



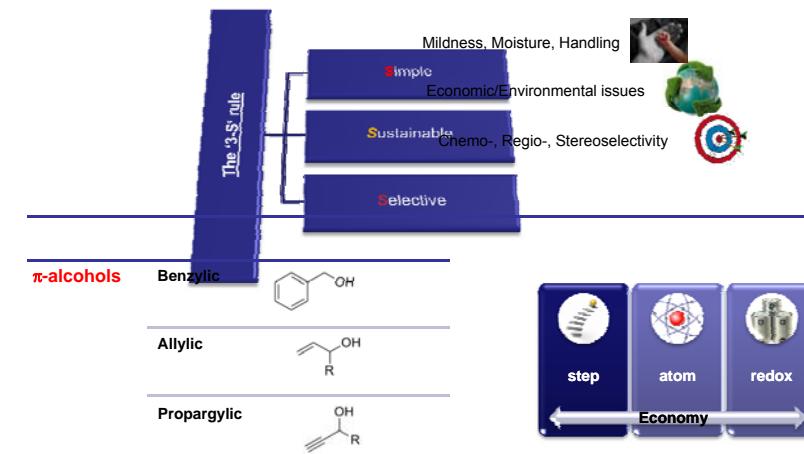
## Stereoselective gold-catalyzed manipulation of $\pi$ -activated alcohols

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## Organic synthesis today....



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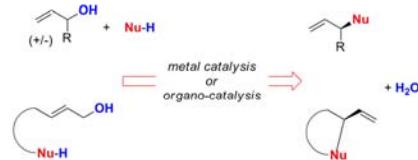


## $\pi$ -Alcohols in Asymmetric Synthesis

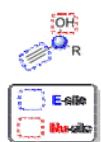
### Allylic Alcohols

Nucleophilic allylic substitutions

$\eta^3$ -mechanism  
 $\eta^3$ -intermediate (Tsui-Trost)  
 $M-\eta^2$ -activation



### Propargylic Alcohols



### Recent reviews

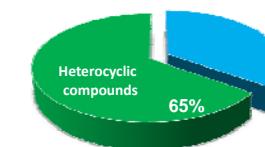
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## Rings and Hetero-rings in Nature

20.000.000 Organic Compounds



Abundance of aromatics in natural compounds

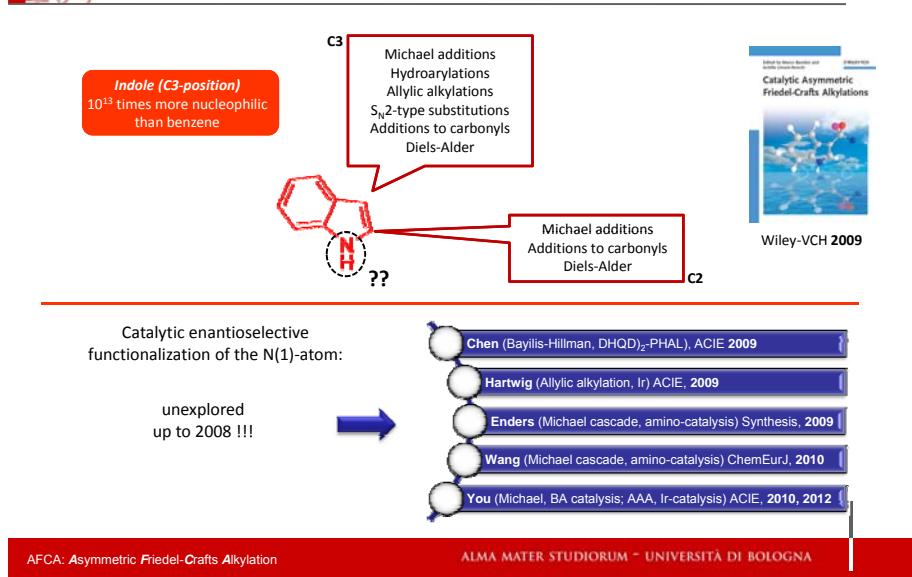


### Bioactive molecules

96.7% (any rings)  
65.2% (aliphatic rings)  
75.6% (aromatic rings)

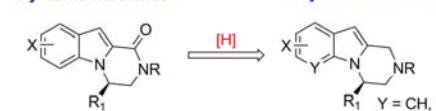


## Indole in the AFCA realm



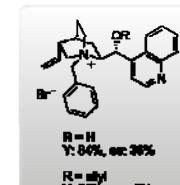
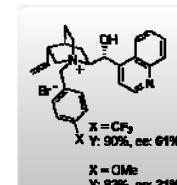
## PTC-aza-Michael addition

### Pyrazino-indolones



### Pyrazino-indoles

- antifungal
- noncompetitive antihistamine
- inhibition of serotonergic receptors
- antidiobesity agents
- non insulin dependent diabetes

**C-9 position****Benzyl group****T/base**

KOH<sub>aq</sub> (20%, 0.5 eq)  
T = -20 °C  
Y: 61%, ee: 72%  
T = -45 °C  
Y: 83%, ee: 91%

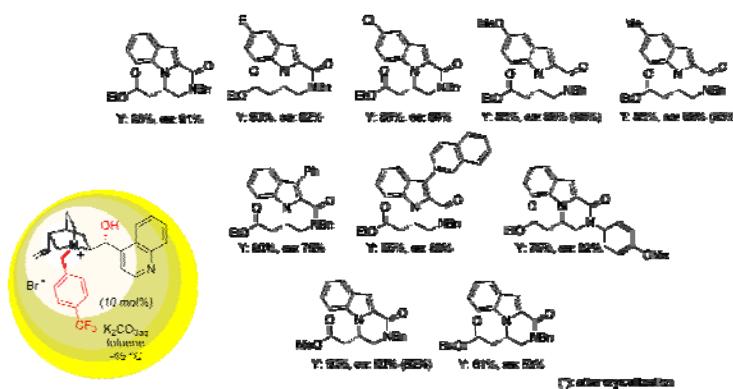
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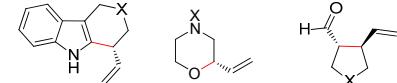
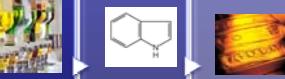
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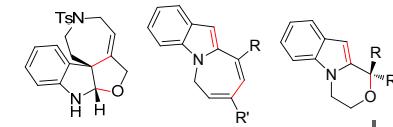
## Σ....summary REACTIVITY-DRIVEN approach.....indole platform

 **$\pi$ -alcohols****Allylic alcohols**

- THCs, THBCs
- morpholines
- alkylation of aldehydes

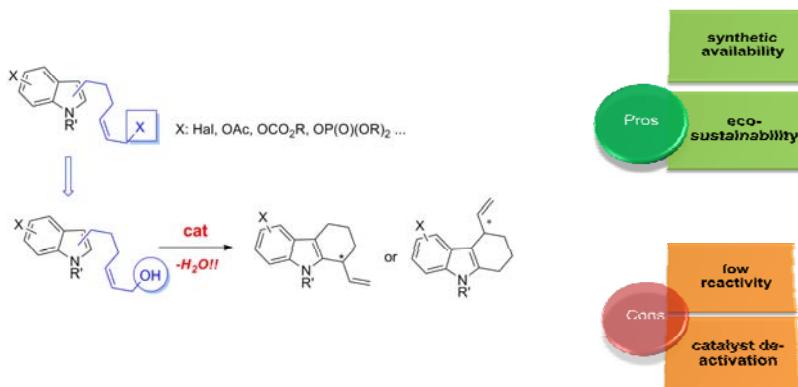
**Indole****Chemical diversity****Target-oriented synthesis****Gold catalysis****Methodology****Gold catalysis****Propargylic alcohols**

- Indolines
- Azepinoindoles
- Oxazinoindoles





## What about allylic alcohols?

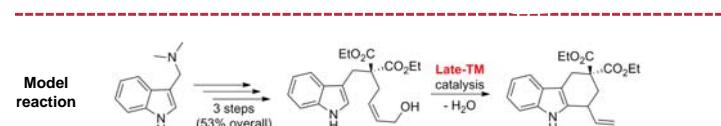
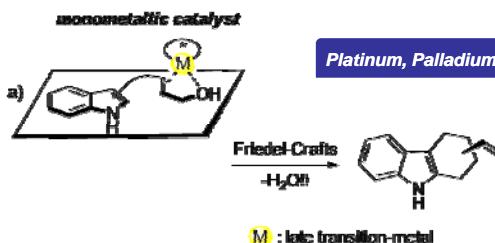


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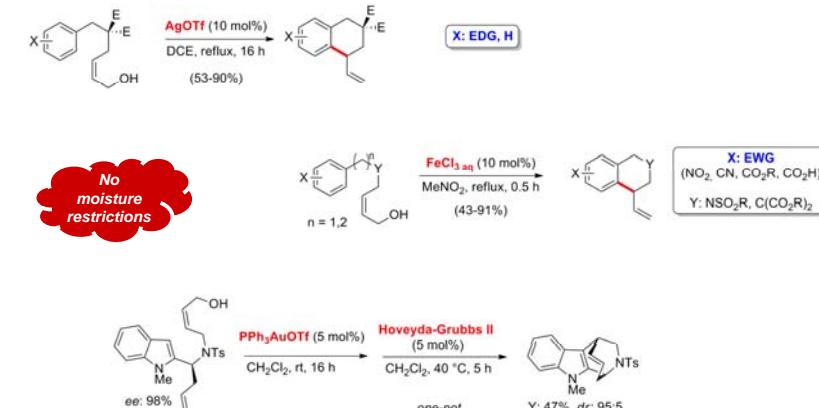
## Enantioselective FC-type allylic alkylation with alcohols



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## Preliminary studies with allylic alcohols

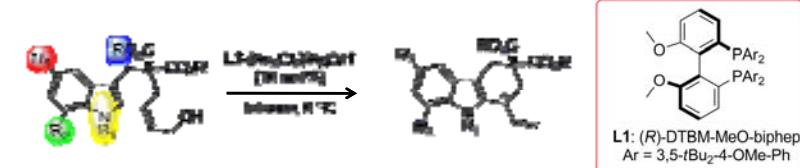


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## Synthesis of 1-vinyl-THCs

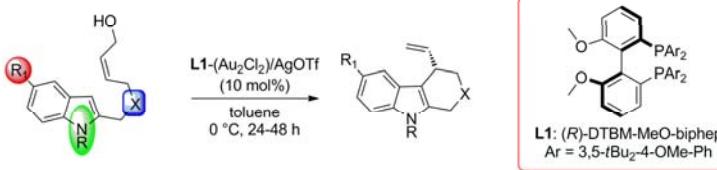


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|-------|--|-------|--------|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 1     | Et/H/H/Br  | 60    | 86     | 5     | Et/H/H/Cl  | 52    | 85     |
| 2     | Et/H/H/Me  | 68    | 92     | 6     | tBu/H/H/H  | 53    | 92     |
| 3     | Et/H/H/OMe                                       | 61    | 96     | 7     | Et/H/H/OBn                                       | 78    | 82     |
| 4     | Et/H/Me/H  | 91    | 83     | 8     | Et/H/H/H   | 78    | 88     |

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## Synthesis of 4-vinyl-THCs and -THBCs

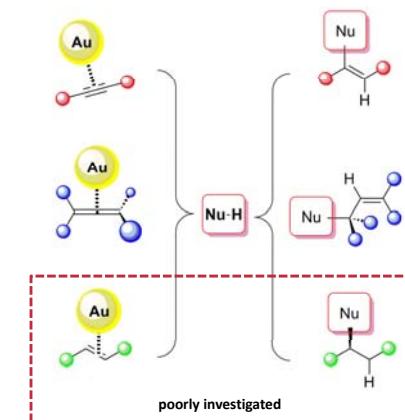


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|-------|---|-------|--------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------|
| 1     | Me/H/C(CO <sub>2</sub> Et) <sub>2</sub>   | 79    | 86     | 6     | Me/H/NTs            | 75    | 80     |
| 2     | Me/H/C(CO <sub>2</sub> tBu) <sub>2</sub>  | 80    | 80     | 7     | Me/Cl/NTs           | 93    | 79     |
| 3     | Me/H/C(CO <sub>2</sub> Me) <sub>2</sub>   | 87    | 74     | 8     | Me/Me/NTs           | 75    | 80     |
| 4     | Me/OMe/C(CO <sub>2</sub> Et) <sub>2</sub> | 55    | 83     | 9     | Me/OMe              | 61    | 76     |
| 5     | Me/Me/C(CO <sub>2</sub> Et) <sub>2</sub>  | 87    | 80     | 10    | Allyl/H/NTs         | 72    | 78     |

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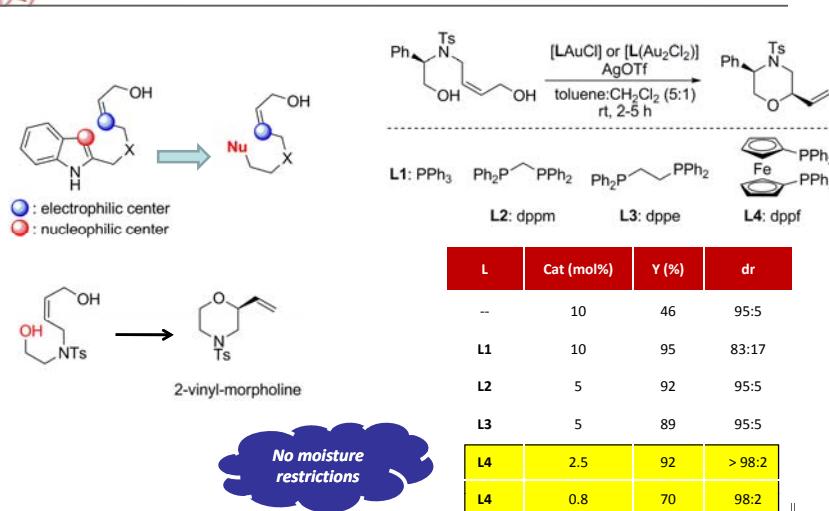
## Electrophilic Au(I)-activation of alkenes: new opportunities in asymmetric catalysis



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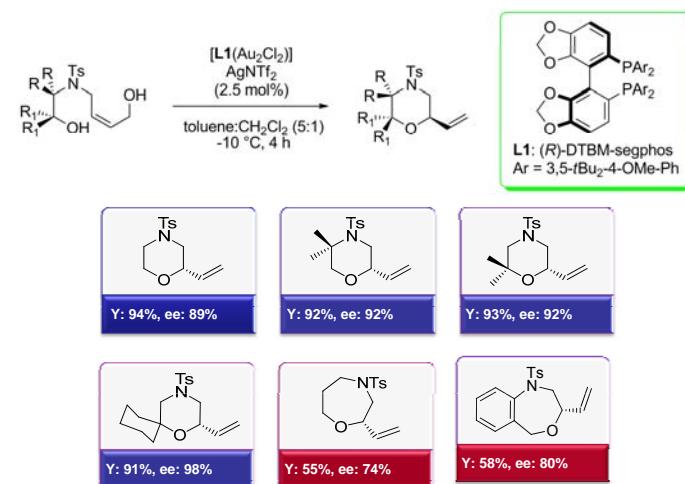
## Intramolecular asymmetric allylic oxyalkylation



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## Enantioselective synthesis of vinyl-morpholines

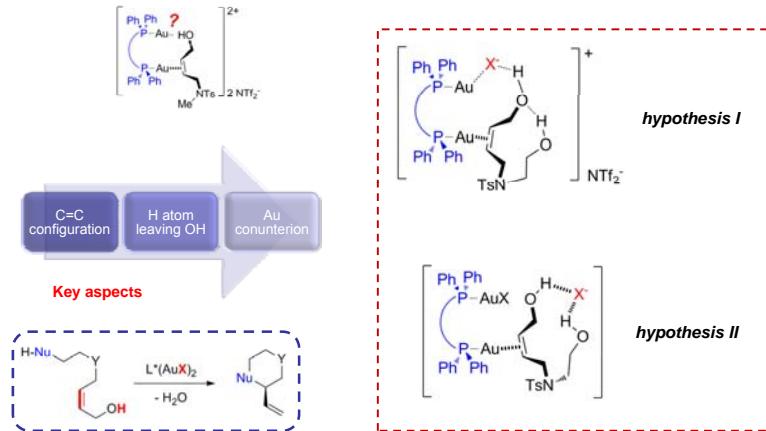


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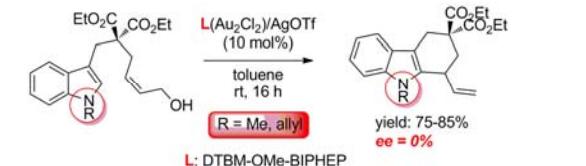
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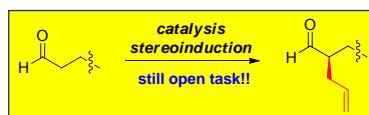


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## $\alpha$ -Allylic alkylation of aldehydes



Intramolecular approaches:

- MacMillan organocatalysis (sylanes-2011)
- Saicic Pd-catalysis (phosphates-2009)

Intermolecular approaches:

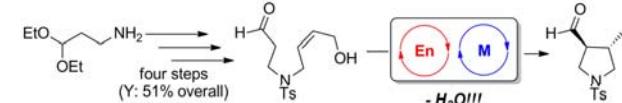
- Listi organo-metallic catalysis (amines-2007)
- Palomo organocatalysis (bromides-2011)

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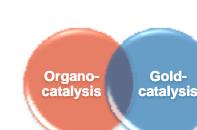


## $\alpha$ -Allylic Alkylation of **Enolizable** Aldehydes with **Primary** Alcohols?

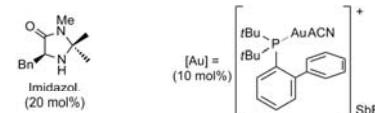


| Org.Cat                     | M       | Y (%) | Dr ( <i>trans:cis</i> ) | Ee (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| Pyrrolidine (20%)           | M (10%) | --    |                         |        |
| Pyrrolidine                 | [Au]    | 75    | 11:1                    | --     |
| Imidaz./PhCO <sub>2</sub> H | [Au]    | 93    | 10:1                    | 90     |

M      In(O Tf)<sub>3</sub>, Bi(O Tf)<sub>3</sub>  
Cu(O Tf)<sub>2</sub>, FeCl<sub>3</sub>  
Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, Zn(O Tf)<sub>2</sub>  
biphepPt(O Tf)<sub>2</sub>



reaction conditions: THF<sub>wet</sub>, rt, 4 h

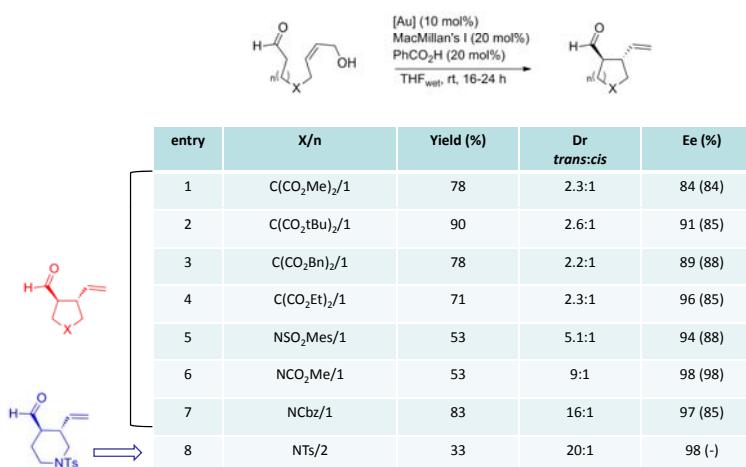


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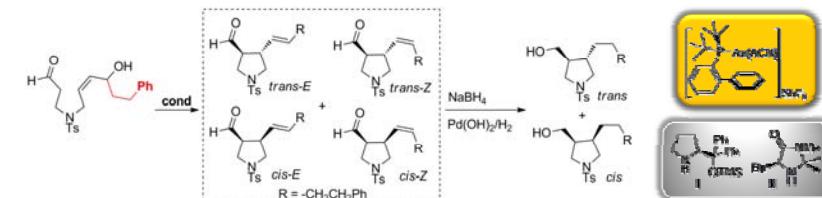
## Scope of the reaction



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## Secondary alcohols Evidences for Kinetic Resolution



| Run | Subst.         | cat | Yield (%) | Dr <i>trans:cis</i> | <i>trans</i> (E:Z) | <i>cis</i> (E:Z) | Ee (%)    |
|-----|----------------|-----|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1   | racemic        | I   | 57        | 4.9:1               | 57:43              | 48:52            | -30 (-31) |
| 2   | racemic        | II  | 25        | 4:1                 | 97:3               | 70:30            | 87 (82)   |
| 3   | (S) [ee = 85%] | II  | 42        | 49:1                | >99:1              | 75:25            | 98 (76)   |
| 4   | (R) [ee = 84%] | II  | traces    | --                  | --                 | --               | --        |

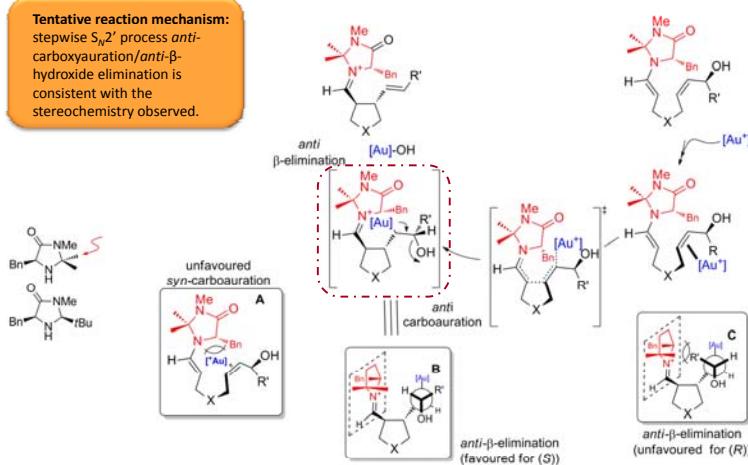
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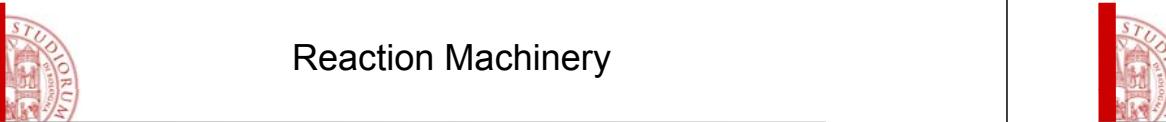
## Reaction Machinery

Tentative reaction mechanism:  
stepwise S<sub>N</sub>2' process anti-carboaustration/anti-β-hydroxide elimination is consistent with the stereochemistry observed.

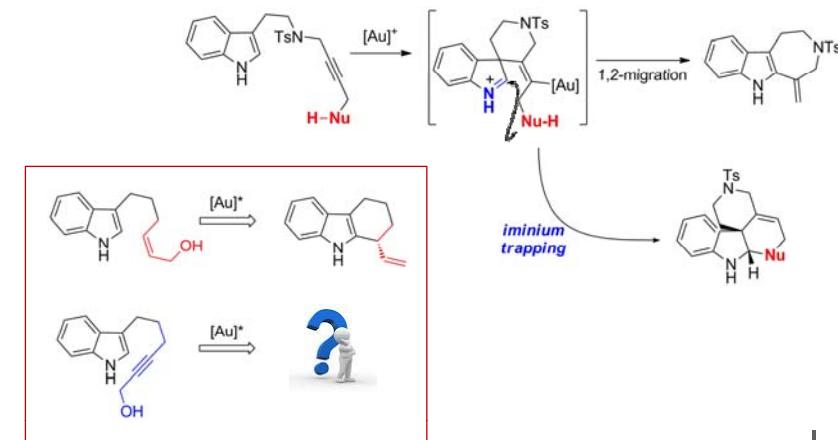


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## Gold Catalyzed Cascade Reactions: propargylic alcohols

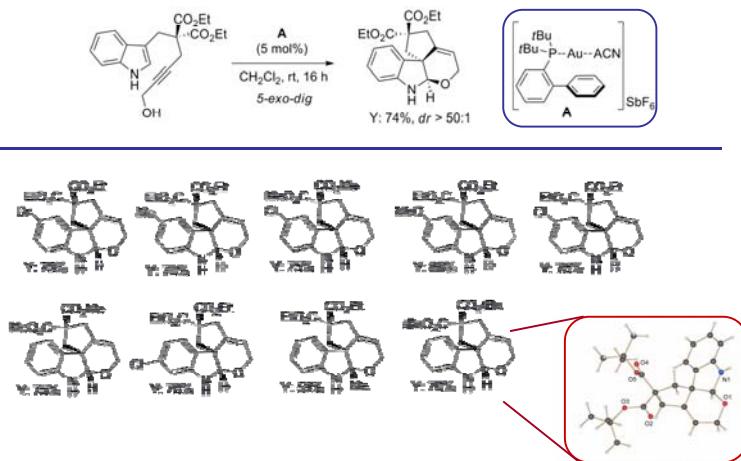


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## Gold-catalyzed synthesis of tetracyclic-fused indolines

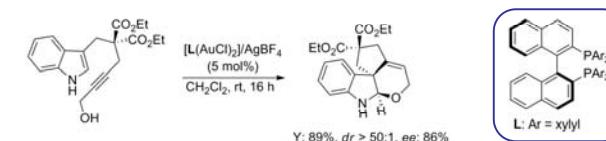


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## Enantioselective gold-catalyzed cascade reactions

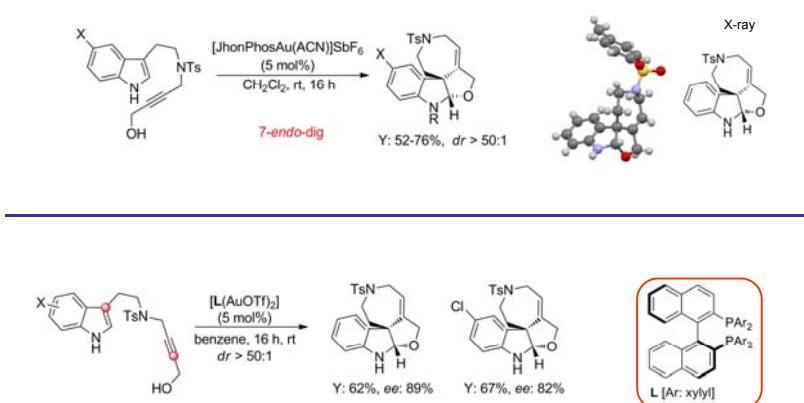


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## Enantioselective gold-catalyzed cascade reactions: furo-indolines



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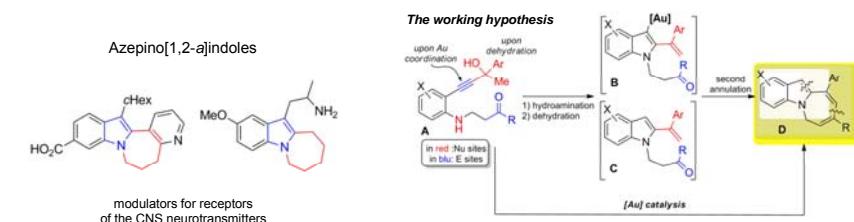
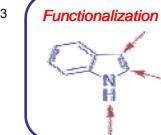


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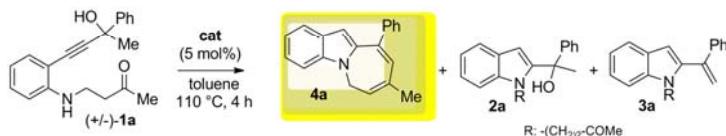
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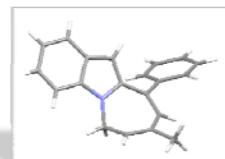
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## Optimization of the catalytic system



| Entry | cat   | Yield 2a (%) | Yield 3a (%) | Yield 4a (%) |
|-------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1     | In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>                                    | --           | --           | --           |
| 2     | FeCl <sub>3</sub>                                       | --           | --           | --           |
| 3     | AgOTf   | --           | --           | --           |
| 4     | TfOH  | --           | --           | --           |
| 5     | PPPh <sub>3</sub> AuNTf <sub>2</sub>                    | 64           | 36           | --           |
| 6     | [{(Ph <sub>3</sub> Au) <sub>3</sub> O]BF <sub>4</sub> } | 35           | --           | --           |
| 7     | XPhosAuNTf <sub>2</sub>                                 | --           | 98           | --           |
| 8     | JhOnPhosAuSbF <sub>6</sub>                              | --           | 80           | --           |
| 9     | AuPrCl/AgOTs  | --           | 76           | 33           |
| 10    | AuPrCl/AuOTf  | --           | --           | 96           |

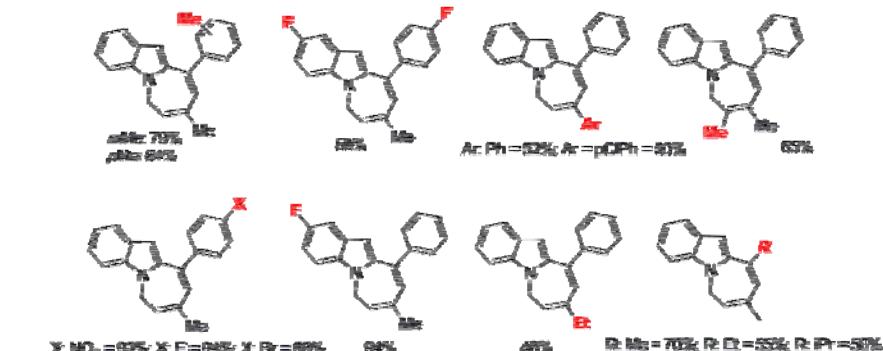


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## Scope of the reaction

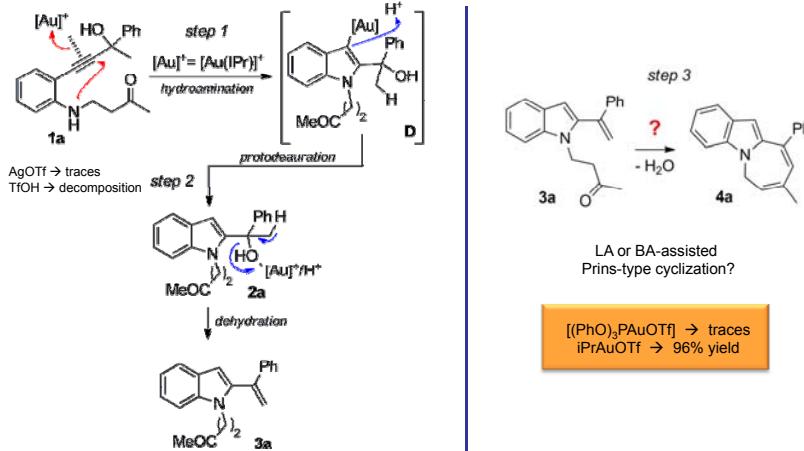


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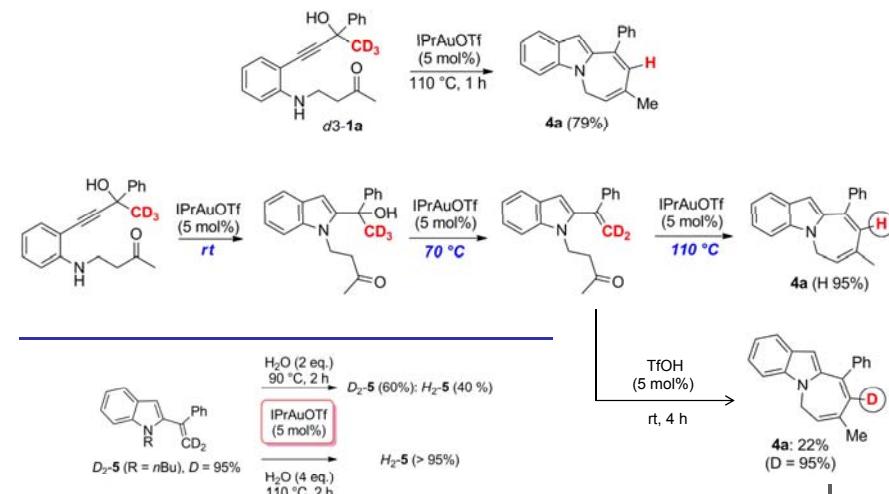


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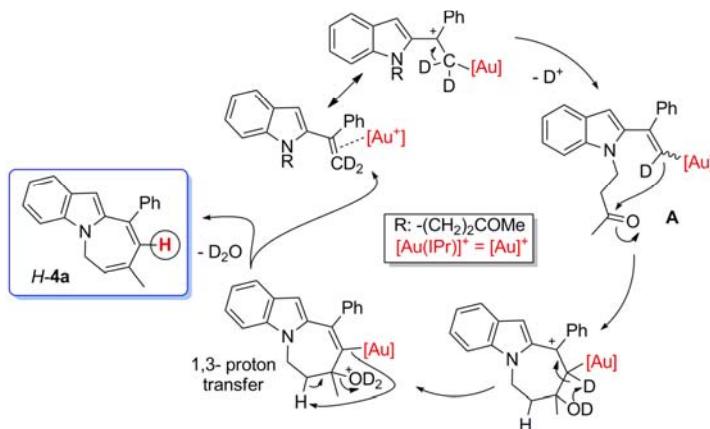


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## Tentative mechanistic rational

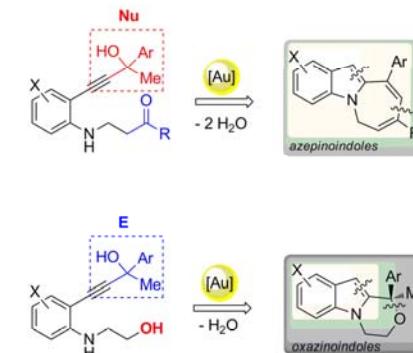


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## Chemical flexibility of tertiary propargylic alcohols



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