#### Literature Report III

#### Asymmetric Synthesis of Chiral 1,4-Enynes through Organocatalytic Alkenylation of Propargyl Alcohols

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- Design of Chiral Phase Transfer Catalysts for Practical Amino Acid Synthesis
- Design of Chiral Organocatalysts for Practical Asymmetric Synthesis
- Development of Bidentate Lewis Acid Chemistry and Application to Selective Organic Synthesis



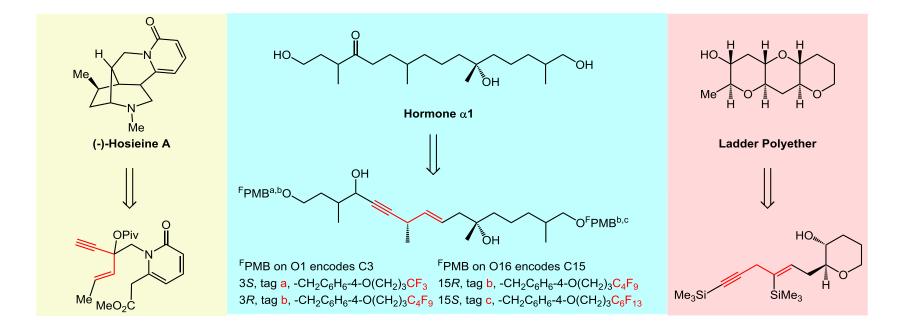




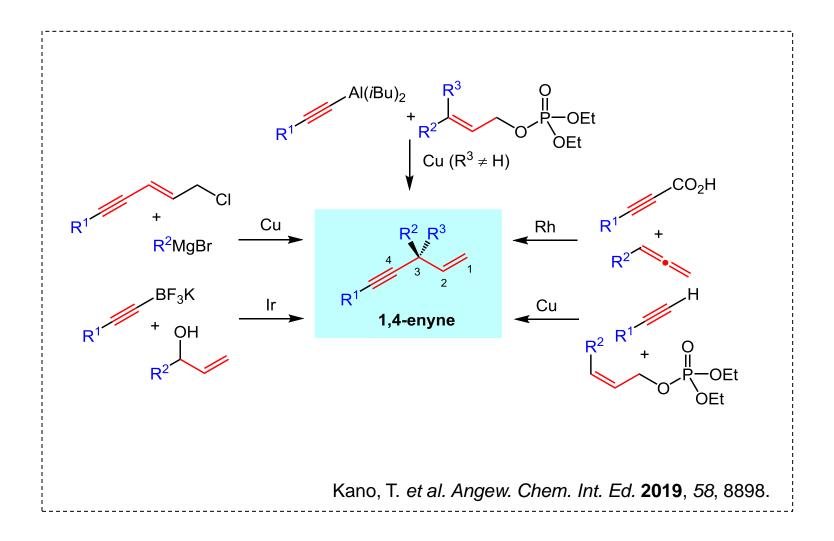
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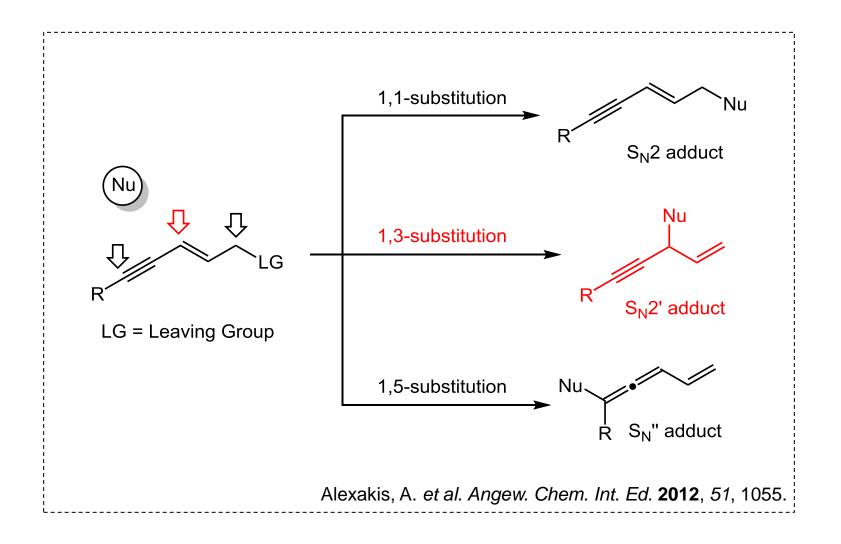
#### Introduction

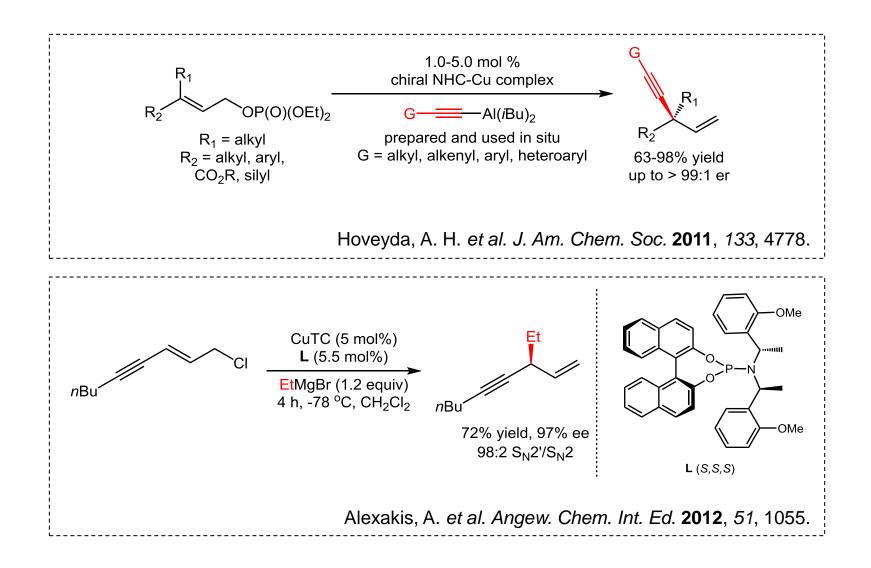


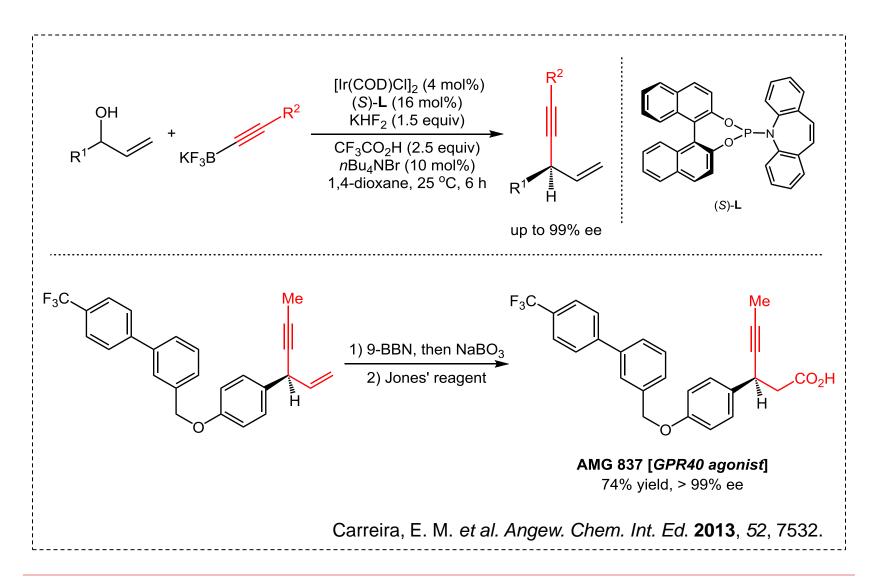
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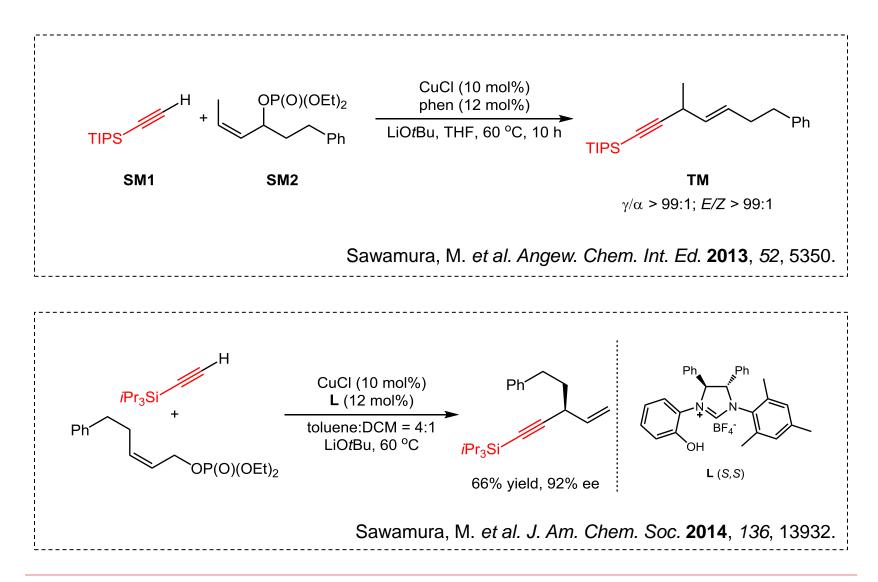


#### **Possible products by substitution reaction**

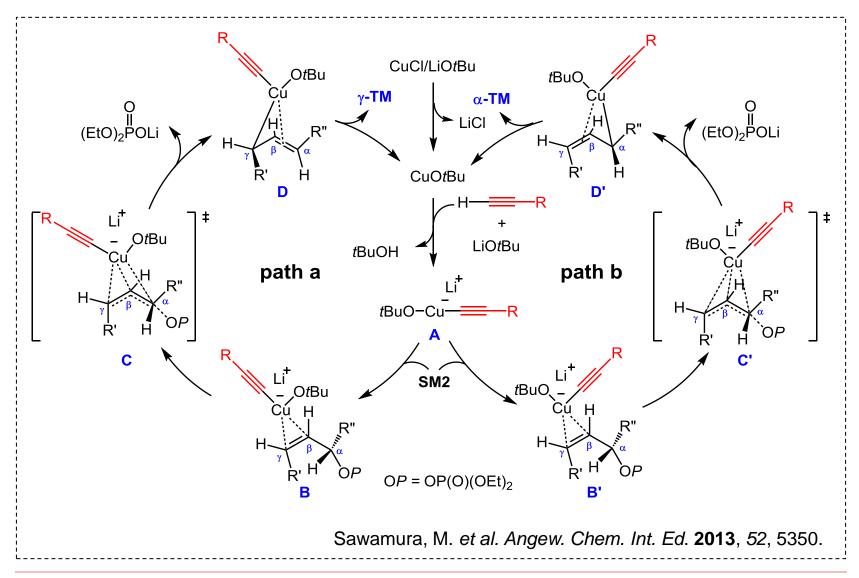


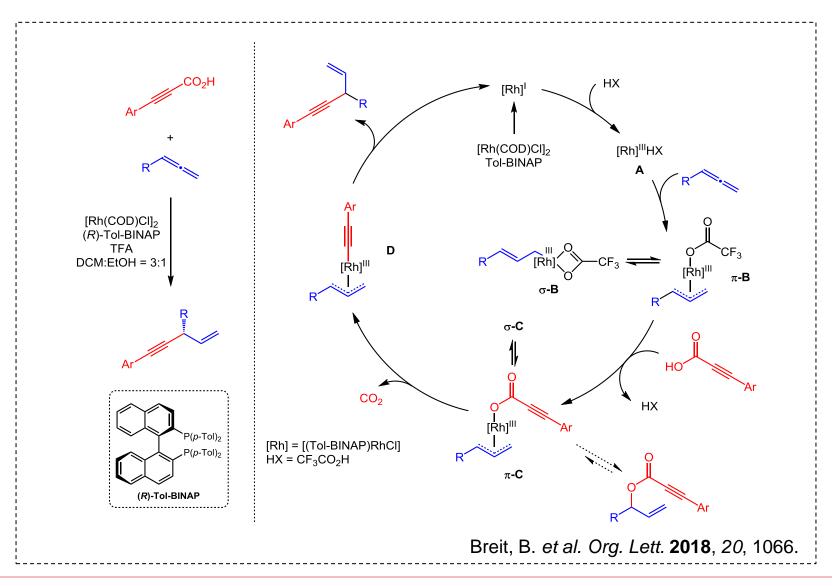


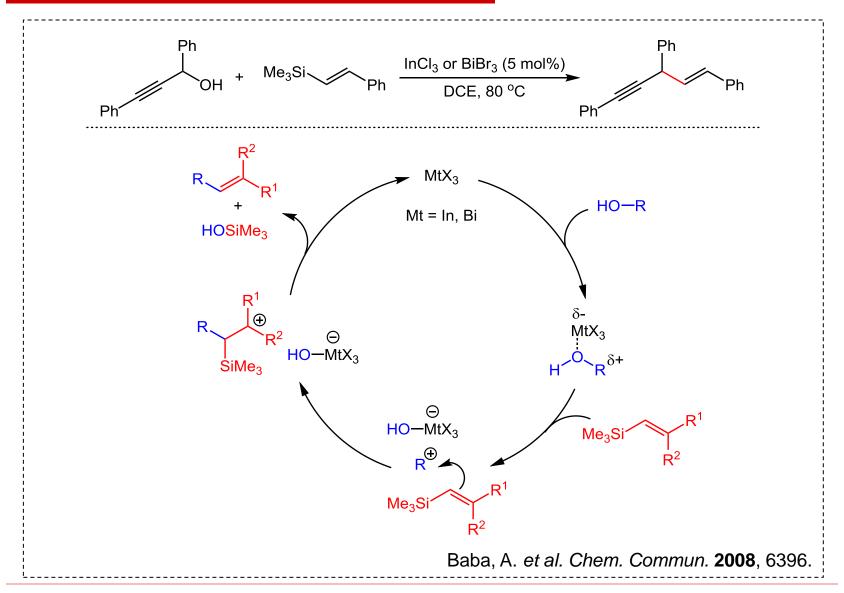


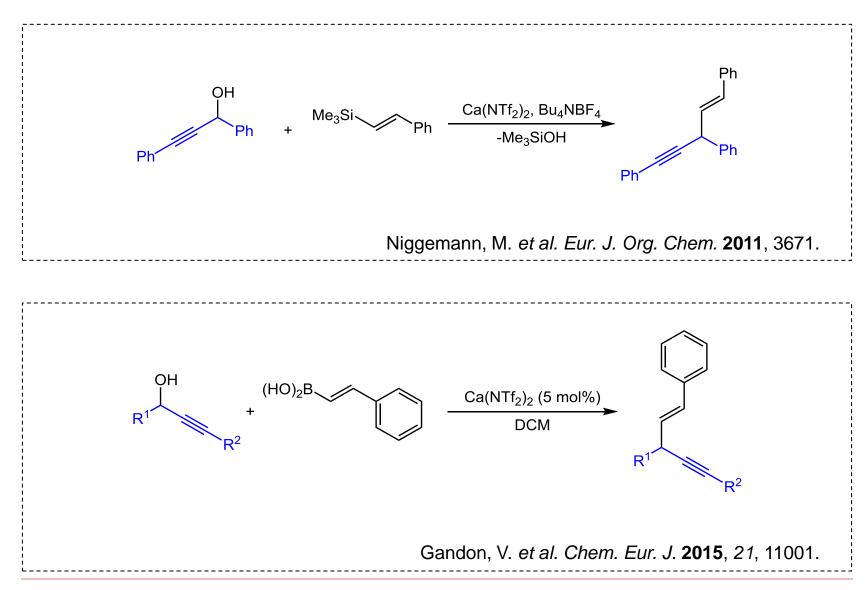


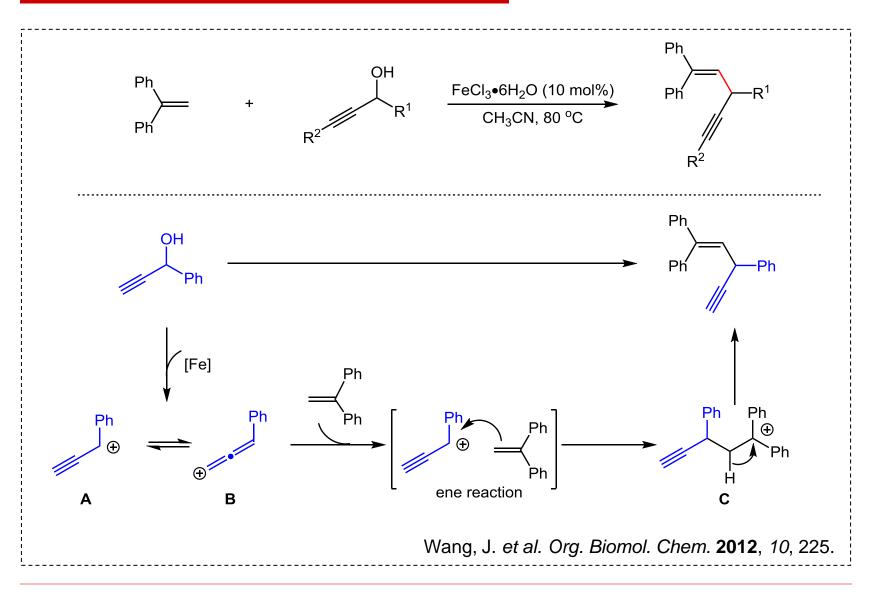
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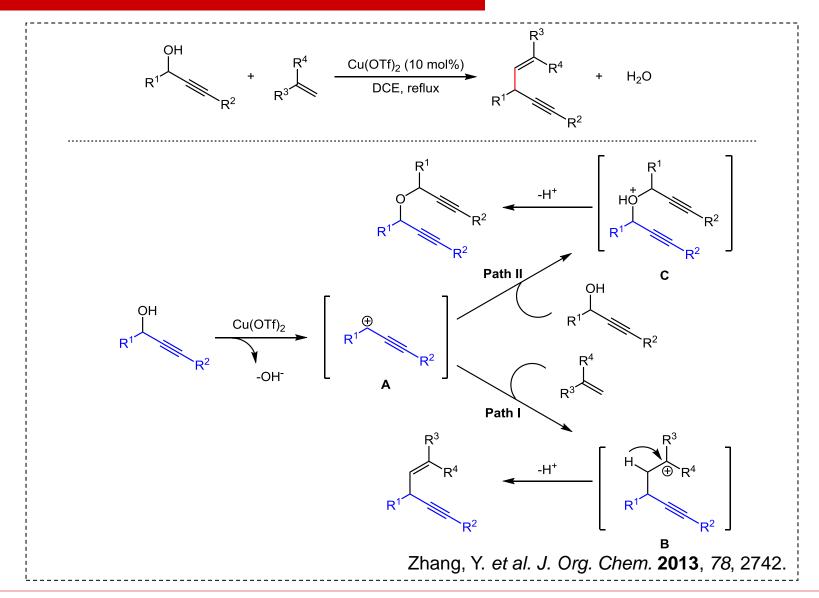


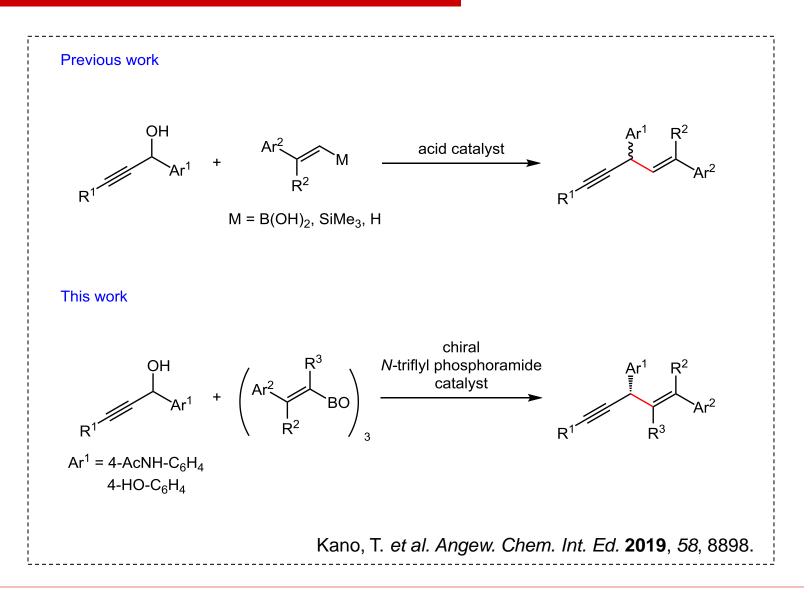




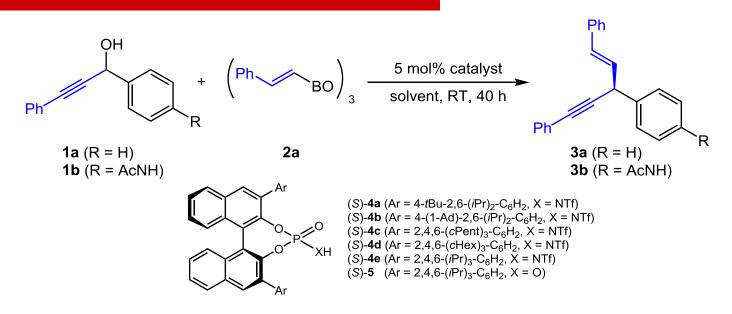








#### **Optimization of the reaction conditions**



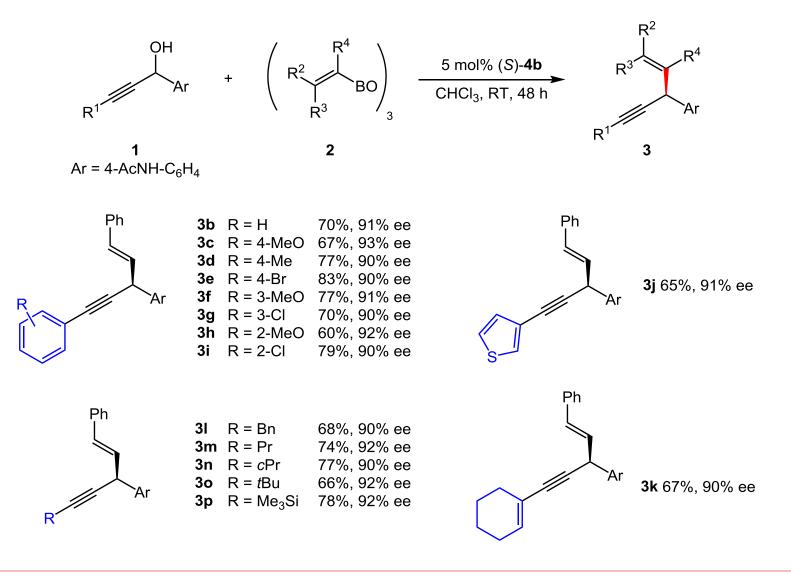
Entry <sup>[a]</sup>	1	Catalyst	Solvent	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>	Ee [%] <sup>[c]</sup>
1 <sup>[d]</sup>	1a	(S)- <b>4a</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	76	28
2	1b	(S)- <b>4a</b>	$CH_2CI_2$	76	85
3	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	$CH_2CI_2$	80	88
4	1b	(S)- <b>4c</b>	$CH_2CI_2$	64	85
5	1b	(S)- <b>4d</b>	$CH_2CI_2$	70	87
6	1b	(S)- <b>4e</b>	$CH_2CI_2$	77	81
7	1b	(S)- <b>5</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	8	-24

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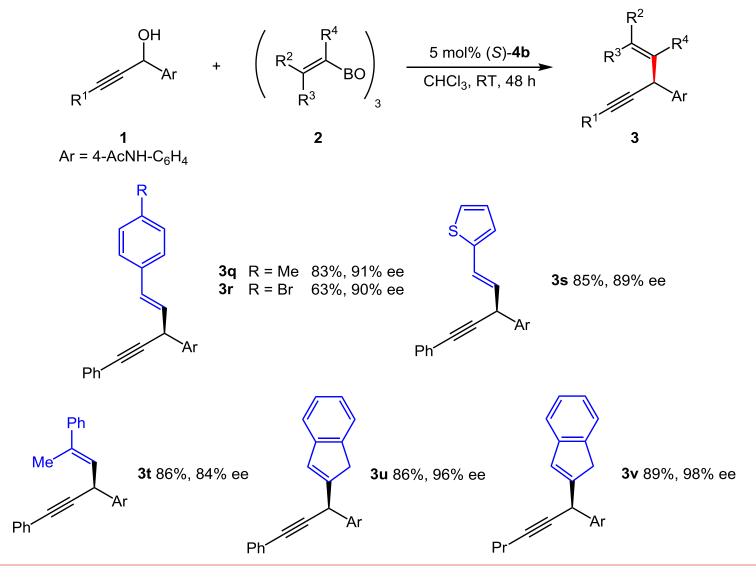
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8 <sup>[e]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	92	87
<b>ð</b> [e]	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CHCI <sub>3</sub>	88	89
10 <sup>[e]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CICH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CI	85	82
11 <sup>[e]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	THF	53	4
12 <sup>[e]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	1,4-dioxane	49	5
13 <sup>[e,f]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CHCI <sub>3</sub>	84	64
<b>14</b> <sup>[g,h]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CHCI <sub>3</sub>	72	91
15 <sup>[g,h,i]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CHCI <sub>3</sub>	57	87
16 <sup>[g,h,j]</sup>	1b	(S)- <b>4b</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	61	73
<b>17</b> <sup>[g,h,k]</sup>	1b	( <i>S</i> )- <b>4b</b>	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	n.d.	-

[a] Use of **1** (0.06 mmol), **2a** (0.02 mmol), a catalyst (0.003 mmol) and a solvent (2 mL). [b] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR with 1,2-dichloroethane as internal standard. [c] Determined by chiral HPLC methods. [d] Performed for 24 h. [e] Use of **1b** (0.072 mmol). The yield is based on **2a**. [f] Use of CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.6 mL). [g] Performed for 48 h. [h] Use of CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3 mL). [i] Use of molecular sieve 5Å (50 mg). [j] Use of (*E*)-styryl-B(O*i*Pr)<sub>2</sub> instead of **2a**. [k] Use of (*E*)-styryl-B(pin) instead of **2a**. pin = pinacolato. n.d.= not detected. Ad = adamantyl.

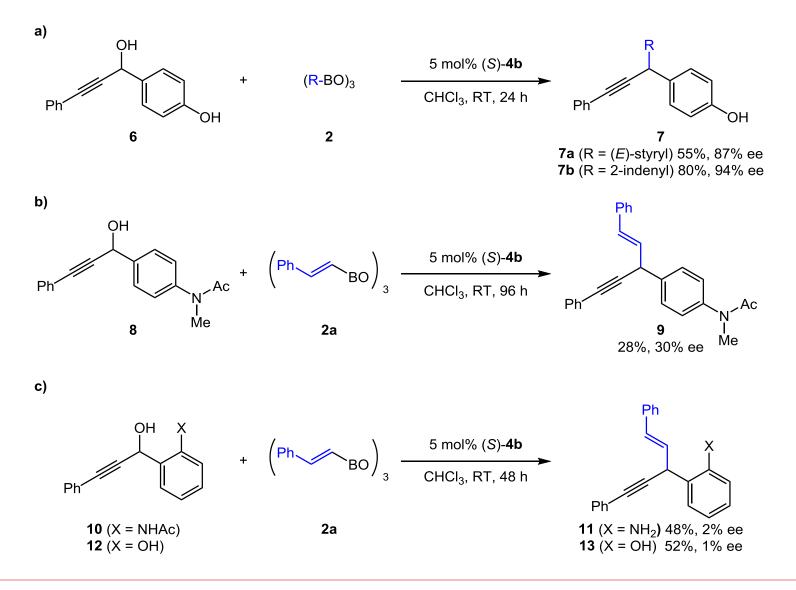
#### Substrate scope



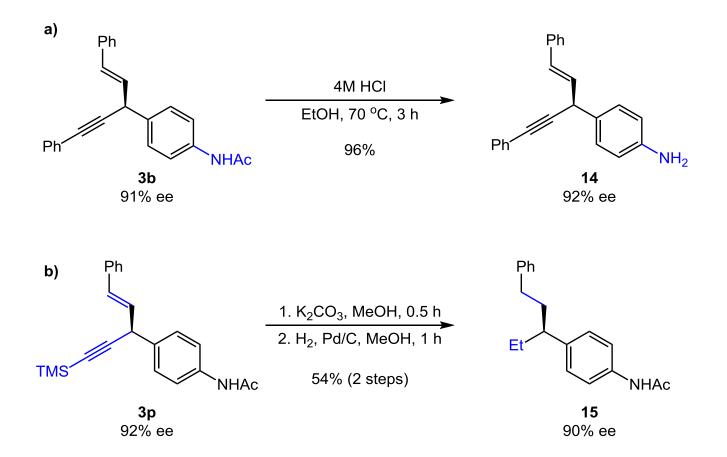
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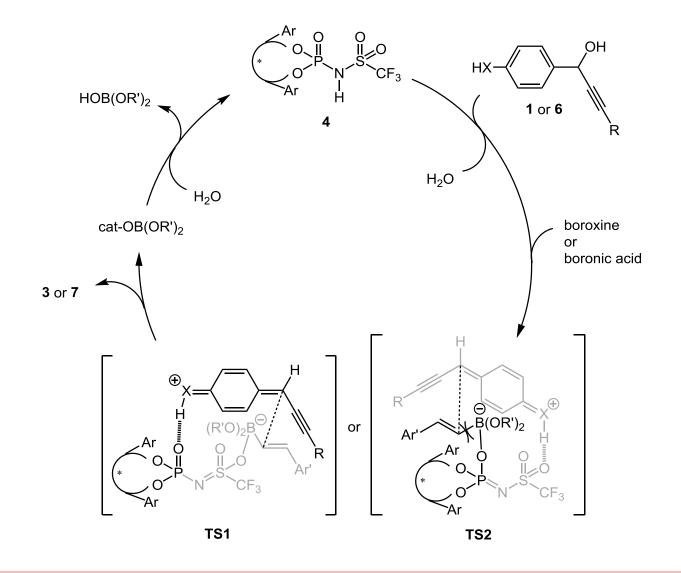
#### **Alkenylation of propargyl alcohols**



#### **Transformation of alkenylation products**

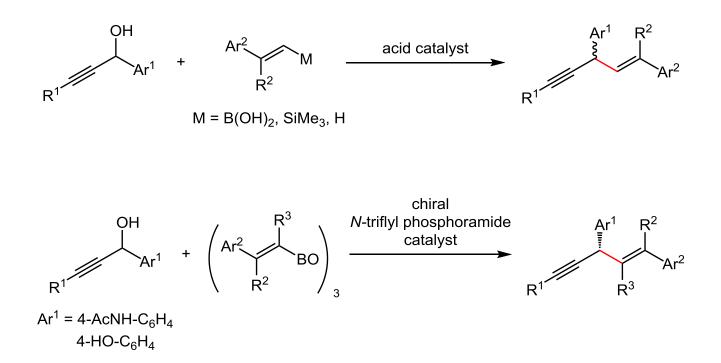


#### **Proposed catalytic cycle**



#### Summary

# Synthesis of 1,4-enynes by alkenylation of propargyl alcohols



Chiral 1,4-envnes are important and versatile synthetic intermediates. Both alkenyl and alkynyl groups on the chiral center at the 3-position can serve as handles for further elaboration. Various synthetic approaches to 1,4-enynes have been developed thus far. Asymmetric synthesis of chiral 1,4-enynes has also been achieved through transition-metal-catalyzed enantioselective allylic substitution. In recent years, the development of effective and environmentally benign methods using non-metal catalysts has attracted much attention. In this context, alkenylation of propargyl alcohols is an alternative promising approach to 1,4-enynes, in which the carbocation intermediate is generated by acid-mediated elimination of the hydroxy group.

To the best of our knowledge, however, the catalytic asymmetric variant has not been developed, probably due to the difficulty in enantioface selection of the carbocation intermediate by the chiral acid catalyst. Thus, we became interested in a chiral Brønsted acid catalyzed synthesis of chiral 1,4-enynes. Herein we report an organocatalytic enantioselective alkenylation of propargyl alcohols with trialkenylboroxines.

In summary, an organocatalytic asymmetric synthesis of 1,4-enynes has been realized. In this process, readily available propargyl alcohols bearing a hydrogen bond donor and trialkenylboroxines can be employed and a highly acidic chiral N-triflyl phosphoramide was found to be the optimal Brønsted acid catalyst. This asymmetric alkenylation of propargyl alcohols with trialkenylboroxines offers an alternative approach to the asymmetric synthesis of 1,4-enynes, and will probably find application in the synthesis of a range of chiral compounds with alkynyl, alkenyl or alkyl carbon chains.

# Thanks for your attention