

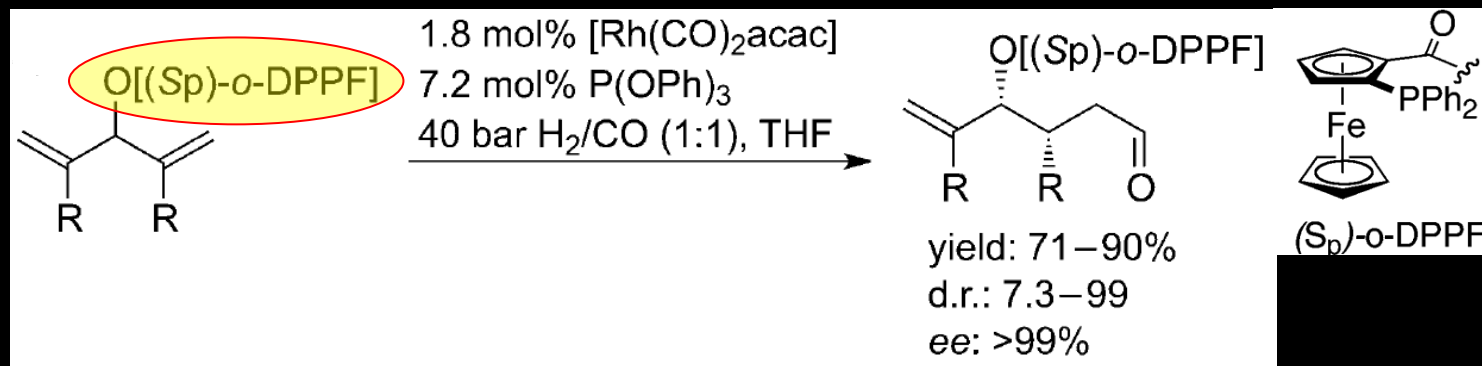
# Rhodium-Catalyzed Desymmetrization by Hydroformylation of cyclopentanes : Synthesis of Chiral Carbocyclic Nucleosides

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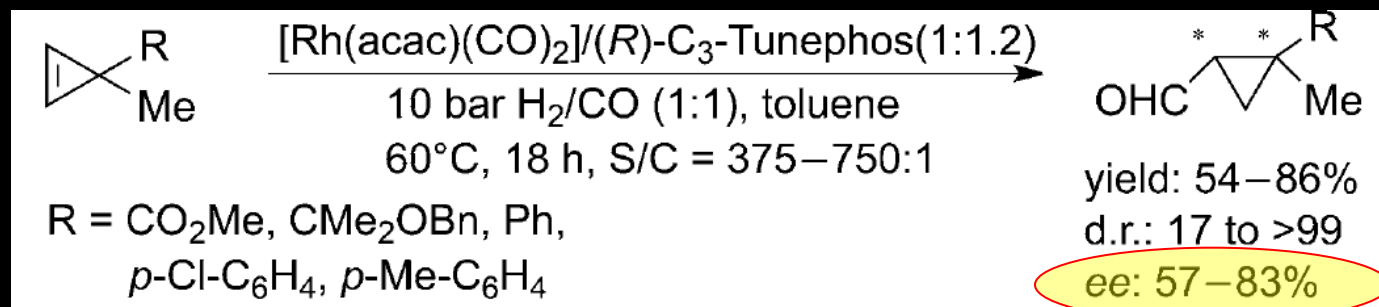
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# Background

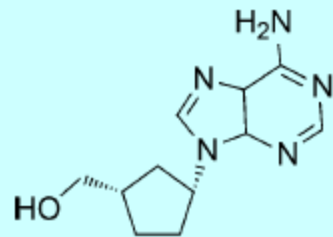
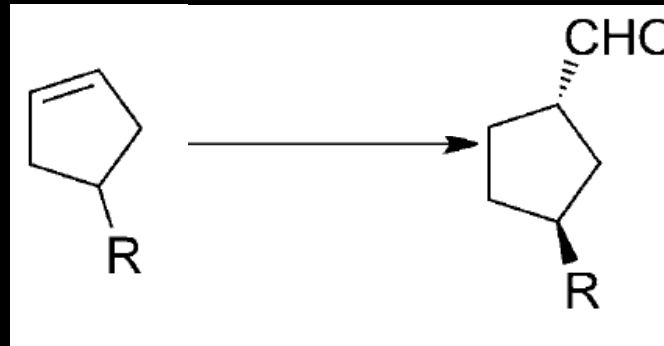
## a) Desymmetrization with Directing Group, *D. Breuninger*



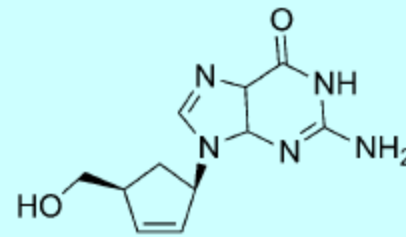
## b) Desymmetrization with chiral catalyst, *M. Rubin*



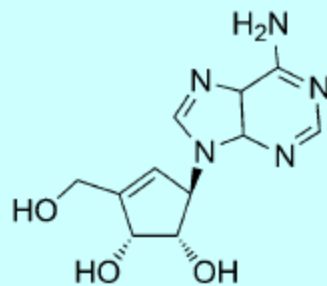
# With cyclopentanes



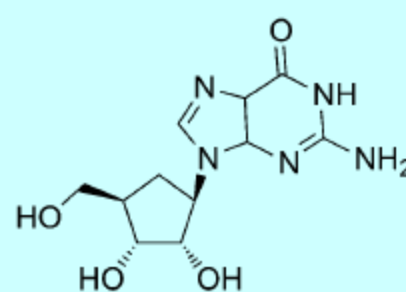
carbocyclic-ddA



carbovir

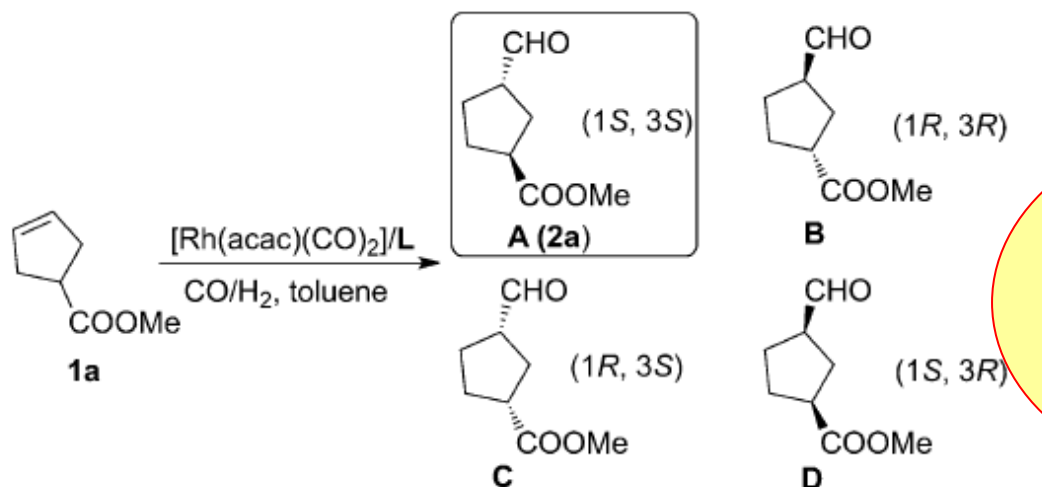


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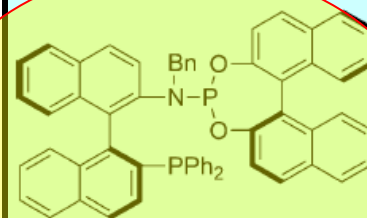
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# Ligand screening

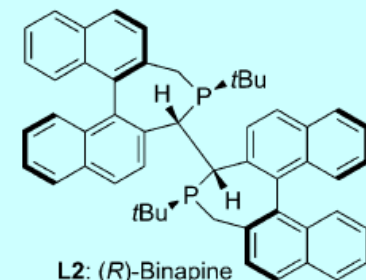


Entry	Ligand	Conv. [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	d.r. <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1	L1	62	95:5	91 (1S,3S)
2	L2	2	90:10	88 (1S,3S)
3	L3	2	89:11	88 (1S,3S)
4	L4	1	88:12	92 (1S,3S)
5	L5	trace	—	—
6	L6	trace	—	—
7	L7	trace	—	—
8	L8	trace	—	—

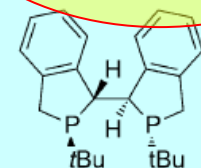
[a] Reactions were performed on a 0.5 mmol scale at 60°C in 1 mL toluene with substrate/Rh = 500:1, L/Rh = 3:1, 20 bar  $\text{CO}/\text{H}_2$  (1:1), and a reaction time of 24 hours. [b] Determined by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis of crude



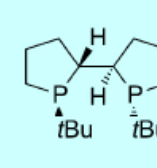
L1: (*S, R*)-*N*-Bn-Yanphos



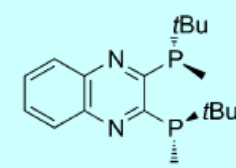
L2: (*R*)-Binapine



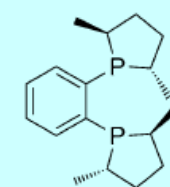
L3: (*Rc, Sp*)-Duanphos



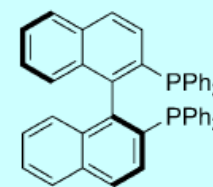
L4: Tangphos



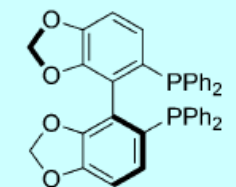
L5: (*R*)-QuinoxP\*



L6: (*S, S*)-Me-DuPhos

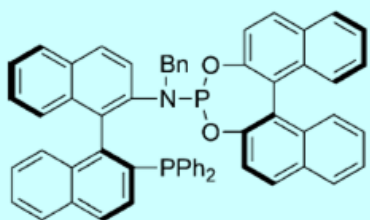


L7: (*S*)-BINAP

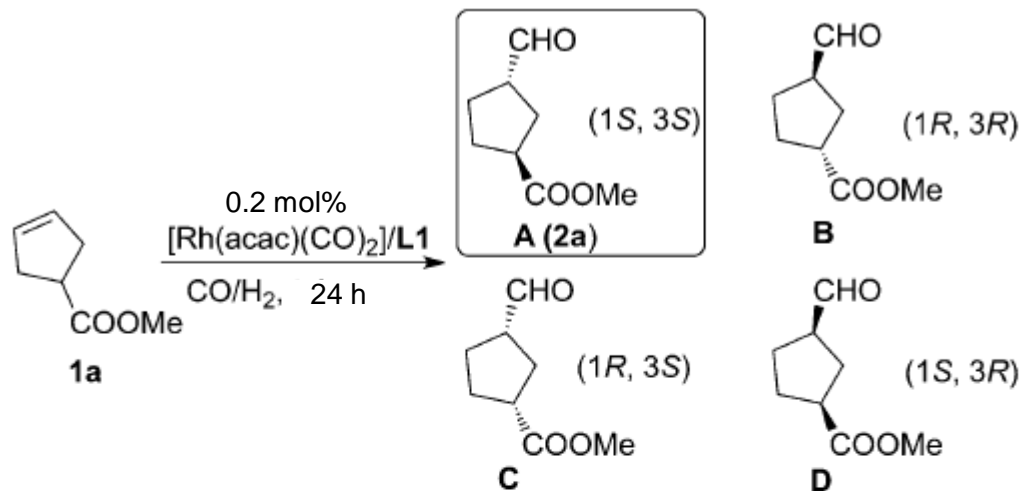


L8: (*S*)-SegPhos

# Conditions screening



L1: (S, R)-N-Bn-Yanphos

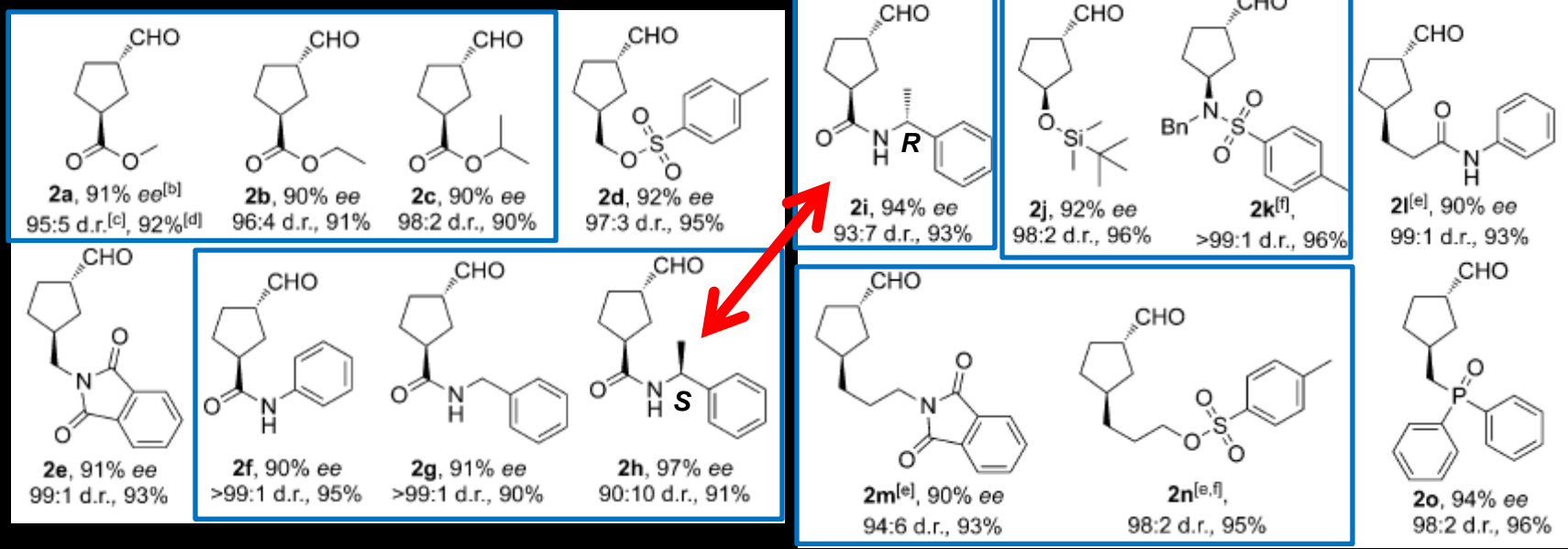
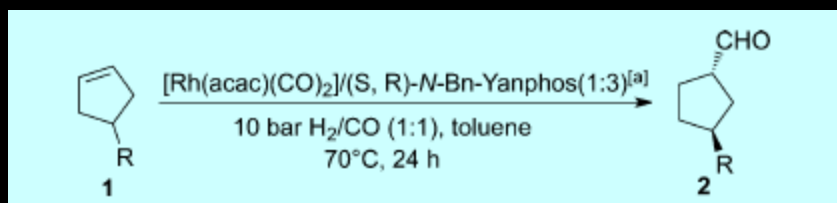


Entry	Solvent	T [°C]	CO/H <sub>2</sub> [bar]	Conv. [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	d.r. <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1	toluene	60	10:10	62	95:5	91
2	toluene	70	10:10	91	95:5	91
3	toluene	80	10:10	99	95:5	90
4	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	70	10:10	20	93:7	92
5	THF	70	10:10	12	93:7	91
6	EtOAc	70	10:10	16	77:23	90
7	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	70	10:10	16	94:6	92
8	toluene	70	5:5	99	95:5	91
9	toluene	70	20:20	13	95:5	92
10 <sup>[d]</sup>	toluene	70	5:5	88	95:5	91

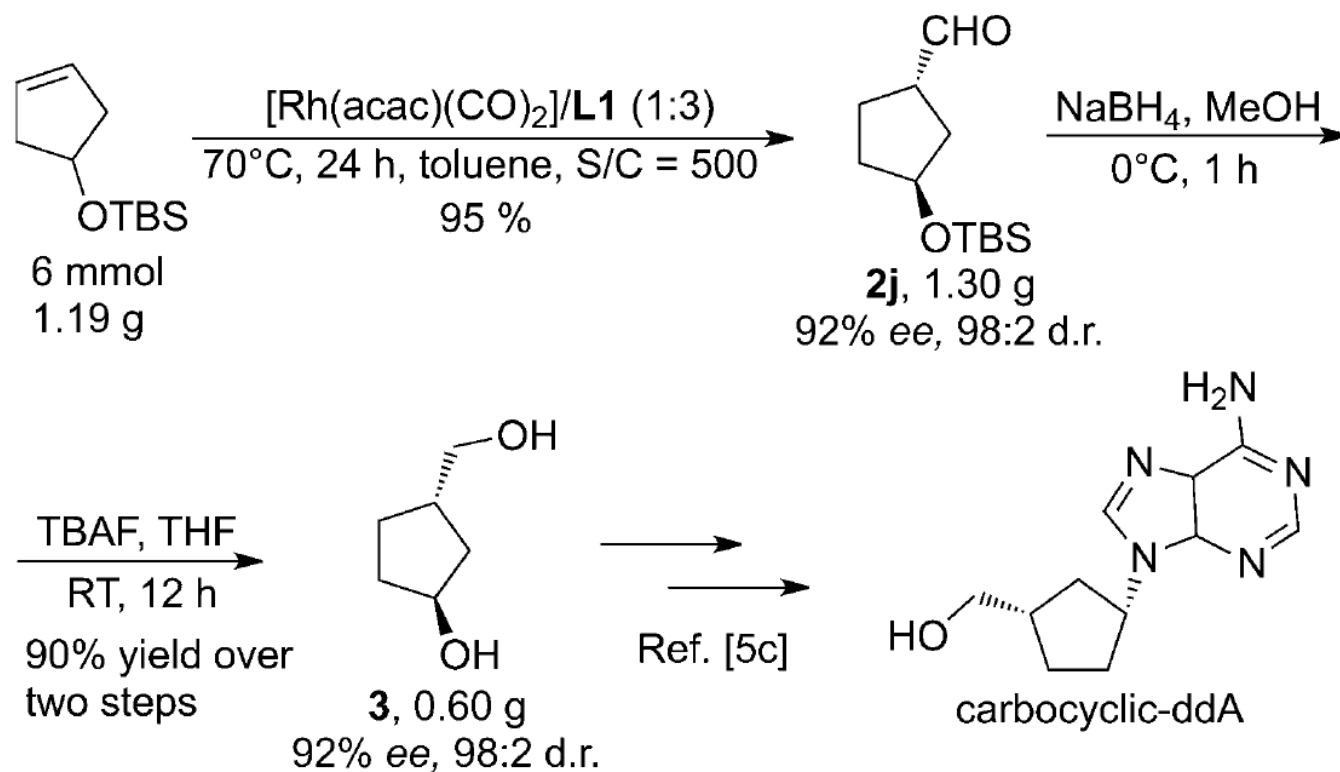
0.05 mol% Rh



# Scope of the reaction



# Synthetic application



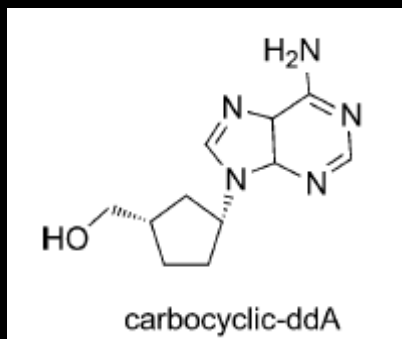
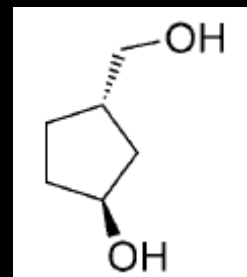
# In summary

✓ Powerful asymmetric hydroformylation on cyclopentanes

✓ Easy to set up

✓ Number of steps reduced and improved yield

✓ Quickly access to the chiral carbocyclic nucleosides





# Synthetic application

