Supporting Information for

# Calcium carbide as a dehydrating agent for the synthesis of carbamates, glycerol carbonate, and cyclic carbonates from carbon dioxide

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#### Screening of reaction conditions of the synthesis of 1.

Standard reaction condition:

PhNH<sub>2</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> + MeOH + CaC<sub>2</sub> + K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> + MeCN  $\xrightarrow{180 \circ C}$  PhNHCOOMe 0.5 mmol 5 MPa 15 mmol 2.5 mmol 1 mmol 3 mL 24 h 98% yield

Tables S1–S4 investigated variation from standard condition.

Table S1. The influence of  $CaC_2$ 

CaC <sub>2</sub>	HPLC yield
1.25 mmol	73%
2.5 mmol	98%

Table S2. The influence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	HPLC yield
0.05 mmol	39%
0.5 mmol	90%
1 mmol	98%
2 mmol	61%

Table S3. The influence of solvent

solvent	HPLC yield
MeCN	98%
DMAc	94%
NMP	90%
toluene	60%
MeOH	49%
MEK	48%
DMF	37%
THF	33%
PEG 400	26%
<i>p</i> -xylene	17%

Tal	ble	S4.	The	inf	luence	of	$CO_2$	pressure
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CO <sub>2</sub> pressure	HPLC yield
1 MPa	80%
3 MPa	91%
5 MPa	98%

#### Screening of reaction conditions of the synthesis of glycerol carbonate.

Standard reaction condition:



Tables S5-S6 investigated variation from standard condition.

Table S5. The influence of  $CaC_2$ 

CaC <sub>2</sub>	<sup>1</sup> H NMR yield
1.25 mmol	69%
2.5 mmol	92%

## Table S6. The influence of CO<sub>2</sub> pressure

CO <sub>2</sub> pressure	<sup>1</sup> H NMR yield
1 MPa	46%
3 MPa	72%
5 MPa	92%

## Table S7. The influence of high temperature (210 $^{\circ}$ C) on the yields.

Time (h)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR yield
2	68%
4	91%

## Table S8. Investigation of turnover numbers (TON).

Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	phen (mmol)	<sup>1</sup> H NMR yield	TON
0.025	0.075	92%	18.4
0.005	0.015	49%	49

Product 1.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 9.64 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.28 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4Hz), 6.98 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.4Hz), 3.67 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.5, 139.6, 129.2, 122.8, 118.6, 52.0. GC–MS (m/z): 151 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

Product 2.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

MeO

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.41 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 6.85 (d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.63 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 155.2, 154.6, 132.6, 120.3, 114.4, 55.6, 51.9.

GC–MS (*m*/*z*): 181 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

Product 3.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.60 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.57 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 159.6, 153.9, 140.3, 129.5, 110.5, 107.6, 104.1, 54.9, 51.6. GC–MS (*m/z*): 181 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

Product 4.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.08–6.99 (m, 2H), 6.93–6.88(m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.7, 150.6, 127.5, 124.7, 122.2, 120.7, 111.7, 56.0, 52.1. GC–MS (*m/z*): 181 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>.

Product 5.

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Me NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 9.50 (s, 1H), 7.32 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.22 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.1, 136.6, 131.2, 129.2, 118.3, 51.5, 20.4. GC–MS (*m/z*): 165 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Product 6.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.68 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.10 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 159.2, 156.9. 154.5, 136.0, 120.3, 115.9, 115.7, 52.1. GC–MS (*m*/*z*): 169 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F.

Product 7.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 9.77 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.32 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.4, 138.6, 129.1, 126.5, 120.1, 52.2. GC–MS (*m/z*): 185 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Cl.

Product 8.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 9.78 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 4H), 3.66 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.3, 139.0, 131.9, 120.4, 114.3, 52.2. GC–MS (*m/z*): 231 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br.

Product 9.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 9.72 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 4H), 6.69–6.62 (m, 1H), 5.71 (d, 2H),

5.15 (d, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.0, 139.0, 136.2, 131.5, 126.7, 118.2, 112.5, 51.7.

GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 177 for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Product 10.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.88 (s, 1H), 7.47 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 7.40 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz), 4.06 (s, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H).

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<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): \delta (ppm) 154.3, 140.3, 132.9, 118.3, 115.7, 84.1, 80.0, 52.3. GC-MS (m/z): 175 for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.
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Product 11.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 10.20 (s, 1H), 7.75 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 7.63 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.71 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 154.2, 144.1, 133.8, 119.6, 118.5, 104.5, 52.5. GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 176 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

Product 12.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.39–7.36 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.27 (m, 3H), 4.24 (d, 2H), 3.61 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 157.4, 140.3, 128.7, 127.5, 127.2, 51.8, 44.3.

GC–MS (*m*/*z*): 165 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Product 13.

MHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.95 (q, 2H, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 1.37–1.24 (m, 8H), 0.86 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 157.1, 51.5, 31.4, 29.9, 29.6, 26.6, 22.5, 14.4.

GC-MS (m/z): 159 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Product 14.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 6.99 (s, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.24–3.22 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.55–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.24–1.08 (m, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 155.8, 50.9, 49.4, 32.7, 25.1, 24.6. GC–MS (*m/z*): 157 for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>.

Product 15.

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.52 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.65 (s, 6H), 2.12 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 155.2, 154.4, 137.6, 136.9, 130.7, 126.1, 115.5, 115.4, 52.1, 52.0, 17.5.

GC-MS (m/z): 174 for the corresponding isocyanate.

Product 16.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 9.54 (s, 2H), 7.34 (d, 4H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (m, 4H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 154.4, 137.5, 135.9, 129.3, 118.8, 52.0.

GC-MS (m/z): 250 for the corresponding isocyanate.

Product 17.

MeO<sub>2</sub>CHN NHCO<sub>2</sub>Me

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.10 (s, 2H), 3.51 (s, 6H), 2.96–2.94 (m, 4H), 1.37 (s, 4H), 1.23 (s, 4H).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ (ppm) 157.1, 51.6, 29.8, 26.4.

Product 18.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.27 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.48 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  155.6, 77.5, 66.2, 61.1. GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 118 for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

Product 19.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) cis-isomer: δ 4.89-4.78 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.33 (m, 6H); trans-isomer: δ 4.27-4.37 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.43 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 154.6, 79.9, 76.0, 18.4, 14.4.

GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 116 for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Product 20.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.90-4.80 (m, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (t, *J*=6.3 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  155.0, 73.5, 70.6, 19.5. GC-MS (*m/z*): 102 for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Product 21.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.70-4.62 (m, 1H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.90-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.04 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  155.1, 78.0, 69.0, 27.0, 8.5. GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 116 for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Product 22.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.75-4.67 (m, 1H), 4.52 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.86-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.35 (m, 1H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  155.1, 69.4, 35.9, 17.8, 13.6. GC-MS (*m*/*z*): 131 for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Product 23.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.48-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38-7.34 (m, 2H), 5.68 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 154.8, 135.8, 129.8, 129.3, 125.9, 78.0, 71.2. GC-MS (*m/z*): 164 for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>





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Figure S18.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of product 9.



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Figure S26. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of product **13**.



Figure S28.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of product 14.



Figure S30.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of product 15.



Figure S32. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of product **16**.







Figure S38.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of product 19.











