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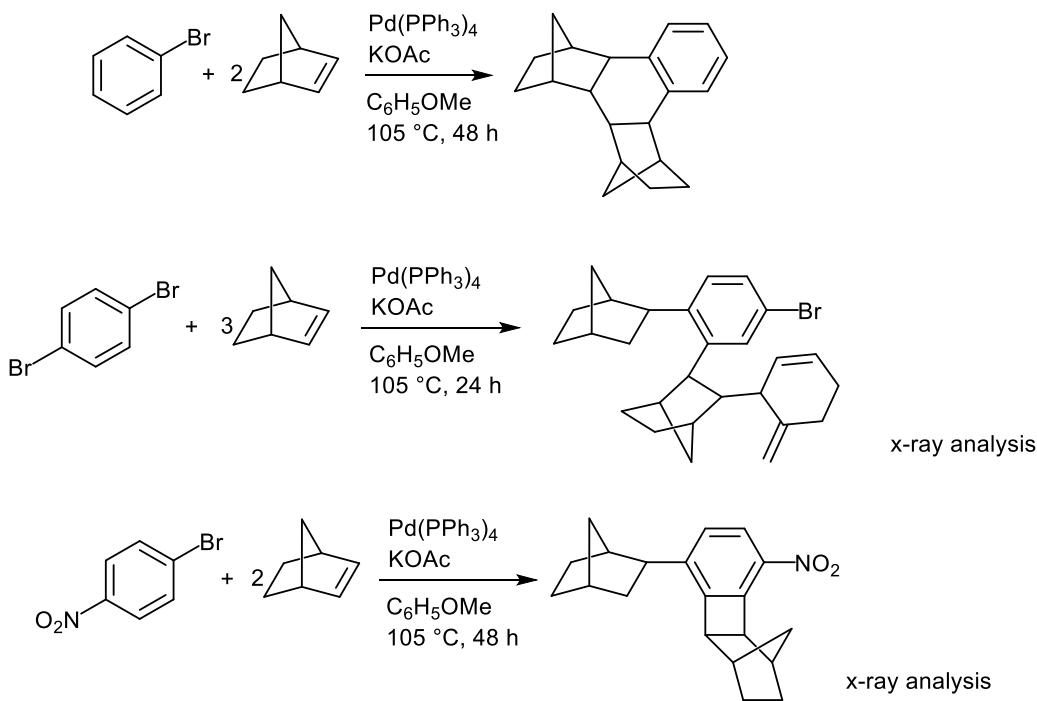
## The lively chemistry of the Pd/norbornene duo

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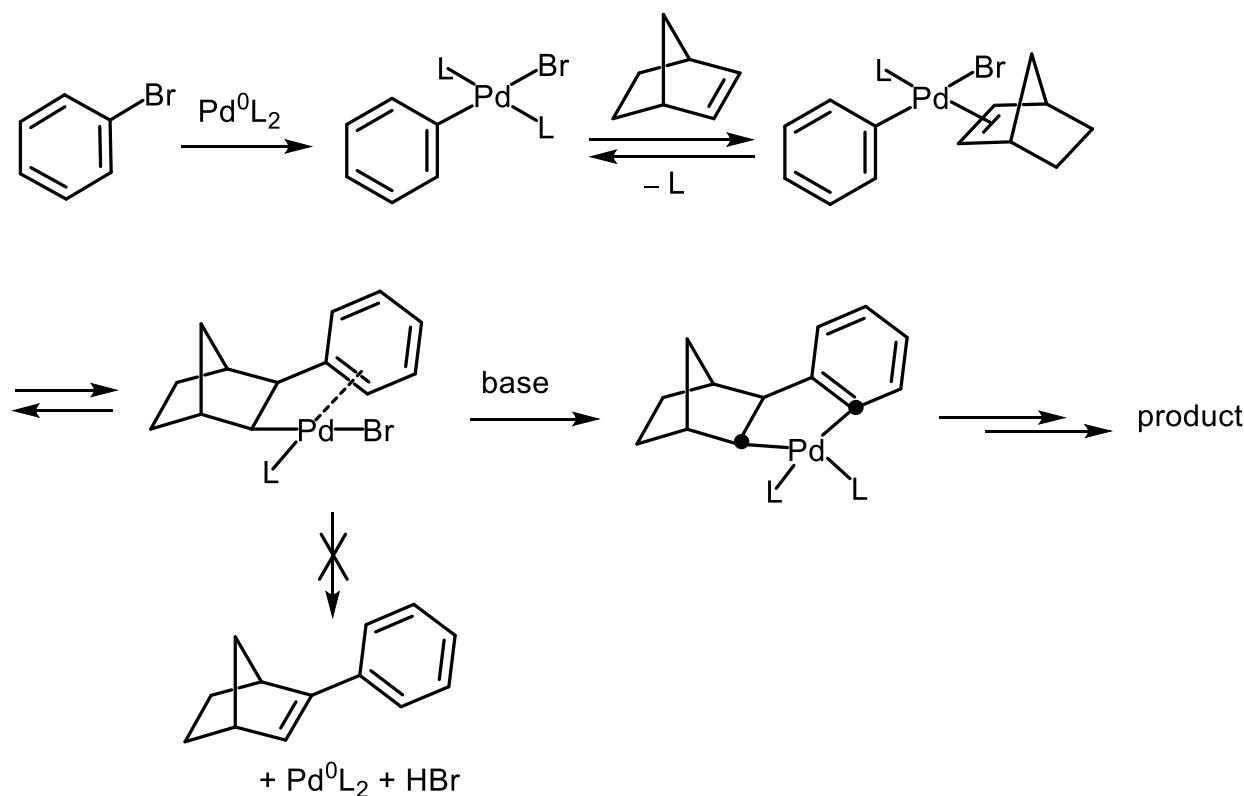
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Sequential reactions and aromatic C-H bond activation:  
Bromobenzenes, norbornene and Pd(0)



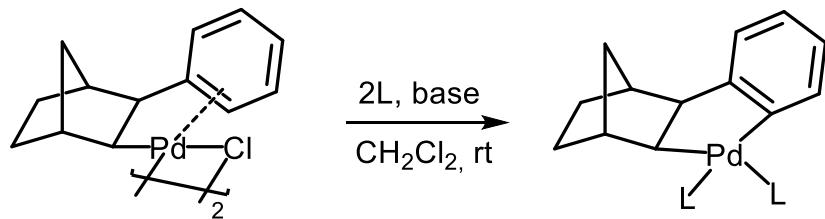
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Bromobenzene, norbornene and Pd(0):  
palladacycle intermediacy

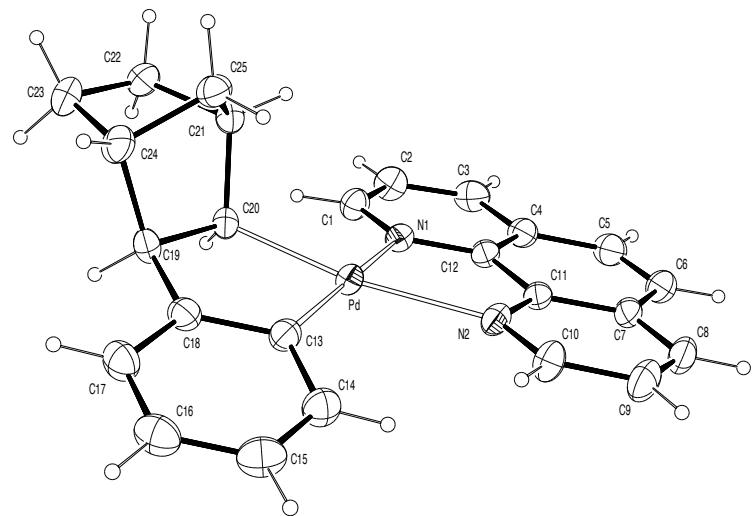


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## Palladacycles



L = phenanthroline, bipyridyl, py, lutidine, methyl isonicotinate  
base = PhOK

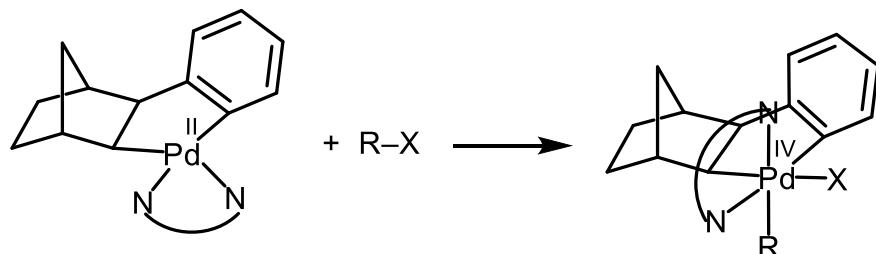


### Selected Distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )

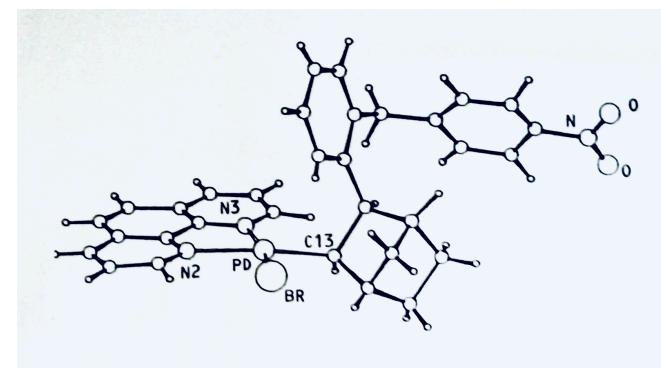
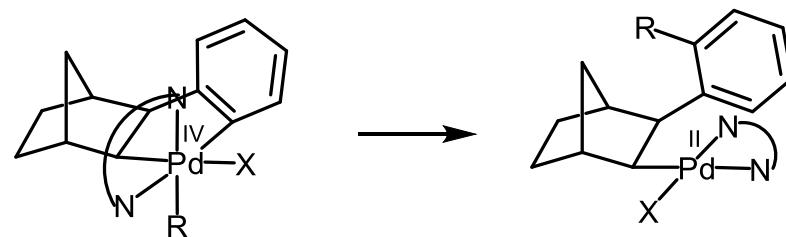
Pd-N1	2.145(3)
Pd-N2	2.216(3)
Pd-C13	2.016(5)
Pd-C20	2.029(4)

## Reactivity of palladacycles through Pd(IV)

a) Oxidative addition to Pd(IV)



b) Reductive elimination to Pd(II)



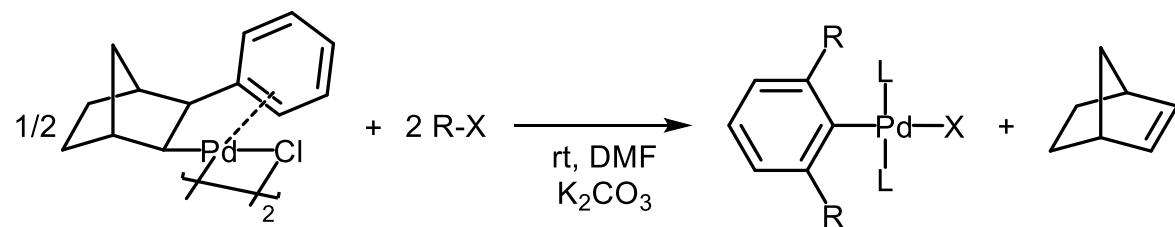
= phenanthroline, bipyridyl

R = Me, allyl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, p-NO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>; X = Cl, Br, I

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Palladacycles as intermediates for selective dialkylation of arenes and subsequent fragmentation

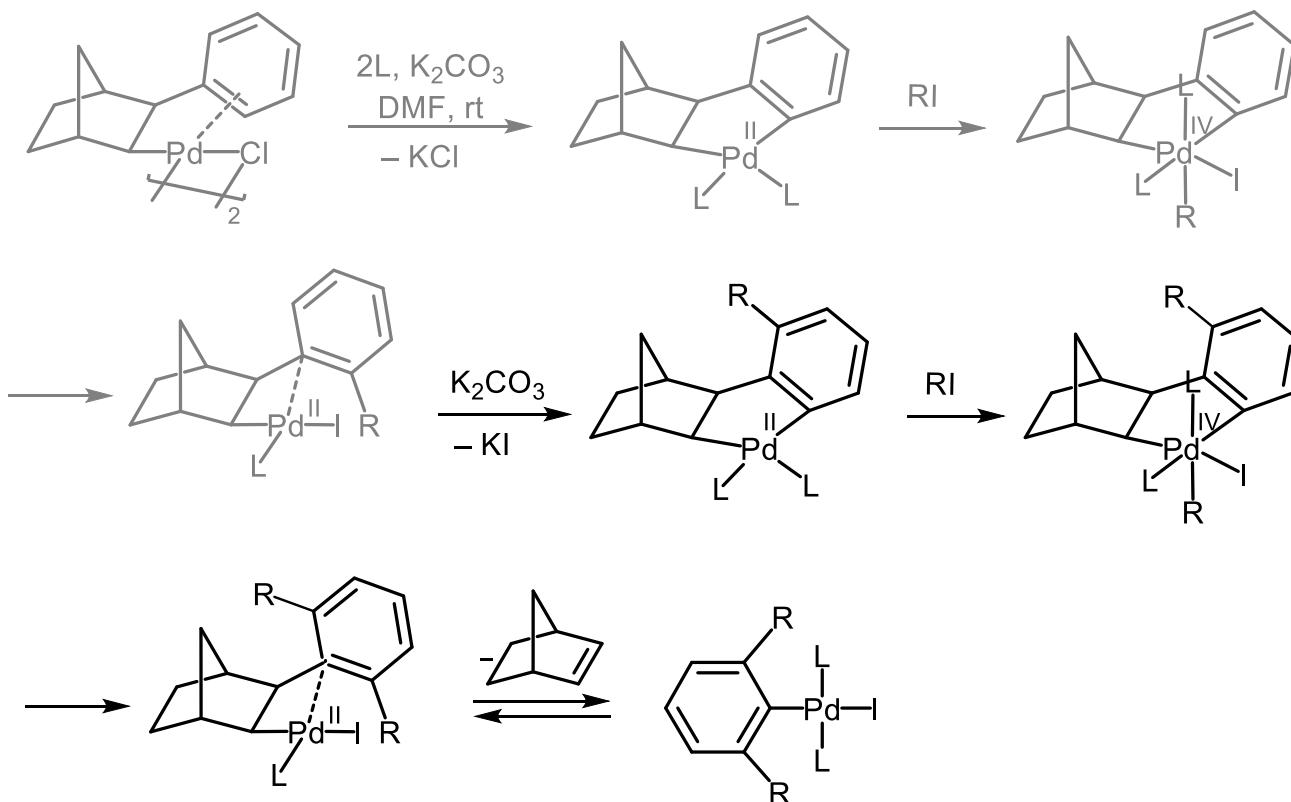
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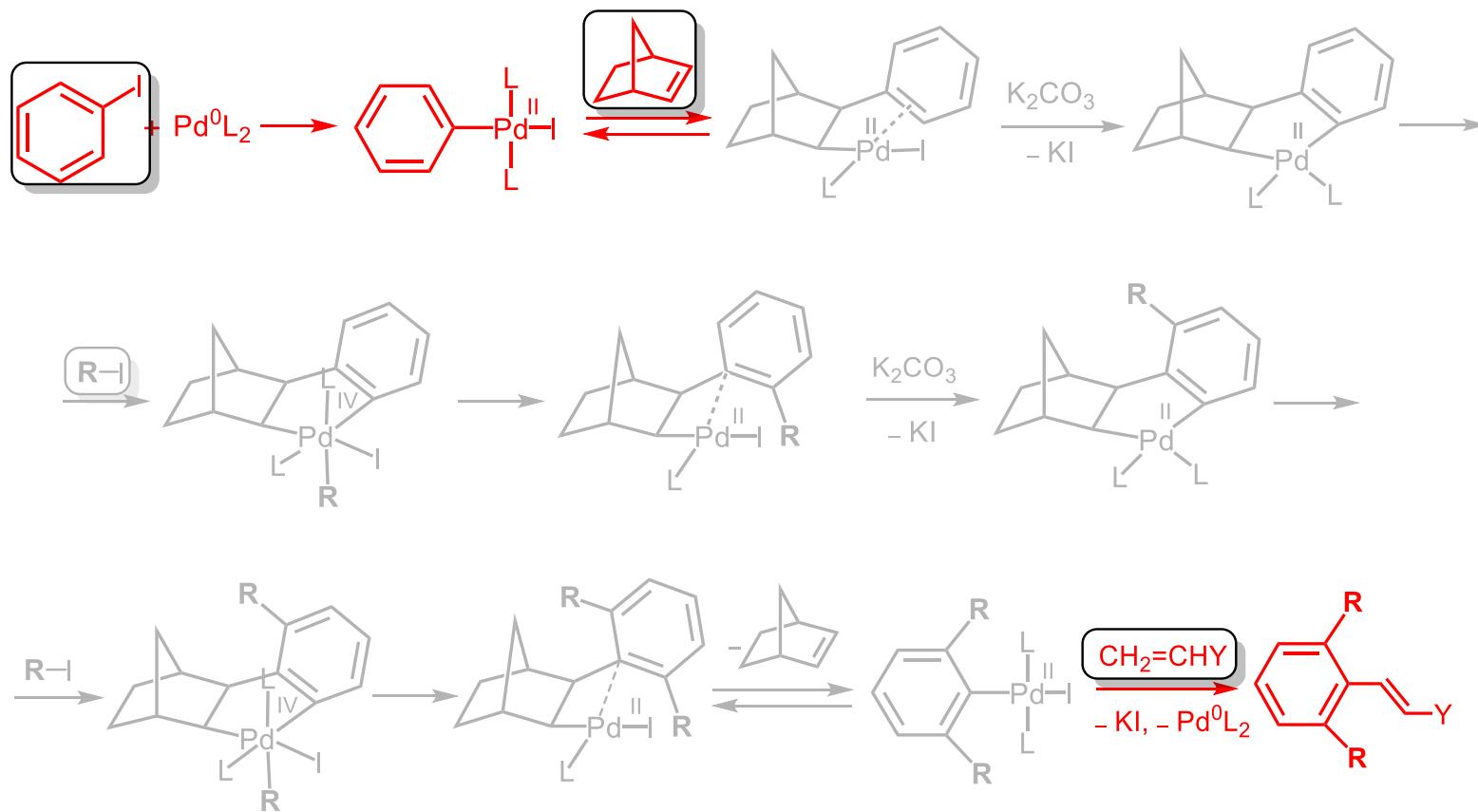
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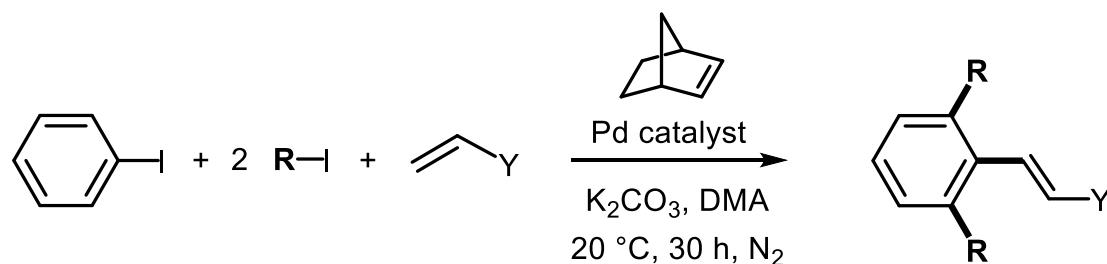
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## From stoichiometric to catalytic aromatic dialkylation

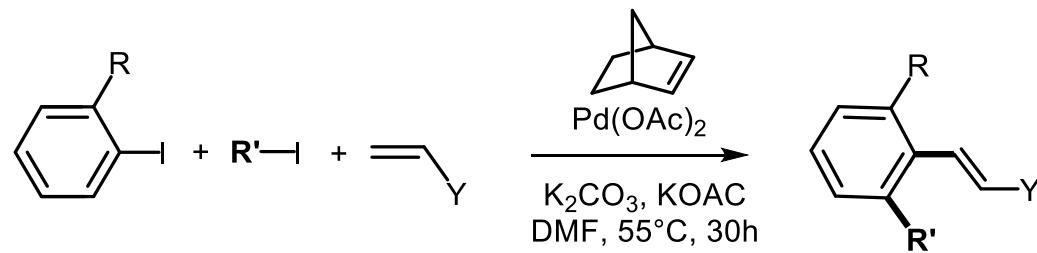
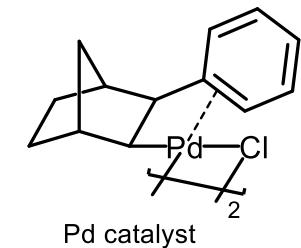


## Selective aromatic dialkylation



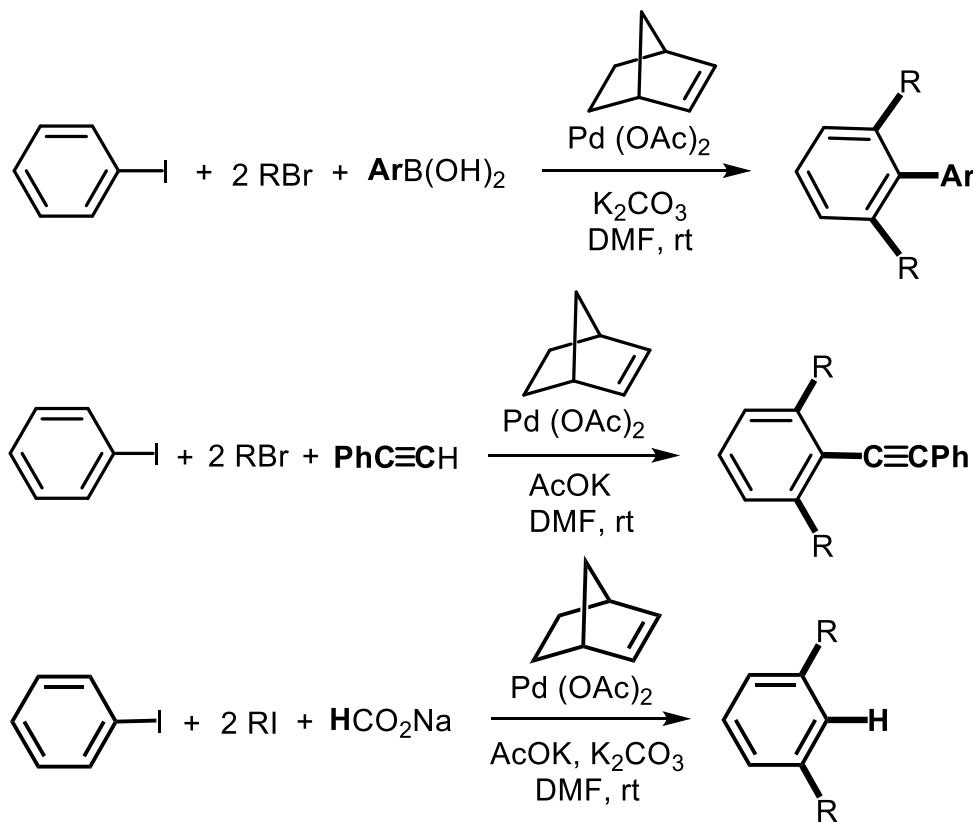
$\text{R} = n\text{-Bu, } n\text{-Oct, } \text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_2(\text{CH}_2)_2, \text{ PhCH}_2\text{CH}_2$   
 $\text{Y} = \text{CO}_2\text{Me, Ph, } n\text{-Hex}$

conversion: 31–100%  
selectivity: 90–95%



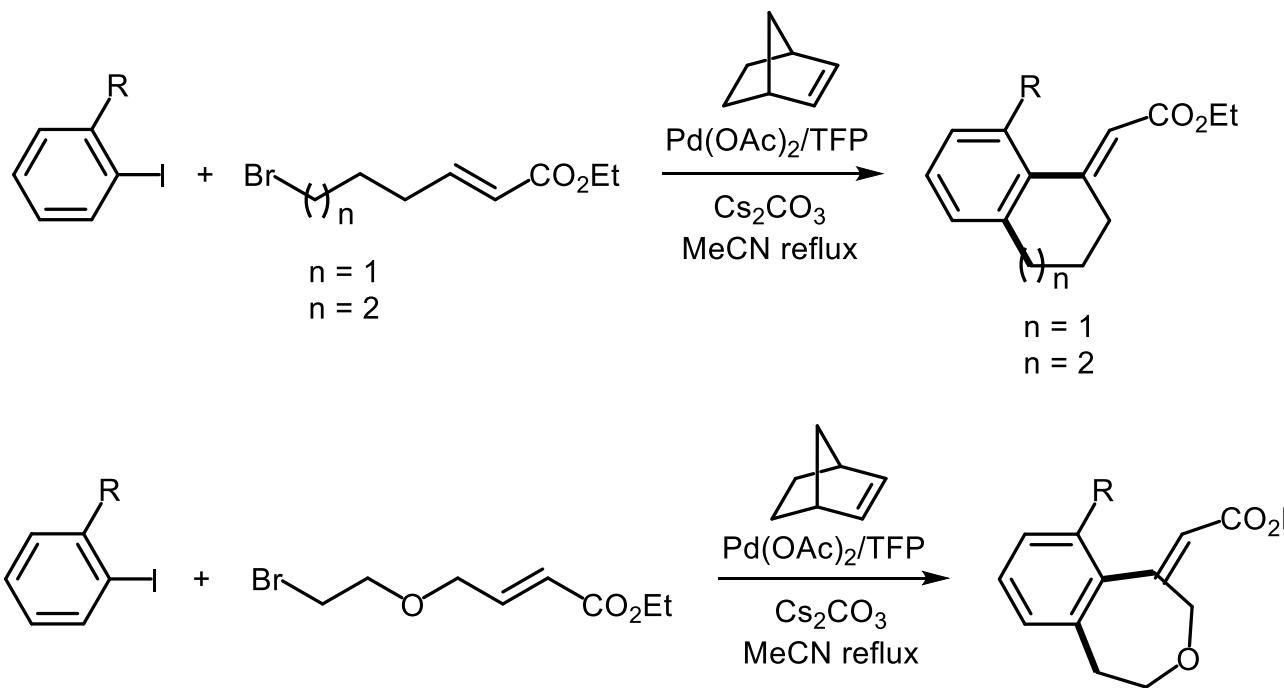
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## Selective Catalytic Aromatic Dialkylation



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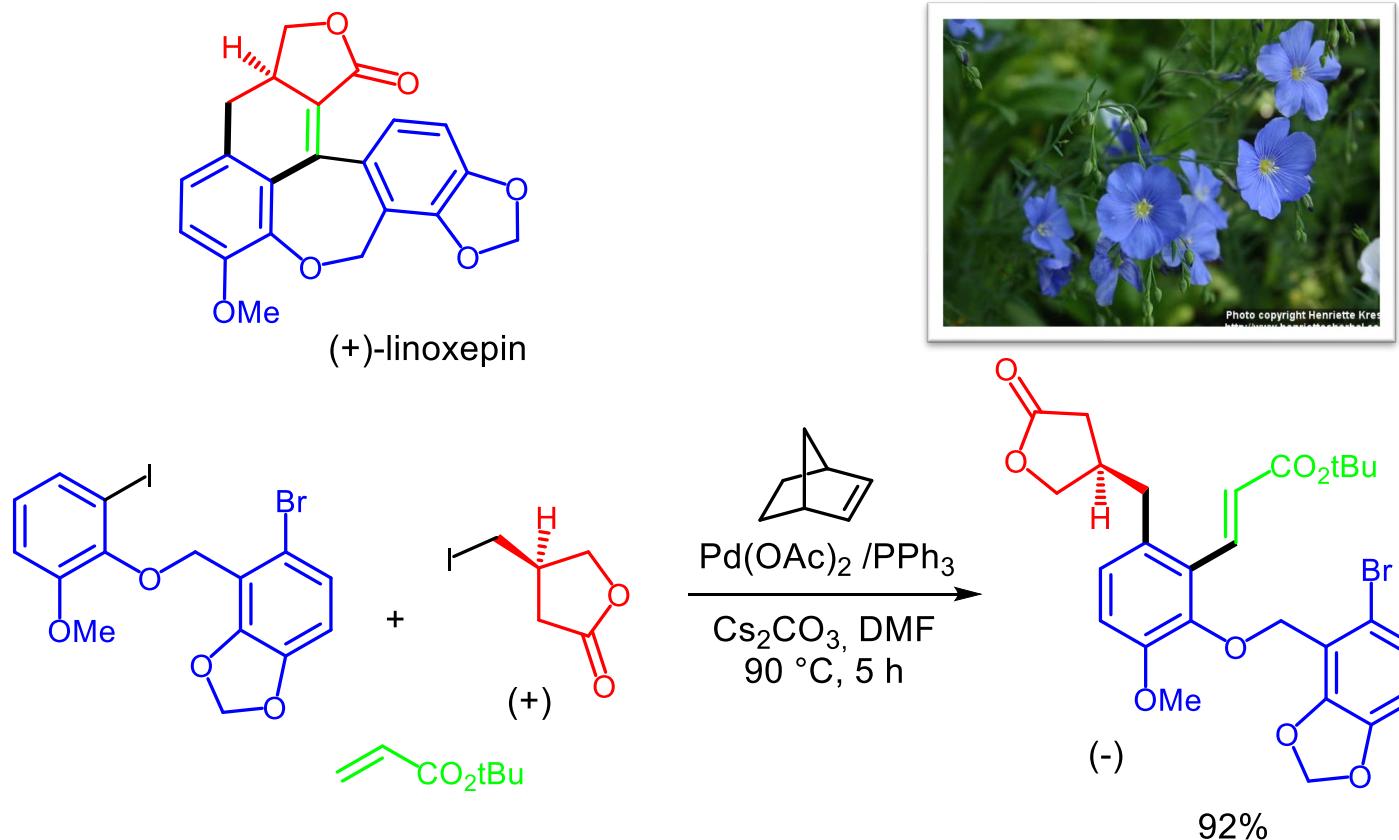
## Synthesis of Cyclic Compounds



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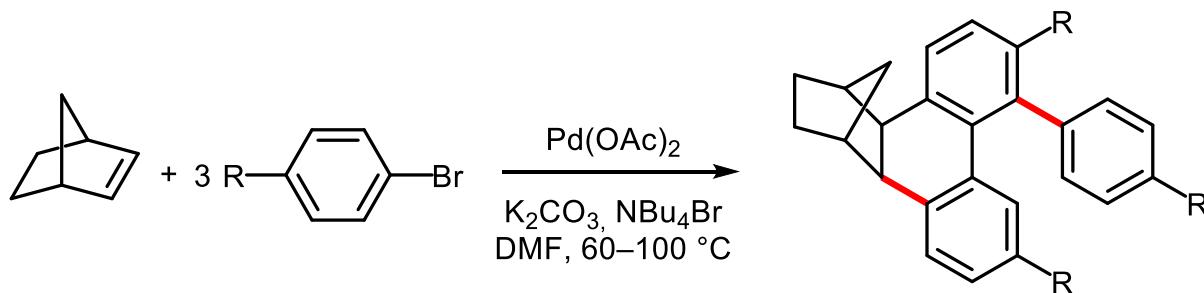
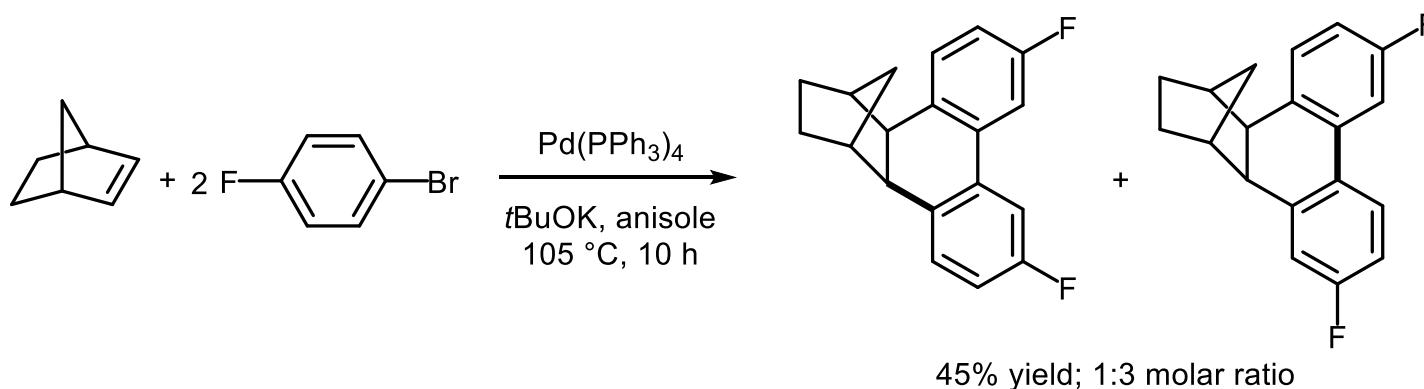
# A key-intermediate in the total synthesis of (+)-Linoxepin



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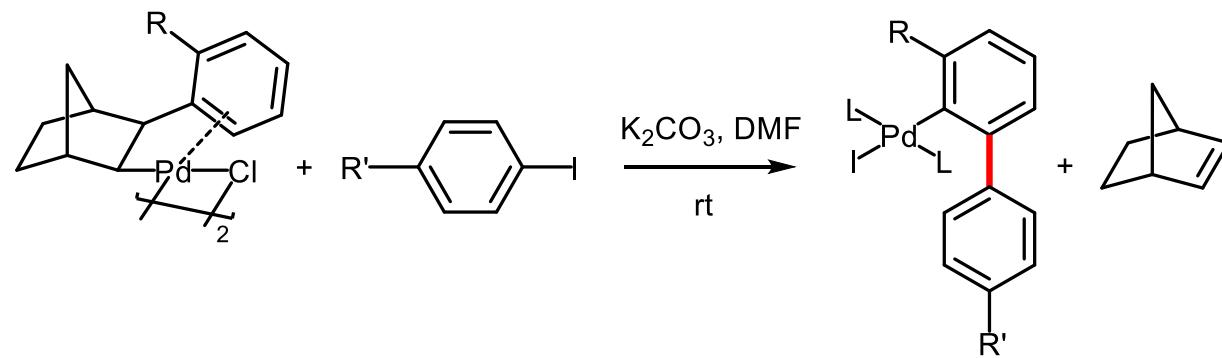
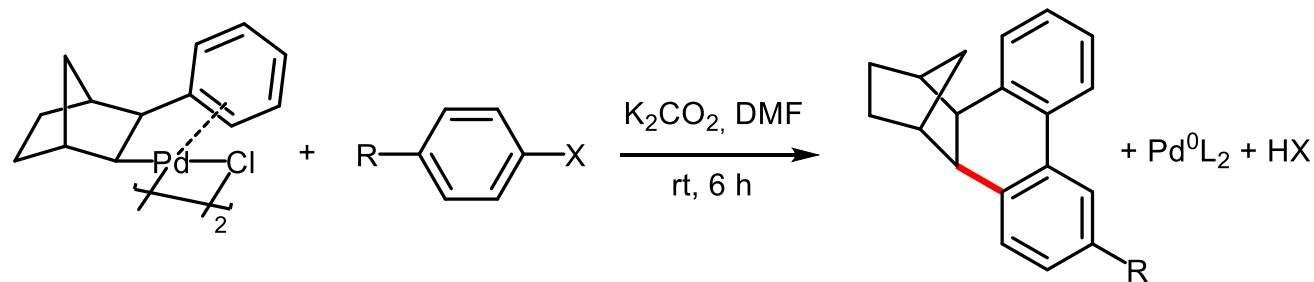
## Aromatic Arylation: Catalytic Processes



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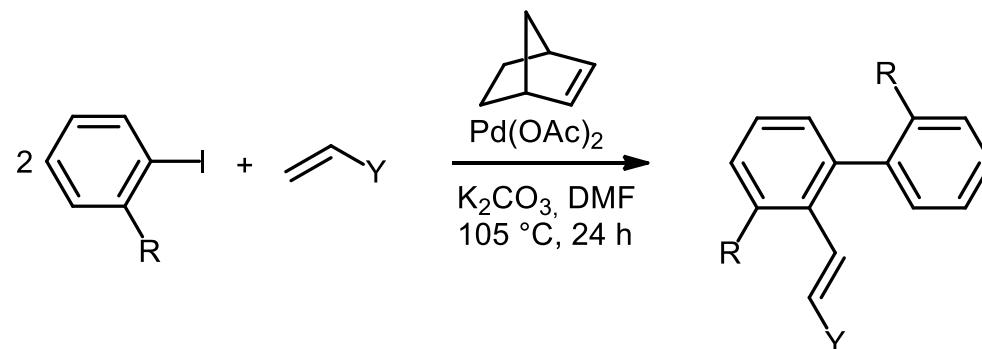
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## Aromatic arylation: Stoichiometric Reactions

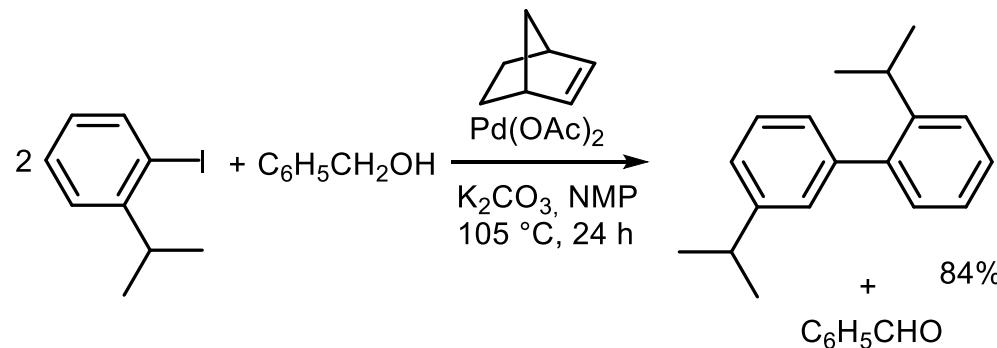


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## Synthesis of vinylbiaryls

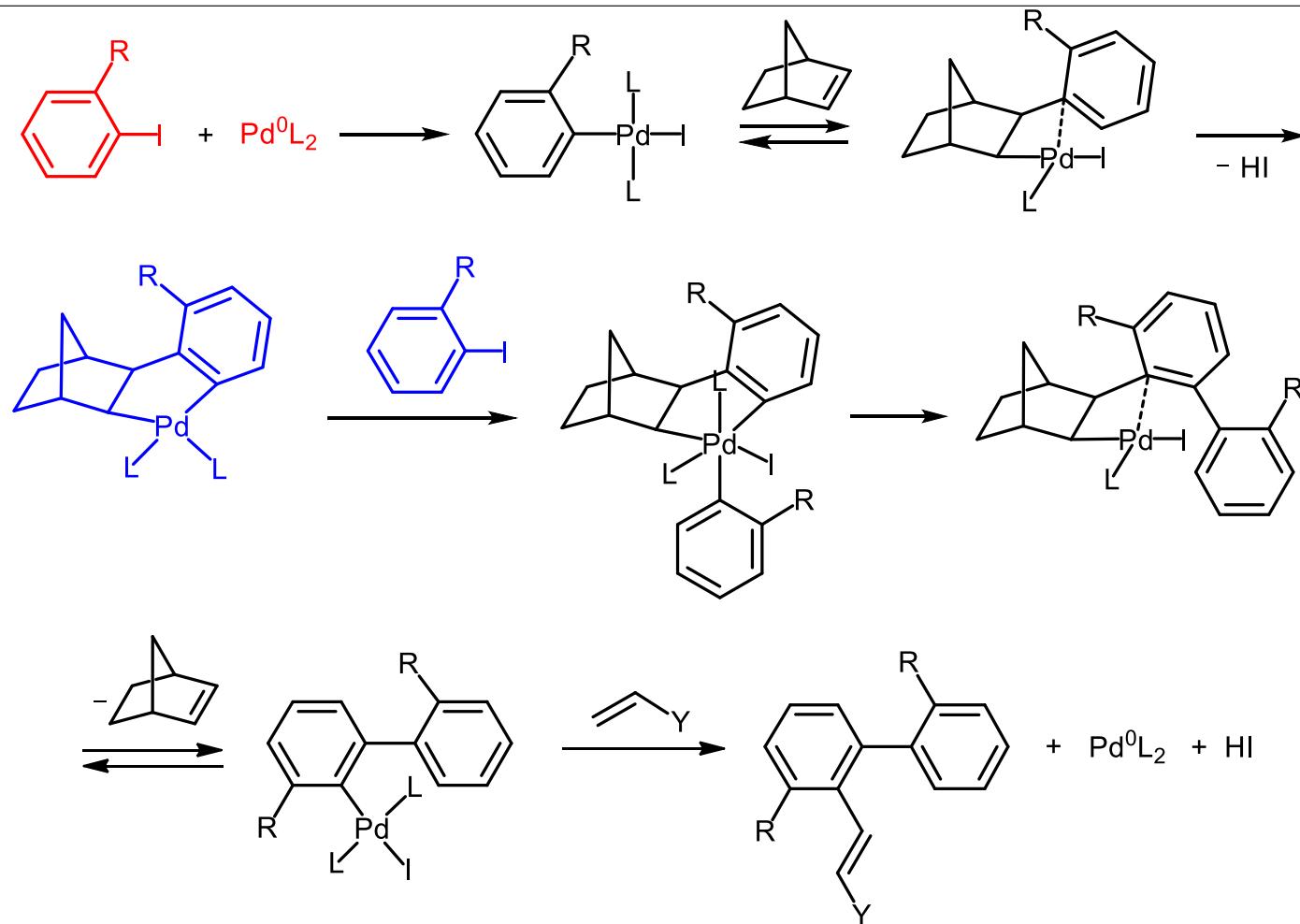


## Synthesis of biaryls

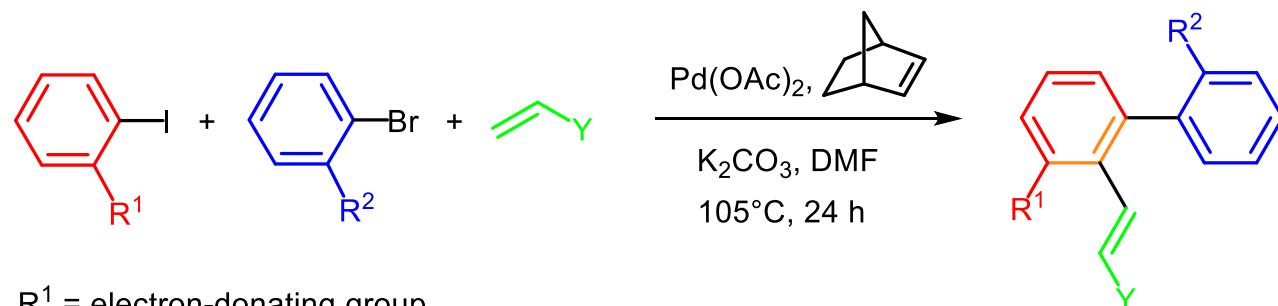


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## Reaction Pathway



## Synthesis of Vinyl Derivatives of Unsymmetrical Biaryls



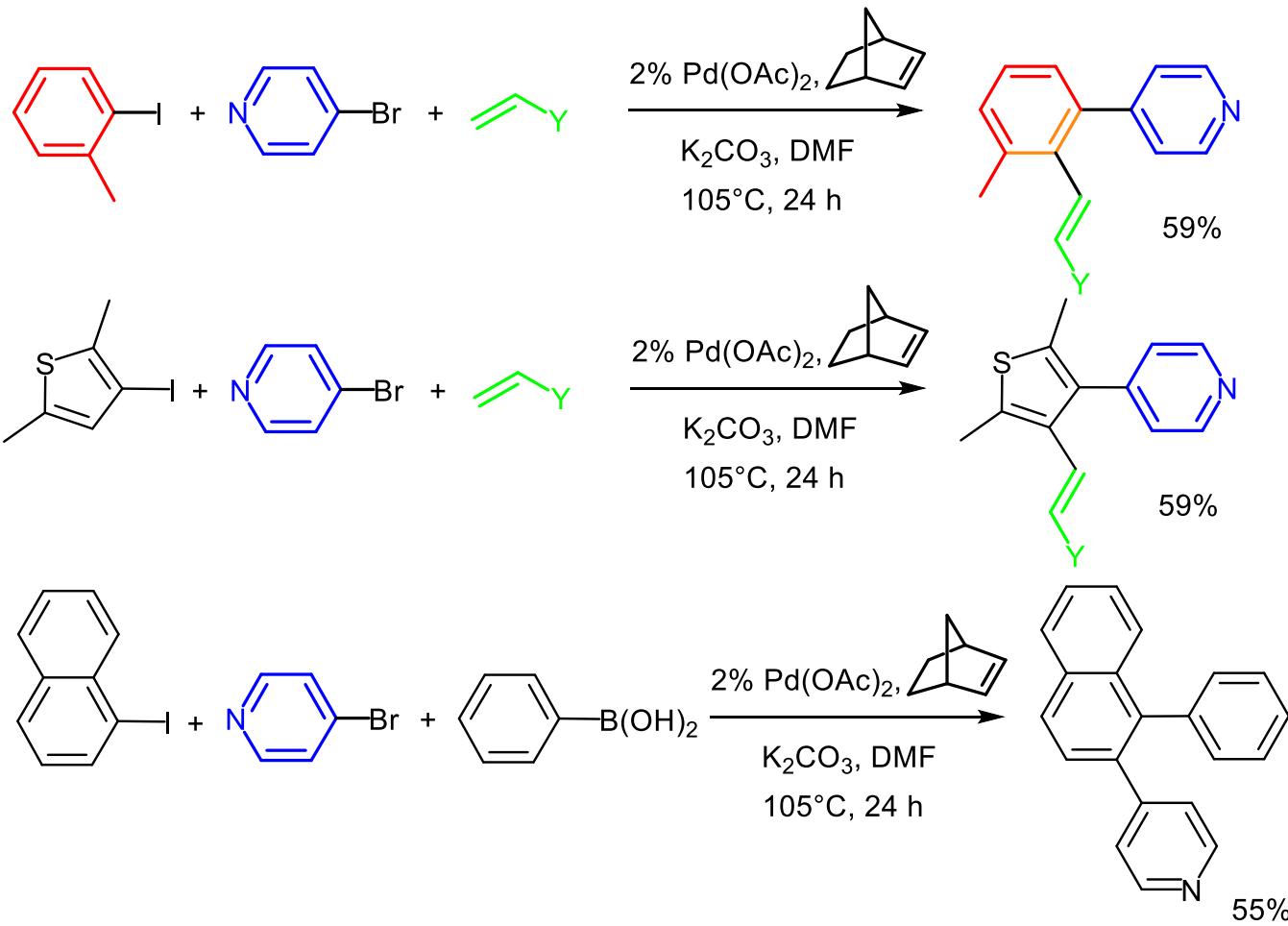
R<sup>1</sup> = electron-donating group

R<sup>2</sup> = electron-withdrawing group

Y = CO<sub>2</sub>Me, Ph, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>, O-*n*-Bu

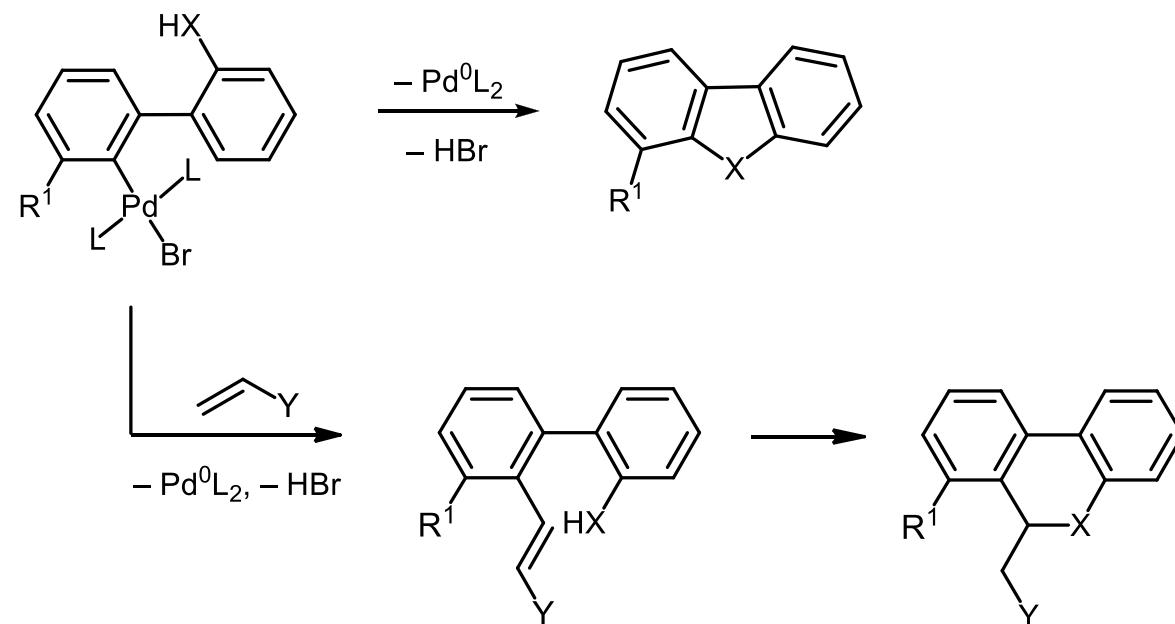
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## Heteroatom-containing coupling products

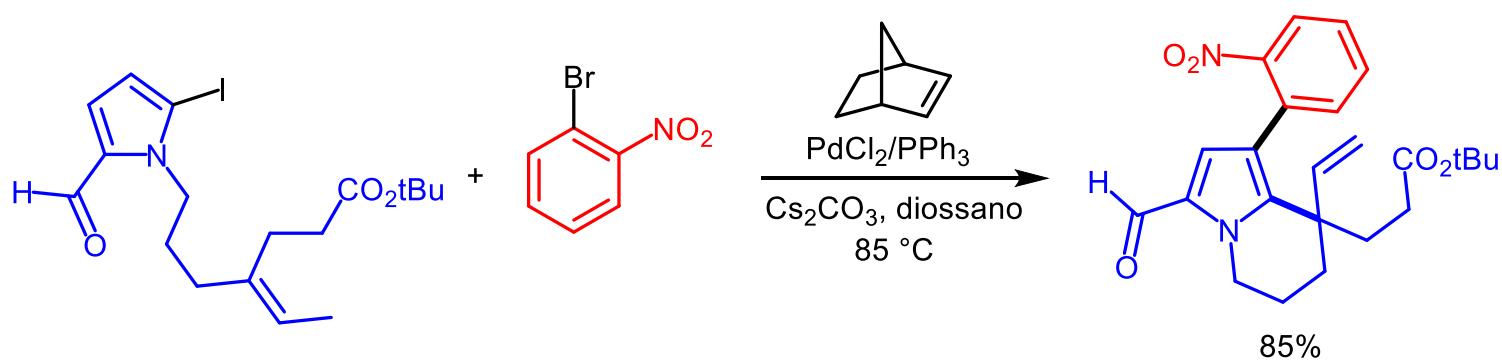
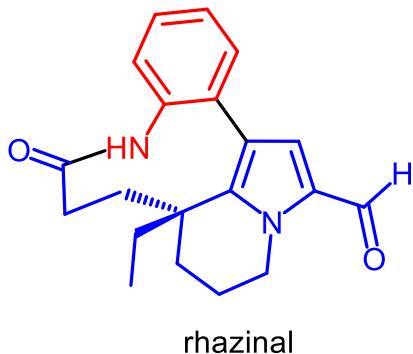


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## Condensed tricyclic compounds: *o*-substituted aryl bromides

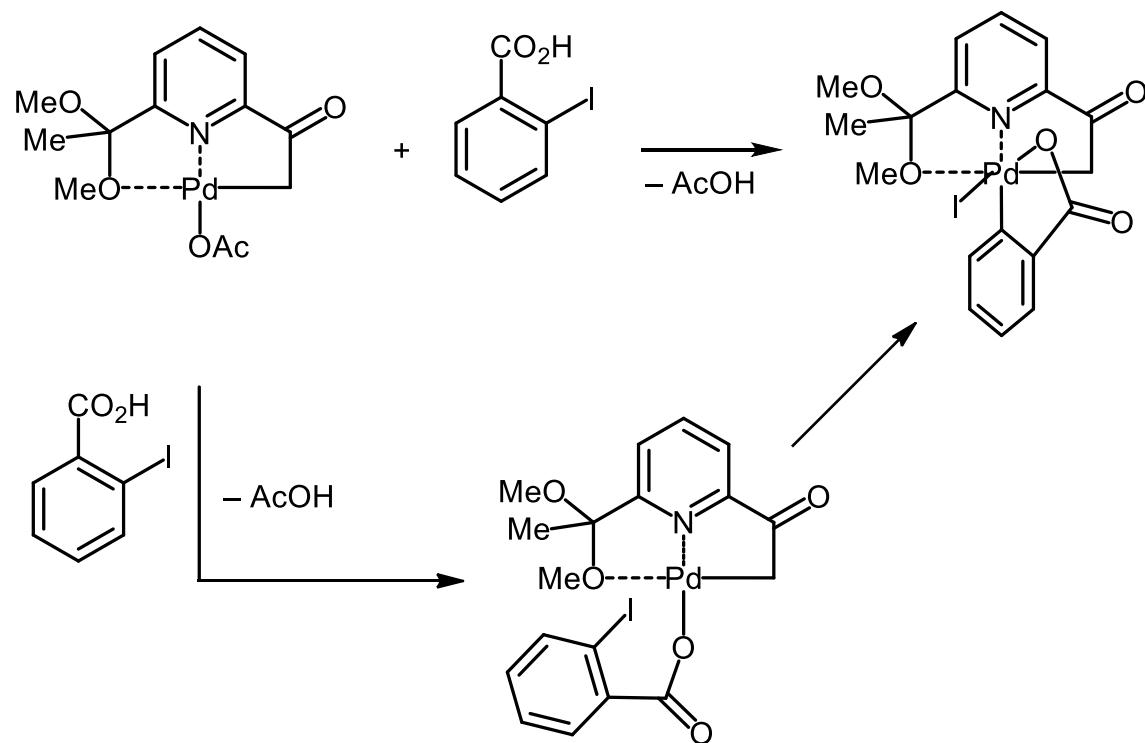


## A key-intermediate in the total synthesis of Rhazinal



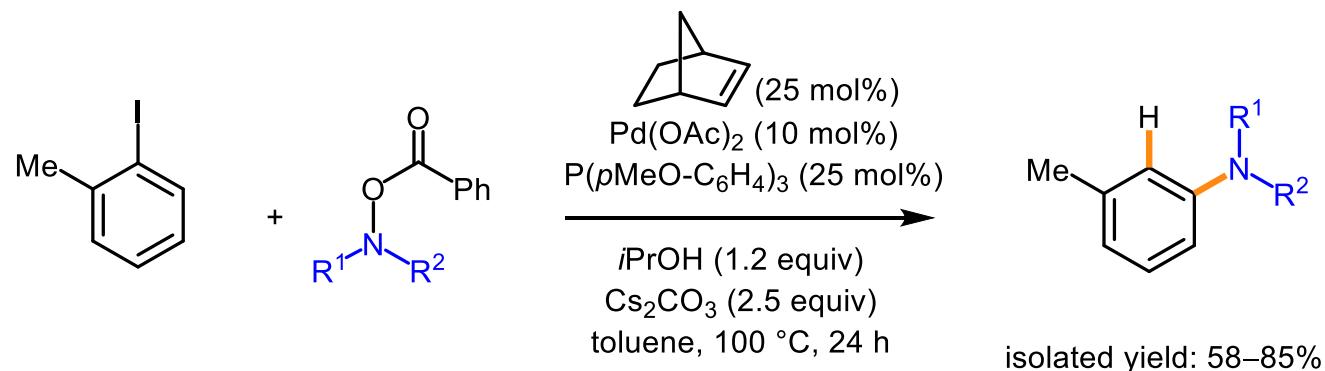
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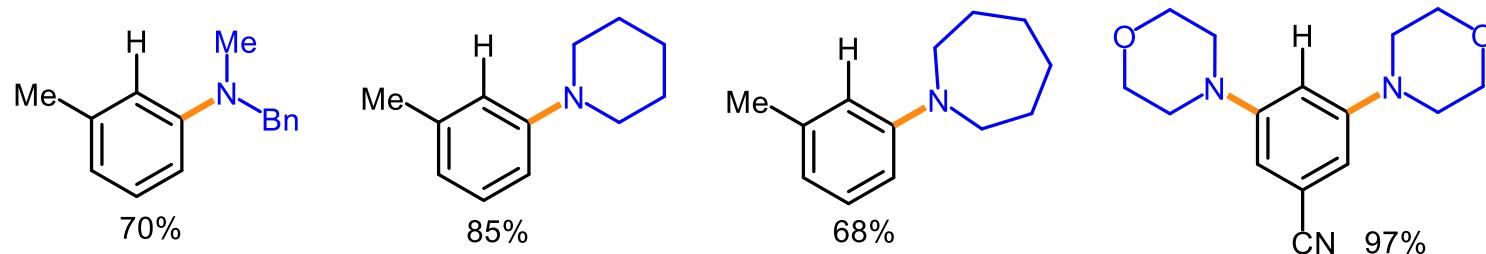


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## Pd/ Norbornene-catalyzed *ortho*-amination of aryl halides by *N*-benzoyloxoamines

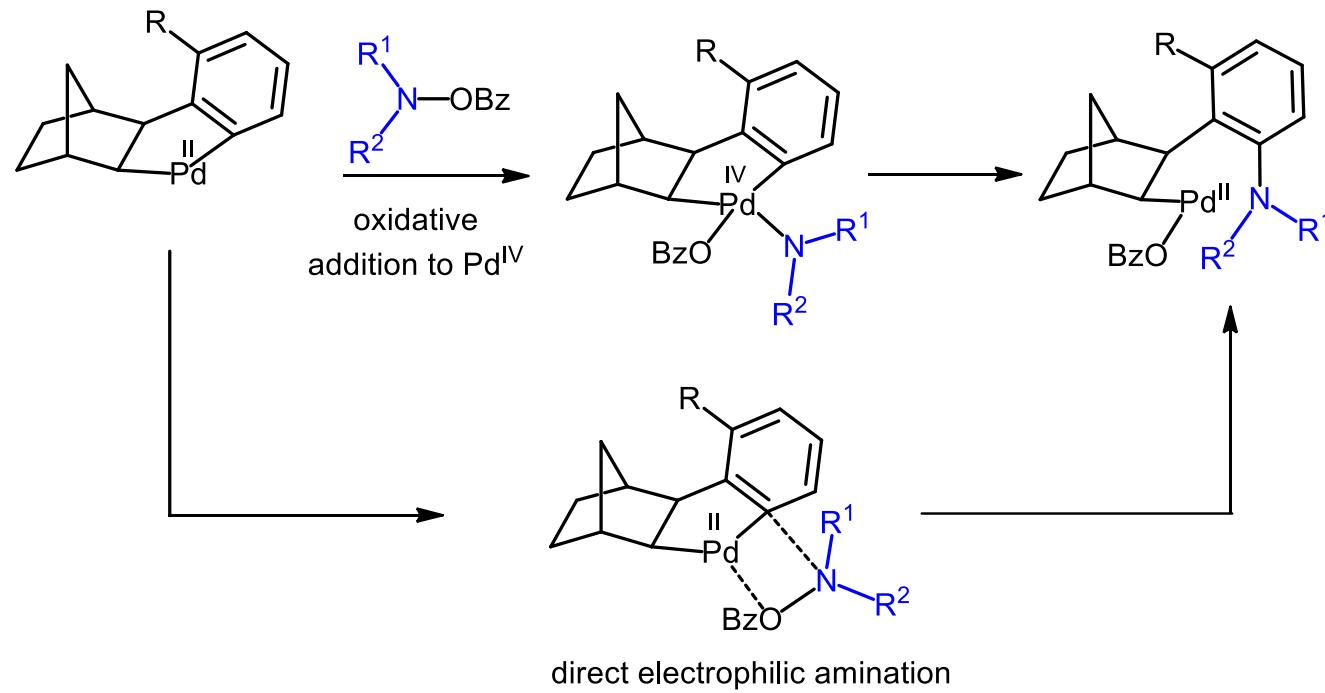


### Selected examples



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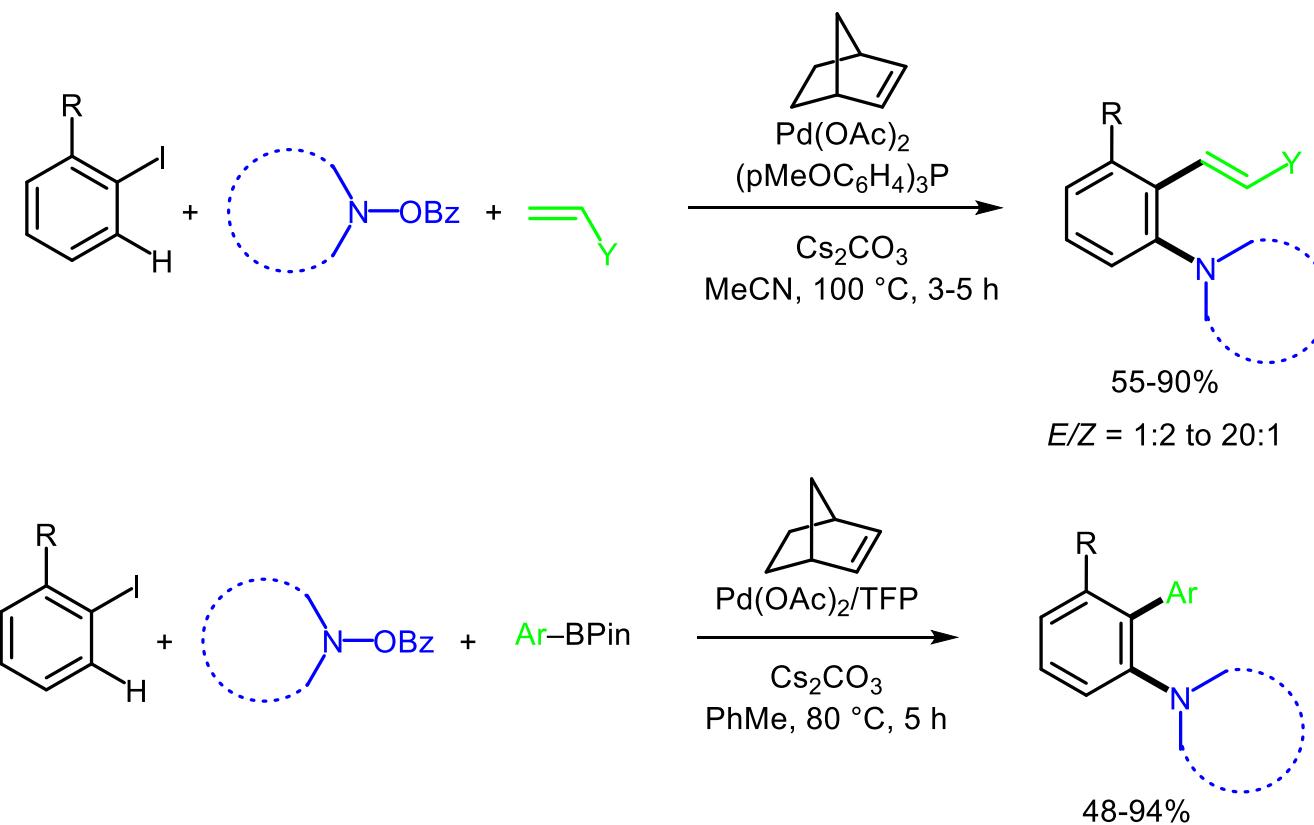
## Proposed Reaction Pathway



«...the first ortho C–N bond-forming transformations with an electrophilic amination reagent...»

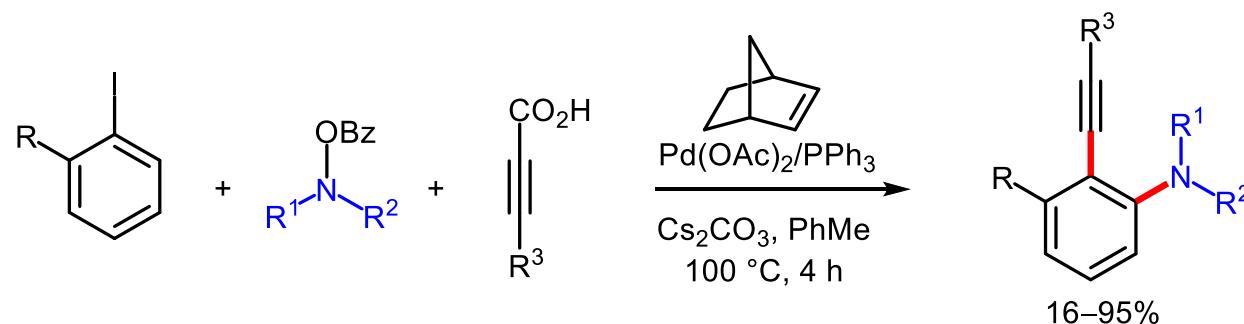
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## *ortho*-Amination/*ipso*-alkenylation and arylation

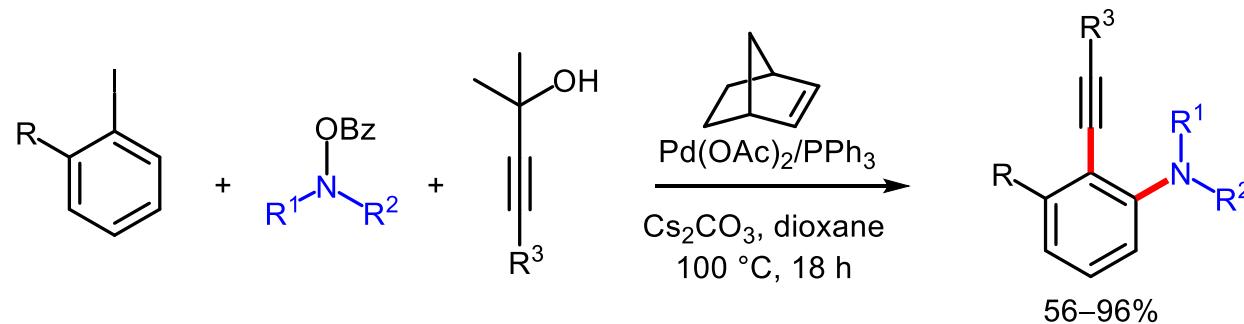


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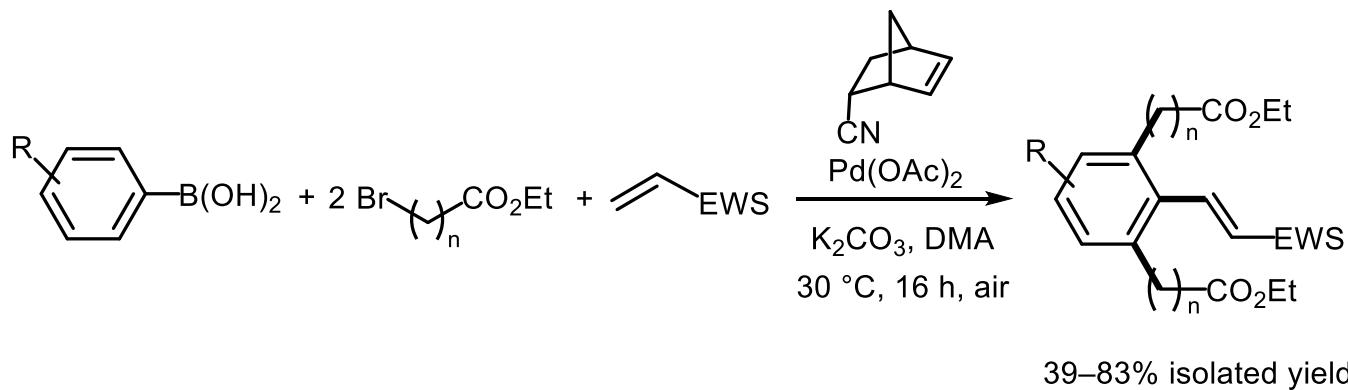
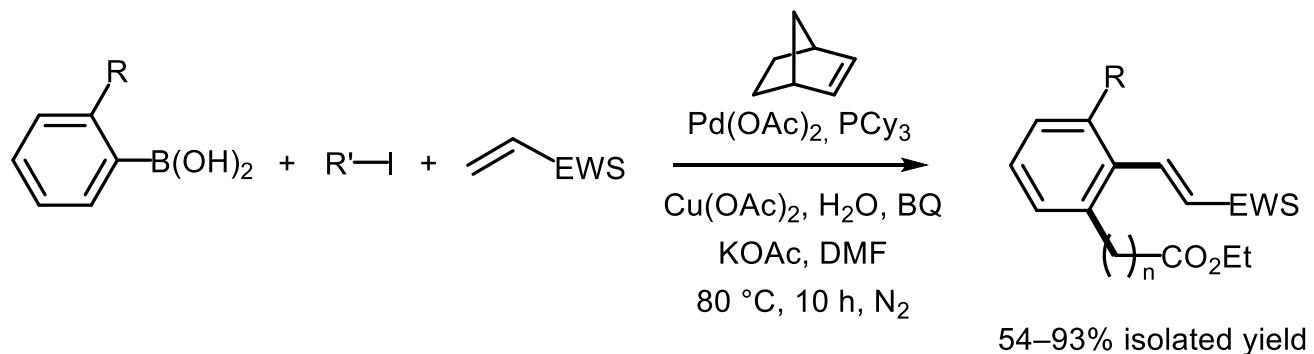


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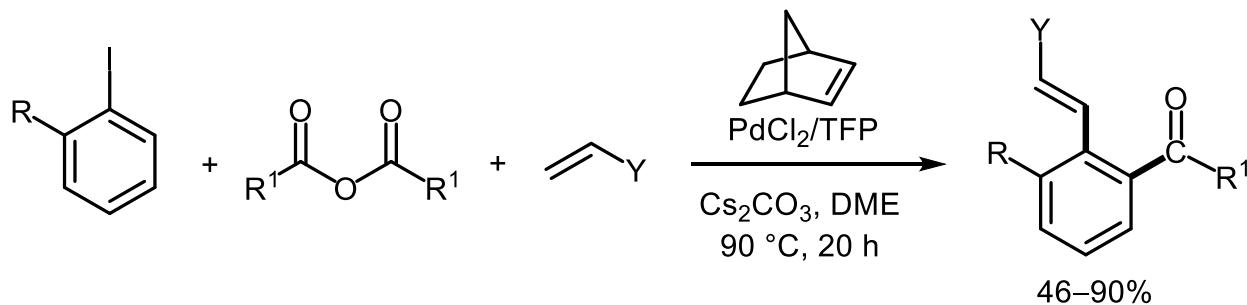
## Aryl boronic acids as precursors of the aryl group



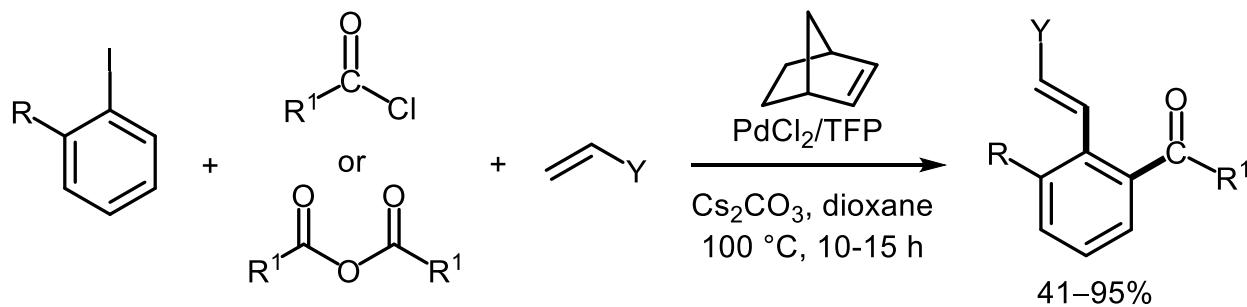
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## *ortho*-Acylation/*ipso*-Alkenylation

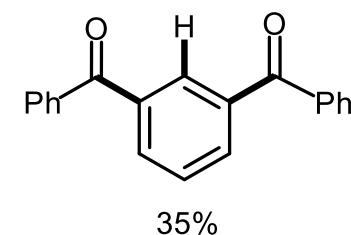
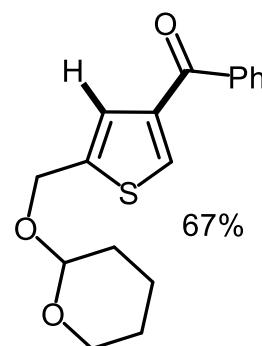
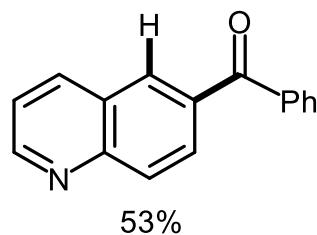
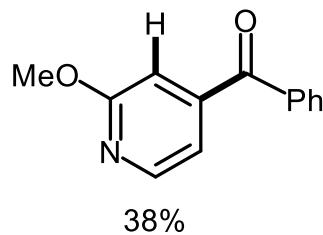
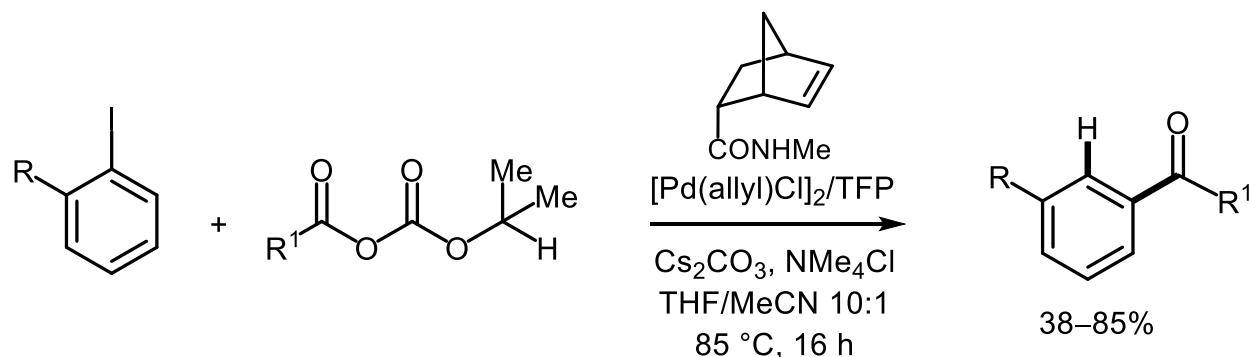


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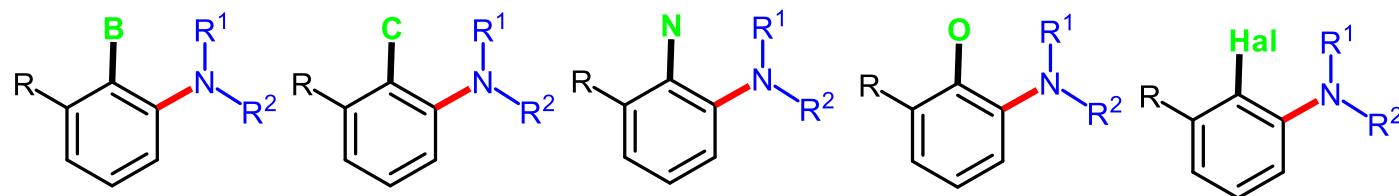
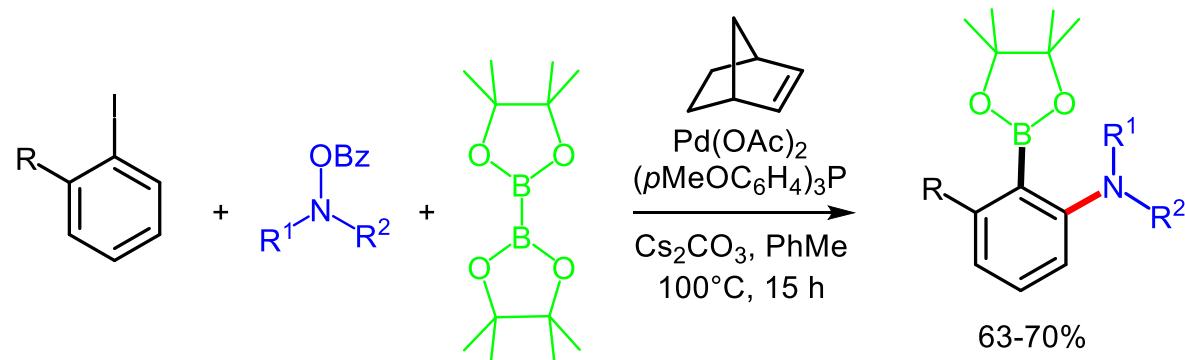
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## *ortho*-Acylation/*ipso*-Hydrogenolysis



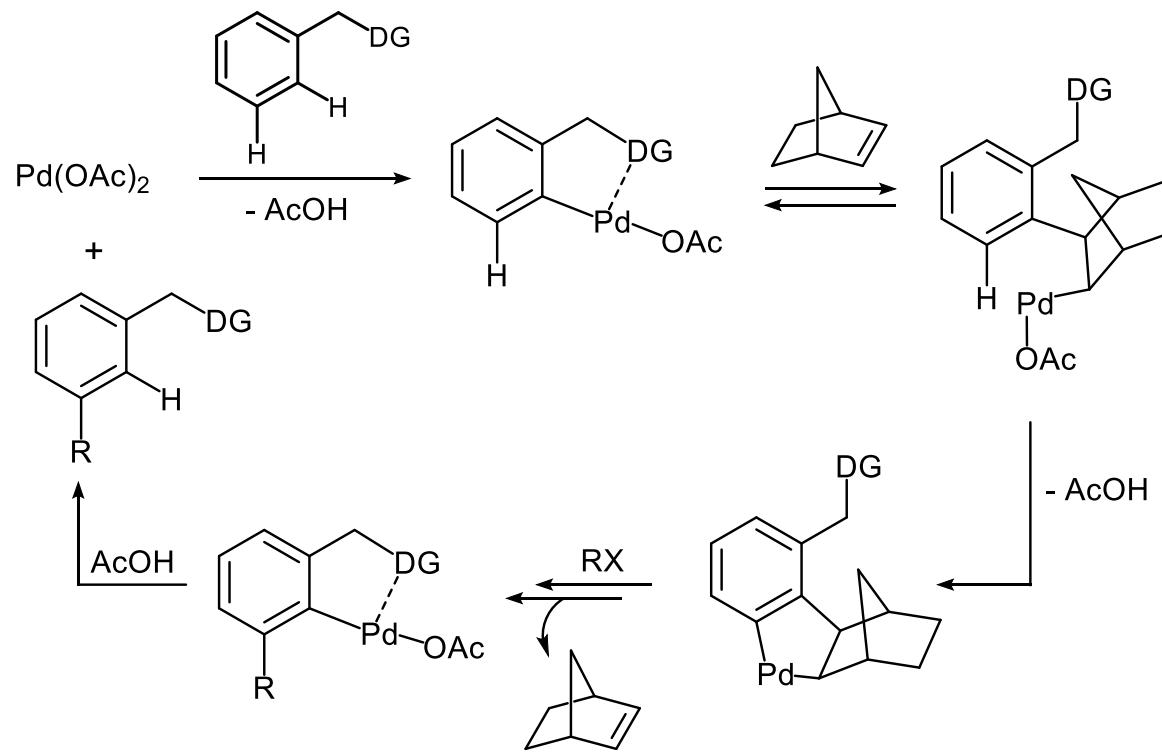
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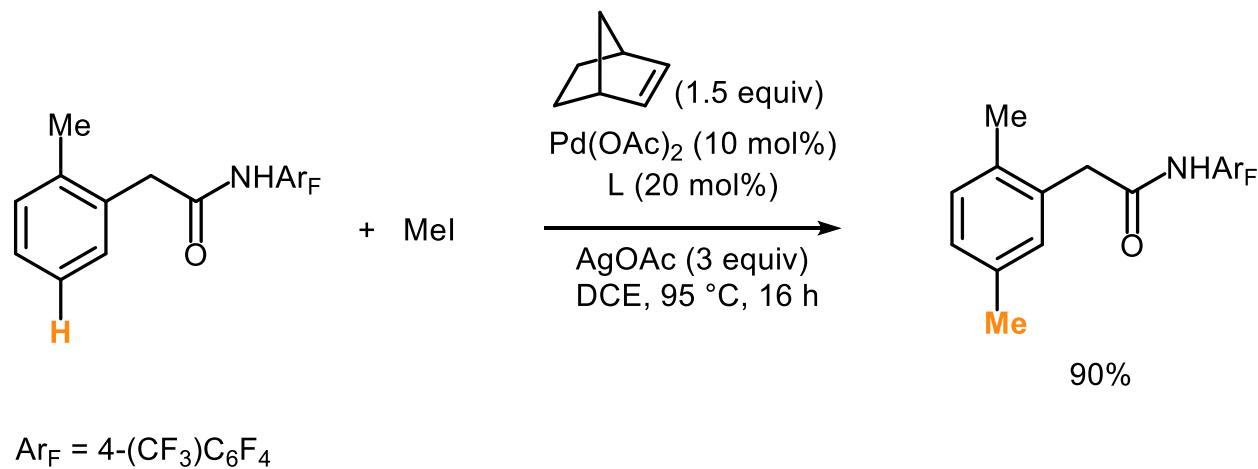
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## *meta* Selective Functionalization by two Consecutive *ortho*-Activation Steps

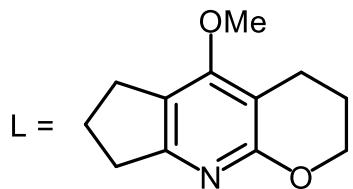


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## Norbornene as a «Transient Mediator» for *meta* C–H Functionalization

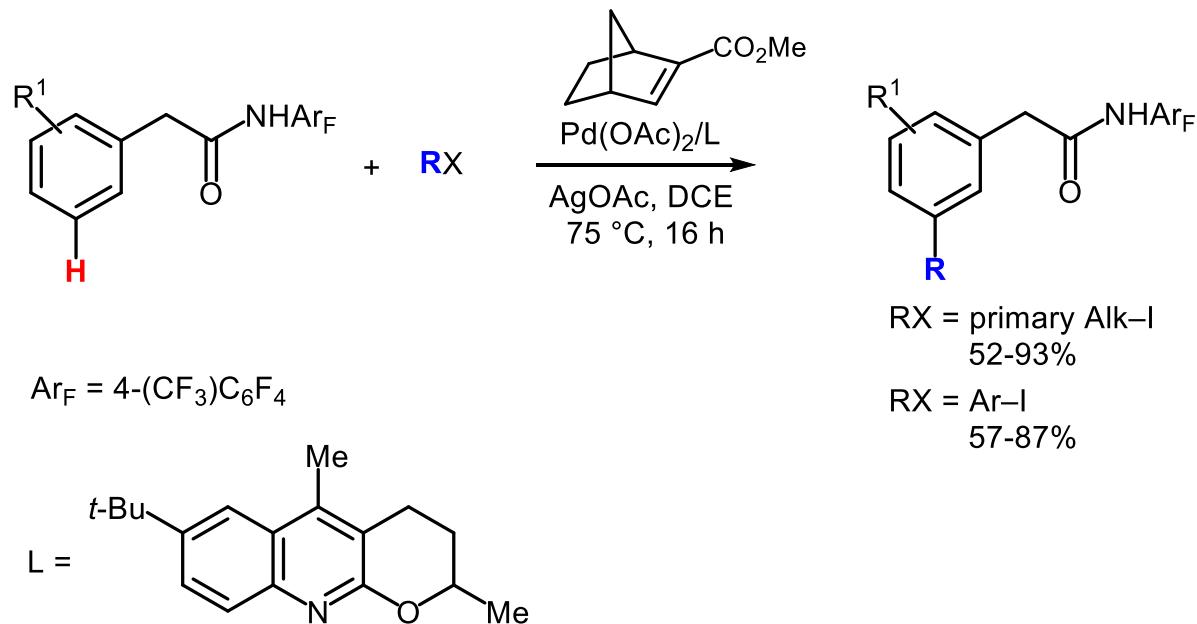


$\text{Ar}_\text{F} = 4-(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{F}_4$



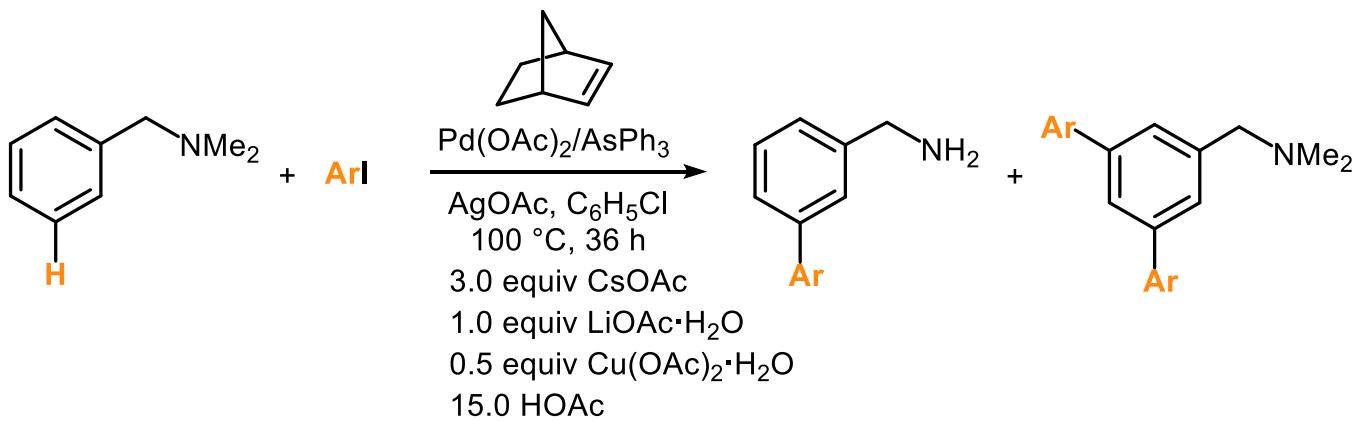
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## A 2-Substituted Norbornene for *meta* C–H Functionalization



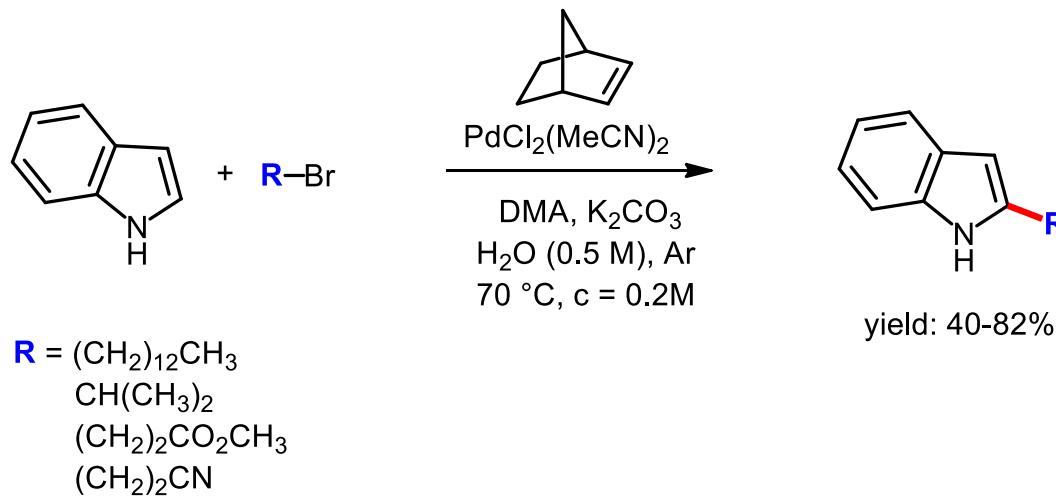
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## Amine-Directed *meta*-Selective C–H Arylation via Pd/Norbornene Catalysis



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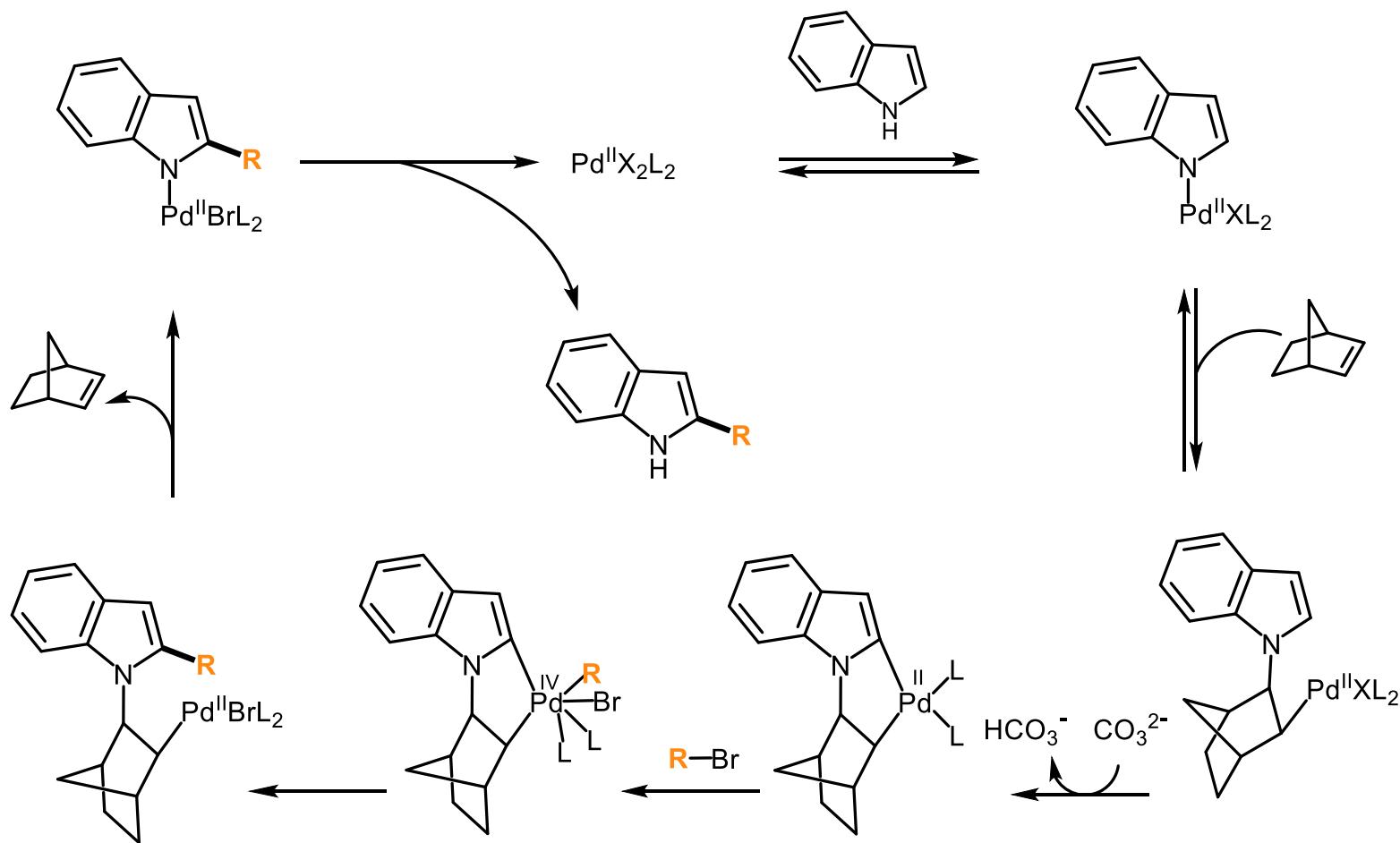
## Pd(II)/Pd(IV)/Norbornene Catalysis for 2-Alkylation of Indoles



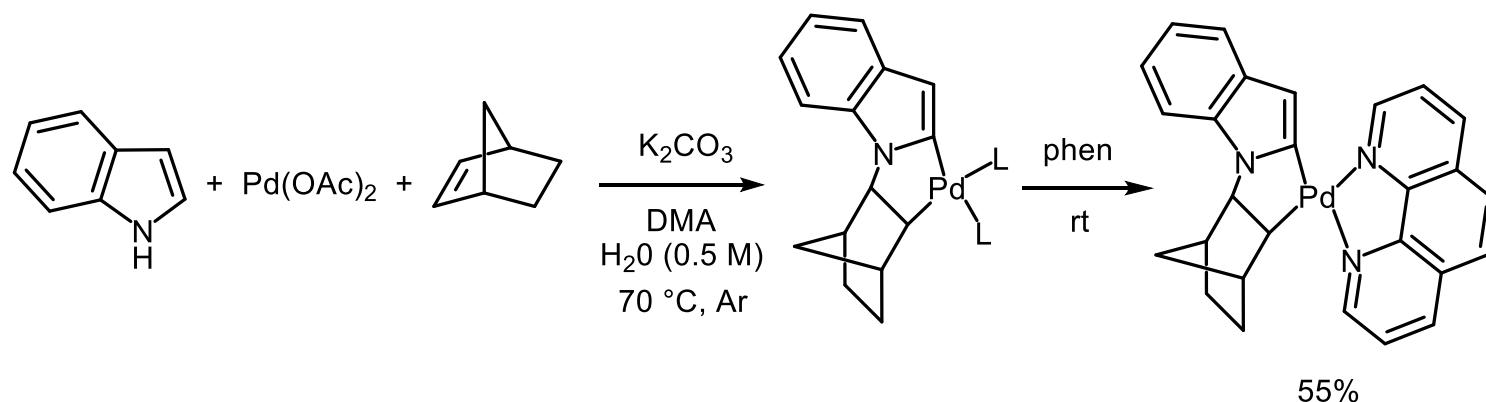
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## Proposed pathway for 2-alkylation of indole

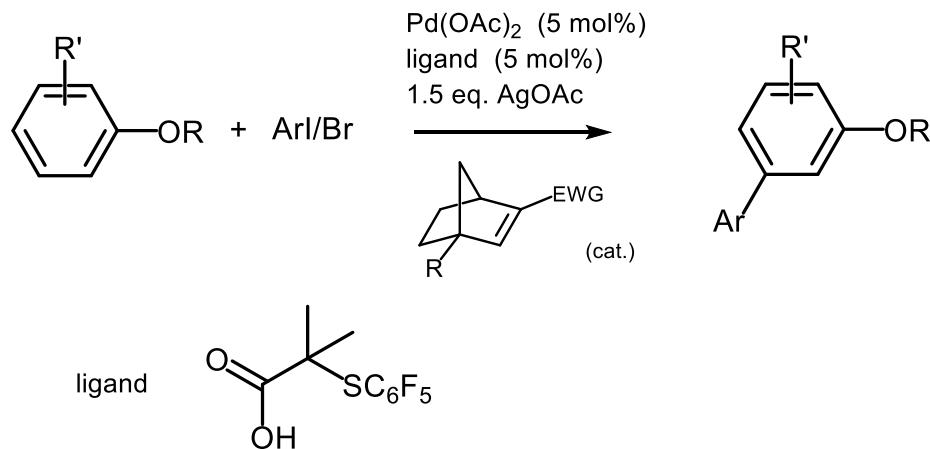


## Separation and Characterization of the Key Palladacycle Intermediate



S,O-Ligand promoted *meta*-C-H arylation of anisole derivatives via Pd/norbornene catalysis

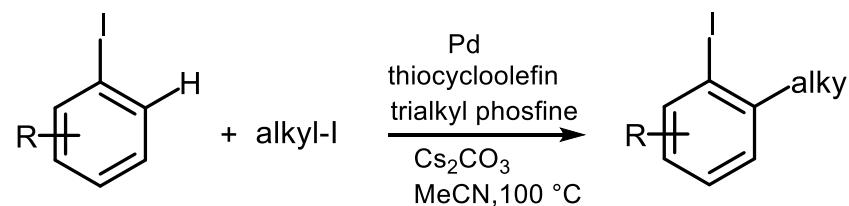
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Compatible with EDG and EWG  
Compatible with ortho-substituted anisoles

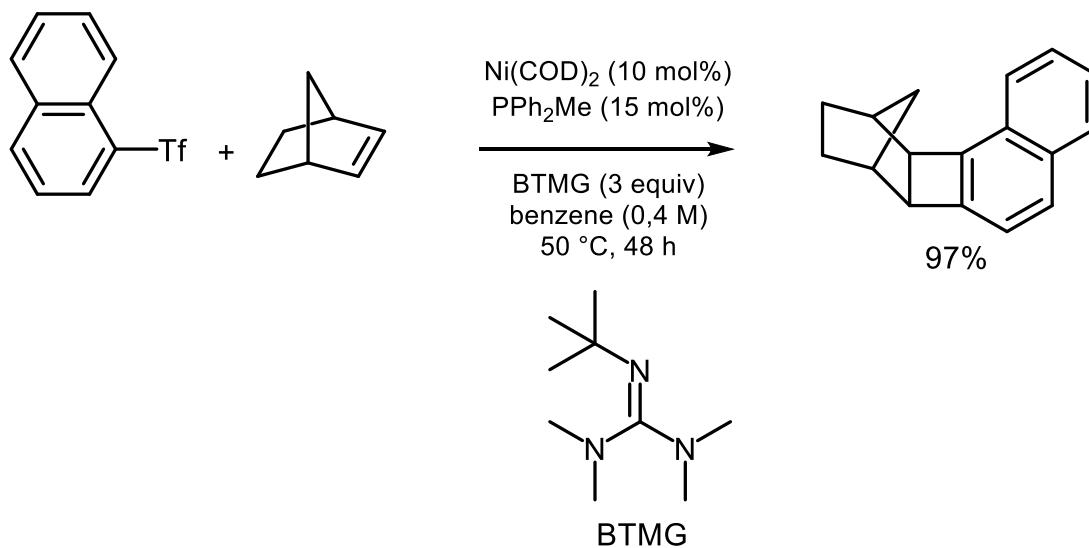
...and finally *ortho*-alkylation of iodoarenes

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## Escape from Palladium: Nickel-catalyzed Catellani-annulation react



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