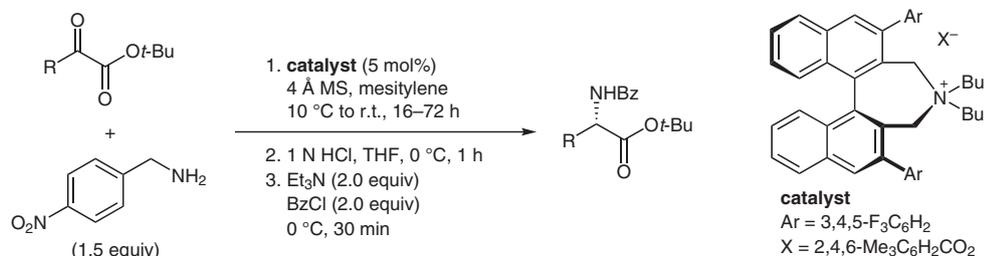
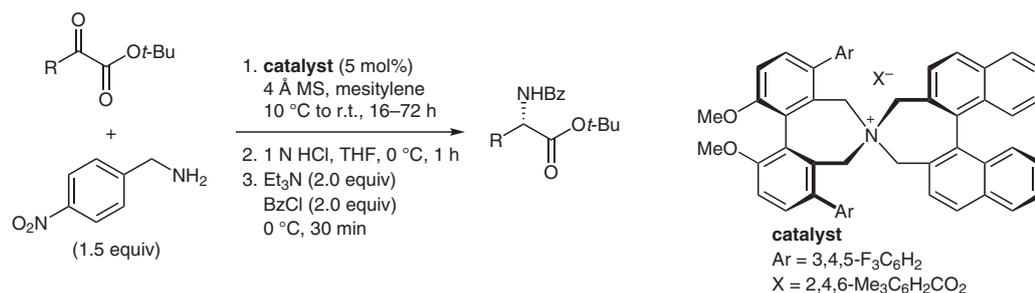
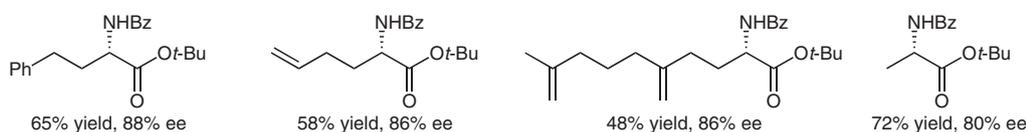


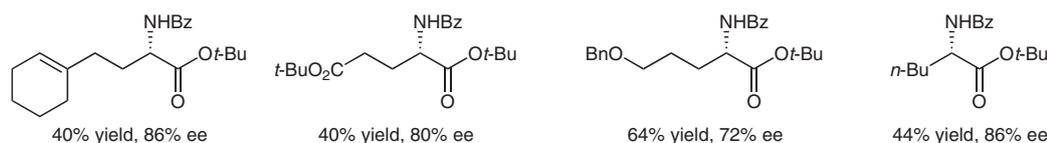
## Organocatalytic Transamination for the Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Amino Acids



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**Significance:** Asymmetric metal-free transformation is one of the most useful and environmentally friendly techniques for the synthesis of chiral organic compounds. The authors describe a powerful method for the synthesis of  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives catalyzed by novel chiral phase-transfer catalysts.

**Comment:** This organocatalytic enantioselective transformation of  $\alpha$ -keto esters with benzyl amines smoothly provides the corresponding  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives in moderate yields with good enantioselectivities.