Dearomatization Strategies



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Stabilization from aromaticity



Stabilization from aromaticity

Cyclohexane



Stabilization from aromaticity





Stabilization from aromaticity













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Dearomatization

Stabilization energy



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Stabilization energy

Total synthesis



(+)-minfiensine

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Lock *E*-configuration

















Drug synthesis

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Tamiflu™



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How to disturb the aromaticity

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How to trap the dearomatized intermediate




Fundamental Logic of Dearomatization Strategies

How to disturb the aromaticity

Activation mode

Product formation

How to trap the dearomatized intermediate

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Transition-metal	









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Radical approach					
Traditional radical generation		Birch & Sml ₂			
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Traditional approach - Birch reduction



Na (or Li)

NH₃, ROH -80°C to -33°C



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Mechanism



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Traditional approach - Sml₂



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tBuOH (2 equiv), THF. r.t., 4h



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Ipso cyclization

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Outline





Photochemistry via visible light - single electron transfer - radical addition



fac-lr(ppy)3 (5 mol%)

K₂HPO₄ (2.0 equiv), 5W blue LEDs, rt









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Photochemistry via visible light - single electron transfer - oxidation



[Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂]•6H₂O (2 mol%)

TMG (1.0 equiv), air, CH₃CN, 16h, hv





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Consecutive photoinduced electron transfer (ConPET)

Photochemistry via visible light - single electron transfer - reduction





Consecutive photoinduced electron transfer (ConPET)

































Cole, J. P.; Chen, D. F.; Kudisch, M.; Pearson, R. M.; Lim, C. H.; Miyake, G. M. JAm Chem Soc 2020, 142 (31), 13573-13581.





Outline





Photochemistry via visible light - energy transfer - direct excitation



Δ-**RhS** (2 mol%), blue LEDs (24 W)

Styrene (3 equiv), DCM, 18h



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Regioselectivity

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Stabilized benzyl radical

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Ρh

Ar O---Rh ' N-N Ph



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Stereoselectivity

Forces the phenyl rotate away from the catalyst














Versatile functionalization



Versatile functionalization

Conditions A *p*-TsNH₂, H₂O, acetone, -78 °C to rt



70% yield



Southgate, E. H.; Pospech, J.; Fu, J.; Holycross, D. R.; Sarlah, D. *Nat Chem* **2016**, *8* (10), 922-928.

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Photochemistry via visible light - energy transfer - sensitization



PC II or III (1 mol%)

MeOH or 1,4-dioxane, 18h Blue LEDs (455 nm)







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Acetone, 6W blue LEDs



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Η,

Ph,

Bn



95% yield, >10:1 dr

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Transition Metal Approach to Dearomatization Transition metal **mediated** dearomatization - $\eta^2 \& \eta^6$

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Transition metal **mediated** dearomatization - $\eta^2 \& \eta^6$





Transition metal mediated dearomatization - η^2



1) [Mo], then HOTf

2) Nu, then I_2










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Me

1) LDA, THF, t-butyl acetate, -78 °C 2) HMPA, 2h, -60 °C

3) CF₃COOH, 0.5h, -60 °C 4) NH₄OH, 0.5h, rt



72% yield, 92% ee



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Regioselectivity





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Each face, two meta positions













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 Pd^0L_n Pd^{II}L_n I Cl

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