# Supplementary information:

# Diastereoselective HOTf-catalyzed three-component one-pot 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of α-diazo ester, nitrosobenzene and electron-deficient alkene

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**General information**: Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All solvents employed in the reactions were used directly without purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness). Subsequent to elution, plates were visualized using UV radiation (254 nm) on Spectroline Model ENF-24061/F 254 nm. Further visualization was possible by staining with basic solution of potassium permanganate or acidic solution of ceric molybdate.

Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with freshly distilled solvents. Columns were typically packed as slurry and equilibrated with the appropriate solvent system prior to use.

Proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) were recorded on Bruker AMX 500 and Bruker Avance DPX300 spectrophotometer (CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent). Chemical shifts for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as  $\delta$ in units of parts per million (ppm) relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  7.26, single) or solvent. Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), dd (double of doublet) or m (multiplets). The number of protons (n) for a given resonance is indicated by nH. Coupling constants are reported as a *J* value in Hz. Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) are reported as  $\delta$  in units of parts per million (ppm) downfield relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  77.0, triplet).

High resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was recorded on Finnigan

MAT  $95 \times P$  spectrometer.

# **Experimental procedures and characterizations:**

General procedure for the HOTf catalyzed three component 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition reaction of  $\alpha$ -diazo ester, nitrosobenzene and electron deficient alkene

To a solution of nitrosobenzene<sup>1</sup> (0.25 mmol), electron deficient alkene (0.5 mmol) and HOTf (2 mol%) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.0 mL) was added  $\alpha$ -diazo ester (0.3 mmol), the resulted solution was stirred at room temperature (23 °C) and monitored by TLC. Upon completion of consumption of nitrosobenze, the solution was concentrated and purified by flush column chromatography using an ethyl acetate/ hexane as eluant on silica gel to afford the desired cycloadduct.

# Characterization of the product:

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz,3H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.26-4.34 (m, 3H), 4.79 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.27 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 52.4, 52.7, 53.8, 62.4, 68.1, 77.6, 114.6, 122.7, 128.7, 150.4, 168.4, 169.7

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 338.1240, Found: 338.1236



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 4.83 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 52.4, 52.7, 53.3, 53.8, 67.8, 77.7, 114.5, 122.7, 128.8, 150.3, 168.4, 170.2

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 324.1083, Found: 324.1082



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**: δ 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.26-4.30 (m, 2H), 4.30-4.32 (m, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 52.6, 52.8, 53.8, 62.5, 68.0, 77.6, 115.9, 127.7, 128.7, 149.0, 168.3, 168.3, 169.3

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Cl<sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 372.0850, Found: 372.0846

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N-O  
EtO<sub>2</sub>C  $C$   $CO_2Me$ 

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**: δ 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 4.28-4.35 (m, 3H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.92-6.95 (m, 1H), 7.97-7.99 (m, 1H). 7.20-7.16 (m, 2H)

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 52.6, 52.8, 53.6, 62.6, 67.8, 77.7, 112.2, 114.4, 122.3, 129.9, 134.6, 151.7, 168.2, 168.3, 169.4

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Cl<sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 372.0850, Found: 372.0853

CO<sub>2</sub>Me ĈO₂Me 4e

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**: δ 1.33 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.32 (m, 2H), 4.33-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.75 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 52.6, 52.8, 53.7, 62.6, 67.9, 77.6, 115.2, 116.2, 131.6, 149.5, 168.2, 168.3, 169.3

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>7</sub>Br<sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 416.0345, Found: 416.0359



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 1.33 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.34 (m, 2H), 4.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 51.8, 52.6, 52.8, 53.6, 62.7, 67.0, 77.8, 112.8, 123.4, 130.7, 154.0, 166.8, 168.0, 168.1, 169.3

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>9</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 396.1295, Found: 396.1293



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**:  $\delta$  1.31 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.35 (m, 5H), 4.86 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 14.1, 14.4, 52.6, 52.8, 53.7, 60.7, 62.7, 67.0, 77.8, 112.8, 123.8, 130.7, 154.0, 166.3, 168.1, 168.2, 169.4

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>9</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 410.1451, Found: 410.1451

EtO<sub>2</sub> ĈO₂Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 1.32 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.26-4.32 (m, 3H), 4.74 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07-7.11 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 14.1, 20.7, 52.4, 52.7, 53.9, 62.3, 68.4, 77.5, 115.4, 129.3, 132.5, 147.8, 168.5, 168.6, 169.6

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 352.1396, Found: 352.1397

$$EtO_2C$$

$$i''CO_2Me$$

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$$i$$

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**:  $\delta$  1.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.94-4.01 (m, 2H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 13.7, 17.9, 52.6, 52.7, 54.0, 61.7, 67.4, 76.7, 120.5, 126.4, 126.6, 130.4, 132.7, 145.0, 168.4, 168.9, 169.4

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 352.1396, Found: 352.1393



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  1.01 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 3.82-4.00 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.13 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.30 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.34 (m, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (dt, *J* = 8.7, 7.4 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 13.5, 13.9, 14.1, 54.1, 61.7, 61.8, 62.4, 68.2, 77.9, 114.4, 122.5, 128.8, 150.9, 167.9, 167.9, 169.9

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 366.1553, Found: 366.1551



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 1.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.25-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.33 (dd, J = 5.3, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 14.1, 52.9, 53.0, 54.2, 62.4, 70.4, 78.0, 115.4, 123.5, 129.0, 148.9, 168.8, 169.0, 169.9

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For  $C_{16}H_{20}NO_7^{+1}$  (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 338.1240, Found: 338.1237



<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)**: δ 1.08 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.02 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 4.26-4.29 (m, 4H), 4.30-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.82 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **125** MHz): δ 13.9, 14.1, 14.1, 54.5, 62.1, 62.4, 70.6, 78.2, 115.3, 123.4, 129.0, 149.1, 168.3, 169.1, 169.4

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>7</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 366.1553, Found: 366.1549



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 1.31 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 4.29-4.38 (m, 2H), 4.98 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 7H), 7.44-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 14.1, 62.3, 62.4, 71.9, 84.4, 114.3, 122.4, 127.4, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 133.8, 135.9, 136.0, 150.4, 170.8, 195.9

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 402.1705, Found: 402.1709





<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 1.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.31-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 8.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.41 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.71 (m, 4H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 14.1, 62.1, 62.7, 71.8, 82.2, 114.4, 123.0, 124.0, 128.1, 128.7, 128.9, 129.3, 134.2, 135.7, 143.9, 148.2, 149.7, 170.3, 195.4 HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 447.1556, Found: 447.1551



5f

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): δ 1.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.28-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.93 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.42 (m, 8H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 75 MHz): δ 14.1, 62.2, 62.5, 71.8, 83.4, 114.3, 122.6, 128.7, 128.8, 129.0, 129.2, 132.5, 134.0, 134.7, 134.9, 135.8, 150.1, 170.7, 195.8 HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Cl<sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 436.1316, Found: 436.1317



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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)**: δ 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.36 (m, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.53-7.56 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **75** MHz): δ 14.2, 30.3, 62.3, 67.7, 70.2, 83.3, 114.2, 122.4, 127.7, 129.0, 129.2, 129.5, 135.7, 150.4, 170.8, 203.0

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 340.1549, Found: 340.1553



5h

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)**: δ 1.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 4.04-4.11 (m, 3H), 4.29-4.36 (m, 2H), 4.96 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, **75** MHz): δ 14.0, 14.2, 59.3, 61.7, 62.3, 71.1, 83.1, 114.4, 122.5, 127.4, 128.7, 129.0, 129.2, 136.2, 150.1, 170.0, 170.3

HRMS (ESI): Anal. For C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub><sup>+1</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+1) Calcd.: 370.1654, Found: 370.1663

All the above cycloaddition products are liquid except products **4a** and **5e**, which X-ray crystal structures were determined as CCDC 755558 (**4a**: zgf43.cif) and CCDC 755559 (**5e**: zgf51.cif).

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# Table Effect of solvents<sup>a</sup>

+ MeO <sub>2</sub> c CO <sub>2</sub> Me Cat. 3a	Ph. N-O EtO <sub>2</sub> C - CO <sub>2</sub> Me CO <sub>2</sub> Me 4a
Solvent	$\operatorname{Yield}(\%)^{b}$
$CH_2Cl_2$	98
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	75
toluene	81
benzene	80
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	85
THF	53
Et <sub>2</sub> O	68
	+ $MeO_2C$ $OO_2Me$ $Cat$ $GH_2Cl_2$ , r.t. 3a Solvent $CH_2Cl_2$ $CHCl_3$ toluene benzene $CH_3CN$ THF $Et_2O$

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: HOTf/**1a/2a/3a** =0.02:1.2:1:2 at room temperature (23 °C). <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

# NMR spectra:



































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