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# **Topic report**

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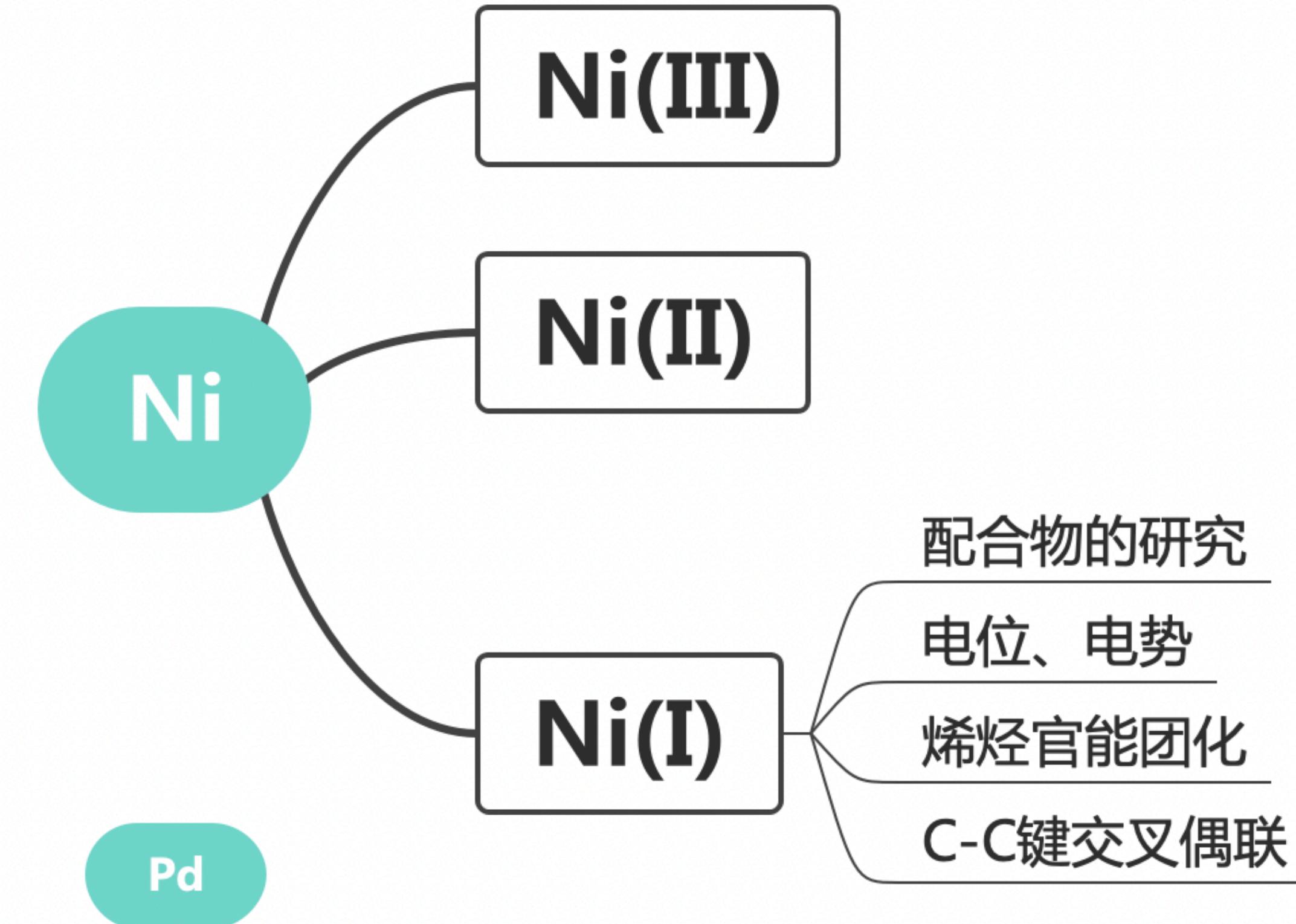
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## AREAS OF RESEARCH/INTEREST

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Organic, Organometallic, Inorganic, Catalysis

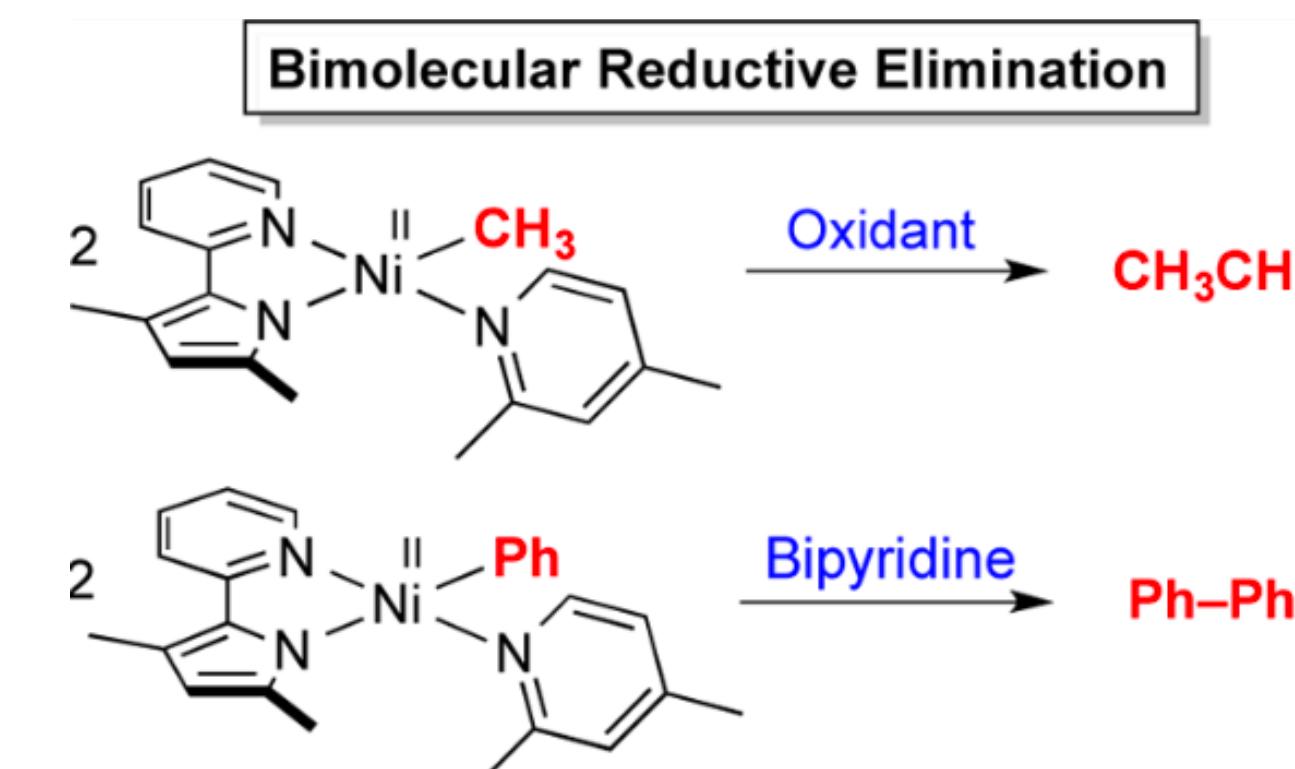


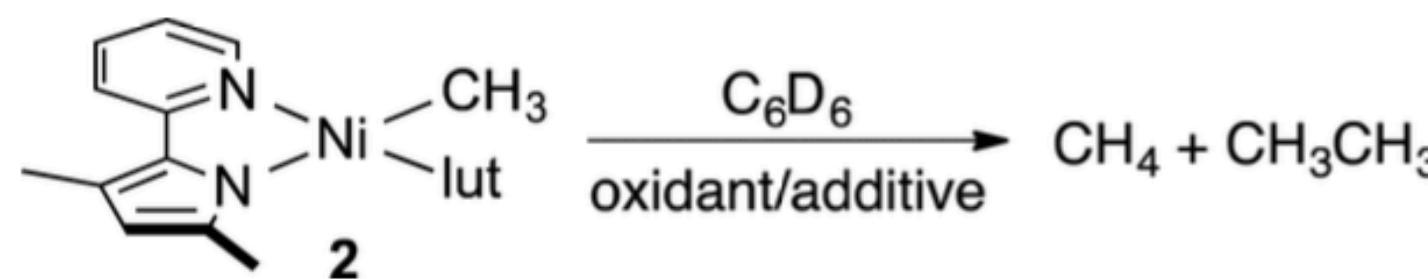
# **Research of Ni (III)**

# Bimetallic C–C Bond-Forming Reductive Elimination from Nickel

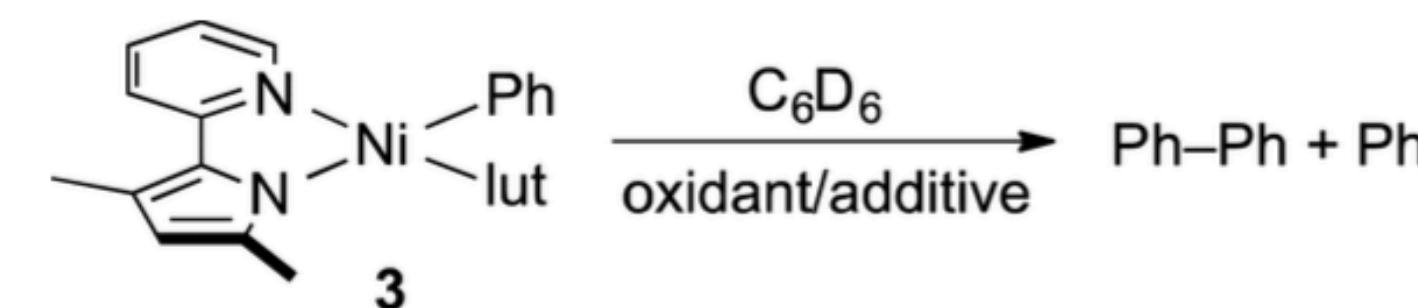
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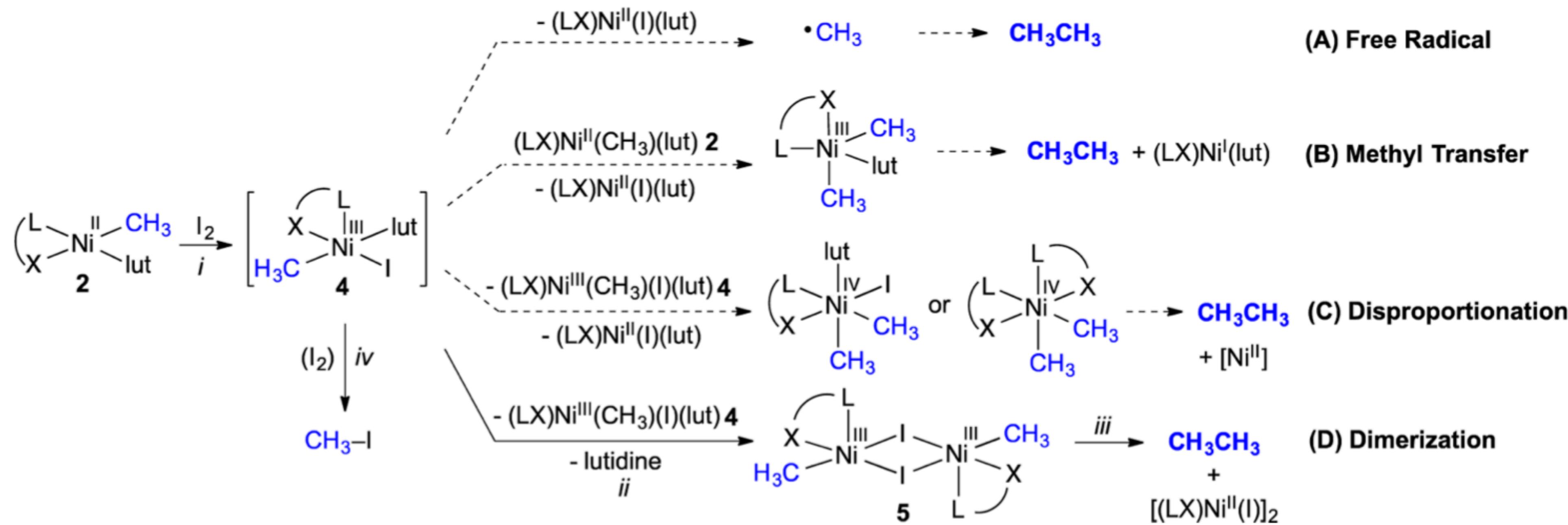


**Table 1. Formation of Ethane from 2**

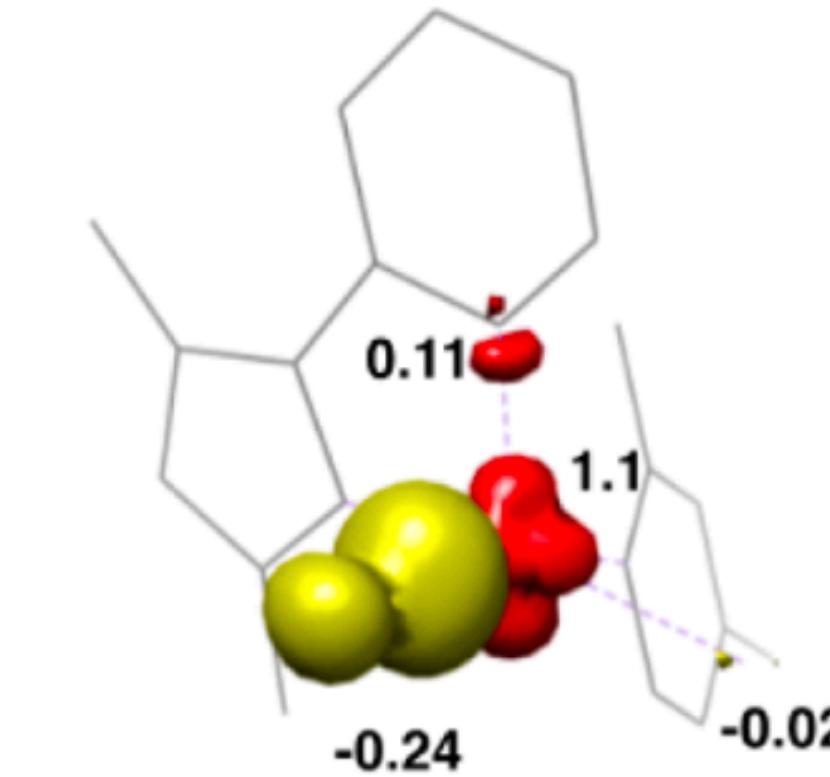
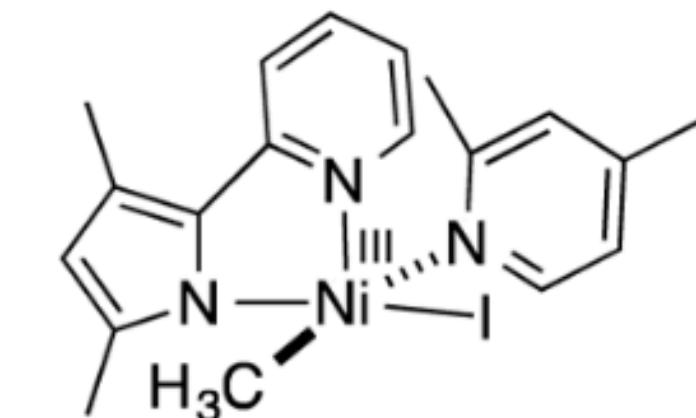
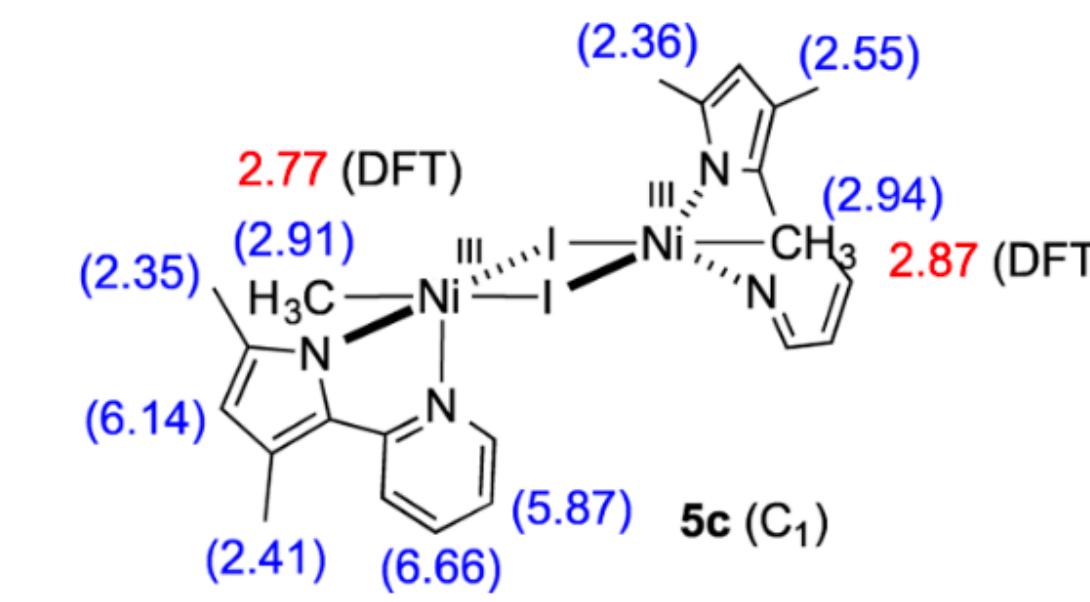
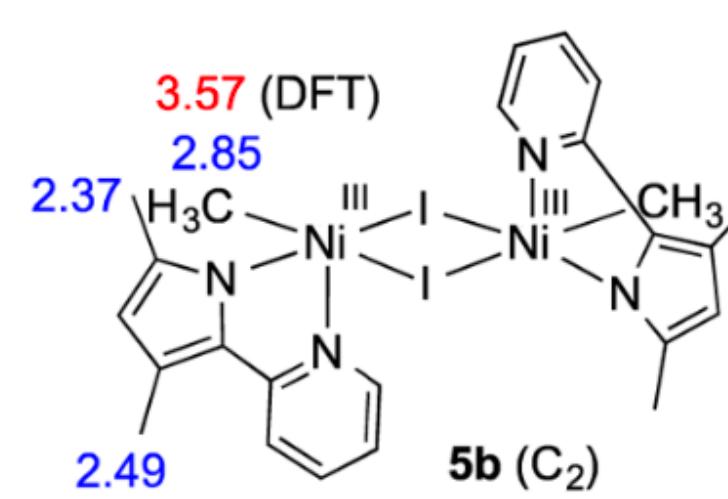
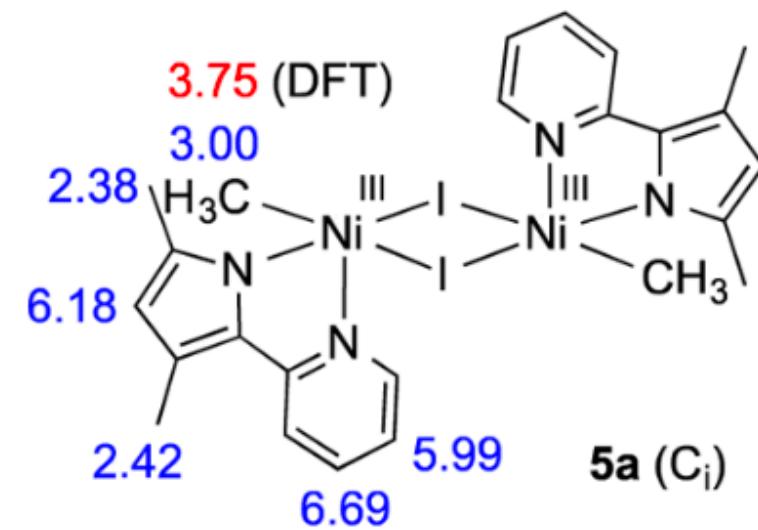
entry	oxidant or additive	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	
				CH <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
1 <sup>b</sup>	none	22	12	0	0
2	none	50	4	0	0
3	bpy (5 equiv)	50	4	60	trace
4	CH <sub>3</sub> I (1 equiv)	50	4	4	4
5	O <sub>2</sub> (5 equiv)	22	0.1	0	19 ± 2
6	I <sub>2</sub> (0.5 equiv)	22	0.1	0	43 <sup>c</sup>
7	NBS (1 equiv)	22	0.1	< 1	45 <sup>d</sup>

**Table 2. Formation of Biphenyl from 3**

entry	oxidant or additive	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>		
				Ph-Ph	PhI	PhCH <sub>3</sub>
1 <sup>b</sup>	none	22	12	0		
2	none	50	4	trace		
3	bpy (5 equiv)	50	4	49		
4	CH <sub>3</sub> I (1 equiv)	50	4	0		0
5	O <sub>2</sub> (5 equiv)	22	0.1	0		
6	I <sub>2</sub> (0.5 equiv)	22	0.1	0	97	



**Proposed Structures for Intermediate 5 and Assignments of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Resonances**



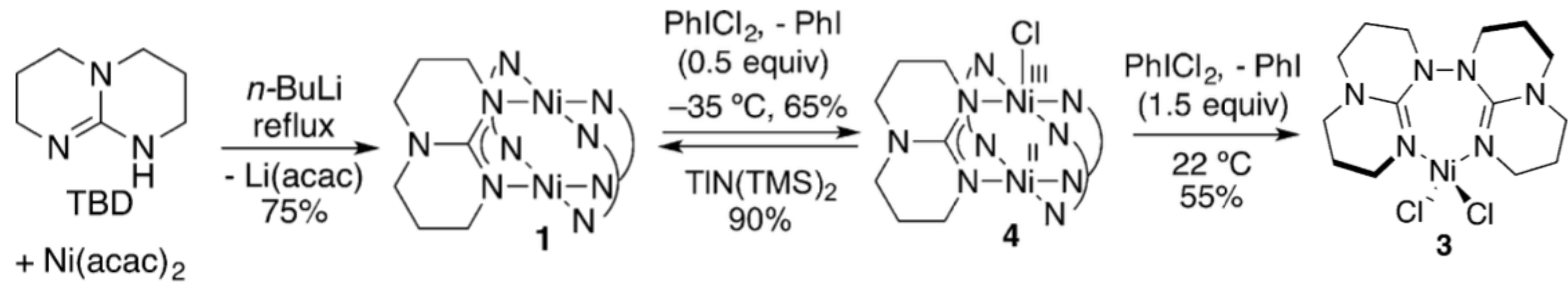
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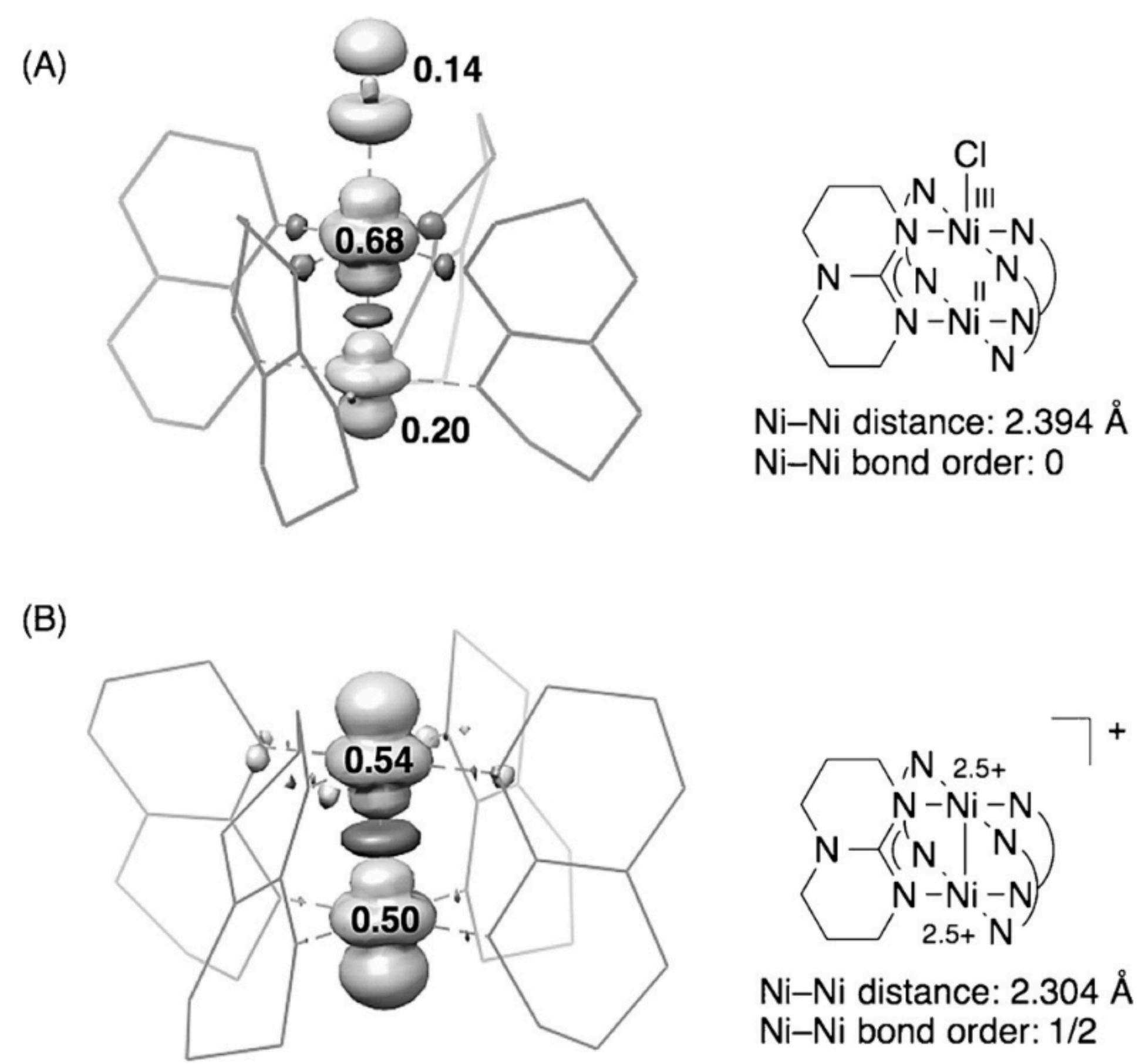
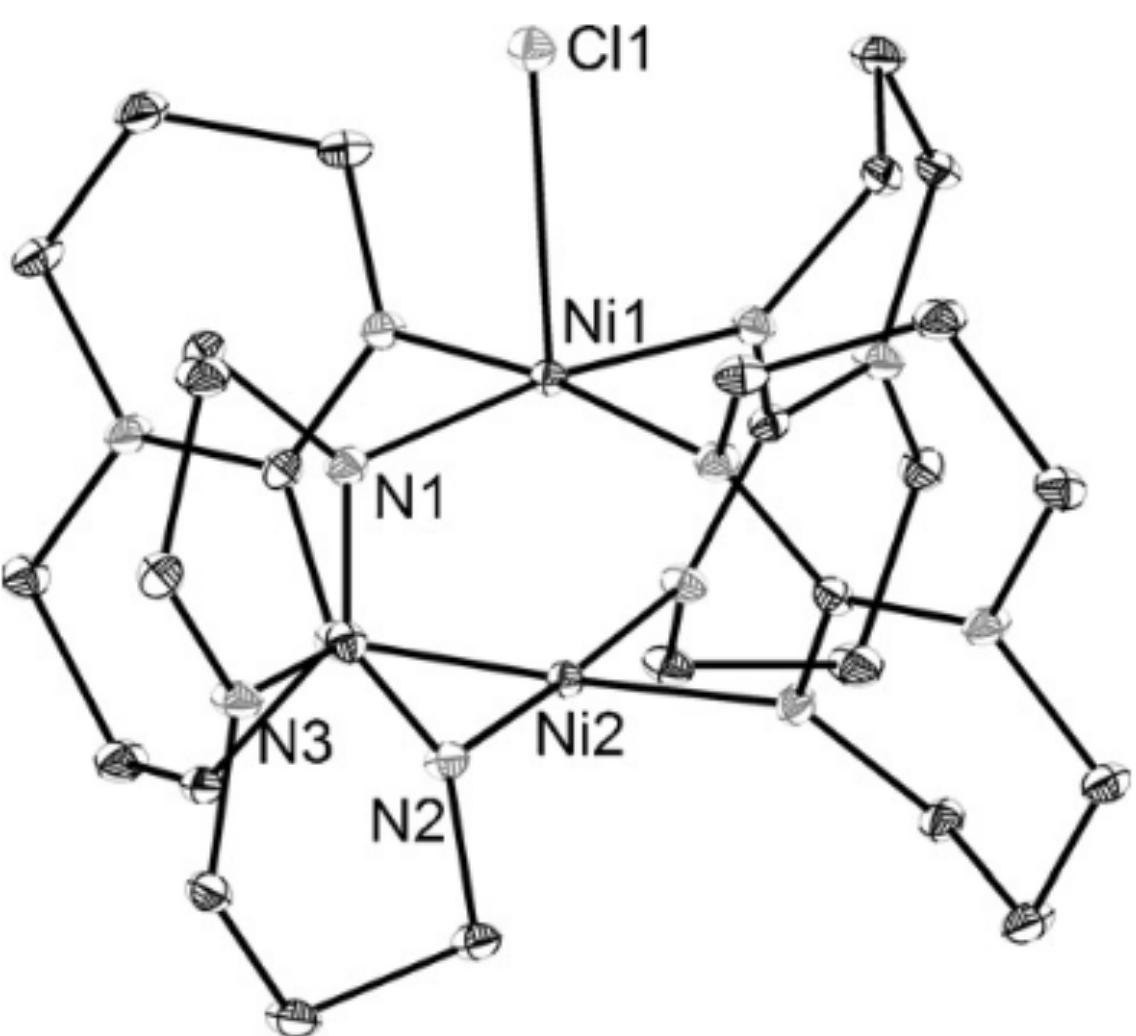
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# **N–N Bond Forming Reductive Elimination via a Mixed-Valent Nickel(II)–Nickel(III) Intermediate**

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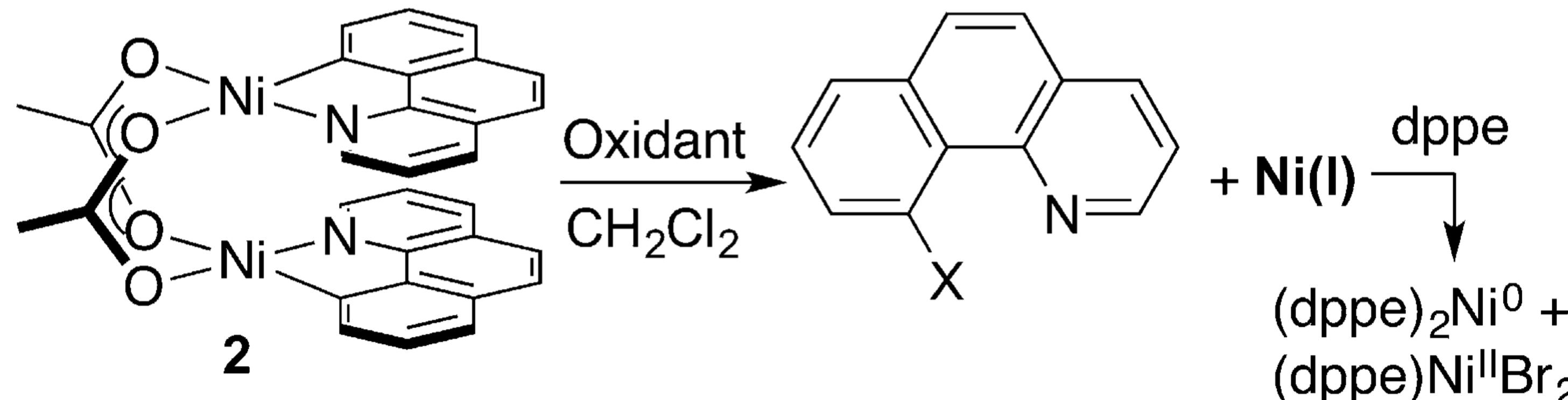
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# **Binuclear, High-Valent Nickel Complexes: Ni–Ni Bonds in Aryl–Halogen Bond Formation**

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Oxidant = PhICl<sub>2</sub>, X = Cl

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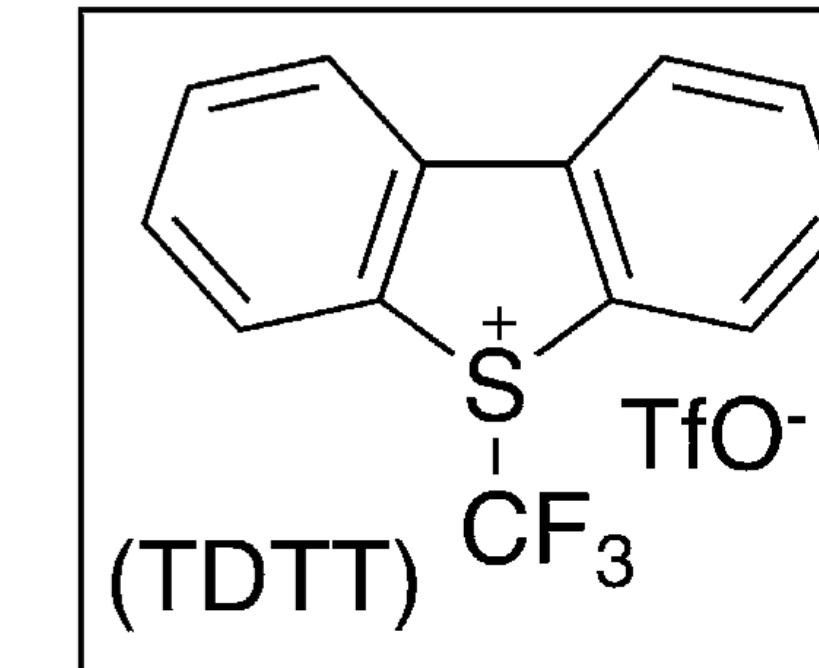
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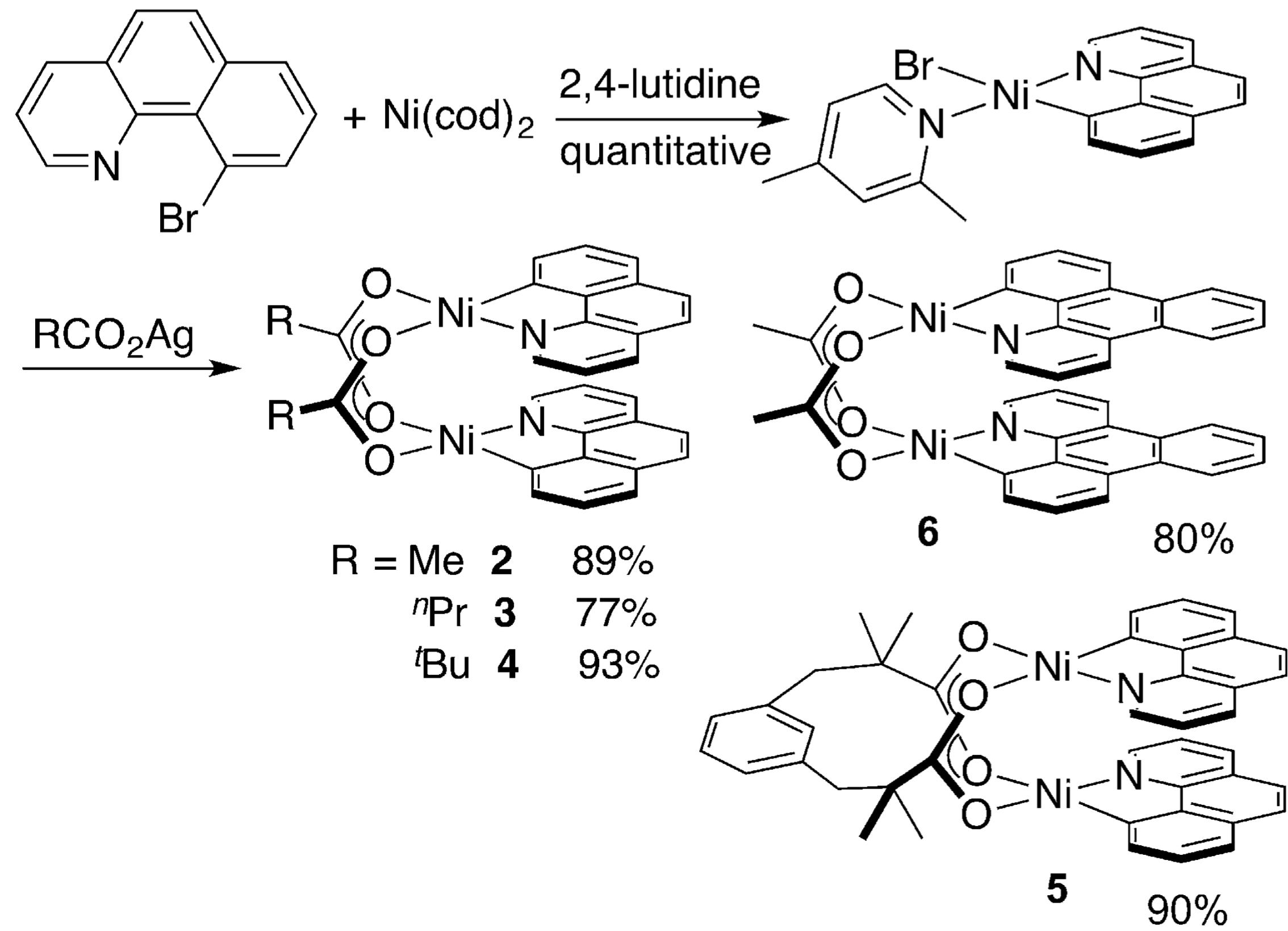
(8) 190%

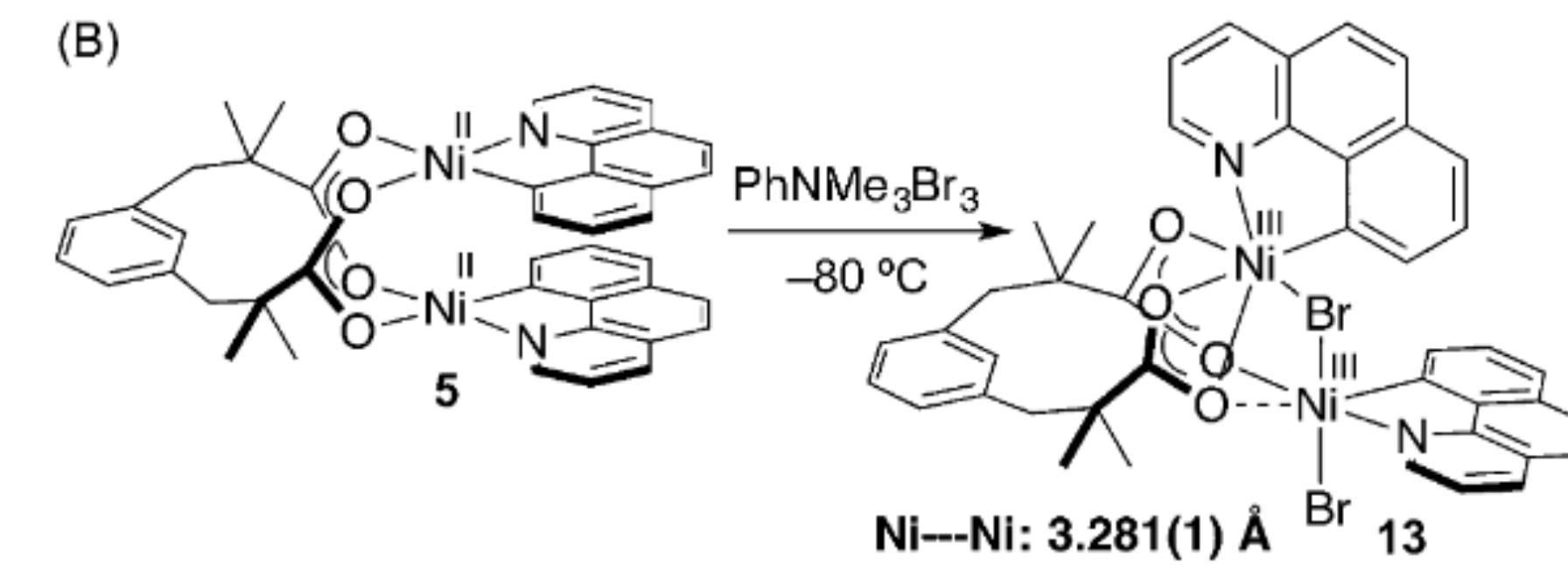
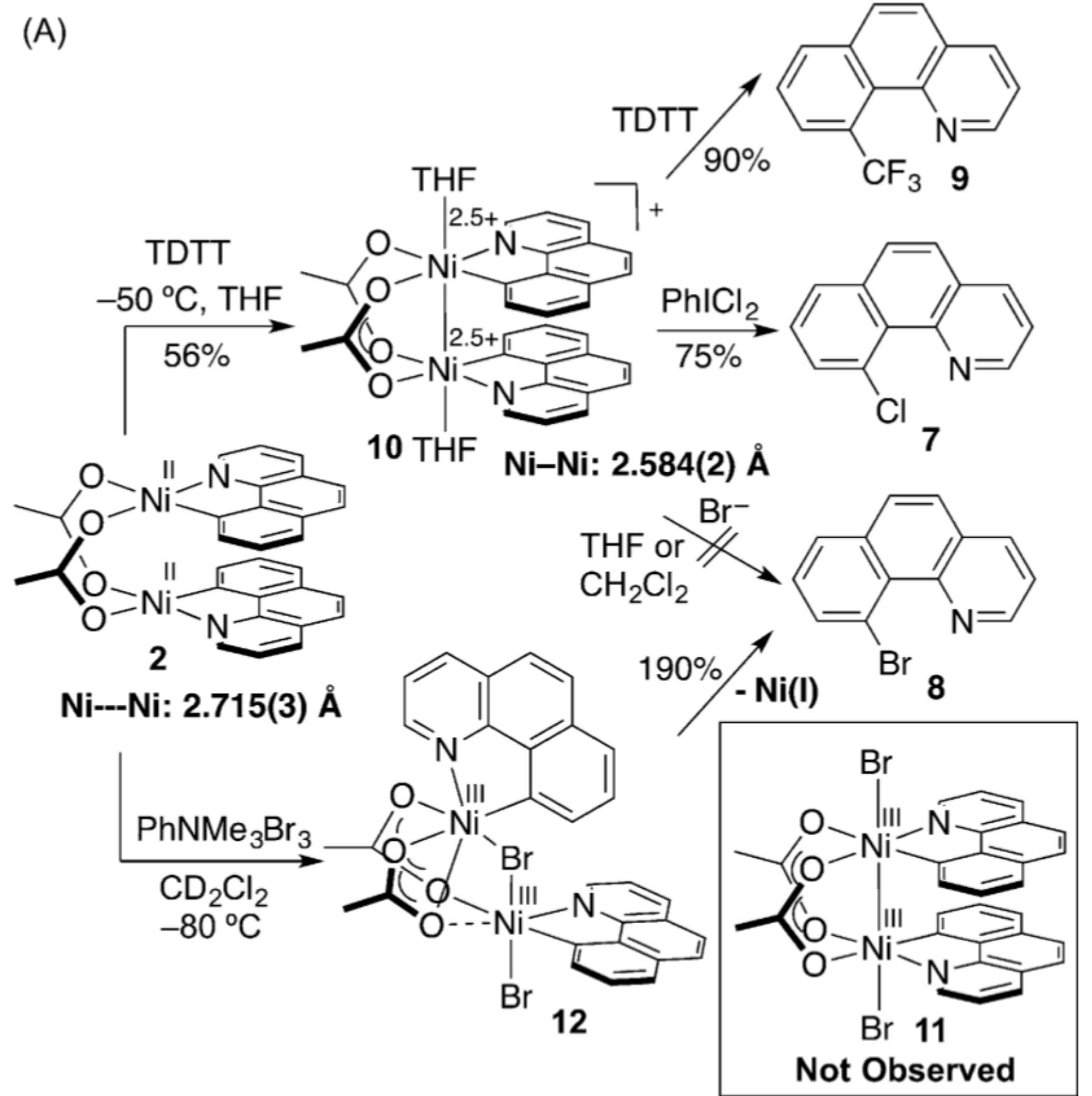
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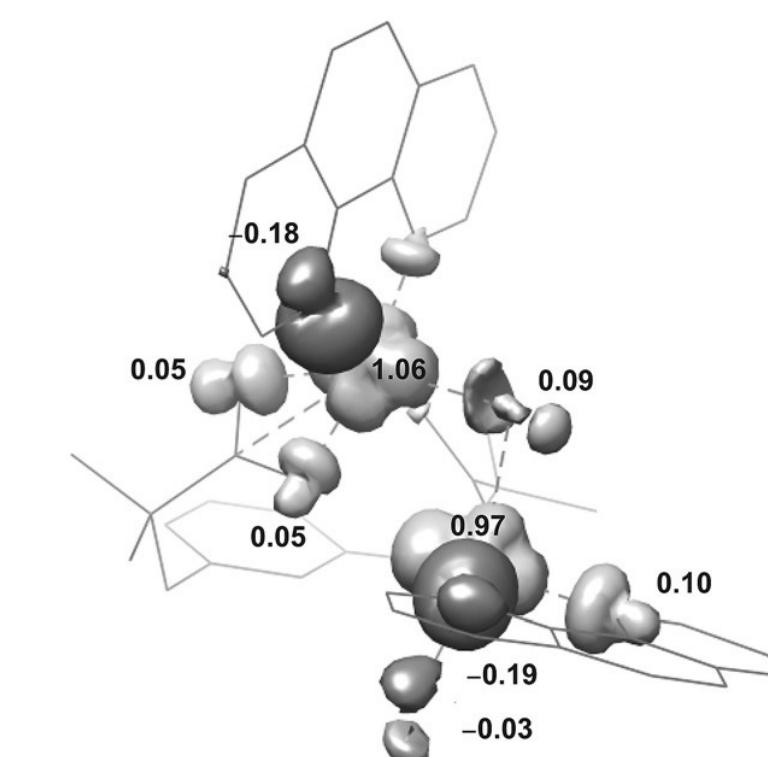
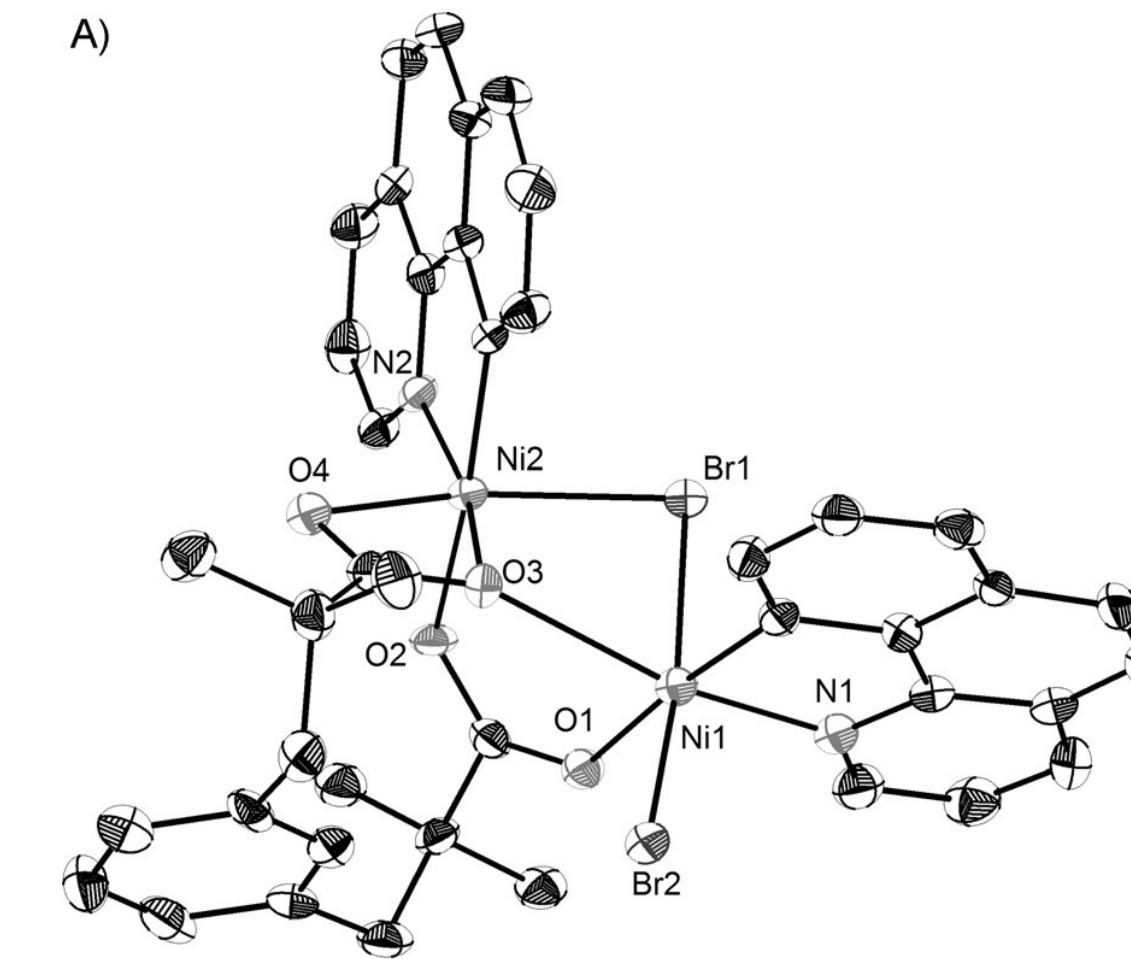
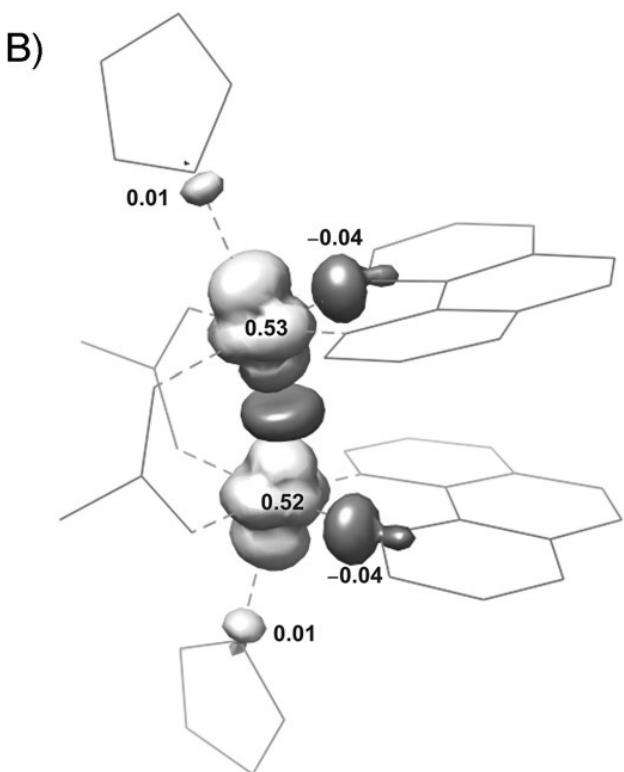
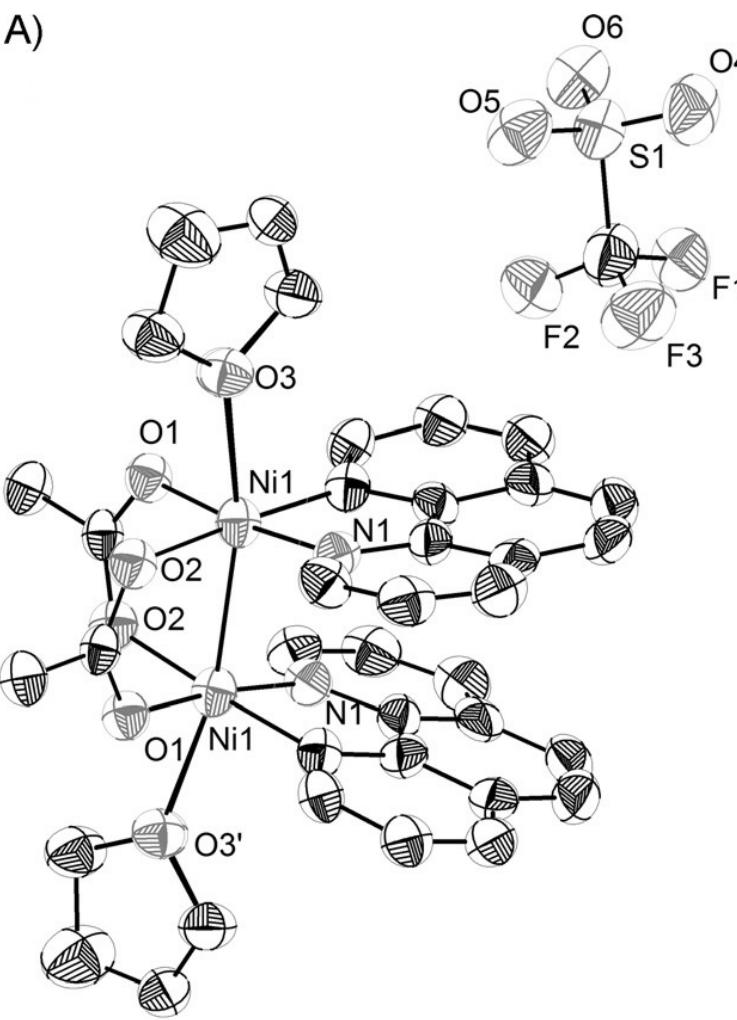
(9) 140%

(theoretical yield: 200%)





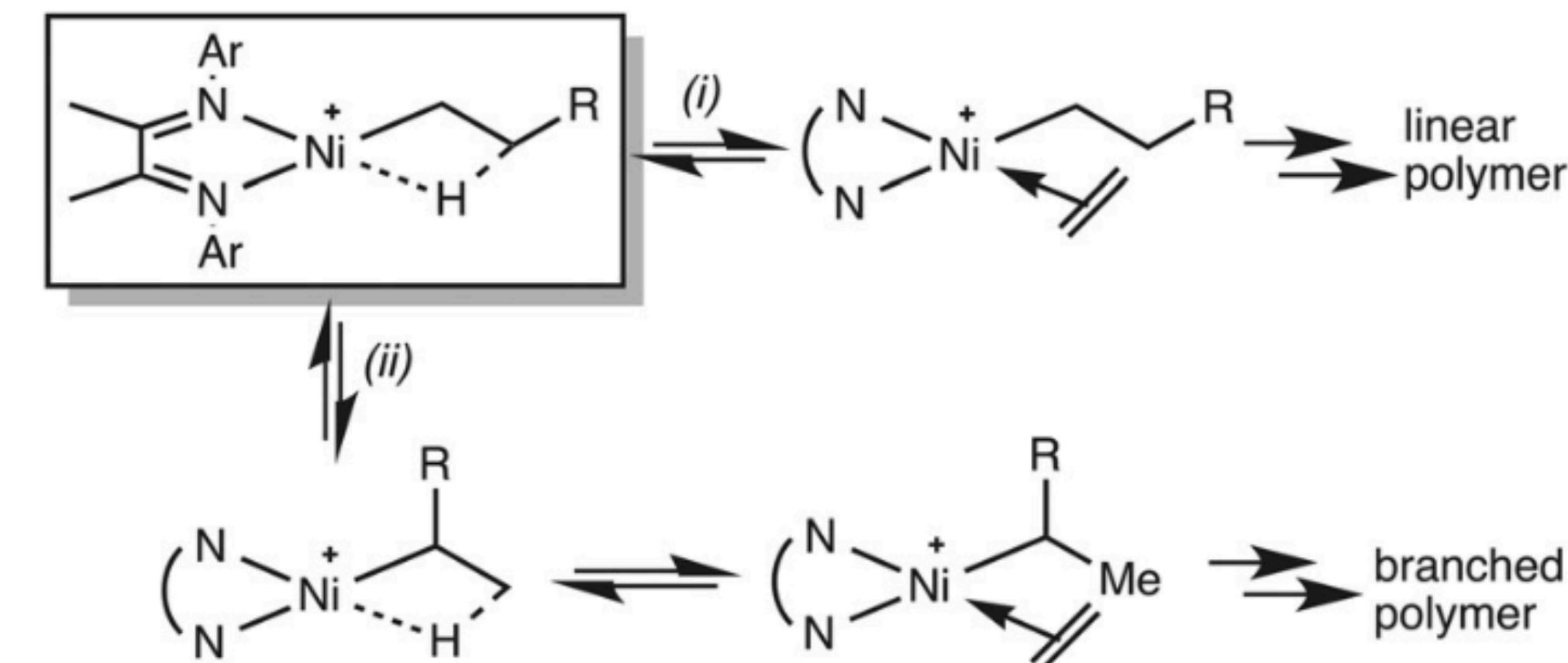




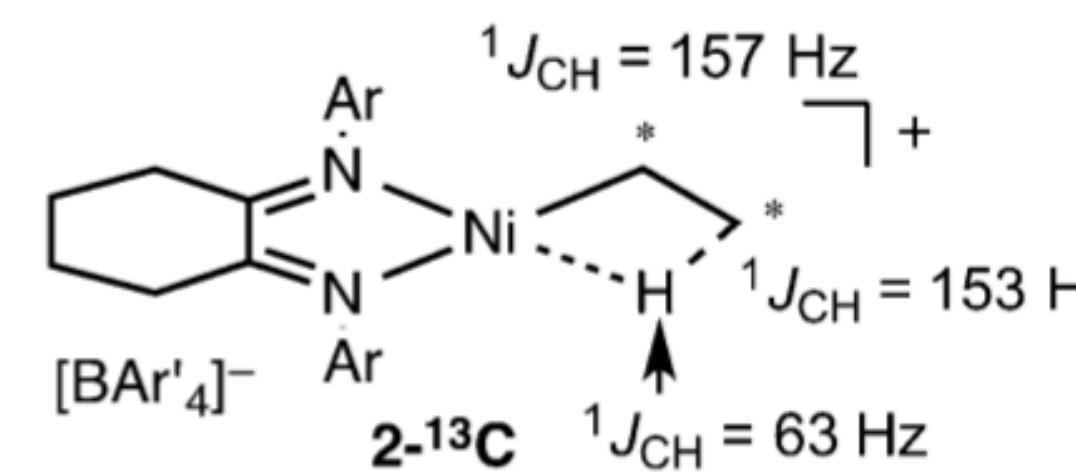
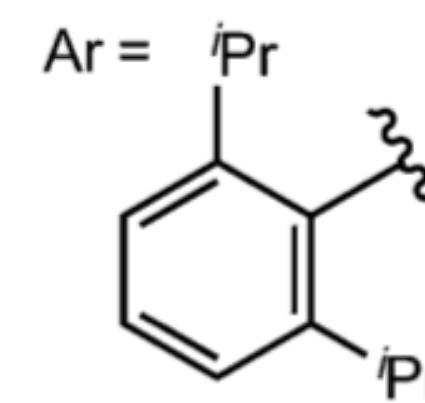
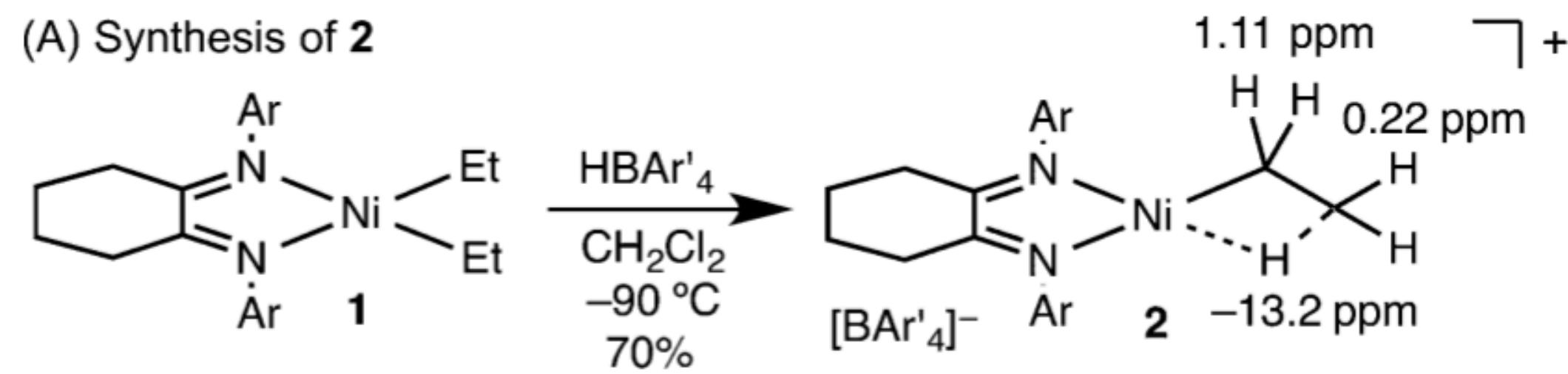
# **Research of Ni (II)**

# Structure and Isotope Effects of the $\beta$ -H Agostic ( $\alpha$ -Diimine)Nickel Cation as a Polymerization Intermediate

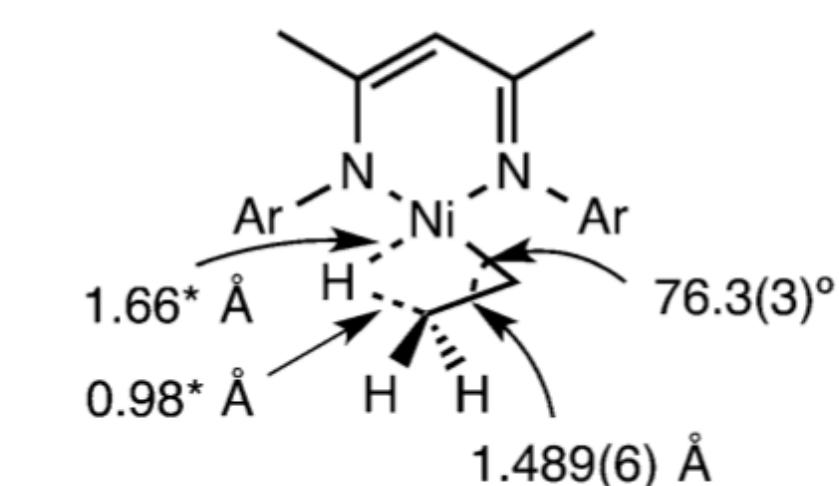
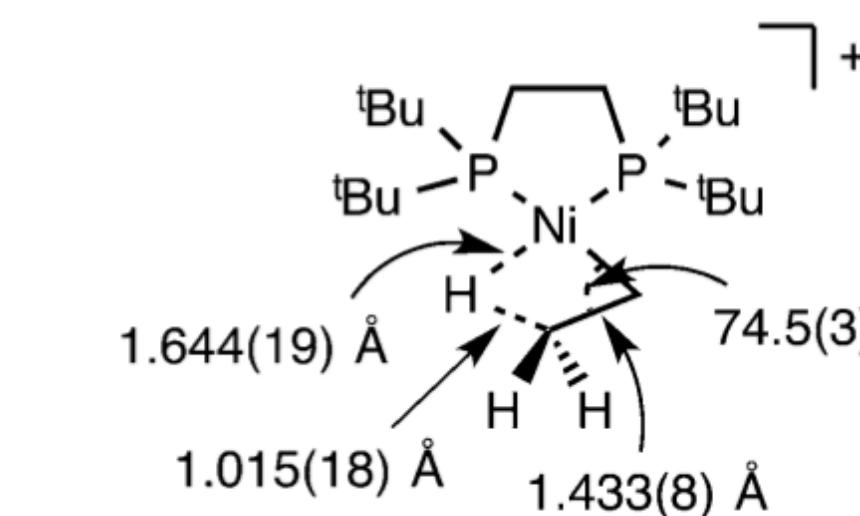
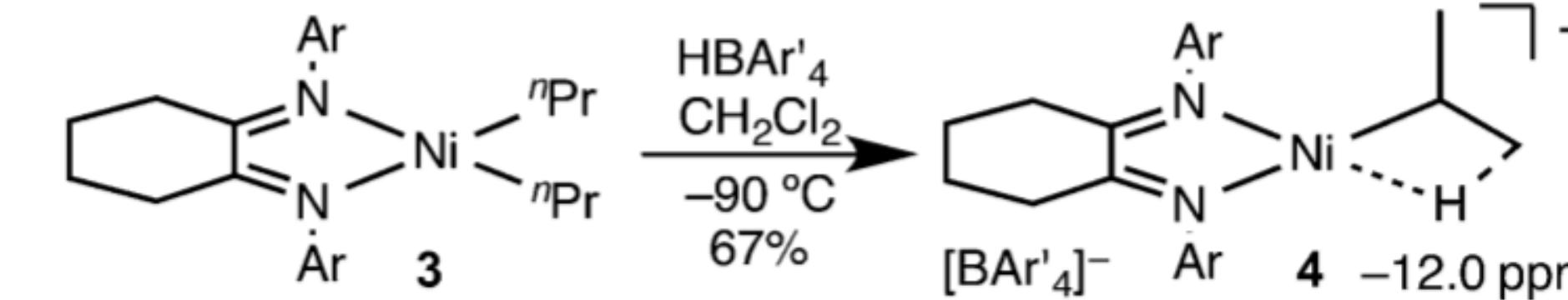
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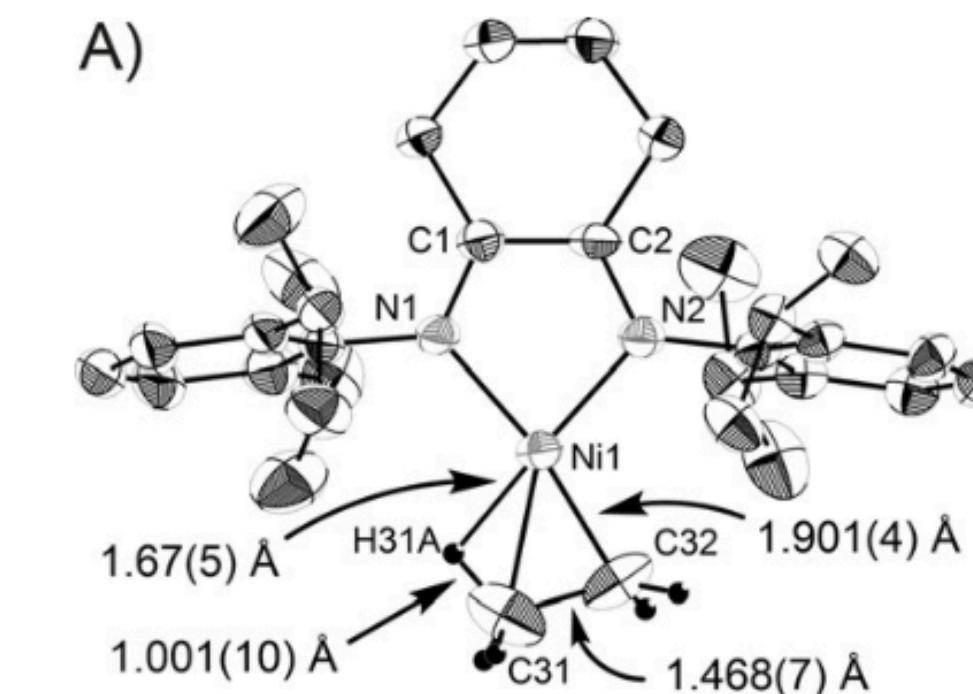
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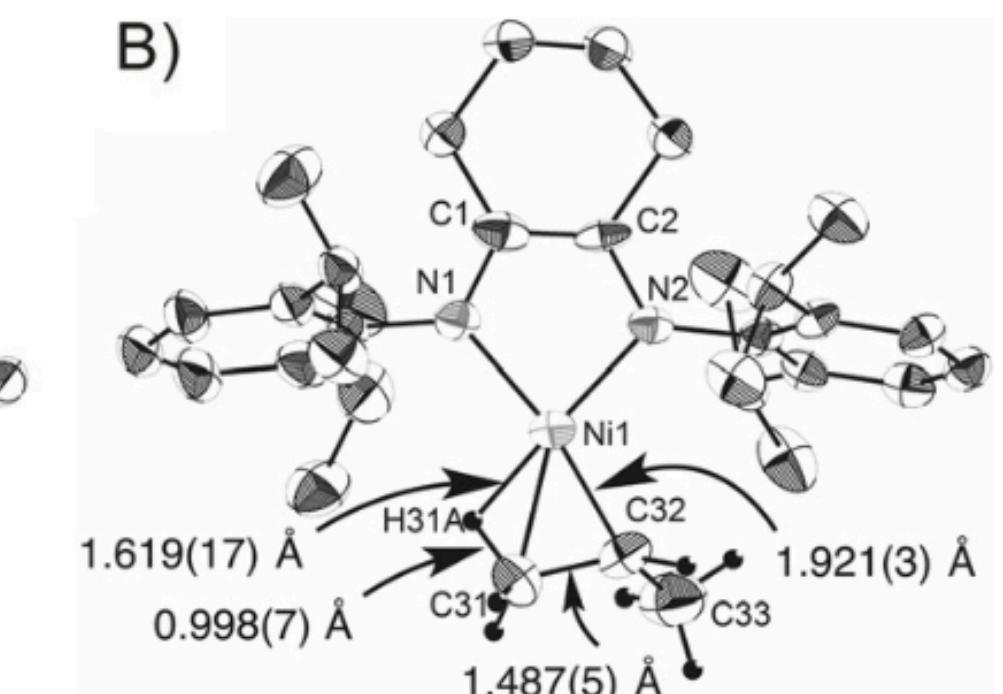
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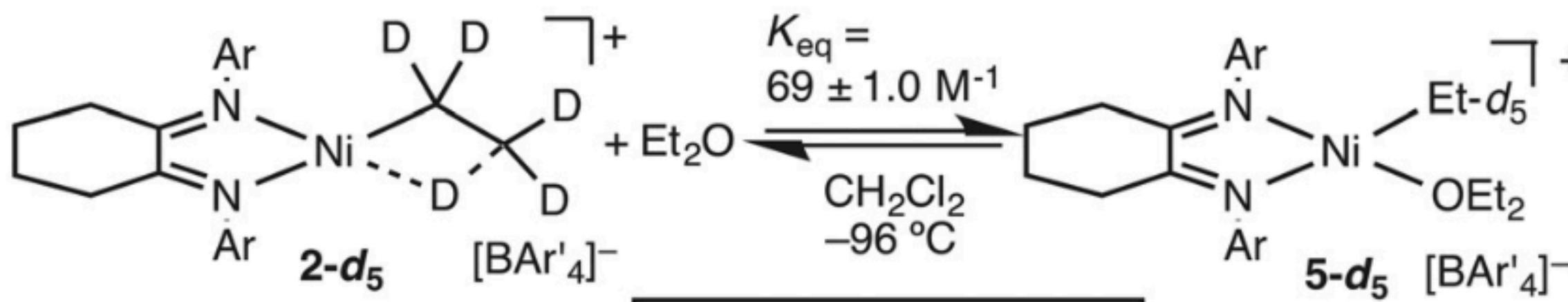
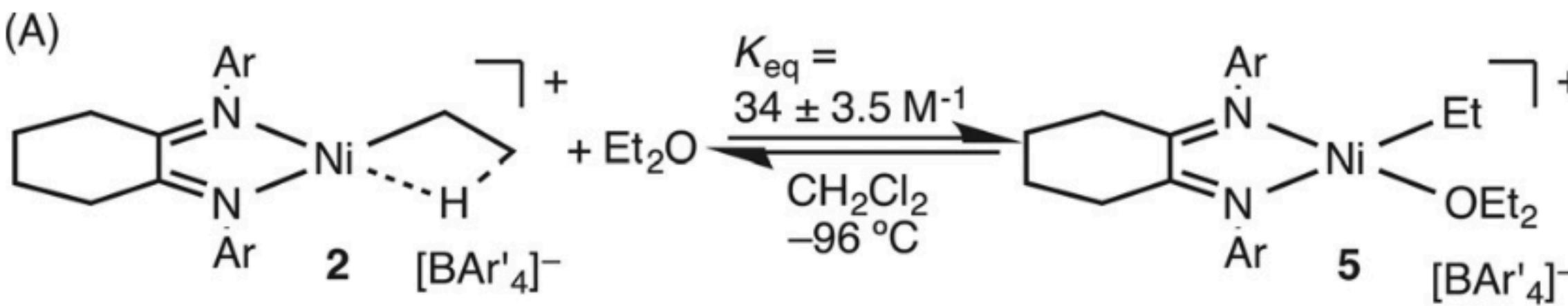


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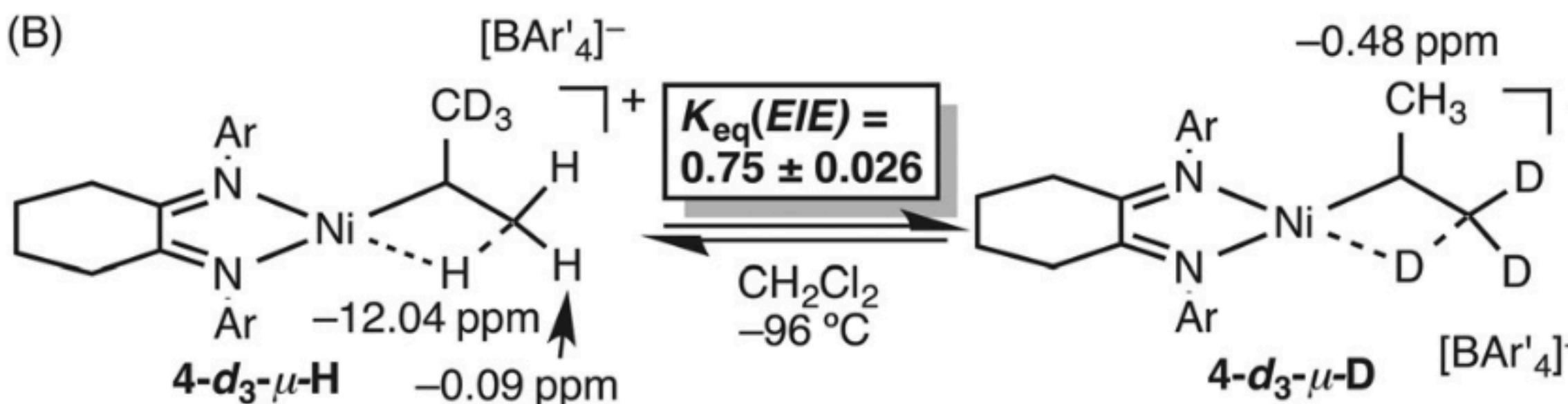


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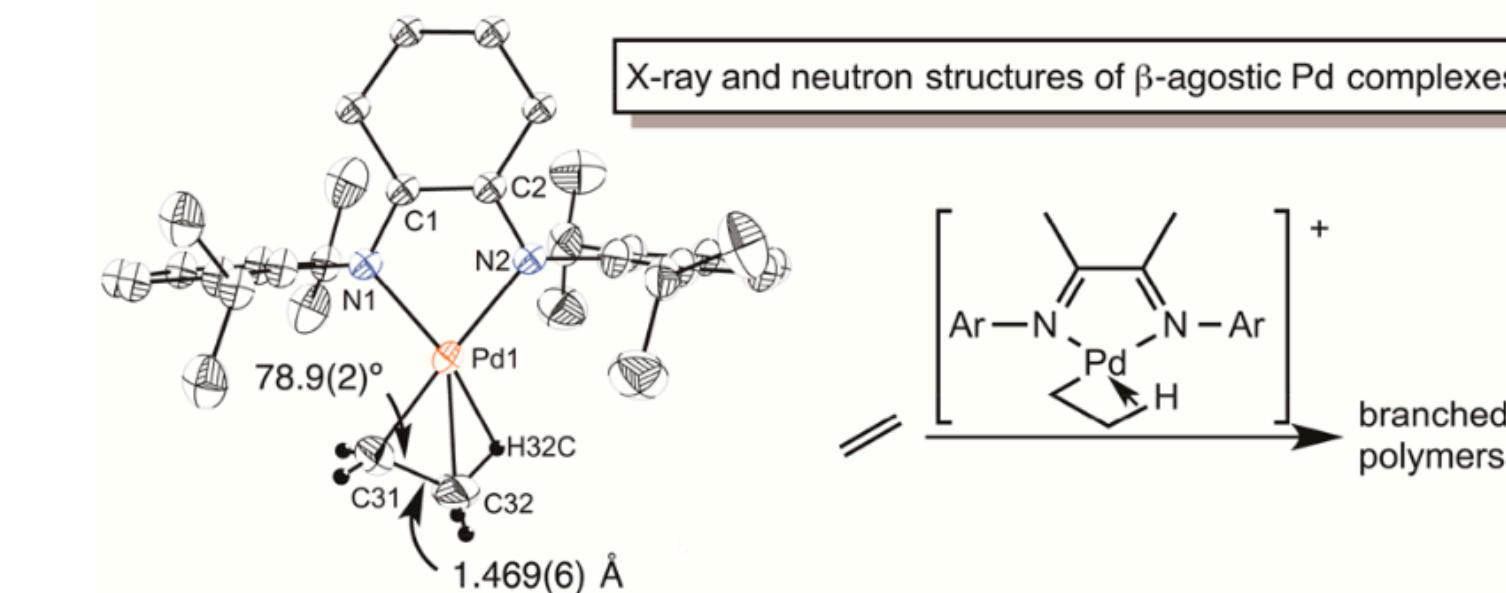


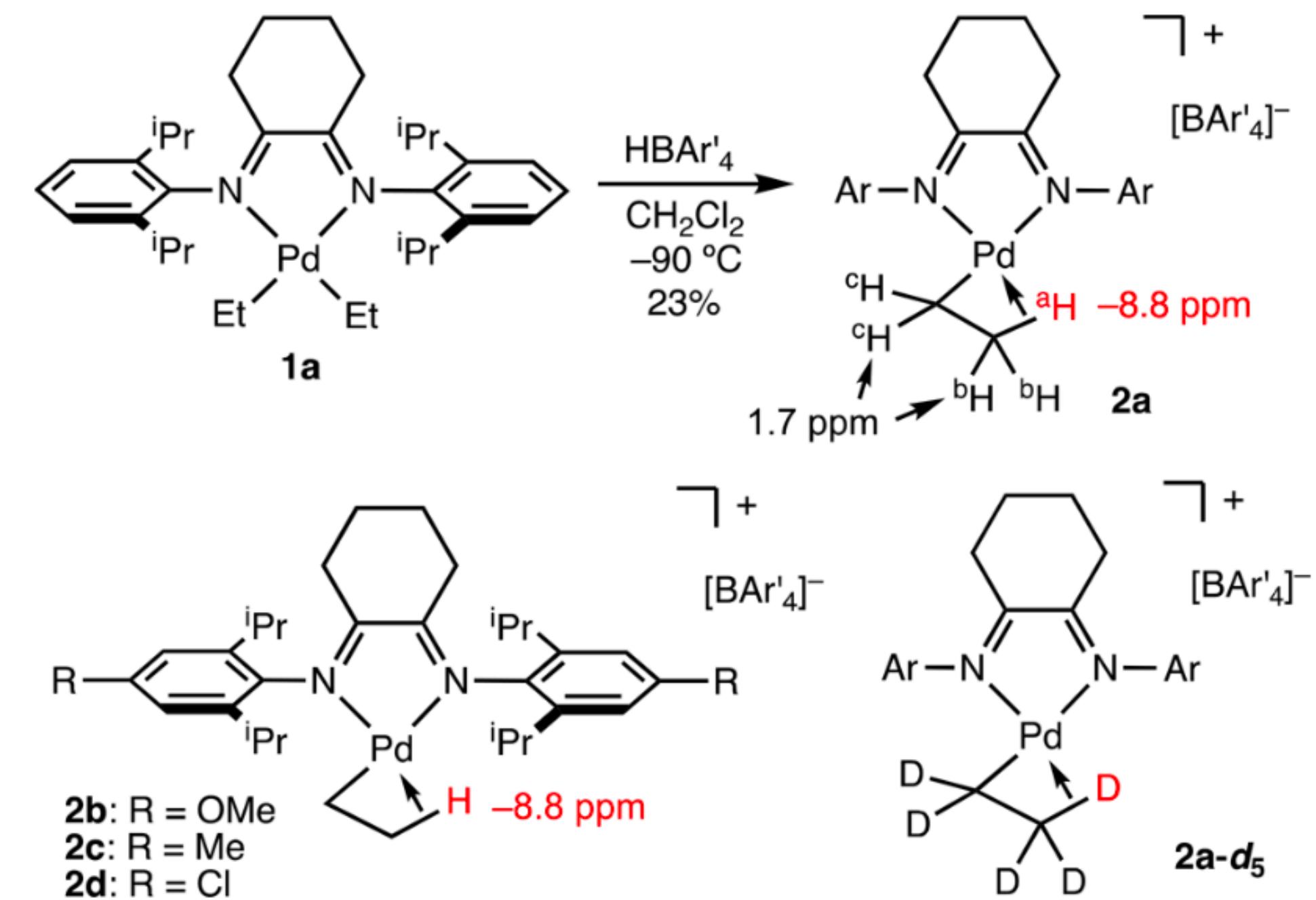
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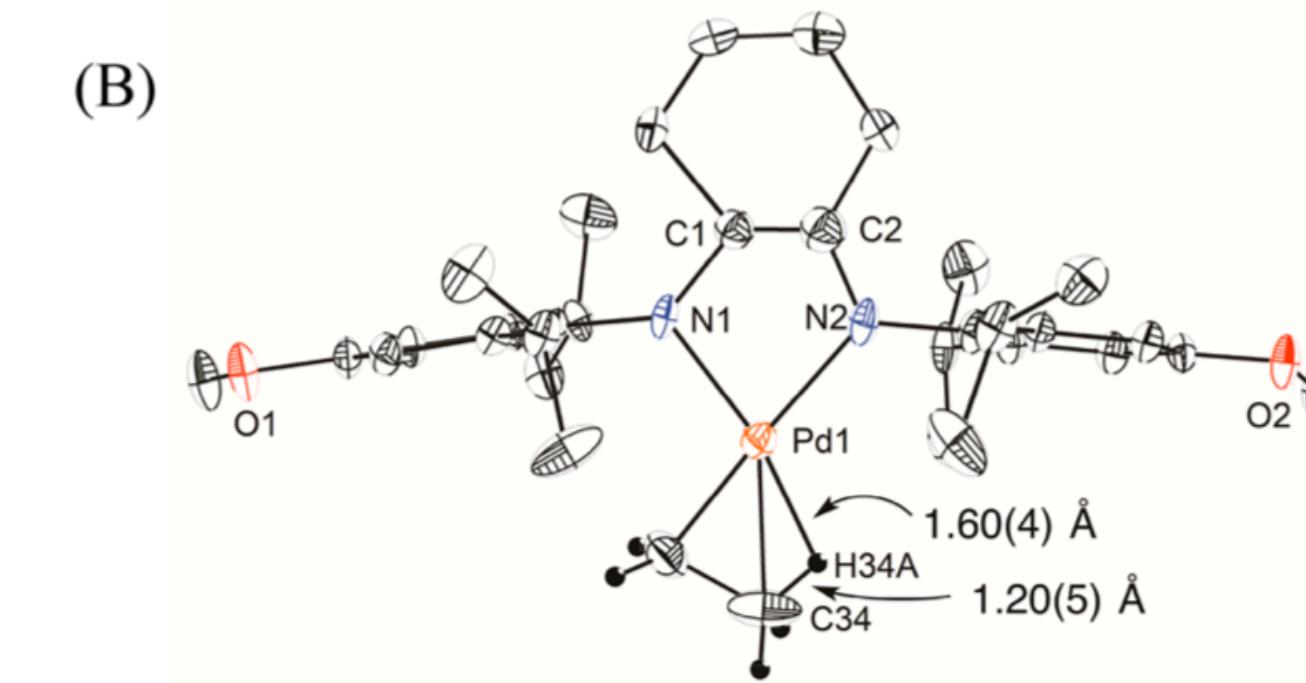
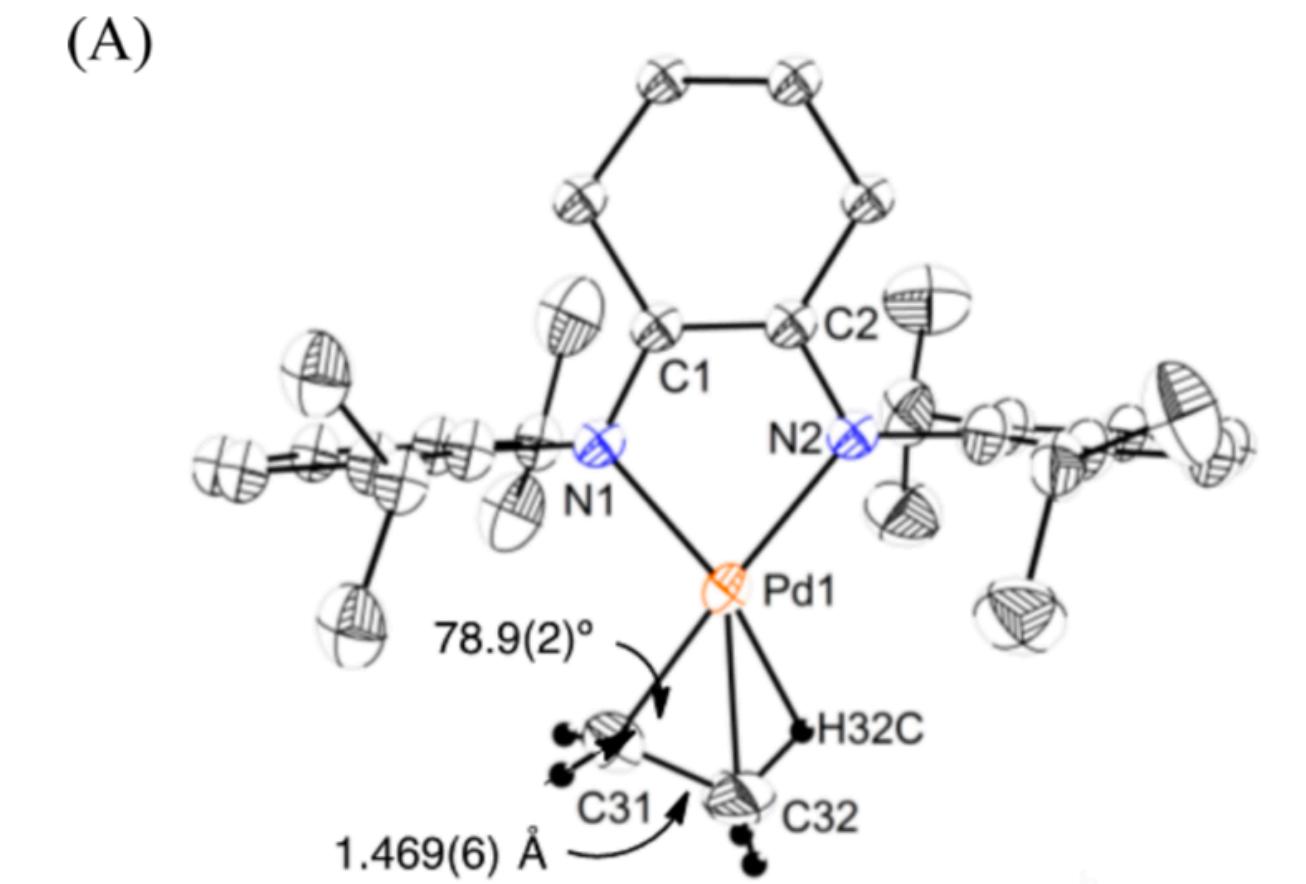
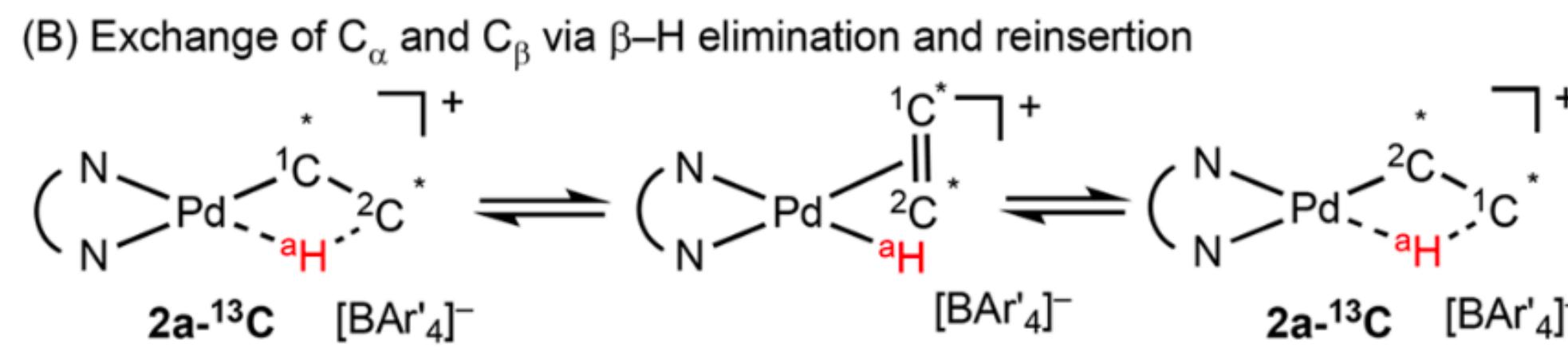
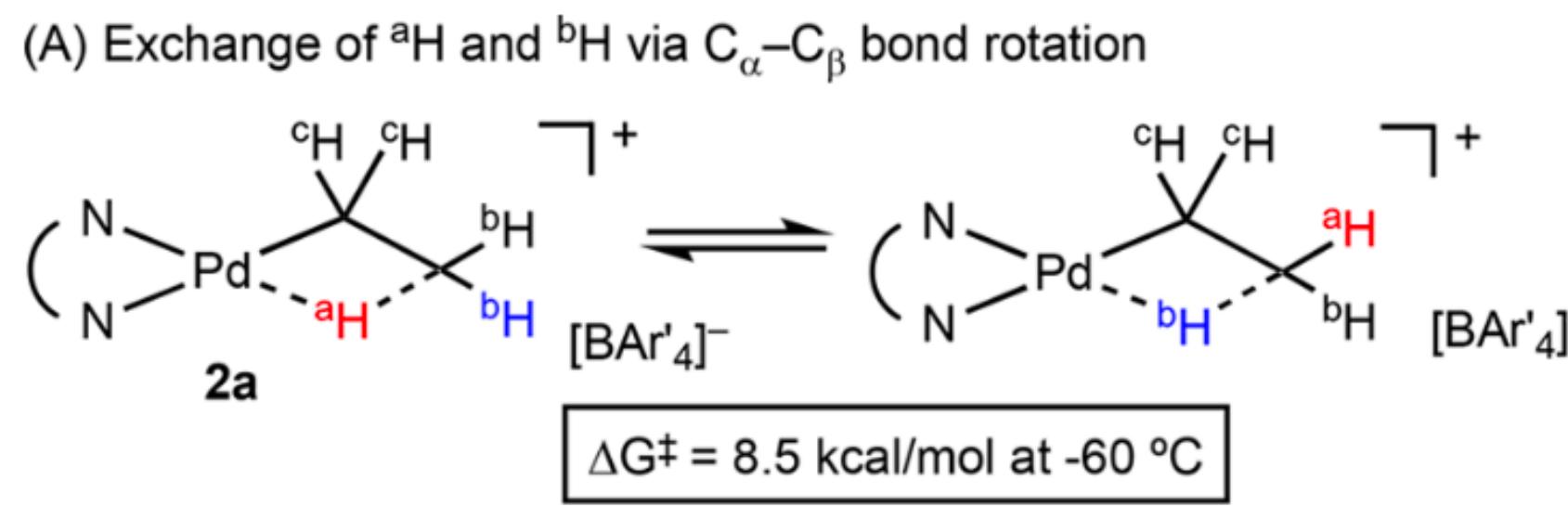


# Structural Characterization of $\beta$ -Agostic Bonds in Pd-Catalyzed Polymerization

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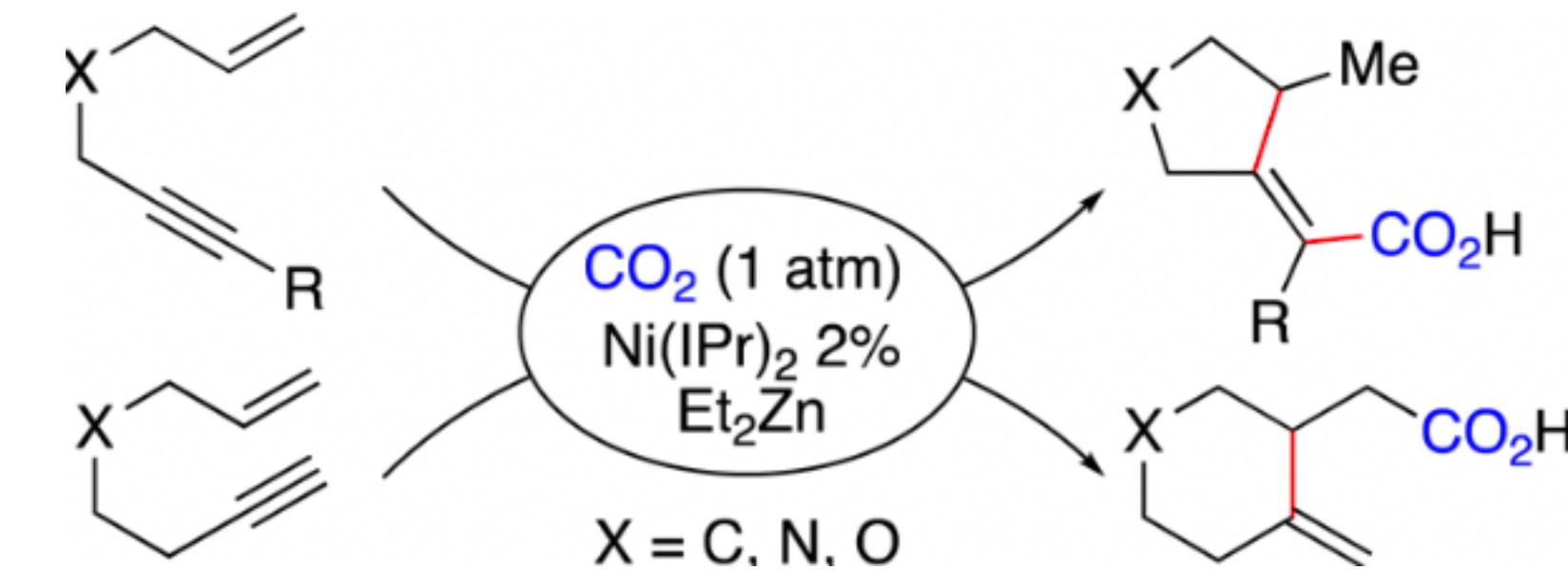




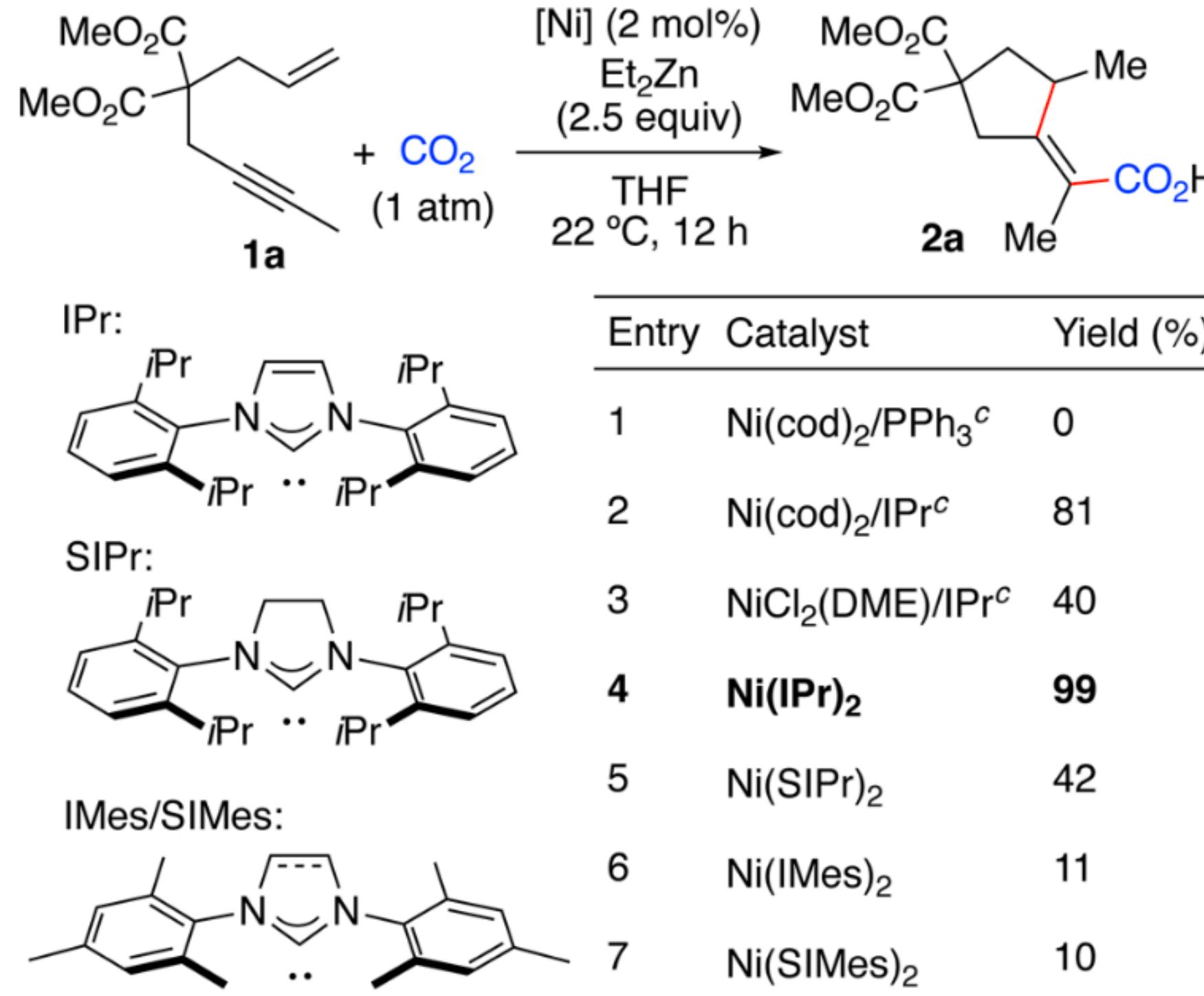
# Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive Cycloisomerization of Enynes with CO<sub>2</sub>

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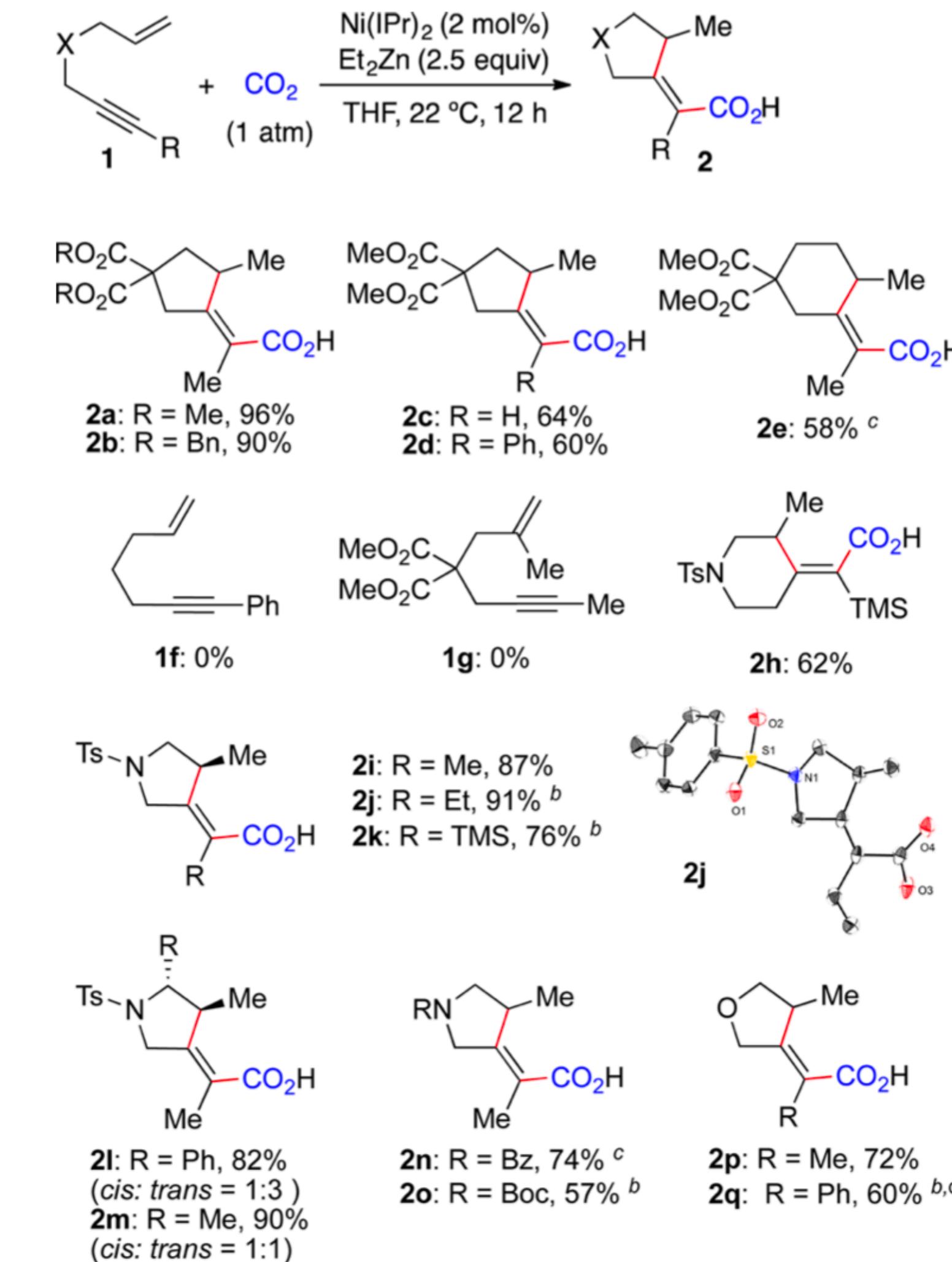
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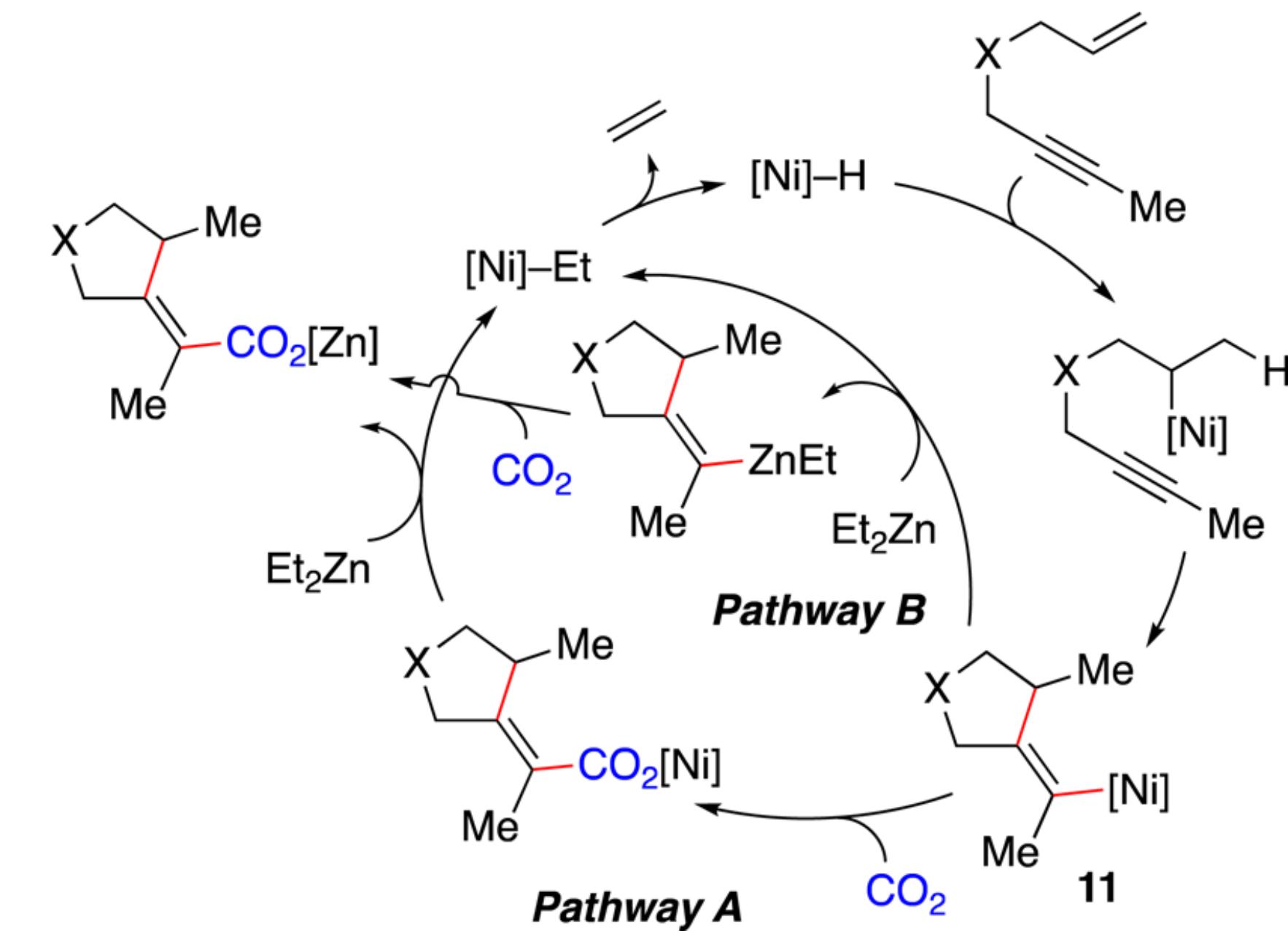
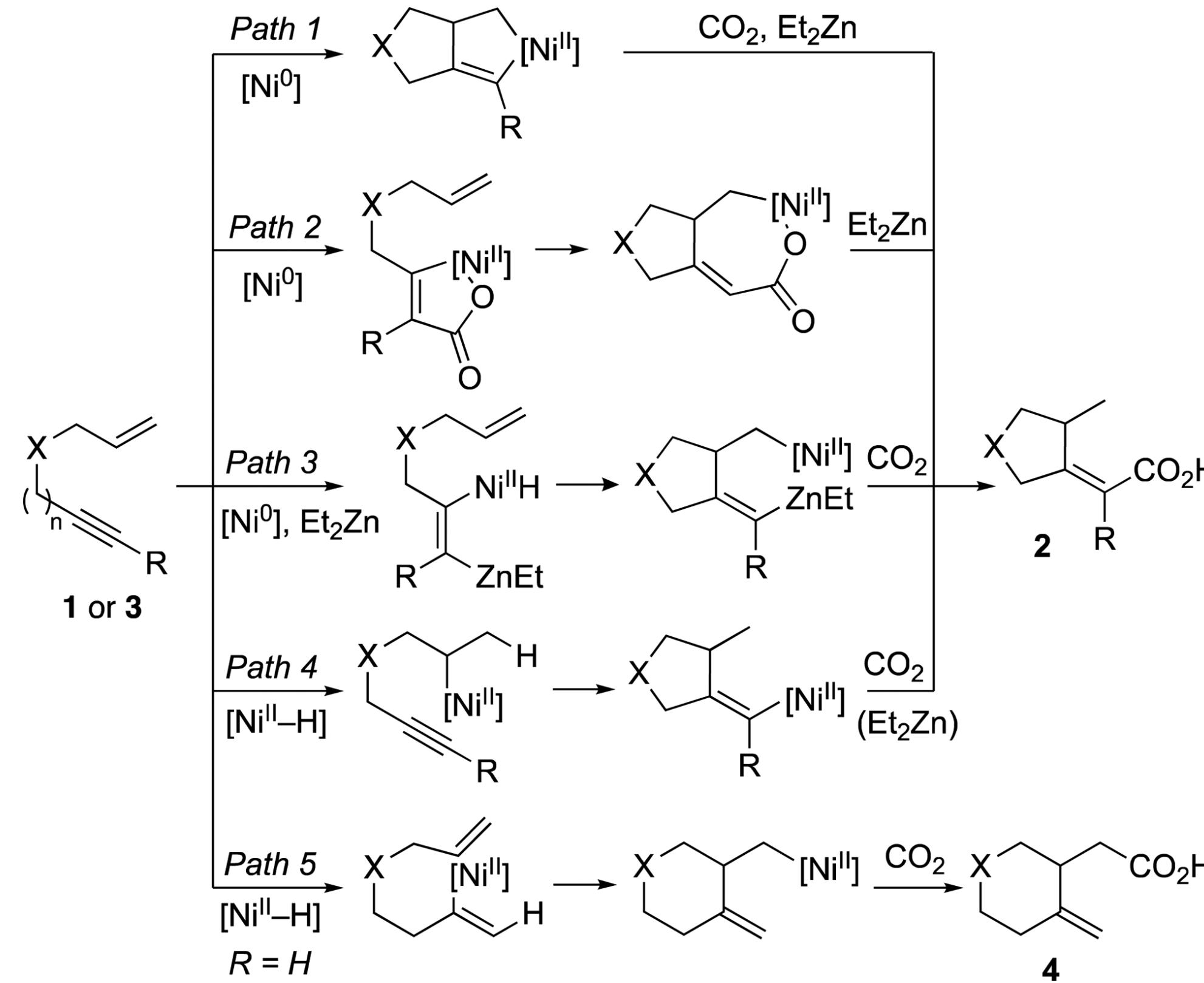


**Table 1. Development of the Conditions for the Cycloisomerization of Enyne 1a with CO<sub>2</sub><sup>a</sup>**



**Table 2. Scope of the Reductive Cycloisomerization with CO<sub>2</sub> Incorporated to Alkynes<sup>a</sup>**





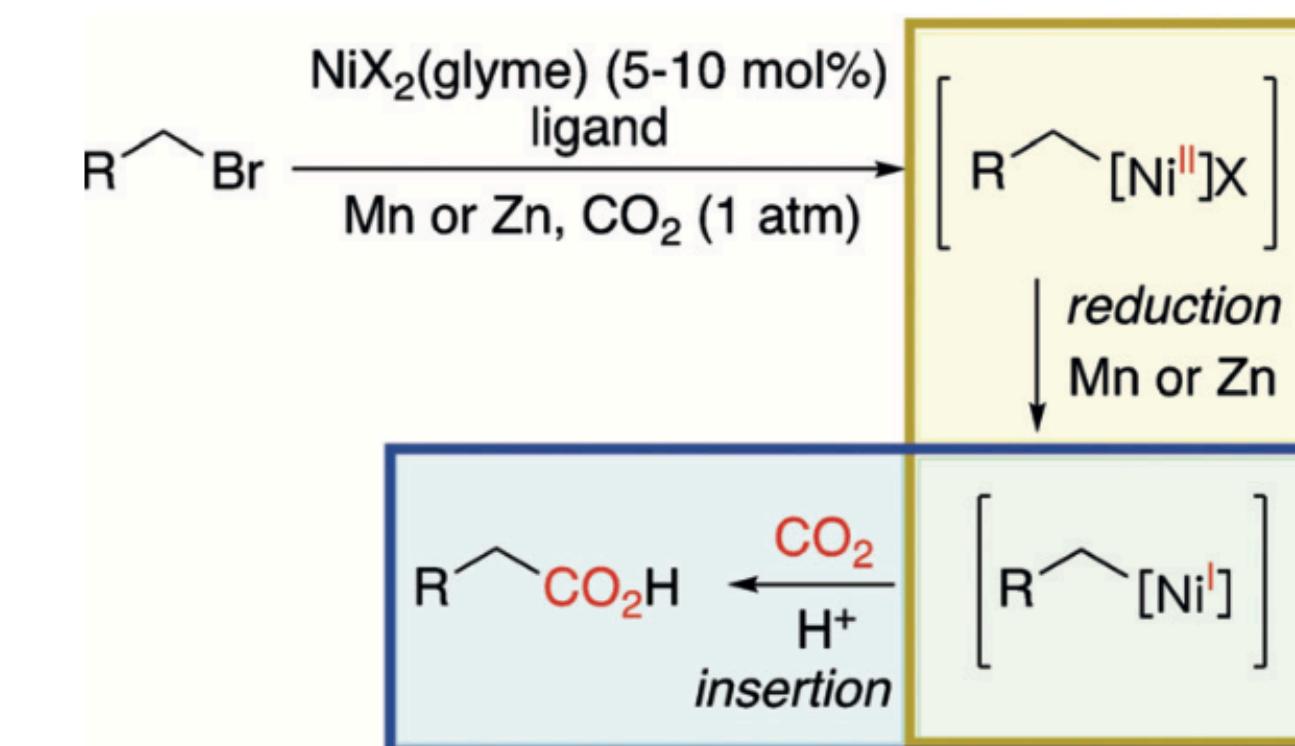
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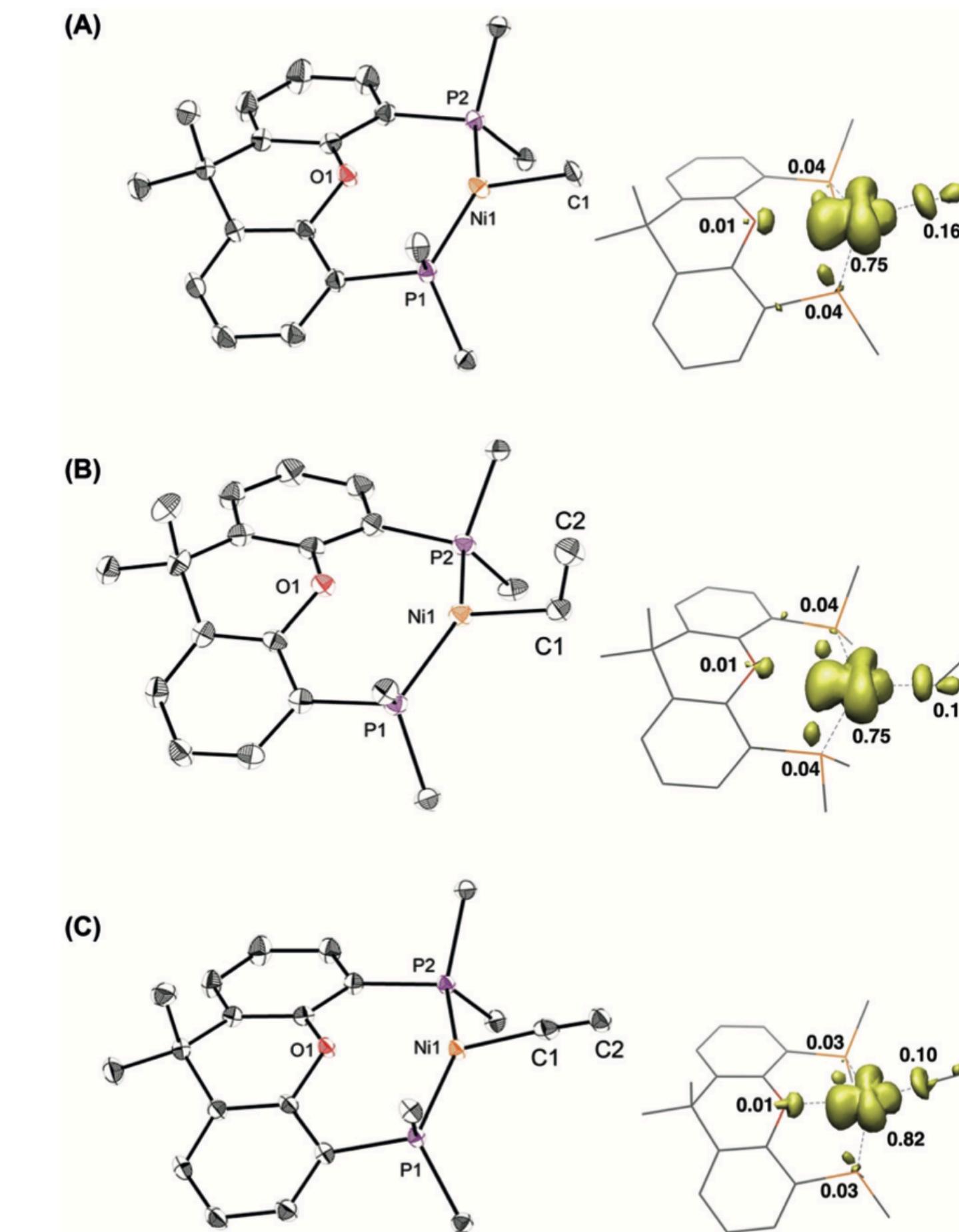
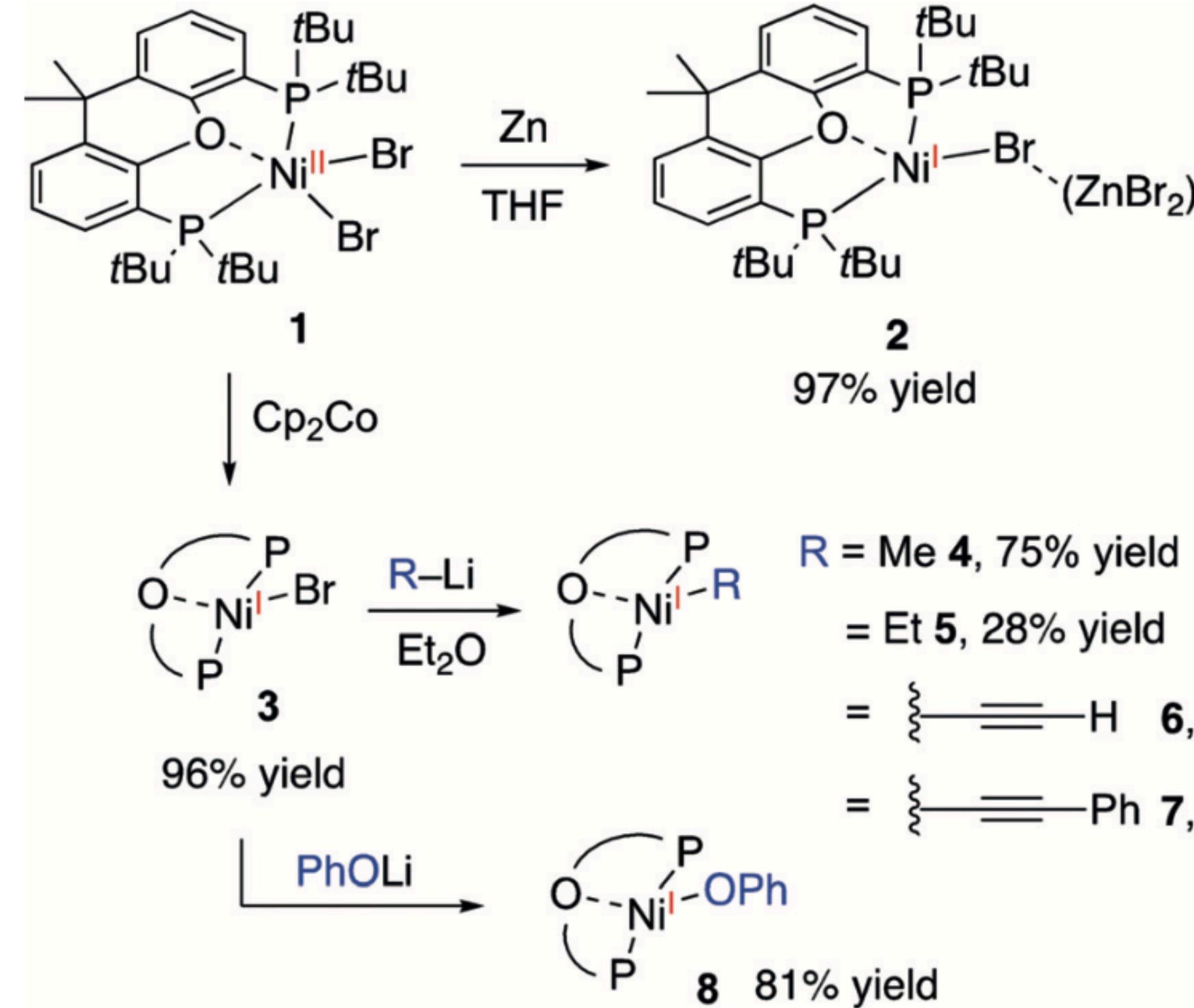
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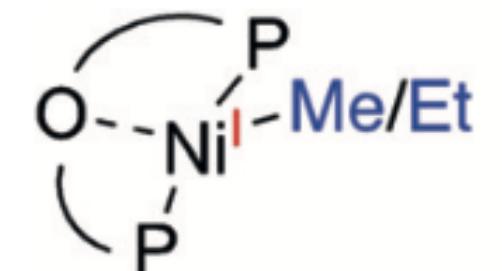
# Insertion of CO<sub>2</sub> Mediated by a (Xantphos)Ni<sup>I</sup>–Alkyl Species

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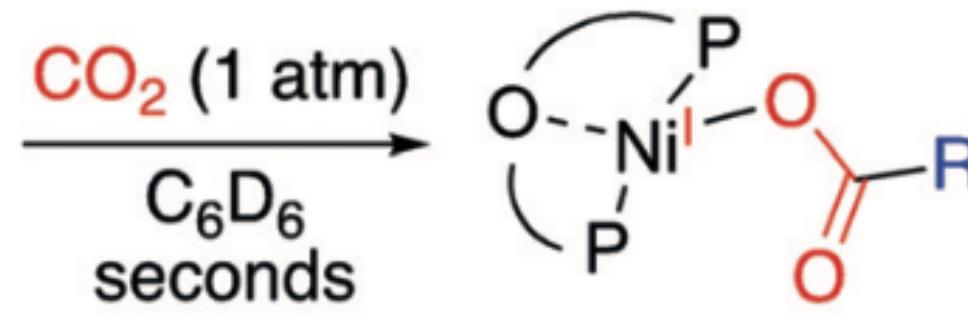




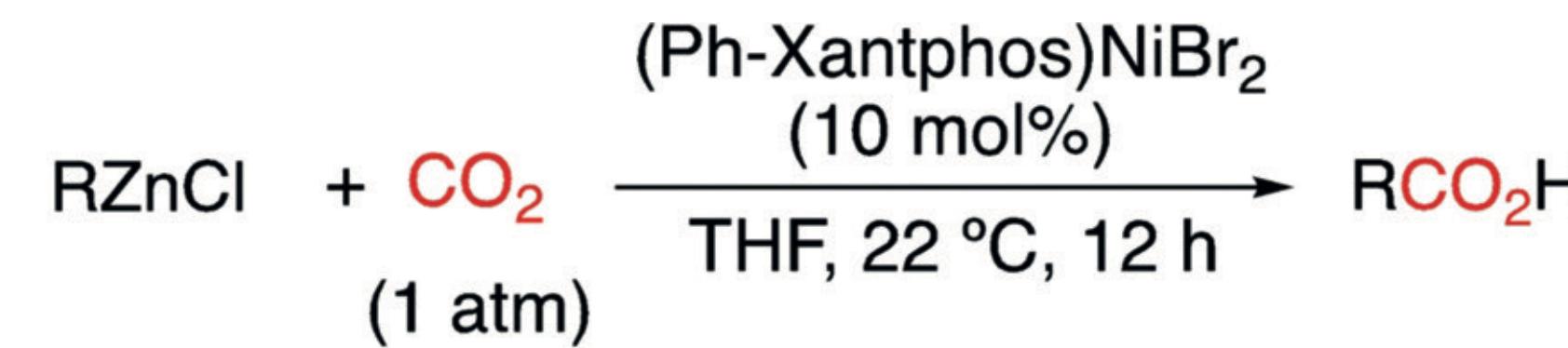
**Figure 1.** X-ray structures<sup>[19]</sup> and spin-density plots of **4** (A), **5** (B), and **6** (C) at 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted and *tBu* groups are truncated for clarity.



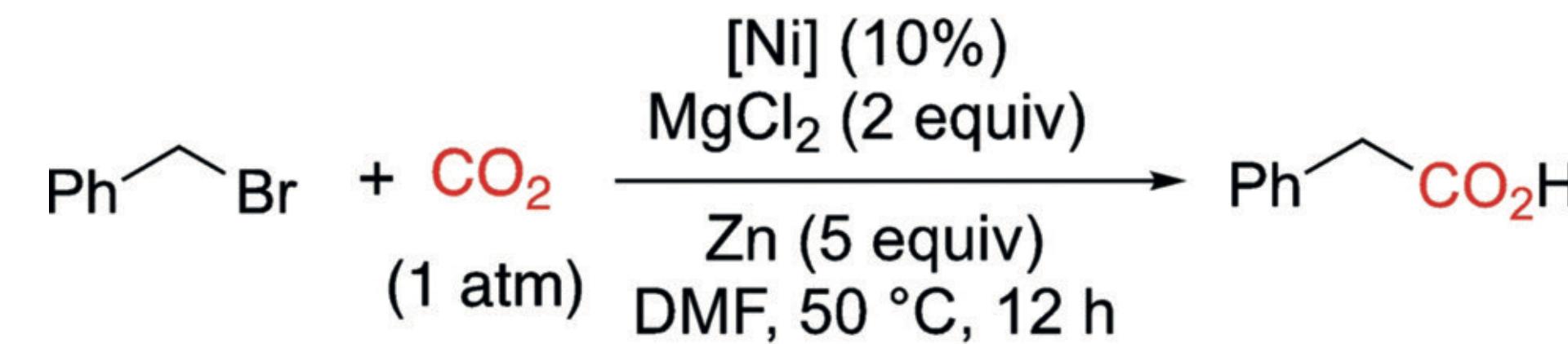
**4 and 5**



**R** = Me **9**, 80% yield  
= Et **10**, 61% yield



<b>R</b>	<b>Yield (%)</b>
Bn	66 (0 with no ligand)
Ph	68
<i>n</i> -Bu	30 (51 with (Ph-Xantphos)Ni <sup>I</sup> Br)



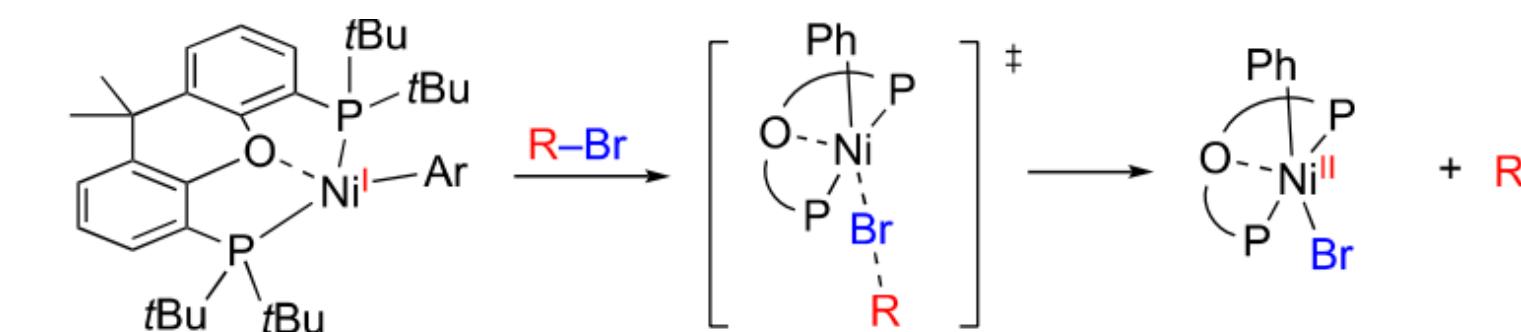
<b>[Ni]</b>	<b>Yield (%)</b>
( <i>t</i> -Bu-Xantphos)Ni <sup>I</sup> Br	7
(Ph-Xantphos)Ni <sup>II</sup> Br	32

# **Research of Ni (I)**

# Mechanistic Characterization of (Xantphos)Ni(I)-Mediated Alkyl Bromide Activation: Oxidative Addition, Electron Transfer, or Halogen-Atom Abstraction

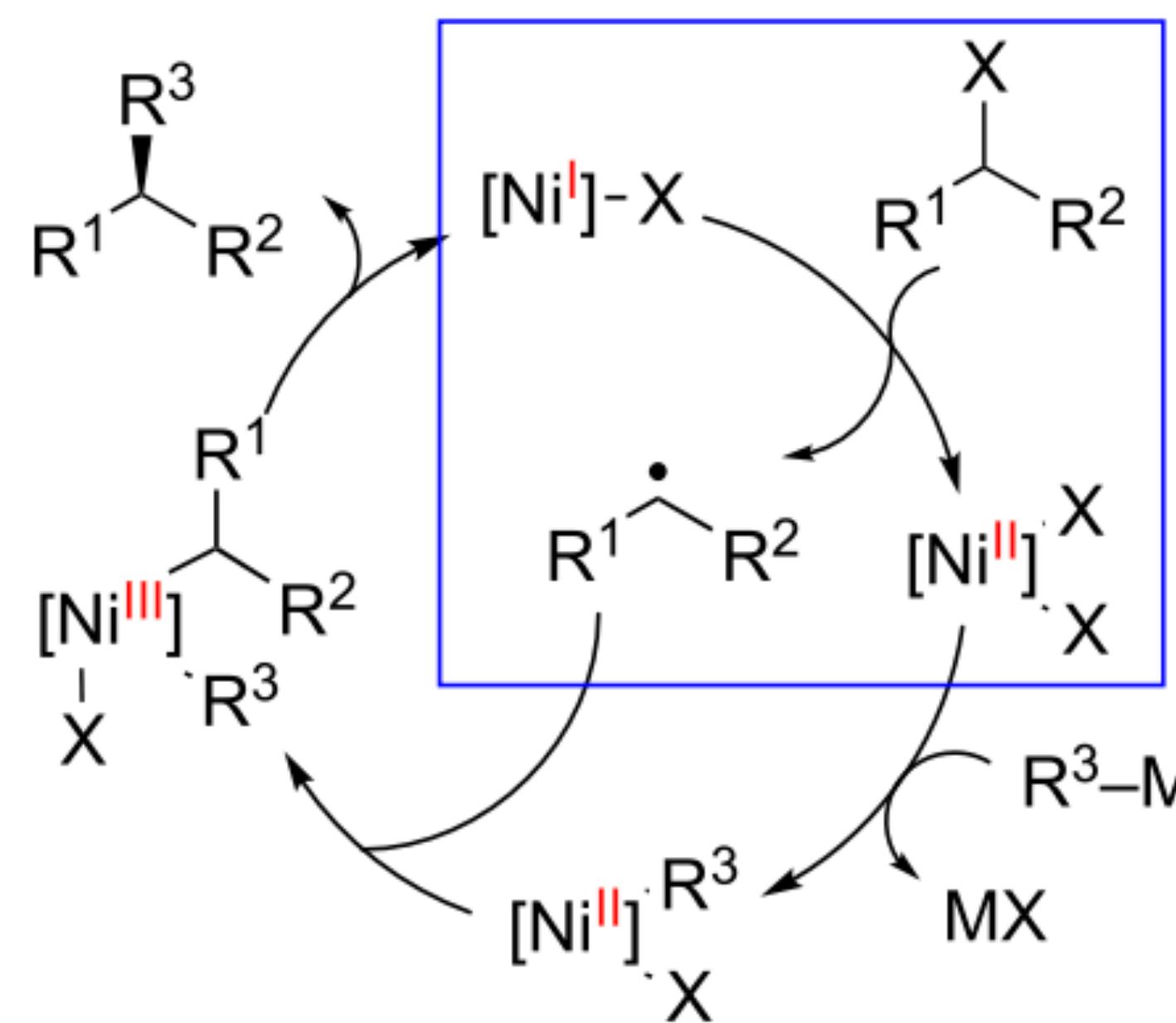
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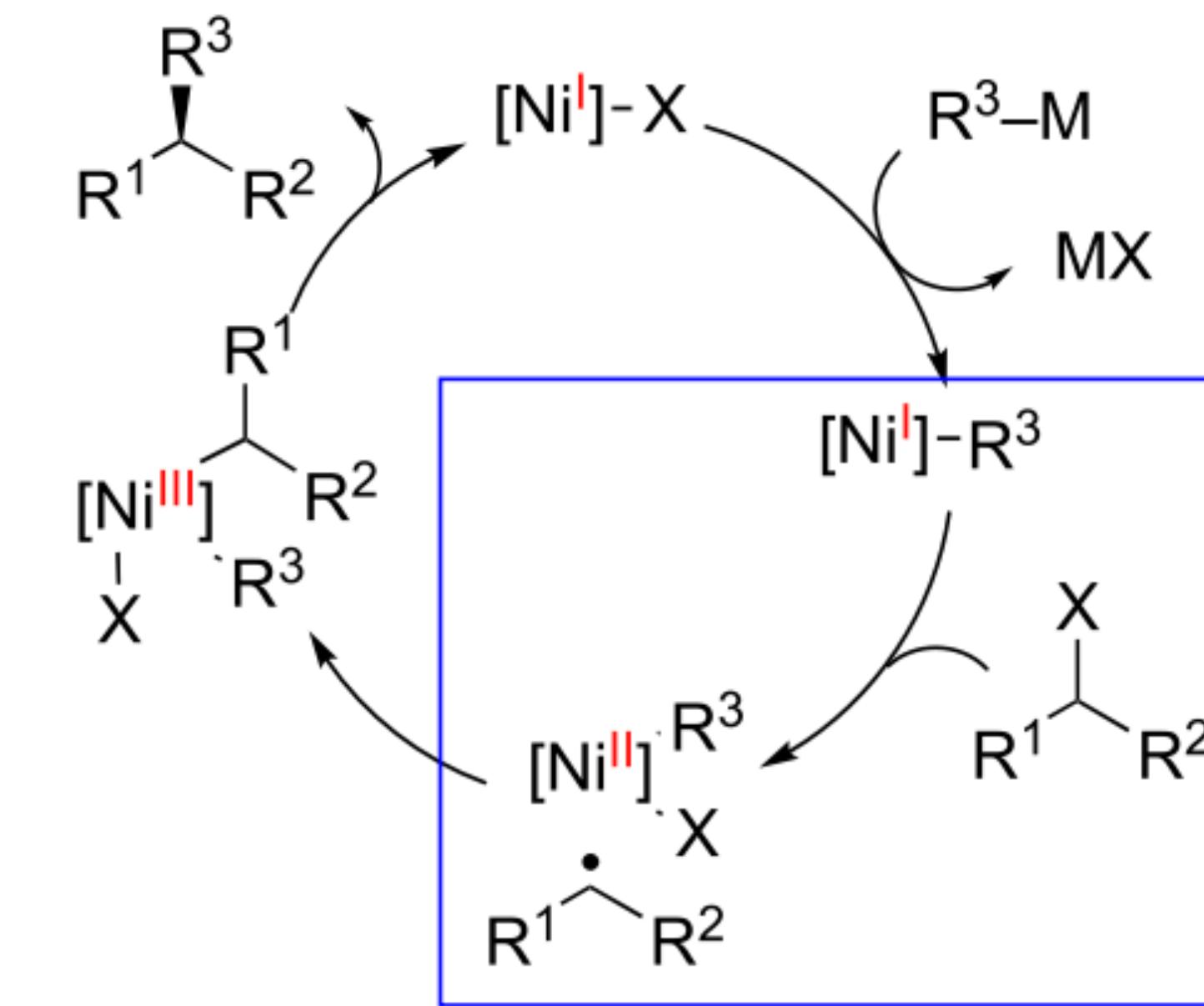


Ni(I)-Mediated Alkyl Bromide Activation:  
Halogen-Atom-Abstraction Characterized by Kinetic Studies

*“Transmetalation after oxidative addition”*

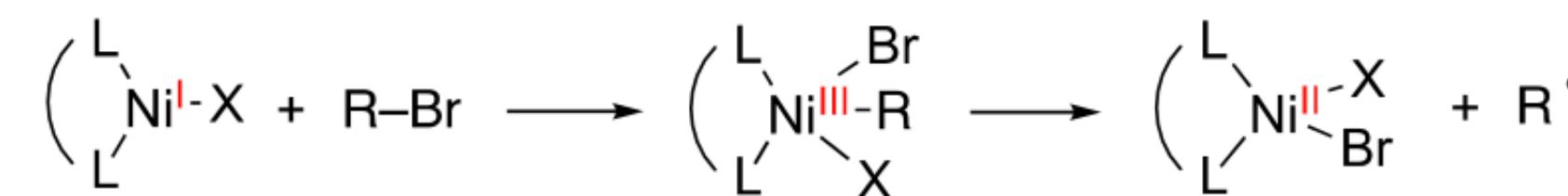


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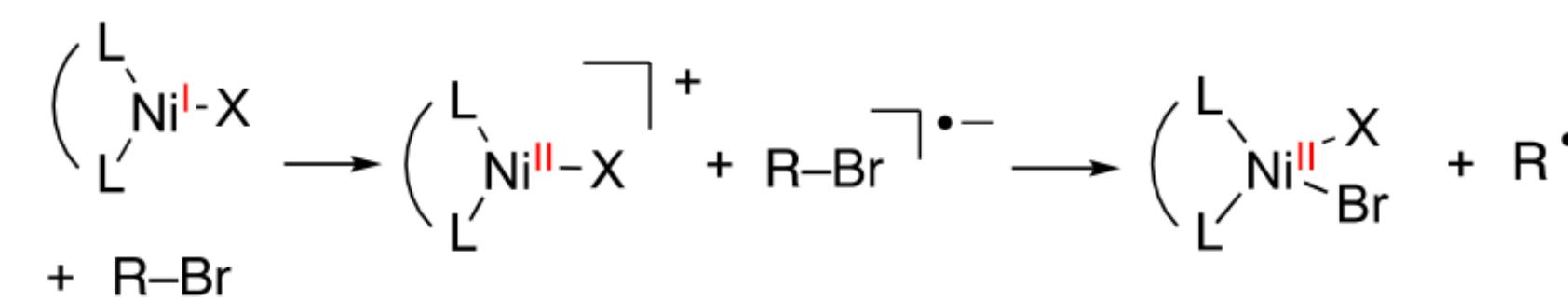


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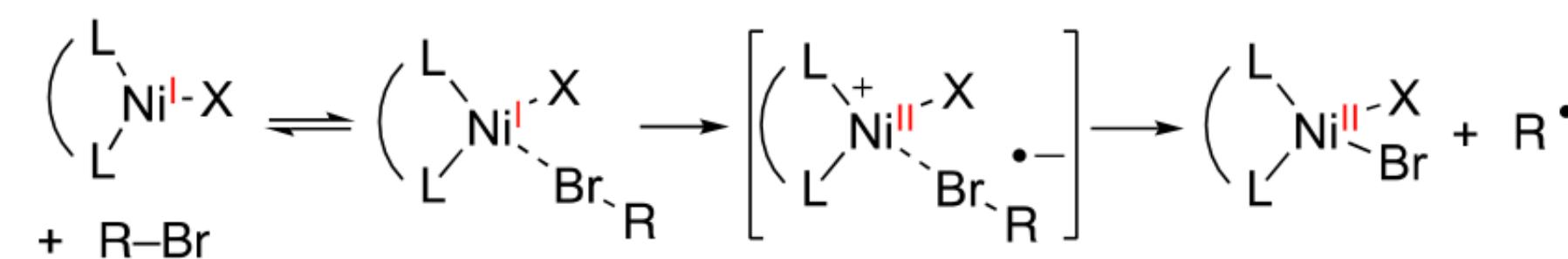
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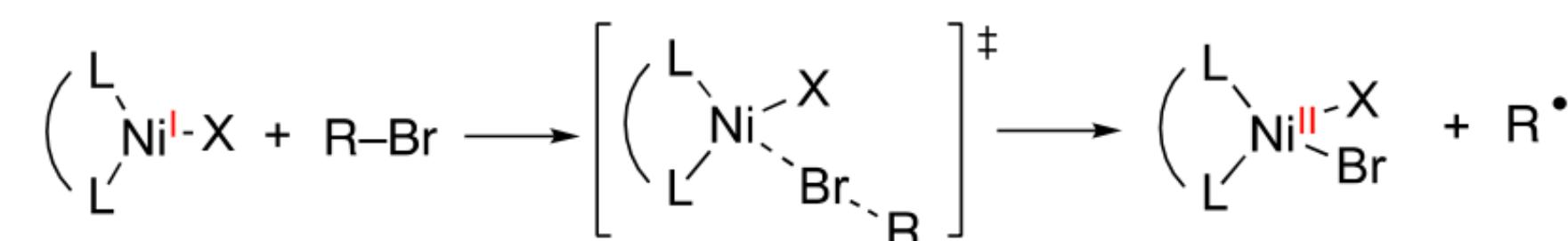
### 2. Outer-Sphere Electron-Transfer

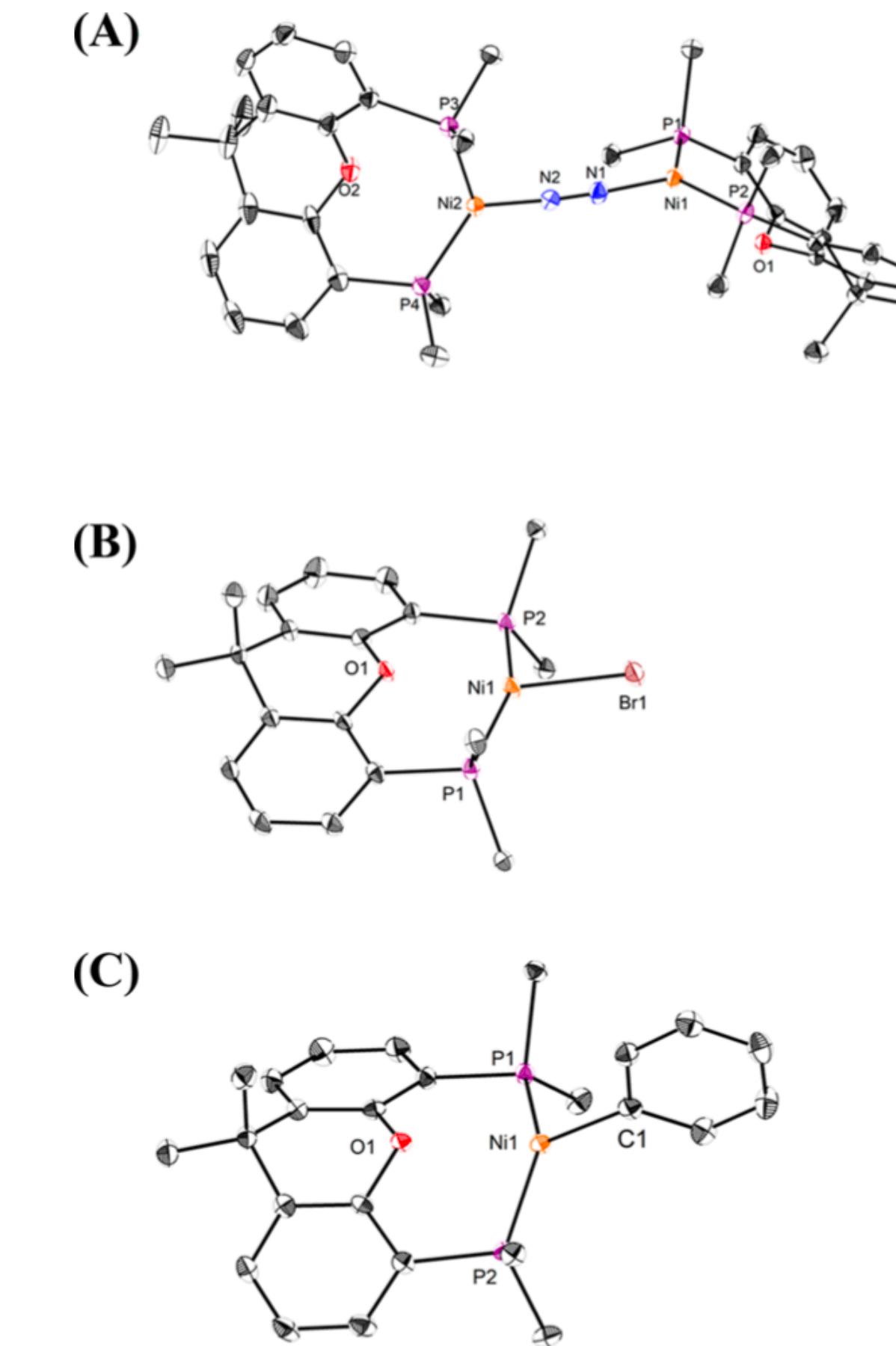
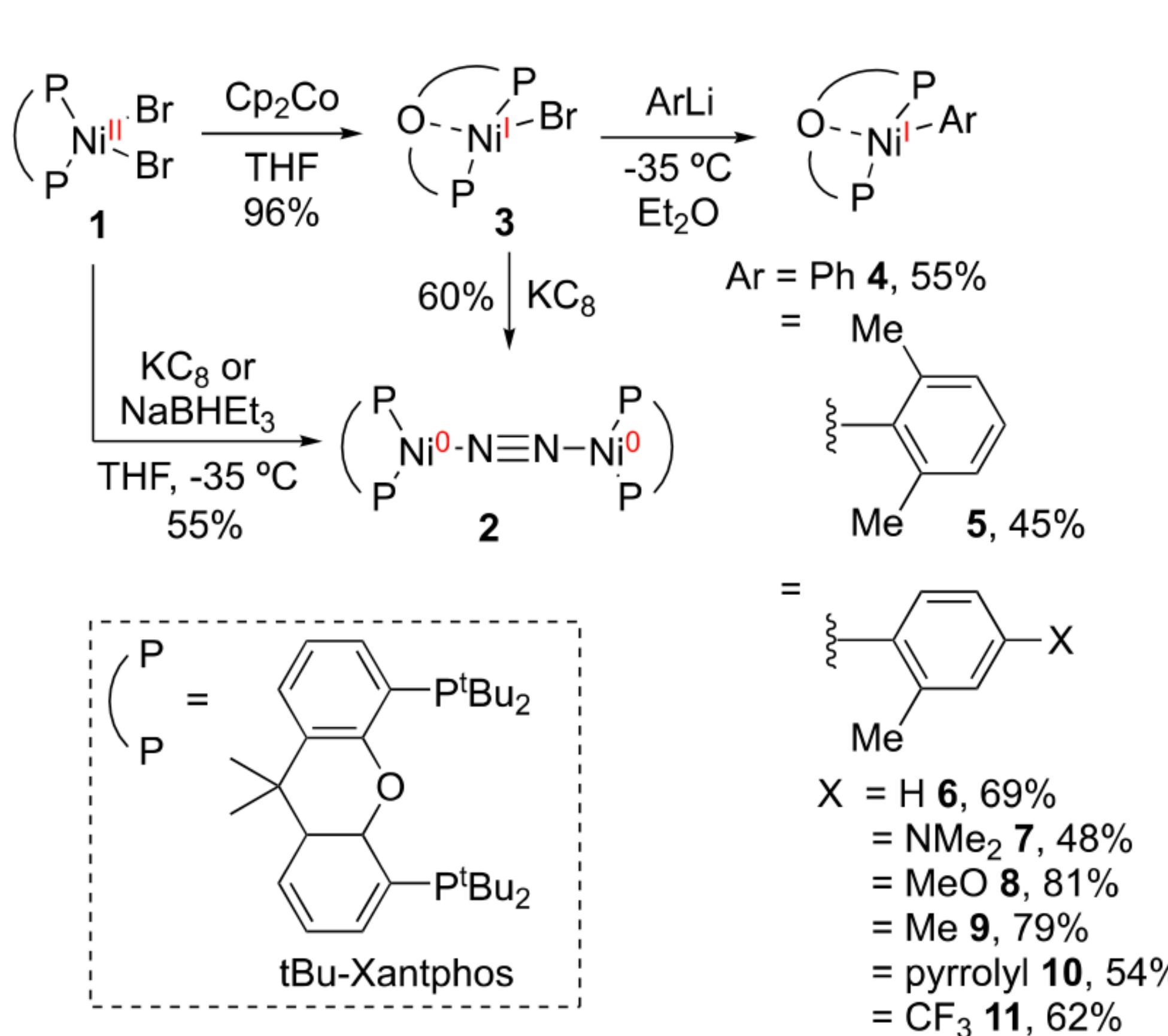


### 3. Inner-Sphere Electron-Transfer

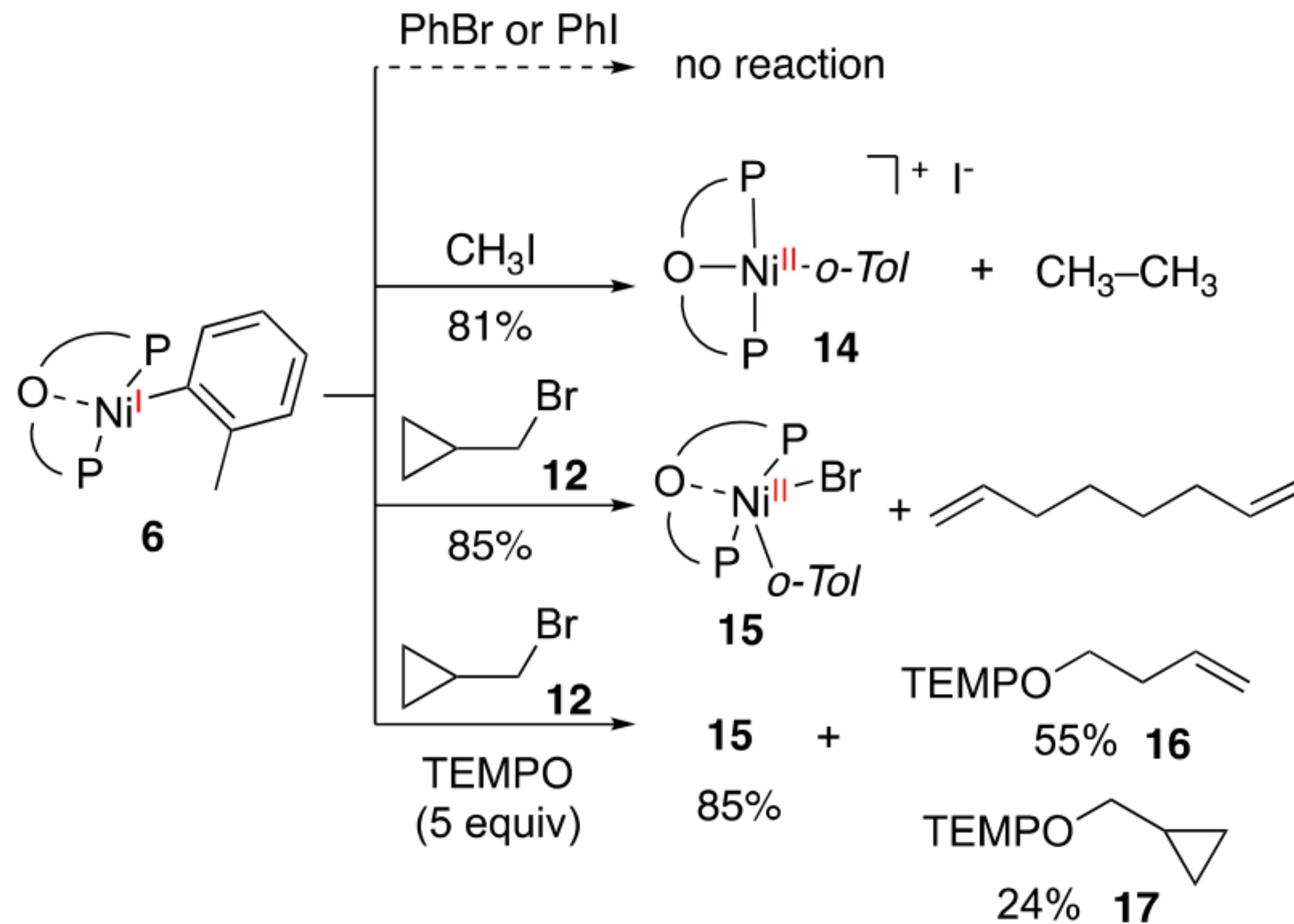


### 4. Concerted Halogen Atom Abstraction

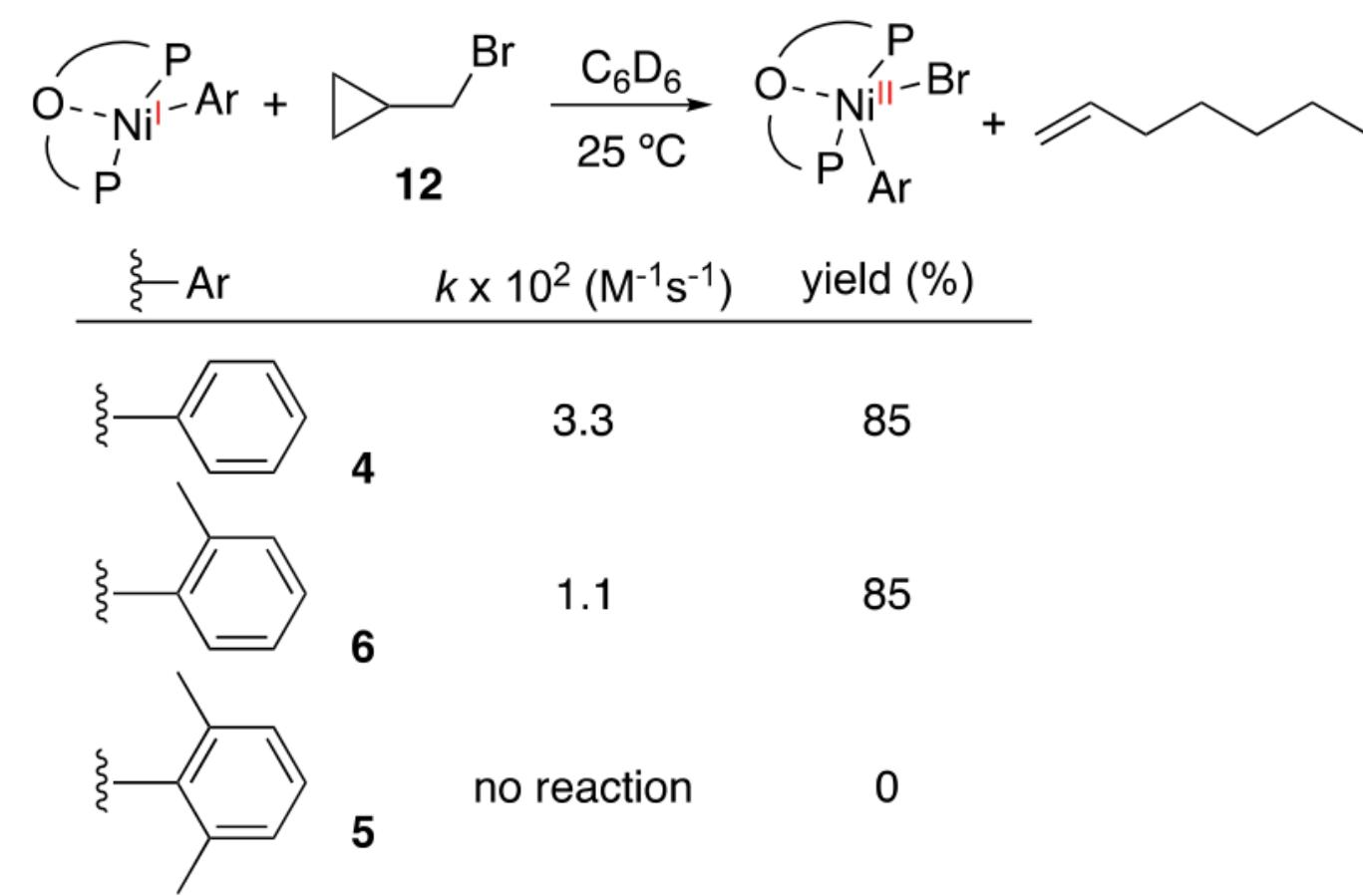




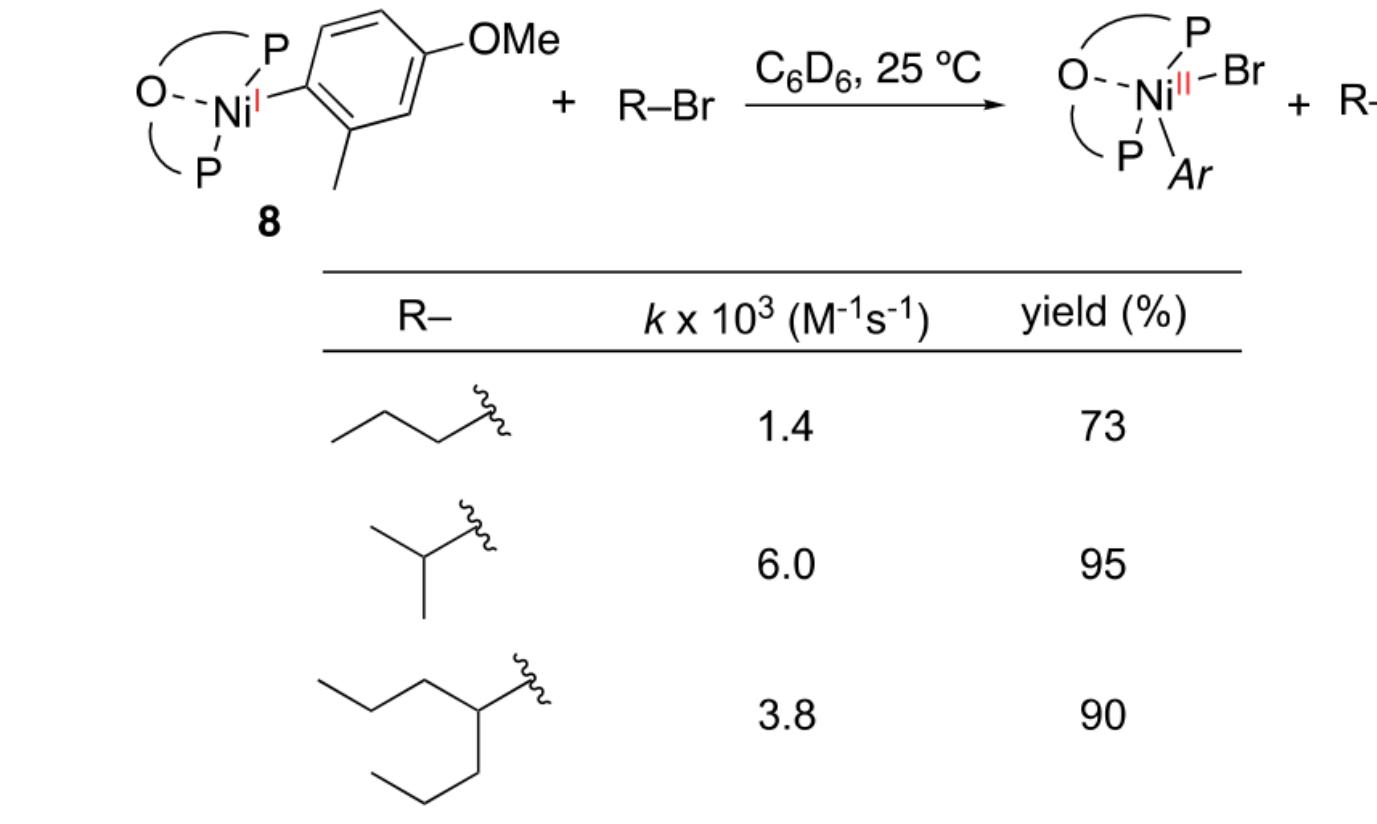
**Figure 1.** X-ray structures of **2** (A), **3** (B), and **4** (C) at 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted and *t*-Bu groups are truncated for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **2**: N(1) $\equiv$ N(2) = 1.144(3), Ni(1) $\cdots$ O(1) = 2.518. Selected bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **3**: Ni(1) $\cdots$ O(1) = 2.434. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **4**: Ni(1) $\cdots$ C(1) = 1.9795(14), Ni(1) $\cdots$ O(1) = 2.518.



**Table 1. Steric Effect of the Ar Group on Ni(I)Ar-Mediated Activation of **12**<sup>a</sup>**

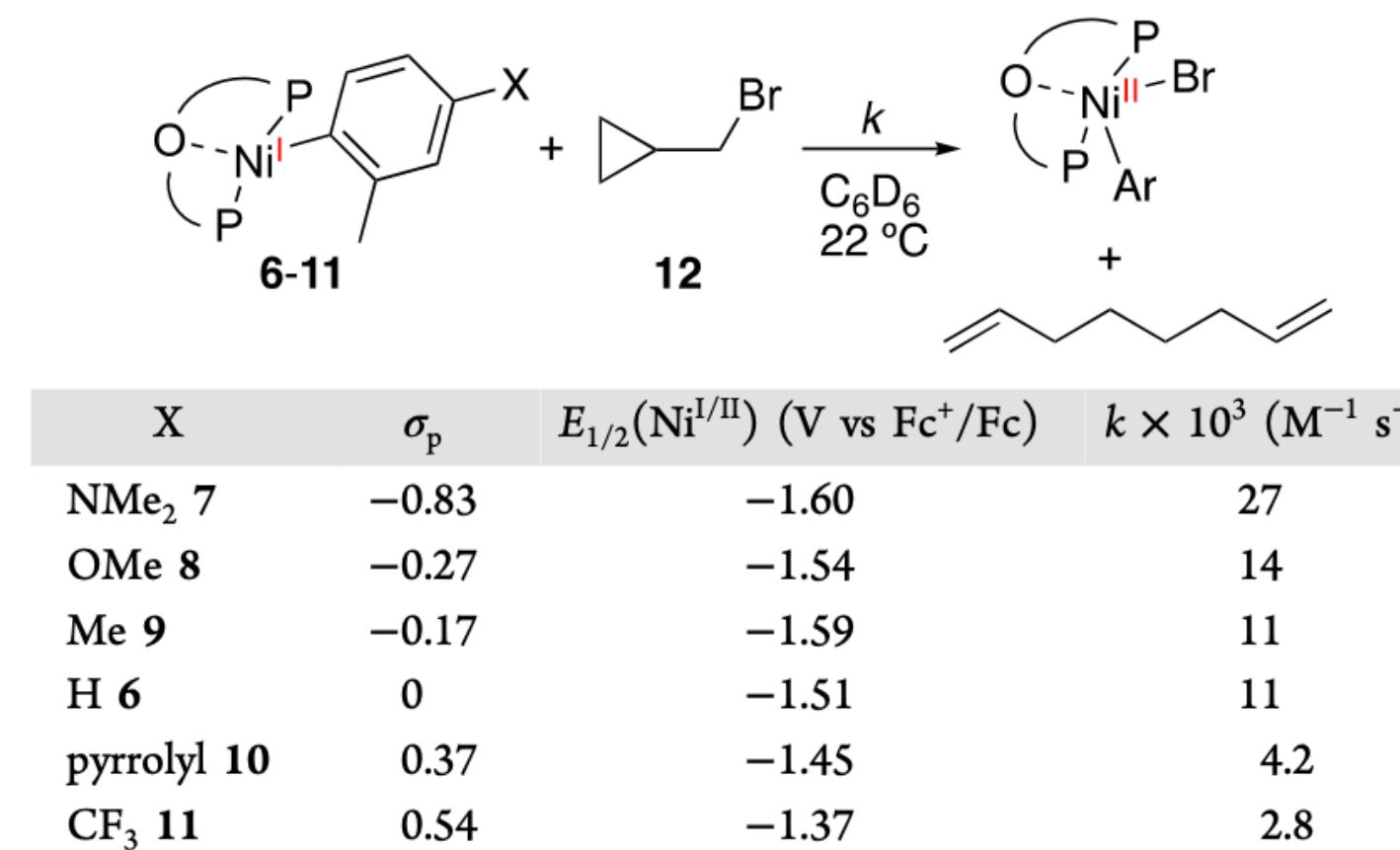


**Table 2. Steric Effect of Alkyl Bromides on Ni(I)-Mediated Activation<sup>a</sup>**

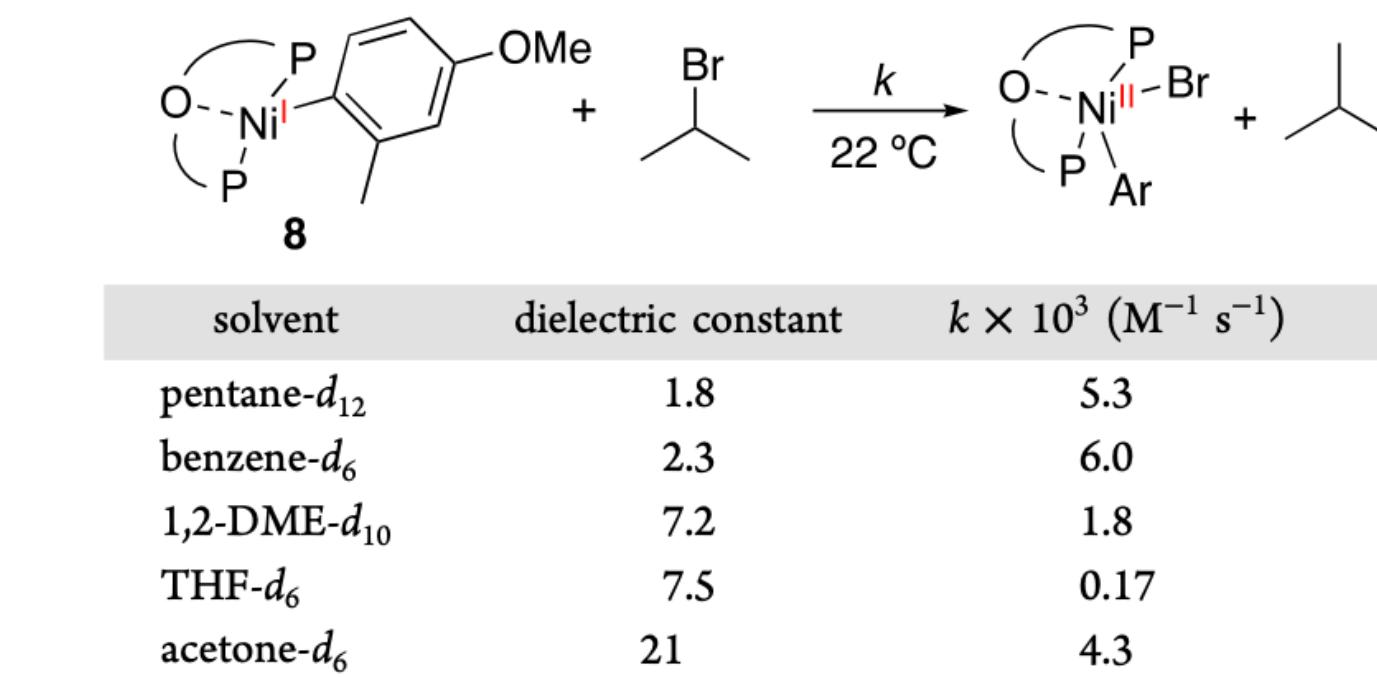


<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions:  $[8]_0 = 10 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{R-Br}]_0 = 20 \text{ mM}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6 = 0.65 \text{ mL}$ . Internal standard = mesitylene.

**Table 3. Electronic Effect on Ni(I)-Mediated Alkyl Bromide Activation**



**Table 4. Solvent Effect of **8**-Mediated Isopropyl Bromide Activation**



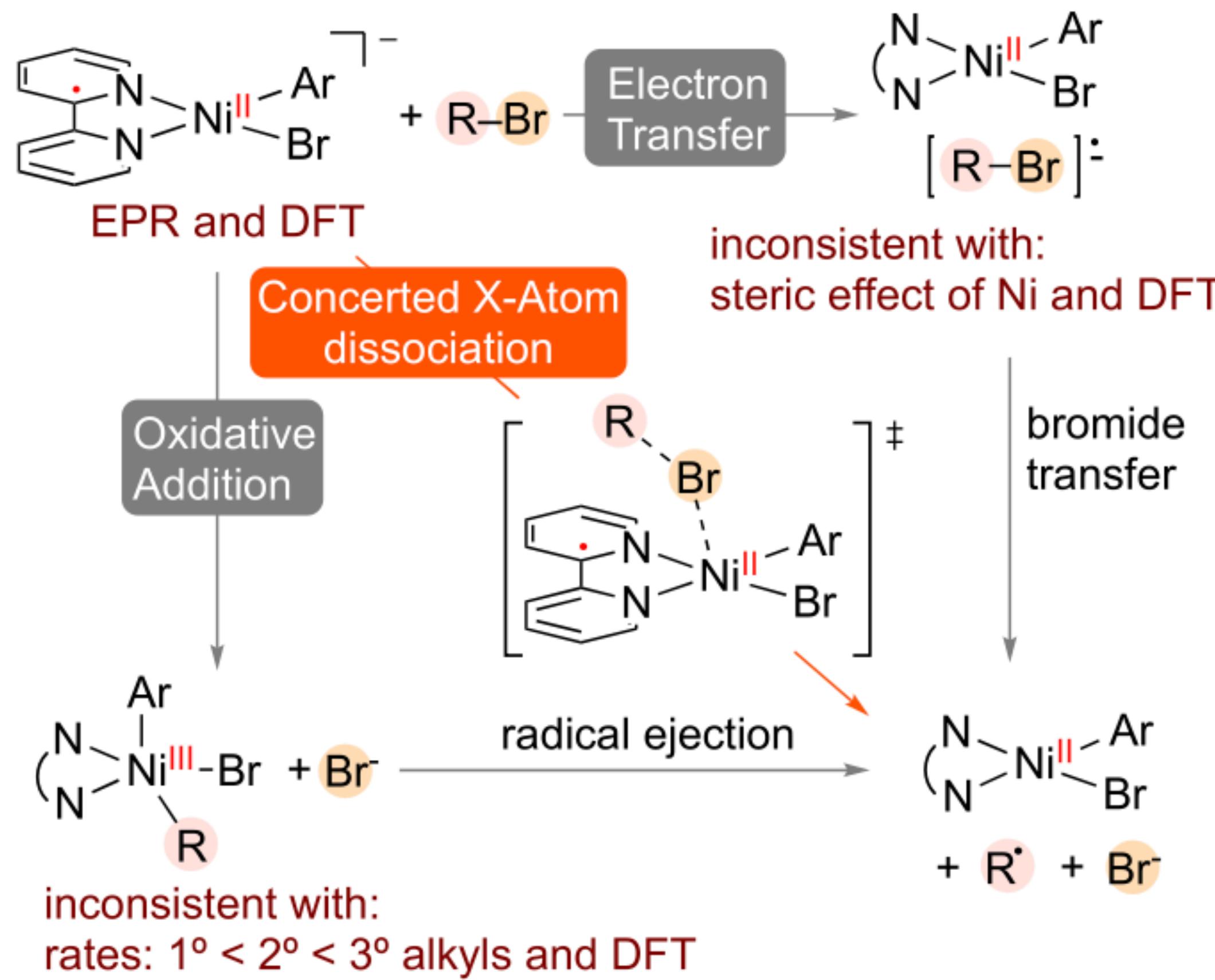


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# **Monovalent Nickel-Mediated Radical Formation: A Concerted Halogen-Atom Dissociation Pathway Determined by Electroanalytical Studies**

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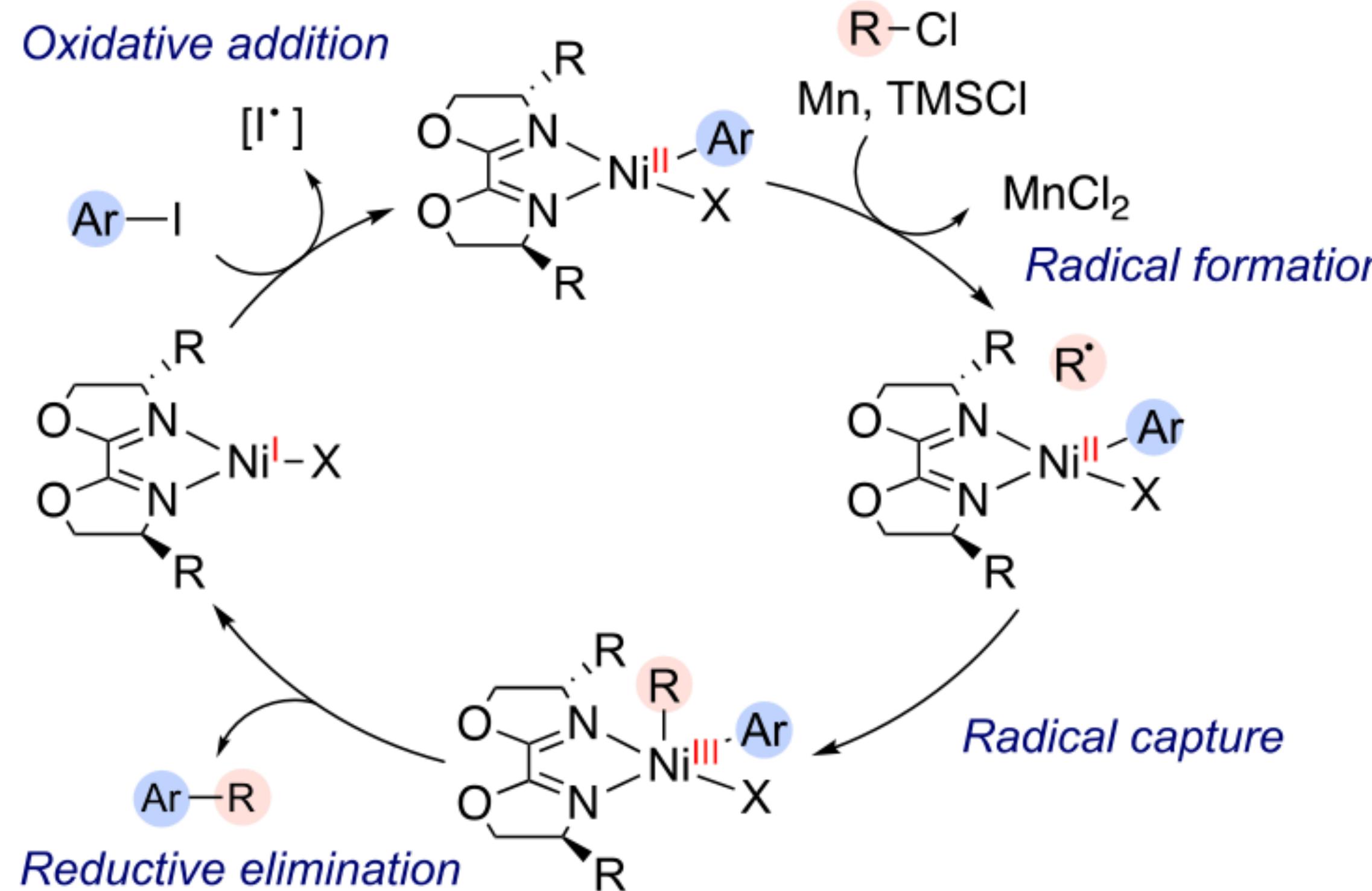
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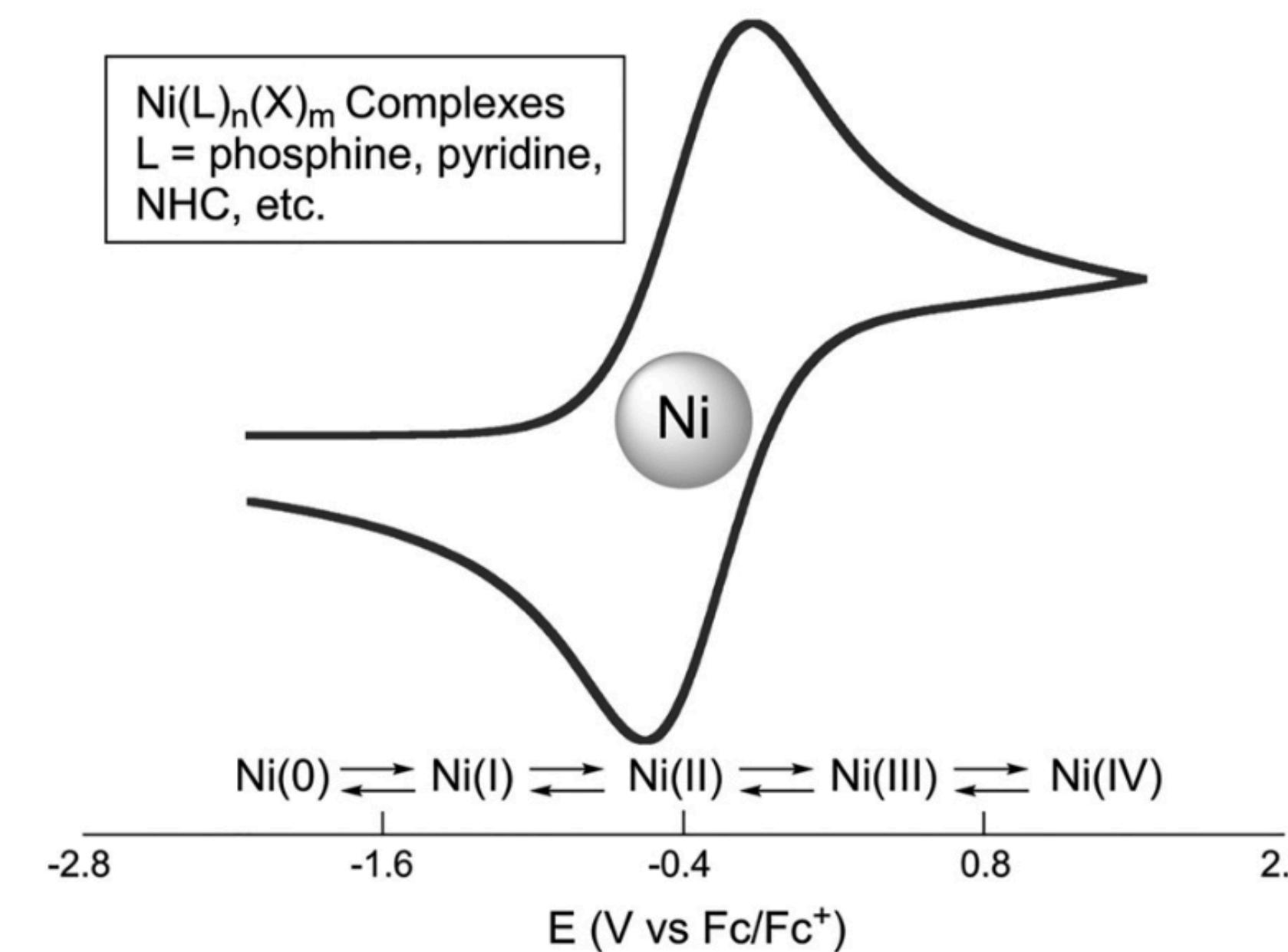
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Complex	Process	Solvent	Electrolyte (M)	Potential reference	$E_{1/2}$ (V vs. Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup> )
( <i>t</i> BuXantphos)Ni(2,4-xylene) <sup>21</sup>	<b>1</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.4)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-2.78
( <i>t</i> BuXantphos)Ni( <i>o</i> -Tol) <sup>21</sup>	<b>2</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.4)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-2.70
(dppb)Ni[(CN) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>40</sup>	<b>3</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	DMF	TBABF <sub>4</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-2.22
[PhB-(CH <sub>2</sub> P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]Ni(PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>22</sup>	<b>4</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.35)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.95
( <sup>aci</sup> PNP)Ni(CO) <sup>23</sup>	<b>5</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.3)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.87
[PhB-(CH <sub>2</sub> P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]Ni(CN <sup>t</sup> Bu) <sup>22</sup>	<b>6</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.35)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.85
[HN(P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>24</sup>	<b>7</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.53
Ni(P <sup>Cy</sup> <sub>2</sub> N <sup>t</sup> Bu <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>25</sup>	<b>8</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	PhCN	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.2)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.49
[HN(P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Ni(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>24</sup>	<b>9</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.49
[HN(P <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Ni(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>24</sup>	<b>10</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.45
Ni(dmpp) <sub>2</sub> <sup>26</sup>	<b>11</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	MeCN	Et <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub> (0.3)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.33
Ni(PMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>27</sup>	<b>12</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	1,2-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.31
(P <sup>Me</sup> <sub>2</sub> N <sup>Ph</sup> <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Ni(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>28</sup>	<b>13</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	PhCN	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.2)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.30
Ni(depe) <sub>2</sub> <sup>26</sup>	<b>14</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	MeCN	Et <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub> (0.3)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.29
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Ni(NHC <sup>Mes</sup> CH <sub>2</sub> P <sup>Cy</sup> <sub>2</sub> )(cod) <sup>30</sup>	<b>16</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.26
Ni(dppf) <sub>2</sub> <sup>31</sup>	<b>17</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.2)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.18
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(P <sup>Ph</sup> <sub>2</sub> N <sup>p-Tol</sup> <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Ni(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>29</sup>	<b>20</b> Ni(I) → Ni(0)	MeCN	TBABF <sub>4</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-1.08
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Ni(dcype)(cod) <sup>30</sup>	<b>22</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-0.95
Ni(dPPP) <sub>2</sub> <sup>26</sup>	<b>23</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	MeCN	Et <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub> (0.3)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-0.91
(triphos)Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>33</sup>	<b>24</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	THF	TBAPF <sub>6</sub> (0.1)	NHE	-0.90 <sup>b</sup>
Ni(dppe) <sub>2</sub> <sup>26</sup>	<b>25</b> Ni(0) → Ni(I)	MeCN	Et <sub>4</sub> NBF <sub>4</sub> (0.3)	Fc/Fc <sup>+</sup>	-0.88

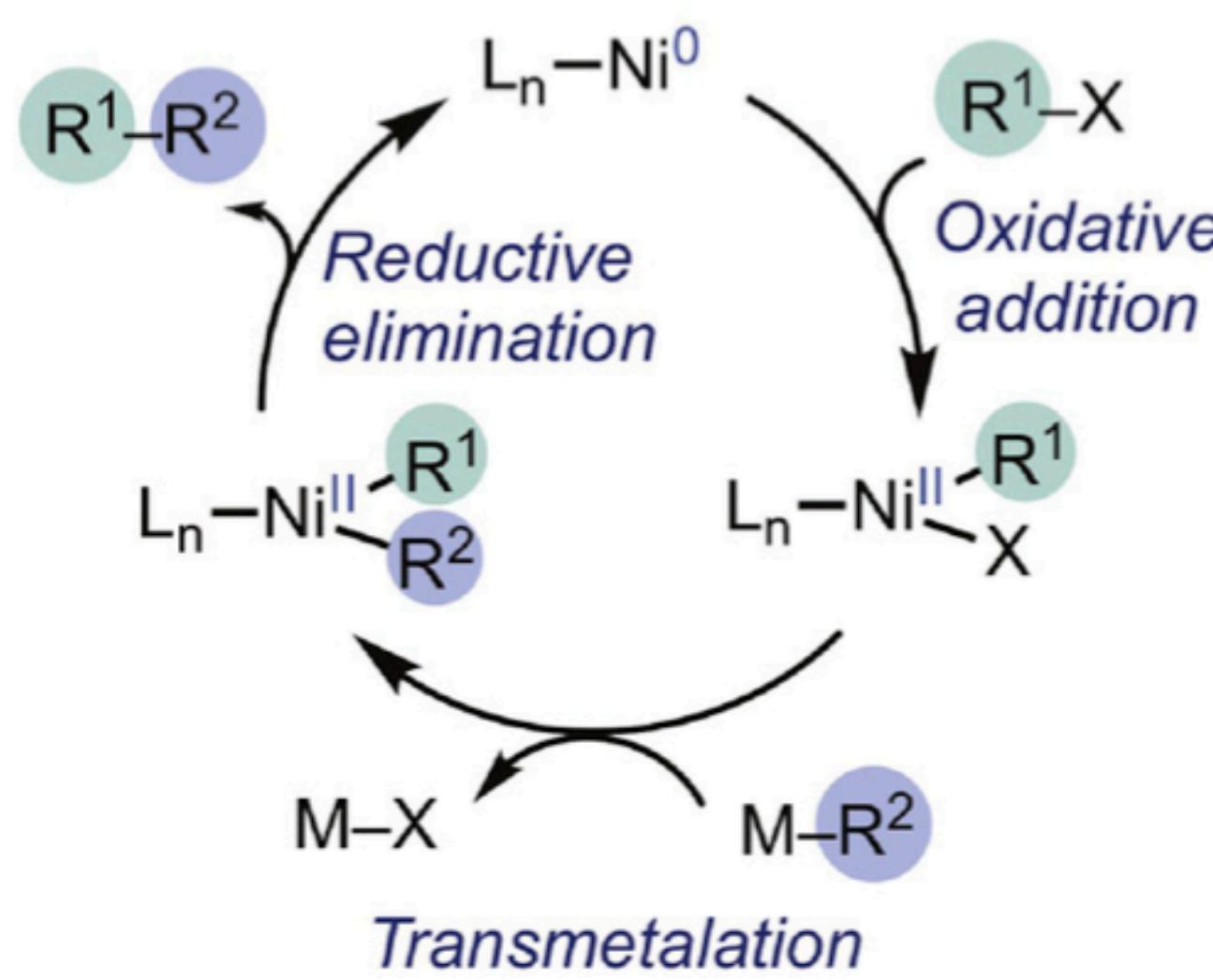
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**Review**

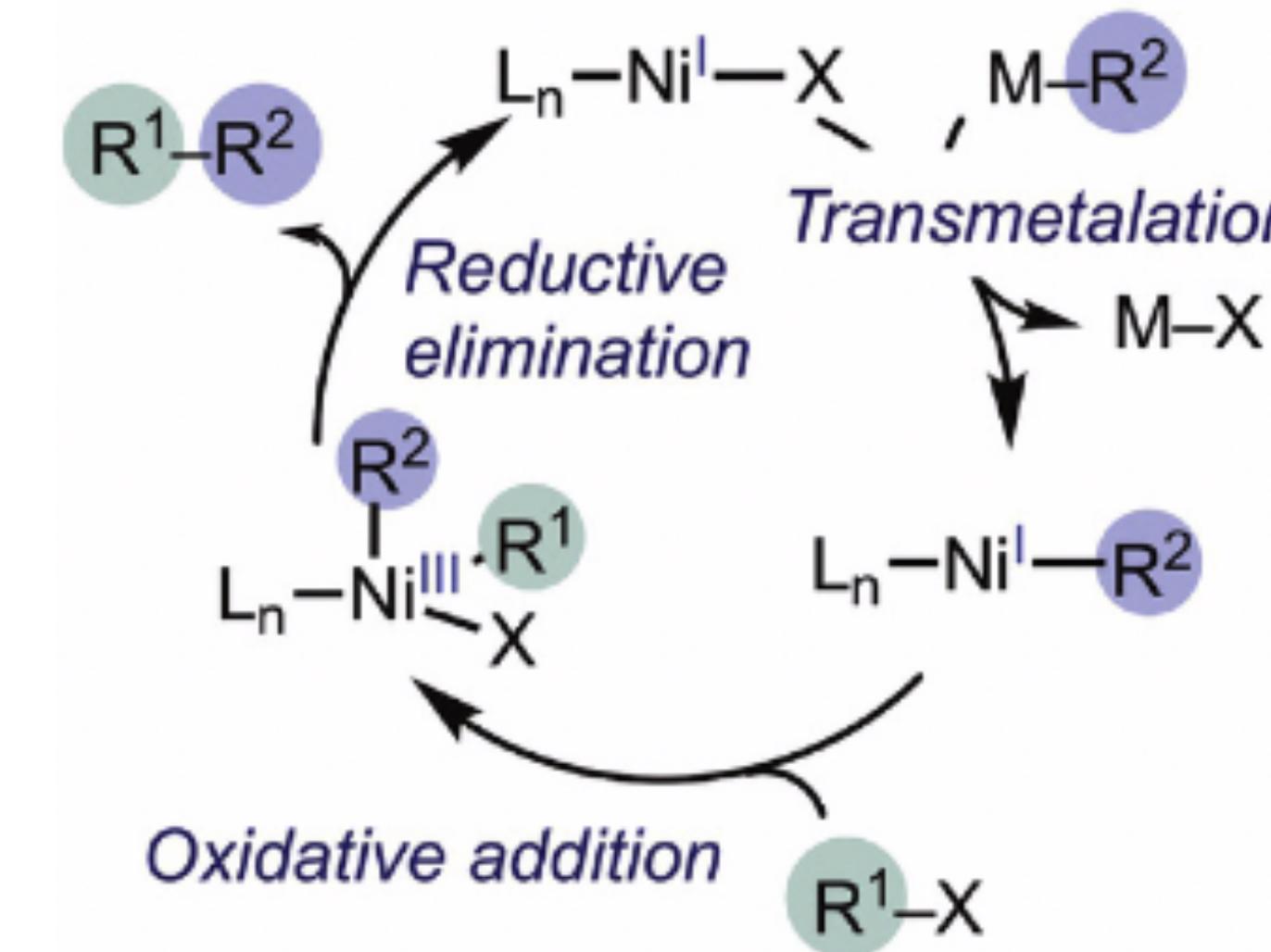
# Mechanisms of Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions

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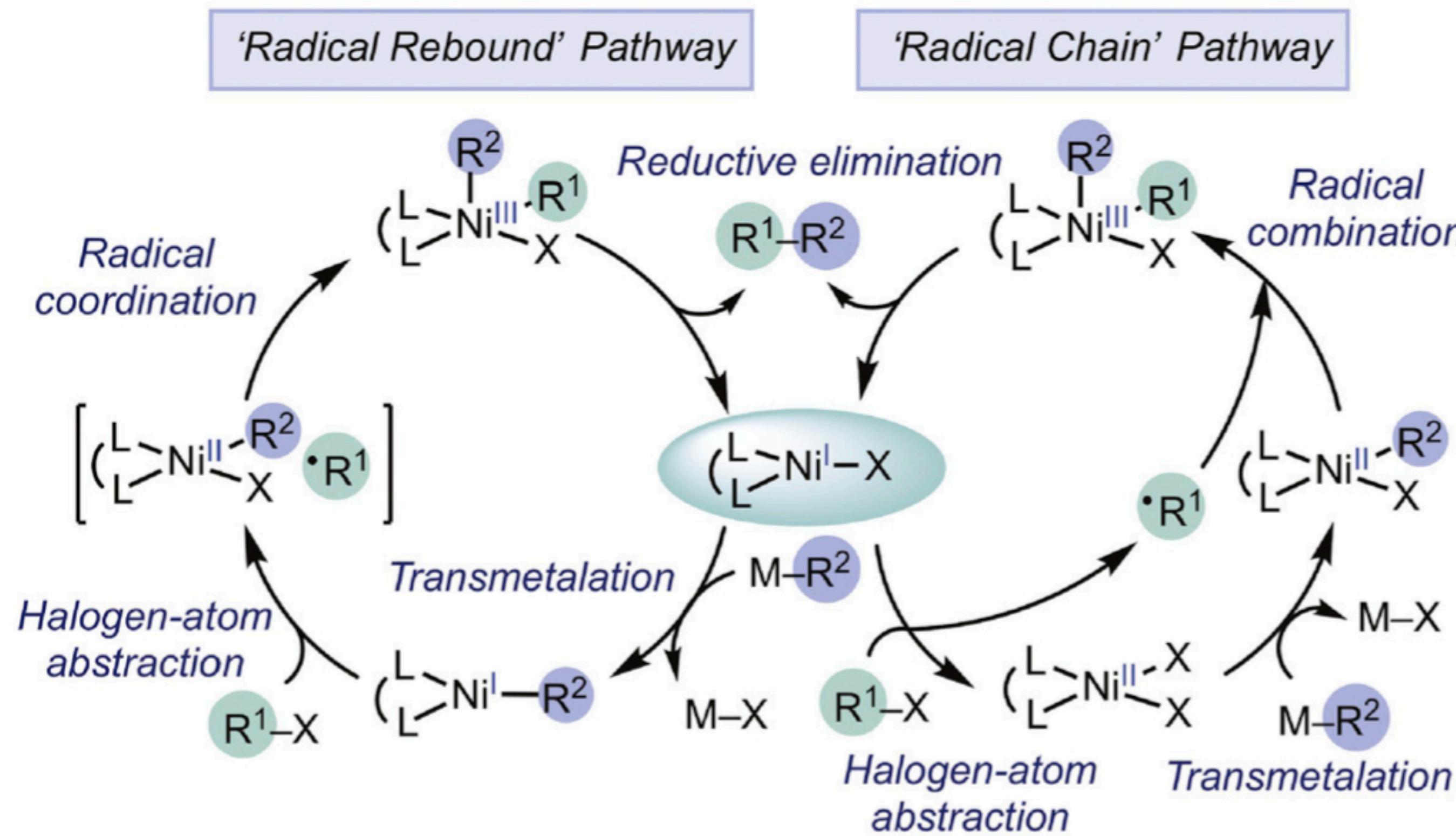
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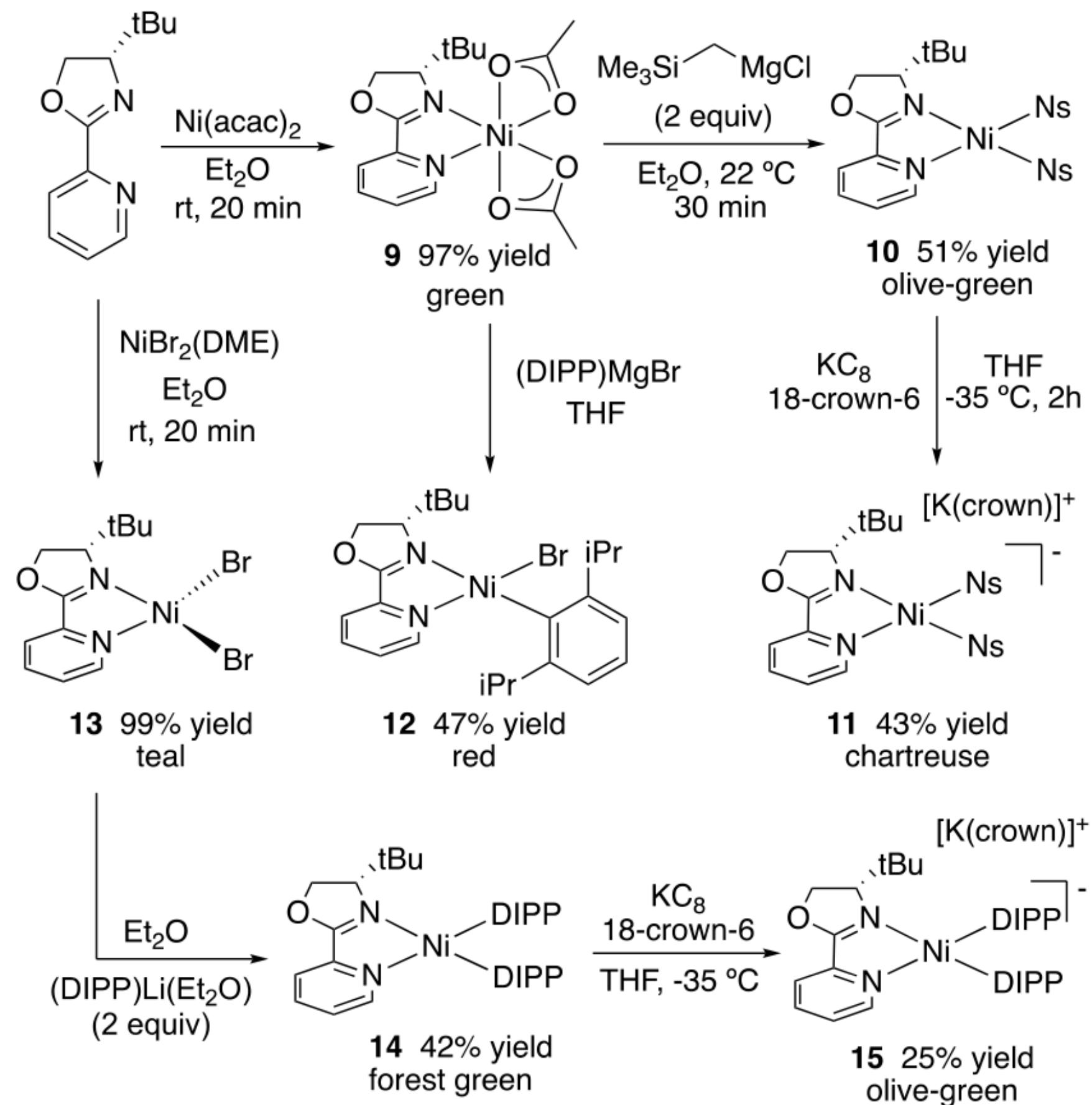
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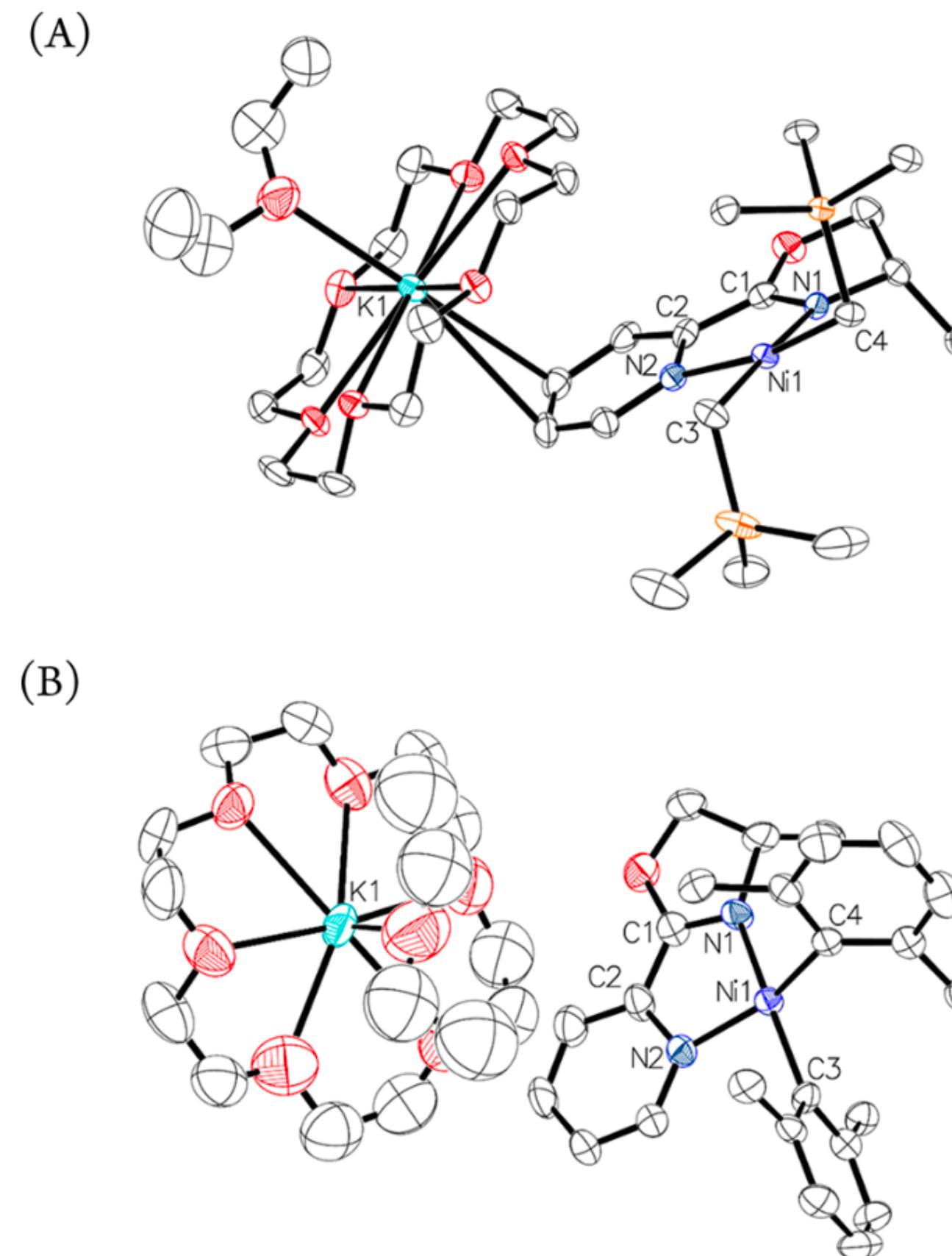


# Redox Activity of Pyridine-Oxazoline Ligands in the Stabilization of Low-Valent Organonickel Radical Complexes

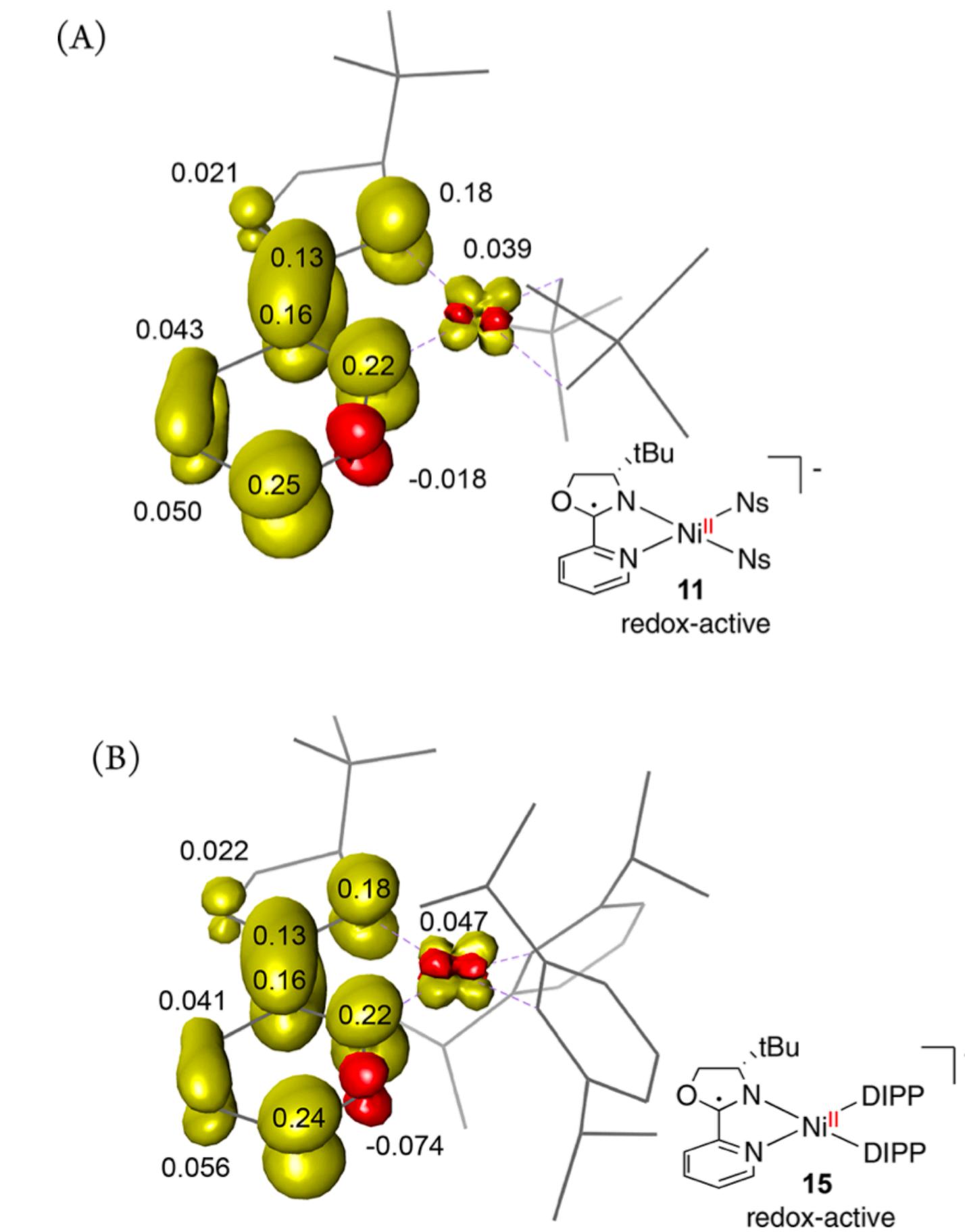
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**Scheme 1. Syntheses of ((*S*)-<sup>t</sup>BuPyrox)Ni(II) and Ni(I) Complexes**





**Figure 2.** X-ray structures of Ni complexes **11** (A) and **15** (B) at 50% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted, and *t*-Bu and isopropyl groups are truncated for clarity.



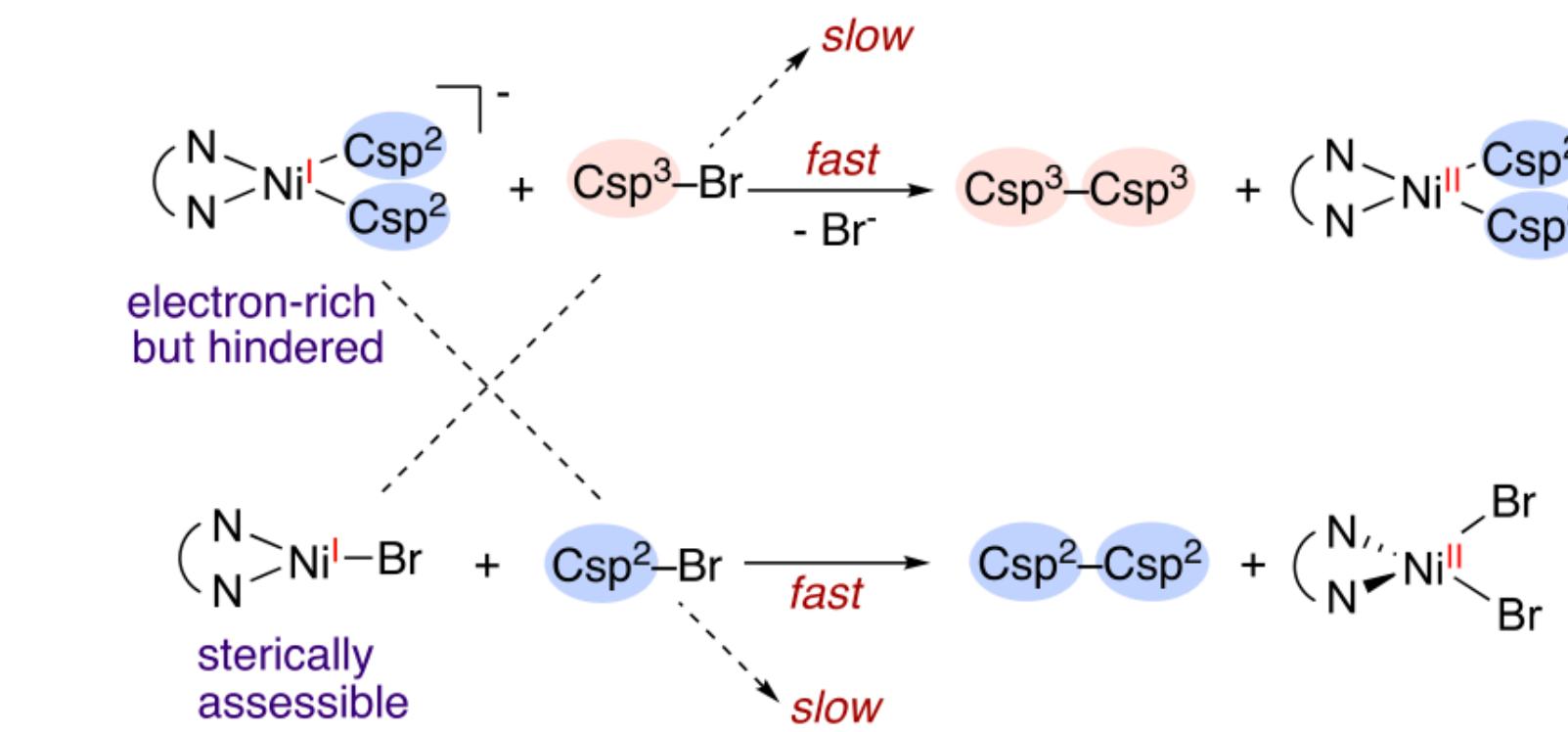
**Figure 4.** Spin density plots for **11** (A) and **15** (B) obtained from Mulliken population analysis.

**Table 2. Reactivity of 15 and 17 with Electrophiles to Afford Radicals**

		$[Ni^{II}] + R-X \xrightarrow[22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}]{THF-d_8} [Ni^{III}] + R-R$		$\boxed{via}$ $R\cdot$
		15 or 17	14 or 16	
Ni(I) complex				
Electrophile				
CH <sub>3</sub> -I		CH <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> (95% yield)	14 (41% yield)	CH <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub> not observed
		18 (22% yield)	14 (22% yield)	18 not observed
		no reaction		no reaction
		no reaction	p-Tol-p-Tol (33% yield)	16 (59% yield)

The preference of C(sp<sup>3</sup>) over C(sp<sup>2</sup>) electrophiles by 15 could stem from the high electron-density that facilitates electron transfer, whereas the large steric hindrance prevents the approach of Csp<sup>2</sup> electrophiles to the Ni center (Scheme 2). Ni(I)-Br complex 17 favors C(sp<sup>2</sup>) to C(sp<sup>3</sup>) electro-

**Scheme 2. Selectivity of Ni(I) Complexes in Activating Csp<sup>2</sup> and Csp<sup>3</sup> Electrophiles**



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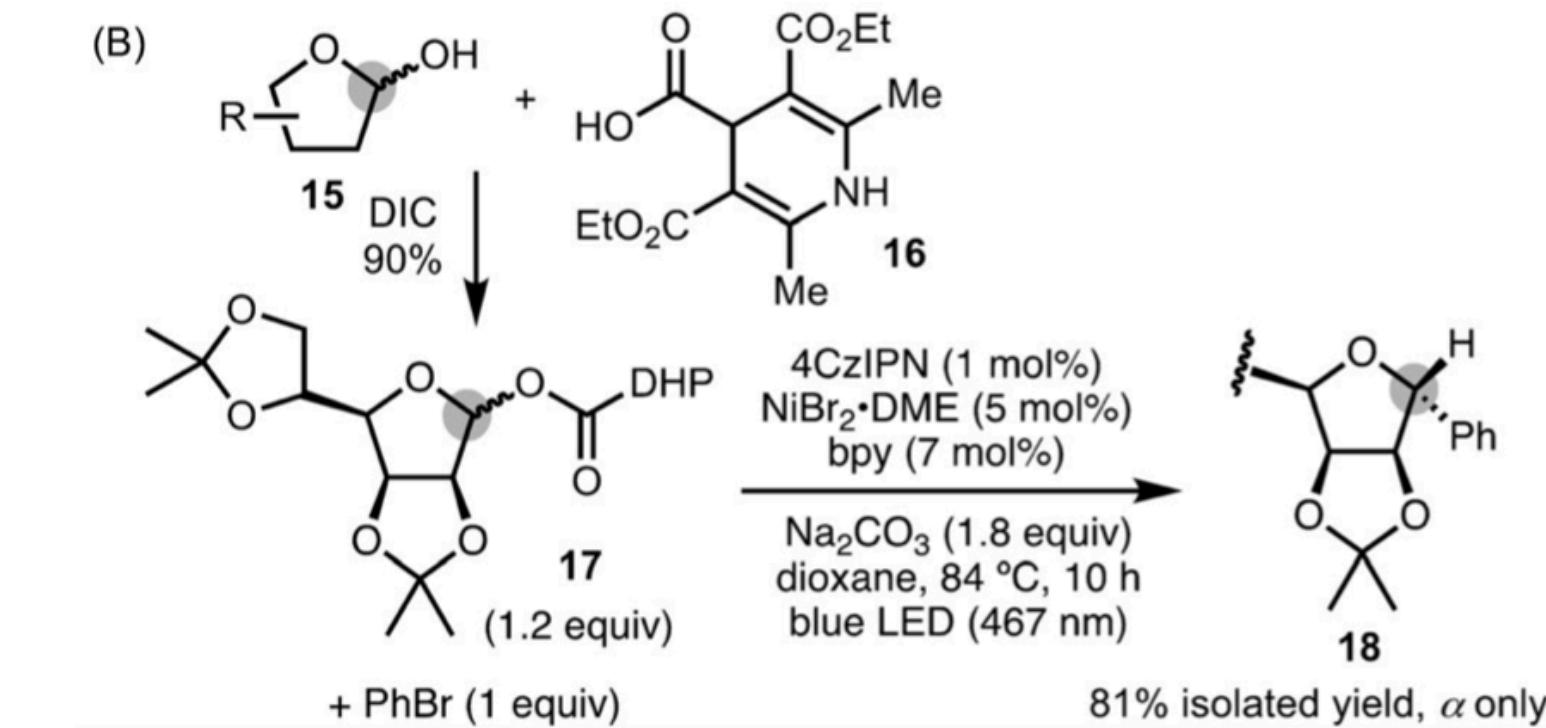
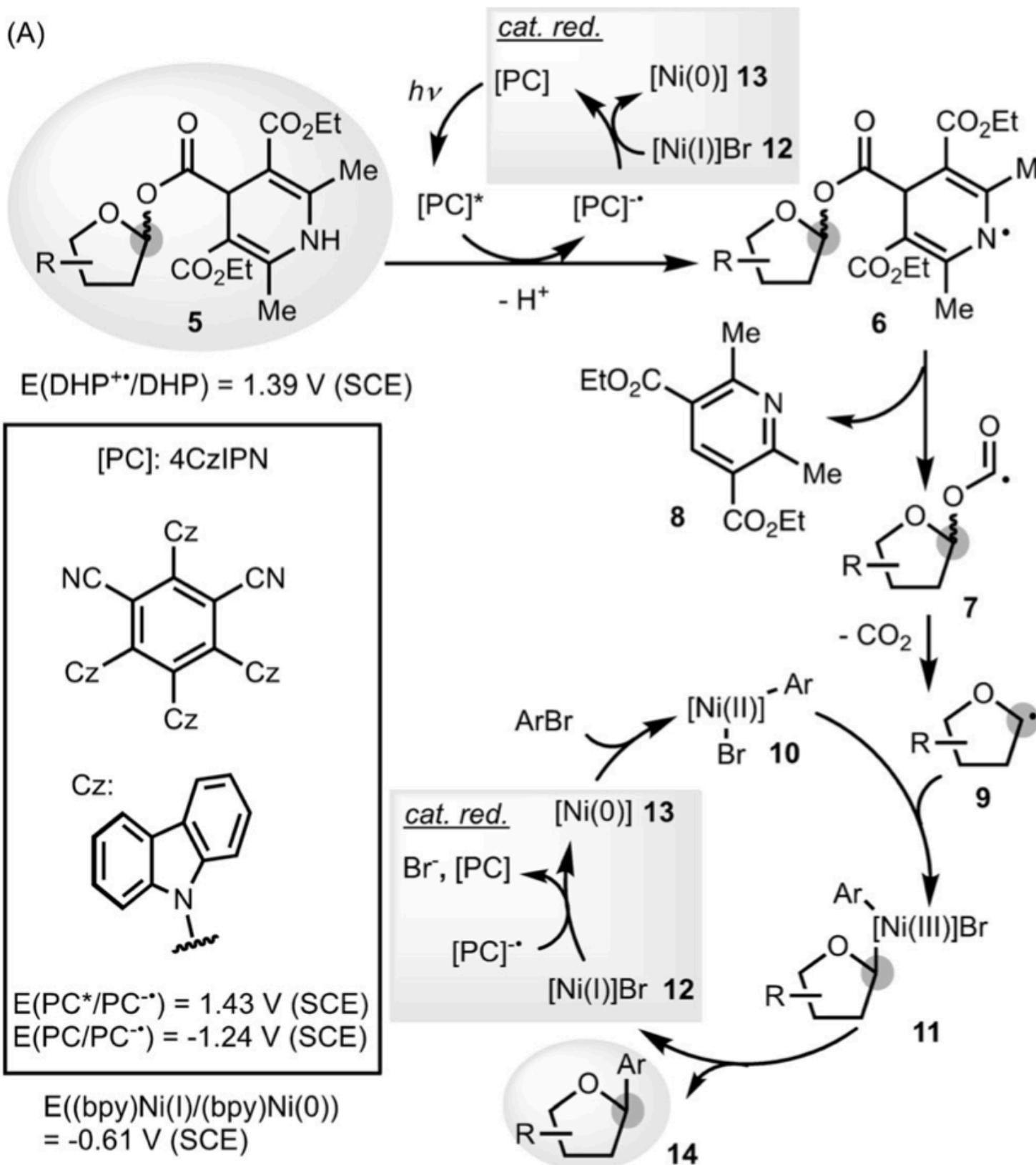
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# Diastereoselective Synthesis of Aryl C-Glycosides from Glycosyl Esters via C–O Bond Homolysis

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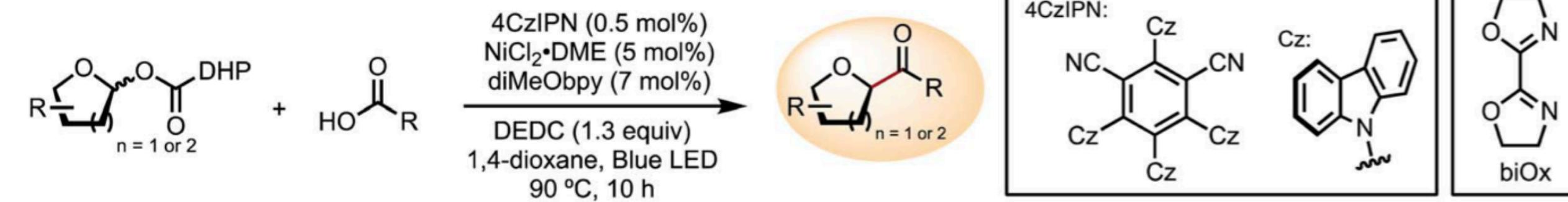


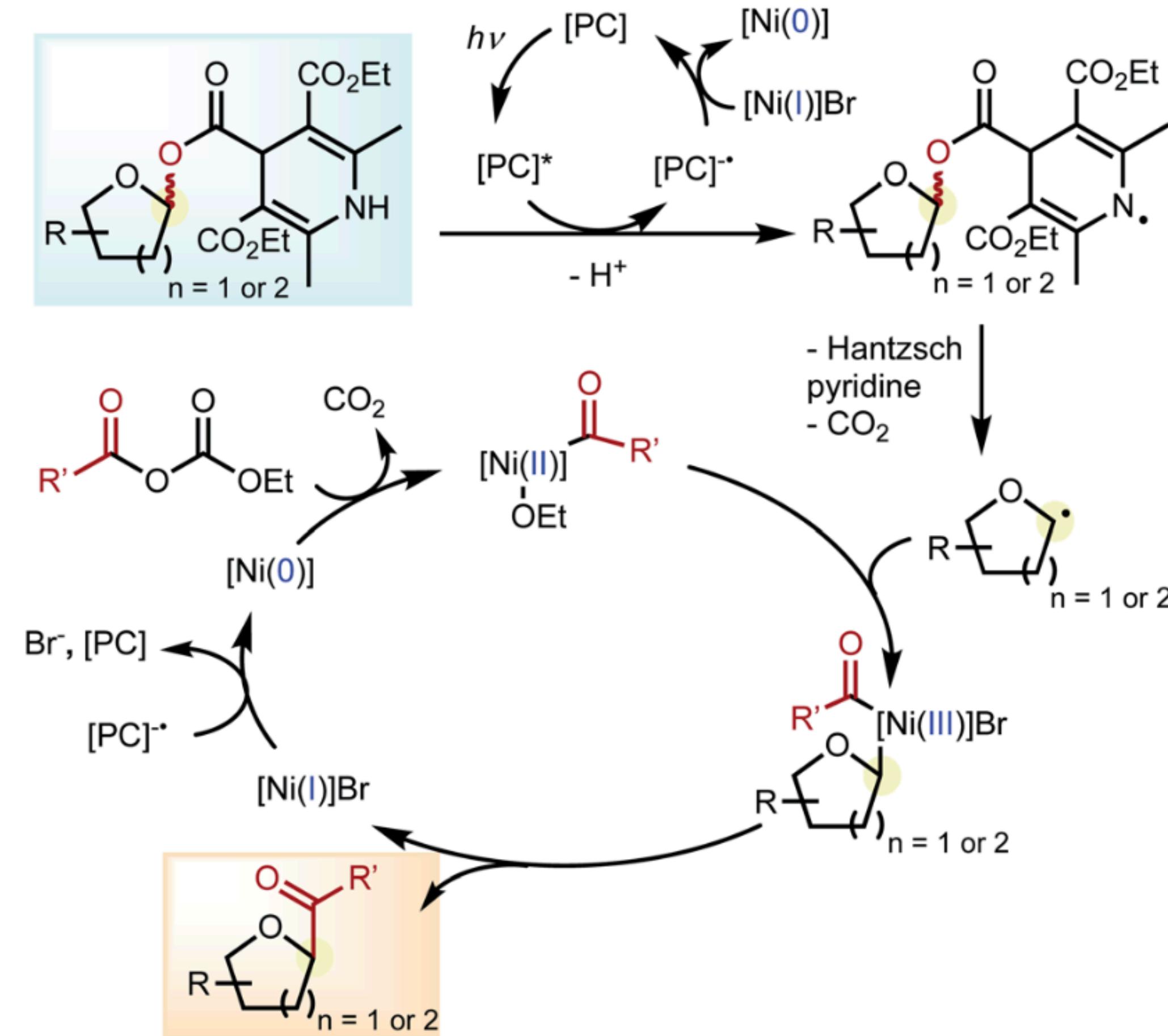


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# Synthesis of C-acyl furanosides via the cross-coupling of glycosyl esters with carboxylic acids†

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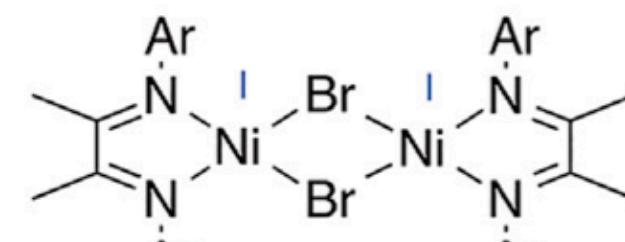
# Ni(I)-Catalyzed Reductive Cyclization of 1,6-Dienes: Mechanism-Controlled *trans* Selectivity

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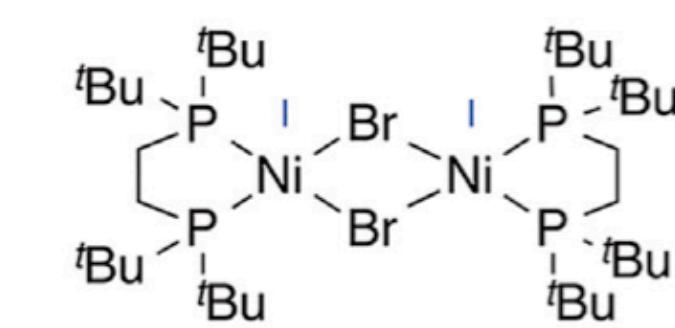
Entry	Catalyst	mol%	Silane (2 equiv)	Yield of <b>2</b> (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Fe(acac) <sub>3</sub> /EtOH	100	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	8 ( <i>cis:trans</i> = 5.3:1)
2	Co(sal <sup>t</sup> Bu, <sup>t</sup> Bu)Cl	10	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	0
3	( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>II</sup> Br <sub>2</sub> ( <b>3</b> )	5	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	50
4	( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>II</sup> Me <sub>2</sub> ( <b>4</b> )	5	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	0
5	[( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -Br)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5</b> )	2.5	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	79
6	[( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -H)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>6</b> )	2.5	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	41
7	[( <sup>Bn</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>II</sup> Br <sub>2</sub> ( <b>7</b> )	10	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	76
8	[dtbpe]Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -Br)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>8</b> )	2.5	Et <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub>	19
9	[( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -Br)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5</b> )	2.5	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	0
10	[( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -Br)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5</b> )	2.5	PhSiH <sub>3</sub>	14
11	[( <sup>Ar</sup> $\alpha$ -diimine)Ni <sup>I</sup> ( $\mu$ -Br)] <sub>2</sub> ( <b>5</b> )	2.5	H <sub>2</sub>	0

Conditions: [1] = 0.1 M (21 mg, 0.1 mmol), hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) (1 mL), N<sub>2</sub>, 12 h.

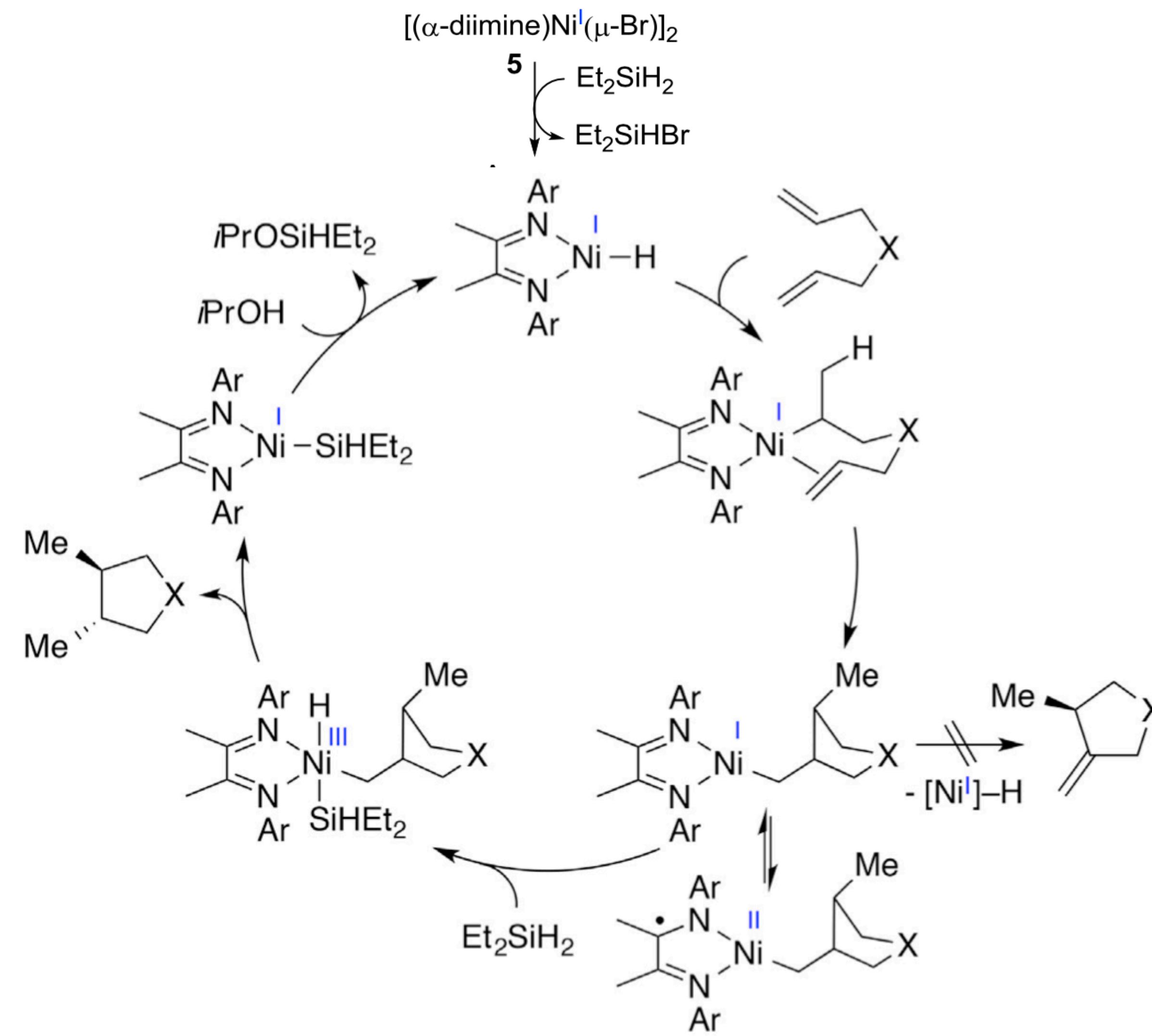
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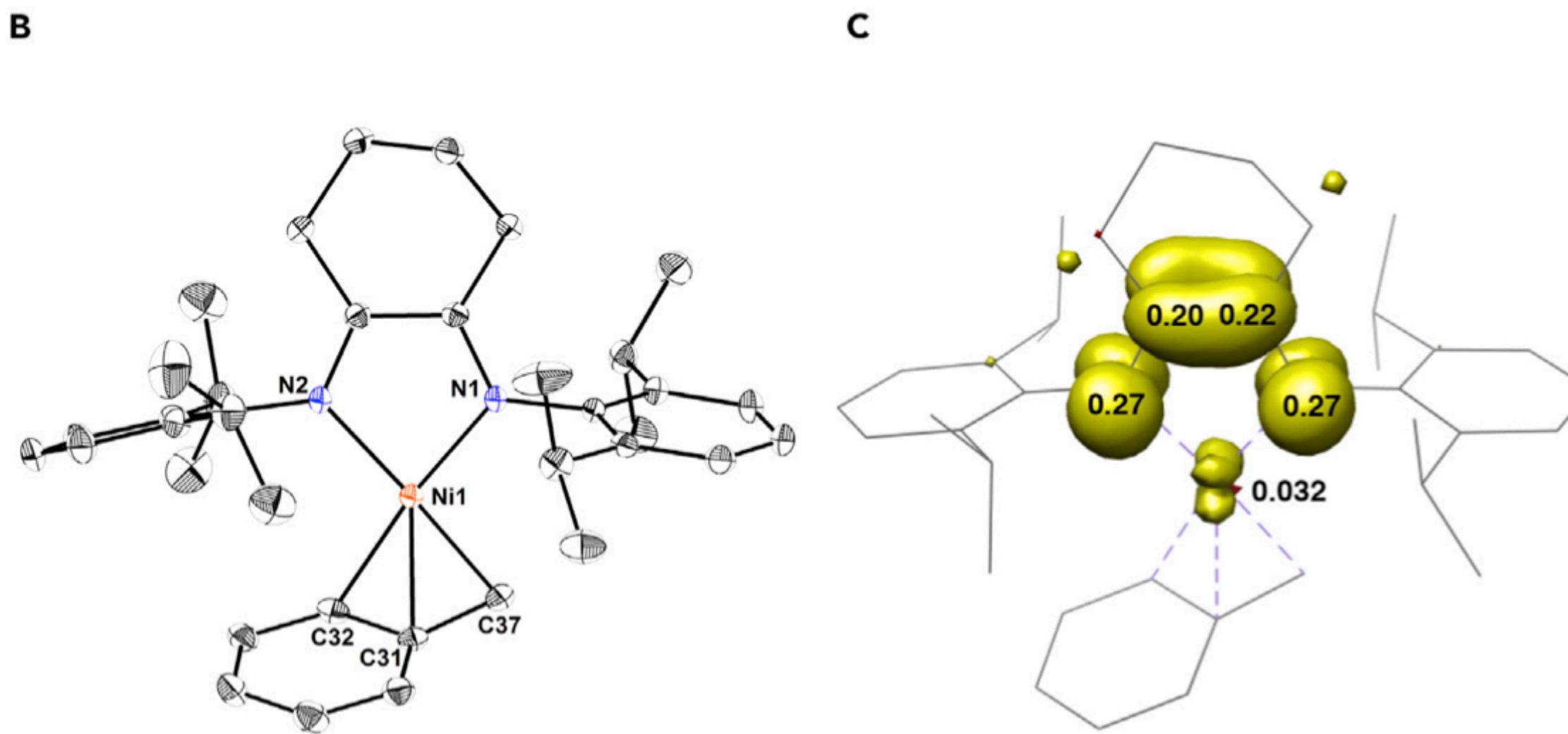
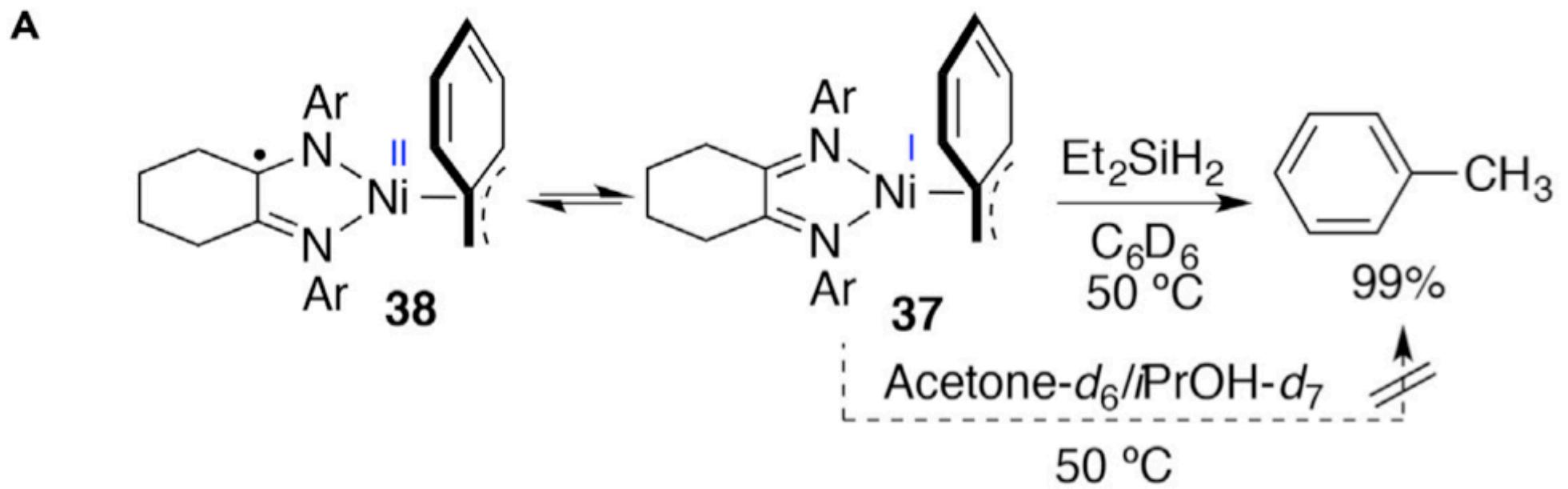


Ar = 2,6-diisopropylphenyl



[(dtbpe)Ni(I)(mu-Cl)]<sub>2</sub> (**8**)



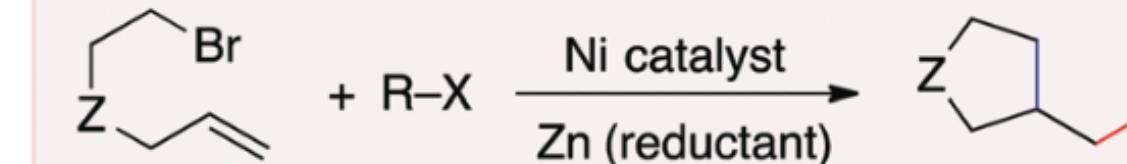


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# Ni-catalyzed two-component reductive dicarbofunctionalization of alkenes via radical cyclization†

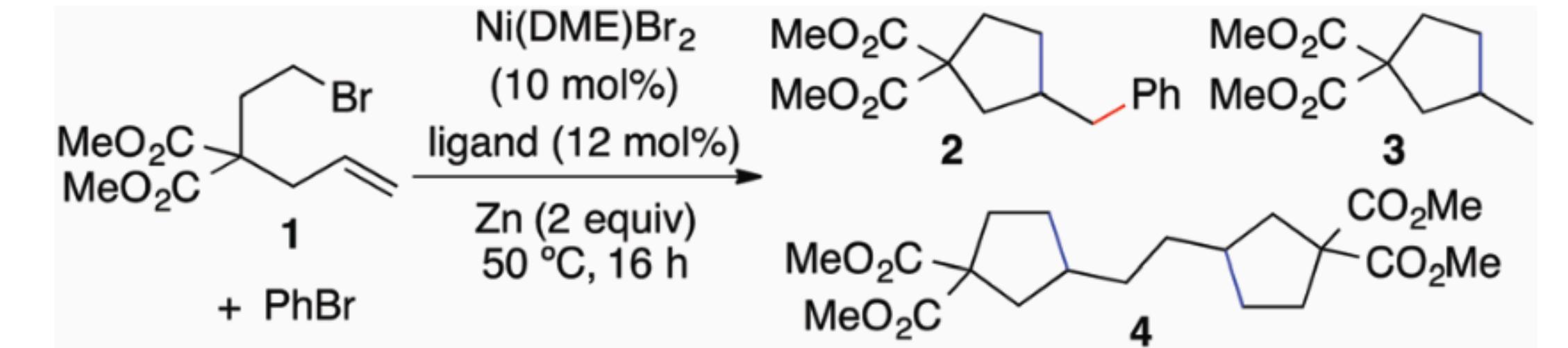
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**This work:** Broad scope with various electrophiles



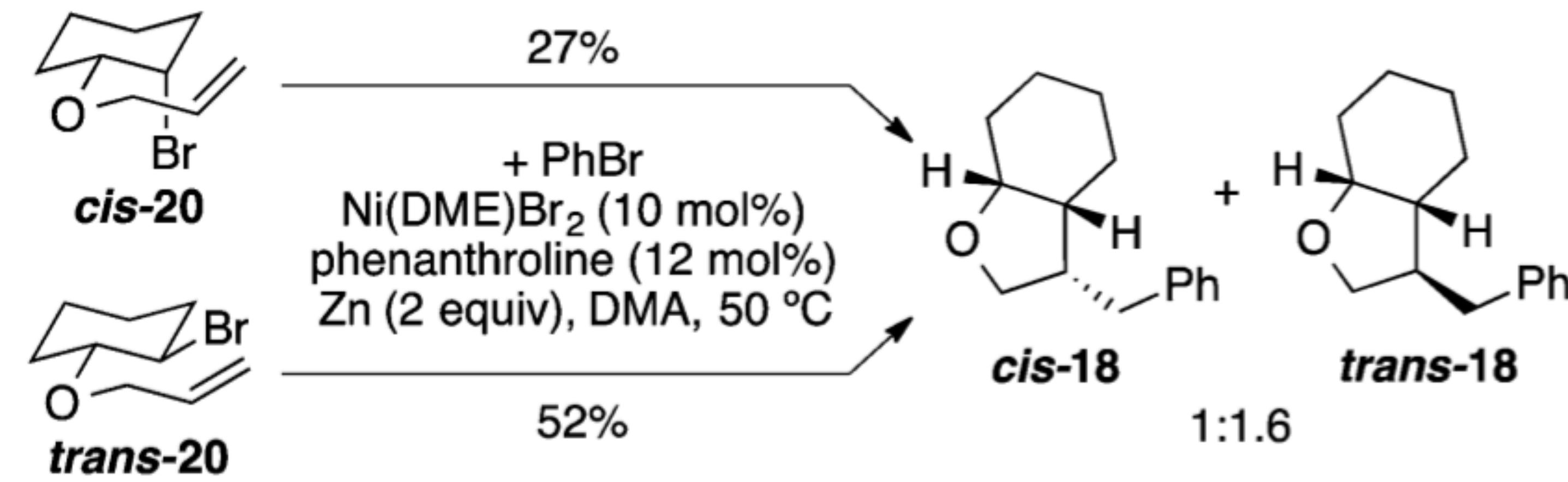
Z = C, N, O    X = Br, I, OMs  
R = alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl

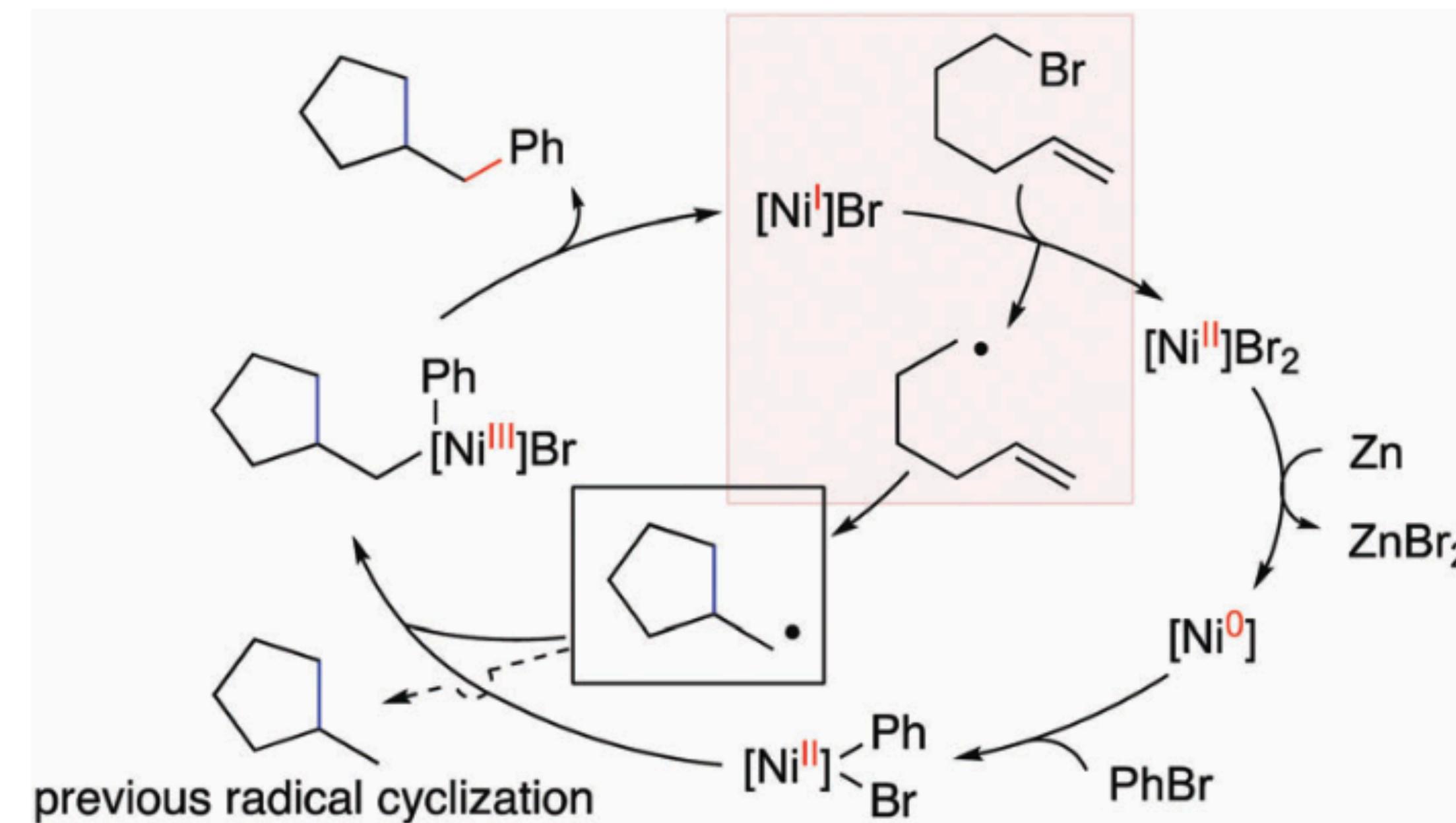
- broad scope (40 examples)
- good functional group compatibility
- high yields
- mild conditions



Entry	Ligand	Solvent	<b>2<sup>b</sup></b> (yield%)	<b>3<sup>b</sup></b> (yield%)	<b>4<sup>b</sup></b> (yield%)
1	di- <i>t</i> -Bu-bpy	DMA	76	0	7
2	<b>1,10-Phenanthroline</b>	DMA	<b>91 (94)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
3	Neocuproine	DMA	19	6	30
4	1,10-Phenanthroline	DMF	33	6	45
5	1,10-Phenanthroline	HMPA	53	0	6
6	1,10-Phenanthroline	THF	0	8	0
7 <sup>c</sup>	1,10-Phenanthroline	DMA	0	0	0
8 <sup>c</sup>	di- <i>t</i> -Bu-bpy	DMA	0	0	99 (99)

<sup>a</sup> 0.1 mmol scale, 2 equiv. of PhBr, 2 equiv. of Zn. DMA = *N,N*-dimethylacetamide, DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, HMPA = hexamethylphosphoramide. <sup>b</sup> Calibrated NMR yields using CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> as an internal standard. Isolated yields in parentheses. <sup>c</sup> No PhBr.

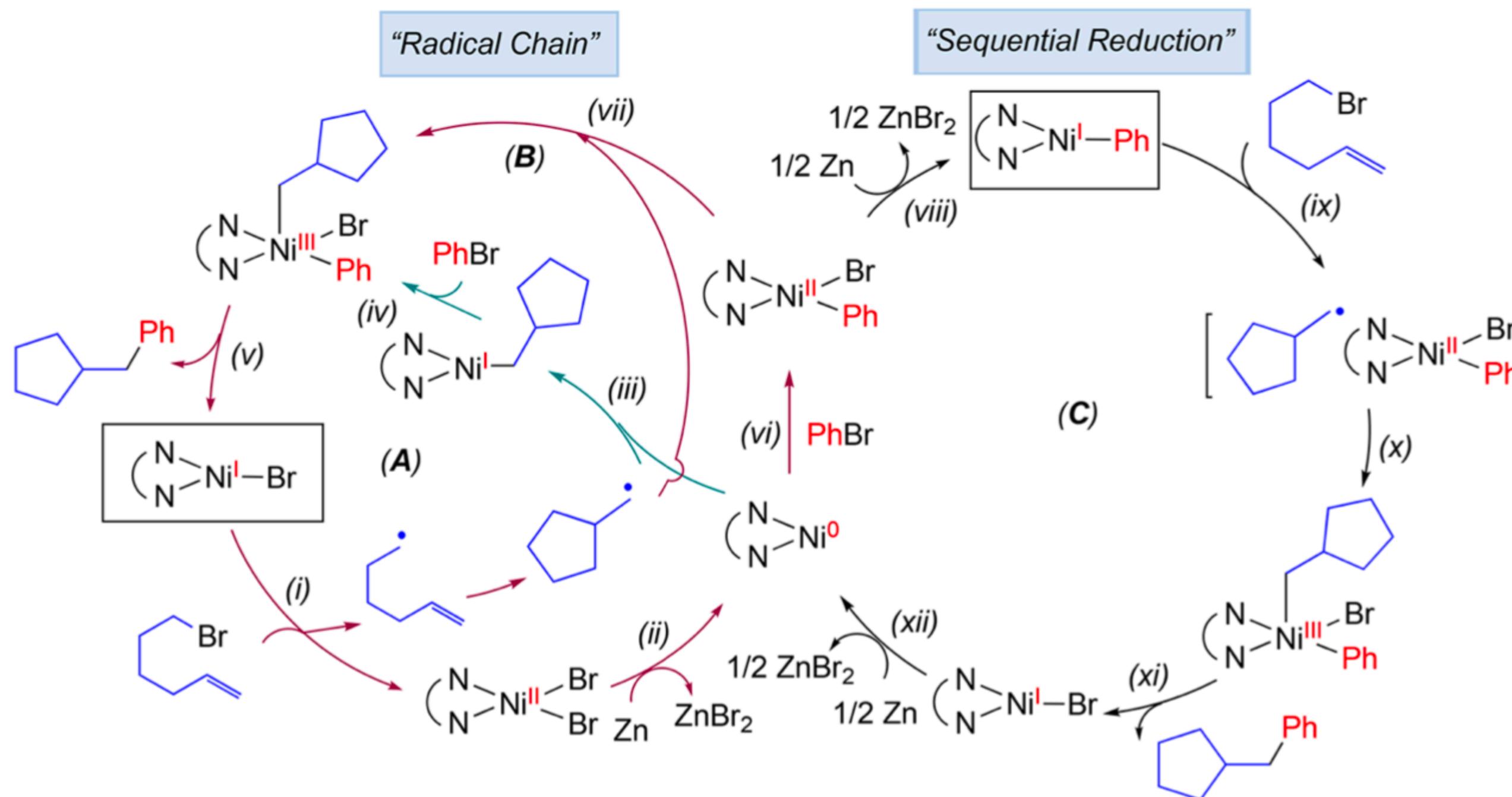
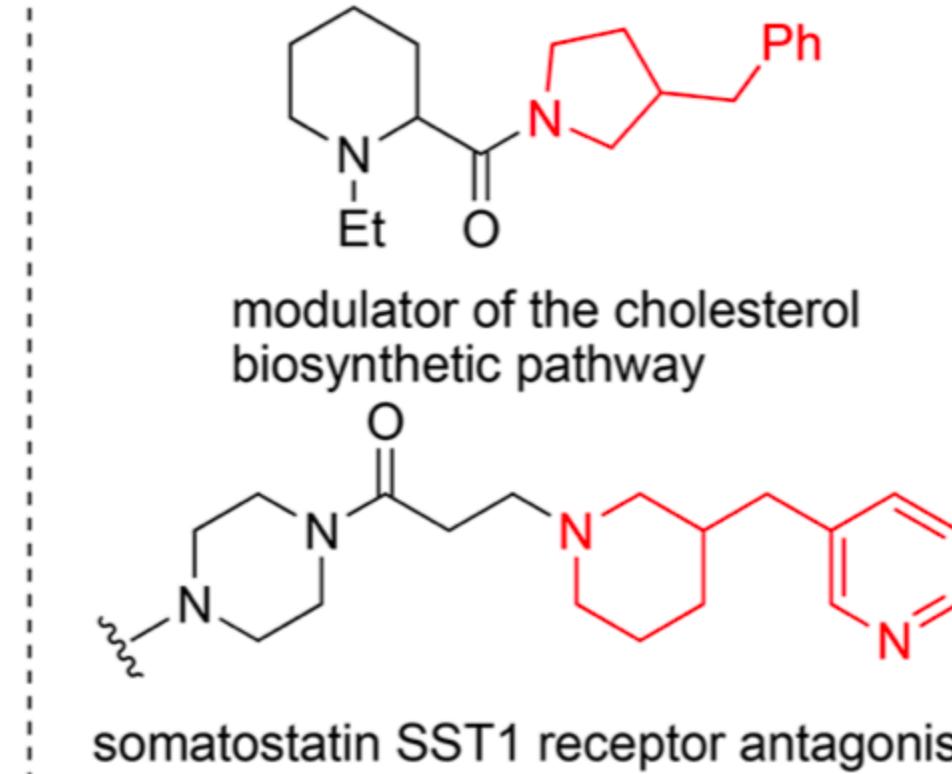
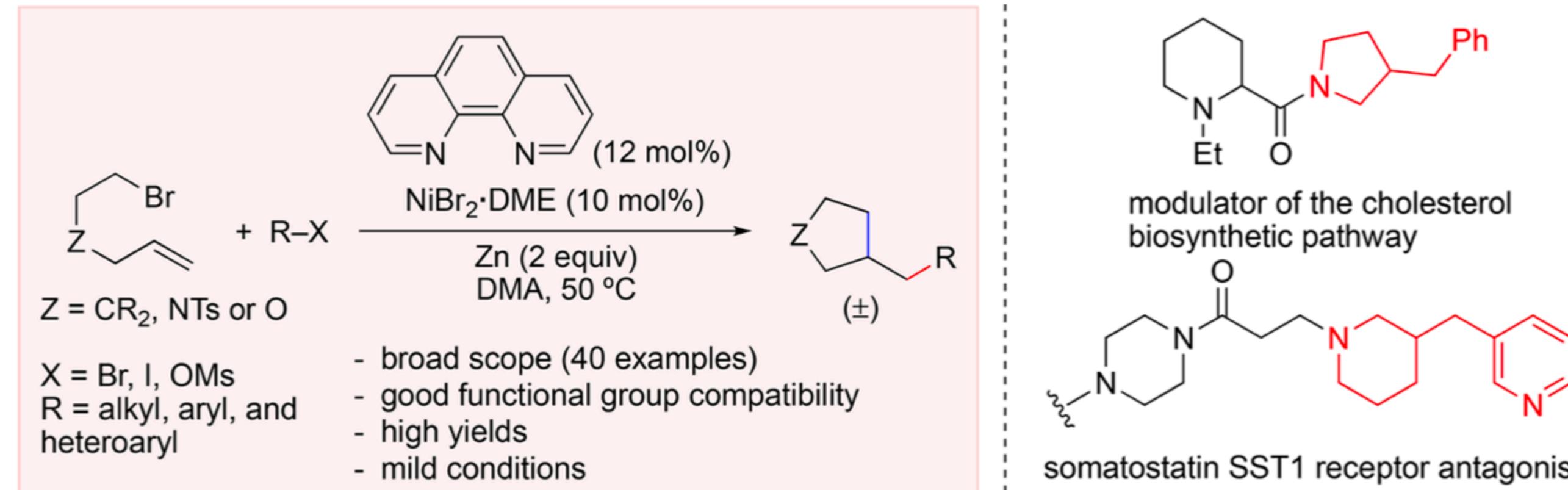


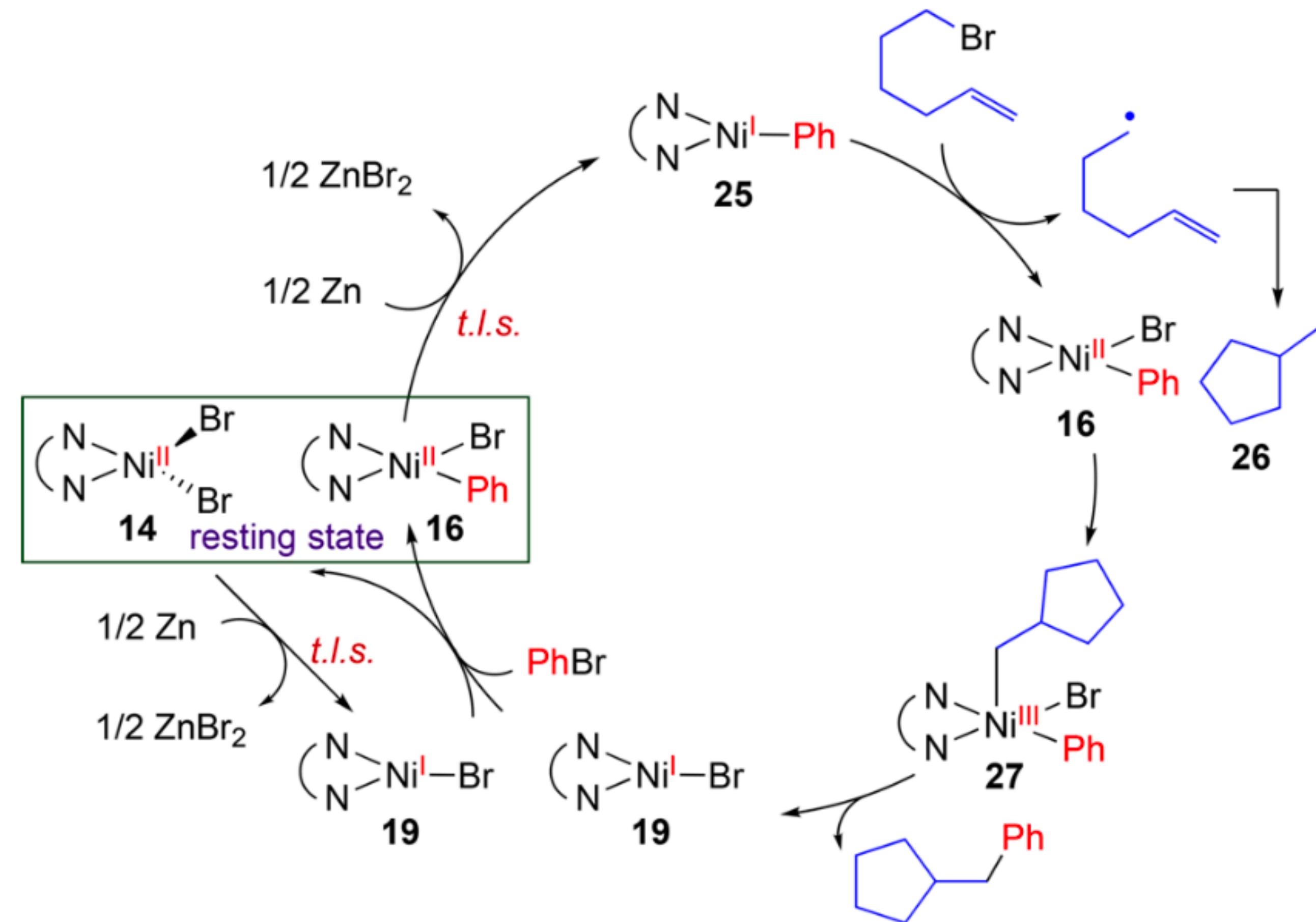


# Mechanism of Ni-Catalyzed Reductive 1,2-Dicarbofunctionalization of Alkenes

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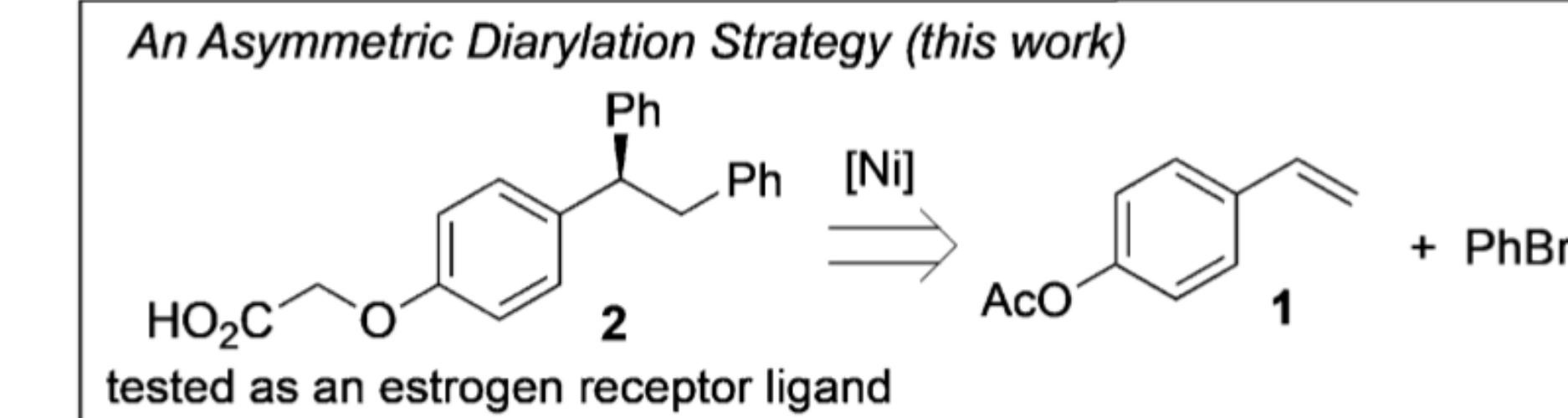
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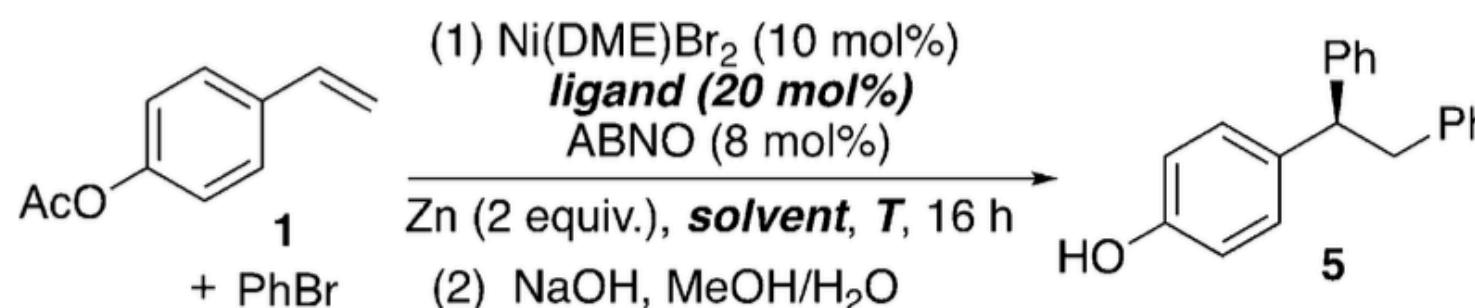


# Nickel-Catalyzed Asymmetric Reductive Diarylation of Vinylarenes

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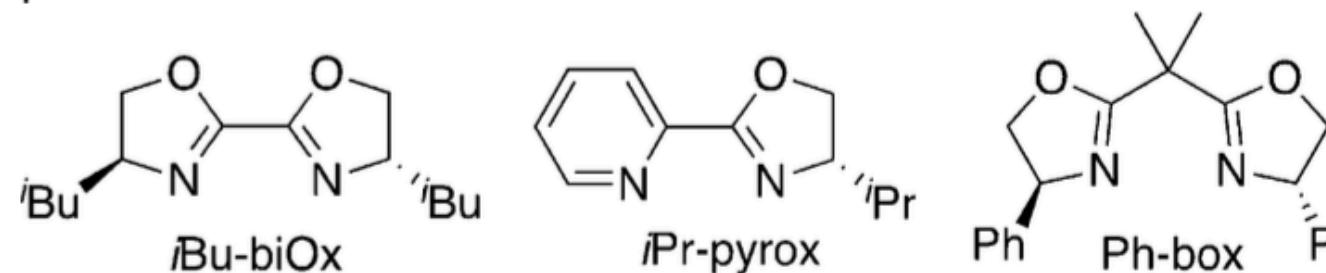


**Table 1:** Catalyst optimization: Effects of ligands and solvents.<sup>[a]</sup>



Entry	Ligand	Solvent	$T$ [°C]	Yield [%]	<i>ee</i> [%]
1	<i>i</i> Pr-biOx	DMPU	25	52	83
2	<i>i</i> Bu-biOx	DMPU	25	69	89
3	Cy-biOx	DMPU	25	41	87
4	<i>t</i> Bu-biOx	DMPU	25	28	0
5	Ph-biOx	DMPU	25	25	0
6	4-hept-biOx	DMPU	25	64	73
7	indane-biOx	DMPU	25	52	64
8	Ph-box	DMPU	25	0	—
9	<i>i</i> Pr-pyrox	DMPU	25	30	28
10	<i>i</i> Pr-pybox	DMPU	25	5	—
11	<i>i</i> Bu-biOx	DMPU	10	38	90
12	<i>i</i> Bu-biOx	DMPU/THF (3:1)	10	74	90
13	<b><i>i</i>Bu-biOx</b>	<b>DMPU/THF (1:1)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>
14	<i>i</i> Bu-biOx	DMPU/THF (1:3)	10	28	91

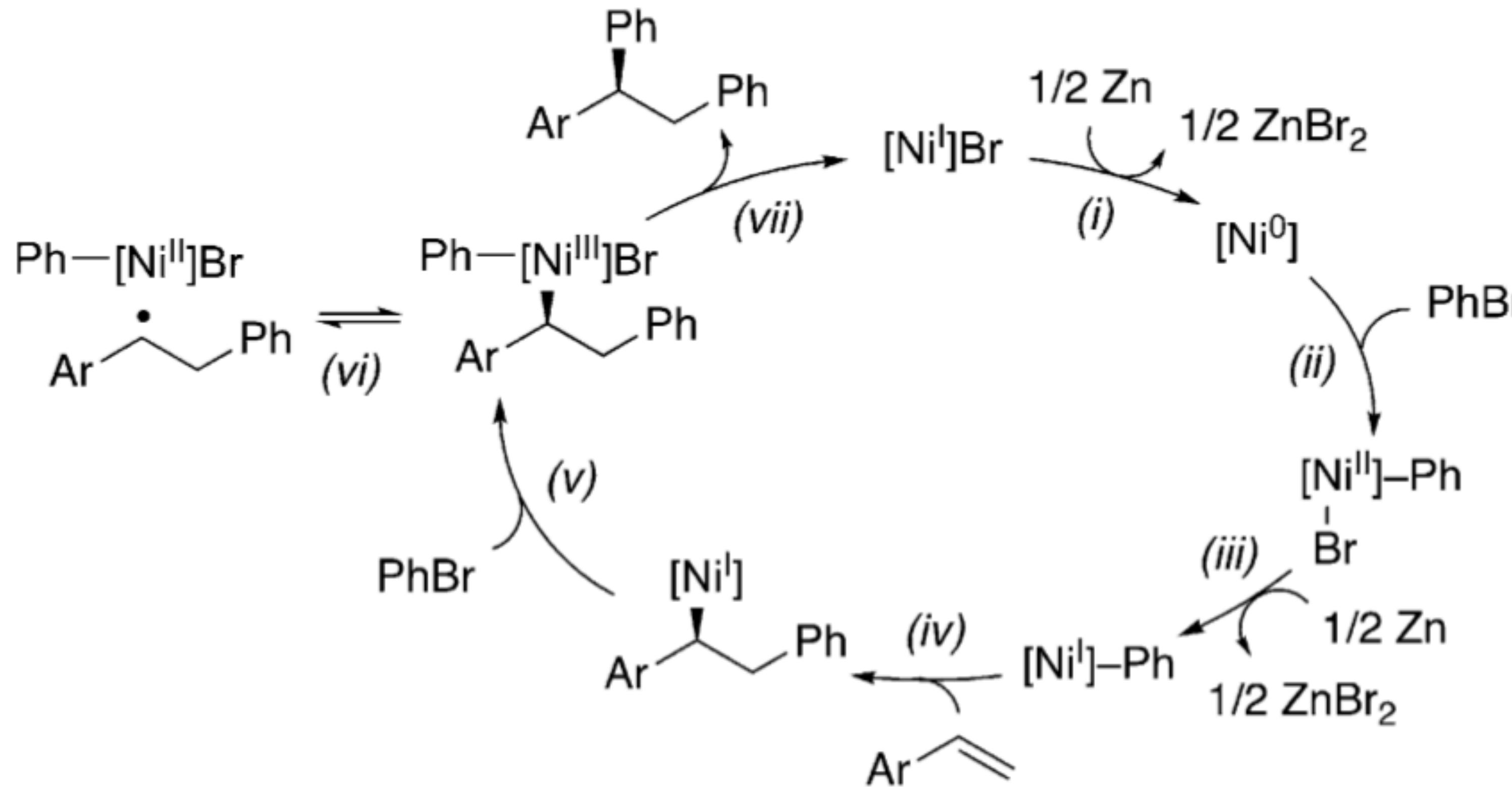
[a] Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 M), PhBr (4 M). Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy using mesitylene as an internal standard; *ee* values determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.



**Table 2:** Catalyst optimization: Effect of an *N*-oxyl additive.<sup>[a]</sup>

Acetoxybenzyl vinyl ether <b>1</b>		$\xrightarrow{\text{Ni}(\text{DME})\text{Br}_2 \text{ (10 mol\%)} \quad (\text{S})\text{-iBu-biOx (20 mol\%)}}$		2-phenyl-3-phenylpropan-1-ol <b>5</b>	
Additive	Yield [%]	<i>ee</i> [%]	Additive	Yield [%]	<i>ee</i> [%]
—	78	26	<i>t</i> Bu <sub>2</sub> NO	63	60
TEMPO	60	21	2-Me-AZADO	71	57
4-oxo-TEMPO	50	29	AZADO	76	89
4-OAc-TEMPO	64	33	<b>ABNO</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>
4-OH-TEMPO	82	46	NO	39	54

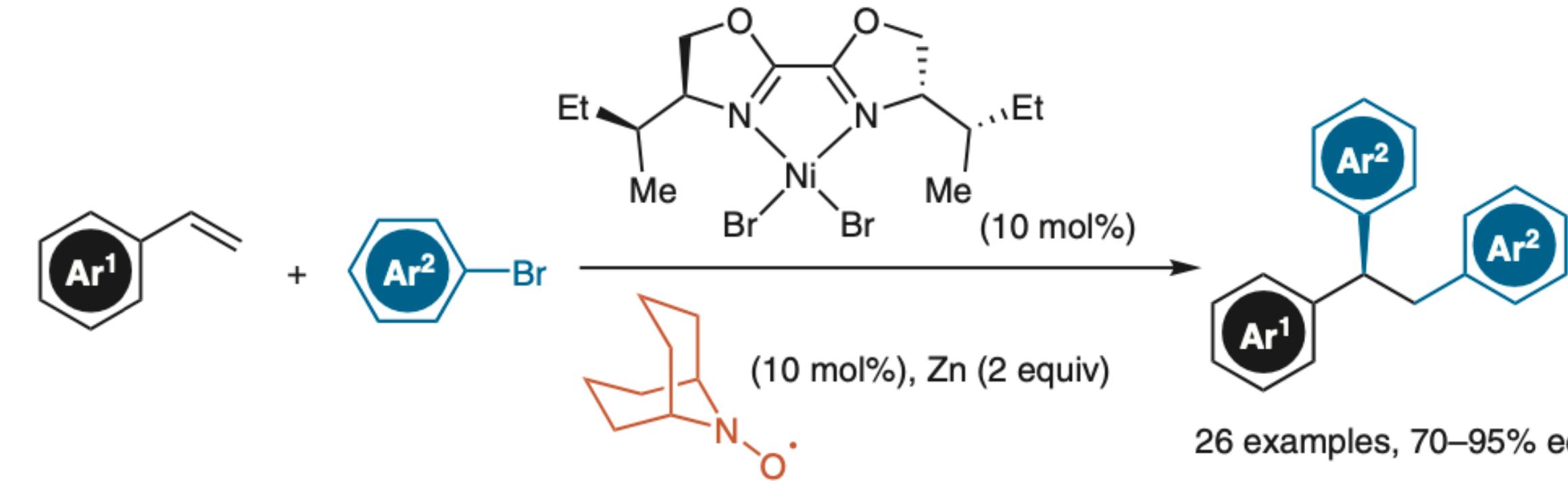
[a] Reaction conditions: **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 M), PhBr (4 M). Crude reaction mixtures were treated with aqueous NaOH to saponify the acetate. Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using mesitylene as an internal standard; *ee* values determined by HPLC analysis on a chiral stationary phase.



# Asymmetric Reductive Dicarbofunctionalization of Alkenes via Nickel Catalysis

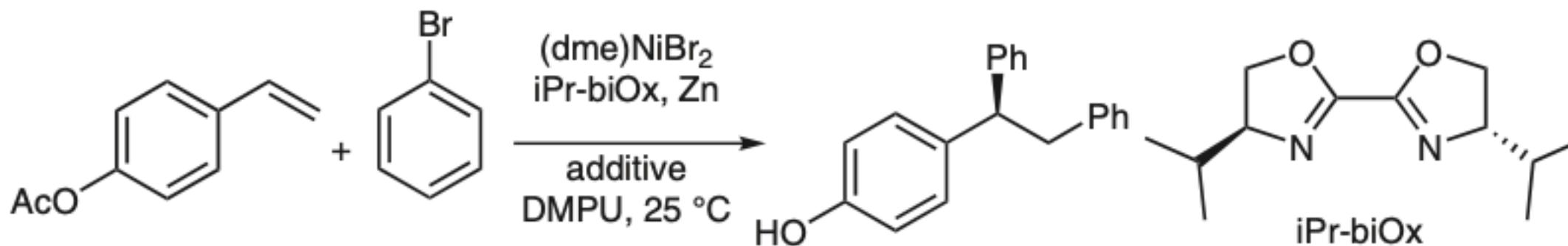
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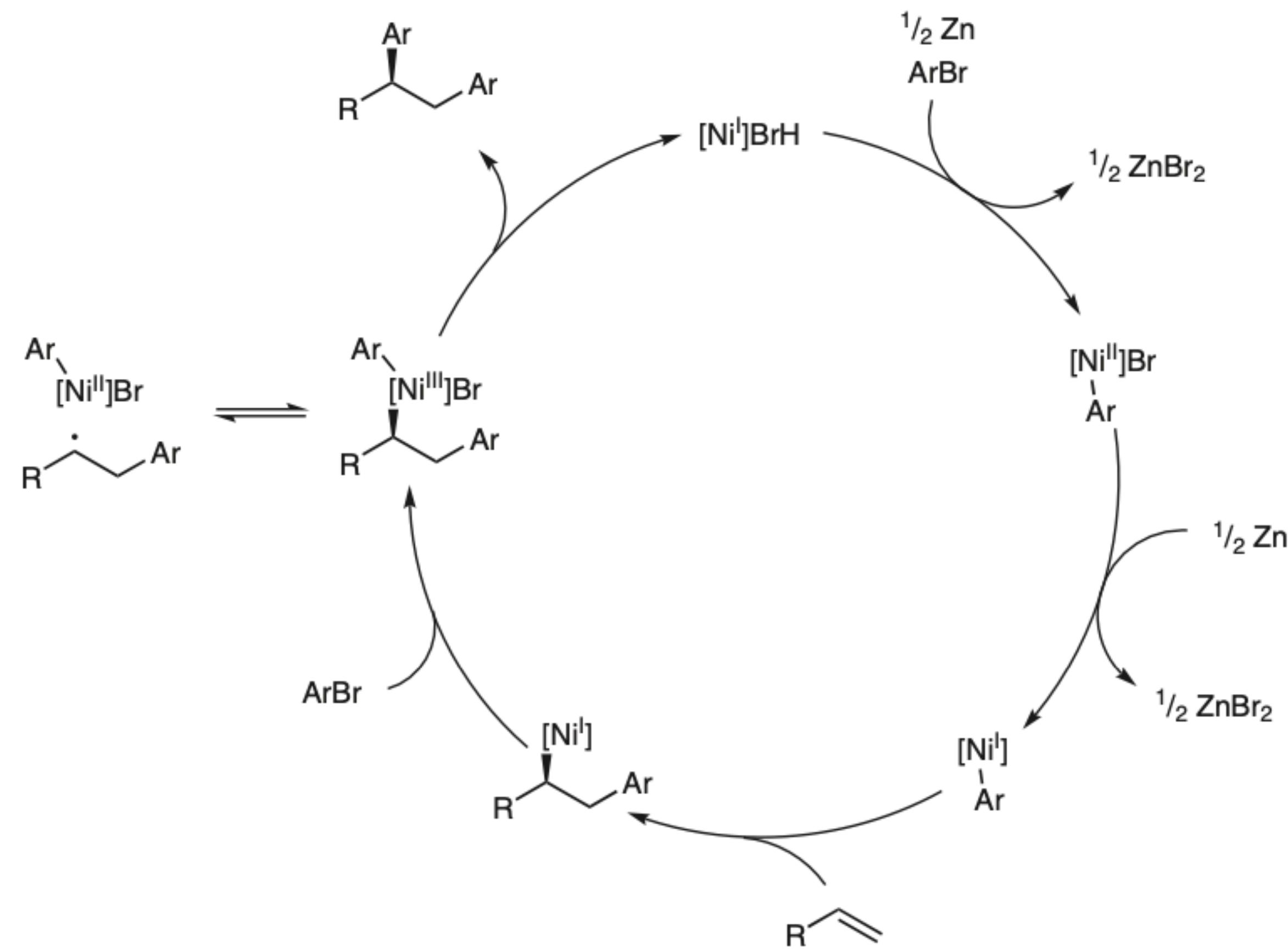


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**Table 1** Optimization of Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>

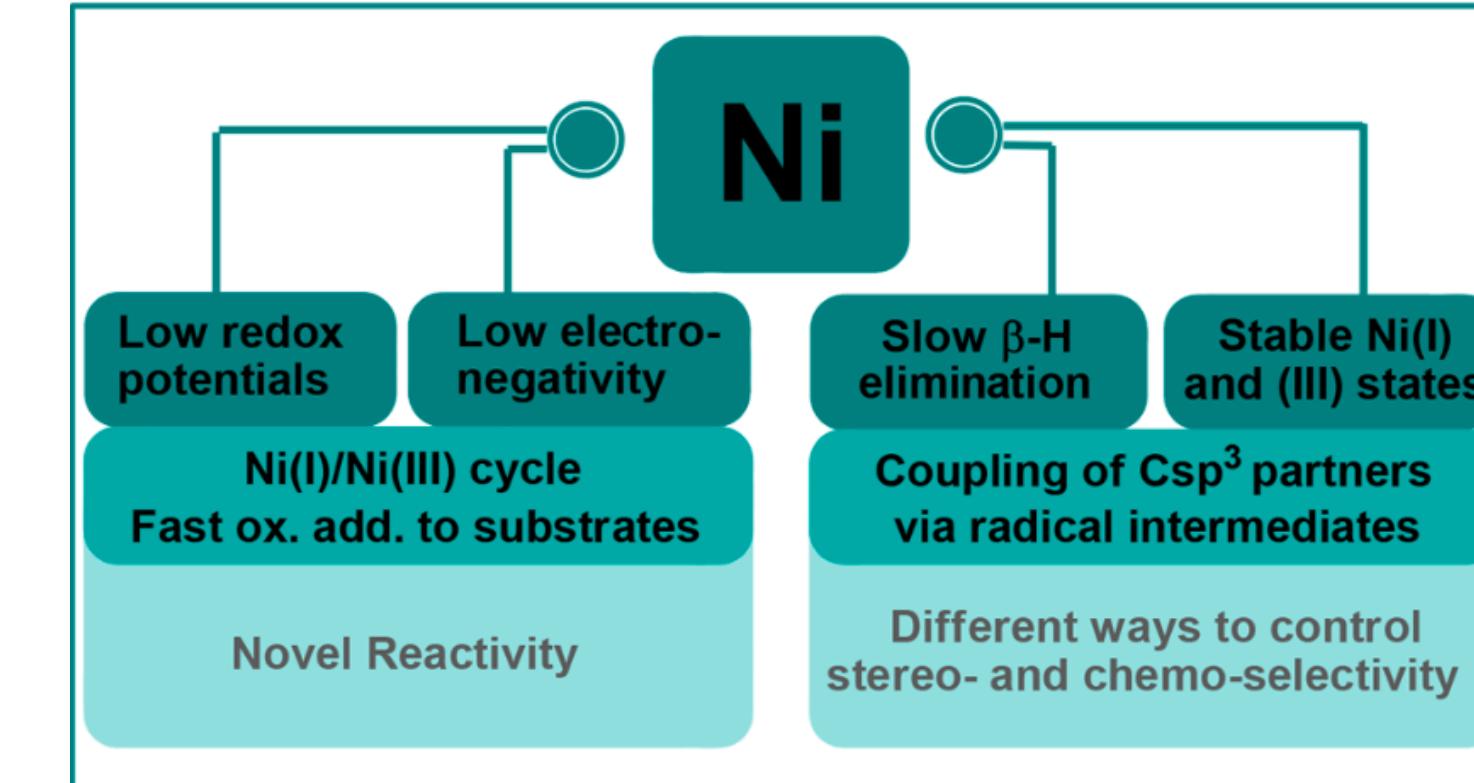


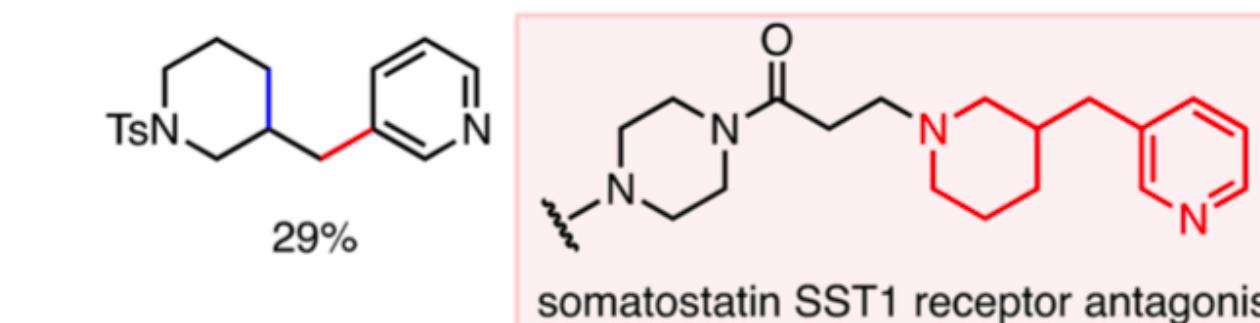
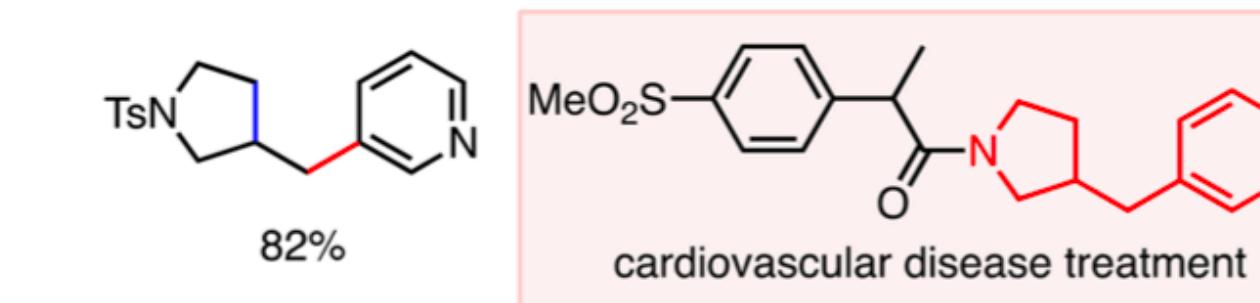
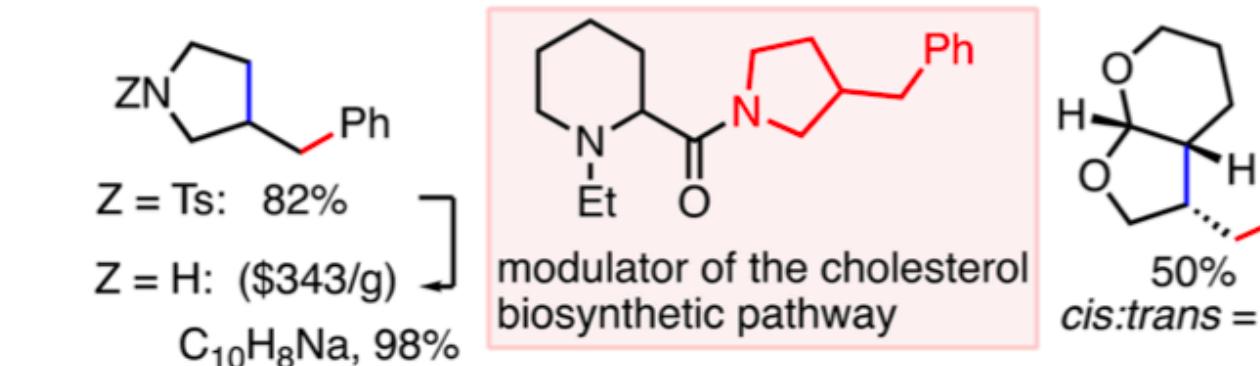
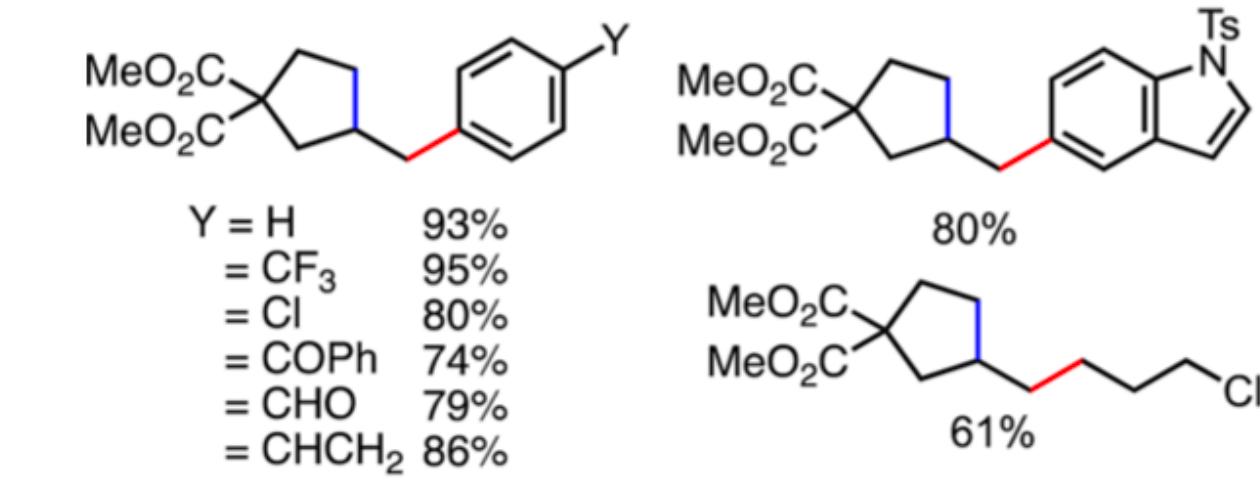
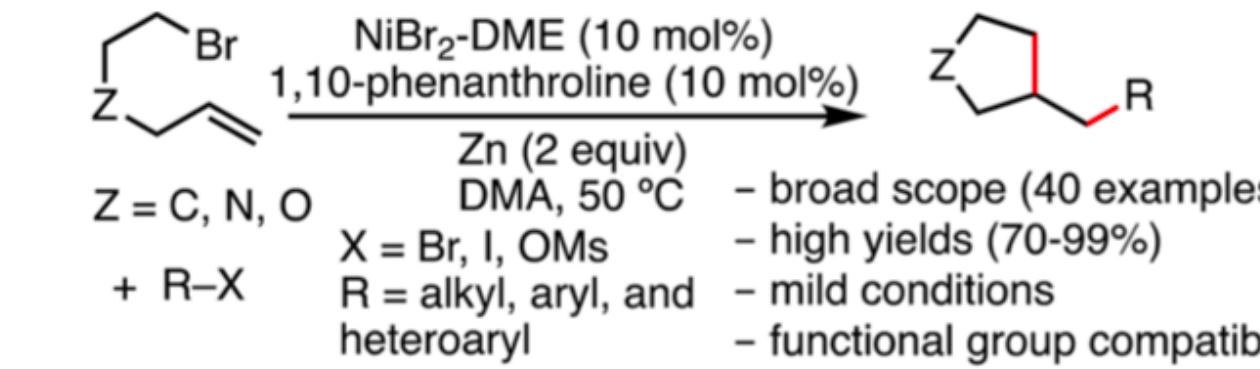
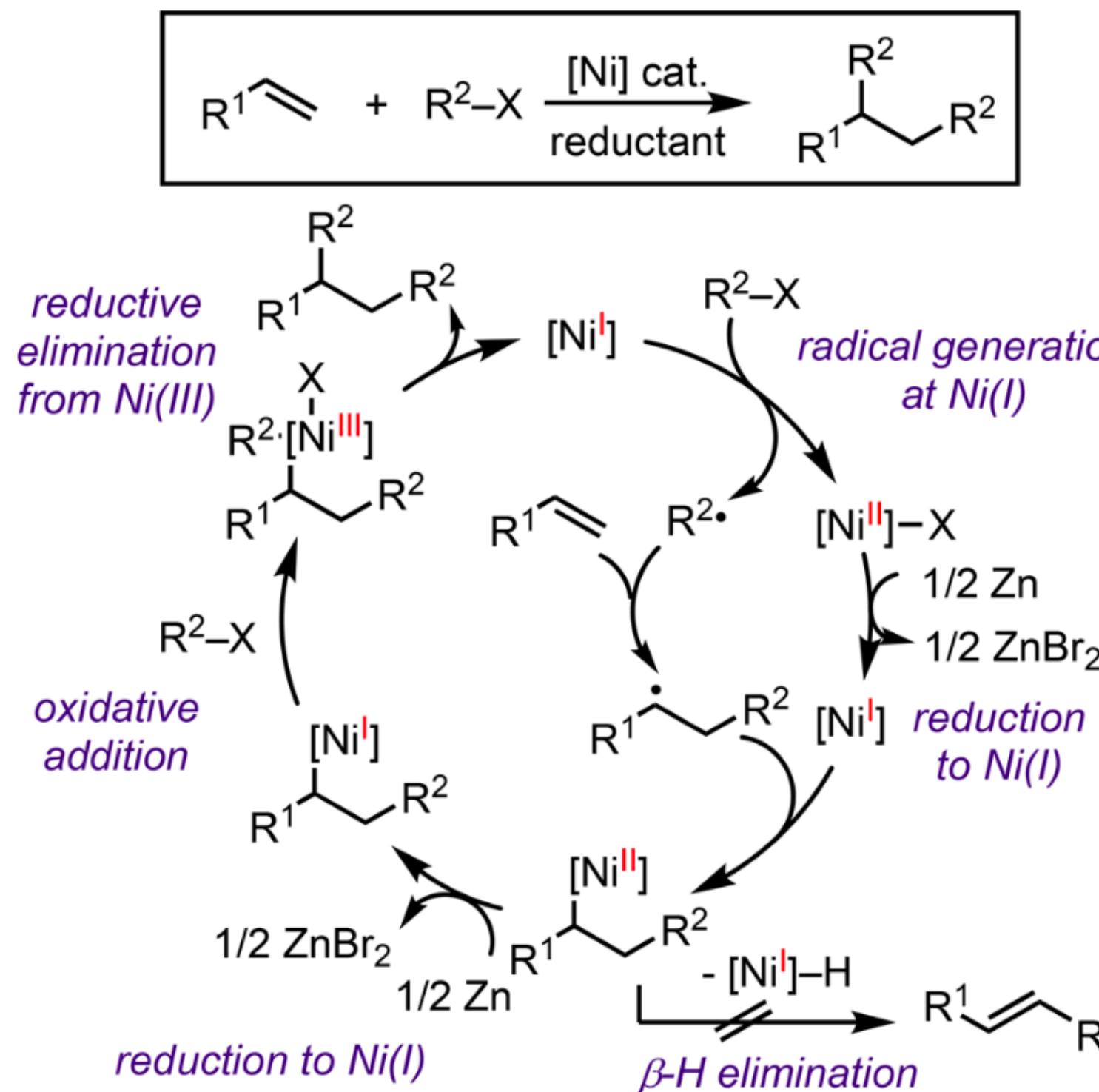
Entry	Additive (mol%)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1 <sup>d</sup>	none	73	38
2	none	61	2
3	BHT (10%)	62	14
4	TEMPO (10%)	44	49
5	TEMPO (5%)	72	26
6	TEMPO (20%)	1	-
7	ABNO (10 mol%)	57	76
<b>8<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>ABNO (8 mol%)</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>



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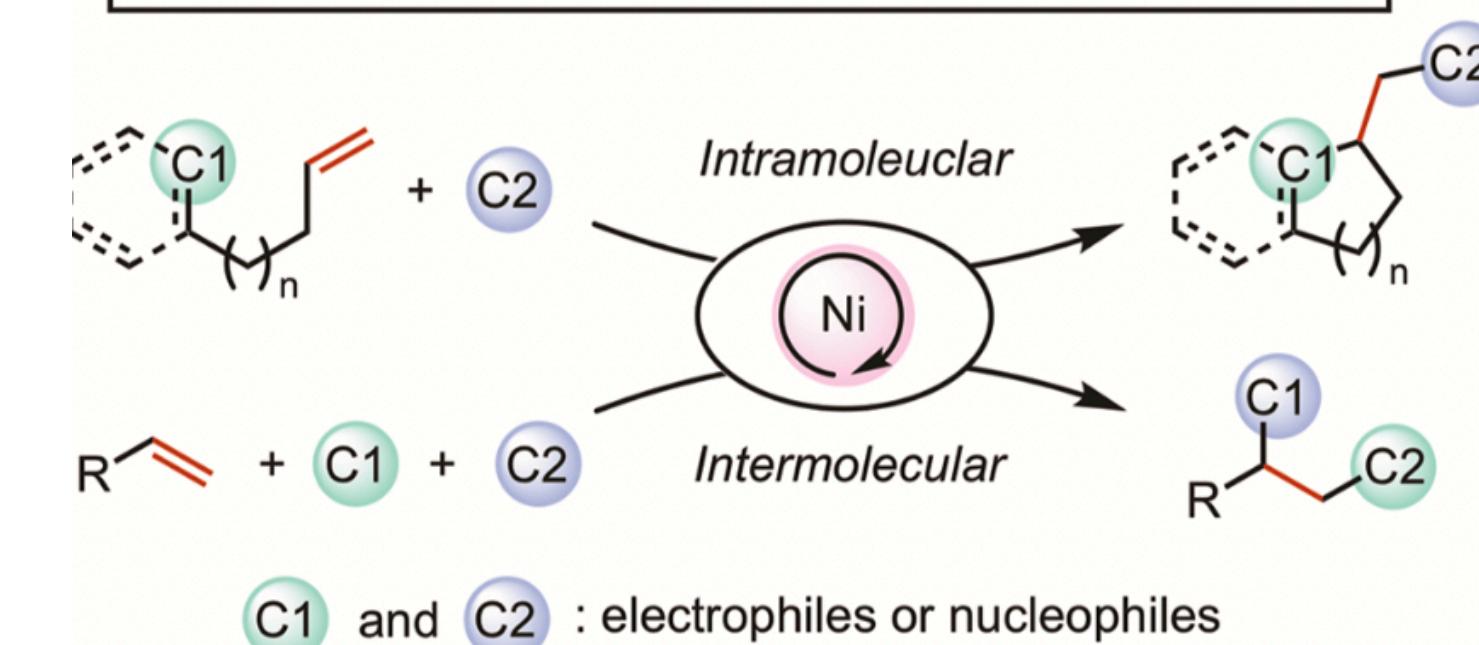




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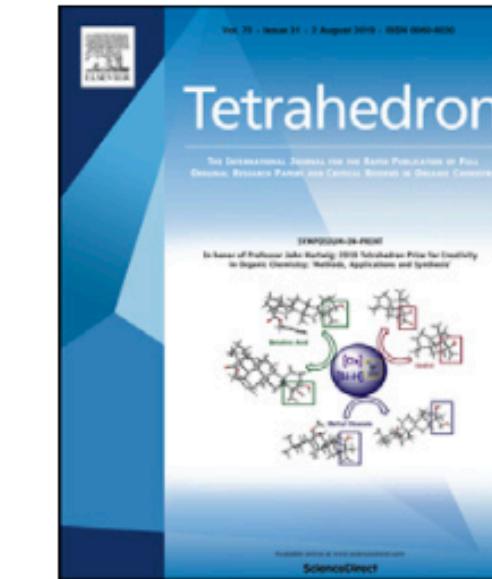




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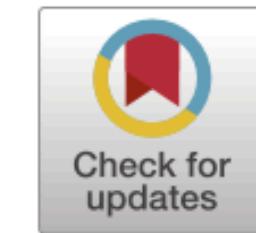
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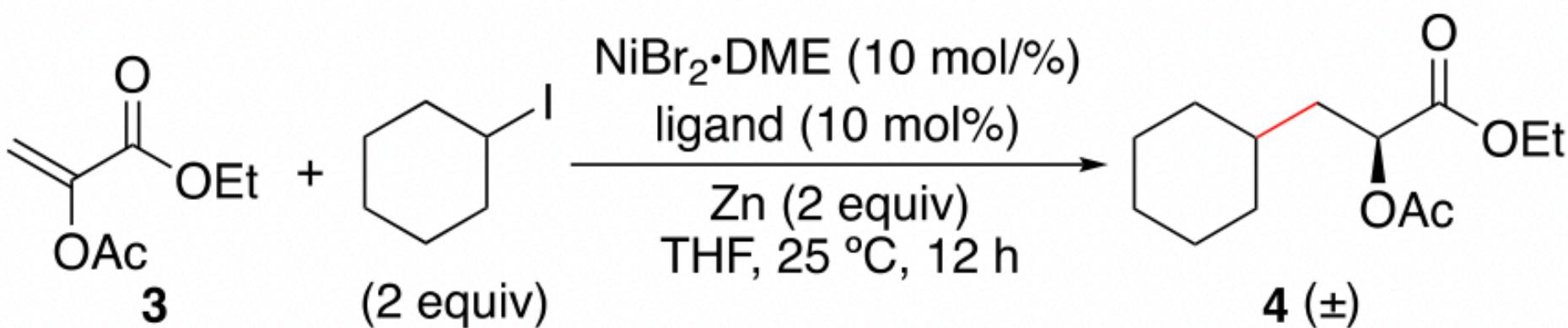
# Synthesis of lactate derivatives via reductive radical addition to $\alpha$ -oxyacrylates

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Catalyst Optimization.

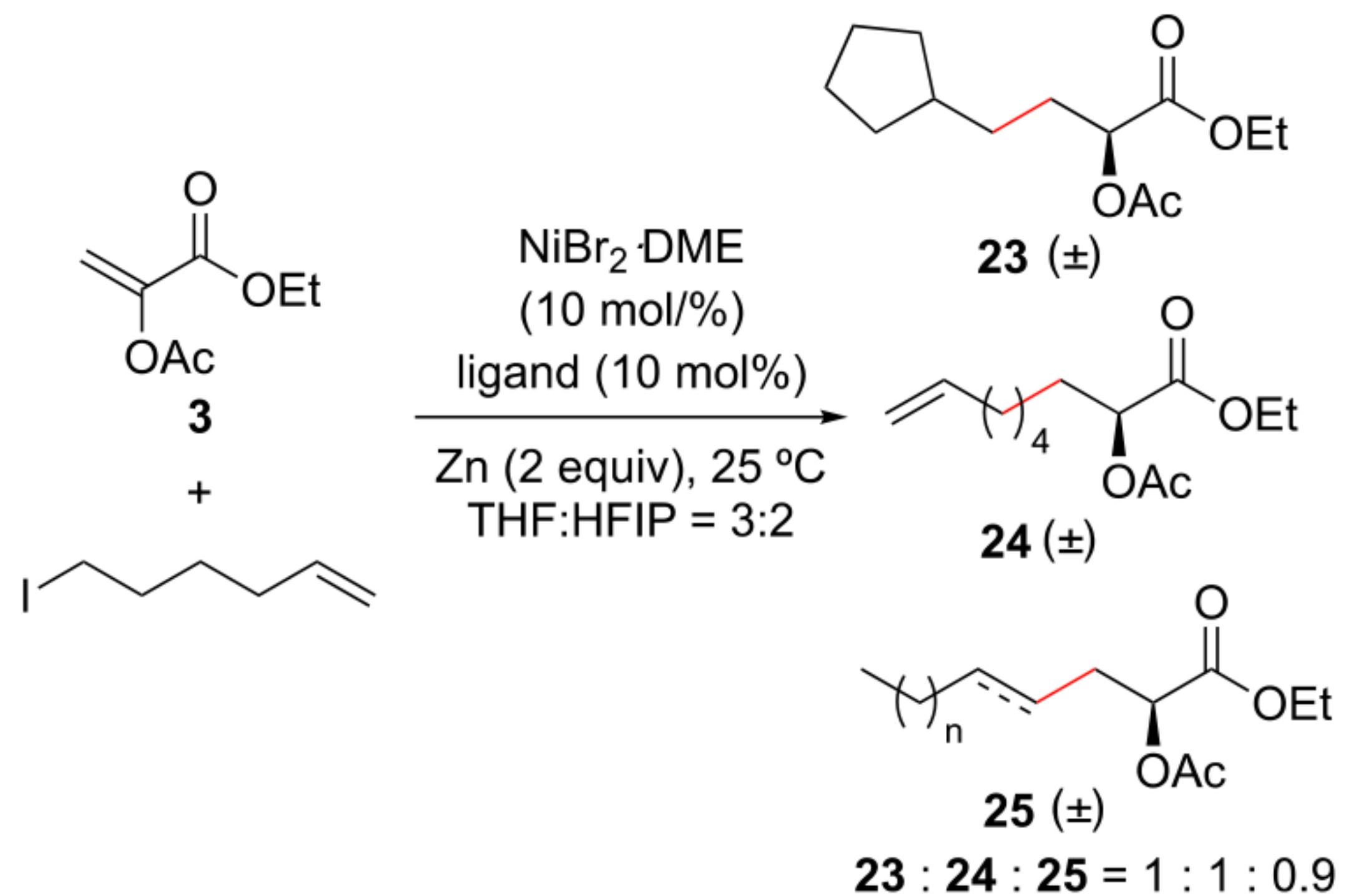


Entry	Ligand	Proton Source	Yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	PPh <sub>3</sub>	HFIP	1
2	dppe	HFIP	62
3	dppp	HFIP	65
4	dppb	HFIP	78 (73) <sup>b</sup>
5	dpppe	HFIP	62
<b>6</b>	<b>dppf</b>	<b>HFIP</b>	<b>79 (76)<sup>b</sup></b>
7	bpy	HFIP	40
8	dppf	tBuOH	42
9	dppf	iPrOH	31
10	dppf	H <sub>2</sub> O	24
11	dppf <sup>c</sup>	HFIP	38

<sup>a</sup> GC yield with mesitylene as the internal standard.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields in parenthesis.

<sup>c</sup> Mn was used as the reductant in place of Zn.





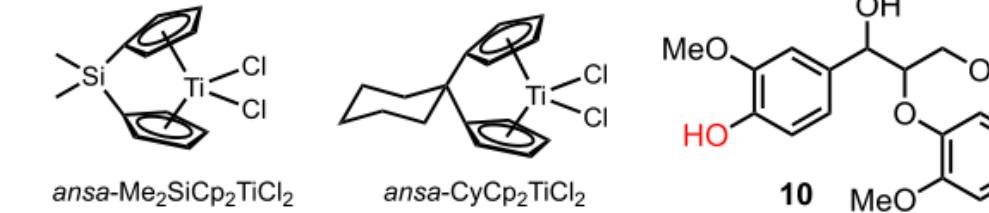
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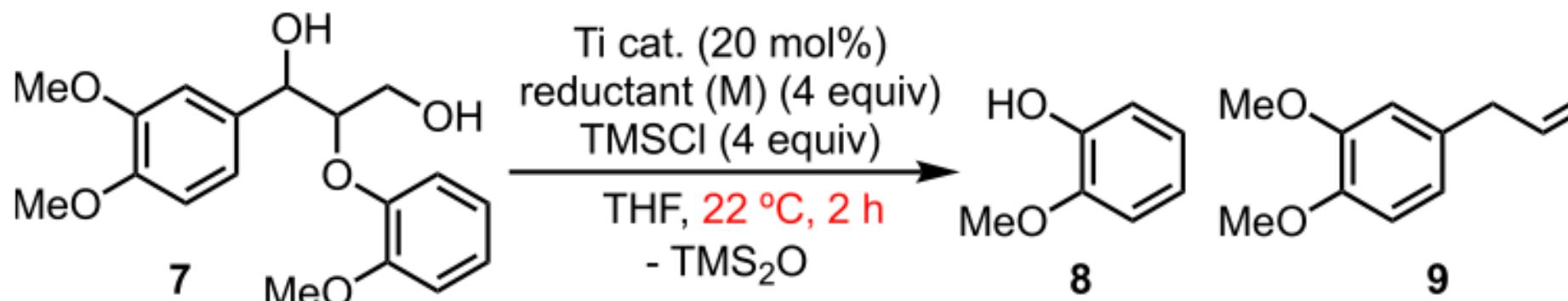
# Depolymerization of Lignin via a Microscopic Reverse Biosynthesis Pathway

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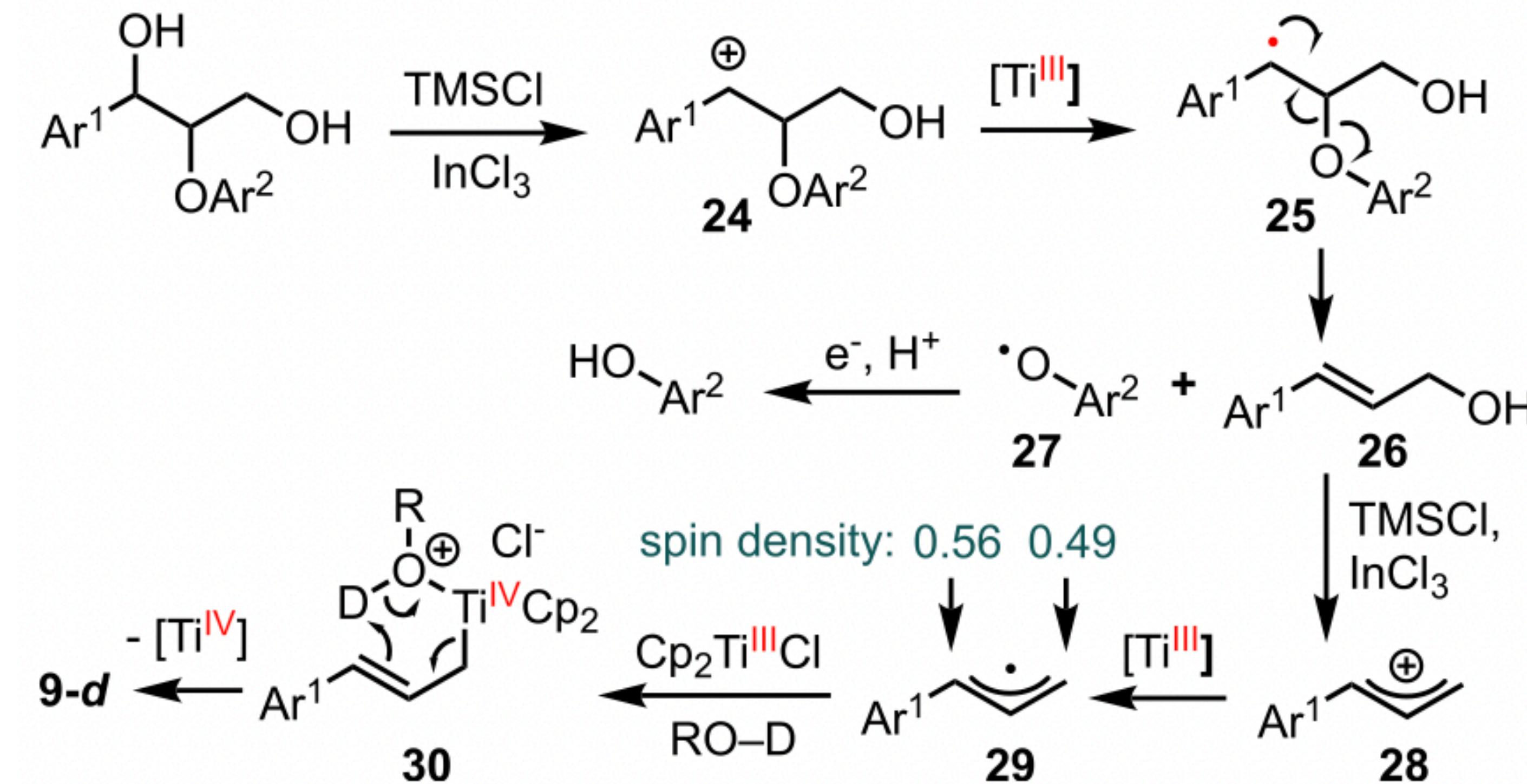
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1	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	Zn	-0.76	90	62
2 <sup>b</sup>	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	Zn		91	82
3	$TiCl_3 \cdot 3THF$	Zn		73	28
4	$Cp^*_2TiCl_2$	Zn		83	17
5	<i>ansa</i> -Me <sub>2</sub> Si- $Cp_2TiCl_2$	Zn		90	24
6	<i>ansa</i> -Cy- $Cp_2TiCl_2$	Zn		87	10
7	$Cp^*TiCl_3$	Zn		50	46
8	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	Mn	-1.18	43	0
9	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	Fe	-0.45	91	2
10	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	In	-0.34 <sup>e</sup>	95	97
11	None	Zn		0	0
12	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	None		0	0
13 <sup>c</sup>	None	None		58	0
14 <sup>d</sup>	$Cp_2TiCl_2$	In		60	36 <sup>d</sup>



**Table 1. Catalyst Optimization for C–O Bond Cleavage in Lignin Model Compounds<sup>a</sup>**



<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: [7] = 0.2 M. Yields were determined by GC against mesitylene as the internal standard. <sup>b</sup>[7] = 0.1 M, 30 min. <sup>c</sup>ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), TMSCl (4 equiv), 30 min. <sup>d</sup>Model substrate 10, which forms 8 and the corresponding Ar–OH derivative of 9. <sup>e</sup>In<sup>3+</sup>/In.



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