Supporting Information

A recyclable hydrophobic anchor-tagged asymmetric amino thiourea catalyst

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1. General methods

All reactions were carried out under a positive pressure of argon. Analytical TLC was performed on Merck TLC silica gel 60F₂₅₄ silica gel plates. Visualization was accomplished with molybdenum phosphate, *p*-anisaldehyde, Hannessian's cocktail or ninhydrin. For column chromatography, silica gel (KANTO KAGAKU N-60) was employed. NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker AV400N at 400 MHz frequency or JEOL JNM-AL300 for ¹H, and JEOL JNM-AL300 at 75 MHz frequency for ¹³C in the stated solvents using tetramethylsilane as an internal standard. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm) on the δ scale from an internal standard (NMR descriptions: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; hept, heptet; m, multiplet; br, broad). Coupling constants, J, are reported in Hertz. For chiral HPLC analysis, a Chiralpak IA (DAICEL, 4.6 × 250 mm) or a Chiralpak IC-3 (DAICEL, 4.6 × 250 mm) or a Chiralcel OD-H (DAICEL, 4.6 \times 250 mm) were employed and eluting products were detected by UV at 254 nm. A solvent system consisting of HPLC grade of hexane and 2-propanol was used for HPLC analysis. Mass spectra were recorded on a Waters MICROMASS® LCT PREMIERTM (electrospray ionization-time-of-flight (ESI-TOF)). Optical rotations were measured using a JASCO P-2200 polarimeter (concentration in g dL⁻¹). IR was measured using a JEOL FT-IR 6200. Melting point was determined on YANAGIMOTO micro melting point apparatus. Elemental combustion analyses were performed using a J-SCIENCE LAB JM10. Measurement of absorbance at 250 nm was performed using a DU-650 spectrophotometer. Unless otherwise noted, materials were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd. (Japan), Aldrich Inc. (U.S.A.), Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Osaka, Japan), Nacalai Tesque Inc., Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. (Japan) commercial suppliers and were used as purchased.

2. Experimental procedures for synthesis of the catalysts

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N-(5-Hydroxypentyl)-3,4,5-tris(octadecyloxy)benzamide (10)

To a solution of 9^1 (980 mg, 1.04 mmol) in CHCl₃ (19 mL) was added H₂N(CH₂)₅OH (198 µL, 1.90 mmol) at 40 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. After that, CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation. Then, CH₃CN was added and the white precipitate was washed with CH₃CN to yield **10** (1.06 g) as a white solid. 600 mg of thus obtained product was used for next step.

5-(3,4,5-Tris(octadecyloxy)benzamido)pentyl 3-nitro-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (12)

To a solution of **10** (600 mg, *ca*. 0.59 mmol), **11** (479 mg, 0.889 mmol) and Et_3N (124 µL, 0.889 mmol) in CHCl₃ (12 mL) was added PyBOP (771 mg, 1.48 mmol) at 40 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 12 h. After that, CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation. Then, CH₃CN was added and the white precipitate was washed with CH₃CN to yield **12** (725 mg) as a white solid. Thus obtained product was used for next step without further purifications.

5-(3,4,5-Tris(octadecyloxy)benzamido)pentyl 3-amino-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (13)

To a solution of **12** (725 mg, *ca.* 0.59 mmol) in CHCl₃ (12 mL) was added $SnCl_2 \cdot H_2O$ (532 mg, 2.36 mmol) at 40 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 24 h. After that, the reagents were removed by filtration through Celite^{*} and CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation. Then, CH₃CN was added and the white precipitate was washed with CH₃CN to yield **13** (632 mg) as a white solid. 630 mg of thus obtained product was used for next step without further purifications.

5-(3,4,5-Tris(octadecyloxy)benzamido)pentyl 3-isothiocyanato-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (14)

To a solution of **13** (630 mg, *ca*. 0.53 mmol) and imidazole (10.7 mg, 0.158 mmol) in CHCl₃ (11 mL) was added TCDI (374 mg, 2.10 mmol) at 30 °C and stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After that, CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation. Then, CH₃CN was added and the white precipitate was washed with CH₃CN to yield **14** (652 mg) as a white solid. Thus obtained product was used for next step without further purifications.

(1R,2R)- N^1 , N^1 -Dimethylcyclohexane-1,2-diamine dihydrochloride $(15)^2$

To a solution of $S1^3$ (507 mg, 2.09 mmol) in EtOAc (2.0 mL) was added HCl (4M in EtOAc, 6.0 mL, 24 mmol) at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 20 h. After that, the volatiles were removed by evaporation to yield 15 (531 mg) as a white solid. Thus obtained product was used for next step without further purifications.

5-(3,4,5-Tris(octadecyloxy)benzamido)pentyl

3-(3-((1R,2R)-2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl)thioureido)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoate (6)

To a solution of **14** (652 mg, *ca*. 0.54 mmol) in CHCl₃ (11 mL) were added Et₃N (151 mL, 1.09 mmol) and **15** (234 mg, *ca*. 1.09 mmol) at 40 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. After that, CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation. Then, CH₃CN was added and the white precipitate was washed with CH₃CN. The resulting crude solid was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH/Et₃N = 20/1/0.1) to afford **6** (610 mg, 0.441 mmol, 75% in 5 steps) as a white powder. $[\alpha]^{20}D^{-7.6}$ (*c* = 1.02 in CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 9H), 1.20–1.37 (m, 90H), 1.40–1.50 (m, 8H), 1.67–1.90 (m, 14H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 14.4 and 6.2 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (s, 1H),

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6.95 (s, 1H), 7.97 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 22.8, 23.8, 24.5, 24.7, 26.2, 28.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.8, 29.9, 32.1, 40.1, 40.2, 65.6, 69.5, 73.6, 69.5, 73.6, 105.9, 121.7, 122.4, 125.3, 123.8, 127.2, 129.9, 131.4, 131.8, 132.0, 141.1, 153.2, 165.0, 167.7; IR (KBr) 1125, 1255, 1502, 1582, 1725, 2849, 2917, 3257 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₈₃H₁₄₅F₃N₄O₆S [M+H]⁺ 1384.0837, found 1384.0870.

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3-(3-((1R,2R)-2-(Dimethylamino)cyclohexyl)thioureido)-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (S2)

To a solution of 15^4 (82.0 mg, 0.197 mmol) in dioxane (2.0 mL) was added 2M NaOH_{aq} (2.0 mL) at room temperature and stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. After that, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo, acidified with 5% KHSO_{4aq}, extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to yield **S2** (70.0 mg, 90%) as a white powder. [α]²⁰_D+1.2 (c = 1.07 in CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta 1.34$ –1.57 (m, 4H), 1.79–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.94–2.04 (m, 1H), 2.09–2.17 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.34 (m, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 4.86 (m, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 9.24 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6); $\delta 22.8$, 23.6, 23.7, 31.7, 52.4, 66.2, 120.1, 122.0, 125.4, 126.3, 129.0, 129.4, 132.4, 141.3, 165.9, 180.5; IR (KBr) 1341, 1543, 1607, 1707, 2866, 2944, 3303 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₂F₃N₃O₂S [M+H] +390.1385, found 390.1453.

$\label{eq:approx} 4-Aminobutyl\ 3-(3-((1R,2R)-2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl) thioureido)-5-(trifluoromethyl) benzoate\ (S4)$

To a solution of **S2** (50.0 mg, 0.128 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.3 mL) were added HATU (59.3 mg, 0.156 mmol), **S3** (39.1 mg, 0.192 mmol) and DMAP (3.1 mg, 0.026 mmol) at room temperature and stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. After that, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated in vacuo to yield the corresponding ester intermediate. This crude product was used for the next step without further purifications.

To a solution of above obtained ester in CH₂Cl₂ (2.1 mL) was added TFA (130 µL) at room temperature and stirred at the same temperature for 12 h. Then, TFA was removed by evaporation and the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl₃/MeOH = 50/1) to yield **S5** (30.4 mg, 49% in 2 steps) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +50.1 (*c* = 1.42 in MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD); δ 1.43–1.48 (m, 3H), 1.57–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.72–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.85–1.98 (m, 3H), 1.98 (br s, 1H), 2.17 (br s, 1H), 2.93 (s, 6H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.43 (s, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD); 24.0, 24.1, 25.1, 25.4, 28.2, 29.2, 33.2, 38.6, 40.6, 42.9, 54.3, 66.3, 69.0, 122.4, 123.2, 125.2, 128.5, 131.7, 132.1, 132.8, 142.4, 166.3, 183.5; IR (KBr) 1260, 1776, 2870, 2949, 3252, 3570 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₂H₃₃F₃N₄O₂S [M+Na] + 474.2276, found 474.2166.

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Resin-bound thiourea (14)

To a suspension of carboxypolystyrene resine (10.0 mg, content = 1.6-3.0 mmol/g) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.63 mL) were added **S4** (30.0 mg, 0.0632 mmol), EDCI·HCl (6.1 mg, 0.032 mmol), DIPEA (5.5 μ L, 0.032 mmol) at room temperature and stirred at the same temperature. After 2 h, the resulting precipitate was washed with CH₂Cl₂. To protect unreacted carboxylic acid of starting resin, capping of carboxyl group was performed as follows. The above obtained resin was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (0.63 mL) and TMSCHN₂ (2.0 M hexane solution, 1.0 mL, 2.00 mmol) was added at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Then, the resulting precipitate was washed with CH₂Cl₂. Content of the thiourea moiety bound to the resin **14** was determined to be 0.69 mmol /g by quantification of the content of nitrogen atom by elemental analysis (N: 3.86%).

IR (KBr) 1603, 1724, 1787, 2852, 2926, 3298 cm⁻¹

3. Solubility of hydrophobic anchor-tagged catalyst in various solvents

Standard curve showing correlation between absorbance and concentration of **6** was prepared by measuring UV absorbance of the CHCl₃ solution of **6** in each concentration (Figure S1). Next, **6** was saturated in various solvents and each solution was stirred at each temperature for 3 days. After the insolubility of the suspension was filtered off, the absorbance of the filtrate at 250 nm was measured. Concentration of **6** in each solvent was estimated according to the standard curve (Table S1).



Table S1. Absorbance of the solution of 6 under each condition and concentration of 6 estimated by the standard curve.

solvent	ے	[↓] °C	20	0 °C	30	°C
	abbsorbance	concentration of 6	abbsorbance	concentration of 6	abbsorbance	concentration of 6
	at 250 nm	(mM)	at 250 nm	(mM)	at 250 nm	(mM)
CHCl ₃ CH ₂ Cl ₂ toluene THF MeOH MeCN	3.36 0.153 0.0357 0.108 N.D. N.D. N.D.	141 6.39 1.46 4.48 N.D. N.D.	3.73 0.180 0.0417 0.113 N.D. N.D. N.D.	156 7.53 1.71 4.70 N.D. N.D.	4.20 0.737 0.941 0.772 0.00320 0.00220	177 30.9 39.5 32.4 0.10 0.06

4. General procedure for Aza-Henry reaction using hydrophobic anchor-tagged catalyst



A solution of 16^5 (20.6 mg, 0.100 mmol) and MeNO₂ (53.9 µL, 1.00 mmol) in CHCl₃ (1.0 mL) was added hydrophobic anchor-tagged catalyst **6** (13.8 mg, 10.0 µmol) and stirred at 30 °C for 24 h. After that, CHCl₃ was removed by evaporation and MeCN was added to the residue. The precipitated catalyst was collected by filtration (13.7 mg, 99%). The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo and purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 to 4/1) to afford 18^6 (20.5 mg, 77%) as a white solid.

tert-Butyl (R)-2-nitro-1-phenylethylcarbamate (18)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 1.46 (s, 9H), 4.68–4.72 (m, 1 H), 4.85 (br s, 1H), 5.29 (br s, 1H), 5.37 (br s, 1H), 7.25-7.38 (m, 5H); HPLC [Chiralpak IC-3, hexane/2-propanol = 85/15, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention times: (major) 10.0 min, (minor) 15.6 min, 91% ee]; $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D –21.1 (*c* = 1.05 in CHCl₃).

5. Typical procedure for Michael reaction using hydrophobic anchor-tagged catalyst



A mixture of **19a** (14.9 mg, 0.100 mmol), catalyst **6** (41.5 mg, 0.0300 mmol) and **20** (30.2 μ L, 0.199 mmol) in toluene (1.0 mL) was stirred at 30 °C for 72 h. Then, the reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (Hexane/EtOAc = 10/1 to 4/1) to afford the desired product **24a**⁷ (23.1 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil.

Diethyl (*S*)-2-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)malonate (24a)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19–4.26 (m, 3H), 4.83–4.95 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.34 (m, 5H); HPLC [Chiralpak IA, hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention times: (major) 14.6 min, (minor) 31.7 min, 89% ee]; [α]²⁰_D –7.4 (*c* = 0.76 in CHCl₃).

Ethyl (S)-2-carboethoxy-4-nitro-3-(4-chlorphenyl)butyrate (24b)⁷

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24b** in 80% yield as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 1.09 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 3H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18–4.25 (m, 3H), 4.83–4.92 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H); HPLC [Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention times: (major) 18.3 min, (minor) 15.7 min, 93% ee]; $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –7.5 (*c* = 1.47 in CHCl₃)

(*R*)-3-(2-Nitro-1-phenylethyl)pentane-2,4-dione $(24c)^8$

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of 24a afforded 24c in 98% yield as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400

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MHz, CDCl₃); δ 1.94 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.21–4.27 (m, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59–4.68 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.35 (m, 3H); HPLC [Chiralpak IA, hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention times: (major) 23.7 min, (minor) 17.5 min, 72% ee]; [α]²⁰_D–190.3 (*c* = 1.16 in CHCl₃)

(R)-3-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)pentane-2,4-dione (24d)⁸

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24d** in 97% yield as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 1.98 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 4.22–4.34 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60–4.62 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H); HPLC [Chiralpak IA, hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention times: (major) 17.4 min, (minor) 36.9 min, 89% ee]; $[\alpha]^{20}$ –176.0 (*c* = 1.07 in CHCl₃).

(*R*)-Ethyl 1-((*S*)-2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)-2-oxocyclopentane-1-carboxylate $(24e)^9$

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24e** in 95% yield as a colorless oil (dr = 90 : 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); Mixture of diastereomers δ 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.81–2.05 (m, 4H), 2.32–2.41 (m, 2H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.19–4.24 (m, 2H), 4.8–5.04 (m, 1H), 5.15–5.31, (m, 1H), 7.24–7.33 (m, 5H); HPLC [Chiralcel OD-H, hexane/2-propanol = 93/7, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention times: (major) 21.3 min, (minor) 15.2 min, 78% ee]; [α]²⁰_D –22.4 (*c* = 0.45 in CHCl₃).

(R) – Ethyl 1-((S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-2-oxocyclopentane-1-carboxylate (24f)⁹

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24f** in 88% yield as a colorless oil (dr = 90 : 10). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) Mixture of diastereomers δ 1.24 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 1.82–2.10 (m, 4H), 2.34–2.42 (m, 2H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H); HPLC [Chiralcel IC-3, hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nm, retention times: (major) 24.9 min, (minor) 19.6 min, 78% ee]; [α]²⁰_D –25.5 (*c* = 1.12 in CHCl₃).

(S)-2-Hydroxy-3-(2-nitro-1-phenylethyl)naphthalene-1,4-dione (24g)¹⁰

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24g** in 95% yield as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); δ 5.15 (dd, J = 6.8, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J = 6.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 9.0, 13.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (dt, J = 1.3, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H). HPLC [Chiralcel IA hexane (0.1% TFA)/DCM/EtOH = 90/5/5, 1.0 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, retention times: (major) 32.2 min, (minor) 41.7 min, 92% ee]; [α]²⁰_D +31.8 (c = 1.05 in CHCl₃).

(S)-2-(1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-nitroethyl)-3-hydroxynaphthalene-1,4-dione (**24h**)¹⁰

A procedure similar to that described for the preparation of **24a** afforded **24h** in 90% yield as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆); δ 5.20 (t, *J* = 7.8, Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.78 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dt, *J* = 1.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H); HPLC [Chiralcel IA hexane (0.1% TFA)/DCM/EtOH = 90/5/5, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 254 nm, retention times: (major) 32.8 min, (minor) 38.7 min, 93% ee]; [α]²⁰_D +15.5 (*c* =1.03 in CH₃COOH).

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6. The parent thiourea-catalyzed Michael reaction

The results of the parent thiourea 1-catalyzed Michael reaction of nitroolefins **19a**,**b** and carbon nucleophiles **20-23** are summarized in Table S2.



Table S2. The parent thiourea 1-catalyzed Michael reaction of 19a,b and 20-23.

7. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra













$$H_2N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{CF}_3} S \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} N \xrightarrow{\mathsf{N}} S$$











EtO₂C NO₂Et NO₂ ĺ] CI^ 24b











24g







8. Chiral HPLC charts

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