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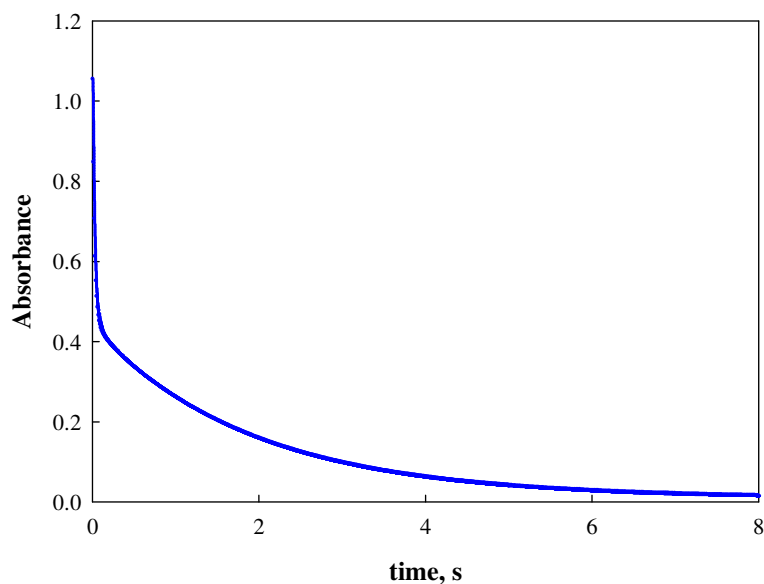
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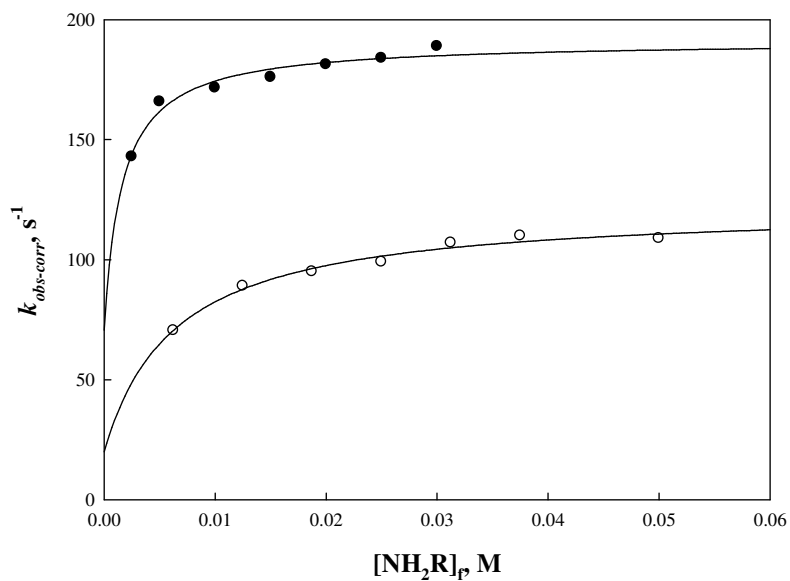
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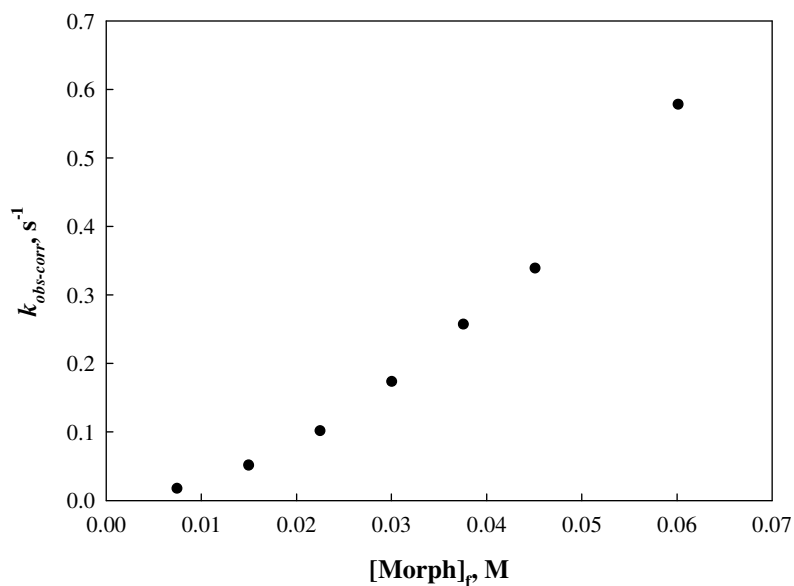
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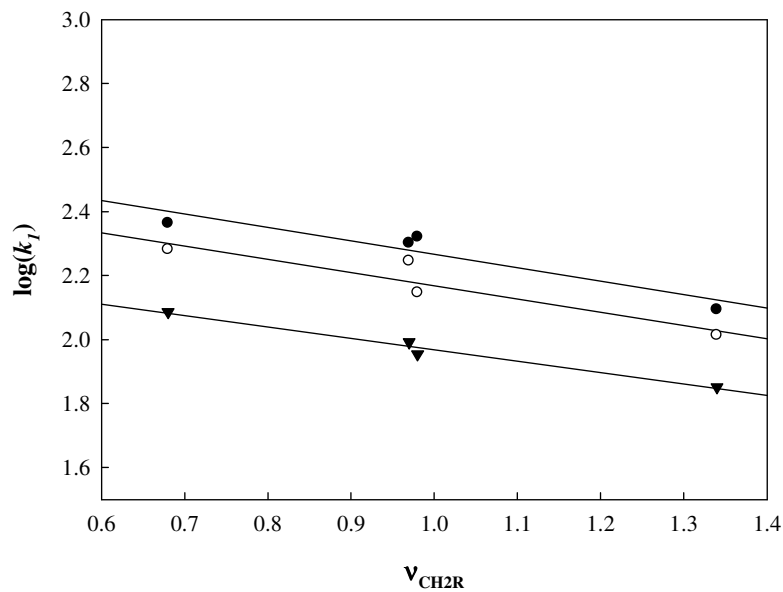
**Figure S1.** Kinetic trace (at  $\lambda = 335$  nm) for the reaction of **4W-cHex** with morpholine in 50 % MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C. Conditions:  $[4W-cHex] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  $[Morph]_{Total} = 1.25 \times 10^{-2}$  M,  $pH = 8.70$  and ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl).



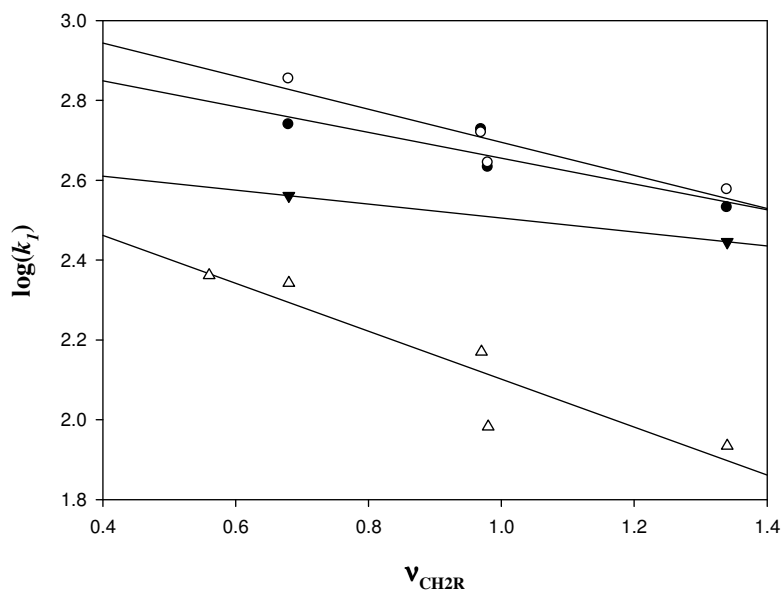
**Figure S2** Plot of  $k_{obs-corr}$  vs.  $[RNH_2]_f$  for the reaction of **4Cr-nBu** with: (●) benzylamine,  $pH = 9.12$ ; (○) furfurylamine,  $pH = 8.58$ , ionic strength= 0.1 M (KCl), 25 °C.



**Figure S3.** Plot of  $k_{obs-corr}$  vs.  $[Morph]_f$  for the reaction between morpholine and **4W-iPr** in 50% MeCN – 50% Water. Conditions:  $[4W-iPr] = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M,  $pH = 8.88$ , ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl) and  $T = 25^\circ$  C.



**Figure S4.** Plot of  $\log(k_f)$  vs.  $\nu_{CH2R}$  for the reaction of **4Cr-R** with (●) *n*-butylamine, (○) benzylamine and (▼) furfurylamine in 50 % MeCN – 50% water at  $25^\circ$  C and Ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl).



**Figure S5.** Plot of  $\log(k_1)$  vs.  $v_{\text{CH}_2\text{R}}$  for the reaction of **4W-R** with ( $\bullet$ ) 2-methoxyethylamine, ( $\circ$ ) benzylamine, ( $\blacktriangledown$ ) furfurylamine and ( $\triangle$ ) glycine ethyl ester in 50 % MeCN – 50% water at 25 °C and ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl).

**Table S1.** Summary of the  $\psi$  values of the nucleophilic attachment in the aminolysis reactions of **4M-R** Fischer carbene complexes in 50% MeCN-50% Water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

	Reactant	Nucleophiles	$\psi$
1	$(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	<i>n</i> -butylamine	$-0.42 \pm 0.08$
2	$(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	Benzylamine	$-0.41 \pm 0.08$
3	$(\text{CO})_5\text{Cr}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	Furfurylamine	$-0.36 \pm 0.03$
4	$(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	<i>n</i> -butylamine	$-0.11^b$
5	$(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	2-methoxyethylamine	$-0.32 \pm 0.08$
6	$(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	Benzylamine	$-0.42 \pm 0.08$
7	$(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	Furfurylamine	$-0.17 \pm 0.07$
8	$(\text{CO})_5\text{W}=\text{C}(\text{SR})\text{CH}_3$	Glycine ethyl ester	$-0.57 \pm 0.05$

<sup>a</sup> Ionic strength = 0.1 (KCl). <sup>b</sup> Two points.

**Table S2.** Reaction of **4W-nBu** with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Morph] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
0.0250	0.0151	0.0987 ± 0.0005	18.49
0.0375	0.0226	0.1964 ± 0.0003	24.53
0.0500	0.0301	0.354 ± 0.001	33.15
0.0625	0.0376	0.563 ± 0.003	42.18
0.7500	0.0452	0.766 ± 0.003	47.83
0.1000	0.0602	1.234 ± 0.003	57.79

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [**4W-nBu**] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.88. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S3.** Reaction of **4W-nBu** with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the pH.<sup>a</sup>

pH	[HO <sup>-</sup> ], M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
9.588	2.50 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.126 ± 0.001	146.43
9.667	3.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.1168 ± 0.0002	157.13
9.792	4.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.1094 ± 0.0007	187.54
9.889	5.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0926 ± 0.0004	193.02
10.065	7.50 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0755 ± 0.0003	227.31
10.190	1.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0650 ± 0.0002	256.02
10.366	1.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0514 ± 0.0002	297.82
10.491	2.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0457 ± 0.0002	349.70
10.588	2.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.03998 ± 0.00004	380.26
10.667	3.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0407 ± 0.0003	462.53
10.792	4.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0342 ± 0.0003	515.75
10.889	5.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0316 ± 0.0003	594.05
11.065	7.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0255 ± 0.0001	716.09
11.190	1.00 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.0204 ± 0.0002	762.43

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [**4W-nBu**] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, [morph] = 0.01 M and [TEA] = 0.01M. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S4.** Reaction of **4W-nBu** with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the concentration of the external TEA buffer.<sup>a</sup>

[TEA], M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
0.001	0.0243 ± 0.0001	353.67
0.002	0.025197 ± 0.000006	366.72
0.003	0.0263 ± 0.0001	382.78
0.004	0.0267 ± 0.0001	388.60
0.005	0.02673 ± 0.00005	389.04
0.007	0.02952 ± 0.00006	429.65
0.008	0.02964 ± 0.00009	431.39
0.009	0.02962 ± 0.00009	431.10
0.010	0.02918 ± 0.00005	424.70
0.015	0.03250 ± 0.00009	473.02
0.020	0.0341 ± 0.0002	496.31
0.025	0.03294 ± 0.00004	479.42
0.030	0.0354 ± 0.0002	515.23
0.040	0.0338 ± 0.0002	491.94
0.050	0.03469 ± 0.00005	504.89

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-nBu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, [Morph] = 0.01 M, pH = 10.78. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S5.** Reaction of **4W-nBu** with Glycinethylester in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.425 ± 0.001
0.0250	0.01250	1.092 ± 0.006
0.0375	0.01875	1.739 ± 0.009
0.0500	0.02500	2.524 ± 0.008
0.0625	0.03125	3.42 ± 0.01
0.0750	0.03750	4.59 ± 0.03
0.1000	0.05000	6.41 ± 0.05

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-nBu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 7.43. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S6.** Reaction of **4W-nBu** with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	1.42 ± 0.05
0.0250	0.01250	2.79 ± 0.01
0.0375	0.01875	4.14 ± 0.01
0.0500	0.02500	5.45 ± 0.02
0.0625	0.03125	6.56 ± 0.05
0.0750	0.03750	7.62 ± 0.02
0.1000	0.05000	9.80 ± 0.05

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S7.** Reaction of 4W-*n*Bu with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.999 ± 0.002
0.0250	0.01250	2.51 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	3.45 ± 0.04
0.0500	0.02500	4.55 ± 0.04
0.0625	0.03125	5.59 ± 0.06
0.0750	0.03750	6.55 ± 0.07
0.1000	0.05000	8.71 ± 0.07

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S8.** Reaction of 4W-*n*Bu with 2-Methoxyethylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.00625	3.1250 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.268 ± 0.003
0.01250	6.2500 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.490 ± 0.008
0.01875	9.3750 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.98 ± 0.02
0.02500	0.0125	1.120 ± 0.009
0.03125	0.0156	1.35 ± 0.02
0.03750	0.0188	1.61 ± 0.02
0.05000	0.0250	2.00 ± 0.03

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.39. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S9.** Reaction of 4W-*c*Hex with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Morph] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup>	<i>k</i> <sub>A,corr</sub> , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
0.0250	0.0151	0.0512 ± 0.0004	7.48
0.0375	0.0226	0.116 ± 0.0008	11.30
0.0500	0.0301	0.202 ± 0.002	14.76
0.0625	0.0376	0.3150 ± 0.0003	18.41
0.7500	0.0452	0.421 ± 0.001	20.51
0.1000	0.0602	0.725 ± 0.002	26.49

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*c*Hex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.88. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S10.** Reaction of 4W-*c*Hex with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the pH.<sup>a</sup>

pH	[HO <sup>-</sup> ], M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup>	<i>k</i> <sub>A,corr</sub> , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
9.588	2.50 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.1035 ± 0.0005	83.44
9.667	3.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.09379 ± 0.00007	86.89
9.792	4.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0870 ± 0.0002	101.73
9.889	5.00 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0706 ± 0.0001	99.78
10.065	7.50 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0608 ± 0.0002	123.09
10.190	1.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.04997 ± 0.00005	131.79
10.366	1.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0427 ± 0.0002	164.95
10.491	2.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0352 ± 0.0002	179.17
10.588	2.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0314 ± 0.00008	198.40
10.667	3.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0290 ± 0.0005	218.73
10.792	4.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.02565 ± 0.0005	256.44
10.889	5.00 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.023550 ± 0.00008	293.30
11.065	7.50 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.01980 ± 0.0001	368.03
11.190	1.00 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.016040 ± 0.00006	396.62

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*c*Hex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, [morph] = 0.01 M and [TEA] = 0.01M. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.



**Table S11.** Reaction of **4W-cHex** with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the concentration of the external TEA buffer.<sup>a</sup>

[TEA], M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
0.001	0.0224 ± 0.0004	216.16
0.002	0.0231 ± 0.0005	222.43
0.004	0.02300 ± 0.00003	221.56
0.005	0.02430 ± 0.00007	234.49
0.006	0.0248 ± 0.0001	239.32
0.007	0.02470 ± 0.00007	238.35
0.008	0.02520 ± 0.00005	243.18
0.009	0.02660 ± 0.00007	256.69
0.010	0.02660 ± 0.00005	256.98
0.015	0.02950 ± 0.00007	284.67
0.020	0.0319 ± 0.0002	307.83
0.025	0.0330 ± 0.0001	318.45
0.040	0.0368 ± 0.00006	355.12
0.050	0.03760 ± 0.00008	362.84
0.075	0.0371 ± 0.0003	358.01
0.100	0.03710 ± 0.00005	358.01

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-cHex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, [Morph] = 0.01 M, pH = 10.78 and [morph] = 0.01. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S12.** Reaction of **4W-cHex** with Glycinethylester in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.2997 ± 0.0004
0.0250	0.01250	0.769 ± 0.001
0.0375	0.01875	1.205 ± 0.003
0.0500	0.02500	1.860 ± 0.009
0.0625	0.03125	2.52 ± 0.02
0.0750	0.03750	3.29 ± 0.02
0.1000	0.05000	4.58 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-cHex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 7.43. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 437 nm.

**Table S13.** Reaction of **4W-cHex** with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	1.045 ± 0.003
0.0250	0.01250	2.21 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	3.43 ± 0.01
0.0500	0.02500	4.43 ± 0.01
0.0625	0.03125	5.52 ± 0.05
0.0750	0.03750	6.47 ± 0.05
0.1000	0.05000	8.51 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [**4W-cHex**] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S14.** Reaction of **4W-cHex** with Methoxyethylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.00625	3.1250 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.278 ± 0.006
0.01250	6.2500 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.609 ± 0.005
0.01875	9.3750 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.959 ± 0.005
0.02500	0.0125	1.36 ± 0.01
0.03125	0.0156	1.726 ± 0.009
0.03750	0.0188	2.011 ± 0.002
0.05000	0.0250	2.62 ± 0.04

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [**4W-cHex**] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.39. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 437 nm.

**Table S15.** Reaction of **4W-cHex** with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.124 ± 0.005
0.0250	0.01250	0.27 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	0.434 ± 0.002
0.0500	0.02500	0.480 ± 0.009
0.0625	0.03125	0.5 ± 0.03
0.0750	0.03750	0.68 ± 0.04

0.1000

0.05000

1.04 ± 0.07

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-cHex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 437 nm.

**Table S16.** Reaction of 4W-iPr with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Morph] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
0.0125	0.0075	0.01650 ± 0.00006	5.37
0.0250	0.0151	0.0505 ± 0.0002	8.22
0.0375	0.0226	0.1006 ± 0.0003	10.91
0.0500	0.0301	0.1723 ± 0.0004	14.02
0.0625	0.0376	0.256 ± 0.001	16.66
0.7500	0.0452	0.338 ± 0.001	18.34
0.1000	0.0602	0.577 ± 0.004	23.47

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-iPr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.88. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S17.** Reaction of 4W-iPr with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the pH.<sup>a</sup>

pH	[HO <sup>-</sup> ], M	$k_{obs}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{A-corr}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
9.588	2.50 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0694 ± 0.0002	65.68
9.667	3.00 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0634 ± 0.0003	69.19
9.792	4.00 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0583 ± 0.0002	80.68
9.889	5.00 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0491 ± 0.0001	82.37
10.065	7.50 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0412 ± 0.0001	99.42
10.190	1.00 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0354 ± 0.0001	111.51
10.366	1.50 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.03128 ± 0.00001	144.62
10.491	2.00 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.026000 ± 0.0001	158.58
10.588	2.50 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0253 ± 0.0002	191.67
10.667	3.00 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0213 ± 0.0002	192.72
10.792	4.00 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0182 ± 0.0002	218.39
10.889	5.00 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0171 ± 0.0002	255.70
11.065	7.50 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.0143 ± 0.0002	319.27
11.190	1.00 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.01199 ± 0.00002	356.20

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, [morph] = 0.01 M and [TEA] = 0.01M. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S18.** Reaction of 4W-*i*Pr with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the concentration of the external TEA buffer.<sup>a</sup>

[TEA], M	$k_{obs}, s^{-1}$	$k_{A-corr}, M^{-1} s^{-1}$
0.001	0.01624 ± 0.00009	161.81
0.002	0.01670 ± 0.00005	160.33
0.003	0.01716 ± 0.00003	164.87
0.004	0.01616 ± 0.00007	169.41
0.005	0.01795 ± 0.00007	159.54
0.007	0.01815 ± 0.00004	177.21
0.008	0.0178 ± 0.0001	179.18
0.009	0.0193 ± 0.0002	175.73
0.010	0.0198 ± 0.0002	190.54
0.015	0.02116 ± 0.00009	195.47
0.020	0.02312 ± 0.00008	208.90
0.025	0.02597 ± 0.00007	228.25
0.030	0.02614 ± 0.00009	256.39
0.040	0.02679 ± 0.00005	258.06
0.050	0.0264 ± 0.0001	264.48
0.075	0.02682 ± 0.00006	260.63
0.100	0.02640 ± 0.00009	264.78

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, [Morph] = 0.01 M, pH = 10.78. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S19.** Reaction of 4W-*i*Pr with Glycinethylester in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{obs}, s^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.2722 ± 0.0006
0.0250	0.01250	0.6995 ± 0.0008
0.0375	0.01875	1.136 ± 0.003
0.0500	0.02500	1.752 ± 0.002

0.0625	0.03125	2.380 ± 0.001
0.0750	0.03750	2.98 ± 0.01
0.1000	0.05000	4.229 ± 0.008

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 7.43. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S20.** Reaction of 4W-*i*Pr with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	k <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.995 ± 0.005
0.0250	0.01250	2.146 ± 0.009
0.0375	0.01875	3.206 ± 0.008
0.0500	0.02500	4.46 ± 0.04
0.0625	0.03125	5.517 ± 0.009
0.0750	0.03750	6.46 ± 0.03
0.1000	0.05000	8.24 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S21.** Reaction of 4W-*i*Pr with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	k <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.560 ± 0.009
0.0250	0.01250	1.42 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	2.12 ± 0.02
0.0500	0.02500	3.04 ± 0.04
0.0625	0.03125	3.50 ± 0.04
0.0750	0.03750	4.62 ± 0.05
0.1000	0.05000	6.06 ± 0.05

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S22.** Reaction of 4W-*i*Pr with Methoxyethylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	k <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.00625	3.1250 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.199 ± 0.003
0.01250	6.2500 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.406 ± 0.006

0.01875	9.3750 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.627 ± 0.003
0.02500	0.0125	0.98 ± 0.01
0.03125	0.0156	1.241 ± 0.008
0.03750	0.0188	1.47 ± 0.03
0.05000	0.0250	1.76 ± 0.04

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*i*Pr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.39. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S23.** Reaction of 4W-*t*Bu with Glycinethylester in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.1799 ± 0.0002
0.0250	0.01250	0.5020 ± 0.0009
0.0375	0.01875	0.785 ± 0.002
0.0500	0.02500	1.313 ± 0.002
0.0625	0.03125	1.852 ± 0.002
0.0750	0.03750	2.50 ± 0.01
0.1000	0.05000	3.65 ± 0.03

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*t*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 7.43. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 441 nm.

**Table S24.** Reaction of 4W-*t*Bu with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.706 ± 0.004
0.0250	0.01250	1.643 ± 0.006
0.0375	0.01875	2.508 ± 0.009
0.0500	0.02500	3.54 ± 0.01
0.0625	0.03125	4.417 ± 0.007
0.0750	0.03750	5.30 ± 0.04
0.1000	0.05000	6.91 ± 0.04

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*t*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 441 nm.

**Table S25.** Reaction of 4W-*t*Bu with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
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0.0125	0.00625	0.5249 ± 0.0004
0.0250	0.01250	1.13 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	1.787 ± 0.006
0.0500	0.02500	2.329 ± 0.008
0.0625	0.03125	2.89 ± 0.02
0.0750	0.03750	3.34 ± 0.03
0.1000	0.05000	4.37 ± 0.05

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*t*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 441 nm.

**Table S26.** Reaction of 4W-*t*Bu with Methoxyethylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.00625	3.1250 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.278 ± 0.006
0.01250	6.2500 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.609 ± 0.005
0.01875	9.3750 10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.959 ± 0.005
0.02500	0.0125	1.36 ± 0.01
0.03125	0.0156	1.726 ± 0.009
0.03750	0.0188	2.011 ± 0.002
0.05000	0.0250	2.62 ± 0.04

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*t*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.39. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 441 nm.

**Table S27.** Reaction of 4W-*t*Bu with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu] <sub>f</sub> , M	<i>k</i> <sub>obs</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.073 ± 0.004
0.0250	0.01250	0.17 ± 0.02
0.0375	0.01875	0.19 ± 0.01
0.0500	0.02500	0.283 ± 0.008
0.0625	0.03125	0.38 ± 0.01
0.0750	0.03750	0.36 ± 0.01
0.1000	0.05000	0.59 ± 0.05

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4W-*t*Bu] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 441 nm.

**Table S28.** Reaction of 4Cr-*c*Hex with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Morph] <sub>f</sub> , M	$k_{\text{obs}}$ , s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>b</sup>	$k_{\text{A corr}}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> <sup>c</sup>
0.0125	0.007528	0.00780 ± 0.00009	0.14
0.0250	0.015055	0.0099 ± 0.0003	0.26
0.0375	0.022582	0.0148 ± 0.0002	0.46
0.0500	0.030110	0.0212 ± 0.0003	0.63
0.0625	0.037638	0.0349 ± 0.0003	0.99
0.7500	0.045165	0.0465 ± 0.0007	1.17
0.1000	0.060220	0.0699 ± 0.0006	1.40

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*c*Hex] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 8.88. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 355 nm.

**Table S29.** Reaction of 4Cr-*c*Hex with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the pH.<sup>a</sup>

pH	[HO <sup>-</sup> ], M	$k_{\text{obs}}$ , s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{\text{A corr}}$ , M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
9.588	$2.50 \times 10^{-6}$	0.02255 ± 0.00007	9.06
9.667	$3.00 \times 10^{-6}$	0.02096 ± 0.00007	9.45
9.792	$4.00 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0204 ± 0.0002	11.23
9.889	$5.00 \times 10^{-6}$	0.02055 ± 0.00009	13.38
10.065	$7.50 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0175 ± 0.0003	15.83
10.190	$1.00 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0161 ± 0.0001	18.67
10.366	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0144 ± 0.0001	24.05
10.491	$2.00 \times 10^{-5}$	0.01478 ± 0.00009	32.24
10.588	$2.50 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0142 ± 0.0004	38.24

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*c*Hex] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, [morph] = 0.02 M and [TEA] = 0.01M. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 355 nm.

**Table S30.** Reaction of 4Cr-*c*Hex with Morpholine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C varying the concentration of the external TEA buffer.<sup>a</sup>



[TEA], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{A corr}}, \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
0.001	$0.0131 \pm 0.0002$	18.28
0.002	$0.0140 \pm 0.0002$	19.54
0.003	$0.0143 \pm 0.0001$	19.96
0.004	$0.0152 \pm 0.0002$	21.22
0.005	$0.01549 \pm 0.00007$	21.62
0.006	$0.0162 \pm 0.0002$	22.61
0.007	$0.01643 \pm 0.00009$	22.93
0.010	$0.0164 \pm 0.0001$	22.89
0.015	$0.0182 \pm 0.0001$	25.40
0.020	$0.0197 \pm 0.0002$	27.50
0.025	$0.02185 \pm 0.00009$	30.50
0.030	$0.0229 \pm 0.0002$	31.96
0.035	$0.0239 \pm 0.0002$	33.36

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-cHex] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, [Morph] = 0.02 M, pH = 10.78. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm and 335 nm.

**Table S31.** Reaction of 4Cr-cHex with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	$0.137 \pm 0.006$
0.0250	0.01250	$0.256 \pm 0.002$
0.0375	0.01875	$0.38 \pm 0.05$
0.0500	0.02500	$0.482 \pm 0.002$
0.0625	0.03125	$0.574 \pm 0.007$
0.0750	0.03750	$0.683 \pm 0.003$
0.1000	0.05000	$0.852 \pm 0.001$

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-cHex] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a *stopped-flow* machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S32.** Reaction of 4Cr-cHex with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00250	$0.1513 \pm 0.0003$
0.0250	0.00500	$0.345 \pm 0.004$

0.0375	0.01000	0.783 ± 0.003
0.0500	0.01500	1.268 ± 0.005
0.0625	0.02000	1.748 ± 0.008
0.0750	0.02500	2.27 ± 0.01
0.1000	0.03000	2.85 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-cHex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S33.** Reaction of 4Cr-cHex with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.2416 ± 0.0009
0.0250	0.01250	0.683 ± 0.003
0.0375	0.01875	1.120 ± 0.008
0.0500	0.02500	1.580 ± 0.008
0.0625	0.03125	2.17 ± 0.01
0.0750	0.03750	2.71 ± 0.02
0.1000	0.05000	3.61 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-cHex] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 436 nm.

**Table S34.** Reaction of 4Cr-iPr with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.111 ± 0.002
0.0250	0.01250	0.203 ± 0.002
0.0375	0.01875	0.272 ± 0.003
0.0500	0.02500	0.356 ± 0.001
0.0625	0.03125	0.421 ± 0.001
0.0750	0.03750	0.498 ± 0.003
0.1000	0.05000	0.62 ± 0.01

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-iPr] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 451nm.

**Table S35.** Reaction of 4Cr-iPr with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}{}^b$
0.0125	0.00625	$0.175 \pm 0.002$
0.0250	0.01250	$0.529 \pm 0.003$
0.0375	0.01875	$0.903 \pm 0.004$
0.0500	0.02500	$1.286 \pm 0.006$
0.0625	0.03125	$1.776 \pm 0.009$
0.0750	0.03750	$2.214 \pm 0.008$
0.1000	0.05000	$2.95 \pm 0.02$

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*i*Pr] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 451nm.

**Table S36.** Reaction of 4Cr-*i*Pr with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}{}^b$
0.0125	0.00250	$0.1166 \pm 0.0006$
0.0250	0.00500	$0.282 \pm 0.001$
0.0375	0.01000	$0.621 \pm 0.005$
0.0500	0.01500	$0.987 \pm 0.005$
0.0625	0.02000	$1.321 \pm 0.009$
0.0750	0.02500	$1.704 \pm 0.008$
0.1000	0.03000	$2.14 \pm 0.01$

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*i*Pr] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 451nm.

**Table S37.** Reaction of 4Cr-*t*Bu with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}{}^b$
0.0125	0.00625	$0.0596 \pm 0.0006$
0.0250	0.01250	$0.110 \pm 0.002$
0.0375	0.01875	$0.154 \pm 0.002$
0.0500	0.02500	$0.204 \pm 0.004$
0.0625	0.03125	$0.244 \pm 0.002$
0.0750	0.03750	$0.29 \pm 0.01$
0.1000	0.05000	$0.367 \pm 0.006$

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*t*Bu] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 457nm.

**Table S38.** Reaction of **4Cr-*t*Bu** with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.096 ± 0.001
0.0250	0.01250	0.3217 ± 0.0005
0.0375	0.01875	0.586 ± 0.001
0.0500	0.02500	0.860 ± 0.004
0.0625	0.03125	1.211 ± 0.006
0.0750	0.03750	1.556 ± 0.008
0.1000	0.05000	2.08 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*t*Bu] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 457nm.

**Table S39.** Reaction of **4Cr-*t*Bu** with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00250	0.0400 ± 0.0008
0.0250	0.00500	0.129 ± 0.001
0.0375	0.01000	0.348 ± 0.002
0.0500	0.01500	0.583 ± 0.006
0.0625	0.02000	0.843 ± 0.002
0.0750	0.02500	1.1067 ± 0.0009
0.1000	0.03000	1.40 ± 0.01

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*t*Bu] =  $1.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 457nm.

**Table S40.** Reaction of **4Cr-*n*Bu** with Butylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.127 ± 0.002
0.0250	0.01250	0.232 ± 0.004
0.0375	0.01875	0.34 ± 0.01
0.0500	0.02500	0.436 ± 0.006
0.0625	0.03125	0.525 ± 0.002
0.0750	0.03750	0.613 ± 0.003

0.1000                                      0.05000                                      0.783 ± 0.005

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 10.40. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 450 nm.

**Table S41.** Reaction of 4Cr-*n*Bu with Benzylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00250	0.203 ± 0.0013
0.0250	0.00500	0.471 ± 0.004
0.0375	0.01000	0.975 ± 0.004
0.0500	0.01500	1.50 ± 0.01
0.0625	0.02000	2.06 ± 0.01
0.0750	0.02500	2.613 ± 0.009
0.1000	0.03000	3.22 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 9.12. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 450 nm.

**Table S42.** Reaction of 4Cr-*n*Bu with Furfurylamine in 50% MeCN- 50% water at 25 °C.<sup>a</sup>

[Buffer], M	[Nu], M	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$ <sup>b</sup>
0.0125	0.00625	0.361 ± 0.005
0.0250	0.01250	0.911 ± 0.004
0.0375	0.01875	1.46 ± 0.01
0.0500	0.02500	2.03 ± 0.01
0.0625	0.03125	2.74 ± 0.02
0.0750	0.03750	3.38 ± 0.01
0.1000	0.05000	4.46 ± 0.02

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: ionic strength = 0.1 M (KCl), [4Cr-*n*Bu] = 1.0 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M, pH = 8.58. <sup>b</sup> Determined with a stopped-flow machine monitoring at 450 nm.