

# **Cu-Catalyzed Desaturation of Carbonyl Compounds**

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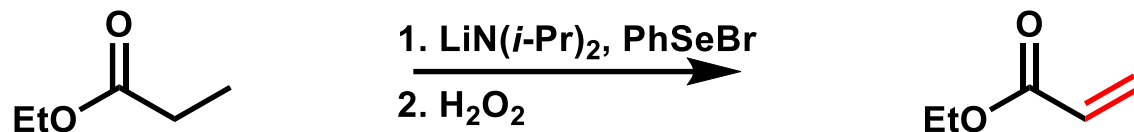
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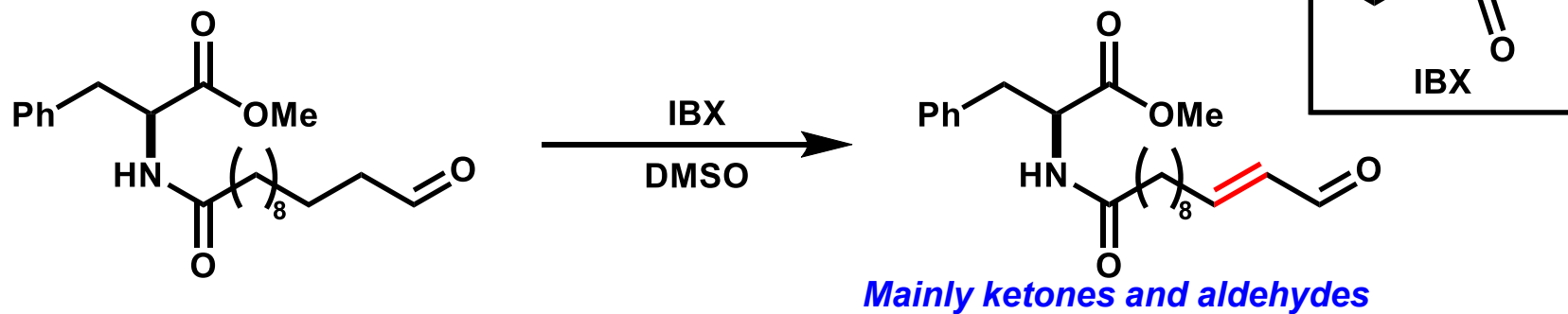
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# $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds

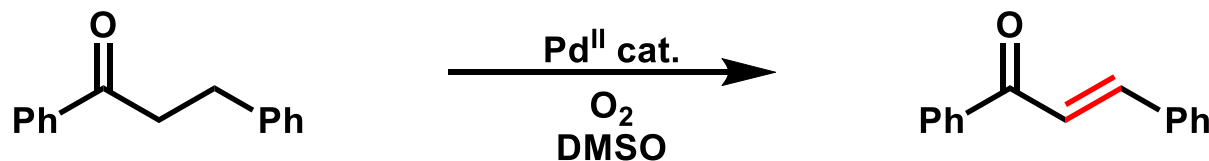
## a) Multistep method



## b) Direct dehydrogenation (IBX, DDQ)



## c) Catalyzed by transition metals (Pd, Ir, ...)



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2) Diao, T.; Wadzinski, T. J.; Stahl, S. S. *Chem. Sci.* **2012**, 3, 887.

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**1987 B.S. @ Anhui Institute of Education**

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**2000 Postdoctoral fellow @ Harvard University**

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**2002 Postdoctoral fellow @ Iowa State University (Prof. John G. Verkade)**

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(Prof. Robert H. Grubbs)**

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**2016-Professor @ The University of Chicago**

**Research topic: C-H, C-C activation  
Total synthesis, Polymer chemistry**

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- 2) [http://english.fjirsm.cas.cn/pe/fas/RP/202003/t20200305\\_230666.html](http://english.fjirsm.cas.cn/pe/fas/RP/202003/t20200305_230666.html)
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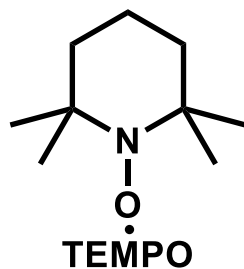
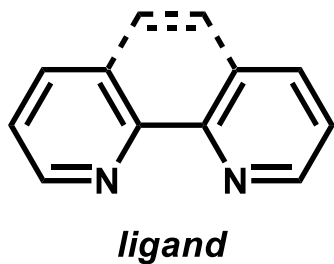
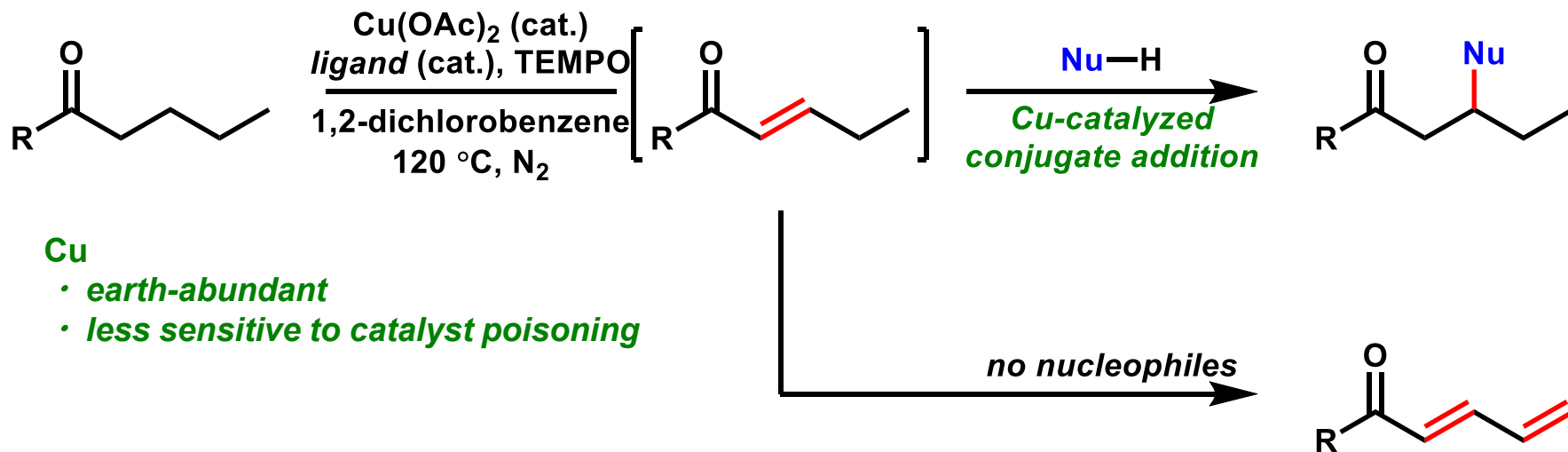
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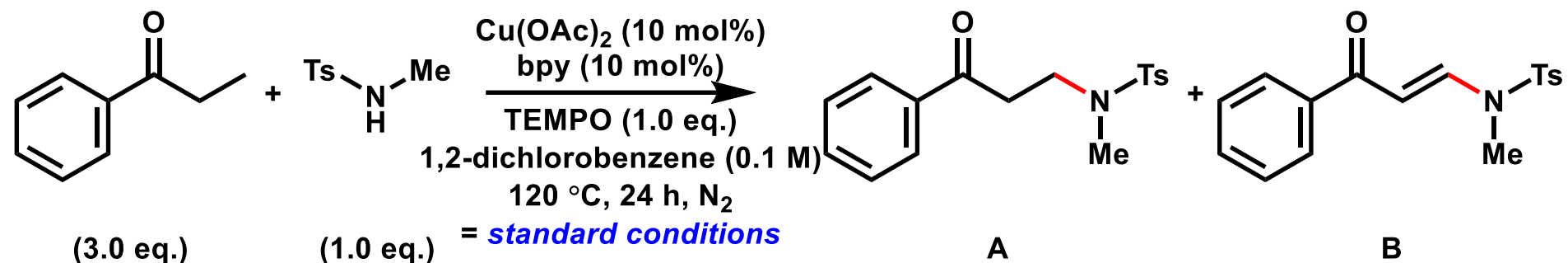
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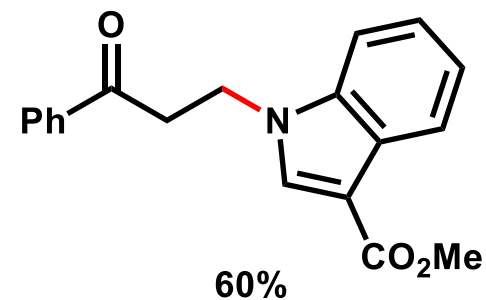
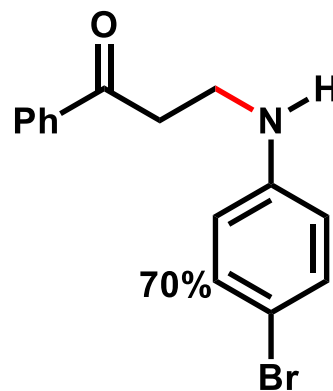
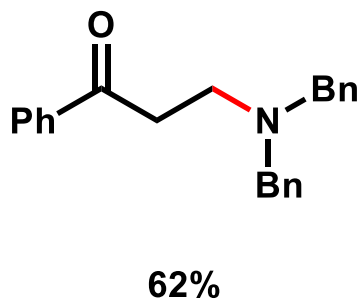
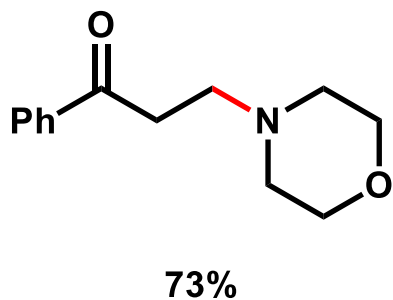
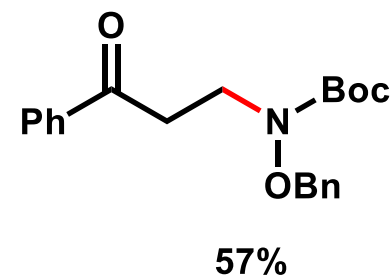
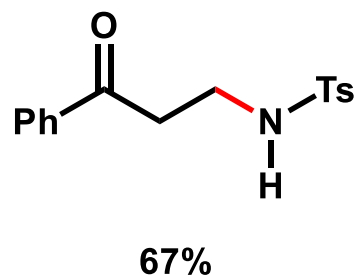
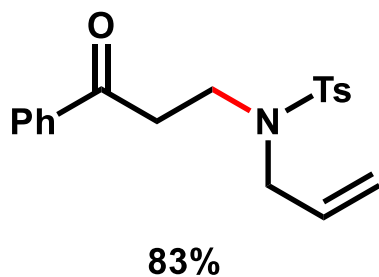
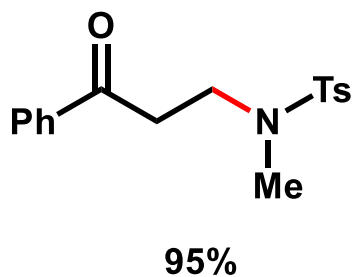
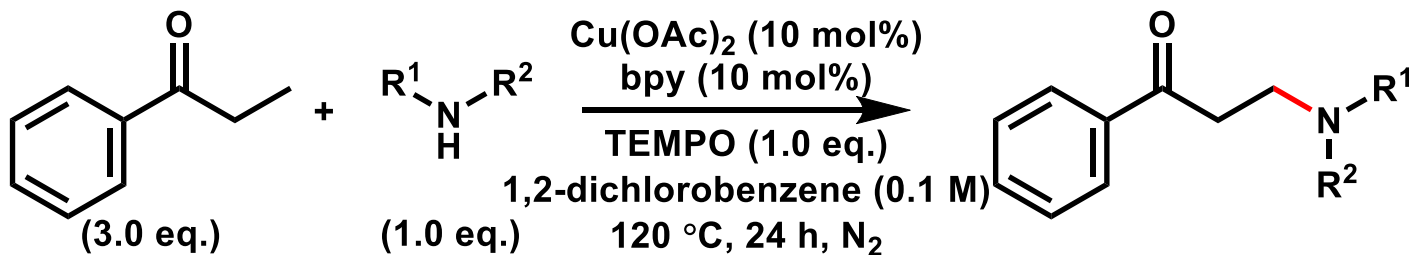
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# Sequential Desaturation-Conjugate Addition



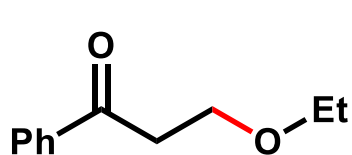
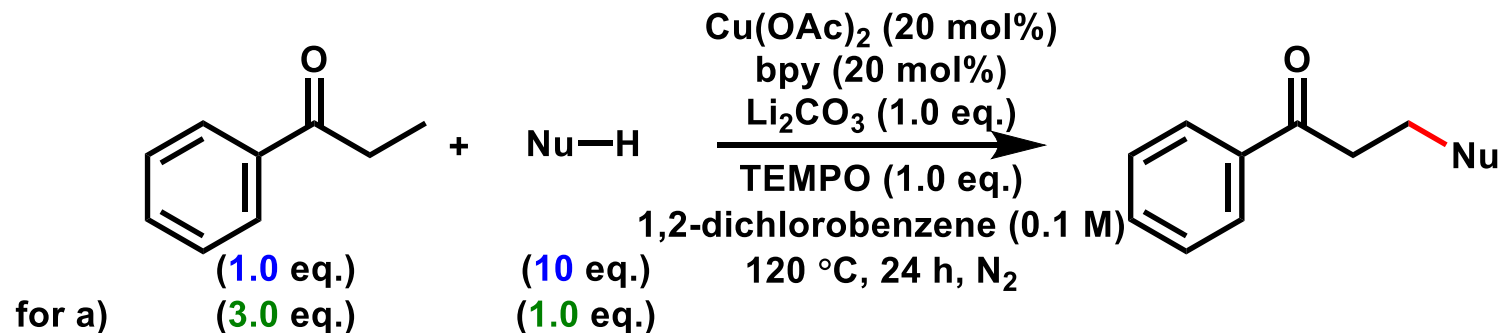
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1	standard conditions	95%	<5%
2	ketone: 1.5 eq.	72%	<5%
3	without Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0%	0%
4	without TEMPO	0%	0%
5	without bpy	62%	<5%
6	TEMPO (20 mol%), O <sub>2</sub> (1 atm)	0%	0%
7	( <i>t</i> -BuO) <sub>2</sub> (2.0 eq.) instead of TEMPO	0%	0%
8	CuSO <sub>4</sub> instead of Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	0%	0%
9	1,10-phenanthroline instead of bpy	94%	<5%
10	1,4-dioxane as solvent	49%	0%

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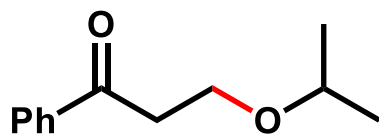




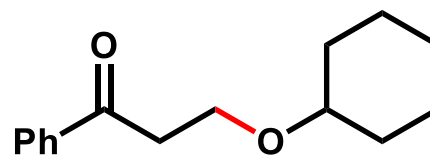
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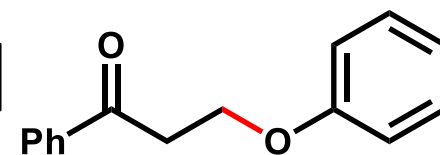
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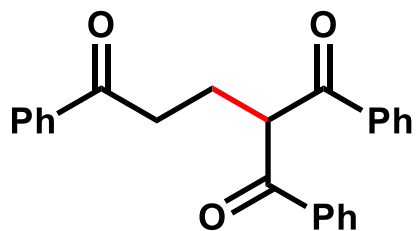


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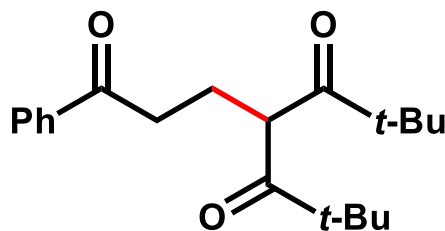


44%\*

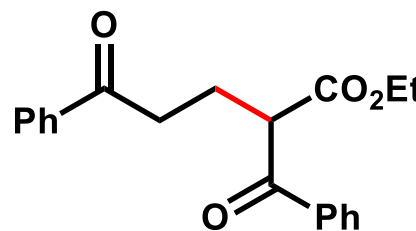
\* PhOH: 5.0 eq.,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ : 10 mol%, bpy: 10 mol%,  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ : 0 eq., TEMPO: 1.0 eq.



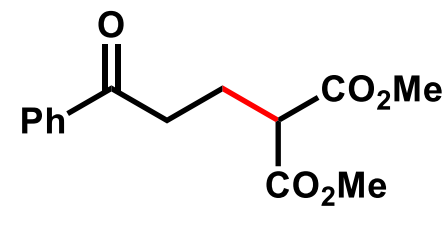
91%<sup>a)</sup>



96%<sup>a)</sup>



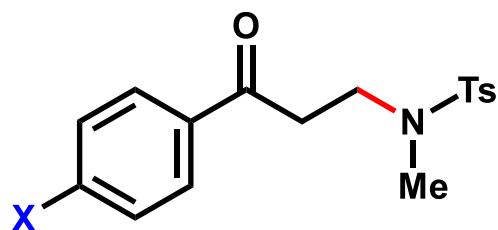
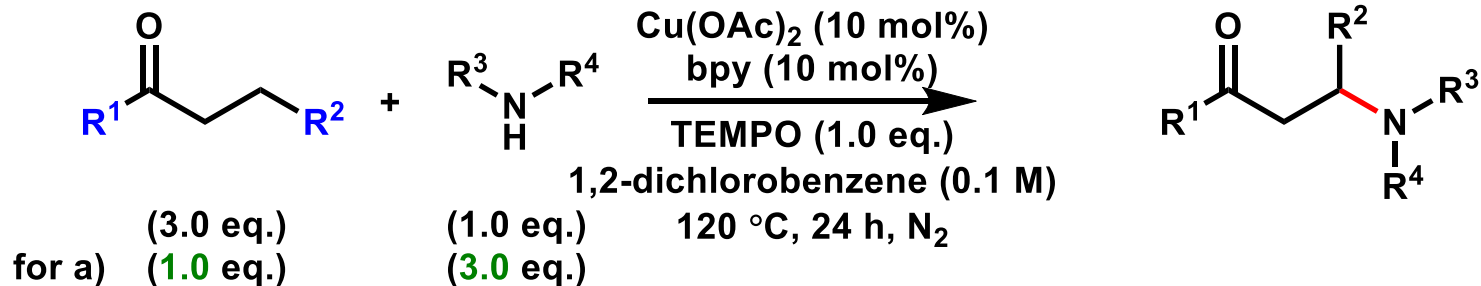
70%<sup>a)</sup>



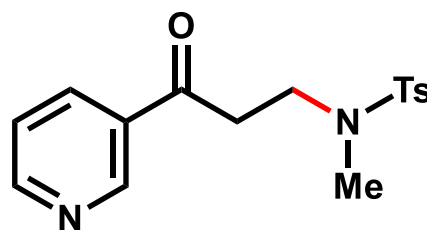
51%<sup>a)</sup>

a) without  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$

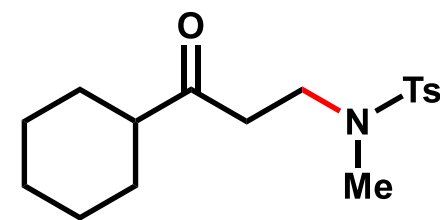
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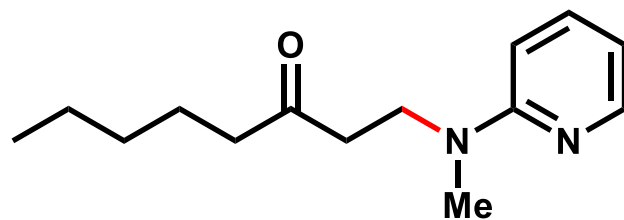
X = Me: 89%  
OMe: 90%  
F: 94%  
Cl: 93%  
Br: 94%  
CF<sub>3</sub>: 79%\*  
OH: 85%



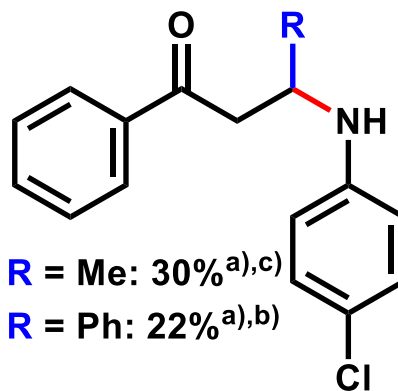
81% (without bpy)



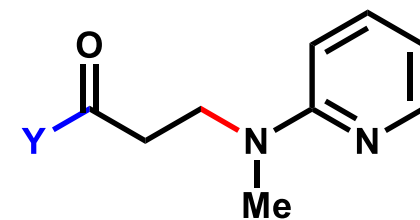
57%<sup>b)</sup>



60%<sup>b)</sup>



R = Me: 30%<sup>a),c)</sup>  
R = Ph: 22%<sup>a),b)</sup>



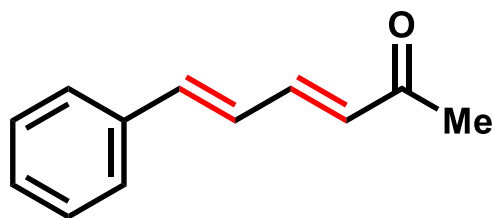
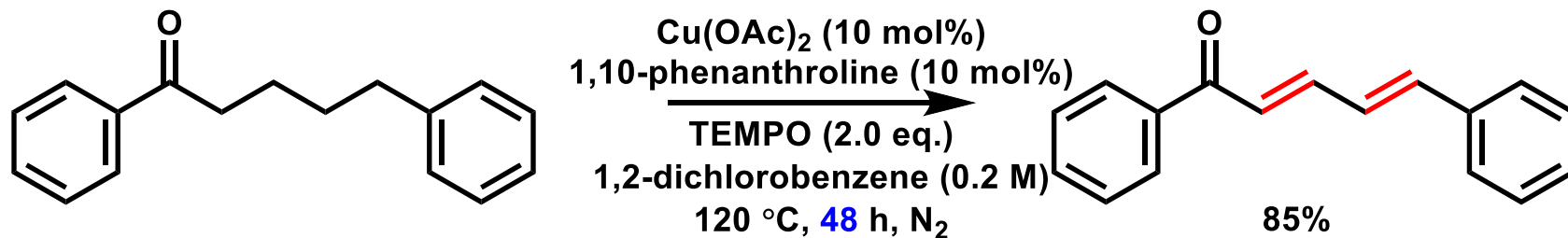
Y = OEt: 0%  
Y = NMe<sub>2</sub>: 0%

\* conducted at 100 °C

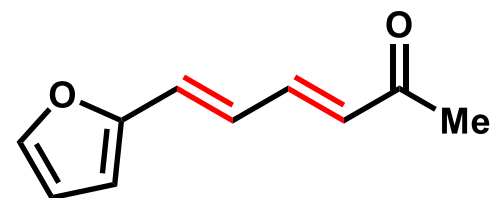
b) Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (30 mol%), bpy (30 mol%)

c) bpy (20 mol%), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 eq.)

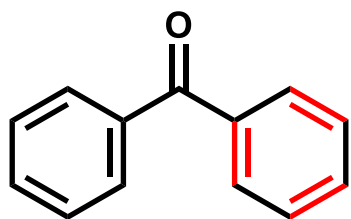
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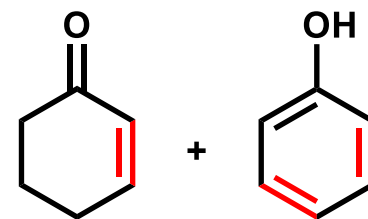
**60%**



**62%**



**81%<sup>a)</sup>**



**68%<sup>b)</sup>**

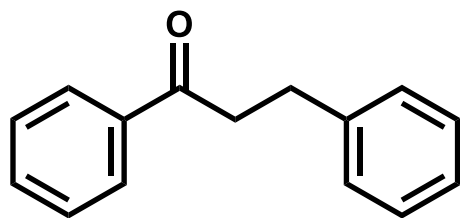
**+**

**16%<sup>b)</sup>**

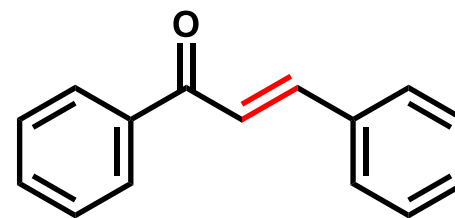
**a) Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), 1,10-phenanthroline (20 mol%), TEMPO (3.0 eq.), 130 °C**

**b) TsOH (10 mol%), solvent = *tert*-amyl alcohol (0.4 M)**

# Mechanistic Study (1) – Kinetics

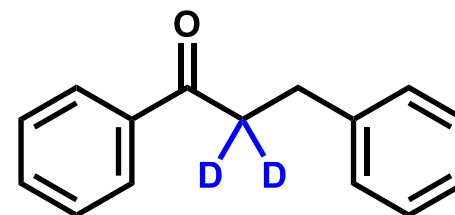


standard conditions  
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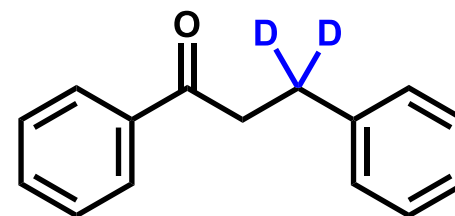


90%

SM	1st order
Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> /bpy	1st order
TEMPO	0th order

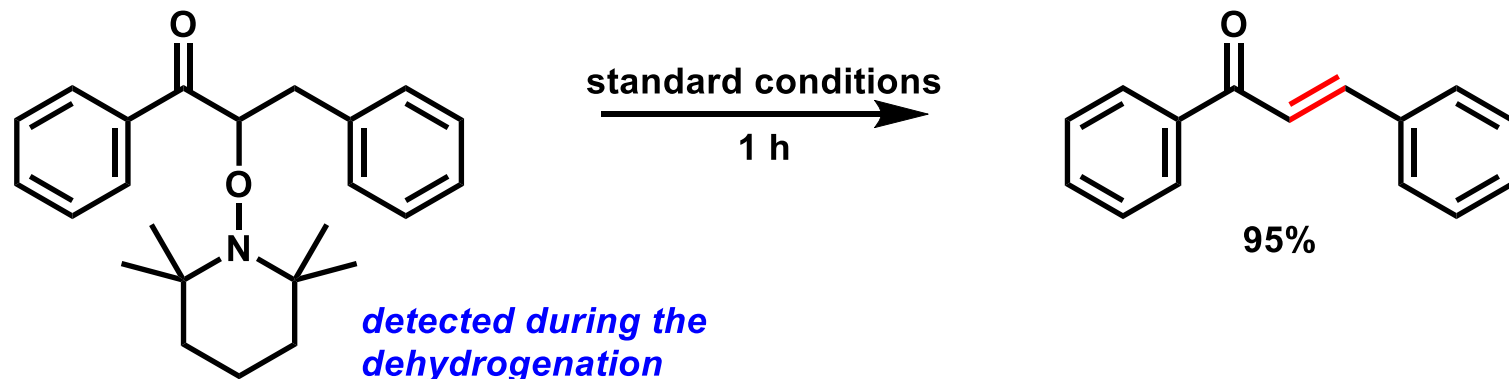
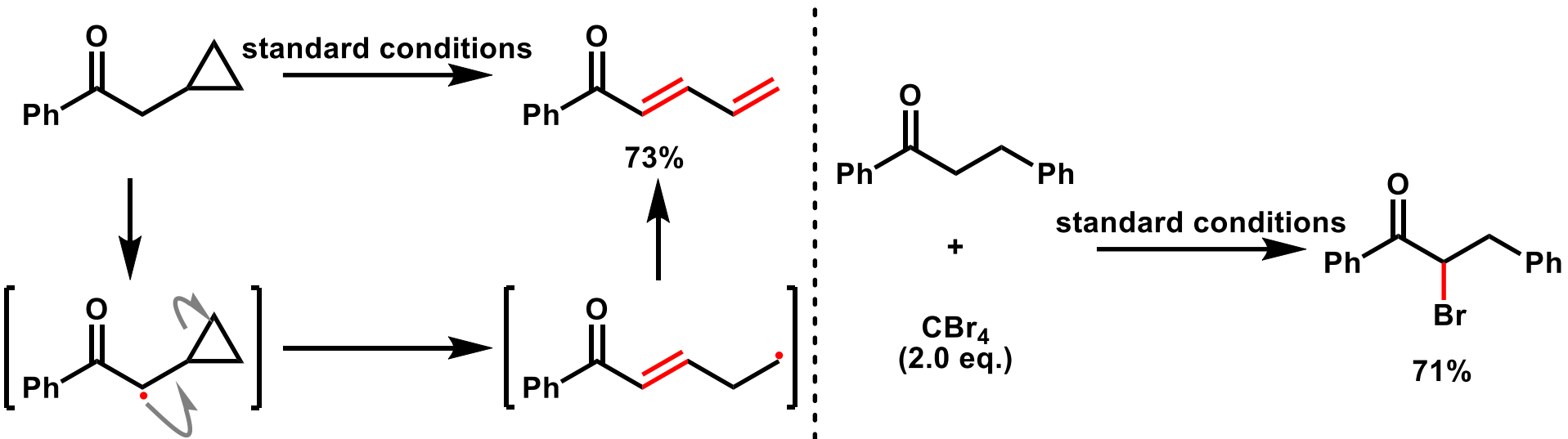


$k_H/k_D = 5.32$

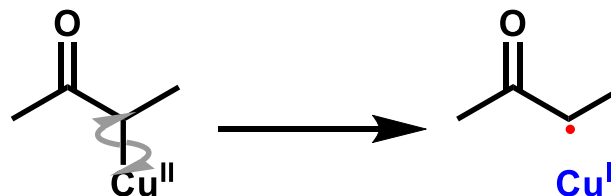


$k_H/k_D = 1.02$

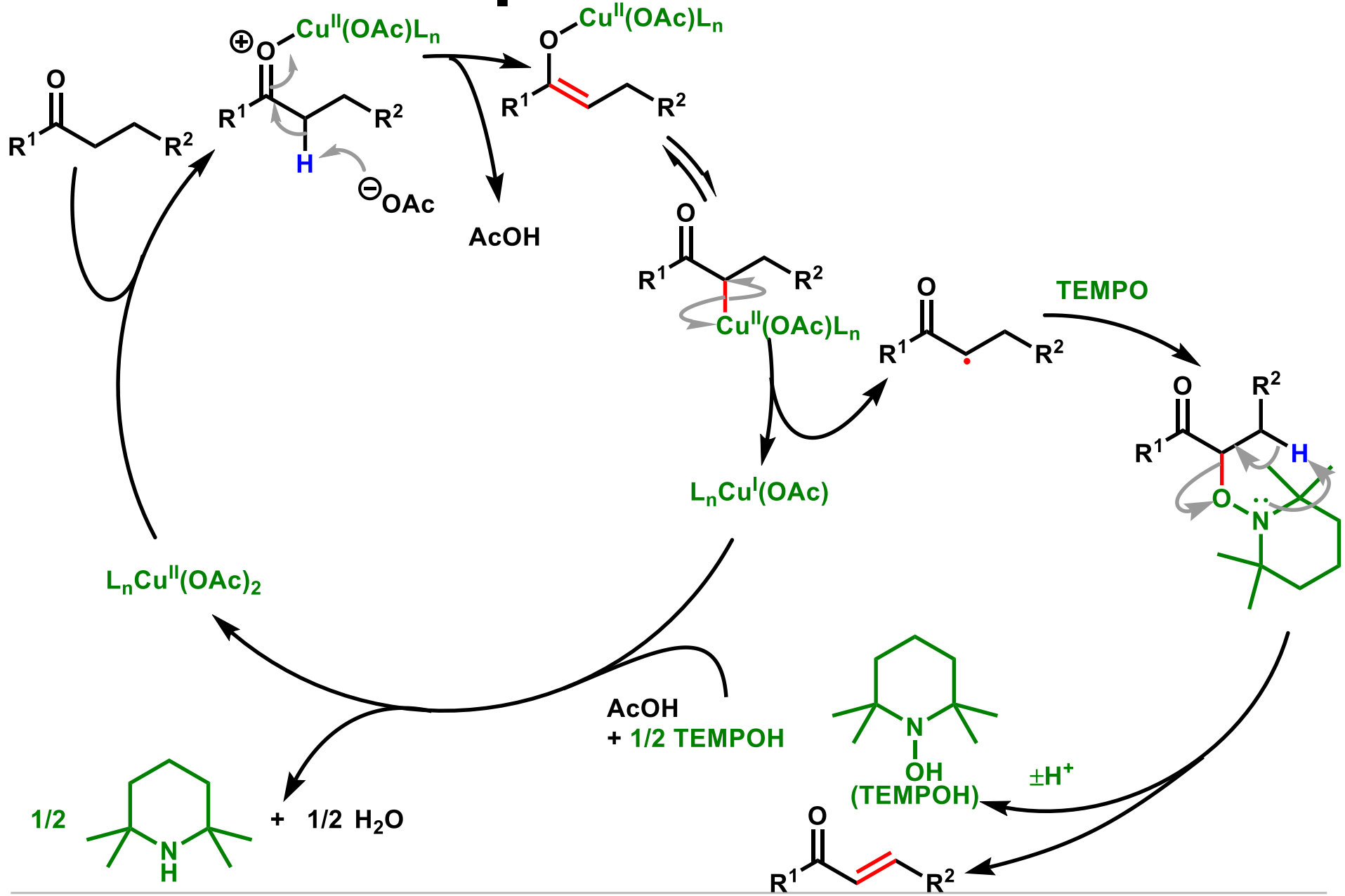
# Mechanistic Study (2) - Intermediate



Cu(I) species : also detected



# Proposed Mechanism



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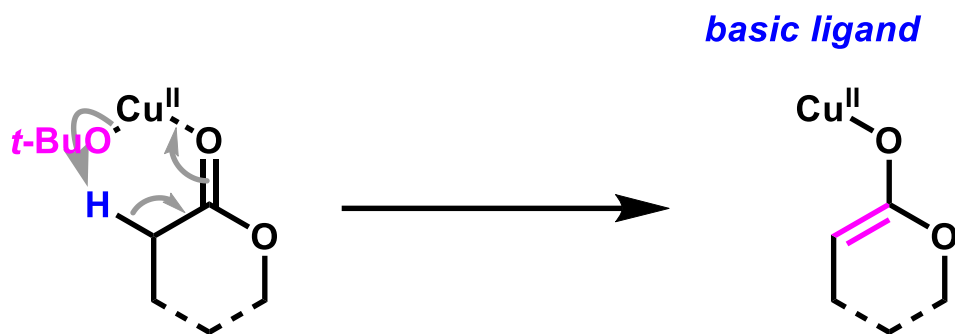
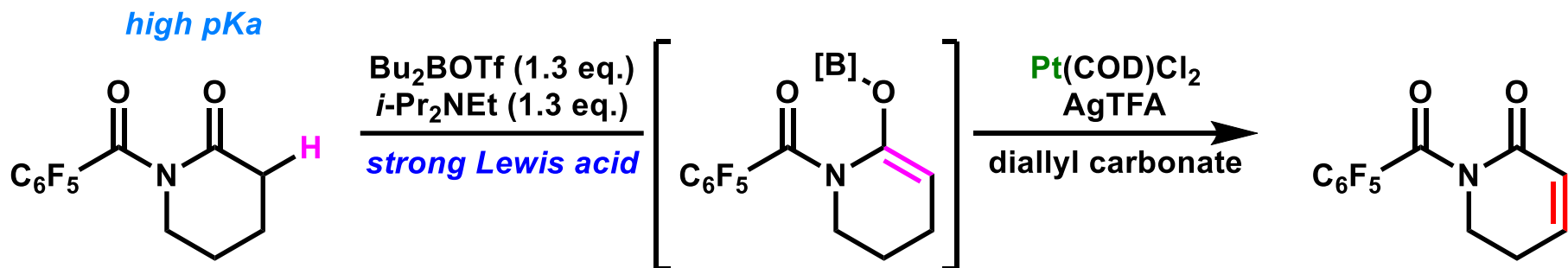
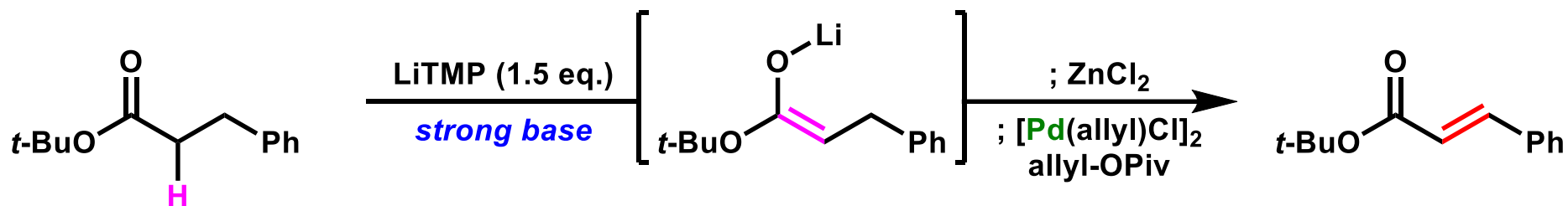
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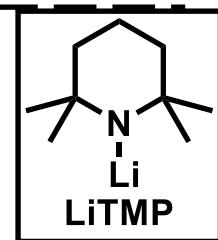
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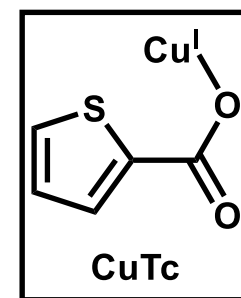
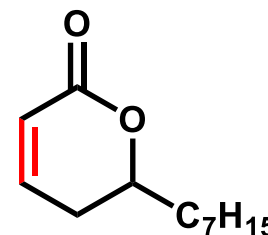
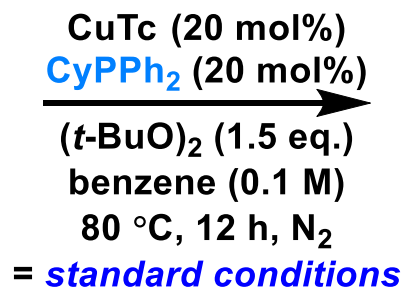
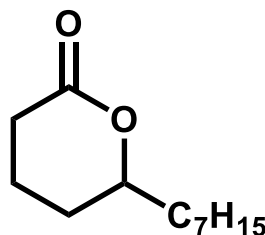
*enable deprotonation?*



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- 3) Gephart, R. T., III; McMullin, C. L.; Sapiezynski, N. G.; Jang, E. S.; Aguila, M. J. B.; Cundari, T. R.; Warren, T. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, 134, 1735.
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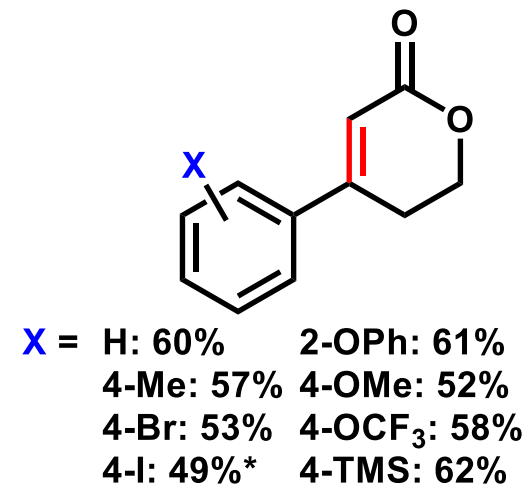
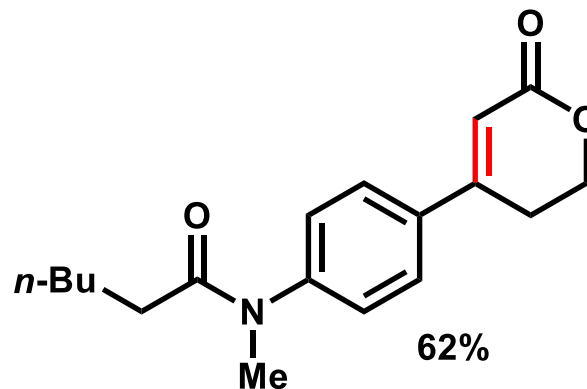
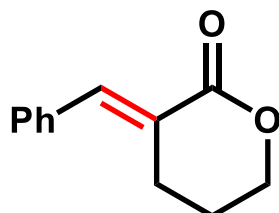
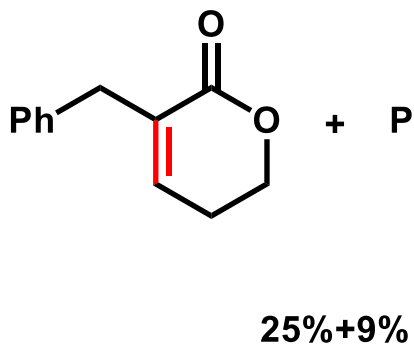
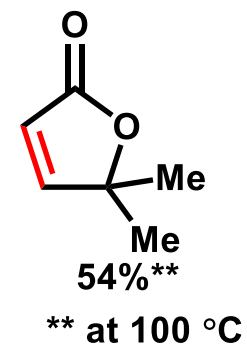
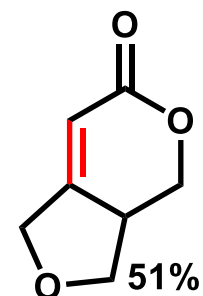
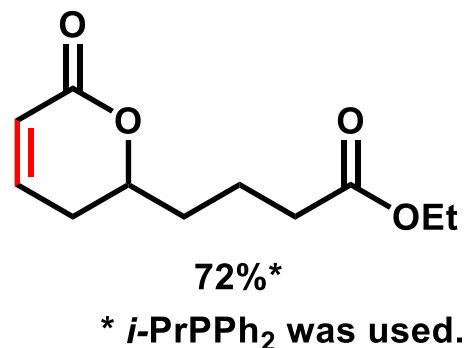
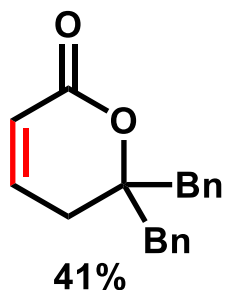
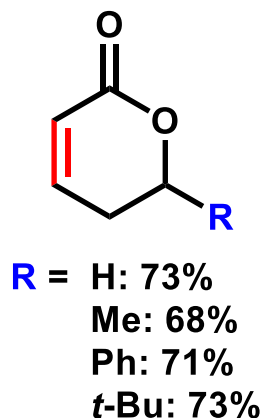
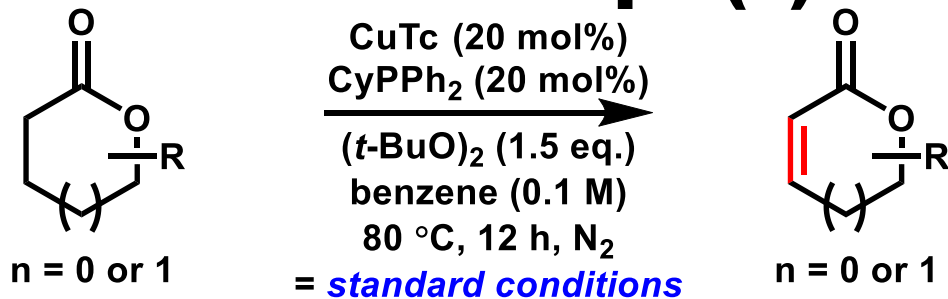


# Desaturation of Lactones, Lactams, Ketones

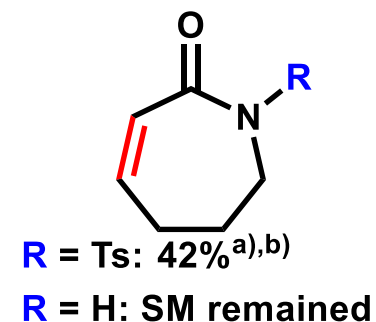
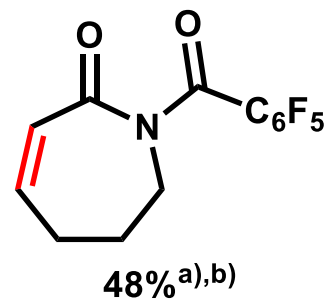
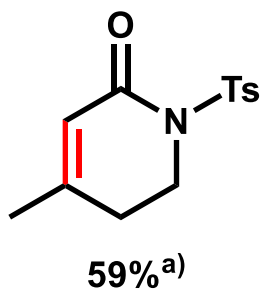
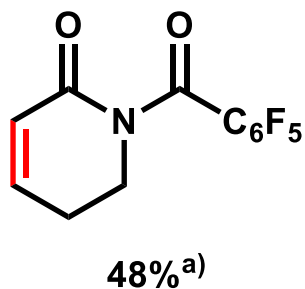
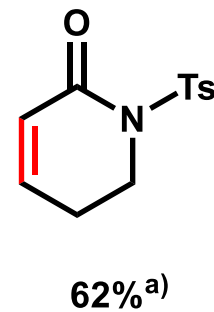
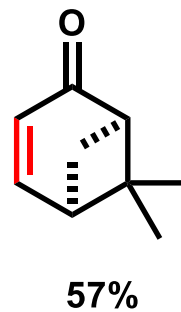
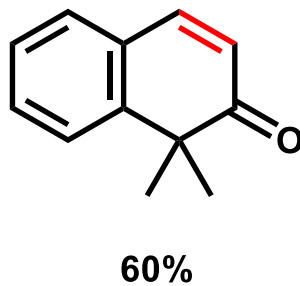
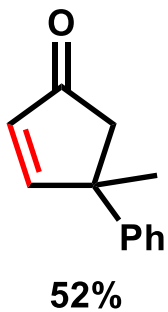
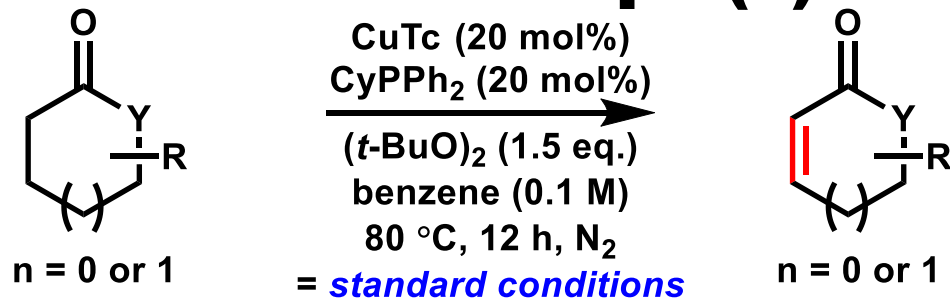


entry	conditions	yield	entry	ligand (instead of CyPPh <sub>2</sub> )	yield
1	standard conditions	82%	1	none	trace
2	CuOAc instead of CuTc	78%	2	pyridine	10%
3	CuCl instead of CuTc	20%	3	bpy	14%
4	Cu(MeCN) <sub>4</sub> PF <sub>6</sub> instead of CuTc	0%	4	PPh <sub>3</sub>	64%
5	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub> instead of CuTc	trace	5	P( <i>p</i> -OMe-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	72%
6	(PhCMe <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> instead of (t-BuO) <sub>2</sub>	58%	6	P( <i>p</i> -CF <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	48%
7	t-BuOOBz instead of (t-BuO) <sub>2</sub>	0%	7	<i>i</i> -PrPPh <sub>2</sub>	82%
8	1,2-dichloroethane as solvent	20%	8	Cy <sub>3</sub> P	56%

# Substrate Scope (1)

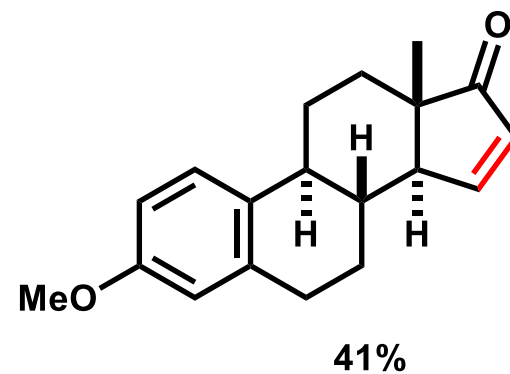
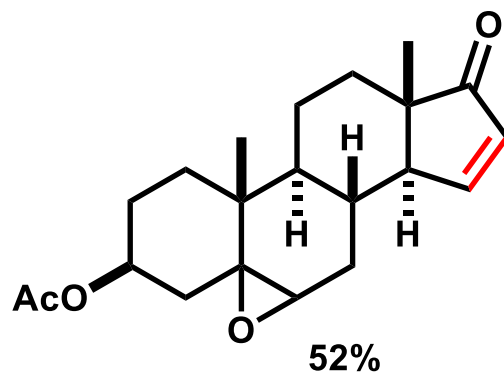
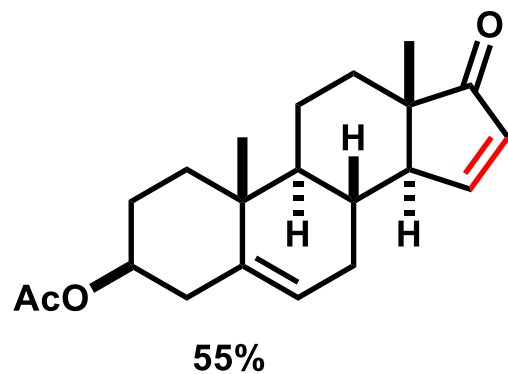
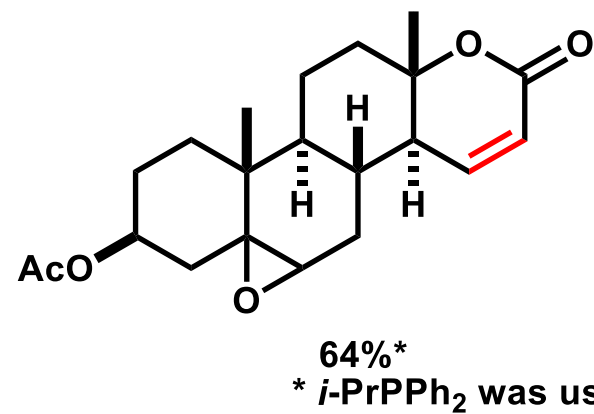
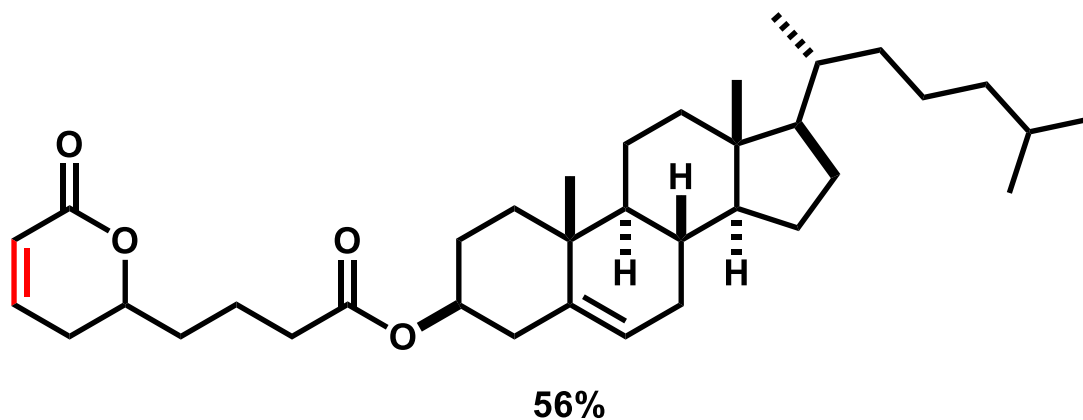
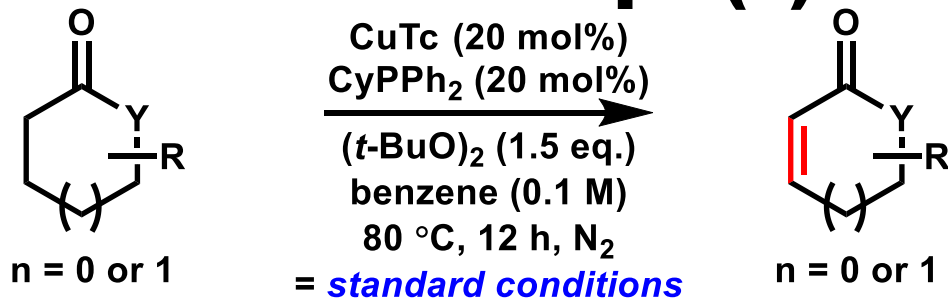


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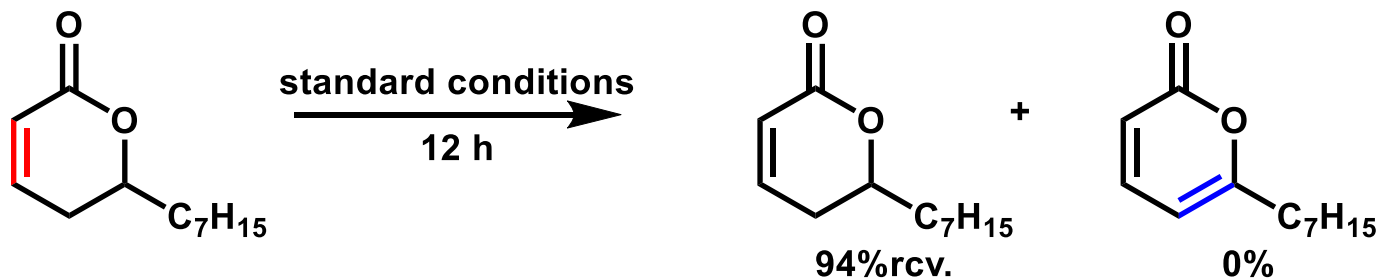
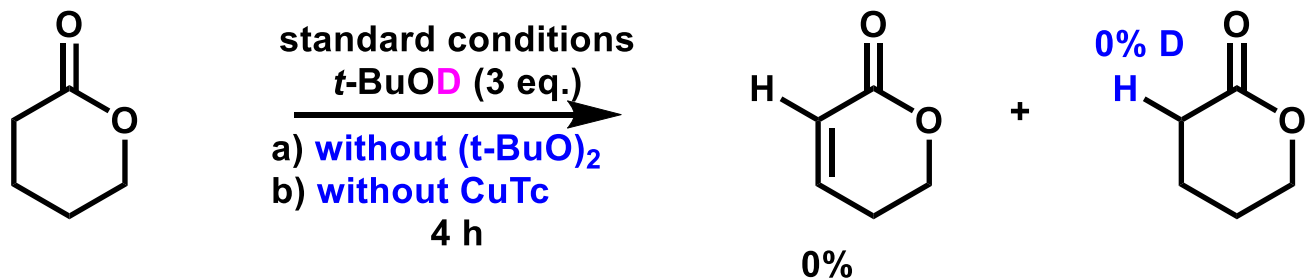
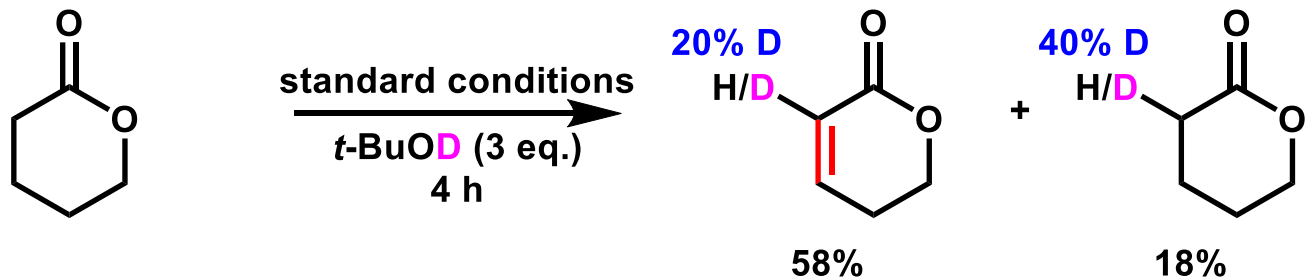


a) *i*-PrPPh<sub>2</sub> was used. b) at 100 °C

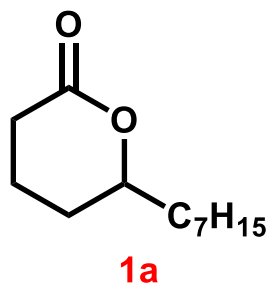
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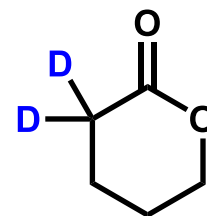
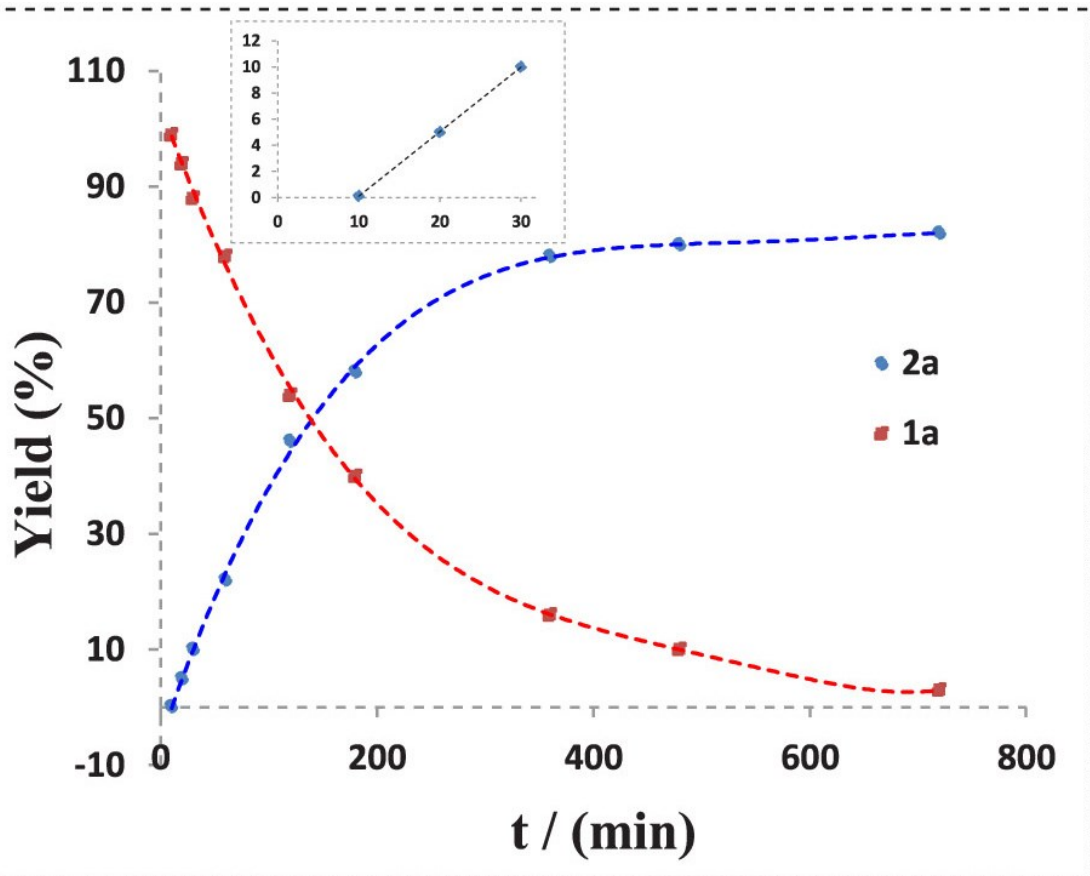
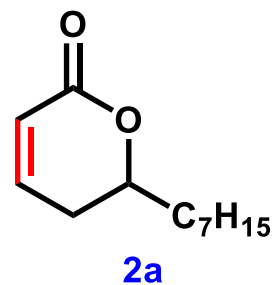
# Mechanistic Study (1) – Deprotonation



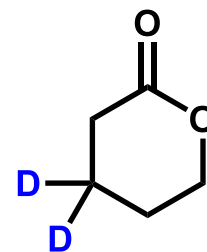
# Mechanistic Study (2) – Kinetics



standard conditions  
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$$k_H/k_D = 1.2 \pm 0.1$$

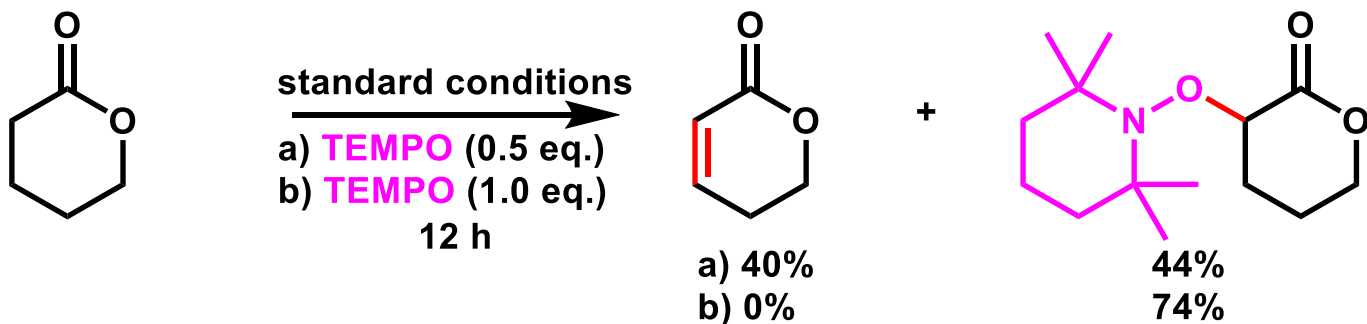
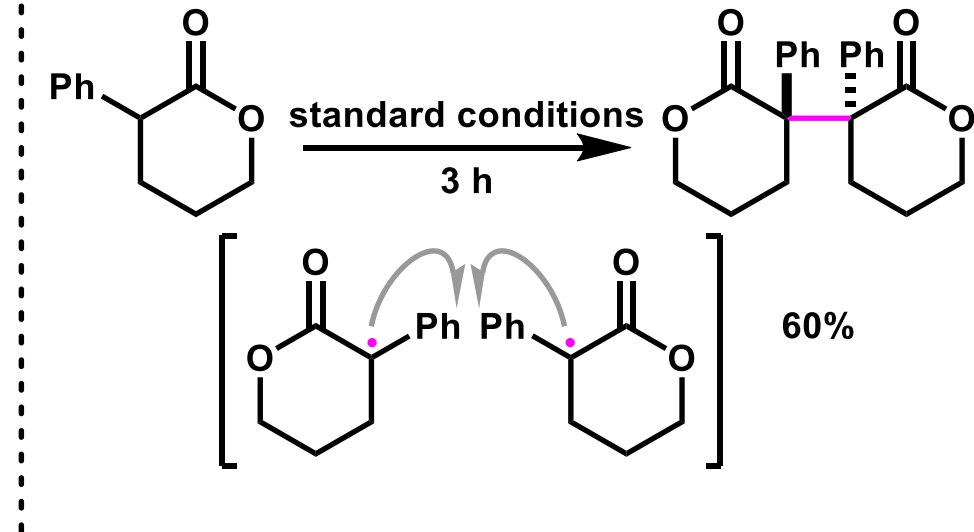
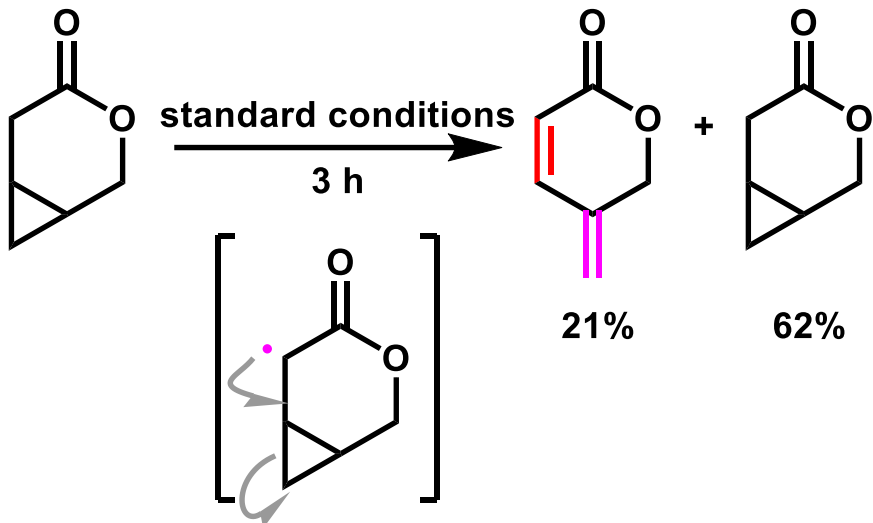


$$k_H/k_D = 1.0 \pm 0.1$$

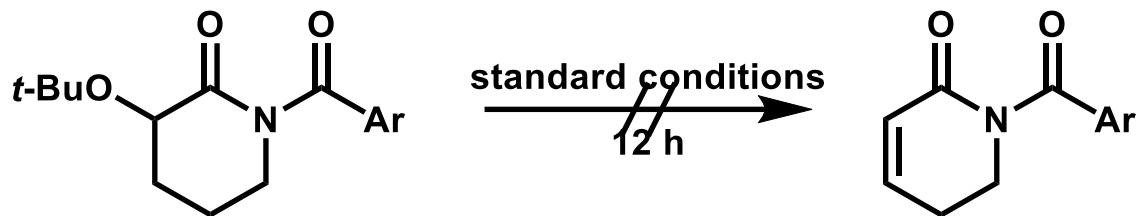
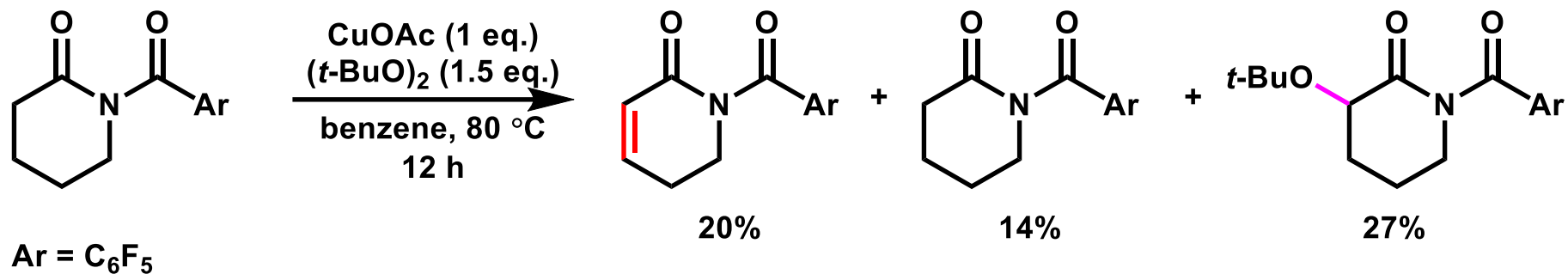
Cu(II) species : detected during the reaction

SM	0th order
CuTc/CyPPh <sub>2</sub>	1st order
( <i>t</i> -BuO) <sub>2</sub>	1st order

# Mechanistic Study (3) – Radical Character



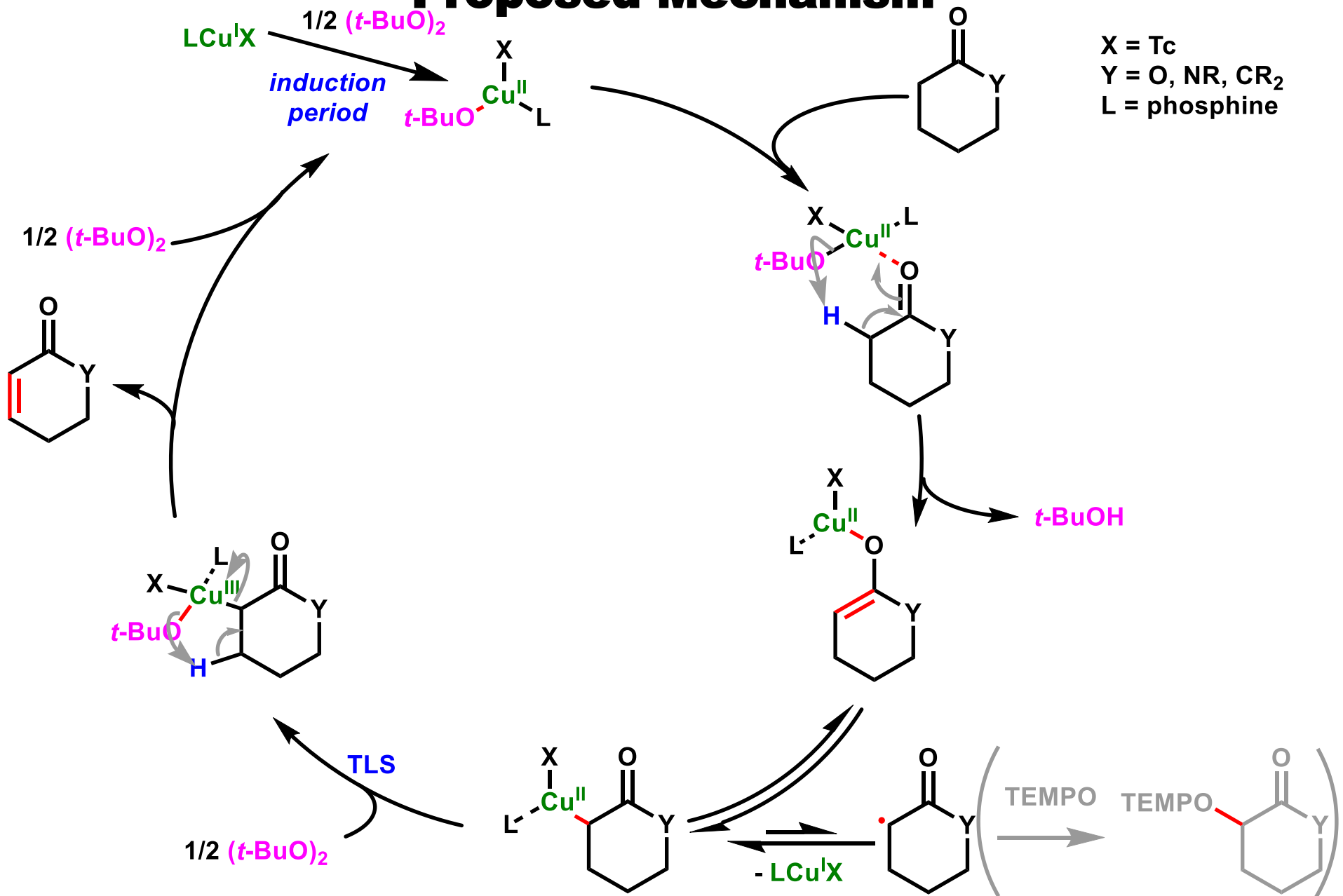
# Mechanistic Study (4) – Intermediate



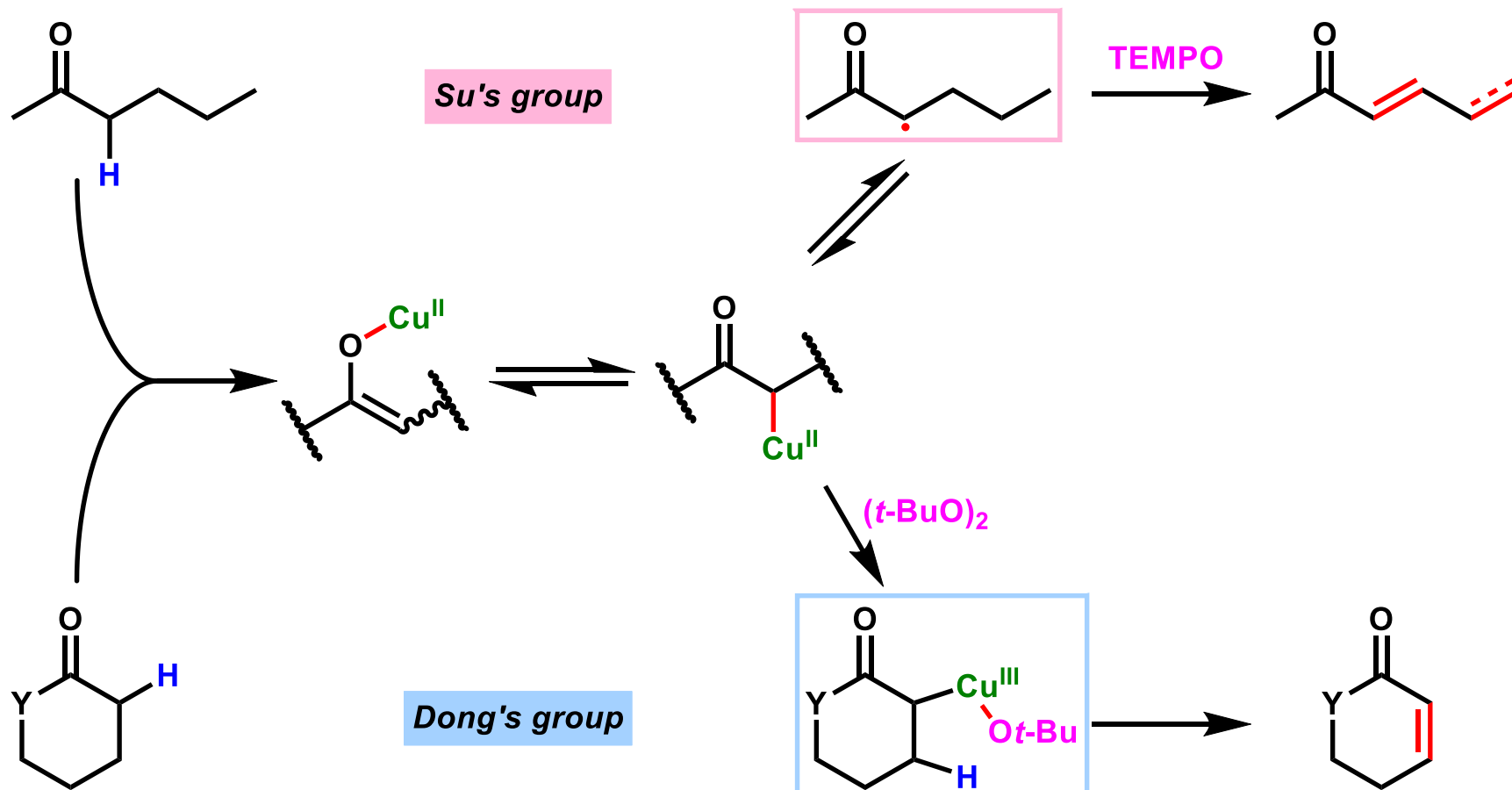
→  $\alpha$ -oxygenated species is not the intermediate of the dehydrogenation.



# Proposed Mechanism



# Summary



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