

# Quantitative DFT modeling of enantiomeric excess for dioxirane-catalyzed epoxidations.

## Supporting information 1.

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**Table S1.** M06-2X/6-31G\*(solution) and B3LYP/6-311+G\*\*(solution)//B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) results.

Entry	Catalyst	Olefin	Exp. <sup>3</sup>	$\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ (kcal/mol) (% ee)				Ref. <sup>1</sup>	Solv. <sup>2</sup>
				M06-2X <sup>4</sup>		larger basis <sup>5</sup>			
1	1	e	0.22 (18)	-1.37 (-65)	-0.17 (-9.4)		I	A	
2	1	b	0.75 (56)	0.97 (50)	0.23 (13.0)		I	A	
3	1	c	1.18 (76)	1.02 (52)	1.01 (51.5)		I	A	
4	1	f	1.10 (73)	-1.91 (-79)	-0.18 (-10.1)		I	A	
5	1	d	1.00 (69)	0.70 (37)	1.15 (57.0)		I	A	
6	1	g	0.26 (22)	0.60 (32)	0.15 (8.6)		I	A	

<sup>1</sup> Experimental references: (I) Armstrong, A.; Ahmed, G.; Dominguez-Fernandez, B.; Hayter, B. R.; Wailes, J. S. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 8610.. (II) Solladié-Cavallo, A.; Jerry, L.; Klein, A.; Schmitt, M.; Welter, R. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **2004**, *15*, 3891. (III) Denmark, S. E.; Matsushashi, H. *J. Org. Chem.* **2002**, *67*, 3479. (IV) Armstrong, A.; Dominguez-Fernandez, B.; Tsuchiya, T. *Tetrahedron* **2006**, *62*, 6614. (V) Armstrong, A.; Moss, W. O.; Reeves, J. R. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **2001**, *12*, 2779. (VI) Armstrong, A.; Tsuchiya, T. *Tetrahedron* **2005**, *62*, 257. (VII) Wang, Z.; Shi, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *66*, 521. (VIII) Burke, C. P.; Shi, Y. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2006**, *45*, 4475.

<sup>2</sup> Solvent systems: (A) 3:2 CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v), dielectric constant,  $\epsilon$ , employed in the continuum solvation model: 55 (B) 2:1 dioxane:H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v),  $\epsilon$  = 20 (C) 3:1 CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v),  $\epsilon$  = 47 (D) 3:3:6.4 DMM:CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O (v:v:v),  $\epsilon$  = 69 (E) 26:1:2.8

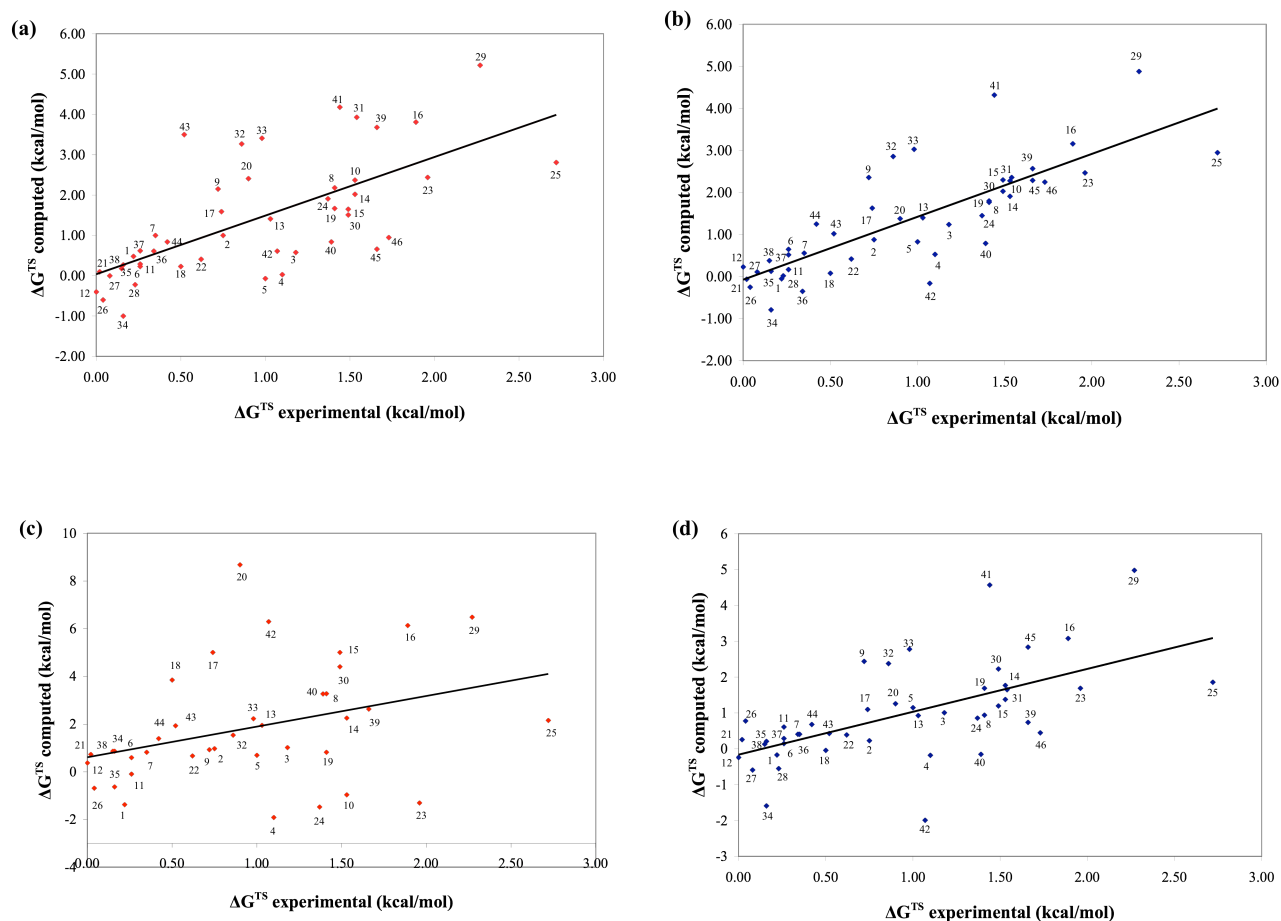
H<sub>2</sub>O:DMM:DME (v:v:v),  $\epsilon$  = 73.

<sup>3</sup> Experimental  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ .

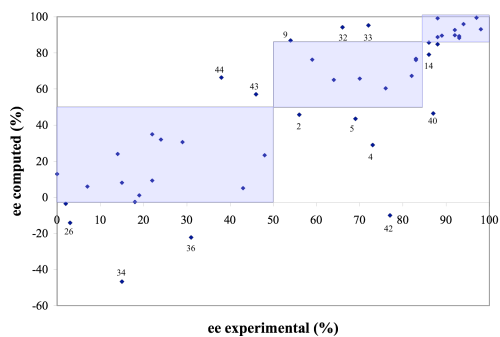
<sup>4</sup> Results at the M06-2X/6-31G\*(solution) level. Zero point energies were obtained from the B3LYP/6-31G\*(vacuum) frequency calculations. The ee values were obtained from scaled  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ . (Scaling Factor = 2/3).

<sup>5</sup> Results at the B3LYP/6-311+G\*\*(solution)//B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level. The ee values were obtained from scaled  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ . (Scaling Factor = 2/3).

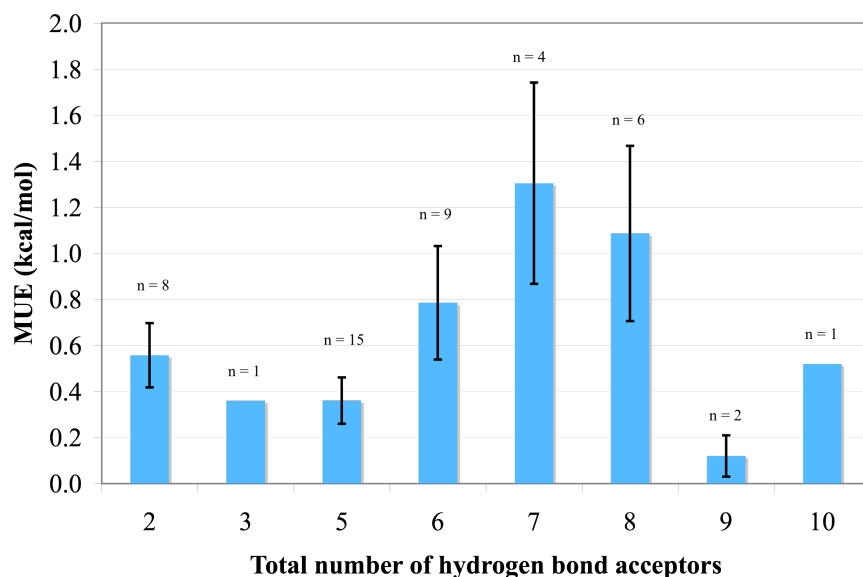
Entry	Catalyst	Olefin	$\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ (kcal/mol) (% ee)			Ref. <sup>1</sup>	Solv. <sup>2</sup>
			Exp. <sup>3</sup>	M06-2X <sup>4</sup>	larger basis <sup>5</sup>		
7	1	a	0.35 (29)	0.82 (43)	0.41 (22.7)	I	A
8	1	h	1.41 (83)	3.28 (95.1)	0.94 (48.4)	I	A
9	2	c	0.72 (54)	0.93 (48)	2.44 (87.9)	I	A
10	3	c	1.53 (86)	-0.96 (-49)	1.38 (65)	I	A
11	8	b	0.26 (22)	-0.09 (-5)	0.61 (33)	II	B
12	9	b	0.00 (0)	0.37 (21)	-0.24 (-13)	II	B
13	7	b	1.03 (70)	1.95 (80)	0.93 (48)	II	B
14	7	c	1.53 (86)	2.26 (86)	1.77 (76)	II	B
15	10	b	1.49 (88)	5.01 (99.6)	1.20 (63)	III	A
16	10	c	1.89 (94)	6.14 (99.9)	3.08 (96)	III	C
17	10	d	0.74 (59)	5.01 (99.6)	1.10 (59)	III	A
18	10	i	0.50 (43)	3.85 (98.3)	-0.04 (-3)	III	A
19	4	c	1.41 (83)	0.82 (43)	1.69 (74)	IV	A
20	6	c	0.90 (64)	8.68 (99.9)	1.26 (61)	IV	A
21	6	a	0.02 (2)	0.73 (39)	0.26 (15)	IV	A
22	5	a	0.62 (48)	0.67 (36)	0.39 (22)	V	A
23	5	c	1.96 (93)	-1.30 (-63)	1.69 (74)	V	A
24	5	d	1.37 (82)	-1.47 (-68)	0.86 (45)	V	A
25	5	h	2.72 (98)	2.16 (84)	1.86 (78)	V	A
26	5	j	0.04 (3)	-0.68 (-36)	0.78 (41)	V	A
27	11	g	0.08 (7)	na (na)	-0.59 (-32)	VI	A
28	11	a	0.23 (19)	na (na)	-0.55 (-30)	VI	A
29	14	c	2.27 (97)	6.49 (99.9)	4.98 (99.6)	VII	D
30	15	c	1.49 (88)	4.41 (99.1)	2.23 (88)	VII	D
31	16	c	1.54 (89)	na (na)	1.65 (77)	VII	D
32	18	c	0.86 (66)	1.54 (74)	2.38 (90)	VII	D
33	19	c	0.98 (72)	2.23 (87.9)	2.78 (93.6)	VII	D
34	14	a	0.16 (15)	0.87 (50)	-1.59 (-77)	VII	D
35	15	a	0.16 (15)	-0.63 (-38)	0.21 (13)	VII	D
36	16	a	0.34 (31)	na (na)	0.41 (26)	VII	D
37	17	a	0.26 (24)	na (na)	0.29 (18)	VII	D
38	18	a	0.15 (14)	0.87 (50)	0.13 (8)	VII	D
39	14	b	1.66 (92)	2.63 (93.3)	0.74 (44)	VII	D
40	15	b	1.39 (87)	3.27 (97.0)	-0.15 (-9)	VII	D
41	16	b	1.44 (88)	na (na)	4.57 (99.4)	VII	D
42	17	b	1.07 (77)	6.30 (99.9)	-1.99 (-85)	VII	D
43	18	b	0.52 (46)	1.93 (84)	0.43 (27)	VII	D
44	19	b	0.42 (38)	1.40 (71)	0.68 (41)	VII	D
45	13	k	1.66 (92)	na (na)	2.84 (94.8)	VIII	E
46	12	l	1.73 (93)	na (na)	0.45 (28)	VIII	E



**Figure S1:** Experimental versus computed enantiomeric transition state energy differences,  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ , for all reactions in the test set. Experimental versus computed enantiomeric transition state energy differences,  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ , for all reactions in the test set. **(a)** B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution)//B3LYP/6-31G\*(vacuum) level. (Solid line shows linear least squares fit of  $y = 1.45x + 0.04$  with coefficient of determination  $R^2 = 0.46$ ) **(b)** B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level ( $y = 1.49x - 0.07$ ,  $R^2 = 0.64$ ). **(c)** M06-2X/6-31G\*(solution) level. (Solid line shows linear least squares fit of  $y = 1.29x + 0.61$  with coefficient of determination  $R^2 = 0.12$ ) **(d)** B3LYP/6-311+G\*\*(solution)//B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level ( $y = 1.19x - 0.16$ ,  $R^2 = 0.36$ ). All data points are labeled with the corresponding reaction numbers.



**Figure 3:** Experimental versus computed % ee for solution phase transition states at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level. Shaded areas represent regions where computed and experiment fall within the same category of percent enantiomeric excess, i.e. low (0-50), medium (50-85) and high (85-100). Reactions that do not fall into the correct region are labeled with their corresponding reaction numbers.



**Figure S2:** Mean unsigned error (MUE) as a function of the total number of hydrogen bond acceptors present in the transition states. Only Oxygen and Nitrogen were counted as hydrogen bond acceptors. n = sample size. Error bars represent standard error. No error bars are shown for n = 1.



**Table S2.** Boltzman weighted forming bond distances (O3-C4 and O3-C5 in Figure 1) in Å of the transition states at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution)//B3LYP/6-31G\*(vacuum) and the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level.

Reaction #	vacuum structures		solution phase structures	
	shorter	longer	shorter	longer
1	2.03	2.37	2.22	2.48
2	1.97	2.33	2.16	2.44
3	1.99	2.24	2.20	2.31
4	2.00	2.29	2.19	2.38
5	2.02	2.38	2.21	2.48
6	1.98	2.46	2.17	2.59
7	1.96	2.39	2.14	2.50
8	2.00	2.39	2.11	2.42
9	2.01	2.11	2.21	2.22
10	1.95	2.20	2.12	2.29
11	1.90	2.27	2.06	2.35
12	1.93	2.25	2.12	2.37
13	1.96	2.33	2.14	2.43
14	1.96	2.23	2.14	2.30
15	1.98	2.30	2.24	2.41
16	2.01	2.12	2.25	2.29
17	2.02	2.34	2.24	2.53
18	1.93	2.37	2.13	2.47
19	1.99	2.19	2.20	2.31
20	2.03	2.26	2.18	2.42
21	2.02	2.42	2.19	2.56
22	1.90	2.36	2.08	2.48
23	2.00	2.08	2.16	2.22
24	1.97	2.33	2.14	2.47
25	1.97	2.46	2.12	2.55
26	1.89	2.15	2.05	2.11
27	1.94	2.42	2.17	2.58
28	1.94	2.36	2.14	2.52
29	2.00	2.11	2.11	2.13
30	1.94	2.21	2.00	2.23
31	1.99	2.12	2.12	2.21
32	2.01	2.21	2.23	2.34
33	2.02	2.21	2.22	2.25
34	1.94	2.38	2.14	2.52
35	1.93	2.39	2.11	2.51
36	1.94	2.40	2.12	2.53
37	1.93	2.37	2.14	2.51
38	1.97	2.36	2.16	2.48
39	1.99	2.27	2.22	2.44
40	1.93	2.29	2.13	2.37
41	1.95	2.38	2.14	2.46

<b>Reaction #</b>	<b>vacuum structures</b>		<b>solution phase structures</b>	
	<b>shorter</b>	<b>longer</b>	<b>shorter</b>	<b>longer</b>
42	1.94	2.33	2.05	2.30
43	1.91	2.30	2.21	2.43
44	2.00	2.35	2.19	2.42
45	1.94	2.38	1.92	2.37
46	1.97	2.22	2.19	2.53

**Table S3.** Boltzman-weighted dihedral angles  $\theta$  (shown in Figure 8) at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level for each ensemble of favored and disfavored transition states.

Reaction #	$\theta$ (Degrees)	
	Favored	Disfavored
1	91.0	116.3
2	96.8	133.6
3	91.9	123.3
4	97.1	128.6
5	110.5	128.0
6	123.4	110.4
7	95.0	98.1
8	102.0	123.7
9	99.0	120.7
10	91.4	136.2
11	99.3	98.3
12	98.9	95.4
13	98.9	128.4
14	98.1	135.6
15	94.3	132.9
16	93.3	100.3
17	97.2	133.4
18	96.8	103.9
19	92.2	120.6
20	105.1	118.7
21	106.1	95.2
22	105.9	112.3
23	96.4	141.8
24	90.1	140.4
25	92.1	141.5
26	111.9	103.3
27	123.3	136.2
28	92.9	108.7
29	94.2	114.6
30	95.1	92.2
31	102.6	118.2
32	90.6	92.3
33	92.0	95.5
34	98.7	117.8
35	100.6	126.0
36	126.9	116.6
37	101.9	115.4
38	92.9	103.3
39	98.3	133.2
40	90.3	106.8
41	95.1	106.1

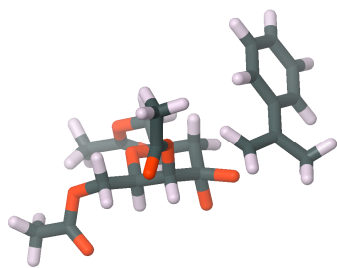
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	Favored	Disfavored
42	92.5	115.0
43	94.2	133.3
44	93.8	133.0
45	132.4	97.6
46	101.6	97.3

**Figure S4:** (pages 9 – 23). The relevant low energy favored and disfavored transition states at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level for all cases not shown in the main paper (ordered according to increasing absolute error). Deviations at the B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level from the experimental transition state free energy differences,  $\Delta G^{\text{TS}}$ , are given for each reaction. Relative energies of the transition states (B3LYP/6-31G\*(solution) level) (kcal/mol) are shown in brackets. Regions interacting mainly through dispersion interactions, for which B3LYP is assumed to be too repulsive, are shown in spacefilling mode. Atom colors: carbon (black), oxygen (red), hydrogen (white), nitrogen (blue), fluorine (green), chlorine (pink) and silicon (yellow).

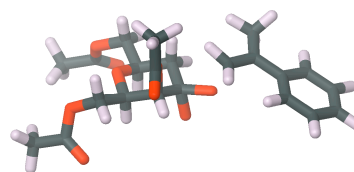
Relevant favored transition states

Relevant disfavored transition states

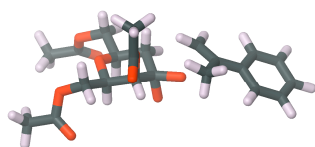
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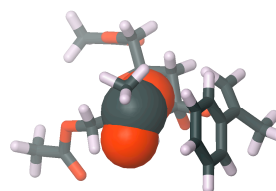
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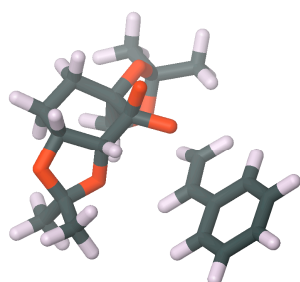
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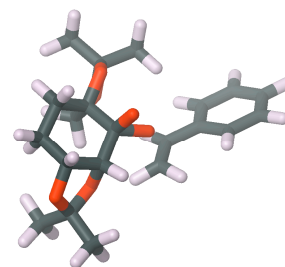
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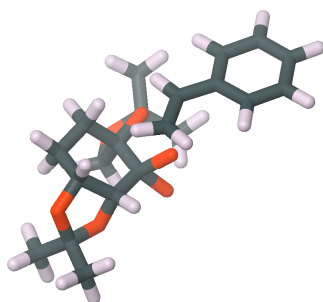
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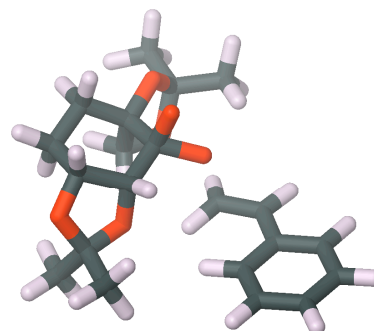
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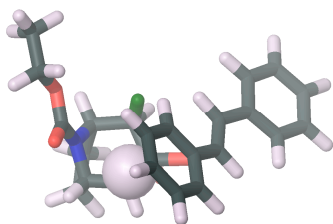
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Relevant favored transition states

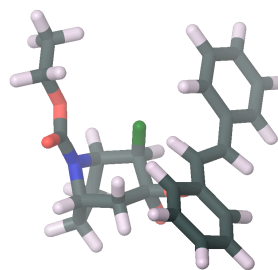
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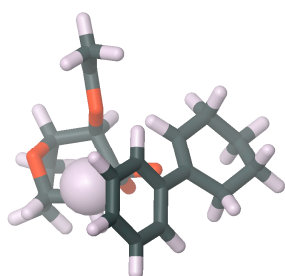
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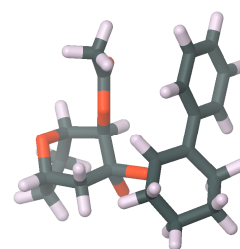
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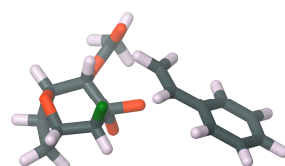
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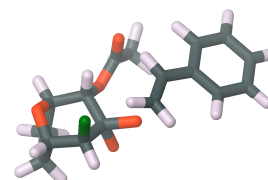
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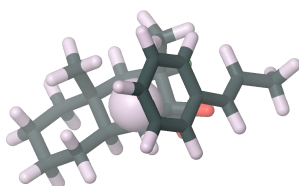
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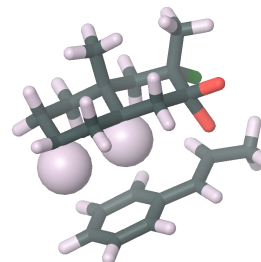


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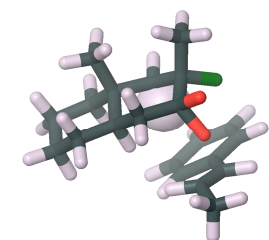
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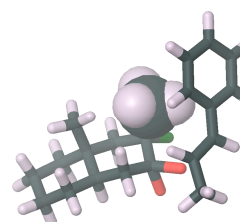


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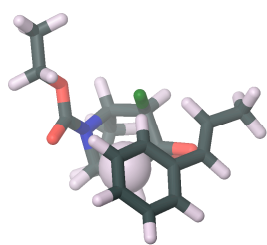


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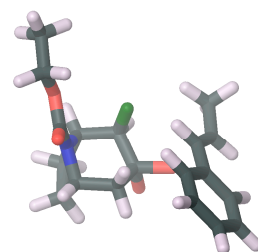
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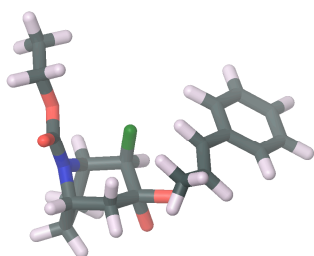
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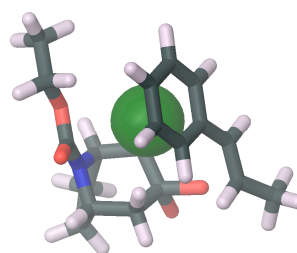


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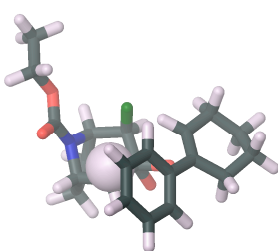
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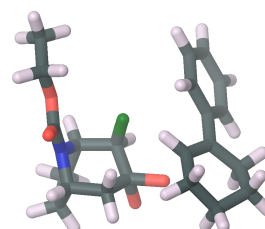
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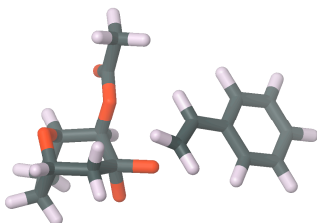
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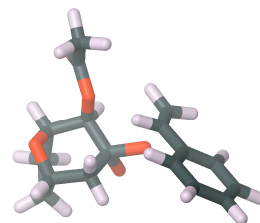


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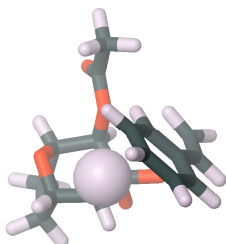
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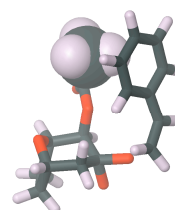


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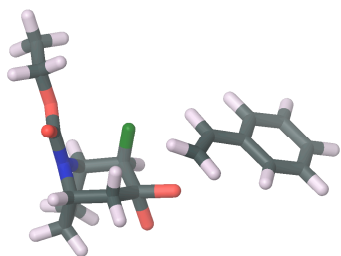


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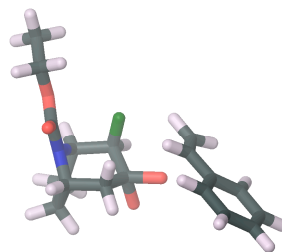
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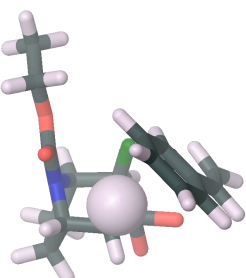
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7b (0.0)

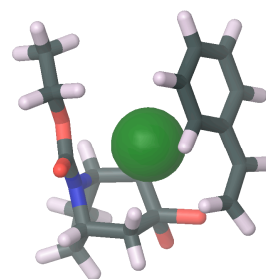


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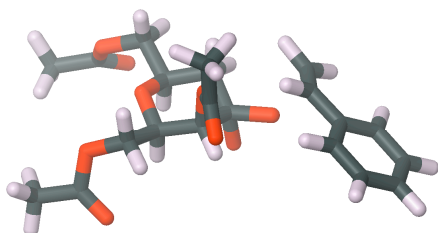
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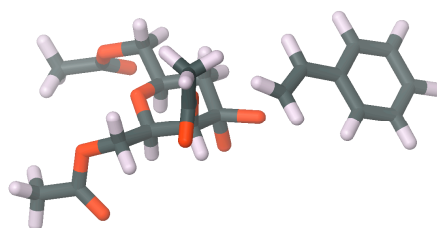


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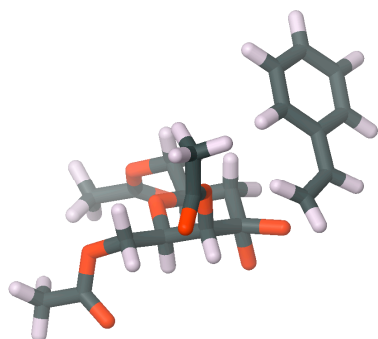
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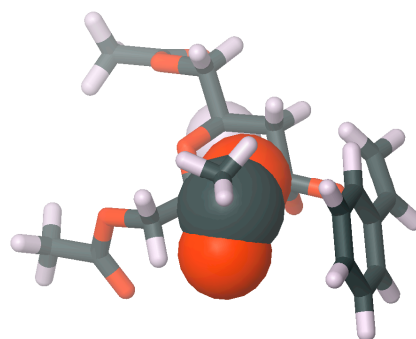


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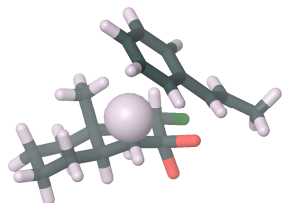
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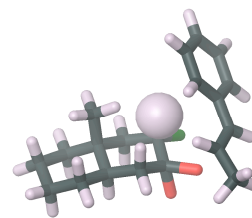
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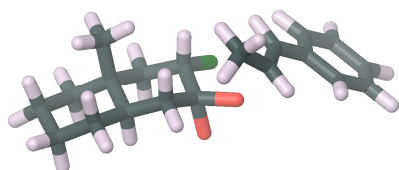
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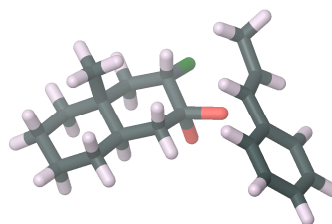
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12c (0.42)



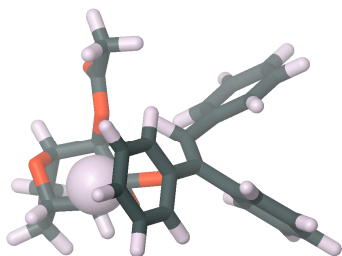
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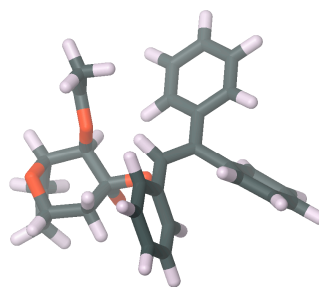
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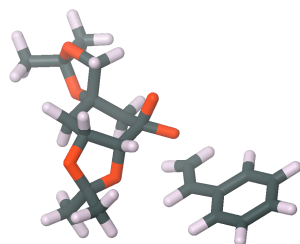
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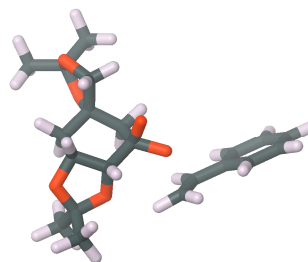
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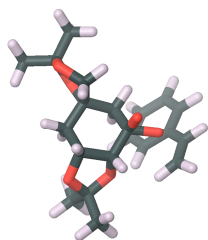
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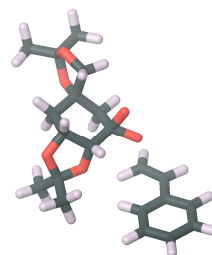
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38h (0.14)



38e (0.09)



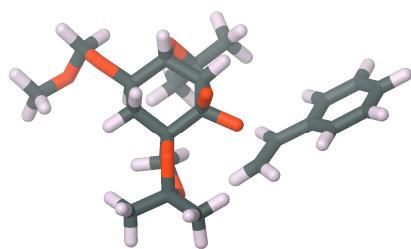
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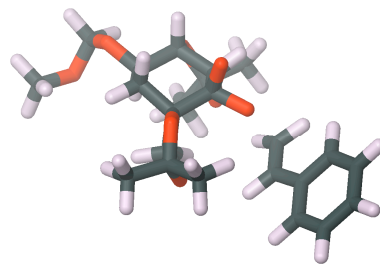
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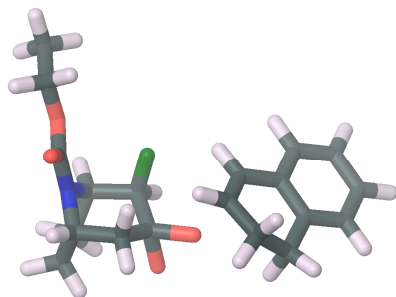
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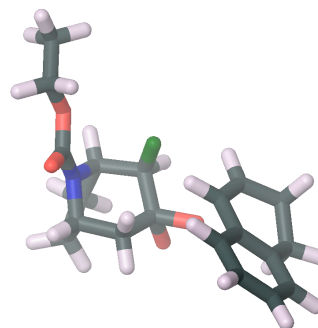
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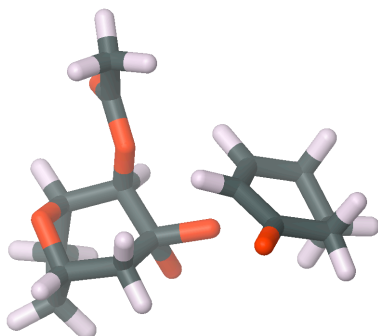
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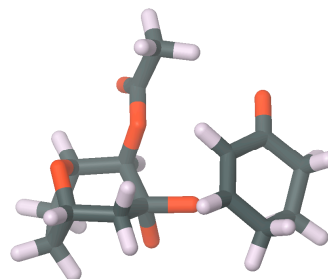
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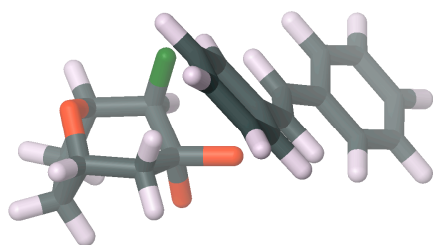
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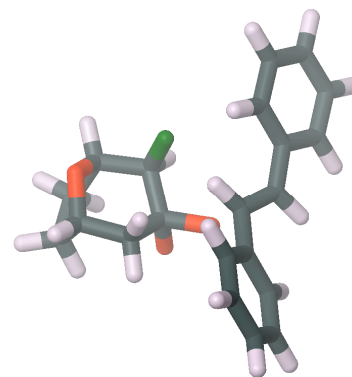
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19d (0.0)

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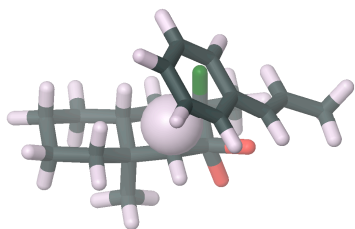


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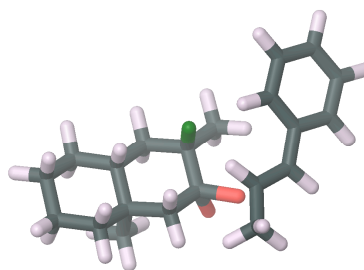
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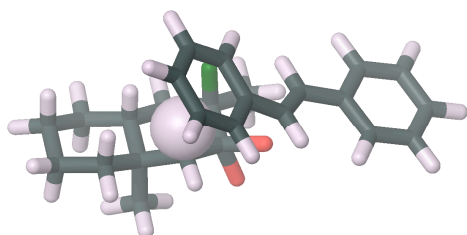
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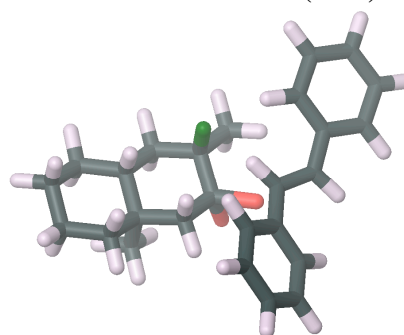
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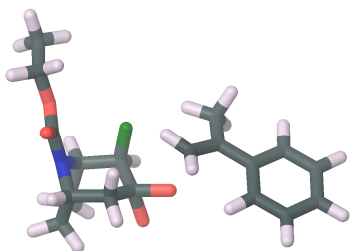
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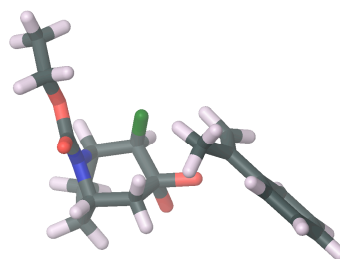
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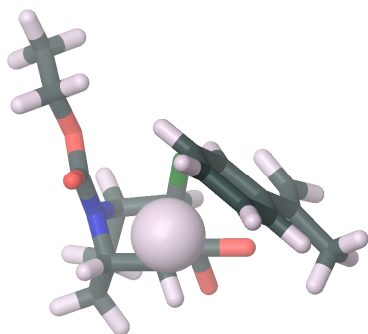
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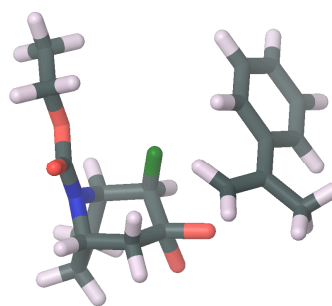
6b (0.0)



6d (0.80)



6h (0.89)



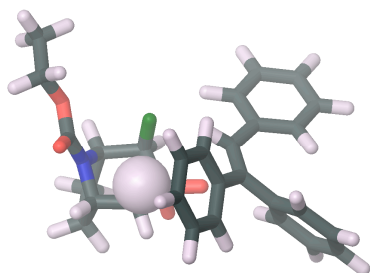
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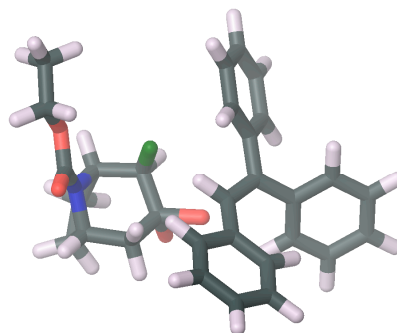
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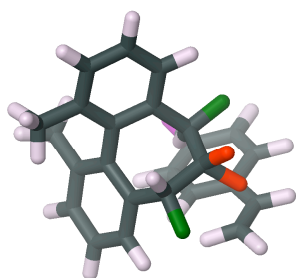
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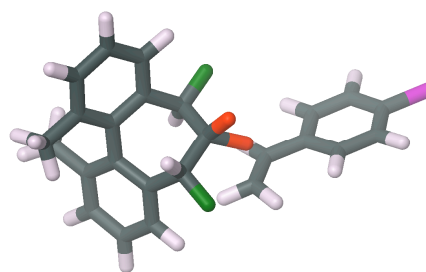
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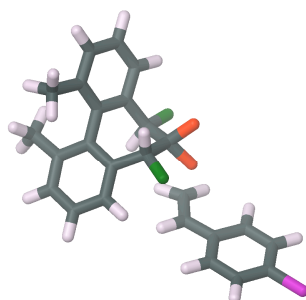
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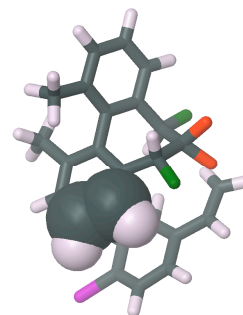
18d (0.23)



18b (0.0)



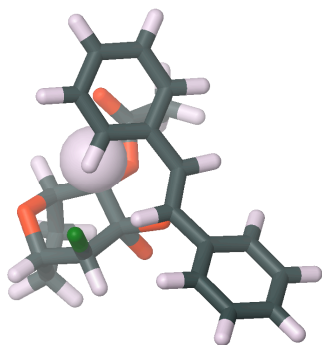
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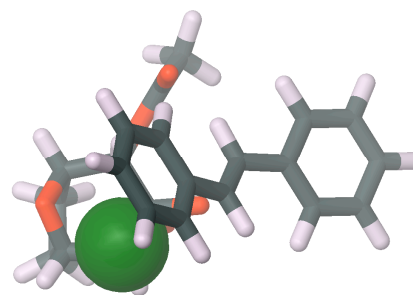
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20b (0.0)



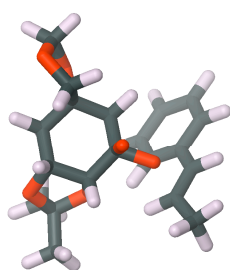
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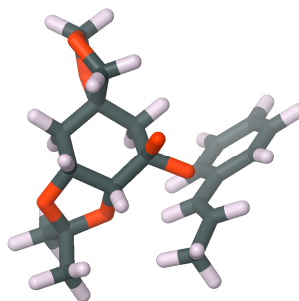
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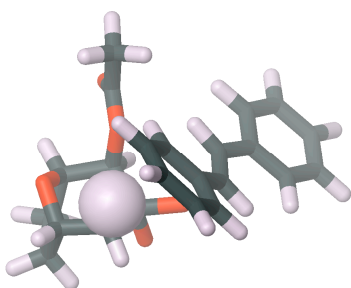
43g (0.0)



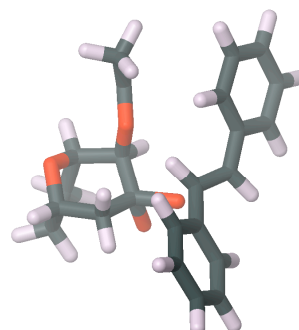
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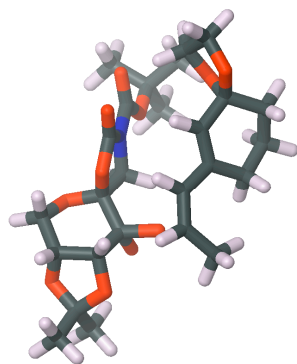
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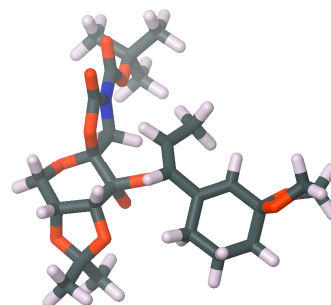
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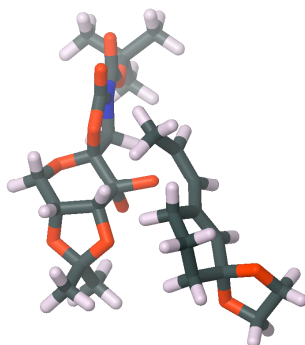
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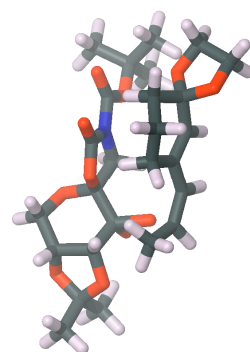
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46b (2.54)



46h (3.40)



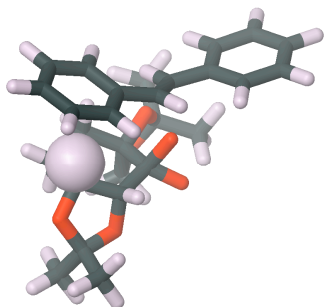
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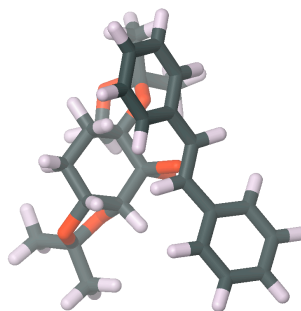
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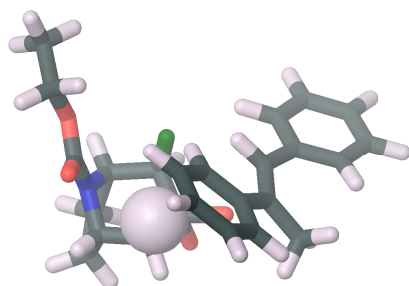
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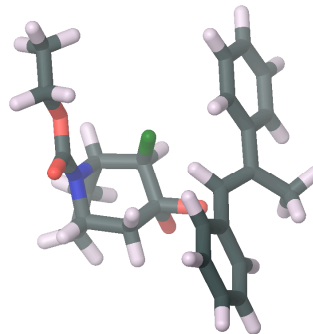
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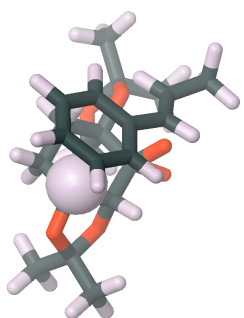
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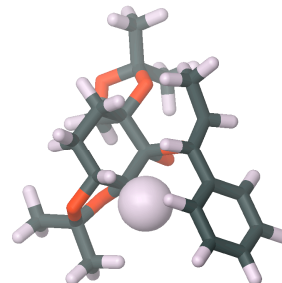
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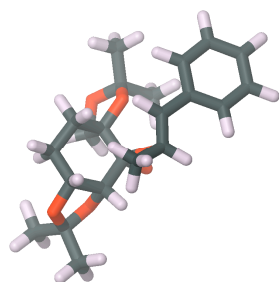
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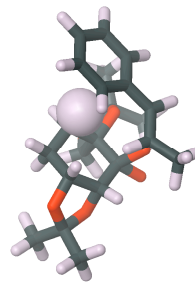
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40b (1.03)



40f (2.52)



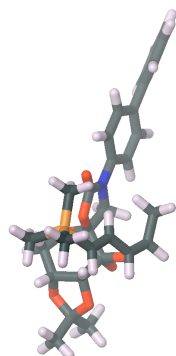
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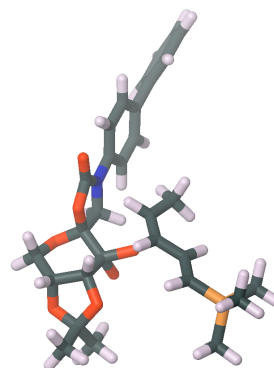
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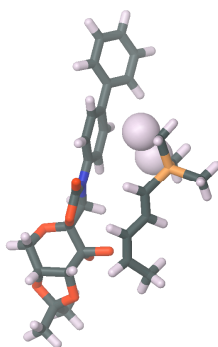
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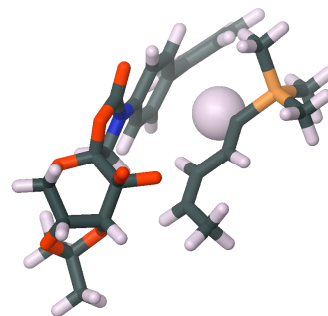


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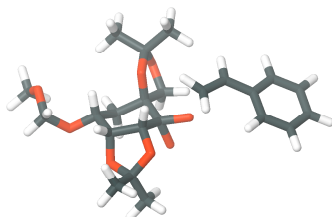
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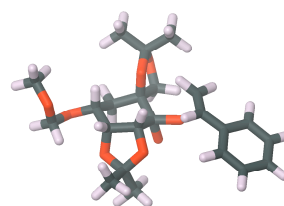
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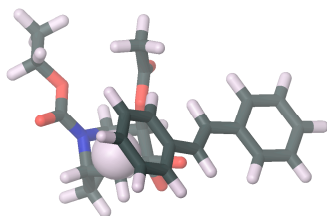
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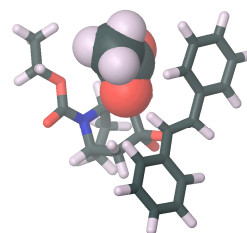
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10d (0.0)

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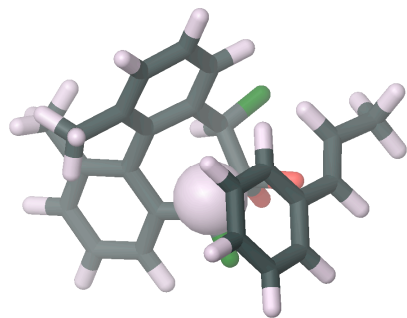


10b (2.28)

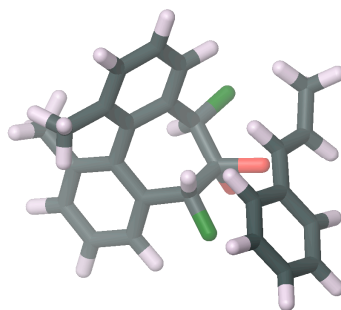
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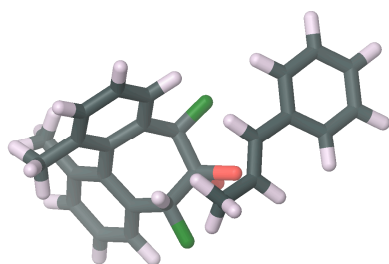
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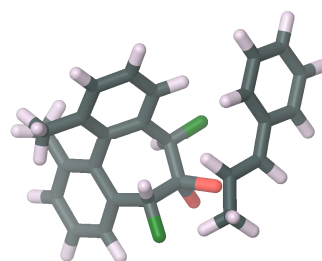


15c (2.46)



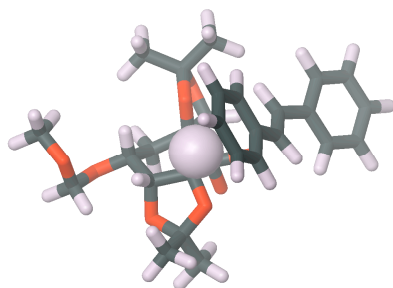
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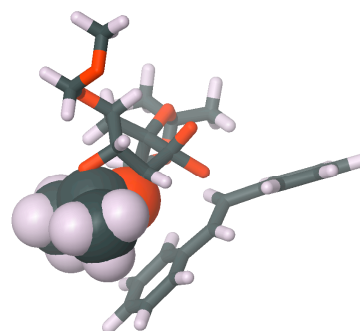
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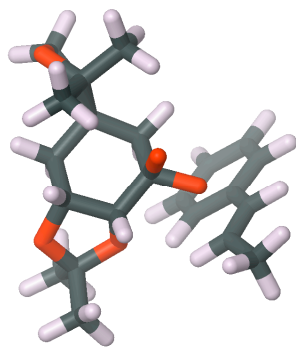
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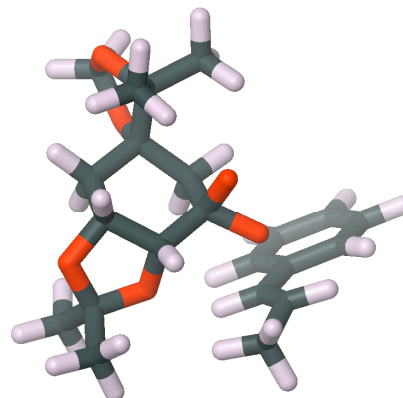
31d (2.47)

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44g (0.0)

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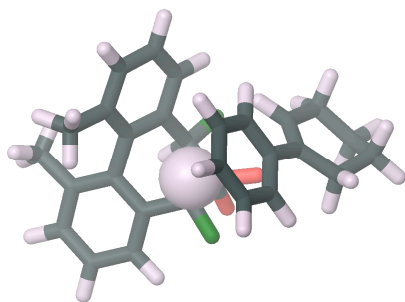
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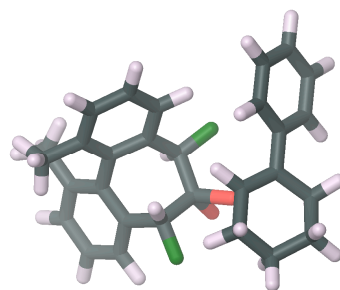
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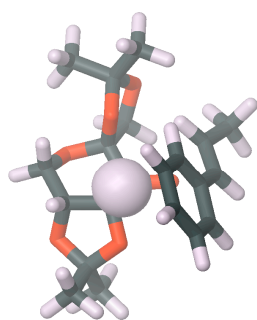
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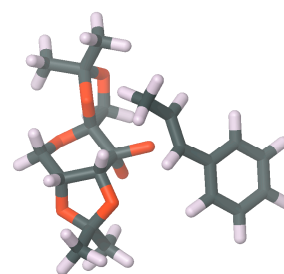
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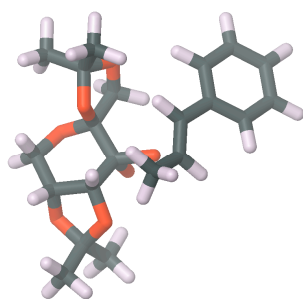
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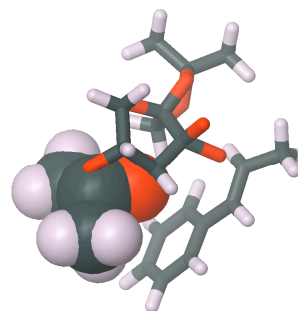
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39f (2.60)



39b (0.86)



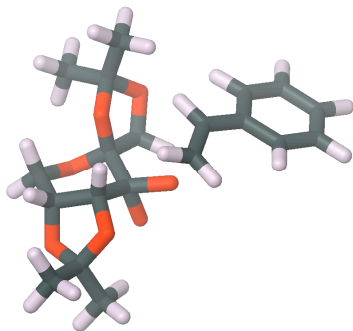
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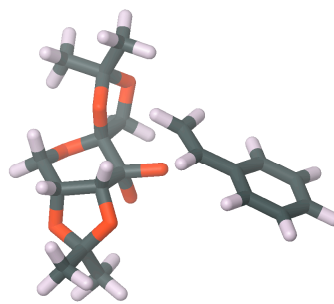
Relevant favored transition states

Relevant disfavored transition states

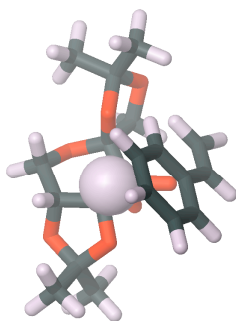
(34)



34b (0.98)

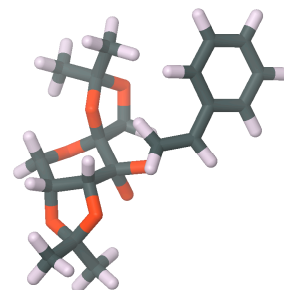


34d (0.0)



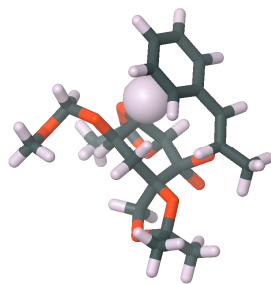
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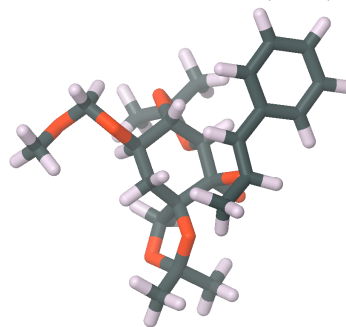
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(42)



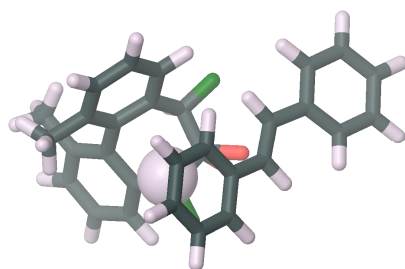
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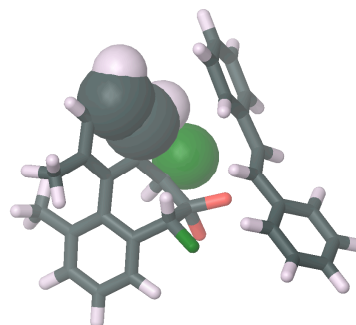
42e (0.0)

(16)



16d (0.0)

Error: 1.27 kcal/mol



16c (3.16)