

## Supporting Information

for

### Dramatically Synergetic Effect of Carboxylic Acid Additive on Tridentate Titanium Catalyzed Enantioselective Hetero-Diels-Alder Reaction: Additive Acceleration and Nonlinear Effect

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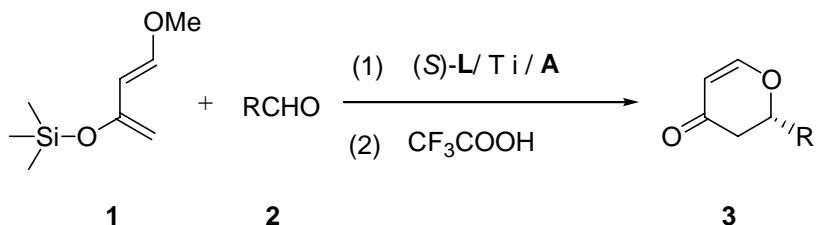
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#### General Considerations

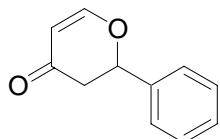
<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> on a Bruker AM300 at 25°C. Chemical shifts were expressed in ppm with TMS as an internal standard ( $\delta = 0$  ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR. Liquid chromatographic analyses were conducted on a JASCO 1580 system. EI Mass spectra were obtained on a HP5989A spectrometer. HRMS was determined on a Kratos Concept instrument. Elemental analysis was performed with an Elemental VARIO EL apparatus. All the experiments which are sensitive to moisture or air were carried out under argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Commercial reagents were used as received without further purification unless otherwise noted. Toluene was freshly distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl and methanol from magnesium.



**General Procedure for Catalytic Enantioselective Hetero-Diels-Alder Reaction :** A mixture of (*S*)-Schiff Base (0.05 mmol), 0.5 M Ti(O*i*Pr)<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50  $\mu$ l, 0.05 mmol) and activated power 4A MS (30 mg) in toluene (1 ml) was stirred for 2 h at 50°C. The red mixture was cooled to room temperature and the carboxylic acid (0.025 mmol), aldehyde (0.25 mmol) and Danishefsky's diene (60  $\mu$ l, 0.3 mmol) were added sequentially. After 20 h, the solution was treated with 10 drops TFA. After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for further 5 min and filtered through a plug of Celite. The Organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl ester (5×5 ml), the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the cycloadduct.

#### Characterization of Cycloadducts 3a-3k

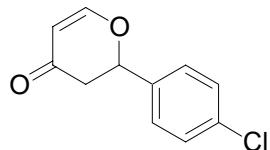
All the aldehydes were purchased from commercial suppliers. 1-Methoxy-3-(trimethyl-silyloxy)buta-1,3-diene was prepared according to literature procedure.<sup>1</sup>



**(*S*)-2-Phenyl-2,3-dihydro-4*H*-pyran-4-one (3a).**<sup>2</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3064, 1676, 1596, 1402, 1272, 1228, 1210, 1040, 990, 934, 864, 826, 796, 760, 732, 720, 640, 612 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 5.98 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 5H), 5.54 (dd, J = 5.98, 0.98 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (dd, J = 14.18, 3.46 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.63 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 174 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.95), 156 (11.59), 145 (13.20), 131 (5.34), 115 (2.59), 104 (100.00), 91 (3.89), 77 (22.89), 69(10.24).

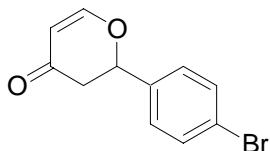
Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane :

isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 11.450 min (*S*),  $t_{R2}$  = 13.467 min (*R*).



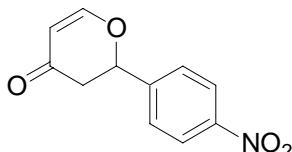
**2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4*H*-pyran-4-one (3b).**<sup>3</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3070, 2970, 2906, 2632, 2076, 1907, 1683, 1597, 1496, 1402, 1272, 1228, 1209, 1091, 1040, 934, 834, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, *J* = 6.02 Hz, 1H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 4H), 5.65 (dd, *J* = 6.07, 1.03 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dd, *J* = 14.24, 3.57 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.72 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 208 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2.52), 190 (14.15), 179 (7.91), 138 (100.00), 103 (60.19), 77 (14.69), 69(10.62).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 12.525 min (major),  $t_{R2}$  = 15.308 min (minor).



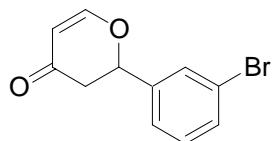
**2-(4-Bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4*H*-pyran-4-one (3c).** IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3087, 2970, 2893, 1922, 1683, 1668, 1593, 1487, 1401, 1270, 1227, 1209, 1038, 933, 834, 814 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 5.87, 0.49 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2H), 5.53 (dd, *J* = 6.11, 1.22 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 14.17, 3.42 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 254 ([M+2]<sup>+</sup>, 5.13), 252 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5.42), 184 (96.52), 182 (100.00), 103(61.81), 77(64.91), 69(31.27). HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 251.9786. Found: 251.9780. Anal. calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: C 52.20, H 3.58%. Found: C 52.47, H 3.82%.

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 13.708 min (major),  $t_{R2}$  = 17.725 min (minor).



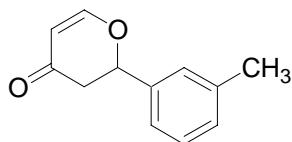
**2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3d).**<sup>4</sup> IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3071, 2962, 2629, 2460, 1930, 1679, 1593, 1523, 1409, 1353, 1263, 1228, 1037, 934, 857, 849 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (d, J = 11.61 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, J = 11.00 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 6.11 Hz, 1H), 5.59-5.57 (m, 1H), 5.53-5.52 (d, J = 4.28 Hz, 1H), 2.89-2.68 (m, 2H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 219 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9.21), 201 (21.16), 190 (7.75), 173 (2.07), 149 (100.00), 119 (51.05), 103 (47.68) 91 (50.93), 77 (81.13), 69(22.28).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t<sub>R1</sub> = 25.725 min (major), t<sub>R2</sub> = 36.783 min (minor).



**2-(3-Bromophenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3e).** IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3065, 2970, 2901, 2629, 2358, 1683, 1592, 1569, 1403, 1270, 1226, 1038, 997, 877, 834 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (s, 1H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 5.55 (dd, J=6.00, 1.23 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J=14.23, 3.63 Hz, 1H), 2.91-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.62 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 254 ([M+2]<sup>+</sup>, 10.30), 252 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10.64), 184 (93.87), 182 (100.00), 144(11.13), 103(70.63), 77(46.24), 69(8.07). HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 251.9786. Found: 251.9757. Anal. calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>: C 52.20, H 3.58%. Found: C 52.36, H 3.93%.

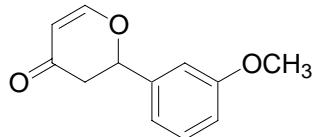
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**2-(3-Methylphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3f).**<sup>5</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3055, 2968, 2920, 2626, 1683, 1591, 1402, 1271, 1221, 1039, 990, 899, 841 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.48 (d, J = 5.98 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 4H), 5.53 (dd, J = 6.00, 0.94 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 14.40, 3.60 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.61 (m,

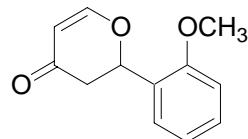
1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 188 ( $M^+$ , 1.36), 170 (9.30), 159 (16.21), 145 (3.08), 131 (4.28), 117 (100.00), 91 (25.64), 77 (6.84), 69(11.91).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 10.150 min (major),  $t_{R2}$  = 12.150 min (minor).



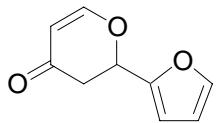
**2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3g).** IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3063, 2964, 2838, 1719, 1677, 1592, 1491, 1270, 1224, 1041, 992, 877, 844 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, *J* = 5.97 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.81 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.90 (m, 3H), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 6.10, 1.15 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, *J* = 14.36, 3.46 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.95-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.62 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 204 ( $M^+$ , 20.33), 186 (11.52), 175 (11.58), 134 (100.00), 104 (16.78), 91 (24.43), 77(10.80), 69(5.26). HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ( $M^+$ ): 204.0786. Found: 204.0753.

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 18.025 min (major),  $t_{R2}$  = 24.408 min (minor).

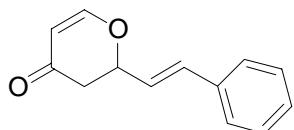


**2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3h).**<sup>4</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3073, 2966, 2627, 1720, 1681, 1589, 1497, 1274, 1111, 1041, 991, 934, 871 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.53-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.90Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, *J* = 7.55Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.31Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, *J* = 11.44, 6.41Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J* = 6.00Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 2.77-2.73 (m, 2H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 204 ( $M^+$ , 10.59), 186 (10.58), 175 (15.04), 134 (49.42), 119 (84.43), 105 (13.43), 91 (100.00), 77 (15.78), 69(10.71).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralpak AD column, hexane : isopropanol = 99.5 : 0.5, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 32.200 min (minor),  $t_{R2}$  = 39.100 min (major).

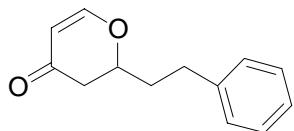


**2-(2-Furyl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3i).**<sup>6</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3136, 3057, 2974, 2627, 1662, 1595, 1405, 1286, 1205, 1033, 997, 962, 880, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, J = 1.47 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 6.06 Hz, 1H), 6.47-6.41 (m, 2H), 5.52-5.46 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.70 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 164 (M<sup>+</sup>, 12.96), 146 (2.63), 136 (1.70), 94 (100.00), 69 (7.60), 66 (31.44). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 95 : 5, flow rate = 0.7 mL/min, t<sub>R1</sub> = 18.742 min (minor), t<sub>R2</sub> = 20.217 min (major).



**2-(E-Styryl)-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3j).**<sup>6</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3027, 2926, 1719, 1676, 1592, 1449, 1406, 1267, 1217, 1038, 967, 899, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43-7.27 (m, 6H), 6.72 (d, J = 15.89 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, J = 15.91, 6.56 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 5.74 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.04 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.58 (m, 2H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 200 (M<sup>+</sup>, 24.12), 129 (100.00), 115 (53.23), 102 (10.22), 91 (13.62), 77 (18.77), 69(22.68).

Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, t<sub>R1</sub> = 19.992 min (major), t<sub>R2</sub> = 41.933 min (minor).

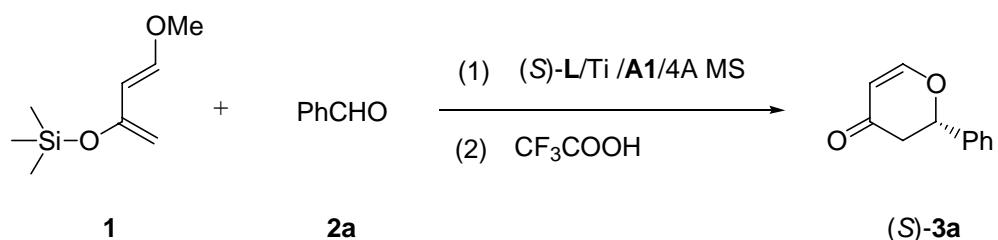


**(S)-2-Phenylethyl-2,3-dihydro-4H-pyran-4-one (3k).**<sup>1</sup> IR (liquid film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3063, 2930, 2866, 1720, 1676, 1595, 1496, 1455, 1407, 1270, 1227, 1197, 1045, 943, 888, 832 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (d, J = 6.11Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.19 (m, 5H), 5.42-5.40 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.36 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.40 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.88 (m, 1H). EIMS *m/z* (relative intensity): 202 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6.23), 158

(5.24), 130 (16.72), 117 (7.72), 104 (9.89), 91 (100.00), 77 (5.84), 69(6.88).

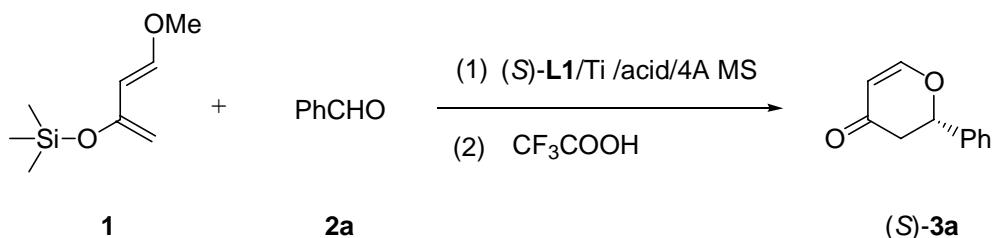
Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC on Chiralcel OD column, hexane : isopropanol = 90 : 10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $t_{R1}$  = 18.583 min (*S*),  $t_{R2}$  = 32.567 min (*R*).

### The Effect of the Ligands on the Yield and Enantioselectivity of HDA Reaction between **1** and **2a**



Ligand	Yield(%)	Ee(%)	Ligand	Yield(%)	ee(%)
<b>L1</b>	80	85	<b>L12</b>	59	42
<b>L2</b>	34	26	<b>L13</b>	70	85
<b>L3</b>	40	48	<b>L14</b>	39	3
<b>L4</b>	96	28	<b>L15</b>	49	60
<b>L5</b>	75	83	<b>L16</b>	39	6
<b>L6</b>	90	91	<b>L17</b>	39	7
<b>L7</b>	90	88	<b>L18</b>	75	4
<b>L8</b>	90	91	<b>L19</b>	78	30
<b>L9</b>	45	46	<b>L20</b>	100	59
<b>L10</b>	15	57	<b>L21</b>	69	65
<b>L11</b>	48	69	<b>L22</b>	28	16

**The Effect of Carboxylic Acid Additives on the Yield and Enantioselectivity of the HDA Reaction between **1** and **2a****



Acid	Yield(%)	Ee(%)	Acid	Yield(%)	Ee(%)
<b>A1</b>	80	85	<b>A19</b>	100	48
<b>A2</b>	69	81	<b>A20</b>	46	46
<b>A3</b>	100	87	<b>A21</b>	100	97
<b>A4</b>	97	84	<b>A22</b>	100	88
<b>A5</b>	100	67	<b>A23</b>	100	83
<b>A6</b>	100	75	<b>A24</b>	24	5
<b>A7</b>	100	75	<b>A25</b>	16	8
<b>A8</b>	83	86	<b>A26</b>	57	50
<b>A9</b>	50	83	<b>A27</b>	39	40
<b>A10</b>	66	78	<b>A28</b>	58	1
<b>A11</b>	71	83	<b>A29</b>	71	22
<b>A12</b>	65	78	<b>A30</b>	51	37
<b>A13</b>	72	70	<b>A31</b>	48	47
<b>A14</b>	14	54	<b>A32</b>	62	50
<b>A15</b>	35	83	<b>A33</b>	23	39
<b>A16</b>	87	85	<b>A34</b>	9	39
<b>A17</b>	78	48	<b>A35</b>	13	53
<b>A18</b>	41	86	<b>A36</b>	17	46

### The Search for Nonlinear Effect in the Catalytic System with L1/Ti/A21

Ee of (S)- <b>L1 (%)</b>	Yield (%)	Ee (%) of <b>3a</b> (Configuration.)	Ee of (R)- <b>L1 (%)</b>	Yield (%)	Ee(%) of <b>3a</b> (Configuration.)
0	69	55 (S)	0	69	55(S)
15	71	74(S)	25	39	36(R)
30	75	87(S)	50	48	42(R)
50	100	93(S)	75	78	60(R)
75	99.5	93(S)	100	87	76(R)
100	100	97(S)			

### The Search for Nonlinear Effect in the Catalytic System with (S)-L1/Ti/A1

Ee of (S)- <b>L1 (%)</b>	Yield (%)	Ee (%) of <b>3a</b> (Configuration.)	Ee of (R)- <b>L1 (%)</b>	Yield (%)	Ee(%) of <b>3a</b> (Configuration.)
0	0	0	60	64	83.1(S)
15	39	39.1(S)	75	64.3	83.4(S)
30	53.6	53.3(S)	100	80	85(S)
45	62.7	82.7(S)			

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