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## Chapter 1. General Introduction

Acyl-transfer reactions are among the most fundamental reactions in organic chemistry and biochemistry. Considering their importance in biochemical and synthetic processes, these reactions have been widely studied both in solution and in the gas phase.

### 1.1 Acylation reactions: mechanistic survey

Until now a large number of experimental and theoretical ${ }^{[1]}$ studies on ester hydrolysis in aqueous solution have been carried out, resulting in a multitude of possible reaction mechanisms, which are described in many textbooks. ${ }^{[2]}$ Several possible mechanisms of the base-catalyzed ester hydrolysis are shown in Figure 1.1. Early experimental results in aqueous solution showed that acyl-transfer reactions proceed via a stepwise mechanism $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{Ac}} 2$, which includes tetrahedral intermediates (Figure 1.1a). ${ }^{[3 a]}$ Subsequent studies suggested that the reaction can also occur through a one-step, concerted mechanism (Figure 1.1c), when the substrate has a good leaving group. ${ }^{[3 b]}$ The two possible mechanisms for ester hydrolysis, $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{AC}} 2$ and $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{AL}} 2$ (Figure 1.1a,b), which were shown to compete in the gas phase hydrolysis of methyl formate, were studied computationally by Pliego et al. at high ab initio level MP4/6$311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{df}, 2 \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}) .{ }^{[1 \mathrm{~g}]}$ The calculated distribution of reaction paths was in excellent agreement with experimental values ( $85 \%$ of $\mathrm{B}_{\mathrm{AC}} 2$ ). The main challenge in theoretical analysis of aqueous ester hydrolysis is the inclusion of water solvent effects by, for example, a cluster-continuum model ${ }^{[1 c]}$ or by explicit inclusion of all solvent molecules. ${ }^{[1 f]}$ Biochemically meaningful ester hydrolysis by enzymes was modeled by imidazole-catalyzed hydrolysis in several theoretical studies. ${ }^{[4]}$
a

b


C
Concerted:


Figure 1.1. Possible mechanisms of the base-catalyzed ester hydrolysis.

The reverse reaction, esterification of alcohols, is also well studied and widely used in organic synthesis. ${ }^{[5]}$ The general mechanisms are well known (Figure 1.2). The nucleophilic species undergoes addition to the carbonyl group, followed by elimination of the halide or carboxylate anion. Kinetic studies of the reaction of alcohols with acid chlorides in polar solvents in absence of basic catalysts generally reveal terms both first-order and second-order in alcohol. ${ }^{[5 a, b]}$ The first term is associated with the formation of a tetrahedral intermediate (Figure 1.2a), whose deprotonation is assisted by the solvent molecule (e.g., acetonitrile). ${ }^{[5 a]}$ Transition states in which the second alcohol molecule acts as a proton acceptor have been proposed for the second term (Figure 1.2b). The mechanism is concerted when anionic nucleophiles, such as phenoxides, reacted with carboxylic acid derivatives (Figure 1.2c). ${ }^{[5 \mathrm{ce}]}$
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b



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\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{RCOO}^{-}, \mathrm{Ar}^{\prime} \mathrm{O}^{-}
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Figure 1.2. Possible mechanisms of alcohol esterification.

However, a surprisingly small number of theoretical studies on uncatalyzed alcohol and amine acylation reactions were carried out. Kruger ${ }^{[6 a]}$ has calculated activation energies for methanol and methylamine acetylation with acetic anhydride at the MP2/6-31+G(d,p) level of theory. The activation energy for amide formation was found to be much lower ( $37 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) than that for the corresponding ester $(71 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ on this occasion. The latter proceeds through a six-membered ring transition state whose structure was found to be similar to that for the hydrolysis of acetic anhydride. It is worth noting that the leaving acetate serves as a base in the transition state to facilitate deprotonation of the attacking alcohol (Figure 1.3a).


Figure 1.3. Transition state structures for the acylation of methanol by acetic anhydride (a) ${ }^{[6 a]}$ and the aminolysis of succinic anhydride: uncatalyzed (b) and catalyzed by methylamine (c) ${ }^{[66]}$ (distances are given in pm ).

A theoretical study of the aminolysis of succinic anhydride, ${ }^{[6 b]}$ carried out at high levels of theory (MP2/6-311++G(d,p) and $\operatorname{CCSD}(\mathrm{T}) / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ single point calculations using geometries optimized at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level) has shown that inclusion of a second methylamine molecule in the transition state, which facilitates the proton transfer (Figure $1.3 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{c}$ ), decreases the activation free energy by $c a .36 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The calculations furthermore revealed that the concerted mechanism is more favorable than the stepwise pathway for the uncatalyzed and base-catalyzed pathways. The first stage of the stepwise mechanism is ratedetermining in both cases.

In summary, the uncatalyzed and reactant catalyzed acylation of alcohols and amines by anhydrides proceeds preferentially through the concerted mechanism. Deprotonation of the alcohol or amine reactants typically dominates the transition state. Amines thus catalyze acyltransfer reactions by facilitating the proton transfer process. In the following, we summarize which types of acids and bases are used in synthetically successful esterification reactions and how this type of catalysis can be rationalized by appropriate computation.

### 1.2 Catalyzed acylation reactions

### 1.2.1 Acid catalysis

Different acidic and basic catalysts and/or activators can be used for the acylation of alcohols by carboxylic acid derivatives. ${ }^{[7 a]}$ Commonly used Brønsted acids for the reaction between alcohols and anhydrides are sulfonic, perchloric and sulfuric acids. ${ }^{[7 \mathrm{~b}-\mathrm{d}]}$ Significant progress in the use of Lewis acids in the acylation of alcohols with anhydrides was made in the last 15 years, especially owing to the development of metal salts of triflic acid (TfOH $=\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \mathrm{H}$ ). Commercially available $\mathrm{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$ shows high catalytic activity, even at catalyst loadings as low as $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \% .{ }^{[7 e, f]}$ The selectivities and reactivities observed for this type of catalyst often contrast those for base-catalyzed reactions, thus providing a synthetically valuable set of tools for ester synthesis. Other metal triflates such as $\mathrm{Bi}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3},{ }^{[8 a]} \mathrm{VO}(\mathrm{OTf})_{2},{ }^{[8 b]} \operatorname{In}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3},{ }^{[8 c]}$ and $\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OTf})_{2}{ }^{[8 \mathrm{~d}]}$ also appear to work well in acylation reactions. Finally, it was demonstrated that TMSOTf is a usefull catalyst for the acylation of phenols and alcohols, ${ }^{[8 e]}$ providing an economically and chemically attractive alternative to the more established approach employing $\operatorname{Sc}(\mathrm{OTf})_{3}$. In marked contrast to the multitude of synthetic studies only a small number of mechanistic studies on acid-catalyzed acylation reactions have been carried out. Recently Marko et al. have shown that the metal triflate-promoted acylation of alcohols appears to be catalyzed mainly by triflic acid, released by metal triflates at the onset of the reaction. ${ }^{[9 a]}$ The active acylation species in the catalytic cycle was shown to be the mixed anhydride acyl triflate (RCOOTf), which is formed in the reaction of anhydride with triflic acid or metal triflates. Theoretical studies of the aminolysis of succinic anhydride $\mathbf{1}$ revealed that acetic acid can act as a very effective catalyst for this reaction. ${ }^{[66]}$ Two possible pathways for catalysis by acetic acid were studied computationally, employing the B3LYP/6$311++G(d, p)$ level of theory, while treating benzene solvent effects at PCM/B3LYP/6-31G(d) level (Figure 1.4). Path A, which involves only the hydroxyl group of acetic acid, shows similar energetics as the base-catalysed pathway, which includes the second methylamine molecule in the transition state. Path B can be termed "bifunctional acid catalysis" as it involves both oxygen atoms of acetic acid in the proton transfer process. This latter option is more favourable than path A by ca. $50 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The calculations also show that both acidcatalyzed pathways proceed in a stepwise manner and are more favourable than the concerted alternatives, in which the first step is rate-determining. These results are in agreement with experimental studies of the aminolysis reaction between benzylamine and succinic anhydride in benzene perfomed by Smagowski and Bratnicka, ${ }^{[9 b]}$ which confirm the existence and preferable role of acid catalysis in aminolysis reactions.


Figure 1.4. Free energy profile for two pathways in the acid-catalyzed reaction of succinic anhydride 1 with methylamine as calculated at PCM/B3LYP/6-31G(d) (benzene) level; structural parameters of the rate-determining transition states are included (distances are given in pm$).{ }^{[66]}$

### 1.2.2 Base catalysis

The acylation of alcohols by acid anhydrides and acyl chlorides can conveniently be carried out in pyridine as a basic solvent or in the presence of tertiary amines such as triethylamine. The latter is the reagent of choice for acylations with alcohols and anhydrides of sufficient (intrinsic) reactivity, or for substrates too labile towards stronger bases. ${ }^{[10 a]}$ The tertiary amine/acid chloride procedure is also relatively mild and well suited for a variety of primary and secondary alcohol substrates. ${ }^{[10 b]}$ Tertiary alcohols are often unreactive under these reaction conditions, allowing the selective acylation of secondary alcohols. On the basis of results obtained in NMR studies, Oriyama et al. have suggested that a benzoyl chloridetertiary amine complex is the active catalytic species in benzoylation reactions. Chiral tertiary amines derived from ( $S$ )-proline were subsequently developed for the kinetic resolution of secondary ${ }^{[10 c]}$ and primary ${ }^{[10 \mathrm{~d}]}$ alcohols. For the acylation of sterically hindered alcohols electron-rich pyridines such as DMAP (4-dimethylaminopyridine, 3) provide superior levels of catalytic turnover. This was independently established by the groups of Litvinenko and Steglich. ${ }^{[11 a, b]}$ In 1967 Litvinenko et al. found that addition of DMAP (3) results in a rateacceleration of ca. 104 for the benzoylation of $m$-chloraniline as compared to pyridine. ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{a}]}$ Steglich and Höfle ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{bb}, \mathrm{c}]}$ described in 1969 a very strong catalytic effect of DMAP and 4pyrrolidinopyridine (PPY, 4) in acylation reactions of hindered alcohols. Since then DMAP and PPY have been developed as standard catalysts for a wide variety of acylation reactions. ${ }^{[12]}$ Catalysis is usually most efficient in apolar solvents $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ and in the presence of 1-3 eq. auxiliary base ( $\left.\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, i-\mathrm{Pr}_{2} \mathrm{EtN}\right)$. Zipse et al. have shown ${ }^{[13 a]}$ that omission of the auxiliary base leads to a dramatic reduction of reaction rate. These can, of course, be compensated by conducting the reaction at higher concentrations and for longer reaction times. ${ }^{[13 b]}$


Figure 1.5. Relative catalytic activities of substituted pyridines in acylation reactions. ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{c}, 13 \mathrm{a}, 15]}$

In experimental studies of the DMAP-catalyzed acylation of cyclohexanol Zipse et al. ${ }^{[14]}$ have shown that the acylation reaction is first order in alcohol, DMAP and anhydride, and zeroorder in $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$. The catalytic efficiency of a variety of DMAP derivatives (Figure 1.5) was studied using the the acetylation of 1-ethynylcyclohexanol with acetic anhydride ( 2 eq .) in the presence of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (3 eq.) as the auxiliary base and 0.1 eq. of catalyst in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{[26]} \mathrm{As}$ shown in Figure 1.5 the most active catalysts currently known are 3,4-diaminopyridine 5b and the annelated DMAP-derivative 6a. The catalytic efficiency of some of these compounds has also been studied by Hassner et al. for the acetylation of 1-methylcyclohexanol with acetic anhydride ( 2.0 eq .) in the presence of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ ( 2.0 eq .) as solvent and base using a turnoverbased assay. ${ }^{[15]}$ Under these conditions derivative 7a (Figure 1.5) was slightly more catalytically active then DMAP (3).

### 1.2.3 Nucleophilic mechanism of DMAP-catalyzed acylation

The DMAP-catalyzed acylation of alcohols by anhydrides and acyl chlorides is currently believed to proceed via the nucleophilic catalysis mechanism shown in Figure 1.6. This mechanism is supported by the following observations:


Figure 1.6. Nucleophilic mechanism of alcohol esterification catalyzed by DMAP; the structure shown for ion-pair intermediate 10a has been obtained at UAHF-PCM B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level (distances are given in pm ). ${ }^{[18]}$

1. A dramatic loss of catalytic activity is observed for 2-substituted pyridines, even though this substitution has a small effect on the basicity of these derivatives. Also, DMAP and $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ have similar $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values ( 9.7 and 11.0), but very different catalytic activities. These facts cannot be reconciled easily with a simple base catalysis mechanism.
2. The N -acylpyridinium species $\mathbf{1 0}$ formed in the catalytic cycle were detected by NMR spectroscopy. N-acetyl-4-dimethylaminopyridinium chloride 10b is formed quantitatively upon mixing DMAP and acetyl chloride. ${ }^{[16]}$ This salt is readily soluble in DMSO, but less soluble in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3} .{ }^{[11 \mathrm{cc}]}$ In mixtures of acetic anhydride and DMAP or PPY in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ appreciable amounts of N -acetylpyridinium acetate $\mathbf{1 0 a}$ can be detected by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR
spectroscopy at low temperature. ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{cc}]}$ It was shown that at room temperature about 5-10\% of PPY is in the form of N-acetyl-4-pyrrolidinopyridinium acetate, and at lower temperatures the relative amount of this intermediate increases. Parallel experiments with pyridine resulted in no detectable formation of N -acetylpyridinium acetate and precipitation of insoluble N acetylpyridinium chloride, respectively.
3. Steglich et al. have shown that the acetylation of 1-ethinylcyclohexanol with $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (2 eq.) catalysed by DMAP (3 eq.) proceeds three times faster than the reaction with AcCl (2 eq.). ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{cl}}$ This is in contrast to the equilibrium amounts of acylpyridinium salts in the respective reaction mixtures. Moreover, Wakselman et al. have shown that other N -acetyl-4dimethylaminopyridinium salts $\mathbf{1 0}$ (with $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}^{-}, \mathrm{TsO}^{-}$or $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$) do not react with tert-butanol in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ or $\mathrm{AcOEt} .{ }^{[17 \mathrm{a}]}$ A plausible explanation of this fact is that the counterion is responsible for deprotonating the alcohol in the rate-determining transition state. This view is also supported by experiments of Kattnig and Albert, ${ }^{[17 b]}$ who found that acetic anhydride acetylates secondary alcohols $c a .10$ times faster than acetyl chloride when treated with combinations of DMAP and an insoluble carbonate base. Replacing the DMAP/carbonate pair by pyridine as the auxiliary base reverses the relative rates, highlighting the important role of the deprotonation step in the overall reaction mechanism. ${ }^{[17 a]}$
4. The DMAP-catalyzed acetylation of tert-butanol with acetic anhydride was studied by Zipse et al. at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (Figure 1.7). ${ }^{[14]}$ The second step of the nucleophilic catalysis mechanism was shown to be rate-determining (enthalpy of transition state $\mathbf{1 8}$ relative to reactants $\Delta H_{298}=+34.8 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ). One notable feature of the rate-limiting transition state $\mathbf{1 8}$ is the concertedness of acetyl and proton transfer. The base-catalyzed mechanism through transition states 20a or 20b is less favourable with barriers over $70 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$, and stepwise alternatives to these pathways are significantly less favourable with barriers over $150 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. Since acylation reactions are known to be solventdependent, proceeding faster in less polar solvents like hexane and $\mathrm{CCl}_{4},{ }^{[15]}$ Zipse et al. have studied the influence of solvent effects on the reaction barrier employing the PCM/UAHF/B3LYP/6-31G(d) continuum model. ${ }^{[14]}$ For $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$, and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as the solvents the base catalysis was still shown to be unfavourable, and the rate-limiting step for nucleophilic catalysis was predicted to be the same as in the gas phase. The activation enthalpy of the nucleophilic catalysis mechanism increases in the order $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}-\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, being $+55.1,+57.1$, and $+60.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ respectively. These results are in line with experimental studies by Hassner et al. ${ }^{[15]}$


Figure 1.7. Gas-phase enthalpy profile $\left(\Delta H_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}\right)$ for the competing nucleophilic and base catalysis mechanisms in the DMAP-catalyzed reaction of acetic anhydride with tertbutanol as calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (distances are given in pm ). ${ }^{[14]}$
5. Recently Schreiner et al. have studied the structures of N-acylated DMAP salts 10a-d (Figure 1.6) using a variety of different methods. ${ }^{[18]}$ The authors were able to crystallize salts $\mathbf{1 0 b}-\mathbf{d}$. The analyses of X-ray structures of these salts show that there are weak hydrogenbonding interactions between anions and the hydrogen at C 2 of the pyridine ring, with distances of 2.80 and $2.82 \AA$ in $\mathbf{1 0 c}$ and $\mathbf{1 0 d}$, respectively. Chloride 10b has much longer distances and the solvent molecules are associated with the chloride anion, therefore 10b cannot be described as a tight ion pair. NMR coalescence experiments were used to determine the rotational barriers around the N -acyl bond, which are around $+38.9 \pm 1.3 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for all compounds 10a-d. On the basis of the low-temperature IR- and NMR-measurements, the authors concluded that at room temperature the steady-state concentration of catalytically active 10a is below $1 \%$. Calculations at DFT-D-B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level confirm the 'tight' ion pair structure for 10a with the acetate having hydrogen-bonding interactions with the hydrogen at C 2 position of the pyridine ring (1.95 $\AA$ ) and one of the acetyl group hydrogens ( $2.19 \AA$ ) (Figure 1.6). These distances resemble the corresponding values for the transition state $\mathbf{1 8}(1.96$ and $2.38 \AA)$.
In conclusion, both experimental and theoretical studies support the nucleophilic mechanism of the DMAP-catalyzed acylation of alcohols. The active catalytic species are acylpyridinium cations, whose interactions with the counterion are essential in the rate-limiting deprotonation of alcohol substrates.

### 1.2.4 Base catalysis mechanism of DMAP-catalyzed transesterification

In 2001 Hedrick et al. reported the DMAP-catalyzed ring-opening polymerisation (ROP) of L-lactide 22 as the first example for an organocatalytic living polymerisation. ${ }^{[19 \mathrm{a}]}$ DMAP and PPY were shown to catalyse the ROP very selectively and without side reactions, providing polymeric products in near-quantitative yield and narrow polydispersities (polydispersity index PDI was 1.1-1.2). The reaction was carried out in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with ethanol or benzyl alcohol as initiator and DMAP or PPY (2-4 equivalents relative to alcohol). Hedrick has suggested a mechanism of ROP, which involves the nucleophilic activation of monomer by DMAP (path A on Figure 1.8), affording acylpyridinium intermediate 24, which reacts subsequently with the terminal alcohol group of the growing polymer. This mechanism was suggested on the basis of experiments, which do not interfere with the base catalysis mechanism. In 2008 Bonduelle et al. have studied computationally the DMAP-catalyzed ROP of L-lactide. ${ }^{[19 b]}$ Methanol was chosen as a model for the initiating/propagating alcohol (Figure 1.8). The authors used the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory and included the solvent
effects of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ through PCM single point calculations at the same level of theory. They have shown that intermediate $\mathbf{2 4}$ of the nucleophilic route is $105 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ higher in energy than the separated reactants, whereas intermediate 27 of the basic route is just $42 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ higher in energy than the separated reactants. The rate-determining first step of the stepwise basic route was shown to have an activation barrier of $63 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (transition state 26). The barrier height for the concerted basic mechanism is comparable to that for the stepwise route, so reaction can occur along both pathways equally well.


Figure 1.8. Nucleophilic (A) and basic (B) routes of activation in the DMAP-catalyzed ringopening of L-lactide by methanol as calculated at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory (PCM/SCRF single-point calculations, including zero-point vibrational energy corrections). ${ }^{[19 b]}$

Why does the basic mechanism of the L-lactide methanolysis notably contrast with the nucleophilic mechanism of the acetylation of tert -butanol? Bonduelle et al. tried to answer this question using computational methods. ${ }^{[19 b]}$ The authors compared the nucleophilic and basic pathways for the acetylation of methanol and tert-butanol. The difference in activation energies between these two pathways amounts to $36 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for tert-butanol (in accordance with Zipse et al. ${ }^{[14]}$ ) and $9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for methanol, suggesting that the two pathways may become competitive for primary alcohols. Comparison of the stabilities of acylpyridinium intermediates formed from acetic and methylsuccinic anhydrides also reveals that the nucleophilic pathway is somewhat disfavoured for cyclic substrates and so the basic route may become more favourable, at least with primary alcohols. Similar to the observations made by Schreiner et al. for acylpyridinium complexes, the authors also note for the DMAPcatalyzed ROP of lactones that DMAP can act as a hydrogen-bond acceptor (through its basic nitrogen center) and a weak hydrogen-bond donor (through one of the ortho-hydrogen atoms) as indicated for transition state 26 in Figure 1.9. ${ }^{[19 b]}$ This is somewhat reminiscent of the dual role of guanidine base 1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene (TBD) in the catalysed ROP of Llactide ${ }^{[19 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{d}]}$ as shown for transition state 29 in Figure 1.9.


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Figure 1.9. Structures of transition state 26 for the DMAP-catalyzed methanolysis of Llactide 22, as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, ${ }^{[19 a]}$ and transition state 29 for the TBDcatalyzed methanolysis of L-lactide, as calculated at MPW1K/6-31+G(d) level ${ }^{[19 \mathrm{~d}]}$ (distances are given in pm ).

### 1.3 Objectives

The calculation of the full reaction profiles shown in Figures 1.5 and 1.6 is a rather timeconsuming exercise and the question naturally arises how much of this effort is necessary for the goal of catalyst development. In many of the multi-step catalytic reactions discussed here the rate- and selectivity-determining transition states are accompanied by energetically and structurally related intermediates. The quantitative characterization of the structure and stability of these intermediates represents one of the most efficient approaches for characterizing the properties of a large ensemble of systems (e.g., a group of catalysts). This is demonstrated below using examples from stereoselective catalysis (where the conformational properties of intermediates are relevant) and from the development of more active catalysts (where the relative stability of acyl-intermediates is relevant). Theoretical methods can be used in this context in a variety of ways, starting from the structural optimization of reactants, products, and reaction intermediates up to the full characterization of potential energy surfaces. Whether, in the end, all of this is necessary for the theory-guided development of acylation catalysts is also discussed.

One important aspect of the catalyst design is the development of new active acylation catalysts. In Chapter 2 we compare several ground state and transition state models in their capacity to match kinetic data for the acetylation. In order to base this methodological study on a greater number of measured kinetic data, we have also synthesized a large number of new catalysts based on the 3,4-diaminopyridine framework and evaluated their catalytic activity in the same benchmark reaction. Application of the cheaper ground state model, i.e. acetylation enthalpies, to the design of the photoswitchable pyridines as well as the planarchiral aminopyridine derivatives, containing paracyclophane or ferrocenyl substituents, is discussed in Chapter 3.

One of the important concepts in the "Organocatalysis" field is activation of an electrophile by (thio)urea-derived catalysts. ${ }^{[21]}$ (Thio)ureas serve as partial Brønsted (weak Lewis) acids, activating the electrophile (carbonyl, epoxide) by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ double hydrogen bonding. A broad variety of monofunctional and bifunctional chiral (thio)urea organocatalysts have been developed to accelerate various synthetically useful organic transformations employing Hbond accepting substrates, e.g., carbonyl compounds, imines, nitroalkenes as starting materials. The concept of multifunctional catalysis, wherein the catalysts exhibit both Lewis acidity and Brønsted basicity, enables effective transformations, which generally are hard to achieve by a single functional catalyst. ${ }^{[21 d]}$ Therefore we envisioned that 3,4-diaminopyridine
derivatives bearing a (thio)urea moiety on the 3 N -atom could also work as bifunctional catalysts. The design of a new class of acylation catalysts, 3-(thio)urea-4-aminopyridines, is described in Chapter 4. Chiral derivatives of this new class can be prepared via a modular strategy from easily accessible isocyanates. The potential of newly synthesized chiral 3,4diaminopyridine derivatives will then be explored in the kinetic resolution (KR) of secondary alcohols (Chapter 4).

Finally, some mechanistic insights into the catalytic system for the kinetic resolution, both experimental and theoretical, are described in Chapter 5. The theoretical rationalization and prediction of the experimentally observed stereoselectivities in the KR of sec-alcohols is attempted using the key transition state model. Less time-consuming models for selectivity prediction, based on the prochiral probe approach and transition state conformational analysis, will also be attempted.

## Chapter 2. The Catalytic Potential of Substituted Pyridines in Acylation Reactions: Theoretical Prediction and Experimental Validation

### 2.1 Introduction

Since their discovery, N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 3) and its derivatives such as 4pyrrolidinopyridine (PPY, 4) have been employed as versatile and efficient nucleophilic catalysts for a variety of chemical transformations such as the acylation of alcohols. ${ }^{[11,12]}$ Current developments focus on enhancing the selectivity of these catalysts in stereo- and regioselective transformations, in particular in the kinetic resolution of alcohols and amines. ${ }^{[20]}$ Rationalizing the origin of selectivity in these resolution experiments represents an important step in the further development of catalyst. While conformational preferences of critical intermediates in the catalytic cycle determine the stereochemical outcome of substrate turnover, the actual stability of these intermediates with respect to the free catalyst is thought to be of critical importance for turnover rates.

Quantitative approaches for matching catalyst nucleophilicity (a kinetic property) to some sort of affinity number (a thermodynamic property) count among the most traditional methods in physical organic chemistry. The so called "Brønsted plots" (correlating rate constants for catalytic processes with $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values) have been widely applied in mechanistic studies. ${ }^{[3]}$ Steglich et al. ${ }^{[11 \mathrm{c}]}$ have demonstrated a linear correlation between the rates for acyl-transfer reactions in benzene and $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values for para-substituted pyridines (e.g. DMAP (3), PPY (4), 4-methylpyridine, pyridine) (Figure 2.1). Other nitrogen bases such as DBU or triethylamine do not obey a linear free energy relationship. Remarkably, enantioselectivities of several organocatalyzed transformations can also be correlated with $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values of the used catalysts. ${ }^{[22 a, b]}$ This approach usually works well for a family of catalysts with comparable steric requirements. ${ }^{[22 b, c]}$ For more complicated, stepwise reactions a change in the ratelimiting step or the participation of catalysts in different steps can alter the linearity of the Brønsted plot. ${ }^{[3 \mathrm{c}]}$


Scheme 2.1. Base-catalyzed acetyl transfer; the reaction was studied in benzene at $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR.


Figure 2.1. Correlation of the relative rates of acyl-transfer with $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values for different amines. ${ }^{[11 c]}$

Application of the Brønsted-plot strategy is often restricted by the availability of $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values for the solvent used in the actual catalysis experiments. Mayr and coworkers persuasively argued in favor of universal nucleophilicity/electrophilicity scales based on kinetic data recorded for a series of nucleophiles towards benzhydrylium cations as a standard set of electrophiles. ${ }^{[23 a]}$ Concerning acylation catalysts, Mayr et al. have observed a good linear correlation between nucleophilicities $N$ of different para-substituted pyridines measured in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and their $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ (Figure 2.2). ${ }^{\text {[23b] }}$


Figure 2.2. Correlation of the nucleophilicities N (in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) with $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ (in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ ) for 4substituted pyridines. ${ }^{[23 b]}$

All of the above experimental approaches are contingent upon the availability of actual substrate samples, a point not easily reconciled with the realities of catalyst development projects. Theoretically calculated nucleophilicities offer the advantage that predictions can be made for compounds before their respective synthesis, thus avoiding the potential problem of synthesizing compounds of low (catalytic) activity. A number of theoretical studies on enantioselective catalysts have been carried out during the last decade. Most of these concern the rationalization of the stereochemical outcome of these reactions and involve either the full characterization of potential energy surfaces or the localization of the transition states of the selectivity-determining step. ${ }^{[24]}$ In contrast, studies devoted to application of theoretical methods to the prediction of catalyst activity have received comparatively little attention. ${ }^{[22 c, 25,26]}$ One of the theoretical approaches for predicting nucleophilic activity is based on the minimum values of the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP), which was evaluated by Campodonico et al. for a series of substituted pyridines. ${ }^{[25 a]}$ Significantly closer to the situation in catalytic processes are approaches involving the calculation of affinity values towards model electrophiles. Since most of the organocatalytic transformations involve nucleophilic attack on carbon, methyl cation affinities (MCA) can serve as the most simple model for a carbon basicity scale. ${ }^{[25 b]} \mathrm{Zipse}$ et al. ${ }^{[25 c]}$ have compared experimental rates of the Michael addition reaction of methanol to acrylamide catalyzed by amine and phosphane nucleophiles with $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values, proton and methyl cation affinities (calculated at MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level). The best correlation was obtained by using MCA data ( $R^{2}$ $=0.91$ ), thus illustrating the potential usefulness of this type of data for the development of new nucleophilic catalysts (Figure 2.3).


Figure 2.3. Correlation of observed rate constants $\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{obs}}$ for the nucleophile-induced addition of methanol to acrylamide with the corresponding $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{PA}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$, and $\mathrm{MCA}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ values. ${ }^{[25 c]}$

Acetylpyridinium cations are important intermediates in pyridine-catalyzed acylation reactions, ${ }^{[14]}$ and relative acetyl cation affinities were therefore used as the guideline for the development of new pyridine-based nucleophilic catalyst such as aminopyridine 6a (Figure 2.4), in which the electron-donor properties of the 4 -amino substituent were complemented by two annelated ring systems. ${ }^{[26]}$ The enthalpies of the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.2 were calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory in the gas phase for a large variety of pyridine catalysts. ${ }^{[26 b]}$


Scheme 2.2. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of acetylation enthalpies.

This approach was successfully used for the development of highly active catalysts such as 3,4 -diaminopyridine derivative $\mathbf{5}{ }^{[26 \mathrm{c}]}$ and $3,4,5$-triaminopyridine derivative $\mathbf{3 0 a},{ }^{[27]}$ which are similarly active in the acetylation of tertiary alcohol 36a (Figure 2.7) as aminopyridine $\mathbf{6 a}$. DMAP-derivatives with smaller ( $\mathbf{6 c}$ ) or larger ( $\mathbf{6 d}$ ) annelated rings were found to be similarly active as $\mathbf{3}$, despite their higher acylation enthalpies. ${ }^{[28]}$


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5b


7a-g

7a: $R^{1}=H ; R^{2}, R^{3}, R^{4}, R^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
7b: $R^{1}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; R^{2}, R^{3}, R^{4}, R^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
7c: $\mathrm{R}^{1}=n-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} ; \mathrm{R}^{2}, \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}, \mathrm{R}^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
7d: $R^{1}=H ; R^{2}, R^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; R^{3}, R^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}$
7e: $R^{1}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \mathrm{R}^{2}, \mathrm{R}^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}$
7f: $\mathrm{R}^{1}=n-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} ; \mathrm{R}^{2}, \mathrm{R}^{5}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}$ 7g: $\mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{CH}_{3} ;=\mathrm{C}\left(N R^{2} \mathrm{R}^{3}\right)\left(N R^{4} \mathrm{R}^{5}\right)=$


30b

Figure 2.4. Selected nucleophilic catalysts based on the DMAP motif.

Even though the calculated acylation enthalpies correlated very well with reaction half-lives for a narrow class of pyridine catalysts (such as catalysts $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{6 a}$ ), a less satisfactory correlation is found when including structurally more diverse catalysts, such as 3,4-diaminoand 4-guanidinylpyridines 7a-g. ${ }^{[13 a]}$ This lack of correlation may either be rooted in the
fundamental deficits of any free-energy relationship building on the correlation of thermodynamic properties of selected ground state systems with kinetic data for a process involving related species. We would then have to assume that a true transition state model for the benchmark acylation reactions would be clearly superior. Alternatively, the unsatisfactory correlation may be due to technical characteristics of the ground state model used. In order to clarify this point we compare here several ground and transition state models in their capacity to match kinetic data for the acetylation of 1-ethinylcyclohexanol with acetic anhydride in chloroform. In order to base this methodological study on a greater amount of measured rate data, we have also synthesized a larger number of new catalysts based on the 3,4diaminopyridine framework and measured their catalytic efficiency for the same benchmark reaction (Figure 2.7).

### 2.2 Synthesis and catalytic activity of 3,4-diaminopyridines

### 2.2.1 Synthesis of 3,4-diaminopyridines

New 3,4-diaminopyridine catalysts were synthesized from commercially available substances using modifications of previously established procedures. ${ }^{[266]}$ This involves derivatives of catalysts 5a and 5b bearing different substituents (alkyl chains or benzyl groups) on the nitrogen atoms attached to the 3- and 4-position (Figure 2.5). ${ }^{[29]}$ Synthesis of catalysts 5h-j has already been described in the literature. ${ }^{[30]}$


5a: $R^{1}, R^{2}=M e ; R^{3}, R^{4}=H$
5a-I
5b: $\mathrm{R}^{1}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{Me} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$
5c: $R^{1}, R^{2}=E t ; R^{3}, R^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$
5d: $\mathrm{R}^{1}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=$ Pent; $\mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$
5e: $\mathrm{R}^{1}, \mathrm{R}^{2}=i \mathrm{Pr} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\mathrm{H}$
5f: $\mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{Me} ; \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{Ph} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$
$\mathbf{5 g}: \mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{Me} ; \mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{CH} ; \mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}=\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$


Figure 2.5. Members of the 3,4-diaminopyridine catalyst family.

The intermediates 31a-c were synthesized from commercially available substances, using procedures described in the literature (Scheme 2.3). ${ }^{[26 \mathrm{cc}]}$ The acetylation of compound 31a by acetic anhydride has previously been carried out under harsh conditions: 48 h in pyridine as solvent at $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{[26 c]}$ Employing a microwave reactor allowed us to reduce the reaction time to 10 min , with an increased reaction temperature of $170^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a lower amount of pyridine ( 1 ml per 1 mmol substrate). Under the optimized conditions acylation by aliphatic anhydrides proceeded smoothly giving up to $86 \%$ yield of products. Acylation of amine 31b by acyl chlorides employing these optimized conditions afforded the corresponding products in $98 \%$ yield. Subsequent reduction of amide groups by $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4} / \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ gives the corresponding catalysts in 66-74 \% yield (Scheme 2.3).


Scheme 2.3. Synthesis of 3,4-diaminopyridine catalysts: a) 1,2-cyclohexanedione, EtOH, 70 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 5 \mathrm{~h}, 90 \%$; b) $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$, THF, $-40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 30 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{RT}, 32 \mathrm{~h}, 79 \%$; c) $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{NEt}_{3}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 5$ mol\% PPY, $96 \%$; d) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, $45 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 60 \%$; e) $\left(\mathrm{R}^{2} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}$, pyridine, $\mathrm{MW}, 170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 10 \mathrm{~min}, 60-86 \%$; f) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, $45 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 50-75 \%$; g) $\mathrm{R}^{1} \mathrm{COCl}$, pyridine, MW, $170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 60 \mathrm{~min}, 98 \%$; h) glyoxal, $\mathrm{EtOH}, 70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{~h}, 88 \%$; i) $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}, \mathrm{EtOH}, 40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 15 \mathrm{~h}, 50 \%$.

All synthesized derivatives of $\mathbf{5 b}$ were obtained as racemates with cis configuration of the cyclohexane ring. Incorporating chirality into the cyclohexyl fragment by employing commercially available (S)-(+)-camphorquinone 32 for the condensation with 3,4diaminopyridine allowed us to synthesize catalyst $\mathbf{5 I}$ as a single diastereomer (Scheme 2.4).


Scheme 2.4. Synthesis of camphor derivative 51: a) AcOH , rf, $6 \mathrm{~h}, 85 \%$; b) $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}, \mathrm{BH}_{3}$, THF, $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 15 \mathrm{~h}, 55 \%$; c) PhCOCl , pyridine, MW, $150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 60 \mathrm{~min}, 64 \%$; d) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, 45 min -> $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 55 \%$.

Condensation with $\mathbf{3 2}$ proceeds in acetic acid under refluxing conditions and gives a mixture of regioisomers $\mathbf{3 3}$ a and $\mathbf{3 3 b}$ in a ratio of $7: 1$ with $85 \%$ yield. The major product 33a was purified by recrystallization from a cyclohexane/diethyl ether mixture (1:1). The regioselectivity of condensation was determined through detection of NOE enhancements between $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{5}$ protons of the pyridine ring and protons of the camphor fragment in compound 33a (Scheme 2.5). The regioselectivity could be unambiguously assigned through the X-ray analysis of this compound (see Experimental Part).


33a


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Scheme 2.5. Observed NOE enhancements in compounds 33a and 34.

Reduction of compound 33a by $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4} / \mathrm{BH}_{3}$ in THF gave diamine 34 with $55 \%$ yield and $87 \%$ diastereomeric excess, as determined by chiral HPLC (Scheme 2.4). The stereochemistry of the major diastereomer was determined through detection of NOE enhancements between
the protons of the camphor-ring (Scheme 2.5). Benzoylation of diamine $\mathbf{3 4}$ in the microwave reactor gave compound $\mathbf{3 5}$ as a mixture of diastereomers with de $=70 \%$. It was possible to isolate the major diastereomer of $\mathbf{3 5}$ by simple recrystallization from diethyl ether. The stereochemistry of the previous reduction step was unambiguously determined by X-ray analysis of compound 35 (Figure 2.6). Subsequent reduction of the amide groups by $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4} / \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ gives the final product $\mathbf{5 l}$ in $55 \%$ yield as a single diastereomer (determined by chiral HPLC de > $99 \%$ ). This catalyst was used for kinetic and theoretical studies.


Figure 2.6. X-ray structure of compound 35.

### 2.2.2 Catalytic activity of 3,4-diaminopyridines

The catalytic potential of newly synthesized 3,4-diaminopyridines has been explored in the acetylation of tertiary alcohol 36a (Figure 2.7). The reaction proceeds to full conversion with all studied catalysts. The rate of reaction was characterized by its half-life time $t_{1 / 2}$, which was extracted from the conversion-time plot through fitting to a second-order kinetic rate law. The obtained data is shown in Table 2.1. For the sake of comparison we also include kinetic data for the known catalysts DMAP (3), PPY (4), 5a and $\mathbf{5 b}$, as well as for recently published 3,4diaminopyridine derivatives $\mathbf{5 i}$ and $\mathbf{5 j}$. ${ }^{[30]}$


Figure 2.7. Kinetic profiles of the acetylation reaction, catalyzed by pyridine derivatives (determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy of the reaction mixture).

Table 2.1. Catalytic activity of the 3,4-diamino and 4-aminopyridines. ${ }^{[a]}$


36b

| Entry | Catalyst |  |  |  | $t_{1 / 2}$ [min] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{R}^{1}$ | $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | $\mathrm{R}^{3}, \mathrm{R}^{4}$ |  |
| 1 | DMAP (3) |  |  |  | $151 \pm 1.7^{\text {b] }}$ |
| 2 | 51 | Ph | Ph | camphor $^{[d]}$ | $138 \pm 2.0$ |
| 3 | 5k | Ph | Ph | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $116 \pm 2.0$ |
| 4 | PPY (4) |  |  |  | $67 \pm 1.0^{[b]}$ |
| 5 | 5a | Me | Me | H | $51 \pm 1.0^{[\mathrm{b]}}$ |
| 6 | $5 f$ | Me | Ph | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $49 \pm 1.0$ |
| 7 | 5 g | Me | $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{CH}$ | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $44 \pm 1.0$ |
| 8 | 5 e | $i \mathrm{Pr}$ | $i \operatorname{Pr}$ | H | $43 \pm 0.5$ |
| 9 | 5h | Me | $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CH}$ | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $35 \pm 1.0$ |
| 10 | $5 i$ | Me | Pent | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $21 \pm 1.0^{[\mathrm{c}]}$ |
| 11 | 5c | Et | Et | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $21 \pm 1.0$ |
| 12 | 5d | Pent | Pent | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $19 \pm 0.5$ |
| 13 | 5b | Me | Me | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $18 \pm 0.5{ }^{\text {[b] }}$ |
| 14 | 5j | Me | triazolyl ${ }^{[d]}$ | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | $16 \pm 0.5^{\text {[c] }}$ |

[a] Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol 36a, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.1$ equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. [b] Data from ref. 26c. [c] Data from ref. 30. [d] See Figure 2.5.

All studied 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives promote this reaction effectively, being faster than DMAP (3). Catalysts $\mathbf{5 c}, \mathbf{5 d}$ and $\mathbf{5 i}$ show almost the same half-life times as the parent derivative 5b (entries 10-12, Table 2.1). This indicates that the variation of the alkyl
substituents on the nitrogen atoms of the 3,4-diaminopyridine motif did not lead to larger changes in catalytic activity. For catalysts $\mathbf{5 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 g}$, however, we note that introduction of a benzyl or diphenylethyl group on the N3 position results in a 2 -fold drop of catalytic activity compared to $\mathbf{5 b}$. Introduction of two benzyl groups on both 3- and 4-nitrogen centers as in $\mathbf{5 k}$ (entry 3 , Table 2.1 ) decreases the catalytic activity even more ( 6 -fold relative to $\mathbf{5 b}$ ). This observation is in remarkable contrast to recent findings of David et al., who have shown that dibenzyl derivative 30b is much more nucleophilic than the parent substance 30a (Figure 2.4). ${ }^{[31]}$ The integration of other $\pi$-systems such as the triazolyl fragment in catalyst $\mathbf{5 j}$ is not accompanied by any loss in activity and provides even better catalytic efficiency than the parent system $\mathbf{5 b}$ (entries 13 and 14, Table 2.1). The chiral derivative $\mathbf{5 l}$ is less catalytically active in acetylation reactions than the corresponding racemic dibenzyl analogue $\mathbf{5 k}$ (entries 2 and 3, Table 2.1), but still more effective than DMAP (3).

### 2.3 Acetylation enthalpies (ground state model)



Scheme 2.2. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of acetylation enthalpies.

As a first step we analyze here the performance of the previously used ground state model based on relative acetylation enthalpies calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.2 at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory in the gas phase. The analysis now also includes the kinetic data and the calculated acylation enthalpies for the newly synthesized catalysts (Table 2.2). Under the condition that these acetylation enthalpies have a direct relation to the respective activation free energies, a linear correlation of acetylation enthalpies with $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$, which is proportional to $\ln \left(k_{2}\right)$ should be expected (Figure 2.8). The quality of this correlation is expressed by correlation coefficient $R^{2}$, which is therefore assumed to estimate the performance of a given model. Beside analysis of the correlation coefficients, the individual examination of the data is also performed.
Inspection of the obtained results shows that the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) ${ }^{[32]}$ level of theory for the calculation of acetylation enthalpies fails to correlate with experimental rates for a wide range of catalysts (correlation coefficient $R^{2}=0.1239$ ). As a first refinement of the ground state model in Scheme 2.2, gas phase energies were calculated at the

MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory used recently for the calculation of methyl cation affinities. ${ }^{[25 b]}$ This includes initial geometry optimization with the B98 ${ }^{[33]}$ hybrid functional in combination with the $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ basis set and subsequent calculation of thermochemical corrections at 298.15 K at the same level (no scaling factors were applied). The thermochemical corrections have then been combined with single point energies calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) level to yield enthalpies cited as " $H_{298}$ (MP2-5)" in the text. In order to verify that important conformations had not been missed in previous studies the conformational space of all catalysts has been searched using the OPLS force field and the systematic search routine implemented in MACROMODEL 9.7. ${ }^{[34]}$ All stationary points located at force field level have then been reoptimized at B98/6-31G(d) level. Solvent effects for chloroform have been accounted for by additional single point calculations with the polarizable continuum model (PCM) at RHF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii. The resulting enthalpies in solution were then Boltzmann-averaged over all available conformers. The most stable conformations of free catalysts (in the energy window of $20 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) were then acetylated on the pyridine nitrogen (two orientations are possible here) and the resulting structures were treated in the same way as described for the free catalysts before. All quantum mechanical calculations have been performed with Gaussian 03. ${ }^{[35]}$ The acetylation enthalpies calculated at different levels of theory are collected in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2. Relative acetylation enthalpies calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.2 at four levels of theory.

| Entry | Catalyst | $\begin{gathered} \ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right) \\ \left(t_{1 / 2}[\mathrm{~min}]\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}} \\ (\mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP})^{[\mathrm{ab}} \\ {\left[\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}} \\ (\mathrm{~B} 98)^{[\mathrm{la}]} \\ {\left[\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}} \\ (\mathrm{MP} 2-5)^{[\mathrm{ab}} \\ {\left[\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}} \\ \left(\mathrm{MP} 2-5 / \text { solv }{ }^{[\mathrm{ad]}}\right. \\ {\left[\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right]} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | py | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | $7 \mathrm{a}^{[d]}$ | -5.69 | -113.1 | -114.6 | -98.9 | -67.5 |
| 3 | $7 \mathrm{~d}^{[d]}$ | -5.56 | -118.9 | -120.6 | -102.0 | -70.1 |
| 4 | $3^{[c]}$ | -5.02 | -82.1 | -82.1 | -77.2 | -61.3 |
| 5 | 51 | -4.93 | -124.3 | -125.9 | -123.0 | -75.4 |
| 6 | 5k | -4.75 | -124.3 | -125.5 | -124.1 | -79.9 |
| 7 | $7 b^{[d]}$ | -4.64 | -120.5 | -121.0 | -105.6 | -73.0 |
| 8 | $7 \mathrm{~g}^{[d]}$ | -4.62 | -133.1 | -133.8 | -116.4 | -76.7 |
| 9 | $4^{[c]}$ | -4.20 | -93.1 | -93.0 | -87.5 | -67.6 |
| 10 | $6 b^{[b]}$ | -4.14 | -96.0 | -95.6 | -90.3 | -71.7 |
| 11 | $7 \mathrm{c}^{[d]}$ | -4.14 | -123.1 | -123.8 | -109.0 | -73.8 |
| 12 | $7 \mathrm{e}^{[\mathrm{d}]}$ | -4.04 | -126.7 | -126.8 | -107.0 | -75.4 |
| 13 | $5 \mathrm{a}^{[\mathrm{cc]}}$ | -3.93 | -115.5 | -113.7 | -108.6 | -81.4 |
| 14 | 5 f | -3.89 | -125.3 | -127.0 | -127.4 | -84.1 |
| 15 | 5g | -3.78 | -126.5 | -124.8 | -121.8 | -80.1 |
| 16 | $7 \mathrm{f}^{[d]}$ | -3.78 | -130.1 | -131.8 | -109.1 | -75.5 |
| 17 | 5 e | -3.76 | -121.1 | -120.6 | -117.2 | -82.7 |
| 18 | 5h | -3.56 | -122.4 | -120.3 | -116.3 | -81.8 |
| 19 | $5 i$ | $-3.04{ }^{[\mathrm{e}]}$ | -128.8 | -128.7 | -121.9 | -84.8 |
| 20 | 5c | -3.04 | -129.4 | -126.6 | -121.8 | -85.1 |
| 21 | $5 \mathbf{b}^{[d]}$ | -2.89 | -127.1 | -126.0 | -119.6 | -85.2 |
| 22 | 5j | $-2.77{ }^{[\text {[e] }}$ | -142.3 | -138.5 | -122.1 | -82.1 |
| 23 | $6 \mathrm{a}^{[\mathrm{b}]}$ | -2.71 | -108.9 | -106.9 | -102.3 | -82.3 |
| 25 | 5m | - | - | -131.0 | -132.7 | -83.2 |
| Correlation coefficient $\boldsymbol{R}^{2[f]}$ |  |  | 0.1239 | 0.0732 | 0.1628 | 0.5829 |

[a] Levels of theory: "B3LYP": B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d); "B98": B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5": MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5/solv": MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) solvation energies for chloroform. [b] Data from ref. 26a. [c] Data from ref. 26c. [d] Data from ref. 13a. [e] Data from ref. 30. [f] Correlation coefficient $R^{2}$ of the acetylation enthalpies with relative reaction rates $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$.

Analysis of the obtained data, i.e. correlation coefficients $R^{2}$, shows that the combination of MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) single point calculations with thermochemical corrections to 298 K at B98/6-31G(d) level gives a systematically better correlation with relative rates than the 'old' B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) method. Since the actual acylation reaction is carried out in chloroform, the application of the appropriate solvation model for the calculation is necessary to get closer to experiment. Indeed employment of PCM single point calculation at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii dramatically improves the correlation ( $R^{2}=$ 0.5829 ), which can quantitatively be expressed by the equation: $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}=-5.9703 \cdot \ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)-$ 101.28. In contrast, the use of more expensive methods for single point calculations, such as MP2/6-311+G(2d,p) or MP2/6-311+G(3df,2p), does not improve the correlation between acetylation enthalpies and relative rates (Table 2.3).

Table 2.3. Relative acetylation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.2 using different basis sets for the MP2 single point computations (only the best conformers were taken into account).

| Catalyst | $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$ | MP2-5 ${ }^{\text {[a] }}$ | MP2-6 ${ }^{\text {[b] }}$ | MP2-7 ${ }^{\text {[] }]}$ | MP2-5 ${ }^{\text {[a] }}$ | MP2-6 ${ }^{\text {[b] }}$ | MP2-7 ${ }^{\text {[] }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | in the gas phase |  |  | in chloroform ${ }^{\text {[d] }}$ |  |  |
| py |  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3 | -5.02 | -77.2 | -77.4 | -77.3 | -61.3 | -61.5 | -61.4 |
| 4 | -4.20 | -87.5 | -87.8 | -87.7 | -67.6 | -67.9 | -67.8 |
| 7a | -5.69 | -98.9 | -100.9 | -101.1 | -67.9 | -69.9 | -70.1 |
| 7b | -4.64 | -105.6 | -107.6 | -107.7 | -73.2 | -75.2 | -75.3 |
| 6 a | -2.71 | -102.3 | -102.2 | -102.1 | -82.3 | -82.1 | -82.0 |
| 5k | -4.75 | -124.1 | -125.7 | -125.0 | -81.4 | -82.9 | -82.2 |
| 5a | -3.93 | -108.6 | -110.0 | -109.6 | -81.6 | -82.9 | -82.6 |
| 5b | -2.89 | -119.6 | -121.1 | -121.7 | -86.3 | -87.7 | -88.4 |
|  | ation <br> nt $\boldsymbol{R}^{\mathbf{2} \text { e] }}$ | 0.1083 | 0.0877 | 0.0920 | 0.5227 | 0.4472 | 0.4603 |

[a] "MP2-5" = MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d). [b] "MP2-6 " = MP2/6-311+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d).
[c] "MP2-7" = MP2/6-311+G(3df,2p)//B98/6-31G(d).
[d] With solvation energies calculated at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level. [e] Correlation coefficient of the acetylation enthalpies with relative reaction rates $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$.

Even though the quality of the correlation is moderate and does not allow very precise predictions, a closer inspection of the data indicates that separate correlations of better fidelity exist for each of the catalyst families: 4-guanidinylpyridines 7a-g, 4-dialkylaminopyridines and 3,4-diaminopyridines 5a-l (Figure 2.8). The best correlation is obtained for the 4-
dialkylaminopyridines $\left(R^{2}=0.9712\right)$, although the correlation is built only on four data points. The correlation for the 4-guanidinylpyridines is moderate ( $R^{2}=0.7331$ ), but becomes much better ( $R^{2}=0.9336$ ) when one does not include into the correlation catalyst $7 \mathbf{g}$, which contains a benzyl group in the guanidinyl substituent and differs thus from other catalysts 7a-f (Figure 2.8). The 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives 5a-l show the worst correlation among these families $\left(R^{2}=0.6441\right)$. It should be noted that considerable residuals between the actual and fitted values have been obtained for pyridines $\mathbf{5 f}, \mathbf{5 g}, \mathbf{5 j}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$, which contain benzyl groups in the 3-amino substituents. Furthermore, considering only the best conformer enthalpies instead of Boltzmann-averaging over all the conformations is very desirable, since it would dramatically reduce the computational time. Indeed, the best conformer acetylation enthalpies are very close to the Boltzmann-averaged values (up to $0.6 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) and can be correlated with relative reaction rates. However, a full conformational search is necessary in order to find the most stable conformations, which can then be used for calculations of acetylation enthalpy.


Figure 2.8. Correlation between the acetylation enthalpies (calculated at MP2/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with solvation energies at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level) and relative reaction rates. The number of data points in each family is shown in brackets.

From the results obtained so far, we can conclude that calculation of relative acetylation enthalpies can be used for the optimization of the substitution pattern for a given catalyst
family. However the correlation in the 3,4-diaminopyridine family is still not sufficient to make more exact predictions. The most inaccurate predictions are obtained for catalysts containing benzyl groups ( $\mathbf{7 g}, \mathbf{5 f}, \mathbf{5} \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{5 k}$ ). This implies that some interactions with the phenyl groups play an important role in determining the activity of catalysts in the acetylation reaction. In order to study the nature of this phenomenon and find more accurate models for the activity prediction, we have studied the relative activation enthalpies for a selection of catalysts.

### 2.4 Activation enthalpies (transition state model)

### 2.4.1 Relative activation enthalpies

Theoretical ${ }^{[14]}$ and experimental ${ }^{[12]}$ studies of the complete catalytic cycle for the DMAPcatalyzed acetylation of alcohols have shown that the second step (attack of alcohol on the acetylpyridinium cation) is rate-limiting (Figure 1.7). The most obvious model for the prediction of relative acetylation rates would thus be the calculation of the rate-limiting transition state (Scheme 2.6). Since a search of the conformational space of the corresponding transition states for the experimentally used alcohol 36a (1-ethynylcyclohexanol) would be too time consuming, we have chosen $t$-butanol as a model alcohol. Furthermore, the conformational space for the transition state with DMAP has already been explored, but at a different level of theory (B3LYP/6-31G(d)). ${ }^{[14]}$


Scheme 2.6. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of relative activation enthalpies ("frozen transition states" model). The bonds marked bold were frozen; bond lengths, A: r (N-C) = $1.577, \mathrm{r}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})=1.933, \mathrm{r}(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H})=1.190, \mathrm{r}(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{O})=1.243 .{ }^{[14]}$

In the first model, called "frozen transition states", we explore the conformational space by geometry optimization of different transition state conformations with selected frozen bonds (Scheme 2.6, distances were taken from ref. 14) to energy minima at B98/6-31G(d) level, followed by frequency analysis at the same level and single point calculations at MP2(FC)/6$31+G(2 d, p)$ level. We have chosen a series of pyridine derivatives with different substitution pattern (Figure 2.9), including well studied catalysts 3, 4, 6a, 7a-b and 5a-b, as well as the
new 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives $\mathbf{5 j}$, $\mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$, which have the largest deviations from the correlation line in Figure 2.8. There are generally four possible orientations of the alcohol/anhydride part of the TS for each catalyst conformer: two orientations of the acetyl group and two variants of the alcohol attack on the reaction center (from the front face or the back face of the pyridine ring). For symmetrical aminopyridines such as DMAP (3) and PPY (4) this number reduces to one possible orientation. Up to four best conformations of the free catalyst were used for chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines to obtain the initial geometries of TSs, which were then optimized to energy minima with selected frozen bonds. The actual numbers of TS conformers are shown in the Appendix (Table A2.11).



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5b


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Figure 2.9. Selected DMAP derivatives studied in transition state model.

Table 2.4. Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {act }}$ and Gibbs free energies $\Delta G_{\text {act }}$ (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) as calculated at the MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory in the gas phase and with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at different levels. ${ }^{[\mathrm{c}]}$
"frozen transition
states"

| Catalyst | $\begin{gathered} \ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right) \\ \left(t_{1 / 2}[\mathrm{~min}]\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta H_{\mathrm{act}}{ }^{[\mathrm{a}]}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta H_{\mathrm{act}}{ }^{[\mathrm{a}]} \\ & " \text { solv1" } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta H_{\mathrm{act}}{ }^{[\mathrm{a}]} \\ & \text { "solv2" } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta H_{\text {act }}{ }^{[\mathrm{a}]} \\ & \text { "solv3" } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta H_{\mathrm{act}}{ }^{[\mathrm{b}]} \\ & \text { "solv1" } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta G_{\text {act }}{ }^{[\mathrm{a}]} \\ & \text { "solv1" } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | gas phase | "solv1" |  |  |  |  |  |
| py |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7a | -5.69 | -24.40 | -20.50 | -23.89 | 0.03 | -7.84 | -24.18 | -25.07 |
| 3 | -5.02 | -21.94 | -21.86 | -25.71 | -8.77 | -10.82 | -25.71 | -26.53 |
| 7b | -4.64 | -27.84 | -23.01 | -27.87 | -6.05 | -8.29 | -28.68 | -26.76 |
| 4 | -4.20 | -24.79 | -24.67 | -28.49 | -16.72 | -18.52 | -28.48 | -28.48 |
| 6 a | -2.71 | -33.94 | -29.65 | -34.57 | -13.71 | -16.17 | -33.90 | -35.28 |
| 51 | -4.93 | -62.25 | -40.69 | -41.41 | -12.29 | -14.55 | -41.45 | -40.28 |
| 5k | -4.75 | -55.75 | -39.09 | -43.47 | -15.99 | -18.00 | -42.64 | -41.36 |
| 5a | -3.93 | -51.23 | -41.46 | -47.20 | -18.51 | -20.72 | -45.98 | -44.12 |
| 5b | -2.89 | -54.86 | -44.40 | -49.99 | -22.36 | -24.84 | -49.63 | -46.71 |
| 5j | -2.77 | -64.23 | -49.28 | -53.07 | -18.03 | -22.64 | -52.66 | -49.76 |

Correlation coefficient $\boldsymbol{R}^{2[d]}$

| All catalysts | 0.1653 | 0.3361 | 0.4024 | 0.5434 | 0.5791 | 0.3974 | 0.4208 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 4-Aminopyridines | 0.7176 | 0.9911 | 0.9895 | 0.5628 | 0.5186 | 0.9652 | 0.9516 |
| 3,4-Diaminopyridines | 0.0061 | 0.7760 | 0.9510 | 0.6657 | 0.8709 | 0.9636 | 0.9419 |

[a] Boltzmann-averaged over the maximum available number of conformers. [b] Based on the best conformers. [c] Methods for calculating PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii; "solv3": B98/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii. [d] Correlation coefficients $R^{2}$ of the activation enthalpies with relative reaction rates $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$.

Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {act }}$ calculated at the combined MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level of theory in the gas phase, do not correlate well with relative reaction rates (Table 2.4). Inclusion of solvent effects of chloroform at PCM/RHF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii significantly improves the correlation, as was already observed for the acetylation enthalpies. The studied catalysts can now be divided into two families: 3,4diaminopyridines and 4-aminopyridines, the latter family includes 4-dialkylaminopyridines and 4-guanidinylpyridines. The overall correlation coefficient is still modest ( $R^{2}=0.3361$ ), but correlation in each family is much better compared to acetylation enthalpies. However, the quality of correlation for 3,4-diaminopyridines still does not allow precise predictions of reaction rates $\left(R^{2}=0.7760\right)$.
The modest correlation in the "frozen transition states" model may be due to the fact that the structures used for the enthalpy calculation have constrained bonds and are not the real transition states. We have subsequently optimized the most stable conformations, obtained in the "frozen transition states" model, followed by frequency analysis at B98/6-31G(d) level and single point calculation at MP2 level as well as PCM solvation energy calculations. The energies of the transition states have changed negligibly after the optimization process (up to $2 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ at B98 level), showing thus that the previously obtained constrained structures are very close to "real" transition states. This fact allowed us to take only several best conformations of "frozen transition states" for the TS optimization (generally 3-4 conformations for 3,4-diaminopyridines). The actual numbers of optimized TS conformers are listed in the Appendix (Table A2.11).


Scheme 2.7. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of relative activation enthalpies ("optimized transition states" model).

This model, called "optimized transition states", gives much better correlation with relative reaction rates, especially in the 3,4-diaminopyridine family (Table 2.4). Employing relative activation free energies instead of enthalpies does not improve correlation significantly. From the other side, considering only the best conformer enthalpies instead of Boltzmann-averaging over all the conformations is very desirable, since it would dramatically reduce the computational time. Indeed, the best conformer activation enthalpies also correlate with
relative reaction rates (Figure 2.10). The correlation coefficients obtained for each family of catalysts $\left(R^{2}=0.96\right)$ allow very precise prediction of the reaction rates.


Figure 2.10. Correlation between relative activation enthalpies ("optimized transition states" model, based on the best conformers) and relative reaction rates; enthalpies were calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation energies at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level). The number of data points in each family is shown in brackets.

### 2.4.2 Conformational properties of the transition states

A thorough analysis of the transition state structures for the pyridine derivatives studied here reveals that all transition states have an interaction between the acetate oxygen and the $o$ hydrogen of the pyridine ring, as was already mentioned in the case of DMAP. ${ }^{[14]}$ This interaction has been recently proposed for the acetylated DMAP species by combined experimental and theoretical studies. ${ }^{[18]}$ For 3,4-diaminopyridines we have found that additional interactions between the acetate oxygen and $\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ hydrogens of the methylene group do affect the relative stability of the transition state (Figure 2.11). For all studied 3,4diaminopyridines the transition states with acetate pointing towards the hydrogens $\mathrm{H}^{2}$ and $\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}$ are systematically more stable than the transition states with acetate groups pointing towards only one ortho-hydrogen $\mathrm{H}^{6}$ (see Chapter 5 for thorough conformational analysis). This observation is very helpful for the transition state conformational search, since the number of conformers can be reduced by a factor of two. Furthermore, for catalysts $\mathbf{5 j}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 l}$ with
aromatic substituents one additional interaction of the acetate oxygen with the aromatic ortho-C-H hydrogen (like $\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{b}}$ ) was observed in the transition states. NBO analysis of the best conformer of the TS with $\mathbf{5 j}$ shows a weak hydrogen bond between acetate and $\mathrm{H}^{2}$ hydrogen via overlap of the oxygen lone pair and the $\sigma^{*}$ orbital of C-H bond (Figure 2.11). Other interactions between the acetate oxygen and C-H bonds have very small orbital overlap and are mainly of electrostatic nature.




Figure 2.11. Structure of the best conformer of the TS for $\mathbf{5 j}$ (left), distances between acetate oxygen and neighbouring hydrogens are given in Å; NBO analysis shows overlap of LP (O) and $\sigma^{*}\left(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}^{2}\right)$ (right).

### 2.4.3 Influence of the solvation model

As was mentioned above the relative activation enthalpies calculated in the gas phase do not correlate with relative rates, whereas combination with PCM solvation energies gives an excellent correlation (see Table 2.4). In order to get more insight into the solvent effect and probably improve the correlation, we have briefly studied the influence of the solvation model on the correlation of activation enthalpies with reaction rates. First, we varied the PCM solvation model by changing the radii and the level of theory (Table 2.4). Results show that using Pauling radii gives slightly better overall correlation than UAHF radii (Figure 2.12). However, correlation in the catalyst families becomes much worse when employing Pauling radii. The level of theory used for PCM single point calculations does not have a large influence on the correlation coefficient.


Figure 2.12. Influence of the PCM solvation model on the correlation coefficient between activation enthalpies and reaction rates.

In addition, we have briefly studied the influence of explicit solvation on the relative activation enthalpies and their correlation with relative rates. First, we propose that the highly basic pyridines could form a complex with the alcohol, affecting thus the activation enthalpy. In order to study this effect, we have calculated relative activation enthalpies of the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.8 for a selection of catalysts (4-aminopyridines: 3, 4, 7a and 6a; 3,4-diaminopyridines: $\mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 l}$ ). The results reveal that the catalyst - alcohol complex formation has a small influence on the relative activation enthalpies, even deteriorating their correlation with relative rates (Table 2.5, Figure 2.13).


Scheme 2.8. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of relative activation enthalpies with included formation of catalyst - alcohol complex.

Table 2.5. Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {act }}$ with included formation of catalyst - alcohol complex as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory in the gas phase and with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at different levels.

[a] Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii. [b] Correlation coefficients $R^{2}$ of the activation enthalpies with relative reaction rates $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$.

Second, we have briefly studied the influence of explicit solvation by chloroform on the relative activation enthalpies for the same selection of catalysts (4-aminopyridines: $\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{4}, \mathbf{7 a}$ and $\mathbf{6 a} ; 3,4$-diaminopyridines: $\mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 l}$ ). The results show that solvation of catalysts slightly improves the overall correlation (Table 2.6). We have observed computationally that chloroform preferably solvates the oxygen atom of the acetate in the transition states.
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Table 2.6. Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {act }}\left(\right.$ in $\left._{\text {kJ mol }}{ }^{-1}\right)$ calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.9 at the
MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory in the gas phase and with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform by PCM.

| Catalyst | without explicit solvation by $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ |  | with explicit solvation of catalyst by $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ |  | with explicit solvation of TS by $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ |  | with explicit solvation of TS and catalyst by $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | gas phase | "solv1" ${ }^{\text {a] }}$ | gas phase | "solv1" ${ }^{[a]}$ | gas phase | "solv1" ${ }^{[a]}$ | gas phase | "solv1" ${ }^{[a]}$ |
| Py | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 (DMAP) | -24.50 | -25.71 | -20.65 | -23.16 | -28.05 | -23.57 | -24.20 | -21.01 |
| 4 (PPY) | -27.35 | -28.48 | -22.28 | -24.96 | -30.96 | -25.64 | -25.88 | -22.12 |
| 6 a | -37.30 | -33.90 | -30.27 | -30.06 | -37.92 | -32.06 | -31.57 | -28.22 |
| 7 a | -27.70 | -24.18 | $-7.50{ }^{\text {[c] }}$ | -16.12 | -22.42 | -19.08 | $-6.37{ }^{\text {cc] }}$ | -11.02 |
| 5a | -54.71 | -45.99 | -46.29 | -43.32 | -50.58 | -40.92 | -43.31 | -38.25 |
| 5b | -59.17 | -49.63 | -51.79 | -47.40 | -63.86 | -47.96 | -56.78 | -45.73 |
| 5k | -59.16 | -42.64 | -48.21 | -40.17 | -65.16 | -40.80 | -53.73 | -38.33 |
| 51 | -62.88 | -41.46 | -50.33 | -37.70 | -66.26 | -38.90 | -54.09 | -35.14 |

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Scheme 2.9. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of relative activation enthalpies with included explicit solvation by chloroform.

Relative activation enthalpies of the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.9, with included explicit solvation of both catalyst and TS by chloroform, have a moderate correlation with relative rates, when calculated in the gas phase $\left(R^{2}=0.3224\right)$. Combination of explicit solvation and UAHF-PCM single point calculations at RHF/6-31G(d) level shows slightly improved correlation with all catalysts included $\left(R^{2}=0.4125\right)$. However, the correlation in each catalyst family is worse than without explicit solvation (Figure 2.13).


Figure 2.13. Influence of the explicit solvation by alcohol ("TS/t-BuOH") and chloroform (" $\mathrm{TS} / \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ") on the correlation coefficient between reaction rates and activation enthalpies calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) solvation energies. 4-Aminopyridines: 3, 4, 6a and 7a; 3,4-diaminopyridines: 5a, 5b, 5k and 51.

### 2.4.4 Discussion

The variation of the solvation model (employing Pauling radii for PCM or explicit solvation by alcohol/chloroform) has a relatively small influence on the overall correlation of the activation enthalpies with relative acetylation rates. However, irrespective of the used solvation model all catalysts can be divided into two families that can be described by separate correlation lines with similar slopes. The distances between these lines are usually larger than the activation enthalpy differences inside the catalyst families (e.g. $14 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ on Figure 2.10). One possible explanation of this phenomenon would be a systematic overestimation of dispersion interactions at the MP2 level of theory. ${ }^{[65]}$ From other side, the DFT functional with dispersion correction B3LYP-D was shown to predict this type of interactions more accurately. ${ }^{[76]}$ Therefore we have briefly studied whether using the B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory for single point calculations (instead of MP2) would decrease the gap between the correlation lines. The quantum chemical calculations at B3LYP-D level have been performed with ORCA 2.6.4. ${ }^{[81]}$

Table 2.7. Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {act }}$ (in $\left.\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)^{[\mathrm{a}]}$ calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.7 at the B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) and MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) levels of theory in the gas phase and with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at different levels. ${ }^{[b]}$

| Catalyst | $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) } \\ \text { //B98/6-31G(d) }{ }^{[b]} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) } \\ / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d})^{[b]} \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | gas phase | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | gas <br> phase | solv1 solv2 | solv3 |
|  | -2.71 | -38.49 | -35.70 | -14.91 | -17.35 | -37.30 | -34.57-13.71 | -16.17 |
|  | -2.89 | -55.40 | -46.05 | -17.84 | -20.18 | -59.17 | -49.99-22.36 | -24.84 |
| $\Delta \Delta H_{\text {a }}$ |  | 16.91 | 10.35 | 2.92 | 2.83 | 21.87 | 15.428 .65 | 8.67 |

[a] Activation enthalpies are Boltzmann-averaged at 298 K . [b] Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii; "solv3": B98/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii. [c] The enthalpy differences $\Delta \Delta H_{\text {act }}=\Delta H_{\text {act }}(\mathbf{6 a})-\Delta H_{\text {act }}(\mathbf{5 b})$.

The well-studied catalysts $\mathbf{6 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ were chosen as the reference points, since they have similar catalytic activities but very different activation enthalpies (the difference at "MP2-5" level is $21.9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ). When the B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory is used for single point calculations instead of MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) level (in "optimized transition states"
model), the activation enthalpy difference between $\mathbf{6 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ slightly decreases (Table 2.7). The same effect is observed when the PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) solvation energies are included ( $15.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ with MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) and $10.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ with B3LYP-D/6$311+G(d, p)$ single points). This implies that dispersion interactions play some role for the stability of transition states. The lowest activation enthalpy differences between $\mathbf{6 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ ( $2.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ) are observed when Pauling radii are used for calculations of PCM solvation energies. Therefore, using B3LYP-D level for single point calculations can bring together the correlation lines of different catalyst families. The geometry optimization at B3LYP-D level could probably yield more accurate structures than at B98 level.

### 2.5 Conclusions

In summary, the results show that relative acetylation enthalpies, calculated at MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform using the PCM approach at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii, can be used for the approximate optimization of the substitution pattern of a given catalyst family (such as 3,4diaminopyridines or 4 -guanidinylpyridines). Activation enthalpies (calculated at the same level of theory) give much better correlation with relative acylation rates ( $R^{2}=0.96$ in each family) and can be used for the precise prediction of catalyst activity. However, the latter model needs much more effort: first, the transition states have generally twice as many conformers as acetylated catalysts; second, optimization and frequency analysis for the transition states are also more time-consuming than for acetylated species (e.g. roughly 6 times more for catalyst $\mathbf{5 k}$ ).


Figure 2.14. Comparison of different models for the prediction of catalytic activity.

Additionally, we show that the variation of the solvation model (employing Pauling radii for PCM calculations or explicit solvation by alcohol/chloroform) has a small influence on the overall correlation, but worsens the correlation in each catalyst family. Existence of the two catalyst families with separate correlation lines persists by using different solvation models. It implies that rather chemical than computational reasons are responsible for the splitting of correlation lines. One possible reason could be a substantial stabilization of the acetylpyridinium intermediate in the case of 3,4-diaminopyridines, which generally have more negative acetylation enthalpies than 4 -aminopyridines. It would then increase the reaction barrier of the second step (see Figure 1.6). However, this reason can be disproved since the formation of the acetylated catalyst during the kinetic measurements was not observed. Another possibility can be the difference in the rate-limiting steps for different classes of pyridine derivatives, i.e. the second step for 4-aminopyridines and the first step for 3,4-diaminopyridines (Figure 1.6). This hypothesis can be examined by computational study of the full reaction profile (experimental measuring the reaction rate order for alcohol would not be informative in this case since the alcohol can participate in the first step). ${ }^{[14]}$ Finally, the base catalysis mechanism, which has higher activation energy for DMAP, ${ }^{[14]}$ can be imagined for 3,4-diaminopyridines.

## Chapter 3. Applications of the Relative Acylation Enthalpies

### 3.1 Photoswitchable pyridines

### 3.1.1 Introduction

Photoswitchability of molecular properties for the development of "smart" devices and materials has been investigated quite intensively in recent years. ${ }^{[36]}$ The use of light as a trigger offers different advantages, since it is a non-contact stimulus that can be manipulated perfectly by modern optics. The functional response of the molecular system to light is mediated by photochromic moieties, which enable reversible activation and deactivation (switching). While a number of molecular properties have successively been rendered photoswitchable in recent years, the reversible photomodulation of catalytic activity has so far been poorly explored. Most reported examples suffer from a lack of generality and low ON/OFF ratios. ${ }^{[36]}$ Integrating an external stimulus to regulate catalytic activity offers a means to control catalyzed chemical processes and modulate the behavior of functional materials containing them.
In order to realize a reversible photoreaction in photoswitchable catalysts, photochromic moieties have to be incorporated into the catalyst system. The reactivity of the photoswitchable catalyst can be regulated by light of different wavelengths and the interface between system and stimulus is provided by a suitable photochrome. The state of higher reactivity is commonly referred to as the ON state, whereas the state of lower reactivity is referred to as the OFF state. A switchable catalyst system is characterized by the ON/ OFF ratio $k_{\text {rel }}$, which is given by the ratio of rate constants for substrate conversion by the ON and OFF states: $k_{\text {rel }}=k_{\text {ON }} / k_{\text {OFF. }}$. A high activity ratio not only implies high reactivity associated with the ON state, but also a low OFF state reactivity to avoid undesirable background reactivity, that is, substrate conversion by the OFF state, over long periods of time.
The first photoswitchable nucleophilic catalyst has been reported by Hecht et al. ${ }^{[37]}$ The design was based on the reversible steric shielding of the lone pair of a nitrogen atom, thus deteriorating both its basicity and nucleophilicity (Figure 3.1). Several piperidine derivatives were synthesized, in which a sterically bulky photochromic azobenzene shield was attached through a spiro junction. The conformation of the catalyst in the OFF state (E isomer) is largely restricted, thus efficiently shielding the lone pair of the piperidine. Upon irradiation, $\mathrm{E} \rightarrow \mathrm{Z}$ isomerization is induced, leading to a relative movement of the 3,5-disubstituted azobenzene fragment away from the piperidine moiety and therefore opening access to the basic/nucleophilic nitrogen atom (Figure 3.1). Acid-base titration experiments in acetonitrile
reveal a difference in $\mathrm{p} K_{\mathrm{a}}$ values of approximately one unit. Furthermore, the photoswitchable piperidines were exploited as general base catalysts in a nitroaldol (Henry) addition of nitroethane to 4-nitrobenzaldehyde. Optimizing the structure of the catalyst by introducing suitable substituents at the piperidine N atom to prevent N -inversion and at the 3,5 -positions of the azobenzene moiety to more efficiently block the pyridine nitrogen atom led to an enhancement of the ON/OFF ratio to more than 35. Later on, Hecht at al. have immobilized the photoswitchable piperidine catalyst on silica gel. ${ }^{[38]}$ Several successful and fully reversible switching cycles at the surface were demonstrated by UV/Vis absorption spectroscopy of suspensions in dichloromethane. Remarkably, the pH of a suspension of these functionalized silica particles in water could be photomodulated by approximately 0.3 units.


Figure 3.1. Concept of a photoswitchable base on the basis of reversible steric shielding (left); chemical structures of investigated azobenzene derivatives and single crystal X-ray structures (right). Reproduced from ref. 37.

It is surprising that only a few examples of successful reactivity switching by a photochromemediated electronic modulation of a catalyst's active site have been described to date. ${ }^{[39]}$ Obviously pyridine derivatives are suitable model systems for electronic photomodulation since their nucleophilicity/basicity depends on the electronic properties of the substituents. Derivatives of DMAP and 3,4-diaminopyridine are particularly attractive, since they display a high efficiency in different catalyzed reactions, which can be controlled reversibly by light. Thus several 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives bearing the azobenzene substituent were proposed as potential photoswitchable nucleophilic catalysts, which could be applied in acylation reactions controlled reversibly by light. Since theoretical predictions can be made for compounds before their respective synthesis, we decided first to study computationally the acetylation enthalpies for the proposed derivatives (calculated at MP2(FC)/6$31+G(2 d, p) / / B 98 / 6-31 G(d)$ level with solvation energies at PCM/UAHF//HF/6-31G(d) level).

Table 3.1. Relative acetylation enthalpies for potential photoswitchable catalysts. Data for known catalysts DMAP, PPY and 5b are also shown.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Catalyst |  <br> di |  <br> a1 |  <br> dia |  <br> za |  |  <br> za3 |  DMAP |  <br> PPY |  <br> 5b |
| with solvation $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)^{\text {a,c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{R}=$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ c i s \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ \text { trans } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ c i s \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ \operatorname{trans} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ c i s \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) \\ \text { trans } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | ac (k |  |
| CN | -69.8 | -64.0 | -58.2 | -61.1 | - | - |  |  |  |
| H | -67.0 | -67.6 | -60.9 | -63.0 | -69.4 | -67.1 | -61.3 | -67.6 | -85.2 |
| OMe | -67.6 | -69.5 | -61.9 | -65.1 | - | - |  |  |  |
| without solvation (gas phase) ${ }^{\text {b,c }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CN | -120.6 | -92.0 | -110.4 | -99.3 | - | - |  |  |  |
| H | -99.7 | -104.6 | -103.2 | -109.6 | -100.2 | -101.1 | -77.2 | -87.5 | -119.6 |
| OMe | -102.8 | -109.7 | -105.8 | -114.1 | - | - |  |  |  |

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### 3.1.2 Results and Discussion

Relative acetylation enthalpies for all studied azobenzene derivatives (calculated with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform) are in the region between -58 and $-70 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$, i.e. are comparable with DMAP and PPY (Table 3.1). The diazal derivatives with the ethylene bridge show acetylation enthalpies, which are lower than for the corresponding diaza 2 derivatives with the diphenylethylene bridge. The diaza1 derivatives are therefore expected to be more catalytically active in the acylation reactions. Changing the substitution pattern from 3N-methyl-4N-azobenzene in diaza1 to 3 N -azobenzene-4N-methyl in diaza3 has a small effect on the stability of the acetyl intermediate. Substitution of the para-hydrogen in transderivatives for the electron withdrawing CN group decreases the stability of the acetyl intermediate and substitution for the electron donating $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ group - increases the stability. Moreover, acetylation enthalpies of trans-substituted derivatives can be correlated with $\sigma$ constants of para-substituents (Figure 3.2).


Figure 3.2. Correlation of acetylation enthalpies for trans and cis isomers (calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation model PCM at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii) with $\sigma$-constants of para-substituents; $\sigma_{p}(\mathrm{OMe})=-0.28 ; \sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{H})=0$; $\sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{CN})=+0.70 .{ }^{[40]}$

The photoswitchability of catalysts can be characterized by the ON/OFF ratio $k_{\text {rel }}=k_{\mathrm{ON}} / k_{\mathrm{OFF}}$, which is directly connected with the difference $\Delta \Delta H_{\text {ct }}$ between acetylation enthalpies for the cis and trans isomers (Figure 3.3). This difference is relatively low for diaza 2 derivatives (up to $3.2 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ). For diaza 1 derivatives the difference $\Delta \Delta H_{\mathrm{ct}}$ between acetylation enthalpies is
smaller, except for $p$-cyano catalyst $p$-CN-diaza1, which has a larger negative difference of $-5.8 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The largest difference between cis and trans isomers together with the most negative acetylation enthalpy for the trans isomer are observed in the case of the p-methoxy diaza2 (Figure 3.3, dotted green circle), as well as the $p$-cyano diaza1 (Figure 3.3, green circle). This suggests that these derivatives can be potent photoswitchable catalysts. However, the comparatively moderate acetylation enthalpies (which are in the range of DMAP and PPY) for all studied derivatives can result in low absolute catalytic activities of these compounds (cf. Chapter 2, Figure 2.8).


Figure 3.3. Acetylation enthalpy differences $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}=\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}, \text { cis }}-\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}, \text { trans }}$ for diaza1 and diaza2 derivatives with different para substituents $v s$ acetylation enthalpies of trans derivative $\Delta H_{\text {ac, trans }}$, as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation model PCM at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii.

While the acetylation enthalpy differences $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ determine the ON/OFF ratio, ${ }^{[36]}$ the differences between enthalpies of cis and trans azobenzene isomers $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ct}}$ also plays an important role for the kinetics of the thermal isomerisation cis $\rightarrow$ trans. ${ }^{[41]}$ The obtained results (Table 3.2) show that $p$-methoxy substituted diaza1 and diaza 2 derivatives have the largest enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ct}}$.

Table 3.2. Relative stabilities of cis and trans isomers of catalysts diaza1, diaza2 and diaza3, as expressed by enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ct}}$ (positive values imply more stable trans isomers).

| $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ct}}=H_{\text {cis }}-H_{\text {trans }}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{R}=$ | diaza1 | diaza2 | diaza3 |
| CN | +48.6 | +41.0 |  |
| H | +50.7 | +43.5 | +48.6 |
| OMe | +51.5 | +46.6 |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Enthalpies $H_{298}$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation model PCM at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii, and then Boltzmann averaged at 298 K over all conformations.

Acetylation enthalpy differences $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ for diaza1 and diaza 2 derivatives, calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level in the gas phase, have generally larger absolute values than the corresponding differences calculated with solvation (Figure 3.4). The largest values of the differences $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ are observed in the case of $p$-cyano substitution (up to -28.6 $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for diazal derivatives), thus showing that solvent plays an important role for the photo-switchability of these compounds. Examination of the data in Table 3.1 shows that cisderivatives of $p$-cyano-diaza1 and $p$-cyano-diaza 2 have surprisingly low (more negative) acetylation enthalpies, calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level in gas phase.

a) diaza 1

Figure 3.4. Acetylation enthalpy differences $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}=\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}, \mathrm{cis}}-\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}, \text { trans }}$ (in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) for diaza1 (a) and diaza2 (b) derivatives with different para substituents, as calculated at the different levels of theory: "B98" = B98/6-31G(d)//B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5" = MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$; "MP2-5/solv" = MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with solvation model PCM at $\mathrm{HF} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with UAHF radii.

A thorough analysis of the conformational space for studied pyridines and their acetylated forms reveals an interesting structural feature of the acetylated catalysts cis-p-cyano-diaza 2 and cis-p-cyano-diaza1. The most stable gas phase conformation 4_ac1 of the acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza2 has surprisingly low energies at both B98 and MP2 levels of theory (comparing with conformation 4_ac2, which has the opposite orientation of the acetyl group, Table 3.3). The cyano group in conformation 4_ac1 is in close proximity to the acetyl group (Figure 3.5, right). A smaller molecular dipole moment of conformation 4_ac1 comparing with 4_ac2 (Table 3.3) leads to less negative solvation energy of this conformer ( $-63.76 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for $\mathbf{4}$ _ac1 and $-80.08 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{Z}$ ac2), which compensates a larger stability of 4_ac1 in gas phase. As a result, this conformation does not affect the acetylation enthalpy at the combined level of theory including solvent effects. This type of conformation for acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza1 (Figure 3.5, left) has the lowest energies both in the gas phase and in chloroform. Replacing the CN group by methoxy or hydrogen in these conformations does not give stable species, which after optimization give "open" conformers with larger distances between the phenyl and pyridine rings.

diaza1

diaza2

Figure 3.5. Structures of the most stable gas phase conformers of the acetylated catalysts cis-p-cyano-diaza1 and cis-p-cyano-diaza2 (optimized at B98/6-31G(d) level).

Table 3.3. Comparison of $\mathbf{4}$ _ac1 and $\mathbf{4}$ _ac2 conformers of acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza2.

| Parameter |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{r}_{1}, \mathrm{pm}$ | 281 | 998 |
| $\mathrm{r}_{2}, \mathrm{pm}$ | 454 | 606 |
| Dihedral angle $\varphi_{1},{ }^{\circ}$ | 115.9 | 135.6 |
| Molecule dipole moment, D | 3.43 | 11.98 |
| $\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{N}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | -0.345 | -0.280 |
| $\mathrm{qH}^{\text {a }}$ | +0.287 | $+0.282^{\text {c }}$ |
| $\mathrm{qac}^{\text {a }}$ | +0.292 | +0.282 |
| Relative enthalpies $\Delta H_{298}$ at different levels of theory ${ }^{\text {b }}$ (kJ/mol) |  |  |
| "B98" | 0 | 12.7 |
| "MP2-5" | 0 | 30.0 |
| "MP2-5/solv" | 1.8 | 15.5 |

[^2]The described extraordinary stability can originate from electrostatic interactions between the negatively charged nitrogen of the CN group and the positively charged hydrogens of the $\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$ group or dispersion interactions between phenyl rings of azobenzene. Natural population analysis (NPA) shows that the CN nitrogen atom is more negatively charged in the 4_ac1 conformer of acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza2 as compared to conformer 4_ac2; the hydrogen atoms of the acetyl group are also more positively charged (Table 3.3). This implies that electrostatic interactions between the CN nitrogen and the acetyl hydrogens could play an important role for the exceptional stability of the 4_ac1 conformer in the gas phase. In order to clarify this point, we have briefly studied the relative stabilities of the acetylated cis-p-
cyano-diaza1' conformers, which contain a propylene bridge instead of the phenylene group in the azobenzene moiety (Table 3.4). The propylene bridge was chosen since it is geometrically more similar to the phenylene group than the $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}$ or $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$ fragments. The results show that the conformer ac1, analogue of the "closed" conformation cis-p-cyanodiaza1_4_ac1, also has lower energies at both B98 and MP2 levels of theory, comparing with conformation ac2, which has the opposite orientation of the acetyl group (Table 3.4). The "opened" conformer ac3 has much higher energy in the gas phase, but becomes more stable than ac1 and ac2, when the solvation energy is added. This implies that the dispersion interactions between phenyl rings of the azobenzene substituent in diazal and diaza2 derivatives have a relatively small influence on the described extraordinary stability of acetylated species.

Table 3.4. Relative enthalpies of acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza1' at different levels of theory.

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\Delta H_{298}(\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol})^{\mathrm{a}}$ | ac1 | ac2 | ac3 |
| "B98" | 0.0 | 18.3 | 9.3 |
| "MP2-5" | 0.0 | 20.2 | 29.1 |
| "MP2-5/solv" | 1.3 | 10.3 | 0.0 |

[^3]In all studied model systems diaza1 and diaza 2 the aryl substituent in 4 N position is not coplanar to the pyridine ring, decreasing significantly the conjugation between the parasubstituent of the azobenzene group and the pyridine nitrogen. The derivatives diaza4 of cat11un, bearing the phenyldiazenyl group in the para-position, were suggested as potential photoswitchable catalysts, since the pyridine nitrogen and the azobenzene substituent are directly conjugated in these systems. A brief study of the respective acetylation enthalpies (Table 3.5) shows that the suggested derivatives have low stabilities of acetyl intermediates, which would result in low absolute catalytic activities of these compounds. The enthalpy difference $\Delta_{\mathrm{ct}} \Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ between acetylation enthalpies for the cis and trans isomers is also
moderate (Table 3.5). It implies that the proposed substitution pattern is insufficient for the development of photoswitchable catalysts.

Table 3.5. Relative acetylation enthalpies for catalysts $\mathbf{5 b}$, cat11un and its azobenzene derivatives, calculated according to the isodesmic reaction.


| Catalyst | $\Delta H_{\text {ac }}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | With solvation ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Without solvation ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |
|  <br> 5b | -85.2 | -119.6 |
|  <br> cat11un | -60.1 | -91.5 |

(s) -

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### 3.1.3 Conclusions and Outlook

The studied model systems diaza1 and diaza 2 are shown computationally to be potentially photoswitchable, since they have different acetylation enthalpies in the cis and trans states. The largest effects on the acetylation enthalpies are observed for the p-cyano substituted derivatives, which have some interactions between CN and $\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$ groups in cis-derivatives. However, these effects are mainly electrostatic in nature. In order to further increase these effects, the azobenzene moiety should be directly introduced into the 5-position of the pyridine ring (Scheme 3.1). The suggested structures have also the advantage that the pyridine nitrogen would be more nucleophilic in the ON state. Alternatively, incorporating bulky substituents into the azobenzene part could further increase the ON/OFF ratio by steric shielding of the pyridine nitrogen in the OFF state, as was successfully used in the design of the photoswitchable piperidine catalyst. ${ }^{[37]}$


Scheme 3.1. Structures of potentially photoswitchable pyridines.

### 3.2 Relative acetylation enthalpies for paracyclophane derivatives

Planar-chiral motifs are often used as typical design elements of nucleophilic catalysts or chiral ligands for transition-metal catalysis. ${ }^{[30,42 a]}$ These structures are usually derived from metallocenes, including ferrocene, ${ }^{[43]}$ or from the [2.2]paracyclophane framework. Compounds with the [2.2]paracyclophane scaffold ${ }^{[44]}$ have already been applied in enantioselective synthesis, for example, titanium complexes of salen-type derivatives of [2.2]paracyclophane in the enantioselective formation of cyanohydrins of aromatic aldehydes and in the enantioselective addition of diethylzinc to aromatic aldehydes. ${ }^{[42]}$ A number of [2.2]paracyclophane derivatives have been employed as organocatalysts. ${ }^{[45]}$ Surprisingly, there are no reports to date of planar-chiral DMAP derivatives, containing the [2.2]paracyclophane moiety. Here we study computationally the influence of the paracyclophane substituent on the catalytic activity and conformational properties of DMAP derivatives.

Relative acetylation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ for a series of 3-paracyclophane-4-aminopyridines were calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 2.2 at MP2/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level (Table 3.6). The obtained data show that a 3-paracyclophane substituent decreases the relative stability of the pyridinium cation by $5.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for the derivative para1 as compared to DMAP (3), and $0.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for para2, as compared to PPY (4). While a methyl group in the paracyclophane moiety at pseudo-ortho position does not almost affect the acetylation enthalpy (para3), the amide functional group has a large effect on the acetylation enthalpy (para4): it stabilizes the pyridinium cation by ca. $14 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The catalyst para4 would be expected to be as active as $\mathbf{5 b}$ or $\mathbf{6 a}$ in acylation reactions, combination of this feature with the planar chirality makes this compound potentially useful for the KR experiments. The distances between the acetyl group and the pyridine nitrogen $\left(r_{(C-\mathrm{N})}, \mathrm{pm}\right)$ and the natural charges of the acetyl group $\left(\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{NPA}}(\mathrm{ac})\right)$ were also calculated and are collected in Table 3.6. In contrast to 3,4-diaminopyridines there is no correlation between the acetylation enthalpies of 3-paracyclophane-4-aminopyridines and the charge or distance parameters.

Table 3.6. Relative acetylation enthalpies and structural parameters for 3-paracyclophane-4amino and 3,4,5-trialkylpyridines, as calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level. Data for catalysts DMAP (3), PPY (4), 5b and $\mathbf{6 a}$ are also shown.
Patalyst
Catalyst
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charge and distance parameters of the most favorable conformer
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ In units of elemental charge e

The 4-aminopyridine derivatives DMAP (3) and 6a differ structurally mainly by two alkyl substituents in 3- and 5- positions of the pyridine ring. This causes a large change in the acetylation enthalpy (by ca. $20 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) and a 10 -fold acceleration of the acetylation reaction rate (see Chapter 2). In order to check the influence of the alkyl substituents we have calculated the acetylation enthalpies for 3,4,5-trialkylpyridines 37a-c. The obtained data show (Table 3.6) that alkyl groups have a moderate donating effect, much smaller than the dialkylamino group. Eventually the studied trialkylpyridines seem not to be active enough to be potential catalysts for acylation reactions.

The conformational space of the neutral derivative para4 and its acetylated form has been analyzed. Figure 3.6 shows a pictorial representation of the relative enthalpies of conformers in the range $0-25 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. Analysis of the obtained data shows that the acetylation of compound para4 leads to a reduction of the conformational space of this molecule. Furthermore, examination of the best conformer structures for compound para4 and its acetylated form (Figure 3.6) reveals that a conformational change occurs in the amide group of the catalyst upon acylation. The oxygen atom of the amide group becomes directed towards the acetyl group, probably due to electrostatic interactions between oxygen and neighbouring hydrogens (ortho hydrogen of pyridine ring and acetyl hydrogen). These interactions are probably responsible for the exceptional stability of this acetylpyridinium cation mentioned above.




Figure 3.6. Relative enthalpies of conformers of compound para 4 and its acetylated form para4_ac at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level within an energy window of $25 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The structurally related conformers of para4 and para4_ac are connected with dotted lines. Structures of the most stable conformers are also shown (distances are given in pm ).

### 3.3 Relative isobutyrylation enthalpies for chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines

The kinetic resolution of sec-alcohols, catalyzed by chiral pyridines, often utilizes isobutyric anhydride as the resolution reagent. It was shown that this anhydride has the best chances for successful kinetic resolution experiments with secondary alcohols. ${ }^{[46]}$ Since the isobutyryl group is more sterically bulky than the acetyl group, it is not clear, whether the acetylation enthalpies are suitable for the prediction of the catalytic activity for chiral pyridine derivatives. For this reason we decided to study whether isodesmic reaction of isobutyryltransfer, shown in Scheme 3.2, can be used for the prediction of the catalytic activity of chiral pyridine derivatives.


Scheme 3.2. Isodesmic reaction for the calculation of isobutyrylation enthalpies.

The enthalpies of model isodesmic isobutyryl-transfer reaction, shown in Scheme 3.2, were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level in the gas phase and with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform using PCM single point computations at RHF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii (Table 3.7). The distance between the isobutyryl group and the pyridine nitrogen $\left(\mathrm{r}_{(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})}, \mathrm{pm}\right)$ and the natural charge of the isobutyryl group ( $\mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{NPA}}(\mathrm{ac})$ ) are also included in Table 3.7.

Table 3.7. Relative isobutyrylation enthalpies at 298.15 K for pyridine derivatives calculated according to the isodesmic reaction shown in Scheme 3.2 at the MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level of theory (in the gas phase and in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ).

|  | $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ib}}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ |  | $(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})^{\mathrm{a}}(\mathrm{pm})$ | $\mathrm{q}_{\text {NPA }}(\mathrm{iPrCO})^{\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Catalyst | in the gas phase | in chloroform ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ |  |  |
| Py | 0 | 0.0 | 155.0 | 0.379 |
| DMAP (3) | -73.5 | -59.5 | 149.5 | 0.311 |
| PPY (4) | -84.0 | -66.4 | 149.0 | 0.303 |
| 6a | -98.2 | -80.0 | 148.4 | 0.291 |
| 5b | -114.6 | -84.1 | 148.1 | 0.284 |
| 5k | -123.7 | -81.4 | 148.4 | 0.286 |
| 38a | -108.9 | -77.6 | 148.4 | 0.288 |
| 38b | -115.3 | -82.3 | 148.1 | 0.284 |
| 5l | -123.5 | -76.7 | 148.7 | 0.290 |
| 5l | -123.5 | -75.3 | 148.6 | 0.286 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charge and distance parameters of the most favorable conformer were calculated at B98/6-31G(d) level.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ NPA charges in units of elemental charge e.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ With solvation model $\mathrm{PCM}_{\text {chloroform }}$ at $\mathrm{HF} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with UAHF radii.
First, the isobutyrylation enthalpies were calculated for achiral 4-aminopyridines DMAP (3), PPY (4) and 6a as well as the known 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives $\mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$. Figure 3.8 shows that the isobutyrylation enthalpies correlate well with the corresponding acetylation enthalpies. However, correlation with relative acetylation rates becomes worse when using isobutyrylation enthalpies ( $R^{2}=0.3034$ ) instead of acetylation enthalpies ( $R^{2}=0.4592$ ).

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38b

5I

51'

Figure 3.7. Structures of chiral camphor-derived catalysts.


Figure 3.8. Correlation between isobutyrylation and acetylation enthalpies, as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

The chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines $\mathbf{3 8} \mathbf{a}-\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{5 l}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$ ', which contain the chiral fragment of camphor, were then studied computationally (Figure 3.7). Examination of the data in Table 3.7 shows that replacement of the cyclohexyl ring in $\mathbf{5 b}$ by the camphor fragment in $\mathbf{3 8 b}$ slightly lowers the isobutyrylation enthalpy. Replacement of ethyl groups in $\mathbf{5 b}$ and $\mathbf{3 8 b}$ by benzyl groups as in $\mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 l}$ enhances the stability of the isobutyryl intermediate in the gas phase by $8-9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$, but lowers it when the solvation energies are included. The similar values obtained for the isomers $\mathbf{5 1}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$ ' indicate that the stereochemistry of the camphor fragment has little influence on the stability of isobutyryl species.
The structural parameters, such as $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ distance and the charge of isobutyryl group of acylated species, are also included in Table 3.7. Figure 3.9 shows that greater thermochemical stability correlates with shorter $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bond distances and smaller isobutyryl group charges.


Figure 3.9. Correlation of the isobutyryl group charges (right axes) and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bond distances (left axes) calculated at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with isobutyrylation enthalpies calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

### 3.4 Relative acetylation enthalpies for ferrocenyl pyridines

Since its discovery in 1951, ferrocene has increasingly established itself as an efficient and generally applicable backbone in chiral ligands and catalysts due to the possibility of introducing and exploiting both central and planar chirality. A main advantage of planar chirality as a control element is that it does not racemize as compared to, for example, axial chirality seen in the classic biarylic systems, and today several efficient methods exist for introducing planar chirality onto the ferrocene backbone. ${ }^{[47]}$ One of the effective methods is ortho-lithiation of chiral sulfoxides, which can be obtained from available asymmetric compounds. This method has an advantage in avoiding the racemate resolution step and was successfully applied to the synthesis of different planar chiral $P, N$-ligands. ${ }^{[48]}$
The development of asymmetric DMAP derivatives $\mathbf{3 9}$ based on planar chiral ferrocene has been reported by Fu et al. ${ }^{[43]}$ These catalysts were shown to perform very well for a variety of reactions, ${ }^{[49 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}]}$ such as kinetic resolutions of alcohols ${ }^{[49 \mathrm{c}]}$ and amines ${ }^{[49 \mathrm{~d}-\mathrm{f}]}$ (Figure 3.10). Later attempts in designing ferrocene-based planar chiral DMAP analogues resulted in less efficient catalysts. A $C_{2}$-symmetric catalyst $\mathbf{4 0}$ gives moderate levels of selectivity in KR of secondary alcohols. ${ }^{[50]}$ The catalyst 41, which has one ferrocenyl substituent in 3-position of DMAP, gave modest enantioselectivities in dynamic KR and rearrangement reaction of azlactones. ${ }^{[51]}$ On the other hand the catalysts $\mathbf{4 0}$ and $\mathbf{4 1}$ exhibit low to moderate catalytic activity. The analogue of $\mathbf{4 1}$ which has a ferrocenyl substituent in ortho-position is completely inactive as nucleophilic catalyst. ${ }^{[51]}$

$\mathrm{NR}_{2}=\mathrm{NMe}_{2}$, pyrrolidino $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}=\mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Ph}$

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Figure 3.10. Structures of chiral DMAP derivatives 39-42.

Thus the planar chiral ferrocene moiety seems to be promising in the design of new asymmetric DMAP derivatives. The activity issue is also important for the modeling of new catalysts. For instance, the chiral catalyst 42, which contains a sulfoxide group, shows
moderate enantioselectivities but very low activity in the KR of alcohols. ${ }^{[52]}$ The observed rate difference has been explained by the electron-withdrawing character of the sulfoxide group. In order to shed light on the influence of the sulfoxide group on the activity of ferrocenyl pyridines, we have performed a computational study of the relative acetylation enthalpies for a series of differently designed chiral catalysts, which can potentially be synthesized employing the ortho-lithiation of chiral ferrocene sulfoxides. Most of the studied pyridine derivatives contain the remaining sulfoxide fragment. Another important goal was to investigate how different structural features influence the activity of ferrocene substituted pyridines.
Since the HF level of theory (and correspondingly MP2 which contains HF) is known to have convergence problems when applied to ferrocene system, the "MP2-5/solv" method discussed above for the calculation of acetylation enthalpies was not applicable in this case. For this reason the DFT computations at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory were used to evaluate relative acetylation enthalpies for the studied ferrocenylpyridines, which were then compared with the data for "standard" 4-aminopyridines DMAP (3), PPY (4) and 6a. The obtained data are shown in Table 3.8.

Table 3.8. Relative acetylation enthalpies for ferrocenylpyridines, as calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. Data for 4-aminopyridines DMAP (3), PPY (4) and 6a are also shown.
(3)
Table 3.8 (continued)

Analysis of the obtained results shows, that the 2 '-sulfoxidoferrocenyl group acts as electrondonating group (compare py with o-cpstol, m-cpstol and p-cpstol), but is a much weaker donor than the dialkylamino substituent (compare p-cpstol and DMAP). The donating ability of this group increases when going from the ortho to the para position. The sulfoxide group, which is expected to be electron withdrawing, has a small influence on the acetylation enthalpy (compare p-cpp and p-cpstol), even displaying weak donating properties. The more potent catalysts m-cpstolDMAP and m-cpstolPPY, containing a 2 '-sulfoxidoferrocenyl group in meta and a dialkylamino group in para position, have acetylation enthalpies in the range of $\mathbf{6 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$, consequently they are expected to be active catalysts in acylation
reactions. The studied catalysts have two chiral elements: the ferrocene plane and the sulphur centre; changing the configuration of the sulphur chiral center from $(S)$ to $(R)$ gives the diastereomeric species. However these changes to diastereomers do not have a systematic influence on the acetylation enthalpies of the corresponding catalysts (compare p-cpstol, mcpstolDMAP and m-cpstolPPY with p-cpstol_en, m-cpstolDMAP_en and mcpstolPPY_en respectively).
Examination of the best conformer structures for the 4-dialkylamino-3-ferrocenylpyridines and their acylated forms (Figure 3.11) reveals that a conformational change occurs in the sulfoxide group of catalysts upon acylation. The oxygen atom of the sulfoxide group becomes directed towards the acetyl group, probably due to electrostatic interactions between oxygen and neighbouring hydrogens (ortho hydrogen of pyridine ring and acetyl hydrogen). This feature appears in catalysts m-cpstolDMAP and m-cpstolPPY, as well as in their diastereomeric analogues m-cpstolDMAP_en and m-cpstolPPY_en. It can be potentially advantageous for the deprotonation of alcohol molecule in the rate-limiting step (see Figure 1.7), and probably for distinguishing two alcohol enantiomers, what would make these derivatives useful for the KR of alcohols.


acylated m-cpstolDMAP



Figure 3.11. Structures of the most stable conformers for the catalysts m-cpstolDMAP and $\mathbf{m - c p s t o l P P Y}$ _en and their acetylated forms.

## Chapter 4. (4-Aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas as Acylation Catalysts

### 4.1 Introduction

The kinetic resolution (KR) of racemic secondary alcohols serves nowadays as the primary testing reaction for the design and development of chiral DMAP derivatives. ${ }^{[20]}$ Enantiopure secondary alcohols are important targets in organic chemistry (e.g. natural products, bioactive non-natural products, and chiral ligands), and a diverse array of approaches has been described for their synthesis. Kinetic resolution via enzymatic acylation/deacylation is one widely used method, although this strategy can suffer from drawbacks such as low volumetric throughput, high cost, and poor generality. ${ }^{[53]}$ The selectivity factor $s=$ [rate of fast-reacting enantiomer]/[rate of slow-reacting enantiomer] provides a measure of the efficiency of a kinetic resolution. ${ }^{[54]}$ For calibration, a kinetic resolution that proceeds with a selectivity factor greater than 10 gives unreacted starting material with $>90 \%$ ee at $62 \%$ conversion. This value $(s=10)$ is often employed as the threshold for a synthetically useful kinetic resolution. Of course, even higher selectivity factors are desirable, e.g., a process with $s>50$ affords starting material with $>99 \%$ ee at $55 \%$ conversion. ${ }^{[54]}$ Figure 4.1 shows a selection of chiral DMAP derivatives.


43 (Connon) ${ }^{[57]}$


44 (Campbell) ${ }^{[556]}$


45 (Kawabata) ${ }^{[55 a]}$


46 (Vedejs) ${ }^{[70 a]}$

$\mathrm{NR}_{2}=\mathrm{NMe}_{2}$, pyrrolidino
$\mathrm{R}^{\prime}=\mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Ph}$
$47(\mathrm{Fu})^{[49]}$

Figure 4.1. Structures of several chiral DMAP derivatives employed in the KR of alcohols.

Several attempts of rationalizing the origins of the selectivity in KR experiments catalyzed by nucleophilic catalysts can be found in the literature. Kawabata et al. have proposed that the 'closed' conformation of acylpyridinium cation derived from 45 is necessary for controlling
the $\pi$-facial reactivity of the N -acylpyridinium intermediate, which directs the enantioselectivity of the subsequent acylation of alcohols. ${ }^{[55 a]}$ Theoretical studies by Zipse et al. are in full support of this hypothesis. ${ }^{[56]}$ Recently, computational work of Houk et al. has supported the $\pi$-interaction hypothesis of chiral recognition in the kinetic resolution of secondary benzylic alcohols. ${ }^{[24 b]}$ Another important structural feature of several chiral pyridine derivatives is the presence of the group able to form hydrogen bonds with reactants: tertiary OH in Kawabata's and Connon's and amide NH in Vedejs's and Campbell's catalysts. For instance, Connon et al. have shown that the ability of $\mathbf{4 3}$ to serve as an active and enantioselective acyl-transfer catalyst is due to a combination of aryl-pyridinium $\pi-\pi$ interactions and substrate-catalyst H -bonding. ${ }^{[57]}$ This implies that some kind of bifunctional activation by basic pyridine nitrogen and acidic hydrogen can play an important role for the chiral recognition by these catalysts.

An excellent example of merging nucleophilic and hydrogen bonding catalysis for the KR of amines was demonstrated by Seidel and co-workers (Figure 4.2). ${ }^{[58]}$ The authors employed a combination of DMAP (nucleophilic catalyst) and chiral thiourea (hydrogen bonding catalyst) to achieve selectivities $s$ up to 56 for the KR of propargylic and benzylic amines. Only benzoic anhydride worked well under these conditions. ${ }^{[58]}$ The authors proposed that the cocatalyst binds a benzoate anion via hydrogen bonding and forms thus a chiral ion-pair with benzoylpyridinium cation, which is then responsible for high enantioselectivities in this reaction. ${ }^{[58 a]}$ The simultaneous use of DMAP und chiral thiourea have also been successfully applied to the Baylis-Hillman reaction ${ }^{[59 a]}$ and conjugate additions to nitroalkenes. ${ }^{[59 b, c]}$


Figure 4.2. Kinetic resolution of amines by combination of DMAP and chiral thiourea. ${ }^{[58 a]}$

The concept of multifunctional catalysis, wherein the catalysts exhibit both Lewis acidity and Brønsted basicity, has been first developed by Shibasaki et al. ${ }^{[60]}$ The synergistic cooperation of two functional groups in the active site helps to improve the reactivity as well as the stereodiscrimination. Later on, a variety of asymmetric transformations have been realized by this powerful concept. ${ }^{[61]} \mathrm{An}$ ideal set of multifunctional catalysts should contain two or more Lewis- or Brønsted active sites, which act in several different activation modes. The
bi/multifunctional catalysts enable effective transformations, which generally are hard to achieve by a single functional catalyst. ${ }^{[62]}$ Multifunctional catalysts have been successfully applied to Michael addition, ${ }^{[63 a]}$ Henry reaction, ${ }^{\text {[63b] }}$ Strecker reaction, ${ }^{[63 c]}$ Morita-BaylisHillman reaction, ${ }^{[63 \mathrm{~d}]}$ and a wide range of enantioselective carbonyl $\alpha$-functionalization processes. ${ }^{[63 \mathrm{e}-\mathrm{g}]}$ Several bifunctional catalysts based on the DMAP motif were applied to aza-Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction ${ }^{[64 \mathrm{a}]}$ and Michael addition. ${ }^{[64 \mathrm{~b}]}$

Therefore we envisioned that 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives bearing a (thio)urea moiety on the 3 N -atom could also work as bifunctional catalysts. The 3,4-diaminopyridine motif would make these derivatives more active than DMAP, and using a chiral (thio)urea backbone would make them stereoselective. The synthesis of derivatives from readily available precursors 31b and 31d and different iso(thio)cyanates would allow screening of the substitution pattern (Scheme 4.1).


Scheme 4.1. Synthesis of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas.

### 4.2 Achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas

One important issue in developing new catalysts is their activity. As a first step, the achiral variants of new catalysts were therefore studied experimentally and computationally in order to investigate which factors influence their catalytic activity in acylation reactions.

### 4.2.1 Acetylation enthalpies of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas

As shown in Chapter 2, the stability of acetylpyridinium cations as expressed through the isodesmic equation shown in Scheme 2.2 can be used to assess the activity of substituted pyridines in acylation reactions. Acetylation enthalpies for a variety of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)(thio)ureas were calculated at the MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with solvation energies calculated at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level (Table 4.1).

Table 4.1. Relative acetylation enthalpies and stability parameters for (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)(thio)ureas calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Boltzmann averaged values.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Enthalpies of reaction, shown in Scheme 4.2, were calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.
${ }^{\mathrm{c}} \Delta \Delta E=\left[\mathrm{E}_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)-\mathrm{E}_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)\right]-\left[\mathrm{E}_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)-\mathrm{E}_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)\right]$

The acetylation enthalpies of the majority of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas are in the range between -58 and $-65 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$, except catalyst cat81ur1f, which has a less negative enthalpy of $-50.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. The thiourea derivatives generally have less negative acetylation enthalpies than the corresponding urea derivatives. In general all theoretically studied pyridine derivatives are expected to be active enough to promote acylation of alcohols. A very important issue is the stability of these derivatives with respect to dissociation to the building blocks 31b/31d and iso(thio)cyanate. This is included in Table 4.1 as the enthalpy of the corresponding forward reaction shown in Scheme 4.2. The obtained data show that the thiourea derivatives should be less stable than the corresponding urea-pyridines.


Scheme 4.2. Calculated enthalpies of (thio)ureas formation from amines and iso(thio)cyanates.

By more careful analysis of the conformational space of the studied systems it was found that relative energies of conformers at different levels of theory depend on the presence of stacking interactions in the system. The largest effect was found for the acetylated catalysts which contain the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl substituent (Table 4.1). Analysis of the structures of these conformers reveals that the pyridine and benzene ring of the urea unit are close to each other ( $c a .400 \mathrm{pm}$ ) in "stacked" conformers, whereas the rings are far away from each other in "non-stacked" conformers (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2. Comparison of the most stable "stacked" and "non-stacked" conformers for the acetylated catalyst cat81ur1f.


Relative enthalpies $\Delta H_{298}$ at different levels of theory ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ ( $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ )

| "B98" | 0 | 7.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| "MP2-5" | 32.3 | 0 |
| "MP2-5/solv" | 13.9 | 0 |

[^5]It is known that DFT functionals, particularly the B98 functional, cannot predict dispersion interactions accurately. ${ }^{[56]}$ When using the MP2 method for single point calculations, "stacked" conformations become much more stable than "non-stacked" by ca. 20-30 kJ/mol (Table 4.2). In order to quantify these interactions, the energy differences between the most stable "stacked" and "non-stacked" conformers at MP2 and B98 levels were calculated:
$\Delta \Delta E=\left[E_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)-E_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)\right]-\left[E_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)-E_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)\right]$
Analysis of the obtained data shows that acetylated species have larger $\Delta \Delta E$ than free catalysts, probably because of the partially charged pyridine ring in the former (Table 4.1). The maximum values are observed for the acetylated catalysts cat81ur1f ( $39.8 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) and cat11ur3 ( $39.4 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ). Such big differences in relative energies of conformers imply that a careful conformational search is necessary to find the most stable conformers and get therefore more accurate values of acetylation enthalpies. Remarkably, the energy differences $\Delta \Delta E$ are smaller for the catalyst cat11ur4, which is the sulphur-containing analogue of cat11ur3. A smaller molecular dipole moment of "stacked" conformations comparing with "non-stacked" (Table 4.2) leads to less negative solvation energy of the former, decreasing thus the energy differences between these types of conformations ( $13.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ for acylated cat81ur1f).
However, one of the serious shortcomings of MP2 theory is a noticeable overestimation of the dispersion interaction energy. ${ }^{[65]}$ In order to verify whether such "stacked" conformations exist in experiment, the X-ray structure of catalyst cat11ur3 was compared with computations (Table 4.3). The conformation of the ethyl group cannot be resolved by X-ray analysis, which is in a full accordance with computations, which predict very similar energies for the two most stable "non-stacked" conformations. When the MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) single point calculations are combined with thermochemical corrections at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level, the "stacked" conformation becomes more stable than "non-stacked" by $3.7 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ (Table 4.3). The "stacked" conformation is therefore predicted to be the lowest in energy in the gas phase. However, the difference in dipole moments leads to better solvation of "nonstacked" conformers in chloroform (at PCM/UAHF//HF/6-31G(d) level). Consequently both types of conformations are almost equally populated in solution (Table 4.3). In summary, the "non-stacked" conformations of cat11ur3 observed by the X-ray analysis have the lowest energies at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level in the gas phase, whereas "non-stacked" and "stacked" conformations are energetically close in solution (at "MP2-5/solv" level).

Table 4.3. Comparison of the most stable "stacked" and "non-stacked" conformers for the catalyst cat11ur3.

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Parameter | "non-stacked" |
| r, pm" |  |
| Molecule dipole |  |
| moment, D |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Distance between centres of the pyridine and phenyl rings.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Levels of theory: "B98" = B98/6-31G(d)//B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5" = MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d);
"MP2-5/solv" $=$ MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with solvation energies at PCM/HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii.

### 4.2.2 Synthesis and catalytic activity of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas

Synthesis of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas was carried out by stirring the corresponding 3,4-diaminopyridine precursors and iso(thio)cyanates in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ for 8 h at room temperature, followed by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ (Scheme 4.1). The yields are up to $90 \%$. Several derivatives are unstable under the column conditions, e.g. thioureas cat81ur2 and cat81ur4, which were obtained in low yields ( $20 \%$ ).

The catalytic activity of the synthesized derivatives was determined as the reaction half-life for the acetylation of 1-ethinylcyclohexanol with acetic anhydride in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in the presence of $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ of the respective catalyst. The reactions with all studied catalysts proceed to full conversion. The rate of reaction was characterized by the half-life time $t_{1 / 2}$, which was extracted from the conversion-time plot through fitting with a second-order kinetic rate law. ${ }^{[11]}$ The obtained data are shown in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4. Catalytic activity and acetylation enthalpies of the (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)(thio)ureas.


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| Isocyanate | $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})^{\mathrm{b}}$ | $t_{1 / 2}(\mathrm{~min})^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})^{\mathrm{b}}$ | $t_{1 / 2}(\mathrm{~min})^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PhNCO | -64.2 | $395^{\mathrm{c}}$ | -62.9 | 412 |
| $\mathrm{PhCH}_{2} \mathrm{NCO}$ | -64.2 | 723 | -61.3 | 395 |



PhNCS
$\mathrm{PhCH}_{2} \mathrm{NCS}$



-59.8 725
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.1$ equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation energies in chloroform calculated at PCM/UAHF//RHF/6-31G(d) level.
${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Catalysts are unstable under conditions of the benchmark reaction.

A graphical representation of the measured catalytic activities is shown in Figure 4.3. Examination of the obtained results shows that the derivatives based on the motif of catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$ with cyclohexane bridge are generally more catalytically active than the derivatives with ethylene bridge. They are also more stable under the reaction conditions (e.g. $10 \%$ of catalyst cat81ur1 is acylated by acetic anhydride under the conditions of NMR-kinetics). No correlation between acetylaton enthalpies and experimental half-lives is observed.


Figure 4.3. Half-lives of the benchmark acetylation reaction catalyzed by (4-aminopyridin-3-$\mathrm{yl})$-(thio)ureas. The relative acetylation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ are shown in brackets.

Introduction of electron withdrawing substituents into the phenyl ring of catalyst cat11ur1 increases the catalytic activity in acylation reaction: the 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl derivatives cat11ur3 and cat11ur4 are the most active catalyst among the studied pyridines. The enhanced activity can be explained by the increased acidity of the NH hydrogen of the urea group due to the electron withdrawing character of the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl group. The X-ray single crystal analysis of catalyst cat11ur3 indicates a hydrogen bonding interaction between the NH hydrogen and pyridine nitrogen of the second catalyst molecule (Figure 4.4).


Figure 4.4. Crystal structure of cat11ur3: a hydrogen bonding interaction between two catalyst molecules. Distances are given in $\AA$.

### 4.2.3 Catalysts aggregation studied by NMR and kinetic measurements

In order to check whether such hydrogen bonding could play some role in solution (and consequently during the kinetic measurements), we studied the dependence of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra on the concentration for derivatives cat81urlf and cat11ur3, as well as for cat11ur1 and cat11ur2. Results show that the chemical shifts do depend on concentration (Figures 4.5 and 4.6). The largest changes are in the case of NH hydrogen (up to +1.2 ppm for cat81ur1f) and ortho-hydrogen of the pyridine ring (up to -0.35 ppm for cat81ur1f). The chemical shifts of other protons vary less significantly with varying concentration (up to 0.2 ppm , see Figure 4.5).


Figure 4.5. Concentration dependence of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts of different hydrogens in cat81ur1f.

Among the different catalysts 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl urea derivatives cat81ur1f and cat11ur3 show the largest effect of concentration on chemical shifts (Figure 4.6). The large variations of the NH hydrogen chemical shift for derivatives cat81ur1f and cat11ur3 prove that the hydrogen bonding between the NH hydrogen and pyridine nitrogen is also relevant in solution.


Figure 4.6. Concentration dependence of the NMR chemical shifts of NH and orthohydrogens for catalysts cat11ur1, cat11ur2, cat81ur1f and cat11ur3.

In order to check, whether these interactions play some role in the catalyzed acylation of alcohols, concentration dependent kinetic measurements were carried out. The initial rate method was used to evaluate the influence of the catalyst loading on the rate of the benchmark reaction (Table 4.5). The rates of acetylation of alcohol 36a were measured in the initial interval of the reaction (up to $10 \%$ conversion).

Table 4.5. Initial rates of catalyzed acetylation of alcohol 36a, measured at different concentrations of catalysts cat11ur2 and cat11ur3. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Catalyst loading, <br> mol $\%$ | Initial rate, $10^{-6} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ <br> cat11ur2 | cat11ur3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.5 | 1.92 | 5.44 |
| 5 | 4.44 | 8.76 |
| 7.5 | - | 14.04 |
| 10 | 7.80 | 19.56 |
| 15 | 12.54 | 28.36 |

[^6]The initial rates of acetylation, measured for two catalysts cat11ur2 and cat11ur3, show a linear dependence on the catalyst concentration (Figure 4.7). Both lines intercept the rate axis approximately at zero, thus showing only a small influence of the background reaction on the reaction rates. In conclusion, possible catalyst aggregation due to hydrogen bonding, which was proposed on the basis of concentration-dependent NMR spectra of catalysts (Figure 4.6), does not play any role in the kinetics of the catalyzed acetylation of alcohols. This fact can be explained through the presence of triethylamine as an auxiliary base in the benchmark acylation reaction, which can compete with pyridine in hydrogen bonding with urea NH hydrogen atoms.


Figure 4.7. Dependence of the initial rate of acetylation on catalyst concentration.

### 4.3 Chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas

### 4.3.1 Synthesis of chiral catalysts, derived from (S)-amino acids

The achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas were shown to have only a moderate activity in alcohol acylation. Studying chiral derivatives, which can be obtained in a straightforward way by coupling aminopyridine precursors with chiral isocyanates, would be more attractive. These chiral pyridine derivatives can potentially be used for the kinetic resolution of alcohols or catalyzed enantioselective Steglich rearrangement. ${ }^{[20,55]}$ First, we employed commercially available ( $S$ )-1-phenylethylisocyanate 48 as a coupling partner for aminopyridine precursors. An enantiomerically pure catalyst PhEt was obtained in 69 \% yield (Scheme 4.3). The cyclohexane-bridged analogue CyPhEt was obtained in $80 \%$ yield as $1: 1$ diastereomeric mixture (determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR). The diastereomers of CyPhEt could not be resolved by column chromatography or by recrystallization.


Scheme 4.3. Synthesis of chiral 3-(1-phenylethylurea)-4-aminopyridines.

Chiral aminoacids are versatile starting materials for the preparation of chiral isocyanates. It was shown that the reaction of aminoacid esters 49 with $\mathrm{Boc}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ in the presence of DMAP gives the corresponding isocyanates $\mathbf{5 0}$ after only 15 min stirring at room temperature. ${ }^{[66]}$ Purification of these compounds requires low temperature $\left(-30{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ column chromatography. ${ }^{[66]}$ However, addition of the aminopyridine precursor directly to the reaction mixture allows carrying out a one-pot transformation to urea-derivatives (Scheme 4.4). Catalysts ValOMe, TleOMe and PheOMe, obtained from ( $S$ )-valine, ( $(S$ )-tert-leucine and (S)-phenylalanine, respectively, were isolated in good yields (34-68 \% after 2 steps) as enantiomerically pure compounds (as was shown by chiral HPLC analysis and optical rotation measurements).


Scheme 4.4. Synthesis of chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas from (S)-aminoacids.

The reaction of phenylalanine-derived isocyanate with the cyclohexane-bridged precursor 31b, which has been obtained as a racemic mixture of cis-isomers, gives a mixture of diastereomeric compounds CyPheOMe (Scheme 4.4). The diastereomeric ratio of CyPheOMe depends on the reaction temperature: $\mathrm{dr}=1.2: 1$ at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1.5:1 at $-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (when an excess of amine is used). This implies that the reaction of racemic amine 31b with chiral isocyanates can potentially be used for the kinetic resolution to enantiomers. The diastereomers of CyPhOMe could not be separated by column chromatography or by recrystallization.

### 4.3.2 Derivatization of catalysts by Grignard reagent

The diphenylcarbinol moiety has recently been shown to be responsible for the chiral recognition in the KR of alcohols, catalyzed by chiral DMAP derivatives. ${ }^{[57]}$ Derivatization of the ester group in catalysts PheOMe and ValOMe was carried out by the reaction with excess $\mathbf{P h M g B r}$ in THF, giving catalysts $\mathbf{P h e} \mathbf{P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ and $\mathbf{V a l P h} \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$, respectively (Scheme 4.5). The reaction of PheOMe with 1-naphthylmagnesium bromide yielded catalyst $\mathbf{P h e N h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$. All these derivatives were obtained as enantiomerically pure compounds (as was shown by chiral HPLC analysis and optical rotation measurements).


ValOMe: $\mathrm{R}=i-\mathrm{Pr}$
PheOMe: $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}$


63\% ValPh ${ }_{2} \mathrm{OH}: \quad \mathrm{R}=i-\mathrm{Pr}, \quad \mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{Ph}$
27\% $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}: \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}, \mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{Ph}$
$34 \%$ PheNph ${ }_{2} \mathrm{OH}: \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}, \mathrm{Ar}=1-\mathrm{Naphthyl}$





83\% CyPhePh ${ }_{2} \mathrm{OH}: \quad \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}, \mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{Ph}$
$60 \%$ CyPheNph $_{2} \mathrm{OH}: \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{PhCH}_{2}, \mathrm{Ar}=1-\mathrm{Naphthyl}$

Scheme 4.5. Derivatization of chiral pyridine derivatives by Grignard reaction.

Grignard reaction, carried out with the diastereomeric mixture of CyPheOMe obtained at room temperature ( $\mathrm{dr}=1.2: 1$ ), gave catalysts $\mathbf{C y P h e P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ and $\mathbf{C y P h e N p h} \mathbf{N}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ as a 1.2:1 mixture of diastereomers (Scheme 4.5). The diastereomeric ratio can be determined by NMR, as well as by chiral HPLC, giving the same results. Catalyst $\mathbf{C y P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ can be resolved by recrystallization from EtOH/ethylacetate (1:1), giving an enantioenriched mixture with $\mathrm{dr}=96: 4 \%$ (determined by chiral HPLC).

### 4.3.3 Acetylation enthalpies and benchmark reaction kinetics

Several chiral derivatives were tested in the benchmark acetylation reaction using $10 \%$ catalyst loading (Table 4.6). The reactions with all studied catalysts proceeded to full conversion. Derivatives PhEt and $\mathbf{V a l P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ had almost the same half-lives as the achiral analogues (cf. Figure 4.3). Catalyst PheOMe was eventually less active than the other studied chiral catalysts. The derivative $\mathbf{C y P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$, which contains a cyclohexane bridge, was shown to be the most catalytically active among the chiral urea pyridines.

Table 4.6. Catalytic activity and acetylation enthalpies of the chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)ureas.
PhePh2OH

[^7]The acetylation enthalpies, calculated for several chiral catalysts (Table 4.6), failed to correlate with catalytic activity, as was observed for achiral urea pyridine derivatives. However, calculations helped to shed light on the conformational preferences of these catalysts (Figure 4.8). As mentioned above, the intramolecular $\pi$ - $\pi$-interactions in the N acylpyridinium intermediate can be responsible for the chiral recognition in the kinetic resolution of secondary alcohols. Therefore we analyzed, which conformational changes occur in the catalyst structure upon acetylation and whether any "stacking" interactions are relevant for the studied chiral catalysts. ${ }^{[56]}$


Figure 4.8. Relative enthalpies of conformers of catalyst $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ and its acetylated form within an energy window of $20 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ (calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation energies at $\mathrm{PCM} / \mathrm{UAHF} / \mathrm{RHF} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level). The structurally related conformers of $\mathbf{P h e} \mathbf{P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ and $\mathbf{P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H} \_$ac are connected with dotted lines. Structures of the most stable conformers are also shown.

In contrast to related achiral derivatives, the energy differences between "stacked" and "nonstacked" conformers at MP2 and B98 levels $(\Delta \Delta E)$ for the chiral catalysts PheOMe and $\mathbf{P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ are smaller (around $15-18 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ). This implies that dispersion interactions are less significant for these derivatives. Figure 4.8 shows a pictorial representation of the relative enthalpies of conformers of the neutral derivative $\mathbf{P h e} \mathbf{P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ and its acetylated form in the range $0-20 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$. Analysis of the obtained data shows that the acetylation of compound $\mathbf{P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ does not narrow its conformational space. Noticeably, the most stable
conformations of the catalyst $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ have a hydrogen bond between OH hydrogen and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ oxygen, forming thus a 7 -membered ring (Figure 4.8). Furthermore, examination of the structures of the most stable conformers for compound $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ and its acetylated form (within an energy window of $4 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) reveals that a conformational change occurs upon acetylation: the hydrogen bond is getting broken, but a new hydrogen bond between NH hydrogen and OH oxygen appears with formation of a 5 -membered ring. Therefore, the $\mathrm{OH}-$ group would be able to form hydrogen bonds with reactants in the transition state, resulting thus in the stereoinductive potential of the catalyst $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ in KR of alcohols .

### 4.3.4 Introduction of a linker between the pyridine and urea moieties

One important drawback of all studied (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas is that the urea groups have only one free hydrogen, which is able to form hydrogen bonds. Using linkers as in model catalyst cat81ur6 (Table 4.6) can solve this problem, providing thus two hydrogens in the urea moiety for hydrogen bond formation. Lower acetylation enthalpies for cat81ur6 ( $-88.9 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ), as compared to parent derivative $\mathbf{5 b}(-85.2 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$, Table 4.1), predicts that this derivative would potentially be very active in the acylation of alcohols.


Scheme 4.6. Synthesis of the catalyst 53.

Since amino acid derivatives are easily accessible, they are chosen as chiral linkers between pyridine and (thio)urea frameworks. This implies that amino group should be used for the reaction with iso(thio)cyanates and carboxylic group for the coupling with aminopyridine 31d. First, we aimed to couple N-Boc-valine with amine 31d to form the amide bond. A number of amide formation protocols were tried (chloroformate, EDAC/HOBt, TBTU/HOBt), but no product formation was observed. Then we turned our attention to acyl chloride. Since the N-Boc protecting group is labile under acidic conditions, which are normally used in synthesis of acyl chlorides, a Fmoc protecting group was introduced into the amino acid. Coupling of N -Fmoc-valine chloride with amine 31d, performed in pyridine at $150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in MW or by deprotonation of the amine with BuLi or LDA, did not yield a desired
product. Finally, a combination of phtalimide protecting group with deprotonation by NaHMDS (bis(trimethylsilyl)amide) was successful in coupling and the desired product 51 was obtained in 33\% yield (Scheme 4.6). Deprotection by hydrazine proceeded smoothly, giving compound $\mathbf{5 2}$ in $83 \%$ yield. Reduction of $\mathbf{5 2}$ by $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4} / \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ gave substantial amounts of amine 31d instead of the desired product of amide group reduction. Therefore, compound $\mathbf{5 2}$ was reacted with 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylisocyanate to give product 53, which was then used for the KR experiments.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis of compound 53 reveals a very interesting feature of this substance: rotations around urea NH-CO bonds are relatively slow. Therefore the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 53 measured at $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ contained several sets of signals, which refer to different rotamers. Upon heating, these signals coalesce to one set of peaks. In order to estimate the free activation energy of these rotations, a coalescence experiment, i.e. measurement of NMR spectra at different temperatures, was carried out with a solution of compound $\mathbf{5 3}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ (Figure 4.9).


Figure 4.9. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of catalyst 53 measured at different temperatures (in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ). Coalescence temperature $T_{c}=50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

The only peak at 5.5 ppm , which is separated from other signals and therefore can be analyzed, is referred to the NH proton, marked in red on Figure 4.9, as was determined from the 2D NMR spectra (HMBC and HBQC). Coalescence of this peak was observed at $50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Since this signal does not have an ideal form and is also relatively broad (the sample was not
degassed before measurements), only an approximate estimate of the free activation energy was possible. The rate constant $k$ at coalescence is given approximately by equation $1:{ }^{[67 \mathrm{a}]}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{T_{c}}=\frac{\pi}{2}\left|v_{A}-v_{B}\right| \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $v_{A}$ and $v_{B}$ are the shifts of rotamers measured at low temperature, i.e. when the exchange is slow. Inserting equation 1 into the Eyring equation results in:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\pi}{2}\left|V_{A}-V_{B}\right|=\frac{R T_{c}}{h N_{A}} e^{\frac{-\Delta G^{\not}}{R T_{c}}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

or

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta G^{\neq}=R T_{c} \ln \frac{R T_{c} \sqrt{2}}{\pi h N_{A}\left|V_{A}-V_{B}\right|} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $T_{\mathrm{c}}$ is measured in K and the shifts $v$ in Hz , then the free energy of activation is given (in $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) by equation 4 (using $N_{A}=6.022 \cdot 10^{23} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}, R=8.314 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ and $h=6.626 \cdot 10^{-34}$ $\mathrm{J} \cdot \mathrm{s}$ ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta G^{\neq}=19.1 \cdot 10^{-3} T_{c}\left(9.97+\log T_{c}-\log \left|V_{A}-v_{B}\right|\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

For compound $53 T_{\mathrm{c}}=323 \mathrm{~K}$ and $v_{A}-v_{B}=99.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$ (from the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum at $30{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), giving a free energy of activation of $\boldsymbol{\Delta} \boldsymbol{G}^{\neq}=\mathbf{6 5} \mathbf{~ k J} / \mathbf{m o l}$. This value is in a typical range for amide bond rotation $(60-80 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}) .{ }^{[67 \mathrm{~b}]}$

### 4.3.5 Potential of (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas in the kinetic resolution of alcohols

All studied chiral catalysts were then tested in the KR of several sec-alcohols (Table 4.7). Initial screening of catalysts was carried out with alcohol alc1 in toluene. Results show that catalysts containing a diphenylcarbinol group are more selective than those with an ester group (compare entries 3 and 4 with 7 and 6, respectively). Furthermore, the phenylalanine-derived ureas are more selective than the valine and tert-leucine derivatives (entries 3-5). The best selectivities in the KR of alcohol alc1 were achieved when catalysts $\mathbf{C y P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ and $\mathbf{P h e N p h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ were used (selectivity values $s$ up to 5, entries 10 and 11). When the cyclohexane bridged catalysts were used as diastereomeric mixtures with diastereomeric ratios 1.2:1, lower levels of selectivity were observed (entries 9 and 12).

Table 4.7. KR of alcohols alc1-3 using chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas.


[^8]Other alcohols alc2 and alc3 were also tested in KR experiments (Figure 4.10). Although alcohol alc2 was found to be an ineffective substrate for these catalysts (entry 8), monoprotected diol alc3 turned to be a suitable substrate for urea-pyridine catalysts. The KR of alc3 proceeds more selectively in dichloromethane than in toluene (entries 13 and 14). The catalyst $\mathbf{C y P h e P h} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ performed well in the KR of alcohol alc3 in DCM, giving selectivity value $s=5.4$ (entry 15). The catalyst 53 was found to be unselective in the KR of both alcohols alc1 and alc3 (entries 16 and 17).


Figure 4.10. Selectivity scale of the (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-urea derivatives in acylative KR of alcohols.

### 4.4 Conclusions

The new class of acylation catalysts, (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas, have been designed. Achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas were shown to have a moderate activity in the alcohol acylation. The obtained data show that the derivatives with a cyclohexane bridge are generally more catalytically active than the catalysts with an ethylene bridge. Derivatives containing the 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl group in the (thio)urea moiety (Scheme 4.7) are the most active catalysts among the new systems. The enhanced activity has been explained by the increased acidity of the NH hydrogen of the (thio)urea group due to the electron withdrawing character of the 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl substituent. The X-ray analysis and concentration dependent NMR measurements indicate a hydrogen bonding interaction between the NH hydrogen and the pyridine nitrogen. However, catalyst aggregation does not influence the reaction rates of the catalyzed acetylation of alcohols.
(a) Achiral catalysts

cat11ur3: $X=O \quad t_{1 / 2}=260 \mathrm{~min}$
cat11ur4: $X=S \quad t_{1 / 2}=330 \mathrm{~min}$




Scheme 4.7. (a) The most catalytically active achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas.
(b) Application of the chiral derivatives in the KR of sec-alcohols.

The chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas have been prepared via a modular strategy from easily accessible amino acids (Scheme 4.7b). The potential of newly synthesized chiral derivatives was explored in the kinetic resolution (KR) of several secondary alcohols. The best selectivities were obtained with the phenylalanine-derived catalysts containing a diarylcarbinol group. Even though the selectivity values are moderate, the modular design allows variation of the urea substituents for further catalyst improvement.

## 5. Theoretical Prediction of Selectivity in KR of Secondary Alcohols

### 5.1 Introduction

Using chiral nucleophilic catalysts based on the DMAP motif major advances have recently been made in kinetic resolution experiments, in particular in those involving secondary alcohols as substrates. ${ }^{[20]}$ Rationalizing the origin of selectivity in these resolution experiments represents an important step in the semi-rational catalyst optimization. Most of the resolution experiments involve acyl group transfer from the catalyst to the alcohol substrates in the rate- and selectivity-determining steps and some effort has thus been made to obtain a quantitative picture of the conformational properties of the acylpyridinium intermediates involved in this step. A limited number of experimental studies for the conformational preferences of acylated catalysts exist. Based on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR measurements of NOE effects and chemical shifts, ${ }^{[55 a]}$ Kawabata et al. have proposed an 'open' conformation for catalyst $\mathbf{4 5}$ in its neutral form and a 'closed' conformation for the acylpyridinium cation 45a (Figure 5.1). The authors proposed that the 'closed' conformation of intermediate 45a is necessary for controlling the $\pi$-facial reactivity of the N -acylpyridinium intermediate, which directs the enantioselectivity of the subsequent acylation of alcohols. Theoretical studies by Zipse et al. are in full support of this hypothesis. ${ }^{[56]}$ It was also noted on this occasion ${ }^{[56]}$ that DFT methods such as B3LYP are not able to describe stacking interactions induced through dispersion interactions properly.


44a


45


45a


45b


54


59a

Figure 5.1. Structures of chiral catalysts used for the kinetic resolution of alcohols. ${ }^{[56]}$ Distances between the center of the pyridine ring and selected substituents are given in $\AA$.

The structures of a series of known chiral catalysts and their acyl derivatives have thus been optimized at the MP2(FC)/6-31G(d) level of theory (Figure 5.1) and it was established that the naphthalene and pyridine rings in the most favourable conformation of $\mathbf{4 5 a}$ are $\pi$-stacked (distance $3.25 \AA$ ), but that a similarly stable second conformation $\mathbf{4 5 b}$ exists with "side-on" stacking (distance $4.47 \AA$ ). Campbell's catalyst 44 also proved to have such a $\pi$-stacking conformation, both in the neutral form (distance $4.05 \AA$ ) and in the respective
acetylpyridinium cation $\mathbf{4 4 a}$ (distance $3.50 \AA$ ); however, mainly electrostatic effects dominate in this case. Yamada's catalyst $\mathbf{5 4}$ was shown to occupy a folded conformation in the neutral as well as the acylated form, ${ }^{[56]}$ a result in full agreement with earlier studies at B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level and with NOE experiments of the acyl intermediates. ${ }^{[68]}$ No stacking interactions between the pyridine ring and the phenyl side chain were detected by calculations in the neutral or cationic form of catalyst 59a. ${ }^{[56]}$ The rotational barriers around the Ar-Ar bond were calculated for a series of systems based on catalyst 59a at PM3 and RHF/STO-3G levels and then compared with the experimental values. ${ }^{[69]}$
Connon et al. have shown ${ }^{[57]}$ that the ability of $\mathbf{4 3}$ to serve as an active and enantioselective acyl-transfer catalyst is due to a combination of aryl-pyridinium $\pi-\pi$ interactions and substrate-catalyst H-bonding (Figure 5.2). The B3LYP/6-31G(d)-optimized methyl cation adduct of $\mathbf{4 3}$ was in this case found to resemble the corresponding benzyl cation adduct characterized by X-ray analysis. Conformational studies of acyl-transfer catalysts are, of course, not limited to pyridine derivatives. The conformational preferences of chiral phosphine 55, for example, were studied by Vedejs et al. at the HF/6-31G(d) level of theory. ${ }^{[70 b]}$ The structures of the best conformations of the respective borane adduct were consistent with those found in X-ray analyses. Comparison of catalyst 55 and monocyclic phospholane structures suggested a possible explanation for the exceptional reactivity of the bicyclic phospholanes due to the better accessibility of the phosphorus atom in 55.


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55


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Figure 5.2. Structures of chiral catalysts used for the kinetic resolution of alcohols. ${ }^{[57,70,71]}$

Currently, only a small number of theoretical studies appears to exist in which not only conformational properties of the acylpyridinium intermediates have been studied, but a direct prediction of the outcome of kinetic resolution experiments with alcohols has been attempted. These studies deal, however, with chiral imidazole and amidine derivatives. Sunoj et al. ${ }^{[24 a]}$ have studied computationally the enantioselective acetylation of trans-cyclohexane-1,2-diol, catalyzed by N-methylimidazole-based peptide 56, which was designed by Schreiner and coworkers (Figure 5.2). ${ }^{[71]} \mathrm{N}$-methylimidazole itself was shown to be active as acylation catalyst, ${ }^{[72]}$ but with lower activity than DMAP. ${ }^{[11 c]}$ Inclusion of the N -methylimidazole
fragment into the chiral environment of small tripeptides still generates highly selective catalysts for the kinetic resolution of alcohols. ${ }^{[71 b]}$ The theoretical studies show that hydrogen bonding between the diol substrate and the peptide backbone plays an important role for enantioselectivity. The difference in reaction barriers for the two alcohol enantiomers, calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d)//ONIOM2(B3LYP/6-31G(d):PM3) level, amounts to 19.3 $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ and corresponds to $99 \%$ ee. This value is larger than experimentally reported ( $75 \%$ ); however, the predominantly reacting alcohol enantiomer was predicted correctly. Houk et al. have optimized the transition states for the acylation of 1-phenylethanol by acetic and propionic anhydrides, catalyzed by compound 57. ${ }^{[24 b]}$ Analysis of the transition state structures supports the $\pi$-interaction hypothesis of chiral recognition in the kinetic resolution of secondary benzylic alcohols (Figure 5.3). The differences in activation free energy between the alcohol enantiomers (at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level with CPCM single points for the solvent effects of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) were shown to correlate well with the experimental values.


Figure 5.3. Birman's amidine-based catalyst 57 with the transition state model for the $K R$ of alcohols. ${ }^{[246]}$ Distances are given in $\AA$.

This chapter is organized as follows: first, experimental and theoretical methods will be used to gain mechanistic insight(s) into acylation reactions catalyzed by PPY. Then computations of the reaction profile will be applied for the rationalization and prediction of the selectivity for a series of derivatives of the Spivey's catalyst 59a. In the last part several attempts to use less time-consuming computational models for the design of stereoselective pyridine derivatives are presented.

The computations, described in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2, as well as calculations of transition states for catalysts 59b and 59c, described in section 5.3 .3 (Table 5.7), were carried out by Dr. Y. Wei.

### 5.2 Catalytic system with PPY

### 5.2.1 Determination of activation parameters for the PPY-catalyzed acylation reaction

Catalyst 59a was shown to be very effective for the kinetic resolution of sec-alcohols. ${ }^{[73]}$ However, the selectivity values seem to depend on at least two experimental parameters: $s=$ 24 at $45 \%$ conversion with 2 eq. anhydride, ${ }^{[73]} s=16.7$ at $12 \%$ and $s=15.7$ at $27 \%$ conversion with 1 eq. anhydride ${ }^{[74]}$ (for the reaction shown in Scheme 5.1). The anomalous increase in selectivity with increased conversion ( $s=32$ after $8 \mathrm{~h} v s s=25$ after 2 h ) was observed in the kinetic resolution experiments with catalyst 59d (Scheme 5.1). ${ }^{[74]}$ There are also several communications of the conversion-dependent selectivity in the literature. ${ }^{[75]}$ In the meantime it was noticed, that the reaction mixture at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is not homogeneous, while at room temperature no precipitation was observed. ${ }^{[73]}$ This phenomenon can be explained by the formation of insoluble (in toluene) triethylammonium salt, which can in principle affect the reaction (rate or/and selectivity). Should this be the case, we must expect that the Arrhenius plot for the reaction rate or even selectivity is not linear anymore. In order to understand the role of the precipitation we have decided to study the reaction kinetics at different temperatures. As the model system the PPY-catalyzed isobutyrylation of 1-(1naphthyl)ethanol 60 was chosen (Scheme 5.1).


Scheme 5.1. Isobutyrylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol 60, catalyzed by PPY; catalyst 59d.

Conversion $y$ of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$ was calculated from the integrals of $\alpha$-hydrogen atoms in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the reaction mixture, as given by equation 1 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=\frac{I_{\text {ester }}}{I_{\text {ester }}+I_{\text {ROH }}} \cdot 100 \% \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Dependence of conversion $y$ vs time $t$ was fitted by equation 2 for the second-order reaction kinetics:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{1}{2 e^{k\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$k=k_{2}[R O H]_{0}$
where $k_{2}$ is a rate-constant of the second-order reaction; $t_{0}$ has a meaning of time axis offset. With this parameter in the fitting process it is not necessary to measure the starting point of the reaction exactly. The variable $y_{0}$ allows rescaling of the conversion axis. The rate constant measurements were repeated at different temperatures (Table 5.1).

Table 5.1. Rate constants $k_{2}$ for the PPY-catalyzed acylation, measured at different temperatures.

| $T^{1}, \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ | 0.0052 | 0.0051 | 0.0049 | 0.0047 | 0.0045 | 0.0043 | 0.0041 | 0.0040 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T, \mathrm{~K}$ | 193.15 | 198.15 | 203.15 | 213.15 | 223.15 | 233.15 | 243.15 | 248.15 |
| $T,{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -80 | -75 | -70 | -60 | -50 | -40 | -30 | -25 |
| $k_{2}, 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | 4.080 | 5.060 | 6.708 | 9.000 | 14.00 | 19.80 | 26.37 | 30.47 |

In order to get activation parameters, the obtained data were fitted with the Eyring equation (Figure 5.4).


Figure 5.4. Eyring plot for the reaction shown in Scheme 5.1.

The fitted parameters are then transformed to activation parameters:
$\Delta H^{\neq}=\underline{\mathbf{1 2 . 8}} \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} ; \Delta S^{\neq}=\underline{\mathbf{- 2 4 0}} \mathrm{J} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$.
The free activation energy at 195 K can also be calculated from these data:
$\Delta G_{195}{ }^{\ddagger}=\underline{\mathbf{5 9 . 6}} \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$

The obtained value of activation enthalpy $\Delta H^{\neq}$is quite small for the reactions in solution, whereas the obtained negative value of the activation entropy is common for bimolecular reactions. ${ }^{[70 b, 82-84]}$ As a comparison, the isobutyrylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol $\mathbf{6 0}$ (Scheme 5.1) catalyzed by chiral phosphane 55 (Figure 5.2) has been studied, and was found to have small activation enthalpies (in a range $5.8-12.5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ), which depend on the reacting enantiomer of $\mathbf{6 0} .{ }^{[70 b]}$ From the other side, activation entropies were shown to be ca. -308 J $\mathrm{mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ for both enantiomers of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$. This implies that the $\Delta G^{\neq}$term that reflects enantiomer discrimination is dominated by differences in activation enthalpy, resulting in a significant temperature effect on enantioselectivity. Acyl transfer in acetonitrile has also been studied (catalyzed aminolysis of ethyl aryl carbonates), and was found to have very large, negative values for the entropy of activation ( -272 to $-280 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ ) and small activation enthalpy ( $7.5-8.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ). ${ }^{[84]}$ Moreover, DMAP-catalyzed phosphorylations have been investigated, and the kinetic parameters feature a similar combination of large, negative activation entropy, and minimal activation enthalpy. ${ }^{[83]}$

### 5.2.2 Theoretical study of the catalytic cycle with PPY

The DMAP-catalyzed acylation of alcohols by anhydrides and acyl chlorides is currently believed to proceed via the nucleophilic catalysis mechanism. This mechanism is also supported by the computational study of the DMAP-catalyzed acetylation of tert-butanol with acetic anhydride. ${ }^{[14]}$ It was noticed, that in the case of primary alcohols the basic mechanism could become competitive with the nucleophilic. ${ }^{[19 b]}$ In order to investigate, which mechanism (basic or nucleophilic) is relevant for the PPY-catalyzed acylation of secondary alcohol 60, we have studied the catalytic cycle computationally. The enthalpy profile as calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level at the experimental temperature of 195.15 K is shown in Figure 5.5.


Figure 5.5. Enthalpy profile ( $\Delta H_{195}$ ) of the PPY-catalyzed acylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol 60 as calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Both enthalpy and free energy values suggest the nucleophilic route through transition states $\mathbf{t s} \mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{t s} \mathbf{3}$ to be more favourable and the first step of this route to be rate-limiting. It sounds surprising, because the second step is commonly considered as the rate-determining step. ${ }^{[14]}$ The six-membered transition state ts $\mathbf{2}$ of the basic route is slightly more favourable than the four-membered ts2a. We can then calculate activation parameters (relative to separate reactants and to reactant complex) for all transition states at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level (Table 5.2). Data at the experimental temperature of 195.15 K as well as at 298.15 K are included in Table 5.2.
Table 5.2. Comparison of activation parameters at 195.15 K and at 298.15 K as calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level (in the gas phase). Activation parameters for the rate-limiting transition state ts1 are marked in bold.

|  | Relative to separate reactants |  |  |  | Relative to reactant complex |  |  |  | Relative to PPY-alcohol complex and anhydride |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Activation parameter | ts1 | ts2 | ts2a | ts3 | ts1 | ts 2 | ts2a | ts3 | ts 1 | ts2 | ts2a | ts3 |
| $\Delta H_{195}{ }^{\neq}, \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | +23.8 | +51.3 | +57.6 | +11.0 | +58.3 | +85.8 | +92.1 | +45.5 | +53.6 | +81.1 | +87.4 | +40.8 |
| $\Delta G_{195} \stackrel{\neq}{ }, \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ | +177.5 | $+210.1$ | $+216.5$ | +168.3 | +72.7 | $+105.3$ | +111.7 | +63.5 | +141.0 | +173.6 | +180.0 | +131.8 |
| $\Delta S_{195}{ }^{\neq}, \mathrm{J} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ | -788 | -814 | -814 | -806 | -74 | -100 | -100 | -92 | -448 | -474 | -475 | -466 |
| $\Delta H_{298} \stackrel{\neq}{\prime}, \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | +25.3 | $+52.5$ | +58.9 | +12.6 | +57.2 | +84.4 | +90.8 | $+44.5$ | +54.0 | +81.2 | +87.6 | +41.3 |
| $\Delta G_{298}{ }^{\neq}, \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | +124.7 | +161.8 | +167.8 | +118.8 | +80.3 | +117.4 | +123.4 | $+74.4$ | +114.7 | $+151.8$ | $+157.8$ | +108.8 |
| $\Delta S_{298}{ }^{\neq}, \mathrm{J} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ | -334 | -367 | -365 | -356 | -77 | -111 | -109 | -100 | -204 | -237 | -235 | $-226$ |

The experimental value of the activation enthalpy $\Delta H_{195}{ }^{\neq}\left(+12.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$ is smaller than the theoretically predicted value for rate-limiting transition state $\mathbf{t s} \mathbf{1}\left(+23.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$. Activation entropies, calculated for different transition states, have similar values $\left(c a .-800 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right.$ relative to separate reactants) and do not allow distinguishing different mechanisms. The large deviation from experiment can be explained by the fact that a trimolecular reaction is studied computationally, whereas the less negative experimental activation entropy value of $-240 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ is more typical for bimolecular reactions. When activation parameters are calculated relative to the reactant complex, larger values of activation enthalpy and much less negative values of activation entropy ( $-74 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ at 195 K ) are observed (Table 5.2). Noticeably, activation entropies calculated at 298 K are surprisingly less negative than calculated at 195 K . The reactant complex contains a relatively strong alcohol-PPY complex, whereas anhydride is weakly bonded. Activation entropy of ts1 calculated thus relative to the alcohol-PPY complex and anhydride ( $-448 \mathrm{~J} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$ at 195 K ) represents a bimolecular reaction and is therefore closer to the experimental value. Another reason for the less negative experimental activation entropy can be that the alcohol does not participate in $\mathbf{t s} \mathbf{1}$ under experimental conditions. Not the least important factor is an inaccuracy of the present model for entropy calculation, which is based on the harmonic oscillator approximation.

In order to see whether the observation about the rate-limiting transition state also persists by other theoretical methods, we have carried out single point calculations at several other levels of theory again based on the B3LYP/6-31G(d) structures. The MP2 method, as well as DFT method with dispersion correction (DFT-D), ${ }^{[76]}$ are chosen because we suppose that the dispersion interactions may exist and play some role since the studied transition states include several aromatic rings, although the used B3LYP functional cannot predict this type of interaction accurately. Single point calculations were done at different levels of theory for conformers whose populations are more than $1 \%$ at MP2(FC)/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level. The obtained enthalpies and free energies for the best conformers of transition states and intermediates with respect to the separated reactants are shown in Table 5.3.

Table 5.3. Comparison of different levels for single-point calculations (enthalpies relative to separate reactants, $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ).

| Level of theory <br> for single point <br> with B3LYP/6- <br> 31G(d) geometry | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> (reactant <br> complex) | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> $($ ts1 $)$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> (interme <br> diate) | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> $($ ts3 $)$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> $($ ts2 $)$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> $($ ts2a) | $\Delta H_{195}$ <br> (product <br> complex) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B3LYP/6- | -56.4 | +3.4 | -10.4 | -5.2 | +23.5 | +25.0 | -128.6 |
| 31G(d) | $(+1.0)$ | $(+72.8)$ | $(+55.6)$ | $(+65.6)$ | $(+95.9)$ | $(+97.6)$ | $(-76.8)$ |
| B3LYP/6- | -34.5 | +23.8 | +5.5 | +11.0 | +51.3 | +57.6 | -105.8 |
| 311+G(d,p) | $(+104.8)$ | $(+177.5)$ | $(+157.3)$ | $(+168.3)$ | $(+210.1)$ | $(+216.5)$ | $(+29.8)$ |
| MP2(FC)/6- | -99.8 | -64.4 | -69.7 | -104.7 | -32.8 | -26.4 | -147.5 |
| 311+G(d,p) | $(-43.4)$ | $(+3.85)$ | $(-3.8)$ | $(-34.4)$ | $(+40.5)$ | $(+46.6)$ | $(-92.9)$ |
| MP2(FC)/6- | -96.3 | -69.5 | -74.3 | -102.4 | -35.2 | -28.8 | -148.7 |
| 31+G(2d,p) | $(-39.6)$ | $(-1.3)$ | $(-8.3)$ | $(-32.1)$ | $(+38.2)$ | $(+46.8)$ | $(-94.1)$ |
| B3LYP-D/6- | -88.2 | -55.4 | -71.4 | -86.2 | -29.6 | -25.7 | -139.0 |
| 311+G(d,p) | $(-54.1)$ | $(101.4)$ | $(+80.4)$ | $(+69.8)$ | $(+129.5)$ | $(+133.0)$ | $(-4.4)$ |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ in brackets the corresponding $\Delta G_{195}$ values.

In order to avoid the basis set superposition error (BSSE), the relative enthalpies with respect to the reactant complex were also calculated (Table 5.4). The enthalpy differences between transition states ts1 and ts3 at different levels are also presented. The results show that using MP2 and B3LYP-D levels for single point calculations stabilizes all the transition states relative to the reactants and reactant complex. All these different theoretical methods predict the first step of the nucleophilic path to be rate-limiting and the basic route to be less favourable (by ca. $30-40 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ). Transition states of the basic route ts 2 and ts2a have similar energies at different levels of theory. Therefore, they are equally feasible for the basic
mechanism. The enthalpy difference between transition states ts1 and ts3 increases from 12.8 $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level up to $40.2 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ at MP2(FC)/6$311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level; the DFT method with dispersion correction B3LYP$\mathrm{D} / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level gives intermediate values of the enthalpy difference. The performance of the MP2 method for single point calculations does not depend significantly on the DFT level used for the geometry optimization (B3LYP or B98). Taking into account only the best conformers at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level (e.g. of type I for ts3, see Figure 5.6) for the MP2 and B3LYP-D single point calculations, the enthalpy difference between transition states ts1 and ts3 remains in the range of the differences calculated at B3LYP levels.

Table 5.4. Enthalpies and free energies of transition states at different levels of theory (relative to reactant complex, $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ).

| Level of theory for single point with B3LYP/6-31G(d) geometry | $\Delta H_{195}\left(\right.$ (ts1) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\Delta H_{195}(\mathbf{t s 2})^{\text {a }}$ | $\Delta H_{195}(\mathbf{t s} 2 \mathbf{a})^{\text {a }}$ | $\Delta H_{195}(\mathbf{t s 3})^{\text {a }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta H_{195} \\ (\mathbf{t s} 1-\mathbf{t s 3})^{\mathrm{a}} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $\begin{gathered} +59.8 \\ (+71.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +79.9 \\ (+94.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +81.4 \\ (+96.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +51.2 \\ (+64.6) \end{gathered}$ | 8.6 (7.2) |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+G(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +58.3 \\ (+72.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +85.8 \\ (+105.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +92.1 \\ (+111.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +45.5 \\ (+63.5) \end{gathered}$ | 12.8 (9.2) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ & 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} +35.7 \\ (+47.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +67.3 \\ (+84.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +73.7 \\ (+90.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -4.5 \\ (+9.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40.2(38.2) \\ & / / 9.2(8.0)^{b} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ & 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} +26.8 \\ (+38.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +61.1 \\ (+77.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +67.5 \\ (+86.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -6.1 \\ (+7.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.9(30.7) \\ & / / 6.0(4.8)^{\mathrm{b}} \end{aligned}$ |
| B3LYP-D/6- $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\begin{gathered} +32.9 \\ (+47.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +58.7 \\ (+75.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +62.5 \\ (+78.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} +2.1 \\ (+15.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30.8(31.6) \\ / / 15.7(14.2)^{\mathrm{b}} \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | - | - | - | - | 28.0 (28.9) |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ In brackets the corresponding $\Delta G_{195}$ values.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Taking the best conformers at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

By more careful analysis of the conformational space of the studied transition states we found that relative energies of conformers at different levels of theory depend on the presence of stacking interactions in the system. The largest effect was found for the transition state ts3 (Figure 5.6). The conformations of type II with stacking interactions between naphthyl and pyridine rings (the distance between the centers of the rings is $4.03 \AA$ ) have energies, which are comparable with type I conformational energies, when calculated by B3LYP methods. As
mentioned above the B3LYP functional cannot predict dispersion interactions accurately. When using the MP2 method for single point calculations, type II conformations become much more stable than type I conformations by $c a .30 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. However, one of the serious shortcomings of MP2 theory is a noticeable overestimation of the dispersion interaction energy. ${ }^{[65]}$ Furthermore, the DFT functional with dispersion correction B3LYP-D can predict this type of interaction more accurately. ${ }^{[76]}$ Indeed, the relative enthalpy difference between types I and II conformations becomes smaller when using B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) level instead of MP2 level for the single point calculations (Figure 5.6). Thus we will use the economic DFT methods B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) and B3LYP-D/6$311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ to calculate the selectivity in section 5.3 in order to see which calculated results are in line with available experimental results.


Figure 5.6. Relative enthalpies $\Delta H_{195}\left(\mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$ of two conformations of $\mathbf{t s} 3$ as calculated at five levels of theory using geometries and thermal corrections at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

Distances are given in $\AA$.

Another possible way to distinguish experimentally different mechanisms is the measurement of the kinetic isotope effect. Since the transition states ts2, ts2a and ts3 contain the hydrogen atom, which is involved in the broken and formed chemical bonds, measurements of the rate constant ratio $k_{H} / k_{D}$ could help differentiate which step is rate-limiting. We carried out theoretical prediction of the isotope effect, since it can support the experimental data. The enthalpy and free energy differences upon substitution of the alcohol hydrogen H to
deuterium D in the transition states with respect to the corresponding differences for the alcohol were calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level at 195.15 K and 298.15 K (Table 5). The free energy differences were then transformed to the rate constant ratios, using equation 4 :
$\ln \frac{k_{H}}{k_{D}}=\frac{\Delta G(\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H})}{R T}$

Table 5.5. Isotope effects for transition states ts1, ts2, ts2a and ts3, calculated at B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level at 195.15 K and $298.15 \mathrm{~K} . \Delta H(\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H})$ - difference between activation enthalpies with D and with H as the alcohol hydrogen.

|  | $\Delta H(\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H}), \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |  | $\Delta G(\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H}), \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |  | $k_{H} / k_{D}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T, \mathrm{~K}$ | 298.15 | 195.15 | 298.15 | 195.15 | 298.15 | 195.15 |
| ts3 | 3.23 | 3.26 | 3.83 | 3.62 | 4.68 | 9.30 |
| ts1 | -0.72 | -0.76 | -0.31 | -0.46 | 0.88 | 0.75 |
| ts2 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 1.23 | 1.01 | 1.64 | 1.86 |
| ts2a | 1.85 | 1.86 | 2.43 | 2.22 | 2.66 | 3.93 |

The obtained results show that the supposed rate-limiting transition state ts1, that does not contain the hydrogen atom, which is directly involved in the broken and formed chemical bonds, should give a secondary isotope effect that falls into the range between 0.75 at 195.15 K and 0.88 at 298.15 K . If the transition state $\mathbf{~ t s} 3$ would be rate-limiting, the primary kinetic isotope effect should be much larger (up to 9.30 at 195.15 K ). Transition states ts2 and ts2a of the basic route give moderate isotope effects (up to 3.93 at 195.15 K ). Comparison of these obtained data with experimental results can help to identify the rate-limiting transition state and thus the reaction mechanism.

### 5.3 Catalytic system with Spivey's catalyst.

In order to shed some light on the enantioselectivities of chiral DMAP-catalysts in acyltransfer reactions, we have investigated theoretically the acylation of racemic secondary alcohols catalyzed by a series of Spivey's catalysts in detail. The most important question here is whether the enantioselectivities of chiral DMAP-catalyzed acyl-transfer reactions can be rationalized with the transition state in the rate-determining step that is also considered as the selectivity-determining step. The possible role of 4-dialkylamino substituents on the chiral transformation is discussed and a catalyst modification to improve the enantioselectivity is suggested.

### 5.3.1 The energy profile of the acylation catalyzed by catalyst 59a

In order to check whether the mechanism of the PPY catalyzed acylation of secondary alcohols also persists for the acylation catalyzed by the chiral catalyst 59a, we have first investigated the nucleophilic and general base catalysis pathways for the reaction of racemic 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol (60) with isobutyric anhydride (61) catalyzed by 59a at the B3LYP/6$311+G(d, p) / / B 3 L Y P / 6-31 G(d)$ level of theory used in the previous theoretical studies of DMAP-catalyzed acetylation of alcohols. ${ }^{[14]}$ All conformers of reactants $\mathbf{6 0}$ and 61, and products 62 and 63 have been searched carefully and optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, and single point calculations were done at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory in order to obtain the relative enthalpies at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. The systems investigated here are very flexible and have a large conformational space. A systematic conformational search of TSs 65 and 67 was first done using a modified OPLSAA force field, and then the conformers identified by force field within the energy window of $40 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ were reoptimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory, and single point calculations were done at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory. The IRC calculations have been run using the best conformers of TSs to obtain structures of the reactant complex, intermediate, and product complex. The TSs along the basic catalysis pathway were located based on the previously suggested "four-membered" and "six-membered" structures ${ }^{[14]}$ and optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Using these structures the relative enthalpies at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory have been calculated. The nucleophilic and general base catalysis pathways are plotted in Figure 5.7 by using the lowestenergy conformer and the relative enthalpies for stationary points located on the potential energy surface are shown in Table 5.6. The diastereomeric transition states and intermediates
are denoted as $(R))^{*}$ and $(S)^{* *}$, which represent the corresponding configuration of the involved alcohol.
The reaction is initiated through formation of a ternary complex 64 of reactants $\mathbf{6 0}, 61$ and catalyst 59a for both the nucleophilic and general base catalysis pathways. Along the nucleophilic catalysis pathway, the reactant complex 64 passes through the first TS 65 to yield intermediates 66, which then pass through the second TS 67 with concomitant proton transfer to product complex 68. The alternative basic catalysis pathway proceeds through concerted TSs 69 to product complex 68 in one single step. The diastereomers including Rconfiguration alcohol are always a few $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ lower than those including S-configuration alcohol. The most energetically favorable transition state ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-69 along the basis catalysis pathway is located $40 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ or so above the transition state $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 5}$ and $53 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ or so above the transition state $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - $\mathbf{6 7}$ on the nucleophilic catalysis pathway. Single point calculations have also been done at the MP2/6-31G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory for the best conformers of $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 5},(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 7},(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 9}$. The energy of $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 9}$ is also higher than that of $(\boldsymbol{R})-65$ and ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-67 by more than $30 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ at MP2/6-31G(d)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. This indicates that the nucleophilic catalysis pathway is more favorable than the general base catalysis pathway, which is in line with the results on the PPY catalyzed acylation discussed above.

Table 5.6. Relative enthalpies $\Delta H_{298}$ (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) for stationary points located on the potential energy surface at B3LYP/6-311+G(d, p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in the gas phase.

| Nucleophilic catalysis | (R)- | (S)- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59a+60+61 | 0.00 |  |
| 64 (reactant complex) | -22.98 | -22.54 |
| 65 (first TS) | 26.80 | 34.29 |
| 66 (intermediate) | 7.56 | 11.72 |
| 67 (second TS) | 14.06 | 20.10 |
| 68 (product complex) | -87.35 | -86.87 |
| $59 \mathrm{a}+(R)-62+63$ | -21.61 |  |
| Basic catalysis (concerted) | (R)- | (S)- |
| 59a+60+61 | 0.00 |  |
| 64 (reactant complex) | -22.98 | -22.54 |
| 69 (TS) | 67.23 | 77.49 |
| 68 (product complex) | -87.35 | -86.87 |
| 59a+(R)-62+63 | -21.61 |  |



Figure 5.7. Gas phase enthalpy profile calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

### 5.3.2 Reaction barriers and conformational space of TSs

The energy difference between the diastereomeric TSs of the rate-determining step is the key point to predict the enantioselectivity. Surprisingly, the energy of first TS $\mathbf{6 5}$ in the formation of an acylpyridinium cation is higher than that of the second step commonly considered as the rate-determining step by $c a .13 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. In order to see whether this observation also persists by other theoretical methods, we chose several other levels of theory to do single point calculations again based on the optimized B3LYP/6-31G(d) structures. The DFT methods with dispersion corrections (DFT-D) ${ }^{[76]}$ and MP2 methods are chosen because we assume that the dispersion interactions may exist and play some role due to the system studied here including several aromatic rings, however, the popular B3LYP functional cannot predict this type of interaction accurately. The single point calculations were done at different levels of theory for conformers whose populations are more than $1 \%$ at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The relative Boltzmanaveraged enthalpies between $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 5}$ and $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 7}$ at different levels of theory are investigated carefully and compared (Figure 5.8). In order to avoid the basis set superposition error (BSSE), the relative enthalpies are calculated with respect to the reactant complex instead of the separated reactants.
The energy difference between $(\boldsymbol{R})-65$ and $(\boldsymbol{R})-67$ varies with theoretical methods, the variation is in the range of $-14 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and $+14 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Thus, different theoretical methods predict different rate-determining steps using the same model system. At this point, it is hard to pin down which method is more reliable without higher level theoretical benchmark data that are too difficult to get for such a big system. MP2 results seem more basis sets dependent and they are much more computationally costly than DFT methods for the system studied here. We will use the economic DFT methods B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) and B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) to calculate the selectivity in the next section and to see which calculated results are in line with the experimental results.


Figure 5.8. Relative energies of $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 5}$ and $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 7}$ with respect to the reactant complex at different levels of theory.

In principle, the rate-determining step is also considered to be the selectivity-determining step. Thus, it is difficult to predict which step is the selectivity-determining step due to the uncertainty of the rate-determining step described above. We have tried to calculate the free energy difference of diastereomers in these two steps to match the experimental value. It turns out that the free energy difference of the diastereomers of TS 67 is closer to experimental values. Moreover, the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond formation between the alcohol and acetyl group proceeds in the second step, that supports TS 67 to be the selectivity-determining. The detailed theoretical prediction of catalytic selectivity is discussed in the next section. We focus our attention here on the structures and the energy difference of the diastereomers of TS 67 to investigate the possible factors influencing the stereoselectivity of catalyst 59a.
Through analysis of the optimized geometries of transition state 67, we found that all conformers can be classified into the four structural types as shown in Scheme 5.2. Figure 5.9 shows a pictorial representation of the relative energies of the conformers of ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-67 and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )67, respectively. Generally speaking, the carboxylate group is bonded to the left or right side of the pyridine ring by weak hydrogen bonding and the alcohol approaches the reaction center either from the front face or the back face of the pyridine ring. Type $67-\mathrm{I}$ shows that the
carboxylate group is bonded to the right side of the pyridine ring and the alcohol approaches the reaction center from the back side. For this type the conformers with $R$-configuration alcohol are more stable than the conformer with $S$-configuration alcohol by more than 20 kJ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. In type 67-II and 67-III, the conformers with $S$-configuration alcohol are more stable than the conformers with $R$-configuration alcohol. Conformers in type 67-IV have poor stabilities, no matter including either $R$-configuration or $S$-configuration alcohol. The most stable conformer with $R$-configuration alcohol belongs to the type $\mathbf{6 7 - I}$, which is more stable than the most stable conformer with $S$-configuration alcohol classified into the type 67-III by $6.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Thus, calculations predict, that $(R)$-alcohol should react faster than $(S)$-alcohol, which is in line with experimental results. ${ }^{[73]}$



Scheme 5.2. The classified conformer types of TS 67.


Figure 5.9. Relative enthalpies $\left(\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$ of conformers of TS 67a, as calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

The B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimized structures of the most stable conformers of ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-67 and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )67 are shown in Figure 5.10. Analysis of the structures reveals that the alcohol 60 (shown by light green color in Figure 5.10) approaches the reaction center from the back face of the pyridine ring in $(\boldsymbol{R})-67$ and from the front face of the pyridine ring in $(\boldsymbol{S})-\mathbf{6 7}$. There is no siginificant steric hindrance when alcohol approaches the reaction center from the back face of the pyridine in $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 7}$. In contrast, alcohol approaching the reaction center from the front face of the pyridine in $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$, the steric repulsion between the tilted phenyl ring of the catalyst 59a and the naphthyl ring of alcohol 60 may raise the energy of ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67 relative to that of ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )- $\mathbf{6 7}$ by $c a .6 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

(R)-67

(S)-67

Figure 5.10. The most stable conformers of (R)-67 and (S)-67 at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. Distances are given in Å.

### 5.3.3 The selectivity rationalization: TS $\mathbf{6 7}$ for catalysts 59b, 59c and 59e

Spivey et al. have reported that varying the 4-dialkylamino substituents influences the selectivities of catalysts. ${ }^{[77 a]}$ Experimental results show that the selectivity decreases in the series 59e-59a-59b-59c, where the pyrrolidino-substituted catalyst 59c is the least selective (Scheme 5.3). We choose a series of catalysts 59a-59g (shown in Scheme 5.3) and use the same substrate (1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol, 60) to investigate their selectivity theoretically and compare it with experimental results.


59a


59b


59c

$59 e$


59d


59f


59g

Scheme 5.3. Chiral pyridine catalysts used to model kinetic resolution of sec-alcohols: the known catalysts 59a-c, e (the first row) and new derivatives 59d, f, $\mathbf{g}$ (the second row). All catalysts have ( $S$ )-configuration.

The enthalpy and free energy differences between the diastereomers of the TS 67 considered as the selectivity-determining TS were calculated for 59a-c, e by DFT methods and listed in Table 5.7. The conformational space of TS $\mathbf{6 7 b}$ and $\mathbf{6 7} \mathbf{c}$ for $\mathbf{5 9 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 9} \mathbf{c}$, respectively, were also searched in the similar way as for catalyst 59a by modified OPLS-AA force field and then the identified conformers were reoptimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The conformational search for TS 67e with catalyst 59e was carried out as described below. The catalyst part in the most stable conformations of TS 67 with catalysts 59a was modified to catalyst 59e (with trans configuration of the added methylene and methyl groups) and the TSs were reoptimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The most stable conformations of TS 67e were then used for the thermal corrections and single point calculations (the latter at B3LYP/6$311+G(d, p)$ and B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) levels).

The calculated free energy differences $\Delta G_{298}$ for the TS 67 for catalysts $\mathbf{5 9 a} \mathbf{a}$, e calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level cannot reproduce experimental values of $\Delta G_{195}$, calculated using equation 5, and even predict the opposite result that the pyrrolidino-substituted catalyst 59c should have higher selectivity than 59a and 59b (Table 5.7). From the other side, the calculated enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ do correlate with experimental selectivities (Figure 5.11). The thermal corrections recalculated at 195 K do not improve the correlation between experimental results and calculated enthalpies or free energies. In general, enthalpy and free energy differences between TSs 67 for catalysts 59a-c, e calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level predict $(R)$-alcohol to be more reactive than $(S)$-alcohol, which is in full agreement with experimental results.

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\begin{equation*}
\ln s=\ln \frac{k_{R}}{k_{S}}=-\frac{\Delta \Delta G_{195}^{\neq}}{R T}=\frac{\Delta G_{S}^{T S}-\Delta G_{R}^{T S}}{R T}=\frac{\Delta G^{T S}}{R T} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Employing the combined DFT method B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) does not yield better correlation of experimental selectivities with calculated free energies or enthalpies (Table 5.7). From the other side, inclusion of dispersion corrections (at B3LYP-D/6$311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ level) significantly improves the correlation with calculated free energies. Moreover, after addition of the dispersion corrections, the enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ are significantly smaller. Noticeably, the enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ between TSs 67 for catalysts 59a-c, e calculated at B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level can also be correlated with experimental enantioselectivities (correlation coefficient $R^{2}=0.7008$ ).


Figure 5.11. Correlation between experimental enantioselectivities and calculated enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ between TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - and $(\boldsymbol{S})$-67, as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.
Table 5.7. Comparison of experimental and calculated energy differences $\Delta H(\mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{R})^{\mathrm{f}}$ and $\Delta G(\mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{R})^{\mathrm{f}}$ (in kJ mol${ }^{-1}$ ) of the diastereomers of TS 67 for catalysts 59a-g. Positive numbers imply a preference for $(R)$-alcohol.

|  | Experimental |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \text { level } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \text { level } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | B3LYP/6-31G(d) level |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| catalyst | $s$ | $\ln S$ | $\Delta G_{195, \exp }$ | $\Delta H_{298}$ | $\Delta G_{298}$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ | $\Delta G_{195}$ | $\Delta H_{298}$ | $\Delta G_{298}$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ | $\Delta G_{195}$ | $\Delta H_{298}$ | $\Delta H_{298}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $\Delta G_{298}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $\Delta H_{195}$ | $\Delta H_{195}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $\Delta G_{195}$ |
| 59a | $17^{\text {a }}$ | 2.83 | 4.50 | 6.13 | 5.65 | 5.92 | 8.40 | 1.42 | 6.09 | 1.79 | 4.31 | 5.35 | 5.59 | 4.19 | 5.48 | 5.55 | 6.77 |
| 59b | $10^{\text {a }}$ | 2.30 | 3.66 | 6.12 | 5.60 | 6.50 | 6.83 | 1.45 | 1.93 | 4.48 | 1.99 | 4.62 | 4.35 | 3.67 | 4.80 | 4.64 | 5.33 |
| 59c | $3.5{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.25 | 1.99 | 5.82 | 9.90 | 6.12 | 9.48 | 0.17 | 4.18 | 0.00 | 3.30 | 3.99 | 4.40 | 8.23 | 4.31 | 4.48 | 8.32 |
| 59e | $39^{\text {a }}$ | 3.66 | 5.82 | 6.01 | 11.99 | 6.12 | 9.55 | 9.49 | 15.30 | 9.70 | 13.72 | 5.70 | 5.96 | 10.27 | 5.75 | 6.00 | 8.29 |
| Correl | tion | coeffici | cient $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}}$ | 0.3410 | 0.0407 | 0.0385 | 0.0058 | 0.7008 | 0.6095 | 0.7101 | 0.6044 | 0.9639 | 0.7700 | 0.0434 | 0.9496 | 0.8705 | 0.0005 |
| 59d | 32 | 3.47 | 5.50 | 9.29 | 14.06 | 9.31 | 11.74 | 4.50 | 2.13 | 4.52 | 2.57 | 6.72 | 7.14 | 8.23 | 6.70 | 7.07 | 6.26 |
| 59f | 11 | 2.40 | 3.81 | 6.14 | 7.01 | 6.25 | 6.68 | 4.22 | 5.85 | 4.29 | 5.28 | 4.41 | 4.07 | 4.78 | 4.51 | 4.16 | 4.76 |
| 59g | 9 | 2.20 | 3.49 | 5.04 | 7.37 | 5.09 | 6.30 | -0.98 | 0.91 | -1.01 | 0.05 | 2.12 | 2.83 | 3.98 | 2.11 | 2.79 | 2.74 |

$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllll}\text { Correlation coefficient } \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{c}} & \mathbf{0 . 8 9 0 6} & 0.5953 & 0.8390 & \mathbf{0 . 9 8 3 2} & 0.3666 & 0.0009 & 0.3800 & 0.0270 & \mathbf{0 . 8 5 9 9} & 0.9693 & 0.7604 & \mathbf{0 . 8 3 5 3} & \mathbf{0 . 9 6 0 1} & 0.6188\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllll}\text { Correlation coefficient } \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{2}} & 0.2759 & 0.2229 & 0.2138 & 0.1970 & \mathbf{0 . 6 0 1 0} & 0.2595 & \mathbf{0 . 5 5 9 4} & 0.3092 & \mathbf{0 . 4 9 3 3} & 0.5232 & 0.1360 & 0.4209 & \mathbf{0 . 5 0 3 3} & 0.0228\end{array}$ ${ }^{2}$ Selectivities $s$ are taken from the experimental results at 195 K . ${ }^{[73 \mathrm{a}]}$
${ }^{\text {e }}$ Correlation of the calculated energy differences $\Delta H(\mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{R})$ and $\Delta G(\mathrm{~S}-\mathrm{R})$ with experimental values lns for all studied catalysts.
Energy values are Boltzmann-averaged over the maximum available number of conformers (the actual numbers of conformers used for averaging are shown in Table A5.5).

In conclusion, enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ between TSs ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )- and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67 for catalysts 59a-c, e calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) or combined B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels can be used for the rationalization of experimentally measured enantioselectivities in KR experiments.

### 5.3.4 The selectivity prediction for catalysts 59d, $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 g}$

Several derivatives of catalyst 59a with different substituents in the phenyl ring have been suggested as potential catalysts for the KR of sec-alcohols (Scheme 5.3). In order to study whether the method described above would allow prediction of the selectivity for these new catalysts, we have calculated the corresponding enthalpy differences $\Delta H(S-R)$ between diastereomeric TSs 67. In order to save computational time it would be desirable not to carry out the full conformational search for new TSs 67, but use as a basis the conformations obtained for TS 67 with the parent catalyst 59a. The variation of the catalyst part is assumed not to change dramatically the conformational space of TS 67. First, the conformational search for TS 67 with catalyst 59d was carried out. The catalyst part in the most stable conformations of TS $\mathbf{6 7}$ with catalysts 59a of different types I-IV (Scheme 5.2) was modified to catalyst 59d and the TSs were reoptimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. The most stable conformations of TS 67d were then used for the thermal corrections and single point calculations (the latter at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) and B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) levels). Figure 5.12 shows a pictorial representation of the relative energies of the conformers of $(\boldsymbol{R})-\mathbf{6 7}$ and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67 with catalyst 59d. The type ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-I represents the most stable conformers of $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - $\mathbf{6 7 d}$, as was observed for the catalyst 59a. The most stable conformers of TS ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67d belong to types $(\boldsymbol{S})$-II and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-III, but in contrast to TS ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67a type ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-II becomes now more stable due to the unfavorable interactions between naphthyl ring and 3,5-dimethylphenyl group in the type ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-III transition states ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67d (compare Figures 5.9 and 5.12).
In order to save computational time it would be attractive to use only the best conformations to calculate enthalpy differences between diastereomeric TSs $\mathbf{6 7}$ for new catalysts instead of using Boltzmann-averaged values over all conformers. For this reason we studied in more detail the conformational space of TS $\mathbf{6 7}$ for catalyst 59d with the goal to answer the question: how many conformations are necessary for the accurate prediction of enthalpy difference and thus the enantioselectivity?
$\left.\begin{array}{lll|lllll} \\ 0\end{array}\right]$

Figure 5.12. Relative energies $\left(\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$ of TS 67 conformers for catalyst 59d, as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

The dependence of the calculated enthalpy difference on the number of conformers was studied. Figure 5.13 shows that at least five best conformers are required for Boltzmannweighted averaging in order to get more accurate enthalpy values for TS (R)- and (S)-67d. Addition of the sixth conformer does not change the averaged enthalpy significantly. The enthalpy of the best conformer is by $1.4-1.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ lower than the averaged value, for that reason using only the best conformer is not accurate enough for the enthalpy difference calculation. The number of $(\boldsymbol{R})$-67d conformers used for the enthalpy averaging, when taking all conformers of ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67d for averaging, has a large effect on the enthalpy difference. Averaging over at least five conformers is necessary to get more accurate result. The same conclusion is also reliable for the averaging of TS $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7 d}$. Since the error in the case of $(\boldsymbol{R})$ 67d is positive and in the case of $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7 d}$ negative, these errors can cancel each other if the same numbers of conformers of TS ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )- and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67d are used for the Boltzmann averaging. Indeed the analysis shows (Figure 5.13), that even averaging over the three most stable conformations gives the total error in the enthalpy difference of only $0.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. This error is acceptable for the selectivity prediction. In the case of free energy differences the error of using only the three best conformations for averaging is larger (up to $0.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ).


Figure 5.13. Dependence of the enthalpy difference $\Delta H_{298}(S-R)$ between $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - and ( $\left.\mathbf{S}\right)$-67d on the number of conformers for Boltzmann averaging as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

In conclusion, the enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}(S-R)$ between diastereomeric transition states $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-67, calculated at combined B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) or B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels, can potentially be used for the prediction of the stereoselectivity for new derivatives of catalyst 59a. Averaging over only the three most stable conformations gives accurate enough enthalpy differences. Taking the best conformations of TS 67 with catalyst 59a, modifying the catalyst part and reoptimization of transition states at B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level would save time for the conformational space search. Analysis of Figures 5.8 and 5.11 shows, that for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - 67 taking into account type $(\boldsymbol{R})$-I conformations, and for ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )67 - both types ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-II and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-III is necessary to find the most stable conformations of TSs 67.

This method was subsequently used to calculate enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}(S-R)$ for other catalysts $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9}$ g, shown in Scheme 5.3 (Table 5.7). The obtained results show that the catalysts 59f and $\mathbf{5 9}$ g are expected to show moderate selectivity, while the derivative 59d should be more selective than the parent catalyst 59a.

### 5.3.5 Synthesis and selectivity measurements for catalysts 59d, $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 g}$

The new derivatives $\mathbf{5 9 d}$, $\mathbf{5 9}$ f and $\mathbf{5 9}$ g were synthesized in the Spivey group ${ }^{[74]}$ by employing Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling of aryl boronic acids using Buchwald's S-Phos ligand 71, which has recently been reported to efficiently cross couple sterically challenging coupling
partners (Scheme 5.4). ${ }^{[78]}$ The synthesis of precursor 70 has already been described by Spivey et al. ${ }^{[73]}$


Scheme 5.4. Synthesis of 59a analogues 59d, $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 g}$ by Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling.

Compounds 59d-g obtained as racemic mixtures were then resolved using a semi-preparative CSP-HPLC to obtain enantiomers of each catalyst with $>99.9 \%$ ee purity. The new derivatives were then tested in the KR of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$ by isobutyric anhydride (Table 5.8). ${ }^{[74]}$

Table 5.8. KR of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$ by isobutyrylation catalyzed by 59a, 59d, $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 g}$ g ${ }^{[74]}$


[^9]Analysis of the obtained results shows that catalyst 59d is indeed more selective than the parent derivative 59a. This is in accordance with computational predictions. Catalyst 59d is also more catalytically active than 59a, giving 39 \% conversion after 8 h (Entry 4). The para-
substituted derivatives $\mathbf{5 9}$ f and $\mathbf{5 9}$ g are less selective in accordance with theoretical predictions. The substantial decrease in the rate of reaction observed for catalyst $\mathbf{5 9 g}$ may be attributed to the strongly electron-withdrawing $4-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ group decreasing the electron-density on the pyridine nitrogen inductively thereby rendering it less nucleophilic for acyl-transfer. The anomalous increase in selectivity with increased conversion ( $s=32$ after $8 \mathrm{~h} c f s=25$ after 2 h ) observed for catalyst 59d cannot be explained at the moment, although there are isolated reports in the literature of the conversion-dependent selectivity. ${ }^{[75]}$

### 5.3.6 Comparison with theoretical predictions

With the experimentally measured selectivities $s$ for selected derivatives of catalyst 59a in hand, it is possible to quantify the predictive value of the theoretically calculated enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}(S-R)$ (Table 5.7). The enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}(S-R)$ calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level can be correlated with experimental enantioselectivities (correlation coefficient: $\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.8599$ for catalysts 59a, d, f, g). Figure 5.14 shows that the derivatives of catalyst 59a, substituted in the phenyl ring, have a larger slope of the correlation line comparing with the catalysts 59a-c, e, which have different dialkylamino substituents. The thermal corrections recalculated at 195 K do not improve the correlation between experimental results and calculated enthalpies or free energies. Inclusion of dispersion corrections (at B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) level) improves the overall correlation of experimental selectivities with calculated enthalpy differences for all studied catalysts $\mathbf{5 9} \mathbf{a - g}$ (Table 5.7).


Figure 5.14. Correlation between experimental enantioselectivities and calculated enthalpy differences $\Delta H_{298}$ between TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - and $\boldsymbol{( S ) - 6 7}$, as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

After independent optimization of the substitution pattern of the dialkylamino and the phenyl groups in terms of selectivity, even more selective catalysts can be designed by the combination of the best substitution patterns. Indeed, the combination of dibutylamino group (from 59d) and 3,5-dimethylphenyl (from 59e) in one molecule of 59h leads to the most selective analogue of Spivey's catalyst 59a (Figure 5.15). ${ }^{[74]}$


Figure 5.15. Design of the new highly selective catalyst 59h.

### 5.4 Estimating the stereoinductive potential of the pyridines

In the previous section the computations of the reaction profile have been successfully applied for the rationalization and prediction of the selectivity for the series of chiral DMAP derivatives in the KR experiments. However, it would be more desirable to use less timeconsuming computational models for the design of new chiral catalysts. Here we present two attempts of developing such models: a prochiral probe approach and the conformational analysis of transition states. First, several chiral 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives were synthesized and tested in the KR of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$.

### 5.4.1 Chiral 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives

Catalyst (rac)-5b was resolved to enantiomers via cocrystallization with a chiral resolving agent. Several chiral acids such as $L$-tartaric, (-)-O,O'-dibenzoyl-L-tartaric and $D$ camphorsulfonic acids as well as different solvent mixtures were tested. The most effective resolution was achieved by using $L$-tartaric acid ( 1 eq .) in ethanol/ethyl acetate mixture (1:1) (Scheme 5.5). After two recrystallizations ee of catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$ was $98 \%$ (as determined by CSPHPLC). On the basis of X-ray structure of $\mathbf{5 b}$-salt, the configuration of the enriched enantiomer relative to the configuration of $L$-tartaric acid was determined (Scheme 5.5).


Scheme 5.5. Classical resolution of the catalyst (rac)-5b and X-ray structure of $\mathbf{5 b}$-salt.
The enantioenriched catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$, as well as the camphor derivative $\mathbf{5 1}$ (as a single diastereomer with $>99 \%$ de, see Chapter 2), were then tested in the KR of alcohol 60 (Scheme 5.6). Since both 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives are very catalytically active in acylation reaction (see Chapter 2), low loadings of catalysts ( $0.5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ) have been used for the KR of sec-alcohol 60. However, very low levels of selectivity were measured for these catalysts (Scheme 5.6).

(rac)-60

(R)-62

(S) -60

$(5 a R, 9 a S)-5 b$
$s=1.4$


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Scheme 5.6. Kinetic resolution of alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$ catalyzed by $\mathbf{5 b}$ and 51 .

### 5.4.2 Prochiral probe approach

As mentioned in Chapter 2, methyl cation affinities (MCA) can serve as the most simple model for a carbon basicity scale. ${ }^{[25 b]}$ The MCA values for a variety of N- and P- centered bases were shown to be correlated better with the experimentally observed catalytic efficiencies than proton affinities. ${ }^{[25 c]}$ Later on, this approach was extended to include affinity values towards a prochiral cation, formally derived from $\alpha$-methoxy- $\alpha$-trifluoromethyl- $\alpha$ phenylacetic acid (MTPA, Mosher's acid, $\left.\mathrm{Ph}\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right) \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)$ through decarboxylation. ${ }^{[80]}$ The success of this latter acid as a derivatizing reagent for a wide range of chiral alcohols and amines suggests that the three substituents connected to $\mathrm{C}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ph}, \mathrm{CF}_{3}\right.$, $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ ) provide a strongly differentiated environment in steric and electronic terms. ${ }^{[79]}$ In order to emphasize the resemblance to Mosher's acid this cation is referred as "Mosher's cation" (or MOSC) and the corresponding reaction enthalpies at 298 K as "MOSCA" values. ${ }^{[80]}$ As described in Scheme 5.7, reaction of MOSC with chiral nucleophiles can occur from the re or si face of the cation, leading to two diastereomeric adducts with two different affinity values MOSCAre and MOSCAsi.


Scheme 5.7. MCA, MOSCA and $\triangle$ MOSCA values definition and general structure of cinchona alkaloids. Chiral centers are marked with star *.

This approach has successfully been applied for the rationalization of the activity (on the basis of MOSCA values) and stereoinductive potential (on the basis of $\triangle$ MOSCA values) for a
number of cinchona alkaloids. ${ }^{[80]}$ Here we would like to extend the prochiral probe approach to the estimation of the stereoinductive potential of chiral DMAP derivatives.

The MOSCA values for a series of substituted pyridines have been calculated at the MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory (Table 5.9). The differences between $r e$ and si attack, $\triangle$ MOSCA values, calculated at the same level of theory in the gas phase and in chloroform are also listed in Table 5.9.

Table 5.9. MOSCA and $\triangle$ MOSCA values (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) for systems $\mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 g}, 51$ and 59a.

| Catalyst | Selectivity <br> $s^{\text {b }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { MOSCA } \\ s i \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { MOSCA } \\ r e \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AMOSCA} \\ r e-s i \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{MOSCA} \\ r e-s i \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{MOSCA} \\ r e-s i \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | "MP2-5"a |  | "B98" ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | "MP2-5"a | "MP2-5/solv" ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
|  | 1.3 | 312.21 | 314.08 | 1.30 | 1.87 | 1.83 |
|  <br> 5 | 1.1 | 324.83 | 320.46 | -1.06 | -4.36 | -6.62 |
|  | 16.7 | 299.02 | 300.08 | -0.25 | 1.07 | 1.94 |
|  <br> 5g |  | 336.95 | 335.92 | -2.88 | -1.04 | -0.14 |

${ }^{a}$ Levels of theory: "B98": B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5": MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5/solv": MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) solvation energies.
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Selectivity $s$ in the acylative KR of alcohol 60 (see Scheme 5.6).

Analysis of the obtained data reveals that the MOSCA values for the studied pyridines are higher than for cinchona alkaloids (a typical range for the latter is $180-230 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ), indicating that these derivatives are more nucleophilic. The 3,4-diaminopyridine derivatives $\mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 1}$ and $\mathbf{5 g}$ have higher MOSCA values than the Spivey's catalyst 59a, in accordance with experimentally observed higher catalytic activity of these derivatives. The differences
between re and si attack, $\triangle$ MOSCA values, are for studied pyridines generally lower than for cinchona alkaloids ( $2-9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ for latter). It may be attributed to the larger distance between the chirality element and the nucleophilic center in DMAP derivatives as compared to cinchona alkaloids. The largest $\triangle$ MOSCA value, obtained for the camphor derivative $\mathbf{5 l}(-4.4$ $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ), is inconsistent with the lower selectivity of this catalyst in KR of alcohols ( $s=1.3$ ). As can be seen from Table 5.9, generally $\triangle$ MOSCA values fail to correlate with experimental selectivities. Addition of the solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level does not improve the correlation. Notably, the quasienantiomeric derivatives $\mathbf{5 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$ (in cyclohexane ring) have opposite signs of the MOSCA values.

### 5.4.3 Conformational analysis of transition states

Conformational preferences of the transition states have been shown to play an important role for the enantiodiscrimination in the KR of alcohols catalyzed by derivatives of the Spivey's catalyst 59a. Classification of the selectivity-determining TSs into four types (see Scheme 5.2) was very helpful for the conformational search, since alcohols with different configuration prefer different directions to approach the reaction center: namely type $\mathbf{I}$ for $(R)$-alcohol and types II and III for ( $S$ )-alcohol are more relevant than other types (cf Figure 5.9). We envisioned that similar preferences could persist by using achiral alcohol, such as tert-butanol employed in Chapter 2 for the TS calculations. Conformational analysis of transition states presented here would then be a very practical approach since it would allow prediction both of catalytic activity and stereoselectivity of the chiral pyridine derivatives.

Through analysis of the optimized geometries of transition states of the acetylation catalyzed by chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines, we found that all conformers can be classified into the four structural types as shown in Scheme 5.8 ( $c f$ Scheme 5.2). Generally speaking, the carboxylate group is bonded to the left or right side of the pyridine ring by weak hydrogen bonding and the alcohol approaches the reaction centre either from the front face or the back face of the pyridine ring. Figure 5.16 shows a pictorial representation of the relative enthalpies of the conformers of transition states with the parent derivative $\mathbf{5 b}$ (in "frozen TS" and "optimized TS" models).



III


IV

Scheme 5.8. The classified conformer types of transition states with 3,4-diaminopyridines.

As mentioned in Chapter 2, the transition states of types II and IV with acetate pointing towards the 3 N -substituent are systematically more stable than TSs of types I and III. Analysis of Figures 5.16 and 5.17 reveals, that "frozen" and "optimized" TSs have very close relative enthalpies. Since the conformational space of "frozen" TSs has been studied more extensively than "optimized" TSs, only the "frozen" TSs enthalpies will be discussed in following. The plots obtained at B98 and MP2-5 levels are similar, except a larger spread of relative enthalpies calculated at MP2-5 level, probably due to the overestimation of the dispersion interactions by the MP2 method. ${ }^{[65]}$


Figure 5.16. Relative enthalpies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) of conformers of TSs with catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$, as calculated at B98/6-31G(d) (left) and at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level (right).

The enthalpy difference between TSs of types II and IV, which is chosen as a guideline for the design of stereoselective catalysts, is relatively low for the studied pyridines: $2.5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ for catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$ and $4.3 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ for dibenzyl substituted derivative $\mathbf{5 k}$ (as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level). The enthalpy differences calculated at B98/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level are even lower (Figure 5.17). It is in accordance with poor selectivity of the catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$ in the KR of alcohols.


Figure 5.17. Relative enthalpies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) of conformers of TSs with catalyst $\mathbf{5 k}$, as calculated at B98/6-31G(d) (left) and at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level (right).

The enthalpy difference between TSs of types II and IV for the camphor derivative $\mathbf{5 l}$ is also low $\left(2.5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$, when calculated at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level, but becomes slightly higher $(5.5 \mathrm{~kJ}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) and changes the sign, when calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level (Figure 5.18). This catalyst also displays poor selectivity in the KR of sec-alcohol $\mathbf{6 0}$. The triazolyl derivative $\mathbf{5 j}$ also has low enthalpy difference between II and IV (see Figure A5.3 in the Appendix).


Figure 5.18. Relative enthalpies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) of conformers of TSs with catalyst $\mathbf{5 1}$, as calculated at B98/6-31G(d) (left) and at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level (right).

For the design of new chiral catalysts, the camphor derivative $\mathbf{5 I}$ has been chosen as a general framework for several reasons: 1) it has a rigid structure, which narrows its conformational space; 2) the enthalpy difference between TSs of types II and IV is the largest among the studied 3,4-diaminopyridines ( $5.5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ); 3) the camphor derivatives can be obtained as single diastereomers, whereas derivatives of the catalyst $\mathbf{5 b}$ are obtained as racemates and further resolution to enantiomers is required.


Figure 5.19. Structures of the most stable conformers of TSs with catalyst $5 \mathbf{1}$.

Through analysis of the best TSs conformers for catalyst $\mathbf{5 1}$ (Figure 5.19), we envisioned that the introduction of the meta-substituents in the phenyl group in 3 N -position would shield one of the pyridine ring sides, what can lead to the enhanced stereoselectivity in KR of alcohols. Since the synthetic route to $\mathbf{5 l}$ allows introduction of the meta-substituents into both phenyl groups at the same time, two catalysts $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- M e}$ and $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- P h}$ with meta-methyl and phenyl groups, respectively, were proposed. The relative acetylation and activation enthalpies for these derivatives, as well as for parent catalysts $\mathbf{5 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$, are collected in Table 5.10.

Table 5.10. Relative acetylation $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ and activation $\Delta H_{\mathrm{act}}$ enthalpies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ ) calculated in the gas phase and in chloroform for chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines.




[^10]Inspection of the obtained data reveals that both proposed derivatives should still be quite catalytically active in acylation reactions. The phenyl substituted derivative $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- P h}$ is predicted to be less active than the parent $\mathbf{5 I}$. The methyl substituted $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- M e}$ has less negative activation enthalpy than the catalyst $\mathbf{5 l}$, when solvation effects in chloroform are included, but lower acetylation and activation enthalpies in the gas phase. Therefore this derivative would have comparable catalytic activity in chloroform, and probably more effective than $\mathbf{5 l}$ in less polar solvents like toluene. Analysis of the enthalpy differences between TSs of types II and IV for both derivatives (Figure 5.20) reveals that calculated at B98/6-31G(d) enthalpy differences are lower than for parent catalyst 51 ( $c f$ Figure 5.18), whereas the values calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level are slightly higher $\left(6 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right.$ for 51-Me and 9 $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ for $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- P h}$ ).


Figure 5.20. Relative enthalpies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) of conformers of TSs with catalysts $\mathbf{5 I}-\mathbf{M e}$ and $\mathbf{5 1 - P h}$, as calculated at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ (left) and at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level (right) (model "optimized transition states").

On the basis of computational results the methyl substituted derivative $\mathbf{5 I} \mathbf{- M e}$ was then chosen as potentially more active and selective catalyst. The synthesis of this derivative was straightforwardly carried out by employing 3,5-dimethylbenzoyl chloride as acylation reagent in the first step (Scheme 5.9), which was synthesized from the commercially available 3,5dimethylbenzoic acid. Subsequent reduction of the amide groups by $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4} / \mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ gives the final product 5l-Me in $40 \%$ yield.


Scheme 5.9. Synthesis of the catalyst 5I-Me.

The new derivative 51-Me was then tested in the benchmark acetylation reaction (Scheme 5.10), whereas the reaction proceeded to full conversion. The catalyst $\mathbf{5 1} \mathbf{- M e}$ was surprisingly two times more active than the parent camphor derivative 51. This is in contrast to less negative activation enthalpy for $\mathbf{5 l} \mathbf{- M e}$, but in accordance with the slightly higher stability of the acetylpyridinium cation (Table 5.10). The KR of sec-alcohol 60, carried out with 0.5 $\mathbf{m o l} \%$ of catalyst 51-Me, displays slightly higher level of selectivity $(s=1.7)$ than with the parent derivative 51 (Scheme 5.10). This implies that the proposed approach based on TS conformational analysis can be used for the design of new chiral catalysts. However, further optimization of the substitution pattern of $\mathbf{5 l}$ derivatives is necessary in order to get more selective catalyst.


(rac)-60

(R)-62

(S)-60


51

$$
s=1.3
$$



51-Me
$s=1.7$

Scheme 5.10. Benchmark kinetics of alcohol 36a acetylation and kinetic resolution of alcohol 60 catalyzed by 51 and 51-Me.

### 5.5 Conclusions

Similar to acylation reactions with achiral catalysts (PPY), the commonly accepted nucleophilic mechanism is more favorable than the general base mechanism for the reaction of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol (60) with isobutyric anhydride, catalysed by chiral catalyst 59a. The identified TS models in the selectivity-determining step can be classified into four types and reveal that alcohols with different configuration prefer different directions to approach the reaction center. The key TS model is applied to the selectivity rationalization and is helpful for the catalyst design, thus selectivities of several new catalysts are predicted theoretically and then examined experimentally, showing good agreement with computations. Less timeconsuming models for selectivity prediction, based on prochiral probe approach and TSs conformational analysis, are also attempted.

## Summary and General Conclusions

(1) A theoretical and experimental study of the structure-reactivity relationship of alcohol acetylation catalyzed by pyridine derivatives has been performed. Several 3,4diaminopyridines were synthesized and their catalytic activity was elucidated in the benchmark acetylation reaction. The performance of the ground state and transition state models for the catalytic activity prediction of the large variety of pyridine catalysts has been analyzed, based on the correlation with relative acetylation rates. Using the combined MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level for the calculation of relative acetylation enthalpies gives systematically better correlation with the catalytic activities than at the B3LYP level of theory (Scheme 6.1b). Even though the quality of the correlation is moderate, separate correlations of better fidelity exist for each of the catalyst families.


Scheme 6.1. (a) Correlation between relative activation enthalpies and relative reaction rates. (b) Comparison of different models for the prediction of catalytic activity.

Activation enthalpies (calculated at the same level of theory) give much better correlation with relative acylation rates $\left(R^{2}=0.96\right.$ in each family) and can be used for the precise prediction of catalyst activity (Scheme 6.1a). The variation of the solvation model has a small influence on the overall correlation, but worsens the correlation in each catalysts family.
(2) The ground state model, i.e. acetylation enthalpy calculations, has been applied to the design of photoswitchable pyridines as well as planar-chiral aminopyridine derivatives, containing paracyclophane or ferrocenyl substituents. The model systems diaza1 and diaza2
containing different para-substituents X were studied computationally (Scheme 6.2a). These systems were found to be potentially photoswitchable, since they have different acetylation enthalpies in the cis and trans states. The largest effects on the acetylation enthalpies were observed for the p-cyano substituted derivatives, which have electrostatic interactions between CN and $\mathrm{COCH}_{3}$ groups in acetylated cis-derivatives (Scheme 6.2b). However, these effects are mainly electrostatic in nature. In order to further increase these effects, the azobenzene moiety should be directly introduced into the 5-position of the pyridine ring (Scheme 6.2c).

diaza1: $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{H}$
diaza2: $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{Ph}$
X $=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CN}, \mathrm{OMe}$
(a)

(b)

(c)

Scheme 6.2. The studied photoswitchable pyridines diaza1 and diaza2 (a) with the structure of the most stable conformer of the acetylated catalyst cis-p-cyano-diaza2 (b). The suggested 3,4-diamino-5-azobenzene pyridine derivatives (c).

The relative acetylation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\text {ac }}$ for a series of 3-paracyclophane-4-aminopyridines show that the paracyclophane substituent decreases the relative stability of the acetylpyridinium cation (Scheme 6.3a), whereas the amide group in the pseudo-ortho position significantly lowers the acetylation enthalpy. Analysis of the relative acetylation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\mathrm{ac}}$ for a series of ferrocenylpyridines shows, that the $2^{\prime}$-sulfoxidoferrocenyl group is a weak electron-donating substituent (Scheme 6.3b). More potent catalysts, which contain a 2 '-sulfoxidoferrocenyl group in meta and dialkylamino group in para positions, have much lower acetylation enthalpies and are expected to be highly active catalysts in acylation reactions. In summary, the studied planar chiral catalysts are predicted to be active enough to catalyze the KR of alcohols. The additional electrostatic interactions between the sulfoxide oxygen and the neighbouring hydrogens observed for the acetylated species can be advantageous for the chiral recognition of alcohol enantiomers (Scheme 6.3c).

$\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{NHCOCH}_{3}$
(a)

(b)


(c)

Scheme 6.3. Studied planar-chiral aminopyridine derivatives, containing paracyclophane (a) or ferrocenyl (b) substituents. Conformational analysis shows electrostatic interactions between the sulfoxide oxygen and the neighboring hydrogens (c).
(3) The design of a new class of acylation catalysts, (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas, has been described in Chapter 4. Achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas were shown to have a moderate activity in the alcohol acylation. The obtained data show that the derivatives with a cyclohexane bridge are generally more catalytically active than the catalysts with an ethylene bridge. Derivatives containing the 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl group in the (thio)urea moiety (Scheme 6.4a) are the most active catalysts among the new systems. The enhanced activity has been explained by the increased acidity of the NH hydrogen of the (thio)urea group due to the electron withdrawing character of the 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl substituent. The X-ray analysis and concentration dependent NMR measurements indicate a hydrogen bonding interaction between the NH hydrogen and the pyridine nitrogen. However, catalyst aggregation does not influence the reaction rates of the catalyzed acetylation of alcohols.

cat11ur3: $X=O \quad t_{1 / 2}=260 \mathrm{~min}$ cat11ur4: $X=S \quad t_{1 / 2}=330 \mathrm{~min}$


Scheme 6.4. (a) The most catalytically active achiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-(thio)ureas. (b) Application of the chiral derivatives to the KR of sec-alcohols.

The chiral (4-aminopyridin-3-yl)-ureas have been prepared via a modular strategy from easily accessible amino acids (Scheme 6.4b). The potential of newly synthesized chiral derivatives was explored in the kinetic resolution (KR) of several secondary alcohols. The best selectivities were obtained with phenylalanine-derived catalysts containing a diarylcarbinol group. Even though the selectivity values are moderate, the modular design allows variation of the urea substituents for further catalyst improvement.
(4) Similar to acylation reactions with achiral catalysts (PPY), the commonly accepted nucleophilic mechanism is more favorable than the general base mechanism for the reaction of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol with isobutyric anhydride, catalyzed by the chiral catalyst 59a (Scheme 6.5a). The identified TS models in the selectivity-determining step can be classified into four types and reveal that alcohols with different configuration prefer different directions to approach the reaction center (Scheme 6.5b). The key TS model is applied to the selectivity rationalization and is helpful for the catalyst design, thus selectivities of several new catalysts are predicted theoretically and then examined experimentally, showing good agreement with computations (Scheme 6.5c). Less time-consuming models for the selectivity prediction, based on the prochiral probe approach and TSs conformational analysis, were also attempted. However, these models did not give a good correlation with experimental selectivities.

PPY

rate-determining step
(a)

59a




(c)

Scheme 6.5. The rate-limiting (a) and selectivity-determining (b) steps of the nucleophilic pathway for the isobutyrylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol; the key TS model was used to design the new highly selective catalysts for the KR of alcohols (c).

## 7. Experimental part

## General information

All air and water sensitive manipulations were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Schlenk flasks were dried in the oven at $120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for at least 12 hours prior to use and then assembled quickly while still hot, cooled under nitrogen and sealed with a rubber septum. All commercial chemicals were of reagent grade and were used as received unless otherwise noted. $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, THF and $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ were refluxed for at least one hour over $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ and subsequently distilled. Acetic and isobutyric anhydride were stirred for one hour over $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ and then distilled. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 300 or Varian INOVA 400 machines at ambient temperature. All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shifts are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ (7.26); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts are reported in $\mathrm{ppm}(\delta)$ relative to $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ (77.16). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR kinetic data were measured on a Varian Mercury 200 at $23{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. HRMS spectra (ESI-MS) were carried out using a Thermo Finnigan LTQ FT instrument. IR spectra were measured on a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR BX spectrometer mounting ATR technology. Analytical TLC were carried out using aluminium sheets silica gel Si 60 $\mathrm{F}_{254}$.

## Chapter 2: Experimental details

E1.1 Synthesis of 3,4-diaminopyridine catalysts.


Scheme E1.1. Synthesis of 3,4-diaminopyridine catalysts: a) 1,2-cyclohexanedione, EtOH, 70 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 5 \mathrm{~h}, 90 \%$; b) $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$, THF, $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 30 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{RT}, 32 \mathrm{~h}, 79 \%$; c) $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{NEt}_{3}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 5$ $\mathrm{mol} \%$ PPY, $96 \%$; d) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, $45 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 60 \%$; e) $\left(\mathrm{R}^{2} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}$, pyridine, $\mathrm{MW}, 170^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 10 \mathrm{~min}, 60-86 \%$; f) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, $45 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 50-75 \%$; g) $\mathrm{R}^{1} \mathrm{COCl}$, pyridine, MW, $170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 60 \mathrm{~min}, 98 \%$; h) glyoxal, EtOH, $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 2 \mathrm{~h}, 88 \%$; i) $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}, \mathrm{EtOH}, 40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 15 \mathrm{~h}, 50 \%$.

## General procedure I for the acylation of compounds 31a and 31b.

$1.0 \mathrm{mmol} \mathbf{3 1 a}$ or $\mathbf{3 1 b}, 1.0 \mathrm{~mL}$ of dry pyridine and 4.0 mmol acyl anhydride (or acyl chloride) were placed into a 10 mL microwave vessel. The reaction vessel was sealed with a septum and placed into the microwave cavity. The corresponding program ( $250 \mathrm{~W}, 100 \%$ air-cooling, $170{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 20 \mathrm{~min}$ ) was started. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with MeOH . 2 M NaOH solution ( 10 mL ) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times$ 20 mL ) and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$.

# (rac)-(5-Benzoyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydro-5H-pyrido[3,4-b]quinoxalin-10-yl)-phenylmethanone 



Benzoyl chloride was used for the acylation of diamine 31a. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ (1:3) as eluent to afford $58 \%$ of product.
${ }^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.89\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.4,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-$ $7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.50\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 5.01-4.98(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-1.50(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{NMR}}\left(151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 169.77,169.32,147.11,145.51,140.79,135.05,134.87$, 131.34, 130.77, 129.68, 128.62, 128.51, 128.31, 128.12, 119.03, 56.51, 56.48, 27.77, 27.56, 21.35, 21.26.

HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 397.1790; found: 397.1769.

## (rac )-1,1'-(5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-5,10-diyl)bis(hexan-1-one)



Hexanoic anhydride was used for the acylation of diamine 31a. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexane (1:1) as eluent to afford 86 \% of product.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.2\left(\right.$ isohexane $\left./ \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 10: 1: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.89-4.76(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.76-4.65(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.59-2.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.42-2.24(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.69-$ $1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.40-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.25-1.09(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{q}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 171.89,171.83,147.06,146.91,141.64,130.81,119.60,55.71$, $55.07,34.63,34.26,31.25,31.23,28.37,28.18,25.17,25.14,22.32,22.30,21.65,21.50$, 13.81, 13.80.

IR (neat): 2954 (m), 2930 ( s), 2859 (m), 1662 (vs), 1585 (m), 1564 (w), 1495 (m), 1452 (w), 1421 (m), 1383 (m), 1331 (m), 1291 (m), 1244 (m), 1194 (m), 1169 (m), 1138 (vw), 1113 (w), 1071 (w), 988 (vw), 920 (vw), 836 (w), 753 (w), 732 (w), 666 (vw), 645 (vw) cm ${ }^{-1}$. HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 385.2729; found: 385.2728.

## (rac)-(5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxalin-10(5H)yl)(phenyl)methanone



Benzoyl chloride was used for the acylation of amine 31b. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{TEA}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $98 \%$ of brown oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $7.29-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.68(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.59\left(\mathrm{dq},{ }^{3} J=\right.$ $\left.7.1 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J=14.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.34\left(\mathrm{dq},{ }^{3} J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J=14.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 2.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.78-1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.49-1.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.37-1.24(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.20\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.1\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 146.09,145.59,143.80,135.31,130.37,128.33,106.46$, 53.57, 39.65, 28.40, 25.59, 24.56, 18.76, 12.09.

HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 322.1919$; found: 322.1905.
(rac)-1-(5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxalin-10(5H)-yl)-2,2diphenylethanone


Diphenylacetyl chloride was used for the acylation of amine 31b. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{TEA}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $98 \%$ of product.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.14-8.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18-7.08(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.51-3.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.35(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.21-3.08$ (m, 1H), $2.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.49$ $(\mathrm{t}, J=14.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.44-1.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.20-1.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 171.38$, 147.39, 145.30, 145.05, 139.03, 138.94, 128.94, $128.88,128.86,128.77,128.55,128.39,128.34,127.02,126.92,120.81,106.43,53.97,53.12$, 49.30, 39.48, 28.02, 25.57, 24.59, 18.75, 11.92.

HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 412.2389$; found: 412.2375.

## General procedure II for the reduction of amide intermediates. ${ }^{\text {[26c] }}$

$\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$ (1.3 eq per each amide bond) was suspended in 10 mL THF at r.t. After stirring for 30 min, the mixture was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$ ( 2.2 eq per each amide bond) was added in small portions. The mixture was stirred for 15 min and then amide intermediate ( $1 \mathrm{eq}, 1$ mmol ) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then refluxed for 8 h . After cooling down to r.t. the reaction mixture was poured into ice water. The inorganic precipitate was filtered off and washed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was made basic with NaOH solution to pH 12 and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. Organic layers were combined and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The crude product was purified by flashchromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$.


The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $63 \%$ of product as oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.71\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-$ $7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.34\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 4.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.1,1 \mathrm{H}), 4.65(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 4.42(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ 17.1, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J=16.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.56(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.45(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.99-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89-$ $1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.66-1.48(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.36-1.21(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 140.91,138.49,137.65,133.25,131.25,128.67,128.60$, 127.06, 126.89, 126.86, 126.60, 105.50, 60.37, 52.00, 50.99, 29.68, 27.63, 26.87, 21.03.

HRMS (EI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]: 369.2205$; found: 369.2203.
(rac)-5,10-dihexyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline, 5d


The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}(10: 1)$ as eluent to afford $58 \%$ of product as off-white solid with m.p. $34.8-37.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.4$ (basic aluminium oxide, $i$-hexane $/ \mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 10: 1$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.45-$ $3.30(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.30-3.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.16-2.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.97-1.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.72-1.47(\mathrm{~m}$, $8 \mathrm{H}), 1.46-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}), 1.01-0.86(\mathrm{~m}, J=4.8,6 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 140.73,140.12,132.01,130.83,104.39,56.49,53.85,47.31$, $46.89,31.68,31.63,27.57,27.21,26.89,26.81,26.34,25.34,22.76,22.68,22.64,21.81$, 14.03, 14.01.

IR (neat): 3029 ( vw), 2927 (s), 2855 (s), 2178 (vw), 1618 (w), 1579 (vs), 1554 (m), 1512 (vs), 1486 (w), 1459 (m), 1445 (m), 1430 (w), 1407 (w), 1363 (m), 1319 (m), 1300 (m), 1265 (s), 1248 (s), 1217 (m), 1191 (m), 1157 (w), 1115 (w), 1095 (m), 1074 (m), 1058 (w), 1040 (w), 1021 (w), 964 (w), 927 (w), 875 (w), 838 (w), 797 (s), 749 (m), 727 (vs), 695 (w), 659 (w), 639 (w) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 357.3144; found: 357.3141.

## (rac)-10-benzyl-5-ethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline, 5 f



The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford $66 \%$ of product as oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.80\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.63(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.35-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-$ $7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.44\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 4.58\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J=16.4,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 4.28\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J=16.4,1 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.61-$ $3.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.39-3.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.13-1.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.84-1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.46-1.25(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.20\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.1,3 \mathrm{H}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 140.87,140.79,138.49,132.93,131.21,128.60,126.91$, 126.89, 104.69, 55.82, 54.72, 54.69, 52.26, 40.70, 28.17, 26.37, 22.81, 21.73, 11.44.

IR (neat): 2928 (m), 2855 (w), 1581 (m), 1553 (m), 1514 (s), 1494 (w), 1452 (m), 1353 (m), 1266 (m), 1246 (m), 1191 (m), 1095 (m), 1079 (m), 1028 (w), 972 (w), 801 (s), 729 (s) cm $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 308.2127$; found: 308.2112.

# (rac)-10-(2,2-diphenylethyl)-5-ethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydropyrido[3,4b]quinoxaline, $\mathbf{5 g}$ <br>  

The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc/TEA (20:1) as eluent to afford $92 \%$ of product ( $95 \%$ purity). Column chromatography on basic $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ (Brockmann III) with EtOAc/hexanes (1:2) as eluent gave $74 \%$ yield of pure product.

IR (neat): 2931 (m), 1580 (m), 1554 (w), 1514 (m), 1450 (w), 1362 (w), 1269 (w), 1242 (w), 1098 (w), 955 (vw), 803 (vw), 699 (m).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.30-$ $7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6,1 \mathrm{H}), 4.46(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.7,10.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.8,14.2,1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.64(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.3,14.2,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.50(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.1,14.2,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.18(\mathrm{dq}, J=7.0,14.1,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00-$ $2.91(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.73(\mathrm{dt}, J=3.7,10.6,1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.74-1.48(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.47-$ $1.12(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1,3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 143.23,142.19,141.23,140.04,131.59,130.11,128.57$, $128.55,128.24,128.03,126.61,126.48,105.30,58.33,54.93,48.02,39.17,28.55,25.55$, 24.15, 20.11, 10.60.

HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 398.2596$; found: 398.2583.

## E1.2 Synthesis of camphor derivative 5 I.



Scheme E1.2. Synthesis of camphor derivative 51: a) $\mathrm{AcOH}, \mathrm{rf}, 6 \mathrm{~h}, 85 \%$; b) $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}, \mathrm{BH}_{3}$, THF, $40{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 15 \mathrm{~h}, 55 \%$; c) PhCOCl , pyridine, $\mathrm{MW}, 150{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 60 \mathrm{~min}, 64 \%$; d) $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}$, THF, RT, $45 \mathrm{~min}->\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}, 0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}$-> rf, $8 \mathrm{~h}, 55 \%$.
(6R,9S)-6,11,11-trimethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline, 33


3,4-diaminopyridine ( $3.55 \mathrm{~g}, 33 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and ( $S$ )-(+)-camphorquinone 32 ( $4.50 \mathrm{~g}, 27 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in 120 mL acetic acid. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 h . After cooling the reaction mixture to r.t. acetic acid was distilled off. The residue was neutralized with aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ and extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 40 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic layers were combined and washed with aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$. After drying over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ the solvents were removed in vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ isohexane (2:1) as eluent to afford $5.5 \mathrm{~g}(85 \%)$ as a white solid (mixture of 33a and 33b in ratio 7:1). After recrystallization from cyclohexane/diethylether mixture (1:1) compound 33a was obtained as a white solid with $\mathrm{mp} 136-138^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+31.2^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 9.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.81(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $0.8,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 2.34-2.22\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.11-1.99(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $1.39\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.43$ - $1.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.07\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CCH}_{3}\right), 0.58(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CCH}_{3}$ ).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 170.05,165.48,152.83,146.55,144.86,136.75,121.60$, 54.26, 54.11, 53.14, 31.53, 24.33, 20.26, 18.34, 9.83.

IR (neat): 3034 (w), 2956 (s), 2360 (w), 1589 (m), 1574 (m), 1477 (m), 1434(s), 1403 (s), 1392 ( s , 1378 (m), 1355 ( s$), 1314$ (m), 1262 (m), 1241 (m), 1175 (s), 1111 ( s), 1076 ( s ), 1055 ( s), 904 ( s), 840 (vs), 828 (vs), 726 ( s$), 651$ ( s$), 615$ (vs), 600 (vs), $576 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (vs).
HRMS (EI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 239.1423; found: 239.1419 .


Figure E1.1 Representation of the X-ray structure of 33a.
(5aS,6R,9S,9aR)-6,11,11-trimethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4b]quinoxaline, 34


Compound 33a ( $1.53 \mathrm{~g}, 6.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}(0.49 \mathrm{~g}, 12.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in THF $(40 \mathrm{~mL})$ in a 100 mL Schlenk flask, and $\mathrm{BH}_{3}$.THF complex ( $25.6 \mathrm{~mL}, 25.6 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{M}$ in THF) was slowly added at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then 15 h at 40 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Afterwards, the mixture was quenched with $\mathrm{MeOH}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and stirred for 1 h .2 M aqueous HCl was added and the mixture was stirred for another 1 h . After neutralization with $2 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{NaOH}(\mathrm{aq})$ to pH 12 , the mixture was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$. After drying over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ the solvents were distilled off. The crude product was purified by flashchromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (20:10:1) as eluent to afford 0.86 g ( $55 \%$ ) as a white solid with $\mathrm{mp} 195^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomp). Determined by HPLC diastereomeric excess: $\mathrm{de}=$ $87 \%$. Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol = $70 / 30$, flow-rate $0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: 5-10 $\mu \mathrm{L}$. Retention times: 9.0 and 9.5 min (minor diastereomers), 13.3 min (major).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.39(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.2,1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.32 (br s, 1H), $3.96(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{dd}, J=3.6,7.2,1 \mathrm{H}), 1.80-$ $1.69(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.17-1.03(\mathrm{~m}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.99(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 0.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 139.94,138.16,133.29,128.45,107.76,63.39,59.48,51.60$, 48.59, 47.00, 34.79, 25.37, 22.32, 21.09, 20.52, 11.59.

IR (neat): 3235 (m), 2949 ( s , 2869 ( s$), 1599$ ( s , 1527 ( s$), 1477$ (m), 1351 ( s$), 1308$ (vs), 1276 (vs), 1234 (m), 1175 (m), 1135 (m), 1105 (m), 1052 (m), 884 (w), 811 (s), 742 (w), 590 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ (w).
HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 243.1736; found: 243.1733.
((5aS,6R,9S,9aR)-6,11,11-trimethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-5,10-diyl)bis(phenylmethanone), 35


Acylation of diamine $\mathbf{3 4}$ by benzoyl chloride was carried out according general procedure $\mathbf{I}$. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc/hexanes (1:3) as eluent to afford $64 \%(400 \mathrm{mg})$ of $\mathbf{3 5}$ as a mixture of diastereomers (de $=70 \%$ ). Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column analytical, hexane/i-propanol $=95 / 5$, flow-rate 1.0 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: 5-10 $\mu \mathrm{L}$. Retention times: 26.0 and 38.5 min (minor diastereomers), 34.1 min (major).

Recrystallization from ether/hexane mixture at $5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gives 190 mg of $\mathbf{3 5}$ with de $=97 \%$ as a white solid with $\mathrm{mp} 218-220^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+92.0^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $7.40-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.36(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.99-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.71-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.57-1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.44-1.36(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.15(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 170.73, 170.48, 147.46, 144.20, 138.91, 135.21, 135.04, $131.16,131.14,130.39,128.69,128.64,128.60,128.52,128.46,128.44,120.09,68.16,66.90$, 52.49, 51.60, 44.94, 36.19, 27.57, 23.97, 20.94, 11.39.

IR (neat): 2957 (w), 1662 (m), 1652 (m), 1576 (w), 1509 (w), 1446 (w), 1342 (m), 1318 (m), 1256 (w), 1134 (w), 836 (w), 779 (w), 695 (m) cm ${ }^{-1}$.
HRMS (EI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 452.2338; found: 452.2316.

## (5aS,6R,9S,9aR)-5,10-dibenzyl-6,11,11-trimethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline, 51



Reduction of compound $\mathbf{3 5}$ ( 190 mg ) was carried out according general procedure II. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{TEA}$ (40:1) as eluent to afford $42 \%(74 \mathrm{mg})$ of $\mathbf{5 I}$ as off-white oil. Diastereomeric excess determined by HPLC: de > 99\%.

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol $=70 / 30$, flow-rate $0.7 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: $5-10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$. Retention times: 5.8 and 7.4 min (minor diastereomers), 8.9 min (major).
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{20}=+33.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H})$, 7.23 - 7.16 (m, 2H), $6.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.79(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=17.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.58$ (dd, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=17.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.42(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=18.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.13-2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.85-1.71(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.62-1.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.23-1.11(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.07$ $(\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 139.42,138.70,138.09,137.64,131.89,129.06,128.63$, $126.88,126.81,126.53,126.32,107.02,69.41,64.20,56.91,54.43,51.31,48.78,46.41$, 35.96, 25.66, 22.19, 20.62, 14.15.

HRMS (EI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{~N}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 424.2753$; found: 424.2734.

## E1.3 General procedure for kinetic measurements.

Three stock solutions were prepared in dry calibrated 5 mL flasks. Stock solution A: 1.2 M in acetic anhydride ( 612.5 mg ) and 0.6 M in 1,4-dioxane. Stock solution B: $1.8 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{in}^{\mathrm{NEt}}{ }_{3}$ $(910.7 \mathrm{mg})$ and 0.6 M in ethynylcyclohexanol ( 372.5 mg ). Stock solution C: 0.06 M in catalyst ( $10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ relative to alcohol). A nitrogen-flushed dry NMR tube was filled with 0.2 mL each of stock solution A, B and C. The NMR tube was fused with a gas burner and immediately injected into a Varian Mercury 200 MHz NMR. FIDs were collected in defined time intervals and the obtained multiple FID ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMRs analyzed by integration of the product peaks with a self-written subroutine using the VNMR software package (Figure E1.2).


Figure E1.2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 200 MHz ) spectrum of reaction mixture during the kinetic measurement.

The conversion can either be calculated directly from the intensities of reactant and product peaks, or by using dioxane as an internal standard. The following two equations for quantifying the conversion then apply:
with standard:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { conv. }=\frac{\left(I_{\text {Ester }} / 3\right)}{\left(I_{\text {Dioxane }} / 8\right)} \cdot 100 \% \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

without standard:
conv. $=\frac{I_{\text {Ester }}}{0.25 \cdot\left(I_{\text {Ac }_{2} O}+I_{\text {HNE }_{3} O A c}+I_{\text {Ester }}\right)} \cdot 100 \%$

Dependence of the conversion vs. time $t$ was fitted by equation (3) for the second-order reaction kinetics:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { conv. }=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{1}{2 e^{k\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1}\right)  \tag{3}\\
& k=k_{2}[R O H]_{0} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k_{2}$ is a rate-constant of the second-order reaction; $t_{0}$ has a meaning of time axis offset. With this parameter in the fitting process it's not necessary to measure the starting point of the reaction exactly. The variable $y_{0}$ allows for rescaling of the conversion axis.

A half-life can be calculated with equation (5):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{1 / 2}=\frac{\ln 1.5}{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table E1.1. Catalytic activity of the 3,4-diamino and 4-aminopyridines. ${ }^{\text {a }}$


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| catalyst | run | $k_{2}, 1 \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\Delta k_{2}$ | $c_{1}$ | $t_{0}$, min | $t_{1 / 2}, \mathrm{~min}$ | $\Delta t_{1 / 2}, \mathrm{~min}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{D M A P}^{\mathbf{b}}$ | 1 | $2.18 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.39 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.010 | -28 | $\mathbf{1 5 5 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 7}$ |
| $\mathbf{P P Y}$ | 1 | $5.15 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $5.52 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.082 | -28 | $\mathbf{6 6 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 b}$ | 1 | $1.90 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $3.03 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.088 | -8 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 f}$ | 1 | $6.35 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $9.04 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.011 | -8 | 53.2 | 0.8 |
| $\mathbf{5 f}$ | 2 | $7.20 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.77 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.070 | -8 | 46.9 | 1.2 |
| $\mathbf{5 f}$ | 3 | $7.07 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.04 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.999 | -9 | 47.8 | 0.1 |
| $\mathbf{5 f}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{4 9 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 g}$ | 1 | $7.37 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $4.17 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.953 | -22 | 45.9 | 0.3 |
| $\mathbf{5 g}$ | 2 | $7.96 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.04 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 0.997 | -15 | 42.5 | 0.6 |
| $\mathbf{5 g}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{4 4 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 h}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{3 5 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 l}$ | 1 | $2.35 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.12 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.983 | -18 | 143.9 | 0.7 |
| $\mathbf{5 l}$ | 2 | $2.51 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $8.71 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 1.055 | -20 | 134.7 | 0.5 |
| $\mathbf{5 l}$ | 3 | $2.52 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $7.10 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 1.037 | -19 | 133.9 | 0.4 |
| $\mathbf{5 l}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 3 7 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 k}$ | 1 | $2.99 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.44 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.911 | -60 | 112.9 | 0.5 |
| $\mathbf{5 k}$ | 2 | $2.78 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.17 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.043 | -17 | 121.5 | 0.9 |
| $\mathbf{5 k}$ | 3 | $2.96 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $8.84 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 1.052 | -21 | 114.0 | 0.3 |
| $\mathbf{5 k}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 1 6 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 0}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 d}$ | 1 | $1.90 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $2.41 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.015 | -8 | 17.8 | 0.2 |
| $\mathbf{5 d}$ | 2 | $1.70 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $3.70 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.087 | -9 | 19.9 | 0.4 |
| $\mathbf{5 d}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 8 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |
| $\mathbf{l n}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Fitted conversion plots.

Fitting parameters:
$k a=k_{2}[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}$, where $k_{2}$ is the rate-constant of the second-order reaction;
t 0 has a meaning of time axis offset ( $t_{0}$ in equation 3 );
y 0 allows rescaling of the conversion axis ( $y_{0}$ in equation 3 ).






Table E1.2. Kinetic measurements with $5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ of the catalyst $\mathbf{5 d}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$


| catalyst | run | $k_{2}, 1 \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\Delta k_{2}$ | $c_{1}$ | $t_{0}, \min$ | $t_{1 / 2}, \min$ | $\Delta t_{1 / 2}, \min$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{5 d}$ | 1 | $8.23 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.89 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.018 | -8 | 41.1 | 0.5 |
| 5d | 2 | $8.90 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $3.04 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.024 | -8 | 38.0 | 0.5 |
| $\mathbf{5 d}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{4 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.05$ equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


Figure E1.5. Conversion-time plots for catalysts PPY, 5b and 5d (5 and 10\%).


## Chapter 4: Experimental details

## E4.1. Achiral catalysts.

## General procedure III. Synthesis of urea-catalysts.

Compound (rac)-31b or 31d ( 1 mmol ) was dissolved in freshly distilled $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. To this solution the corresponding iso(thio)cyanate ( 1 mmol ) was added. After stirring 12 h at RT the reaction mixture was quenched with methanol ( 1 mL ). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography.

## Physical data of catalysts.

## 1-ethyl-N-phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, cat81ur1



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $99 \%$ of cat81ur1 as pale yellow foam.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.25(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 8.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, NH and Ph$), 7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.02(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 3.84(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.40\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.19\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=152.98,147.05,143.82,143.56,138.39,128.85,123.37$, $121.43,119.72,105.45,77.58,77.36,77.16,76.73,47.49,44.57,38.91,11.09$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 283.1559; found: 283.1551 .

## 1-ethyl-N-phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carbothioamide, cat81ur2



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $13 \%$ of cat81ur2.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.25$ (br s, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ and NH), $8.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), 7.36 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.31 (m, 2H, Ph), 7.18 (m, 1H, Ph), 6.57 (d, $J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), 4.46 (br s, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.49\left(\mathrm{t}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.41\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.22\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=180.96(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 147.68,144.40,143.59,138.97,128.69$, 126.12, 125.18, 120.81, 105.96, 47.27, 44.44, 44.33, 11.15.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 299.1330$; found: 299.1324 .

N-benzyl-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, cat81ur3


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford 73\% of cat81ur3 as pale yellow foam.
$R_{f}=0.28\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.19(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-5), 7.98\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7\right), 7.27(\mathrm{~m}$, 5 H, Phenyl), 6.53 (d, $\left.{ }^{3} J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-8\right), 5.75(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 4.44\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\right.$ 15), $3.82\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3\right), 3.40(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2$ and $\mathrm{H}-11), 1.19\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\right.$ 12).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=155.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, $146.6(7), 143.6\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}\right), 143.6(5), 138.9\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}\right)$, 128.6 (Phenyl), 127.5 (Phenyl), 127.3 (Phenyl), 121.7 ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 105.3 (8), 47.4 (2), 44.9 (15), 44.6 (11), 39.1 (3), 11.0 (12).

IR (neat): 3183 (w), 2925 (w), 1652 (s), 1598 (m), 1518 (s), 1431 (m), 1351 (s), 1323 (s), 1286 (m), 1270 (m), 1200 (m), 1178 (m), 1120 (w), 1179 (m), 1044 (m), 960 (w), 924 (w), $878(\mathrm{~m}), 815(\mathrm{~m}), 730(\mathrm{~m}), 712(\mathrm{~s}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}:$297.1710; found: 297.1709; $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 295.1564$; found: 295.1560 .

## N-benzyl-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carbothioamide, cat81ur4



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $92 \%$ of cat81ur4.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, Ph), 7.12 (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), 6.53 (d, $J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}$ ), 4.88 (d, $J=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ ), 4.44 (br s, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.42\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.19\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=182.11$ (C=O), 147.46, 144.40, 143.74, 137.47, 128.73, 127.74, 127.61, 120.60, 105.94, 50.10, 47.27, 44.76, 44.40, 11.13.

HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 313.1487$; found: 313.1480.

$\mathbf{N}$-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)carboxamide, cat81ur1f


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $59 \%$ of cat81ur1f.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.34(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 8.20(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 8.02(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}), 7.93$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.53(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 3.90(\mathrm{t}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.58-3.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.25\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=152.64(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 147.19,143.70,140.42,132.04\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}=33\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, C \mathrm{CF}_{3}$ ), $123.2\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}=273 \mathrm{~Hz}, C \mathrm{~F}_{3}\right), 120.73,119.64,119.55,116.29,105.57,47.57$, 44.62, 39.00, 11.08.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 419.1307$; found: 419.1296.
(rac)-5-ethyl-N-phenyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)carboxamide, cat11ur1



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $70 \%$ of cat11ur1 as white foam.
$R_{f}=0.24\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.24(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 8.09\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3\right), 7.36(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-20), 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-21), 7.06(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}), 7.01\left(\mathrm{tt},{ }^{3} J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\right.$ 22), $6.66\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-11\right), 4.71\left(\mathrm{dt},{ }^{3} J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-13\right), 3.58(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15$ ), 3.56 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-12$ ), 3.34 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15$ ), 2.20 (dt, ${ }^{3} J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J=2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}), 1.74\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}\right), 1.67\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}\right), 1.59\left(\mathrm{tt},{ }^{3} J=12.1\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz},{ }^{4} J=3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}\right), 1.46$ (m, 2 H, H-Cy), 1.20 (m, $5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-16$ and $\left.2 \mathrm{xH} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=152.6$ (17), 147.0 (3), 145.0 (11), 144.4 (1), 138.3 (19), 128.9 (21), 123.3 (22), 120.5 (14), 119.4 (20), 106.7 (4), 53.0 (12), 49.4 (13), 39.7 (15), 28.3 (Сy), 26.1 (Сy), 24.8 (Сy), 18.9 (Cy), 12.2 (16).
IR (neat): 3183 (w), 2930 (w), 2861 (w), 1667 (s), 1596 (m), 1512 (s), 1460 (w), 1440 (m), 1399 (w), 1378 (m), 1355 (m), 1318 (m), 1282 (m), 1230 ( ), 1197 (w), 1169 (m), 1121 ( w ), 1097 (w), 1070 (w), 1024 (m), 973 (w), 898 (w), 815 (w), 763 (m), 747 (m), 734 (m), 689 (m) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O} \quad[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 337.2023; found: 337.2021; $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 335.1877; found: 335.1872.

## (rac)-N-benzyl-5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)carboxamide, cat11ur2




The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $47 \%$ of cat11ur2 as white foam.
$R_{f}=0.48\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 7.98\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3\right), 7.24(\mathrm{~m}$, 5 H , Phenyl), $6.58\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4\right), 5.56(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}), 4.66\left(\mathrm{dt},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=\right.$ $4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-13), 4.47\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{2} J=14.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-19\right), 4.32\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{2} J=14.9 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} J\right.$ $=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-19), 3.54(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15), 3.48(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-12), 3.31(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15), 2.18(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}), 1.63$ (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}$ ), 1.44 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}$ ), 1.15 (m, $5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-16$ and 2x H-Cy). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=155.6$ (17), 146.6 (3), 144.9 (11), 144.6 (1), 138.9 (20), 128.6 (Phenyl), 127.5 (Phenyl), 127.2 (Phenyl), 120.8 (14), 106.6 (4), 52.7 (12), 49.6 (13), 44.8 (19), 39.5 (15), 28.3 (Cy), 26.1 (Cy), 24.8 (Cy), 18.9 (Cy), 12.0 (16).

IR (neat): 2938 (w), 2861 (w), 1656 (m), 1595 (m), 1510 (m), 1474 (m), 1434 (m), 1379 (m), 1357 (m), 1332 (m), 1280 ( s), 1236 (s), 1168 ( s), 1124 ( s), 1028 (m), 1000 (w), 970 (m), 942 (w), 882 (m), 807 (m), 767 (m), 723 (m), $702(\mathrm{~m}), 682(\mathrm{~s}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 351.2179$; found: 351.2179.
(rac)-N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)-carboxamide, cat11ur3



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $66 \%$ of cat11ur3 as off-white solid with $\mathrm{mp} 112-114^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$R_{f}=0.51\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.24$ (s, 1H, N-H), 8.17 ( $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1$ ), 8.01 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-20$ ), 7.95 (d, ${ }^{3} J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3$ ), $7.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-22), 6.64\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4\right), 4.76$ (dt, ${ }^{3} J$ $\left.=12.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-13\right), 3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-12$ and $\mathrm{H}-15), 3.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15), 2.26$ (d, $\left.{ }^{2} J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}\right), 1.68$ (m, 2H, H-Cy), 1.53 (m, 3H, H-Cy), 1.25 (m, 5H, H-16 and $2 \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}$ ).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=152.3$ (17), 146.8 (3), 145.0 (11), 144.0 (1), 140.4 (19), $132.0\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}=33 \mathrm{~Hz}, 21\right), 123.0\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}=273 \mathrm{~Hz}, 23\right), 119.8$ (20), 119.4 (14), 116.2 (22), 106.8 (4), 53.3 (12), 49.7 (13), 39.6 (15), 28.3 (Cy), 25.9 (Cy), 24.7 (Сy), 18.9 (Сy), 12.1 (16).

IR (neat): 3205 (w), 2964 (w), 2924 (w), 2859 (w), 1653 (s), 1594 (m), 1510 (s), 1452 (w), 1432 (w), 1366 (m), 1314 (m), 1283 (s), 1265 (m), 1234 (s), 1215 (m), 1172 (m), 1145 (w), 1125 (m), 1088 (w), 1036 (m), 968 (m), 895 (w), 842 (w), 810 (m), 766 (m), 722 ( s , 708 (m), $660(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.
HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 473.1771$; found: 473.1767; $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 471.1625$; found: 471.1614.

NOESY:

(rac)-N-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline- $10(5 \mathrm{H})$-carbothioamide, cat11ur4


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $40 \%$ of cat11ur4 as off-white solid with m.p. $128-130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.98$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), $8.05(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.89(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH})$, 7.85 (d, $J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.65(\mathrm{dt}, J=4.2$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Cy}}\right), 3.66(\mathrm{~m}, J=3.4,1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 3.58\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $2.23\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.75\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.63\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.50\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $1.23\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=180.14(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 147.03,144.93,144.60,141.12,131.43$, $124.58,121.68,119.74,118.54,107.16,104.04,55.30,53.32,39.94,28.29,25.11,24.36$, 18.81, 12.38.

IR (neat): 2934 (w), 2360 (w), 1597 (m), 1512 (s), 1470 (w), 1443 (w), 1378 (m), 1359 ( s), 1285 (s), 1240 (s), 1166 (s), 1138 (m), 1124 (s), 1067 (w), 1000 (m), 973 (m), 884 (w), 846 (w), 804 (m), 771 (m), $680(\mathrm{~s}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{~S}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 473.1548$; found: 489.1537 .

## E4.2 Chiral catalysts.

E4.2.1 The catalysts PhEt and CyPhEt were prepared from (S)-(1-isocyanatoethyl)benzene and amines 31d and 31b, respectively, according to general procedure III.

## (S)-1-Ethyl-N-(1-phenylethyl)-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, PhEt



The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $69 \%$ of PhEt as white foam.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+37.4^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
$R_{f}=0.26\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-5), 8.06\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7\right), 7.30(\mathrm{~m}$, 5 H, Phenyl), 6.56 (d, 7.30, ${ }^{3} J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-8$ ), $5.49\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}\right), 5.04$ (m, 1 H, H-15), 3.78 (m, 2 H, H-3), $3.40\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-11\right.$ ), 3.36 (m, 2 H, H-2), 1.47 (d, ${ }^{3} J$ $=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-20), 1.20\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-12\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=154.8$ (13), 146.8 (7), $143.9\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}\right), 143.7\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}\right), 143.5$ (5), 128.7 (19 or 18), 127.2 (19 or 18), 125.9 (17), 121.8 (8), 105.4 ( $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{q}}$ ), 50.5 (15), 47.4 (2), 44.6 (11), 38.9 (3), 22.5 (20), 11.1 (12).

IR (neat): 3205 (w), 2971 (w), 2930.7 (w), 1675 (m), 1594 (s), 1517 (s), 1449 (m), 1337 (s), 1449 (m), 1235 (s), 1220 (m), 1181 (s), 1120 (m), 1092 (m), 1043 (m), 941 (w), 911 (w), 883 (m), 800 (m), 749 ( s$), 680(\mathrm{~s}), 663(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 311.1866$; found: 311.1866; m/z calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 309.1721$; found: 309.1718.
(rac)-5-Ethyl-N-((S)-1-phenylethyl)-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)-carboxamide, CyPhEt



The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $80 \%$ of $\mathbf{C y P h E t}$ as off-white foam. The product is obtained as a diastereomeric mixture with de $=1: 1$ (determined by NMR).
$R_{f}=0.54\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2} ; \mathrm{EtAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}=10: 1\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.23\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1^{\prime}\right), 8.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 8.05\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3$ ) , 8.04 (d, ${ }^{3} J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3$ ), 7.34 (m, 4 H, Phenyl+Phenyl'), 7.26 ( $\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, Phenyl+Phenyl'), 7.19 (m, 2 H, Phenyl+Phenyl'), 6.62 (d, ${ }^{3} J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4{ }^{\prime}$ ), 6.61 (d, ${ }^{3} J$ $=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4), 5.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{xN}-\mathrm{H}), 5.00\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-19+\mathrm{H}-19^{\prime}\right), 4.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-$ $13+\mathrm{H}-13^{\prime}$ ), 3.56 (m, 2 H, H-15+H-15'), 3.49 (m, 1 H, H-12'), 3.39 (m, 1 H, H-12), 3.32 (m, 2 $\left.\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15+\mathrm{H}-15^{\prime}\right), 2.16\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}\right), 1.62\left(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}\right), 1.49\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=6.9\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-24^{\prime}\right), 1.41\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}\right), 1.36\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-24\right), 1.19\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=\right.$ $\left.7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-16^{\prime}\right), 1.15\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-16\right)$.
${ }^{13}{ }^{1}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=154.8$ (17'), 154. 6 (17), 146.6 (3'), 146.5 (3), 144.9 ( $11+11^{\prime}$ ), 144.4 ( $1^{\prime}$ ), 144.3 (1), 144.0 ( $20+20^{\prime}$ ), 128.7 ( $22^{\prime}$ ), 128.6 ( 22 ), 127.2 ( $23^{\prime}$ ), 127.1 (23), $126.0\left(21^{\prime}\right), 125.9(21), 121.0\left(14^{\prime}\right), 120.9$ (14), $106.8\left(4^{\prime}\right), 106.7(4), 52.9$ (12'), 52.8 (12), 50.5 (19'), 50.4 (19), 49.6 (13'), 49.4 (13), 39.7 (15'), 39.5 (15), 28.4 ( $\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}$ ), 28.2 (Сy), 26.1 ( $\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}$ ), 26.0 (Сy), 24.8 ( $\left.\mathrm{Cy}+\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}\right), 22.6$ (24$), 22.4$ (24), 19.0 ( $\mathrm{Cy}^{\prime}$ ), 18.9 (Су), 12.1 (16'), 12.0 (16).

IR (neat): 3208 (w), 2971 (w), 2933 (w), 2861 (w), 1737 (w), 1649 (m), 1592 (m), 1506 (s), 1448 (m), 1353 (m), 1317 (m), 1281 ( s), 1234 ( s), 1212 (m), 1173 (m), 1144 ( w$), 1096$ (m), 1066 (m), 1029 (m), 970 (m), 910 (w), 802 (m), $760(\mathrm{~m}), 730(\mathrm{~s}), 690(\mathrm{~s}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.
HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 365.2336$; found: 365.2333; $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 363.2190$; found: 363.2186.

E4.2.2 General procedure IV. Synthesis of the isocyanato carboxylic acid esters ${ }^{[66]}$ and subsequent reaction with amine 31b or 31d.

A solution of ( $S$ )-aminoacid methyl ester ( 1.43 mmol ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to a solution of di-tert-butyl dicarbonate ( $436 \mathrm{mg}, 2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMAP ( $87 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at RT. Then a solution of amine 31b or 31d $(1.43 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at RT and then quenched with 1 mL methanol. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$.
(S)-Methyl 2-(1-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4-carboxamido)-3phenylpropanoate, PheOMe


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $50 \%$ of product as off-white oil.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+9.6^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.05\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2\right), 8.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-12$ ), 7.09 (m, 2H, H-12), $6.52\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3\right), 5.55\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}-\right.$ 8), $4.76\left(\mathrm{td},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{3} \mathrm{~J}=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-9\right), 3.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7), 3.72(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-11), 3.52$ (m, 1H, H-7), $3.37\left(\mathrm{q},{ }^{3} J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-5\right), 3.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 3.18\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J=\right.$ $13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-10), 3.00\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J=13.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-10\right), 1.18\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}\right.$, $\mathrm{H}-4)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=172.5(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 155.1,147.1,144.0,143.4,136.0,129.0$, 128.7, 127.1, 121.3, 105.3, 54.8, 52.3, 47.3, 44.5, 39.1, 37.9, 11.1.

IR (neat): 2973 (w), 2933 (w), 1741 (m), 1654 (m), 1597 (m), 1512 (s), 1453 (w), 1434 (w), 1346 (m), 1286 (m), 1237 (m), 1198 (s), 1176 (s), 1090 (w), 1043 (m), 931 (w), 884 (w), 804 (w), 700 ( s , $664(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 369.1927$; found: 369.1919.
(S)-Methyl 2-(1-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4-carboxamido)-3methylbutanoate, ValOMe


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $68 \%$ of product as off-white oil.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+18.4^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 8.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.54(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 4.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=8.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHNH})$, $4.02\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.69\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{COOCH}_{3}\right), 3.49\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.36(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.12\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 1.18\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.95$ (d, $\left.J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 0.85\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=172.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 155.4,146.9,143.7,143.4,121.5,105.4,58.9$, 52.04, 47.4, 44.6, 39.1, 31.0, 19.2, 18.0, 11.0.

IR (neat): 2965 (w), 2874 (w), 2362 (w), 1738 (m), 1657 (s), 1595 (s), 1502 (s), 1433 (m), 1347 ( s), 1287 (m), 1235 (m), 1179 (s), 1118 (m), 1078 (w), 1042 (m), 996 (w), 926 (w), 883 (w), 804 (m), 743 (m), 730 ( s$) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 321.1927; found: 321.1920.
(S)-Methyl 2-(1-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4-carboxamido)-3,3dimethylbutanoate, TleOMe


The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $34 \%$ of product as yellow oil.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+21.4^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.21(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 7.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 6.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 5.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}-8), 4.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-9), 3.99(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}-7$ ), 3.62 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-11$ ), 3.41 ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7$ ), 3.31 (m, 4H, H-5 and H-6), 1.12 (t, $J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-4), 0.89$ (s, 9H, H-10).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=172.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 155.3,147.0,143.7$, 143.4, 121.3, 105.4, 61.9, 51.6, 47.3, 44.5, 39.1, 34.3, 26.7, 11.0.

IR (neat): 2964 (w), 2872 (w), 1736 (m), 1667 (s), 1594 (m), 1502 (s), 1476 (w), 1432 (w), 1340 (s), 1286 (m), 1237 (m), 1208 (s), 1180 (s), 1164 (s), 1089 (w), 1041 (m), 990 (w), 880 (w), 801 (w), 754 (m), 732 (m) cm ${ }^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 335.2083; found: 335.2076.
(S)-Methyl 2-((cis)-5-ethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10-carboxamido)-3-phenylpropanoate, CyPheOMe



The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford 59\% of CyPheOMe as yellow oil. Diastereomeric ratio determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR: $\mathrm{de}=1.2: 1$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Py}), 8.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Py}), 8.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $\left.5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Py}{ }^{\prime}\right), 7.31$ (m, 4H, Ph+Ph'), 7.16 ( $\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}+\mathrm{Ph}$ ), 6.96 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}+\mathrm{Ph}$ ) $) 6.63$ ( d , $J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Py}), 6.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Py}$ ) $, 5.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 5.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $\left.7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}^{\prime}\right), 4.73$ (dt, $\left.J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}+\mathrm{CH}^{\prime}\right), 4.57(\mathrm{dq}, J=4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $\left.12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}+\mathrm{CH}^{\prime}\right), 3.73\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{COOCH}_{3}\right), 3.68\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{COOCH}_{3}{ }^{\prime}\right), 3.56(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.45$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.19\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}{ }^{\prime}\right), 3.10\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{2} J\right.$ $\left.=13.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.41(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, 1.17 (m, 10H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=172.7$ (C=O), 172.2 (C=O), 155.1, 154.8, 146.9, 146.7, $144.9,144.86,144.7,144.6,136.1,136.0,129.1,129.0,128.8,128.4,127.2,126.9,120.6$, $120.3,106.6,106.6,55.0,54.7,52.9,52.6,52.3,52.2,49.7,39.8,39.5,38.0,37.8,28.3,28.2$, 26.0, 24.8, 18.9, 18.9, 12.2, 12.0.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 423.2396$; found: 423.2389.

## E4.2.3. General procedure V. Grignard reaction.

A solution of Grignard reagent PhMgBr or $\mathrm{NphMgBr}(25 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 25 mL ) was added to a solution of the corresponding methyl ester ( 1.4 mmol ) in THF $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After stirring for 48 h at RT the reaction mixture was quenched by adding 20 ml of saturated aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$, and the precipitate was filtered off. The filtrate was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20$ $\mathrm{ml})$ and the organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The crude product was purified by the column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$.

## (S)-N-(1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-2,2-diphenylethyl)-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, $\mathrm{PhePh}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ <br> 

The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (10:1) as eluent to afford $27 \%$ of $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ as off-white foam.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=-19.6^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}), 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}), 7.52(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}$ ), $7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.25\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 6.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{NH})$, $5.19(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHNH}), 3.67\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.27\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.99\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.29(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{OH}), 1.09\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=171.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 156.0,146.8,145.6,145.0,143.6,142.8$, 139.7, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 126.6, 126.4, 126.2, 126.0, 125.6, 121.6, 105.1, 80.8, 60.3, 47.2, 44.6, 39.4, 29.7, 11.1.

IR (neat): 2917 (w), 2874 (w), 2361 (w), 1734 (w), 1654 (m), 1600 (s), 1514 (s), 14483 (m), 1343 ( s), 1288 (m), 1236 (s), 1177 (s), 1118 (m), 1062 (m), 1044 (s), 963 (w), 886 (w), 803 (m), 748 ( s ), 739 ( s$) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 493.2603; found: 493.2594.

# (S)-N-(2-Hydroxy-1-isopropyl-2,2-diphenylethyl)-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, $\mathrm{ValPh}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ 



The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}(10: 1)$ as eluent to afford $63 \%$ of $\mathbf{V a l P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ as off-white solid with m.p. 195-198 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=-36.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.97\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 7.59\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, m-\mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 7.22$ $\left(\mathrm{m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, o-\right.$ and $\left.p-\mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Ph}}\right), 6.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right.$ and NH$), 5.96\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 5.18(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHNH}), 4.70\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NCO}\right), 3.37\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.13(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.85\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.00\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 1.17\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$, $1.04\left(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.96\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=156.4,148.0,146.2,145.2,143.4,143.3,128.0,127.6$, $126.2,126.1,126.0,125.4,121.7,105.4,81.8,60.7,48.0,44.5,39.5,29.1,23.4,19.4,11.2$.
HRMS (EI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right]$: 444.2525; found: 444.2513.
(cis)-N-((S)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-2,2-diphenylethyl)-5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)-carboxamide, $\mathrm{CyPhePh}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$



The crude product was purified by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford $83 \%$ of product as $1.2: 1$ diastereomeric mixture. Diastereomeric ratio can be determined by NMR, as well as by chiral HPLC (OD-H column), giving the same results. This mixture can be resolved by the recrystallization from $\mathrm{EtOH} /$ ethylacetate mixture, giving a single diastereomer with de $=92 \%$ (determined by chiral HPLC) as white solid with m.p. 200-205 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomp).

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol $=95 / 5$, flow-rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: $5-10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$. Retention times: 12.3 min (minor diastereomer), 13.8 min (major).
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{22}=-22.2^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.06(\mathrm{~m}$, $11 \mathrm{H}), 6.62(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 6.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.27(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CHNH}), 4.56-4.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 3.48-3.33\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.25-3.06\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.95$ (d, $J=11.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $2.12\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.74-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.57-1.32$ $(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.12-0.95(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 0.96-0.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=171.1,155.7,147.1,145.6,145.0,144.6,144.1,139.7$, 129.4, 128.2, 127.7, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.6, 120.7, 106.4, 80.8, 52.6, 49.6, 38.7, 28.2, 25.8, 24.7, 18.8, 11.9.

IR (neat): 3201 (w), 2936 (w), 2918 (w), 2850 (w), 2362 (w), 1725 (w), 1644 (m), 1626 (m), 1598 (m), 1509 (s), 1448 (m), 1343 ( s), 1316 (m), 1282 (s), 1235 (s), 1172 (m), 1062 (m), 1036 (m), 968 (w), 897 (w), 800 (m), 745 ( s$), 730$ ( s$) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.
HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 547.3073$; found: 547.3063.
(S)-N-(1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-2,2-di(1-naphthyl)-ethyl)-1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-
b]pyrazine-4(1H)-carboxamide, PheNph
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The crude product was purified by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford $34 \%$ of $\mathbf{P h e N p h} \mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{O H}$ as off-white foam.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=-8.4^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=8.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=20.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}), 7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.47$ (m, 6H, CH), $7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 7.06(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}), 6.02(\mathrm{~d}, J$ $\left.=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 5.44(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 3.78\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.24\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $2.81(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.74\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=156.1$ (C=O), 145.6, 144.1, 143.7, 143.3, 142.7, 139.5, 133.3, 133.1, 132.3, 132.2, 132.0, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.3, 128.1, 127.4, 127.4, 127.3, $126.2,126.0,125.8,125.8,125.6,125.3,124.3,124.2,121.5,105.1,81.1,46.8,44.1,39.4$, 10.6 .

IR (neat): 3055 (w), 2925 (w), 2360 (w), 1657 (m), 1600 (s), 1506 (s), 1452 (m), 1340 (s), 1270 (m), 1237 (m), 1178 (m), 1121 (m), 1081 (m), 1044 (s), 886 (w), 817 (m), 745 (s), 695 (s) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{39} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 593.2917; found: 593.2906.

## (cis)-N-((S)-1-Benzyl-2-hydroxy-2,2-di(1-naphthyl)-ethyl)-5-ethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydropyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-10(5H)-carboxamide, $\mathrm{CyPheNph}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$




The crude product was purified by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford $60 \%$ of $\mathbf{C y P h e N p h} \mathbf{2}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ as 1.2:1 diastereomeric mixture. Diastereomeric ratio can be determined by NMR, as well as by chiral HPLC (OD-H column), giving the same results.

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-H column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol $=75 / 25$, flow-rate $0.3 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: $5-10 \mu \mathrm{~L}$. Retention times: 18.6 min and 20.6 min .
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.31(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 33 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H})$, $6.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 6.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 6.07(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 5.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 4.39(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.99$ (m, 12H), $2.65(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.12(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.91(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{~m}, 19 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{~m}$, 11H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=155.8,144.9,144.1,143.9,143.2,142.8,142.6,139.5$, $139.5,133.3,133.2,133.1,133.0,132.2,132.2,132.1,132.0,129.4,129.4,128.6,128.4$, $128.3,128.3,128.3,128.2,128.2,128.1,128.0,127.9,127.6,127.5,127.4,127.3,126.2$, $126.0,125.8,125.8,125.6,125.5,125.4,124.9,124.3,124.2,124.1,124.1,124.1,124.0$, 120.7, 106.3, 106.1, 81.3, 80.9, 60.4, 52.5, 52.2, 49.8, 49.8, 49.6, 39.7, 38.5, 38.4, 28.0, 27.9, 25.9, 25.7, 24.6, 18.9, 18.9, 18.8, 11.8, 11.1, 8.7.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{43} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 647.3386; found: 647.3375.

## E4.3. Synthesis of the catalyst 53.

## (S)-2-(1-Benzyl-2-(1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-4(1H)-yl)-2-oxo-ethyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione, 51


1.04 g of 31d ( $6.35 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) were dissolved in 15 mL of dry THF. 4.1 mL ( 8.25 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) of a 2.0 M solution of sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide in THF were added dropwise to this solution through a rubber septum at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 minutes $(S)$-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanoyl chloride PhtPheCl ( $8.25 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.3$ equiv.) in 10 mL THF was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched by adding 5 mL of saturated aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc $(3 \times 20 \mathrm{ml})$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{ml})$. The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield an oil that was purified through column chromatography on silica gel with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ (20:1) as eluent to afford $33 \%$ of compound $\mathbf{5 1}$ as pale yellow foam.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.26(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.91(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.14$ $(\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.17(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCHCO}), 4.23\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.44\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.27$ (m, 2H, CH $)_{2}$, $3.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.04\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=167.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, $166.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 147.8,143.0,136.8,133.8$, 131.3, 129.2, 128.4, 126.7, 123.1, 120.9, 104.7, 53.2, 47.3, 44.1, 40.1, 35.0, 10.9.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 441.1927; found: 441.1917.

## (S)-2-Amino-1-(1-ethyl-2,3-dihydropyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-4(1H)-yl)-3-phenylpropan-1one, 52 <br> 

Hydrazine hydrate ( $4.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 200 \mathrm{mg}, 2$ equiv.) was added to a solution of $51(2.0 \mathrm{mmol}$, 880 mg , 1 equiv.) in $\mathrm{MeOH}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stitrring for 48 h at RT 5 ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added to the reaction mixture and the precipitate was filtered off. The solvent was removed under
reduced pressure and the residue was purified through column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc/TEA/MeOH (10:1:1) as eluent to afford $83 \%$ of compound 52 as yellow oil. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+50.2^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.06(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.36(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.91\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right), 4.38(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.01(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=175.2,167.8,146.1,146.1,136.7,129.0,128.9,128.7$, $128.5,128.3,128.2,126.5,120.7,105.0,52.2,47.2,47.1,44.4,42.7,34.2,23.1,22.2,14.7$, 10.9 .

IR (neat): 2972 (w), 2932 (w), 2361 (w), 2342 (w), 1653 (m), 1597 (s), 1526 (s), 1432 (m), 1349(s), 1288 (m), 1236 (s), 1199 (s), 1170 (s), 1119 (m), 1075 (m), 1042 (m), 943 (w), 878 (w), $803(\mathrm{~m}), 746(\mathrm{~s}), 668(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 311.1872$; found: 311.1863.


The compound $\mathbf{5 3}$ was prepared from 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylisocyanate and amine $\mathbf{5 2}$ according to general procedure III. The crude product was purified by flash-chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with EtOAc as eluent to afford $79 \%$ of compound $\mathbf{5 3}$ as yellow solid with m.p. 102$104^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+41.0^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): $\delta=8.78$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), $7.94(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94$ $(\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.47(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 3.51(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.60(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 0.62$ (m, 3H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 60{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): $\delta=170.83,154.64,154.57,154.47,144.77,144.72$, 144.66, 144.64, 143.41, 143.35, 141.88, 131.89, 131.57, 124.95, 122.24, 117.76, 117.73, $114.45,114.40,105.36,57.58,51.47,46.74,46.29,43.96,43.71,39.46,39.39,39.28,39.26$, 37.59, 37.56, 26.29, 10.35, 10.06.

IR (neat): 3338 (w), 2937 (w), 2362 (w), 1702 (w), 1655 (w), 1599 (m), 1528 (m), 1474 (m), 1386 (m), 1348 (w), 1275 (s), 1228 (m), 1170 (s), 1123 (s), 1043 (w), 940 (w), 878 (m), 804 (m), 731 (w), $700(\mathrm{~m}) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.

HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~F}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 566.1991$; found: 566.1979.

## E4.4 Kinetic measurements

## E4.4.1 General procedure for kinetic measurements.

Three stock solutions were prepared in dry calibrated 5 mL flasks. Stock solution A: 1.2 M in acetic anhydride ( 612.5 mg ) and 0.6 M in 1,4-dioxane. Stock solution B: 1.8 M in $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$ $(910.7 \mathrm{mg})$ and 0.6 M in ethynylcyclohexanol ( 372.5 mg ). Stock solution C: catalyst (x mol\% relative to alcohol, $x=2.5-15)$. A nitrogen-flushed dry NMR tube was filled with 0.2 mL each of stock solution A, B and C. The NMR tube was fused with a gas burner and immediately injected into a Varian Mercury 200 MHz NMR. FIDs were collected in defined time intervals and the obtained multiple FID ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMRs analyzed by integration of the product peaks with a self-written subroutine using the VNMR software package. The conversion was calculated directly from the intensities of dioxane (an internal standard) and product peaks:
conv. $=\frac{\left(I_{\text {Ester }} / 3\right)}{\left(I_{\text {Dioxane }} / 8\right)} \cdot 100 \%$
Dependence of the conversion vs. time $t$ was fitted by equation (2):
conv. $=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{1}{2 e^{k\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1}\right)$
$k=k_{2}[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}$

## E4.4.2 Initial rate measurements with catalyst cat11ur3.



E4.4.3 Kinetic measurements with $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ catalyst loading.
Table E4.1. Catalytic activity of the 3,4-diamino and 4-aminopyridines. ${ }^{\text {a }}$


| Catalyst | run | $k_{2}, 1 \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\Delta k_{2}$ | $c_{1}$ | $t_{0}, \min$ | $t_{1 / 2}, \min$ | $\Delta t_{1 / 2}, \min$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cat81ur1 | 1 | $8.56 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.24 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 1.009 | -26 | $\mathbf{3 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ |
| cat81ur1f | 1 |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 2 0 0}^{\text {b }}$ |  |
| cat81ur3 | 1 | $4.67 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $4.69 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.947 | -37 | $\mathbf{7 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| cat81ur5 | 1 | $4.49 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.92 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.871 | -44 | 753 | 7 |
| cat81ur5 | 2 | $4.85 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.59 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.899 | -49 | 697 | 5 |
|  | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{7 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0}$ |
| cat11ur1 | 1 | $7.74 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.27 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.886 | -41 | 436 | 2 |
| cat11ur1 | 2 | $8.72 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $7.10 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.995 | -41 | 387 | 3 |
|  | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{4 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 7}$ |
| cat11ur2 | 1 | $8.55 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $6.42 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.911 | -13 | $\mathbf{3 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| cat11ur3 | 1 | $1.32 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.96 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.896 | -68 | 256 | 4 |
| cat11ur3 | 2 | $1.40 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.11 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.898 | -46 | 241 | 4 |
|  | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| cat11ur4 | 1 | $9.95 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $1.01 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.982 | -4 | $\mathbf{3 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| PheOMe | 1 | $2.84 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $4.20 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.990 | -90 | $\mathbf{1 1 9 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ |
| ValPh $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{O H}$ | 1 | $4.35 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.93 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.956 | -78 | $\mathbf{7 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ |
| CyPhePh $\mathbf{O H}$ | 1 | $7.40 \mathrm{E}-05$ | $3.43 \mathrm{E}-07$ | 0.973 | -13 | $\mathbf{4 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 3}$ | 1 | $2.13 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $7.28 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 0.582 | -71 | $\mathbf{1 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ |

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## Fitted conversion plots.

Fitting parameters:
$k a=k_{2}[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}$, where $k_{2}$ is the rate-constant of the second-order reaction;
t 0 has a meaning of time axis offset ( $t_{0}$ in equation 2 );
y 0 allows rescaling of the conversion axis ( $y_{0}$ in equation 2 ).












## E4.5 Kinetic resolution experiments: general procedure.

A solution of alcohol ( 1 mmol ), $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}(0.75 \mathrm{mmol}, 105 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ and catalyst $(0.01 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 3 mL of solvent (toluene or $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Isobutyric anhydride ( $0.75 \mathrm{mmol}, 124$ $\mu \mathrm{L}$ ) was added dropwise under vigorous stirring. After 9 h $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of reaction mixture was taken off and quenched with 1 mL MeOH . The solvents were removed under reduced pressure and the crude mixture was analyzed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and CSP HPLC.

HPLC retention times of alcohols and corresponding iso-butyrates.

## 1. ( $\pm$ )-1-(1-Naphthyl)ethanol (alc1).

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol $=99 / 1$, flow-rate $1.4 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: 5-10 $\mu \mathrm{L}$. Retention times: 4.7 ( $R$-ester), 6.0 ( $S$-ester), 46.5 ( $S$-alcohol), 78.8 ( $R$-alcohol) min.

## 2. (cis)-4-Dimethylamino-benzoic acid 2-hydroxy-cyclohexyl ester (alc3).

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-column analytical, hexane/i-propanol = 90/10, flow-rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $254 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volume: $20 \mu \mathrm{~L}$. Retention times: 7.2 ( $1 S, 2 R$-ester), 9.1 ( $1 R, 2 S$-ester), 16.5 ( $1 R, 2 S$-alcohol), 29.6 ( $1 S, 2 R$-alcohol) min.

## 3. Trans-2-Phenylcyclohexan-1-ol (alc2).

Conditions for HPLC: Daicel Chiralpak OD-column analytical, hexane $/ i$-propanol $=99.5 / 0.5$, flow-rate $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, detection at $220 \mathrm{~nm}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Injection volumes: 5-10 $\mu \mathrm{L}$. Retention times: 48.8 ( $1 S, 2 R$-alcohol), 54.3 ( $1 R, 2 S$-alcohol) min.

alc1

alc2

Scheme E4.1. Chemical shifts of hydrogens $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ for alcohols and their iso-butyrates.

Conversion of alcohols alc1 and alc2 can be calculated from the integrals of $\alpha$-hydrogen atoms in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of reaction mixture:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=\frac{I_{\text {ester }}}{I_{\text {ester }}+I_{\text {ROH }}} \cdot 100 \% \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

For alcohols alc1 and alc3 the conversion can be calculated from the enantiomeric excesses of alcohol and product:

$$
y=\frac{e e_{\text {ROH }}}{e e_{\text {ester }}+e e_{\text {ROH }}} \cdot 100 \%
$$

The selectivity $s$ was then calculated by using equation (3) for alc1 and alc3 and equation (4) for alcohol alc2:

$$
\begin{align*}
& s=\frac{\ln \left[\left(1-e e_{\text {ROH }}\right) /\left(1+e e_{\text {ROH }} / e e_{\text {ester }}\right)\right]}{\ln \left[\left(1+e e_{\text {ROH }}\right) /\left(1+e e_{\text {ROH }} / e e_{\text {ester }}\right)\right]}  \tag{3}\\
& s=\frac{\ln \left[\left(1-e e_{\text {ROH }}\right)(1-y)\right]}{\ln \left[\left(1+e e_{\text {ROH }}\right)(1-y)\right]}
\end{align*}
$$

## Chapter 5: Experimental details

## E5.1 Determination of activation parameters.

## General procedure for the isobutyrylation of 1-(1-naphthyl)ethanol.

A solution of $2 \mathrm{mmol}( \pm)-1$-(1-naphthyl)ethanol $\mathbf{6 0}, 6 \mathrm{mmol} \mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.33 \mathrm{mmol} 1,3,5-$ trimethoxybenzene and $0.5 \mathrm{~mol} \% \mathrm{PPY}$ in 8 ml toluene was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .4 \mathrm{mmol}$ (i$\mathrm{PrCO})_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added dropwise with vigorous stirring. Every $10-30$ minutes $50 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of the reaction mixture was taken off and quenched with 1 mL MeOH . The solvents were distilled off under reduced pressure and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were measured. Signals of ester ( $\delta 6.64 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) and alcohol ( $\delta 5.70 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) were integrated. Conversion $y$ is given by equation 1 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=\frac{I_{\text {ester }}}{I_{\text {ester }}+I_{\text {ROH }}} \cdot 100 \% \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Dependence of the conversion $y$ vs. time $t$ was fitted by equation 2 for the second-order reaction kinetics:

$$
\begin{align*}
& y=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{1}{2 e^{k\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1}\right)  \tag{2}\\
& k=k_{2}[R O H]_{0} \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k_{2}$ is a rate-constant of the second-order reaction; $t_{0}$ has a meaning of time axis offset. With this parameter in the fitting process it's not necessary to measure the starting point of the reaction exactly. The variable $y_{0}$ allows for rescaling of the conversion axis.

A half-life can be calculated with equation (4):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau_{1 / 2}=\frac{\ln 1.5}{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Table E5.1. Rate constants for PPY-catalyzed acylation , measured at different temperatures.

| $1 / T, 1 / \mathrm{K}$ | 0.005177 | 0.005047 | 0.00492247 | 0.00469 | 0.00448 | 0.004289 | 0.004113 | 0.00403 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T, \mathrm{~K}$ | 193.15 | 198.15 | 203.15 | 213.15 | 223.15 | 233.15 | 243.15 | 248.15 |
| $T,{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -80 | -75 | -70 | -60 | -50 | -40 | -30 | -25 |
| $k, \mathrm{~min}^{-1}$ | 0.00489 | 0.00607 | 0.00778 | 0.01007 | 0.01533 | 0.02507 | 0.03164 | 0.03656 |
|  |  |  | 0.00832 | 0.0115 | 0.01822 | 0.02245 |  |  |
| averaged $k$ | 0.00489 | 0.00607 | 0.00805 | 0.01079 | 0.01678 | 0.02376 | 0.03164 | 0.03656 |
| $\ln (k)$ | -5.320563 | -5.1044 | -4.8220832 | -4.5296 | -4.08787 | -3.73975 | -3.45333 | -3.3088 |
| Absolute error $k$ | $1.70 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.37 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $2.80 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $3.43 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.02 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $3.56 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $4.53 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.46 \mathrm{E}-03$ |
| Relative error $k$ | 0.035 | 0.039 | 0.035 | 0.032 | 0.061 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 0.040 |
| $k_{2}, \mathrm{M}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | 0.000408 | 0.000506 | 0.00067083 | 0.0009 | 0.0014 | 0.00198 | 0.002637 | 0.003047 |
| $\ln \left(k_{2} / T\right)$ | -13.069 | -12.878 | -12.621 | -12.377 | -11.981 | -11.676 | -11.432 | -11.308 |

## Conversion vs time plots at different temperatures.

$-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :

$-25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ :


## Arrhenius plot:



$$
\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{a}}=14.6 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
$$

## E5.2 Synthesis of the catalyst 51-Me.

((5aS,6R,9S,9aR)-6,11,11-trimethyl-5a,6,7,8,9,9a-hexahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline-5,10-diyl)bis((3,5-dimethylphenyl)methanone), 72


The crude product was purified by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes (1:3) as eluent to afford $44 \%$ of $\mathbf{7 2}$ as off-white oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.74(\mathrm{~d}, J=0.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=0.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 4.75$ (d, $J=10.9,1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 2.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 2.31\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 2.30\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $1.62\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.47\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.01\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.85\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.16(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=170.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 170.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 147.8,143.4,138.8,138.2$, $138.2,138.0,135.2,135.0,134.9,132.8,132.7,130.3,127.7,126.4,126.3,120.1,67.6,66.6$, 52.5, 51.6, 44.9, 36.2, 27.6, 24.0, 21.3, 21.3, 21.1, 21.0, 11.3.

IR (neat): 2957 (w), 1662 (m), 1652 (m), 1576 (w), 1509 (w), 1446 (w), 1342 (m), 1318 (m), 1256 (w), 1134 (w), 836 (w), 779 (w), 695 (m) $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.
HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 508.2964; found: 508.2953.
(5aS,6R,9S,9aR)-5,10-bis(3,5-dimethylbenzyl)-6,11,11-trimethyl-5,5a,6,7,8,9,9a,10-octahydro-6,9-methanopyrido[3,4-b]quinoxaline, 51-Me


Reduction of the compound 72 ( 190 mg ) was carried out according general procedure II. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{TEA}$ (40:1) as eluent to afford $40 \%$ of 51-Me as off-white foam.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+22.0^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=7.71\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 7.67\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 6.95(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Ar}}\right), 6.89\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Ar}}\right), 6.80\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, 2 \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Ar}}\right), 6.32\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Py}}\right), 4.70$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2}$ ), $4.53\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=17.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 3.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH})$, $3.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0,1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NCH}), 2.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArCH}_{3}\right), 2.30\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ArCH}_{3}\right), 2.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 1.76\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.56\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.24\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.13(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $1.06\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.84\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=139.1,138.7,138.2,138.2,138.1,137.7,131.5,129.1,128.6$, $128.4,124.3,124.0,106.9,69.3,64.2,56.9,54.6,51.4,48.6,46.4,36.0,25.7,22.2,21.5,21.4$, 21.4, 20.5, 14.2.

IR (neat): 2951 (m), 2874 (w), 2360 (w), 1605 (m), 1579 (s), 1565 (m), 1516 (s), 1455 (m), 1390 (m), 1328 ( s , 1274 ( s$), 1250$ (m), 1204 (m), 1154 (m), 1118 (m), 1065 (m), 1036 (m), 922 (w), 864 (w), 830 ( s , 802 ( s , 688 ( s$) \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$.
HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{~N}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 480.3379$; found: 480.3370 .

## E5.3 Benchmark kinetics and KR with the catalyst 51-Me.

Table E5.2. Catalytic activity of the catalyst 5l-Me. ${ }^{\text {a }}$


| catalyst | run | $k_{2}, \mathrm{lmol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ | $\Delta k_{2}$ | $c_{1}$ | $t_{0}, \min$ | $t_{1 / 2}, \mathrm{~min}$ | $\Delta t_{1 / 2}$, <br> $\min$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{D M A P}$ | 1 | $2.18 \mathrm{E}-04$ | $1.39 \mathrm{E}-06$ | 1.010 | -28 | $\mathbf{1 5 5 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 7}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 b}$ | 1 | $1.90 \mathrm{E}-03$ | $3.03 \mathrm{E}-05$ | 1.088 | -8 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 1 - M e}$ | 1 | $1.11 \mathrm{E}-4$ | $2.75 \mathrm{E}-7$ | 1.031 | -9 | 61 | 1.0 |
| $\mathbf{5 1 - M e}$ | 2 | $1.01 \mathrm{E}-4$ | $2.75 \mathrm{E}-7$ | 1.011 | -5 | 67 | 1.0 |
| $\mathbf{5 I - M e}$ | averaged |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{6 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ |

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(2)


(DMAP)

Figure E1.1. Conversion-time plots for the catalysts $\mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 1}-\mathbf{M e}, 51$ and DMAP.

Table E5.3. KR of alcohols alc1-3 using chiral 3,4-diaminopyridines.

(rac)-60

(R)-62

(S)-60

| Entry | Catalyst | mol\% <br> catalyst | Solvent | Time (h) | $\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}}(\%)^{\mathrm{c}}$ | $\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{E}}(\%)^{\mathrm{d}}$ | $C(\%)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $s^{\mathrm{b}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathbf{5 b}$ | 0.5 | toluene | 6.5 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 49 | 1.4 |
| 2 | $\mathbf{5 1}$ | 0.5 | toluene | 3 | 5.3 | 8.7 | 38 | 1.3 |
| 3 | $\mathbf{5 I}-\mathrm{Me}$ | 1.0 | toluene | 9 | 32.4 | 13.6 | 70 | 1.7 |
| 4 | $\mathbf{5 I - M e}$ | 0.5 | toluene | 7 | 7.0 | 15.4 | 31 | 1.5 |

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## Appendix

## Chapter 2. Computational details.

## Ground state model.

The relative acylation enthalpies were calculated at the optimized level of theory: MP2/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ with inclusion of solvent effects using PCM single point at RHF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii.

The conformational space of flexible 3,4-diaminopyridines has been searched using the MM3 force field or, for selected systems, also with the OPLS force field and the systematic search routine implemented in MACROMODEL 9.7. All stationary points located at force field level have then been reoptimized at B98/6-31G(d) level. Thermochemical corrections to 298.15 K have been calculated for all minima from unscaled vibrational frequencies obtained at the same level. The thermochemical corrections have been combined with single point energies calculated at the MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level to yield enthalpies $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ at 298.15 K:

$$
\begin{align*}
& H_{298}(\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}))=  \tag{1}\\
& E_{t o t}(\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}))+\left[H_{298}(\mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}))-E_{\text {tot }}(\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}))\right]
\end{align*}
$$

Inclusion of solvent effects effects using PCM single point at RHF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii gives the final enthalpies:

$$
\begin{align*}
& H_{298}(\mathrm{MP} 2-5 / \text { solv })= \\
& H_{298}(\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}))+\Delta G(\mathrm{PCM} / \mathrm{UAHF} / \mathrm{RHF} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d})) \tag{2}
\end{align*}
$$

In conformationally flexible systems enthalpies have been calculated as Boltzmann-averaged values over all available conformers:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle H_{298}\right\rangle=\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_{i} H_{298, i} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where Boltzmann-factors $w_{i}$ were calculated with equation (4):

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{i}=\frac{\exp \left(-H_{298, i} / R T\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \exp \left(-H_{298, i} / R T\right)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

## Transition state model.

There are generally four possible orientations of the alcohol/anhydride part of the TS for each catalyst conformer: two orientations of the acetyl group and two variants of the alcohol attack on the reaction center (from the front face or the back face of the pyridine ring). For symmetrical aminopyridines such as DMAP (3) and PPY (4) this number reduces to one possible orientation. Up to four best conformations of the free catalyst were used in other cases to obtain the initial geometries of TSs, which were then optimized to energy minima with selected frozen bonds (marked bold in Scheme 2.6), followed by frequency analysis at the same level and single point calculations at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) level.
Subsequent optimisation of the most stable conformations, obtained in the "frozen transition states" model, followed by frequency analysis at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level and single point calculation at MP2 level as well as PCM solvation energy calculations, gave structures of the "optimized transition states".

The nature of all stationary points was verified through calculation of the vibrational frequency spectrum. All quantum mechanical calculations have been performed with Gaussian 03.

## A2.1 Relative acetylation enthalpies for 3,4-diamino and 4-aminopyridines.

Table A2.1. Calculated energies of conformers of 3,4-diaminopyridines and corresponding acetyl intermediates. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory in a gas phase.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |
| py | -248.284973 | -248.190708 | -248.351162 | -248.256898 | -248.256898 |
| py_ac | -401.299539 | -401.151170 | -401.401972 | -401.253603 | -401.253603 |
| 5c |  |  |  |  | -828.101443 |
| 4 | -828.333870 | -827.888867 | -828.547489 | -828.102486 |  |
| 8 | -828.333347 | -827.888200 | -828.546863 | -828.101716 |  |
| 19 | -828.333103 | -827.887884 | -828.546600 | -828.101381 |  |
| 1 | -828.332752 | -827.887818 | -828.546610 | -828.101676 |  |
| 2 | -828.332627 | -827.887663 | -828.546281 | -828.101317 |  |
| 6 | -828.332066 | -827.887128 | -828.545629 | -828.100692 |  |
| 3 | -828.331729 | -827.886850 | -828.545306 | -828.100427 |  |
| 15 | -828.331711 | -827.886648 | -828.545429 | -828.100365 |  |
| 14 | -828.331518 | -827.886378 | -828.545085 | -828.099945 |  |
| 31 | -828.331378 | -827.886355 | -828.545352 | -828.100330 |  |
| 35 | -828.331252 | -827.886285 | -828.545189 | -828.100222 |  |
| 10 | -828.331182 | -827.886568 | -828.544634 | -828.100020 |  |
| 9 | -828.331067 | -827.887065 | -828.544818 | -828.100816 |  |
| 74 | -828.330983 | -827.885946 | -828.544849 | -828.099813 |  |
| 32 | -828.330710 | -827.885310 | -828.544241 | -828.098840 |  |
| 20 | -828.330536 | -827.885337 | -828.544239 | -828.099040 |  |
| 28 | -828.330456 | -827.885512 | -828.544136 | -828.099193 |  |
| 12 | -828.330285 | -827.885106 | -828.543839 | -828.098660 |  |
| 5c_ac |  |  |  |  | -981.147416 |
| 4.ac2 | -981.398200 | -980.898023 | -981.648702 | -981.148525 |  |
| 8.ac2 | -981.397036 | -980.896793 | -981.647426 | -981.147182 |  |
| 4.ac1 | -981.396749 | -980.896636 | -981.646942 | -981.146829 |  |
| 19.ac2 | -981.396577 | -980.896339 | -981.646992 | -981.146754 |  |
| 15.ac2 | -981.396071 | -980.895960 | -981.646652 | -981.146541 |  |
| 14.ac2 | -981.395925 | -980.895614 | -981.646430 | -981.146119 |  |
| 8.ac1 | -981.395559 | -980.895355 | -981.645624 | -981.145421 |  |
| 15.ac1 | -981.394752 | -980.894710 | -981.645019 | -981.144978 |  |
| 19.ac1 | -981.395212 | -980.894840 | -981.645316 | -981.144944 |  |
| 32.ac2 | -981.395072 | -980.894752 | -981.645465 | -981.145145 |  |
| 1.ac2 | -981.394685 | -980.894733 | -981.645496 | -981.145544 |  |
| 9.ac2 | -981.394685 | -980.894732 | -981.645496 | -981.145543 |  |
| 25.ac2 | -981.394557 | -980.894348 | -981.645067 | -981.144858 |  |
| 14.ac1 | -981.394392 | -980.894321 | -981.644564 | -981.144493 |  |
| 18.ac2 | -981.394319 | -980.894027 | -981.644779 | -981.144487 |  |
| 2.ac2 | -981.394243 | -980.894240 | -981.644930 | -981.144928 |  |
| 6.ac2 | -981.394241 | -980.894205 | -981.644740 | -981.144704 |  |
| 5 e |  |  |  |  | -750.700337 |
| 018 | -750.910344 | -750.503666 | -751.107744 | -750.701066 |  |
| 029 | -750.909828 | -750.503411 | -751.107338 | -750.700921 |  |
| 019 | -750.909733 | -750.503224 | -751.106973 | -750.700463 |  |
| 021 | -750.909539 | -750.503039 | -751.106982 | -750.700482 |  |
| 012 | -750.909236 | -750.502918 | -751.106739 | -750.700421 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}> \\ \text { B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 011 | -750.908823 | -750.502469 | -751.106108 | -750.699754 |  |
| 032 | -750.908952 | -750.502307 | -751.106093 | -750.699448 |  |
| 010 | -750.909034 | -750.502423 | -751.106604 | -750.699993 |  |
| 015 | -750.908934 | -750.502227 | -751.106543 | -750.699836 |  |
| 036 | -750.908337 | -750.501876 | -751.105704 | -750.699243 |  |
| 024 | -750.908209 | -750.501841 | -751.105845 | -750.699477 |  |
| 027 | -750.908197 | -750.501772 | -751.105660 | -750.699235 |  |
| 031 | -750.908278 | -750.501772 | -751.105909 | -750.699403 |  |
| 023 | -750.907536 | -750.501152 | -751.105033 | -750.698649 |  |
| 002 | -750.907389 | -750.500816 | -751.104711 | -750.698138 |  |
| 5 e _ac |  |  |  |  | -903.743174 |
| 04 | -903.971708 | -903.510209 | -904.205721 | -903.744221 |  |
| 14 | -903.971028 | -903.509519 | -904.205121 | -903.743612 |  |
| 12 | -903.970979 | -903.509510 | -904.205066 | -903.743597 |  |
| 11 | -903.970843 | -903.509324 | -904.204674 | -903.743155 |  |
| 13 | -903.970853 | -903.509363 | -904.204986 | -903.743496 |  |
| 10 | -903.970470 | -903.508855 | -904.204357 | -903.742742 |  |
| 25 | -903.970119 | -903.508596 | -904.204032 | -903.742509 |  |
| 22 | -903.970225 | -903.508534 | -903.970225 | -903.508534 |  |
| 21 | -903.970141 | -903.508575 | -904.204018 | -903.742453 |  |
| 55 | -903.969717 | -903.508267 | -904.203480 | -903.742030 |  |
| 53 | -903.969544 | -903.508094 | -904.203350 | -903.741899 |  |
| 16 | -903.969771 | -903.508228 | -904.203689 | -903.742146 |  |
| 29 | -903.969683 | -903.508132 | -904.203643 | -903.742092 |  |
| 19 | -903.969683 | -903.508132 | -904.203643 | -903.742091 |  |
| 52 | -903.969520 | -903.508040 | -904.203009 | -903.741529 |  |
| 24 | -903.969401 | -903.508011 | -904.203547 | -903.742156 |  |
| 28 | -903.969401 | -903.508011 | -904.203547 | -903.742156 |  |
| 43 | -903.969770 | -903.508158 | -904.204016 | -903.742404 |  |
| 20 | -903.969309 | -903.507635 | -904.203473 | -903.741799 |  |
| 62 | -903.968761 | -903.507267 | -904.202320 | -903.740826 |  |
| 02 | -903.968732 | -903.506944 | -904.202568 | -903.740780 |  |
| 35 | -903.968360 | -903.506618 | -904.202202 | -903.740460 |  |
| 03 | -903.968360 | -903.506619 | -904.202201 | -903.740460 |  |
| 5 f |  |  |  |  | -941.237860 |
| 13 | -941.441168 | -941.000048 | -941.679325 | -941.238205 |  |
| 10 | -941.440895 | -940.999777 | -941.679107 | -941.237989 |  |
| 4 | -941.440911 | -940.999909 | -941.678960 | -941.237959 |  |
| 7 | -941.441004 | -941.000128 | -941.678780 | -941.237904 |  |
| 6 | -941.440604 | -940.999799 | -941.678645 | -941.237840 |  |
| 2 | -941.440994 | -941.000103 | -941.678630 | -941.237738 |  |
| 1 | -941.440452 | -940.999271 | -941.678237 | -941.237056 |  |
| 15 | -941.439586 | -940.998736 | -941.677411 | -941.236561 |  |
| 5f_ac |  |  |  |  | -1094.282271 |
| 2.ac1 | -1094.504581 | -1094.008717 | -1094.778484 | -1094.282620 |  |
| 1.ac2 | -1094.504088 | -1094.007995 | -1094.778589 | -1094.282496 |  |
| 4.ac2 | -1094.503737 | -1094.007796 | -1094.778423 | -1094.282481 |  |
| 4.ac1 | -1094.504173 | -1094.008173 | -1094.778430 | -1094.282430 |  |
| 1.ac1 | -1094.504379 | -1094.008223 | -1094.778515 | -1094.282358 |  |
| 6.ac2 | -1094.502765 | -1094.006845 | -1094.777419 | -1094.281499 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ <br> B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6.ac1 | -1094.503184 | -1094.007274 | -1094.777362 | -1094.281451 |  |
| 9.ac1 | -1094.503161 | -1094.007187 | -1094.776996 | -1094.281022 |  |
| 9.ac2 | -1094.502519 | -1094.006632 | -1094.776773 | -1094.280886 |  |
| 5g |  |  |  |  | -1211.548116 |
| 62 | -1211.801513 | -1211.244719 | -1212.105737 | -1211.548943 |  |
| 4_1 | -1211.801079 | -1211.244044 | -1212.105354 | -1211.548320 |  |
| 13_2 | -1211.799741 | -1211.242880 | -1212.104198 | -1211.547337 |  |
| 102 | -1211.799776 | -1211.242678 | -1212.104273 | -1211.547175 |  |
| 7_2 | -1211.799188 | -1211.242572 | -1212.103190 | -1211.546574 |  |
| 14_1 | -1211.798325 | -1211.242090 | -1212.102362 | -1211.546127 |  |
| 11_1 | -1211.799388 | -1211.242269 | -1212.103106 | -1211.545987 |  |
| 7_1 | -1211.798761 | -1211.241876 | -1212.102630 | -1211.545745 |  |
| 13 | -1211.798604 | -1211.241408 | -1212.102824 | -1211.545628 |  |
| 14_2 | -1211.797636 | -1211.241075 | -1212.101431 | -1211.544870 |  |
| 63 | -1211.796911 | -1211.240287 | -1212.101305 | -1211.544680 |  |
| 2_1 | -1211.796936 | -1211.240044 | -1212.101038 | -1211.544146 |  |
| 12_1 | -1211.795729 | -1211.238898 | -1212.100541 | -1211.543711 |  |
| $2 \_2$ | -1211.796311 | -1211.239462 | -1212.100286 | -1211.543437 |  |
| 1_1 | -1211.795842 | -1211.239106 | -1212.100162 | -1211.543426 |  |
| 11_2 | -1211.795115 | -1211.238410 | -1212.099257 | -1211.542552 |  |
| $9 \times 2$ | -1211.795435 | -1211.238536 | -1212.099379 | -1211.542481 |  |
| 6_1 | -1211.795396 | -1211.238462 | -1212.099328 | -1211.542393 |  |
| 4_3 | -1211.795500 | -1211.238284 | -1212.099324 | -1211.542108 |  |
| 5g_ac |  |  |  |  | -1364.592985 |
| 4_1 ac2 | -1364.865089 | -1364.253036 | -1365.205655 | -1364.593602 |  |
| 10_2_ac2 | -1364.864117 | -1364.252150 | -1365.205150 | -1364.593183 |  |
| 6_2_ac2 | -1364.864254 | -1364.252443 | -1365.204982 | -1364.593171 |  |
| 4_1_ac1 | -1364.862987 | -1364.252093 | -1365.203396 | -1364.592502 |  |
| 6_2_acl | -1364.863746 | -1364.251857 | -1365.204279 | -1364.592390 |  |
| 10_2_ac1 | -1364.863531 | -1364.251562 | -1365.204335 | -1364.592367 |  |
| 13_2_ac2 | -1364.863200 | -1364.251285 | -1365.204167 | -1364.592252 |  |
| 13_2_ac1 | -1364.862705 | -1364.250687 | -1365.203444 | -1364.591426 |  |
| 4_3_ac1 | -1364.860981 | -1364.248711 | -1365.200843 | -1364.588572 |  |
| 4_3_ac2 | -1364.859944 | -1364.247747 | -1365.200569 | -1364.588372 |  |
| 6_1_ac1 | -1364.859136 | -1364.246935 | -1365.199714 | -1364.587513 |  |
| 5h |  |  |  |  | -786.364830 |
| 1 | -786.527121 | -786.160765 | -786.732179 | -786.365823 |  |
| 16 | -786.526243 | -786.159865 | -786.731243 | -786.364865 |  |
| 11 | -786.526243 | -786.159865 | -786.731241 | -786.364863 |  |
| 2 | -786.525182 | -786.159317 | -786.730119 | -786.364253 |  |
| 7 | -786.525497 | -786.159254 | -786.730285 | -786.364041 |  |
| 13 | -786.524594 | -786.158573 | -786.729975 | -786.363954 |  |
| 10 | -786.524598 | -786.158371 | -786.729930 | -786.363703 |  |
| 14 | -786.524937 | -786.158863 | -786.729705 | -786.363631 |  |
| 9 | -786.524246 | -786.158321 | -786.729014 | -786.363088 |  |
| 12 | -786.524020 | -786.157456 | -786.729574 | -786.363010 |  |
| 15 | -786.523908 | -786.157767 | -786.729046 | -786.362905 |  |
| 4 | -786.523666 | -786.157448 | -786.729003 | -786.362785 |  |
| 6 | -786.523126 | -786.157170 | -786.728555 | -786.362599 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}> \\ \text { B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| $1 \_$ac1 | -939.588728 | -939.167438 | -939.830243 | -939.408952 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -939.588379 | -939.167144 | -939.829601 | -939.408366 |  |
| 11_ac2 | -939.587148 | -939.165886 | -939.828540 | -939.407278 |  |
| 11 ac1 | -939.586928 | -939.165589 | -939.828036 | -939.406697 |  |
| 2 acl | -939.586014 | -939.164903 | -939.827385 | -939.406274 |  |
| 2 ac2 | -939.586001 | -939.164875 | -939.827064 | -939.405938 |  |
| 7 ac2 | -939.585730 | -939.164623 | -939.827002 | -939.405895 |  |
| 7 ac1 | -939.585677 | -939.164462 | -939.826689 | -939.405474 |  |
| 12 ac2 | -939.585081 | -939.163633 | -939.826752 | -939.405304 |  |
| 14_ac2 | -939.584606 | -939.163617 | -939.825755 | -939.404766 |  |
| 12 ac1 | -939.584743 | -939.163207 | -939.826104 | -939.404568 |  |
| 10_ac1 | -939.584105 | -939.162900 | -939.825762 | -939.404557 |  |
| 14_ac1 | -939.584577 | -939.163584 | -939.825465 | -939.404472 |  |
| 13 ac1 | -939.583198 | -939.162175 | -939.824815 | -939.403792 |  |
| 10_ac2 | -939.582720 | -939.161578 | -939.824163 | -939.403022 |  |
| 15_ac1 | -939.582831 | -939.161680 | -939.824164 | -939.403013 |  |
| 15_ac2 | -939.582726 | -939.161526 | -939.823762 | -939.402562 |  |
| 13 ac2 | -939.581881 | -939.160863 | -939.823294 | -939.402276 |  |
| $5 i$ |  |  |  |  | -906.690099 |
| 7 | -906.961129 | -906.456105 | -907.195945 | -906.690921 |  |
| 8 | -906.960256 | -906.455500 | -907.195274 | -906.690518 |  |
| 1 | -906.960018 | -906.455260 | -907.195139 | -906.690381 |  |
| 3 | -906.959942 | -906.455136 | -907.194846 | -906.690040 |  |
| 23 | -906.959926 | -906.454745 | -907.194748 | -906.689567 |  |
| 25 | -906.959896 | -906.454577 | -907.194714 | -906.689395 |  |
| 28 | -906.959743 | -906.454389 | -907.194458 | -906.689104 |  |
| 29 | -906.959698 | -906.454574 | -907.194474 | -906.689350 |  |
| 5 | -906.959160 | -906.454106 | -907.194062 | -906.689008 |  |
| 40 | -906.959126 | -906.453849 | -907.193858 | -906.688580 |  |
| 2 | -906.958975 | -906.454191 | -907.193780 | -906.688996 |  |
| 31 | -906.958871 | -906.454108 | -907.193877 | -906.689114 |  |
| 15 | -906.958843 | -906.453673 | -907.193623 | -906.688453 |  |
| 5i_ac |  |  |  |  | -1059.735847 |
| 7.ac1 | -1060.025548 | -1059.465249 | -1060.297306 | -1059.737007 |  |
| 23.ac1 | -1060.024192 | -1059.464044 | -1060.295957 | -1059.735809 |  |
| 29.ac1 | -1060.024158 | -1059.463980 | -1060.295684 | -1059.735506 |  |
| 7.ac2 | -1060.024153 | -1059.463983 | -1060.295582 | -1059.735412 |  |
| 28.ac1 | -1060.024115 | -1059.463905 | -1060.295768 | -1059.735558 |  |
| 25.ac1 | -1060.024055 | -1059.464000 | -1060.295810 | -1059.735755 |  |
| 8.ac1 | -1060.023023 | -1059.463171 | -1060.294933 | -1059.735081 |  |
| 29.ac2 | -1060.023003 | -1059.462882 | -1060.294234 | -1059.734113 |  |
| 23.ac2 | -1060.022957 | -1059.462824 | -1060.294383 | -1059.734251 |  |
| 28.ac2 | -1060.022769 | -1059.462623 | -1060.294107 | -1059.733961 |  |
| $46 . \mathrm{c} 1$ | -1060.022756 | -1059.462555 | -1060.293746 | -1059.733545 |  |
| 25.ac2 | -1060.022738 | -1059.462709 | -1060.294175 | -1059.734146 |  |
| 56.ac2 | -1060.022704 | -1059.462579 | -1060.294361 | -1059.734235 |  |
| 49.ac2 | -1060.022667 | -1059.462289 | -1060.294220 | -1059.733842 |  |
| 40.ac1 | -1060.022482 | -1059.462277 | -1060.294126 | -1059.733921 |  |
| 63.ac2 | -1060.022255 | -1059.462195 | -1060.293867 | -1059.733807 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ <br> B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 5.ac1 | -1060.021972 | -1059.461879 | -1060.293996 | -1059.733903 |  |
| 5j |  |  |  |  | -1221.581593 |
| 102 | -1221.788419 | -1221.273782 | -1222.096927 | -1221.582290 |  |
| 82 | -1221.788358 | -1221.273724 | -1222.096867 | -1221.582233 |  |
| 187 | -1221.787692 | -1221.272923 | -1222.096127 | -1221.581358 |  |
| 158 | -1221.787548 | -1221.272832 | -1222.095974 | -1221.581258 |  |
| 7 | -1221.786251 | -1221.271961 | -1222.095034 | -1221.580744 |  |
| 195 | -1221.785961 | -1221.271262 | -1222.094647 | -1221.579947 |  |
| 85 | -1221.785999 | -1221.271431 | -1222.095038 | -1221.580470 |  |
| 71 | -1221.785976 | -1221.271220 | -1222.094701 | -1221.579945 |  |
| 1 | -1221.784814 | -1221.270536 | -1222.093249 | -1221.578970 |  |
| 214 | -1221.785829 | -1221.270879 | -1222.094744 | -1221.579794 |  |
| 22 | -1221.785954 | -1221.271713 | -1222.094824 | -1221.580583 |  |
| 135 | -1221.785661 | -1221.270823 | -1222.094614 | -1221.579775 |  |
| 5j_ac |  |  |  |  | -1374.632494 |
| 102_ac1 | -1374.857819 | -1374.288066 | -1375.202198 | -1374.632444 |  |
| 207_ac1 | -1374.856493 | -1374.287048 | -1375.200809 | -1374.631364 |  |
| 106_ac1 | -1374.856479 | -1374.287018 | -1375.200771 | -1374.631310 |  |
| 187 ac1 | -1374.856372 | -1374.286665 | -1375.200594 | -1374.630887 |  |
| 22_ac2 | -1374.855849 | -1374.288993 | -1375.200292 | -1374.633436 |  |
| 155 ac1 | -1374.855432 | -1374.286040 | -1375.199728 | -1374.630335 |  |
| 33_ac1 | -1374.854656 | -1374.285227 | -1375.198851 | -1374.629422 |  |
| 102_ac2 | -1374.855228 | -1374.285692 | -1375.200446 | -1374.630910 |  |
| 46 ac1 | -1374.854920 | -1374.285445 | -1375.199735 | -1374.630260 |  |
| 214 ac1 | -1374.854447 | -1374.284529 | -1375.198907 | -1374.628989 |  |
| 82 ac2 | -1374.854738 | -1374.285149 | -1375.199986 | -1374.630397 |  |
| 123_ac1 | -1374.854302 | -1374.284837 | -1375.198763 | -1374.629297 |  |
| 187 ac2 | -1374.853730 | -1374.284096 | -1375.198853 | -1374.629219 |  |
| 158_ac2 | -1374.853121 | -1374.283567 | -1375.198325 | -1374.628771 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -1374.852862 | -1374.283411 | -1375.197797 | -1374.628346 |  |
| 182_ac2 | -1374.852862 | -1374.283412 | -1375.197796 | -1374.628346 |  |
| 5k |  |  |  |  | -1132.962481 |
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| 2 | -1133.176526 | -1132.679837 | -1133.459580 | -1132.962890 |  |
| 15 | -1133.176396 | -1132.679542 | -1133.459578 | -1132.962724 |  |
| 6 | -1133.176317 | -1132.679582 | -1133.459404 | -1132.962669 |  |
| 10 | -1133.175350 | -1132.678143 | -1133.459159 | -1132.961952 |  |
| 1 | -1133.175398 | -1132.678370 | -1133.458791 | -1132.961762 |  |
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| 9 | -1133.174447 | -1132.677811 | -1133.457277 | -1132.960641 |  |
| 16 | -1133.174614 | -1132.677437 | -1133.457749 | -1132.960572 |  |
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| 1.ac2 | -1286.239216 | -1285.687367 | -1286.559127 | -1286.007278 |  |
| 2.ac1 | -1286.239661 | -1285.687892 | -1286.558775 | -1286.007007 |  |
| 2.ac2 | -1286.239197 | -1285.687440 | -1286.558754 | -1286.006997 |  |
| 1.ac1 | -1286.239374 | -1285.687446 | -1286.558718 | -1286.006789 |  |
| 4.ac2 | -1286.238498 | -1285.686583 | -1286.558492 | -1286.006577 |  |

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| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ <br> B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)// <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ <br> $\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ <br> B3LYP/6-31G(d) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 4.ac1 | -1286.238836 | -1285.686857 | -1286.558240 | -1286.006261 |  |
| 12.ac2 | -1286.238058 | -1285.686018 | -1286.558010 | -1286.005969 |  |
| 6.ac2 | -1286.238064 | -1285.686287 | -1286.557572 | -1286.005794 |  |
| 13.ac2 | -1286.238234 | -1285.686222 | -1286.557785 | -1286.005773 |  |
| 12.ac1 | -1286.238272 | -1285.686313 | -1286.557664 | -1286.005705 |  |
| 6.ac1 | -1286.238498 | -1285.686654 | -1286.557497 | -1286.005652 |  |
| 15.ac2 | -1286.238268 | -1285.686371 | -1286.557323 | -1286.005426 |  |
| 15.ac1 | -1286.237592 | -1285.685651 | -1286.557114 | -1286.005173 |  |
| 16.ac2 | -1286.237780 | -1285.685944 | -1286.556976 | -1286.005141 |  |
| 10.ac1 | -1286.237429 | -1285.685287 | -1286.557101 | -1286.004958 |  |
| 13.ac1 | -1286.237257 | -1285.685252 | -1286.556533 | -1286.004528 |  |
| 7.ac1 | -1286.236155 | -1285.684322 | -1286.555457 | -1286.003624 |  |
| 7.ac2 | -1286.235804 | -1285.683846 | -1286.555510 | -1286.003553 |  |
| 5l |  |  |  |  | -1288.919884 |
| 1 | -1289.190133 | -1288.598196 | -1289.512328 | -1288.920391 |  |
| 2 | -1289.189469 | -1288.597319 | -1289.511396 | -1288.919246 |  |
| 3 | -1289.187642 | -1288.595703 | -1289.509658 | -1288.917718 |  |
| 4 | -1289.188650 | -1288.596397 | -1289.510818 | -1288.918566 |  |
| 5l_ac |  |  |  |  | -1441.963936 |
| 3ac1 | -1442.253201 | -1441.606192 | -1442.611644 | -1441.964635 |  |
| 1ac1 | -1442.253098 | -1441.606205 | -1442.610722 | -1441.963829 |  |
| 1ac2 | -1442.252637 | -1441.605746 | -1442.610610 | -1441.963719 |  |
| 2ac2 | -1442.251977 | -1441.604954 | -1442.610530 | -1441.963507 |  |
| 4ac1 | -1442.251930 | -1441.604945 | -1442.610037 | -1441.963052 |  |
| 2ac1 | -1442.251938 | -1441.604866 | -1442.609947 | -1441.962875 |  |
| 4ac2 | -1442.250842 | -1441.603457 | -1442.609277 | -1441.961892 |  |

Table A2.2. Calculated energies of conformers of 3,4-diaminopyridines and corresponding acetyl intermediates. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 }$ with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -247.498727 |  |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.215516 | -142.55 | -400.121498 |  |
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| 1 | -593.418065 | -593.130880 | -591.981245 | -14.56 | -591.699606 |  |
| 2 | -593.417088 | -593.130024 | -591.980224 | -14.52 | -591.698690 |  |
| 3 | -593.416648 | -593.129499 | -591.979898 | -14.18 | -591.698150 |  |
| 4 | -593.415838 | -593.128722 | -591.978867 | -14.14 | -591.697137 |  |
| 5 | -593.415488 | -593.128357 | -591.979020 | -15.06 | -591.697625 |  |
| 6 | -593.415277 | -593.127870 | -591.978978 | -15.19 | -591.697357 |  |
| 7 | -593.414082 | -593.126927 | -591.977706 | -14.56 | -591.696097 |  |
| 5a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -744.352678 |
| 1 | -746.420416 | -746.078238 | -744.649502 | -121.08 | -744.353441 |  |
| 2 | -746.420285 | -746.077937 | -744.649302 | -121.29 | -744.353151 |  |
| 3 | -746.419224 | -746.076995 | -744.648332 | -121.13 | -744.352239 |  |
| 4 | -746.41917 | -746.07687 | -744.648337 | -121.50 | -744.352314 |  |
| 5 | -746.419086 | -746.076798 | -744.648046 | -121.17 | -744.351909 |  |
| 6 | -746.419086 | -746.076799 | -744.648047 | -121.17 | -744.351911 |  |
| 7 | -746.419131 | -746.076892 | -744.64761 | -120.12 | -744.351122 |  |
| 8 | -746.419131 | -746.076893 | -744.64761 | -120.08 | -744.351108 |  |
| 9 | -746.418954 | -746.076873 | -744.647375 | -120.33 | -744.351125 |  |
| 10 | -746.417975 | -746.075703 | -744.646556 | -120.16 | -744.350051 |  |
| 11 | -746.418056 | -746.075775 | -744.646790 | -121.00 | -744.350596 |  |
| 5c |  |  |  |  |  | -825.516838 |
| 8 | -828.001801 | -827.557348 | -825.963011 | 1.59 | -825.517952 |  |
| 4 | -828.002033 | -827.557927 | -825.961857 | -0.29 | -825.517862 |  |
| 2 | -828.000917 | -827.556782 | -825.962331 | 1.59 | -825.517591 |  |
| 1 | -828.000859 | -827.556620 | -825.961300 | -0.50 | -825.517252 |  |
| 45 | -827.998449 | -827.554199 | -825.961499 | 0.54 | -825.517042 |  |
| 7 | -827.998623 | -827.554291 | -825.961033 | -0.29 | -825.516813 |  |
| 28 | -827.998803 | -827.554666 | -825.960348 | -1.13 | -825.516641 |  |
| 31 | -827.999580 | -827.555168 | -825.960747 | -0.67 | -825.516590 |  |
| 11 | -827.998462 | -827.554037 | -825.960445 | -1.38 | -825.516546 |  |
| 14 | -827.999940 | -827.555453 | -825.961145 | 0.38 | -825.516515 |  |
| 19 | -828.001334 | -827.556945 | -825.961050 | 0.50 | -825.516470 |  |
| 35 | -827.999401 | -827.555214 | -825.960485 | -0.08 | -825.516330 |  |
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| 74 | -827.999336 | -827.555047 | -825.961453 | 2.59 | -825.516176 |  |
| 18 | -827.998400 | -827.554182 | -825.960170 | -0.50 | -825.516143 |  |
| 12 | -827.998831 | -827.554466 | -825.960875 | 1.55 | -825.515920 |  |
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| 3 | -827.999923 | -827.555845 | -825.959378 | -0.13 | -825.515349 |  |
| 13 | -827.997956 | -827.553764 | -825.959326 | -0.50 | -825.515326 |  |
| 37 | -827.997356 | -827.553339 | -825.960019 | 1.80 | -825.515317 |  |
| 22 | -827.996082 | -827.551755 | -825.959506 | 0.25 | -825.515083 |  |
| 16 | -827.998495 | -827.554530 | -825.959383 | 1.05 | -825.515020 |  |
| 15 | -827.999816 | -827.555598 | -825.959146 | -0.21 | -825.515008 |  |
| 32 | -827.999030 | -827.554465 | -825.959228 | -0.79 | -825.514965 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP2}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 39 | -827.996272 | -827.552243 | -825.958790 | 0.00 | -825.514761 |  |
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| 56 | -827.996281 | -827.552182 | -825.957329 | -0.33 | -825.513358 |  |
| 84 | -827.995191 | -827.550835 | -825.957461 | -0.46 | -825.513280 |  |
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| 70 | -827.995463 | -827.551442 | -825.957181 | 2.30 | -825.512284 |  |
| 34 | -827.996538 | -827.552717 | -825.956559 | 1.72 | -825.512084 |  |
| 52 | -827.994934 | -827.550548 | -825.955925 | -0.63 | -825.511779 |  |
| 51 | -827.995061 | -827.550749 | -825.956102 | 0.92 | -825.511439 |  |
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| 14_ac2 | -981.007715 | -980.508061 | -978.635139 | -96.73 | -978.172330 |  |
| 19 ac2 | -981.008161 | -980.508659 | -978.634270 | -98.37 | -978.172234 |  |
| 18_ac2 | -981.006058 | -980.506745 | -978.633412 | -97.57 | -978.171261 |  |
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| 24_ac2 | -981.005387 | -980.505514 | -978.634049 | -95.56 | -978.170573 |  |
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| 22_ac2 | -981.002963 | -980.503348 | -978.631951 | -97.45 | -978.169451 |  |

Appendix

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 5_ac2 | -981.003903 | -980.504552 | -978.631117 | -97.82 | -978.169024 |  |
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| 32_ac1 | -981.005477 | -980.505744 | -978.631575 | -96.15 | -978.168463 |  |
| 74_ac2 | -981.003569 | -980.504216 | -978.631325 | -95.35 | -978.168290 |  |
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| 031 | -750.605009 | -750.199008 | -748.754147 | 1.00 | -748.347763 |  |
| 032 | -750.605803 | -750.199873 | -748.753254 | -0.13 | -748.347372 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP2}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
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| 62 | -903.609133 | -903.148272 | -901.422877 | -98.74 | -900.999625 |  |
| 09 | -903.607344 | -903.146331 | -901.423012 | -101.67 | -901.000723 |  |
| 46 | -903.607344 | -903.146327 | -901.423013 | -101.67 | -901.000720 |  |
| 64 | -903.608309 | -903.147318 | -901.422950 | -99.41 | -900.999823 |  |

Appendix

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 44 | -903.607030 | -903.146207 | -901.422725 | -99.33 | -900.999734 |  |
| 58 | -903.608369 | -903.147403 | -901.422741 | -98.24 | -900.999193 |  |
| 49 | -903.607280 | -903.146400 | -901.422600 | -100.33 | -900.999934 |  |
| 40 | -903.607274 | -903.146155 | -901.422809 | -98.07 | -900.999044 |  |
| 59 | -903.608786 | -903.147659 | -901.422802 | -99.41 | -900.999539 |  |
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| 01 | -903.605978 | -903.144756 | -901.422600 | -101.80 | -901.000150 |  |
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| 27 | -903.606929 | -903.145717 | -901.422139 | -101.13 | -900.999444 |  |
| 26 | -903.607397 | -903.146025 | -901.422258 | -102.26 | -900.999834 |  |
| 56 | -903.606854 | -903.145870 | -901.421662 | -98.32 | -900.998128 |  |
| 50 | -903.606398 | -903.145217 | -901.421140 | -99.33 | -900.997792 |  |
| 51 | -903.606943 | -903.145885 | -901.421008 | -98.37 | -900.997415 |  |
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| 63 | -903.605809 | -903.144761 | -901.420641 | -99.91 | -900.997648 |  |
| 37 | -903.606520 | -903.145356 | -901.420540 | -101.67 | -900.998100 |  |
| 42 | -903.604988 | -903.143725 | -901.420616 | -101.63 | -900.998062 |  |
| 06 | -903.604988 | -903.143722 | -901.420616 | -101.63 | -900.998059 |  |
| 32 | -903.604763 | -903.143401 | -901.420700 | -99.91 | -900.997393 |  |
| 57 | -903.606160 | -903.145004 | -901.420214 | -100.21 | -900.997224 |  |
| 61 | -903.605095 | -903.144112 | -901.419945 | -99.79 | -900.996969 |  |
| 60 | -903.605814 | -903.144336 | -901.420185 | -101.25 | -900.997272 |  |
| 5 f |  |  |  |  |  | -938.344926 |
| 6 | -941.062462 | -940.622577 | -938.783610 | -5.06 | -938.345653 |  |
| 4 | -941.062845 | -940.622744 | -938.783815 | -4.48 | -938.345420 |  |
| 2 | -941.062964 | -940.622926 | -938.784047 | -2.80 | -938.345077 |  |
| 15 | -941.061682 | -940.621588 | -938.783857 | -2.59 | -938.344751 |  |
| 13 | -941.063112 | -940.622726 | -938.784121 | -1.38 | -938.344262 |  |
| 10 | -941.062892 | -940.622604 | -938.784221 | -0.75 | -938.344219 |  |
| 1 | -941.062444 | -940.622379 | -938.783124 | -2.38 | -938.343968 |  |
| 7 | -941.063065 | -940.623052 | -938.783669 | -0.29 | -938.343768 |  |
| 9 | -941.062076 | -940.622092 | -938.782384 | -2.97 | -938.343532 |  |
| 16 | -941.061804 | -940.621404 | -938.782401 | -3.47 | -938.343323 |  |
| 12 | -941.060270 | -940.619658 | -938.782590 | -2.64 | -938.342982 |  |
| 14 | -941.062221 | -940.622378 | -938.782413 | -0.67 | -938.342826 |  |
| 5f_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1090.999723 |
| 2-ac1 | -1094.070524 | -1093.575470 | -1091.459203 | -95.48 | -1091.000515 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -1094.069510 | -1093.574222 | -1091.458027 | -98.74 | -1091.000348 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1094.069039 | -1093.573899 | -1091.456561 | -99.91 | -1090.999477 |  |
| $9+$ ac1 | -1094.069156 | -1093.573911 | -1091.457714 | -97.11 | -1090.999457 |  |
| $9+$ ac2 | -1094.068112 | -1093.572822 | -1091.456644 | -100.00 | -1090.999441 |  |
| 6 ac2 | -1094.068051 | -1093.573005 | -1091.455343 | -101.88 | -1090.999100 |  |
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| $1 \_$ac2 | -1094.069398 | -1093.573913 | -1091.456641 | -97.40 | -1090.998255 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1094.070036 | -1093.574785 | -1091.457152 | -94.14 | -1090.997757 |  |
| 15_ac2 | -1094.062929 | -1093.567514 | -1091.453700 | -103.60 | -1090.997743 |  |
| 16 ac2 | -1094.067883 | -1093.572376 | -1091.455127 | -99.41 | -1090.997484 |  |
| 16_ac1 | -1094.068522 | -1093.573165 | -1091.455605 | -96.40 | -1090.996964 |  |
| 7 ac1 | -1094.067309 | -1093.572188 | -1091.454477 | -98.28 | -1090.996790 |  |
| 10 ac1 | -1094.068042 | -1093.572954 | -1091.454559 | -95.65 | -1090.995901 |  |
| 13_ac1 | -1094.067473 | -1093.572262 | -1091.453617 | -97.82 | -1090.995665 |  |
| 12_ac1 | -1094.066580 | -1093.571072 | -1091.454213 | -94.68 | -1090.994769 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {(ot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}-\mathrm{n}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 10_2 | -1211.311004 | -1210.755073 | -1208.380786 | 13.14 | -1207.819851 |  |
| 13_2 | -1211.310918 | -1210.754982 | -1208.380161 | 12.43 | -1207.819491 |  |
| 7_2 | -1211.310484 | -1210.755045 | -1208.378297 | 10.04 | -1207.819033 |  |
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| 11_1 | -1211.310772 | -1210.754625 | -1208.379032 | 12.97 | -1207.817945 |  |
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| 1_3 | -1211.309836 | -1210.753816 | -1208.379027 | 13.72 | -1207.817780 |  |
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| 7_1 | -1211.310182 | -1210.754349 | -1208.377495 | 10.50 | -1207.817662 |  |
| 2_1 | -1211.308233 | -1210.752278 | -1208.377545 | 10.96 | -1207.817414 |  |
| 6_3 | -1211.307907 | -1210.752542 | -1208.376699 | 10.50 | -1207.817334 |  |
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| 11_2 | -1211.306443 | -1210.750668 | -1208.376622 | 11.17 | -1207.816593 |  |
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| $9 \times 2$ | -1211.306770 | -1210.750901 | -1208.375445 | 8.45 | -1207.816357 |  |
| 14_2 | -1211.309056 | -1210.753429 | -1208.376021 | 10.96 | -1207.816218 |  |
| 10_3 | -1211.307435 | -1210.751457 | -1208.375572 | 10.46 | -1207.815609 |  |
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| 9_1 | -1211.303419 | -1210.747798 | -1208.371177 | 9.00 | -1207.812130 |  |
| 5g_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1360.472770 |
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| 4_3_ac1 | -1364.316651 | -1363.705476 | -1361.056803 | -72.72 | -1360.473325 |  |
| 4_3_ac2 | -1364.315092 | -1363.703943 | -1361.055270 | -75.31 | -1360.472806 |  |
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| 4_1_ac1 | -1364.317938 | -1363.706999 | -1361.053512 | -74.27 | -1360.470859 |  |
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| 5h |  |  |  |  |  | -783.954589 |
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| 11 | -786.210144 | -785.844351 | -784.318658 | -5.82 | -783.955080 |  |
| 7 | -786.209518 | -785.843845 | -784.317937 | -5.90 | -783.954510 |  |
| 14 | -786.208937 | -785.843458 | -784.317282 | -5.82 | -783.954018 |  |
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| 2 | -786.208914 | -785.843775 | -784.317084 | -4.39 | -783.953619 |  |
| 10 | -786.208438 | -785.843093 | -784.317385 | -3.89 | -783.953522 |  |
| 13 | -786.208416 | -785.842967 | -784.317316 | -4.02 | -783.953397 |  |
| 6 | -786.206906 | -785.841416 | -784.315807 | -7.49 | -783.953169 |  |
| 15 | -786.207729 | -785.842314 | -784.316707 | -3.89 | -783.952773 |  |
| 4 | -786.207467 | -785.841833 | -784.315847 | -6.61 | -783.952731 |  |
| 9 | -786.208078 | -785.842878 | -784.315466 | -4.69 | -783.952051 |  |
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| 1_ac1 | -939.215919 | -938.795126 | -936.990756 | -103.34 | -936.609326 |  |
| $11 \_$ac2 | -939.214397 | -938.793616 | -936.989281 | -105.90 | -936.608835 |  |
| 1 _ac2 | -939.215697 | -938.794921 | -936.990057 | -101.00 | -936.607751 |  |
| 7 ac2 | -939.212999 | -938.792484 | -936.987507 | -106.40 | -936.607518 |  |
| 11_ac1 | -939.214299 | -938.793614 | -936.988645 | -103.60 | -936.607417 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -939.213085 | -938.792539 | -936.987561 | -105.39 | -936.607158 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 102 | -906.594376 | -906.089987 | -904.343771 | -2.09 | -903.840179 |  |
| 42 | -906.593174 | -906.088977 | -904.345278 | 2.55 | -903.840110 |  |
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| 3 | -906.595480 | -906.091518 | -904.343722 | 0.13 | -903.839712 |  |
| 59 | -906.592955 | -906.088865 | -904.343993 | 0.67 | -903.839648 |  |
| 192 | -906.592790 | -906.088812 | -904.342317 | -3.18 | -903.839550 |  |
| 122 | -906.592911 | -906.088767 | -904.342345 | -3.14 | -903.839396 |  |
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| 13 | -906.592865 | -906.088903 | -904.342899 | -0.54 | -903.839144 |  |
| 7 | -906.596591 | -906.092456 | -904.343974 | 1.84 | -903.839137 |  |
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| 19 | -906.593695 | -906.089603 | -904.343544 | 0.92 | -903.839101 |  |
| 132 | -906.593131 | -906.088655 | -904.343244 | -0.59 | -903.838991 |  |
| 118 | -906.593156 | -906.088943 | -904.342882 | -0.79 | -903.838971 |  |
| 50 | -906.593097 | -906.088960 | -904.343927 | 2.18 | -903.838961 |  |
| 131 | -906.593090 | -906.088647 | -904.343140 | -0.67 | -903.838952 |  |
| 31 | -906.594329 | -906.090437 | -904.342542 | -0.75 | -903.838937 |  |
| 6 | -906.594190 | -906.090147 | -904.341988 | -2.47 | -903.838885 |  |
| 63 | -906.593588 | -906.089351 | -904.342678 | -1.09 | -903.838855 |  |
| 56 | -906.594069 | -906.089777 | -904.343037 | -0.04 | -903.838760 |  |
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| 30 | -906.593579 | -906.089335 | -904.342547 | -0.96 | -903.838669 |  |
| 62 | -906.593096 | -906.089263 | -904.342464 | 0.00 | -903.838631 |  |
| 24 | -906.592921 | -906.088713 | -904.342822 | 0.42 | -903.838456 |  |
| 49 | -906.594088 | -906.089945 | -904.343268 | 1.80 | -903.838440 |  |
| 57 | -906.593161 | -906.089212 | -904.343221 | 2.22 | -903.838428 |  |
| 65 | -906.592825 | -906.089232 | -904.342512 | 1.30 | -903.838425 |  |
| 52 | -906.593387 | -906.089124 | -904.343222 | 1.42 | -903.838417 |  |
| 11 | -906.594155 | -906.090204 | -904.342898 | 1.55 | -903.838358 |  |
| 35 | -906.594093 | -906.090133 | -904.342114 | -0.29 | -903.838265 |  |
| 80 | -906.592975 | -906.089323 | -904.343249 | 3.51 | -903.838258 |  |
| 82 | -906.593151 | -906.089370 | -904.341125 | -2.13 | -903.838157 |  |
| 54 | -906.592780 | -906.089255 | -904.342615 | 2.51 | -903.838134 |  |
| 92 | -906.593220 | -906.088807 | -904.342181 | -0.88 | -903.838103 |  |
| 27 | -906.594029 | -906.089684 | -904.341988 | -1.13 | -903.838074 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP2} 2 \mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ & \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 10 | -906.593231 | -906.089179 | -904.341092 | -1.92 | -903.837773 |  |
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| 23_ac1 | -1059.603144 | -1059.043872 | -1057.018425 | -96.27 | -1056.495821 |  |
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| 46_ac1 | -1059.602284 | -1059.042811 | -1057.018814 | -94.27 | -1056.495245 |  |
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| 31_ac1 | -1059.600491 | -1059.041326 | -1057.015108 | -97.40 | -1056.493042 |  |
| 23_ac2 | -1059.602089 | -1059.042582 | -1057.016951 | -93.26 | -1056.492965 |  |
| 27_ac2 | -1059.600384 | -1059.040997 | -1057.015152 | -97.65 | -1056.492960 |  |
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| 75 ac1 | -1059.599607 | -1059.039997 | -1057.014592 | -94.64 | -1056.491029 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
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| 135 | -1221.300217 | -1220.786237 | -1218.420028 | -3.22 | -1217.907275 |  |
| 160 | -1221.299959 | -1220.786488 | -1218.418634 | -5.52 | -1217.907267 |  |
| 155 | -1221.299090 | -1220.786023 | -1218.416219 | -10.67 | -1217.907216 |  |
| 227 | -1221.300138 | -1220.786156 | -1218.419562 | -4.23 | -1217.907189 |  |
| 277 | -1221.299584 | -1220.786379 | -1218.417691 | -6.61 | -1217.907004 |  |
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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 227_ac2 | -1374.309488 | -1373.740848 | -1371.096370 | -91.09 | -1370.562423 |  |
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| $71 \_$ac1 | -1374.309452 | -1373.741294 | -1371.094126 | -94.56 | -1370.561983 |  |
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| 123 ac1 | -1374.312210 | -1373.743568 | -1371.095873 | -89.83 | -1370.561445 |  |
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| 255 ac2 | -1374.308871 | -1373.740232 | -1371.093167 | -91.88 | -1370.559523 |  |
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| 1_ac1 | -1374.306489 | -1373.737992 | -1371.089571 | -93.89 | -1370.556834 |  |
| 5k |  |  |  |  |  | -1129.494665 |
| 5k 6 | -1132.719571 | -1132.223683 | -1129.991588 | 0.59 | -1129.495476 |  |
| 5k_2 | -1132.719743 | -1132.224095 | -1129.990748 | 1.21 | -1129.494637 |  |
| 5k_16 | -1132.717991 | -1132.222095 | -1129.989202 | 1.38 | -1129.492781 |  |
| 5k_9 | -1132.717803 | -1132.222100 | -1129.988772 | 2.05 | -1129.492289 |  |
| 5k_4 | -1132.718542 | -1132.222495 | -1129.990984 | 2.51 | -1129.493981 |  |
| 5k_14 | -1132.717516 | -1132.222752 | -1129.987748 | 3.39 | -1129.491693 |  |
| 5k_13 | -1132.720046 | -1132.223977 | -1129.992325 | 4.06 | -1129.494711 |  |
| 5k_15 | -1132.719620 | -1132.223722 | -1129.991243 | 4.18 | -1129.493751 |  |
| 5k_1 | -1132.718643 | -1132.222572 | -1129.990748 | 5.31 | -1129.492652 |  |
| 5k_10 | -1132.718590 | -1132.222209 | -1129.991153 | 5.98 | -1129.492492 |  |
| 5k_7 | -1132.718577 | -1132.222727 | -1129.990500 | 6.86 | -1129.492037 |  |
| 5k_12 | -1132.717365 | -1132.221306 | -1129.990284 | 9.00 | -1129.490799 |  |
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| 5k_1_ac2 | -1285.725819 | -1285.174714 | -1282.664002 | -87.86 | -1282.146363 |  |
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| 5k_4_ac1 | -1285.725693 | -1285.174551 | -1282.664360 | -86.23 | -1282.146063 |  |
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| 5k_12_ac2 | -1285.724473 | -1285.173331 | -1282.662928 | -86.02 | -1282.144551 |  |
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| 5k_14_ac1 | -1285.721651 | -1285.171621 | -1282.659651 | -90.29 | -1282.144011 |  |
| 5k_7_ac1 | -1285.723188 | -1285.171928 | -1282.661620 | -88.12 | -1282.143921 |  |
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Appendix

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5k_14_ac2 | -1285.720973 | -1285.170353 | -1282.658527 | -91.71 | -1282.142839 |  |
| 5k_10_ac1 | -1285.723876 | -1285.172589 | -1282.661382 | -85.19 | -1282.142540 |  |
| 51 |  |  |  |  |  | -1284.973428 |
| 1 | -1288.674630 | -1288.083688 | -1285.568297 | 9.71 | -1284.973658 |  |
| 2 | -1288.673958 | -1288.082890 | -1285.567733 | 13.05 | -1284.971692 |  |
| 3 | -1288.672207 | -1288.081221 | -1285.565655 | 20.92 | -1284.966701 |  |
| 4 | -1288.672877 | -1288.081718 | -1285.564962 | 16.40 | -1284.967556 |  |
| 51_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1437.624915 |
| 1 ac 1 | -1441.681515 | -1441.035695 | -1438.241929 | -75.90 | -1437.625017 |  |
| 1 ac 2 | -1441.680630 | -1441.034903 | -1438.240962 | -78.78 | -1437.625243 |  |
| 2 ac 1 | -1441.680095 | -1441.033915 | -1438.240092 | -75.14 | -1437.622534 |  |
| 2 ac 2 | -1441.679775 | -1441.033834 | -1438.240106 | -77.19 | -1437.623567 |  |
| 3ac1 | -1441.680924 | -1441.034925 | -1438.240386 | -67.24 | -1437.619996 |  |
| 3 ac 2 | -1441.677032 | -1441.032019 | -1438.235746 | -69.58 | -1437.617235 |  |
| 4 ac 1 | -1441.679966 | -1441.033950 | -1438.238863 | -70.33 | -1437.619635 |  |
| 4ac2 | -1441.678282 | -1441.031988 | -1438.236760 | -75.65 | -1437.619278 |  |

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Table A2.3. Calculated energies of conformers of 4-amino- and 4-guanidinylpyridines and corresponding acetyl intermediates. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 } \\ & \text { with solv } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -247.498727 | -247.498727 |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.215516 | -142.55 | -400.121498 | -400.121498 |
| DMAP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP | -382.100962 | -381.928959 | -381.179977 | -13.68 | -381.013184 | -381.013184 |
| DMAP_ac | -535.091159 | -534.864305 | -533.836116 | -131.34 | -533.659287 | -533.659287 |
| PPY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY | -459.499042 | -459.289458 | -458.383907 | -16.90 | -458.1807599 | -458.1807599 |
| PPY_ac | -612.493384 | -612.228939 | -611.043991 | -130.58 | -610.8292813 | -610.8292813 |
| 6 a |  |  |  |  |  | -535.362849 |
| TCAP_b | -536.905604 | -536.658613 | -535.602351 | -20.33 | -535.3631033 |  |
| TCAP_a | -536.904889 | -536.657992 | -535.601147 | -20.75 | -535.3621533 |  |
| 6a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -688.016947 |
| TCAP_ac2 | -689.905522 | -689.603408 | -688.268359 | -133.80 | -688.0172068 |  |
| TCAP_ac1 | -689.904728 | -689.602521 | -688.267441 | -133.72 | -688.0161653 |  |
| 6b |  |  |  |  |  | -458.1883116 |
| catMe | -459.503374 | -459.293804 | -458.39138 | -17.07 | -458.1883116 |  |
| 6b_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -610.838384 |
| ac1 | -612.49845 | -612.234055 | -611.052154 | -132.51 | -610.8382294 |  |
| ac2 | -612.498722 | -612.234281 | -611.052535 | -132.34 | -610.8384997 |  |
| 7 a |  |  |  |  |  | -607.721061 |
| 3a | -609.437278 | -609.163890 | -607.990831 | -9.50 | -607.721061 |  |
| 7a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -760.369530 |
| ac2 | -762.440075 | -762.111592 | -760.655492 | -112.05 | -760.369687 |  |
| ac1 | -762.439141 | -762.110580 | -760.654585 | -113.60 | -760.369292 |  |
| 7a_Nac ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -760.372579 |
| Nac2 | -762.419100 | -762.091098 | -760.650873 | -130.54 | -760.3725911 |  |
| Nac 1 | -762.417554 | -762.090243 | -760.647493 | -122.26 | -760.3667484 |  |
| 7b |  |  |  |  |  | -646.889338 |
| 1 | -648.739813 | -648.437021 | -647.190473 | -5.02 | -646.889593 |  |
| 2 | -648.737139 | -648.434075 | -647.189498 | -5.77 | -646.888632 |  |
| 7b_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -799.539929 |
| Ac2 | -801.745225 | -801.387184 | -799.857844 | -106.15 | -799.5402334 |  |
| Ac1 | -801.744402 | -801.386219 | -799.857176 | -106.15 | -799.5394234 |  |
| Ac3 | -801.740146 | -801.382030 | -799.854065 | -106.02 | -799.5363299 |  |
| Ac4 | -801.739262 | -801.381071 | -799.853080 | -106.94 | -799.5356203 |  |
| 7b_Nac ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -799.542958 |
| Nac2 | -801.726548 | -801.368811 | -799.856508 | -116.78 | -799.5432502 |  |
| Nac3 | -801.726255 | -801.368531 | -799.856334 | -116.44 | -799.5429597 |  |
| Nac4 | -801.721772 | -801.364235 | -799.852345 | -123.89 | -799.5419952 |  |
| Nac1 | -801.718232 | -801.360445 | -799.848735 | -125.69 | -799.5388208 |  |
| 7c |  |  |  |  |  | -842.696676 |
| 2 | -845.225804 | -844.773120 | -843.151656 | 4.35 | -842.6973152 |  |
| 1 | -845.226266 | -844.773664 | -843.151150 | 3.89 | -842.6970664 |  |
| 8 | -845.224920 | -844.772280 | -843.151380 | 5.52 | -842.6966375 |  |
| 3 | -845.225141 | -844.772591 | -843.150273 | 3.43 | -842.6964166 |  |
| 7 | -845.224944 | -844.772307 | -843.150164 | 3.51 | -842.6961901 |  |
| 9 | -845.224639 | -844.771780 | -843.151589 | 6.82 | -842.6961324 |  |
| 6 | -845.225043 | -844.772409 | -843.150398 | 4.77 | -842.6959472 |  |
| 4 | -845.225399 | -844.772609 | -843.150866 | 5.69 | -842.6959088 |  |
| 5 | -845.225251 | -844.772595 | -843.150973 | 6.57 | -842.6958146 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP2} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 } \\ & \text { with solv } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7c_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -995.347569 |
| 2 | -998.231706 | -997.724119 | -995.818900 | -97.11 | -995.3483003 |  |
| 1 | -998.232565 | -997.724897 | -995.819661 | -94.89 | -995.3481347 |  |
| 9 | -998.230948 | -997.723126 | -995.819330 | -95.73 | -995.3479697 |  |
| 3 | -998.231953 | -997.724053 | -995.820285 | -92.38 | -995.3475707 |  |
| 10 | -998.230527 | -997.722839 | -995.818092 | -97.03 | -995.3473608 |  |
| 11 | -998.230519 | -997.722723 | -995.818036 | -96.27 | -995.3469073 |  |
| 12 | -998.230476 | -997.722694 | -995.818050 | -96.02 | -995.3468401 |  |
| 4 | -998.231443 | -997.723537 | -995.818836 | -94.14 | -995.3467861 |  |
| 14 | -998.230740 | -997.722574 | -995.818674 | -95.19 | -995.346764 |  |
| 8 | -998.231579 | -997.723492 | -995.819356 | -92.97 | -995.3466794 |  |
| 6 | -998.231366 | -997.723577 | -995.818758 | -93.64 | -995.3466346 |  |
| 13 | -998.230521 | -997.722593 | -995.818395 | -94.85 | -995.3465935 |  |
| 5 | -998.231417 | -997.723514 | -995.818758 | -93.55 | -995.3464863 |  |
| 7 | -998.231393 | -997.723380 | -995.819127 | -92.55 | -995.3463645 |  |
| 7d |  |  |  |  |  | -606.5703889 |
| 3d | -608.248922 | -607.997703 | -606.815152 | -16.95 | -606.5703889 |  |
| 7d_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -759.219846 |
| ac1 | -761.253972 | -760.947690 | -759.480966 | -118.83 | -759.2199440 |  |
| ac2 | -761.253112 | -760.946828 | -759.480190 | -120.29 | -759.2197221 |  |
| 7e |  |  |  |  |  | -645.739143 |
| 3 | -647.550815 | -647.269999 | -646.015591 | -12.09 | -645.7393798 |  |
| 2 | -647.551603 | -647.270936 | -646.014767 | -12.80 | -645.7389753 |  |
| 1 | -647.549715 | -647.268968 | -646.012418 | -12.76 | -645.7365310 |  |
| 7e_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -798.390625 |
| 1 | -800.558357 | -800.222515 | -798.682759 | -115.02 | -798.3907258 |  |
| 2 | -800.559119 | -800.223296 | -798.683274 | -113.39 | -798.390639 |  |
| 4 | -800.554459 | -800.218868 | -798.679798 | -112.34 | -798.3869951 |  |
| 3 | -800.553670 | -800.217939 | -798.679003 | -113.22 | -798.3863953 |  |
| 7e_Nac ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -798.387359 |
| Nac1 | -800.534459 | -800.198985 | -798.675115 | -126.19 | -798.3877043 |  |
| Nac4 | -800.534032 | -800.198552 | -798.674792 | -125.56 | -798.3871353 |  |
| Nac3 | -800.528229 | -800.193138 | -798.669482 | -134.56 | -798.3856422 |  |
| Nac2 | -800.525202 | -800.190078 | -798.666451 | -135.69 | -798.3830086 |  |
| 7f |  |  |  |  |  | -841.545967 |
| 5 | -844.036400 | -843.605886 | -841.976620 | -1.92 | -841.546837 |  |
| 4 | -844.036216 | -843.605834 | -841.977251 | 2.01 | -841.546103 |  |
| 7 | -844.035767 | -843.605382 | -841.975710 | -1.92 | -841.546056 |  |
| 8 | -844.036125 | -843.605687 | -841.976356 | -0.08 | -841.545948 |  |
| 6 | -844.036255 | -843.605695 | -841.975393 | -2.89 | -841.545934 |  |
| 2 | -844.037044 | -843.606530 | -841.975303 | -1.97 | -841.545539 |  |
| 3 | -844.037044 | -843.606530 | -841.975303 | -1.97 | -841.545539 |  |
| 1 | -844.037144 | -843.606699 | -841.975565 | -0.17 | -841.545185 |  |
| 9 | -844.035455 | -843.605001 | -841.974594 | -2.59 | -841.545126 |  |
| 10 | -844.035456 | -843.604966 | -841.974249 | -2.80 | -841.544825 |  |
| 11 | -844.035576 | -843.604960 | -841.973940 | -2.47 | -841.544265 |  |
| 12 | -844.035410 | -843.604857 | -841.973606 | -2.47 | -841.543994 |  |
| 13 | -844.034772 | -843.604406 | -841.973025 | -2.47 | -841.543600 |  |
| 14 | -844.033715 | -843.603332 | -841.972631 | -1.09 | -841.542663 |  |
| 7f_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -994.197488 |
| 1 | -997.046466 | -996.560962 | -994.645085 | -102.26 | -994.198530 |  |
| 6 | -997.044593 | -996.559081 | -994.643719 | -103.76 | -994.197727 |  |
| 3 | -997.044744 | -996.559383 | -994.642986 | -105.02 | -994.197625 |  |
| 9 | -997.044342 | -996.558805 | -994.643316 | -104.01 | -994.197394 |  |
| 7 | -997.044580 | -996.559039 | -994.643666 | -103.01 | -994.197359 |  |
| 2 | -997.045386 | -996.559941 | -994.644275 | -101.09 | -994.197333 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | -997.043785 | -996.558338 | -994.642910 | -103.64 | -994.196937 |  |
| 13 | -997.044277 | -996.559610 | -994.642851 | -101.17 | -994.196718 |  |
| 5 | -997.044780 | -996.559270 | -994.643901 | -100.16 | -994.196540 |  |
| 15 | -997.043032 | -996.557678 | -994.642475 | -102.47 | -994.196150 |  |
| 8 | -997.044453 | -996.558957 | -994.642756 | -102.01 | -994.196114 |  |
| 14 | -997.043336 | -996.557947 | -994.642060 | -103.09 | -994.195936 |  |
| 10 | -997.043432 | -996.557812 | -994.642227 | -103.22 | -994.195921 |  |
| 12 | -997.044284 | -996.558670 | -994.642550 | -102.13 | -994.195835 |  |
| 11 | -997.044204 | -996.558647 | -994.642787 | -100.96 | -994.195684 |  |
| 16 | -997.041856 | -996.556543 | -994.641937 | -101.34 | -994.195222 |  |
| 17 | -997.041856 | -996.556543 | -994.641936 | -101.34 | -994.195221 |  |
| 19 | -997.040761 | -996.555274 | -994.642548 | -94.47 | -994.193043 |  |
| 18 | -997.040348 | -996.554837 | -994.641995 | -95.69 | -994.192930 |  |
| 7 g |  |  |  |  |  | -953.218523 |
| py3g_z2 | -955.903158 | -955.499018 | -953.621331 | -5.06 | -953.219118 |  |
| py3g_z3 | -955.901028 | -955.496897 | -953.621346 | -3.97 | -953.218727 |  |
| h3g_1 | -955.903126 | -955.499183 | -953.619806 | -5.86 | -953.218095 |  |
| h3g_3 | -955.900586 | -955.497080 | -953.617966 | -7.36 | -953.217264 |  |
| h3g_4 | -955.901229 | -955.497343 | -953.619450 | -3.97 | -953.217076 |  |
| h3g_2 | -955.902205 | -955.498497 | -953.617240 | -7.74 | -953.216481 |  |
| h3g_6 | -955.897733 | -955.494139 | -953.616828 | -4.27 | -953.214860 |  |
| h3g_7 | -955.897976 | -955.494064 | -953.617214 | -4.06 | -953.214849 |  |
| py3g_z4 | -955.897697 | -955.494087 | -953.616685 | -4.35 | -953.214732 |  |
| 7 g _ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1105.870495 |
| 3 | -1108.912657 | -1108.454069 | -1106.292039 | -98.11 | -1105.870819 |  |
| 7 | -1108.911987 | -1108.453133 | -1106.291541 | -99.62 | -1105.870630 |  |
| 2 | -1108.913135 | -1108.454221 | -1106.291777 | -97.40 | -1105.869961 |  |
| 5 | -1108.912567 | -1108.453657 | -1106.291288 | -98.62 | -1105.869940 |  |

a '7*_Nac' indicates acetylation at the nitrogen atom in 4-position.

Table A2.4. Acetylation enthalpies and structure parameters of 4-amino- and 4-guanidinylpyridines at the MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory. Values in brackets indicate acetylation at the nitrogen atom in 4-position.

| Catalyst | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}$$\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$$311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}$,$\mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LY}$$\mathrm{P} / 6-$$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$$[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | On the basis of the energetically lowest conformer |  |  |  |  | Averaged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{q}_{\mathrm{NPA}} \\ (\mathrm{Ac})^{\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{~b}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{r}(\mathrm{C}- \\ \mathrm{N})[\mathrm{pm}]^{\mathrm{a}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2-5) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta \Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$ [ $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}} \text { (MP2- } \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv}) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2- \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv}) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ |
| py | 0.0 | 0.368 | 153.3 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| DMAP | -82.1 | 0.302 | 148.3 | -77.2 | 15.86 | -61.3 | -61.3 |
| 7 a | -113.1 | 0.273 | 146.8 | -98.9 (-88.0) | 31.00 (12.51) | -67.9 (-75.5) | -67.5 (-75.5) |
| PPY | -93.1 | 0.295 | 147.9 | -87.5 | 19.87 | -67.6 | -67.6 |
| 7d | -118.9 | 0.270 | 146.7 | -102.0 | 31.67 | -70.3 | -70.1 |
| 7b | -120.5 | 0.271 | 146.8 | -105.6 (-102.9) | 32.43 (21.80) | -73.2 (-81.1) | -73.0 (-81.0) |
| 7c | -123.1 | 0.268 | 146.7 | -109.0 | 34.77 | -74.1 | -73.8 |
| 7 | -126.7 | 0.268 | 146.6 | -107.0 (-86.5) | 32.26 (19.46) | -75.0 (-67.1) | -75.4 (-66.8) |
| 7 f | -130.1 | 0.266 | 146.6 | -109.1 | 33.22 | -75.9 | -75.5 |
| 7 g | -133.1 | 0.266 | 146.6 | -116.4 | 40.5 | -76.0 | -76.7 |
| 6 | -108.9 | 0.283 | 147.3 | -102.3 | 20.08 | -82.3 | -82.3 |
| 6b | -96.0 | 0.292 | 147.8 | -90.3 | 18.28 | -72.0 | -71.7 |

[^15]Table A2.5. Acetylation enthalpies and structure parameters for 3,4-diaminopyridines, as calculated at MP2/6-
$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level. Data for 4-aminopyridines DMAP, PPY and 6a are also shown.

| Catalyst | On the basis of the energetically lowest conformer |  |  |  |  | Averaged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{q}_{\text {NPA }}(\mathrm{Ac})^{\text {a,b }}$ | $\mathrm{r}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})[\mathrm{pm}]^{\text {a }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2-5) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta \Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$ <br> [kJ/mol] | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2- \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv})[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}] \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2- \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv})[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}] \end{gathered}$ |
| py | 0.368 | 153.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| DMAP | 0.302 | 148.3 | -77.2 | 15.9 | -61.3 | -61.3 |
| PPY | 0.295 | 147.9 | -87.5 | 19.9 | -67.6 | -67.6 |
| 6 a | 0.283 | 147.3 | -102.3 | 20.1 | -82.3 | -82.3 |
| 5a | 0.282 | 147.4 | -108.6 | 27.0 | -81.6 | -81.4 |
| 5b | 0.276 | 147.1 | -119.6 | 33.3 | -86.3 | -85.2 |
| 5c | 0.274 | 147.0 | -121.8 | 36.1 | -85.7 | -85.1 |
| 5e | 0.280 | 147.3 | -117.2 | 34.4 | -82.8 | -82.7 |
| 5 f | 0.279 | 147.4 | -127.4 | 43.1 | -84.3 | -84.1 |
| 5g | 0.273 | 147.0 | -121.8 | 42.3 | -79.5 | -80.1 |
| 5h | 0.280 | 147.2 | -116.3 | 34.5 | -81.8 | -81.8 |
| 5 i | 0.275 | 147.0 | -121.9 | 37.3 | -84.6 | -84.8 |
| 5j | 0.268 | 146.9 | -122.1 | 40.5 | -81.6 | -82.1 |
| 5k | 0.276 | 147.4 | -124.1 | 44.7 | -79.4 | -79.9 |
| 51 | 0.282 | 147.4 | -123.0 | 47.3 | -75.7 | -75.4 |
| 5a | 0.282 | 147.4 | -108.6 | 27.0 | -81.6 | -81.4 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charge and distance parameters of the most favorable conformer
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ In units of elemental charge e
${ }^{c} \Delta \Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {ac }}($ MP2-5/solv $)-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {ac }}($ MP2-5 $)$
Table A2.6. Comparison of different basis sets for the MP2 single points

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline<\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { "MP2- } \\ 6 / \text { solv"a } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6- \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(3 \mathrm{df}, 2 \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{2298}>\text { "MP2-M } \\ 7 / \text { solv" } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.656777 | -247.562637 | -247.754374 | -247.660234 |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.330778 | -400.182464 | -400.484202 | -400.335889 |
| DMAP |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP | -382.100962 | -381.928959 | -381.289295 | -381.117291 | -381.442355 | -381.270352 |
| DMAP_ac | -535.091159 | -534.864305 | -533.993468 | -533.766615 | -534.202318 | -533.975465 |
| PPY |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY | -459.499042 | -459.289458 | -458.513262 | -458.303677 | -458.697778 | -458.488194 |
| PPY_ac | -612.493384 | -612.228939 | -611.221396 | -610.956952 | -611.461694 | -611.197249 |
| 6 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TCAP_b | -536.905604 | -536.658613 | -535.752726 | -535.505735 | -535.966387 | -535.719396 |
| TCAP_ac2 | -689.905522 | -689.603408 | -688.466596 | -688.164481 | -688.736063 | -688.433948 |
| 7 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7a | -609.437278 | -609.163890 | -608.168122 | -607.894735 | -608.412135 | -608.138748 |
| 7a_ac2 | -762.440075 | -762.111592 | -760.881481 | -760.552998 | -761.181388 | -760.852905 |
| 7b |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7b_1 | -648.739813 | -648.437021 | -647.379176 | -647.076384 | -647.638806 | -647.336014 |
| 7b_ac2 | -801.745225 | -801.387183 | -800.095240 | -799.737198 | -800.410741 | -800.052699 |
| 5a |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5a_1 | -593.418065 | -593.130880 | -592.151774 | -591.864589 | -592.391322 | -592.104137 |
| 5a_ac1 | -746.420416 | -746.078238 | -744.868480 | -744.526302 | -745.163729 | -744.821551 |
| 5b |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5b 6 | -749.405682 | -749.021776 | -747.789867 | -747.405960 | -748.092581 | -747.708675 |
| 5b_ac2 | -902.413587 | -901.973819 | -900.511669 | -900.071901 | -900.870467 | -900.430699 |
| 5k |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5k_13 | -1132.720046 | -1132.223977 | -1130.301147 | -1129.805079 | -1130.751595 | -1130.255527 |
| 5k_2_ac1 | -1285.726811 | -1285.175964 | -1283.023612 | -1282.472765 | -1283.529626 | -1282.978779 |
| ${ }^{\text {a }}$ "MP2-6/so <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ leve <br> ${ }^{6}$ "MP2-7/so <br> PCM/UAHF | $\begin{aligned} & =\text { MP2/6-311+ } \\ & =\text { MP2/6-311 } \\ & H F / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-3 \\ & (3 \mathrm{df}, 2 \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6 \end{aligned}$ | (d) with solvat $\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ with solv | energies calcul ion energies calc | ed at $\mathrm{PCM} / \mathrm{UAH}$ <br> lated at | /RHF/6- |

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A2.2 Relative activation enthalpies for 3,4-diamino and 4-aminopyridines.
MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at chosen level. Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in

| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ <br> $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv |
| alc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| alc | -233.576452 | -233.432655 | -233.020561 | -7.78 | -0.63 | 2.30 | -232.879728 | -232.877003 | -232.875888 |
| anh |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| anh | -381.583992 | -381.475889 | -380.793597 | -6.65 | -34.73 | -20.92 | -380.688028 | -380.698721 | -380.693462 |
| anh2 | -381.583860 | -381.475922 | -380.794157 | -8.33 | -36.61 | -22.89 | -380.689391 | -380.700163 | -380.694936 |
| py |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -5.27 | -1.92 | -247.498726 | -247.497308 | -247.496033 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| py_ts | -863.330376 | -862.984096 | -861.407258 | 1.67 | -7.41 | 5.44 | -861.060340 | -861.063799 | -861.058906 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -863.330413 | -862.983065 | -861.407201 | 2.64 | -8.95 | 3.72 | -861.058849 | -861.063263 | -861.058435 |
| 3 (DMAP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP | -382.100962 | -381.928959 | -381.179977 | -13.68 | -11.88 | -8.49 | -381.013184 | -381.012499 | -381.011208 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP ts | -997.259012 | -996.834800 | -995.006218 | -2.93 | 3.14 | 13.72 | -994.583122 | -994.580811 | -994.576779 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -997.259033 | -996.834636 | -995.006254 | -3.26 | 0.17 | 10.84 | -994.583100 | -994.581793 | -994.577730 |
| 4 (PPY) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY | -459.499042 | -459.289458 | -458.383907 | -16.90 | -5.27 | -1.92 | -458.180761 | -458.176331 | -458.175056 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY ts | -1074.658021 | -1074.196281 | -1072.211182 | -6.11 | * | * | -1071.751769 | * | * |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -1074.658051 | -1074.196091 | -1072.211254 | -6.40 | 1.67 | 12.55 | -1071.751732 | -1071.748656 | -1071.744513 |
| 7 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7a | -609.437278 | -609.163890 | -607.990831 | -9.50 | -2.93 | 8.49 | -607.721060 | -607.718559 | -607.714208 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts1 | -1224.596611 | -1224.070835 | -1221.817596 | 3.60 | 20.38 | 32.59 | -1221.290450 | -1221.284060 | -1221.279406 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| ts2 | -1224.595822 | -1224.070121 | -1221.816900 | 1.88 | 18.58 | 31.46 | -1221.290482 | -1221.284124 | -1221.279215 |
| ts3 | -1224.595121 | -1224.069546 | -1221.815904 | -0.54 | 15.48 | 28.33 | -1221.290536 | -1221.284433 | -1221.279540 |
| ts4 | -1224.597176 | -1224.071446 | -1221.818658 | 6.49 | 21.13 | 33.93 | -1221.290457 | -1221.284880 | -1221.280003 |
| optimized <br> ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts2opt | -1224.595818 | -1224.069937 | -1221.816846 | 1.51 | 16.86 | 29.96 | -1221.290392 | -1221.284543 | -1221.279555 |
| ts3opt | -1224.595134 | -1224.069252 | -1221.815909 | -1.09 | 15.31 | 28.12 | -1221.290442 | -1221.284195 | -1221.279318 |
| ts4opt | -1224.597204 | -1224.071399 | -1221.818683 | 8.33 | 21.59 | 34.35 | -1221.289707 | -1221.284655 | -1221.279795 |
| 7b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -648.739813 | -648.437021 | -647.190473 | -5.02 | 15.90 | 19.79 | -646.889594 | -646.881626 | -646.880144 |
| 2 | -648.737139 | -648.434075 | -647.189498 | -5.77 | 11.92 | 16.74 | -646.888633 | -646.881893 | -646.880060 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7b_1_ts2 | -1263.900062 | -1263.344925 | -1261.019353 | 10.71 | 37.15 | 48.58 | -1260.460137 | -1260.450065 | -1260.445715 |
| 7b_1_ts1 | -1263.899612 | -1263.344451 | -1261.018317 | 8.33 | 34.18 | 44.56 | -1260.459985 | -1260.450136 | -1260.446184 |
| 7b_1_ts4 | -1263.899366 | -1263.343952 | -1261.018287 | 7.82 | 33.43 | 44.64 | -1260.459894 | -1260.450141 | -1260.445870 |
| 7b_1_ts3 | -1263.900231 | -1263.344812 | -1261.019441 | 11.25 | 37.15 | 48.03 | -1260.459735 | -1260.449871 | -1260.445727 |
| 7b_2_ts2 | -1263.897147 | -1263.342127 | -1261.017918 | 10.71 | 34.27 | 45.81 | -1260.458818 | -1260.449846 | -1260.445448 |
| 7b_2_ts4 | -1263.897899 | -1263.342544 | -1261.018974 | 13.72 | 35.82 | 47.91 | -1260.458392 | -1260.449978 | -1260.445372 |
| 7b_2_ts1 | -1263.895771 | -1263.340508 | -1261.016559 | 8.12 | 29.75 | 41.97 | -1260.458204 | -1260.449965 | -1260.445312 |
| 7b_2_ts3 | -1263.894986 | -1263.339595 | -1261.015462 | 5.44 | 27.20 | 39.33 | -1260.457999 | -1260.449712 | -1260.445091 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { optimized } \\ \text { ts } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2opt | -1263.900085 | -1263.344874 | -1261.019372 | 10.42 | 37.07 | 48.37 | -1260.460193 | -1260.450041 | -1260.445739 |
| 1_tslopt | -1263.899655 | -1263.344289 | -1261.018453 | 8.16 | 35.56 | 45.98 | -1260.459980 | -1260.449542 | -1260.445574 |
| 1_ts4opt | -1263.899412 | -1263.343862 | -1261.018402 | 7.41 | 33.05 | * | -1260.460031 | -1260.450263 | * |
| 6 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6a_a | -536.904889 | -536.657992 | -535.601147 | -20.75 | 2.59 | 4.60 | -535.362154 | -535.353262 | -535.352497 |
| 6a_b | -536.905604 | -536.658613 | -535.602351 | -20.33 | 2.43 | 4.69 | -535.363105 | -535.354436 | -535.353575 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a_ts2 | -1152.066869 | -1151.567550 | -1149.433194 | -5.65 | 22.93 | 31.97 | -1148.936027 | -1148.925142 | -1148.921700 |
| a_ts1 | -1152.066916 | -1151.567448 | -1149.433173 | -5.23 | 23.81 | 32.80 | -1148.935697 | -1148.924638 | -1148.921211 |
| b_ts3 | -1152.066653 | -1151.567301 | -1149.432888 | -5.52 | 23.43 | 32.64 | -1148.935640 | -1148.924612 | -1148.921106 |
| b_ts2 | -1152.066666 | -1151.567293 | -1149.433011 | -4.85 | 22.80 | 32.01 | -1148.935487 | -1148.924953 | -1148.921447 |
| optimized |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv |
| ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a_ts2opt | -1152.066909 | -1151.567461 | -1149.433307 | -5.98 | 22.34 | 31.46 | -1148.936138 | -1148.925350 | -1148.921876 |
| 5a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -593.418065 | -593.130880 | -591.981245 | -14.56 | 5.69 | 8.08 | -591.699606 | -591.691893 | -591.690984 |
| 2 | -593.417088 | -593.130024 | -591.980224 | -14.52 | 6.15 | 8.33 | -591.698690 | -591.690817 | -591.689989 |
| 3 | -593.416648 | -593.129499 | -591.979898 | -14.18 | 6.69 | 8.45 | -591.698151 | -591.690199 | -591.689529 |
| 4 | -593.415838 | -593.128722 | -591.978867 | -14.14 | 6.69 | 8.45 | -591.697137 | -591.689201 | -591.688532 |
| 5 | -593.415488 | -593.128357 | -591.979020 | -15.06 | 4.23 | 6.65 | -591.697626 | -591.690279 | -591.689355 |
| 6 | -593.415277 | -593.127870 | -591.978978 | -15.19 | 4.39 | 6.61 | -591.697356 | -591.689898 | -591.689053 |
| 7 | -593.414082 | -593.126927 | -591.977706 | -14.56 | 6.95 | 8.41 | -591.696097 | -591.687905 | -591.687348 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4 | -1208.582930 | -1208.043150 | -1205.818760 | 6.82 | 38.03 | 47.57 | -1205.276383 | -1205.264494 | -1205.260861 |
| 2_ts2 | -1208.582625 | -1208.042984 | -1205.818421 | 5.06 | 38.20 | 47.70 | -1205.276852 | -1205.264230 | -1205.260613 |
| 1 ts1 | -1208.582055 | -1208.042450 | -1205.817825 | 8.79 | 40.46 | 49.33 | -1205.274873 | -1205.262809 | -1205.259431 |
| 2_ts4 | -1208.581606 | -1208.041903 | -1205.817318 | 4.77 | 39.08 | 47.86 | -1205.275798 | -1205.262730 | -1205.259384 |
| 1_ts3 | -1208.578252 | -1208.038635 | -1205.811364 | 0.59 | 26.07 | 35.06 | -1205.271524 | -1205.261819 | -1205.258393 |
| 3_ts4 | -1208.580190 | -1208.040780 | -1205.815293 | 5.61 | 40.12 | 48.37 | -1205.273748 | -1205.260601 | -1205.257461 |
| 3 ts2 | -1208.580852 | -1208.041126 | -1205.816281 | 5.48 | * | * | -1205.274467 | * | * |
| 1_ts2 | -1208.578588 | -1208.038935 | -1205.811847 | 0.08 | * | * | -1205.272163 | * | * |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4opt | -1208.582983 | -1208.043047 | -1205.818948 | 4.64 | 37.95 | 47.45 | -1205.277243 | -1205.264558 | -1205.260940 |
| 2_ts4opt | -1208.581766 | -1208.041791 | -1205.817607 | 4.14 | 39.20 | 47.95 | -1205.276054 | -1205.262700 | -1205.259369 |
| 2 ts3opt | -1208.578330 | -1208.038788 | -1205.811568 | 0.04 | 24.89 | 34.56 | -1205.272010 | -1205.262544 | -1205.258863 |
| 2_ts2opt | -1208.582671 | -1208.042830 | -1205.818582 | 4.52 | * | * | -1205.277019 | * | * |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -749.407023 | -749.022449 | -747.576974 | -8.03 | 27.11 | 28.58 | -747.195459 | -747.182073 | -747.181515 |
| 2 | -749.405930 | -749.021754 | -747.576291 | -7.87 | 30.75 | 32.13 | -747.195111 | -747.180402 | -747.179876 |
| 4 | -749.406234 | -749.021772 | -747.576561 | -7.99 | 28.03 | 29.08 | -747.195142 | -747.181421 | -747.181023 |
| 6 | -749.405682 | -749.021776 | -747.576377 | -8.24 | 28.79 | 30.25 | -747.195610 | -747.181507 | -747.180949 |
| 7 | -749.405742 | -749.021319 | -747.575522 | -8.37 | 26.94 | 28.07 | -747.194286 | -747.180836 | -747.180405 |
| 9 | -749.405012 | -749.020692 | -747.574665 | -8.20 | 28.49 | 29.96 | -747.193468 | -747.179492 | -747.178935 |
| 10 | -749.404995 | -749.020441 | -747.576374 | -8.16 | 25.82 | 27.70 | -747.194928 | -747.181988 | -747.181270 |
| 11 | -749.406385 | -749.021639 | -747.576067 | -8.74 | 25.82 | 27.41 | -747.194652 | -747.181488 | -747.180883 |


| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| 12 | -749.404828 | -749.020084 | -747.576198 | -8.20 | 25.98 | 27.57 | -747.194577 | -747.181557 | -747.180952 |
| 13 | -749.404877 | -749.020263 | -747.576944 | -8.33 | 26.82 | 28.91 | -747.195501 | -747.182114 | -747.181318 |
| 14 | -749.404725 | -749.020437 | -747.574364 | -8.28 | 28.62 | 30.04 | -747.193232 | -747.179176 | -747.178634 |
| 15 | -749.404598 | -749.020095 | -747.576157 | -7.66 | 27.78 | 29.46 | -747.194570 | -747.181072 | -747.180435 |
| 16 | -749.406393 | -749.021713 | -747.576140 | -8.79 | 25.73 | 27.36 | -747.194807 | -747.181660 | -747.181038 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2 | -1364.573141 | -1363.935995 | -1361.416481 | 13.14 | 61.09 | 69.71 | -1360.774331 | -1360.756069 | -1360.752786 |
| 11_ts2 | -1364.572026 | -1363.935017 | -1361.415342 | 12.22 | 58.37 | 67.07 | -1360.773680 | -1360.756103 | -1360.752788 |
| 1_ts4 | -1364.572125 | -1363.935075 | -1361.415374 | 13.97 | 62.84 | 70.84 | -1360.773001 | -1360.754388 | -1360.751344 |
| 11_ts4 | -1364.571028 | -1363.934298 | -1361.414326 | 13.14 | 63.43 | 71.59 | -1360.772592 | -1360.753437 | -1360.750330 |
| 6 _ts2 | -1364.569908 | -1363.933251 | -1361.413216 | 12.47 | 60.92 | 69.25 | -1360.771811 | -1360.753357 | -1360.750185 |
| 4_ts2 | -1364.570886 | -1363.934056 | -1361.414105 | 14.48 | 61.00 | 69.33 | -1360.771761 | -1360.754040 | -1360.750869 |
| 6 _ts4 | -1364.569156 | -1363.932413 | -1361.412601 | 13.64 | 63.35 | 71.71 | -1360.770663 | -1360.751731 | -1360.748544 |
| 2_ts2 | -1364.568399 | -1363.931902 | -1361.411564 | 12.22 | 60.96 | 69.50 | -1360.770414 | -1360.751849 | -1360.748598 |
| 4_ts4 | -1364.570163 | -1363.933406 | -1361.413240 | 16.36 | 63.26 | 71.21 | -1360.770252 | -1360.752388 | -1360.749360 |
| 13_ts2 | -1364.568126 | -1363.931144 | -1361.411620 | 12.68 | 60.67 | 69.25 | -1360.769810 | -1360.751531 | -1360.748264 |
| 1_ts3 | -1364.568905 | -1363.932425 | -1361.409456 | 8.62 | 49.33 | 57.91 | -1360.769693 | -1360.754187 | -1360.750920 |
| 13 _ts 4 | -1364.568427 | -1363.931502 | -1361.412079 | 14.90 | 59.04 | 68.24 | -1360.769480 | -1360.752668 | -1360.749162 |
| 2_ts4 | -1364.567886 | -1363.930832 | -1361.410835 | 11.80 | 64.14 | 71.80 | -1360.769287 | -1360.749351 | -1360.746435 |
| 1_ts1 | -1364.568512 | -1363.931490 | -1361.408878 | 8.28 | 49.25 | 57.45 | -1360.768701 | -1360.753100 | -1360.749976 |
| 11_ts3 | -1364.567997 | -1363.930928 | -1361.408409 | 7.03 | * | * | -1360.768663 | * | * |
| 11_ts1 | -1364.567541 | -1363.930297 | -1361.407917 | 7.99 | * | * | -1360.767629 | * | * |
| optimized <br> ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2opt | -1364.573153 | -1363.935988 | -1361.416613 | 12.64 | 59.96 | 68.45 | -1360.774636 | -1360.756612 | -1360.753377 |
| 11_ts2opt | -1364.572050 | -1363.934964 | -1361.415460 | 12.22 | 60.46 | 68.99 | -1360.773720 | -1360.755346 | -1360.752095 |
| 1_ts4opt | -1364.572257 | -1363.935082 | -1361.415669 | 13.39 | 62.68 | 70.54 | -1360.773395 | -1360.754622 | -1360.751626 |
| 1_ts3opt | -1364.568935 | -1363.932278 | -1361.409530 | 8.16 | 50.58 | 59.16 | -1360.769765 | -1360.753606 | -1360.750339 |
| 5j |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -1221.300472 | -1220.787113 | -1218.426019 | 2.43 | 35.15 | 41.13 | -1217.911735 | -1217.899273 | -1217.896994 |
| 102 | -1221.302906 | -1220.789129 | -1218.420923 | -7.53 | 20.63 | 25.94 | -1217.910014 | -1217.899289 | -1217.897265 |
| 187 | -1221.302230 | -1220.788302 | -1218.420066 | -8.79 | 19.87 | 25.31 | -1217.908811 | -1217.900493 | -1217.898421 |
| 46 | -1221.299409 | -1220.786171 | -1218.417271 | -14.02 | 18.74 | * | -1217.909371 | -1217.896893 | * |
| 7 | -1221.300922 | -1220.787456 | -1218.420254 | -5.61 | 26.36 | 31.30 | -1217.908924 | -1217.896748 | -1217.894868 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ <br> $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, | $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ <br> $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv |
| 85 | -1221.300735 | -1220.786939 | -1218.421235 | -3.60 | 27.61 | 33.47 | -1217.908809 | -1217.896921 | -1217.894690 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 ts1 | -1836.473923 | -1835.707423 | -1832.269217 | 29.50 | 79.87 | * | -1831.491483 | -1831.472296 | * |
| 158_ts1 | -1836.472722 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 102_ts2 | -1836.472973 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 102_ts1 | -1836.473093 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 ts2 | -1836.472785 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85_ts2 | -1836.471401 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 158_ts2 | -1836.471722 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85_ts1 | -1836.471491 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts1 | -1836.469635 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 106_ts2 | -1836.470443 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 207 ts1 | -1836.469182 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 155_ts2 | -1836.469421 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $33-t s 1$ | -1836.473927 | -1835.707440 | -1832.269541 | 29.25 | 79.58 | 89.08 | -1831.491914 | -1831.472743 | -1831.469126 |
| 158_ts1 | -1836.472718 | -1835.706546 | -1832.268247 | 27.45 | 77.45 | 87.45 | -1831.491621 | -1831.472578 | -1831.468769 |
| 102_ts2 | -1836.472742 | -1835.706082 | -1832.268925 | 29.12 | 75.73 | 86.19 | -1831.491174 | -1831.473421 | -1831.469437 |
| 33 _ts2 | -1836.472582 | -1835.706038 | -1832.268708 | 34.06 | 78.87 | 89.29 | -1831.489192 | -1831.472125 | -1831.468156 |
| 85 ts2 | -1836.471338 | -1835.705063 | -1832.266938 | 31.42 | 74.77 | 85.69 | -1831.488695 | -1831.472186 | -1831.468026 |
| 158_ts2 | -1836.471600 | -1835.704589 | -1832.267210 | 31.46 | 75.56 | 86.06 | -1831.488214 | -1831.471418 | -1831.467418 |
| 102_ts1 | -1836.473163 | -1835.706720 | -1832.26545 | 24.31 | 74.48 | * | -1831.489744 | -1831.470636 | * |
| 85 ts 1 | -1836.471625 | -1835.704943 | -1832.262886 | 25.40 | * | * | -1831.486531 | * | * |
| 1 ts 1 | -1836.469945 | -1835.703777 | -1832.263680 | 29.33 | * | * | -1831.486340 | * | * |
| 106 ts2 | -1836.470615 | -1835.704426 | -1832.260658 | 23.60 | * | * | -1831.485481 | * | * |
| 207 ts1 | -1836.469471 | -1835.703334 | -1832.259291 | 23.01 | * | * | -1831.484390 | * | * |
| 155 ts2 | -1836.469614 | -1835.702959 | -1832.259531 | 24.56 | * | * | -1831.483522 | * | * |
| 5k |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5k_6 | -1132.71957 | -1132.22368 | -1129.99159 | 0.59 | 37.82 | 41.51 | -1129.495476 | -1129.481293 | -1129.479891 |
| 5k_13 | -1132.72005 | -1132.22398 | -1129.99233 | 4.06 | 40.88 | 44.98 | -1129.494711 | -1129.480687 | -1129.479125 |
| 5k_2 | -1132.71974 | -1132.22410 | -1129.99075 | 1.21 | 38.24 | 41.88 | -1129.494637 | -1129.480534 | -1129.479147 |
| 5k_4 | -1132.71854 | -1132.22250 | -1129.99098 | 2.51 | 35.82 | 39.33 | -1129.493981 | -1129.481296 | -1129.479957 |
| $5 \mathrm{k} \_15$ | -1132.71962 | -1132.22372 | -1129.99124 | 4.18 | 43.47 | 47.24 | -1129.493751 | -1129.478787 | -1129.477353 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| 5k_16 | -1132.71799 | -1132.22210 | -1129.98920 | 1.38 | 36.74 | 40.46 | -1129.492781 | -1129.479315 | -1129.477897 |
| 5k_1 | -1132.71864 | -1132.22257 | -1129.99075 | 5.31 | 38.16 | 41.84 | -1129.492652 | -1129.480143 | -1129.478740 |
| 5k_10 | -1132.71859 | -1132.22221 | -1129.99115 | 5.98 | 39.16 | 42.97 | -1129.492492 | -1129.479855 | -1129.478405 |
| 5k_9 | -1132.71780 | -1132.22210 | -1129.98877 | 2.05 | 39.25 | 43.05 | -1129.492289 | -1129.478122 | -1129.476671 |
| 5k_7 | -1132.71858 | -1132.22273 | -1129.99050 | 6.86 | 44.52 | 49.08 | -1129.492037 | -1129.477694 | -1129.475957 |
| 5k_14 | -1132.71752 | -1132.22275 | -1129.98775 | 3.39 | 39.62 | 43.39 | -1129.491693 | -1129.477892 | -1129.476458 |
| 5k_12 | -1132.71736 | -1132.22131 | -1129.99028 | 9.00 | 41.59 | 45.61 | -1129.490799 | -1129.478385 | -1129.476855 |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2_ts4 | -1747.880519 | -1747.132325 | -1743.831159 | 29.20 | 77.74 | 88.62 | -1743.071841 | -1743.053355 | -1743.049212 |
| 15_ts4 | -1747.879917 | -1747.131619 | -1743.830837 | 32.09 | 79.71 | 90.96 | -1743.070316 | -1743.052181 | -1743.047894 |
| 4_ts4 | -1747.881367 | -1747.133047 | -1743.829639 | 34.14 | 78.20 | 88.87 | -1743.068314 | -1743.051534 | -1743.047470 |
| 6_ts4 | -1747.881486 | -1747.133197 | -1743.829398 | 29.16 | 79.08 | 89.79 | -1743.070001 | -1743.050989 | -1743.046910 |
| 13_ts4 | -1747.882464 | -1747.134185 | -1743.828136 | 30.63 | 77.70 | 88.20 | -1743.068192 | -1743.050264 | -1743.046264 |
| 6_ts2 | -1747.878594 | -1747.130399 | -1743.824327 | 21.76 | 67.95 | 78.53 | -1743.067845 | -1743.050252 | -1743.046220 |
| 4_ts2 | -1747.882272 | -1747.133570 | -1743.828156 | 34.73 | 80.54 | 90.04 | -1743.066227 | -1743.048777 | -1743.045160 |
| 6 ts1 | -1747.882385 | -1747.134297 | -1743.828111 | 32.09 | * | * | -1743.067800 | * | * |
| 2_ts2 | -1747.878208 | -1747.130341 | -1743.826701 | 29.79 | * | * | -1743.067487 | * | * |
| 13 _ts2 | -1747.882612 | -1747.134304 | -1743.828501 | 33.93 | * | * | -1743.067268 | * | * |
| 15_ts2 | -1747.877628 | -1747.129289 | -1743.826485 | 31.46 | * | * | -1743.066162 | * | * |
| 6_ts3 | -1747.878813 | -1747.130595 | -1743.823137 | 23.05 | * | * | -1743.066138 | * | * |
| 13_ts1 | -1747.879267 | -1747.130979 | -1743.822186 | 21.80 | * | * | -1743.065595 | * | * |
| 13_ts3 | -1747.879313 | -1747.130911 | -1743.822685 | 27.74 | * | * | -1743.063717 | * | * |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2_ts4opt | -1747.880519 | -1747.132325 | -1743.831159 | 29.20 | 77.74 | 88.62 | -1743.071841 | -1743.053355 | -1743.049212 |
| 6_ts4opt | -1747.881953 | -1747.132894 | -1743.829966 | 28.58 | 79.12 | 89.70 | -1743.070023 | -1743.050772 | -1743.046740 |
| 15_ts4opt | -1747.879940 | -1747.131692 | -1743.830756 | 32.68 | 79.71 | 90.88 | -1743.070062 | -1743.052150 | -1743.047895 |
| 13_ts3opt | -1747.879331 | -1747.130841 | -1743.822725 | 27.36 | 62.89 | 74.35 | -1743.063813 | -1743.050283 | -1743.045917 |
| 13_ts2opt | -1747.882726 | -1747.134099 | -1743.828704 | 34.69 | 77.28 | 88.16 | -1743.066867 | -1743.050644 | -1743.046500 |
| 6_tslopt | -1747.882437 | -1747.134116 | -1743.828315 | 30.88 | 83.18 | 92.72 | -1743.068233 | -1743.048313 | -1743.044680 |
| 4_ts2opt | -1747.882338 | -1747.133553 | -1743.828482 | 34.94 | 80.50 | 89.91 | -1743.066391 | -1743.049037 | -1743.045451 |
| 51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -1288.674630 | -1288.083688 | -1285.568297 | 9.71 | 56.36 | 59.96 | -1284.973658 | -1284.955890 | -1284.954519 |
| 2 | -1288.673958 | -1288.082890 | -1285.567733 | 13.05 | 57.24 | 61.04 | -1284.971692 | -1284.954864 | -1284.953414 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| 3 | -1288.672207 | -1288.081221 | -1285.565655 | 20.92 | 64.14 | 67.99 | -1284.966701 | -1284.950239 | -1284.948773 |
| 4 | -1288.672877 | -1288.081718 | -1285.564962 | 16.40 | 60.04 | 63.81 | -1284.967556 | -1284.950935 | -1284.949501 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| frozen_ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2_ts2 | -1903.835205 | -1902.993930 | -1899.407900 | 41.42 | * | * | -1898.550848 | * | * |
| 1_ts2 | -1903.835868 | -1902.992951 | -1899.408837 | 42.38 | * | * | -1898.549777 | * | * |
| 1_ts4 | -1903.834904 | -1902.991323 | -1899.404425 | 37.66 | * | * | -1898.546501 | * | * |
| 2_ts4 | -1903.835205 | -1902.991744 | -1899.404675 | 42.26 | * | * | -1898.545119 | * | * |
| 1_ts3 | -1903.832939 | -1902.989490 | -1899.400697 | 34.48 | * | * | -1898.544116 | * | * |
| 1_ts1 | -1903.833103 | -1902.989984 | -1899.399492 | 33.22 | * | * | -1898.543719 | * | * |
| 2_ts3 | -1903.832420 | -1902.989028 | -1899.398396 | 34.23 | * | * | -1898.541968 | * | * |
| 2 ts1 | -1903.831909 | -1902.988305 | -1899.397270 | 35.56 | * | * | -1898.540120 | * | * |
| optimized <br> ts       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 ts2opt | -1903.835843 | -1902.992792 | -1899.408762 | 42.38 | 103.64 | 114.31 | -1898.549569 | -1898.526238 | -1898.522175 |
| 2_ts2opt | -1903.837941 | -1902.993738 | -1899.407946 | 41.51 | * | * | -1898.547935 | * | * |

** For catalysts $\mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{5 b}, \mathbf{5 k}$ and $\mathbf{5 1}$ conformers ts 2 and ts 4 contain the acetate-ortho-hydrogen contact on the side of 3 N -substituent.
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Table A2.8. Calculated free energies of conformers of 3,4-diaminopyridines and corresponding transition states. Final free energies " $\mathrm{G}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv" were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at chosen level. Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in

| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{MP} 2-5 \text { with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{MP} 2-5 \text { with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{MP} 2-5 \text { with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| alc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| alc | -233.576452 | -233.469331 | -233.020561 | -7.78 | -0.63 | 2.30 | -232.916404 | -232.913679 | -232.912564 |
| anh |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| anh | -381.583992 | -381.518074 | -380.793597 | -6.65 | -34.73 | -20.92 | -380.730213 | -380.740906 | -380.735647 |
| anh2 | -381.583860 | -381.518359 | -380.794157 | -8.33 | -36.61 | -22.89 | -380.731828 | -380.742600 | -380.737373 |
| py |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| py | -248.181767 | -248.120261 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -5.27 | -1.92 | -247.531360 | -247.529942 | -247.528667 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { optimized } \\ & \text { ts } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -863.330413 | -863.052429 | -861.407201 | 2.64 | -8.95 | 3.72 | -861.128213 | -861.132627 | -861.127799 |
| 3 (DMAP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP | -382.100962 | -381.972152 | -381.179977 | -13.68 | -11.88 | -8.49 | -381.056377 | -381.055692 | -381.054401 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -997.259033 | -996.914872 | -995.006254 | -3.26 | 0.17 | 10.84 | -994.663336 | -994.662029 | -994.657966 |
| 4 (PPY) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY | -459.499042 | -459.334344 | -458.383907 | -16.90 | -5.27 | -1.92 | -458.225647 | -458.221217 | -458.219942 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tsopt | -1074.658051 | -1074.277708 | -1072.211254 | -6.40 | 1.67 | 12.55 | -1071.833349 | -1071.830273 | -1071.826130 |
| 6 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6a_a | -536.904889 | -536.704231 | -535.601147 | -20.75 | 2.59 | 4.60 | -535.408393 | -535.399501 | -535.398736 |
| 6a_b | -536.905604 | -536.705023 | -535.602351 | -20.33 | 2.43 | 4.69 | -535.409515 | -535.400846 | -535.399985 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a_ts2opt | -1152.066909 | -1151.650866 | -1149.433307 | -5.98 | 22.34 | 31.46 | -1149.019543 | -1149.008755 | -1149.005281 |
| 7 a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7a | -609.437278 | -609.221210 | -607.990831 | -9.50 | -2.93 | 8.49 | -607.778380 | -607.775879 | -607.771528 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { optimized } \\ \text { ts } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts2opt | -1224.595818 | -1224.163862 | -1221.816846 | 1.51 | 16.86 | 29.96 | -1221.384317 | -1221.378468 | -1221.373480 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| ts3opt | -1224.595134 | -1224.163996 | -1221.815909 | -1.09 | 15.31 | 28.12 | -1221.385186 | -1221.378939 | -1221.374062 |
| ts4opt | -1224.597204 | -1224.165708 | -1221.818683 | 8.33 | 21.59 | 34.35 | -1221.384016 | -1221.378964 | -1221.374104 |
| 7b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -648.739813 | -648.497957 | -647.190473 | -5.02 | 15.90 | 19.79 | -646.9505296 | -646.9425616 | -646.9410795 |
| 2 | -648.737139 | -648.494272 | -647.189498 | -5.77 | 11.92 | 16.74 | -646.9488305 | -646.9420895 | -646.9402569 |
| optimized <br> ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2opt | -1263.900085 | -1263.441597 | -1261.019372 | 10.42 | 37.07 | 48.37 | -1260.556916 | -1260.546764 | -1260.542462 |
| 1_tslopt | -1263.899655 | -1263.441251 | -1261.018453 | 8.16 | 35.56 | 45.98 | -1260.556942 | -1260.546504 | -1260.542536 |
| 1_ts4opt | -1263.899412 | -1263.441526 | -1261.018402 | 7.41 | 33.05 | * | -1260.557695 | -1260.547927 |  |
| 5a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -593.418065 | -593.184844 | -591.981245 | -14.56 | 5.69 | 8.08 | -591.753570 | -591.745857 | -591.744948 |
| 2 | -593.417088 | -593.184505 | -591.980224 | -14.52 | 6.15 | 8.33 | -591.753171 | -591.745298 | -591.744470 |
| 3 | -593.416648 | -593.184065 | -591.979898 | -14.18 | 6.69 | 8.45 | -591.752717 | -591.744765 | -591.744095 |
| 4 | -593.415838 | -593.183378 | -591.978867 | -14.14 | 6.69 | 8.45 | -591.751793 | -591.743857 | -591.743188 |
| 5 | -593.415488 | -593.182805 | -591.979020 | -15.06 | 4.23 | 6.65 | -591.752074 | -591.744727 | -591.743803 |
| 6 | -593.415277 | -593.181700 | -591.978978 | -15.19 | 4.39 | 6.61 | -591.751186 | -591.743728 | -591.742883 |
| 7 | -593.414082 | -593.181914 | -591.977706 | -14.56 | 6.95 | 8.41 | -591.751084 | -591.742892 | -591.742335 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4opt | -1208.582983 | -1208.132786 | -1205.818948 | 4.64 | 37.95 | 47.45 | -1205.366982 | -1205.354297 | -1205.350679 |
| 2_ts2opt | -1208.582671 | -1208.132235 | -1205.818582 | 4.52 | * | * | -1205.366424 |  |  |
| 2_ts3opt | -1208.578330 | -1208.129381 | -1205.811568 | 0.04 | 24.89 | 34.56 | -1205.362603 | -1205.353137 | -1205.349456 |
| 2_ts4opt | -1208.581766 | -1208.131805 | -1205.817607 | 4.14 | 39.20 | 47.95 | -1205.366068 | -1205.352714 | -1205.349383 |
| 5b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -749.407023 | -749.083230 | -747.576974 | -8.03 | 27.11 | 28.58 | -747.256240 | -747.242854 | -747.242296 |
| 2 | -749.405930 | -749.082046 | -747.576291 | -7.87 | 30.75 | 32.13 | -747.255403 | -747.240694 | -747.240168 |
| 4 | -749.406234 | -749.082709 | -747.576561 | -7.99 | 28.03 | 29.08 | -747.256079 | -747.242358 | -747.241960 |
| 6 | -749.405682 | -749.082275 | -747.576377 | -8.24 | 28.79 | 30.25 | -747.256109 | -747.242006 | -747.241448 |
| 7 | -749.405742 | -749.081909 | -747.575522 | -8.37 | 26.94 | 28.07 | -747.254876 | -747.241426 | -747.240995 |
| 9 | -749.405012 | -749.080802 | -747.574665 | -8.20 | 28.49 | 29.96 | -747.253578 | -747.239602 | -747.239045 |
| 10 | -749.404995 | -749.080845 | -747.576374 | -8.16 | 25.82 | 27.70 | -747.255332 | -747.242392 | -747.241674 |
| 11 | -749.406385 | -749.080802 | -747.576067 | -8.74 | 25.82 | 27.41 | -747.253815 | -747.240651 | -747.240046 |
| 12 | -749.404828 | -749.080142 | -747.576198 | -8.20 | 25.98 | 27.57 | -747.254635 | -747.241615 | -747.241010 |


| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| 14 | -749.404725 | -749.080568 | -747.574364 | -8.28 | 28.62 | 30.04 | -747.253363 | -747.239307 | -747.238765 |
| 15 | -749.404598 | -749.080109 | -747.576157 | -7.66 | 27.78 | 29.46 | -747.254584 | -747.241086 | -747.240449 |
| 16 | -749.406393 | -749.081996 | -747.576140 | -8.79 | 25.73 | 27.36 | -747.255090 | -747.241943 | -747.241321 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2opt | -1364.573153 | -1364.031977 | -1361.416613 | 12.64 | 59.96 | 68.45 | -1360.870625 | -1360.852601 | -1360.849366 |
| 11_ts2opt | -1364.572050 | -1364.031426 | -1361.415460 | 12.22 | 60.46 | 68.99 | -1360.870182 | -1360.851808 | -1360.848557 |
| 1_ts4opt | -1364.572257 | -1364.031677 | -1361.415669 | 13.39 | 62.68 | 70.54 | -1360.869990 | -1360.851217 | -1360.848221 |
| 1_ts3opt | -1364.568935 | -1364.029792 | -1361.409530 | 8.16 | 50.58 | 59.16 | -1360.867279 | -1360.851120 | -1360.847853 |
| 5j |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -1221.300472 | -1220.869017 | -1218.426019 | 2.43 | 35.15 | 41.13 | -1217.993638 | -1217.981176 | -1217.978898 |
| 102 | -1221.302906 | -1220.872804 | -1218.420923 | -7.53 | 20.63 | 25.94 | -1217.993689 | -1217.982963 | -1217.980941 |
| 187 | -1221.302230 | -1220.871238 | -1218.420066 | -8.79 | 19.87 | 25.31 | -1217.992422 | -1217.981506 | -1217.979434 |
| 46 | -1221.299409 | -1220.868699 | -1218.417271 | -14.02 | 18.74 | * | -1217.991901 | -1217.979423 |  |
| 7 | -1221.300922 | -1220.869851 | -1218.420254 | -5.61 | 26.36 | 31.30 | -1217.99132 | -1217.979143 | -1217.977261 |
| 85 | -1221.300735 | -1220.870339 | -1218.421235 | -3.60 | 27.61 | 33.47 | -1217.99221 | -1217.980323 | -1217.978091 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 ts1 | -1836.473927 | -1835.824366 | -1832.269541 | 29.25 | 79.58 | 89.08 | -1831.608839 | -1831.58967 | -1831.586051 |
| 158_ts1 | -1836.472718 | -1835.824618 | -1832.268247 | 27.45 | 77.45 | 87.45 | -1831.609692 | -1831.590648 | -1831.586839 |
| 102_ts2 | -1836.472742 | -1835.822502 | -1832.268925 | 29.12 | 75.73 | 86.19 | -1831.607594 | -1831.589841 | -1831.585857 |
| 33 _ts2 | -1836.472582 | -1835.823229 | -1832.268708 | 34.06 | 78.87 | 89.29 | -1831.606382 | -1831.589315 | -1831.585346 |
| 85_ts2 | -1836.471338 | -1835.823331 | -1832.266938 | 31.42 | 74.77 | 85.69 | -1831.606964 | -1831.590453 | -1831.586293 |
| 158_ts2 | -1836.471600 | -1835.820827 | -1832.267210 | 31.46 | 75.56 | 86.06 | -1831.604455 | -1831.587658 | -1831.583658 |
| 5k |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5k_6 | -1132.71957 | -1132.30075 | -1129.99159 | 0.59 | 37.82 | 41.51 | -1129.572547 | -1129.558364 | -1129.556962 |
| 5k_13 | -1132.72005 | -1132.30096 | -1129.99233 | 4.06 | 40.88 | 44.98 | -1129.571690 | -1129.557666 | -1129.556104 |
| 5k_2 | -1132.71974 | -1132.30147 | -1129.99075 | 1.21 | 38.24 | 41.88 | -1129.572011 | -1129.557908 | -1129.556521 |
| 5k_4 | -1132.71854 | -1132.30024 | -1129.99098 | 2.51 | 35.82 | 39.33 | -1129.571729 | -1129.559044 | -1129.557705 |
| 5k_15 | -1132.71962 | -1132.30102 | -1129.99124 | 4.18 | 43.47 | 47.24 | -1129.571044 | -1129.556080 | -1129.554646 |
| 5k_16 | -1132.71799 | -1132.29999 | -1129.98920 | 1.38 | 36.74 | 40.46 | -1129.570671 | -1129.557205 | -1129.555787 |
| 5k_1 | -1132.71864 | -1132.30050 | -1129.99075 | 5.31 | 38.16 | 41.84 | -1129.570575 | -1129.558066 | -1129.556663 |
| 5k_10 | -1132.71859 | -1132.30019 | -1129.99115 | 5.98 | 39.16 | 42.97 | -1129.570472 | -1129.557835 | -1129.556385 |
| 5k 9 | -1132.71780 | -1132.30003 | -1129.98877 | 2.05 | 39.25 | 43.05 | -1129.570219 | -1129.556052 | -1129.554601 |

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| Conformer |  |  |  | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{298} \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| 5k_7 | -1132.71858 | -1132.30111 | -1129.99050 | 6.86 | 44.52 | 49.08 | -1129.570416 | -1129.556073 | -1129.554336 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2_ts4opt | -1747.880519 | -1747.245129 | -1743.831159 | 29.20 | 77.74 | 88.62 | -1743.184645 | -1743.166159 | -1743.162016 |
| 6_ts4opt | -1747.881953 | -1747.245528 | -1743.829966 | 28.58 | 79.12 | 89.70 | -1743.182657 | -1743.163406 | -1743.159374 |
| 15_ts4opt | -1747.879940 | -1747.245916 | -1743.830756 | 32.68 | 79.71 | 90.88 | -1743.184286 | -1743.166374 | -1743.162119 |
| 51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | -1288.674630 | -1288.168666 | -1285.568297 | 9.71 | 56.36 | 59.96 | -1285.058636 | -1285.040868 | -1285.039497 |
| 2 | -1288.673958 | -1288.168161 | -1285.567733 | 13.05 | 57.24 | 61.04 | -1285.056963 | -1285.040135 | -1285.038685 |
| 3 | -1288.672207 | -1288.168075 | -1285.565655 | 20.92 | 64.14 | 67.99 | -1285.053555 | -1285.037093 | -1285.035627 |
| 4 | -1288.672877 | -1288.167743 | -1285.564962 | 16.40 | 60.04 | 63.81 | -1285.053581 | -1285.036960 | -1285.035526 |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { optimized } \\ \text { ts }\end{array}$       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2opt | -1903.835843 | -1903.113899 | -1899.408762 | 42.38 | 103.64 | 114.31 | -1898.670676 | -1898.647345 | -1898.643282 |
| 2_ts2opt | -1903.837941 | -1903.113558 | -1899.407946 | 41.51 | * | * | -1898.667755 |  |  |

Appendix
Table A2.9. Relative activation enthalpies $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {act }}$ as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory in gas phase ("MP2-5") or with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at chosen level. Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii; "solv3": B98/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii. Correlations of the activation enthalpies with relative reaction rates $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$ give correlation coefficients $R^{2}$, which are shown in the last three rows.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Boltzmann averaged enthalpies } \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {act }}[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}] \text { Boltzmann averaged enthalpies } \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {act }}[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}] \text { Activation enthalpies } \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {act }} \text {, based on the best } \\ & \text { conformers }[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]\end{aligned}$

| Catalyst | $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$ | frozen transition states |  |  |  | optimized transition states |  |  |  | optimized transition states |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MP2-5 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | MP2-5 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | MP2-5 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| py |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 7 a | --5.6870 | -24.40 | -20.50 | 1.46 | -6.71 | -27.70 | -23.89 | 0.03 | -7.84 | -27.35 | --24.18 | -0.08 | -7.73 |
| 3 (DMAP) | -5.0173 | -21.94 | -21.86 | -4.78 | -7.08 | -24.50 | -25.71 | -8.77 | -10.82 | -24.50 | -25.71 | -8.77 | -10.82 |
| 7b | -4.6444 | -27.84 | -23.01 | -4.50 | -7.17 | -30.88 | -27.87 | -6.05 | -8.29 | -33.05 | -28.68 | -5.90 | -8.78 |
| 4 (PPY) | -4.2047 | -24.79 | -24.67 | * | * | -27.35 | -28.49 | -16.72 | -18.52 | -36.62 | -28.48 | -16.72 | -18.52 |
| 6 a | -2.7081 | -33.94 | -29.65 | -11.09 | -13.75 | -37.30 | -34.57 | -13.71 | -16.17 | -23.55 | -33.90 | -13.02 | -15.49 |
| 51 | --4.9273 | -62.25 | -40.69 | * | * | -62.88 | --41.41 | -12.29 | -14.55 | --58.88 | --41.45 | -10.13 | -13.79 |
| 5k | -4.7536 | -55.75 | -39.09 | -14.36 | -16.52 | -59.16 | -43.47 | -15.99 | -18.00 | -59.63 | -42.64 | -14.62 | -17.99 |
| 5a | -3.9318 | -51.23 | -41.46 | -16.79 | -19.09 | -54.71 | -47.20 | -18.51 | -20.72 | -53.56 | -45.98 | -17.62 | -19.83 |
| 5b | -2.8904 | -54.86 | -44.40 | -19.37 | -21.82 | -59.17 | -49.99 | -22.36 | -24.84 | -62.49 | -49.63 | -21.02 | -24.84 |
| 5j | -2.7726 | -64.23 | -49.28 | -15.41 | * | -66.44 | -53.07 | -18.03 | -22.64 | -67.85 | -52.66 | -18.31 | -22.62 |
| Correlation coefficients R ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| all catalysts |  | 0.1653 | 0.3361 | 0.5682 | 0.4874 | 0.1828 | 0.4024 | 0.5434 | 0.5791 | 0.1166 | 0.3974 | 0.5848 | 0.5788 |
| 4-aminopyridines |  | 0.7176 | 0.9911 | 0.9089 | 0.9201 | 0.6691 | 0.9895 | 0.5628 | 0.5186 | 0.0231 | 0.9652 | 0.5193 | 0.4838 |
| 3,4-diaminopyridines |  | 0.0061 | 0.7760 | 0.3333 | 0.9973 | 0.0568 | 0.9510 | 0.6657 | 0.8709 | 0.3753 | 0.9636 | 0.7765 | 0.8637 |

* PCM SCRF cannot be converged with the chosen parameters (i.e. Pauling radii).
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Table A2.10. Relative activation free energies $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {act }}$ as calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)/B98/6-31G(d) level of theory in gas phase ("MP2-5") or with inclusion of olvent effects in chloroform at chosen level. Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": R coefficients $\mathrm{R}^{2}$, which are shown in the last three rows.

Table A2.11. Numbers of transition states conformers used for Boltzmann-averaging to obtain relative activation enthalpies $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {act }}$ as calculated at MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level of theory in gas phase ("MP2-5") or with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at chosen level. Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii; "solv3": B98/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii.

| Catalyst | $\ln \left(1 / t_{1 / 2}\right)$ | frozen transition states |  |  |  | optimized transition states |  |  |  | free catalyst |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | MP2-5 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 | MP2-5 | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |  |
| py |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| 3 (DMAP) | $-5.0173$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 (PPY) | -4.2047 | 1 | 1 | * | * | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 a | -2.7081 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 a | -5.6870 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 7b | -4.6444 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 5 a | -------------18 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| 5b | -2.8904 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 |
| 5k | -4.7536 | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 |
| 51 | -4.9273 | 8 | 8 | * | * | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 5j | -2.7726 | 1 | 1 | 1 | * | 12 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 6 |

* PCM SCRF cannot be converged with the chosen parameters (i.e. Pauling radii).


## A2.4. Influence of the explicit solvation.

Table A2.12. Calculated energies of pyridines and corresponding transition states, solvated by chloroform.
Methods for calculation PCM single point energies in chloroform: "solv1": RHF/6-31G(d) with UAHF radii; "solv2": RHF/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii; "solv3": B98/6-31G(d) with Pauling radii.

| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\underset{\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{molv},}{\substack{\mathrm{G}_{\text {se }}}}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ |
| chloroform | -1419.094429 | -1419.068994 | -1417.478989 | -1417.453554 | 0.54 | -11.25 | -9.04 |
| py |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| py_alc | -481.770379 | -481.530830 | -480.623500 | -480.383951 | -2.26 | 4.52 |  |
| cat_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -1667.286776 | -1667.164971 | -1665.079878 | -1664.958073 | 8.45 | 0.46 | 2.85 |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -2282.440733 | -2282.066001 | -2278.905033 | -2278.530301 | 30.29 | 29.25 | 38.58 |
| 3 (DMAP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DMAP.alc | -615.691516 | -615.374106 | -614.215625 | -613.898214 | -5.98 | 9.58 |  |
| DMAP.alc. 2 | -615.691872 | -615.373393 | -614.215168 | -613.896689 | -4.81 | 14.43 |  |
| cat_CHCl ${ }_{3} 1$ | -1801.207922 | -1801.008289 | -1798.671846 | -1798.472213 | 5.06 | 6.07 | 7.74 |
| cat_CHCl 3.2 | -1801.200451 | -1801.000781 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} 33$ | -2416.370091 | -2415.918107 | -2412.505641 | -2412.053656 | 30.08 | 38.62 | 46.82 |
| 4 (PPY) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PPY.alc | -693.089778 | -692.734773 | -691.419919 | -691.064914 | -9.00 | 16.32 |  |
| PPY.alc. 2 | -693.089199 | -692.734290 | -691.418990 | -691.064080 | -8.70 | 16.02 |  |
| cat_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -1878.606247 | -1878.368964 | -1875.876311 | -1875.639028 | 2.09 | 12.51 | 14.35 |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} .1$ | -2493.769008 | -2493.279459 | -2489.710663 | -2489.221115 | 27.70 | 46.69 | 55.15 |
| 6a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6a_b.alc. 1 | -770.496548 | -770.104082 | -768.638892 | -768.246426 | -11.46 | 25.36 |  |
| 6a_b.alc. 2 | -770.496593 | -770.104194 | -768.638950 | -768.246551 | -11.42 | 25.40 |  |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$-1 | -1956.012971 | -1955.738290 | -1953.095233 | -1952.820552 | -0.38 | 21.67 | 22.47 |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ _2 | -1956.005629 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -1152.066909 | -1151.567461 | -1149.433307 | -1148.933860 | -5.98 | 0.00 | 31.46 |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ _1 | -2571.176550 | -2570.649703 | -2566.931649 | -2566.404802 | 24.81 |  |  |
| 7a | -609.437278 | -609.163890 | -607.990831 | -607.717443 | -9.50 | -2.93 | 8.49 |
| 7a.alc. 1 | -843.028110 | -842.608168 | -841.026825 | -840.606883 | -1.26 | 25.86 | -1.26 |
| 7a.alc. 2 | -843.027933 | -842.608060 | -841.026721 | -840.606848 | -0.75 | 26.65 | -0.75 |
| 7a.Nalc. 1 | -843.028012 | -842.608076 | -841.029063 | -840.609127 | 7.53 | 35.52 | 7.53 |
| 7a.Nalc. 2 | -843.026872 | -842.607024 | -841.028316 | -840.608468 | 7.99 | 39.29 | 7.99 |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ _1 | -2028.544445 | -2028.243409 | -2025.483018 | -2025.181982 | 9.96 | 21.46 | 25.65 |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ _2 | -2028.542546 | -2028.241421 | -2025.487454 | -2025.186329 | 15.94 | 25.23 | 30.00 |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ _ 3 | -2028.535796 | -2028.234814 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -1224.595818 | -1224.069937 | -1221.816846 | -1221.290965 | 1.51 |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ _1 | -2643.705649 | -2643.152255 | -2639.314376 | -2638.760983 | 33.14 |  |  |
| 5a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5a_1.alc.1 | -827.010237 | -826.576631 | -825.018453 | -824.584847 | -1.13 | 35.56 |  |
| 5a_1.alc. 2 | -827.010136 | -826.576078 | -825.018519 | -824.584460 | -0.75 | 36.32 |  |
| cat_CHCl 3.1 | -2012.525707 | -2012.210613 | -2009.474695 | -2009.159601 | 7.49 | 27.57 | 28.87 |
| cat_CHCl 3.3 | -2012.518774 | -2012.203954 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ _1 | -2627.690987 | -2627.123439 | -2623.315872 | -2622.748324 | 34.39 | 68.45 | 75.98 |
| 5b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5b_6.alc. 1 | -982.997653 | -982.466821 | -980.613639 | -980.082807 | 6.49 | 61.04 |  |

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| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | solv1 | solv2 | solv3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }},$ $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ |
| 5b_6.alc. 2 | -982.997908 | -982.467058 | -980.613887 | -980.083037 | 5.44 | 58.74 |  |
| cat_CHCl 3.1 | -2168.513355 | -2168.101290 | -2165.069737 | -2164.657671 | 14.02 | 50.00 | 50.46 |
| cat_CHCl 2 | -2168.506508 | -2168.094645 |  |  |  |  |  |
| cat_CHCl 3 | -2168.513418 | -2168.101291 | -2165.070070 | -2164.657943 | 14.06 | 50.71 | 51.21 |
| ts_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ _3 | -2783.681530 | -2783.017748 | -2778.915576 | -2778.251795 | 46.94 |  |  |
| 5k |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5k_6.alc. 1 | -1366.310732 | -1365.668329 | -1363.029180 | -1362.386777 | 19.33 | 74.73 |  |
| 5k_6.alc. 2 | -1366.311755 | -1365.669281 | -1363.031429 | -1362.388955 | 19.33 | 77.53 |  |
| 5k_6.alc. 3 | -1366.310720 | -1365.668340 | -1363.029300 | -1362.386920 | 18.91 | 73.72 |  |
| 5k_6.alc. 4 | -1366.310704 | -1365.668452 | -1363.028649 | -1362.386396 | 14.85 | 67.66 |  |
| $5 \mathrm{k} \_6$ _ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | -2551.826952 | -2551.303491 | -2547.486284 | -2546.962823 | 26.99 | 64.18 | 66.86 |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2_ts4opt _ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | -3166.989287 | -3166.213770 | -3161.331034 | -3160.555517 | 64.22 | 114.43 | 123.01 |
| 51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| alc. 1 | -1522.266836 | -1521.529166 | -1518.608130 | -1517.870460 | 28.74 | 91.76 |  |
| alc. 2 | -1522.265687 | -1521.528069 | -1518.606133 | -1517.868516 | 28.87 | 93.55 |  |
| alc. 3 | -1522.265579 | -1521.528003 | -1518.606197 | -1517.868620 | 26.40 | 87.82 |  |
| alc. 4 | -1522.266686 | -1521.529949 | -1518.608225 | -1517.871488 | 28.12 | 92.22 |  |
| cat_ $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$-1 | -2707.782096 | -2707.163411 | -2703.063430 | -2702.444745 | 35.56 | 82.38 | 84.98 |
| cat_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ 2 | -2707.782096 | -2707.163426 | -2703.063434 | -2702.444764 | 35.56 | 82.38 | 84.98 |
| ts_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1_ts2_CHCl ${ }_{3}$ | -3322.944773 | -3322.073934 | -3316.908431 | -3316.037592 | 76.36 |  |  |

## A2.5. Single point calculations at B3LYP-D level.

Table A2.13. Calculated energies of conformers of $\mathbf{6 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ and corresponding transition states. Final enthalpies " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ B3LYP-D with solv" were calculated at B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level. $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ are Boltzmann-

| Conforme <br> r | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ B98/6- <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ B98/6- <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ B3LYP- <br> D/6- <br> $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}$ <br> $\mathrm{kJJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | "H298 B3LYP-D <br> with solv" | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ B3LYP- <br> D with solv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -248.357210 | -9.00 | -248.266497 | -248.266497 |
| tsopt | -863.330413 | -862.983065 | -863.986592 | 2.64 | -863.638241 | -863.638241 |
| 6a |  |  |  |  |  | -537.0505796 |
| 6a_a | -536.904889 | -536.657992 | -537.289168 | -20.75 | -537.050175 |  |
| 6a_b | -536.905604 | -536.658613 | -537.290037 | -20.33 | -537.050790 |  |
| 6a_ts |  |  |  |  |  | -1152.435922 |
| a_ts2opt | -1152.066909 | -1151.567461 | -1152.933091 | -5.98 | -1152.435922 |  |
| 5b |  |  |  |  |  | -749.587190 |
| 1 | -749.407023 | -749.022449 | -749.969255 | -8.03 | -749.587741 |  |
| 2 | -749.405930 | -749.021754 | -749.967880 | -7.87 | -749.586699 |  |
| 4 | -749.406234 | -749.021772 | -749.968358 | -7.99 | -749.586940 |  |
| 6 | -749.405682 | -749.021776 | -749.968007 | -8.24 | -749.587240 |  |
| 7 | -749.405742 | -749.021319 | -749.968241 | -8.37 | -749.587005 |  |
| 9 | -749.405012 | -749.020692 | -749.967260 | -8.20 | -749.586063 |  |
| 10 | -749.404995 | -749.020441 | -749.967658 | -8.16 | -749.586211 |  |
| 11 | -749.406385 | -749.021639 | -749.969006 | -8.74 | -749.587591 |  |
| 12 | -749.404828 | -749.020084 | -749.967695 | -8.20 | -749.586074 |  |
| 13 | -749.404877 | -749.020263 | -749.967834 | -8.33 | -749.586391 |  |
| 14 | -749.404725 | -749.020437 | -749.967087 | -8.28 | -749.585954 |  |
| 15 | -749.404598 | -749.020095 | -749.967367 | -7.66 | -749.585781 |  |
| 16 | -749.406393 | -749.021713 | -749.969079 | -8.79 | -749.587746 |  |
| 5b_ts |  |  |  |  |  | -1364.976473 |
| 1_ts2opt | -1364.573153 | -1363.935988 | -1365.618759 | 12.64 | -1364.976782 |  |
| 1_ts4opt | -1364.572257 | -1363.935082 | -1365.617776 | 13.39 | -1364.975502 |  |
| 11_ts2opt | -1364.572050 | -1363.934964 | -1365.618247 | 12.22 | -1364.976507 |  |
| 1_ts3opt | -1364.568935 | -1363.932278 | -1365.613155 | 8.16 | -1364.973390 |  |

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## A3.1 Relative acetylation enthalpies for potential photoswitchable 3,4-diaminopyridines.

Table A3.1. Calculated energies of conformers for potential photoswitchable 3,4-diaminopyridines, as calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level.

| Confor mer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ <br> MP2-5 with solv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -247.498727 | -247.498727 |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.215516 | -142.55 | -400.121498 | -400.121498 |
| diaza1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza1tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1044.022505 |
| 3 | -1046.857690 | -1046.478012 | -1044.402223 | -11.63 | -1044.026975 |  |
| 1 | -1046.857580 | -1046.477989 | -1044.402053 | -11.67 | -1044.026908 |  |
| diaza1tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1196.675477 |
| 3_ac1 | -1199.858325 | -1199.424128 | -1197.068686 | -108.28 | -1196.675732 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1199.858318 | -1199.424100 | -1197.068697 | -108.24 | -1196.675706 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1199.856957 | -1199.422878 | -1197.066994 | -108.20 | -1196.674126 |  |
| 1 ac1 | -1199.856955 | -1199.422802 | -1197.066869 | -108.28 | -1196.673958 |  |
| diaza1ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1044.008449 |
| 1 | -1046.833133 | -1046.454151 | -1044.383069 | -12.18 | -1044.008724 |  |
| 4 | -1046.833002 | -1046.453791 | -1044.382675 | -13.26 | -1044.008515 |  |
| 7 | -1046.832807 | -1046.453629 | -1044.382354 | -13.85 | -1044.008451 |  |
| 5 | -1046.832796 | -1046.453467 | -1044.382303 | -13.56 | -1044.008137 |  |
| 4new | -1046.831620 | -1046.45269 | -1044.382978 | -11.25 | -1044.008335 |  |
| 2 | -1046.831344 | -1046.452302 | -1044.382393 | -13.01 | -1044.008307 |  |
| 3 | -1046.831558 | -1046.452591 | -1044.382727 | -12.26 | -1044.008430 |  |
| 6 | -1046.831275 | -1046.452370 | -1044.382436 | -12.97 | -1044.008471 |  |
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| 5_ac2 | -1199.832665 | -1199.398953 | -1197.047786 | -113.22 | -1196.657197 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1199.831533 | -1199.397899 | -1197.046766 | -113.97 | -1196.656542 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1199.831564 | -1199.397960 | -1197.047009 | -112.80 | -1196.656368 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1199.831165 | -1199.397592 | -1197.045821 | -113.51 | -1196.655482 |  |
| 7 ac2 | -1199.831221 | -1199.397592 | -1197.045806 | -113.47 | -1196.655396 |  |
| $1 \_$ac1 | -1199.830601 | -1199.397022 | -1197.045616 | -112.68 | -1196.654953 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -1199.830668 | -1199.396959 | -1197.045708 | -112.51 | -1196.654851 |  |
| diaza1en |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza1tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1136.056814 |
| 3 | -1139.064106 | -1138.684114 | -1136.431421 | -14.43 | -1136.056927 |  |
| 1 | -1139.063984 | -1138.683898 | -1136.431237 | -14.48 | -1136.056666 |  |
| diaza1tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1288.703967 |
| 1_ac2 | -1292.058452 | -1291.623979 | -1289.092961 | -120.04 | -1288.704208 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1292.058464 | -1291.624024 | -1289.092943 | -120.00 | -1288.704207 |  |
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| 3_ac2 | -1292.057158 | -1291.622754 | -1289.091143 | -119.96 | -1288.702428 |  |
| diaza1ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1136.037495 |
| 7 | -1139.039005 | -1138.659639 | -1136.410931 | -16.15 | -1136.037716 |  |
| 4 | -1139.039185 | -1138.659680 | -1136.411005 | -16.15 | -1136.037651 |  |
| 5 | -1139.039209 | -1138.659623 | -1136.411170 | -15.73 | -1136.037576 |  |
| 1 | -1139.039202 | -1138.659538 | -1136.411299 | -14.77 | -1136.037261 |  |
| 4new | -1139.037014 | -1138.657520 | -1136.410914 | -14.39 | -1136.036901 |  |
| 2 | -1139.036955 | -1138.657669 | -1136.410733 | -15.82 | -1136.037471 |  |
| 3 | -1139.037093 | -1138.657654 | -1136.410975 | -15.40 | -1136.037400 |  |
| 6 | -1139.037144 | -1138.657915 | -1136.410933 | -15.36 | -1136.037552 |  |
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| Confor mer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP2}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}> \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 7 acl | -1292.033216 | -1291.599308 | -1289.072491 | -123.22 | -1288.685515 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1292.033155 | -1291.599259 | -1289.072377 | -123.34 | -1288.685460 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1292.033005 | -1291.599221 | -1289.073934 | -116.19 | -1288.684404 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1292.032999 | -1291.599160 | -1289.073762 | -116.57 | -1288.684320 |  |
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| 7_ac2 | -1292.031694 | -1291.597709 | -1289.070512 | -123.39 | -1288.683522 |  |
| 1 ac1 | -1292.031456 | -1291.597746 | -1289.070768 | -120.62 | -1288.683002 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -1292.031474 | -1291.597804 | -1289.070752 | -120.50 | -1288.682978 |  |
| diaza1ome |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza1tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1158.237020 |
| 3_2 | -1161.339892 | -1160.924702 | -1158.647079 | -14.06 | -1158.237244 |  |
| 1_1 | -1161.339746 | -1160.924617 | -1158.646918 | -14.18 | -1158.237192 |  |
| 3_1 | -1161.339527 | -1160.924391 | -1158.646518 | -14.06 | -1158.236736 |  |
| 1_2 | -1161.339460 | -1160.924225 | -1158.646432 | -14.10 | -1158.236568 |  |
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| 1_1_ac2 | -1314.343654 | -1313.873816 | -1311.315529 | -107.36 | -1310.886583 |  |
| 1_2_ac2 | -1314.343207 | -1313.873467 | -1311.315060 | -107.74 | -1310.886356 |  |
| 3_1_ac2 | -1314.343189 | -1313.873439 | -1311.315014 | -107.61 | -1310.886252 |  |
| 1_1_ac1 | -1314.342298 | -1313.872577 | -1311.313747 | -107.49 | -1310.884965 |  |
| 3_2_ac1 | -1314.342319 | -1313.872598 | -1311.313702 | -107.40 | -1310.884888 |  |
| 1_2_ac1 | -1314.341844 | -1313.872277 | -1311.313201 | -107.74 | -1310.884669 |  |
| 3_1_ac1 | -1314.341816 | -1313.872144 | -1311.313141 | -107.57 | -1310.884440 |  |
| diaza1ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1158.217408 |
| 4_2 | -1161.313891 | -1160.899264 | -1158.626205 | -15.69 | -1158.217554 |  |
| 7_1 | -1161.313736 | -1160.899143 | -1158.626025 | -16.07 | -1158.217551 |  |
| 5_1 | -1161.313722 | -1160.899125 | -1158.626041 | -15.90 | -1158.217500 |  |
| 1_2 | -1161.314173 | -1160.899492 | -1158.626777 | -14.18 | -1158.217498 |  |
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| 5_2 | -1161.313392 | -1160.898853 | -1158.625741 | -15.56 | -1158.217131 |  |
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| 4new_1 | -1161.312917 | -1160.898455 | -1158.626881 | -11.84 | -1158.216929 |  |
| 4new_2 | -1161.312893 | -1160.898548 | -1158.626689 | -13.35 | -1158.217427 |  |
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| 22 | -1161.312626 | -1160.898111 | -1158.626250 | -15.27 | -1158.217551 |  |
| 3_2 | -1161.312756 | -1160.898420 | -1158.626372 | -14.60 | -1158.217598 |  |
| 62 | -1161.312213 | -1160.897954 | -1158.625897 | -14.94 | -1158.217327 |  |
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| 7_2_ac2 | -1314.315546 | -1313.846437 | -1311.291902 | -114.06 | -1310.866235 |  |
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| 4_2_ac2 | -1314.315615 | -1313.846476 | -1311.291860 | -112.21 | -1310.865462 |  |
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| 5_1_ac1 | -1314.315226 | -1313.846079 | -1311.290829 | -112.84 | -1310.864662 |  |
| 7_1_ac1 | -1314.315255 | -1313.846004 | -1311.290868 | -112.84 | -1310.864597 |  |
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| 7_2_ac1 | -1314.313968 | -1313.844718 | -1311.289891 | -114.35 | -1310.864195 |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 1_1_ac1 | -1314.313019 | -1313.844021 | -1311.288948 | -113.64 | -1310.863232 |  |
| 4_1_ac1 | -1314.312990 | -1313.843908 | -1311.288886 | -113.72 | -1310.863118 |  |
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| 3_ac1 | -1199.856291 | -1199.421917 | -1197.066551 | -113.43 | -1196.675379 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1199.856964 | -1199.422639 | -1197.067069 | -109.20 | -1196.674337 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1199.856840 | -1199.422570 | -1197.066913 | -108.95 | -1196.674140 |  |
| diaza3ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1044.008394 |
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| 4 | -1046.834105 | -1046.454748 | -1044.382233 | -14.06 | -1044.008230 |  |
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| $1 \_$ac2 | -1199.830632 | -1199.396894 | -1197.047204 | -113.55 | -1196.656717 |  |
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| diaza2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza2ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1504.646119 |
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| 6 | -1508.737030 | -1508.187354 | -1505.201915 | 15.86 | -1504.646200 |  |
| 4 | -1508.736456 | -1508.186795 | -1505.199878 | 13.97 | -1504.644895 |  |
| 12 | -1508.736311 | -1508.186624 | -1505.199552 | 13.60 | -1504.644686 |  |
| 8 | -1508.739247 | -1508.189284 | -1505.197318 | 13.64 | -1504.642160 |  |
| 11 | -1508.738758 | -1508.188864 | -1505.196532 | 12.55 | -1504.641857 |  |
| 10 | -1508.739087 | -1508.189058 | -1505.197057 | 13.60 | -1504.641849 |  |
| 9 | -1508.738807 | -1508.188770 | -1505.196897 | 14.77 | -1504.641235 |  |
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| 6_ac2 | -1661.739713 | -1661.135305 | -1657.868442 | -73.72 | -1657.292114 |  |
| 12_ac2 | -1661.738235 | -1661.134169 | -1657.865534 | -77.28 | -1657.290901 |  |
| 7 _ac1 | -1661.738459 | -1661.134140 | -1657.866495 | -74.27 | -1657.290463 |  |
| 6_ac1 | -1661.738415 | -1661.134093 | -1657.866680 | -73.76 | -1657.290453 |  |
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| 9 ac2 | -1661.741785 | -1661.137188 | -1657.865667 | -74.10 | -1657.289293 |  |
| 11_ac2 | -1661.741977 | -1661.137259 | -1657.865439 | -74.43 | -1657.289071 |  |
| 10_ac2 | -1661.741049 | -1661.136758 | -1657.864756 | -75.10 | -1657.289069 |  |
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| 4_ac1 | -1661.737403 | -1661.133245 | -1657.864332 | -75.31 | -1657.288859 |  |
| 12 ac1 | -1661.737424 | -1661.133267 | -1657.863985 | -76.19 | -1657.288847 |  |
| $9+$ ac1 | -1661.740458 | -1661.136108 | -1657.863928 | -73.64 | -1657.287626 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1661.740221 | -1661.135821 | -1657.863520 | -74.48 | -1657.287486 |  |
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| 11_ac1 | -1661.740648 | -1661.136093 | -1657.863685 | -73.64 | -1657.287178 |  |
| diaza2tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1504.662688 |
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| 2 | -1508.760247 | -1508.210055 | -1505.218110 | 13.68 | -1504.662707 |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| 4 | -1508.763555 | -1508.212975 | -1505.216075 | 13.72 | -1504.660268 |  |
| diaza2tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1657.309450 |
| 2_ac2 | -1661.764638 | -1661.159654 | -1657.886974 | -73.35 | -1657.309925 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1661.764678 | -1661.159820 | -1657.886926 | -73.14 | -1657.309924 |  |
| 8_ac2 | -1661.767432 | -1661.162421 | -1657.886049 | -72.13 | -1657.308512 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1661.767357 | -1661.162365 | -1657.886070 | -71.76 | -1657.308409 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -1661.763456 | -1661.158710 | -1657.885301 | -72.51 | -1657.308172 |  |
| $1 \_$ac1 | -1661.763511 | -1661.158765 | -1657.885234 | -72.38 | -1657.308057 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1661.766250 | -1661.161066 | -1657.884425 | -71.38 | -1657.306428 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -1661.766183 | -1661.160950 | -1657.884423 | -71.04 | -1657.306249 |  |
| diaza2en |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza2ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1596.676531 |
| 7 | -1600.943505 | -1600.393752 | -1597.233106 | 16.78 | -1596.676962 |  |
| 6 | -1600.943019 | -1600.392983 | -1597.231793 | 16.90 | -1596.675319 |  |
| 12 | -1600.941839 | -1600.392107 | -1597.227821 | 10.92 | -1596.673929 |  |
| 4 | -1600.941870 | -1600.391860 | -1597.227872 | 11.51 | -1596.673480 |  |
| 11 | -1600.945102 | -1600.395076 | -1597.225443 | 10.50 | -1596.671417 |  |
| 8 | -1600.945447 | -1600.394979 | -1597.225799 | 11.34 | -1596.671012 |  |
| 10 | -1600.945330 | -1600.394774 | -1597.225661 | 11.67 | -1596.670658 |  |
| 9 | -1600.945404 | -1600.395177 | -1597.225864 | 13.43 | -1596.670522 |  |
| diaza2ci_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1749.321484 |
| 12_ac2 | -1753.939652 | -1753.335058 | -1749.891164 | * |  |  |
| 7 _ac1 | -1753.941715 | -1753.337110 | -1749.895734 | -81.04 | -1749.321998 |  |
| 4_ac1** | -1753.943862 | -1753.339171 | -1749.901724 | -63.76 | -1749.321319 |  |
| 6 ac2 | -1753.941461 | -1753.336828 | -1749.895471 | -79.96 | -1749.321292 |  |
| 7 _ac2 | -1753.940520 | -1753.335886 | -1749.894078 | -80.21 | -1749.319993 |  |
| 6_ac1 | -1753.940298 | -1753.335812 | -1749.893874 | -78.83 | -1749.319412 |  |
| 12_ac1 | -1753.938627 | -1753.334255 | -1749.889320 | -83.89 | -1749.316900 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1753.938925 | -1753.334327 | -1749.890192 | -80.08 | -1749.316096 |  |
| diaza2tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1596.692162 |
| 1 | -1600.966204 | -1600.415847 | -1597.246991 | 10.88 | -1596.692490 |  |
| 2 | -1600.966115 | -1600.415570 | -1597.246901 | 10.84 | -1596.692228 |  |
| 8 | -1600.970127 | -1600.419255 | -1597.245697 | 11.25 | -1596.690538 |  |
| 4 | -1600.969969 | -1600.419133 | -1597.245337 | 11.30 | -1596.690198 |  |
| diaza2tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1749.338218 |
| 1_ac1 | -1753.965349 | -1753.360296 | -1749.911629 | -84.39 | -1749.338719 |  |
| 2 acl | -1753.965287 | -1753.360099 | -1749.911621 | -84.35 | -1749.338560 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -1753.967892 | -1753.362743 | -1749.910628 | -82.89 | -1749.337049 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1753.967977 | -1753.362836 | -1749.910648 | -82.76 | -1749.337028 |  |
| 1 _ac2 | -1753.964239 | -1753.359155 | -1749.909777 | -82.97 | -1749.336293 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -1753.964166 | -1753.359090 | -1749.909957 | -82.22 | -1749.336196 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1753.966777 | -1753.361368 | -1749.909059 | -81.96 | -1749.334869 |  |
| 8_ac2 | -1753.966850 | -1753.361456 | -1749.908857 | -82.05 | -1749.334714 |  |
| diaza2ome |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| diaza2ome_ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1618.854935 |
| 10_1 | -1623.219989 | -1622.634476 | -1619.440553 | * |  |  |
| 7 -2 | -1623.218776 | -1622.633783 | -1619.446630 | 16.15 | -1618.855486 |  |
| 7_1 | -1623.218781 | -1622.633783 | -1619.446121 | 15.40 | -1618.855259 |  |
| 6 | -1623.218661 | -1622.633560 | -1619.445840 | 14.81 | -1618.855098 |  |
| 6_1 | -1623.218347 | -1622.633346 | -1619.445917 | 16.32 | -1618.854701 |  |
| 4_2 | -1623.217775 | -1622.632594 | -1619.443493 | 11.97 | -1618.853755 |  |
| 4_1 | -1623.217768 | -1622.632708 | -1619.443964 | 13.72 | -1618.853678 |  |
| 12_2 | -1623.217508 | -1622.632487 | -1619.442853 | 11.42 | -1618.853482 |  |
| 12_1 | -1623.217651 | -1622.632544 | -1619.443244 | 15.02 | -1618.852416 |  |
| 8_1 | -1623.220211 | -1622.634857 | -1619.441236 | 12.64 | -1618.851069 |  |

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| Confor mer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}> \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8_2 | -1623.220326 | -1622.634761 | -1619.440915 | 11.46 | -1618.850984 |  |
| 10_2 | -1623.219993 | -1622.634521 | -1619.440460 | 11.21 | -1618.850717 |  |
| 11_2 | -1623.219841 | -1622.634279 | -1619.440531 | 11.38 | -1618.850635 |  |
| 9_1 | -1623.219816 | -1622.634489 | -1619.440621 | 12.76 | -1618.850434 |  |
| 11_1 | -1623.219460 | -1622.634019 | -1619.439884 | 11.88 | -1618.849918 |  |
| $9+2$ | -1623.219463 | -1622.634154 | -1619.440340 | 14.02 | -1618.849692 |  |
| diaza2ome_ci_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1771.501289 |
| 7_1_ac2 | -1776.224056 | -1775.584240 | -1772.113812 | -73.43 | -1771.501964 |  |
| 6_2_ac2 | -1776.223817 | -1775.583998 | -1772.113735 | -73.43 | -1771.501884 |  |
| 7_2_ac2 | -1776.222414 | -1775.582659 | -1772.112641 | -75.52 | -1771.501650 |  |
| 6_1_ac2 | -1776.222209 | -1775.582524 | -1772.112469 | -74.56 | -1771.501182 |  |
| 12_2_ac2 | -1776.221865 | -1775.582070 | -1772.110647 | -76.73 | -1771.500078 |  |
| 7_1_ac1 | -1776.222690 | -1775.582887 | -1772.111994 | -72.97 | -1771.499984 |  |
| 6_2_ac1 | -1776.222483 | -1775.582579 | -1772.111984 | -72.80 | -1771.499808 |  |
| 7_2_ac1 | -1776.220997 | -1775.581292 | -1772.110779 | -74.98 | -1771.499632 |  |
| 4_2_ac2 | -1776.221988 | -1775.582092 | -1772.111038 | -74.68 | -1771.499588 |  |
| 12_1_ac2 | -1776.220009 | -1775.580385 | -1772.108843 | -78.91 | -1771.499274 |  |
| 11_2_ac2 | -1776.225726 | -1775.586027 | -1772.110659 | -74.01 | -1771.499150 |  |
| 6_1_ac1 | -1776.220805 | -1775.581056 | -1772.110611 | -74.06 | -1771.499068 |  |
| 4_1_ac2 | -1776.219925 | -1775.580373 | -1772.108799 | -76.69 | -1771.498457 |  |
| 9_1_ac2 | -1776.225592 | -1775.585506 | -1772.110634 | -73.22 | -1771.498436 |  |
| 8_2_ac2 | -1776.224717 | -1775.584887 | -1772.109870 | -74.52 | -1771.498422 |  |
| 12_2_ac1 | -1776.220987 | -1775.581331 | -1772.108938 | -75.73 | -1771.498126 |  |
| 4_2_ac1 | -1776.221149 | -1775.581136 | -1772.109515 | -74.64 | -1771.497932 |  |
| 12_1_ac1 | -1776.219522 | -1775.579930 | -1772.107500 | -77.11 | -1771.497278 |  |
| 4_1_ac1 | -1776.219602 | -1775.579729 | -1772.107925 | -75.65 | -1771.496865 |  |
| diaza2ome_tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1618.872669 |
| 2 | -1623.242667 | -1622.657151 | -1619.463047 | 11.38 | -1618.873196 |  |
| 1 | -1623.242764 | -1622.656992 | -1619.463134 | 11.46 | -1618.872996 |  |
| 1 | -1623.242429 | -1622.656825 | -1619.462612 | 12.09 | -1618.872403 |  |
| 2 | -1623.242362 | -1622.656589 | -1619.462488 | 11.38 | -1618.872381 |  |
| 8 | -1623.245855 | -1622.660184 | -1619.461244 | 11.25 | -1618.871285 |  |
| 4 | -1623.245720 | -1622.659765 | -1619.461113 | 11.25 | -1618.870872 |  |
| 8 | -1623.245513 | -1622.659546 | -1619.460639 | 11.34 | -1618.870353 |  |
| 4 | -1623.245407 | -1622.659358 | -1619.460595 | 11.34 | -1618.870227 |  |
| diaza2ome_tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1771.520233 |
| 1_1_ac2 | -1776.249635 | -1775.609309 | -1772.133535 | -72.93 | -1771.520985 |  |
| 2_2_ac2 | -1776.249602 | -1775.609200 | -1772.133494 | -72.97 | -1771.520884 |  |
| 1_2_ac2 | -1776.249220 | -1775.608734 | -1772.132863 | -73.09 | -1771.520217 |  |
| 2_1_ac2 | -1776.249129 | -1775.608637 | -1772.132729 | -73.14 | -1771.520093 |  |
| 8_1_ac2 | -1776.252470 | -1775.612079 | -1772.132731 | -71.67 | -1771.519638 |  |
| 4_2_ac2 | -1776.252399 | -1775.611956 | -1772.132723 | -71.71 | -1771.519595 |  |
| 8_2_ac2 | -1776.252002 | -1775.611588 | -1772.132032 | -72.01 | -1771.519043 |  |
| 2_2_ac1 | -1776.248417 | -1775.608026 | -1772.131779 | -72.17 | -1771.518878 |  |
| 4_1_ac2 | -1776.251937 | -1775.611588 | -1772.132013 | -71.42 | -1771.518867 |  |
| 1_1_ac1 | -1776.248465 | -1775.608150 | -1772.131629 | -71.80 | -1771.518659 |  |
| 1_2_ac1 | -1776.248047 | -1775.607553 | -1772.131162 | -72.17 | -1771.518157 |  |
| 2_1_ac1 | -1776.247965 | -1775.607482 | -1772.131045 | -72.38 | -1771.518132 |  |
| 4_2_ac1 | -1776.251213 | -1775.610582 | -1772.131070 | -70.96 | -1771.517467 |  |
| 8_1_ac1 | -1776.251271 | -1775.610734 | -1772.130870 | -70.92 | -1771.517345 |  |
| 8_2_ac1 | -1776.250820 | -1775.610212 | -1772.130364 | -71.04 | -1771.516815 |  |
| 4_1_ac1 | -1776.250757 | -1775.610135 | -1772.130360 | -70.71 | -1771.516670 |  |
| cat11un |  |  |  |  |  | -743.697086 |
| 1 | -745.789341 | -745.476740 | -744.007317 | -7.32 | -743.697505 |  |
| 3 | -745.786132 | -745.473639 | -744.004801 | -6.61 | -743.694826 |  |
| 5 | -745.786239 | -745.473876 | -744.005104 | -6.78 | -743.695323 |  |

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| Confor mer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {(ot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{n}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}> \\ \text { MP2-5 with } \\ \text { solv } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | -745.784320 | -745.472212 | -744.004574 | -5.52 | -743.694569 |  |
| cat11un_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -896.342735 |
| 1_ac1 | -898.783948 | -898.416667 | -896.667002 | -108.07 | -896.340884 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -898.780328 | -898.413066 | -896.663496 | -107.49 | -896.337173 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -898.782909 | -898.415444 | -896.665798 | -107.78 | -896.339384 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -898.785210 | -898.417833 | -896.668872 | -109.54 | -896.343215 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -898.781440 | -898.414080 | -896.665088 | -109.24 | -896.339337 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -898.784199 | -898.416921 | -896.667691 | -109.29 | -896.342037 |  |
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| diaza4tr |  |  |  |  |  | -1083.201763 |
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| 3 | -1086.169118 | -1085.759289 | -1083.611085 | -3.26 | -1083.202499 |  |
| 5 | -1086.165676 | -1085.756122 | -1083.606658 | -4.27 | -1083.198730 |  |
| 7 | -1086.167533 | -1085.757840 | -1083.608986 | -2.97 | -1083.200424 |  |
| 9 | -1086.165697 | -1085.756307 | -1083.608195 | -2.93 | -1083.199921 |  |
| 11 | -1086.163902 | -1085.754685 | -1083.605952 | -4.85 | -1083.198583 |  |
| 13 | -1086.165521 | -1085.756162 | -1083.607797 | -3.81 | -1083.199888 |  |
| 15 | -1086.161798 | -1085.752904 | -1083.605293 | -4.14 | -1083.197977 |  |
| 16 | -1086.163169 | -1085.754080 | -1083.606815 | -3.05 | -1083.198890 |  |
| diaza4tr_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1235.844670 |
| 1_ac1 | -1239.160699 | -1238.696631 | -1236.267209 | -101.04 | -1235.841627 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1239.161682 | -1238.697692 | -1236.268697 | -99.91 | -1235.842762 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1239.159800 | -1238.695566 | -1236.266017 | -100.75 | -1235.840157 |  |
| 7 _ac1 | -1239.160696 | -1238.696587 | -1236.267525 | -99.58 | -1235.841343 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1239.161830 | -1238.697925 | -1236.268971 | -103.01 | -1235.844301 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1239.162820 | -1238.698909 | -1236.270428 | -101.92 | -1235.845337 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1239.160967 | -1238.696903 | -1236.267827 | -102.63 | -1235.842855 |  |
| 7_ac2 | -1239.161880 | -1238.697946 | -1236.269305 | -101.46 | -1235.844015 |  |
| diaza4ci |  |  |  |  |  | -1083.184514 |
| 3 | -1086.143874 | -1085.735266 | -1083.592692 | -3.26 | -1083.185327 |  |
| 1 | -1086.143648 | -1085.734583 | -1083.592500 | -3.89 | -1083.184917 |  |
| 5 | -1086.143012 | -1085.734190 | -1083.590107 | -5.86 | -1083.183516 |  |
| 7 | -1086.142952 | -1085.734068 | -1083.590081 | -6.90 | -1083.183826 |  |
| 10 | -1086.142228 | -1085.733622 | -1083.590472 | -3.64 | -1083.183252 |  |
| 13 | -1086.142078 | -1085.733042 | -1083.590420 | -2.76 | -1083.182436 |  |
| 22 | -1086.141395 | -1085.732493 | -1083.587711 | -6.07 | -1083.181119 |  |
| 17 | -1086.141230 | -1085.732363 | -1083.587592 | -5.98 | -1083.181004 |  |
| 12 | -1086.140526 | -1085.731774 | -1083.589705 | -2.93 | -1083.182068 |  |
| 9 | -1086.140196 | -1085.731512 | -1083.589638 | -3.68 | -1083.182356 |  |
| 15 | -1086.139978 | -1085.731465 | -1083.589321 | -3.14 | -1083.182003 |  |
| 21 | -1086.139832 | -1085.730762 | -1083.587435 | -5.73 | -1083.180548 |  |
| 19 | -1086.139739 | -1085.730814 | -1083.587495 | -5.36 | -1083.180611 |  |
| 26 | -1086.139692 | -1085.731080 | -1083.587200 | -5.94 | -1083.180851 |  |
| 25 | -1086.139565 | -1085.730713 | -1083.587004 | -6.57 | -1083.180654 |  |
| 27 | -1086.139546 | -1085.730610 | -1083.588358 | -3.05 | -1083.180586 |  |
| 29 | -1086.138217 | -1085.729901 | -1083.589158 | -2.43 | -1083.181766 |  |
| 32 | -1086.137515 | -1085.729105 | -1083.586518 | -5.02 | -1083.180020 |  |
| 34 | -1086.137450 | -1085.728956 | -1083.587681 | -1.84 | -1083.179888 |  |
| diaza4ci_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1235.825975 |
| 1_ac2 | -1239.135850 | -1238.672353 | -1236.249995 | -106.11 | -1235.826911 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1239.135831 | -1238.672421 | -1236.249621 | -105.06 | -1235.826227 |  |
| 7_ac2 | -1239.136091 | -1238.672728 | -1236.248119 | -108.53 | -1235.826095 |  |
| 15_ac2 | -1239.135103 | -1238.671812 | -1236.248842 | -105.81 | -1235.825853 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1239.135702 | -1238.672307 | -1236.247714 | -107.74 | -1235.825353 |  |
| 13_ac2 | -1239.134662 | -1238.671307 | -1236.248157 | -104.64 | -1235.824658 |  |
| 19_ac2 | -1239.135013 | -1238.671779 | -1236.246727 | -107.95 | -1235.824608 |  |


| Confor <br> mer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ <br> B98/6-31G(d) | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ <br> $\mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ <br> $\mathrm{MPP} 2 \mathrm{FC}) / 6-6$ <br> $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}$ <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ <br> MP2-5 with <br> solv | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ <br> MP2-5 with <br> solv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1_ac1 | -1239.134506 | -1238.670992 | -1236.248159 | -104.27 | -1235.824357 |  |
| 9_ac2 | -1239.132590 | -1238.669443 | -1236.246984 | -106.36 | -1235.824346 |  |
| 21_ac2 | -1239.134925 | -1238.671495 | -1236.246532 | -107.99 | -1235.824233 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1239.134518 | -1238.671304 | -1236.247751 | -103.22 | -1235.823851 |  |
| 7_ac1 | -1239.134941 | -1238.671726 | -1236.246382 | -106.73 | -1235.823819 |  |
| 15_ac1 | -1239.133725 | -1238.670536 | -1236.247112 | -104.06 | -1235.823557 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1239.134522 | -1238.671428 | -1236.245934 | -105.98 | -1235.823205 |  |
| 13_ac1 | -1239.133292 | -1238.670000 | -1236.246476 | -102.68 | -1235.822291 |  |
| 9_ac1 | -1239.131473 | -1238.668102 | -1236.245544 | -105.02 | -1235.822172 |  |
| 19_ac1 | -1239.133836 | -1238.670708 | -1236.244963 | -105.90 | -1235.822169 |  |
| 21_ac1 | -1239.133691 | -1238.670323 | -1236.244711 | -106.11 | -1235.821756 |  |
| 12_ac1 | -1239.130717 | -1238.667476 | -1236.244250 | -103.39 | -1235.820387 |  |
| 25_ac1 | -1239.131142 | -1238.667870 | -1236.242560 | -106.94 | -1235.820020 |  |

* Convergence problems for the PCM single point calculations


Figure A3.1 Correlation of acetylation enthalpies for trans and cis isomers (calculated at "MP2-5" $=\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level $)$ with $\sigma$-constants of parasubstituents;

$$
\sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{OMe})=-0.28 ; \sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{H})=0 ; \sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{CN})=+0.70
$$



Figure A3.2 Correlation of acetylation enthalpies for trans and cis isomers (calculated at "B98" $=\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level) with $\sigma$-constants of para-substituents;

$$
\sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{OMe})=-0.28 ; \sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{H})=0 ; \sigma_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{CN})=+0.70
$$

Table A3.2. NPA atom charges for the best conformations of cis- and trans-p-CN-diaza2, as calculated at B98/6-31G(d) level.
trans-diaza2_CN _1_ac1 cis-diaza2_CN_4_ac1


| Atom | cis-diaza2_CN_7 | cis-diaza2_CN_4_ac1 | trans-diaza2_CN_1 | trans-diaza2_CN_1_ac1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ortho-H(Py) | 0.22386 | $\mathbf{0 . 2 7 1 4 8}^{\mathbf{a}}$ | 0.22419 | 0.26285 |
| $\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})$ | 0.28089 | 0.30503 | 0.27869 | 0.26866 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})$ | -0.30963 | $\mathbf{- 0 . 3 4 4 7 1 ^ { \mathrm { a } }}$ | -0.30324 | $\mathbf{- 0 . 2 7 1 7 7}^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
| Acetyl |  | 0.74807 |  | 0.74542 |
| $\mathrm{C}(66)$ |  | -0.51319 |  | -0.51065 |
| $\mathrm{C}(67)$ |  | -0.80390 |  | -0.80136 |
| $\mathrm{O}(68)$ |  | $\mathbf{0 . 2 8 6 8 1}^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  | $\mathbf{0 . 2 7 3 2 0}^{\text {a }}$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(69)$ |  | 0.27872 |  | 0.27375 |
| $\mathrm{H}(70)$ |  | 0.29540 |  | 0.29908 |
| $\mathrm{H}(71)$ |  | 0.29191 |  | 0.27944 |
| $\mathrm{q}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}\right)=$ |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charges of the nitrogen atom of CN group and neighbouring hydrogen atoms (of acetyl group and pyridine ring) are marked bold.

## A3.2 Relative acetylation enthalpies for paracyclophane derivatives

Table A3.3. Calculated energies of conformers of 3-paracyclophane-4-amino and 3,4,5-trialkylpyridines, and corresponding acetyl intermediates.
$\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline \text { Conformer } & \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- & \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MPP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})\end{array}\right)$

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 } \\ & \text { with solv } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { withsolv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| para4_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1434.379104 |
| 29_ac1 | -1438.297571 | -1437.705821 | -1434.938889 | -85.77 | -1434.379807 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1438.296478 | -1437.705109 | -1434.936891 | -87.45 | -1434.378828 |  |
| 33 ac2 | -1438.292381 | -1437.700646 | -1434.936752 | -88.70 | -1434.378802 |  |
| 33_ac1 | -1438.296438 | -1437.704875 | -1434.937393 | -85.60 | -1434.378435 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1438.290944 | -1437.699489 | -1434.935021 | -90.42 | -1434.378003 |  |
| 29_ac2 | -1438.291622 | -1437.700685 | -1434.934609 | -88.07 | -1434.377217 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1438.293252 | -1437.702156 | -1434.933042 | -86.73 | -1434.374981 |  |
| 7_ac2 | -1438.283480 | -1437.692216 | -1434.925131 | -105.98 | -1434.374233 |  |
| 6_ac1 | -1438.283807 | -1437.693144 | -1434.928622 | -94.89 | -1434.374102 |  |
| 5 ac2 | -1438.287670 | -1437.696588 | -1434.930812 | -89.87 | -1434.373960 |  |
| 14_ac1 | -1438.281252 | -1437.690293 | -1434.925017 | -94.47 | -1434.370041 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -1438.280597 | -1437.690163 | -1434.923718 | -91.71 | -1434.368216 |  |
| 37a |  |  |  |  |  | -365.001576 |
| cat10 | -366.086672 | -365.904186 | -365.181353 | -7.11 | -365.001576 |  |
| 37a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -517.634369 |
| cat10_ac | -519.060128 | -518.823483 | -517.822649 | -126.98 | -517.634369 |  |
| 37b |  |  |  |  |  | -482.485398 |
| 4 | -483.975105 | -483.702005 | -482.758292 | -1.67 | -482.485830 |  |
| 1 | -483.973719 | -483.700644 | -482.756390 | -1.92 | -482.484048 |  |
| 2 | -483.972675 | -483.699673 | -482.755393 | -2.64 | -482.483395 |  |
| 3 | -483.972119 | -483.699057 | -482.753971 | -3.77 | -482.482344 |  |
| 37b_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -635.118726 |
| 41 | -636.951414 | -636.624166 | -635.402799 | -115.06 | -635.119375 |  |
| 12 | -636.949865 | -636.622659 | -635.400863 | -115.14 | -635.117513 |  |
| 11 | -636.949773 | -636.622428 | -635.400705 | -114.77 | -635.117072 |  |
| 32 | -636.949652 | -636.622472 | -635.399800 | -115.27 | -635.116523 |  |
| 31 | -636.949816 | -636.622611 | -635.399914 | -114.68 | -635.116389 |  |
| 22 | -636.948798 | -636.621373 | -635.399634 | -114.89 | -635.115970 |  |
| 21 | -636.948571 | -636.621367 | -635.399474 | -113.68 | -635.115569 |  |
| 37c |  |  |  |  |  | -599.969258 |
| 001 | -601.867333 | -601.504627 | -600.335730 | 8.66 | -599.969725 |  |
| 005 | -601.868235 | -601.505463 | -6.00E+002 | 8.79 | -599.969691 |  |
| 003 | -601.866425 | -601.503546 | -600.335656 | 8.54 | -599.969526 |  |
| 004 | -601.865755 | -601.503017 | -600.335223 | 8.95 | -599.969075 |  |
| 006 | -601.866606 | -601.503817 | -600.335327 | 9.12 | -599.969064 |  |
| 052 | -601.866109 | -601.503417 | -600.334732 | 7.95 | -599.969012 |  |
| 047 | -601.864819 | -601.501971 | -600.334716 | 8.33 | -599.968696 |  |
| 015 | -601.864972 | -601.502256 | -600.334668 | 9.00 | -599.968526 |  |
| 027 | -601.865940 | -601.503323 | -600.333754 | 8.12 | -599.968046 |  |
| 025 | -601.866884 | -601.504187 | -600.333874 | 8.45 | -599.967958 |  |
| 37c_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -752.602459 |
| 5_ac1 | -754.846894 | -754.429794 | -752.982879 | -98.28 | -752.603213 |  |
| 1 _ac1 | -754.845981 | -754.428934 | -752.982842 | -97.49 | -752.602926 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -754.846060 | -754.429106 | -752.983008 | -96.78 | -752.602915 |  |
| 6_ac1 | -754.845109 | -754.428275 | -752.982213 | -97.74 | -752.602605 |  |
| 52_ac1 | -754.844513 | -754.427544 | -752.981423 | -99.58 | -752.602382 |  |
| 6_ac2 | -754.845179 | -754.428012 | -752.982244 | -97.82 | -752.602335 |  |
| 52_ac2 | -754.844582 | -754.427449 | -752.981463 | -99.66 | -752.602289 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -754.845169 | -754.428013 | -752.982907 | -95.69 | -752.602196 |  |
| 4_ac1 | -754.844386 | -754.427448 | -752.982380 | -96.19 | -752.602079 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -754.844169 | -754.427096 | -752.982190 | -96.78 | -752.601977 |  |
| 47_ac2 | -754.843066 | -754.426161 | -752.981197 | -98.91 | -752.601965 |  |
| 47_ac1 | -754.842990 | -754.425959 | -752.981070 | -98.78 | -752.601663 |  |
| 15_ac1 | -754.843354 | -754.426214 | -752.981490 | -97.74 | -752.601577 |  |
| 25_ac2 | -754.845342 | -754.428404 | -752.980898 | -98.53 | -752.601490 |  |

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| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ <br> $\mathrm{MP2} 2 \mathrm{FC}) / 6-$ <br> $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ MP2-5 <br> withsolv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 ac1 | -754.845243 | -754.428388 | -752.980743 | -98.62 | -752.601449 |  |
| 27 ac2 | -754.844323 | -754.427377 | -752.980639 | -98.07 | -752.601047 |  |
| $27 \_$ac1 | -754.844558 | -754.427506 | -752.980918 | -97.24 | -752.600902 |  |

Table A3.4 Acetylation enthalpies and structure parameters for 3-paracyclophane-4-amino and 3,4,5trialkylpyridines, as calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Catalyst | On the basis of the energetically lowest conformer |  |  |  |  | Averaged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{q}_{\text {NPA }}(\mathrm{Ac})^{\text {a,b }}$ | $\mathrm{r}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})[\mathrm{pm}]^{\text {a }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2-5) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta \Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$ <br> [ $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2- \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv}) \\ {[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}} \text { (MP2- } \\ 5 / \mathrm{solv})[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}] \end{gathered}$ |
| py | 0.368 | 153.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| para1 | 0.284 | 147.4 | -86.3 | 30.2 | -56.1 | -55.4 |
| para2 | 0.278 | 147.0 | -102.0 | 34.7 | -67.3 | -66.7 |
| para3 | 0.276 | 146.9 | -102.2 | 35.1 | -67.1 | -66.9 |
| para4 | 0.279 | 148.1 | -131.6 | 50.5 | -81.1 | -80.5 |
| 37a | 0.341 | 151.4 | -40.0 | 13.7 | -26.3 | -26.3 |
| 37b | 0.336 | 151.0 | -48.5 | 20.2 | -28.3 | -27.7 |
| 37c | 0.333 | 150.8 | -55.4 | 27.3 | -28.1 | -27.4 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charge and distance parameters of the most favorable conformer
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ In units of elemental charge e
${ }^{c} \Delta \Delta \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{rxn}}$ (MP2-5/solv)- $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{rxn}}$ (MP2-5)

## A3.3 Relative isobutyrylation enthalpies for 4-dilakylaminopyridines and chiral 3,4diaminopyridines

Table A3.5 Calculated total energies at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level, $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ - values at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level, single point energies at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p) level and solvation free energies at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 <br> with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \quad \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| py_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -478.447696 |
| PY_ac1 | -479.737870 | -479.529828 | -478.605182 | -132.76 | -478.447706 |  |
| PY_ac2 | -479.732554 | -479.525252 | -478.599072 | -130.96 | -478.441650 |  |
| DMAP_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -611.984799 |
| DMAPac1 | -613.687635 | -613.401137 | -612.224310 | -123.39 | -611.984807 |  |
| DMAPac2 | -613.682307 | -613.395747 | -612.218576 | -121.92 | -611.978453 |  |
| PPY_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -689.155002 |
| PPY_ac3 | -691.089652 | -690.765721 | -689.432153 | -122.97 | -689.155058 |  |
| PPY_ac1 | -691.089645 | -690.765625 | -689.432128 | -122.97 | -689.154944 |  |
| PPY_ac2 | -691.084320 | -690.760178 | -689.426253 | -121.42 | -689.148358 |  |
| 6a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -766.342304 |
| TCAP_a_ac1 | -768.501504 | -768.139728 | -766.656418 | -125.90 | -766.342593 |  |
| TCAP_a_ac2 | -768.501454 | -768.139758 | -766.656255 | -125.98 | -766.342542 |  |
| TCAP_b_ac1 | -768.496078 | -768.134079 | -766.650539 | -123.55 | -766.335599 |  |
| TCAP_b_ac3 | -768.500712 | -768.138925 | -766.655348 | -125.85 | -766.341497 |  |
| TCAP_a_ac3 | -768.495310 | -768.133390 | -766.649650 | -123.51 | -766.334773 |  |
| TCAP_b_ac2 | -768.500697 | -768.138871 | -766.655344 | -125.81 | -766.341438 |  |
| 5b_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -978.176049 |
| cat1_1_ac23 | -981.009357 | -980.510057 | -978.637587 | -101.29 | -978.176868 |  |
| cat1_1_ac21 | -981.009317 | -980.509913 | -978.637562 | -100.96 | -978.176612 |  |
| cat1_16_ac23 | -981.007903 | -980.508512 | -978.635991 | -103.01 | -978.175834 |  |
| cat1_1_acl1 | -981.007913 | -980.508491 | -978.635988 | -98.49 | -978.174080 |  |
| cat1_16_ac21 | -981.007824 | -980.508426 | -978.635941 | -102.93 | -978.175746 |  |
| cat1_1_ac13 | -981.007941 | -980.508428 | -978.635932 | -99.96 | -978.174490 |  |
| cat1_4_ac21 | -981.007019 | -980.507696 | -978.635290 | -101.67 | -978.174691 |  |
| cat1_4_ac23 | -981.007030 | -980.507711 | -978.635250 | -101.38 | -978.174544 |  |
| cat1_2_ac23 | -981.006732 | -980.507609 | -978.634679 | -101.63 | -978.174265 |  |
| cat1_2_ac21 | -981.006656 | -980.507419 | -978.634670 | -101.55 | -978.174109 |  |
| cat1_7_ac23 | -981.006708 | -980.507451 | -978.634340 | -101.96 | -978.173919 |  |
| cat1_6_ac23 | -981.005733 | -980.506768 | -978.633990 | -102.93 | -978.174227 |  |
| cat1_7_ac21 | -981.006631 | -980.507345 | -978.634309 | -101.88 | -978.173827 |  |
| cat1_6_ac21 | -981.005758 | -980.506391 | -978.633394 | -102.76 | -978.173166 |  |
| cat1_6_ac11 | -981.004577 | -980.505390 | -978.632642 | -101.46 | -978.172099 |  |
| 5k_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1360.474646 |
| cat2_2_ac11 | -1364.322712 | -1363.712149 | -1361.05588 | -78.87 | -1360.475355 |  |
| cat2_9_ac11 | -1364.32143 | -1363.71065 | -1361.05547 | -79.71 | -1360.475051 |  |
| cat2_2_ac13 | -1364.322379 | -1363.71151 | -1361.05521 | -76.86 | -1360.473611 |  |
| cat2_15_ac11 | -1364.321277 | -1363.71049 | -1361.05470 | -76.53 | -1360.473059 |  |
| cat2_9_ac13 | -1364.32101 | -1363.71033 | -1361.05444 | -78.16 | -1360.473534 |  |
| cat2_6_ac11 | -1364.32142 | -1363.71039 | -1361.05451 | -83.39 | -1360.475239 |  |
| cat2_4_ac11 | -1364.32158 | -1363.71061 | -1361.05425 | -78.95 | -1360.473358 |  |
| cat2_1_ac13 | -1364.32233 | -1363.71137 | -1361.05412 | -77.49 | -1360.472675 |  |
| cat2_15_ac13 | -1364.320884 | -1363.710043 | -1361.05393 | -74.77 | -1360.471566 |  |
| cat2_6_ac13 | -1364.32101 | -1363.71017 | -1361.05340 | -80.63 | -1360.473273 |  |
| cat2_1_ac11 | -1364.32173 | -1363.71093 | -1361.05286 | -76.40 | -1360.471159 |  |
| cat2_4_ac13 | -1364.32129 | -1363.71018 | -1361.05317 | -75.19 | -1360.470689 |  |
| cat2_6_ac23 | -1364.32028 | -1363.71012 | -1361.05167 | -85.44 | -1360.474048 |  |
| cat2_6_ac21 | -1364.32023 | -1363.70990 | -1361.05153 | -85.40 | -1360.473721 |  |
| cat2_1_ac21 | -1364.32150 | -1363.71059 | -1361.05210 | -79.54 | -1360.471485 |  |
| cat2_1_ac23 | -1364.32139 | -1363.71051 | -1361.05169 | -78.53 | -1360.470720 |  |
| cat2_13_ac21 | -1364.32045 | -1363.70975 | -1361.050912 | -81.71 | -1360.471333 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \\ \mathrm{MP2}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}-\mathrm{n}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cat2_13_ac23 | -1364.32058 | -1363.70955 | -1361.050999 | -84.10 | -1360.471996 |  |
| 38a |  |  |  |  |  | -824.346010 |
| cat4_1 | -826.767297 | -826.347628 | -824.763161 | -6.61 | -824.346010 |  |
| 38a_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1055.324548 |
| cat4_1_ac21 | -1058.368174 | -1057.833981 | -1055.821373 | -98.91 | -1055.324852 |  |
| cat4_1_ac23 | -1058.368168 | -1057.833690 | -1055.821329 | -99.08 | -1055.324587 |  |
| cat4_1_ac13 | -1058.366847 | -1057.832646 | -1055.819892 | -97.07 | -1055.322662 |  |
| cat4_1_ac11 | -1058.366953 | -1057.832303 | -1055.819716 | -97.70 | -1055.322277 |  |
| 38b |  |  |  |  |  | -902.672005 |
| cat5_4 | -905.362847 | -904.883912 | -903.152015 | 1.42 | -902.672538 |  |
| cat5_3 | -905.363084 | -904.883612 | -903.151703 | 2.43 | -902.671307 |  |
| cat5_2 | -905.360185 | -904.880747 | -903.150093 | 0.42 | -902.670495 |  |
| cat5_1 | -905.360387 | -904.880813 | -903.150063 | 0.08 | -902.670457 |  |
| 38b_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1133.652315 |
| cat5_4_ac23 | -1136.965091 | -1136.371010 | -1134.212916 | -88.91 | -1133.652700 |  |
| cat5_4_ac21 | -1136.965072 | -1136.371034 | -1134.212860 | -89.12 | -1133.652766 |  |
| cat5_3_ac21 | -1136.964986 | -1136.370871 | -1134.212323 | -87.36 | -1133.651482 |  |
| cat5_3_ac23 | -1136.964942 | -1136.370737 | -1134.212266 | -87.15 | -1133.651255 |  |
| cat5_4_ac13 | -1136.963643 | -1136.369442 | -1134.211198 | -86.86 | -1133.650080 |  |
| cat5_4_ac11 | -1136.963684 | -1136.369514 | -1134.211194 | -85.90 | -1133.649740 |  |
| cat5_3_ac13 | -1136.963612 | -1136.369586 | -1134.210675 | -83.97 | -1133.648633 |  |
| cat5_3_ac11 | -1136.963530 | -1136.369428 | -1134.210447 | -85.65 | -1133.648966 |  |
| cat5_1_ac21 | -1136.961045 | -1136.366558 | -1134.208083 | -91.76 | -1133.648544 |  |
| 51_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1515.951619 |
| cat6_1_ac13 | -1520.277491 | -1519.572113 | -1516.631825 | -67.82 | -1515.952280 |  |
| cat6_1_ac11 | -1520.277070 | -1519.571617 | -1516.630983 | -66.44 | -1515.950837 |  |
| cat6_2_ac11 | -1520.275783 | -1519.570166 | -1516.629816 | -67.70 | -1515.949983 |  |
| cat6_1_ac21 | -1520.276412 | -1519.570426 | -1516.629160 | -70.33 | -1515.949961 |  |
| cat6_1_ac23 | -1520.276271 | -1519.570513 | -1516.628921 | -71.55 | -1515.950413 |  |
| cat6_2_ac13 | -1520.275453 | -1519.569660 | -1516.628809 | -64.31 | -1515.947510 |  |
| cat6_4_ac11 | -1520.276095 | -1519.570118 | -1516.628632 | -62.01 | -1515.946272 |  |
| cat6_4_ac13 | -1520.275523 | -1519.569494 | -1516.628018 | -61.09 | -1515.945255 |  |
| 51 |  |  |  |  |  | -1284.973738 |
| cat6b_1 | -1288.674669 | -1288.083841 | -1285.568506 | 9.79 | -1284.973949 |  |
| cat6b_2 | -1288.673788 | -1288.082655 | -1285.567509 | 12.26 | -1284.971706 |  |
| cat6b_3 | -1288.672912 | -1288.082215 | -1285.566185 | 20.59 | -1284.967647 |  |
| cat6b_4 | -1288.673440 | -1288.082701 | -1285.565790 | 17.53 | -1284.968373 |  |
| 51'_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1515.951375 |
| cat6b_1_ac21 | -1520.278321 | -1519.572611 | -1516.632336 | -66.65 | -1515.952013 |  |
| cat6b_1_ac23 | -1520.277927 | -1519.572302 | -1516.632031 | -65.19 | -1515.951234 |  |
| cat6b_2_ac21 | -1520.276838 | -1519.571262 | -1516.630693 | -65.52 | -1515.950073 |  |
| cat6b_1_ac11 | -1520.276923 | -1519.571530 | -1516.629734 | -71.34 | -1515.951512 |  |
| cat6b_2_ac23 | -1520.276457 | -1519.570743 | -1516.630051 | -63.68 | -1515.948592 |  |
| cat6b_1_ac13 | -1520.277043 | -1519.571348 | -1516.629954 | -70.50 | -1515.951111 |  |
| cat6b_2_ac13 | -1520.276711 | -1519.571229 | -1516.629335 | -69.50 | -1515.950322 |  |
| cat6b_2_ac11 | -1520.276718 | -1519.570961 | -1516.629272 | -68.53 | -1515.949618 |  |

### 3.4 Relative acetylation enthalpies for ferrocenyl catalysts

Table A3.6 Calculated total energies at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ - values at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, single point energies at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)level and $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ - values at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP /6-31G(d) level, written as " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ SP", Boltzmann factors $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}$ and averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ at the B3LYP/6$311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level of theory.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { BLYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | "H298 SP" | $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| py | -248.284973 | -248.190708 | -248.351162 | -248.256898 | 1.00 | -248.256898 |
| py_ac | -401.299539 | -401.151170 | -401.401972 | -401.253603 | 1.00 | -401.253603 |
| p-cpstol |  |  |  |  |  | -2641.520030 |
| p-cpstol2 | -2641.525196 | -2641.149546 | -2641.895706 | -2641.520056 | 0.995 |  |
| p-cpstol | -2641.520133 | -2641.143248 | -2641.891998 | -2641.515113 | 0.005 |  |
| p-cpstol_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2794.542393 |
| p-cpstol2_ac1 | -2794.566429 | -2794.135549 | -2794.973542 | -2794.542662 | 0.701 |  |
| p-cpstol2_ac2 | -2794.565695 | -2794.134775 | -2794.972758 | -2794.541838 | 0.293 |  |
| p-cpstol_ac1 | -2794.559784 | -2794.129248 | -2794.968451 | -2794.537915 | 0.005 |  |
| p-cpstol_ac2 | -2794.558414 | -2794.127782 | -2794.967094 | -2794.536462 | 0.001 |  |
| p-cpstol_en |  |  |  |  |  | -2641.517623 |
| 2 | -2641.524208 | -2641.147449 | -2641.894451 | -2641.517692 | 0.982 |  |
| 3 | -2641.520189 | -2641.143548 | -2641.890513 | -2641.513872 | 0.017 |  |
| 4 | -2641.514755 | -2641.139157 | -2641.885966 | -2641.510367 | 0.000 |  |
| p-cpstol_en.ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2794.540381 |
| 3.ac1 | -2794.564954 | -2794.134073 | -2794.971520 | -2794.540639 | 0.744 |  |
| 1.ac2 | -2794.564016 | -2794.133143 | -2794.970506 | -2794.539633 | 0.256 |  |
| m-cpstol |  |  |  |  |  | -2641.520858 |
| m-cpstol4 | -2641.525265 | -2641.150597 | -2641.895686 | -2641.521018 | 0.944 |  |
| m-cpstol3 | -2641.523477 | -2641.147903 | -2641.893889 | -2641.518315 | 0.054 |  |
| m-cpstol1 | -2641.520443 | -2641.143549 | -2641.892257 | -2641.515363 | 0.002 |  |
| m-cpstol2 | -2641.517870 | -2641.141091 | -2641.889467 | -2641.512688 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstol_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2794.540230 |
| m-cpstol3_ac1 | -2794.563901 | -2794.133447 | -2794.970856 | -2794.540402 | 0.935 |  |
| m-cpstol2_ac1 | -2794.559871 | -2794.129466 | -2794.968258 | -2794.537853 | 0.063 |  |
| m-cpstol4_ac2 | -2794.557337 | -2794.126744 | -2794.964429 | -2794.533837 | 0.001 |  |
| m-cpstol3_ac2 | -2794.557541 | -2794.127066 | -2794.963892 | -2794.533417 | 0.001 |  |
| m-cpstol4_ac1 | -2794.556479 | -2794.125930 | -2794.963426 | -2794.532877 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstol1_ac1 | -2794.551146 | -2794.120624 | -2794.959879 | -2794.529358 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstol1_ac2 | -2794.549414 | -2794.118876 | -2794.957931 | -2794.527393 | 0.000 |  |
| o-cpstol |  |  |  |  |  | -2641.518490 |
| o-cpstol1 | -2641.523992 | -2641.147738 | -2641.894983 | -2641.518729 | 0.861 |  |
| o-cpstol2 | -2641.521159 | -2641.144880 | -2641.893288 | -2641.517009 | 0.139 |  |
| o-cpstol_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2794.522348 |
| o-cpstol2_ac1 | -2794.545702 | -2794.115430 | -2794.952621 | -2794.522349 | 1.000 |  |
| o-cpstol1_ac1 | -2794.535927 | -2794.105727 | -2794.944405 | -2794.514204 | 0.000 |  |
| p-cpp |  |  |  |  |  | -1897.800692 |
| p-cpp | -1897.798514 | -1897.544643 | -1898.054563 | -1897.800692 | 1.000 |  |
| p-cpp_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2050.821563 |
| ac2 | -2050.835765 | -2050.528584 | -2051.128996 | -2050.821815 | 0.727 |  |
| ac1 | -2050.835758 | -2050.527669 | -2051.128979 | -2050.820890 | 0.273 |  |
| m-cpstolDMAP |  |  |  |  |  | -2775.438854 |
| 1 | -2775.483587 | -2775.030545 | -2775.892110 | -2775.439069 | 0.526 |  |
| 5 | -2775.486754 | -2775.032647 | -2775.892984 | -2775.438877 | 0.429 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { BLYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | "H298 SP" | $\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | -2775.483118 | -2775.028816 | -2775.890428 | -2775.436125 | 0.023 |  |
| 6 | -2775.480849 | -2775.028578 | -2775.888308 | -2775.436038 | 0.021 |  |
| m-cpstolDMAP_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2928.480661 |
| 5_ac1 | -2928.546729 | -2928.037635 | -2928.989907 | -2928.480814 | 0.967 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -2928.541046 | -2928.032636 | -2928.985105 | -2928.476696 | 0.012 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -2928.541247 | -2928.032387 | -2928.984970 | -2928.476109 | 0.007 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -2928.540749 | -2928.031600 | -2928.985217 | -2928.476069 | 0.006 |  |
| 6_ac2 | -2928.541251 | -2928.031790 | -2928.985235 | -2928.475774 | 0.005 |  |
| 1 _ac1 | -2928.539285 | -2928.030160 | -2928.983677 | -2928.474552 | 0.001 |  |
| 2 acl | -2928.538001 | -2928.029744 | -2928.982621 | -2928.474364 | 0.001 |  |
| 6_ac1 | -2928.539066 | -2928.029643 | -2928.982899 | -2928.473476 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstolDMAP_en |  |  |  |  |  | -2775.439192 |
| 5 | -2775.486823 | -2775.032743 | -2775.893581 | -2775.439501 | 0.828 |  |
| 1 | -2775.486135 | -2775.031888 | -2775.892161 | -2775.437914 | 0.154 |  |
| 2 | -2775.484235 | -2775.029989 | -2775.890123 | -2775.435878 | 0.018 |  |
| 7 | -2775.475036 | -2775.021038 | -2775.881117 | -2775.427118 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstolDMAP_en_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2928.479394 |
| 1.ac1 | -2928.546546 | -2928.037438 | -2928.988542 | -2928.479434 | 0.992 |  |
| 1.ac2 | -2928.540985 | -2928.031968 | -2928.983597 | -2928.474580 | 0.006 |  |
| 2.ac2 | -2928.539926 | -2928.030668 | -2928.982753 | -2928.473496 | 0.002 |  |
| 2.ac1 | -2928.538092 | -2928.029036 | -2928.980224 | -2928.471168 | 0.000 |  |
| 5.ac1 | -2928.534007 | -2928.025129 | -2928.977636 | -2928.468758 | 0.000 |  |
| m-cpstolPPY |  |  |  |  |  | -2852.843110 |
| 2 | -2852.910759 | -2852.418562 | -2853.335570 | -2852.843373 | 0.900 |  |
| 5 | -2852.909142 | -2852.417031 | -2853.333120 | -2852.841010 | 0.074 |  |
| 1 | -2852.906531 | -2852.414569 | -2853.332018 | -2852.840056 | 0.027 |  |
| m-cpstolPPY_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -3005.886863 |
| 5.ac2 | -3005.973507 | -3005.426384 | -3006.434206 | -3005.887084 | 0.575 |  |
| 1.ac2 | -3005.972444 | -3005.425264 | -3006.433911 | -3005.886731 | 0.396 |  |
| 5.ac1 | -3005.971054 | -3005.424084 | -3006.431236 | -3005.884265 | 0.029 |  |
| m-cpstolPPY_en |  |  |  |  |  | -2852.843379 |
| 4 | -2852.911826 | -2852.419668 | -2853.335948 | -2852.843789 | 0.799 |  |
| 3 | -2852.909311 | -2852.417428 | -2853.333791 | -2852.841907 | 0.109 |  |
| 2 | -2852.910473 | -2852.418399 | -2853.333775 | -2852.841701 | 0.087 |  |
| 5 | -2852.906692 | -2852.414428 | -2853.331182 | -2852.838918 | 0.005 |  |
| m-cpstolPPY_en.ac |  |  |  |  |  | -3005.888817 |
| 2.ac1 | -3005.976478 | -3005.429528 | -3006.435938 | -3005.888988 | 0.945 |  |
| 3.ac1 | -3005.973277 | -3005.426382 | -3006.433050 | -3005.886155 | 0.047 |  |
| 2.ac2 | -3005.971591 | -3005.424681 | -3006.431354 | -3005.884444 | 0.008 |  |
| 5.ac1 | -3005.968303 | -3005.421422 | -3006.428183 | -3005.881302 | 0.000 |  |
| 4.ac1 | -3005.965487 | -3005.418748 | -3006.426102 | -3005.879363 | 0.000 |  |
| 4.ac2 | -3005.965511 | -3005.418806 | -3006.426059 | -3005.879354 | 0.000 |  |

## Chapter 4. Computational details.

## Acetylation enthalpies of 3-(thio)urea-4-aminopyridines.

Table A4.1 Calculated energies of conformers of 3-(thio)urea-4-aminopyridines and corresponding acetylcations, as calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with inclusion of solvent effects at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -247.498727 |  |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.215516 | -142.55 | -400.121498 |  |
| cat81ur1 |  |  |  |  |  | -911.978235 |
| 2c2 | -914.434079 | -914.090468 | -912.317918 | -10.67 | -911.978371 |  |
| 1a2 | -914.434029 | -914.090433 | -912.318133 | -10.21 | -911.978425 |  |
| 1a1 | -914.426811 | -914.083226 | -912.312367 | -12.72 | -911.973626 |  |
| 2 c 1 | -914.426240 | -914.082568 | -912.312192 | -11.92 | -911.973062 |  |
| 6 b 1 | -914.426045 | -914.082395 | -912.312277 | -12.26 | -911.973296 |  |
| 5 a 1 | -914.424404 | -914.080903 | -912.307462 | -20.38 | -911.971722 |  |
| 5c1 | -914.423689 | -914.080334 | -912.315623 | -10.50 | -911.976268 |  |
| 2d1 | -914.417843 | -914.074596 | -912.313649 | -9.92 | -911.974178 |  |
| cat81ur1_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1064.625490 |
| 5c1.ac2 | -1067.419733 | -1067.021912 | -1064.979632 | -115.10 | -1064.625651 |  |
| 5c1.ac1 | -1067.419506 | -1067.021484 | -1064.978040 | -111.80 | -1064.622599 |  |
| 5a1.ac1 | -1067.423787 | -1067.025409 | -1064.972701 | -119.83 | -1064.619964 |  |
| 2c2.ac1 | -1067.420543 | -1067.022367 | -1064.971265 | -119.29 | -1064.618522 |  |
| 1a2.ac2 | -1067.419955 | -1067.021814 | -1064.970518 | -119.20 | -1064.617779 |  |
| 2c1.ac2 | -1067.420060 | -1067.021911 | -1064.970339 | -124.89 | -1064.619759 |  |
| 5a1.ac2 | -1067.421393 | -1067.023001 | -1064.970543 | -125.06 | -1064.619783 |  |
| 1a1.ac1 | -1067.419465 | -1067.021227 | -1064.969697 | -125.10 | -1064.619108 |  |
| 1a1.ac2 | -1067.413825 | -1067.015669 | -1064.964263 | -117.49 | -1064.610856 |  |
| 2c1.ac1 | -1067.413409 | -1067.015332 | -1064.963629 | -117.11 | -1064.610157 |  |
| cat81ur1_Nac |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5c1.Nac1 | -1067.415831 | -1067.017653 | -1064.981045 | -127.99 | -1064.631615 |  |
| cat81ur2 |  |  |  |  |  | -1234.548690 |
| 5c1 | -1237.349369 | -1237.008059 | -1234.887294 | -8.08 | -1234.549060 |  |
| 2 c 2 | -1237.353109 | -1237.012007 | -1234.884799 | -9.29 | -1234.547235 |  |
| 1a2 | -1237.352762 | -1237.011295 | -1234.884784 | -8.54 | -1234.546567 |  |
| 6 b 1 | -1237.344729 | -1237.003506 | -1234.878701 | -11.17 | -1234.541733 |  |
| 1a1 | -1237.345239 | -1237.003885 | -1234.878563 | -11.72 | -1234.541672 |  |
| 2c1 | -1237.344843 | -1237.003367 | -1234.878686 | -10.79 | -1234.541322 |  |
| 5a1 | -1237.342558 | -1237.001353 | -1234.874410 | -18.07 | -1234.540089 |  |
| cat81ur2_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1387.195529 |
| 5c1.ac2 | -1390.341289 | -1389.945337 | -1387.548349 | -113.64 | -1387.195680 |  |
| 5c1.ac1 | -1390.340696 | -1389.944628 | -1387.546834 | -110.67 | -1387.192917 |  |
| 2c2.ac2 | -1390.338523 | -1389.942546 | -1387.539578 | -117.32 | -1387.188285 |  |
| 1a1.ac2 | -1390.340294 | -1389.944269 | -1387.539443 | -116.73 | -1387.187879 |  |
| 2c1.ac1 | -1390.340212 | -1389.944253 | -1387.539019 | -117.65 | -1387.187872 |  |
| 1a2.ac1 | -1390.337928 | -1389.941812 | -1387.538909 | -117.57 | -1387.187573 |  |
| 2c2.ac1 | -1390.339476 | -1389.943424 | -1387.541004 | -111.04 | -1387.187246 |  |
| 1a1.ac1 | -1390.338690 | -1389.942862 | -1387.539083 | -115.27 | -1387.187159 |  |
| 1a2.ac2 | -1390.338817 | -1389.942724 | -1387.540235 | -110.88 | -1387.186372 |  |
| cat81ur2_Nac |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5c1.Nac1 | -1390.331331 | -1389.935396 | -1387.547812 | -125.14 | -1387.199541 |  |
| cat81ur1f |  |  |  |  |  | -1584.721825 |
| 5 c 1 | -1588.285390 | -1587.924995 | -1585.085573 | 7.57 | -1584.722294 |  |
| 2c2 | -1588.294546 | -1587.933999 | -1585.083081 | 3.31 | -1584.721275 |  |
| 1a2 | -1588.294453 | -1587.933819 | -1585.083140 | 3.64 | -1584.721120 |  |
| 2d1 | -1588.280242 | -1587.919944 | -1585.080983 | 6.40 | -1584.718247 |  |
| 1a1 | -1588.287273 | -1587.926830 | -1585.077348 | 1.00 | -1584.716523 |  |

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| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2c1 | -1588.286641 | -1587.926165 | -1585.077215 | 1.80 | -1584.716053 |  |
| 6b1 | -1588.286486 | -1587.925938 | -1585.077096 | 1.34 | -1584.716037 |  |
| 5a1 | -1588.284347 | -1587.924094 | -1585.071775 | -9.25 | -1584.715044 |  |
| cat81ur1f_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1737.364100 |
| 5c1_ac2 | -1741.273285 | -1740.858485 | -1737.741174 | -99.96 | -1737.364445 |  |
| 5 cl _ac1 | -1741.273221 | -1740.858543 | -1737.740388 | -97.95 | -1737.363017 |  |
| 2d1_ac2 | -1741.266890 | -1740.852307 | -1737.735856 | -100.83 | -1737.359679 |  |
| 5a1_ac2 | -1741.274732 | -1740.859560 | -1737.727750 | -123.39 | -1737.359573 |  |
| 5a1_ac1 | -1741.276775 | -1740.861341 | -1737.729497 | -118.37 | -1737.359146 |  |
| 2c2_ac2 | -1741.273378 | -1740.858265 | -1737.727391 | -121.38 | -1737.358508 |  |
| 2c1_ac2 | -1741.273409 | -1740.858246 | -1737.727364 | -121.34 | -1737.358416 |  |
| 1a2_ac2 | -1741.272771 | -1740.857736 | -1737.726798 | -121.04 | -1737.357866 |  |
| 1a1_ac2 | -1741.272773 | -1740.857741 | -1737.726768 | -121.00 | -1737.357823 |  |
| 2c2_ac1 | -1741.273007 | -1740.858154 | -1737.727087 | -116.23 | -1737.356505 |  |
| 1a2_ac1 | -1741.272366 | -1740.857597 | -1737.726521 | -115.35 | -1737.355688 |  |
| 2d1_ac1 | -1741.264332 | -1740.849653 | -1737.730829 | -99.29 | -1737.353966 |  |
| 1a1_ac1 | -1741.265501 | -1740.850553 | -1737.719649 | -113.51 | -1737.347935 |  |
| 2c1_acl | -1741.265102 | -1740.850127 | -1737.719024 | -113.30 | -1737.347203 |  |
| cat81ur3 |  |  |  |  |  | -951.139531 |
| 66 | -953.720149 | -953.346038 | -951.512076 | -6.32 | -951.140372 |  |
| 3 | -953.728990 | -953.354938 | -951.510948 | -6.65 | -951.139429 |  |
| 13 | -953.729002 | -953.354944 | -951.510263 | -8.03 | -951.139264 |  |
| 1 | -953.727898 | -953.354108 | -951.508627 | -10.50 | -951.138837 |  |
| 43 | -953.720648 | -953.346404 | -951.511698 | -3.51 | -951.138792 |  |
| 8 | -953.727915 | -953.354067 | -951.508479 | -10.79 | -951.138742 |  |
| 51 | -953.716724 | -953.342413 | -951.509357 | -6.78 | -951.137627 |  |
| 10 | -953.725258 | -953.351046 | -951.507128 | -9.41 | -951.136501 |  |
| 5 | -953.724136 | -953.350028 | -951.505124 | -12.09 | -951.135621 |  |
| 59 | -953.721730 | -953.347771 | -951.502535 | -18.33 | -951.135556 |  |
| 29 | -953.722029 | -953.348205 | -951.504849 | -11.34 | -951.135344 |  |
| 79 | -953.720851 | -953.347290 | -951.501199 | -19.04 | -951.134889 |  |
| 40 | -953.720565 | -953.346962 | -951.500709 | -20.29 | -951.134835 |  |
| 31 | -953.721492 | -953.347835 | -951.504478 | -9.79 | -951.134549 |  |
| 23 | -953.721228 | -953.347218 | -951.504555 | -10.42 | -951.134514 |  |
| 20 | -953.720903 | -953.347136 | -951.502888 | -13.26 | -951.134173 |  |
| 17 | -953.720063 | -953.346551 | -951.502611 | -12.93 | -951.134023 |  |
| 25 | -953.720250 | -953.346534 | -951.502851 | -12.43 | -951.133868 |  |
| 67 | -953.719746 | -953.346131 | -951.499482 | -20.71 | -951.133756 |  |
| 37 | -953.719684 | -953.345811 | -951.503434 | -10.33 | -951.133497 |  |
| 57 | -953.719787 | -953.345898 | -951.503285 | -10.75 | -951.133491 |  |
| cat81ur3_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1103.786798 |
| 43_ac2 | -1106.714182 | -1106.285660 | -1104.172555 | -114.35 | -1103.787586 |  |
| 66 ac2 | -1106.714270 | -1106.285678 | -1104.172447 | -113.76 | -1103.787185 |  |
| 43_ac1 | -1106.714372 | -1106.285911 | -1104.172430 | -111.34 | -1103.786374 |  |
| 66 ac1 | -1106.714477 | -1106.285912 | -1104.172753 | -110.00 | -1103.786084 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1106.721229 | -1106.292731 | -1104.171018 | -114.01 | -1103.785945 |  |
| 31_ac1 | -1106.721229 | -1106.292733 | -1104.171009 | -113.97 | -1103.785923 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1106.720621 | -1106.292151 | -1104.170198 | -113.97 | -1103.785138 |  |
| 31_ac2 | -1106.717524 | -1106.289247 | -1104.167130 | -118.41 | -1103.783952 |  |
| 8_ac2 | -1106.718999 | -1106.290627 | -1104.166520 | -120.21 | -1103.783932 |  |
| 59_ac1 | -1106.720160 | -1106.291615 | -1104.166802 | -119.24 | -1103.783675 |  |
| 51_ac1 | -1106.710621 | -1106.281806 | -1104.168901 | -114.01 | -1103.783512 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1106.718433 | -1106.289943 | -1104.165967 | -120.37 | -1103.783324 |  |
| 59 ac2 | -1106.722393 | -1106.293523 | -1104.168583 | -113.97 | -1103.783123 |  |
| 13_ac2 | -1106.718937 | -1106.290460 | -1104.165824 | -119.54 | -1103.782877 |  |
| 51_ac2 | -1106.710786 | -1106.281843 | -1104.169144 | -110.88 | -1103.782431 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 ac1 | -1106.717408 | -1106.288926 | -1104.166701 | -114.52 | -1103.781836 |  |
| 13 ac1 | -1106.718754 | -1106.290350 | -1104.165685 | -115.65 | -1103.781328 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1106.718190 | -1106.289624 | -1104.165199 | -114.98 | -1103.780425 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1106.715253 | -1106.286823 | -1104.162302 | -121.25 | -1103.780054 |  |
| 29 ac2 | -1106.715119 | -1106.286368 | -1104.163596 | -116.61 | -1103.779258 |  |
| 10_ac2 | -1106.715212 | -1106.286625 | -1104.161572 | -120.25 | -1103.778785 |  |
| 10 ac1 | -1106.714990 | -1106.286295 | -1104.161433 | -116.65 | -1103.777167 |  |
| 29 ac1 | -1106.711614 | -1106.283072 | -1104.158111 | -112.51 | -1103.772422 |  |
| cat81ur3_Nac |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 66 _Nac | -1106.716904 | -1106.288111 | -1104.179205 | -121.42 | -1103.796659 |  |
| cat81ur4 |  |  |  |  |  | -1273.713229 |
| 66 | -1276.646192 | -1276.274479 | -1274.083967 | -4.18 | -1273.713848 |  |
| 43 | -1276.646484 | -1276.274391 | -1274.082629 | -4.64 | -1273.712304 |  |
| 8 | -1276.652803 | -1276.281307 | -1274.079678 | -7.61 | -1273.711082 |  |
| 51 | -1276.642701 | -1276.270715 | -1274.081077 | -4.73 | -1273.710892 |  |
| 1 | -1276.652540 | -1276.280945 | -1274.079720 | -6.95 | -1273.710770 |  |
| 13 | -1276.652567 | -1276.280910 | -1274.079616 | -6.15 | -1273.710302 |  |
| 3 | -1276.652256 | -1276.280459 | -1274.079688 | -4.98 | -1273.709787 |  |
| 5 | -1276.648669 | -1276.276966 | -1274.075857 | -9.00 | -1273.707580 |  |
| 10 | -1276.648469 | -1276.276796 | -1274.075996 | -7.45 | -1273.707159 |  |
| 59 | -1276.642405 | -1276.270880 | -1274.070274 | -16.40 | -1273.704996 |  |
| 29 | -1276.644500 | -1276.272793 | -1274.073124 | -9.20 | -1273.704923 |  |
| cat81ur4_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1426.358050 |
| 66 ac2 | -1429.636696 | -1429.210560 | -1426.742103 | -111.92 | -1426.358595 |  |
| 43_ac2 | -1429.636549 | -1429.210083 | -1426.742158 | -112.59 | -1426.358576 |  |
| 66 ac1 | -1429.636834 | -1429.210483 | -1426.742368 | -107.99 | -1426.357148 |  |
| 51_ac2 | -1429.636578 | -1429.210123 | -1426.741964 | -108.57 | -1426.356862 |  |
| 43_ac1 | -1429.636578 | -1429.210132 | -1426.741950 | -108.49 | -1426.356826 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1429.641606 | -1429.215534 | -1426.739869 | -112.80 | -1426.356761 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1429.640949 | -1429.214915 | -1426.738920 | -113.09 | -1426.355961 |  |
| 51_ac1 | -1429.633008 | -1429.206525 | -1426.738490 | -112.17 | -1426.354732 |  |
| 8_ac2 | -1429.640289 | -1429.214271 | -1426.736434 | -116.06 | -1426.354622 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1429.639696 | -1429.213804 | -1426.735780 | -115.81 | -1426.353999 |  |
| 31_ac2 | -1429.640429 | -1429.214425 | -1426.734924 | -115.06 | -1426.352744 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1429.637815 | -1429.211674 | -1426.735612 | -113.55 | -1426.352722 |  |
| 59 ac1 | -1429.638951 | -1429.212943 | -1426.734284 | -115.48 | -1426.352260 |  |
| 59 ac2 | -1429.642318 | -1429.216012 | -1426.735925 | -111.13 | -1426.351945 |  |
| 13_ac1 | -1429.637872 | -1429.212769 | -1426.734260 | -110.37 | -1426.351197 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1429.636609 | -1429.210509 | -1426.732301 | -117.11 | -1426.350806 |  |
| 31_ac1 | -1429.642224 | -1429.211688 | -1426.734334 | -111.25 | -1426.346173 |  |
| cat81ur4_Nac |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 66_Nac | -1429.631376 | -1429.205023 | -1426.741361 | -120.00 | -1426.360712 |  |
| cat81ur5 |  |  |  |  |  | -990.305293 |
| 51 | -993.016889 | -992.613295 | -990.709272 | -0.33 | -990.305805 |  |
| 1 | -993.026732 | -992.623532 | -990.707005 | -3.89 | -990.305287 |  |
| 8 | -993.026296 | -992.623031 | -990.705549 | -5.19 | -990.304261 |  |
| 13 | -993.026778 | -992.623553 | -990.706483 | -1.92 | -990.303991 |  |
| 3 | -993.023813 | -992.620151 | -990.703642 | -3.60 | -990.301350 |  |
| 5 | -993.022525 | -992.619020 | -990.702260 | -6.49 | -990.301226 |  |
| 10 | -993.023113 | -992.619423 | -990.703596 | -2.97 | -990.301037 |  |
| 66 | -993.009985 | -992.606578 | -990.702752 | -3.31 | -990.300603 |  |
| 43 | -993.010006 | -992.606489 | -990.701191 | -3.10 | -990.298853 |  |
| cat81ur5_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1142.950561 |
| 51_ac2 | -1146.011622 | -1145.553539 | -1143.369987 | -103.55 | -1142.951345 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1146.020847 | -1145.563102 | -1143.368097 | -105.65 | -1142.950591 |  |
| 51_ac1 | -1146.011776 | -1145.553691 | -1143.369785 | -100.54 | -1142.949994 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv, }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8_ac2 | -1146.017913 | -1145.560112 | -1143.364405 | -112.93 | -1142.949615 |  |
| 1 _ac2 | -1146.018170 | -1145.560290 | -1143.364116 | -112.88 | -1142.949232 |  |
| 13_ac2 | -1146.017581 | -1145.559823 | -1143.363172 | -112.38 | -1142.948218 |  |
| 43 ac2 | -1146.006452 | -1145.548454 | -1143.364694 | -108.16 | -1142.947891 |  |
| 66_ac2 | -1146.006673 | -1145.548746 | -1143.364619 | -107.61 | -1142.947680 |  |
| 66 ac 1 | -1146.006958 | -1145.548815 | -1143.365662 | -104.18 | -1142.947199 |  |
| 43 ac1 | -1146.006572 | -1145.548440 | -1143.364851 | -104.98 | -1142.946703 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1146.017080 | -1145.559110 | -1143.363921 | -106.69 | -1142.946587 |  |
| 13 ac1 | -1146.017617 | -1145.559675 | -1143.363240 | -108.03 | -1142.946445 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1146.017604 | -1145.559802 | -1143.363445 | -105.98 | -1142.946009 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1146.014159 | -1145.556344 | -1143.360056 | -114.10 | -1142.945698 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1146.013645 | -1145.555567 | -1143.358912 | -115.39 | -1142.944785 |  |
| 10_ac2 | -1146.013846 | -1145.555773 | -1143.359013 | -113.68 | -1142.944238 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1146.013425 | -1145.555457 | -1143.358779 | -110.75 | -1142.942994 |  |
| 10_ac1 | -1146.013864 | -1145.555670 | -1143.358953 | -108.74 | -1142.942177 |  |
| cat81ur6 |  |  |  |  |  | -1084.668315 |
| 63 | -1087.652398 | -1087.200677 | -1085.121493 | 1.88 | -1084.669055 |  |
| 12 | -1087.651791 | -1087.200278 | -1085.120114 | 4.52 | -1084.666879 |  |
| 137 | -1087.649225 | -1087.197328 | -1085.119494 | 3.68 | -1084.666195 |  |
| 143 | -1087.651631 | -1087.199821 | -1085.118574 | -0.29 | -1084.666876 |  |
| 60 | -1087.649246 | -1087.197399 | -1085.118472 | 1.67 | -1084.665987 |  |
| 1 | -1087.647362 | -1087.196005 | -1085.116869 | 3.05 | -1084.664349 |  |
| 105 | -1087.649716 | -1087.198264 | -1085.116692 | 2.80 | -1084.664173 |  |
| 81 | -1087.648282 | -1087.196410 | -1085.116456 | 0.46 | -1084.664409 |  |
| 21 | -1087.650401 | -1087.199026 | -1085.115575 | -1.00 | -1084.664582 |  |
| 117 | -1087.648878 | -1087.197476 | -1085.115318 | 0.59 | -1084.663693 |  |
| 180 | -1087.648841 | -1087.197243 | -1085.115277 | -1.72 | -1084.664332 |  |
| 7 | -1087.646359 | -1087.194718 | -1085.115136 | -0.25 | -1084.663591 |  |
| 95 | -1087.649410 | -1087.197794 | -1085.114569 | 0.75 | -1084.662666 |  |
| 16 | -1087.648725 | -1087.196862 | -1085.114783 | -0.75 | -1084.663207 |  |
| 31 | -1087.649276 | -1087.197748 | -1085.113878 | -3.05 | -1084.663514 |  |
| 42 | -1087.647809 | -1087.196124 | -1085.113806 | -0.50 | -1084.662312 |  |
| 20 | -1087.646745 | -1087.195228 | -1085.113271 | -2.34 | -1084.662646 |  |
| 56 | -1087.648489 | -1087.196613 | -1085.113473 | -3.77 | -1084.663031 |  |
| 25 | -1087.647748 | -1087.195868 | -1085.113211 | -3.18 | -1084.662542 |  |
| 13 | -1087.646463 | -1087.194582 | -1085.113174 | -2.05 | -1084.662074 |  |
| 68 | -1087.647010 | -1087.195210 | -1085.112812 | -3.43 | -1084.662320 |  |
| 9 | -1087.648730 | -1087.197030 | -1085.112542 | -0.84 | -1084.661161 |  |
| 19 | -1087.647413 | -1087.195962 | -1085.112071 | -2.55 | -1084.661592 |  |
| 113 | -1087.647841 | -1087.195938 | -1085.112286 | -1.92 | -1084.661116 |  |
| 216 | -1087.647494 | -1087.195746 | -1085.111837 | -4.85 | -1084.661938 |  |
| 92 | -1087.648854 | -1087.197578 | -1085.110395 | -6.36 | -1084.661542 |  |
| 346 | -1087.648113 | -1087.196665 | -1085.110361 | -5.61 | -1084.661049 |  |
| 55 | -1087.647241 | -1087.195537 | -1085.110475 | -6.23 | -1084.661146 |  |
| 64 | -1087.647228 | -1087.196191 | -1085.109215 | -5.90 | -1084.660425 |  |
| 210 | -1087.648095 | -1087.197060 | -1085.108979 | -6.61 | -1084.660462 |  |
| 196 | -1087.648804 | -1087.197091 | -1085.109270 | -8.70 | -1084.660872 |  |
| 167 | -1087.647590 | -1087.195942 | -1085.109187 | -3.31 | -1084.658798 |  |
| 303 | -1087.647705 | -1087.196233 | -1085.108817 | -7.78 | -1084.660309 |  |
| 317 | -1087.649858 | -1087.198732 | -1085.108116 | -12.47 | -1084.661739 |  |
| 2 | -1087.647902 | -1087.196027 | -1085.108658 | -6.99 | -1084.659445 |  |
| 30 | -1087.648332 | -1087.197078 | -1085.107656 | -8.45 | -1084.659621 |  |
| 313 | -1087.647327 | -1087.195744 | -1085.107574 | -12.80 | -1084.660867 |  |
| 235 | -1087.646355 | -1087.194586 | -1085.107444 | -7.70 | -1084.658607 |  |
| 40 | -1087.646701 | -1087.194763 | -1085.107460 | -5.77 | -1084.657721 |  |
| 90 | -1087.647561 | -1087.196092 | -1085.106581 | -14.23 | -1084.660530 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ $\mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6-$ $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 39 | -1087.647091 | -1087.195525 | -1085.105994 | -11.21 | -1084.658699 |  |
| 247 | -1087.646496 | -1087.195150 | -1085.105365 | -10.38 | -1084.657972 |  |
| 277 | -1087.646510 | -1087.194762 | -1085.105597 | -13.72 | -1084.659077 |  |
| 132 | -1087.646679 | -1087.195178 | -1085.104841 | -11.80 | -1084.657834 |  |
| 260 | -1087.647668 | -1087.196330 | -1085.104396 | -19.58 | -1084.660516 |  |
| 401 | -1087.646485 | -1087.195123 | -1085.104023 | -20.92 | -1084.660629 |  |
| 285 | -1087.646653 | -1087.195135 | -1085.104055 | -19.37 | -1084.659915 |  |
| cat81ur6_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1237.324964 |
| 143_ac2 | -1240.658226 | -1240.151779 | -1237.794427 | -98.37 | -1237.325445 |  |
| 131_ac2 | -1240.656011 | -1240.149484 | -1237.793683 | -95.31 | -1237.323459 |  |
| 137 _ac2 | -1240.655066 | -1240.148568 | -1237.792044 | -98.58 | -1237.323091 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1240.656859 | -1240.150413 | -1237.792807 | -90.88 | -1237.320974 |  |
| 21_ac2 | -1240.659746 | -1240.153034 | -1237.792123 | -93.01 | -1237.320836 |  |
| $1 \_$ac1 | -1240.656875 | -1240.150481 | -1237.793081 | -88.45 | -1237.320375 |  |
| 95_ac2 | -1240.659973 | -1240.153007 | -1237.792199 | -92.22 | -1237.320356 |  |
| 117 ac1 | -1240.657664 | -1240.151125 | -1237.792033 | -90.92 | -1237.320123 |  |
| 12_ac1 | -1240.659296 | -1240.152651 | -1237.791337 | -90.25 | -1237.319065 |  |
| 105_ac1 | -1240.658992 | -1240.152272 | -1237.790361 | -90.63 | -1237.318158 |  |
| 117_ac2 | -1240.657066 | -1240.150558 | -1237.789005 | -93.55 | -1237.318130 |  |
| 63 ac2 | -1240.656813 | -1240.150008 | -1237.786877 | -98.16 | -1237.317459 |  |
| 143_ac1 | -1240.655000 | -1240.148430 | -1237.784389 | -102.55 | -1237.316879 |  |
| 42_ac1 | -1240.656702 | -1240.149396 | -1237.788676 | -92.97 | -1237.316780 |  |
| 180 ac1 | -1240.647355 | -1240.140726 | -1237.785837 | -97.03 | -1237.316163 |  |
| 95_ac1 | -1240.656375 | -1240.149514 | -1237.787206 | -92.26 | -1237.315484 |  |
| 21_ac1 | -1240.656166 | -1240.149156 | -1237.787030 | -92.84 | -1237.315382 |  |
| 17_ac2 | -1240.657595 | -1240.150828 | -1237.785318 | -94.98 | -1237.314726 |  |
| 31_ac2 | -1240.656912 | -1240.150251 | -1237.784087 | -97.07 | -1237.314397 |  |
| 63 ac1 | -1240.654464 | -1240.147824 | -1237.780357 | -104.10 | -1237.313365 |  |
| 137_ac1 | -1240.651900 | -1240.145146 | -1237.780923 | -102.51 | -1237.313212 |  |
| 131_ac1 | -1240.653824 | -1240.147541 | -1237.781193 | -100.54 | -1237.313204 |  |
| 105_ac2 | -1240.655717 | -1240.149289 | -1237.785604 | -89.29 | -1237.313183 |  |
| 60 ac1 | -1240.653822 | -1240.146853 | -1237.782181 | -99.50 | -1237.313108 |  |
| 12_ac2 | -1240.655524 | -1240.148790 | -1237.786552 | -87.07 | -1237.312981 |  |
| 16 ac2 | -1240.654685 | -1240.147864 | -1237.782035 | -98.95 | -1237.312902 |  |
| 9 ac2 | -1240.654118 | -1240.147556 | -1237.781266 | -99.54 | -1237.312616 |  |
| 17_ac1 | -1240.655892 | -1240.149212 | -1237.783053 | -94.27 | -1237.312277 |  |
| 60 ac2 | -1240.650932 | -1240.144139 | -1237.778469 | -100.37 | -1237.309906 |  |
| 16_ac1 | -1240.653149 | -1240.146139 | -1237.779850 | -96.94 | -1237.309764 |  |
| 9 ac1 | -1240.652514 | -1240.145592 | -1237.779011 | -97.74 | -1237.309315 |  |
| PheOMe |  |  |  |  |  | -1217.600993 |
| 37c | -1220.818907 | -1220.367388 | -1218.055831 | 7.28 | -1217.601540 |  |
| 59 | -1220.818626 | -1220.367166 | -1218.054727 | 4.73 | -1217.601466 |  |
| 22c | -1220.817798 | -1220.366737 | -1218.052799 | 2.68 | -1217.600718 |  |
| 51c | -1220.818592 | -1220.367420 | -1218.051629 | -0.04 | -1217.600473 |  |
| 31c | -1220.818546 | -1220.367443 | -1218.051845 | 0.79 | -1217.600439 |  |
| 27c | -1220.817258 | -1220.365975 | -1218.052742 | 6.19 | -1217.599101 |  |
| 35c | -1220.817017 | -1220.365884 | -1218.050281 | 2.64 | -1217.598144 |  |
| 2c | -1220.816511 | -1220.365417 | -1218.051169 | 5.27 | -1217.598067 |  |
| 9 | -1220.815538 | -1220.364317 | -1218.049583 | 1.09 | -1217.597948 |  |
| 43 | -1220.817055 | -1220.365854 | -1218.050277 | 4.18 | -1217.597483 |  |
| 10c | -1220.816671 | -1220.365736 | -1218.048175 | -0.29 | -1217.597352 |  |
| 1c | -1220.816717 | -1220.365321 | -1218.048329 | 0.29 | -1217.596822 |  |
| 23c | -1220.816396 | -1220.365268 | -1218.047329 | -0.42 | -1217.596360 |  |
| 7 c | -1220.816572 | -1220.365276 | -1218.048514 | 3.05 | -1217.596054 |  |
| 26c | -1220.815338 | -1220.364183 | -1218.050307 | 8.16 | -1217.596045 |  |
| 37 | -1220.805182 | -1220.353853 | -1218.042694 | 3.31 | -1217.590106 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> kJ/mol | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59 | -1220.804902 | -1220.353688 | -1218.041534 | 1.09 | -1217.589906 |  |
| 26 | -1220.804262 | -1220.352990 | -1218.040464 | 2.09 | -1217.588395 |  |
| 9 | -1220.807054 | -1220.355474 | -1218.039800 | 0.13 | -1217.588172 |  |
| 43 | -1220.803357 | -1220.351847 | -1218.039662 | 0.33 | -1217.588024 |  |
| 23 | -1220.806936 | -1220.355485 | -1218.038933 | -1.13 | -1217.587912 |  |
| 27 | -1220.803445 | -1220.352060 | -1218.039662 | 1.30 | -1217.587783 |  |
| 22 | -1220.802957 | -1220.352100 | -1218.038180 | -0.92 | -1217.587674 |  |
| 31 | -1220.803350 | -1220.352526 | -1218.037316 | -2.51 | -1217.587449 |  |
| 51 | -1220.803403 | -1220.352514 | -1218.037027 | -3.39 | -1217.587429 |  |
| 1 | -1220.805238 | -1220.354131 | -1218.037532 | -2.47 | -1217.587366 |  |
| 10 | -1220.805257 | -1220.354011 | -1218.037228 | -3.56 | -1217.587336 |  |
| 35 | -1220.805380 | -1220.354094 | -1218.038614 | 0.46 | -1217.587153 |  |
| 2 | -1220.803970 | -1220.352687 | -1218.039906 | 3.93 | -1217.587125 |  |
| 7 | -1220.805667 | -1220.354119 | -1218.039334 | 1.84 | -1217.587085 |  |
| 33 | -1220.805615 | -1220.353954 | -1218.037533 | -2.64 | -1217.586876 |  |
| PheOMe_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1370.250656 |
| 22c_ac2 | -1373.819870 | -1373.313895 | -1370.723518 | -88.53 | -1370.251264 |  |
| 51c_ac2 | -1373.819816 | -1373.313527 | -1370.721354 | -90.46 | -1370.249519 |  |
| 31c_ac2 | -1373.819291 | -1373.313231 | -1370.720949 | -90.17 | -1370.249231 |  |
| 37c_ac1 | -1373.812755 | -1373.306715 | -1370.721301 | -86.73 | -1370.248296 |  |
| 37c_ac2 | -1373.812494 | -1373.306331 | -1370.721581 | -85.73 | -1370.248070 |  |
| 31c_ac1 | -1373.812936 | -1373.307616 | -1370.715111 | -96.48 | -1370.246539 |  |
| 51c_ac1 | -1373.813435 | -1373.307616 | -1370.715299 | -96.99 | -1370.246420 |  |
| 59c_ac2 | -1373.812549 | -1373.306560 | -1370.718810 | -87.15 | -1370.246015 |  |
| 22c_ac1 | -1373.812139 | -1373.306133 | -1370.714567 | -92.63 | -1370.243843 |  |
| 35c_ac1 | -1373.812196 | -1373.306219 | -1370.710882 | -97.95 | -1370.242211 |  |
| 2c_ac1 | -1373.809303 | -1373.303762 | -1370.710711 | -95.35 | -1370.241488 |  |
| 1c_ac1 | -1373.813237 | -1373.307102 | -1370.708710 | -98.99 | -1370.240280 |  |
| 37_ac1 | -1373.799696 | -1373.293649 | -1370.710251 | -88.32 | -1370.237845 |  |
| 59_ac1 | -1373.799182 | -1373.293026 | -1370.708526 | -91.21 | -1370.237111 |  |
| 51_ac1 | -1373.798173 | -1373.292415 | -1370.701257 | -98.74 | -1370.233109 |  |
| 31_ac1 | -1373.797747 | -1373.292136 | -1370.701139 | -98.37 | -1370.232993 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -1373.798257 | -1373.292373 | -1370.701331 | -95.44 | -1370.231797 |  |
| $1 \_$ac1 | -1373.803280 | -1373.297260 | -1370.701377 | -95.65 | -1370.231787 |  |
| 43_ac1 | -1373.789510 | -1373.283535 | -1370.695759 | -107.15 | -1370.230596 |  |
| 23_ac1 | -1373.797398 | -1373.291271 | -1370.695833 | -107.15 | -1370.230519 |  |
| 10 ac1 | -1373.798459 | -1373.292551 | -1370.696276 | -105.27 | -1370.230463 |  |
| 35_ac1 | -1373.797998 | -1373.292396 | -1370.697079 | -101.21 | -1370.230026 |  |
| 27_ac1 | -1373.789082 | -1373.283065 | -1370.695584 | -106.06 | -1370.229965 |  |
| 7 _ac1 | -1373.797585 | -1373.292158 | -1370.696829 | -100.54 | -1370.229696 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -1373.795533 | -1373.290100 | -1370.697786 | -97.28 | -1370.229404 |  |
| $9 \ldots$ ac1 | -1373.796992 | -1373.291092 | -1370.695497 | -99.66 | -1370.227557 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1373.797975 | -1373.292207 | -1370.695972 | -104.52 | -1370.230012 |  |
| 37_ac2 | -1373.799485 | -1373.293287 | -1370.710784 | -86.94 | -1370.237702 |  |
| 59 ac2 | -1373.798952 | -1373.292792 | -1370.708311 | -89.33 | -1370.236174 |  |
| 51_ac2 | -1373.804967 | -1373.299183 | -1370.707094 | -93.43 | -1370.236895 |  |
| 31_ac2 | -1373.804481 | -1373.298651 | -1370.706600 | -93.30 | -1370.236307 |  |
| 22_ac2 | -1373.801711 | -1373.295922 | -1370.703764 | -89.66 | -1370.232126 |  |
| $\mathbf{P h e P h}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -1565.165014 |
| 19 | -1569.423153 | -1568.812959 | -1565.785580 | 24.43 | -1565.166079 |  |
| 2 | -1569.423897 | -1568.813823 | -1565.784863 | 24.06 | -1565.165626 |  |
| 14 | -1569.416471 | -1568.806523 | -1565.781972 | 20.54 | -1565.164200 |  |
| 20 | -1569.418389 | -1568.808881 | -1565.782299 | 23.10 | -1565.163995 |  |
| 6 | -1569.417069 | -1568.807055 | -1565.781524 | 19.79 | -1565.163972 |  |
| 1 | -1569.422489 | -1568.812587 | -1565.782267 | 22.55 | -1565.163775 |  |
| 9 | -1569.419183 | -1568.809427 | -1565.783086 | 26.36 | -1565.163290 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 58 | -1569.415513 | -1568.805376 | -1565.783279 | 26.02 | -1565.163230 |  |
| 21 | -1569.415423 | -1568.805615 | -1565.783112 | 26.48 | -1565.163216 |  |
| 3 | -1569.419540 | -1568.809048 | -1565.782558 | 23.85 | -1565.162982 |  |
| 97 | -1569.415502 | -1568.806904 | -1565.779452 | 20.79 | -1565.162934 |  |
| 85 | -1569.415858 | -1568.805537 | -1565.782035 | 24.31 | -1565.162454 |  |
| 46 | -1569.415858 | -1568.805542 | -1565.782039 | 24.43 | -1565.162415 |  |
| 8 | -1569.415009 | -1568.805399 | -1565.778183 | 16.32 | -1565.162358 |  |
| 10 | -1569.416677 | -1568.806679 | -1565.782265 | 26.19 | -1565.162292 |  |
| 7 | -1569.419202 | -1568.809151 | -1565.781317 | 23.77 | -1565.162214 |  |
| 31 | -1569.417408 | -1568.807781 | -1565.781665 | 26.65 | -1565.161887 |  |
| 100 | -1569.416529 | -1568.806752 | -1565.779738 | 21.63 | -1565.161722 |  |
| 17 | -1569.415427 | -1568.805379 | -1565.781350 | 25.40 | -1565.161628 |  |
| 43 | -1569.415961 | -1568.806438 | -1565.779546 | 22.05 | -1565.161625 |  |
| 16 | -1569.418117 | -1568.808197 | -1565.780256 | 22.93 | -1565.161603 |  |
| 18 | -1569.413387 | -1568.803047 | -1565.781806 | 26.44 | -1565.161394 |  |
| 37 | -1569.415739 | -1568.805843 | -1565.778898 | 20.13 | -1565.161337 |  |
| 48 | -1569.417116 | -1568.807750 | -1565.779759 | 24.73 | -1565.160975 |  |
| 13 | -1569.415204 | -1568.805095 | -1565.780083 | 23.81 | -1565.160906 |  |
| 77 | -1569.414553 | -1568.805121 | -1565.778024 | 20.25 | -1565.160879 |  |
| 45 | -1569.414227 | -1568.804541 | -1565.779718 | 25.19 | -1565.160438 |  |
| 4 | -1569.418489 | -1568.808299 | -1565.778605 | 21.46 | -1565.160240 |  |
| 34 | -1569.416072 | -1568.806141 | -1565.777485 | 19.54 | -1565.160112 |  |
| 36 | -1569.414370 | -1568.804388 | -1565.778009 | 21.67 | -1565.159772 |  |
| 49 | -1569.414562 | -1568.804852 | -1565.777111 | 20.59 | -1565.159561 |  |
| 15 | -1569.414599 | -1568.804989 | -1565.778290 | 24.27 | -1565.159438 |  |
| 88 | -1569.413605 | -1568.803945 | -1565.778396 | 24.64 | -1565.159349 |  |
| 40 | -1569.414422 | -1568.804928 | -1565.777128 | 22.34 | -1565.159124 |  |
| 22 | -1569.414532 | -1568.804863 | -1565.777494 | 22.84 | -1565.159124 |  |
| 53 | -1569.416095 | -1568.805682 | -1565.777505 | 22.09 | -1565.158677 |  |
| 30 | -1569.415026 | -1568.805431 | -1565.776143 | 22.18 | -1565.158102 |  |
| 57 | -1569.414879 | -1568.805198 | -1565.773722 | 15.94 | -1565.157970 |  |
| 52 | -1569.415081 | -1568.805224 | -1565.775730 | 20.96 | -1565.157889 |  |
| 26 | -1569.414921 | -1568.805025 | -1565.775119 | 19.62 | -1565.157749 |  |
| 86 | -1569.414174 | -1568.804561 | -1565.775785 | 23.14 | -1565.157359 |  |
| 51 | -1569.411256 | -1568.801253 | -1565.776018 | 22.97 | -1565.157266 |  |
| 35 | -1569.414227 | -1568.804355 | -1565.774939 | 20.54 | -1565.157242 |  |
| 32 | -1569.414266 | -1568.804348 | -1565.775168 | 21.25 | -1565.157154 |  |
| 134 | -1569.414613 | -1568.805000 | -1565.771280 | 13.85 | -1565.156392 |  |
| Phe $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathbf{O H}$ _ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1717.808742 |
| 58_ac2 | -1722.412842 | -1721.747866 | -1718.448540 | -67.82 | -1717.809397 |  |
| 43_ac1 | -1722.416753 | -1721.752659 | -1718.448210 | -66.11 | -1717.809296 |  |
| 20_ac1 | -1722.418811 | -1721.753840 | -1718.449764 | -64.31 | -1717.809286 |  |
| 9 ac1 | -1722.417503 | -1721.752879 | -1718.449044 | -64.94 | -1717.809153 |  |
| 15_ac1 | -1722.417503 | -1721.752879 | -1718.449043 | -64.94 | -1717.809152 |  |
| 58_ac1 | -1722.413553 | -1721.748503 | -1718.449947 | -61.92 | -1717.808482 |  |
| 9 ac2 | -1722.412895 | -1721.748697 | -1718.444820 | -72.26 | -1717.808143 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -1722.412477 | -1721.748113 | -1718.443559 | -75.98 | -1717.808134 |  |
| 97 ac2 | -1722.414067 | -1721.749576 | -1718.443841 | -74.14 | -1717.807589 |  |
| 43 ac2 | -1722.412250 | -1721.748169 | -1718.443646 | -73.30 | -1717.807485 |  |
| 37_ac1 | -1722.414644 | -1721.750062 | -1718.443751 | -74.01 | -1717.807361 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -1722.414643 | -1721.750051 | -1718.443759 | -73.97 | -1717.807342 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1722.414643 | -1721.750050 | -1718.443759 | -73.97 | -1717.807340 |  |
| 97 ac1 | -1722.415918 | -1721.751538 | -1718.445489 | -67.66 | -1717.806878 |  |
| 40_ac1 | -1722.412980 | -1721.748336 | -1718.444030 | -72.13 | -1717.806860 |  |
| 19 ac2 | -1722.410357 | -1721.745861 | -1718.441628 | -77.70 | -1717.806725 |  |
| 20_ac2 | -1722.412476 | -1721.748127 | -1718.443336 | -72.09 | -1717.806445 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{E}_{\text {(ot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{n}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 ac2 | -1722.410508 | -1721.745920 | -1718.440033 | -80.79 | -1717.806218 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -1722.410509 | -1721.745890 | -1718.440057 | -80.75 | -1717.806195 |  |
| 48_ac2 | -1722.412180 | -1721.748294 | -1718.440870 | -76.02 | -1717.805940 |  |
| 36 ac1 | -1722.415612 | -1721.750496 | -1718.446171 | -65.14 | -1717.805867 |  |
| 19 ac1 | -1722.414595 | -1721.749742 | -1718.442483 | -73.64 | -1717.805677 |  |
| 31_ac2 | -1722.411658 | -1721.747351 | -1718.440413 | -75.06 | -1717.804695 |  |
| 77 ac1 | -1722.413810 | -1721.749176 | -1718.442759 | -69.62 | -1717.804643 |  |
| 77 ac2 | -1722.410627 | -1721.746258 | -1718.439712 | -76.53 | -1717.804490 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1722.410358 | -1721.745635 | -1718.437952 | -81.80 | -1717.804384 |  |
| 49 ac1 | -1722.413276 | -1721.748874 | -1718.442319 | -68.87 | -1717.804148 |  |
| 49 ac2 | -1722.410288 | -1721.745708 | -1718.439636 | -76.15 | -1717.804060 |  |
| 17_ac2 | -1722.409472 | -1721.745321 | -1718.440275 | -72.97 | -1717.803917 |  |
| 15_ac2 | -1722.408755 | -1721.744440 | -1718.440211 | -72.93 | -1717.803673 |  |
| 48_ac1 | -1722.413612 | -1721.749089 | -1718.441671 | -68.45 | -1717.803219 |  |
| 36_ac2 | -1722.409252 | -1721.744772 | -1718.439783 | -73.05 | -1717.803128 |  |
| 53_ac2 | -1722.408913 | -1721.745778 | -1718.437687 | -74.64 | -1717.802981 |  |
| 16_ac2 | -1722.408927 | -1721.744767 | -1718.438382 | -74.68 | -1717.802668 |  |
| 31_ac1 | -1722.413027 | -1721.748471 | -1718.441145 | -67.99 | -1717.802485 |  |
| cat11ur1 |  |  |  |  |  | -1067.475665 |
| 3 | -1070.423467 | -1069.982556 | -1067.915604 | -3.64 | -1067.476079 |  |
| 1 | -1070.423386 | -1069.982330 | -1067.915845 | -2.55 | -1067.475761 |  |
| 2 | -1070.413566 | -1069.973034 | -1067.914926 | -1.46 | -1067.474951 |  |
| 5 | -1070.413944 | -1069.973160 | -1067.914381 | -2.80 | -1067.474665 |  |
| 17 | -1070.416647 | -1069.976280 | -1067.909665 | -2.85 | -1067.470382 |  |
| 38 | -1070.415144 | -1069.974447 | -1067.907180 | -9.20 | -1067.469989 |  |
| 9 | -1070.415997 | -1069.975389 | -1067.909126 | -2.38 | -1067.469426 |  |
| 57 | -1070.414694 | -1069.974084 | -1067.906181 | -9.67 | -1067.469252 |  |
| 11 | -1070.415461 | -1069.974210 | -1067.908275 | -5.06 | -1067.468951 |  |
| 12 | -1070.417298 | -1069.976682 | -1067.908213 | -3.10 | -1067.468776 |  |
| 26 | -1070.414924 | -1069.974572 | -1067.907035 | -3.56 | -1067.468037 |  |
| 13 | -1070.416485 | -1069.975755 | -1067.907239 | -3.77 | -1067.467943 |  |
| 15 | -1070.414110 | -1069.973283 | -1067.906784 | -4.44 | -1067.467646 |  |
| 19 | -1070.407328 | -1069.966771 | -1067.907064 | -2.85 | -1067.467590 |  |
| 22 | -1070.407855 | -1069.967175 | -1067.907018 | -2.55 | -1067.467310 |  |
| 23 | -1070.414363 | -1069.973434 | -1067.904675 | -1.63 | -1067.464368 |  |
| cat11ur1_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1220.122465 |
| 2_ac2 | -1223.412017 | -1222.916634 | -1220.580324 | -99.45 | -1220.122821 |  |
| 2 ac1 | -1223.411551 | -1222.916025 | -1220.578576 | -97.19 | -1220.120070 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1223.411550 | -1222.916101 | -1220.579484 | -101.55 | -1220.122711 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1223.411260 | -1222.916138 | -1220.578013 | -99.54 | -1220.120803 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -1223.409480 | -1222.914113 | -1220.577280 | -99.04 | -1220.119633 |  |
| 19_ac2 | -1223.408020 | -1222.912673 | -1220.575804 | -100.75 | -1220.118831 |  |
| 12_ac2 | -1223.414189 | -1222.918990 | -1220.574269 | -102.55 | -1220.118130 |  |
| 13_ac2 | -1223.412727 | -1222.917350 | -1220.572754 | -104.60 | -1220.117217 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1223.412252 | -1222.917001 | -1220.570616 | -109.66 | -1220.117133 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1223.411813 | -1222.916458 | -1220.569769 | -111.25 | -1220.116788 |  |
| 12_ac1 | -1223.414566 | -1222.919395 | -1220.574891 | -96.52 | -1220.116484 |  |
| 22_ac2 | -1223.408839 | -1222.913493 | -1220.574789 | -96.11 | -1220.116049 |  |
| 38_ac2 | -1223.413704 | -1222.918356 | -1220.571036 | -105.90 | -1220.116022 |  |
| 38_ac1 | -1223.416237 | -1222.920590 | -1220.573403 | -100.08 | -1220.115875 |  |
| 13_ac1 | -1223.413208 | -1222.917813 | -1220.573392 | -98.53 | -1220.115526 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1223.412436 | -1222.916955 | -1220.570621 | -105.44 | -1220.115299 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -1223.412895 | -1222.917233 | -1220.571444 | -103.55 | -1220.115223 |  |
| 57_ac2 | -1223.412333 | -1222.917090 | -1220.569117 | -107.65 | -1220.114878 |  |
| 57 ac1 | -1223.414728 | -1222.919303 | -1220.571446 | -102.01 | -1220.114873 |  |
| 19_ac1 | -1223.407283 | -1222.911520 | -1220.573152 | -98.32 | -1220.114838 |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ MP2(FC)/6- $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11_ac2 | -1223.406891 | -1222.911274 | -1220.564930 | -106.61 | -1220.109918 |  |
| 11_ac1 | -1223.407080 | -1222.911554 | -1220.565216 | -101.38 | -1220.108304 |  |
| cat11ur2 |  |  |  |  |  | -1106.639006 |
| 52 | -1109.710389 | -1109.239257 | -1107.111618 | 2.22 | -1106.639641 |  |
| 10 | -1109.717647 | -1109.246583 | -1107.107426 | -1.80 | -1106.637047 |  |
| 8 | -1109.718429 | -1109.247514 | -1107.107708 | -0.59 | -1106.637016 |  |
| 5 | -1109.717447 | -1109.246311 | -1107.107703 | -0.88 | -1106.636901 |  |
| 3 | -1109.718298 | -1109.247222 | -1107.108049 | 0.92 | -1106.636623 |  |
| 7 | -1109.717219 | -1109.246398 | -1107.105779 | -3.85 | -1106.636424 |  |
| 1 | -1109.717086 | -1109.246146 | -1107.105985 | -3.10 | -1106.636224 |  |
| 85 | -1109.709819 | -1109.238618 | -1107.102247 | -3.01 | -1106.632194 |  |
| 42 | -1109.711503 | -1109.240266 | -1107.100650 | -7.07 | -1106.632107 |  |
| 59 | -1109.709999 | -1109.238952 | -1107.101729 | -3.22 | -1106.631909 |  |
| 101 | -1109.711023 | -1109.240059 | -1107.099840 | -7.49 | -1106.631729 |  |
| 31 | -1109.710334 | -1109.239324 | -1107.099084 | -8.28 | -1106.631229 |  |
| 57 | -1109.711907 | -1109.241168 | -1107.102041 | 0.21 | -1106.631222 |  |
| 74 | -1109.709949 | -1109.239033 | -1107.098232 | -9.16 | -1106.630806 |  |
| 29 | -1109.711185 | -1109.240329 | -1107.101468 | 0.38 | -1106.630469 |  |
| 18 | -1109.710633 | -1109.239361 | -1107.100562 | -3.10 | -1106.630469 |  |
| 32 | -1109.710804 | -1109.240026 | -1107.100085 | -3.01 | -1106.630454 |  |
| 35 | -1109.711626 | -1109.240802 | -1107.100538 | -1.38 | -1106.630239 |  |
| 15 | -1109.710131 | -1109.239423 | -1107.099789 | -2.55 | -1106.630053 |  |
| 14 | -1109.709384 | -1109.238209 | -1107.098476 | -6.15 | -1106.629644 |  |
| 45 | -1109.710895 | -1109.239909 | -1107.099730 | -1.76 | -1106.629413 |  |
| 26 | -1109.711765 | -1109.240611 | -1107.099831 | 0.08 | -1106.628645 |  |
| 23 | -1109.707964 | -1109.237036 | -1107.096897 | -5.52 | -1106.628072 |  |
| 16 | -1109.709719 | -1109.239109 | -1107.096836 | -3.51 | -1106.627564 |  |
| 48 | -1109.707274 | -1109.236131 | -1107.097913 | -1.97 | -1106.627519 |  |
| 28 | -1109.707629 | -1109.236407 | -1107.097437 | -2.68 | -1106.627234 |  |
| 97 | -1109.707638 | -1109.236456 | -1107.096719 | 0.25 | -1106.625441 |  |
| 71 | -1109.709240 | -1109.237952 | -1107.097069 | 2.43 | -1106.624856 |  |
| 38 | -1109.708067 | -1109.237225 | -1107.094809 | -1.92 | -1106.624700 |  |
| cat11ur2_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1259.285088 |
| 52_ac2 | -1262.705793 | -1262.180543 | -1259.773476 | -98.53 | -1259.285755 |  |
| 52_ac1 | -1262.706096 | -1262.180578 | -1259.773460 | -95.35 | -1259.284260 |  |
| 10_ac1 | -1262.712980 | -1262.187371 | -1259.770484 | -100.50 | -1259.283154 |  |
| 7 _ac1 | -1262.712980 | -1262.187369 | -1259.770481 | -100.50 | -1259.283149 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1262.713320 | -1262.187607 | -1259.771098 | -98.91 | -1259.283058 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -1262.709628 | -1262.184080 | -1259.767444 | -103.30 | -1259.281242 |  |
| 10 ac2 | -1262.710557 | -1262.185047 | -1259.765669 | -106.78 | -1259.280828 |  |
| 7_ac2 | -1262.710557 | -1262.185048 | -1259.765666 | -106.78 | -1259.280826 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1262.711127 | -1262.185170 | -1259.766543 | -105.39 | -1259.280729 |  |
| 1_ac1 | -1262.712327 | -1262.186681 | -1259.767835 | -98.70 | -1259.279782 |  |
| 8_ac2 | -1262.710391 | -1262.184538 | -1259.764927 | -106.36 | -1259.279584 |  |
| 42_ac2 | -1262.712256 | -1262.186257 | -1259.767037 | -101.17 | -1259.279571 |  |
| 42_ac1 | -1262.714522 | -1262.188303 | -1259.769087 | -95.19 | -1259.279123 |  |
| 8_ac1 | -1262.710282 | -1262.184508 | -1259.764851 | -102.17 | -1259.277993 |  |
| 85_ac2 | -1262.705228 | -1262.179640 | -1259.763164 | -106.02 | -1259.277959 |  |
| 59 ac2 | -1262.705223 | -1262.179431 | -1259.762961 | -104.93 | -1259.277136 |  |
| 85_ac1 | -1262.705692 | -1262.179705 | -1259.765714 | -96.61 | -1259.276523 |  |
| 59 ac1 | -1262.705192 | -1262.179645 | -1259.762836 | -99.96 | -1259.275360 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1262.710695 | -1262.184676 | -1259.765592 |  |  |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1262.710927 | -1262.184897 | -1259.765808 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Appendix

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \text { MP2(FC)/6- } \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| cat11ur3 |  |  |  |  |  | -1740.218663 |
| 3 | -1744.284109 | -1743.826345 | -1740.680601 | 10.38 | -1740.218884 |  |
| 1 | -1744.283927 | -1743.825878 | -1740.680928 | 11.38 | -1740.218544 |  |
| 2 | -1744.275711 | -1743.818183 | -1740.681784 | 15.10 | -1740.218503 |  |
| 22 | -1744.269732 | -1743.812360 | -1740.677057 | 15.23 | -1740.213884 |  |
| 19 | -1744.270097 | -1743.813337 | -1740.674869 | 14.31 | -1740.212659 |  |
| cat11ur3_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1892.865628 |
| 2_ac2 | -1897.268588 | -1896.756942 | -1893.345766 | -82.93 | -1892.865705 |  |
| 5_ac1 | -1897.265973 | -1896.75427 | -1893.341298 | -84.35 | -1892.861722 |  |
| 22_ac2 | -1897.265161 | -1896.752881 | -1893.340591 | -82.47 | -1892.859721 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -1897.266552 | -1896.754381 | -1893.340332 | -82.09 | -1892.859427 |  |
| $1 \_$ac2 | -1897.265901 | -1896.753773 | -1893.328081 | -104.31 | -1892.855681 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1897.265527 | -1896.753306 | -1893.327164 | -106.36 | -1892.855452 |  |
| 19_ac1 | -1897.261455 | -1896.749254 | -1893.333955 | -87.91 | -1892.855235 |  |
| 19 ac2 | -1897.260641 | -1896.749487 | -1893.333560 | -85.40 | -1892.854931 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1897.265260 | -1896.753040 | -1893.327202 | -100.79 | -1892.853372 |  |
| 1 ac1 | -1897.265518 | -1896.753272 | -1893.327986 | -98.49 | -1892.853254 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -1897.262560 | -1896.750403 | -1893.334073 | -81.50 | -1892.852959 |  |
| cat11ur4 |  |  |  |  |  | -2062.790621 |
| 2 | -2067.200675 | -2066.744915 | -2063.253991 | 19.62 | -2062.790756 |  |
| 1 | -2067.201781 | -2066.746290 | -2063.247853 | 15.82 | -2062.786338 |  |
| 3 | -2067.202084 | -2066.746712 | -2063.247805 | 13.10 | -2062.787446 |  |
| 22 | -2067.188412 | -2066.732989 | -2063.242722 | 18.33 | -2062.780319 |  |
| 19 | -2067.188454 | -2066.733163 | -2063.240309 | 17.82 | -2062.778229 |  |
| 12 | -2067.190116 | -2066.735290 | -2063.236557 | 14.27 | -2062.776297 |  |
| 17 | -2067.191850 | -2066.736639 | -2063.239438 | 13.85 | -2062.778953 |  |
| cat11ur4_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2215.436046 |
| 5_ac1 | -2220.189289 | -2219.679729 | -2215.915665 | -79.29 | -2215.436304 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -2220.190093 | -2219.680114 | -2215.915665 | -78.03 | -2215.435406 |  |
| 5_ac2 | -2220.187042 | -2219.676993 | -2215.910507 | -77.15 | -2215.429844 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -2220.187278 | -2219.677516 | -2215.909551 | -77.40 | -2215.429270 |  |
| 22_ac2 | -2220.183935 | -2219.673952 | -2215.904140 | -79.20 | -2215.424323 |  |
| 19_ac1 | -2220.182435 | -2219.67242 | -2215.902864 | -81.42 | -2215.423860 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -2220.181559 | -2219.671945 | -2215.894151 | -103.09 | -2215.423803 |  |
| 1 ac2 | -2220.182036 | -2219.672315 | -2215.894908 | -98.99 | -2215.422892 |  |
| 22_ac1 | -2220.183542 | -2219.673645 | -2215.903479 | -74.77 | -2215.422059 |  |
| 19 ac2 | -2220.182249 | -2219.672149 | -2215.902581 | -76.61 | -2215.421660 |  |
| 1 acl | -2220.182068 | -2219.672216 | -2215.895351 | -92.17 | -2215.420606 |  |
| Precursors |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| precat81 |  |  |  |  |  | -513.380991 |
| 1 | -514.826985 | -514.599147 | -513.601666 | -19.50 | -513.381253 |  |
| 2 | -514.824791 | -514.597088 | -513.600142 | -20.17 | -513.380120 |  |
| precat11 |  |  |  |  |  | -668.880735 |
| 3 | -670.822318 | -670.497593 | -669.200633 | -14.18 | -668.881310 |  |
| 2 | -670.821772 | -670.496960 | -669.199833 | -14.73 | -668.880631 |  |
| 5 | -670.819726 | -670.494870 | -669.199371 | -14.43 | -668.880012 |  |
| 1 | -670.817937 | -670.493030 | -669.198858 | -14.69 | -668.879544 |  |
| 4 | -670.817554 | -670.492712 | -669.198311 | -14.85 | -668.879126 |  |
| Isocyanates |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PhNCO |  |  |  |  |  | -398.567395 |
| phnco | -399.571317 | -399.459352 | -398.678660 | -1.84 | -398.567395 |  |
| BnNCO |  |  |  |  |  | -437.726064 |
| 1 | -438.861524 | -438.719228 | -437.866591 | -4.23 | -437.725905 |  |
| 2 | -438.861088 | -438.719114 | -437.865409 | -5.40 | -437.725491 |  |
| 4 | -438.861152 | -438.719040 | -437.866837 | -4.35 | -437.726383 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ MP2(FC)/6- $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }},$ $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5 with solv | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PhNCS |  |  |  |  |  | -721.145101 |
| phncs | -722.503732 | -722.393824 | -721.254403 | -1.59 | -721.145101 |  |
| BnNCS |  |  |  |  |  | -760.302848 |
| 1 | -761.7932982 | -761.653183 | -760.4413391 | -4.56 | -760.302961 |  |
| 2 | -761.7930038 | -761.653085 | -760.4400484 | -5.98 | -760.302408 |  |
| 4 | -761.7932963 | -761.653176 | -760.4413452 | -4.60 | -760.302978 |  |
| 3,5-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{PhNCO}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -1071.307075 |
| cf3phnco | -1073.428426 | -1073.299579 | -1071.439794 | 10.17 | -1071.307075 |  |
| $\mathrm{PhCH}_{3} \mathbf{C H N C O}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -476.893811 |
| ur_3 | -478.162177 | -477.990559 | -477.065281 | -0.50 | -476.893854 |  |
| ur_1 | -478.162184 | -477.990577 | -477.065258 | -0.42 | -476.893810 |  |
| ur_2 | -478.162111 | -477.990515 | -477.064804 | -1.46 | -476.893766 |  |
| 3,5-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathbf{P h N C S}$ |  |  |  |  |  | -1393.883496 |
| cf3phncs | -1396.359623 | -1396.232920 | -1394.014757 | 11.97 | -1393.883496 |  |

Table A4.2 Acetylation enthalpies for 3-(thio)urea-4-aminopyridines, as calculated at MP2/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Catalyst | Stability ${ }^{a}$ <br> $[\mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP} 2-5 / \mathrm{solv})$ <br> $[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ best conf | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{ac}}(\mathrm{MP2} 2-5 / \mathrm{solv})$ <br> $[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ averaged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| py | - | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| cat81ur1 | 78.4 | -64.2 | -64.3 |
| cat81ur2 | 59.3 | -62.6 | -63.2 |
| cat81ur1f | 88.6 | -50.9 | -51.2 |
| cat81ur3 | 85.3 | -64.2 | -64.3 |
| cat81ur4 | 77.2 | -57.7 | -57.9 |
| cat81ur5 | 80.1 | -59.8 | -59.1 |
| cat81ur6 |  | -88.3 | -88.9 |
| PheOMe |  | -70.8 | -70.6 |
| PhePh $2 \mathbf{O H}$ |  | -53.9 | -55.0 |
| cat11ur1 | 72.3 | -62.9 | -63.1 |
| cat11ur2 | 84.6 | -61.3 | -61.2 |
| cat11ur3 | 81.0 | -63.1 | -63.5 |
| cat11ur4 | 69.3 | -59.8 | -59.5 |

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|  | X | $\mathrm{R}^{1}, \mathrm{R}^{2}$ | $\mathrm{R}^{3}$ | free catalyst |  |  | acylated catalyst |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | non-stacked | stacked | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \Delta E^{\mathrm{a}} \\ \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | non-stacked | stacked | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \Delta E^{\mathrm{a}} \\ \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ |
| cat81ur1 | O | H | Ph | 1a2 | 5 c 1 | 20.6 | 5a1.ac1 | 5c1.ac2 | 28.8 |
| cat81ur2 | S | H | Ph | 2c2 | 5 c 1 | 16.4 | 1a1.ac2 | 5c1.ac2 | 20.8 |
| cat81ur1f | O | H | 3,5-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ | 2 c 2 | 5 c 1 | 30.6 | 5a1.ac1 | 5c1.ac2 | 39.8 |
| cat81ur3 | O | H | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | 13 | 66 | 28.0 | 59.ac2 | 66.ac1 | 31.7 |
| cat81ur4 | S | H | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | 8 | 66 | 29.2 | 59.ac2 | 66.ac1 | 31.3 |
| cat81ur5 | O | H | (S)-PhMeCH | 13 | 51 | 33.3 | 8.ac1 | 51.ac2 | 29.2 |
| cat11ur1 | O | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\right)_{4}$ | Ph | 3 | 2 | 24.2 | 38.ac 1 | 2.ac2 | 29.3 |
| cat11ur2 | O | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ | 8 | 52 | 31.4 | 42.ac 1 | 52.ac2 | 34.4 |
| cat11ur3 | O | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$ | 3,5-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ | 3 | 2 | 25.2 | 1.ac2 | 2.ac2 | 39.4 |
| cat11ur 4 | S | $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4}$ | 3,5-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ | 3 | 2 | 21.0 | 1.ac1 | 5.ac1 | 34.4 |

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## Chapter 5. Computational details.

Stationary points (reactant, product and transition state geometries) were optimized and characterized by frequency analysis at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. The conformational space of transition states ts1, ts2, ts2a and ts3 for catalyst PPY, as well as TS 65 and TS 67 for catalyst 59a, has initially been studied with the OPLS-AA force field searched using the Monte Carlo conformational search. The conformational space of transition state TS $\mathbf{6 7}$ for catalyst 59b and 59c has also initially been studied with the OPLSAA force field. The energetically most favorable conformers identified in this way have subsequently been reoptimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. In order to save computational cost, the structures of transition states TS $\mathbf{6 7}$ for catalysts $\mathbf{5 9 d} \mathbf{- g}$ were initially built based on the best conformers of TS 67 for catalyst 59a and then reoptimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory. Single point calculations have been performed at the B3LYP/6-311+G(d, p) level of theory, as well as at MP2(FC)/6-311+G(d,p) and MP2(FC)/6$31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ levels, with Gaussian 03. ${ }^{[35]}$ Dispersion corrections to DFT (termed DFT-D) proposed by S. Grimme ${ }^{[76]}$ were used to calculate the accurate dispersion interaction by the ORCA 2.6.4 program package. ${ }^{[81]}$ Thermochemical corrections to free energies $\left(G_{298}\right)$ and enthalpies at $298.15 \mathrm{~K}\left(H_{298}\right)$, as well as at 195.15 K , have been calculated at the same level as that used for geometry optimization.
Table A5.1. Calculated energies of conformers at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. $\Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>$ are relative enthalpies of conformers. Thermal corrections are calculated at 195 K .

| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}> \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{G}_{195}>\text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PPY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| рру | -459.684287 | -459.479522 | -459.804214 | -459.599449 |  | -459.504836 | -459.624763 |
|  | Alcohol | -539.515885 | -539.878932 | -539.664376 |  | -539.542353 | -539.706113 |
| 60_1 | -539.728903 | -539.514254 | -539.877522 | -539.662873 | 3.95 | -539.540592 | -539.704416 |
| $60 \_2$ | -539.729933 | -539.515372 | -539.878222 | -539.663661 | 1.88 | -539.541740 | -539.705250 |
| 60_3 | -539.730441 | -539.515885 | -539.878932 | -539.664376 | 0.00 | -539.542353 | -539.706113 |
| 60_4 | -539.728042 | -539.513604 | -539.877255 | -539.662817 | 4.09 | -539.539999 | -539.704453 |
| $60-5$ | -539.726038 | -539.511512 | -539.875044 | -539.660518 | 10.13 | -539.537832 | -539.702031 |
| 60_6 | -539.726776 | -539.512339 | -539.875370 | -539.660933 | 9.04 | -539.538686 | -539.702494 |
| Anhydride |  | -538.764844 | -539.145797 | -538.925239 |  | -538.795313 | -538.973339 |
| 61_1 | -538.985402 | -538.764844 | -539.145797 | -538.925239 | 0.00 | -538.795084 | -538.972941 |
| $61 \_2$ | -538.985018 | -538.764432 | -539.145246 | -538.924660 | 1.52 | -538.795313 | -538.970977 |
| 61_3 | -538.984625 | -538.764027 | -539.144695 | -538.924097 | 3.00 | -538.794665 | -538.972884 |
| 61_4 | -538.984149 | -538.763479 | -539.144666 | -538.923996 | 3.26 | -538.794556 | -538.971155 |
| $61 \_5$ | -538.983751 | -538.763060 | -539.144074 | -538.923383 | 4.87 | -538.793787 | -538.972171 |
| 61_6 | -538.983219 | -538.762470 | -539.143629 | -538.922880 | 6.19 | -538.793752 | -538.967261 |
| 61_7 | -538.984043 | -538.763099 | -539.143768 | -538.922824 | 6.34 | -538.793360 | -538.973339 |
| 61_8 | -538.983872 | -538.763103 | -539.143592 | -538.922823 | 6.34 | -538.793643 | -538.971826 |
| $61 \_9$ | -538.982916 | -538.762111 | -539.143492 | -538.922687 | 6.70 | -538.792854 | -538.972405 |
| Reactant complex |  | -1537.781720 | -1538.846119 | -1538.202203 |  | -1537.842122 | -1538.264297 |
| 13 | -1538.425645 | -1537.781719 | -1538.846106 | -1538.202180 | 0.06 | -1537.841978 | -1538.262439 |
| 23 | -1538.425636 | -1537.781720 | -1538.846119 | -1538.202203 | 0.00 | -1537.842122 | -1538.262605 |
| 235 | -1538.424856 | -1537.780902 | -1538.845392 | -1538.201438 | 2.01 | -1537.842023 | -1538.262559 |
| 134 | -1538.424149 | -1537.780405 | -1538.845012 | -1538.201268 | 2.45 | -1537.841920 | -1538.262783 |
| 232 | -1538.424472 | -1537.780522 | -1538.844844 | -1538.200894 | 3.44 | -1537.841092 | -1538.261464 |
| 33 | -1538.422021 | -1537.778349 | -1538.844835 | -1538.201164 | 2.73 | -1537.841482 | -1538.264297 |
| 132 | -1538.424458 | -1537.780524 | -1538.844832 | -1538.200899 | 3.42 | -1537.841055 | -1538.261430 |
| 2 | -1538.423466 | -1537.779514 | -1538.843691 | -1538.199740 | 6.47 | -1537.839891 | -1538.260117 |
| 1 | -1538.423449 | -1537.779549 | -1538.843682 | -1538.199783 | 6.35 | -1537.840255 | -1538.260489 |
| 135 | -1538.424835 | -1537.780089 | -1538.844181 | -1538.199435 | 7.27 | -1537.839411 | -1538.258757 |


| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{G}_{195}>\text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 L Y P / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PPY-alcohol complex |  | -999.009492 | -999.696570 | -999.275188 |  | -999.051233 | -999.316967 |
| 13 | -999.430826 | -999.009442 | -999.696560 | -999.275176 | 0.03 | -999.051233 | -999.316967 |
| 23 | -999.430874 | -999.009492 | -999.696570 | -999.275188 | 0.00 | -999.051051 | -999.316747 |
| 33 | -999.430874 | -999.004900 | -999.696569 | -999.270596 | 12.06 | -999.051046 | -999.316742 |
| ppyts1 |  | -1537.758945 | -1538.823475 | -1538.180005 |  | -1537.814767 | -1538.236604 |
| 8 | -1538.402436 | -1537.758945 | -1538.822901 | -1538.179410 | 1.56 | -1537.813978 | -1538.234443 |
| 32 | -1538.402282 | -1537.758813 | -1538.823475 | -1538.180005 | 0.00 | -1537.814209 | -1538.235401 |
| 11 | -1538.401923 | -1537.758431 | -1538.822131 | -1538.178640 | 3.59 | -1537.814433 | -1538.234642 |
| 2 | -1538.401839 | -1537.758504 | -1538.822955 | -1538.179620 | 1.01 | -1537.814410 | -1538.235526 |
| 7 | -1538.401719 | -1537.758301 | -1538.822784 | -1538.179366 | 1.68 | -1537.814022 | -1538.235087 |
| 10 | -1538.401077 | -1537.757806 | -1538.822708 | -1538.179437 | 1.49 | -1537.814157 | -1538.235788 |
| 12 | -1538.400964 | -1537.757686 | -1538.822655 | -1538.179377 | 1.65 | -1537.814451 | -1538.236142 |
| 3 | -1538.400757 | -1537.757530 | -1538.823026 | -1538.179799 | 0.54 | -1537.813801 | -1538.236070 |
| 6 | -1538.400391 | -1537.757296 | -1538.822116 | -1538.179021 | 2.58 | -1537.814767 | -1538.236492 |
| 1 | -1538.399867 | -1537.756632 | -1538.822115 | -1538.178880 | 2.96 | -1537.813808 | -1538.236056 |
| 5 | -1538.399828 | -1537.756632 | -1538.821961 | -1538.178765 | 3.25 | -1537.814471 | -1538.236604 |
| 4 | -1538.399091 | -1537.755895 | -1538.820647 | -1538.177451 | 6.71 | -1537.813117 | -1538.234673 |
| 9 | -1538.399040 | -1537.755732 | -1538.820985 | -1538.177677 | 6.11 | -1537.813249 | -1538.235194 |
| 16 | -1538.398439 | -1537.755014 | -1538.820323 | -1538.176898 | 8.16 | -1537.811676 | -1538.233560 |
| pyac (intermediate) |  | -1537.764200 | -1538.831355 | -1538.186977 |  | -1537.821321 | -1538.244308 |
| 234 | -1538.408578 | -1537.764200 | -1538.831355 | -1538.186977 | 0.00 | -1537.821321 | -1538.244098 |
| 232 | -1538.408170 | -1537.763830 | -1538.830601 | -1538.186261 | 1.88 | -1537.820793 | -1538.243224 |
| 233 | -1538.408066 | -1537.763509 | -1538.831341 | -1538.186784 | 0.51 | -1537.820814 | -1538.244089 |
| 23 | -1538.407590 | -1537.763011 | -1538.830466 | -1538.185887 | 2.86 | -1537.820505 | -1538.243381 |
| 334 | -1538.407449 | -1537.762839 | -1538.830790 | -1538.186179 | 2.09 | -1537.819573 | -1538.242913 |
| 1 | -1538.406247 | -1537.761927 | -1538.829991 | -1538.185671 | 3.43 | -1537.818328 | -1538.242072 |
| 335 | -1538.406194 | -1537.761759 | -1538.830125 | -1538.185690 | 3.38 | -1537.819494 | -1538.243425 |
| 336 | -1538.406146 | -1537.761824 | -1538.829849 | -1538.185528 | 3.80 | -1537.820604 | -1538.244308 |
| 4 | -1538.406105 | -1537.761749 | -1538.829472 | -1538.185116 | 4.89 | -1537.818329 | -1538.241696 |
| 12 | -1538.405981 | -1537.761609 | -1538.829076 | -1538.184704 | 5.97 | -1537.818934 | -1538.242029 |
| 3 | -1538.405921 | -1537.761503 | -1538.829547 | -1538.185128 | 4.85 | -1537.817685 | -1538.241310 |
| 2 | -1538.405829 | -1537.761401 | -1538.829159 | -1538.184731 | 5.90 | -1537.818230 | -1538.241560 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{G}_{195}>\text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ppyts3 | -1537.762222 | -1538.824112 | -1538.184891 |  | -1537.817509 | -1538.240112 |
| 1 | -1538.401443 | -1537.762160 | -1538.824080 | -1538.184797 | 0.25 | -1537.816992 | -1538.239629 |
| 2 | -1538.401442 | -1537.762222 | -1538.824112 | -1538.184891 | 0.00 | -1537.817163 | -1538.239832 |
| 3 | -1538.400980 | -1537.761718 | -1538.823863 | -1538.184601 | 0.76 | -1537.817229 | -1538.240112 |
| 4 | -1538.401385 | -1537.762135 | -1538.824075 | -1538.184825 | 0.17 | -1537.817272 | -1538.239962 |
| 5 | -1538.401370 | -1537.762087 | -1538.824025 | -1538.184742 | 0.39 | -1537.817229 | -1538.239884 |
| 6 | -1538.400958 | -1537.761688 | -1538.823837 | -1538.184567 | 0.85 | -1537.816817 | -1538.239696 |
| 7 | -1538.401226 | -1537.762169 | -1538.822320 | -1538.183262 | 4.28 | -1537.817509 | -1538.238602 |
| 8 | -1538.401266 | -1537.761965 | -1538.822600 | -1538.183299 | 4.18 | -1537.816534 | -1538.237868 |
| 9 | -1538.401218 | -1537.762045 | -1538.822547 | -1538.183373 | 3.99 | -1537.816263 | -1538.237591 |
| 10 | -1538.400820 | -1537.761403 | -1538.822428 | -1538.183011 | 4.94 | -1537.815165 | -1538.236773 |
| 11 | -1538.400972 | -1537.761533 | -1538.822448 | -1538.183009 | 4.94 | -1537.815170 | -1538.236646 |
| 12 | -1538.401393 | -1537.762201 | -1538.822541 | -1538.183349 | 4.05 | -1537.816060 | -1538.237208 |
| 44 | -1538.398097 | -1537.759134 | -1538.819984 | -1538.181021 | 10.16 | -1537.814897 | -1538.236784 |
| 84 | -1538.398202 | -1537.759121 | -1538.820059 | -1538.180978 | 10.28 | -1537.814378 | -1538.236235 |
|  | ppyts2 | -1537.751287 | -1538.810758 | -1538.169532 |  | -1537.805961 | -1538.224206 |
| 6 | -1538.392513 | -1537.751287 | -1538.810758 | -1538.169532 | 0.00 | -1537.805961 | -1538.224206 |
| 63 | -1538.391968 | -1537.750137 | -1538.809406 | -1538.167575 | 5.14 | -1537.804522 | -1538.221960 |
| 62 | -1538.391694 | -1537.749600 | -1538.809343 | -1538.167249 | 6.00 | -1537.803758 | -1538.221407 |
| 2 | -1538.388341 | -1537.746801 | -1538.806251 | -1538.164710 | 12.66 | -1537.801309 | -1538.219218 |
| 7 | -1538.387212 | -1537.745682 | -1538.805195 | -1538.163664 | 15.41 | -1537.801006 | -1538.218988 |
|  | ppyts2a | -1537.750715 | -1538.808332 | -1538.167109 |  | -1537.805343 | -1538.221774 |
| 31 | -1538.391266 | -1537.750715 | -1538.807660 | -1538.167109 | 0.00 | -1537.805004 | -1538.221398 |
| 21 | -1538.391283 | -1537.750665 | -1538.807671 | -1538.167053 | 0.15 | -1537.804780 | -1538.221168 |
| 11 | -1538.391849 | -1537.750419 | -1538.808280 | -1538.166850 | 0.68 | -1537.805343 | -1538.221774 |
| 4 | -1538.391895 | -1537.750399 | -1538.808332 | -1538.166836 | 0.72 | -1537.804623 | -1538.221060 |
| 2 | -1538.390707 | -1537.750054 | -1538.806894 | -1538.166241 | 2.28 | -1537.803952 | -1538.220139 |
| 3 | -1538.390714 | -1537.750048 | -1538.806902 | -1538.166237 | 2.29 | -1537.804050 | -1538.220239 |
| 1 | -1538.389971 | -1537.748491 | -1538.806758 | -1538.165278 | 4.81 | -1537.803112 | -1538.219899 |
| 41 | -1538.389997 | -1537.748451 | -1538.806801 | -1538.165256 | 4.87 | -1537.802651 | -1538.219456 |
| Product complex |  | -1537.809239 | -1538.873790 | -1538.229349 |  | -1537.871751 | -1538.292858 |
| 1 | -1538.452983 | -1537.808702 | -1538.873365 | -1538.229084 | 0.70 | -1537.869808 | -1538.290190 |
| 2 | -1538.453003 | -1537.808695 | -1538.873410 | -1538.229102 | 0.65 | -1537.869744 | -1538.290151 |
| 12 | -1538.453455 | -1537.809239 | -1538.873139 | -1538.228923 | 1.12 | -1537.870527 | -1538.290211 |


| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{195} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline<\mathrm{G}_{195}>\text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 L Y P / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | -1538.452683 | -1537.808242 | -1538.873790 | -1538.229349 | 0.00 | -1537.871751 | -1538.292858 |
| 22 | -1538.452807 | -1537.808557 | -1538.873261 | -1538.229010 | 0.89 | -1537.870584 | -1538.291037 |
| 23 | -1538.452683 | -1537.808264 | -1538.873768 | -1538.229349 | 0.00 | -1537.870892 | -1538.291977 |
| 15 | -1538.452525 | -1537.808236 | -1538.872644 | -1538.228354 | 2.61 | -1537.869402 | -1538.289520 |

Table A5.2. Calculated energies of conformers at MP2/**//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. $\Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>$ are relative enthalpies of conformers at MP2/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level. Thermal corrections are calculated at 195 K .

| Confo rmer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6- \\ & 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6- \\ & 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PPY |  |  | -458.425670 | -458.220905 |  | -458.383981 | -458.179217 |
| ppy | -459.684287 | -459.479522 | -458.425670 | -458.220905 |  | -458.383981 | -458.179217 |
| Alcohol |  | -539.515885 | -538.281957 | -538.067401 |  | -538.238128 | -538.023572 |
| 60_1 | -539.728903 | -539.514254 | -538.059059 | -538.065289 | 5.55 | -538.236463 | -538.021814 |
| 60_2 | -539.729933 | -539.515372 | -538.060919 | -538.067146 | 0.67 | -538.237940 | -538.023379 |
| 60_3 | -539.730441 | -539.515885 | -538.061183 | -538.067401 | 0.00 | -538.238128 | -538.023572 |
| 60_4 | -539.728042 | -539.513604 | -538.059674 | -538.065916 | 3.90 | -538.236418 | -538.021980 |
| 60_5 | -539.726038 | -539.511512 | -538.057104 | -538.063317 | 10.72 | -538.234279 | -538.019753 |
| 60_6 | -539.726776 | -539.512339 | -538.058306 | -538.064542 | 7.51 | -538.234954 | -538.020517 |
| Anhydride |  | -538.764844 | -537.6324719 | -537.4119139 |  | -537.5681654 | -537.3476074 |
| 61_1 | -538.985402 | -538.764844 | -537.632472 | -537.411914 | 0.00 | -537.568165 | -537.347607 |
| $61 \_2$ | -538.985018 | -538.764432 | -537.631765 | -537.411179 | 1.93 | -537.567548 | -537.346962 |
| 61_3 | -538.984625 | -538.764027 | -537.631038 | -537.410440 | 3.87 | -537.566879 | -537.346281 |
| 61_4 | -538.984149 | -538.763479 | -537.631810 | -537.411140 | 2.03 | -537.567527 | -537.346857 |
| 61_5 | -538.983751 | -538.763060 | -537.631081 | -537.410390 | 4.00 | -537.566868 | -537.346177 |
| 61_6 | -538.983219 | -538.762470 | -537.630639 | -537.409890 | 5.31 | -537.567164 | -537.346415 |
| 61_7 | -538.984043 | -538.763099 | -537.630459 | -537.409515 | 6.30 | -537.567082 | -537.346138 |
| 61_8 | -538.983872 | -538.763103 | -537.629918 | -537.409149 | 7.26 | -537.566532 | -537.345763 |
| 61_9 | -538.982916 | -538.762111 | -537.631130 | -537.410325 | 4.17 | -537.566888 | -537.346083 |
| Reactant complex |  | -1537.762414 | -1534.382283 | -1533.738349 |  | -1534.230998 | -1533.587065 |
| 132 | -1538.424458 | -1537.780524 | -1534.382283 | -1533.738349 | 0.00 | -1534.230998 | -1533.587065 |
| 232 | -1538.424472 | -1537.780522 | -1534.382199 | -1533.738249 | 0.26 | -1534.230914 | -1533.586964 |
| 13 | -1538.425645 | -1537.781719 | -1534.380273 | -1533.736348 | 5.25 | -1534.229654 | -1533.585728 |
| 23 | -1538.425636 | -1537.781720 | -1534.380481 | -1533.736565 | 4.69 | -1534.229606 | -1533.585690 |
| 33 | -1538.422021 | -1537.778349 | -1534.370375 | -1533.726704 | 30.58 |  |  |


| Confo rmer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ B3LYP/6- $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6- \\ & 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \mathrm{MP} 2 / 6- \\ & 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\text { MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 134 | -1538.424149 | -1537.780405 | -1534.379232 | -1533.735488 | 7.51 |  |  |
| 235 | -1538.424856 | -1537.780902 | -1534.378612 | -1533.734658 | 9.69 |  |  |
| 2 | -1538.423466 | -1537.779514 | -1534.376493 | -1533.732542 | 15.25 |  |  |
| 1 | -1538.423449 | -1537.779549 | -1534.376537 | -1533.732638 | 14.99 |  |  |
| 135 | -1538.424835 | -1537.780089 | -1534.376803 | -1533.732057 | 16.52 |  |  |
| ppyts 1 |  | -1537.758945 | -1534.368235 | -1533.724744 |  | -1534.220358 | -1533.576867 |
| 8 | -1538.402436 | -1537.758945 | -1534.368235 | -1533.724744 | 0.00 | -1534.220358 | -1533.576867 |
| 32 | -1538.402282 | -1537.758813 | -1534.366900 | -1533.723430 | 3.45 | -1534.219618 | -1533.576149 |
| 11 | -1538.401923 | -1537.758431 | -1534.368145 | -1533.724653 | 0.24 | -1534.219874 | -1533.576383 |
| 2 | -1538.401839 | -1537.758504 | -1534.364735 | -1533.721400 | 8.78 | -1534.217374 | -1533.574039 |
| 7 | -1538.401719 | -1537.758301 | -1534.362936 | -1533.719518 | 13.72 | -1534.215788 | -1533.572369 |
| 10 | -1538.401077 | -1537.757806 | -1534.367667 | -1533.724397 | 0.91 | -1534.219893 | -1533.576623 |
| 12 | -1538.400964 | -1537.757686 | -1534.367351 | -1533.724073 | 1.76 | -1534.219525 | -1533.576247 |
| 3 | -1538.400757 | -1537.757530 | -1534.366470 | -1533.723243 | 3.94 | -1534.219072 | -1533.575845 |
| 6 | -1538.400391 | -1537.757296 | -1534.358347 | -1533.715253 | 24.92 | -1534.211781 | -1533.568686 |
| 1 | -1538.399867 | -1537.756632 | -1534.357226 | -1533.713991 | 28.23 | -1534.211190 | -1533.567955 |
| 5 | -1538.399828 | -1537.756632 | -1534.356701 | -1533.713505 | 29.51 |  |  |
| 4 | -1538.399091 | -1537.755895 | -1534.358538 | -1533.715342 | 24.68 |  |  |
| 9 | -1538.399040 | -1537.755732 | -1534.356742 | -1533.713435 | 29.69 |  |  |
| 16 | -1538.398439 | -1537.755014 | -1534.352439 | -1533.709014 | 41.30 |  |  |
| pyac |  | -1537.745027 | -1534.371118 | -1533.726778 |  | -1534.223054 | -1533.578714 |
| 232 | -1538.408170 | -1537.763830 | -1534.371118 | -1533.726778 | 0.00 | -1534.223054 | -1533.578714 |
| 3 | -1538.405921 | -1537.761503 | -1534.369730 | -1533.725312 | 3.85 | -1534.221822 | -1533.577404 |
| 234 | -1538.408578 | -1537.764200 | -1534.369666 | -1533.725288 | 3.91 | -1534.221858 | -1533.577480 |
| 1 | -1538.406247 | -1537.761927 | -1534.369194 | -1533.724874 | 5.00 | -1534.221345 | -1533.577025 |
| 233 | -1538.408066 | -1537.763509 | -1534.365542 | -1533.720985 | 15.21 | -1534.218642 | -1533.574085 |
| 336 | -1538.406146 | -1537.761824 | -1534.360801 | -1533.716479 | 27.04 | -1534.214626 | -1533.570305 |
| 23 | -1538.407590 | -1537.763011 | -1534.366058 | -1533.721479 | 13.91 |  |  |
| 334 | -1538.407449 | -1537.762839 | -1534.368132 | -1533.723522 | 8.55 |  |  |
| 335 | -1538.406194 | -1537.761759 | -1534.361314 | -1533.716879 | 25.99 |  |  |
| 4 | -1538.406105 | -1537.761749 | -1534.367142 | -1533.722786 | 10.48 |  |  |
| 12 | -1538.405981 | -1537.761609 | -1534.368711 | -1533.724339 | 6.40 |  |  |
| 2 | -1538.405829 | -1537.761401 | -1534.366821 | -1533.722393 | 11.51 |  |  |
| ppyts3 |  | -1538.401443 | -1537.762222 | -1534.379417 |  |  |  |
| 1 | -1538.401443 | -1537.762160 | -1534.366188 | -1533.726906 | 34.59 | -1534.228749 | -1533.589388 |

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| Confo rmer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{sp}} \text { MP2/6- } \\ & 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\Delta<\mathrm{H}_{195}>,$ $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\text {sp }} \text { MP2/6- } \\ & 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{195}>\mathrm{MP} 2 / 6-31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | -1538.401442 | -1537.762222 | -1534.366165 | -1533.726944 | 34.49 | -1534.217662 | -1533.578380 |
| 3 | -1538.400980 | -1537.761718 | -1534.366323 | -1533.727061 | 34.18 | -1534.217656 | -1533.578436 |
| 4 | -1538.401385 | -1537.762135 | -1534.366110 | -1533.726861 | 34.71 | -1534.217831 | -1533.578569 |
| 5 | -1538.401370 | -1537.762087 | -1534.366101 | -1533.726818 | 34.82 | -1534.217594 | -1533.578345 |
| 6 | -1538.400958 | -1537.761688 | -1534.366244 | -1533.726974 | 34.41 | -1534.217577 | -1533.578294 |
| 7 | -1538.401226 | -1537.762169 | -1534.379138 | -1533.740080 | 0.00 | -1534.217752 | -1533.578482 |
| 8 | -1538.401266 | -1537.761965 | -1534.378737 | -1533.739436 | 1.69 | -1534.228445 | -1533.589388 |
| 9 | -1538.401218 | -1537.762045 | -1534.378825 | -1533.739652 | 1.12 | -1534.228057 | -1533.588756 |
| 10 | -1538.400820 | -1537.761403 | -1534.379266 | -1533.739850 | 0.61 | -1534.228184 | -1533.589011 |
| 11 | -1538.400972 | -1537.761533 | -1534.379417 | -1533.739977 | 0.27 | -1534.228554 | -1533.589137 |
| 12 | -1538.401393 | -1537.762201 | -1534.379195 | -1533.740003 | 0.20 | -1534.217662 | -1533.578392 |
| 44 | -1538.398097 | -1537.759134 | -1534.359476 | -1533.720513 | 51.37 | -1534.211597 | -1533.572634 |
| 84 | -1538.398202 | -1537.759121 | -1534.359244 | -1533.720163 | 52.29 | -1534.211399 | -1533.572318 |
|  | ppyts2 | -1537.751287 | -1534.354815 | -1533.712721 |  | -1534.205887 | -1533.563793 |
| 6 | -1538.392513 | -1537.751287 | -1534.350811 | -1533.709584 | 8.24 | -1534.201711 | -1533.560485 |
| 63 | -1538.391968 | -1537.750137 | -1534.351797 | -1533.709966 | 7.23 | -1534.203534 | -1533.561703 |
| 62 | -1538.391694 | -1537.749600 | -1534.354815 | -1533.712721 | 0.00 | -1534.205887 | -1533.563793 |
| 2 | -1538.388341 | -1537.746801 | -1534.346644 | -1533.705104 | 20.00 | -1534.197724 | -1533.556184 |
| 7 | -1538.387212 | -1537.745682 | -1534.346754 | -1533.705224 | 19.68 | -1534.197785 | -1533.556255 |
|  | ppyts2a | -1537.750715 | -1534.350840 | -1533.710274 |  | -1534.201916 | -1533.561361 |
| 31 | -1538.391266 | -1537.750715 | -1534.350825 | -1533.710274 | 0.00 | -1534.201913 | -1533.561361 |
| 21 | -1538.391283 | -1537.750665 | -1534.350840 | -1533.710222 | 0.14 | -1534.201916 | -1533.561298 |
| 11 | -1538.391849 | -1537.750419 | -1534.346851 | -1533.705421 | 12.74 | -1534.198954 | -1533.557523 |
| 4 | -1538.391895 | -1537.750399 | -1534.346854 | -1533.705358 | 12.91 | -1534.198942 | -1533.557446 |
| 2 | -1538.390707 | -1537.750054 | -1534.350309 | -1533.709656 | 1.62 |  |  |
| 3 | -1538.390714 | -1537.750048 | -1534.350380 | -1533.709714 | 1.47 |  |  |
| 1 | -1538.389971 | -1537.748491 | -1534.344726 | -1533.703246 | 18.45 |  |  |
| 41 | -1538.389997 | -1537.748451 | -1534.344762 | -1533.703216 | 18.53 |  |  |
| Product complex |  |  | -1534.400615 | -1533.756399 |  | -1534.251260 | -1533.607044 |
| 12 | -1538.453455 | -1537.809239 | -1534.400615 | -1533.756399 | 0.00 | -1534.251260 | -1533.607044 |
| 13 | -1538.452683 | -1537.808242 | -1534.397095 | -1533.752654 | 9.83 | -1534.247913 | -1533.603473 |
| 1 | -1538.452983 | -1537.808702 | -1534.399209 | -1533.754928 | 3.86 |  |  |
| 2 | -1538.453003 | -1537.808695 | -1534.399233 | -1533.754925 | 3.87 |  |  |
| 22 | -1538.452807 | -1537.808557 | -1534.398675 | -1533.754425 | 5.18 |  |  |

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| Compound | Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B3LYP- } \\ \text { D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | Dispersion correction, B3LYP-D/6- $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{195}>$ B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PPY | PPY | -459.684287 | -459.479522 | -459.804214 | -0.026174 | -459.625624 | -459.504836 |
| alc | 63 | -539.730441 | -539.515885 | -539.878932 | -0.029987 | -539.694363 | -539.542353 |
| anh | 1 | -538.985402 | -538.764844 | -539.145797 | -0.027680 | -538.952919 | -538.795084 |
| react | 13 | -1538.425645 | -1537.781719 | -1538.846106 | -0.103513 | -1538.305693 | -1537.841978 |
|  | 232 | -1538.424472 | -1537.780522 | -1538.844844 | -0.105560 | -1538.306454 | -1537.841092 |
|  | 132 | -1538.424458 | -1537.780524 | -1538.844832 | -0.105616 | -1538.306515 | -1537.841055 |
| pyac | 234 | -1538.408578 | -1537.764200 | -1538.831355 | -0.112127 | -1538.299104 | -1537.821321 |
|  | 232 | -1538.408170 | -1537.763830 | -1538.830601 | -0.113826 | -1538.300087 | -1537.820793 |
| prod | 13 | -1538.452683 | -1537.808242 | -1538.873790 | -0.096493 | -1538.325842 | -1537.871751 |
| ppyts1 | 32 | -1538.402282 | -1537.758813 | -1538.823475 | -0.113301 | -1538.293306 | -1537.814209 |
|  | 8 | -1538.402436 | -1537.758945 | -1538.822901 | -0.114581 | -1538.293991 | -1537.813978 |
| ppyts2 | 62 | -1538.391694 | -1537.749600 | -1538.809343 | -0.116927 | -1538.284175 | -1537.803758 |
|  | 6 | -1538.392513 | -1537.751287 | -1538.810758 | -0.113312 | -1538.282844 | -1537.805961 |
| ppyts2a | 21 | -1538.391283 | -1537.750665 | -1538.807671 | -0.115553 | -1538.282606 | -1537.804780 |
|  | 31 | -1538.391266 | -1537.750715 | -1538.807660 | -0.115597 | -1538.282706 | -1537.805004 |
| ppyts3 | 1 | -1538.401443 | -1537.762160 | -1538.824080 | -0.114485 | -1538.299282 | -1537.816992 |
|  | 7 | -1538.401226 | -1537.762169 | -1538.822320 | -0.122458 | -1538.305721 | -1537.817509 |

Table A5.4. Calculated energies of the best conformers of transition states with alcohol hydrogen H , substituted by deuterium D , at $\mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level. Thermal corrections are calculated at 195 K and 298 K

| Compound | Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{G}_{195} \mathrm{~B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ppyts3 | 4 | -1538.401385 | -1537.745123 | -1537.764124 | -1537.852451 | -1537.819307 |
| ppyts1 | 32 | -1538.402282 | -1537.743326 | -1537.762333 | -1537.851094 | -1537.817799 |
| ppyts2 | 6 | -1538.392513 | -1537.735408 | -1537.754277 | -1537.841853 | -1537.808989 |
| ppyts2a | 21 | -1538.391283 | -1537.734312 | -1537.753187 | -1537.839922 | -1537.807348 |
| alc | 3 | -539.730441 | -539.512816 | -539.519115 | -539.561153 | -539.545766 |

## A5.2 Catalytic system with Spivey's catalyst: prediction of the selectivity

## A5.2.1 Number of conformations needed for the selectivity prediction.

Table A5.5. Numbers of conformers used for Boltzmann-averaging to obtain energy differences $\Delta H(S-R)$ and $\Delta \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{R})$ of the diastereomers of TS 67 for catalysts 59a-g from Table 5.7. The same numbers of TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ - and $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ conformers were used for averaging.

| catalyst | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 L Y P / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | B3LYP-D/6- <br> $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ |  |  |  | B3LYP/6-31G(d) level |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{195}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{195}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{195}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{195}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{195}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{195}$ |
| 59a | 16 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| 59b | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| 59c | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| 59e | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 59d | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 59f | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 59 g | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

Table A5.6. Dependence of the calculated enthalpy differences $\Delta \mathrm{H}(S-R)(\mathrm{in} \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol})$ on the number of conformations, used for Boltzmann-averaging.

| Number of conformers | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}(S-R)^{\mathbf{a}}, \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{5 9 d}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 a}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 b}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 c}$ | $\mathbf{5 9 e}$ |
| 7 conformers | 9.29 | 5.99 | 6.12 | 5.75 | 6.01 |
| 6 conformers | 9.28 | 5.92 | 6.13 | 5.66 | 5.96 |
| 5 conformers | 9.12 | 5.95 | 6.15 | 5.54 | 5.94 |
| 4 conformers | 9.15 | 5.94 | 6.10 | 5.59 | 5.93 |
| 3 conformers | 9.18 | 5.95 | 6.07 | 5.61 | 5.92 |
| 2 conformers | 9.50 | 5.97 | 5.91 | 5.90 | 5.96 |
| 1 conformer | 9.82 | 6.04 | 5.85 | 6.13 | 5.73 |

[^18]A graphical representation of the data from Table A5.6 is shown in Figure A5.1.
Appendix

Figure A5.1. Dependence of the enthalpy difference $\Delta H(S-R)$ between TS (R)- and (S)-67 for catalysts $\mathbf{5 9} \mathbf{9} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{- d}$ on the number of conformations, used for the Boltzmann averaging.
Appendix
A5.2.2. Types of conformations needed for the selectivity prediction.
Analysis of the conformational space for TS 67 with catalysts $\mathbf{5 9 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 d}$ shows that for TSs ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-67 taking into account type ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-I
conformations, and for $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ - both types ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-II and ( $\boldsymbol{S}$ )-III is necessary to find the most stable conformations of TSs $\mathbf{6 7}$. This method was
successively used to calculate enthalpy differences $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}(S-R)$ for other catalysts $\mathbf{5 9} \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9} \mathbf{g}$. Comparison of the relative energies of TS $\mathbf{6 7}$
conformers with different catalysts was carried out (Figure A5.2).


Figure A5.2. Relative energies of (R)-TS 67 (left) and (S)-TS 67 (right), as calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level, for catalysts 59a, 59d-g. The types of TS 67 conformers together with the names used for TS 67 with 59a (according pattern "spi2atsXX", see Table A5.7 in SI), are also listed.
Appendix
Table A5.7. Relative enthalpies of TS 67 conformers with catalyst 59a at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (S)-67 type | Conformation | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $(R)$-67 type | Conformation | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| III | spi2ats35 | 6.04 | I | spi2ats31 | 0.00 |
| III | spi2ats32 | 7.20 | I | spi2ats37 | 1.44 |
| II | spi2ats22 | 10.34 | I | spi2ats33 | 3.23 |
| III | spi2ats29 | 10.80 | I | spi2ats38 | 3.28 |
| II | spi2ats11 | 11.01 | I | spi2ats20 | 4.00 |
| III | spi2ats28 | 12.63 | I | spi2ats4 | 4.70 |
| III | spi2ats34 | 14.27 | I | spi2ats26 | 11.28 |
| II | spi2ats19 | 15.80 | I | spi2ats27 | 12.25 |
| II | spi2ats7 | 16.31 | IV | spi2ats25 | 15.22 |
| II | spi2ats13 | 17.38 | III | spi2ats21 | 15.36 |
| II | spi2ats6 | 17.75 | IV | spi2ats30 | 15.87 |
| I | spi2ats3 | 25.15 | III | spi2ats24 | 16.85 |
| III | spi2ats12 | 26.28 | II | spi2ats23 | 18.23 |
| I | spi2ats17 | 26.60 | III | spi2ats10 | 20.74 |
| I | spi2ats8 | 26.75 | III | spi2ats9 | 21.17 |
| IV | spi2ats1 | 32.68 | II | spi2ats14 | 21.25 |
|  |  |  | IV | spi2ats2 | 22.07 |
|  |  |  | II | spi2ats18 | 30.80 |
|  |  |  | II | spi2ats16 | 31.03 |
|  |  |  | II | spi2ats5 | 32.12 |
|  |  |  |  | III | spi2ats15 |

Appendix
A5.2.3. Energies at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level and thermal corrections at 298 K .
Table A5.8. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) for TS 67 with Catalyst 59c.

| 59c | conformer | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \text { E(total, } \left.\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/6- $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) E(total, $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}$ ) | B3LYP/6- $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ " | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/6- $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{G}_{298}$ " |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | spipyr1 | -2154.144501 | -2153.265439 | -2154.70852 | -2153.829458 | -2153.399735 | -2153.963754 |
|  | spipyr1_002 | -2154.144418 | -2153.265388 | -2154.708707 | -2153.829677 | -2153.399573 | -2153.963862 |
|  | spipyr1_001 | -2154.142919 | -2153.263907 | -2154.707312 | -2153.828300 | -2153.398012 | -2153.962405 |
|  | spipyr1_004 | -2154.142842 | -2153.263855 | -2154.707137 | -2153.828150 | -2153.398493 | -2153.962788 |
|  | spipyr1_003 | -2154.142821 | -2153.263846 | -2154.707101 | -2153.828126 | -2153.398454 | -2153.962734 |
|  | spipyr1_007 | -2154.141846 | -2153.262782 | -2154.704800 | -2153.825736 | -2153.395792 | -2153.958746 |
|  | spipytsr4_1 | -2154.140627 | -2153.261536 | -2154.703487 | -2153.824396 | -2153.394392 | -2153.957252 |
|  | spipytsr4_2 | -2154.138947 | -2153.259612 | -2154.701439 | -2153.822104 | -2153.391030 | -2153.953522 |
| (S)-67 | spipys3 | -2154.142837 | -2153.263746 | -2154.706432 | -2153.827340 | -2153.396505 | -2153.960099 |
|  | spipys3_003 | -2154.142808 | -2153.263626 | -2154.706390 | -2153.827208 | -2153.396468 | -2153.960050 |
|  | spipys5 | -2154.142508 | -2153.263597 | -2154.705203 | -2153.826292 | -2153.396601 | -2153.959296 |
|  | spipys4 | -2154.141178 | -2153.261986 | -2154.703323 | -2153.824131 | -2153.393490 | -2153.955635 |
|  | spipys 1 | -2154.140006 | -2153.260935 | -2154.702061 | -2153.822990 | -2153.393611 | -2153.955666 |
|  | ts59c_s_6 | -2154.140352 | -2153.261245 | -2154.703932 | -2153.824825 | -2153.394110 | -2153.957690 |
|  | ts59c_s_7 | -2154.142882 | -2153.263762 | -2154.706446 | -2153.827326 | -2153.396107 | -2153.959671 |
|  | ts59c_s_8 | -2154.141323 | -2153.262112 | -2154.704914 | -2153.825703 | -2153.394354 | -2153.957945 |
|  | ts59c_s_9 | -2154.141111 | -2153.261751 | -2154.704920 | -2153.825560 | -2153.394361 | -2153.958170 |

Appendix
Table A5.9. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) for TS 67 with Catalyst 59d and Substrate 60.

| 59d |  | type | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{total}^{2}, \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/ 6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) E(total, $\left.E_{h}\right)$ | B3LYP/ 6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ " | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/ $6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{G}_{298}$ " |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2233.980833 | -2233.020723 | -2234.566646 | -2233.606535 | -2233.166649 | -2233.752461 |
|  | 2 | I | -2233.979980 | -2233.019945 | -2234.566097 | -2233.606062 | -2233.165804 | -2233.751921 |
|  | 5 | I | -2233.979074 | -2233.018961 | -2234.565678 | -2233.605565 | -2233.168977 | -2233.755581 |
|  | 3 | I | -2233.979453 | -2233.019411 | -2234.565378 | -2233.605336 | -2233.164133 | -2233.750058 |
|  | 4 | I | -2233.978952 | -2233.018915 | -2234.565251 | -2233.605214 | -2233.165101 | -2233.751400 |
|  | 10 | II | -2233.974920 | -2233.015169 | -2234.559692 | -2233.599941 | -2233.162659 | -2233.747431 |
|  | 6 | IV | -2233.974703 | -2233.014538 | -2234.559549 | -2233.599384 | -2233.159913 | -2233.744759 |
|  | 7 | IV | -2233.973934 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | III | -2233.974913 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9 | III | -2233.974796 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (S)-67 | 6 | II | -2233.978138 | -2233.017829 | -2234.562985 | -2233.602676 | -2233.162576 | -2233.747423 |
|  | 7 | II | -2233.977866 | -2233.018002 | -2234.562527 | -2233.602663 | -2233.165841 | -2233.750502 |
|  | 1 | III | -2233.976589 | -2233.016456 | -2234.562152 | -2233.602019 | -2233.163390 | -2233.748953 |
|  | 4 | III | -2233.976564 | -2233.016624 | -2234.561889 | -2233.601950 | -2233.161703 | -2233.747029 |
|  | 2new | III | -2233.976097 | -2233.015888 | -2234.561418 | -2233.601210 | -2233.160562 | -2233.745884 |
|  | 8 | I | -2233.971590 | -2233.011644 | -2234.557217 | -2233.597271 | -2233.160434 | -2233.746061 |
|  | 3 | III | -2233.977762 | -2233.017399 | -2234.563156 | -2233.602793 | -2233.161725 | -2233.747119 |
|  | 5 | III | -2233.972573 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9 | I | -2233.970849 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10 | IV | -2233.965891 |  |  |  |  |  |

Appendix
Table A5.10. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) for TS 67 with Catalyst 59e and Substrate 60.

| 59e |  | type | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{total}, \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/ $6-311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) E(total, $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}$ ) | B3LYP/ 6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ " | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | B3LYP/ 6-311+G(d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) " $\mathrm{G}_{298}$ " |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2312.600237 | -2311.578883 | -2313.209406 | -2312.188052 | -2311.729122 | -2312.338291 |
|  | 2 | I | -2312.599394 | -2311.578545 | -2313.208682 | -2312.187833 | -2311.731429 | -2312.340717 |
|  | 3 | I | -2312.598521 | -2311.577316 | -2313.208041 | -2312.186836 | -2311.727840 | -2312.337360 |
|  | 4 | I | -2312.598107 | -2311.577033 | -2313.207991 | -2312.186917 | -2311.730040 | -2312.339924 |
|  | 5 | I | -2312.598489 | -2311.577046 | -2313.208338 | -2312.186895 | -2311.728638 | -2312.338487 |
|  | 6 | IV | -2312.597954 | -2311.576672 | -2313.207597 | -2312.186315 | -2311.728781 | -2312.338424 |
|  | 11 | I | -2312.597867 | -2311.576537 | -2313.206775 | -2312.185445 | -2311.726478 | -2312.335386 |
| (S)-67 | 1 | III | -2312.598146 | -2311.576613 | -2313.207402 | -2312.185869 | -2311.726861 | -2312.336117 |
|  | 2 | III | -2312.597513 | -2311.576145 | -2313.206737 | -2312.185369 | -2311.726548 | -2312.335772 |
|  | 3 | II | -2312.597485 | -2311.576015 | -2313.205249 | -2312.183779 | -2311.727517 | -2312.335281 |
|  | 4 | III | -2312.596380 | -2311.574866 | -2313.205505 | -2312.183991 | -2311.724642 | -2312.333766 |
|  | 5 | II | -2312.597060 | -2311.576077 | -2313.204954 | -2312.183970 | -2311.726615 | -2312.334508 |
|  | 6 | III | -2312.595403 | -2311.574238 | -2313.204878 | -2312.183713 | -2311.724827 | -2312.334302 |
|  | 7 | III | -2312.594810 | -2311.572881 | -2313.204088 | -2312.182158 | -2311.723291 | -2312.332568 |
|  | 11 | III | -2312.595804 | -2311.574434 | -2313.204861 | -2312.183491 | -2311.724432 | -2312.333489 |

Appendix
Table A5.11. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) for TS 67 with Catalysts 59f and 59g and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$

| $\text { TS } 67$ <br> catalyst |  | type | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\text { total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{298} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { 6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \text { E(total, } \left.\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { 6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ \text { " } \mathrm{H}_{298} " \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B3LYP/ } \\ & \text { 6-31G(d) } \end{aligned}$ <br> $\mathrm{G}_{298}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { 6-311+G(d,p)// } \\ \text { B3LYP/6-31G(d) } \\ " \mathrm{G}_{298} " \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59f |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2269.867489 | -2268.931108 | -2270.467980 | -2269.531599 | -2269.074836 | -2269.675327 |
|  | 2 | I | -2269.866516 | -2268.930254 | -2270.467433 | -2269.531172 | -2269.074722 | -2269.675640 |
|  | 3 | I | -2269.866413 | -2268.929984 | -2270.467041 | -2269.530612 | -2269.072499 | -2269.673127 |
|  | 4 | I | -2269.865989 | -2268.929406 | -2270.467083 | -2269.530500 | -2269.072675 | -2269.673769 |
|  | 5 | I | -2269.866155 | -2268.929366 | -2270.467408 | -2269.530619 | -2269.073539 | -2269.674792 |
|  | 11 | I | -2269.868052 | -2268.931596 | -2270.468628 | -2269.532172 | -2269.075381 | -2269.675957 |
| (S)-67 | 1 | III | -2269.866921 | -2268.930046 | -2270.466782 | -2269.529907 | -2269.073560 | -2269.673421 |
|  | 2 | II | -2269.865241 | -2268.928428 | -2270.464625 | -2269.527813 | -2269.070996 | -2269.670381 |
|  | 3 | II | -2269.864351 | -2268.928063 | -2270.463898 | -2269.527610 | -2269.071328 | -2269.670875 |
|  | 11 | III | -2269.865350 | -2268.928465 | -2270.465742 | -2269.528857 | -2269.071213 | -2269.671605 |
|  | 4 | III | -2269.864575 | -2268.927850 | -2270.465021 | -2269.528296 | -2269.070463 | -2269.670909 |
| 59g |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2492.381671 | -2491.471945 | -2493.060709 | -2492.150983 | -2491.617741 | -2492.296779 |
|  | 2 | I | -2492.380779 | -2491.471188 | -2493.060160 | -2492.150569 | -2491.618289 | -2492.297670 |
|  | 3 | I | -2492.380288 | -2491.470717 | -2493.059555 | -2492.149984 | -2491.616893 | -2492.296160 |
|  | 4 | I | -2492.380007 | -2491.470459 | -2493.059652 | -2492.150103 | -2491.617595 | -2492.297239 |
|  | 5 | I | -2492.379714 | -2491.469932 | -2493.059453 | -2492.149671 | -2491.617550 | -2492.297289 |
| (S)-67 | 1 | III | -2492.380479 | -2491.470547 | -2493.059013 | -2492.149080 | -2491.616260 | -2492.294793 |
|  | 2 | II | -2492.380310 | -2491.470693 | -2493.057713 | -2492.148096 | -2491.616774 | -2492.294177 |
|  | 3 | II | -2492.380280 | -2491.470866 | -2493.057306 | -2492.147892 | -2491.616768 | -2492.293794 |
|  | 4 | III | -2492.379735 | -2491.470006 | -2493.058388 | -2492.148659 | -2491.616091 | -2492.294744 |
|  | 7 | III | -2492.379086 | -2491.469376 | -2493.057203 | -2492.147493 | -2491.615266 | -2492.293383 |

Appendix
A5.2.4. Dispersion corrections at B3LYP-D/6-311+G(d,p) level and thermal corrections at 195 K at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.
Table A5.12. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $\boldsymbol{( R}$ ) and ( $\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalyst 59a and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$.

| 59a | conformer | type | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\text { total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { dispersion } \\ \text { correction } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { 6-31G(d) } \\ \mathrm{H}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { E(total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | spi2ats31 | (R)-I | -2155.344683 | -0.178708 | -2154.470410 | -2154.538174 | -2156.090440 |
|  | spi2ats37 | (R)-I | -2155.343760 | -0.179576 | -2154.469251 | -2154.538603 | -2156.090730 |
|  | spi2ats38 | (R)-I | -2155.343428 | -0.179360 | -2154.468901 | -2154.537573 | -2156.089824 |
|  | spi2ats33 | (R)-I | -2155.343057 | -0.178962 | -2154.468487 | -2154.537831 | -2156.089508 |
|  | spi2ats20 | (R)-I | -2155.342699 | -0.177319 | -2154.467923 | -2154.537805 | -2156.087760 |
|  | spi2ats4 | (R)-I | -2155.342674 | -0.178188 |  |  | -2156.088301 |
|  | spi2ats26 | (R)-I | -2155.341445 | -0.179567 |  |  | -2156.087402 |
|  | spi2ats27 | (R)-I | -2155.341746 | -0.181903 | -2154.466681 | -2154.534775 | -2156.089470 |
|  | spi2ats25 | (R)-IV | -2155.340416 | -0.182498 |  |  | -2156.088958 |
| (S)-67 | spi2ats35 | (S)-III | -2155.342717 | -0.178305 | -2154.468297 | -2154.535439 | -2156.087901 |
|  | spi2ats32 | (S)-III | -2155.342022 | -0.179260 | -2154.467457 | -2154.535966 | -2156.088258 |
|  | spi2ats22 | (S)-II | -2155.342041 | -0.181225 | -2154.467278 | -2154.535512 | -2156.089227 |
|  | spi2ats29 | (S)-III | -2155.340842 | -0.181047 | -2154.465882 | -2154.533829 | -2156.089050 |
|  | spi2ats11 | (S)-II | -2155.341761 | -0.180736 | -2154.467151 | -2154.535597 | -2156.088343 |
|  | spi2ats28 | (S)-III | -2155.340193 | -0.180328 |  |  | -2156.087454 |
|  | spi2ats34 | (S)-III | -2155.339563 | -0.177285 |  |  | -2156.083987 |
|  | spi2ats19 | (S)-II | -2155.340634 | -0.184258 | -2154.465749 | -2154.533812 | -2156.090308 |
|  | spi2ats7 | (S)-II | -2155.340504 | -0.184686 | -2154.465951 | -2154.534081 | -2156.090220 |

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Table A5.13. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ and $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalyst 59b and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$.

| 59b | conformer | type | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{total}, \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { dispersion } \\ \text { correction } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { 6-31G(d) } \\ \mathrm{H}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+G(d, p) \\ \text { E(total, } \left.E_{h}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | spilatsr1 | I | -2076.716129 | -0.164262 | -2075.900126 | -2075.966204 | -2077.427197 |
|  | spi1atsr7 | I | -2076.716058 | -0.164115 | -2075.900059 | -2075.966026 | -2077.426987 |
|  | spi1atsr2 | I | -2076.713069 | -0.163592 | -2075.897054 | -2075.964205 | -2077.424041 |
|  | spi1atsr8 | I | -2076.713050 | -0.164079 |  |  | -2077.424454 |
|  | spilatsr4 | I | -2076.712340 | -0.167035 |  |  | -2077.425558 |
|  | spilatsr4_1 | IV | -2076.712296 | -0.169992 | -2075.896223 | -2075.961661 | -2077.427771 |
|  | spilatsr4_2 | IV | -2076.710690 | -0.172930 | -2075.894627 | -2075.959291 | -2077.428507 |
| (S)-67 | spila3s_001 | III | -2076.714456 | -0.165292 | -2075.898314 | -2075.964118 | -2077.425983 |
|  | spila3s_006 | III | -2076.714447 | -0.165288 | -2075.898357 | -2075.964169 | -2077.425974 |
|  | spilatss2 | II | -2076.713839 | -0.167305 | -2075.897983 | -2075.963629 | -2077.426561 |
|  | spilatss3 | II | -2076.712396 | -0.170671 | -2075.881467 | -2075.946985 | -2077.427918 |
|  | spila3s_003 | III | -2076.712305 | -0.166723 | -2075.896266 | -2075.963629 | -2077.425387 |
|  | spila3s_008 | I | -2076.705444 |  |  |  |  |

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Table A5.14. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ and $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalyst 59c and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$.

|  |  |  | B3LYP/6- <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | B3LYP-D/6- <br> $311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ | B3LYP/ <br> $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | B3LYP/ <br> dispersion <br> correction | $\mathrm{H}_{195}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

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Table A5.15. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ and ( $\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalyst 59d and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$.

| 59d | conformer | type | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\text { total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { dispersion } \\ \text { correction } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+G(d, p) \\ \text { E(total, } \left.E_{h}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2233.980833 | -0.189729 | -2233.049089 | -2233.122111 | -2234.756374 |
|  | 2 | I | -2233.979980 | -0.190220 | -2233.048315 | -2233.121290 | -2234.756317 |
|  | 5 | I | -2233.979074 | -0.187556 | -2233.047341 | -2233.123029 | -2234.753234 |
|  | 3 | I | -2233.979453 | -0.190365 | -2233.047770 | -2233.120010 | -2234.755743 |
|  | 4 | I | -2233.978952 | -0.189916 | -2233.047301 | -2233.120477 | -2234.755167 |
|  | 10 | II | -2233.974920 | -0.190708 | -2233.043579 | -2233.117590 | -2234.750400 |
|  | 6 | IV | -2233.974703 | -0.195197 | -2233.042884 | -2233.115562 | -2234.754746 |
| (S)-67 | 3 | III | -2233.977762 | -0.191199 | -2233.045742 | -2233.117736 | -2234.754355 |
|  | 7 | II | -2233.977866 | -0.191535 | -2233.046396 | -2233.120648 | -2234.754062 |
|  | 6 | II | -2233.978138 | -0.192045 | -2233.046176 | -2233.118443 | -2234.755030 |
|  | 1 | III | -2233.976589 | -0.189451 | -2233.044811 | -2233.118503 | -2234.751602 |
|  | 4 | III | -2233.976564 | -0.190963 | -2233.045004 | -2233.117461 | -2234.752853 |
|  | 2new | III | -2233.976097 | -0.190753 | -2233.044223 | -2233.116451 | -2234.752171 |
|  | 8 | I | -2233.971590 | -0.186857 | -2233.040018 | -2233.114908 | -2234.744074 |

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Table A5.16. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ and $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalyst 59e and Substrate $\mathbf{6 0}$.
$\left.\begin{array}{cccccccc}\hline & & & \text { B3LYP/6- } & \begin{array}{c}\text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+G(d, p) \\ \text { 59e }\end{array} & \text { conformer } & \text { type } & \left.\text { E(total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right)\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { B3LYP/ } \\ \text { dispersion } \\ \text { correction }\end{array}\right)$
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Table A5.17. Total Energies, Enthalpies and Free Energies (in Hartree) at 195 K for TSs $(\boldsymbol{R})$ and $(\boldsymbol{S}) \mathbf{- 6 7}$ with Catalysts $\mathbf{5 9 f}$ and $\mathbf{5 9 g}$.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { TS } 67 \\ \text { catalyst } \end{gathered}$ | conformer | type | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{E}\left(\text { total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+\mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { dispersion } \\ \text { correction } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{H}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP/ } \\ 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \mathrm{G}_{195} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { B3LYP-D/6- } \\ 311+G(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \text { E(total, } \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{h}} \text { ) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 59f |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2269.867489 | -0.185380 | -2268.959037 | -2269.030975 | -2270.653360 |
|  | 2 | I | -2269.866516 | -0.185580 | -2268.958194 | -2269.030603 | -2270.653014 |
|  | 3 | I | -2269.866413 | -0.185545 | -2268.957901 | -2269.029050 | -2270.652586 |
|  | 4 | I | -2269.865989 | * | -2268.957334 | -2269.028968 | * |
|  | 5 | I | -2269.866155 | -0.183696 | -2268.957280 | -2269.029517 | -2270.651104 |
|  | 11 | I | -2269.868052 | -0.185339 | -2268.959519 | -2269.031495 | -2270.653968 |
| (S)-67 | 1 | III | -2269.866921 | -0.185869 | -2268.957934 | -2269.029777 | -2270.652651 |
|  | 2 | II | -2269.865241 | -0.187720 | -2268.956318 | -2269.027525 | -2270.652345 |
|  | 3 | II | -2269.864351 | -0.187700 | -2268.956009 | -2269.027626 | -2270.651597 |
|  | 11 | III | -2269.865350 | -0.184317 | -2268.956340 | -2269.027676 | -2270.650059 |
|  | 4 | III | -2269.864575 | -0.185433 | -2268.955733 | -2269.026974 | -2270.650453 |
| 59g |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (R)-67 | 1 | I | -2492.381671 | -0.185495 | -2491.500352 | -2491.573259 | -2493.246204 |
|  | 2 | I | -2492.380779 | -0.185874 | -2491.499602 | -2491.573358 | -2493.246034 |
|  | 3 | I | -2492.380288 | -0.185937 | -2491.499137 | -2491.572282 | -2493.245492 |
|  | 4 | I | -2492.380007 | * | -2491.498898 | -2491.572657 | * |
|  | 5 | I | -2492.379714 | -0.183669 | -2491.498352 | -2491.572441 | -2493.243121 |
| (S)-67 | 1 | III | -2492.380479 | -0.186639 | -2491.498937 | -2491.571804 | -2493.245652 |
|  | 2 | II | -2492.380310 | -0.188869 | -2491.499112 | -2491.572198 | -2493.246582 |
|  | 3 | II | -2492.380280 | -0.188639 | -2491.499291 | -2491.572255 | -2493.245946 |
|  | 4 | III | -2492.379735 | -0.187302 | -2491.498404 | -2491.571508 | -2493.245690 |
|  | 7 | III | -2492.379086 | -0.189241 | -2491.497794 | -2491.570755 | -2493.246444 |

## A5.3. Prochiral probe approach.

Table A5.18. Calculated energies of conformers of MOSC-adducts of $\mathbf{5 b}$. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.


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| Conformer | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B98/6-}$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-$ <br> $31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }}$ <br> $\mathrm{MP2(FC)/6-}$ <br> $31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ | " $\mathrm{H}_{298}$ MP2-5" | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}$, <br> $\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ MP2-5 <br> with solv |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | -1471.473512 | -1470.916080 | -1468.194134 | -1467.636702 | -75.60 | -1467.665498 |
| 15 | -1471.472121 | -1470.914236 | -1468.194348 | -1467.636464 |  |  |
| 32 | -1471.472594 | -1470.914890 | -1468.194105 | -1467.636401 |  |  |
| 6 | -1471.472185 | -1470.914568 | -1468.193663 | -1467.636046 |  |  |
| 129 | -1471.471468 | -1470.913584 | -1468.193555 | -1467.635671 |  |  |
| 74 | -1471.472346 | -1470.914962 | -1468.192922 | -1467.635538 |  |  |
| 18 | -1471.472574 | -1470.915093 | -1468.193017 | -1467.635537 |  |  |
| 11 | -1471.470399 | -1470.912973 | -1468.192905 | -1467.635479 |  |  |
| 92 | -1471.471452 | -1470.914103 | -1468.192595 | -1467.635246 |  |  |
| 83 | -1471.471146 | -1470.913877 | -1468.192358 | -1467.635088 |  |  |
| 20 | -1471.470060 | -1470.912948 | -1468.191803 | -1467.634691 |  |  |
| 50 | -1471.469884 | -1470.912528 | -1468.191840 | -1467.634484 |  |  |
| 86 | -1471.471063 | -1470.913974 | -1468.191231 | -1467.634142 |  |  |

Table A5.19. Calculated energies of conformers of MOSC-adducts of 51. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2 (FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | "H298 MP2-5" | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| si-attack | -2009.976727 |  |  | -2005.427713 |  | -2005.444708 |
| cat6_1mosc_a3 | -2010.739459 | -2009.976436 | -2006.190742 | -2005.427719 | -45.73 | -2005.445137 |
| cat6_1mosc_al | -2010.737998 | -2009.974494 | -2006.189427 | -2005.425924 | -44.52 | -2005.442880 |
| cat6_2mosc_a3 | -2010.738485 | -2009.974889 | -2006.189757 | -2005.426161 | -43.64 | -2005.442782 |
| cat6_3mosc_a3 | -2010.740839 | -2009.977367 | -2006.191644 | -2005.428173 | -36.53 | -2005.442085 |
| cat6_3mosc_a 1 | -2010.739811 | -2009.976471 | -2006.188350 | -2005.425010 |  |  |
| cat6_1mosc_a 2 | -2010.738540 | -2009.974852 | -2006.186633 | -2005.422945 |  |  |
| cat6_2mosc_al | -2010.737362 | -2009.973726 | -2006.183741 | -2005.420105 |  |  |
| re-attack |  | -2009.976321 |  | -2005.426051 |  | -2005.442188 |
| cat6_1mosc_b3 | -2010.739950 | -2009.976345 | -2006.188553 | -2005.424947 | -46.53 | -2005.442668 |
| cat6_2mosc b2 | -2010.739609 | -2009.975906 | -2006.188746 | -2005.425043 | -45.27 | -2005.442286 |
| cat6_3mosc_b4 | -2010.740263 | -2009.977138 | -2006.189781 | -2005.426656 | -38.20 | -2005.441205 |
| cat6_3mosc_b2 | -2010.739382 | -2009.975609 | -2006.190313 | -2005.426541 | -37.40 | -2005.440787 |
| cat6_4mosc_b3 | -2010.740118 | -2009.976491 | -2006.188897 | -2005.425270 | -39.25 | -2005.440218 |
| cat6_1mosc_b2 | -2010.738922 | -2009.975620 | -2006.187531 | -2005.424228 |  |  |
| cat6_4mosc_b2 | -2010.739156 | -2009.975714 | -2006.187105 | -2005.423663 |  |  |
| cat6_1mosc_b1 | -2010.738816 | -2009.975123 | -2006.187292 | -2005.423600 |  |  |
| cat6_4mosc_b1 | -2010.738946 | -2009.975599 | -2006.186939 | -2005.423592 |  |  |
| cat6_3mosc_b1 | -2010.739465 | -2009.975972 | -2006.186530 | -2005.423036 |  |  |

Table A5.20. Calculated energies of conformers of MOSC-adducts of 59a. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \\ \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \end{gathered}$ | "H298 MP2-5" | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| si-attack | -1797.623764 |  |  | -1793.591995 |  | -1793.607925 |
| 348 | -1798.249486 | -1797.624509 | -1794.217766 | -1793.592789 | -38.99 | -1793.607642 |
| 324 | -1798.248044 | -1797.623118 | -1794.217525 | -1793.592599 | -40.88 | -1793.608168 |
| 272 | -1798.248075 | -1797.622995 | -1794.217252 | -1793.592172 | -42.34 | -1793.608299 |
| 202 | -1798.247764 | -1797.622829 | -1794.217091 | -1793.592156 | -41.00 | -1793.607774 |
| 001 | -1798.249816 | -1797.624807 | -1794.216431 | -1793.591422 | -43.64 | -1793.608043 |
| 149 | -1798.246989 | -1797.622103 | -1794.216055 | -1793.591169 | -41.92 | -1793.607137 |
| 207 | -1798.247348 | -1797.622564 | -1794.215947 | -1793.591163 | -40.42 | -1793.606557 |
| 321 | -1798.245662 | -1797.621169 | -1794.215232 | -1793.590740 |  |  |
| 010 | -1798.248411 | -1797.623565 | -1794.215578 | -1793.590732 |  |  |
| 017 | -1798.247861 | -1797.622740 | -1794.215414 | -1793.590293 |  |  |
| 234 | -1798.247258 | -1797.622381 | -1794.215024 | -1793.590147 |  |  |
| 034 | -1798.248044 | -1797.623140 | -1794.215042 | -1793.590138 |  |  |
| 544 | -1798.246435 | -1797.621386 | -1794.215040 | -1793.589992 |  |  |
| 016 | -1798.247880 | -1797.622858 | -1794.215008 | -1793.589986 |  |  |
| 045 | -1798.247323 | -1797.622650 | -1794.213949 | -1793.589276 |  |  |
| 013 | -1798.247082 | -1797.622158 | -1794.213687 | -1793.588764 |  |  |
| 009 | -1798.247531 | -1797.622472 | -1794.213647 | -1793.588588 |  |  |
| 014 | -1798.245992 | -1797.621262 | -1794.212751 | -1793.588020 |  |  |
| 011 | -1798.246349 | -1797.621096 | -1794.212726 | -1793.587473 |  |  |
| re-attack | -1797.623670 |  |  | -1793.592401 |  | -1793.608664 |
| 358 | -1798.249822 | -1797.624956 | -1794.218403 | -1793.593537 | -41.17 | -1793.609218 |
| 194 | -1798.248135 | -1797.623426 | -1794.216952 | -1793.592243 | -43.60 | -1793.608848 |
| 298 | -1798.248103 | -1797.623227 | -1794.217291 | -1793.592415 | -41.88 | -1793.608367 |
| 108 | -1798.246678 | -1797.622099 | -1794.215778 | -1793.591200 | -43.05 | -1793.607598 |
| 203 | -1798.247486 | -1797.622797 | -1794.215951 | -1793.591262 | -42.51 | -1793.607453 |
| 350 | -1798.248874 | -1797.623834 | -1794.216305 | -1793.591264 | -42.09 | -1793.607296 |
| 037 | -1798.248167 | -1797.623219 | -1794.217337 | -1793.592389 |  |  |
| 007 | -1798.247579 | -1797.622760 | -1794.216029 | -1793.591210 |  |  |
| 048 | -1798.247569 | -1797.622559 | -1794.215875 | -1793.590865 |  |  |
| 170 | -1798.247517 | -1797.622302 | -1794.215985 | -1793.590770 |  |  |
| 069 | -1798.247499 | -1797.622464 | -1794.215489 | -1793.590453 |  |  |
| 084 | -1798.247752 | -1797.622952 | -1794.215240 | -1793.590440 |  |  |
| 306 | -1798.246472 | -1797.621755 | -1794.215134 | -1793.590417 |  |  |
| 115 | -1798.247754 | -1797.623420 | -1794.214751 | -1793.590416 |  |  |
| 359 | -1798.247206 | -1797.622504 | -1794.215054 | -1793.590352 |  |  |
| 362 | -1798.246755 | -1797.621761 | -1794.214857 | -1793.589863 |  |  |
| 406 | -1798.247221 | -1797.622567 | -1794.213974 | -1793.589319 |  |  |
| 379 | -1798.246716 | -1797.621675 | -1794.214047 | -1793.589006 |  |  |
| 506 | -1798.246642 | -1797.621936 | -1794.213394 | -1793.588689 |  |  |
| 114 | -1798.246359 | -1797.621790 | -1794.212517 | -1793.587948 |  |  |

Table A5.21. Calculated energies of conformers of MOSC-adducts of 5g. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6- \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{tot}} \\ \mathrm{MP}(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \end{gathered}$ | "H298 MP2-5" | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }}, \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| si-attack |  | -1932.654751 |  | -1928.279939 |  | -1928.294158 |
| a1.001 | -1933.383850 | -1932.654873 | -1929.009177 | -1928.280201 | -37.32 | -1928.294416 |
| b4.006 | -1933.383547 | -1932.654586 | -1929.007881 | -1928.278920 | -36.94 | -1928.292991 |
| re-attack |  | -1932.653656 |  | -1928.279544 |  | -1928.294105 |
| a2.005 | -1933.382643 | -1932.653879 | -1929.008349 | -1928.279585 | -37.70 | -1928.293944 |
| b1.004 | -1933.381012 | -1932.651973 | -1929.008539 | -1928.279500 | -38.66 | -1928.294225 |

## A5.4 Conformational analysis of transition states.



Figure A5.3. Relative energies (in $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) of conformers of TSs with catalyst $\mathbf{5 j}$, as calculated at $\mathrm{B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$.

Table A5.22. Relative enthalpies of TSs conformations of different types (Scheme 5.8) as calculated at the B98/6-31G(d) (referred as "B98") and MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ (referred as "MP2-5") levels of theory.

| Conformer | ts type | Relative enthalpy $\mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B98 | MP2-5 |
| 5a_ts |  |  |  |
| frozen ts |  |  |  |
| 1_ts1 | IV | 1.84 | 2.00 |
| 2_ts4 | IV | 3.27 | 3.59 |
| 3_ts4 | IV | 6.22 | 8.13 |
| 1_ts2 | III | 11.07 | 17.82 |
| 2_ts3 | III | 11.15 |  |
| 2_ts2 | II | 0.44 | 0.53 |
| 3_ts2 | II | 5.31 | 6.37 |
| 1_ts4 | II | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1_ts3 | I | 11.85 | 18.99 |
| 3_ts1 | I | 15.11 |  |
| 2_ts1 | I | 12.85 |  |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 2 _ts4opt | IV | 3.57 | 3.54 |
| 2-ts3opt | III | 11.45 | 18.26 |
| 1_ts4opt | II | 0.27 | -0.08 |
| 2_ts2opt | II | 0.84 | 0.63 |


| Conformer | ts type | Relative enthalpy $\mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B98 | MP2-5 |
| 5b_ts |  |  |  |
| frozen ts |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4 | IV | 2.42 | 2.65 |
| 11_ts4 | IV | 4.46 | 4.57 |
| 2_ts2 | IV | 10.75 | 11.20 |
| 4_ts4 | IV | 6.80 | 7.49 |
| 6_ts4 | IV | 9.40 | 9.13 |
| 13_ts4 | IV | 11.80 | 10.98 |
| 1_ts3 | III | 9.37 | 16.70 |
| 11_ts3 | III | 13.30 | 20.99 |
| 4_ts2 | II | 5.09 | 5.41 |
| 6_ts2 | II | 7.20 | 7.29 |
| 13_ts2 | II | 12.74 | 12.33 |
| 1_ts2 | II | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11_ts2 | II | 2.57 | 2.63 |
| 2_ts4 | II | 13.56 | 14.58 |
| 1_ts1 | I | 11.83 | 19.64 |
| 11_ts1 | I | 14.96 | 22.74 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4opt | IV | 2.40 | 2.21 |
| 1_ts3opt | III | 9.76 | 16.97 |
| 1_ts2opt | II | 0.02 | -0.30 |
| 11_ts2opt | II | 2.71 | 2.53 |

Table A5.22 (continued)

| Conformer | ts type | Relative enthalpy $\mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B98 | MP2-5 |
| 5k_ts |  |  |  |
| frozen ts |  |  |  |
| 2_ts4 | IV | 5.20 | 0.00 |
| 15_ts4 | IV | 7.05 | 1.12 |
| 13-ts2 | IV | 0.00 | 7.28 |
| 4_ts2 | IV | 1.93 | 9.22 |
| 6_ts1 | IV | 0.02 | 7.72 |
| 6_ts2 | III | 10.25 | 17.94 |
| 13_ts1 | III | 8.73 | 23.80 |
| 13_ts4 | II | 0.31 | 8.16 |
| 6_ts4 | II | 2.91 | 4.87 |
| 4_ts4 | II | 3.30 | 4.32 |
| 2-ts2 | II | 10.40 | 10.85 |
| 15_ts2 | II | 13.17 | 12.65 |
| 13-ts3 | I | 8.91 | 22.79 |
| 6_ts3 | I | 9.74 | 21.12 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 15_ts4opt | IV | 6.86 | 1.20 |
| 13_ts2 | IV | 0.54 | 7.58 |
| 6_ts1 | IV | 0.49 | 7.80 |
| 4_ts2 | IV | 1.97 | 8.58 |
| 2_ts4opt | IV | 5.20 | 0.00 |
| 6_ts4opt | II | 3.70 | 5.40 |
| 13_ts3 | I | 9.09 | 22.92 |
| 51_ts |  |  |  |
| frozen ts |  |  |  |
| 2_ts2 | IV | 0.00 | 5.52 |
| 1_ts4 | IV | 6.84 | 13.33 |
| 1_ts3 | III | 11.66 | 22.77 |
| 2_ts1 | III | 14.77 | 32.17 |
| 1_ts2 | II | 2.57 | 0.00 |
| 2_ts4 | II | 5.74 | 12.36 |
| 1_ts1 | I | 10.36 | 25.07 |
| 2_ts3 | I | 12.87 | 28.66 |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 2_ts2opt | IV | 0.50 | 5.72 |
| 1_ts2opt | II | 2.99 | 0.55 |
| 51-Me_ts optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4 | IV | 5.81 | 10.15 |
| 2_ts2 | IV | 1.56 | 6.45 |
| 2_ts4 | II | 4.85 | 10.49 |
| 1_ts2 | II | 0.00 | 0.00 |


| Conformer | ts type | Relative enthalpy $\mathrm{H}_{298}, \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B98 | MP2-5 |
| 5j_ts |  |  |  |
| frozen ts |  |  |  |
| 102_ts2 | IV | 2.49 |  |
| 33_ts2 | IV | 2.99 |  |
| 158_ts2 | IV | 5.78 |  |
| 85_ts2 | IV | 6.62 |  |
| 106_ts2 | IV | 9.14 |  |
| 155_ts2 | IV | 11.82 |  |
| 1_ts2 | IV | 16.15 |  |
| $4 \overline{6}$ _ts2 | IV | 17.23 |  |
| 182_ts2 | IV | 19.82 |  |
| 22_ts2 | IV | 19.83 |  |
| 7_ts2 | IV | 20.35 |  |
| 187_ts2 | III | 22.38 |  |
| 102-ts1 | II | 2.18 |  |
| 158_ts1 | II | 3.15 |  |
| 33_ts1 | II | 0.00 |  |
| 187_ts1 | II | 5.15 |  |
| 1 _ts1 | II | 11.26 |  |
| 207_ts1 | II | 12.45 |  |
| 85-ts 1 | II | 6.38 |  |
| 7_ts1 | II | 19.57 |  |
| $15 \overline{5}$ _ts 1 | II | 15.77 |  |
| 182_ts1 | I | 27.28 |  |
| 22_ts1 | I | 27.35 |  |
| 106_ts1 | I | 26.86 |  |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 102_ts2 | IV | 3.10 | 2.07 |
| 33-ts2 | IV | 3.52 | 2.34 |
| 85_ts2 | IV | 6.79 | 6.28 |
| 158_ts2 | IV | 6.10 | 7.50 |
| 106_ts2 | IV | 8.68 | 22.54 |
| 155_ts2 | IV | 11.31 | 26.72 |
| 33_ts1 | II | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| 158_ts1 | II | 3.16 | 2.57 |
| 102_ts1 | II | 1.99 | 10.64 |
| 85_ts 1 | II | 6.03 | 17.98 |
| 1_ts1 | II | 10.44 | 14.55 |
| 207 ts 1 | II | 11.69 | 25.99 |
| 51-Ph_ts |  |  |  |
| optimized ts |  |  |  |
| 1_ts4 | IV | 0.90 | 9.41 |
| 2_ts2 | IV | 0.50 | 12.09 |
| 2_ts4 | II | 1.27 | 17.23 |
| 1_ts2 | II | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table A5.23. Calculated energies of conformers of 3,4-diaminopyridines and corresponding acetyl intermediates and transition states. Averaged enthalpies $<\mathrm{H}_{298}>$ were calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level of theory with inclusion of solvent effects in chloroform at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) level.

| Conformer | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \text { B98/6- } \\ 31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{~d}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{298} \mathrm{~B} 98 / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{E}_{\text {tot }} \mathrm{MP} 2(\mathrm{FC}) / 6- \\ 31+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \mathrm{G}_{\text {solv }} \\ \mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{298} \text { MP2-5 } \\ & \text { with solv } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} <\mathrm{H}_{298}>\text { MP2-5 } \\ \text { with solv } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Py |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Py | -248.181767 | -248.087627 | -247.589439 | -9.00 | -247.498727 |  |
| Py_ac | -401.140004 | -400.991691 | -400.215516 | -142.55 | -400.121498 |  |
| 51-Me |  |  |  |  |  | -1441.641383 |
| 1 | -1445.880901 | -1445.172693 | -1442.357138 | 19.37 | -1441.641552 |  |
| 2 | -1445.880375 | -1445.171564 | -1442.356300 | 22.34 | -1441.638979 |  |
| 3 | -1445.878714 | -1445.170331 | -1442.355406 | 32.72 | -1441.634561 |  |
| 4 | -1445.879184 | -1445.170629 | -1442.353600 | 25.73 | -1441.635244 |  |
| 51-Me_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -1594.293769 |
| 1_ac1 | -1598.889925 | -1598.126495 | -1595.033168 | -63.97 | -1594.294104 |  |
| 1 _ac2 | -1598.891052 | -1598.127564 | -1595.034445 | -60.54 | -1594.294016 |  |
| 2 _ac1 | -1598.889015 | -1598.125839 | -1595.032196 | -62.17 | -1594.292701 |  |
| 2_ac2 | -1598.889646 | -1598.126274 | -1595.032726 | -59.87 | -1594.292159 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -1598.890016 | -1598.126825 | -1595.033191 | -54.73 | -1594.290844 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -1598.889550 | -1598.126017 | -1595.031496 | -55.06 | -1594.288935 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -1598.885235 | -1598.121800 | -1595.027104 | -49.54 | -1594.282537 |  |
| 51-Ph |  |  |  |  |  | -2206.255203 |
| 3 | -2212.521031 | -2211.587771 | -2207.214573 | 67.86 | -2206.255465 |  |
| 1 | -2212.524033 | -2211.590934 | -2207.203380 | 42.55 | -2206.254074 |  |
| 2 | -2212.521634 | -2211.588352 | -2207.196322 | 38.58 | -2206.248347 |  |
| 4 | -2212.520811 | -2211.587683 | -2207.195645 | 45.81 | -2206.245067 |  |
| 51-Ph_ac |  |  |  |  |  | -2358.904362 |
| 1_ac1 | -2365.531860 | -2364.543720 | -2359.878651 | -37.03 | -2358.904614 |  |
| 1_ac2 | -2365.532457 | -2364.544401 | -2359.879792 | -32.47 | -2358.904103 |  |
| 3_ac2 | -2365.526447 | -2364.539858 | -2359.883327 | -12.22 | -2358.901391 |  |
| 3_ac1 | -2365.530534 | -2364.542603 | -2359.876213 | -22.38 | -2358.896808 |  |
| 4_ac2 | -2365.530981 | -2364.543013 | -2359.874073 | -26.28 | -2358.896113 |  |
| 2_ac1 | -2365.528125 | -2364.539985 | -2359.869431 | -38.66 | -2358.896016 |  |
| Transition states |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51-Me_ts |  |  |  |  |  | -2055.216096 |
| 1_ts2 | -2061.042343 | -2060.082516 | -2056.197370 | 55.06 | -2055.216571 |  |
| 1_ts4 | -2061.041406 | -2060.080302 | -2056.194782 | 49.33 | -2055.214890 |  |
| 2_ts2 | -2061.043440 | -2060.081920 | -2056.196608 | 53.68 | -2055.214642 |  |
| 2_ts4 | -2061.042318 | -2060.080667 | -2056.195198 | 53.35 | -2055.213229 |  |
| 51-Ph_ts |  |  |  |  |  | -2819.828123 |
| 1_ts2 | -2827.684496 | -2826.498719 | -2821.045830 | 82.84 | -2819.828499 |  |
| 1_ts4 | -2827.684285 | -2826.498376 | -2821.042378 | 77.91 | -2819.826796 |  |
| 2_ts2 | -2827.684617 | -2826.498528 | -2821.041536 | 78.49 | -2819.825551 |  |
| 2_ts4 | -2827.684279 | -2826.498235 | -2821.039535 | 76.61 | -2819.824312 |  |

## 9. Kinetics of reactions in homogeneous solution: derivation of the kinetic law.

## I. Introduction

The rate of chemical reactions in homogeneous solution depends on a multitude of factors and the following script is intended to provide some orientation in practical rate studies. In order to facilitate the discussion, several important terms should first be defined.

## Stochiometry

The stochiometry of a chemical reaction defines the molar quantities of reactants and products of the overall reaction. For the example of the reaction of alcohol $\mathbf{1}$ with acetic anhydride (2) in the presence of triethylamine $\left(\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, \mathbf{3}\right)$ and a catalytic base such as 4 dimethylaminopyridine (4) the following stochiometric equation applies:


1,4-dioxane (5) is used here as an internal standard for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR measurements. Components not seeing any turnover during the reaction (solvents, catalysts, reference standards) are not included in the stochiometric equation, but are listed on top/below the reaction arrow.

## Elementary steps

Each elementary step of a reaction can contain a variable number of individual molecules. The reaction is unimolecular when involving transformation of only one molecule, bimolecular when involving two molecules, and trimolecular with three molecules. Steps involving more than two molecules are statistically quite rare. This implies that the majority of elementary steps in the gas phase and in homogeneous solution are uni- and bimolecular. The following sequence of bimolecular steps has been suggested for reaction (A):


## Kinetic rate law

A kinetic rate law defines the dependence of the rate of reaction $r$ on the concentration of all components of the reaction mixture, including most commonly those of the reactants and catalysts, but sometimes those of the products and other reagents as well. This usually takes on the form of equation 1 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
r=k[\mathrm{~A}]^{a}[\mathrm{~B}]^{b}[\mathrm{C}]^{c} \ldots \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $k$ - rate constant of the reaction, [A] - the concentration of reaction component A, and $a$ the order of the reaction with respect to reactant A. With $a=1$ the reaction is called first-order with respect to that reactant, with $a=2$ the reaction is called second-order with respect to that reactant etc. Values for $a$ often involve integral numbers, but may, in some cases, also become non-integral. The sum of all of the exponents $a, b, c \ldots$ is called the (overall) order of the reaction. The rate of the reaction $r$ may be determined either by measuring the decrease of reactant concentrations (e.g. reactant A ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
r=-\frac{d[\mathrm{~A}]}{d t} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

or by measuring the increase of product concentrations (e.g. product P ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
r=\frac{d[P]}{d t} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In case the reaction involves the formation of long-lived intermediates these two types of measurements need not give the same results!

## II. Experimental procedures

The first step in rate studies is the accurate measurement of the concentration of reactants and products as a function of time. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy provides a convenient way of determining these concentrations for reactions, which are not too fast. The following two examples will be used to demonstrate the details involved in those types of measurements.

## 1. Studied reactions:



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Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol $\mathbf{1}, 0.4 \mathrm{M}$ anhydride $\mathbf{2}$ or $\mathbf{8}, 0.6 \mathrm{M}$ triethylamine (3), 0.1 M 1,4-dioxane (5), 0.02 M catalyst.

## 2. Sample preparation and kinetic measurements.

$\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ were freshly distilled under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ from $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ before use. Acetic and isobutyric anhydrides were distilled under reduced pressure from $\mathrm{P}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{10}$ on anhydrous $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, filtered and fractionally distilled under reduced pressure. Both anhydrides were kept over $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. All kinetic measurements were recorded at a constant temperature of $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for reaction $A$ and $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for reaction $B$ on a Varian Mercury 200 NMR spectrometer. The following solutions were prepared in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ in three dry, calibrated 5 mL flasks:

A: 1.2 M in $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ or isobutyric anhydride, and 0.3 M in anhydrous dioxane;
B: 0.6 M in ethynylcyclohexanol ROH and 1.8 M in $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$;
C: 0.06 M in catalyst.
In an NMR tube, $200 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ each of the above mentioned standardized solutions were added under nitrogen using an Eppendorf pipette. The NMR tube was then flame-sealed under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The reaction solution was mixed and immediately inserted into the NMR spectrometer. The reaction was monitored by recording ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra within a defined time interval until full conversion.

## III. Integration process

${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectra were analysed with program VNMR 4.3 Rev. G0194. Peak integrals were automatically integrated by using the subprogram listed below.

```
intmod \(=\) 'partial'
\(\$ i=1\)
REPEAT
\(d s(\$ i)\)
cz
\$height=0
\(\$ c=0\)
peak:\$height,cr
integ(cr-2,cr+2):\$c
write ('file','daten',\$c)
\(\$ i=\$ i+1\)
UNTIL \(\$ i>\) arraydim
```

Reaction A. Signals of ester 6 ( $1.91 \mathrm{ppm}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group, corresponds to 3 H ) and dioxane ( 3.57 ppm, corresponds to 8 H ) (see Figure 1) were integrated automatically during the course of the reaction. Taking into account that the final concentration of ester $[\text { ester }]_{\infty}=[R O H]_{0}=2 \cdot[$ dioxane $]$, one can calculate the conversion according to equation 6.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \text { Conversion }=\frac{[\text { ester }]}{[\text { ester }]_{\infty}} \cdot 100 \%  \tag{4}\\
& \text { Conversion }=\frac{[\text { ester }]}{2[\text { dioxane }]} \cdot 100 \%  \tag{5}\\
& \text { Conversion }=\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{I_{\text {Ester }} / 3}{I_{\text {Dioxane }} / 8}\right] \cdot 100 \%=\left[\frac{4 I_{\text {Ester }}}{3 I_{\text {Dioxane }}}\right] \cdot 100 \% \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$



Figure 1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 200 MHz ) spectrum of reaction mixture for the reaction (A).
Reaction B. Signals of isobutyric anhydride (8) (a half of duplet at 1.14 ppm was taken for integration, $2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ groups corresponds to 6 H ) and dioxane ( 3.57 ppm , corresponds to 8 H ) were integrated automatically during the course of the reaction. Taking into account that $\frac{\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]_{0}}{[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}}=2$ and $\frac{\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]_{0}}{[\text { dioxane }]}=4$, one can calculate the conversion according to equation 12.

Conversion $=\frac{[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}-[\mathrm{ROH}]}{[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}} \cdot 100 \%$
Conversion $=\frac{\left[\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]_{0}-\left[\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]}{[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}} \cdot 100 \%$
Conversion $=\frac{\left[\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]_{0}-\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]}{1 / 2\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} O\right]_{0}} \cdot 100 \%$
Conversion $=\left[2-2 \frac{\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right] /[\text { dioxane }]}{\left[\left(\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]_{0} /[\text { dioxane }]} \cdot 100 \%\right.$

Conversion $=\left[2-2 \frac{I_{\text {half } \text { hadrdidet }} / 6}{I_{\text {Dioxane }} / 8} / 4\right] \cdot 100 \%$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Conversion }=\left[1-\frac{I_{\text {Anfhydride }}^{\text {half }} \text { duplet }}{3 I_{\text {Dioxane }}}\right] \cdot 200 \% \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Integration boundaries depend on the peak width. The boundaries should be changed in such a way that the conversion as calculated by equations 6 or 12 reaches $100 \%$ at the time when the peak of alcohol $\mathbf{1}$ at 2.31 ppm is vanished.

## IV. Fitting

The obtained plot of conversion $y$ versus time $t$ can be fitted to integrated rate laws of "typical" cases.

## 1. Zero-order reaction

The rate of many catalyzed processes depends only on the concentration of the catalyst, but not on those of the reactants or products. For reaction (A) one would then expect that the reaction rate is independent of the concentration of the reactants (e.g. alcohol $\mathbf{1}$ ). The appropriate rate law in this case is given by equation 13:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\frac{d[R O H]}{d t}=k_{0} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

The integrated form of equation 13 predicts a linear dependence of the concentration $[\mathrm{ROH}]$ on the reaction time $t$ (equation 7):

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\mathrm{ROH}]=[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}-k_{0} t \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

which only makes sense as long as there is any alcohol in reaction mixture (until $\left.t=[R O H]_{0} / k_{0}\right)$. Conversion $y$, which is given by equation 7 , can be plotted using equation 15 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=\left(k_{0} /[R O H]_{0}\right) \cdot t \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

For the particular example of reaction (A) the analysis shows only a poor fit to a zero-order rate law (Figure 2). This is not only clear from visual inspection of Figure 2, but also from the correlation coefficient $\mathrm{R}^{2}$.


Figure 2. Fitting of the experimental data for the reaction (A) with zero-order equation 15.

## 2. First-order reaction

The rate law for a first-order reaction is given by equation 16:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\frac{d[R O H]}{d t}=k_{1}[R O H] \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

The integrated form of equation 16 gives the exponential dependence of the concentration $[\mathrm{ROH}]$ on the reaction time $t$ (equation 17):

$$
\begin{equation*}
[R O H]=[R O H]_{0} \cdot e^{-k_{\mathrm{k}} t} \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

The dependence of the conversion $y$, which is given by equation 7 , on the time $t$ is given by equation 18 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=\left(1-e^{-k_{1} t}\right) \cdot 100 \% \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

The function that can be used for fitting of the experimental data is given by equation 19:

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=y_{0} \cdot\left(1-e^{-k_{1}\left(t-t_{0}\right)}\right) \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{1}$ is a rate-constant of the first-order reaction; $t_{0}$ has a meaning of time axis offset. With this parameter in the fitting process it's not necessary to measure the starting point of the reaction exactly, which may always be complicated by the time it takes to prepare the sample, calibrate the spectrometer and get the first data point. The variable $y_{0}$ allows for rescaling of the conversion axis. Ideally, the value of this variable is equal to $100 \%$, but weighting and mixing of reagents could introduce some error, leading to values of $y_{0}$ slightly different from $100 \%$.

Equation 19 could be replaced by similar equation 20.

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=y_{0}-y^{\prime} \cdot e^{-k_{1} t} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

These two equations give identical result in the fitting process, because some parameters are interdependent (equation 21).

$$
\begin{equation*}
y^{\prime}=y_{0} \cdot e^{k_{1} t_{0}} \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3. Second-order reaction

An obvious rate-law for reactions involving two reactants is that of a second-order reaction. For reaction A this could apply under the condition that the concentration of the catalyst is assumed to be constant during the reaction and that triethylamine doesn't participate in the rate determining step. The following equation for the second-order reaction can then be written (equation 22).

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{ROH}+\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O} \xrightarrow{k_{2}} R^{\prime} \mathrm{COOR} \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

The rate law for this reaction is given by equation 23 .

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\frac{d[\mathrm{ROH}]}{d t}=k_{2}\left[\mathrm{ROH} \|\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right] \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

The alcohol concentration can be expressed from conversion $y$ and the initial alcohol concentration $[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}$ by equation 24 .

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\mathrm{ROH}]=[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}(1-y) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the ratio of the initial concentrations of alcohol and anhydride is assumed as $n$ (equation 25), then the anhydride concentration can be expressed by equation 26 .

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\left[\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} O\right]_{0}}{[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}}=n \quad(n>1)  \tag{25}\\
& {\left[\left(R^{\prime} \mathrm{CO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]=[R O H]_{0}(n-y)} \tag{26}
\end{align*}
$$

With taking into account equations 24 and 26, the rate law can be written as equation 27 .

$$
\begin{equation*}
-[R O H]_{0} \frac{d(1-y)}{d t}=k_{2}[R O H]_{0}^{2}(1-y)(n-y) \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Rearranging of variables gives equation 28.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d(1-y)}{(1-y)(n-y)}=-k \cdot d t \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k=k_{2}[\mathrm{ROH}]_{0}$
Integration of equation 28 after some transformations gives equation 35 .

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{0}^{y} \frac{d(1-y)}{(1-y)(n-y)}=-\int_{t_{0}}^{t} k d t  \tag{30}\\
& \frac{1}{(1-y)(n-y)}=\left(\frac{1}{1-y}-\frac{1}{n-y}\right) /(n-1)  \tag{31}\\
& \ln \left(\frac{1-y}{1}\right)-\ln \left(\frac{n-y}{n}\right)=-(n-1) \cdot k \cdot\left(t-t_{0}\right) \tag{32}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\frac{1}{\left[A c_{2} O\right]_{0}-[R O H]_{0}} \ln \left(\frac{\left[A c_{2} O\right] \cdot[R O H]_{0}}{\left[A c_{2} O\right]_{0} \cdot[R O H]}\right)=k \cdot t
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{n-y}{n \cdot(1-y)}=e^{k(n-1)\left(t-t_{0}\right)} \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=1-\frac{n-1}{n e^{k(n-1)\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1} \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation 35 expresses conversion for the ideal second-order reaction. While fitting the real kinetics it is again necessary to take into account errors of preparing and mixing of solutions for the reaction. This can be achieved by introducing one more variable $y_{0}$, which again acts as conversion axes rescaling parameter, as in the case of first-order reaction fitting (see above). The final equation for fitting is given by equation 36 .

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{n-1}{n e^{k(n-1)\left(t-t_{0}\right)}-1}\right) \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

For the situation that $n=2$ (as is the case in reaction A), it becomes slightly simpler (equation 37).

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=y_{0}\left(1-\frac{1}{2 e^{k\left(t t_{0}\right)}-1}\right) \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 4. Calculation of the half-lives

In case of complex rate laws involving multiple variables the direct comparison of two different reactions is not so trivial. It is therefore practical to derive from the rate-law a single performance number such as the reaction half-life $\tau_{1 / 2}$. Two slightly different definitions can be given for the half-life:

1) Kinetic half-life $\tau^{\text {kin }}$ is the time taken for a given concentration to decrease to half of its initial value.
2) Synthetic half-life $\tau^{\text {syn }}$ is the time interval between the start of reaction and the time, when conversion is equal to $50 \%$.

The difference between these two definitions is not immediately obvious, and for the case of an ideal first-order reaction these two definitions actually are identical. But while fitting the experimental data they could give different results. This can most readily be appreciated by inspection of the data in Figure 3.

Because the starting point of the reaction isn't known exactly, at first one should approximate the data with any of the described above fitting functions (exponential function 19 for example) and extrapolate the obtained function to conversion $0 \%$. It gives the time $t_{0}$ (in example $t_{0}=-$ 2954 s ). While applying the second definition of synthetic half-life one needs to find the time of $50 \%$ conversion (7900 s in example). The difference gives the synthetic half-life: $\tau^{\text {syn }}=7900-(-$ $954)=10854 \mathrm{~s}=\mathbf{1 8 1} \mathbf{~ m i n}$. On other hand while applying the definition of kinetic half-life $\tau^{\text {kin }}$, it should be taken into account, that the full conversion isn't equal to $100 \%$ ( $y_{0}=99.0$ ), probably because of the errors involved in weighting and mixing of the reagents. It means, that one should find the time, when the concentration of alcohol decrease to half of its initial value, i.e. when the conversion is the half of maximal conversion $y_{0}(49.5 \%)$, this time is equal to 7730 s . Then the kinetic half-life is $\tau^{k i n}=7730-(-2954)=10684 \mathrm{~s}=\mathbf{1 7 8} \mathbf{~ m i n}$. The difference between these two half-lives is 3 min .


Figure 3. Comparison of two definitions of half-life.
In order to get the expressions for half-lives for the described functions, one should solve equations $15,19,36$ and 37 for $y=50 \%$ (for the synthetic half-life) or $y=y_{0} / 2$ (for the kinetic half-life). Solution of these equations gives equations 38-44 for half-lives.

1 . The zero-order reaction (equation 15).

$$
\begin{equation*}
\tau^{k i n}=\frac{[R O H]_{0}}{2 k_{o}} \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

2. The first-order reaction (equation 19).

$$
\begin{align*}
\tau^{k i n} & =\frac{\ln 2}{k_{1}}  \tag{39}\\
\tau^{s y n} & =\frac{\ln \left(\frac{y_{0}}{y_{0}-50}\right)}{k_{1}} \tag{40}
\end{align*}
$$

3. The second-order reaction $(n=2)$ (equation 37).

$$
\begin{align*}
\tau^{k i n} & =\frac{\ln 1.5}{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}}  \tag{41}\\
\tau^{s y n} & =\frac{\ln \left(\frac{y_{0}-25}{y_{0}-50}\right)}{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}} \tag{42}
\end{align*}
$$

4. The second-order reaction (general case $n \neq 2$ ) (equation 36).

$$
\begin{align*}
\tau^{k i n} & =\frac{\ln \left(\frac{2 n-1}{n}\right)}{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}(n-1)}  \tag{43}\\
& \ln \left(\frac{y_{0}-\frac{50}{n}}{y_{0}-50}\right) \\
\tau^{\text {syn }} & =\frac{k_{2}[R O H]_{0}(n-1)}{}
\end{align*}
$$

## V. Comparison of the fitting functions

In order to compare the suitability of the rate laws described above lets fit the experimental data for the reaction (A) with DMAP as catalyst using these functions (Figure 4). One of the measures of performance is the correlation coefficients $\mathrm{R}^{2}$. Figure 4 shows that the best correlation with $\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.9991$ is obtained with function 36 . In this example the differences between half-lives, derived from the different fitting functions, appear from the differences in $t_{0}$, i.e. from the interpolation of the fitting curve to $0 \%$ conversion.


Figure 4. Comparison of correlation coefficients for fitting functions 19, 36 and 37.
The second performance measure involves plotting of the residuals of conversion versus time (Figure 5). In the cases of equations 36 and 37 the residuals are statistically distributed. Fitting with equation 19 doesn't give statistical distribution of residuals. This implies that function 19 isn't suitable for the fitting of this data on principal grounds.


Figure 5. Plots of residuals of conversion versus time.

## V. Selection of data points

One of the options for improving a correlation is to choose just the data points before conversion reaches $100 \%$ and drop points with conversion over $100 \%$. The results for fitting only this part of the data points is shown on Figure 6.


Figure 6. Fitting of the data with conversion below $100 \%$.

Comparing Figures 4 and 6 one can see that the half-lives of fitting with equation 19 are more sensitive to the choice of data, than half-lives with equations 36 and 37 . Using of equation 37 gives in this case a good correlation coefficient and insensitivity to the choice of data points with three variables, while a qualitatively very similar result is obtained with equation 36 using four variables. Due to the smaller number of variables equation 37 thus represents the preferred fitting function.

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## Abbreviations

| Ac | acetyl | m | multiplet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ar | aryl | Me | methyl |
| Bn | benzyl | min | minute |
| Boc | tert-butoxycarbonyl | mol | mole |
| br | broad | MS | mass spectrometry |
| Bu | butyl | NMR | nuclear magnetic resonance |
| conv. | conversion | NOESY | Nuclear Overhauser effect spectroscopy |
| CPCM | Conductor-like polarizable continuum model | $o$ | ortho |
| d | doublet | OPLS | Optimized Potentials for Liquid Simulations |
| DCM | dichloromethane | PCM | polarizable continuum model |
| DBU | 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0] undec-7-ene | pent | pentyl |
| DMAP | 4-dimethylaminopyridine | Ph | phenyl |
| DMSO | dimethyl sulfoxide | PPY | 4-pyrrolidinopyridine |
| equiv. | equivalent | $i-\mathrm{Pr}$ | isopropyl |
| EI | electron-impact | q | quartet |
| ESI | Electron Spray Ionization | RT | room temperature |
| FID | Free induction decay | S | singlet |
| h | hour | t | triplet |
| HPLC | High-performance liquid chromatography | t-Bu | tert-butyl |
| HRMS | high resolution mass spectroscopy | TEA | triethylamine |
| IEF PCM | integral equation formalism version of PCM | THF | tetrahydrofuran |
| IR | infrared | UAHF | United atom Hartree-Fock |
| $J$ | coupling constant (NMR) | UV | Ultraviolet |

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[^0]:    | All 8 catalysts | $\mathbf{0 . 0 6 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 4 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 3 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 7 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 1 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 2 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 1 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 8 1 7}$ |
    | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
    | 4-Aminopyridines | $\mathbf{0 . 7 1 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 9 3 7}$ |  | $\mathbf{0 . 8 5 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 0 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 7 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 2 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 4 8 5}$ |  |
    | 3,4-Diaminopyridines | $\mathbf{0 . 1 9 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 9 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 7 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 1 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 7 9 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7 9 8 8}$ |  |

[^1]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Acetylation enthalpies calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation model $\mathrm{PCM}_{\text {chloroform }}$ at $\mathrm{HF} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ level with UAHF radii, and then Boltzmann averaged over all conformations.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Acetylation enthalpies calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level, and then Boltzmann averaged over all conformations.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ More negative acetylation enthalpies in pairs cis-trans are marked bold.

[^2]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ NPA charges are given in units of elemental charge e.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Relative to the most stable conformer of acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza2 at the corresponding level of theory.
    ${ }^{\text {c }}$ Charge is averaged over three hydrogens of acetyl group.

[^3]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Relative enthalpies $\Delta H_{298}$ of conformers of acetylated cis-p-cyano-diaza1' at three levels of theory.

[^4]:    ${ }^{\bar{a}}$ Calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation model PCM at HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii.
    ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Calculated at MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)/B98/6-31G(d) level in thr gas phase.

[^5]:    ${ }^{a}$ Distance between centres of pyridine and phenyl rings.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Levels of theory: "B98" = B98/6-31G(d)//B98/6-31G(d); "MP2-5" = MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d);
    "MP2-5/solv" $=$ MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with solvation energies at PCM/HF/6-31G(d) level with UAHF radii.

[^6]:    a Conditions: 0.2 M 1-(ethinyl)cyclohexanol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, 3.0 equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 2.5-10 \%$ catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

[^7]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$, 0.1 equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Calculated at MP2/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) level with solvation energies at PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-
    $31 G(d)$ level.

[^8]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conversion $C=100 * \mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}} /\left(\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}}+\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Selectivity factor $s$ was calculated as described in ref. 54.
    ${ }^{c}$ ee of recovered alcohol, established by CSP-HPLC.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{d}}$ ee of ester, established by CSP-HPLC.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ The reaction was carried out with $0.5 \%$ catalyst.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ The catalyst was used as a mixture of diastereomers with $\mathrm{dr}=1.2: 1$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{g}}(S)$-alcohol reacts faster.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{h}}$ The reaction was carried out with $2 \%$ catalyst.

[^9]:    ${ }^{\bar{a}}$ Conversion $C=100 * \mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}} /\left(\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}}+\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Selectivity factor $s$ was calculated as described in ref. 54.
    ${ }^{\text {c }}$ ee of recovered alcohol 60, established by CSP-HPLC.
    ${ }^{\text {d }}$ ee of ester 62, established by CSP-HPLC on derived alcohol 60 following saponification by NaOH in MeOH .

[^10]:    ${ }^{2}$ Levels of theory: gas phase: MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d);
    $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ : MP2(FC)/6-31+G(2d,p)//B98/6-31G(d) with PCM/UAHF/RHF/6-31G(d) solvation energies.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Reaction half-lives of the benchmark reaction (see Figure 2.7).

[^11]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.1$ equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Data from ref. 26c.

[^12]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}, 0.1$ equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Time of $50 \%$ conversion (the reaction did not reach $100 \%$ conversion).

[^13]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conditions: 0.2 M alcohol, 2.0 equiv of $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 3.0$ equiv of $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}$, 0.1 equiv catalyst, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, $23.0 \pm 1.0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

[^14]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Conversion $C=100 * \mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}} /\left(\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{A}}+\mathrm{ee}_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$.
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Selectivity factor $s$ was calculated as described in ref. 54.
    ${ }^{c}$ ee of recovered alcohol, established by CSP-HPLC.
    ${ }^{d}$ ee of ester, established by CSP-HPLC.

[^15]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Charge and distance parameters of the most favorable conformer
    ${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ In units of elemental charge e

[^16]:    ${ }^{\bar{a}}$ Enthalpies for the reaction of (thio)ureas formation schown in Scheme 4.2.

[^17]:    ${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \Delta \Delta E=\left[\mathrm{E}_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)-\mathrm{E}_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{MP} 2)\right]-\left[\mathrm{E}_{\text {stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)-\mathrm{E}_{\text {non-stacked }}(\mathrm{B} 98)\right]$

[^18]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level

