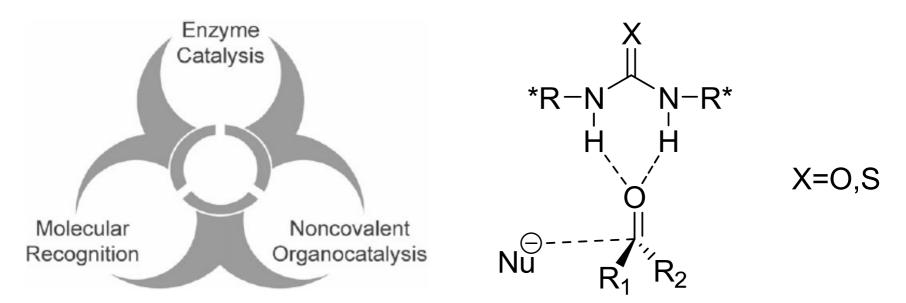
Organocatalysis Mediated by (Thio)urea Derivatives

--A kind of Small-Molecule H-Bond Donors

By Chaoren Shen



Peter R. Schreiner *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, 2009, **38**, 1187–1198 2.Brief Introduction to the Pioneers in This Filed
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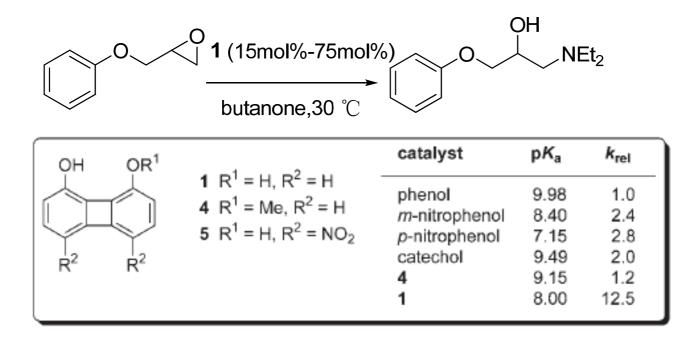
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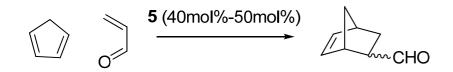
Seminal Studies

Hine and Kelly's poineering work:

Established that general acid catalysis by conformationally restricted metal-free diprotic acids is a valid strategy upon which to base organocatalyst design.

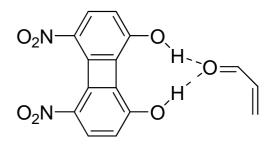


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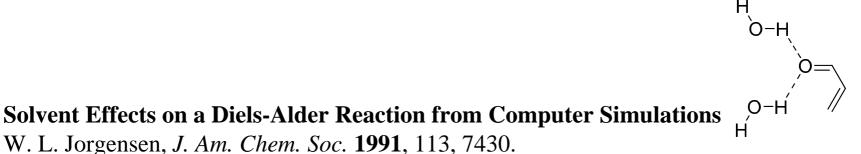
the promotion of the D-A reaction between cyclopentadiene and unsaturated aldehydes by 3,6-dipropylderivatives of **5**

T. R. Kelly, Tetrahedron Lett. 1990, 31,3381



Kelly proposed the mechanism of double hydrogen-bond donation to the dienophile

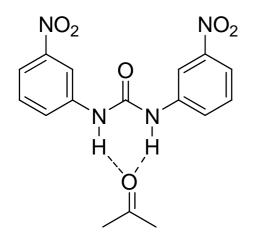
One year later, Jorgensen confirmed the proposition from Kelly



Jorgensen's hydration model

Effects of Hydration on the Claisen Rearrangement of Allyl Vinyl Ether from Computer Simulations

W. L. Jorgensen, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114,10966.



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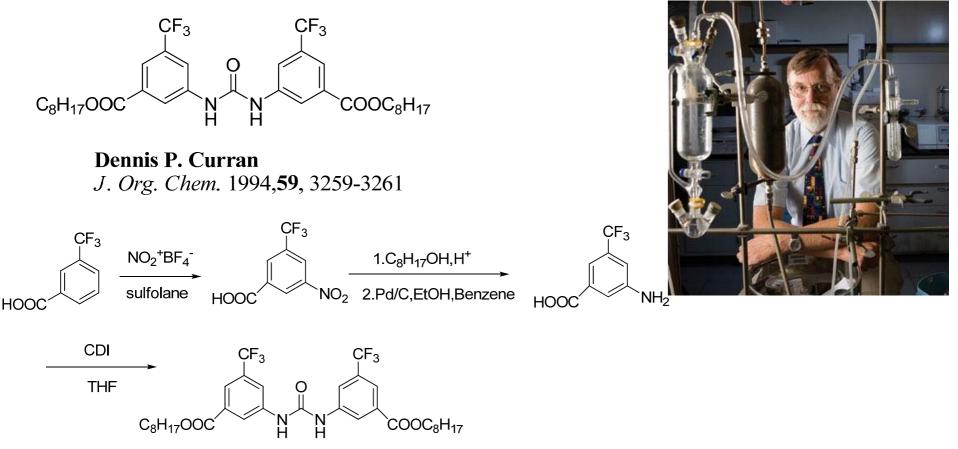
Etter's Important Observation:

Hydrogen bond-directed co-crystallisation of N,N'-diarylureas (in particular 3,3'-dinitrocarbanilide) with compounds incorporating a wide variety of Lewis basic functional groups, such as nitroaromatics, ethers, ketones and sulfoxides. The donation of two hydrogen bonds by a single urea molecule to the Lewis base was implicated.

A crystal structure of an unstable N,N'-[bis-(α -tosylbenzyl)urea-acetone hydrogen-bonded adduct had been previously obtained: *J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans.* 2,1976, 483.

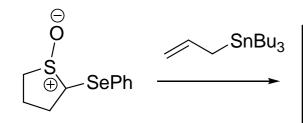
This is the basis for the development of urea-based organocatalysts!

The first example of urea-based organocatalyst



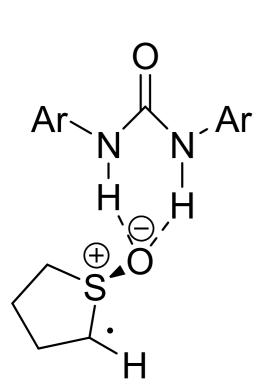
The choice of functionality installed on the diarylurea backbone:

1.lipophilic side chains were utilised to improve solubility in common organic solvents 2.-CF3 is an more electron-withdrawing group than -NO2



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trans/cis=6.6:1



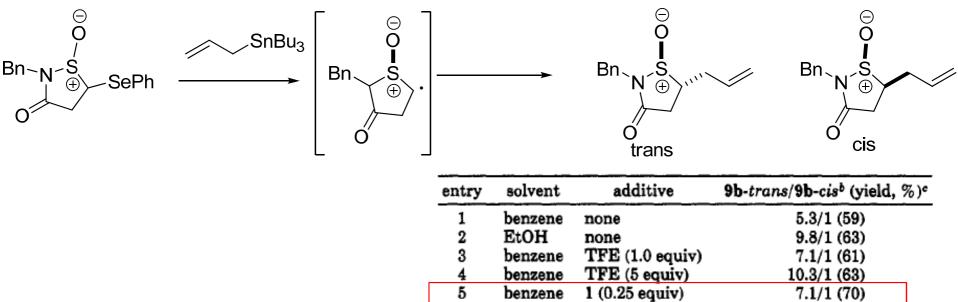
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		trans	cis
entry	solvent	additive	7-trans/7-cis (yield, %)
1	benzenea	none	2.5/1 (60)
2	CH ₂ Cl ₂ ^a	none	5.5/1 (62)
3	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH ^b	none	4.9/1 (87)
4	CH ₃ CO ₂ H ^b	none	6.7/1 (51)
5	CF ₃ CH ₂ OH ^b	none	8.1/1 (83)
6	THF	none	2.2/1 (36)
7	THF⁰	LiCl (0.5 M)	5.8/1 (25)
8	THF	$ZnBr_2 (0.5 M)$	8.0/1 (60)
9	THF ^a	BF3 Et2O (0.5 M)	4.5/1 (73)
10	benzeneª	1 (0.2 equiv)	3.7/1 (57)
11	benzenea	1 (0.6 equiv)	5.8/1 (72)
12	benzenea	1 (1.0 equiv)	7.0/1 (81)

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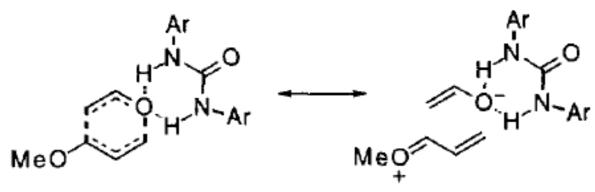
1 (1.0 equiv)

11.3/1 (72)

14.1/1 (72)

Claisen rearrangement

	Substrate	T (°C)	equiv 1a	<i>k</i> (x 10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹)	k _{rel}
	5a	100	none	0.4	1
	5a	100	0.2	0.7	1.7
	5a	100	0.5	1.3	3.1
	5a	100	1.0	1.8	4.2
R R a:R=Ph (All <i>E)</i> b:R=Me(<i>E/Z</i> =6.6:1)	5b	80	none	0.6	1
D.1(-101e(L/Z-0.0.1))	5b	80	0.1	1.6	2.7
	5b	80	0.4	3.1	5.0
	<u>5b</u>	80	1.0	13.7	22.4



bis-hydrogen bonded transtion state

Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 36, 6647.

2.Brief Introduction to the Pioneers in This Filed

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1. Development of new enantio- and stereoselective synthetic methods involving transition-metal catalysts.

2. Development of environmentally friendly synthetic methods for process chemistry.

3. Total synthesis of biologically important synthetic and natural products.

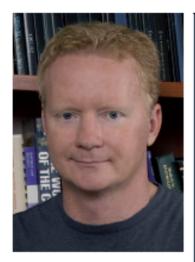
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since 1997: full professor at the Universität zu Köln

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Hobbies:	Travel, hiking, scuba diving, snow boarding, anything with my children

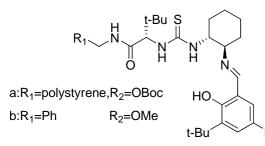
My biggest inspiration is ... the life work of Paul Ehrlich.

My favorite subject at school was ... science of course.

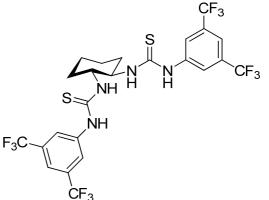
A good work day begins with ... an espresso and the New York Times.

The biggest problem that scientists face is ... educating the public and lobbying governments to fund science properly.

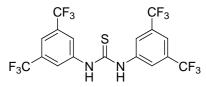
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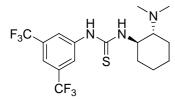
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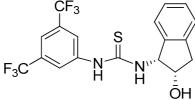
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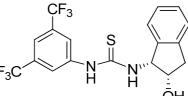
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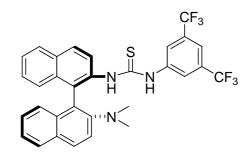


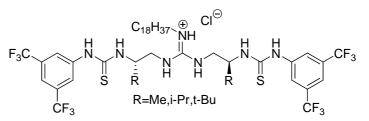
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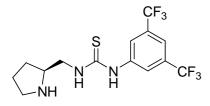




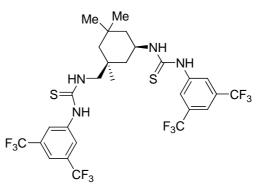


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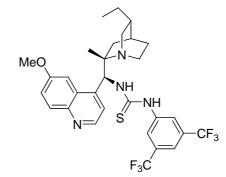
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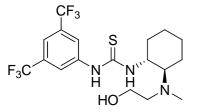
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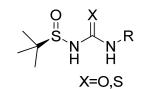
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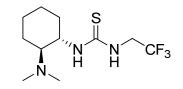
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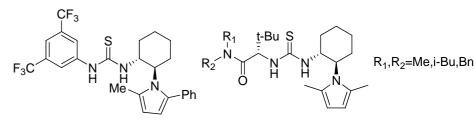
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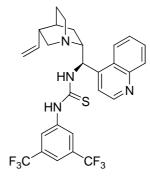
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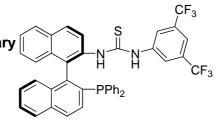
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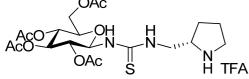
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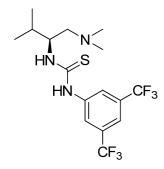
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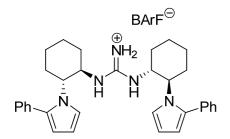
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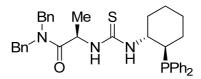
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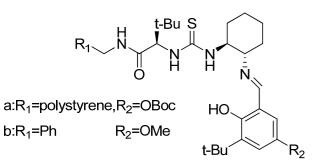
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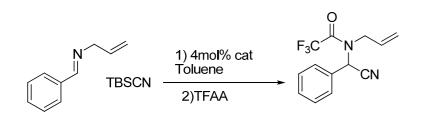
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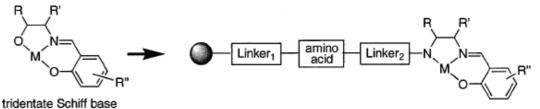


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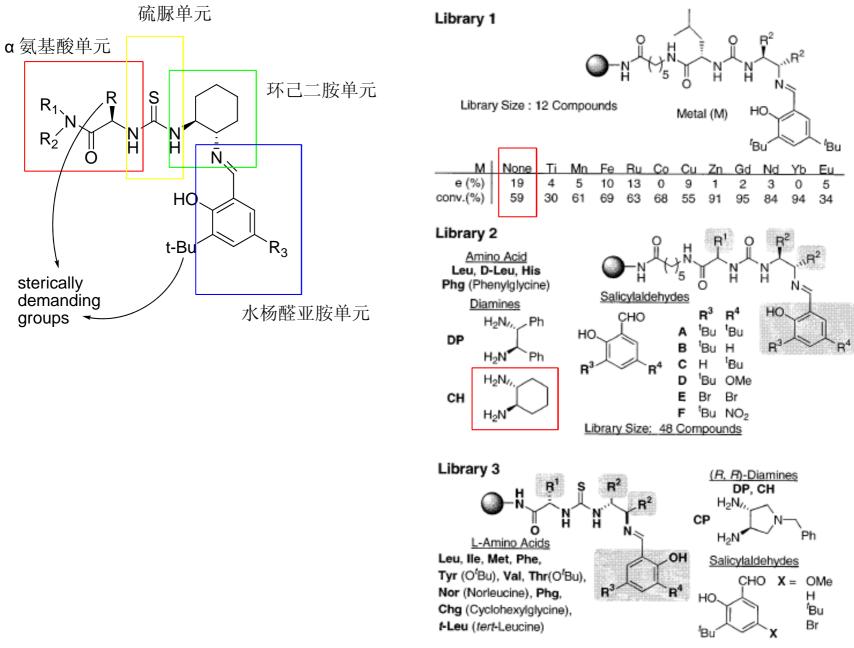
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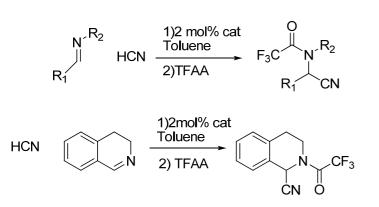
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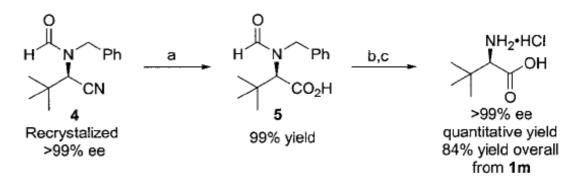


Library Size: 132 Compounds

A General Catalyst:

hydrogencyanide to imines and Ketoimines	N Ph + HCN ^[a] -	1. 4 mol% 3b toluene, –78 °C,15 h	H ^Ŭ N∕Ph	
~		2. Ac ₂ O, formic acid		
$H \xrightarrow{t-Bu}_{\overline{z}} O$	Cycle ^[b]	Yield [%] ^[c]	ee [%]	
	1	97	92	
U N	2	98	93	
3b : R1 = polystyrene, HO	3	98	93	
	4	97	93	
t-Bu O-Boc	5	97	92	
	6	96	93	
	7	98	93	
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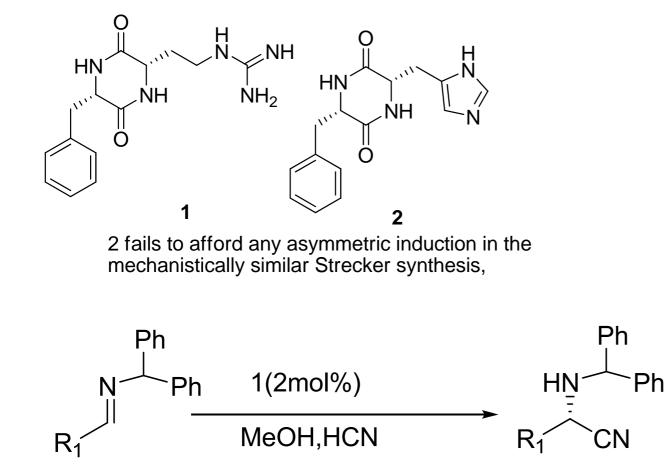




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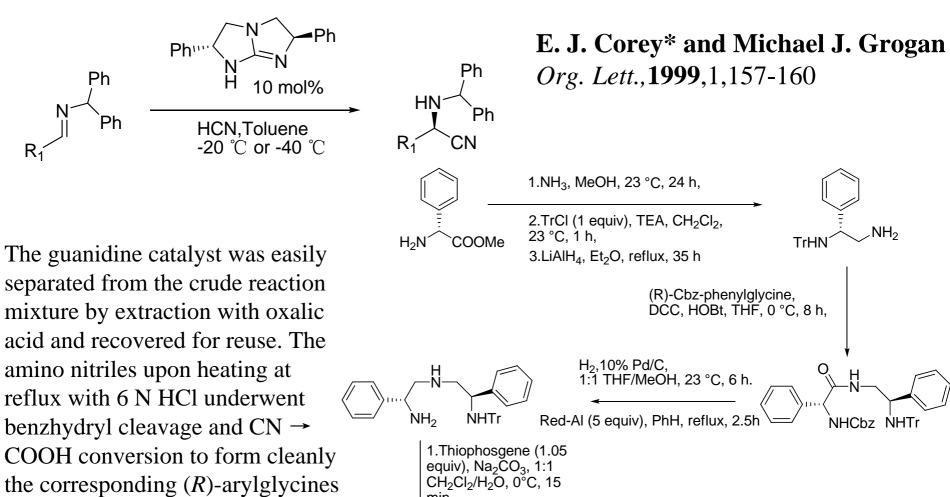
Scheme 2. Hydrolysis and deformylation of 4. a) 65% (w/v) H_2SO_4 , 45°C, 20h; b) HCl (conc.), 70°C, 12h; c) H_2 , Pd/C, MeOH.

Mark Lipton*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1996, 118, 4910-4911

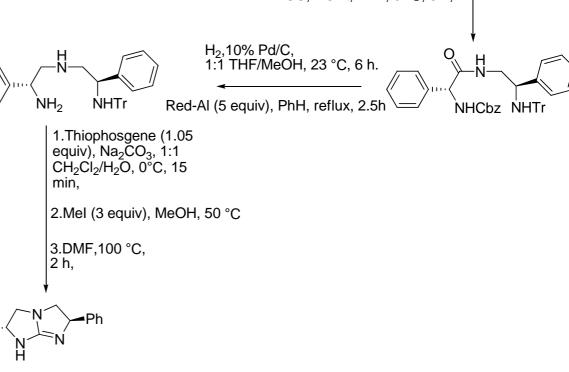


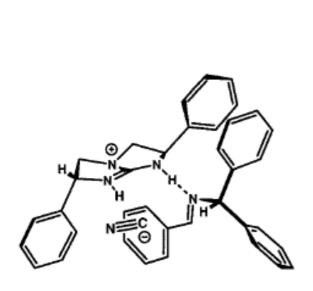
Substrate range:aromatic,heteraromatic,aliphatic

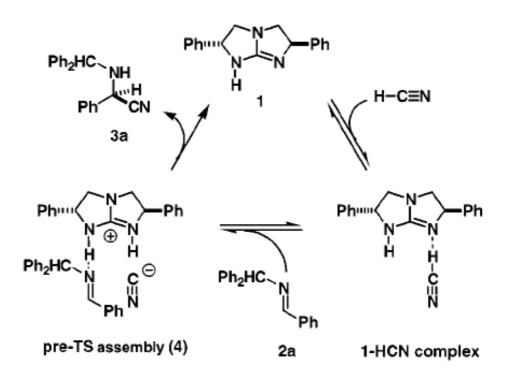
LIPTON小组试图在此二肽催化剂存在下使用苯甲醛、氨和氰化物进行直接的Strecker反应,得到的却是外消旋的氨基腈。

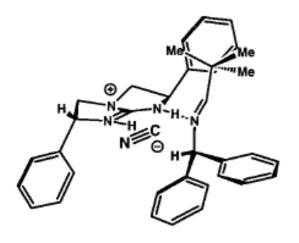


有趣的是氮甲基化的催化 是没有任何催化活性的, 这一结果暗示了在反应的 TS中氢键的重要作用







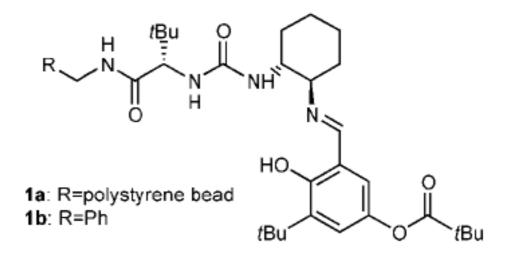


The inversion of product configuration from *R* for aromatic imines to *S* for aliphatic imines indicates that alkyl groups incur steric repulsions in the vacant quadrant of guanidine where an imine aryl or a benzhydryl phenyl gains van der Waals attractions.

catalyst structure	substrate range	catalytic amount	range of yield [%]	range of ee [%]
	aromatic aldimines (not NO ₂ - subst. and heteroatoms)	2 mol%	82-97	80-99
$ \sum_{N \to N} \sum_{N \to N} \sum_{H \to N} \sum_{$	aromatic, aliphatic aldimines	10 mol%	80-99	50-88
$\mathbb{R}^{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{N} $	aromatic, aliphatic aldimines and	1-2 mol%	65-98	77-99
5 (X=S) 6 (X=O) 19 (X=O) <i>t</i> Bu	ketimines		45-100	42-95

Compared with Resin-bound catalyst 1a,the homogeneous analogue 1b was found to display substantially higher reactivity and to induce slightly improved enantioselectivity((1-3% ee)

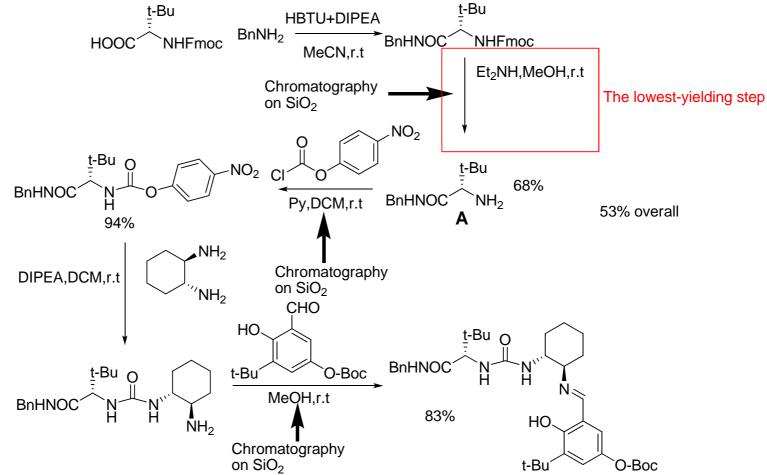
But the homogeneous analogue was more difficult to prepare than resin-bound



Practical Synthesis of Catalyst

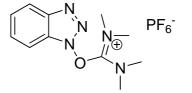
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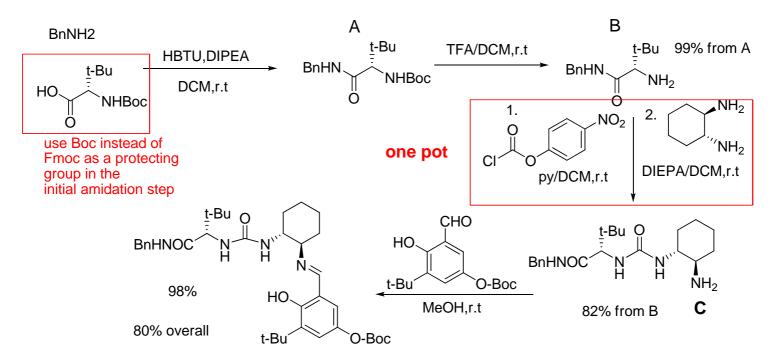


1. The product A underwent degradation in the presence of diethylamine during solvent removal. 2. Chromatography on silica gel was necessary to remove the dibenzofulvene byproduct.

HBTU:苯并三氮唑-N,N,N',N'-四甲基脲六氟磷酸盐 DIPEA:N,N-二异丙基乙胺



Optimized synthesis of Catalyst



Reaction of B with 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate proceeded with high selectivity and the crude product was shown to be >94% pure by H NMR analysis.

Since both this and the subsequent urea-forming reaction are conducted under basic conditions, they investigated the possibility of carrying out the reactions sequentially in one pot, ideally with the same base for both reactions.

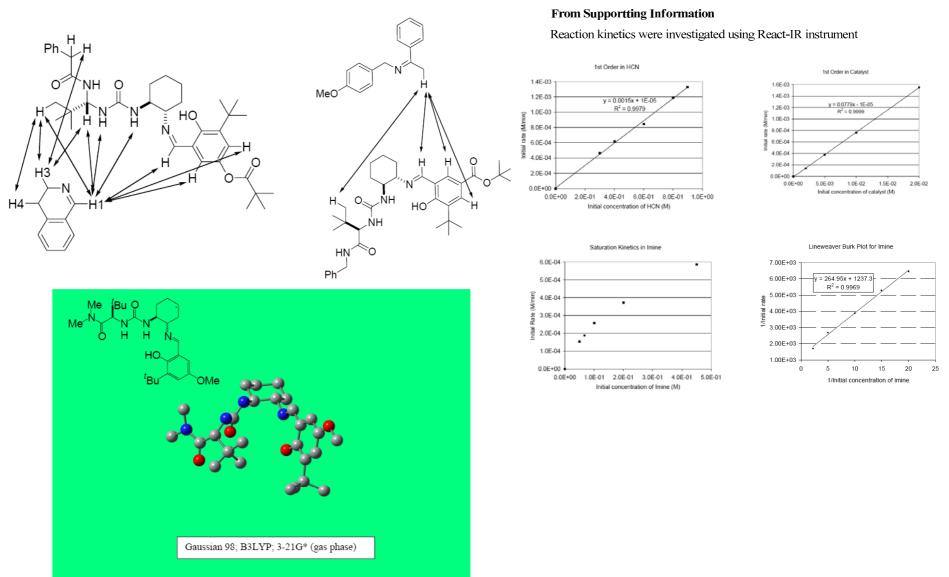
They ultimately observed that the one-pot procedure was indeed possible, although best results were obtained using pyridine for formation of carbamate and DIPEA for generation of urea **C**. Combining both reactions into a one-pot arrangement made it possible to avoid isolation and purification of the sensitive intermediate

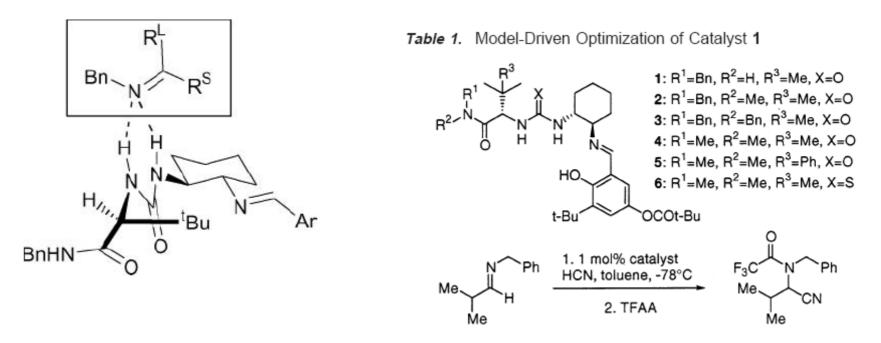
The crude product mixture of **C** was washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide to remove the 4-nitrophenol by product, leaving behind the product **C** contaminated with DIPEA, pyridine, unreacted excess diamine, and tetramethylurea. All of the components except **C** proved to be soluble in hexanes. Thus, after solvent removal, the crude solid residue was washed with hexanes to afford **C** in high purity and in 82% yield

Mechanism

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 10012-10014

Structure-Based Analysis and Optimization of a Highly Enantioselective Catalyst for the Strecker Reaction





Replacement of the urea with a thiourea group led to a measurable improvement in enantioselectivity.

Through this mechanismdriven optimization exercise, catalyst **6** was identified as the most enantioselective Strecker catalyst prepared to date.

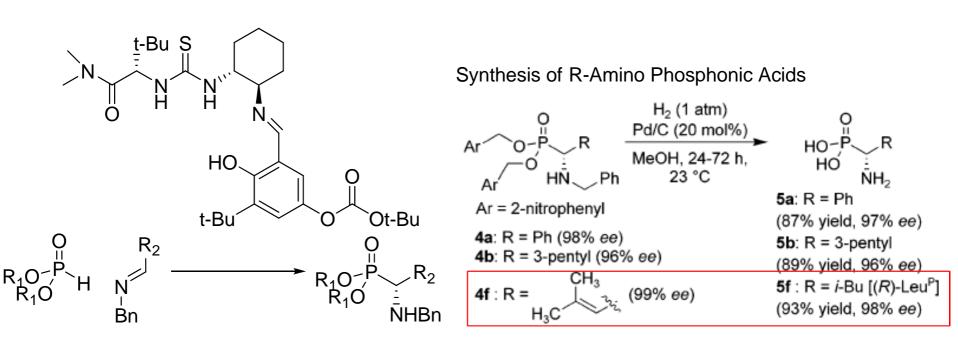
Following Improvement and More Work 1.Continue to Develop the catalyst 2.Develop various reactions and wide its application in natural product synthesis 3.Deeply Investigate the mechanism of reactions

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"Scaleable catalytic asymmetric Strecker syntheses of unnatural α -amino acids," *Nature* **2009**, *461*, 968–970

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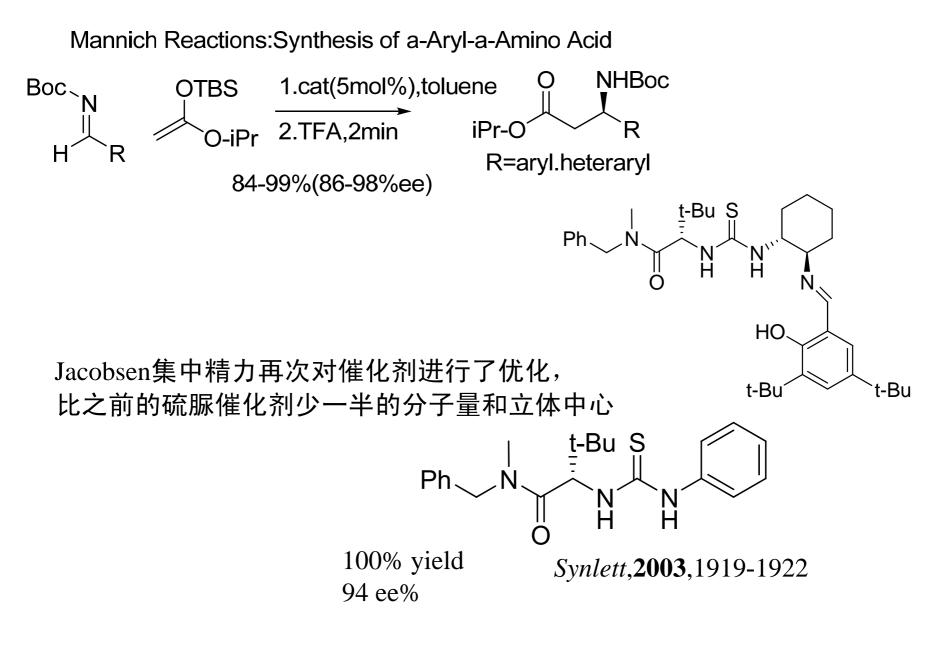
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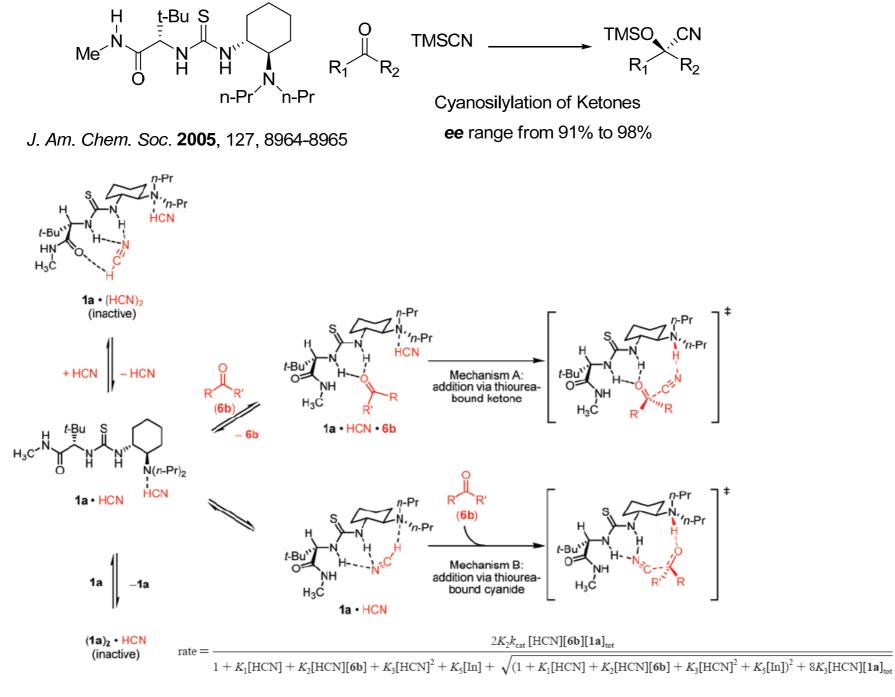


Hydrophosphonylation of Imines

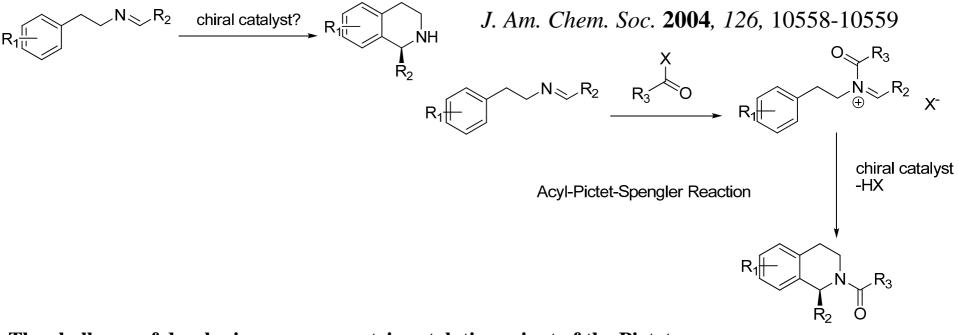
J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 4102-4103

 α -amino phosphonate **4f** was prepared on a one-gram scale and recrystallized to 99% ee. Subjecting adduct **4f** to the deprotection conditions resulted in concomitant hydrogenation of the olefin to provide (*R*)-LeuP **5f**, the R-amino phosphonic acid analogue of leucine and a known inhibitor (抑制剂) of leucine amino peptidase J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 12964-12965

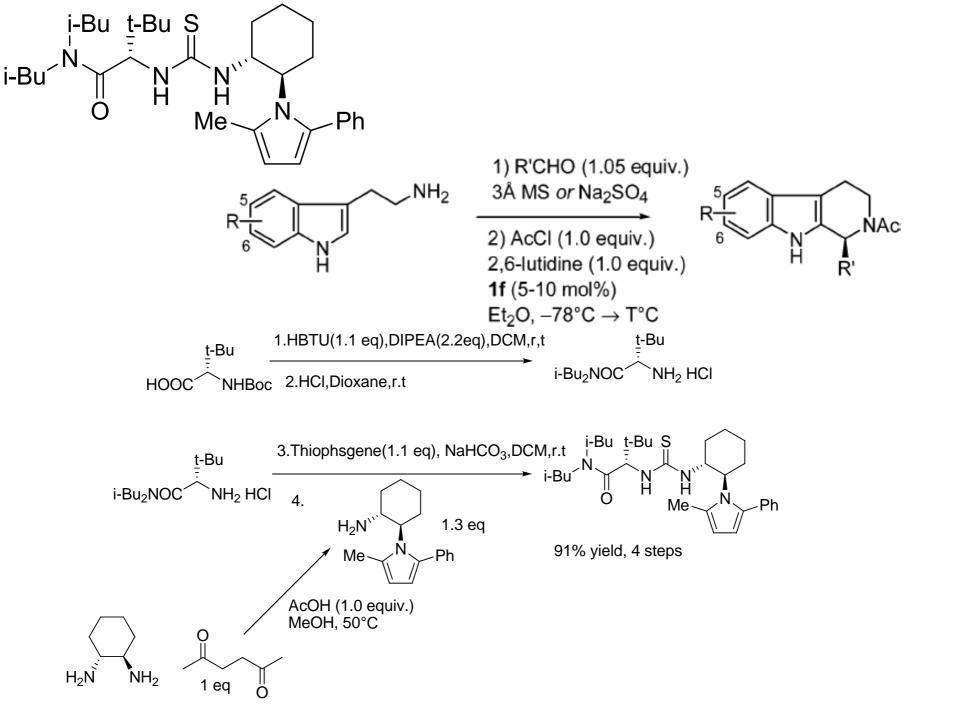




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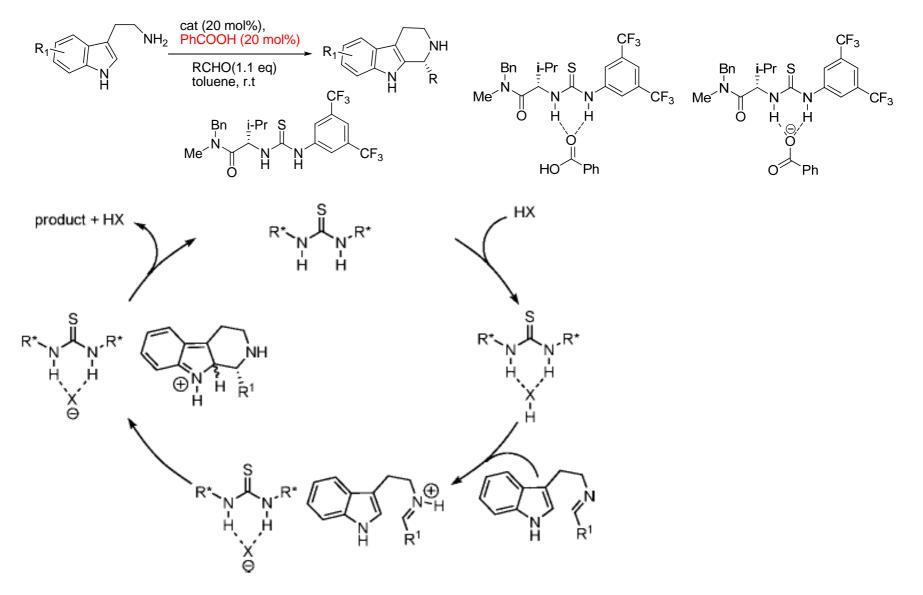
The challenge of developing an asymmetric catalytic variant of the Pictet-Spengler reaction appears to be associated with the low reactivity of the imine substrate. Most often, strong Brønsted acids are employed to promote the racemic pathway; the few reported examples of Lewis acid catalysis involve highly reactive agents, unmodified by donor ligands. In addition, high reaction temperatures are often required. They were thus not surprised to discover that a screen of potential chiral catalysts for this transformation did not afford any useful leads: all compounds tested were inactive except at high temperatures, and no enantiomerically enriched products were obtained under any conditions. These results led their to conclude that the exploration of more reactive variants of the Pictet-Spengler reaction, which could proceed under relatively mild conditions, might be key to the development of an enantioselective, catalytic process



Protio-Pictet-Spengler Reaction

Weak Brønsted Acid-Thiourea Co-catalysis

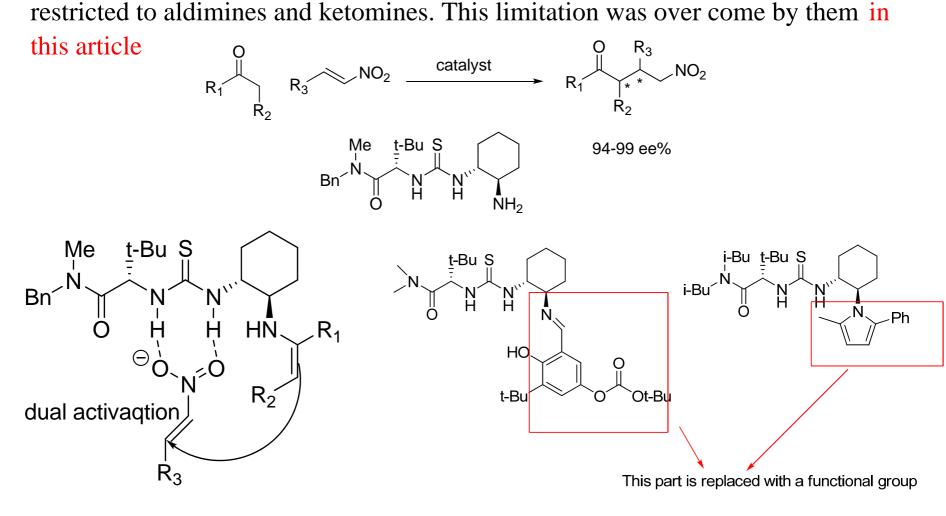
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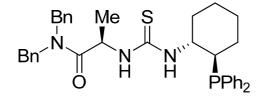


Additions of Ketones to Nitroalkenes

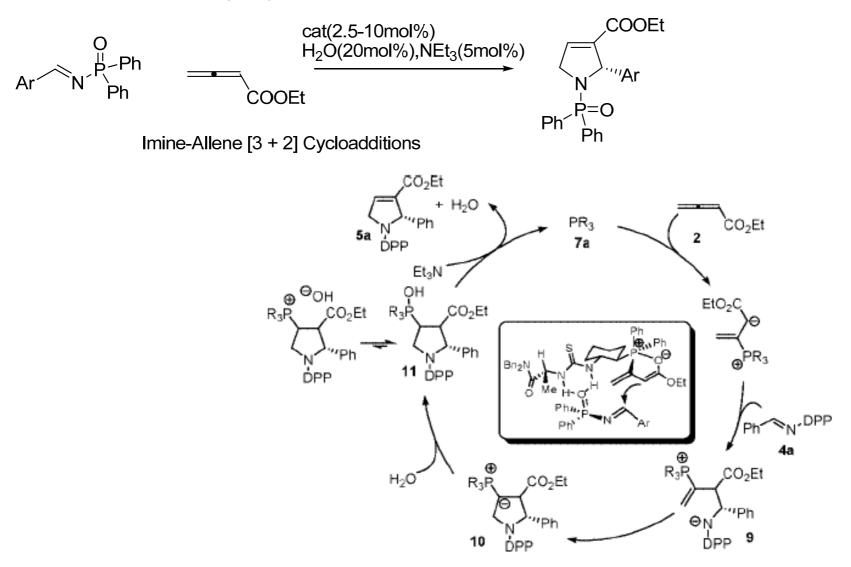
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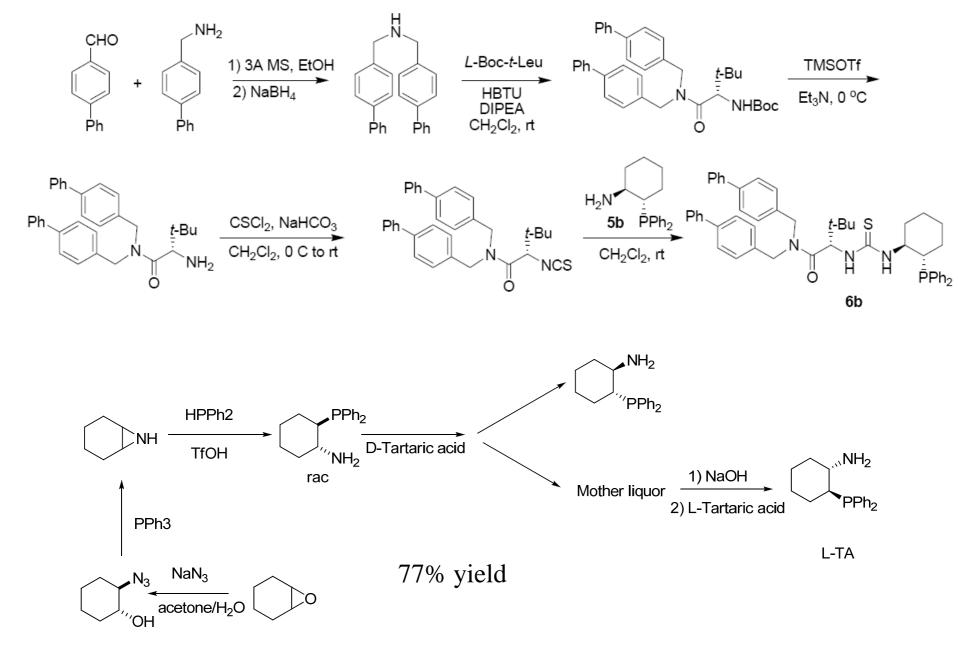
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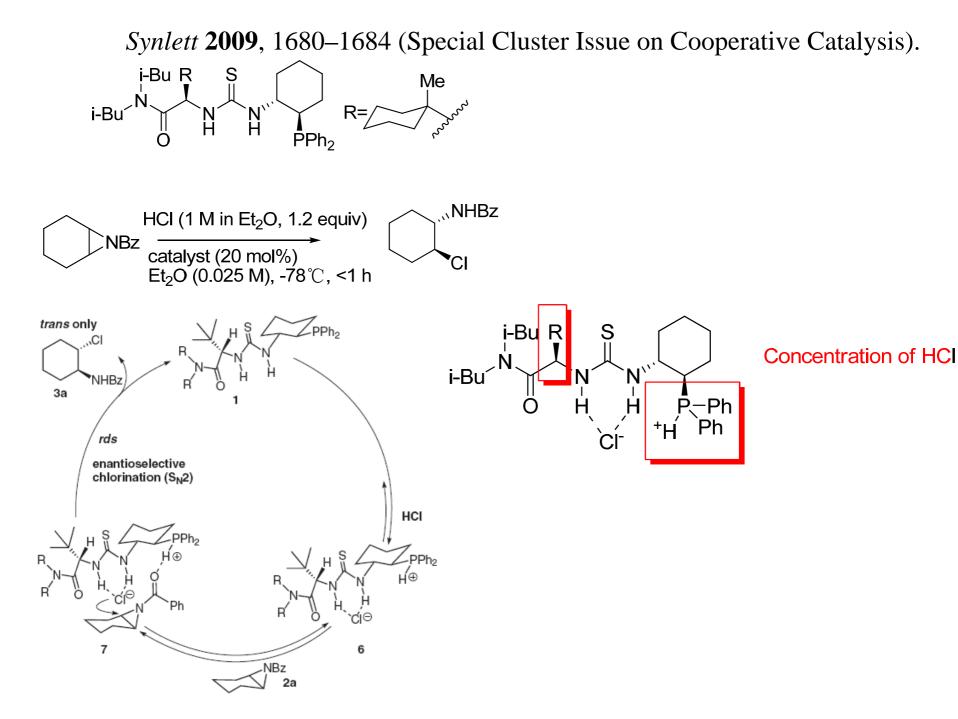




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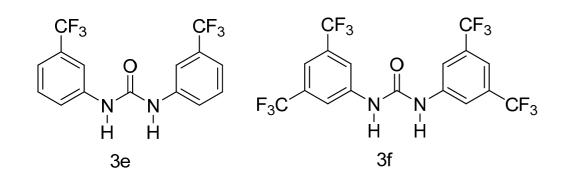
The double hydrogen-bonding motif

H-Bonding Additives Act Like Lewis Acid Catalysts



	+ 6 Cat.		~		+ 6 cat.	P N N T'
entry	catalyst	catalyst concn (rel to 4)/solvent	<i>T</i> [°C]	<i>t</i> [h]	yield [%]	7:7′
1		0/benzene	130	96	55	36:64
2	A1C1 ₃	25 mol %/CHCl3	-78	1	95	92:8
3	TiCl ₄	25 mol %/CHCl3	-78	1	92	89:11
4	3e	25 mol %/CHCl3	23	48	74	77:23
5	3f	25 mol %/CHCl3	23	48	78	81:19

^a Yields and product ratios were determined by NMR integration of the reaction mixtures.¹⁶



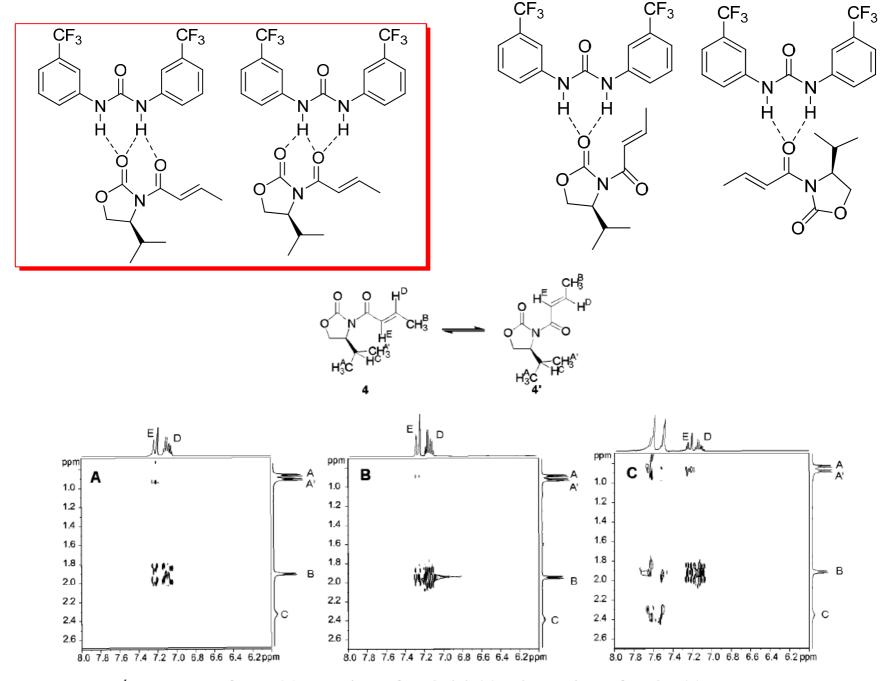
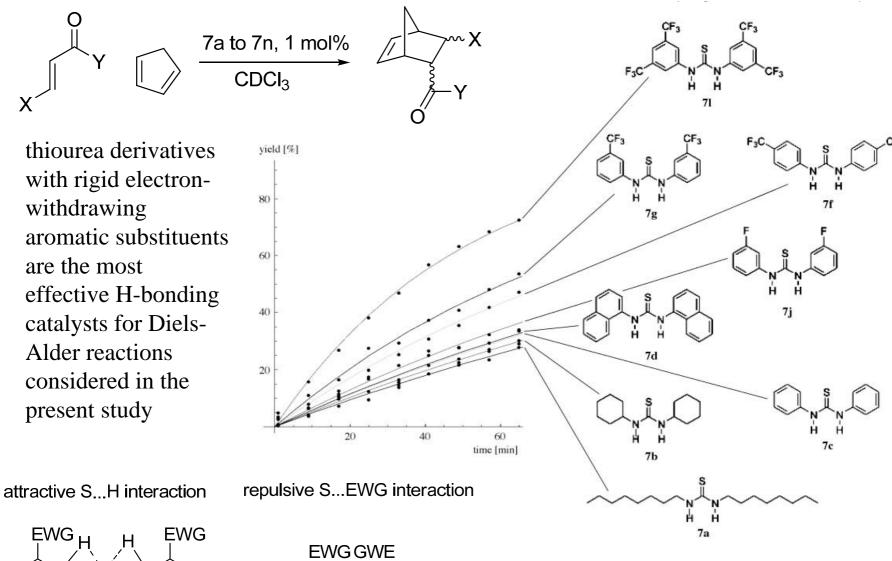


Figure 1. ¹H NOE spectra of pure 4 (A), a 1:1 mixture of 4 and AlCl₃ (B), and a 1:1 mixture of 4 and 3e (C).

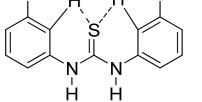
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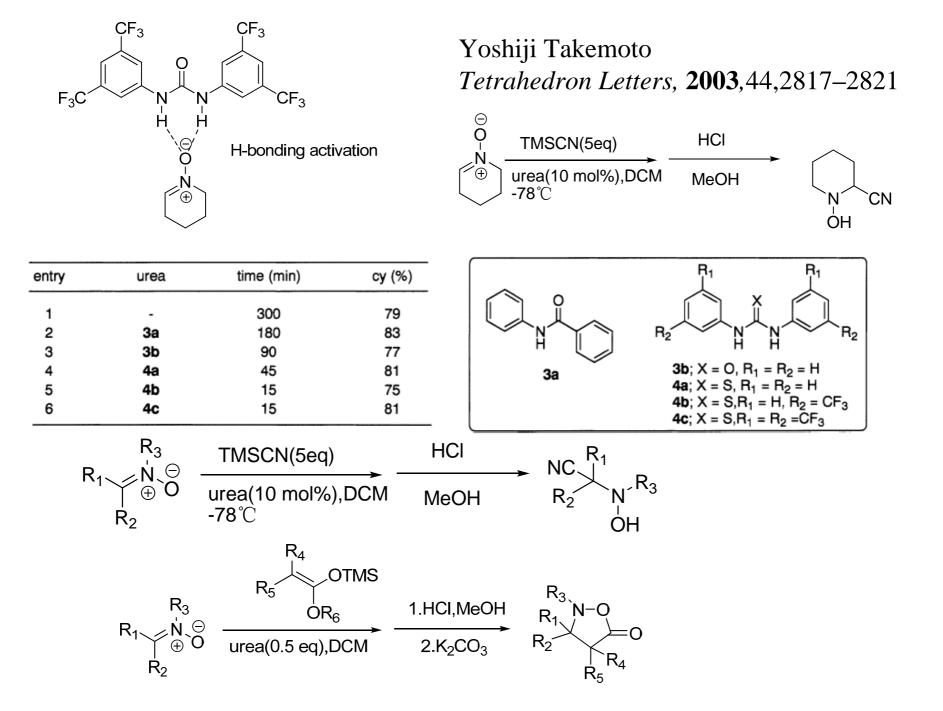


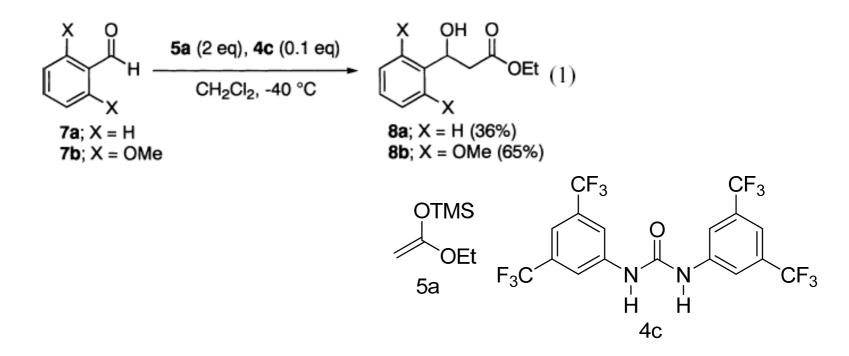
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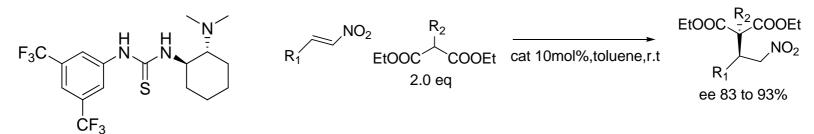
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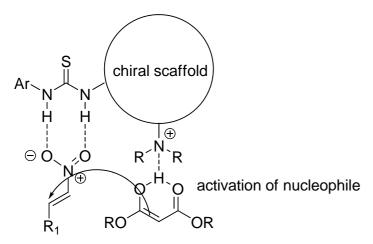




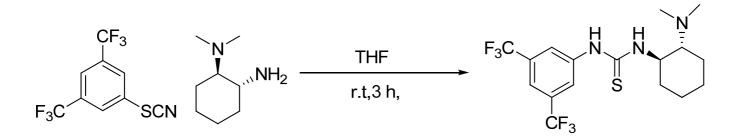
At this stage, the reason is not clear, but we now assume that both oxygens of the carbonyl and methoxy groups of **7b** might coordinate to thiourea **6c** to form a highly activated intermediate.

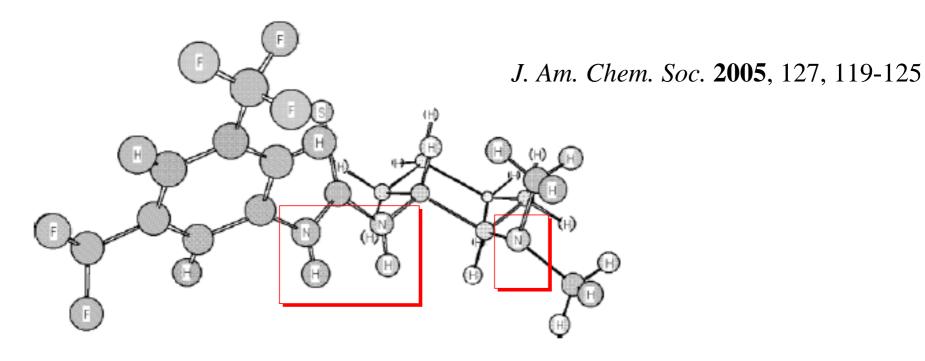


2003: Takemoto's bifunctional chiral thiourea derivative *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2003, 125, 12672-12673



activation of electrophile





the X-ray crystallography of Takemoto's bifunctional thiourea catalyst indicates that amino groups and thiourea N–H orient towards the same direction . Therefore, nucleophiles can approach nitroolefins in an ideal way, when both thiourea and amino group interact with nitroolefin and nucleophile, respectively. This hypothesis agrees with their experimental result

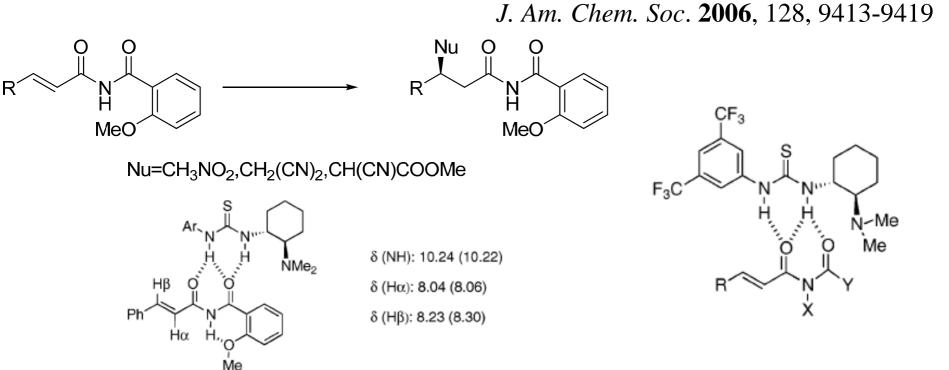
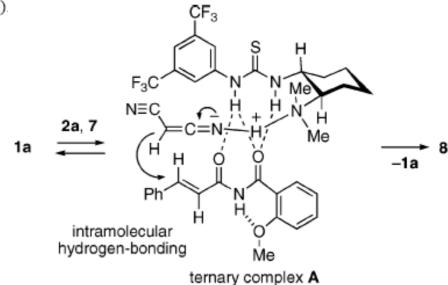
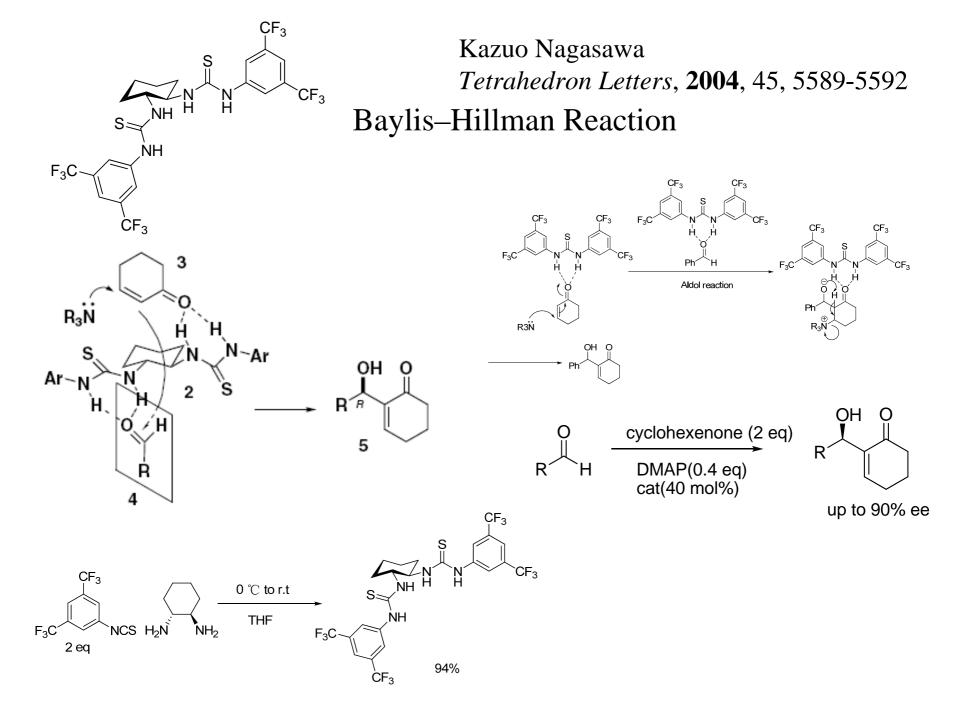
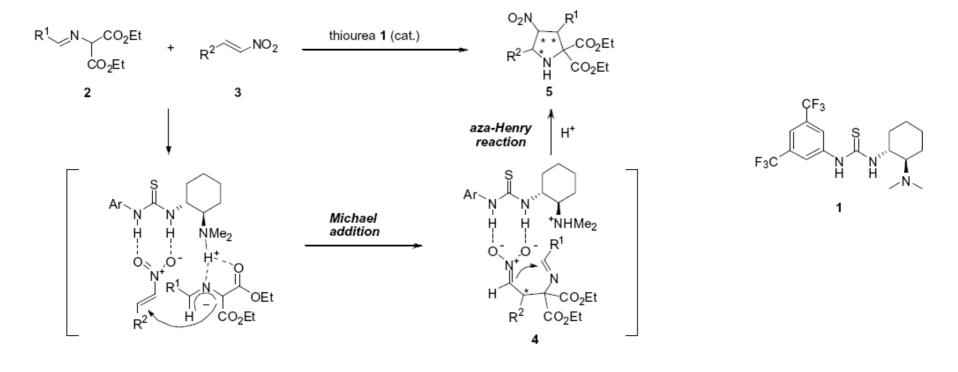


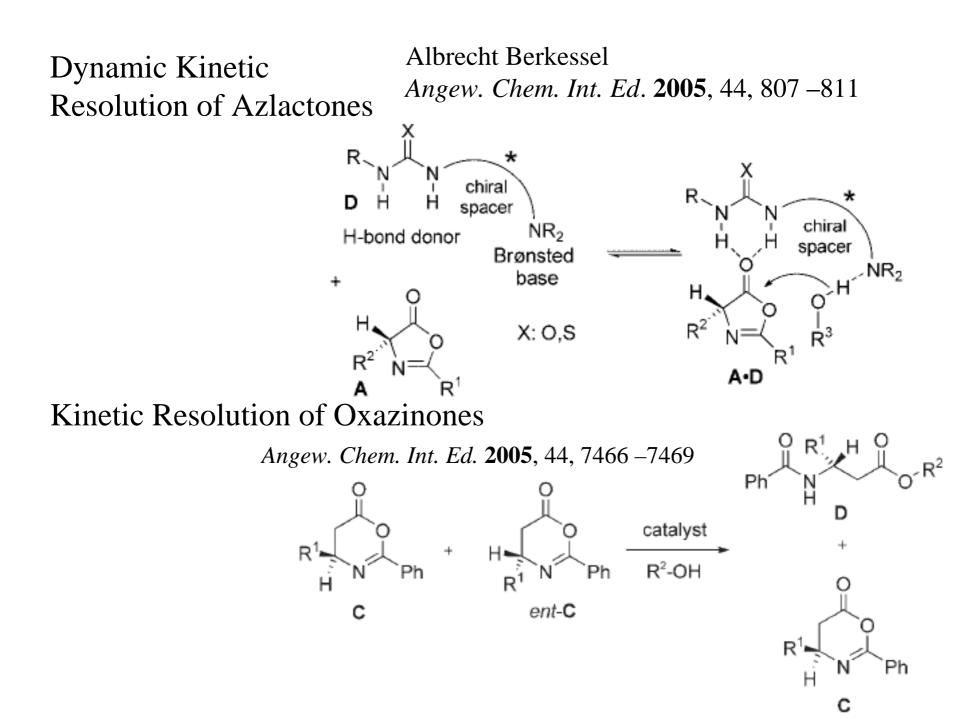
Figure 2. ¹H NMR of a 1:1 mixture of **1a** and 7A in toluene- d_8 (0.02 M) (the values in parentheses are chemical shifts of 7A without **1a**).





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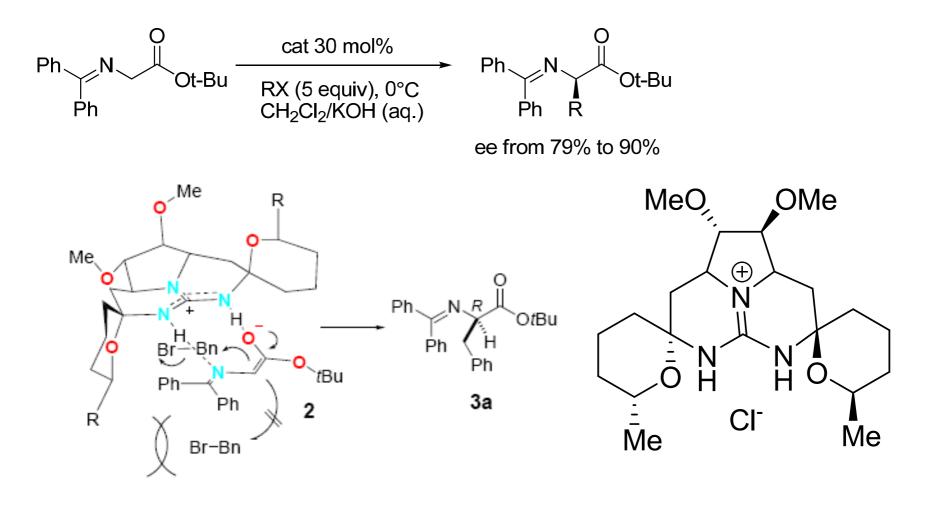




C2-Symmetric Chiral Pentacyclic Guanidine

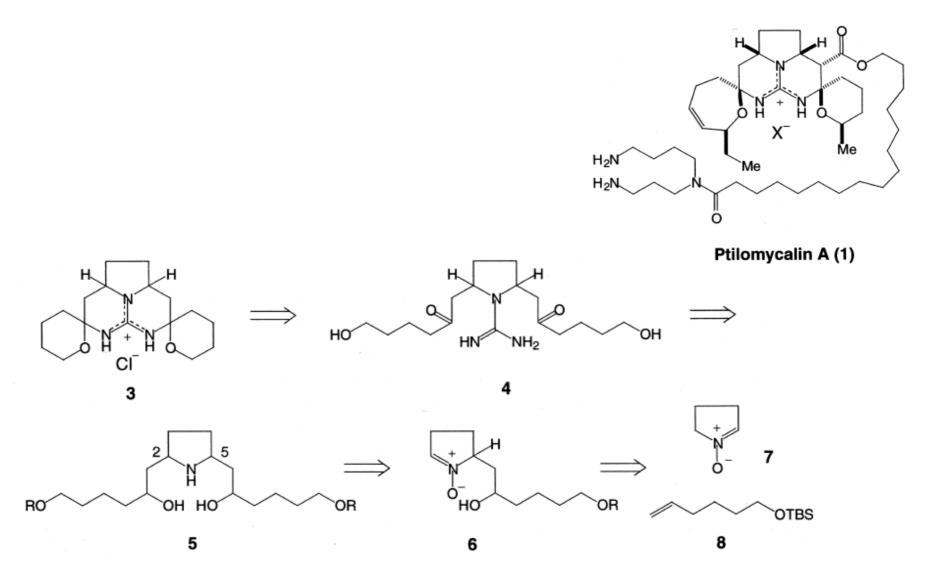
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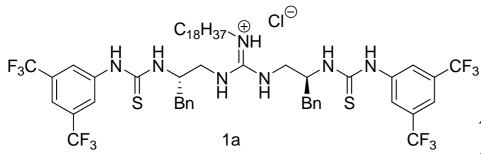
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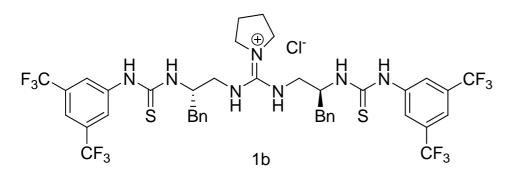
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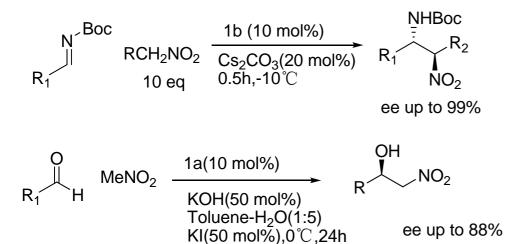
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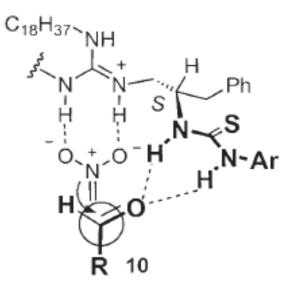


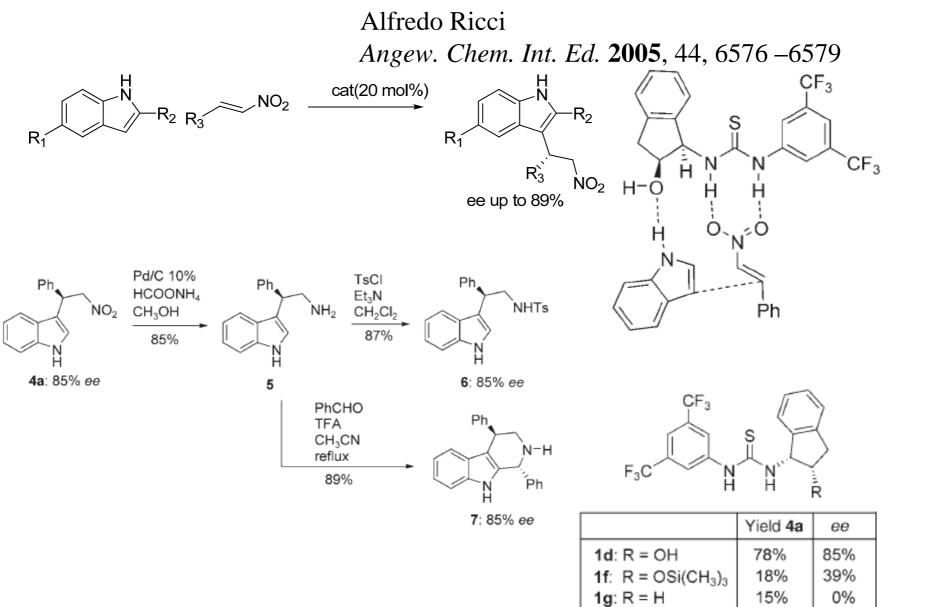


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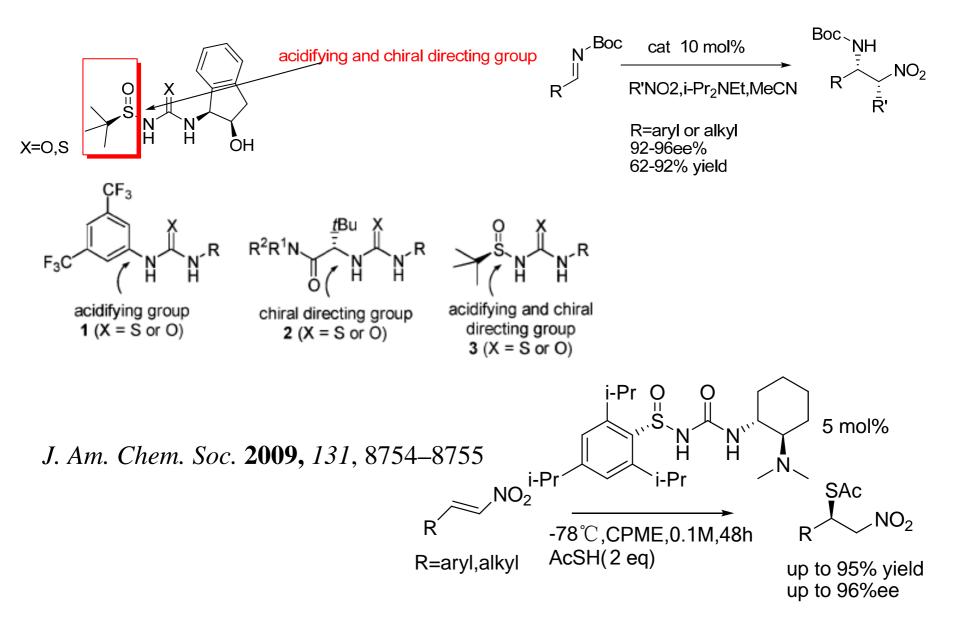






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4. Application in the total synthesis and industry

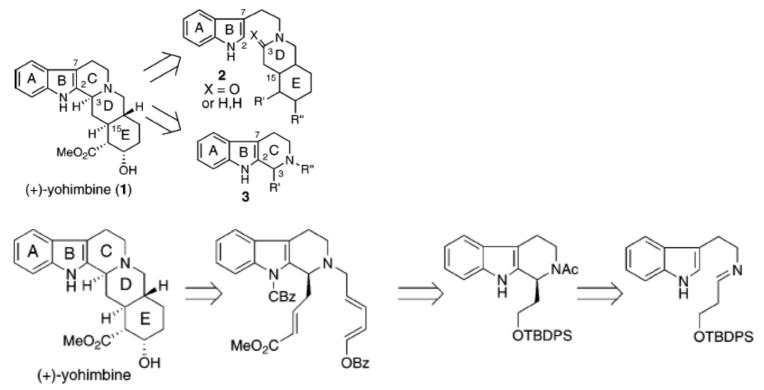
Total Synthesis of (+)-Yohimbine *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 1577–1580

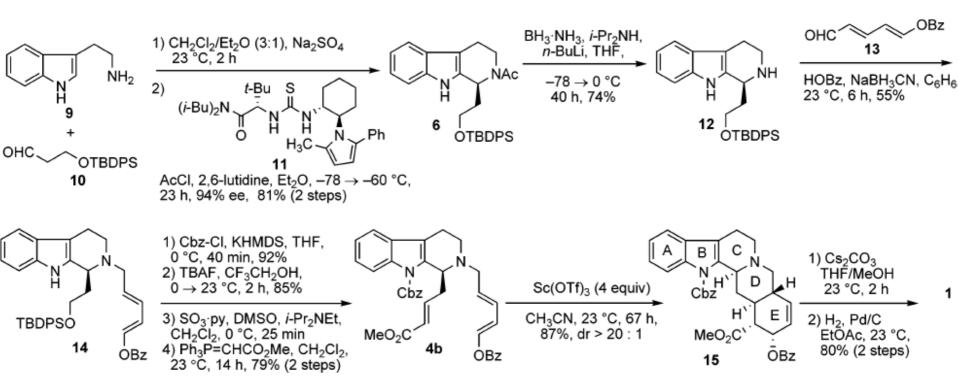
Yohimbine is an important member of the monoterpenoid indole alkaloids, a large class of natural products that features synthetically challenging structures with diverse biological activity

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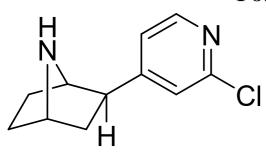
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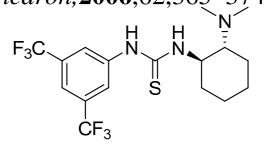
Scheme 1. General Strategies Employed in Previous Syntheses of Yohimbine and Related Alkaloids





Enantioselective tandem Michael reaction to nitroalkene catalyzed by bifunctional thiourea: total synthesis of (-)epibatidine Yoshiji Takemoto, *Tetrahedron*, 2006, 62, 365–374

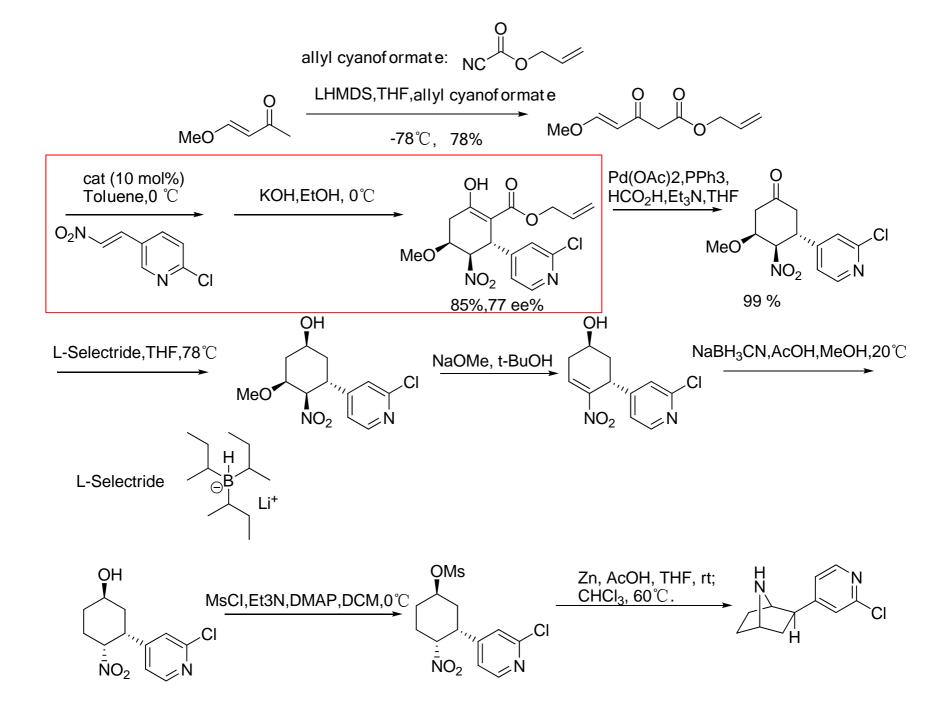


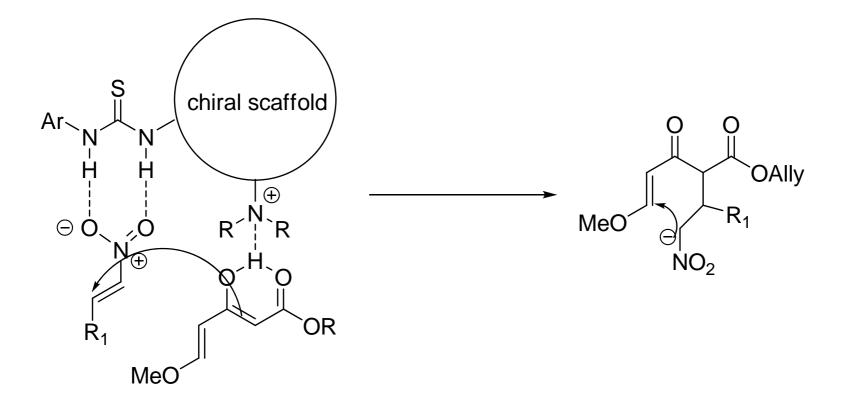


Epibatidine是由Daly等于1992年从厄瓜多尔的一种学名Epipedobates ericolord的毒 蛙皮肤萃取液中分离得到的生物碱。他们从750只毒蛙皮肤中萃取得到60mg的生 物碱类萃取液,对这些粗萃取液重复进行柱层析及HPLC纯化得到25mg稍纯的样 品,最后得到纯化合物仅1mg,通过红外、质谱及核磁氢谱测定并结合它的乙酰 化衍生物的核磁氢谱分析,确定该化合物的结构。后由Watt等人通过单晶衍射确 定其绝对构型为左旋对映体。

后来发现它的镇痛活性大约为吗啡的200—500倍,并且其作用机制和吗啡及其鸦 片类止镇痛作用完全不同:当它与鸦片拮抗剂同时使用时,它的止痛效果并不减 弱.由于Epibatidine的这些生物活性,其合成工作引起了人们极大的兴趣.到目 前为止,关于Epibatidine全合成的文章已超过了80篇。

Corey在1993年通过先合成它的一对外消旋体再进行拆分的方法首次进行了全合成(*J. Org. Chem*,**1993**,58,5600-5602),其后又有多个小组以易得天然手性化合物为手性源,如薄荷醇等进行了全合成,此文报道的是首例不对称催化合成。





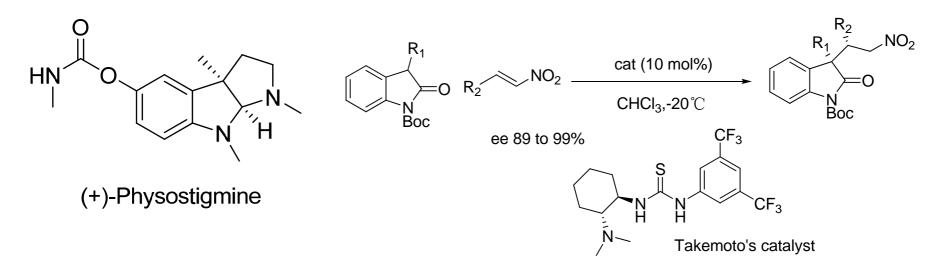
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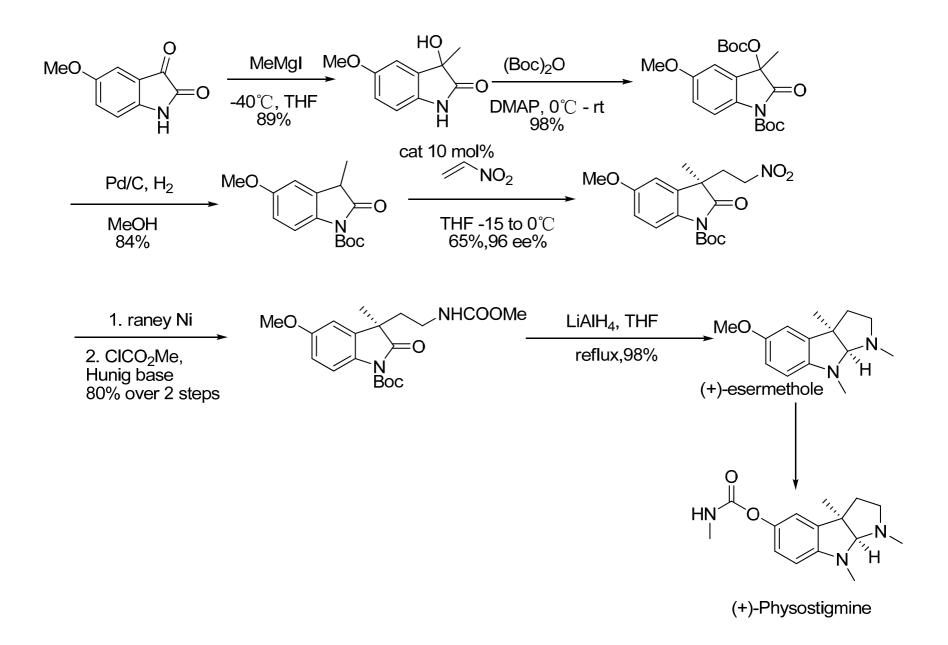
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(+) - Physostigmine: 毒扁豆碱, 依色林

有抗胆碱酯酶的作用,使胆碱能神经末梢所释放的乙酰胆碱不致被灭活而积聚,作用于M胆碱受体呈现与其他拟胆碱药类似的作用,即瞳孔缩小、流涎、胃肠蠕动增强、心 率减慢等现主要用其0.2%~0.5%溶液点眼,用于青光眼、调节肌麻痹。





Asymmetric organocatalytic reaction	Company	Developed at	Catalyst
Intramolecular aldol reaction	Schering AG HoffmLaRoche	in house	L-proline
Alkylation of indanone derivative	Merck	in house	alkaloid-deriv. cat.
Alkylation of glycinates	Nagase	Maruoka group	phase- transfer-cat.
Strecker reaction	Rhodia ChiRex	Jacobsen group	(thio-)urea cat.
Protonation	Firmenich	in house	amino alcohol
Epoxidation of chalone	Bayer AG	Julia/	poly-/oligo-
and derivatives	Degussa AG	Colonna group	Leu cat.
Epoxidation of alkenes	DSM	Shi group	chiral ketone

 Table 1
 Organocatalytic processes of industrial relevance

From :Asymmetric Organocatalysis on a Technical Scale: Current Status and Future Challenges by H. Gröger

The technologies developed in Jacobsen's lab have been commercialized by Rhodia ChiRex, a joint venture between Jacobsen and global chemical giant Rhodia.The catalysts have been used in many pharmaceutical syntheses

6. Conclusion

1.Catalyst
a.economy
b.stability and operation
c.synthesis
d.*ee*, conversion and catalyst loading
f. novel reaction

2.Reaction Michale addition Mannich Reactions Transfer hydrogenation Acyl-Pictet-Spengler Reaction Cycloaddition Ring Opening of Aziridine Claisen Rearrangement Hydrophosphonylation Baylis–Hillman reaction Kinetic Resolution