

Half-Sandwich d^6 -Metal (Co^{III} , Rh^{III} , Ir^{III} , Ru^{II})-Catalyzed Enantioselective C–H Activation

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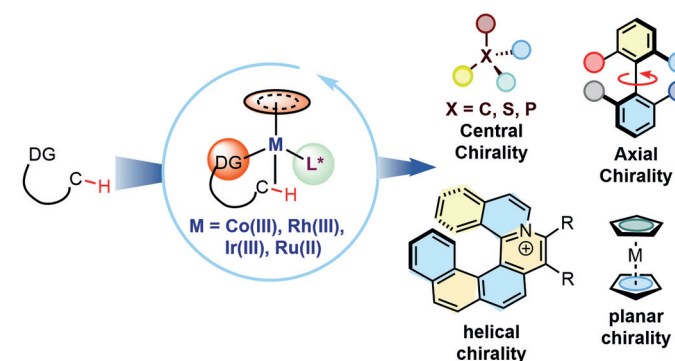
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Abstract Transition-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation provides a straightforward strategy to synthesize chiral molecules from readily available sources. In this graphical review, we summarize the progress on half-sandwich d^6 -metal (Co^{III} , Rh^{III} , Ir^{III} , Ru^{II})-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization reactions. The review is categorized according to the type of metal catalyst and chiral ligand employed. Representative enantio-determining models and catalytic cycles are presented.

Keywords enantioselectivity, C–H activation, half-sandwich, cobalt, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium, chiral carboxylic acid

Direct asymmetric C–H activation, which is a process capable of transforming C–H bonds into C–C or C–X bonds and generating new stereocenters in a single step, is a particularly attractive strategy for the concise synthesis of chiral molecules from readily available sources. To date, one of the most successful methods is directing-group-assisted enantioselective C–H activation using high-valent metal catalysts. In 2008, pioneering work was reported by Yu and co-workers on Pd(II)-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation using monoprotected amino acids (MPAAs) as chiral ligands.¹ The use of MPAAs or related bidentate ligands realized various en-

antioselective $\text{C}(\text{sp}^2)\text{--H}$ and $\text{C}(\text{sp}^3)\text{--H}$ functionalization reactions. Furthermore, mechanistic studies indicated that chelation of the MPAAs or related bidentate ligands at the square planar Pd center with four coordination sites is key to the high enantiocontrol. However, the bidentate monoprotected amino acids and related ligands could not be applied to piano-stool Co^{III} , Rh^{III} , Ir^{III} , and Ru^{II} catalysts as there is only one coordination site available for an external chiral ligand.

On the other hand, half-sandwich d^6 metals (e.g., Co^{III} , Rh^{III} , Ir^{III} , Ru^{II}) have attracted significant attentions due to their versatile reactivity and selectivity, good functional group tolerance, and stability. Through the continuous efforts of chemists, three main strategies have been developed to enable half-sandwich d^6 -metal-catalyzed asymmetric C–H activation. The first strategy involves the use of tailor-made chiral Cp^x ligands to bind with Co^{III} , Rh^{III} , or Ir^{III} , or chiral arene ligands to bind with Ru^{II} . The chiral Cp^x or chiral arene pre-coordinating strategy is powerful for its broad substrate scope and various functionalization. Besides, several types of well-designed monodentate chiral carboxylic acids (CCAs) have also been developed to realize half-sandwich d^6 -metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization reactions. The third strategy takes advantage of a chiral transient directing group (cTDG). Some other specialized strategies have also been disclosed, including enantioselective alkylation of olefins enabled by disulfonates, transition-metal/organocatalyst synergetic catalysis and so on. These works have greatly promote the development of enantioselective C–H activation and provide efficient and convenient methods to access diverse chiral skeletons. In this graphical review, we have summarized the rapid progress made on half-sandwich d^6 -metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation in the past years, which was categorized according to different metal catalysts. We hope that this graphical review will stimulate further researches on the development of novel chiral ligands and strategies in this emerging research topic.²

Biographical Sketches



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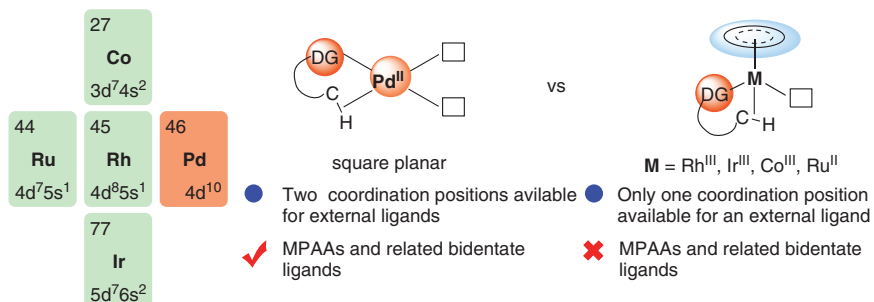
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Development of high-valent-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization

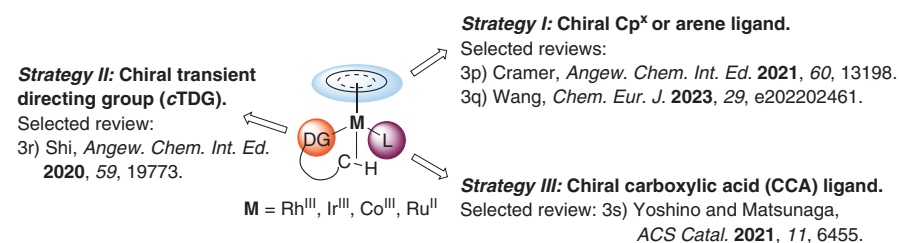


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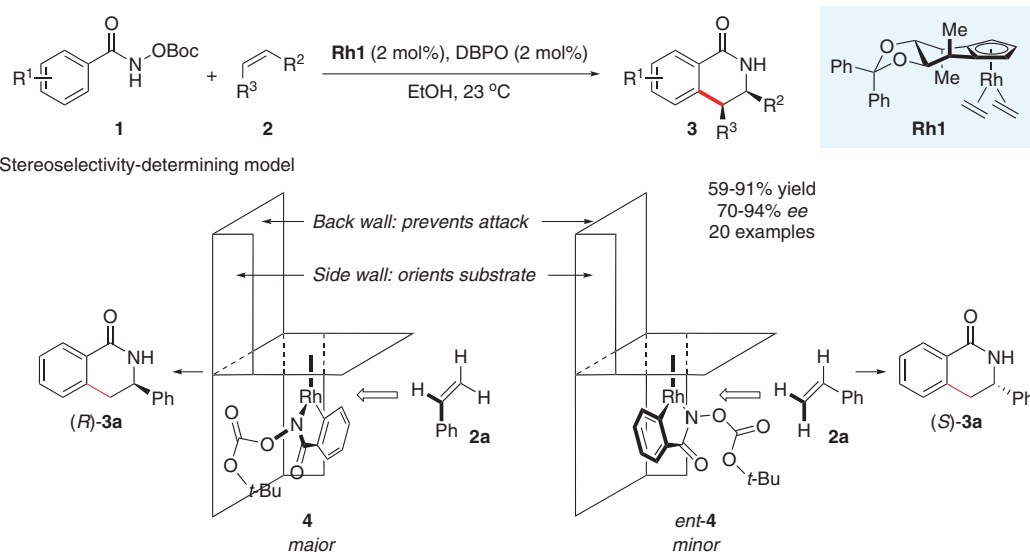
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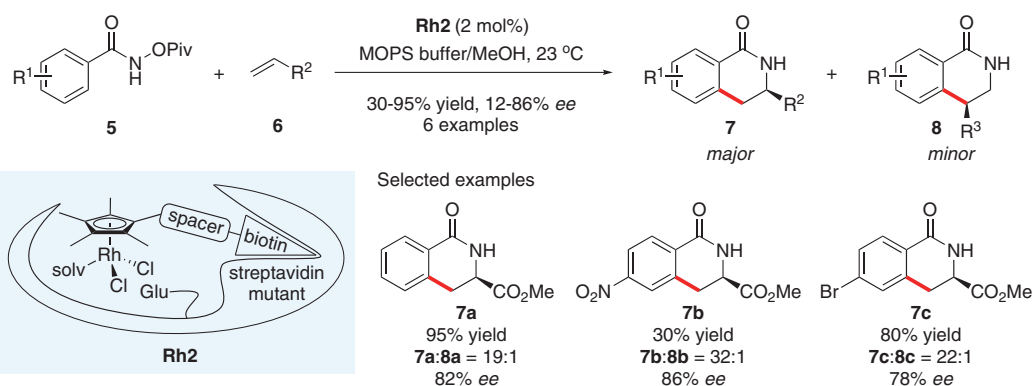
Three main strategies for half-sandwich d⁶-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation

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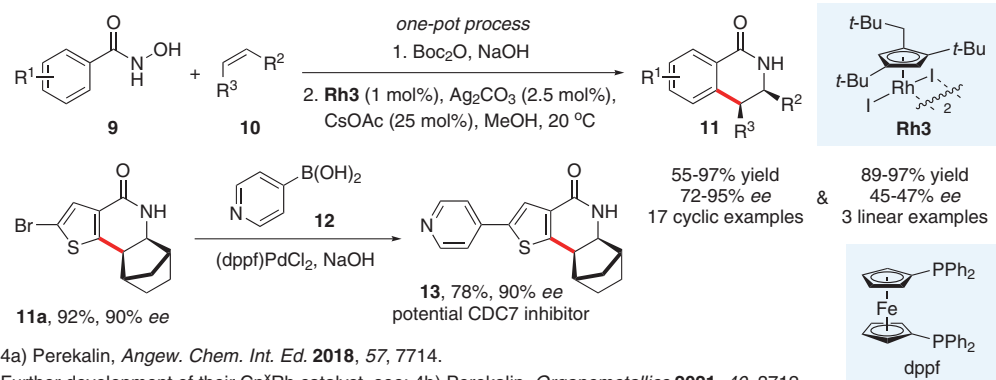
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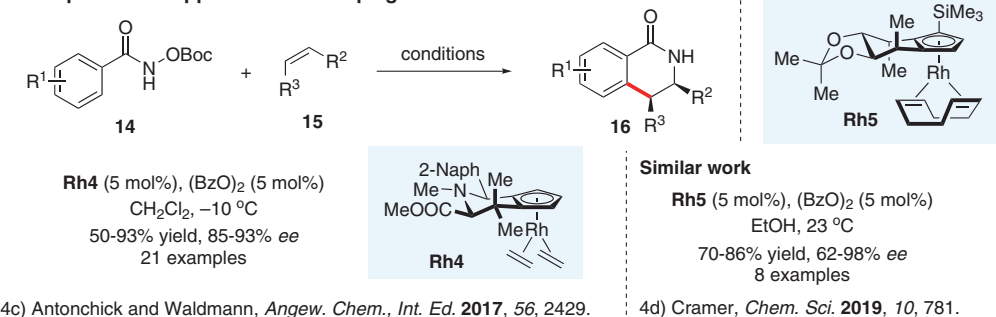
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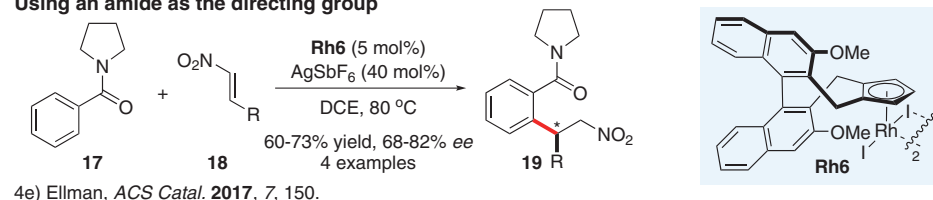
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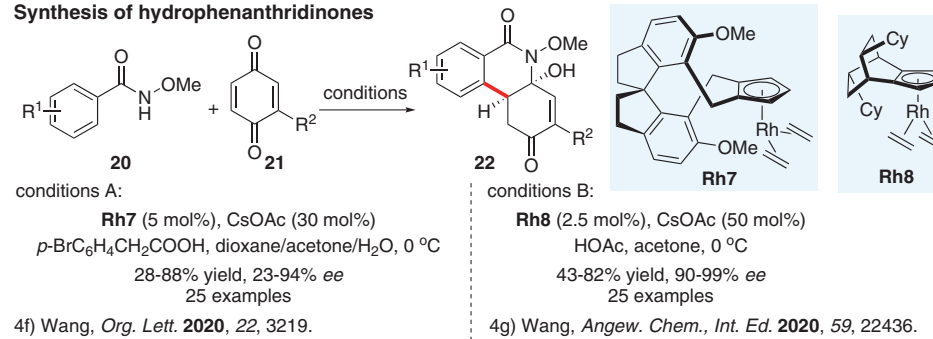
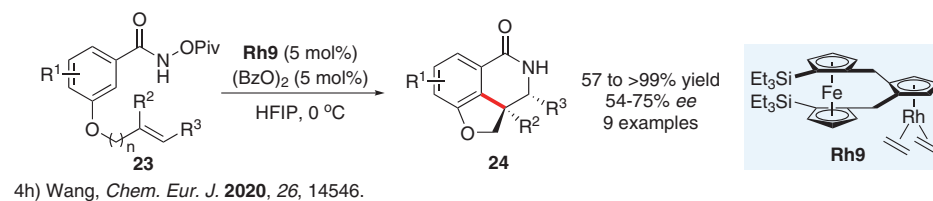
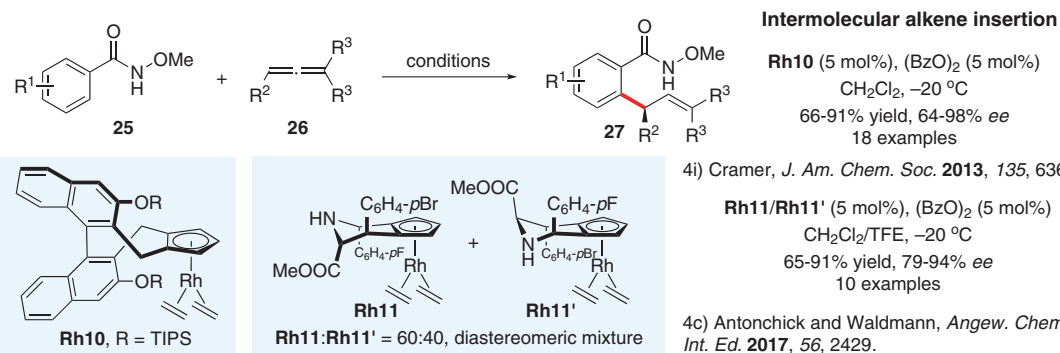
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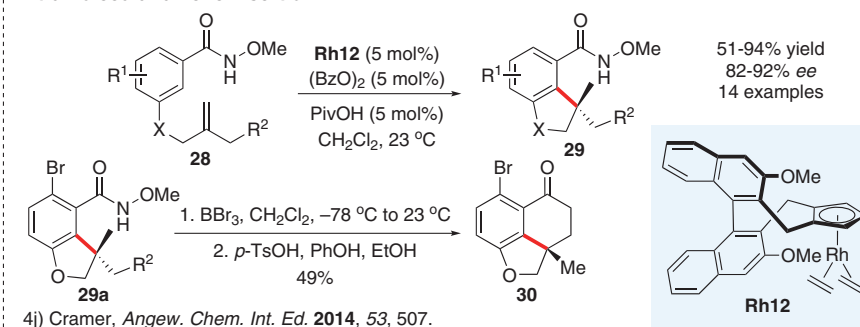
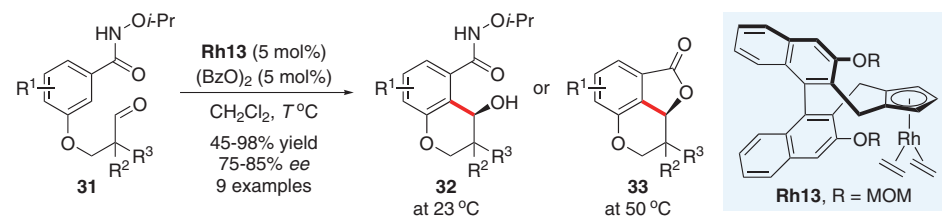


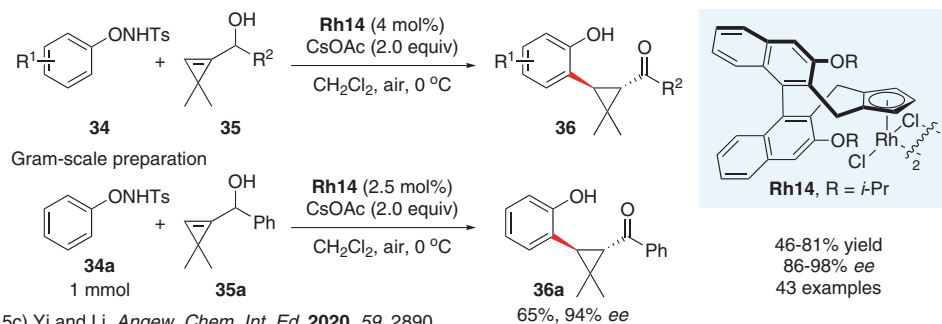
Figure 2 Chiral Cp*Rh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation with olefins^{4a–j}

Intramolecular C–C coupling *via* enantioselective C–H activation

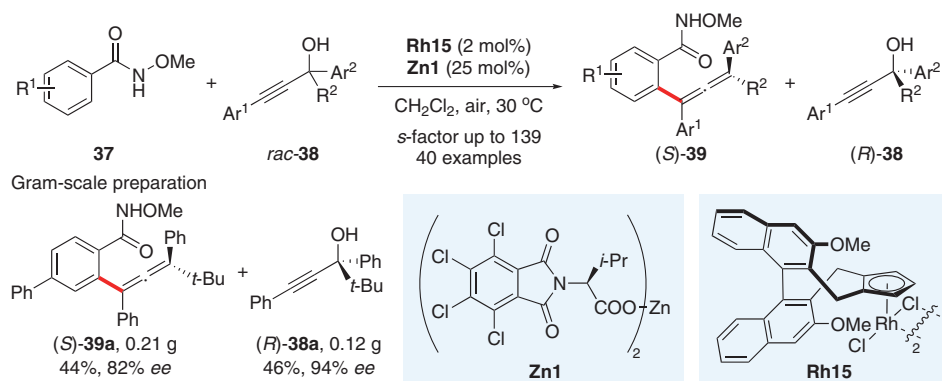
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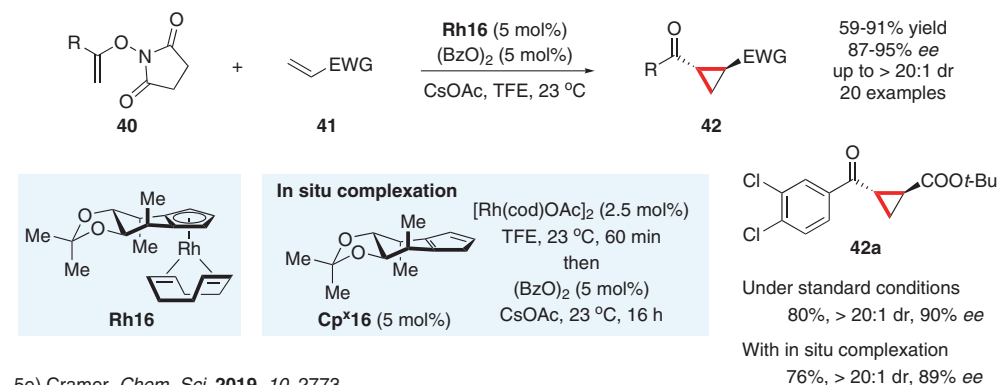
Construction of two C-stereogenic center in a single step



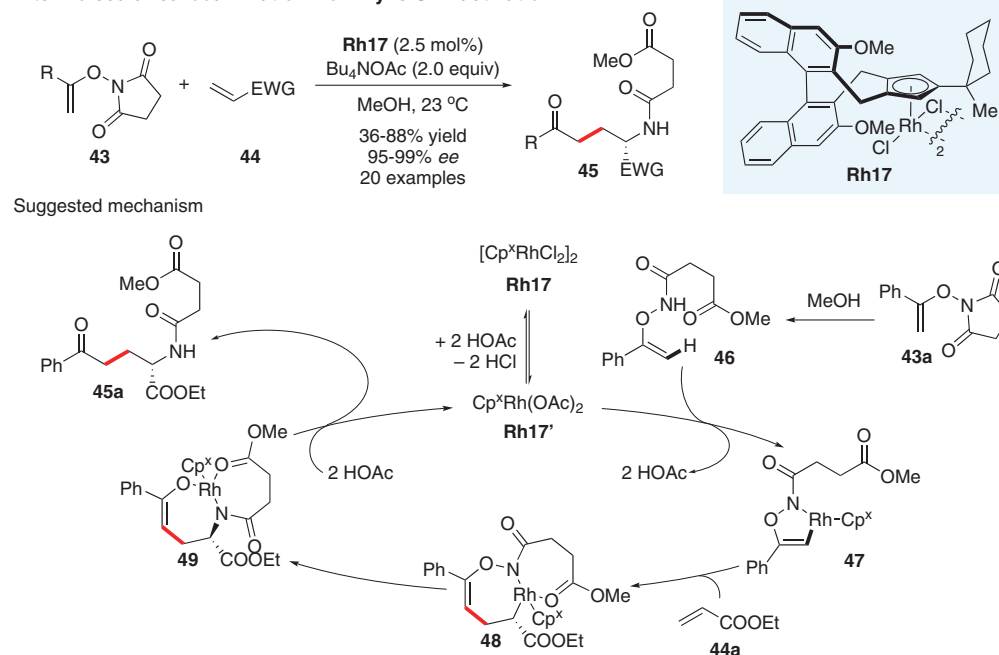
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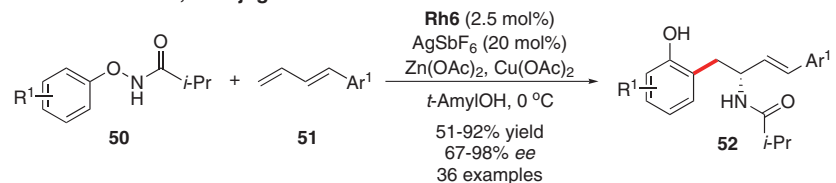
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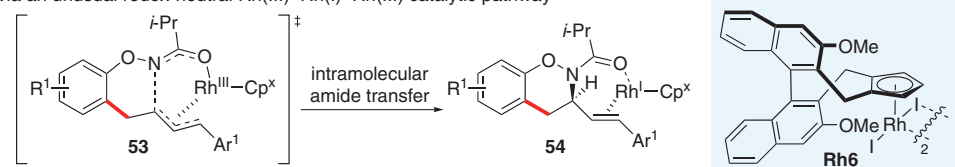
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Figure 3 Chiral Cp^{*}Rh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation/nucleophilic addition with alkenes, alkynes and aldehydes^{5a–f}

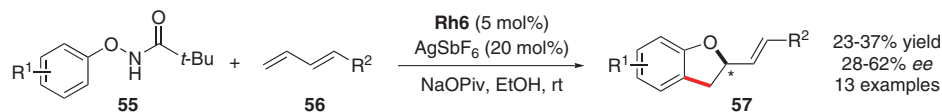
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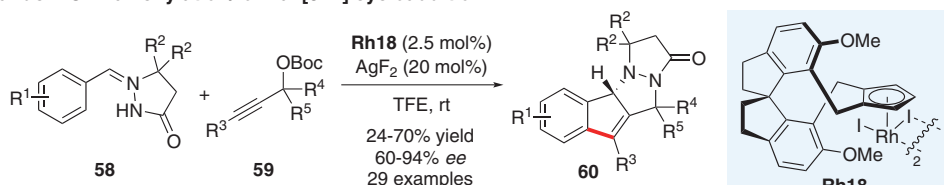
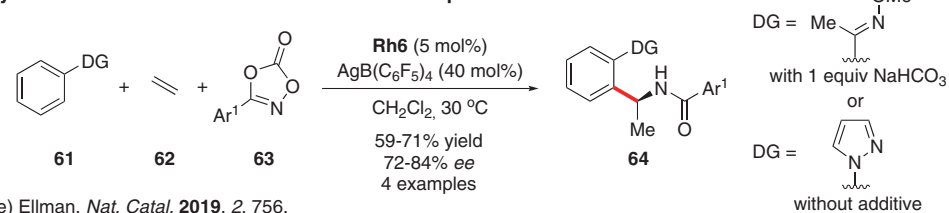
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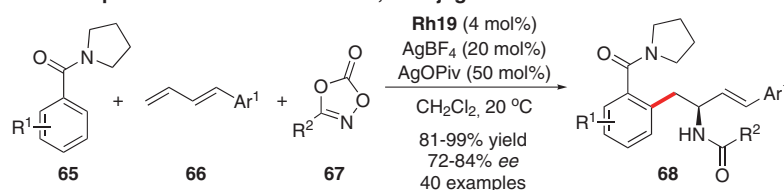
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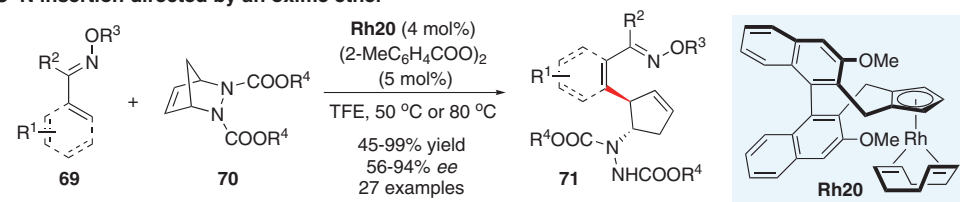
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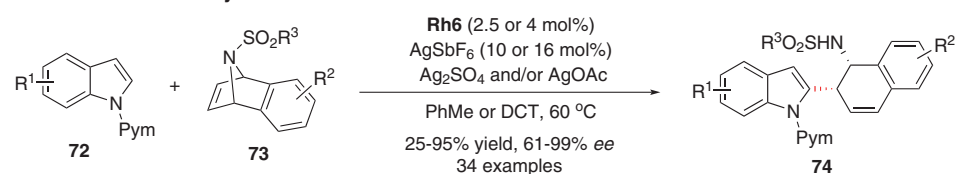
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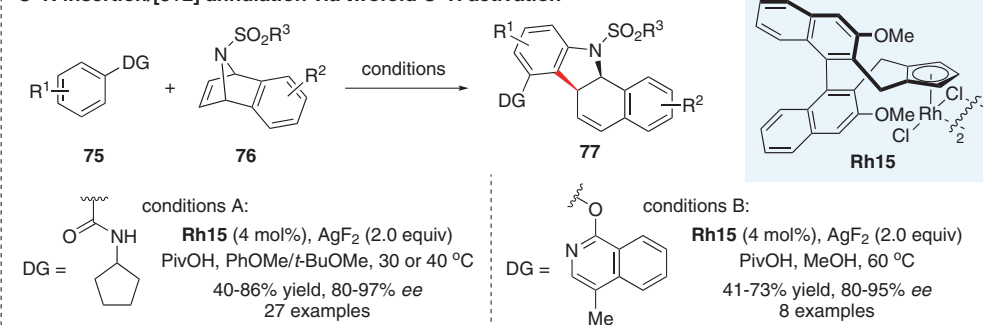
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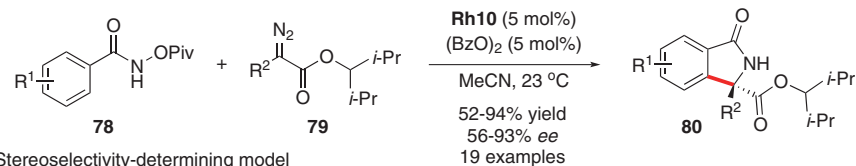
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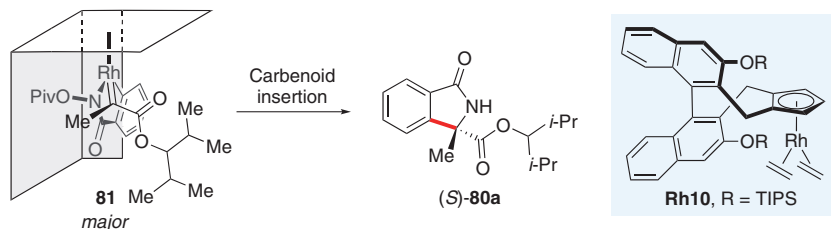
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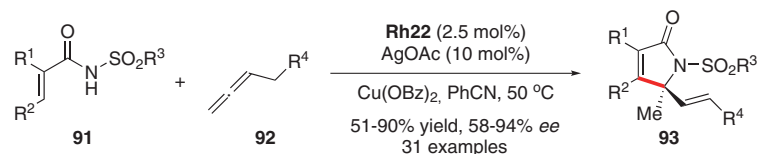
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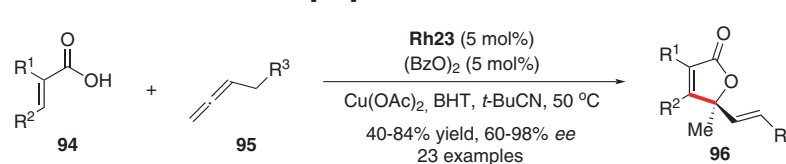
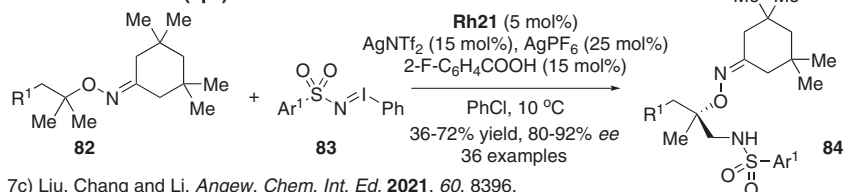
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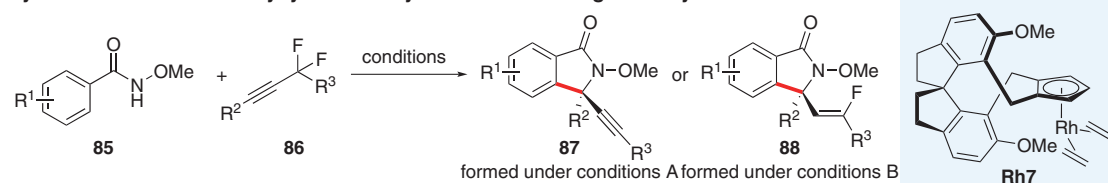
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Asymmetric formation of alkynyl and alkenyl isoindolinones regulated by solvents



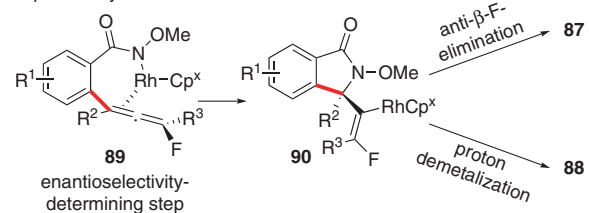
conditions A:

Rh7 (6 mol%)
(BzO)₂ (6 mol%)
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MeOH, 40 °C
32-86% yield
93-99% ee
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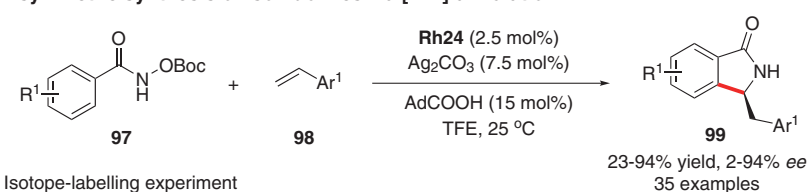
conditions B:

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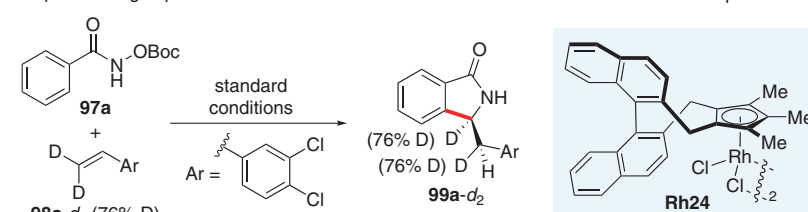
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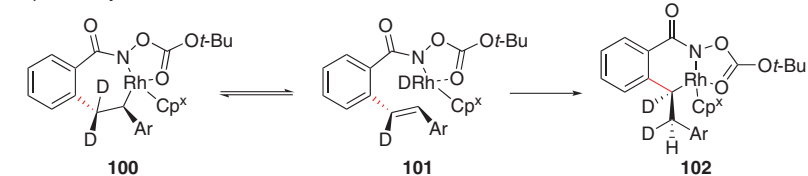
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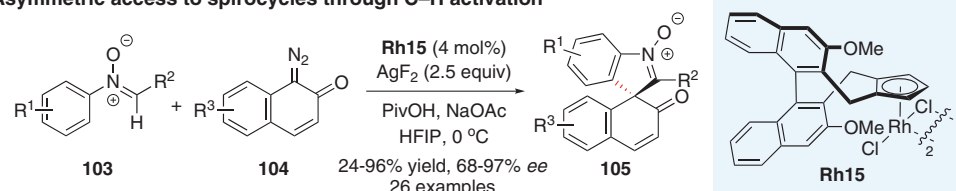
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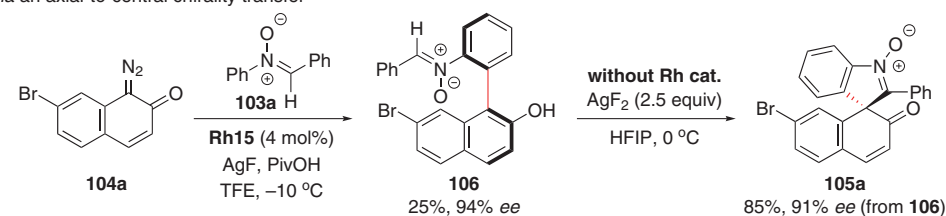
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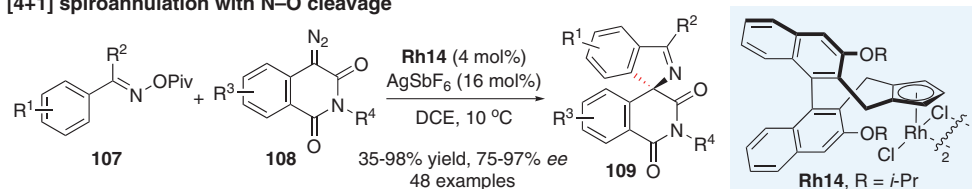
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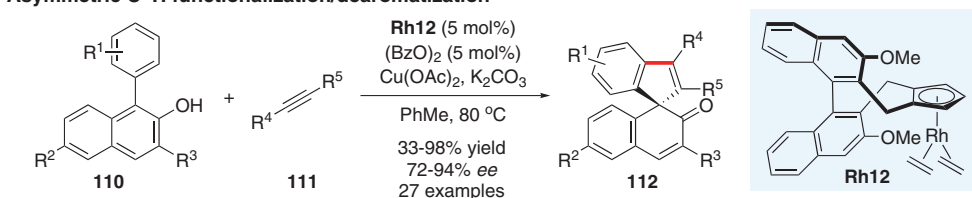
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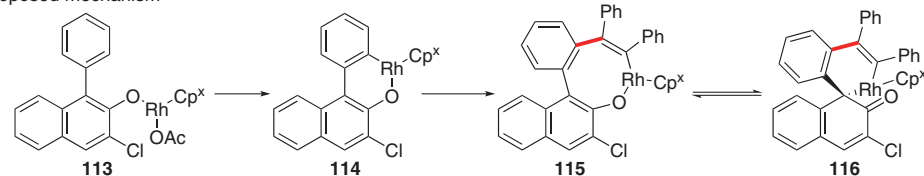
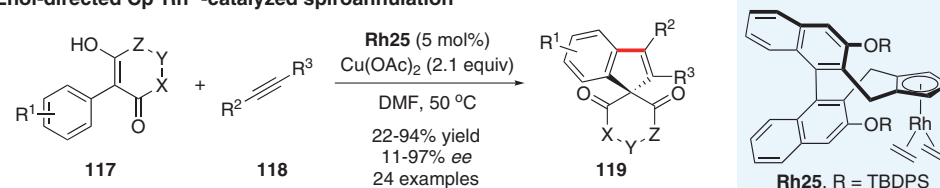
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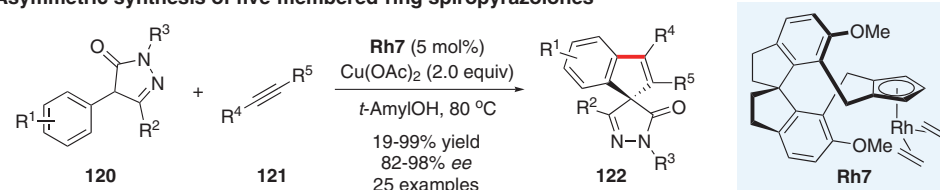
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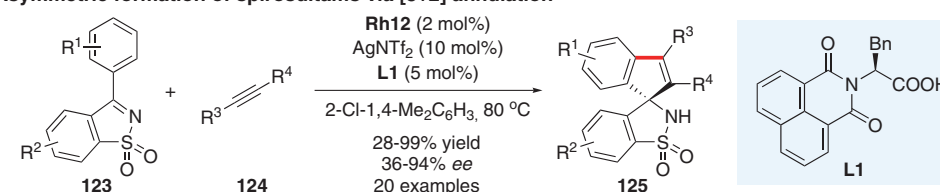
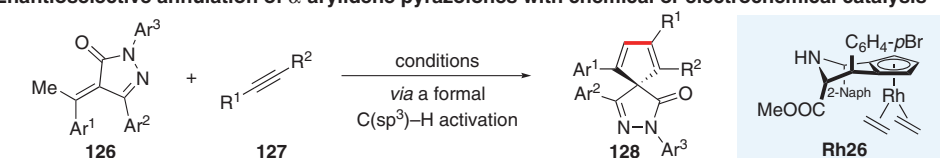
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8c) You, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 4880. For DFT studies, see: 8d) You, *ACS Catal.* **2016**, *6*, 262.Enol-directed $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}^{\text{III}}$ -catalyzed spiroannulation8e) Lam, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 13975.

Asymmetric synthesis of five-membered-ring spiropyrazolones

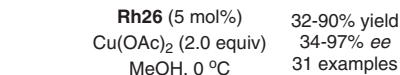
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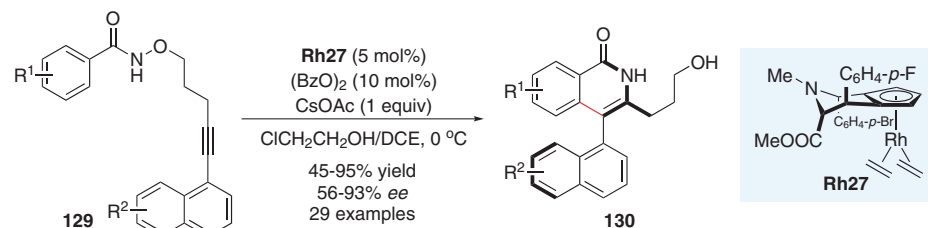
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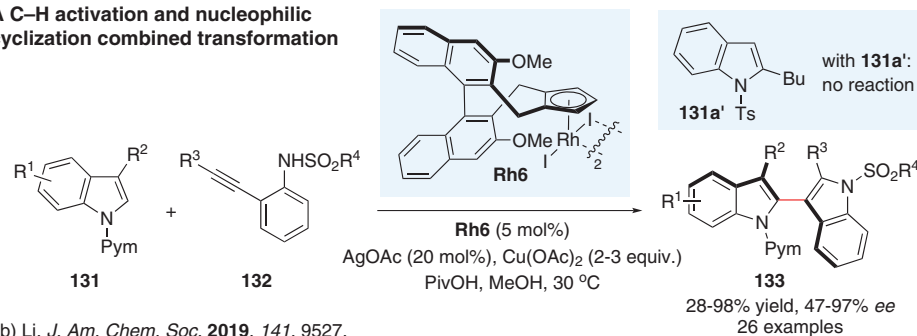
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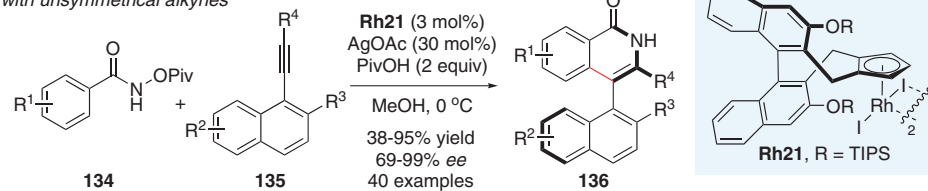
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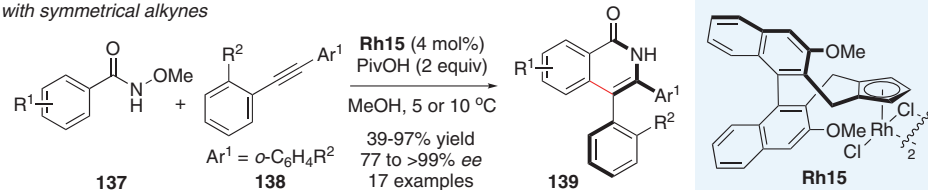
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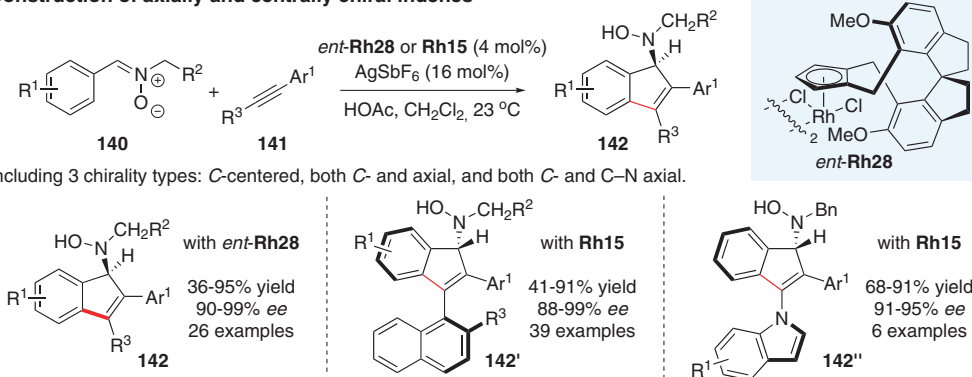
Intermolecular [4+2] annulation with sterically hindered alkynes with unsymmetrical alkynes



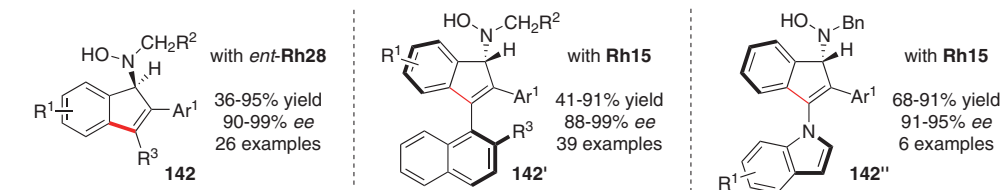
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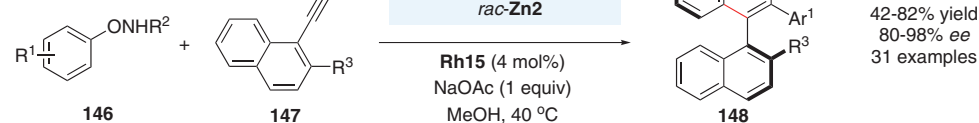
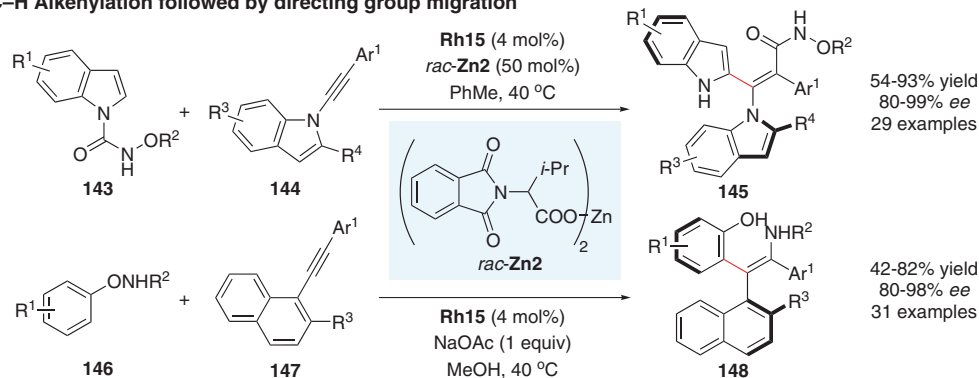
Construction of axially and centrally chiral indenes



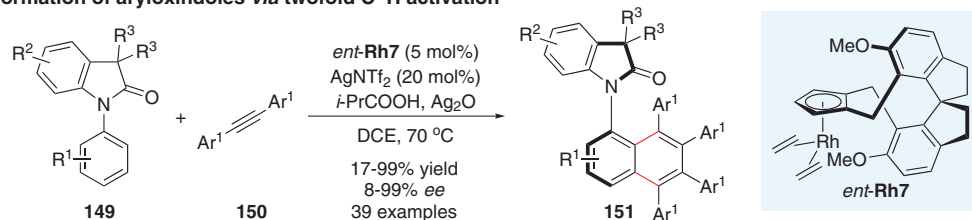
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9d) Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 16628.

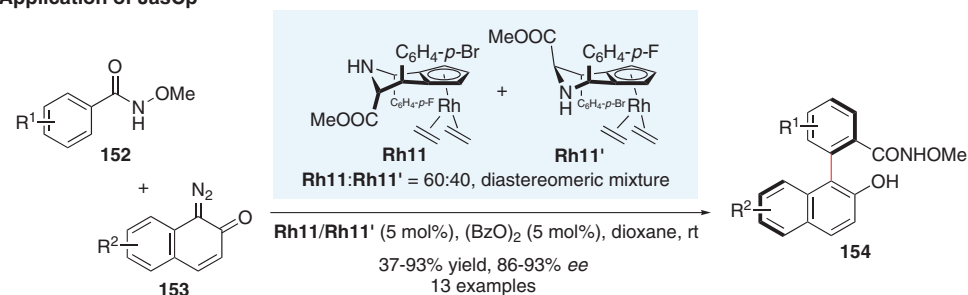
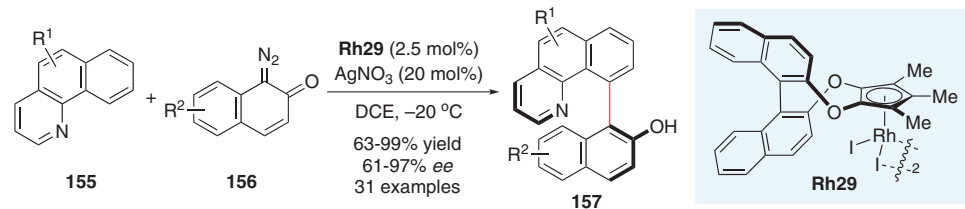
C–H Alkenylation followed by directing group migration

9e) Wang and Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202111860.

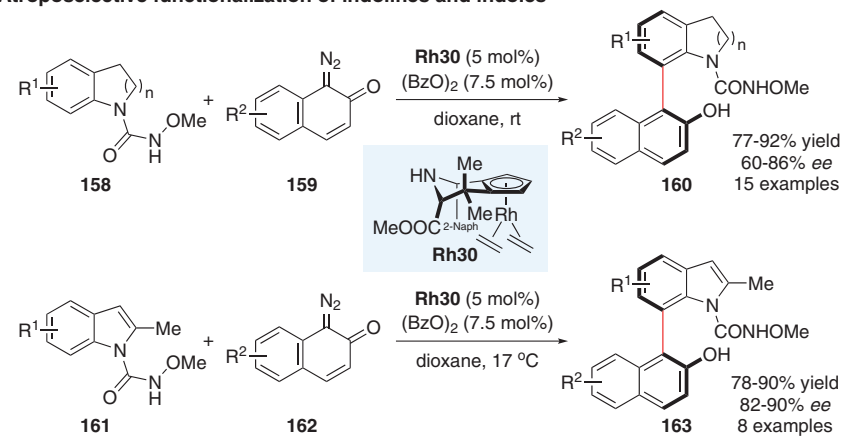
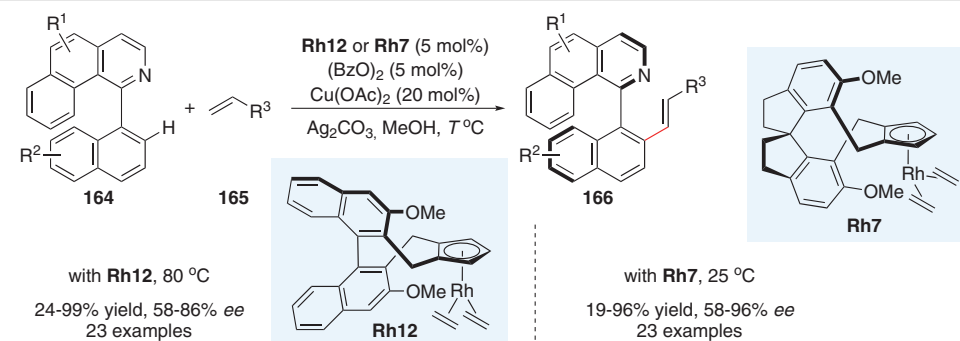
Formation of aryloxindoles via twofold C–H activation

9f) Wang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 6732. Also see: 9g) Wang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202201522.Figure 7 Asymmetric construction of axially chiral compounds via chiral Cp*Rh-catalyzed annulations with alkynes^{9a–g}

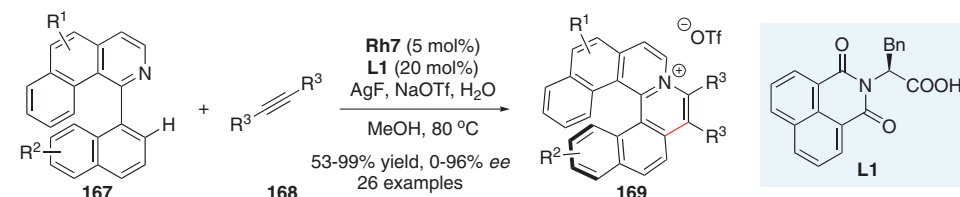
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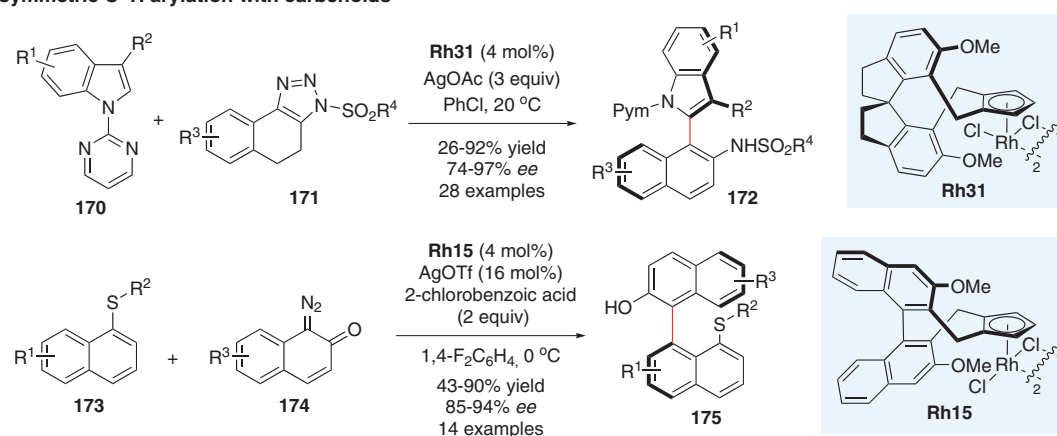
Atroposelective functionalization of indolines and indoles

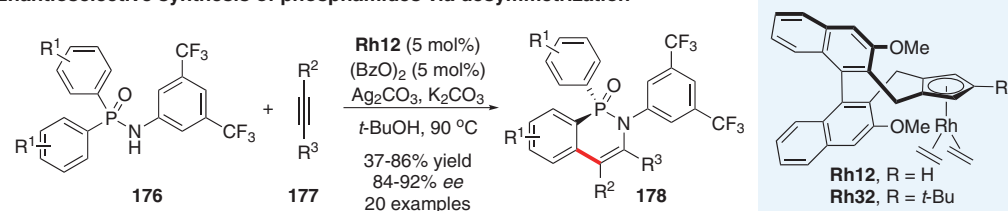
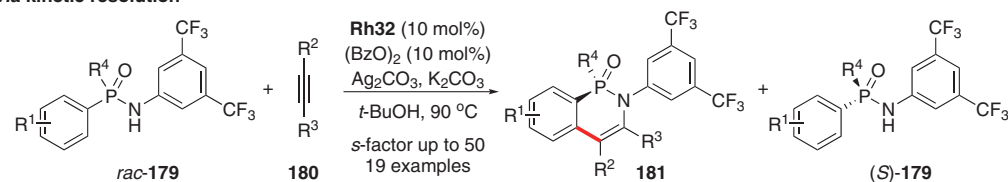
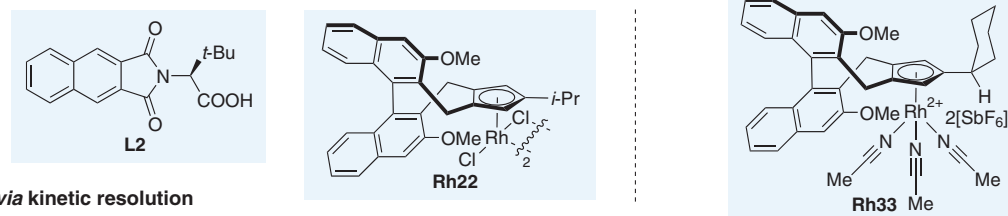
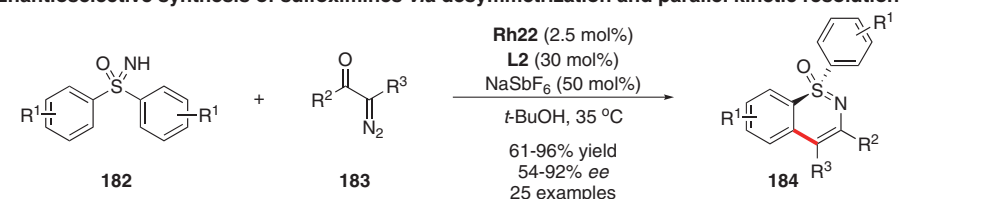
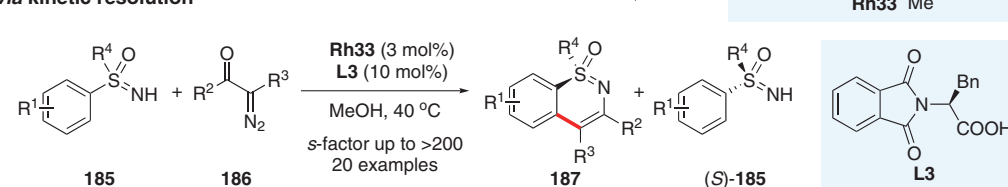
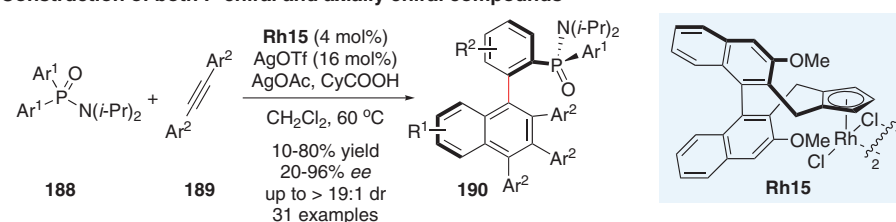
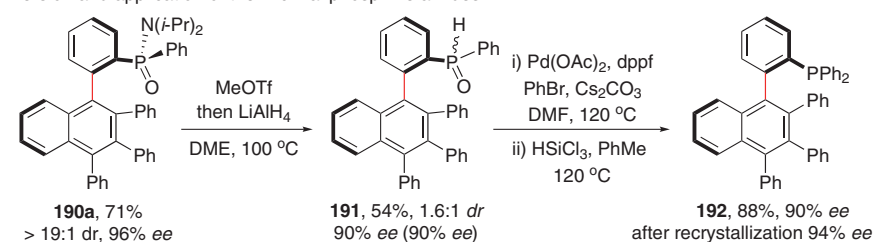
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Enantioselective construction of azoniahelicenes

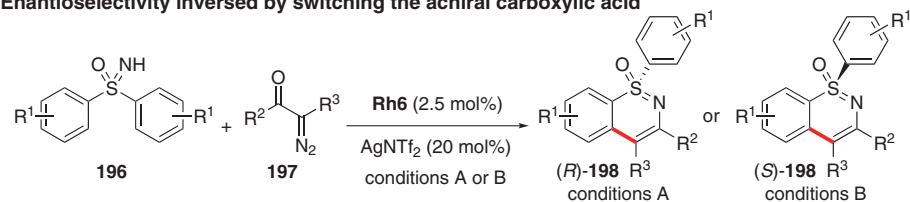
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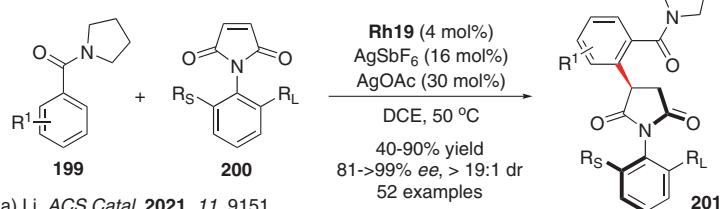
10f) Li, *Org. Lett.* **2022**, *24*, 3189.**Figure 8** Chiral Cp^{*}Rh-catalyzed asymmetric formation of axially chiral compounds and chiral helicenes^{4c,10a–f}

Enantioselective synthesis of phosphamides *via* desymmetrization*via* kinetic resolution11a) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 364. 11b) Cramer, *Chem. Sci.* **2018**, *9*, 2981.Enantioselective synthesis of sulfoximines *via* desymmetrization and parallel kinetic resolution*via* kinetic resolution11c) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 15539. 11d) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 8902.Construction of both *P*-chiral and axially chiral compoundsConversion and application of the *P*-chiral phosphine amides11e) Wang and Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 20424.

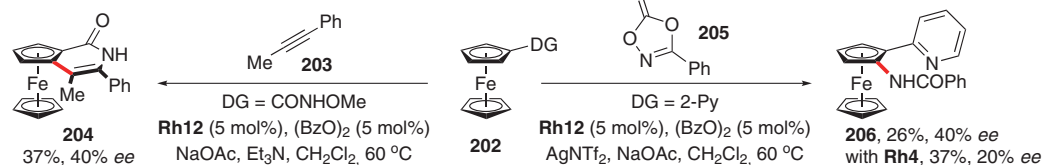
Enantioselectivity inverted by switching the achiral carboxylic acid

11f) Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 15534.Figure 9 Synthesis of *P*- and *S*-stereogenic compounds *via* chiral Cp*Rh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization^{11a–f}

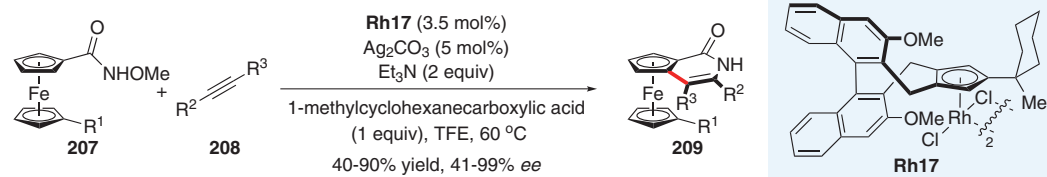
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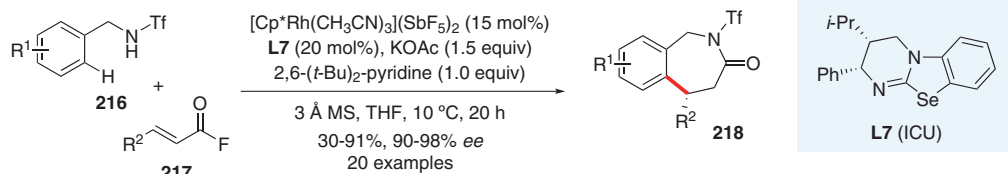
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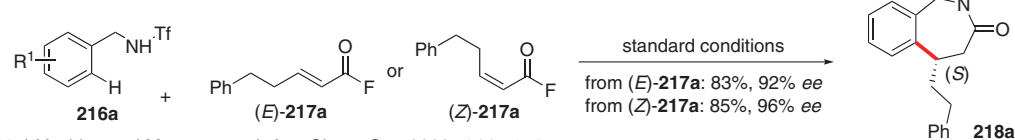
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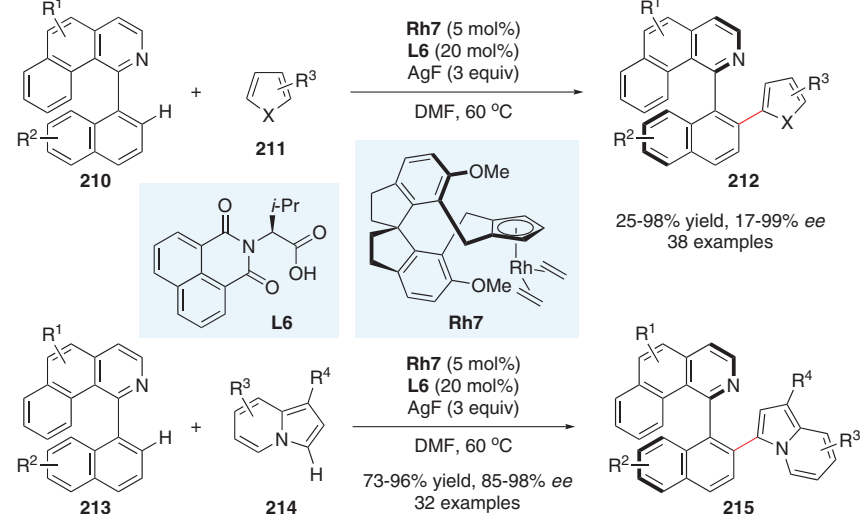
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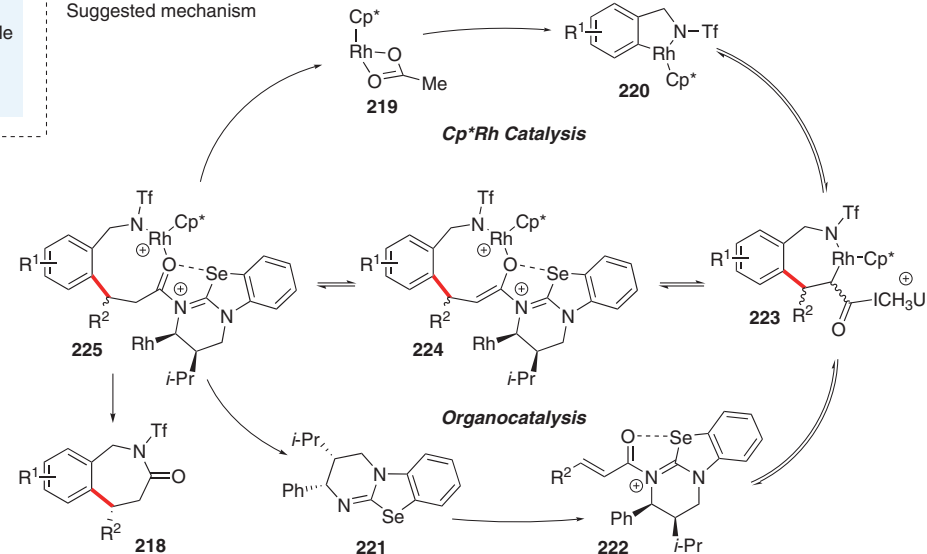
Control experiment: reversible alkene insertion; probably not the enantio-determining step

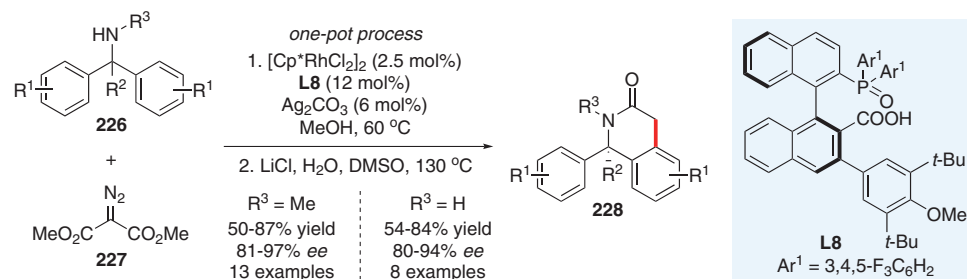
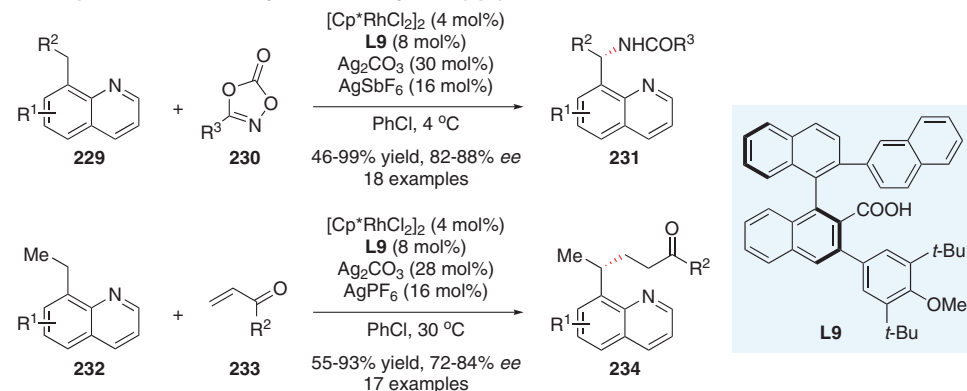
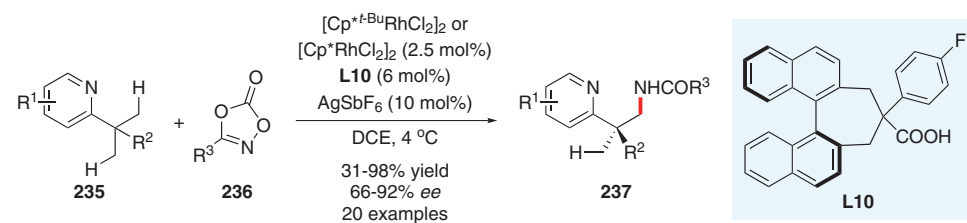
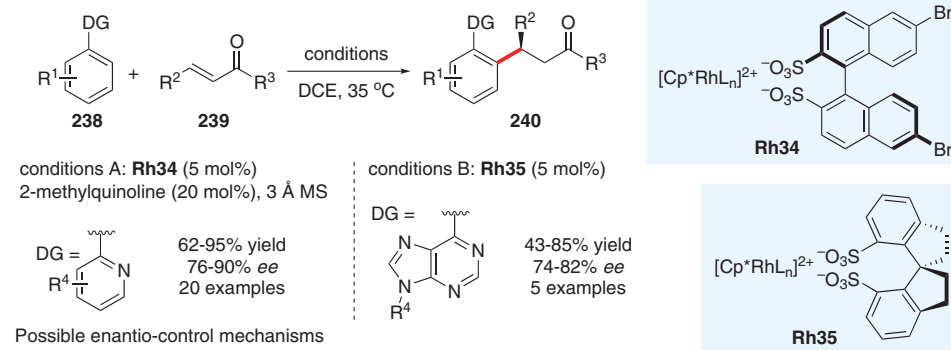
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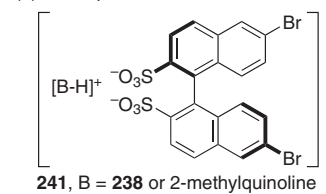
Suggested mechanism

**Figure 10** Construction of compounds with multiple chirality using a chiral Cp*Rh complex or an achiral Cp*Rh species combined with asymmetric organocatalysis^{12a-g}

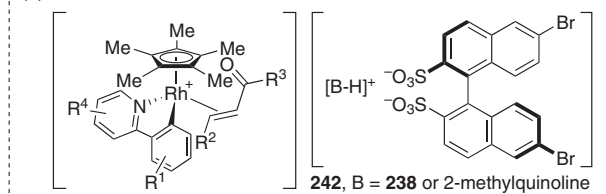
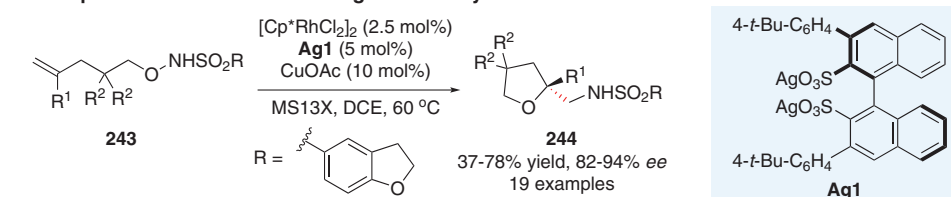
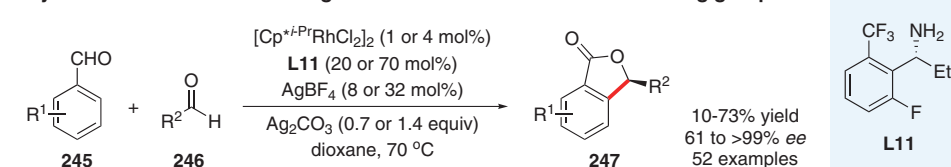
Achiral Cp*Rh^{III}/chiral carboxylic acid catalyzed C(sp²)-H activation
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Development of pseudo-C₂-symmetric acids
13d) Lin, Yoshino and Matsunaga, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 4271.
Enantioselective C-H activation controlled by disulfonates


Possible enantio-control mechanisms

(a) Chiral proton source

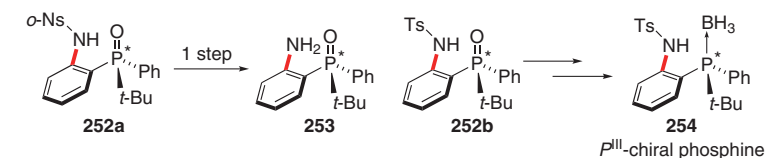
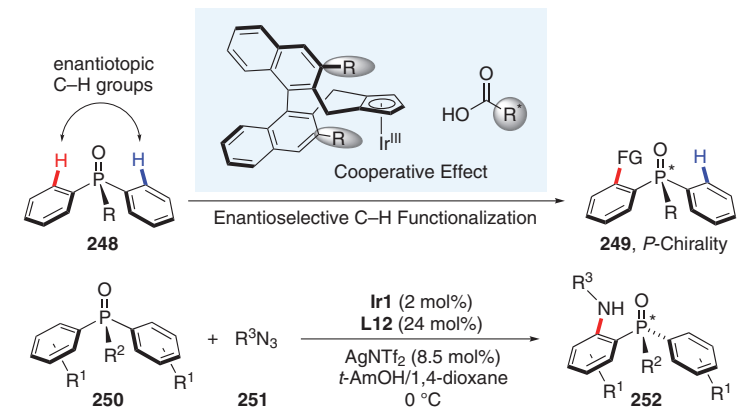


(b) Chiral counteranion

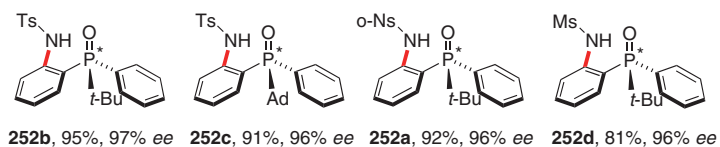

Development of chiral disulfonate ligands for asymmetric addition of olefins
13e) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Nat. Catal.* **2018**, *1*, 585.13f) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 15187.
Asymmetric C-H activation using an amine as a chiral transient directing group
13g) Wang, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2019**, *25*, 4688.
Figure 11 Cp*Rh^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C-H functionalization enabled by chiral carboxylic acids/disulfonates as ligands or by a chiral amide as a chiral transient directing group^{13a-g}

Enantioselective C–H amidations of phosphine oxides

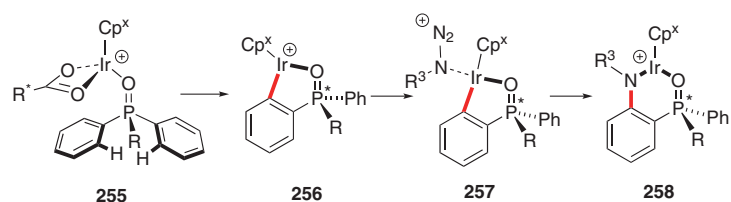
A cooperative effect of a chiral Cp^xIr^{III}/chiral carboxylic acid pair



Selected scope



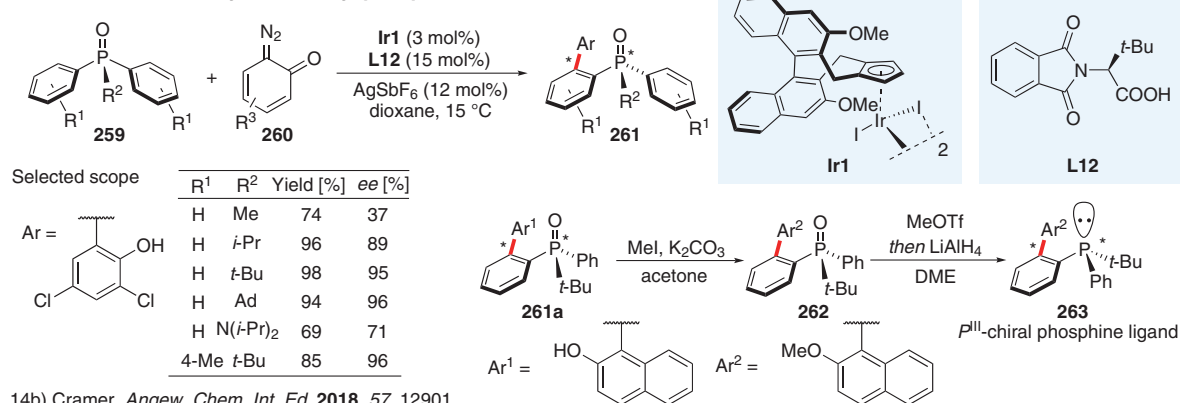
Key intermediates in the proposed catalytic cycle



C–H bond cleavage: The rate-determining and enantio-determining step

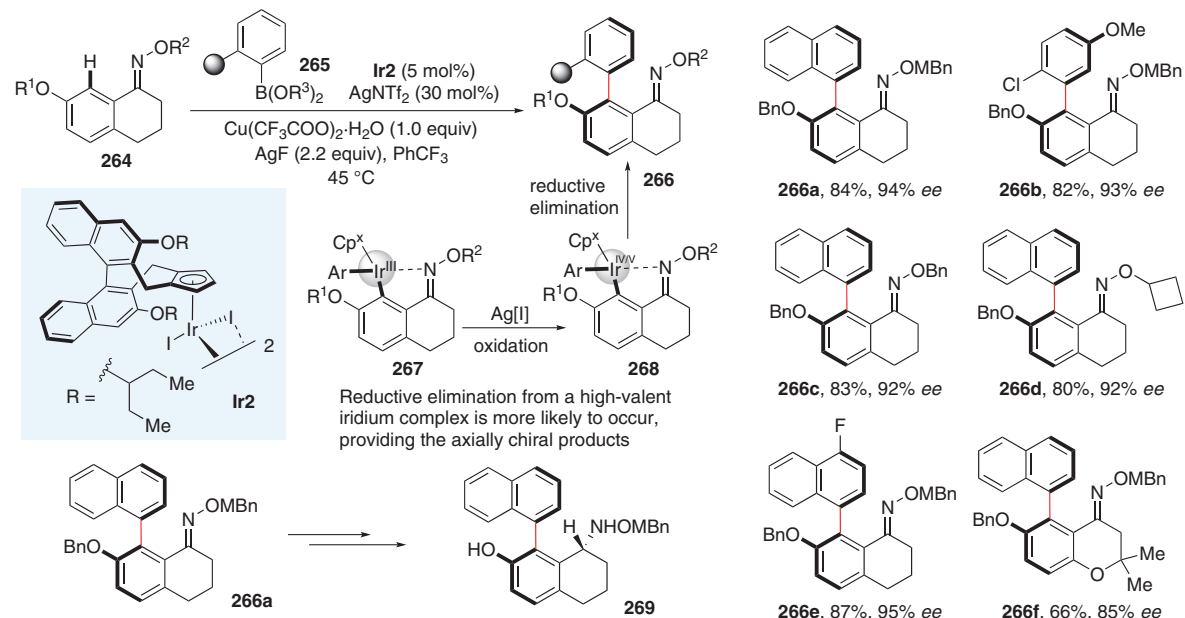
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Access to *P*- and axially chiral biaryl phosphine oxides



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Atroposelective oxidation-enabled C–H arylation

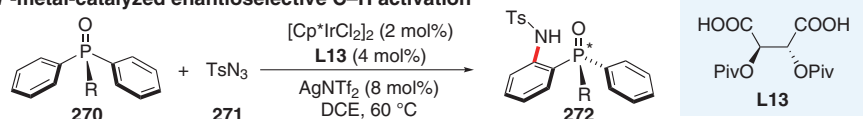


14c) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 18532.

For an application of Cp^xIr^{III}-biomimetic catalysis in asymmetric hydrogenation, see: 14d) Ward, *J. Am. Soc. Chem.* **2013**, *135*, 5384.

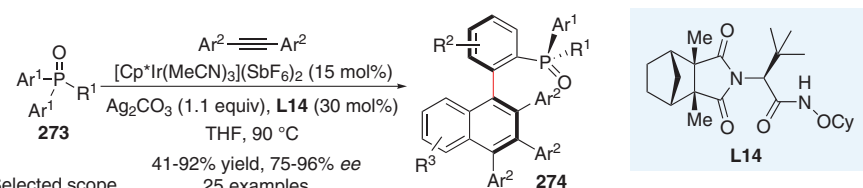
Figure 12 Ir^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization with chiral Cp^xIr^{III}14a–d

An initial attempt using chiral carboxylic acids (CCAs) as ligands in high-valent d^6 -metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation

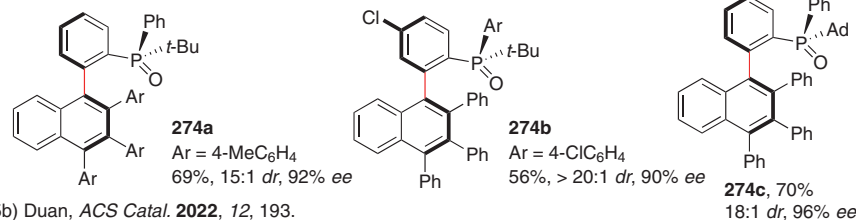


15a) Chang, *Tetrahedron* **2015**, *71*, 4504. 44–91% yield, 11–32% ee, 5 examples

Asymmetric C–H activation of biaryl phosphine oxides

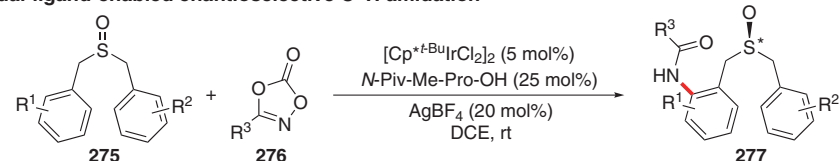


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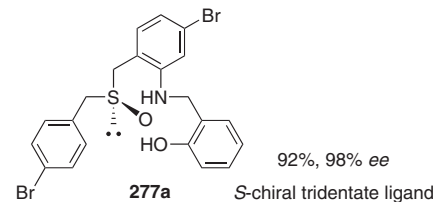


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Dual-ligand-enabled enantioselective C–H amidation

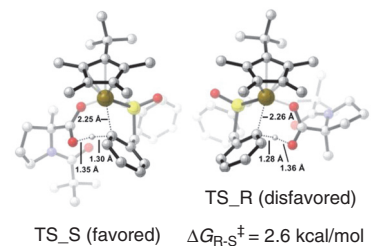


Derivatization of amidated sulfones

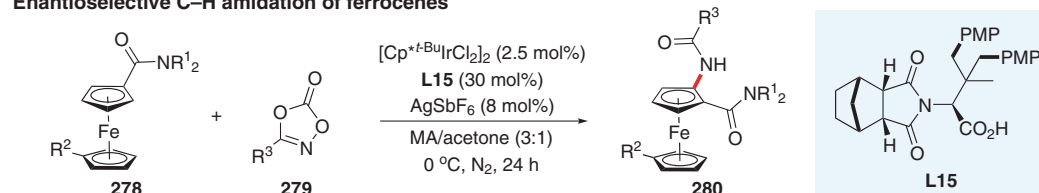


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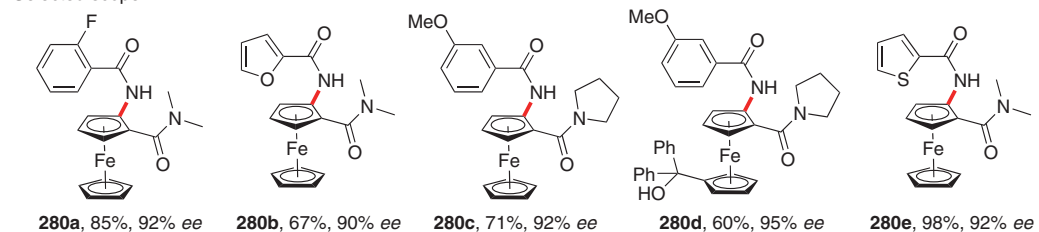
Stereocontrol model



Enantioselective C–H amidation of ferrocenes

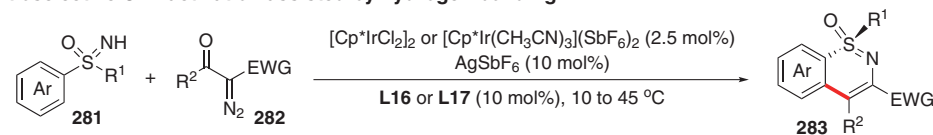


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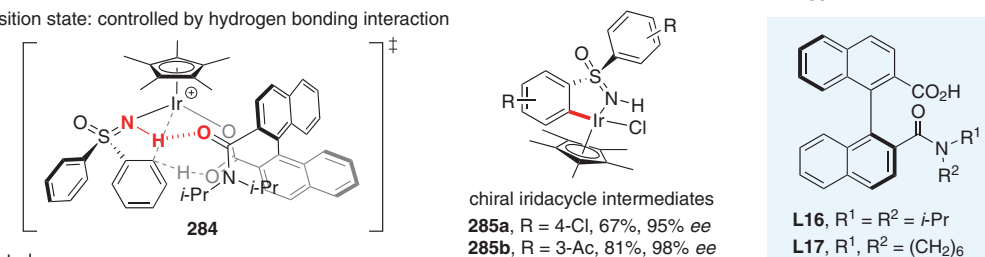


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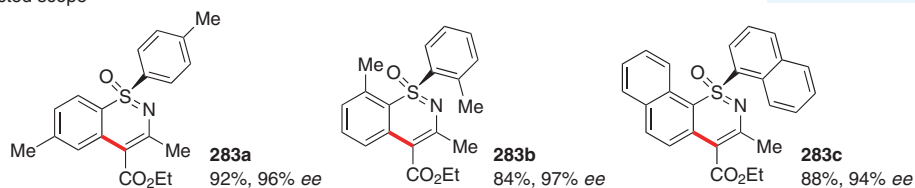
Enantioselective C–H activation assisted by hydrogen bonding



Transition state: controlled by hydrogen bonding interaction

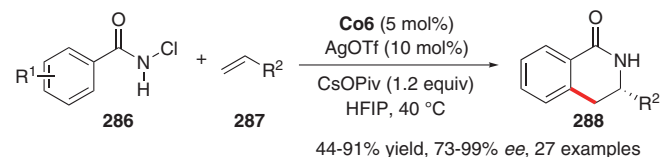


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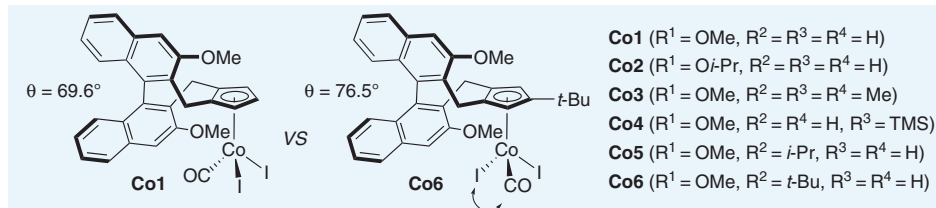


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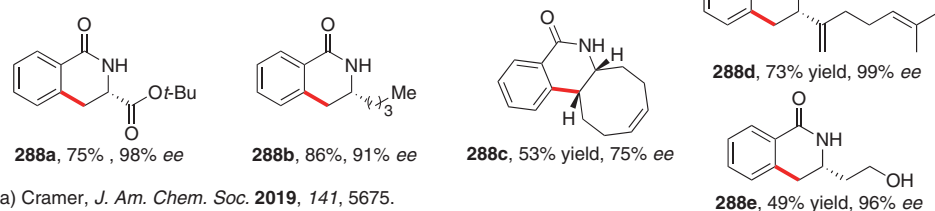
Figure 13 Achiral Cp*Ir^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization using chiral carboxylic acids as ligands^{15a–e}

Chiral Cp*Co^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H alkylation

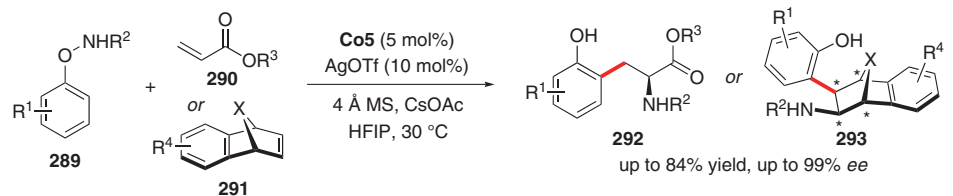
Comparison of Co1 and Co6:

Co6 possesses a greater θ angle and a swapped CO ligand

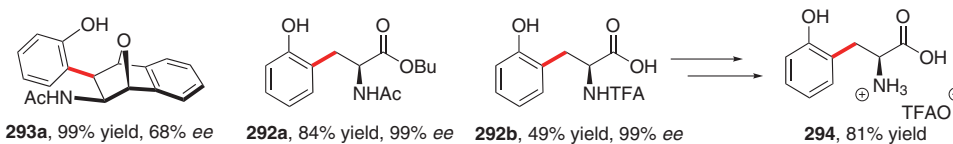
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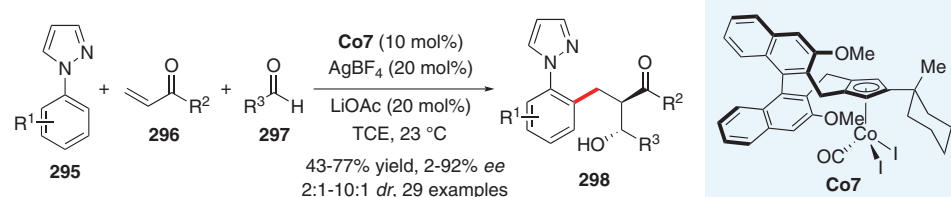
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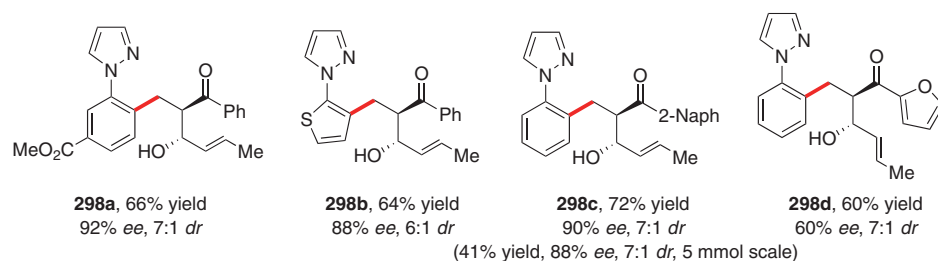
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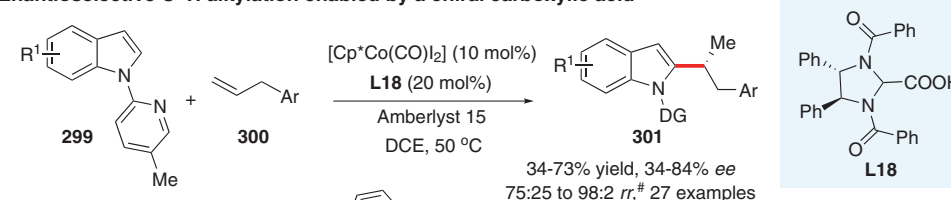
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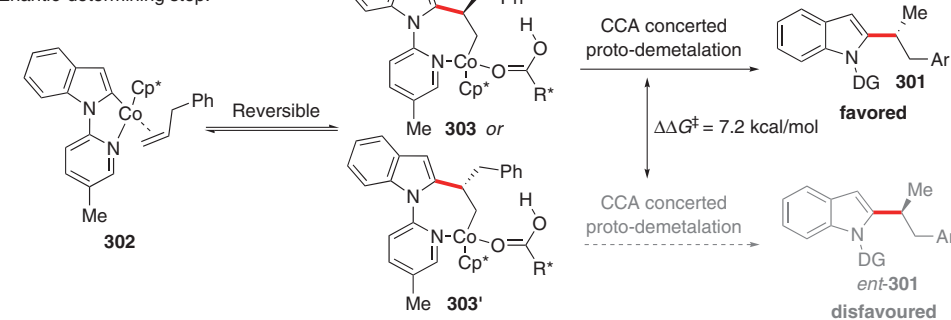
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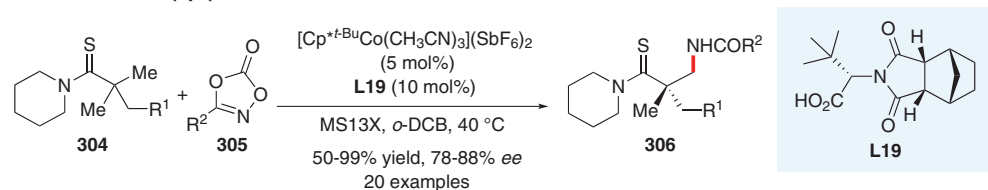
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Enantioselective C–H alkylation enabled by a chiral carboxylic acid

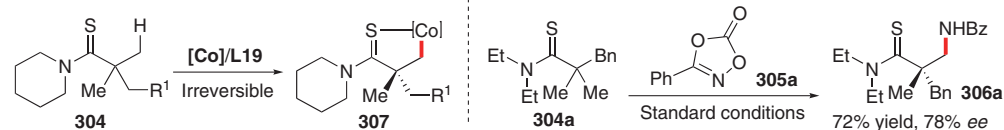


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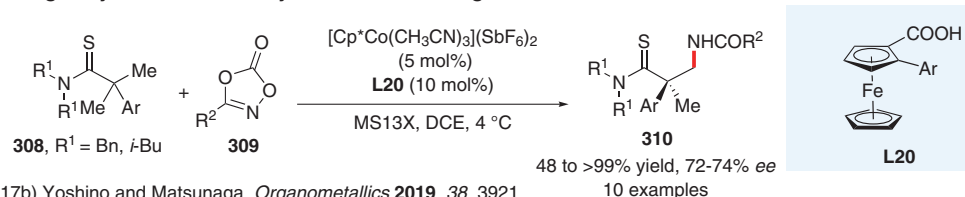
16d) Ackermann, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 15425. [#]Markovnikov:anti-MarkovnikovFigure 14 Cp*Co^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization via asymmetric alkylation^{16a–d}

Enantioselective C(sp³)-H amidation of thioamides

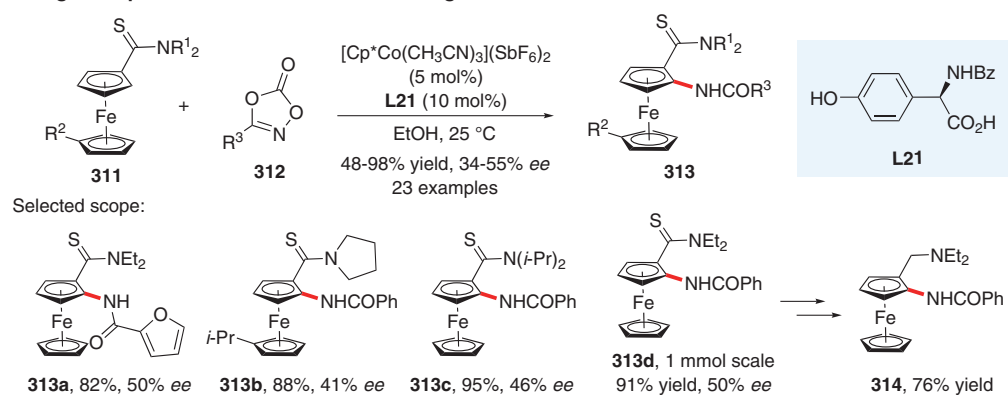
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Using 2-arylferrocene carboxylic acids as chiral ligands

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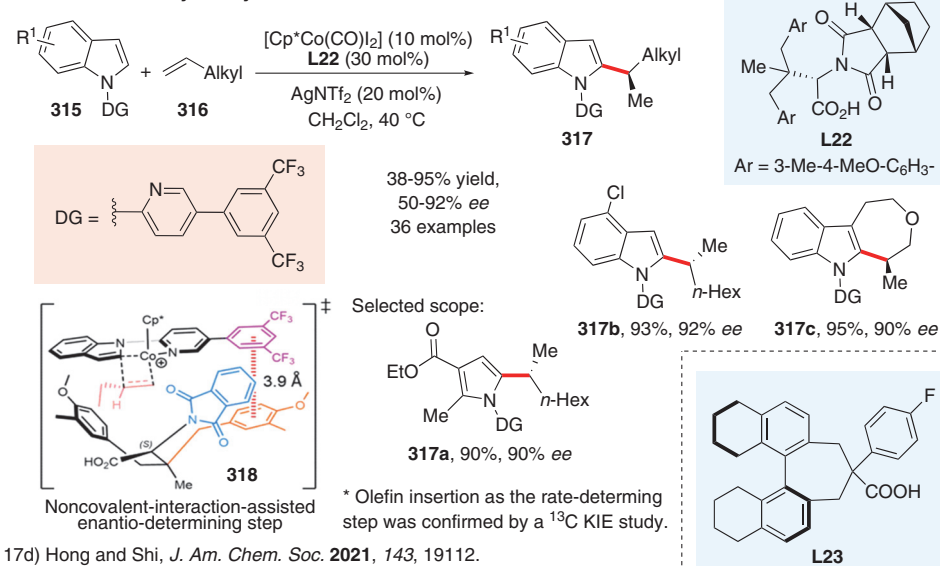
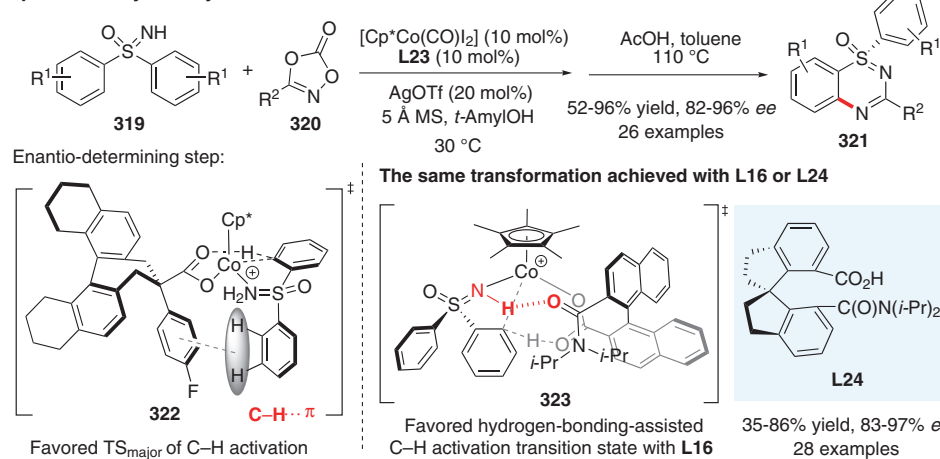
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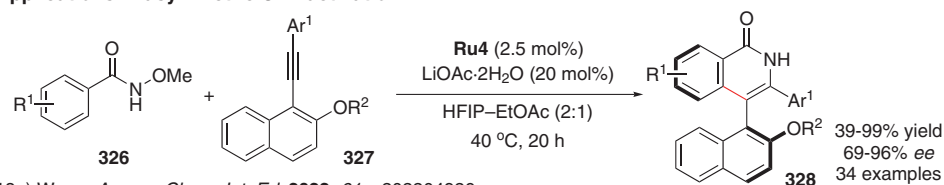
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Synthesis of chiral arene ligands

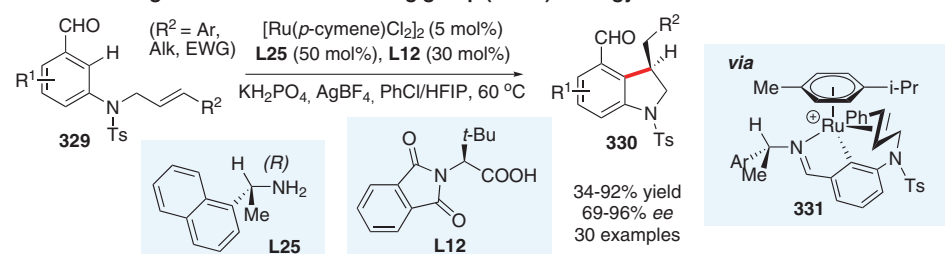


Ru1, R = Et
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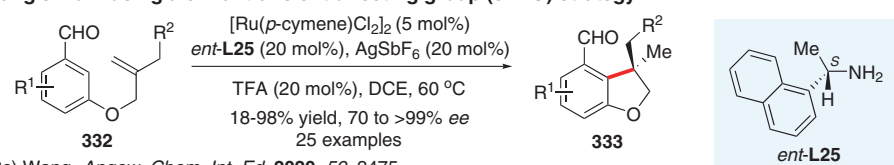
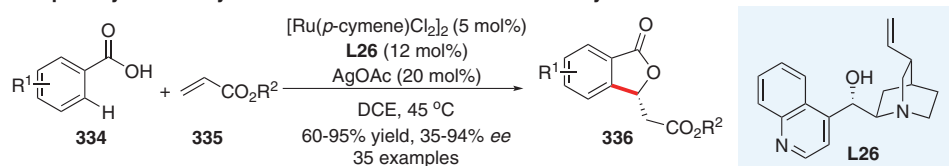
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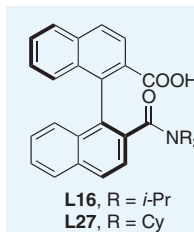
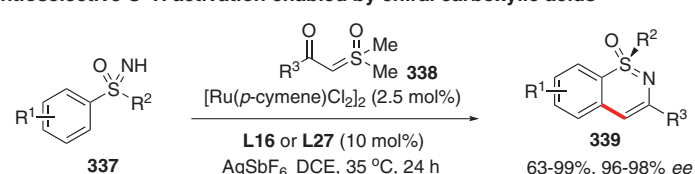
Cui's work using a chiral transient directing group (cTDG) strategy

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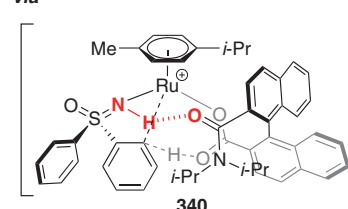
Enantioselective C–H activation enabled by chiral carboxylic acids

Reacted with ketones 341
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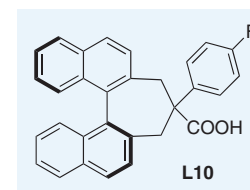
with L16

342, 48-90%, 90 to >99% ee
37 examples

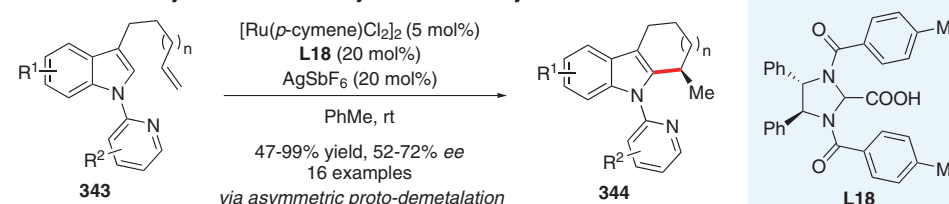
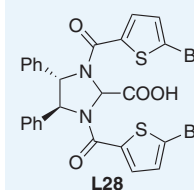
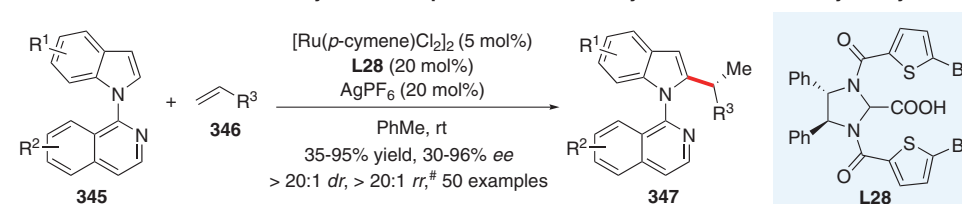
via



Proposed enantiocontrol model transition state with L16

The same transformation with L10
339, 68 to >99%, 52-84% ee
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Enantioselective alkylation controlled by a chiral carboxylic acid

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Conflict of Interest

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