# Intramolecular Aminocyanation of Alkenes by Cooperative Palladium/Boron Catalysis

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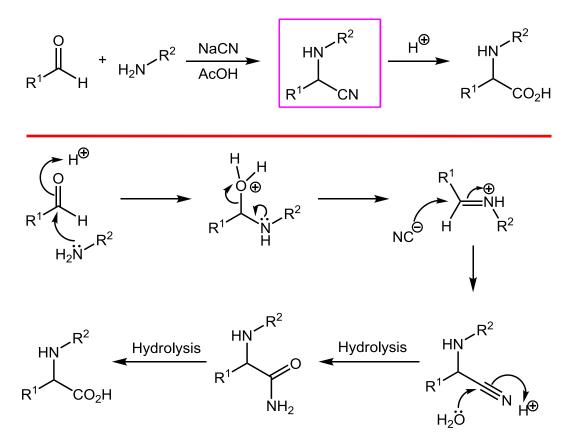
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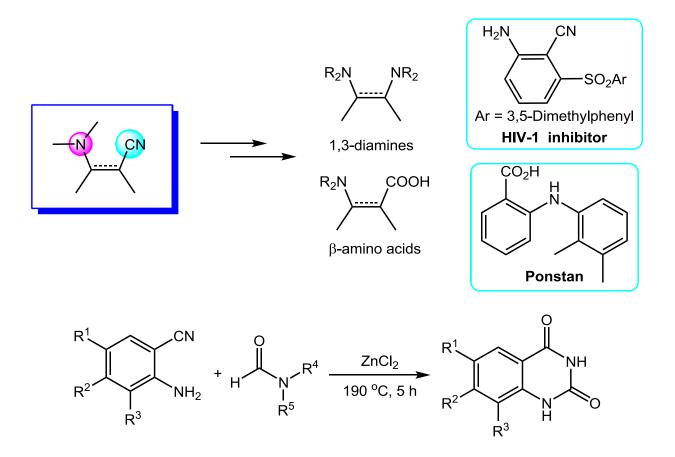
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#### **Strecker Aminocyanation Reaction**

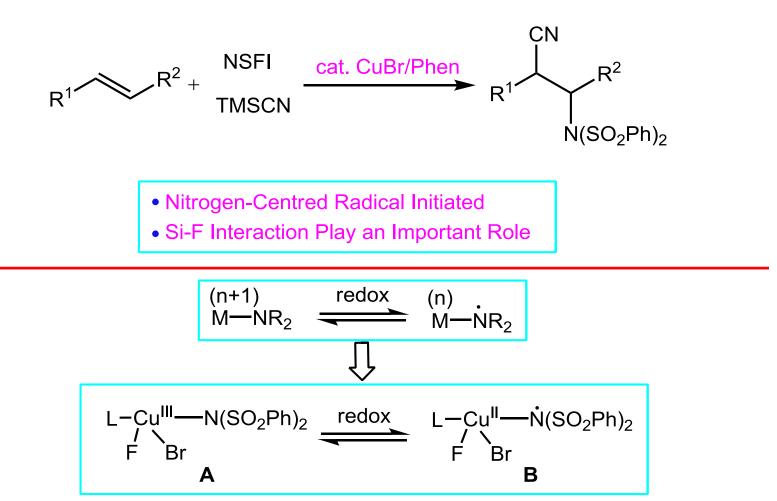


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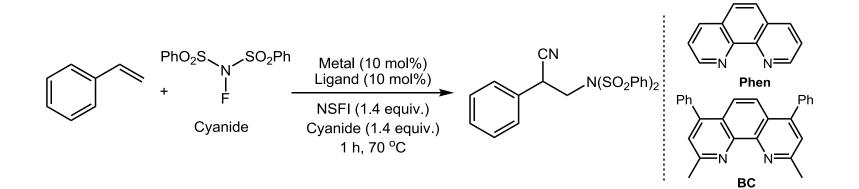
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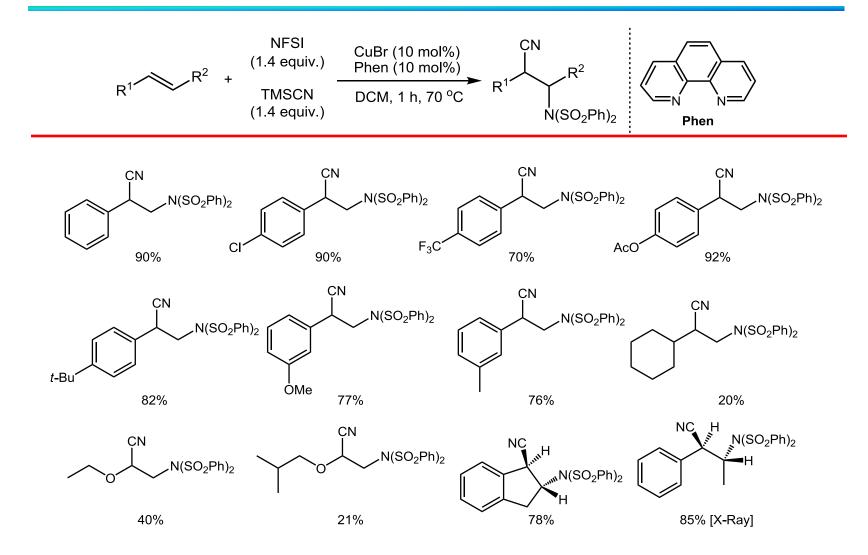
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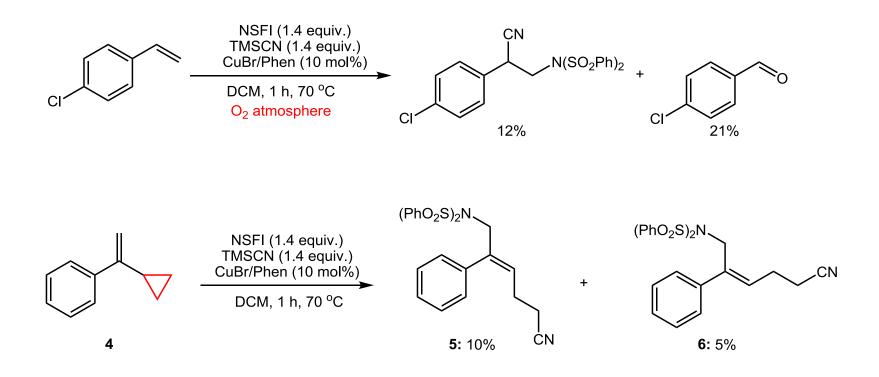


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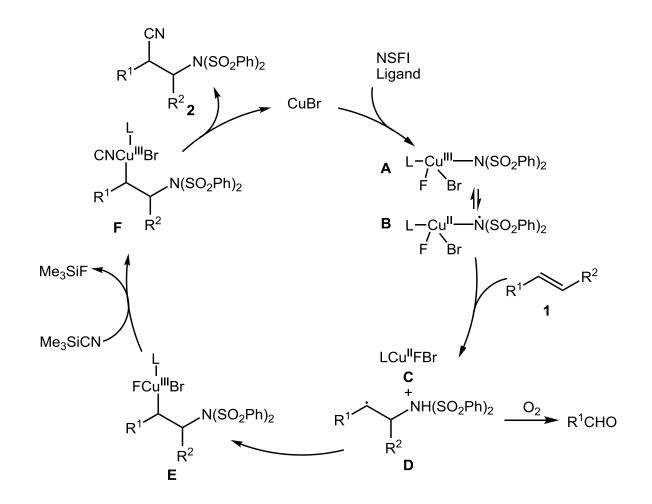
| Entry | Metal | Cyanide                          | Ligand   | Solvent | Yield [%] |
|-------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|
| 1     | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | Pyridine | DCE     | 60        |
| 2     | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | BC       | DCE     | 52        |
| 3     | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | Phen     | DCE     | 85        |
| 4     | CuCl  | TMSCN                            | Phen     | DCE     | 70        |
| 5     | Cul   | TMSCN                            | Phen     | DCE     | 82        |
| 6     | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | Phen     | MeCN    | 72        |
| 7     | CuBr  | CuCN                             | Phen     | MeCN    | 23        |
| 8     | CuBr  | K <sub>3</sub> FeCN <sub>6</sub> | Phen     | MeCN    | 0         |
| 9     | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | Phen     | DCE     | 60        |
| 10    | CuBr  | TMSCN                            | Phen     | DCM     | 90        |

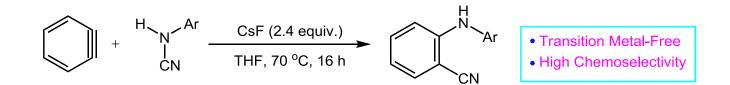


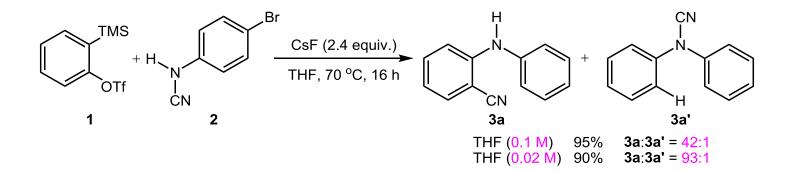


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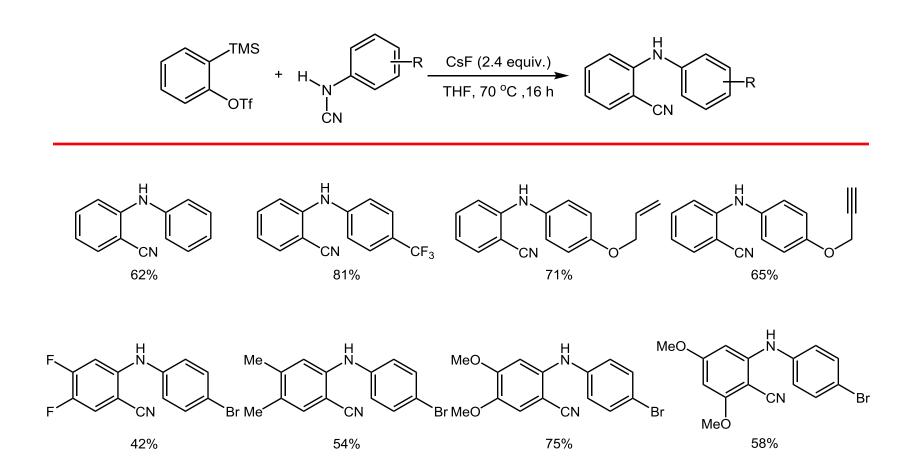
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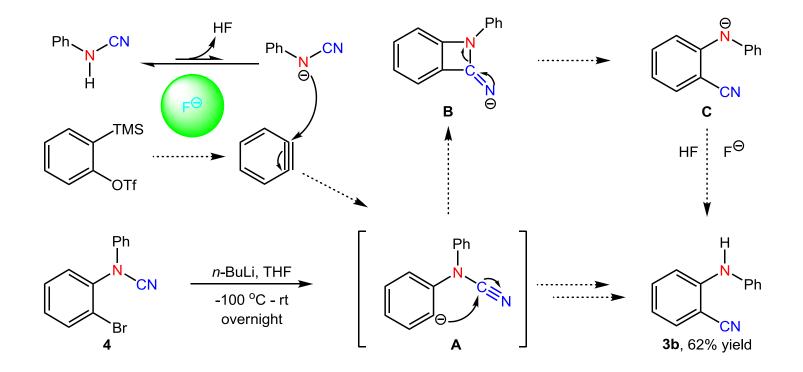


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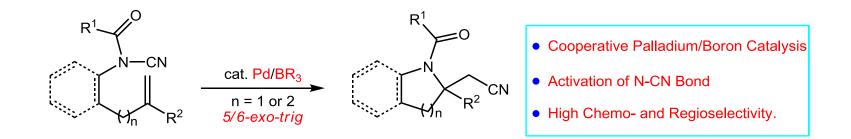


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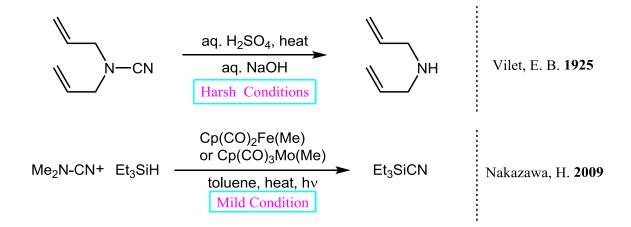


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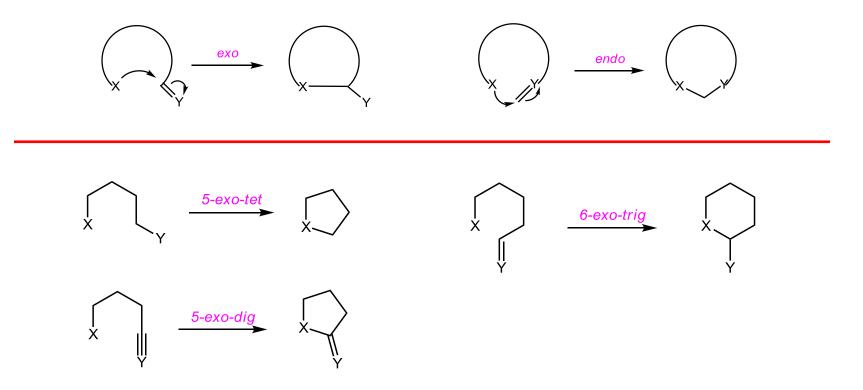
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 $N-C(1.47 \text{ Å}) > Me(p-ClC_6H_4)N-CN (1.331 \text{ Å}) > N=C (1.27 \text{ Å})$ 

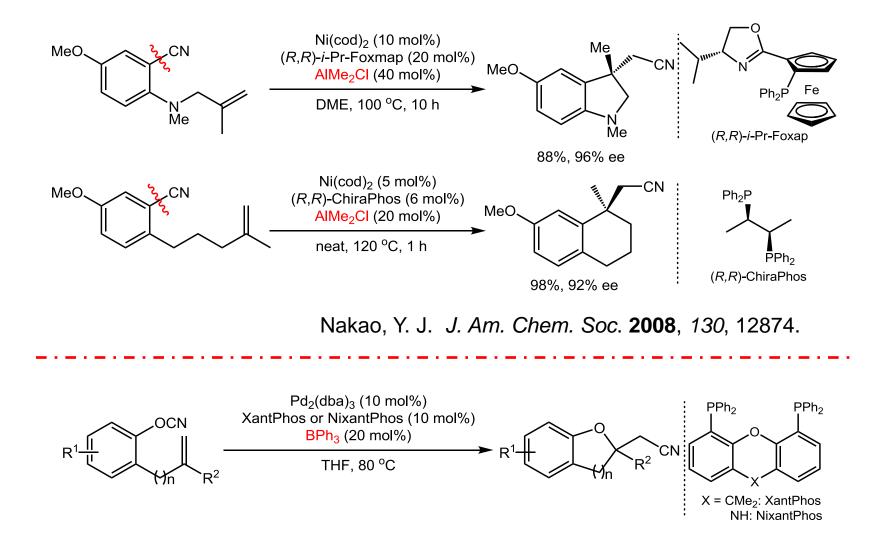


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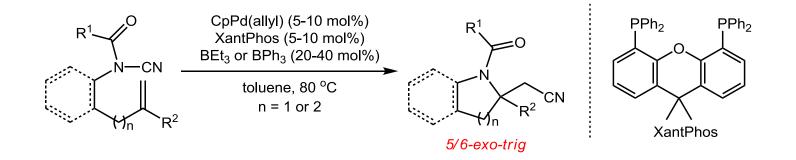
#### **Classes of Ring Closing Processes**

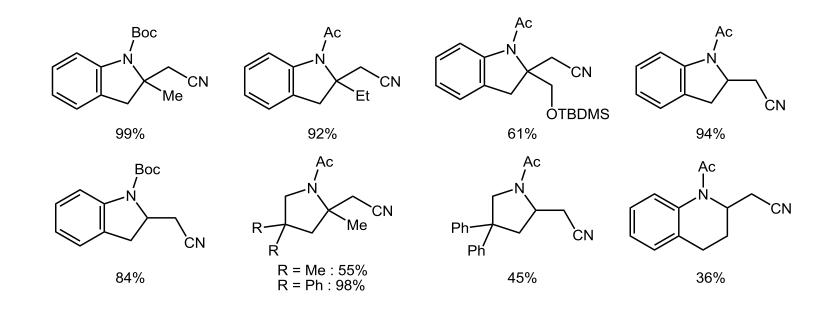


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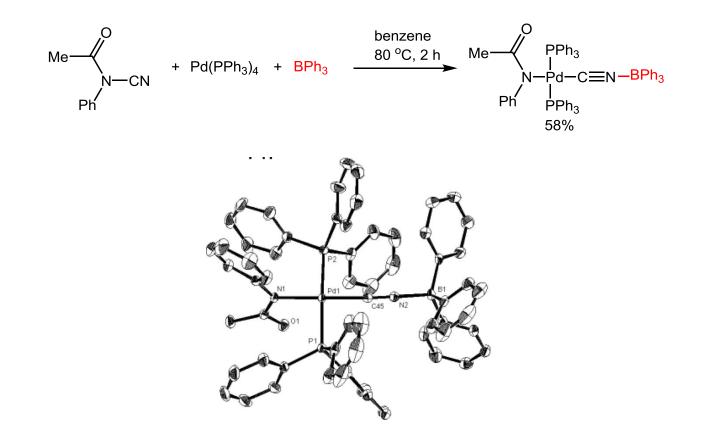


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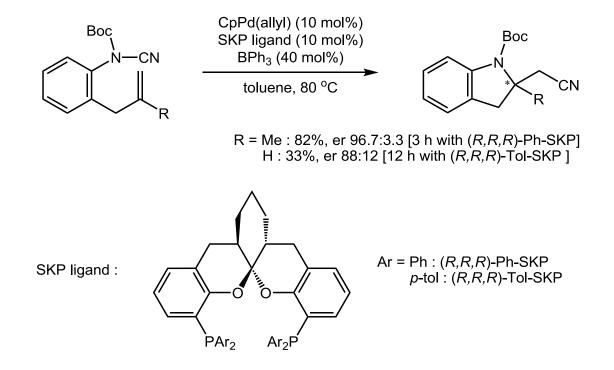




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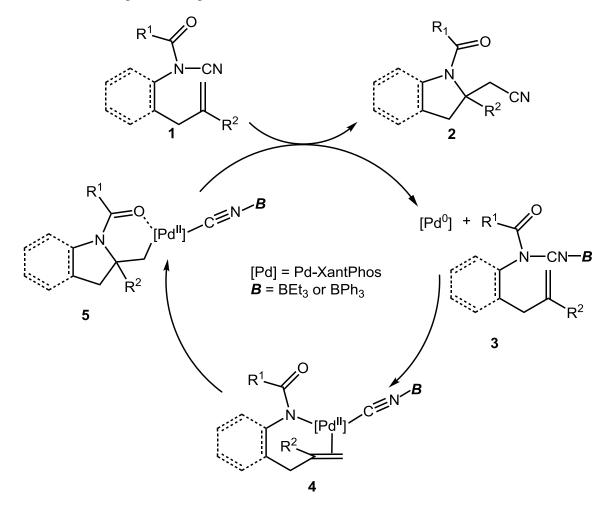
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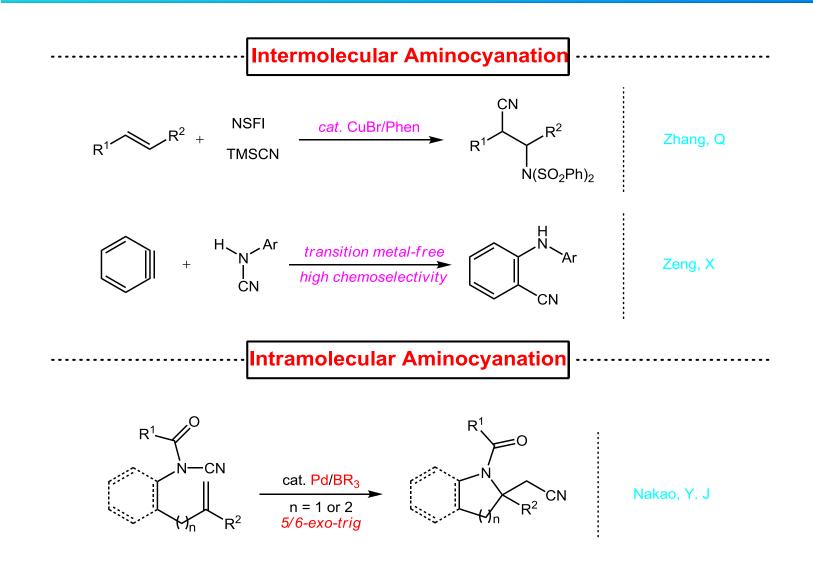
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# **Summary**



Cyanofunctionalization reactions across unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds have been studied extensively because of their utility in accessing highly functionalized nitriles, which are found in a number of pharmaceutical drugs, agrochemicals, and optoelectronic materials as well as synthetic intermediates for carboxylic acids, esters, amides, and amines. Starting from simple and readily available substrate sets, silylcyanation, germylcyanation, stannylcyanation, borylcyanation, carbocyanation, thiocyanation, bromocyanation, and most recently oxycyanation of alkynes and/or alkenes have been realized by metal catalysis to give nitriles having a functional group at the position  $\beta$  to the cyano group.

We report herein the intramolecular aminocyanation of alkenes through N-CN bond activation by cooperative palladium/boron catalysis. We also demonstrate the first catalytic enantioselective aminocyanation reaction. Aminocyanation had never been achieved until the very recent report on the three-component coupling of alkenes, N-fluorobenzenesulfonimide, and Me<sub>3</sub>SiCN by copper catalysis to achieve net aminocyanation. The transformation serves as an ideal protocol to directly give  $\beta$ -aminonitriles, which function as synthetic precursors for highly important building blocks such as  $\beta$ amino acids and 1.3-diamines.

In summary, we have developed an intramolecular aminocyanation of alkenes by palladium/boron catalysis. The transformation allows for simultaneous installation of a tetra- or trisubstituted carbon and a cyano group through N-CN bond activation to afford variously substituted indolines and pyrrolidines, including optically active examples, which can be of interest as synthetic building blocks. Synthetically, the aminocyanation demonstrated herein can be a COand/or oxidant-free alternative to alkene aminocarbonylation and other aminofunctionalization reactions catalyzed by palladium. Current efforts are directed toward further development of the enantioselective aminocyanation and more detailed mechanistic studies.