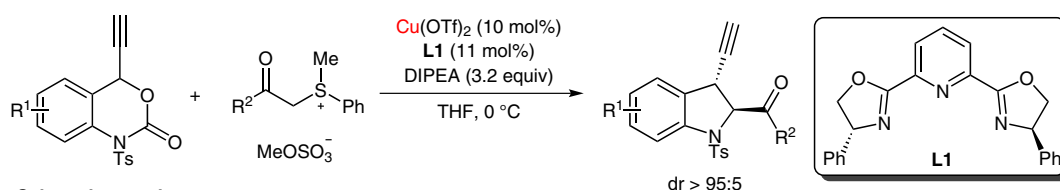
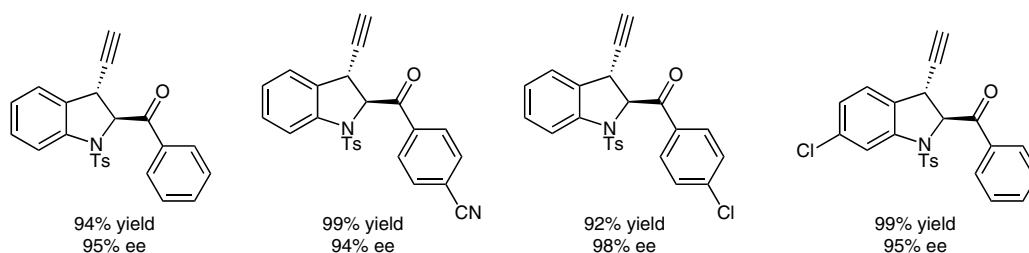


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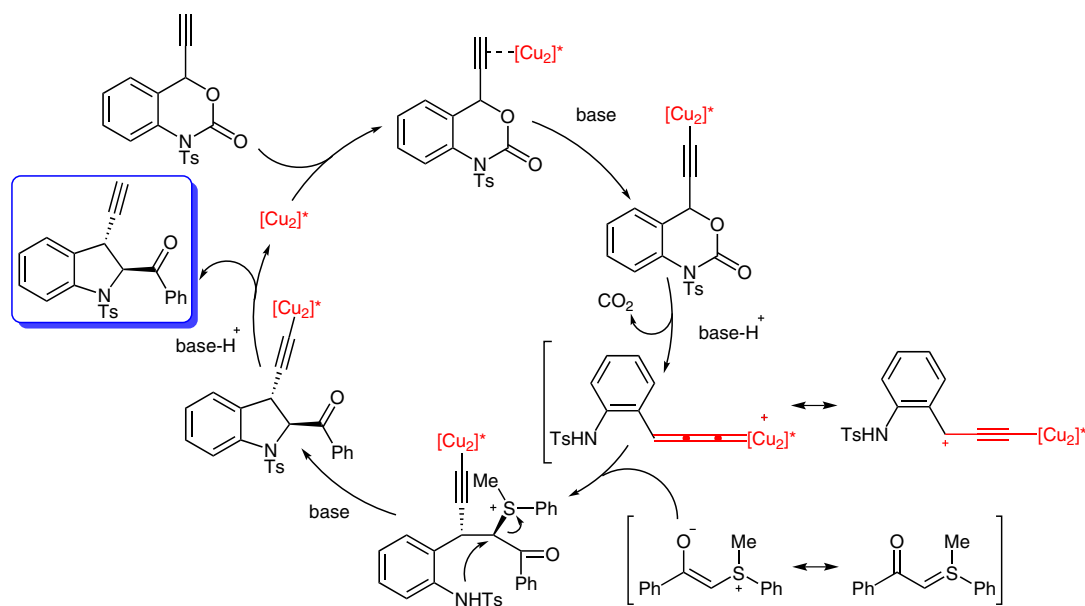
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Selected examples:



Plausible mechanism:



**Significance:** The authors report a copper-catalyzed asymmetric [4+1] cycloaddition by trapping copper–allenylidene dipolar intermediates with sulfur ylides. A variety of chiral indolines were obtained with high stereoselectivities ( $\leq 98\%$  ee and dr > 95:5).

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**Comment:** This reaction affords an opportunity for the ready synthesis of chiral indoline products and related cycloadducts with high stereoselectivities. Mechanistic studies suggest that this reaction is a sequential process that involves decarboxylative propargylation/ $S_N2$  reactions promoted by binuclear copper complexes.