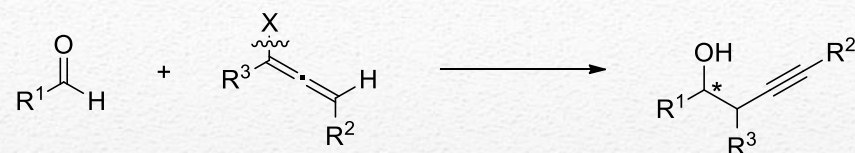


# Enantioselective copper-catalyzed decarboxylative propargylic alkylation of propargyl $\beta$ -ketoesters with a chiral ketimine P,N,N-Ligand

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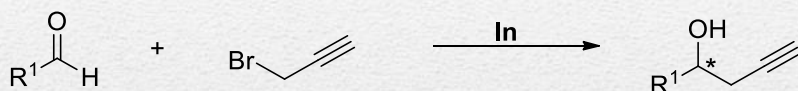
□ Start of asymmetric propargylation of carbonyl compound



X = chiral boronic ester<sup>1,2</sup>  
= SnCl<sub>3</sub>, InCl<sub>2</sub>, In (OMS)I, ZnOMS, SiCl<sub>3</sub><sup>3</sup>

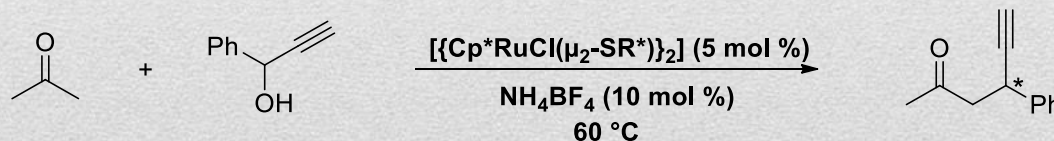
R<sub>1</sub> = H, alkyl, phenyl  
R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> = H, alkyl

67-90% yield  
34-99% ee



R<sub>1</sub> = alkyl, phenyl<sup>4</sup>

□ First example of catalytic asymmetric propargylic substitution reaction<sup>5</sup>



41-95% yield  
10-35% ee

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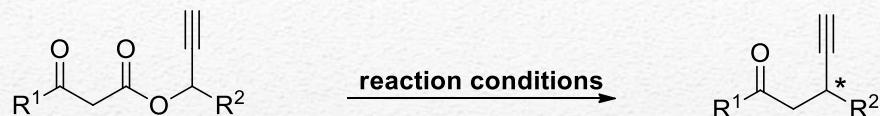
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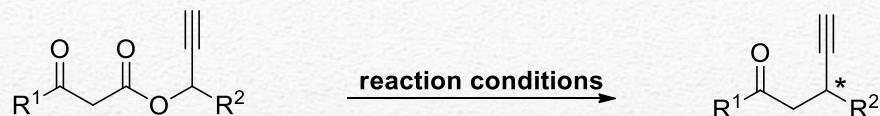
□ This work



 \* Decarboxylation and propargylic alkylation reaction in situ

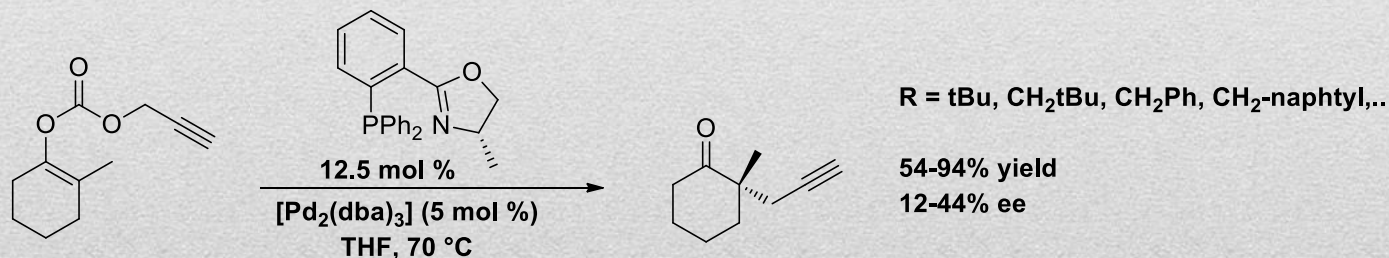
\* Facile access to a large of  $\beta$ -ethynyl ketones in highly enantioenriched form

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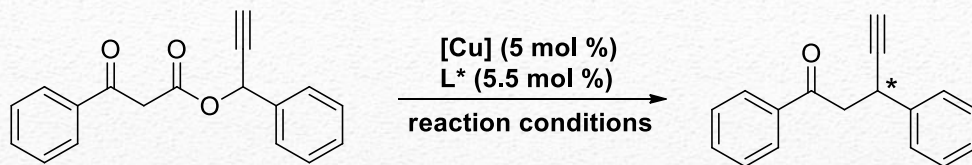
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□ Catalytic asymmetric propargylic alkylation of enol carbonate with decarboxylation<sup>6</sup>

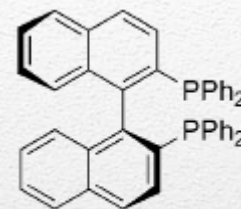


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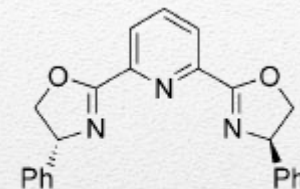




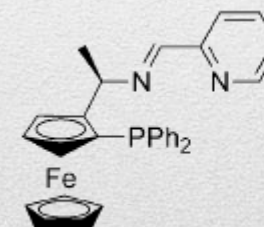
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2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	L2	MeOH	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	25	92	12
3	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	L3	MeOH	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NEt	25	85	55
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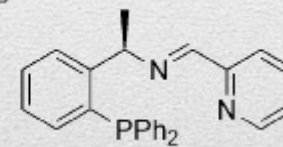
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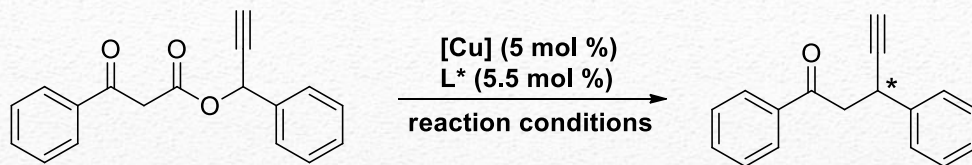
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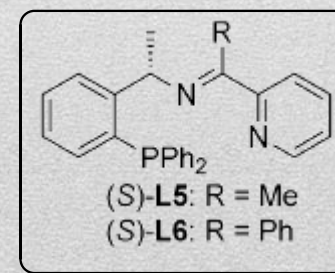
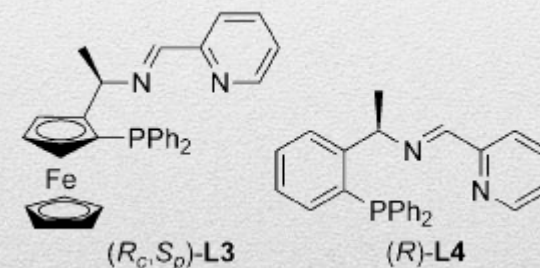
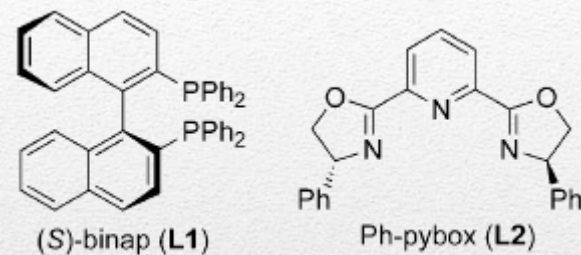
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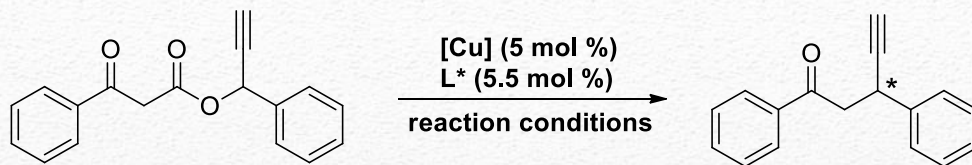
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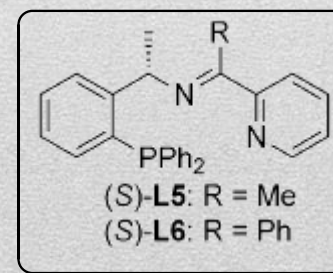
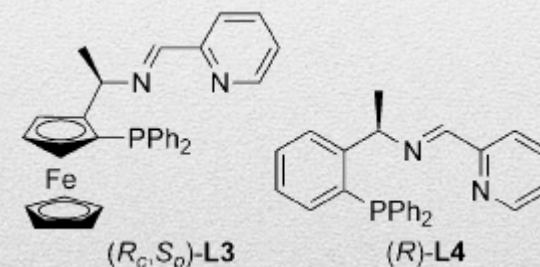
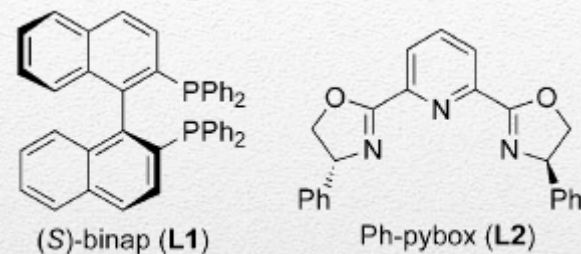
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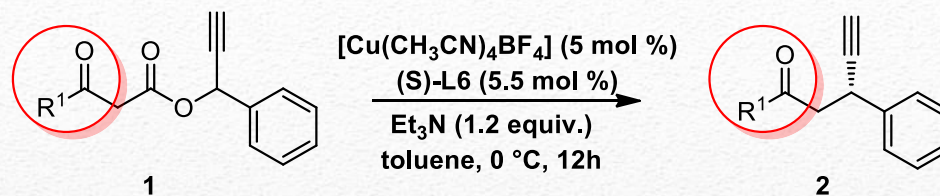




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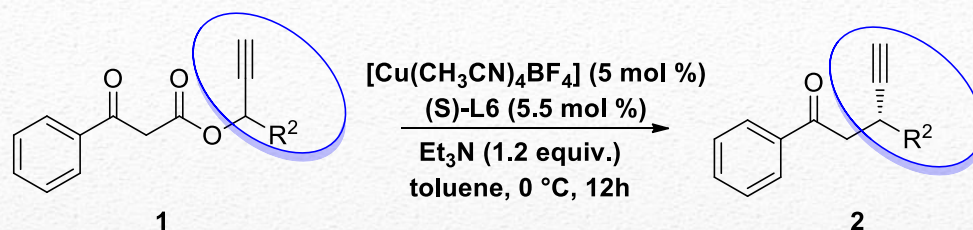






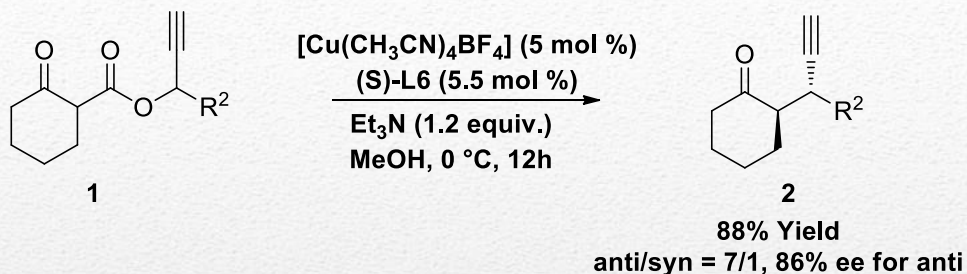
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2	1 ba: R <sup>1</sup> = 2-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ba	65	93
3	1 ca: R <sup>1</sup> = 3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ca	92	95
4	1 da: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 da	96	94
5	1 ea: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ea	96	95
6	1 fa: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 fa	95	95
7	1 ga: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ga	93	95
8	1 ha: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ha	95	93
9	1 ia: R <sup>1</sup> = 4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2 ia	96	94
10	1 ja: R <sup>1</sup> = 2-naphthyl	2 ja	95	96
11	1 ka: R <sup>1</sup> = 6-MeO-2-naphthyl	2 ka	96	98
12	1 la: R <sup>1</sup> = thienyl	2 la	91	95
13 <sup>[d]</sup>	1 ma: R <sup>1</sup> = Me	2 ma	88	85
14 <sup>[d]</sup>	1 na: R <sup>1</sup> = <i>n</i> Pr	2 na	85	86
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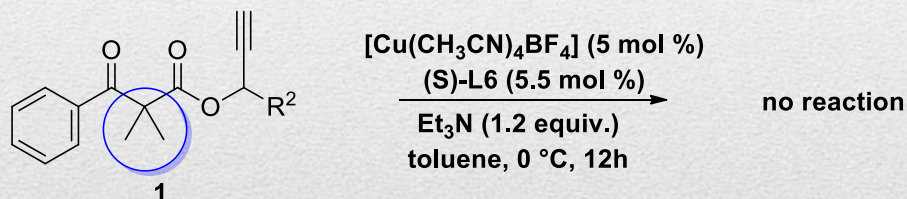


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3	1ac: $\text{R}^2 = 3\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	2ac	95	96
4	1ad: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4$	2ad	96	95
5	1ae: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-FC}_6\text{H}_4$	2ae	96	94
6	1af: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4$	2af	93	95
7	1ag: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4$	2ag	91	89
8	1ah: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-MeOC}_6\text{H}_4$	2ah	94	85
9	1ai: $\text{R}^2 = 4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$	2ai	96	95
10	1aj: $\text{R}^2 = 2\text{-naphthyl}$	2aj	94	97
11	1ak: $\text{R}^2 = \text{thienyl}$	2ak	92	88
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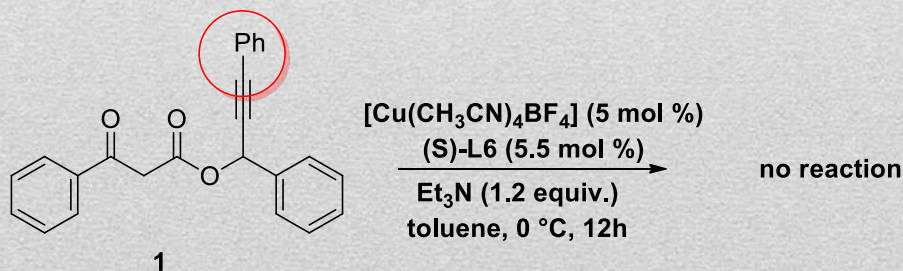
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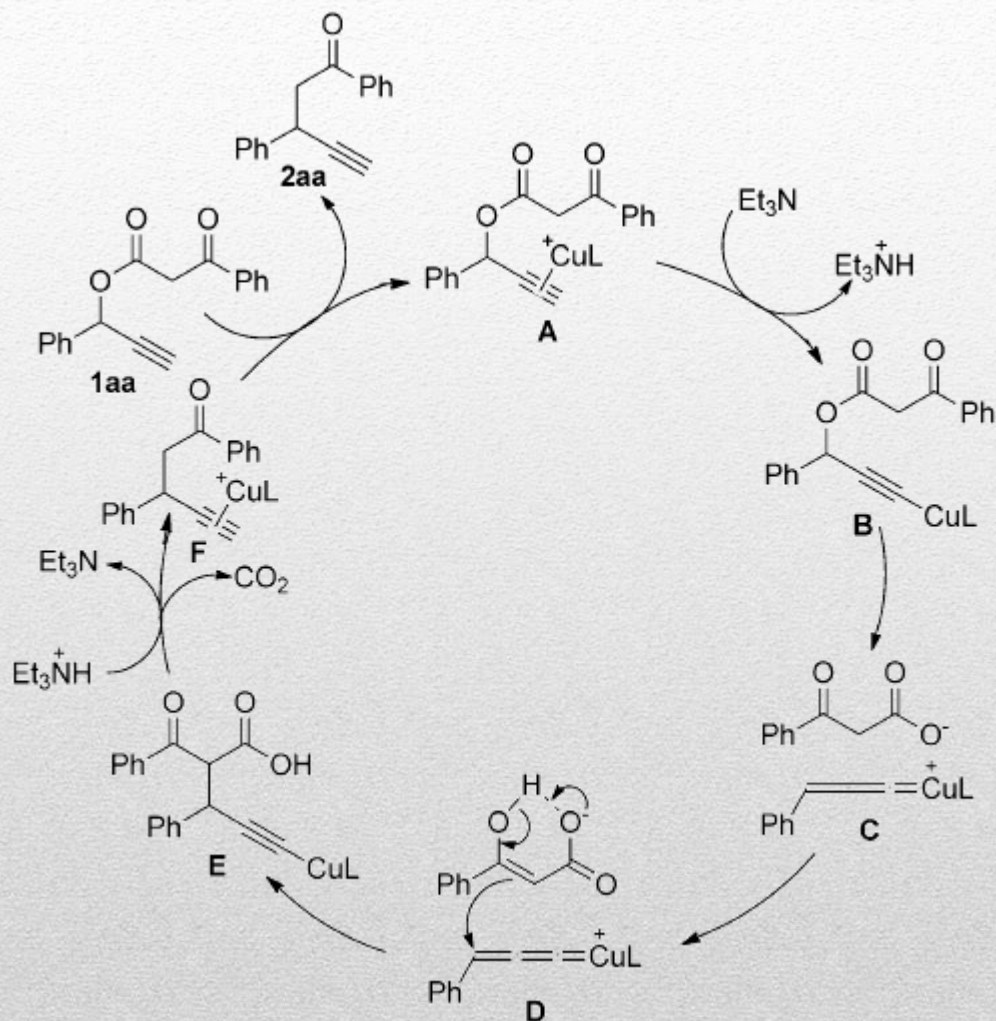
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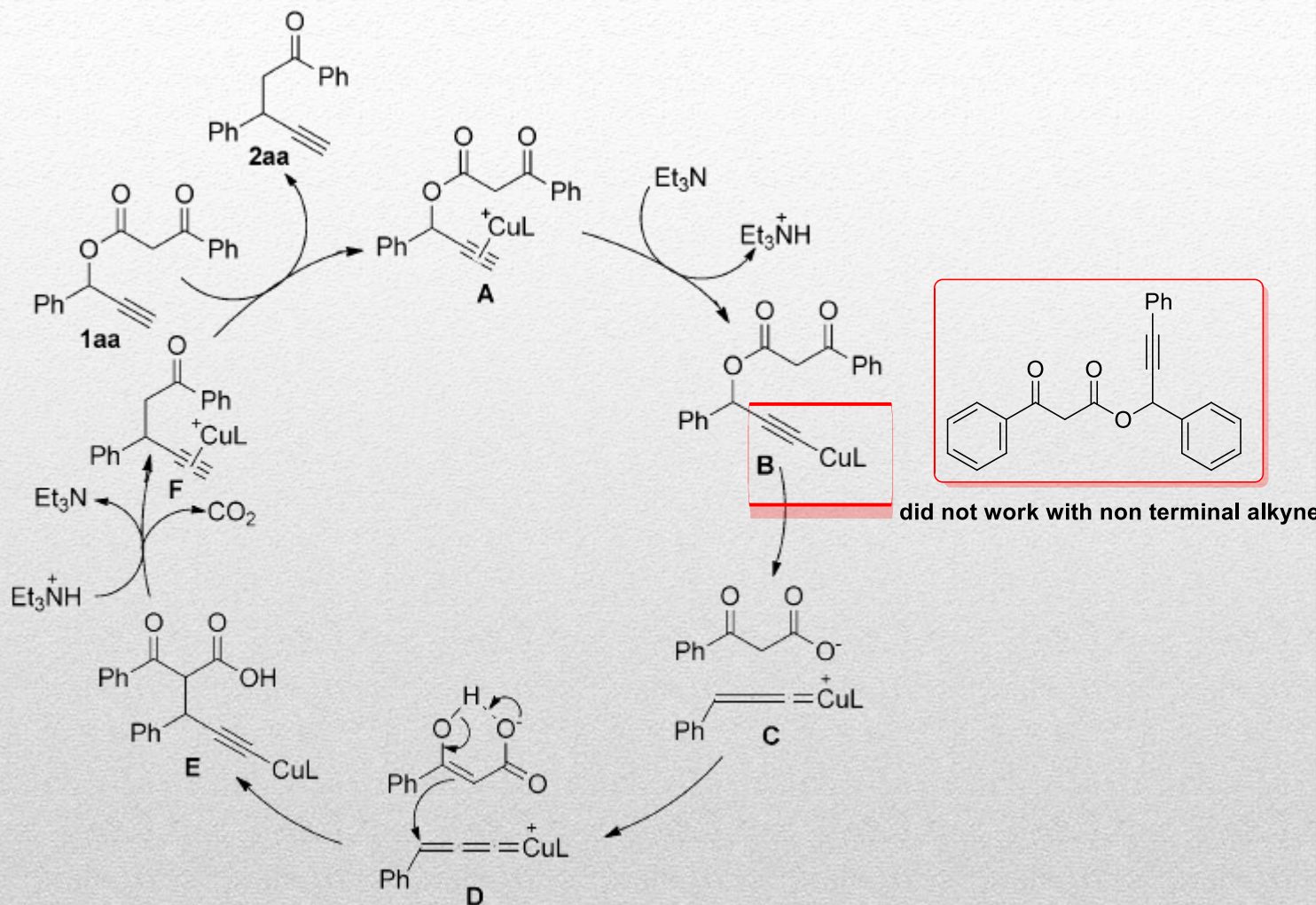


## Reaction with a non-terminal alkyne

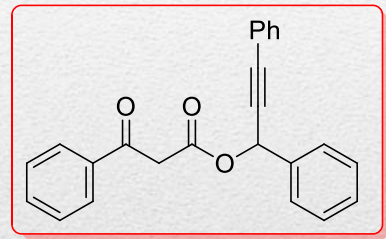
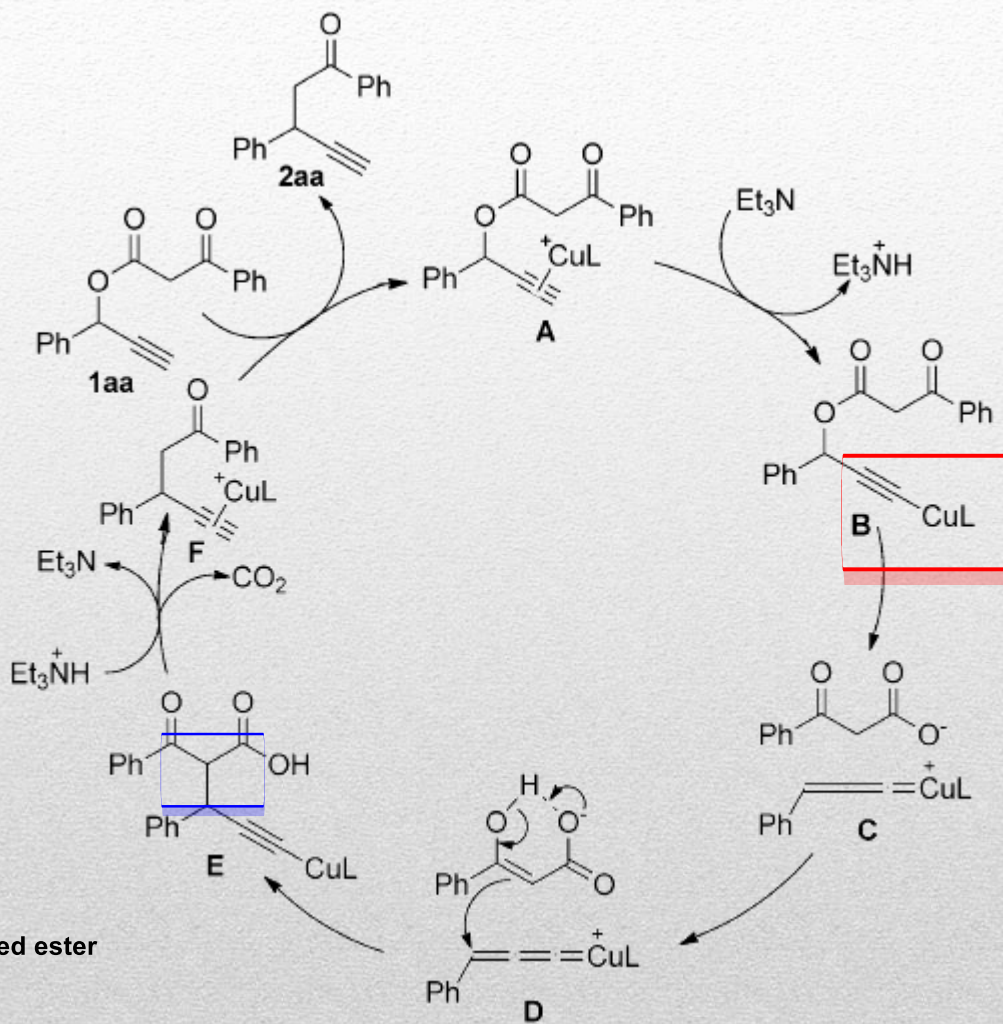




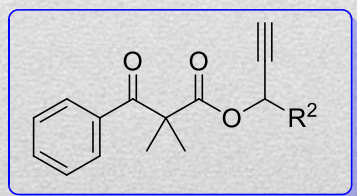








did not work with non terminal alkyne



did not work with  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted ester

- ❑ The first enantioselective copper-catalyzed decarboxylative propargylic alkylation developed.
- ❑ Formation of activated electrophile and nucleophile in situ in catalytic concentration.
- ❑ Large  $\beta$ -ethynyl ketones, excellent yield and ee.



Thank you for your attention.