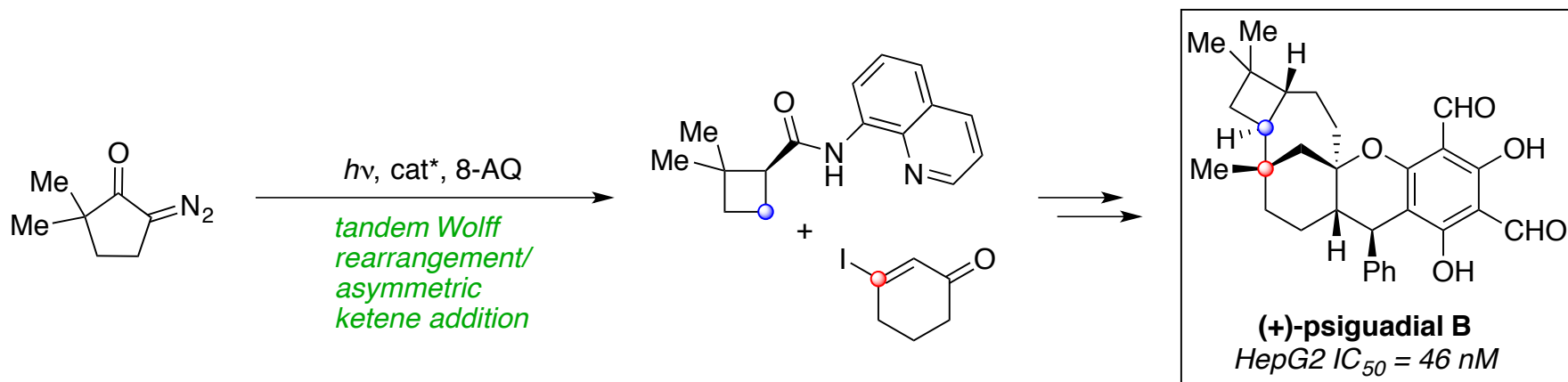


Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (+)-Psiguadial B



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Research Interest

Natural Product Synthesis, Methods Development
Nickel Catalysis

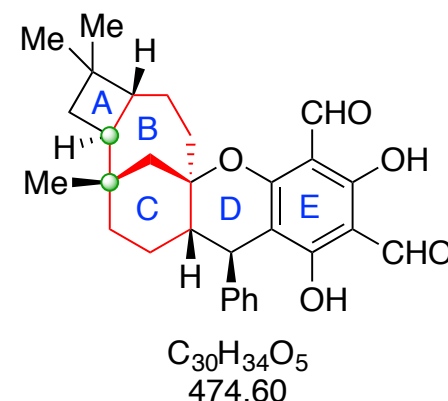
(+)-Psiguadial B

Information; Biosynthesis

- First enantioselective total synthesis
- Isolated by Shao in 2010 from *Psidium guajava*
- Exhibits potent antiproliferative activity against human hepatoma cells (HepG2 IC₅₀ = 46 nM)

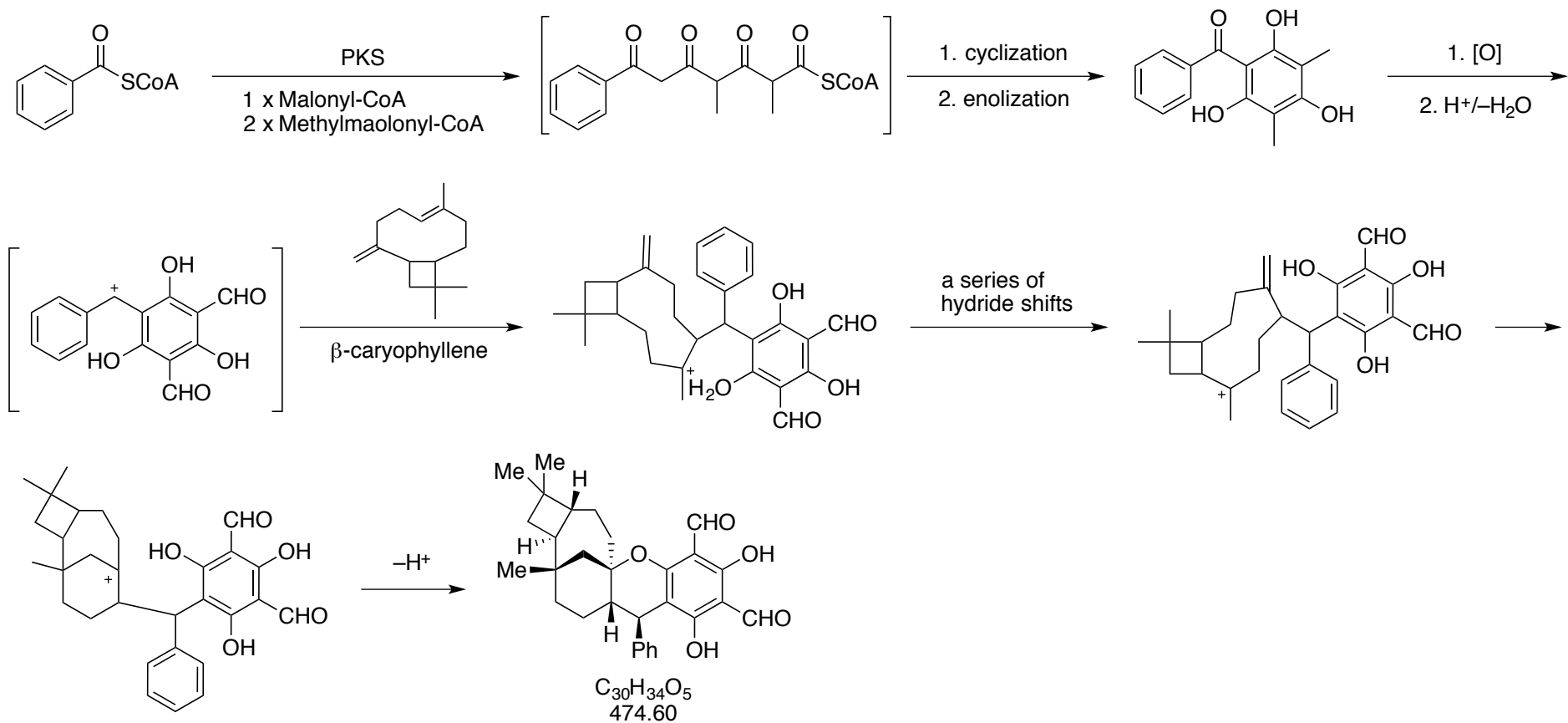
- *Hepatoma: Cancer originating in the liver, in liver cells. More often called hepatocarcinoma or hepatocellular carcinoma.*

- Biosynthesis → β -caryophyllene (sesquiterpenoid)
- Key Challenges
 - **Bicyclo[4.3.1]decane** *trans*-fused to cyclobutane
 - Synthesis of A–B–C ring system
 - Strategic formation of **C1–C2** bond
 - Control of enantioselectivity



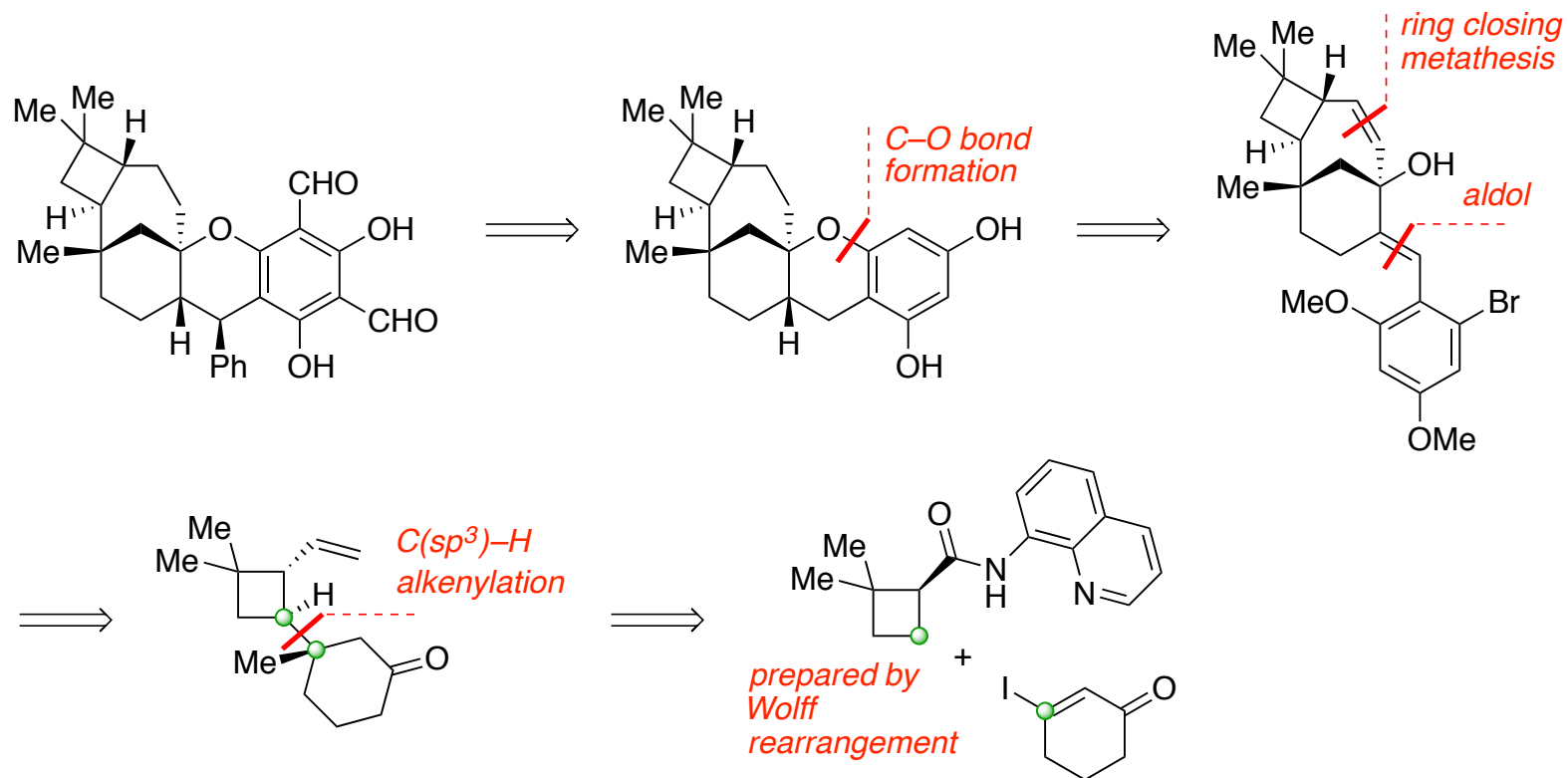
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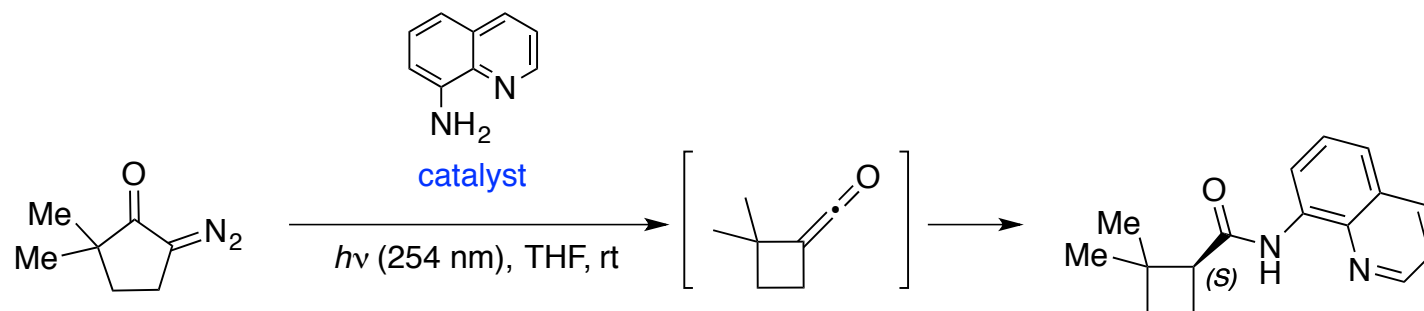
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Retrosynthetic Analysis

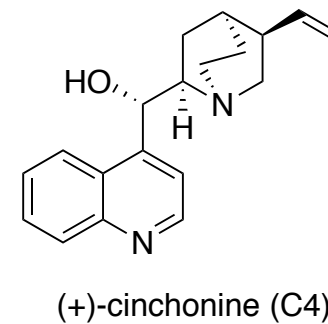


Synthesis I

Optimisation of the Tandem Wolff Rearrangement



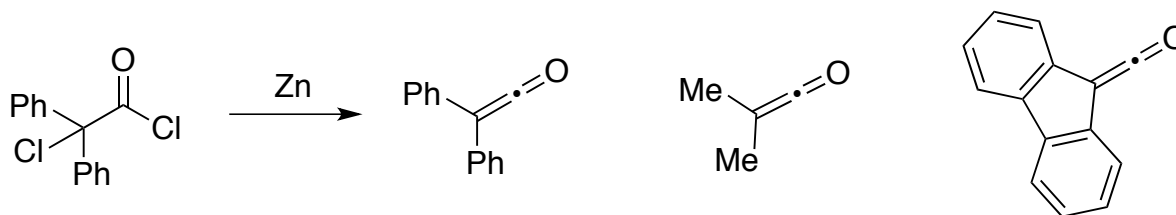
entry	mmol	cat. (mol %)	equiv of 8	yield of 5 (%)	ee of 5 (%) ^a
1	0.10	0	1	55 ^b	0
2	0.10	C1 (50)	1	39 ^b	46
3	0.10	C2 (50)	1	32 ^b	-66
4	0.10	C3 (50)	1	58 ^b	-59
5	0.10	C4 (50)	1	72 ^b	77
6	0.10	C5 (50)	1	65 ^b	-15
7	0.10	C4 (20)	1	66 ^c	81
8	11	C4 (20)	1	37 ^c	79
9	15	C4 (20)	3	62 ^c	80
10	30	C4 (10)	3	62 ^c	79



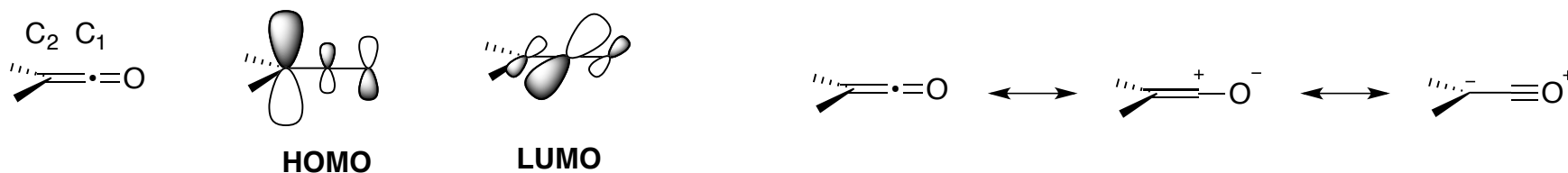
Side-Discussion on Ketenes

History; Properties

- Hermann Staudinger



- Reactivity

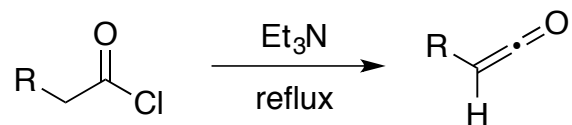


- Electrophile (at C₂ or O): perpendicular to the ketene plane
- Nucleophile (at C₁): in ketene plane

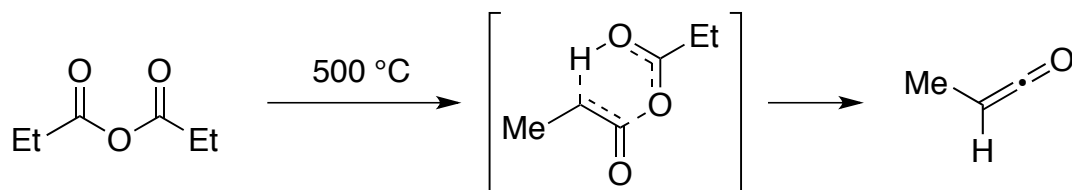
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Preparation from Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

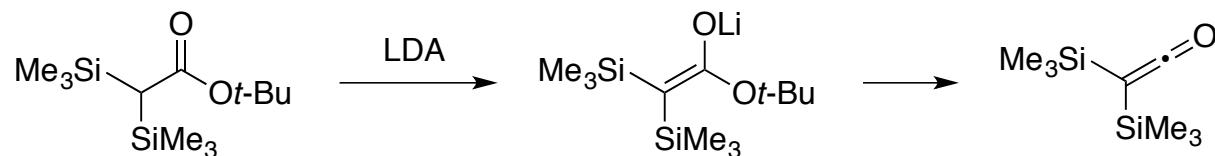
- α -halo carboxylic derivatives (Staudinger)
- Acyl chlorides (Wedekind)



- Anhydrides



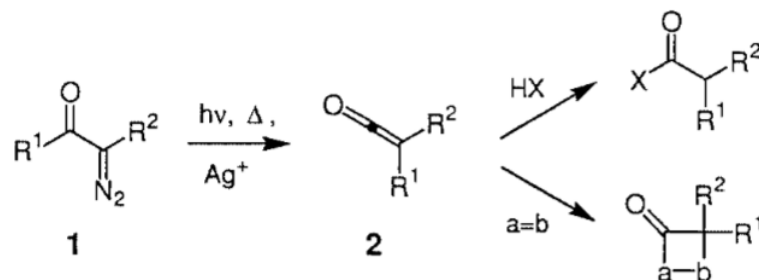
- Esters (E1cB)



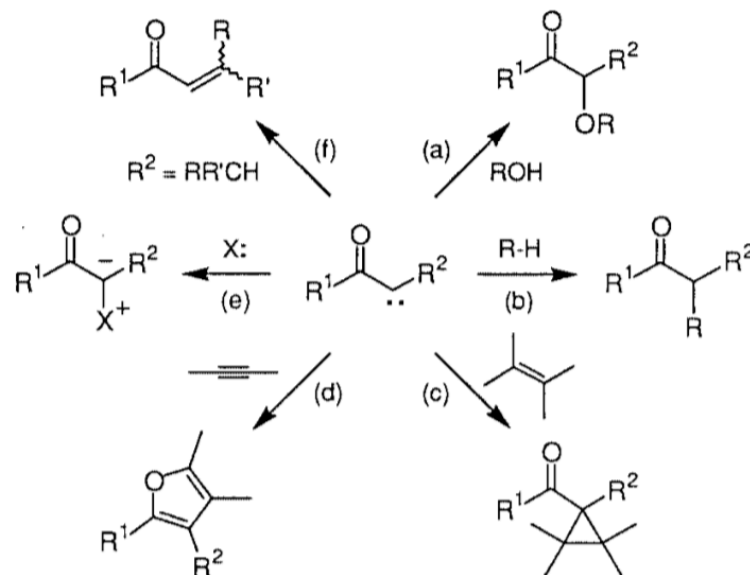
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Wolff Rearrangement

- Ludwig Wolff (1902)

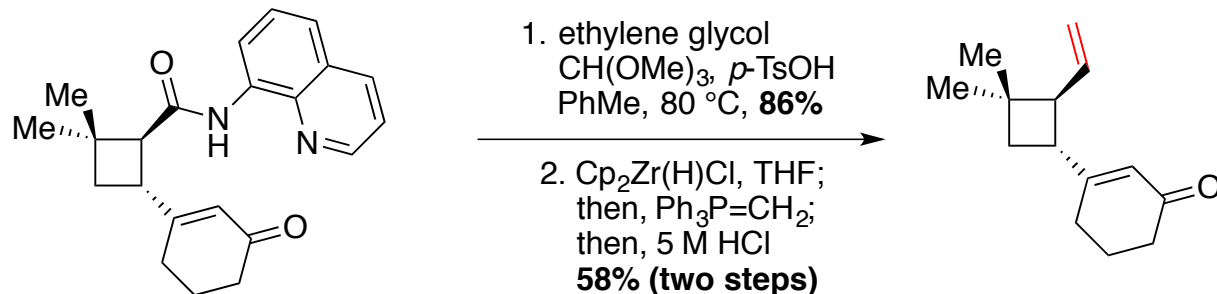
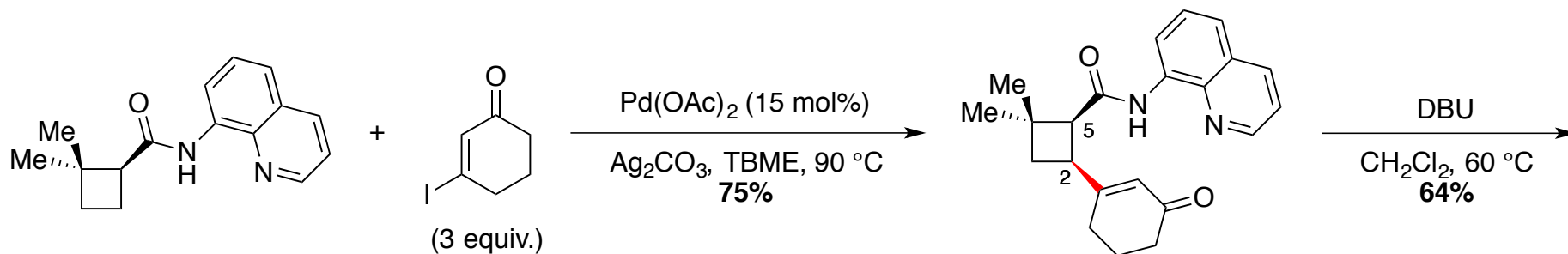


- Reactions of carbonylcarbenes that can compete with the Wolff rearrangement



Synthesis II

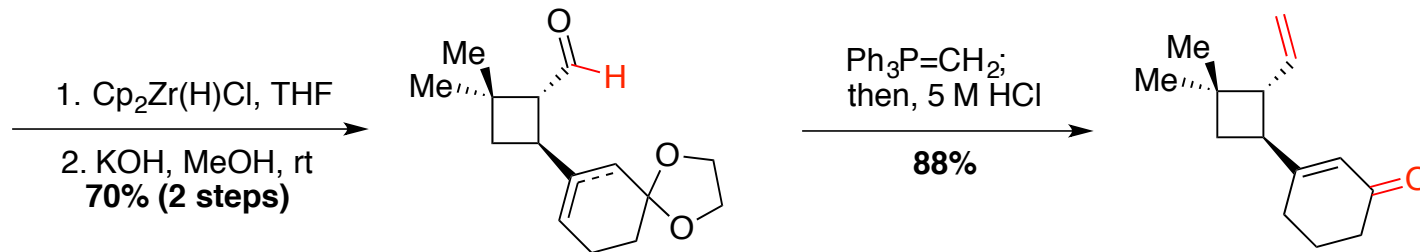
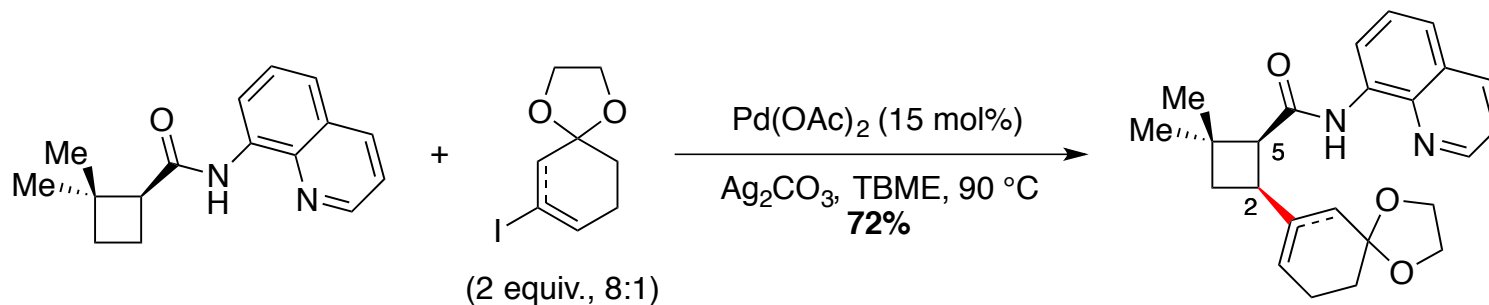
C(sp³)-alkenylation; Epimerization I



- **Undesired** enantiomer is obtained
- **(-)-cinchonine** did not help
 - *Pseudoenantiomeric* catalyst *ent*-product with 58% *ee*

Synthesis III

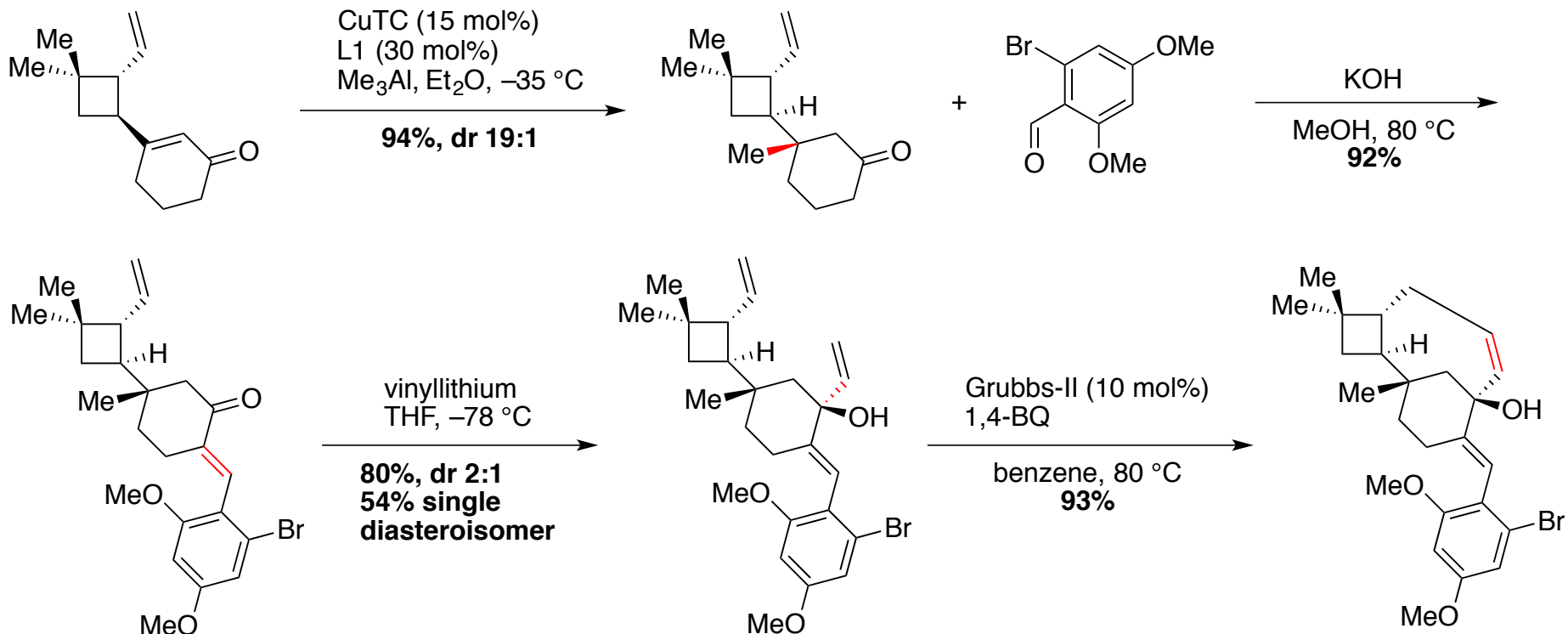
C(sp³)-alkenylation; Epimerization II



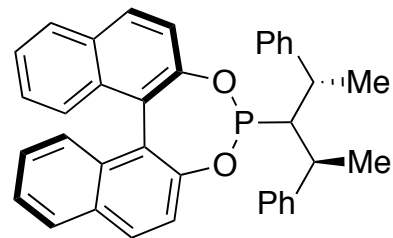
- **Desired** enantiomer obtained
- Acetal as coupling partner → **elimination** of linear protection step

Synthesis IV

Completion of the Synthesis I

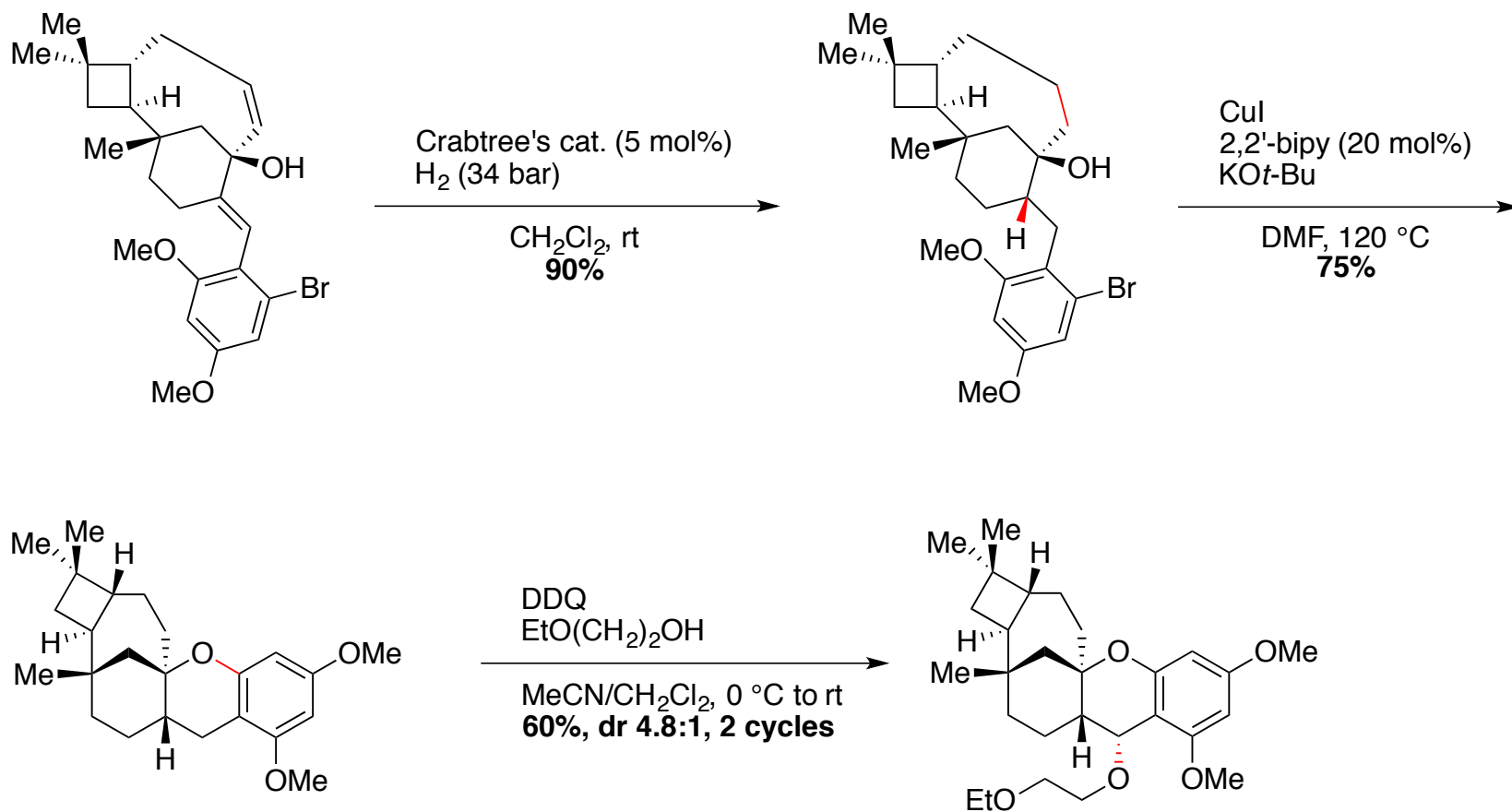


- **Gilman's** reagent furnished product in moderate yield (dr 3:1)
- Extensive experimentation to **improve dr** unsuccessful



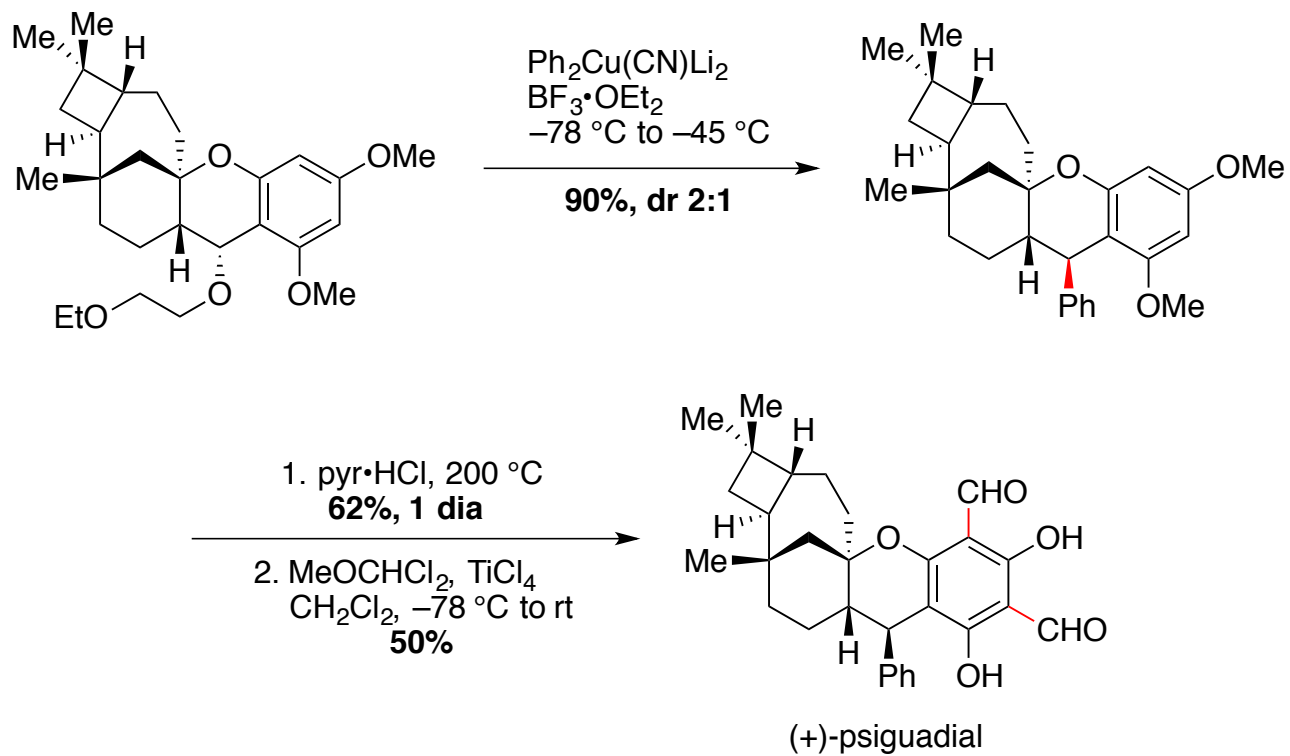
Synthesis V

Completion of the Synthesis II



Synthesis VI

Completion of the Synthesis III



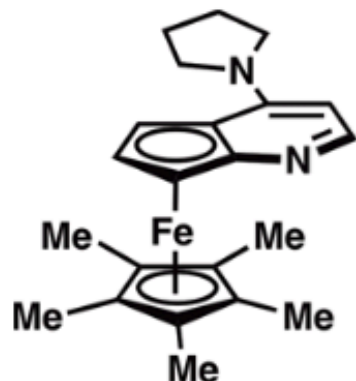
Conclusion

- (+)-psiguadial obtained in **15 steps** from diazoketone
- Spectroscopically **identical** with natural sample reported by Shao
- De novo construction of **trans-fused cyclobutane** ring
- Pd-catalyzed C(sp³)-H alkenylation
- Expansion of sequence scope to other cyclobutanes ongoing

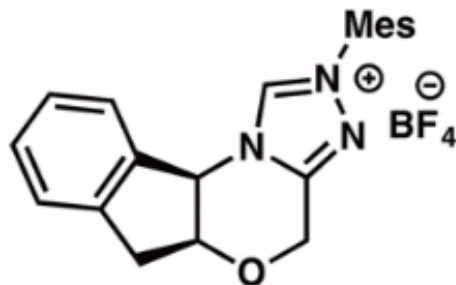
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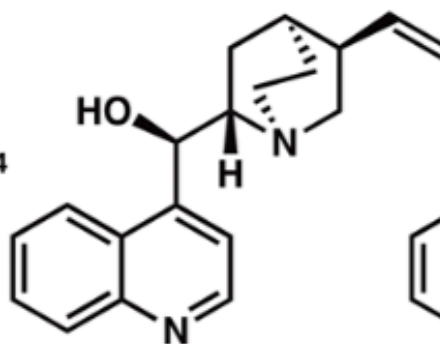
Screened Catalysts for the Wolff Rearrangement



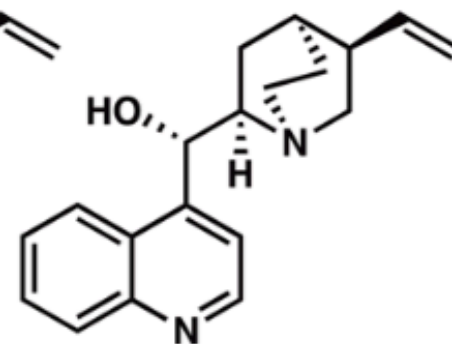
PPY-Me* (C1)



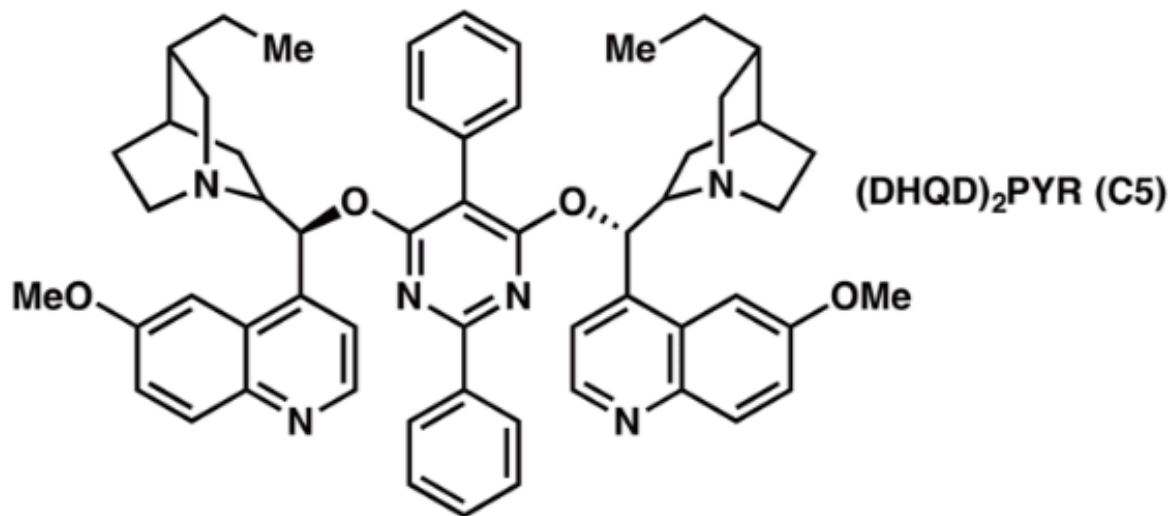
Indanyl-NHC (C2)



(-)-cinchonidine (C3)



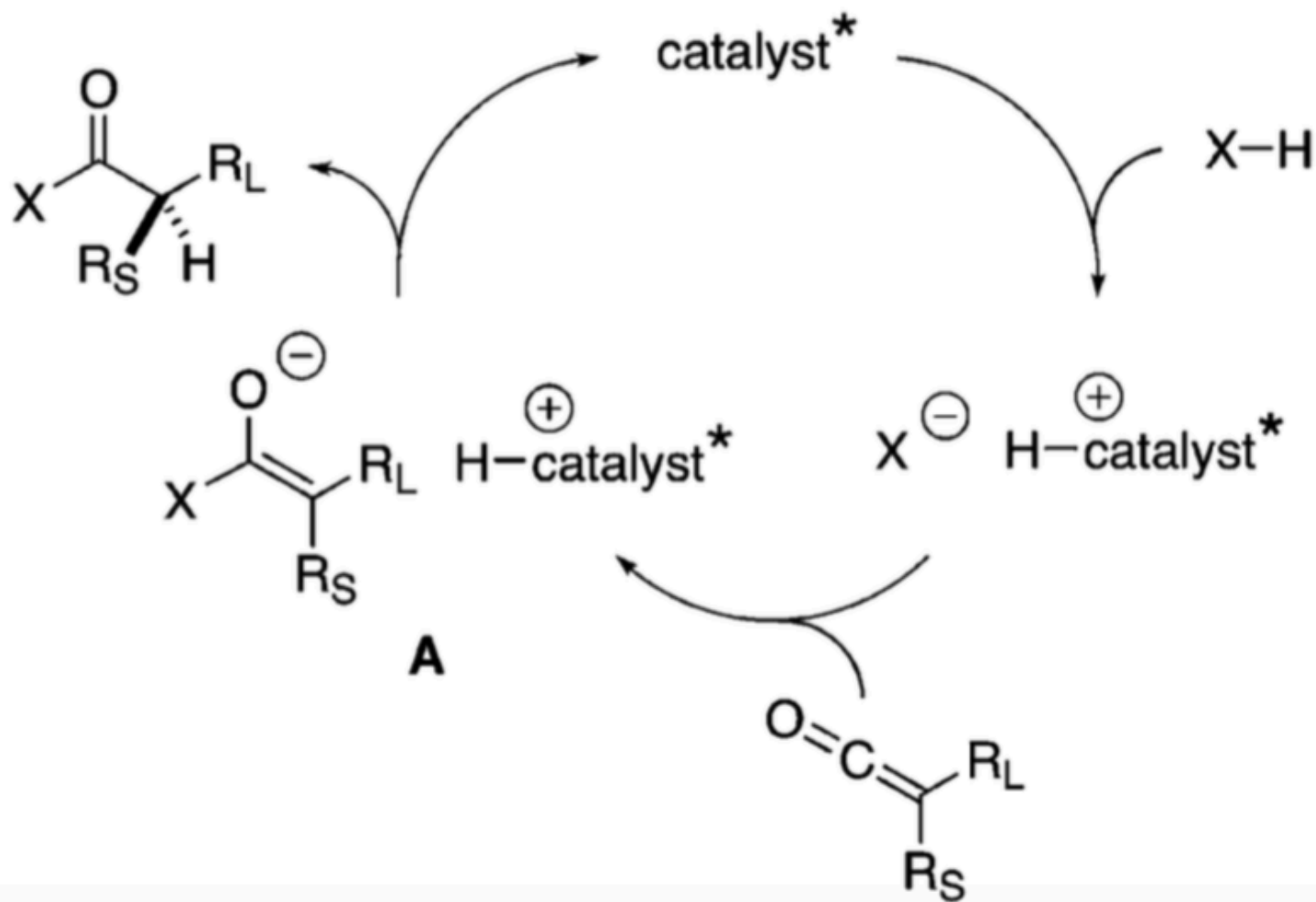
(+)-cinchonine (C4)



(DHQD)₂PYR (C5)

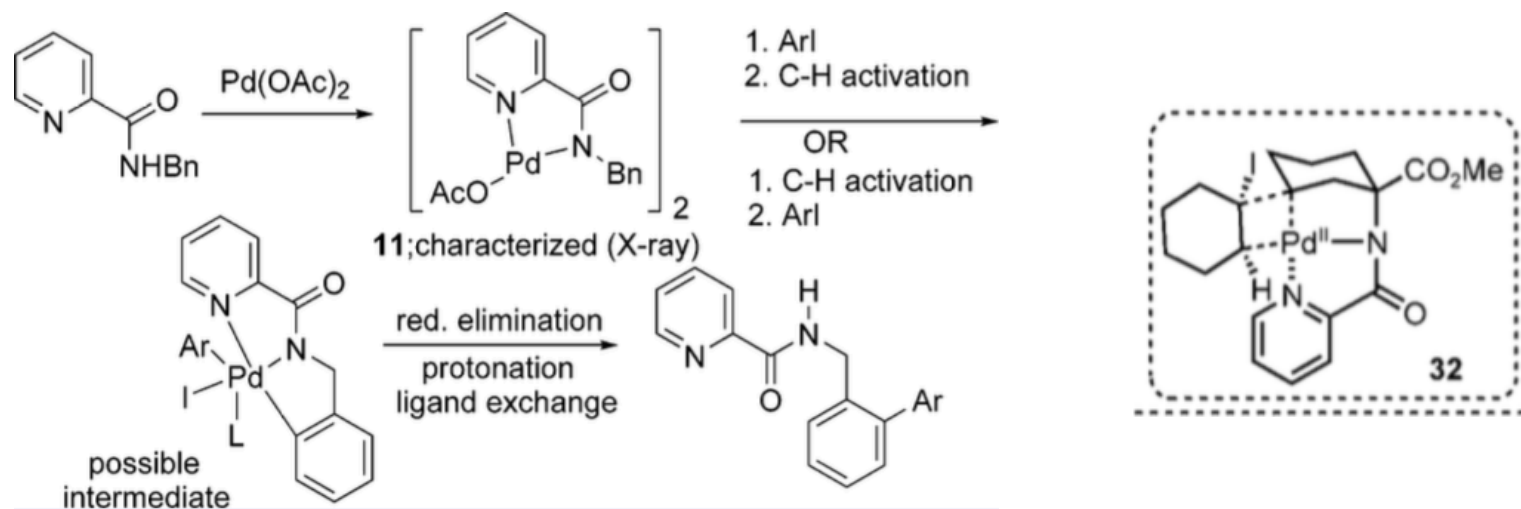
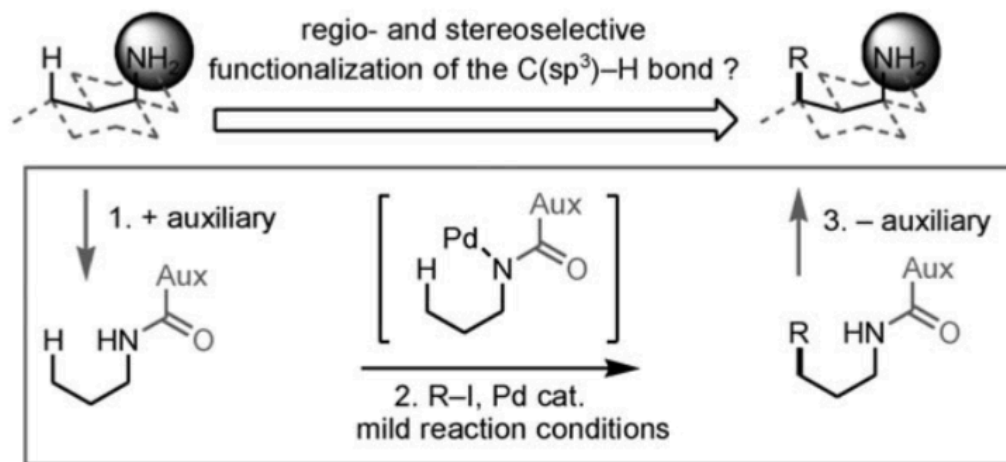
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Asymmetric Catalysis of Amide Formation



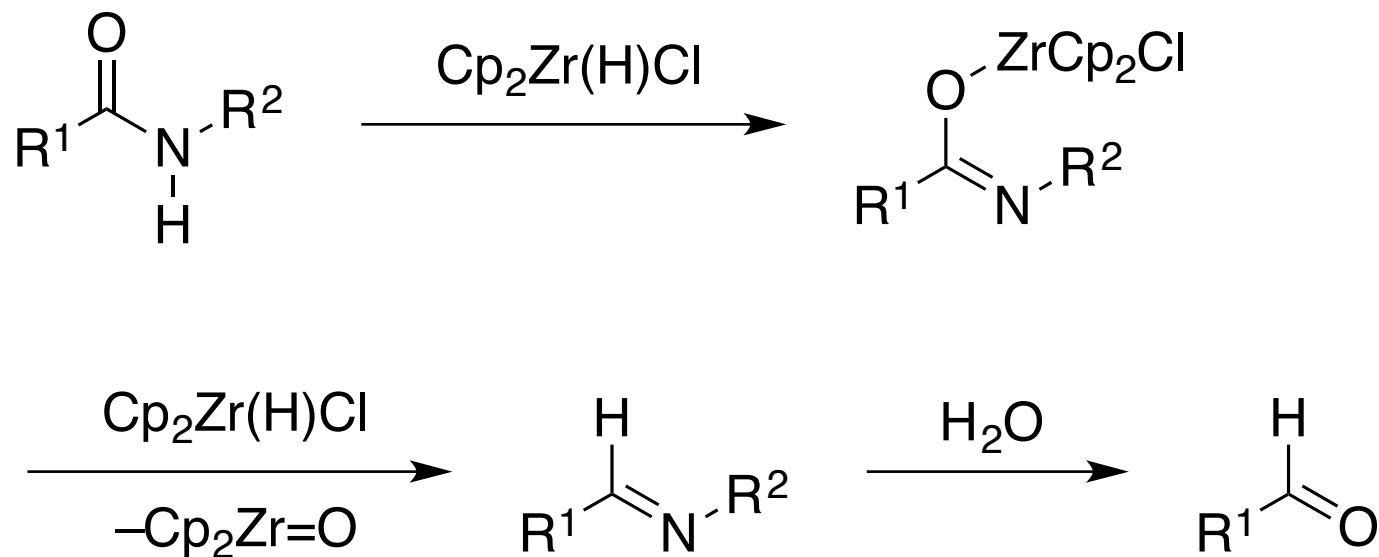
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Coupling with Pd(OAc)₂



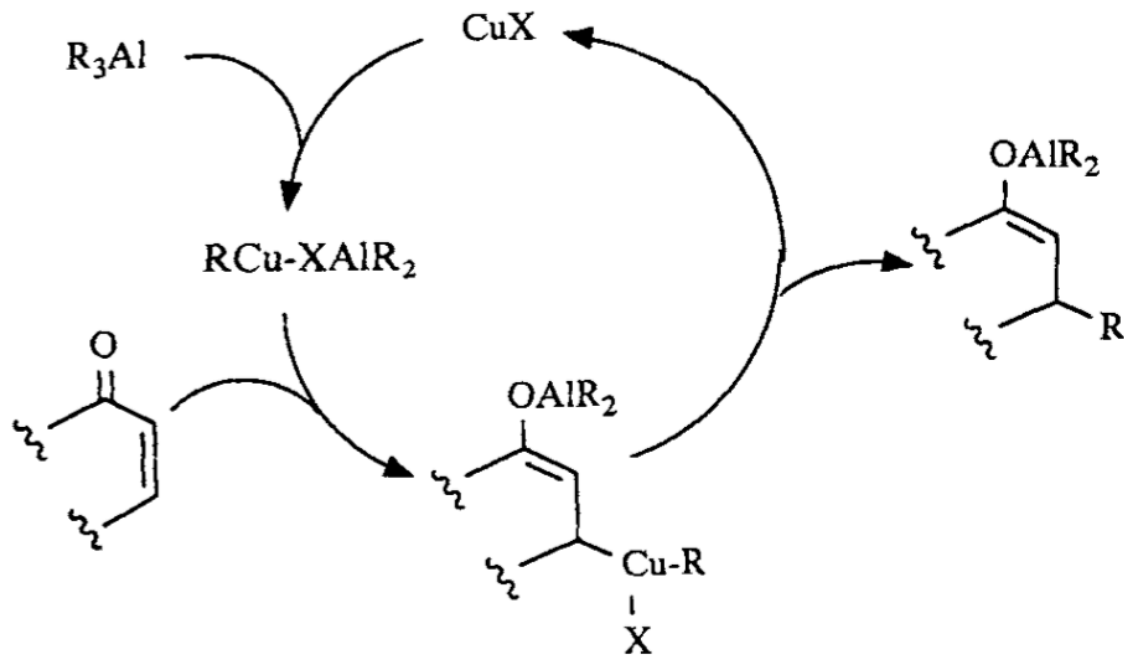
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Schwartz Reduction



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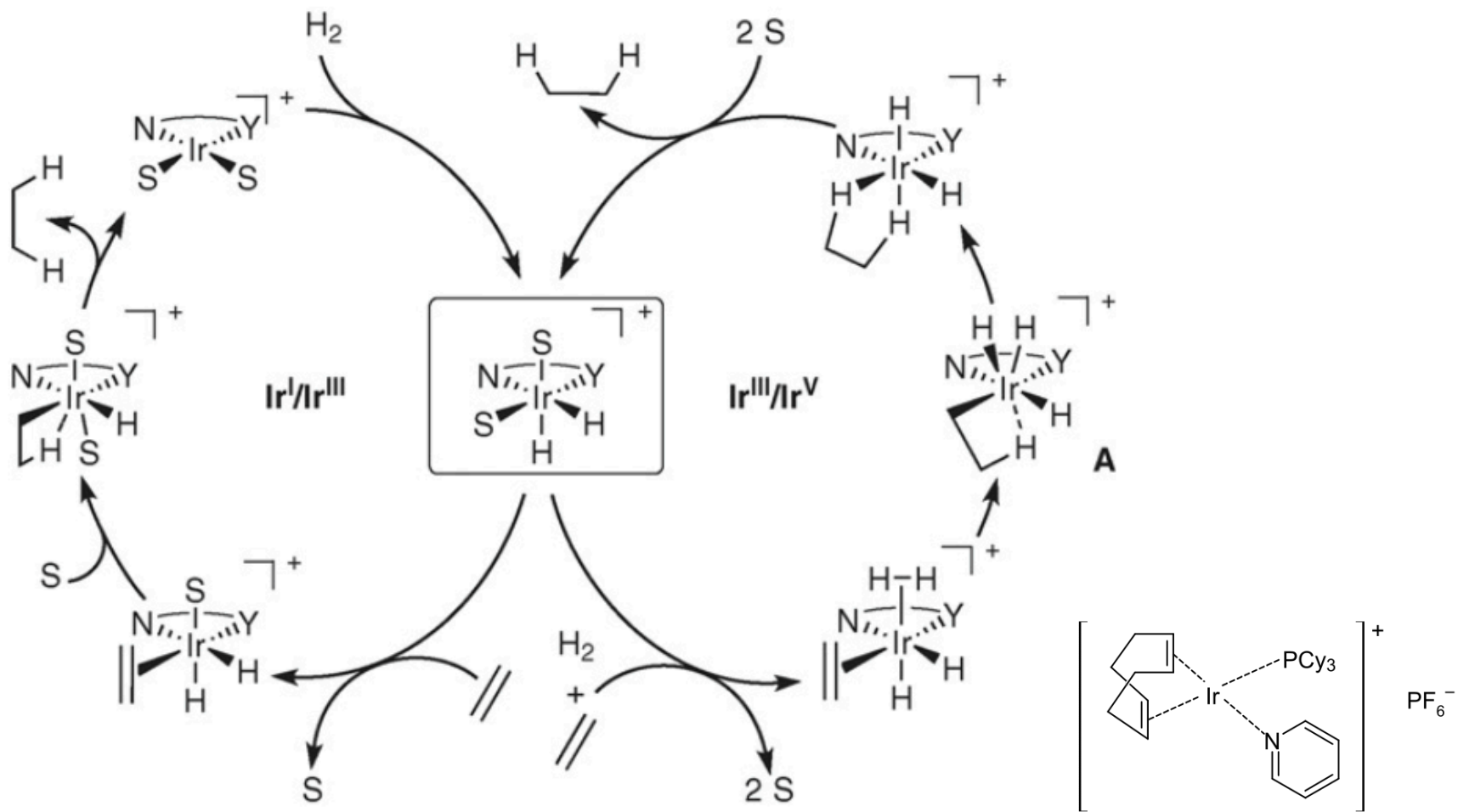
Copper Catalyzed Alkylation



- **stronger coordinating solvents** are used than with dialkylzinc reagents (Et₂O or THF instead of toluene or CH₂Cl₂) as this allows the **cleavage of the AIR₃ dimeric species**, thus increasing its reactivity
- 18 h at -30 °C; more rapidly at higher temperatures but decrease in *ee*

Backup-Slide VI

Crabtree's Catalyst



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Copper Catalyzed *O*-arylation; Ullmann

