



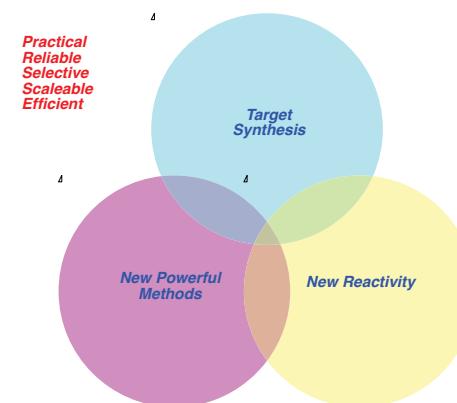
Exploring and Exploiting New Reactivity with Novel Classes of High-Performance Multifunctional Cooperative Catalysts

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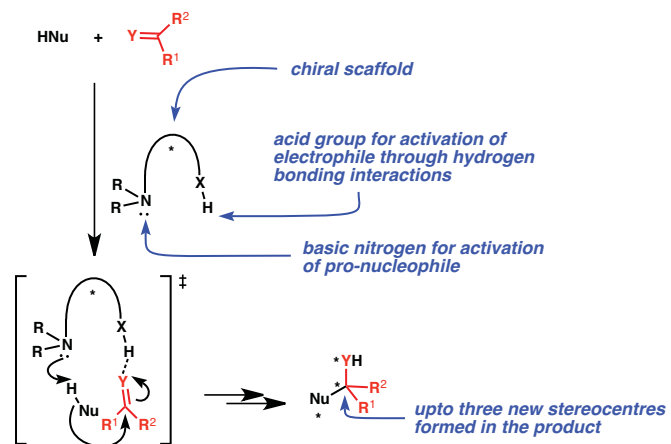
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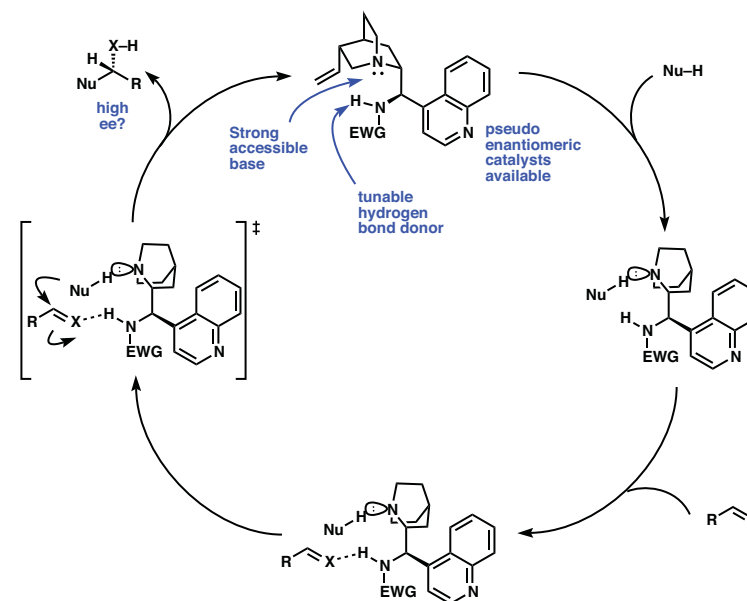
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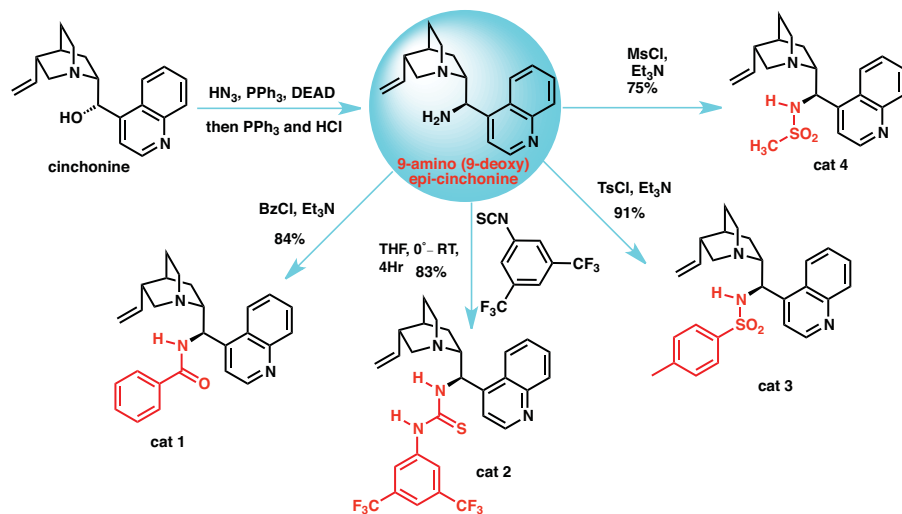
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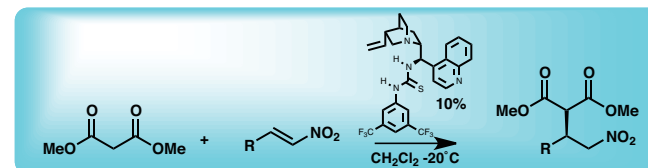
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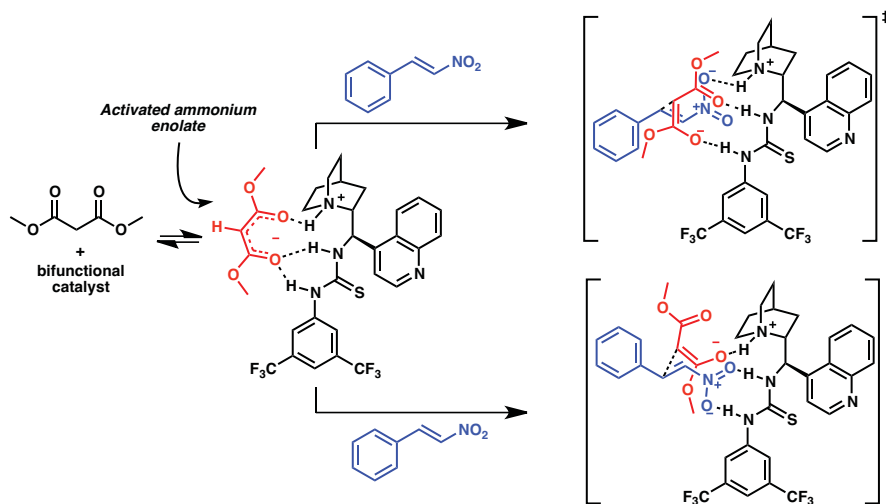


R	time/Hr	yield/%	ee/%
Ph	30	95	94
2-naphthyl	48	83	89
2-Cl phenyl	30	99	94
2-Br phenyl	30	95	92
3-Br phenyl	30	85	90
4-Br phenyl	48	87	90
4-Me phenyl	48	82	92
3-Me phenyl	52	92	91
2-MeO phenyl	30	96	97
2-furyl	30	93	95
2-thienyl	30	87	94
n-pentyl	72	81	87
c-hexyl	31	82	82 (at RT)

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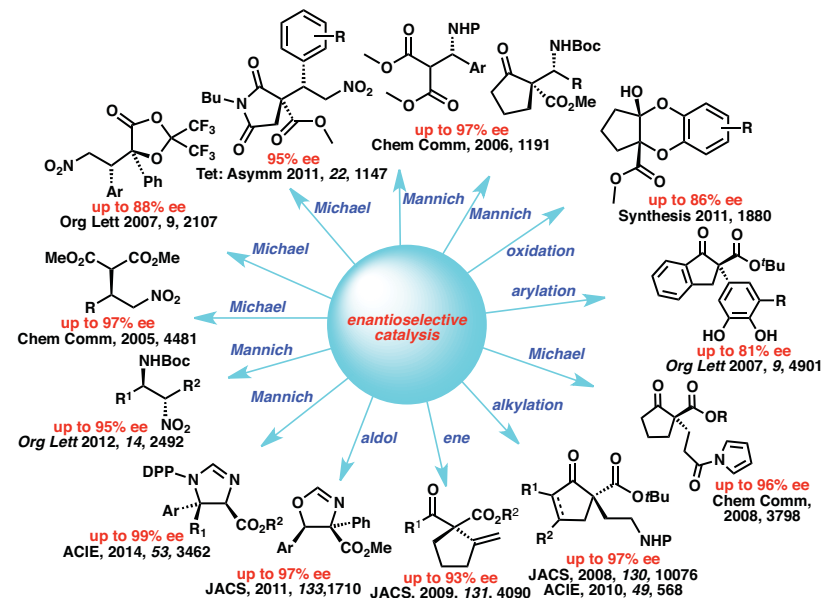
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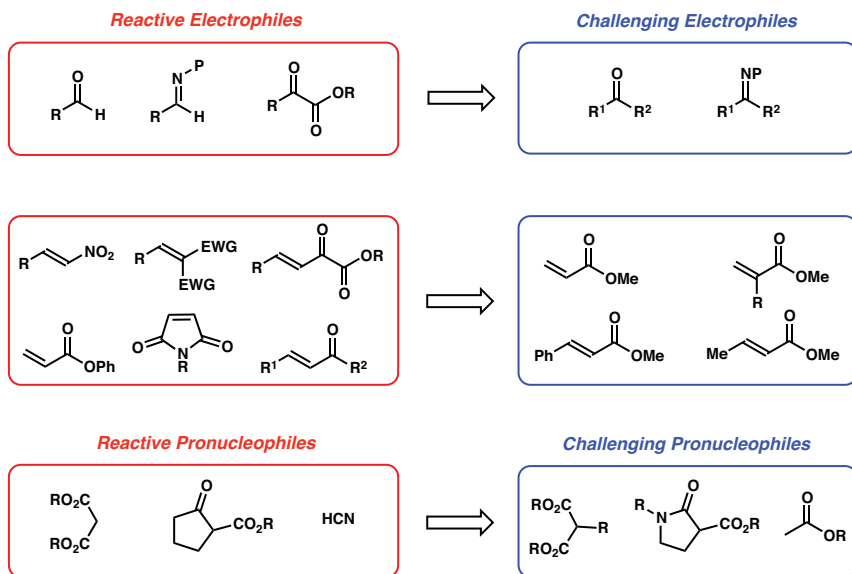
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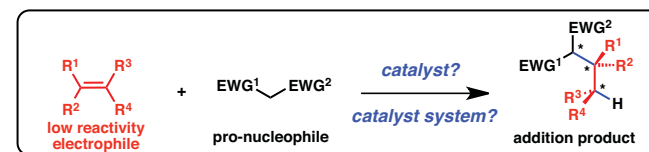
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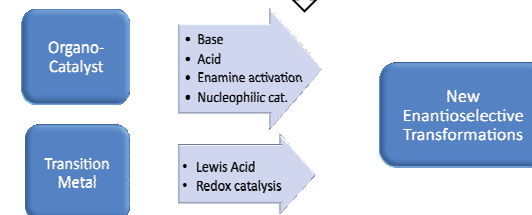


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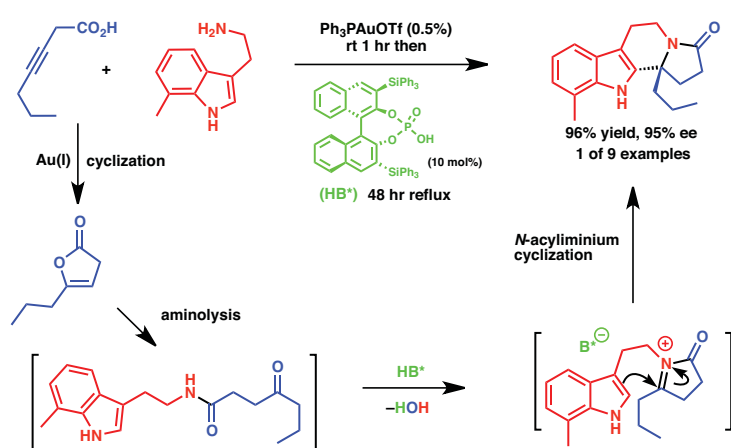
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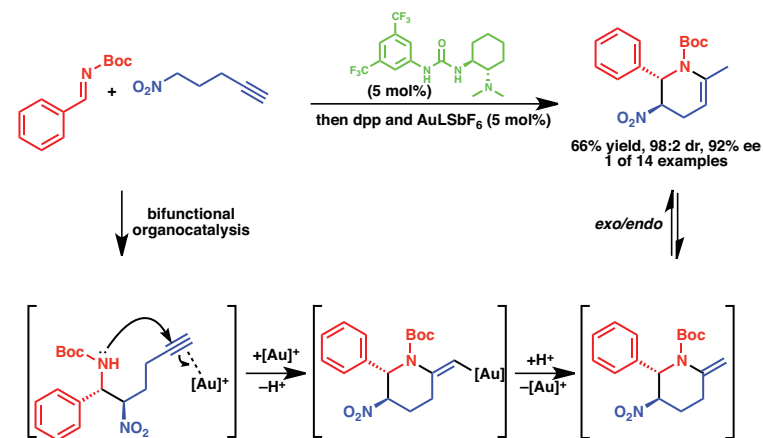
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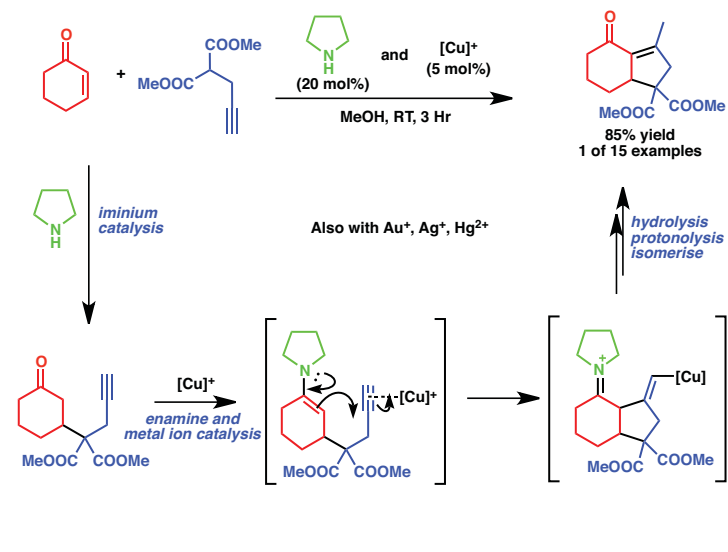
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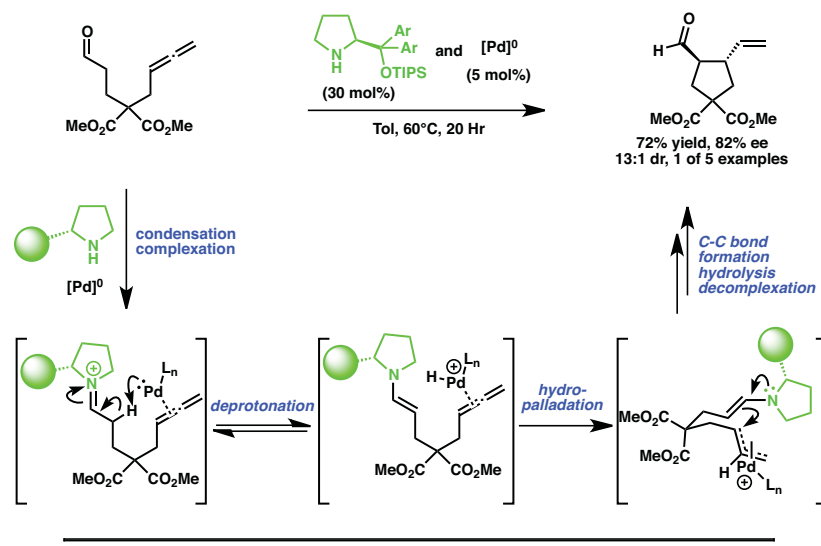
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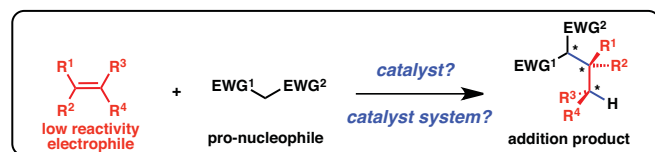
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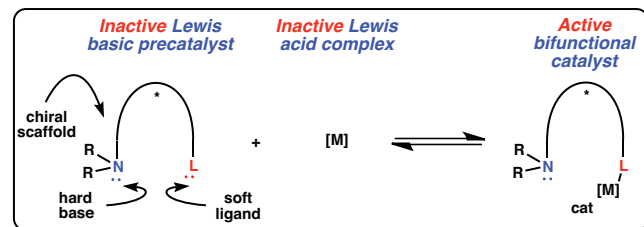
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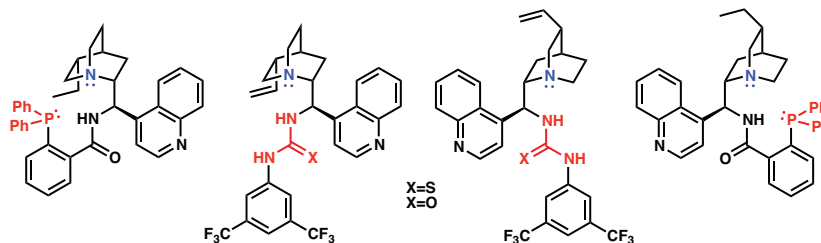
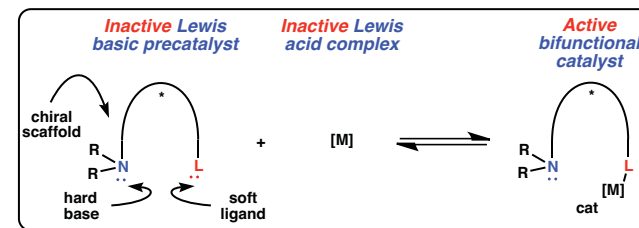
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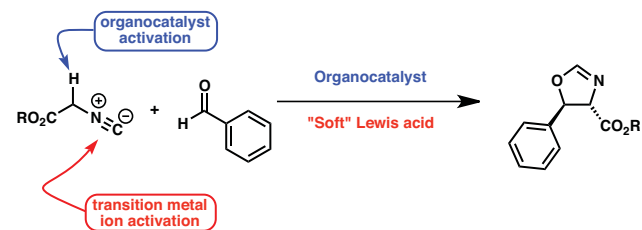
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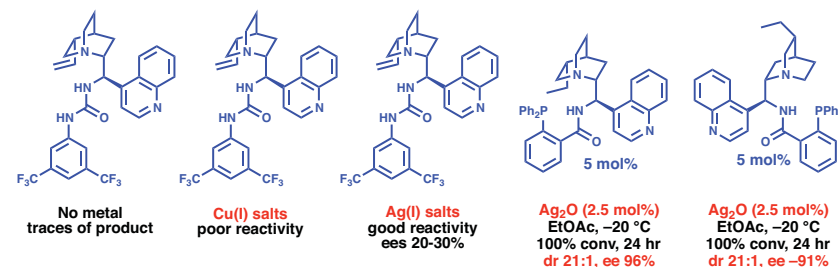
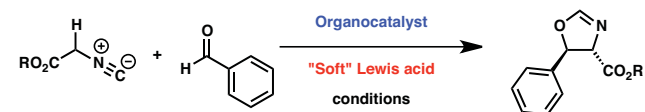
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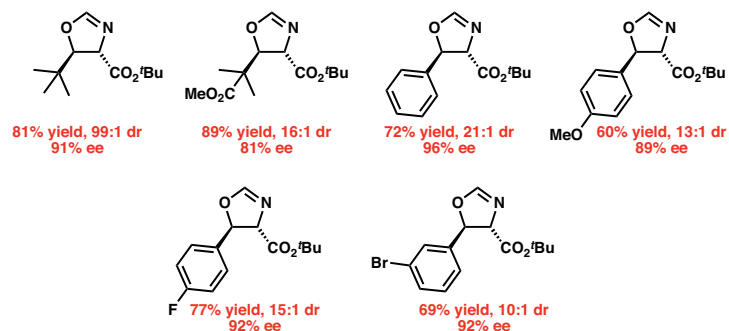
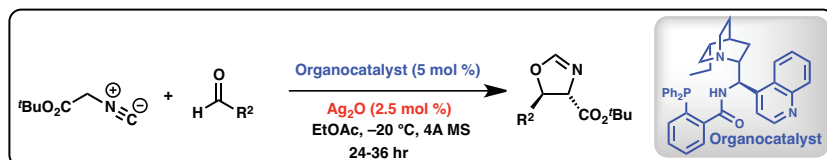
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Proof of Principle Studies and Catalyst Identification



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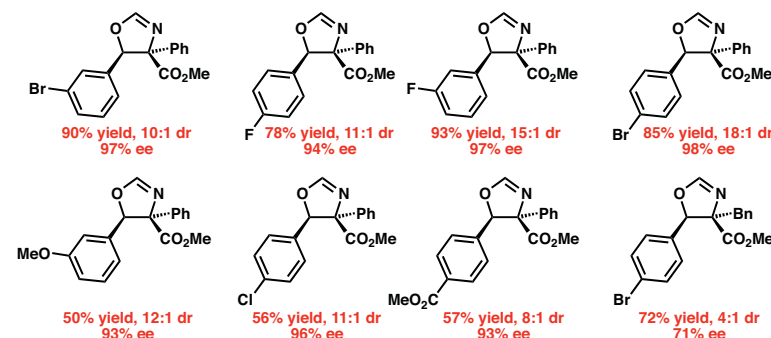
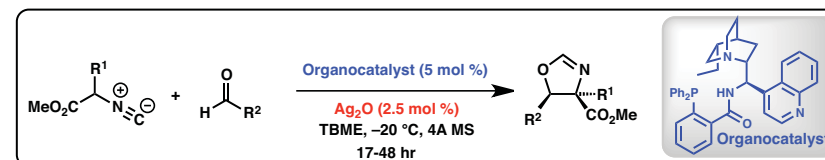
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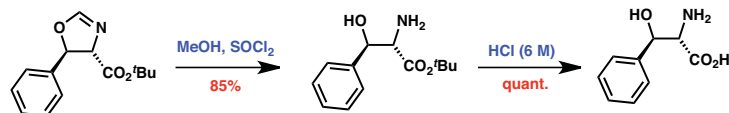


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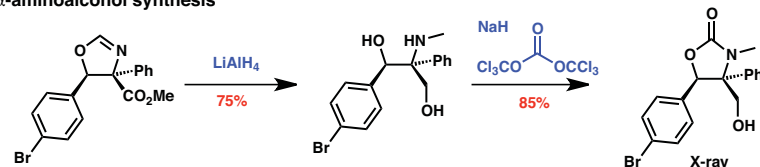
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Synthetic Utility of the Isocyanoacetate Aldol Reaction

α -aminoester and α -amino acid synthesis



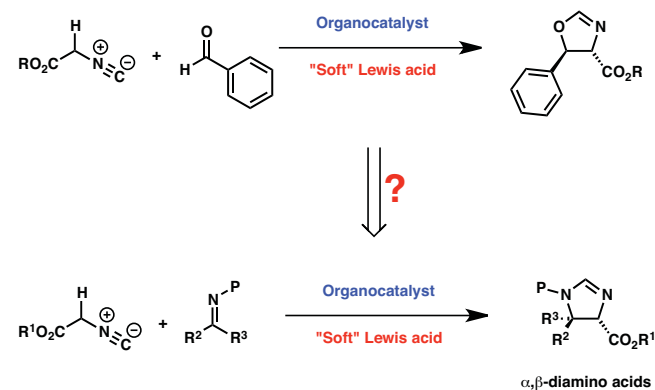
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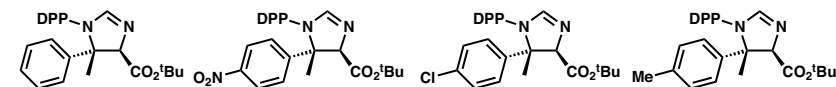
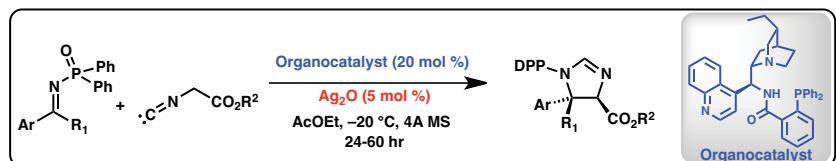
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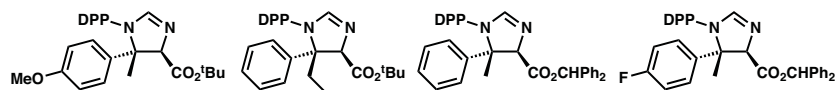


92% yield, 98:2 dr
96% ee

87% yield, 8:2 dr
95% ee

96% yield, 96:4 dr
94% ee

78% yield, 9:1 dr
99% ee



87% yield, 75:25 dr
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85% yield, 88:12 dr
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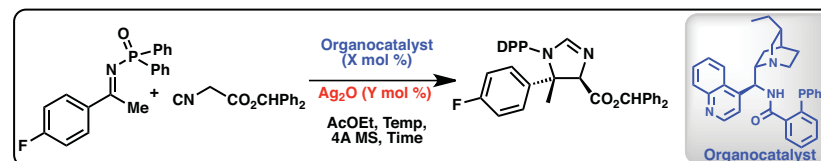
70% yield, 84:16 dr
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95% yield, 83:17 dr
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Loading Studies in the Catalytic Isocyanoacetate Mannich Reaction



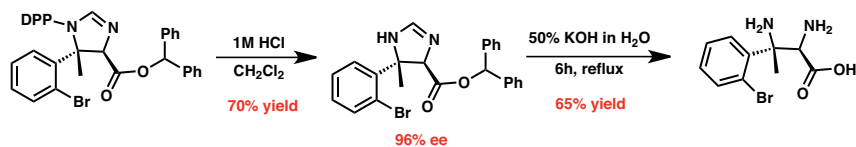
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1	10	2.5	-20	60	87	94:6	96
2	5	1.25	-20	120	78	93:7	96
3	1	0.25	-20	160	77	92:8	95
4	1	0.25	0	60	58	87:13	94

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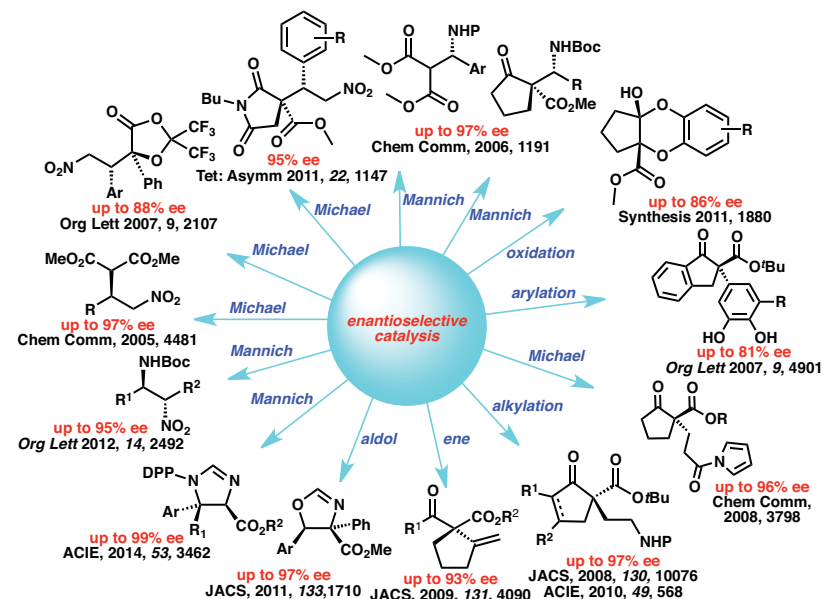
Mild DPP removal and hydrolysis of imidazoline



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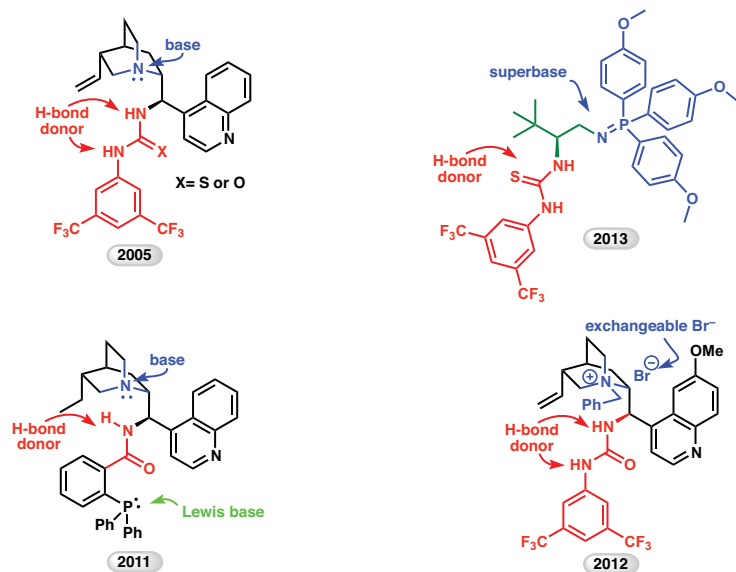
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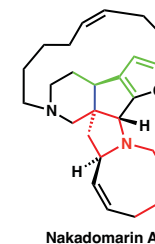
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Multifunctional Catalysts Developed in the Dixon Group



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Nakadomarin A - Structure and Biological Activity

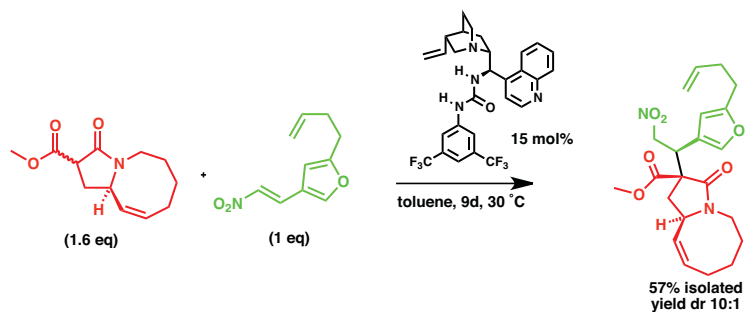


Structure:
Hexacyclic alkaloid, consisting of an 8/5/5/5/15/6 ring system
4 stereogenic carbons

Biology:
Found to be cytotoxic (murine lymphoma L1210, IC50 1.3 µg/ml)
Inhibits cyclin dependent kinase 4 (CDK4) (IC50 9.9 µg/ml)
Also antifungal and antibacterial (MIC 23 and 11 µg/ml respectively)

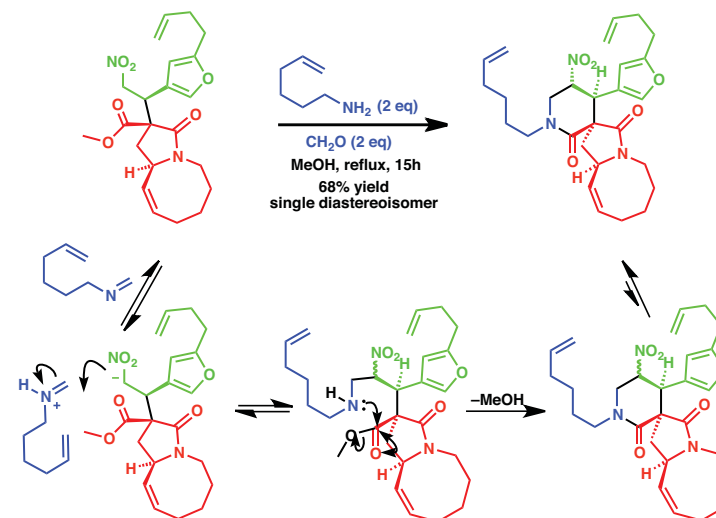
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Diastereoselective Michael Addition of 8,5-Bicyclic Pronucleophile to 2-Butenyl-Substituted Furanyl Nitro Olefin



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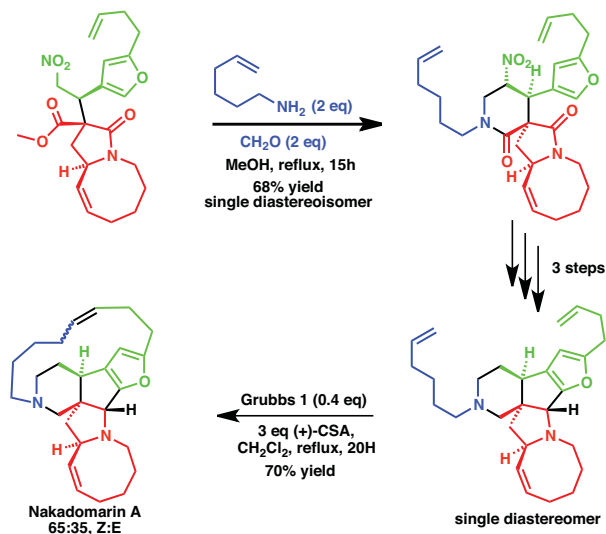
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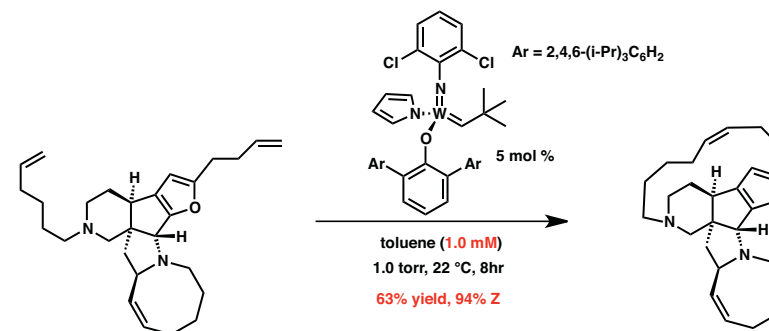
Z-Selective Ring Closing Metathesis



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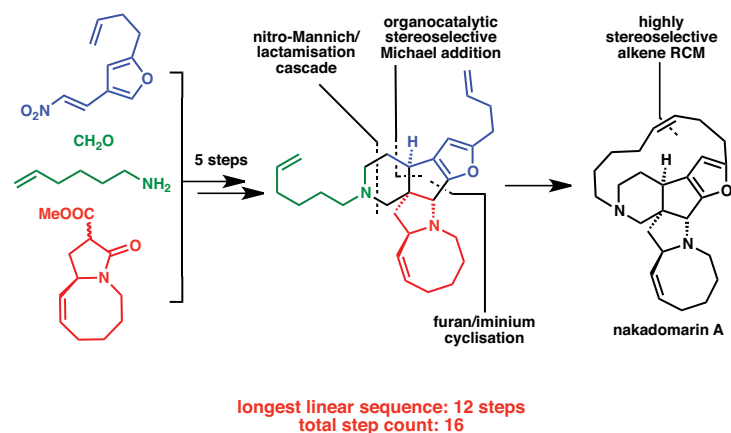
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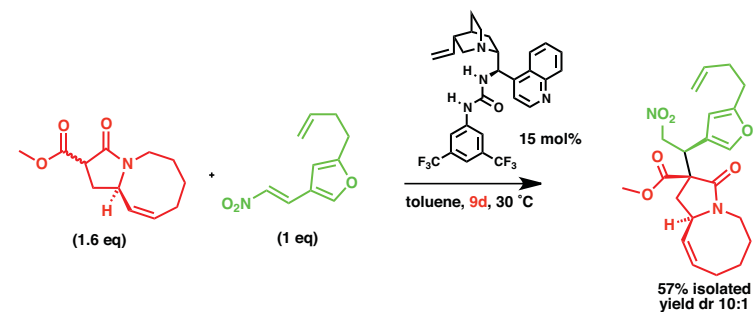
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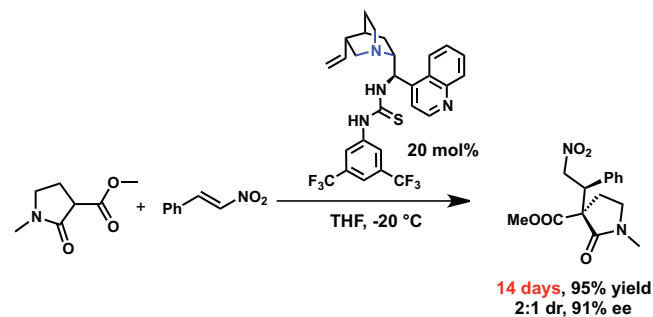
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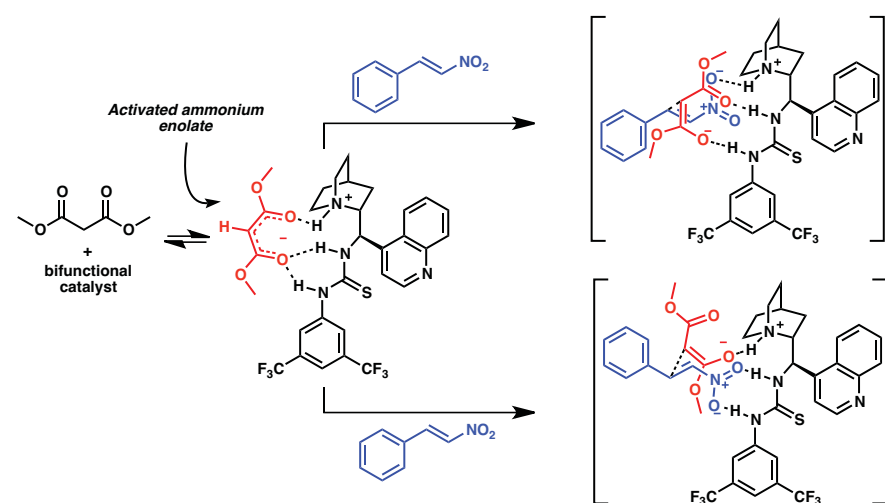
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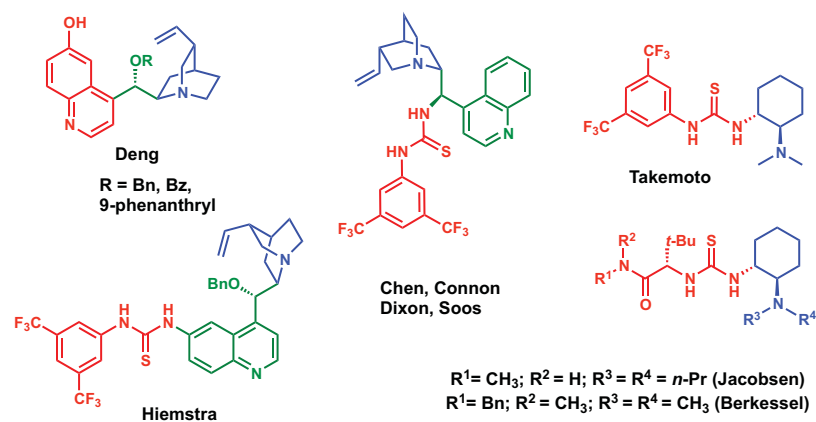
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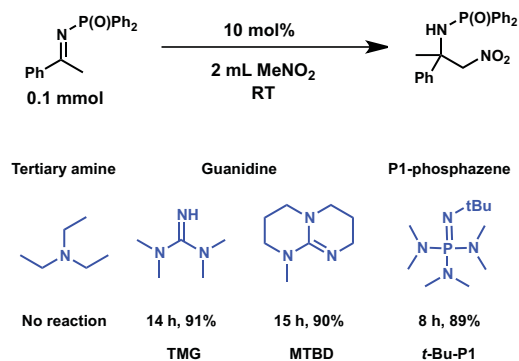
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Common Bifunctional Bronsted basic / H-bond Donor Organocatalysts



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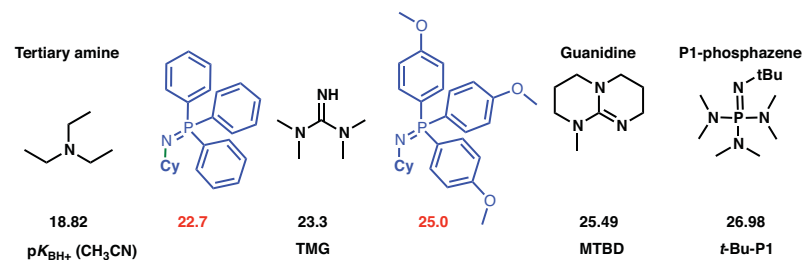
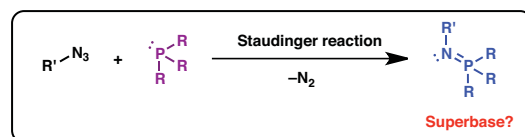
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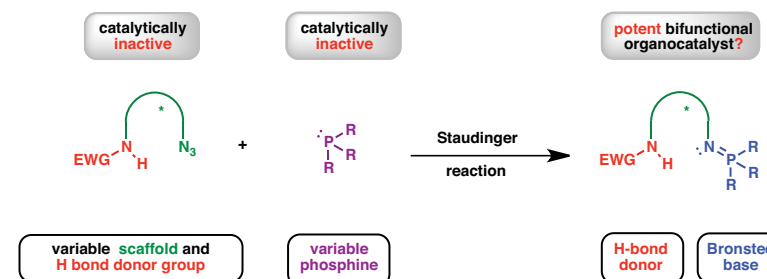
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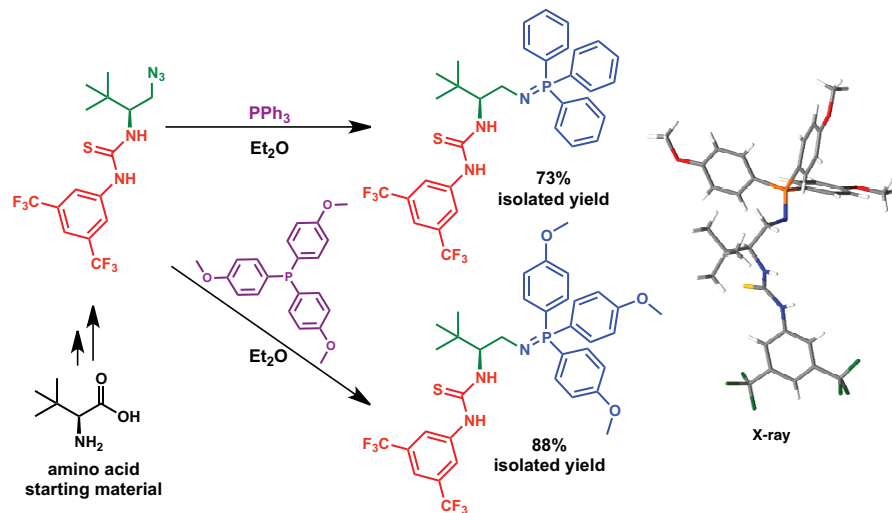
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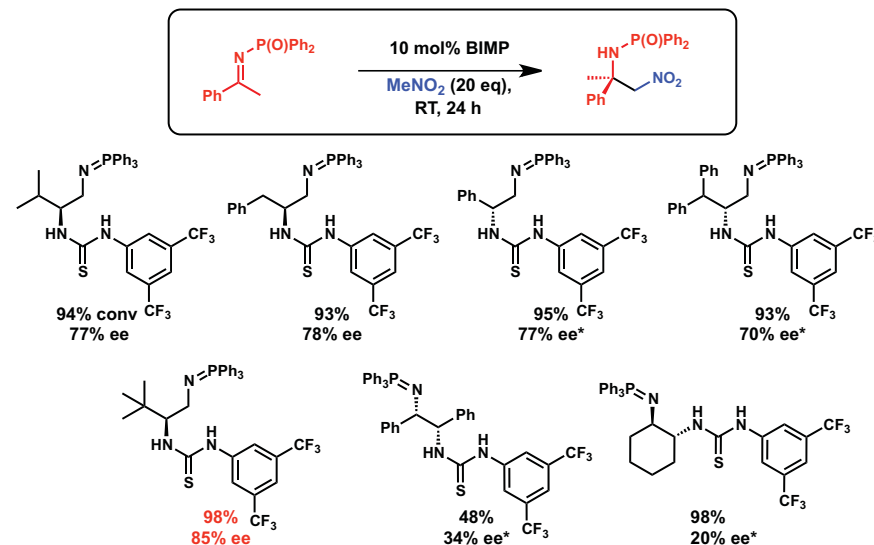
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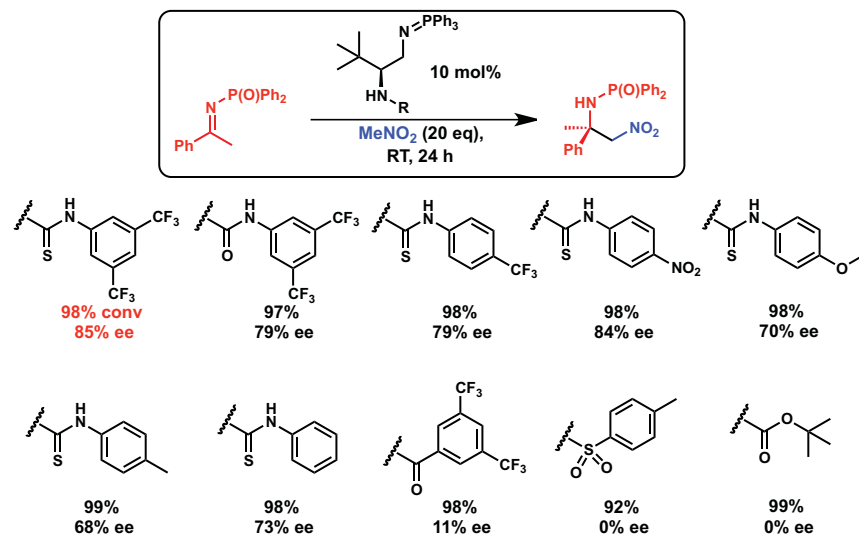
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Catalyst Scaffold Screen



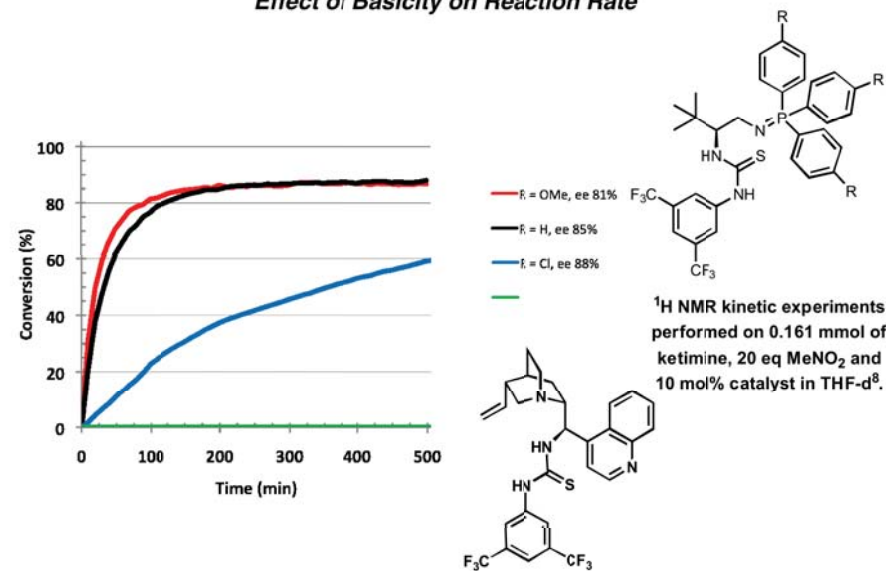
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H-Bond Donor Screen



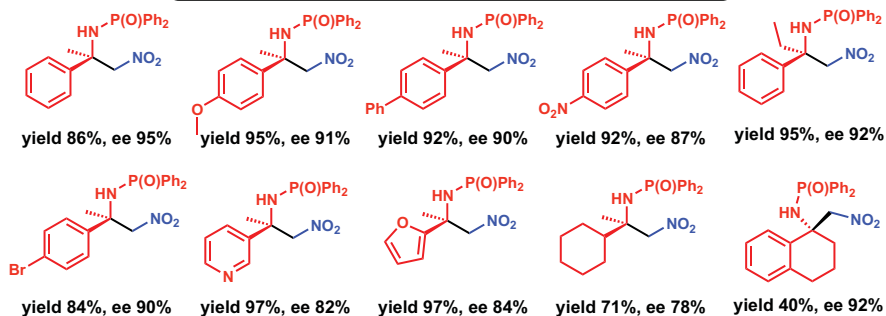
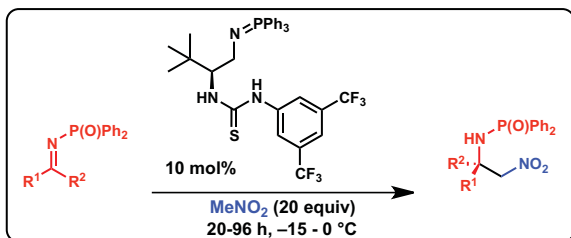
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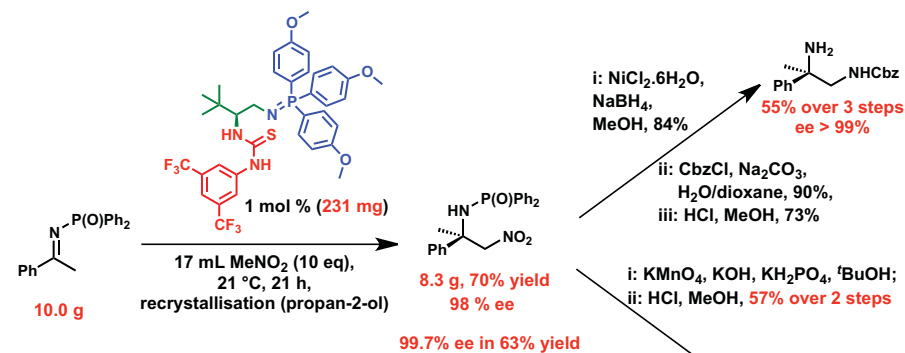
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