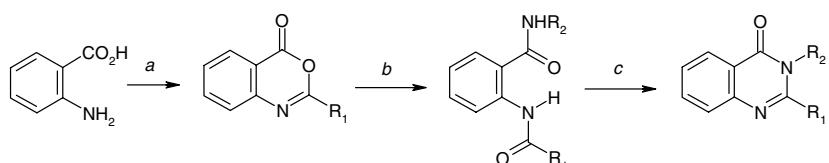


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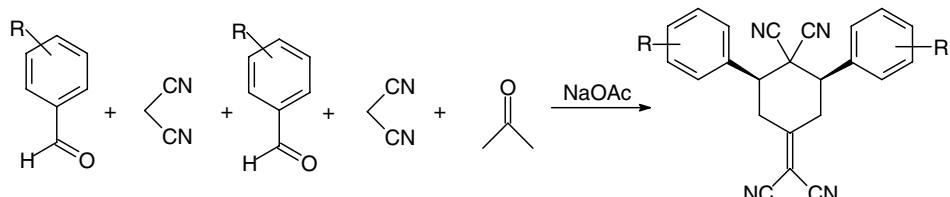
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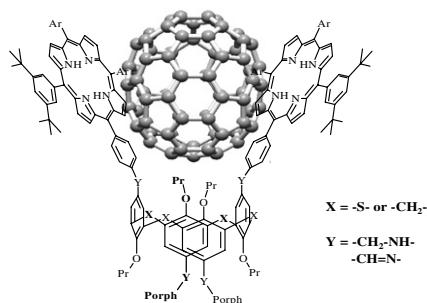
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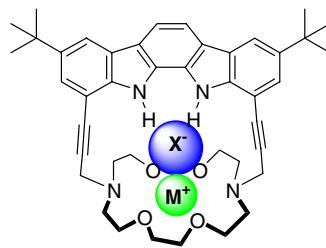


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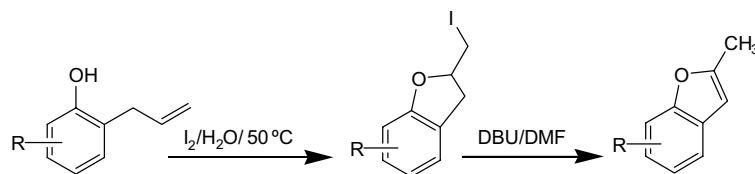
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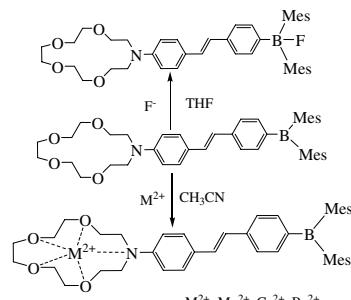
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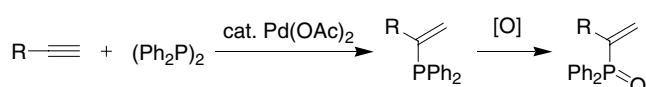
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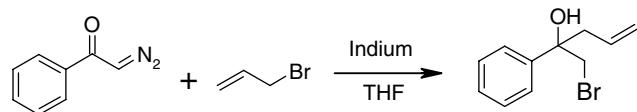
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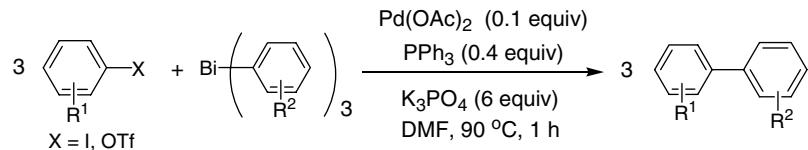
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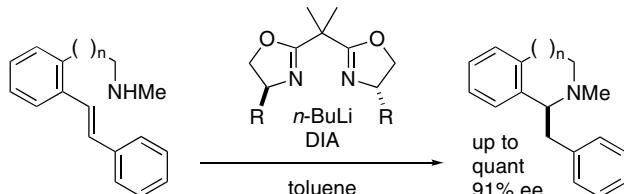
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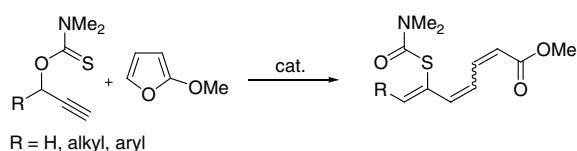
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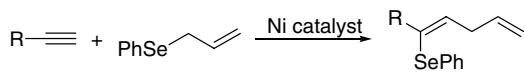
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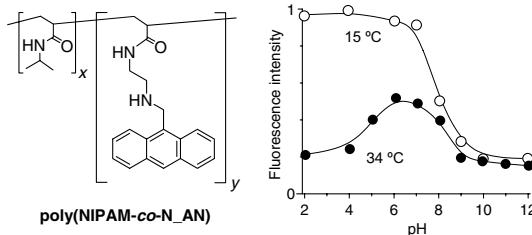
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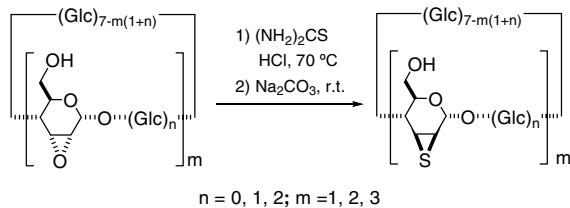
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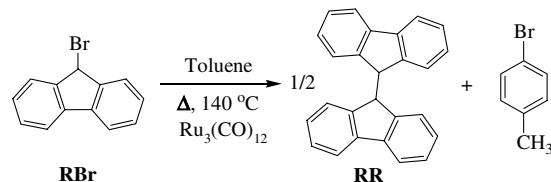
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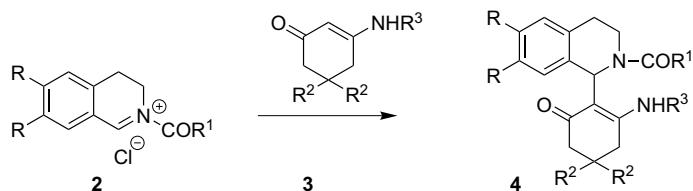
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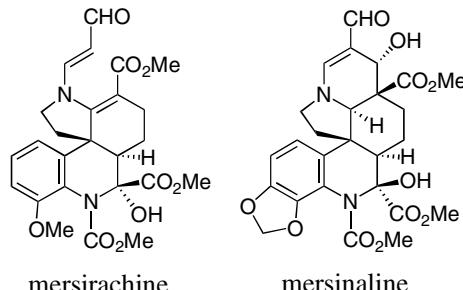
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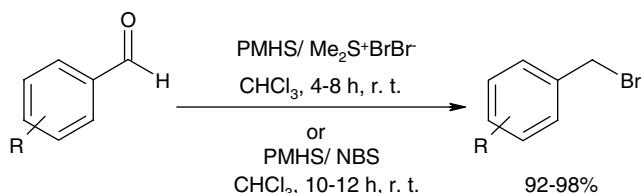
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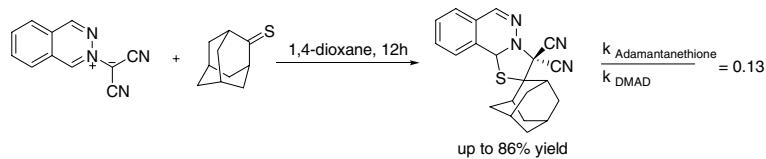
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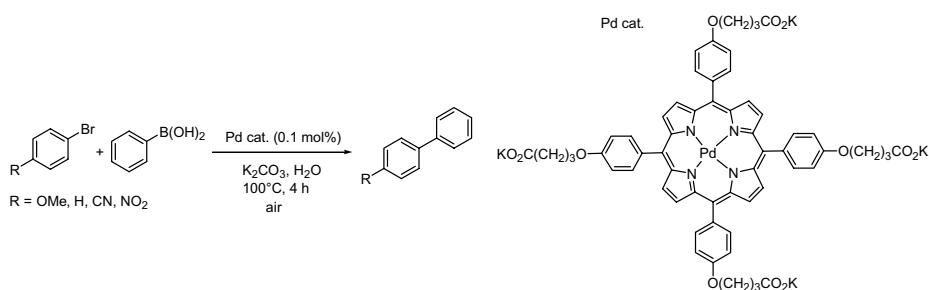
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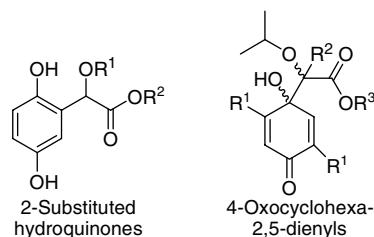
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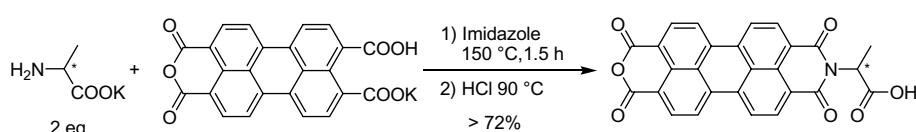
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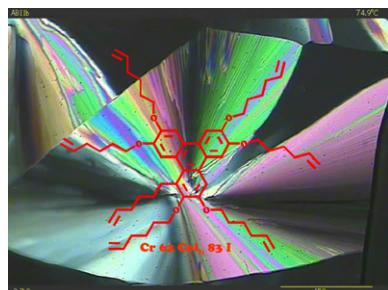
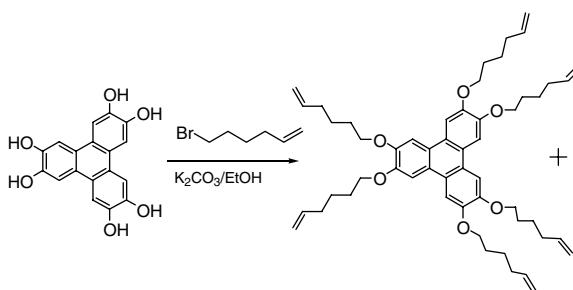
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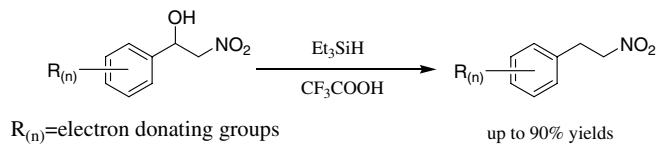
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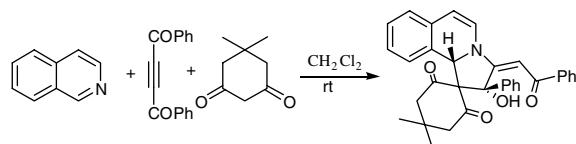
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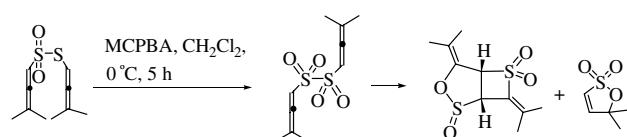


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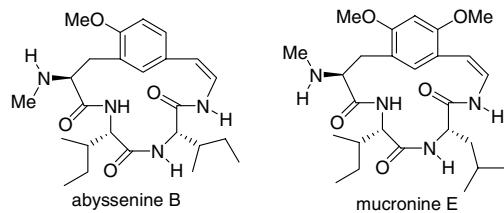
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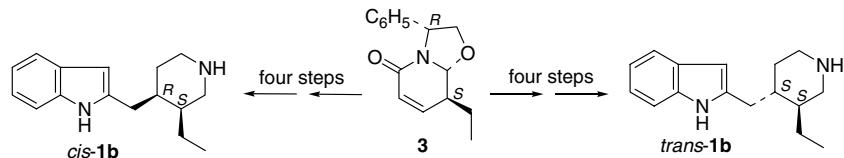
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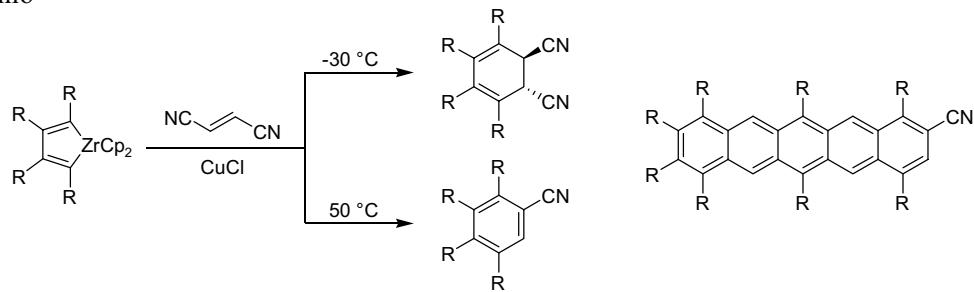
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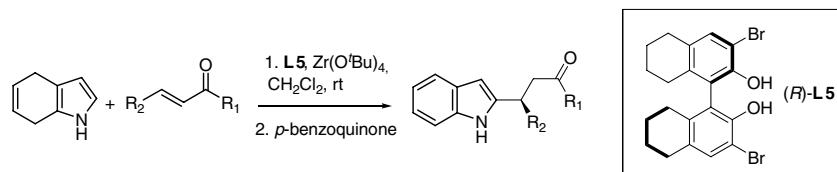
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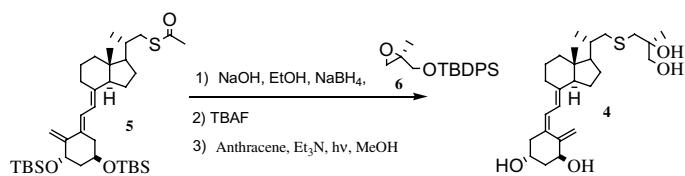
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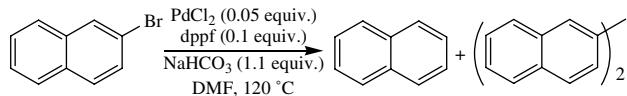
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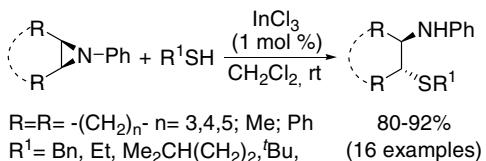


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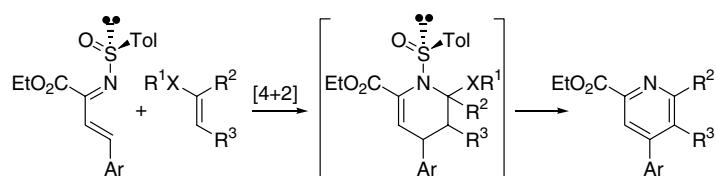
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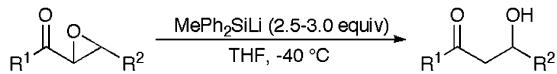
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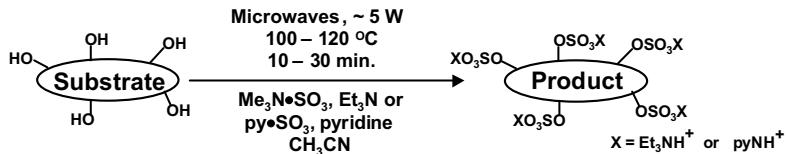
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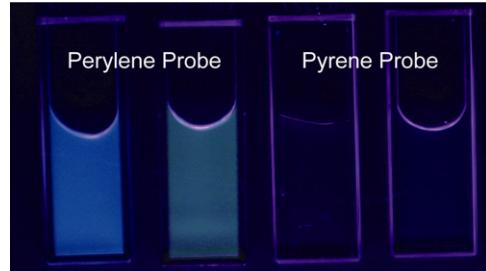
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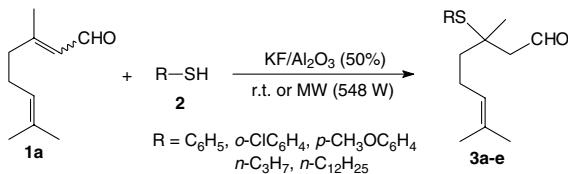
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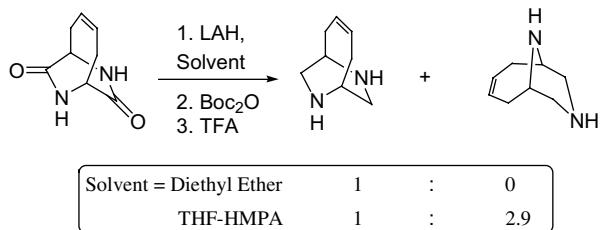
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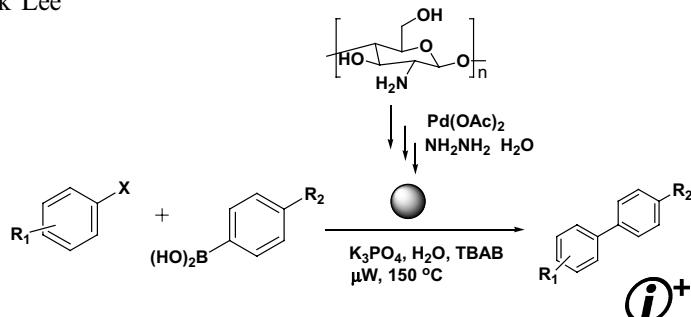
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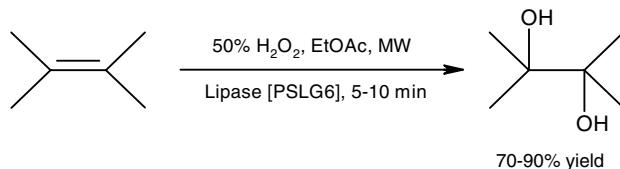
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Chitosan-supported palladium(0) catalyst was prepared from adsorption of palladium(II) ion on chitosan bead and simple reduction process. For mechanical stability, the catalysts were cross-linked with glutaraldehyde or diglycidyl ether polyethylene glycol. The chitosan-supported palladium catalyst showed good catalytic activity for Suzuki cross-coupling reactions with various aryl halides and boronic acids in water under the microwave conditions.



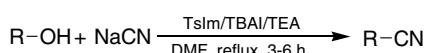
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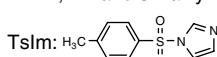


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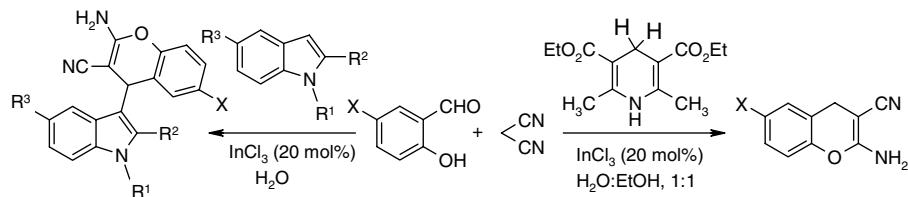


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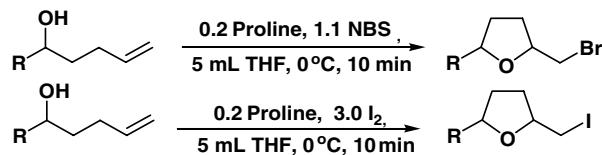


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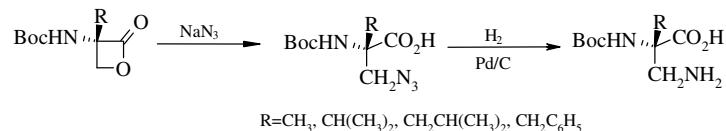


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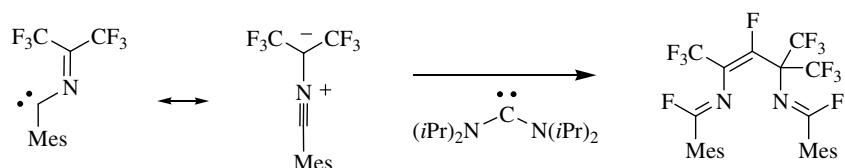


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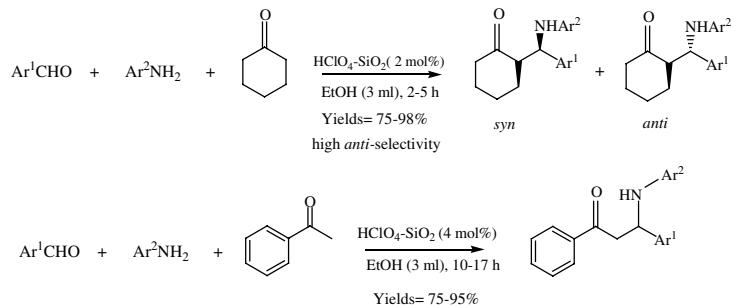


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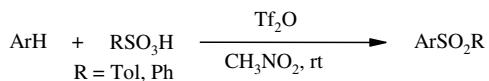


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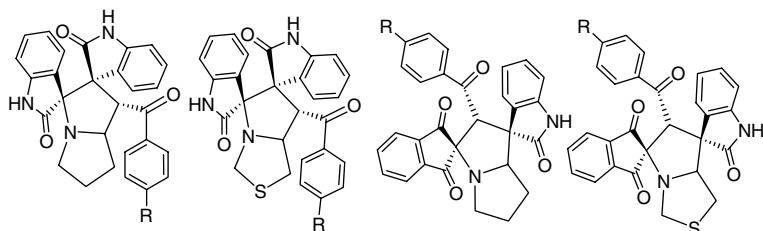
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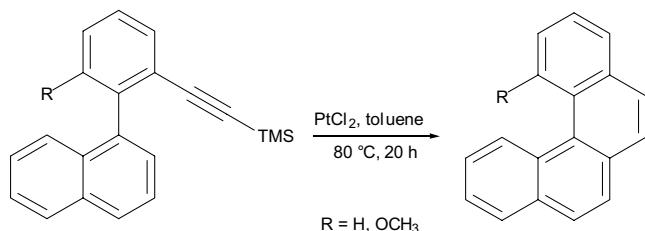


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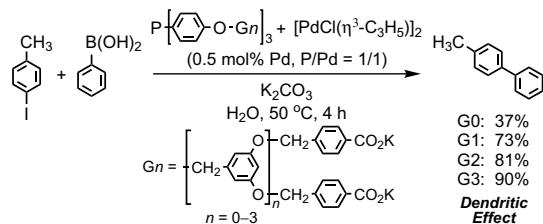
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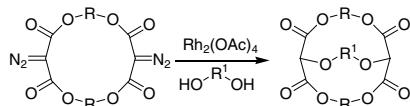
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