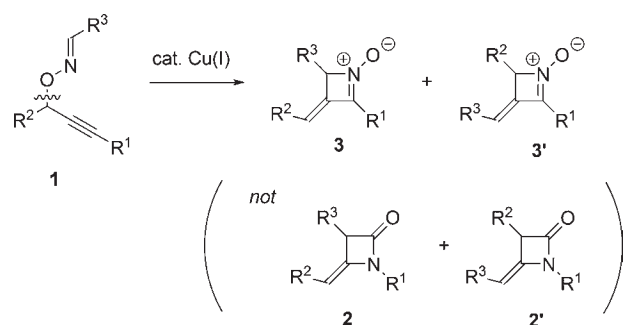


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After publication, we found that the product structure of the copper-catalyzed reaction of **1** was not the  $\beta$ -lactam **2** but the four-membered cyclic nitron **3** by X-ray crystallographic analysis, IR, NMR, and DFT calculations. Therefore, the conclusions from the published data are invalid; the reaction proceeds not via five-bond cleavage but via cleavage of one C–O bond. Accordingly, we withdraw this Communication. We apologize for these mistakes and that the readership of *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* has been misled by the publication of this Communication.



Further investigations including reaction mechanism will be reported in due course.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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