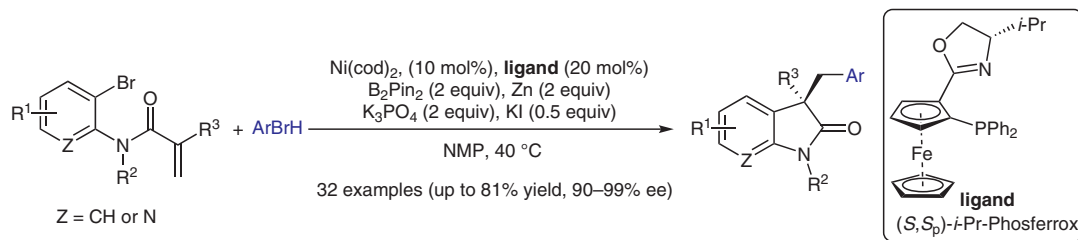


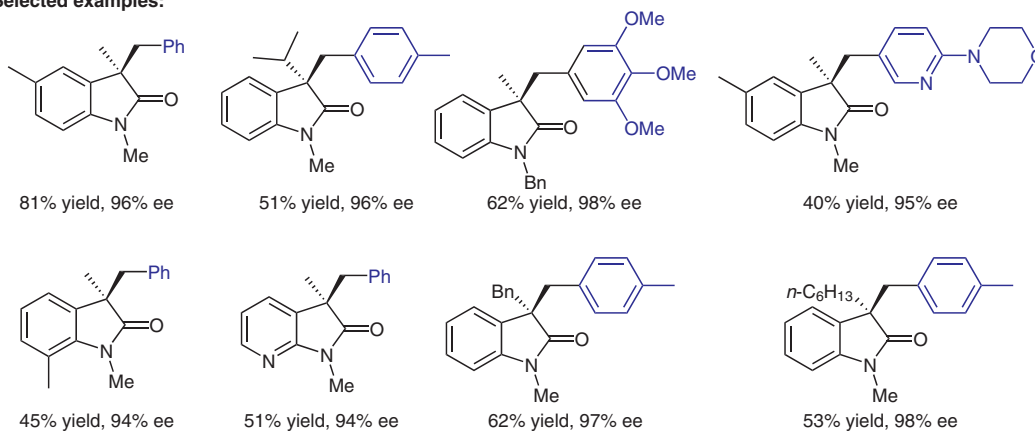
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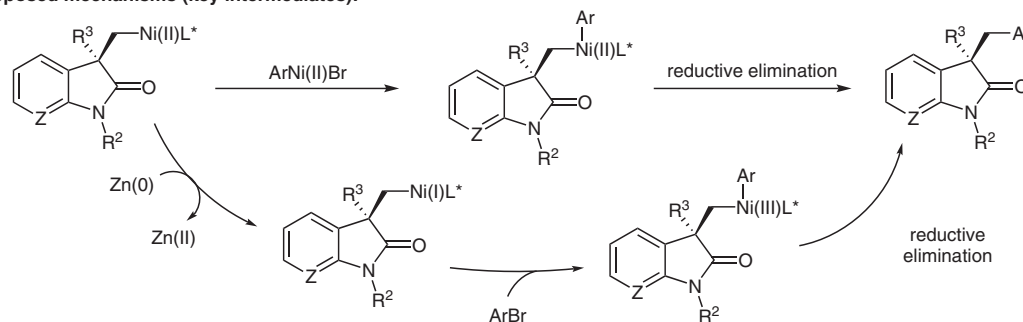
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### Selected examples:



### Proposed mechanisms (key intermediates):



**Significance:** The authors report a reductive diarylation of alkenes by using a nickel-catalyzed domino process employing two aryl electrophiles. This represents the first report of metal-catalyzed reductive coupling for the synthesis of oxindole scaffolds.

**Comment:** Following optimization of the reaction conditions, a broad substrate scope that included aryl bromides and alkenes was observed. An example of an azaoxindole was also demonstrated. The authors consider two possible pathways: One features two oxidative addition steps. The key step of the second pathway is a transmetalation between two nickel(II) species.

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