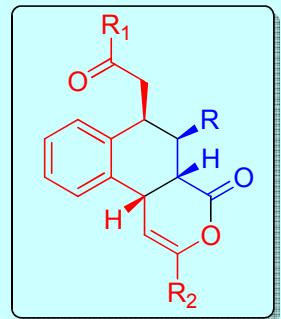




# A Highly Regio- and Stereoselective Cascade Annulation of Enals and Benzodi(enone)s Catalyzed by N-Heterocyclic Carbenes<sup>\*\*</sup>



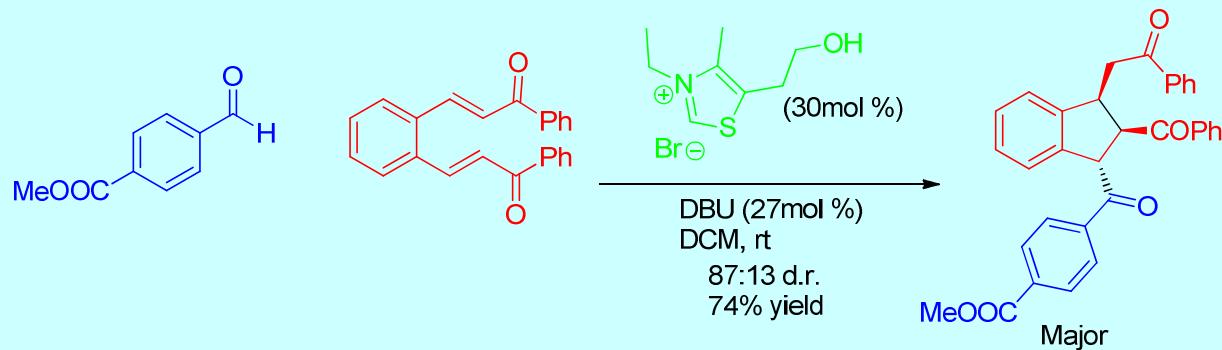
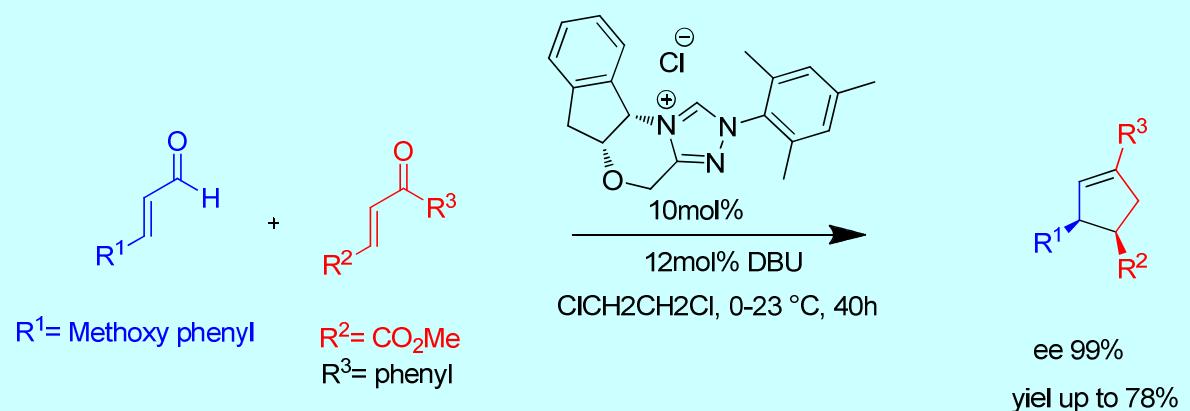
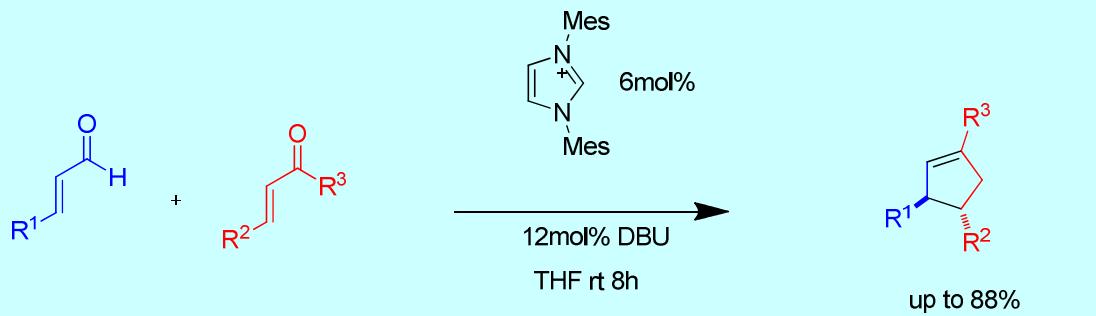
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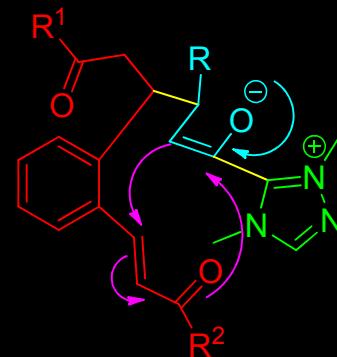
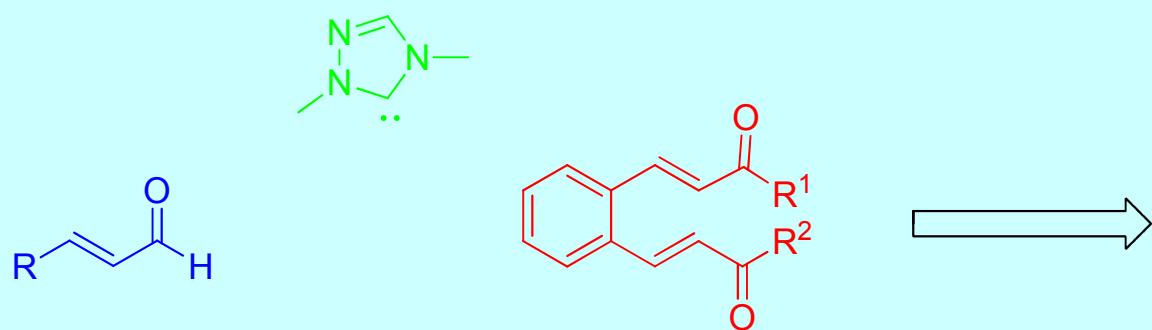
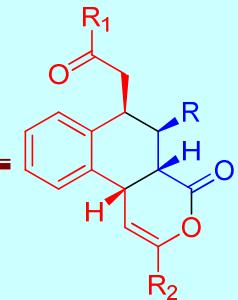
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## Background.....



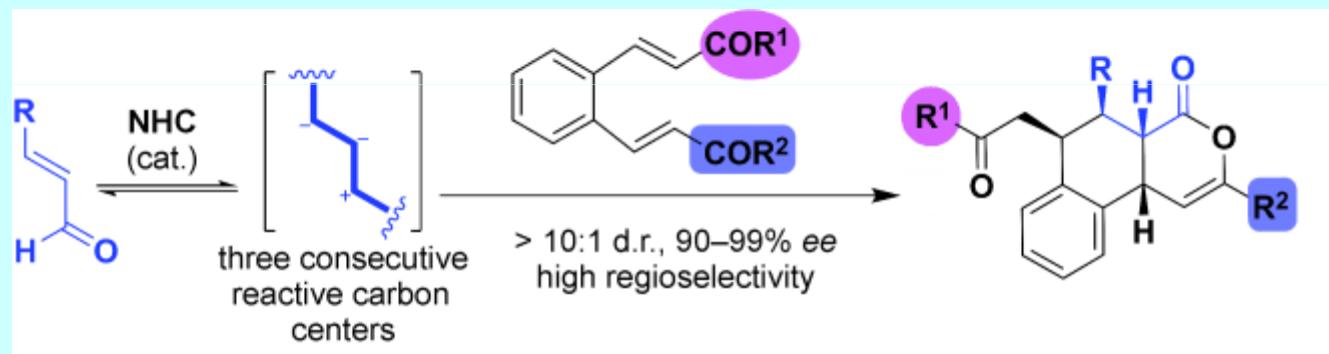
**Present reaction.....**

*new annulation of enals and dilenones) that generates benzotricyclic products*

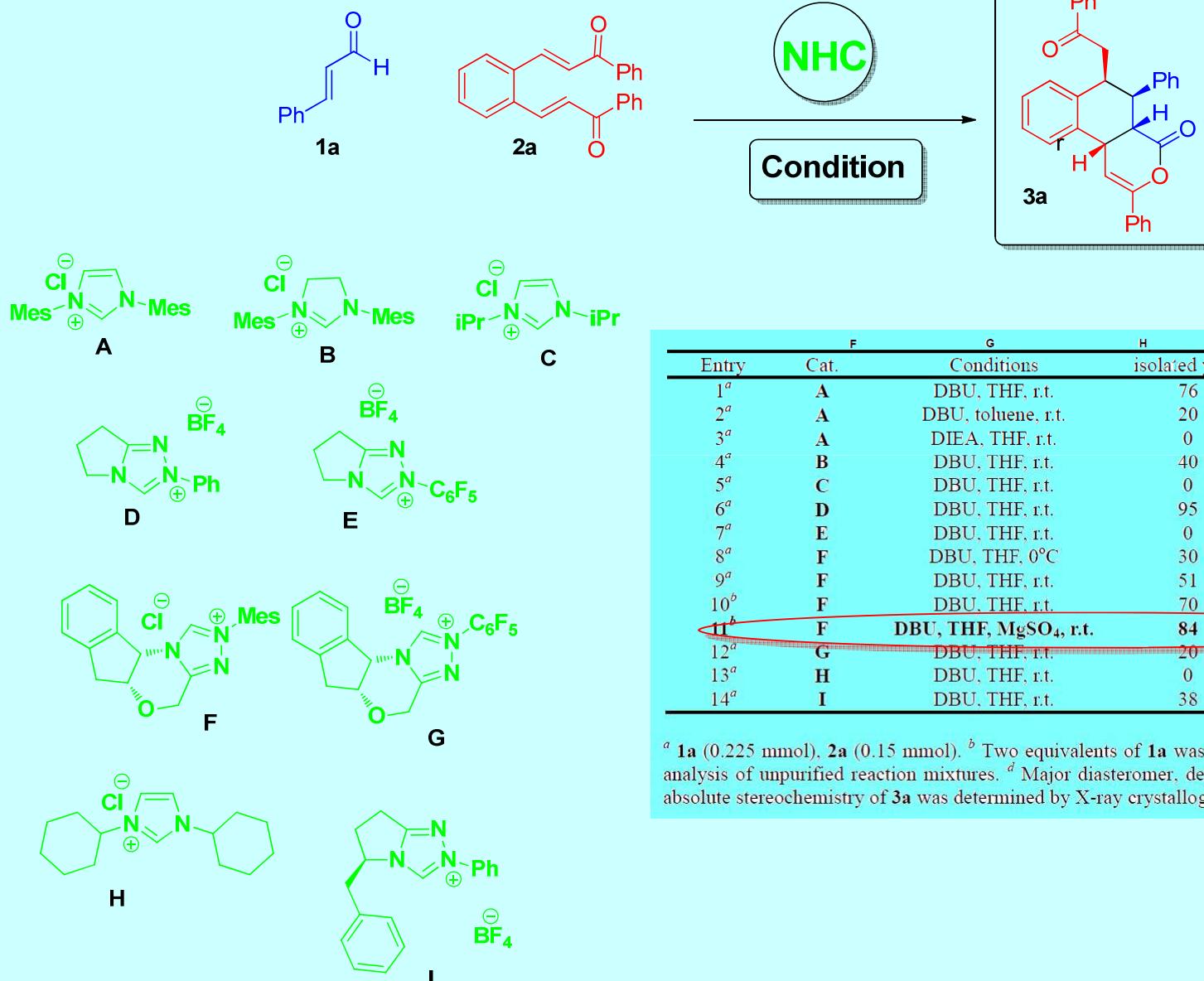


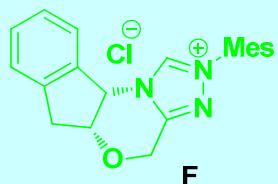
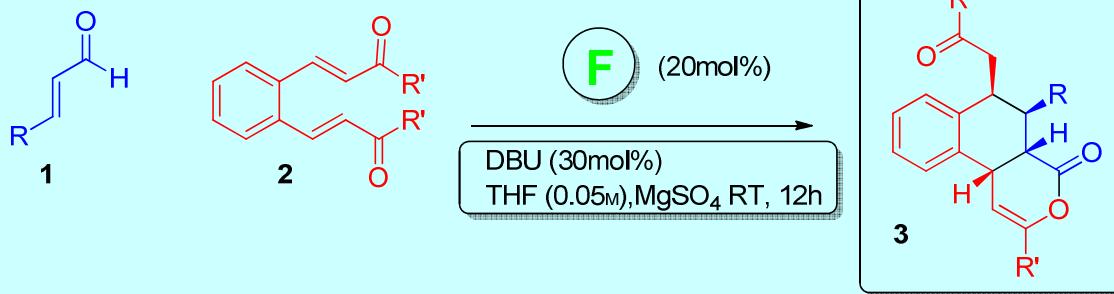
Three stereogenic centers in a row:

The unconventional activation of enal compounds mediated by an N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) has generated three consecutive reactive carbon centers that undergo highly regio- and stereoselective annulations with di(enone)s to generate benzotricyclic products containing multiple stereogenic centers



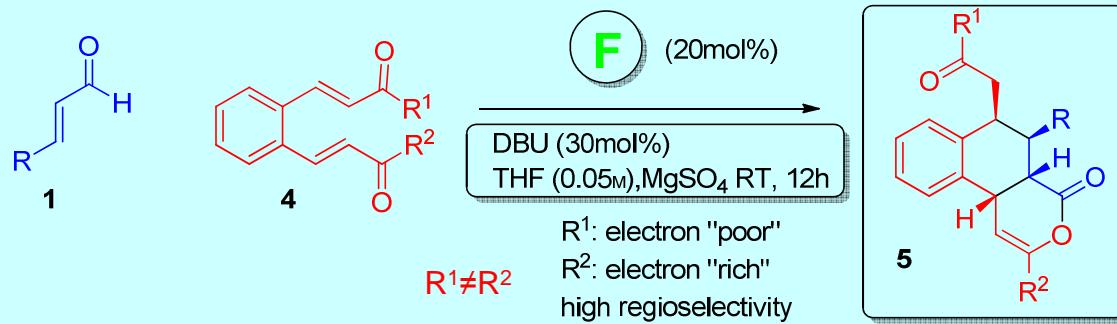
**Catalyst and conditions screened in the initial study:**





Entry	1, R	2, R'	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>	d.r. <sup>[b]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1	1a, Ph	2a, Ph	3 a	84	13:1	99
2	1b, 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2a	3 b	80	18:1	99
3	1c, 4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2a	3 c	80	14:1	99
4	1d, 2-naphthyl	2a	3 d	70	11:1	99
5	1e, 2-thienyl	2a	3 e	78	10:1	99
6	1f, n-C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	2a	3 f	43	10:1	99
7 <sup>[d]</sup>	1a	2b, 4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 g	53	14:1	96
8	1a	2c, 3,4-Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	3 h	75	20:1	97
9	1g, 4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2c	3 i	70	11:1	99
10	1a	2d, 4-PhC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 j	61	20:1	98
11	1b	2e, 4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 k	58	20:1	98
12 <sup>[d]</sup>	1a	2e	3 l	70	12:1	99
13	1b	2f, 4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 m	74	20:1	99
14	1a	2g, 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 n	82	17:1	99
15	1a	2h, 4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	3 o	77	20:1	98
16	1a	2i, Me	3 p	0	-	-

[a] Yield of isolated product based on 2. [b] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures. [c] Determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. [d] Four equivalents of cinnamaldehyde, 24 h.

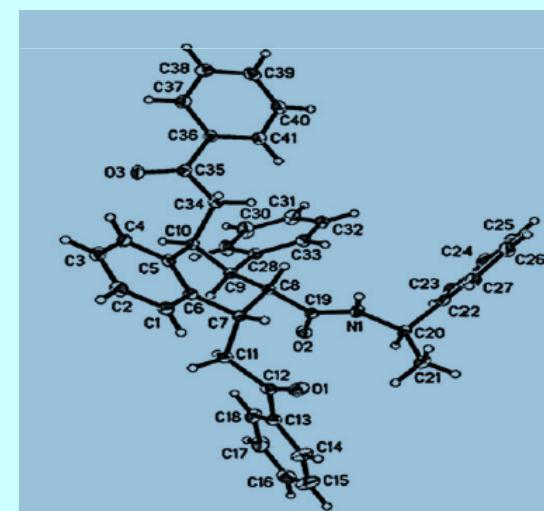
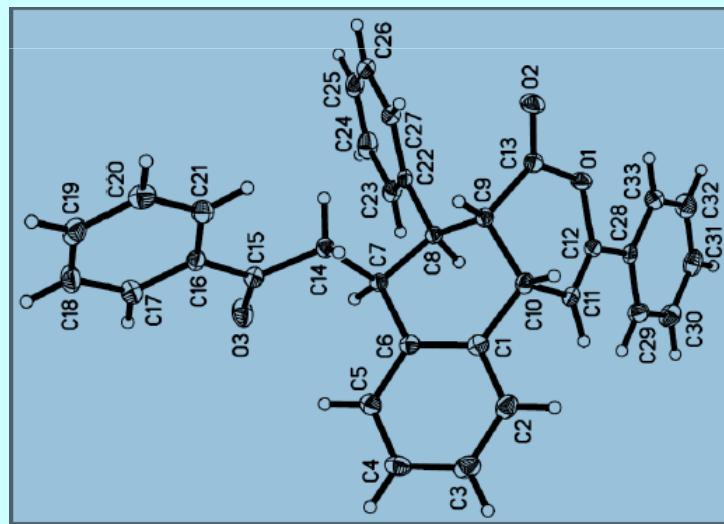
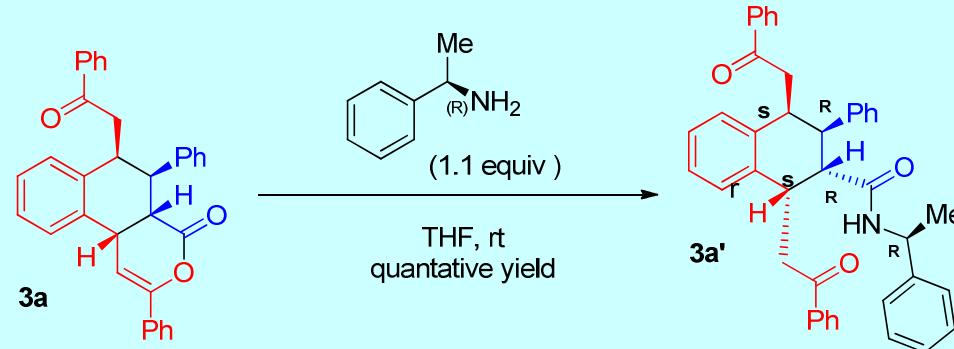


Entry	1, R	4, R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>2</sup>	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>	r.s. <sup>[b]</sup>	d.r. <sup>[c]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	1b	4a, 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , Ph	5a	73	100:0	20:1	97
2	1a	4a	5b	81	100:0	20:1	98
3	1a	4b, 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5c	82	100:0	19:1	99
4	1h, 4-iPrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	4b	5d	74	100:0	11:1	99
5	1a	4c, 3,4-Cl <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub> , 4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5e	84	100:0	20:1	99
6	1b	4d, 4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , 4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5f	69	100:0	14:1	94
7	1a	4e, Ph, 4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5g	67	15:1	20:1	90
8	1a	4f, Ph, 4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5h	75	2:1	10:1	98

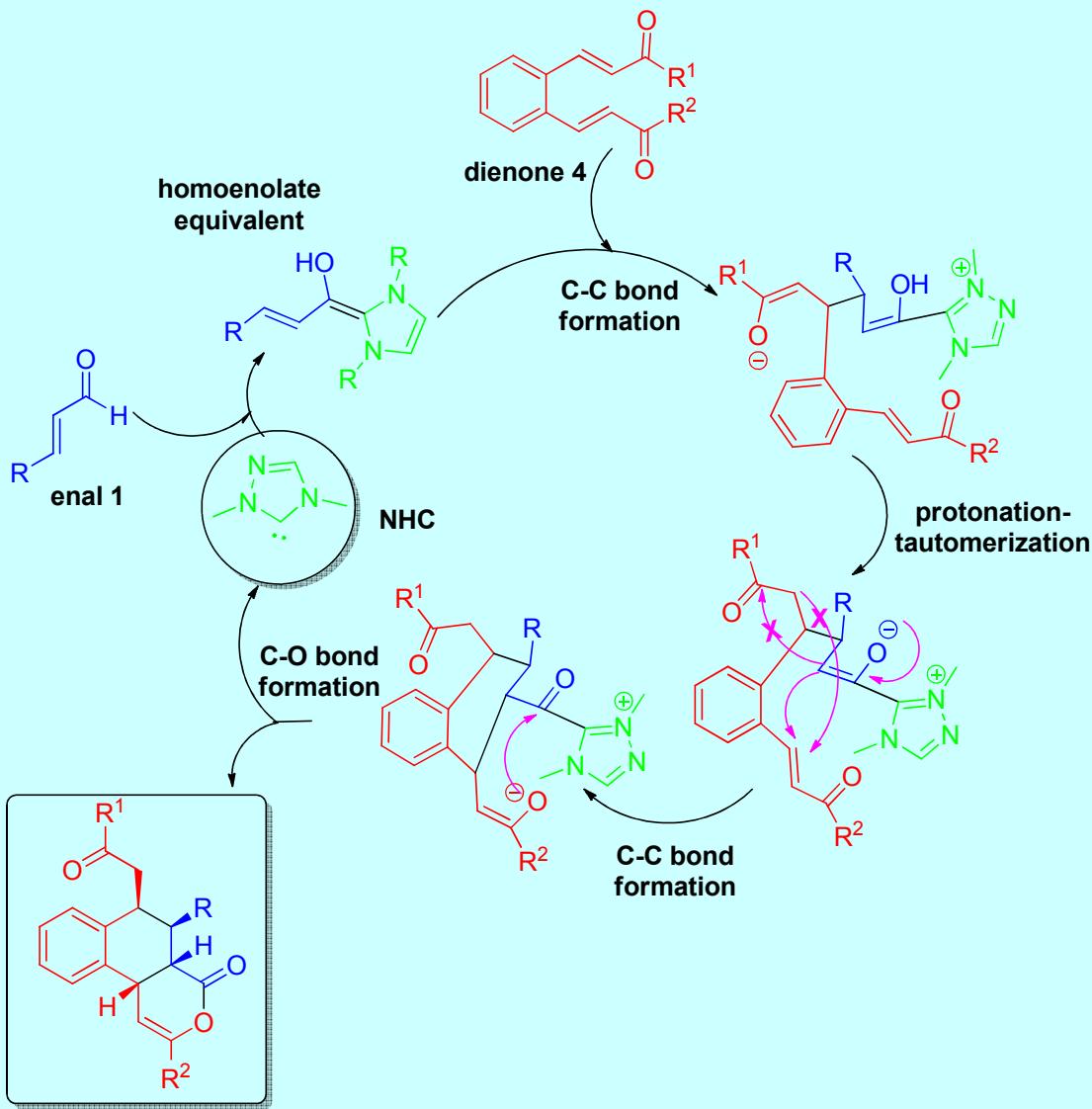
[a] Yield of isolated product based on 4. [b] Regioselectivity was estimated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixtures. For 5a-f the minor regioisomer was not detectable. [c] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis. [d] Determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase. r.s. = regioselectivity.



## Stereochemistry determination via X-Ray Crystallographic analysis.

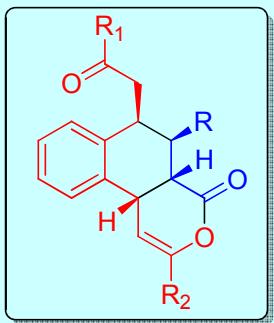


## Mechanism.....

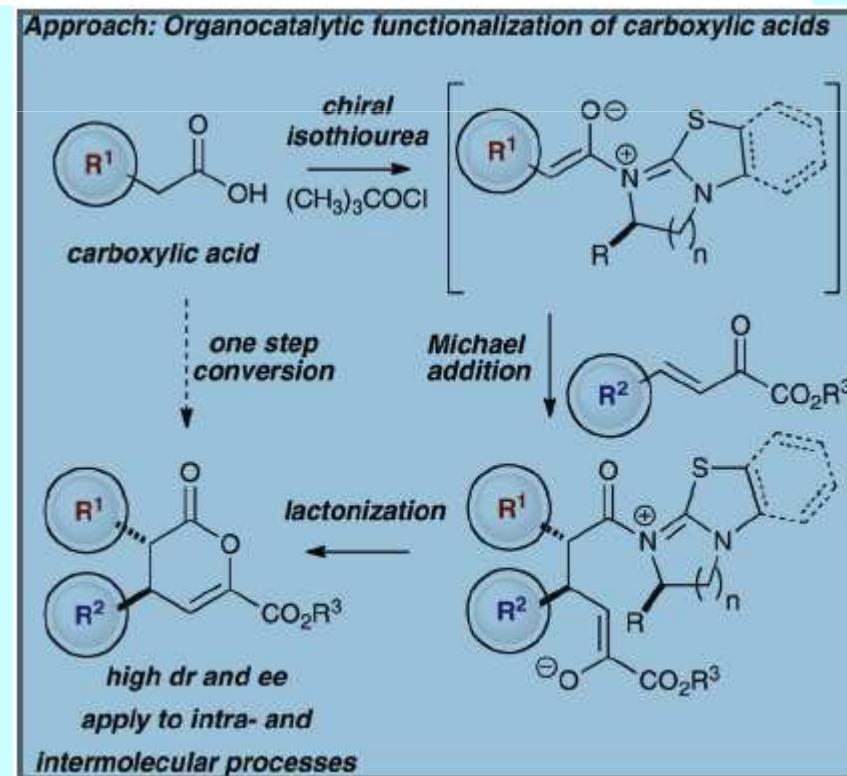
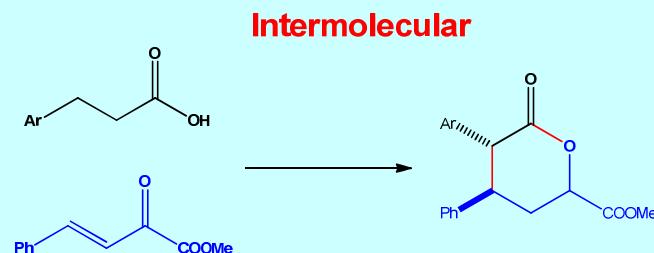
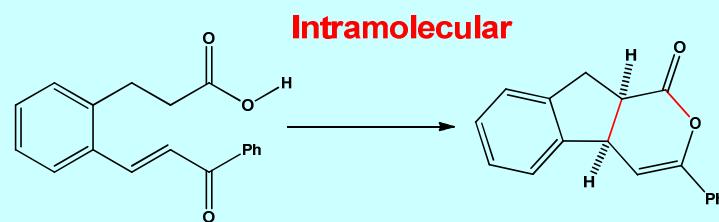
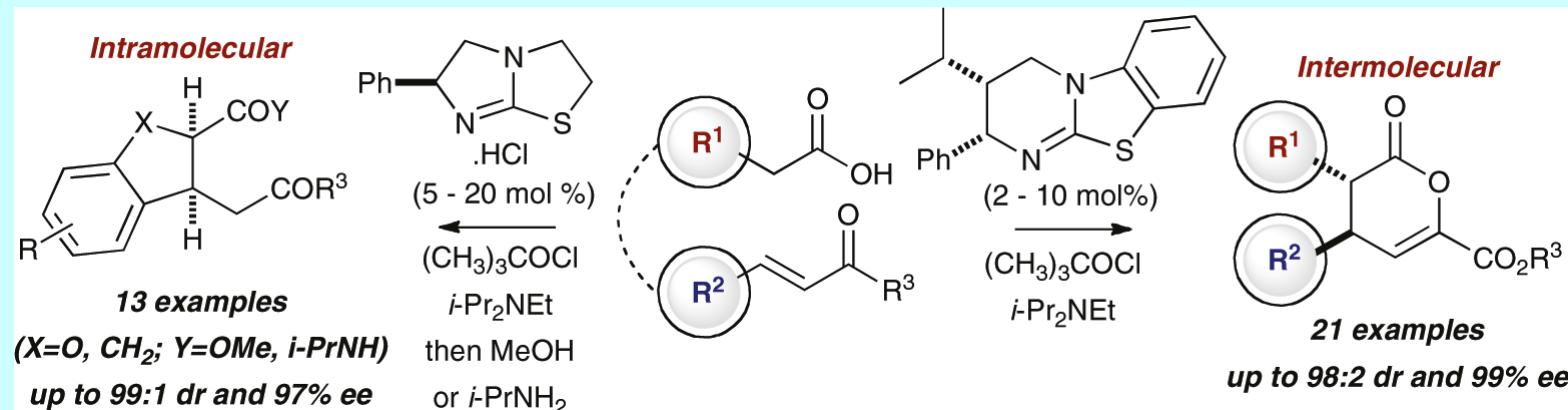


## conclusion

- Developed a new annulation of di(enone) and enal substrates mediated by NHCs to generate substituted multicyclic compounds with high regio- and stereoselectivities.
- The observed regioselectivity is consistent with a Michael-type addition of the enal  $\beta$ -carbon atom to the enone to form the first new C-C bond of the cascade product.
- The method provides a rapid entry to relatively complex structures from simple starting materials in a highly selective manner.



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