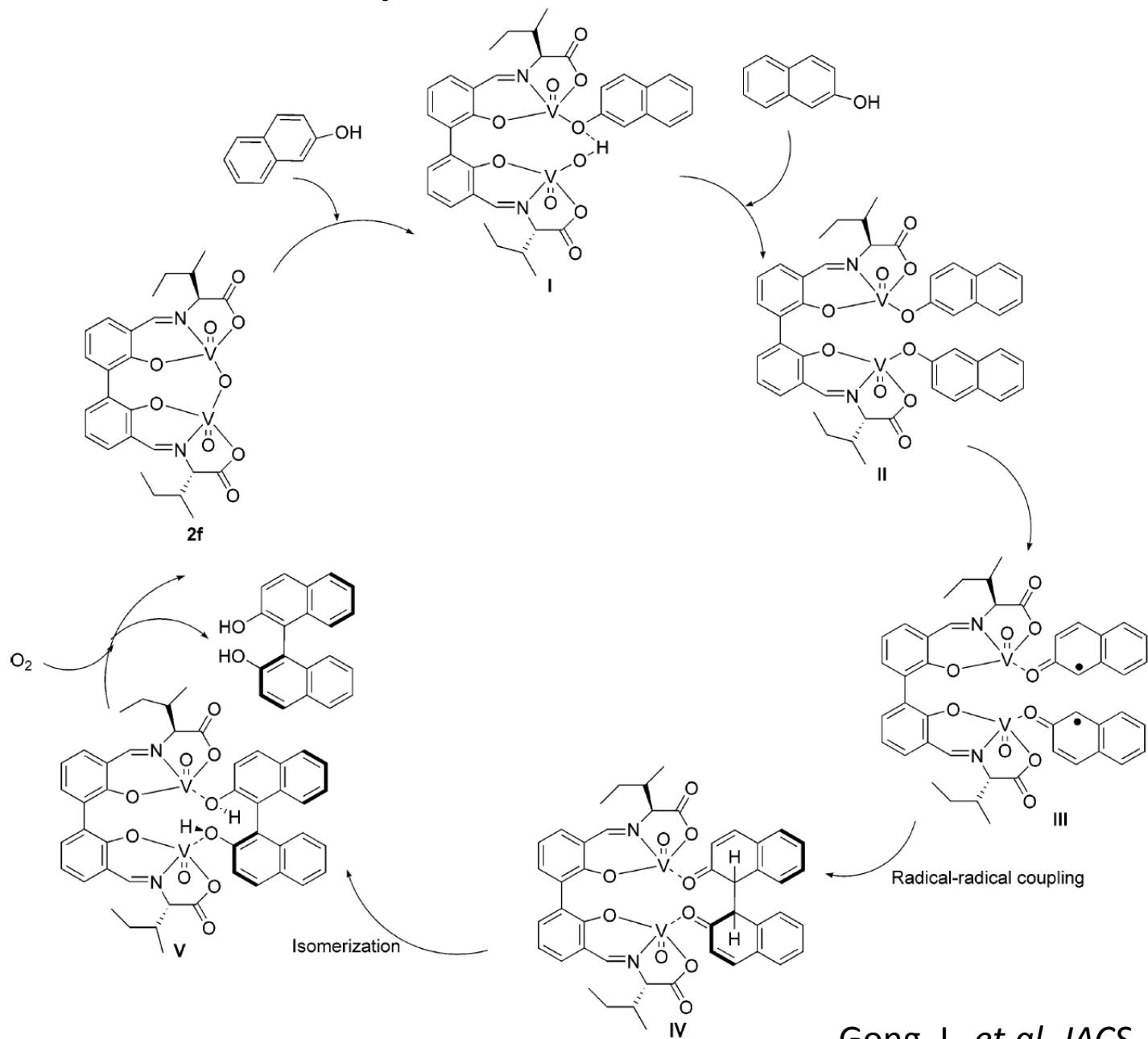
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1	<b>9b</b>	H	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	4	99	95
2	<b>9c</b>	H	OMe	7	95	95
3	<b>9d</b>	H	OEt	4	99	96
4	<b>9e</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> Bu	4	99	94
5	<b>9f</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	4	99	94
6	<b>9g</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub>	4	94	97
7	<b>9h</b>	H	OBn	6	80	95
8	<b>9i</b>	H	Ph	6	92	86
9	<b>9j</b>	H	4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	6	>99	85
10	<b>9k</b>	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	H	5	>99	36
11	<b>9l</b>	O <sup>n</sup> Pr	H	5	93	44
12	<b>9m</b>	Br	H	4	98	90
13	<b>9n</b>	Br	OMe	6	97	96
14	<b>9o</b>	Br	OEt	6	95	97
15	<b>9p</b>	Br	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	6	>99	98
16	<b>9q</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> Bu	6	>99	98
17	<b>9r</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	6	96	89
18	<b>9s</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	6	97	91
19	<b>9t</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	6	95	90
20	<b>9u</b>	Br	OBn	6	96	96 <sup>d</sup>
21	<b>9v</b>	4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	O <sup>n</sup> Bu	6	96	48

# Another Modification of the Catalyst



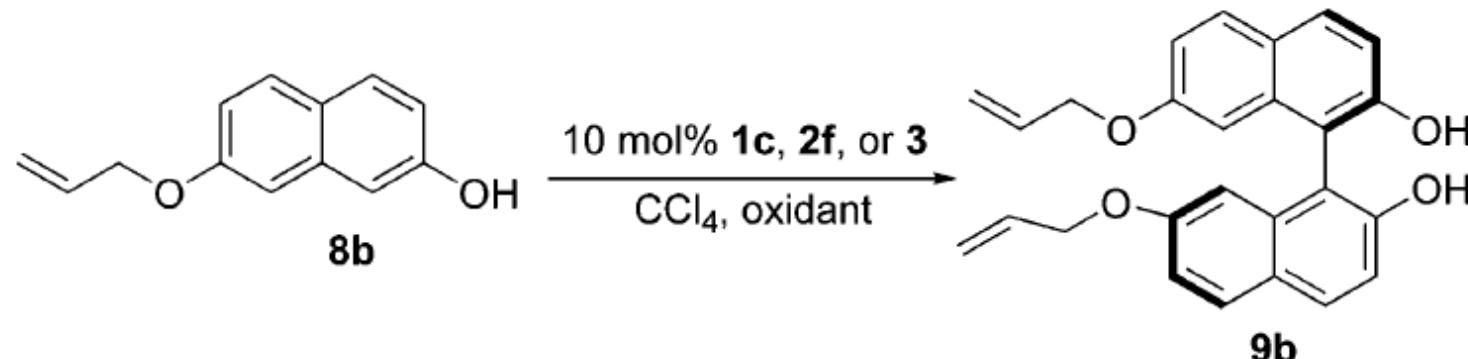
entry	products	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	time (days)	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>9a</b>	H	H	4	58	60
2	<b>9c</b>	H	OMe	2	94	92
3	<b>9d</b>	H	OEt	1.5	99	93
4	<b>9e</b>	H	O <sup>n</sup> Bu	1.5	97	93
5	<b>9g</b>	H	OC <sub>12</sub> H <sub>25</sub>	2	85	89
6	<b>9o</b>	Br	OEt	2	96	97
7	<b>9p</b>	Br	OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub>	2	92	95
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9	<b>9r</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	2	90	96
10	<b>9s</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	2	89	93
11	<b>9t</b>	Br	O <sup>n</sup> C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub>	2	88	96
12	<b>9m</b>	Br	H	2	82	86

# Proposed Mechanism



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# Comparison of the Catalytic Systems



entry	catalyst	oxidant	time (days)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	TOF (d <sup>-1</sup> )	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	3	O <sub>2</sub>	1.5	92	6.1	91
2	<b>3</b>	Air	<b>2</b>	<b>99</b>	5.0	<b>93</b>
3	<b>1c</b>	Air	2	51	2.5	96
4	<b>2f</b>	Air	2	25	1.3	89

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup> The ee values are determined by HPLC on a Kromasil CHI-TBB or Chiralpak AD column, the configurations of products are *R*.