

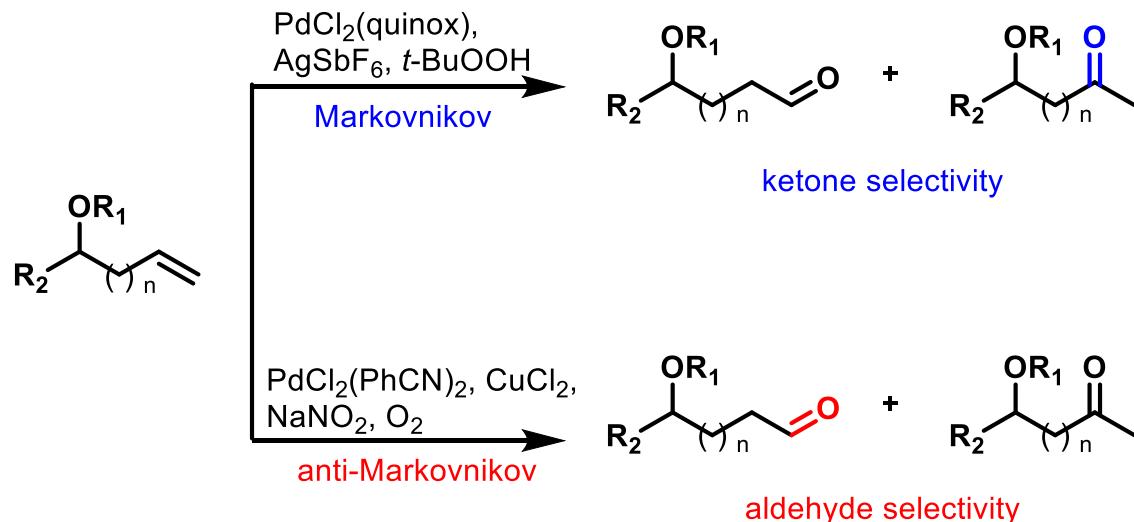
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Catalyst-Controlled Wacker-Type Oxidation: Facile Access to Functionalized Aldehydes

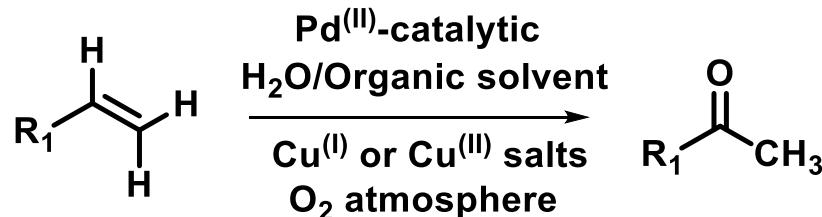


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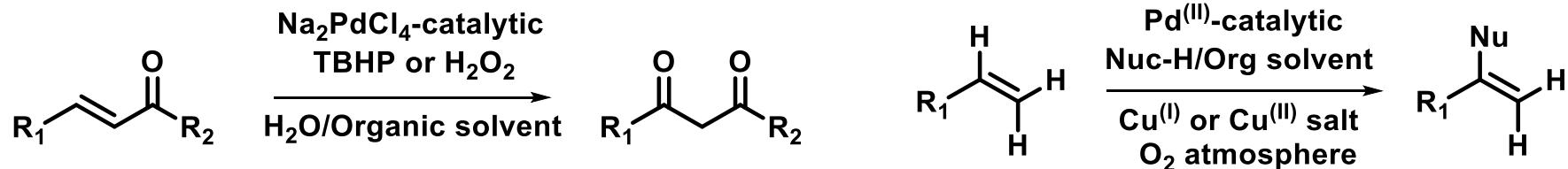
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Wacker oxidation: Introduction



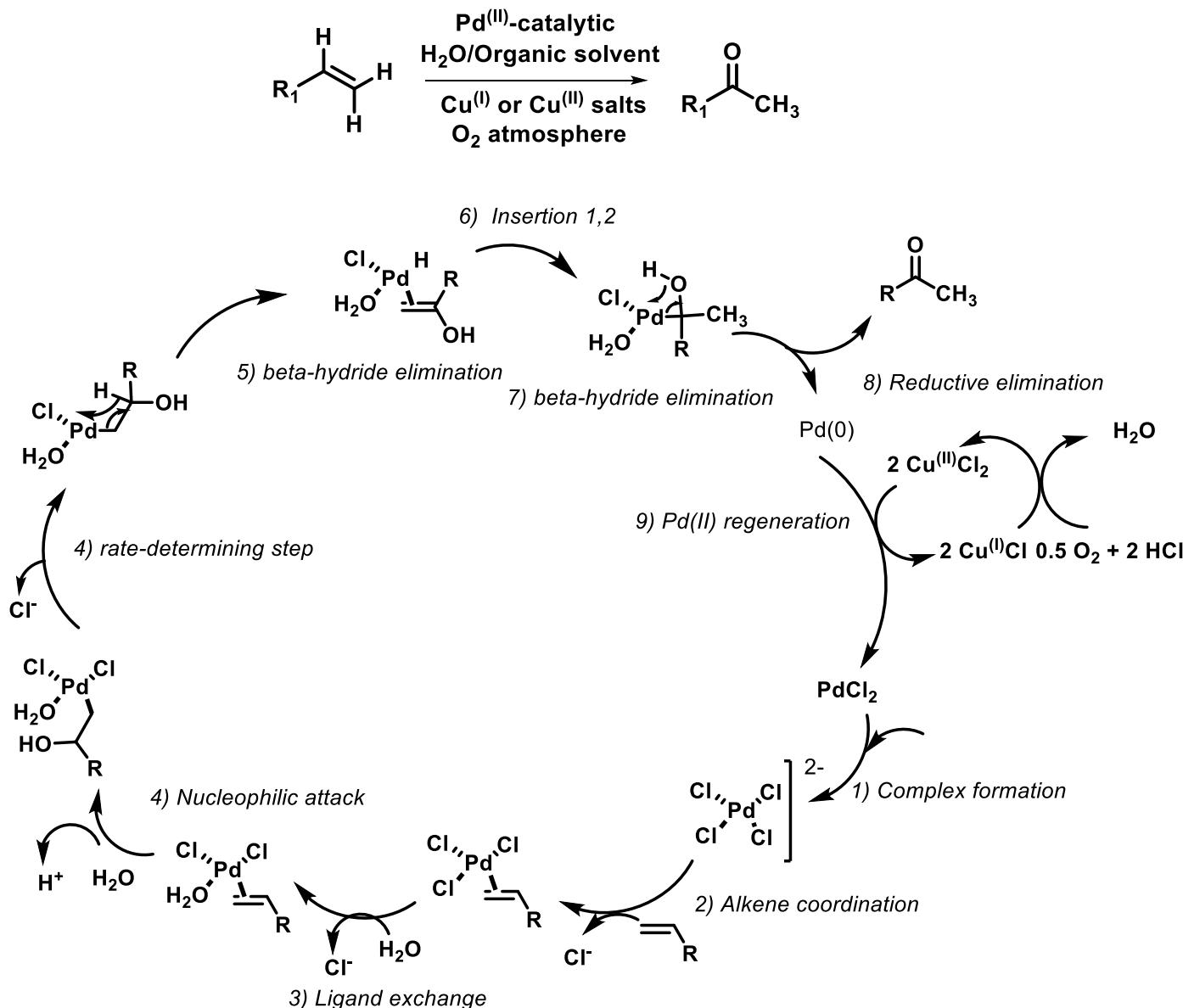
Oxidation of **olefins** to the corresponding **ketones** with catalytic amounts of **Pd^(II)** salts



$\alpha,\beta\text{-unsaturated carbonyl}$
compounds are oxidized to **1,3-dicarbonyls**

Other **nucleophilic species** can
be used in place of water
(**halides**)

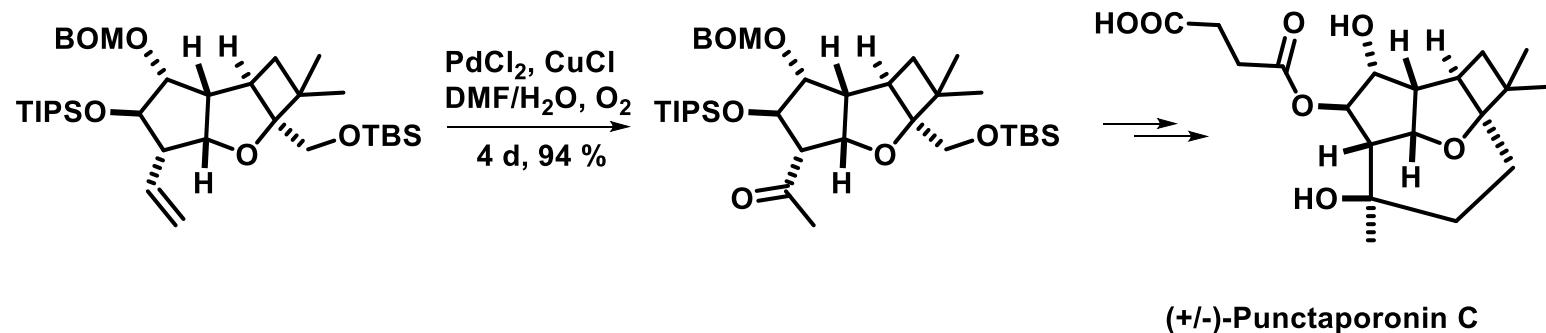
Wacker oxidation: Mechanism



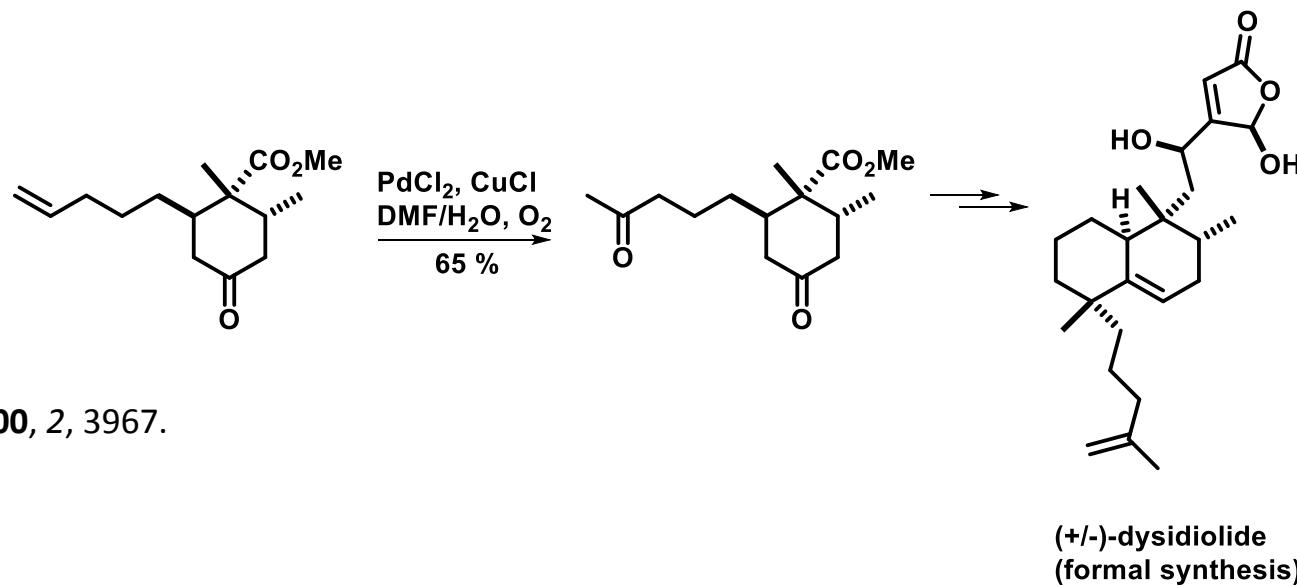
Kurti, L.; Czakó, B. *Strategic applications of named reactions in organic synthesis*, 474

Wacker oxidation: Tool for total synthesis

Synthetically, the Wacker reaction is useful for conversion of terminal alkenes to ketones with generally predictable regioselectivity.

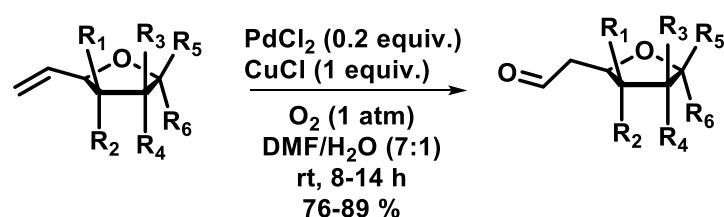
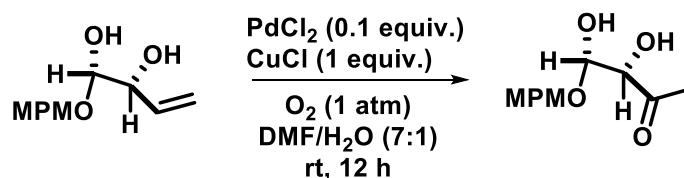
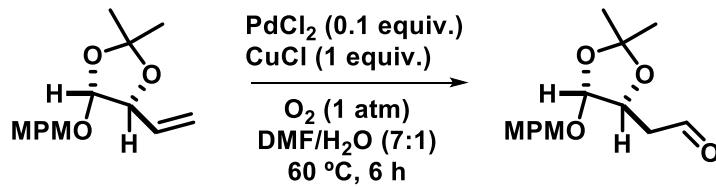


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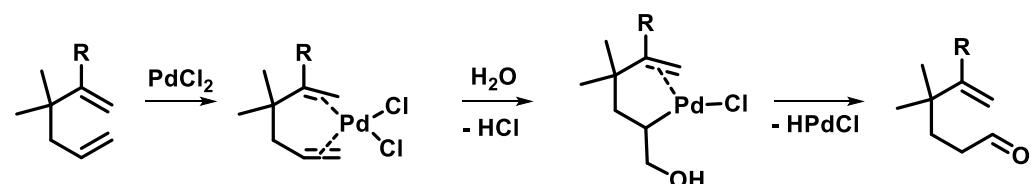


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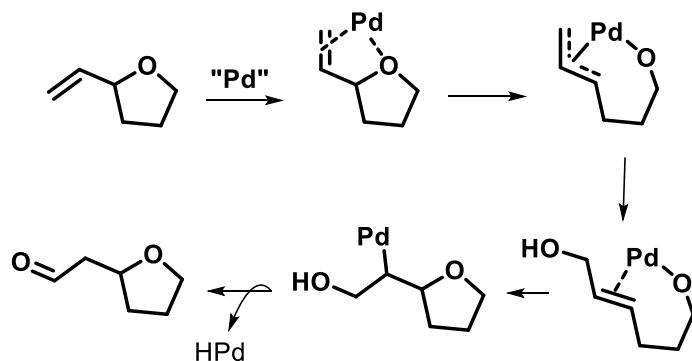
Wacker oxidation: Scope/Limitations



The regioselectivity of alkenes bearing heteroatoms can't be easily predicted

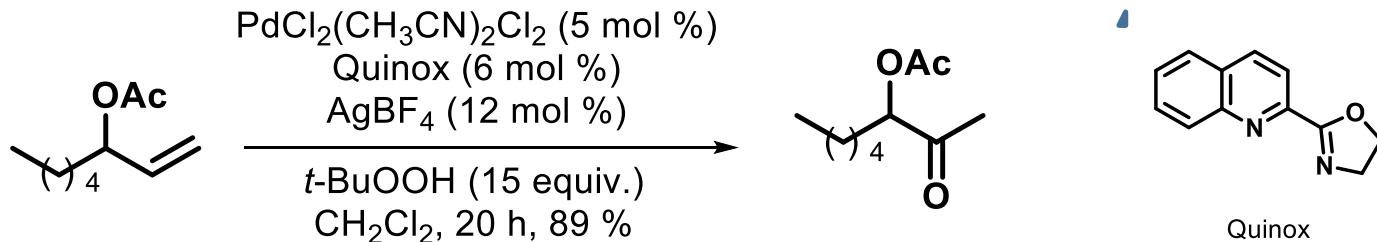


Substrate-controlled anti-Markovnikov selectivity

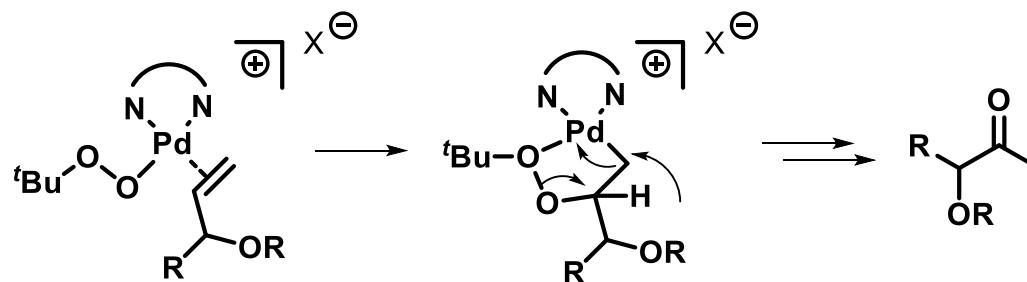


Tetrahedron 2007, 63, 7505.

Wacker oxidation: Sigman work

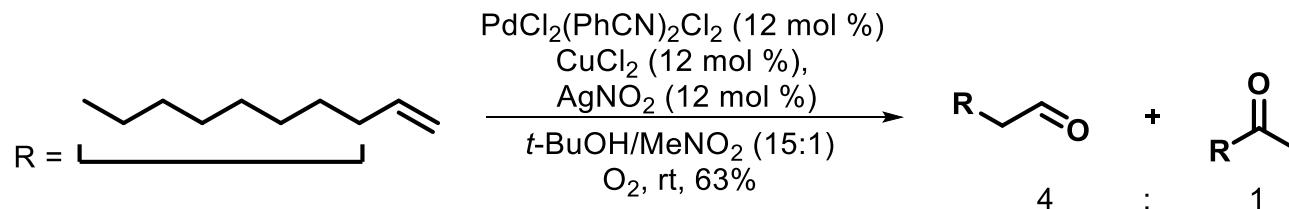


Catalyst-controlled Markovnikov selectivity. Even with substrates that often give a mixture of products.



5-membered palladacycle controls the regioselectivity of this reaction

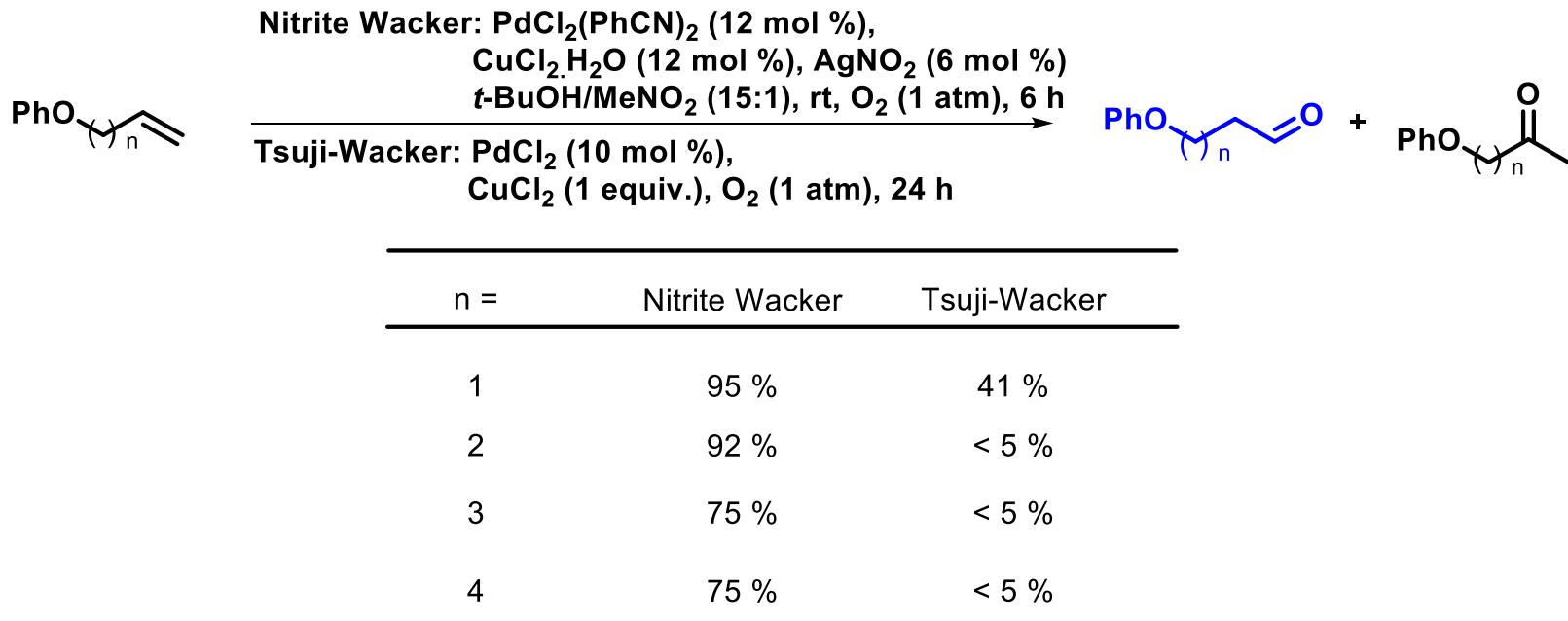
Wacker oxidation: Nitrite version



Grubbs and co-workers reported the **first catalyst-controlled anti-Markovnikov Wacker oxidation**, for terminal alkenes

Angew. Chem. Ind. Ed. **2013**, 52, 11257.

Aldehyde selectivity



J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2013** (current lit)

Wacker oxidation: Nitrite version

^aPdCl₂(PhCN)₂ (10 mol %),
CuCl₂ (10 mol %), NaNO₂ (5 mol %)
t-BuOH/MeNO₂ (15:1), rt, O₂ (1 atm)

Entry	Substrate	Aldehyde yield ^b	Selectivity ^c	Tsuji-Wacker conditions ^d
1		76 %	90:10	4:96
2		76 %	90:10	20:80
3		71 %	92:8	9:91
4		88 %	91:9	3:97
5		85 %	94:6	7:93
6 ^f		75 % ^e	94:6	64:46
7		82 %	96:4	41:59
8		64 % ^e	92:8	86:14

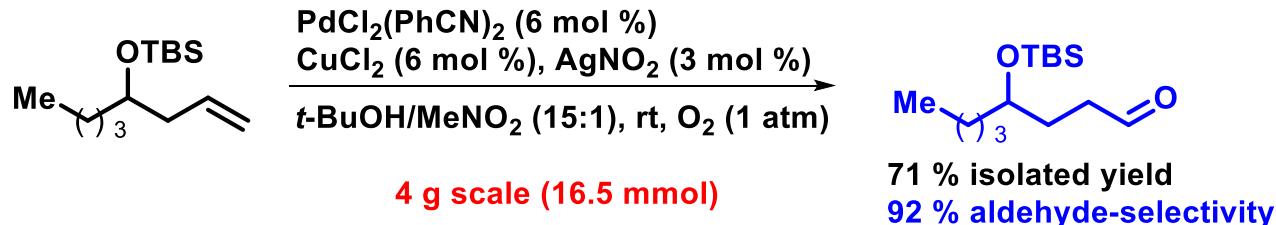
^a0.5 mmol of alkene (0.0625 M), 5 h. ^bYield of isolated aldehyde product. ^cSelectivity (aldehyde/ketone) obtained by ¹H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. ^dReaction conditions: ^b 0.1 mmol of alkene, PdCl₂ (10 mol %), CuCl (1 equiv), DMF/H₂O (7:1, 0.125 M), rt (20–25 °C), run to > 95 % conversion. ^eYield determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture. ^fAgNO₂ used in place of NaNO₂.

Wacker oxidation: Nitrite version

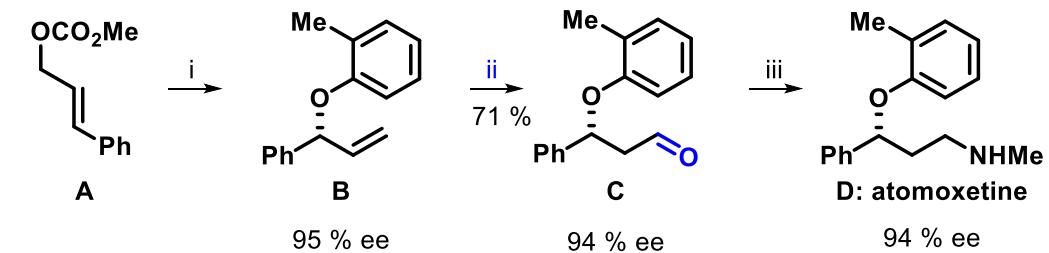
Entry	Substrate	Nitrite source	Aldehyde yield ^b	Selectivity ^c	Tsuji-Wacker conditions ^d
1		NaNO_2	80 %	93:7	7:93
2		NaNO_2	74 %	94:6	20:80
3		NaNO_2	51 % ^e	93:7	9:91
4		AgNO_2	77 % ^f	90:10	-
5		NaNO_2	37 %	95:5	8:92
6 ^g		AgNO_2	77 %	95:5	-
7		NaNO_2	38 %	66:34	10:90
8		AgNO_2	65 % ^e	75:25	-

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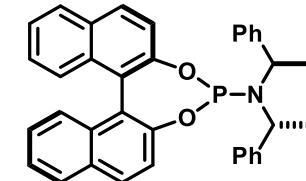
Nitrite Wacker reaction: Asymmetric synthesis



Methodology suitable for large scale process



- i. $[\text{Ir}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}]_2$ (1 mol %), (R, R, R)-(3,5-dioxa-4-phospha-cyclohepta[2,1-a;3,4-a']dinaphthalen-4-yl)bis(1-phenyethyl)amine (2 mol %), THF, 50 °C, 16 h;
ii. $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PhCN})_2$ (10 mol %) $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10 mol %), AgNO_2 (5 mol %), $t\text{-BuOH}/\text{MeNO}_2$ (15:1), rt, O_2 (1 atm), 5 h; iii. NaBH_3CN_2 equiv., MeNH_3Cl (excess), rt, 24.



(R, R, R)-(3,5-dioxa-4-phospha-cyclohepta[2,1-a;3,4-a']dinaphthalen-4-yl)bis(1-phenyethyl)amine

No racemization observed on nitrite-Wacker reaction

J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2003**, *125*, 3436; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 8918 (Ir allylic etherification)

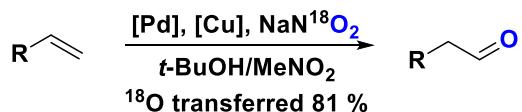
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Nitrite Wacker reaction: Mechanism

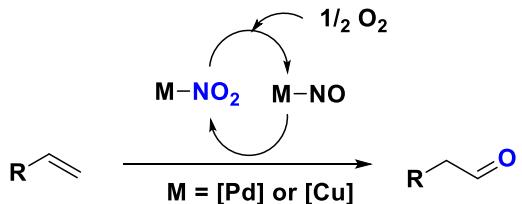
	X = NO₂ X = H X = OMe		
n = 1 (allylic)	Selectivity	97:3	97:3
	Relative rate	1.2	1.0
n = 2 (homoallylic)	Selectivity	90:10	91:9
	Relative rate	1.3	1.0
		96:4	90:10

Minimal inductive influence which is consistent to an apolar, radical-type addition

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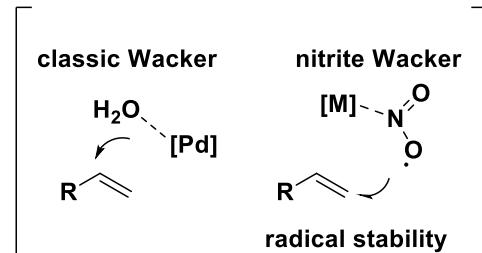
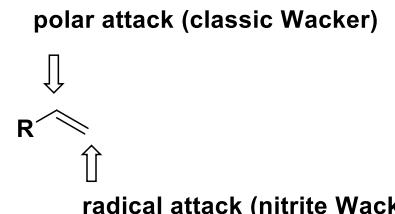


B)



NO₂ radical generated *in situ*

C)



Conclusions

- Grubbs and co-workers had developed a methodology to prepare **aldehydes from terminal alkenes** with generally selectivity.
- Preliminary evidence of **radical-type addition**.
- Mechanism under investigation.