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Carbene catalyzed umpolung of α , β -enals: a reactivity study of diamino dienols *vs.* azolium enolates, and the characterization of advanced reaction intermediates

For the first time, experimental (NMR, X-ray) evidence is provided for the postulated individual and specific reactivity patterns of diamino dienols (α -C–C-bond formation) vs. azolium enolates (β -C–C-bond formation) in N-heterocyclic carbene catalyzed conjugate umpolung reactions of α , β -enals. Photo and graphics by Dr. Adrian von der Höh.

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