Half-Sandwich d^6-Metal (Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Ru^{II})-Catalyzed Enantioselective C–H Activation

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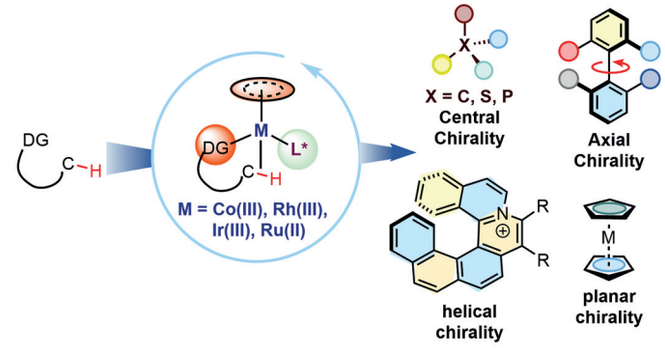

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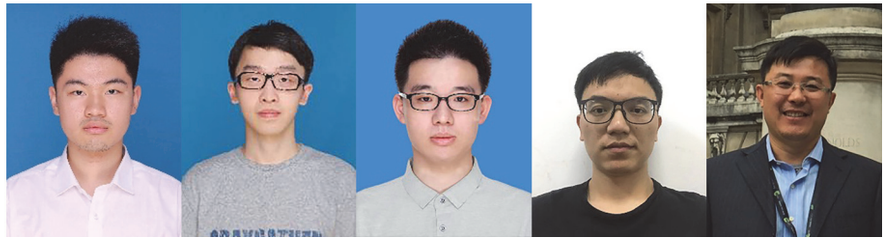
Abstract Transition-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation provides a straightforward strategy to synthesize chiral molecules from readily available sources. In this graphical review, we summarize the progress on half-sandwich d^6-metal (Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Ru^{II})-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization reactions. The review is categorized according to the type of metal catalyst and chiral ligand employed. Representative enantio-determining models and catalytic cycles are presented.

Keywords enantioselectivity, C–H activation, half-sandwich, cobalt, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium, chiral carboxylic acid

Direct asymmetric C–H activation, which is a process capable of transforming C–H bonds into C–C or C–X bonds and generating new stereocenters in a single step, is a particularly attractive strategy for the concise synthesis of chiral molecules from readily available sources. To date, one of the most successful methods is directing-group-assisted enantioselective C–H activation using high-valent metal catalysts. In 2008, pioneering work was reported by Yu and coworkers on Pd(II)-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation using monoprotected amino acids (MPAAs) as chiral ligands.[1] The use of MPAAs or related bidentate ligands realized various enantioselective C(sp^2)–H and C(sp^3)–H functionalization reactions. Furthermore, mechanistic studies indicated that chelation of the MPAAs or related bidentate ligands at the square planar Pd center with four coordination sites is key to the high enantiocontrol. However, the bidentate monoprotected amino acids and related ligands could not be applied to piano-stool Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, and Ru^{II} catalysts as there is only one coordination site available for an external chiral ligand.

On the other hand, half-sandwich d^6 metals (e.g., Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Ru^{II}) have attracted significant attentions due to their versatile reactivity and selectivity, good functional group tolerance, and stability. Through the continuous efforts of chemists, three main strategies have been developed to enable half-sandwich d^6-metal-catalyzed asymmetric C–H activation. The first strategy involves the use of tailor-made chiral Cp^x ligands to bind with Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, or Ir^{III}, or chiral arene ligands to bind with Ru^{II}. The chiral Cp^x or chiral arene pre-coordinating strategy is powerful for its board substrate scope and various functionalization. Besides, several types of well-designed monodentate chiral carboxylic acids (CCAs) have also been developed to realize half-sandwich d^6-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization reactions. The third strategy takes advantage of a chiral transient directing group (*c*TDG). Some other specialized strategies have also been disclosed, including enantioselective alkylation of olefins enabled by disulfonates, transition-metal/organocatalyst synergetic catalysis and so on. These works has greatly promote the development of enantioselective C–H activation and provide efficient and convenient methods to access diverse chiral skeletons. In this graphical review, we have summarized the rapid progress made on half-sandwich d^6-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation in the past years, which was categorized according to different metal catalysts. We hope that this graphical review will stimulate further researches on the development of novel chiral ligands and strategies in this emerging research topic.[2]

Biographical Sketches



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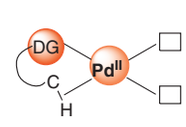
Development of high-valent-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization

27 Co $3d^7 4s^2$ | 44 Ru $4d^7 5s^1$ | 45 Rh $4d^8 5s^1$ | 46 Pd $4d^{10}$ | 77 Ir $5d^7 6s^2$



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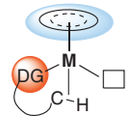
vs



M = Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Co^{III}, Ru^{II}

- Two coordination positions avilable for external ligands
- MPAAs and related bidentate ligands
- Only one coordination position available for an external ligand
- MPAAs and related bidentate ligands

Selected reviews on transition-metal-catalyzed asymmetric C–H activation

3a) Yu, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2009**, *38*, 3242.
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3c) You, *RSC Adv.* **2014**, *4*, 6173.
3d) Cramer, *Chem. Rev.* **2017**, *117*, 8908.
3e) Yu, *Science* **2018**, *359*, eaao4798.
3f) Ackermann, *Chem. Rev.* **2019**, *119*, 2192.
3g) Cramer, *Trends Chem.* **2019**, *1*, 471.
3h) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2020**, *26*, 7346.
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3j) Shi, *Trends Chem.* **2022**, *4*, 220.

Selected reviews on applications of C–H activation in organic synthesis

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3l) Baran, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2011**, *40*, 1976.
3m) Yamaguchi and Itami, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 8960.
3n) Sorensen, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **2018**, *47*, 8925.
3o) Yu, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 15767.

Three main strategies for half-sandwich d^6-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation

Strategy I: **Chiral Cp^x or arene ligand.**
Selected reviews:
3p) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 13198.
3q) Wang, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2023**, *29*, e202202461.

Strategy II: **Chiral transient directing group (*c*TDG).**
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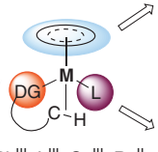
3r) Shi, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, *59*, 19773.



M = Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Co^{III}, Ru^{II}

Strategy III: **Chiral carboxylic acid (CCA) ligand.**
Selected review: 3s) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 6455.

Other selected reviews on half-sandwich metal-catalyzed asymmetric C–H activation

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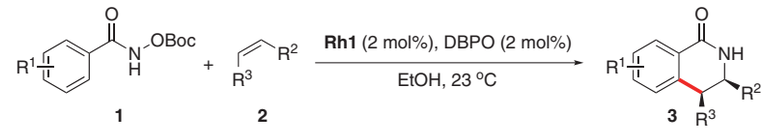
3u) Waldmann, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2020**, 6512.
3v) Maiti, *ACS Catal.* **2020**, *10*, 13748.
3w) You, *Sci. Bull.* **2021**, *66*, 210.
3x) You, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2021**, *19*, 7264.
3y) Liao and Shi, *ACS Catal.* **2022**, *12*, 9359
3z) Yoshino, *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **2022**, *95*, 1280.
3aa) Zhou and Shi, *Synthesis* **2022**, *54*, 4784.

Two pioneering reports on half-sandwich metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation with Cp^xRh catalysts

Using a chiral Cp^x ligand as the enantiocontrol element



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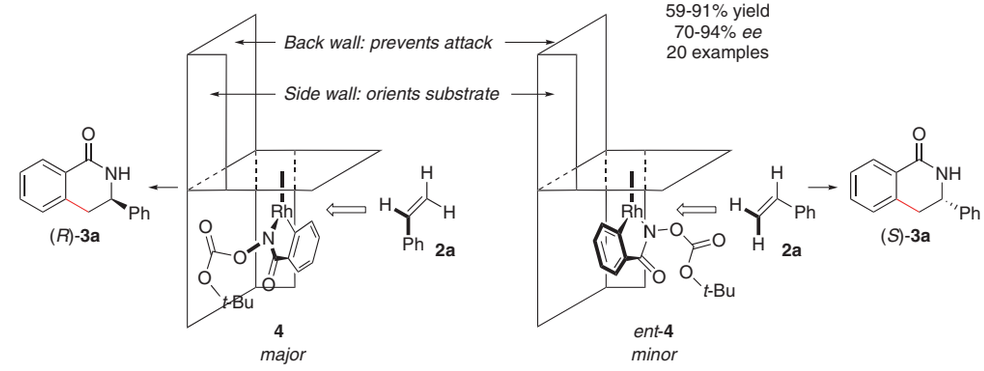
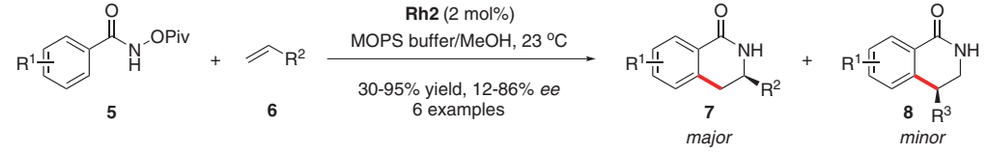
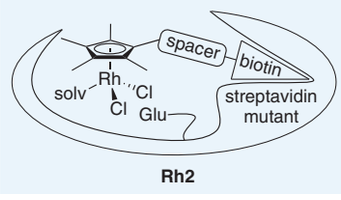


3ab) Cramer, *Science* **2012**, *338*, 504.

Using biomimetic catalysis to control the enantioselectivity of C–H functionalization





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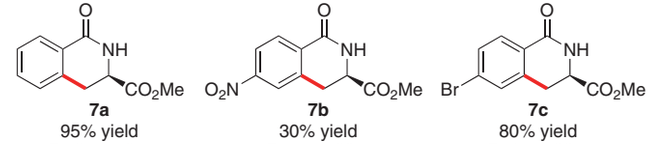
Selected examples



7a
95% yield
7a:**8a** = 19:1
82% *ee*

7b
30% yield
7b:**8b** = 32:1
86% *ee*

7c
80% yield
7c:**8c** = 22:1
78% *ee*

3ac) Ward and Rovis, *Science* **2012**, *338*, 500.
For a further development of biomimetic catalysis, see: 3ad) McNaughton and Rovis, *J. Am. Soc. Chem.* **2019**, *141*, 4815.

Figure 1 The development and challenges of half-sandwich d^6-metal (Co^{III}, Rh^{III}, Ir^{III}, Ru^{II})-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation and two pioneering reports on Rh-catalyzed asymmetric C–H activation in 2012[3a–ad]

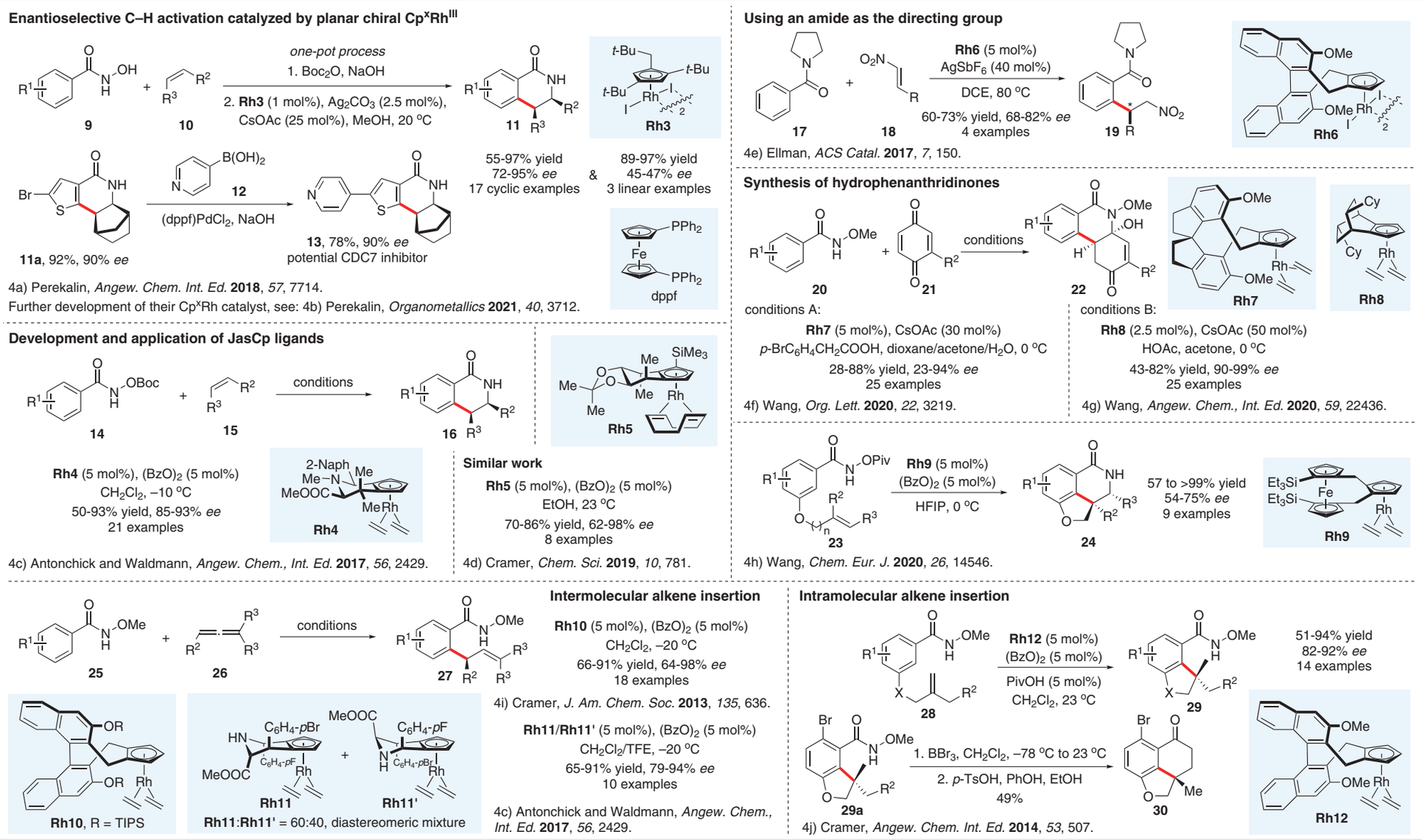
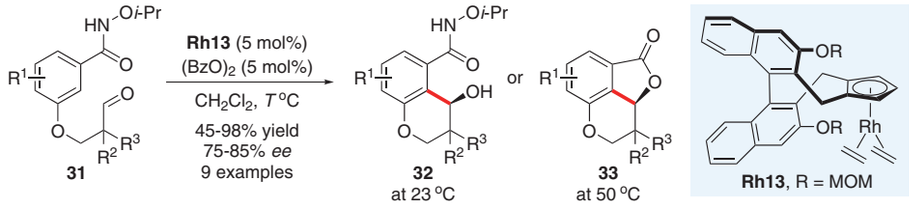


Figure 2 Chiral Cp^xRh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation with olefins[4a–j]

Intramolecular C–C coulping *via* enantioselective C–H activation



32 could be converted into **33** under the standard conditions at 50 °C.

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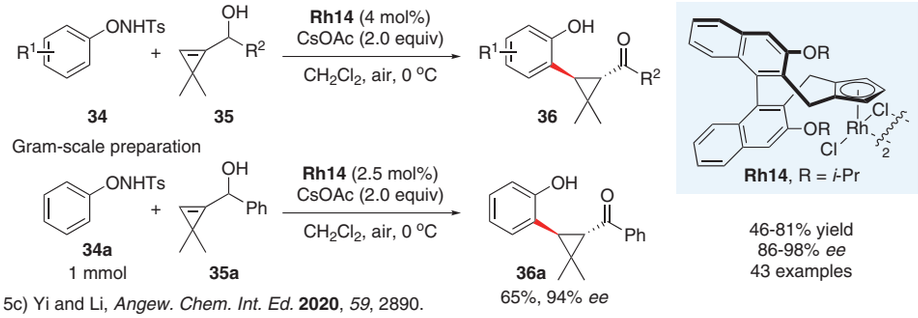
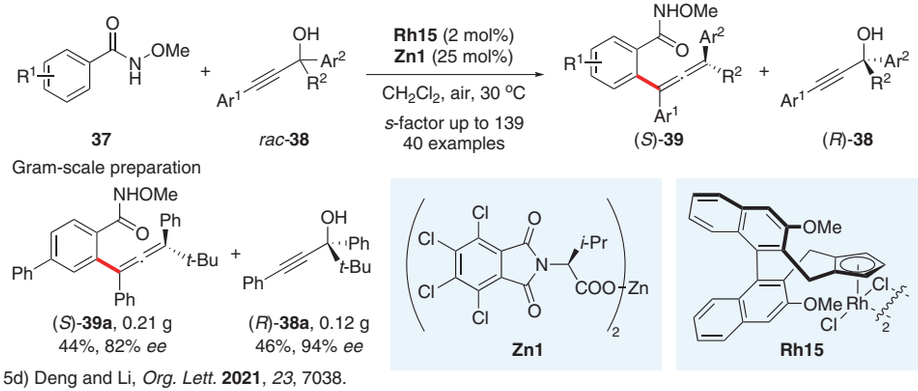
Construction of two *C*-stereogenic center in a single step



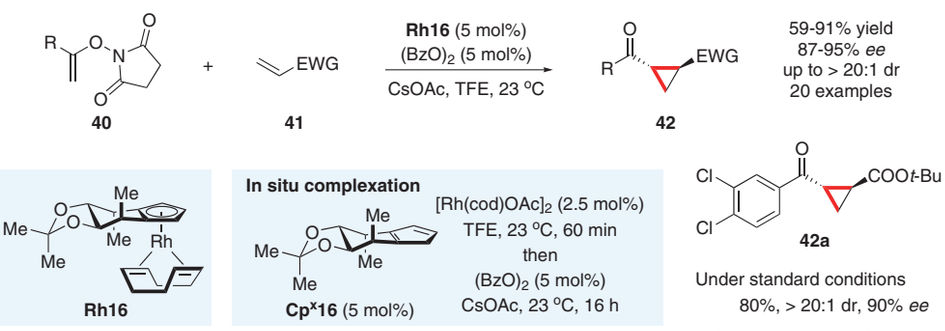
5c) Yi and Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, *59*, 2890.

Construction of compounds with different classes of chirality *via* kinetic resolution



5d) Deng and Li, *Org. Lett.* **2021**, *23*, 7038.

Construction of two *C*-stereogenic centers *via* [2+1] annulation



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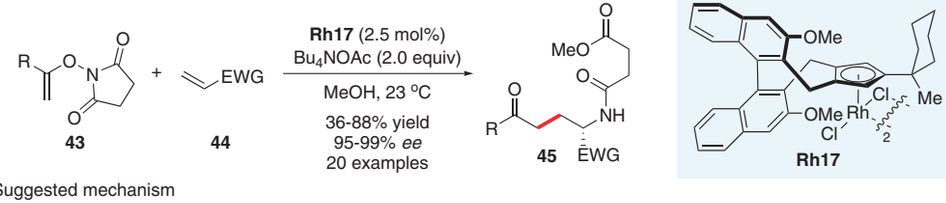
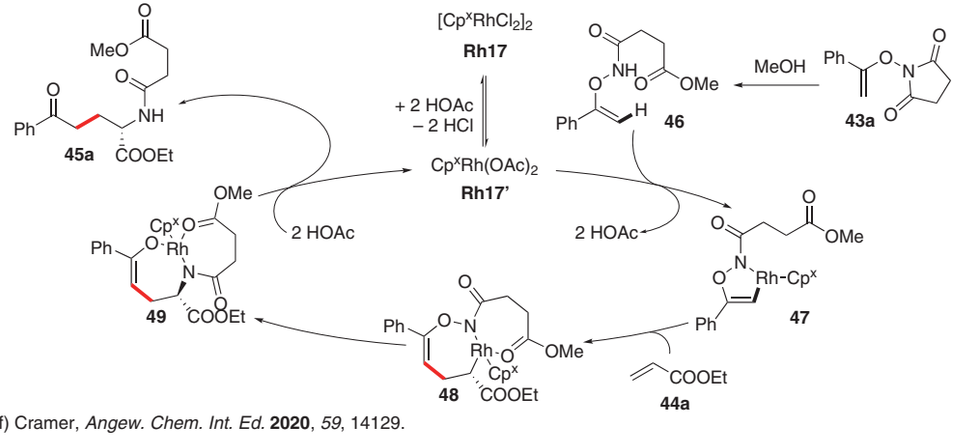
Intermolecular carboamination *via* vinylic C–H activation



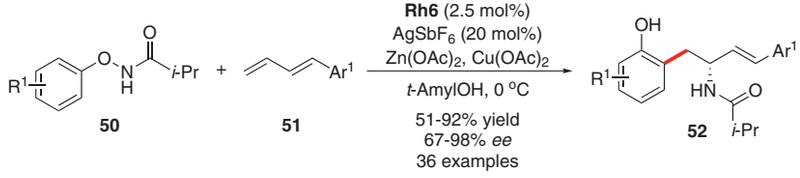
Suggested mechanism



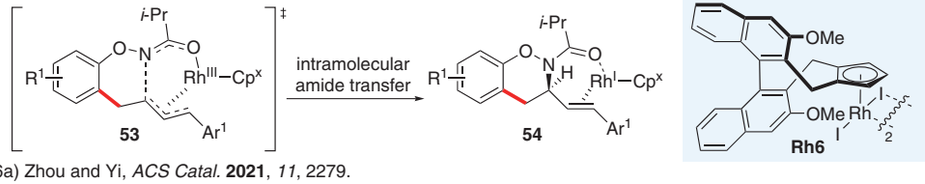
5f) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, *59*, 14129.

Figure 3 Chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation/nucleophilic addition with alkenes, alkynes and aldehydes[5a–f]

Carboamination of 1,3-conjugated dienes



via an unusual redox-neutral Rh(III)–Rh(I)–Rh(III) catalytic pathway



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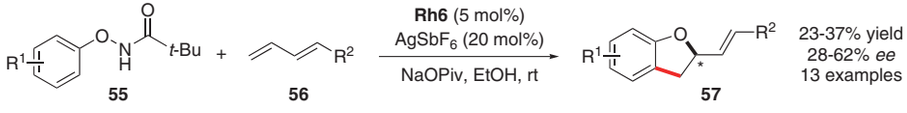
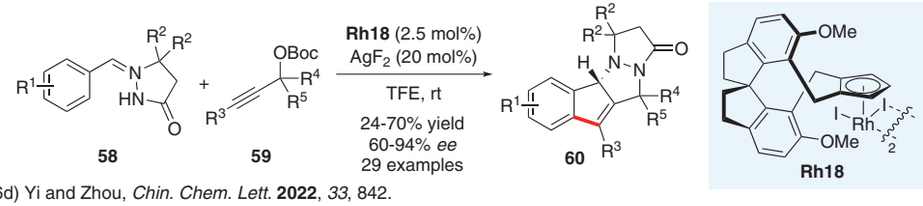
[3+2] annulation of 1,3-conjugated dienes



6b) Zhou and Yi, *Org. Lett.* **2021**, *23*, 3844. Also see: 6c) Yi and Zhou, *New J. Chem.* **2022**, *46*, 5705.

Tandem C–H alkenylation/formal [3+2] cycloaddition



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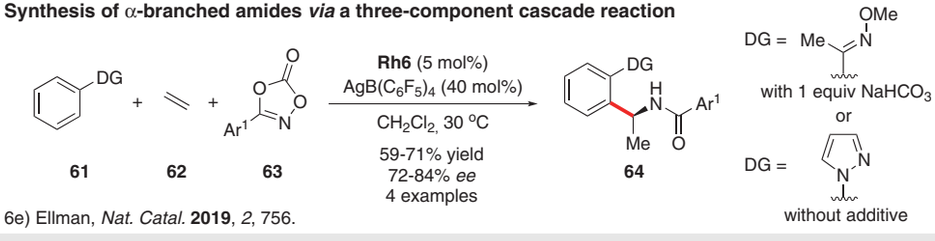
Synthesis of α-branched amides *via* a three-component cascade reaction



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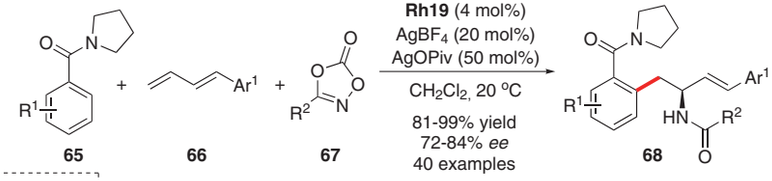
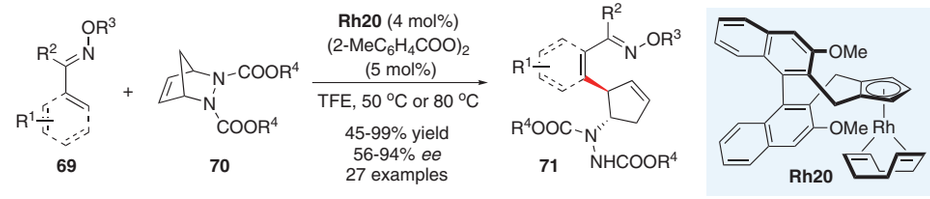
Three-component cascade reaction of 1,3-conjugated dienes



6f) Wang and Li, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 6692. Also see a similar work: 6g) Ellman, *Org. Lett.* **2021**, *23*, 2836.

C–N insertion directed by an oxime ether



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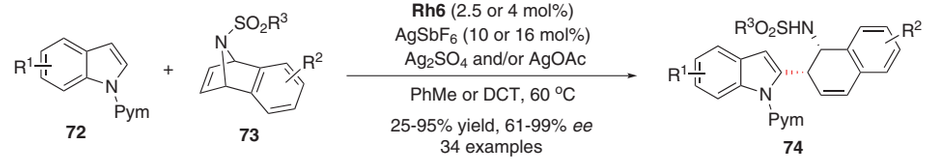
C–N insertion enabled by twofold C–H activation



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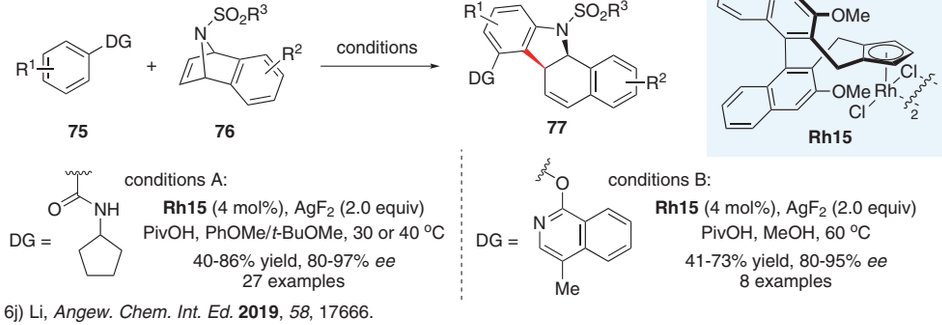
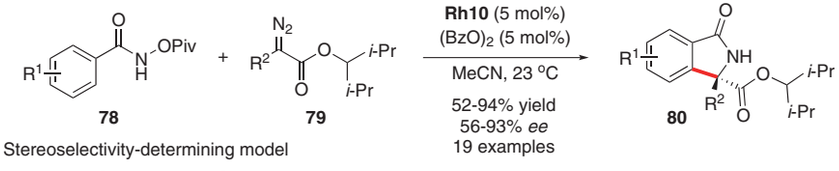
C–N insertion/[3+2] annulation *via* twofold C–H activation



6j) Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 17666.

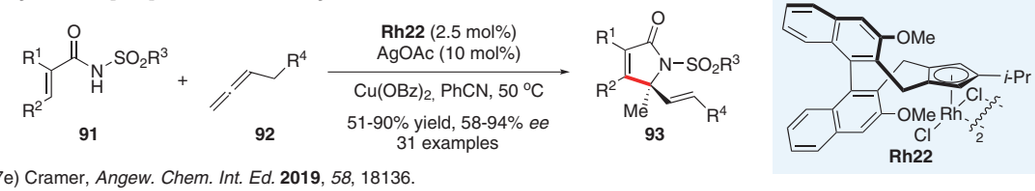
Figure 4 Chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed asymmetric synthesis of chiral amides and heterocycles[6a–j]

Asymmetric synthesis of isoindolines *via* carbenoid insertion



7a) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 7896. Also see: 7b) Song, *ACS Catal.* **2017**, *7*, 2392.

Asymmetric [4+1]-annulation of acrylamides and allenes



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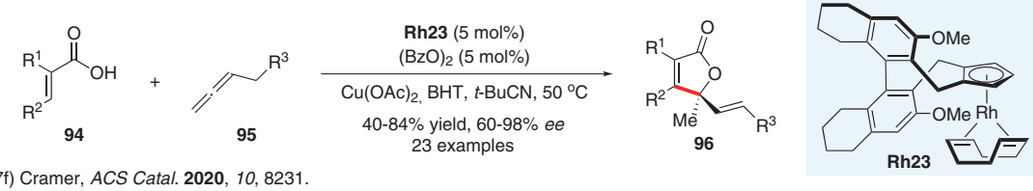
Formation of chiral L-lactones *via* [4+1]-annulation



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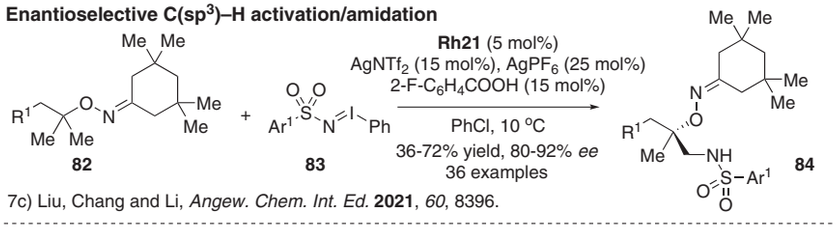

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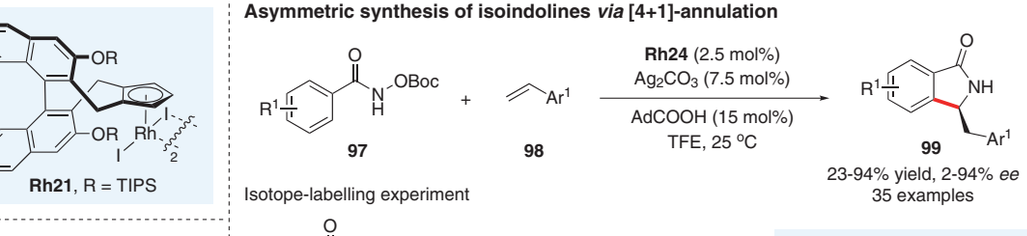
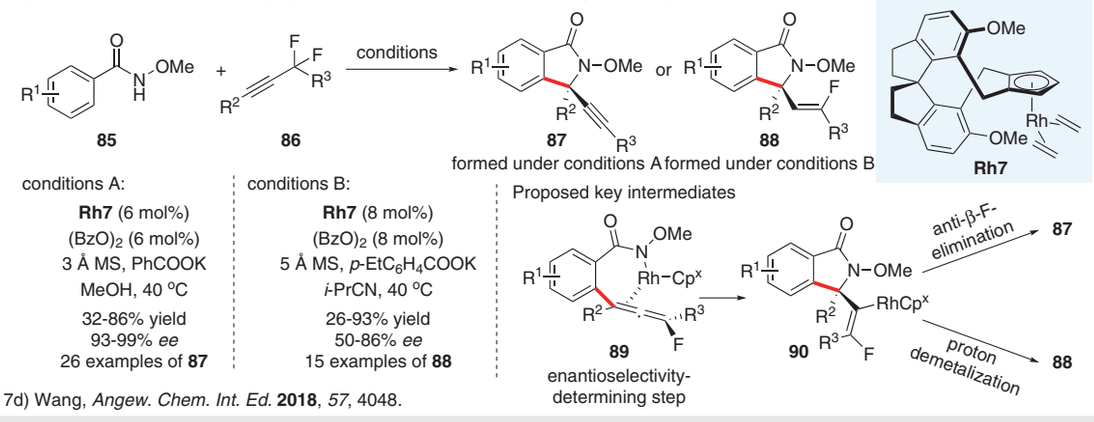
Asymmetric synthesis of isoindolines *via* [4+1]-annulation



Asymmetric formation of alkynyl and alkenyl isoindolinones regulated by solvents



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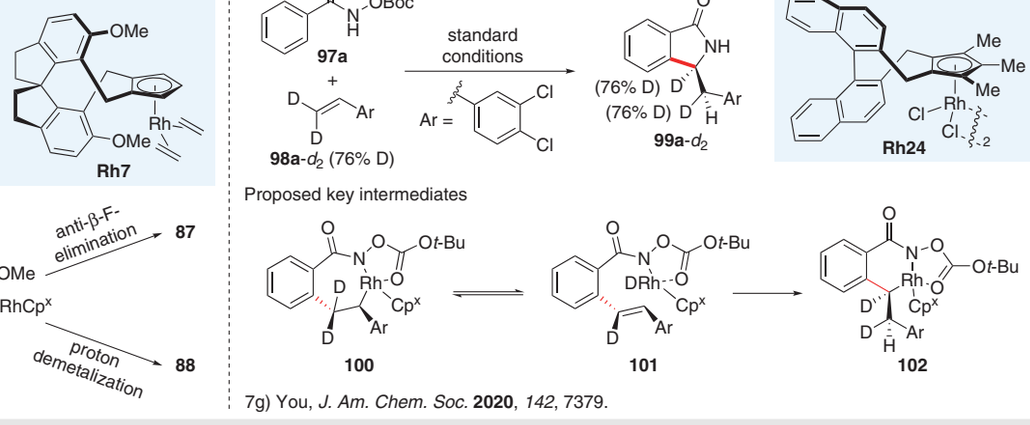
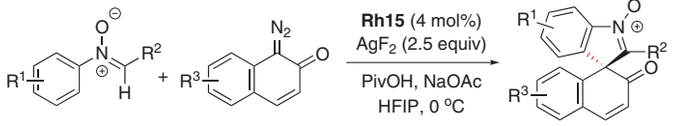
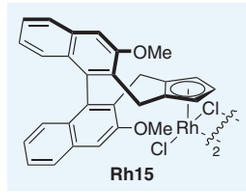


7g) You, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2020**, *142*, 7379.

Figure 5 Enantioselective [4+1]-annulations of acrylamides/acids catalyzed by chiral Cp^{x}Rh catalysts[7a–g]

Asymmetric access to spirocycles through C–H activation





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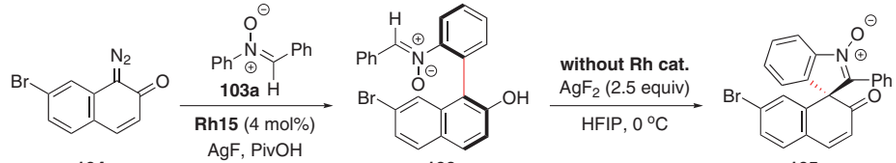

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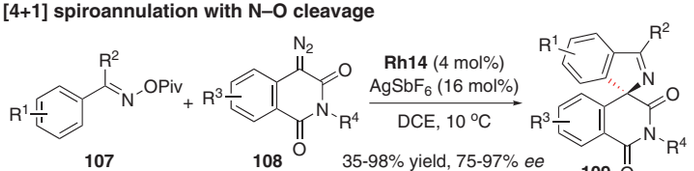
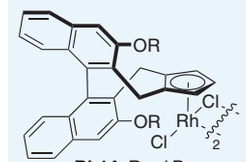
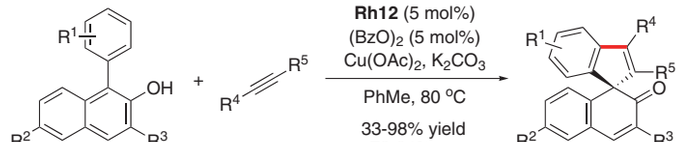
[4+1] spiroannulation with N–O cleavage

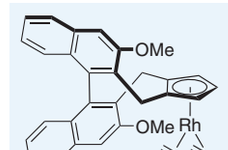




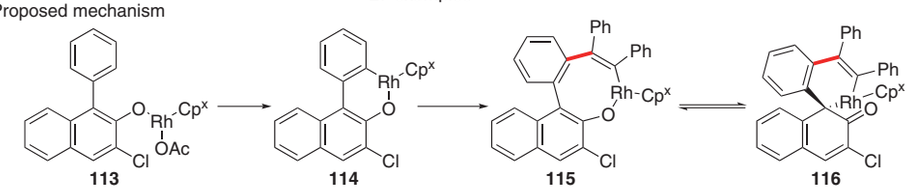
8b) Li, *Chem. Commun.* **2021**, *57*, 8268.

Asymmetric C–H functionalization/dearomatization



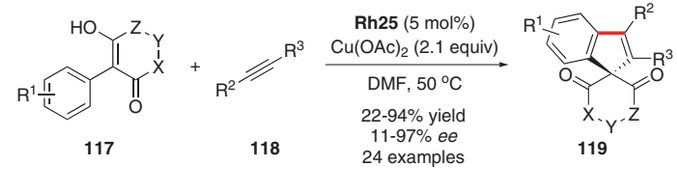


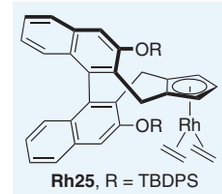
Proposed mechanism



8c) You, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 4880. For DFT studies, see: 8d) You, *ACS Catal.* **2016**, *6*, 262.

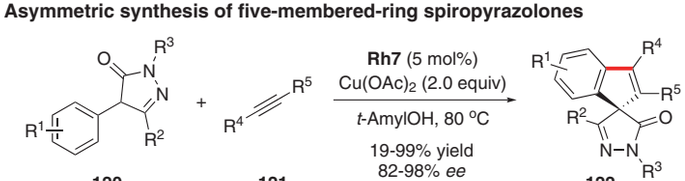
Enol-directed Cp^{x}Rh^{III}-catalyzed spiroannulation

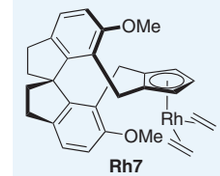




8e) Lam, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2015**, *54*, 13975.

Asymmetric synthesis of five-membered-ring spiropyrazolones





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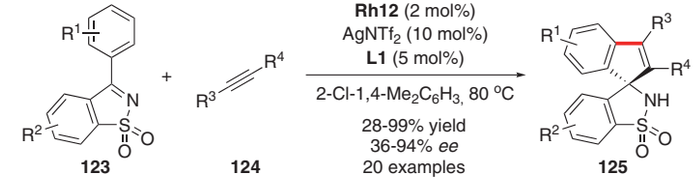
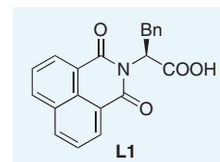
Asymmetric formation of spirosultams *via* [3+2] annulation





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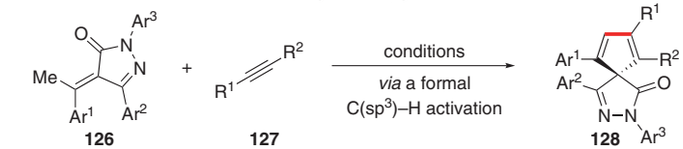
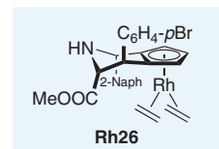
Enantioselective annulation of α-arylidene pyrazolones with chemical or electrochemical catalysis



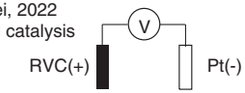


Antonchick and Waldmann, 2019, chemical catalysis

Rh26 (5 mol%)
$Cu(OAc)_2$ (2.0 equiv)
MeOH, 0 °C

32-90% yield
34-97% *ee*
31 examples

Lu, You and Mei, 2022
electrochemical catalysis



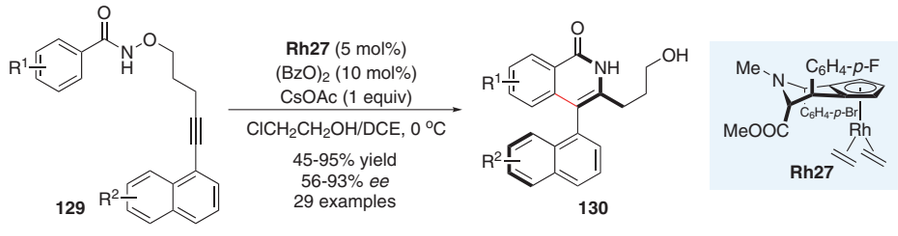
Rh12 (10 mol%)
BPO (10 mol%)
n-Bu_4NPF_6 (1.5 equiv.)
MeOH, U = 1.2 V, rt

45-82% yield
76-88% *ee*
43 examples

8h) Antonchick and Waldmann, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 307.
8i) Lu, You and Mei, *CCS Chem.* **2022**, *4*, 3181.
Also see a related work: 8j) Ackermann, *Chem. Sci.* **2022**, *13*, 2783.

Figure 6 Asymmetric construction of quaternary carbon centers in spirocyclic compounds *via* chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed annulations[8a–j]

Asymmetric access to heterocyclic atropisomers



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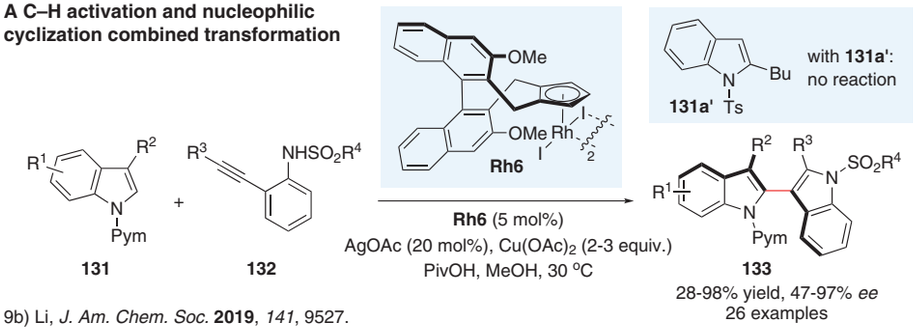
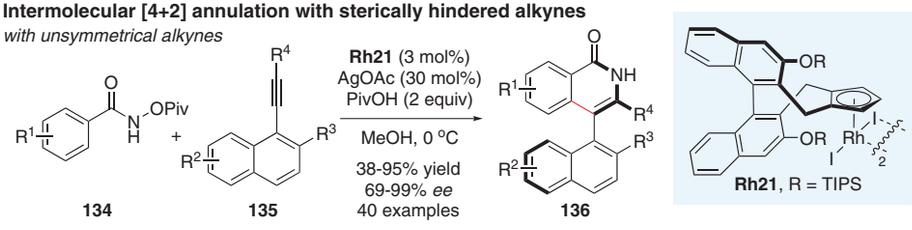
A C–H activation and nucleophilic cyclization combined transformation



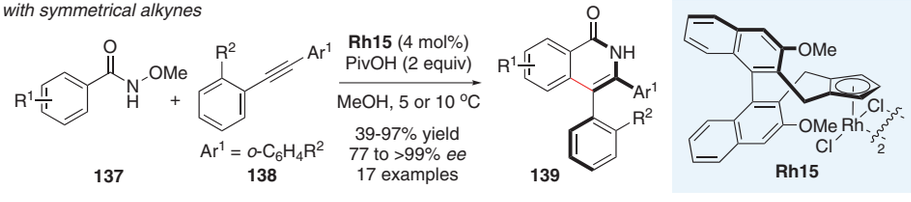
9b) Li, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 9527.

Intermolecular [4+2] annulation with sterically hindered alkynes

with unsymmetrical alkynes



with symmetrical alkynes



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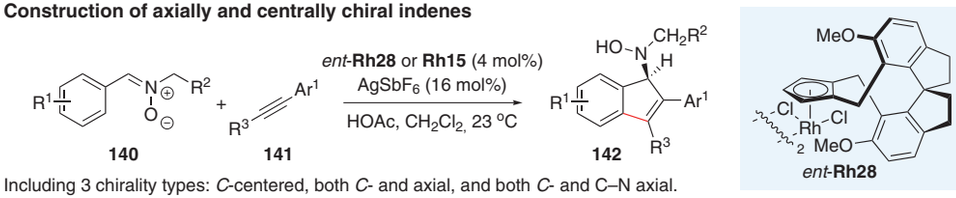
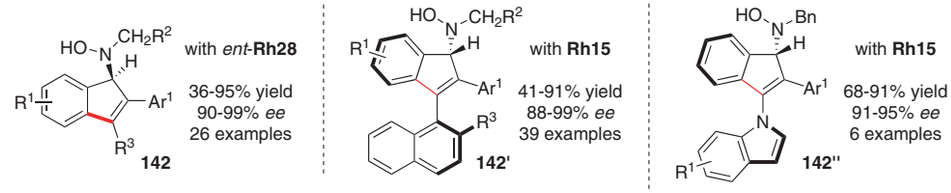
Construction of axially and centrally chiral indenes

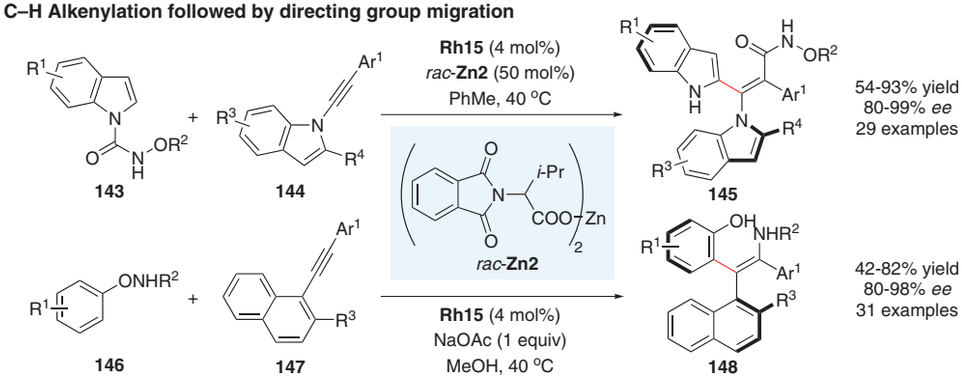


Including 3 chirality types: *C*-centered, both *C*- and axial, and both *C*- and C–N axial.



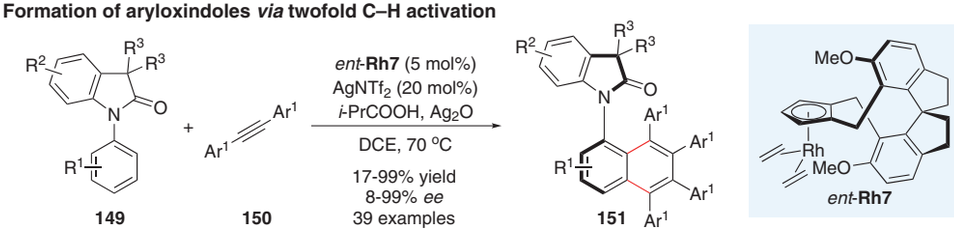
9d) Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 16628.

C–H Alkenylation followed by directing group migration



9e) Wang and Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202111860.

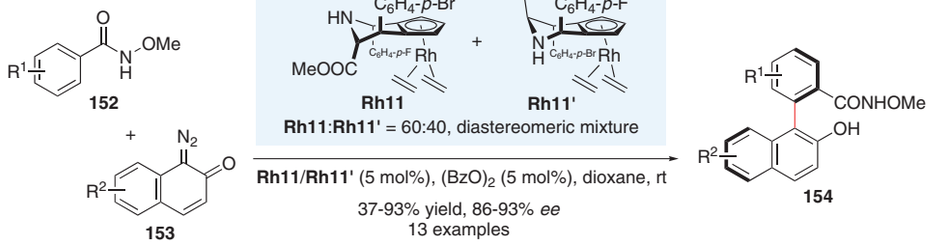
Formation of aryloxindoles *via* twofold C–H activation



9f) Wang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 6732. Also see: 9g) Wang, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202201522.

Figure 7 Asymmetric construction of axially chiral compounds *via* chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed annulations with alkynes[9a–g]

Application of JasCp



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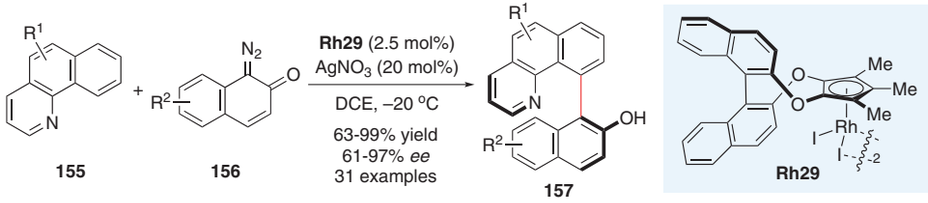
Asymmetric C–H arylation catalyzed by *O*-linked Cp^{x}Rh^{III}



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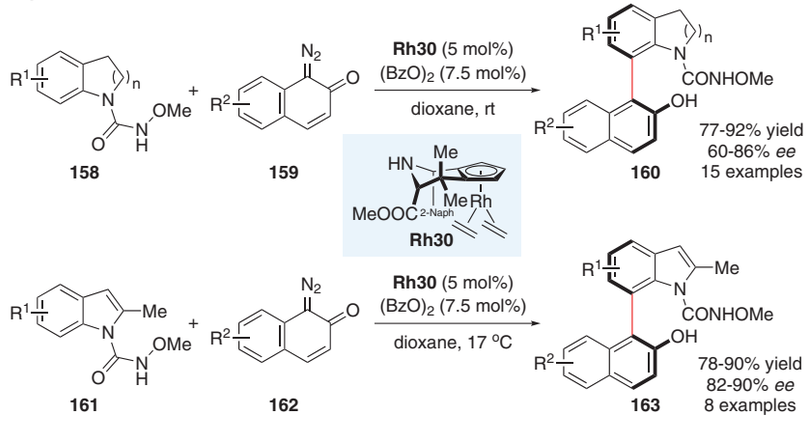
Atroposelective functionalization of indolines and indoles



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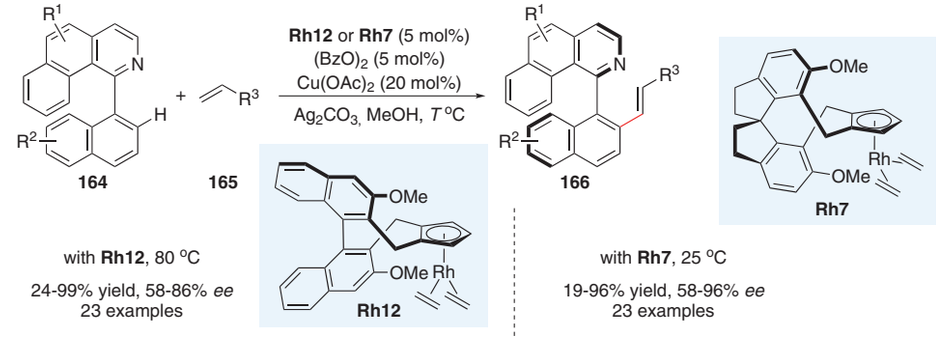

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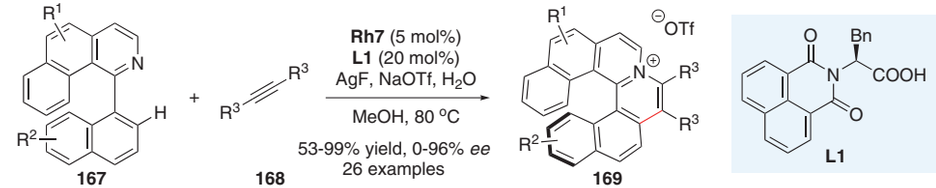
Enantioselective construction of azoniahelicenes



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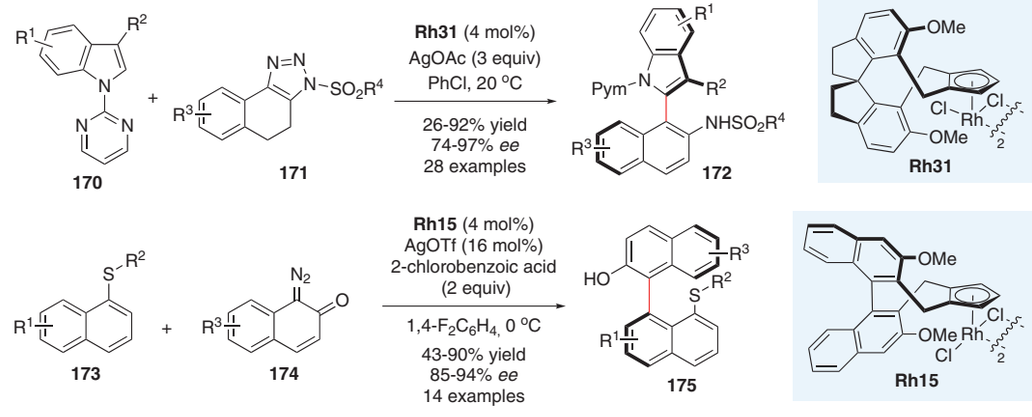
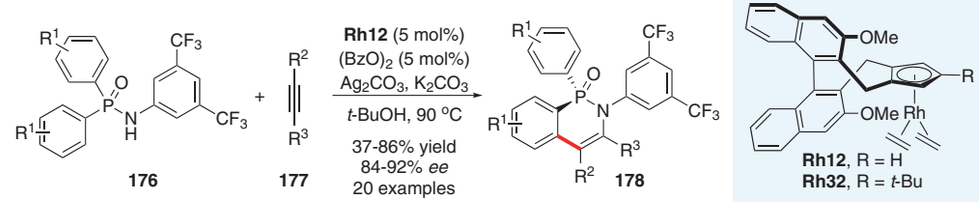
Asymmetric C–H arylation with carbenoids



10f) Li, *Org. Lett.* **2022**, *24*, 3189.

Figure 8 Chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed asymmetric formation of axially chiral compounds and chiral helicenes[4c,10a–f]

Enantioselective synthesis of phosphamides *via* desymmetrization



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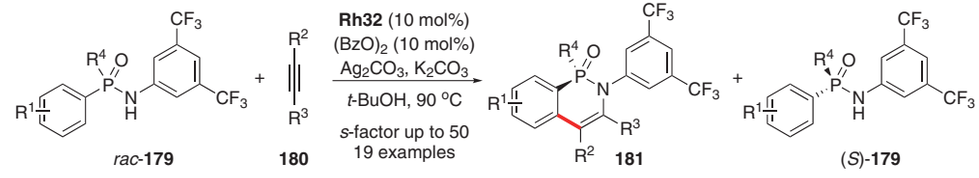
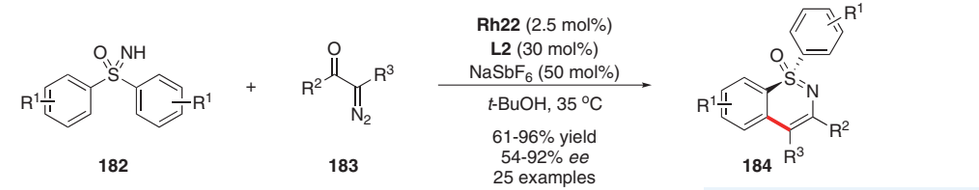
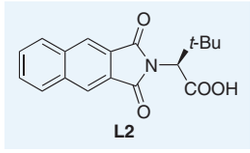
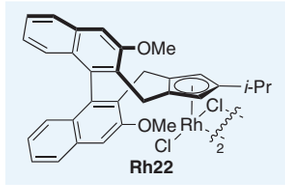


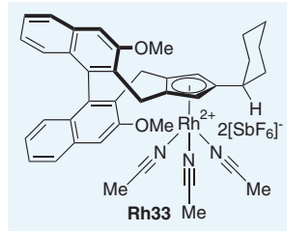
11a) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 364. 11b) Cramer, *Chem. Sci.* **2018**, *9*, 2981.

Enantioselective synthesis of sulfoximines *via* desymmetrization and parallel kinetic resolution









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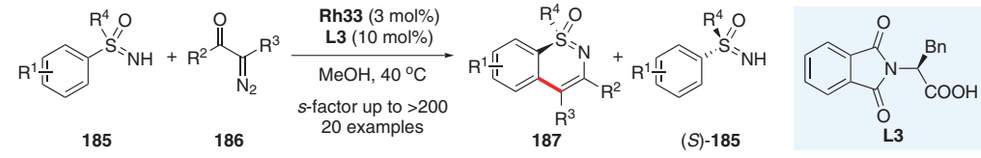

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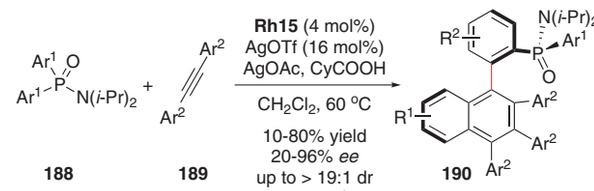
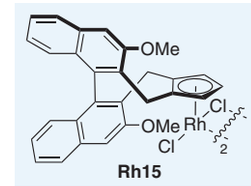
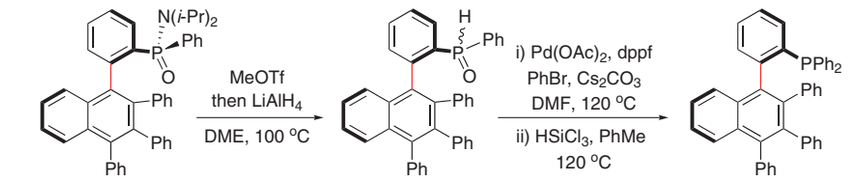
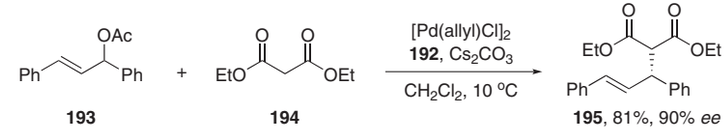
Construction of both *P*-chiral and axially chiral compounds





Conversion and application of the *P*-chiral phosphine amides





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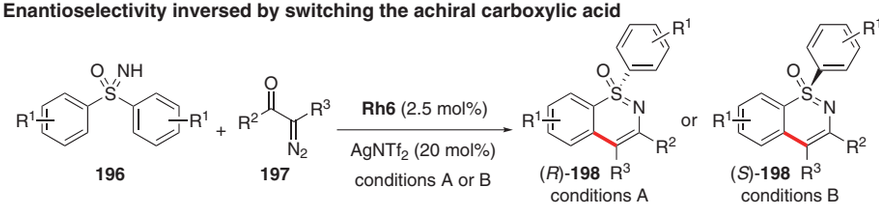
Enantioselectivity inversed by switching the achiral carboxylic acid



conditions A:

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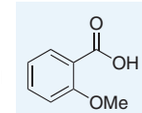
MeOH, 25 °C

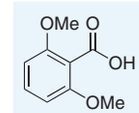
(*R*)-**198** formed
30-97% yield
84-99% *ee*
32 examples

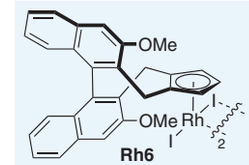


conditions B:

L5 (2.0 equiv)
TCE, 30 °C

(*S*)-**198** formed
75-94% yield
76-92% *ee*
31 examples





11f) Li, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 15534.

Figure 9 Synthesis of *P*- and *S*-stereogenic compounds *via* chiral Cp^{x}Rh-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization[11a–f]

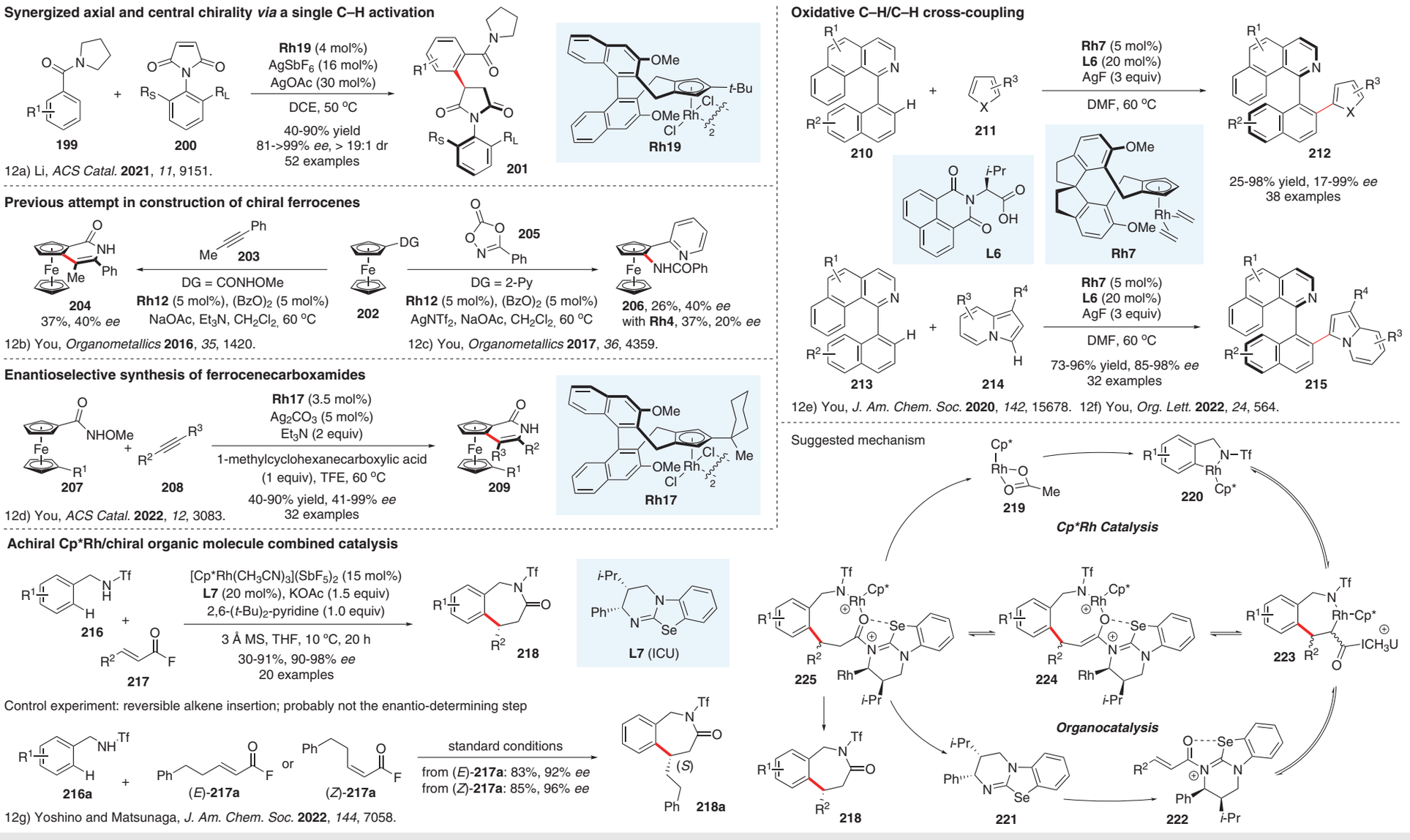
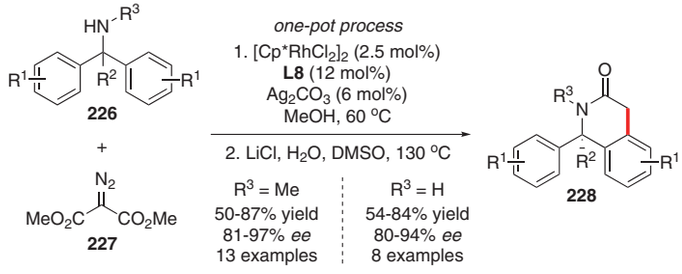


Figure 10 Construction of compounds with multiple chirality using a chiral Cp^{x}Rh complex or an achiral Cp*Rh species combined with asymmetric organocatalysis[12a–g]

Achiral Cp*Rh^{III}/chiral carboxylic acid catalyzed C(sp^2)–H activation



13a) Lin, Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 12048.

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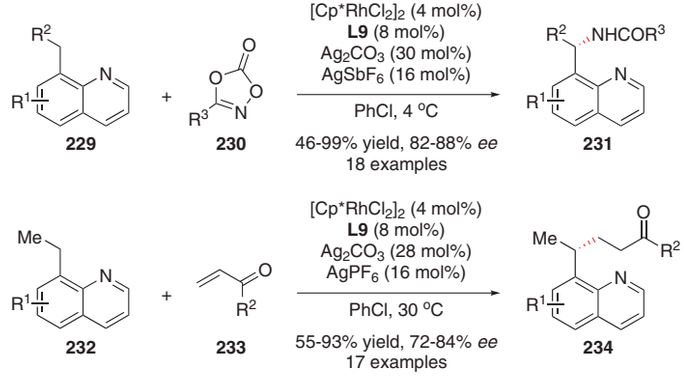
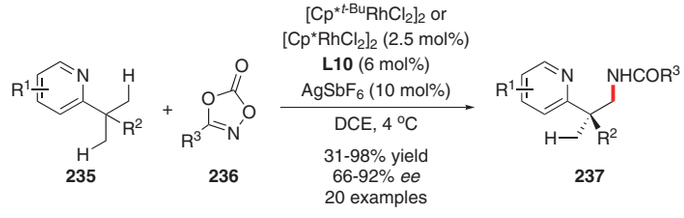


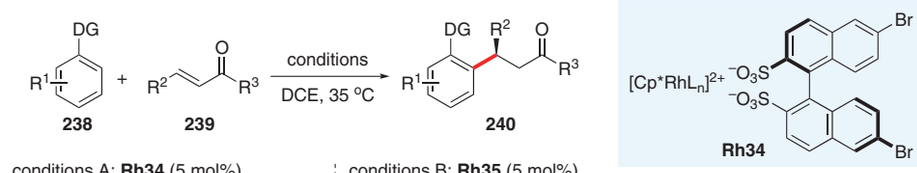
13b) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 18154.
13c) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Org. Lett.* **2020**, *22*, 8256.

Development of pseudo-C_2-symmetric acids

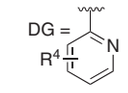


13d) Lin, Yoshino and Matsunaga, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 4271.

Enantioselective C–H activation controlled by disulfonates

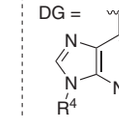


conditions A: **Rh34** (5 mol%)
2-methylquinoline (20 mol%), 3 Å MS

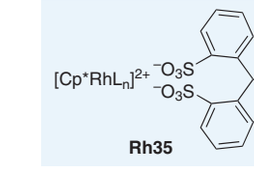


62-95% yield
76-90% *ee*
20 examples

conditions B: **Rh35** (5 mol%)



43-85% yield
74-82% *ee*
5 examples



Possible enantio-control mechanisms

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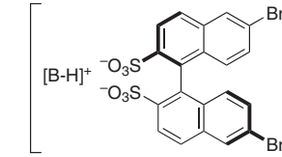
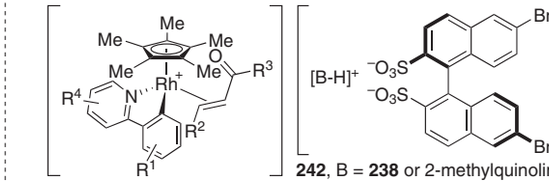


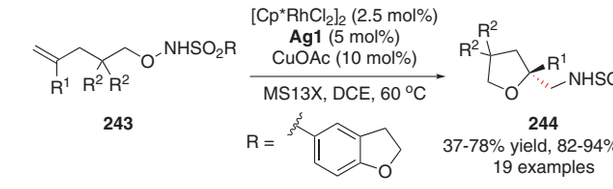
241, B = **238** or 2-methylquinoline

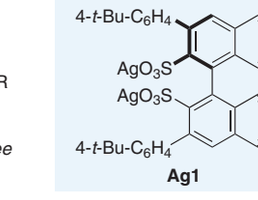
(b) Chiral counteranion



242, B = **238** or 2-methylquinoline

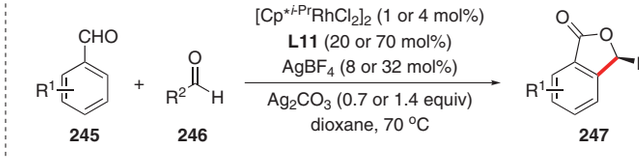
Development of chiral disulfonate ligands for asymmetric addition of olefins



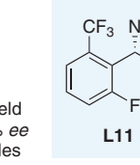


13e) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Nat. Catal.* **2018**, *1*, 585.
13f) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 15187.

Asymmetric C–H activation using an amine as a chiral transient directing group



10-73% yield
61 to >99% *ee*
52 examples



13g) Wang, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2019**, *25*, 4688.

Figure 11 Cp*Rh^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization enabled by chiral carboxylic acids/disulfonates as ligands or by a chiral amide as a chiral transient directing group[13a–g]

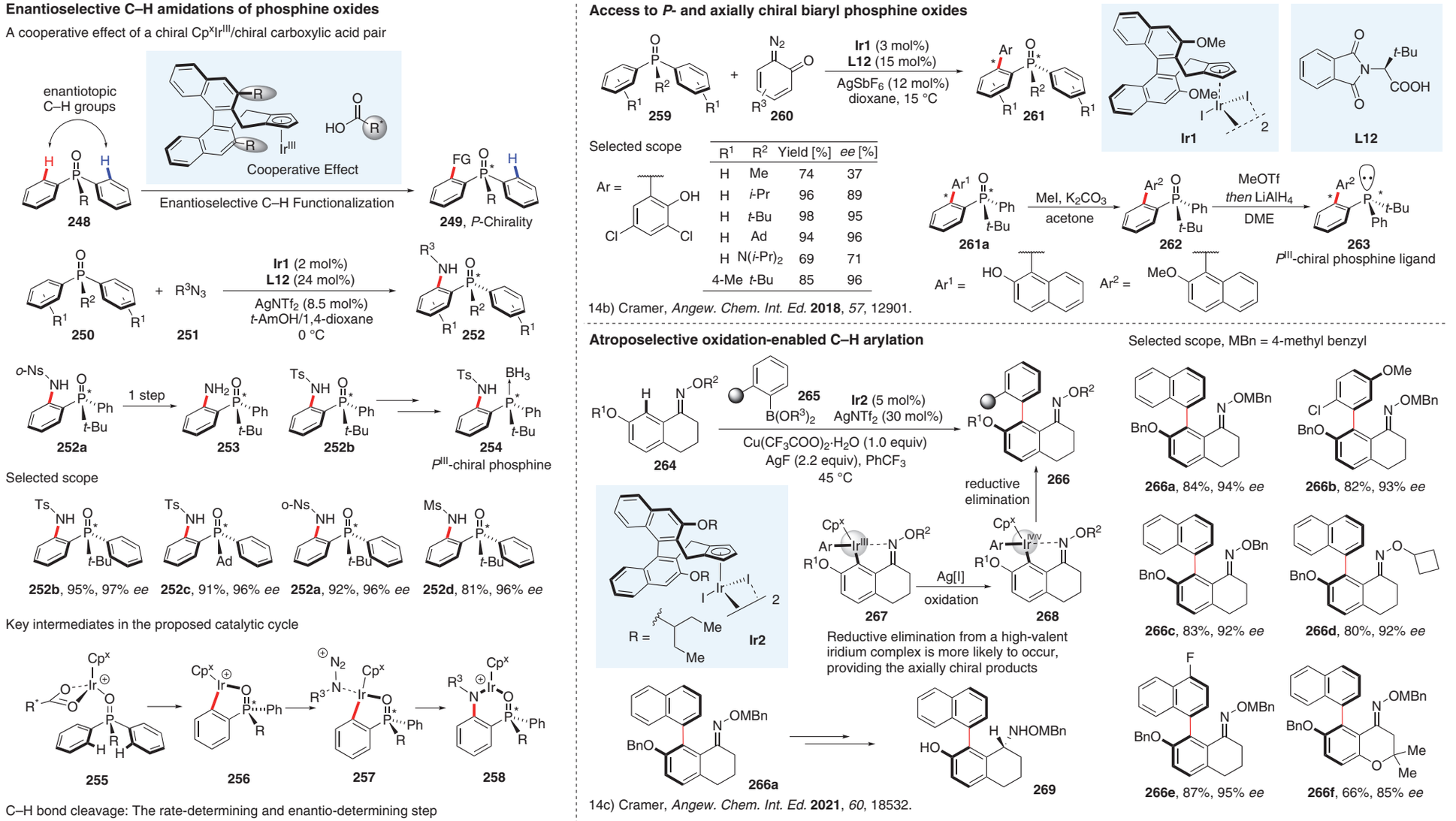
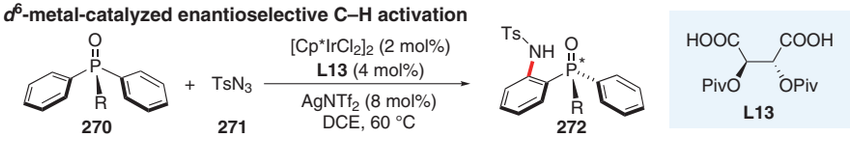


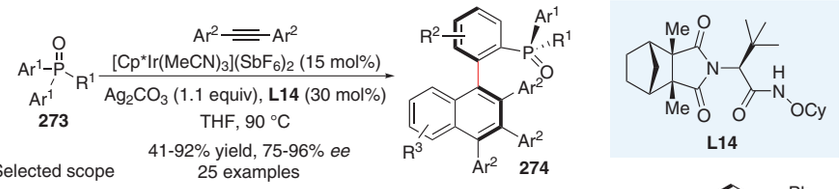
Figure 12 Ir^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization with chiral Cp^{x}[14a–d]

An initial attempt using chiral carboxylic acids (CCAs) as ligands in high-valent d^6-metal-catalyzed enantioselective C–H activation



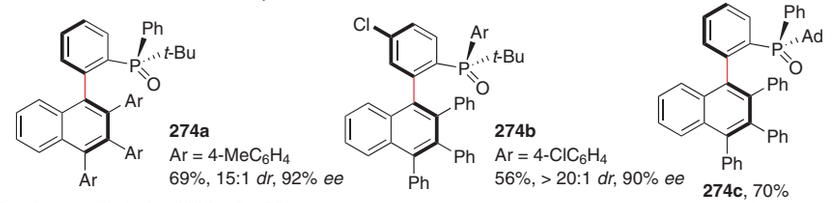
15a) Chang, *Tetrahedron* **2015**, *71*, 4504. 44-91% yield, 11-32% *ee*, 5 examples

Asymmetric C–H activation of biaryl phosphine oxides



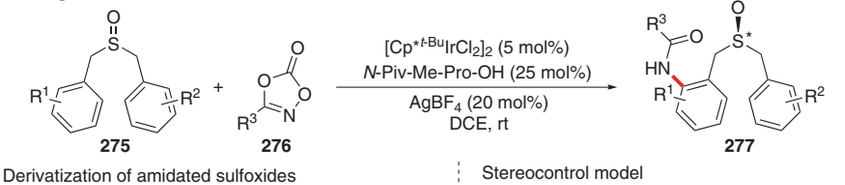
41-92% yield, 75-96% *ee*
25 examples

Selected scope

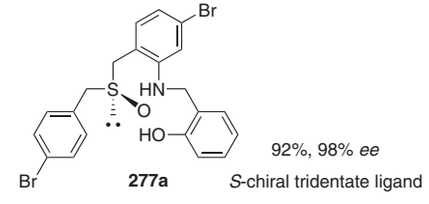


15b) Duan, *ACS Catal.* **2022**, *12*, 193.

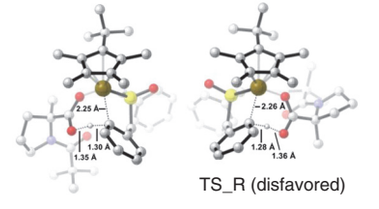
Dual-ligand-enabled enantioselective C–H amidation



Derivatization of amidated sulfoxides

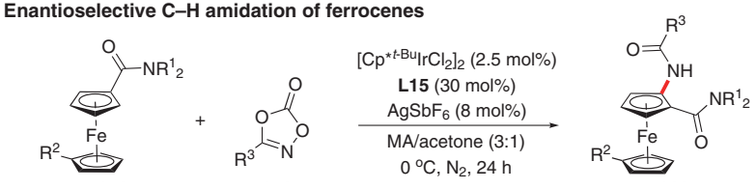


Stereocontrol model



15c) He, *ACS Catal.* **2020**, *10*, 7207.

Enantioselective C–H amidation of ferrocenes



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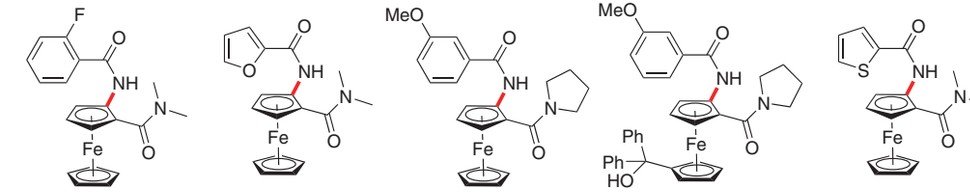
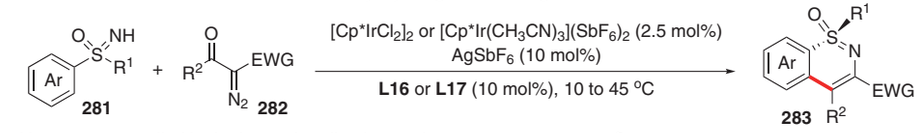
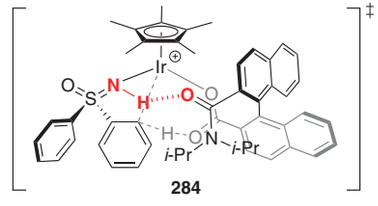


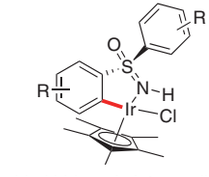
15d) Shi, *ACS Catal.* **2020**, *10*, 7117.

Enantioselective C–H activation assisted by hydrogen bonding

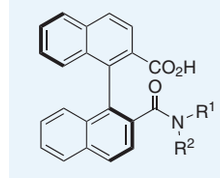


Transition state: controlled by hydrogen bonding interaction





chiral iridacycle intermediates
285a, R = 4-Cl, 67%, 95% *ee*
285b, R = 3-Ac, 81%, 98% *ee*



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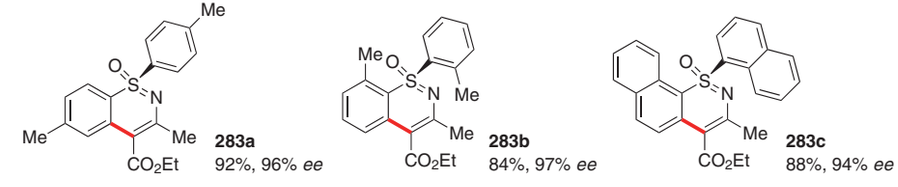
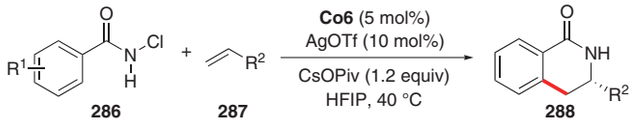


15e) Zhou, Hong and Shi, *ACS Catal.* **2022**, *12*, 9083.

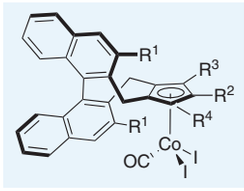
Figure 13 Achiral Cp^*Ir^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization using chiral carboxylic acids as ligands[15a–e]

Chiral Cp^{x}Co^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H alkylation

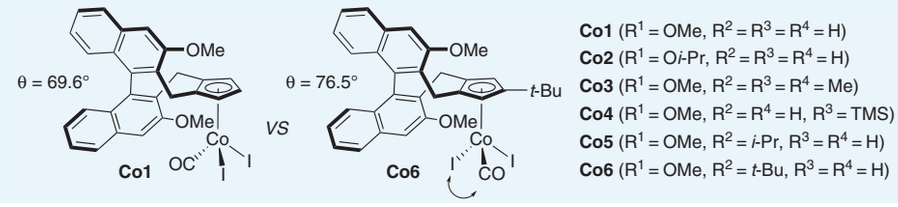


286 287 288

44-91% yield, 73-99% *ee*, 27 examples



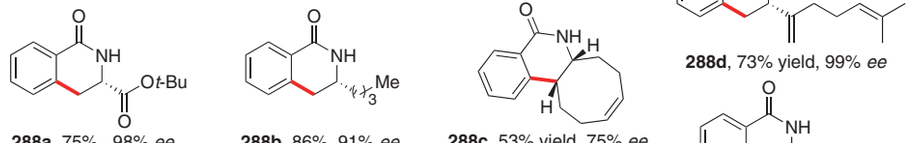
Comparison of **Co1** and **Co6**:



Co1 (R^1 = OMe, R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = H)
Co2 (R^1 = O*i*-Pr, R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = H)
Co3 (R^1 = OMe, R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = Me)
Co4 (R^1 = OMe, R^2 = R^4 = H, R^3 = TMS)
Co5 (R^1 = OMe, R^2 = *i*-Pr, R^3 = R^4 = H)
Co6 (R^1 = OMe, R^2 = *t*-Bu, R^3 = R^4 = H)

Co6 possesses a greater θ angle and a swapped CO ligand

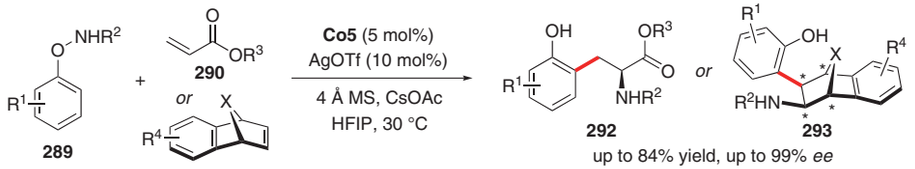
Selected scope:



288a, 75% , 98% *ee*
288b, 86%, 91% *ee*
288c, 53% yield, 75% *ee*
288d, 73% yield, 99% *ee*
288e, 49% yield, 96% *ee*

16a) Cramer, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, *141*, 5675.

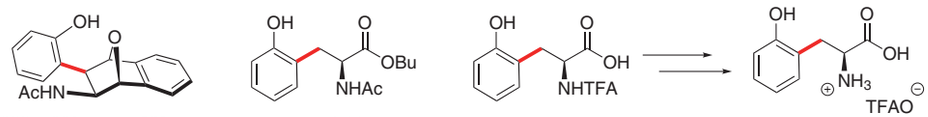
Asymmetric intermolecular amidation with different alkenes



289 290 291 292 293

up to 84% yield, up to 99% *ee*

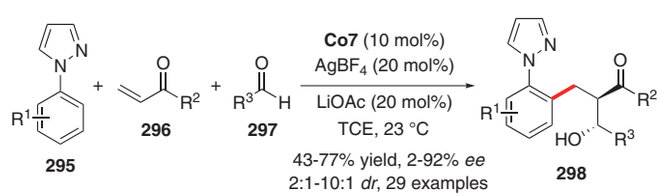
Selected scope:



293a, 99% yield, 68% *ee*
292a, 84% yield, 99% *ee*
292b, 49% yield, 99% *ee*
294, 81% yield

16b) Cramer, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 655.

Three-component asymmetric C–H activation/functionalization



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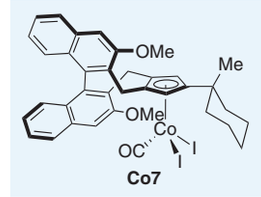
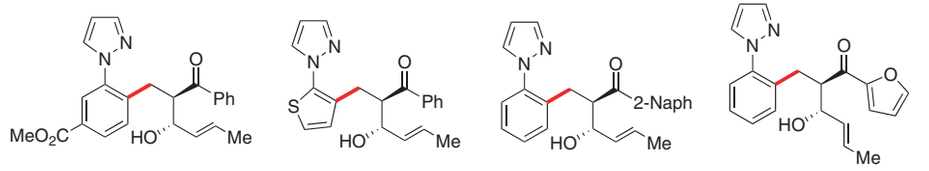
43-77% yield, 2-92% *ee*
2:1-10:1 *dr*, 29 examples



Co7

Selected scope:

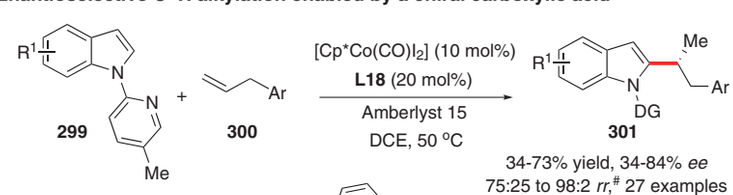


298a, 66% yield
92% *ee*, 7:1 *dr*
298b, 64% yield
88% *ee*, 6:1 *dr*
298c, 72% yield
90% *ee*, 7:1 *dr*
298d, 60% yield
60% *ee*, 7:1 *dr*

(41% yield, 88% *ee*, 7:1 *dr*, 5 mmol scale)

16c) Cramer, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 11938.

Enantioselective C–H alkylation enabled by a chiral carboxylic acid



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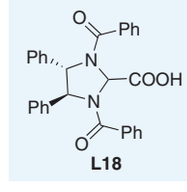
34-73% yield, 34-84% *ee*
75:25 to 98:2 *rr*,# 27 examples



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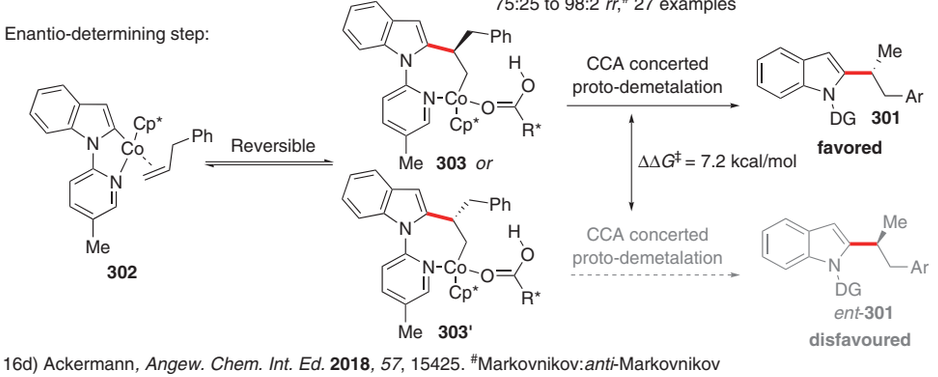
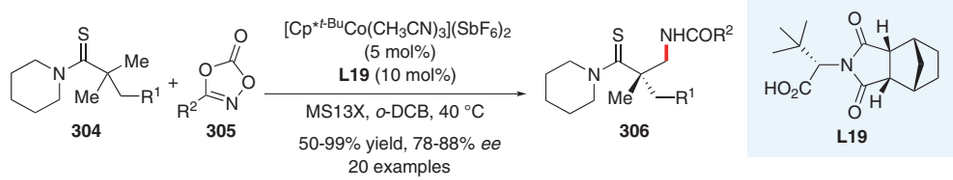


302 303 *or* 303' 301 **favored** *ent*-301 **disfavoured**

16d) Ackermann, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2018**, *57*, 15425. #Markovnikov:*anti*-Markovnikov

Figure 14 Cp^{x}Co^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization *via* asymmetric alkylation[16a–d]

Enantioselective C(sp^3)–H amidation of thioamides



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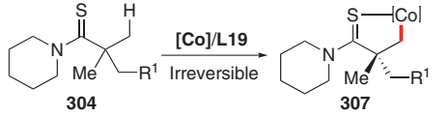
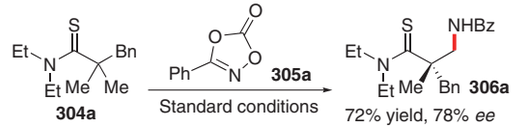
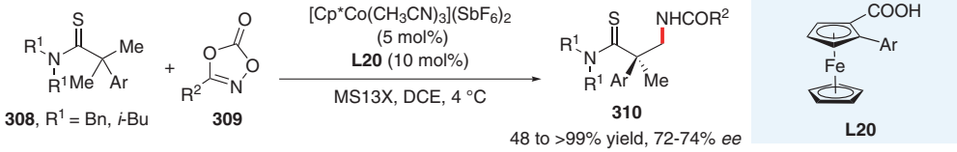


Non-cyclic thioamides are also compatible.



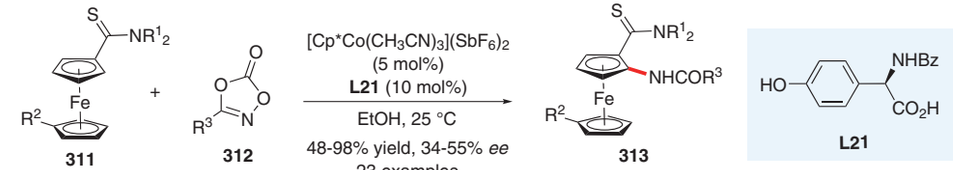
17a) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 1153.

Using 2-arylferrocene carboxylic acids as chiral ligands



17b) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Organometallics* **2019**, *38*, 3921.

Using monoprotected amino acids as chiral ligands



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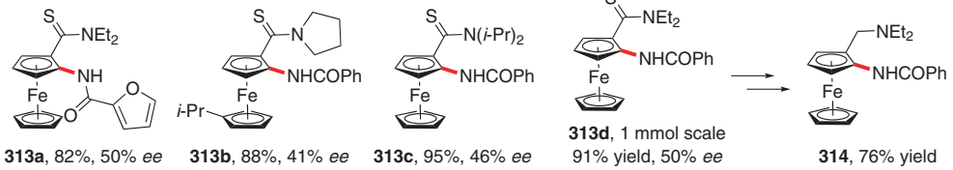
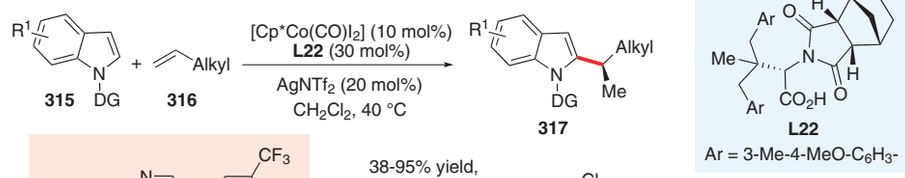
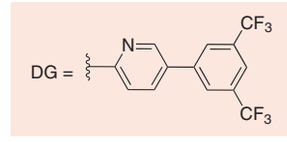


*EtOH was observed to offer a significant ligand-accelerating effect, which is critical for good enantioselectivity.

17c) Shi, *Org. Lett.* **2019**, *21*, 1895.

Enantioselective hydroarylation of unactived terminal alkenes





38-95% yield,
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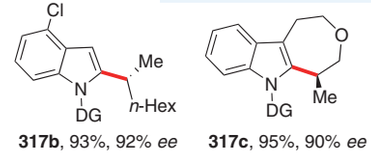
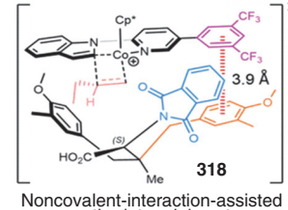
36 examples





Noncovalent-interaction-assisted enantio-determining step

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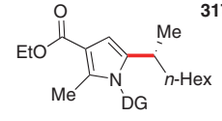

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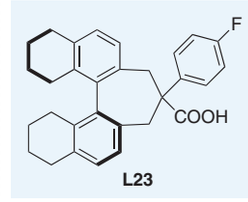

17d) Hong and Shi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2021**, *143*, 19112.

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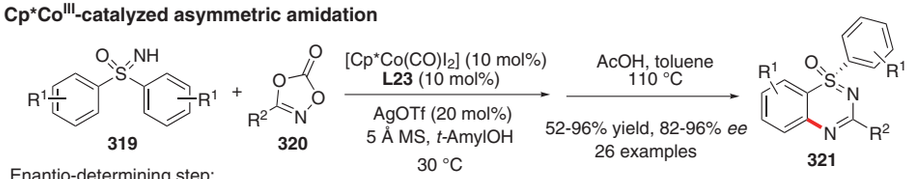

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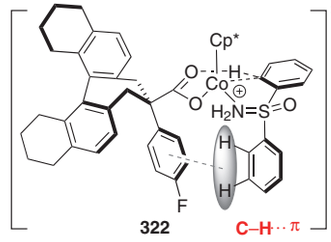
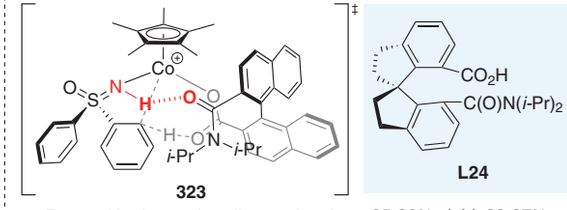


Favored TS$_{major}$ of C–H activation

The same transformation achieved with L16 or L24



Favored hydrogen-bonding-assisted C–H activation transition state with **L16**

35-86% yield, 83-97% *ee*
28 examples

17e) Yoshino and Matsunaga, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202205341.

17f) Zhou, Hong and Shi, *ACS Catal.* **2022**, *12*, 9806.

Figure 15 Achiral Cp*Co^{III}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization using chiral carboxylic acids as ligands[17a–f]

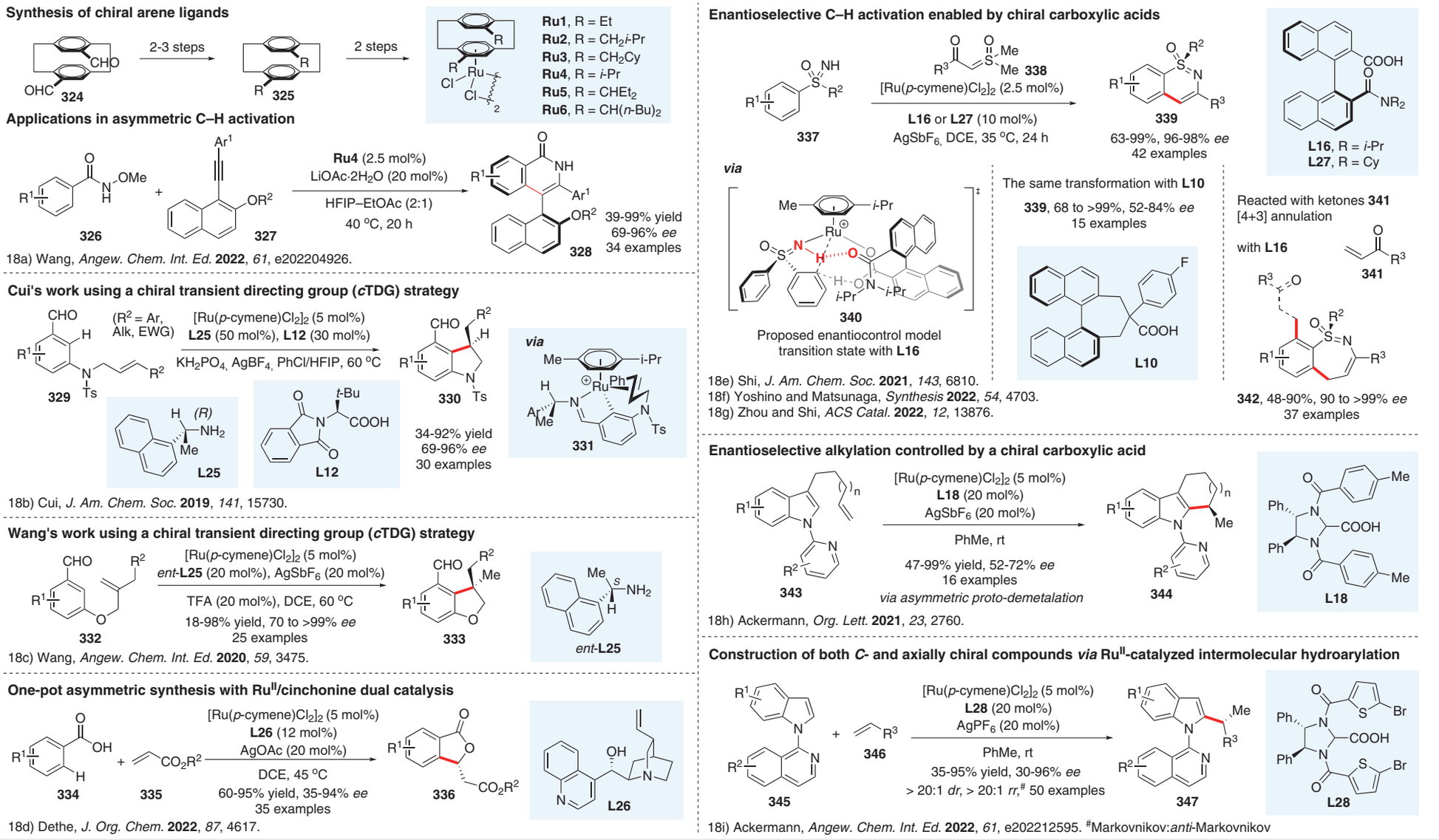


Figure 16 Ru^{II}-catalyzed enantioselective C–H functionalization[18a–i]

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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