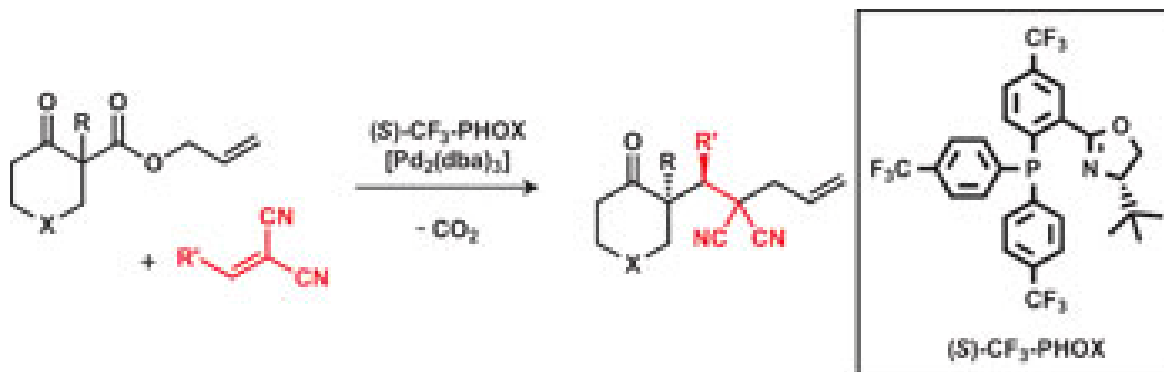




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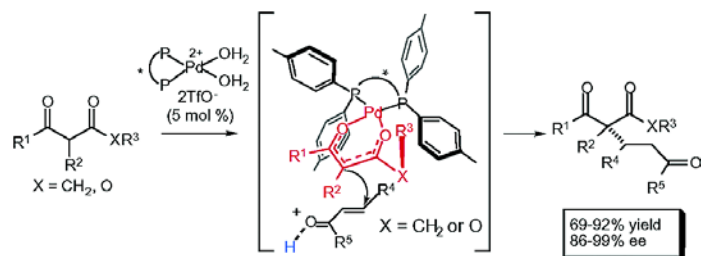
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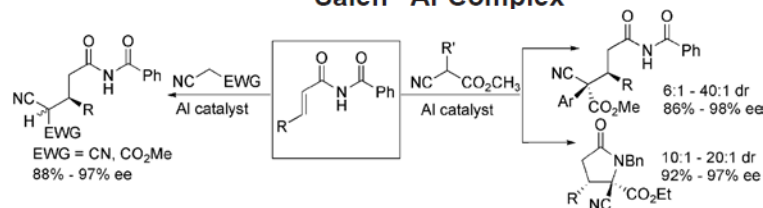
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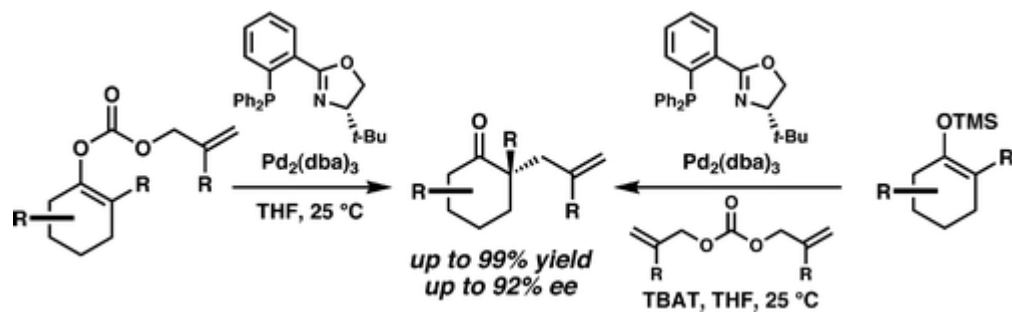


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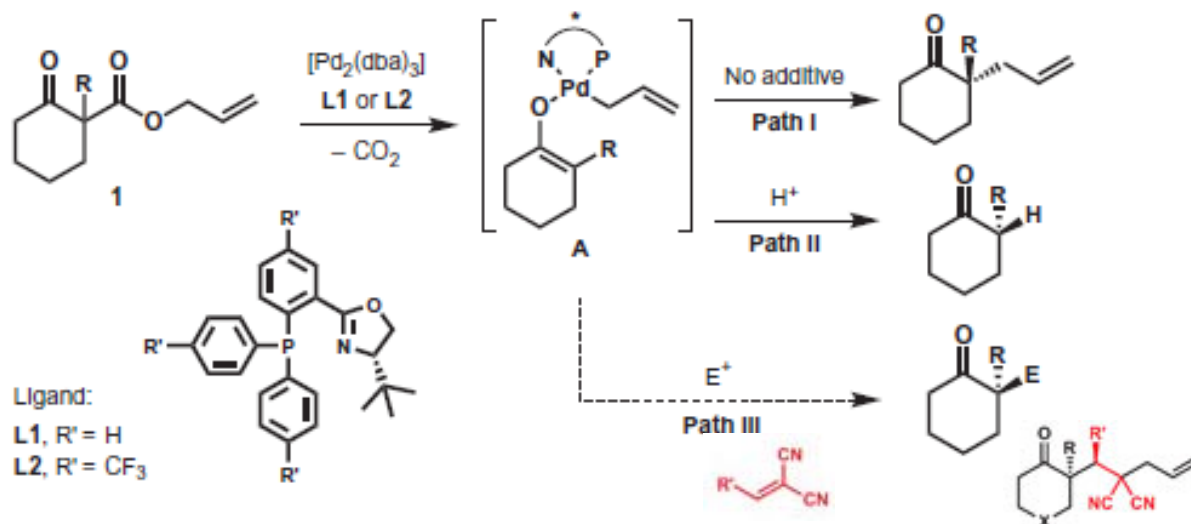
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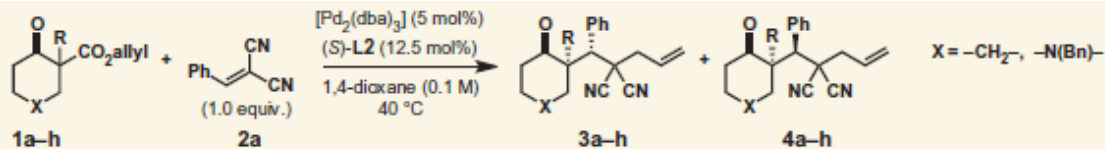
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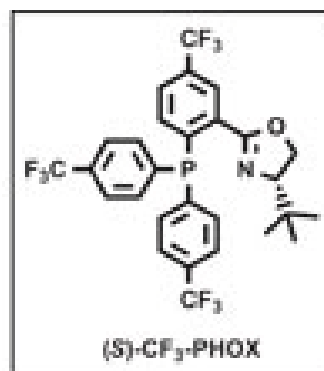
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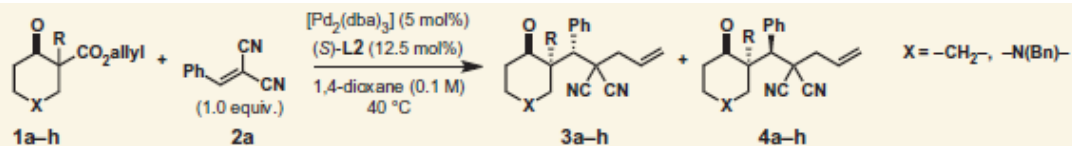
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2			48	91	1:3.5	95	99
3 [‡]			72	88	1:3.4	88	97
4			40	49	1:1.9	85	88
5 [§]			65	65	1:1.9	93	94

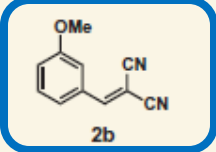
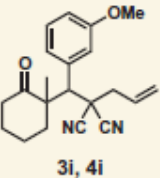
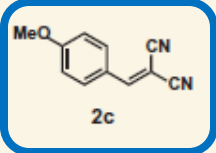
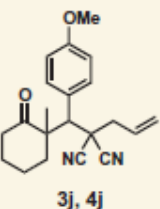
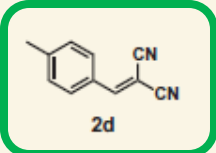
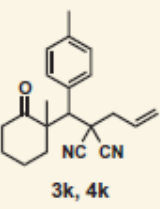
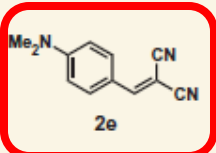
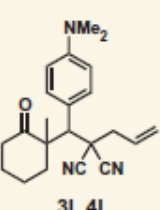
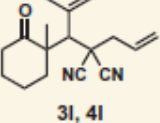


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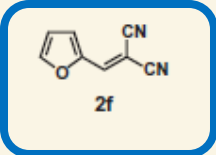
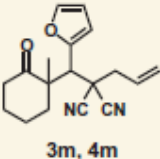
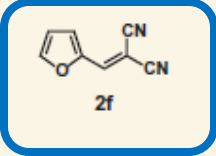
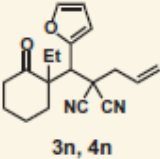
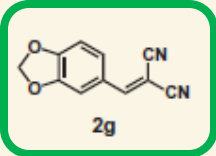
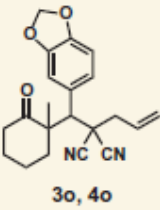
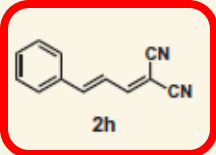
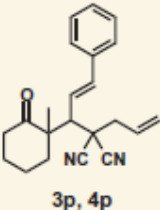


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6			24	56	1:3.3	82	89
7			24	56	1:1.3	69	70
8 [†]			72	57	1:2.4	75	81
9			20	97	1:>20	-	89
10			48	99	1:>20	71	97

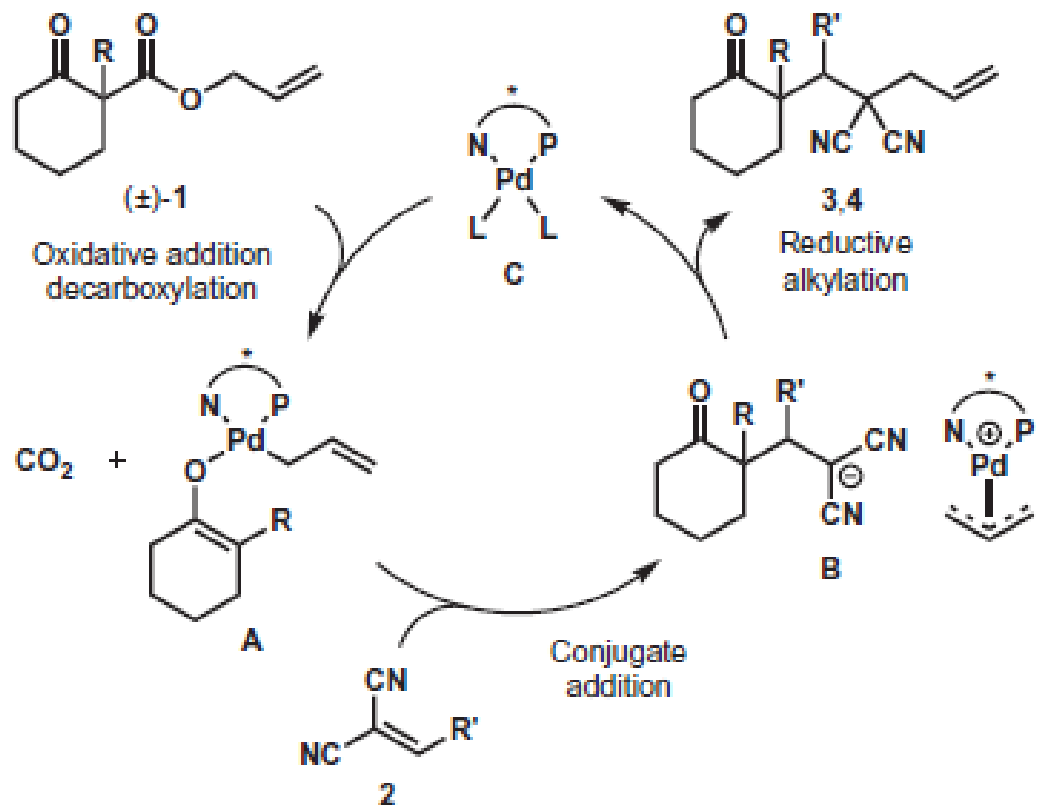
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2			36	87	1:7.8	73	88
3			16	76	1:6.2	75	87
4			18	22	1:8.9	78	99
5 [‡]			18	54	1:>20	n.d.	99

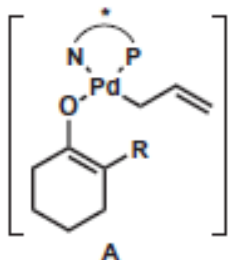
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7	 2f	 3n, 4n	36	92	1:2.3	89	96
8	 2g	 3o, 4o	24	99	1:14.0	58	95
9 ^s	 2h	 3p, 4p	24	83	1:9.4	64	82

Plausible simplified catalytic cycle

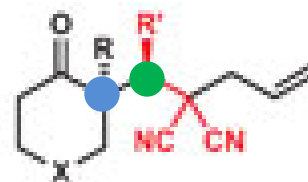


In conclusion



Trapping of a Pd-enolate by a prochiral activated Michael acceptor

- Highly enantio- and diastereoselective Pd-catalysed α -alkylation process
- Asymmetric construction of densely functionalised molecules that possess an **all-carbon quaternary centre** next to a **tertiary centre**.



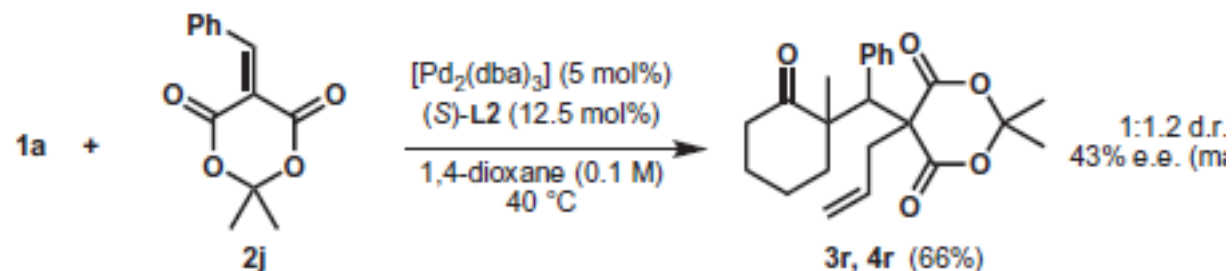
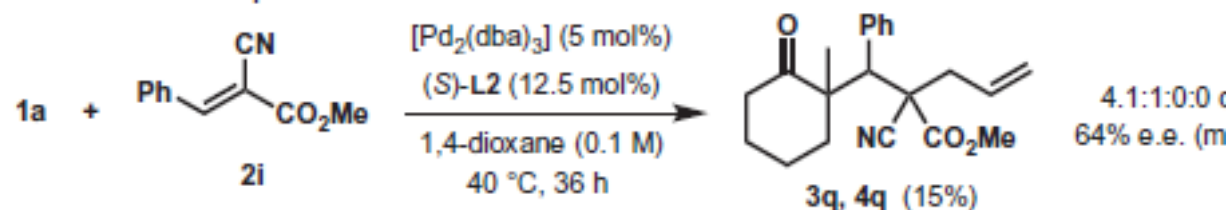
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b Michael-acceptors other than malononitriles



c Michael-acceptors with alkylidene groups

