Intramolecular C-H Activation through

Gold(I)-Catalyzed Reaction of Iodoalkynes

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Ruthenium-catalysed terminal alkyne activation: stepwise 1,5-hydride shift

$$(X = OR, NR_2, alkyl)$$

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Gold vinylidenes from gold-catalysed dual activation

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Gold vinylidenes from activation of iodoalkynes



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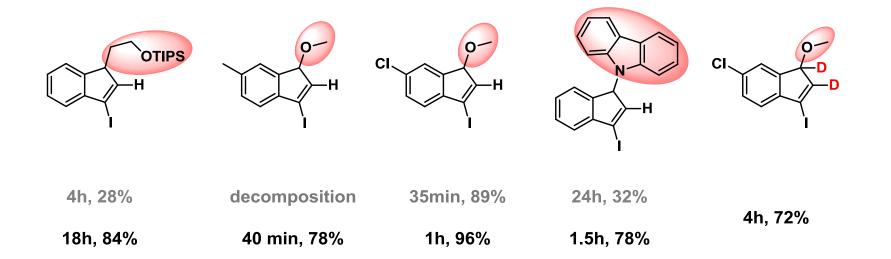
Optimization of cycloisomerization conditions

Entry	Catalyst	Additive (equiv)	t [h]	Conv. [%]	Yield [%]
1	${\rm IPrAuNTf}_2$	-	1	100	decomposition
2	${\it John Phos AuNTf}_2$	-	24	10	0
3	$(RO)_3$ PAuNT f_2	-	24		0
4	Ph ₃ PAuNTf ₂	-	24	14	0
5	$IPrAuNTf_2$	ttbp (0.25)	2.5	100	60
6	$IPrAuNTf_2$	dtmp(0.25)	24	65	24
7	$IPrAuNTf_2$	lut (0.25)	24	24	0
8	$IPrAuNTf_2$	tBuOK(0.25)	24	65	20
9	$IPrAuNTf_2$	nor(0.25)	18	100	6
10	IPrAuNTf ₂	ttbp (0.1)	1	100	61

Indene derivatives through C-H bond activation

1.5 h, 87%

1h, 91%



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Mechanism insights

Proposed mechanism

Conclusion

- **♦** A new catalytic transformation of iodoalkynes is presented
- **♦** A wide range of iodine-substituted indenes are obtained
- ◆ This study reveals a distinct reaction path for C-H insertion reactions involving metal vinylidenes
- ☐ The function of additive is still not clear

Thank you for your attention