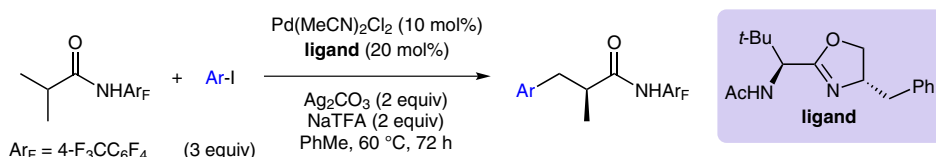
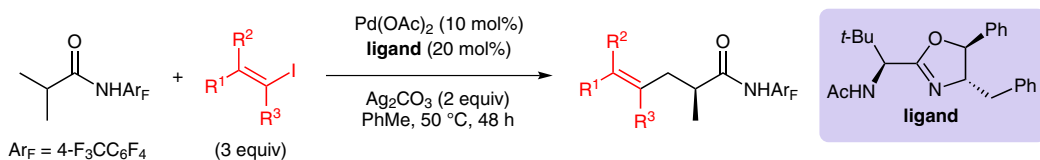
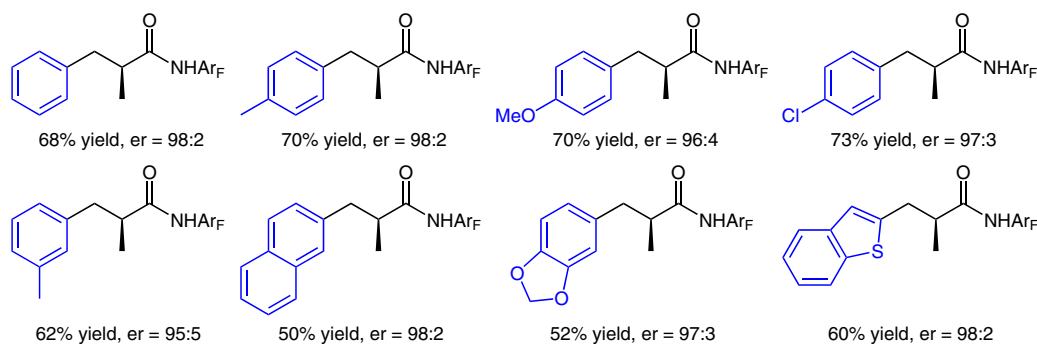


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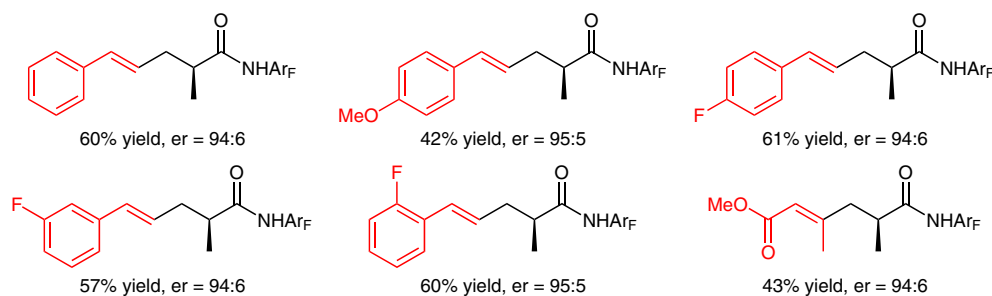
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**Significance:** Desymmetrization of isopropyl moieties has remained an unanswered challenge. The authors have developed new ligands for the formation of a chiral center at the  $\alpha$ -position of isobutyric acid derivatives through  $\beta$ -C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H functionalization.

**Comment:** This palladium-catalyzed protocol promotes an asymmetric  $\beta$ -C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H arylation, alkenylation, or alkynylation to form a chiral center at the  $\alpha$ -position of a range of isobutyric acid derivatives with moderate yields and excellent enantioselectivities.

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