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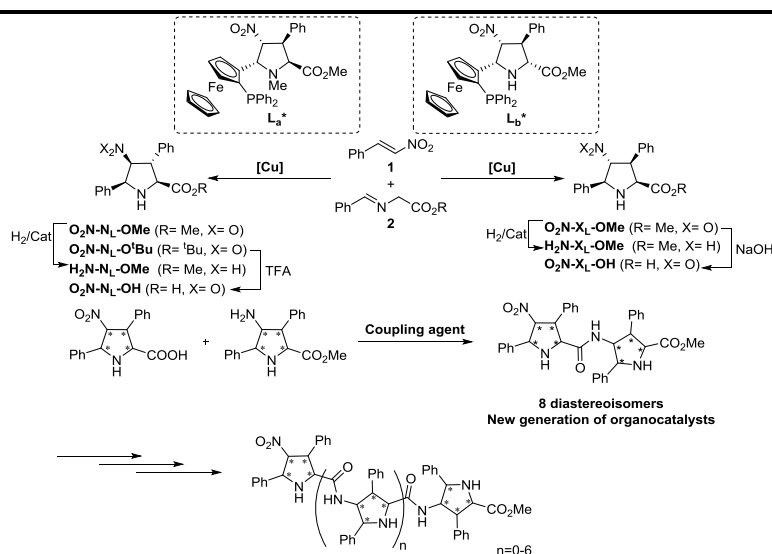
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Dimers derived from densely substituted unnatural prolines as precursors of γ -peptides and their use in organocatalysis

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The synthesis of novel hybrid ferrocenylpyrrolidine ligands L_a^* and L_b^* via [3+2] cycloadditions has been described by our group.¹ Both ligands in turn provided densely substituted unnatural L- and D- proline derivatives in a stereodivergent manner. The powerful feature of having nitro and ester groups gives the opportunity to orthogonally synthesize different γ -proline oligopeptides with different substitution patterns and chiral centers. Supported by the efficiency of Proline-based organocatalysts in numerous chemical transformations, our densely substituted pyrrolidine derivatives have been used in aldol reactions with good results.^{1,2} In this communication, we present our results on the structure/activity relationship of the new generation of oligomeric catalysts. The main conclusion is that in the case of the γ -dipeptides, the stereochemistry of the aldol adducts depends on both monomeric units in a nearly additive manner.



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