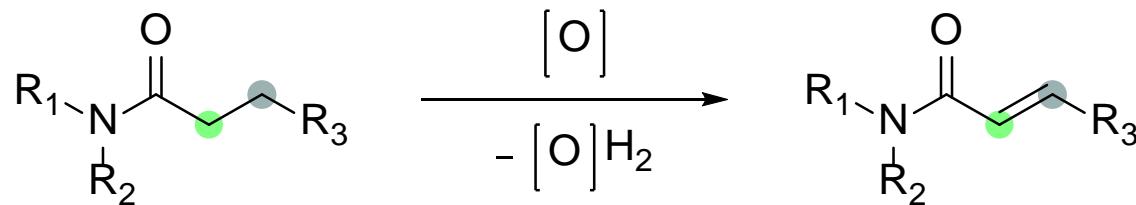


# Dehydrogenation to Afford $\alpha,\beta$ Unsaturated Amides



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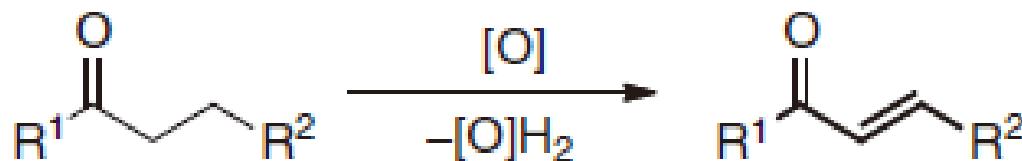


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Summary

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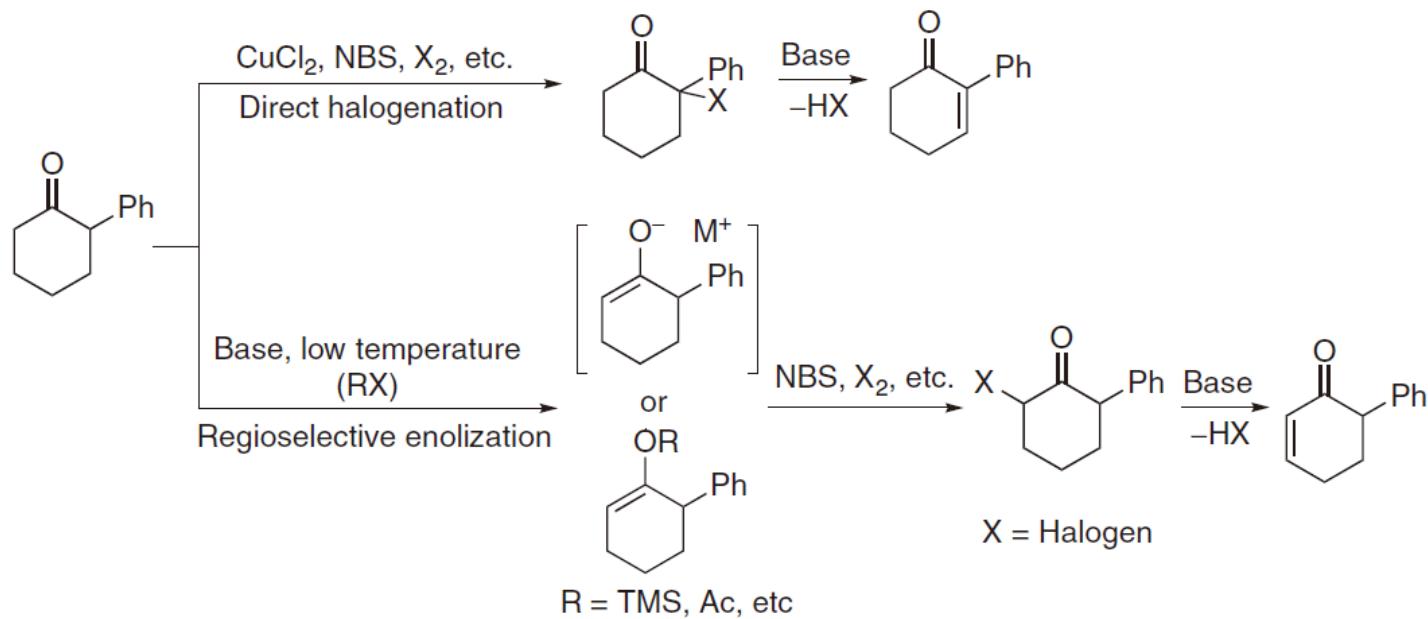


Substrate	R-CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-H	2-hydroxytetrahydrofuran	2-hydroxycyclohexanone	2-hydroxycyclopentanamine	R-CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-Me	R-CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-OEt	R-CH <sub>2</sub> -C(=O)-NEt <sub>2</sub>
$\alpha$ -pK <sub>a</sub> in DMSO		25.2	26.4	26.6	27.1	29.5	34
$\alpha$ -pK <sub>a</sub> in H <sub>2</sub> O	16.7				19.3		

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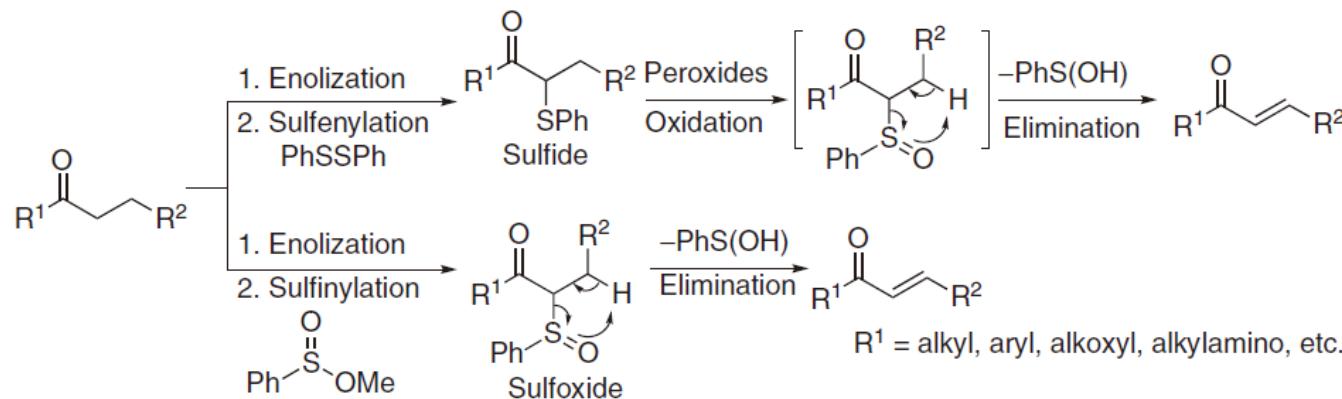
### 2.1 Halogenation-Dehydrohalogenation Reactions

- Various Halogenation Reagents
- Abundance of Conditions for Regioselective Enolate Formation and Halogenation of Enolates
- Basic Condition
- Difficult to Halogenate Amides

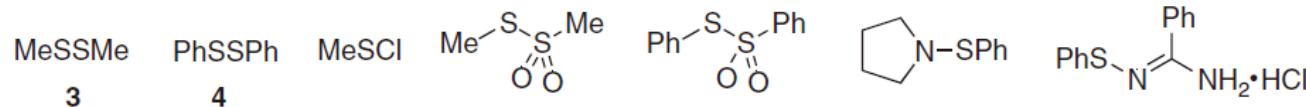


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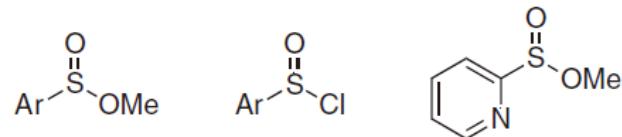
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Sulfonylation reagents



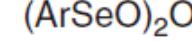
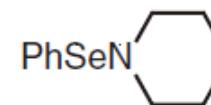
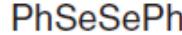
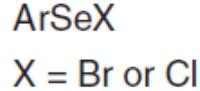
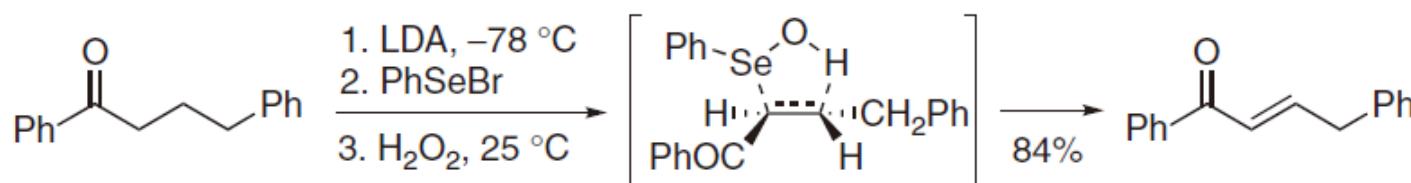
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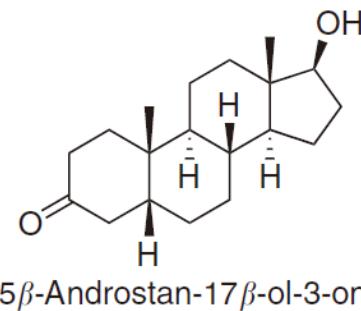
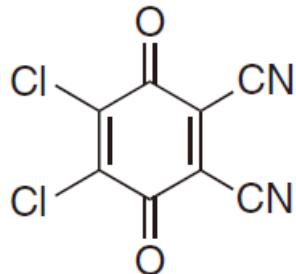
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- Enhanced Basicity/More Facile Elimination
- Higher Functional Group Tolerance



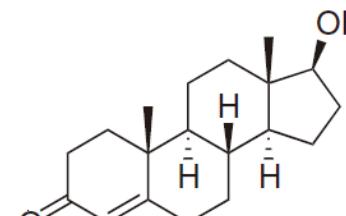
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## 2.4 Dichlorodicyanoquinone (DDQ)

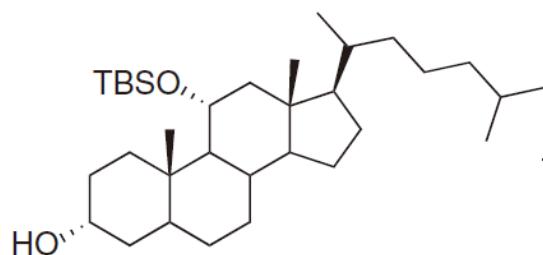


## 5 $\beta$ -Androstan-17 $\beta$ -ol-3-one

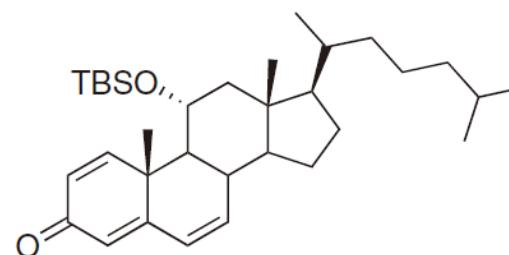
## DDQ, dioxane



Androst-4-ene- $17\beta$ -ol-3-one

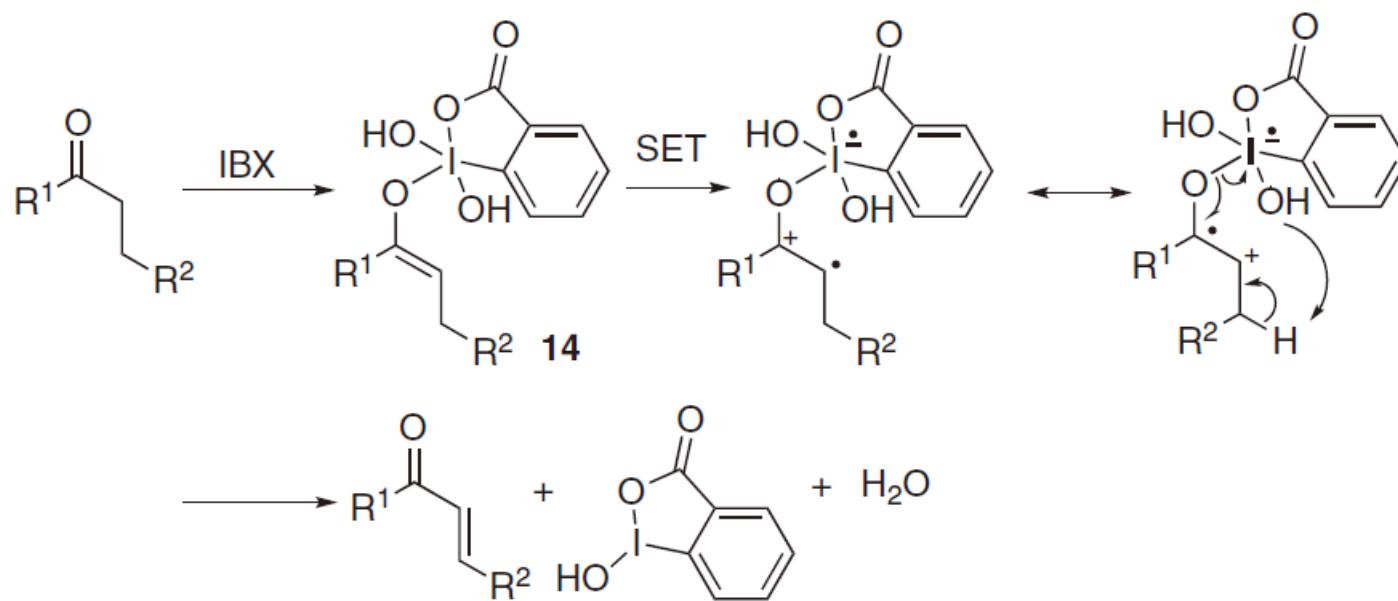
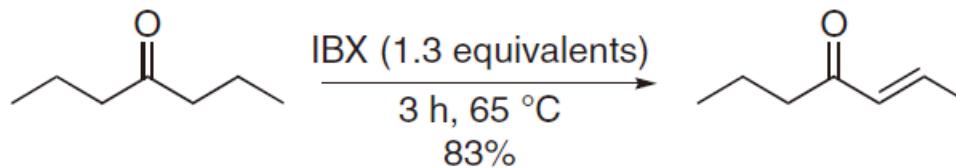


DDQ, (7 equivalents) →  
Dioxane, reflux, 48 h  
40–45%



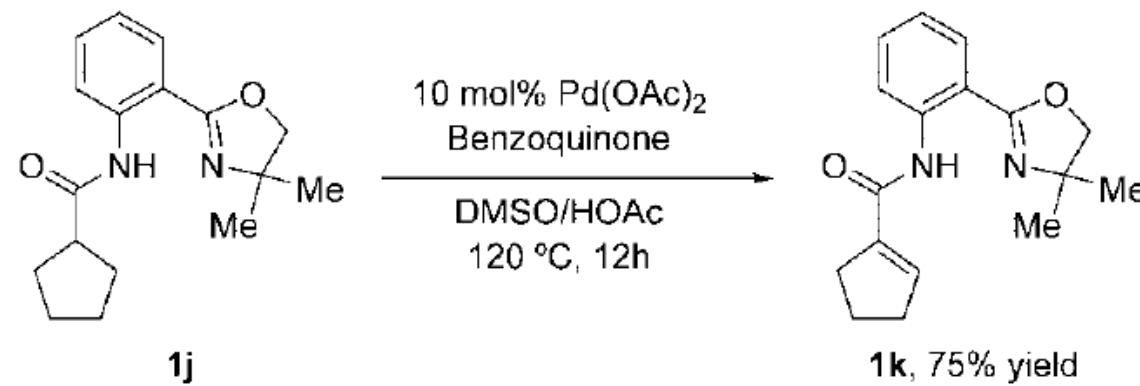
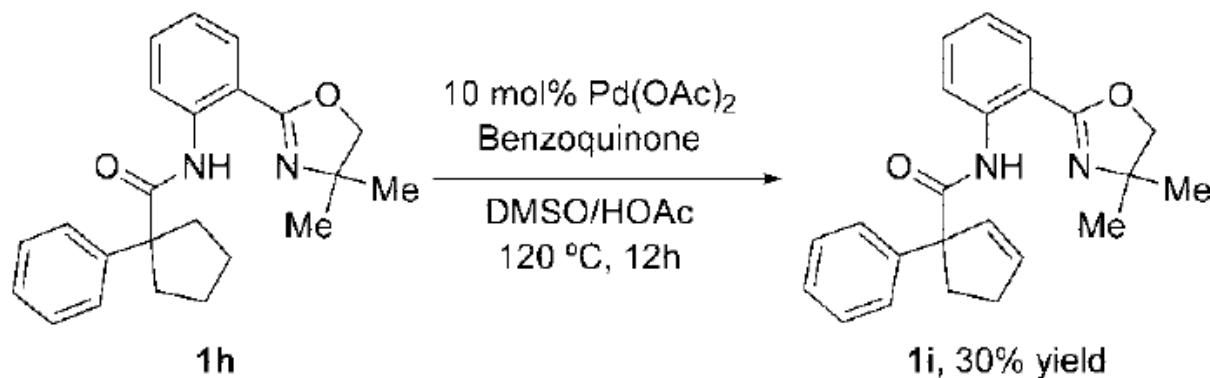
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### 2.5 2-Iodoxybenzoic Acid (IBX)



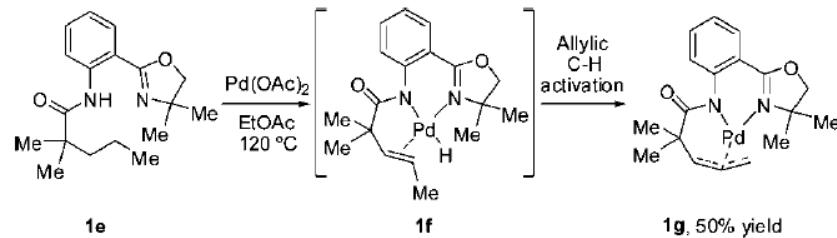
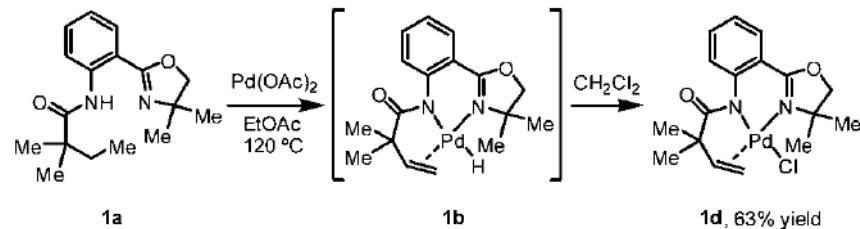
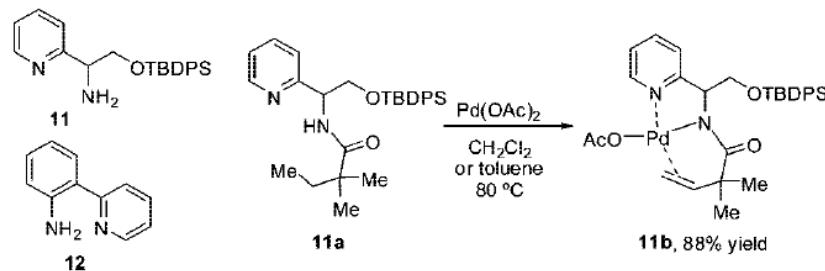
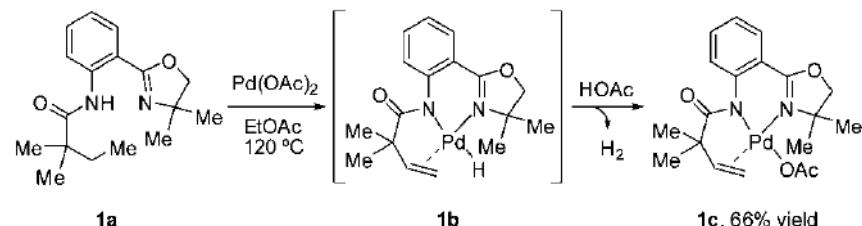
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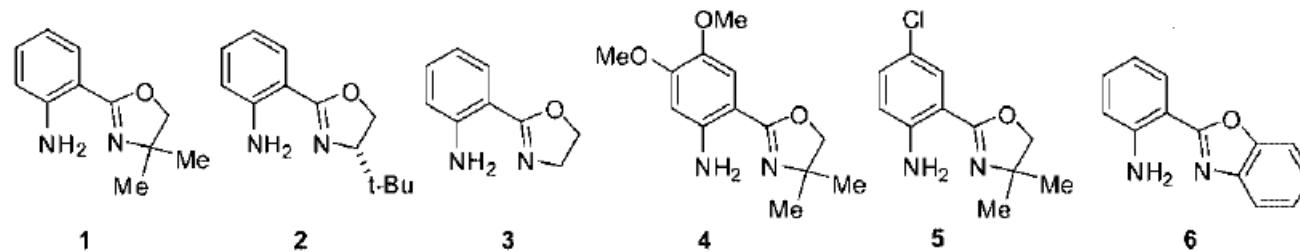
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**Table 1.** Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>-Mediated Dehydrogenation of 2,2-Dimethylbutyric Acid using Various Auxiliaries<sup>a</sup>

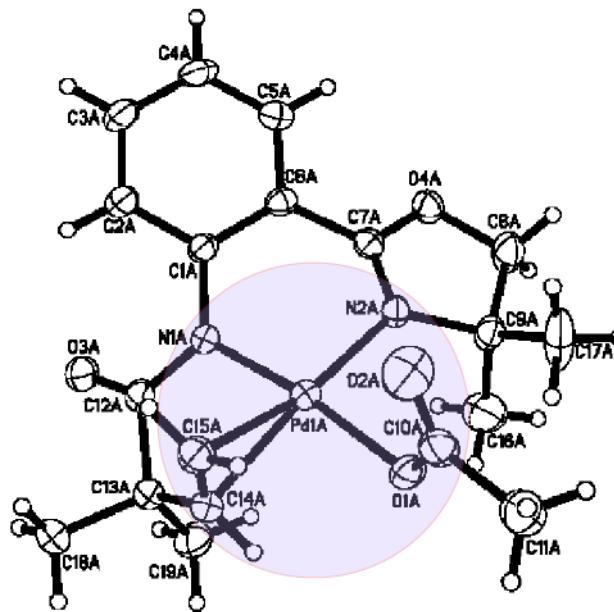
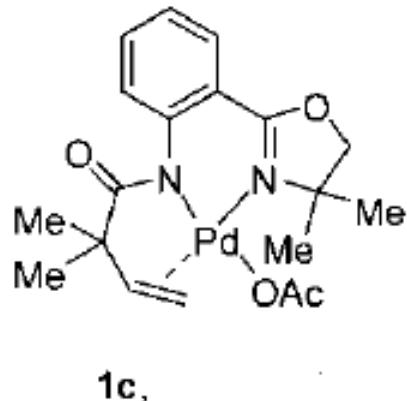
entry	auxiliary	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	entry	auxiliary	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	<b>1</b>	66	4	<b>4</b>	62
2	<b>2</b>	35	5	<b>5</b>	40
3	<b>3</b>	90 <sup>c</sup>	6	<b>6</b>	10 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: substrate (0.1 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), ethyl acetate (1 mL), 120 °C, 30 min. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> 100 °C. <sup>d</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.



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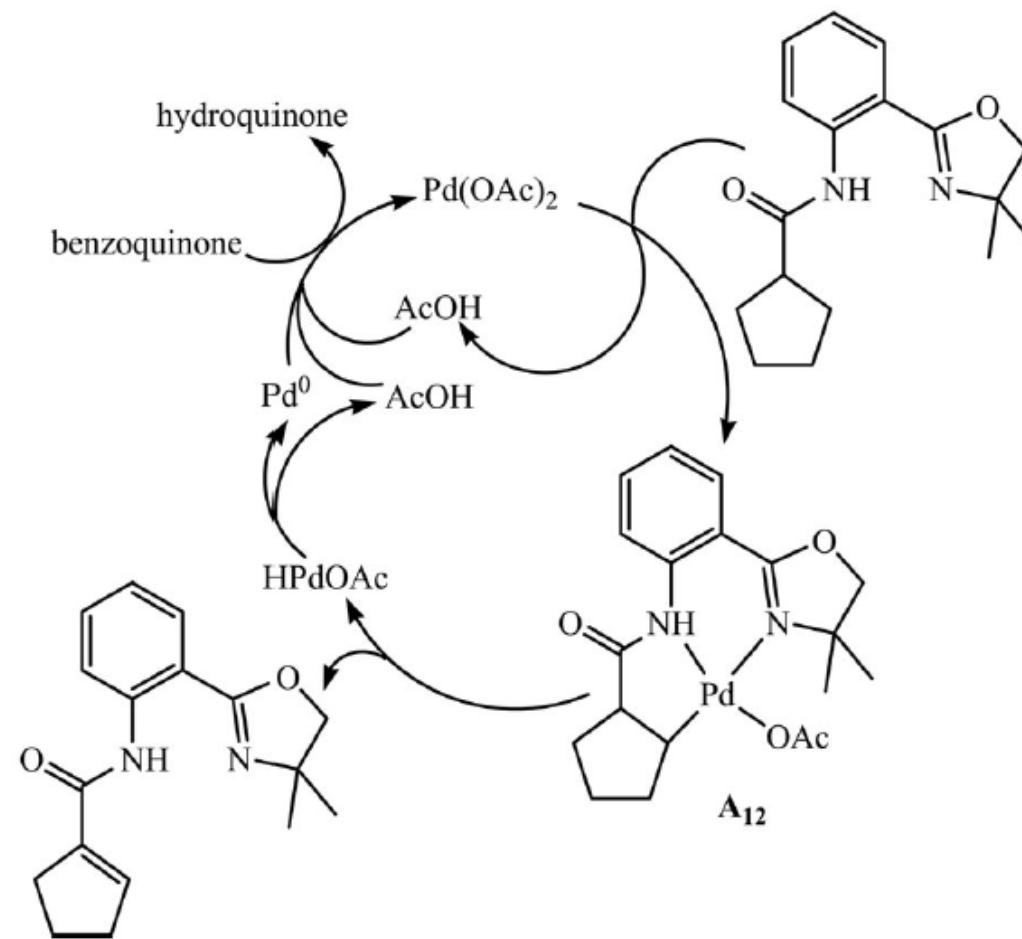
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**Figure 1.** Molecular structure of **1c**. Pertinent bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles (deg): Pd1A–N1A, 1.980(3); Pd1A–N2A, 2.049(3); Pd1A–C15A, 2.155(4); Pd1A–C14A, 2.137(4); Pd1A–O1A, 2.019(3); N1A–Pd1A–N2A, 89.83(13); N1A–Pd1A–C14A, 82.07(16); N1A–Pd1A–C15A, 86.91(17); C14A–Pd1A–O1A, 91.30(16); C15A–Pd1A–O1A, 90.03(17); N2A–Pd1A–O1A, 94.88(13).

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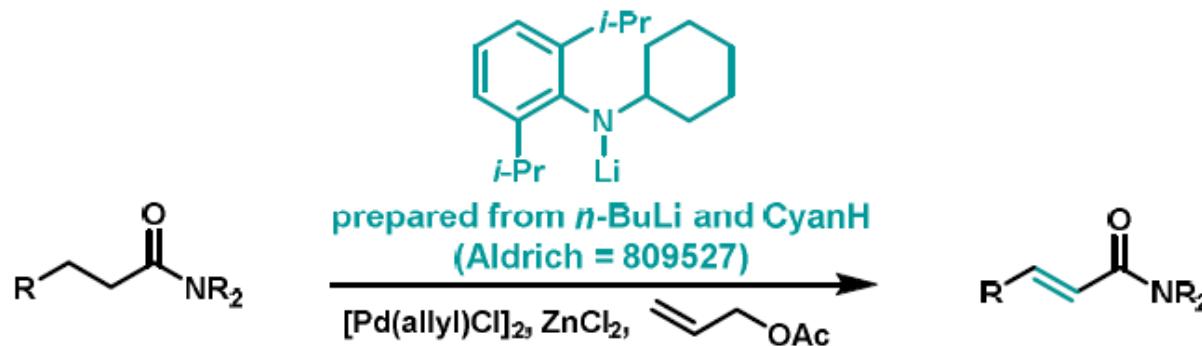
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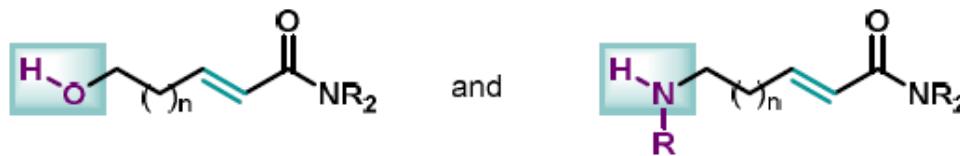
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*Novel lithium anilide for amide dehydrogenation*



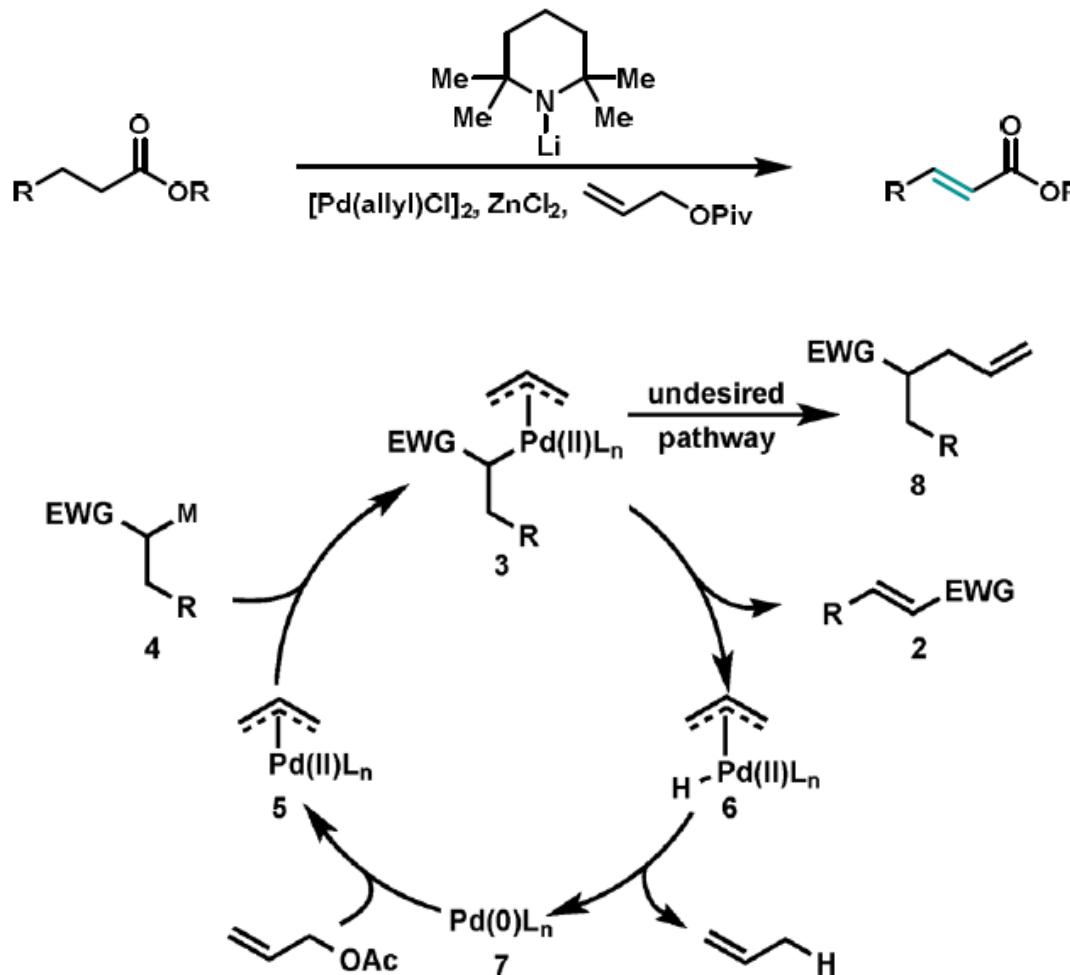
*Carbonyl-selective dehydrogenation*



*unprotected nucleophiles remain intact  
using novel lithium anilide and allyl-palladium catalysis*

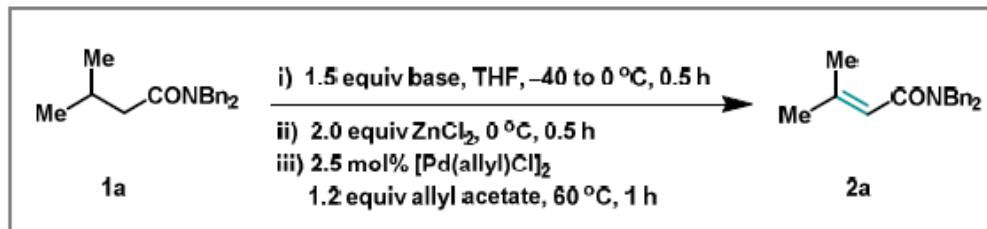
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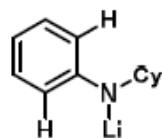
*Commercial lithium amides:*

**3a, LiTMP**  
26 (53)

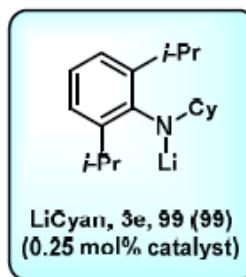
**3b, LDA**  
64 (66)

**3c, LiNCy<sub>2</sub>**  
66 (66)

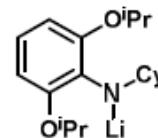
*Optimization of arene substituents:*



**3d, 54 (54)**

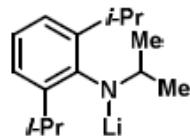


**LiCyan, 3e, 99 (99)  
(0.25 mol% catalyst)**

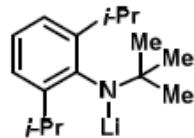


**3f, 62 (64)**

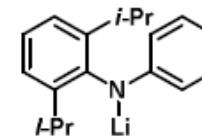
*Optimization of nitrogen substituent:*



**3g, 97 (99)**



**3h, 19 (99)**

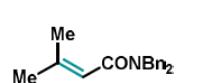
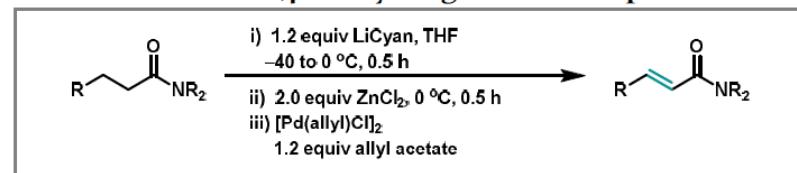


**3i, 0 (20)**

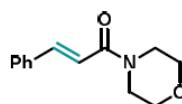
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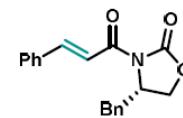
Scheme 1. Amide  $\alpha,\beta$ -dehydrogenation scope<sup>a</sup>



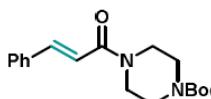
2a (99%)  
60 °C, 1 h<sup>b</sup>



2b (89%)  
23 °C, 2 h

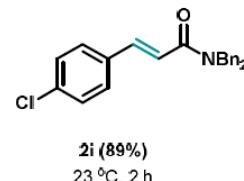


2c (54%)  
60 °C, 10 h<sup>b</sup>

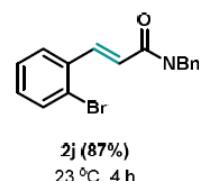


2d (90%)  
40 °C, 3 h

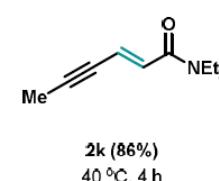
2e Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, (91%), 23 °C, 1 h  
2f Ar = *p*-OMeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (82%), 23 °C, 2 h  
2g Ar = *p*-MeC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (75%), 23 °C, 2 h  
2h Ar = *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, (95%), 23 °C, 4 h



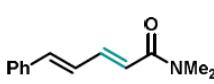
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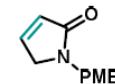
2j (87%)  
23 °C, 4 h



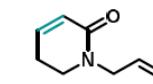
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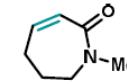
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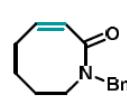
2m (63%)  
23 °C, 5 h



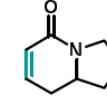
2n (71%)  
23 °C, 5 h



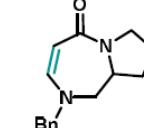
2o (79%)  
23 °C, 4 h



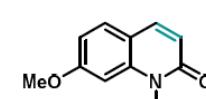
2p (89%)  
23 °C, 4 h



2q (72%)  
23 °C, 2 h



2r (50%)  
40 °C, 14 h<sup>b</sup>



2s (85%)  
23 °C, 4 h

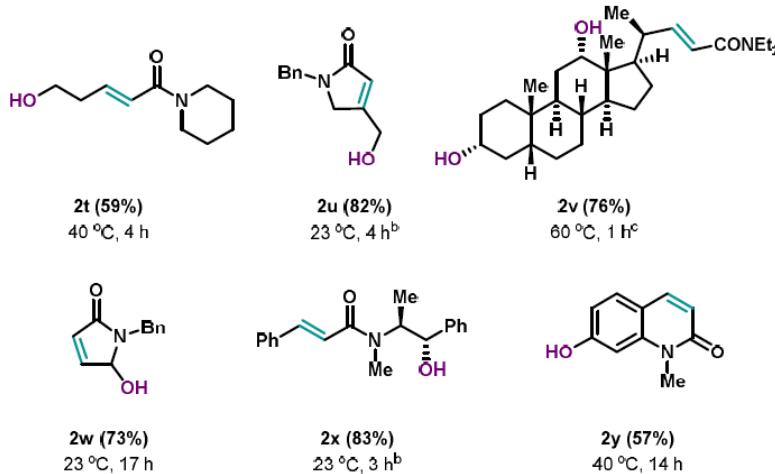
<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield, temperature, and time for the oxidation stage are indicated.

<sup>b</sup> 1.5 equivalents of LiCyan were used.

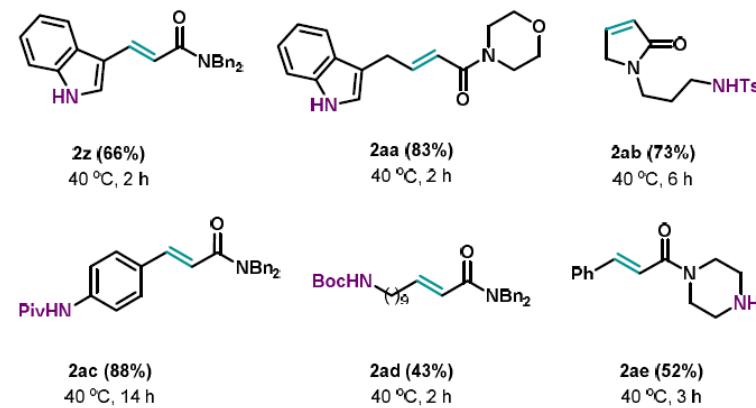
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(a) Dehydrogenation in the presence of O-H functionality:



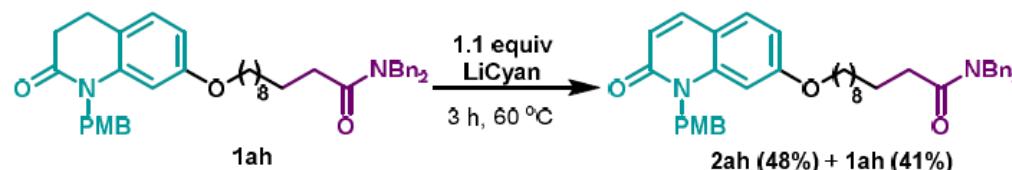
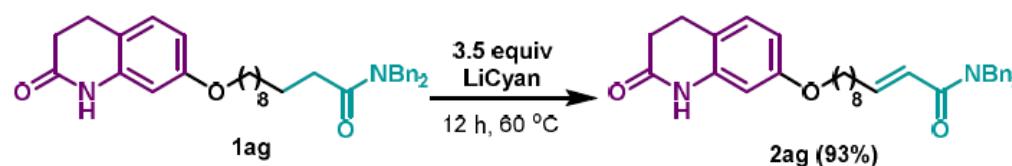
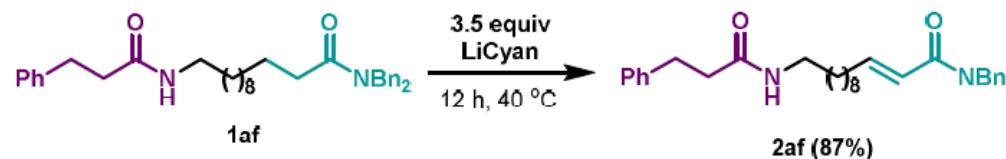
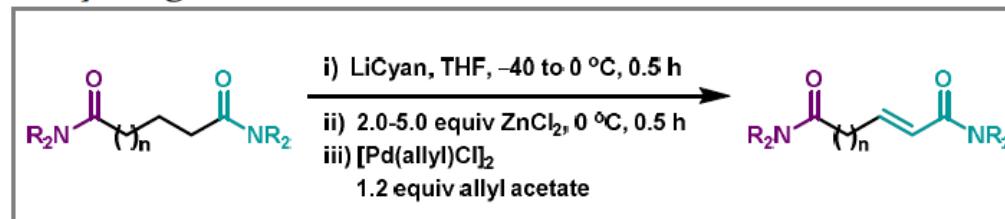
(b) Dehydrogenation in the presence of N-H functionality:



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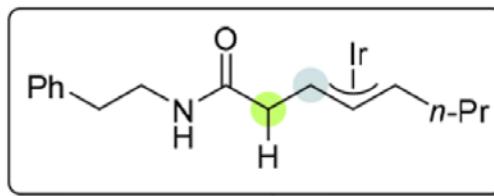
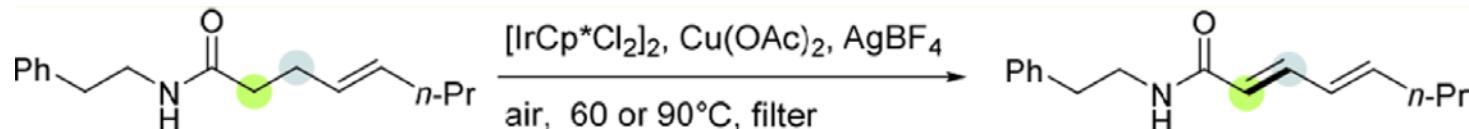
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Scheme 3. Protecting-group controlled  $\alpha,\beta$ -dehydrogenation



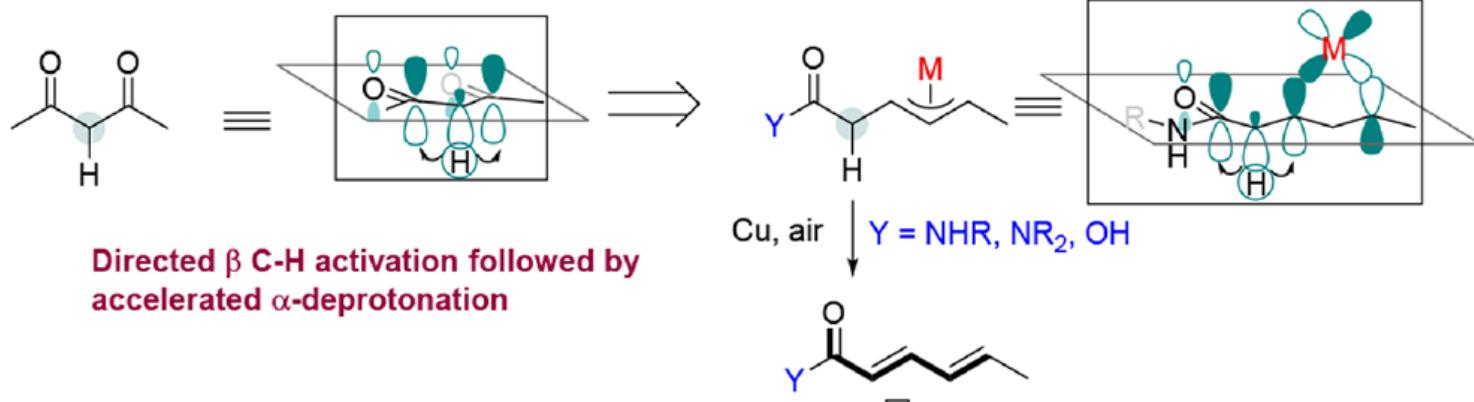
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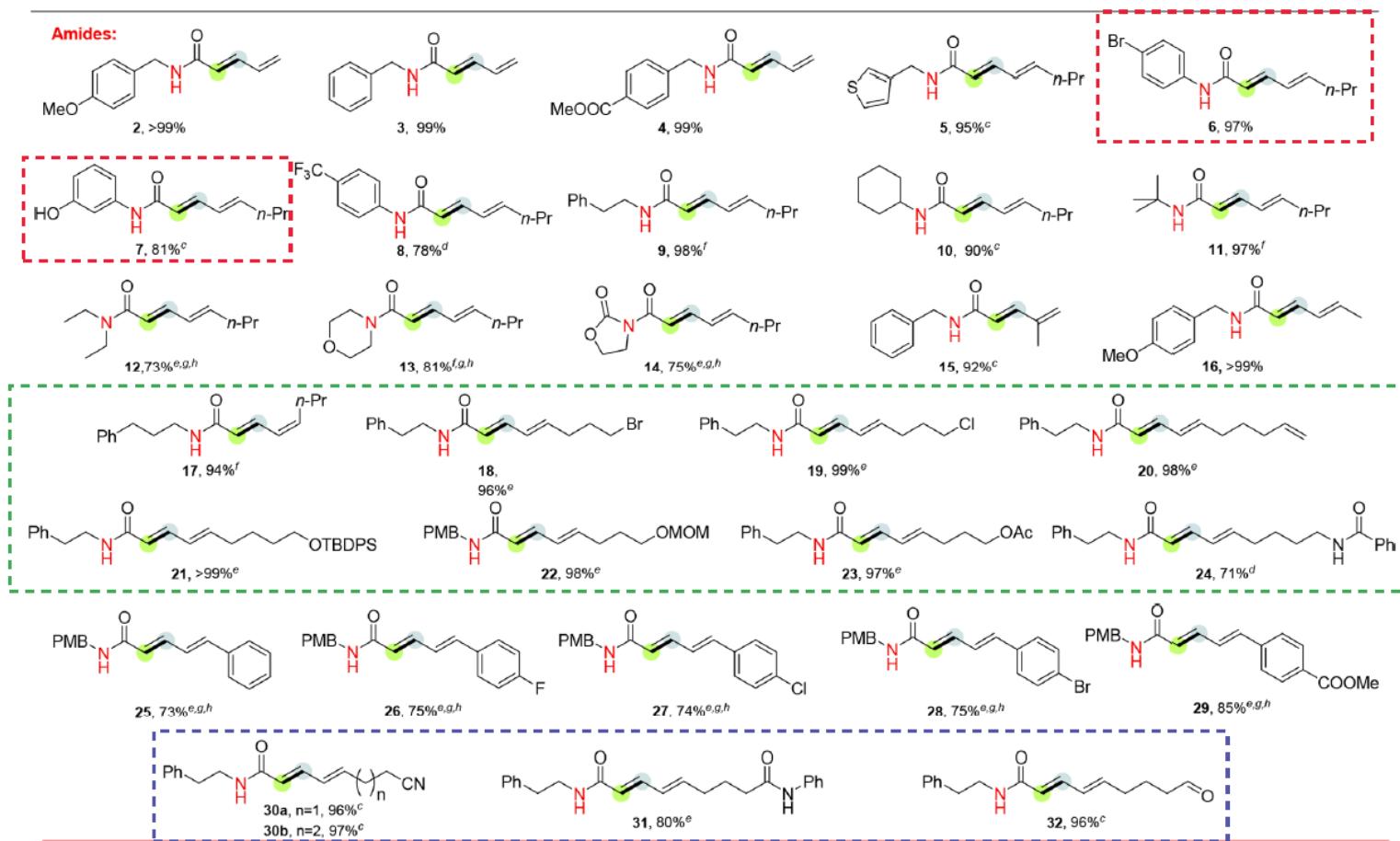
**Aerobic dehydrogenation of amides and acids**  
**Amide: 31 examples, acids: 8 example**  
**Exclusive chemoselectivity among carbonyls**  
**Ir-allyl enhanced  $\alpha$ -acidity**

Activation of both  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -C-H using Ir (this work)



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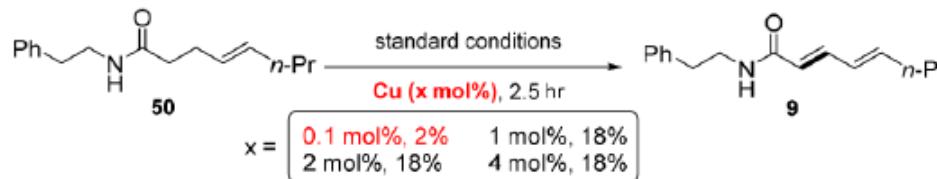
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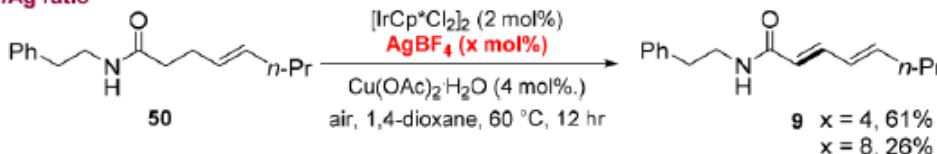
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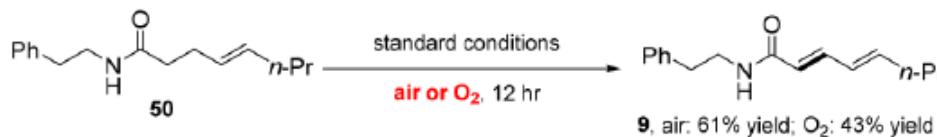
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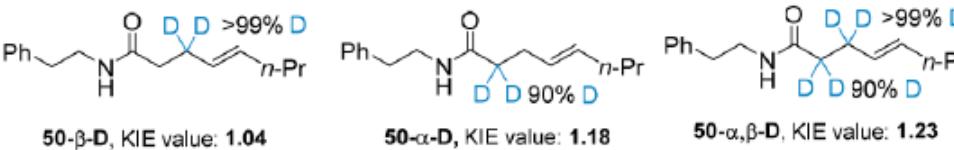
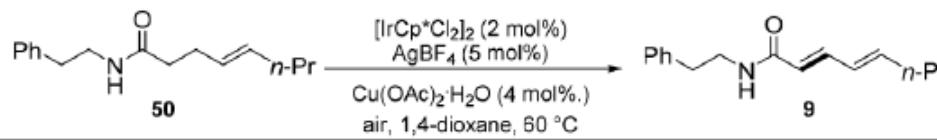
b Ir/Ag ratio



c Air vs O<sub>2</sub>

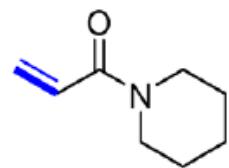
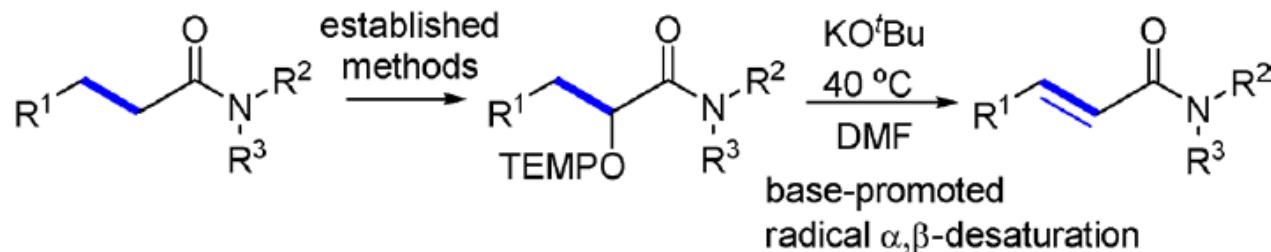


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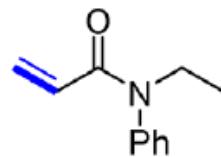


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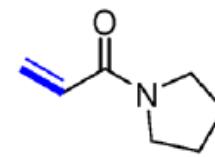
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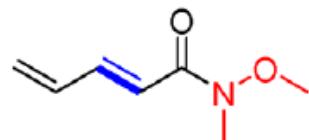
2p, 24 h, 62%<sup>c</sup>



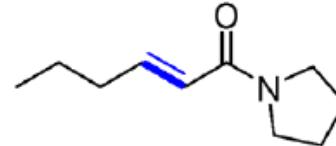
2q, 24 h, 90%<sup>b</sup>



2r, 24 h, 46%<sup>c</sup>



2s, 24 h, 72%<sup>b</sup>

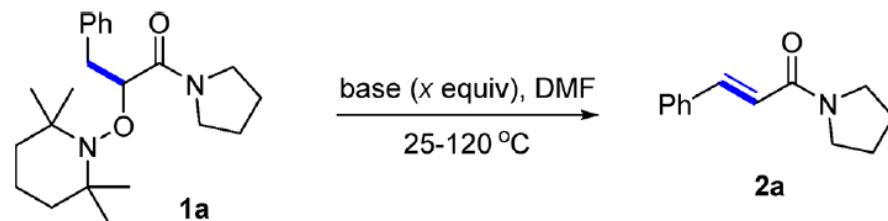


2t, 48 h, 24%<sup>b</sup>

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Table 1. Reaction Conditions<sup>a</sup>



entry	base	x	T (°C)	t (h)	2a (%)
1			120	24	92
2			90	24	20
3			40	24	0
4	KO <i>t</i> Bu	1.0	90	5	70
5	KO <i>t</i> Bu	1.0	60	5	72
6	KO <i>t</i> Bu	1.2	40	1.5	90
7	NaO <i>t</i> Bu	1.2	40	5	19
8	KHMDS	1.2	40	24	5
9	KO <i>t</i> Bu	1.2	25	5	56
10	KO <i>t</i> Bu	1.5	25	5	46

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 1a (0.25 mmol), base (1.2 equiv), DMF (1 mL), argon, 25–120 °C.

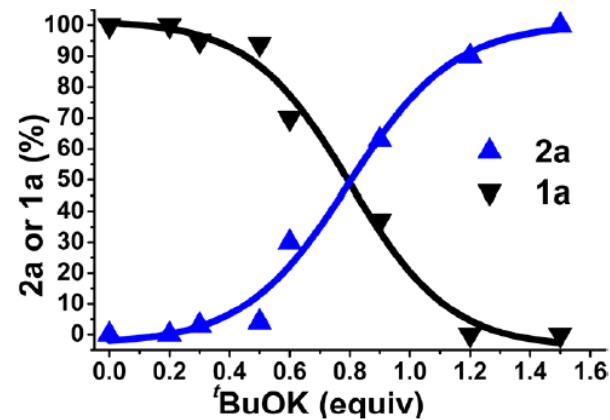
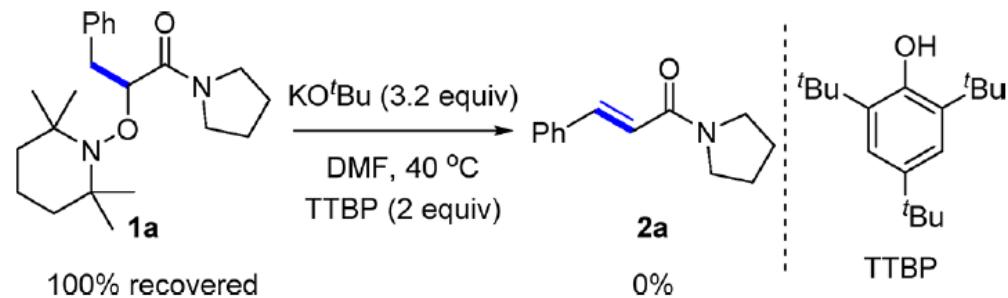


Figure 1. Base effect of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -dehydrogenation of 1a to 2a.

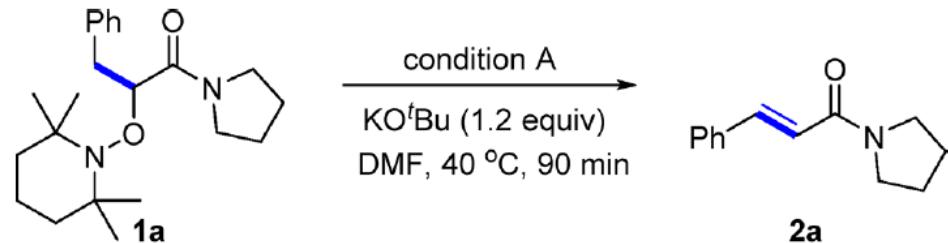
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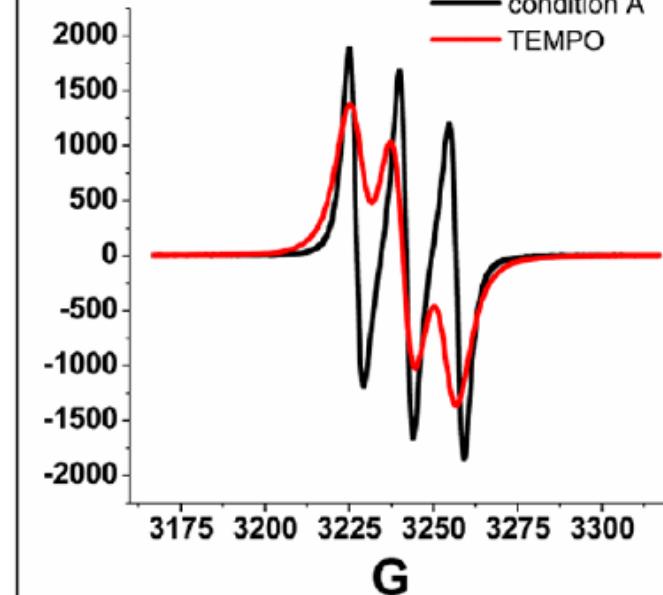
Scheme 3. Radical Trapping Experiments



Scheme 4. EPR Experiments



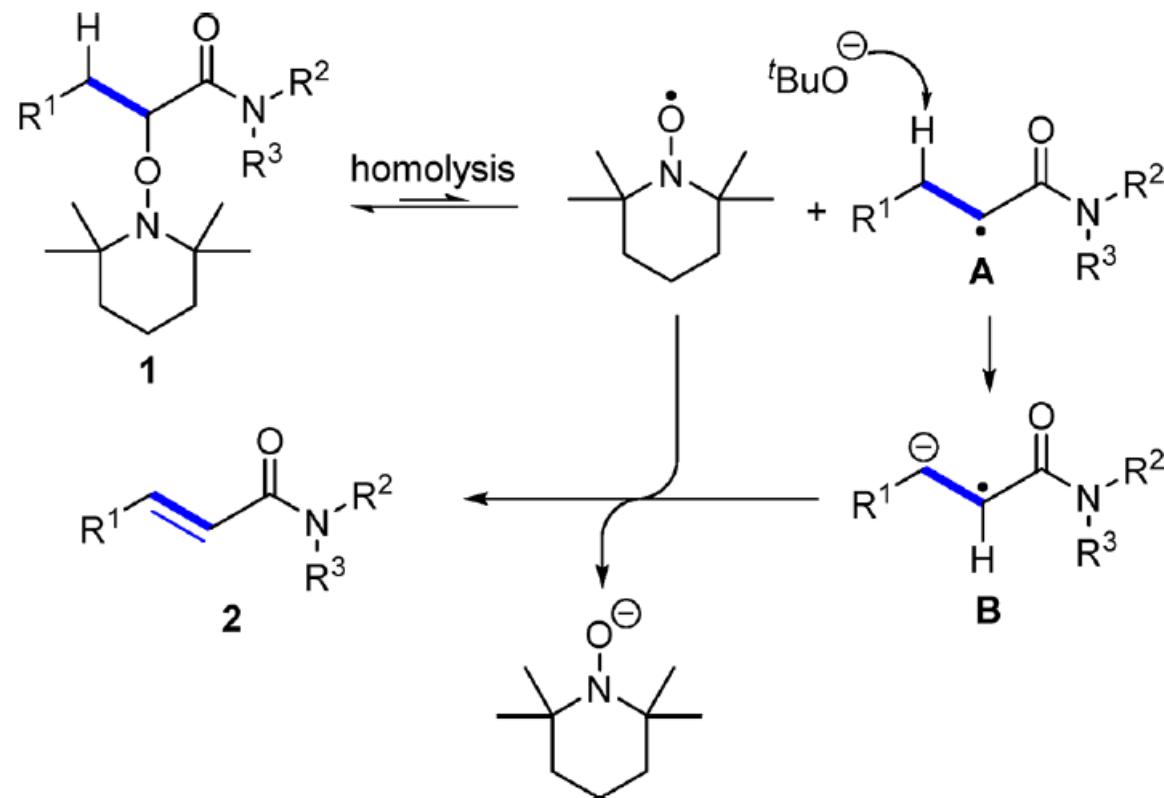
EPR for **1a** to **2a**



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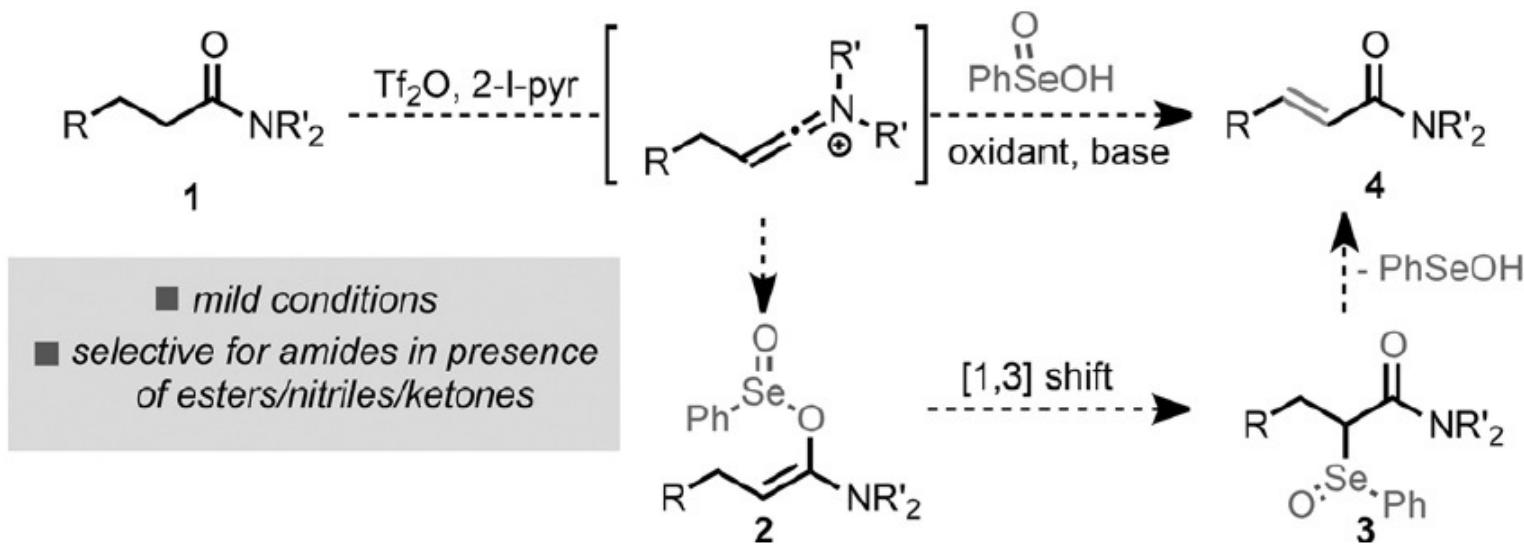
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Scheme 5. Reaction Mechanism



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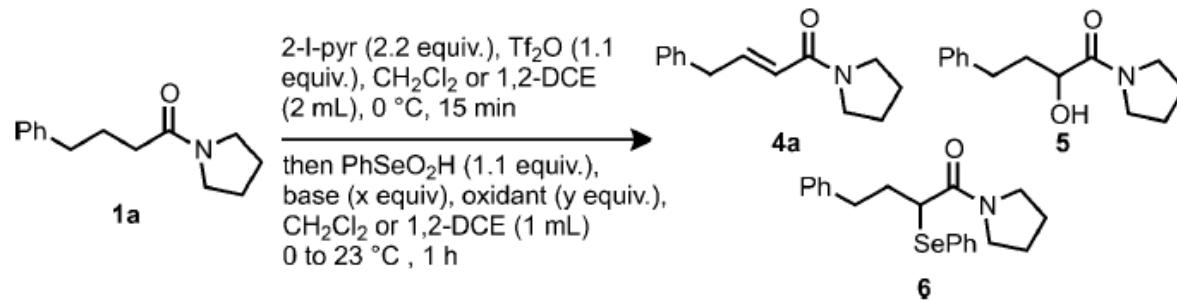
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Table 1: Optimization of the reaction.

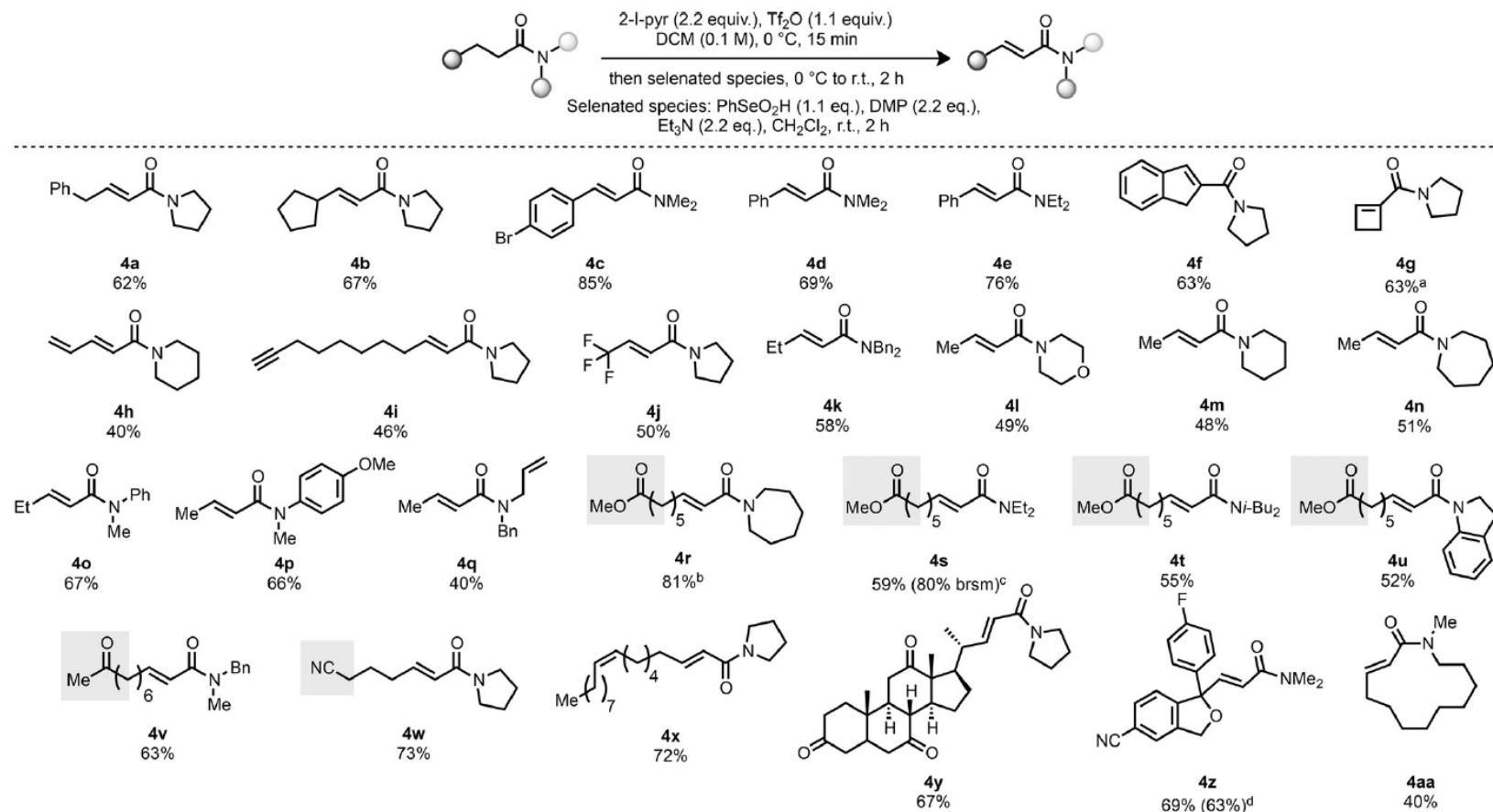


Entry	[Se] (equiv)	Base (equiv)	Oxidant (equiv)	Yield [%] <sup>[a]</sup>			
				4a	5	6	1a
1	PhSeO <sub>2</sub> H (1)	Ag <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (1.1)	–	48	20	–	41
2	PhSeO <sub>2</sub> H (1)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (1.1)	–	–	24	50	14
3	PhSeO <sub>2</sub> H (1)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (2.2)	PIDA (2.2)	22	12	–	25
4	PhSeO <sub>2</sub> H (1)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (2.2)	IBX (2.2)	29	45	–	21
5	PhSeO <sub>2</sub> H (1)	Et <sub>3</sub> N (2.2)	DMP (2.2)	73	–	–	10
6	–	Et <sub>3</sub> N (2.2)	DMP (2.2)	8	2	–	50

[a] Yields determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis with bromoform as an internal standard. 1,2-DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane, PIDA = iodobenzene diacetate.

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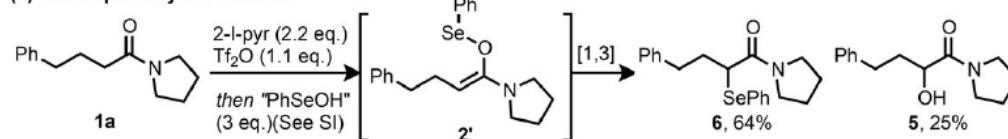


Scheme 2. Scope of amide dehydrogenation. [a] On 1 mmol scale. [b] Reaction carried out at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . [c] Reaction carried out at  $-10^\circ\text{C}$ . [d] On 4.2 mmol scale. DCM = dichloromethane.

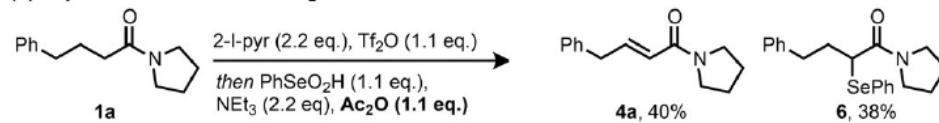
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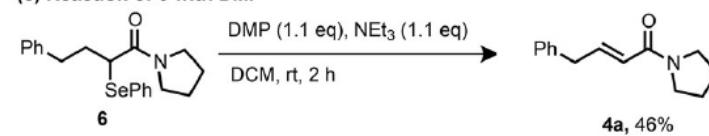
(a) Nucleophilicity of PhSeOH



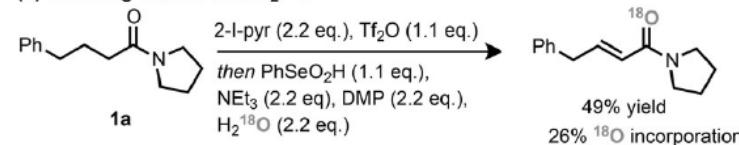
(b) Replacement of DMP with Ac<sub>2</sub>O



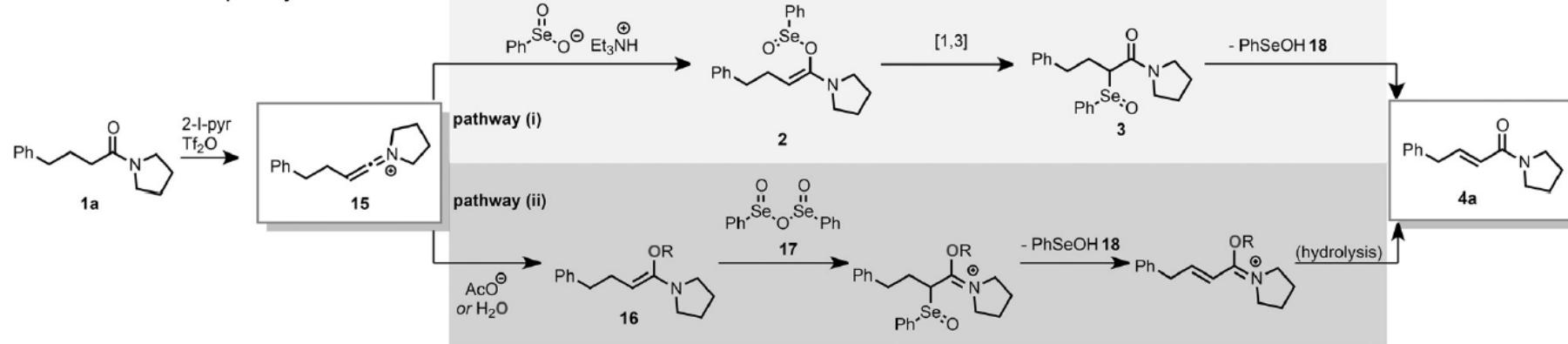
(c) Reaction of 6 with DMP



(d) Labelling studies with H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O



Plausible mechanistic pathways



## 4. Summary

- Limited Substrate Scope (Often with Aryl or Unsaturated β Substituents)
- Usage of Toxic Reagents
- Not Catalytic
- Catalytic, Aerobic, Mild Methodologies Be Established

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