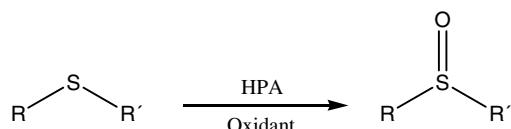


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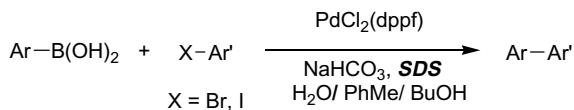
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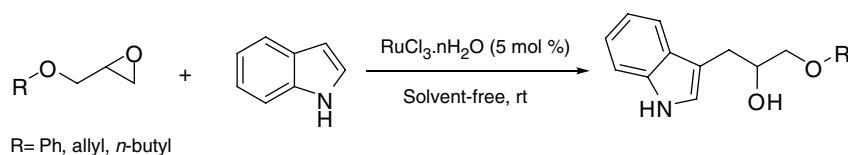


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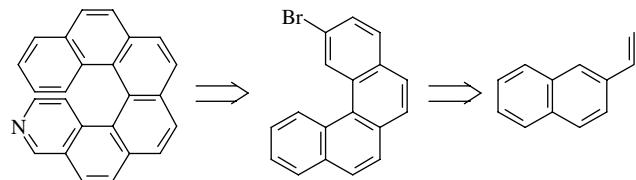
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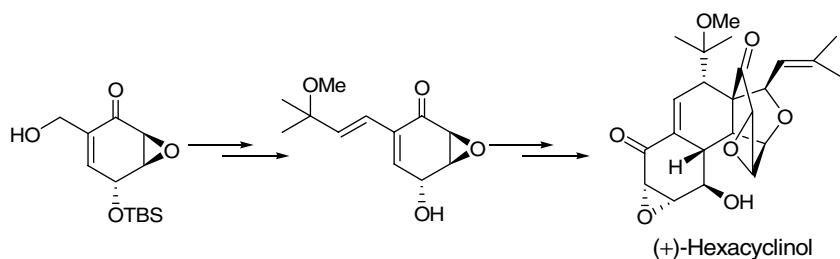
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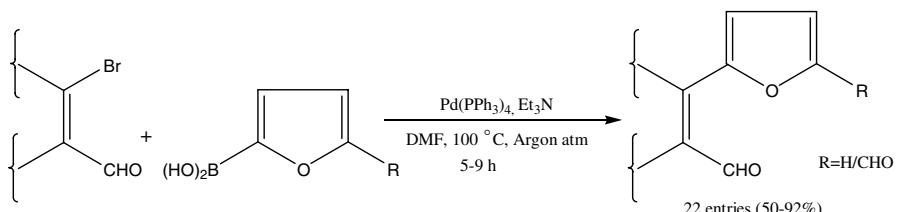
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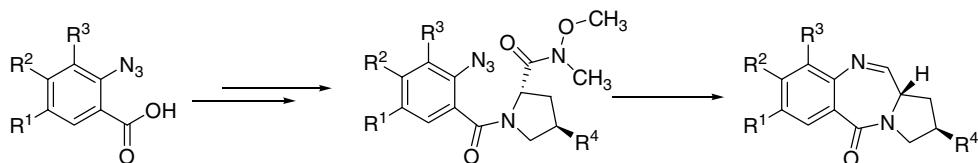


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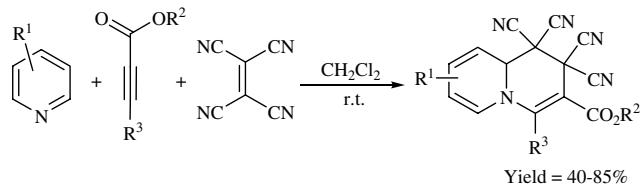
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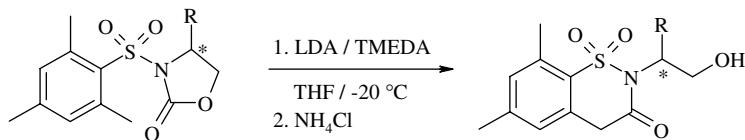


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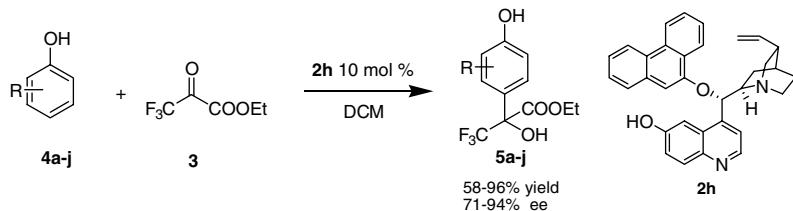


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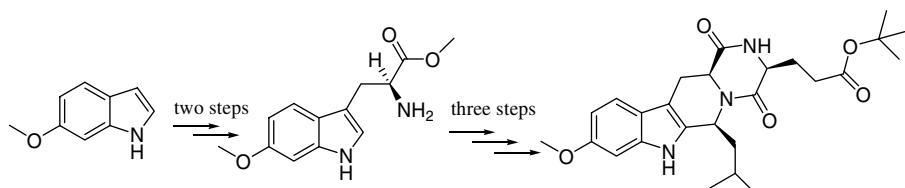
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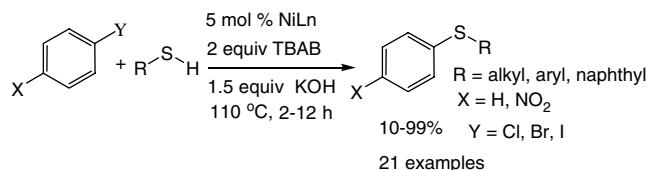


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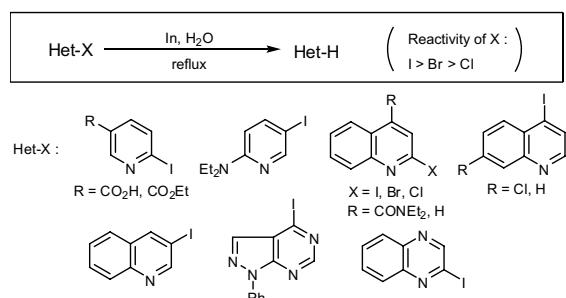


Deoxygenation reactions of pyridine N-oxide derivatives catalyzed by N-fused porphyrin rhenium(VII) trioxo complexes are developed, affording the corresponding pyridine derivatives in quantitative yields with excellent turnover numbers up to 340,000.

**Indium-mediated dehalogenation of haloheteroaromatics in water**

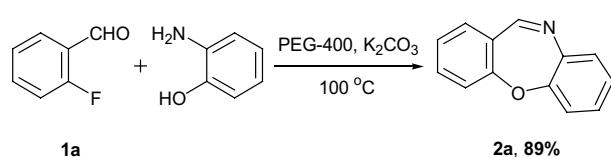
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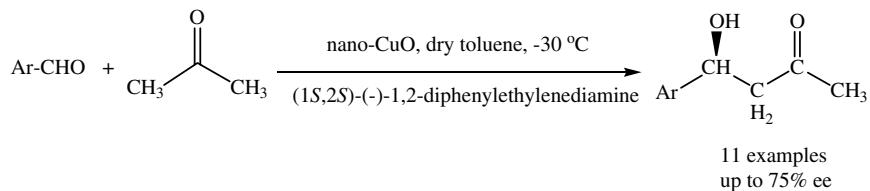
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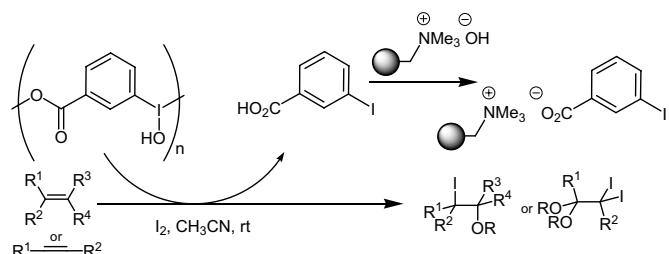
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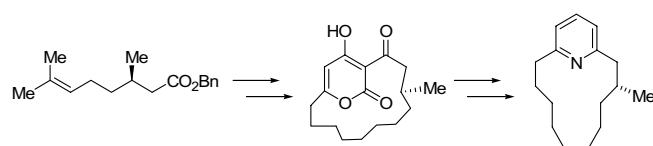
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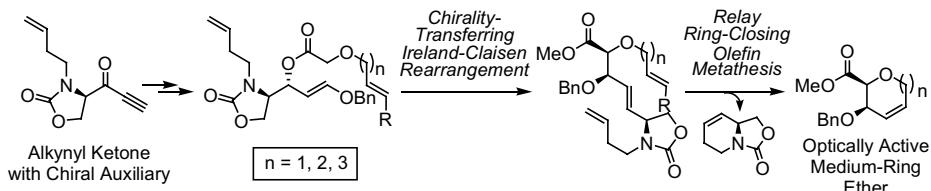
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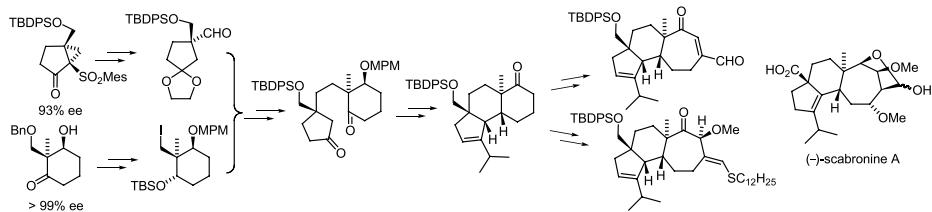
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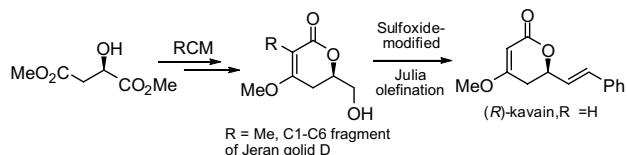
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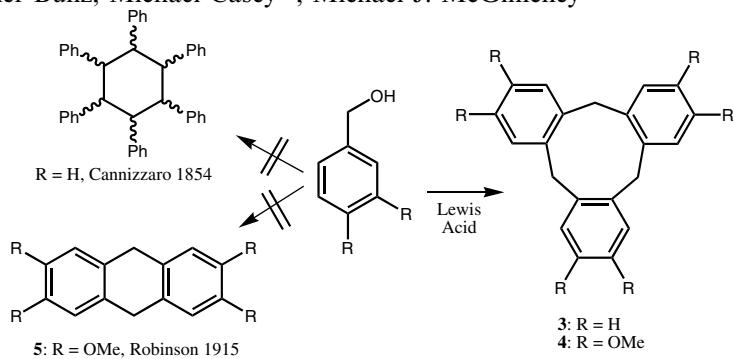
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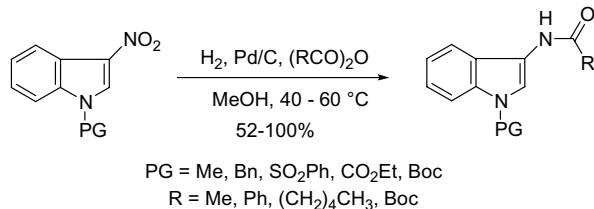
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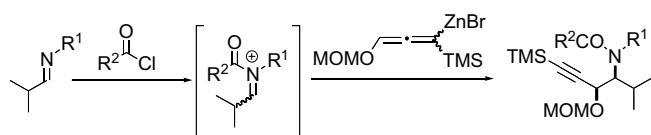
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3-Nitroindoles are reductively acylated under catalytic hydrogenation conditions in the presence of carboxylic acid anhydrides to afford the corresponding N-acylated aminoindoles.

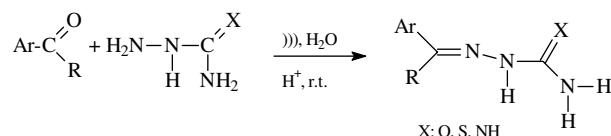
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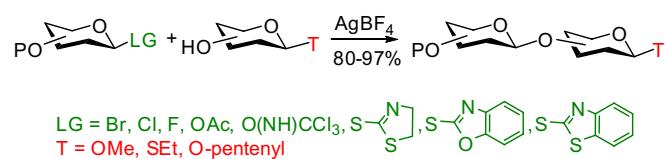


Using an aqueous medium (acid conditions) under ultrasound irradiation, aldehydes/ketones and hydrazides to provide good to excellent yields of the corresponding aromatic hydrazones and diastereoselectivities.

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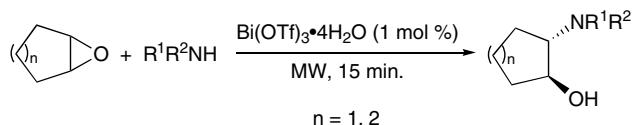
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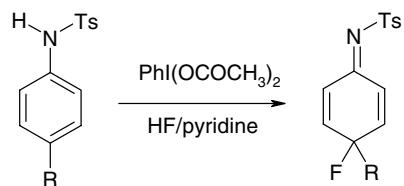
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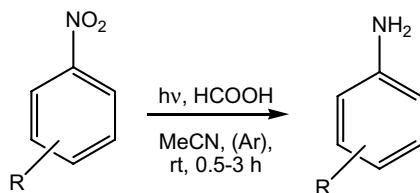
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R = NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, CHO, OH, OMe, SMe, NH<sub>2</sub>, NMe<sub>2</sub>, alkyl, halogen.

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