

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Title:** Polytopic bis(oxazoline)-based ligands for recoverable catalytic systems applied to the enantioselective Henry reaction

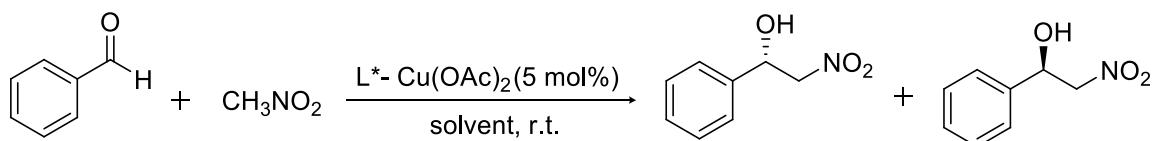
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## 1. Typical HPLC conditions and chromatograms from the Henry reactions

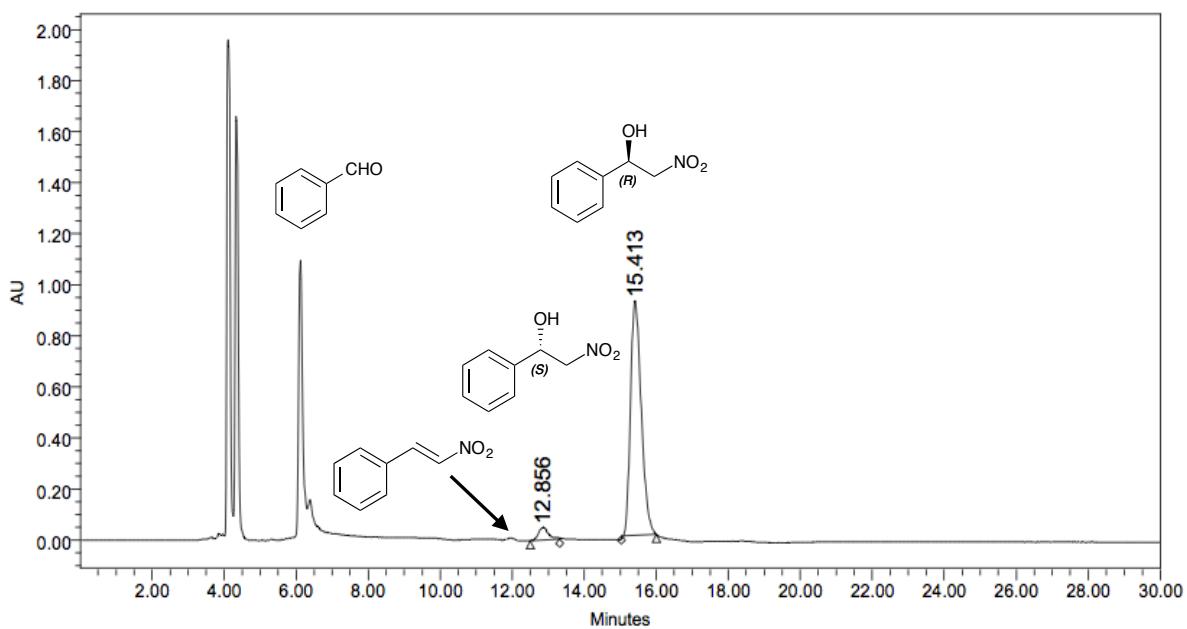
Enantioselectivities were determined by HPLC on a Waters Alliance Chromatograph with a PDA detector. Absolute configurations were established by comparison with literature data.<sup>1</sup>

### 1.1. Reaction between benzaldehyde and nitromethane

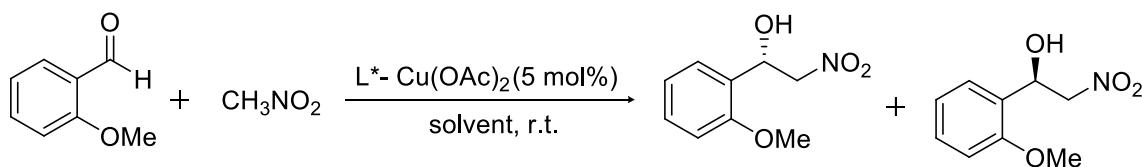


Conditions: CHIRALCEL OD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

Benzaldehyde: 6.2 min  
(*R*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethanol: 12.9 min  
(*S*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethanol: 15.4 min



## 1.2. Reaction between *o*-anisaldehyde and nitromethane



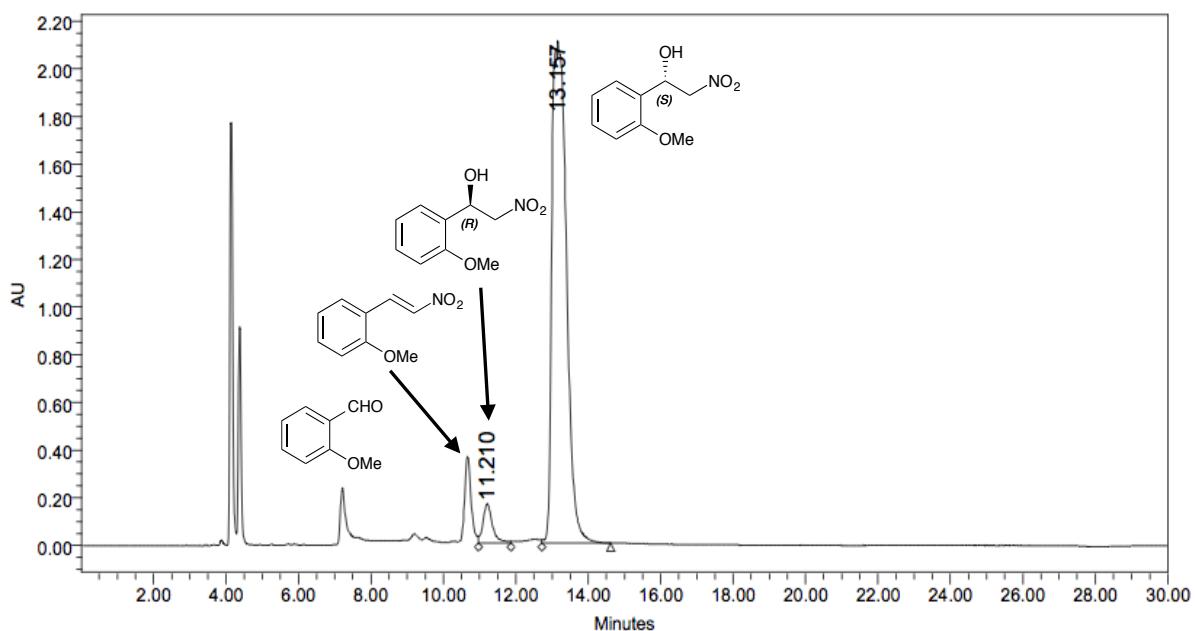
Conditions: *CHIRALCEL* OD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

*o*-anisaldehyde: 7.3 min

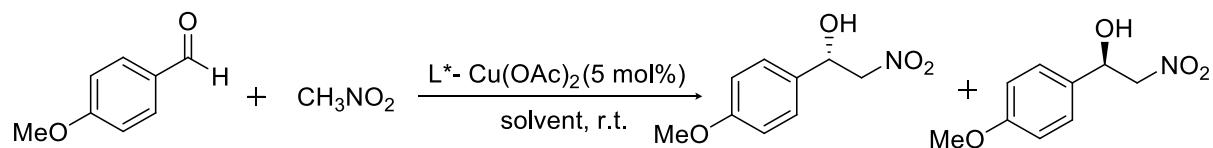
1-methoxy-2-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene: 10.5 min

(*R*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 11.2 min

(*S*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 13.2 min



### 1.3. Reaction between *p*-anisaldehyde and nitromethane

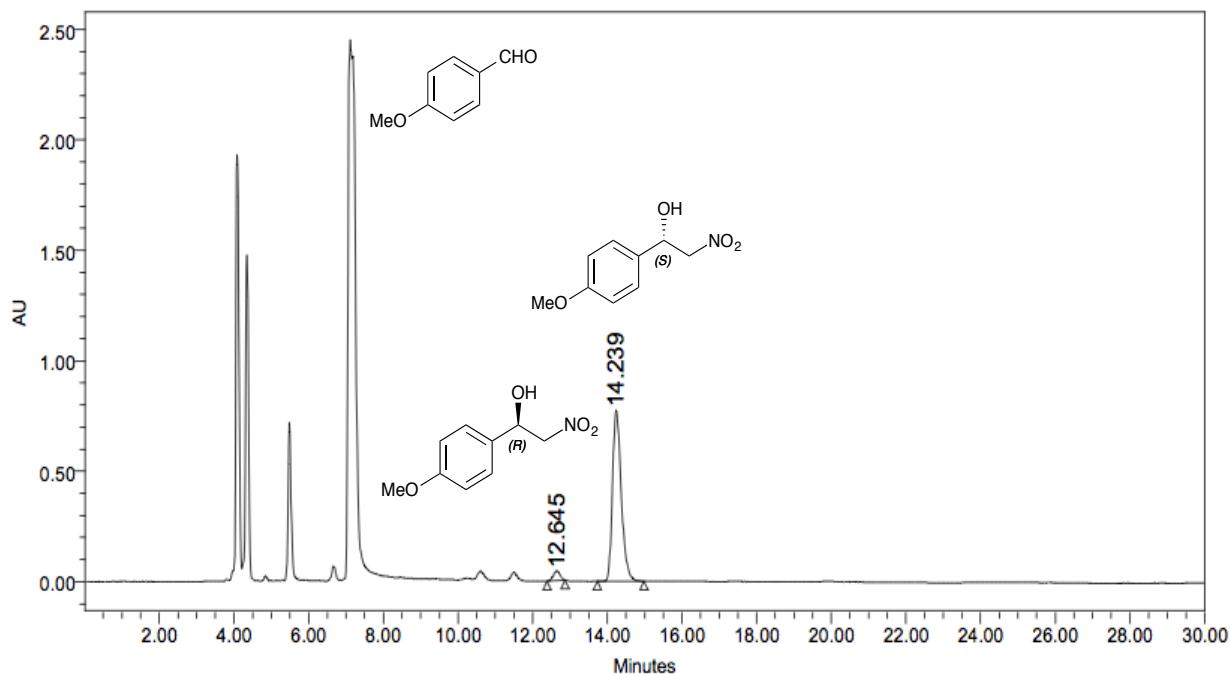


Conditions: CHIRALPAK IB column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

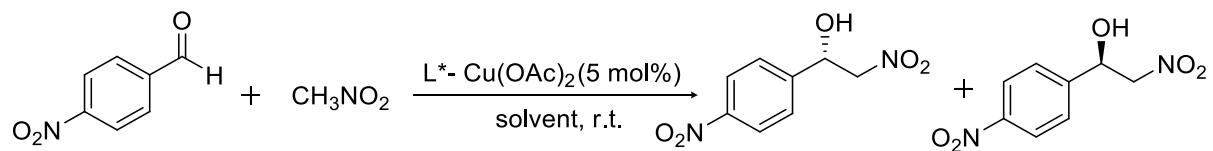
*p*-anisaldehyde: 7.3 min

(*R*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 12.6 min

(*S*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 14.2 min



#### 1.4. Reaction between 4-nitrobenzaldehyde and nitromethane

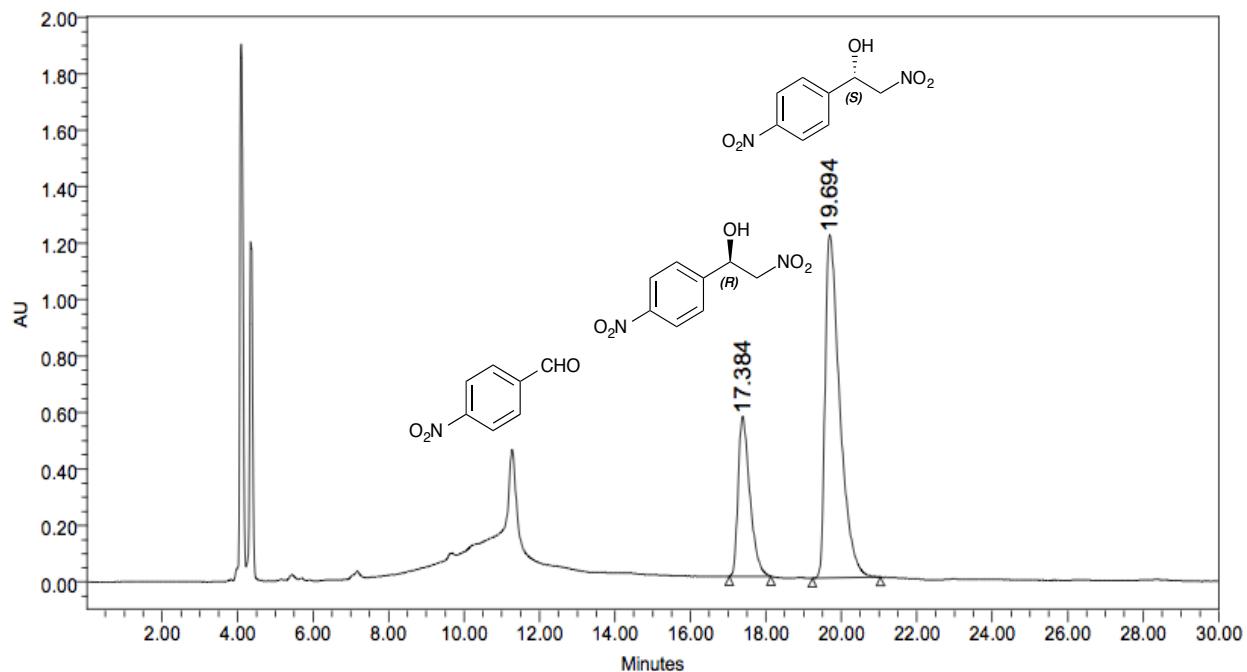


Conditions: CHIRALPAK IB column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

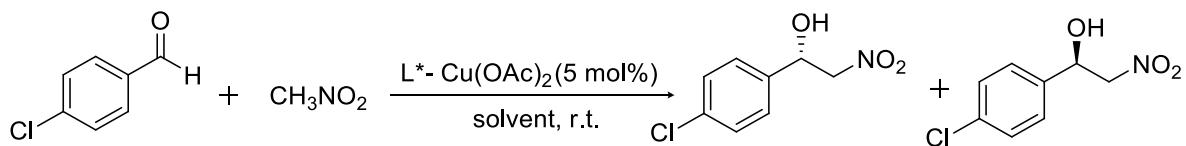
4-nitrobenzaldehyde: 11.3 min

(*R*)-2-nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol: 17.4 min

(*S*)-2-nitro-1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethanol: 19.7 min



### 1.5. Reaction between 4-chlorobenzaldehyde and nitromethane

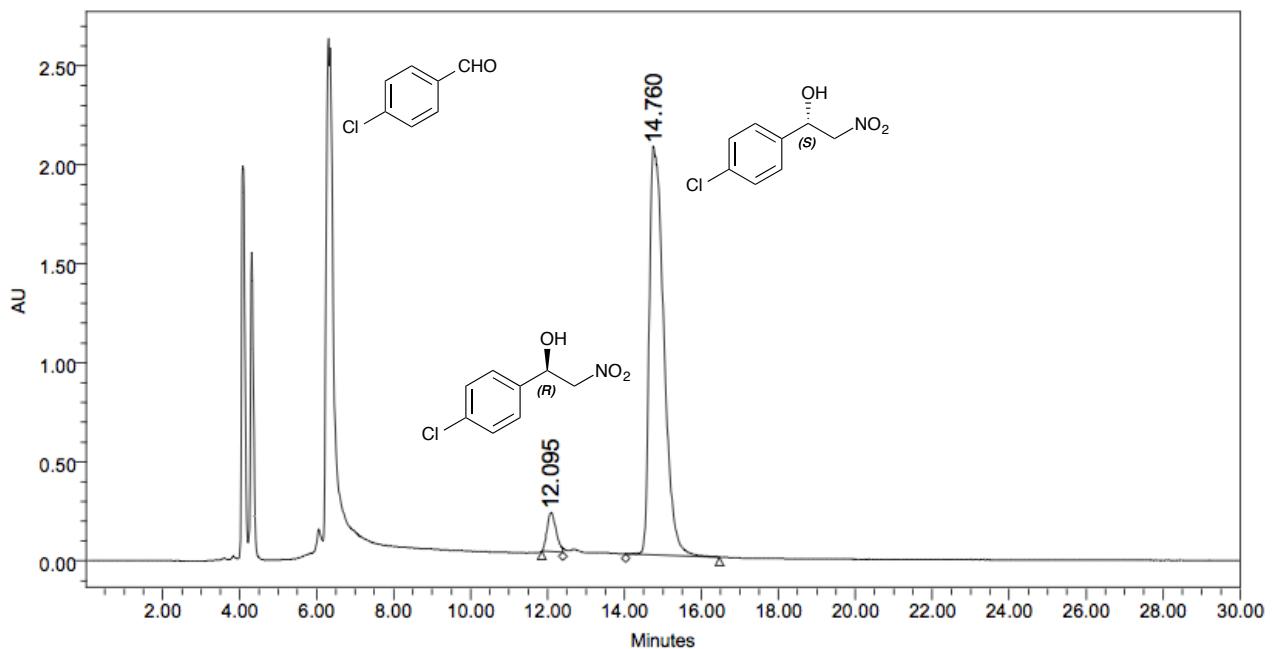


Conditions: *CHIRALCEL* OD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

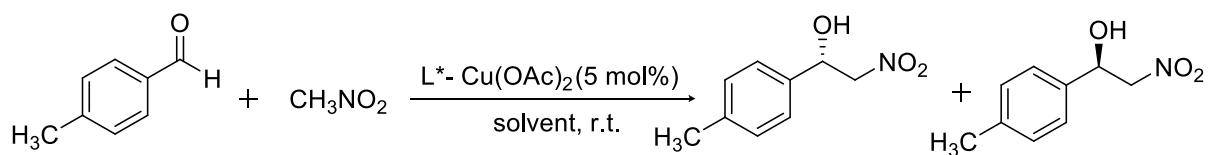
4-chlorobenzaldehyde: 6.5 min

1-chloro-4-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene: 12.1 min

(*S*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 14.8 min

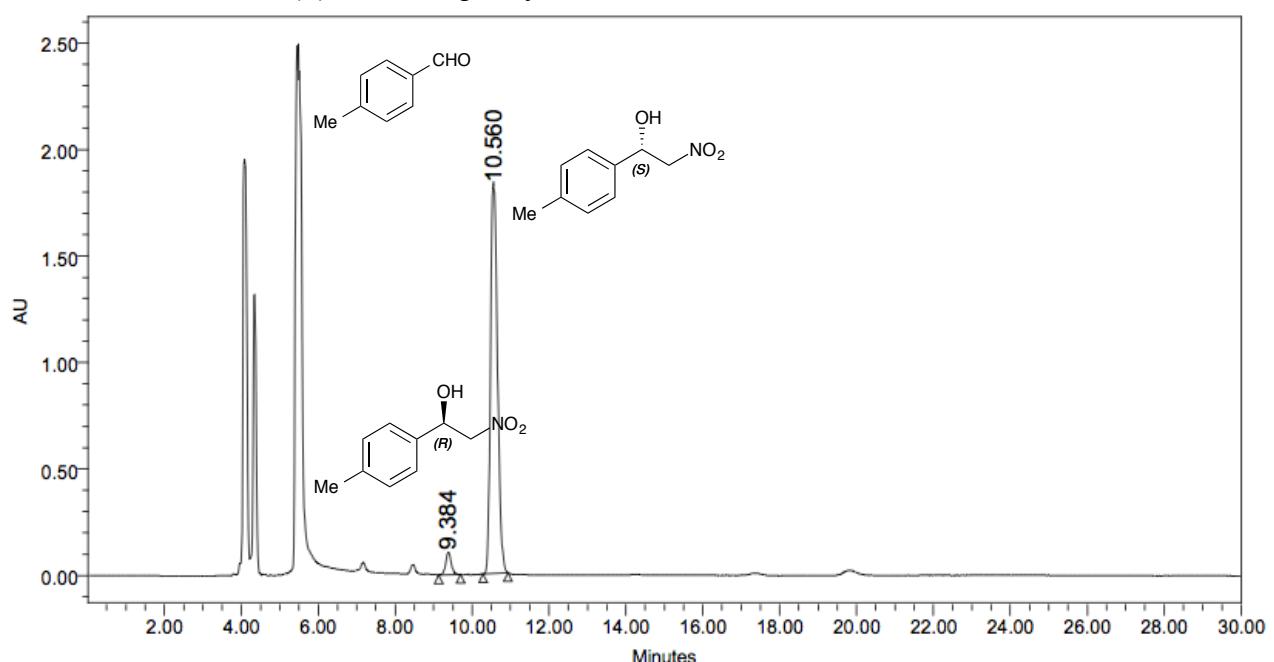


### 1.6. Reaction between 4-methylbenzaldehyde and nitromethane

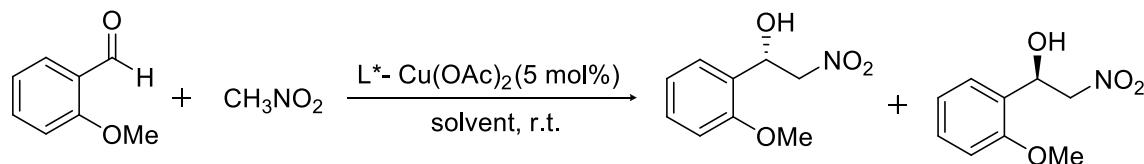


Conditions: *CHIRALPAK* IB column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

4-methylbenzaldehyde: 5.1 min  
(*R*)-2-nitro-1-*p*-tolylethanol: 9.4 min  
(*S*)-2-nitro-1-*p*-tolylethanol: 10.6 min



**1.7. Reaction between *o*-anisaldehyde and nitromethane, catalysed by the TAX(iPr)Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> complex**



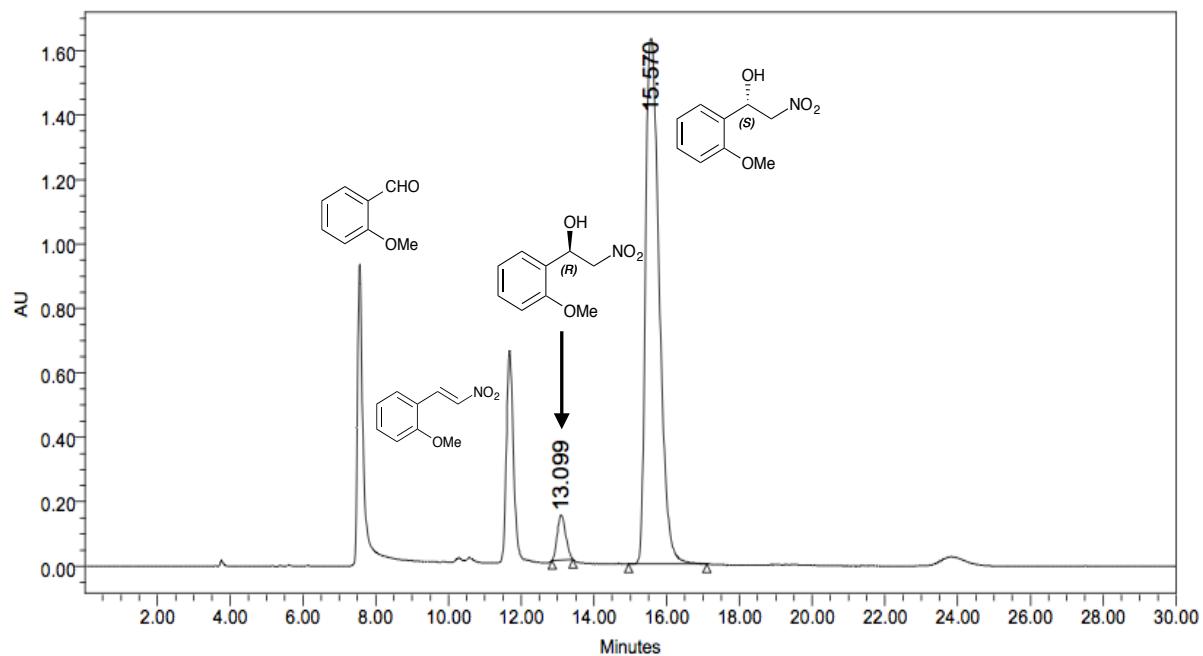
Conditions: CHIRALCEL OD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

*o*-anisaldehyde: 7.6 min

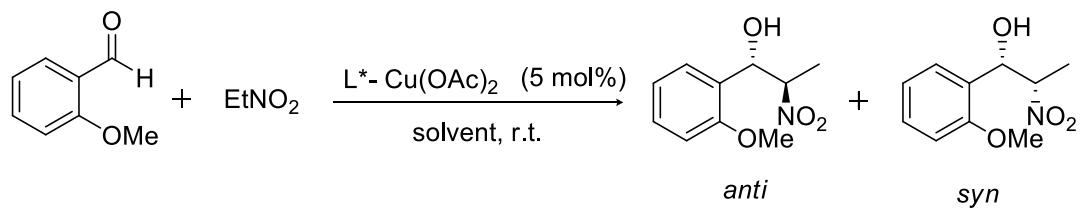
1-methoxy-2-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene: 11.8 min

(*R*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 13.1 min

(*S*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 15.6 min



**1.8. Reaction between *o*-anisaldehyde and nitroethane, catalysed by the TAX(iPr)Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> complex**



Conditions: CHIRALPAK AD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (95:5) at 1 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

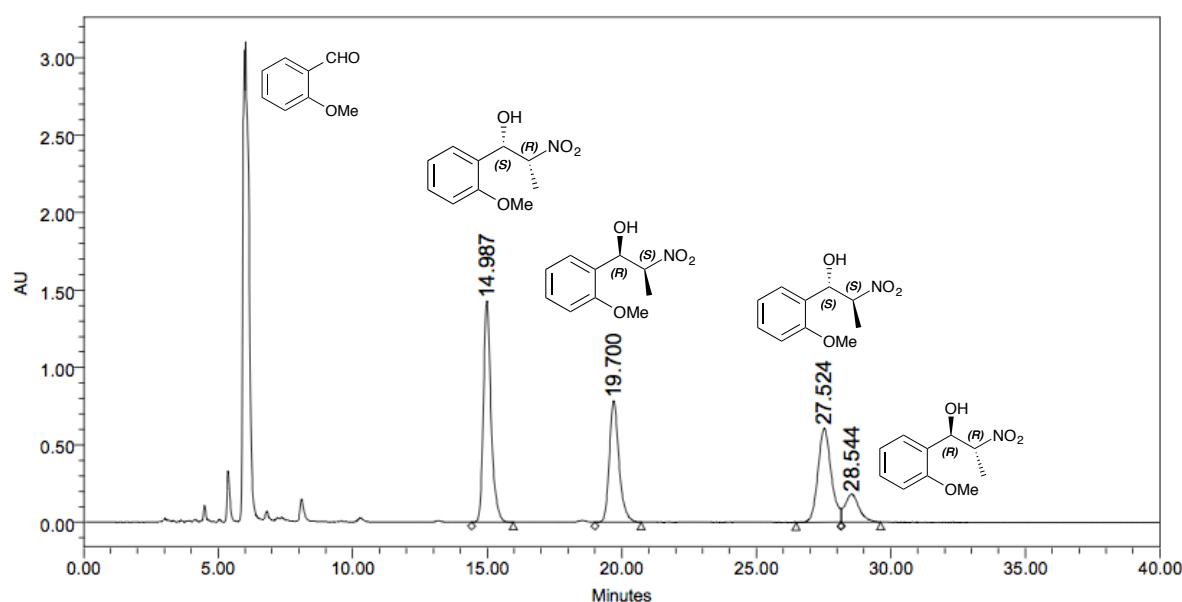
*o*-anisaldehyde: 5.6 min

(1*S*,2*R*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol: 15.0 min

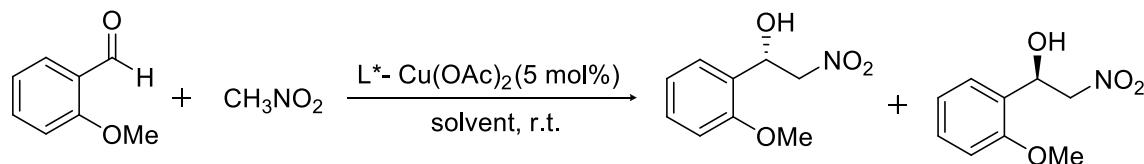
(1*R*,2*S*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol: 19.7 min

(1*S*,2*S*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol: 27.5 min

(1*R*,2*R*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitropropan-1-ol: 28.5 min



**1.9. Reaction between *o*-anisaldehyde and nitromethane, catalysed by the QAX(iPr)Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> complex**



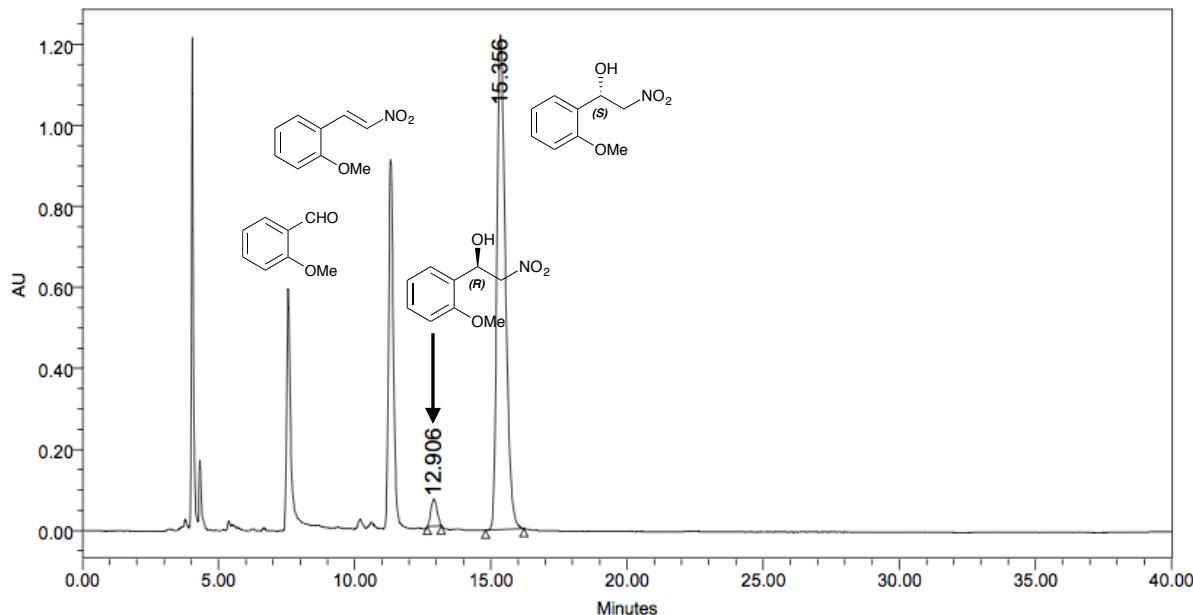
Conditions: CHIRALCEL OD-H column. *n*-hexane/isopropyl alcohol (85:15) at 0.8 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>. Retention times:

*o*-anisaldehyde: 6.4 min

1-methoxy-2-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene: 10.7 min

(*R*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 12.9 min

(*S*)-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-nitroethanol: 15.4 min



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