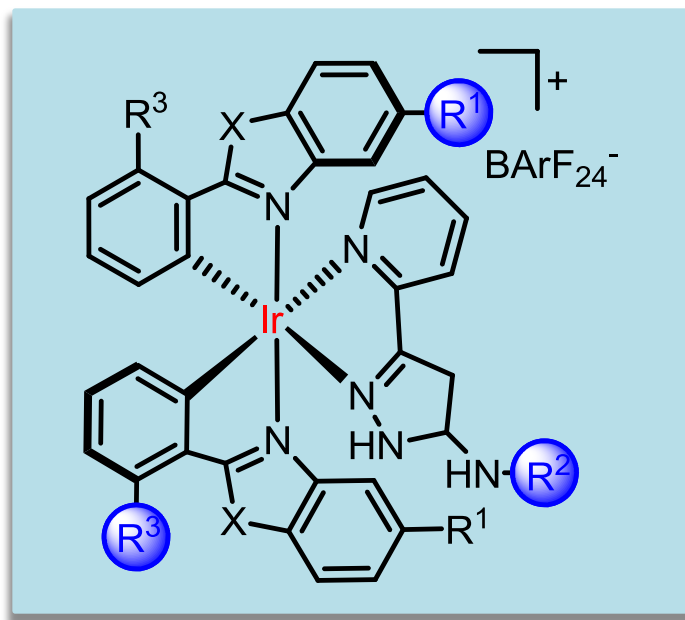


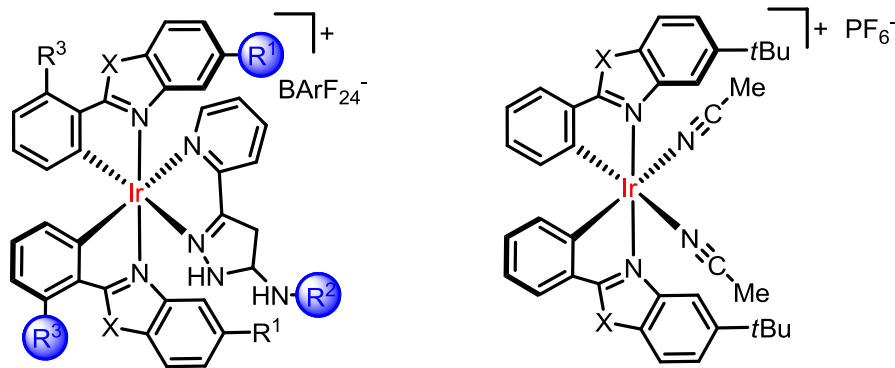
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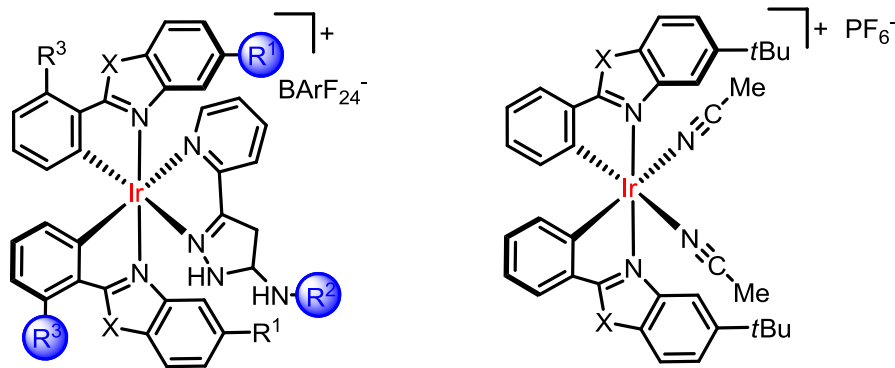


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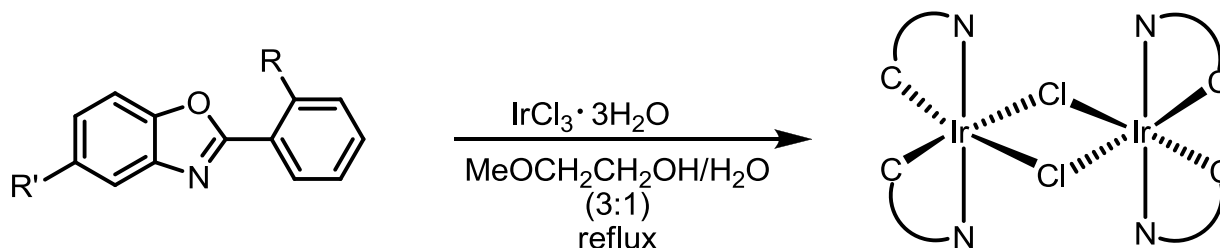
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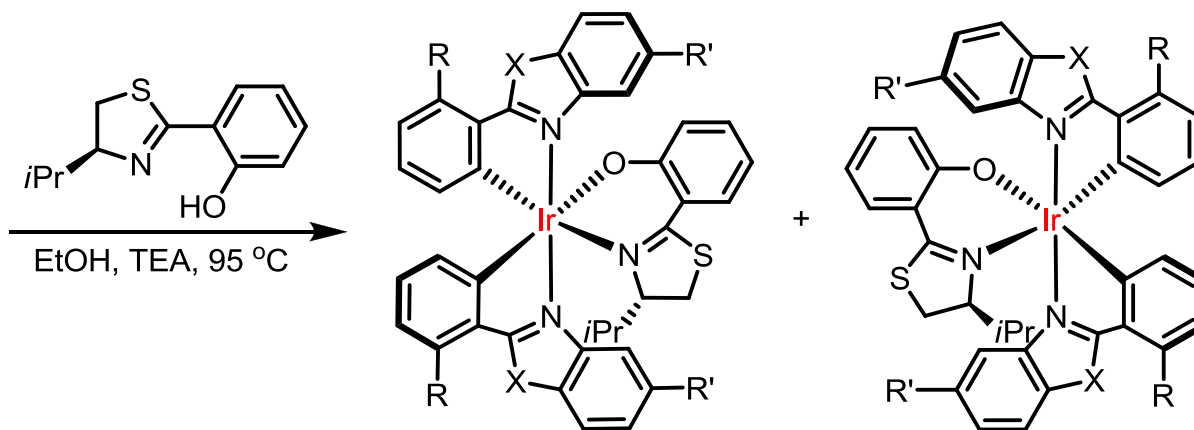
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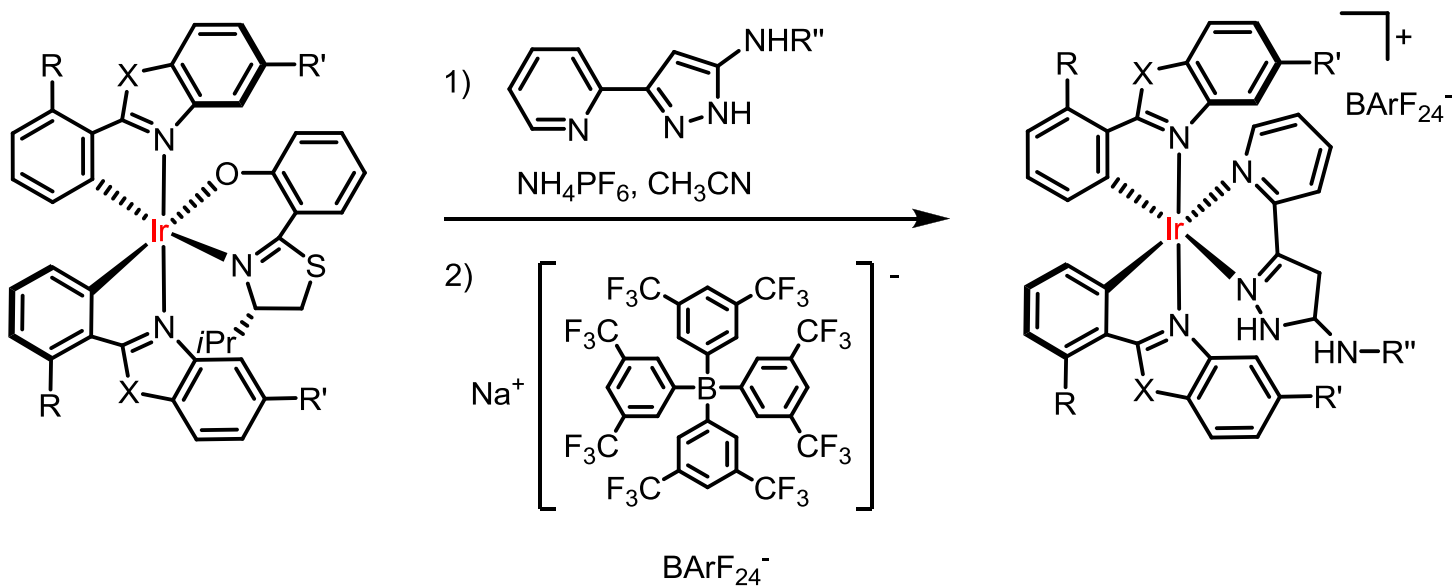
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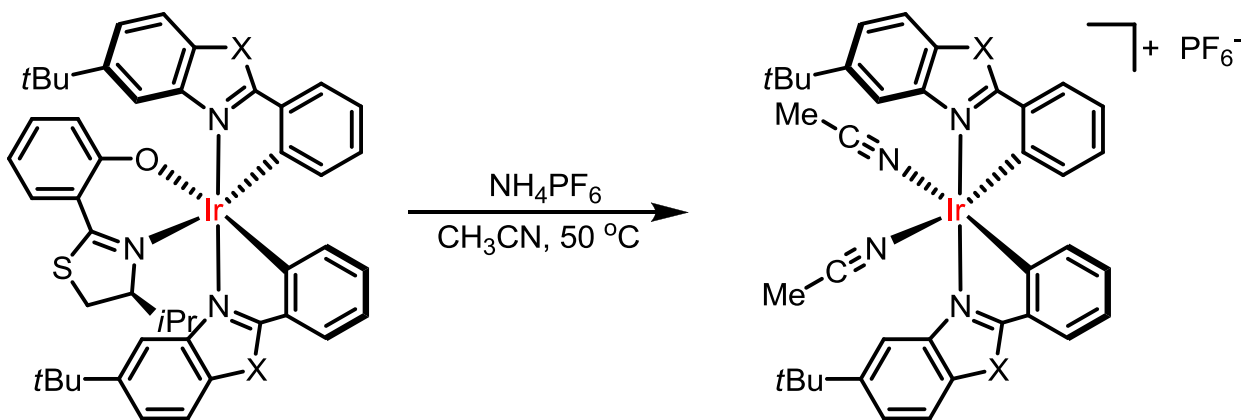
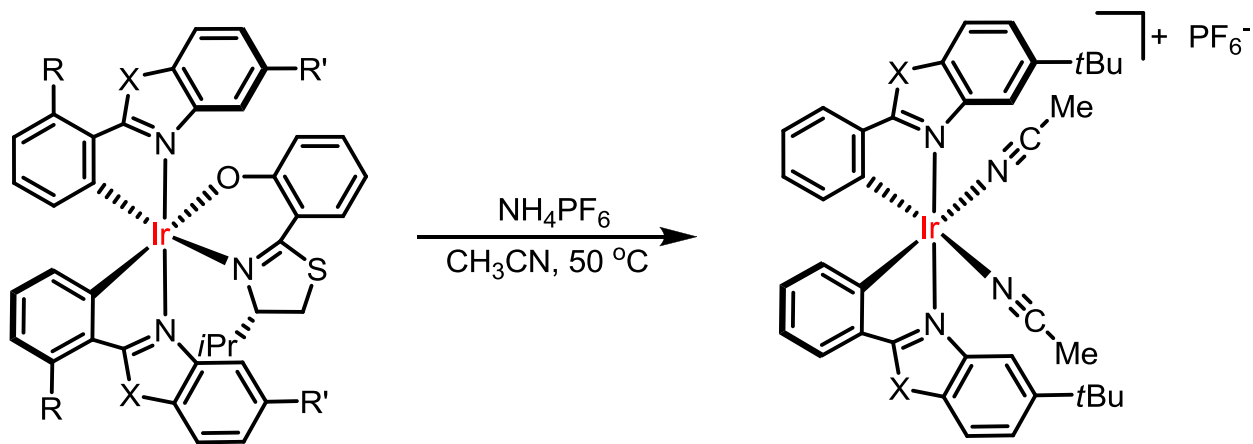
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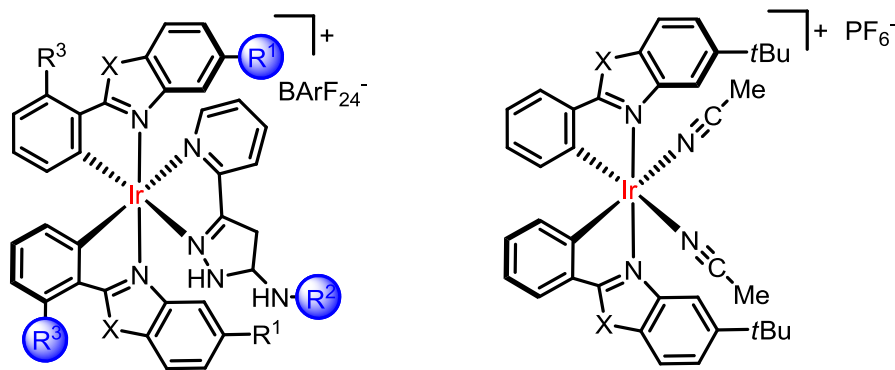
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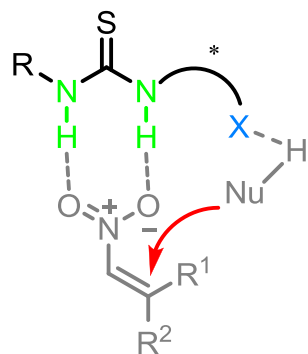


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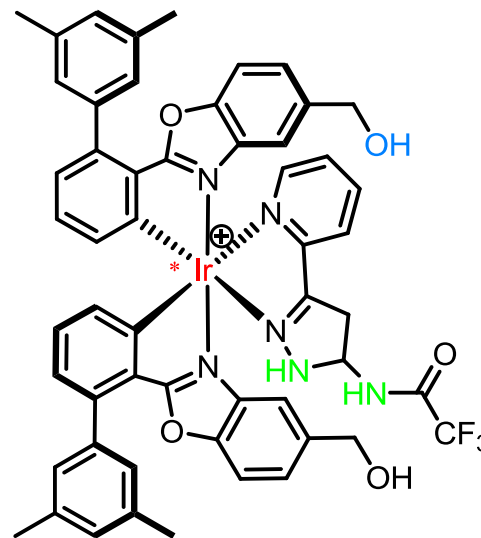
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# asymmetric catalysis with complexes

- Bifunctional hydrogen-bonding asymmetric organocatalysis as inspiration for a chiral-at-metal iridium.



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H-Bonding Catalyst



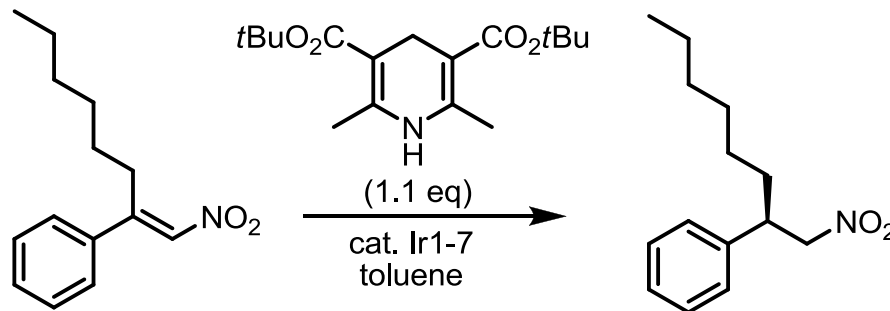
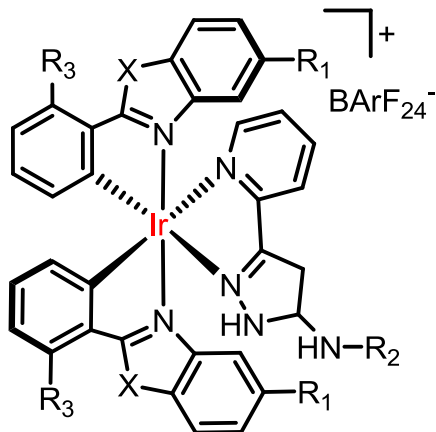
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- The coordinated pyrazole acts as a double hydrogen bond donor to a nitroalkene, whereas a hydroxymethyl substituent on a benzoxazole serves as a hydrogen-bond acceptor for the nucleophile.



# asymmetric catalysis with complexes

- Development of inert chiral-at-metal Ir(III) complexes for the asymmetric transfer hydrogenation of nitroalkene with Hantzsch ester.

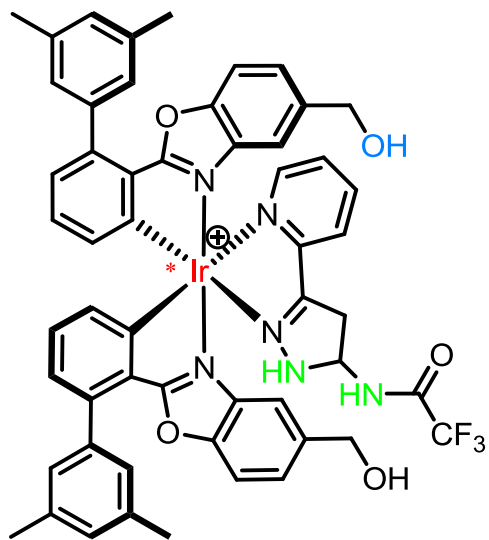


Cat	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>
Ir1	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	H	H
Ir2	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	<i>n</i> Bu	H
Ir3	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Ph	H
Ir4	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	COCF <sub>3</sub>	H
Ir5	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	COCF <sub>3</sub>	Ph
Ir6	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	COCF <sub>3</sub>	3,5-Me <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>3</sub>
Ir7	H	Ph	H

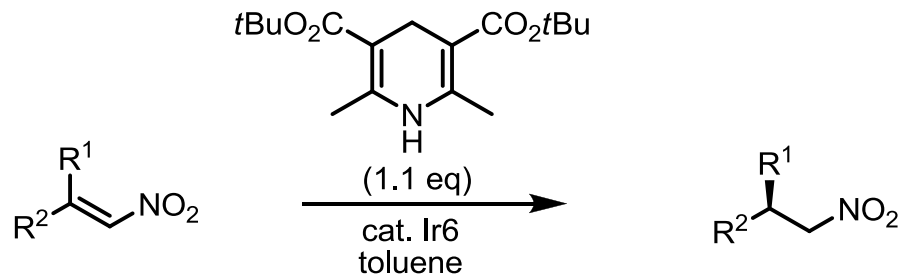
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1	Ir1	20	22	92	63
2	Ir2	20	24	82	70
3	Ir3	20	22	94	84
4	Ir4	20	7	96	90
5	Ir5	20	1	100	99
6	Ir5	1	20	96	98
7	<b>Ir6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99</b>
8	Ir7	20	20	<20	0

# asymmetric catalysis with complexes

## ■ Scope of the asymmetric transfer hydrogenation with Ir6.



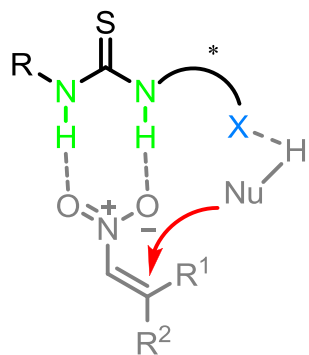
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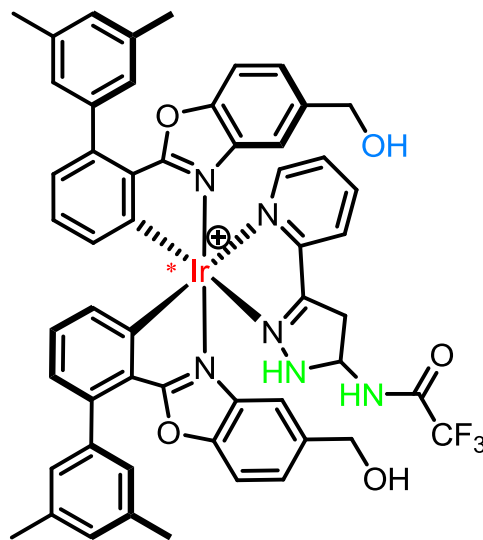
entry	R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>2</sup>	loading (mol %)	t (h)	yield. (%)	ee (%)
1	<i>n</i> Hex, Ph	1	18	94	99
2	<i>n</i> Pr, Ph	1	24	96	98
3	<i>i</i> Pr, Ph	1	24	92	96
4	Me, Ph	1	22	91	95
5	Me, <i>p</i> -MePh	1	24	95	95
6	Me, <i>p</i> -ClPh	1	24	93	94
7	Me, <i>m</i> -ClPh	1	24	91	93
8	Me, 2-naphthyl	1	24	96	96
9	<i>n</i> Hex, Ph	0.3	72	95	97
10	<i>n</i> Hex, Ph	0.1	96	89	94

# asymmetric catalysis with complexes

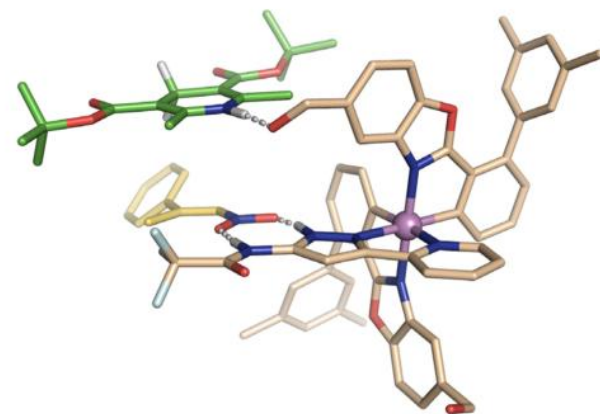
- Proposed a model of ternary complex formed by catalyst, nitroalkene, and Hantzsch ester leading to the transition state..



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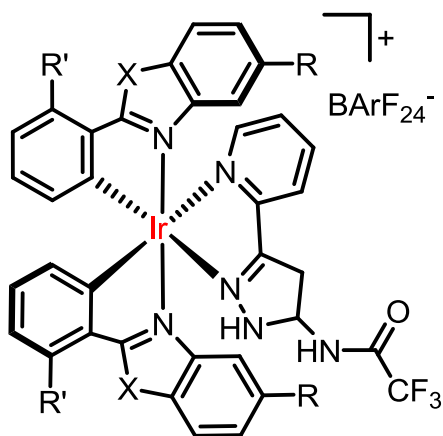


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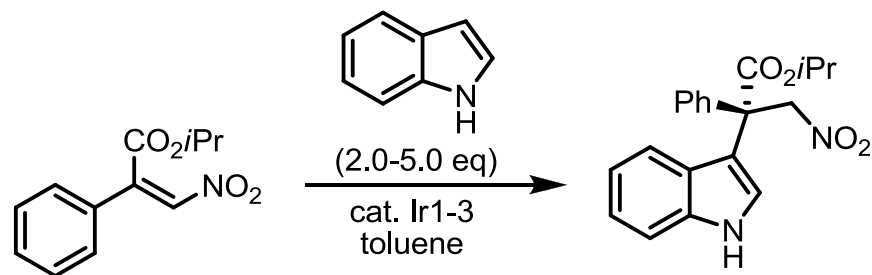


# asymmetric catalysis with complexes

■ Development of a chiral-at-metal Ir(III) complex for the enantioselective Fiedel-Crafts alkylation of indole with the nitroalkene.



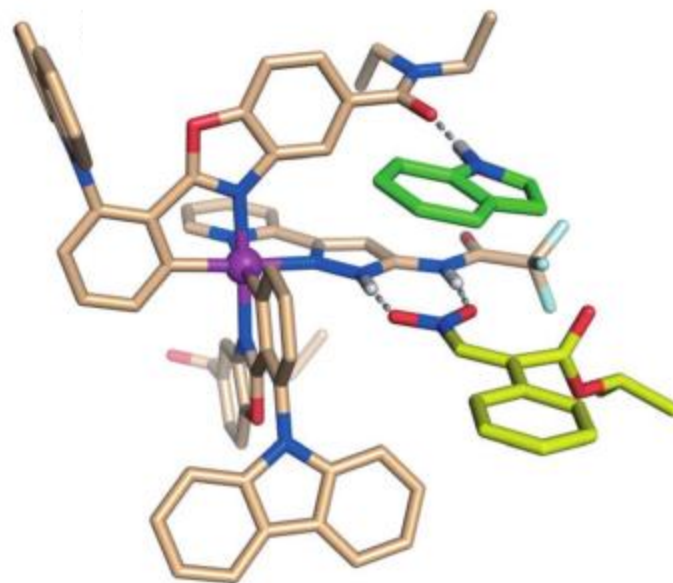
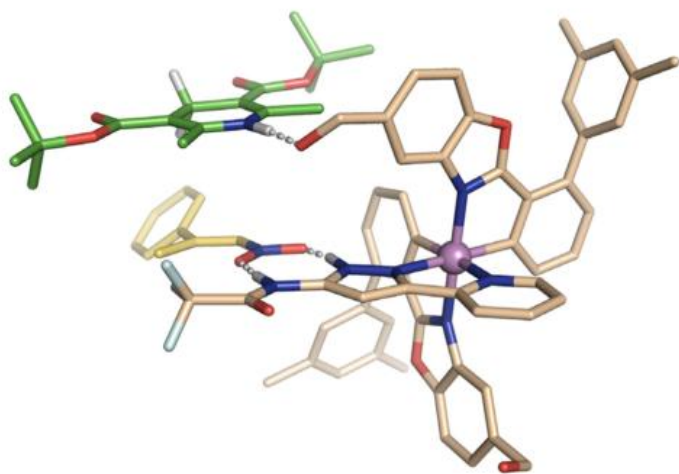
Cat	R	R'
Ir1	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	3,5-Me <sub>2</sub> Ph
Ir2	CONEt <sub>2</sub>	3,5-Me <sub>2</sub> Ph
Ir3	CONEt <sub>2</sub>	N-carbazolyl



entry	cat.	conditions	t (h)	conv. (%)	ee (%)
1	Ir1 (5 mol%)	alkene (1M), indole (2 eq)	72	71	70
2	Ir2 (5 mol%)	alkene (1M), indole (2 eq)	24	87	96
3	Ir2 (2 mol%)	alkene (1M), indole (2 eq)	58	77	93
4	Ir3 (2 mol%)	alkene (1M), indole (2 eq)	36	97	98
5	Ir3 (1 mol%)	alkene (2M), indole (2 eq)	24	93	96
6	Ir3 (1 mol%)	alkene (1M), indole (2 eq)	24	98	96
7	Ir3 (1 mol%)	alkene (2M), indole (2 eq)	<12	100	96

# *asymmetric catalysis with complexes*

- Proposed a model of ternary complex composed of catalyst, nitroalkene, and indole leading to the transition state.

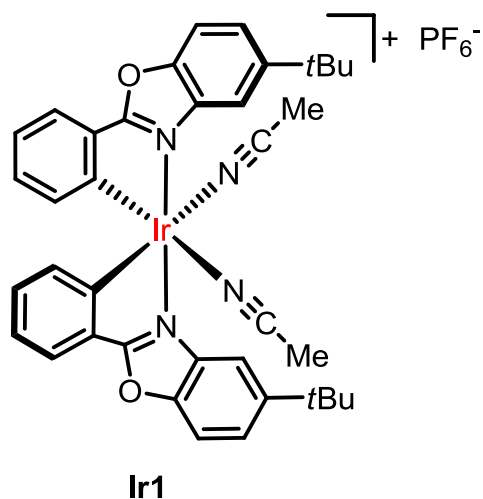


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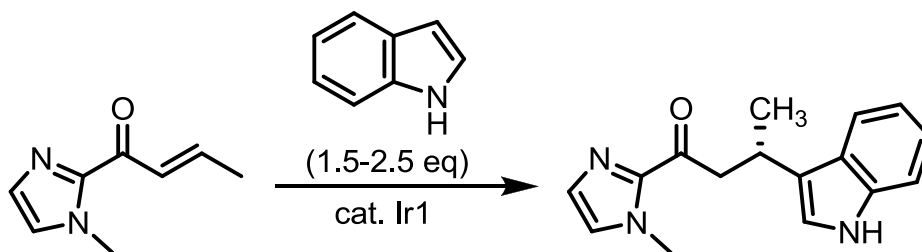
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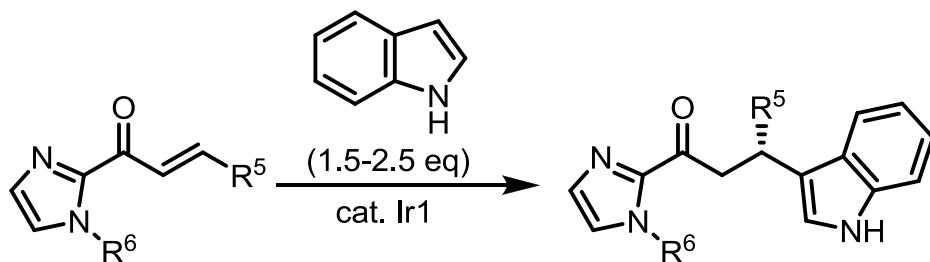
■ Substitution of the chiral auxiliary ligand by two acetonitrile ligands..



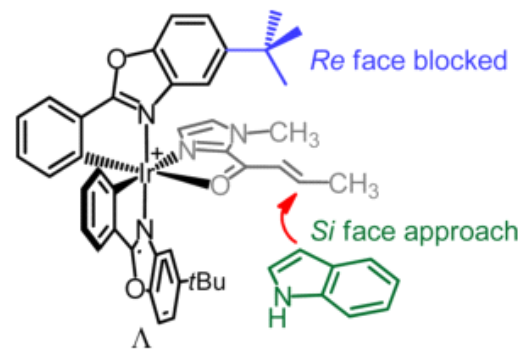
entry	solvent	conditions	t (h)	conv. (%)	ee (%)
1	MeCN	indole (1.5 eq, 0.75 M), rt	20	35	95
2	MeOH	indole (1.5 eq, 0.75 M), rt	20	70	95
3	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	indole (1.5 eq, 0.75 M), rt	20	90	94
4	THF	indole (1.5 eq, 0.75 M), rt	20	85	96
5	THF	indole (2.5 eq, 2.5 M), rt	20	100	96
6	THF	as entry 5 plus air	20	100	96
7	THF	as entry 5 plus air and 1% H <sub>2</sub> O	20	88	96
8	THF	indole (2.5 eq, 2.5 M), 0 °C	36	100	97

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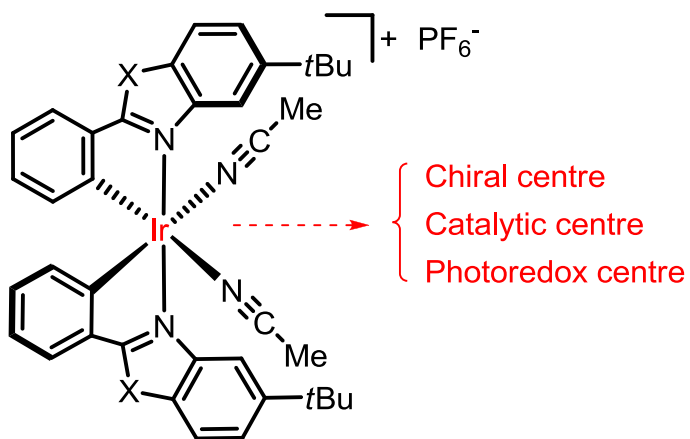
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entry	R <sup>5</sup> , R <sup>6</sup>	loading (mol %)	T (°C)	t (h)	yield. (%)	ee (%)
1	Et, Me	2.0	0	48	89	96
2	<i>n</i> Bu, Me	2.0	rt	20	97	91
3	<i>i</i> Pr, Me	2.0	rt	48	78	93
4	Ph, Me	1.0	rt	16	98	93
5	CO <sub>2</sub> Et, Me	1.0	rt	24	97	98
6	Me, <i>i</i> Pr	1.0	rt	24	99	97
7	Me, <i>i</i> Pr	0.5	rt	44	97	97
8	Me, <i>i</i> Pr	0.25	rt	60	91	97

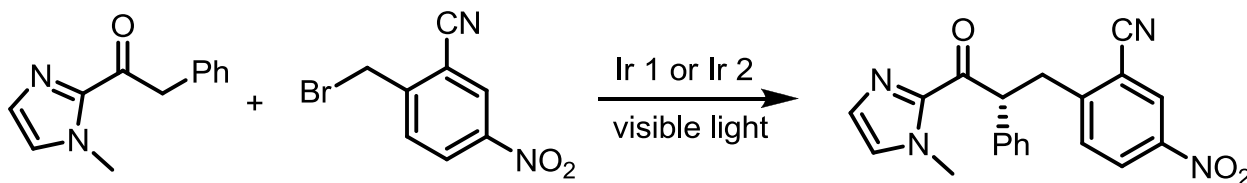


- One face of the alkene is sterically shielded by one of the tert-butyl groups.



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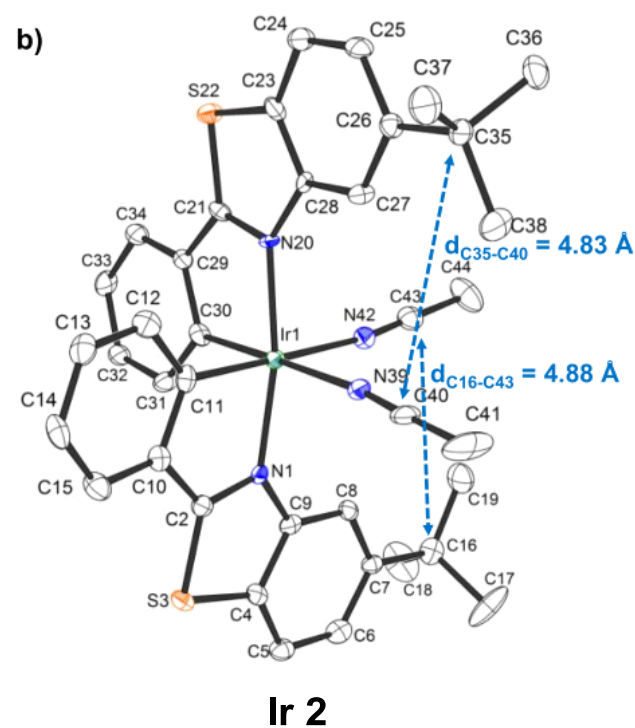
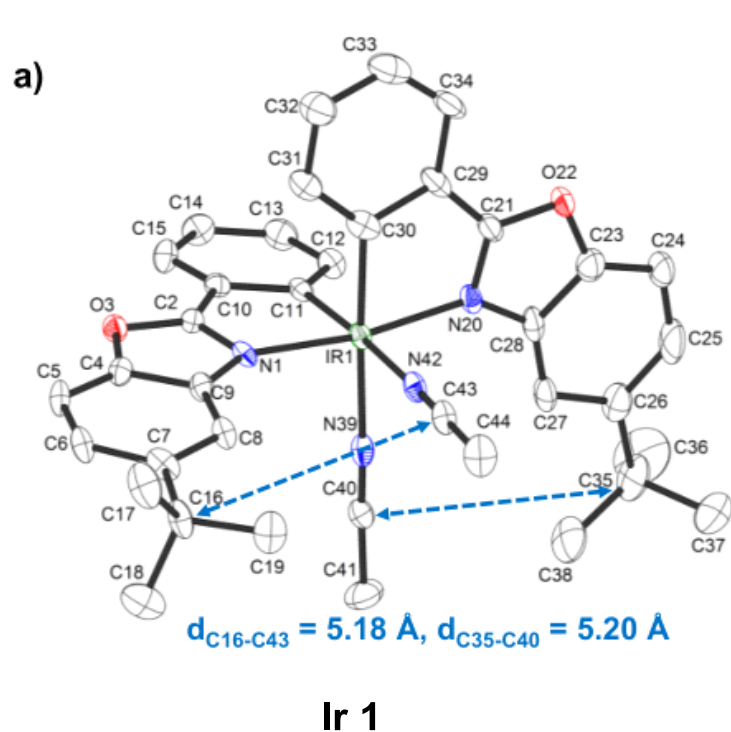


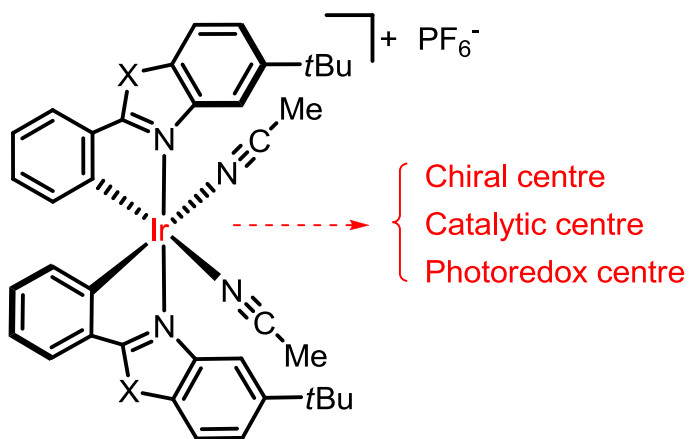
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3	Ir 2 (2 mol%)	visible light	same as above	1.5	100	99
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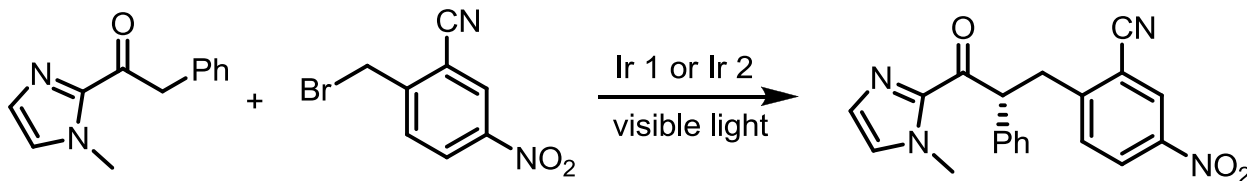
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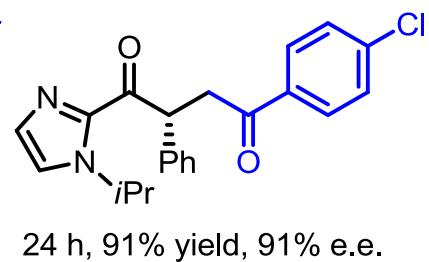
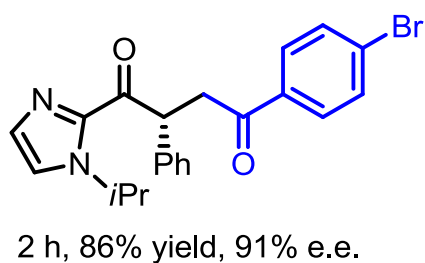
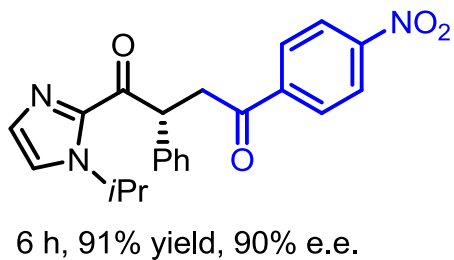
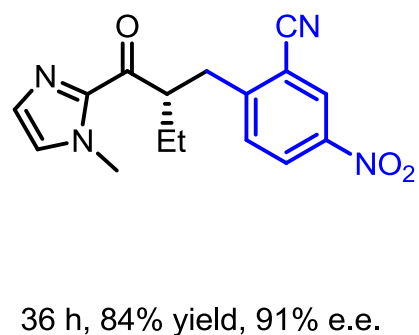
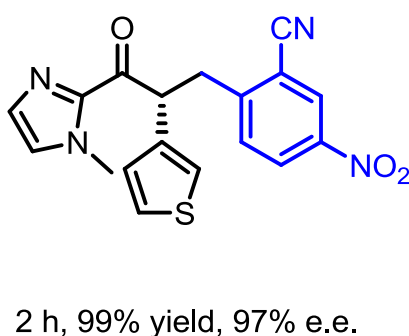
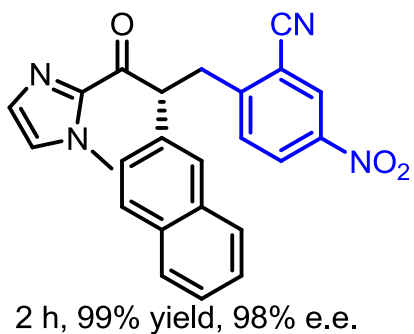
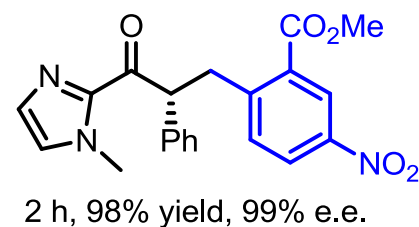
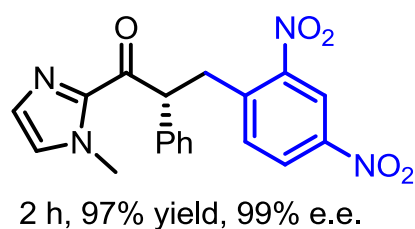
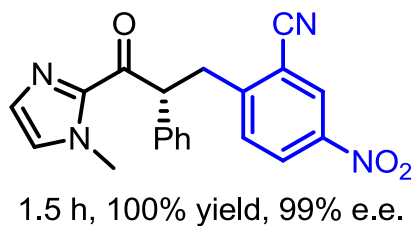
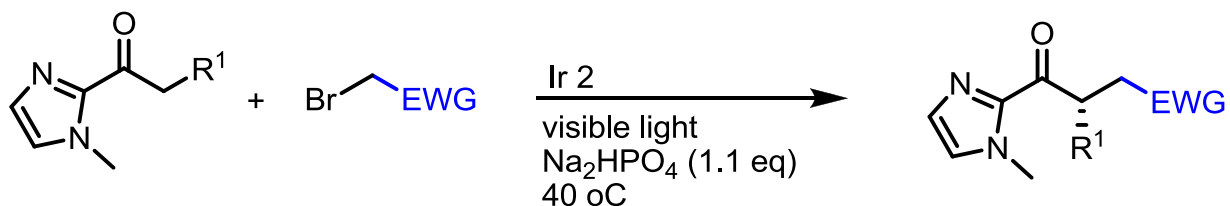
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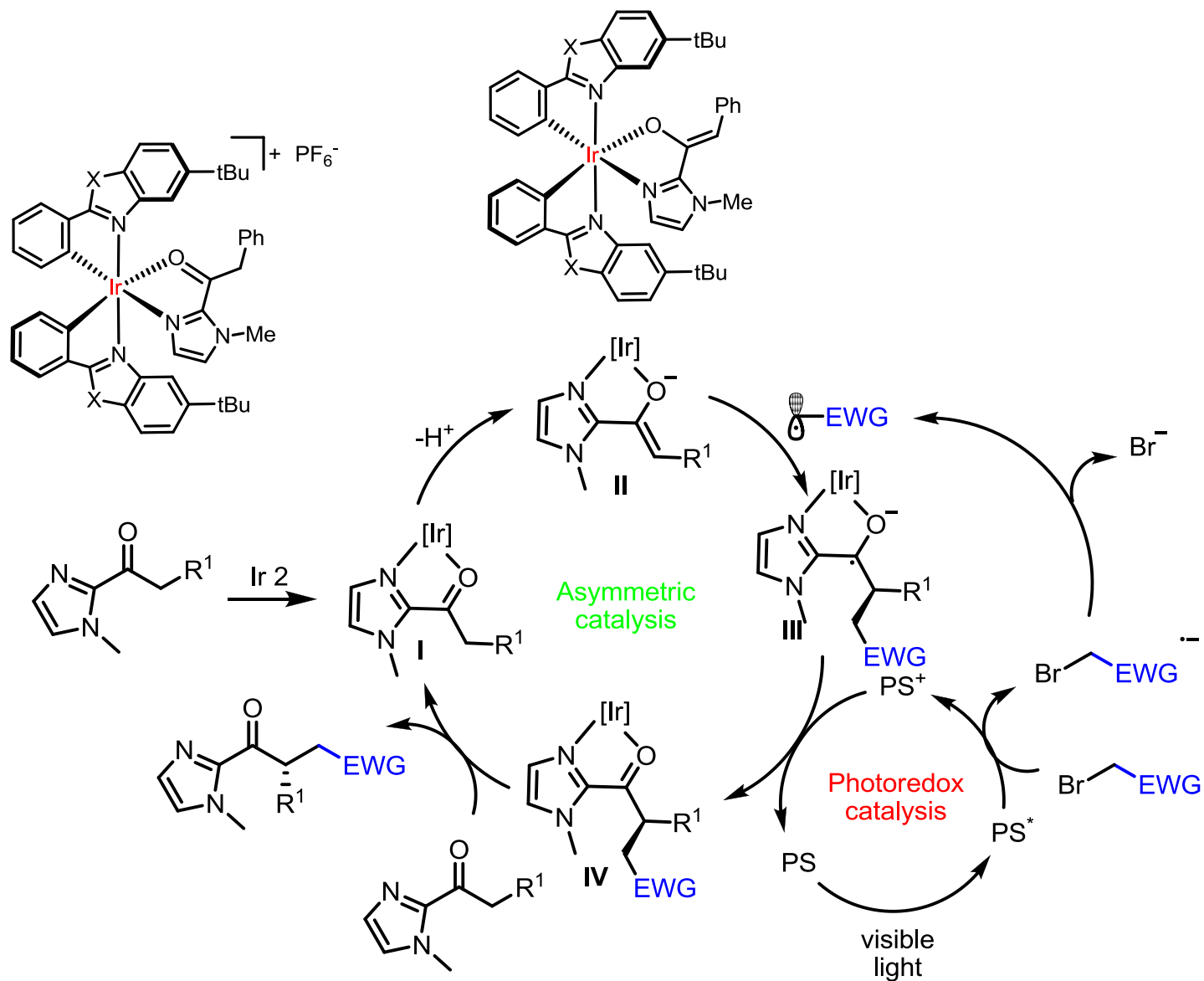


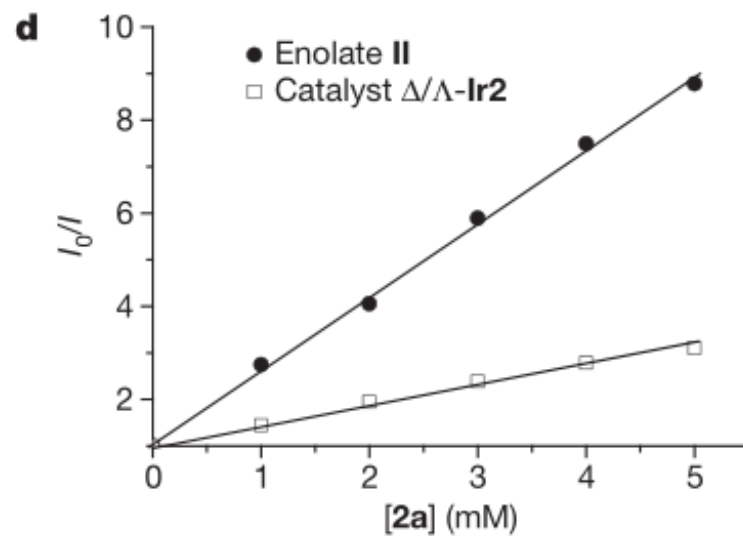
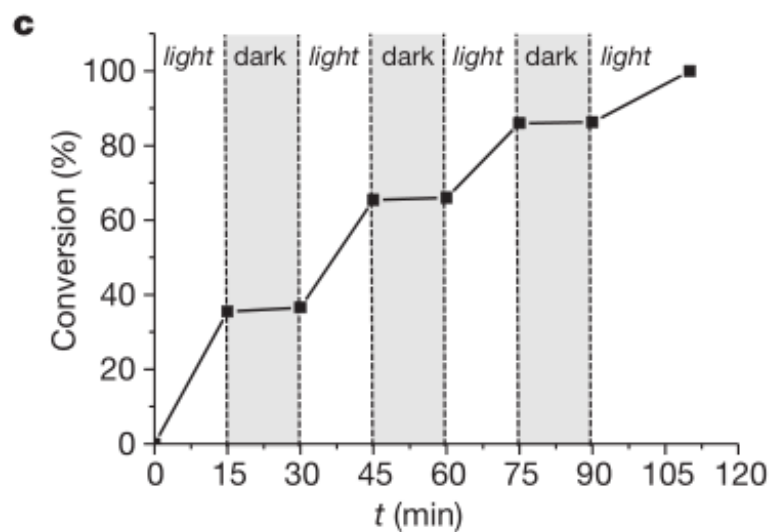
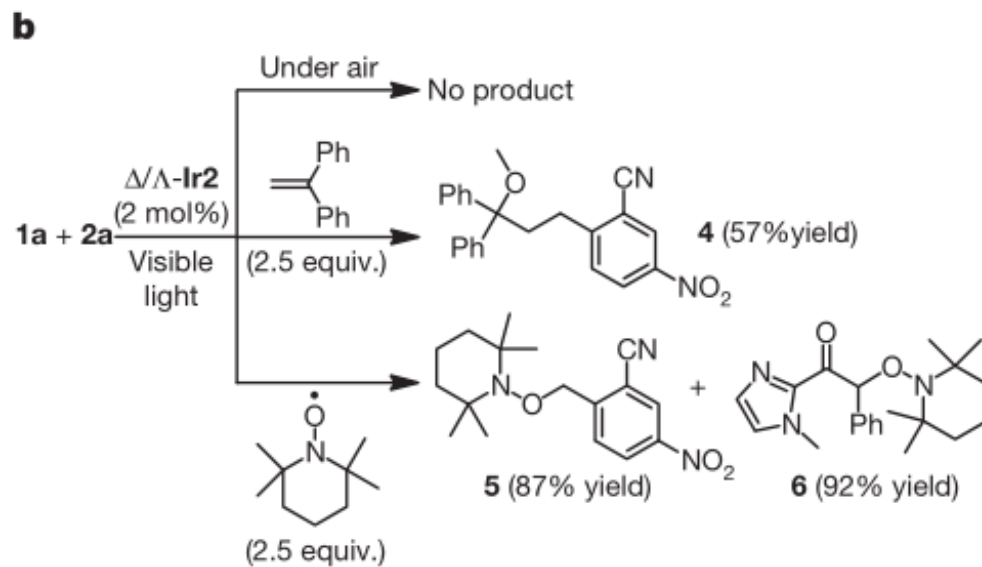
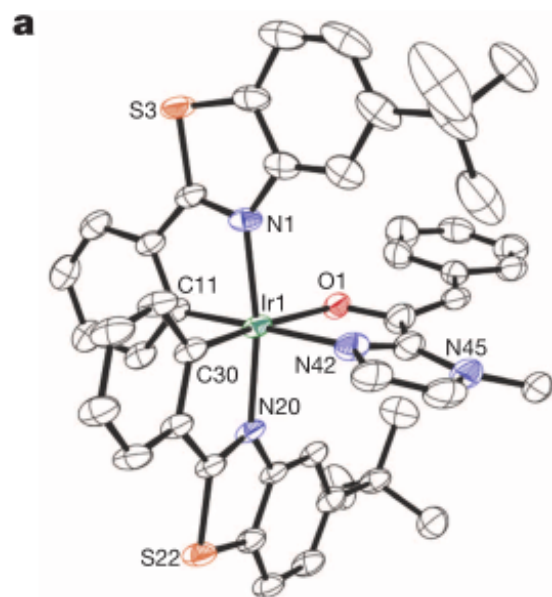
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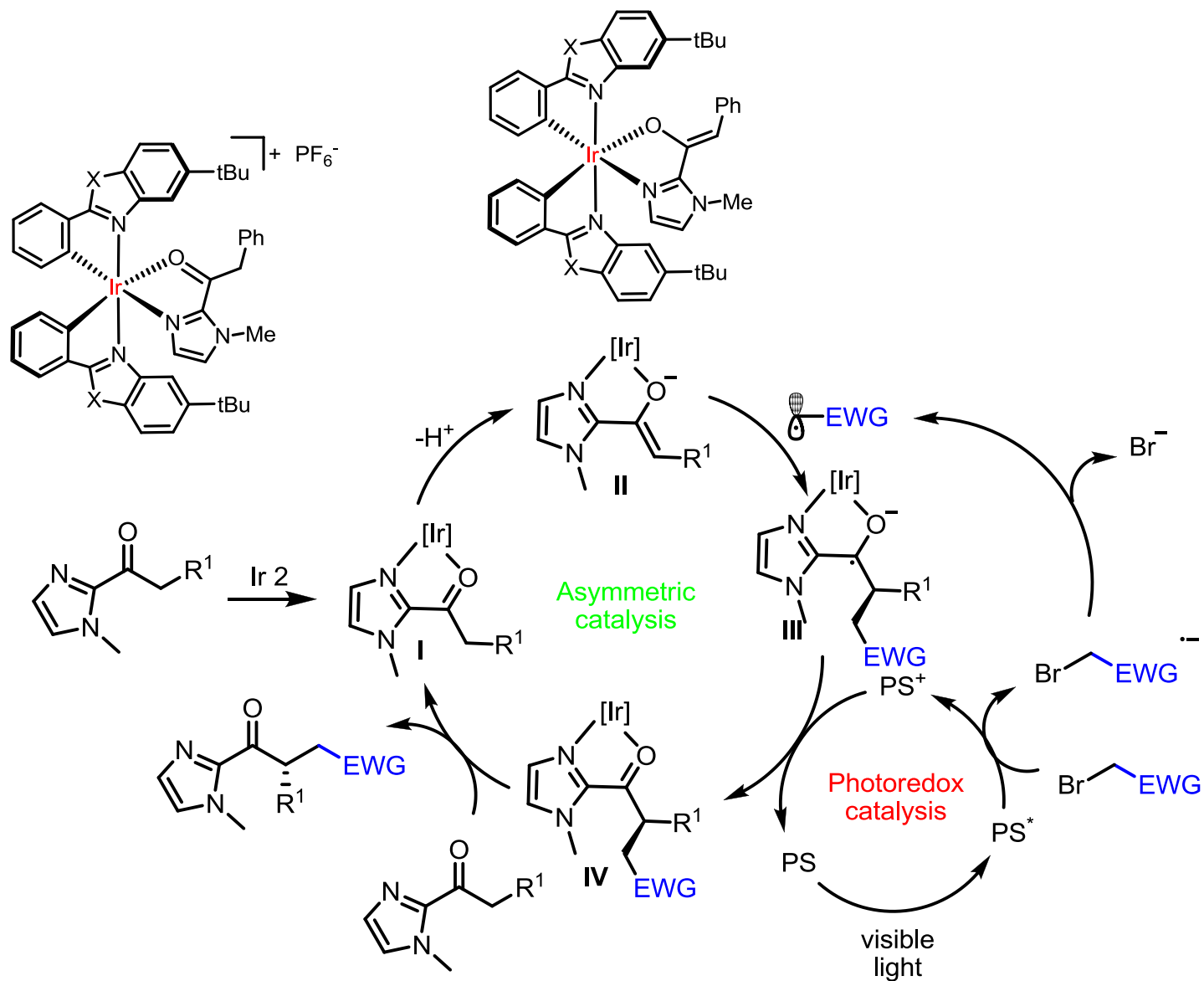


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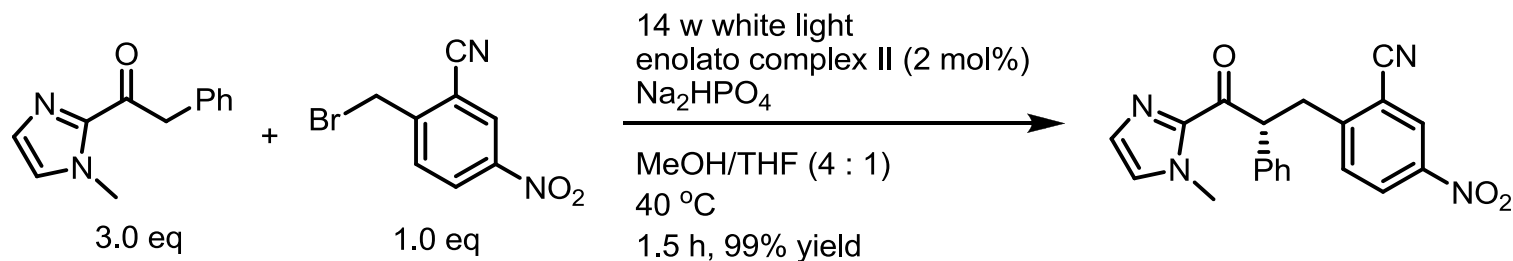


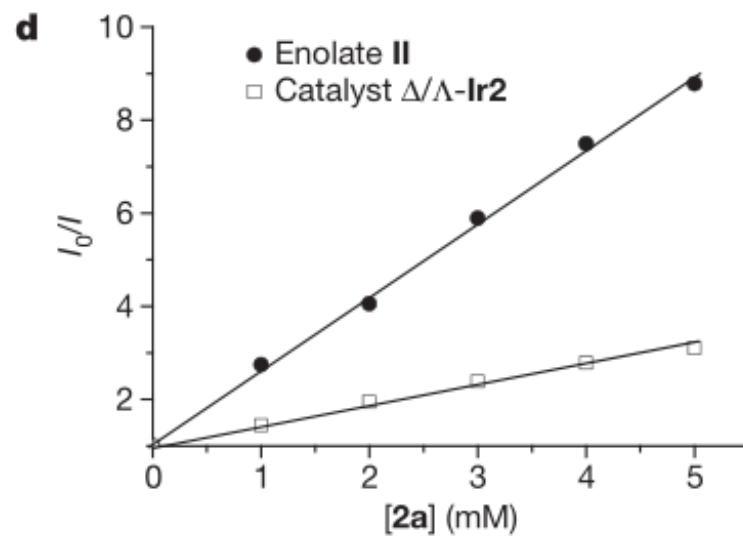
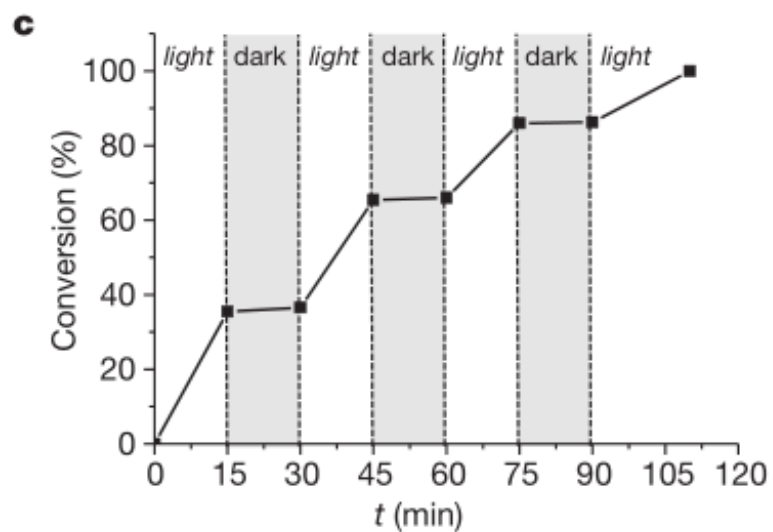
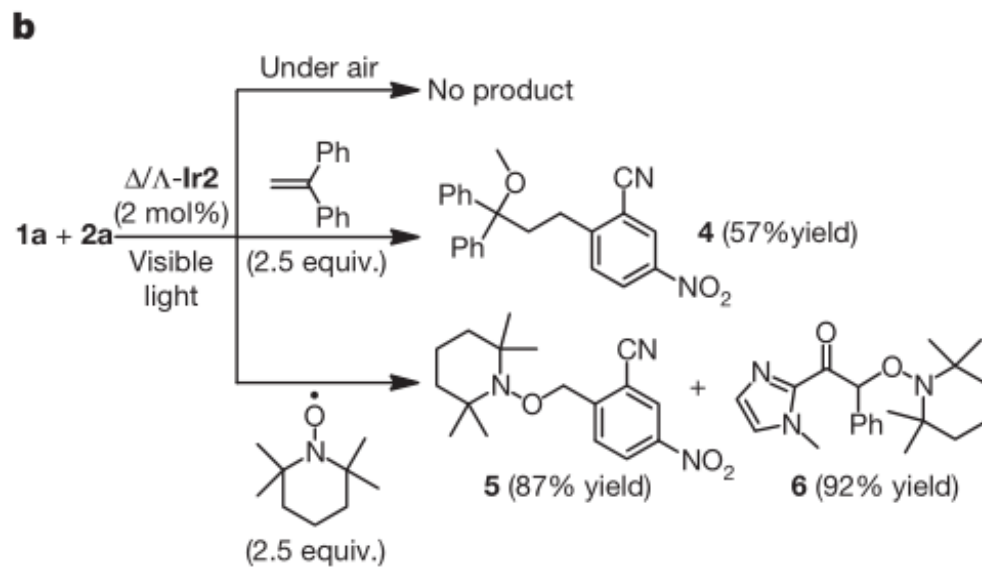
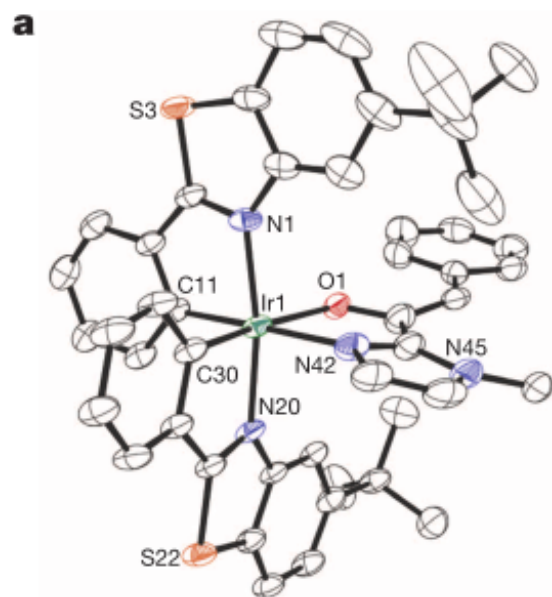
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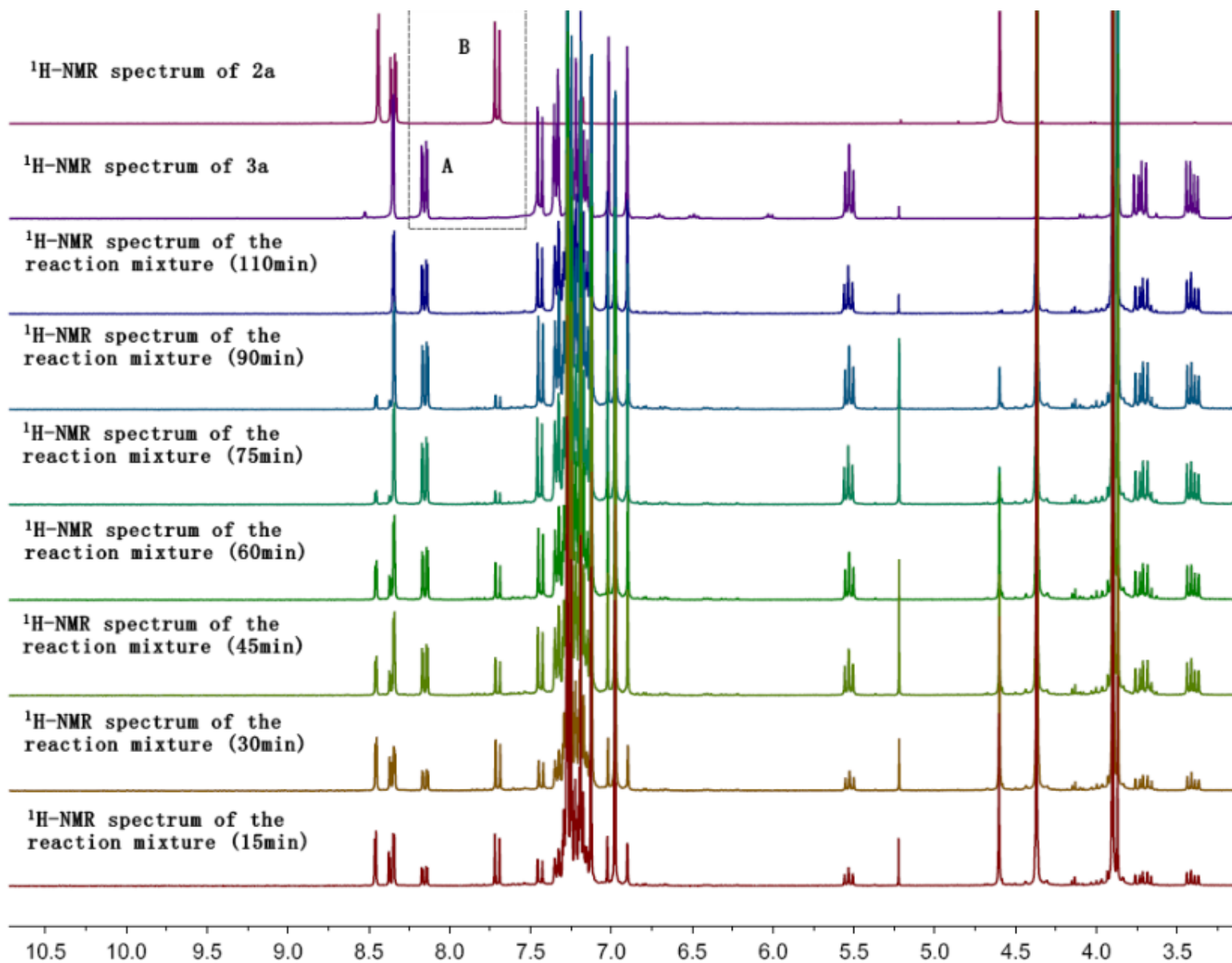
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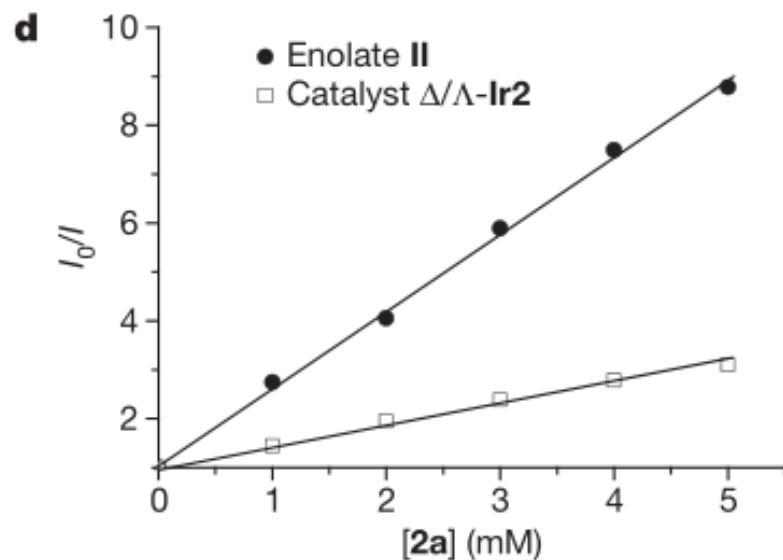
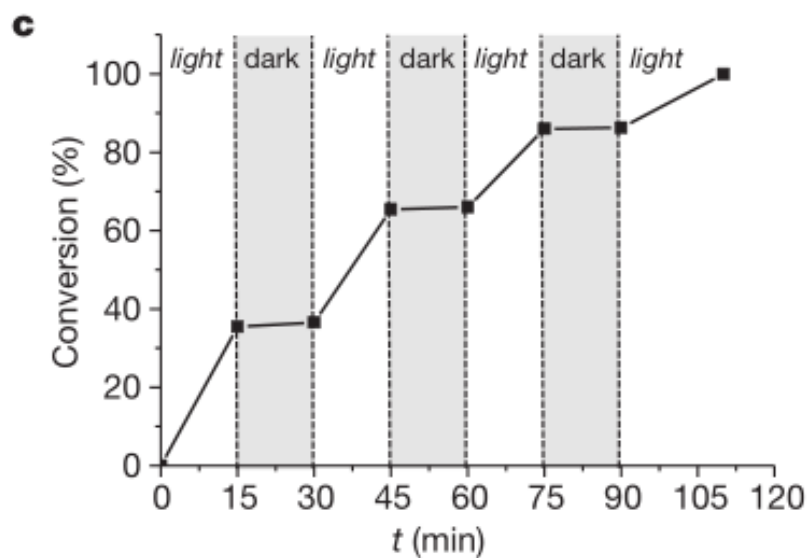
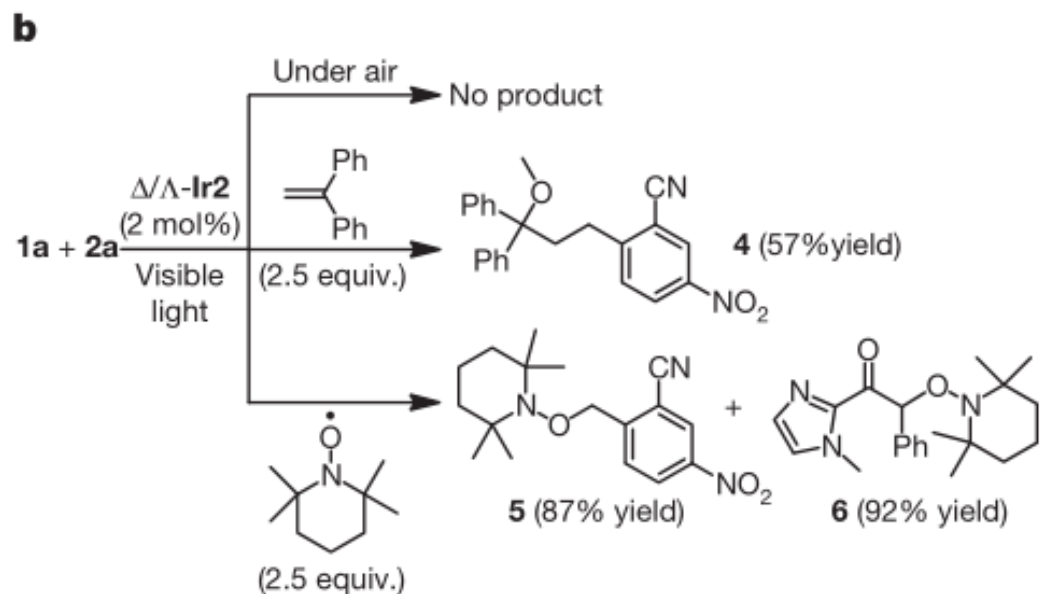
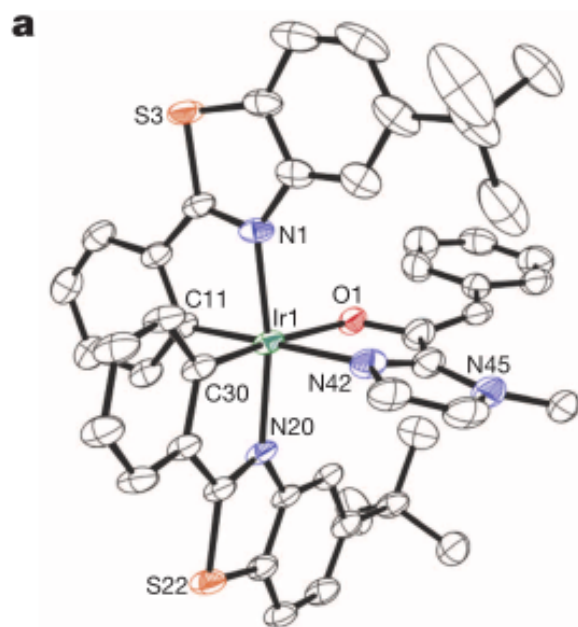






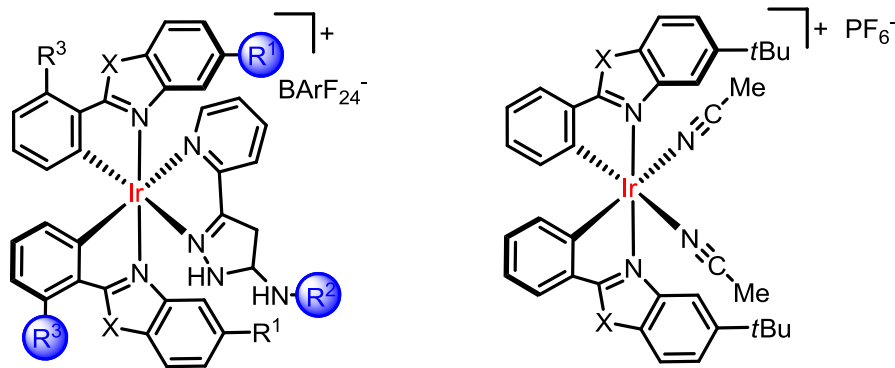
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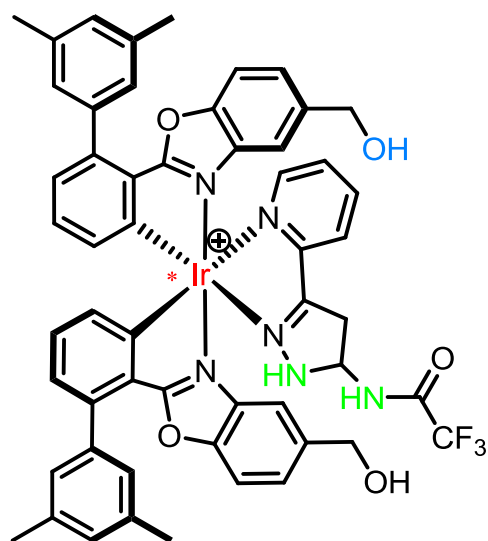
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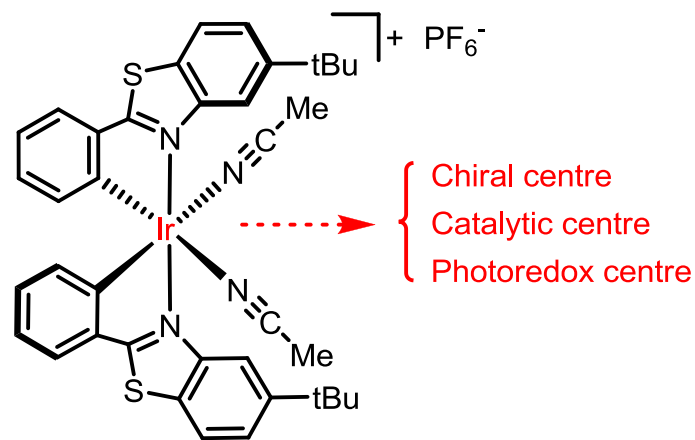
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## ■ Part 3: conclusion

# Summary and Outlook



*Chiral-At-Metal Octahedral  
H-Bonding Catalyst*



- A coordinated pyrazole acts as a double hydrogen-bond donor to a nitroalkene, and a hydroxymethyl substituent on a benzoxazole ligand serves as a hydrogen-bond acceptor for the incoming nucleophile.
- The iridium centre acts as a chiral centre, a catalytic centre, and a photoredox centre.
- Their research methods are similar with our development of fluorinated sulfone or sulfoximine reagents. They change the activity of iridium complex by regulation of the substituents, and we regular the nature of sulfone or sulfoximine reagents by changing functional groups .

*Thanks for your attention*