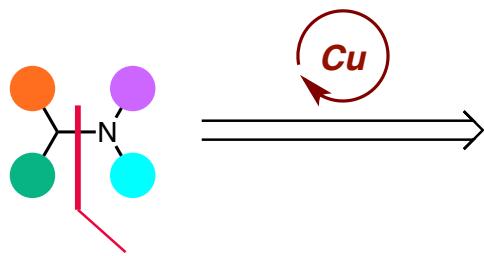


# ***Construction C(sp<sup>3</sup>)–N Bonds with Copper Catalysis***



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## $C(sp^2)$ -N Bond Formation

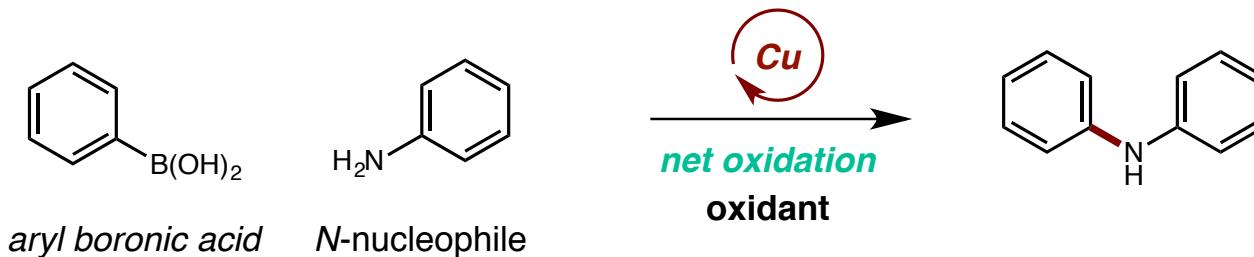
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### ■ Ullman coupling



### ■ Chan-Evans-Lam coupling

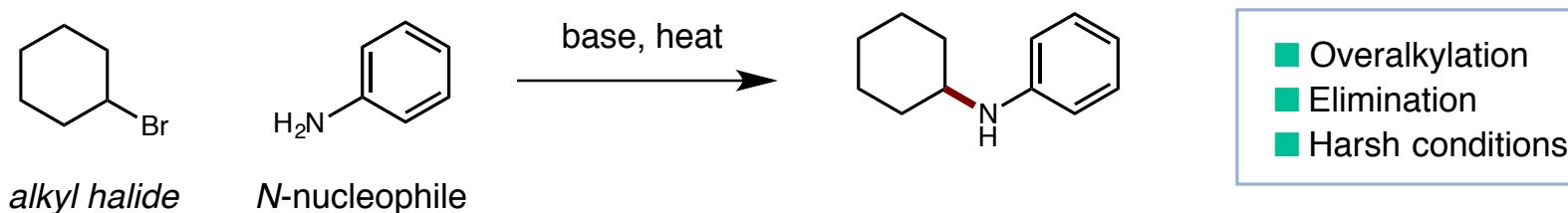


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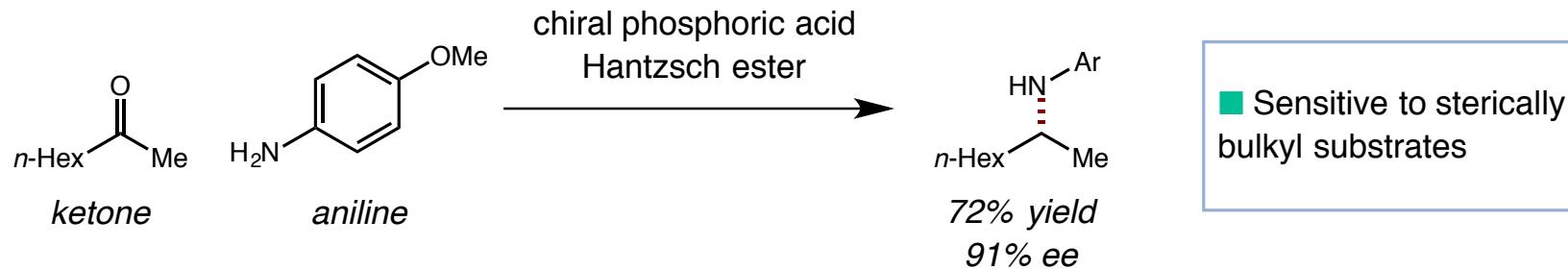
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## $C(sp^3)$ -N Bond Formation: Other Classic Methods

### ■ Nucleophilic substitution



### ■ Reductive amination

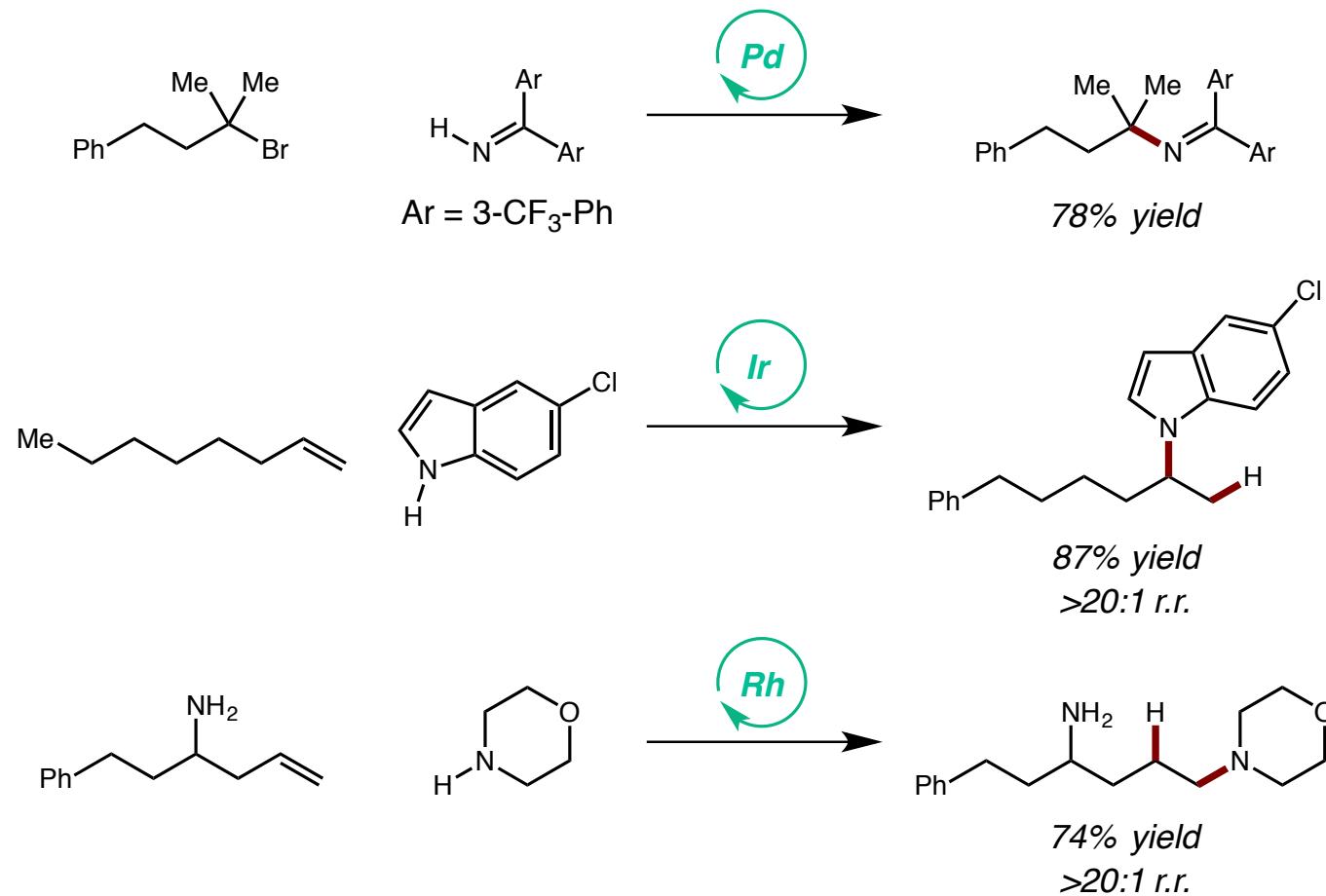


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# *C(sp<sup>3</sup>)–N Bond Formation: Transition-Metal Other than Copper*

## ■ Other transition-metal catalysts



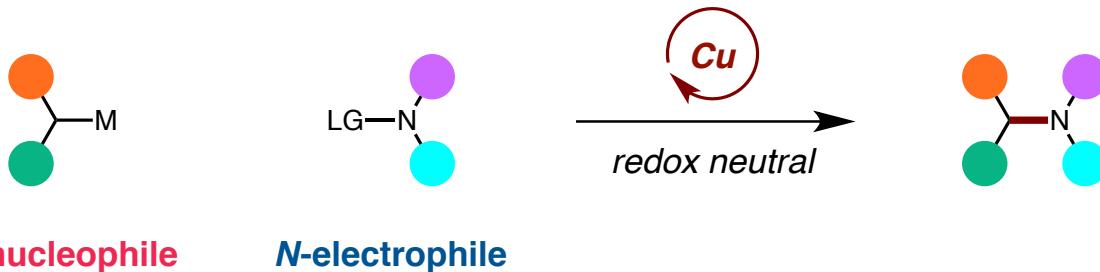
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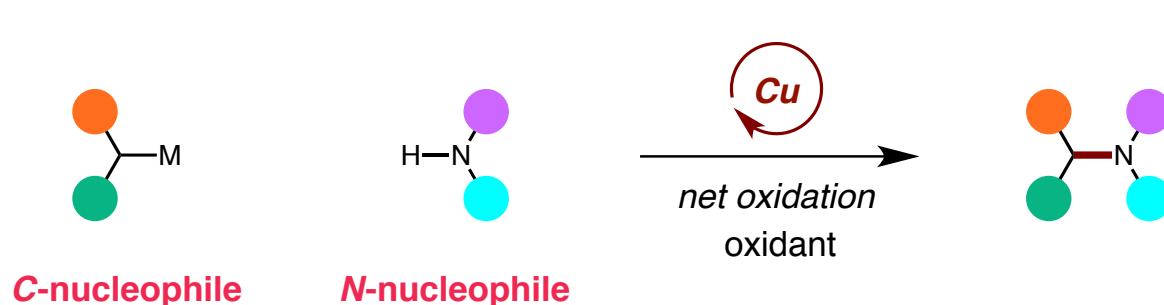
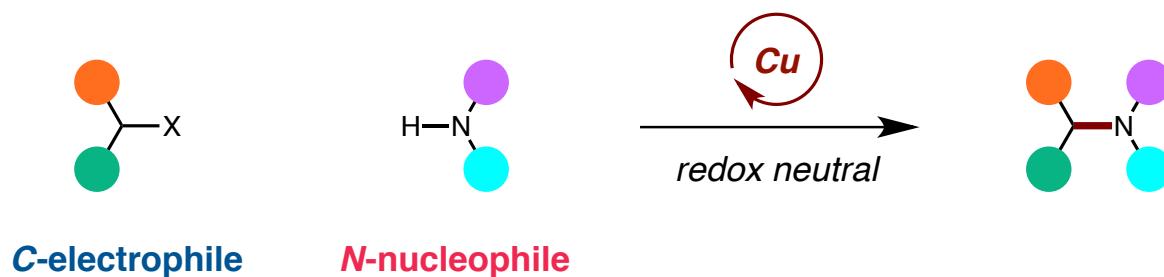
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## *Outline*

### ■ N-electrophiles

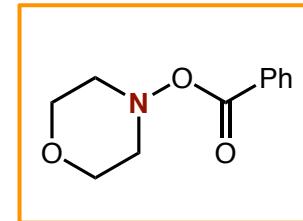
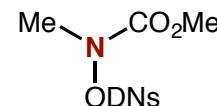
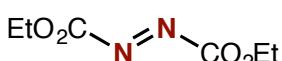
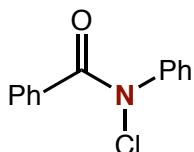
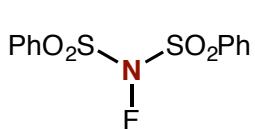


### ■ N-nucleophiles

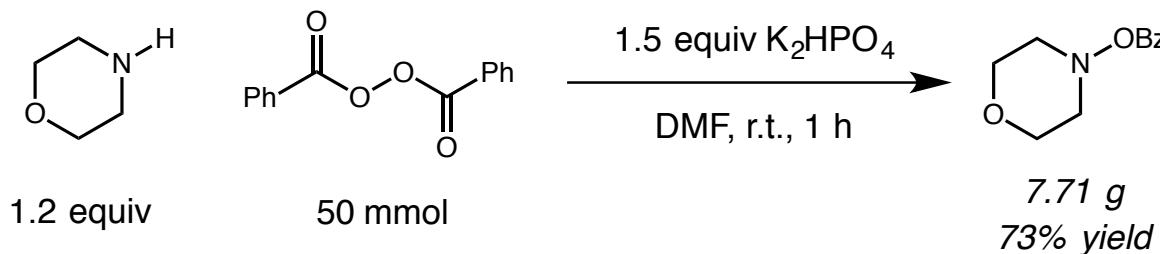


# *Electrophilic Aminating Reagents*

## ■ Commonly used *N*-electrophiles



## ■ *O*-Benzoyl Hydroxylamines



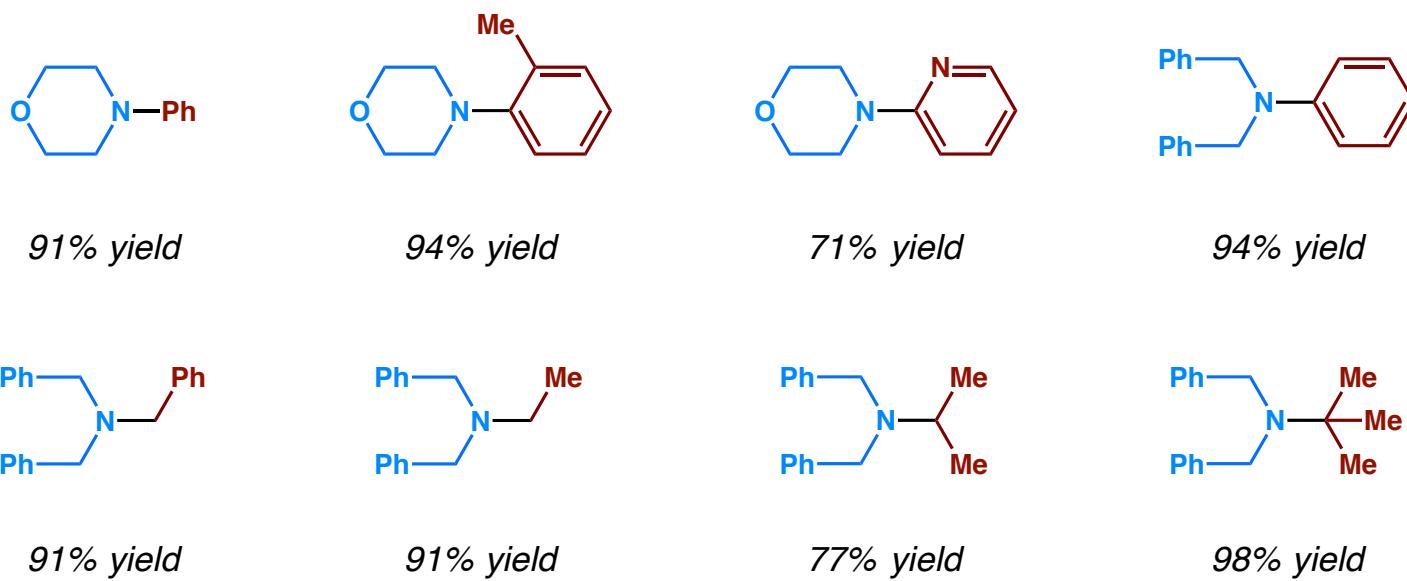
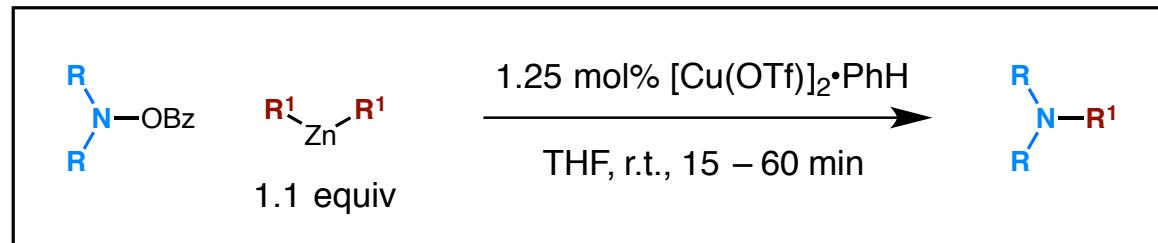
- Applicable to 1° and 2° amines
- Hindered substrates also work (such as (i-Pr)<sub>2</sub>NH)
- Bench stable compound, can be purified via chromatography
- Not applicable to certain *N*-heterocycles

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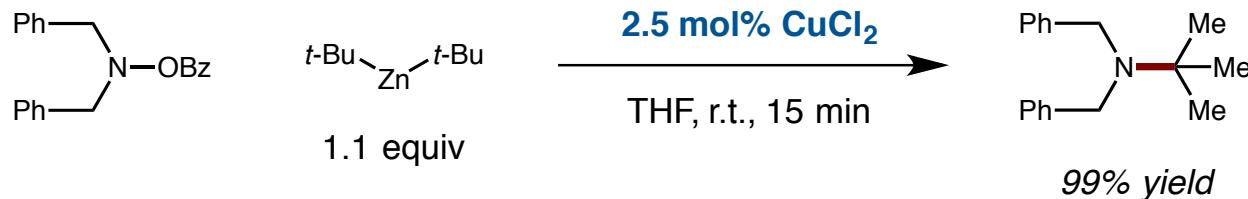
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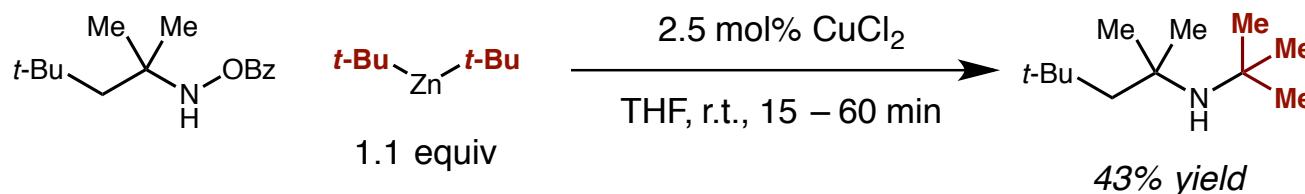


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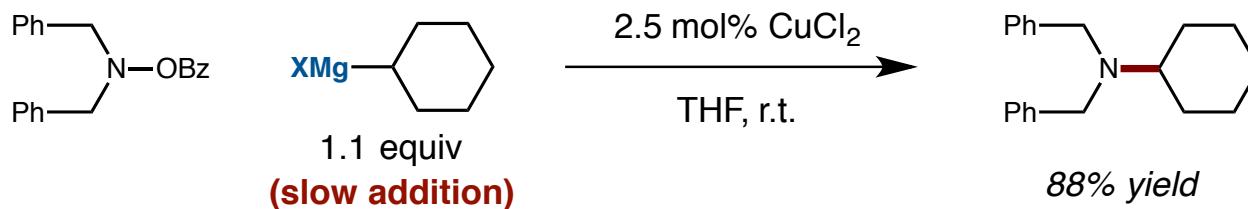
## ■ Employing Cu(II) catalyst



## ■ Primary amine N-OBz derivative



## ■ Grignard reagents as nucleophiles

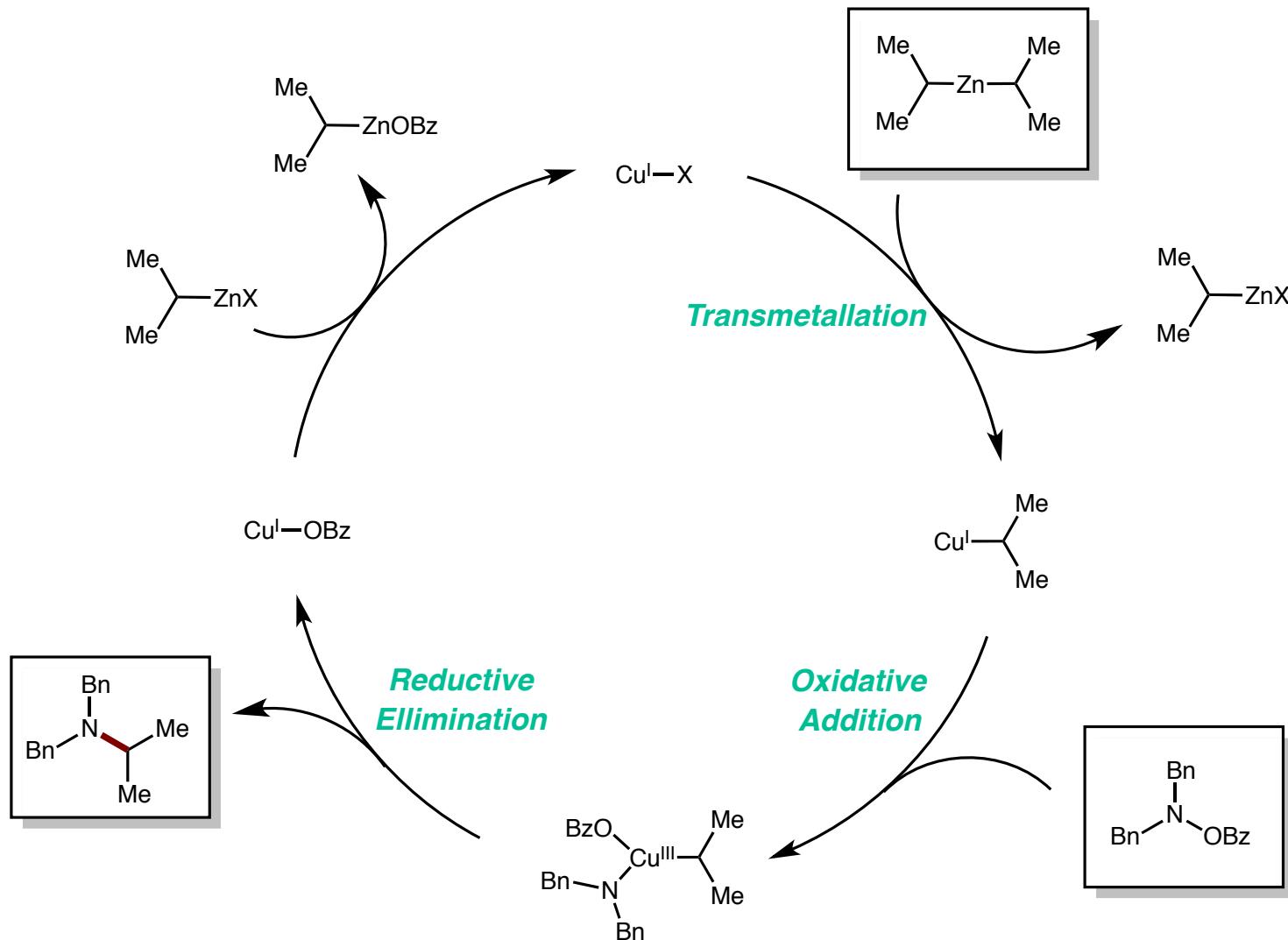


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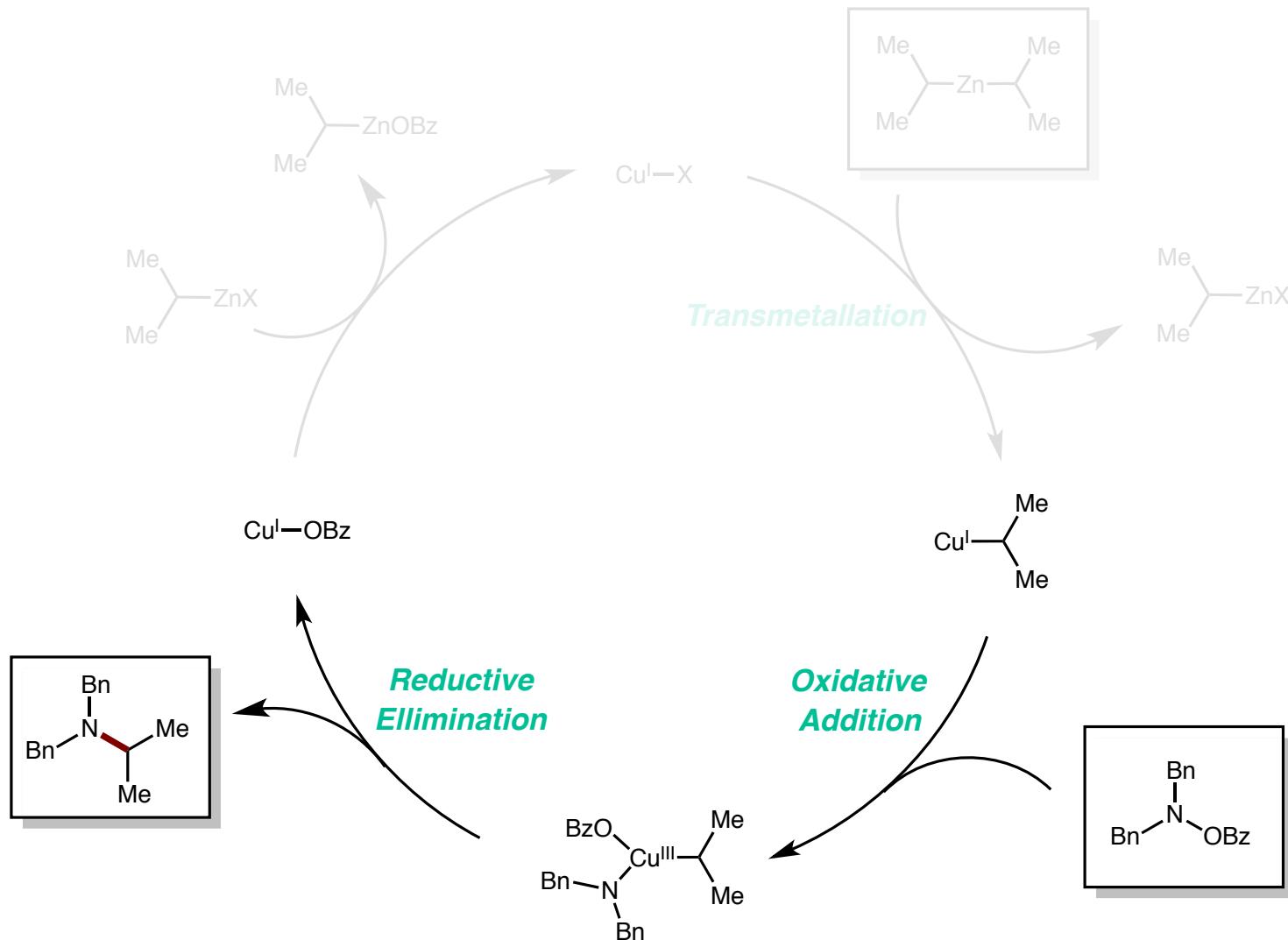
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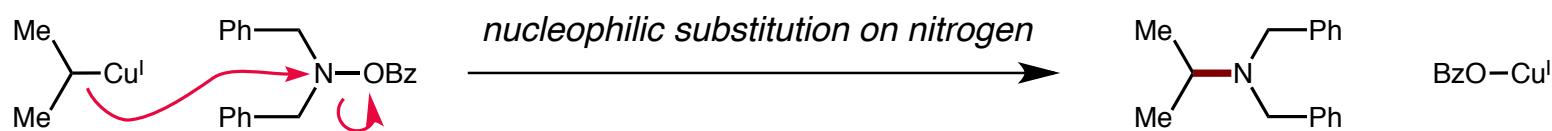
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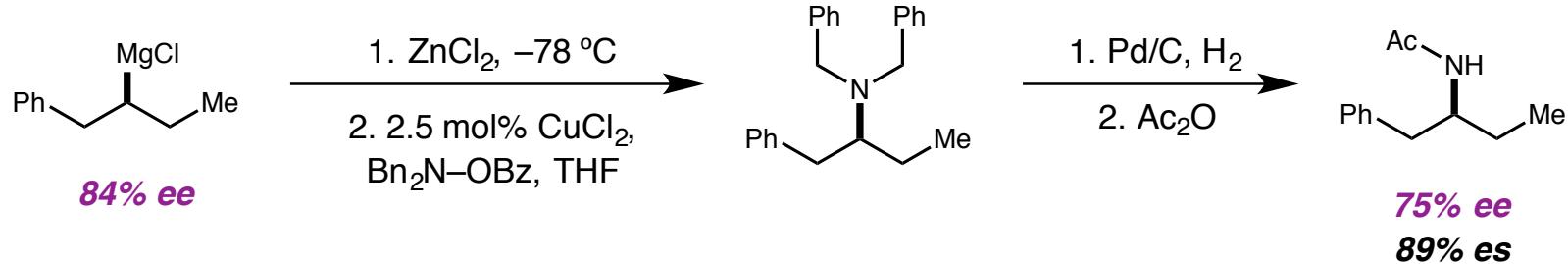


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### An alternative C–N formation mechanism



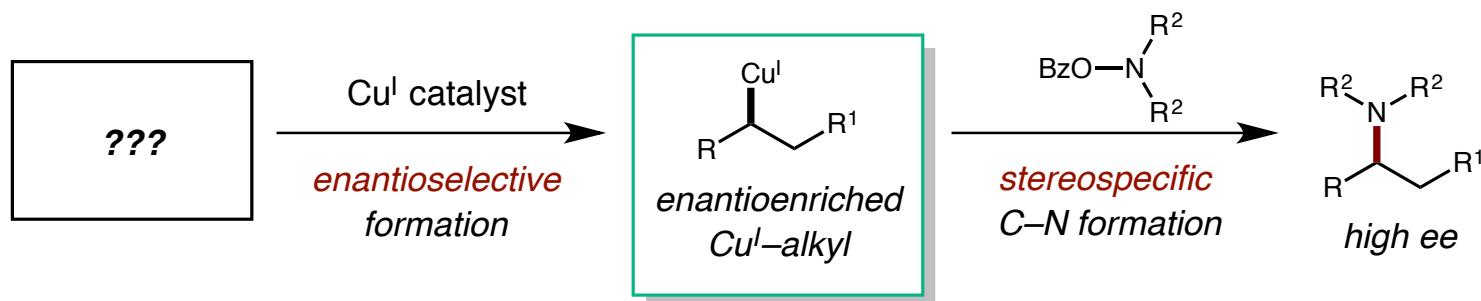
### Stereospecific C–N formation step



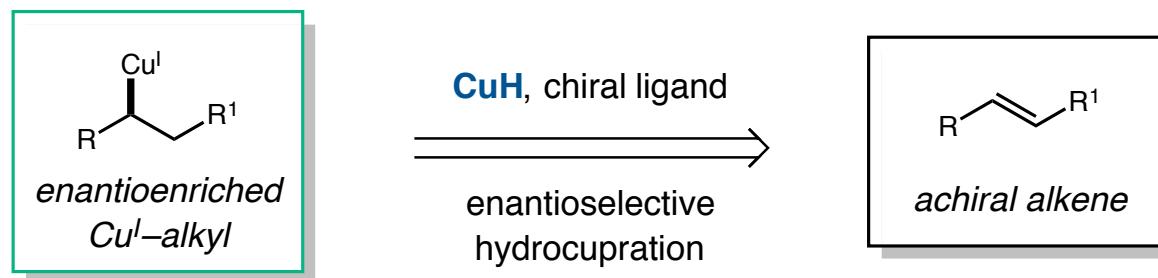
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## ■ Enantioselective C–N formation

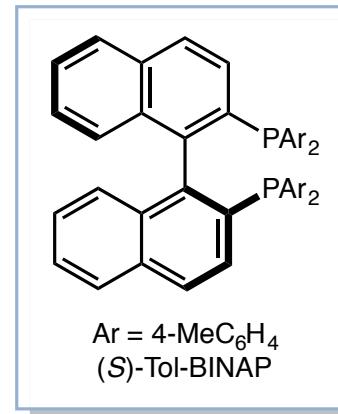
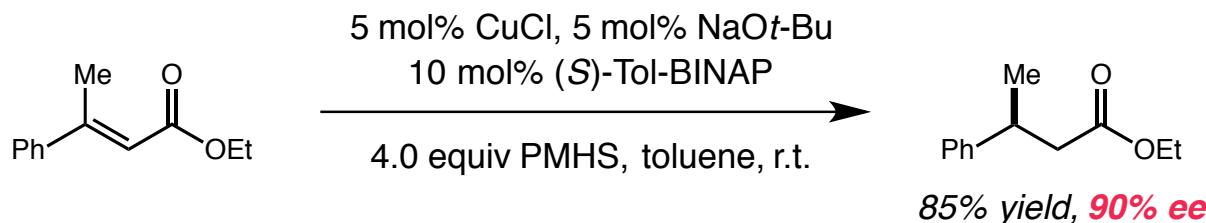


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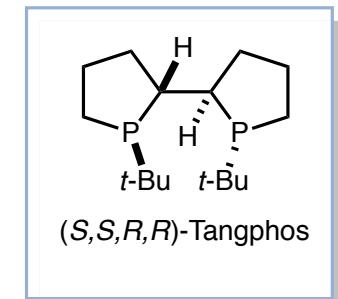
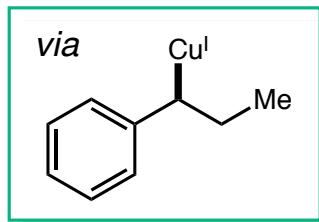
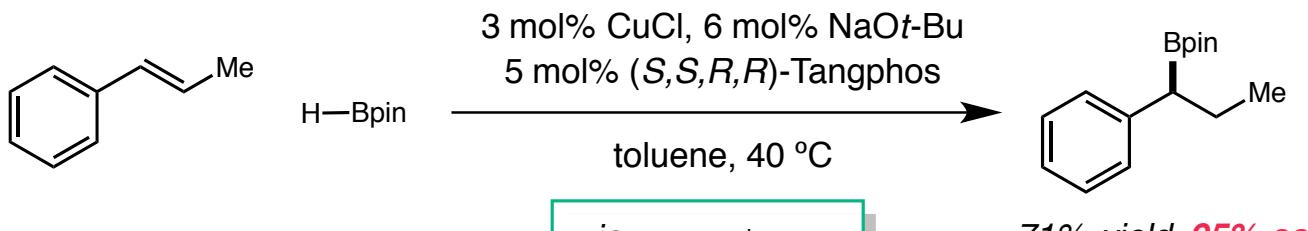


## Copper-Catalyzed C–N Formation Using N-OBz Electrophiles

### ■ Enantioselective CuH-catalyzed hydrocuperation



### ■ Enantioselective Cu-catalyzed hydroboration

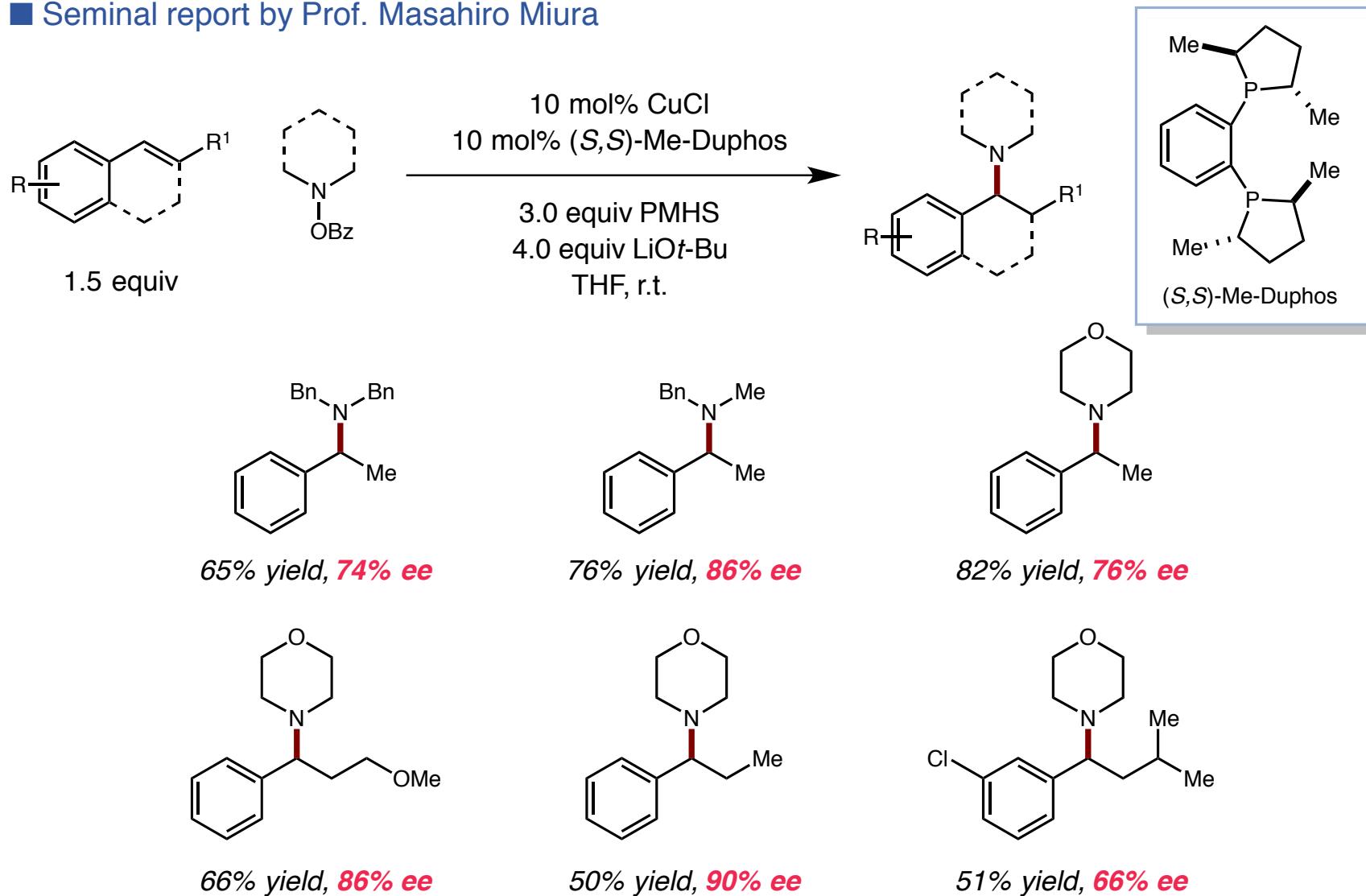


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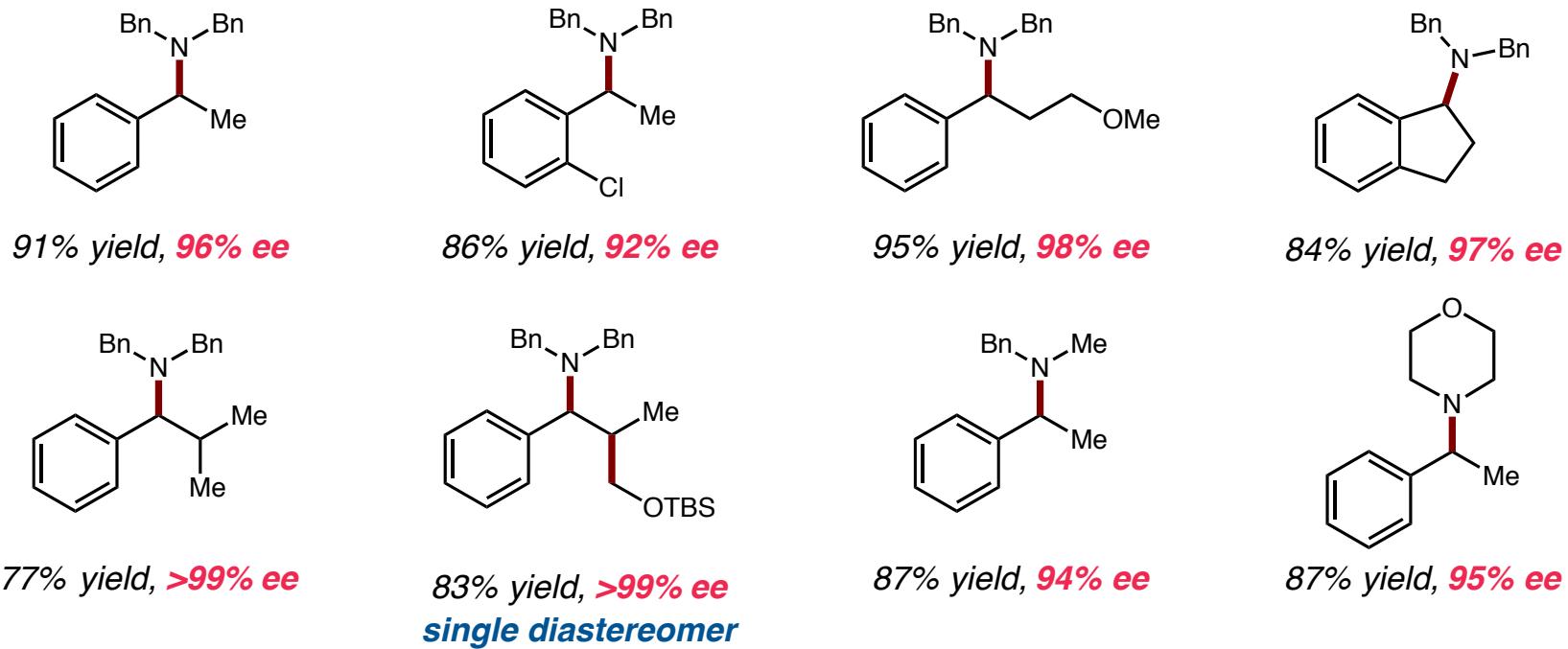
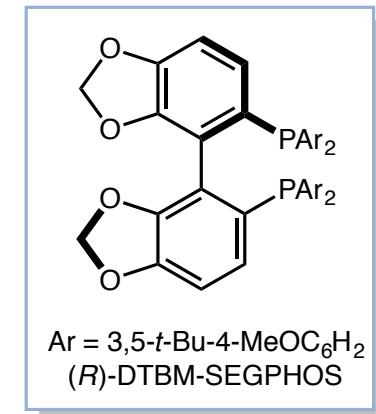
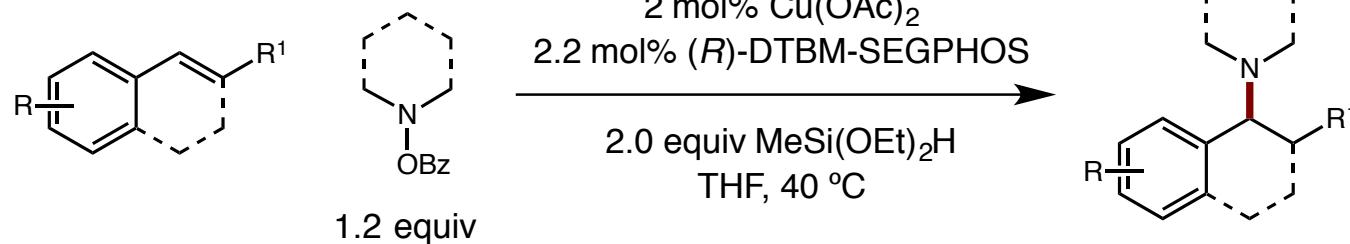
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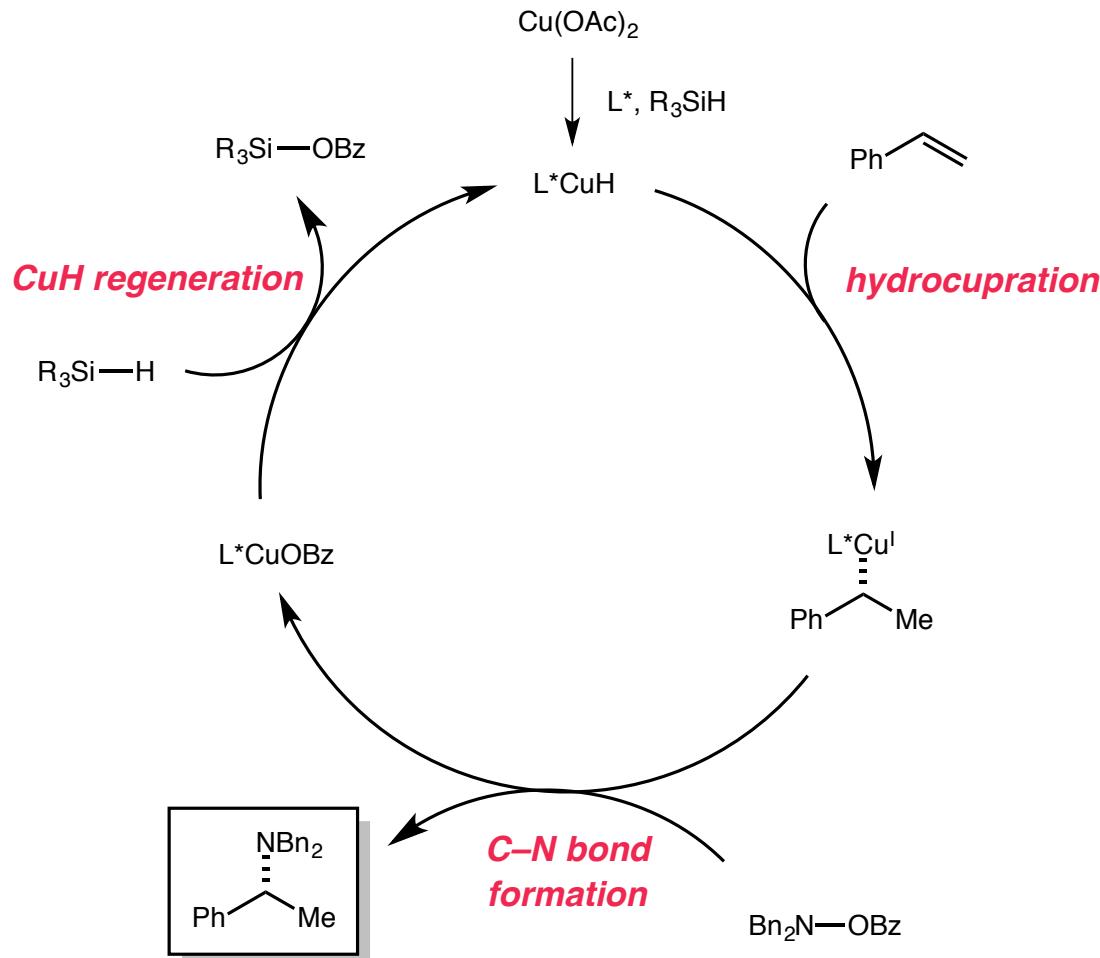
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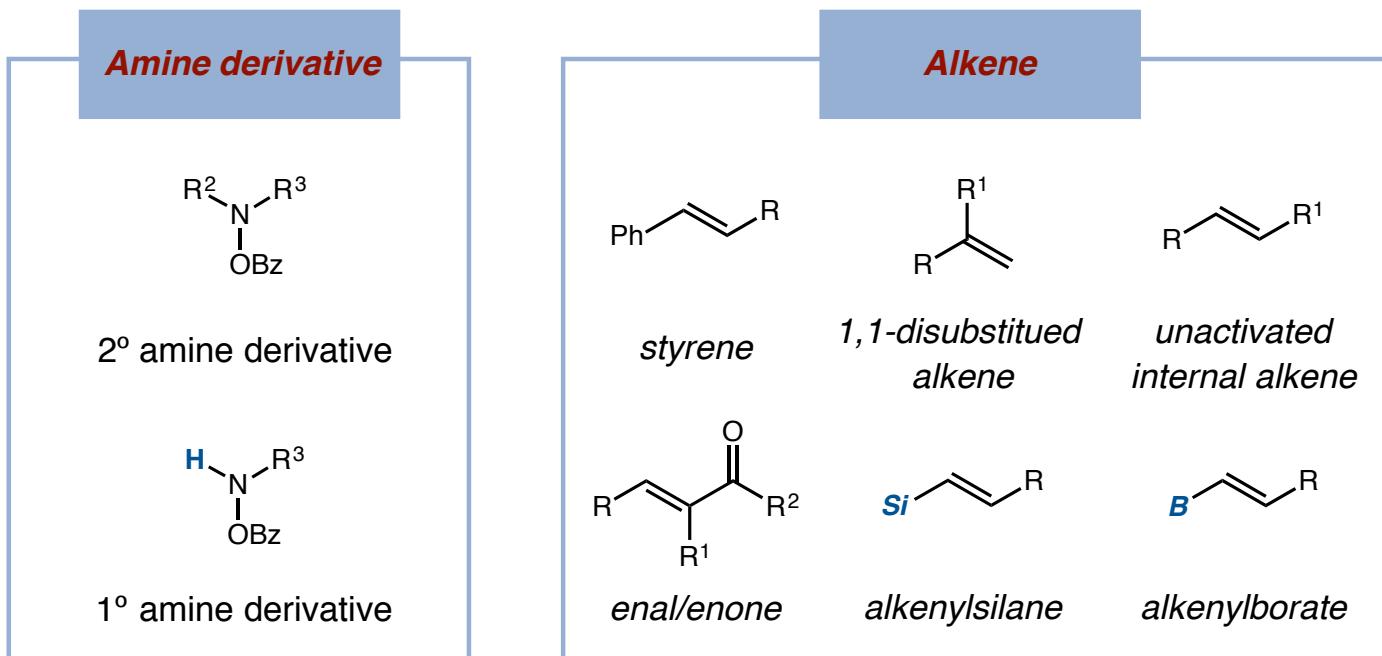
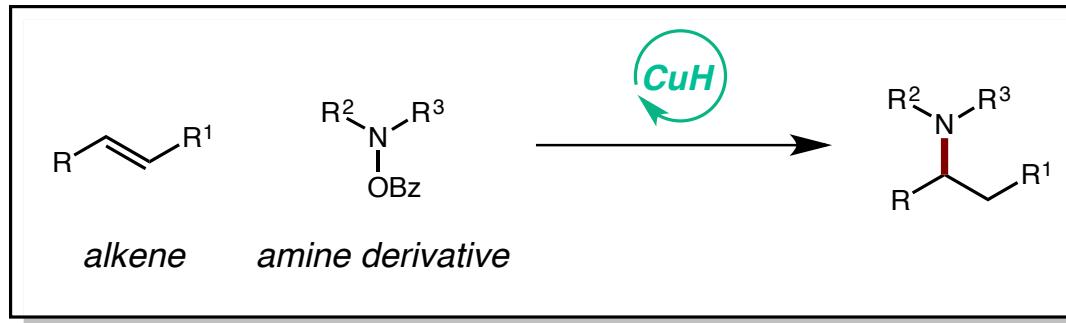


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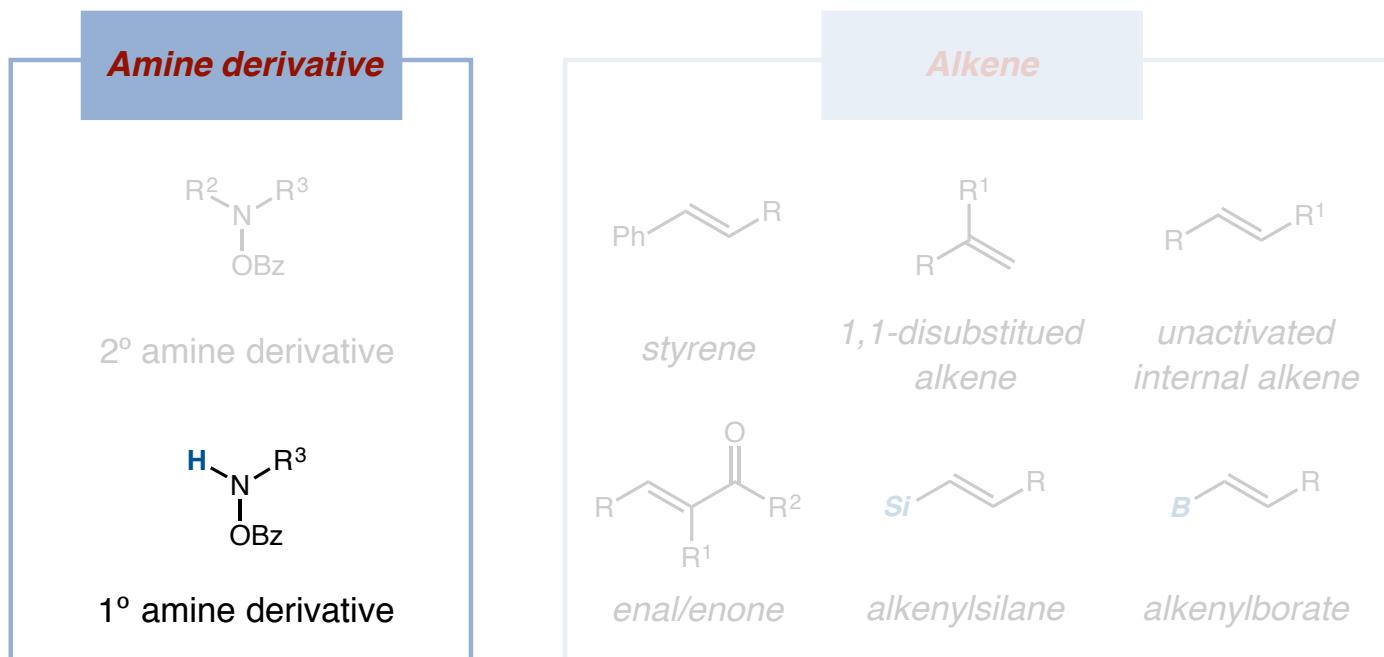
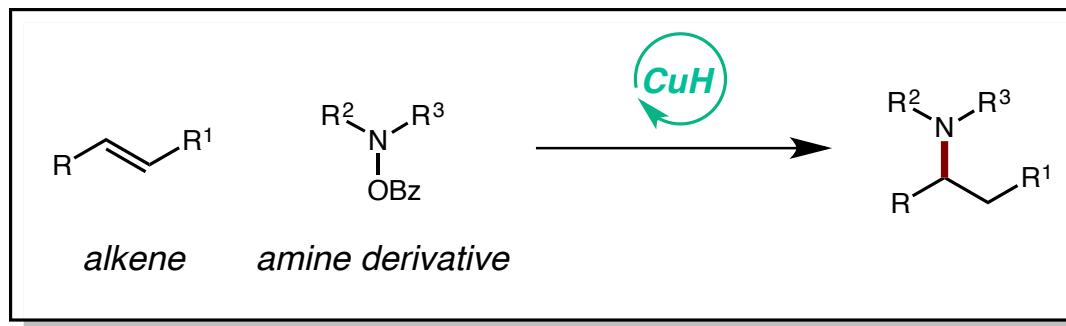
### ■ Proposed catalytic cycle



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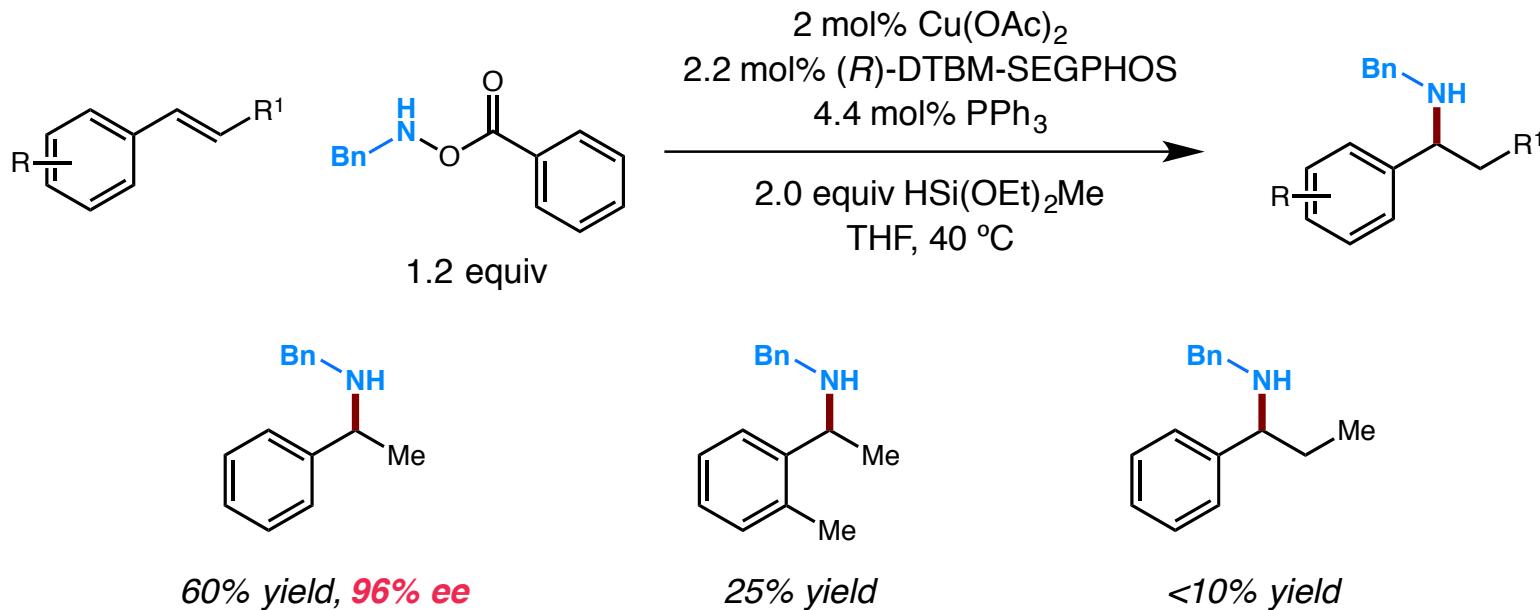


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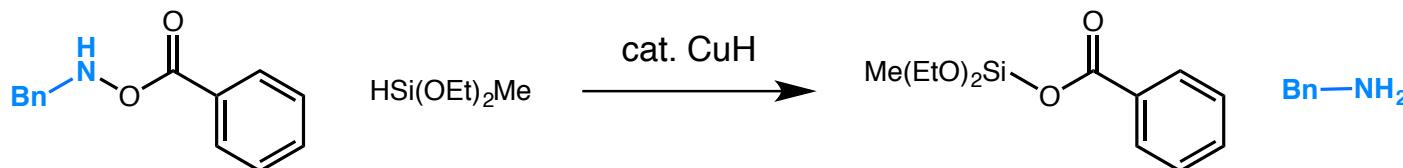


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### ■ Enantioselective hydroamination using 1° amine derivative

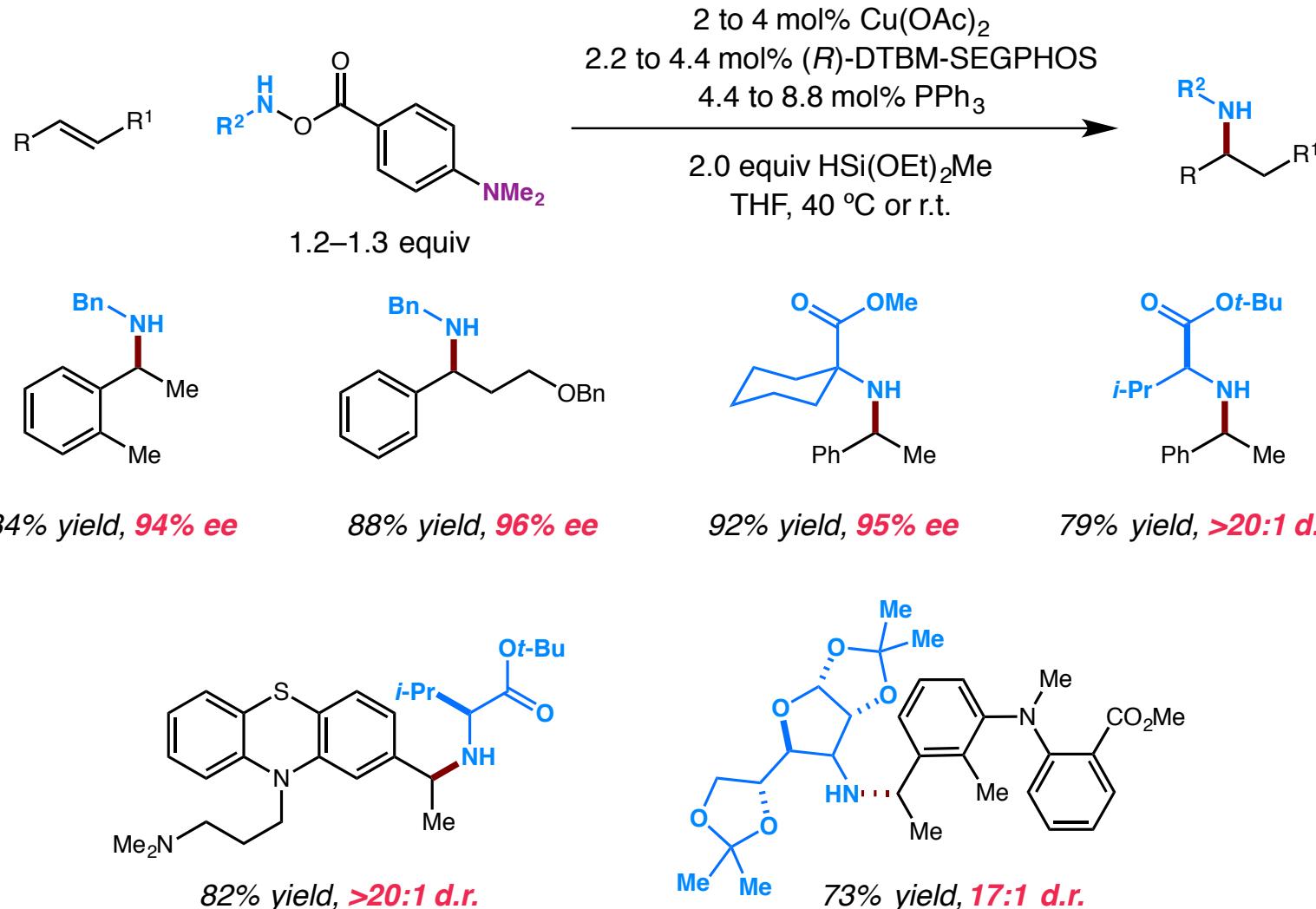


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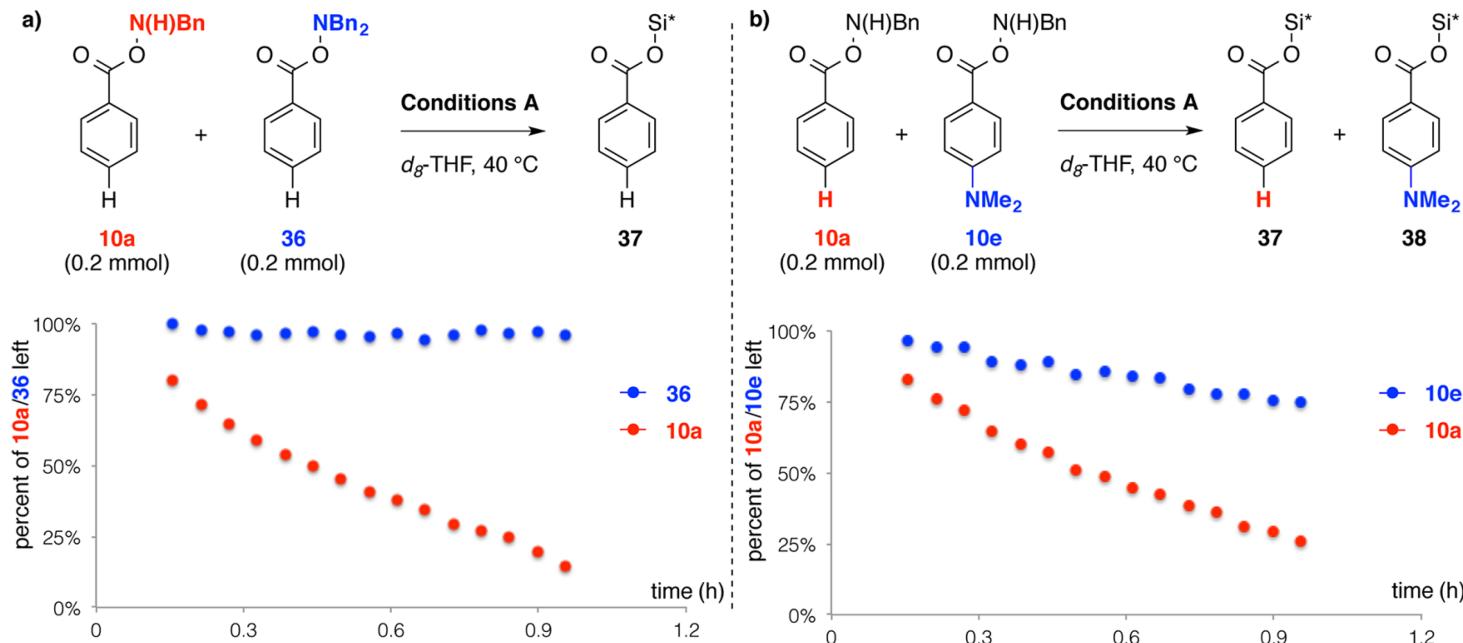
## Enantioselective CuH-Catalyzed Hydroamination

### ■ Modified amine transfer reagents



# Enantioselective CuH-Catalyzed Hydroamination

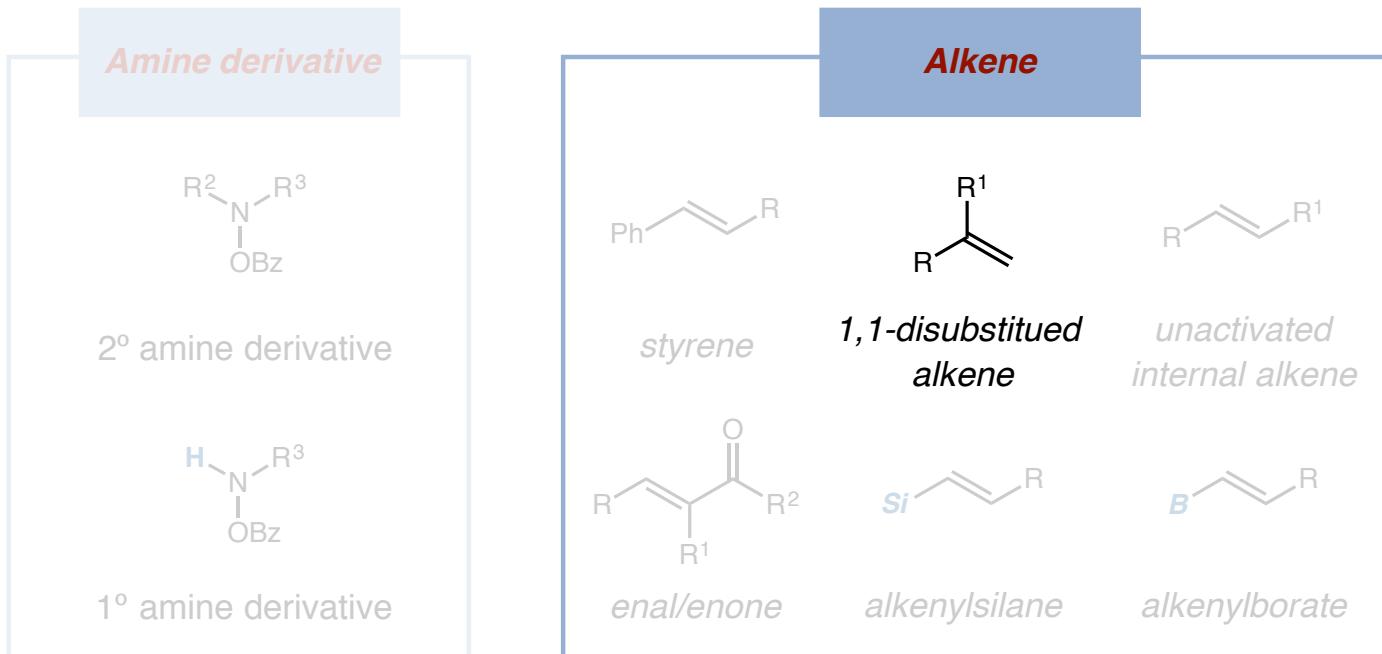
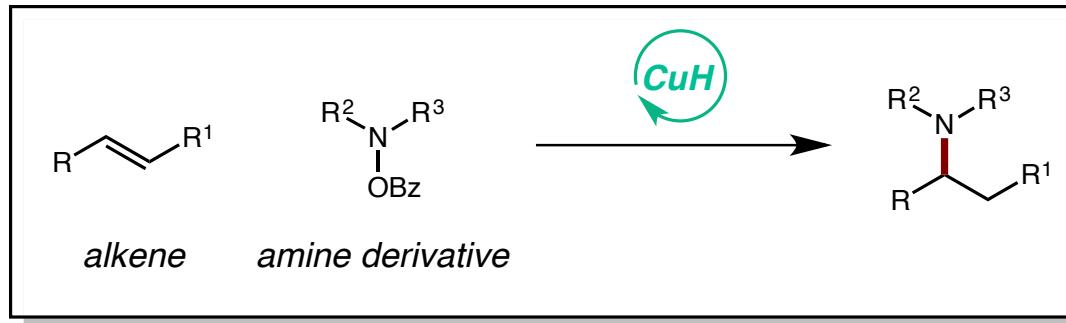
## ■ Competition experiments



**Figure 4.** Relative rates of the reactions between LCuH and different amine transfer agents.  $\text{Si}^* = \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_2\text{Me}$ . **Conditions A:** a 0.6 mL of a stock solution made from  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$  (3.6 mg), (*R*)-DTBM-SEGPHOS (26 mg),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (11.6 mg),  $\text{HSi}(\text{OEt})_2\text{Me}$  (0.32 mL, 2.0 mmol), and  $\text{THF}-d_8$  (1.0 mL) is used. The progress of these experiments was monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

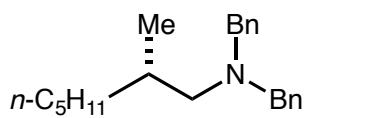
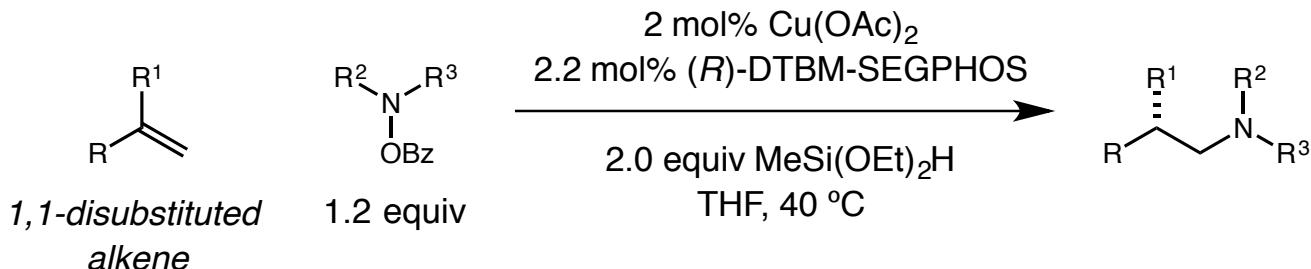
■ An electron-rich aromatic ring leads to more stable amine transfer reagents under CuH conditions

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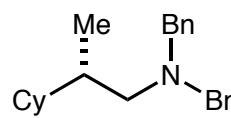


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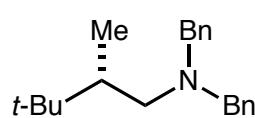
### ■ 1,1-Disubstituted alkenes as substrates



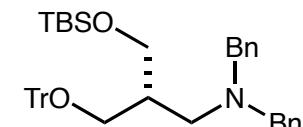
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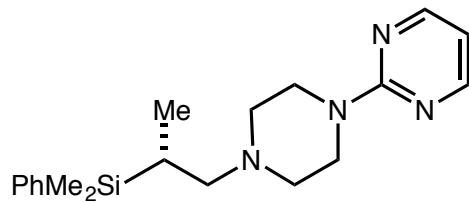
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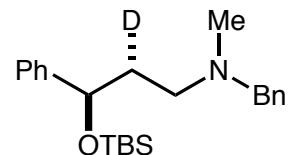
86% yield, 92% ee



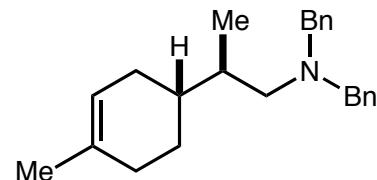
94% yield, 77% ee



90% yield, 96% ee

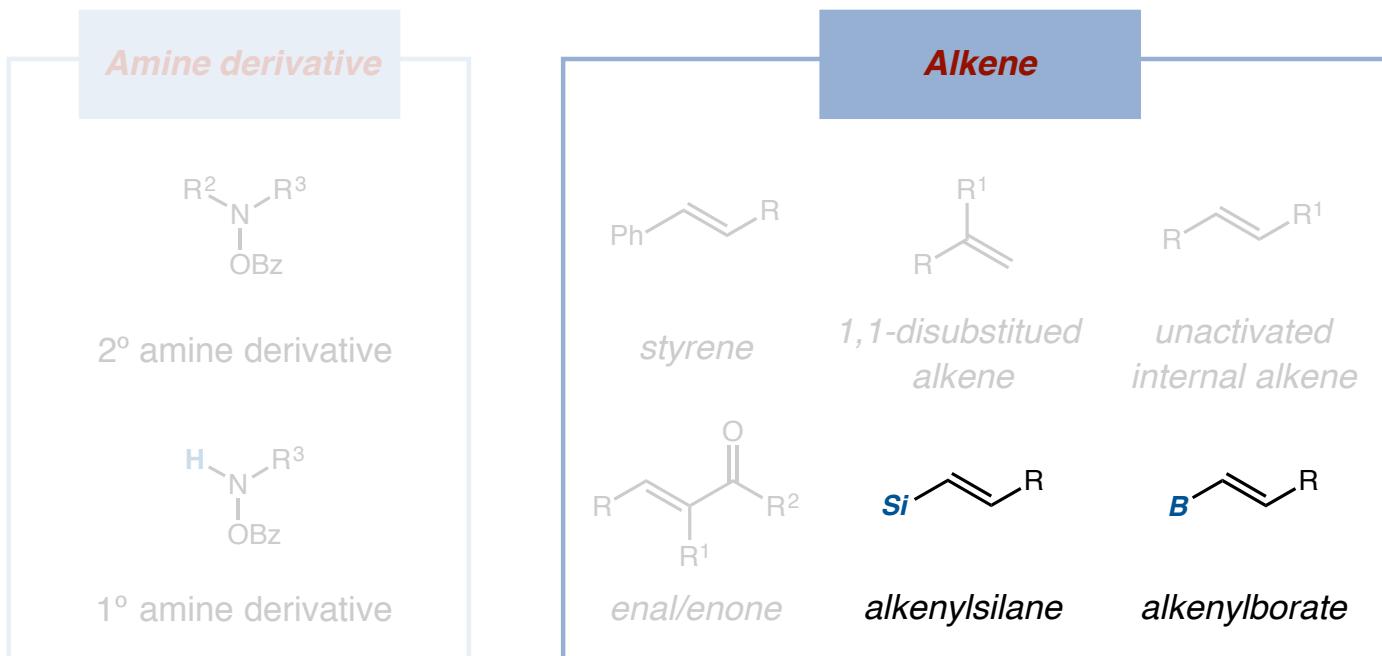
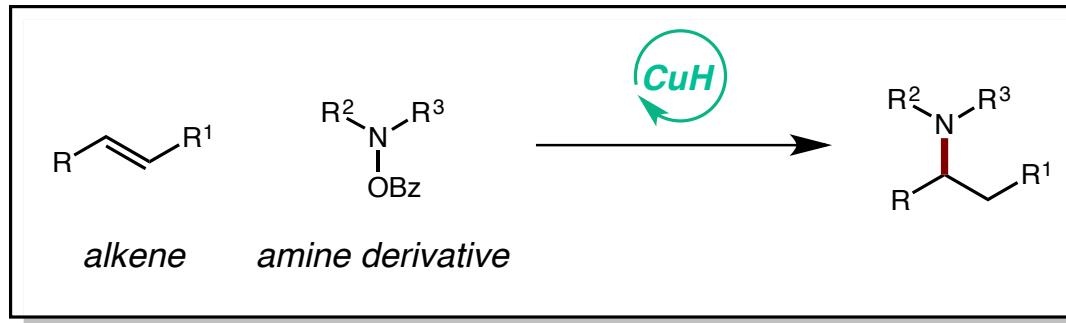


86% yield, 12:1 d.r.  
with (S)-L, 85% yield, 1:15 d.r.



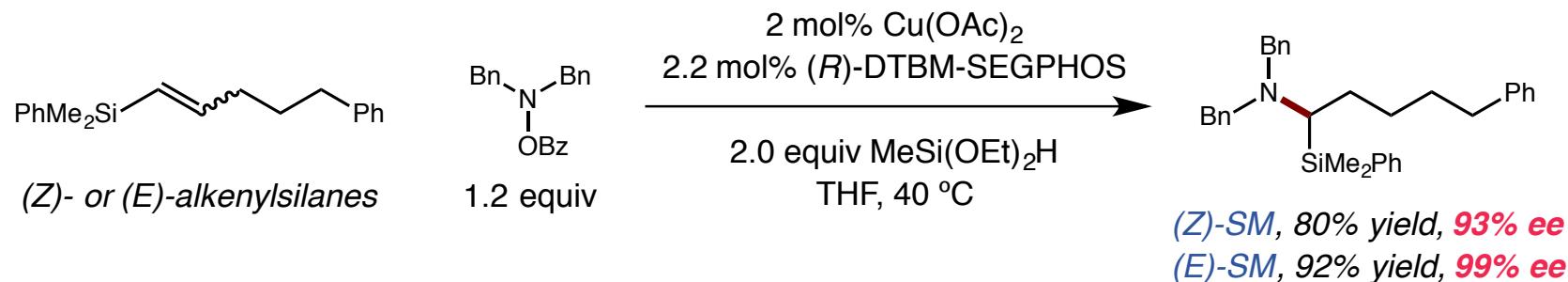
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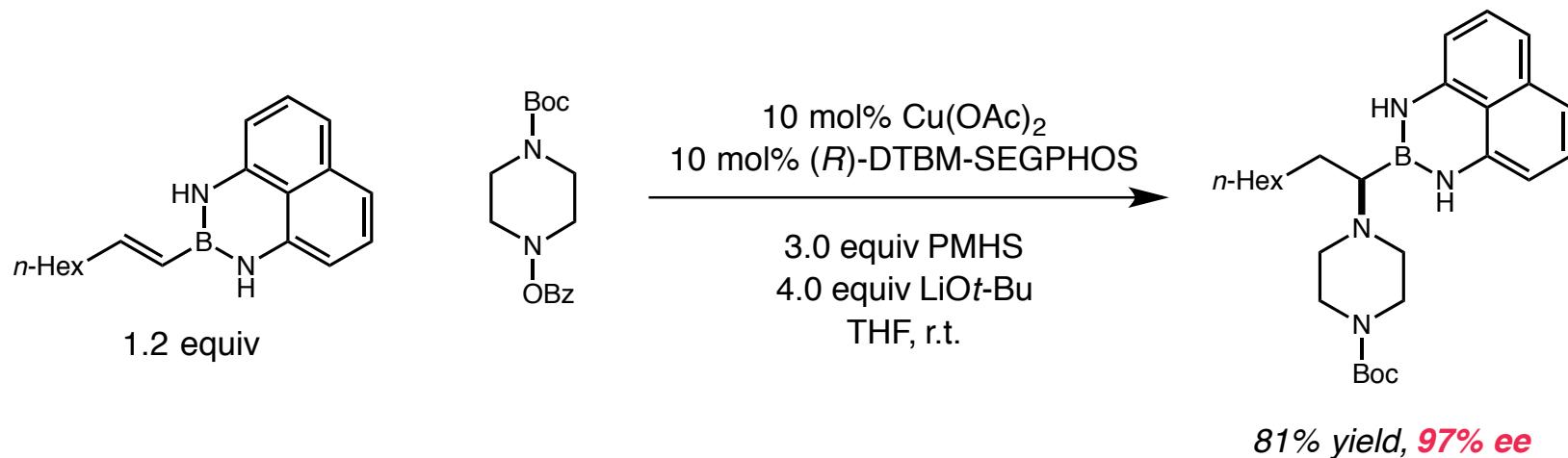


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### ■ Alkenylsilanes as substrates



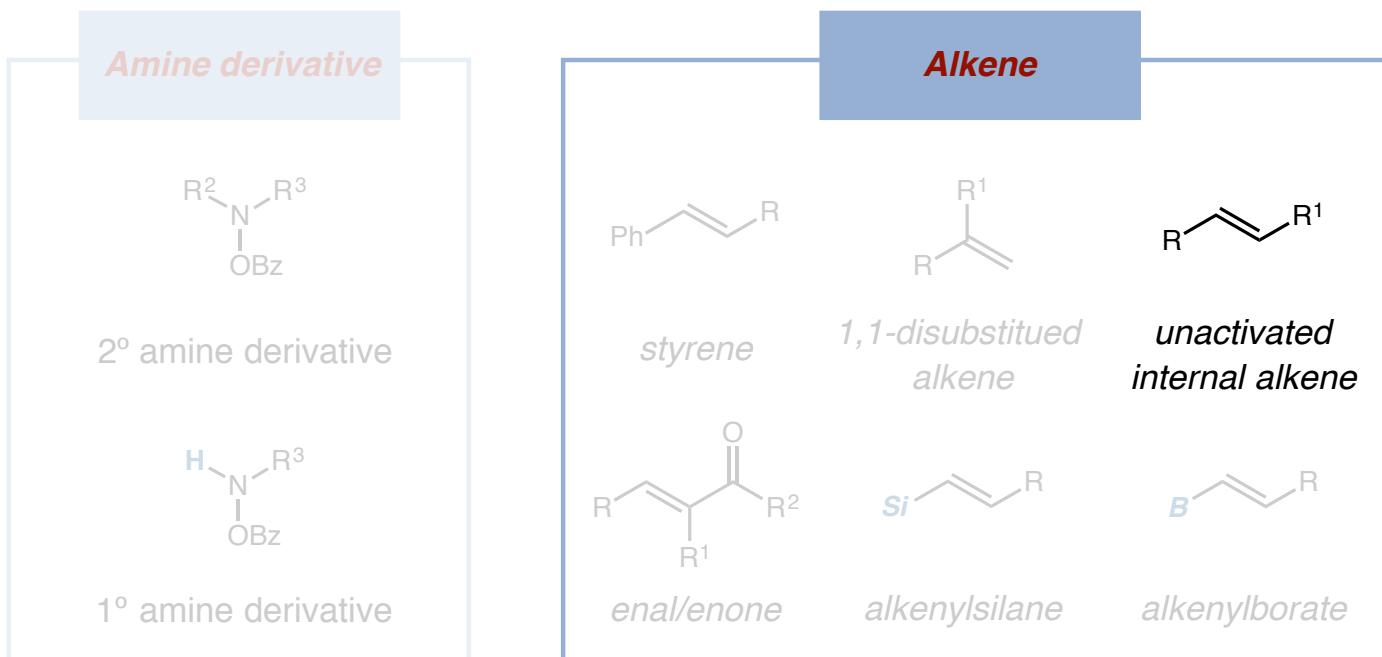
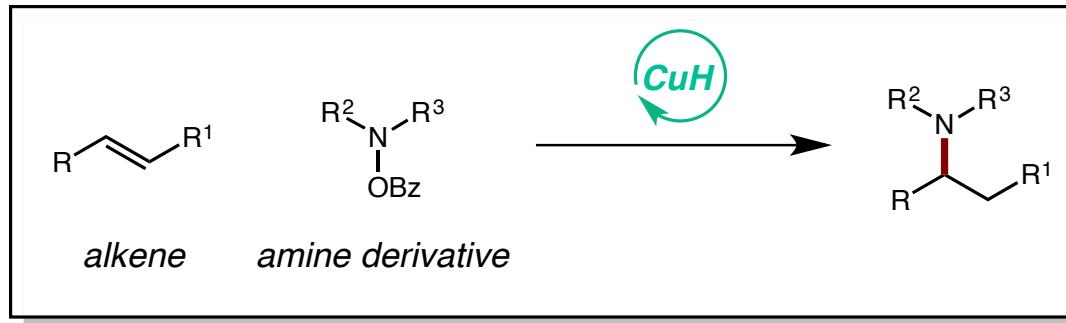
### ■ Alkenylborates as substrates



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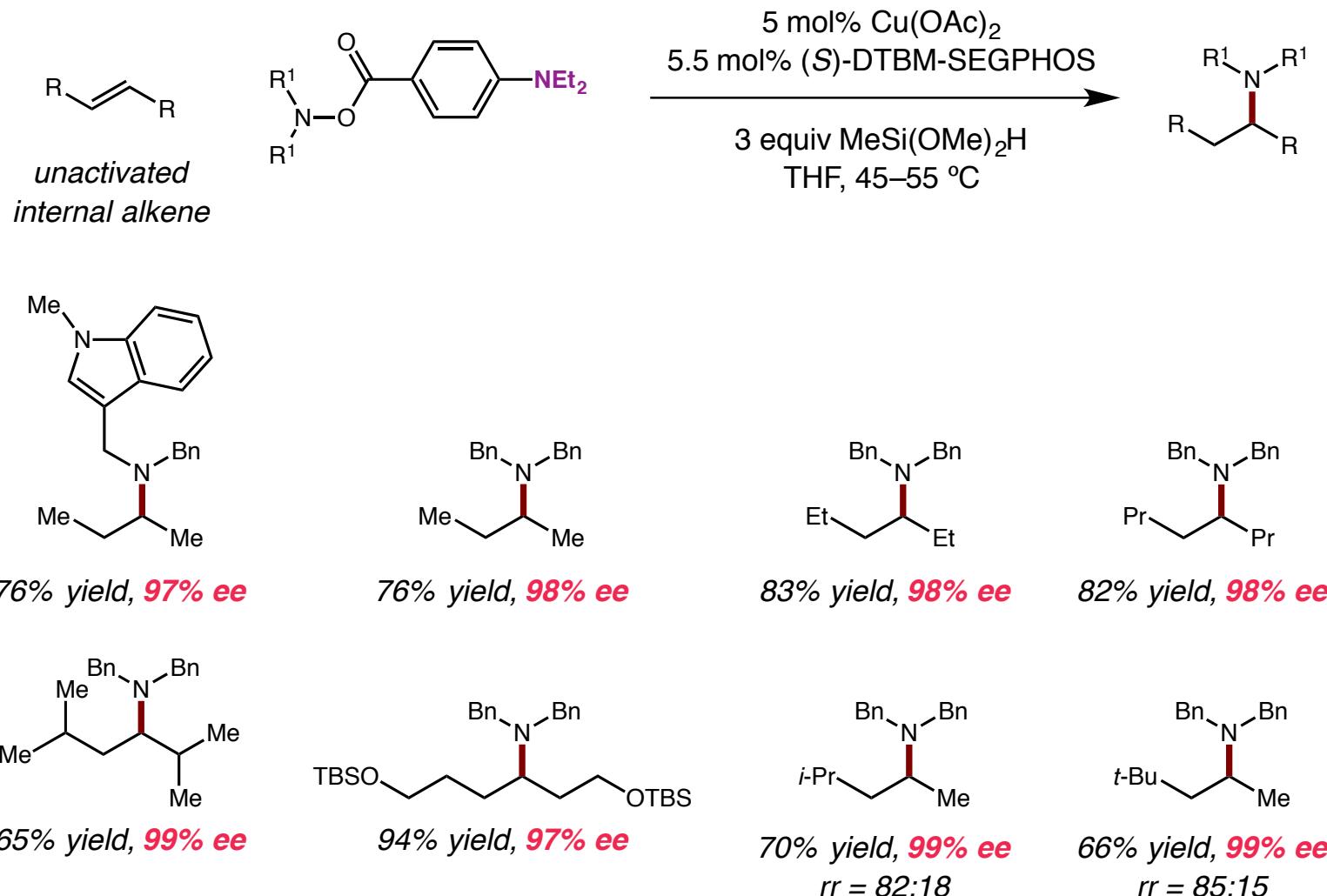
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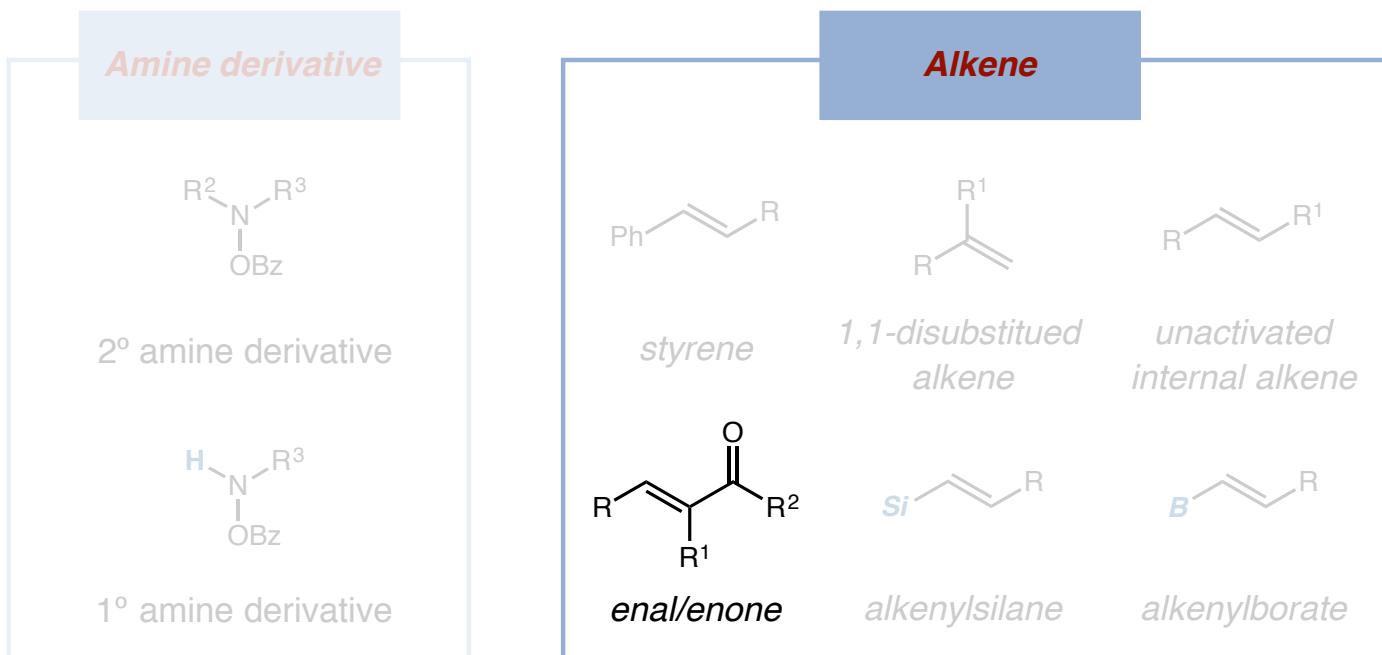
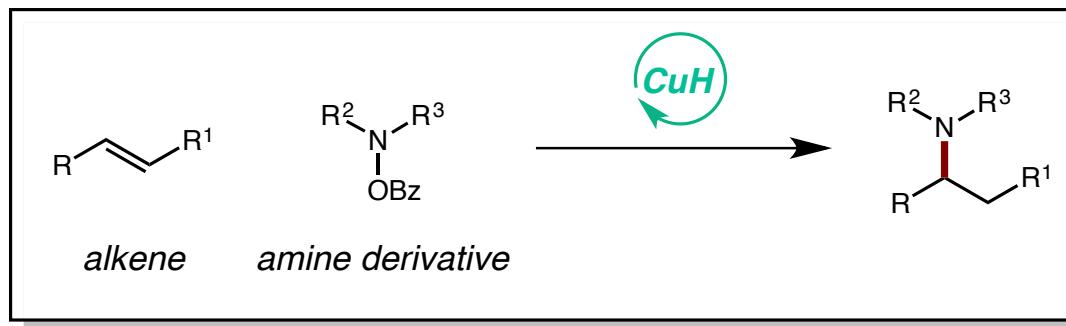


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### ■ Unactivated internal alkenes

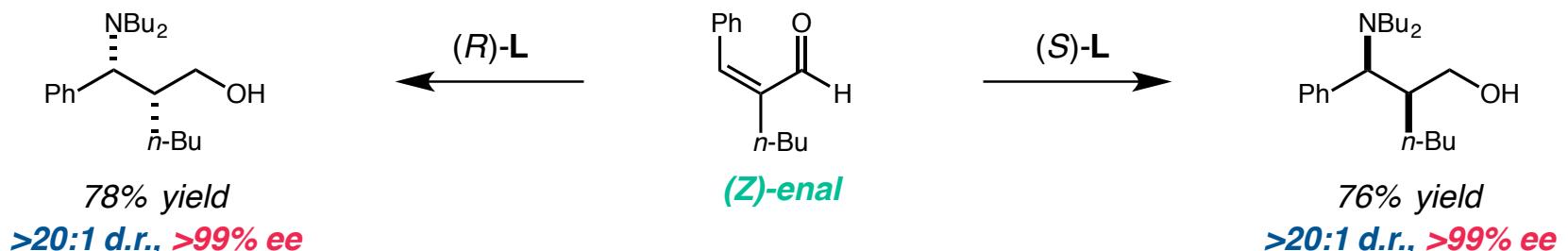
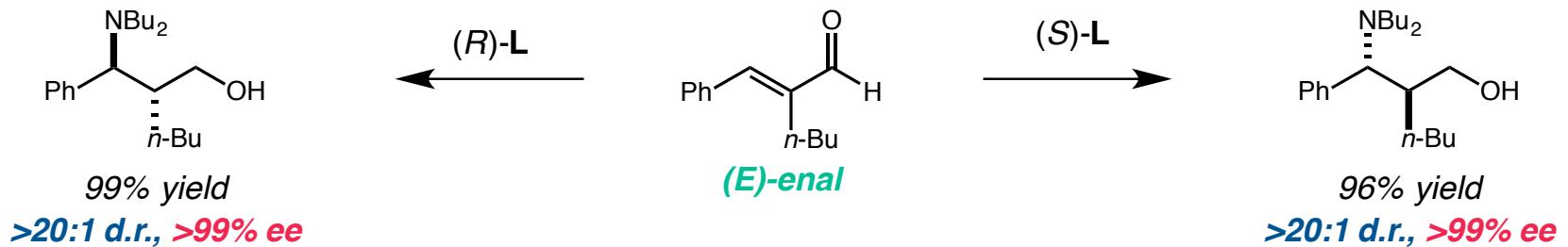
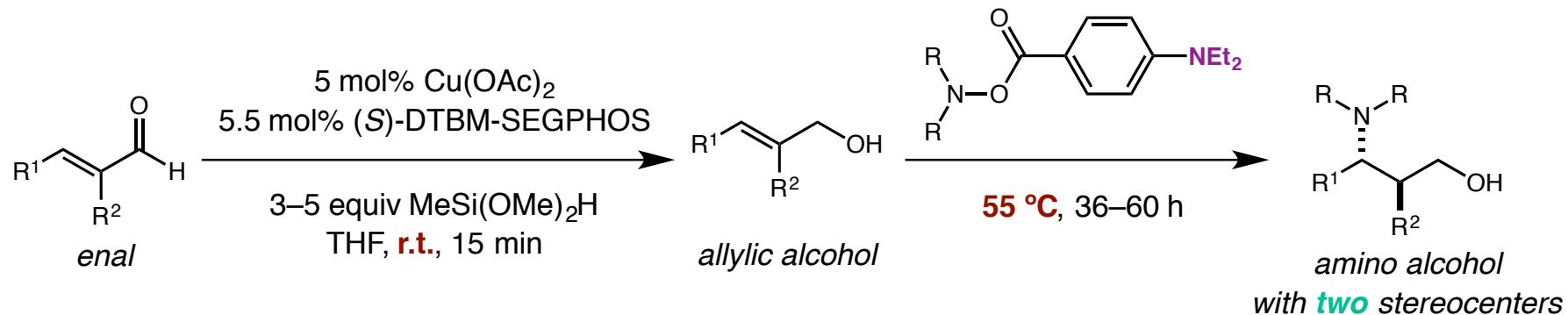


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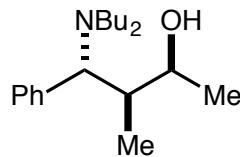
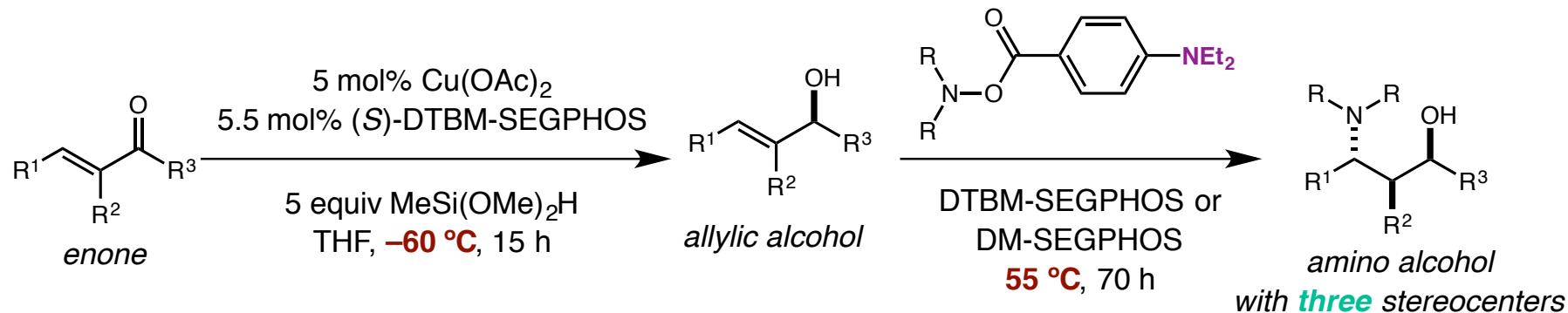
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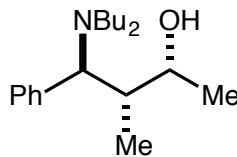


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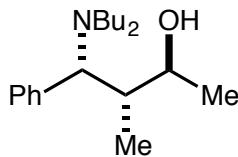
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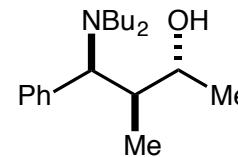
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**>20:1 d.r., >99% ee**



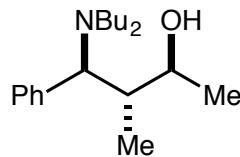
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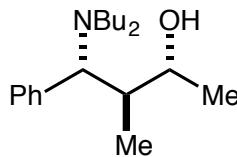
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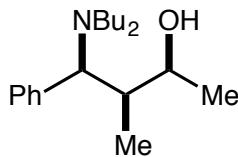
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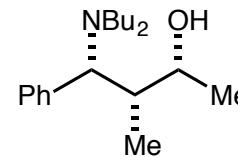
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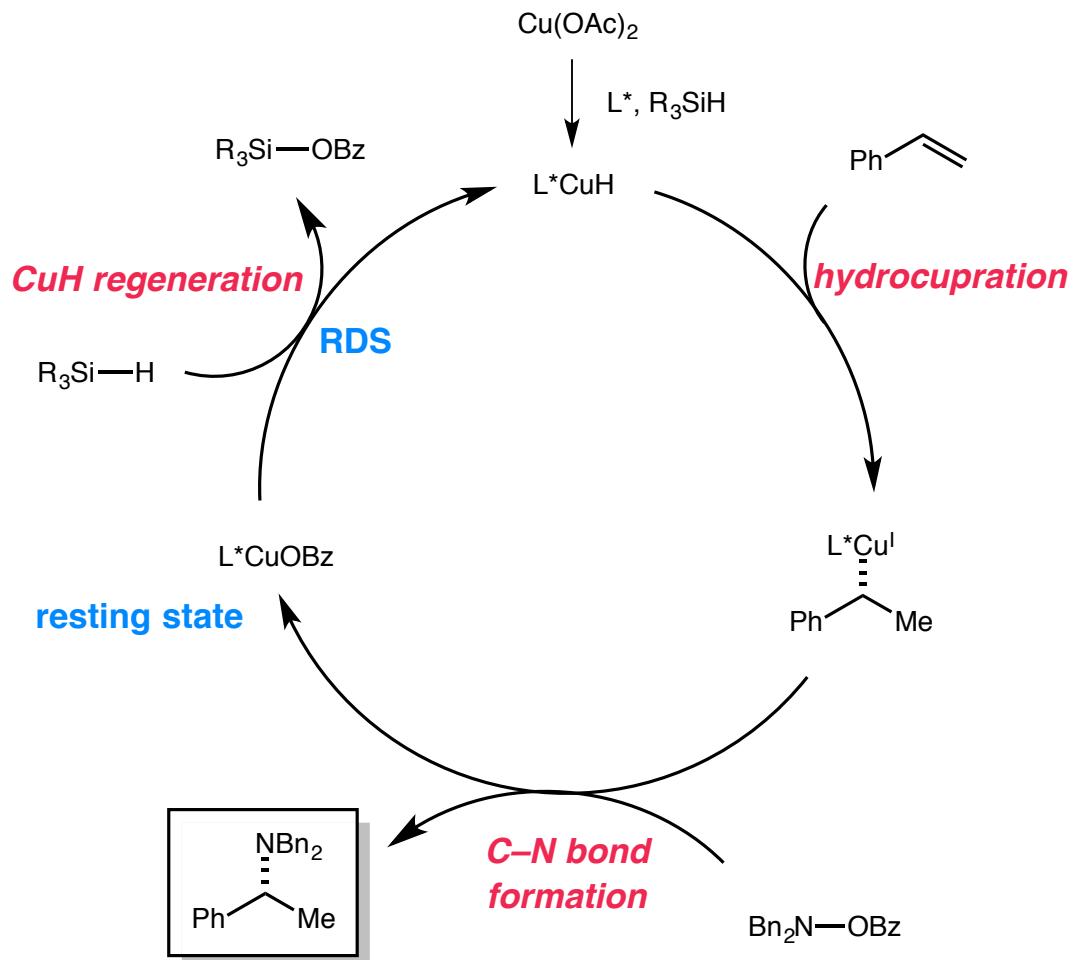
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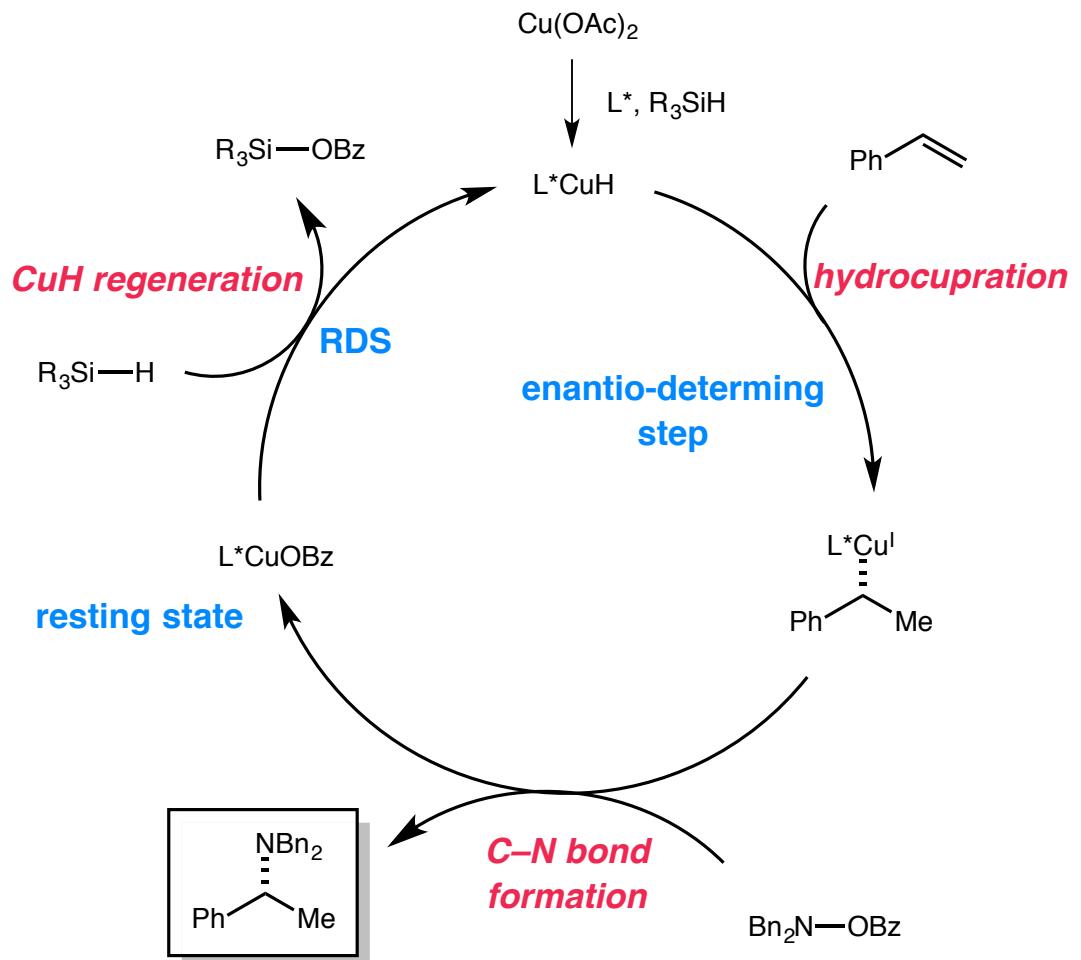
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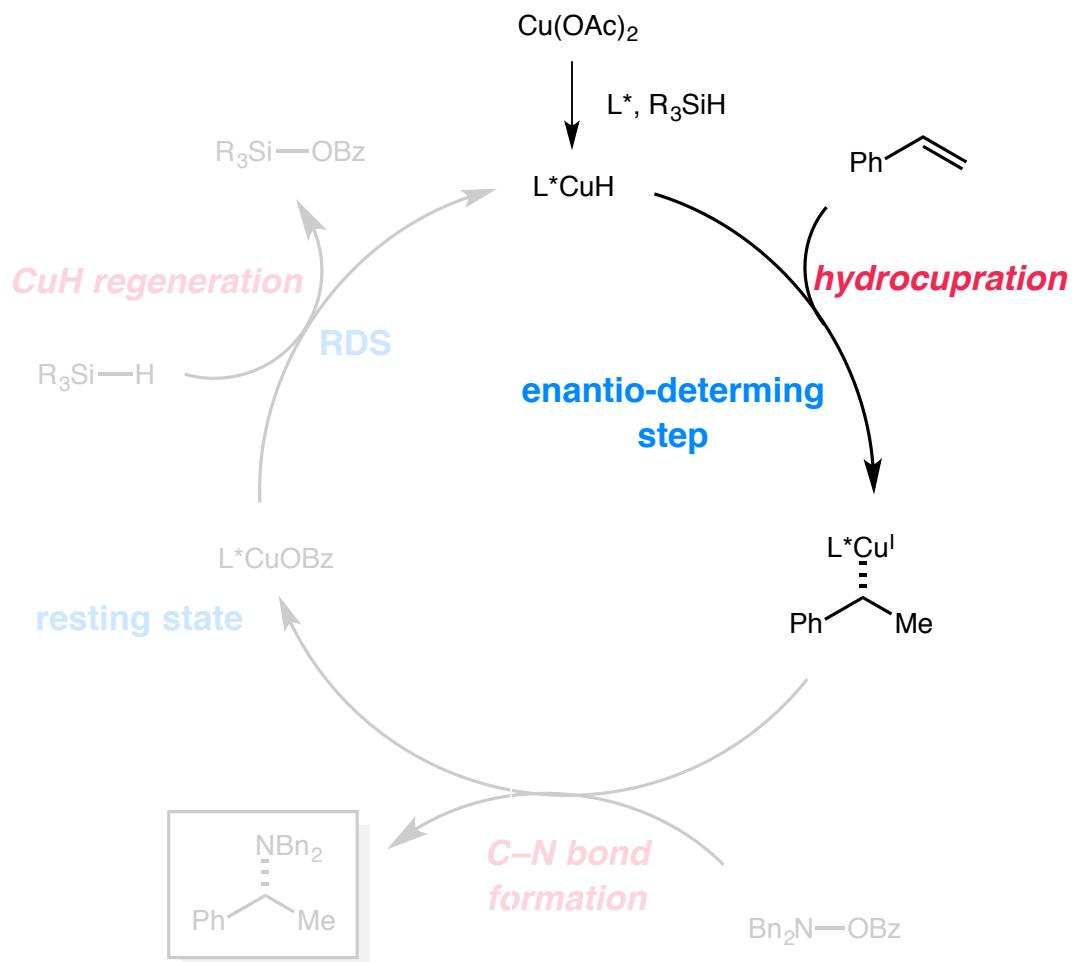
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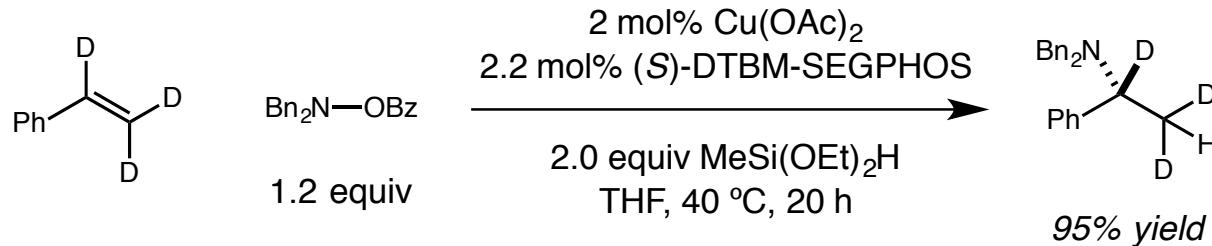
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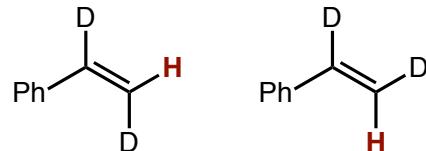
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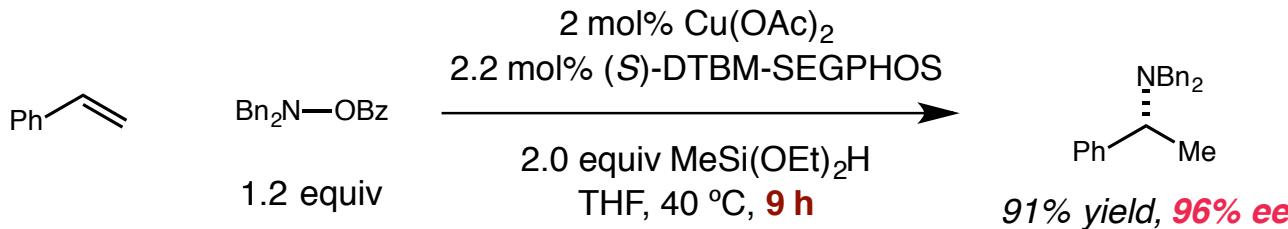


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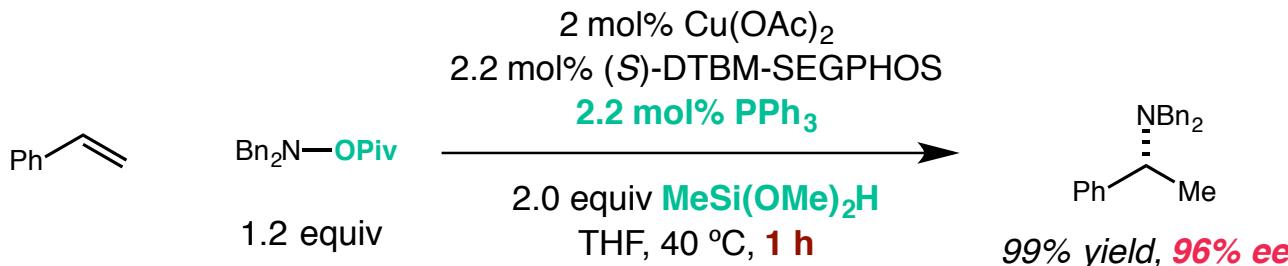
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- Irreversible
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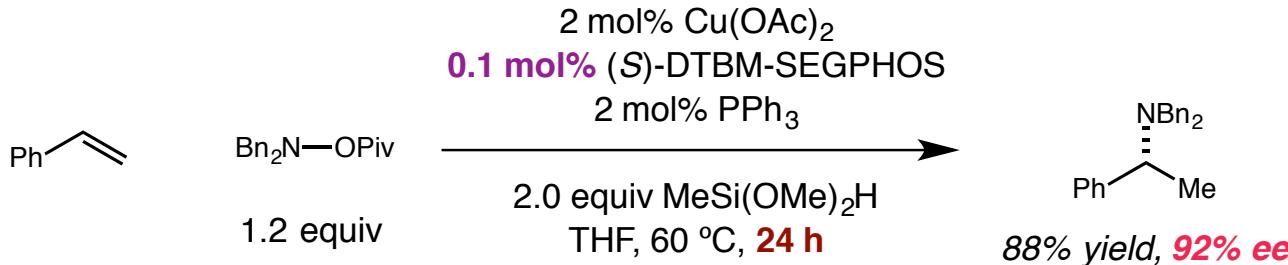
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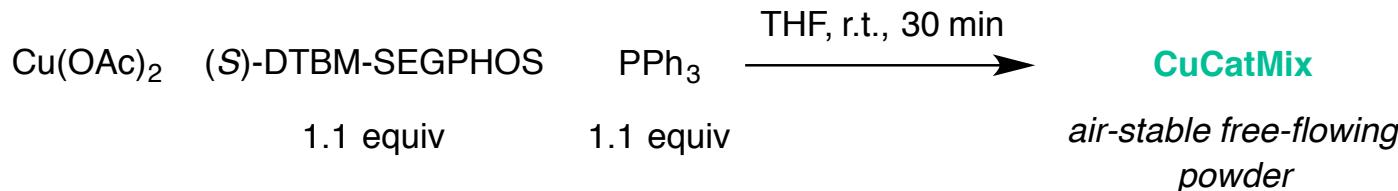


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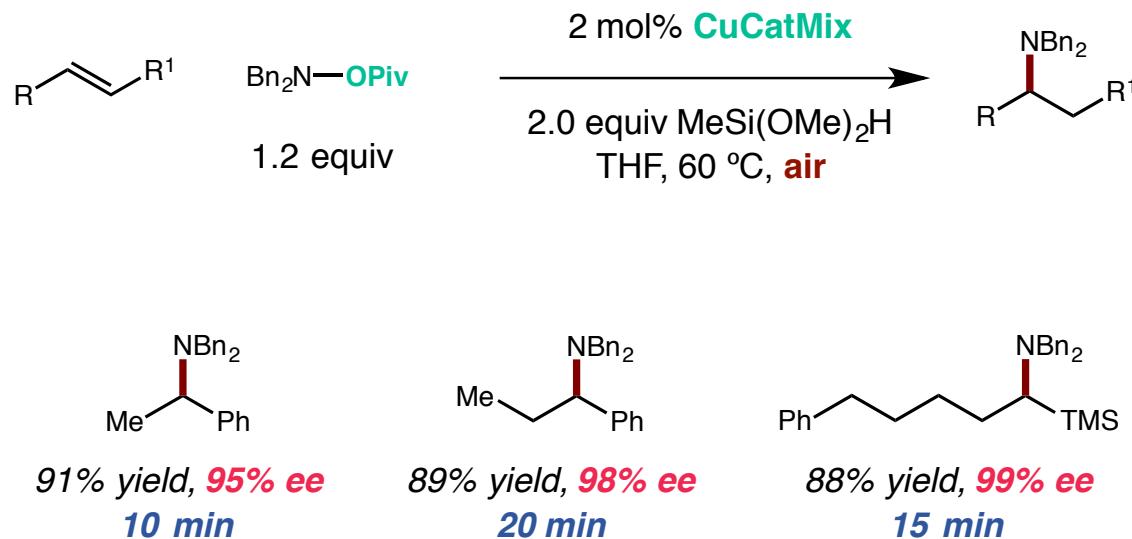


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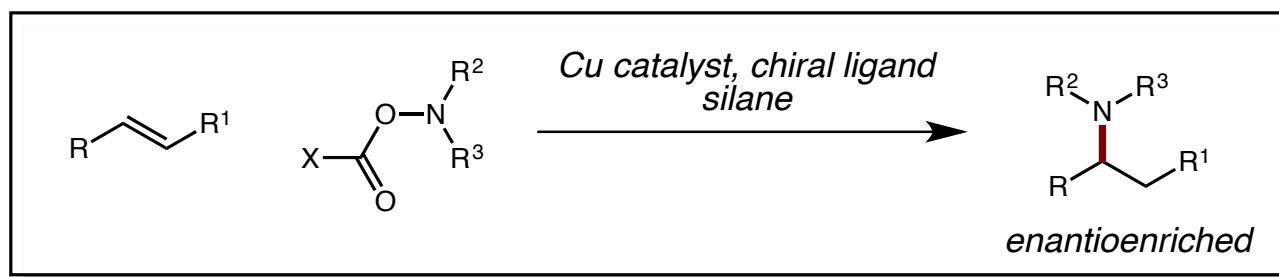
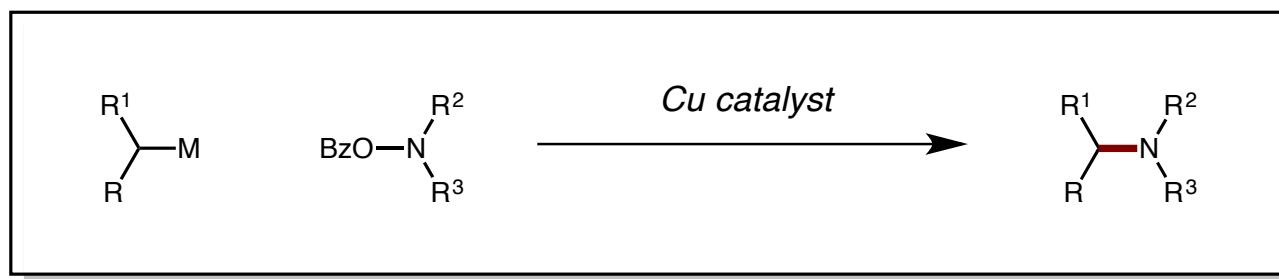
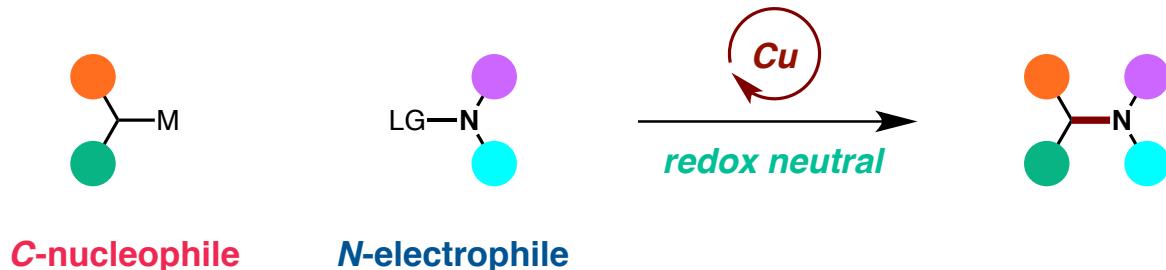


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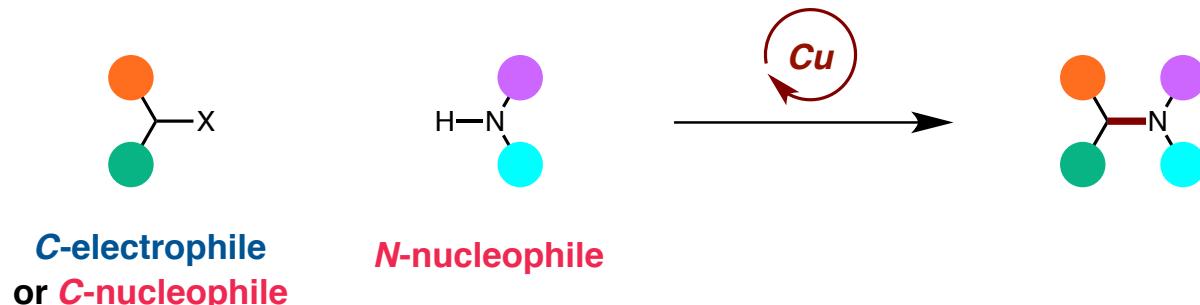
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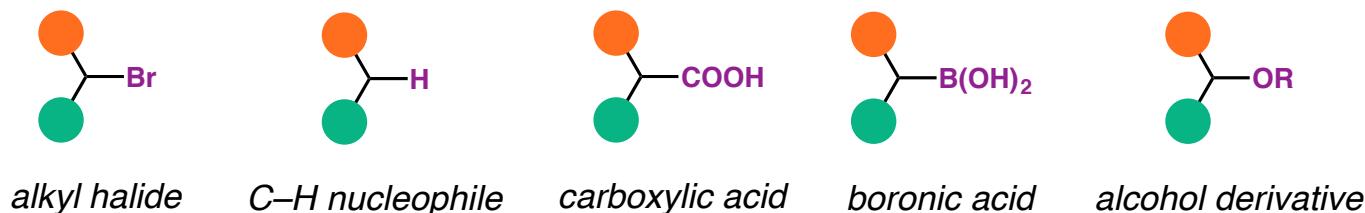


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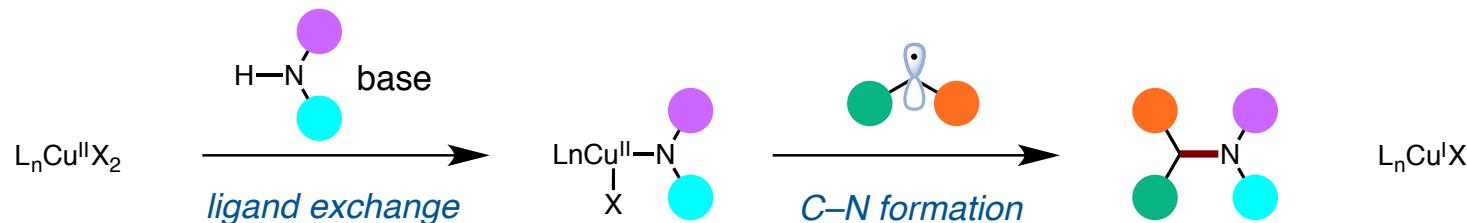
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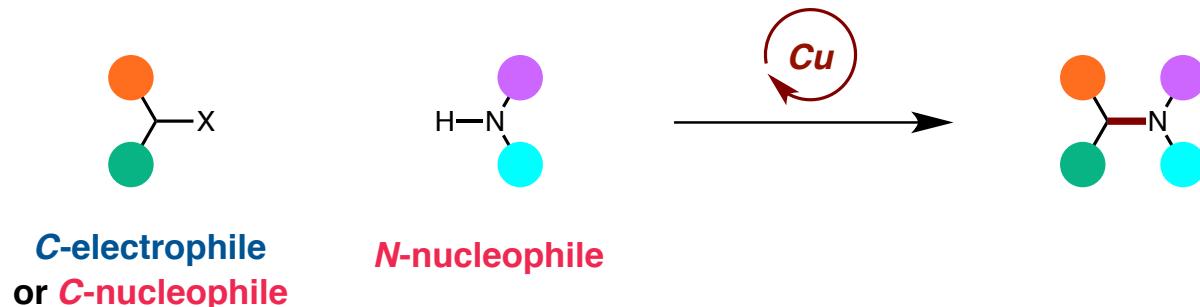


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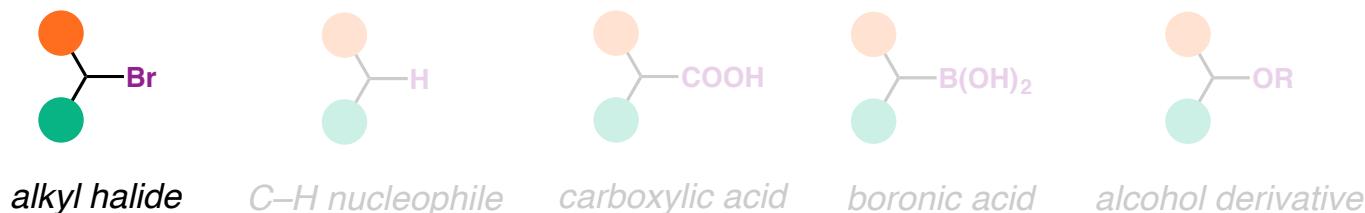


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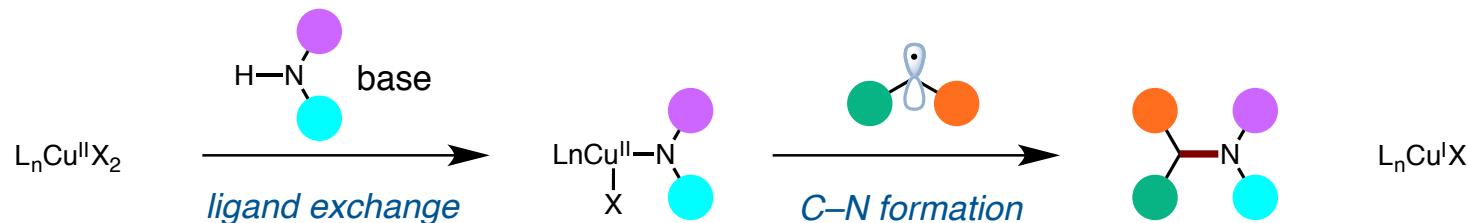
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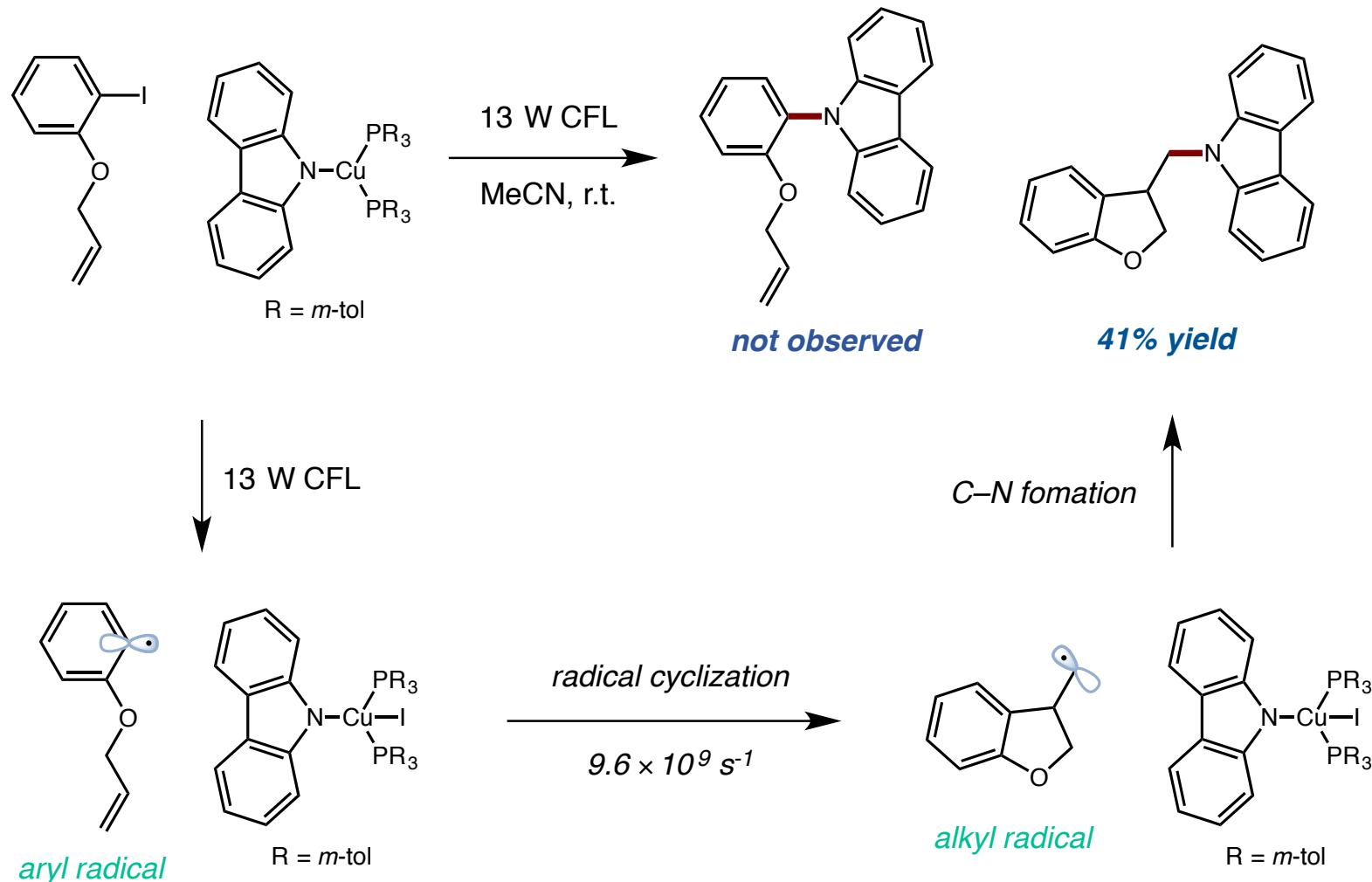


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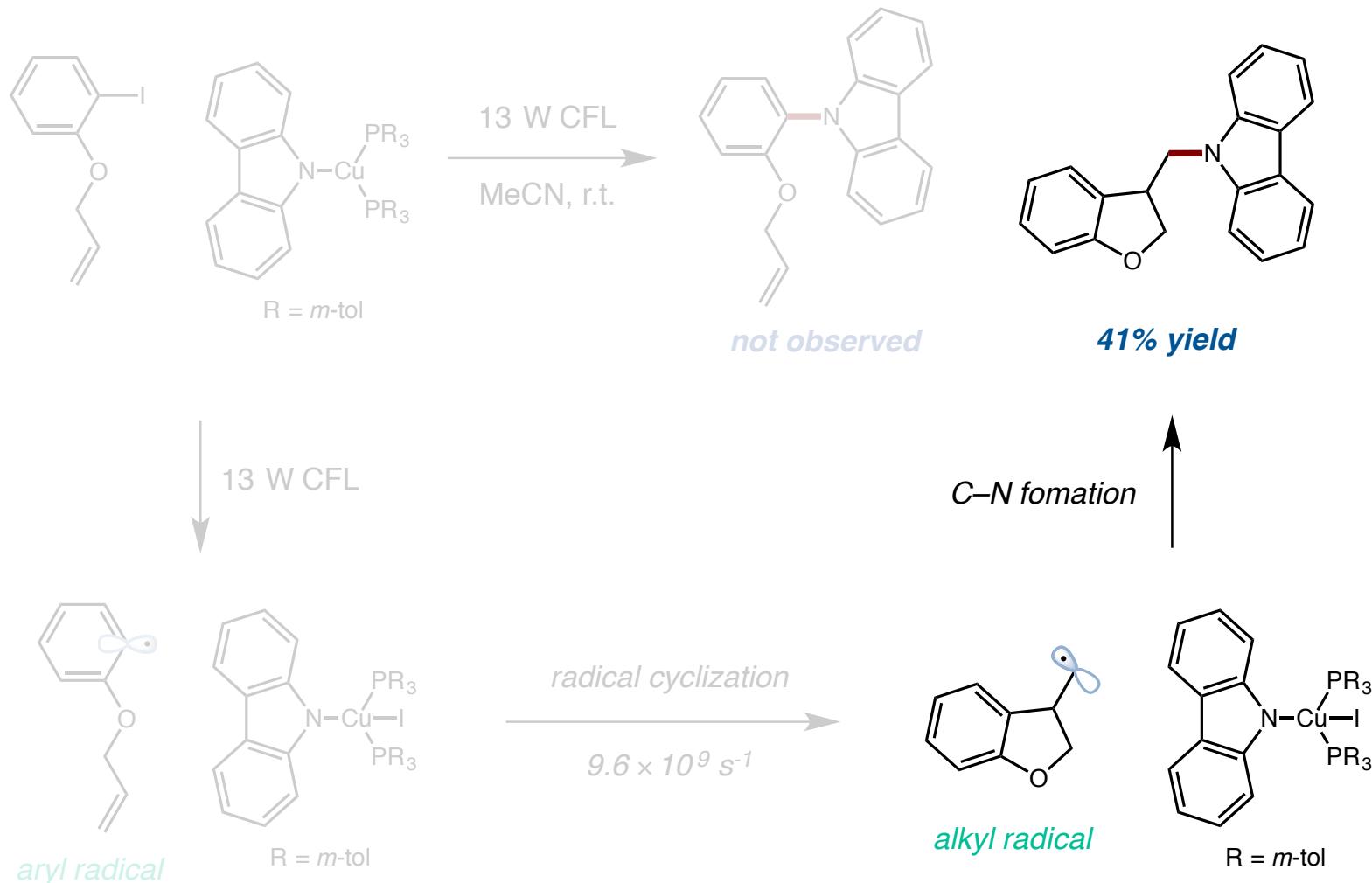
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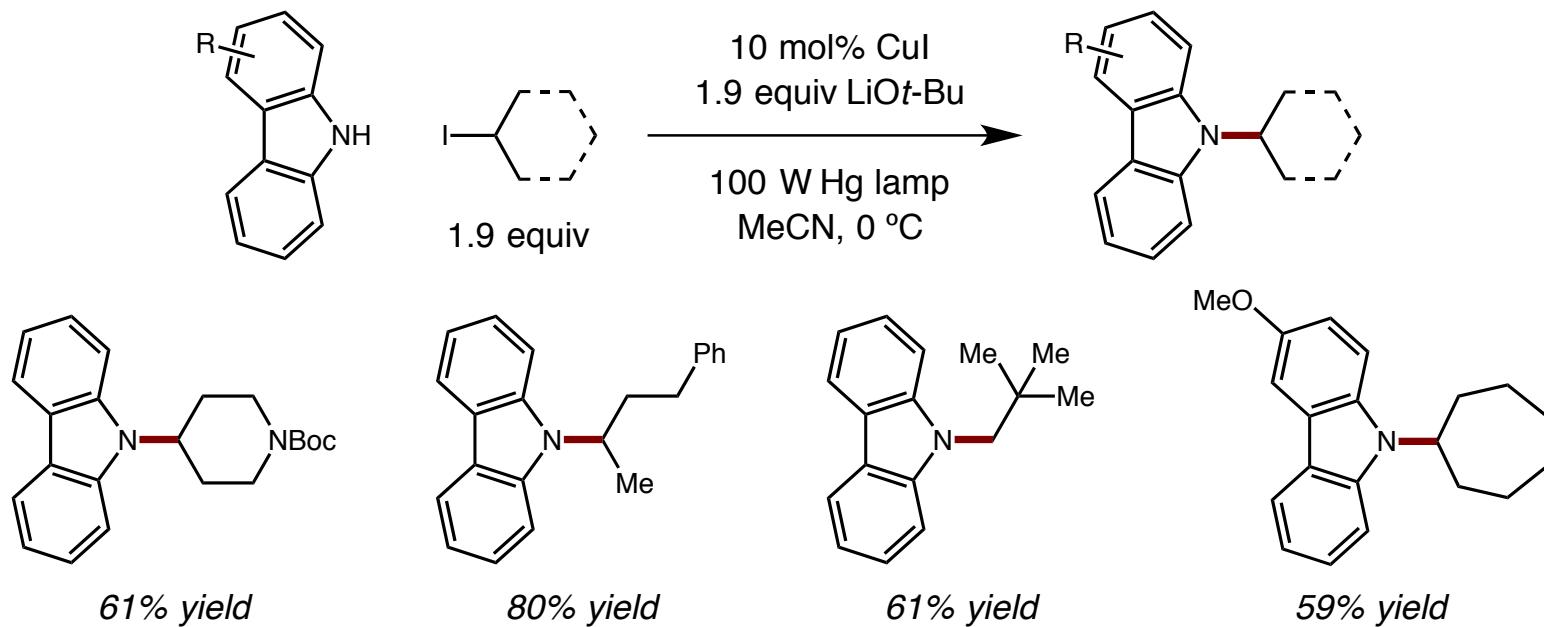
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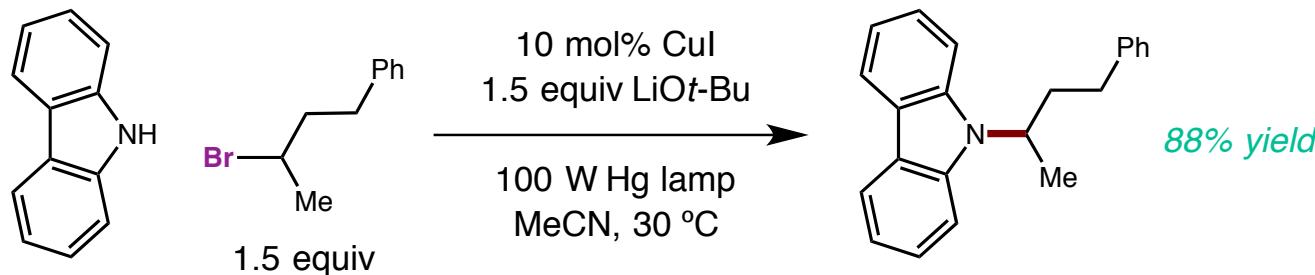


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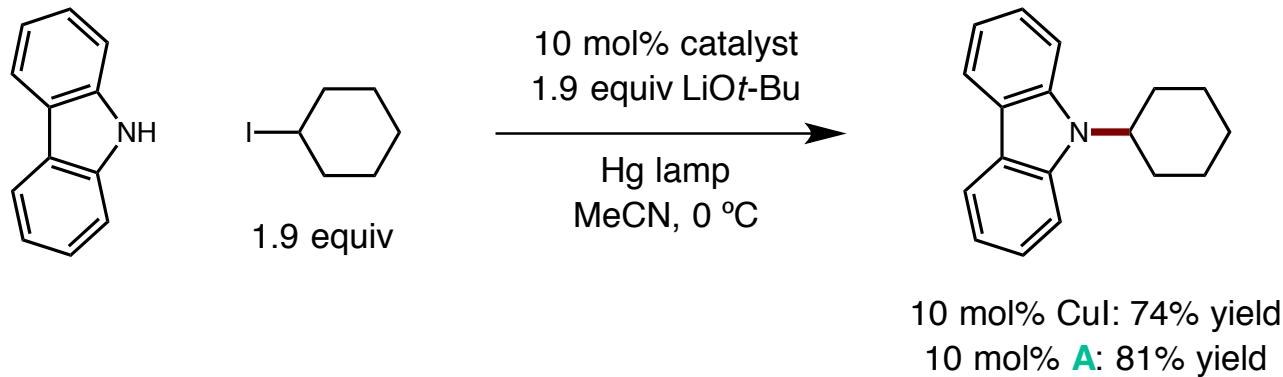
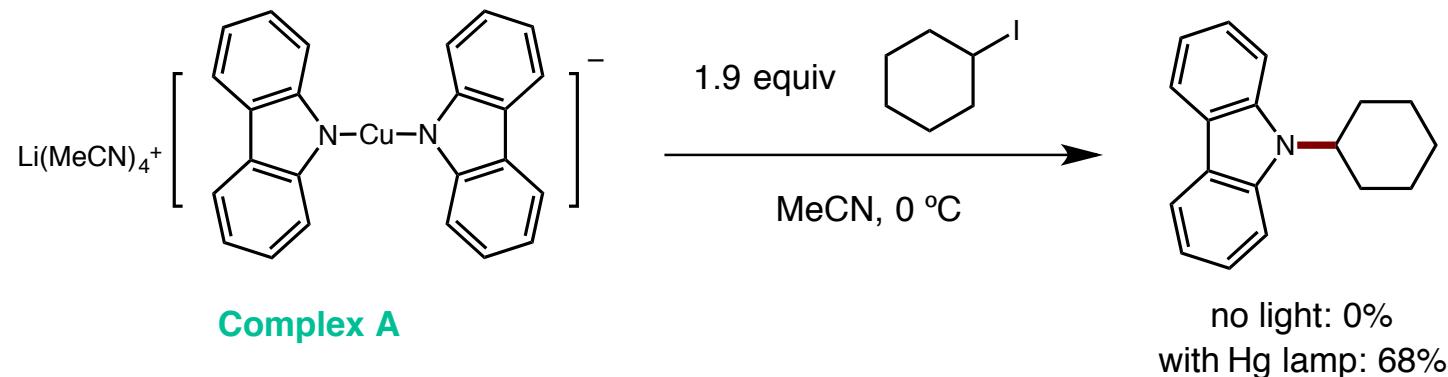


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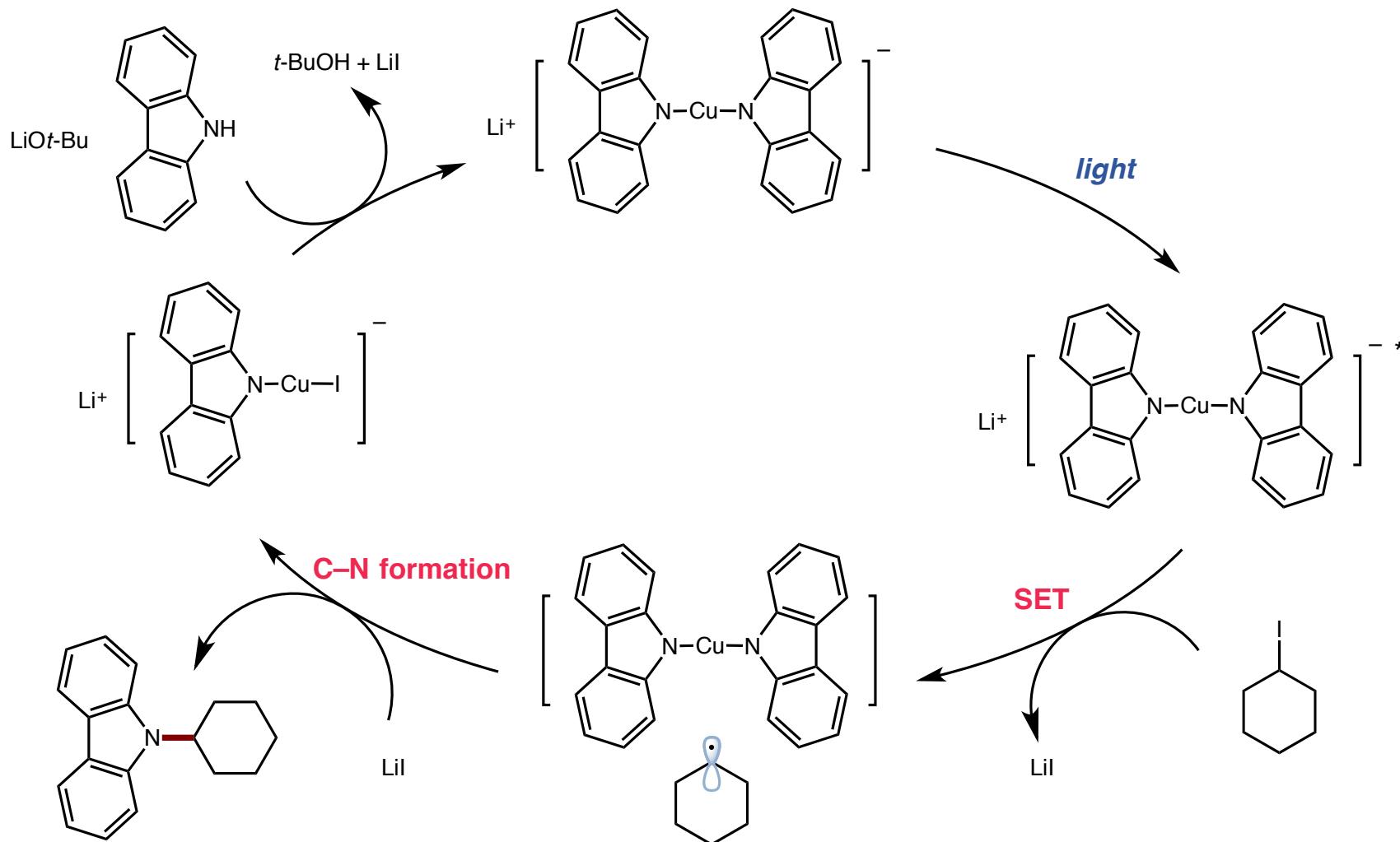
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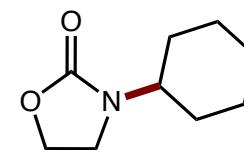
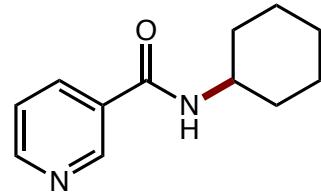
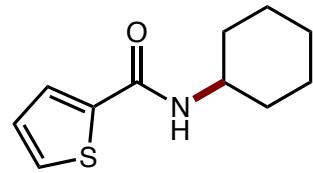
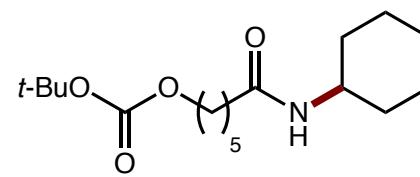
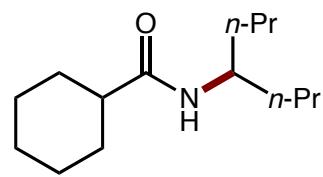
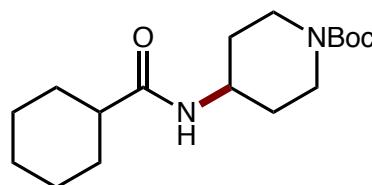
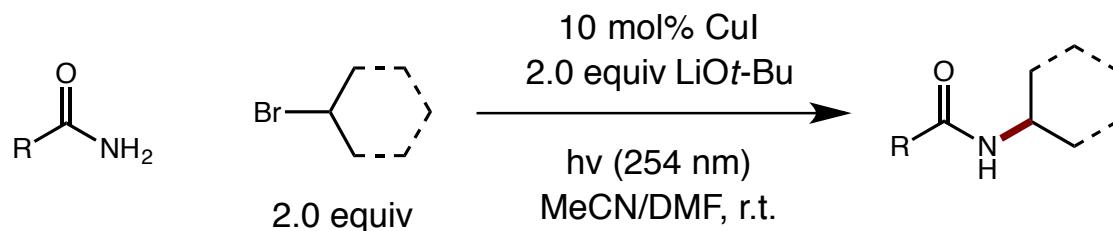
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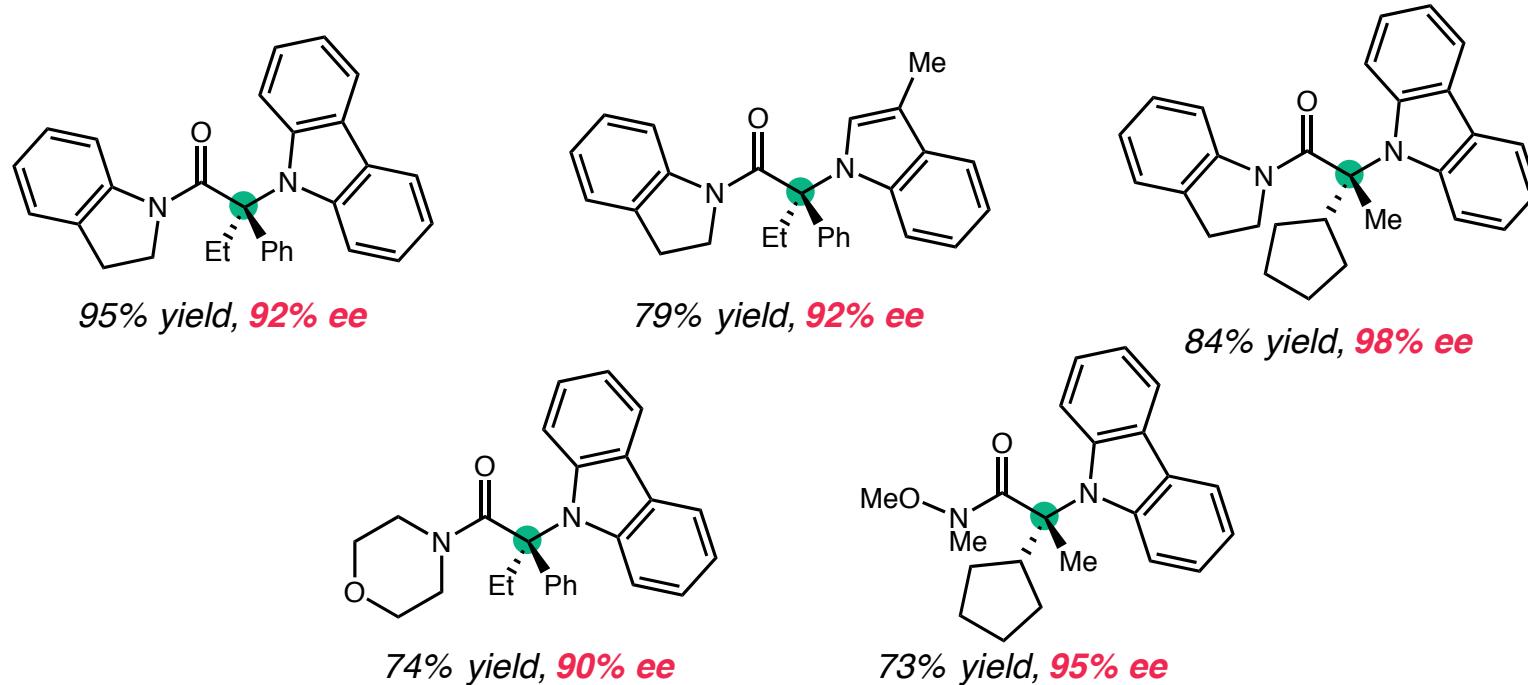
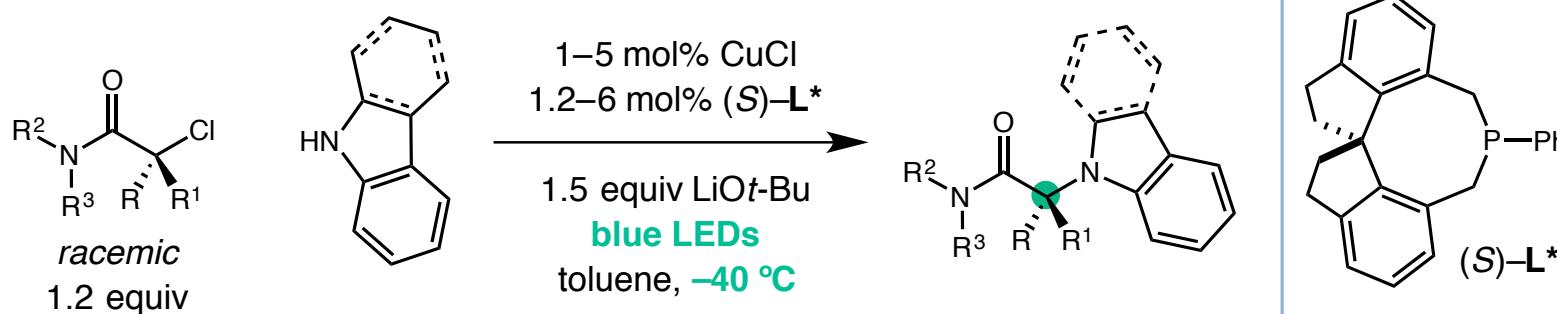
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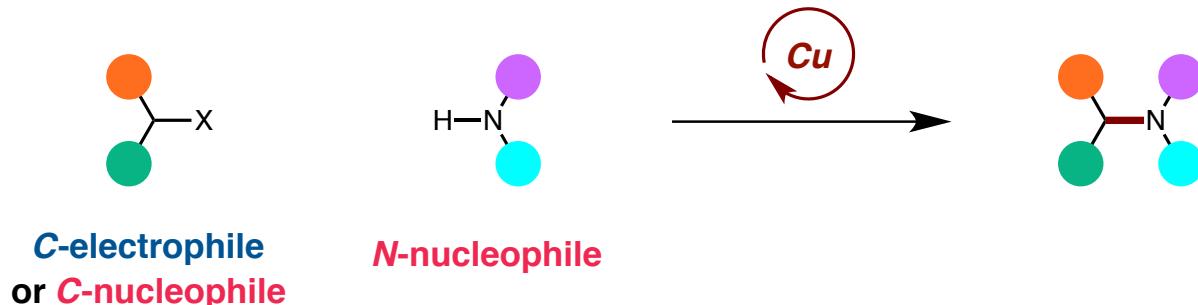
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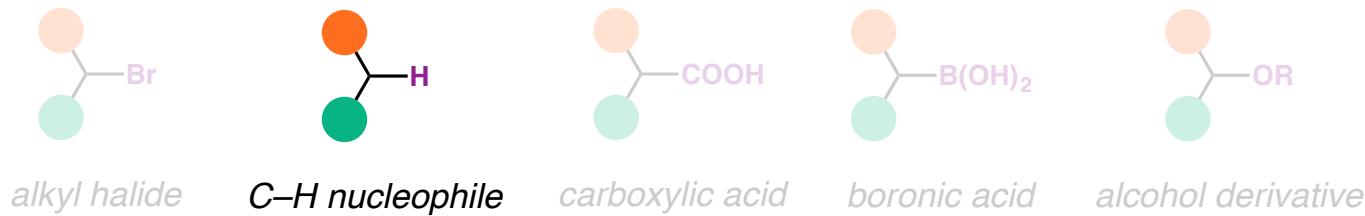


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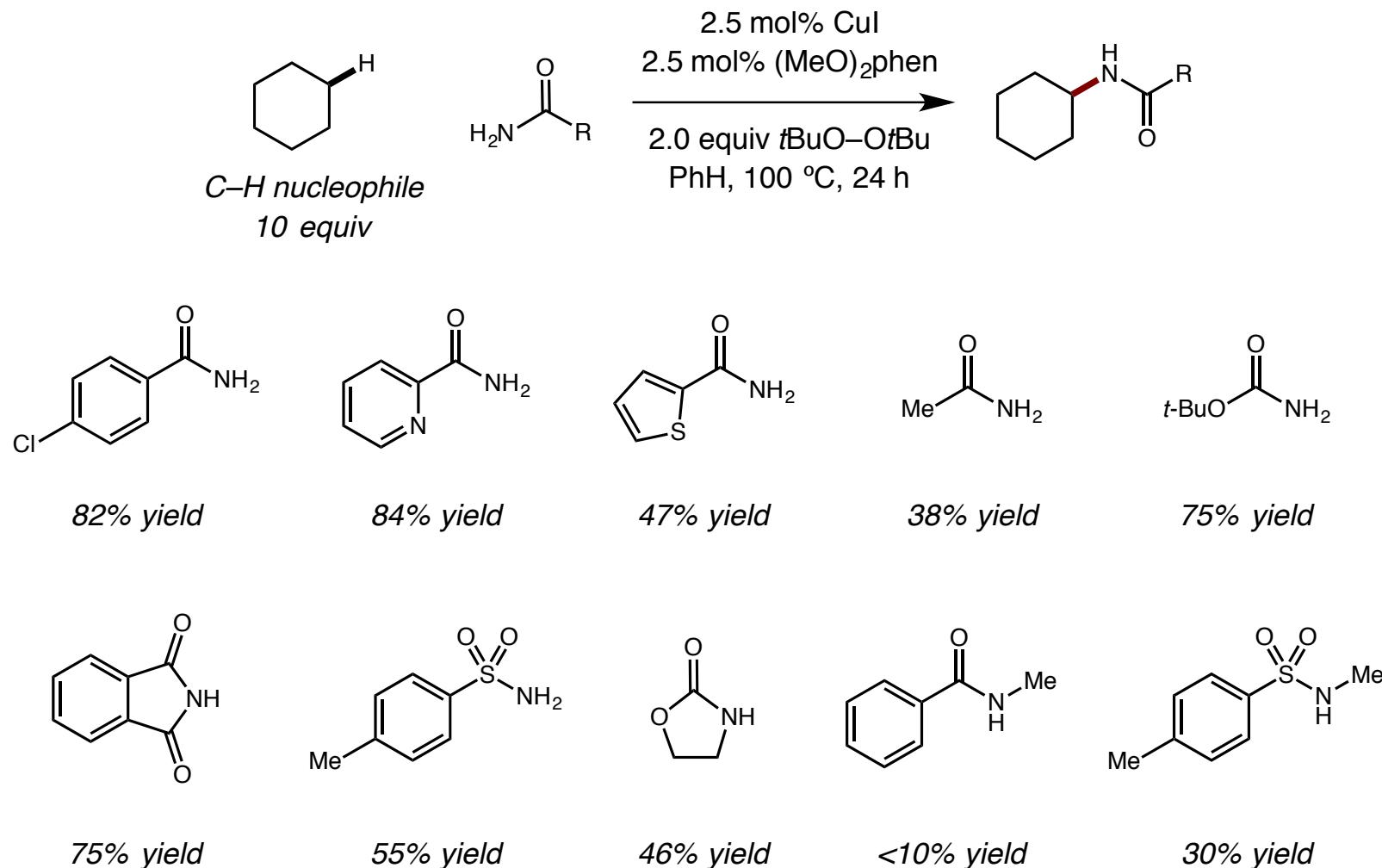


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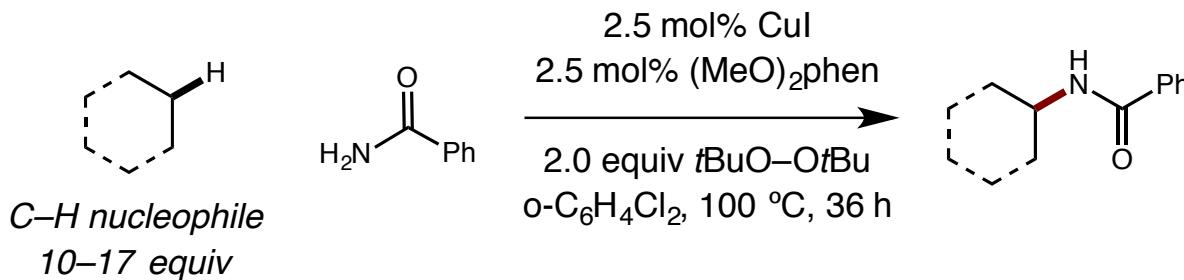
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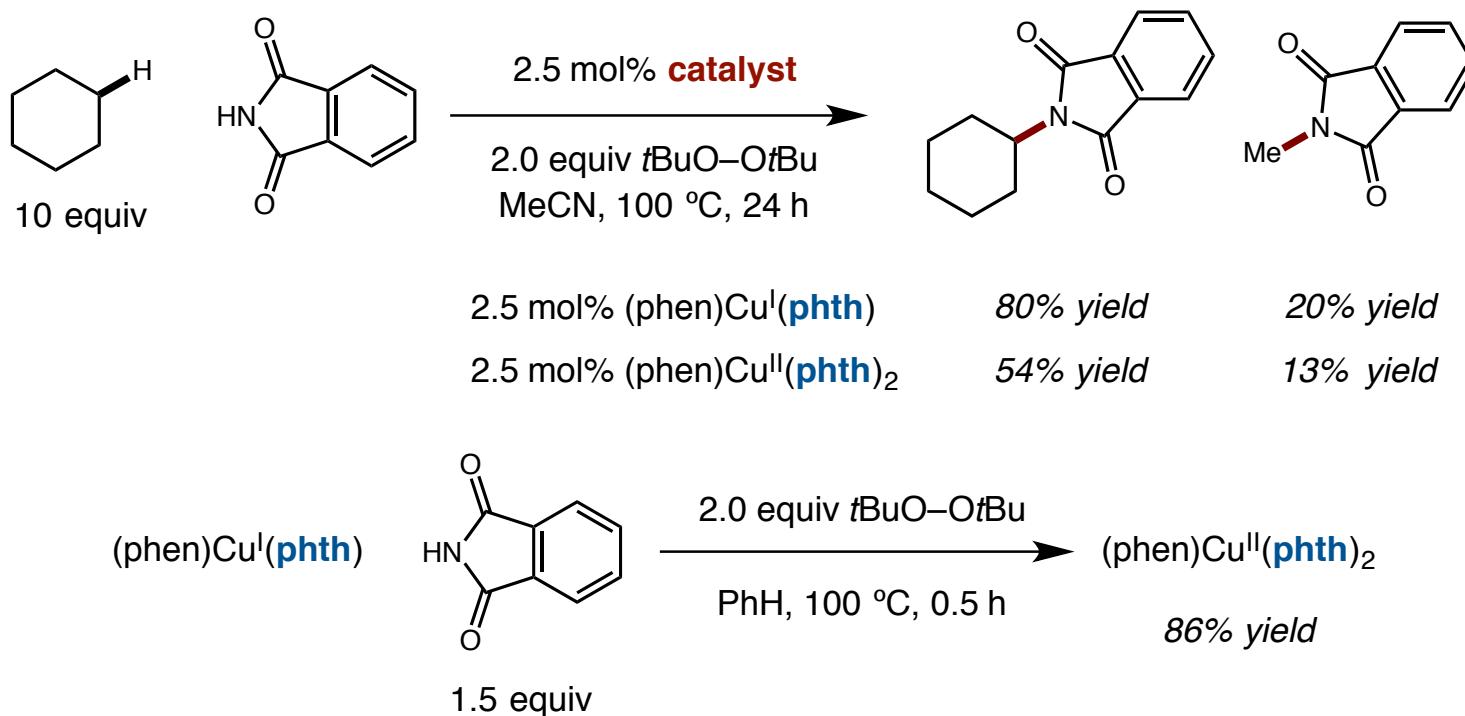
## ■ C–H nucleophile scope



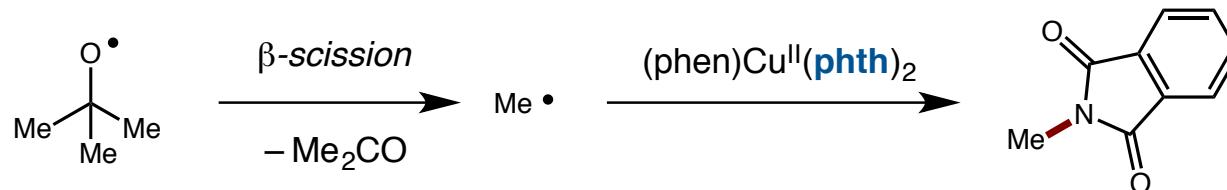
substrate	product	yield
		69% yield (>10:1 r.r.)
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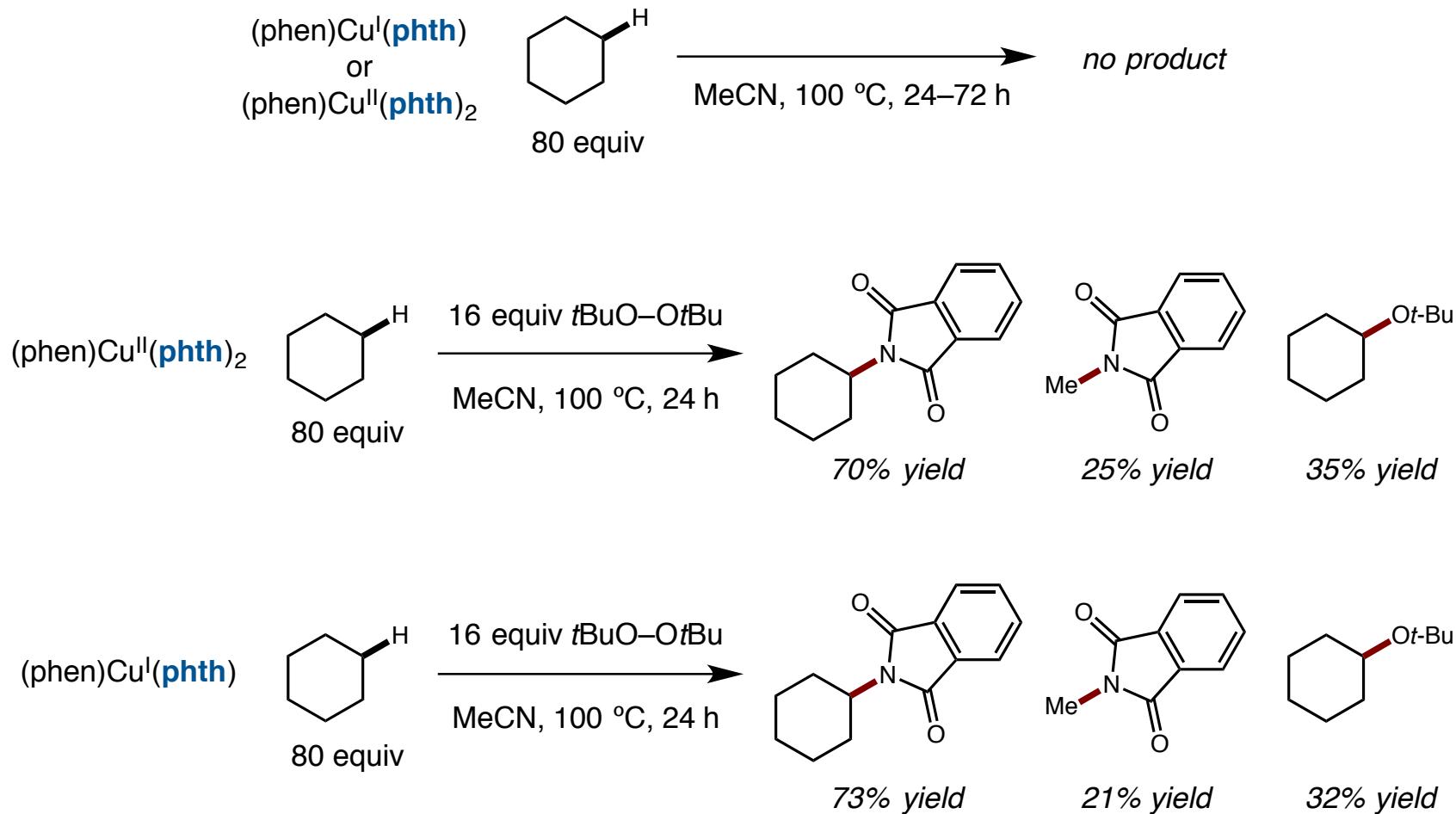


### Formation of the *N*-Me side product: $\beta$ -scission of *t*-BuO<sup>•</sup> radical



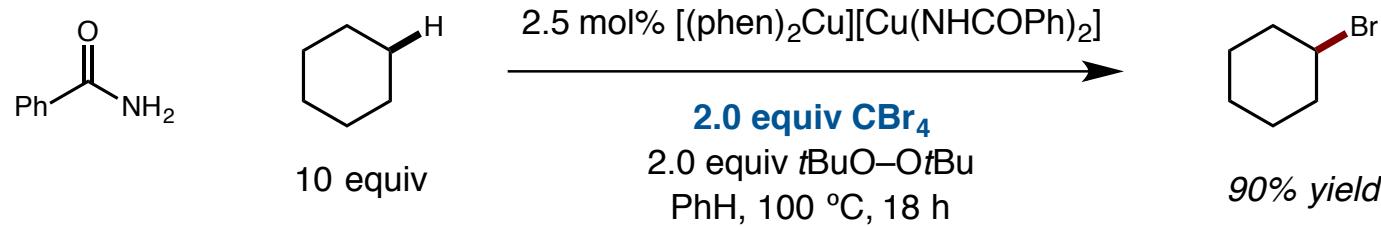
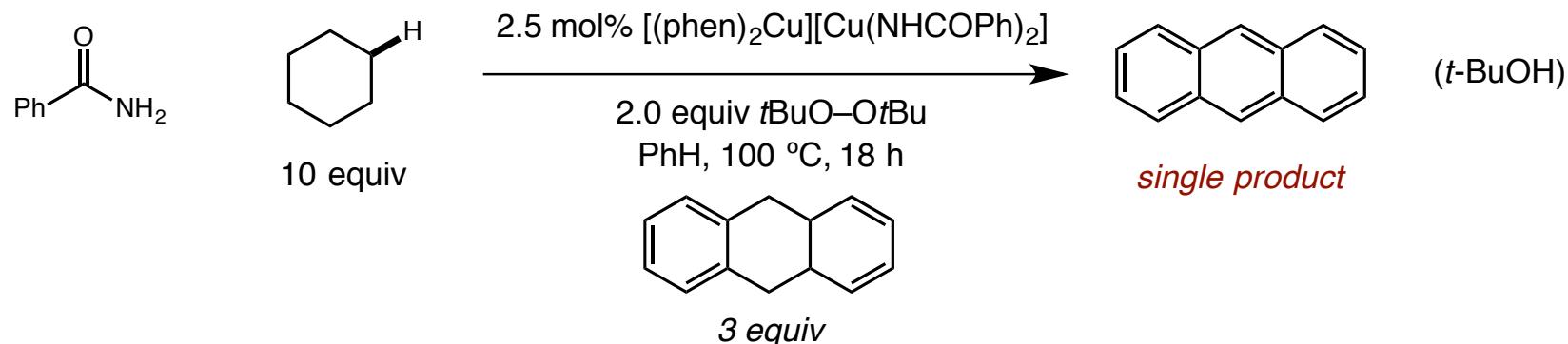
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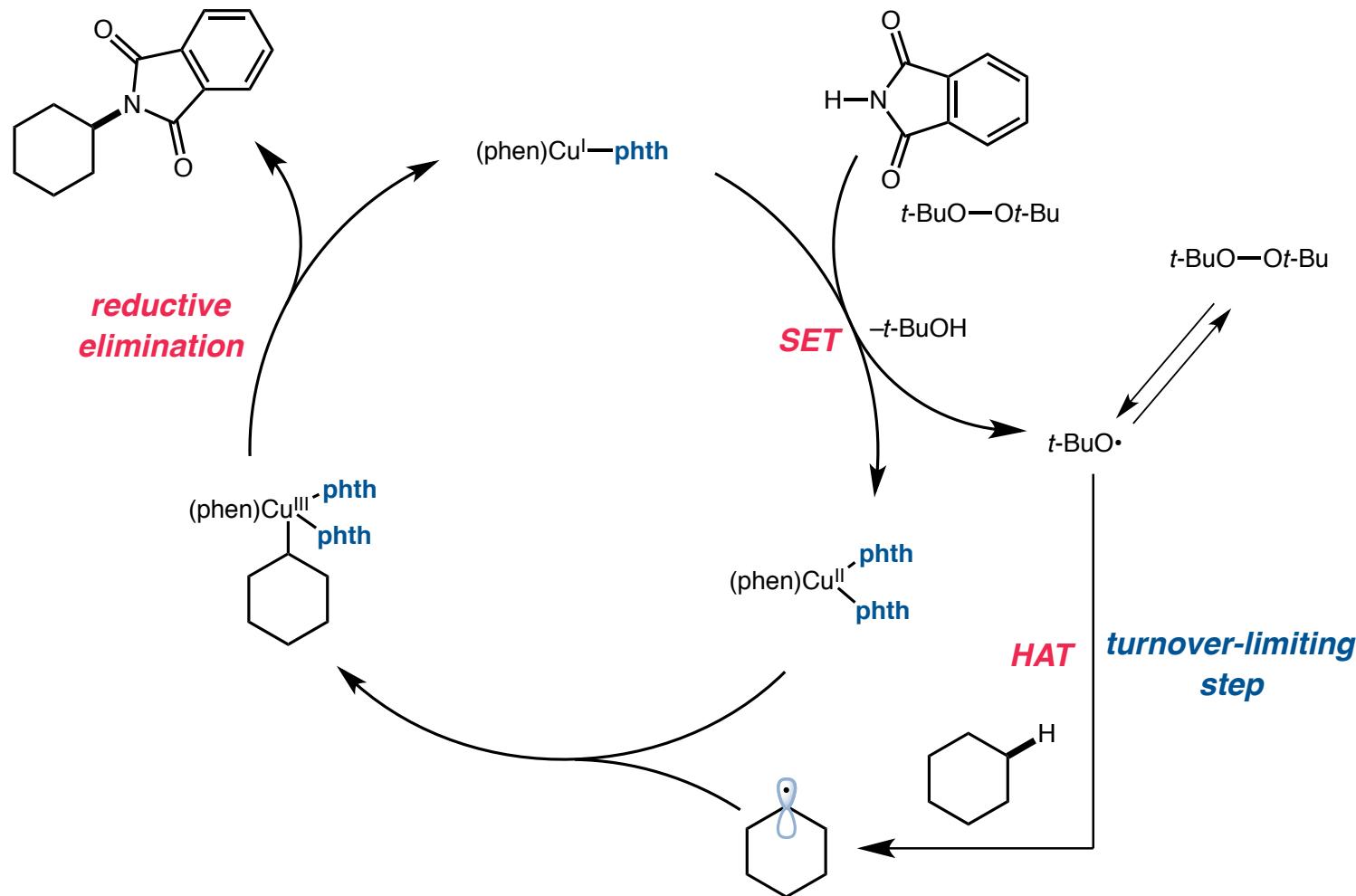
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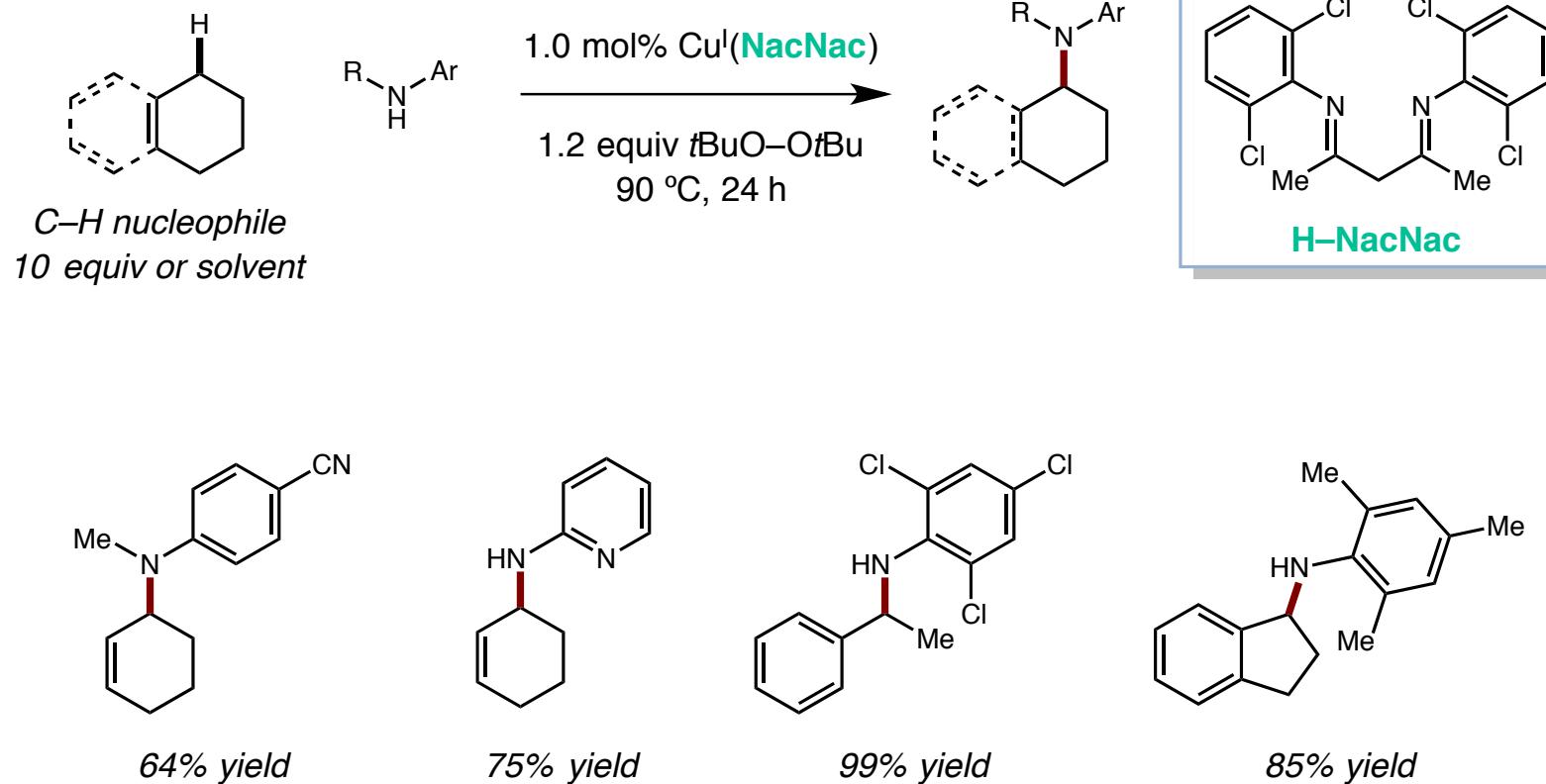
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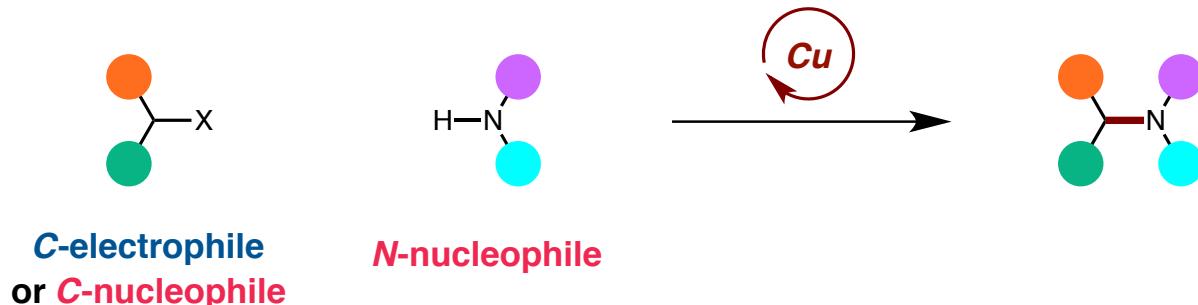
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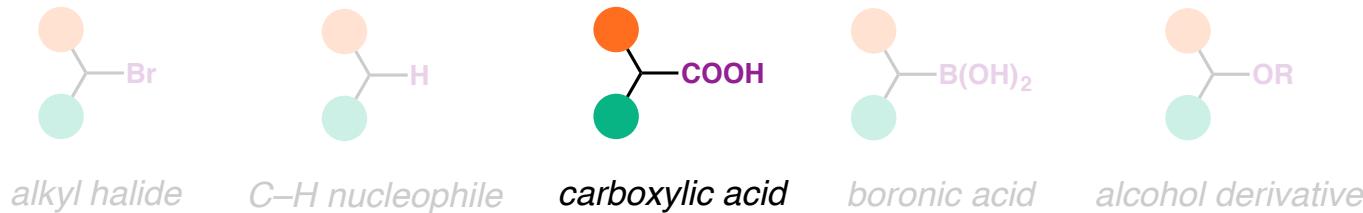
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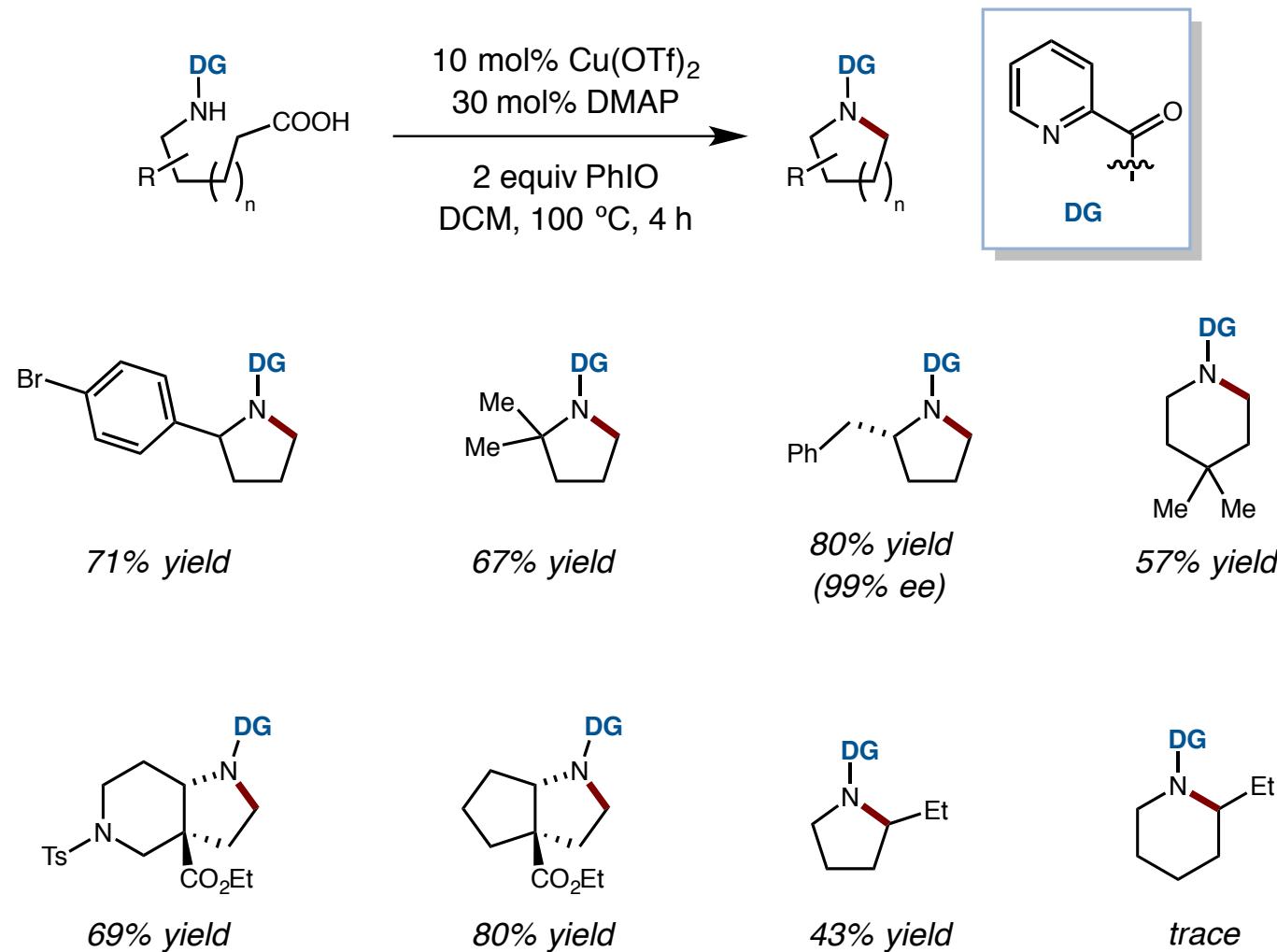


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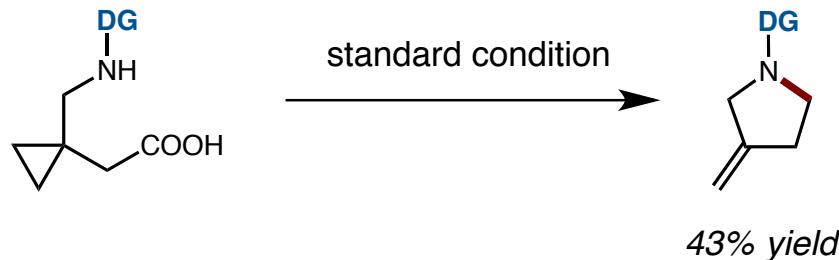
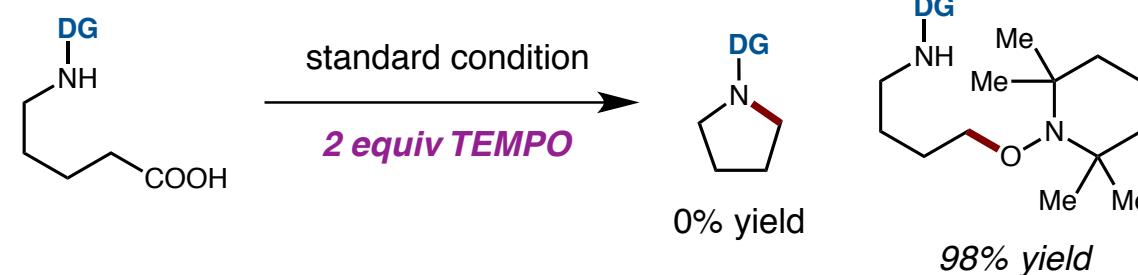
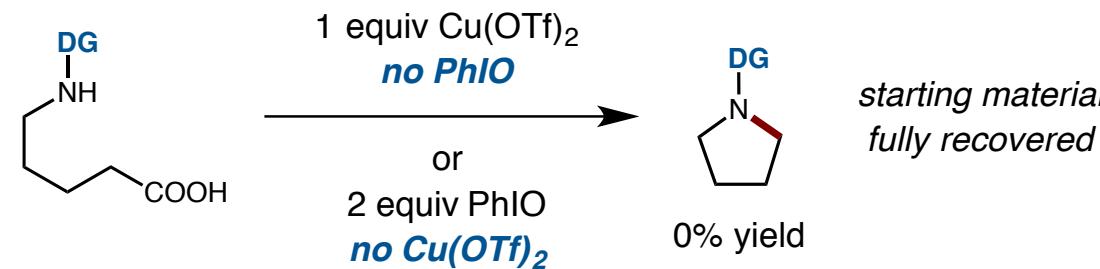
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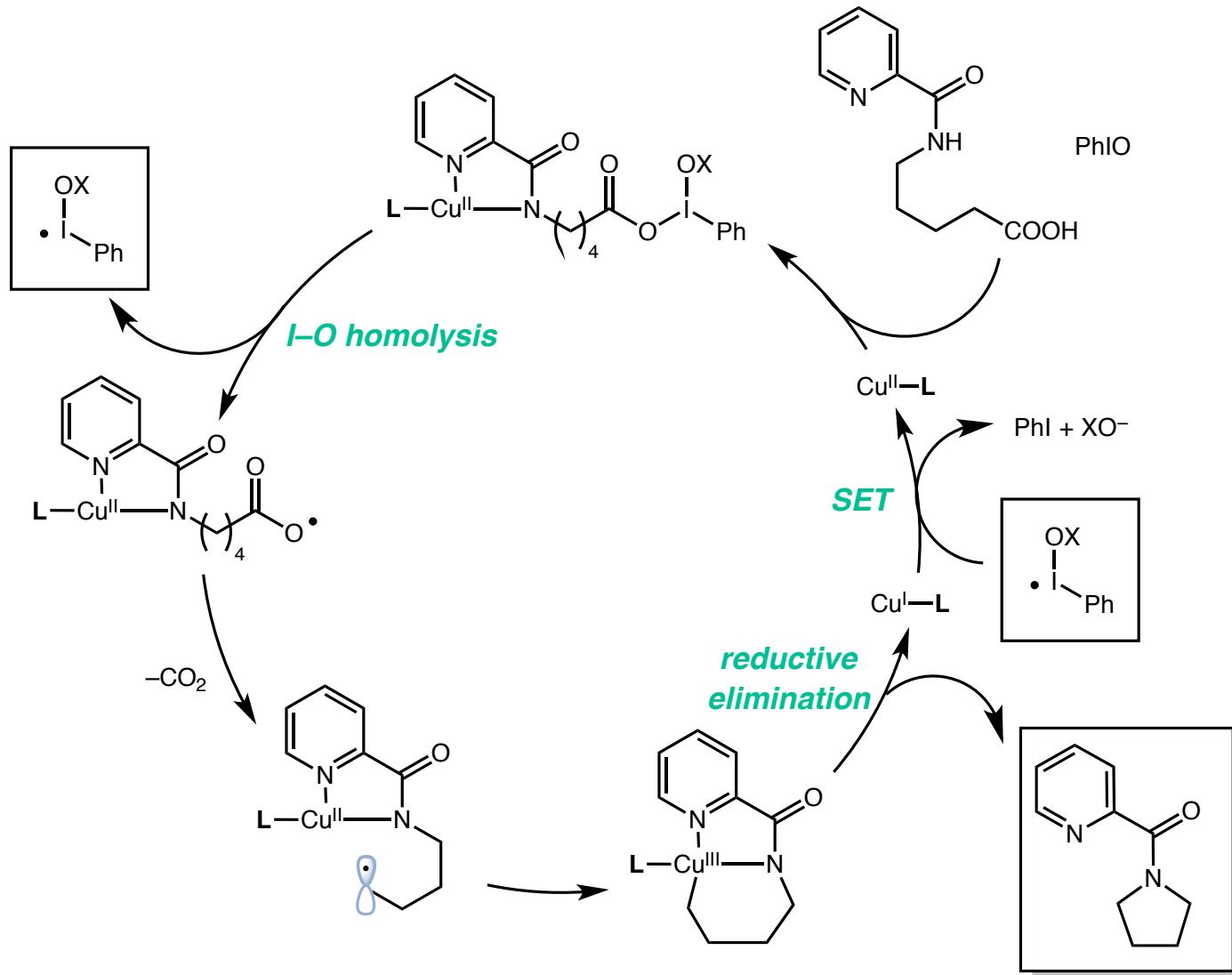
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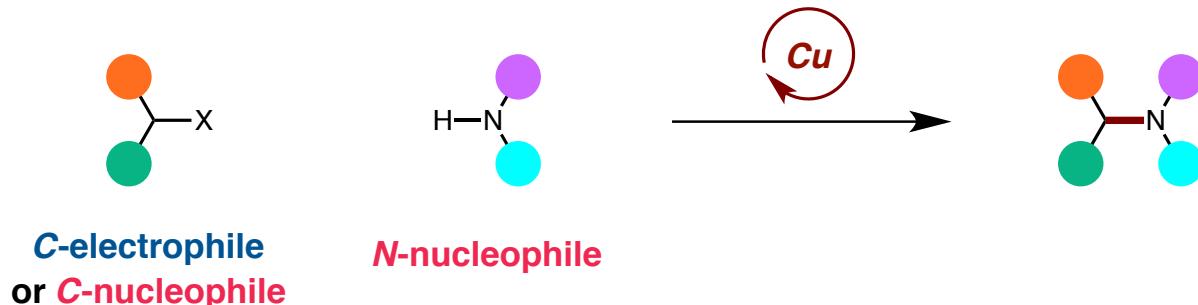
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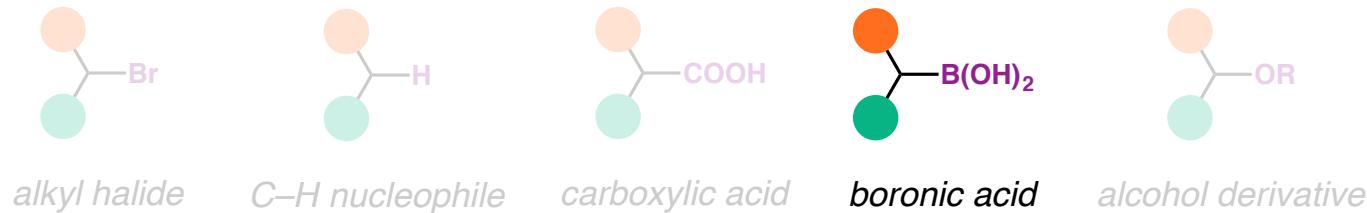


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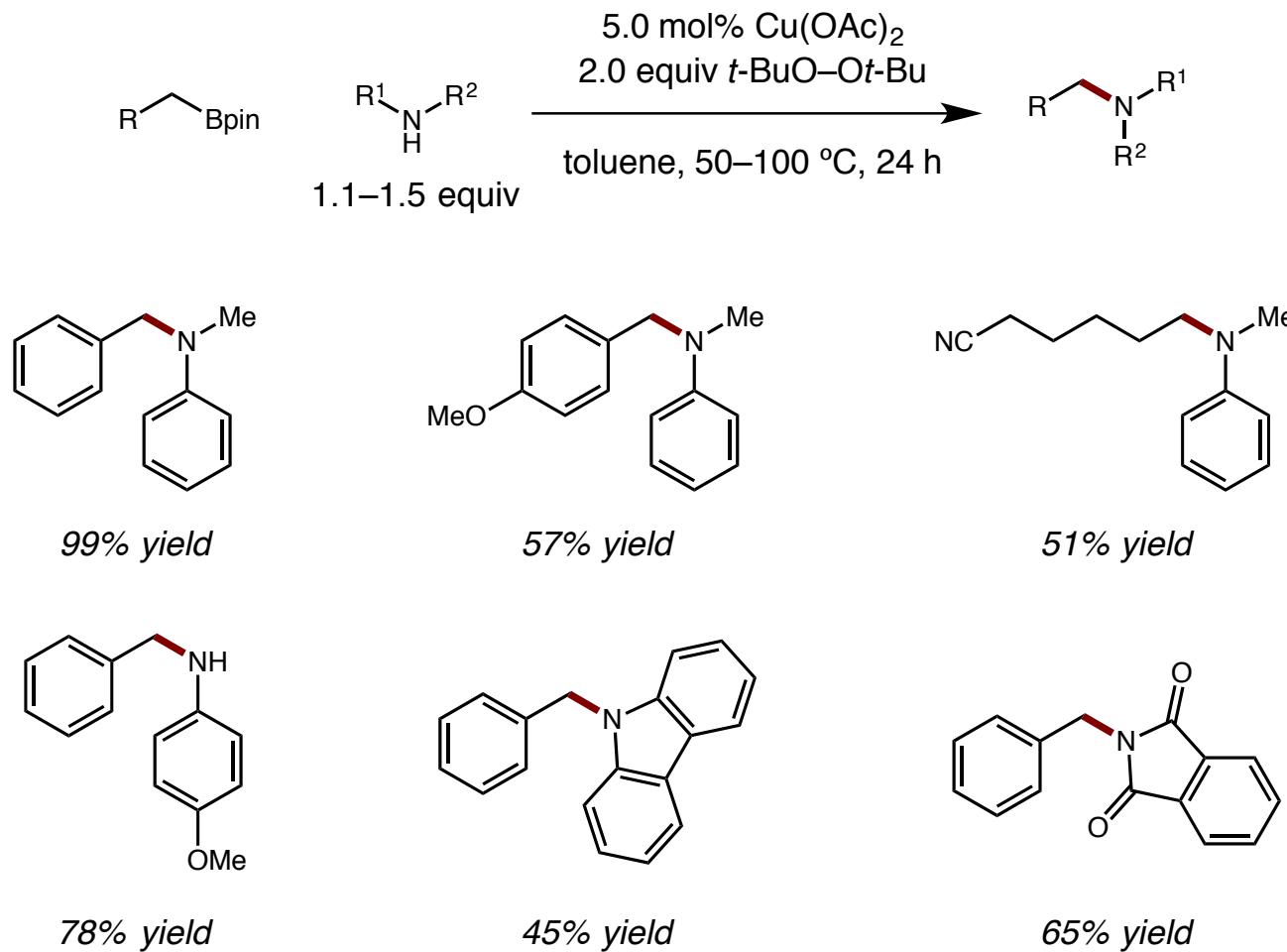


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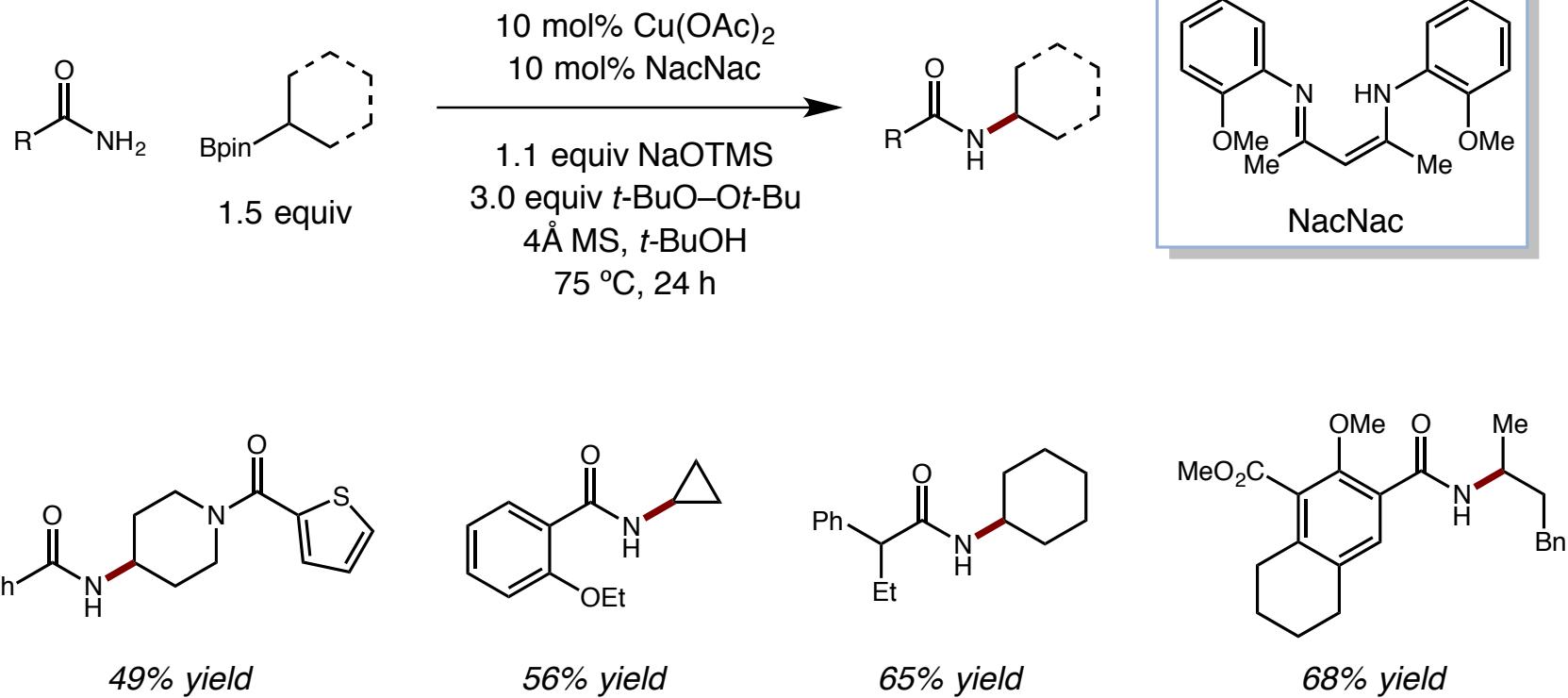
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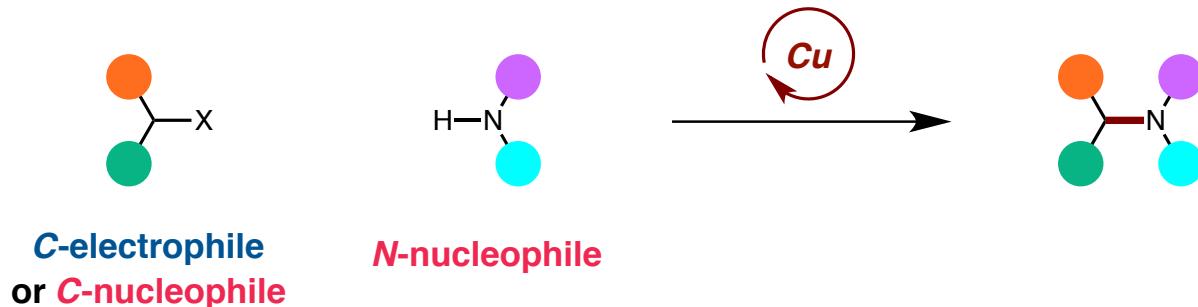
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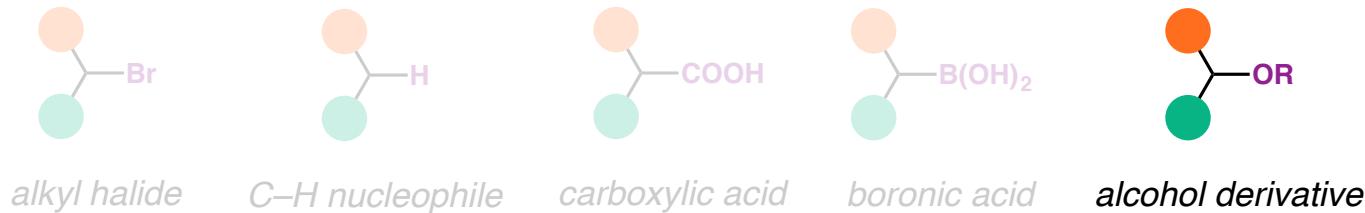


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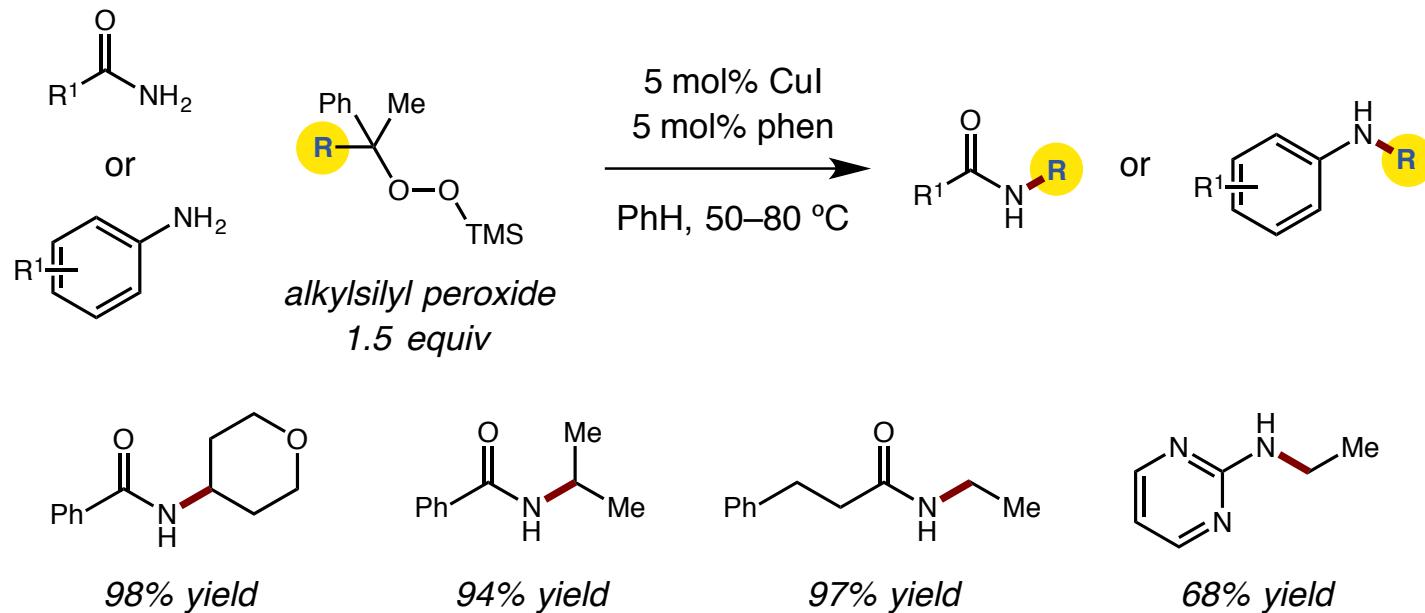


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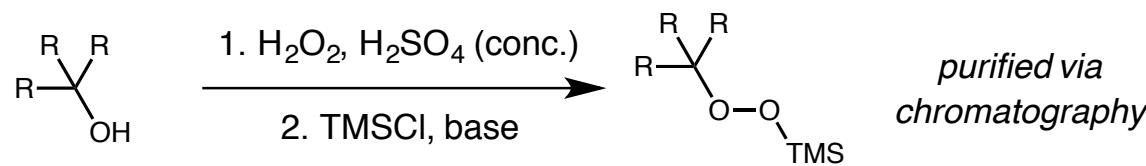


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### ■ Alkylation with alkylsilyl peroxides

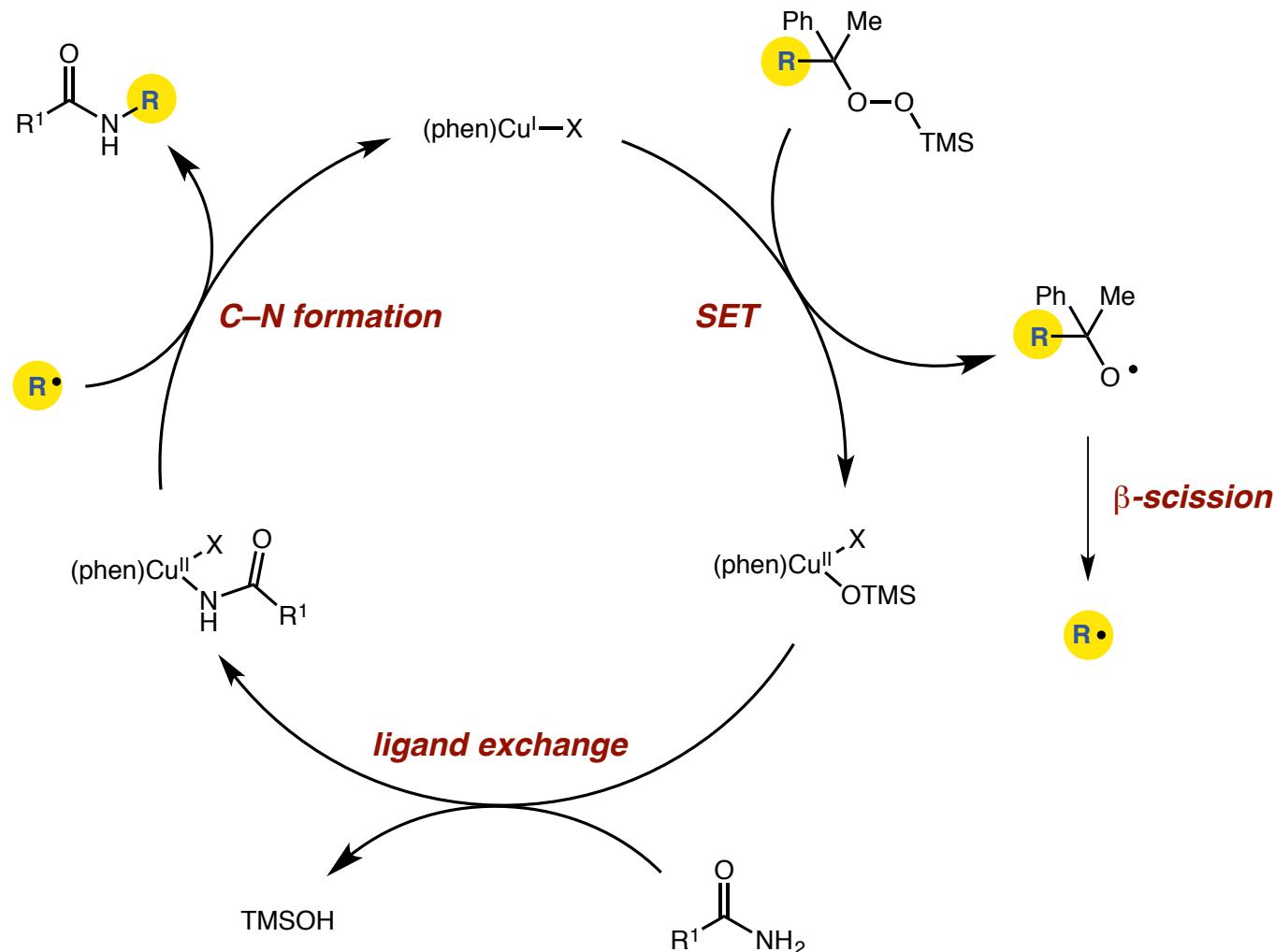


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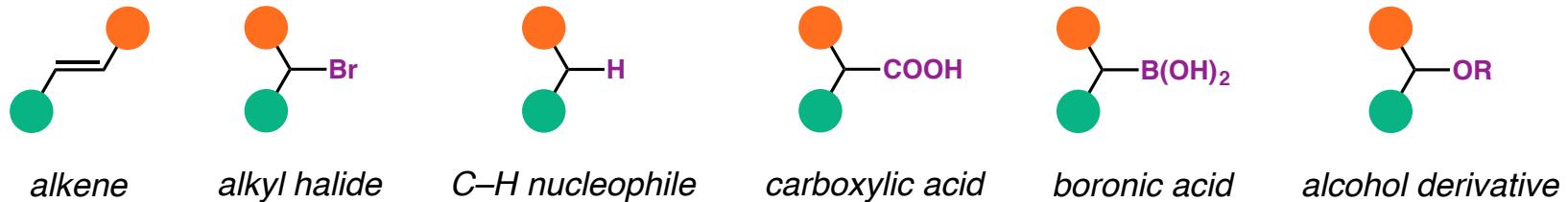
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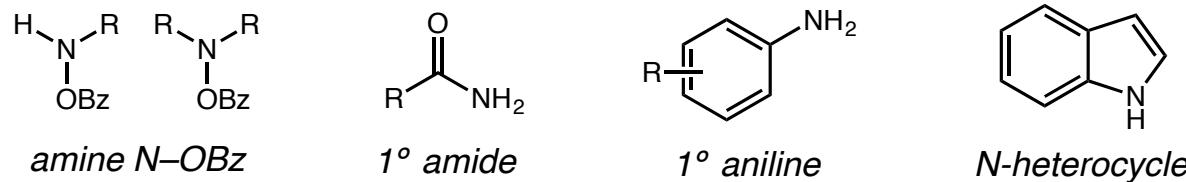


## *Summary and Future Direction*

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### ■ Future directions

- Other types of *N*-nucleophiles
- Other families of alkyl precursors
- Tertiary alkyl substrates
- Enantioselective C–N formation