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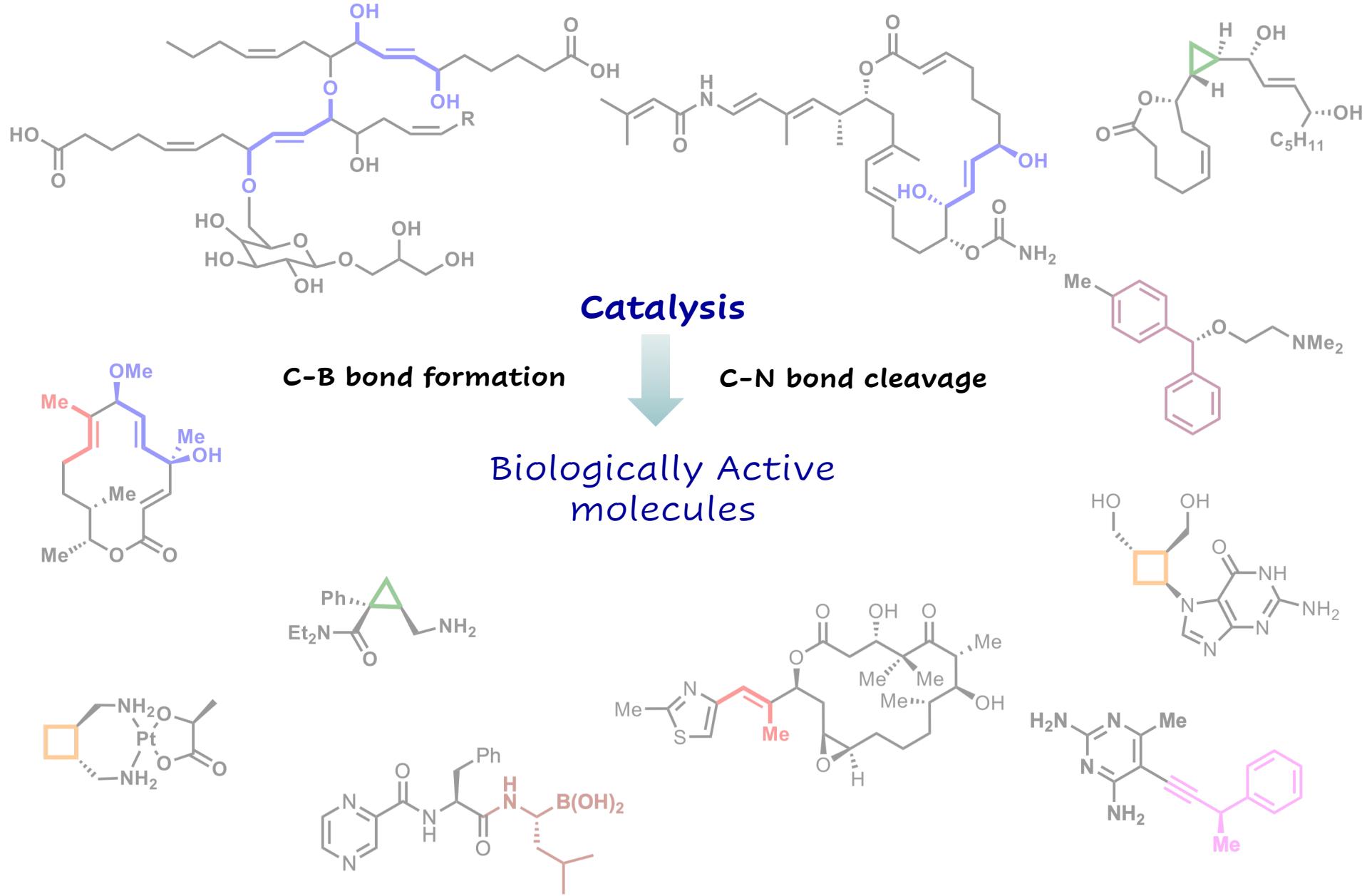


***Catalysis to increase complexity:  
stereoselective synthesis of sp<sup>3</sup>-rich building blocks***

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# Catalysis to Increase Complexity



# Escaping from Flatland

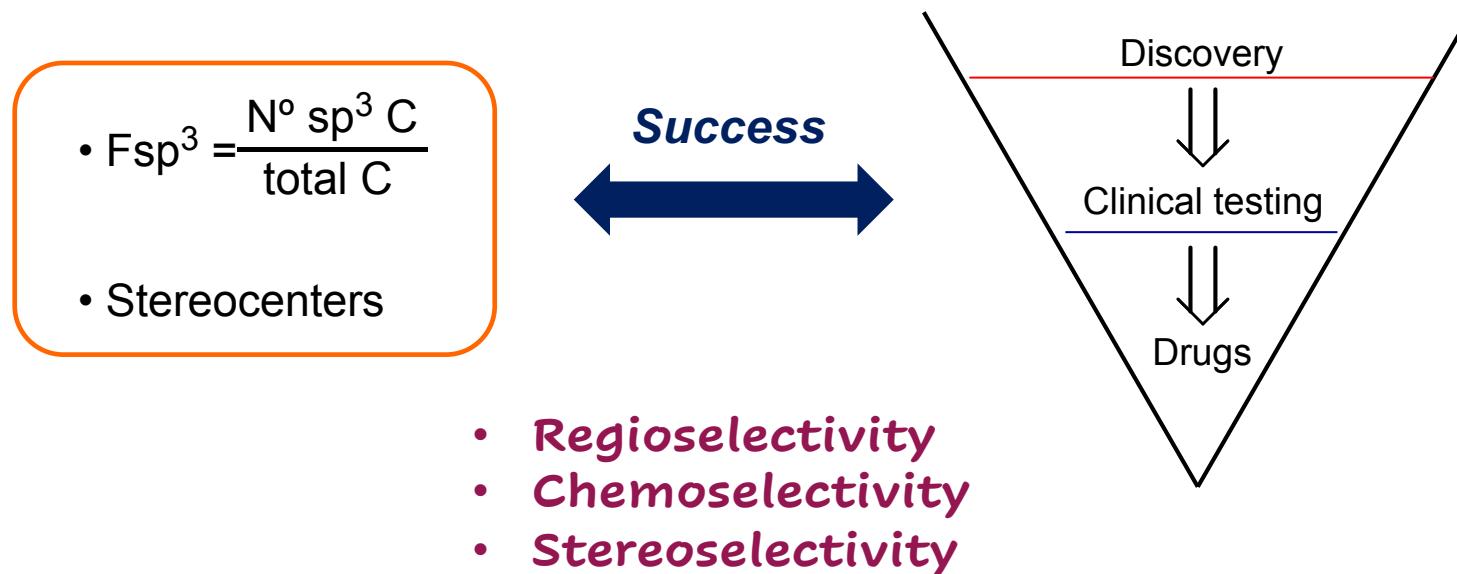
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## Escape from Flatland: Increasing Saturation as an Approach to Improving Clinical Success

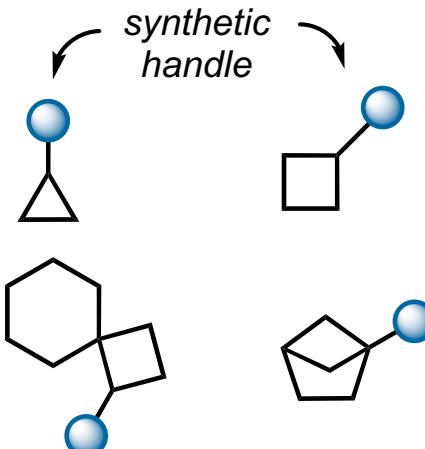
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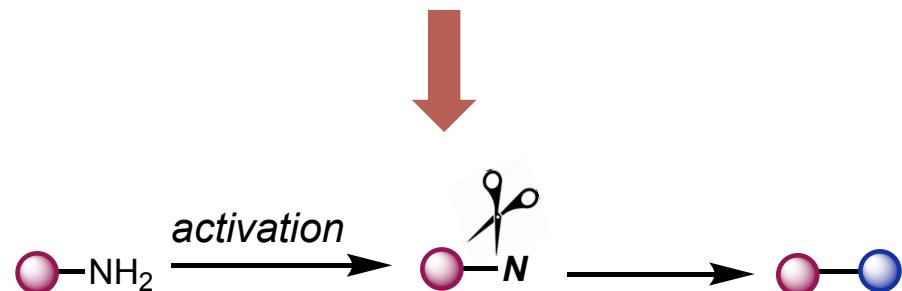
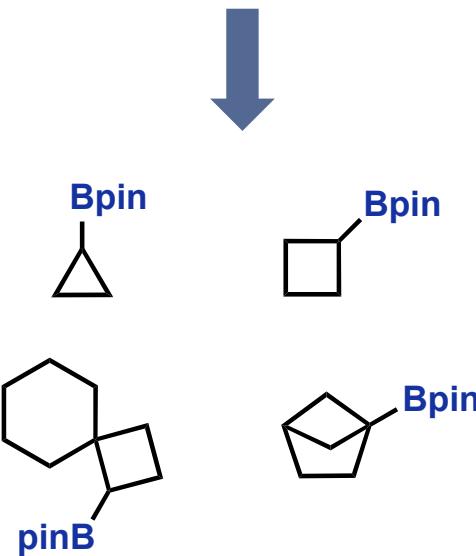
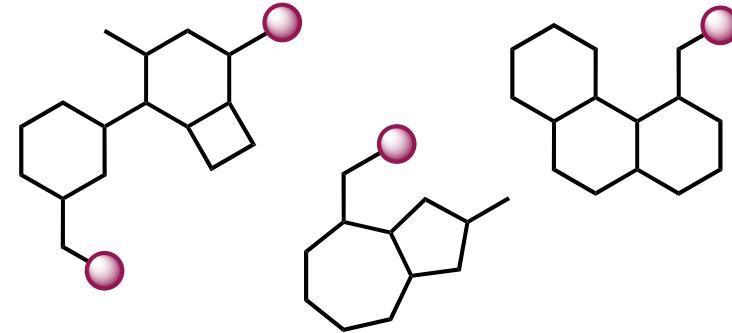


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## Synthesis of modifiable building blocks

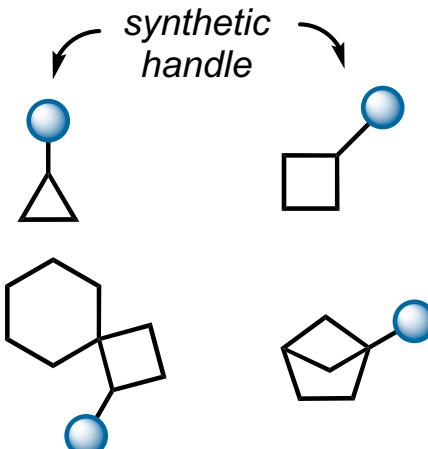


## Selective modification of abundant functional groups

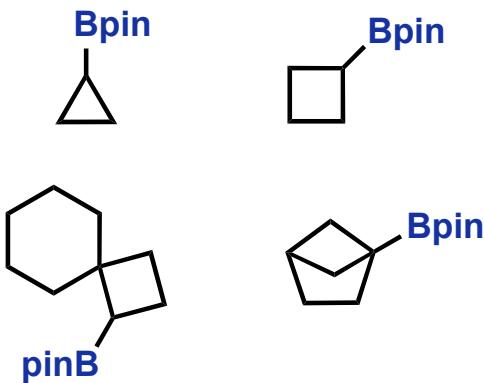
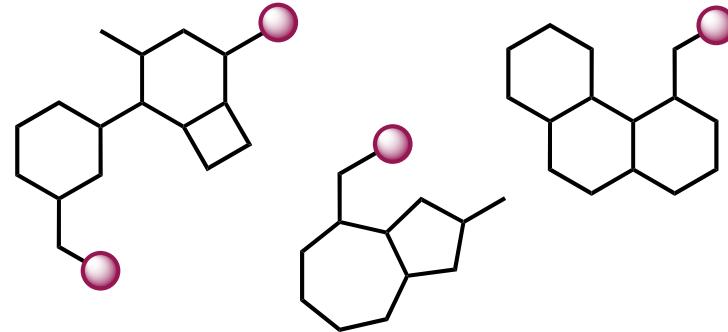


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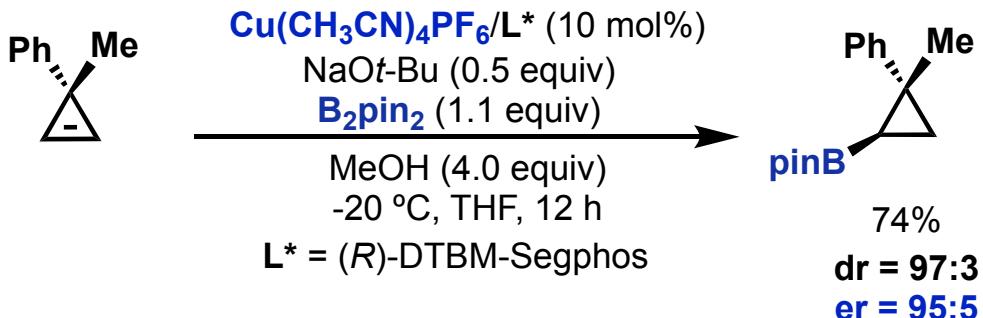


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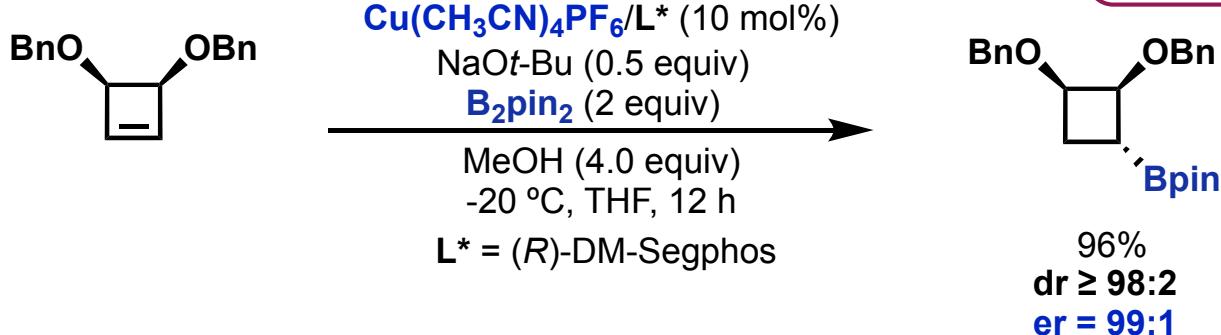


- *Versatile functional group*
- *Configurational stability C-B bond*
- *Few synthetic stereoselective methods*

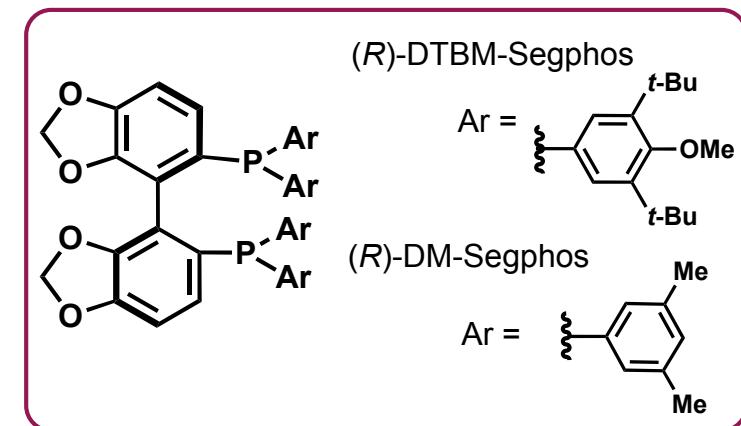
# Copper-Catalyzed Desymmetrization



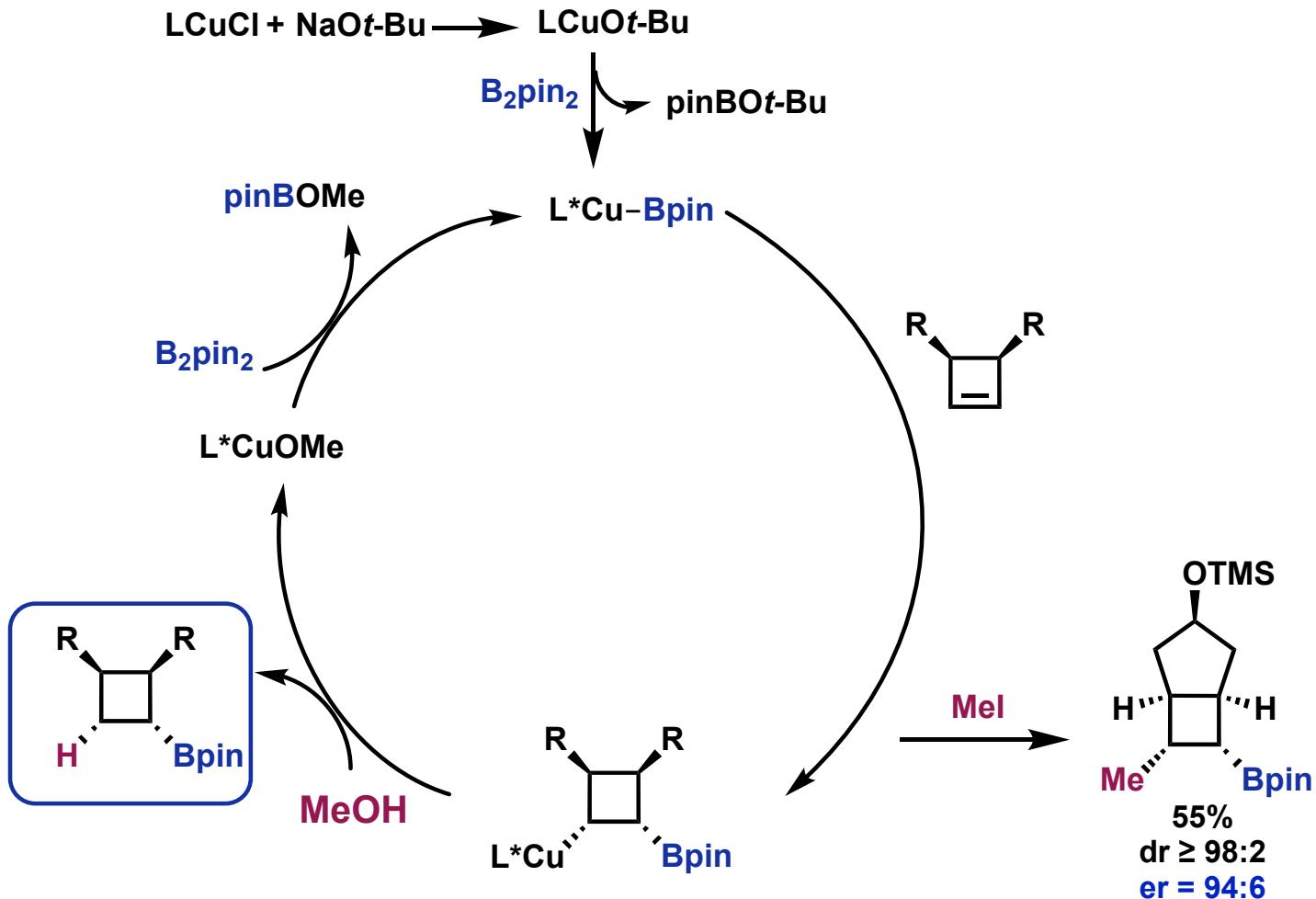
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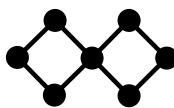
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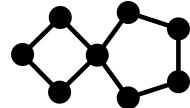
# Cyclopropyl Amino-Boronic Esters



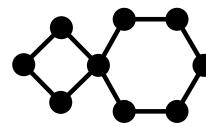
# Cyclobutyl Spirocycles



Spiro[3,3]heptanes



Spiro[3,4]octanes

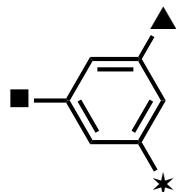


Spiro[3,5]nonanes

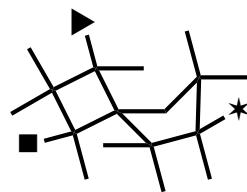
*Poorly explored regions of chemical space*

*Expanded toolbox to modulate physicochemical properties*

*Well-defined exit vectors*



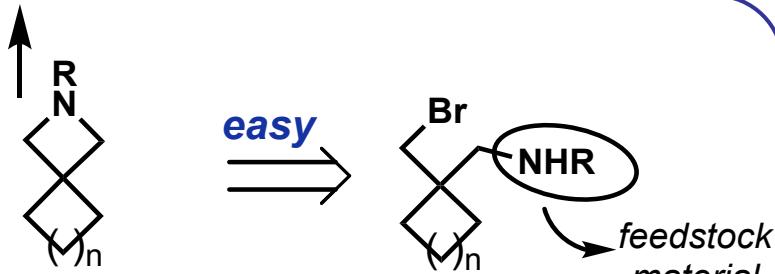
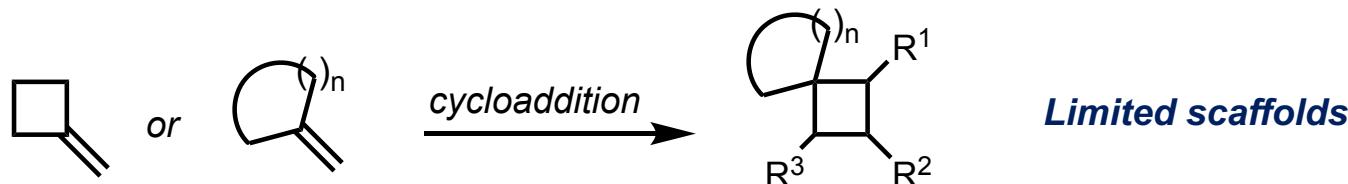
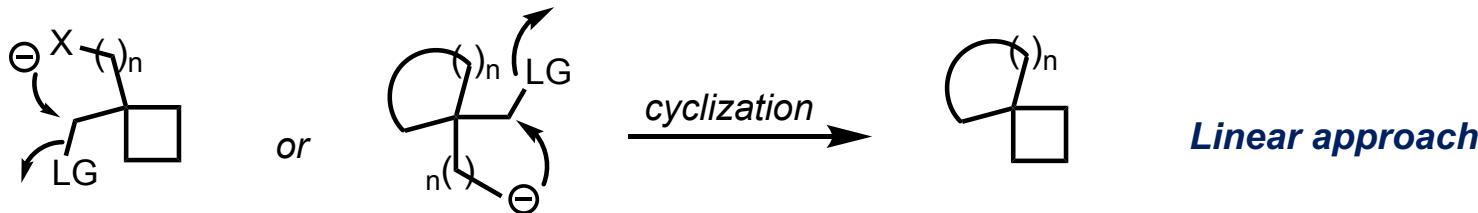
2D-exit vectors



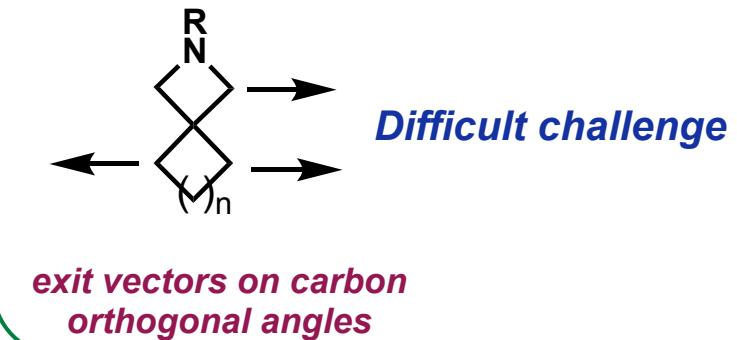
3D-exit vectors

# Cyclobutyl Spirocycles

## Common strategies

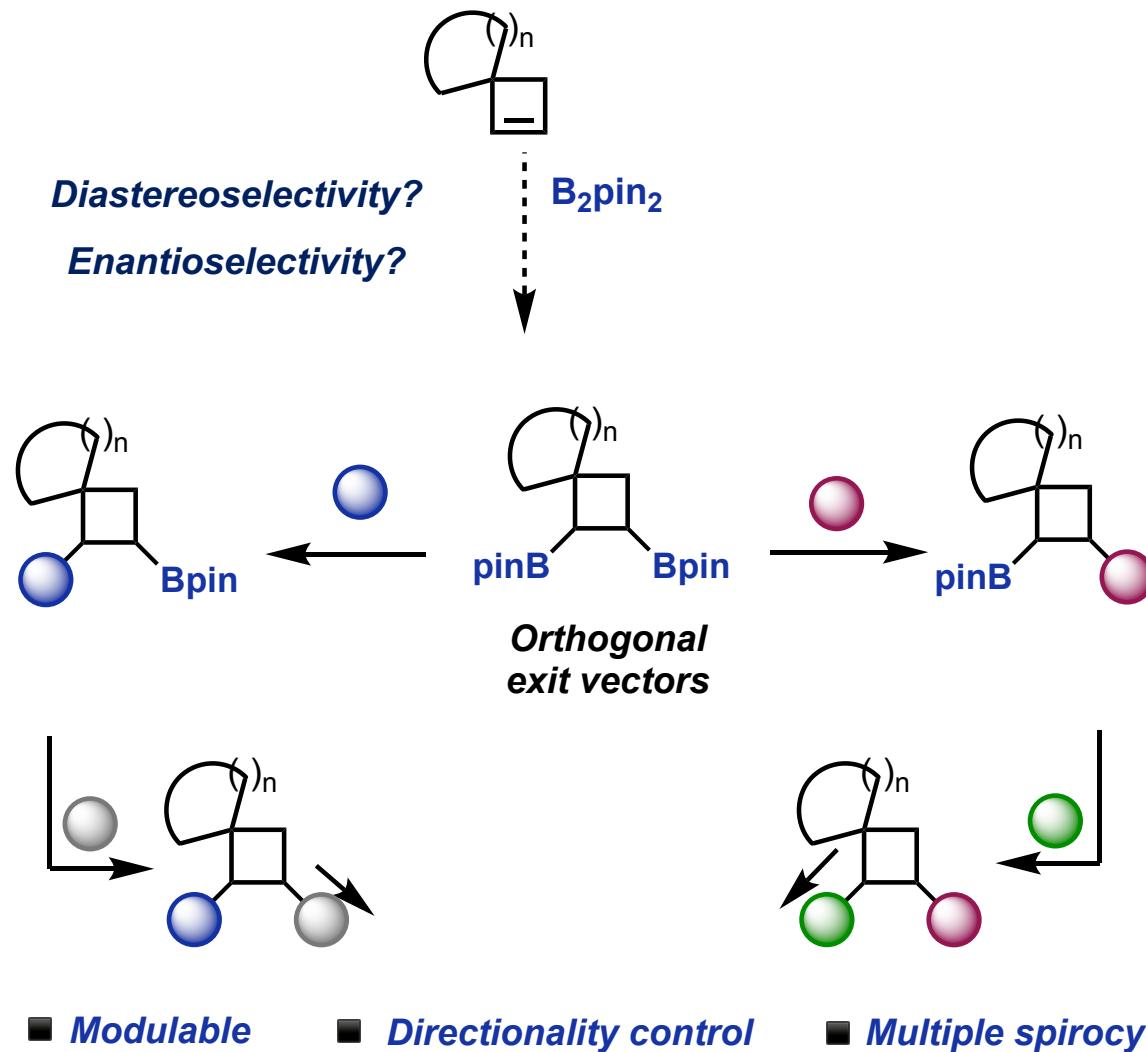


*exit vectors on terminal heteroatoms*

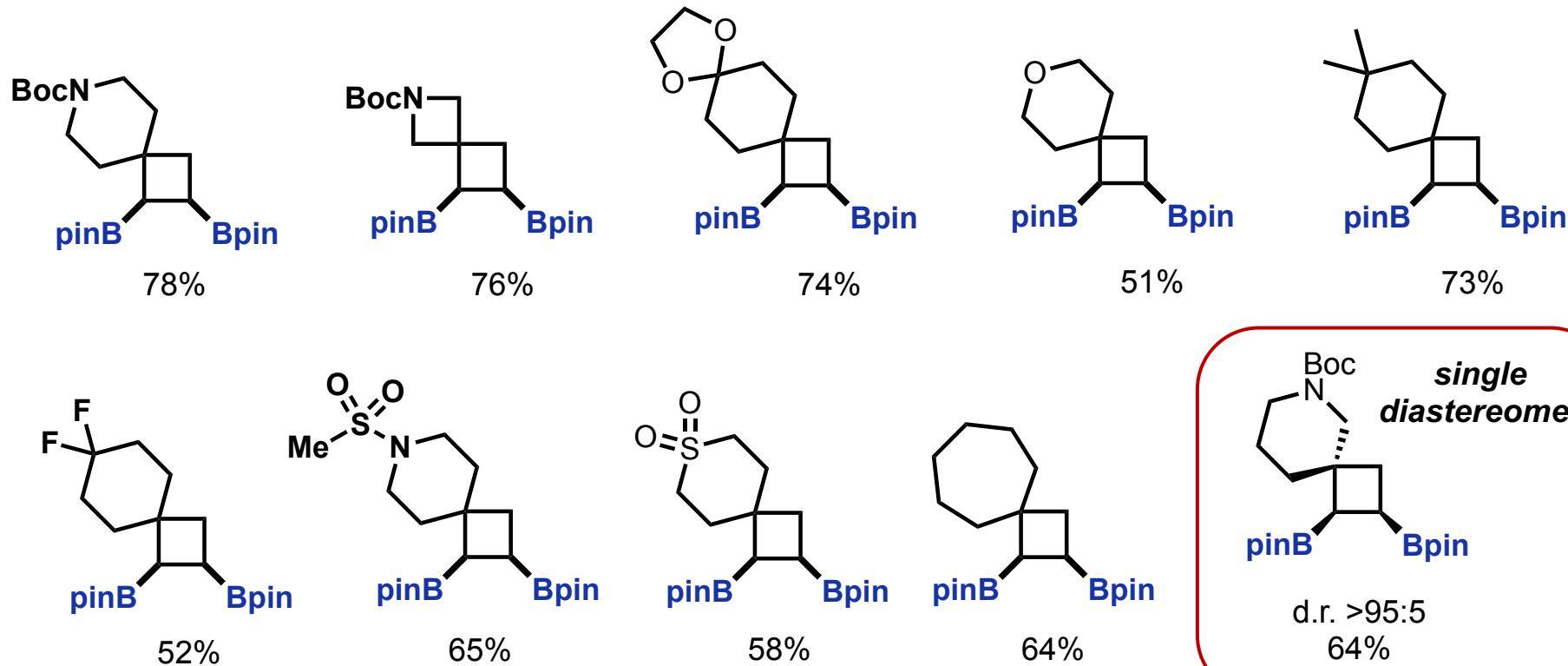
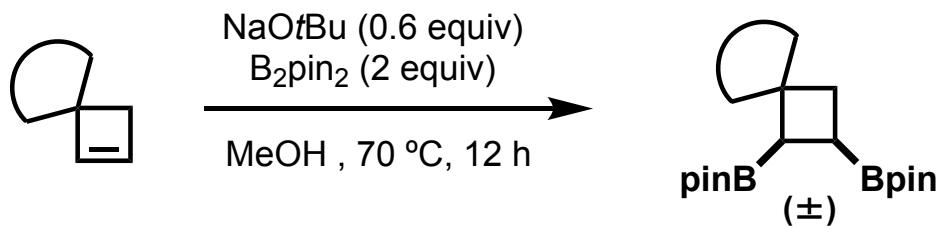


*exit vectors on carbon orthogonal angles*

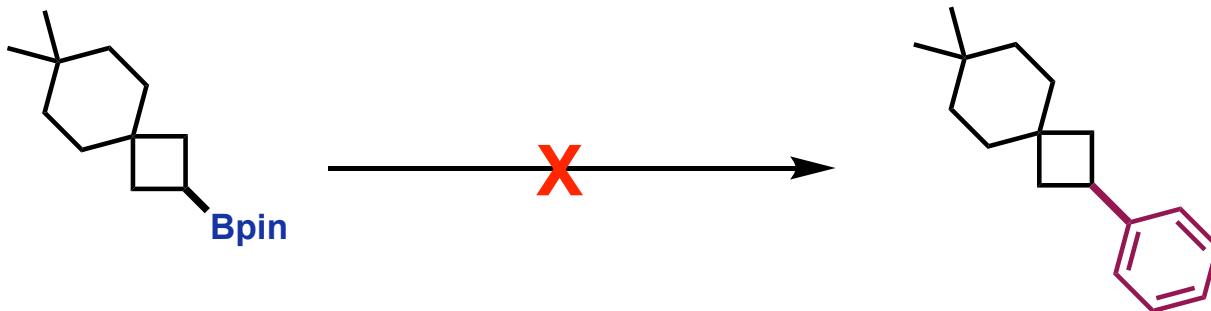
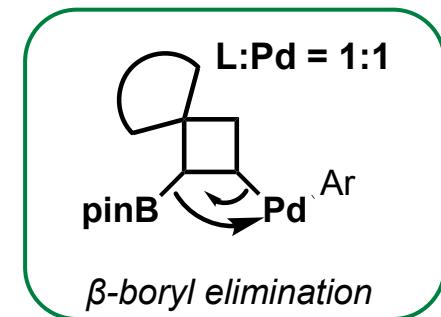
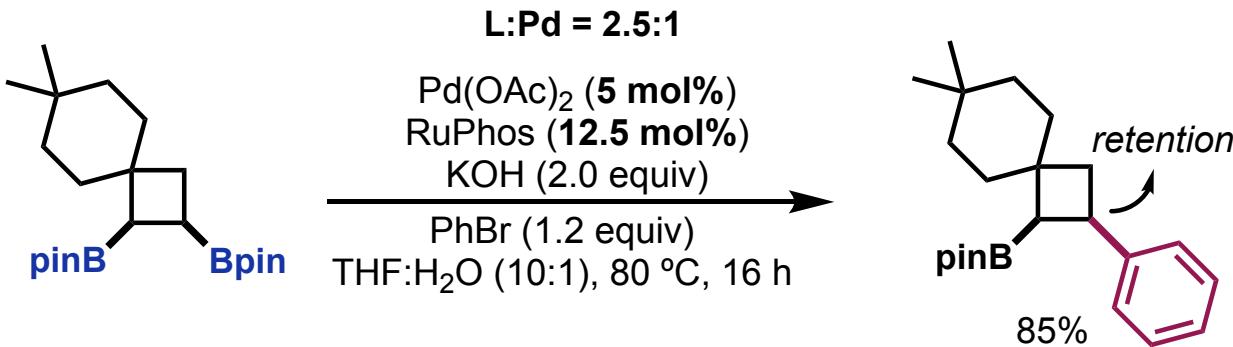
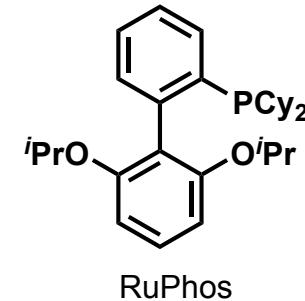
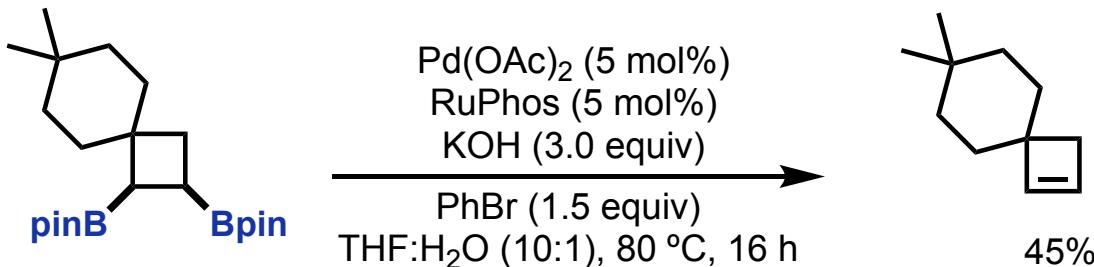
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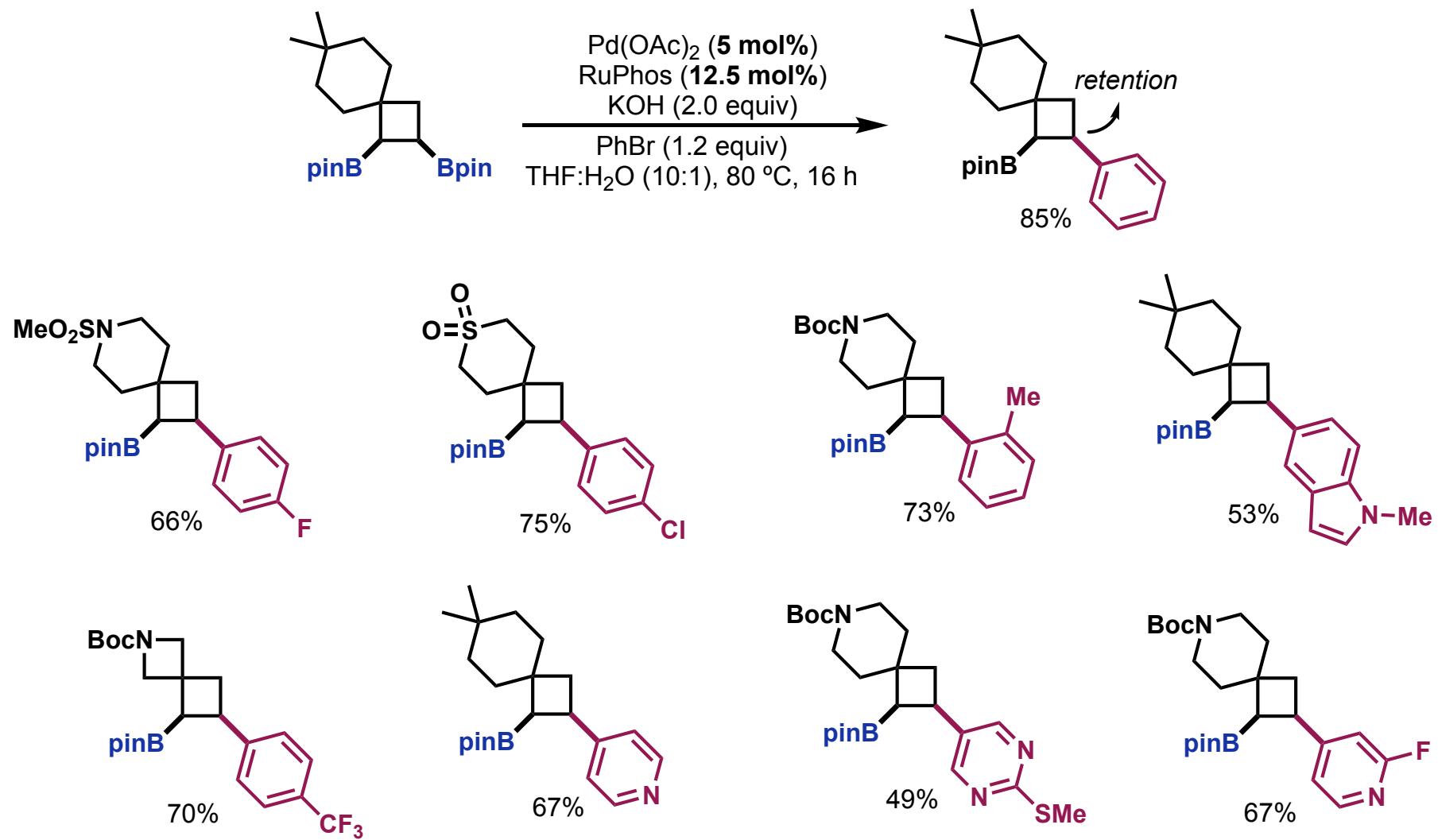
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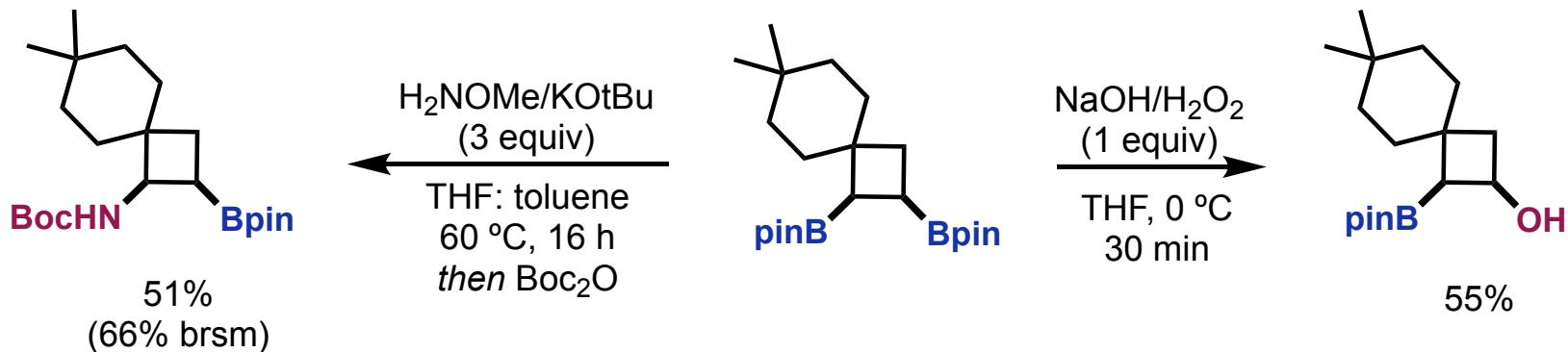
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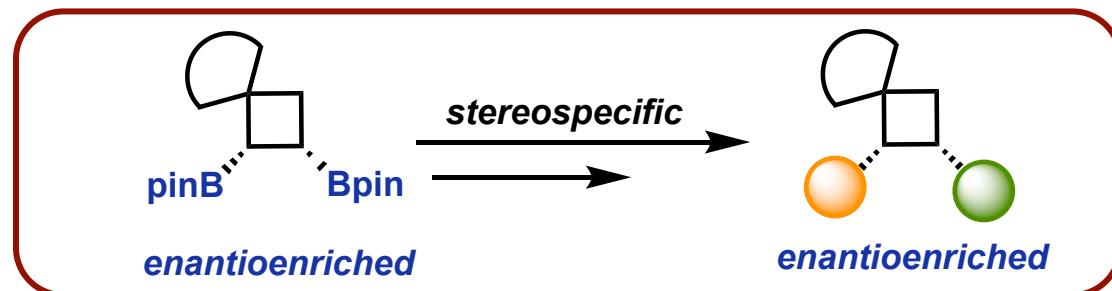
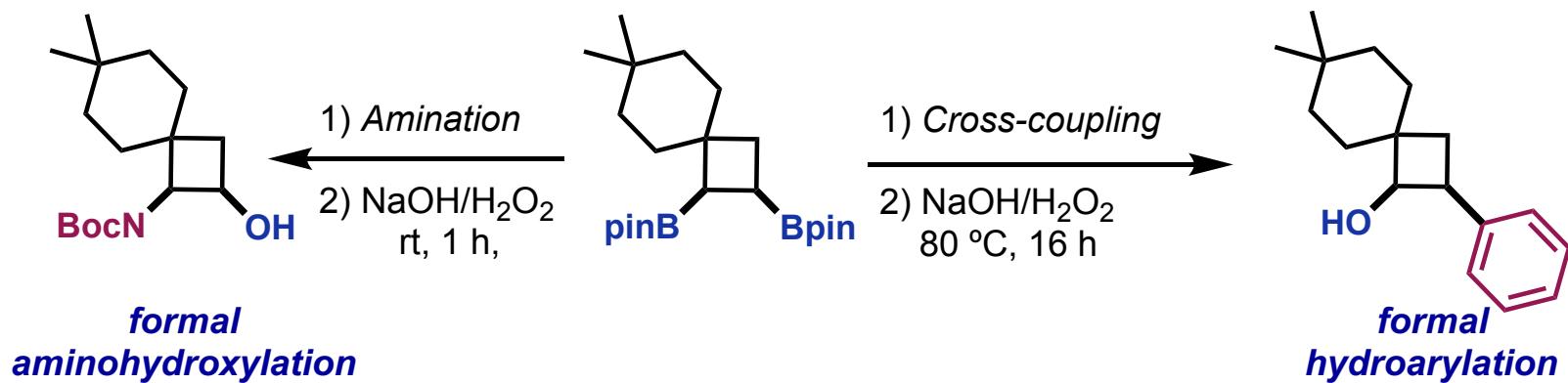
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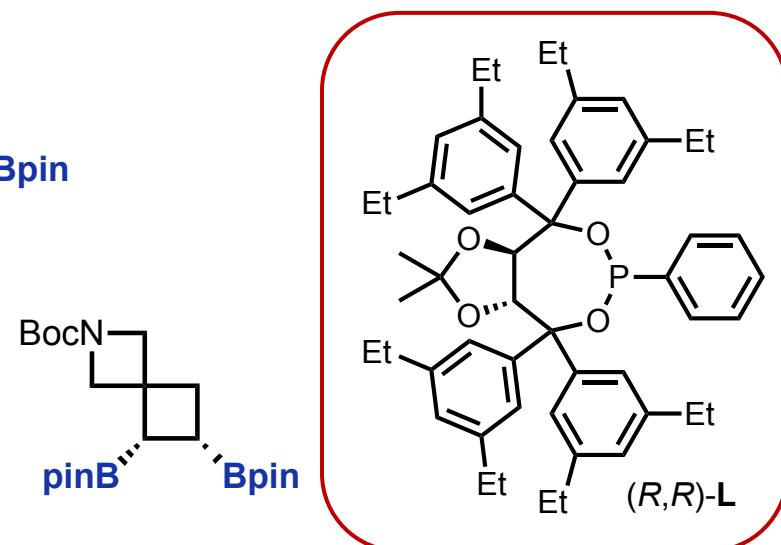
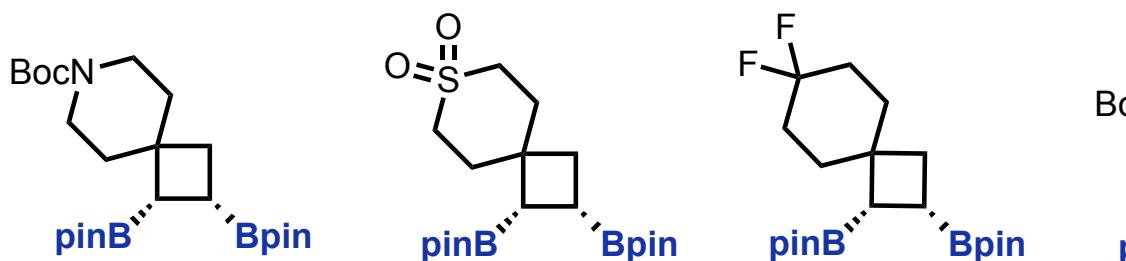
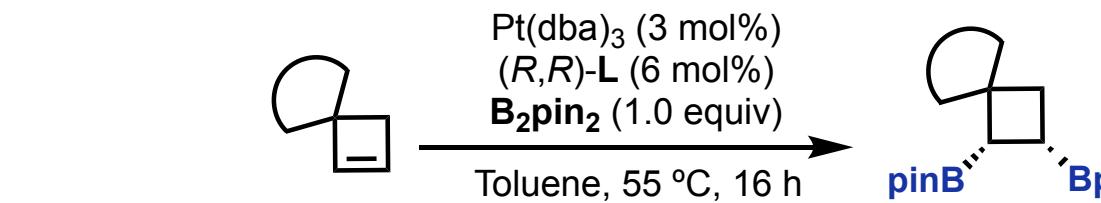
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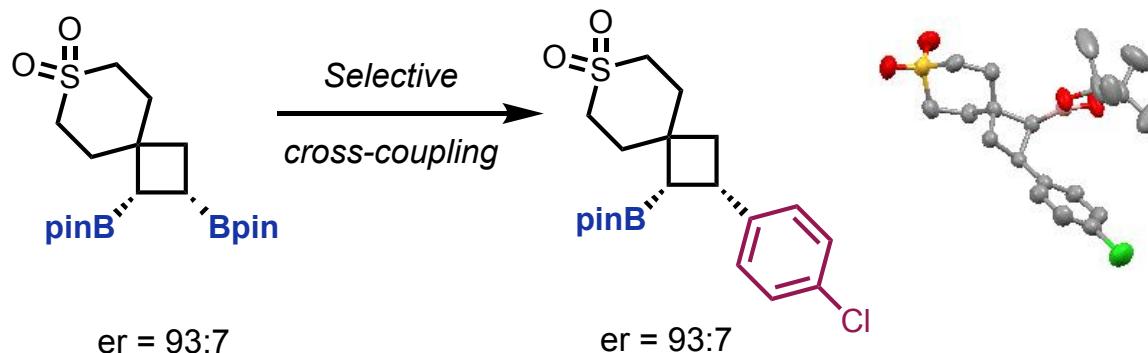
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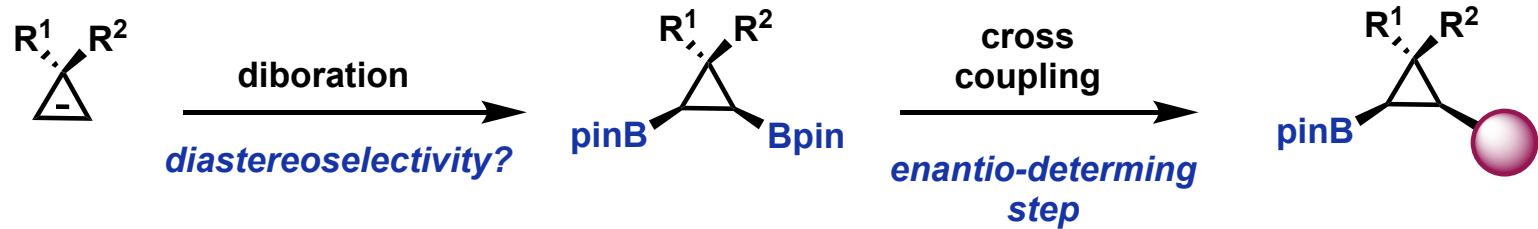
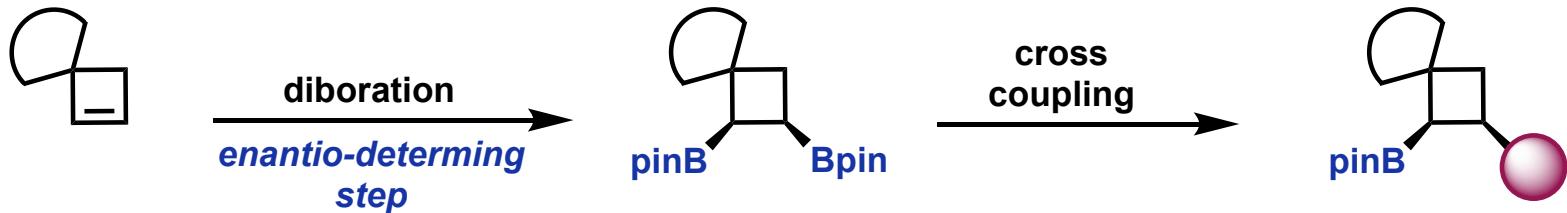
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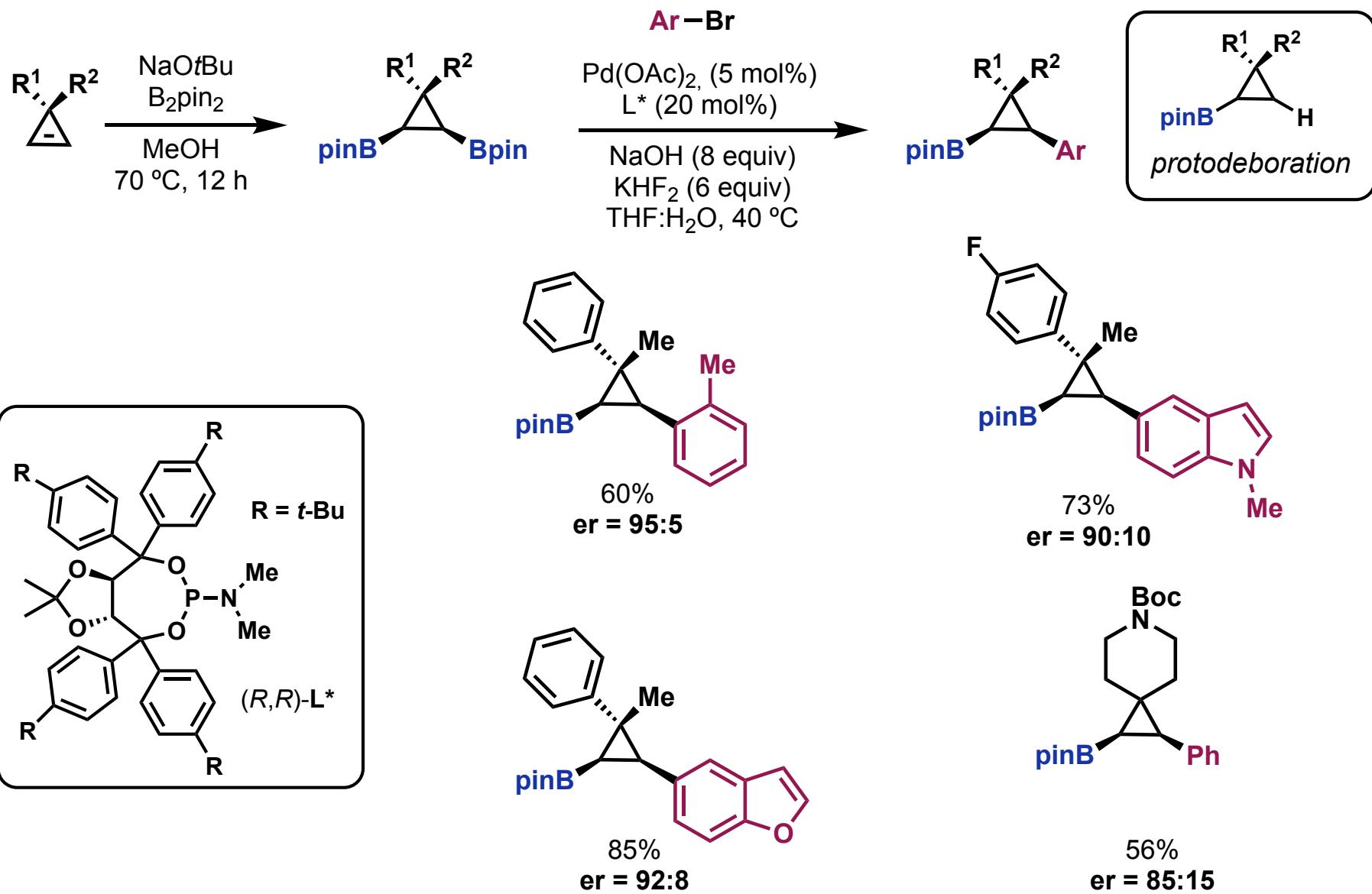
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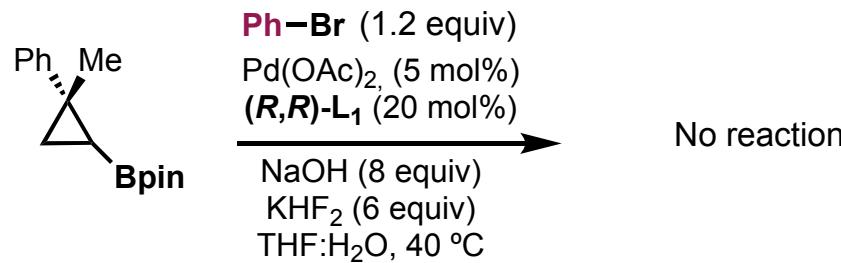
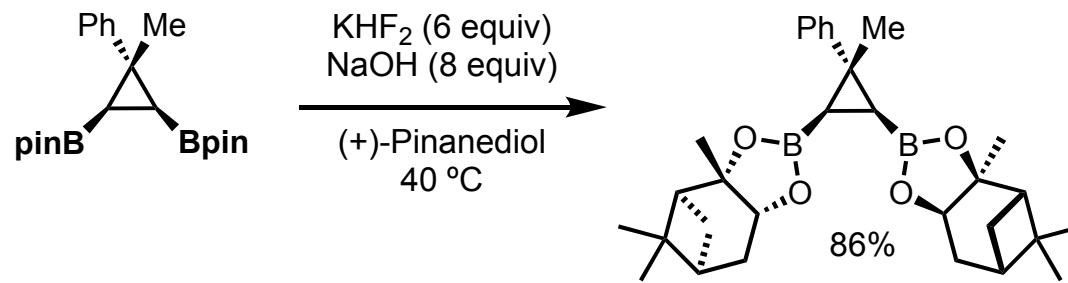
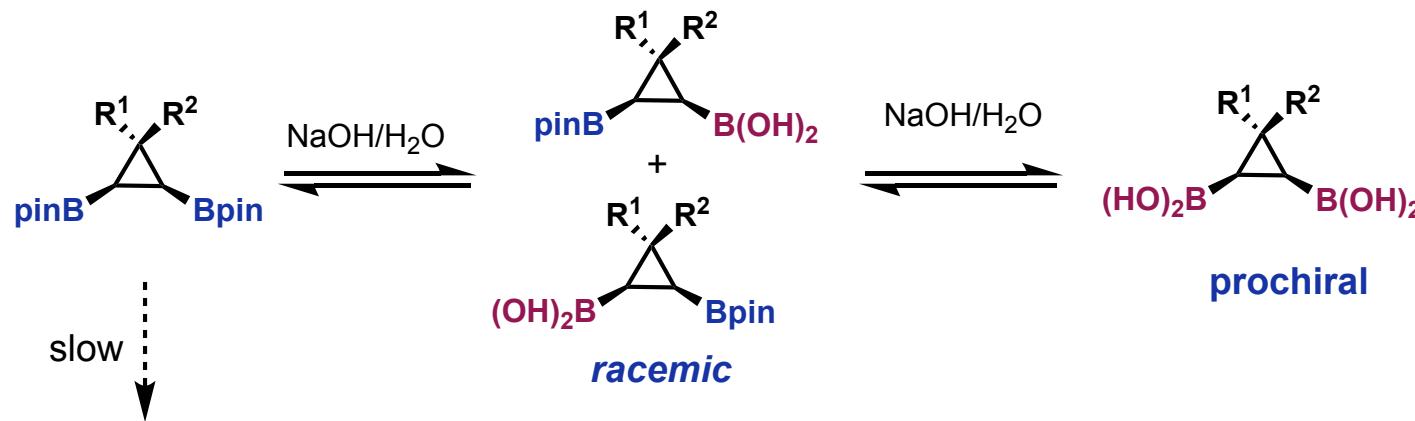
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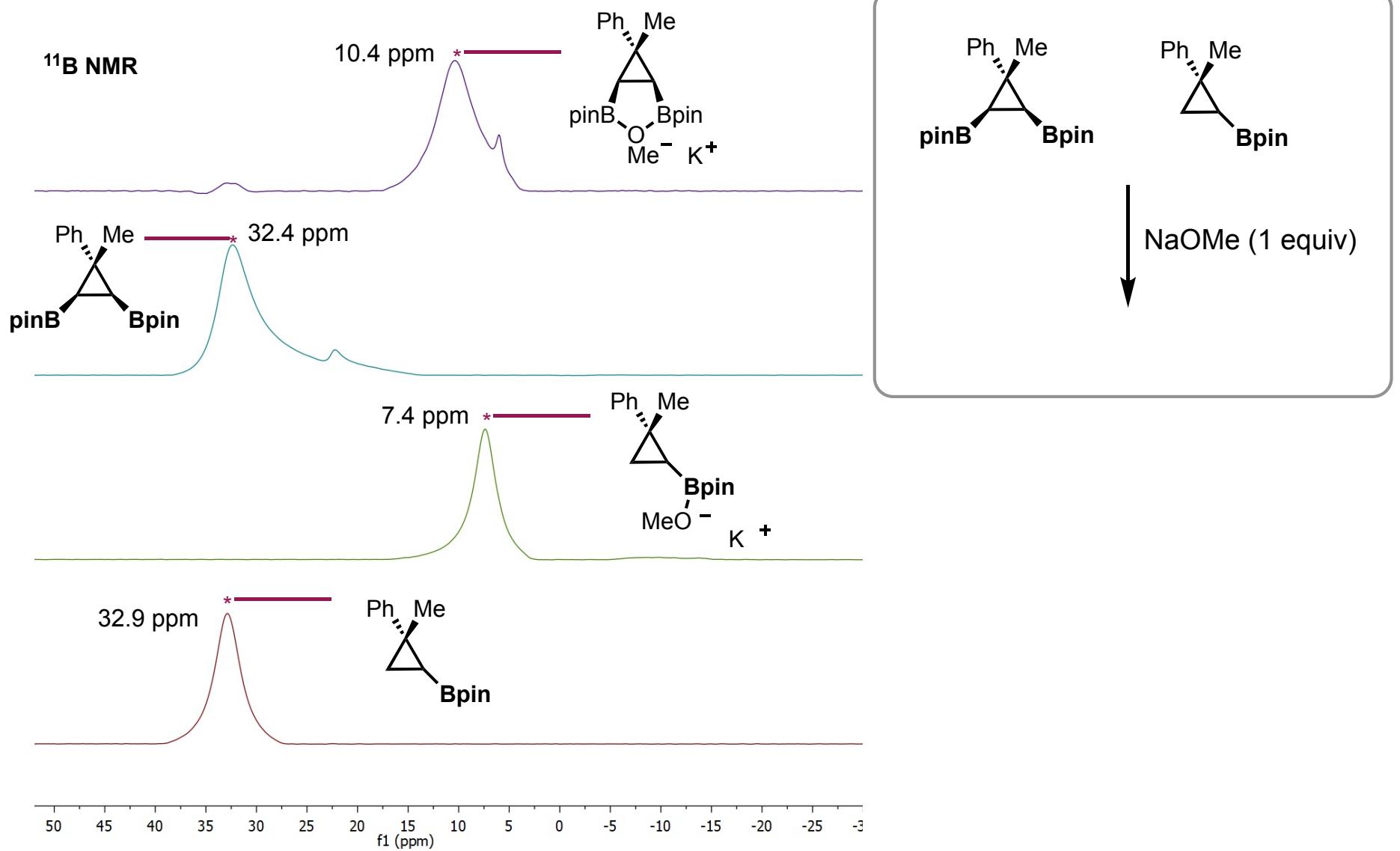
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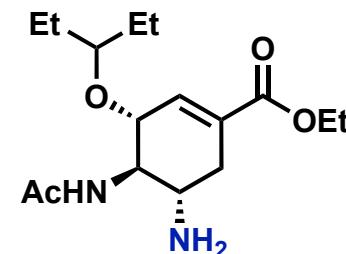
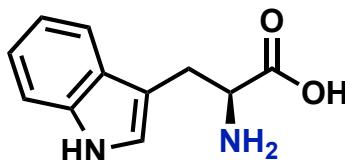
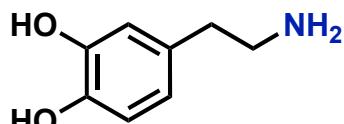
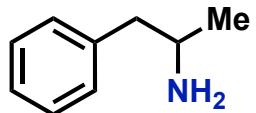
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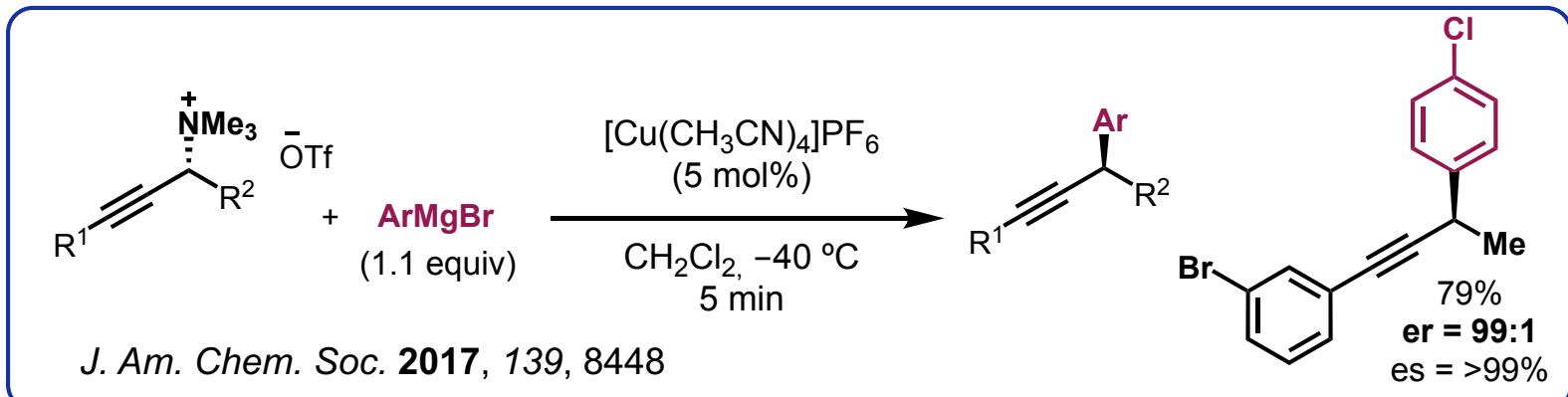
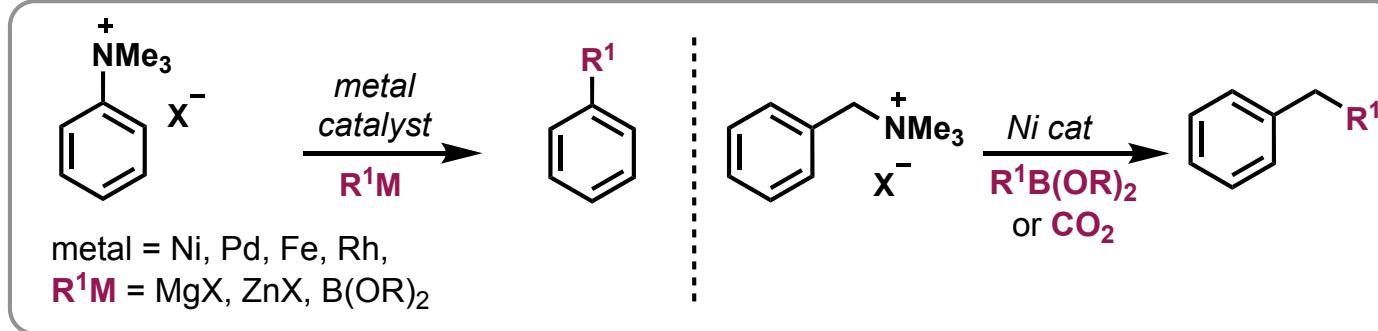
# Amines as building blocks



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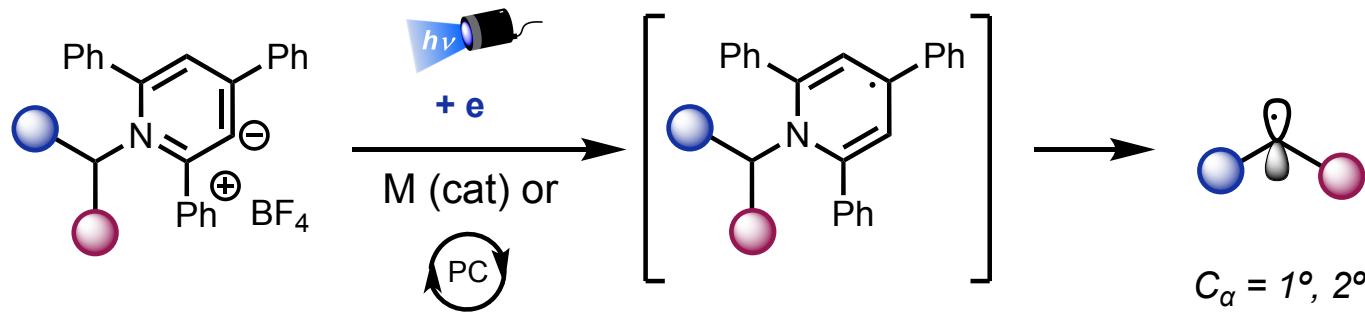
✓ Abundant

✓ Commercial



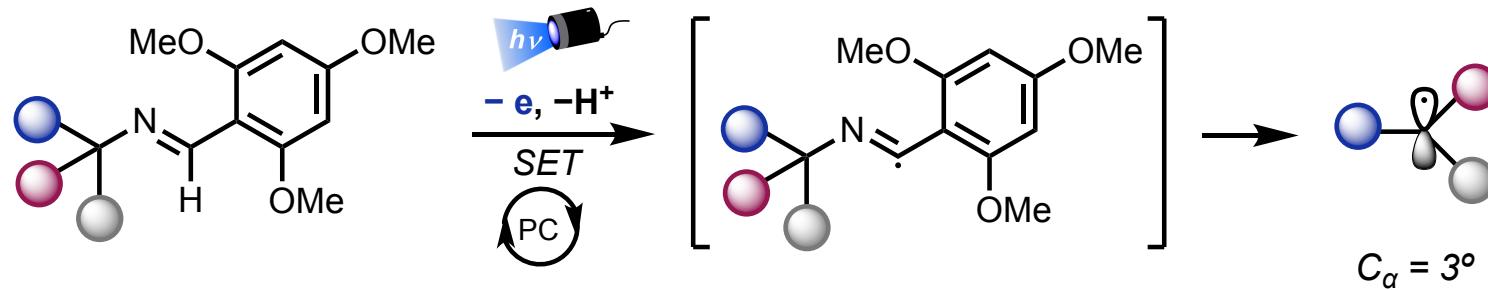
# Light-mediated deaminations

## Reduction of pyridinium salts



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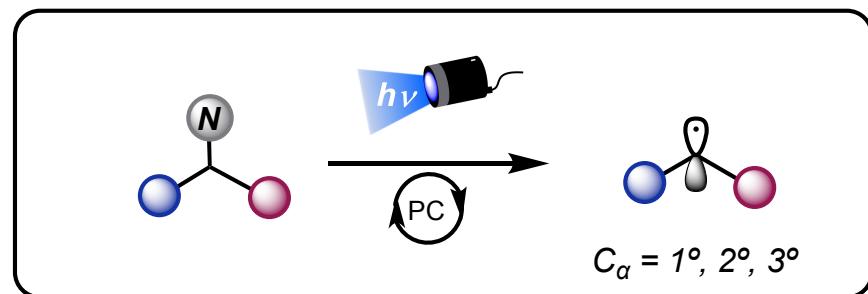
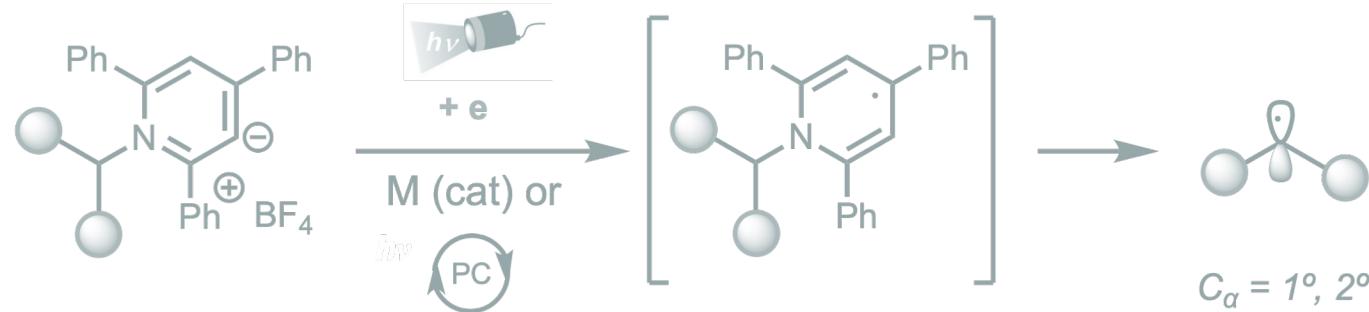
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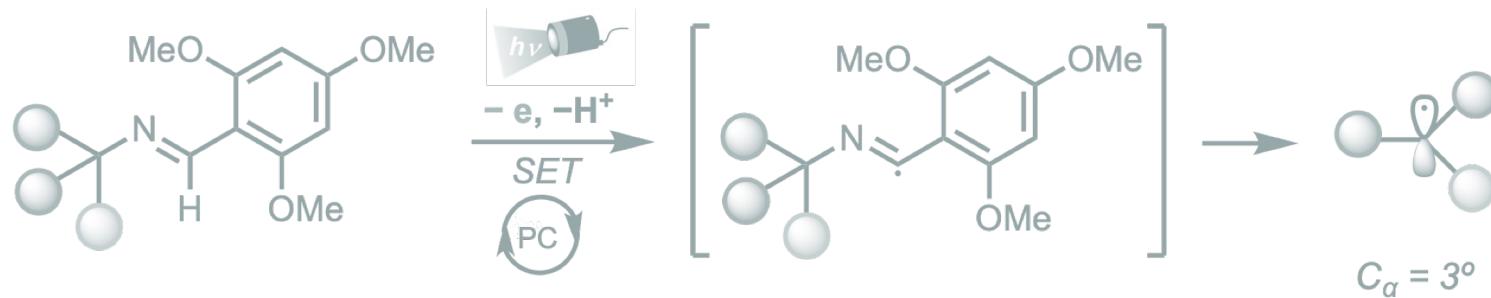
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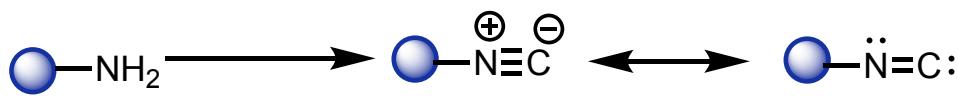
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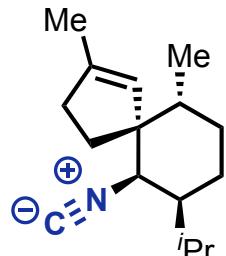


# Isonitriles as radical precursors

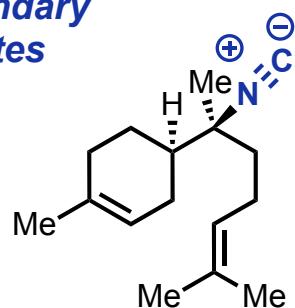


- *Hydrolysis*
- *Ugi reaction*
- *[4+1]-cycloaddition*
- *Polymerization*

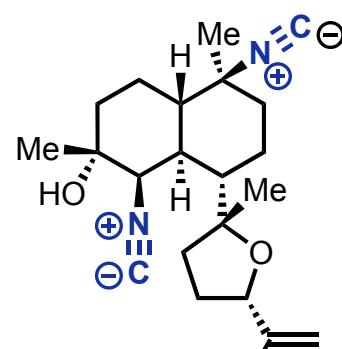
> 100 Secondary metabolites



Axononitrile-3

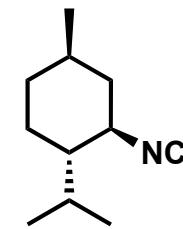


Isocyanobisabolene



Kalihinol C

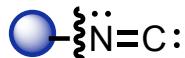
>C<sub>10</sub> alkyl isonitriles are odorless and chemically stable



grapefruit odor



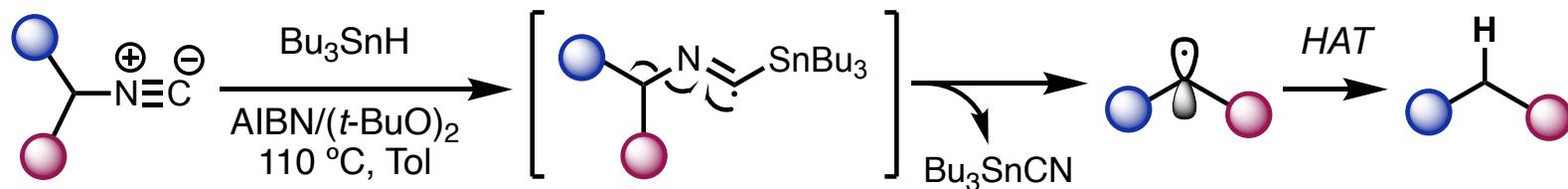
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# Isonitriles as radical precursors in light mediated reactions

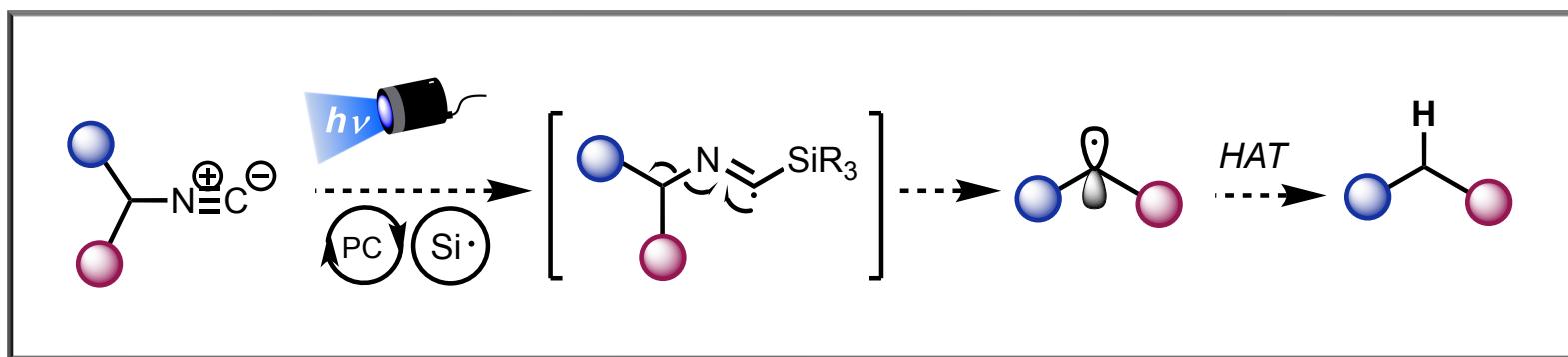
## Barton-Saegusa radical hydro-deamination



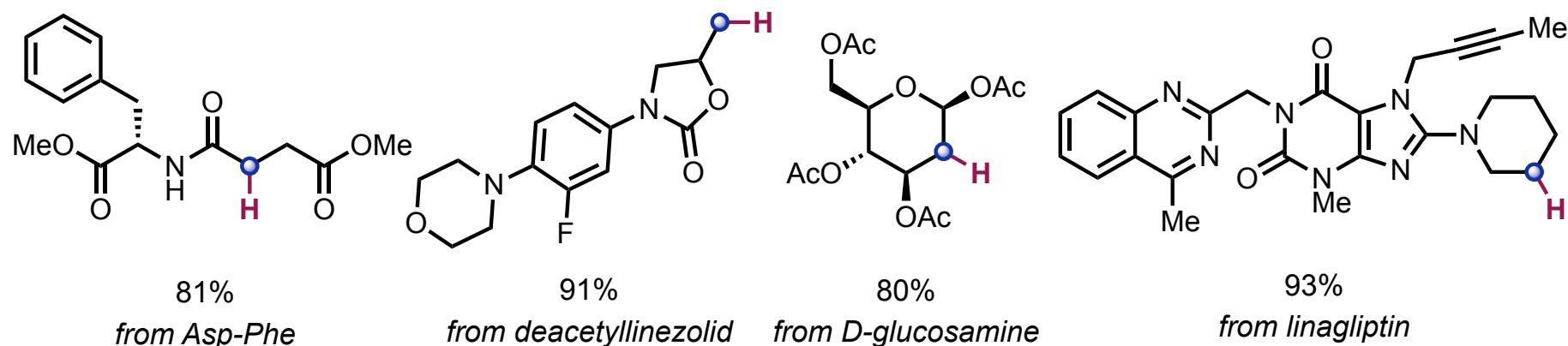
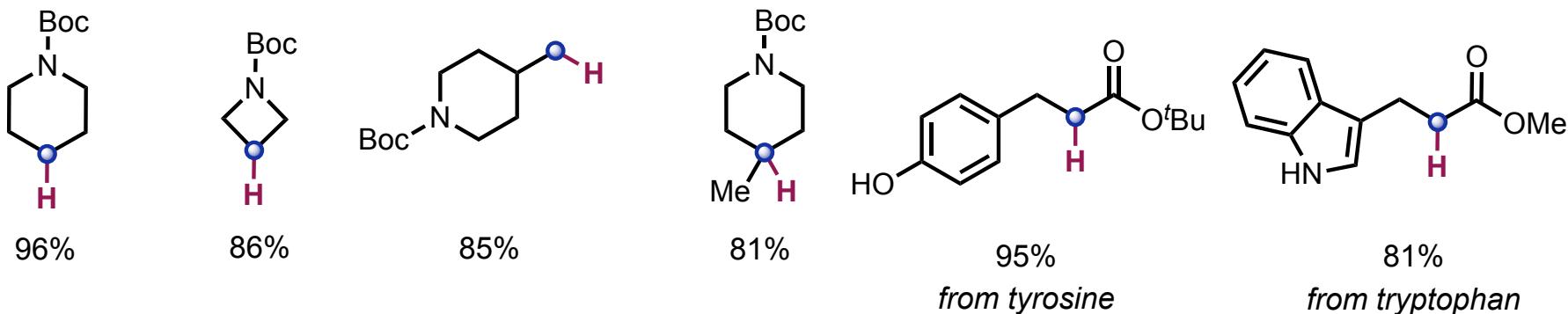
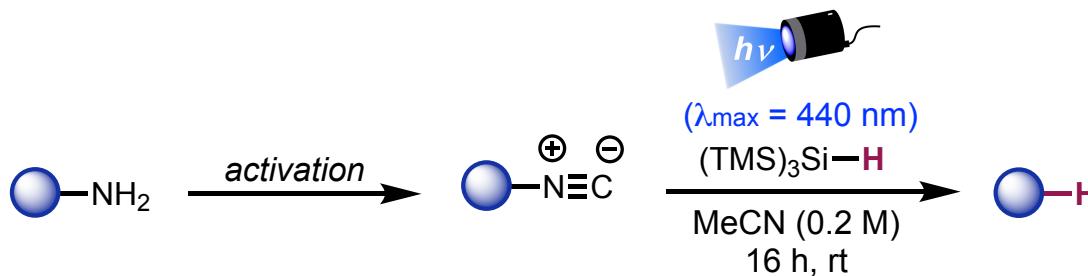
Saegusa: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1968**, *90*, 4182

**X** High temperatures  
**X**  $\text{Bu}_3\text{SnH}$ , radical initiator

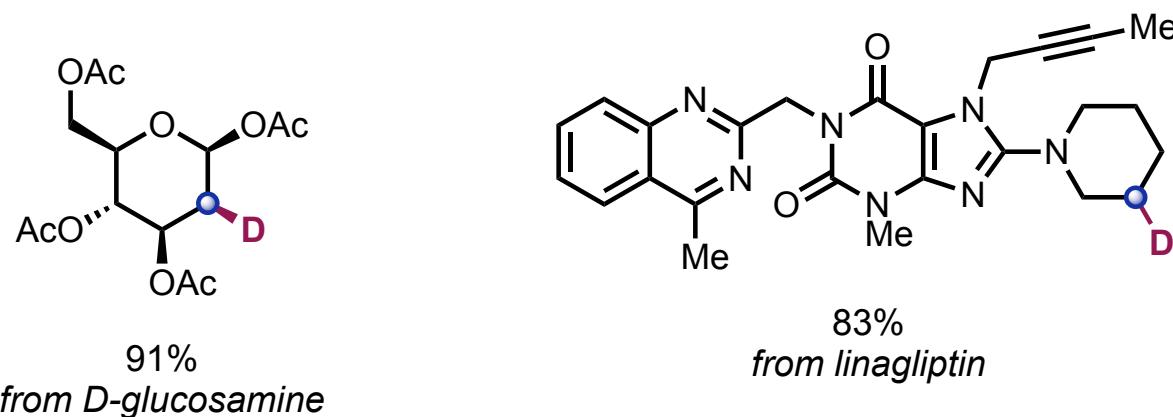
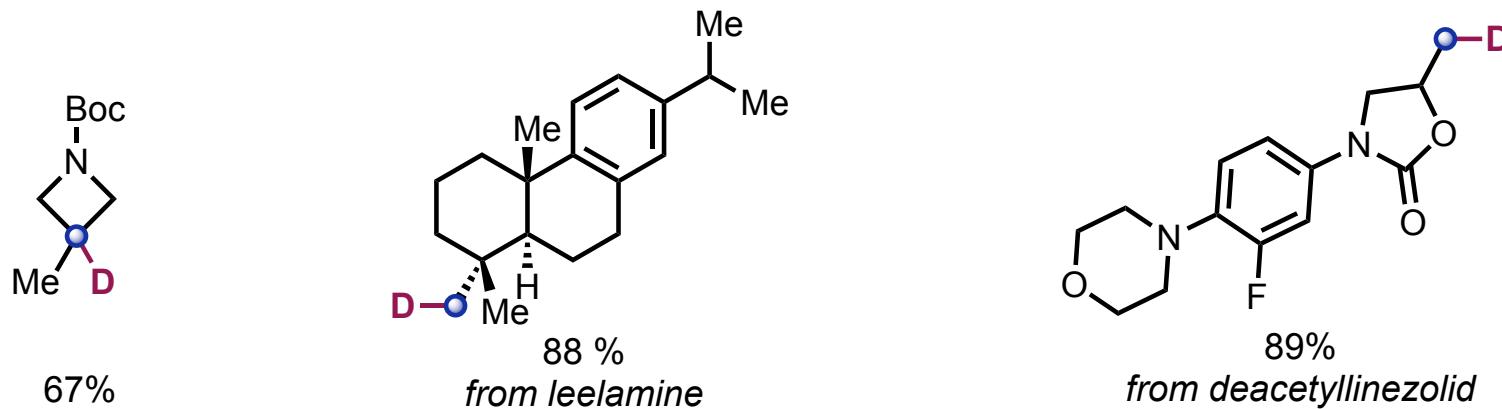
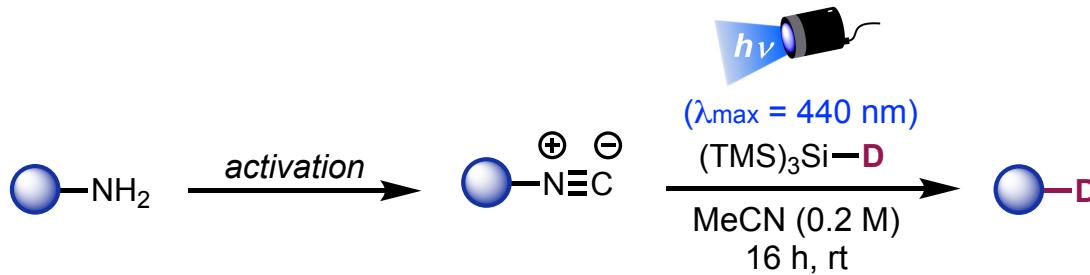
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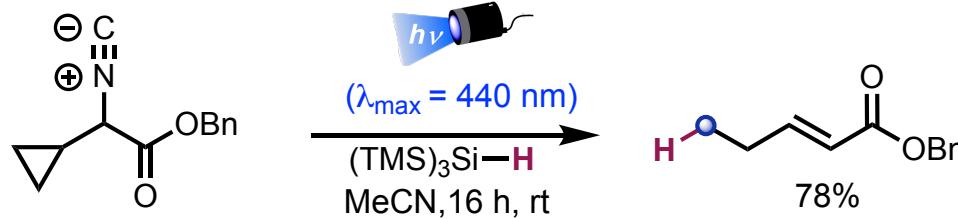
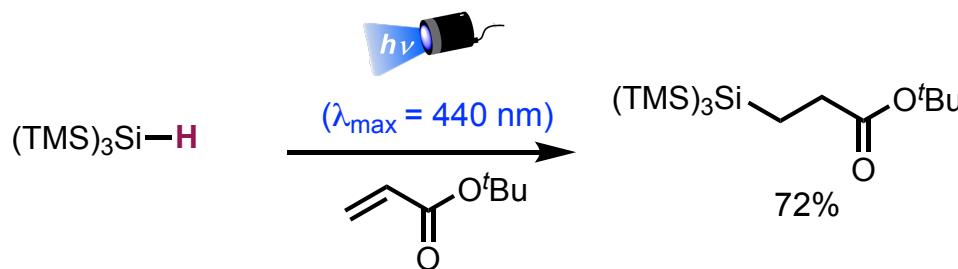
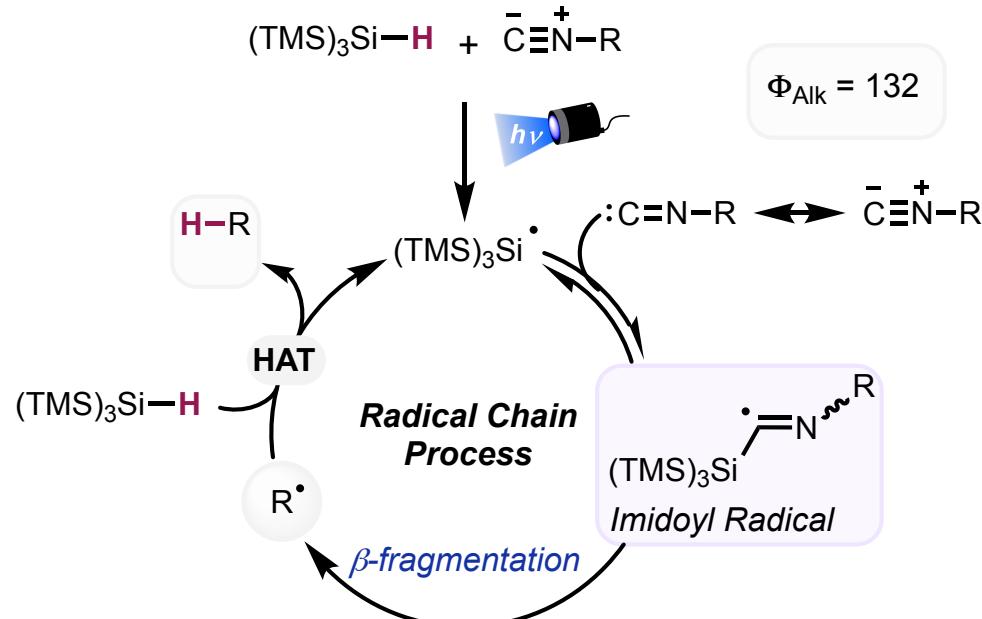
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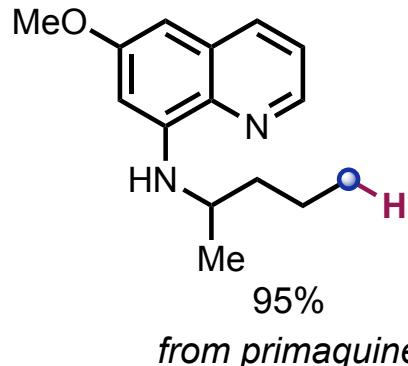
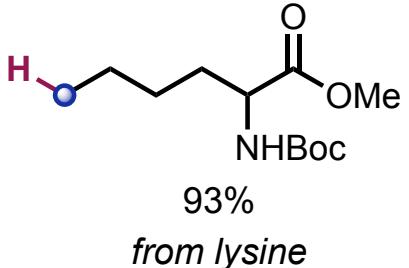
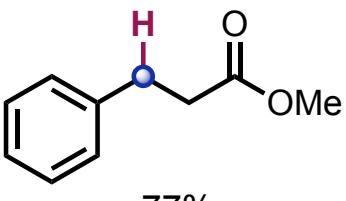
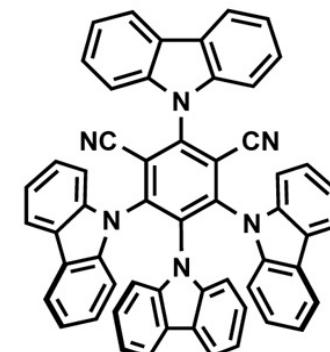
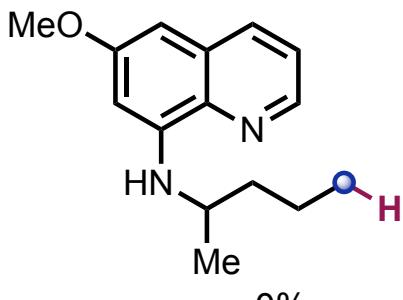
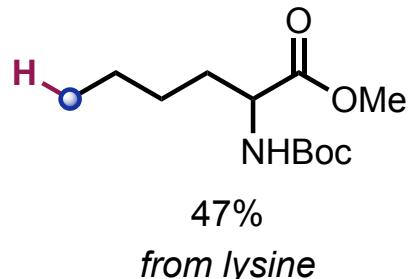
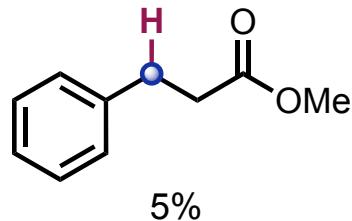
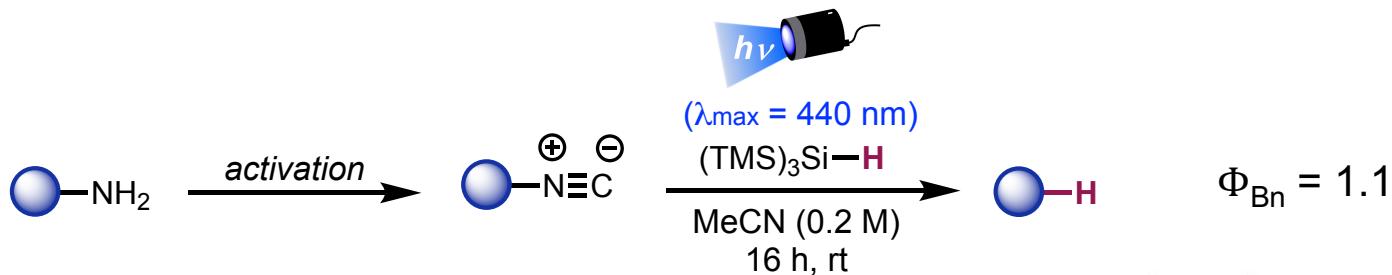
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# Light-mediated hydro and deutero-deamination

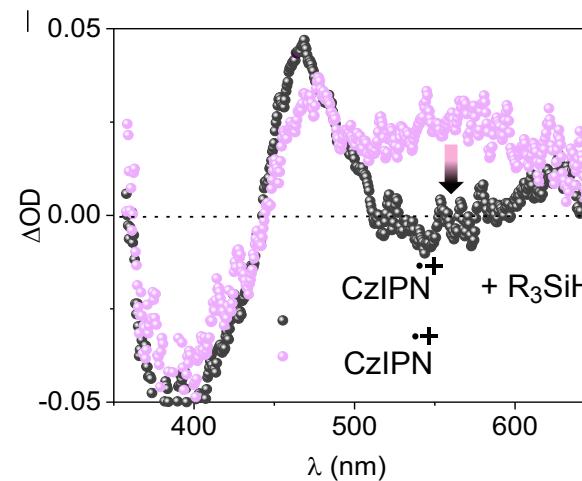
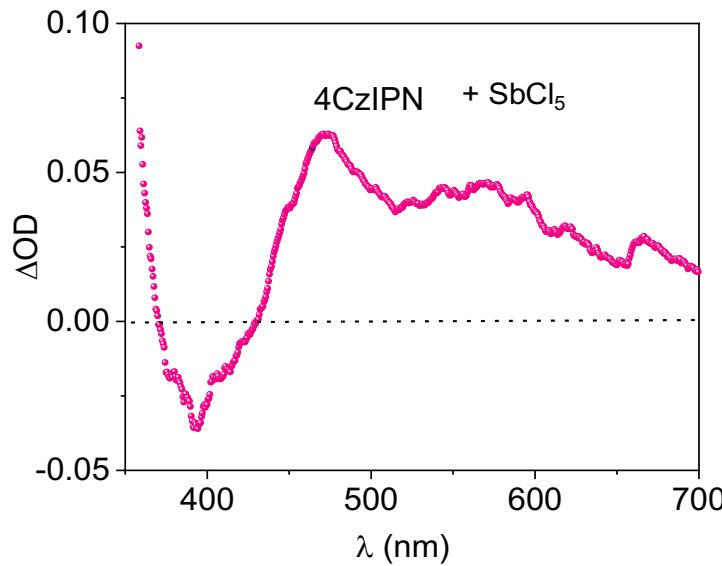
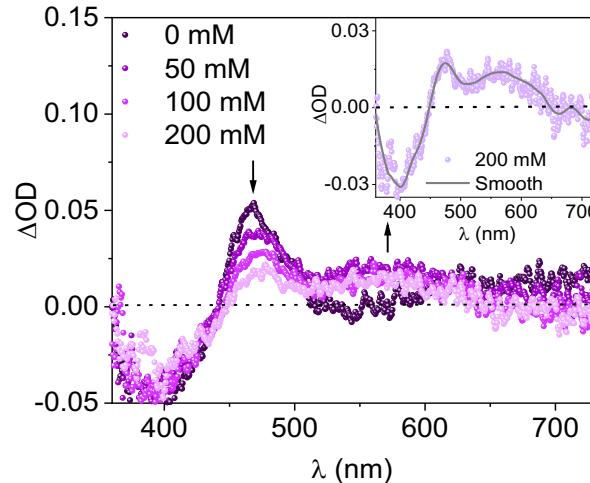
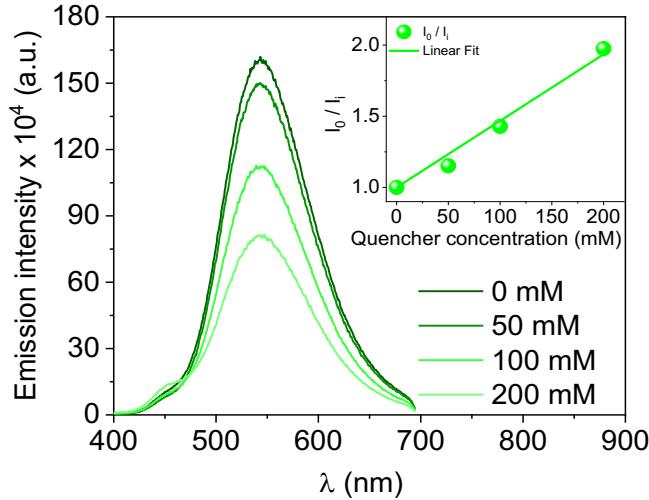
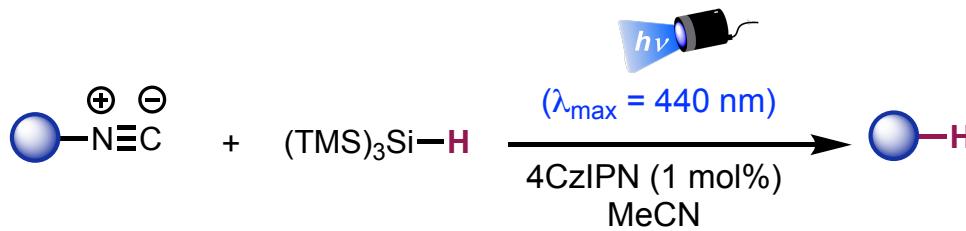


# Light-mediated hydrodeamination



<i>without 4CzIPN</i>	99%	16 h
<i>with 4CzIPN</i>	83%	10 min

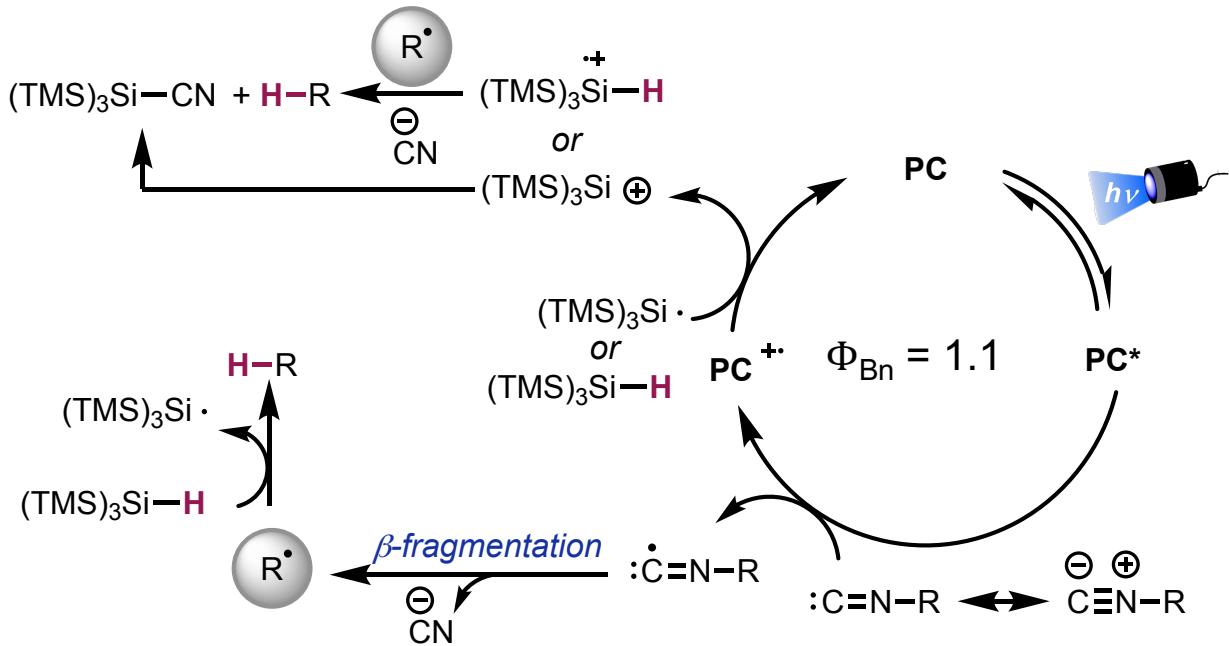
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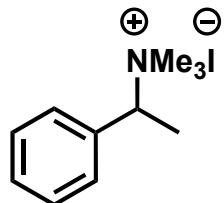
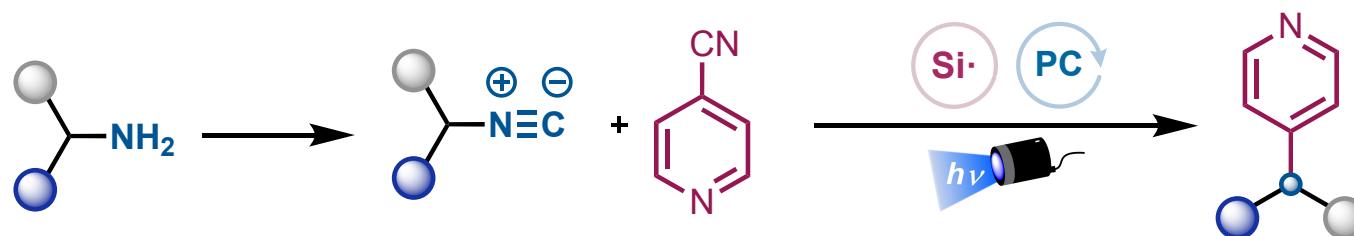
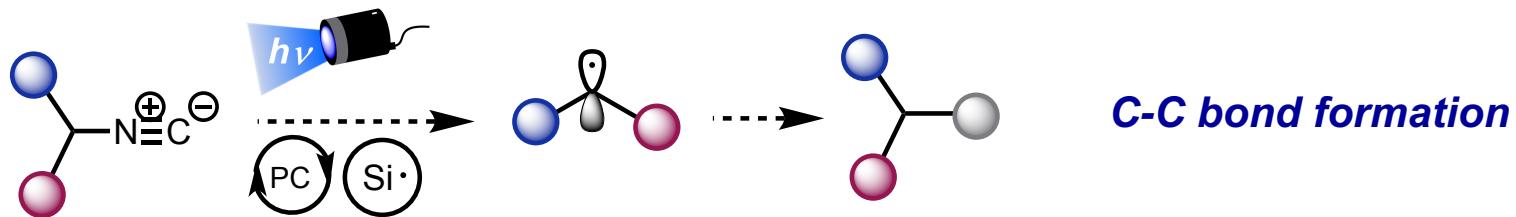
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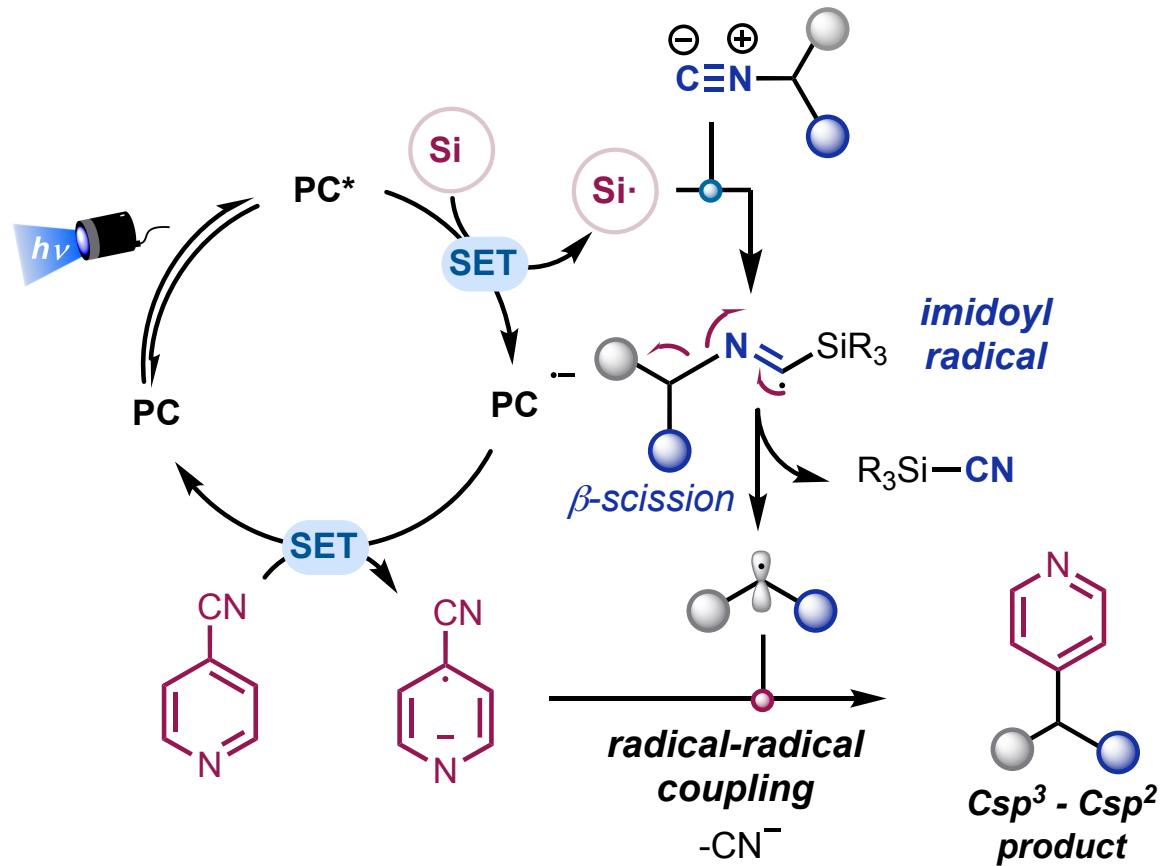
# Isonitriles in light-mediated C-C bond formation



*benzylic substrates*

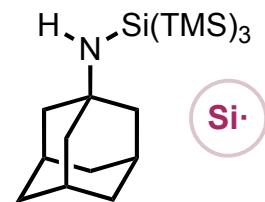
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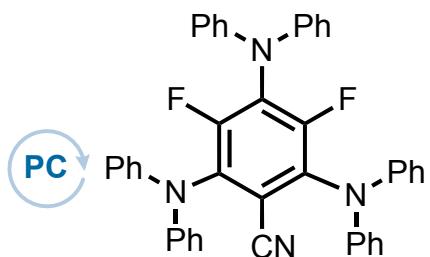


$(\text{TMS})_3\text{Si}-\text{H}$  *not ideal reagent*

$BDE_{(\text{Si-H})} = 84.7 \text{ Kcal/mol}$   
 $E_{pa} = +1.67 \text{ V}$



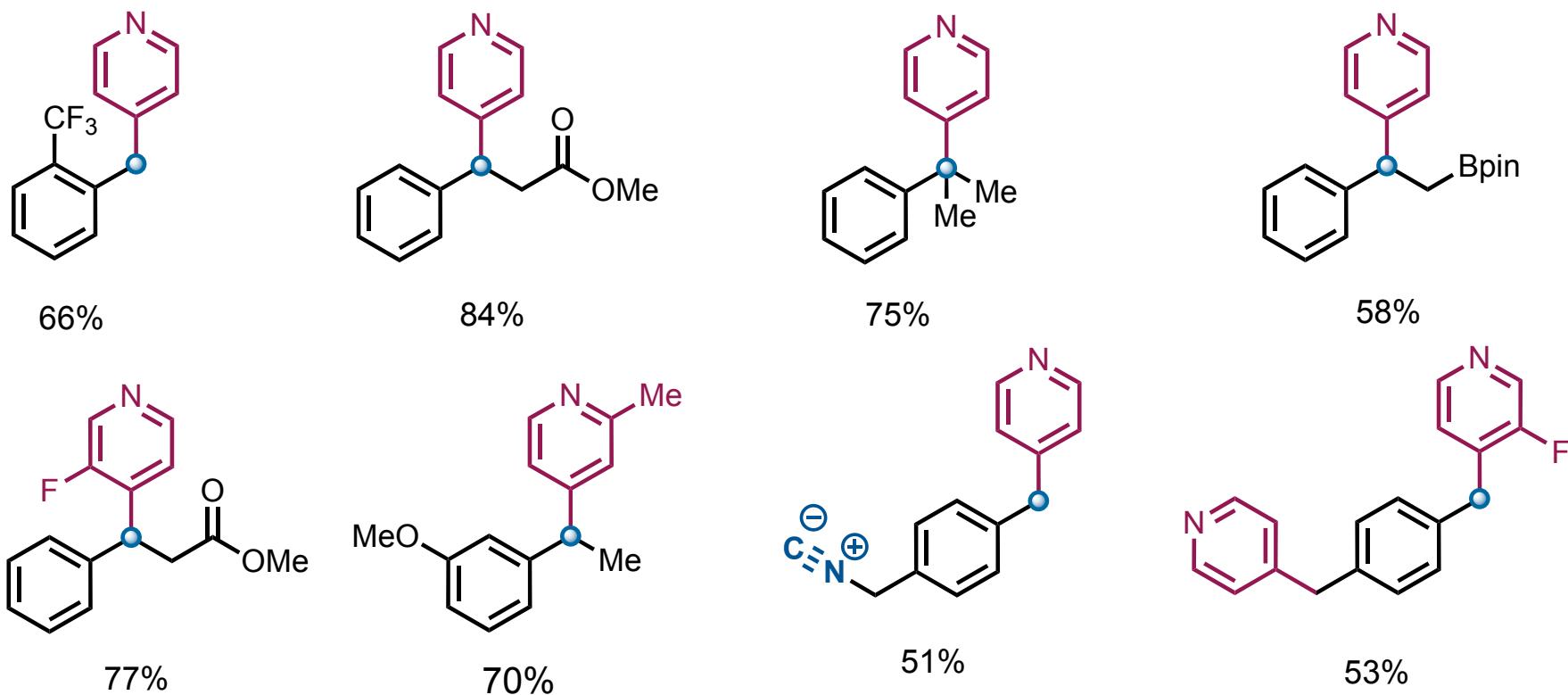
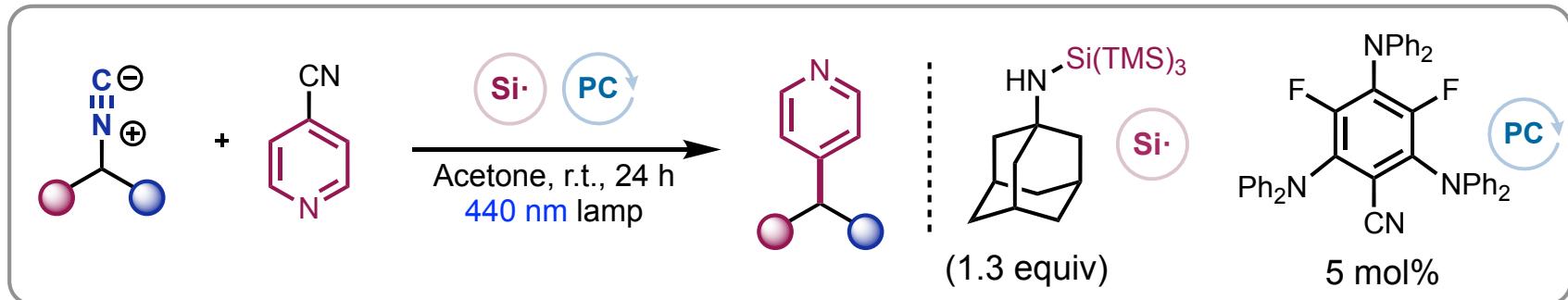
- ✓  $> BDE_{(N-H)} (\sim 111 \text{ Kcal/mol})$
- ✓ more nucleophilic silyl radical
- ✓ low oxidation potential ( $E_{pa} = +0.75 \text{ V}$ )



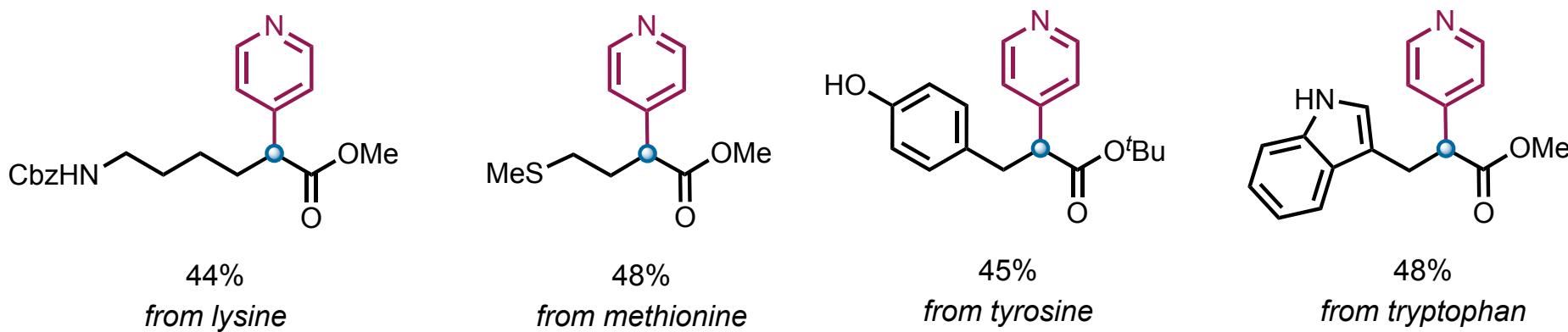
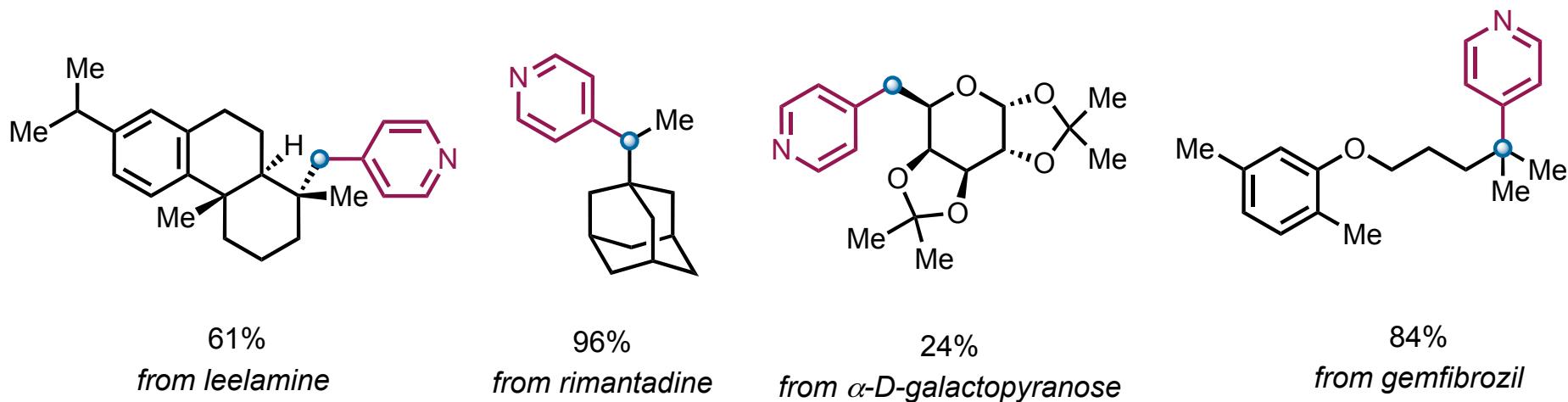
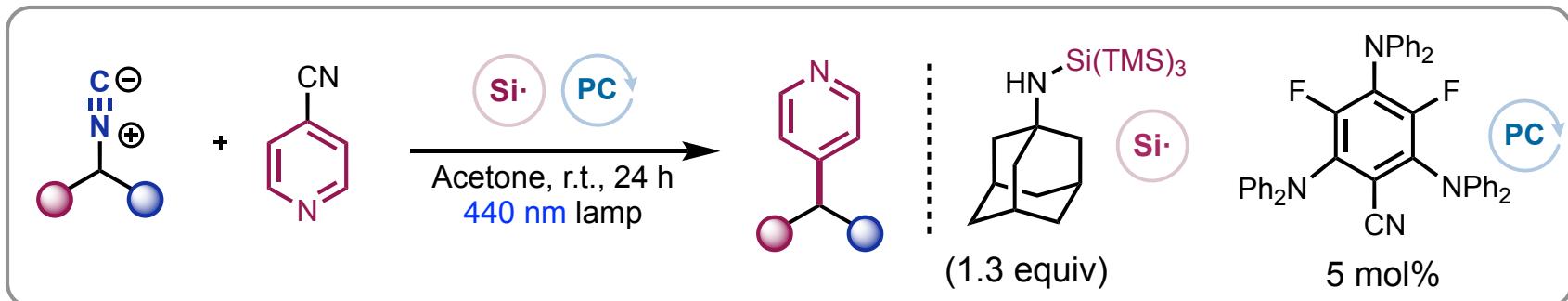
3DPA2FBN

$E_{1/2}^{red} (PC^*/\text{PC}^\cdot) = +0.92 \text{ V}$   
 $E_{1/2}^{red} (PC/\text{PC}^\cdot) = -1.92 \text{ V}$

# Isonitriles in light-mediated deamination



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