

# Literature Report III

## Enantioselective Synthesis of Allylic Sulfones *via* Rhodium Catalyzed Direct Hydrosulfonylation of Allenes and Alkynes

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## Research:

- **Ligand Development**
- **New Synthetic Methodologies**
- **Gold Catalysis**

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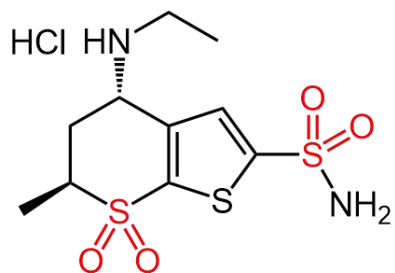
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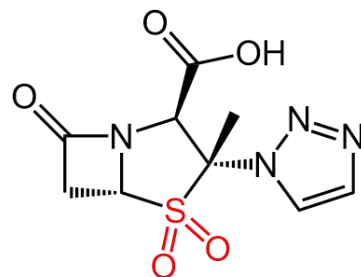
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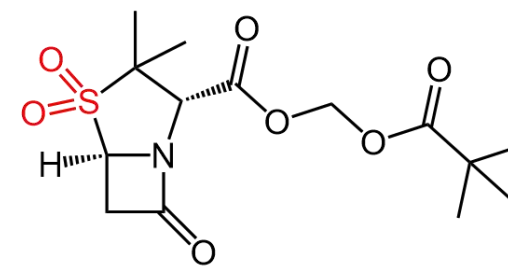
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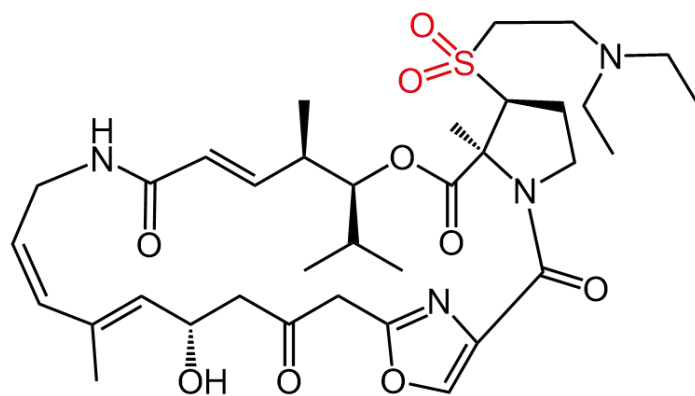
**dorzolamide-HCl**  
treat glaucoma



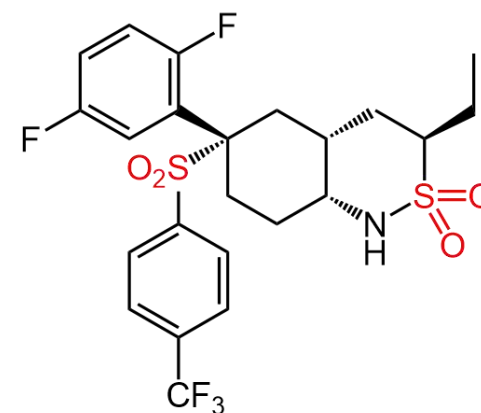
**tazobactam**  
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**dalfopristin**  
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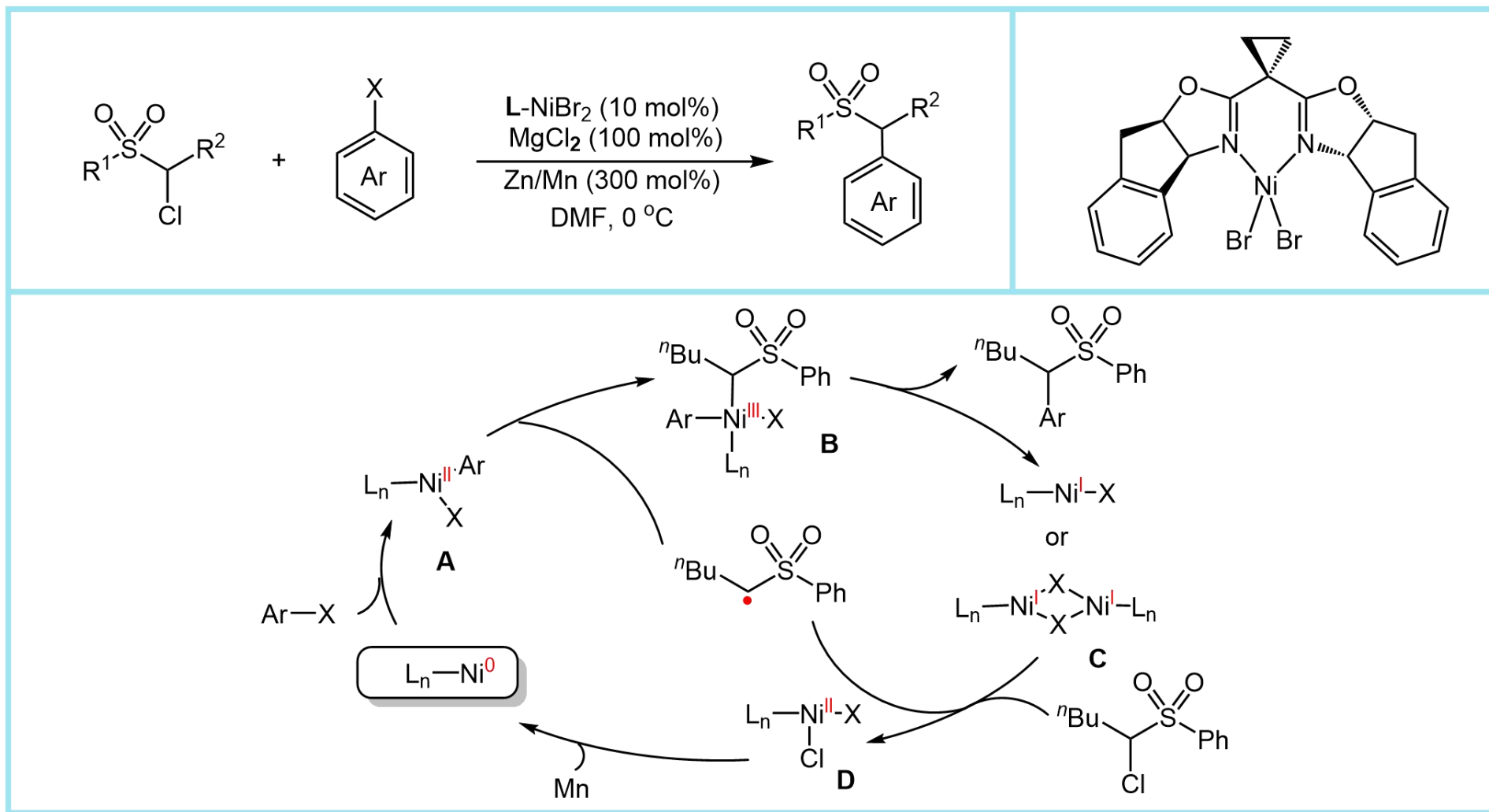


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Zhu, C.\*; Cai, Y.; Jiang, H.\* *Org. Chem. Front.* **2021**, 8, 5574

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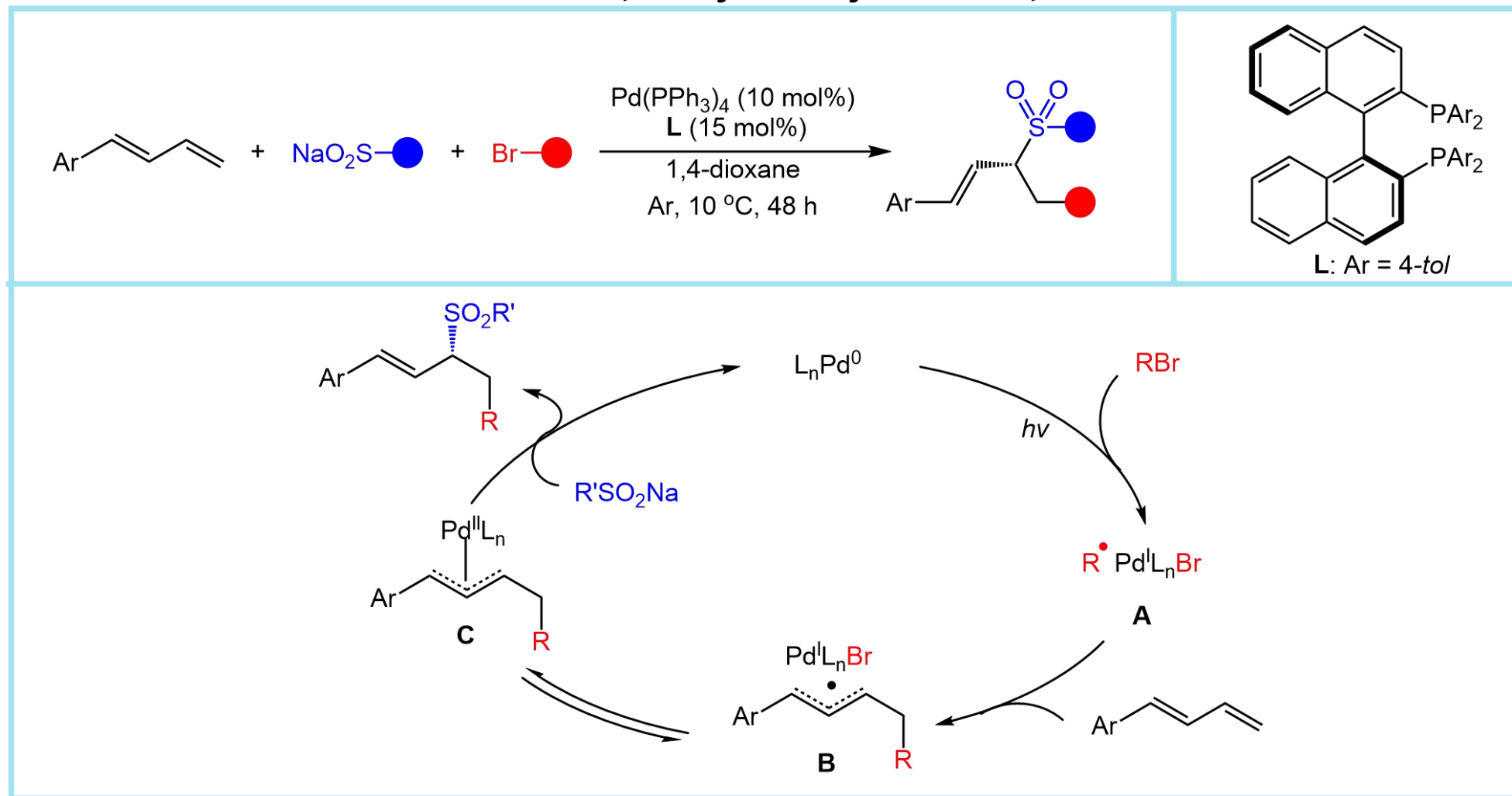
## Asymmetric Reductive Arylation of $\alpha$ -Chlorosulfones with Aryl Halides



Sun, D.; Ma, G.; Zhao, X.; Lei, C.\*; Gong, H.\* *Chem. Sci.* **2021**, *12*, 5253

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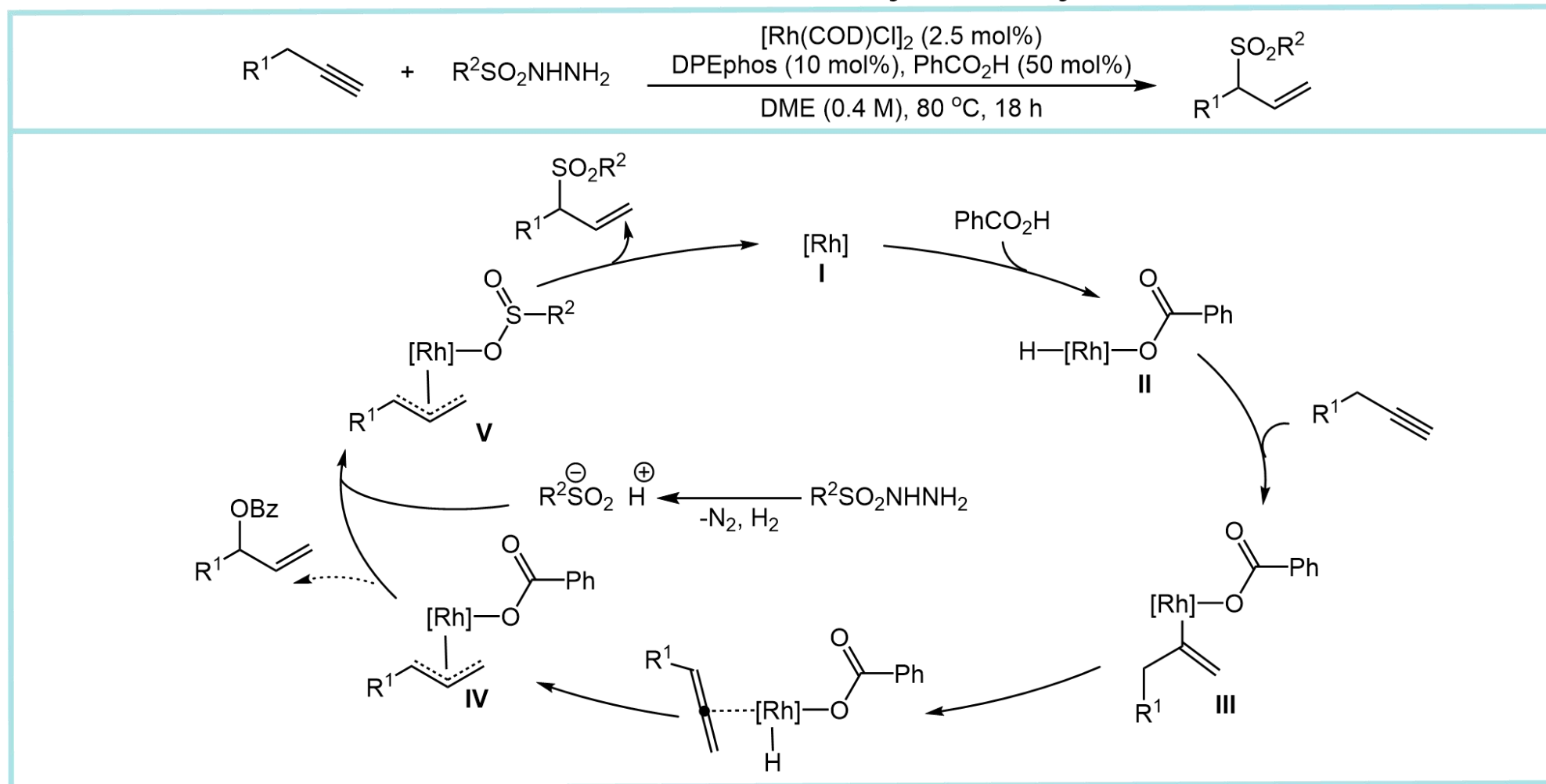
## Enantioselective 1,2-Alkylsulfonylation of 1,3-Dienes



Liu, Z.-L.; Ye, Z.-P.; Liao, Z.-H.; Lu, Chen, K.; Chen, X.-Q.; Xiang, H.-Y.\*; Yang, H.\* *ACS Catal.* **2024**, *14*, 3725

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## Direct Transformation of Terminal Alkynes to Allylic Sulfones

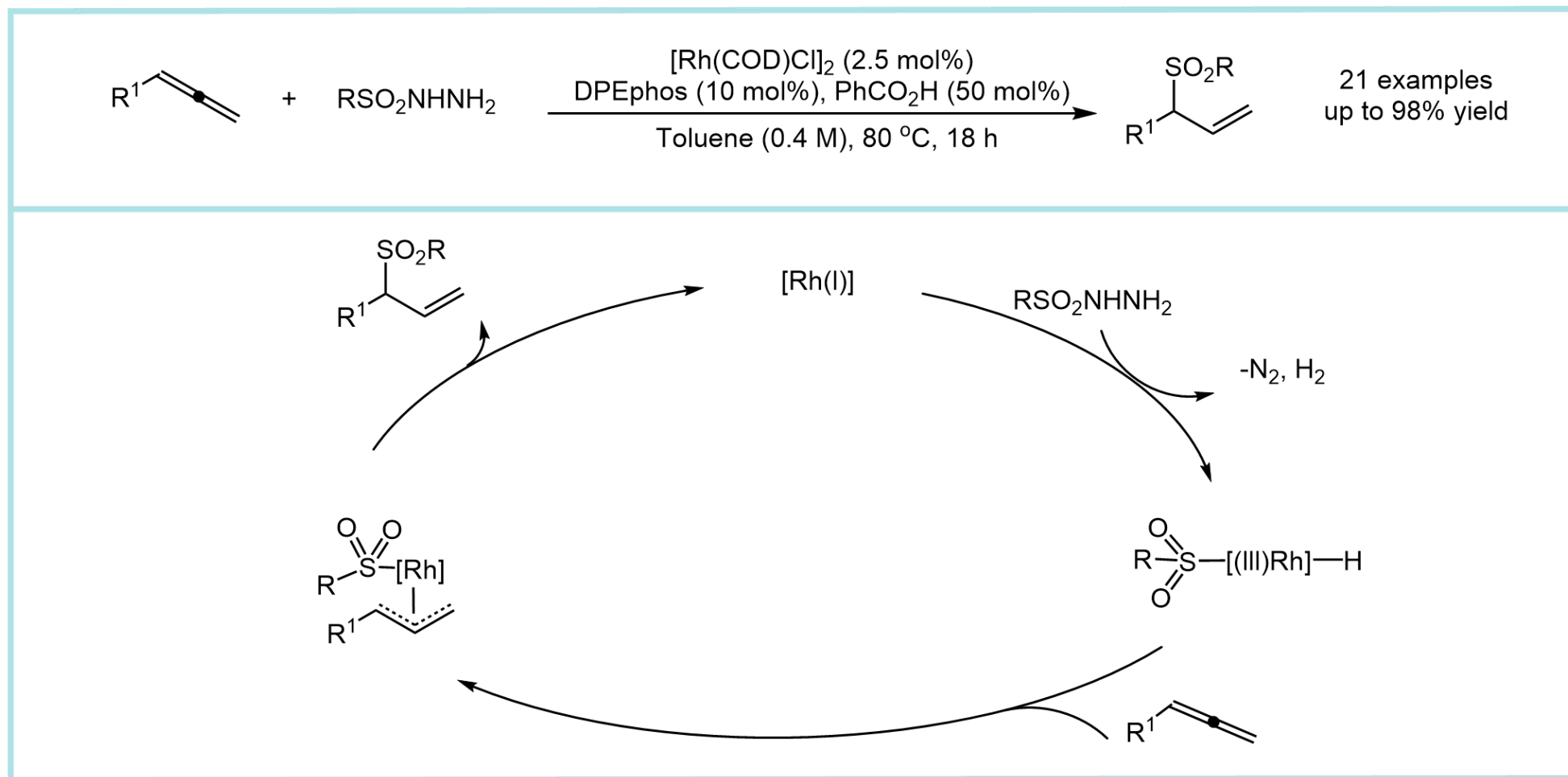


Xu, K.; Khakyzadeh, V.; Bury, T.; Breit, B.\* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, *136*, 16124

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## Addition of Sulfonyl Hydrazides to Allenes

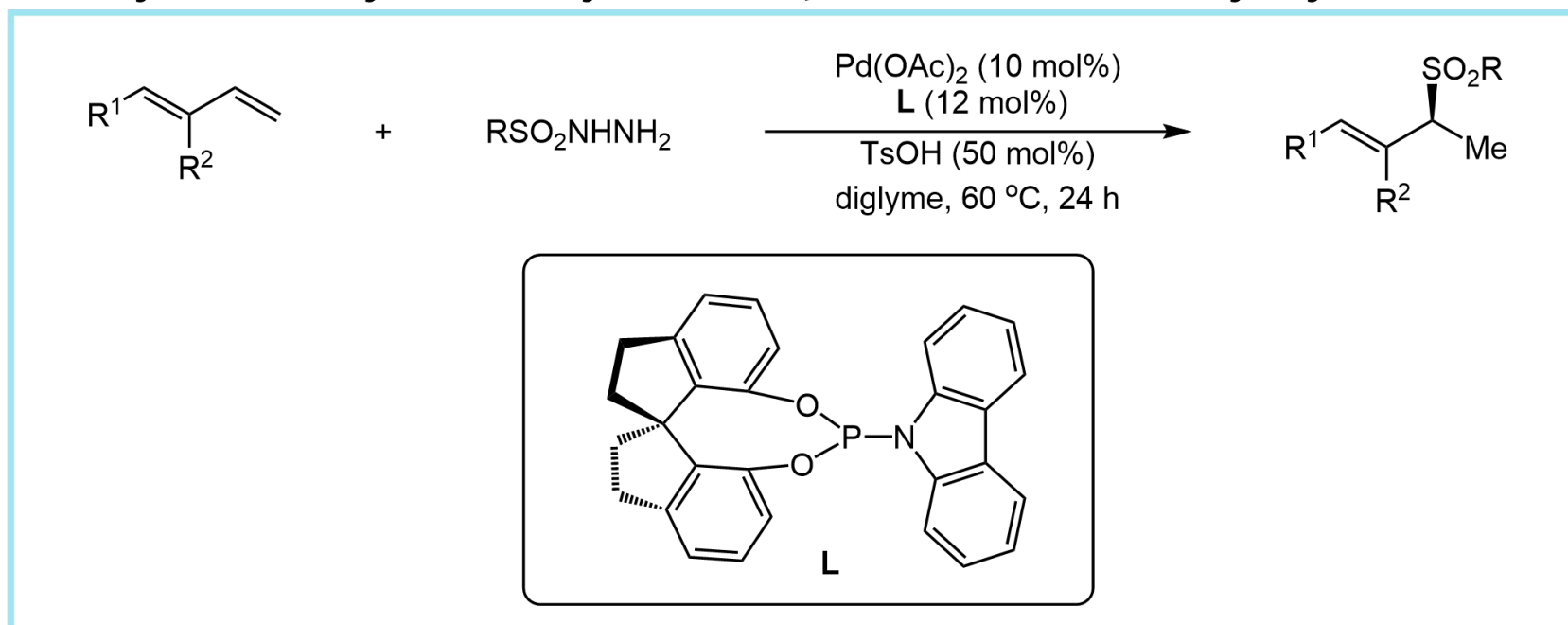


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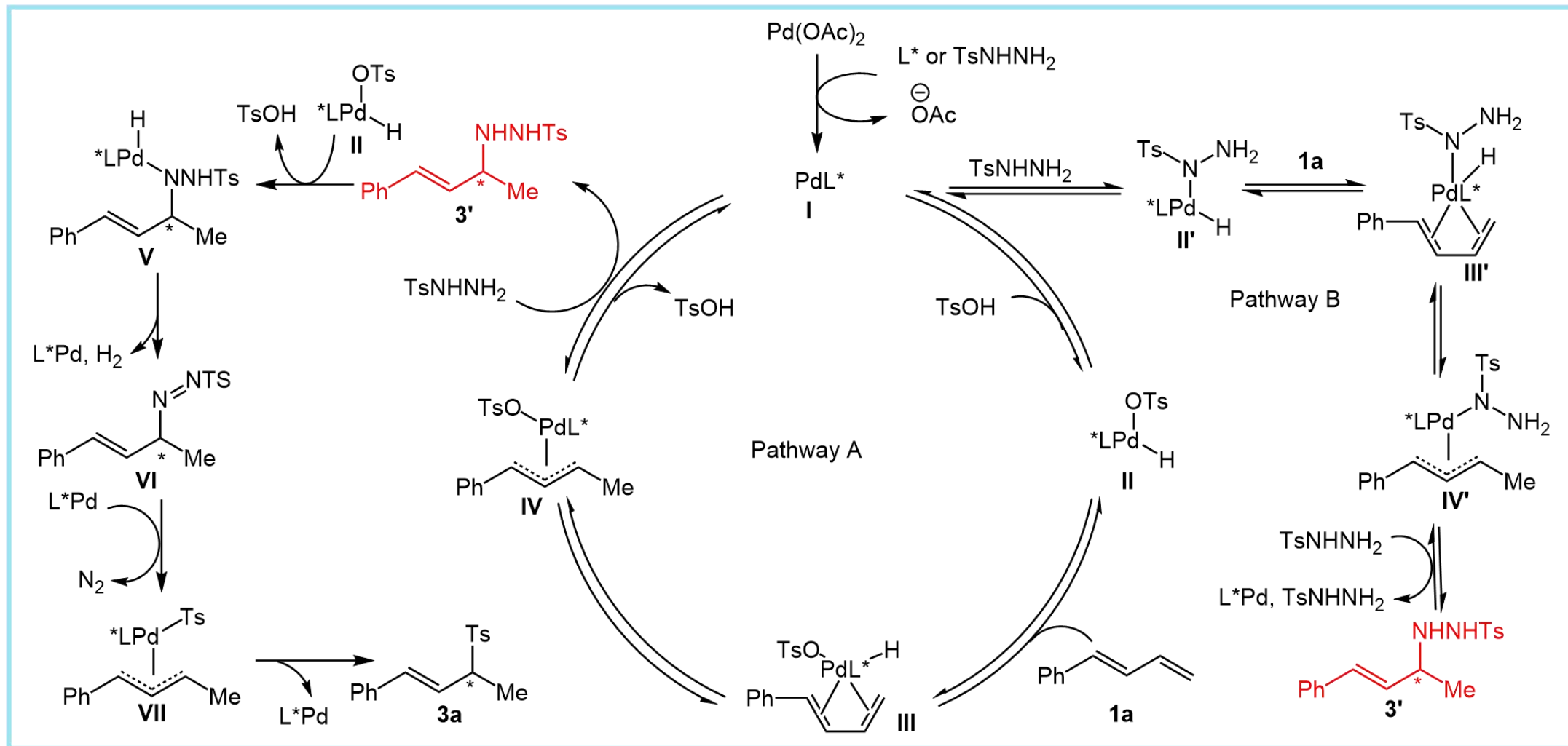
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## Asymmetric Hydrosulfonylation of 1,3-Dienes with Sulfonyl Hydrazides



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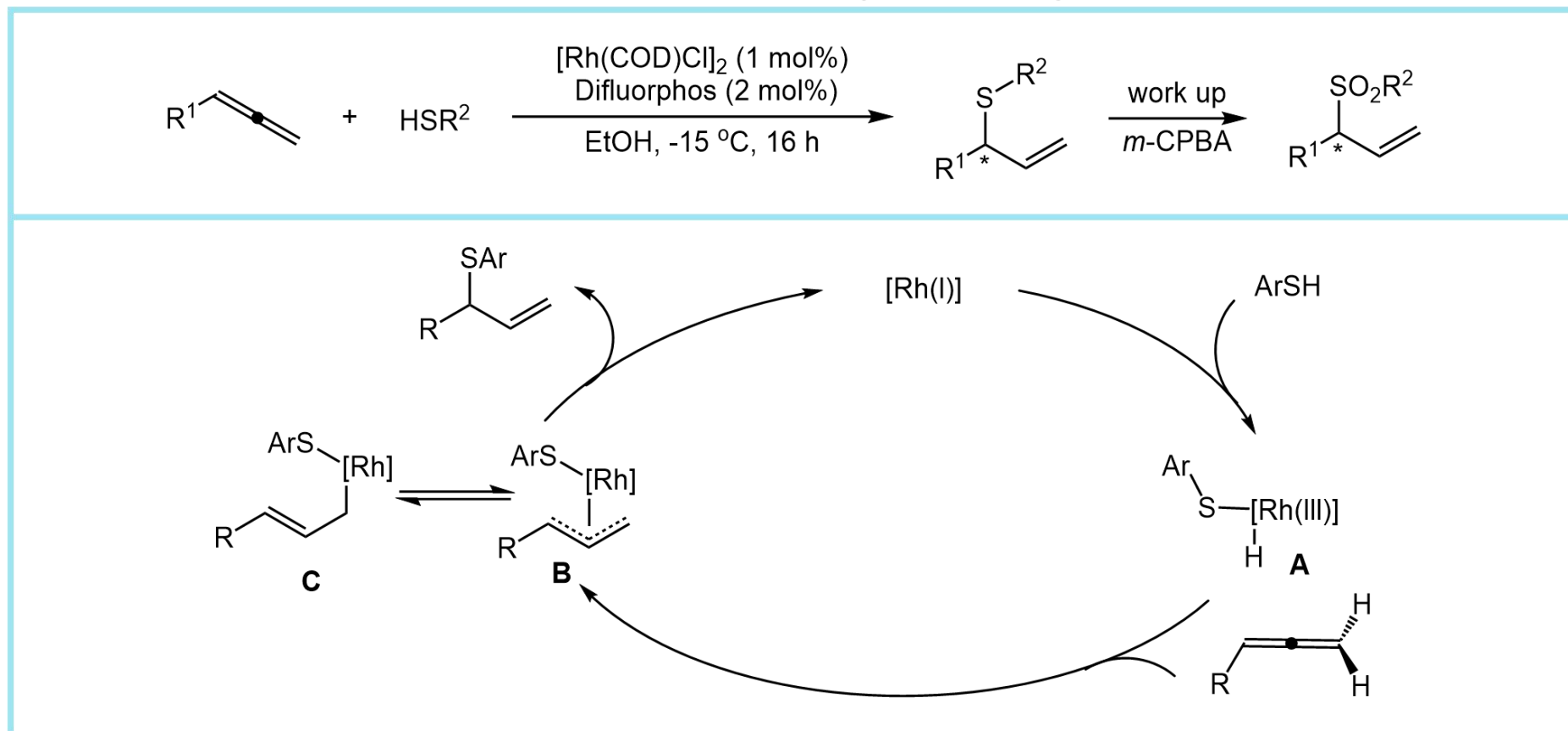
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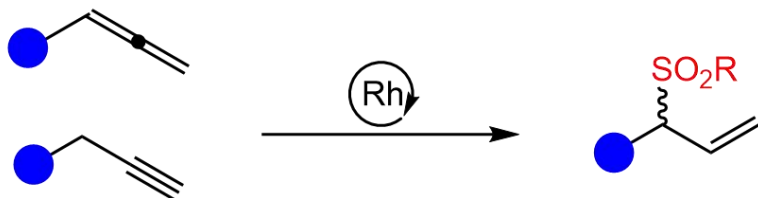
## Indirect Enantioselective Hydrosulfonylation



Pritzius, A. B.; Breit, B.\* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 3121

# Project Synopsis

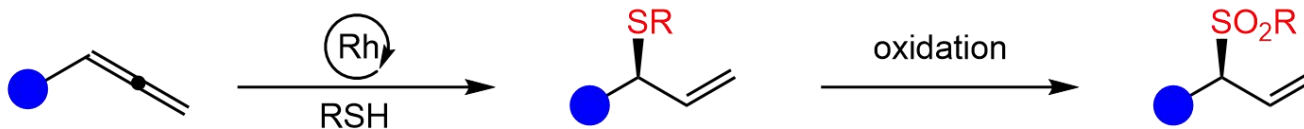
## A: Direct Hydrosulfonylation, **Racemic**



Breit (2014, 2017): racemic

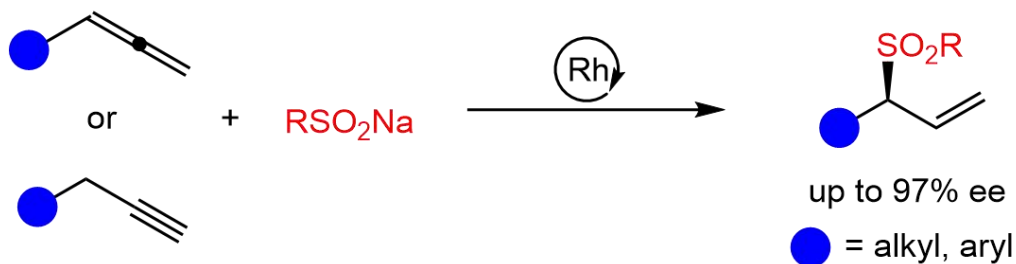
● = alkyl

## B: **Indirect** Enantioselective Hydrosulfonylation



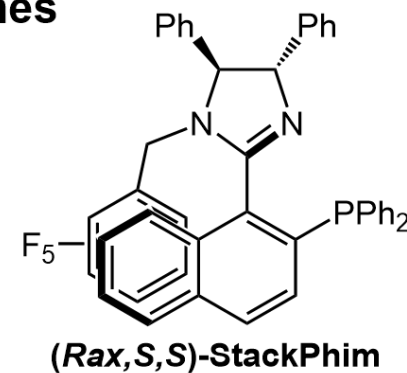
Breit (2015)  
high yield, high ee

## **Direct Enantioselective** Hydrosulfonylation of Allenes and Alkynes

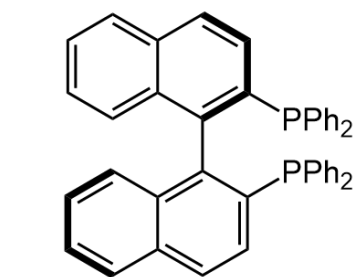
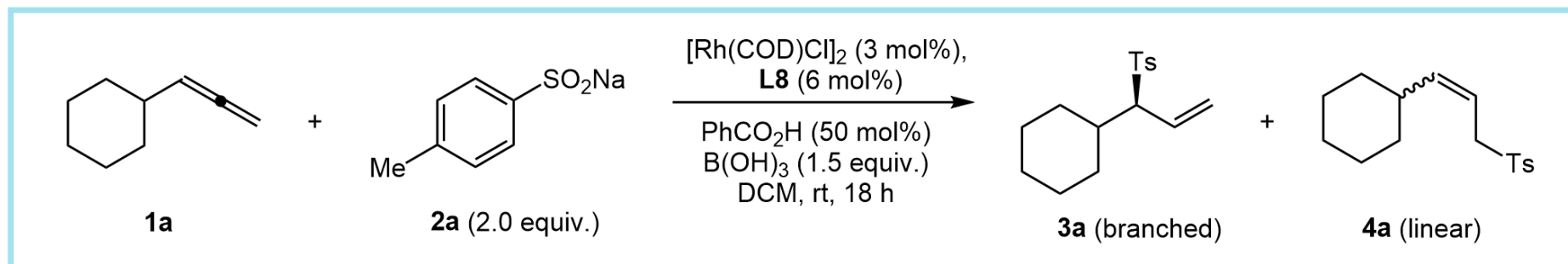


up to 97% ee

● = alkyl, aryl

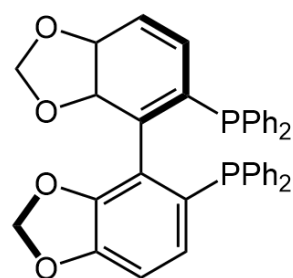


# Optimization of the Reaction Conditions: Ligand



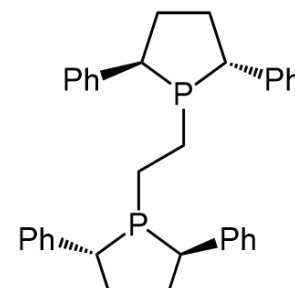
**L1**

79%, b/l = 1:1.7, 50% ee



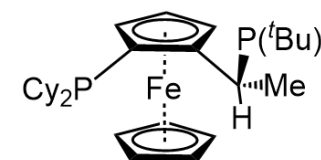
**L2**

75%, b/l = 1.4:1, 86% ee



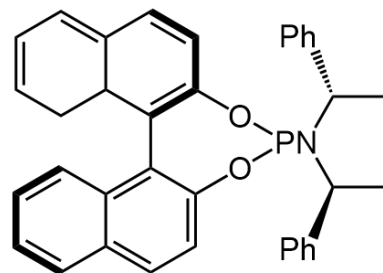
**L3**

61%, b/l > 20:1, 45% ee



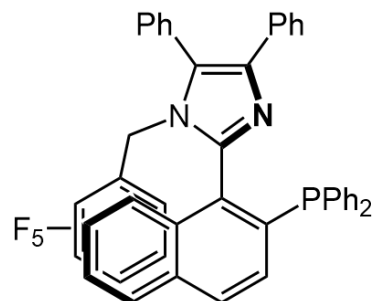
**L4**

32%, b/l > 20:1, -43% ee



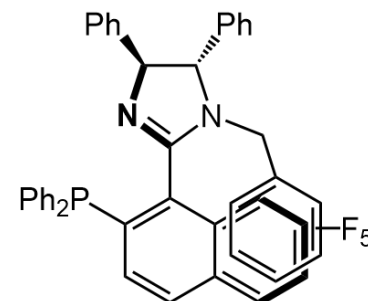
**L5**

trace



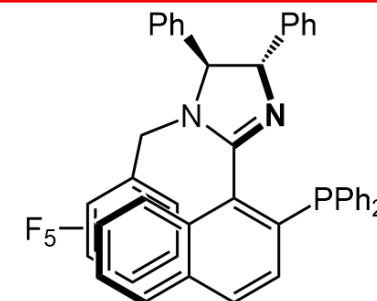
**L6** ( $R_{ax}$ )-StackPhos

6%, b/l > 20:1, 13% ee



**L7** ( $S_{ax}$ ,  $S,S$ )-StackPhim

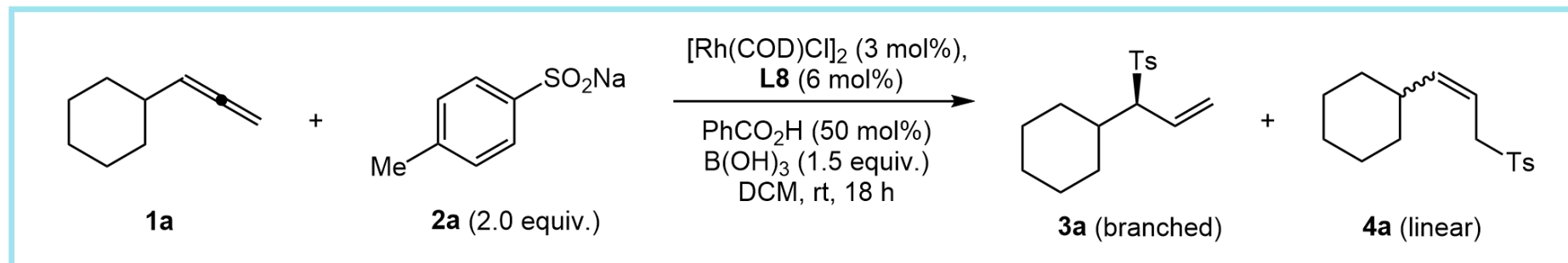
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**L8** ( $R_{ax}$ ,  $S,S$ )-StackPhim

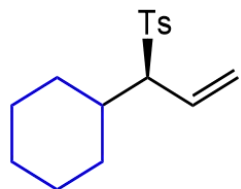
75%, b/l > 20:1, 92% ee

# Optimization of the Reaction Conditions

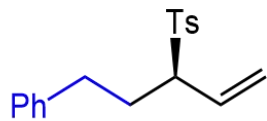


Entry	Variation from standard condition	Yield (%) of <b>3a+4a</b>	<b>3a:4a</b>	ee of <b>3a</b> (%)
1	no $\text{B}(\text{OH})_3$	43	>20:1	91
2	no $\text{PhCO}_2\text{H}$	29	>20:1	95
3	$\text{PhCO}_2\text{H}$ (100 mol%)	40	>20:1	86
4	$\text{B}(\text{OH})_3$ (2 equiv.)	64	>20:1	89
5	$\text{PhCO}_2\text{H}$ (100 mol%), no $\text{B}(\text{OH})_3$	36	>20:1	91
6	$\text{PhCO}_2\text{H}$ (200 mol%), no $\text{B}(\text{OH})_3$	68	>20:1	95
7	toluene as solvent	50	>20:1	97
8	DCM/EtOH (1:1) as solvent	47	>20:1	96
9	TolSO <sub>2</sub> NHNH <sub>2</sub> instead of <b>2a</b>	7	1:1.2	86
10	no ligand	--	--	--

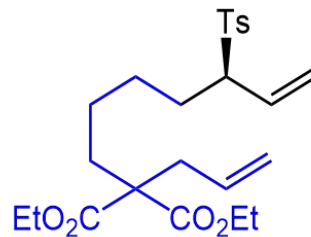
# Substrate Scope: Allene



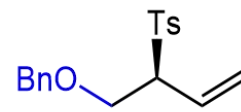
**3a**, 75%, 92% ee



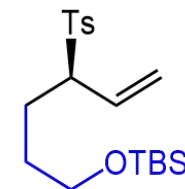
**3b**, 86%, 88% ee



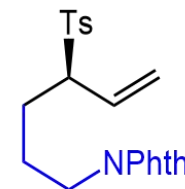
**3c**, 84%, 93% ee



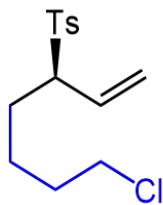
**3d**, 54%, 93% ee



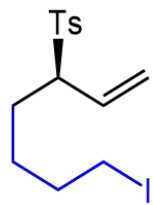
**3e**, 82%, 93% ee



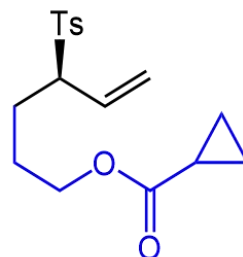
**3f**, 89%, 94% ee



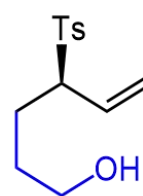
**3g**, 70%, 92% ee



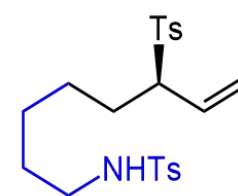
**3h**, 90%, 92% ee



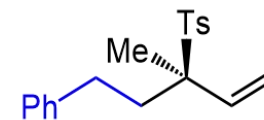
**3i**, 81%, 92% ee



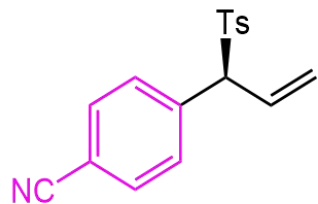
**3j**, 90%, 96% ee



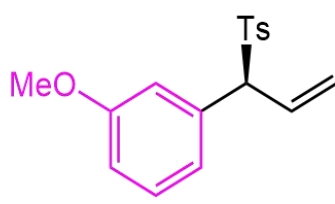
**3k**, 88%, 96% ee



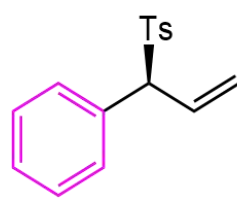
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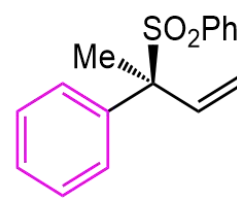
**3m**, 80%, 96% ee



**3n**, 83%, 87% ee

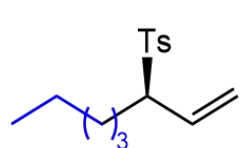


**3o**, 48%, 85% ee

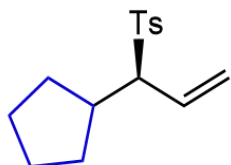


**3p**, 82%, 77% ee

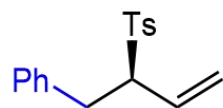
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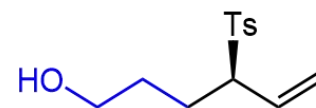
**3q**, 68%, 94% ee



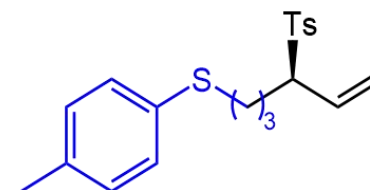
**3r**, 53%, 97% ee



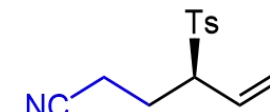
**3s**, 59%, 88% ee



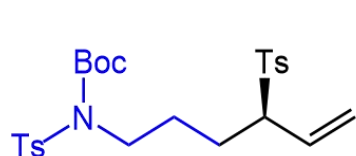
**3j**, 90%, 97% ee



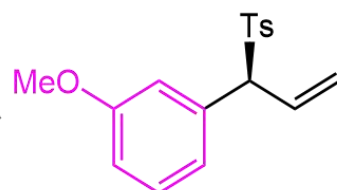
**3t**, 89%, 92% ee



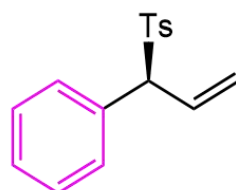
**3u**, 60%, 91% ee



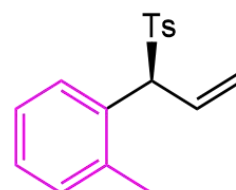
**3v**, 51%, 94% ee



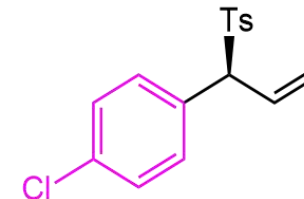
**3n**, 43%, 91% ee



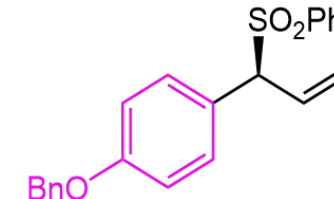
**3o**, 77%, 91% ee



**3w**, 60%, 92% ee



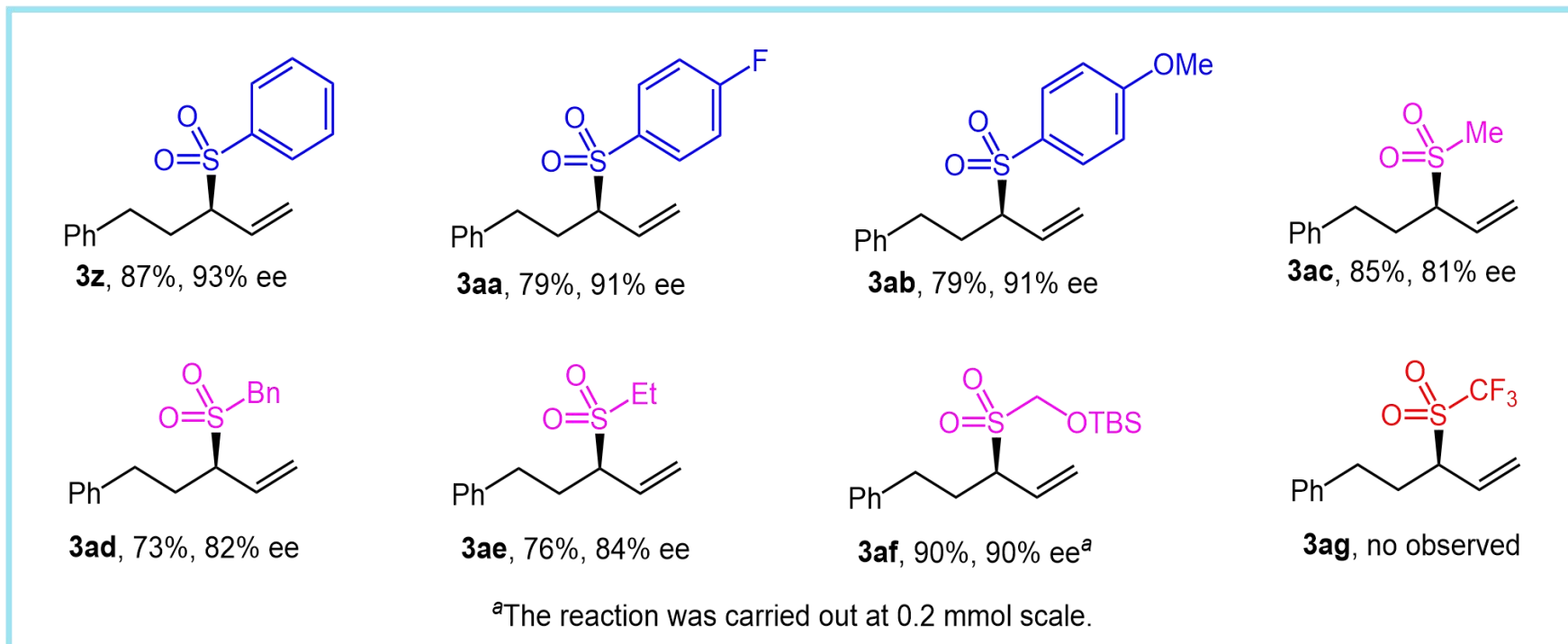
**3x**, 65%, 92% ee



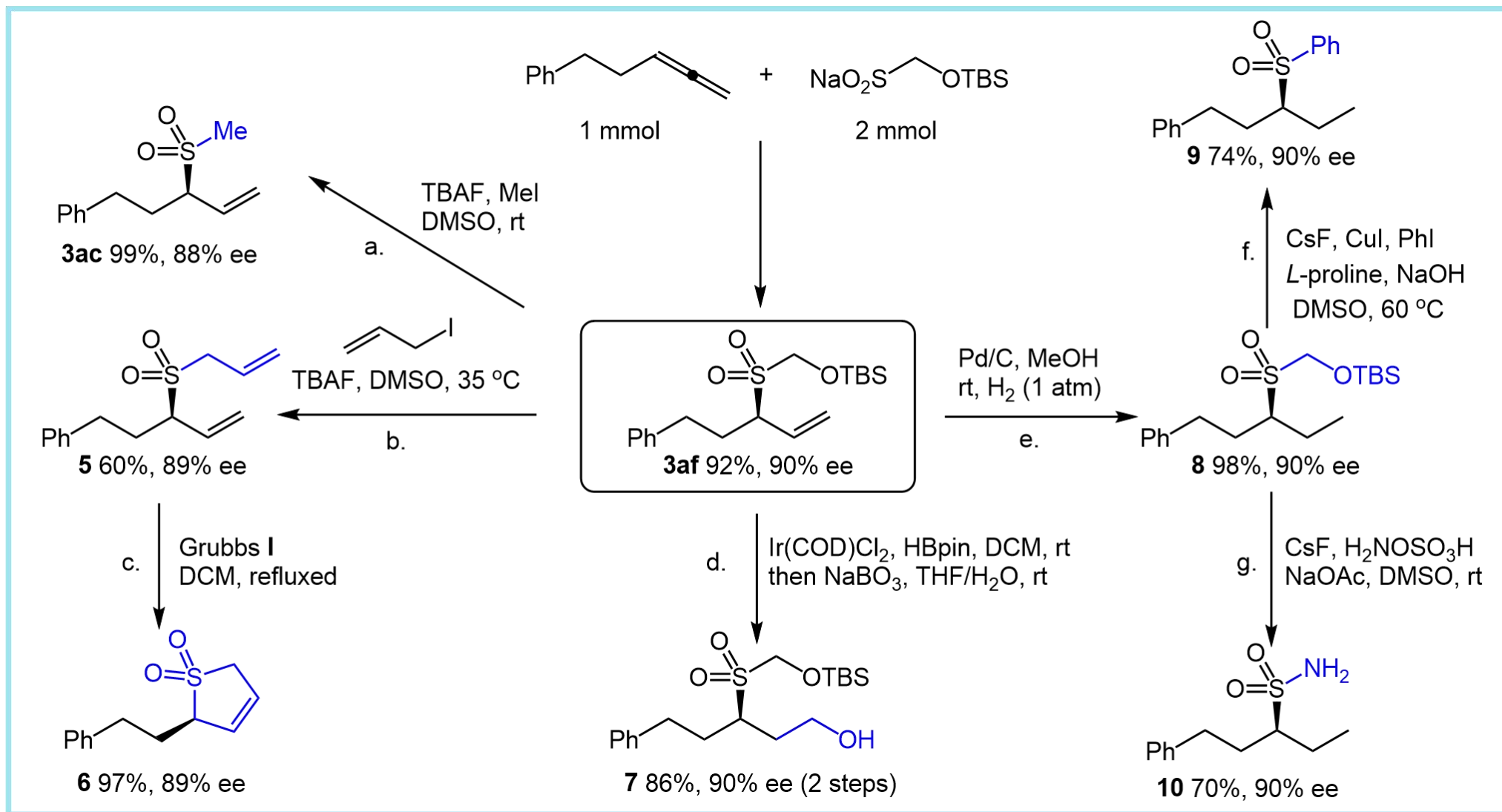
**3y**, 77%, 95% ee



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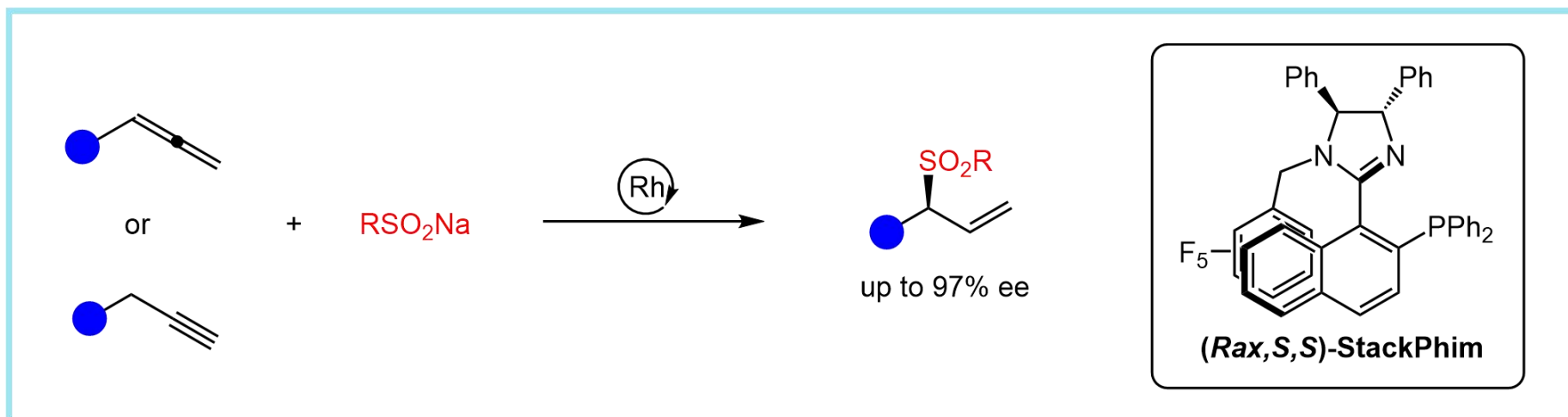


# Synthetic Applications





# Summary



- Direct C-S Bond Formation
- Commercially Available Sulfone Source
- High Regioselectivity & Enantioselectivity
- High Functional Group Tolerance

# Strategy for Writing The First Paragraph

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砒的应用前景广泛



引出本文工作

- ✓ Sulfones are privileged motifs in pharmaceuticals and bioactive molecules, versatile intermediates in organic synthesis, and also bioisosteres to carbonyl groups that often provide stronger hydrogen bonding between the bioactive compound and its molecular target. For these reasons, the development of the efficient methods for the preparation of sulfone-containing compounds continues to be an active research area of great interest, especially  $\alpha$ -chiral sulfones.
- ✓ Although methods for the preparation of  $\alpha$ -chiral sulfones have increasingly gained attention, methods to prepare these important moieties with high enantiocontrol remain a formidable challenge, and the current methodologies are not without their drawbacks.

# Strategy for Writing The Last Paragraph

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总结工作

- ✓ In conclusion, we have developed the first direct rhodium-catalyzed enantioselective hydrosulfonylation of allenes and alkynes.



强调亮点

- ✓ The current protocol is atom-economical and operationally simple, and the reaction is high-yielding and highly regio- and enantioselective over a broad scope of substrates to provide the products in a single step..... It is also noteworthy that the reaction is enabled by the C1-symmetric, axially chiral P,N-ligand (*Rax,S,S*)-StackPhim, when more common ligands failed to produce satisfactory results. This is the first application of a Stack ligand in an enantioselective Rh-catalyzed reaction, and further studies are underway in our laboratory to expand the use of this ligand to other Rh-catalyzed processes.

# Representative Examples

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- Ligand screening studies demonstrated the indispensable role of the (*Rax,S,S*)-StackPhim for achieving both high regioselectivity and enantioselectivity.(**indispensable, adj. 不可缺少的; 绝对必要的; 责无旁贷的; 不可避免的**)
- .....which could potentially change the intrinsic reactivity of the ligands, impacting the reaction profile. (**intrinsic, adj. 内在的, 固有的**)
- And further studies are underway in our laboratory to expand the use of this ligand to other Rh-catalyzed processes..(**underway, adj. 进行中的; 起步的; 航行中的**)

# Acknowledgement

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***Thanks for Your Attention!***