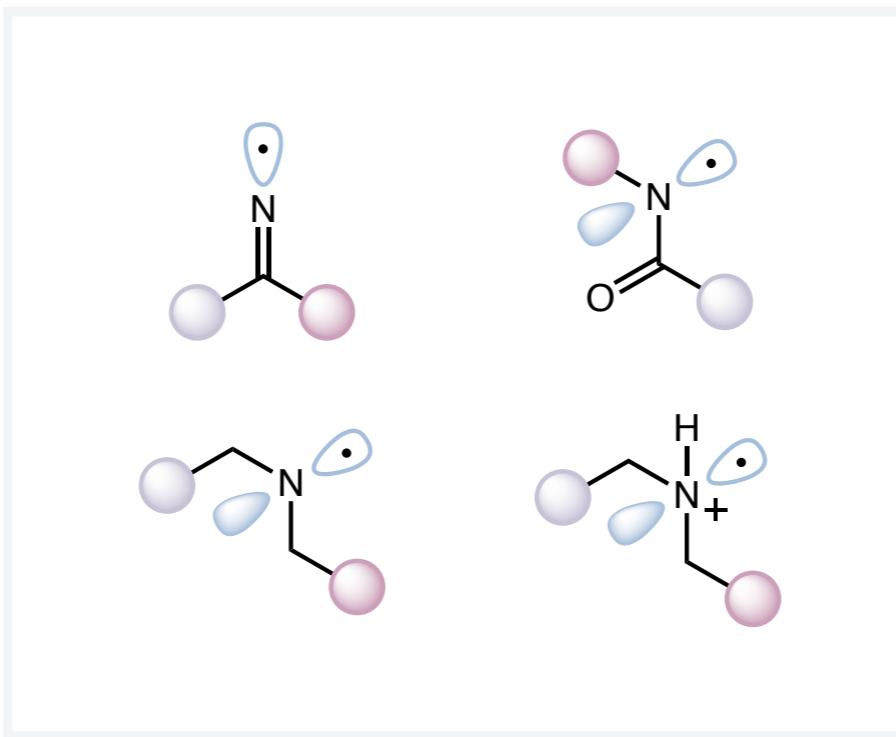


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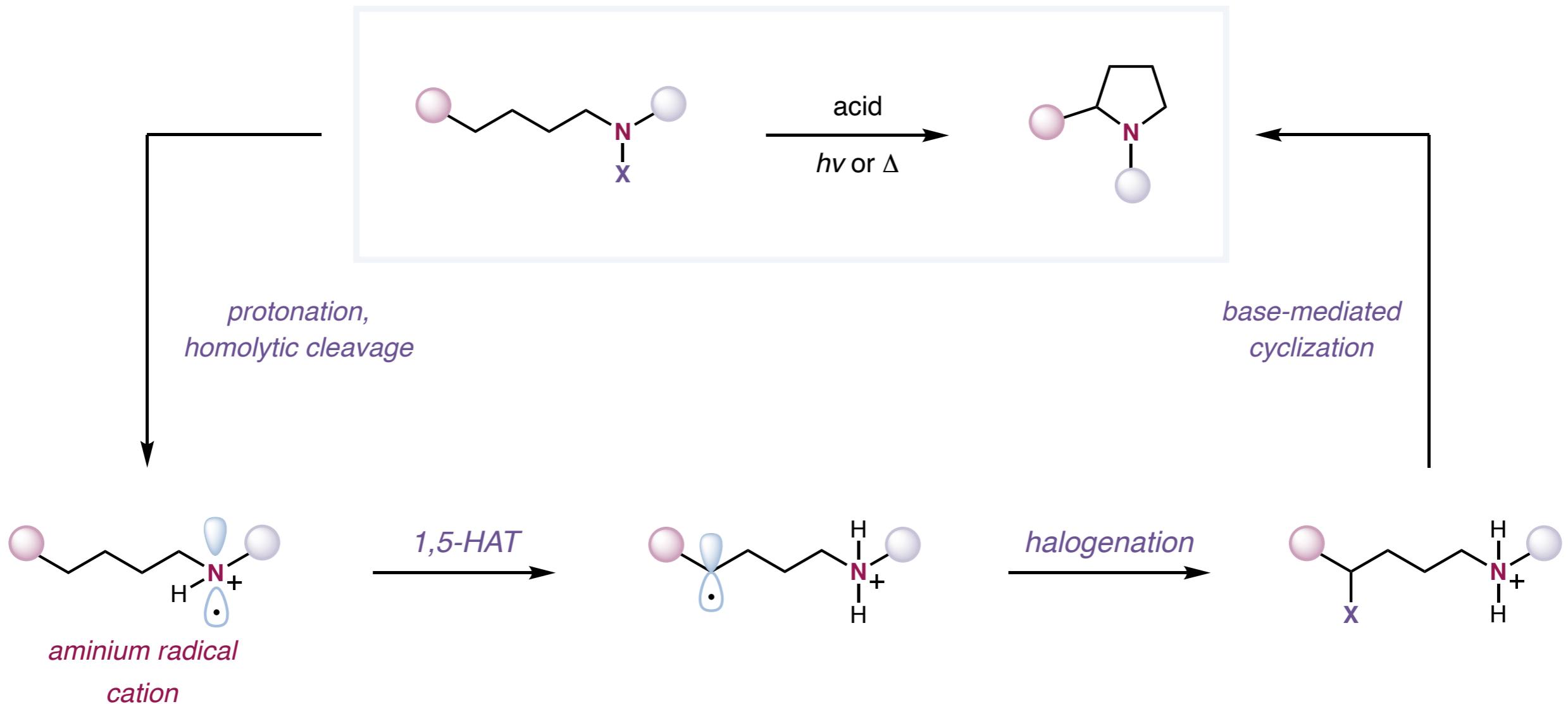
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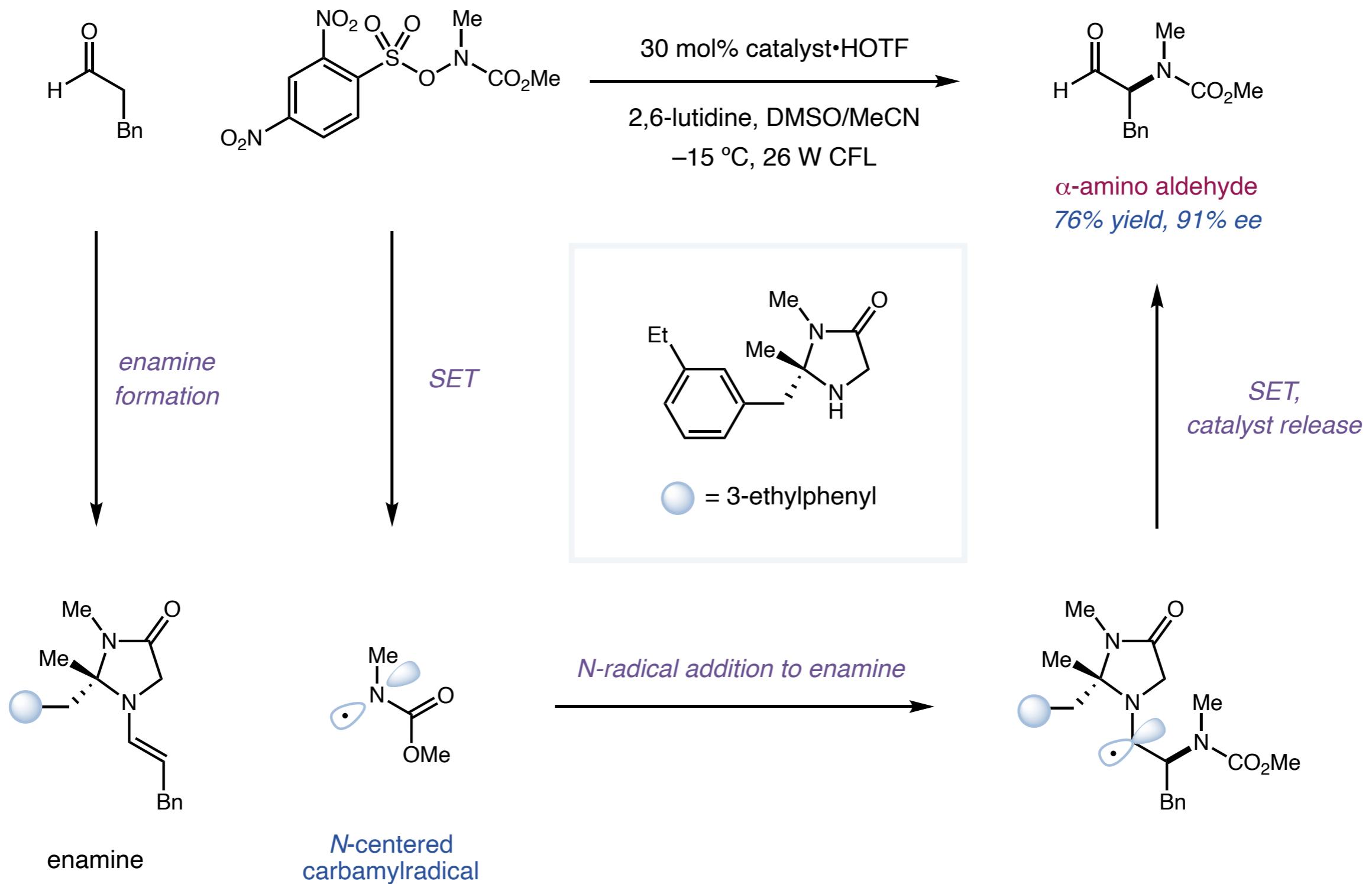
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# *Early Application of N-Centered Radicals*

## Hoffmann-Löffler-Freytag cyclization



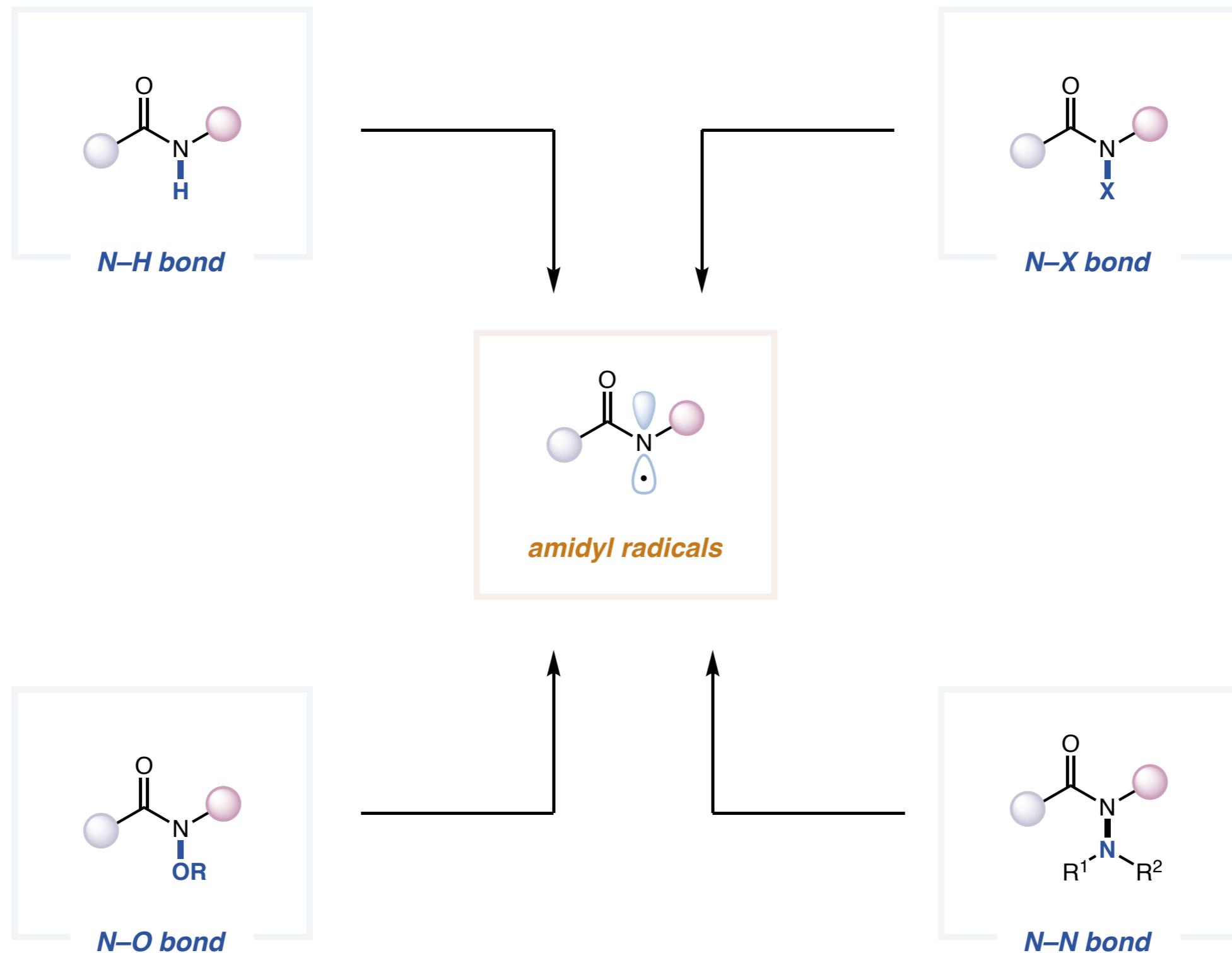
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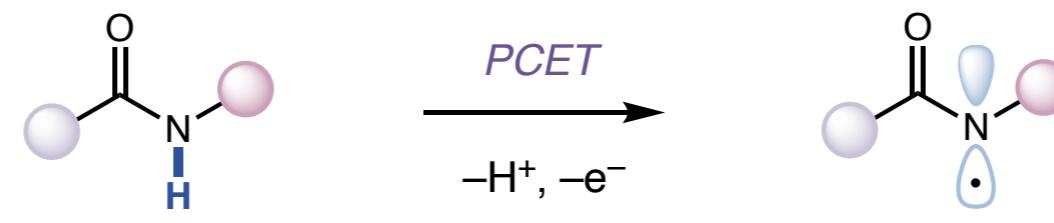
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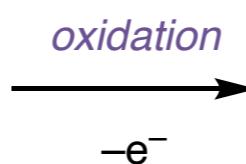


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*N–H bond cleavage*



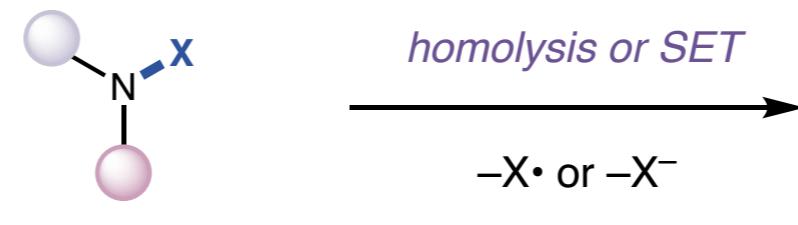
*amidyl radical*



*aminium  
radical cation*

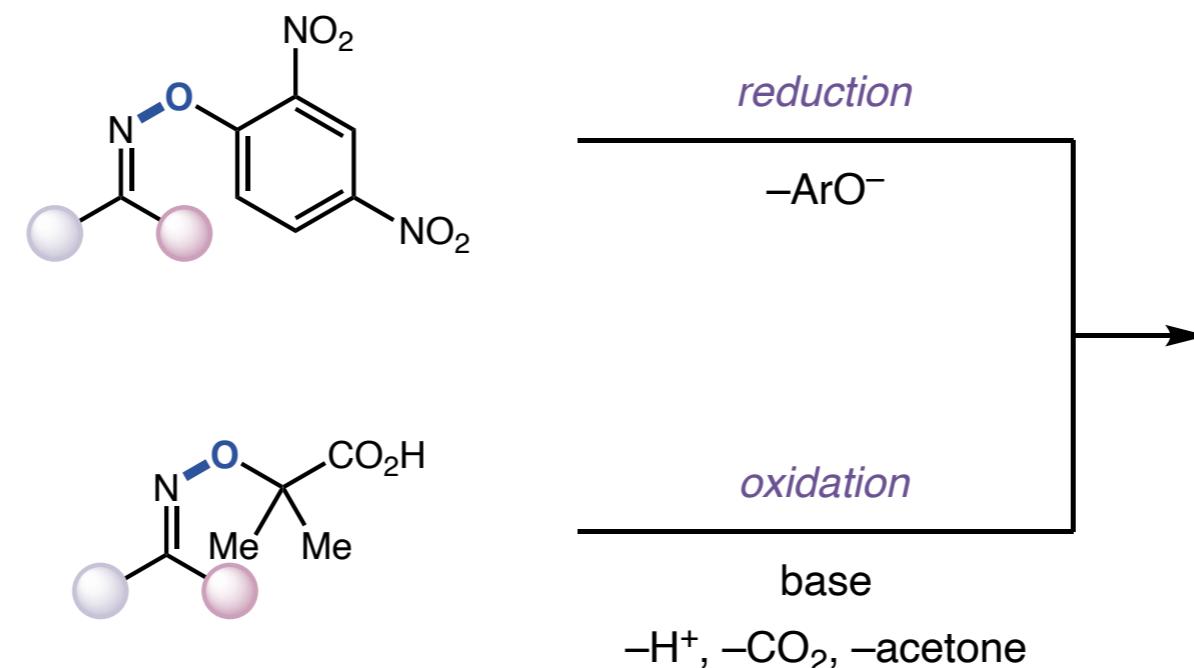
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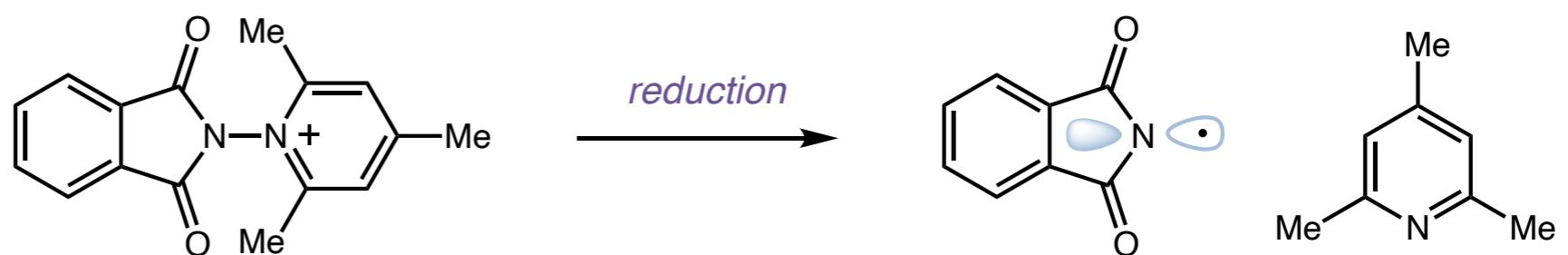
*aminyl radical*

**N-O bond cleavage**



*iminyl radical*

**N-N bond cleavage**



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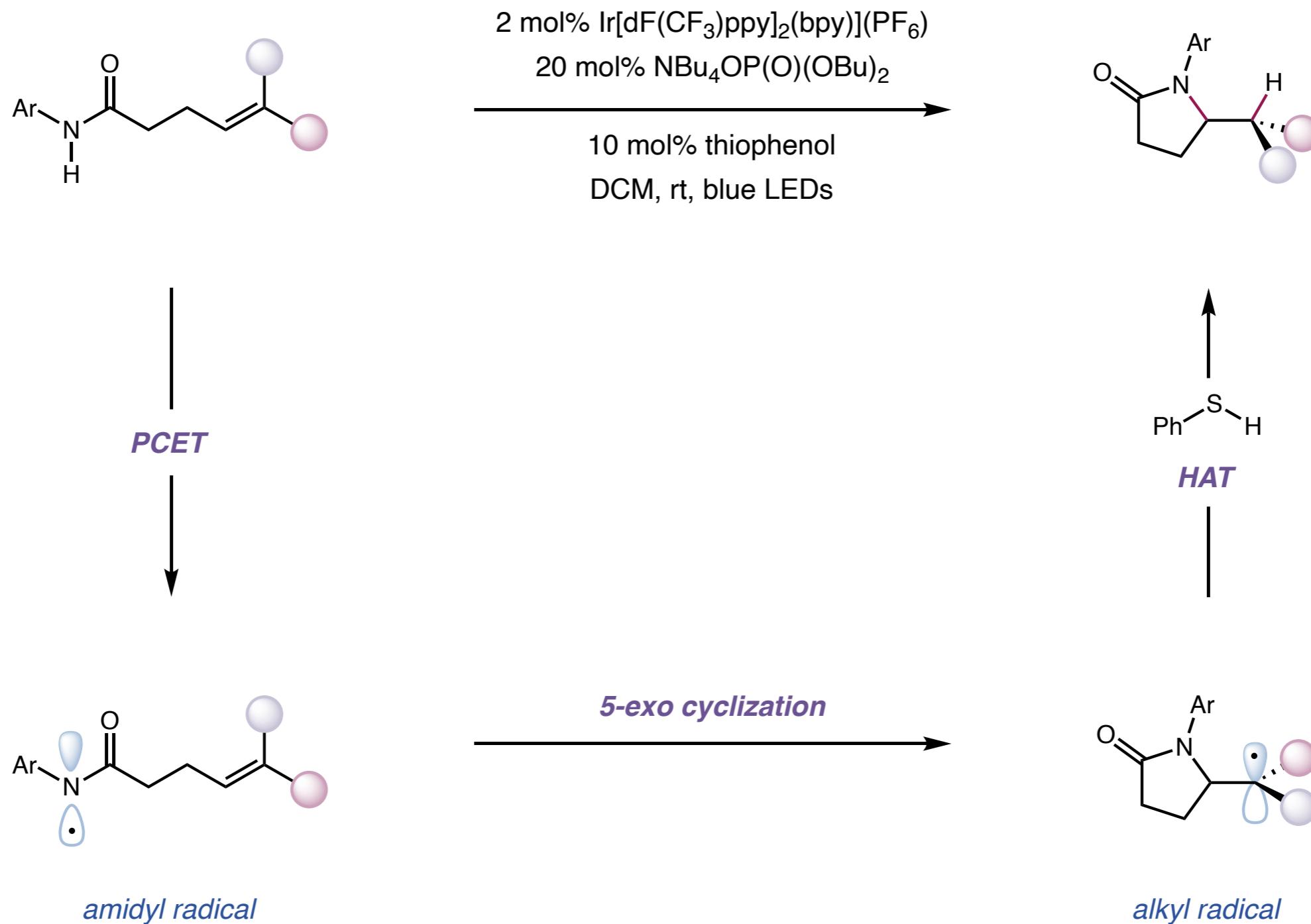
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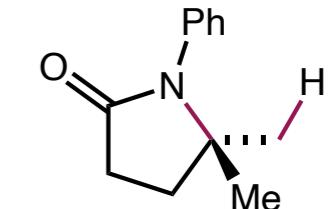
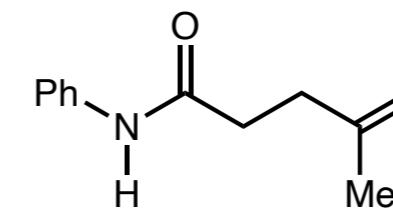
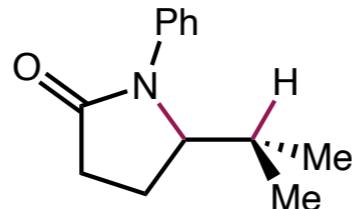
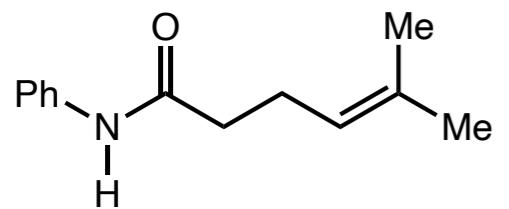
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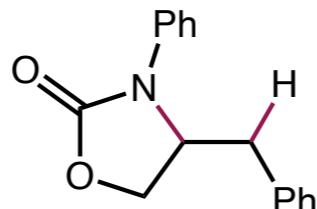
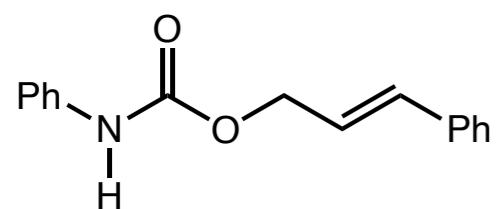


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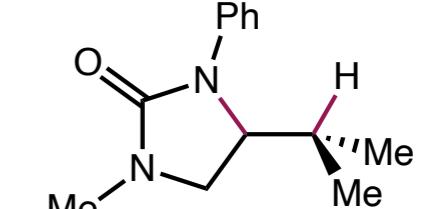
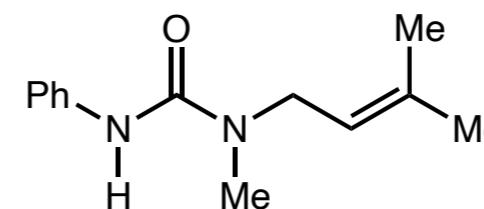


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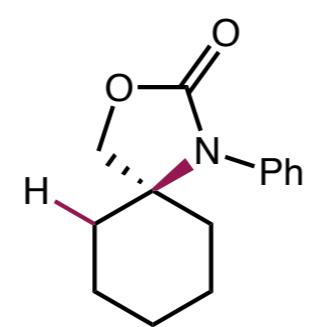
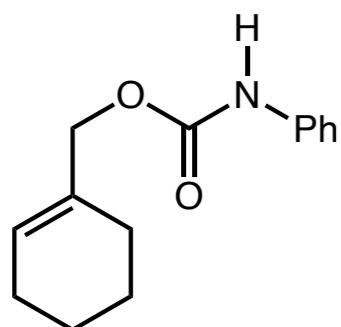
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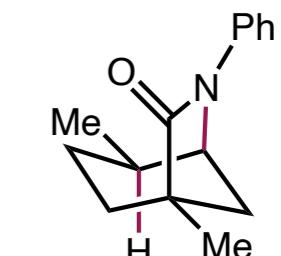
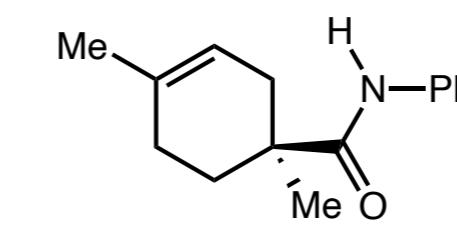
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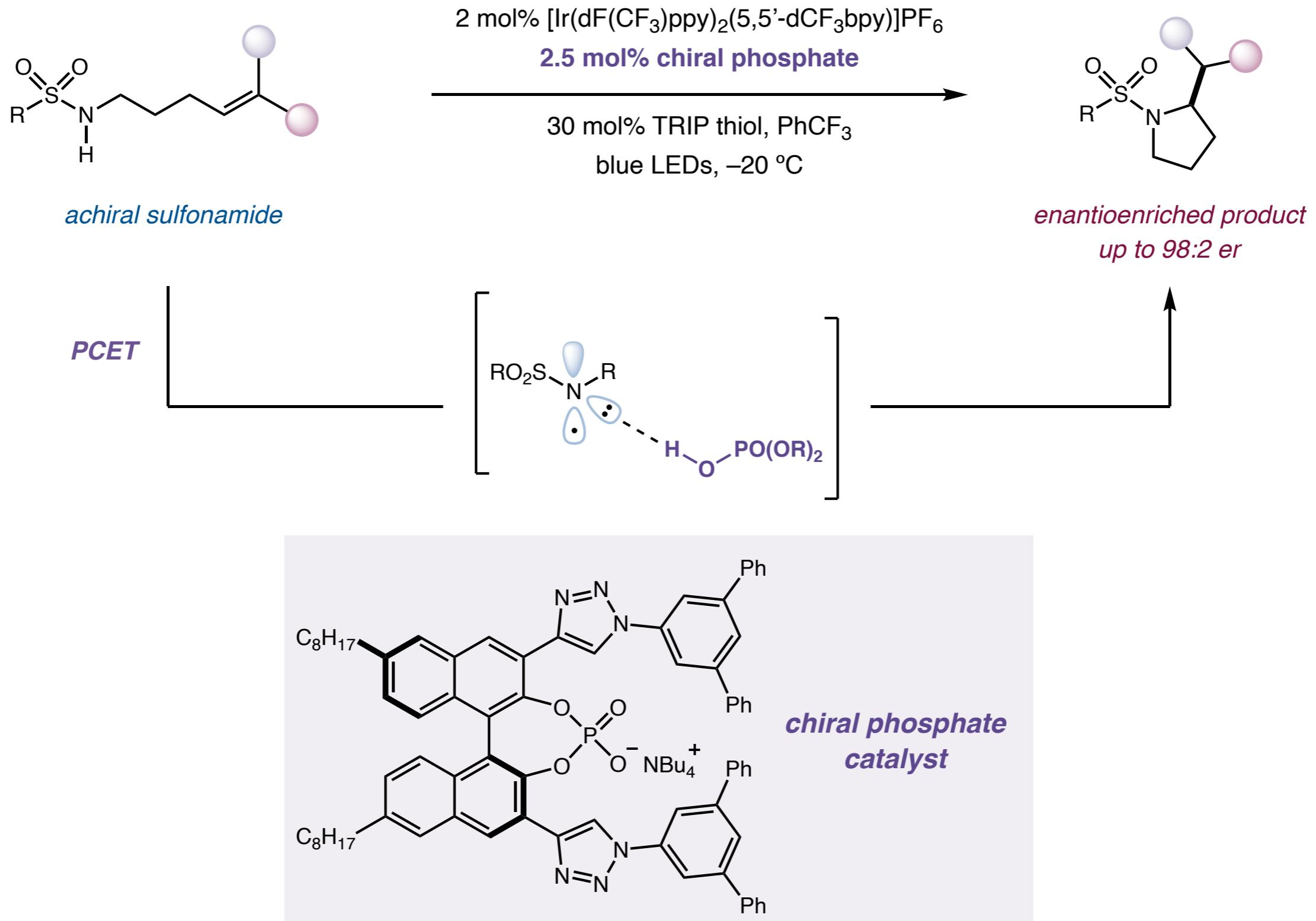


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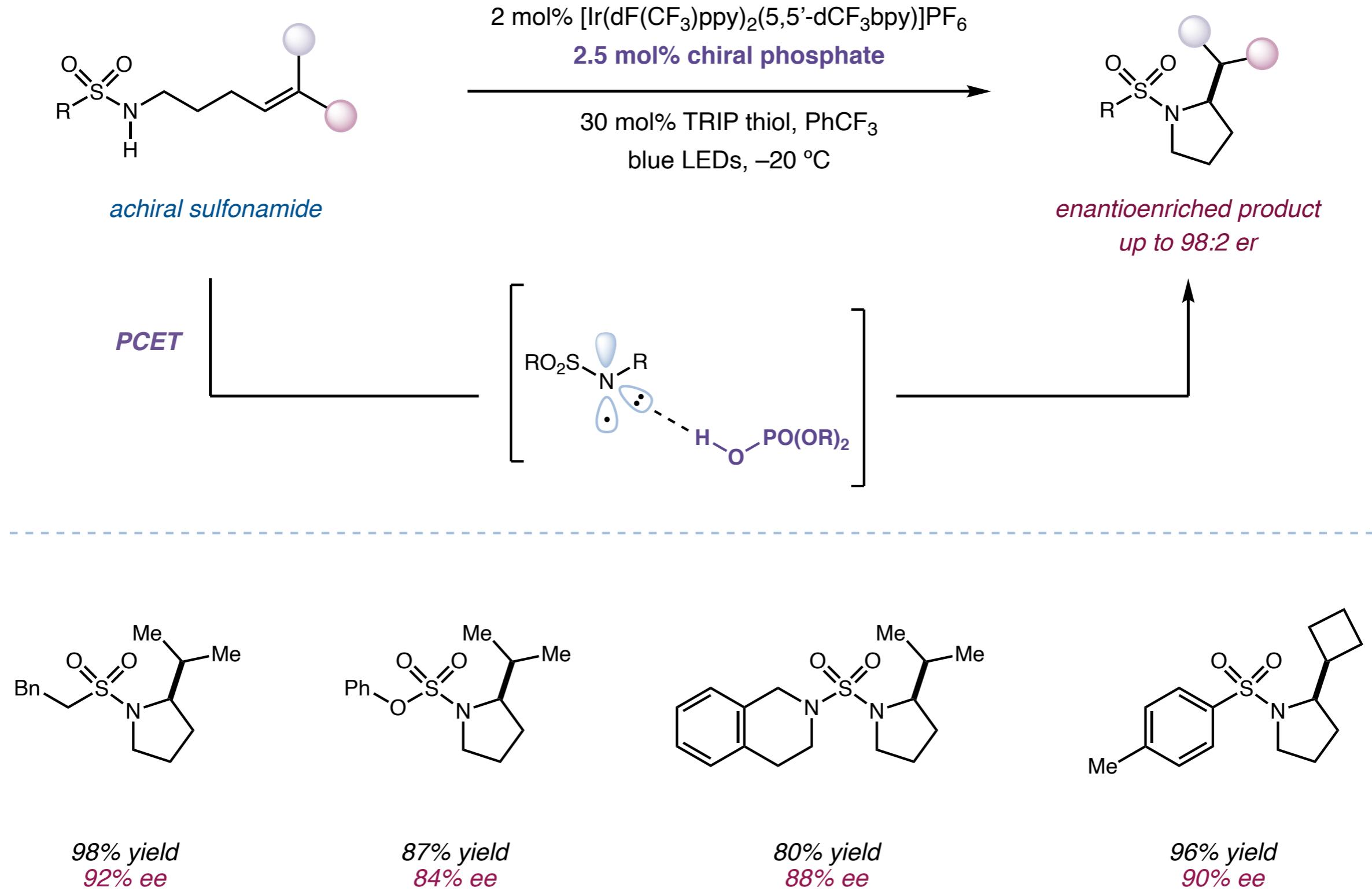


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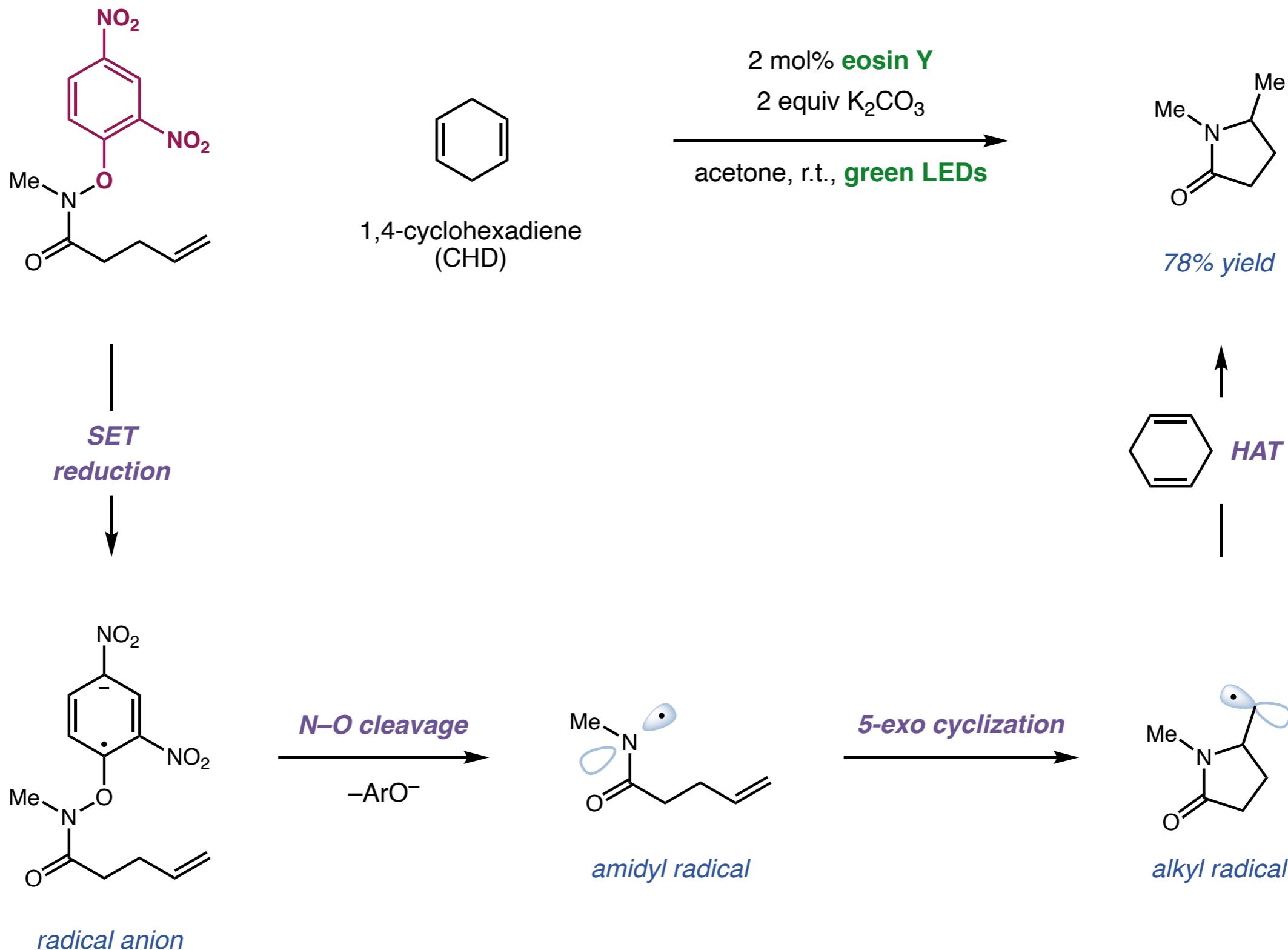
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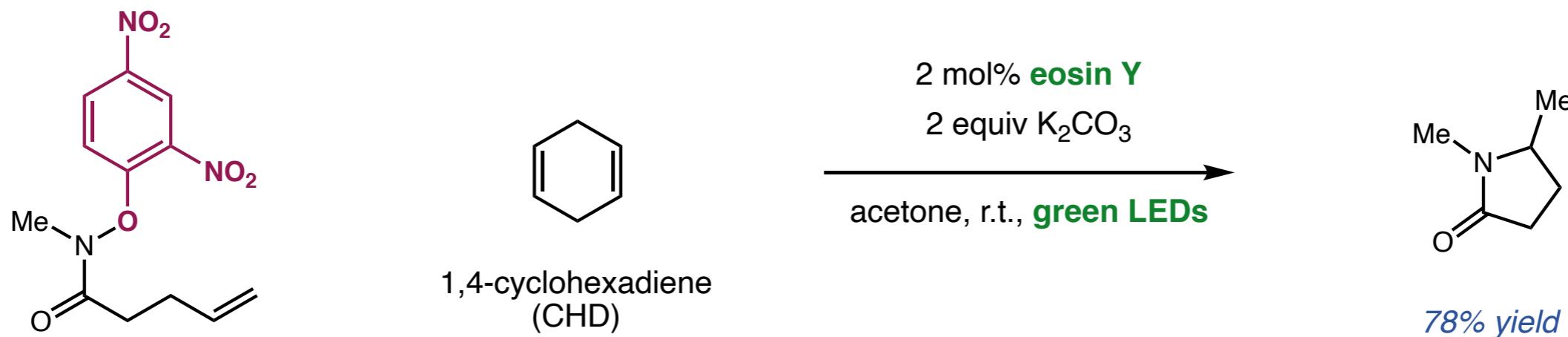
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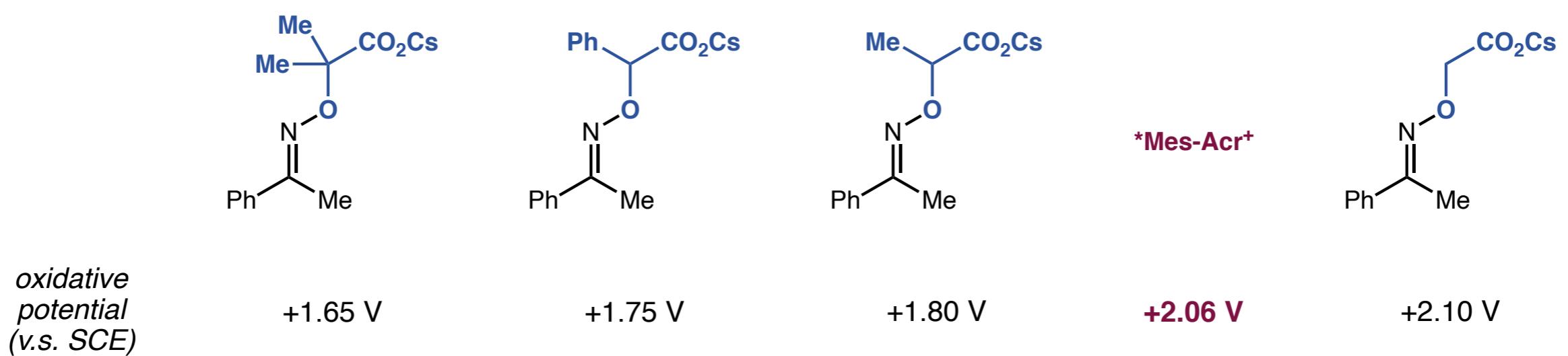
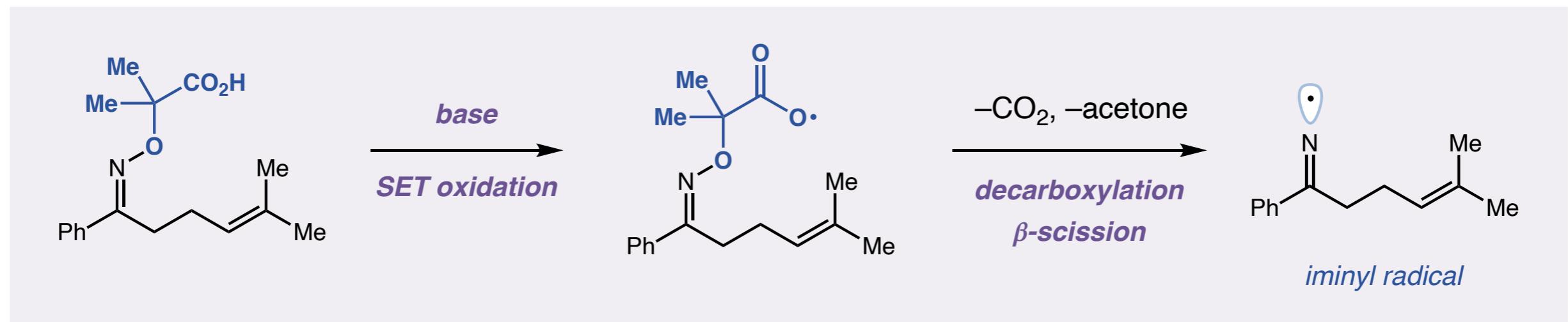
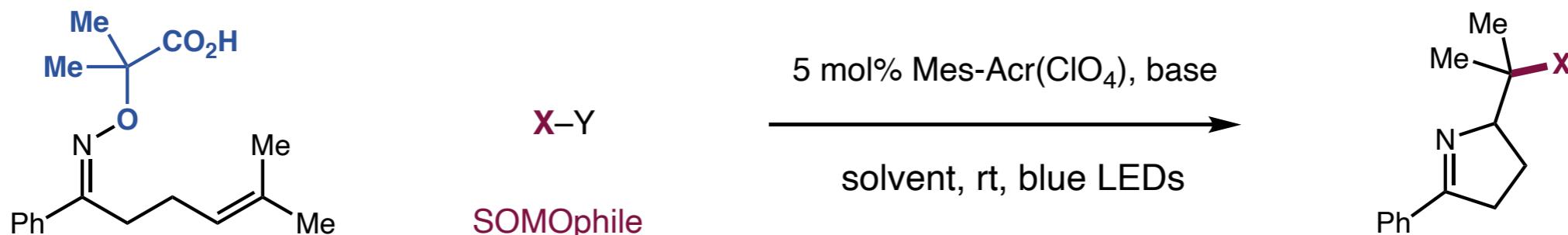


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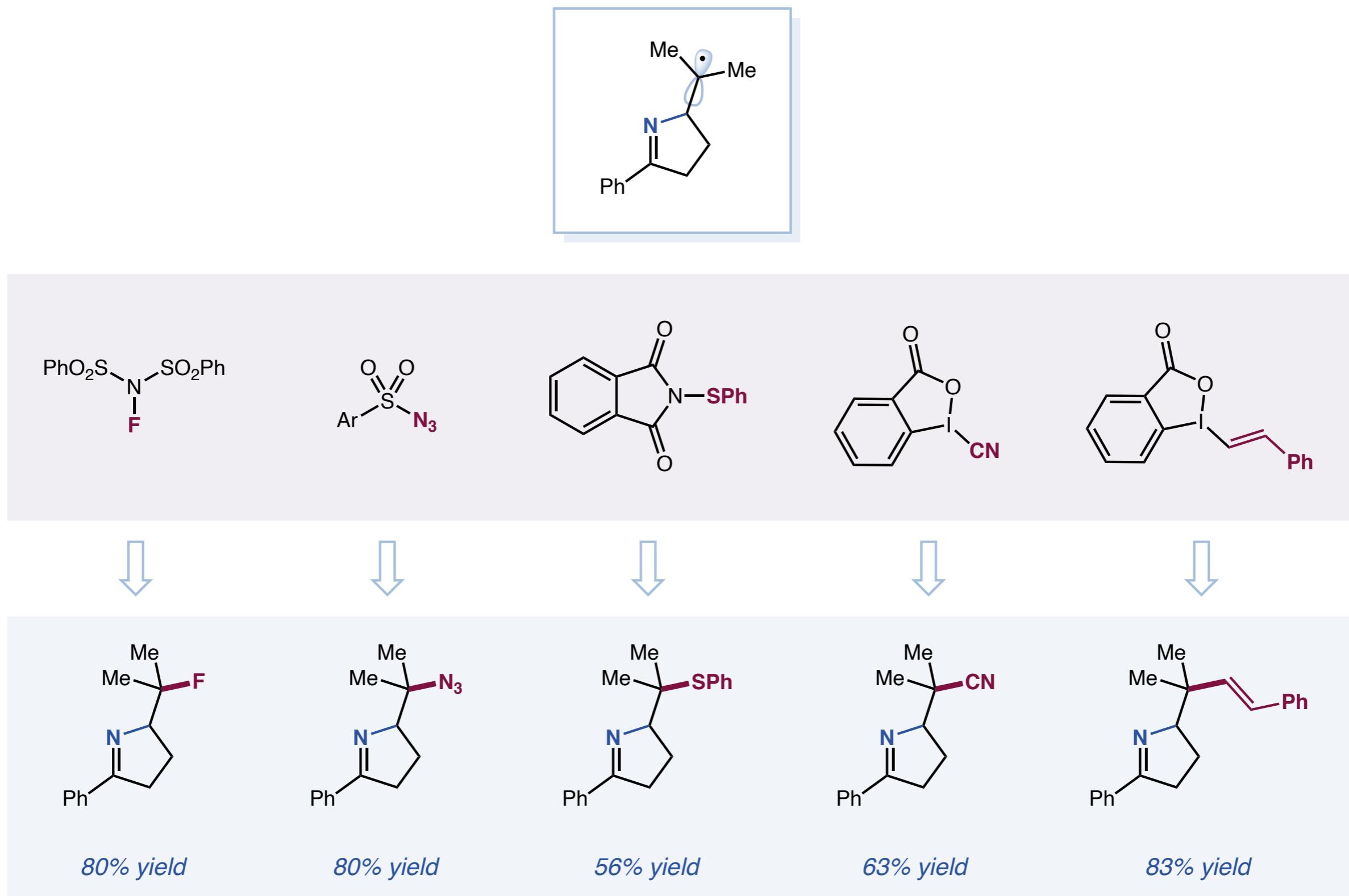


reductive potential (v.s. SCE)	-0.26 V	-0.37 V	-0.57 V	<b>-1.11 V</b>	-1.43 V	-2.10 V

# Iminyl Radical Cyclization: Oxidative N–O Cleavage



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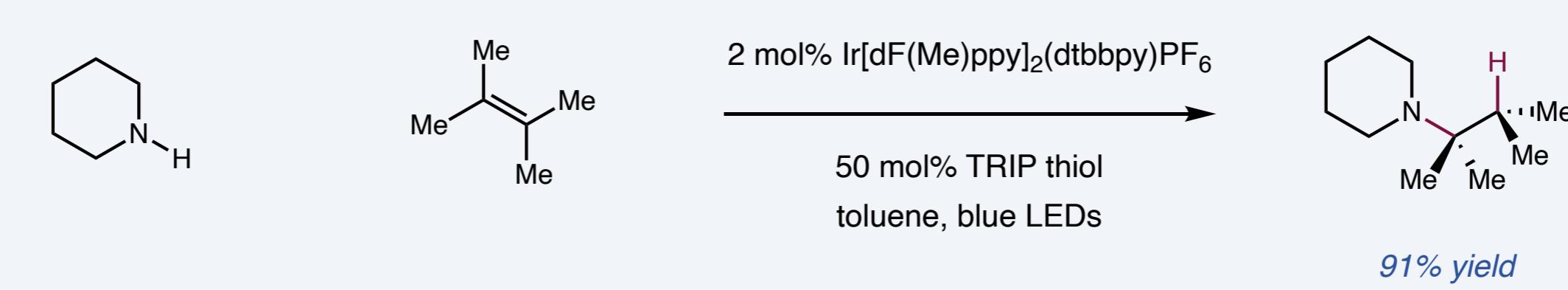
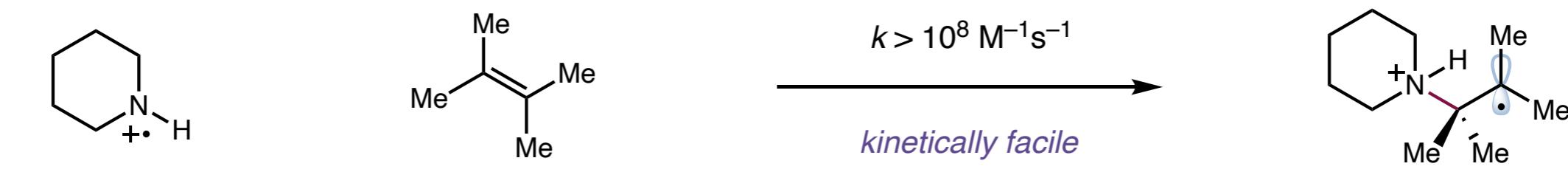
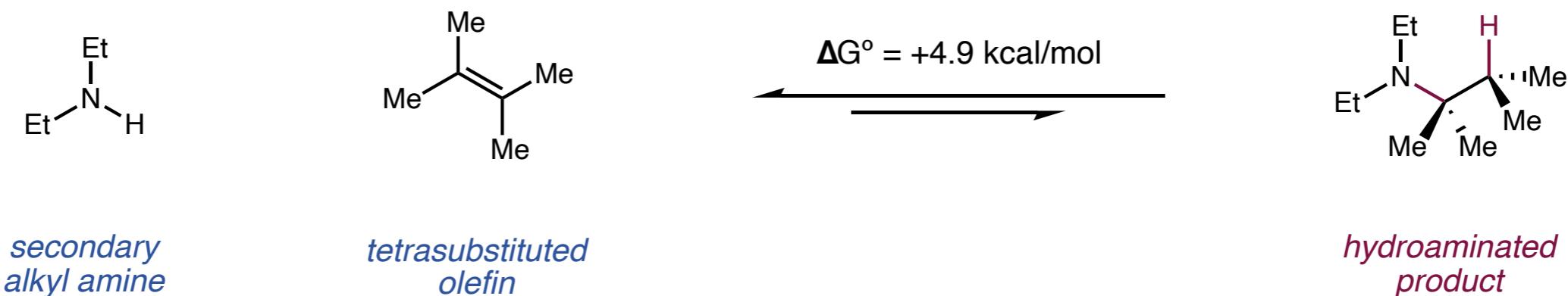
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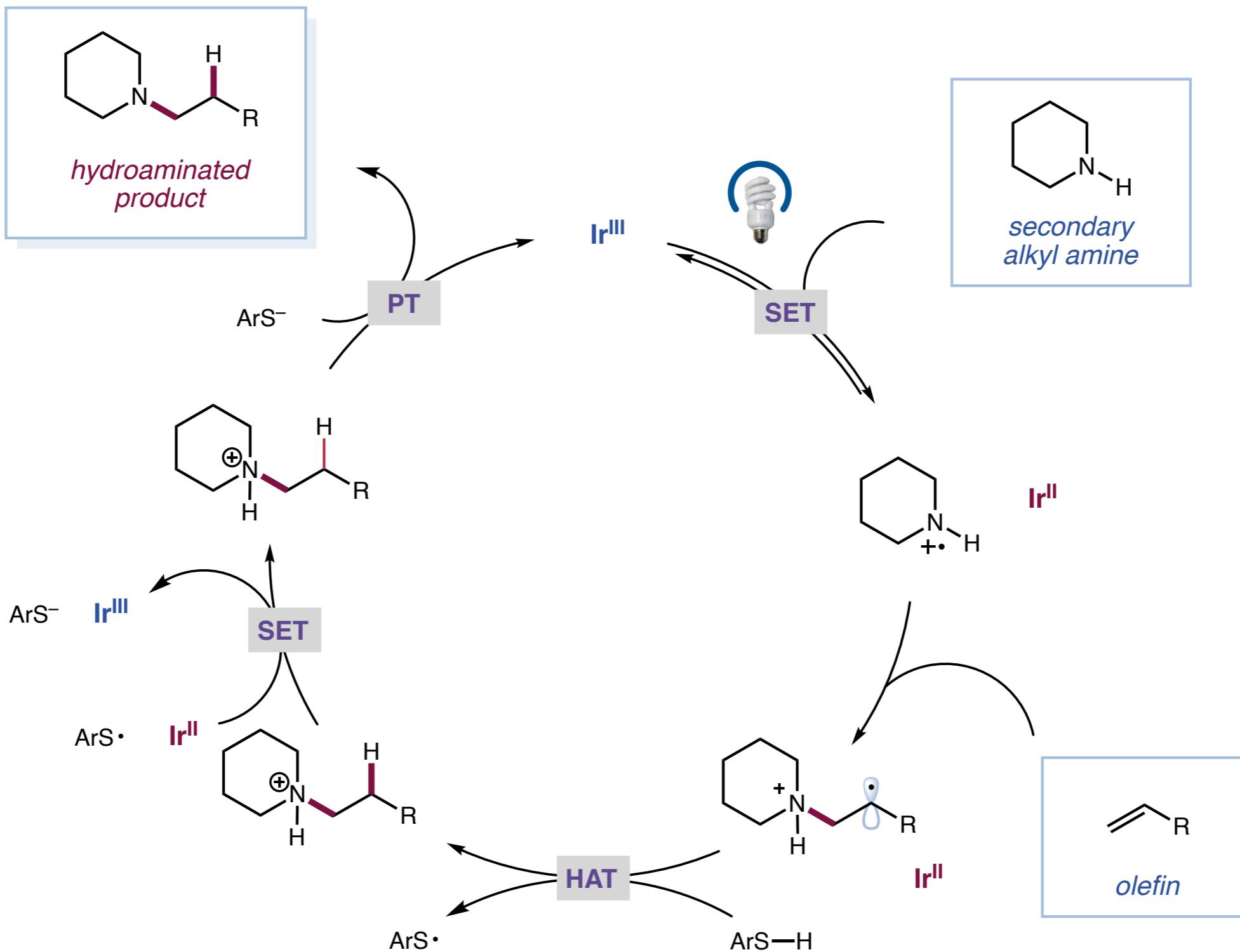
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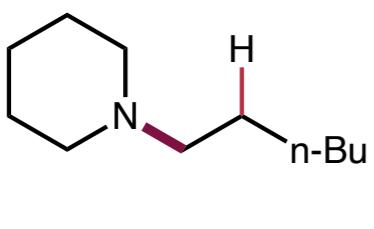
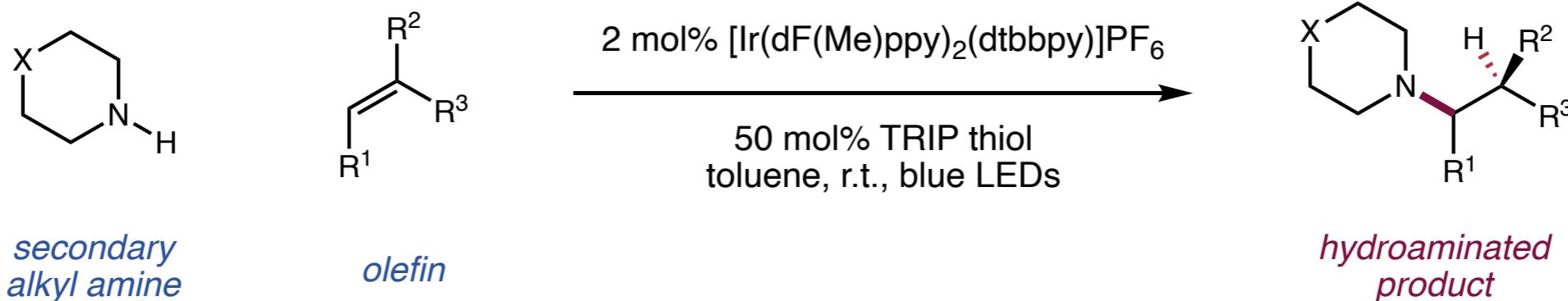
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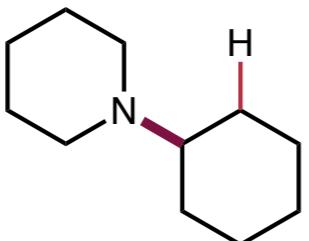
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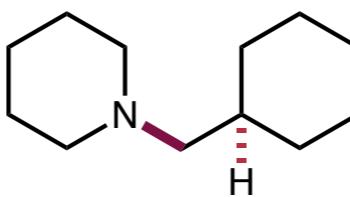
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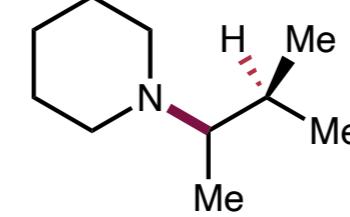
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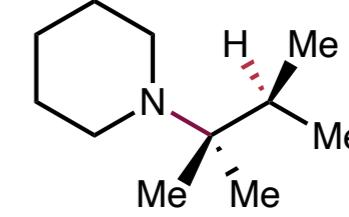
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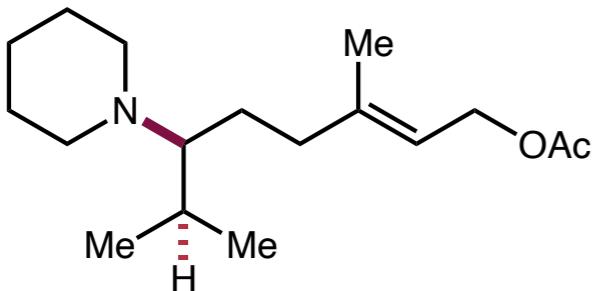
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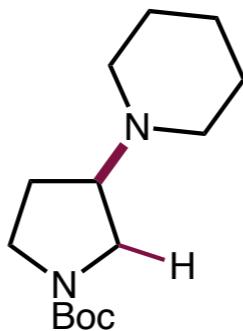
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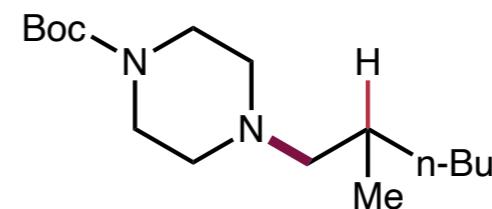
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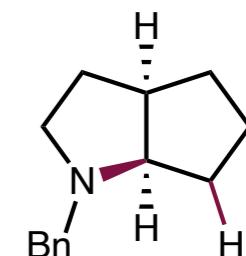
*66% yield*



*81% yield*

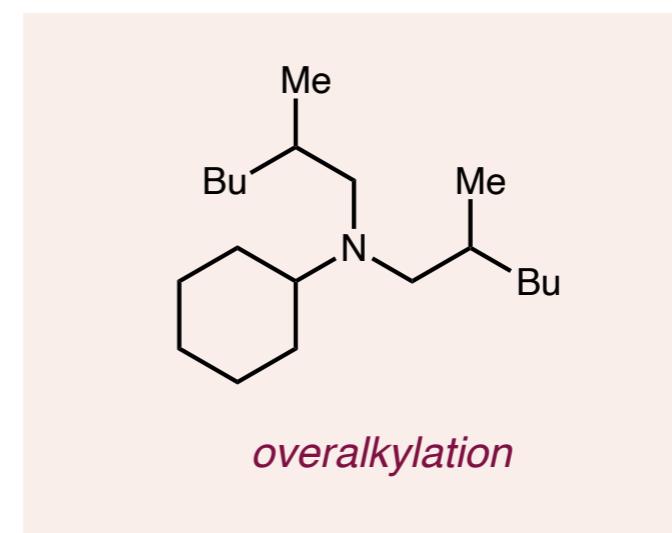
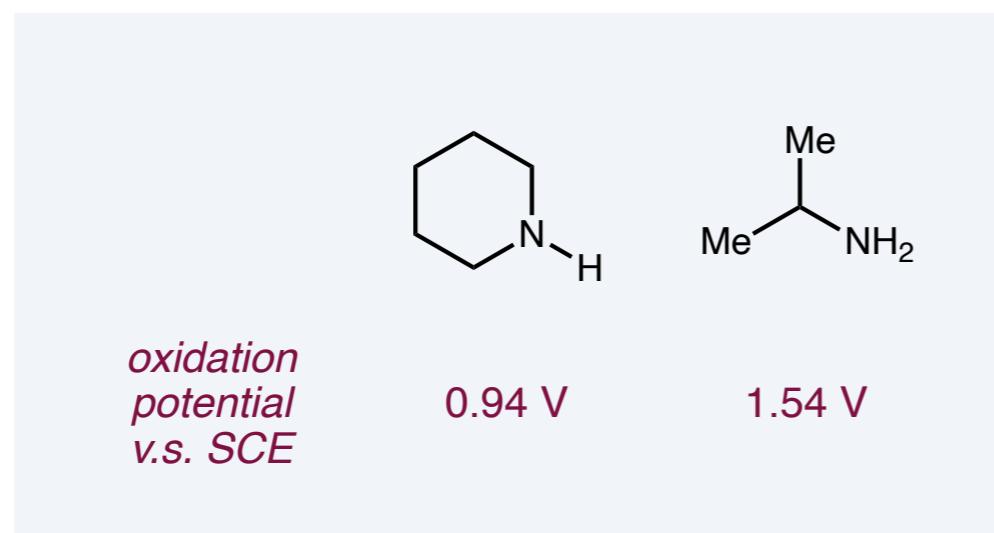
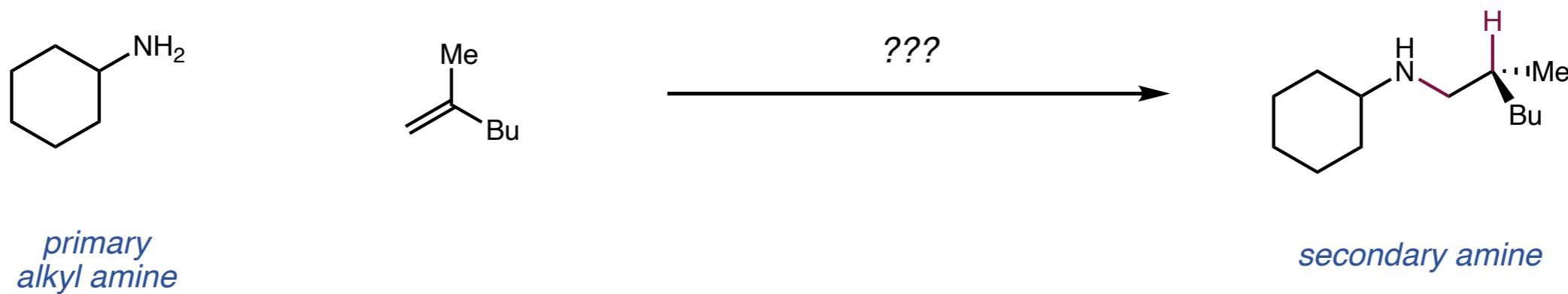
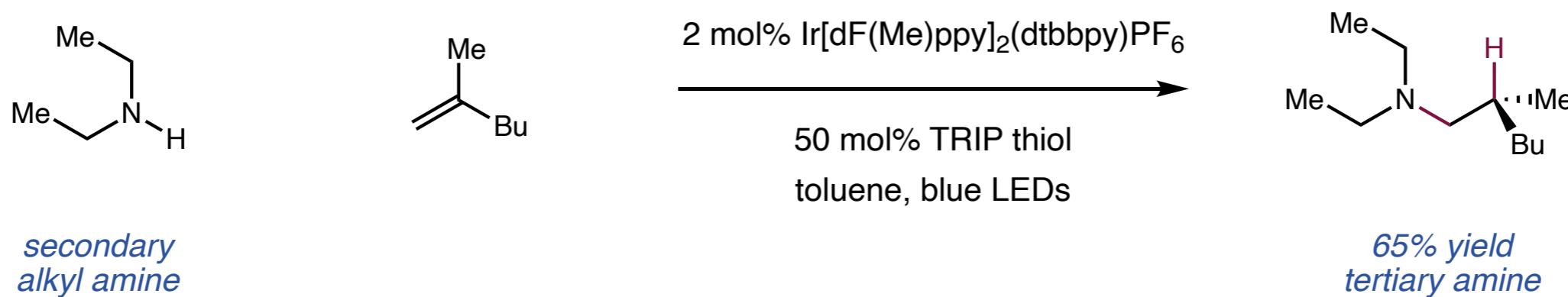


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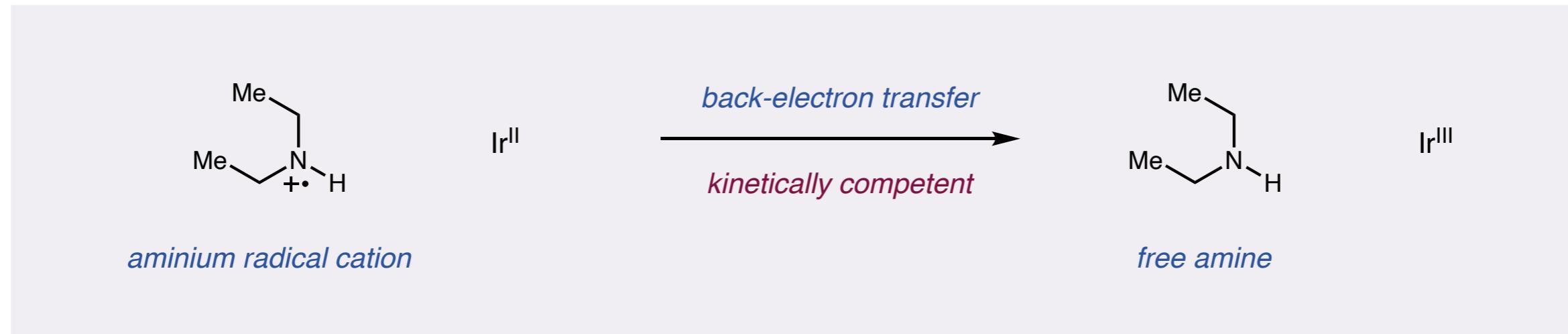
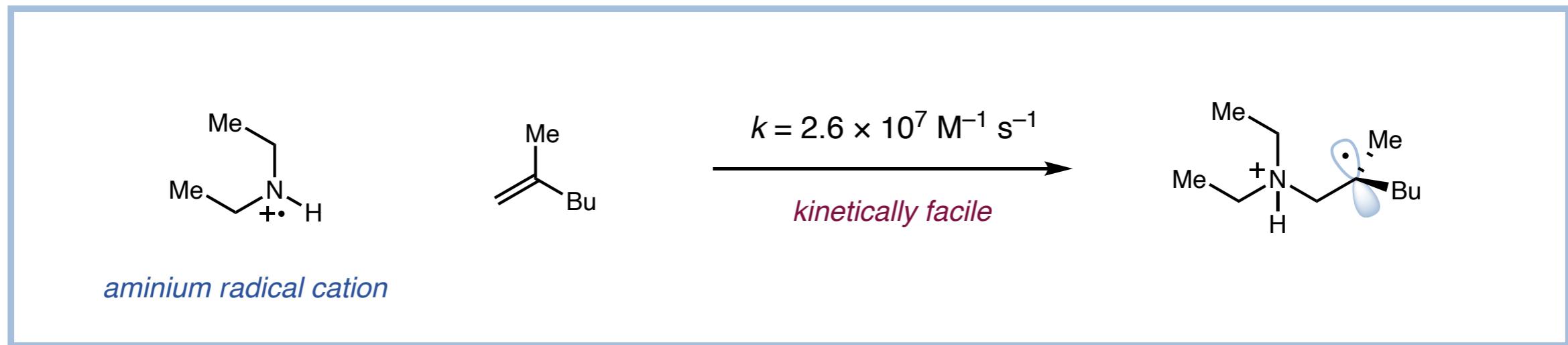
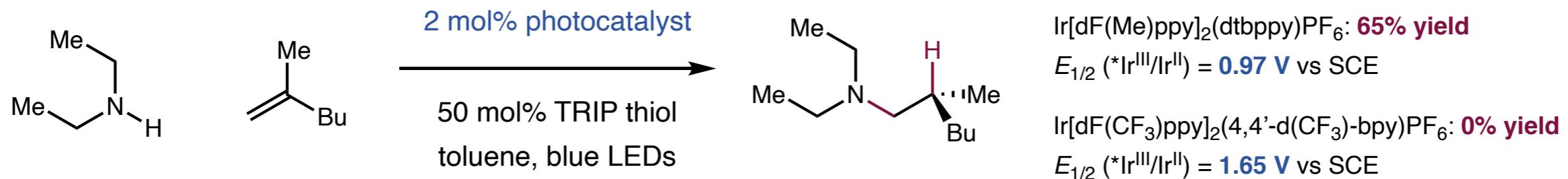


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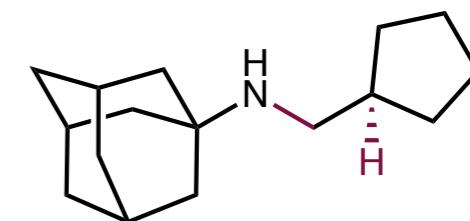
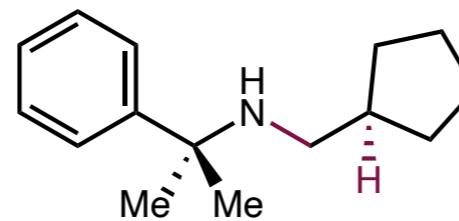
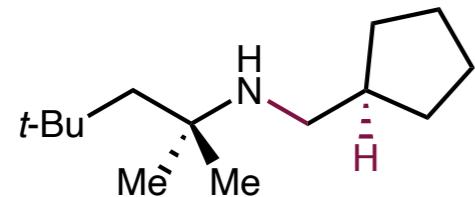
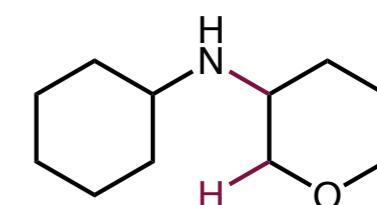
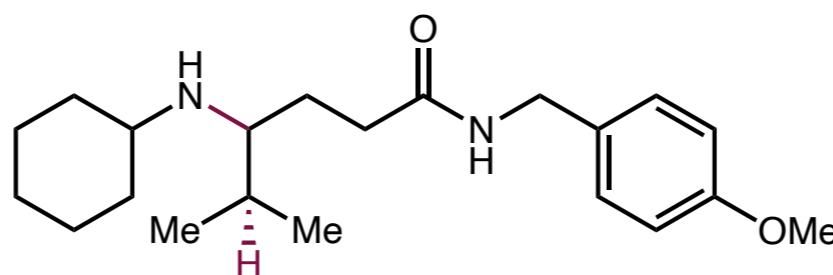
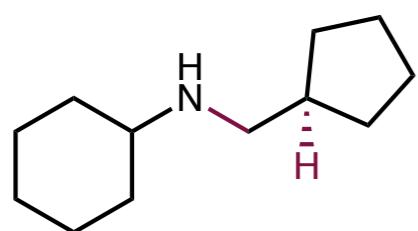
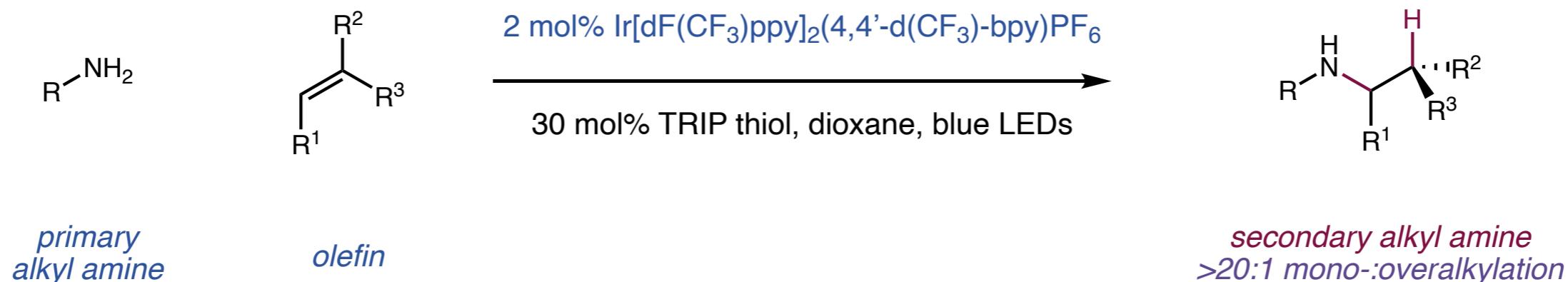
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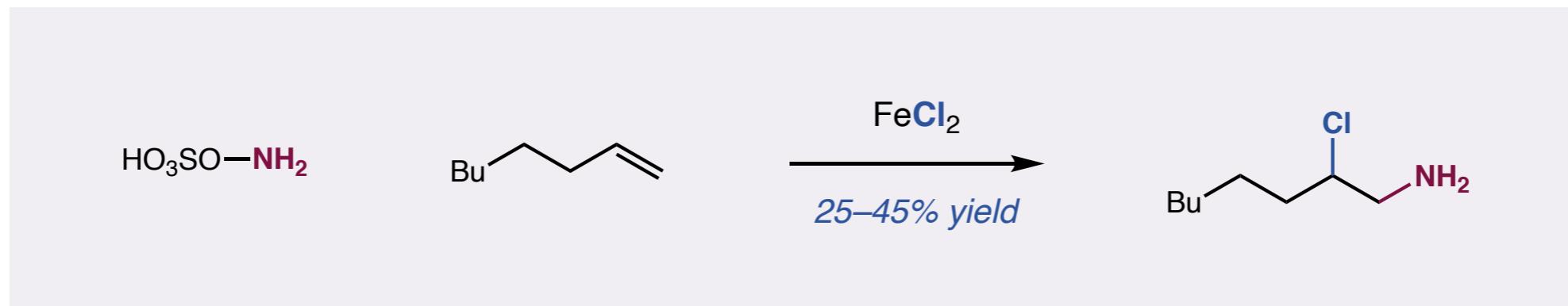
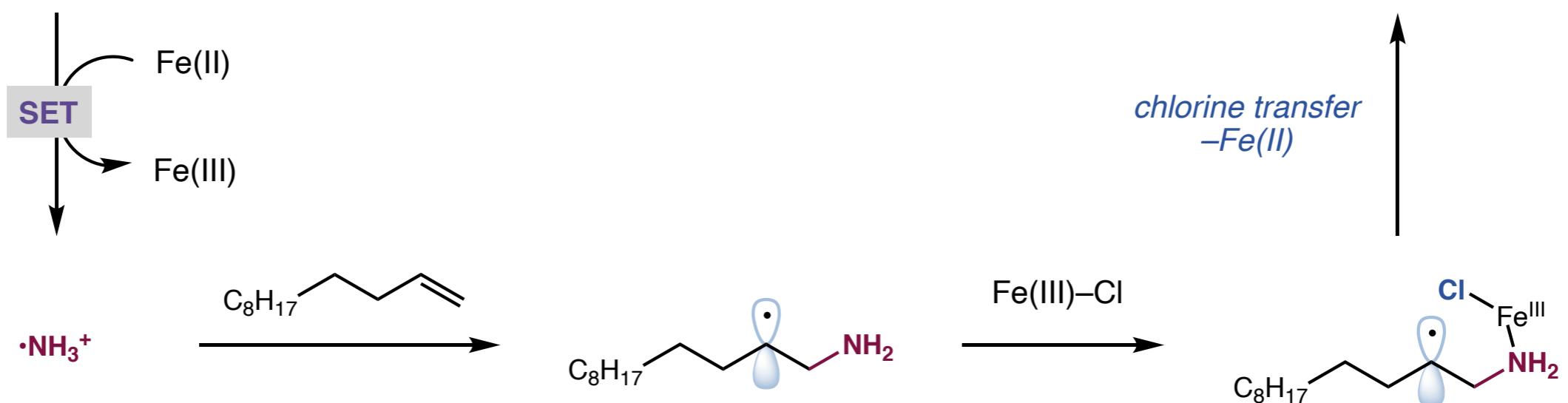
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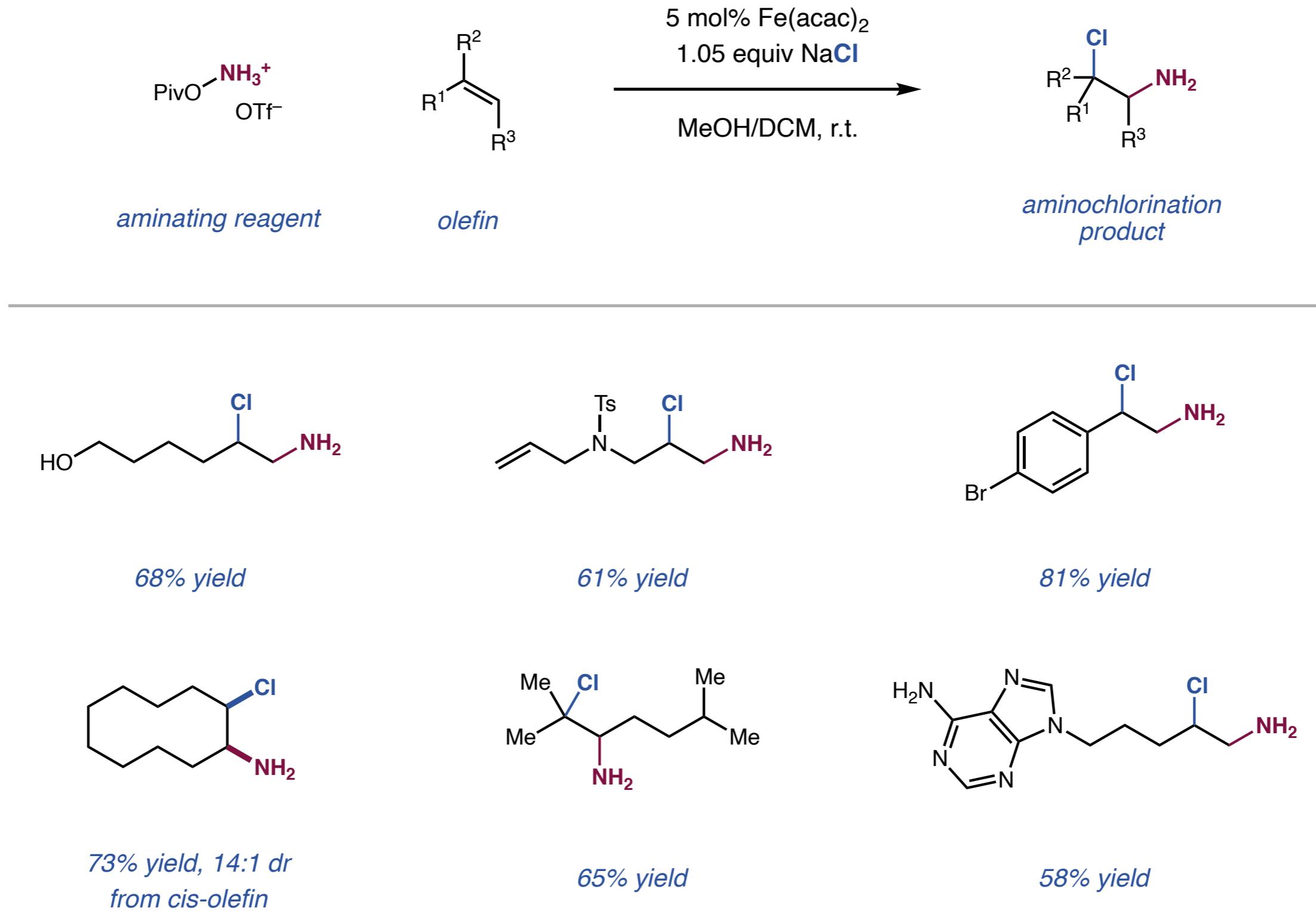
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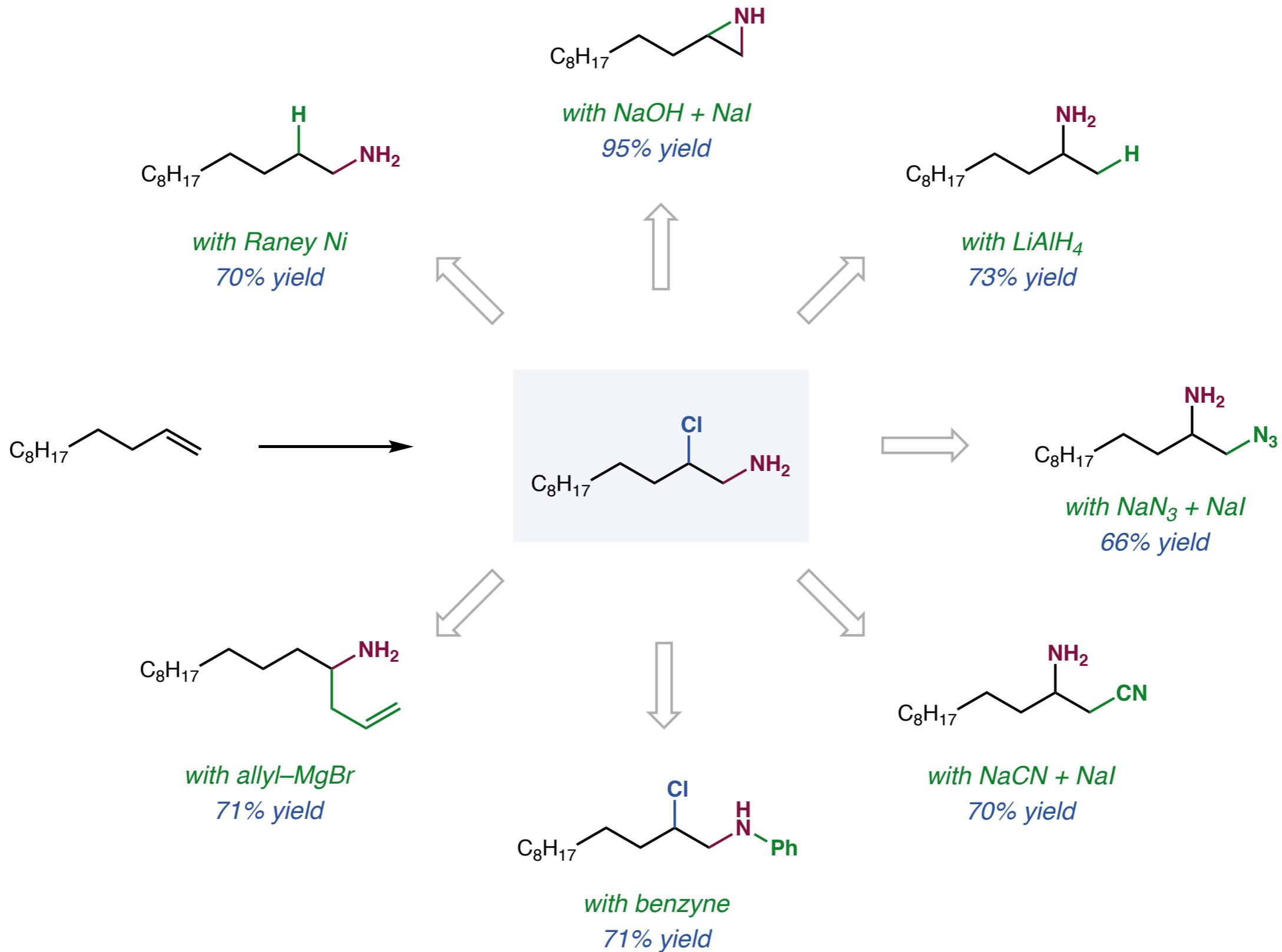
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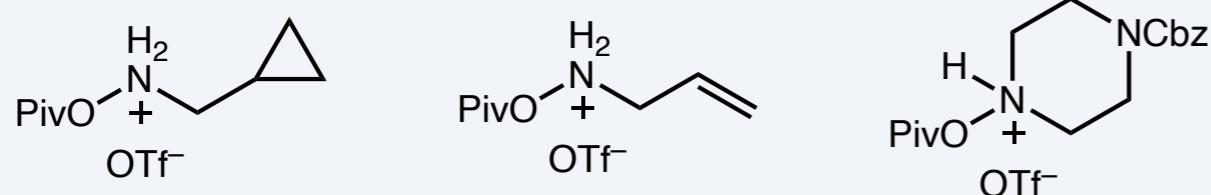
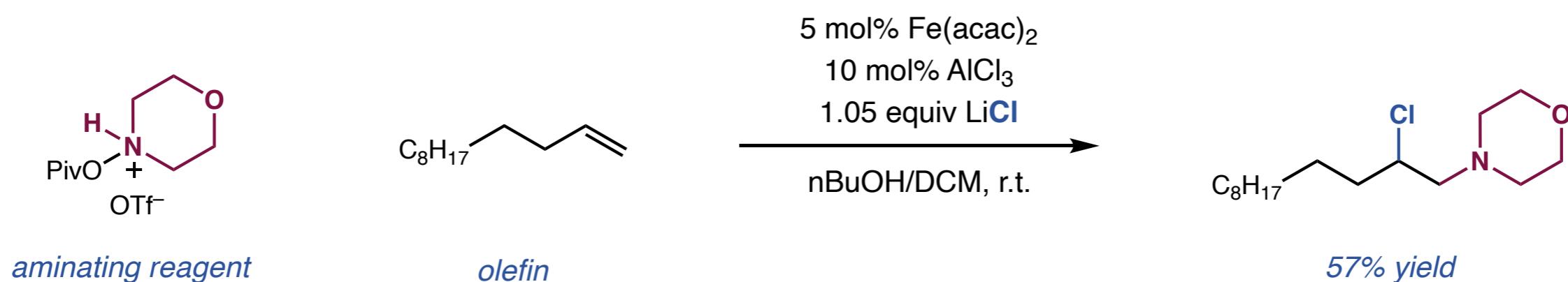
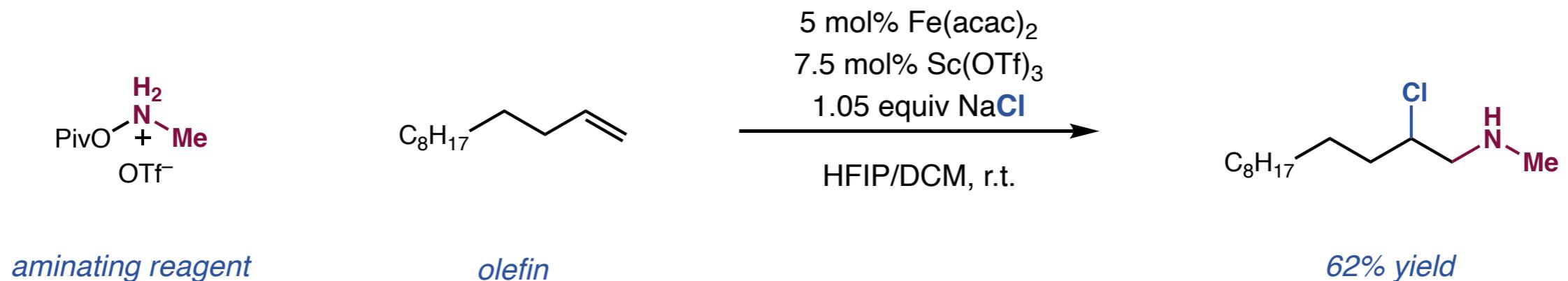
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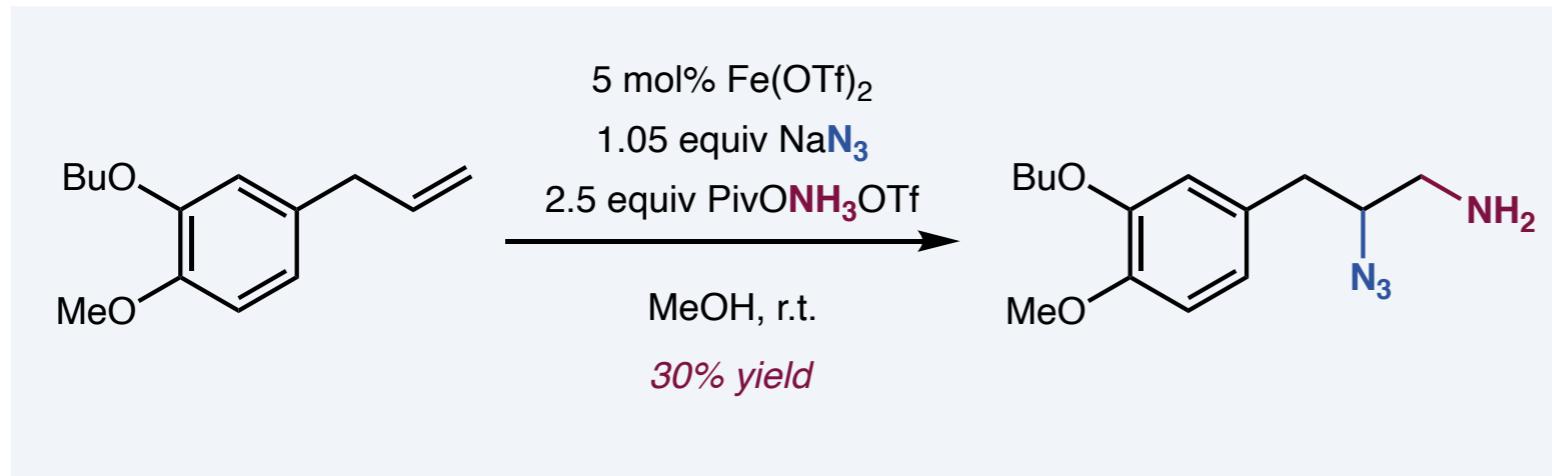


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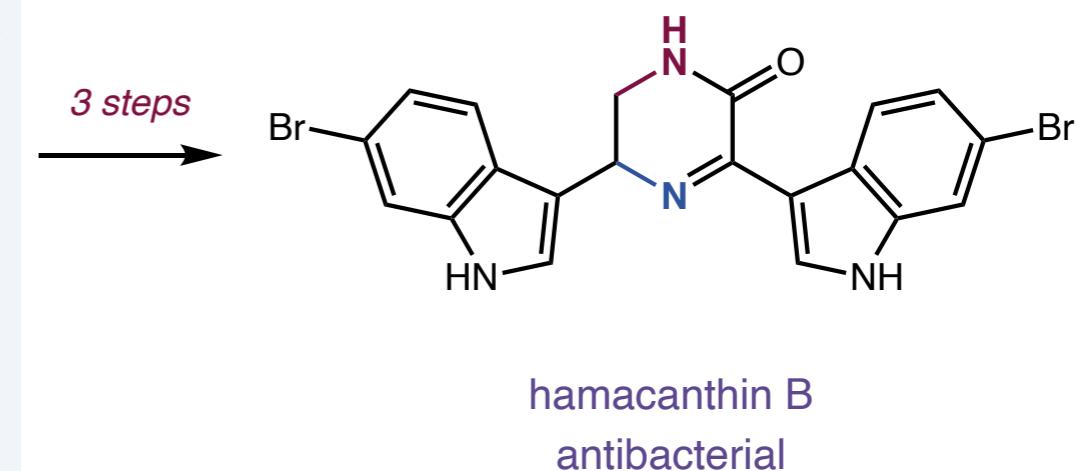
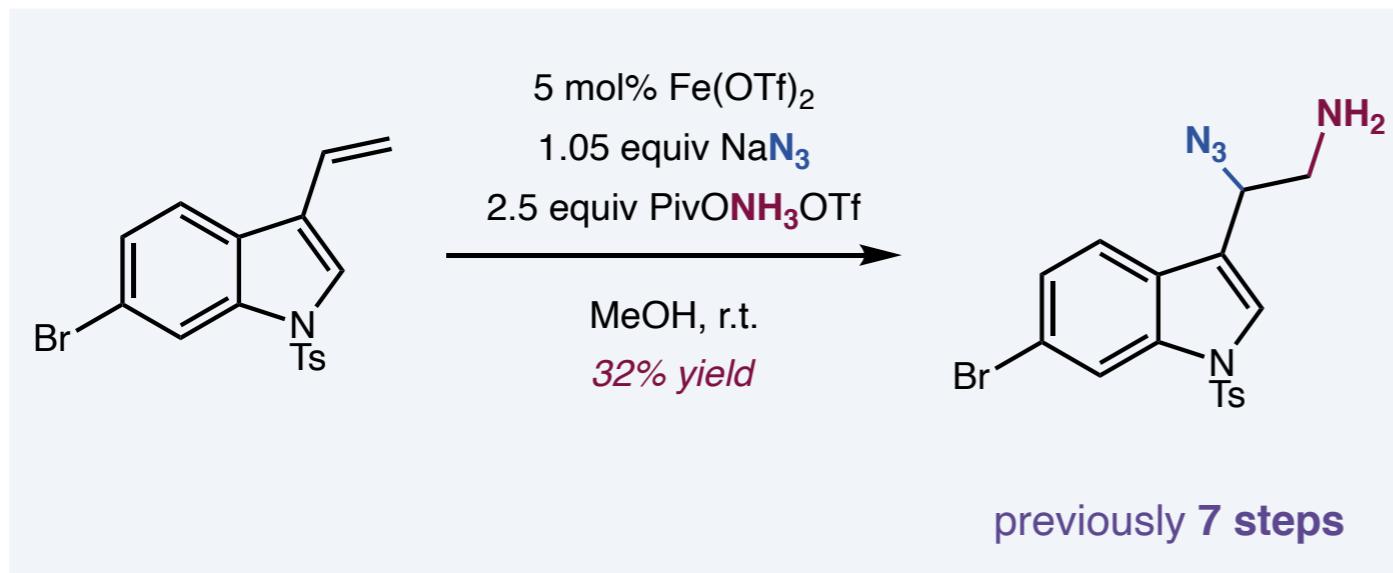


- 10 New aminating reagents developed
- Usually 3 steps from commercial materials
- Up to 30 grams synthesized

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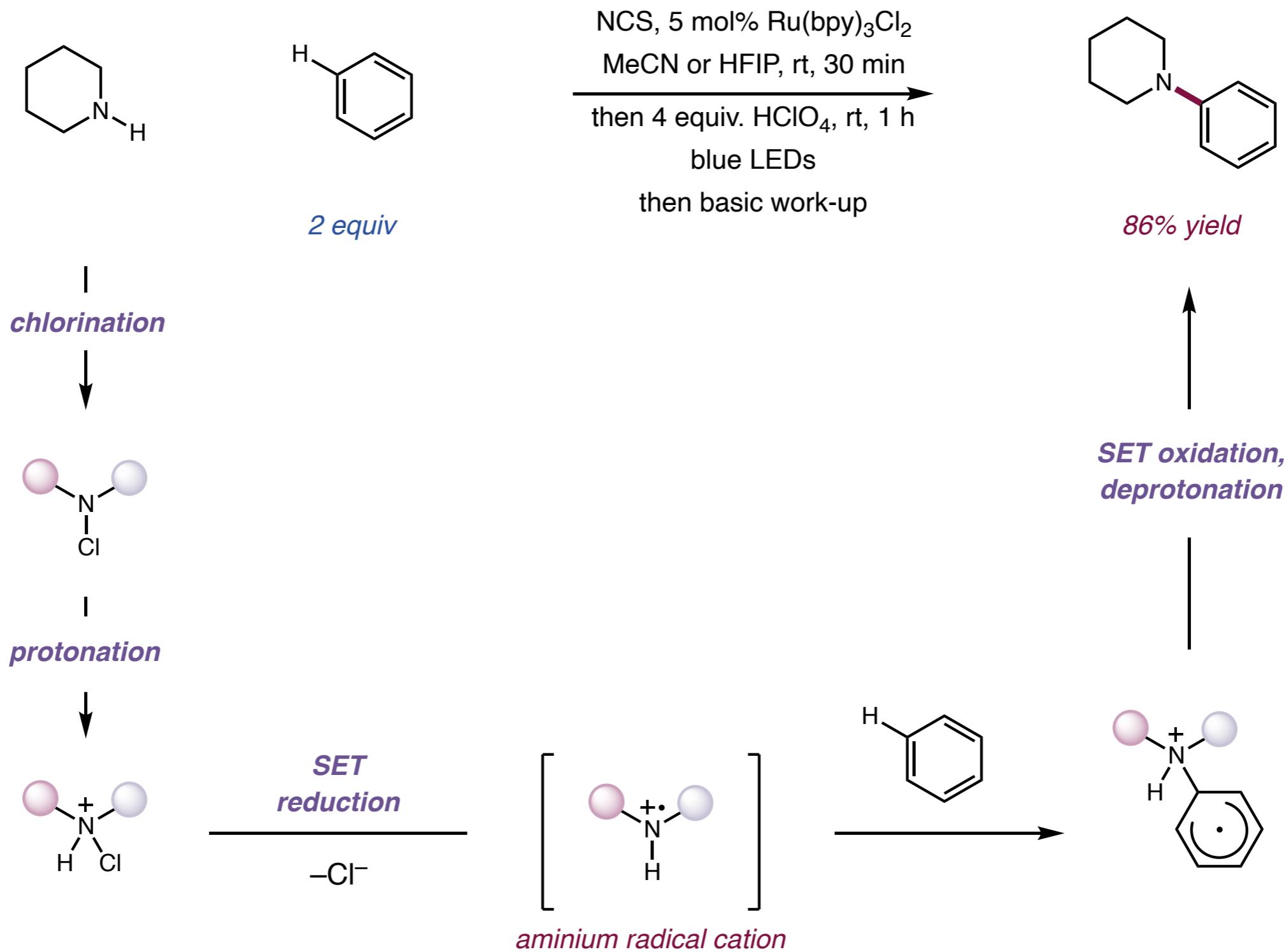
RO 20-1724  
PDE4 inhibitor  
previously **7 steps**



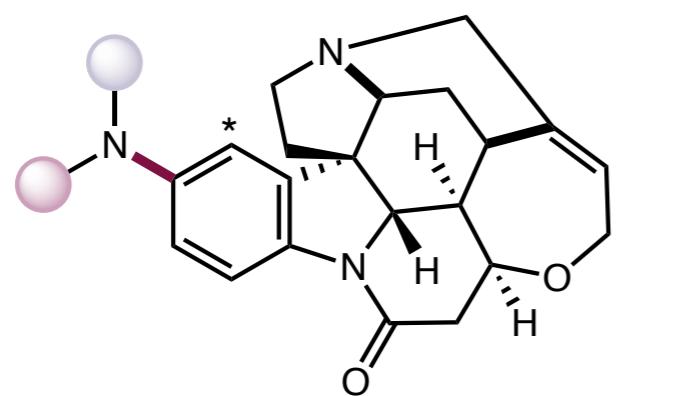
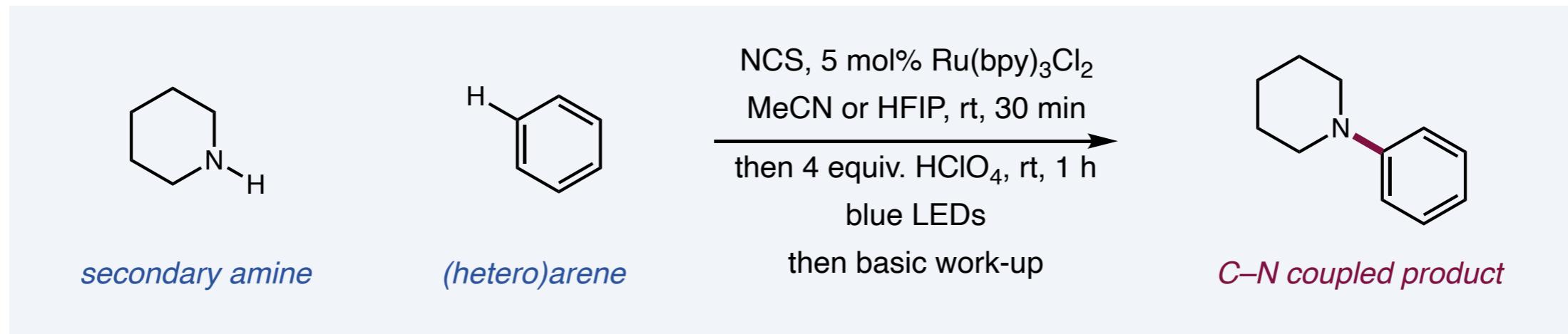
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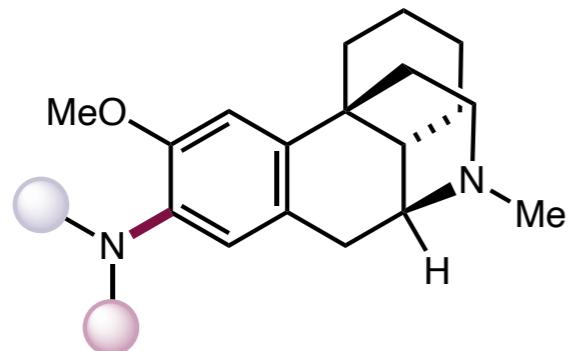
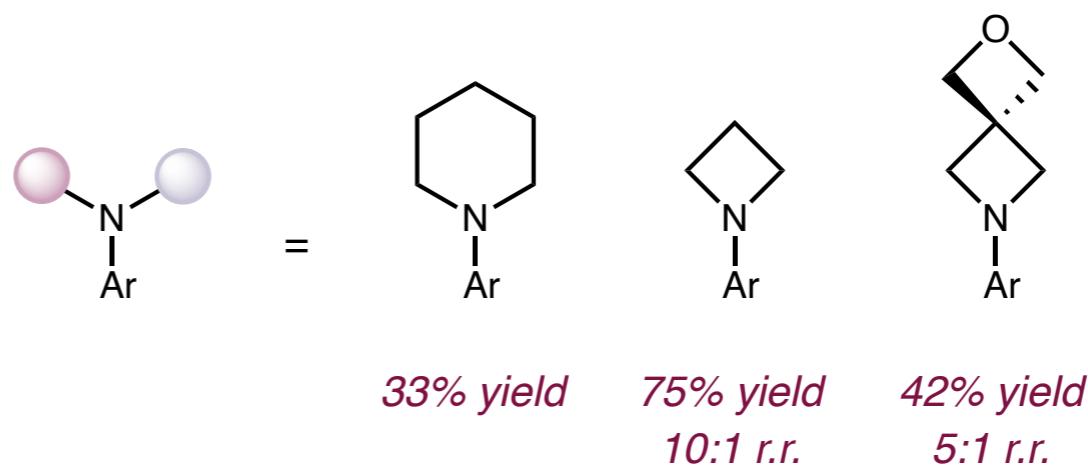
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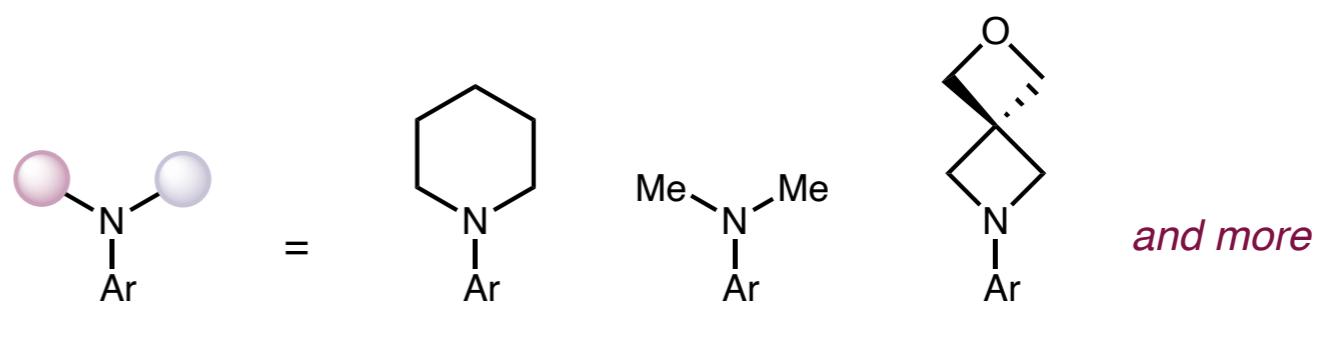
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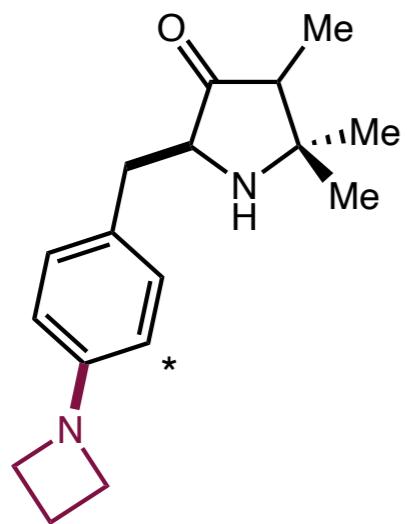
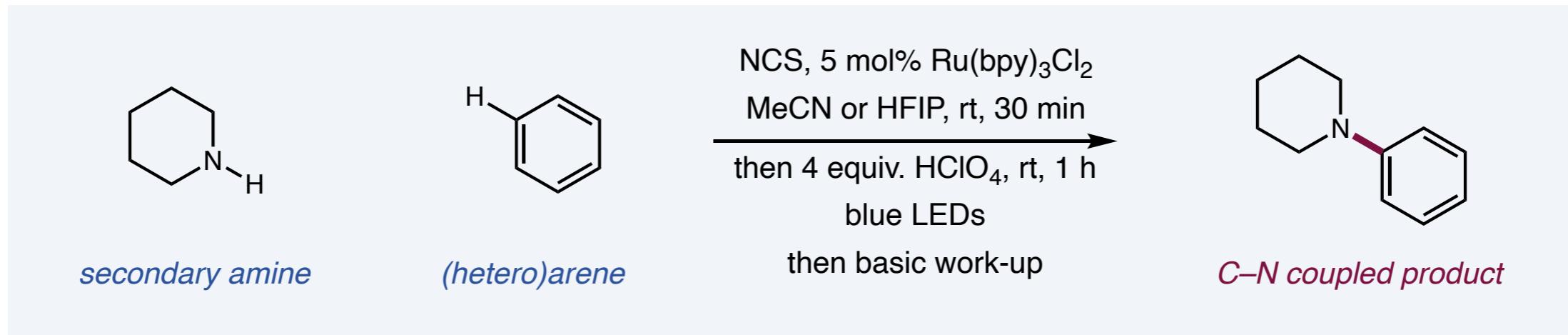
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(Robitussin)*

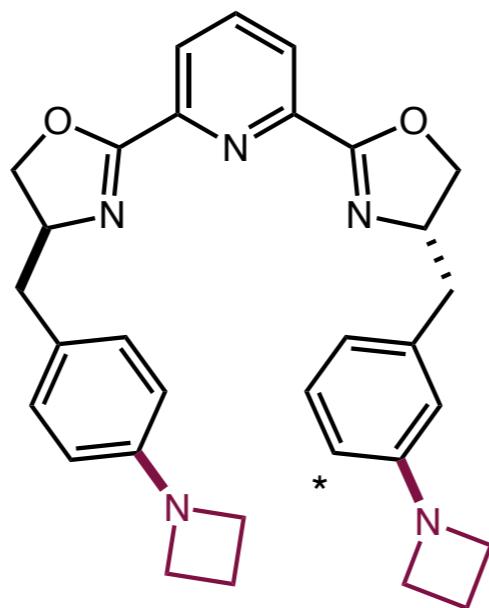


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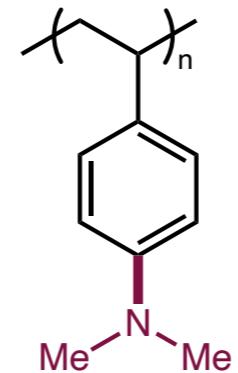
From MacMillan imidazolidinone

49% yield  
2:1 r.r.



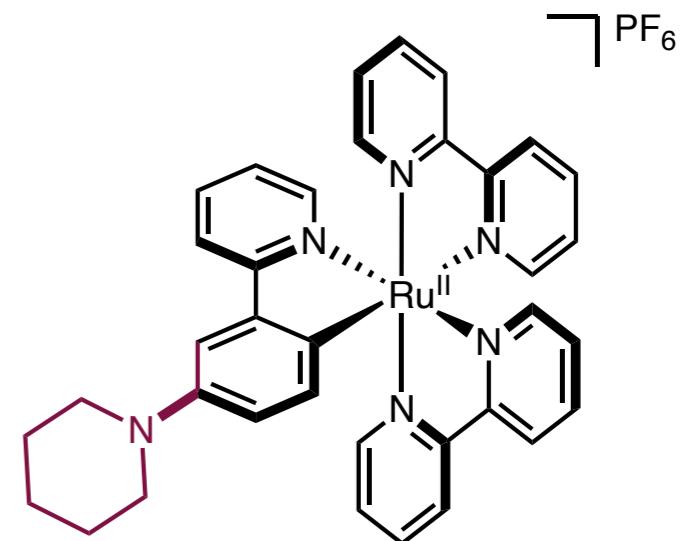
From PyBOX

90% yield  
4:1 r.r.



From polystyrene

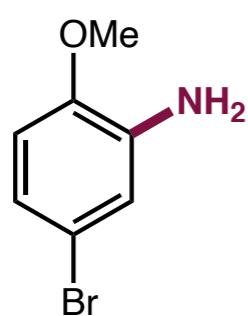
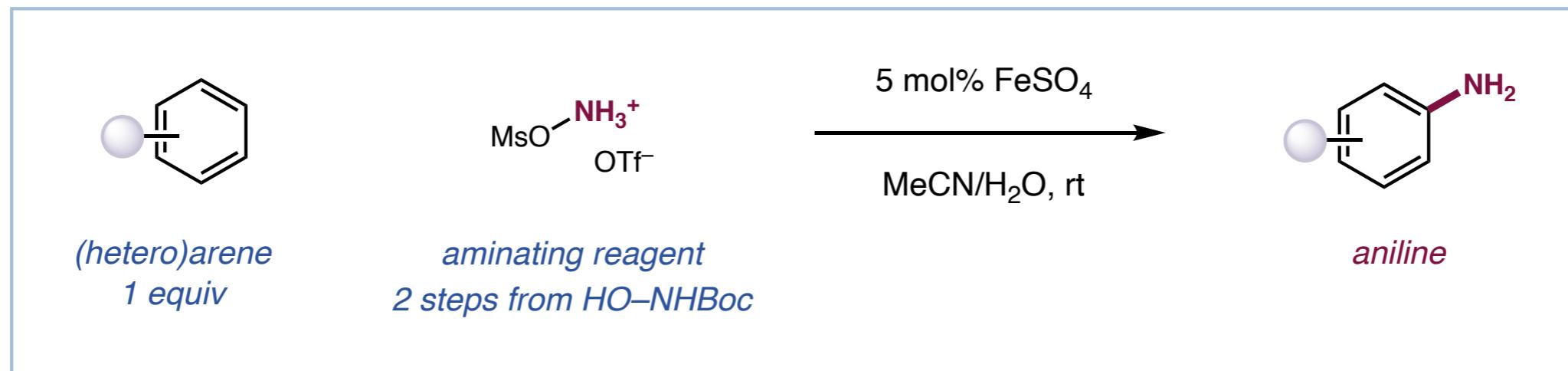
19% yield



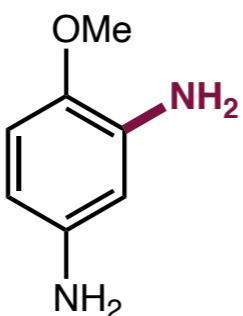
From [Ru(ppy)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)

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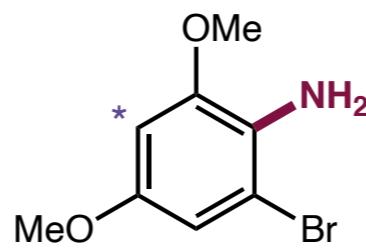
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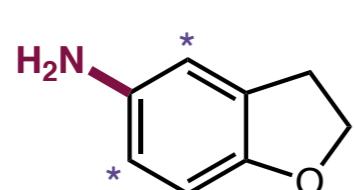
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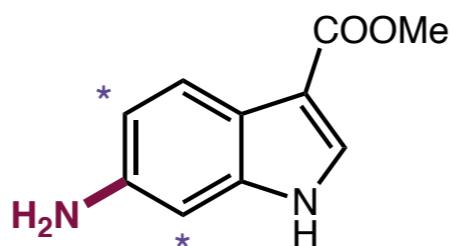
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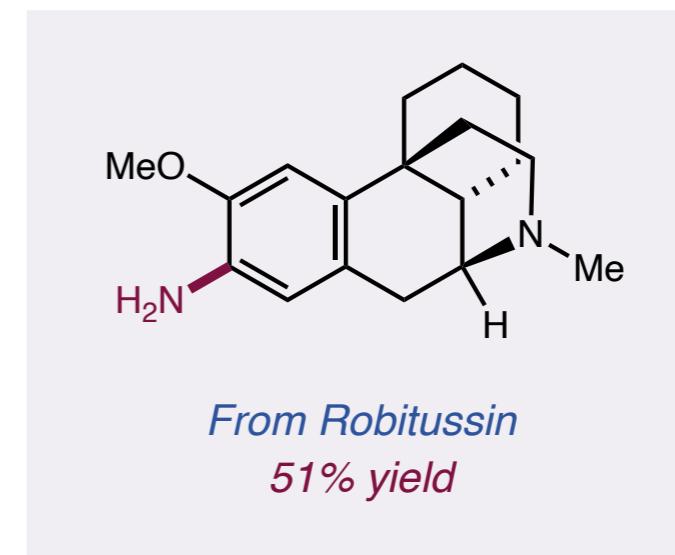
61% yield  
1.8 : 1



88% yield  
13.4 : 2 : 1

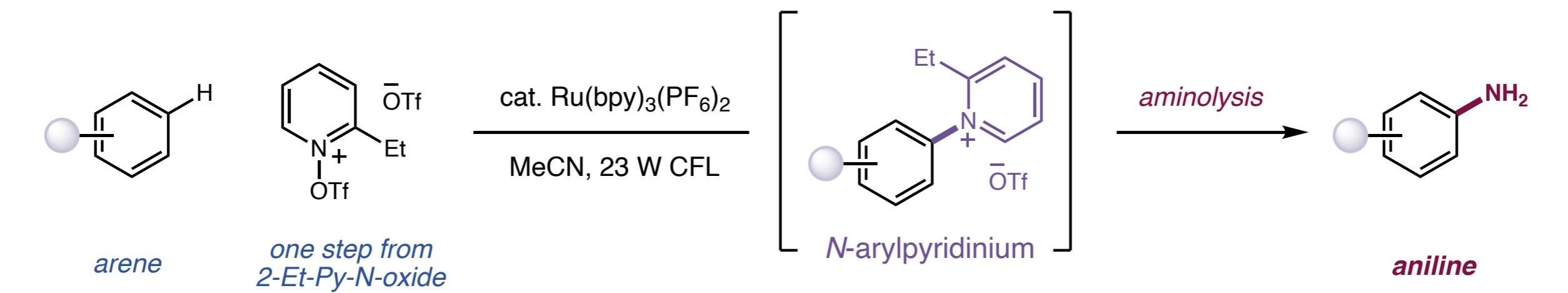


33% yield  
2.3 : 1.6 : 1

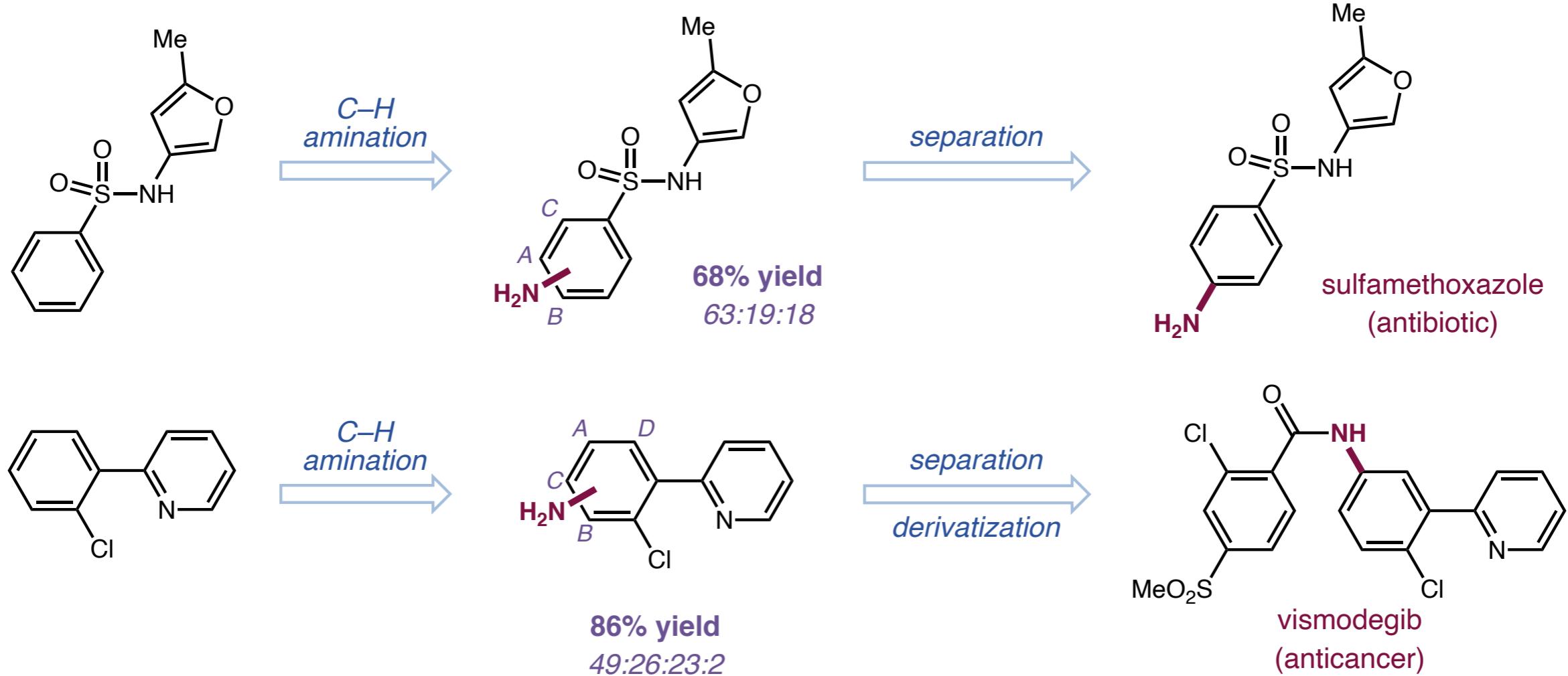


From Robitussin  
51% yield

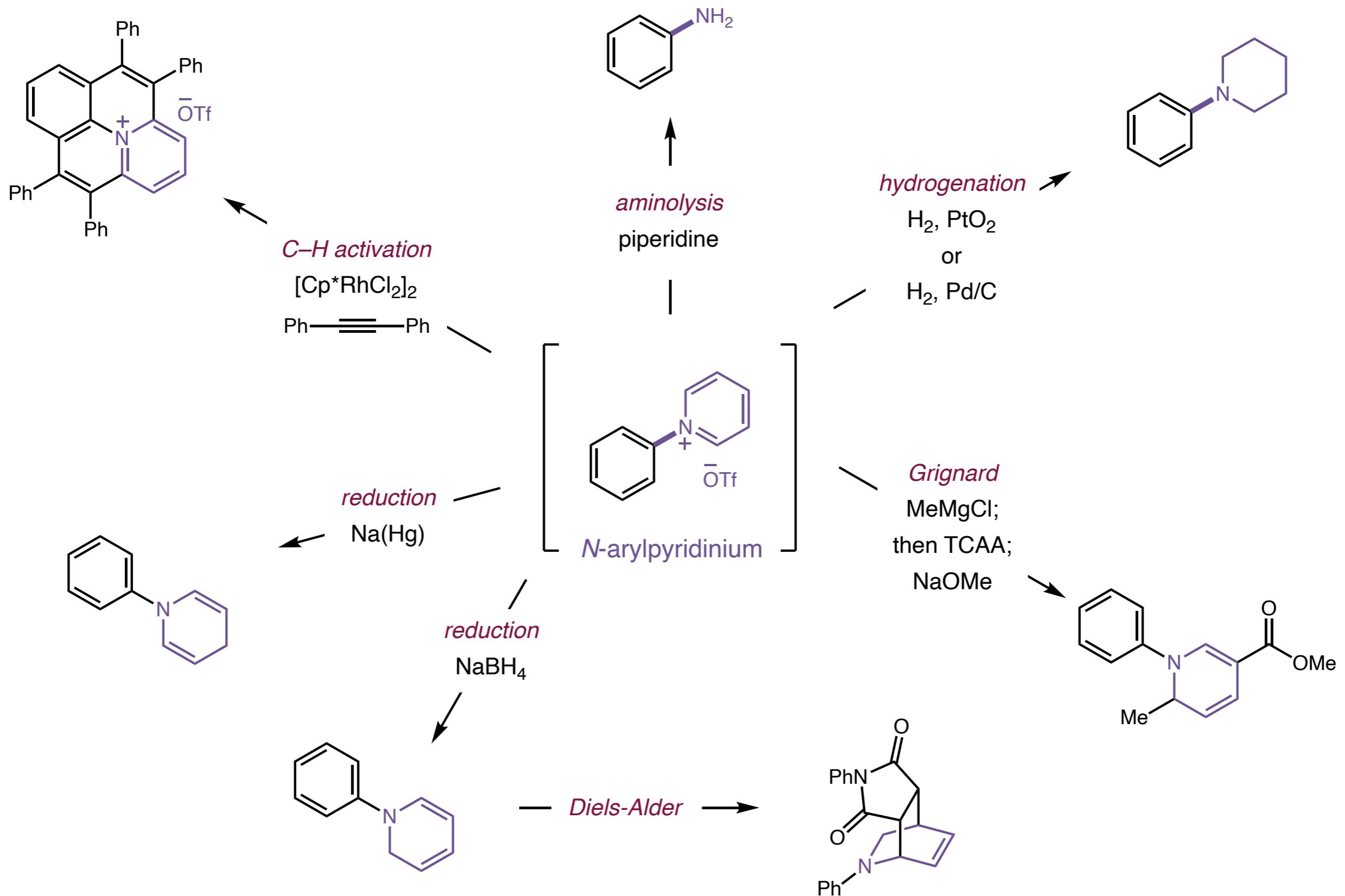
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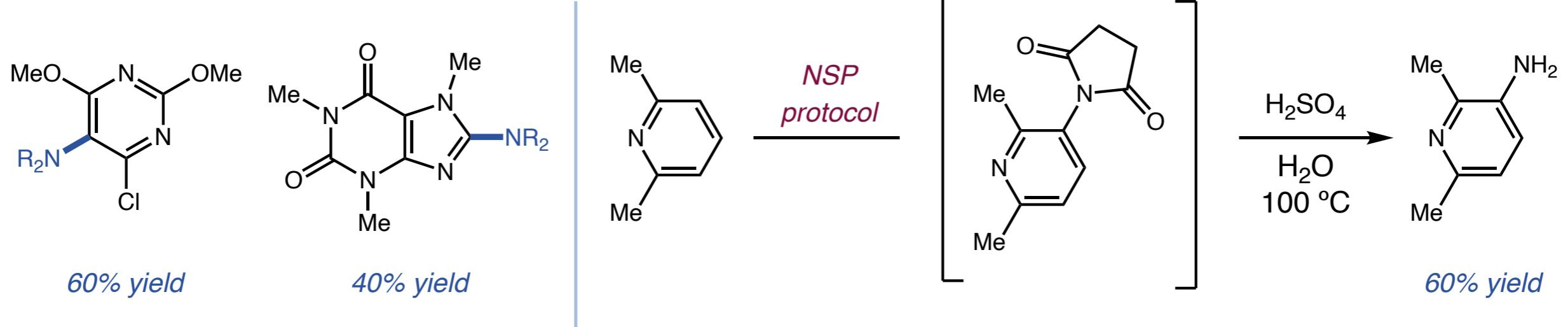
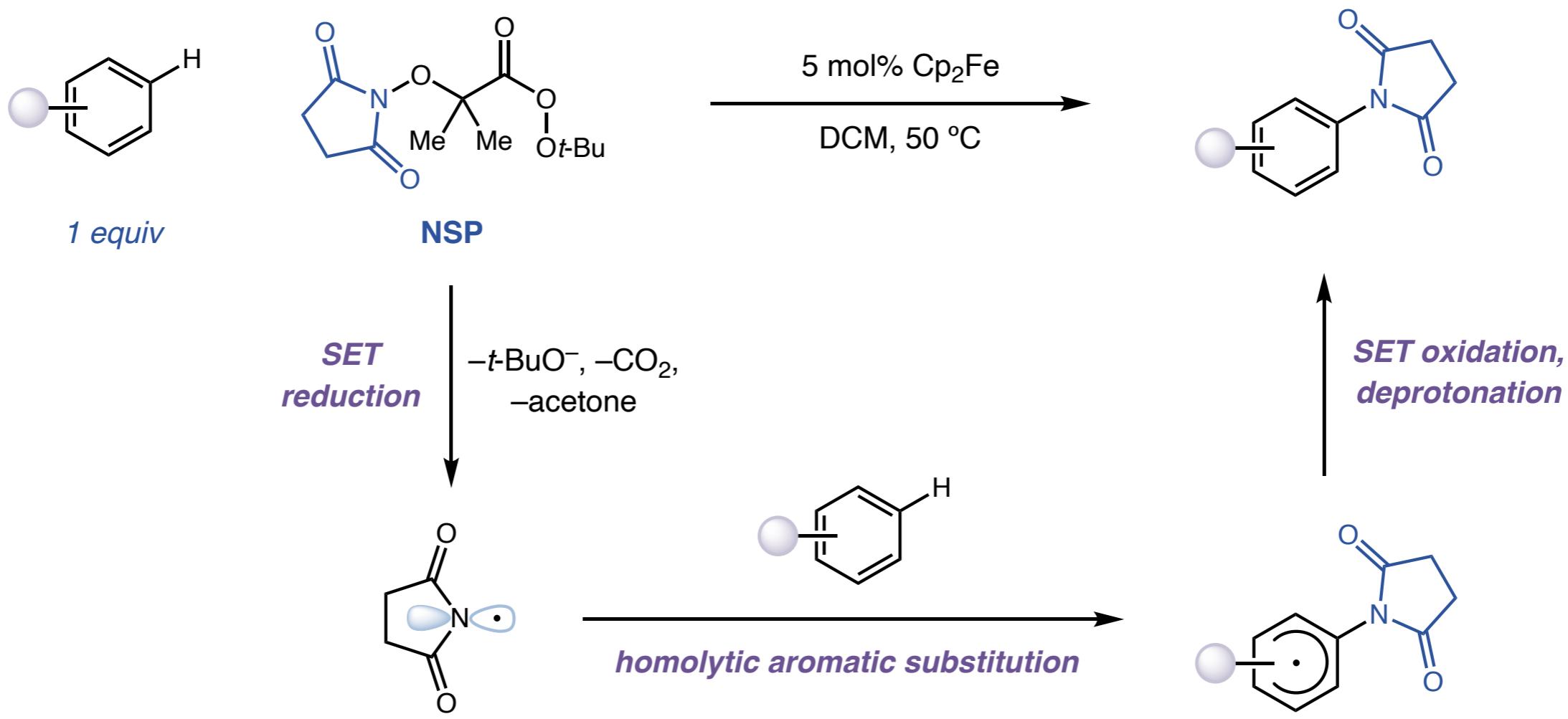
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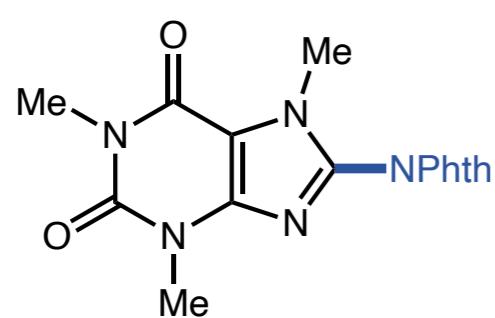
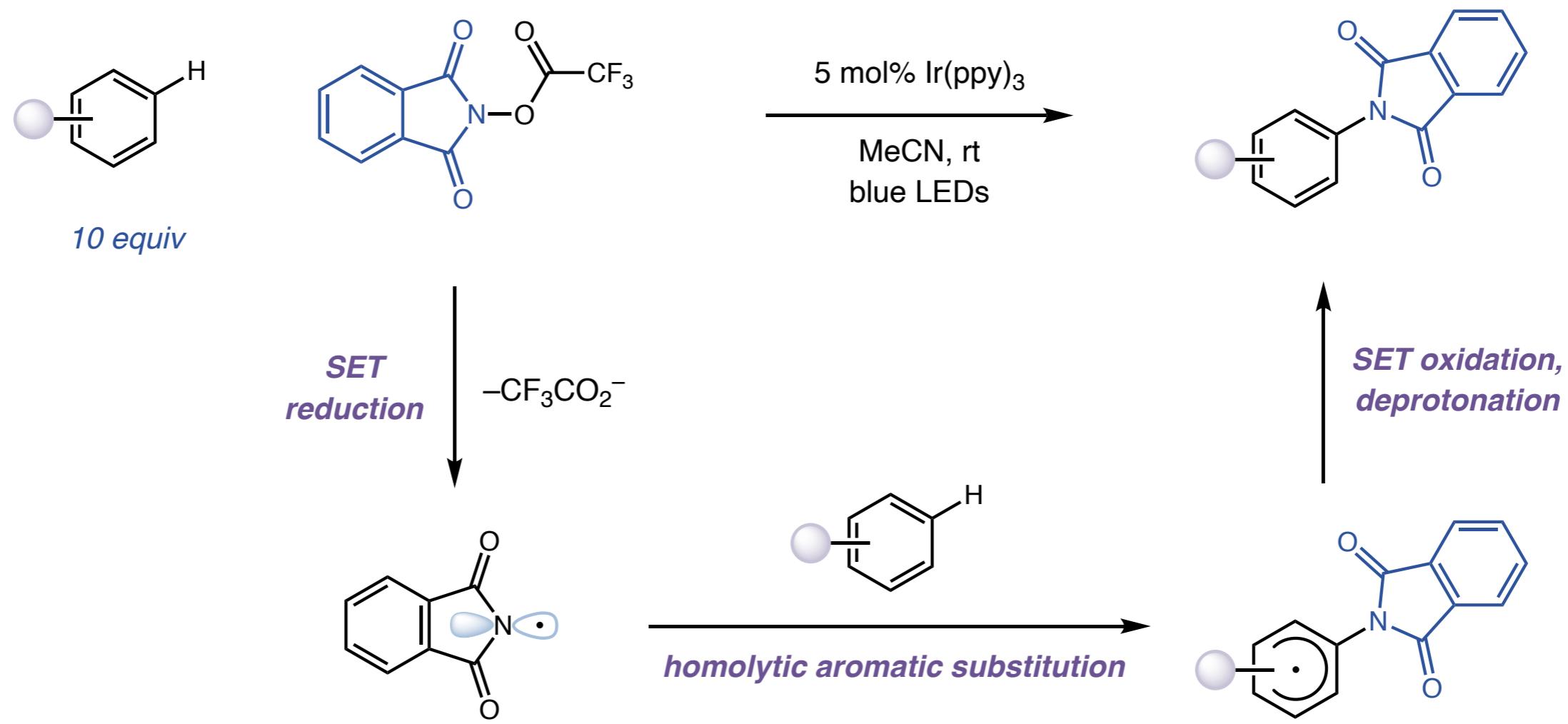
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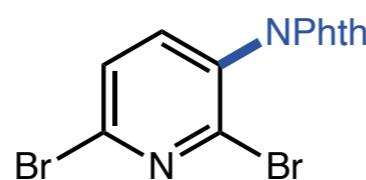
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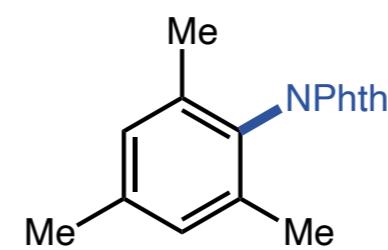
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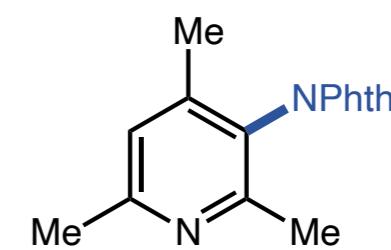
45% yield



32% yield



89% yield

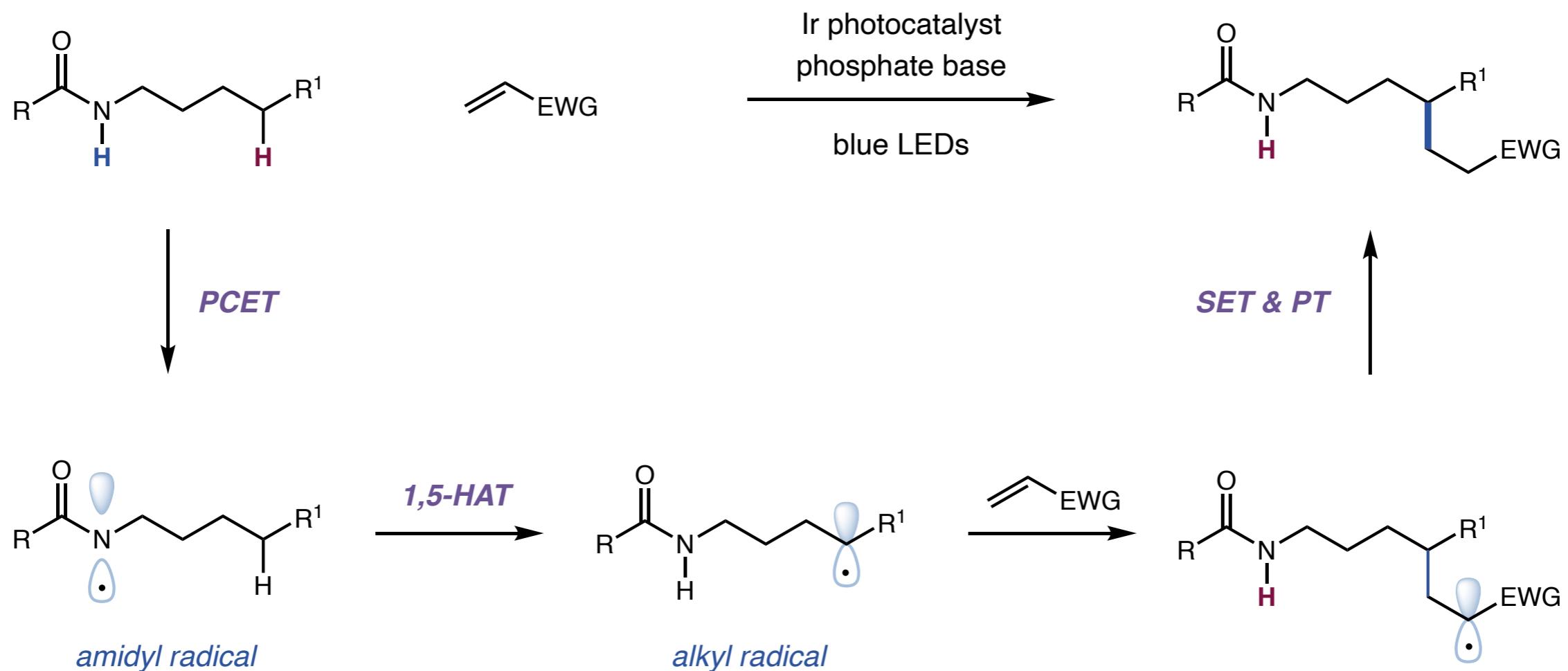
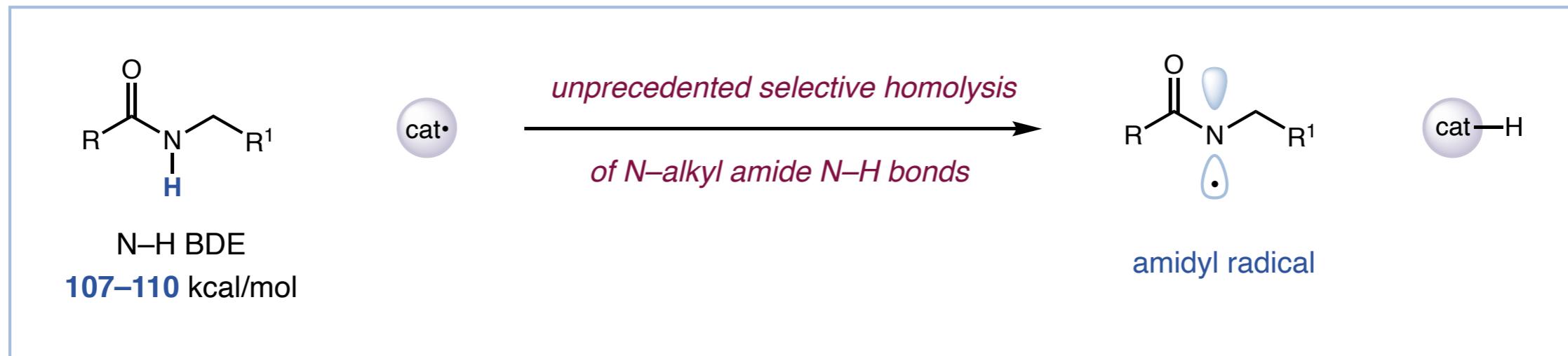


66% yield

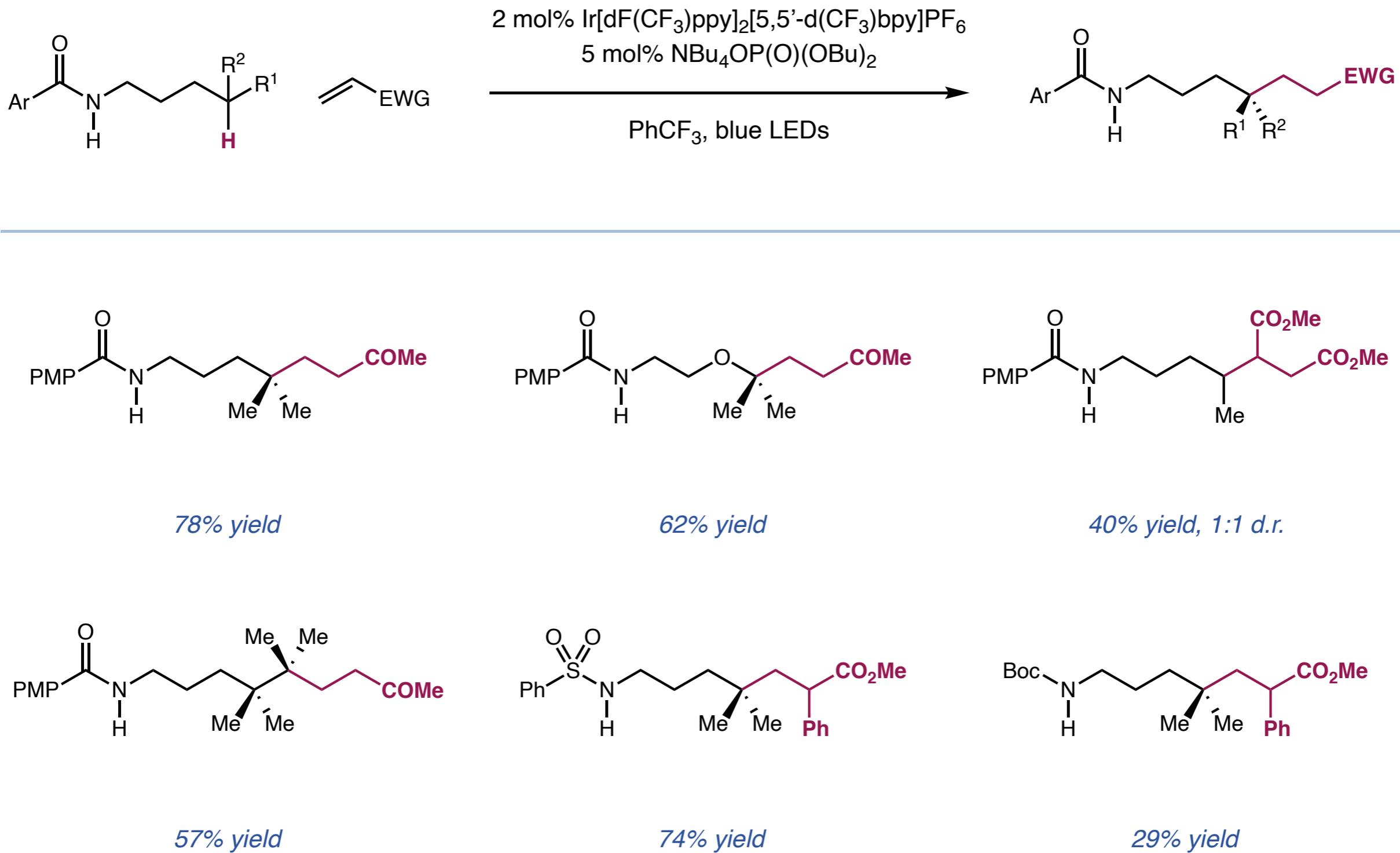
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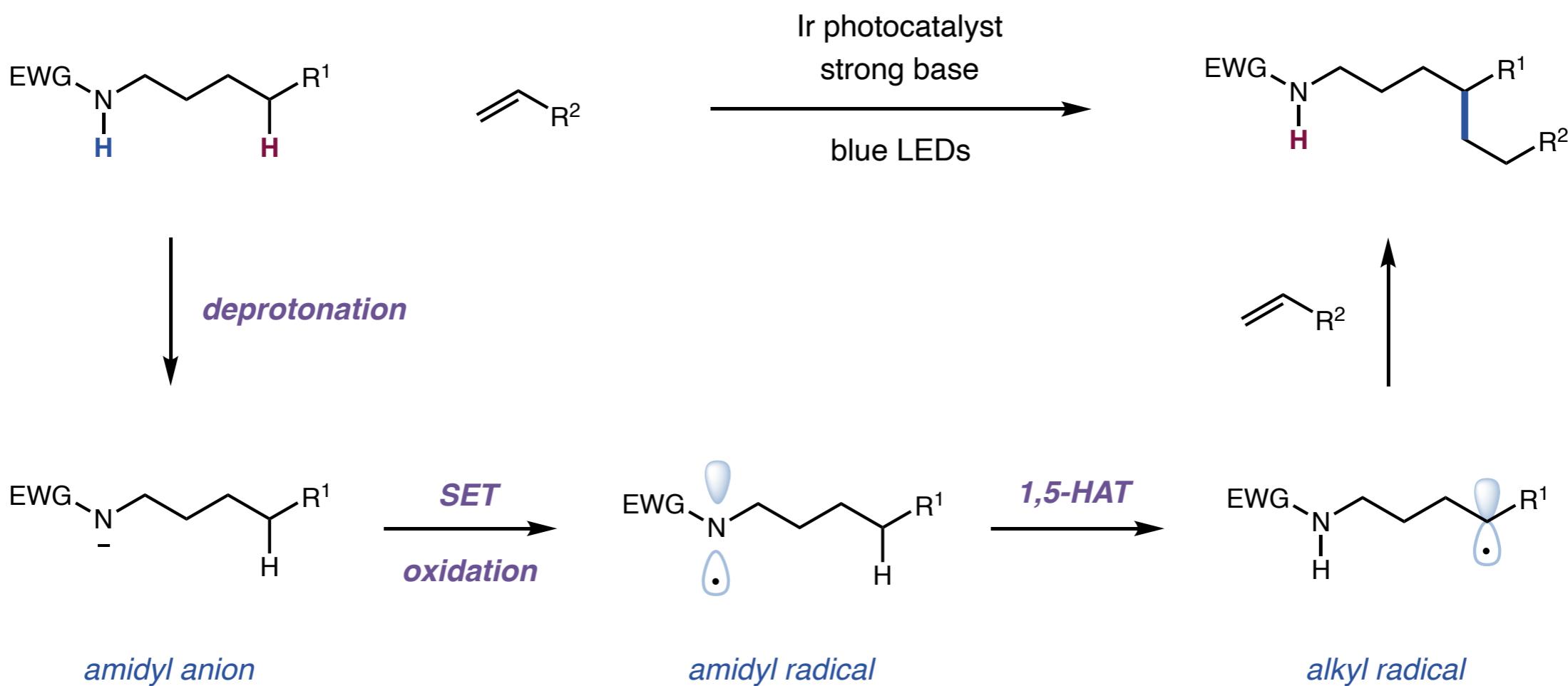
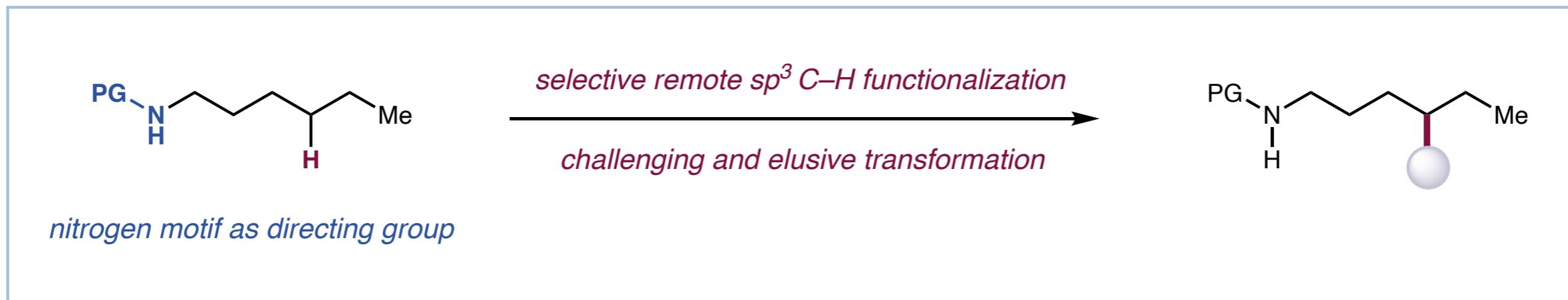
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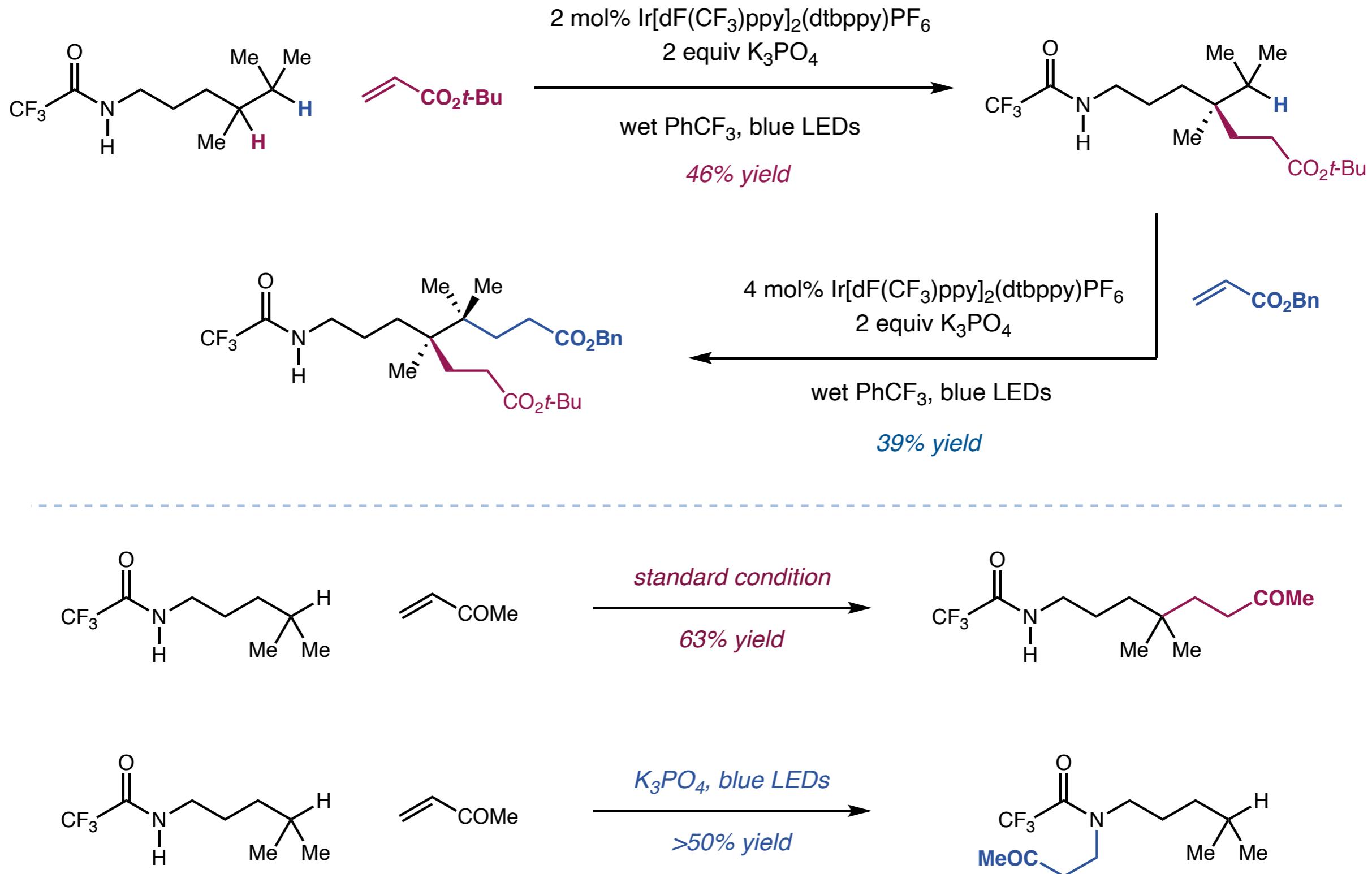
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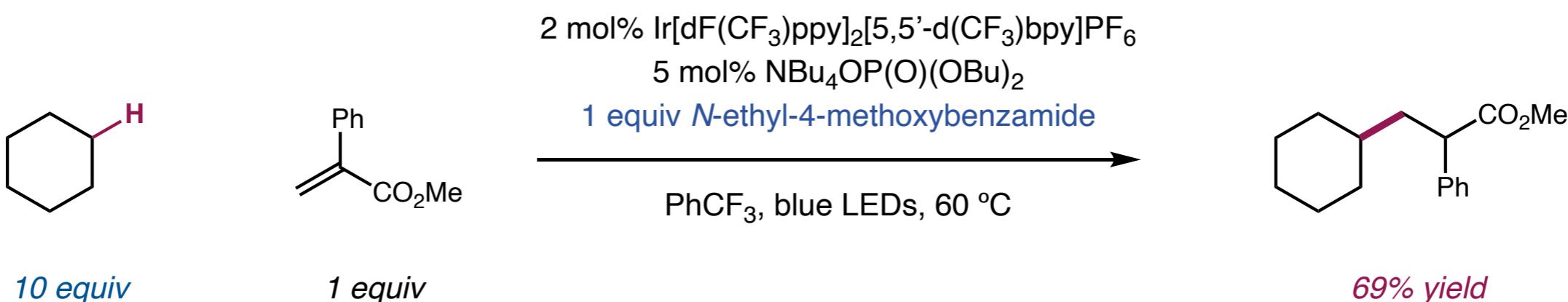
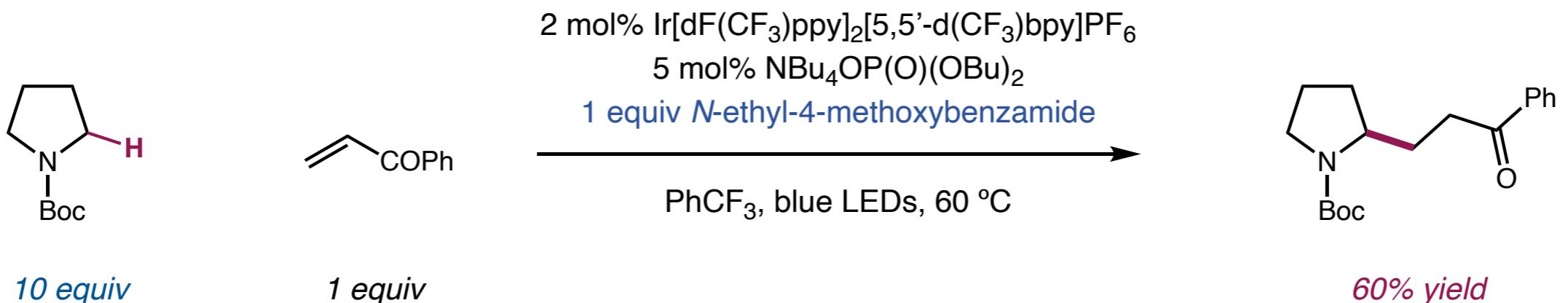
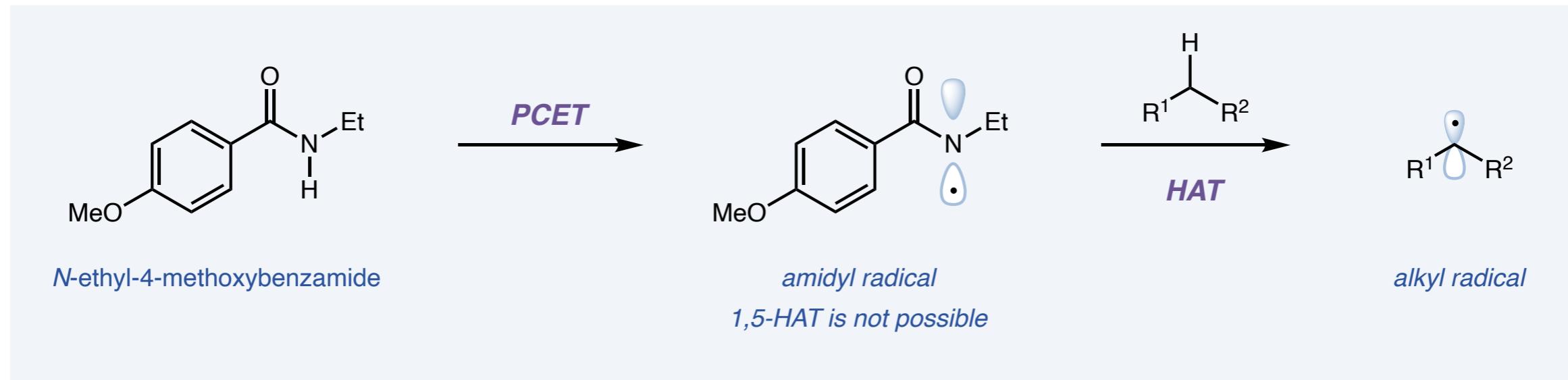
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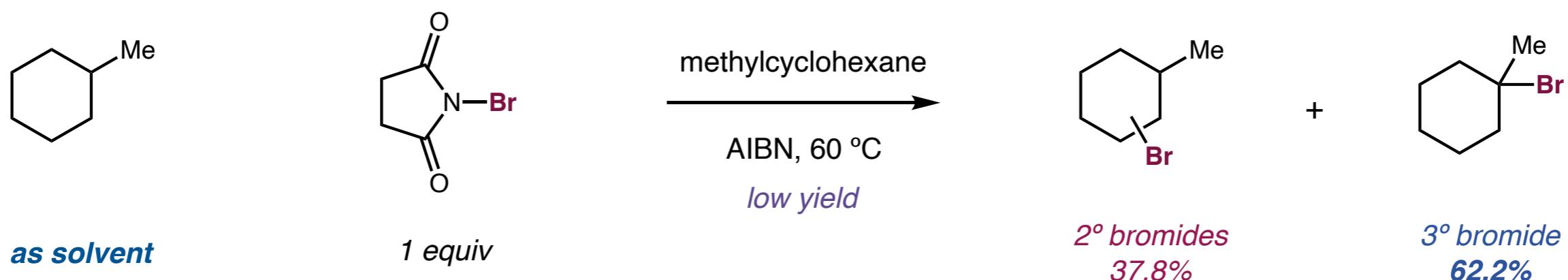
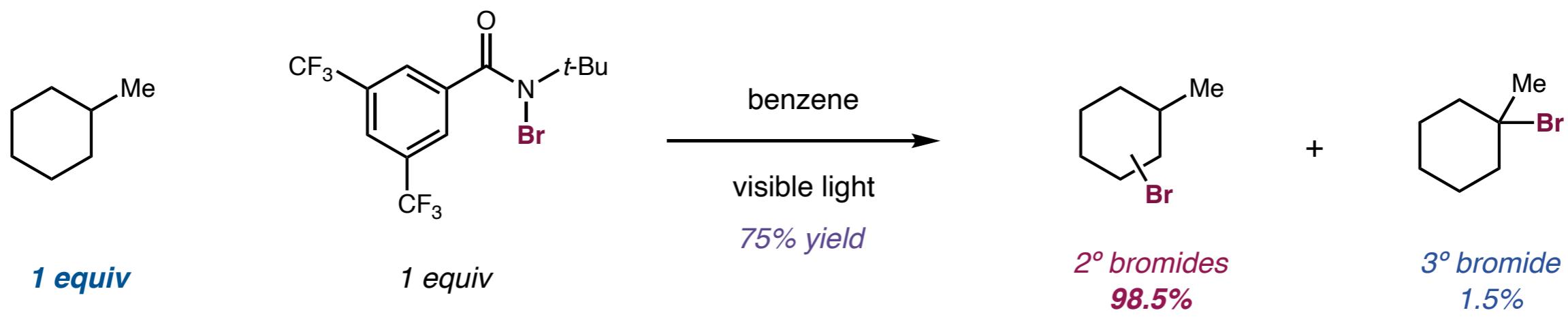
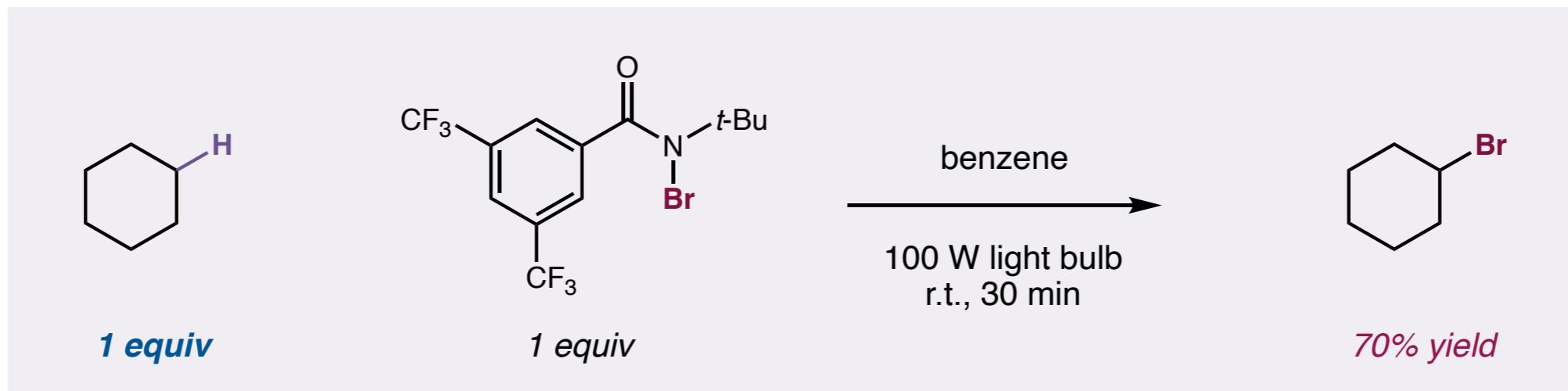
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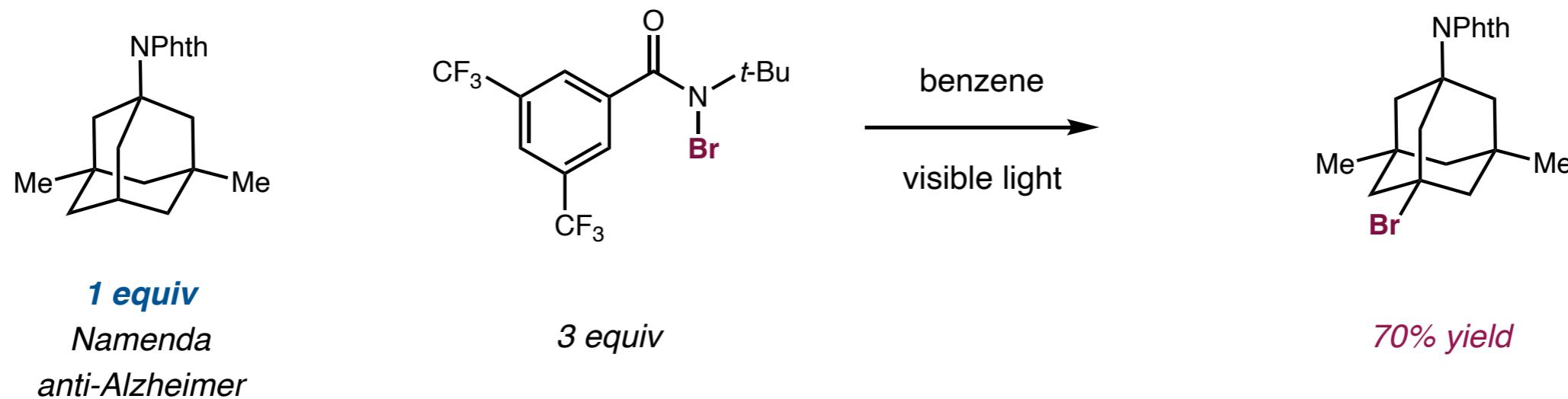
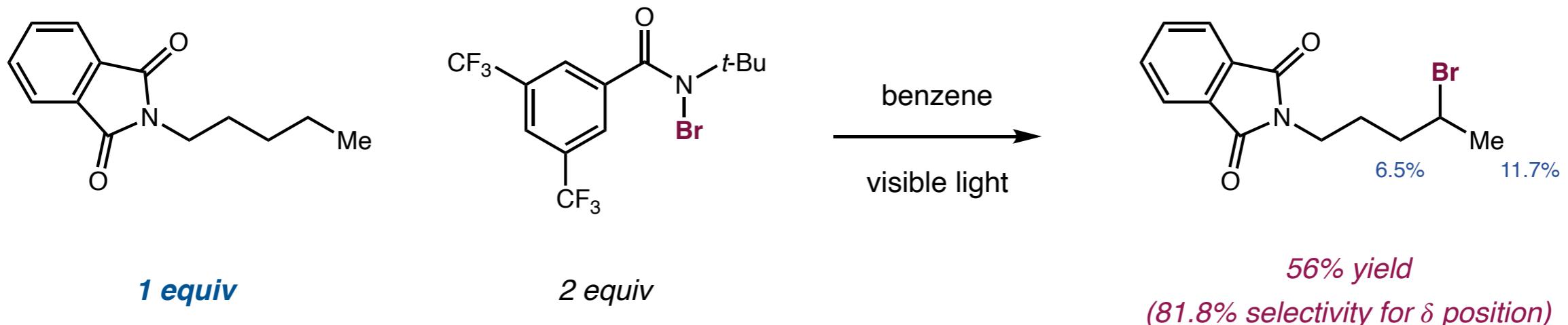
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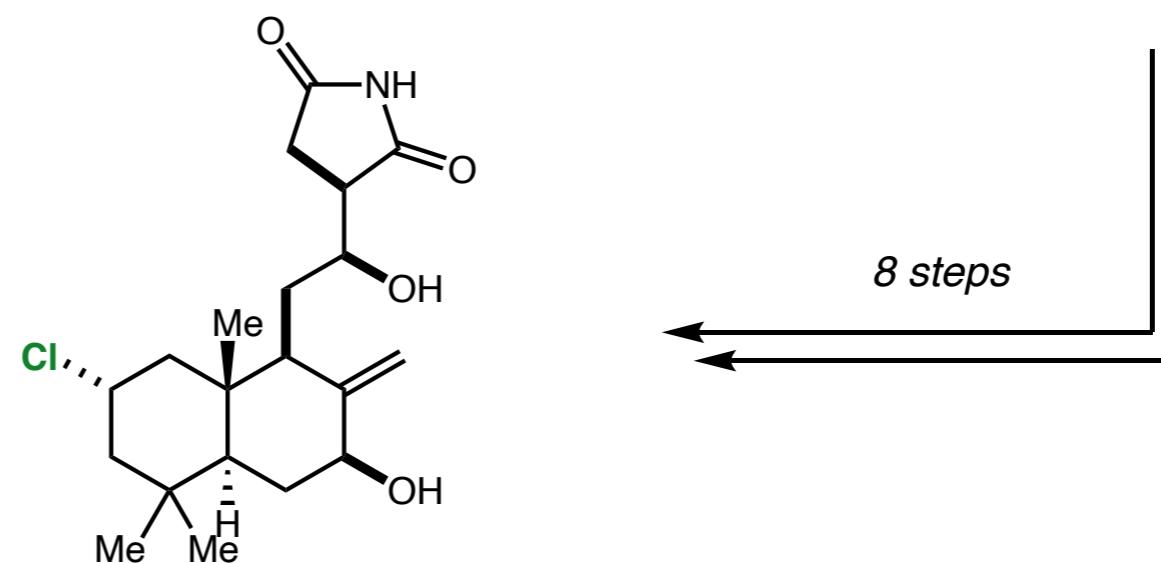
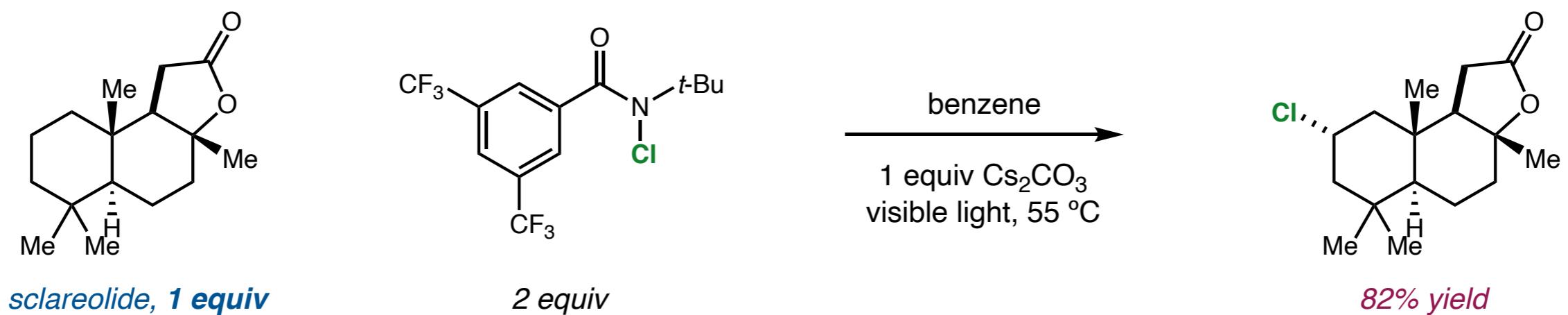
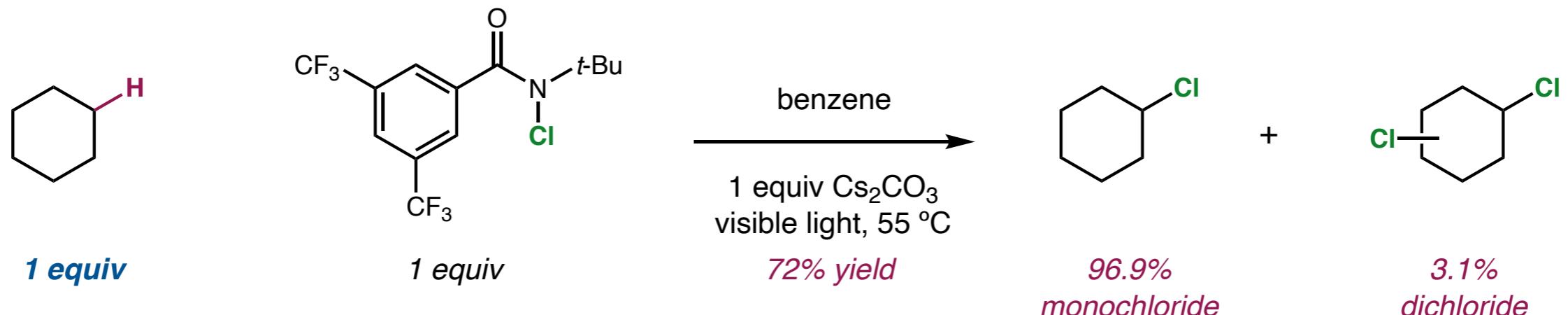


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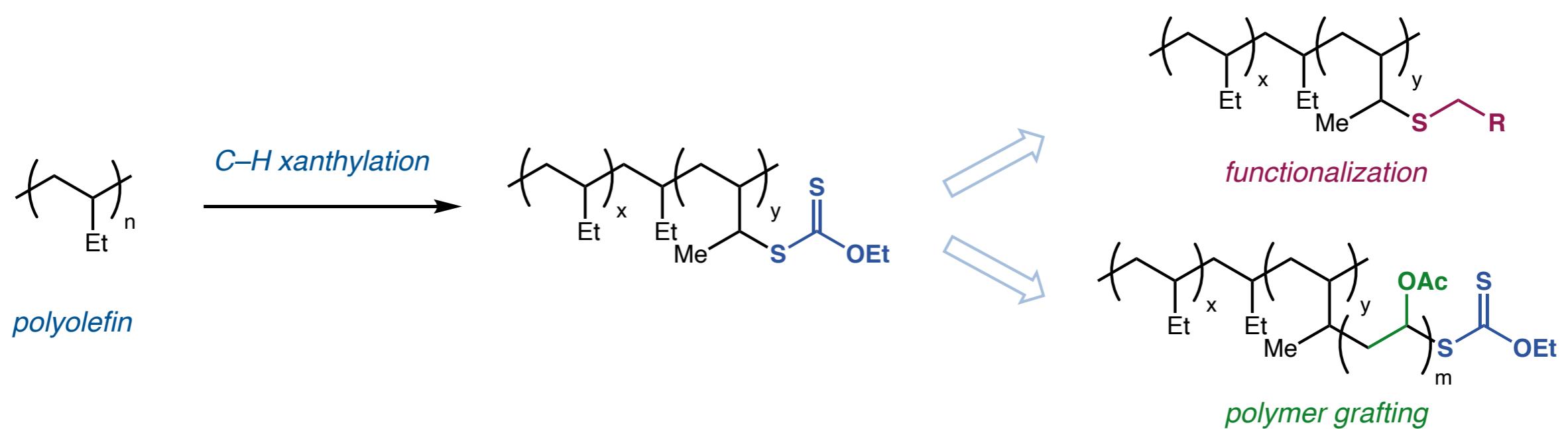
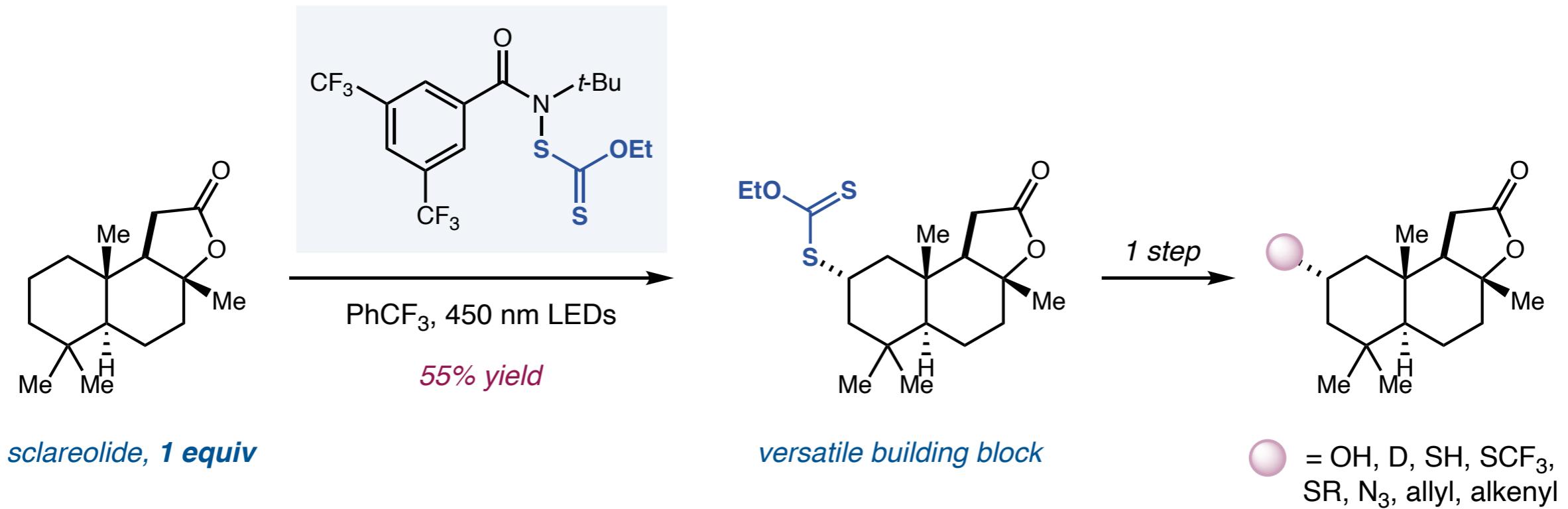


**1 equiv**  
Namenda  
anti-Alzheimer

## Amidyl Radical as HAT Reagent: C–H Chlorination



# Amidyl Radical as HAT Reagent: C–H Xanthylation



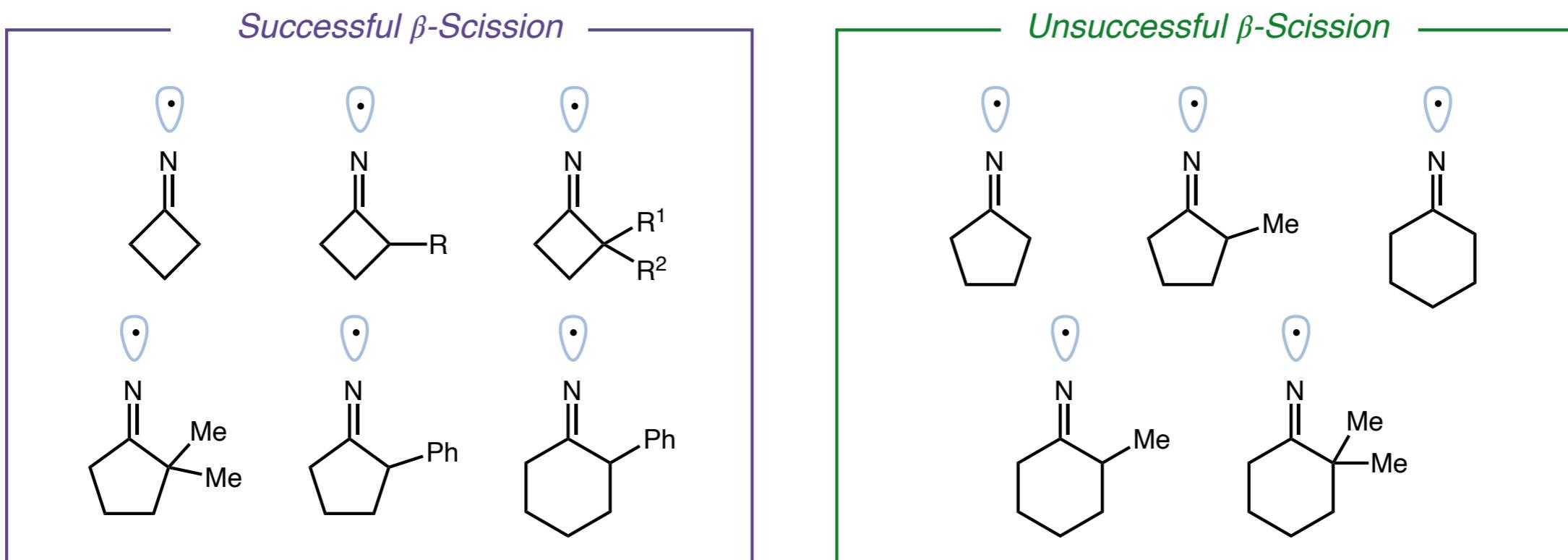
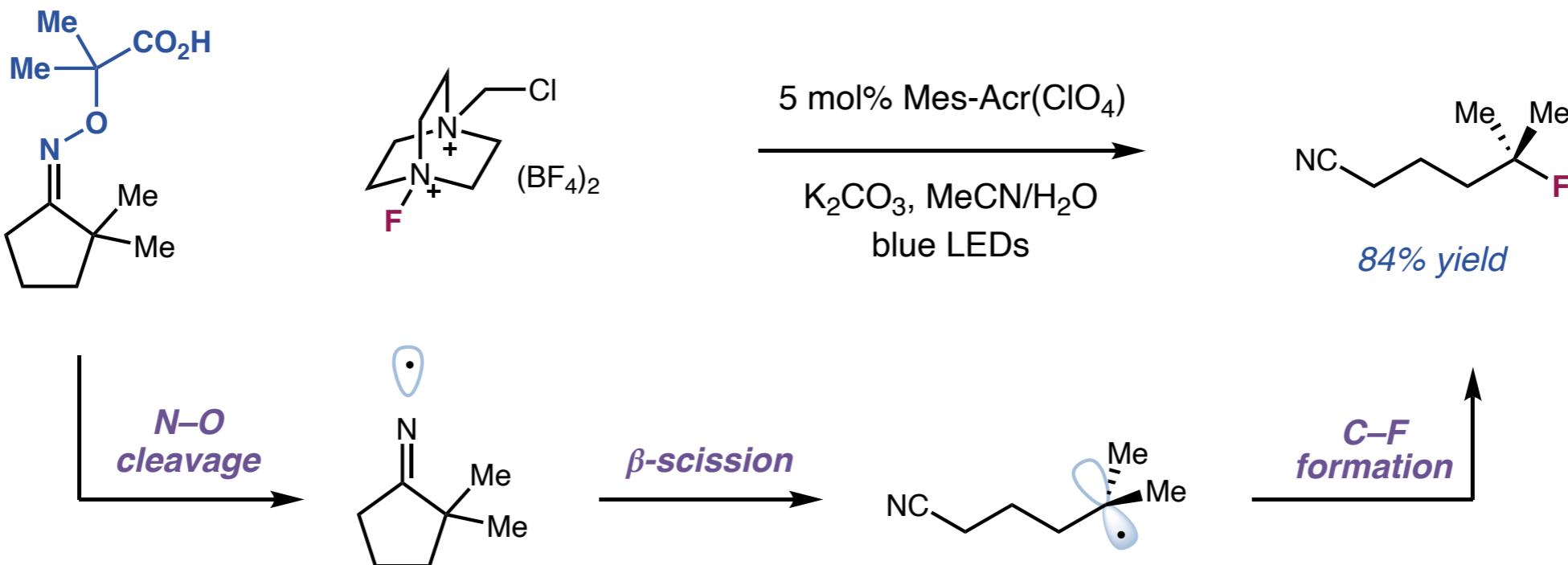
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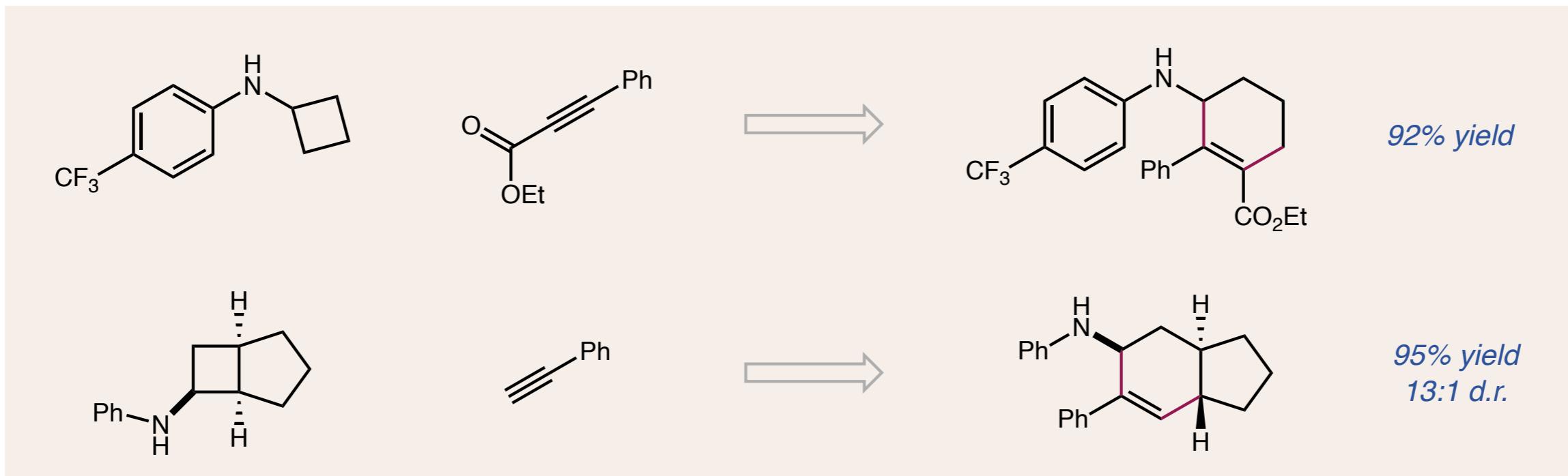
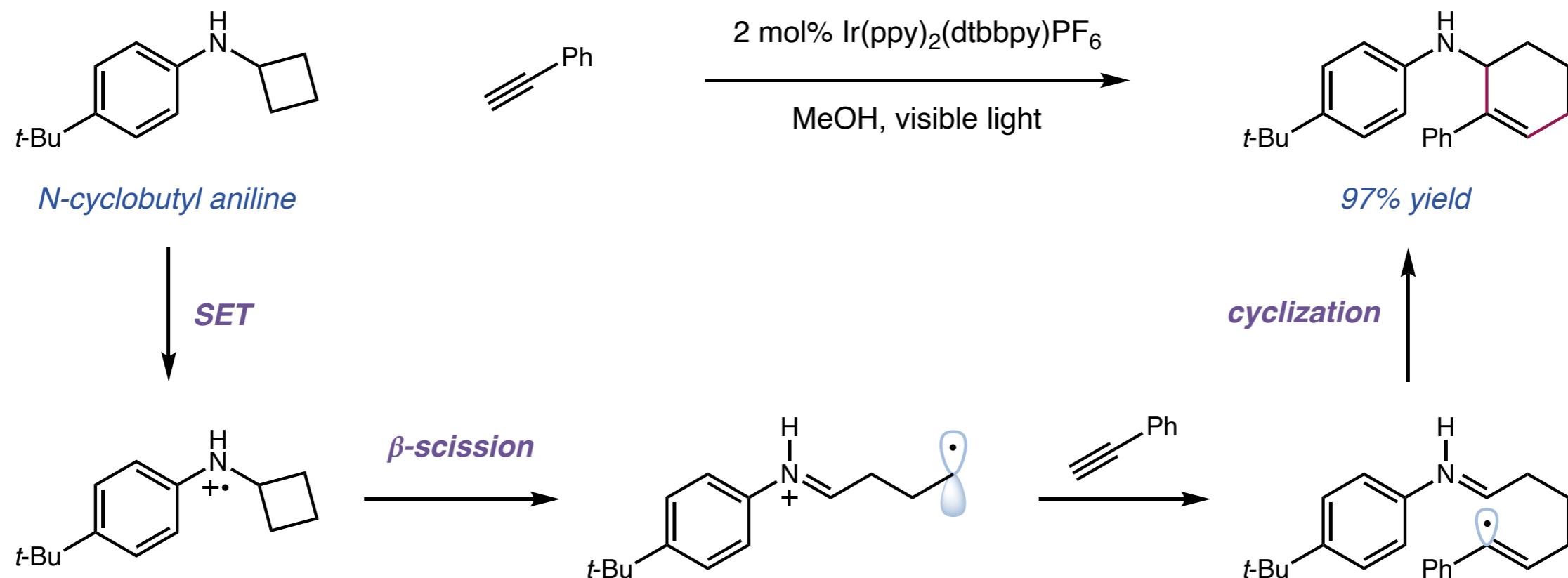
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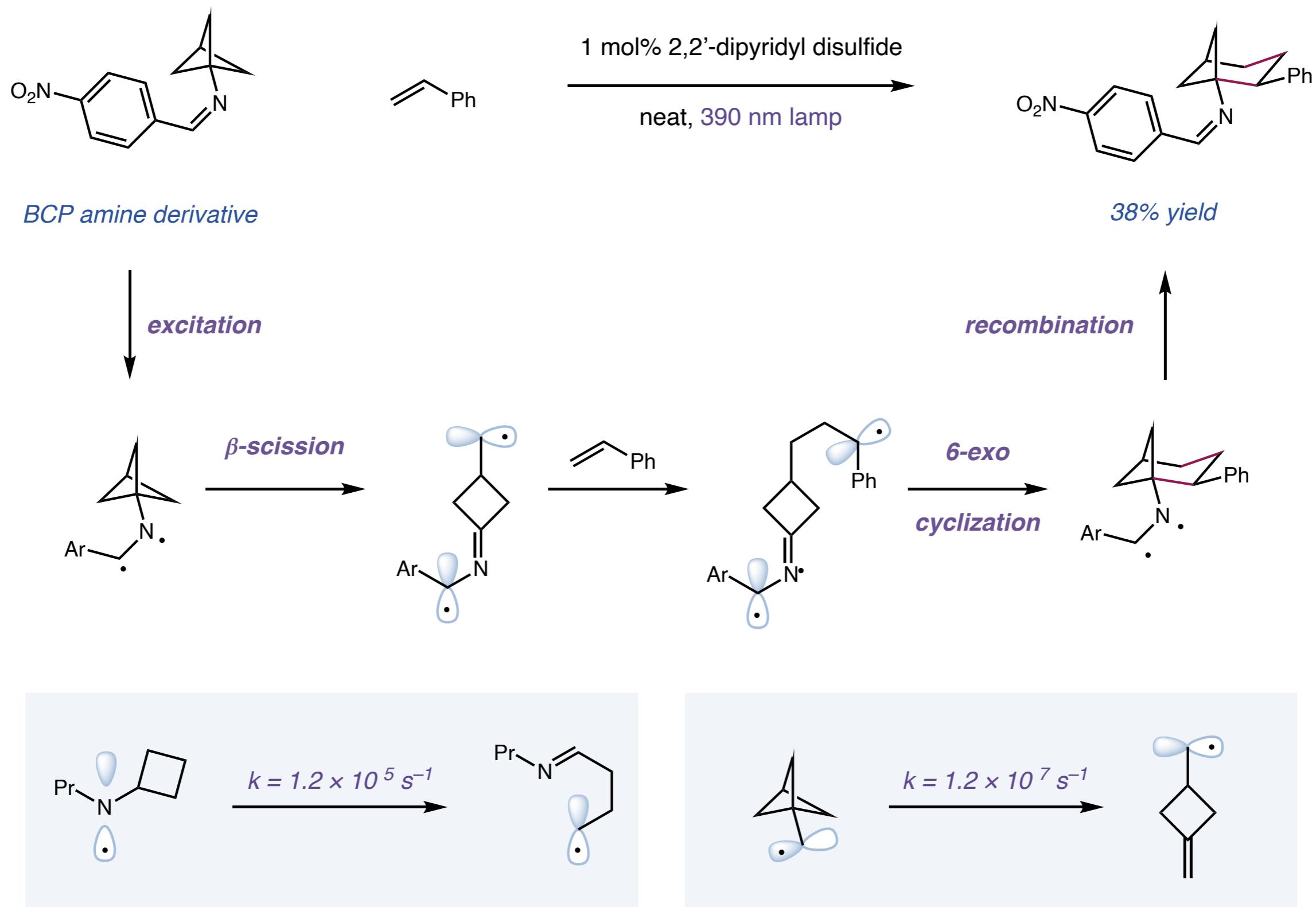
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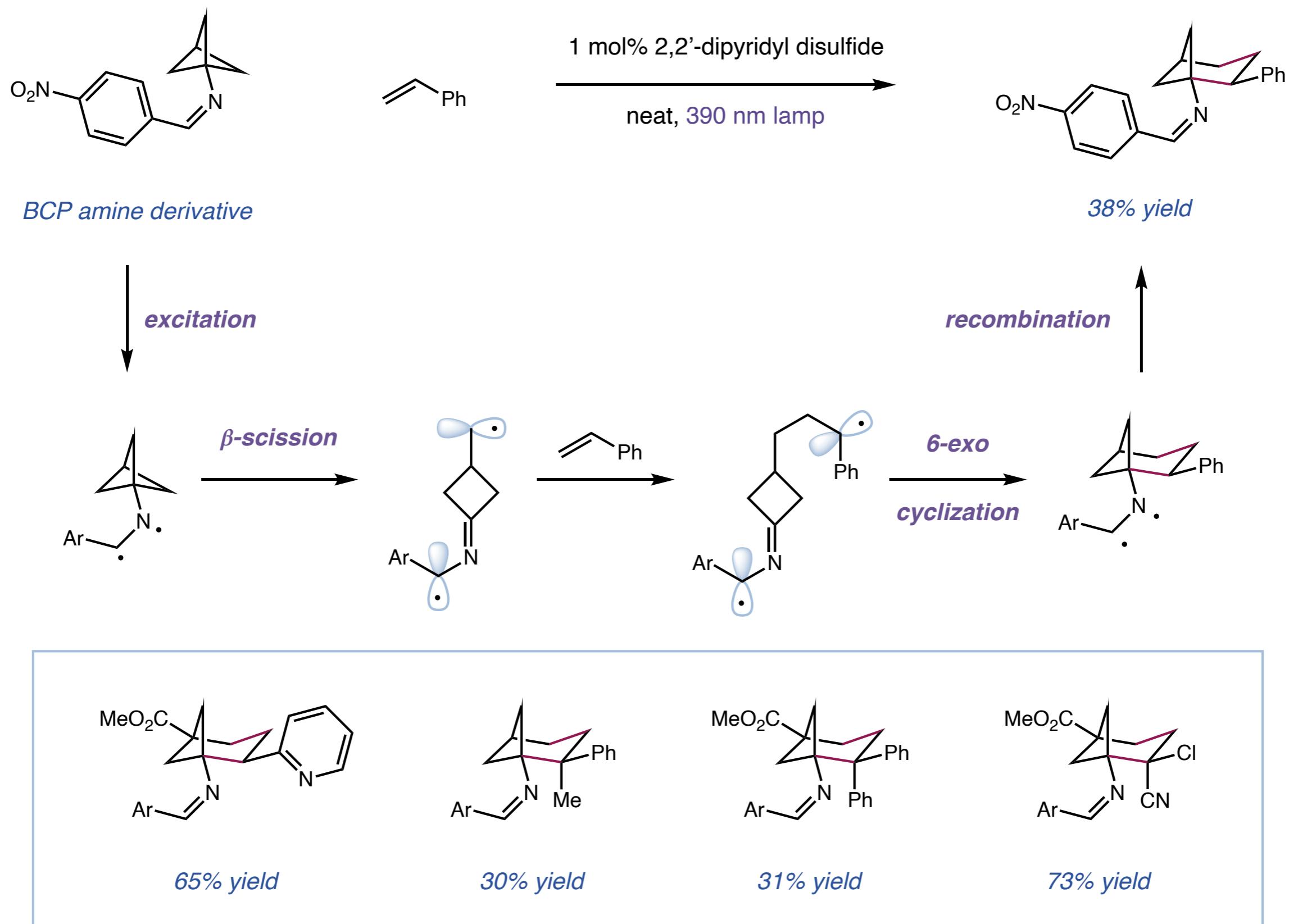
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