

Literature Report VI

Nickel-Catalyzed C–I-Selective C(sp²)–C(sp³) Cross-Electrophile Coupling of Bromo(iodo)arenes with Alkyl Bromides

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- Discovery of novel chemical reactions and their applications in the syntheses of natural products and bioactive molecules.

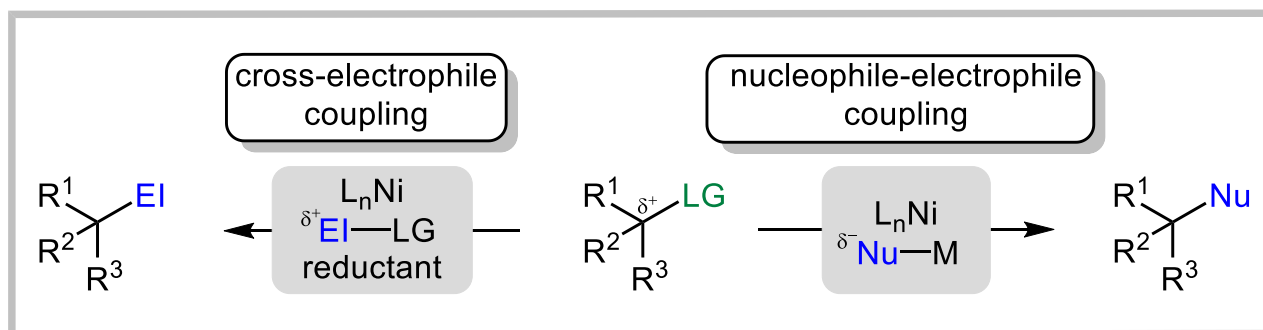
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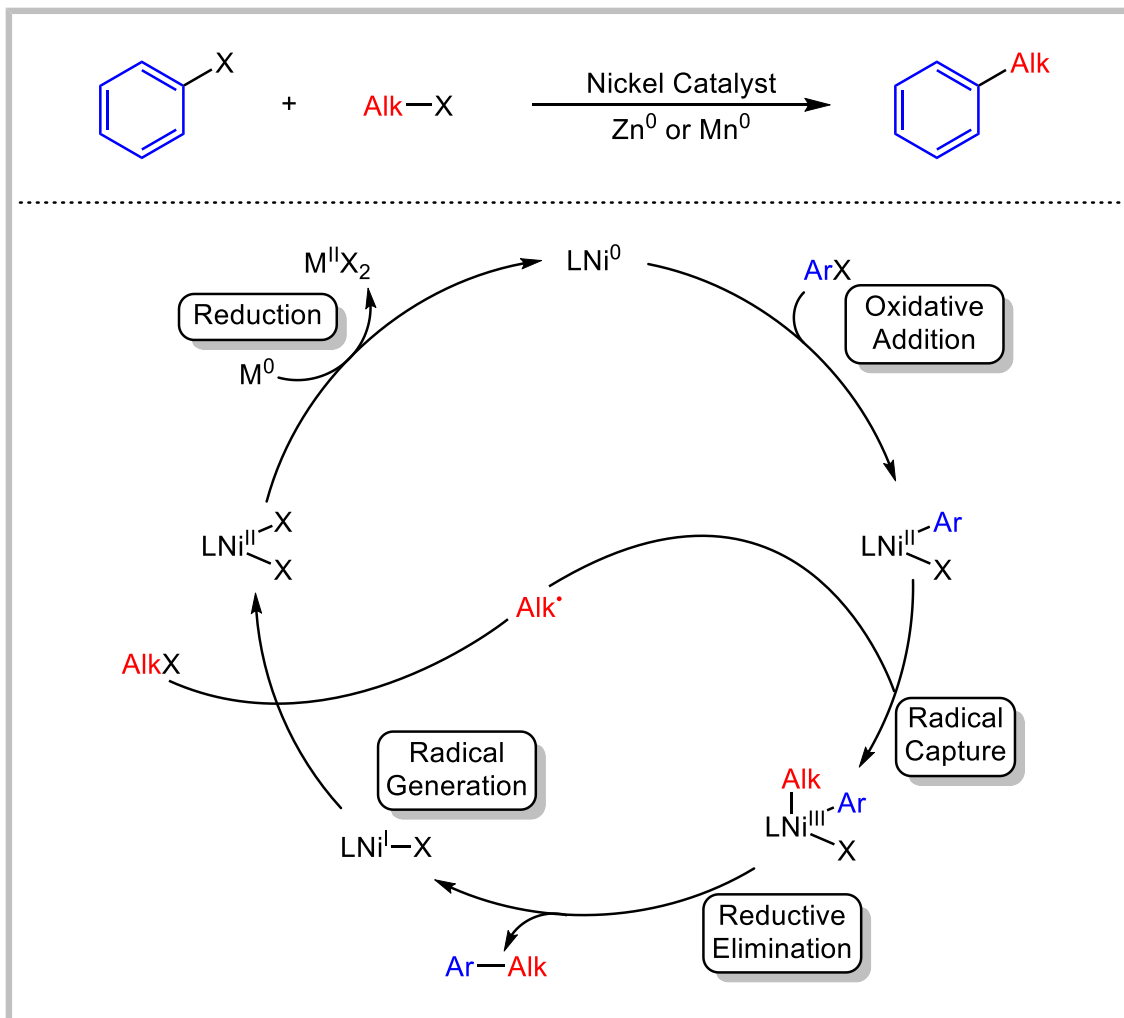
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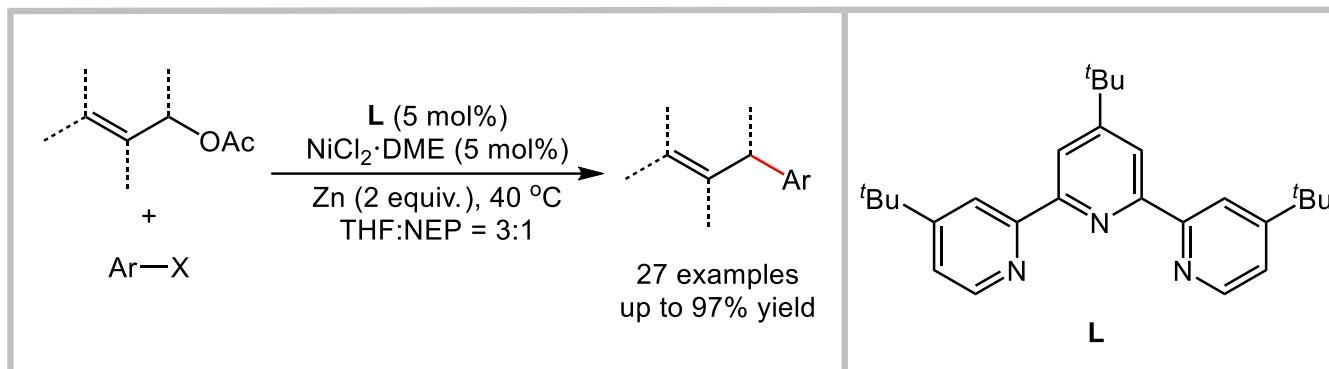
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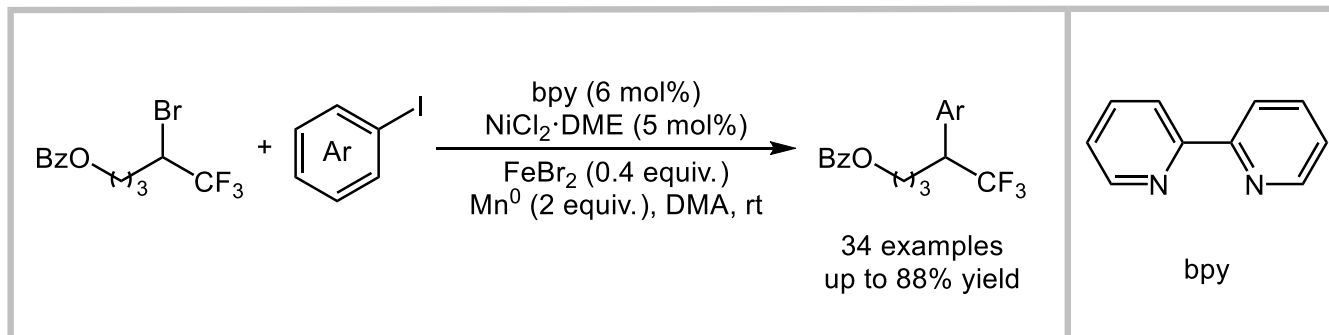
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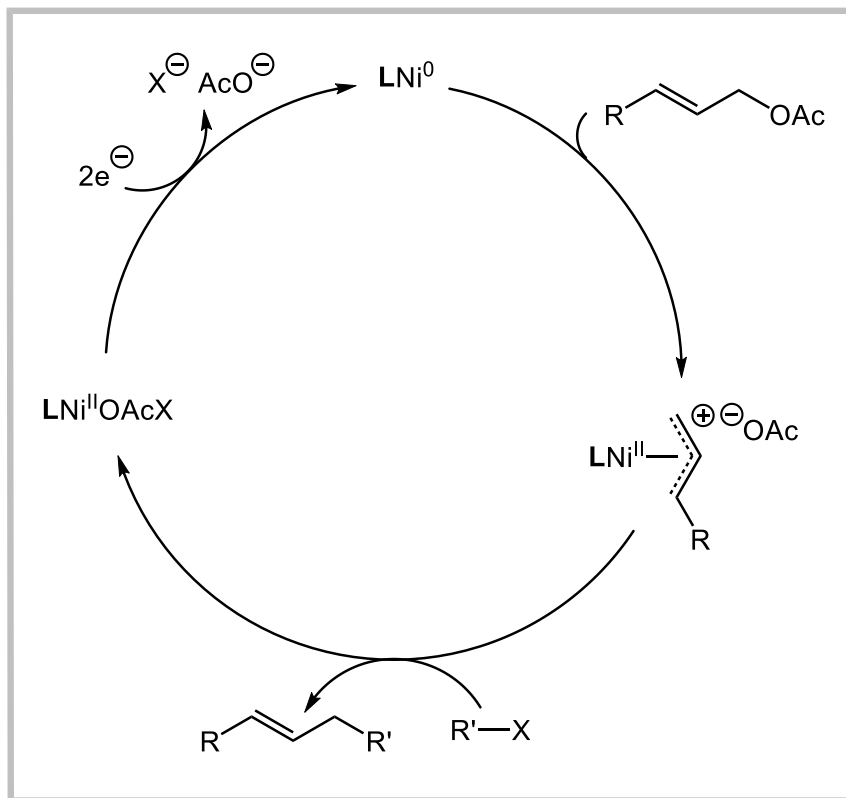
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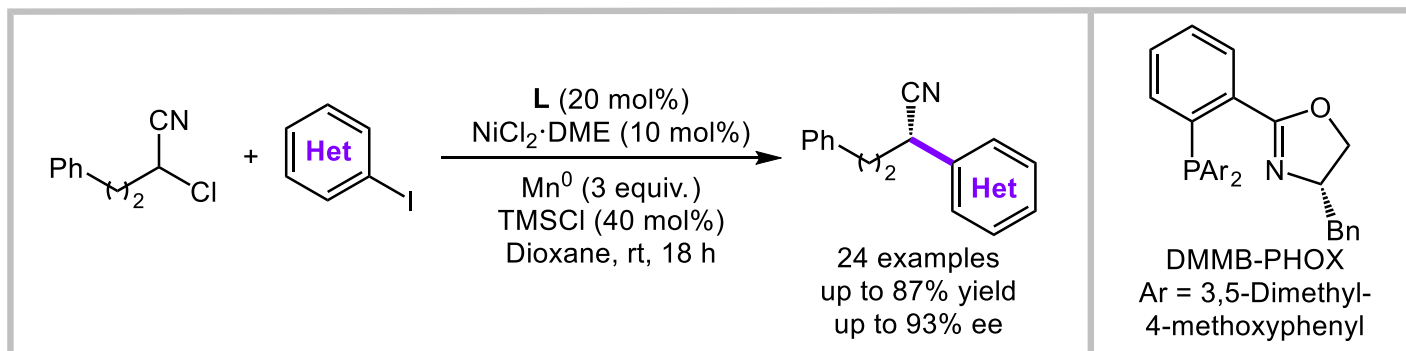
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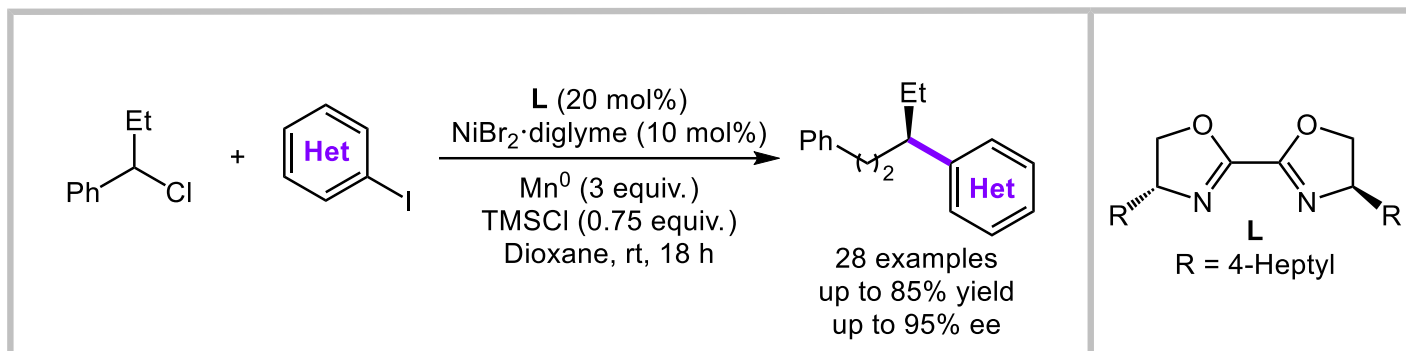
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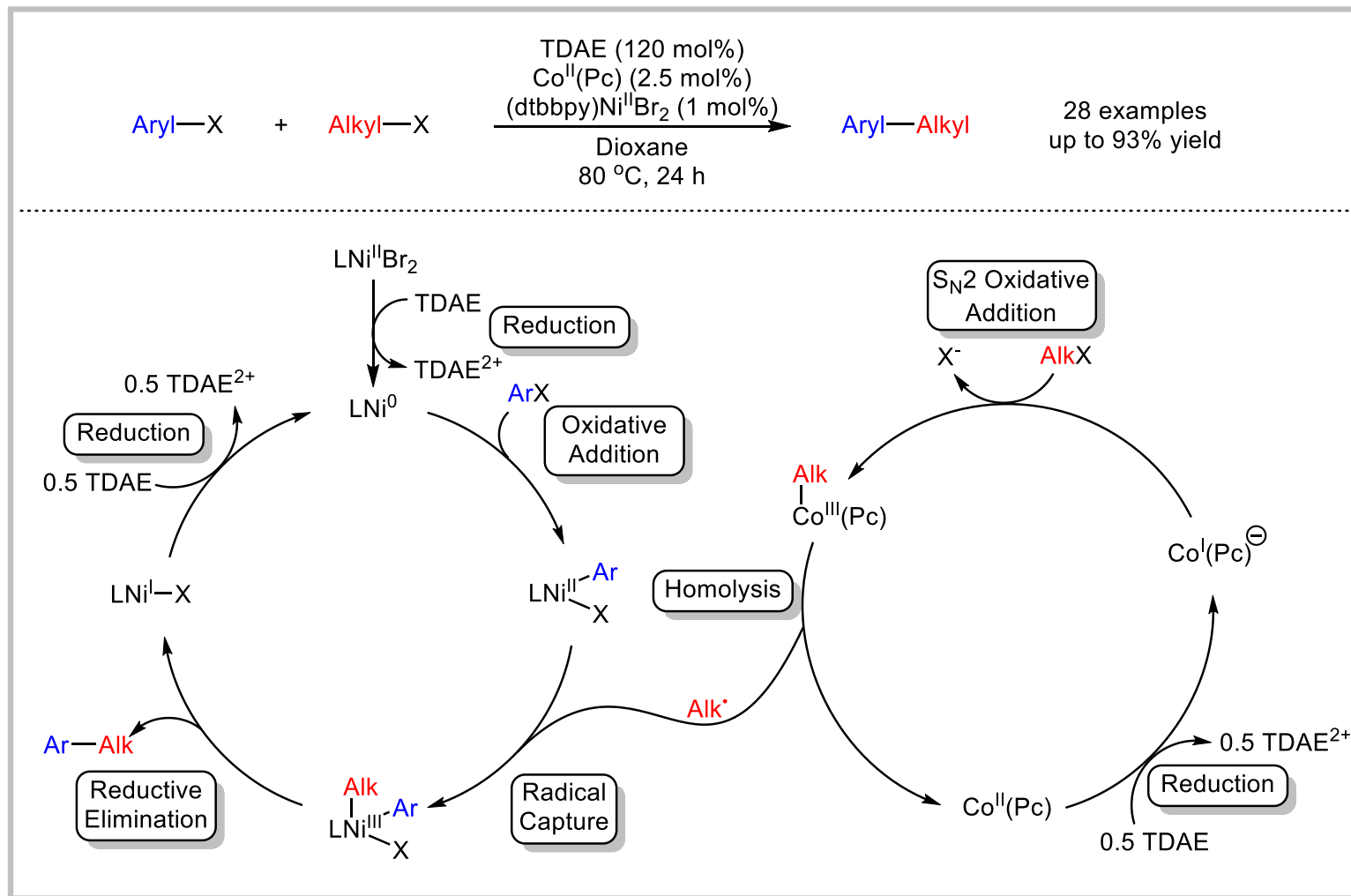
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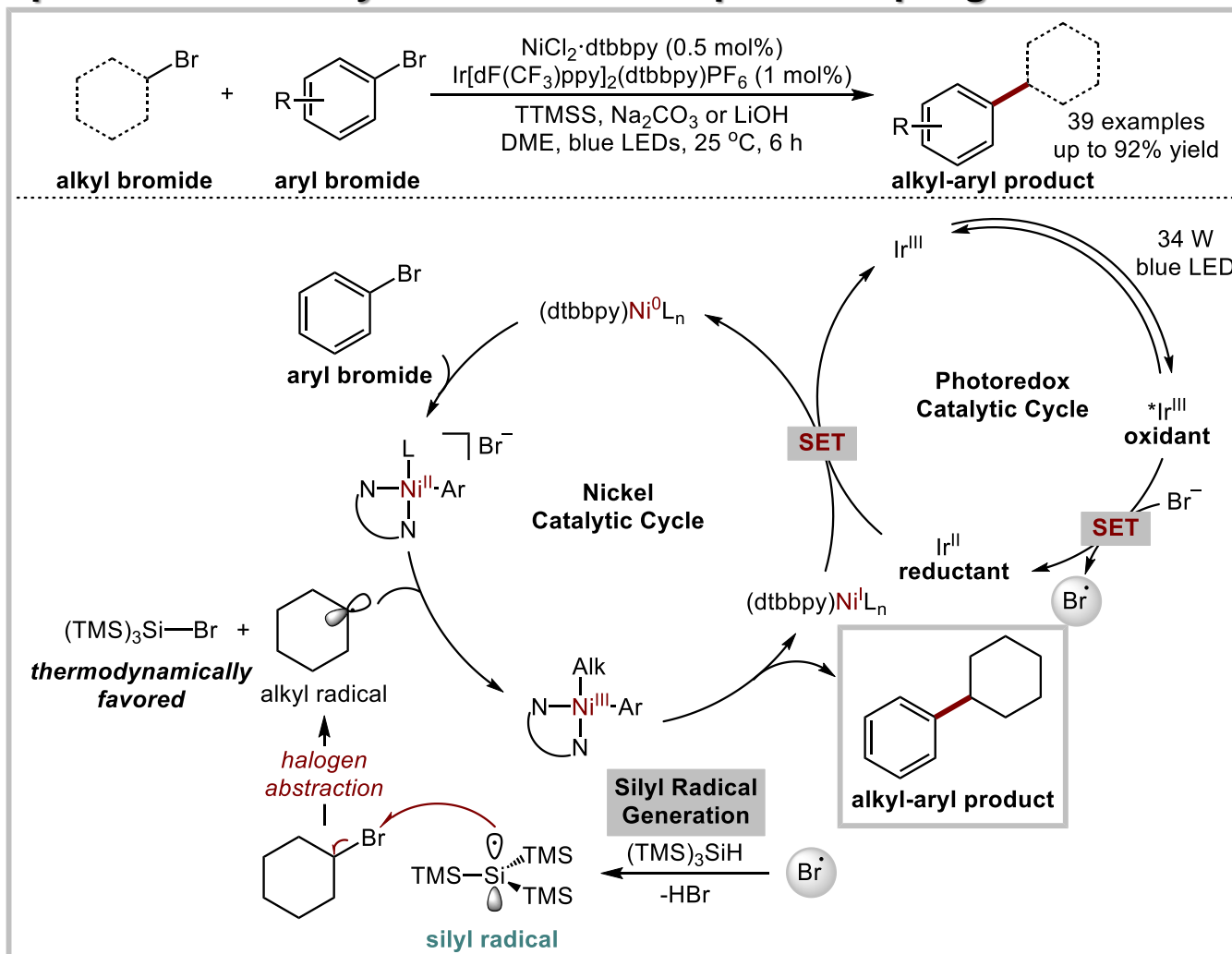
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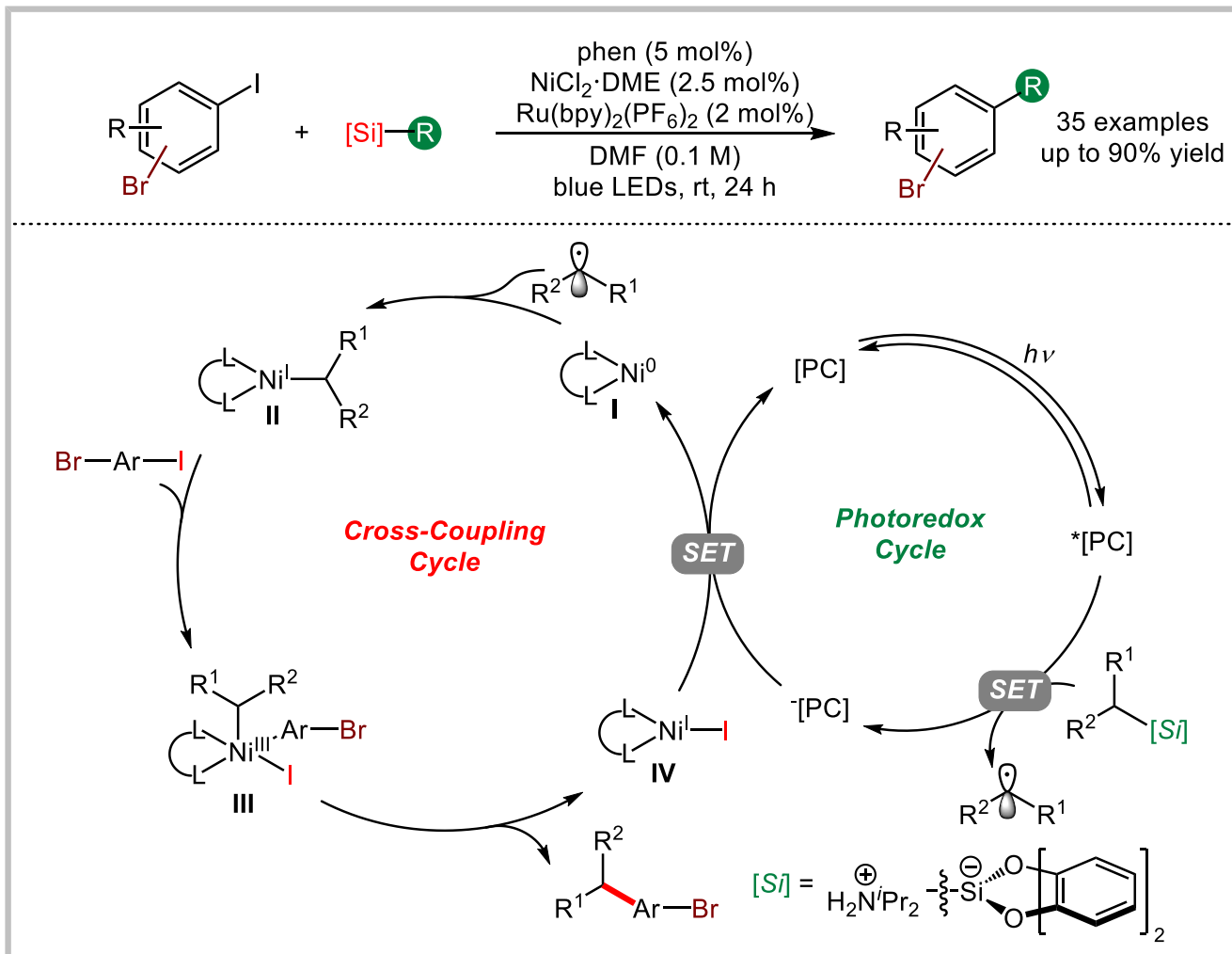
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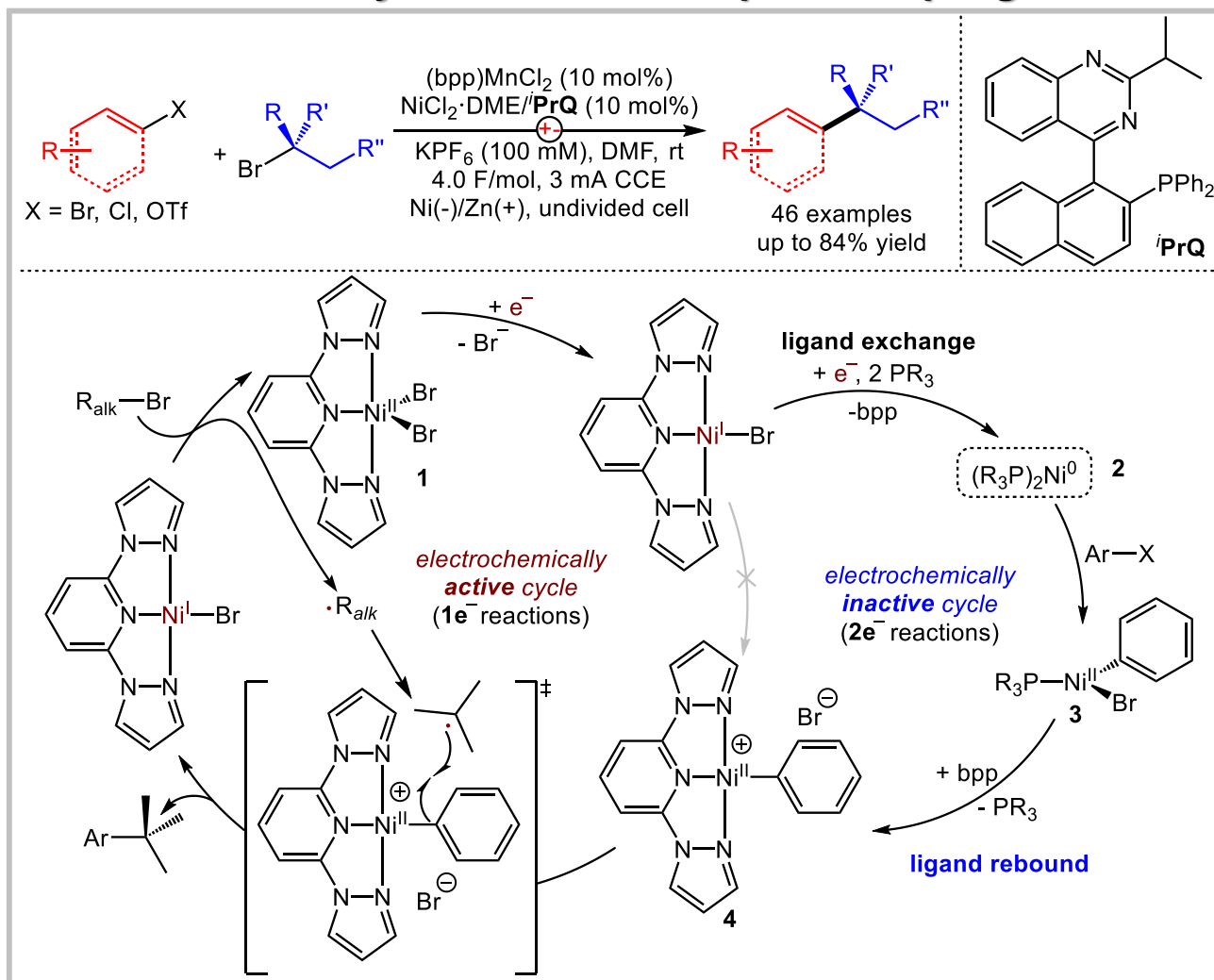
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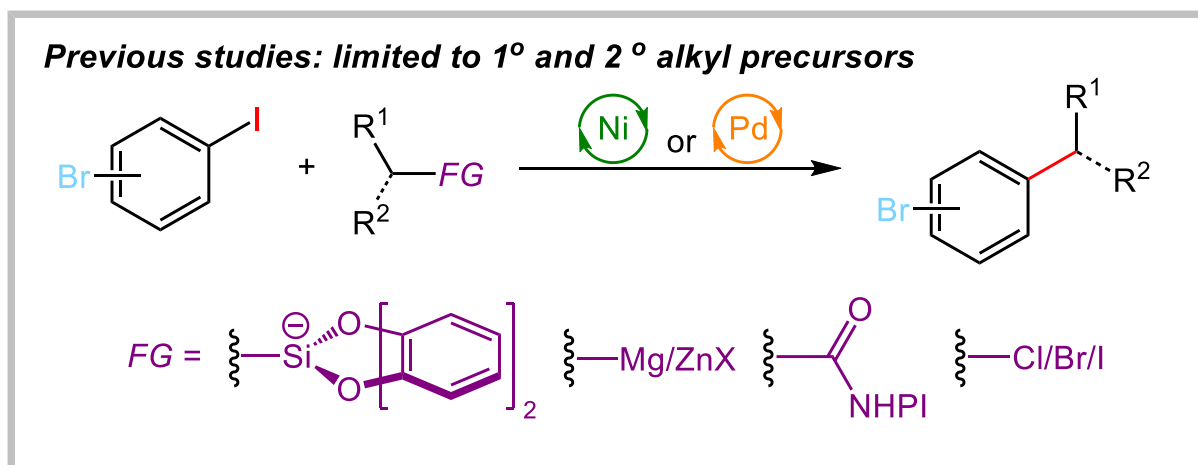
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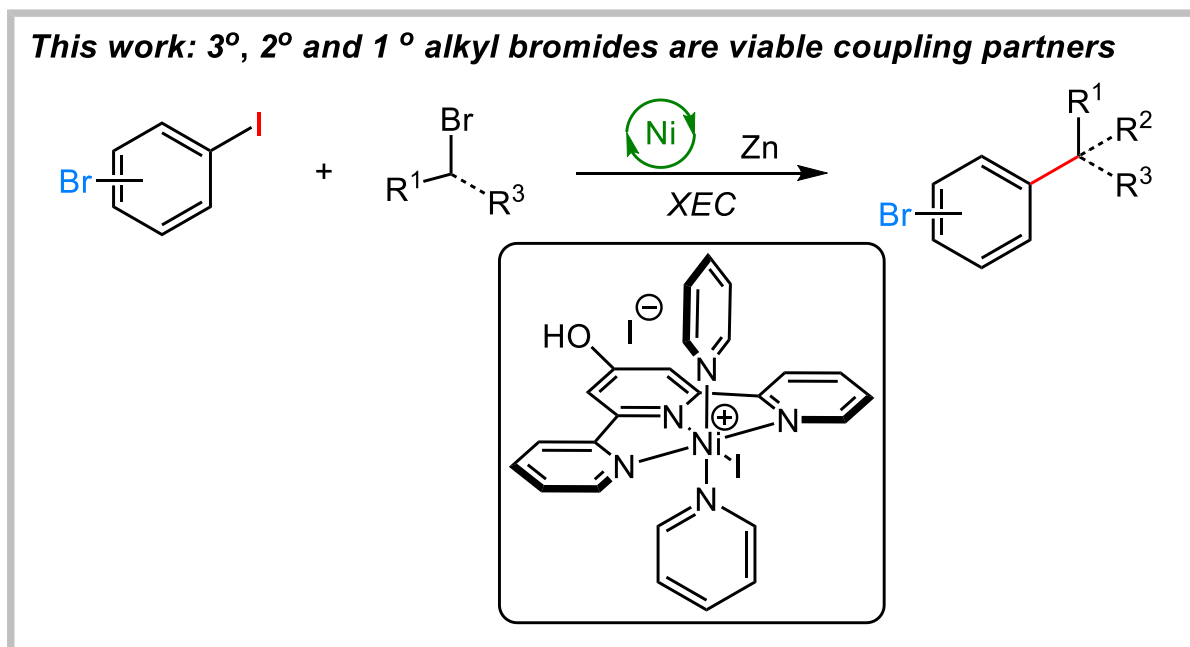
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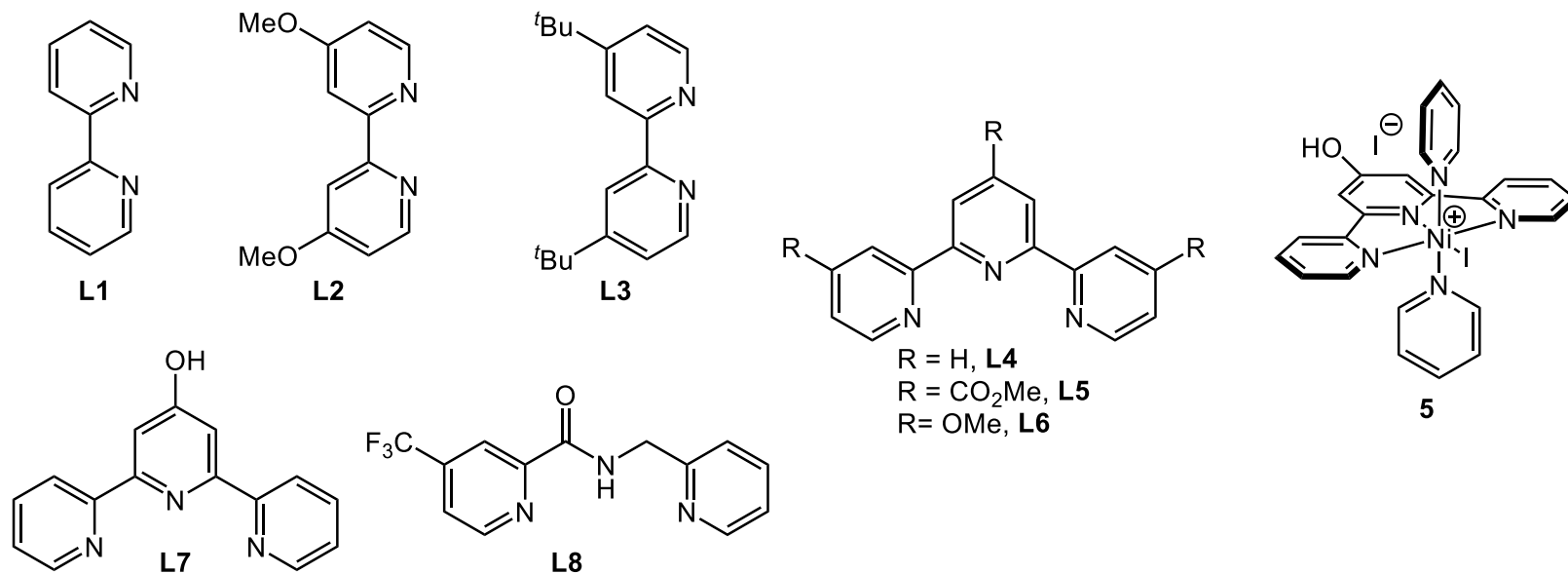
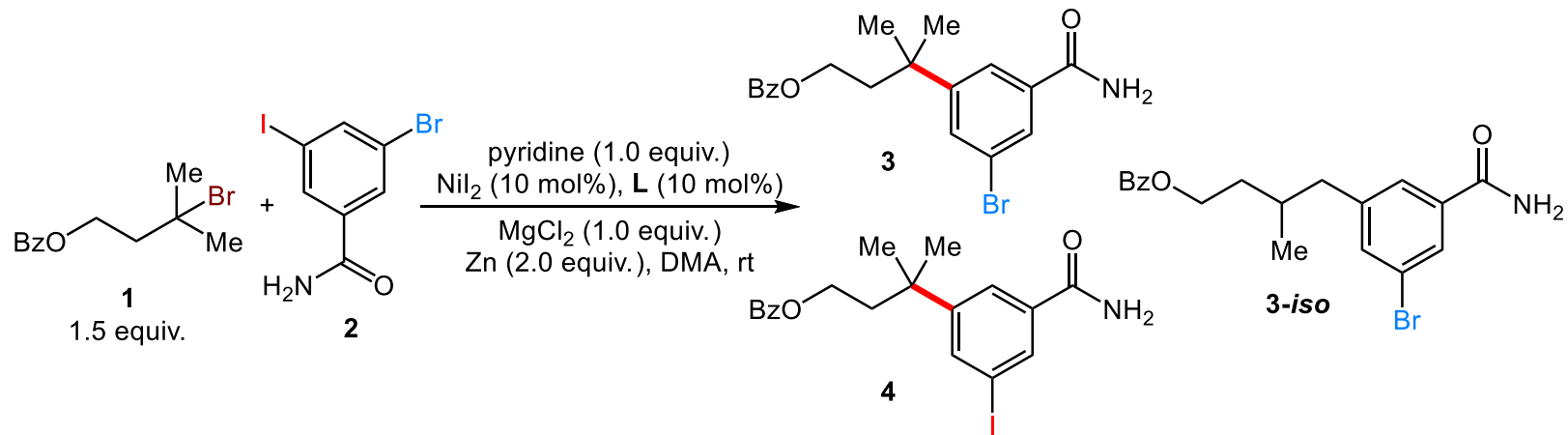


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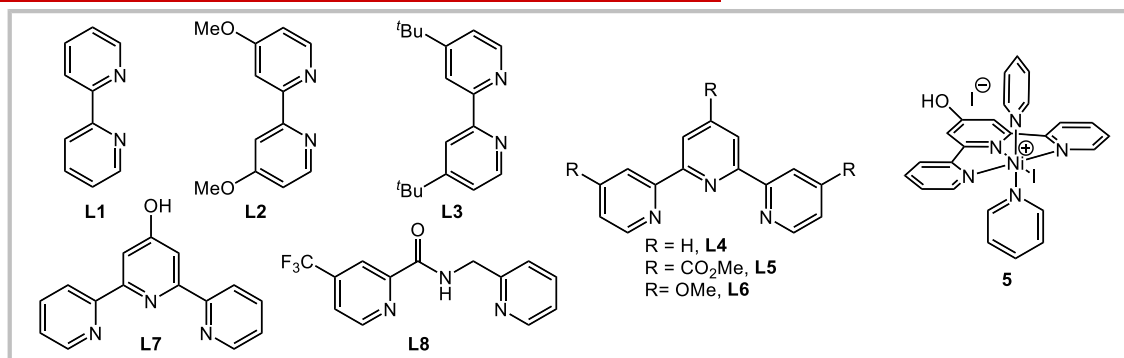
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Optimization of the Reaction Conditions



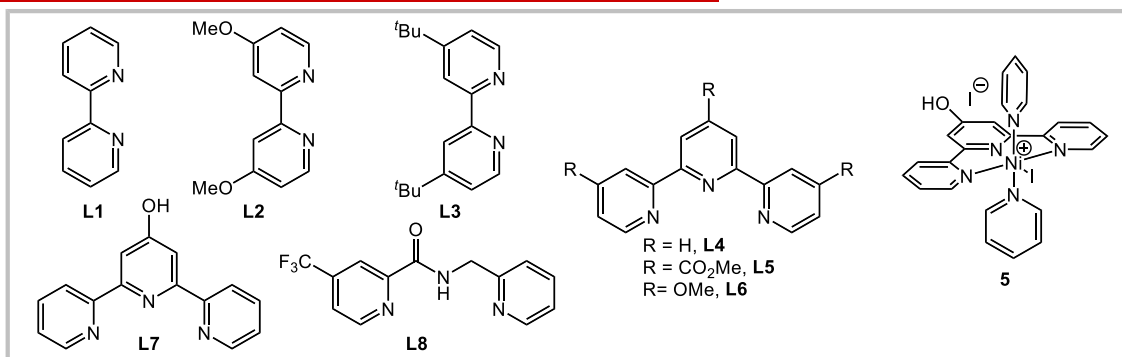
Optimization of the Reaction Conditions



Entry ^a	Conditions	3/4/3-iso ^b	Yield (%) of 3 ^b
1	L1	/	< 5
2	L2	/	< 5
3	L3	100/5/28	10
4	L4	100/10/4	35
5	L5	100/17/1	17
6	L6	100/10/4	46
7	L7	100/7/4	56
8	L8	100/1/4	14
9	5 (10 mol%) instead of NiI ₂ /L	100/6/4	52

^a The reactions were conducted at a 0.15 mmol scale of **2** at a 0.06 M concentration for 12 h. ^b Yields and the ratio of **3**, **3-iso**, and **4** were determined by LC/MS with external calibration.

Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

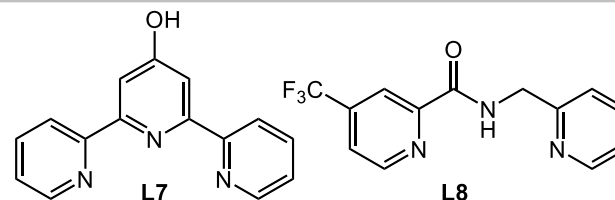
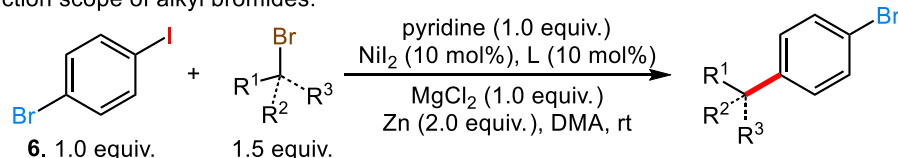


Entry ^a	Conditions	3/4/3-iso ^b	Yield (%) of 3 ^b
10	w/o L	100/20/5	20
11 ^c	Ni(TMHD) ₂ instead of NiI ₂	/	< 5
12 ^c	Ni(acac) ₂ instead of NiI ₂	/	< 5
13 ^c	LiCl instead of MgCl ₂	100/10/3	52
14 ^c	w/o MgCl ₂	/	< 5
15 ^c	w/o pyridine	100/1/1	17
16 ^c	3-F pyridine instead of pyridine	100/7/6	44
17 ^c	DMAP instead of pyridine	100/20/5	24
18 ^c	Mn instead of Zn	100/10/6	19

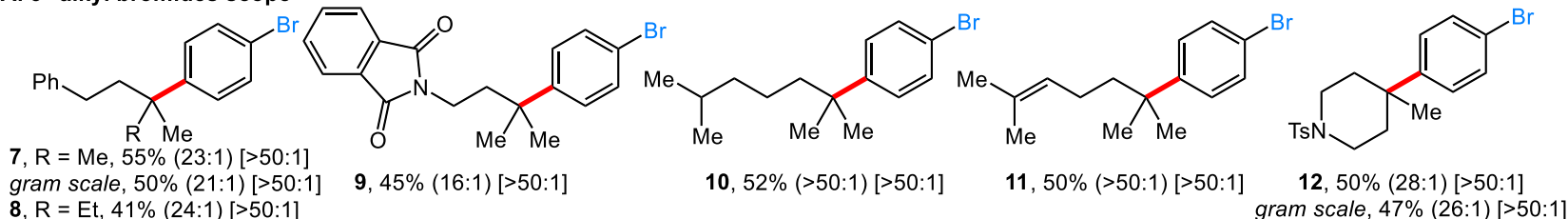
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Substrate Scope

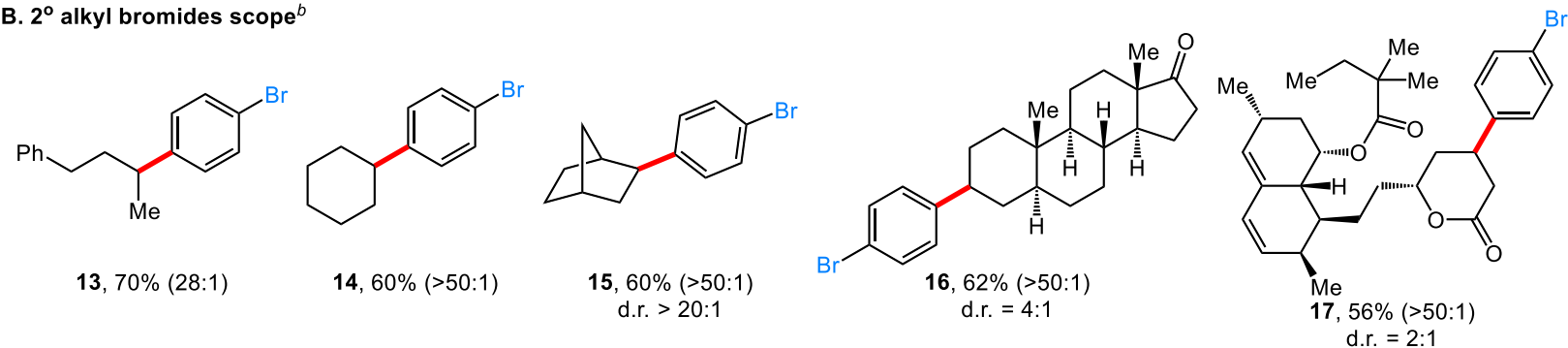
Reaction scope of alkyl bromides.



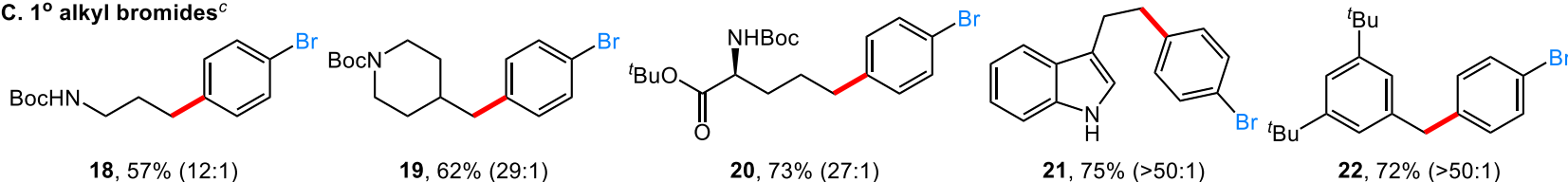
A. 3° alkyl bromides scope^a



B. 2° alkyl bromides scope^b



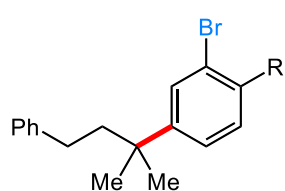
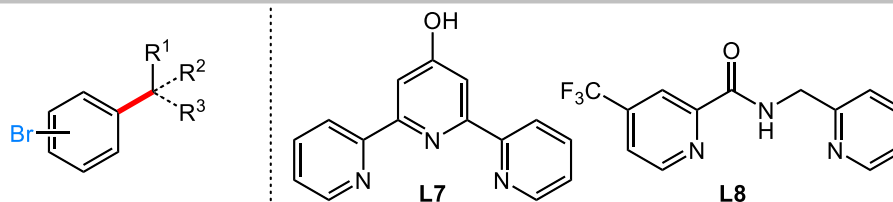
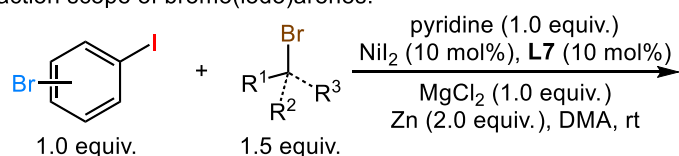
C. 1° alkyl bromides^c



[a] 3 equiv. of LiCl was used instead of MgCl₂. [b] 1.0 equiv. of alkyl bromides was used. [c] L8 (10 mol%) was used instead of L7.

Substrate Scope

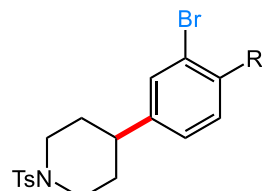
Reaction scope of bromo(iodo)arenes.



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24, R = Me, 49% (11:1) [$>50:1$]

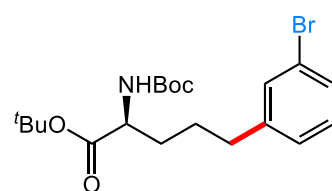
25, R = OMe, 60% (20:1) [$>50:1$]



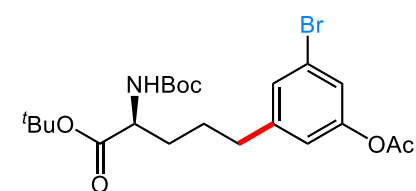
26, R = H, 69% (8:1)

27, R = Me, 66% (23:1)

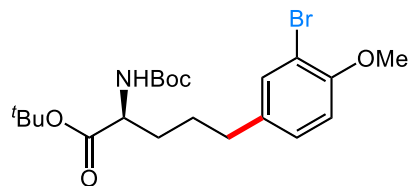
28, R = OMe, 60% (20:1)



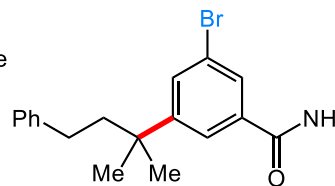
29, 55% (9:1)



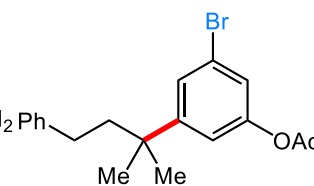
30, 42% (7:1)



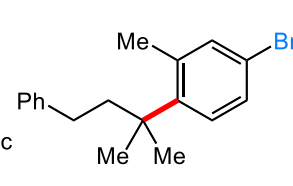
31, 59% (27:1)



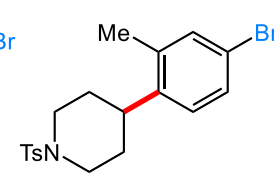
32, 58% ($>50:1$) [15:1]



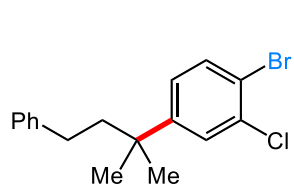
33, 52% (25:1) [$>50:1$]



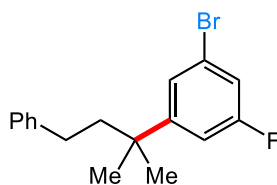
34, 45% (18:1) [7:1]



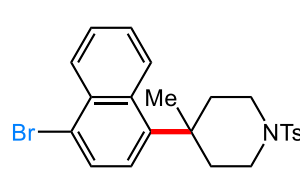
35, 52% (13:1)



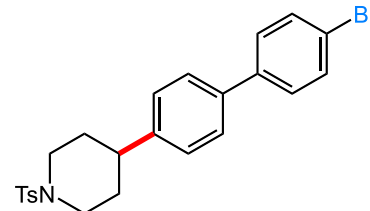
36, 40% ($>50:1$) [$>50:1$]



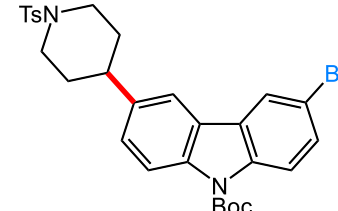
37, 41% (25:1) [$>50:1$]



38, 48% ($>50:1$) [$>50:1$]



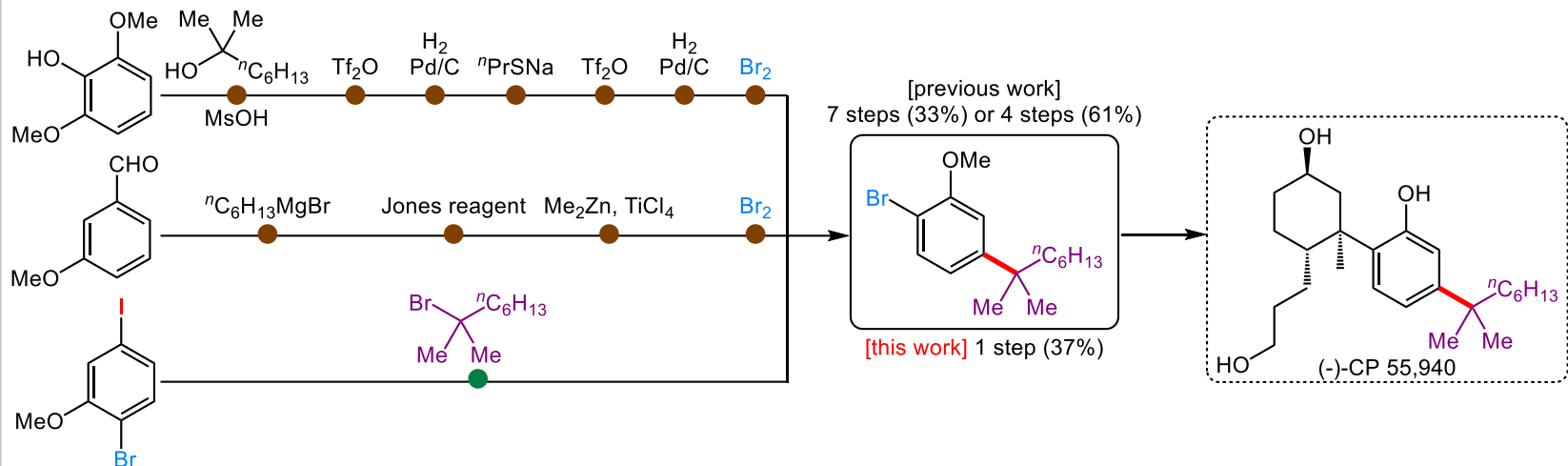
39, 57% ($>50:1$)



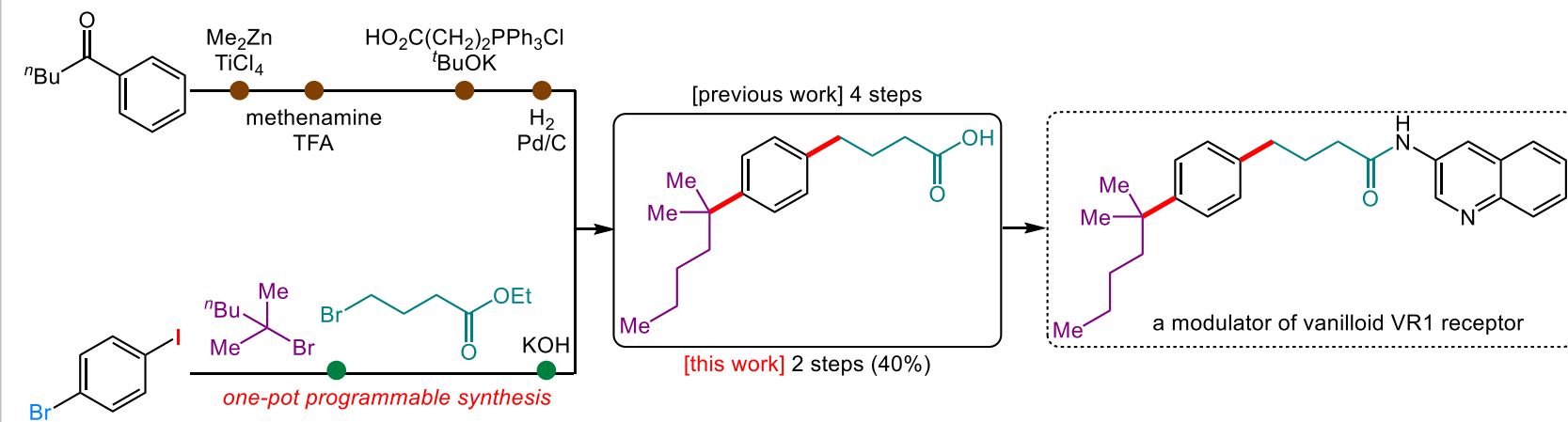
40, 49% (27:1)

Synthetic Utility

A. Synthesis of a precursor of (-)-CP 55,940

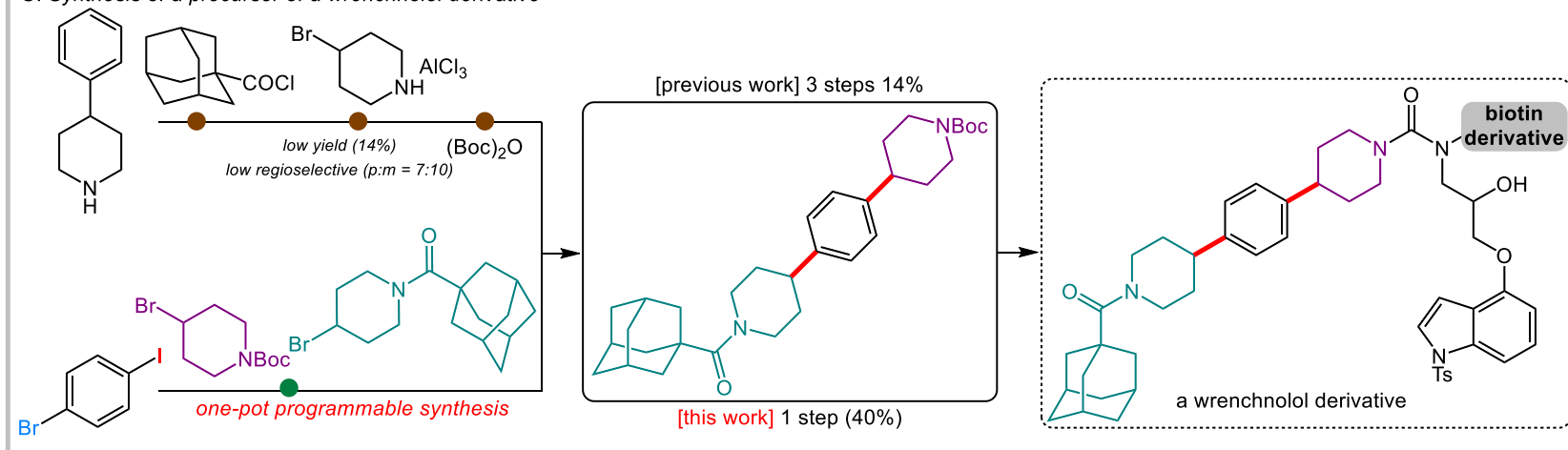


B. Synthesis of a precursor of a modulator of vanilloid VR1 receptor



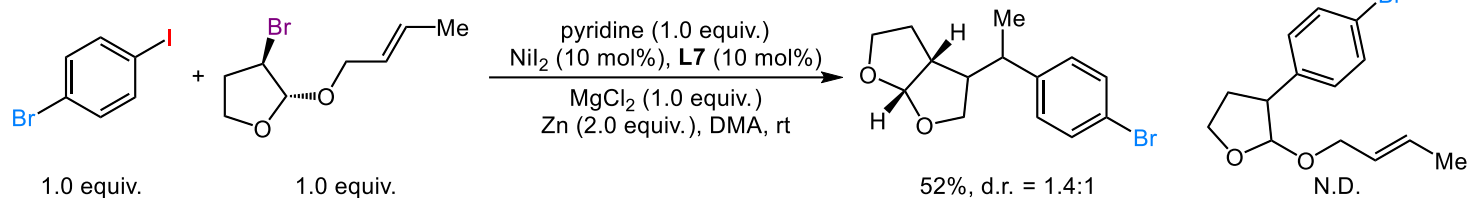
Synthetic Utility

C. Synthesis of a precursor of a wrenchnolol derivative

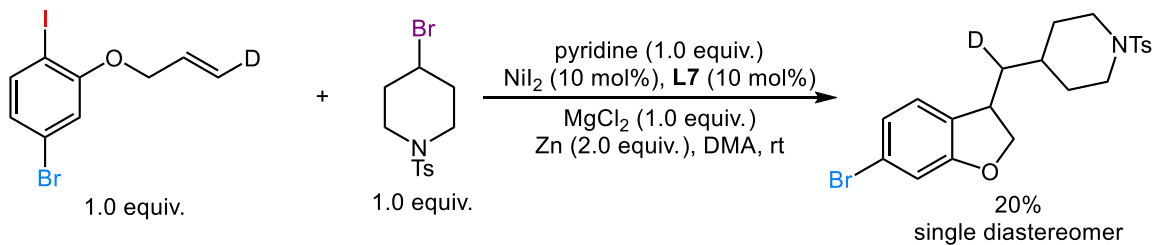


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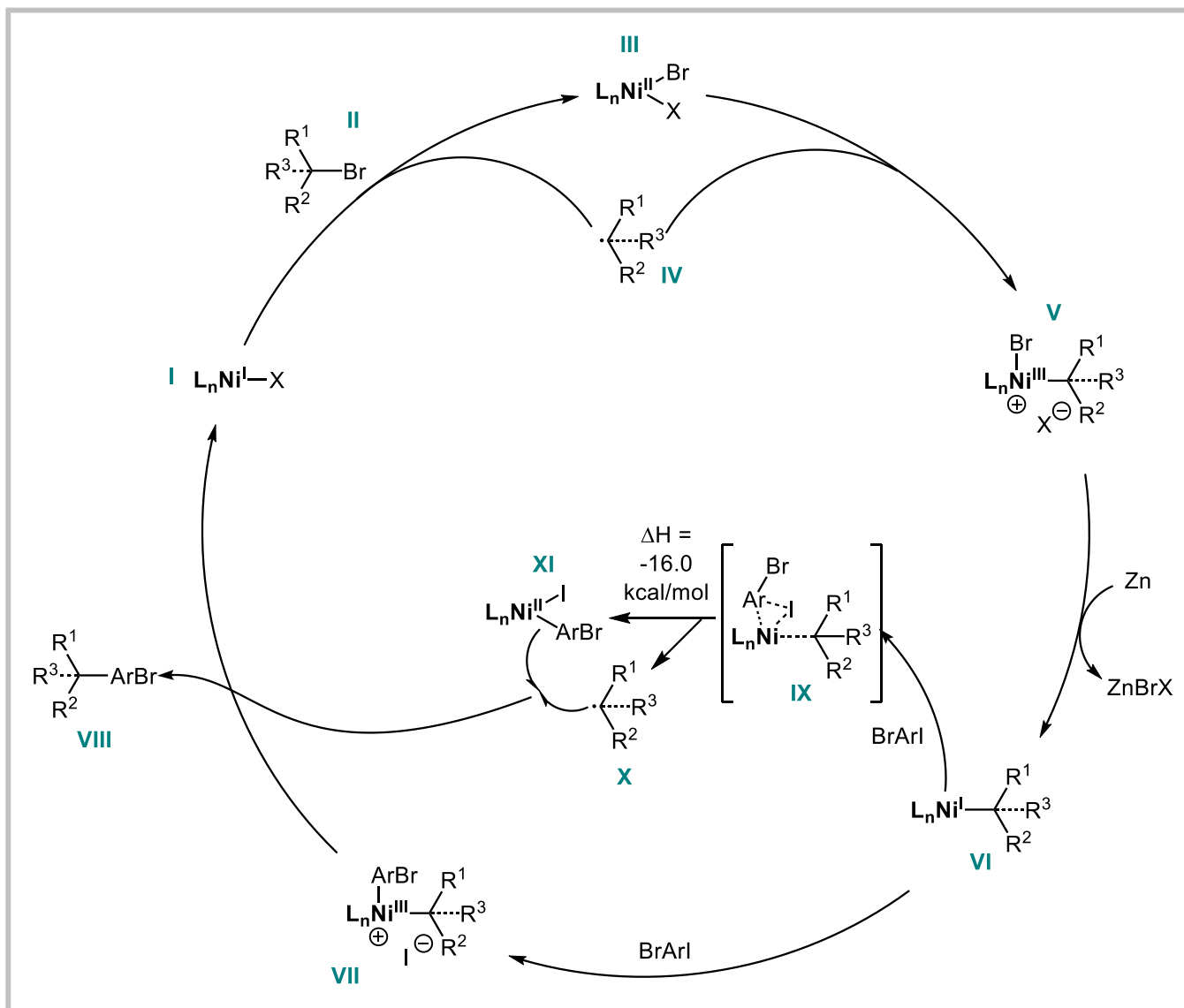
Radical clock experiment



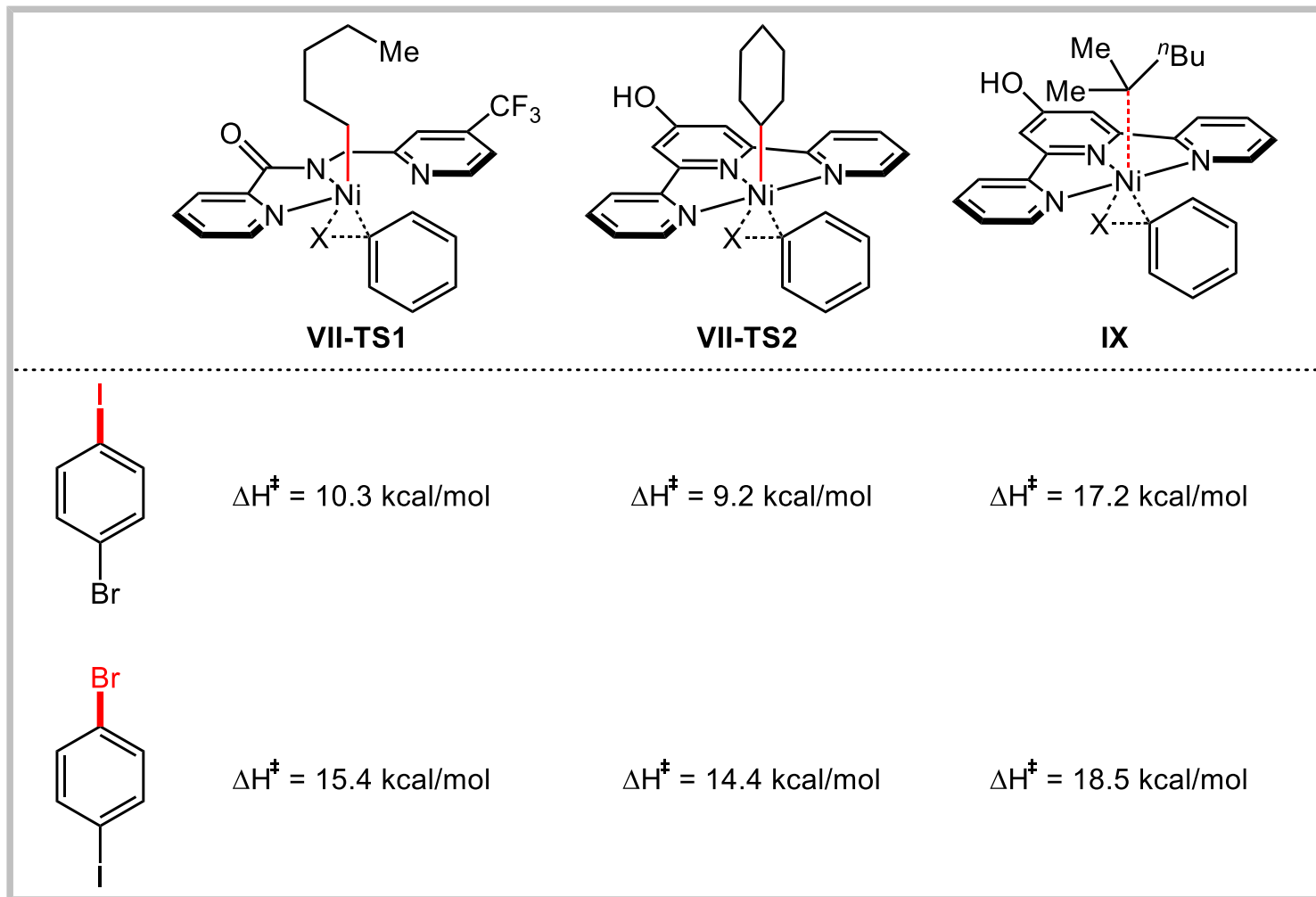
Probing the activation of bromo(iodo)arene



Proposed Mechanism

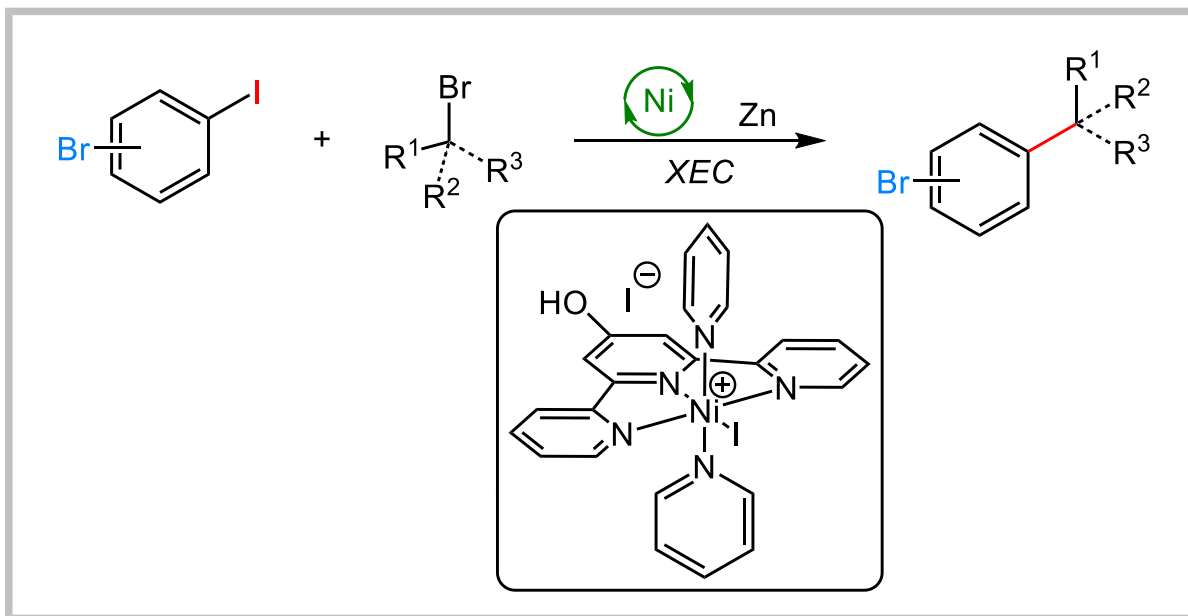


Calculated Energy Changes



Summary

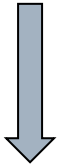
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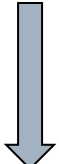
- 3° , 2° , and 1° alkyl bromides;
- High $C(sp^2)$ -I Selectivity;
- Broad substrate scope;
- Excellent functional group tolerance.

Writing Strategy

介绍 sp^3 杂化碳在药物分子中的重要性



指出交叉偶联反应对引入 sp^3 杂化碳的意义

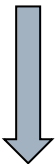


指出交叉偶联反应目前的挑战

- ◆ Lead compounds with greater molecular complexity and 3-dimensionality—which can be assessed based on the relative abundance of $C(sp^3)$ groups—tend to have higher clinical success rates, owing to their increased binding specificity with target proteins. Accordingly, developing general and practical methods that can unbiasedly introduce various sp^3 -hybridized carbons to flat aromatic rings can enrich modern drug discovery programs.
- ◆ Transition-metal catalyzed cross-couplings are among the most powerful strategies in forging $C(sp^2)$ – $C(sp^3)$ bonds, and broadly available aryl bromides and iodides are two of the most reactive and useful aryl sources in these cross-coupling reactions.
- ◆ However, the presence of bromo and iodo substitutions on the same arene raises the challenge of haloselectivity (differentiating C–I from C–Br bonds). If the reactivities of iodo and bromo groups on the same aromatic ring can be readily distinguished, then these two reactive halides can be used in an iterative and programable manner to increase the molecular complexity and expand the 3-dimensionality of flat aromatic rings.

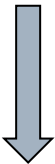
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总结本文工作



- ◆ In summary, we have developed a highly practical C(sp²)-I selective XEC of bromo(iodo)arenes with diverse 1^o, 2^o, and 3^o alkyl bromides under mild conditions.

强调方法优势



- ◆ Beyond the exceptional substrate generality, the wide functional group compatibility, and the excellent C(sp²)-I selectivity, this XEC is attractive in that it provide an efficient method to construct aryl bromide-flanked quaternary carbons. When viewed alongside the diverse crosscoupling reactions available with aryl bromides, this C(sp²)-I selective XEC opens access to a broad array of alkyl-substituted arenes covering a large chemical space.

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- ◆ We anticipate that this C(sp²)-I selective XEC is likely to find wide applications, including beyond medicinal chemistry, on account of its ease-of-use and the ready availability of its essential building blocks: bromo(iodo)arenes and alkyl bromides. Further development and practical application of this reaction, as well as detailed mechanistic studies, are currently underway in our laboratory

Representative Examples

➤ Additionally, we **showcase the practical utility of** this C(sp²)-I selective XEC **in...** (展现... 的实用性)

➤ **Mechanistically**, we found that ... (从机理的角度)

➤ **When viewed alongside** the diverse crosscoupling reactions available with aryl bromides, ... (从客观角度观察)

***Thanks
for your attention !***