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Sugar-based phosphite and phosphoroamidite ligands for the Cu-catalyzed

asymmetric 1,4-addition to enones

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ABSTRACT

A modular sugar-based phosphoroamidite L1–L5a–g and phosphite L6–L9a–g ligand library was tested in the asymmetric Cu-catalyzed 1,4-conjugate addition reactions of β -substituted (cyclic and linear) and β , β '-disubstituted (cyclic) enones. The selectivity depended strongly on the configuration of carbon atom C-3, the size of the sugar backbone ring, the flexibility of the ligand backbone, the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g, the type of functional group attached to the ligand backbone and the substrate structure. Therefore, by carefully selecting the ligand parameters, enantioselectivities of up to 60% for cyclic substrates and 72% for linear ones were achieved.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, asymmetric copper-catalyzed conjugate addition is a well-developed methodology for creating C–C bonds stereoselectivity.¹ The last decade has seen important breakthroughs in what is possible in the area of catalytic asymmetric 1,4-addition of alkyl organometallic nucleophiles to enones. Most of the successful asymmetric versions of this chemistry have made use of diorganozinc reagents, particularly $ZnEt₂$, a trend started by Alexakis (Cucatalysis) and Soai (Ni-catalysis)[.2](#page-5-0) Viable ligand classes are now available that give >90% ee for the addition of diorganozinc to sev-eral types of cyclic and chalcone substrates.^{[1](#page-5-0)} Phosphites and phosphoroamidites based on biaryl moieties are amongst the most efficient ligands.^{1j,k,3} Despite all these advances, there have been relatively few publications describing the highly enantioselective addition of organometallics to linear aliphatic enones or the use of trialkylaluminium reagents as an alternative to organozincs.⁴ Additionally, trialkylaluminium reagents allow Cu-catalyzed 1,4 addition to very challenging substrates (i.e., β , β' -disubstituted enones), which are inert to organozinc methodologies.^{1j,4h,k} This justifies expanding the range of ligands for the Cu-catalyzed addition of organoaluminium reagents to enones, in particularly to linear aliphatic and β , β' -disubstituted enones. Carbohydrates are particularly useful for this purpose because they are inexpensive and because their modular constructions are easy.^{[5](#page-5-0)} In this context and encouraged by the success of monophosphoroamidite ligands in this process, we herein report the use of a highly modular sugar-

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based monophosphoroamidite ligand library [\(Fig. 1,](#page-1-0) L1–L5a–g) in the Cu-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of organometallic reagents to cyclic and linear enones. We also compare the effectiveness of this phosphoroamidite ligand library with the results obtained using related monophosphite ligands [\(Fig. 1](#page-1-0), L6–L9a– g).⁶ To do so, we have also expanded our previous work on monophosphite ligands L6–L9a–g to other challenging classes of substrates (i.e., nitroolefins and β , β '-disubstituted enones). Using these ligands, we fully investigated the effects of systematically varying the configuration of the carbon atom C-3 (ligands L1, L2, L6 and L7), the size of the sugar backbone ring (ligands L3 and L8), the flexibility of the ligand backbone (ligands L4, L5 and L9), the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g and the type of functional group attached to the ligand backbone $(X = 0$ or NH).

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Ligand synthesis

The new phosphoroamidite ligands L2b–e and L4–L5b–e were synthesized very efficiently in one step from the corresponding sugar amines, which were prepared on a large scale from p-glucose, D -fructose and D -galactose, as previously described ([Scheme 1](#page-1-0)).⁷ Therefore, the reaction of the corresponding amine with 1 equiv of the desired in situ formed phosphorochloridite in the presence of pyridine afforded the desired ligands.

The new ligands L2a–e and L4–L5d–e were purified on neutral alumina under an atmosphere of argon and were isolated as white solids or colourless viscous liquids. They were stable at room temperature and very stable to hydrolysis. Elemental analyses agreed

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Figure 1. Phosphite and phosphoroamidite ligands L1-L9a-g.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of the new phosphoroamidite ligands L2b–e and L4–L5b–e.

with the assigned structures. The 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were as expected for these C_1 ligands. Two signals for each compound were observed in the $31P$ NMR spectrum (see Section 4). Rapid ring inversions (atropoisomerization) in the biphenyl-phosphorus moieties b–e occurred on the NMR time scale instead of the expected diastereoisomers, which were not detected by low-temperature phosphorus NMR.⁸

2.2. Asymmetric conjugate 1,4-addition to cyclic enones

2.2.1. Asymmetric conjugated 1,4-addition of $ZnEt₂$ and AlEt₃ to cyclohexenone S1

In the first set of experiments, we tested the new phosphoroamidite ligands L1–L5a–g in the copper-catalyzed conjugate addition of diethylzinc to 2-cyclohexenone S1 (Eq. 1). The latter was chosen as a substrate because this reaction has already been performed with a wide range of ligands with several donor groups, thus enabling the efficiency of the various ligands systems to be directly compared.¹

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\begin{array}{ccccc}\n0 & & & 1 \\
& & \text{ICu}/L1\text{-L5a-g} & & \\
& & \text{ZnEt}_2 \text{ or } AIEt_3 & & \\
& & 1 & & \\
& & & 1 & & \\
\end{array}
$$
\n(1)

The catalytic system was generated in situ by adding the corresponding ligand to a suspension of catalyst precursor under standard conditions.⁹ The results are shown in Table 1. They indicate that the enantioselectivity is highly affected by the configuration

Table 1 Selected results for the Cu-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition to S1 using ligands L1– $I9a-e^d$

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Entry	L	% Conv ^b (h)	% Yield ^b	$%$ ee c
$\mathbf{1}$	L1a	100(18)	85	26(R)
2	L1b	100(18)	79	24(S)
3	L ₁ c	100(18)	82	32(S)
$\overline{4}$	L1d	99 (18)	77	10(R)
5	L1e	100(18)	85	4(S)
6	L _{1f}	100(18)	89	14 (R)
$\overline{7}$	L _{1g}	100(18)	88	56 (S)
8	L2a	95 (18)	75	18(S)
9	L2b	100(18)	89	9(S)
10	L2c	100(18)	76	5(S)
11	L3c	100(18)	87	21(S)
12	L ₄ a	100(18)	92	20(R)
13	L ₄ b	100(18)	95	22(R)
14	L ₄ d	100(18)	87	10(R)
15	L5a	100(18)	78	11(S)
16	L5b	100(18)	89	10(S)
17	L5d	100(18)	85	8(R)
18	L _{5e}	100(18)	67	8(S)
19 ^d	L6g	98(2)	24	20(S)
20 ^d	L7a	99(2)	28	23(S)
21 ^d	L ₈ a	94(2)	8	4(S)
22 ^d	L ₉ a	99(2)	18	8(S)
23 ^e	L1g	100(18)	69	35 (S)
24 ^f	L1g	100(18)	74	20(S)

^a Reaction conditions: CuTC (2 mol %), ligand (2 mol %), ZnEt₂ (1.5 equiv, 0.62 mmol), **S1** (0.415 mmol), Et₂O (2.5 mL) at -30 °C.

^b Conversion and yields determined by GC using undecane as internal standard after 18 h.

Enantiomeric excess measured by GC using Lipodex A column.

^d Reported in the literature, see Ref. [6](#page-5-0).
^e Using AlEt₃ (1.5 equiv, 0.62 mmol).

f Using Cu(OTf)₂ in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C.

of carbon atom C-3, the size of the sugar backbone ring, the flexibility of the ligand backbone and the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g. The best enantioselectivities (ee's up to 56%; Table 1, entry 7) were obtained using ligand L1g, which has the appropriate combination of ligand parameter.

With ligands **L1a–g** we studied the effects of the biaryl phosphoroamidite moiety on enantioselectivity. We found that the presence of bulky substituents at the ortho positions of the biphenyl phosphite moiety had a positive effect on the enantioselectivity ([Table 1](#page-1-0), entries 1–3 vs entries 4 and 5). We also observed a cooperative effect between the configuration of the biaryl moieties and the configuration of carbon atom C-3 in the sugar backbone [\(Table](#page-1-0) [1](#page-1-0), entries 6 and 7). The results indicate that the matched combination is achieved with ligand $L1g$, which has an (S) -configuration at both the carbon atom C-3 and in the binaphthyl phosphoroamidite moiety ([Table 1](#page-1-0), entry 7).

With ligands **L2**, whose configuration at C-3 is the opposite of that of ligands L1, we studied the effect of this configuration in the product outcome. The results indicated that this configuration influences the enantioselectivity [\(Table 1,](#page-1-0) entries 8–10 vs entries 1–3). Therefore, ligands **L2** with an (R) configuration at C-3 provided lower enantioselectivities than ligands L1.

Ligands L3, which have a pyranoside backbone, provided lower enantioselectivitities than the related furanoside ligands L1 [\(Table](#page-1-0) [1](#page-1-0), entry 3 vs entry 11).

Using the most flexible ligands L4 and L5, which have the phosphoroamidite moiety attached to a primary carbon, provided lower enantioselectivities than ligands L1 [\(Table 1](#page-1-0), entries 12–18).

Finally, after comparing these results with those from the related phosphite ligands L6–L9, we found that replacing the phosphite moiety with a phosphoroamidite group had a positive effect on the enantioselectivity ([Table 1](#page-1-0), entries 7, 8, 11 and 12 vs entries 19-22).^{[6](#page-5-0)}

We next used the ligand that provided the best results (ligand L1g) to study the effect of several reaction parameters (i.e., catalyst precursor, solvent, alkylating reagent and temperature) on the enantioselectivity. However, enantioselectivities did not improve ([Table 1](#page-1-0), entries 7, 23 and 24).

2.2.2. Asymmetric conjugate 1,4-addition of 3-methylcyclohexenone S2

To study further the potential of ligands L1–L9a–g, we tested them in the copper-catalyzed conjugated addition of triethylaluminum to 3-methyl-cyclohexenone S2 (Eq. 2). The conjugate addition of this type of substrate provides an efficient way to build stereo-genic quaternary centres into a compound.^{[1](#page-5-0)}

For a long time, the 1,4-addition of β , β' -disubstituted enones (such as S2) was unsuccessful because of the low reactivity of these substrates with dialkylzinc reagents. Recently, Alexakis et al. have disclosed that a combination of more reactive trialkylaluminum reagents and appropriately chosen reaction parameters would be efficient in the 1,4-addition to this type of challenging substrate.^{[10](#page-5-0)} The latter conditions were used for testing our ligand library in the Cu-conjugated addition of substrate S2. The results are summarized in Table 2. We found that enantioselectivity is highly affected by the configuration of carbon atom C-3, the size of the sugar backbone ring, the flexibility of the ligand backbone, the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g and the type of functional group attached to the ligand backbone. However, the effect of these parameters on the conjugate addition of substrate S2 was different from their effect on the conjugate addition of substrate S1. As for substrate S1, the presence of bulky substituents at the ortho position of the biphenyl moiety usually had a positive effect on the enantioselectivity (Table 2, entries 7 vs 8 and 9); however, ee's are negatively affected by replacing

Table 2

Selected results for the Cu-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition to S2 using ligands L1– $L9a-g^a$

Entry	L	% Conv ^b (h)	% Yield ^b	%ee ^c
$\mathbf{1}$	L1a	40 (18)	31	9(S)
$\overline{2}$	L ₁ b	23(18)	19	5(S)
3	L ₁ c	12(18)	8	4(S)
$\overline{4}$	L1d	48 (18)	32	15(S)
5	L _{1e}	22(18)	14	25(S)
6	L _{1g}	32(18)	22	41 (S)
$\overline{7}$	L2a	25(18)	19	49 (S)
8	L2d	25(18)	18	23(S)
9	L _{2e}	18 (18)	11	6(S)
10	L3c	15(18)	13	2(S)
11	L ₄ a	8(18)	7	43 (S)
12	L ₄ d	20(18)	11	15(S)
13	L _{4e}	5(18)	3	4(S)
14	L ₅ a	12(18)	9	35(S)
15	L6a	12(18)	9	50 (R)
16	L6f	12(18)	10	8(S)
17	L6g	18 (18)	13	30(S)
18	L7a	51 (48)	49	60(S)
19	L7f	18 (18)	12	20(S)
20	L7g	40 (18)	33	42 (S)
21	L8a	10(18)	7	5(S)
22	L9a	12(18)	8	3(S)

^a Reaction conditions: CuTC (4 mol %), ligand (4 mol %), AlEt₃ (1.5 equiv, 0.62 mmol), **S2** (0.415 mmol), Et₂O (2.5 mL), $T = -30$ °C.

Conversion and yields determined by GC using undecane as internal standard after 18 h.

 c Enantiomeric excess measured by GC using Lipodex E column.

the phosphite moiety with a phosphoroamidite group (Table 2, entries 15 and 18 vs entries 1 and 7). Also, in contrast to S1, the enantioselectivity in phosphoroamidite ligands L1–L5a is hardly affected by the flexibility of the ligand backbone (Table 2, entries 1, 7, 11 and 14), whereas for phosphite ligands L6–L9, increasing the flexibility of the ligand negatively affected ee's (Table 2, entries 15, 18, 21 and 22).

In summary, the best results (ee's up to 60%) were obtained with phosphite ligand **L7a** ([Table 1](#page-1-0), entry 18), which has bulky tert-butyl groups at both the ortho- and para-positions of the biphenyl moiety and a furanoside sugar-backbone.

2.3. Asymmetric conjugate 1,4-addition to linear enones

2.3.1. Asymmetric conjugated 1,4-addition of $ZnEt₂$ and $AlEt₃$ to trans-3-nonen-2-one S3

We have also screened the new phosphoroamidite ligands L1-L5a–g in the copper-catalyzed conjugated addition of several alkylating reagents to the linear substrate: trans-3-nonen-2-one S3 (Eq. 3). This enone, possessing only aliphatic substituents, is a more demanding substrate class for asymmetric conjugated addition than S1. The high conformational mobility of this substrate together with the presence of only subtle substrate-catalyst steric interactions makes the design of effective enantioselective systems a real challenge.^{4e,h,11}

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\begin{array}{ccc}\n0 & & 0 \\
\hline\nC_{5}H_{11} & & 2nEt_{2} or AIR_{3} & R^{3}C_{5}H_{11} \\
 & & 3R = Me & \\
 & 4R = Et\n\end{array}
$$
\n(3)

The most representative results are shown in [Table 3.](#page-3-0) In general the ligand requirements were the same as those for the 1,4 addition to S1 except for those regarding the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g. Therefore, enantioselectivities were best (ee's up to 49%) when

^a Reaction conditions: Cu-precursor (2 mol %), ligand (2 mol %), alkylating reagent (1.5 equiv, 0.62 mmol), **S3** (0.415 mmol), Et₂O (2.5 mL), $T = -30$ °C.
^b Conversion and yields determined by GC using undecane as in

 c Enantiomeric excess measured by GC using 6-Me-2,3-pe- γ -CD column.

^d Reported in the literature, see Ref. [6](#page-5-0).

using ligand L1b, which has tert-butyl groups at the ortho positions and methoxy substituents at the para-positions of the biphenyl moiety (Table 3, entry 2). We also studied the effect of several reaction parameters (i.e., catalyst precursor, solvent, alkylating reagent and temperature) on the enantioselectivity. However, the enantioselectivities did not improve (Table 3, entry 2 vs entries 13–16).

2.3.2. Asymmetric conjugated 1,4-addition of $ZnEt₂$ and $AlEt₃$ to trans-nitrostyrene S4

Finally, we applied the ligand library L1–L9a–g in the coppercatalyzed conjugated addition of several alkylating reagents to the linear nitrolefin trans-nitrostyrene S4 (Eq. 4). The nitro group is of particular synthetic importance, as it can be transformed into a variety of valuable organic compounds such as aldehydes, carboxylic acids, nitriles, nitrooxides and amines.^{1j,12}

The results are summarized in Table 4. We found that the presence of bulky substituents at the biaryl moiety had a negative effect on the enantioselectivity (Table 4, entries 1–6). However, for the most flexible ligands L5, enantioselectivities were better with bulky substituents at these positions (Table 4, entries 13–15). We also found that phosphite ligands provided better enantioselectivities than their phosphoroamidite counterparts. Therefore the best results (ee's up to 72%) were obtained with ligand L6g (Table 4, entry 18). The reaction parameters (i.e., catalyst precursor, solvent, alkylating reagent and temperature) also indicated that diethylzinc can also be successfully used and that it provides the same enantioselectivities as when triethylaluminum is used (Table 4, entries 18 and 22), whereas the use of trimethylaluminum reduces ee's (Table 4, entry 24).

3. Conclusions

A sugar-based phosphoroamidite L1–L5a–g and phosphite L6– L9a–g ligand library has been tested in the asymmetric Cu-cata-

Table 4

Selected results for the Cu-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition to S4 using ligands L1- $L9a-g^a$

Entry	L	Precursor	Alkylating	% Conv ^b	%	%ee ^c
			reagent	(h)	Yield ^b	
$\mathbf{1}$	L ₁ a	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	87	20(S)
$\overline{2}$	L ₁ b	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	79	13(S)
3	L _{1c}	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	93	18(S)
4	L ₁ d	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	89	26(S)
5	L _{1e}	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	90	35 (S)
6	L1g	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	86	30(S)
$\overline{7}$	L2a	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	78	14(R)
8	L2d	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	91	32(R)
9	L _{2e}	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	86	45 (R)
10	L3c	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	91	13(S)
11	L4d	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	84	6(R)
12	L _{4e}	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	90	4(R)
13	L ₅ a	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	93	32(R)
14	L5d	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	90	8(R)
15	L _{5e}	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	89	6(R)
16	L ₆ a	CuTC	$\mathsf{A}\mathsf{I}\mathsf{E}\mathsf{t}_3$	100(18)	85	2(S)
17	L6f	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	90	10(R)
18	L6g	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	88	72 (R)
19	L7g	CuTC	AlEt ₃	100(18)	89	24(S)
20	L8f	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	84	56 (R)
21	L9f	CuTC	AIEt_3	100(18)	84	10(S)
22	L6g	CuTC	ZnEt ₂	100(18)	93	72(R)
23 ^d	L6g	Cu(OTf) ₂	ZnEt ₂	100(18)	92	$\mathbf{0}$
24	L6g	CuTC	AlMe ₃	98 (18)	57	56 (R)

Reaction conditions: Cu-precursor (2 mol %), ligand (2 mol %), alkylating reagent (1.5 equiv, 0.62 mmol), **S4** (0.415 mmol), Et₂O (2.5 mL), $T = -30$ °C.
^b Conversion and yields determined by GC using undecane as internal standard

after 18 h.

 c Enantiomeric excess measured by GC using Lipodex E column.

^d $T = 0$ °C.

lyzed 1,4-conjugate addition reactions of cyclic and acyclic enones. Our results indicated that the selectivity depended strongly on the configuration of the carbon atom C-3, the size of the sugar backbone ring, the flexibility of the ligand backbone, the substituents and configurations in the biaryl phosphoroamidite moieties a–g, the type of functional group attached to the ligand backbone and the substrate structure. Therefore, by carefully selecting the ligand parameters, we achieved enantioselectivities of up to 60% for cyclic substrates and 72% for linear substrates.

4. Experimental section

4.1. General considerations

All syntheses were performed by using standard Schlenk techniques under an argon atmosphere. Solvents were purified using standard procedures. Sugar amines were prepared from p-glucose, $_D$ -fructose and $_D$ -galactose as described.^{[7](#page-5-0)} Ligands **L1a-g**,⁷ **L2a**,⁷ **L3c**,^{[7](#page-5-0)} **L4–L5a**⁷ and **L6–L9a–g**^{[13](#page-5-0)} were prepared as previously described. All other reagents were used in their commercially available form. 1 H, 13 C{ 1 H} and 31 P{ 1 H} NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 400 MHz spectrometer. The chemical shifts are referenced to tetramethylsilane (1 H and 13 C) as the internal standard or to H₃PO₄ $(31P)$ as the external standard. The ¹H and $13C$ NMR spectral assignments were determined by 1 H- 1 H and 1 H- 1 ³C correlation spectra.

4.2. General procedure for the preparation of ligands L1–L5a–g

Phosphorochloridite (2.2 mmol) produced in situ was dissolved in toluene (5 mL) before pyridine (0.36 mL, 4.6 mmol) was added. The amine (2 mmol) was azeotropically dried with toluene $(3 \times 1$ mL) and then dissolved in toluene (10 mL), to which pyridine (0.36 mL, 4.6 mmol) was added. The amine solution was transferred slowly at $0^{\circ}C$ to the solution of phosphorochloridite. The reaction mixture was warmed to 80 \degree C and stirred overnight, and the pyridine salts were removed by filtration. Evaporation of the solvent gave a white foam, which was purified in a short path of alumina (toluene/NEt₃ = 100/1) to produce the corresponding ligand as a white powder or colourless liquid.

L2b: Yield: 284 mg (44%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 148.7 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6) , δ : 1.02 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.23 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.35 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.45 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.48 (s, 9H, CH₃, t-Bu), 1.52 (s, 9H, CH₃, $t-Bu$), 3.04 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.24 (m, 1H, NH), 3.27 (s, 3H, CH₃-O), 3.29 (s, 3H, CH₃-O), 3.76 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.89 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.92 (m, 1H, H-6), 4.00 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.52 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.33 (d, 1H, H- $1, \frac{3}{1-2}$ = 3.6 Hz), 6.62 (m, 1H, CH=), 6.70 (m, 1H, CH=), 7.11 (m, 2H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 26.2 (CH₃), 26.4 (CH₃), 28.8 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH₃), 31.4 (CH₃, t-Bu), 31.6 (CH₃, t-Bu), 35.7 (C, t-Bu), 35.8 (C, t-Bu), 55.2 (CH₃-O), 55.4 (CH₃-O), 55.8 (d, C-3, J_{C-P} = 6.8 Hz), 64.0 (C-6), 75.7 (C-5), 79.8 (C-4), 80.3 (C-2), 104.3 (C-1), 109.6 (CMe₂), 112.2 (CMe₂), 112.5 (CH=), 113.8 (CH=), 114.9 (CH=), 115.0 (CH@), 134.8 (C), 134.9 (C), 143.0 (C), 143.2 (C), 156.4 (C), 156.7 (C). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₈NO₉P: C, 63.24; H, 7.49; N, 2.17. Found: C, 63.21; H, 7.52; N, 2.15.

L2c: Yield: 315 mg (51%). 31 P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 149.7 (s, 1P). 1 H NMR (C_6D_6) , δ : 0.35 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 0.42 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 1.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.26 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.87 (m, 1H, H-3), 3.12 (m, 1H, NH), 3.62 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.75 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.97 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.65 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.26 (d, 1H, H-1, $^{3}J_{1}$ $_2$ = 4.0 Hz), 6.7–7.4 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 0.5 (CH₃–Si), 0.7 (CH₃-Si), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH₃), 55.4 (d, C-3, J_{C-P} = 1.6 Hz), 63.8 (C-6), 75.8 (C-5), 79.9 (d, C-4, J_{C-P} = 1.6 Hz), 80.6 (C-2), 104.3 (C-1), 109.8 (CMe₂), 112.4 (CMe₂), 125.2 (CH=), 126.0 (CH=), 131.9 (C), 132.0 (C), 132.2 (CH=), 132.3 (C), 132.4 (C), 133.2 (CH=), 135.4 (CH=), 136.0 (CH=), 136.5 (C), 138.2 (C), 155.7 (C), 155.9 (C). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₄₄NO₇PSi₂: C, 58.32; H, 7.18; N, 2.27. Found: C, 58.36; H, 7.20; N, 2.24.

L2d: Yield: 280 mg (53%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 150.2 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6) , δ : 1.05 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.24 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.43 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.16 (s, 6H, CH₃), 2.24 $(s, 3H, CH₃)$, 2.29 $(s, 3H, CH₃)$, 2.89 $(m, 1H, H-3)$, 3.11 $(m, 1H,$ NH), 3.64 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.72 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.78 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.99 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.66 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.32 (d, 1H, H-1, $^{3}J_{1}$ $_2$ = 4.0 Hz), 6.7–7.4 (m, 4H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 17.1 (CH₃), 17.7 (CH₃), 25.8 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH₃), 55.8 (d, C-3, J_{C-P} = 6.4 Hz), 63.9 (C-6), 74.7 (C-5), 79.7 (d, C-4, I_{C-P} = 3.2 Hz), 81.1 (C-2), 104.2 (C-1), 109.2 (CMe₂), 112.2 $(CMe₂)$, 125.2 $(CH=)$, 126.0 $(CH=)$, 131.9 (C) , 132.0 (C) , 132.2 (CH=), 132.3 (C), 132.4 (C), 133.2 (CH=), 135.4 (CH=), 138.2 (C), 139.7 (C). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆NO₇P: C, 63.51; H, 6.85; N, 2.64. Found: C, 63.48; H, 6.82; N, 2.65.

L2e: Yield: 237 mg (42%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 146.9 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 1.09 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.25 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.37 (m, 2H, NH, H-3), 3.69 (m, 5H, H-2, $CH₂$ allyl), 3.82 (m, 2H, H-6, H-6'), 3.91 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.34 (m, 1H, H-5), 5.13 (m, 4H, CH₂ = allyl), 5.32 (d, 1H, H-1, $^{3}J_{1-2}$ = 4.0 Hz), 6.07 (m, 2H, CH= allyl), 6.9–7.2 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 25.5 (CH₃), 26.6 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH₃), 27.0 (CH₃), 35.7 (CH₂ allyl), 58.6 (C-3), 68.0 (C-6), 78.0 (C-5), 80.9 (C-4), 81.6 (C-2), 104.8 (C-1), 109.9 (CMe₂), 112.6 (CMe₂), 115.8 (CH₂ allyl), 120.8 (CH=), 126.0 (C), 129.7 (C), 129.9 (CH=), 130.2 (CH=), 135.4 (C), 136.1 (C), 138.2 (CH= allyl). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{36}NO_7P$: C, 65.09; H, 6.55; N, 2.53. Found: C, 65.10; H, 6.53; N, 2.51.

L4b: Yield: 245 mg (38%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 147.8 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 1.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.27 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.49 (s, 9H, CH₃, t-Bu), 1.51 (s, 9H, CH₃, t-Bu), 3.28 (s, 3H, CH3–O), 3.30 (s, 3H, CH3–O), 3.43 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.57 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.59 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.65 (m, 1H, H-1'), 3.72 (m, 1H, NH), 3.75 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.40 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.42 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.0–7.2 (m, 4H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 24.4 (CH₃), 25.7 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH₃), 31.6 (CH₃, t-Bu), 31.7 (CH₃, t-Bu), 35.0 (C, t-Bu), 35.3 (C, t-Bu), 47.5 (d, C-6, J_{C-P} = 12.1 Hz), 55.2 (CH₃-O), 55.3 (CH3–O), 61.9 (C-1), 71.1 (C-3), 71.5 (C-4), 72.1 (C-2), 108.3 (CMe₂), 109.3 (CMe₂), 115.0 (CH=), 116.3 (CH=), 135.0 (C), 143.1 (C), 156.6 (C). Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₈NO₉P: C, 63.24; H, 7.49; N, 2.17. Found: C, 63.19; H, 7.50; N, 2.14.

L4c: Yield: 228 mg (37%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 149.5 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 0.40 (s, 9H, CH₃-Si), 0.45 (s, 9H, CH₃-Si), 1.06 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.09 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.29 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.39 (s, 3H, CH3), 3.27 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.38 (m, 1H, H-6'), 3.60 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.67 (m, 1H, H-1⁰), 3.73 (m, 1H, NH), 3.79 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.34 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.41 (m, 1H, H-2), 6.8–7.4 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 0.4 (CH₃–Si), 0.5 (CH₃–Si), 24.3 (CH₃), 25.5 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₃), 47.9 (d, C-6, J_{C-P} = 8.2 Hz), 61.8 (C-1), 71.0 (C-3), 71.4 (C-4), 72.2 (C-2), 108.3 (CMe₂), 109.2 (CMe₂), 124.9 (CH=), 126.0 (C), 129.6 (CH=), 131.9 (C), 132.0 (C), 135.8 (CH=), 135.9 (CH=), 136.5 (C), 138.2 (C), 155.7 (C). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{44}NO_{7}PSi_{2}$: C, 58.32; H, 7.18; N, 2.27. Found: C, 58.29; H, 7.16; N, 2.26.

L4d: Yield: 216 mg (41%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 144.4 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6) , δ : 1.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.49 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.68 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.73 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.49 (s, 6H, CH₃), 2.73 (s, 6H, CH₃), 3.74 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.94 (m, 1H, H-6'), 4.03 (m, 1H, H-1), 4.05 (m, 1H, H-1⁰), 4.08 (m, 1H, NH), 4.13 (m, 1H, H-4), 4.76 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.80 (m, 1H, H-2), 7.3–7.5 (m, 4H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 17.1 (CH_3) , 21.1 (CH₃), 24.3 (CH₃), 25.6 (CH₃), 26.4 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH₃), 46.7 (d, C-6, J_{C-P} = 11.4 Hz), 61.9 (C-1), 71.1 (C-3), 71.4 (C-4), 71.8 $(C-2)$, 108.4 $(CMe₂)$, 109.3 $(CMe₂)$, 128.3 $(CH=)$, 128.6 $(CH=)$, 131.6 (C), 131.7 (C), 133.6 (C). Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{36}NO_7P$: C, 63.51; H, 6.85; N, 2.64. Found: C, 63.46; H, 6.81; N, 2.63.

L4e: Yield: 265 mg (48%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 146.3 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 1.06 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.09 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.32 (s, 3H, $CH₃$), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.30 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.44 (m, 1H, H-6[']), 3.47 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.50 (m, 1H, H-1'), 3.57 (m, 5H, NH, CH₂ allyl), 4.41 (m, 2H, H-4, H-3), 5.07 (m, 5H, H-2, CH_2 allyl), 6.02 (m, 2H, CH= allyl), 6.9–7.4 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 24.3 (CH₃), 25.6 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.8 (CH₃), 35.2 (CH₂ allyl), 35.4 (CH₂ allyl), 47.0 (d, C-6, J_{C-P} = 4.2 Hz), 61.8 (C-1), 71.0 (C-3), 71.4 (C-4), 71.9 (C-2), 108.3 (CMe₂), 109.2 (CMe₂), 116.4 (CH₂= allyl), 116.6 (CH₂= allyl), 124.9 (CH=), 125.0 (CH=), 126.3 (C), 128.8 (CH=), 130.3 $(CH=)$, 133.1 (C), 133.2 (C), 137.3 (CH= allyl), 137.5 (CH= allyl). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{36}NO_7P$: C, 65.09; H, 6.55; N, 2.53. Found: C, 65.12; H, 6.58; N, 2.56.

L5b: Yield: 309 mg (48%). 31 P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 147.6 (s, 1P). 1 H NMR (C_6D_6) , δ : 1.03 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.06 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.38 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.44 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.54 (s, 9H, CH₃, t-Bu), 1.56 (s, 18H, CH₃, t-Bu), 3.29 (m, 2H, H-6, H-6′), 3.33 (s, 3H,CH₃–O), 3.35 (s, 3H, CH₃-O), 3.49 (m, 1H, NH), 3.82 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.89 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.13 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.41 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.44 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.0–7.2 (m, 4H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 24.7 (CH₃), 25.2 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₃), 31,6 (CH₃, t-Bu), 34.8 (C, t-Bu), 41.4 (d, C-2, J_{C-} $_{P}$ = 12.1 Hz), 55.4 (CH₃-O), 69.5 (C-5), 71.3 (C-3), 71.5 (C-2), 71.8 (C-1), 97.0 (C-4), 108.7 (CMe₂), 109.5 (CMe₂), 115.2 (CH=), 115.5 (CH=), 129.6 (C), 135.0 (C), 135.1 (C), 142.9 (C), 156.4 (C). Anal. Calcd for $C_{34}H_{48}NO_9P$: C, 63.24; H, 7.49; N 2.17. Found: C, 63.26; H, 7.50; N, 2.19.

L5c: Yield: 234 mg (38%). ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 149.7 (s, 1P). ¹H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 0.31 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 0.40 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 1.05 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.23 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.36 (s, 3H, CH3), 1.42 (s, 3H, CH3), 3.28 (m, 1H, H-6), 3.31 (m, 1H, H-6′), 3.42 (m, 1H, NH), 3.86 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.92 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.11 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.40 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.42 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.0–7.2 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 0.5 (CH₃-Si), 0.7 (CH₃-Si), 24.7 (CH₃), 25.2 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.9 (CH3), 69.9 (C-5), 71.2 (C-3), 71.9 (C-2), 72.4 (C-1), 97.3 (C-4), 108.7 (CMe₂), 109.9 (CMe₂), 125.1 (CH=), 125.8 (CH=), 131.9 (C), 132.1 (C), 132.2 (CH=), 132.3 (C), 132.8 (C), 133.1 (CH=), 135.5 (CH=), 136.0 (CH=), 136.5 (C), 138.2 (C), 155.7 (C). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{44}NO_{7}PSi_2$: C, 58.32; H, 7.18; N, 2.27. Found: C, 58.33; H, 7.22; N, 2.25.

L5d: Yield: 269 mg (51%). 31 P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 145.3 (s, 1P). 1 H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 0.99 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.04 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.37 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.47 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.13 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.36 (s, 6H, CH₃), 3.32 (m, 2H, H-6, H-6'), 3.50 (m, 1H, NH), 3.61 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.88 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.12 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.34 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.44 (m, 1H, H-4), 7.0–7.2 (m, 4H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 17.2 (CH₃), 17.3 (CH₃), 21.2 (CH₃), 24.5 (CH₃), 25.3 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.6 (CH₃), 40.9 (d, C-2, J_{C-P} = 7.6 Hz), 69.7 (C-5), 71.4 (C-3), 71.5 (C-2), 71.7 (C-1), 97.0 (C-4), 108.8 (CMe₂), 109.5 (CMe₂), 128.3 $(CH=), 128.7$ (CH=), 129.2 (CH=), 131.6 (C), 131.7 (C), 133.6 (C). Anal. Calcd for $C_{28}H_{36}NO_7P$: C, 63.51; H, 6.85; N, 2.64. Found: C, 63.53; H, 6.87; N, 2.62.

L5e: Yield: 260 mg (47%). 31 P NMR (C₆D₆), δ : 147.8 (s, 1P). 1 H NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 0.98 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.99 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.33 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.42 (s, 3H, CH₃), 3.18 (m, 2H, H-6, H-6'), 3.44 (m, 1H, NH), 3.48 (m, 1H, H-1), 3.57 (m, 4H, CH₂ allyl), 3.76 (m, 1H, H-5), 4.07 (m, 1H, H-3), 4.32 (m, 1H, H-2), 5.01 (m, 4H, CH₂ = allyl), 5.38 (m, 1H, H-4), 5.97 (m, 2H, CH= allyl), 6.9–7.2 (m, 6H, CH=). ¹³C NMR (C_6D_6), δ : 24.6 (CH₃), 25.3 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₃), 35.2 (CH₂ allyl), 35.3 (CH₂ allyl), 41.1 (d, C-2, J_{C-P} = 9.2 Hz), 69.6 (C-5), 71.3 (C-3), 71.5 (C-2), 71.8 (C-1), 97.0 (C-4), 108.8 (CMe₂), 109.5 (CMe₂), 116.5 (CH₂= allyl), 116.7 (CH₂= allyl), 124.8 $(CH=), 125.0$ (CH=), 126.0 (C), 129.6 (C), 130.2 (CH=), 132.5 (C), 133.0 (C), 137.4 (CH= allyl). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{36}NO_7P$: C, 65.09; H, 6.55; N, 2.53. Found: C, 65.12; H, 6.57; N, 2.54.

4.3. Typical procedure for the catalytic conjugate addition of alkylating reagents to enones

In a typical procedure, a solution of copper-catalyst precursor (8.3 μ mol) and furanoside ligand (16.6 μ mol) in the appropriate solvent (2 mL) was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After cooling to the desired temperature, the alkylating reagents (0.62 mmol) were added. A solution of the desired enone (0.415 mmol) and undecane as the GC internal standard (0.25 mL) in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) was then added at the corresponding reaction temperature. The reaction was monitored by GC. The reaction was quenched with HCl (2 M) and filtered twice through flash silica. Conversion, chemoselectivity and enantioselectivity were obtained by $GC⁴ⁱ$

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