# **Literature Report 2**

Medium and Large *N*-Heterocycle Formation *via* Allene Hydroamination with a Bimetallic Rh(II) Catalyst

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### **Background:**

- 2002-2005 B.S., BYU
- **2005-2009** Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010-2013 Postdoctor, Stanford University
- 2013-Now Assistant Professor, BYU

### **Research:**

- Polymer-supported nanoparticle;
- Electrophilic catalysis with heterobimetallic complexes;
- α-Helical peptide scaffolds as modular, tunable, enzyme-like catalysts for multistep synthesis.



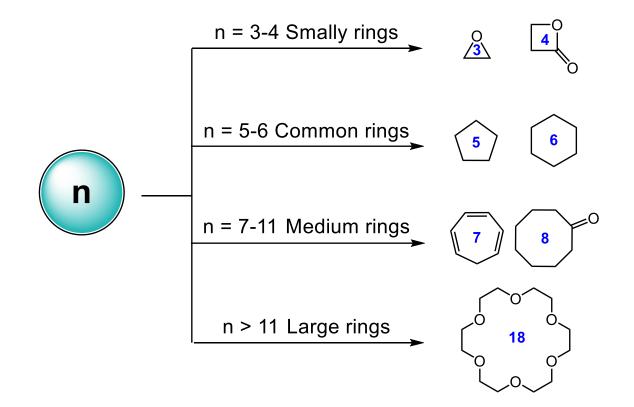


2 Medium and Large *N*-Heterocycle Formation

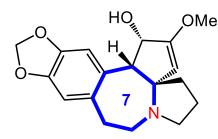
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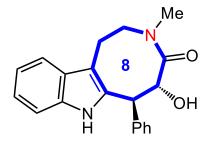
### **Classification of cyclics**



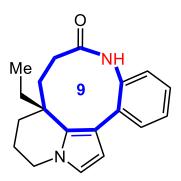
#### Importance of medium-sized ring nitrogen heterocycles



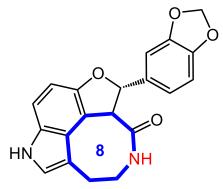
**Cephalotaxine** *antilukemic activity* 



Balasubramide inhibits neuroinflammation



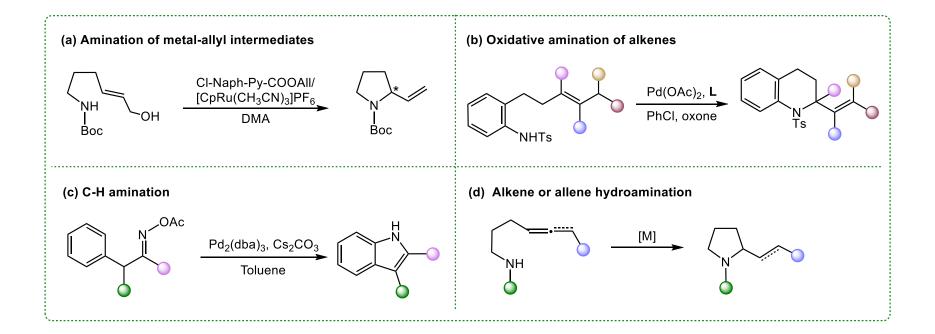
Rhazinilam inhibits tubulin formation



**Decursivine** antimalarial activity

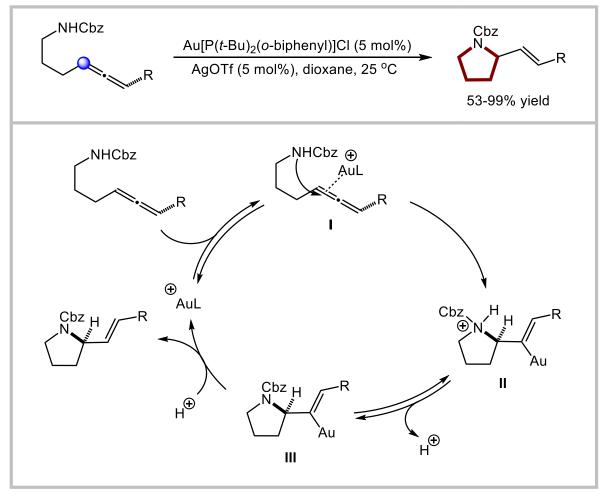
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#### Metal catalyzed nitrogen heterocycle synthesis



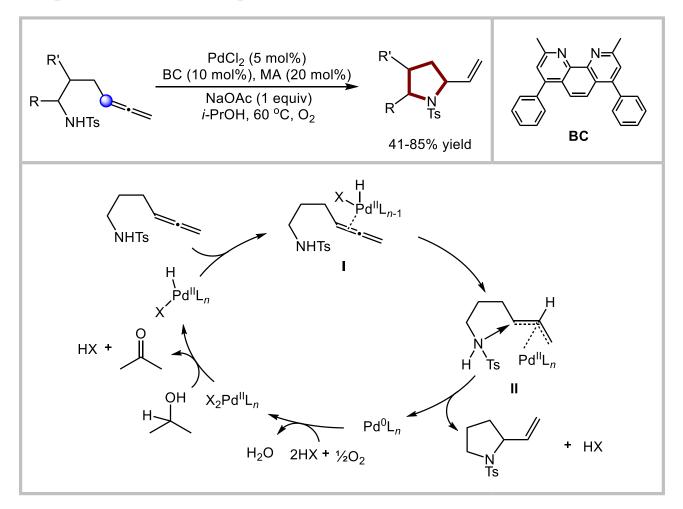
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#### Au catalyzed allene hydroamination



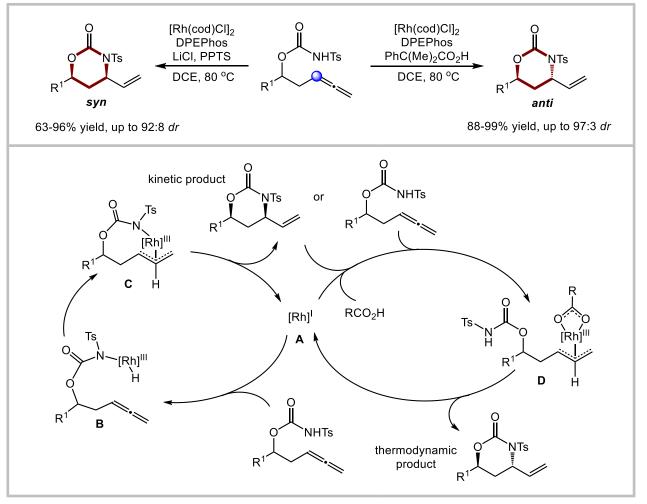
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#### Pd catalyzed allene hydroamination



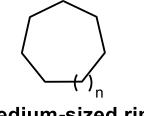
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#### **Rh catalyzed allene hydroamination**



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#### The difficulty of forming medium-sized ring



medium-sized ring

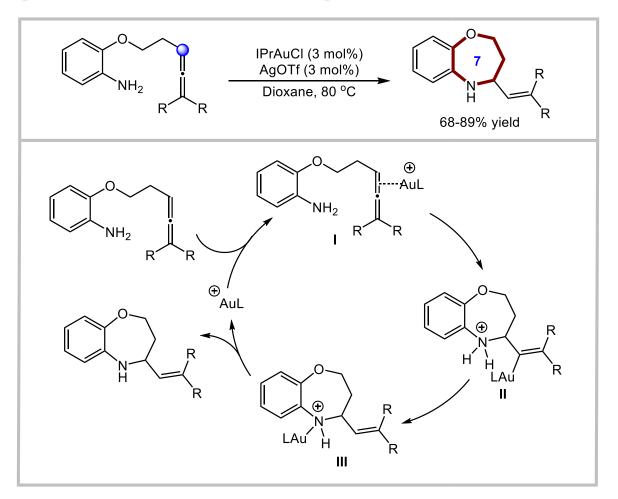
- Transannular interactions
- Entropy effects
- Strain effects

# Strain-energies of Cycloalkanes and lactones [*kcal/mol*]

Ring size	Cycloalkanes	Lactones	
3	27.5	40.4	
4	26.1	23.3	
5	6.2	7.7	
6	0.1	9.5	
7	6	10.7	
8	9.4	12.4	
9	12.2	11.6	
10	12.2	8.2	
11	11.1	7.3	
12	4	7.1	
13	5	6.7	
14	3.2	4.5	

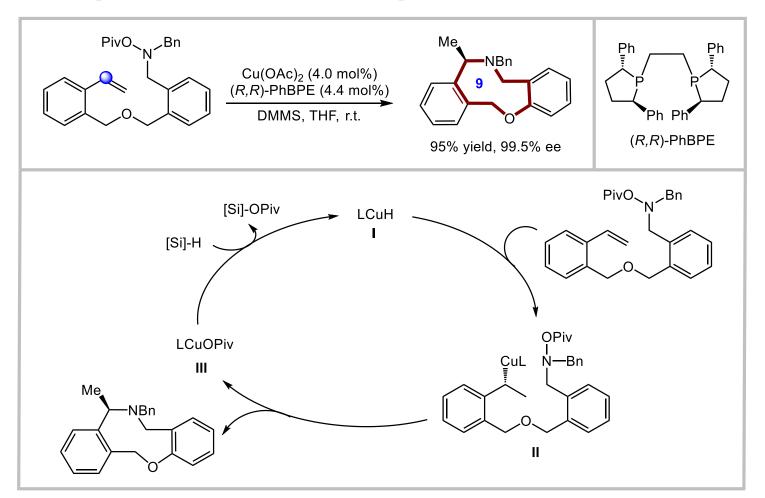
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#### Au catalyzed intramolecular hydroamination



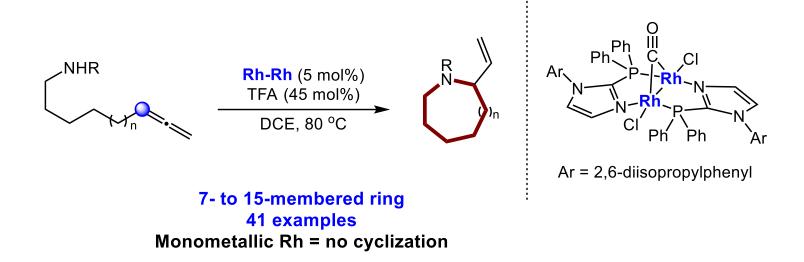
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#### Cu catalyzed intramolecular hydroamination



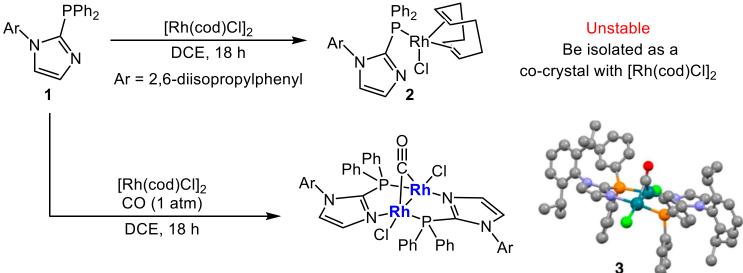
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#### **Bimetallic Rh catalysis for medium-sized ring formation**



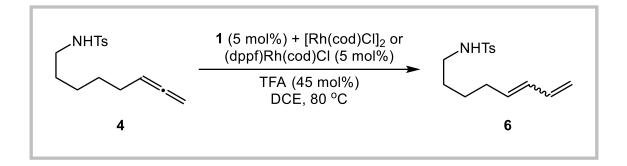
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## Synthesis of mono- and bimetallic Rh complexes

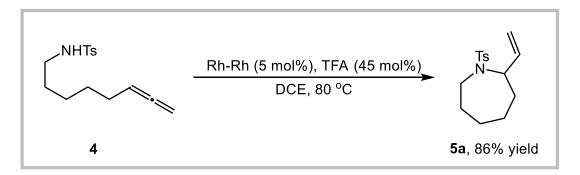


3, 85% yield

## **Reactivity of mono- and bimetallic Rh complexes**



Monometallic Rh: only the isomerized diene product 6 was observed



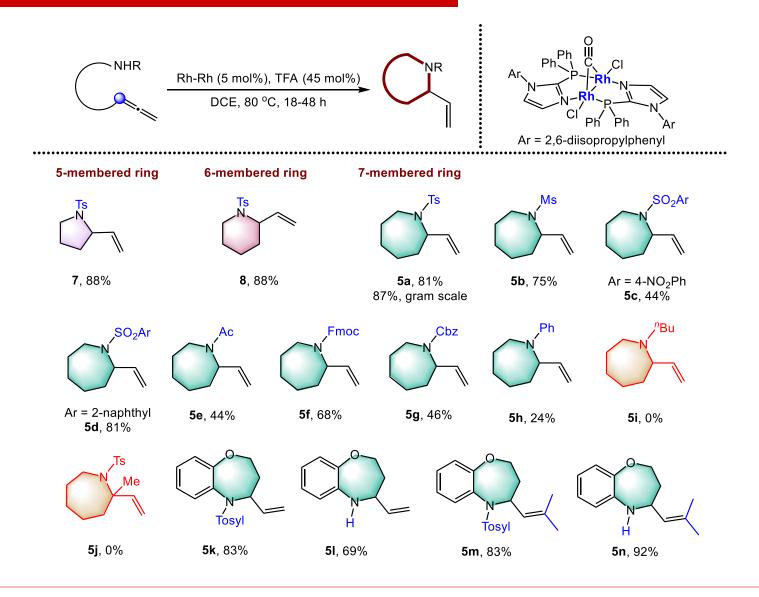
Bimetallic Rh: the corresponding 7-membered ring 5a was observed

# **Optimization of hydroamination reaction**

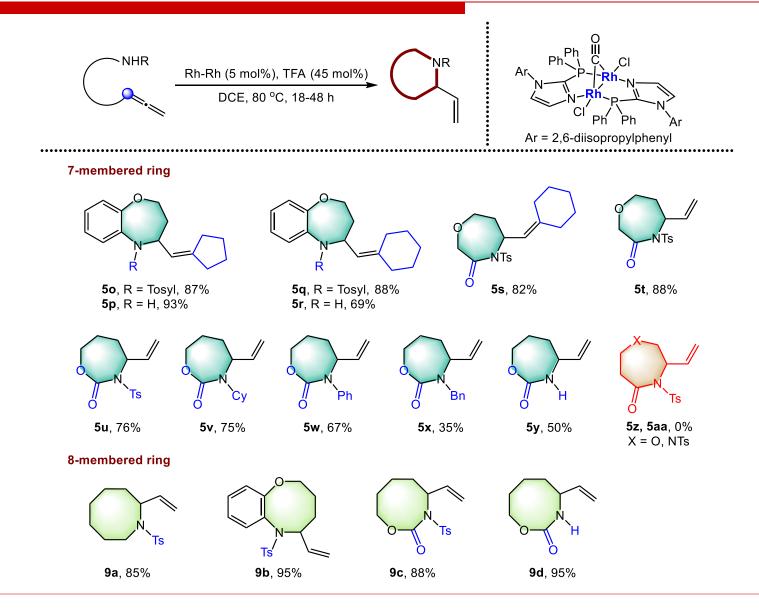
NHTs Rh-Rh (3), trifluoroacetic acid DCE, 80 °C, 18 h 5a					
Entry <sup>a</sup>	Cat. (mol%)	Temp (°C)	Acid (mol%)	Yield <sup>b</sup> (%)	
1	5	80	0	0	
2	5	80	15	16	
3	5	80	30	61	
4	5	80	45	90	
5	5	50	45	62	
6	5	23	45	24	
7 <sup>c</sup>	5	80	45	83	
8	2.5	80	45	57	
9	1	80	45	15	
10	5	80	45 (TfOH)	0	
11	5	80	45 (TsOH)	0	
12	5	80	45 (AcOH)	0	
13	0	80	45	0	

<sup>a</sup> Reaction run on a 0.2 mmol scale of **4** with 5 mol% Rh dimer **3** and 45% TFA in dichloroethane (DCE, 0.2 M) at 80 °C for 18 h unless otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup> Conversions determined by 1H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture. <sup>c</sup> Run in toluene.

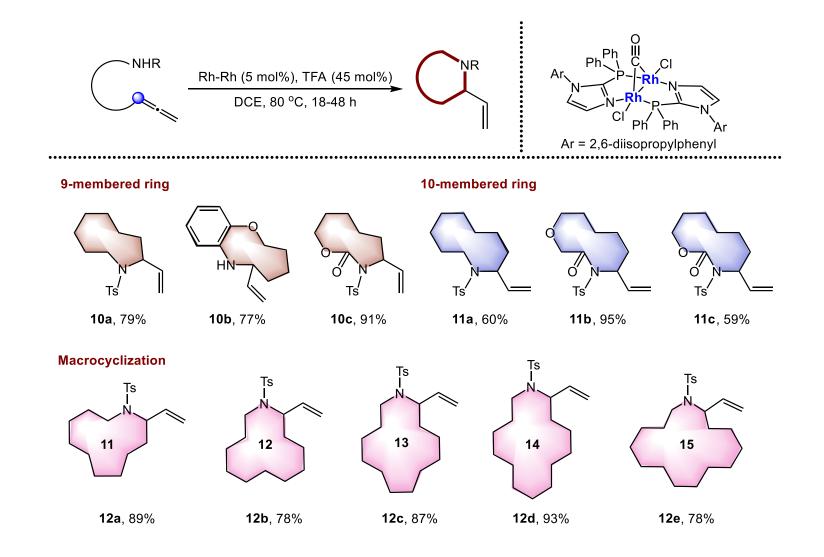
## Scope of the medium-sized ring formation



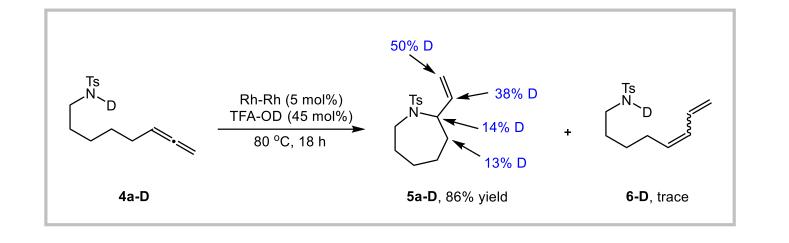
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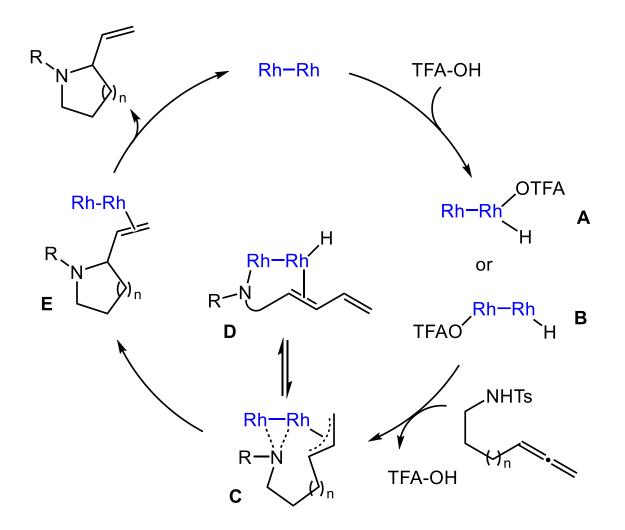


## **Mechanistic studies**

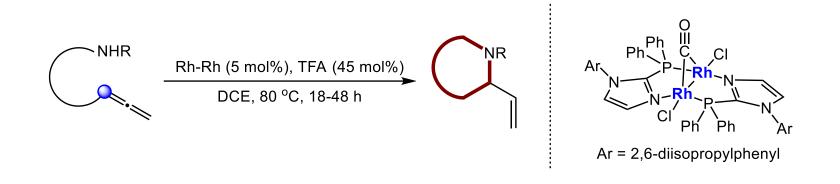


- $\checkmark$  Oxidative addition of the Rh to trifluoroacetic acid;
- Reversible insertion of the Rh-hydride into the allene to generate a metal allyl intermediate;
- ✓ 13% D: reversible formation of the diene may occur prior to C−N reductive elimination.

## **Proposed mechanism**



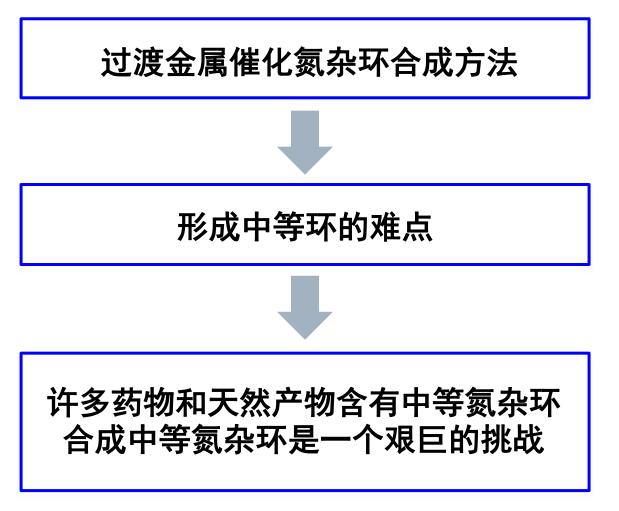




- The dirhodium(II) complex is catalytically active in allene hydroamination reactions;
- The dirhodium(II) complex providing easy synthetic access to a variety of 7- to 15-membered ring heterocycles;
- Mechanistic experiments confirm the importance of the bimetallic catalyst and acid in the reaction.

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### Writing strategy

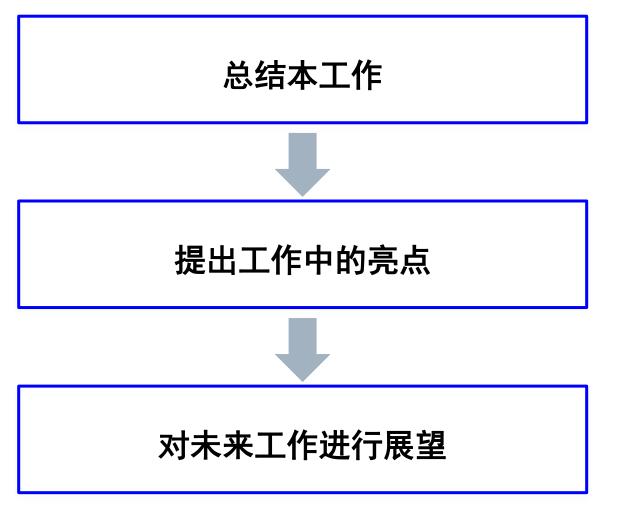


Nitrogen-containing heterocycles are among the most prevalent structural features in bioactive compounds, and transition-metal-catalyzed C-N bond-forming reactions represent one of the most efficient methods for their synthesis. Aminations of metal-allyl intermediates, oxidative aminations of alkenes, C–H aminations, and alkene or allene hydroaminations are some of the most widely used methods for metal-catalyzed nitrogen heterocycle synthesis. In general, metal-catalyzed cyclizations that proceed through C–N bond formation are highly efficient for forming 5- and 6-member rings, but examples of medium-ring formation (7- to 11member rings) through these same mechanisms are guite rare.

The difficulty in forming medium-sized rings arises because cyclization is inhibited by transannular interactions and bond/torsional strains. This creates a unique synthetic challenge because many important pharmaceuticals and bioactive natural products contain medium-sizedring nitrogen heterocycles. With current technologies, access to mediumsized rings often involves multistep processes and/or ring expansion mechanisms.

## The last paragraph

### Writing strategy



In conclusion, we have discovered a dirhodium(II) complex that is catalytically active in allene hydroamination reactions. Our catalyst is uniquely able to cyclize medium-sized-ring substrates where monometallic Rh catalysts failed, providing easy synthetic access to a variety of 7to 15-member-ring heterocycles. Mechanistic experiments confirm the importance of the bimetallic catalyst and acid in the reaction, suggesting a metal-hydride insertion mechanism that is followed by C-N reductive elimination. Our ongoing mechanistic studies are focused on understanding how the bimetallic nature of the catalyst enables highly efficient medium- and large-sized-ring formation.

The hydroamination of allenes is an attractive method for nitrogen heterocycle formation because the allene functional group is readily accessible from alkynes and reacts faster than the corresponding alkene substrates.(*adv.* 轻而易举地)

These results represent a rare example of macrocyclization *via* a hydroamination mechanism and highlight the synthetic utility of our bimetallic catalyst. (v. 突出, 强调)

We hypothesize that the bimetallic structure of 3 may be the key factor in enabling cyclization. (假设…是关键因素)

