

Radical reactions using α -aminoalkyl radicals as halogen-atom transfer agents

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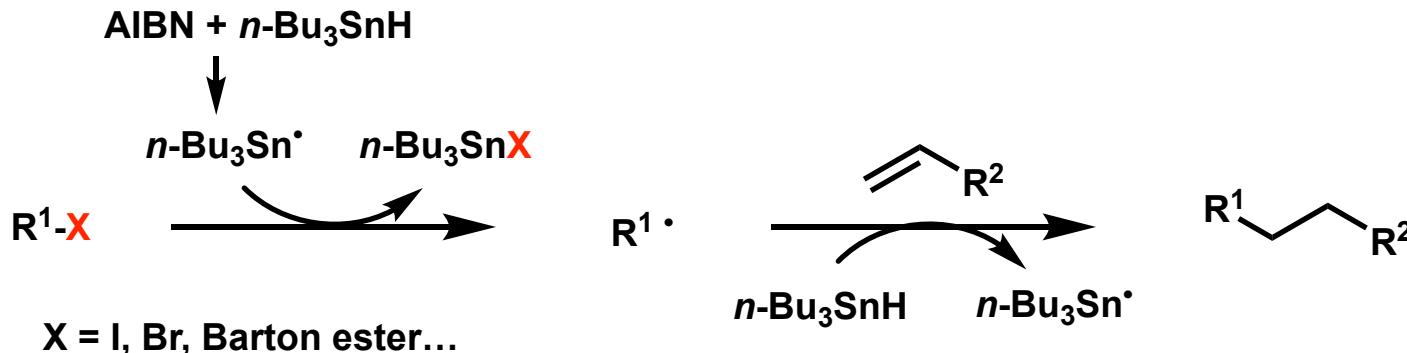
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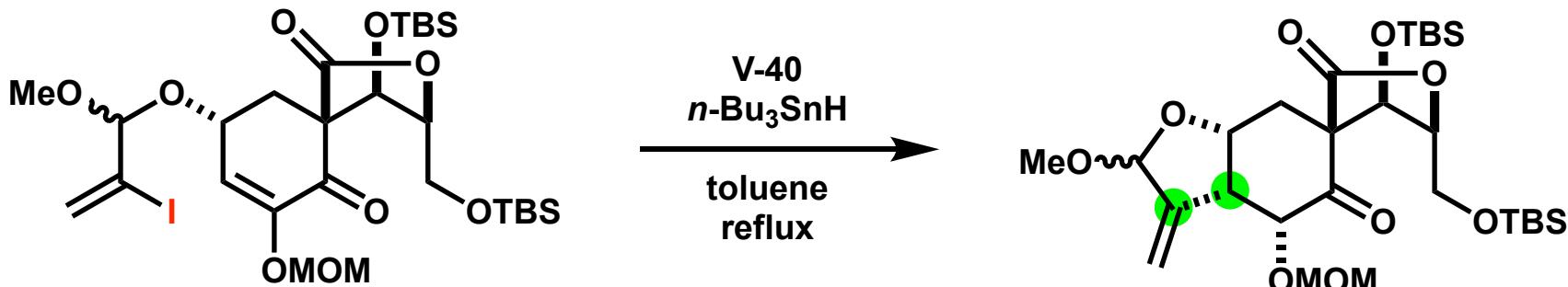
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Radical Reaction

- Radical addition

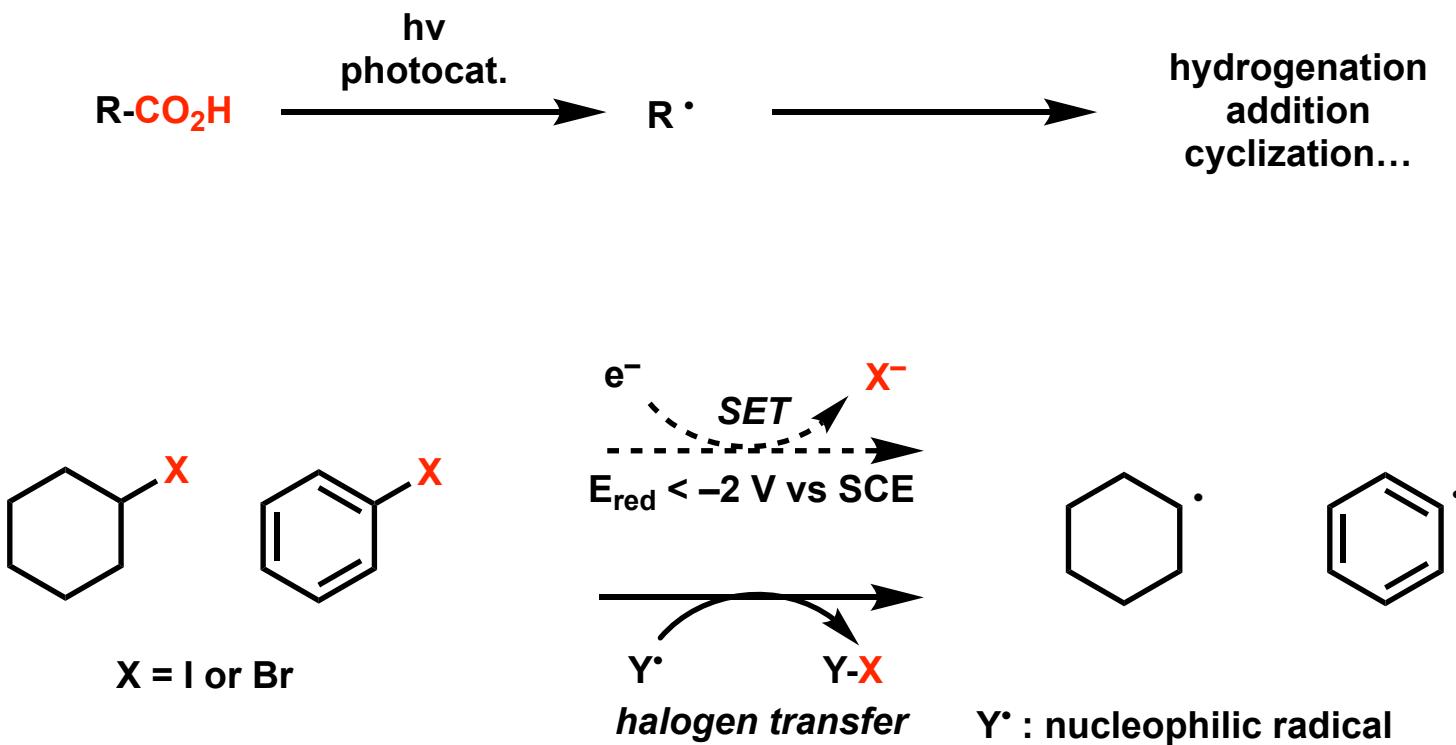


- Ueno-Stork-type cyclization



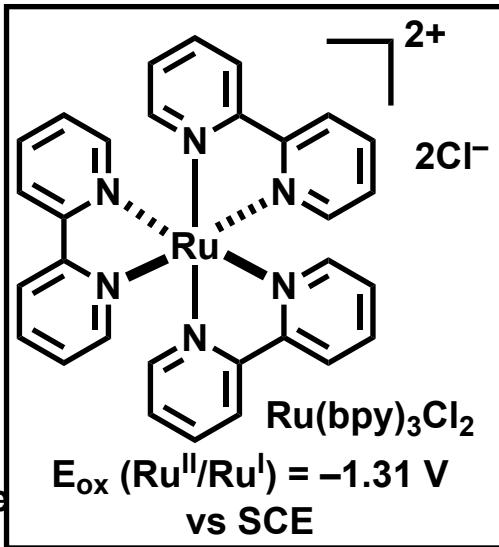
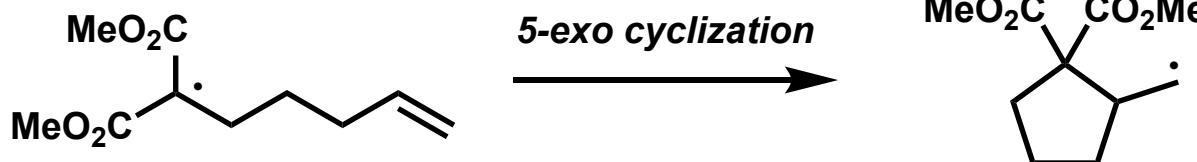
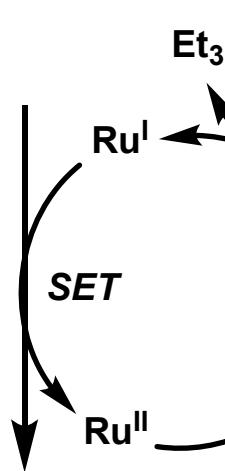
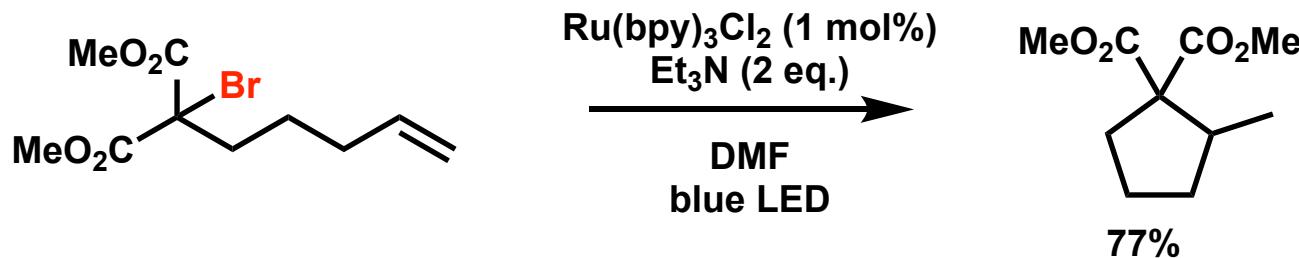
While radical reactions are extremely useful in total synthesis, they often require the use of highly toxic tin reagents.

Radical Reactions by Photoredox Catalysis

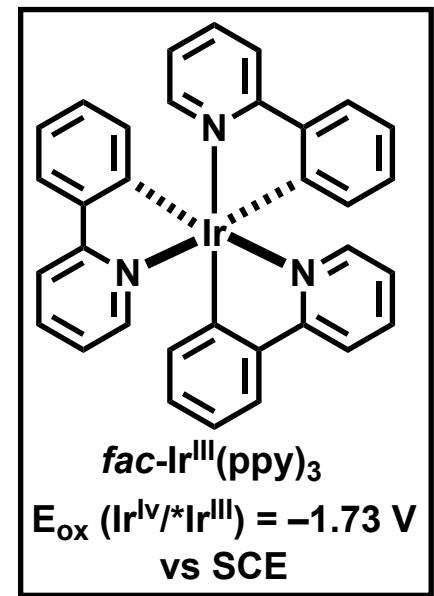
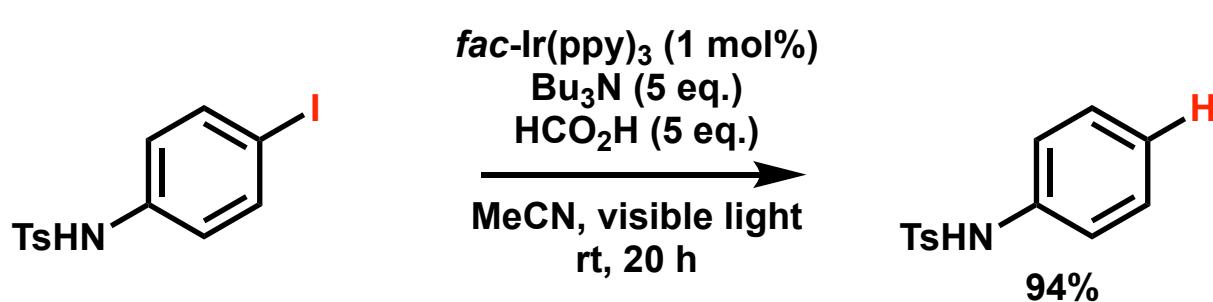
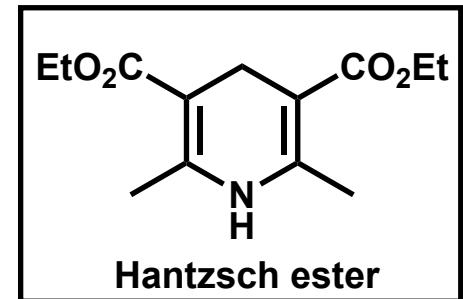
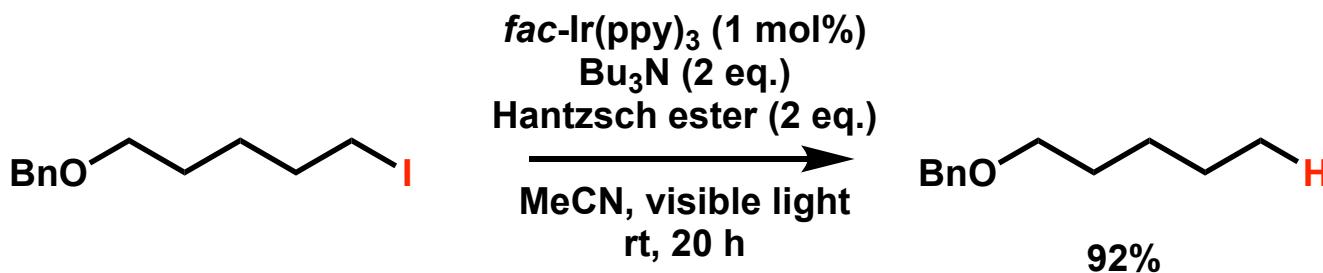


In general, radical generation from unactivated alkyl halide by SET is difficult, because of highly negative reduction potentials. On the other hand, radical generation by halogen transfer is relatively easy to proceed, as is the case with tin reagents.

Radical Reaction with Malonate



Reduction of Alkyl and Aryl Iodide with Ir-Catalyst



Strong reductant is needed to reduce alkyl and aryl iodide.

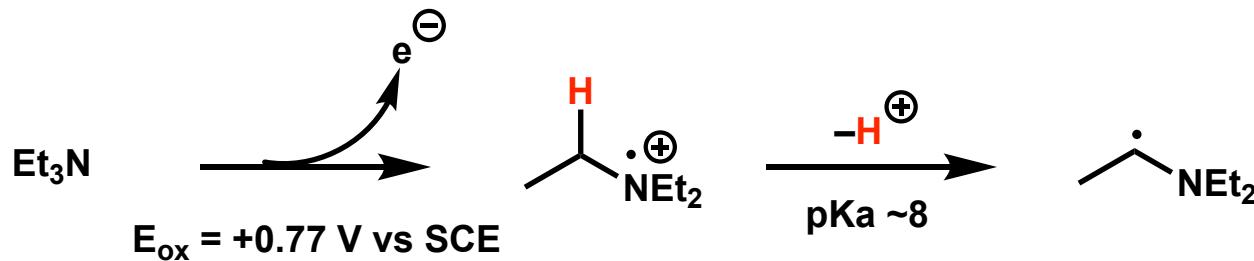
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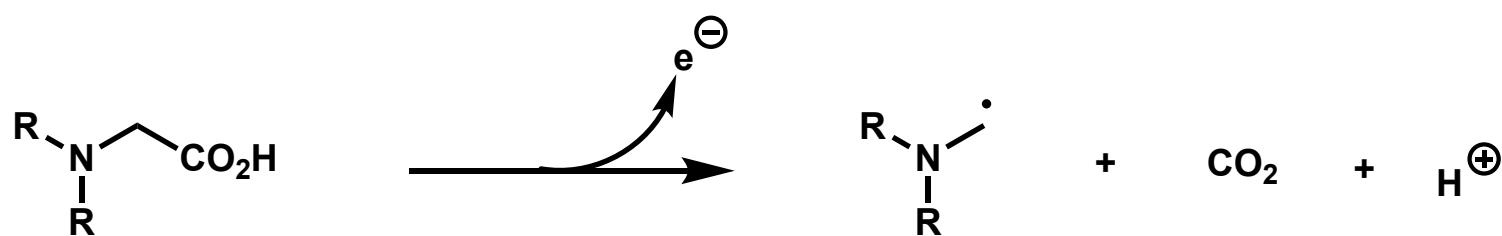
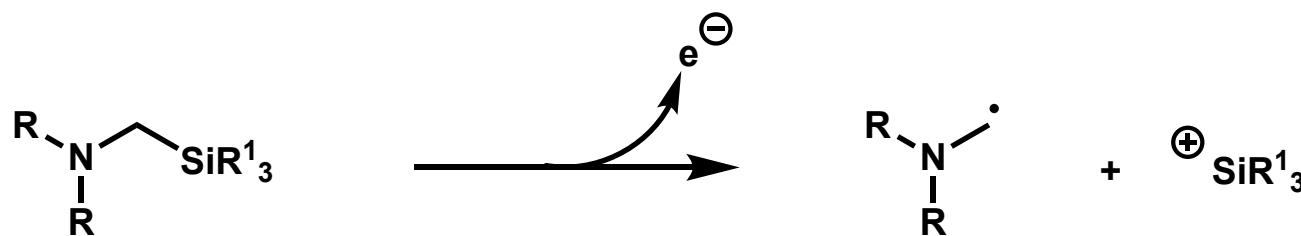
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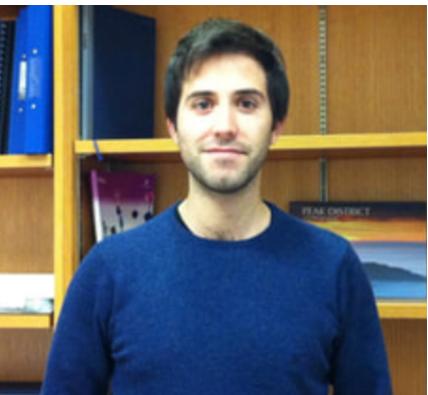
α -Aminoalkyl Radical



HAT
($\alpha\text{-N-C-H BDE} = 91 \text{ kcal/mol}$)



Prof. Daniele Leonori

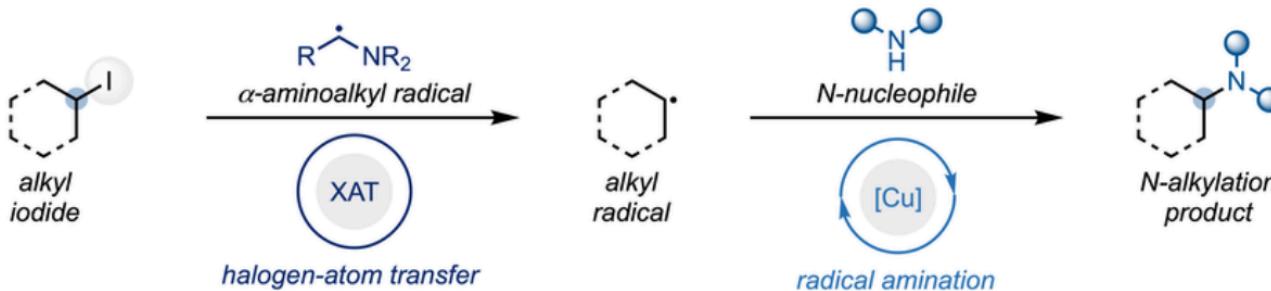


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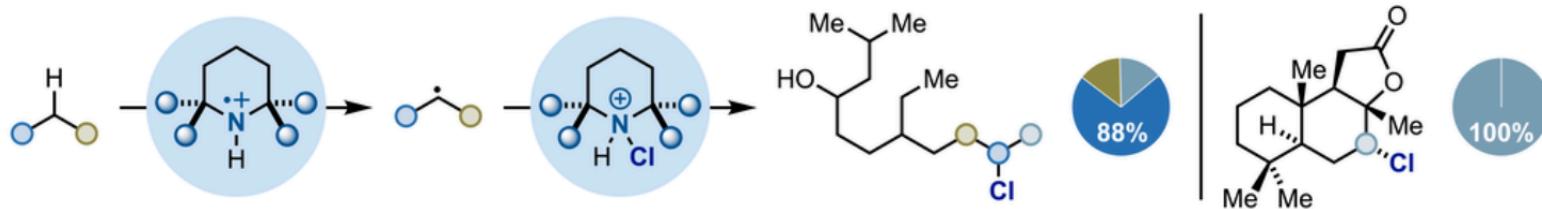
2007-2010 : PhD, University of Sheffield (Prof. Iain Coldham)
2010-2011 : Postdoc, RWTH-Aachen University (Prof. Magnus Rueping)
2011-2012 : Postdoc, Max Planck Institute (Prof. Peter H. Seeberger)
2012-2014 : Research Officer, University of Bristol (Prof. Varinder K. Aggarwal)
2014-2018 : Lecturer of Organic Chemistry, University of Manchester
2018-2020 : Reader in Organic Chemistry, University of Manchester
2020- : Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Manchester

Research topic: Development of reactions using α -aminoalkyl radical

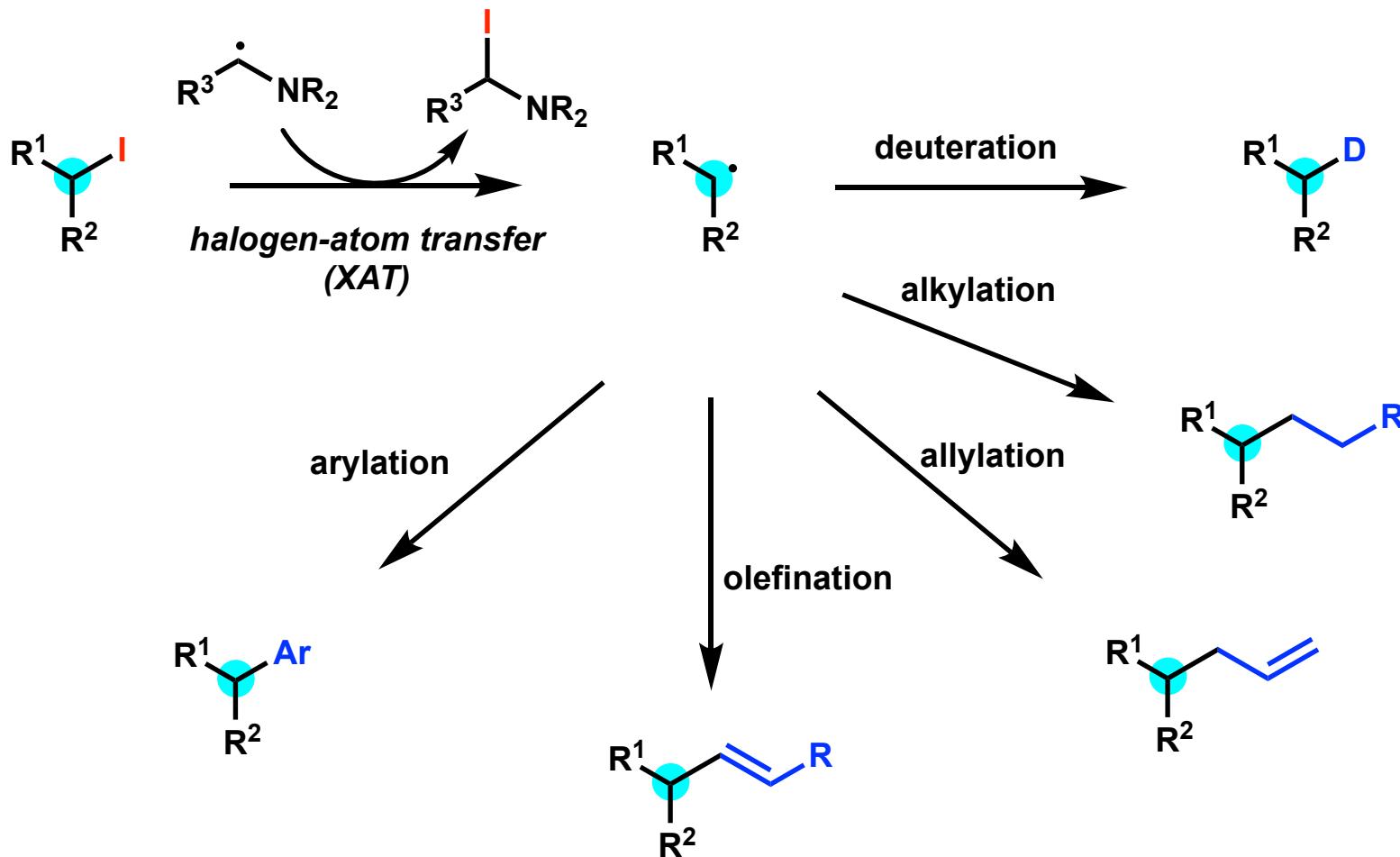
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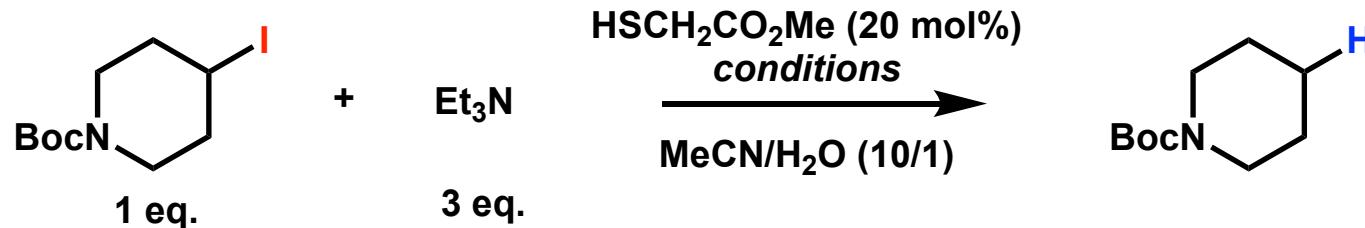
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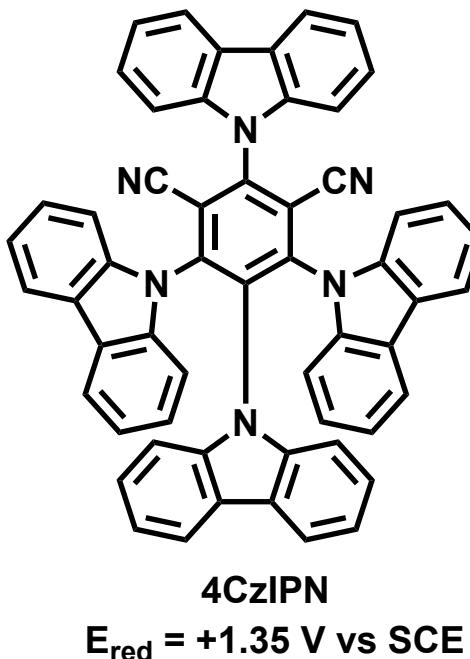
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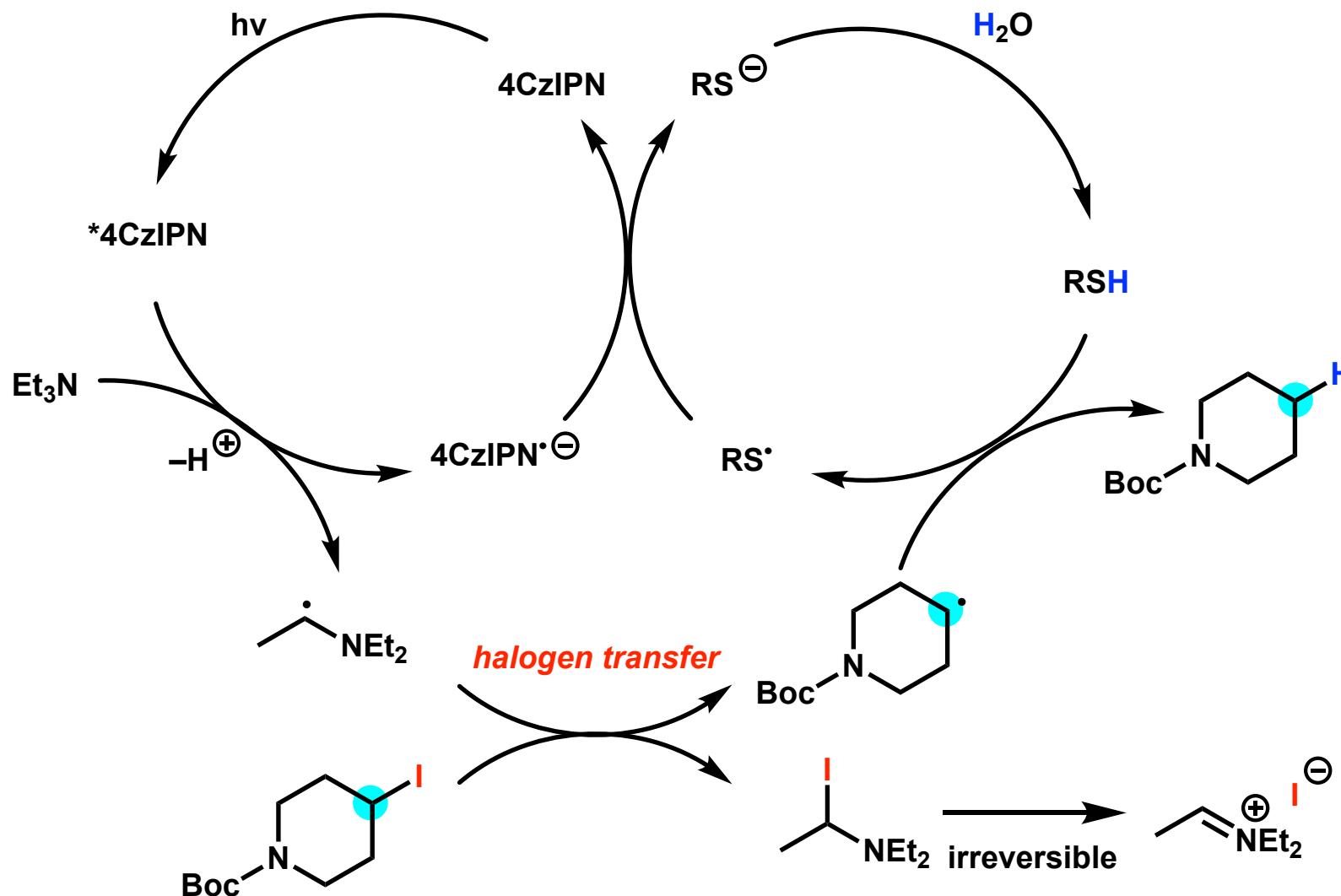
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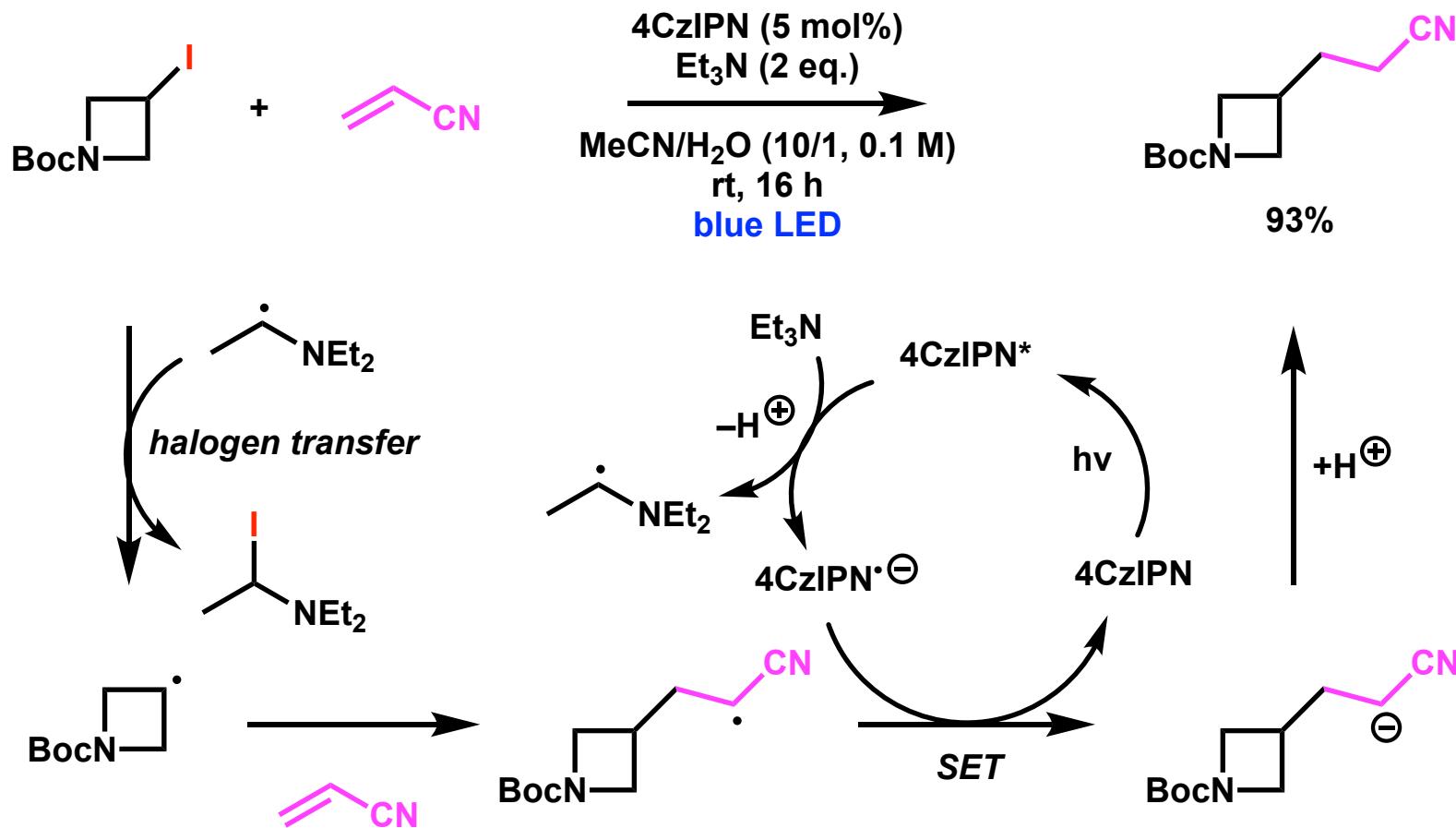
| entry | conditions | yield |
|-------|--|-------|
| 1 | 4CzIPN (5 mol%) blue LED, rt, 4 h | 98% |
| 2 | Ph ₂ C=O (1 eq.) UV-A LED, rt, 2 h | 70% |
| 3 | K ₂ S ₂ O ₈ (2 eq.) 70 °C, 2 h | 40% |
| 4 | (t-BuO) ₂ (16 eq.) UV-A LED, rt, 16 h | 67% |



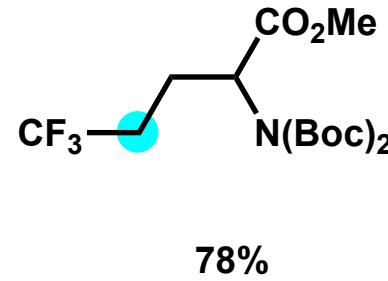
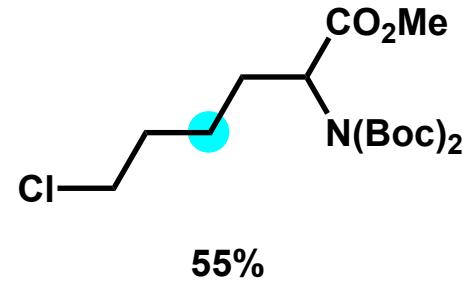
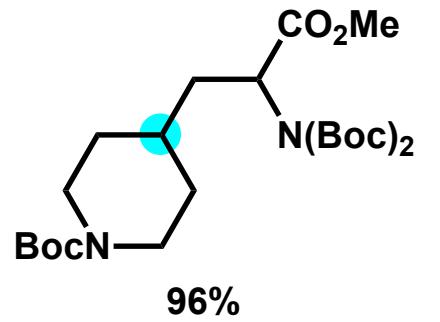
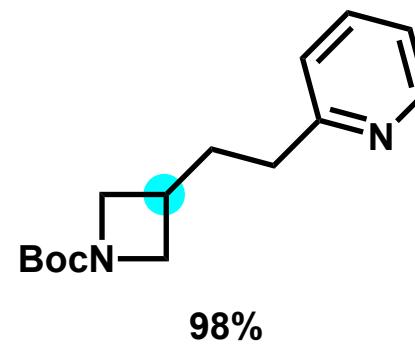
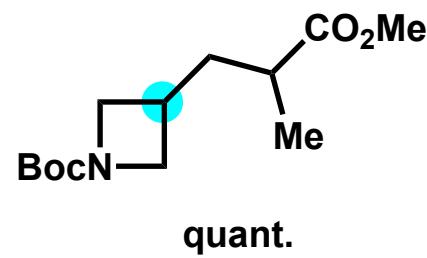
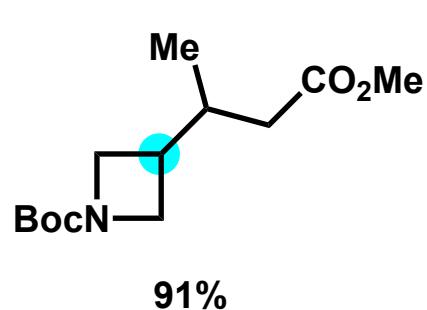
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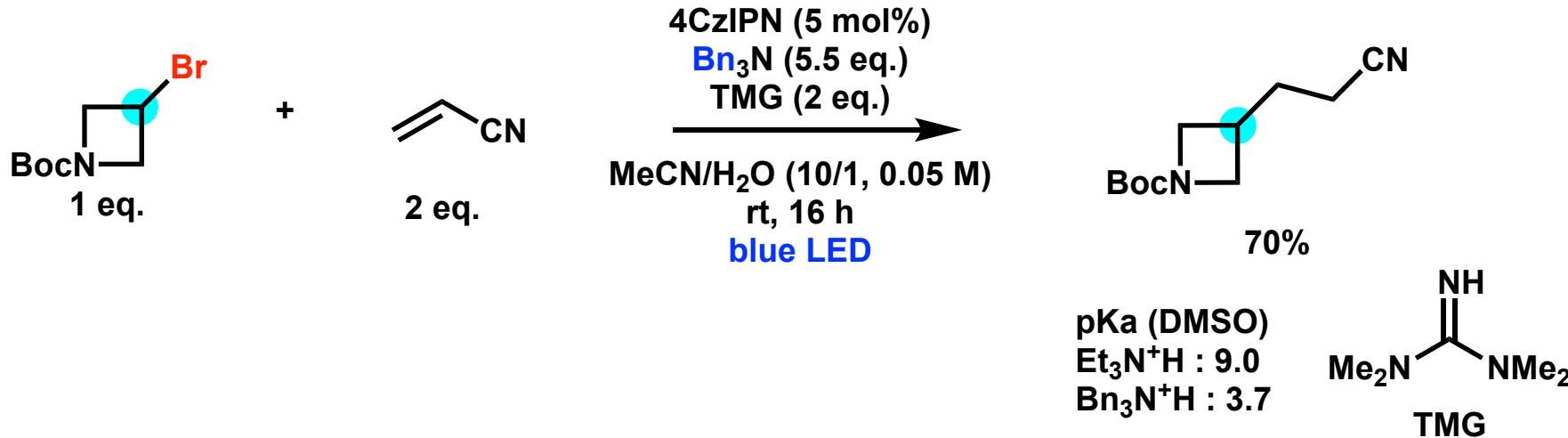
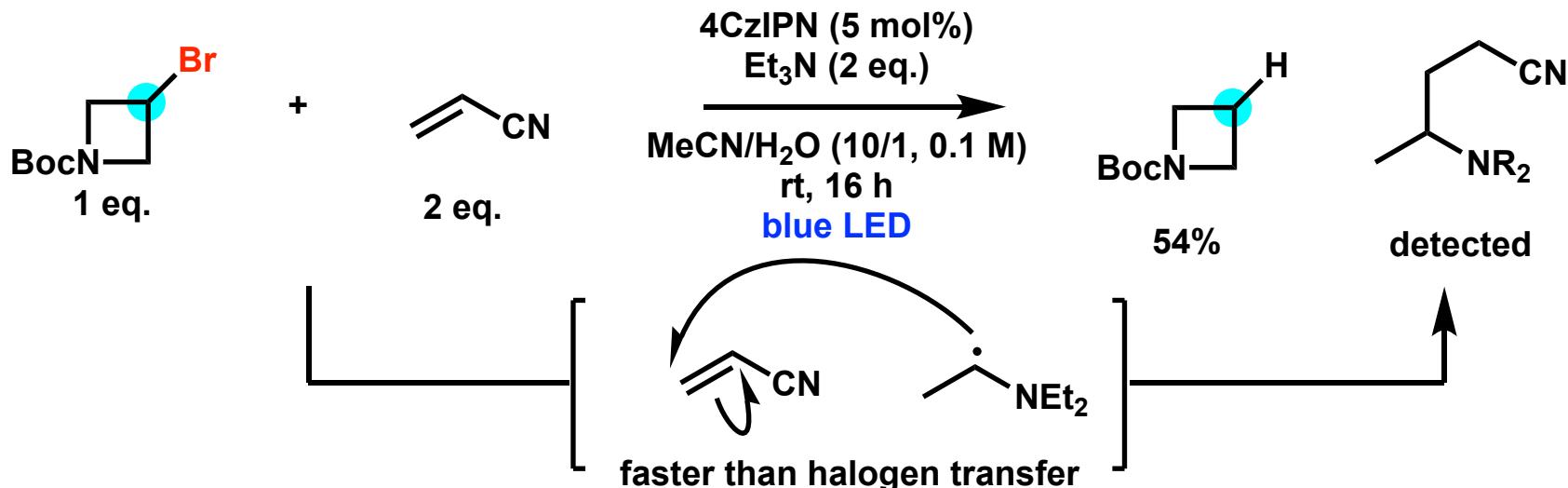
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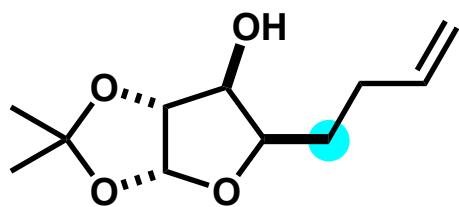
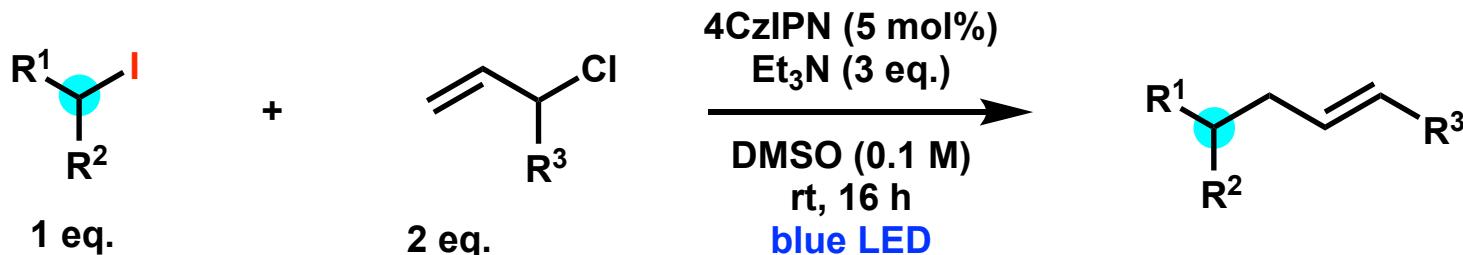
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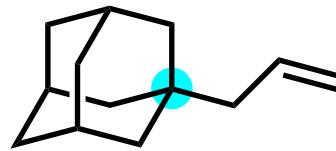
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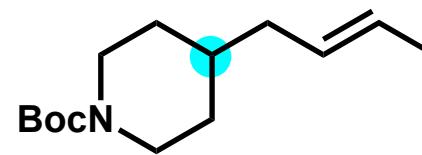
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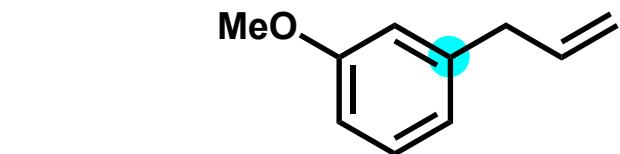
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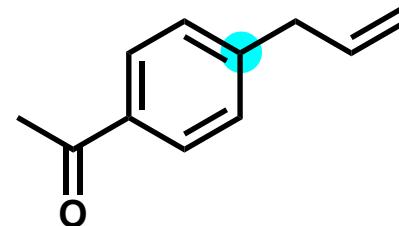
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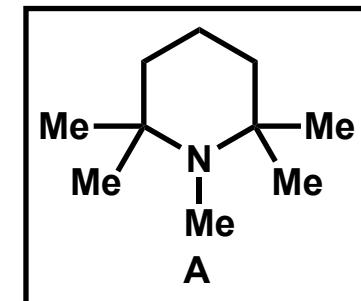
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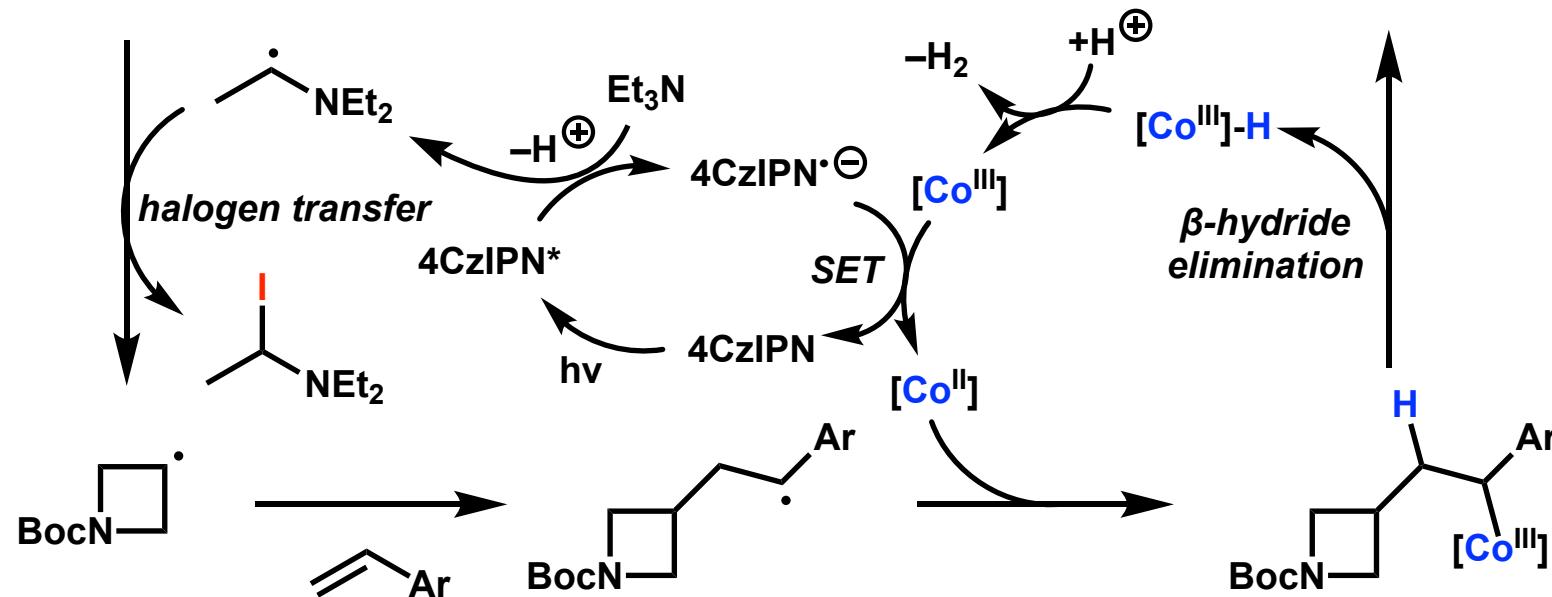
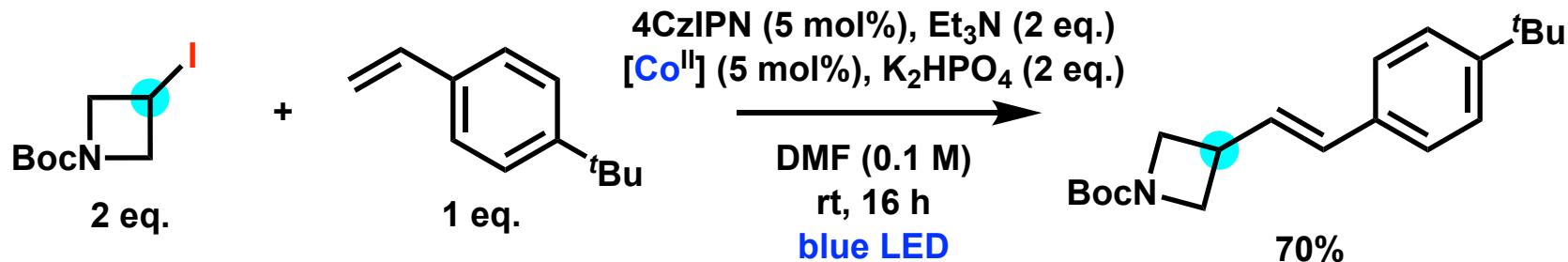


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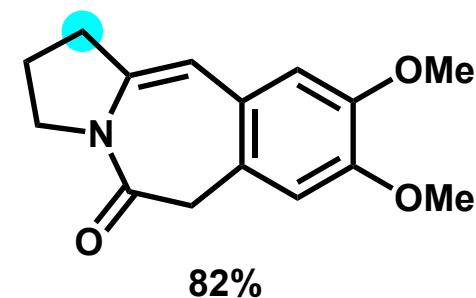
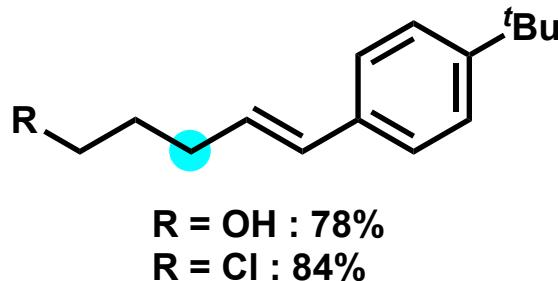
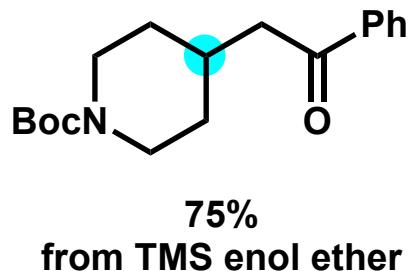
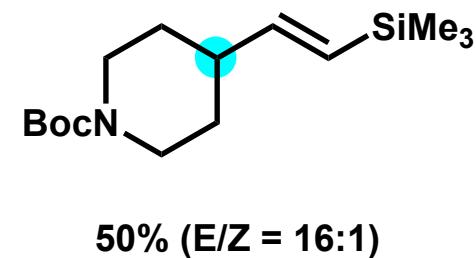
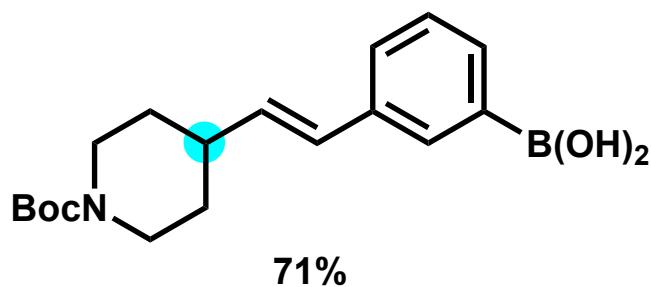
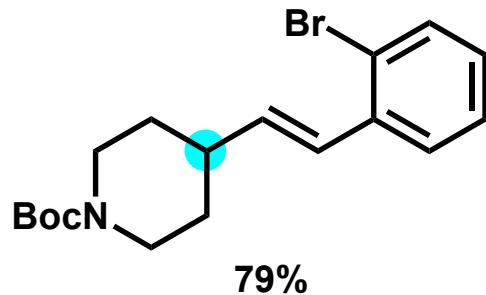
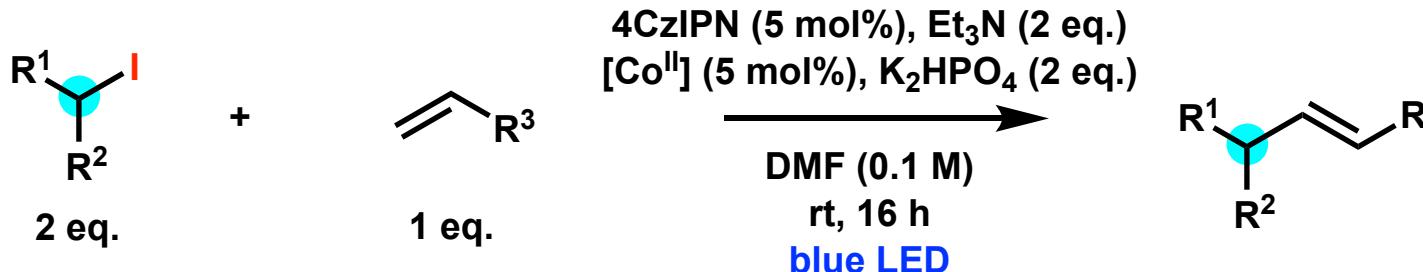


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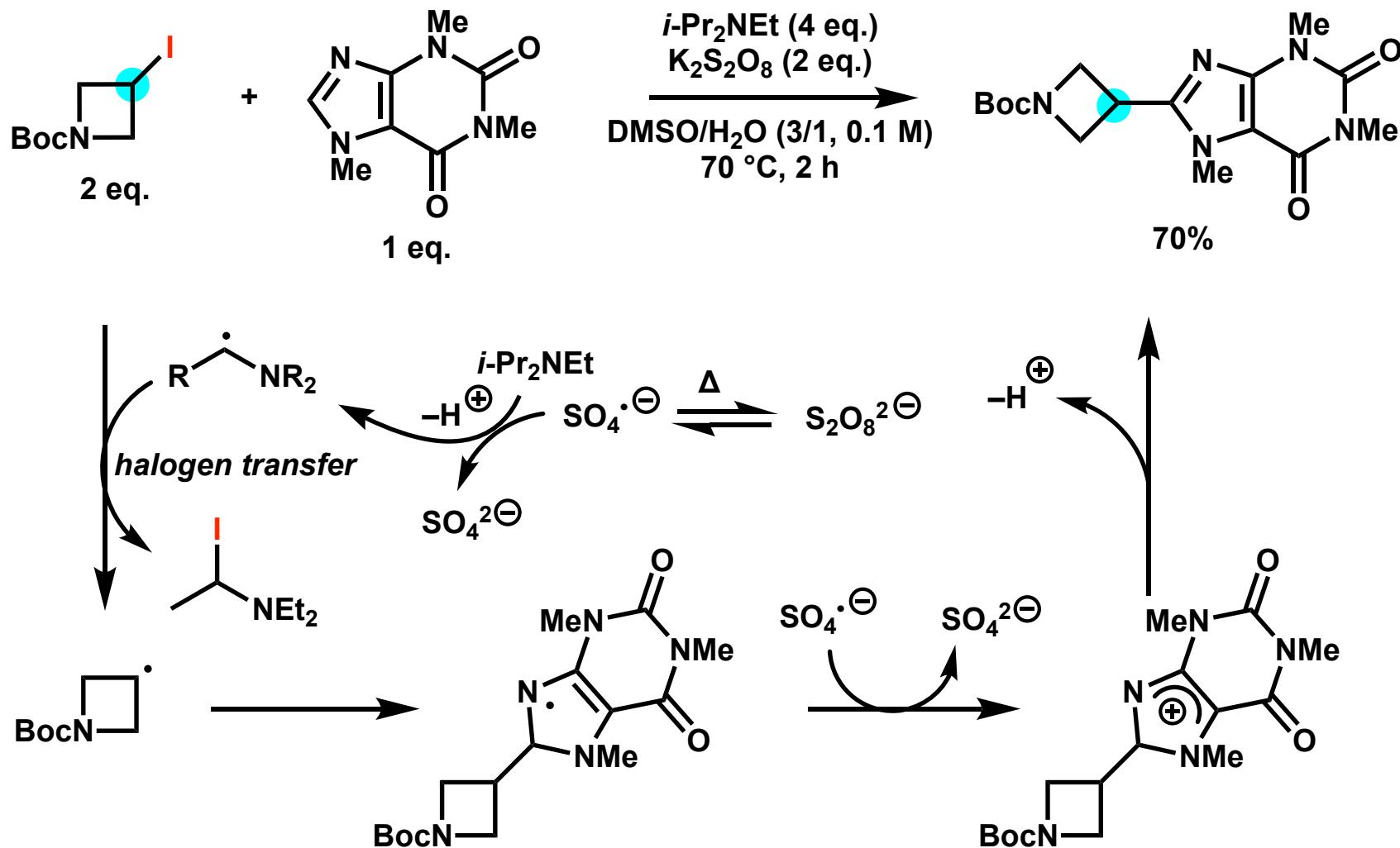
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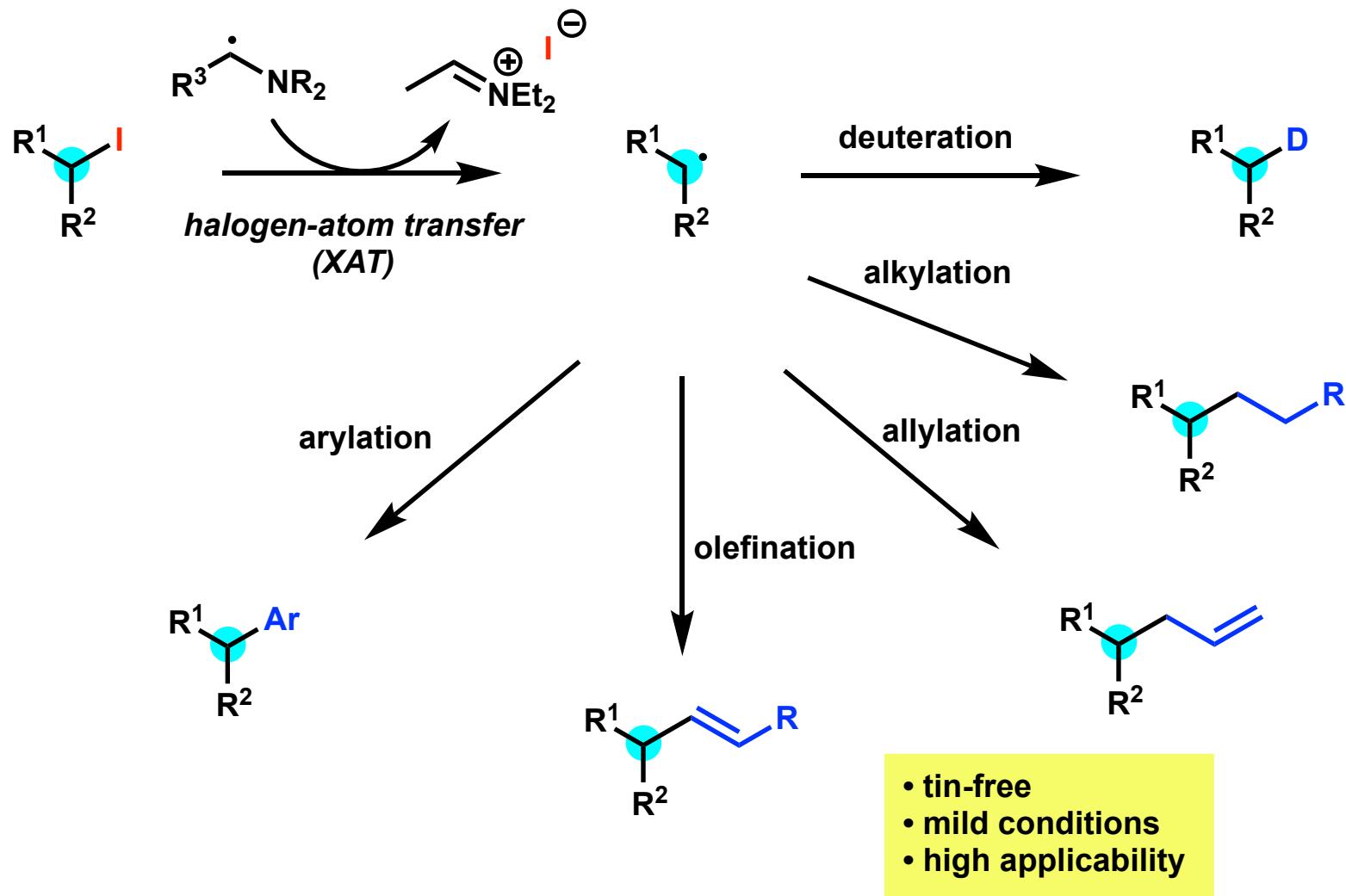
Scope for Olefination



Arylation of alkyl iodide



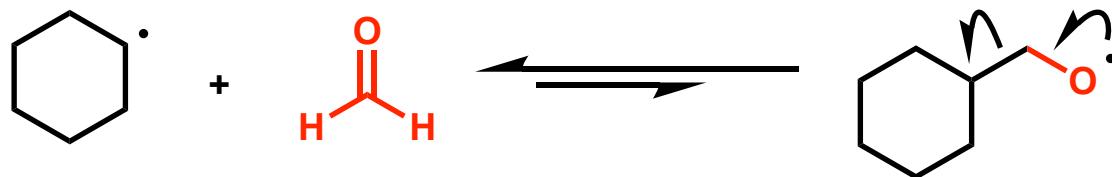
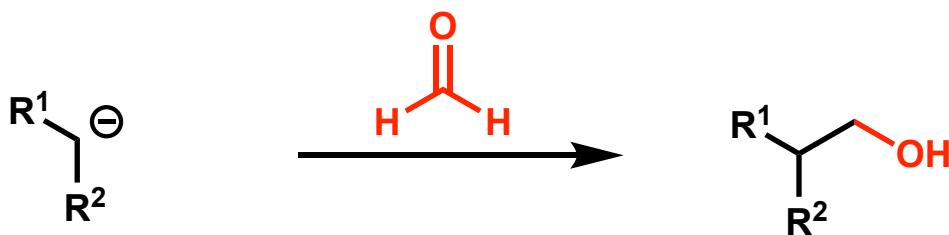
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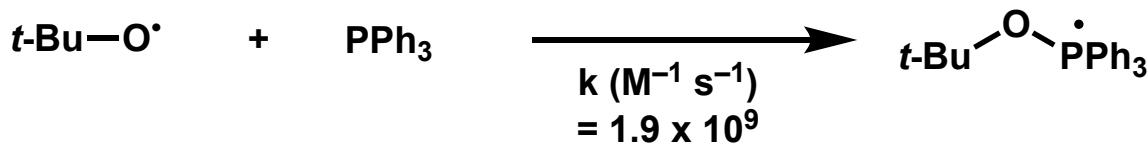
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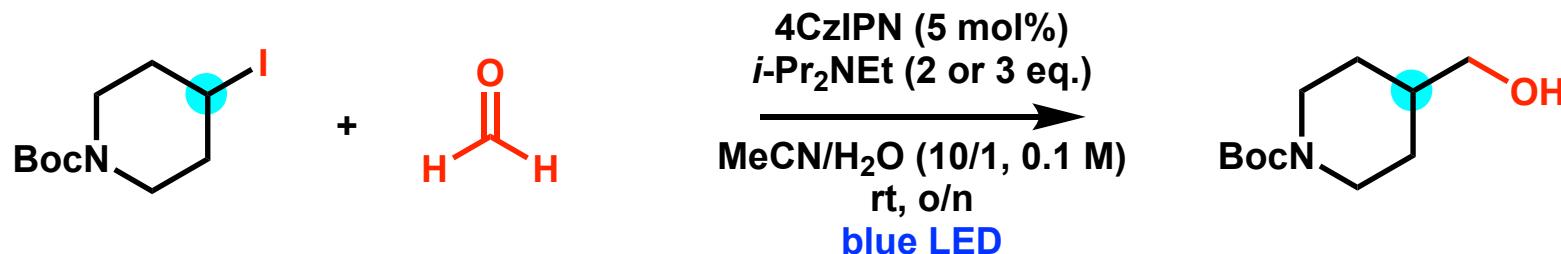


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 $\Delta G^\ddagger : 9.9 \text{ kcal/mol}$



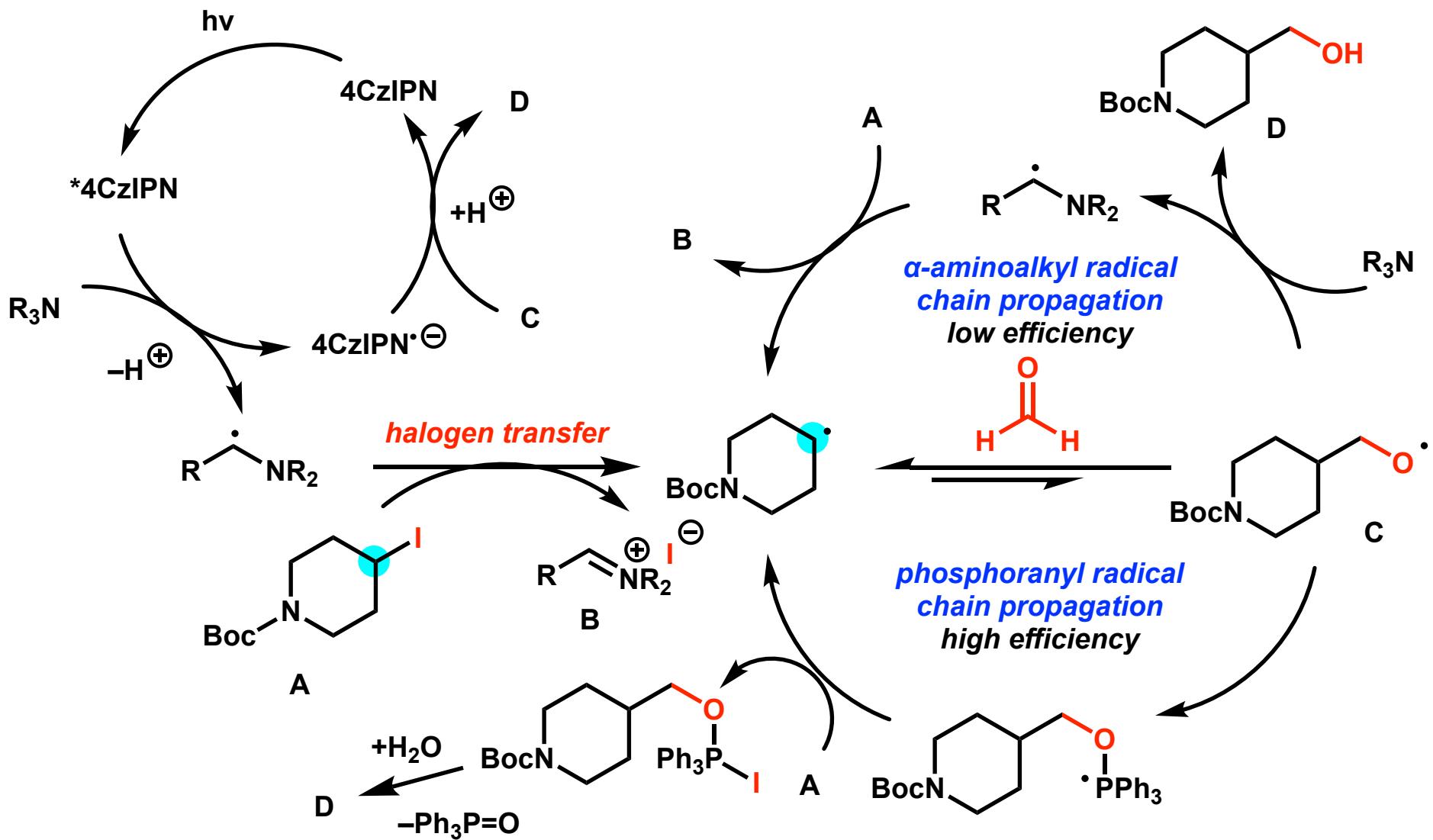
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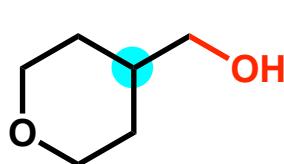


| entry | HCHO source | <i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt | additive | yield |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 | (HCHO) _n (4 eq.) | 2 eq. | - | 35% |
| 2 | (HCHO) _n (4 eq.) | 2 eq. | PPh ₃ (2 eq.) | 60% |
| 3 | HCHO aq. (10 eq.) | 2 eq. | PPh ₃ (2 eq.) | 61% |
| 4 | HCHO aq. (10 eq.) | 3 eq. | PPh ₃ (3 eq.) | 86% |

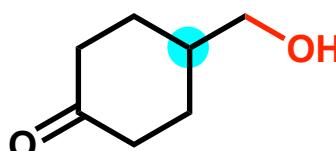
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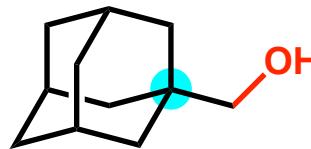
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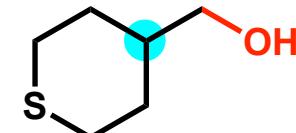
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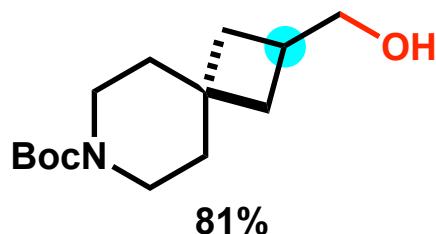
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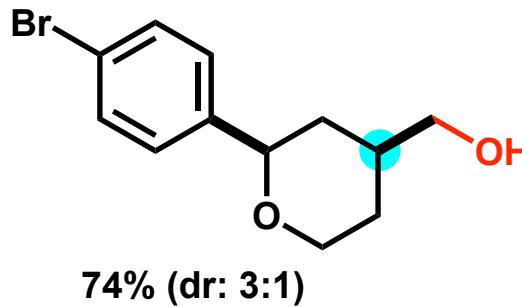
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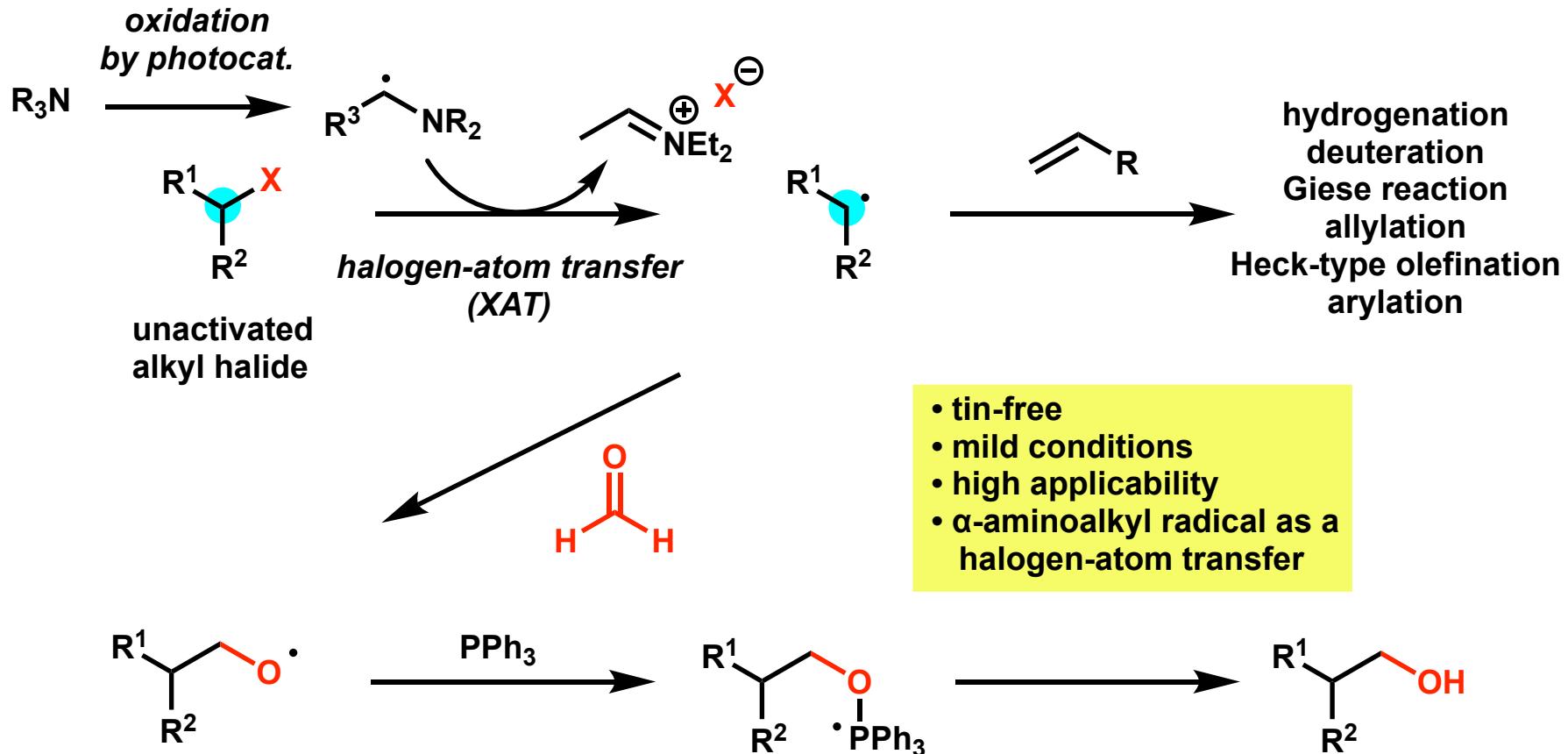


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