

# **Skeleton Crew**

2024.12.7. Literature Seminar  
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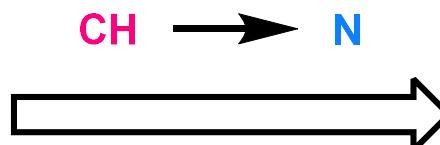
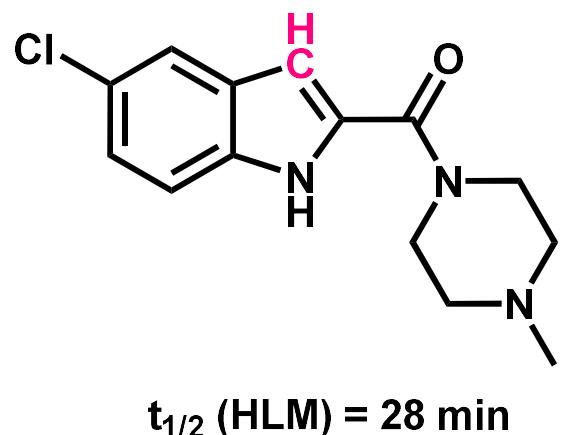
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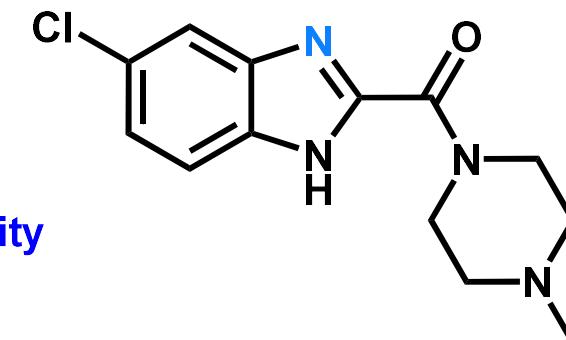
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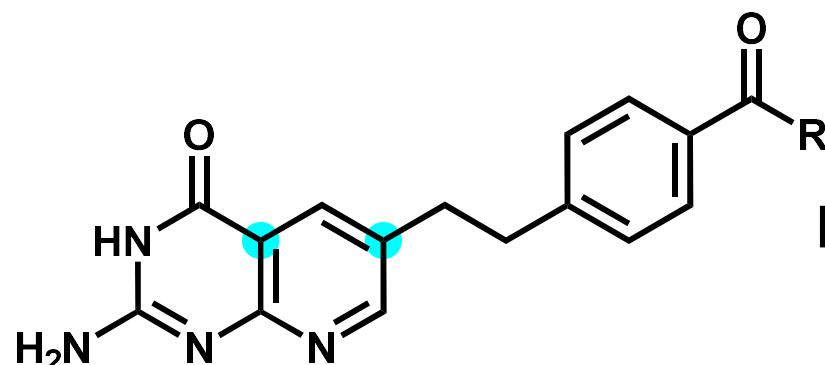
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improving in vitro metabolic stability



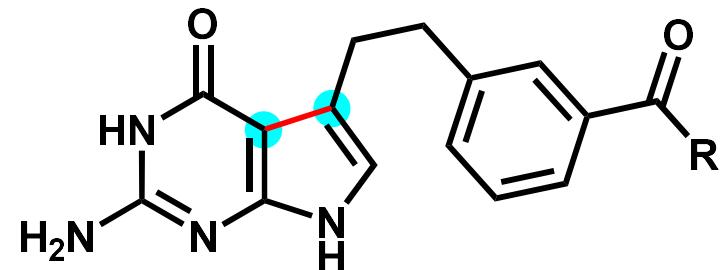
$t_{1/2} \text{ (HLM)} = 100 \text{ min}$



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inactive



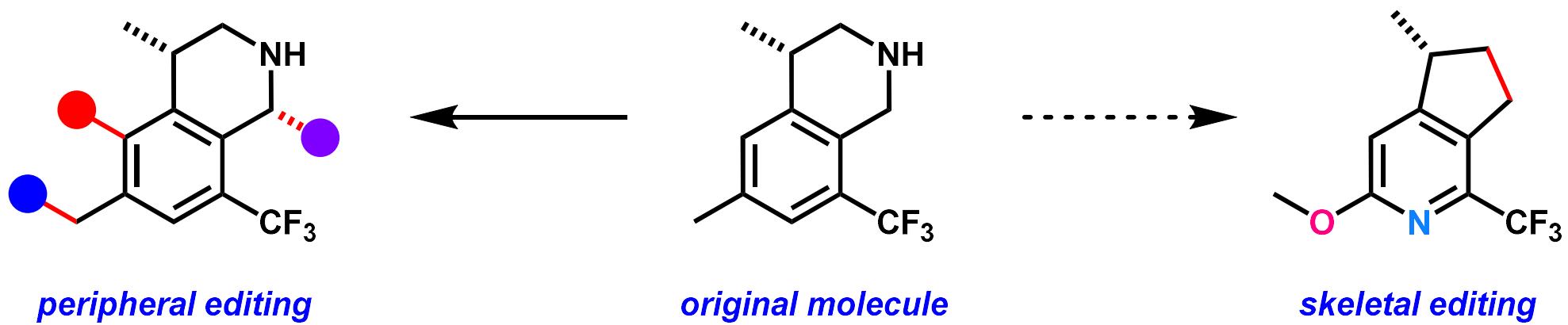
improving activity



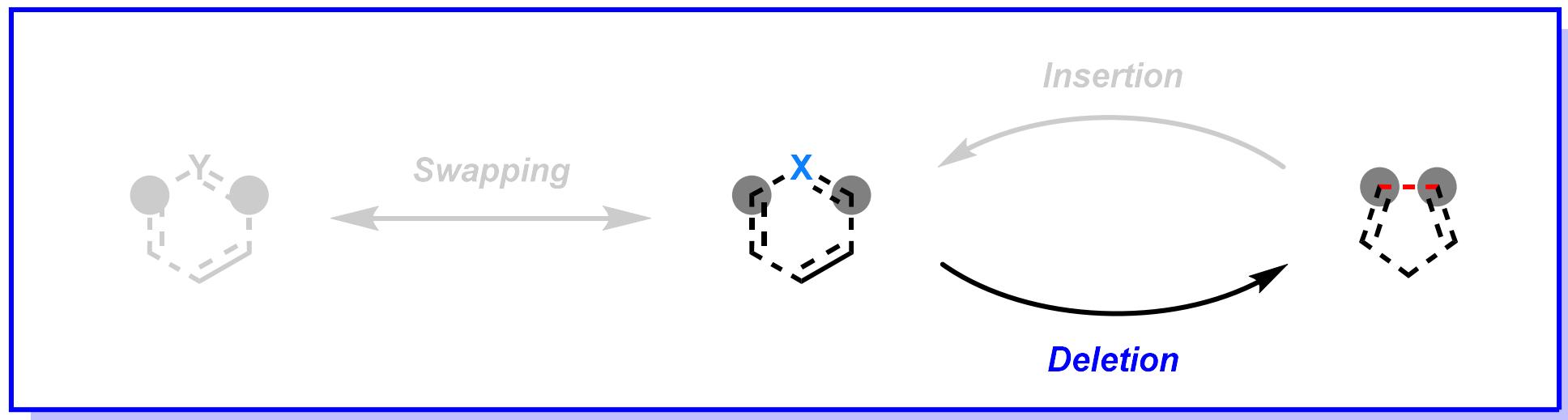
Pemetrexed (antifolate chemotherapy)  
active

Medicinal chemist examine SAR by parallel synthesis → time, cost

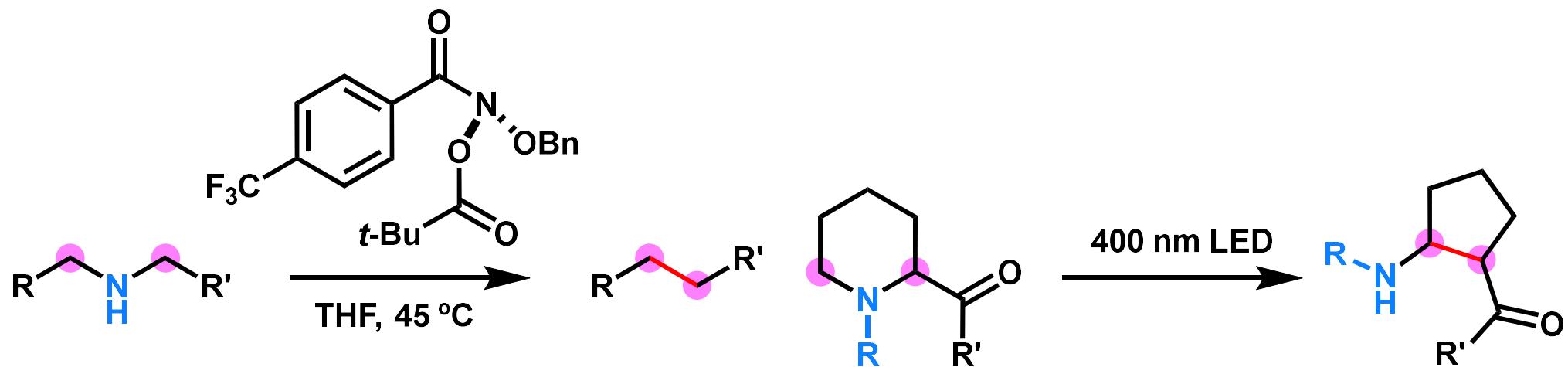
# *The Chemistry of Skeletal Editing*



# Classification of Skeleton Editing / Deletion



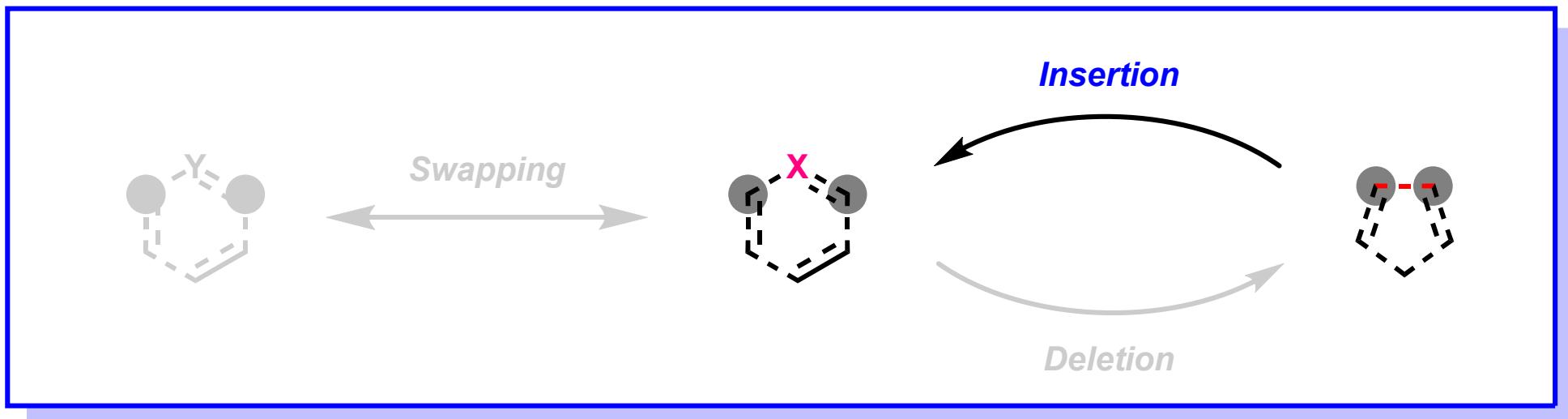
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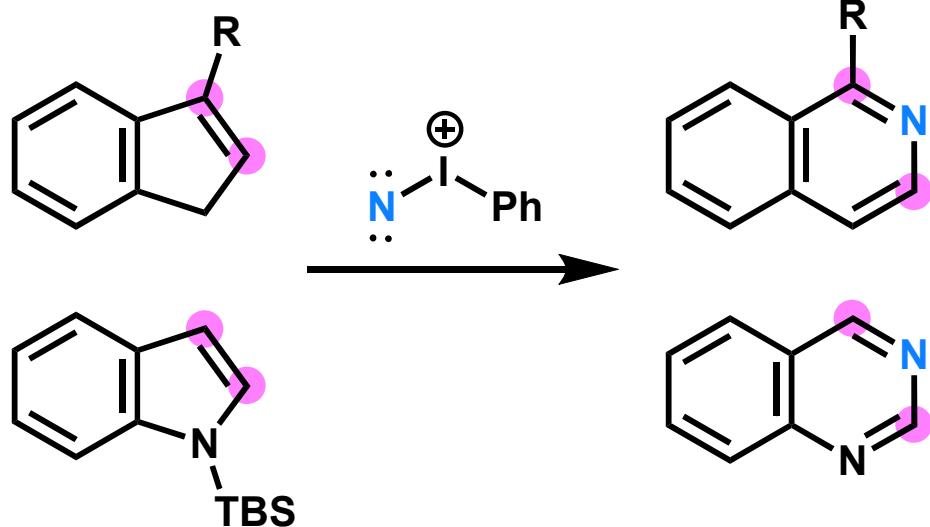
Levin, M. D. et al. *Nature* **2021**, 593, 223.  
(210529\_LS\_Junichi\_Taguchi)

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# Classification of Skeleton Editing / Insertion

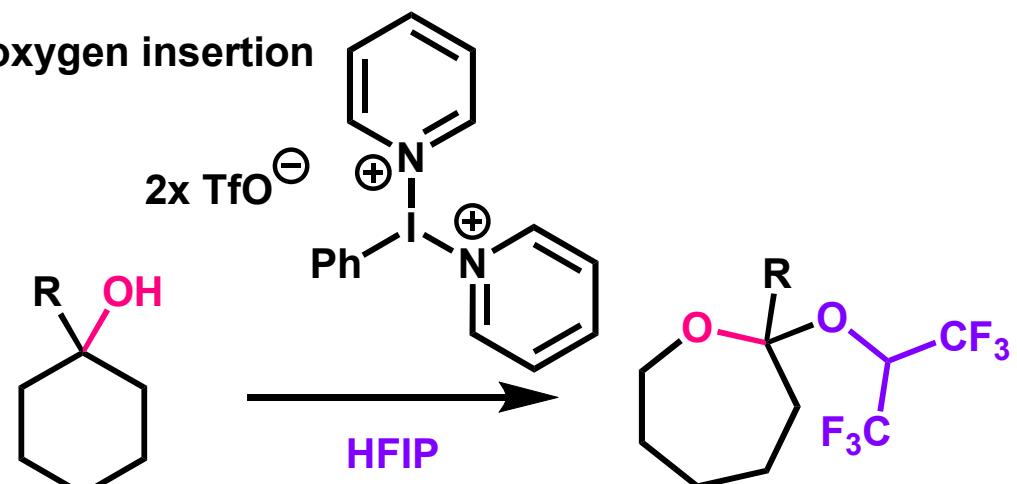


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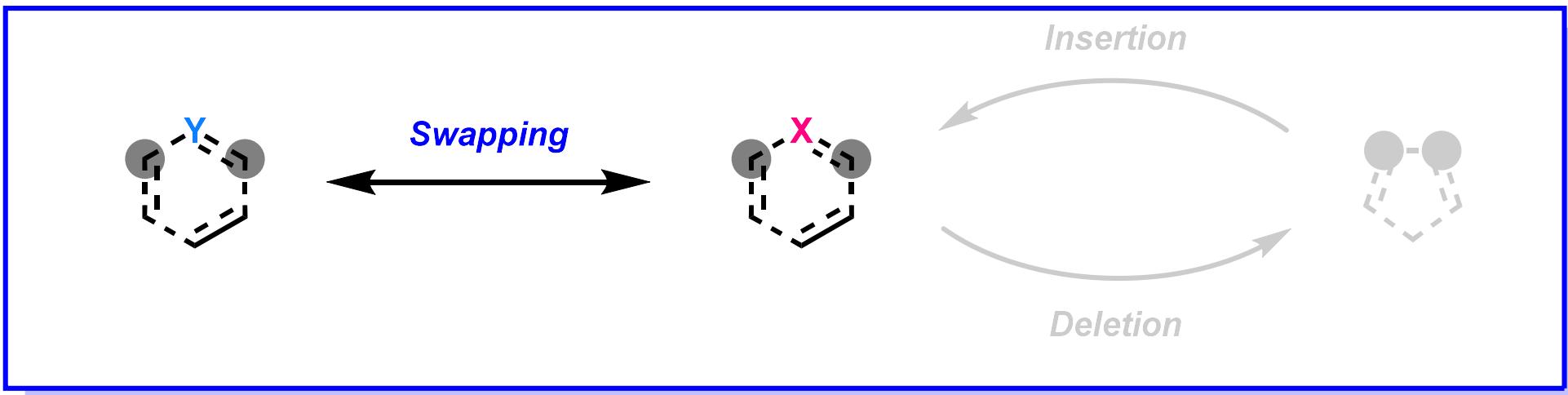
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- oxygen insertion

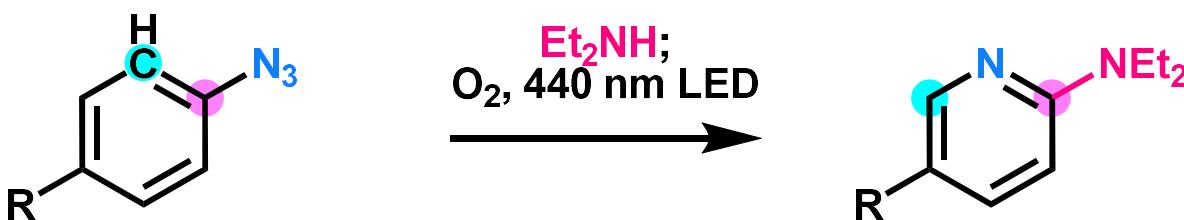


Wengryniuk, S. E. et al. *Org. Lett.* 2016, 18, 1896.

# Classification of Skeleton Editing / Swapping

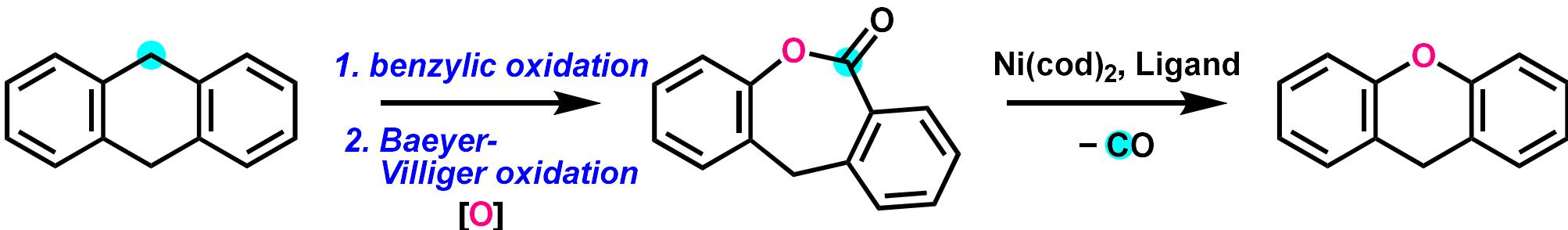


- carbon to nitrogen atom swapping



Patel S. C.; Burns. N. Z. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2022**, *144*, 17797.  
(230610\_LS\_Shiji\_Toyama)

- carbon to oxygen atom swapping



Luu, Q. H.; Li, J. *Chem. Sic.* **2022**, *13*, 1095.

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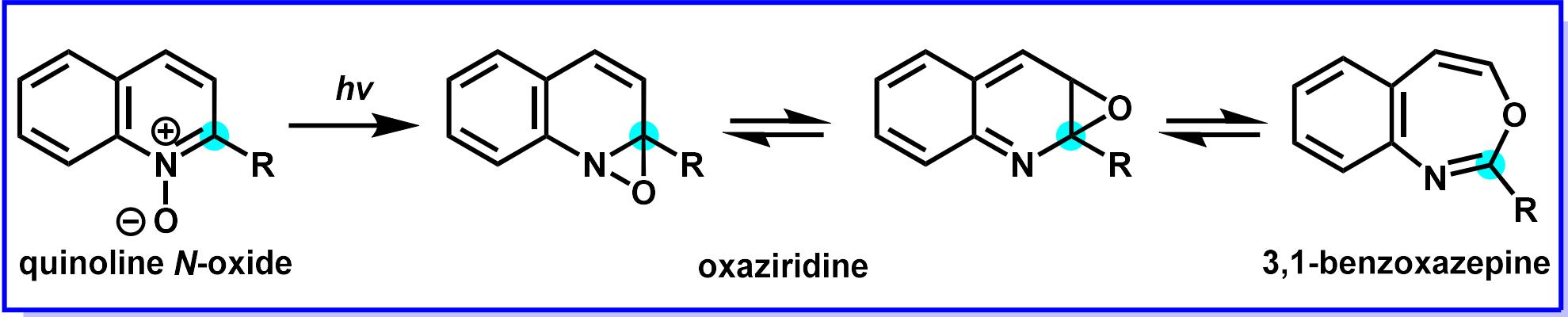
**Science**

Scaffold hopping by net photochemical carbon deletion  
of azaarenes

**3. Inserting atoms**

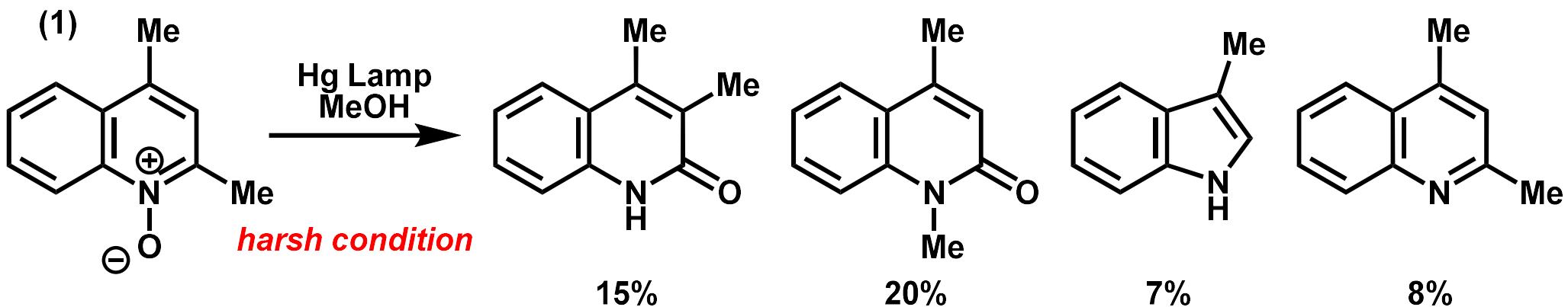
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# Classical N-Oxide Photochemistry

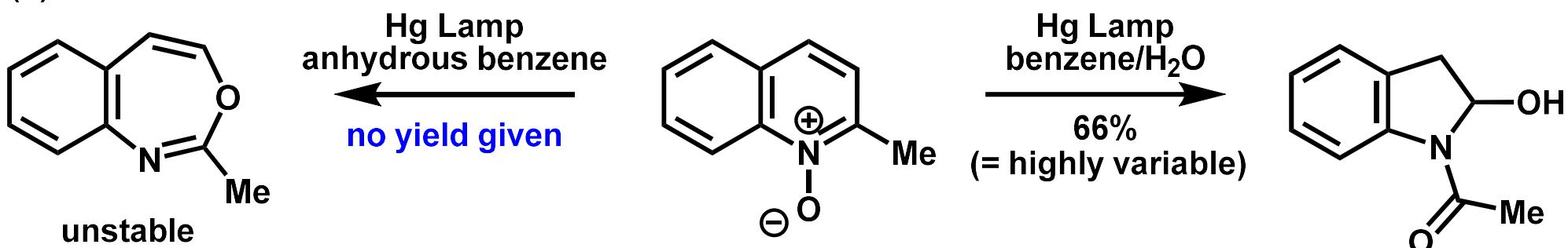


- Prior art in quinoline-N-oxide photochemistry

Albini, A.; Alpegiani, M. *Chem. Rev.* **1984**, 84, 43.



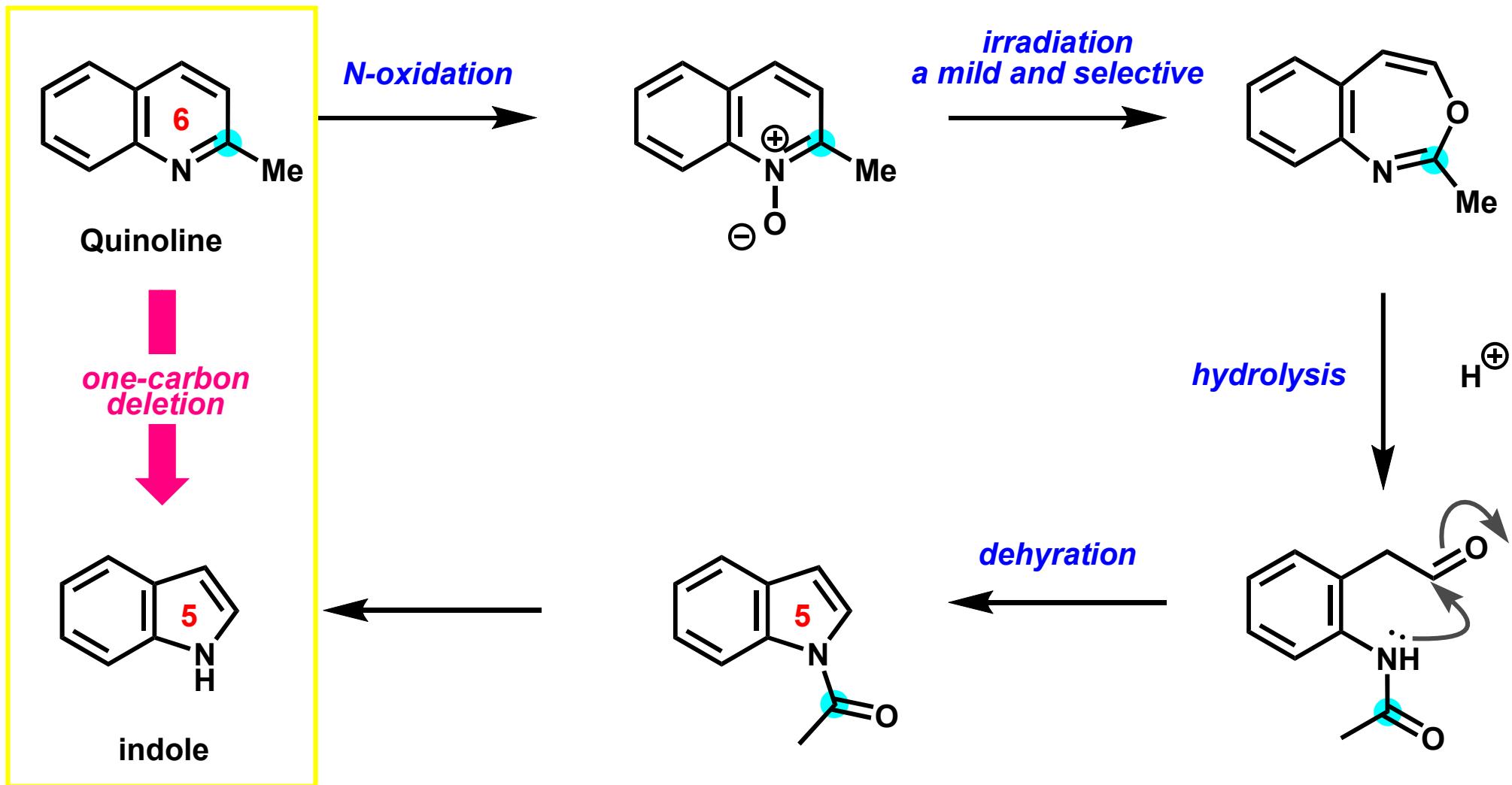
Ishikawa, M.; Yamada, H.; Hotta, H.; Kaneko, C. *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1966**, 14, 1102.



Kaneko, C. et al. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1966**, 7, 4701.

Buchardt, O. et al. *Acta Chem. Scand.* **1966**, 20, 262.

# Levin's Working Hypothesis



# **Prof. Mark D. Levin**



**-2012 B.S. @University of Rochester  
(Prof. Alison J. Frontier)**  
**-2017 P.D. @University of California, Berkeley  
(Prof. F. Dean Toste)**  
**-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow @ Harvard University  
(Prof. Eric N. Jacobsen)**  
**-2022 Assistant Professor @University of Chicago**  
**2022- Associate Professor @University of Chicago**

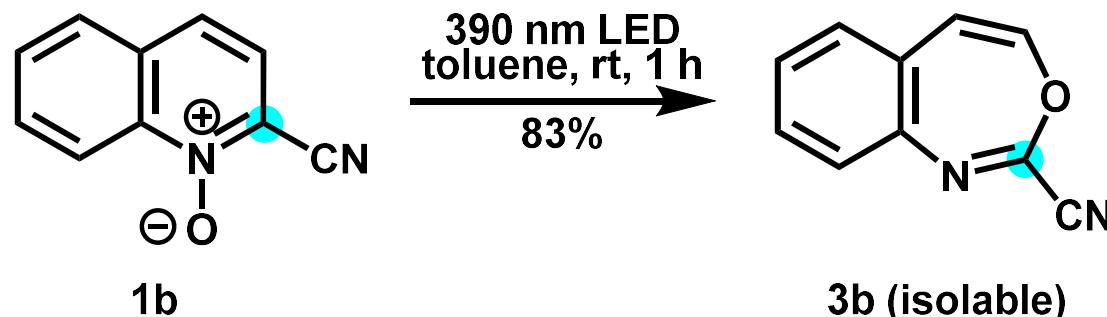
## **Research area:**

- **Development of Synthetic Methods, Reagents**
- **Single-Atom Skeletal Editing**
- **Method for Isotope Labeling and Radiosynthesis**

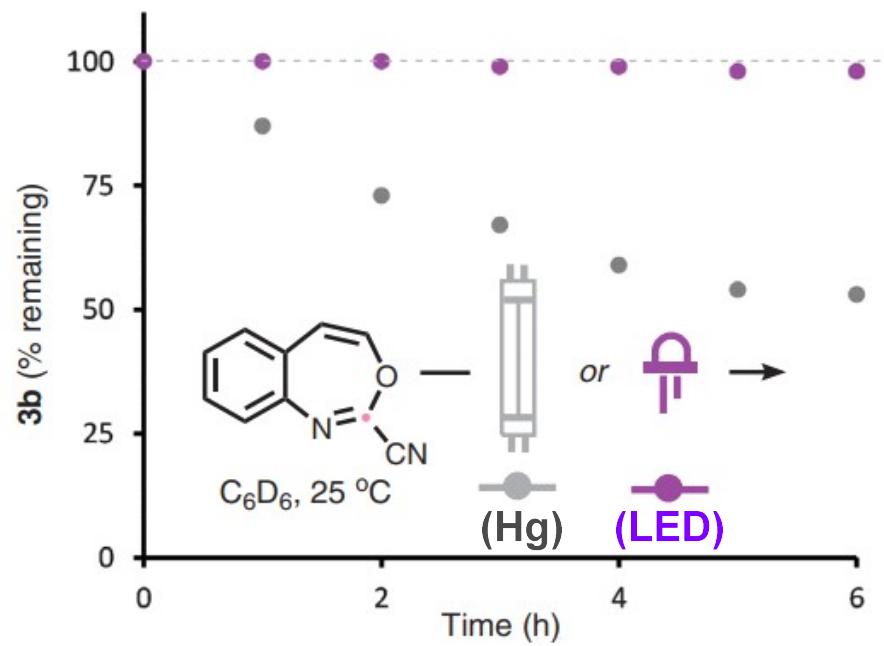
<https://levingroup.uchicago.edu/>

# *Optimization of Light Sources*

## a) Synthesis of 1b

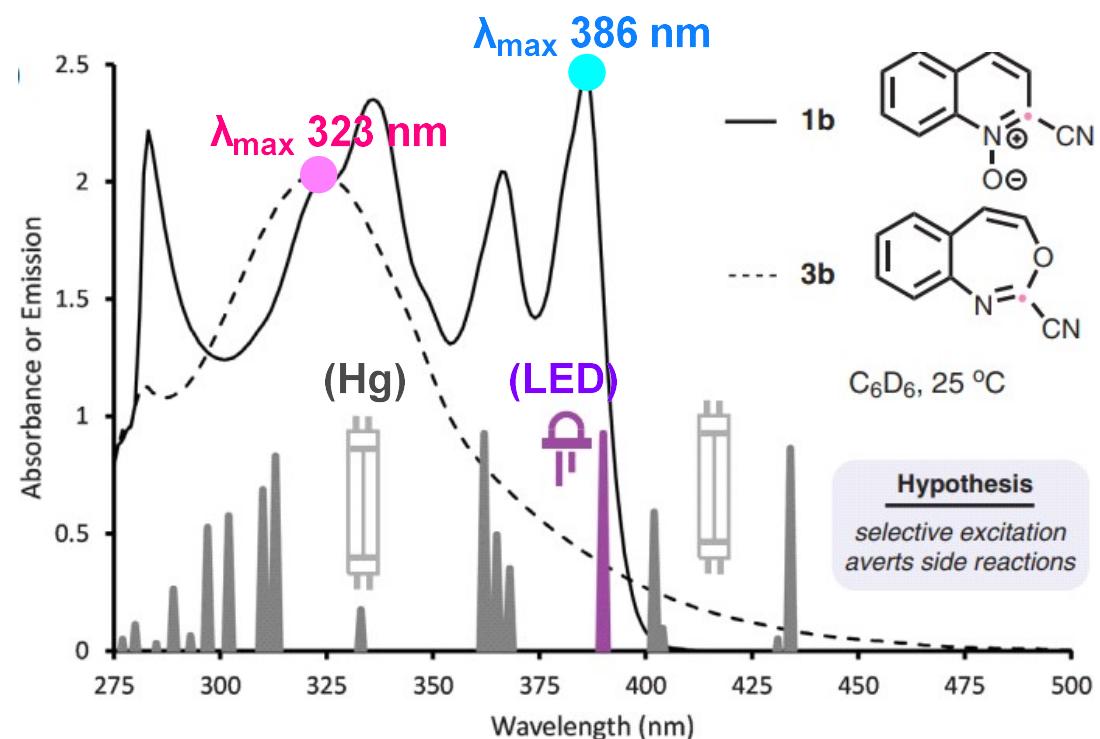


## b) Photostability Test of 3b

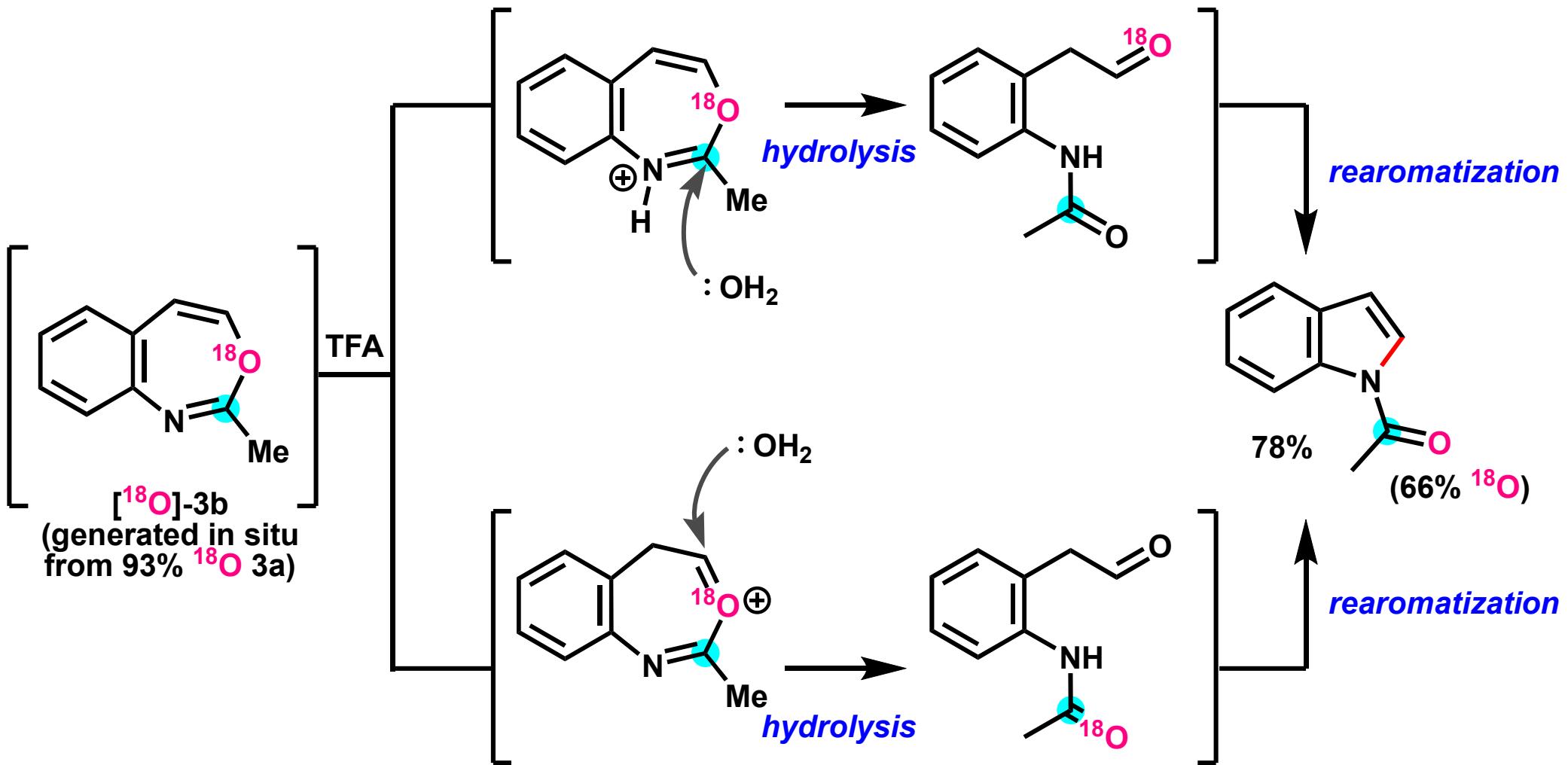


→ the mercury lamp promotes photodegradation of benzoxazepine

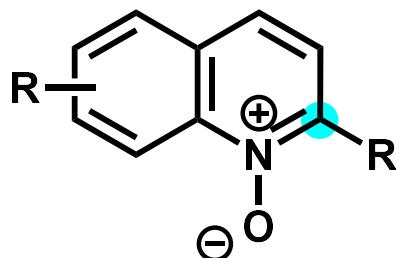
## c) Ultraviolet-visible absorption of 1b and 3b



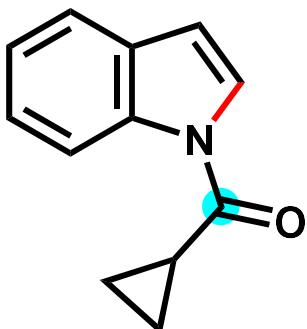
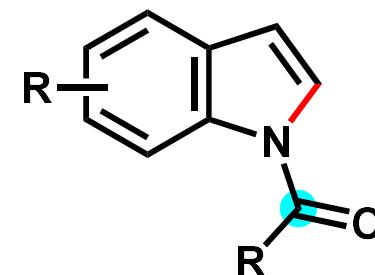
# Mechanistic Study (<sup>18</sup>O-Labeling Study)



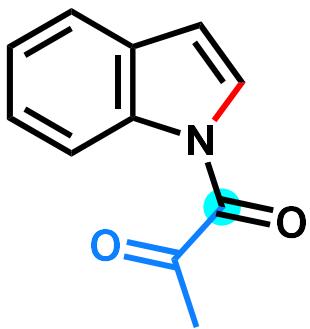
# Substrate Scope



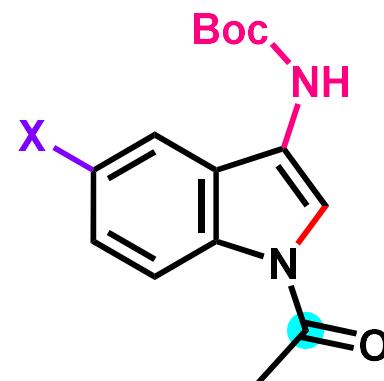
390 nm LED  
toluene, 25 °C, 0.5-5 h;  
TFA, 25 °C, 2-5 h



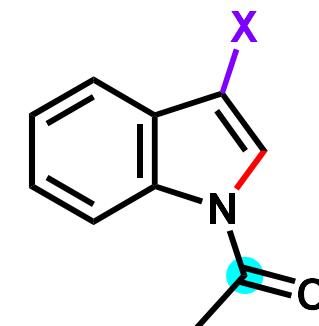
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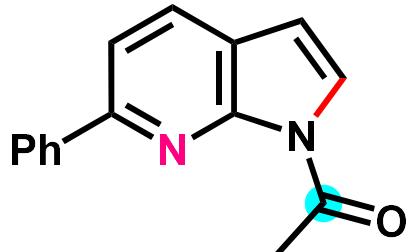
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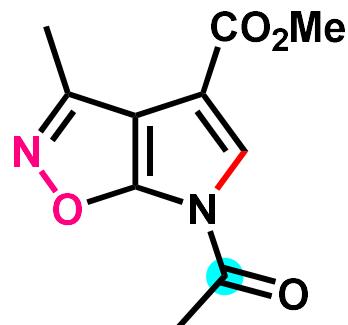
X = H, 83% [Hg Lamp: 0%]  
X = Br, 67% [Hg Lamp: 0%]



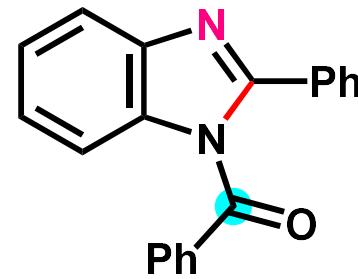
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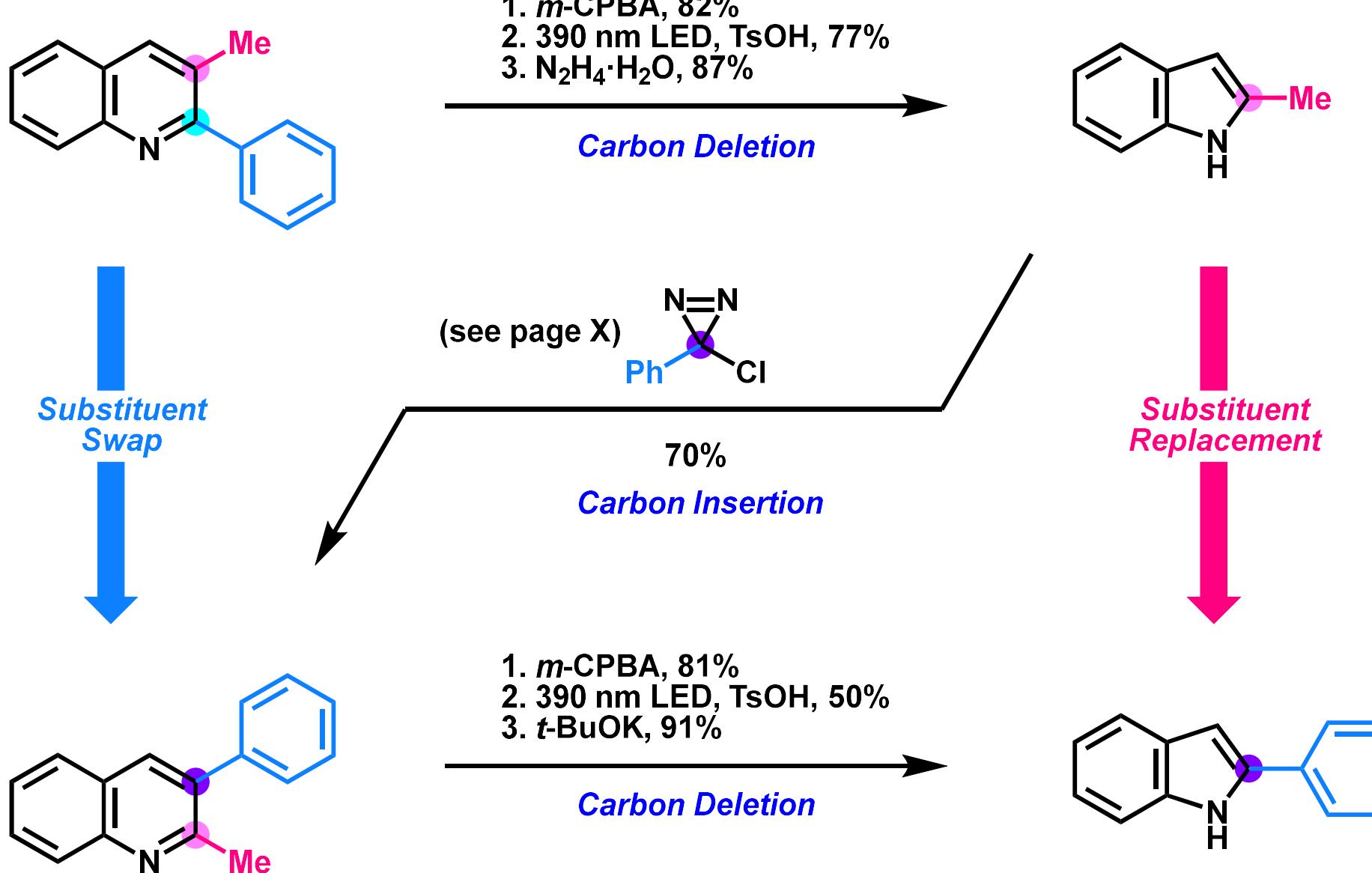


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[Hg Lamp: 3%]



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# *Application for Scaffold Hopping Strategies*



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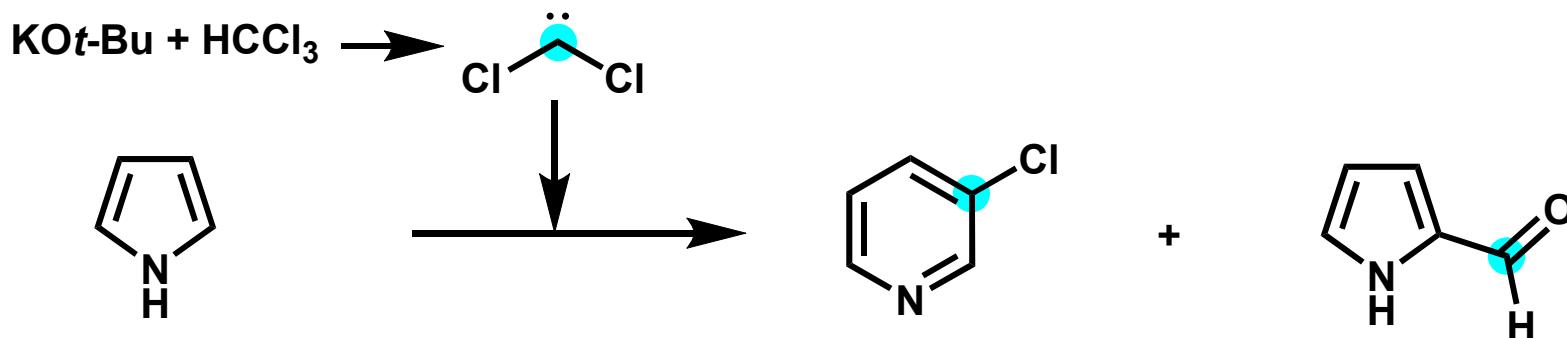
**Science**

**Late-stage diversification of indole skeletons through  
nitrogen atom insertion**

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# ***Carbon Insertion by Levin's Group***

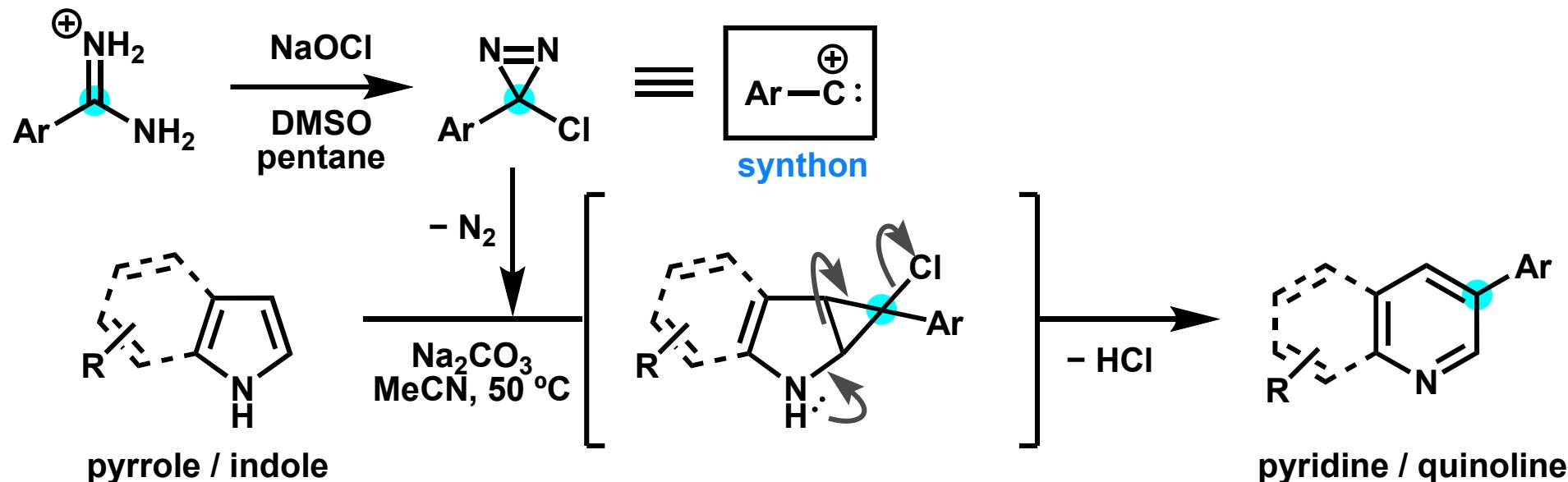
- The classical Ciamician-Dennstedt Rearrangement (1981)



**Reimer-Tiemann Formylation**

Ciamician, G. L.; Dennstedt, M. *Ber. Dtsch. Chem. Ges.* **1881**, *14*, 1153.

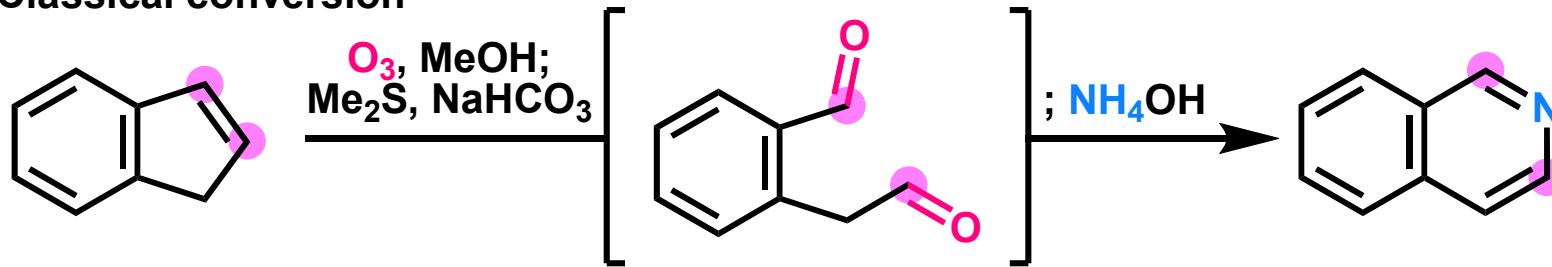
- Carbon atom Insertion into pyrroles and Indoles (2021)



Dherange, B. D.; Kelly, P. Q.; Liles, J. P.; Sigman, M. S.; Levin, M. D. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 11337.

# Examples of Nitrogen Insertion

- Classical conversion

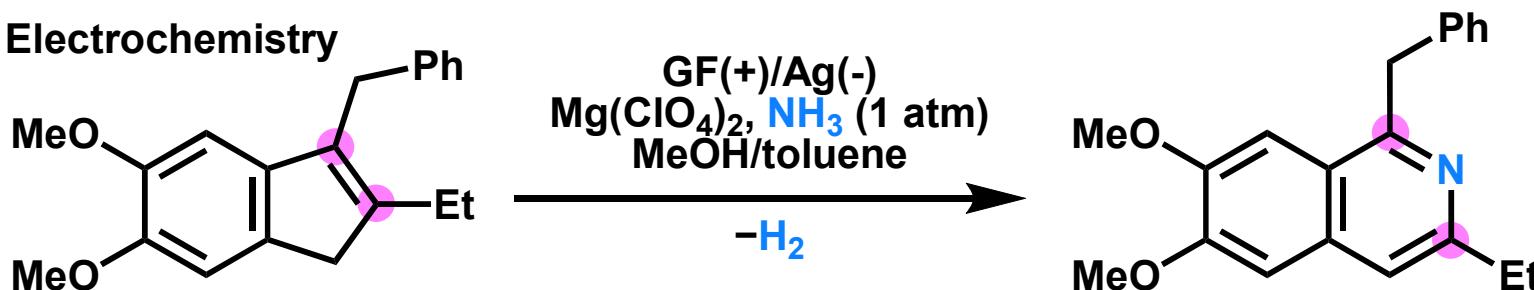


harsh oxidising conditions

Miller, R. B.; Frincke, J. M.; *J. Org. Chem.* 1980, 45, 5312.

Prof. Bryan Miller

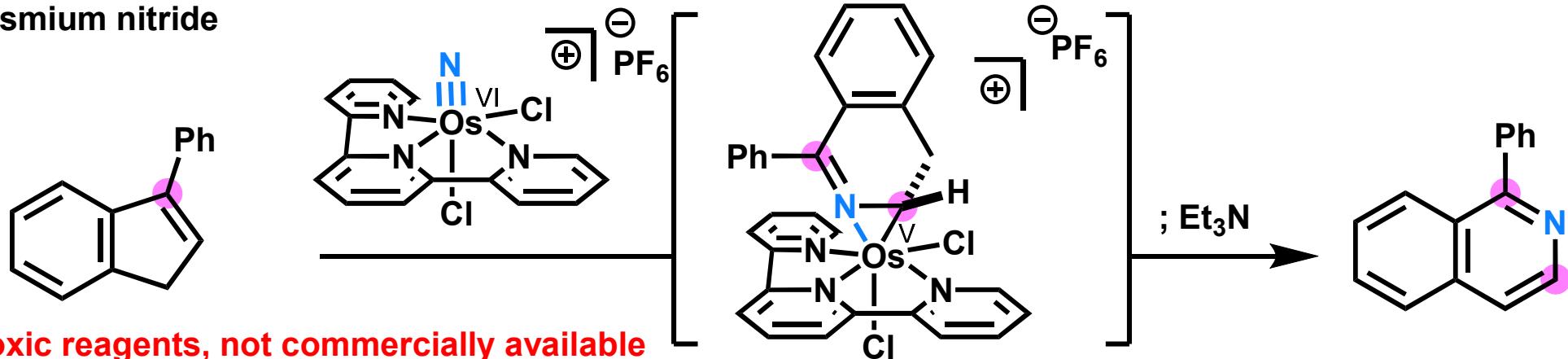
- Electrochemistry



NH<sub>3</sub> gas, only activated and substituted indenes

Liu, S.; Cheng, X. *Nat. Chem.* 2022, 13, 425. Prof. Xu Cheng

- Osmium nitride



toxic reagents, not commercially available

Kelly, P. Q.; Filatov, A. S.; Levine, M. D. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2022, 61, e202213041

# ***Prof. Bill Morandi***

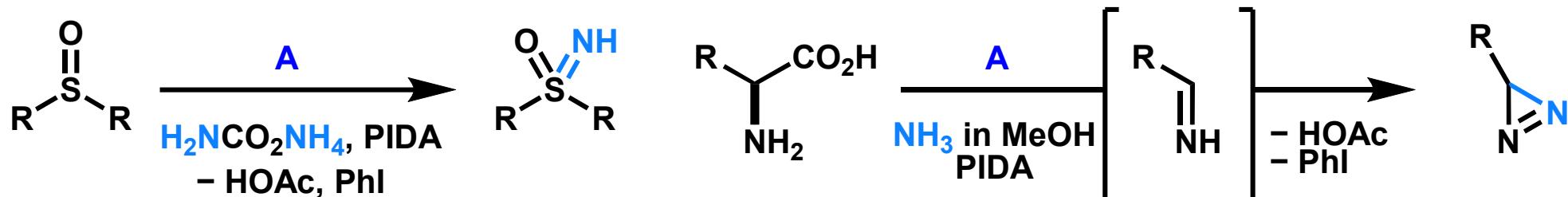
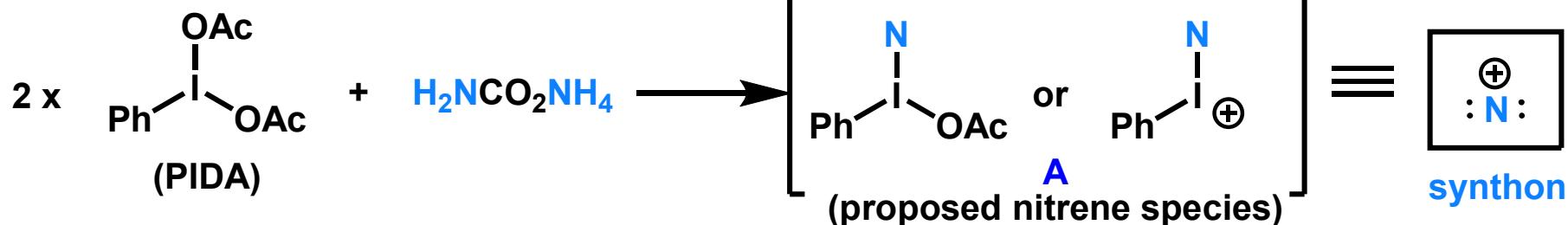


**-2006 B.S. @ETH Zurich  
-2012 Pd.D. @ETH Zurich (Prof. Erick M. Carreira)  
-2014 Postdoctoral Fellow @California Institute of Technology (Prof. Robert H. Grubbs)  
-2018 Group Leader @Max-Planck-Institute fur Kohlenforschung  
-2022 Professor @ETH Zurich  
2022- Full Professor @ETH Zurich**

## **Research area:**

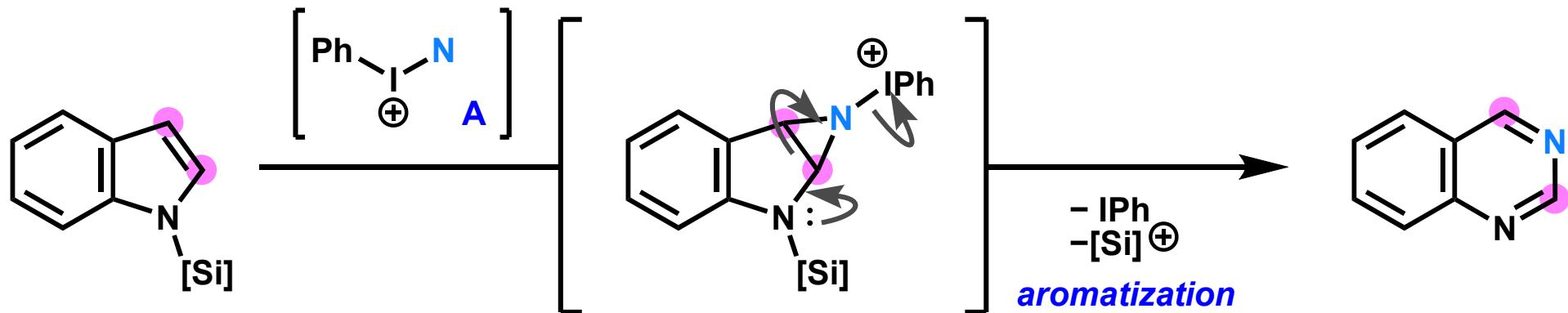
- Catalysis (Shuttle Catalysis, Metathesis Reactions, Amination, Alkene/Alkyne Functionalization)**
- Molecular Editing**
- Organometallic and Mechanistic Studies**

# Morandi's Working Hypothesis



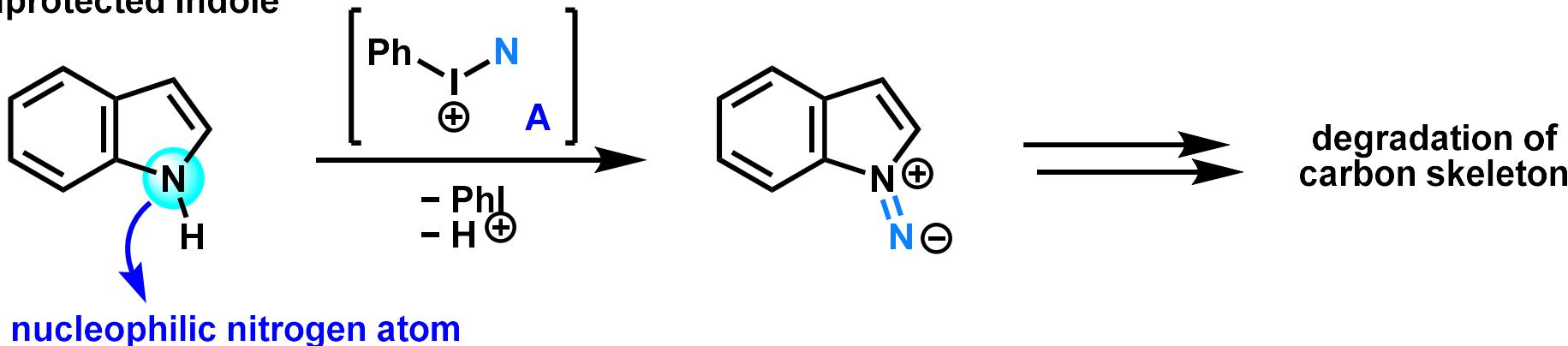
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- Morandi's mechanistic design

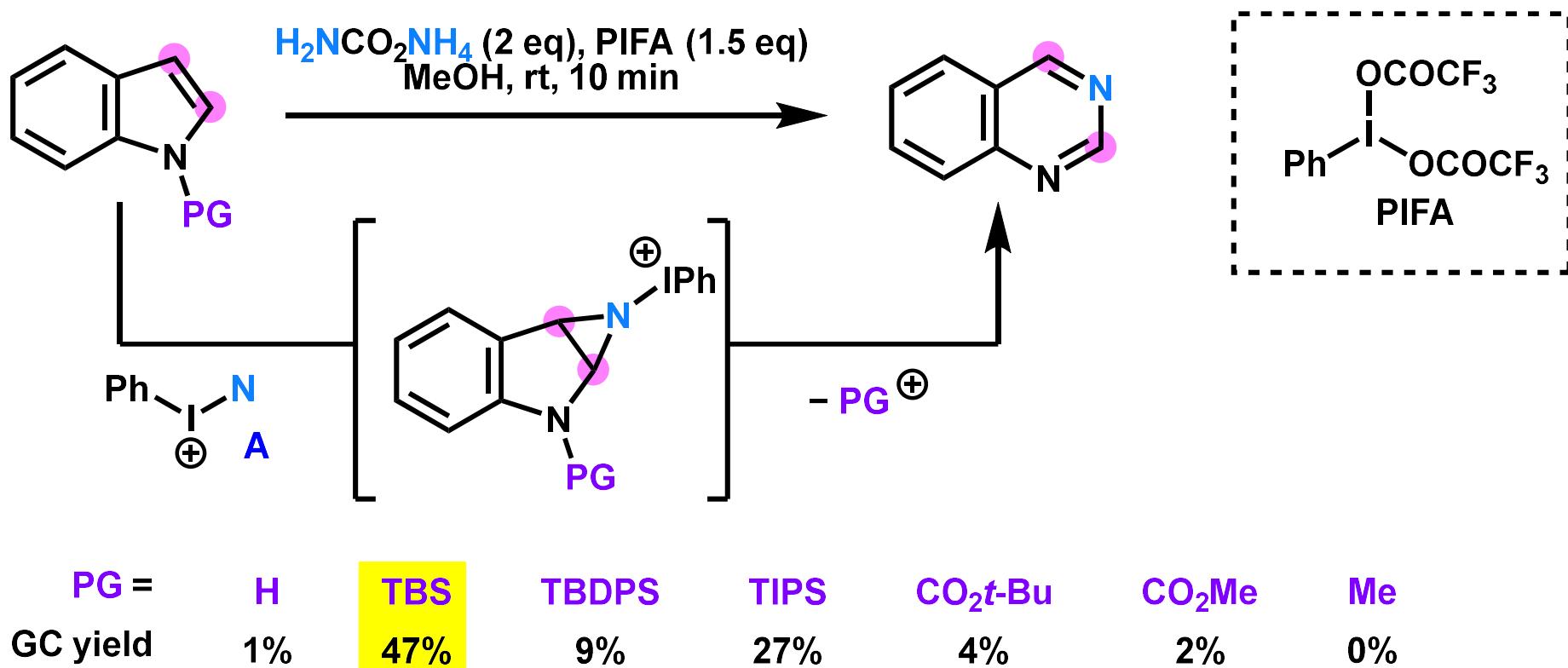


# Investigation of Protecting Group Effect

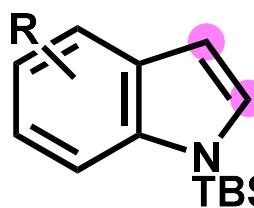
- Unprotected Indole



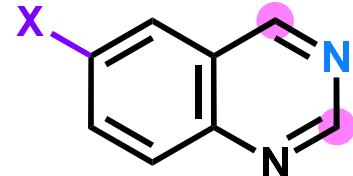
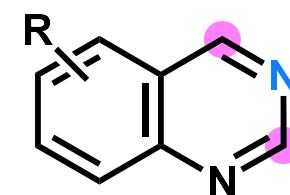
- Protecting group effect



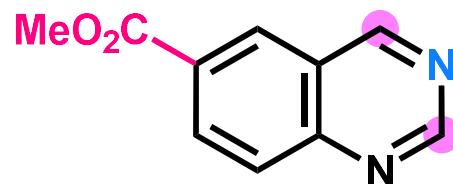
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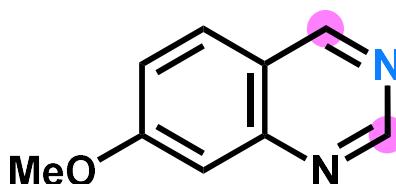
$\text{H}_2\text{NCO}_2\text{NH}_4$  (6 eq), PIFA (4 eq)  
MeOH, 0 °C, 10 min; rt, 4 h



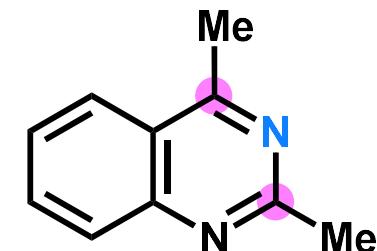
X = I, 74%  
X = Br, 83%



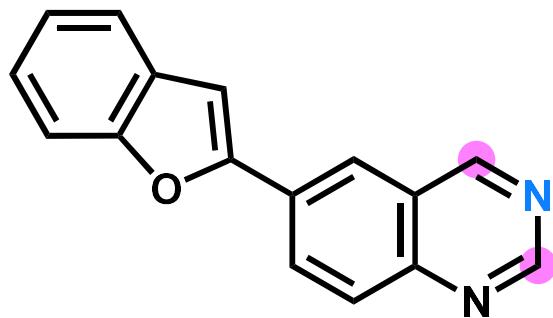
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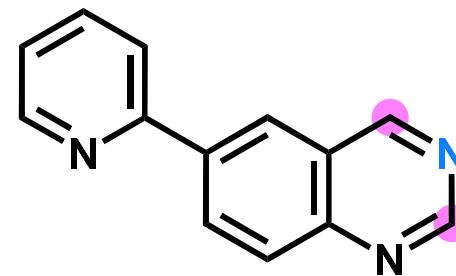
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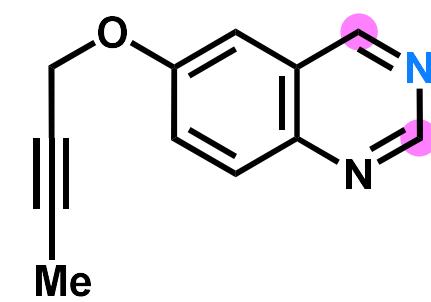
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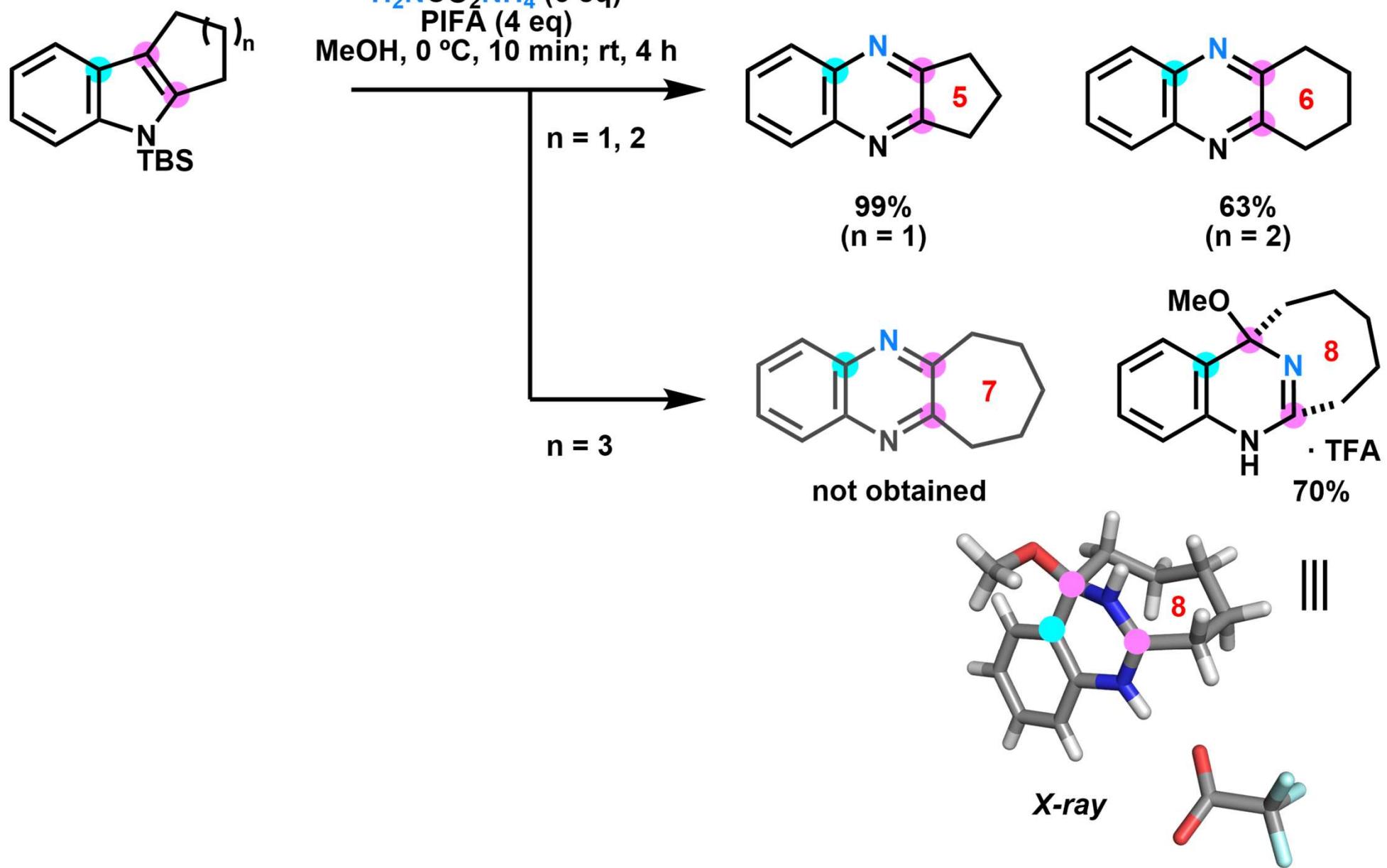


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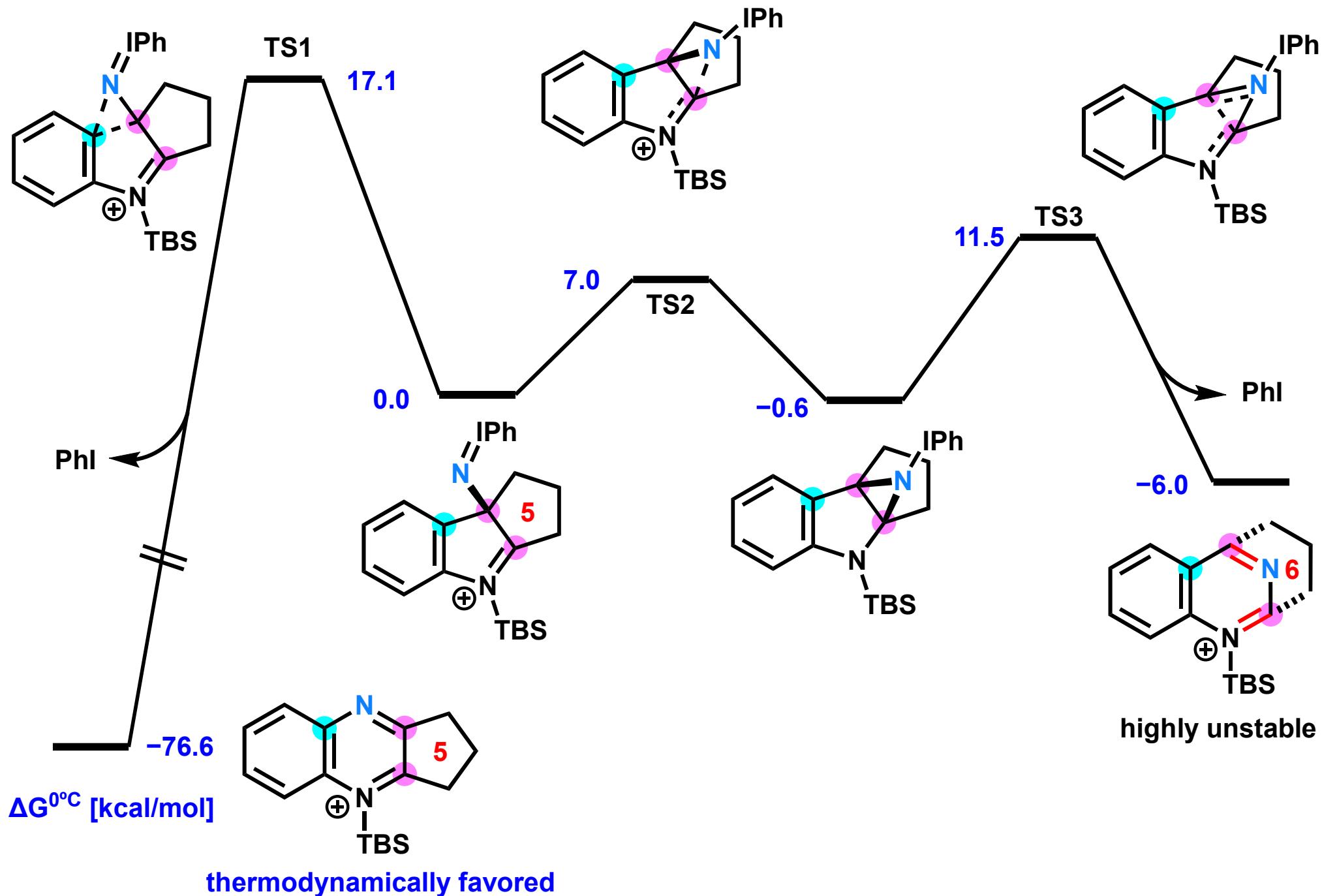
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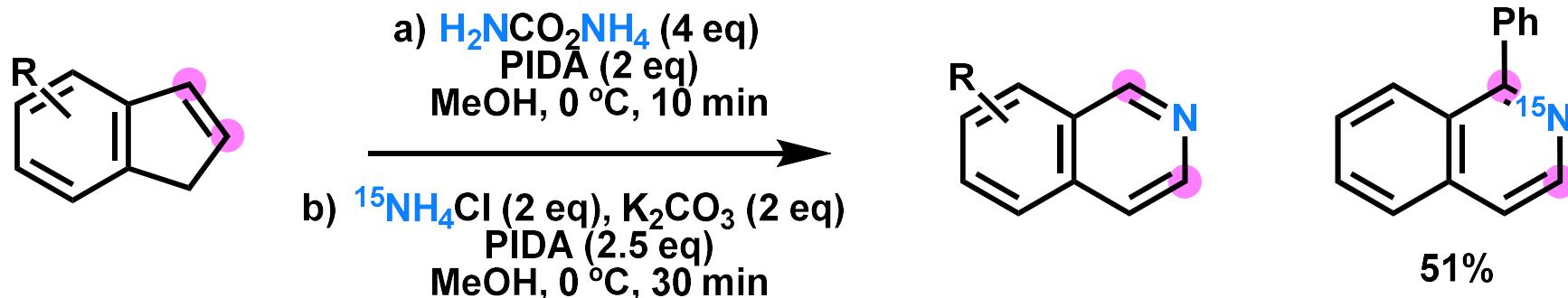
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# DFT Calculation for the Regioselectivity



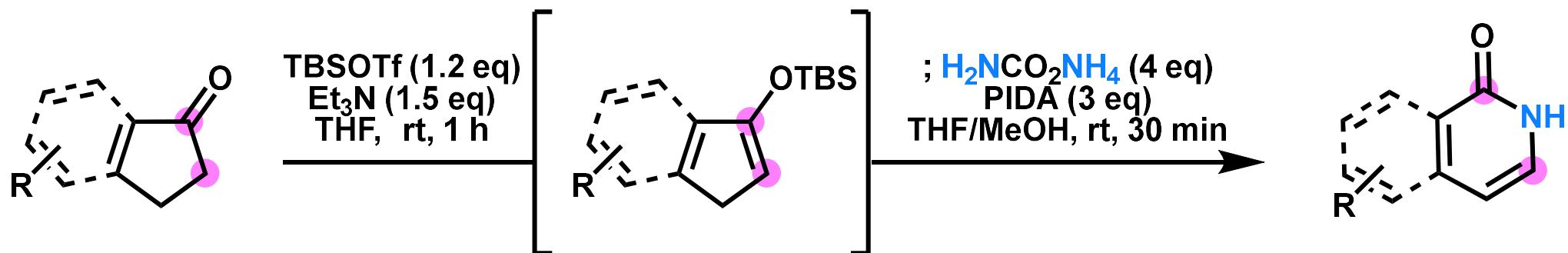
# **Application for Synthesis of Isoquinolines and Pyridones**

- Indenes to isoquinolines



Finkelstein, P.; Reisenbauer, J. C.; Botlik, B. B.; Green, O.; Florin, A.; Morandi, B. *Chem. Sci.* **2023**, 14, 2954.

- Cyclopentenones to pyridones



Botlik, B. B.; Weber, M.; Ruepp, F.; Kawanaka, K.; Finkelstein, P.; Morandi, B. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2024**, 63, e202408230.

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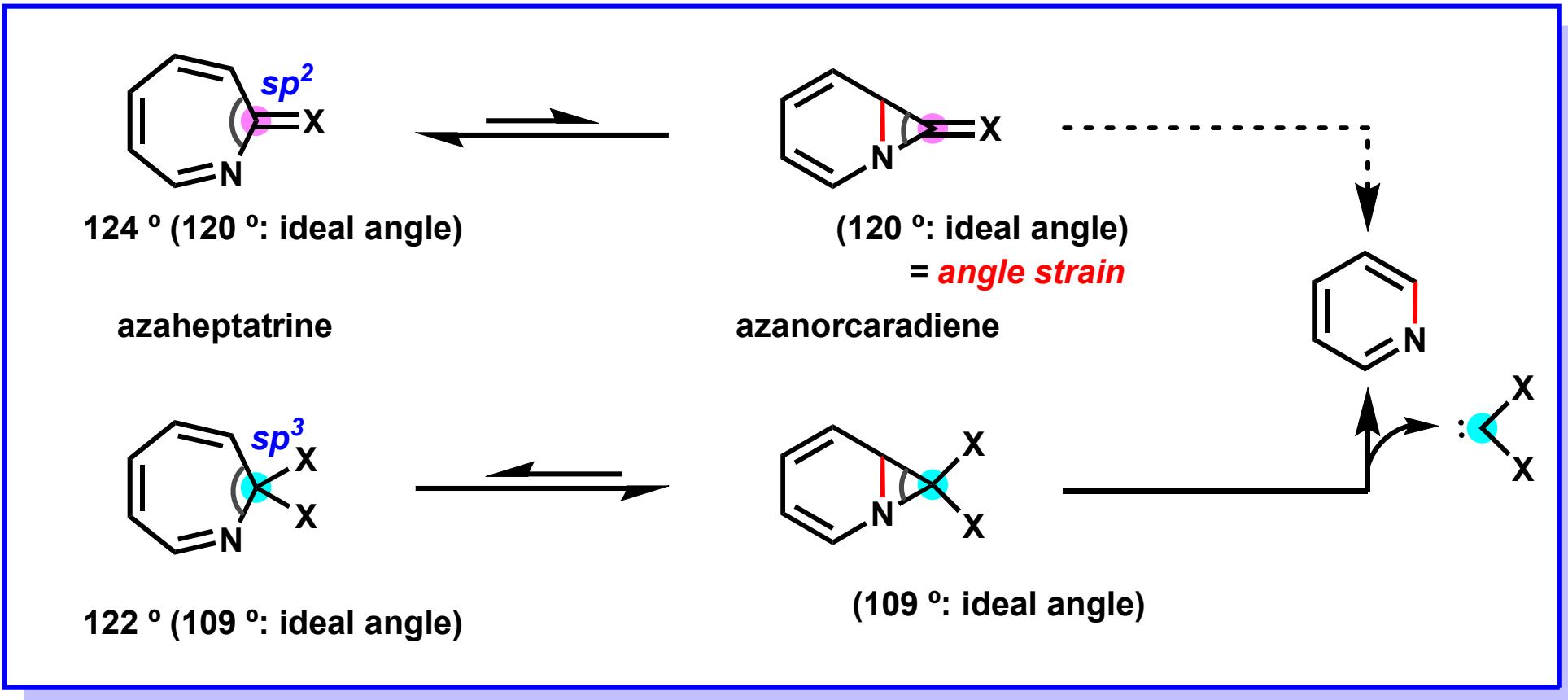


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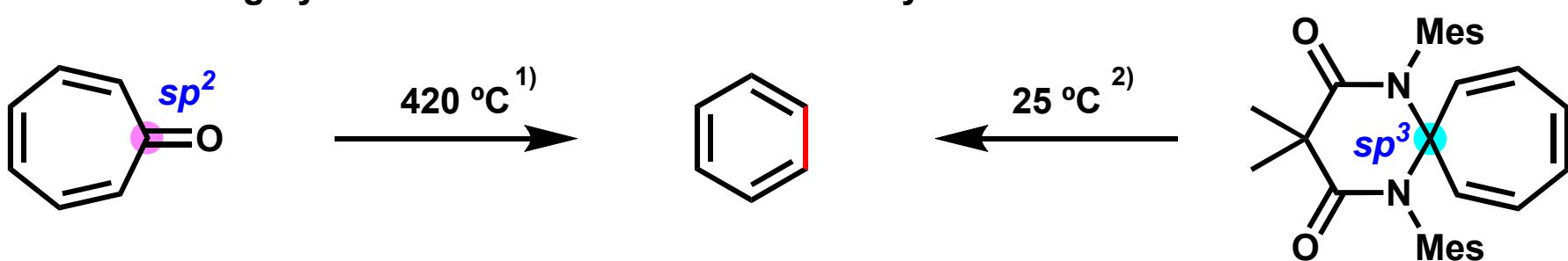
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Skeletal editing of pyridines through  
atom-pair swap from CN to CC

# *Design Concept of Levin and Burns group*



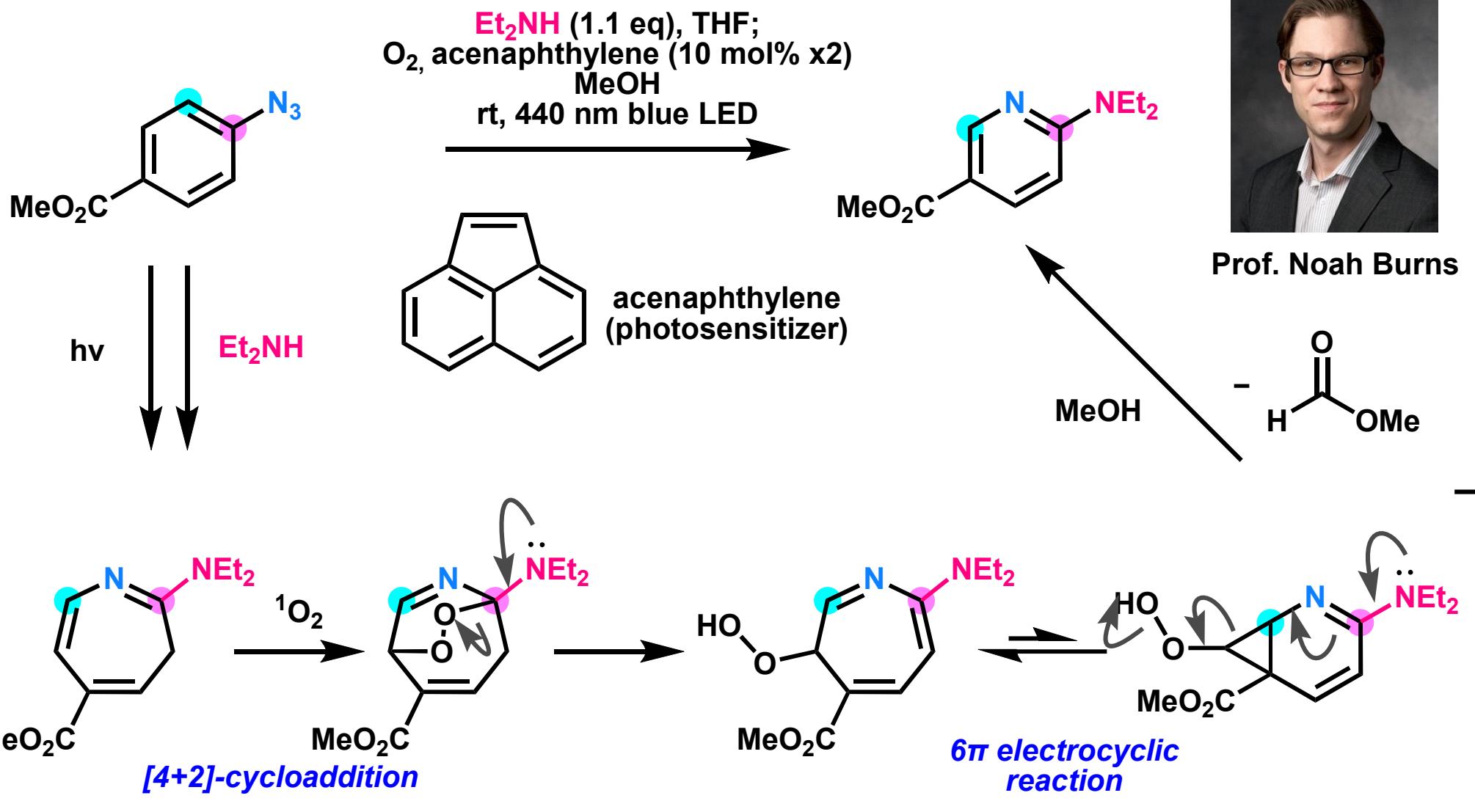
- Demonstrating hybridization effects in benzenoid systems



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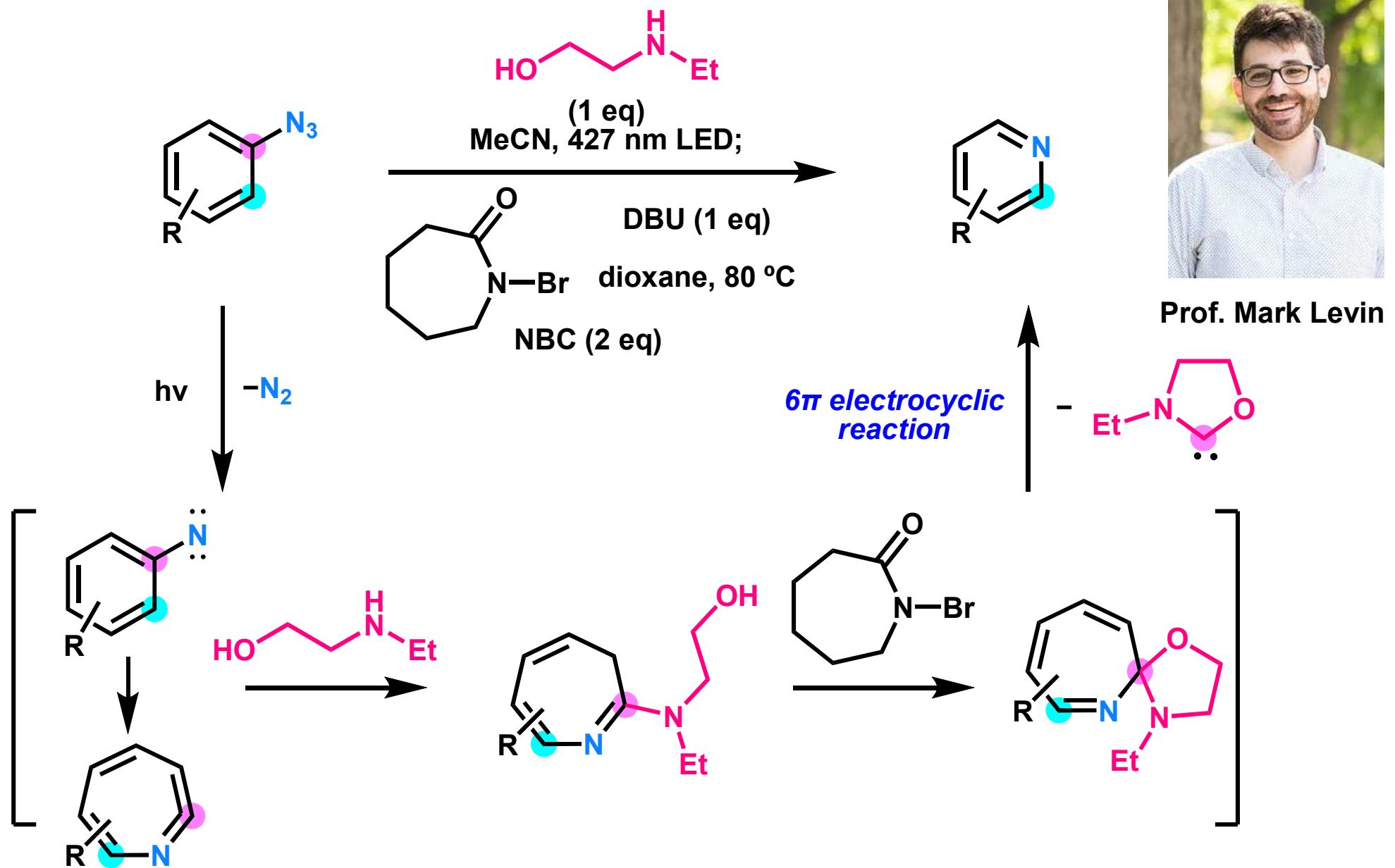
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# **Swapping Carbon to Nitrogen by Burn's group**

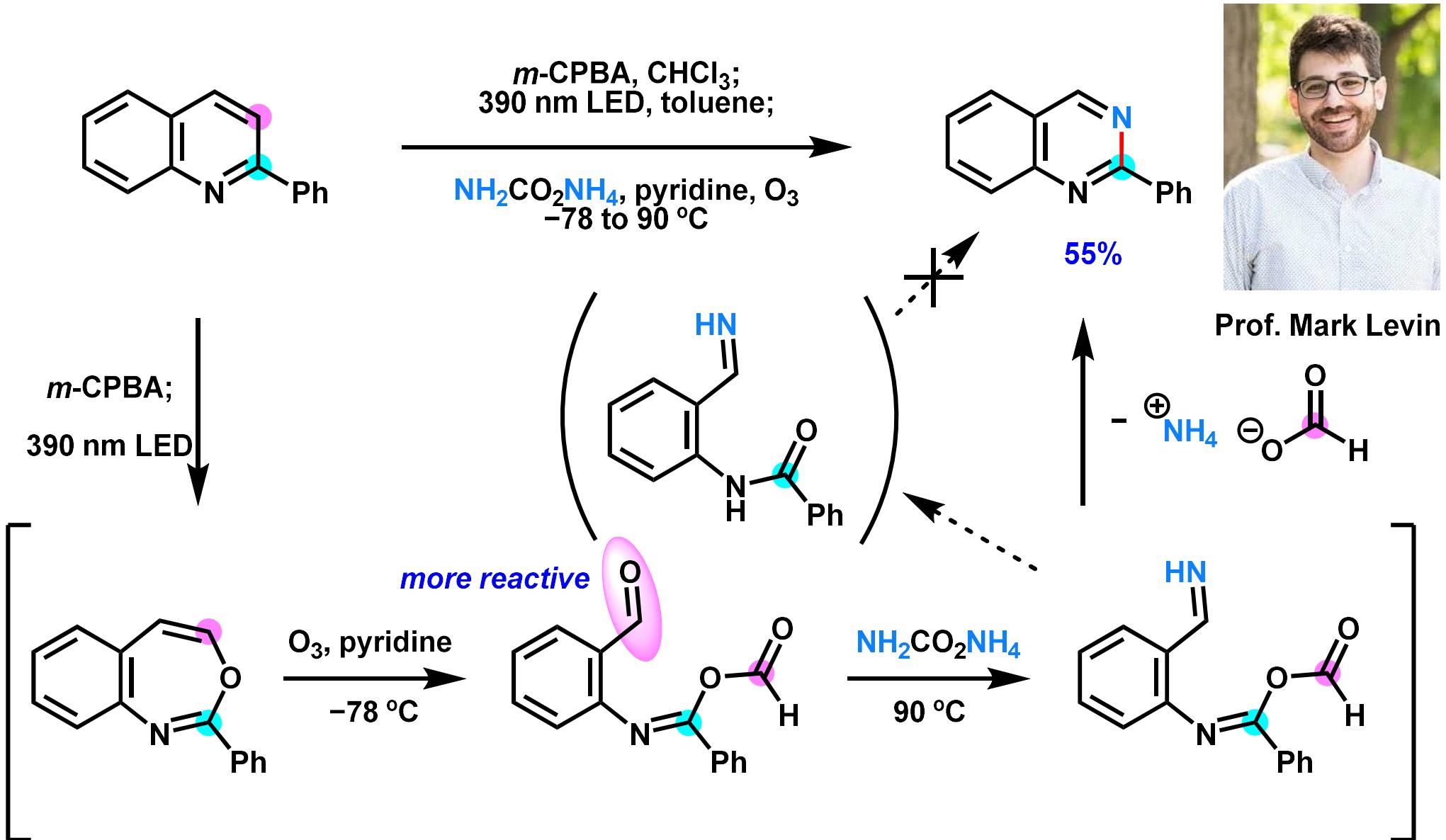


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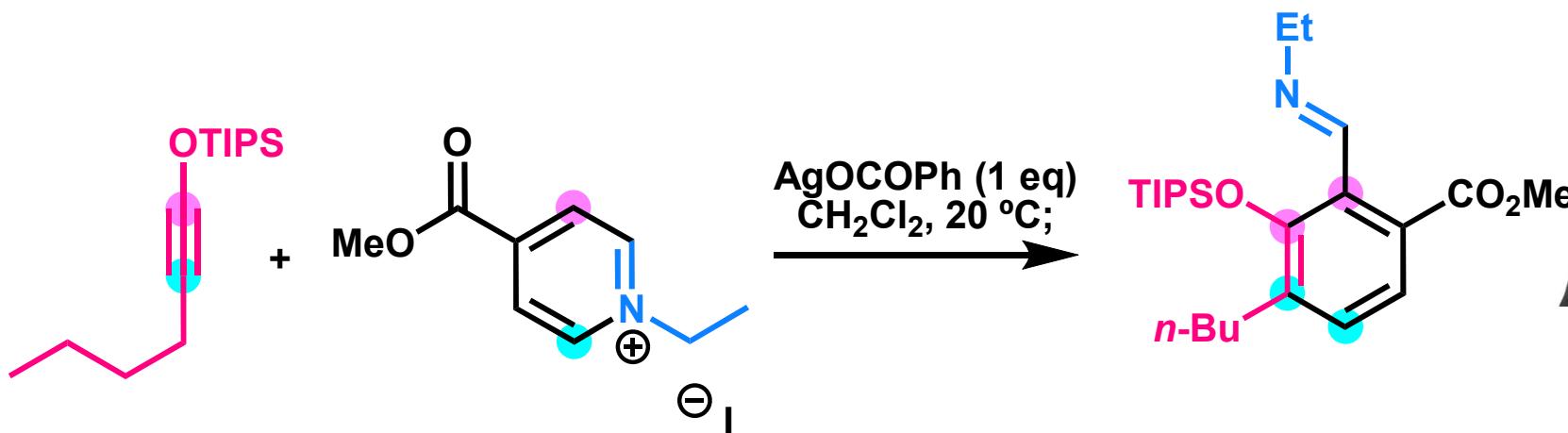
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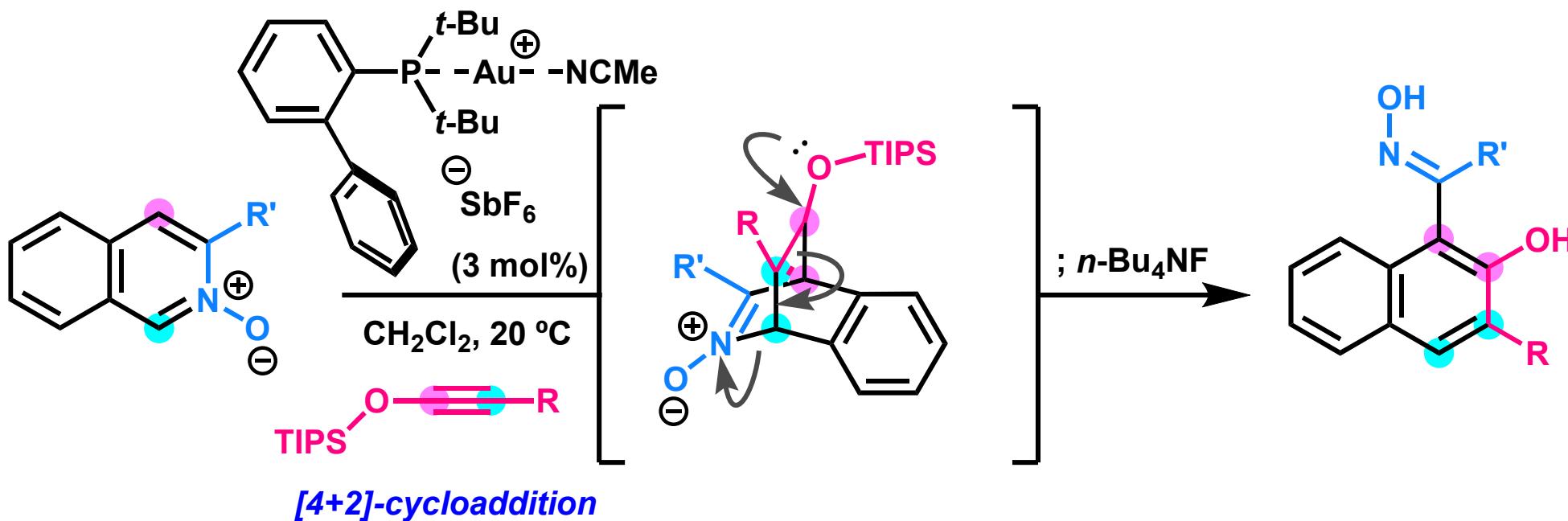
# Swapping Nitrogen to Carbon by Kozmin's group

- CN (carbon-nitrogen) to CC (carbon-carbon) swapping



Prof. Sergey Kozmin

Carbrera-Pardo, J. R.; Chai, D.; Kozmin, S. A. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2013, 355, 2498.



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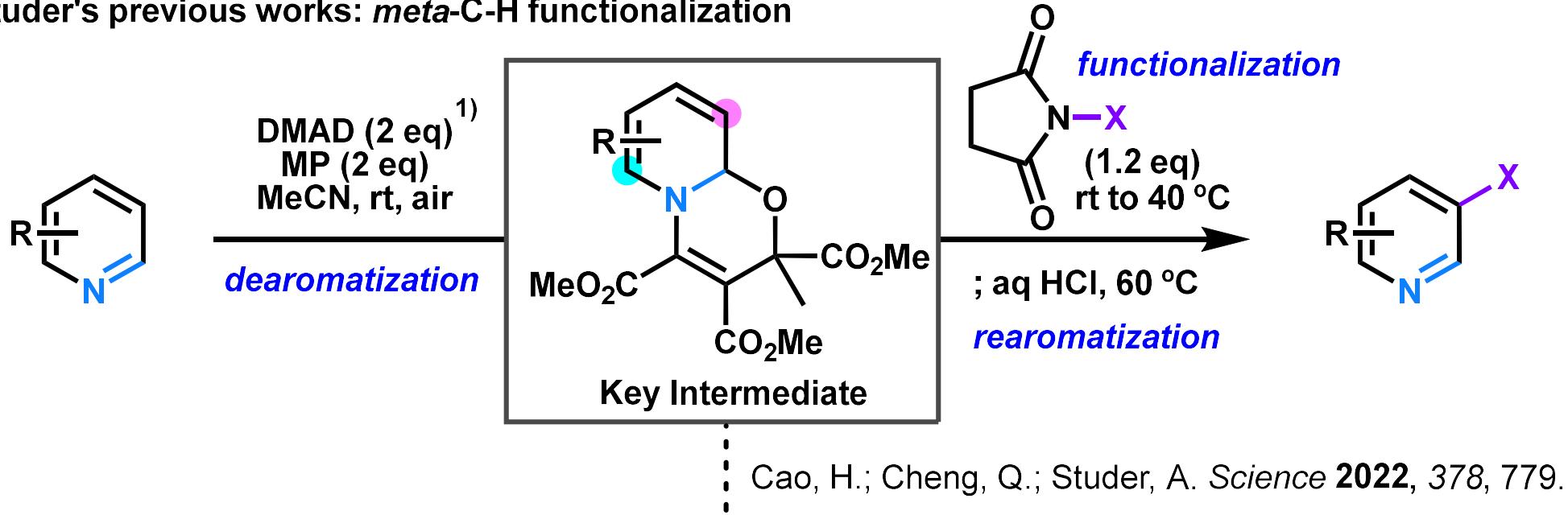
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- 1996 Postdoctoral Fellow @University of Pittsburgh (Prof. D. P. Curran)**
- 2000 Independent Research @ETH Zurich**
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## **Research area:**

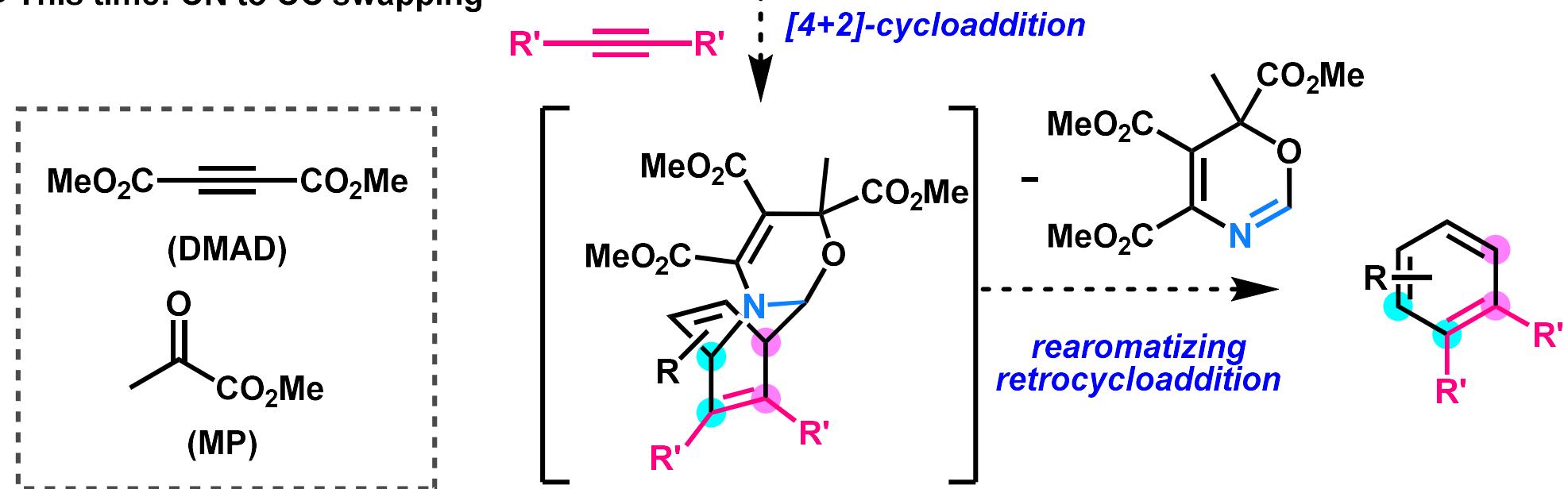
- Radical Chemistry in Organic Synthesis – Method Development**
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# Studer's Working Hypothesis

- Studer's previous works: *meta*-C-H functionalization



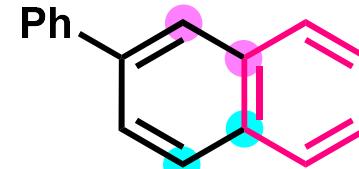
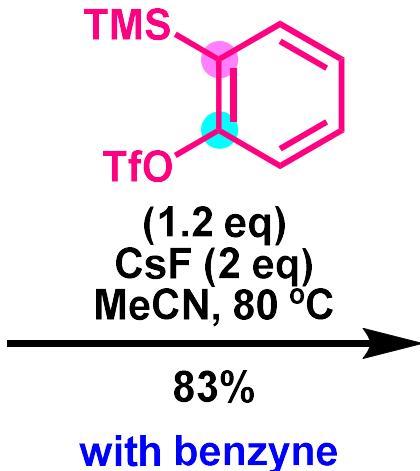
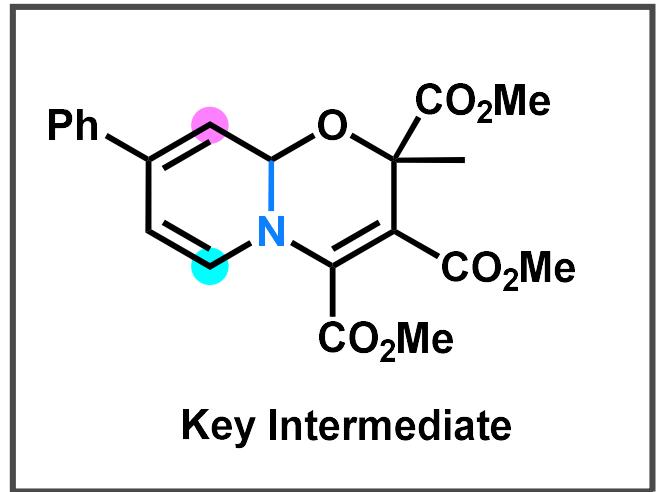
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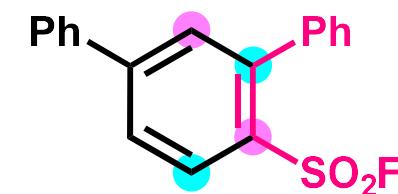
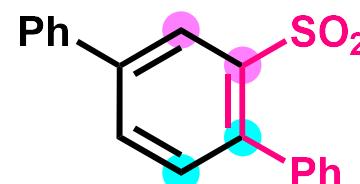
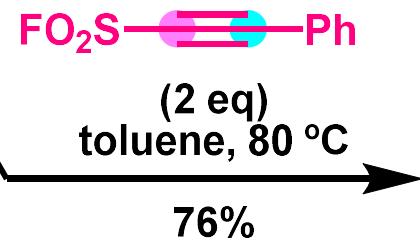
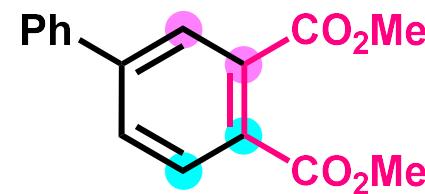
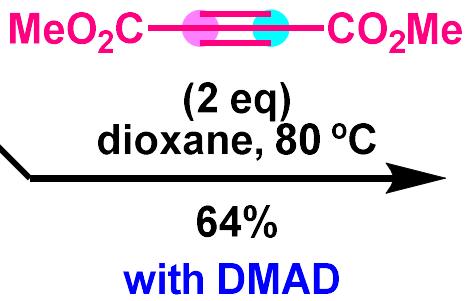
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# Scope of Pyridine Skeletal Editing

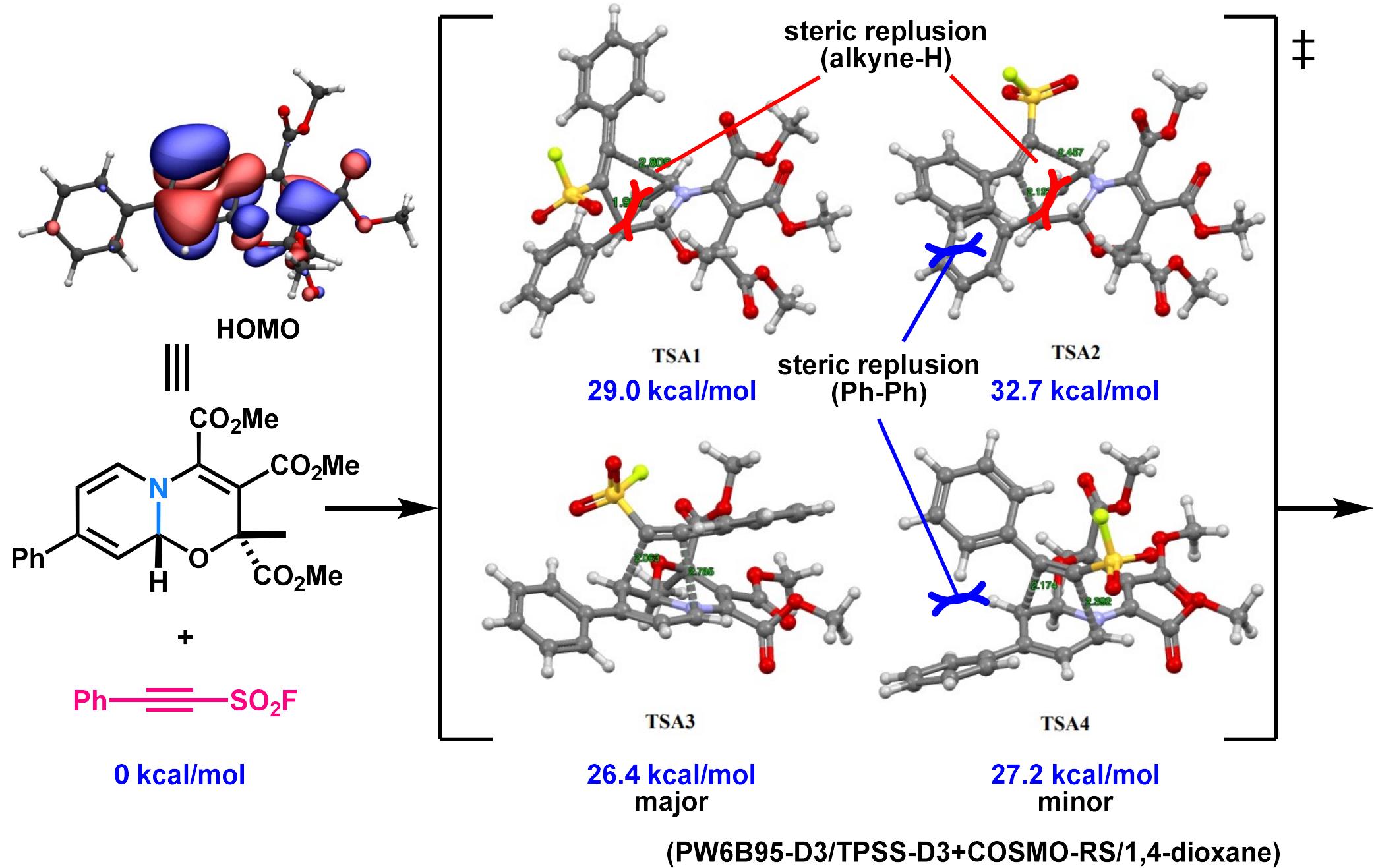


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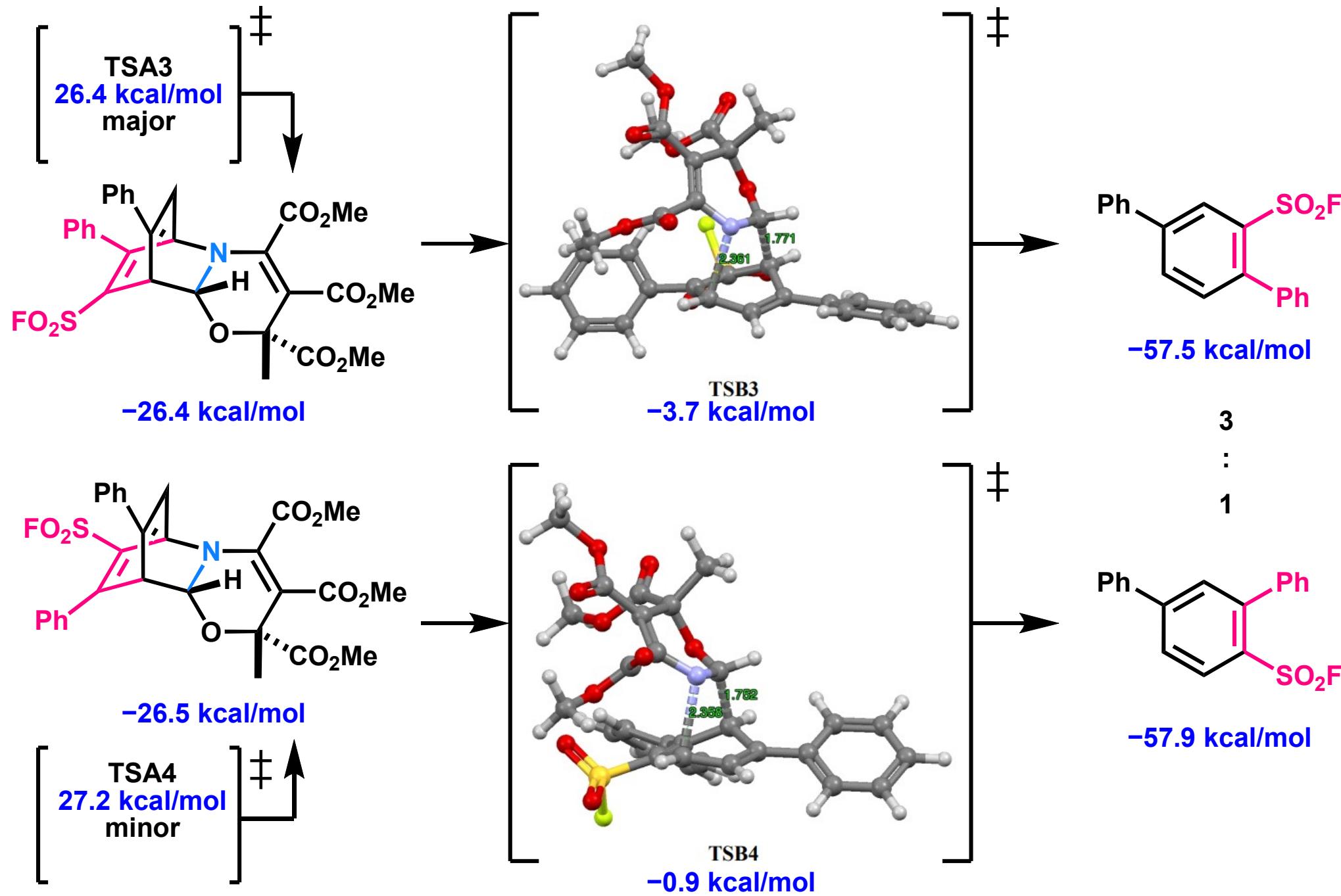


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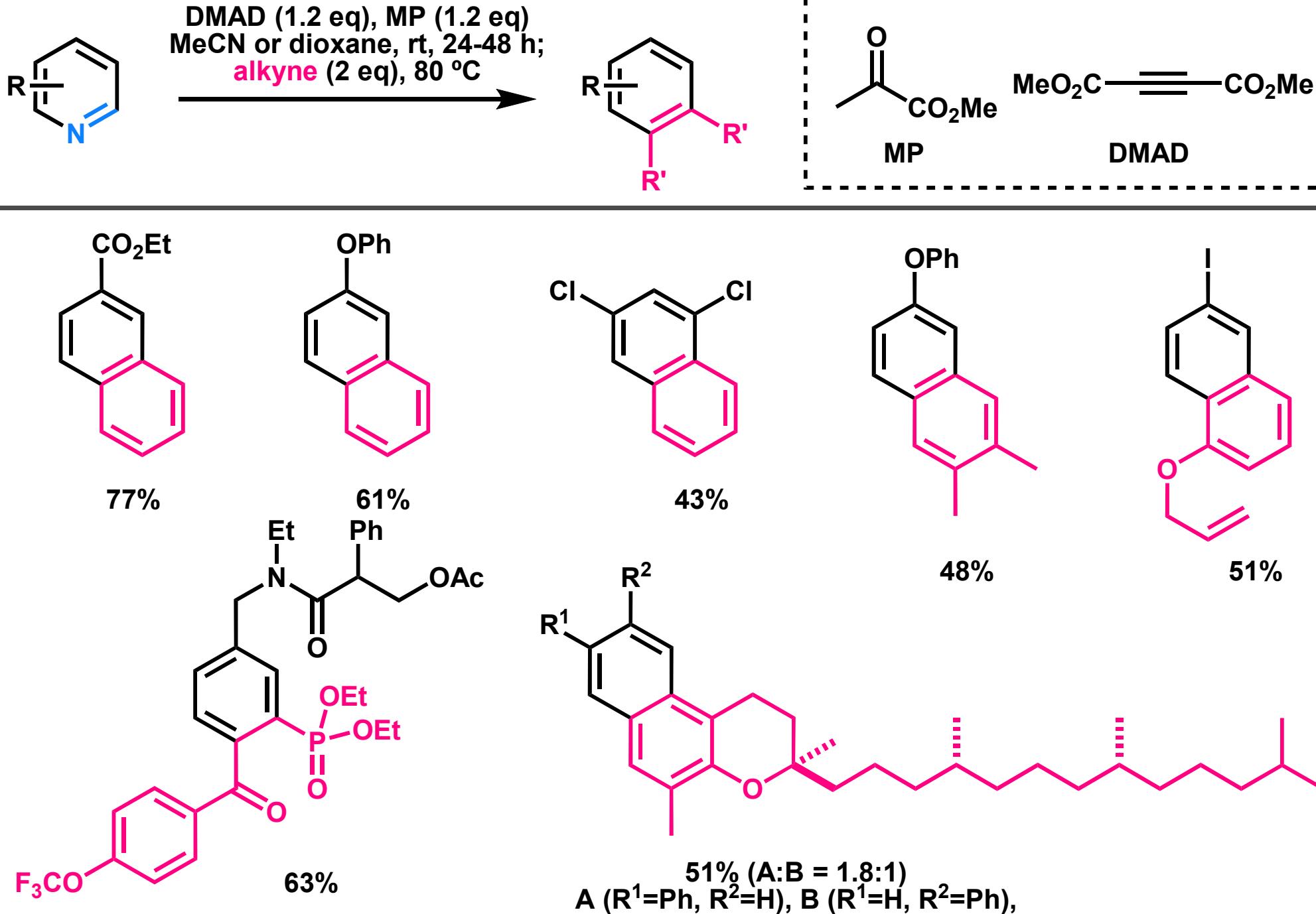
# *Regioselectivity of [4+2] Cycloaddition (1)*



## **Regioselectivity of [4+2] Cycloaddition (2)**

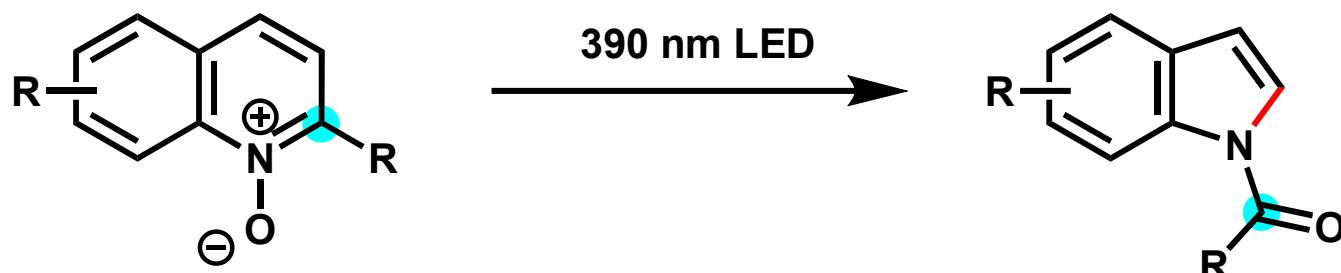


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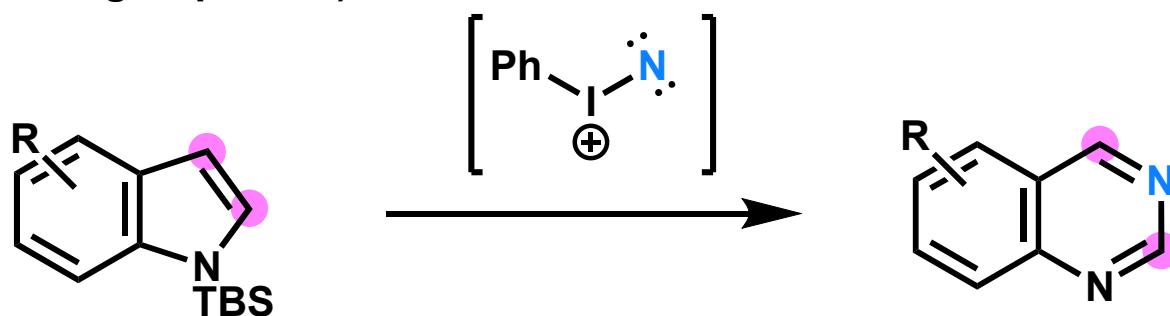


# Summary

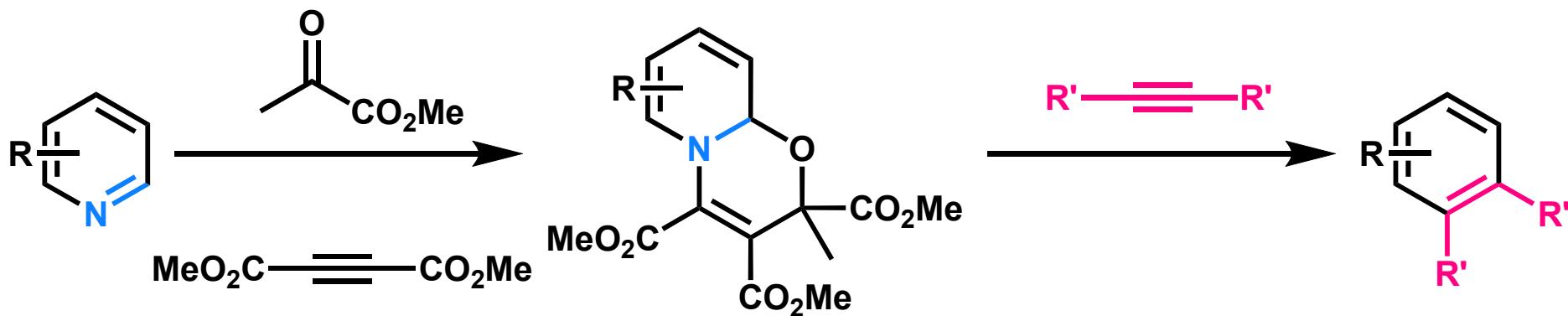
- Deletion (Levin group: 2022)



- Insertion (Morandi group: 2022)



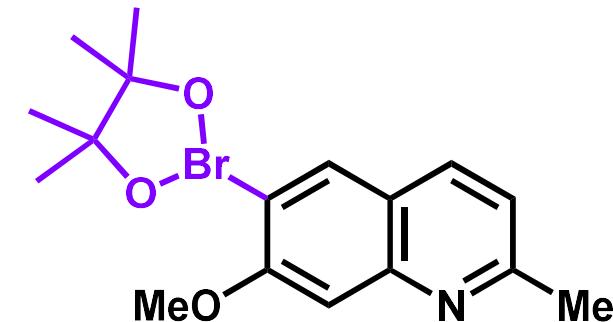
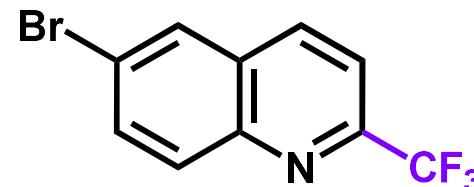
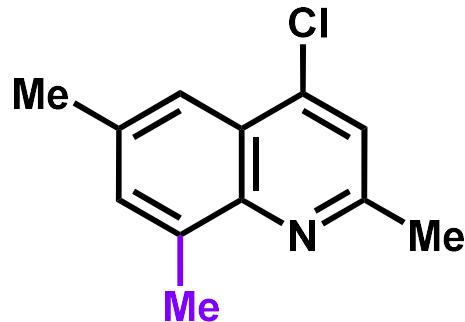
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# *Appendix*

# Appx. Section 2 / Limitations

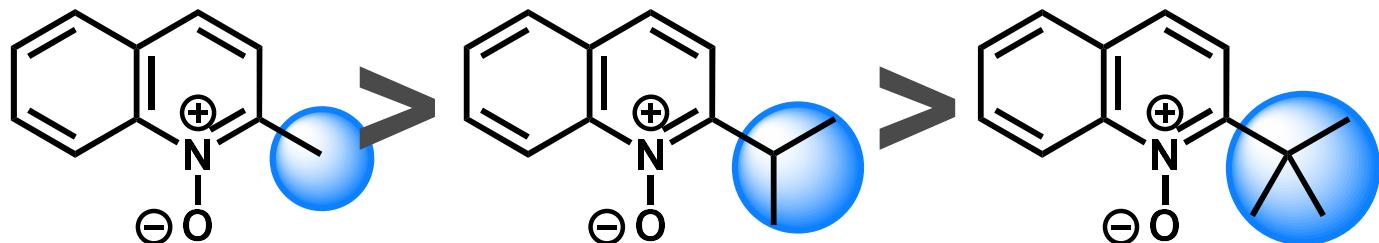
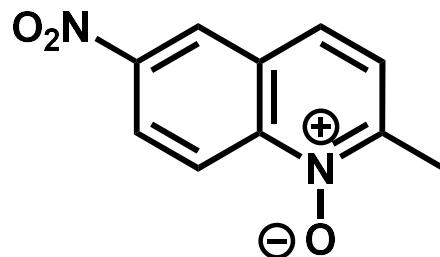
## 1. N-oxidation limitations



no reactivity

Bpin functional group did not tolerate  
*m*-CPBA oxidation condition

## 2. Photolysis limitations



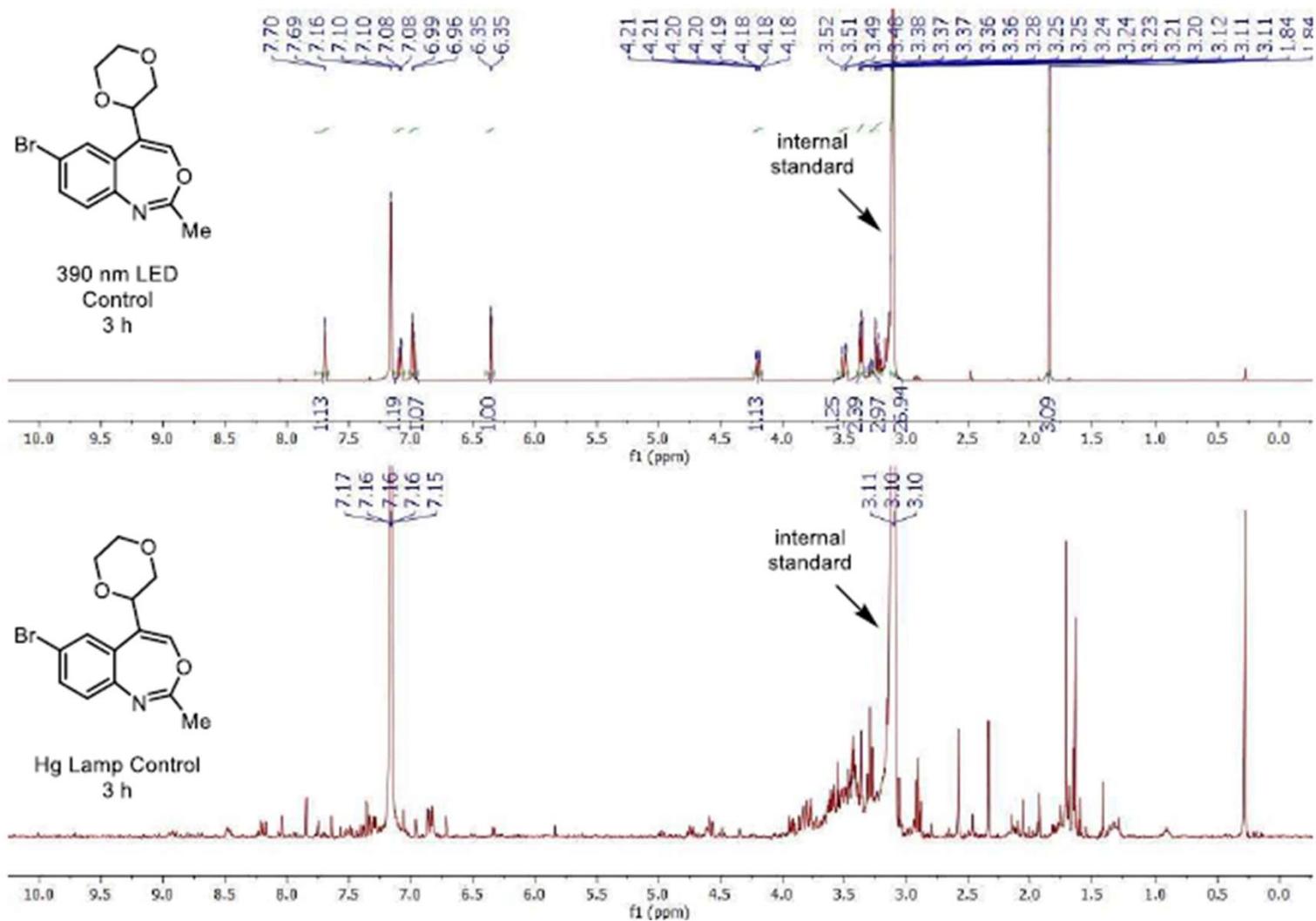
only deoxygenated product

83%

50%

30% NMR yield

# *Representative Crude NMR of LED and Hg Lamp*

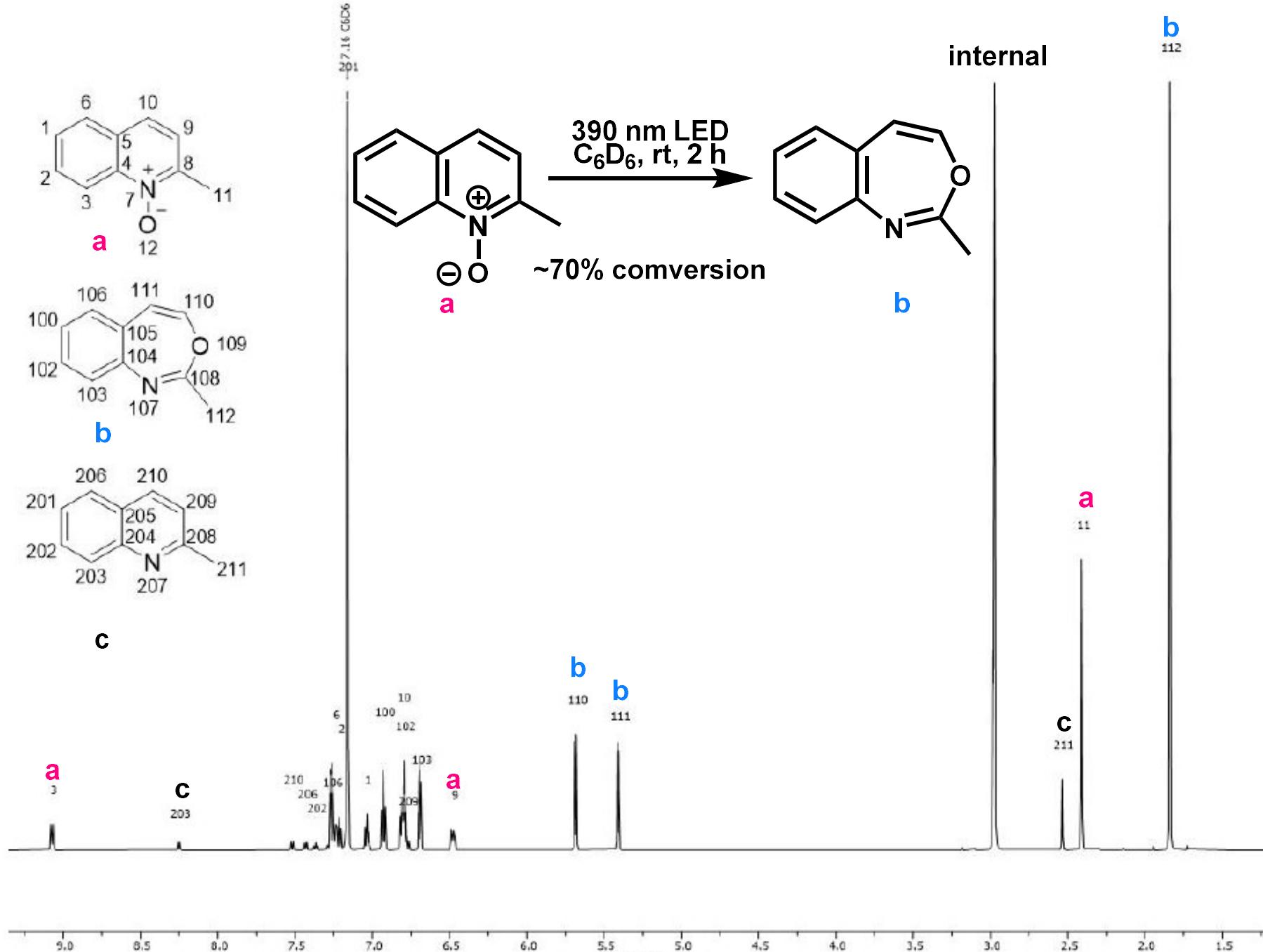


LED control  
after 3 h irradiation

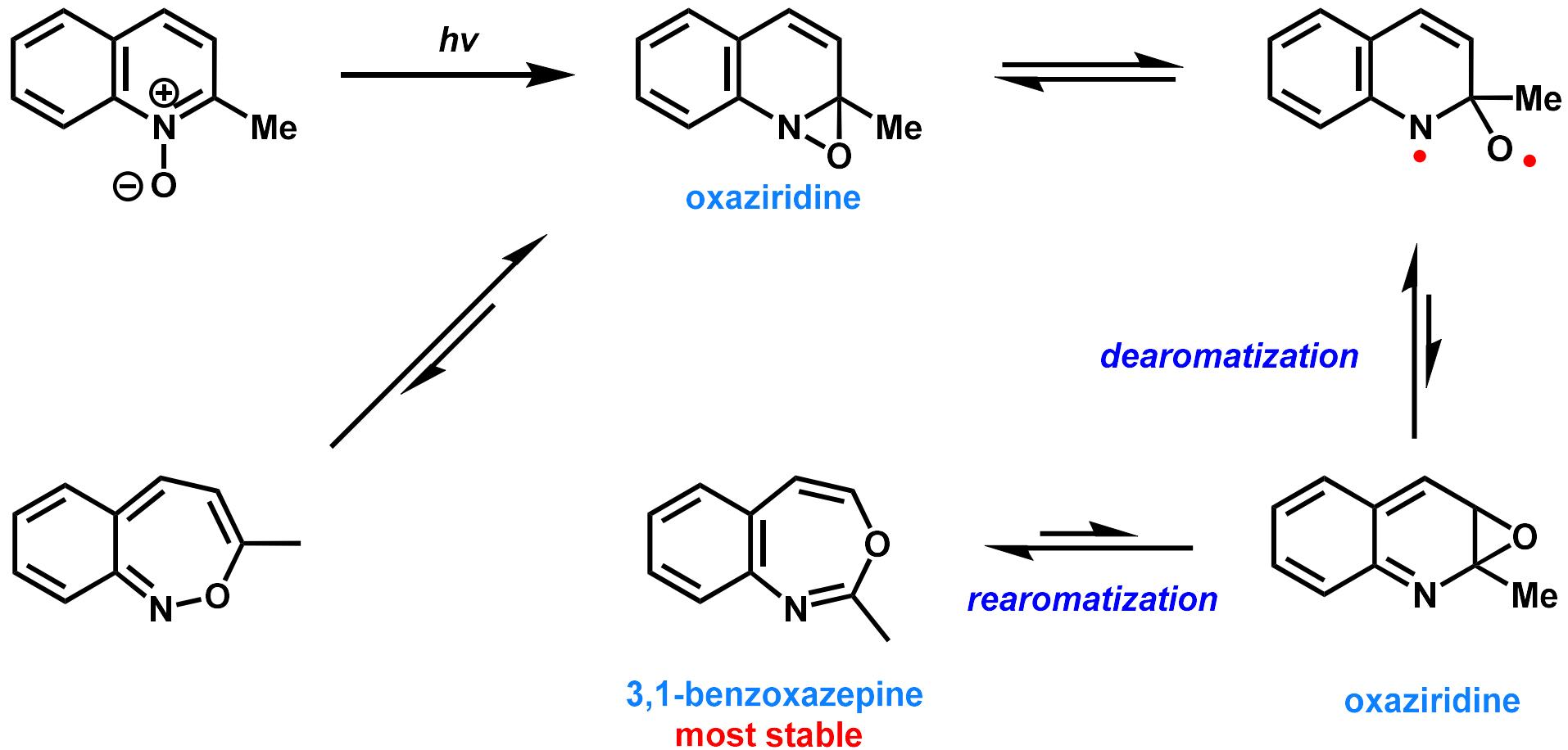


Hg Lamp control  
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# Monitoring the Reaction of Quinaldine N-Oxide



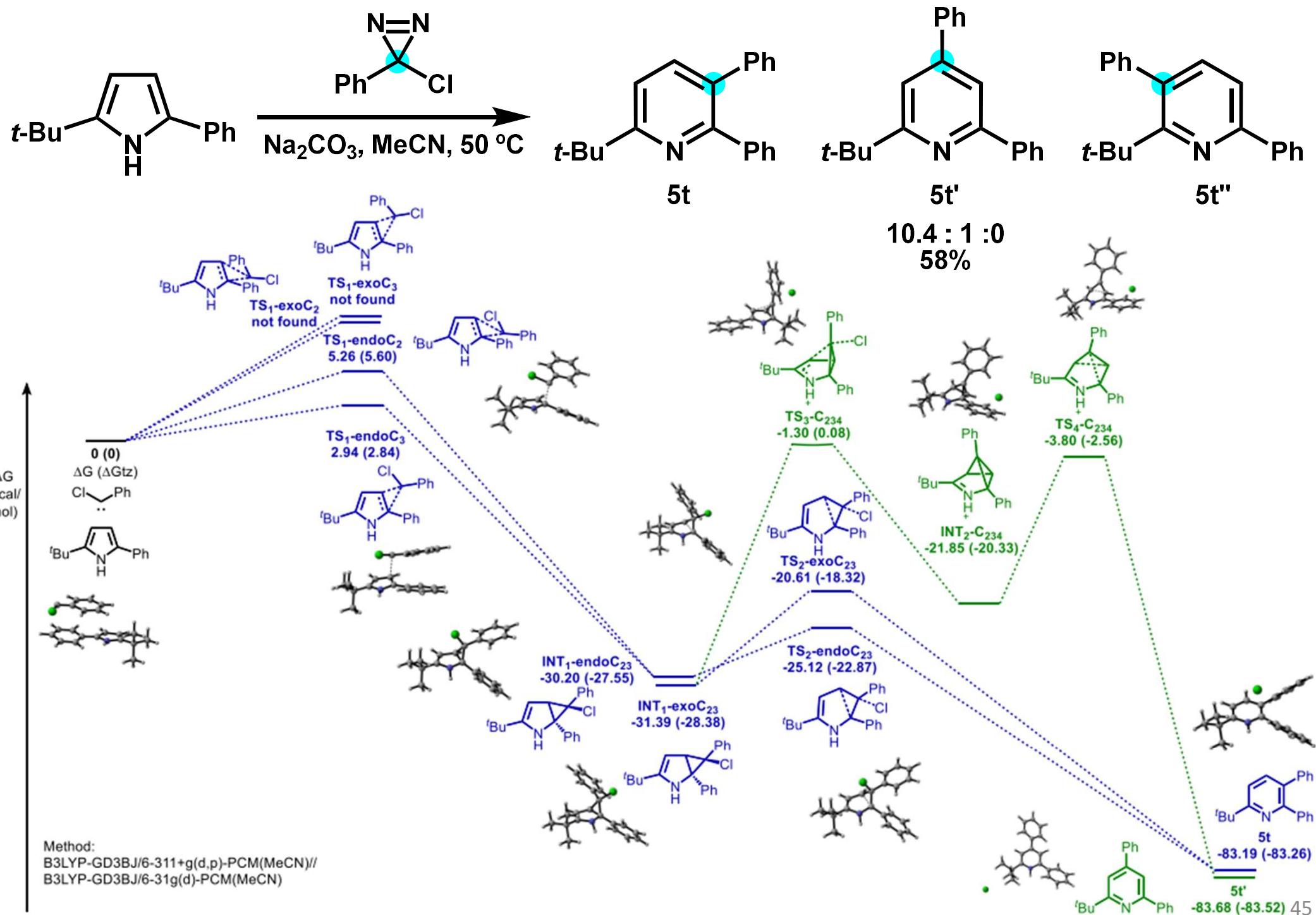
# *Reaction Mechanism of 3,1-Benzoxazepine*



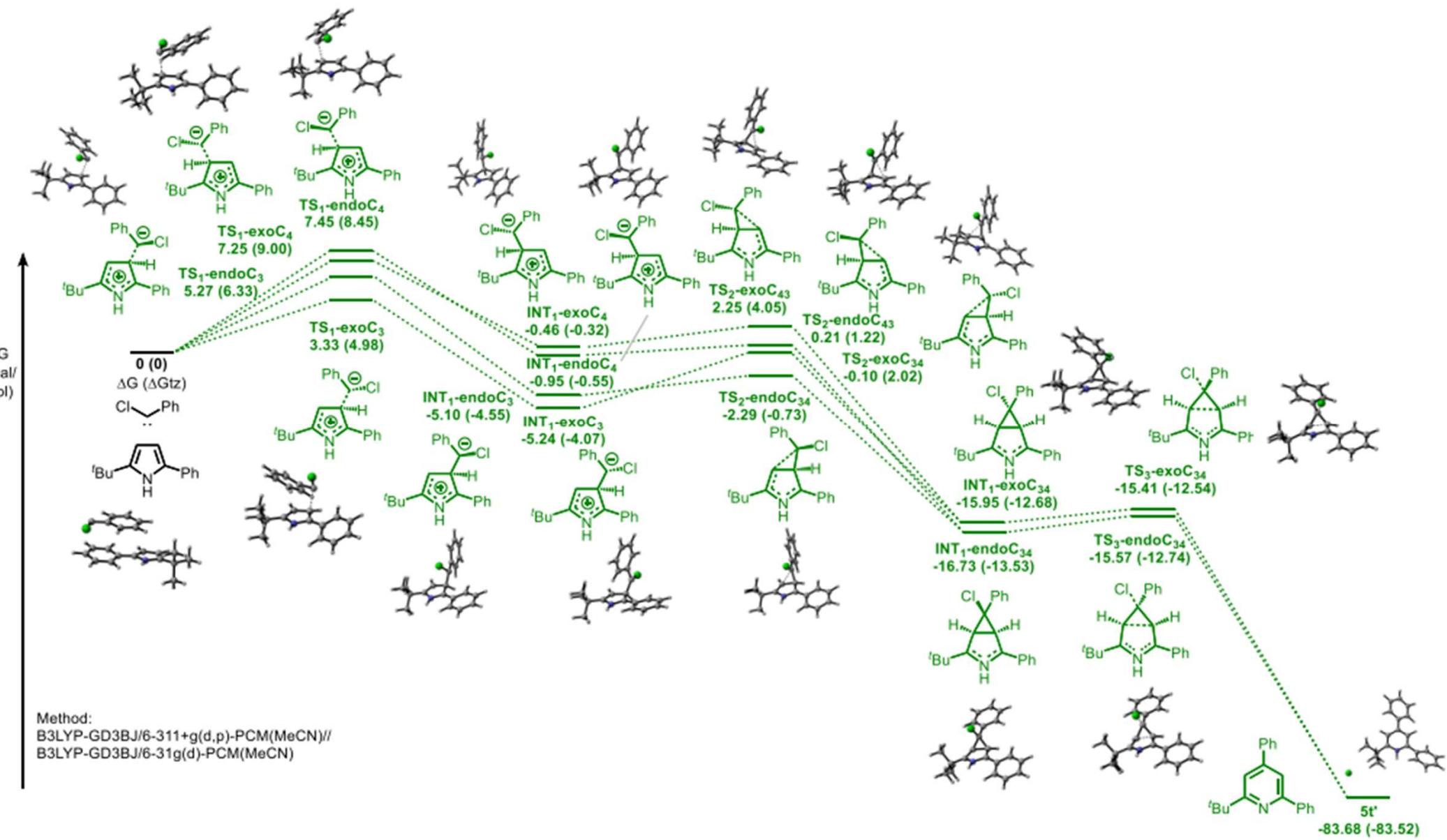
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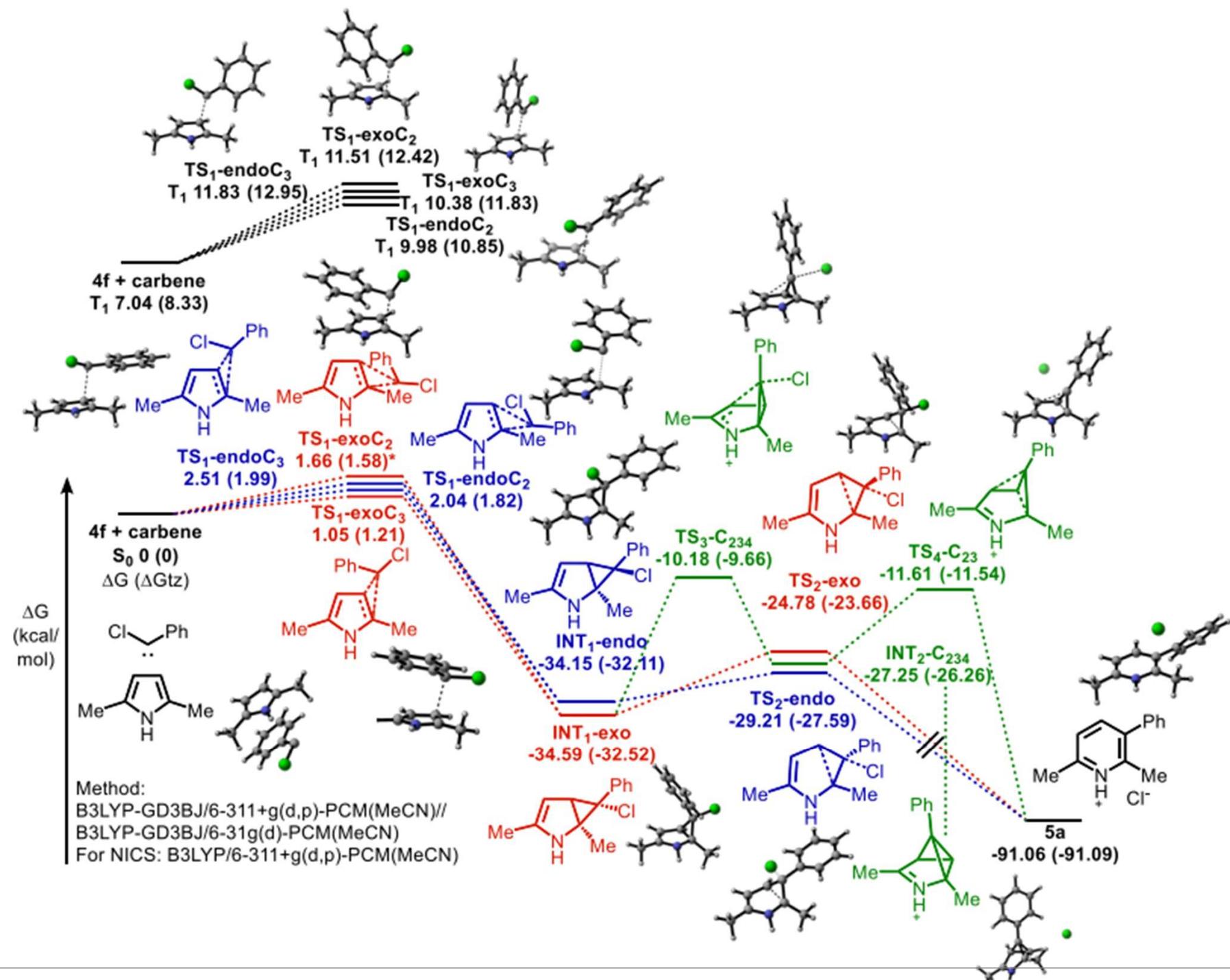
# Appx. Section 3 / Proposed Mechanism of Carbene Insertion



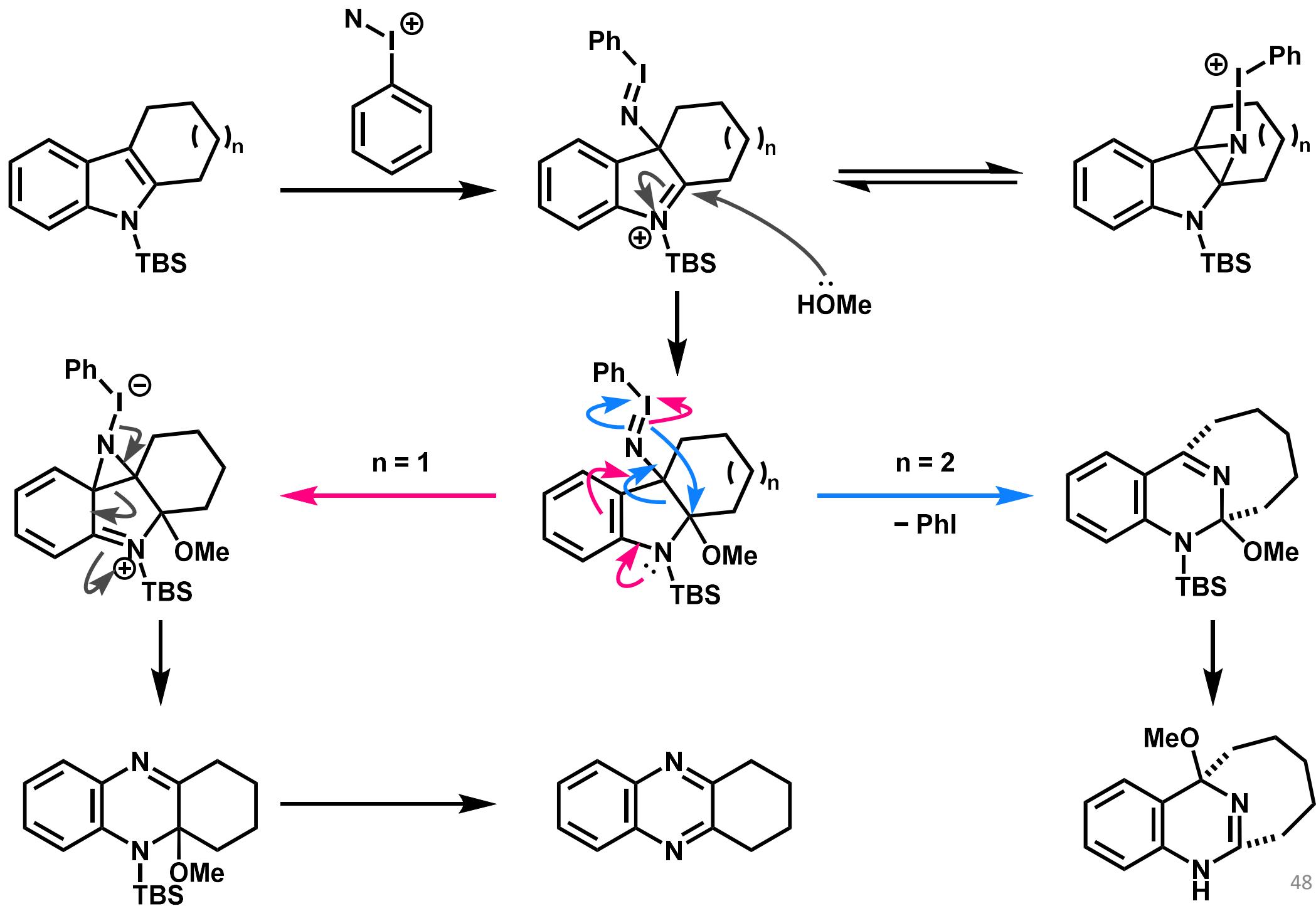
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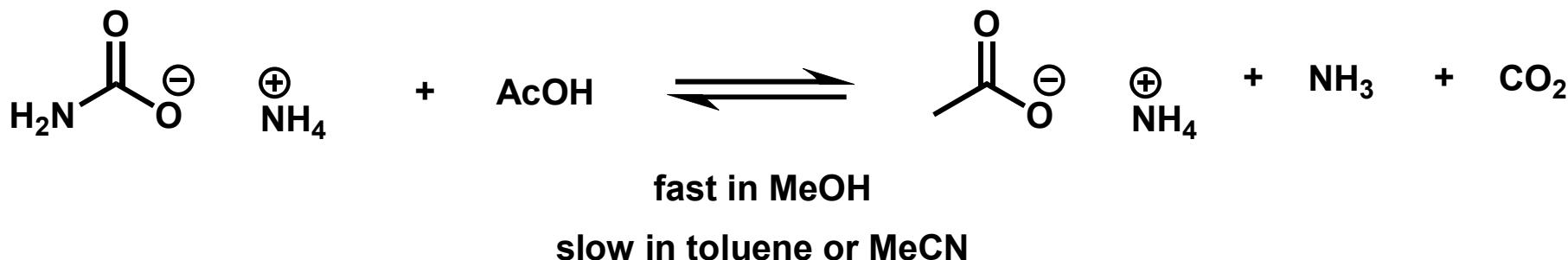
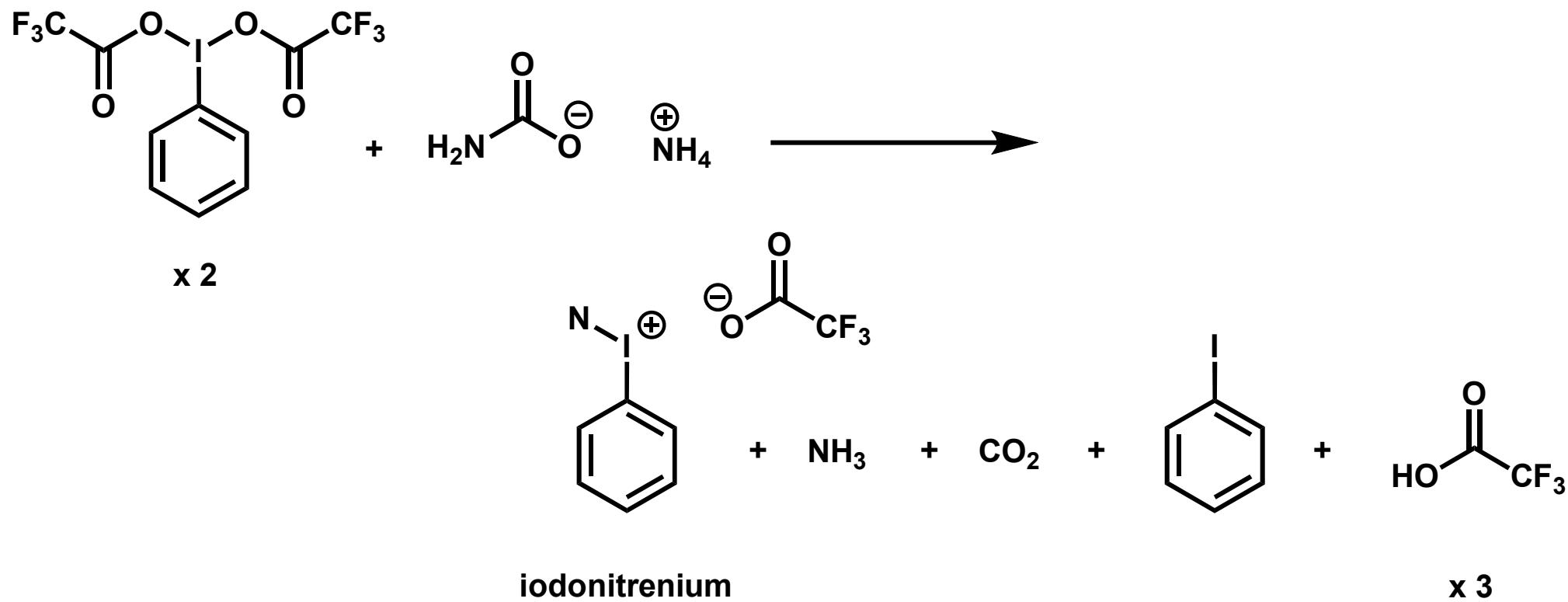
# Reaction Mechanism (Triplet Energies Pathway)



# *Another Reaction Mechanism (My Opinion)*

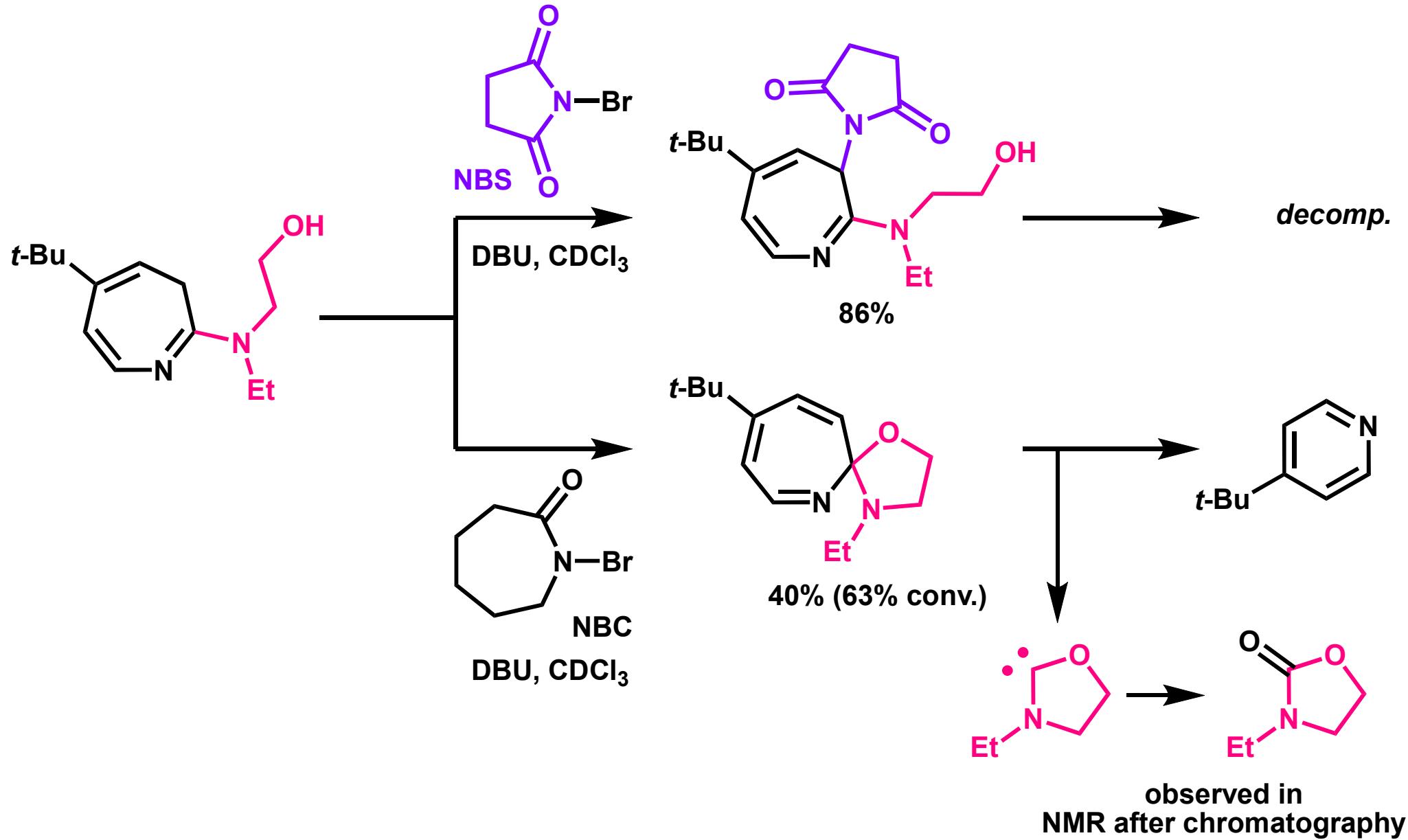


# *Generation of Iodonitrenium*

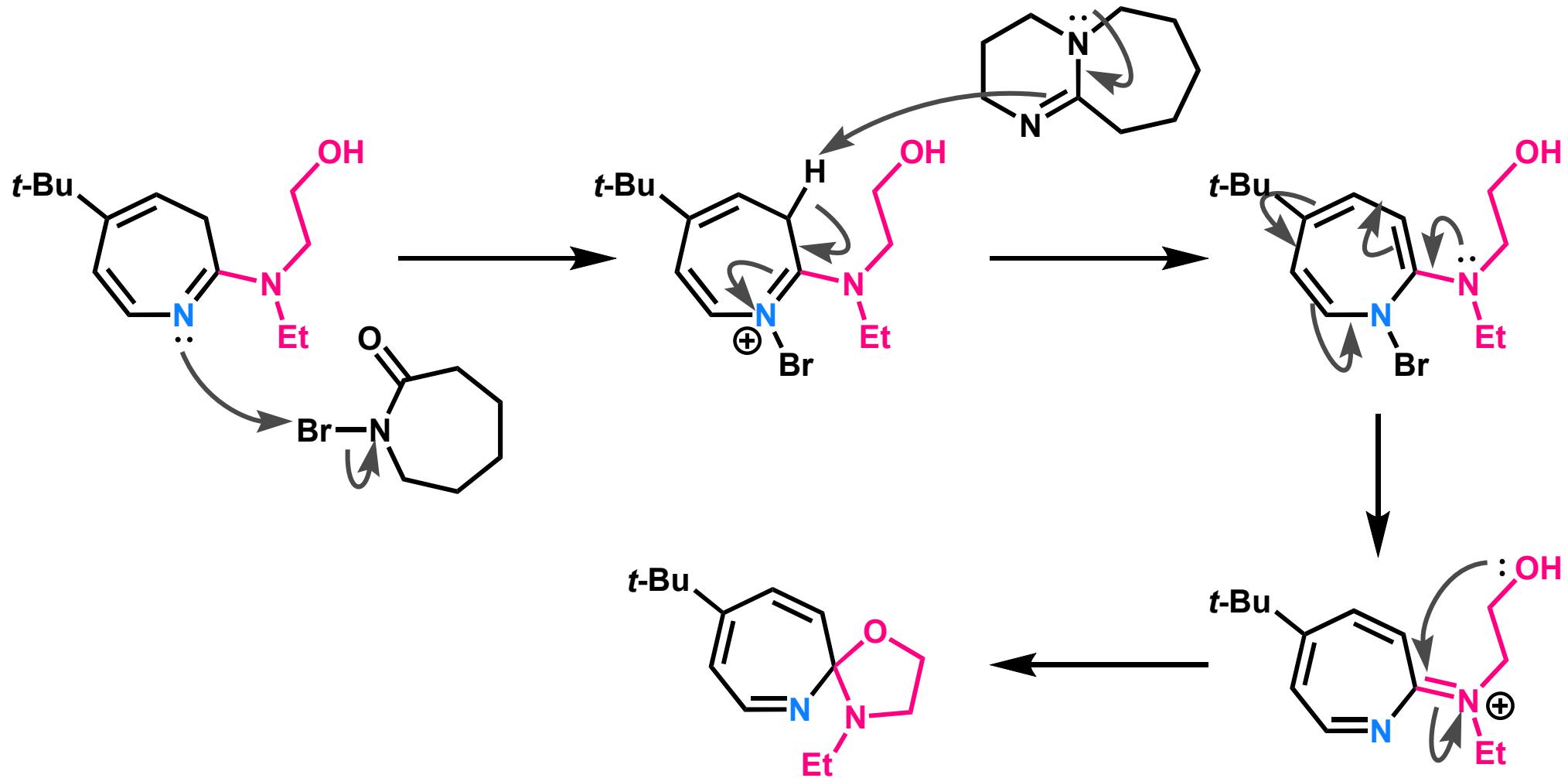


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# Appx. Section 4 / Optimization of Oxidant

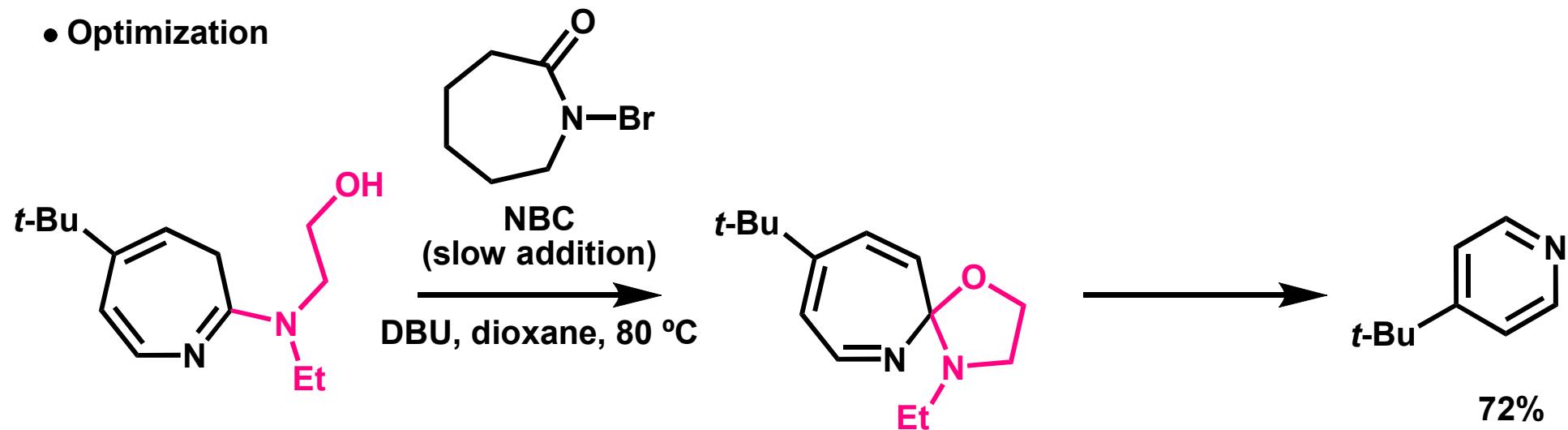


# Reaction Mechanism

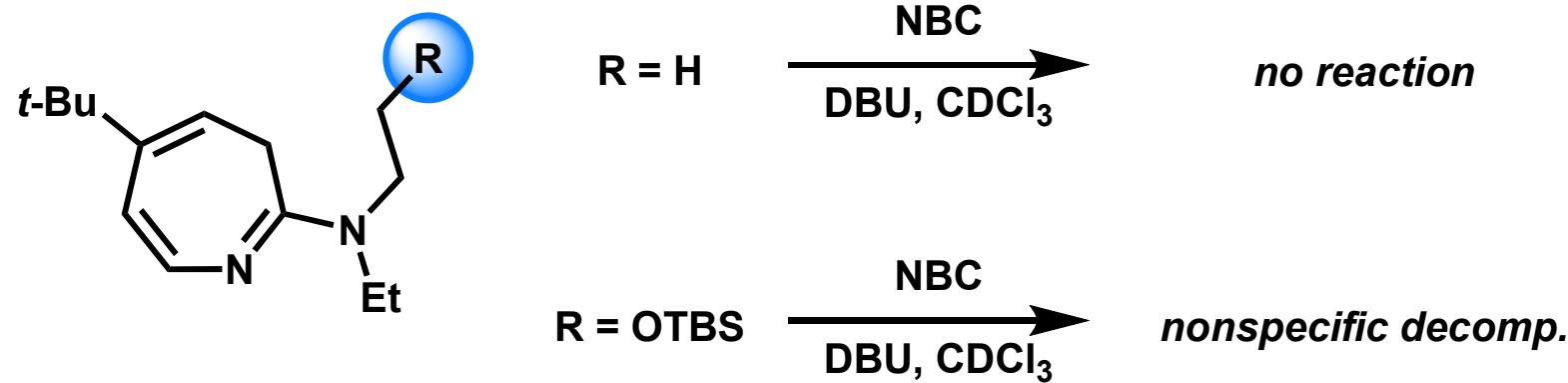


# ***Optimization and Control Experiment***

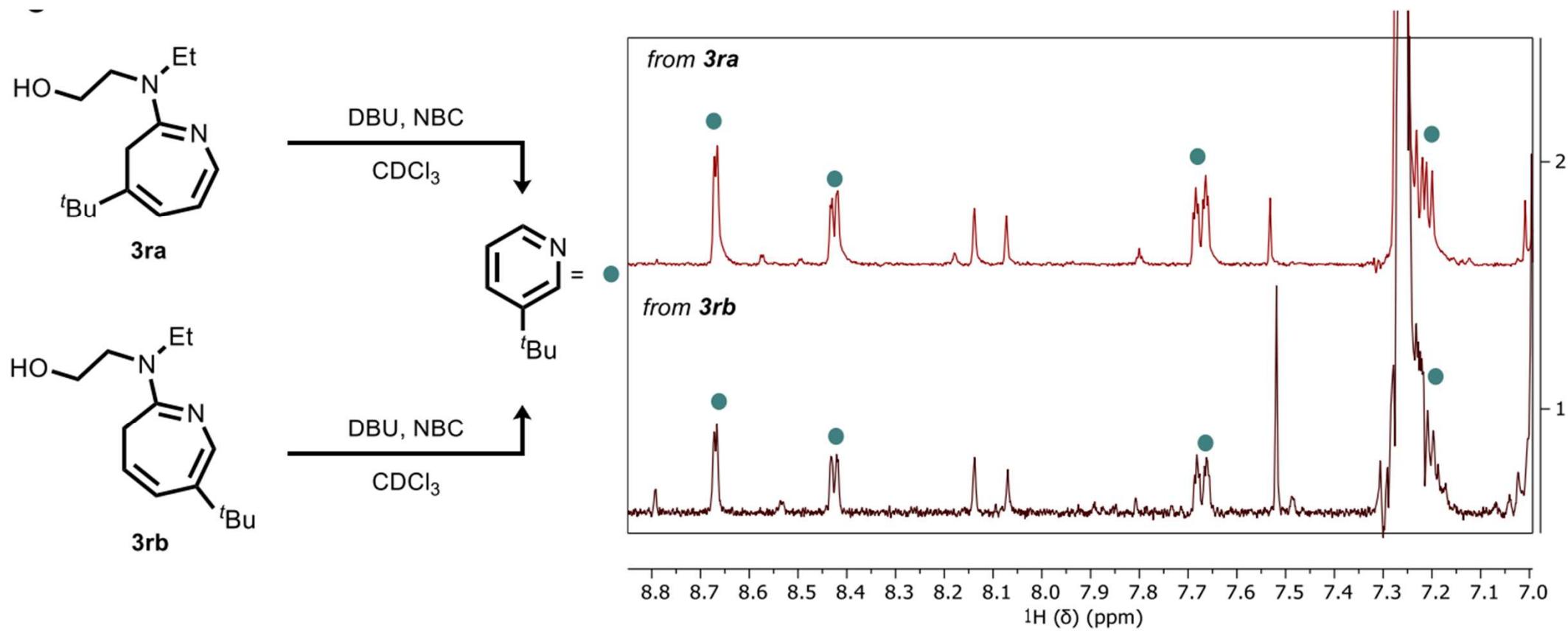
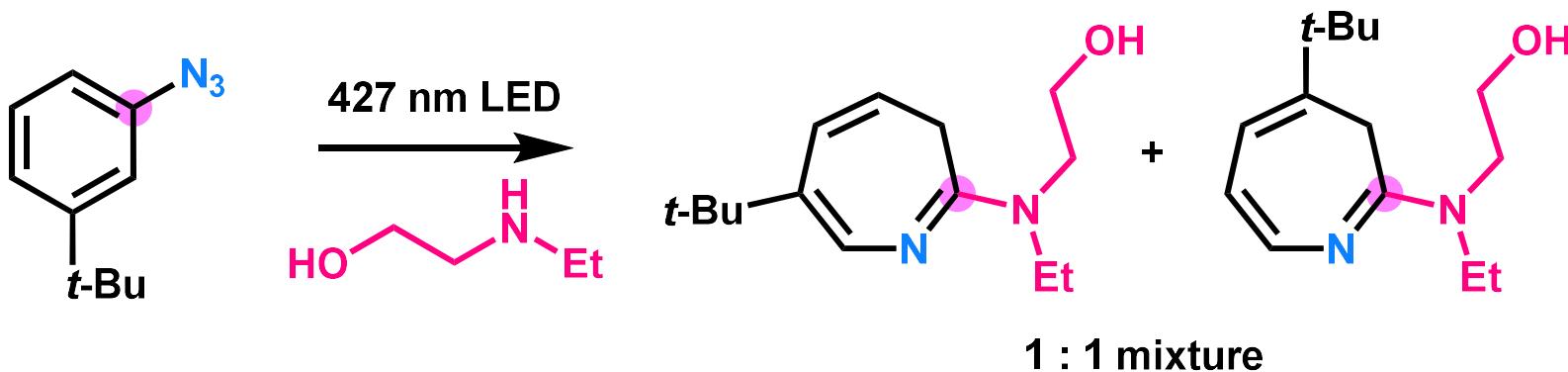
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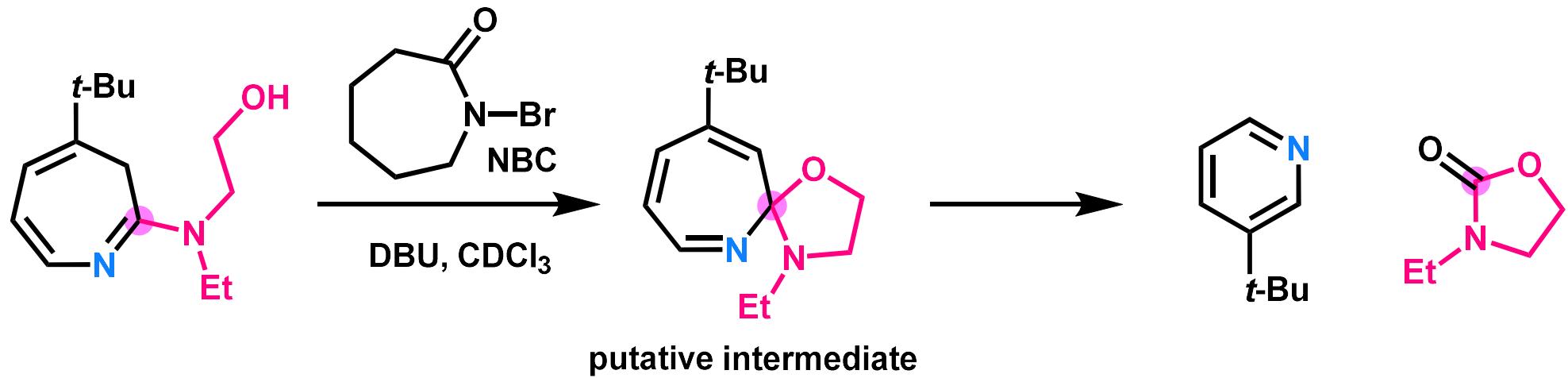
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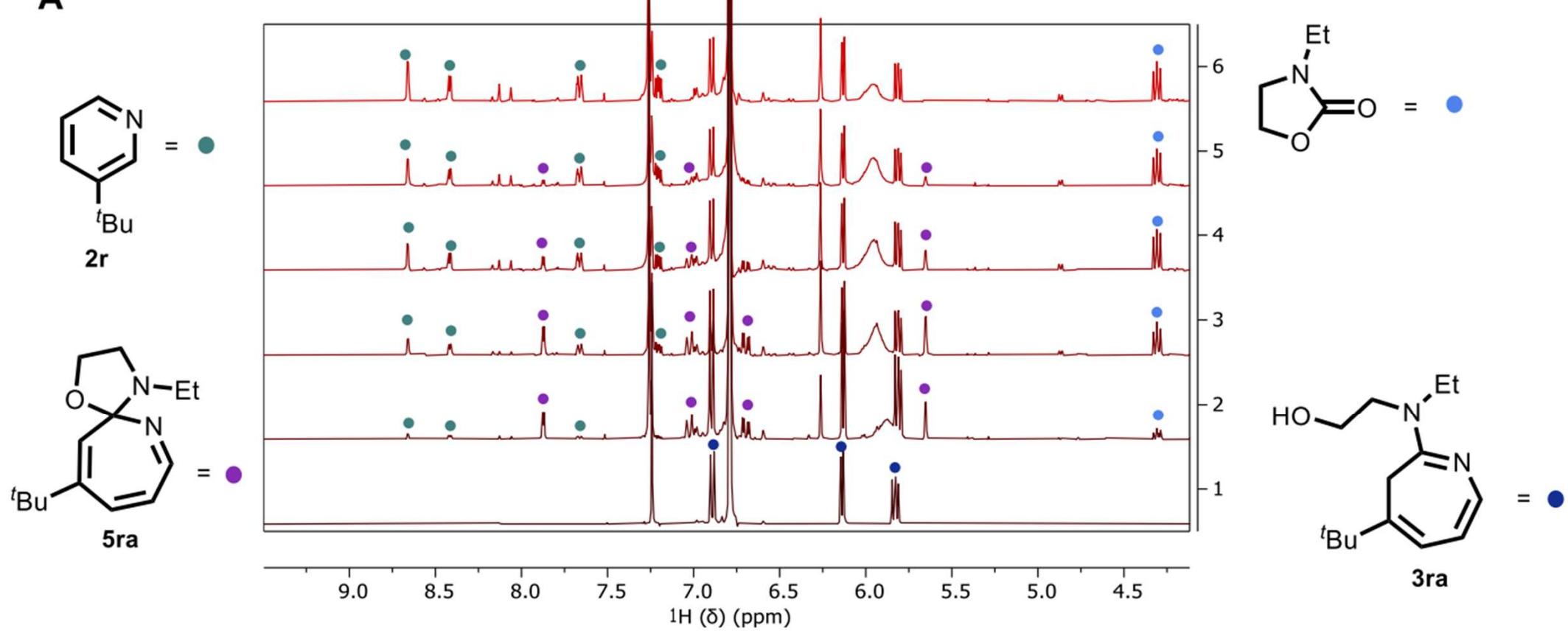
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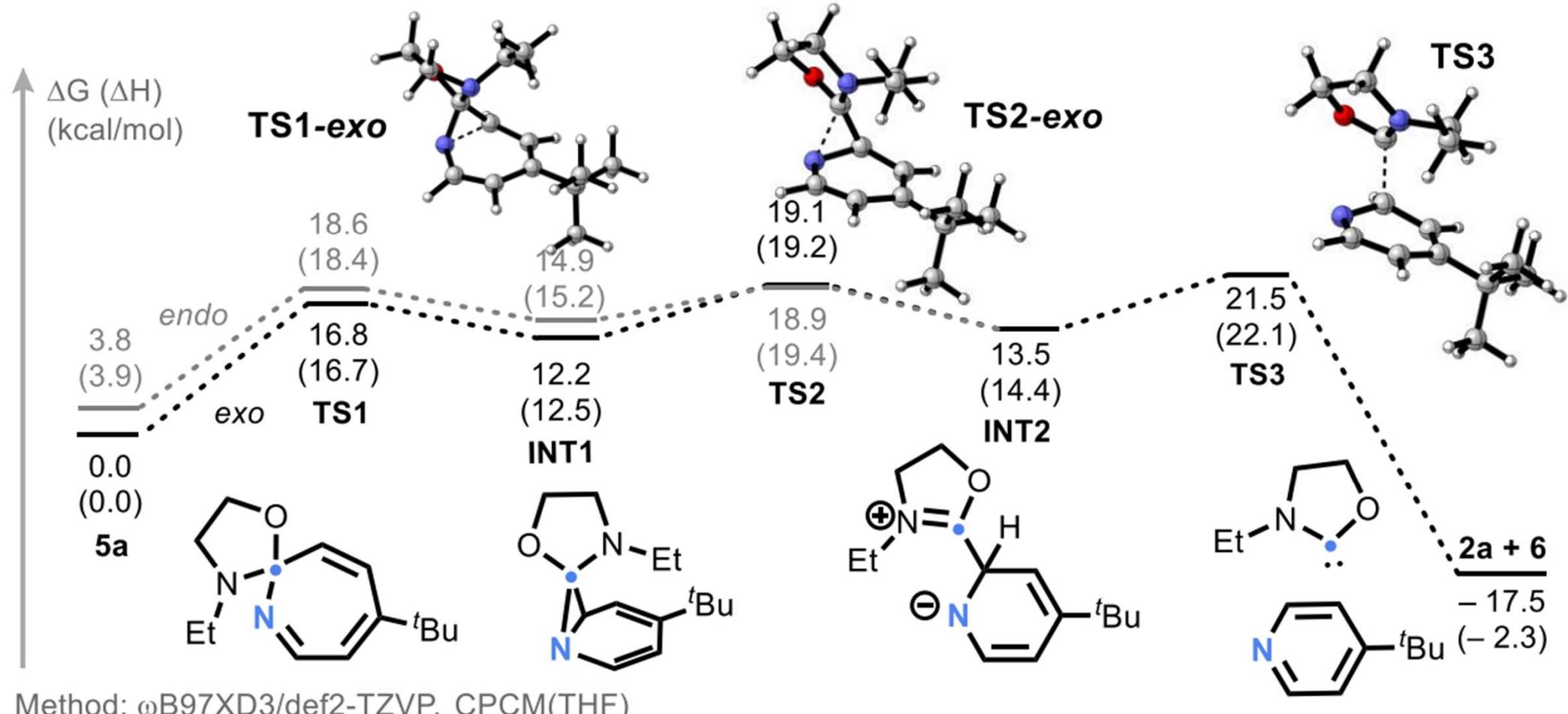
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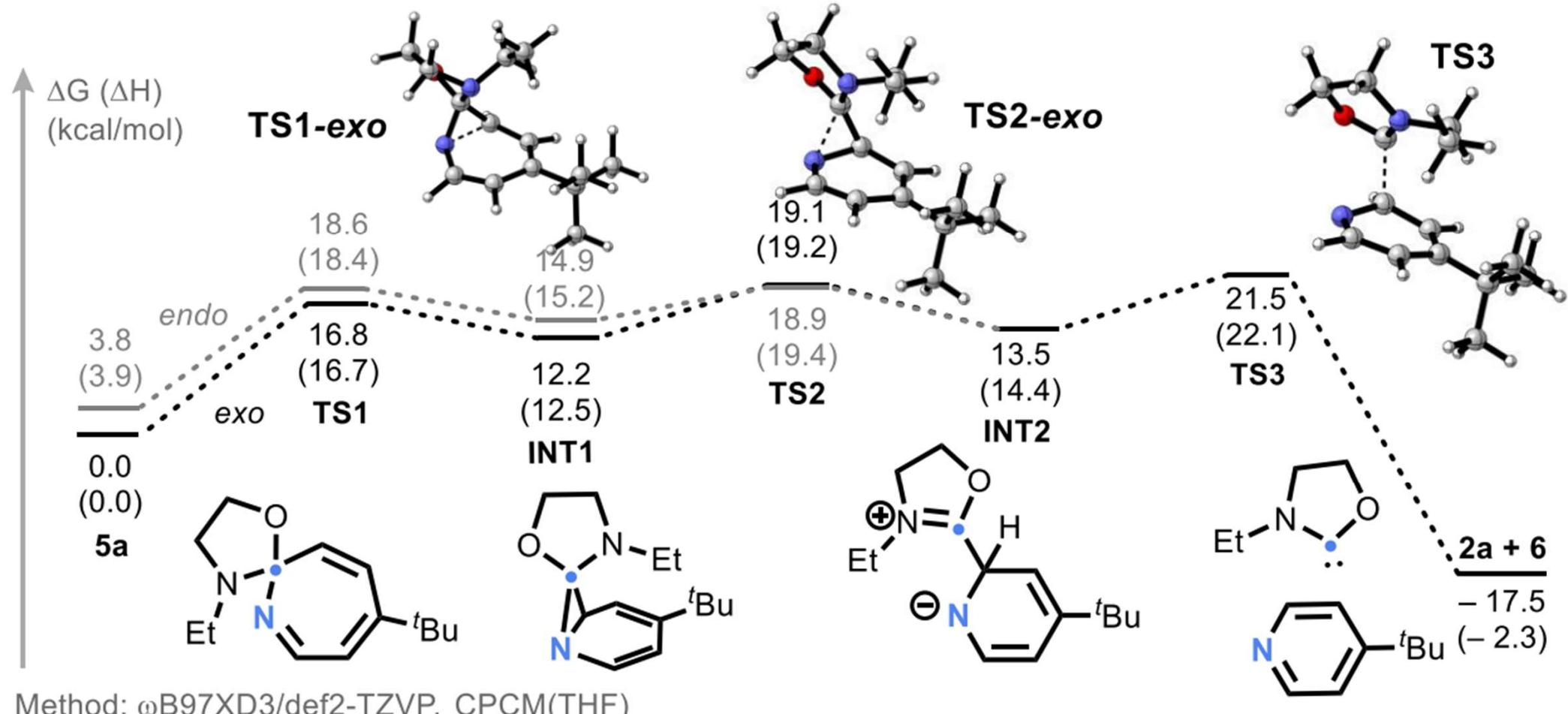
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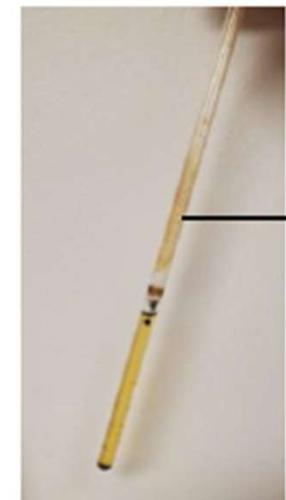


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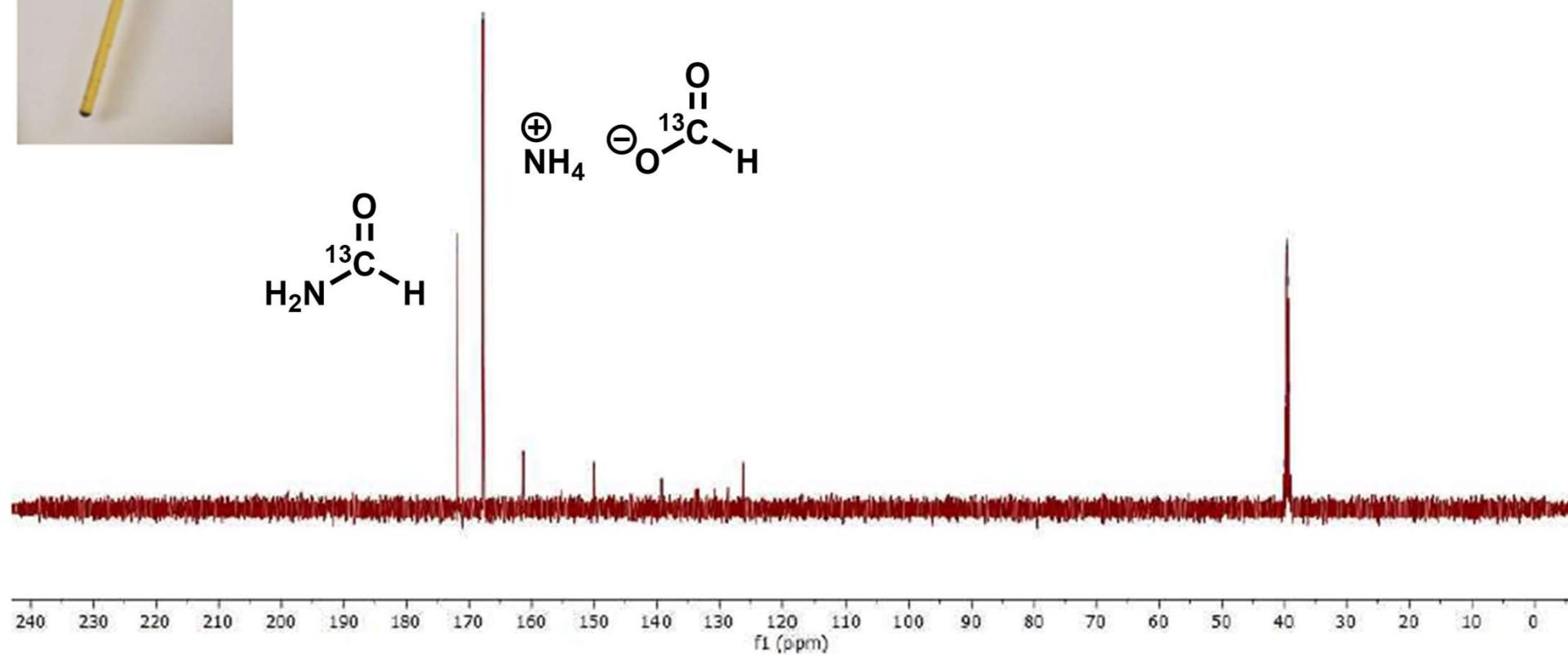
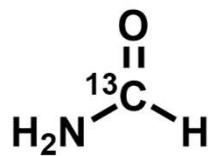
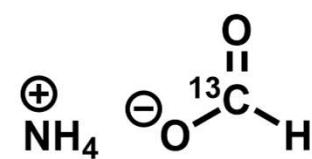


# ***<sup>13</sup>C-NMR Shifts of Product Standards Measured in D<sub>2</sub>O/DMSO (3:1)***

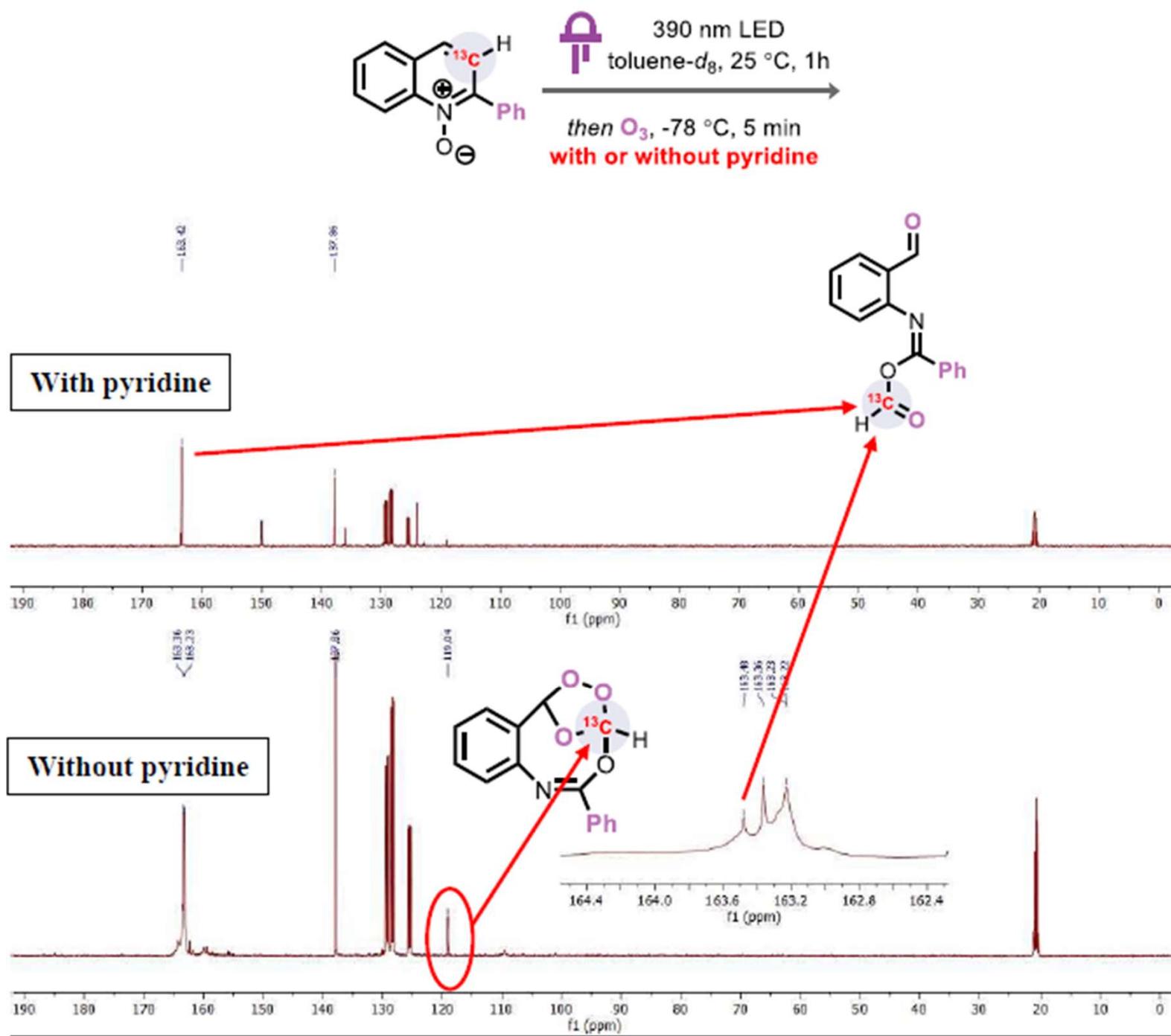
After ammonilysis



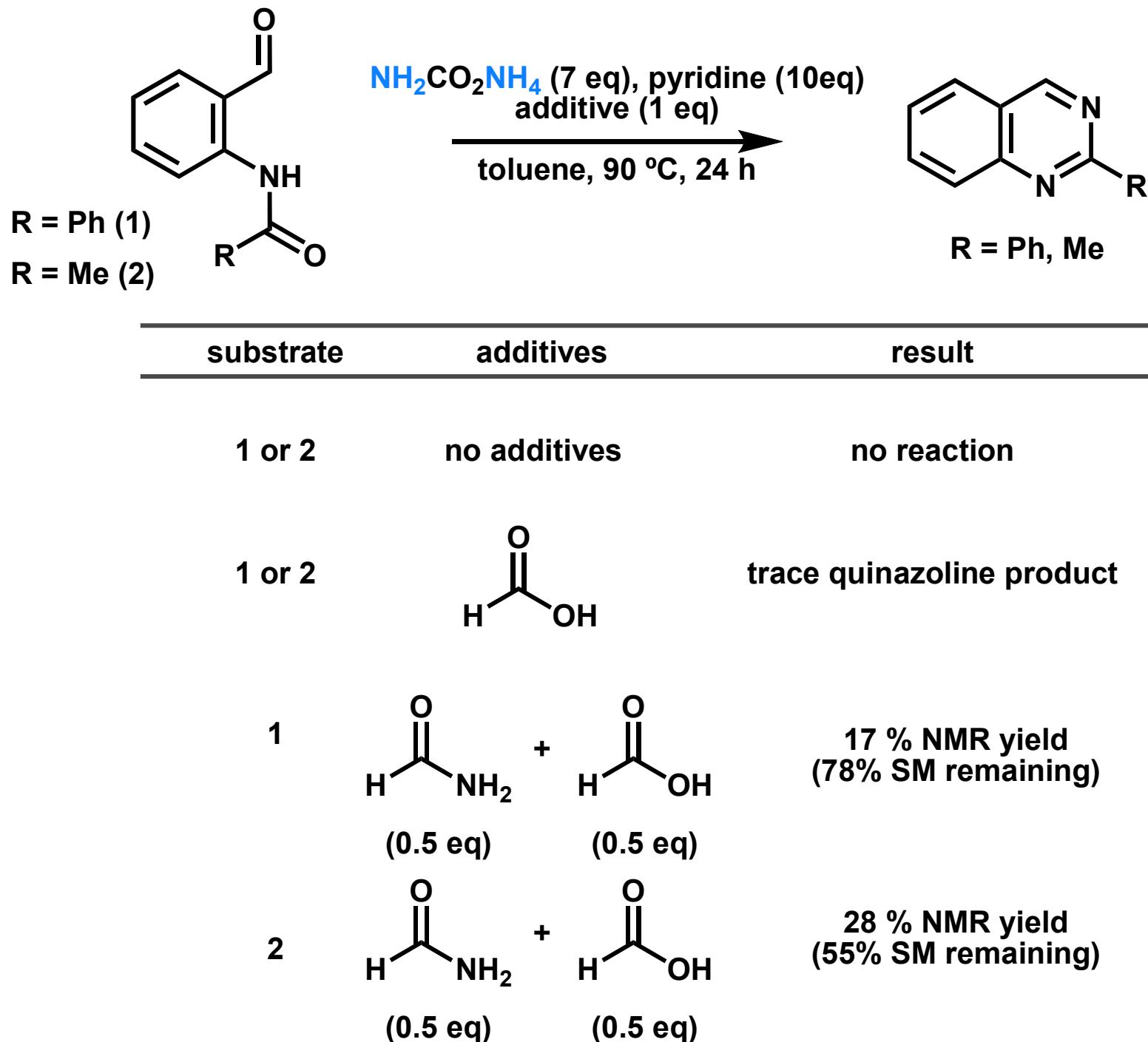
→ in D<sub>2</sub>O/DMSO (3:1)



# Oxidative Cleavage



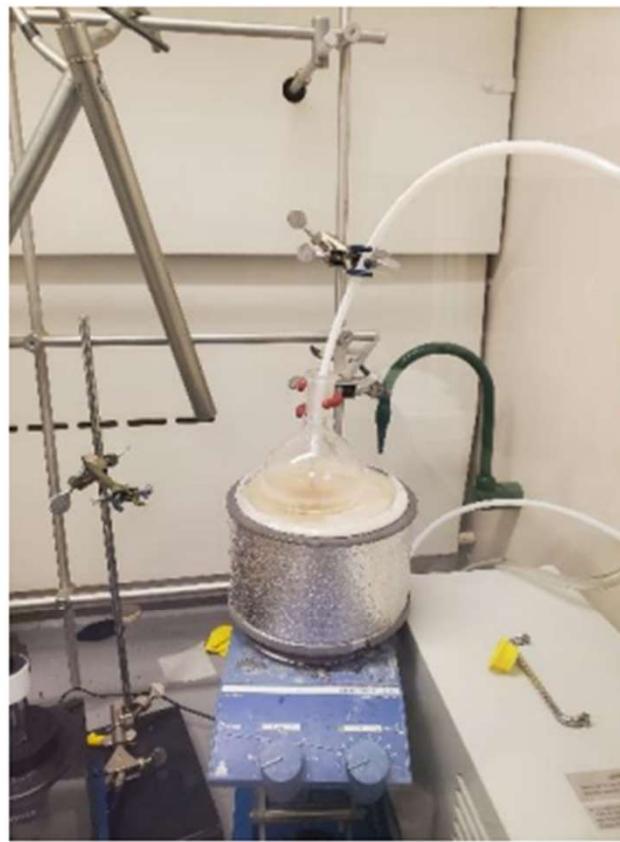
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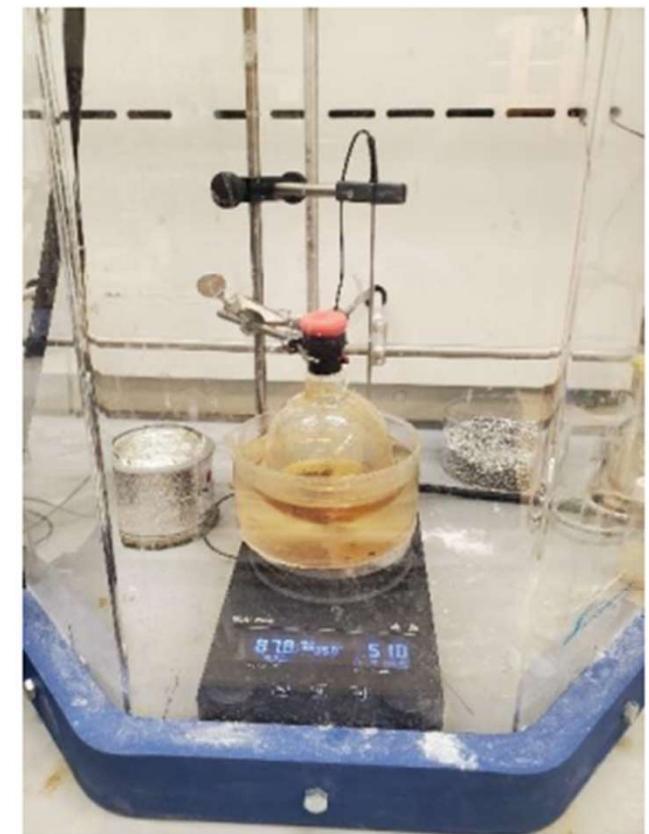
# ***Gram-Scale Set Up (Levin Group)***



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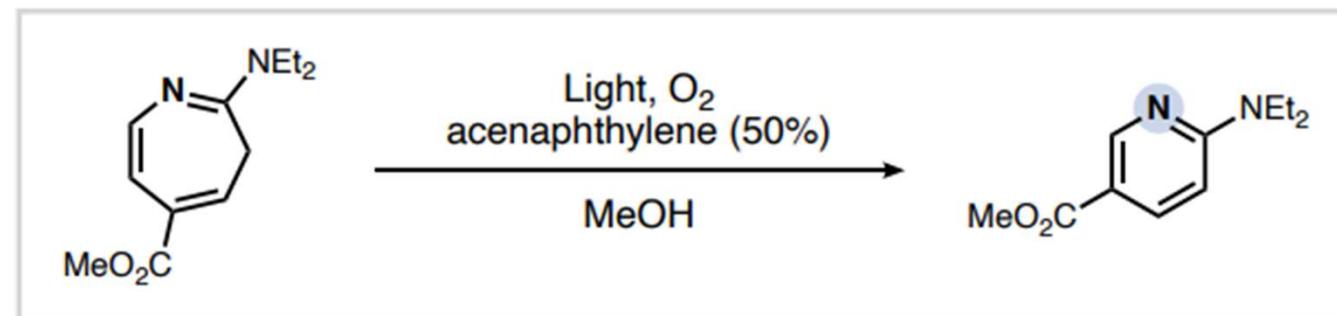
2. Gram-scale ozonolysis



3. Gram-scale ammoniolysis

# ***Optimization Of Light Sources***

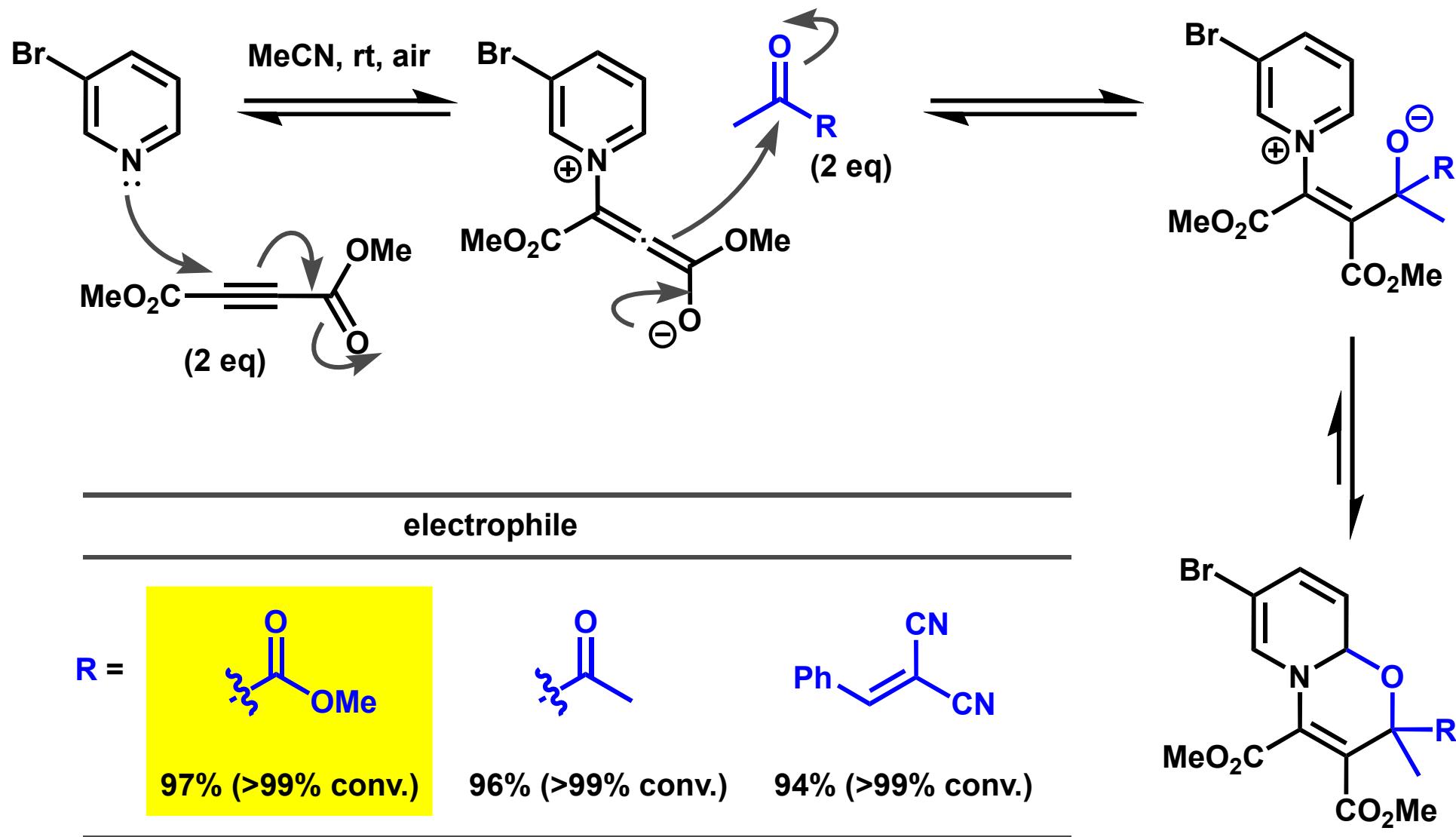
## C. Variable light sources:



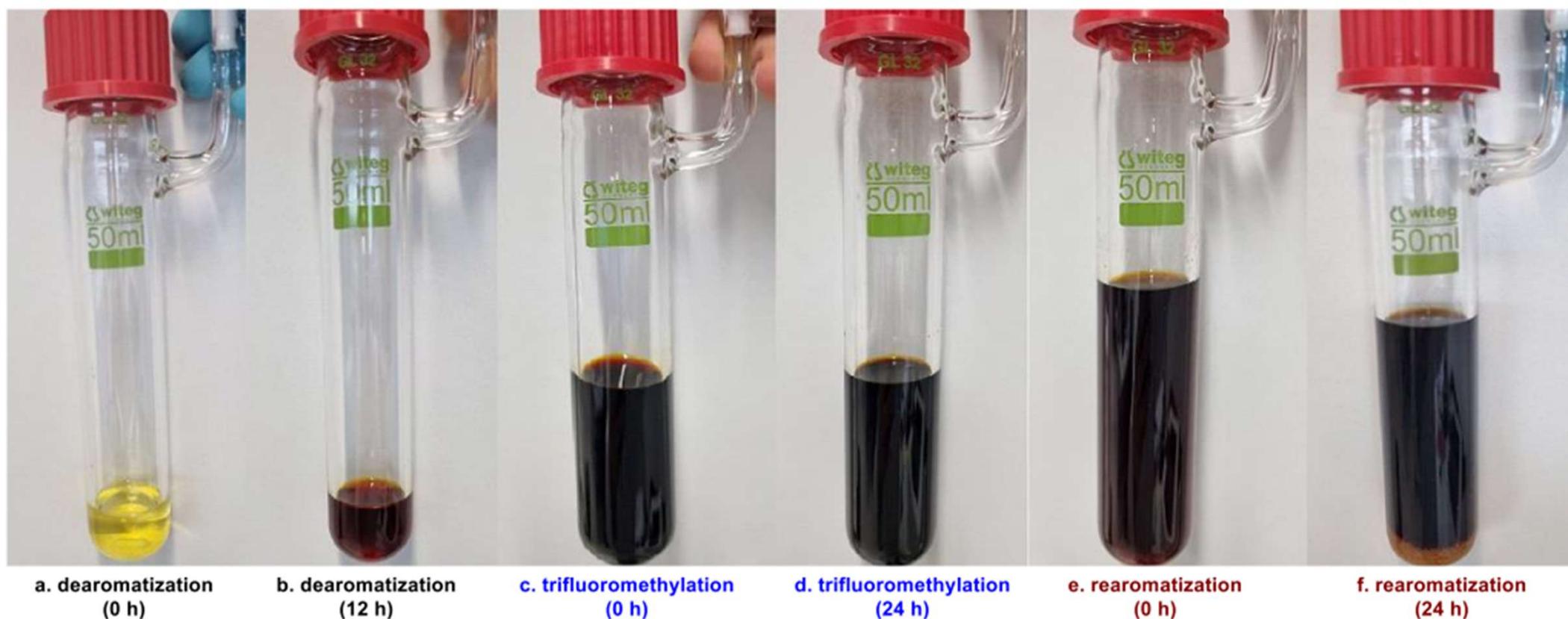
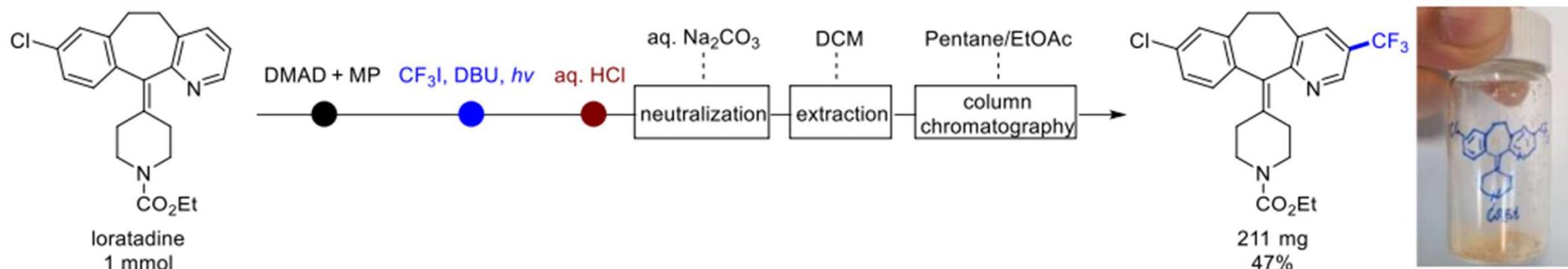
Entry	Light	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	440 nm	53%
2	420 nm	12% (41% brsm)
3	350 nm	0% (41% rsm)

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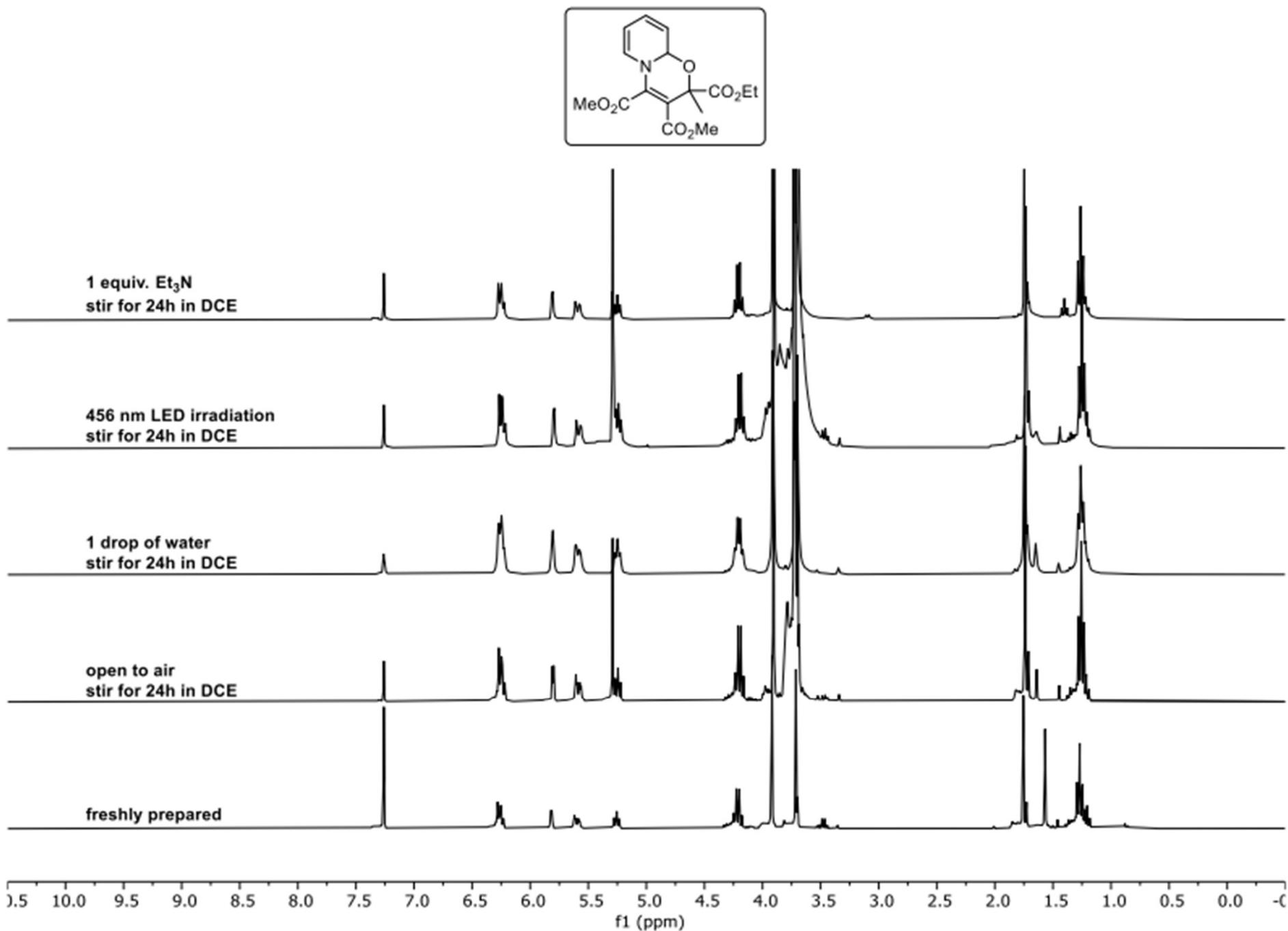
# Reaction Mechanism of Dearomatization



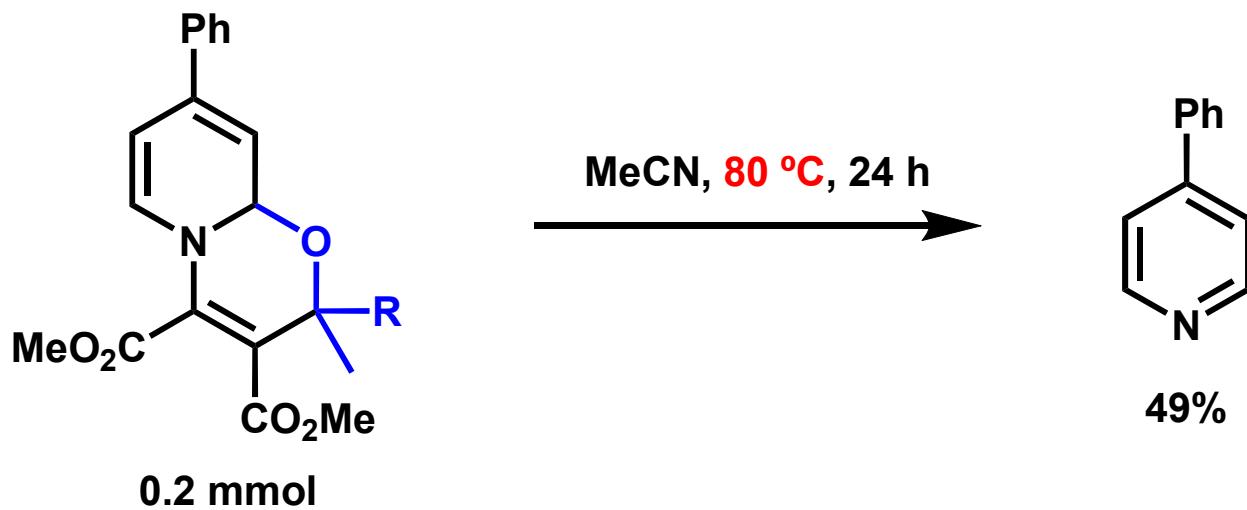
# One-Pot Meta-Trifluoromethylation of loratadine



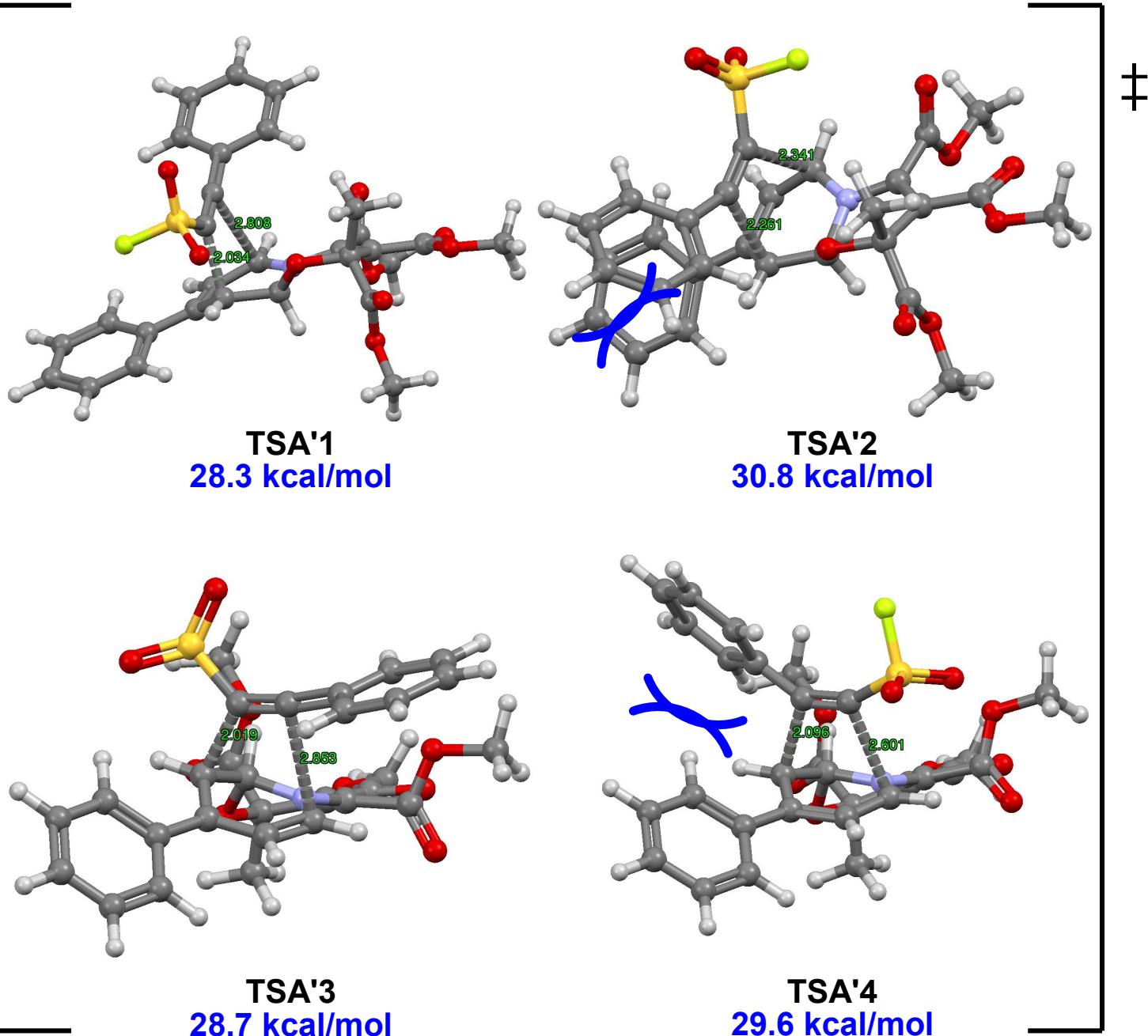
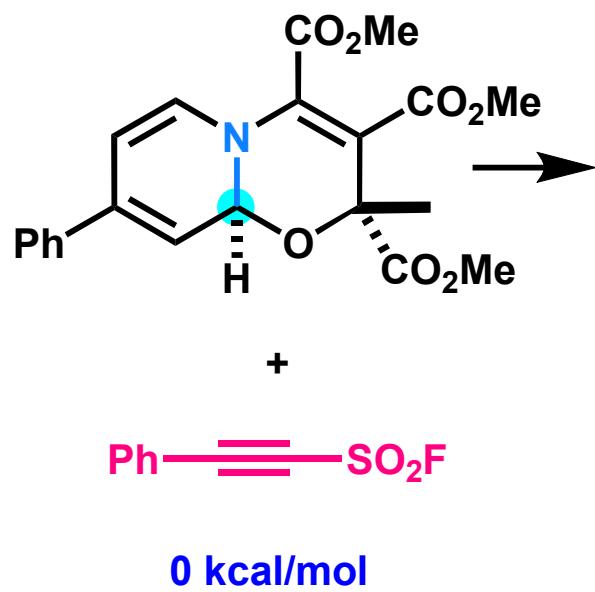
# ***Stability of the Dearomatized Intermediates***



# *Control Experiment*

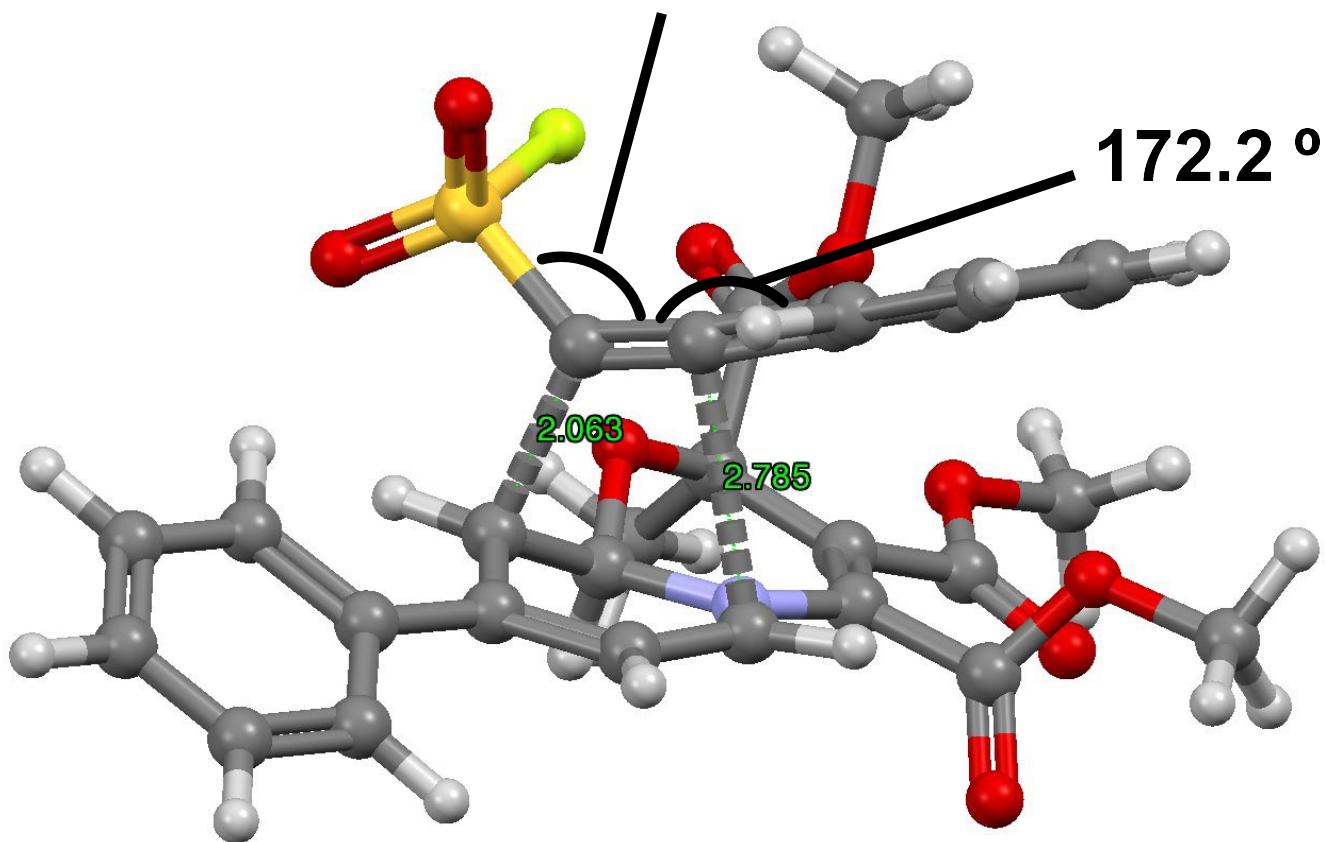


# Selectivity of [4+2] Cycloaddition (3)



# Bond Angles of the Triple Bond

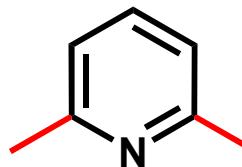
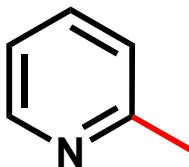
129.7 °



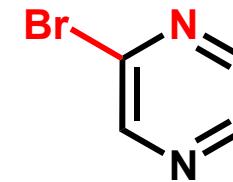
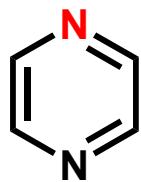
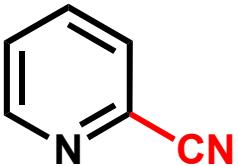
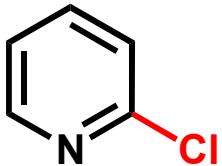
TSA3

TS	$\Delta E_{\text{def}}(A/A')^{[a]}$	$\Delta E_{\text{def}}(D)^{[a]}$	$\Delta E_{\text{int}}(A/A'-D)^{[b]}$	$\Delta G^{\text{RRHO}}_{353}^{[c]}$	$\Delta G^{\text{solv}}_{353}^{[c]}$ (1,4-dioxane)	$\Delta G(353)_{\text{solv}}^{[c]}$ (1,4-dioxane)
	[kcal/mol]	[kcal/mol]	[kcal/mol]	[kcal/mol]	[kcal/mol]	[kcal/mol]
TSA1	14.15	12.32	-14.97	19.25	-1.78	28.97
TSA2	16.76	22.96	-23.53	19.45	-2.89	32.75
TSA3	12.36	13.33	-18.06	19.80	-0.98	26.44
TSA4	15.41	18.97	-25.12	19.05	-1.14	27.16

# *Unsuccessful Pyridines in the Initial Dearomatization Step*



**messy**



**no conversion**