## Challenge question #2

Predict the product for the following reaction.

(a) 
$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{D} \bigcup_{i=1}^{D} \bigcup_{i=1}^{D}$$

#### **Answer**

In this Diels-Alder reaction, both diene and dienophile are *unsymmetrical*; so we need to follow the following steps:

## 1. Assign diene + dienophile polarities and align them

### 2. Draw the endo transition state

## 3. Form the 6-membered ring

$$\bigcup_{\mathsf{NMe}_2}^{\mathsf{D}} \mathsf{D}$$

# 4. Draw relative stereochemistry (endo vs. exo)