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Footnote 13 is partly missing. It should read as follows:

(13) "The" transition state for $NaBH_4$ and $LiAlH_4$ is perhaps an oversimplifying term in view of the four available hydrides in each reagent. For $LiAlH_4$ this is not a serious matter since in the presence of excess reductant, all reduction is done by the first hydride.(9) For $NaBH_4$ there seems to be no avoiding the problem. Since the first step is rate-controlling, this and all other, mechanistic information refers only to this step. The difficulty lies in extrapolating mechanistic information to the question of stereoselectivity, since all four hydrides determine the latter.