

# **Carbonyl alkylative amination for tertiary amine synthesis**

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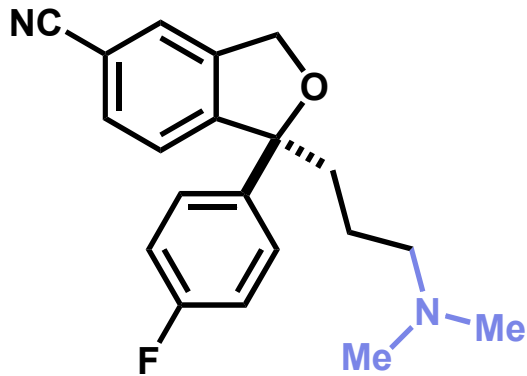
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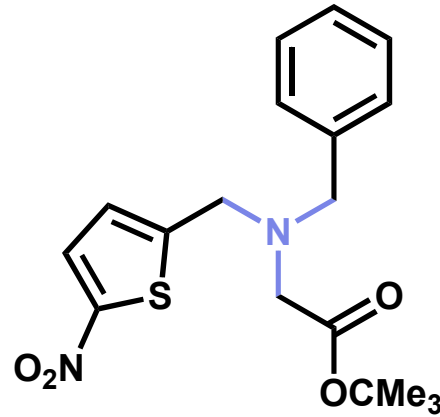
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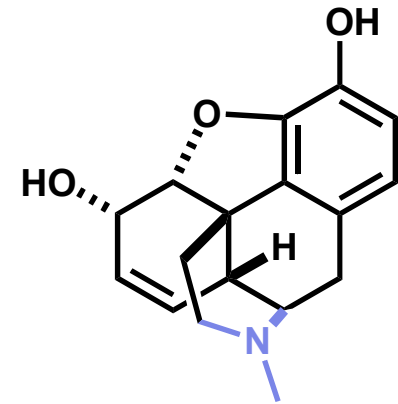
# Tertiary amine



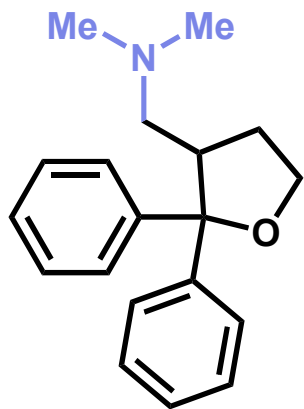
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Anti-depressant



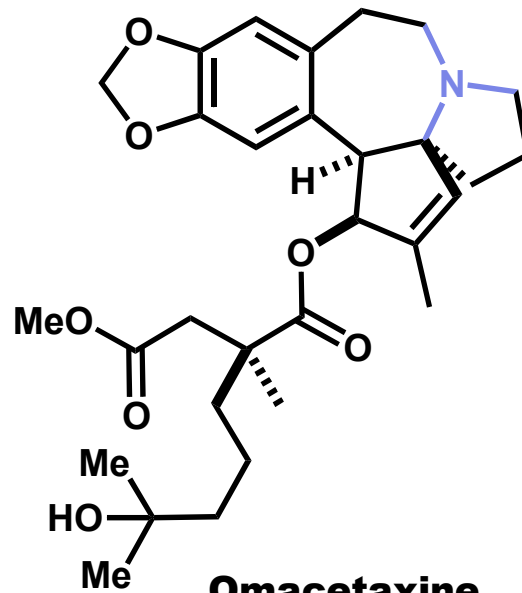
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REV-ERB $\alpha$  agonist



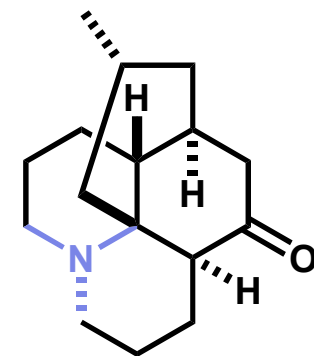
**Morphine**  
Analgesic activity



**ANAVEX2-73**  
Phase II trials, Alzheimer's

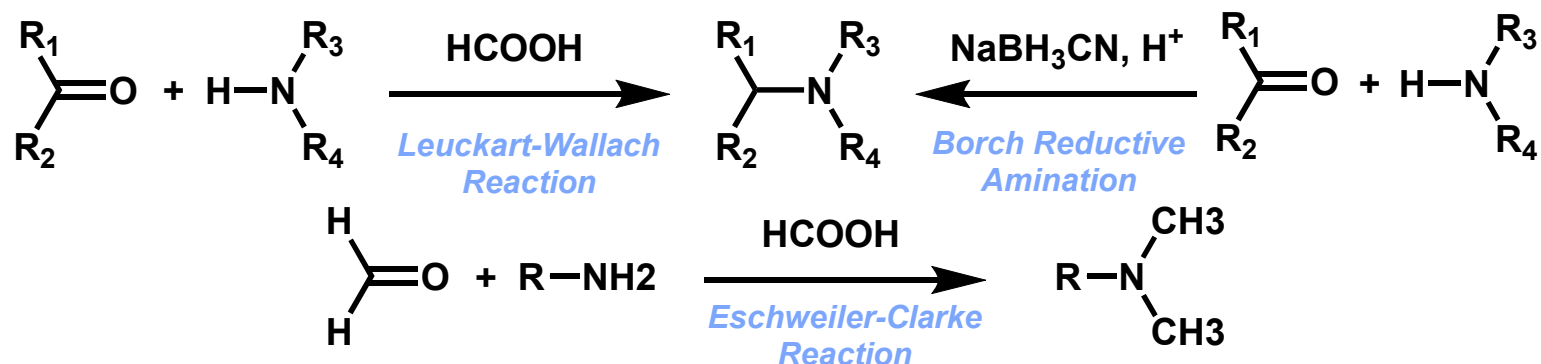


**Omacetaxine**  
Acute myeloid leukaemia



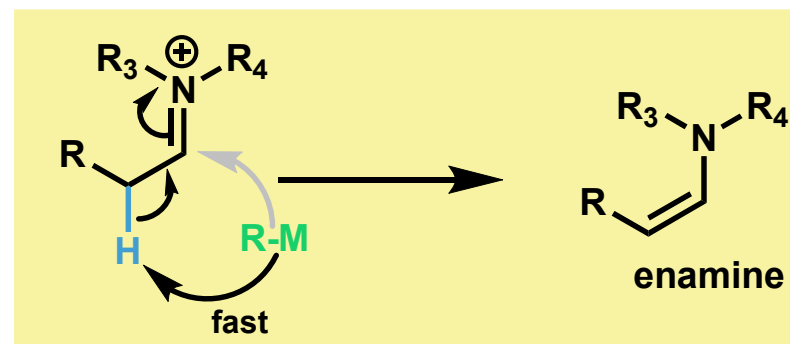
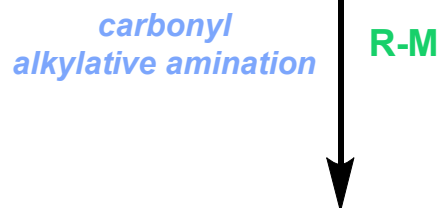
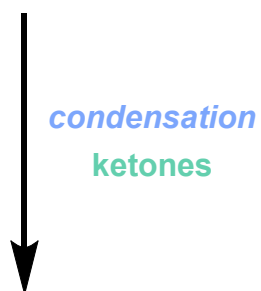
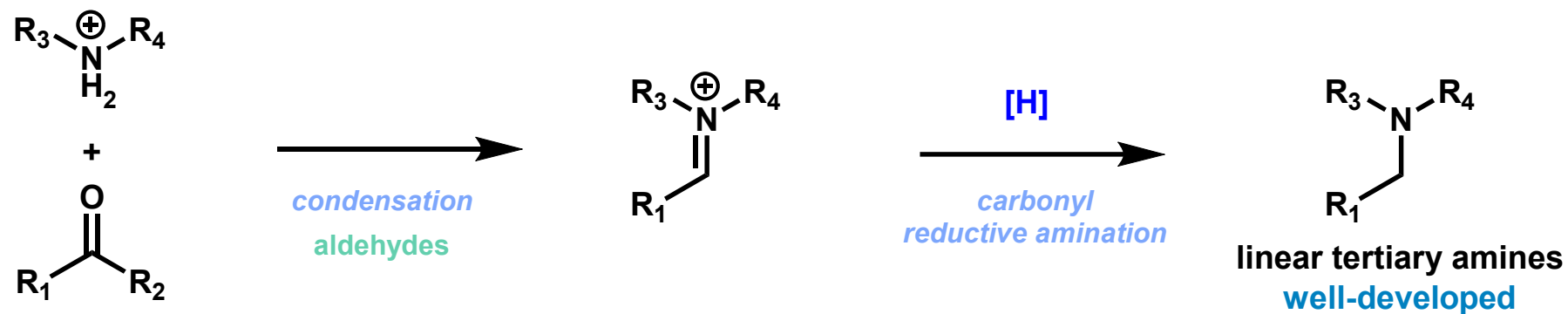
**Lycopodine**  
HeLa cells proliferation inhibitor

# Top 10 Reactions by Frequency in the 2008 Data Set

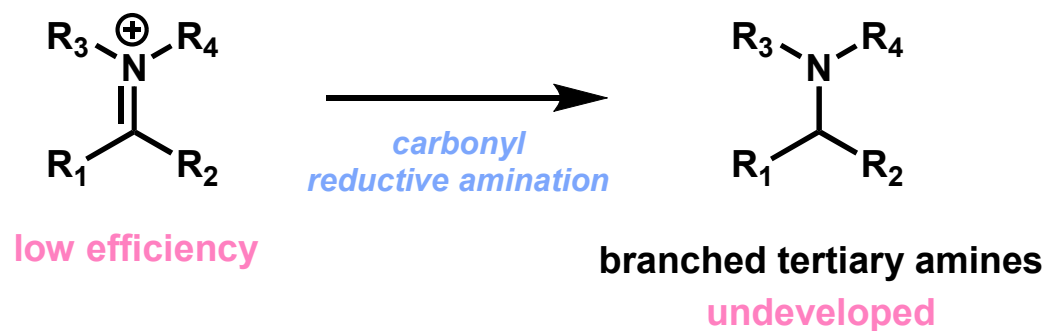


reaction	no. of reactions	% of all reactions
N-acylation to amide	1165	16
N-containing heterocycle formation	537	7.4
N-arylation with Ar-X	458	6.3
RCO <sub>2</sub> H deprotection	395	5.4
N-subs with alkyl-X	390	5.3
reductive amination	386	5.3
N-Boc deprotection	357	4.9
Suzuki cross-coupling reaction	338	4.6
O-substitution	319	4.4
other NH deprotection	212	2.9
total	4557	62.4

# Carbonyl alkylative amination (CAA)



challenge for carbonyl alkylative amination



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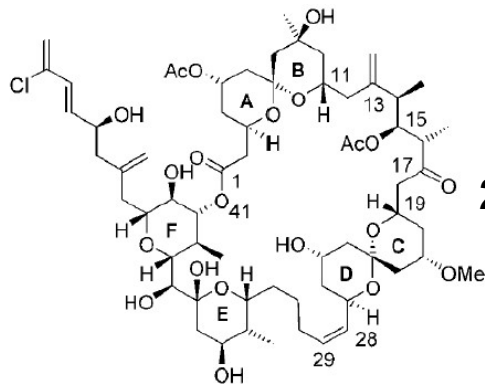
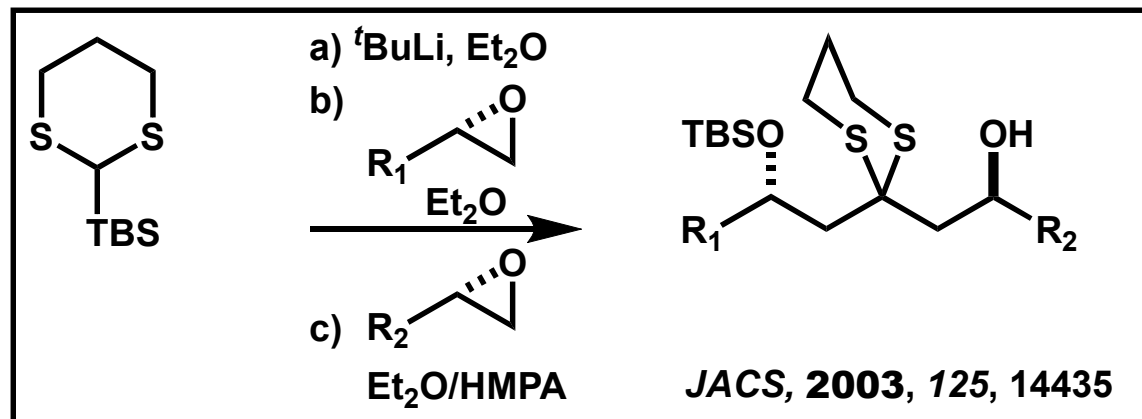
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# Prof. Matthew J. Gaunt



## Education and career:

- 1995** B.S. in Chemistry @ University of Birmingham  
**1995-99** Ph.D in Chemistry @ University of Cambridge  
Chemistry of Pd catalysts (hydrogenation, Wacker oxidation)  
(Prof. Jonathan B. Spencer)  
**1999-01** P. D. study @ University of Pennsylvania  
(Prof. Amos B. Smith III)



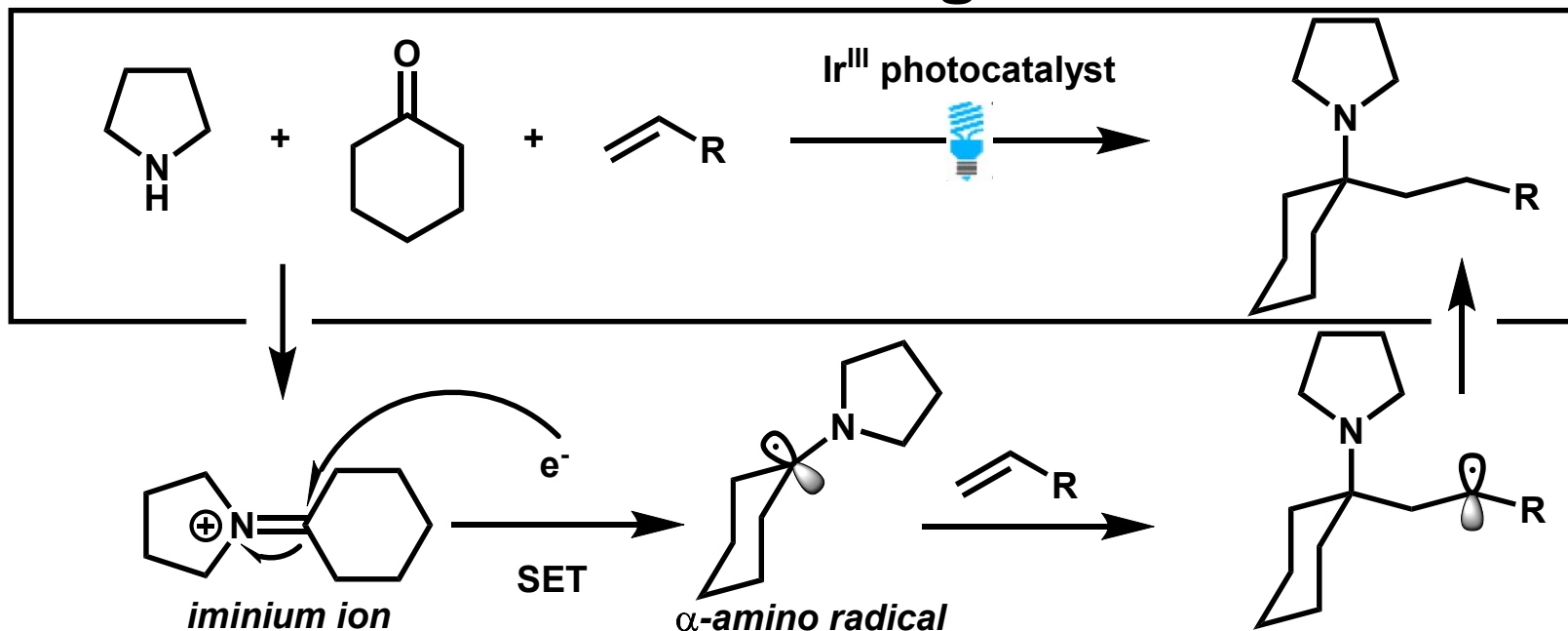
**Spongistatin 1**

- 2001-03** Junior Research Fellow @ Magdalene University, Cambridge  
(Prof. Steven Ley)  
Total Synthesis of Spongistatin 1 (*ACIE*, 2005, 44, 5433)

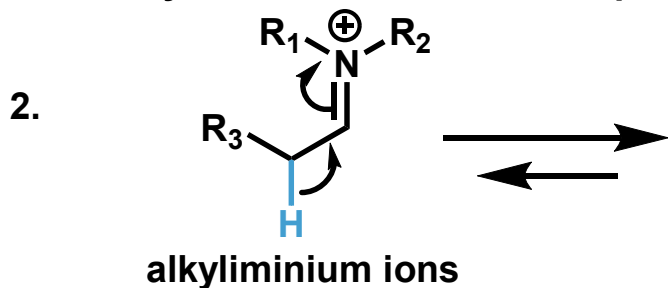
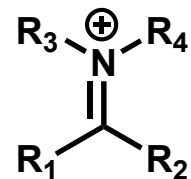
- 2003** Assistant Professor, University of Cambridge  
**2010** Associate Professor, University of Cambridge  
**2012** Professor, University of Cambridge



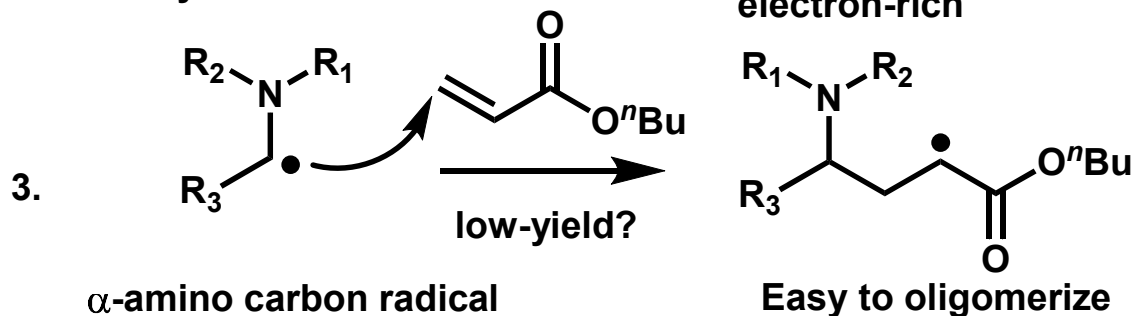
# Gaunt's Design



1. Iminium ions conjugated with aromatic substituents  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = -0.8 \text{ to } -1.2 \text{ V vs. SCE}$   
 All-alkyl-iminium ion could be up to  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = -1.95 \text{ V vs. SCE}$

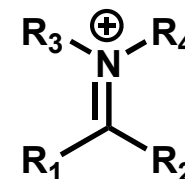


Enamine can also undergo SET reactions to form radical species

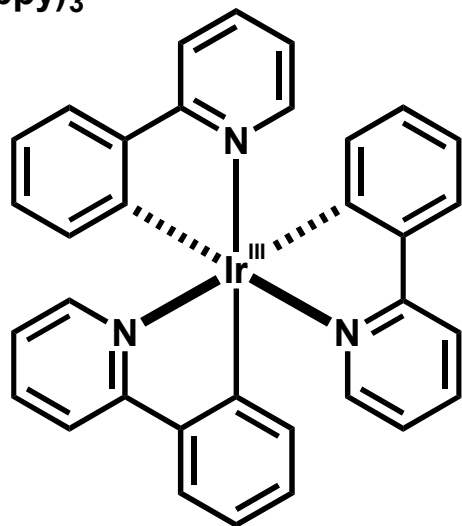


# Problems for the photocatalytic olefinhydroaminoalkylation

1. Conjugated with multiple aromatic substituents  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = -0.8$  to  $-1.2$  V vs.SCE  
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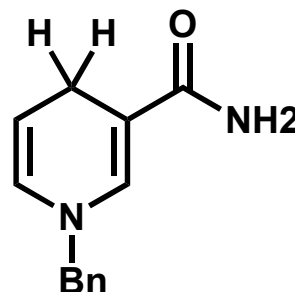
*fac*-Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>



$[\text{Ir}^{\text{III}}(\text{ppy})_3]^* / [\text{Ir}^{\text{II}}(\text{ppy})_3]^-$ ,  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = +0.31$  V  
 (excite by 40W blue lamp)

$[\text{Ir}^{\text{III}}(\text{ppy})_3] / [\text{Ir}^{\text{II}}(\text{ppy})_3]^-$ ,  $E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = -2.19$  V

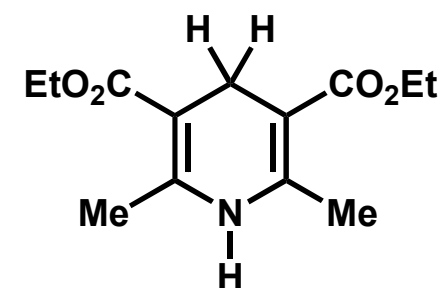
Hantzsch esters (HE) and BNAH



BNAH

1-Benzyl-1,4-dihydronicotinamide

$E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = +0.76$  V vs.SCE

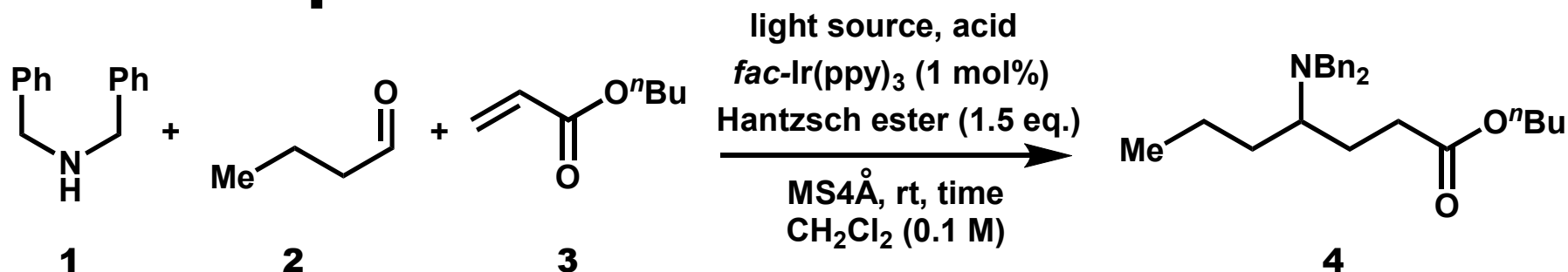


HE

$E_{1/2}^{\text{red}} = +1.00$  V vs.SCE

- \* Hydrogen donors
- \* SET catalysts
- \* Effective excited state reductants

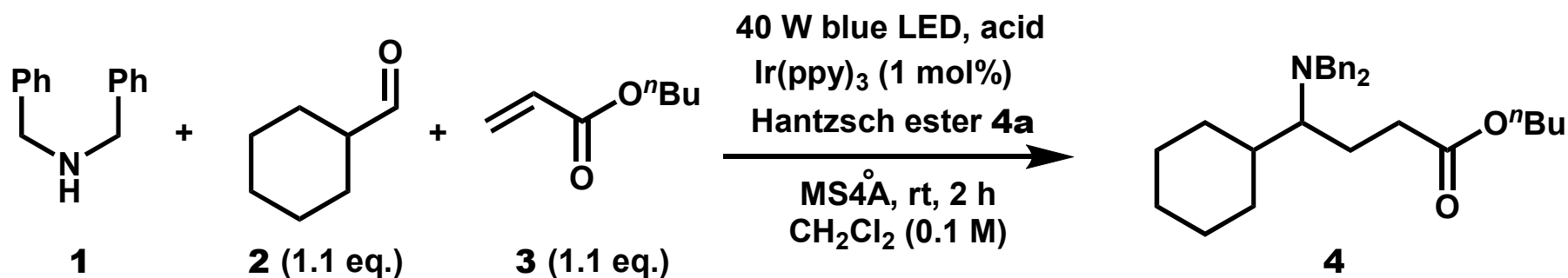
# Optimization for Reaction conditions



Entry	1 / 2 / 3 eq.	light source	time	acid	yield <sup>a</sup>
1	1.0 / 2.0 / 2.0	30 W CFL	14 h	trace <sup>b</sup>	66%
2	1.0 / 2.0 / 2.0	30 W CFL	14 h	trace <sup>b</sup>	0% <sup>c</sup>
3	1.0 / 2.0 / 2.0	<u>40 W blue LED</u>	13 h	trace <sup>b</sup>	99%
4	<u>1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1</u>	40 W blue LED	14 h	trace <sup>b</sup>	99%
5	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	40 W blue LED	<u>2 h</u>	trace <sup>b</sup>	98%
6	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	40 W blue LED	2 h	- <sup>d</sup>	0%
7	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	40 W blue LED	2 h	butyric acid (0.1 eq.)	97%
8	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	40 W blue LED	2 h	<u>propanoic acid (0.1 eq.)</u>	99%
9	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	40 W blue LED	2 h	propanoic acid (0.1 eq.)	0% <sup>e</sup>
10	1.0 / 1.1 / 1.1	-	2 h	propanoic acid (0.1 eq.)	0%

a) Yield determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (internal standard : 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane) b) *n*-butyraldehyde readily generates trace amounts of butyric acid. c) Without Hantzsch ester. d) *n*-butyraldehyde freshly distilled e) Without *fac*-Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>.

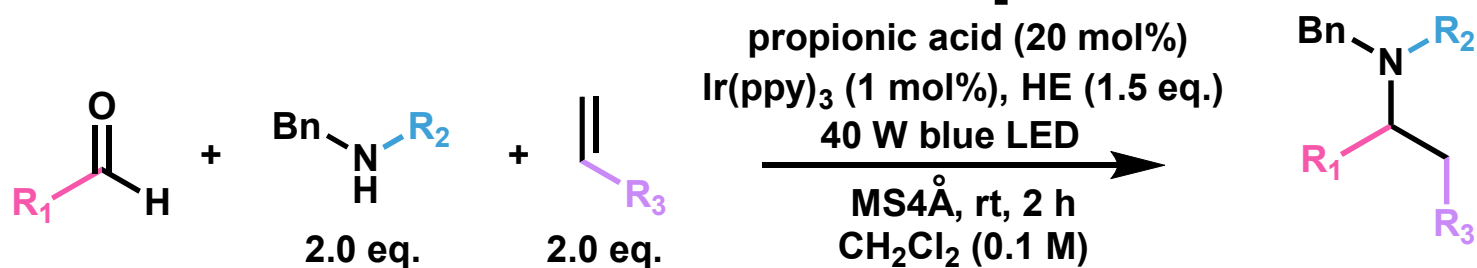
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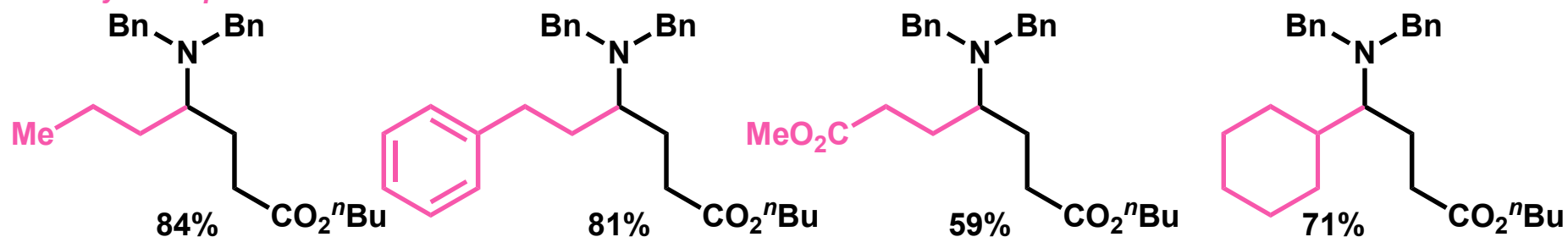
Entry	acid	eq.	yield <sup>a</sup>
1	TFA	0.1	47%
2	CSA ( <i>rac</i> )	0.1	43%
3	octanoic acid	0.2	61%
4	adamantanecarboxylic acid	0.2	63%
5	PPTS	0.2	53%
6	HFIP	0.2	36%
7	propanoic acid	0.1	55%
8	propanoic acid	0.2	66%
9	propanoic acid	0.5	62%
10	propanoic acid	1.0	57%
11	propanoic acid	20 mol%	71%

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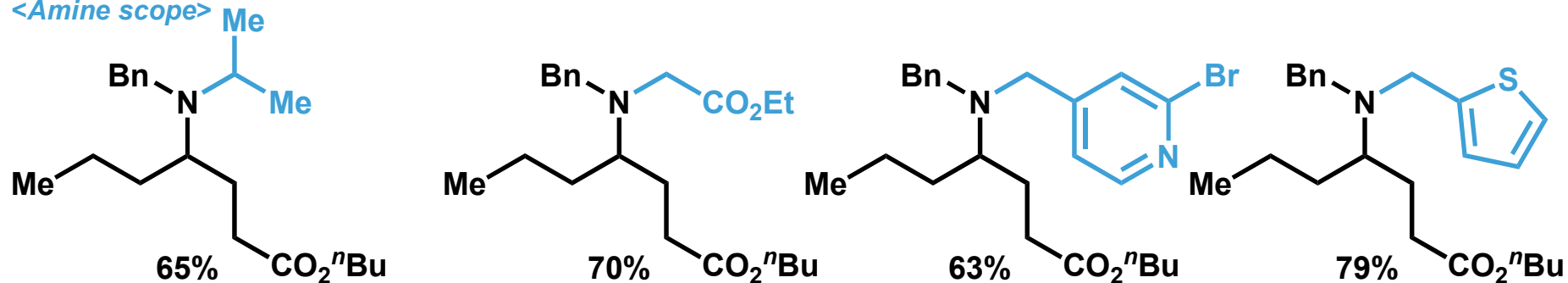
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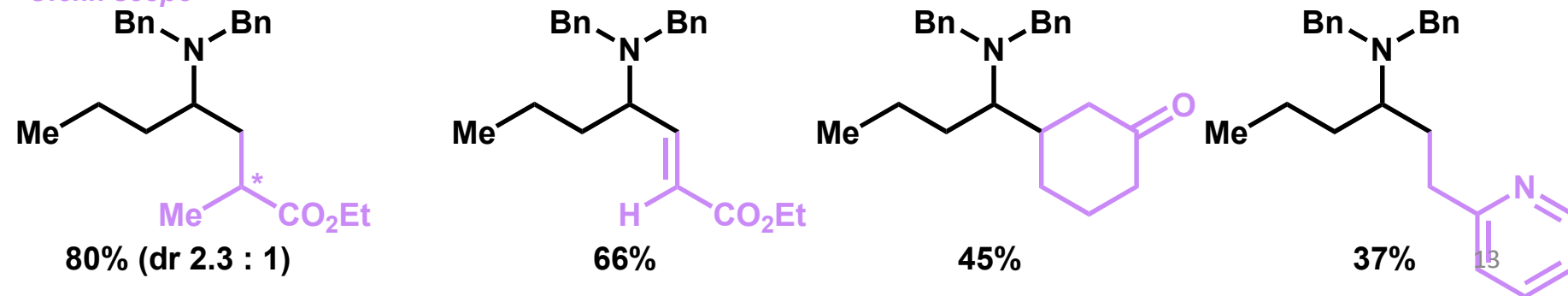
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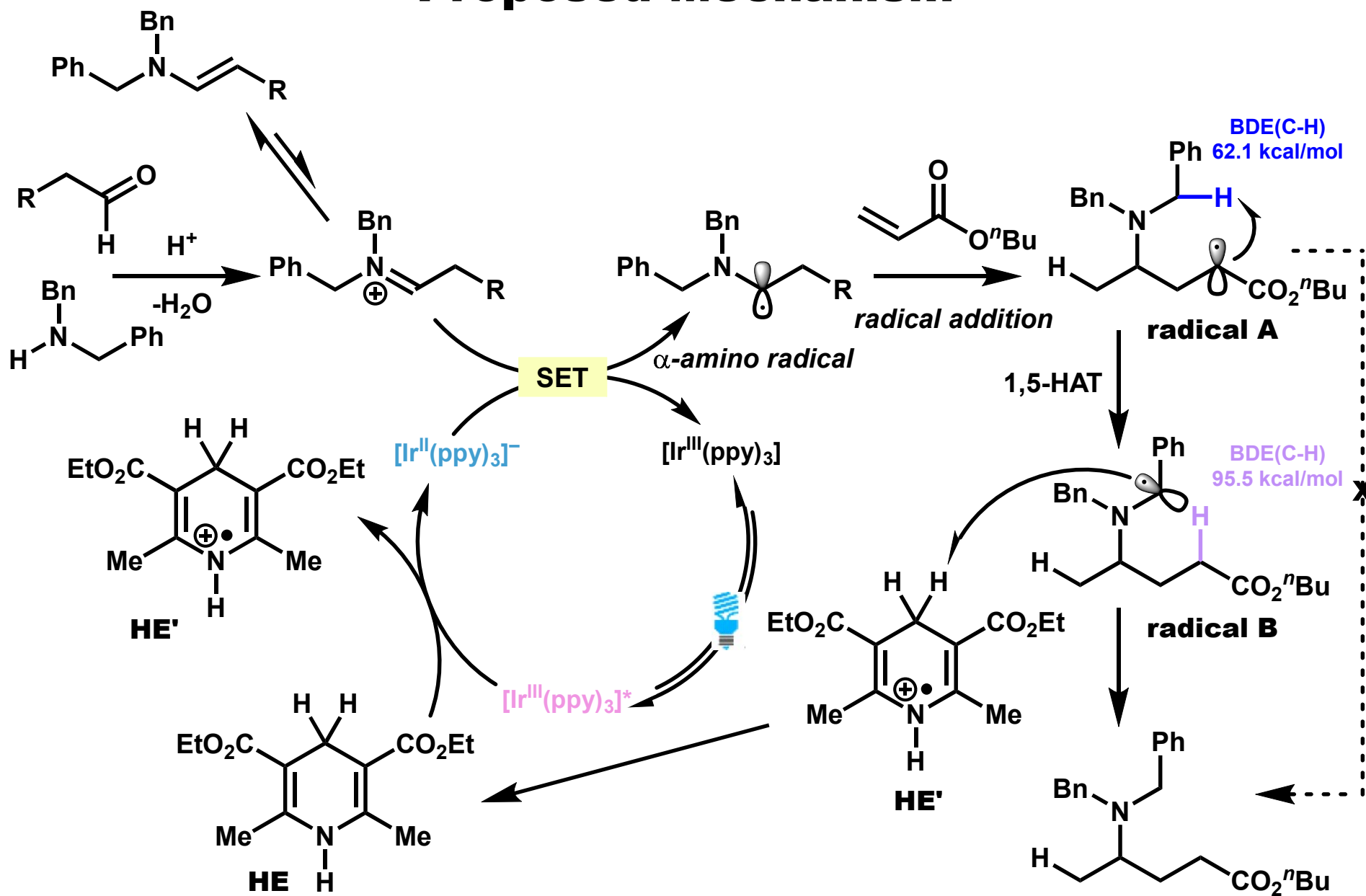
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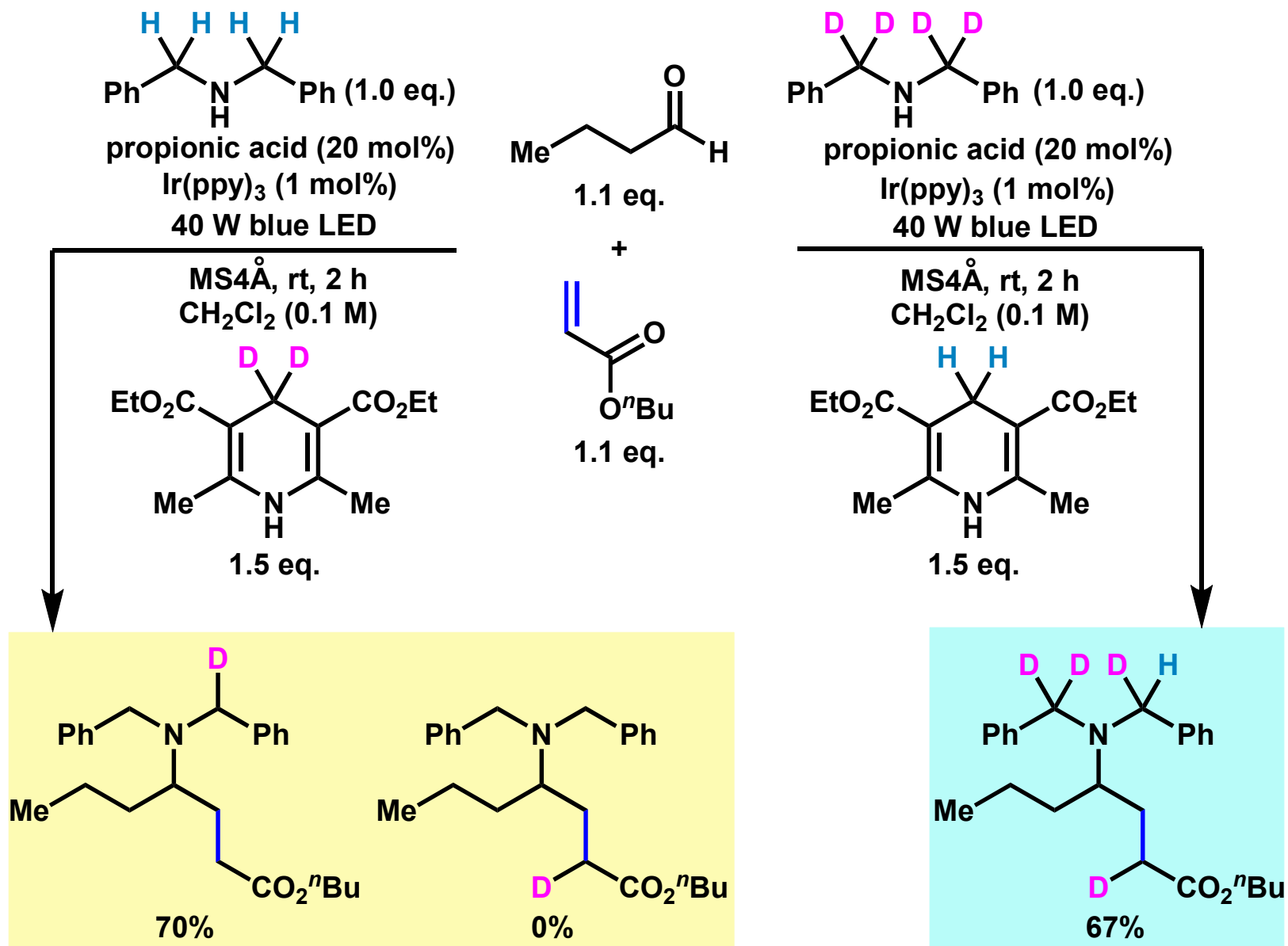
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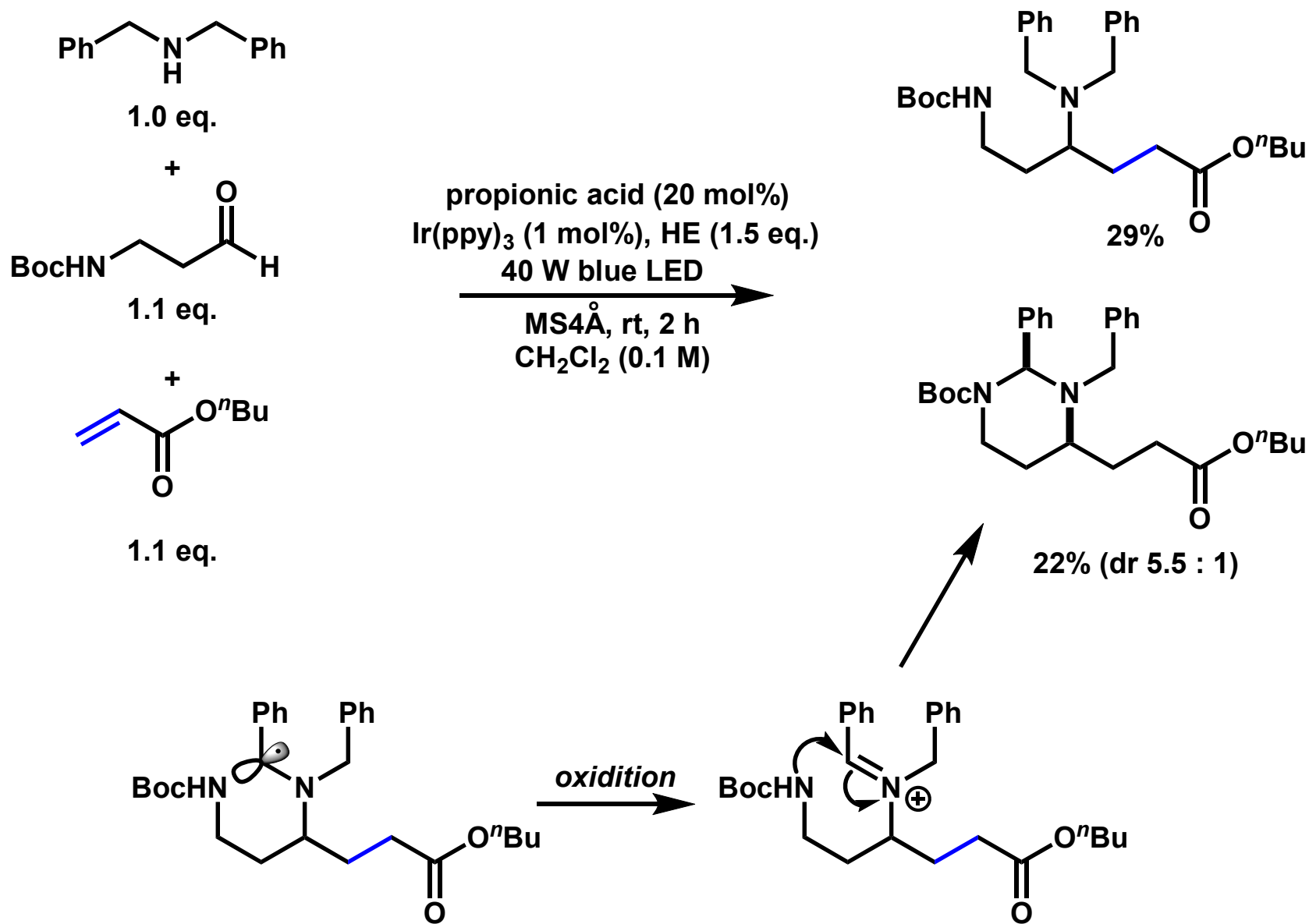
# Proposed Mechanism



# Deuterium-labelling studies



# Iminium-ion redox-relay mechanism

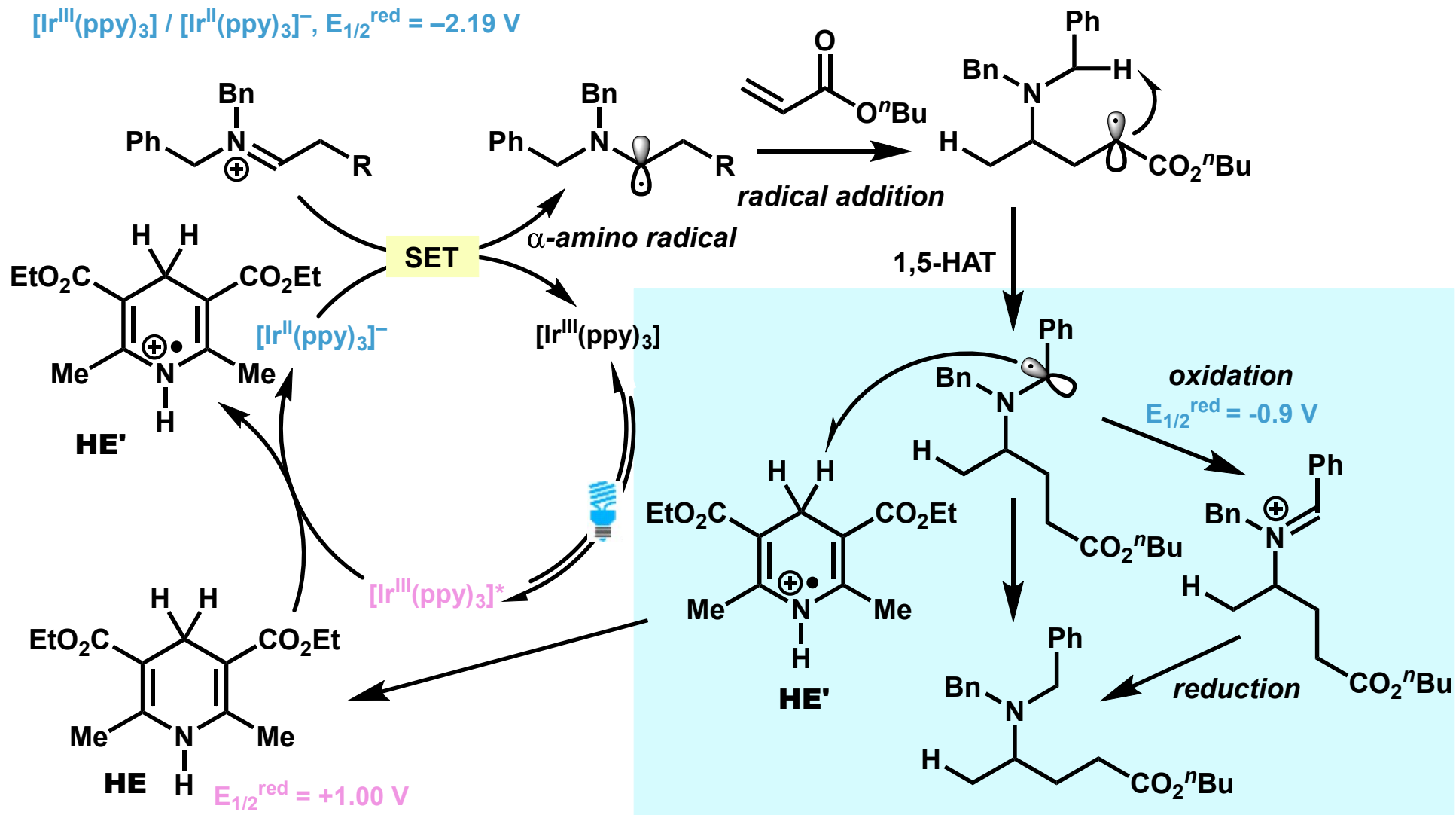




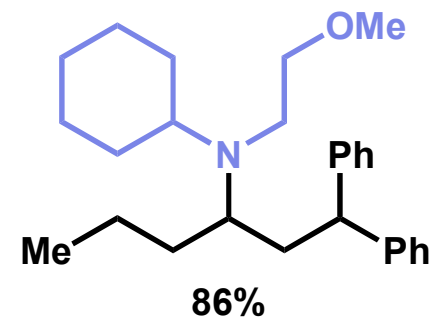
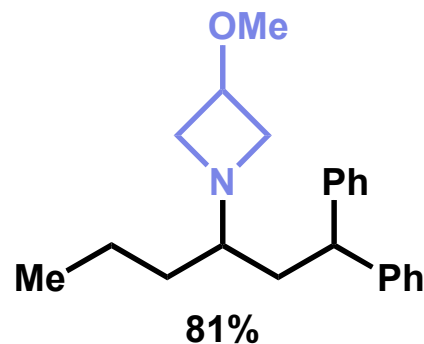
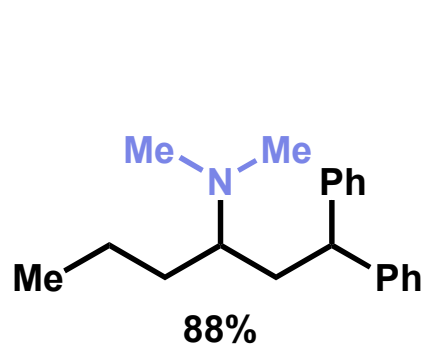
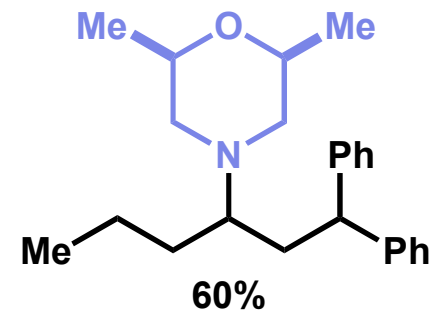
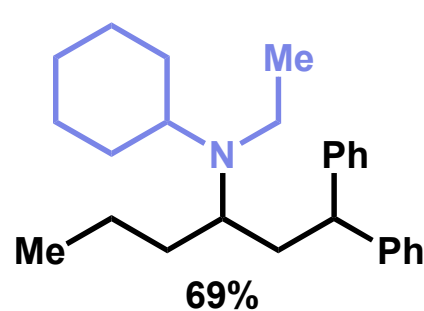
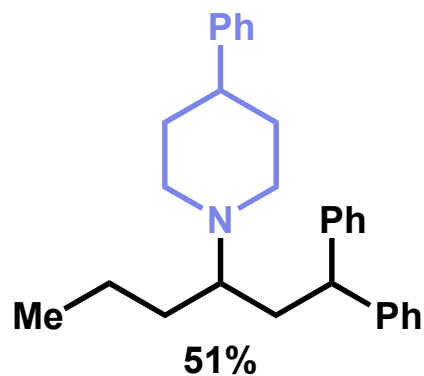
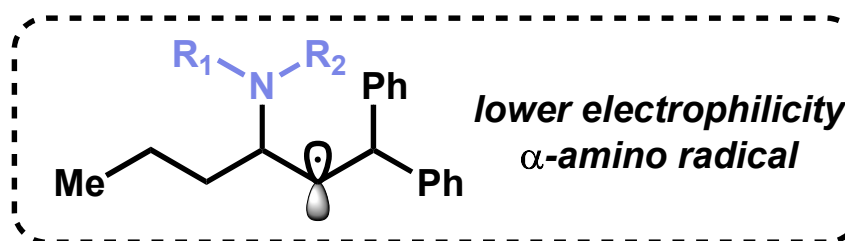
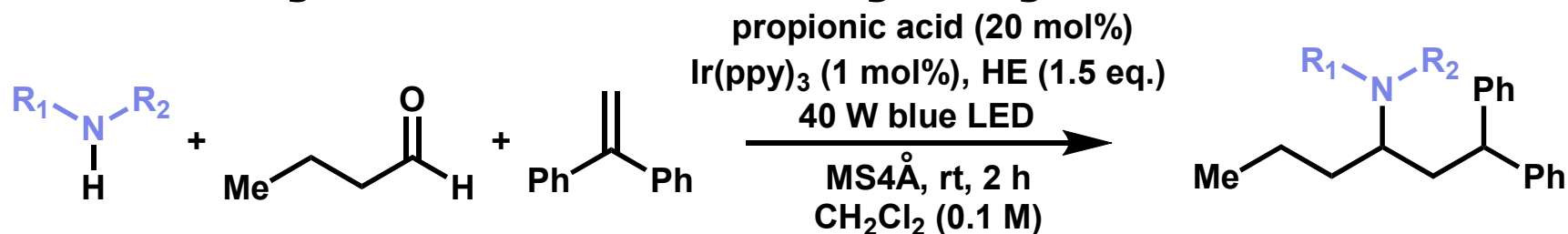
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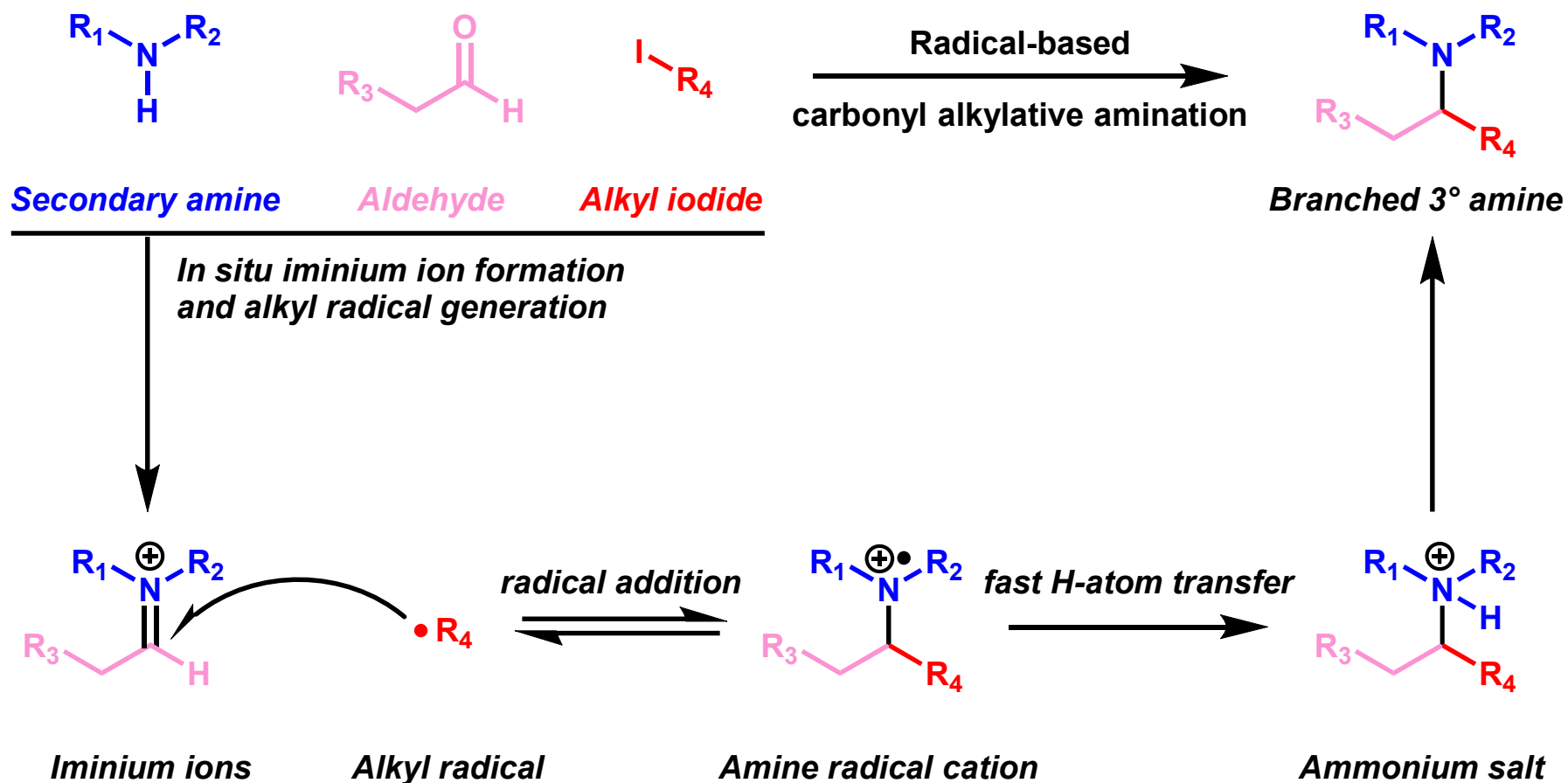
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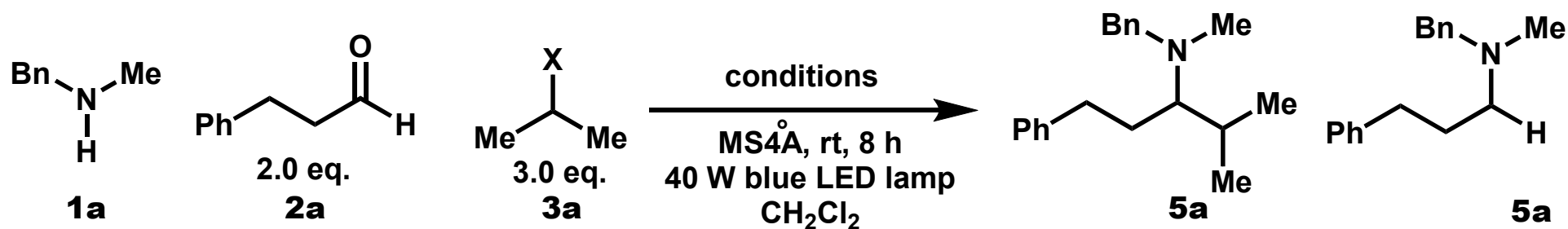
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# Gaunt's Design



- Metal-free
- Radical initiator-free
- Commercial feedstocks

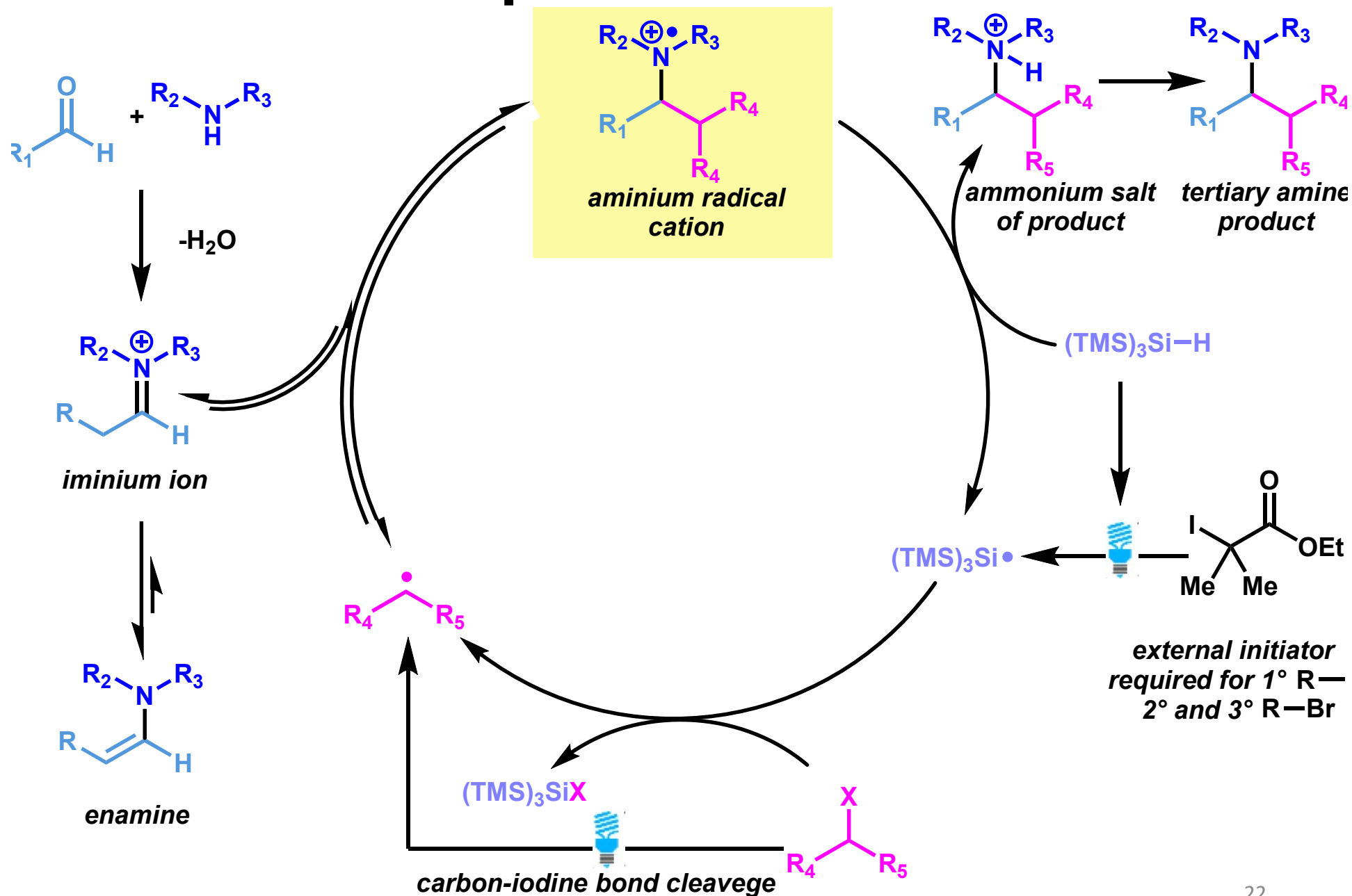
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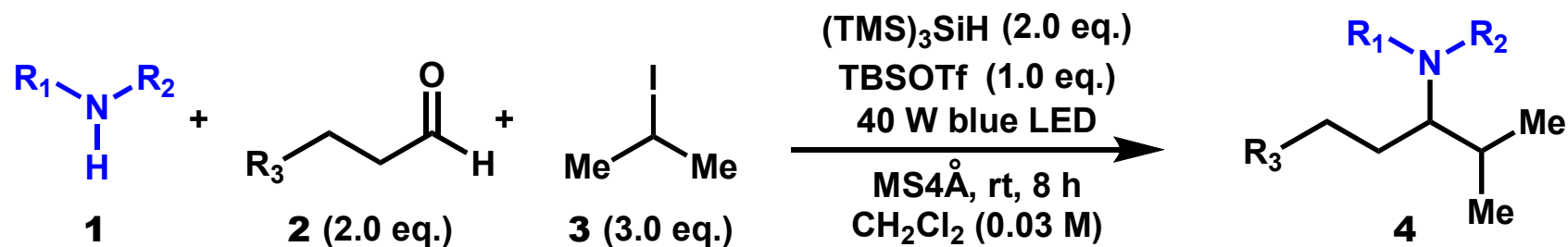
Entry	1a / 2a / 3a eq.	HAT reagent (2.0 eq.)	acid (1.0 eq.)	X	conc.	yield 5a	yield 5b
1	1.0 / 1.0 / 2.0	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	-	I	0.1 M	23%	10%
2	1.0 / 1.0 / 2.0	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	-	I	<u>0.05 M</u>	55%	22%
3	1.0 / 1.0 / 2.0	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	-	I	<u>0.03 M</u>	61%	17%
4	<u>1.0 / 1.0 / 3.0</u>	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	-	I	0.03 M	70%	20%
5	<u>1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0</u>	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	-	I	0.03 M	82%	15%
6	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	<u>Et<sub>3</sub>SiH</u>	-	I	0.03 M	16%	14%
7	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	<u>(EtO)<sub>3</sub>SiH</u>	-	I	0.03 M	9%	trace
8	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	<u>Ph<sub>3</sub>SiH</u>	-	I	0.03 M	5%	66%
9	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	<u>PhSiH<sub>3</sub></u>	-	I	0.03 M	10%	37%
10	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	TBSOTf	I	0.03 M	92%	trace
11	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	(TMS) <sub>3</sub> SiH	TBSOTf	Br	0.03 M	81%	13%
12	1.0 / 2.0 / 3.0	-	TBSOTf	I	0.03 M	0%	0%

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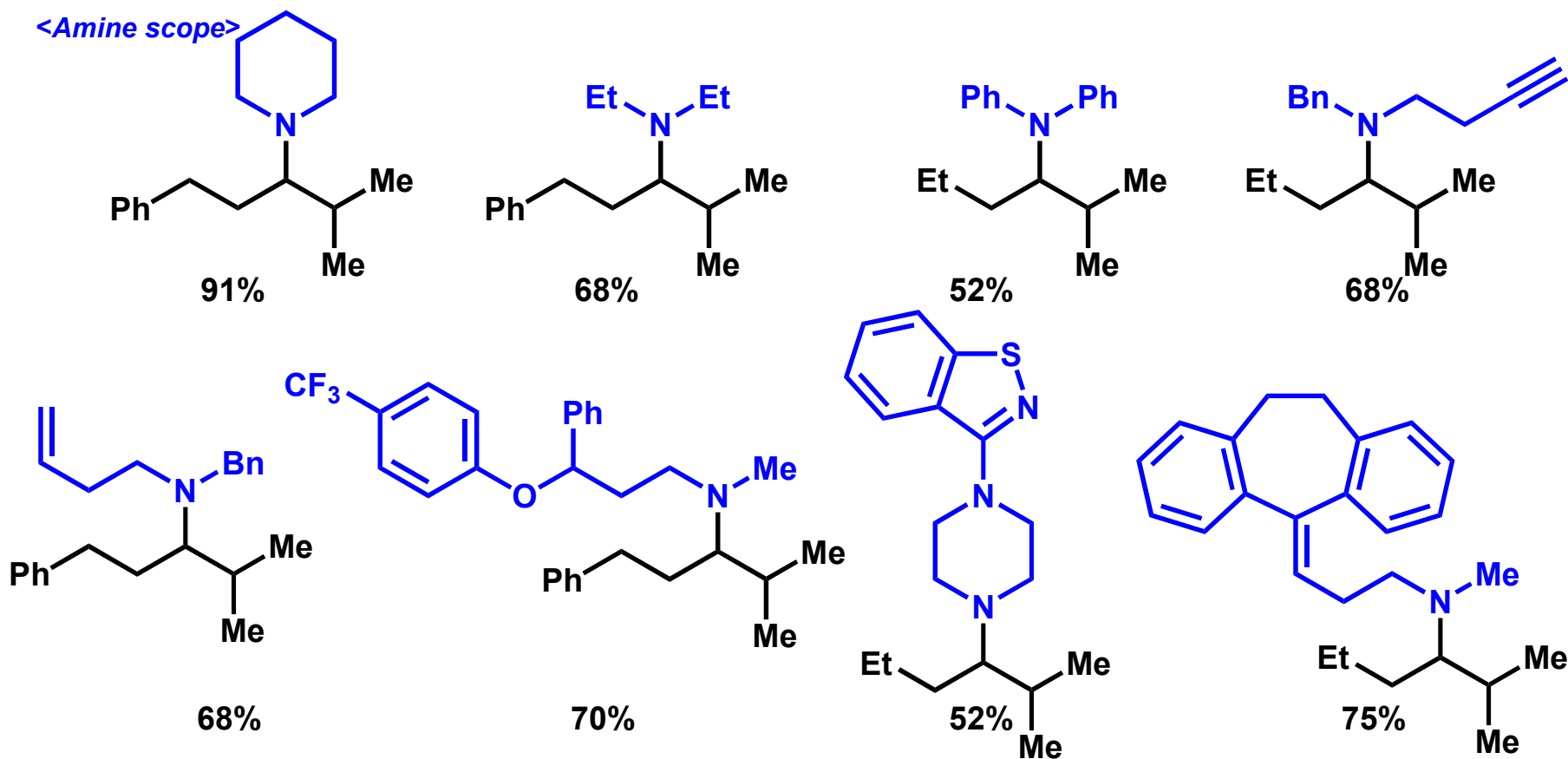
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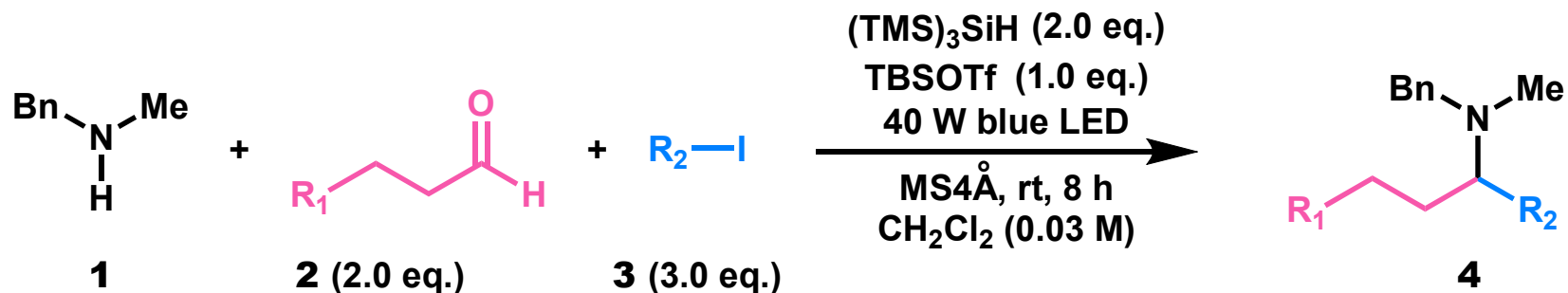
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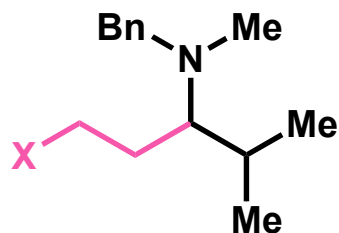
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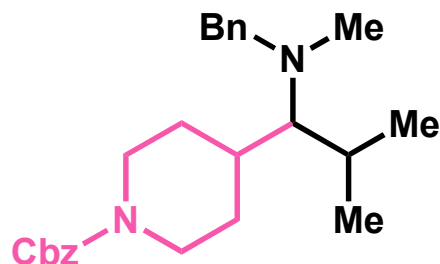
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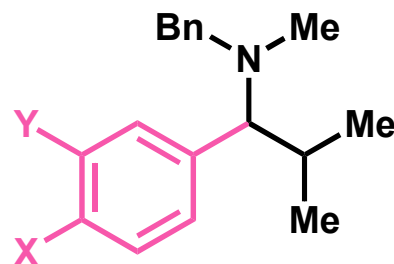
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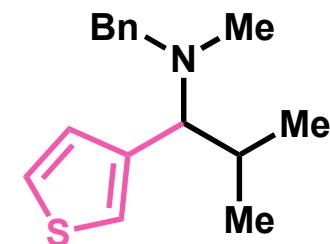
**X = Me, 76%** **X = CO<sub>2</sub>Me, 63%**  
**X = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, 73%**



**62%**

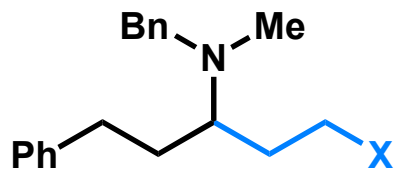


**Y = H : X = Br, 70%; X = CF<sub>3</sub>, 52%**  
**X = H : Y = F, 60%; Y = CO<sub>2</sub>Me, 56%**

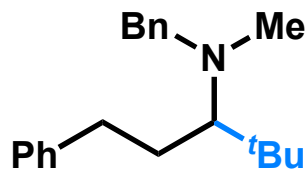


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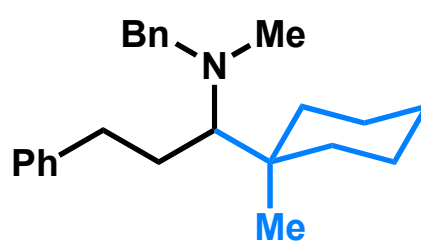
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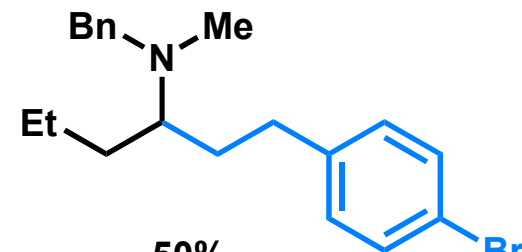
**X = Me, 82%**  
**X = Ph, 76%**



**77%**



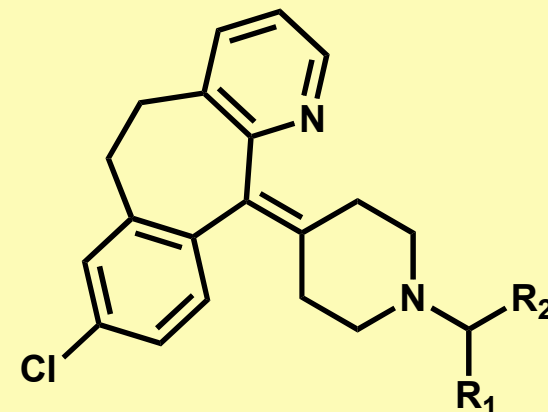
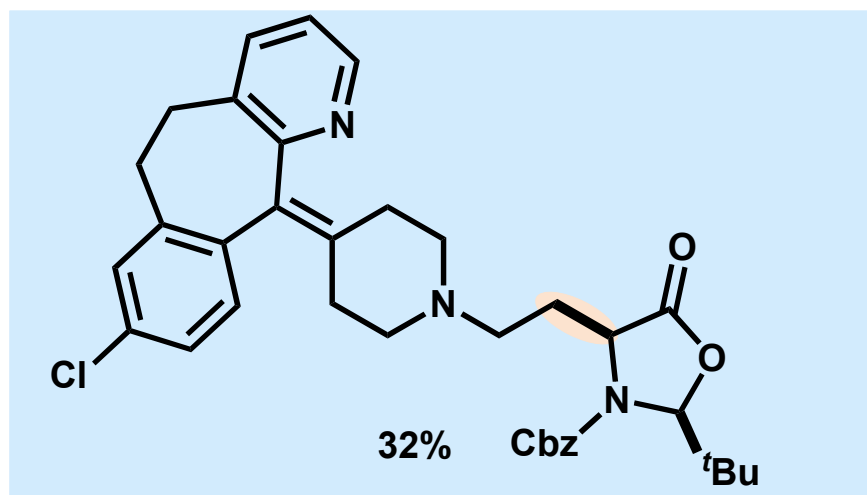
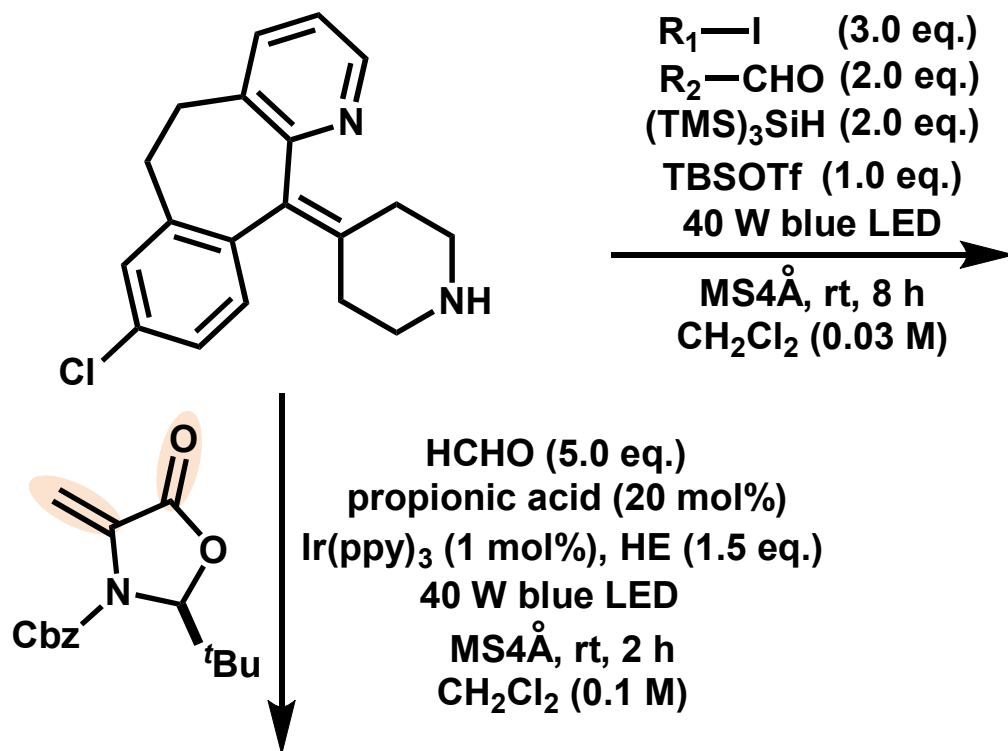
**82%**



**50%**



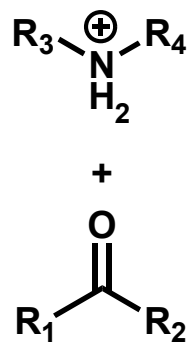
## Expanding Substrate Scope



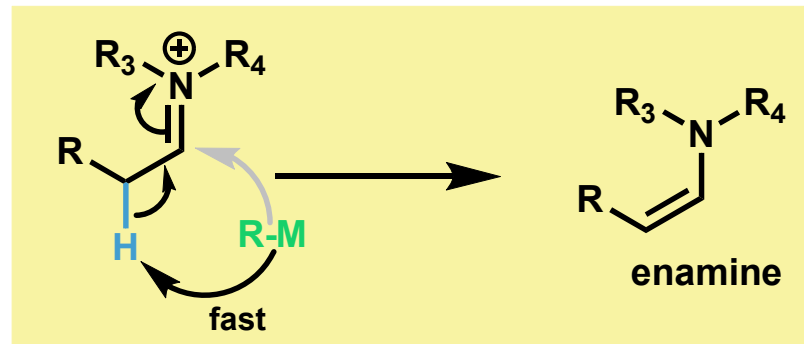
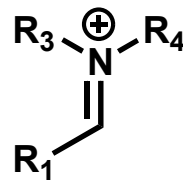
*N*-substituted desloratadine derivatives improved antagonism at histamine H1 receptor

$R_1$	$R_2$	yield
<i>i</i> Pr	4-THP	46%
<i>i</i> Pr	<i>n</i> Pr	64%
<i>t</i> Bu	<i>n</i> Pr	67%
MeOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	4-THP	42%
MeOCH <sub>2</sub>	Cyclobutyl	51%
<i>i</i> Pr	H	41%
<i>i</i> Pr	D	45%
CD <sub>2</sub> CD <sub>3</sub>	<i>n</i> Pr	23%

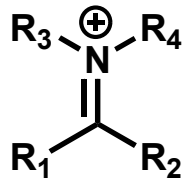
# Summary



*condensation*  
aldehydes



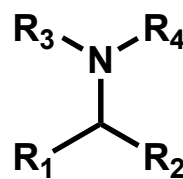
*condensation*  
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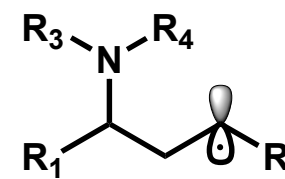
*carbonyl*  
reductive amination

low efficiency

*carbonyl*  
alkylative amination **R-I**



*photocatalyst*  
olefin



branched tertiary amines