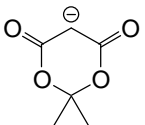
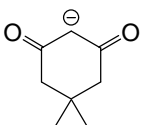
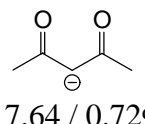
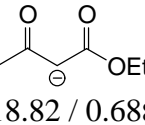
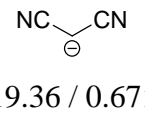
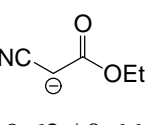
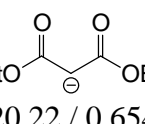
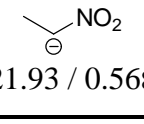


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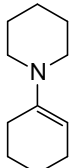
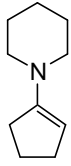
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Table S1. Comparison of the measured second-order rate constants  $k$  (from ref. 3) with  $k_{\text{calc}}$  calculated from equation (1) for the reactions of the quinone methides **1j-m** with the carbanions **2a-h** (DMSO, 20 °C).

nucleophile ( $N/s$ )	counterion <sup>[a]</sup>	quinone methide	$k^{[b]}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{calc}}^{[c]}/\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
 (13.91 / 0.856)	<b>2a</b> <sup>[d]</sup> K <sup>+</sup> / 18-crown-6	<b>1j</b>	$(2.06 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$2.27 \times 10^{-2}$
		<b>1k</b>	$(1.38 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-2}$	$1.32 \times 10^{-2}$
 (16.27 / 0.767)	<b>2b</b> <sup>[d]</sup> K <sup>+</sup> / 18-crown-6	<b>1j</b>	$1.96 \pm 0.03$	2.19
		<b>1k</b>	$1.26 \pm 0.01$	1.34
		<b>1l</b>	$(1.87 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-1}$	$1.65 \times 10^{-1}$
		<b>1m</b>	$(8.15 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-2}$	$5.67 \times 10^{-2}$
 (17.64 / 0.729)	<b>2c</b> <sup>[d]</sup> K <sup>+</sup> / 18-crown-6	<b>1j</b>	$(2.15 \pm 0.06) \times 10^1$	$2.07 \times 10^1$
		<b>1k</b>	$(1.31 \pm 0.02) \times 10^1$	$1.30 \times 10^1$
		<b>1l</b>	$1.97 \pm 0.02$	1.78
		<b>1m</b>	$(5.57 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-1}$	$6.43 \times 10^{-1}$
 (18.82 / 0.688)	<b>2d</b> <sup>[d]</sup> K <sup>+</sup> / 18-crown-6	<b>1j</b>	$(1.28 \pm 0.03) \times 10^2$	$1.14 \times 10^2$
		<b>1k</b>	$(7.98 \pm 0.21) \times 10^1$	$7.38 \times 10^1$
		<b>1l</b>	$(1.07 \pm 0.05) \times 10^1$	$1.12 \times 10^1$
		<b>1m</b>	$3.52 \pm 0.06$	4.30
 (19.36 / 0.671)	<b>2e</b> K <sup>+</sup> / 18-crown-6	<b>1j</b>	$(2.16 \pm 0.01) \times 10^2$	$2.34 \times 10^2$
		<b>1k</b>	$(1.39 \pm 0.01) \times 10^2$	$1.53 \times 10^2$
		<b>1l</b>	$(2.55 \pm 0.05) \times 10^1$	$2.44 \times 10^1$
		<b>1m</b>	$9.90 \pm 0.05$	9.58
 (19.62 / 0.668)	<b>2f</b> N(nBu) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<b>1j</b>	$(3.49 \pm 0.05) \times 10^2$	$3.40 \times 10^2$
		<b>1k</b>	$(2.13 \pm 0.04) \times 10^2$	$2.22 \times 10^2$
		<b>1l</b>	$(3.39 \pm 0.04) \times 10^1$	$3.58 \times 10^1$
		<b>1m</b>	$(1.43 \pm 0.02) \times 10^1$	$1.41 \times 10^1$
 (20.22 / 0.654)	<b>2g</b> N(nBu) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<b>1j</b>	$(8.65 \pm 0.07) \times 10^2$	$7.42 \times 10^2$
		<b>1k</b>	$(5.17 \pm 0.07) \times 10^2$	$4.89 \times 10^2$
		<b>1l</b>	$(6.99 \pm 0.13) \times 10^1$	$8.18 \times 10^1$
		<b>1m</b>	$(2.89 \pm 0.02) \times 10^1$	$3.28 \times 10^1$
 (21.93 / 0.568)	<b>2h</b> N(nBu) <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<b>1k</b>	$(2.06 \pm 0.05) \times 10^3$	$2.03 \times 10^3$
		<b>1l</b>	$(4.12 \pm 0.10) \times 10^2$	$4.30 \times 10^2$
		<b>1m</b>	$(2.00 \pm 0.05) \times 10^2$	$1.95 \times 10^2$

[a] The potassium salts were combined with 1.01 to 1.10 equivalents 18-crown-6. [b] The listed rate constants have been averaged from two to five experiments with different anion concentrations. [c] The values of  $k_{\text{calc}}$  were calculated with more decimals of  $E$ ,  $N$  and  $s$  than indicated in the table. The use of the  $E$ ,  $N$  and  $s$  parameters given in this table leads to slightly deviating numbers. [d] With addition of 0.5 to 2.5 equivalents of the corresponding acid of the carbanion **2**.

Table S2. Comparison of the second order rate constants  $k$  for the reactions of the quinone methides **1g,h** with the enamines **3a,b** in DMSO and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 20 °C.

nucleophile	electrophile	solvent	$k^{[a]} / \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{calc}} [\text{eq.}(1)] / \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
 <b>3a</b>	<b>1g</b>	DMSO	$(1.67 \pm 0.03) \times 10^4$	$6.78 \times 10^3$
		CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	$(2.45 \pm 0.02) \times 10^3$	$6.78 \times 10^3$
	<b>1h</b>	DMSO	$(2.11 \pm 0.09) \times 10^1$	9.03
		CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	$2.75 \pm 0.05$	9.03
 <b>3b</b>	<b>1g</b>	DMSO	$(2.65 \pm 0.12) \times 10^5$	$1.76 \times 10^5$
		CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	$(4.13 \pm 0.03) \times 10^4$	$1.76 \times 10^5$
	<b>1h</b>	DMSO	$5.95 \times 10^2$	$1.99 \times 10^5$
		CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	$(6.02 \pm 0.04) \times 10^1$	$1.99 \times 10^5$

[a] The listed rate constants have been averaged from three to five experiments with different enamine concentrations. [b] Reactivity parameters from ref. [2a]. [c] Reactivity parameters from ref. [13b].

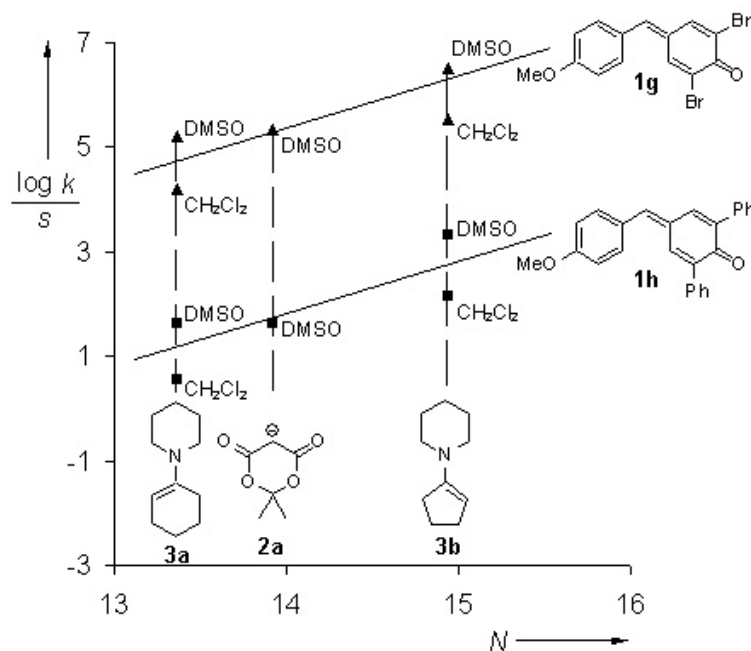


Figure S1. Rate constants for the reactions of the quinone methides **1g** and **1h** with the enamines **3a** and **3b** in DMSO and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The correlation lines are calculated from  $E$ ,  $N$  and  $s$  in Tables 2, 3 and S2.