

# Recent Advances in Transition-Metal-Catalyzed C–X Activation

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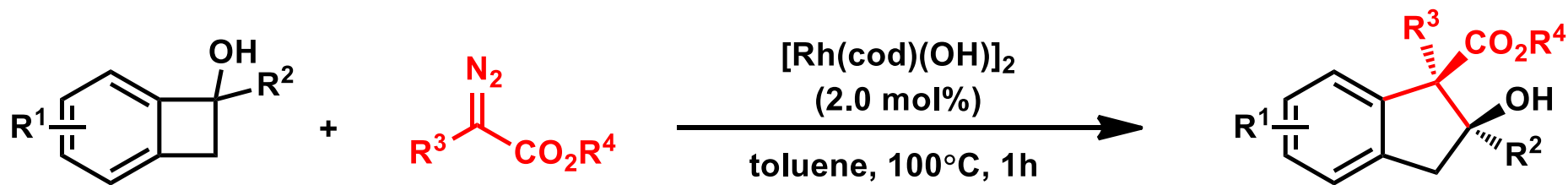


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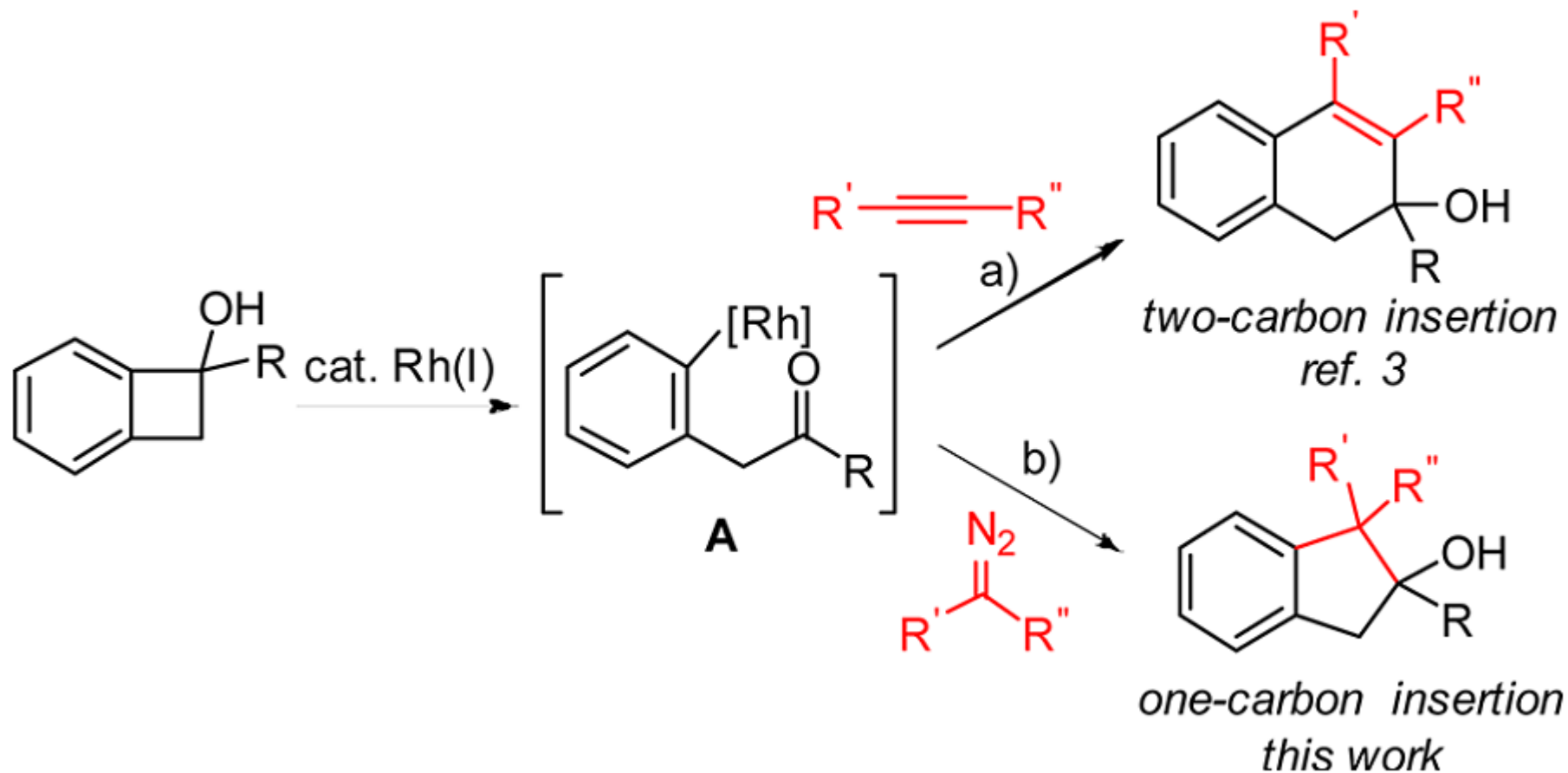


# Formal Carbene Insertion into C–C Bond: Rh(I)-Catalyzed Reaction of Benzocyclobutenols with Diazoesters

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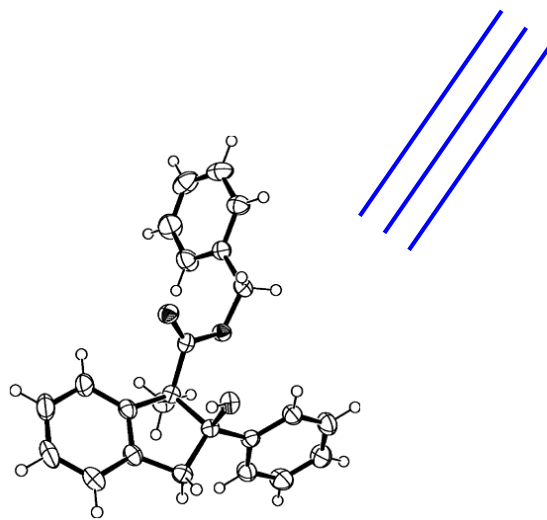
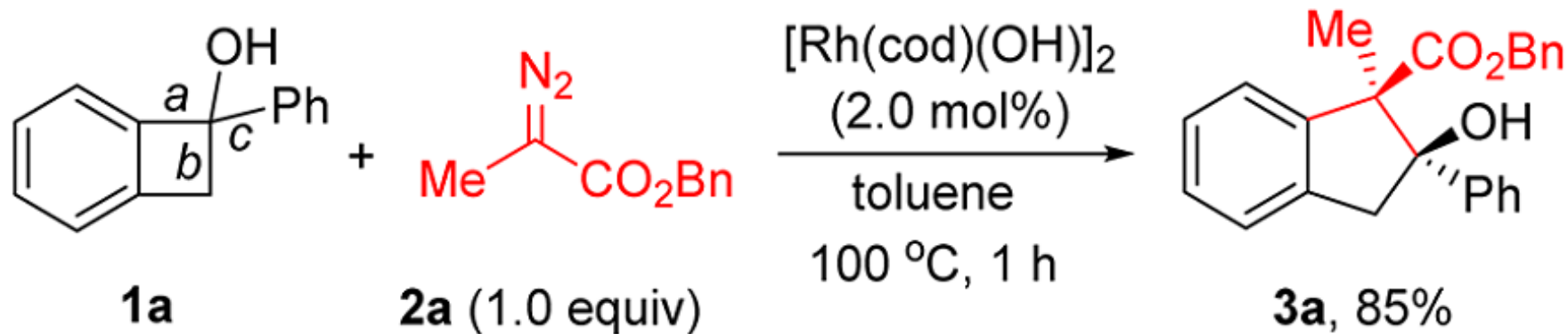
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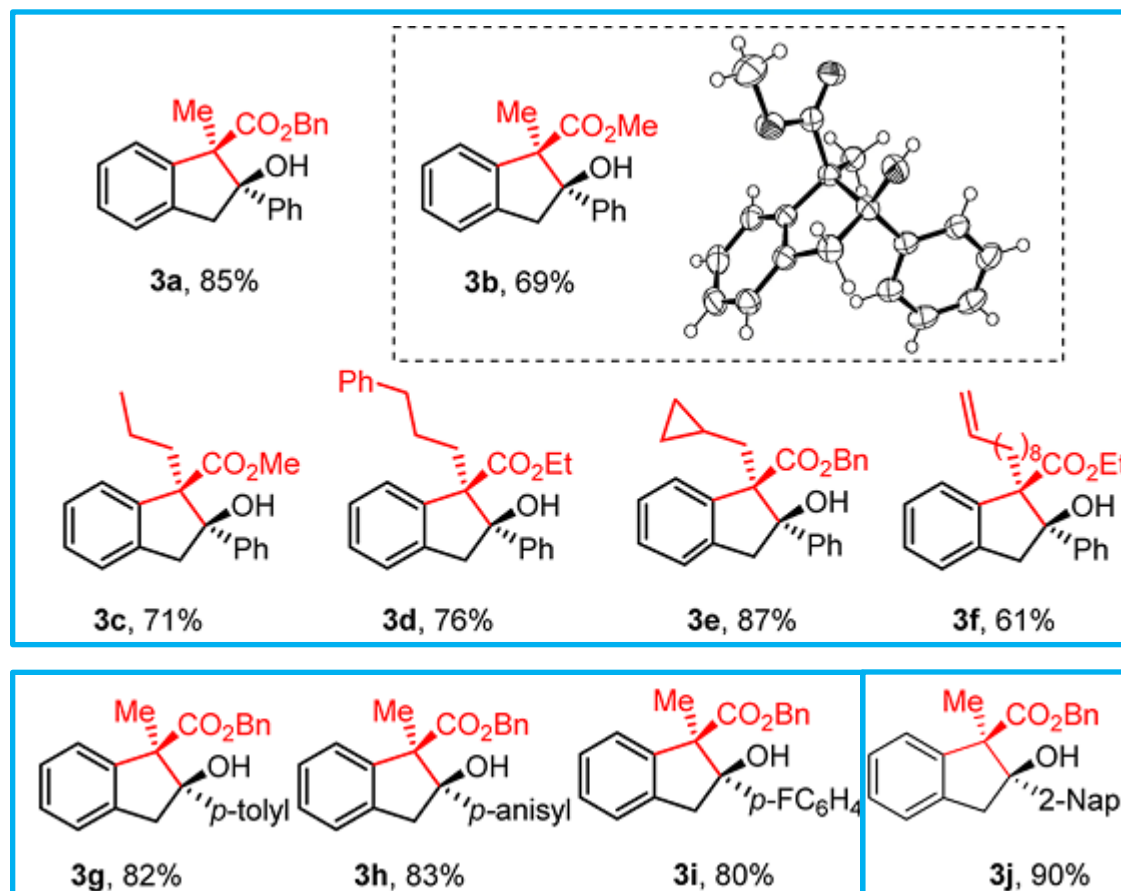
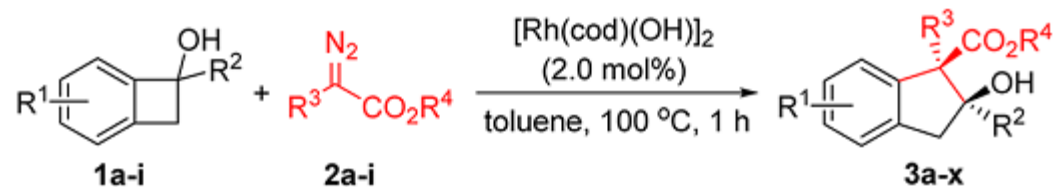
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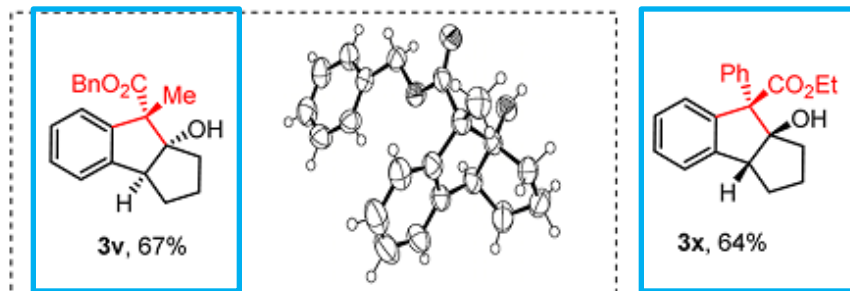
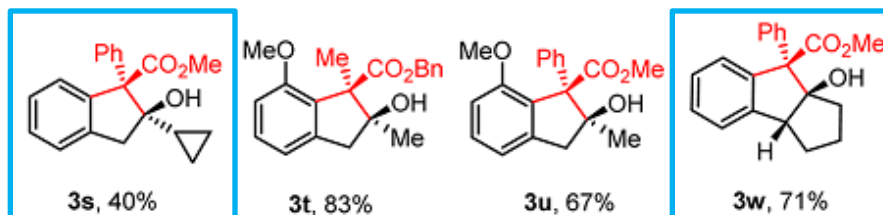
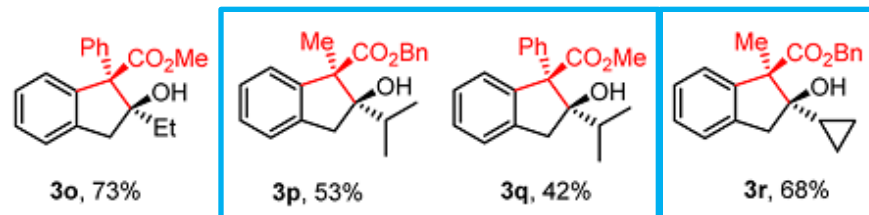
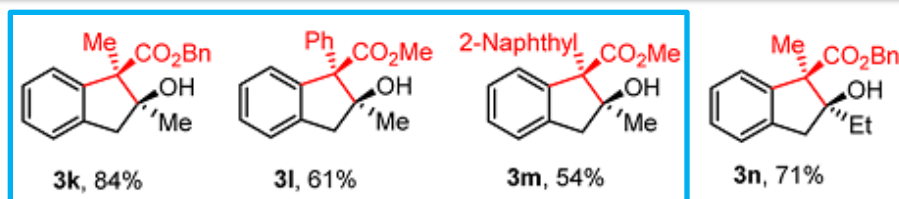
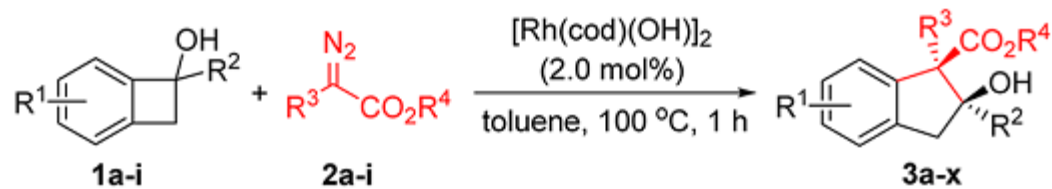
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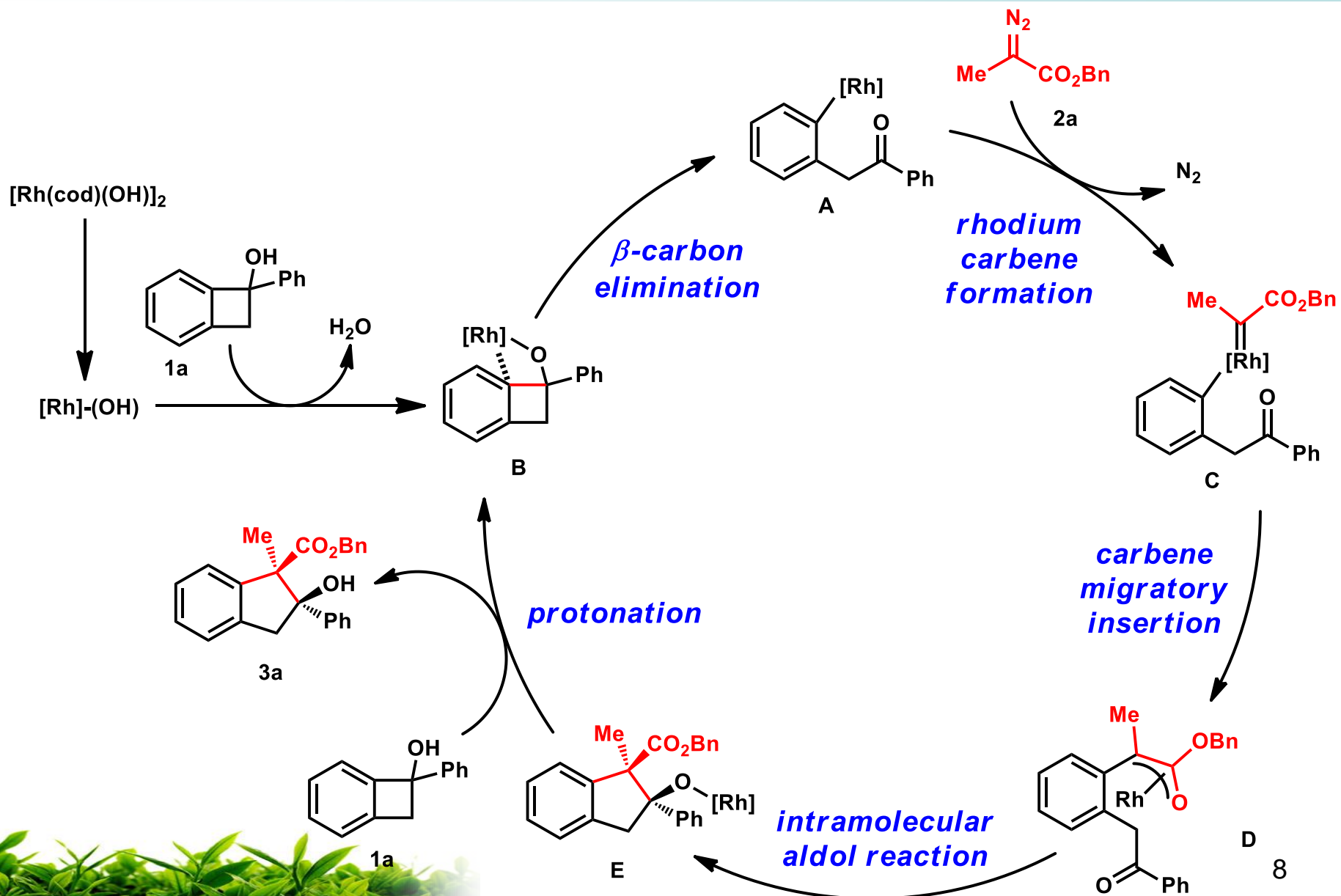
# Scope of Substrates



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# Proposed Mechanism





# Summary-1



A Rh(I)-catalyzed formal C-C bond carbene insertion reaction between benzocyclobutenols and diazoesters



Selective cleavage of C-C bond, Rh(I) carbene insertion, and intramolecular aldol reaction

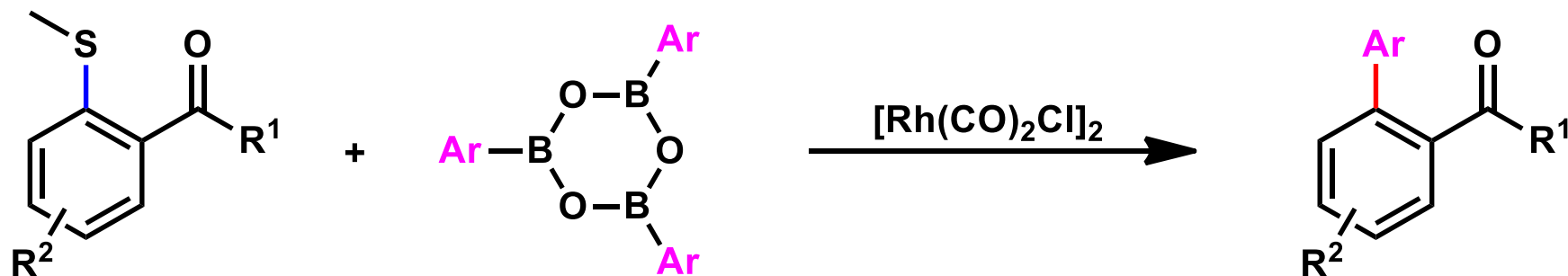


Excellent regioselectivity and diastereoselectivity under mild reaction conditions, all-carbon quaternary center

## Cross coupling of thioethers with aryl boroxines to construct biaryls *via* Rh catalyzed C–S activation†

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# Origin of the Idea

## Traditional Methods



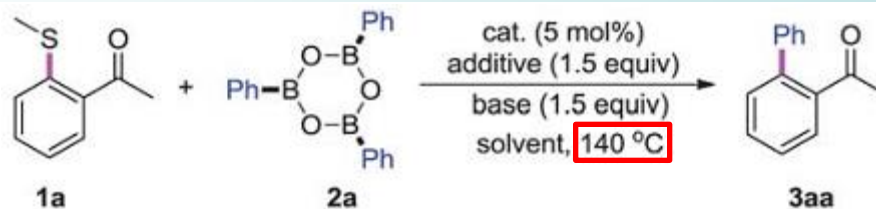
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## New Method



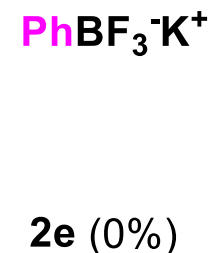
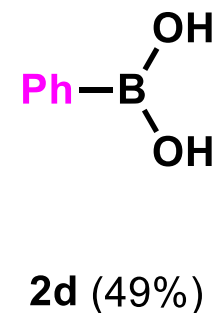
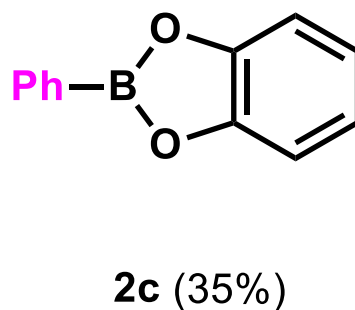
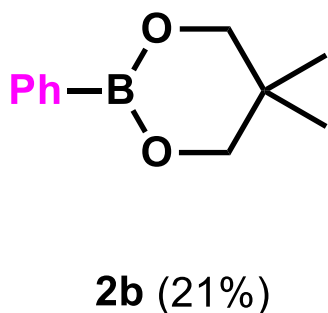
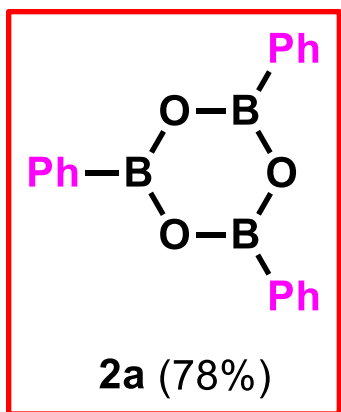
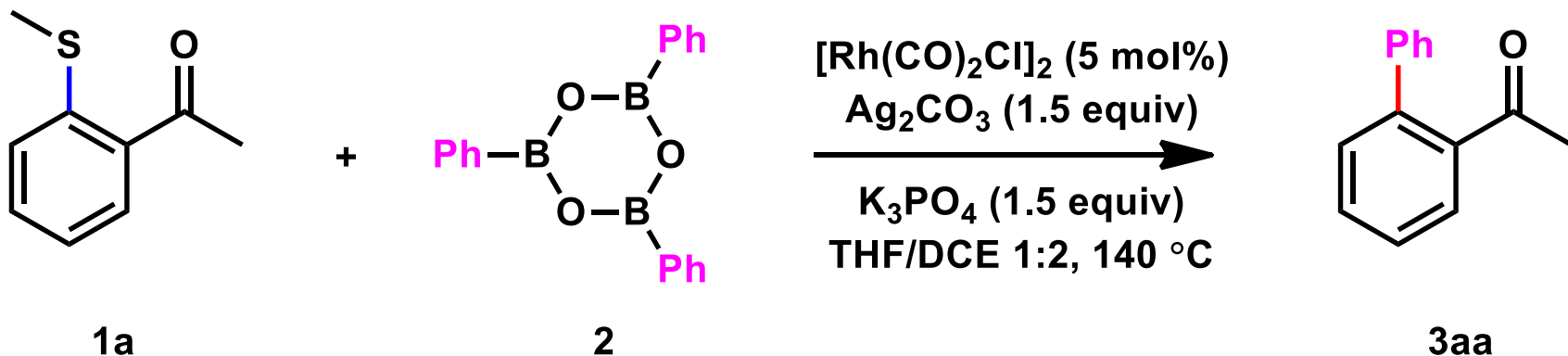
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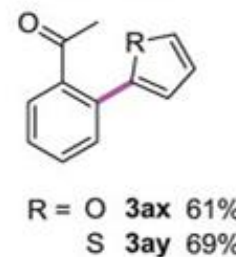
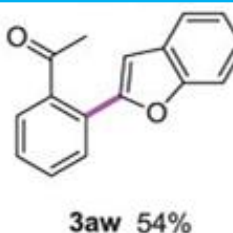
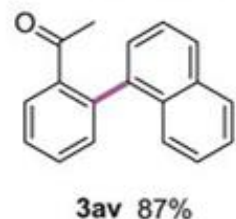
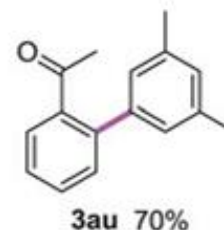
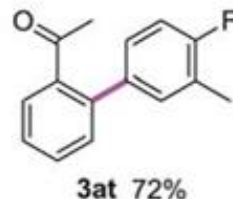
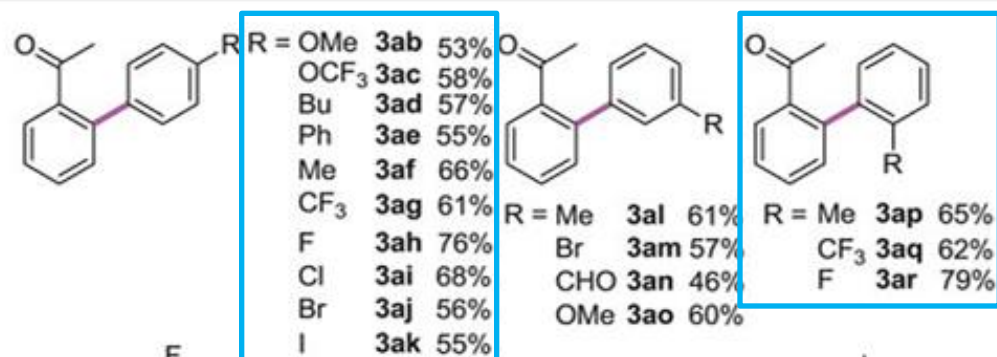
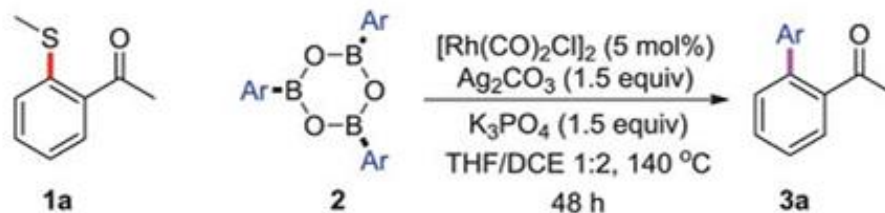


Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Base	Solvent	3aa <sup>b</sup> (%)
1	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Toluene	38%
2	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Dioxane	48%
3	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF	53%
4	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	DCE	56%
5	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 1	59%
6	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	83%
7	Rh(COD)Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	42%
8	Rh(acac) <sub>3</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	0
9	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	62%
10	Ni(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	5%
11	Ru(COD)Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	47%
12	CuI	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	0
13	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	17%
14	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	26%
15	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	46%
16	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	18%
17	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CsOAc	THF-DCE 1 : 2	29%
18	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	—	THF-DCE 1 : 2	19%
19	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	—	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	16%
20	—	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	0
21 <sup>c</sup>	Rh(CO) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	THF-DCE 1 : 2	88% (78%)

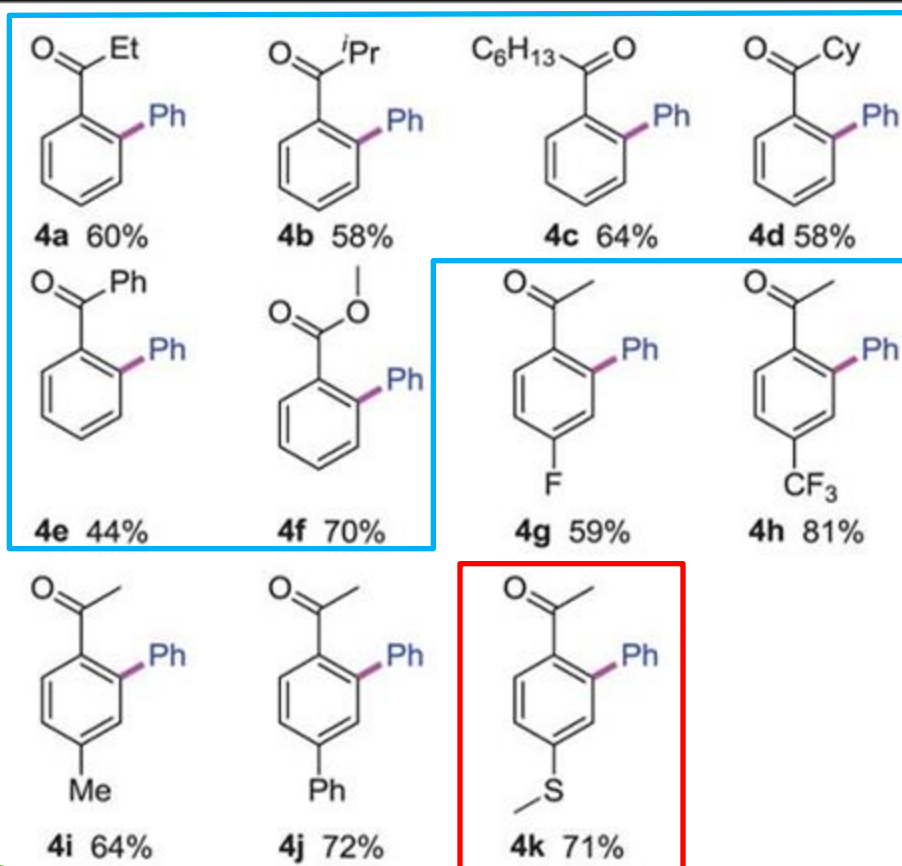
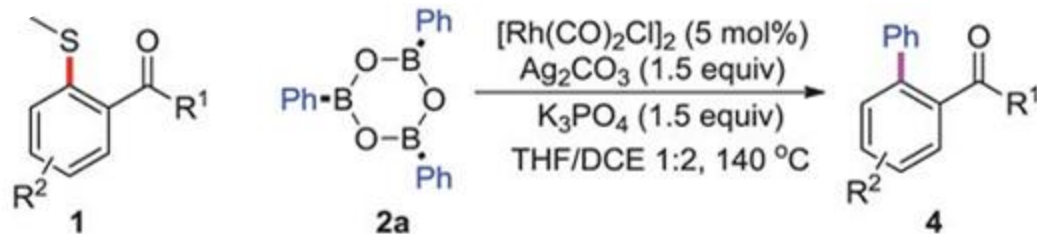
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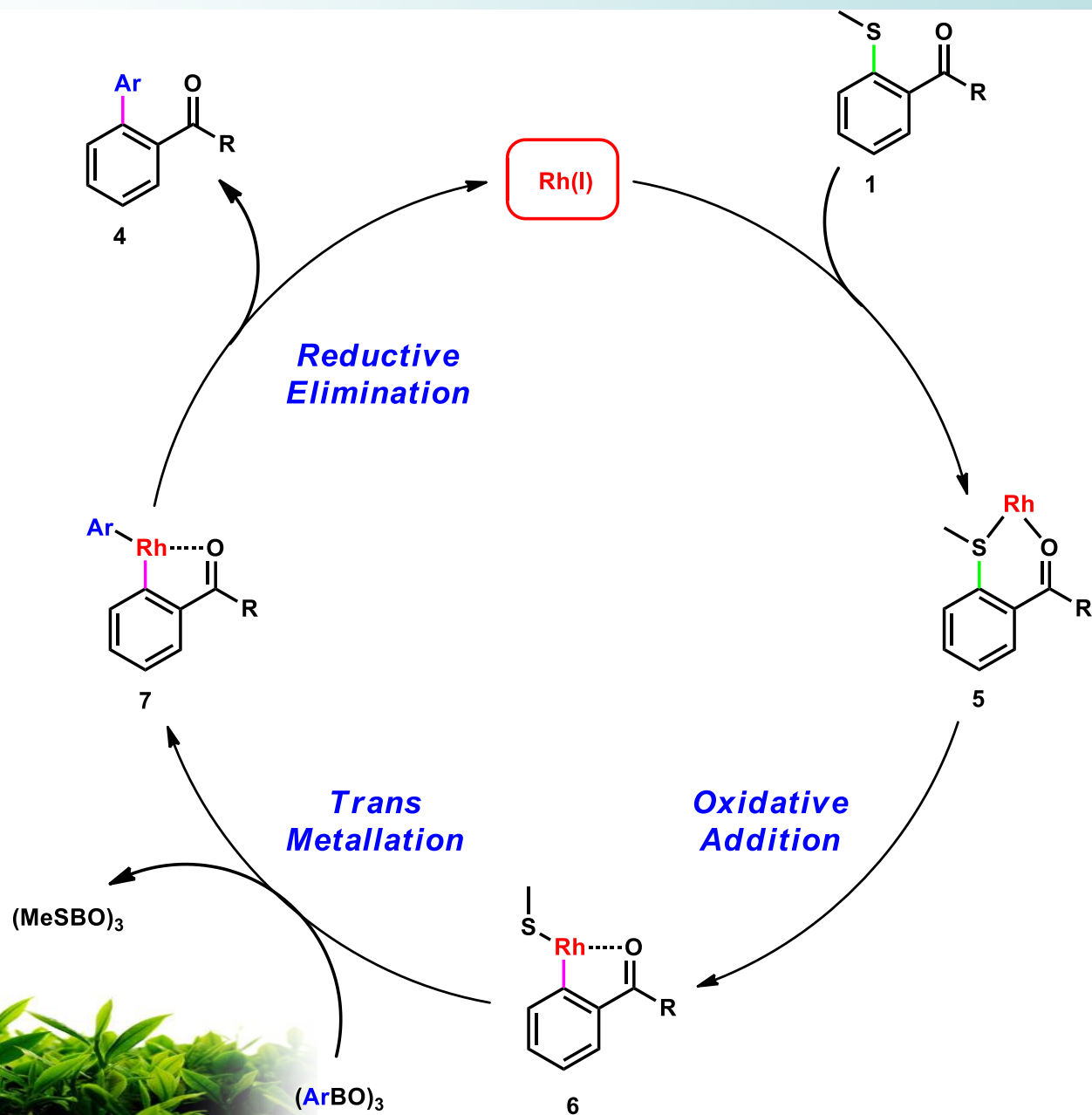
# Scope of Aryl Boroxines



# Scope of Thioethers



# Proposed Mechanism





# Summary-2



Rhodium-catalyzed C–C bond formation through unreactive aryl C–S bond cleavage



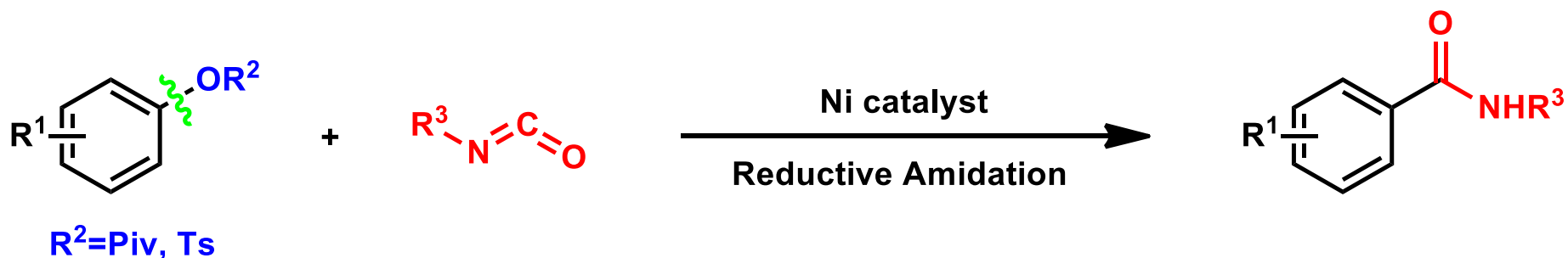
A supplement to the traditional Suzuki–Miyaura coupling



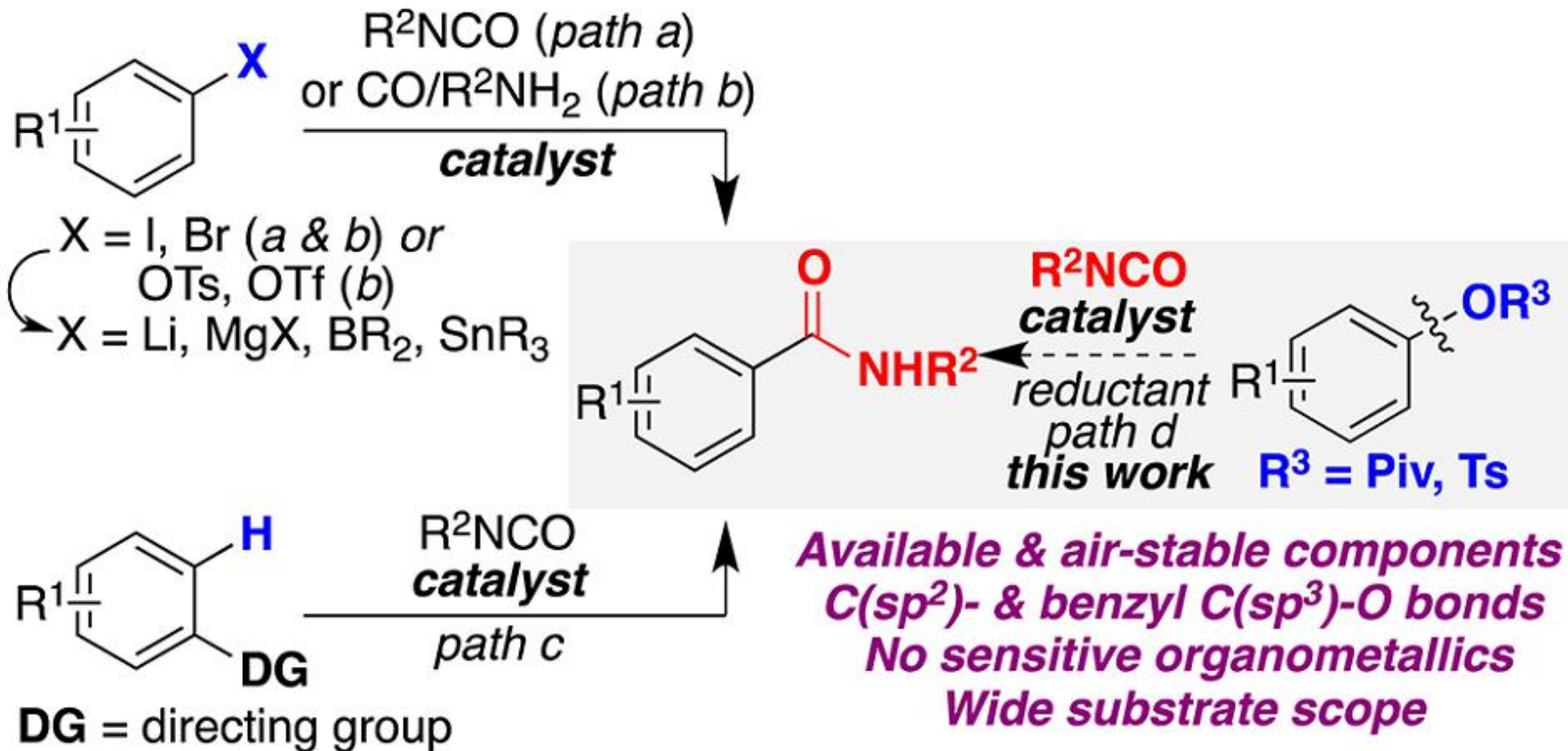
Broad substrate scope and good to excellent yields

# Ni-Catalyzed Direct Reductive Amidation via C–O Bond Cleavage

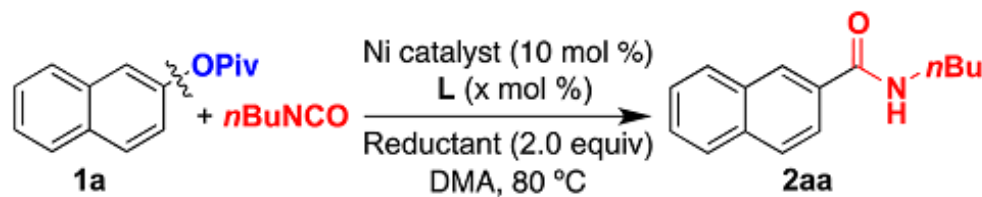
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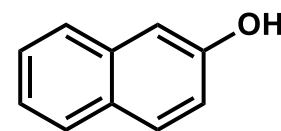
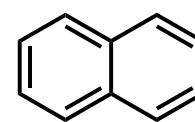
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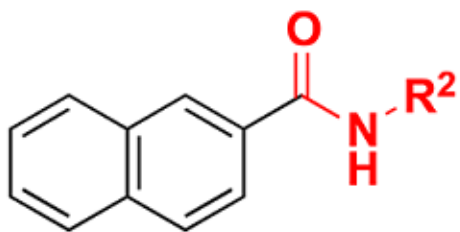
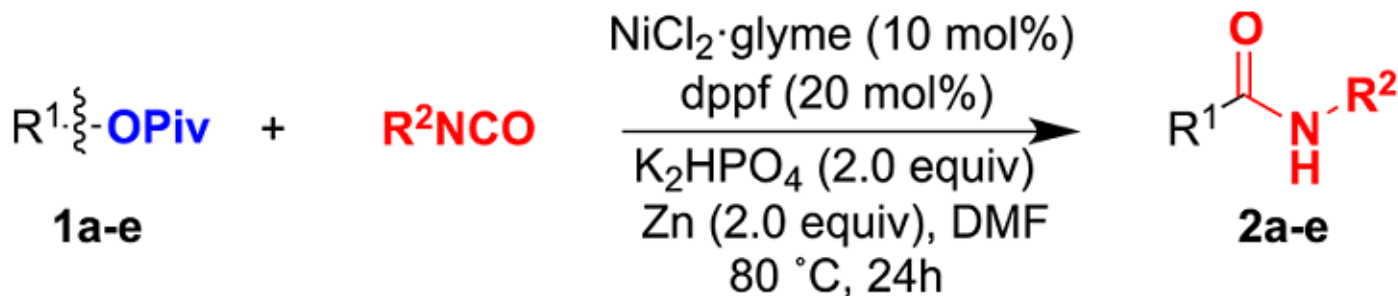


entry	Ni catalyst	L (x mol%)	reductant	yield <b>2aa</b> (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf)	dppf (10)	Mn	18
2	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (dppp)	dppp (10)	Mn	0
3	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	Mn	0
4	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub> (10)	Mn	0
5	NiBr <sub>2</sub> (bpy) <sub>2</sub>	bpy (10)	Mn	0
6	NiCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf)	dppf (10)	Zn	38
7	Ni(acac) <sub>2</sub>	dppf (20)	Zn	28
8	Ni(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	dppf (20)	Zn	21
9	NiBr <sub>2</sub> ·glyme	dppf (20)	Zn	46
10	NiBr <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	dppf (20)	Zn	42
11	NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·glyme	dppf (20)	Zn	55
12	NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·glyme	dppf (10)	Zn	4
13 <sup>c,d</sup>	NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·glyme	dppf (20)	Zn	70 <sup>f</sup>
14 <sup>d,e</sup>	NiCl <sub>2</sub> ·glyme	dppf (20)	Zn	81 <sup>f</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.50 mmol),  $n\text{BuNCO}$  (2.0 equiv), [Ni] (10 mol%), L (x mol%), reductant (2.0 equiv), DMA (0.25 M) at 80 °C for 24 h. <sup>b</sup>HPLC yield using anisole as internal standard. <sup>c</sup>K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 equiv) was added. <sup>d</sup>DMF as solvent. <sup>e</sup>K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> (2.0 equiv) was added. <sup>f</sup>Isolated yield.

# Scope of Isocyanates



81%, 85%<sup>c</sup> ( $R^2 = n\text{Bu}$ , **2aa**)

55% ( $R^2 = \text{Et}$ , **2ab**)

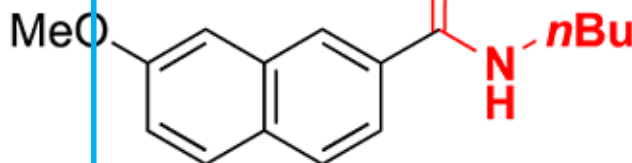
63% ( $R^2 = n\text{Hex}$ , **2ac**)

56% ( $R^2 = \text{Bn}$ , **2ad**)<sup>d</sup>

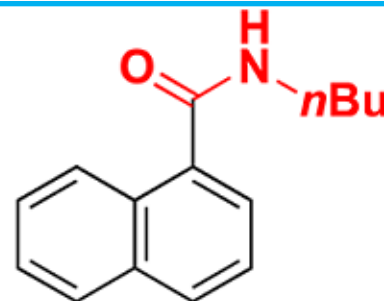
54% ( $R^2 = (\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Ph}$ , **2ae**)<sup>d</sup>

64% ( $R^2 = i\text{Pr}$ , **2af**)<sup>d</sup>

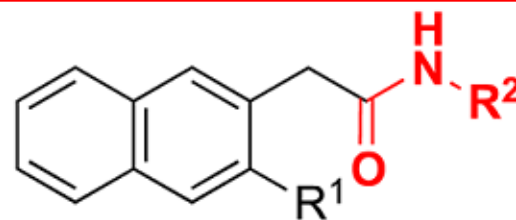
78% ( $R^2 = \text{Cy}$ , **2ag**)



67% (**2b**)



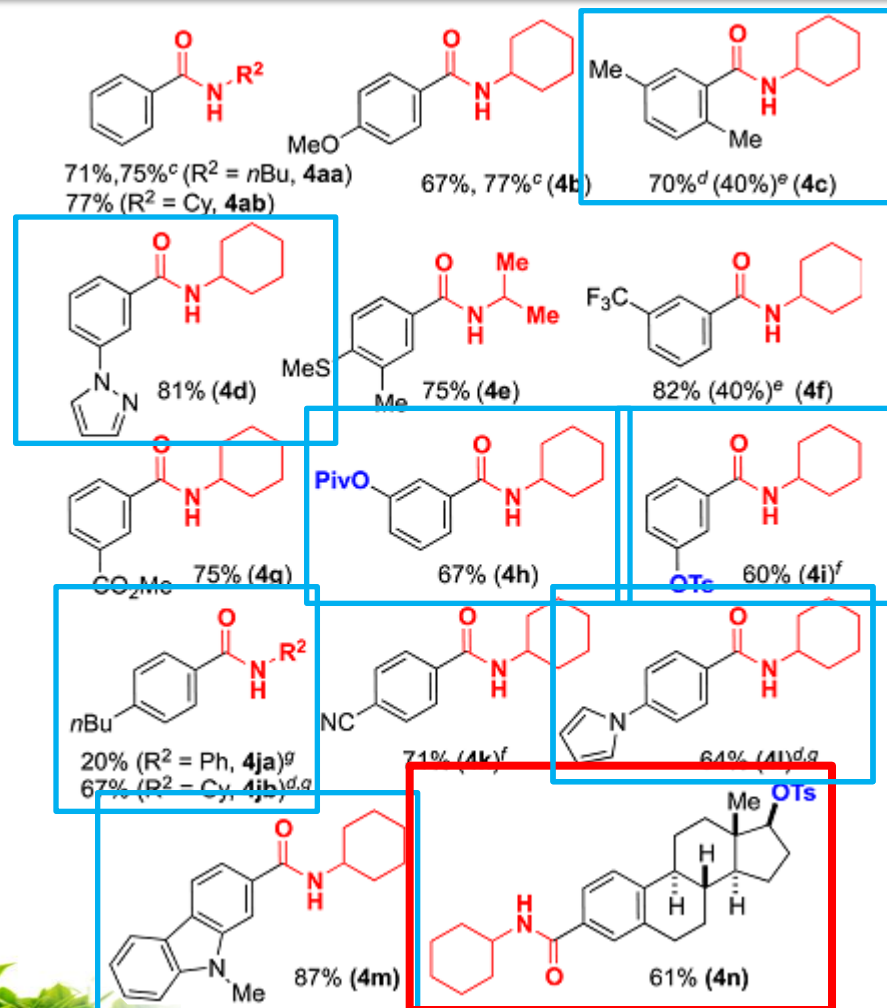
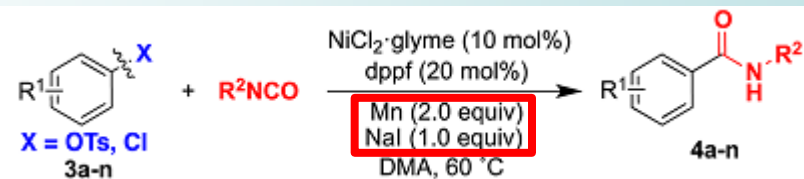
48%<sup>d</sup> (**2c**)



56%, 64%<sup>c</sup> ( $R^1 = \text{H}$ ;  $R^2 = n\text{Bu}$ , **2d**)<sup>e</sup>

61% ( $R^1 = \text{OPiv}$ ;  $R^2 = \text{Cy}$ , **2e**)<sup>e</sup>

# Scope of Aryl Tosylates



# Summary-3



A novel Ni-catalyzed reductive amidation of aryl C(sp<sup>2</sup>)-O and C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-O electrophiles with isocyanates



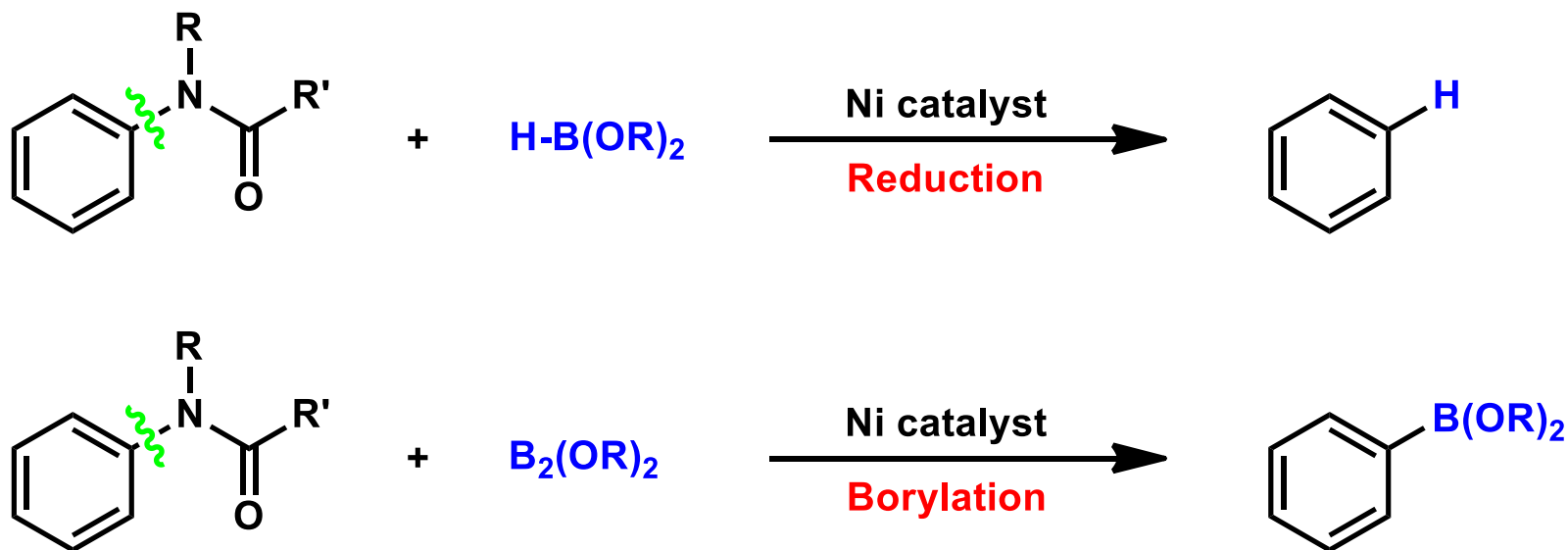
C-C bond formation through C-O bond cleavage



A complement to existing methodologies to prepare benzamide derivatives

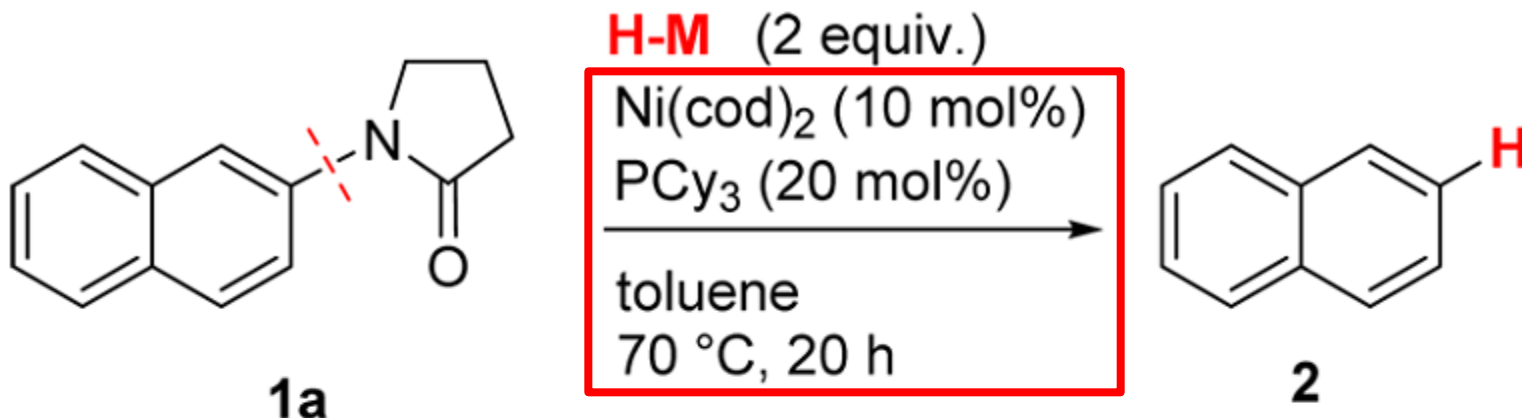
# Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive and Borylative Cleavage of Aromatic Carbon–Nitrogen Bonds in N-Aryl Amides and Carbamates

Mamoru Tobisu,<sup>\*,†,‡,§</sup> Keisuke Nakamura,<sup>†</sup> and Naoto Chatani<sup>\*,†</sup>



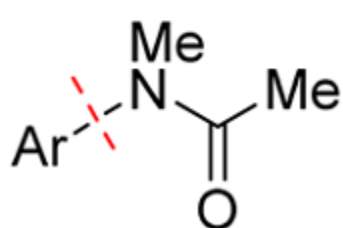


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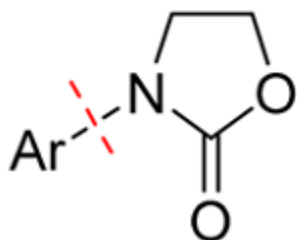


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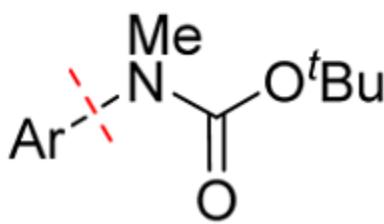
H-M	GC yield
H-SiMe(OMe) <sub>2</sub>	7%
H-B(pin)	61%



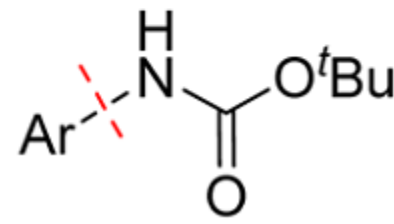
**1b** 8%



**1c** 71%

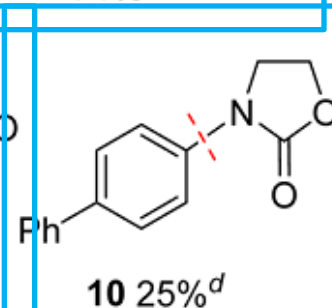
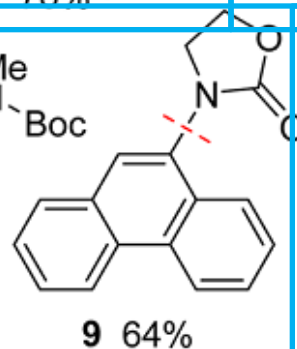
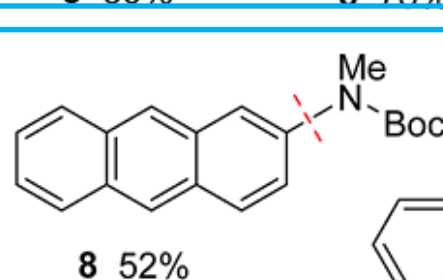
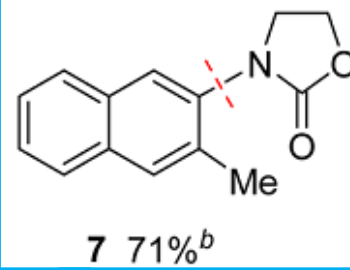
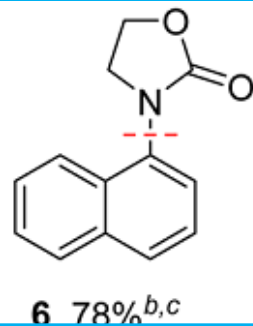
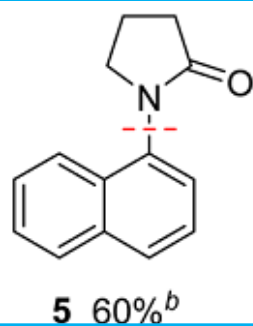
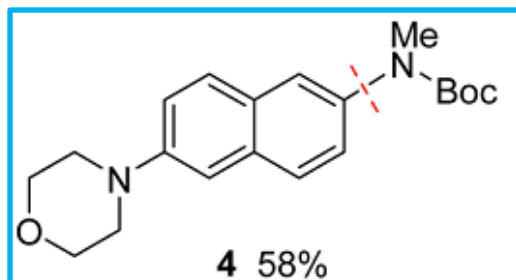
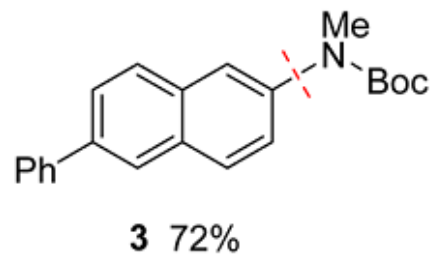
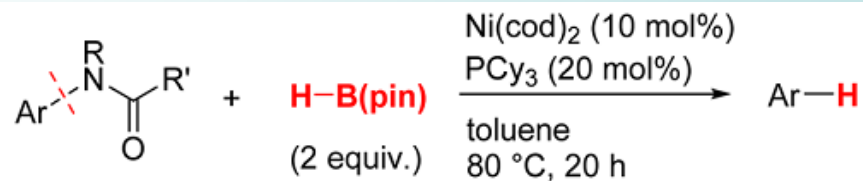


**1d** 65%

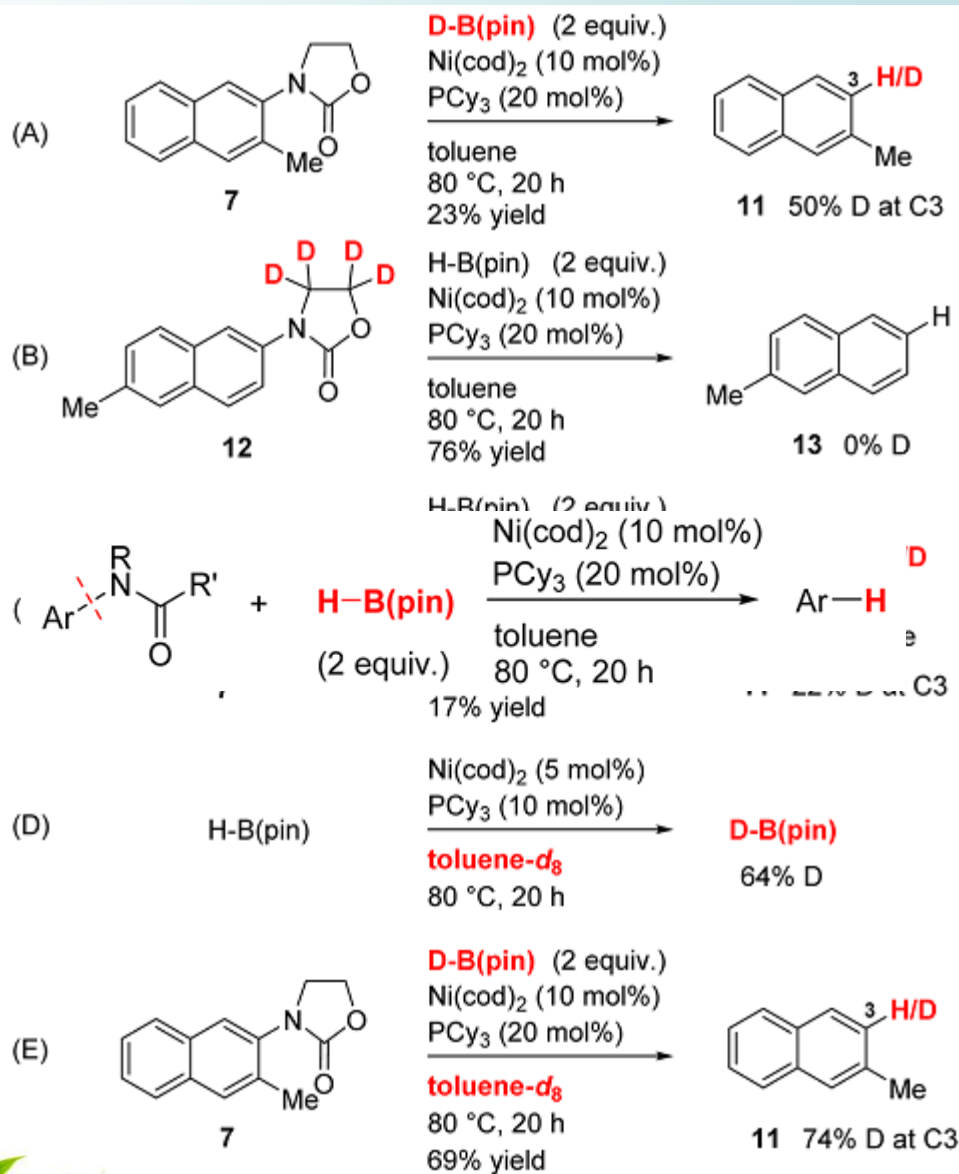


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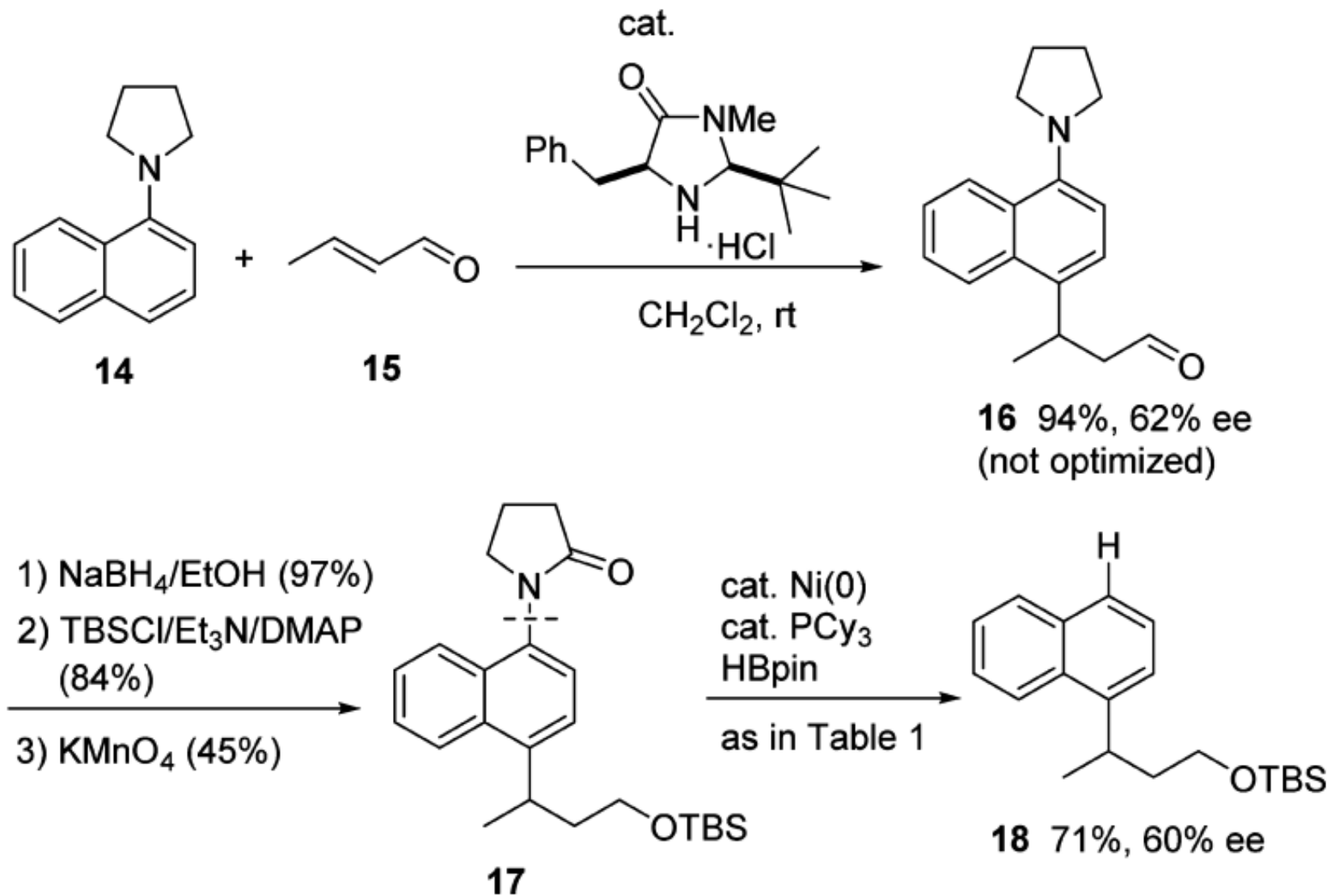
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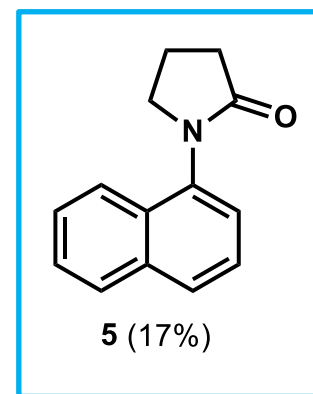
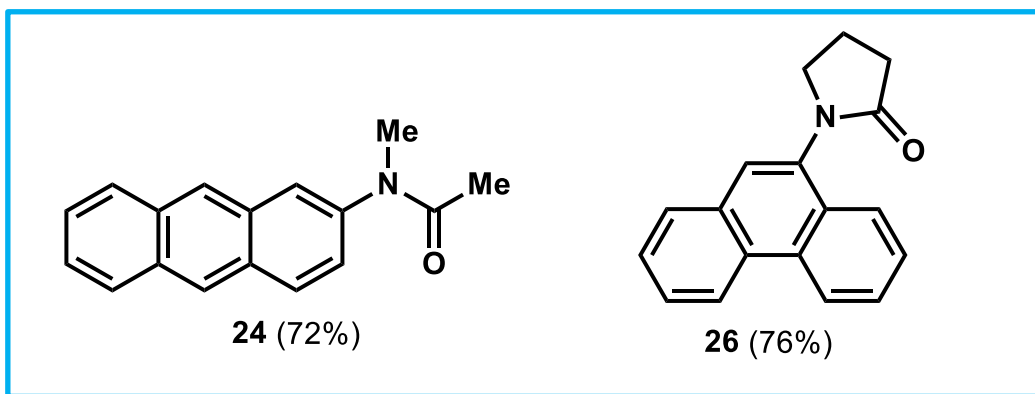
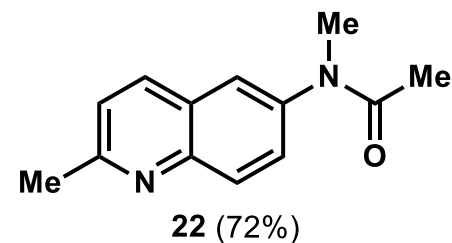
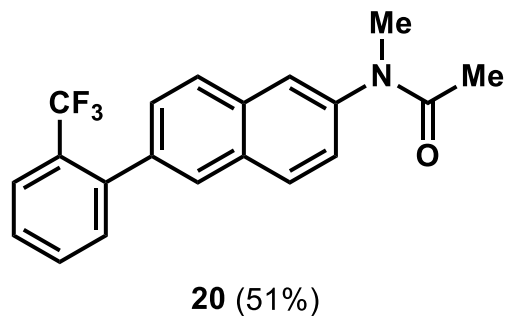
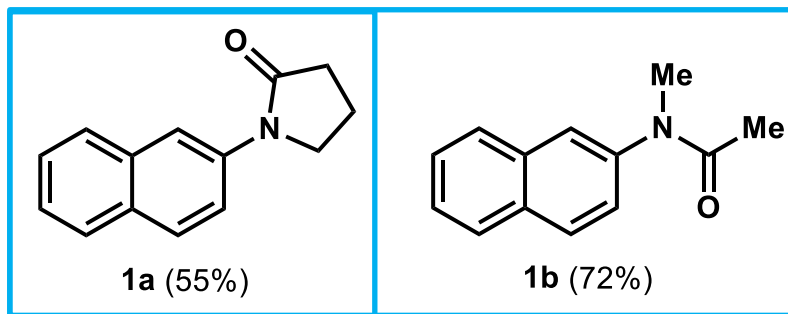
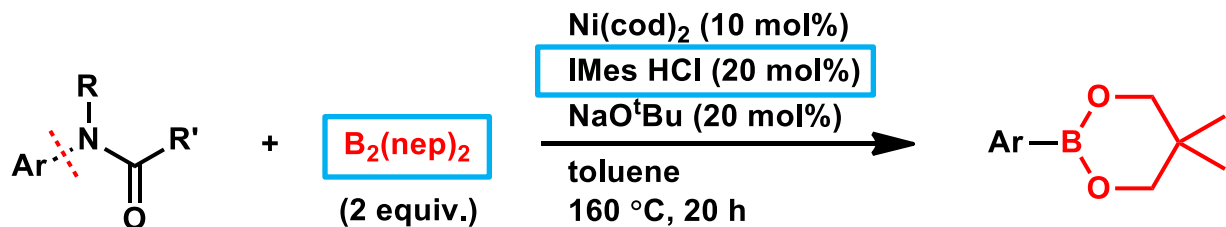
# Labeling Studies



# Synthetic Applications



# Scope of Substrates



# Summary-4



A novel Ni-catalyzed C(aryl)-N bond cleavage reaction



C-H and C-B bond formation through C-N bond cleavage, respectively



In the absence of an *ortho* directing group

***Thank you!***

