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The synthesis of cyclopropenes and their applications in cycloadditions from 2006 to nowadays



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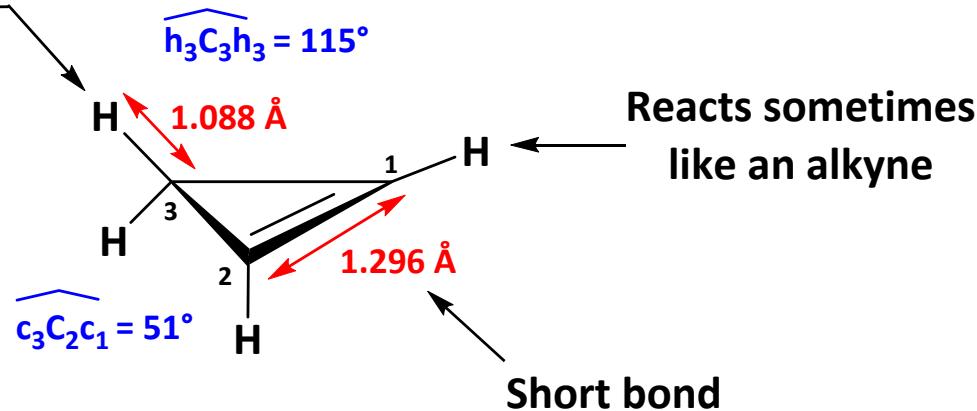
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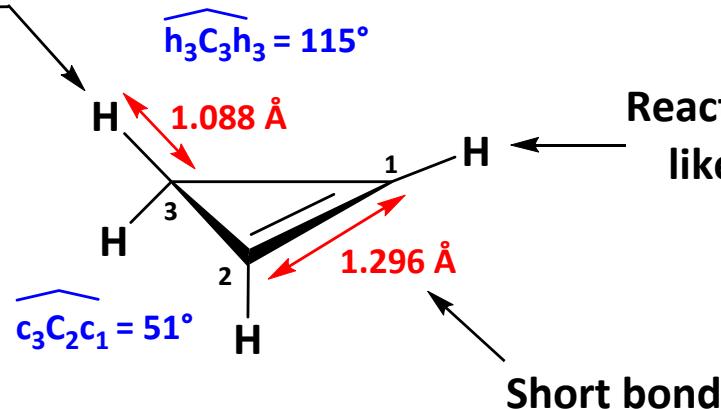
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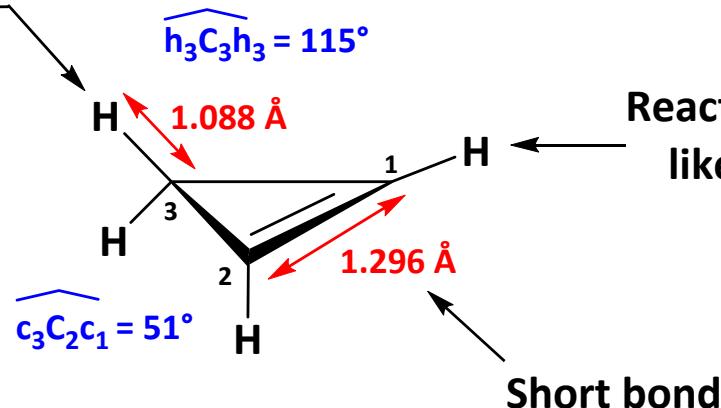
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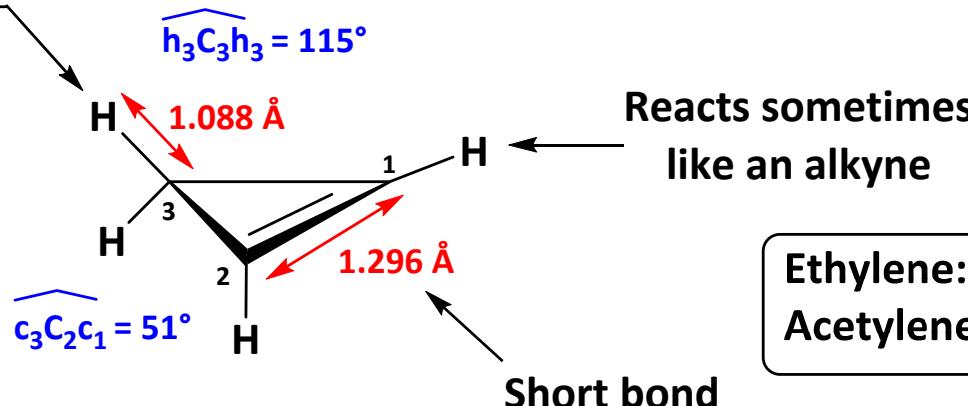
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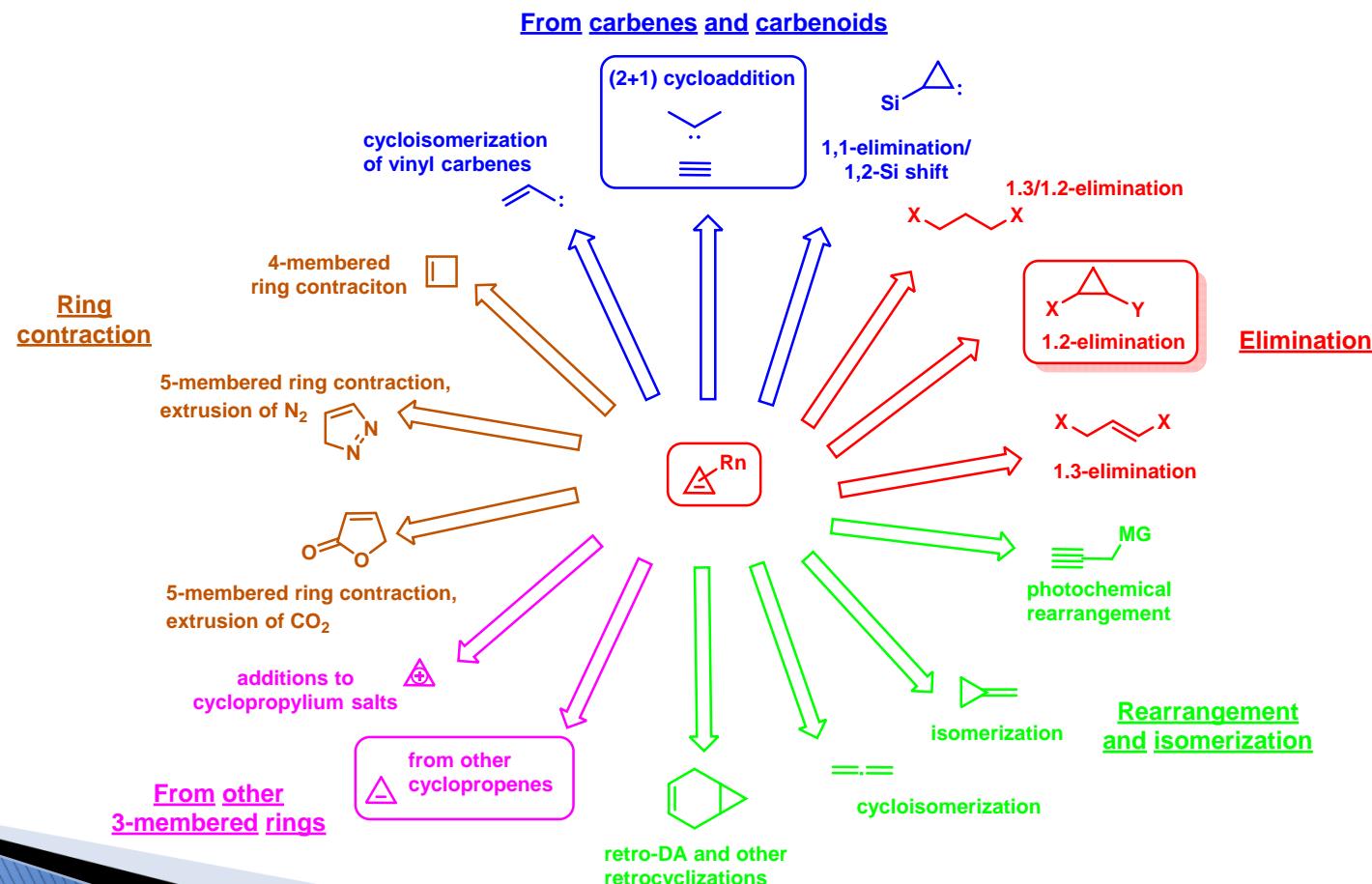


Because the ring is **highly strained**, cyclopropenes are both
difficult to prepare and **interesting to study**

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General scheme of all the ways to synthesize cyclopropenes



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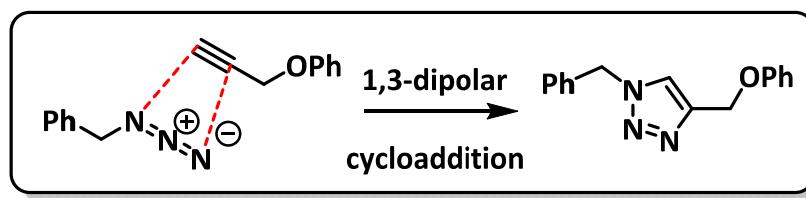
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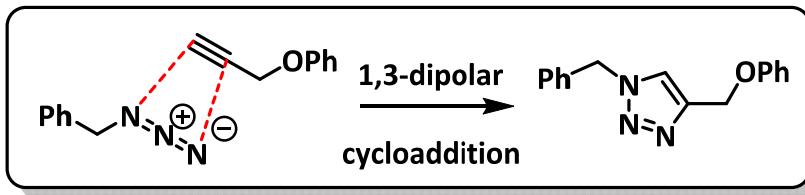
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1,3-dipolar cycloadditions can be called:

(3+2) cycloaddition (number of atoms)
or **[4+2] cycloaddition** (number of electrons)

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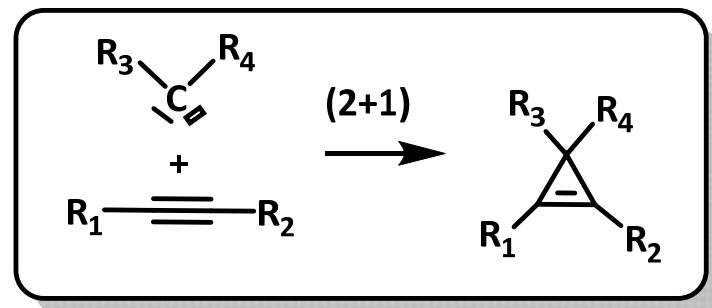
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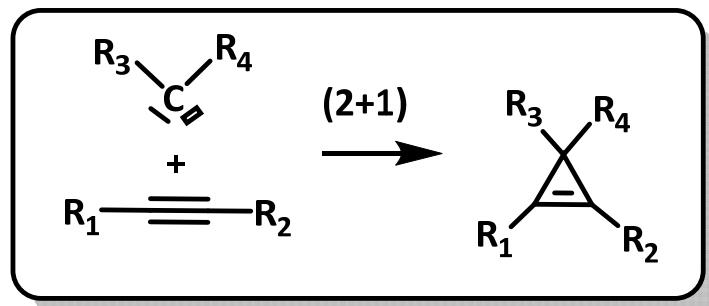
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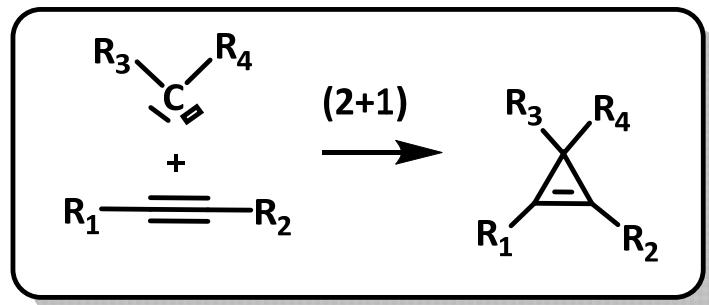


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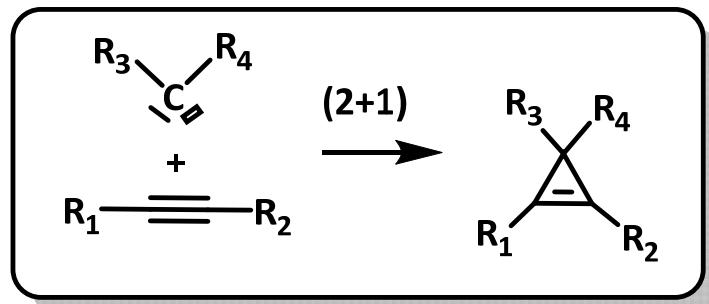


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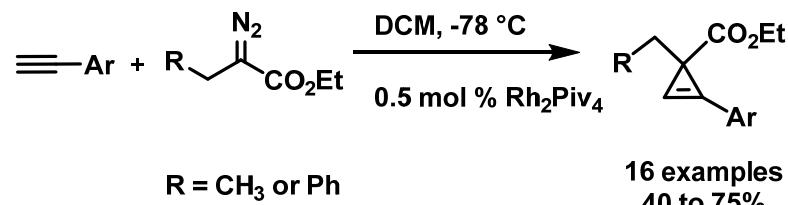
Transition-Metal-Free:

In situ generated carbenes

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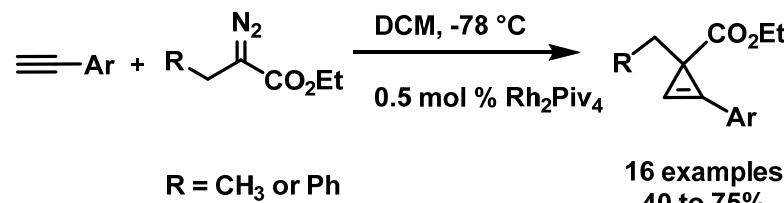


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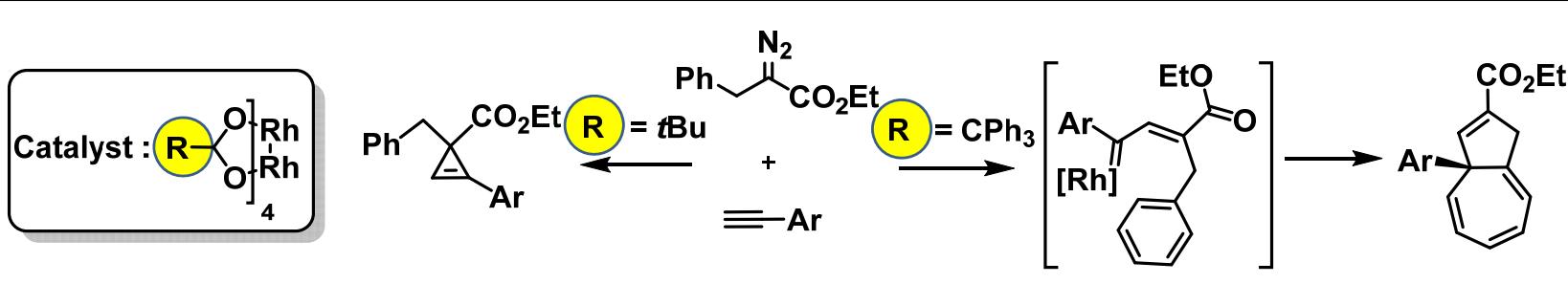
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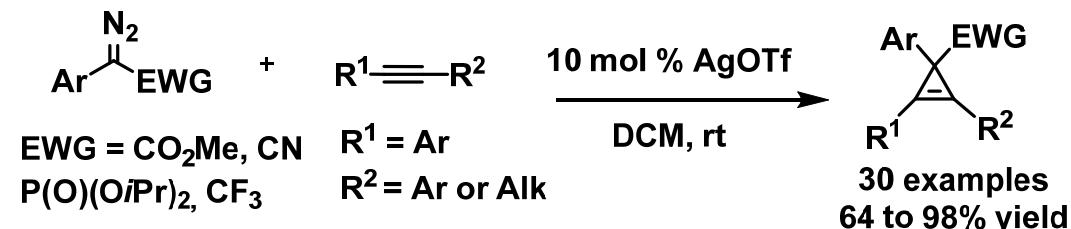


Creation of distinct types of complex molecules from
identical starting materials based solely on **catalyst selection**

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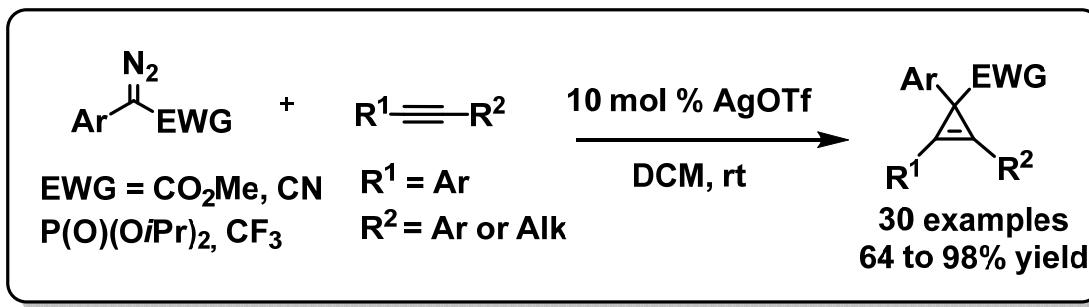
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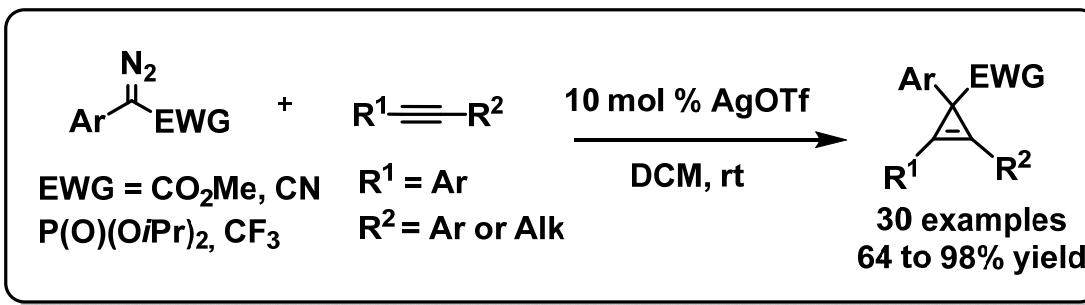


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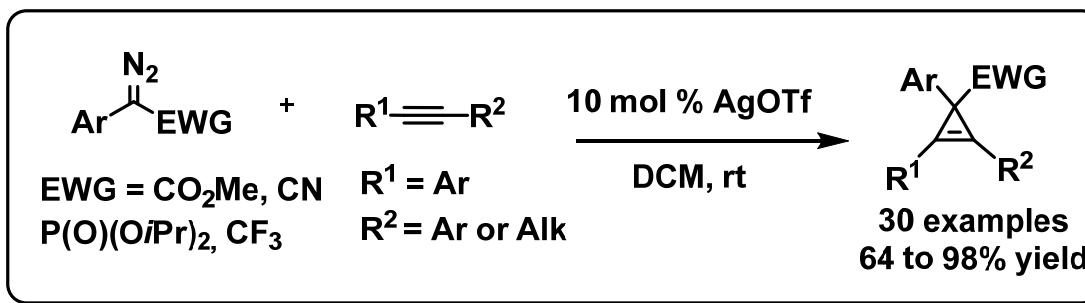
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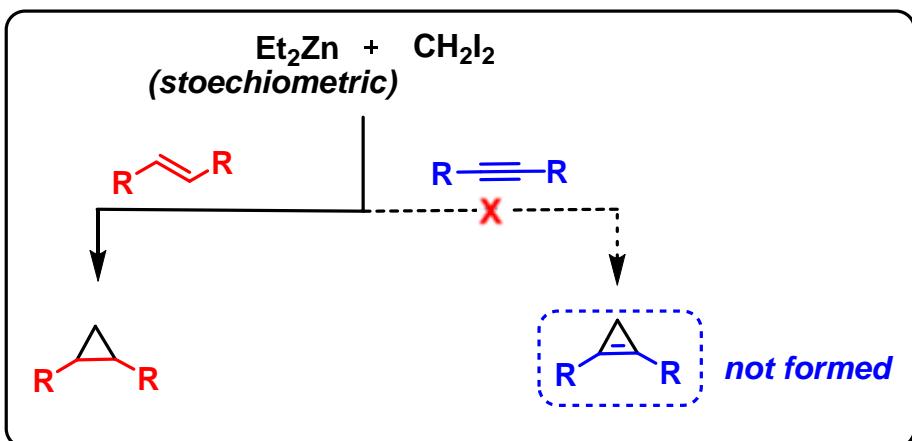
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Cannot be synthesized via Rh(II)-catalysed carbenoid chemistry (steric hindrance)

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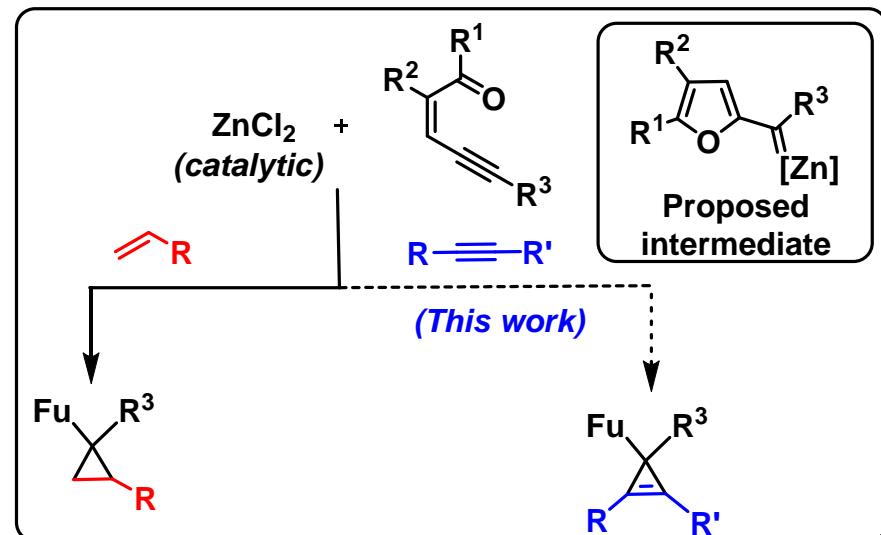
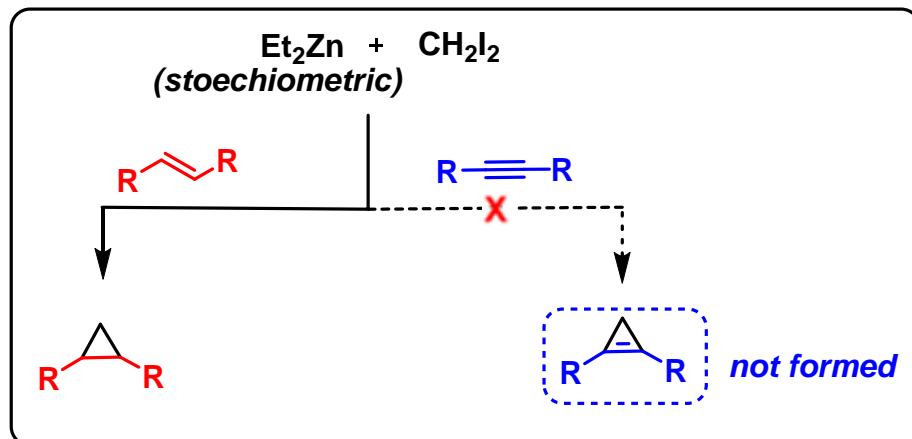


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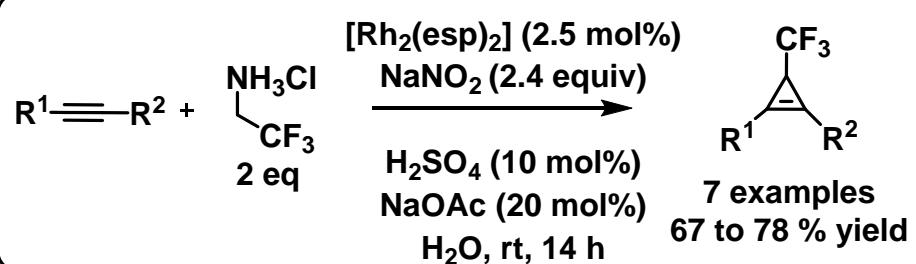
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First zinc-catalyzed cyclopropanation
Inexpensive and less toxic catalyst
Mild conditions (25 °C, DCM, 0.5-7 h)

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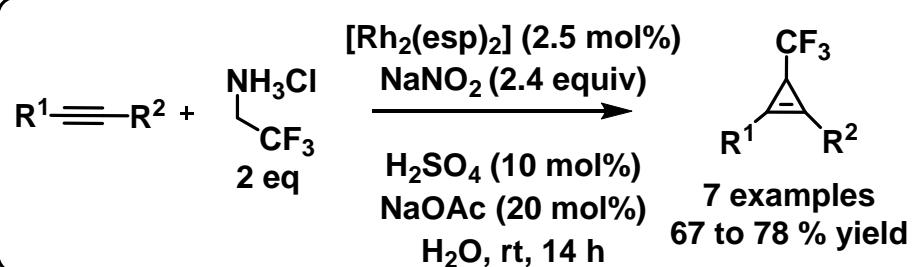


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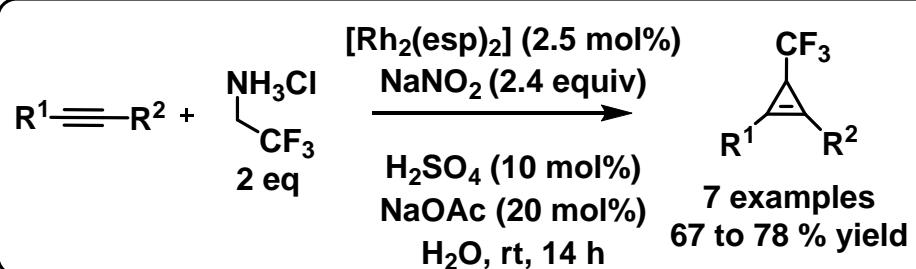
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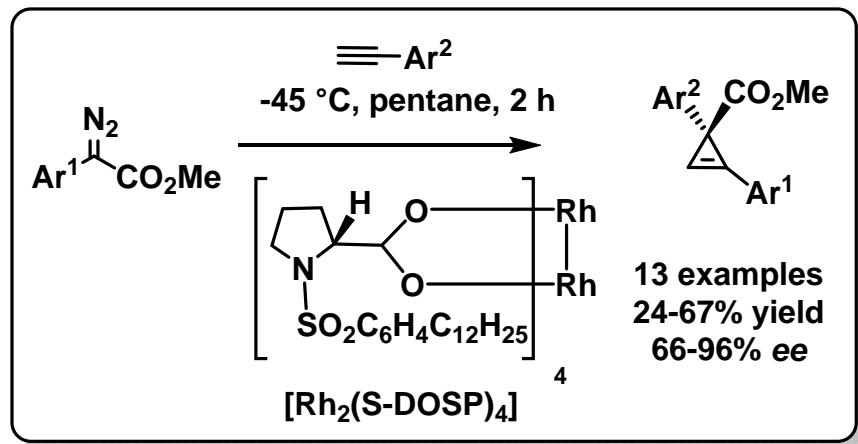
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Key: identification of a **robust catalyst** to support harsh conditions

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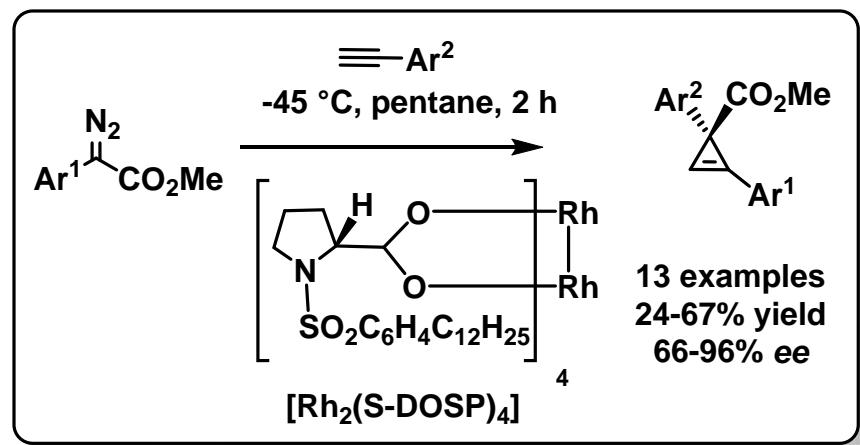


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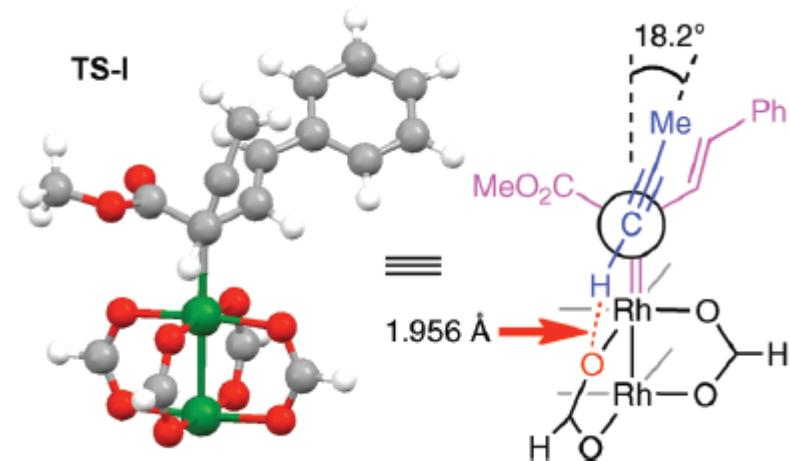
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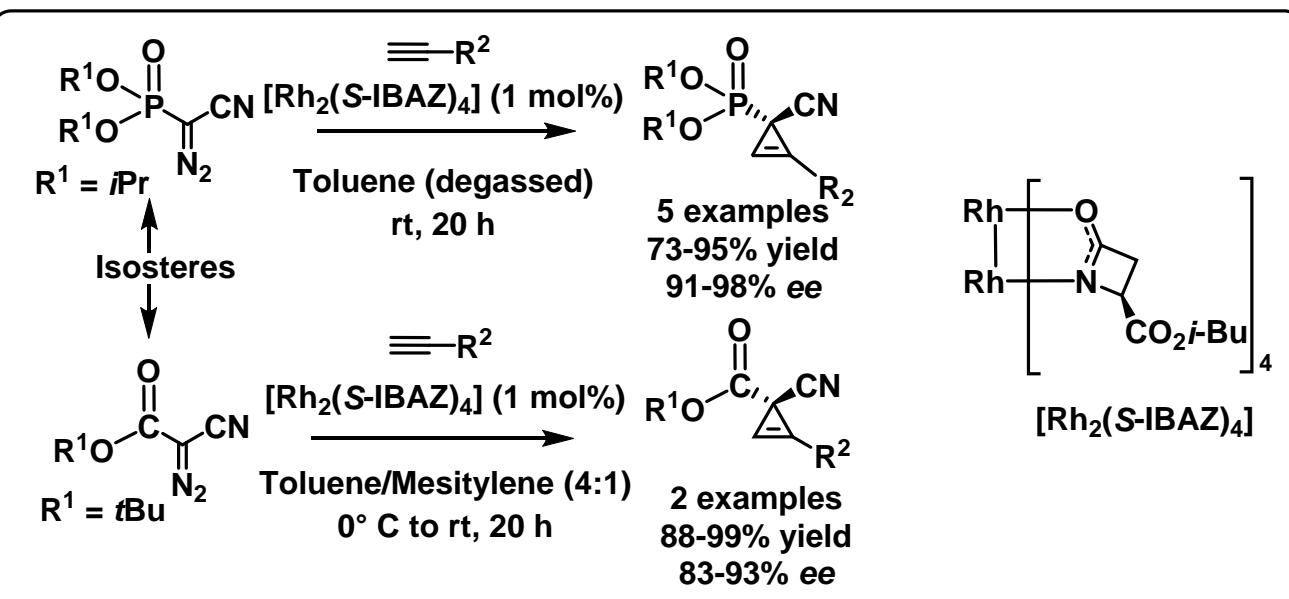


High enantioselectivity governed by:
Specific orientation of the approach of the alkyne **due to hydrogen bonding**

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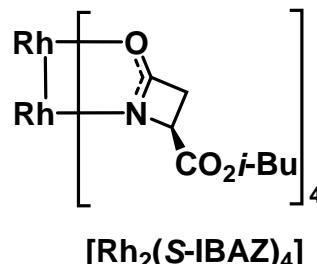
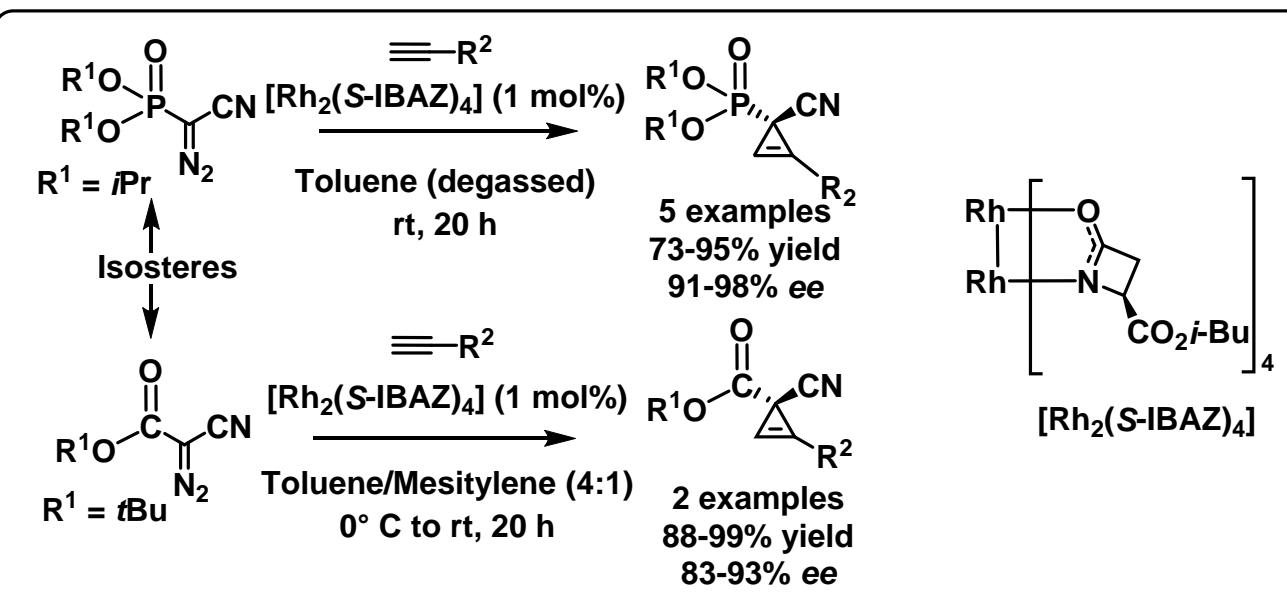


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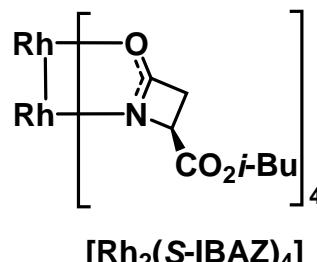
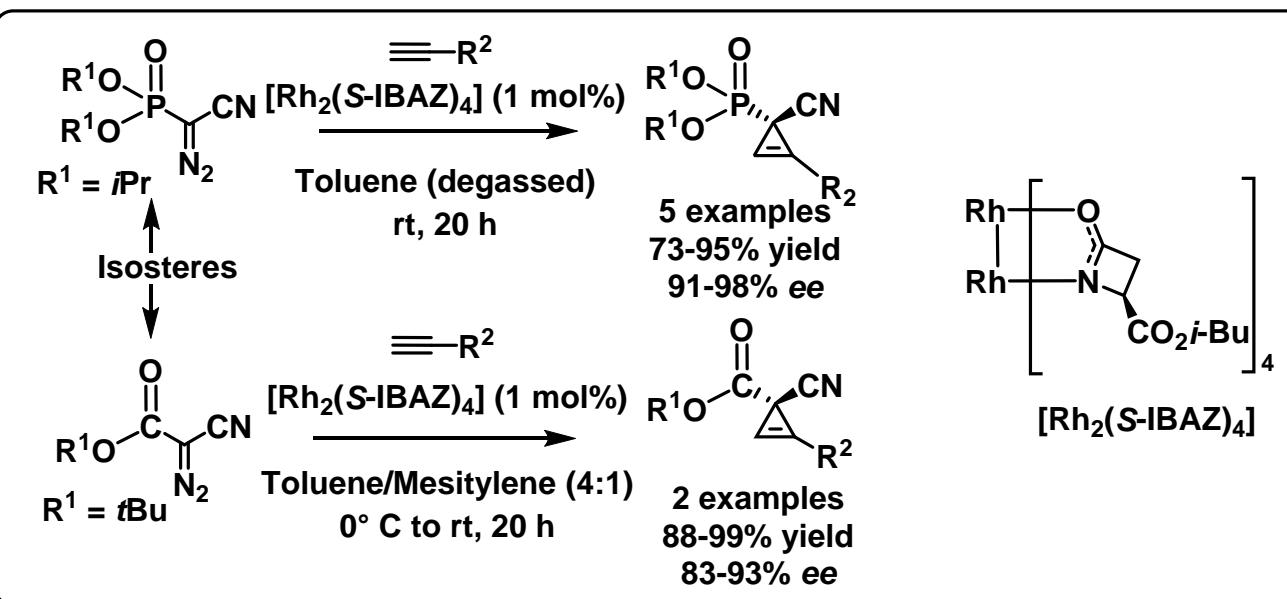
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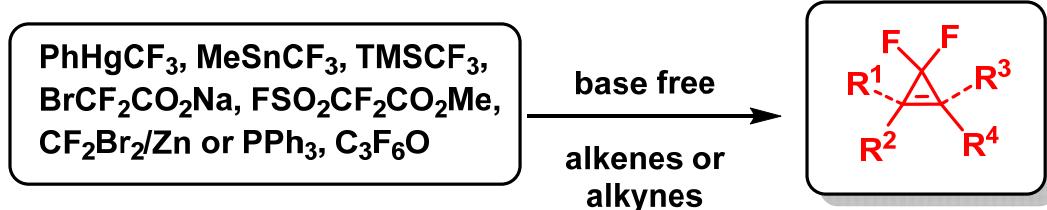
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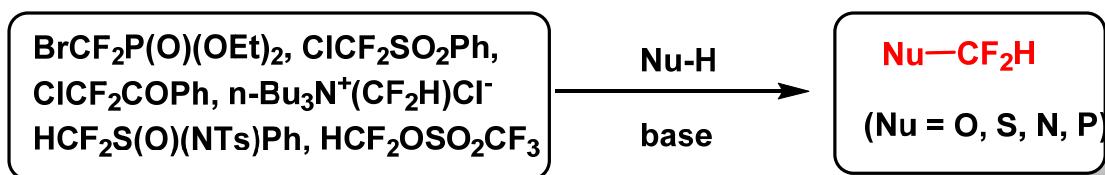
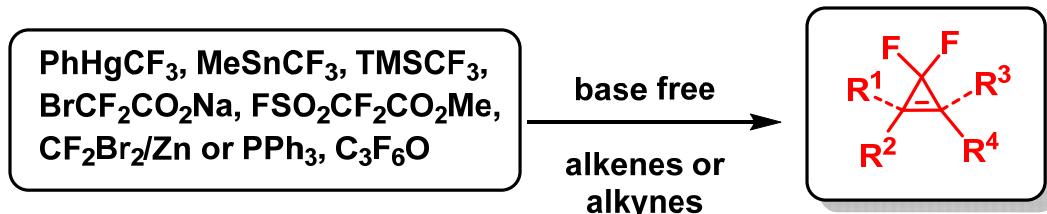


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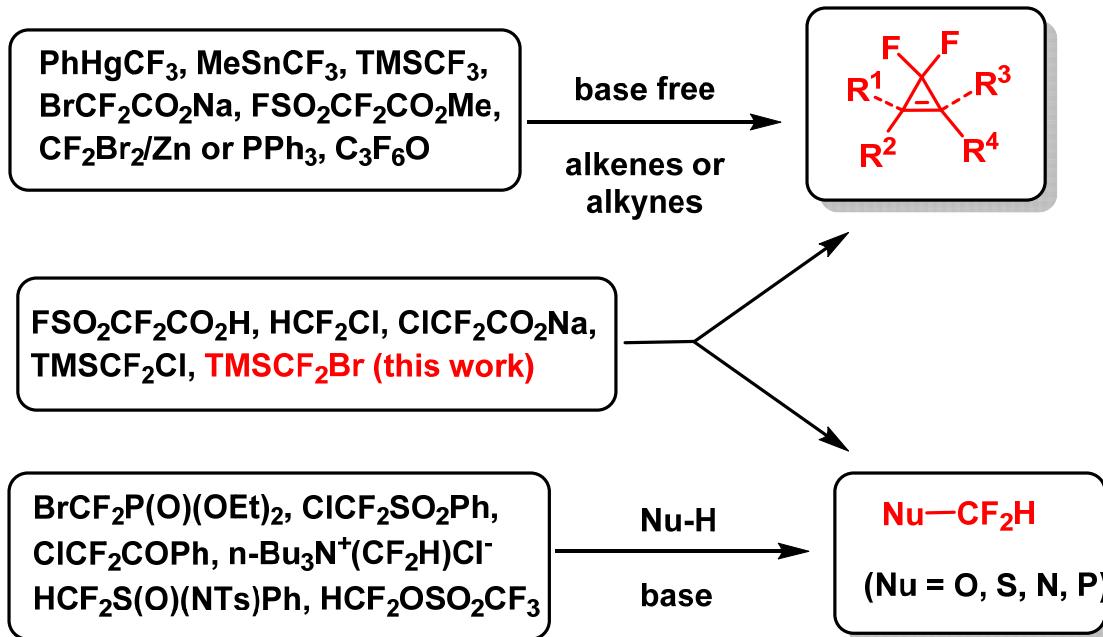


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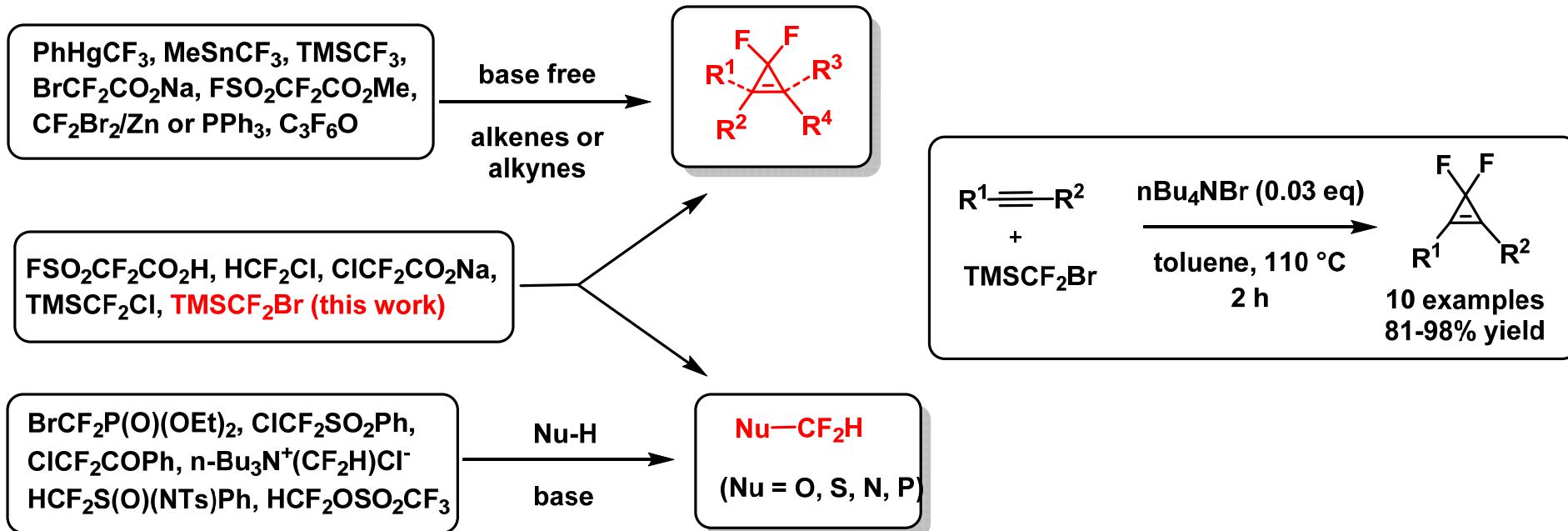


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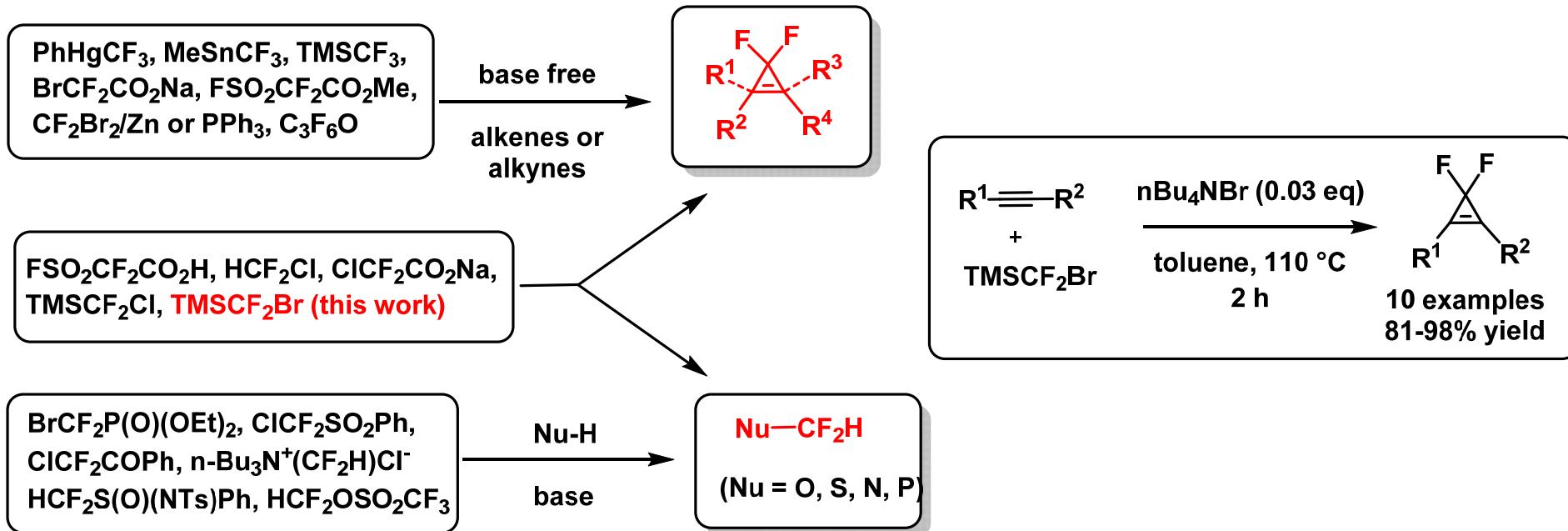
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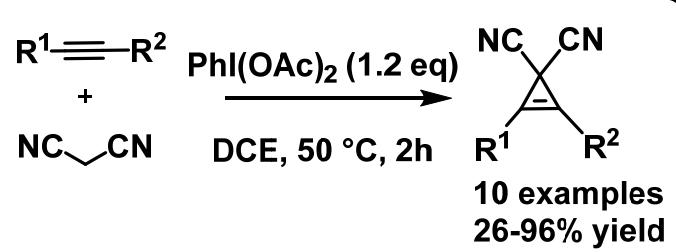
Highly efficient method for the **difluoromethylation**

Much safer and more convenient for large-scale application than other methods

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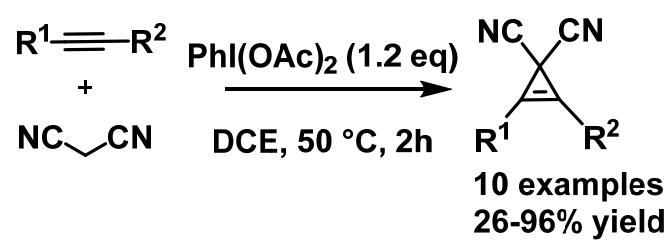


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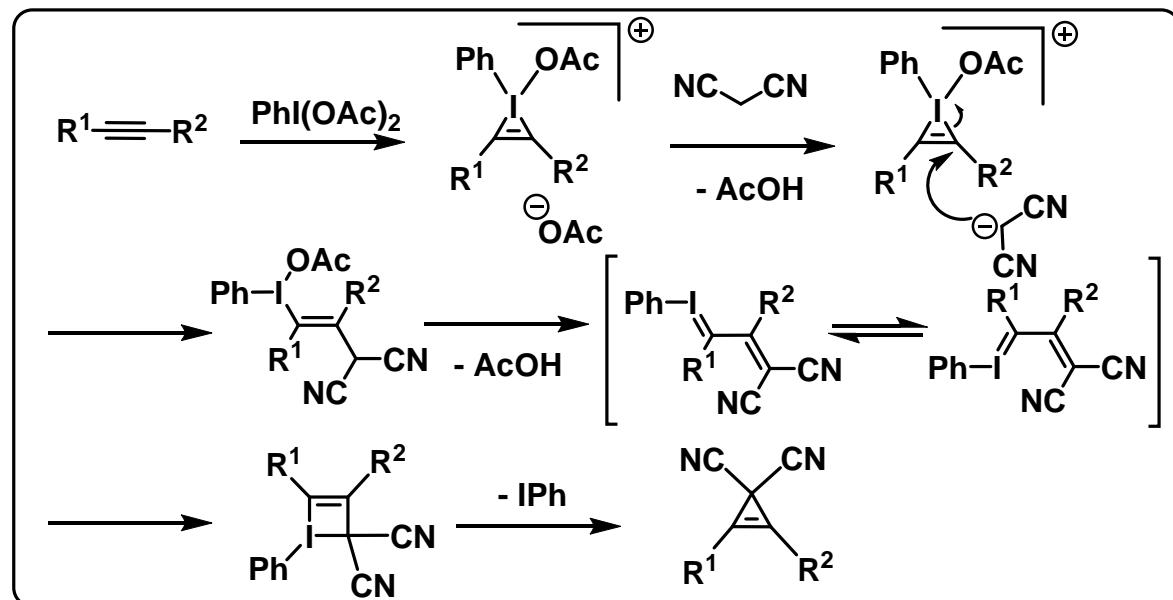
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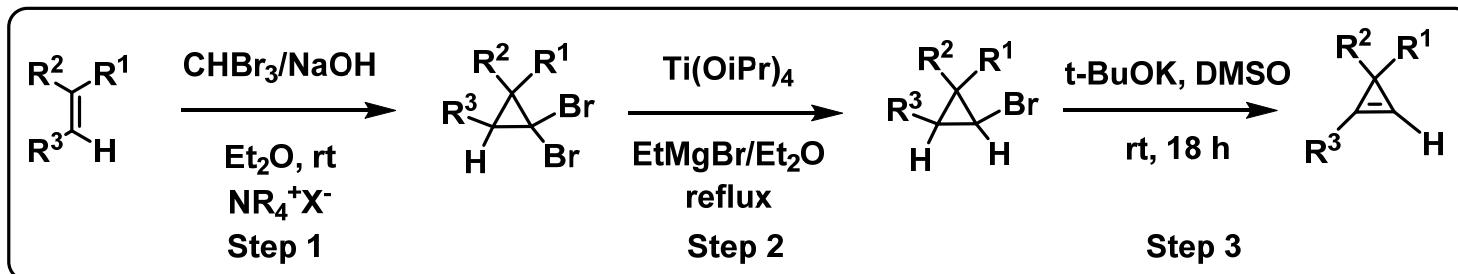
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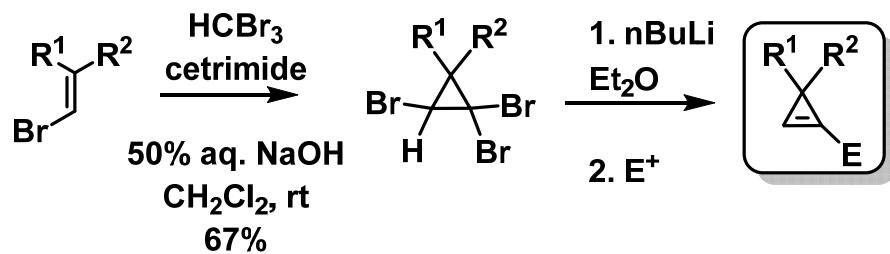
Good alternative: 1,2-Elimination



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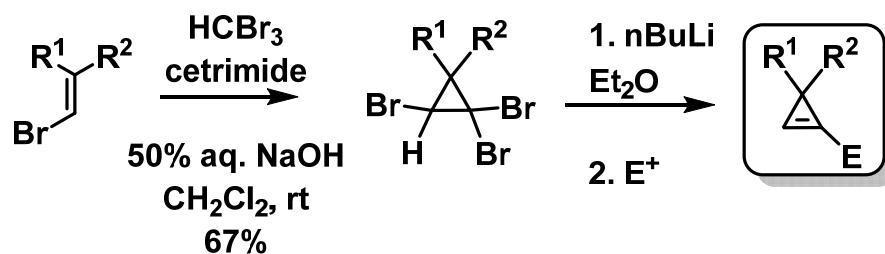
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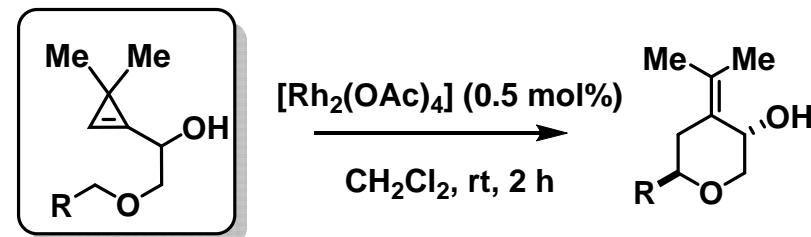
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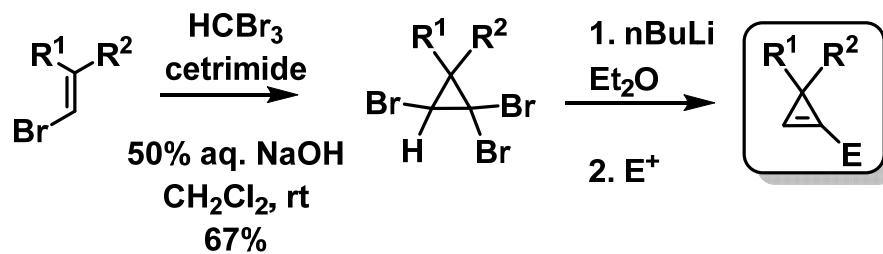
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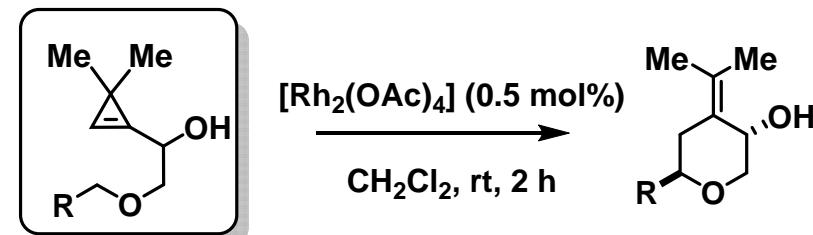
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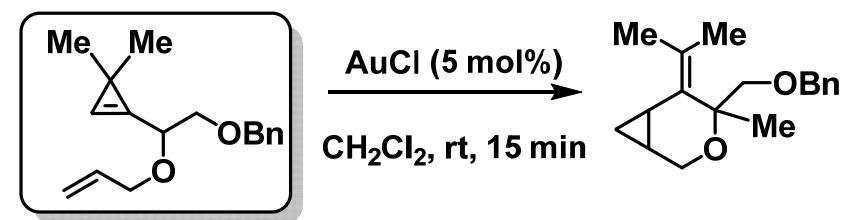
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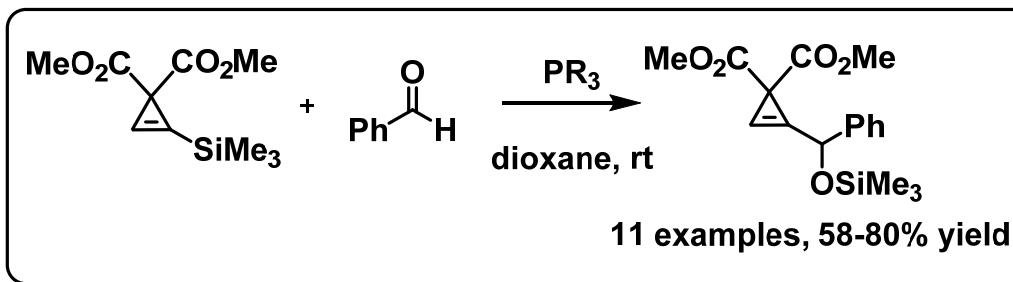


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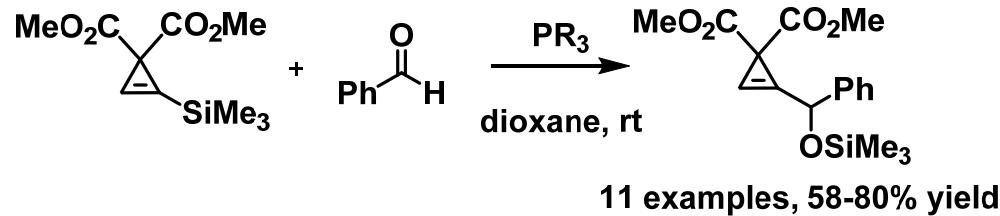


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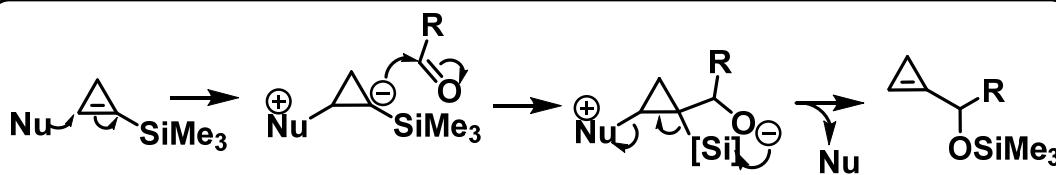
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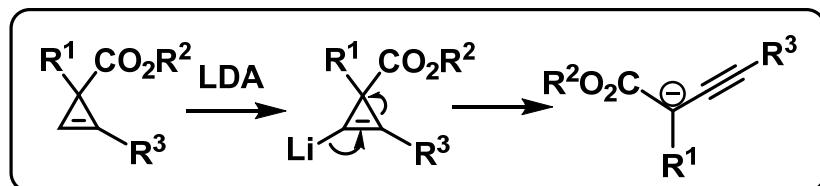
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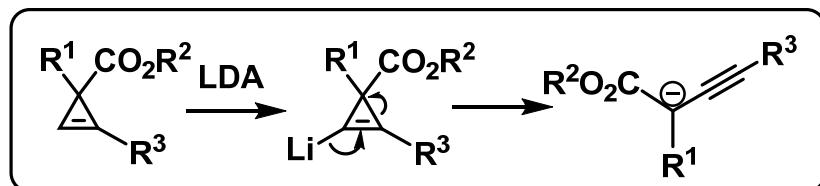
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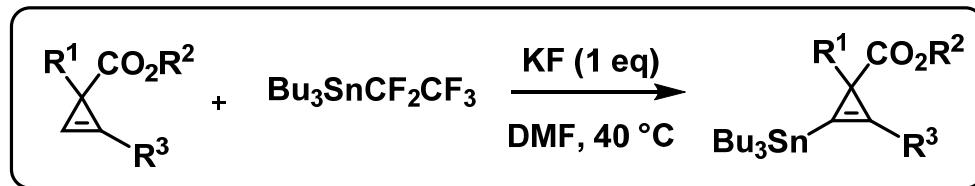
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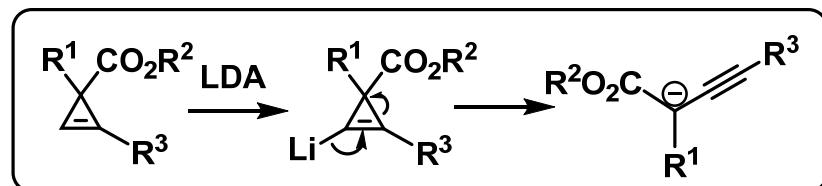
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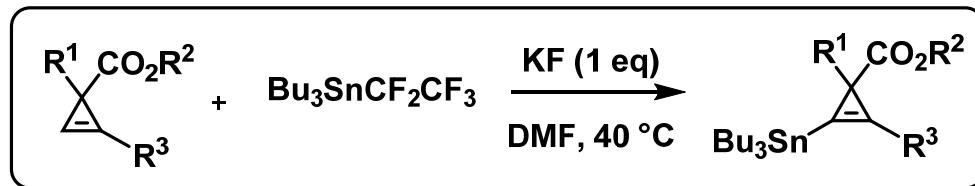
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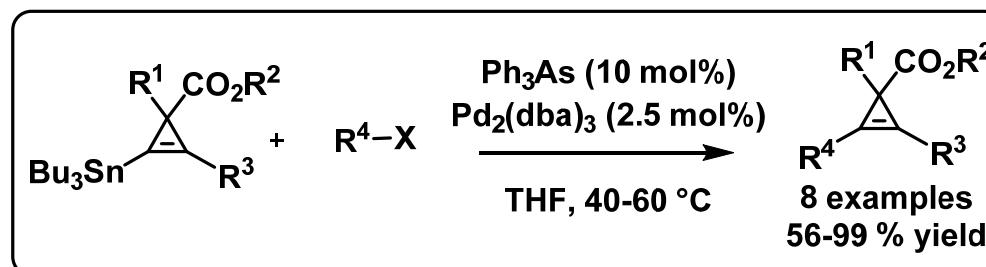
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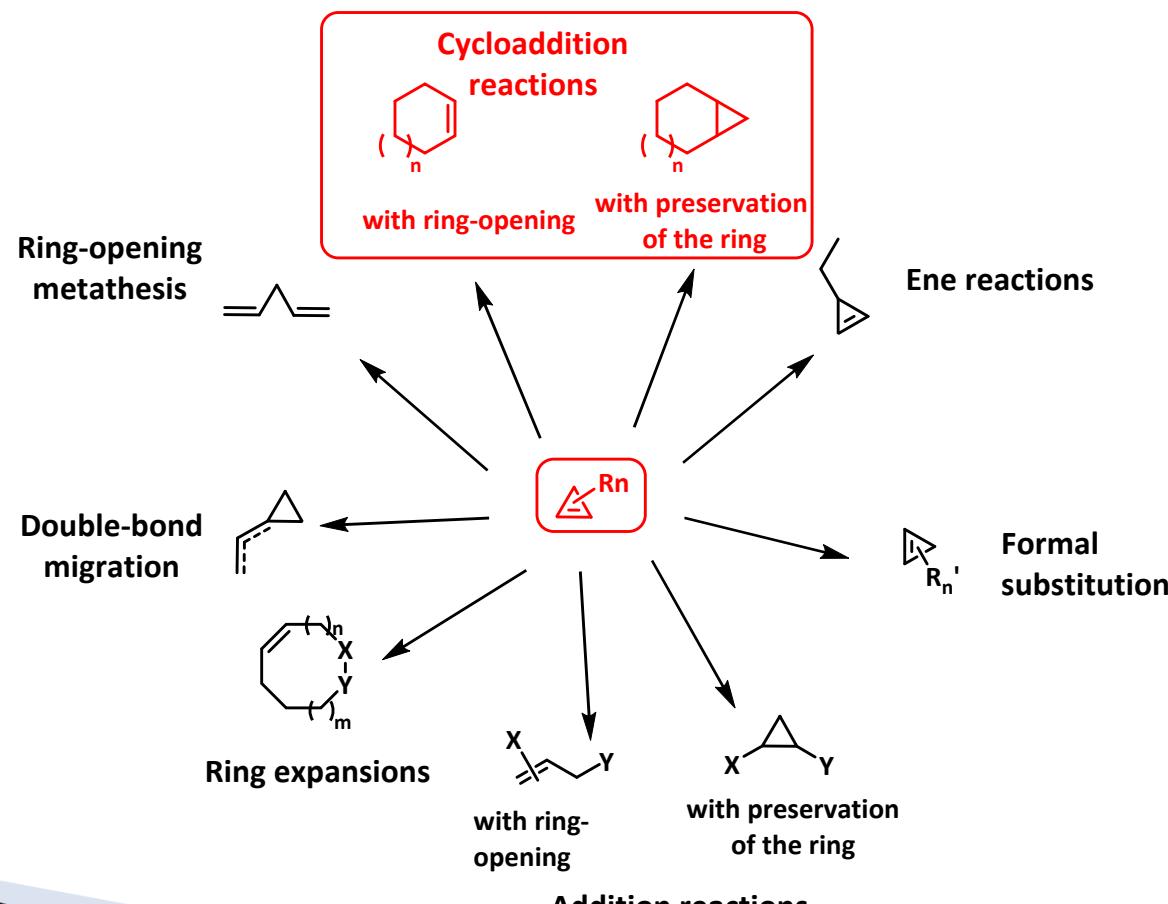
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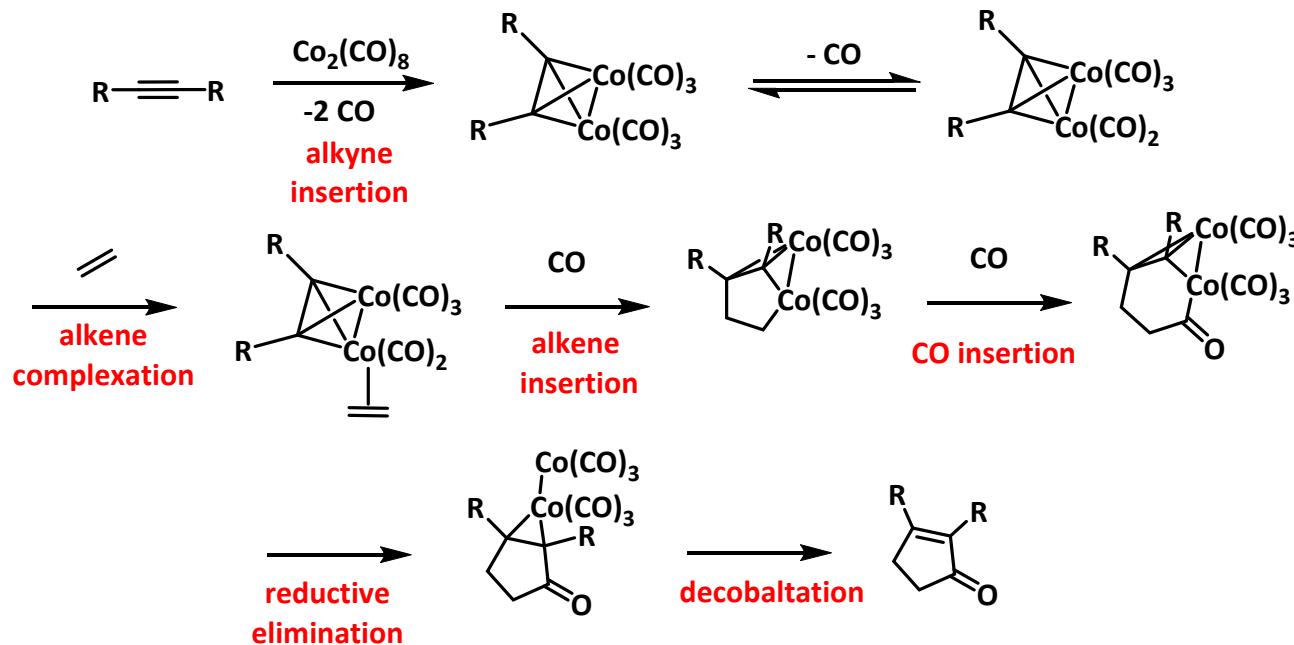
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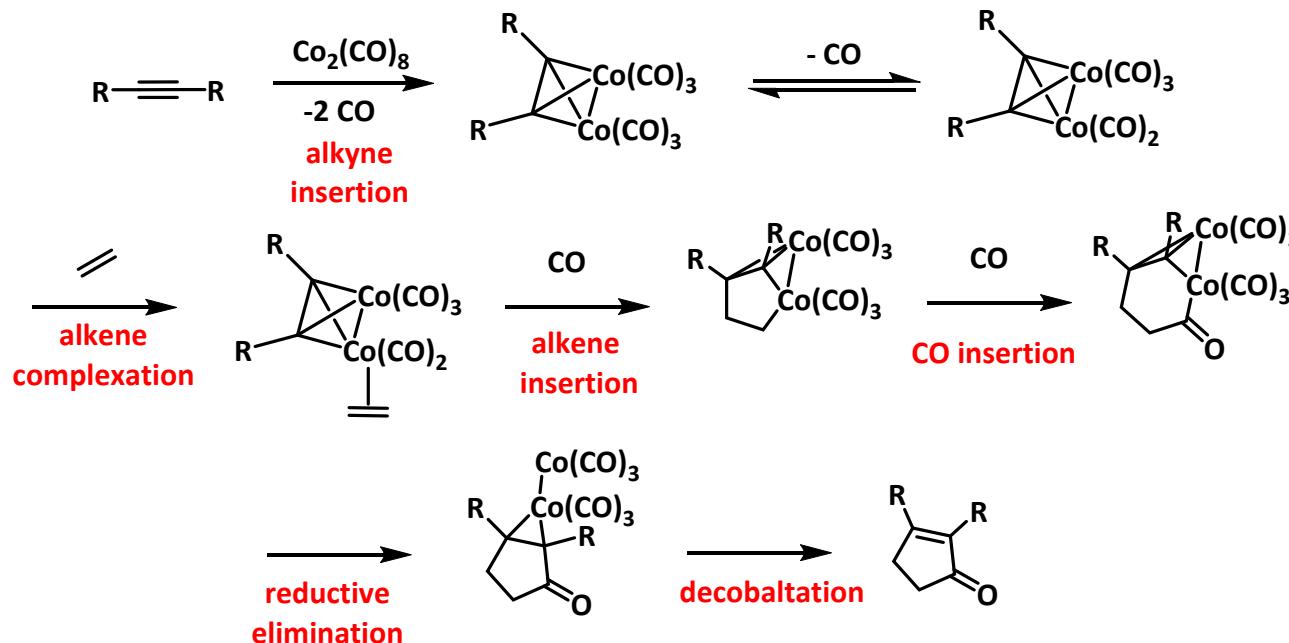
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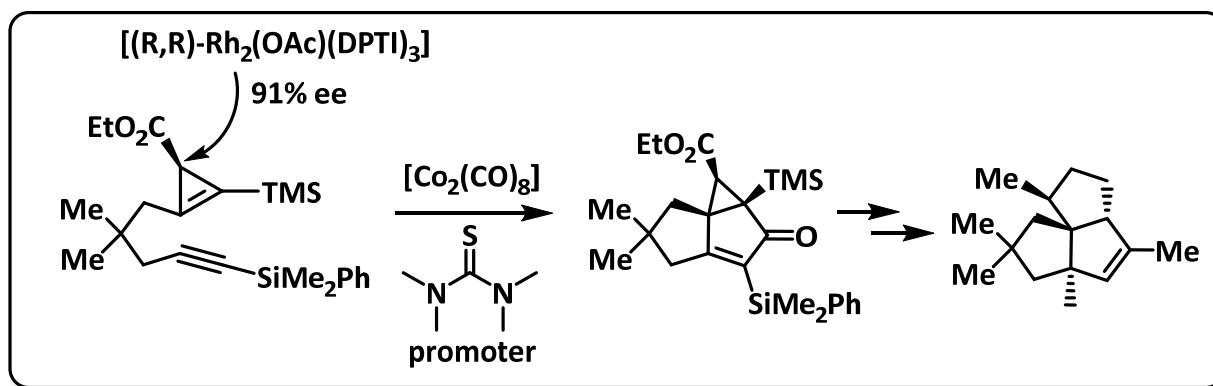
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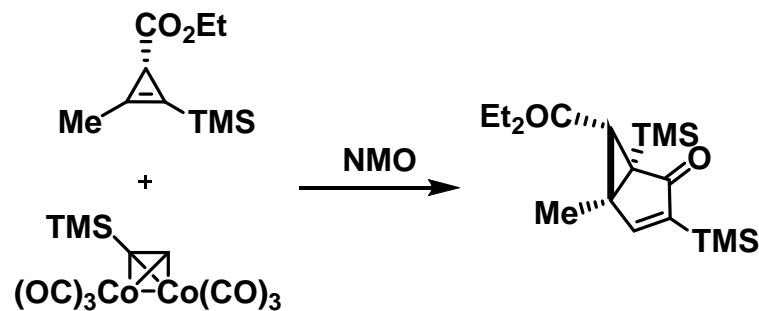
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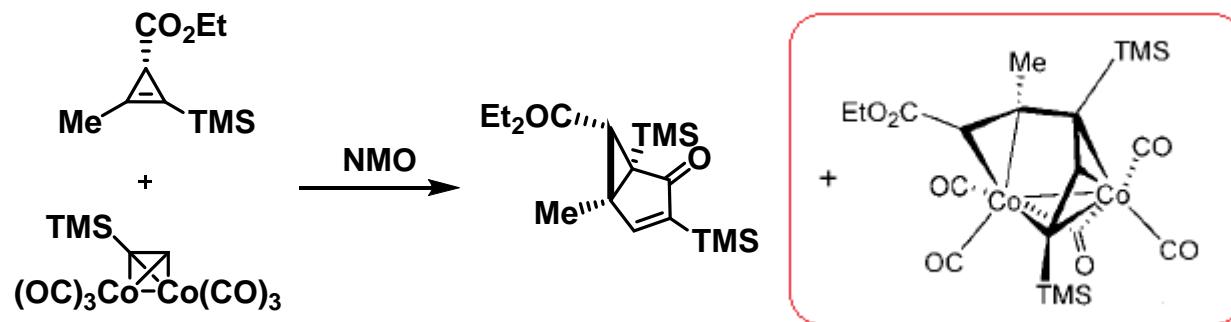
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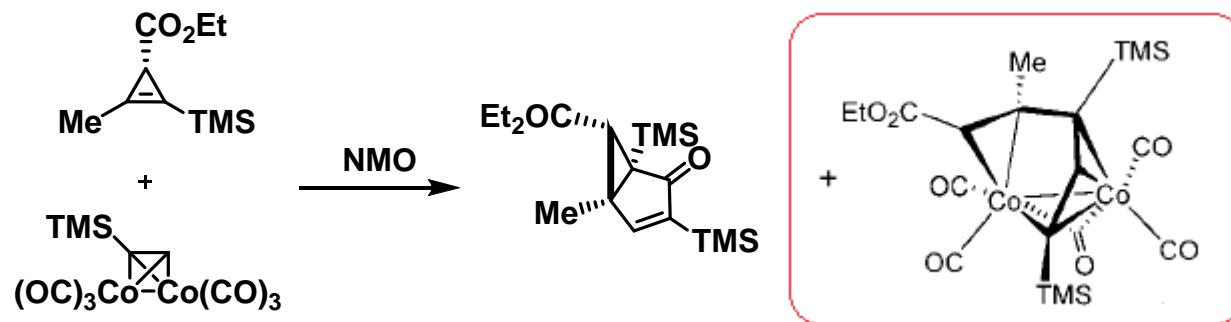
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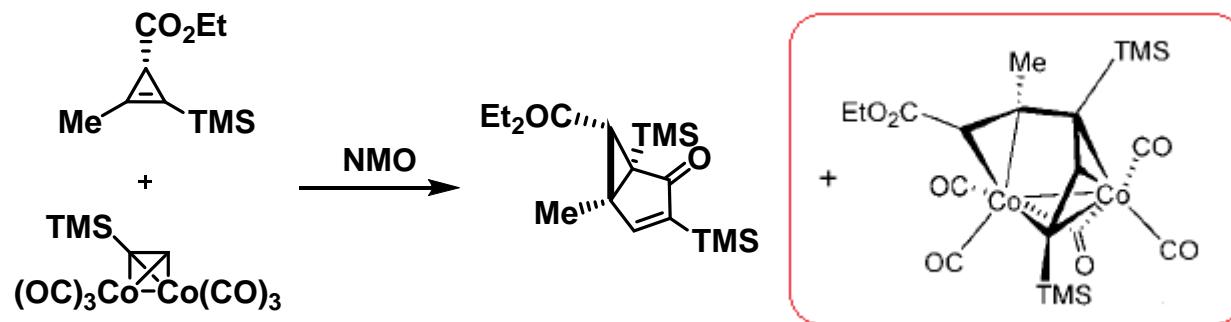
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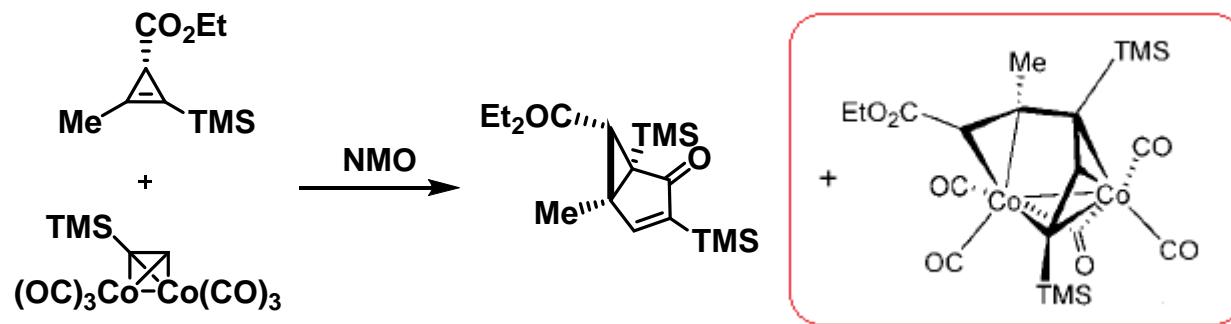
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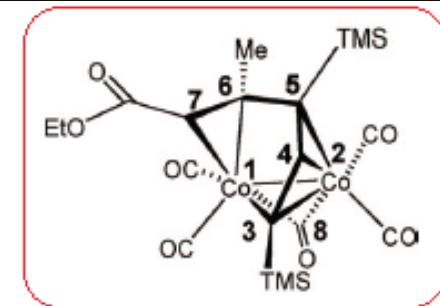
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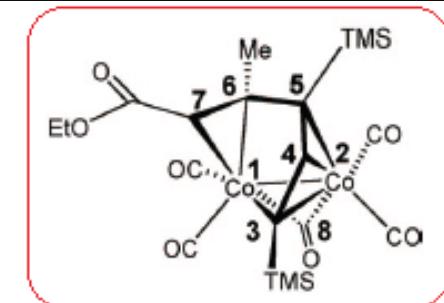
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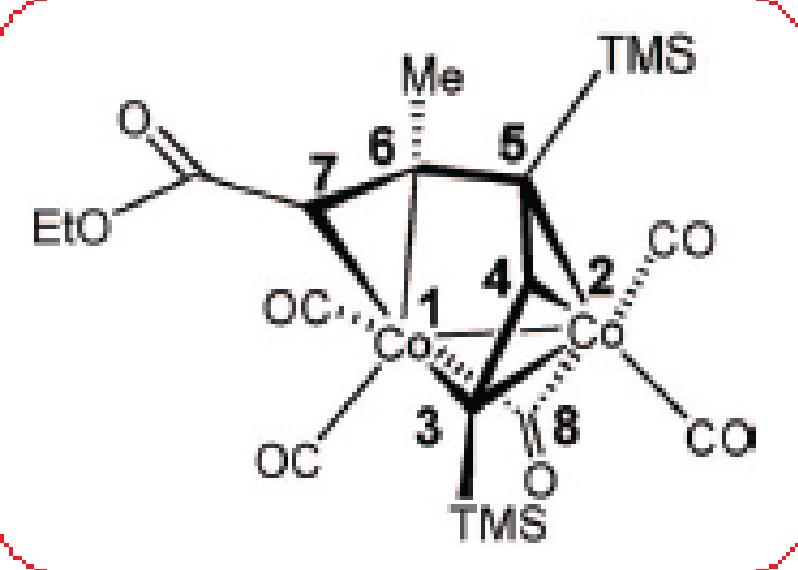
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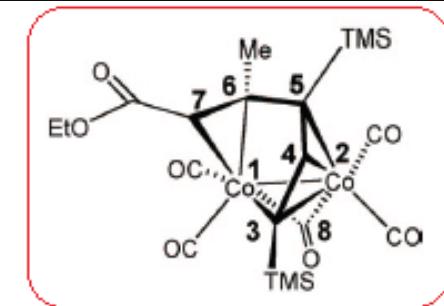
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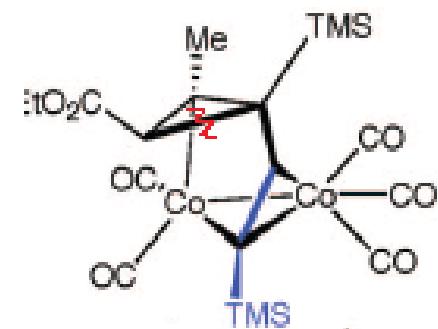
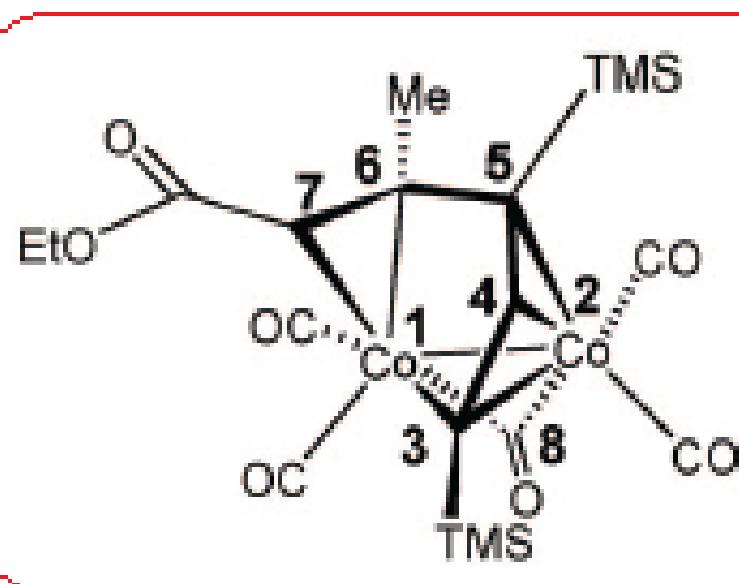
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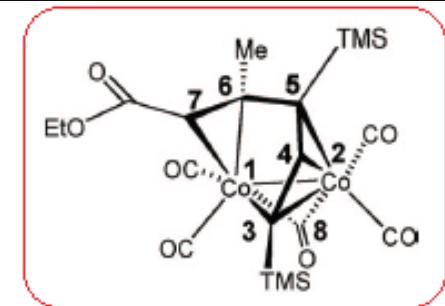
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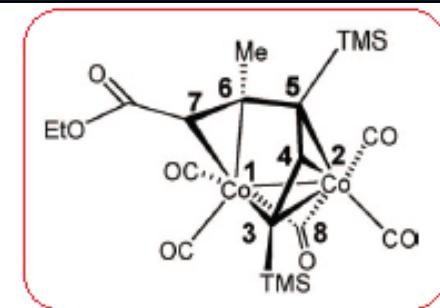
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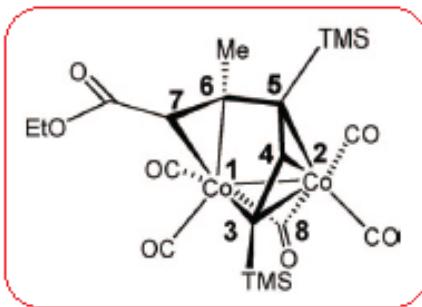
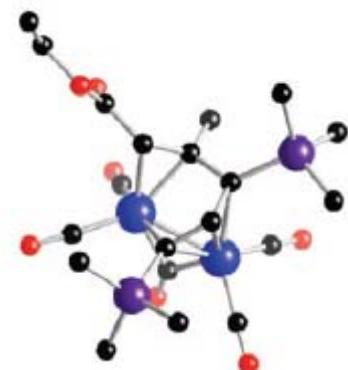
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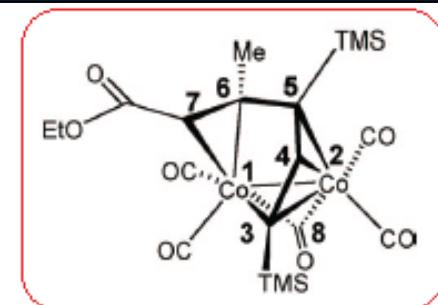
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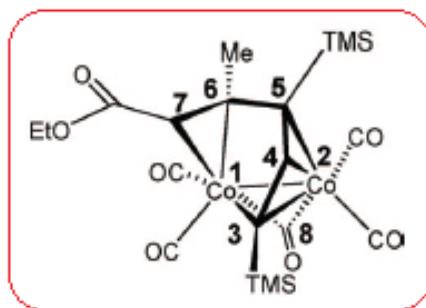
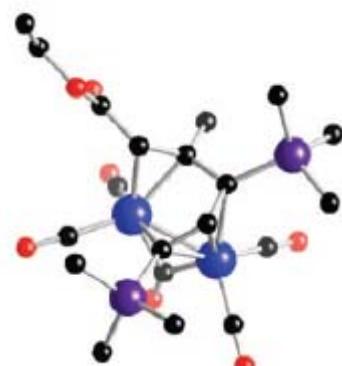
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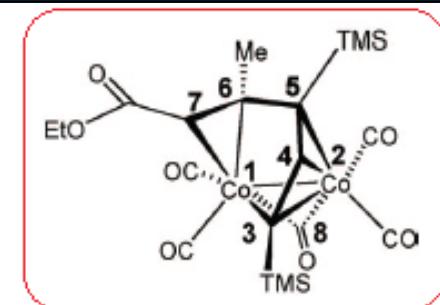
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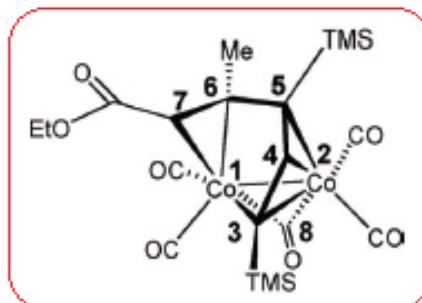
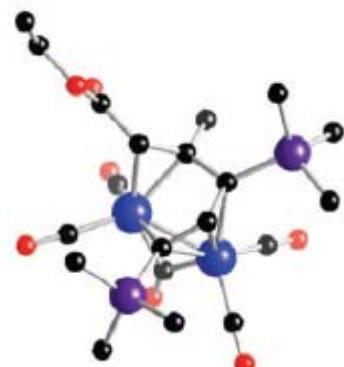
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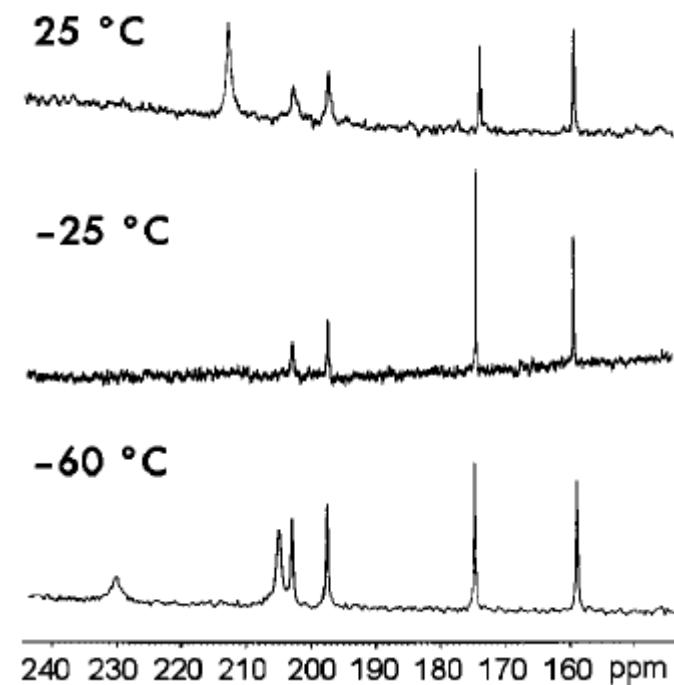
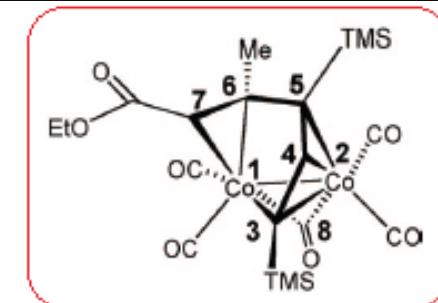
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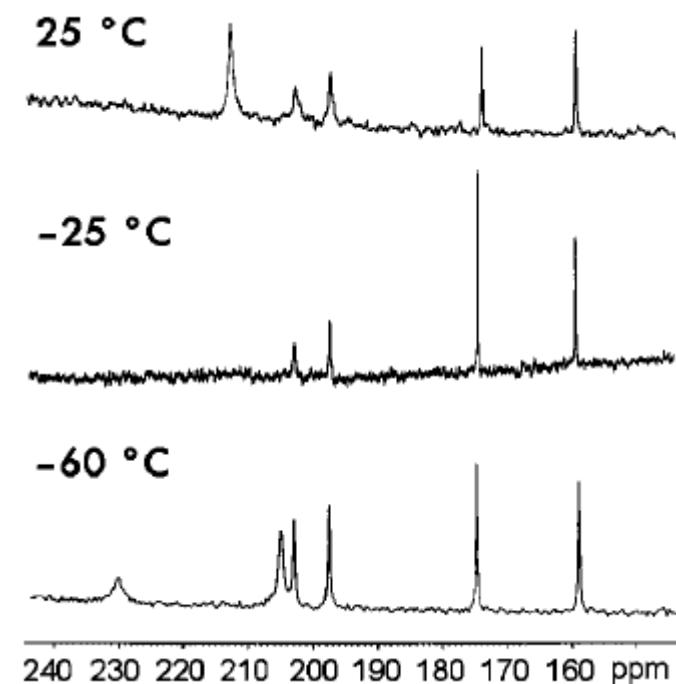
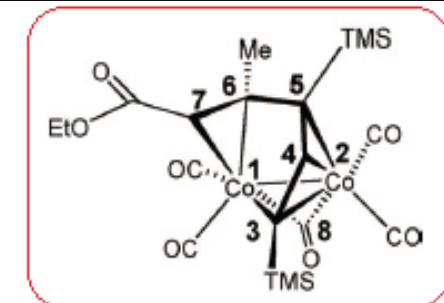
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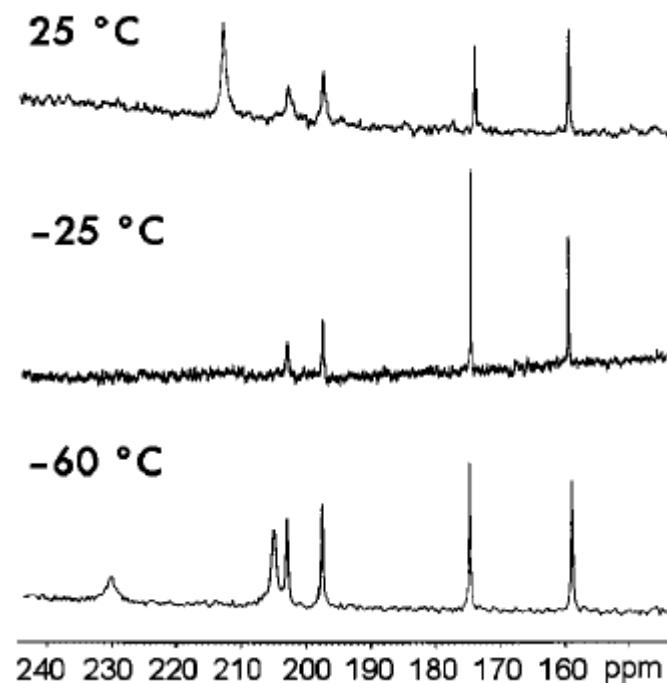
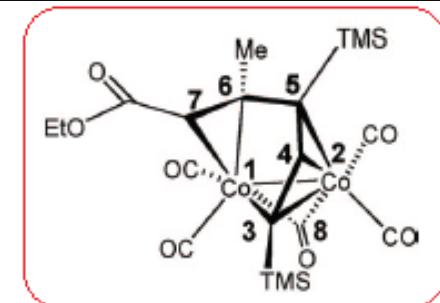


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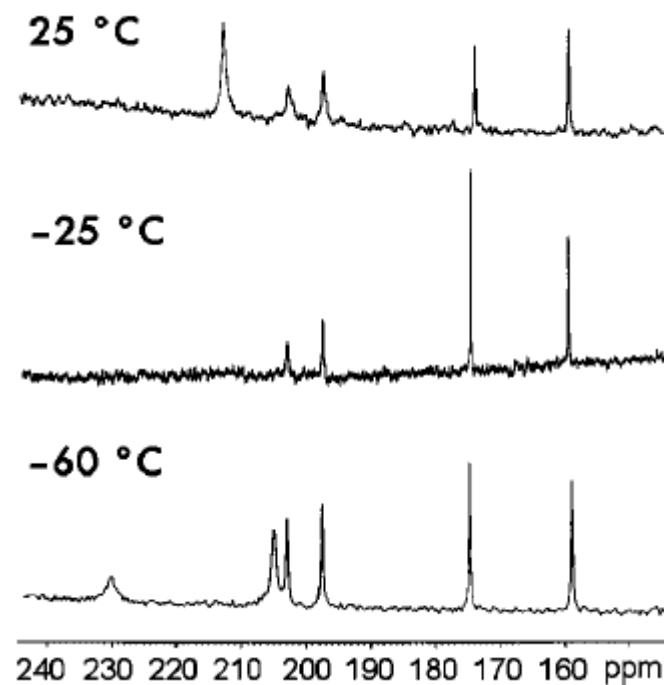
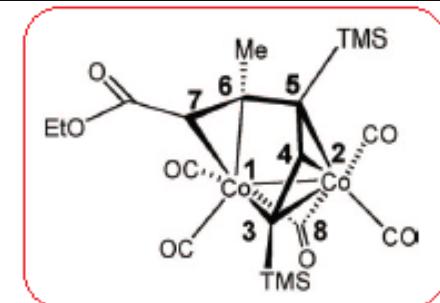
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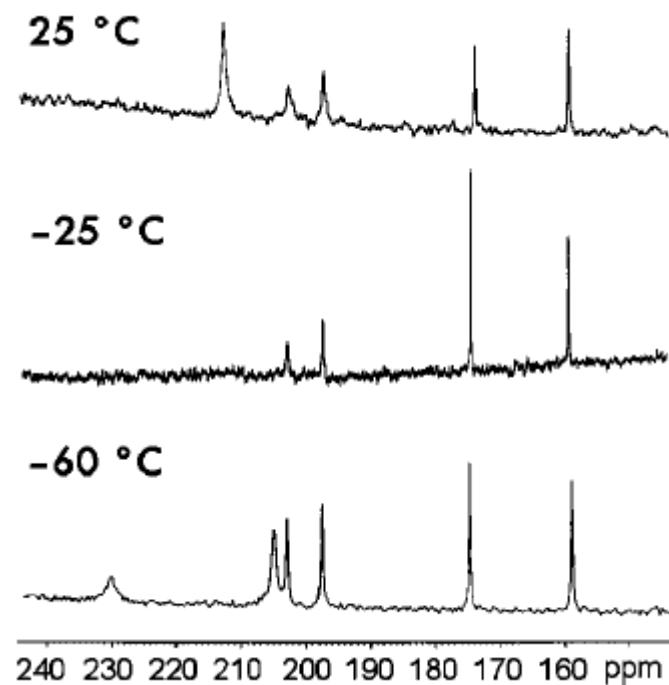
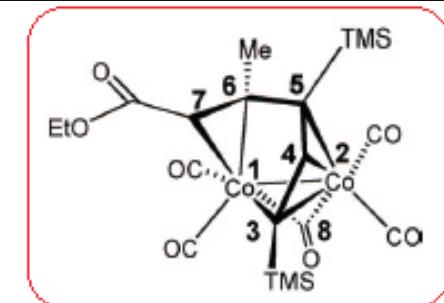
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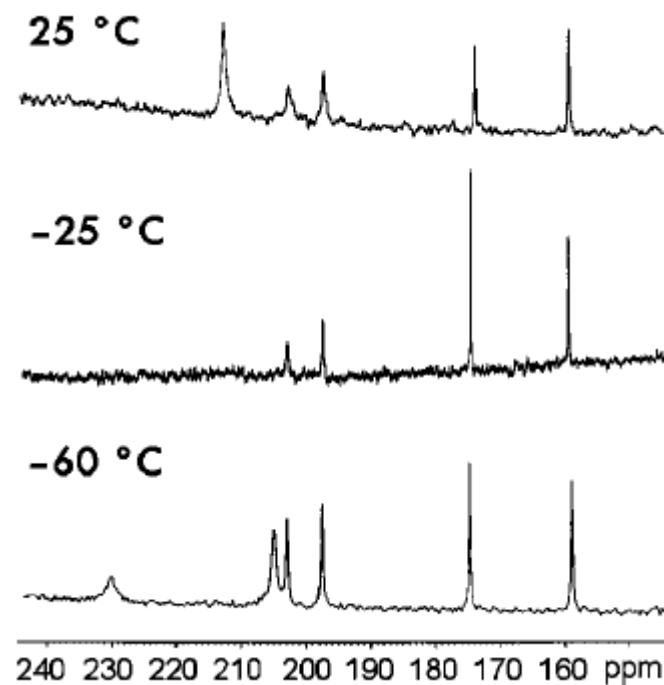
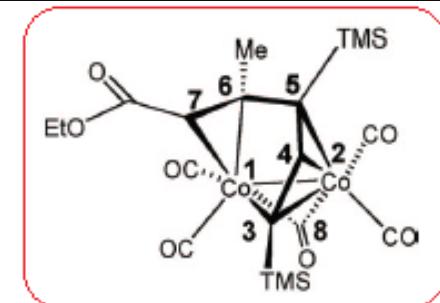
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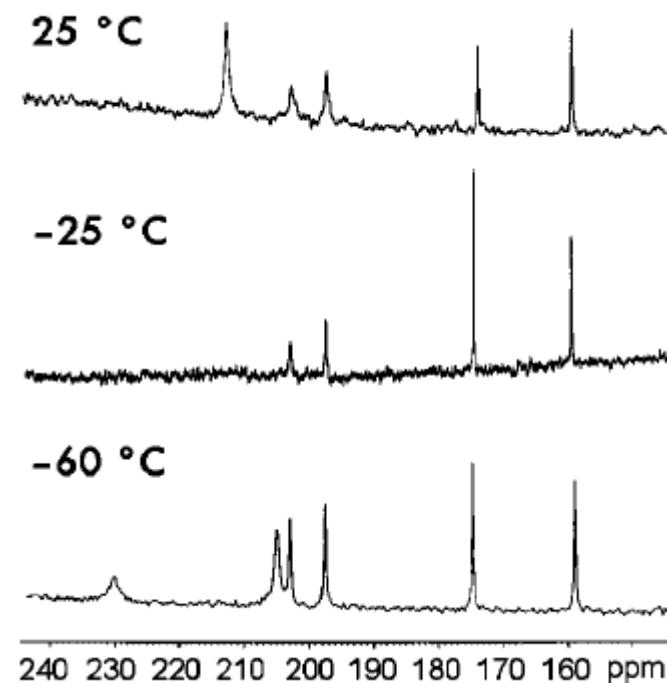
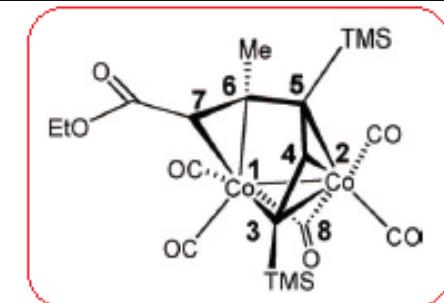
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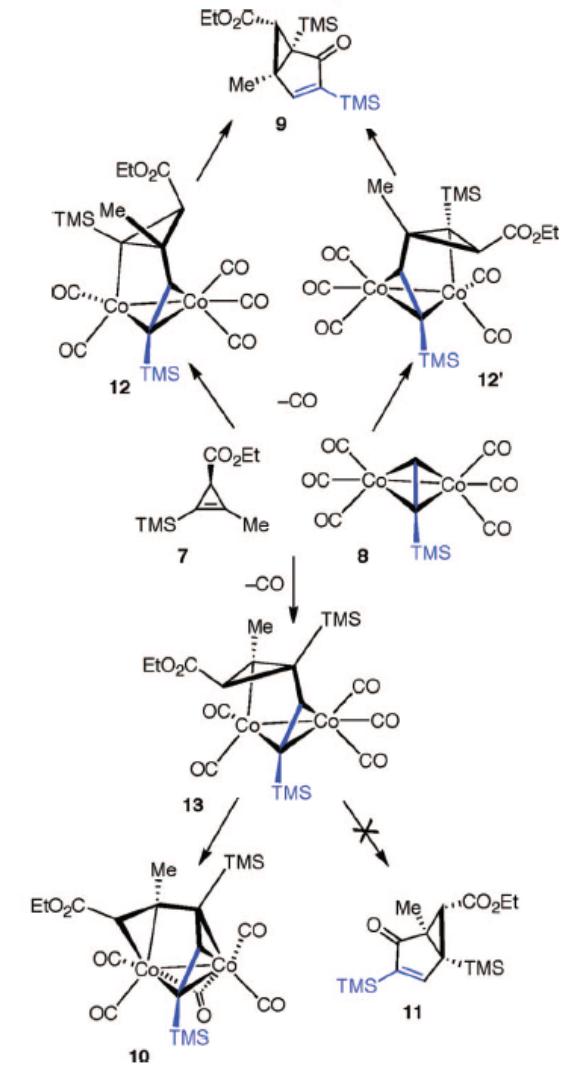
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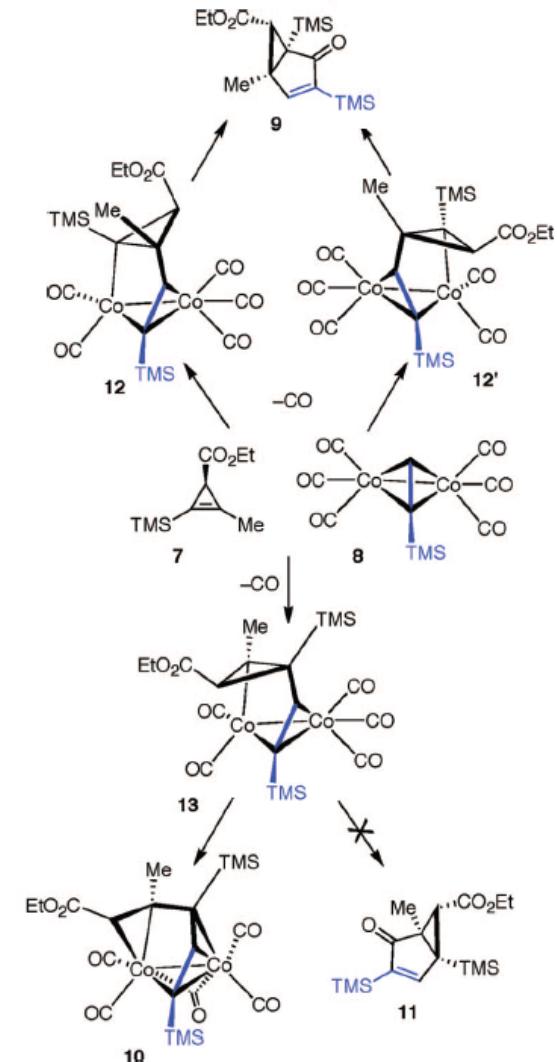
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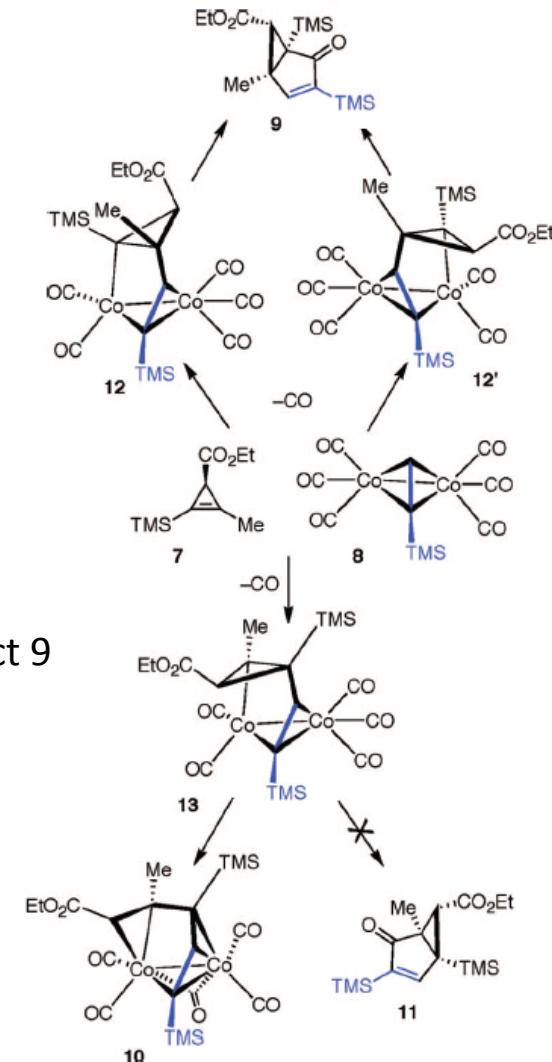
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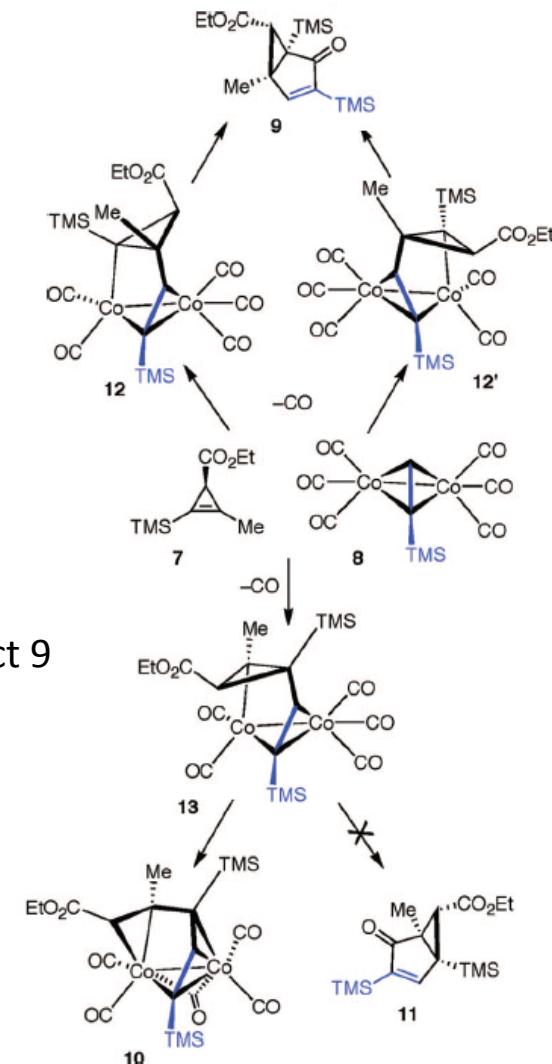
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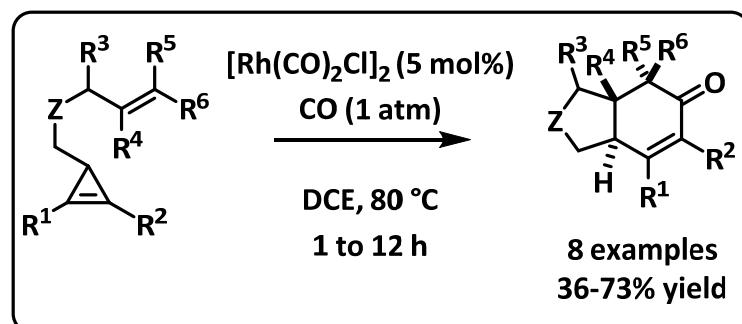
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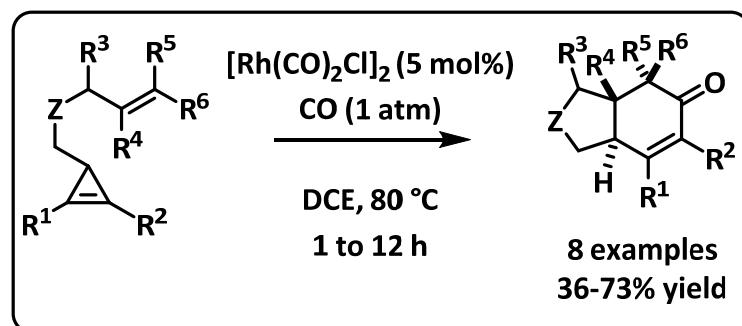
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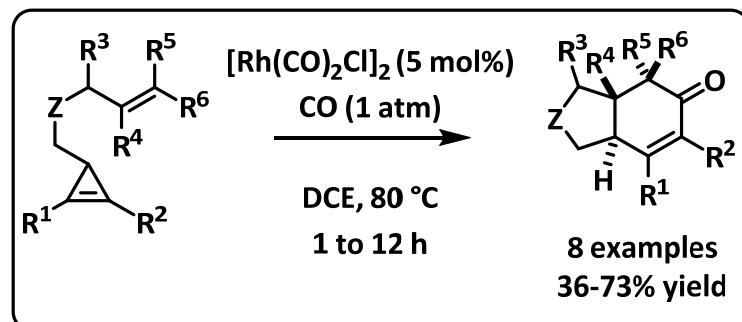
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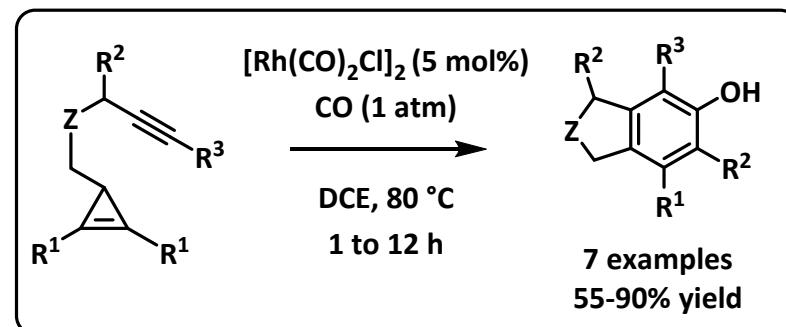
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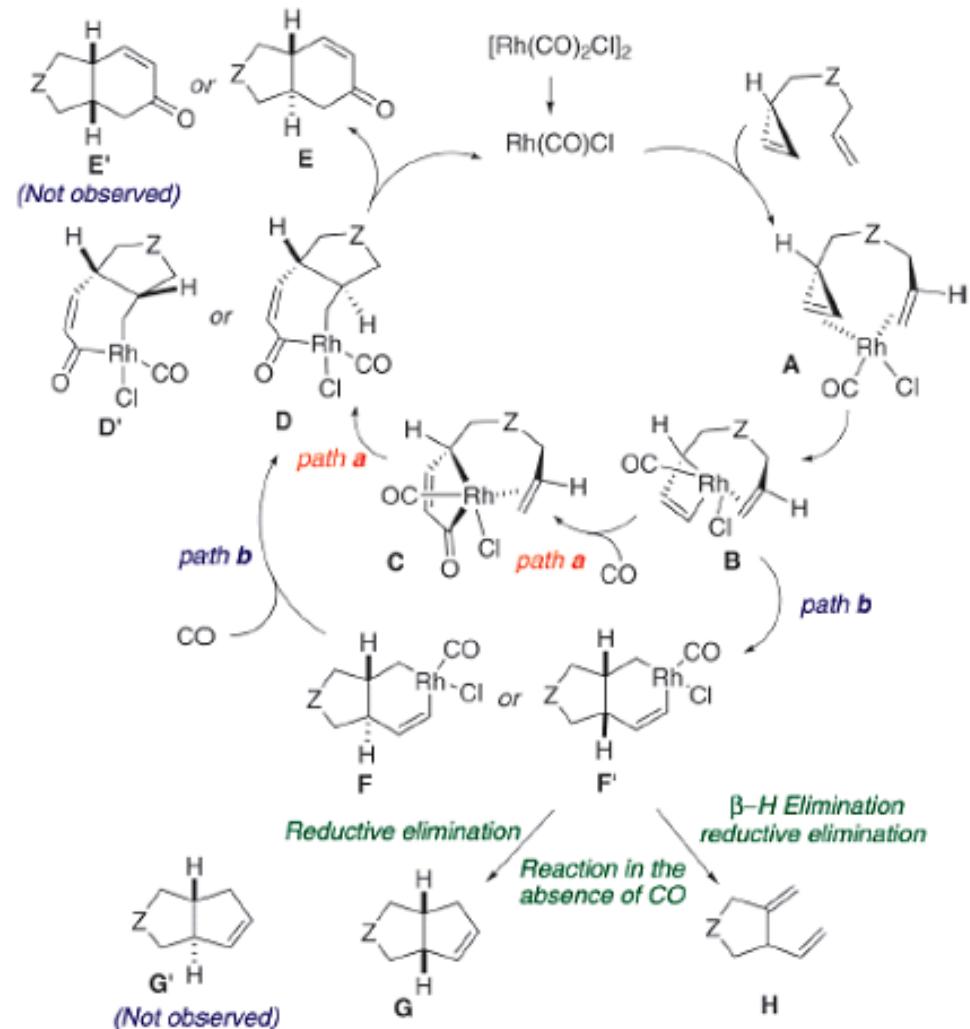
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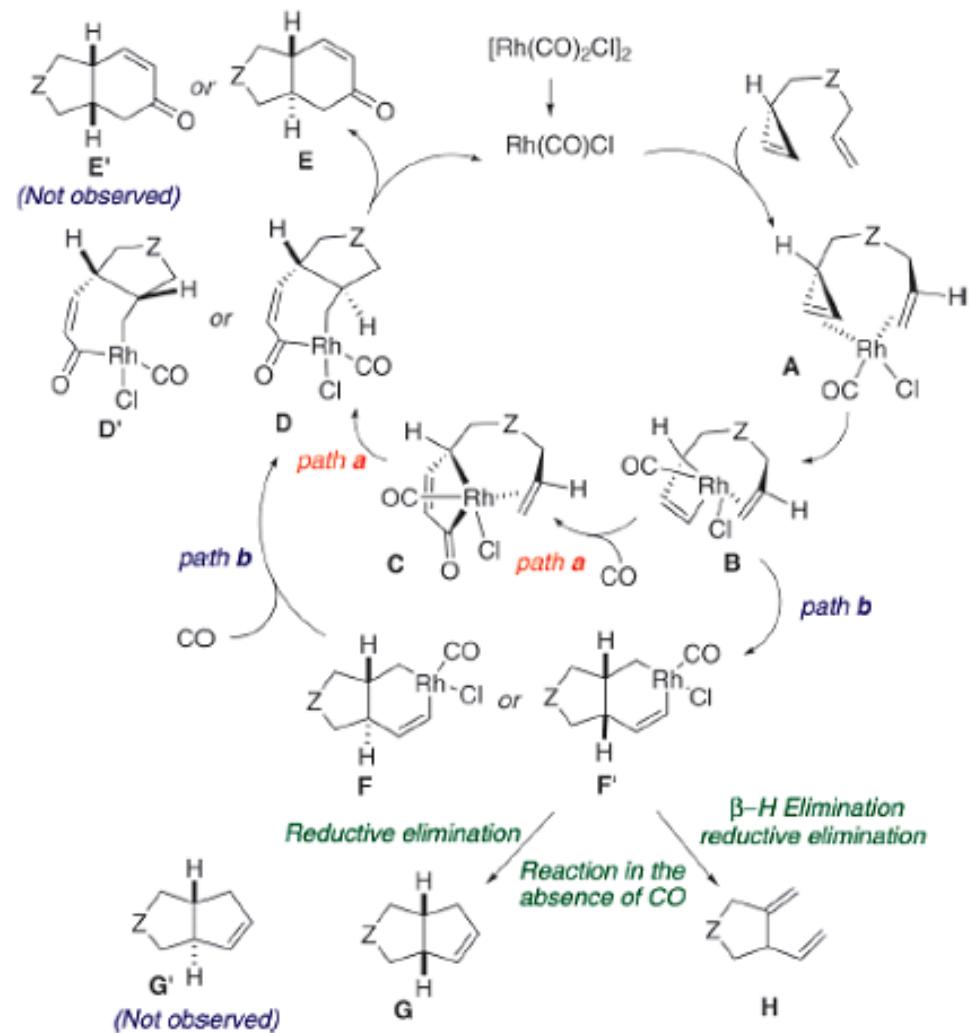
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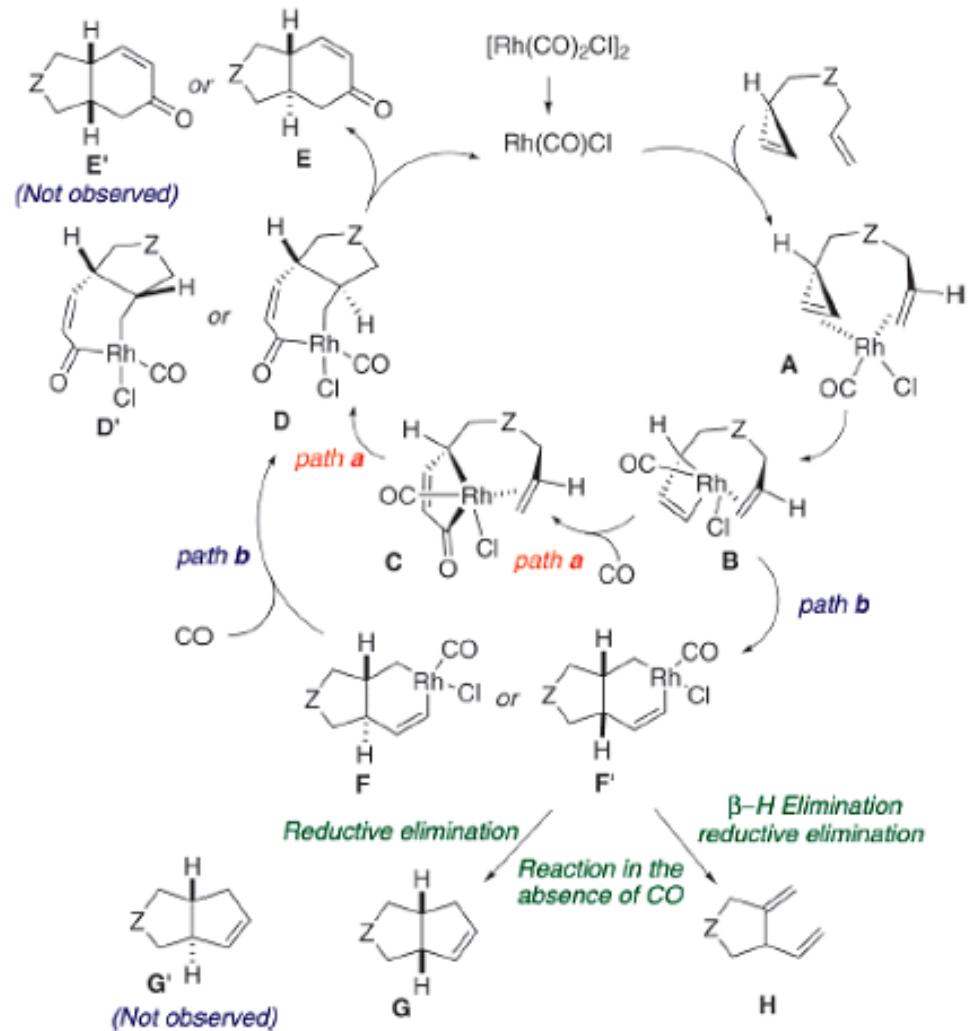
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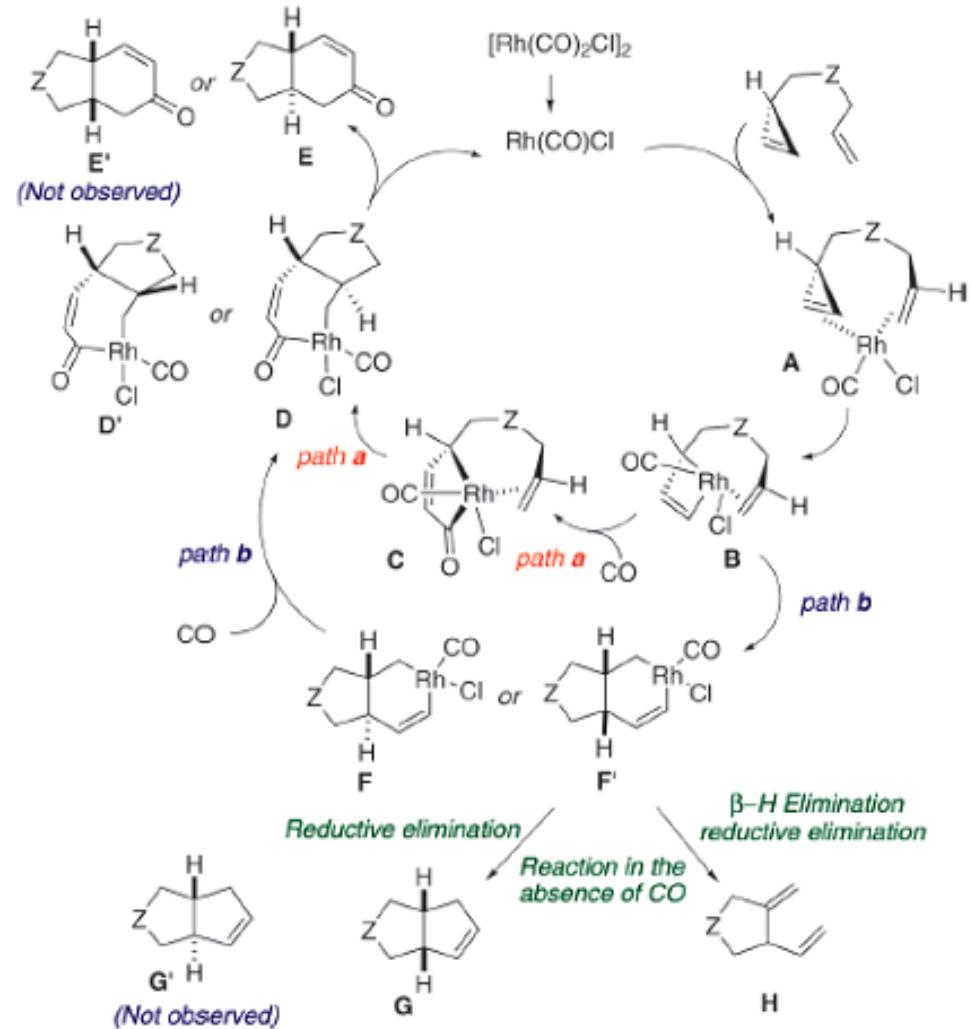
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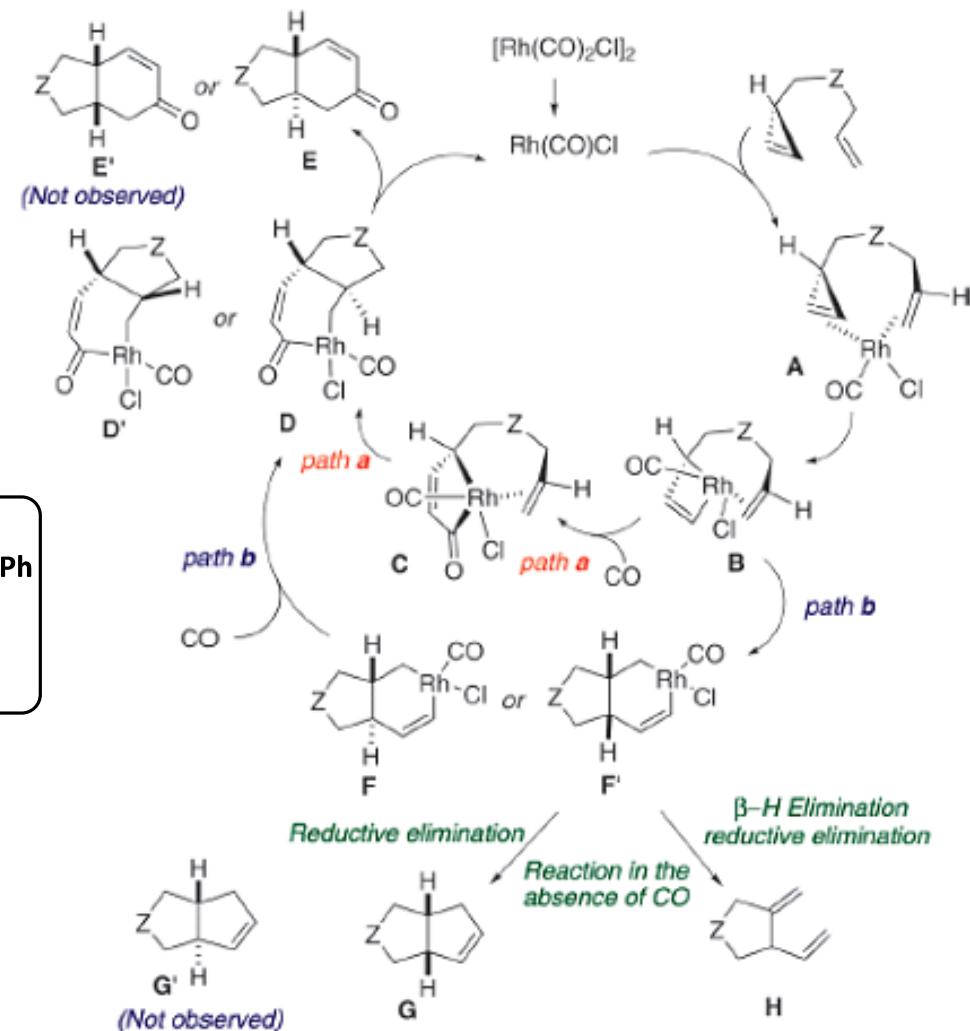
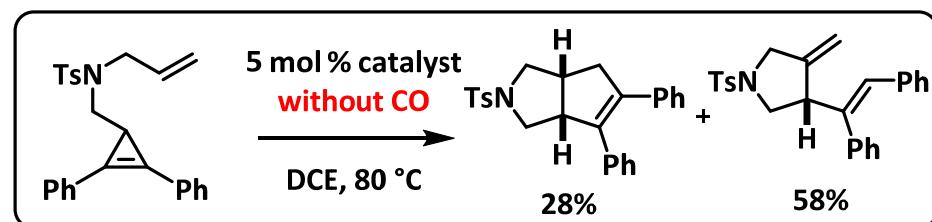
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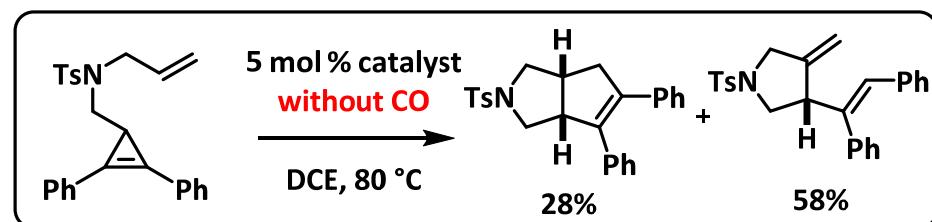
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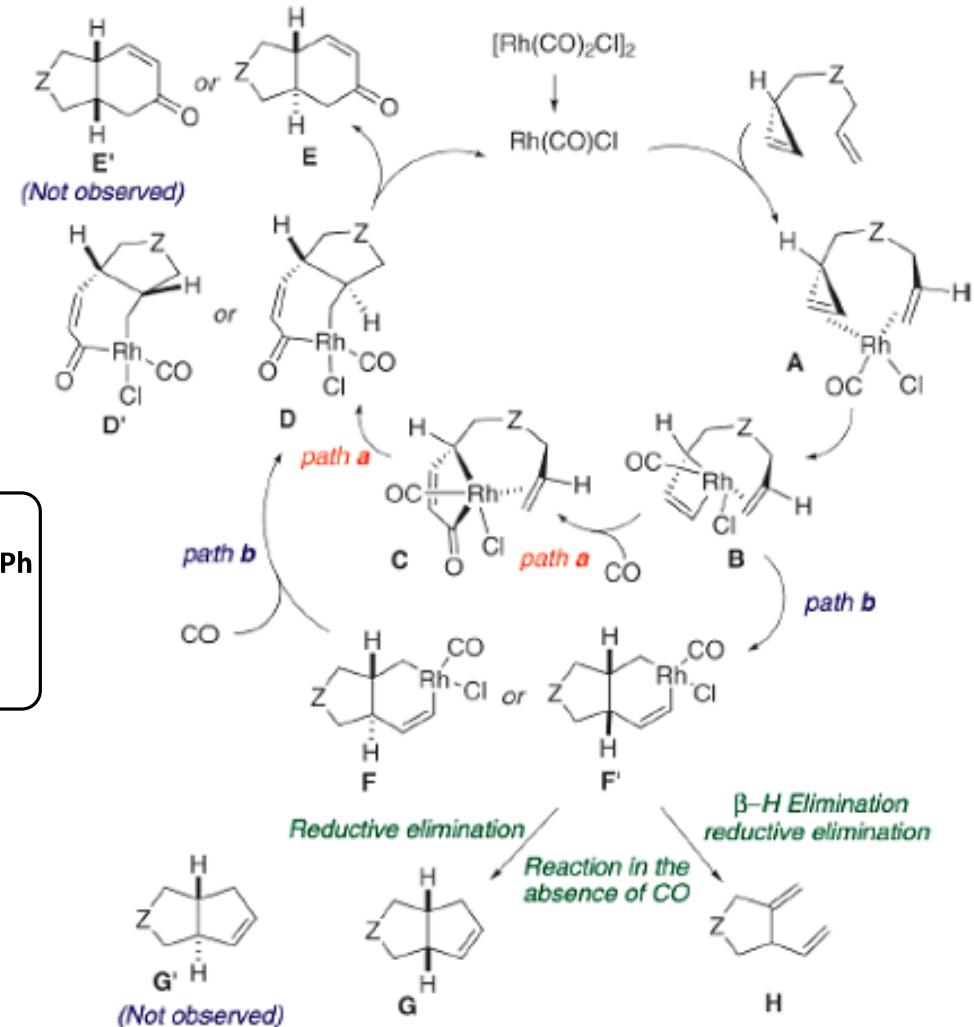
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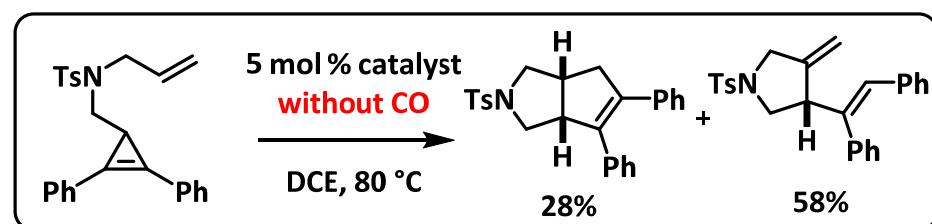
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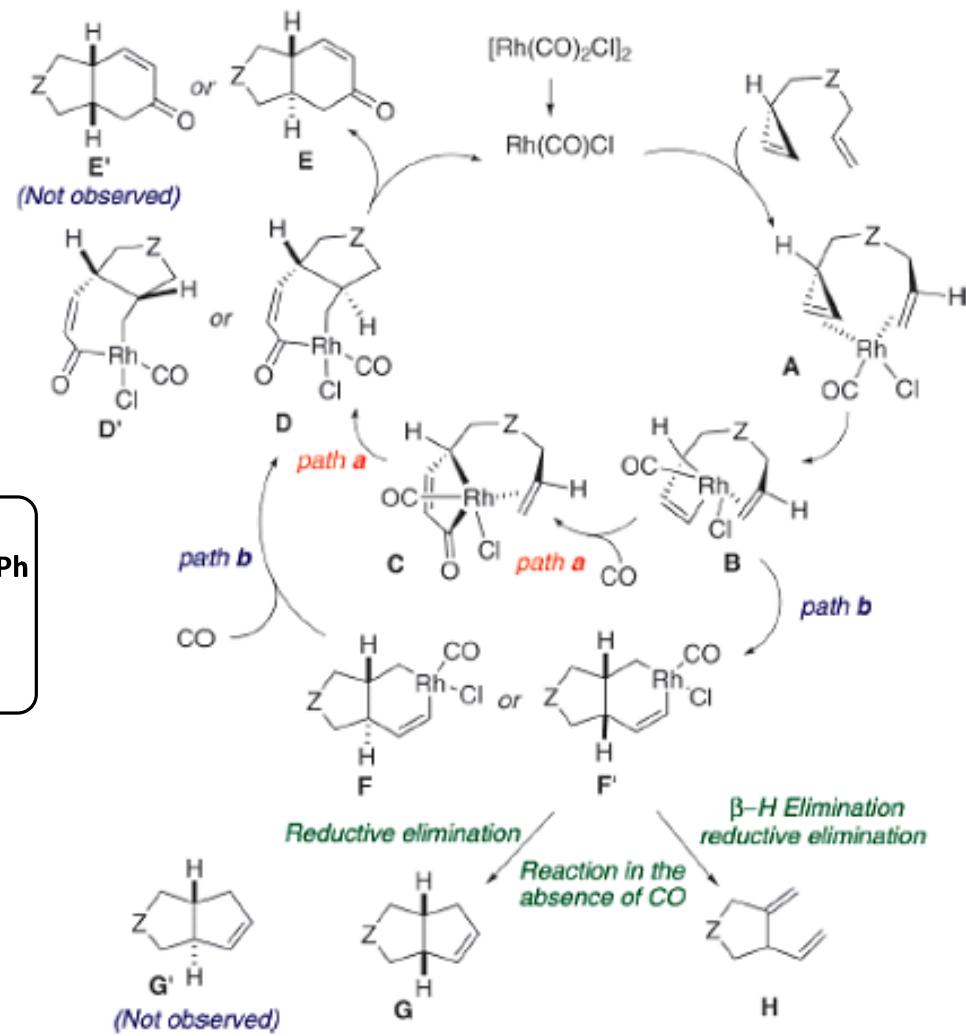
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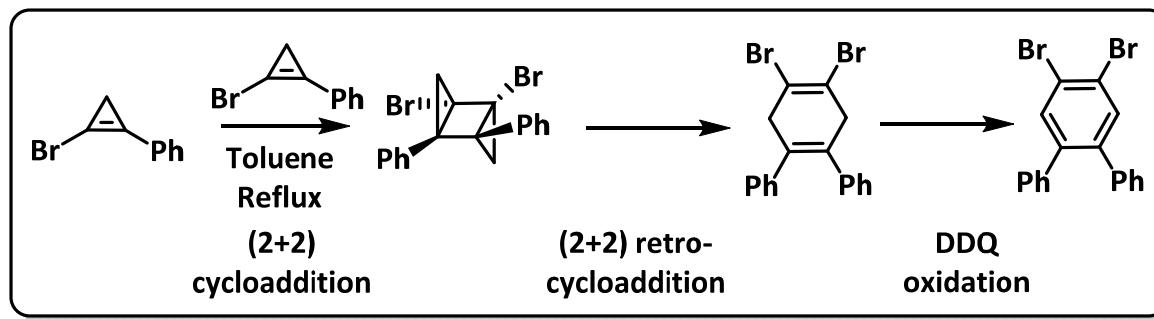


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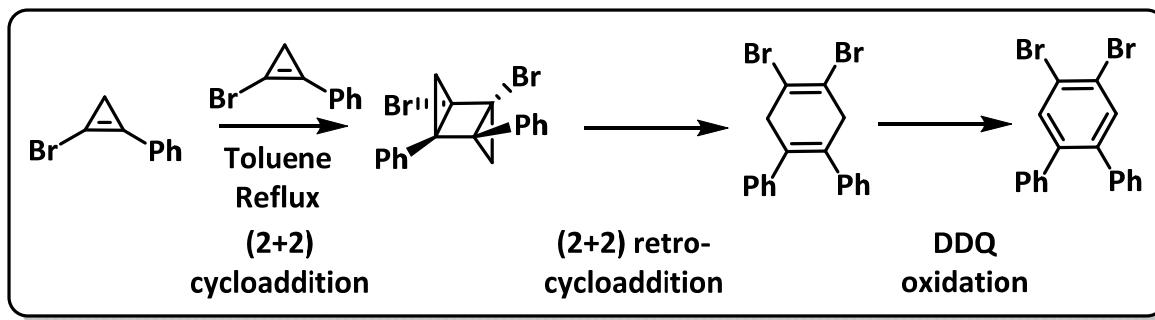
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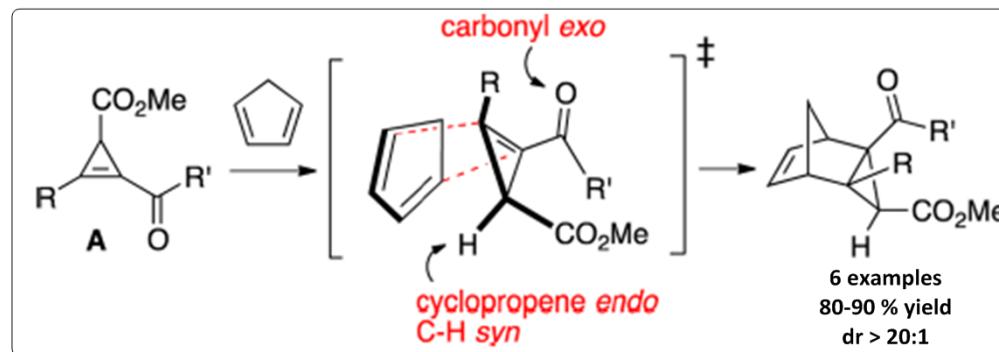
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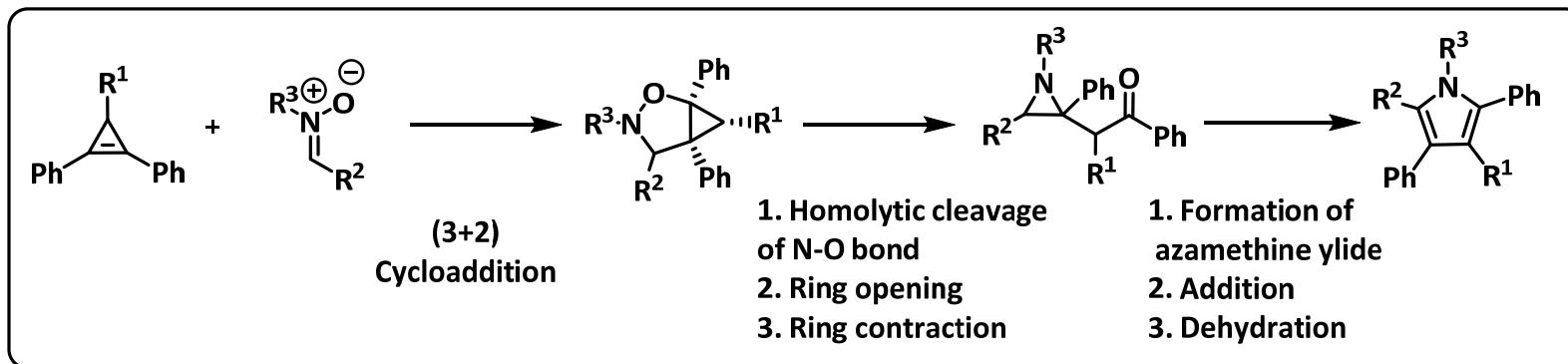


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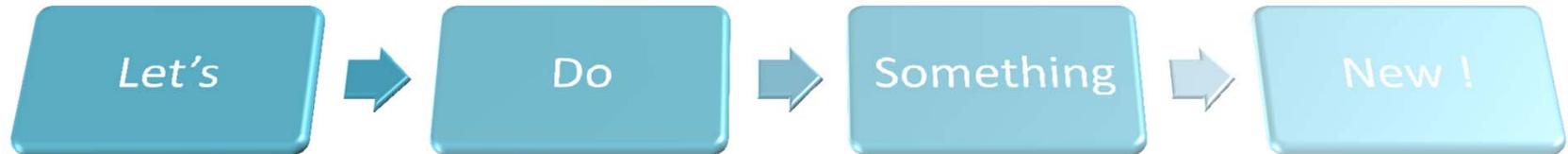
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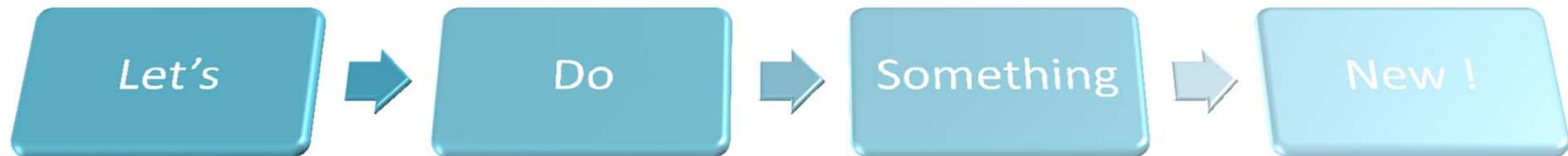
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Formation of **Ioxazolidines**, **aziridines** and **pyrroles** thermically controlled



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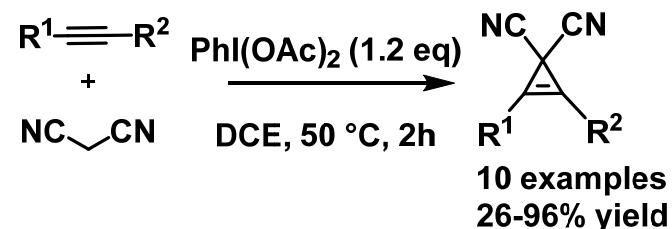
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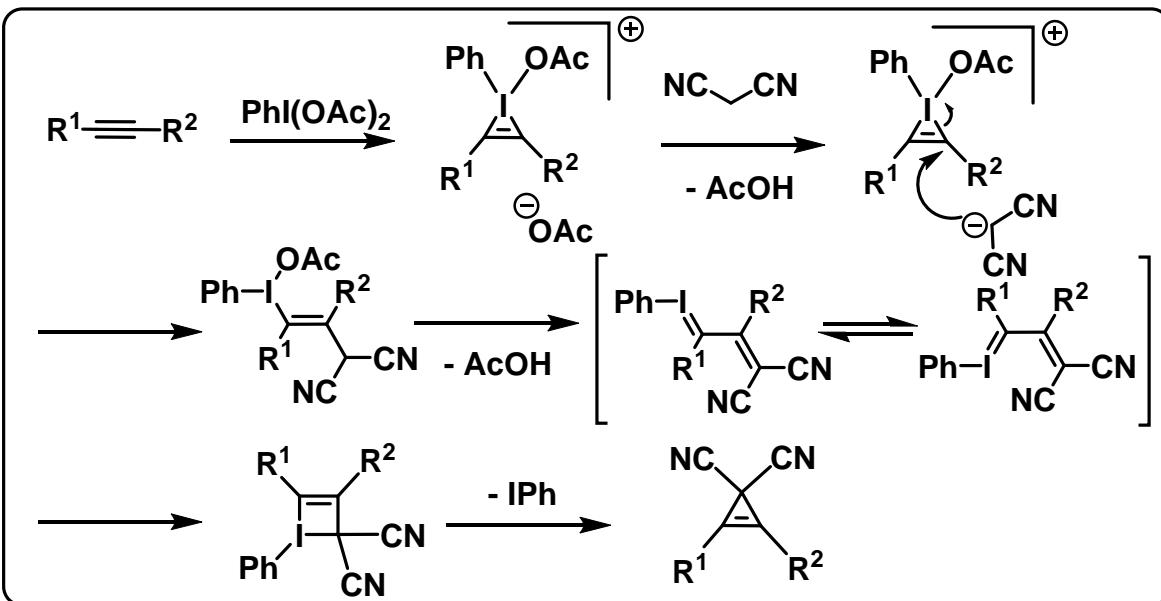
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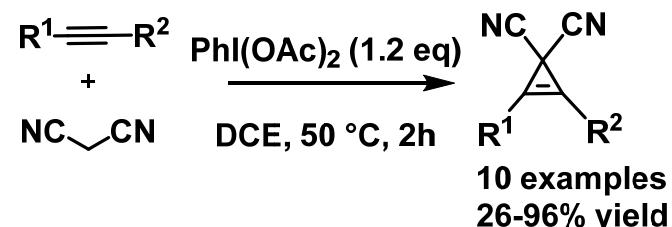


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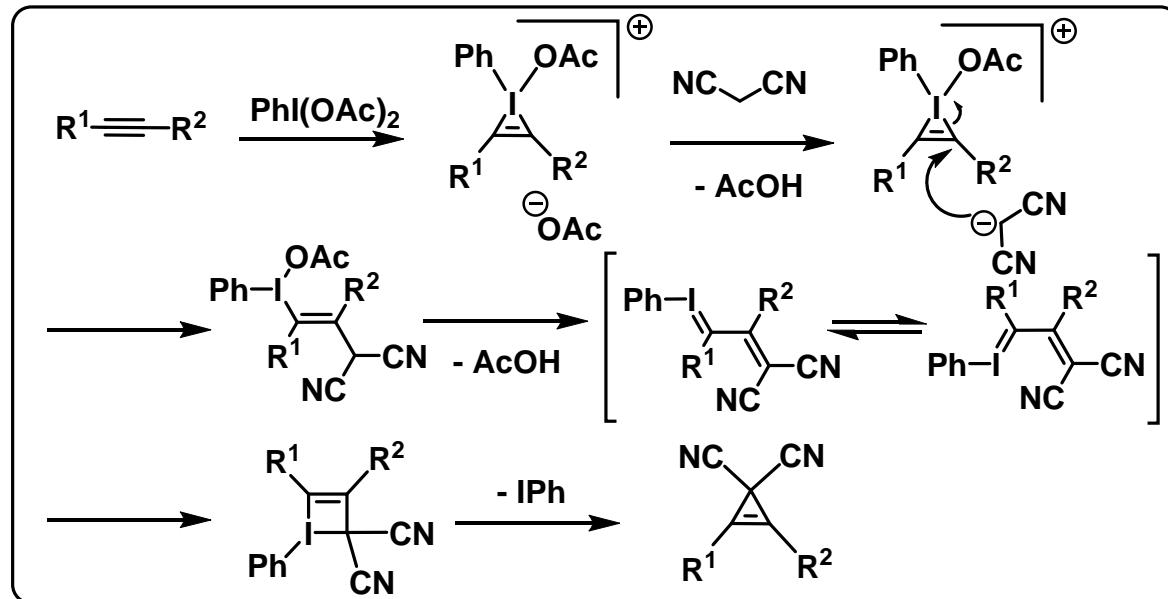
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Exercise: Find 2 possible flaws of the mechanism

Which electrophile is the strongest in the medium ?

How this electrophile could react with hypervalent iodine ? Write a mechanism.

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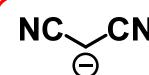


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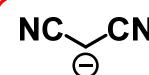


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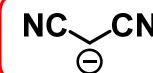
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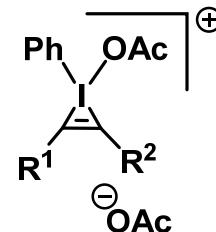
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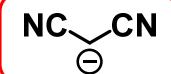
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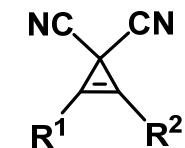
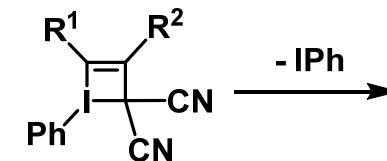
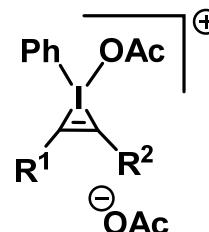
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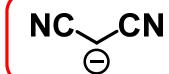
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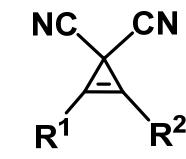
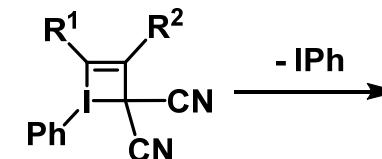
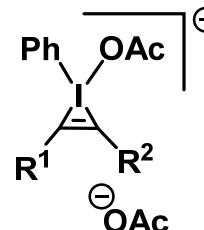
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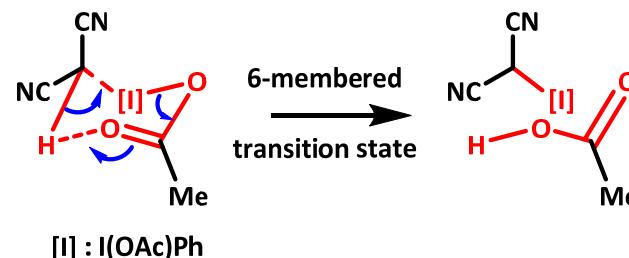
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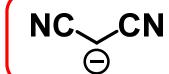


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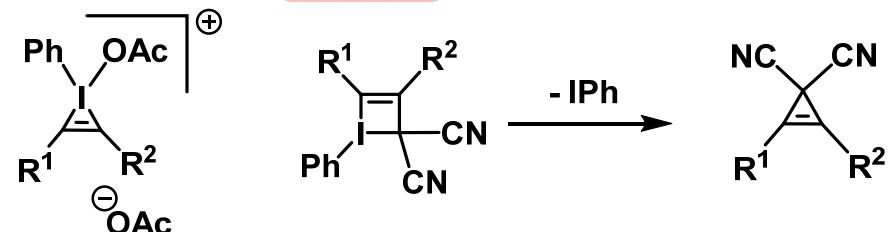
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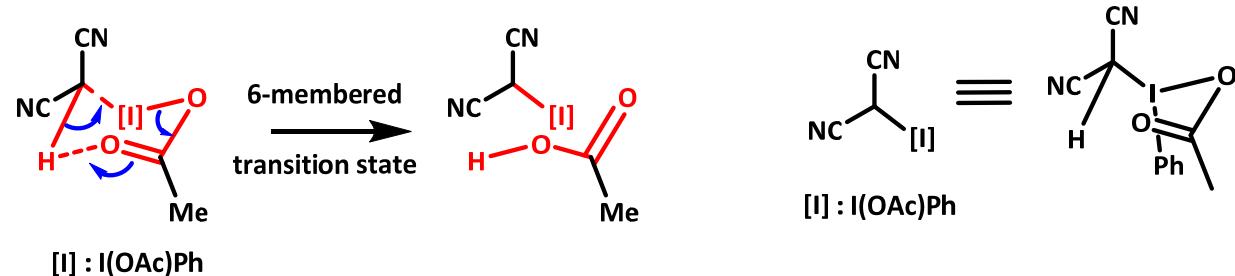
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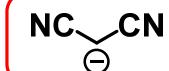


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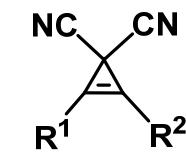
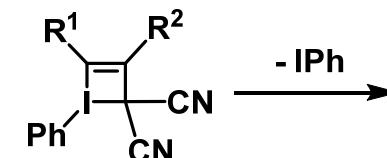
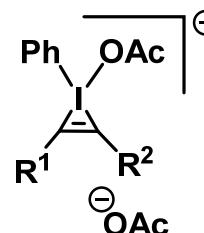
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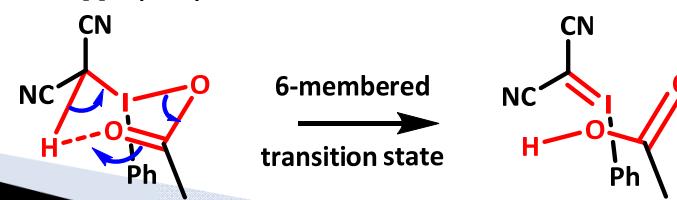
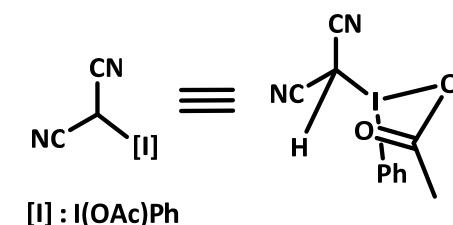
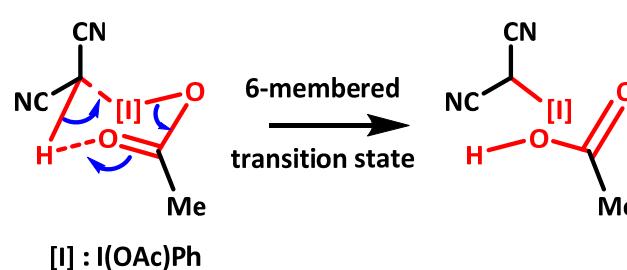
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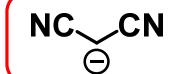


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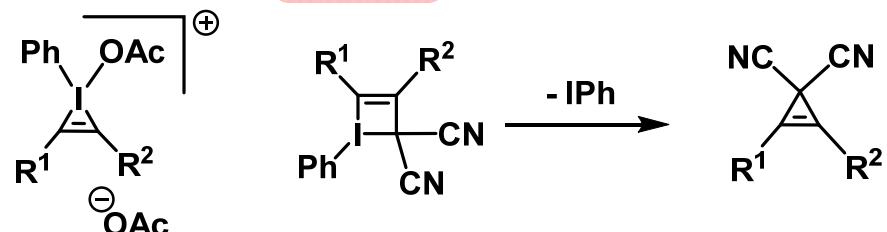
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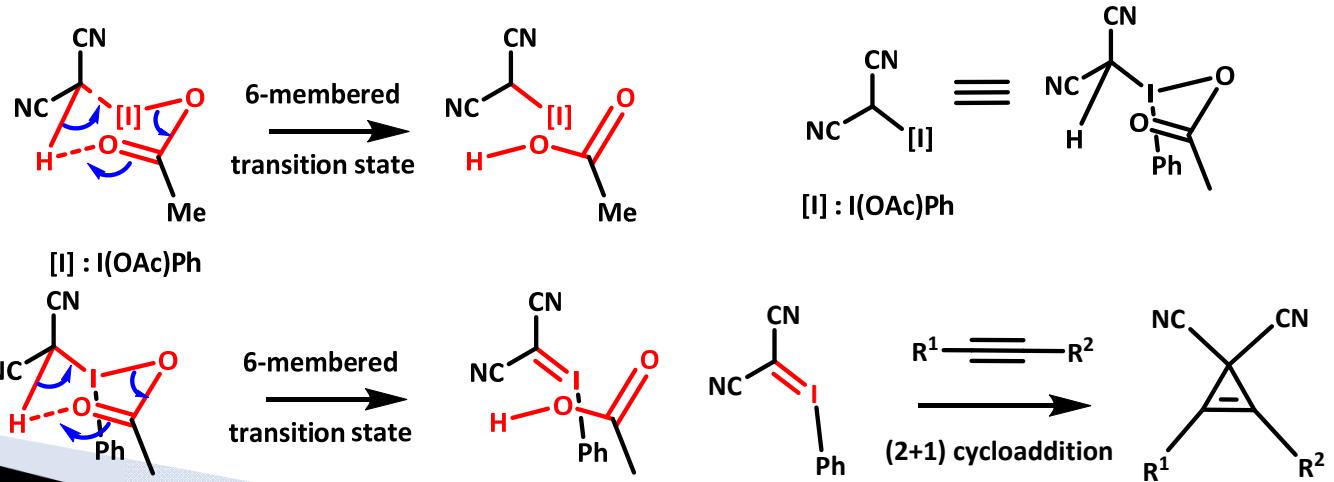
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