

Diastereoselective Synthesis of Aryl C-Glycosides via Radical Pathway

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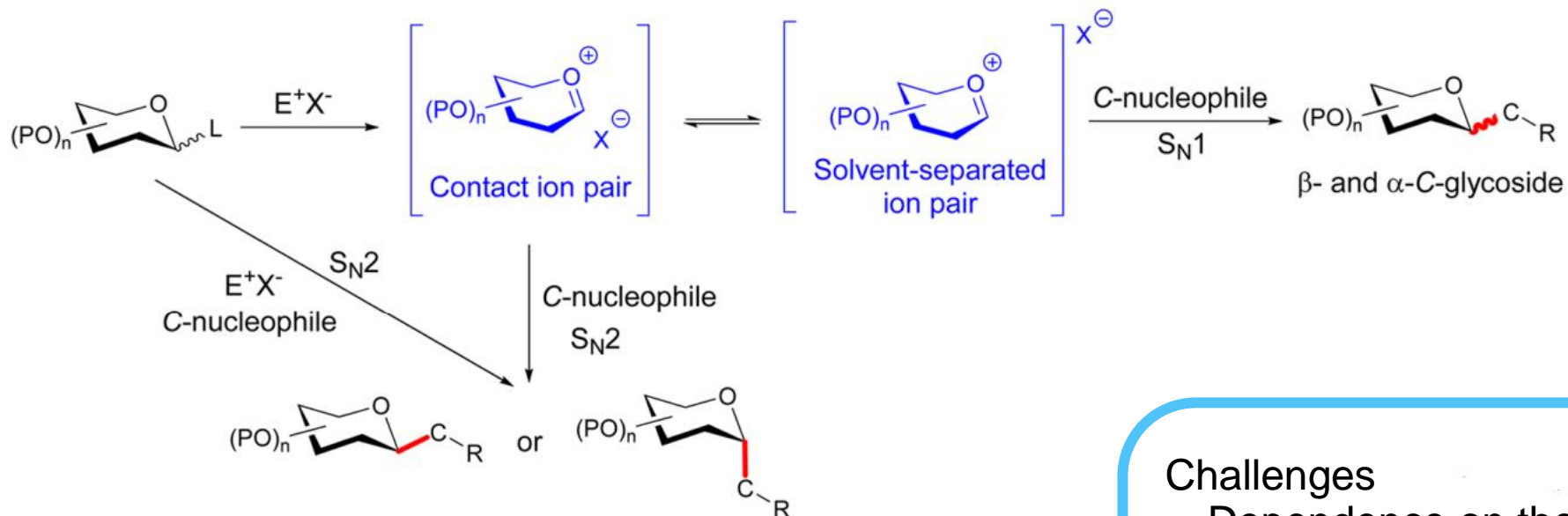
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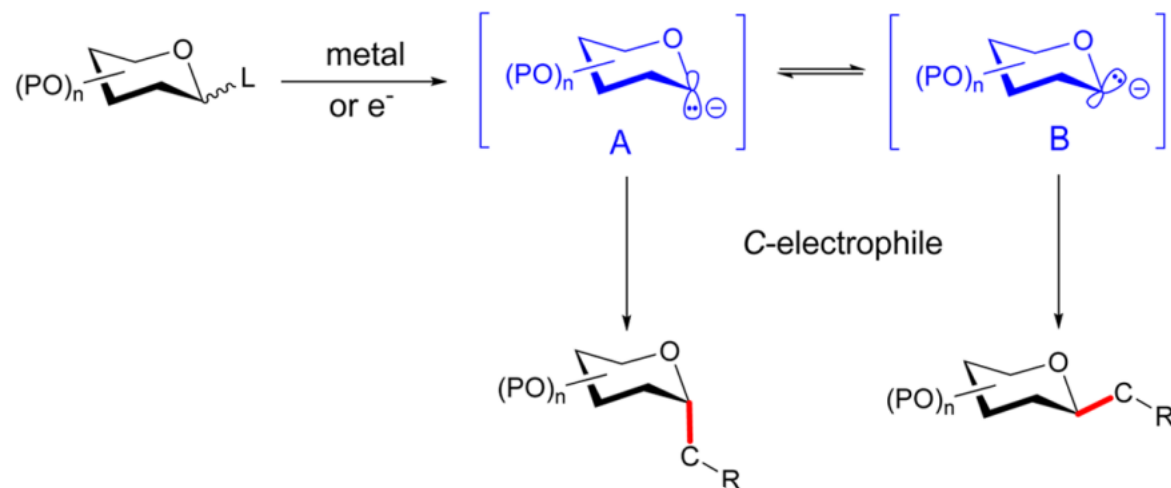
3. Summary

Conventional glycosyl donors (ionic pathway)

(a) C-Glycosylation via glycosyl electrophilic/cationic species



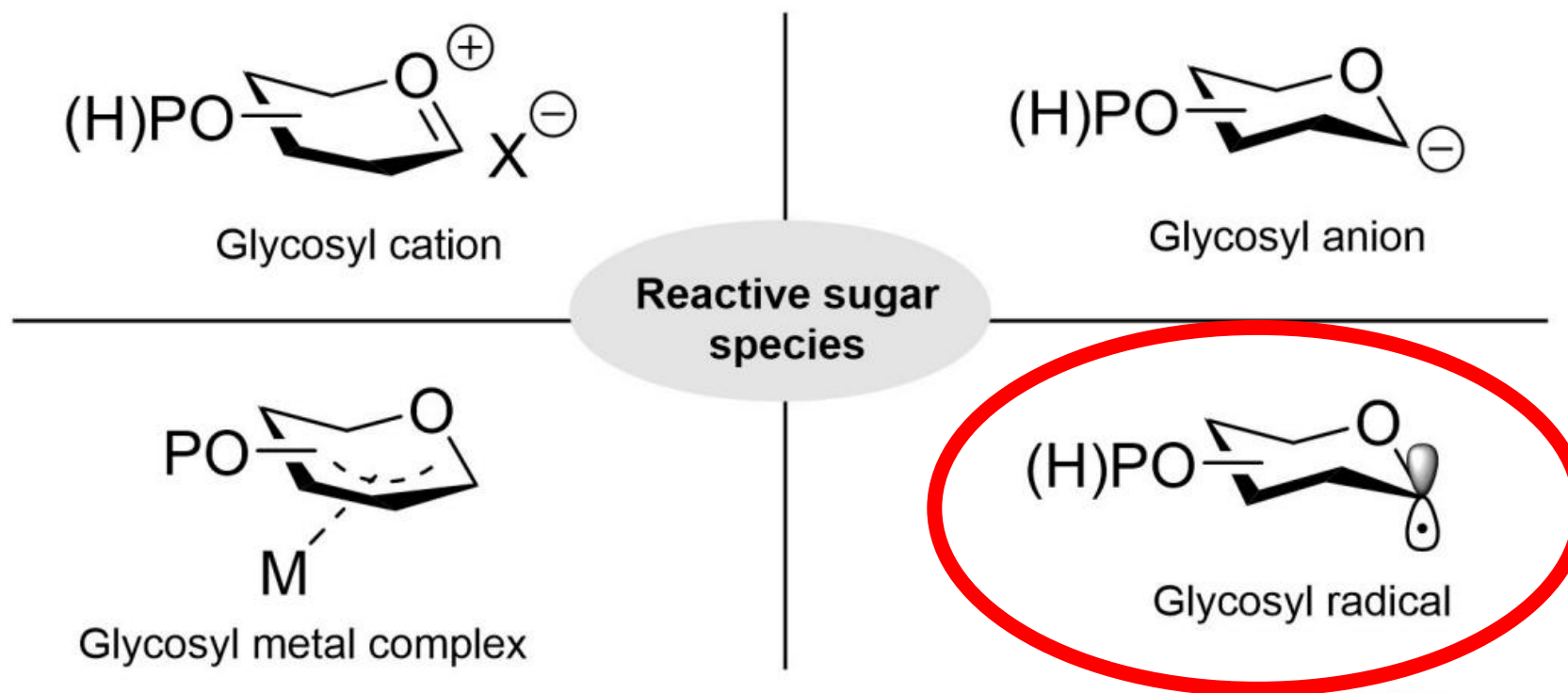
(b) C-Glycosylation via glycosyl anionic species



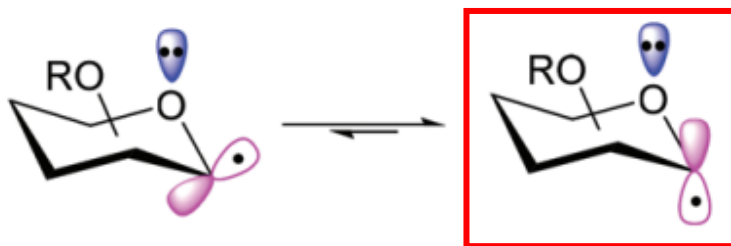
Challenges

- Dependence on the structures of donors/acceptors.
- Unstable glycosyl donors.
- Harsh reaction conditions.
- Incompatible with free hydroxyl group.
- Byproduct (ex. glycol, glycosidic bonds)
- Stereochemical purity of the glycosyl donors.

Reactive glycosyl intermediates

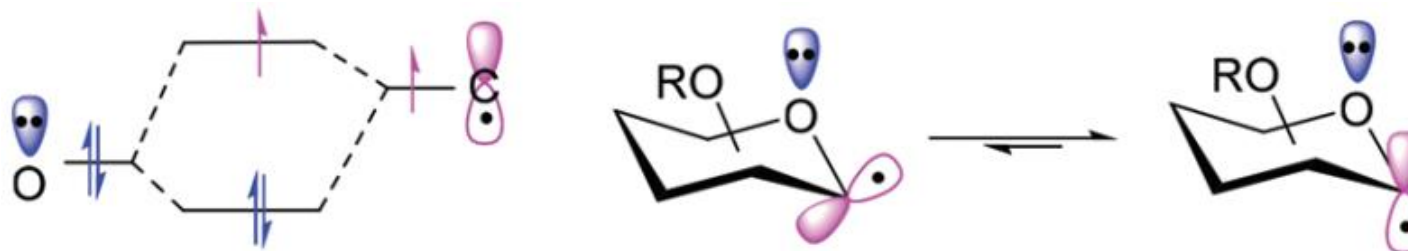


Regardless of the stereochemical purity of the glycosyl donors, both anomers will eventually converge to the sugar radical of the same conformation.



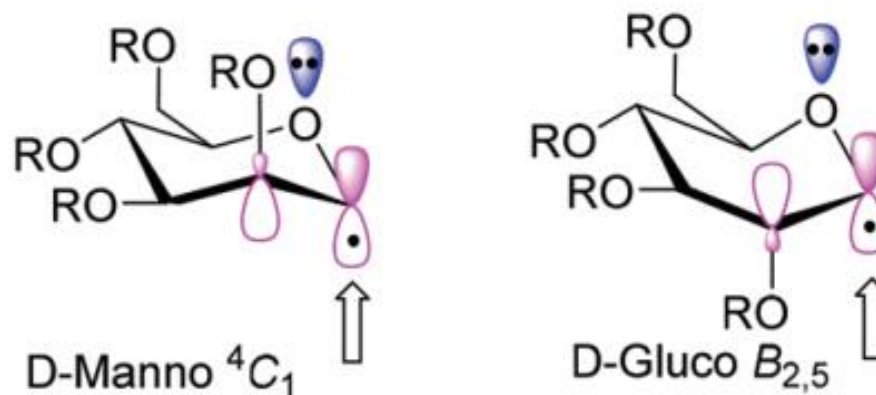
Factors determining stereoselectivity

① Anomeric effect



The axial radical is more stable and nucleophilic because of the interaction between the lone pair on the ring oxygen and the radical orbital.

② SOMO-LUMO interaction



Stabilizing interaction between SOMO and LUMO of the neighboring C-O bond

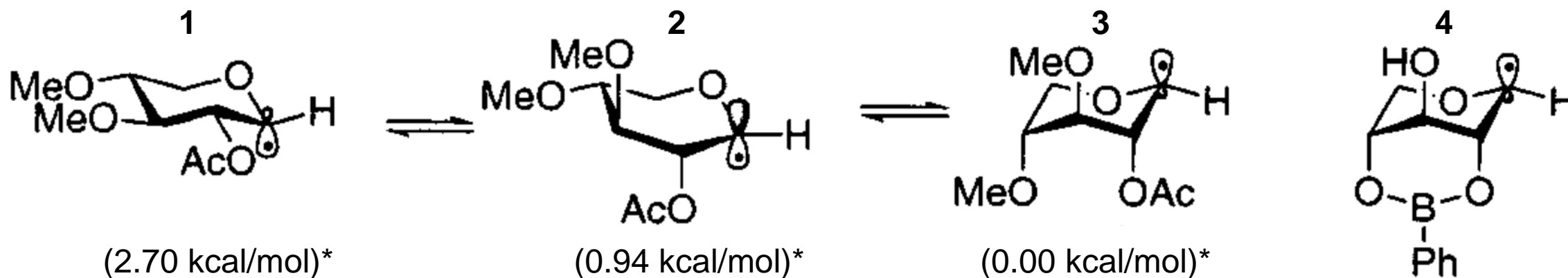
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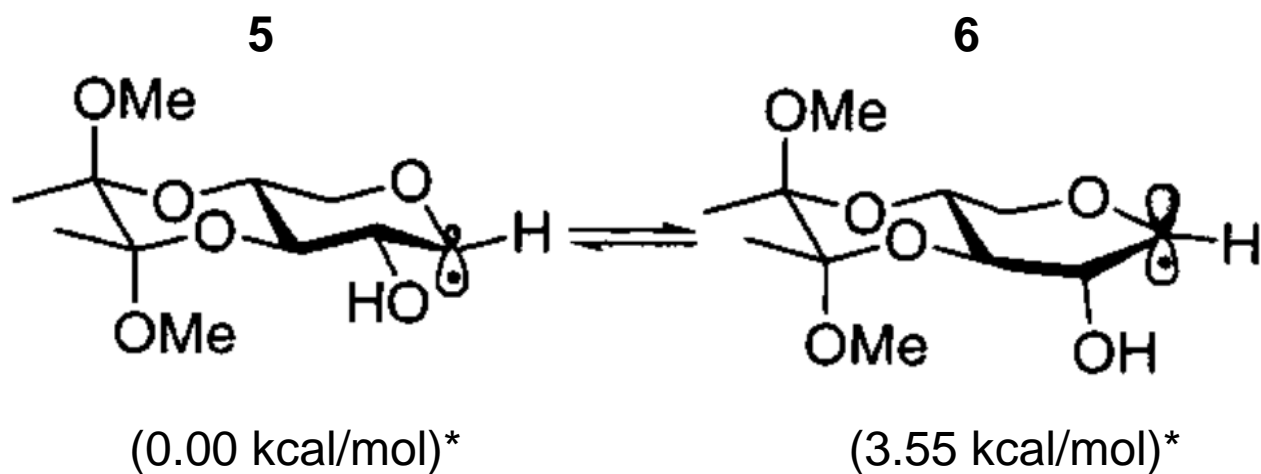
Factors determining stereoselectivity

③ Conformation restriction



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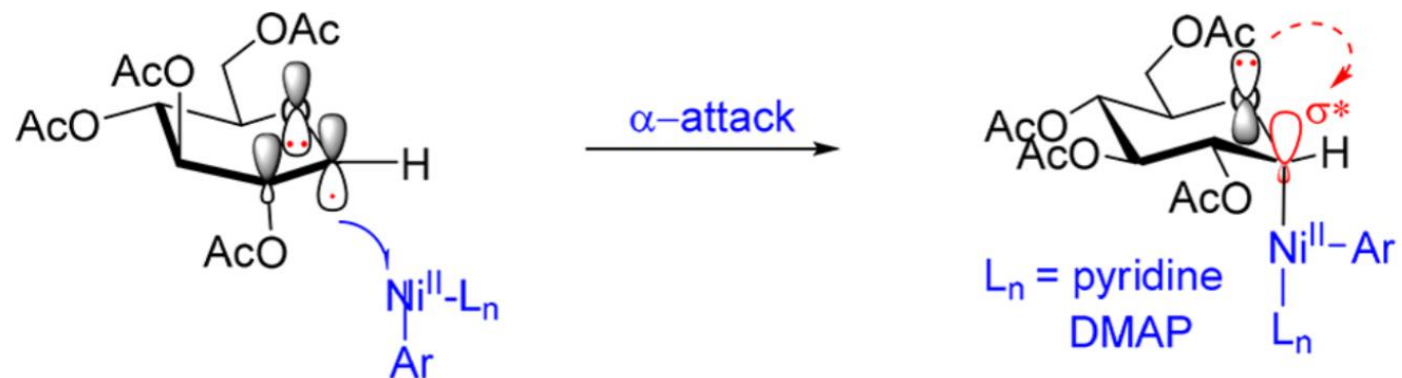


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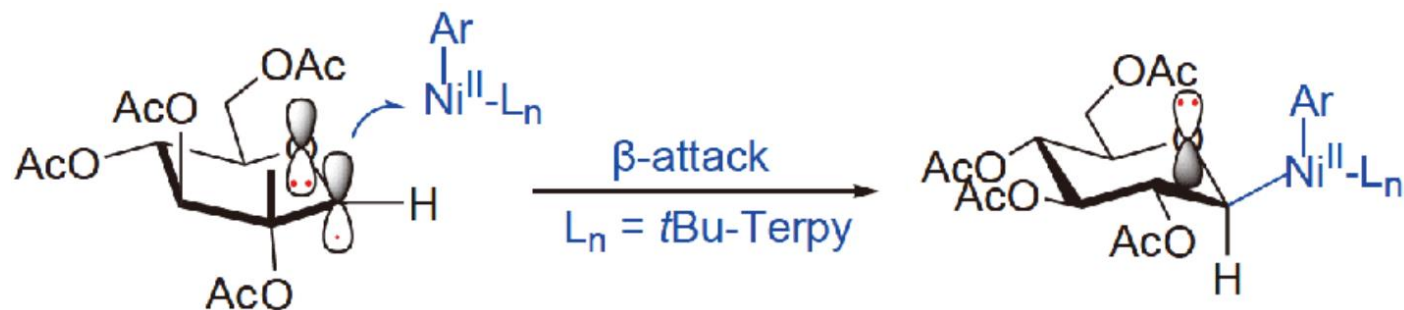
Conformational restriction of the pyranose ring changes the stereoselectivity in the anomeric radical reaction.

Factors determining stereoselectivity

④ Ligands effect in transition metal-catalyzed reactions



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Bulky Ni-tridentate ligand complex seems to overcome the α -stereoselectivity

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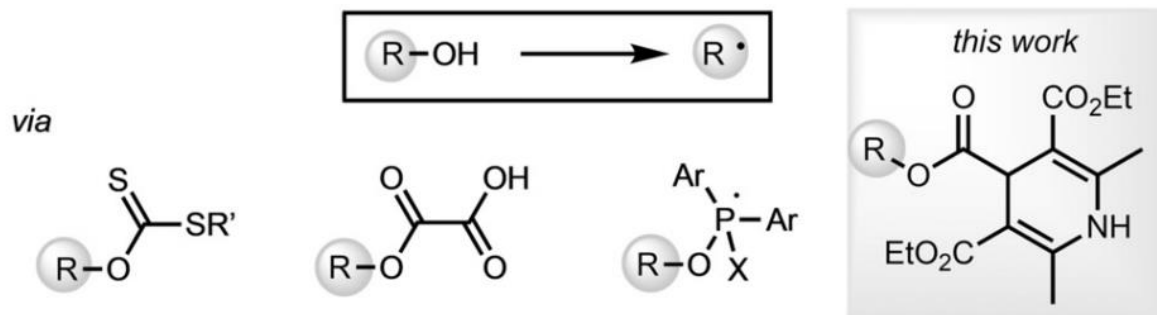
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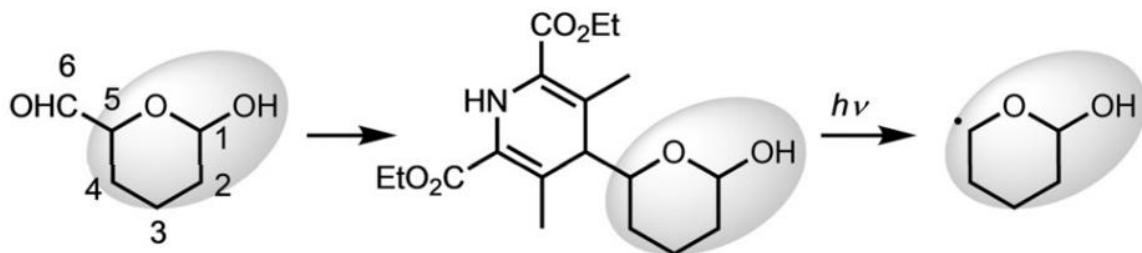
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Formation of carbon radicals from alcohols via C-O bond cleavage

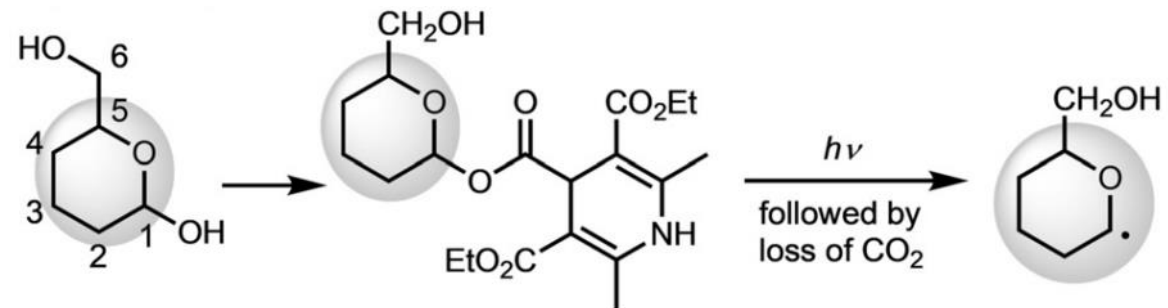
(a) Homolytic activation of C-O bonds via redox-active groups



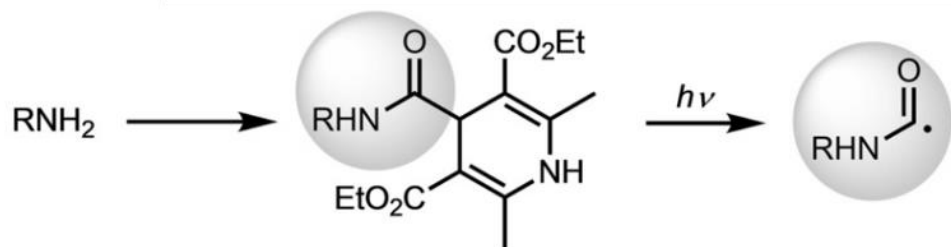
(b) Carbon radicals from aldehydes via C-C bond cleavage



(d) Carbon radicals from alcohols via C-O bond cleavage



(c) Carbamoyl radicals from amines via C-C bond cleavage



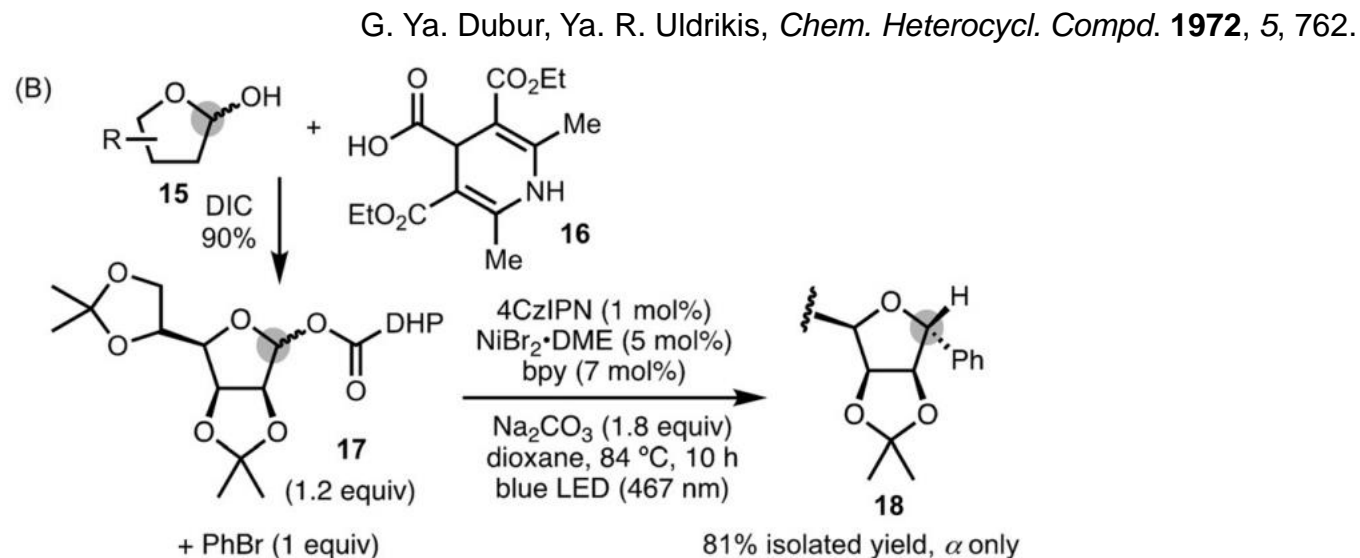
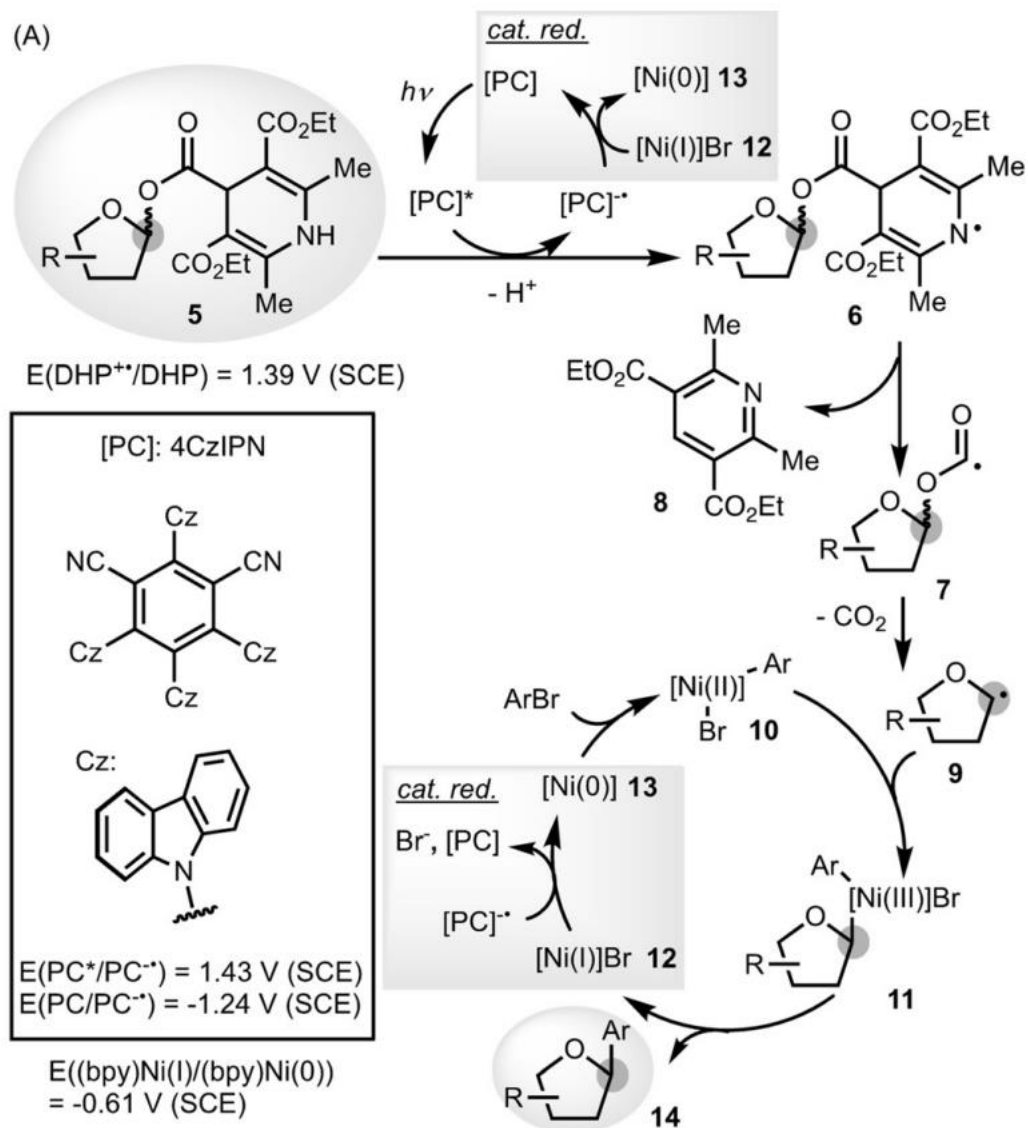
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(b) Á. Gutiérrez-Bonet. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2017**, 139, 12251.

(c) N. Alandini. *et al.* *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2020**, 59, 5248.

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Proposed mechanism and optimized conditions



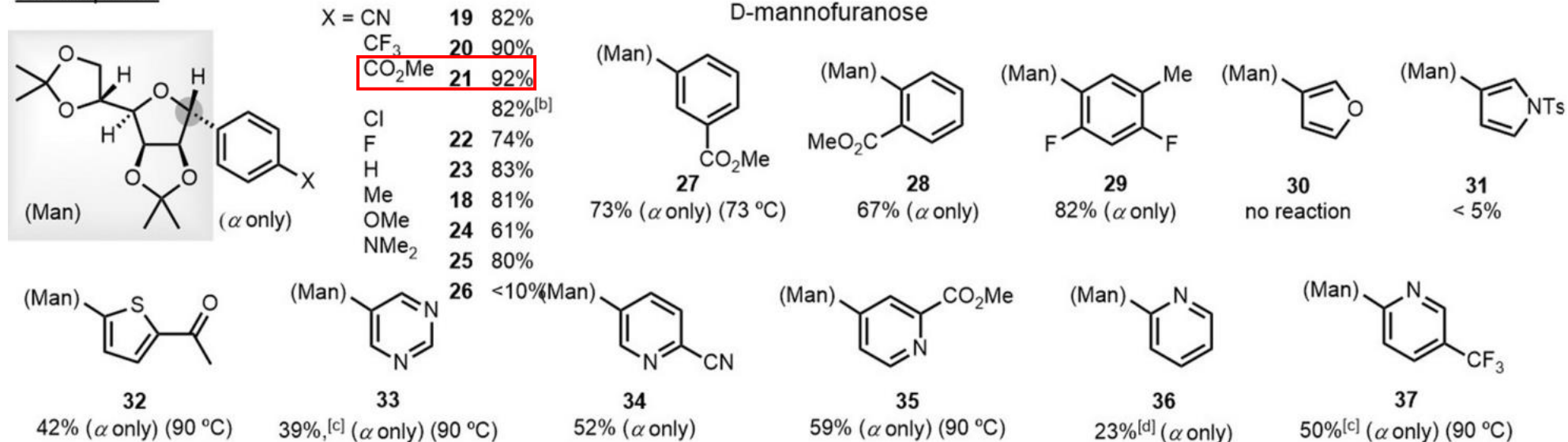
(A) Proposed mechanism for C-aryl glycosylation based on DHP derived esters
 (B) Optimized conditions

- High temperature is required to facilitate DHP fragmentation and the subsequent decarboxylation.
- High α -selectivity because of C2, C3 and C4 substituents

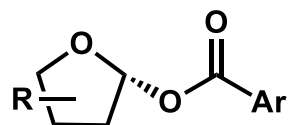
Substrate scope



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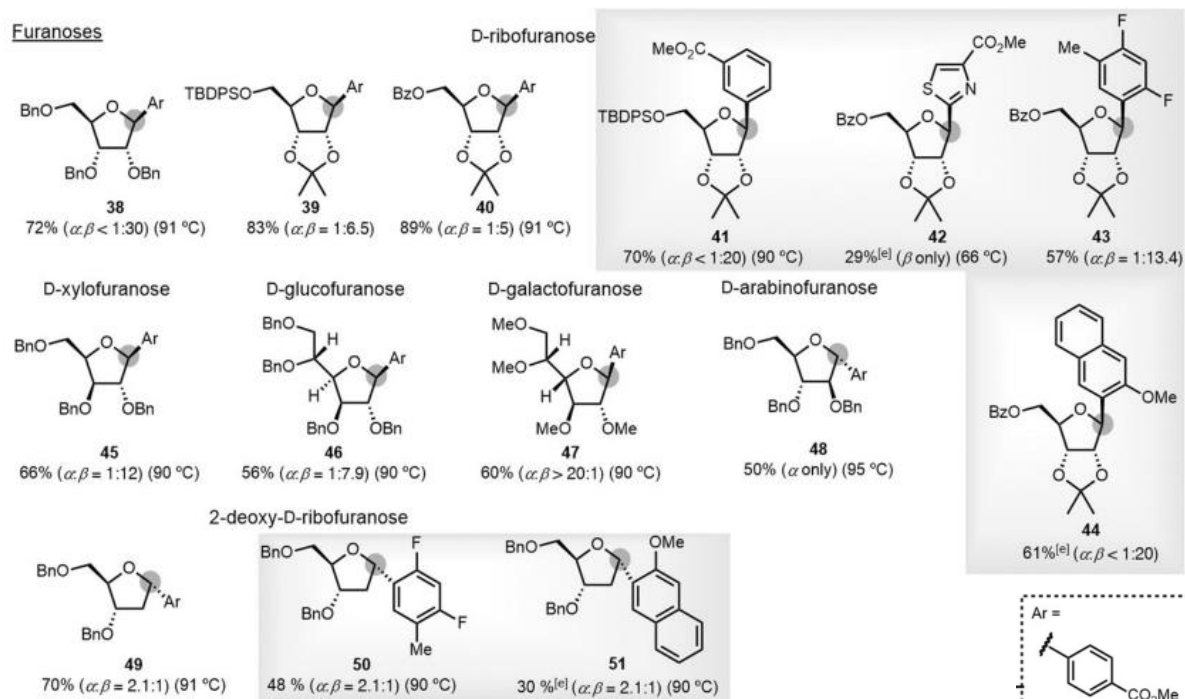


- Performing the synthesis of **17** on a 1.94-gramscale afforded **21** in 82% isolated yield.
- A lower temperature led to the formation of a byproduct derived from the coupling of **7** to PhBr.

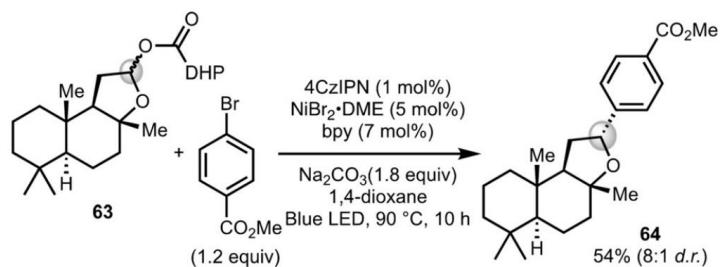


Stereoselectivity

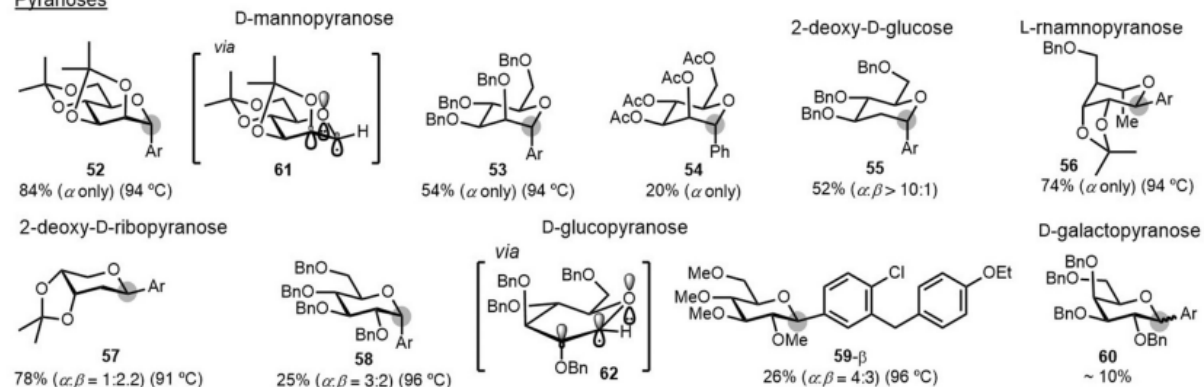
Furanoses



Derivatization of (+)-sclareolide from deoxygenative cross coupling



Pyranoses



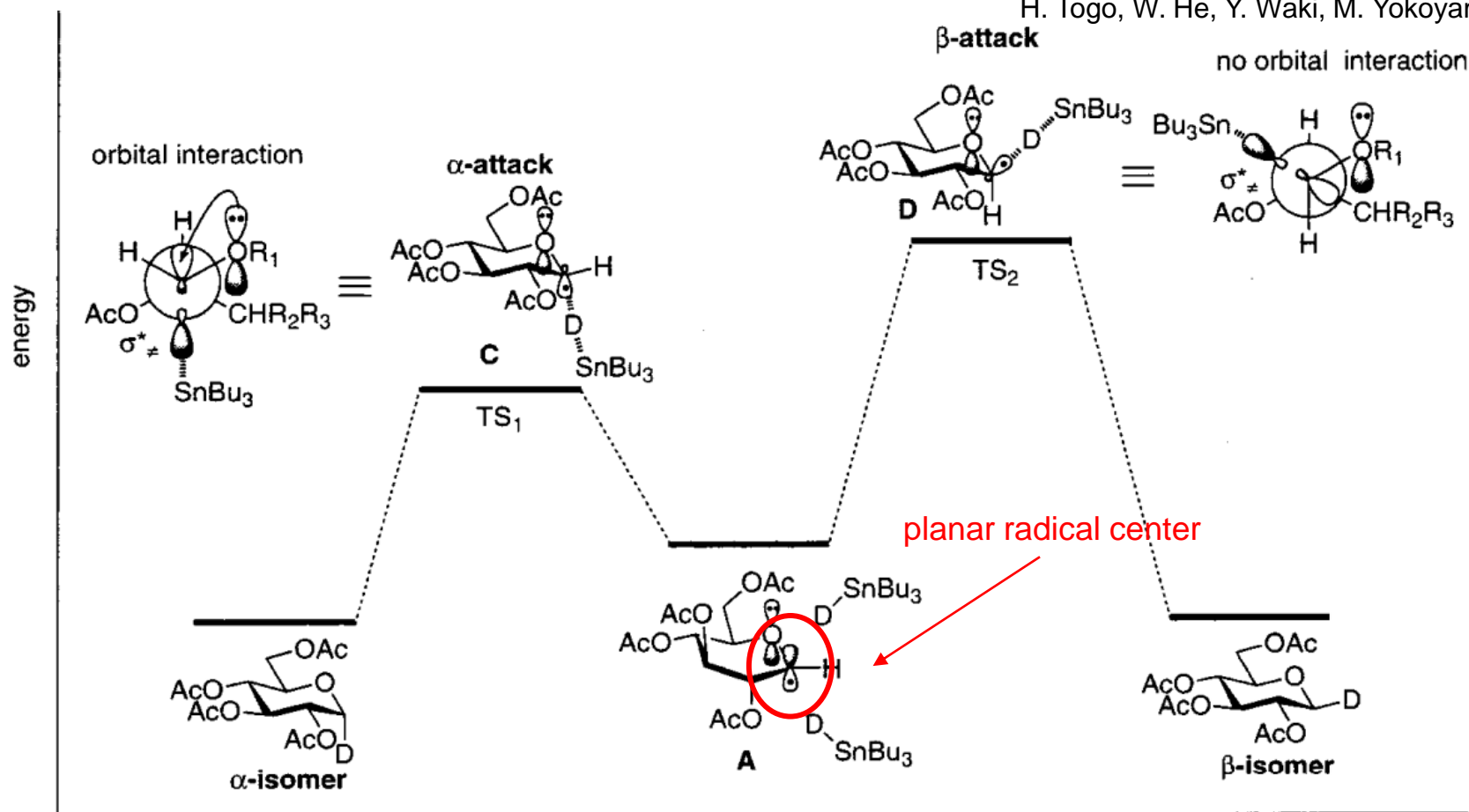
- Mannopyranoses display α -selectivity.
- Glucopyranoses display poor reactivity and stereoselectivity.
- The poor selectivity can be attributed to the contradictory preferences by the steric and the stereoelectronic effect.

Factor causing poor stereoselectivity of glucopyranoside

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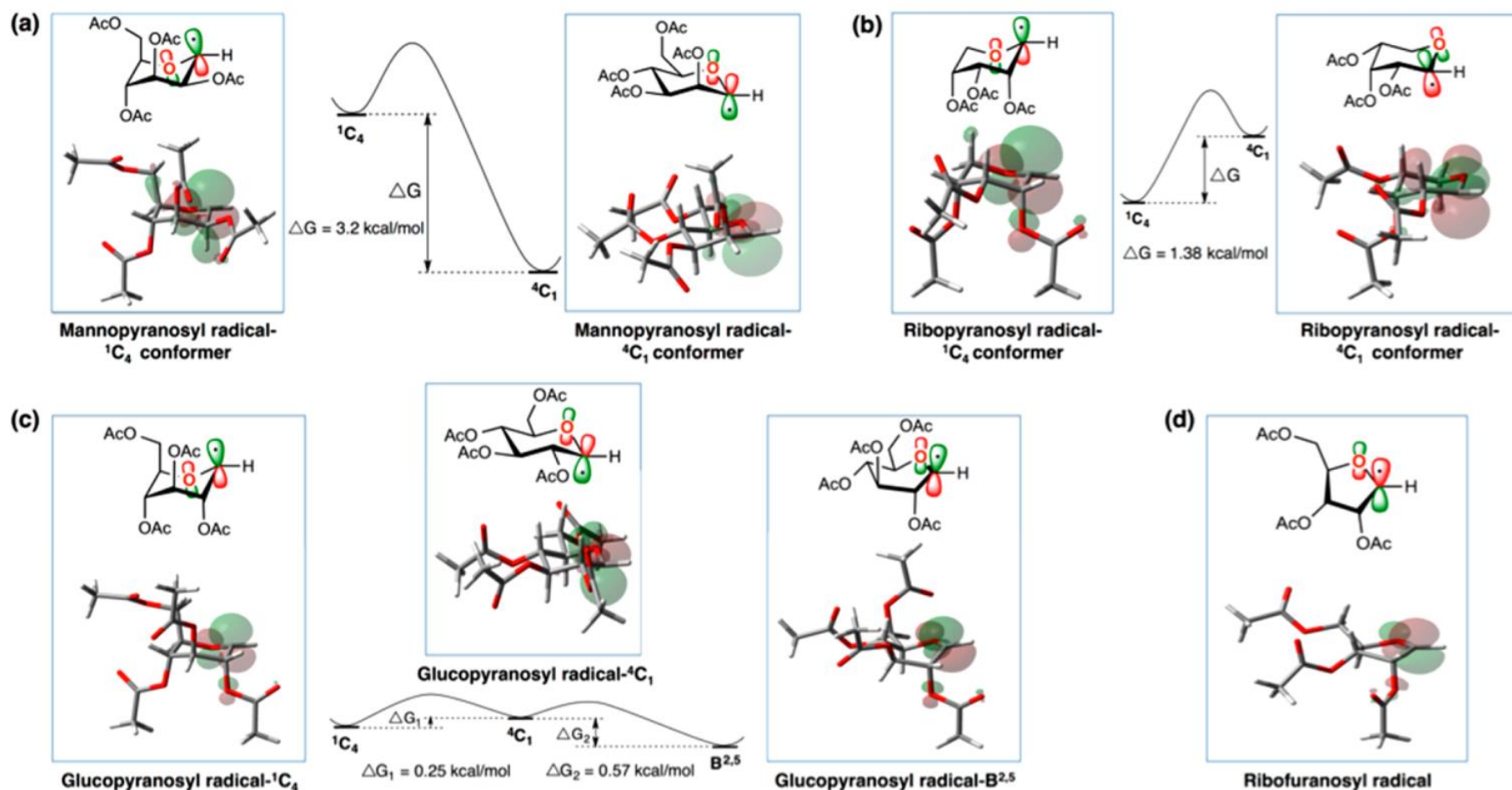
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- $B_{2,5}$ conformation has a planar (sp^2 -like) radical center with a radical orbital having high p-character.
- $B_{2,5}$ conformation has potential to form both anomers through α - and β - attack.
- In the transition state the radical center has more pyramidal (sp^3 -like) radical center.

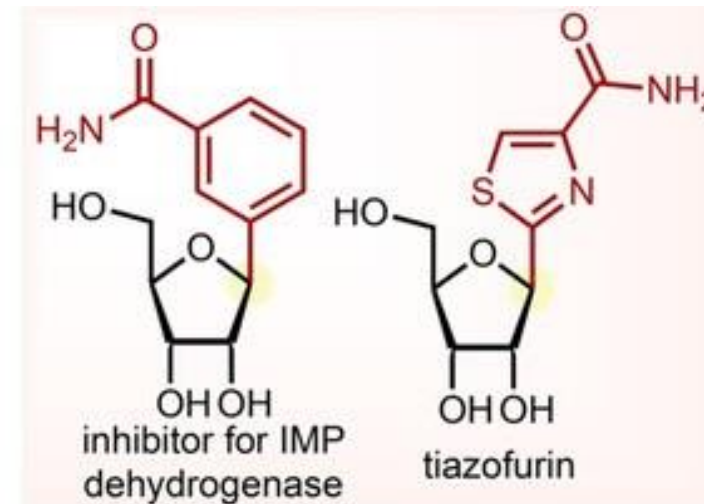
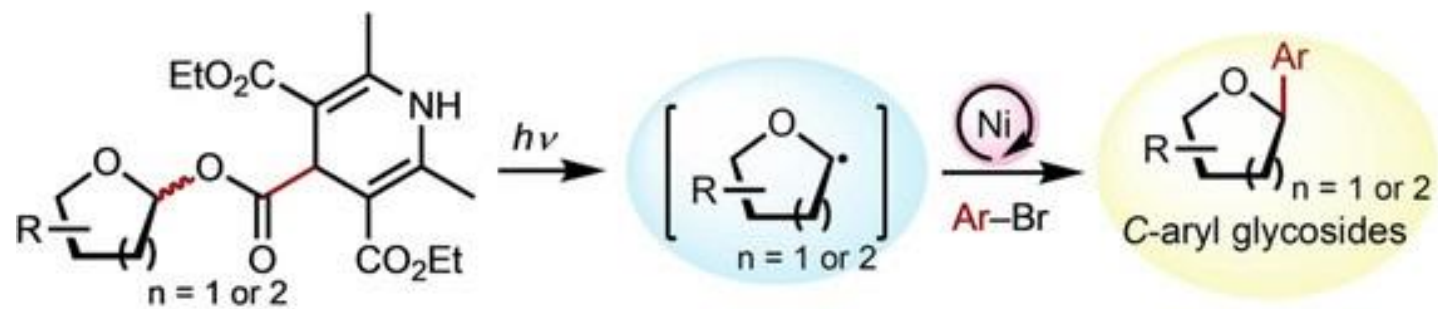
Factor causing poor stereoselectivity of glucopyranoside



- Fluctuating conformational changes of the glucosyl radical leads to varied α/β selectivity.
- Contradictory preferences by the steric and the stereoelectronic effect are the factor of fluctuating conformational changes.

Short summary

Homolytic activation of hydroxyl group and formation of radicals



- ✓ Bench-stable.
- ✓ Easily accessible.
- ✓ Diastereoselective in furanoside.

- ✗ Stereoselectivity of glucopyranose.
- ✗ Protection of the hydroxyl groups.
- ✗ High temperature.

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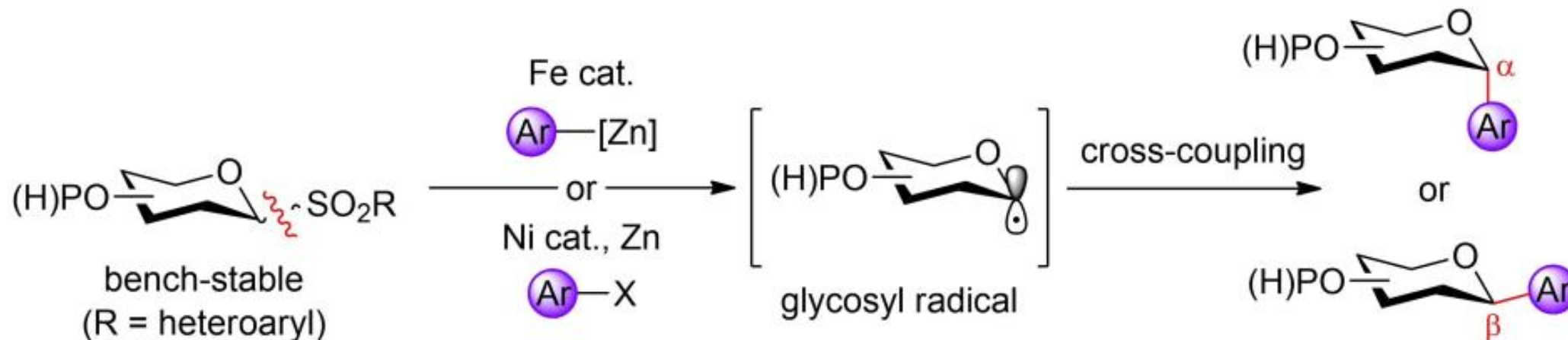
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Heteroaryl glycosyl sulfones as practical donors for C-aryl glycosylation

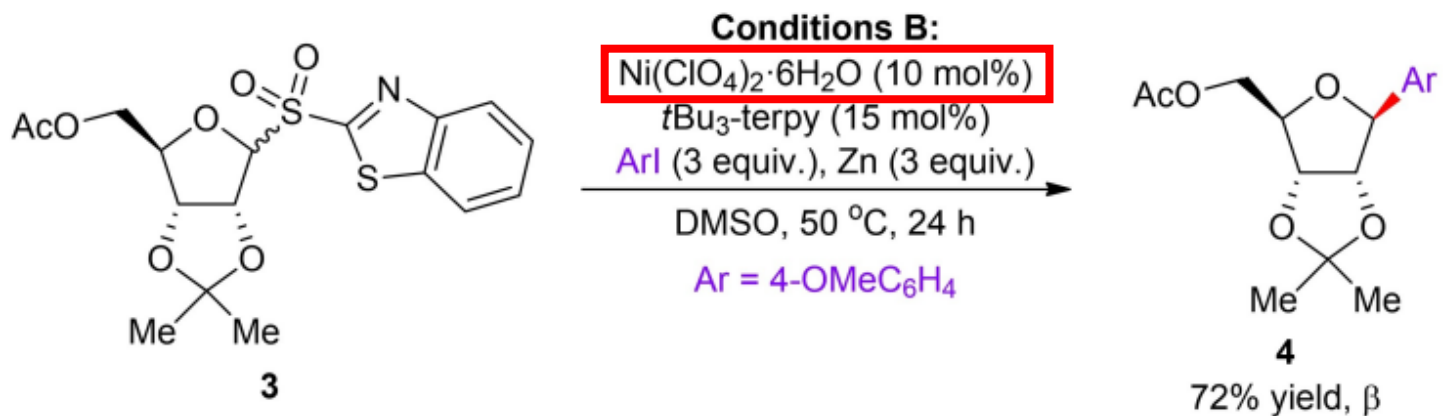
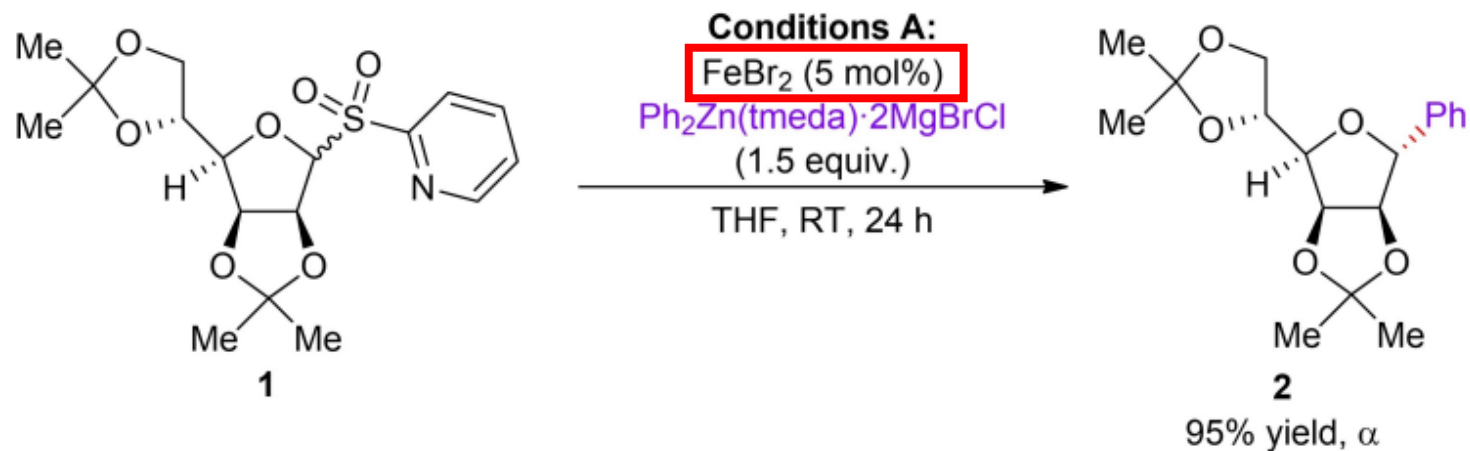


- broad sugar scope
- Ar nucleophiles & electrophiles
- distinct mechanisms and activation modes
- access to both α & β isomers for key sugars

Potential challenge:



Optimized conditions



Conditions A

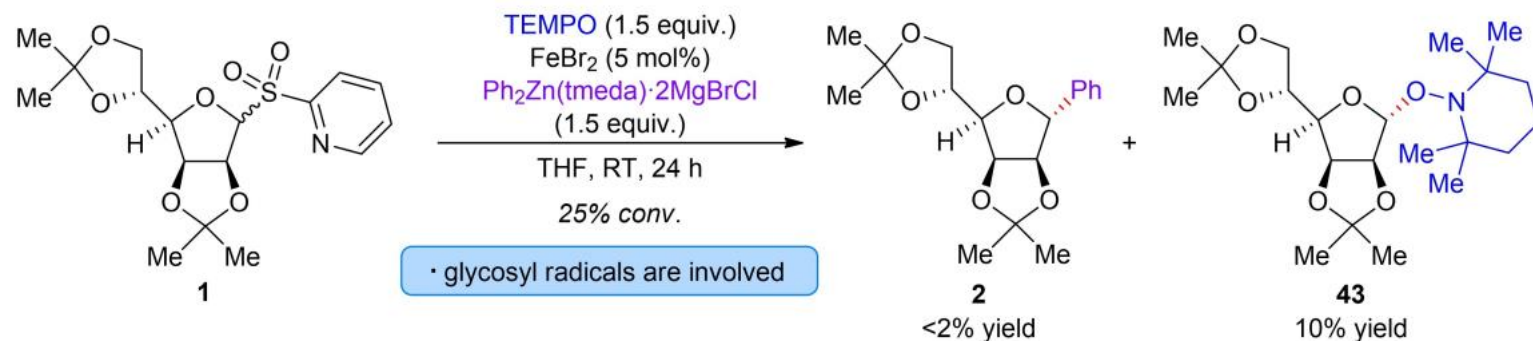
- The reactions proceed under room temperature.
- 2-Pyridyl sulfinate salt was detected as a byproduct.

Conditions B

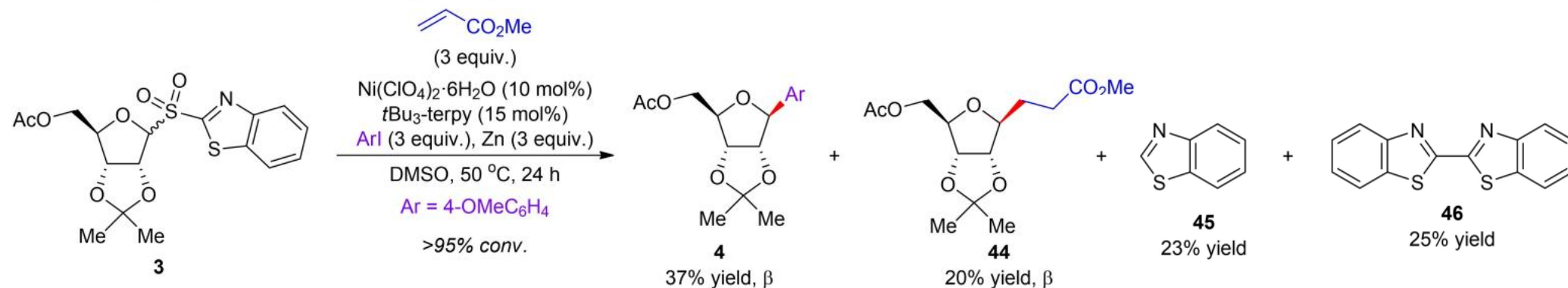
- Benzothiazole and 2,2-benzothiazole were detected.

Mechanistic studies

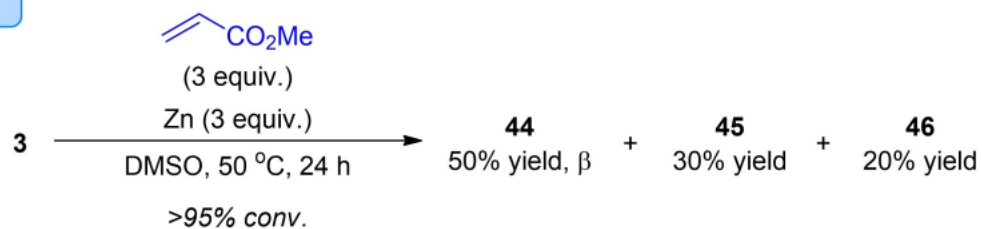
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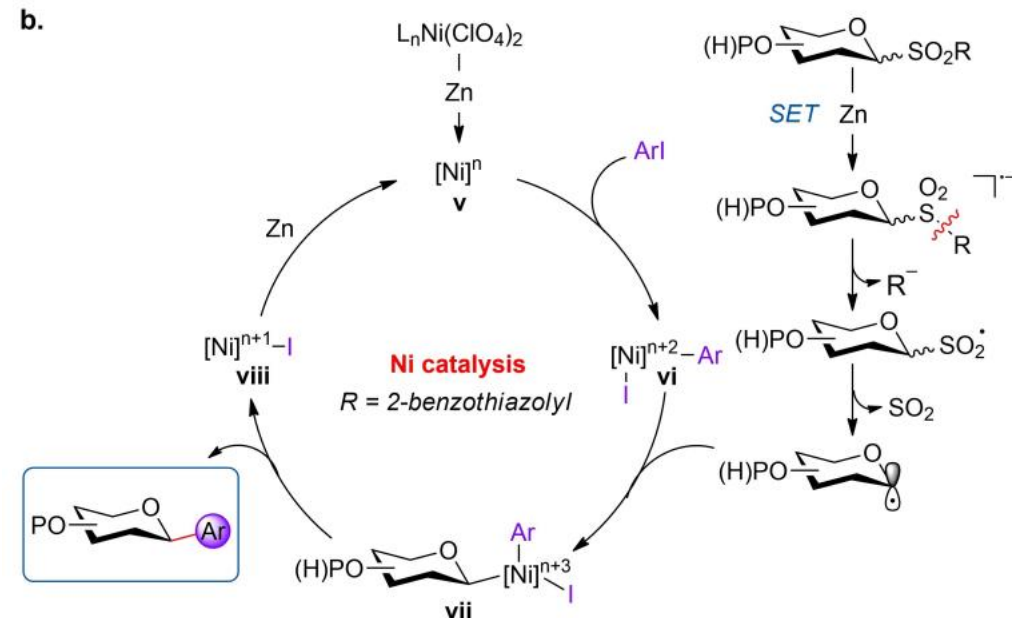
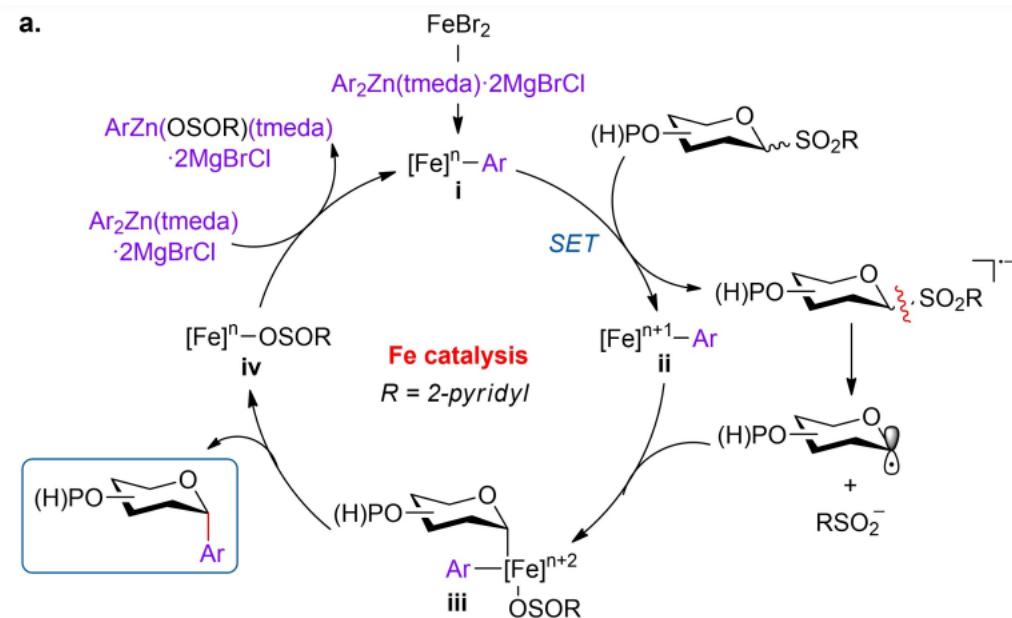
b. Radical trap experiments in Ni-catalyzed arylation and the role of Zn



- glycosyl radicals are involved
- Zn can reduce sulfones



Proposed mechanisms for Fe- and Ni-catalyzed C-aryl glycosylation



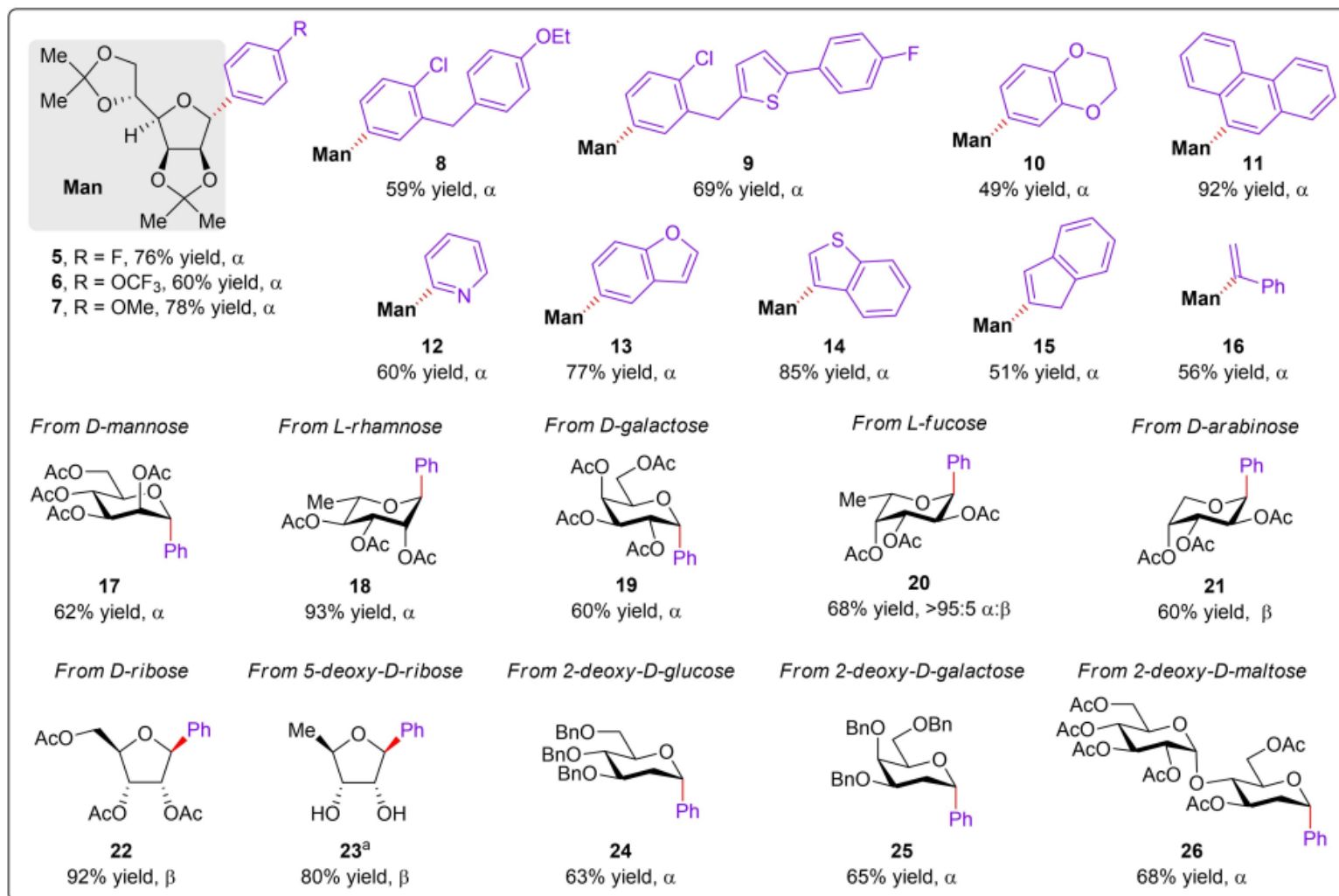
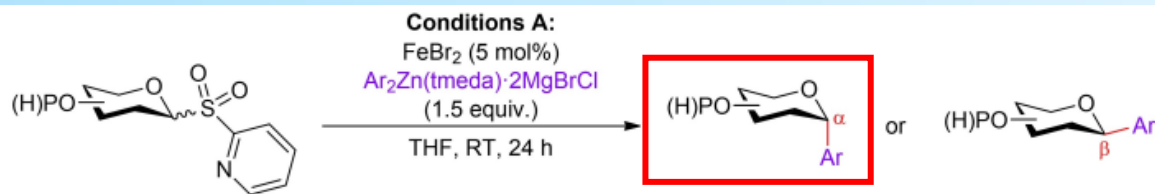
- a.**
- Aryl iron species i could serve as a reducing agent by SET to the electrophilic heteroaryl sulfone.
 - Radical anion undergoes direct S-C(glycosyl) bond cleavage to form glycosyl radical and sulfinate.

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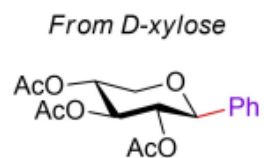
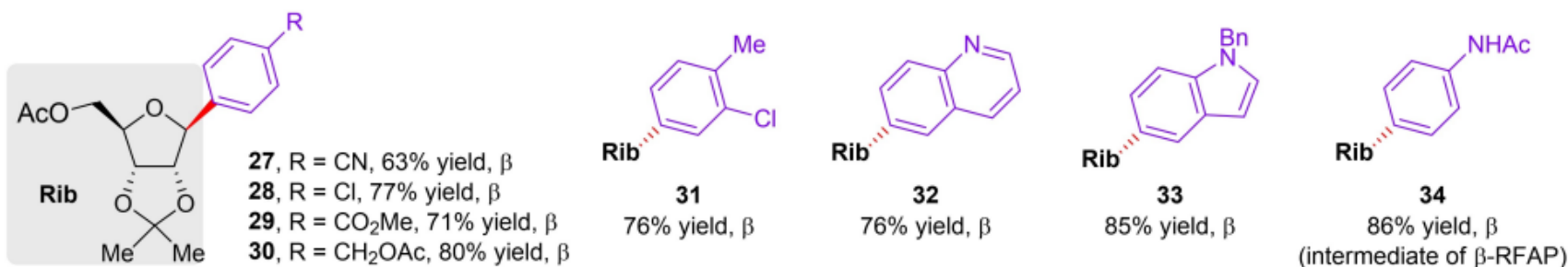
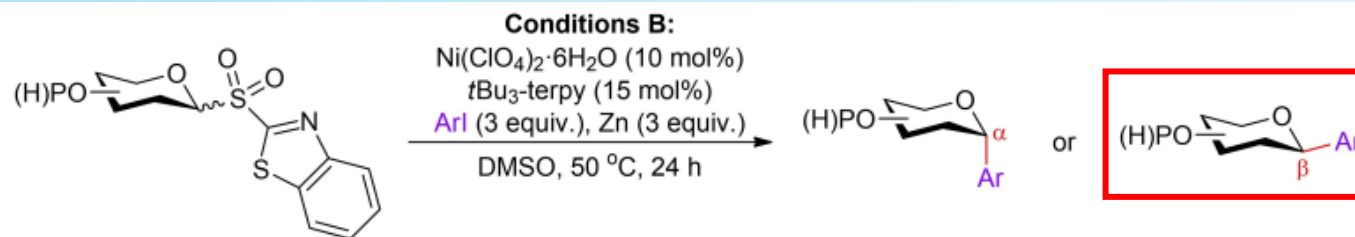
- b.**
- Zn could serve as a reducing agent by SET to the more electrophilic heteroaryl sulfone.
 - Radical anion undergoes S-C(2-benzothiazoyl) bond cleavage to give glycosylsulfonyl radical and 2-benzothiazoyl anion.

J. M. E. Hughes, P. S. Fier, *Org. Lett.* **2019**, *21*, 5650–5654.

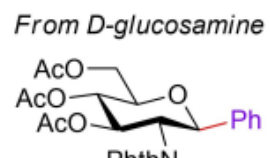
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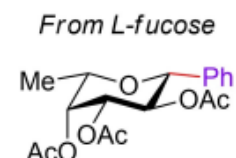
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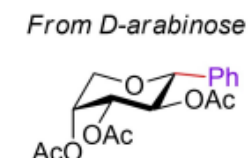
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83% yield, β



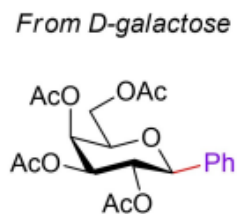
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61% yield, β



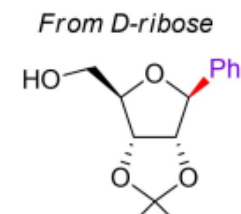
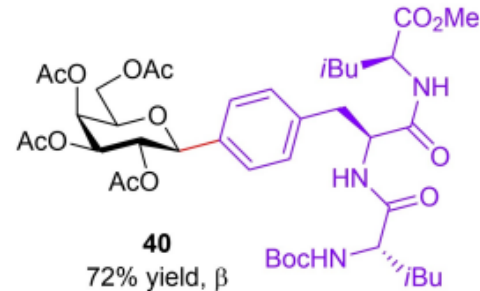
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64% yield, β



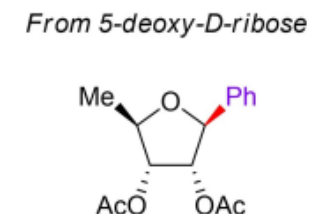
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62% yield, 80:20 α : β



39
64% yield, β



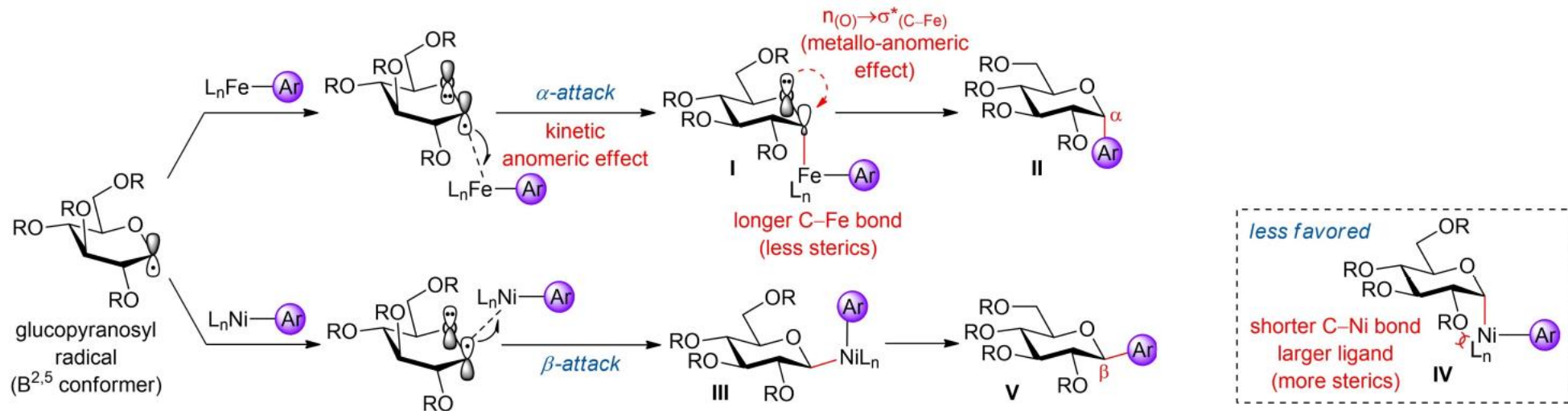
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72% yield, β



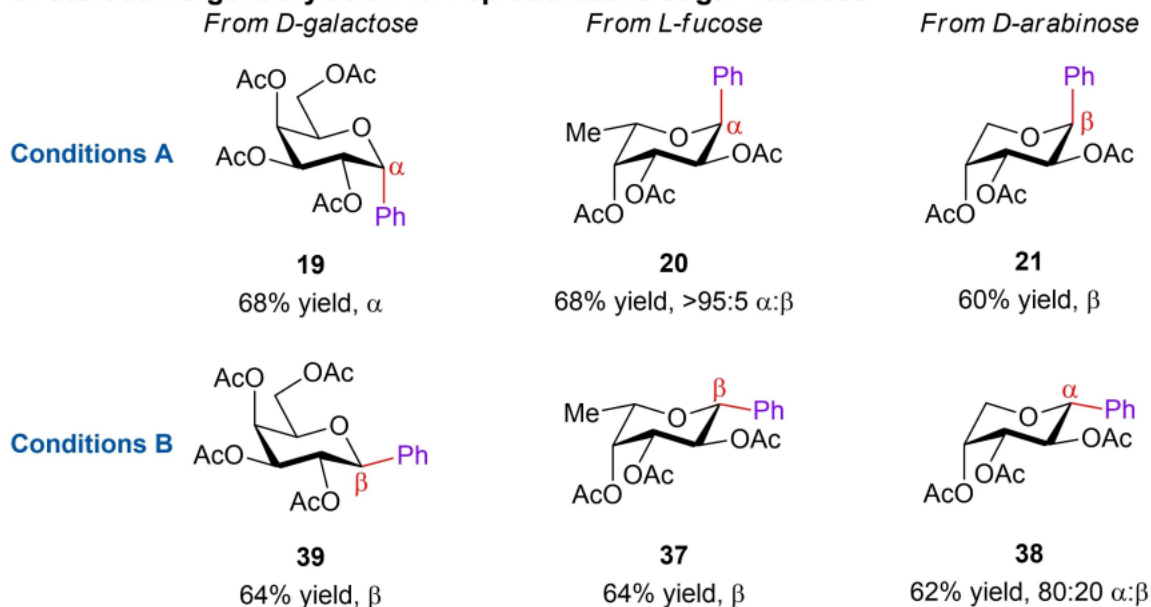
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65% yield, β

Stereodivergent C-aryl glycosylation

a. Possible rationale for difference in stereochemical outcome in glycosyl radical arylation



b. Stereodivergent arylation for representative sugar residues



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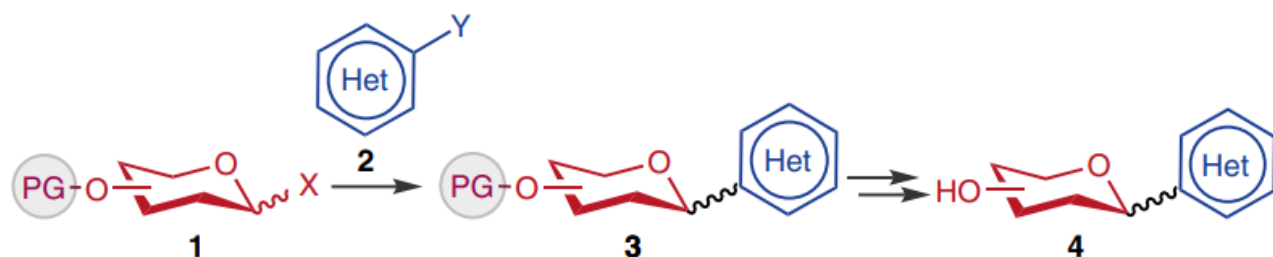
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Direct synthesis of aryl C-glycosides by photoredox Ni-catalysed cross-coupling

a. Classical routes to aryl C-glycosides that use protected intermediates



X	Y
Hal	Mg [*] /Zn [*]
SnBu ₃ /BF ₃	Hal
Hal	Hal

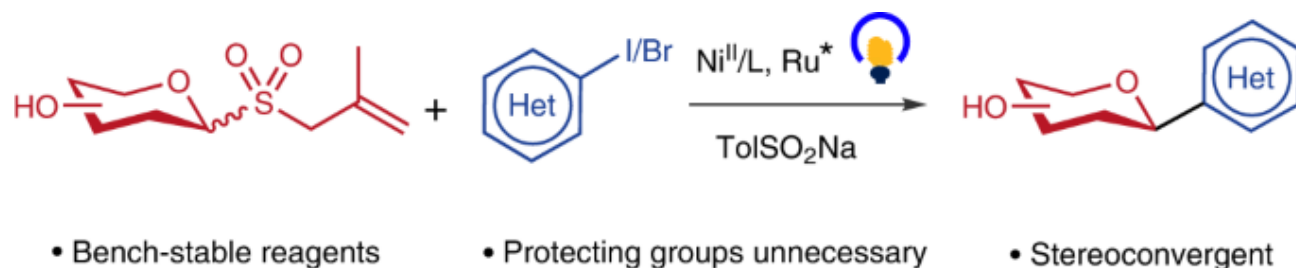
Challenges:

- PG removal after glycosidic bond forming
- Unstable starting materials
- Stereoselectivity control

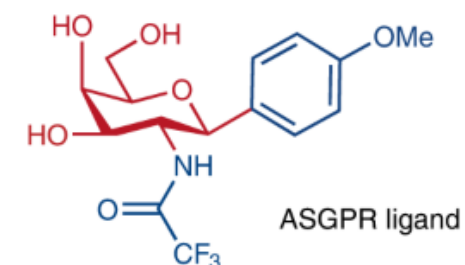
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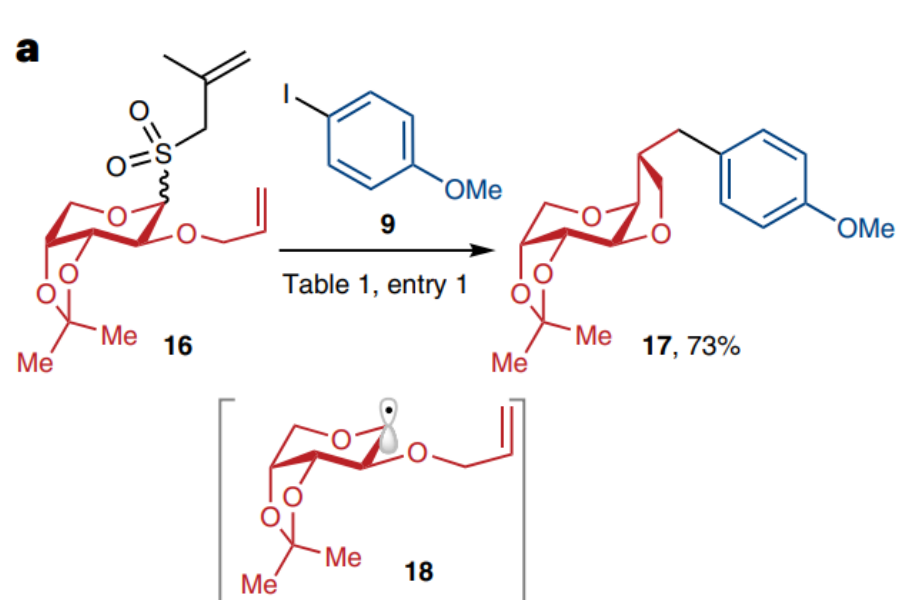
b. Direct, stereoselective synthesis of unprotected aryl C-glycosides



Representative products:



Mechanistic studies

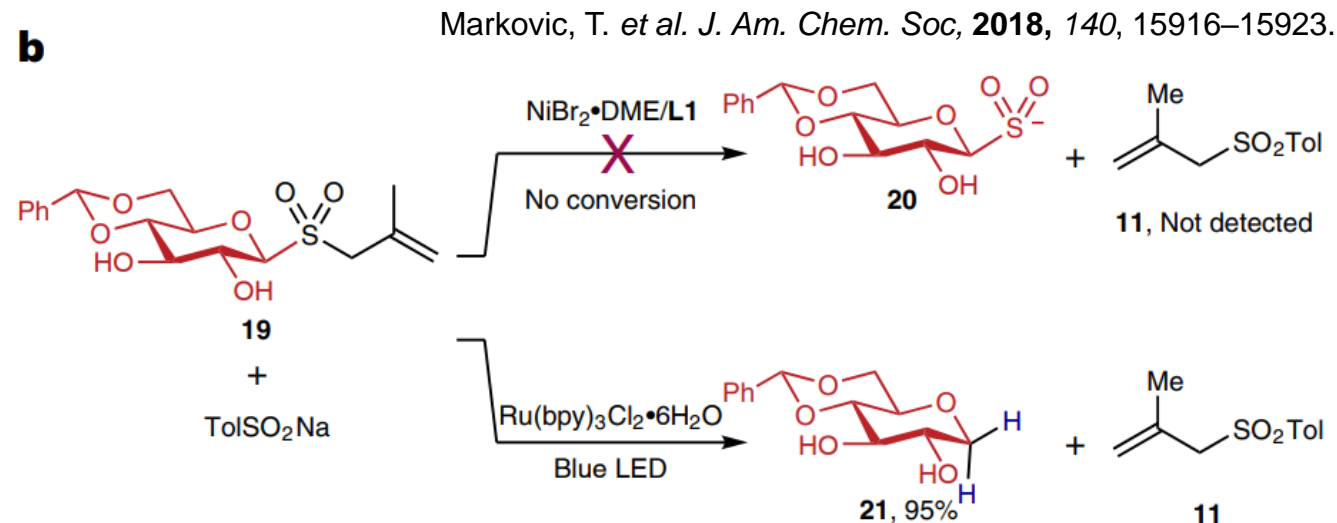


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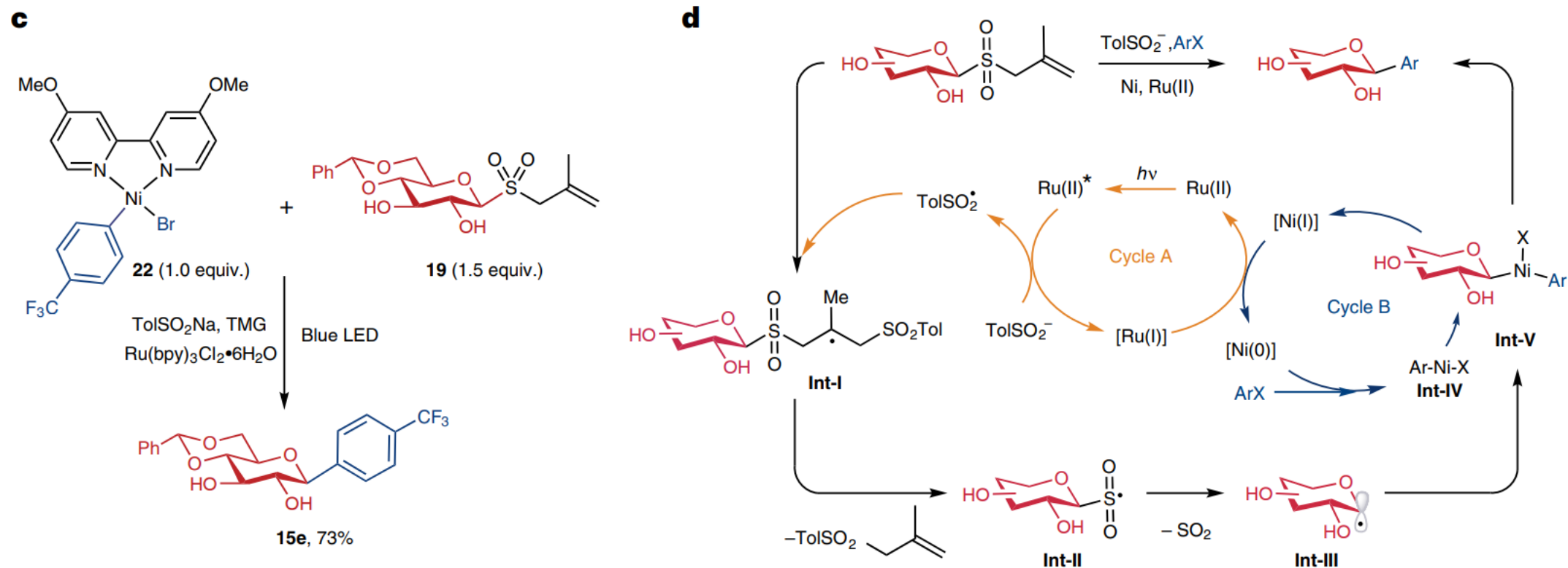
The trap of the allyl group in **16** to form a tetrahydrofuran ring in **17** suggests the intermediacy of glycosyl radical **18**.

b.

Glycosyl radicals is triggered by initial generation of a tolyl sulfonyl radical.
 → Tolyl sulfonyl radical subsequently adds to the terminal alkene group of **19**.
 (Not a Ni-catalyzed allylic substitution process.)



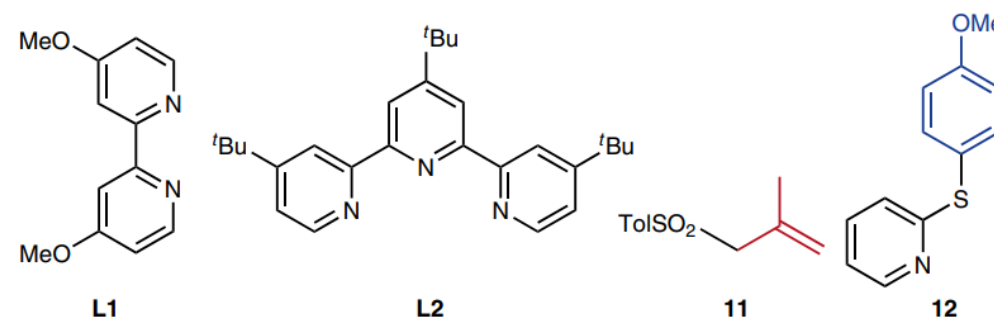
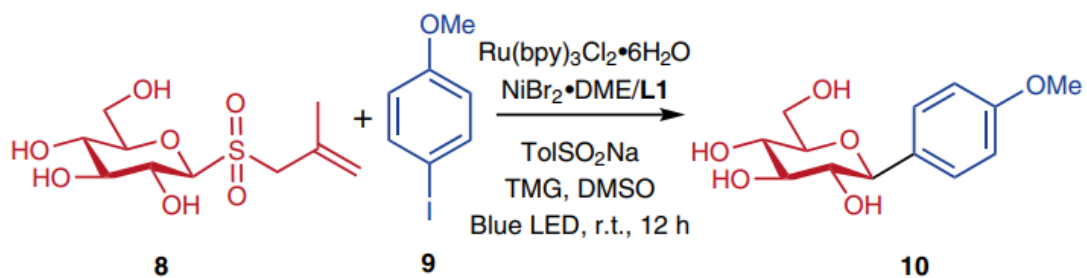
Proposed mechanism



c. Product **15e** was formed in excellent yield and stereoselectivity, supporting the intermediacy of **22**.

d. An alternative pathway involving glycosyl radical addition to Ni(0) could be operating as well.

Condition optimization



Entry	Deviation from standard conditions	Yield of 10	$\beta:\alpha$
1	None	86%	>19:1
2	Without Ru(II) or TolSO ₂ Na	<5%	ND
3	Without Ni(II) or L1 or TMG	<5%	ND
4	<i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃ instead of Ru(II)	<5%	ND
5	4-CzIPN instead of Ru(II)	23%	>19:1
6	DBU instead of TMG	15%	>19:1
7	L2 instead of L1	<5%	ND
8	CF ₃ SO ₂ Na instead of TolSO ₂ Na	<5%	ND
9	Pyridine-2-thiol instead of TolSO ₂ Na	<5%	ND
10	MeCN as solvent	8%	ND
11	DMA as solvent	74%	>19:1
12	DMF as solvent	85%	>19:1

- The potentially competing reactions was not observed.
- (a) C–O coupling between the free hydroxyl groups in **8** with **9**

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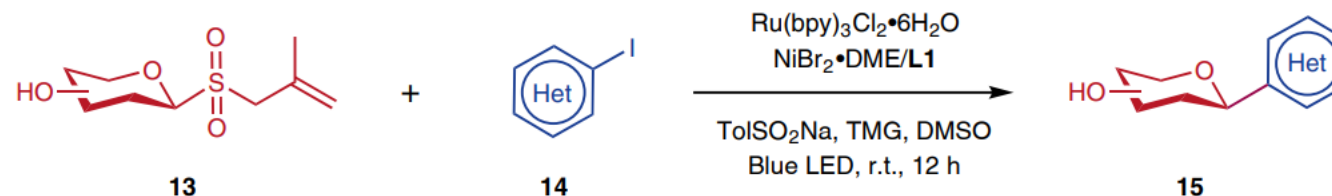
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- (b) C–S coupling between TolSO₂Na with **9**

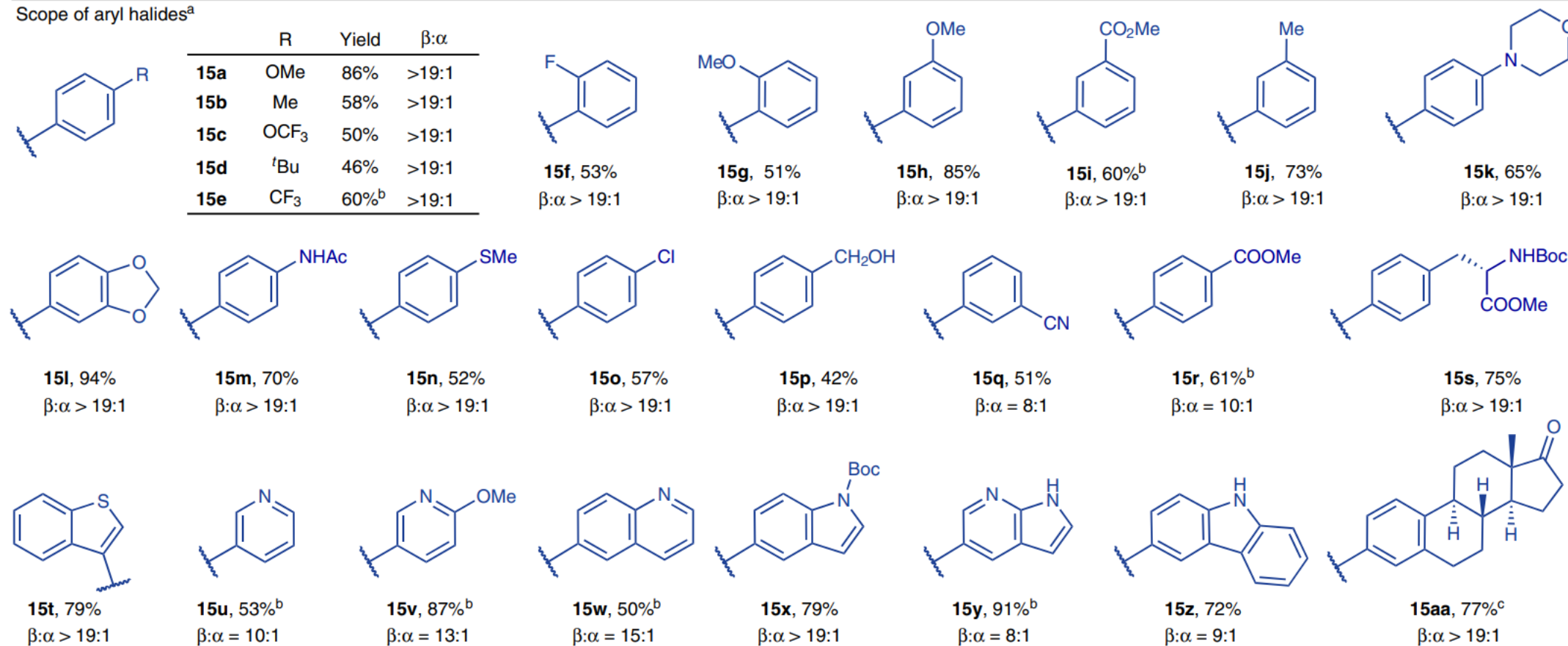
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- The direct C–S coupling with **9** to form **12** became the dominant process using pyridine-2-thiol instead of TolSO₂Na (entry9).

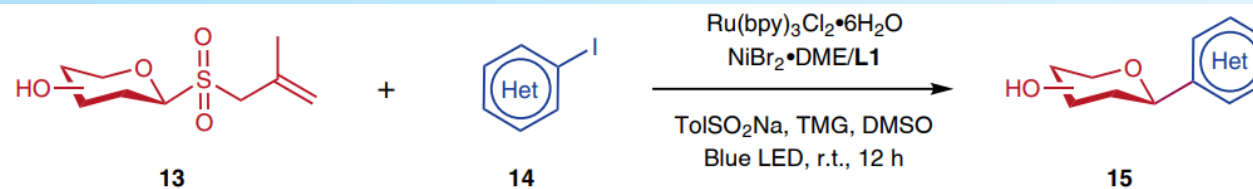
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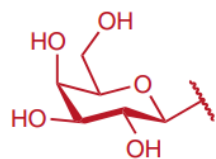
Scope of aryl halides^a



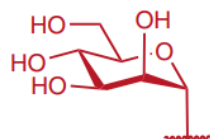
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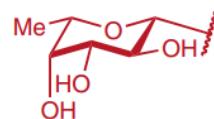
Scope of glycosyl donor



(From galactose)
15ac, 81%
 $\beta:\alpha > 19:1$



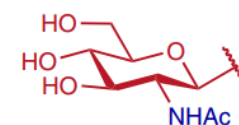
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15ad, 61%^b
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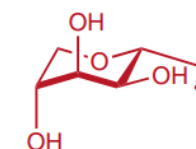
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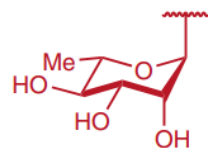
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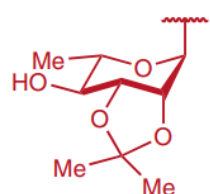
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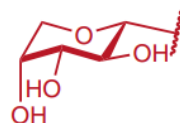
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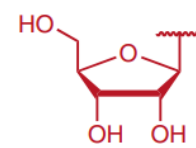
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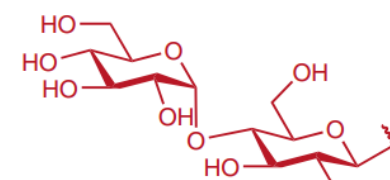
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(From arabinose)
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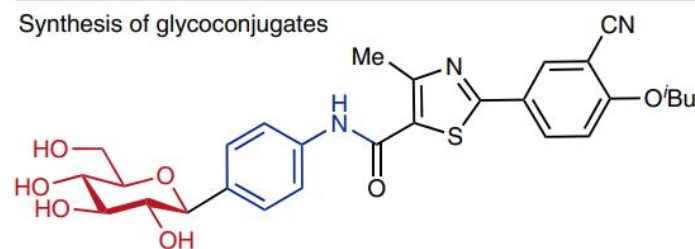


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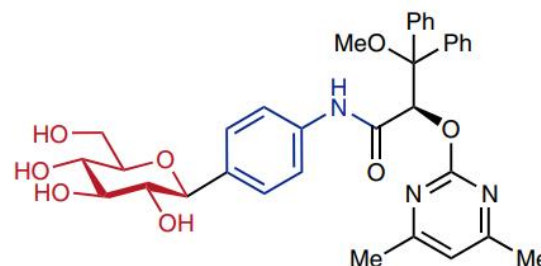


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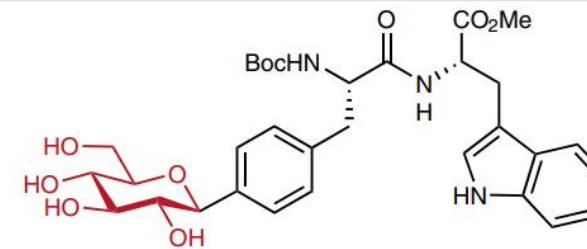
Synthesis of glycoconjugates



15an, 82%, $\beta:\alpha > 19:1$
 Febuxostat-glucose conjugate

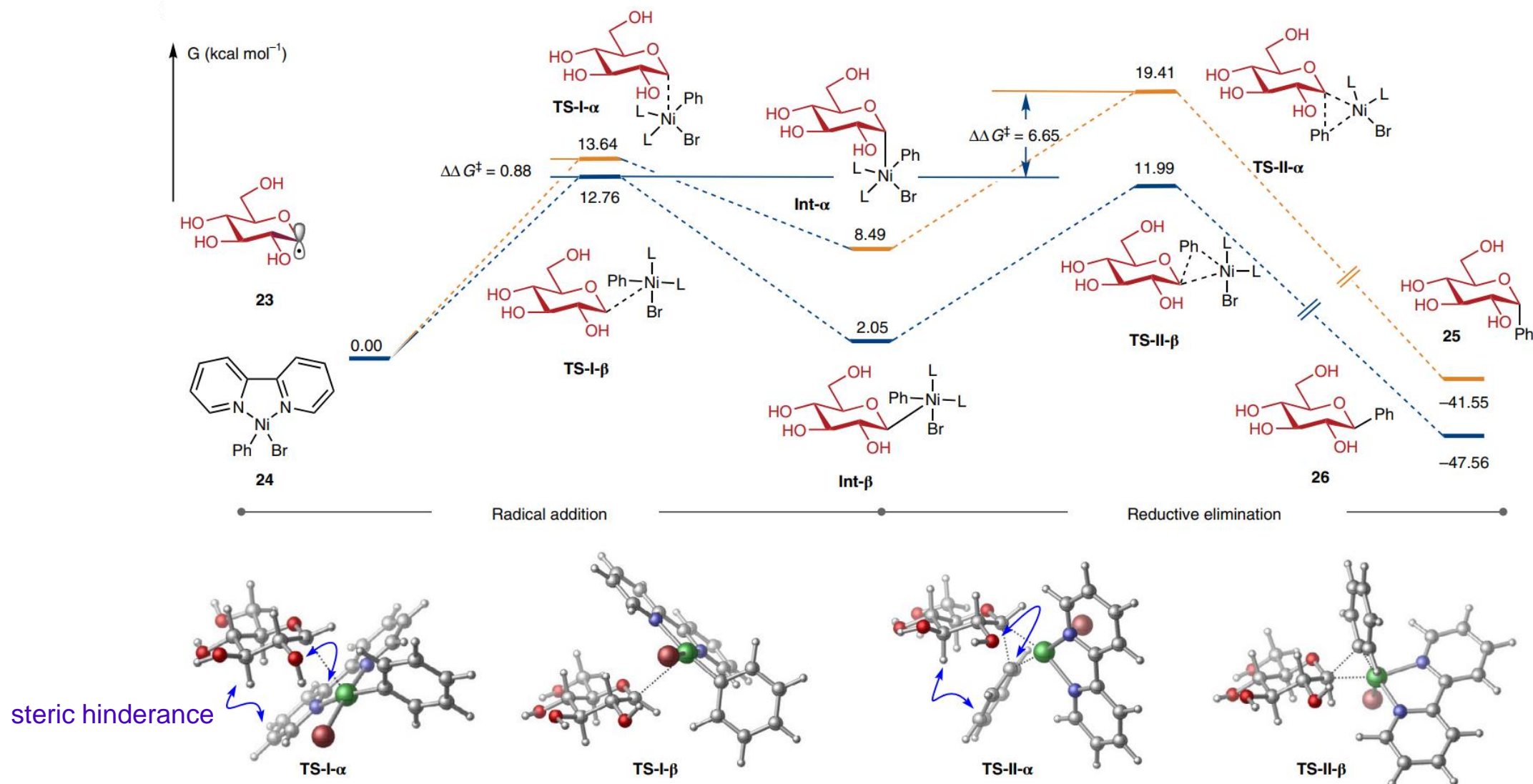


15ao, 78%, $\beta:\alpha > 19:1$
 Ambrisentan-glucose conjugate



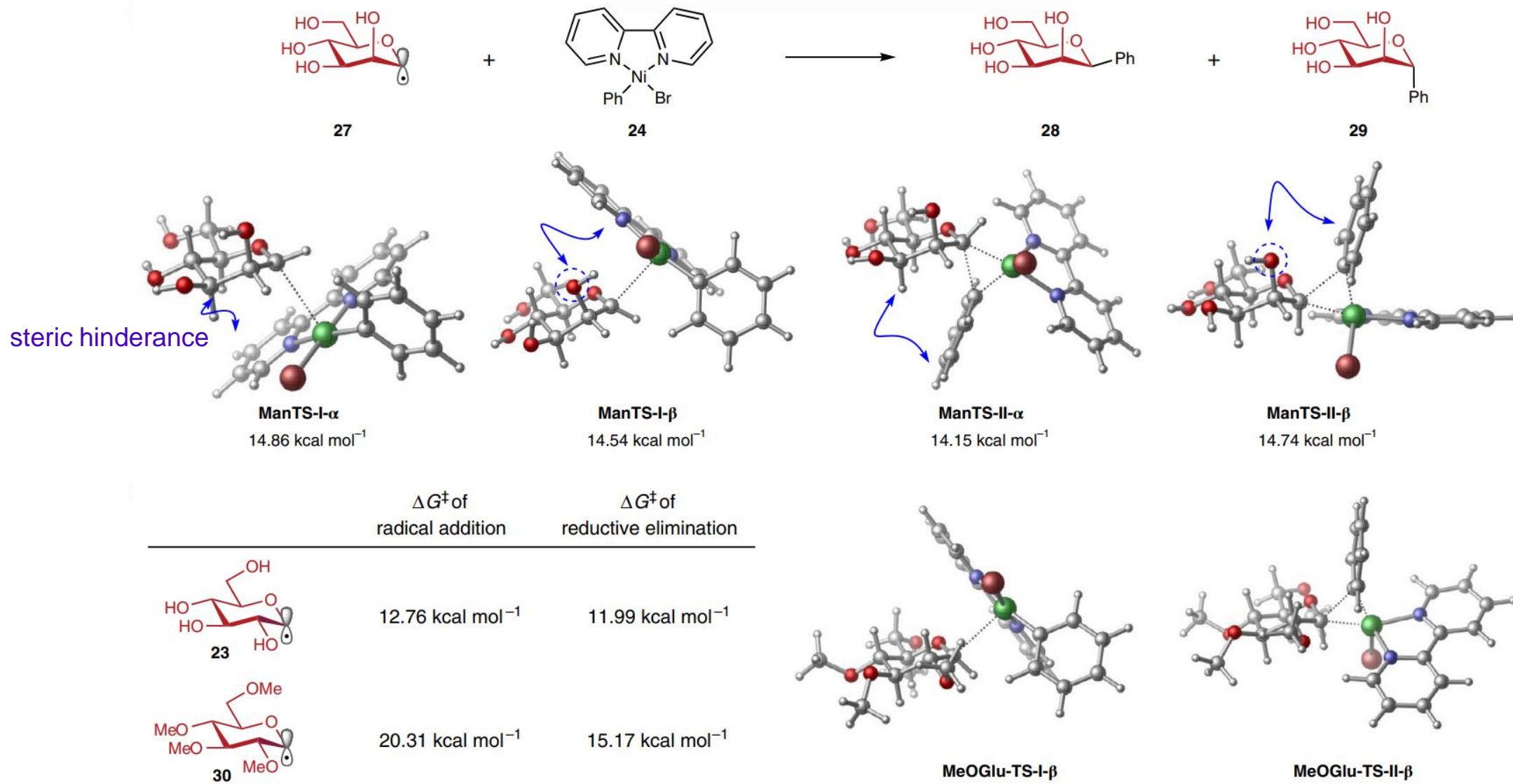
15ap, 65%, $\beta:\alpha > 19:1$
 TyrTrp-glucose conjugate

Computed pathway of the reaction between glucopyranosyl radical and OA complex



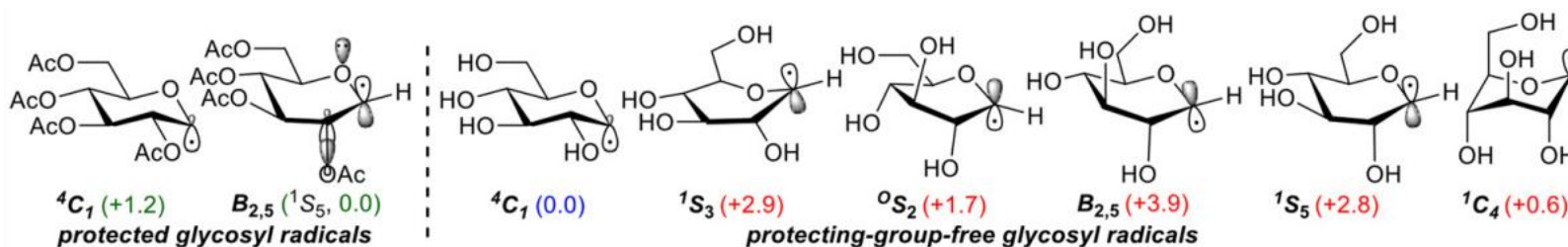
The ligated metal unit clashes with both the sugar ring system and the C2-hydroxyl group.

Comparing the activation free energies of reactions

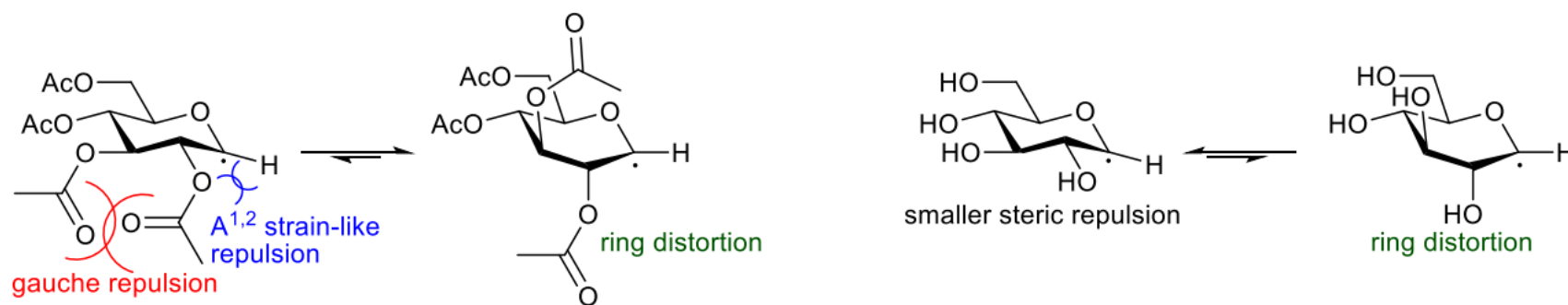


The radical addition using protected radical to the OA complex becomes considerably more difficult.

Conformational stability of protected and unprotected glycosyl radicals



- The most stable conformation for the tetraacetyl glycosyl radical is $B_{2,5}$ (or 1S_5) conformation.
- The most stable conformation for the protecting-group-free glycosyl radical is 4C_1 conformation.



- The 2-OP and 3-OP groups of the protected glycosyl radical adopt a pseudo-axial position to reduce steric repulsion, resulting in the formation of the $B_{2,5}$ conformation.
- Steric factors are negligible in the unprotected glycosyl radical, leading to the preferable existence of the 4C_1 conformation.

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Summary

Synthesis of Aryl C-Glycosides via Radical Pathway

- ✓ Independence on the structures of donors.
- ✓ Mild conditions.
- ✓ Functional group tolerant.

2-2. Stereoselective C-aryl glycosylation by catalytic cross-coupling of heteroaryl glycosyl sulfones

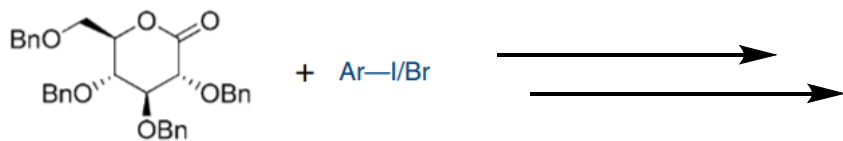
- ✓ Bench-stable and easily accessible donors.
- ✓ Distinct mechanisms and activation modes.
- ✓ Access to both α and β isomers for key sugars.

2-3. Direct synthesis of unprotected aryl C-glycosides by photoredox Ni-catalysed cross-coupling

- ✓ Stereoconvergent, diastereoselective
- ✓ Protecting groups unnecessary
- ✓ Bench-stable and easily accessible donors

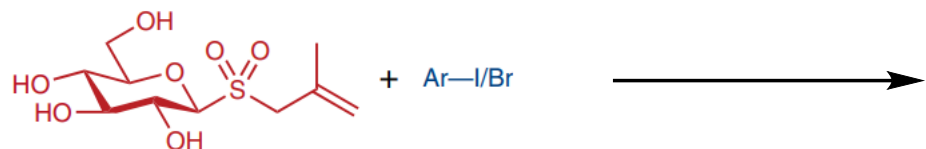
Appendix: Aryl C-glycosides

(a) Previously reported method

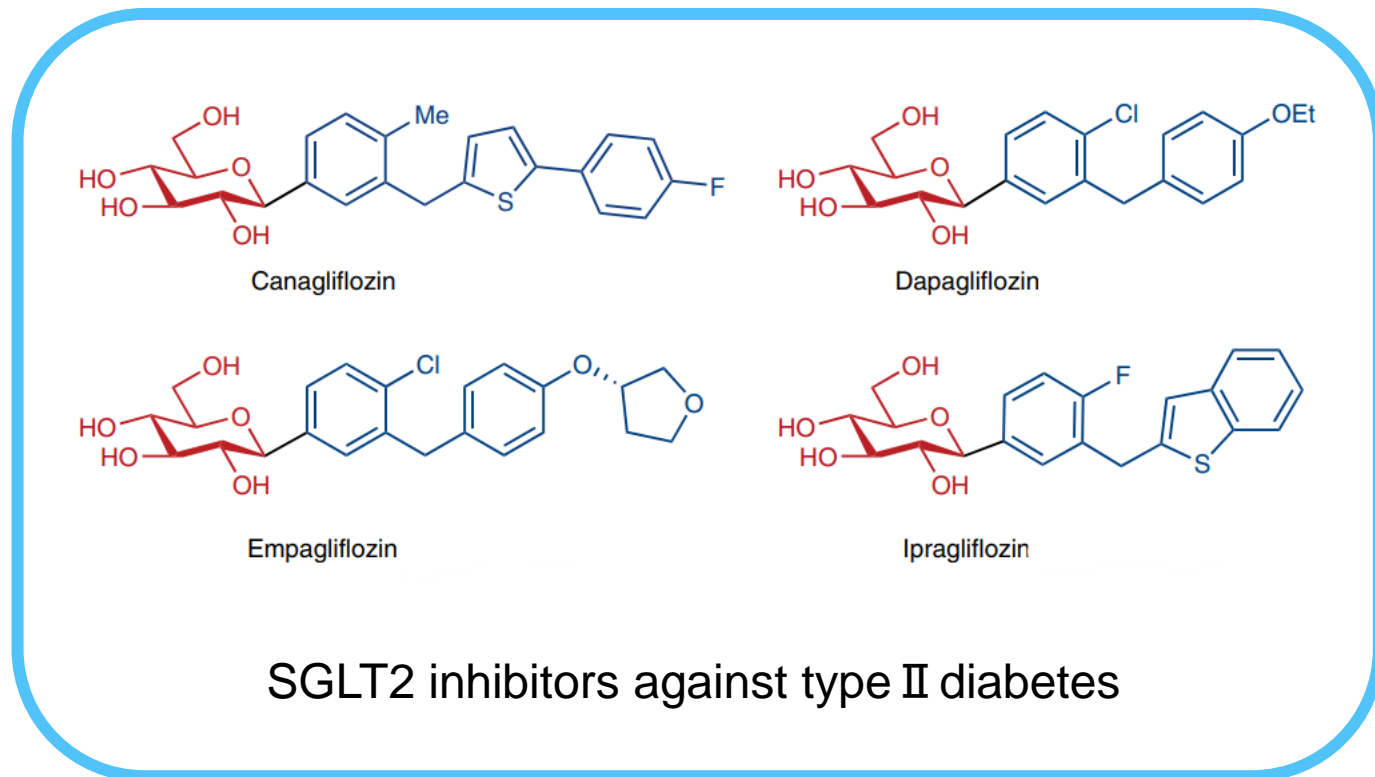


✗ Three steps ✗ Harsh conditions

(b) New method via glycosyl radical



✓ One step ✓ Mild conditions



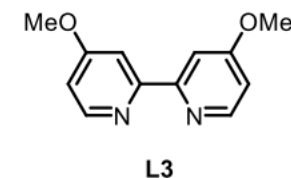
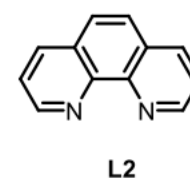
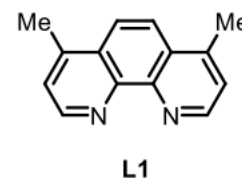
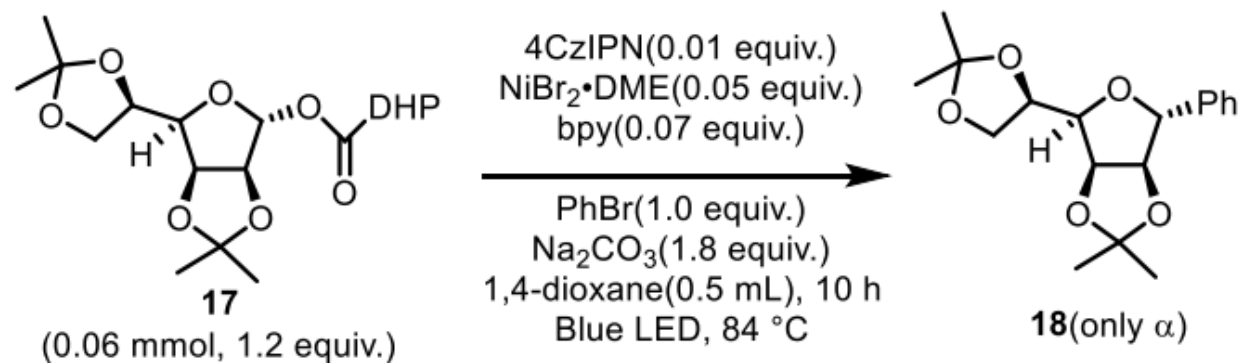
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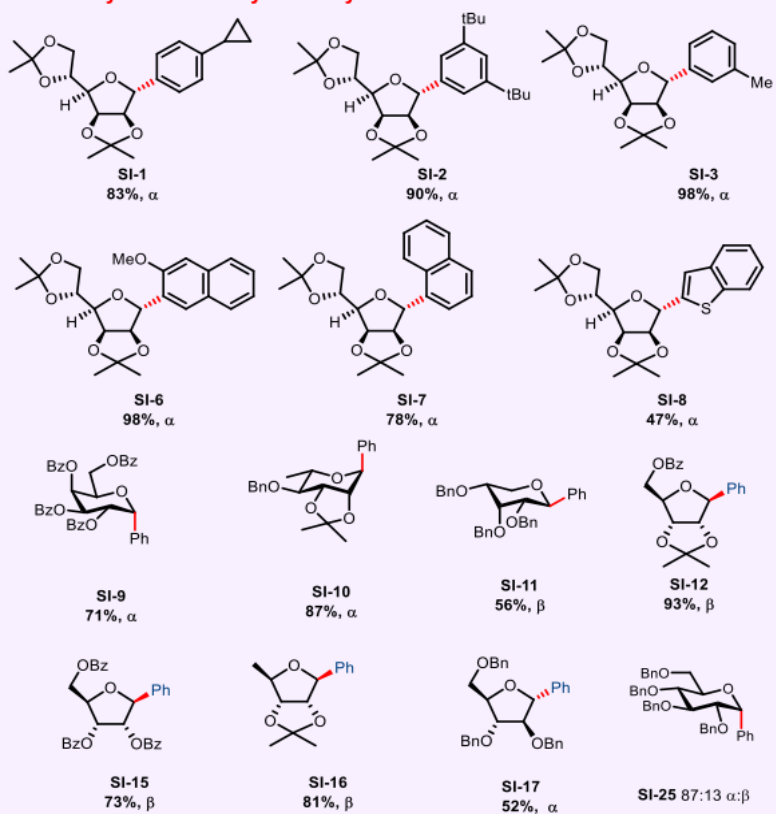
Appendix : Optimization of the coupling reaction

Entry	Change	18 (GC yield)
1	no change	84%
2	17(1.0 equiv.)	74%
3	17(1.5 equiv.)	88%
4	DMAc instead of 1,4-dioxane	trace
5	DMF instead of 1,4-dioxane	trace
6	tetrahydropyran instead of 1,4-dioxane	78%
7	NaOMe instead of Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
8	NaO ^t Bu instead of Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
9	NaHCO ₃ instead of Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
10	LiO ^t Bu instead of Na ₂ CO ₃	trace
11	L1 instead of bpy	81%
12	L2 instead of bpy	69%
13	L3 instead of bpy	75%
14	without 4CzIPN	0
15	without NiBr ₂ •DME	0
16	Commercial NiBr ₂ •DME	84%
17	NiCl ₂ •DME	82%
18	r.t.	0
19	70 °C instead of 84 °C	66%

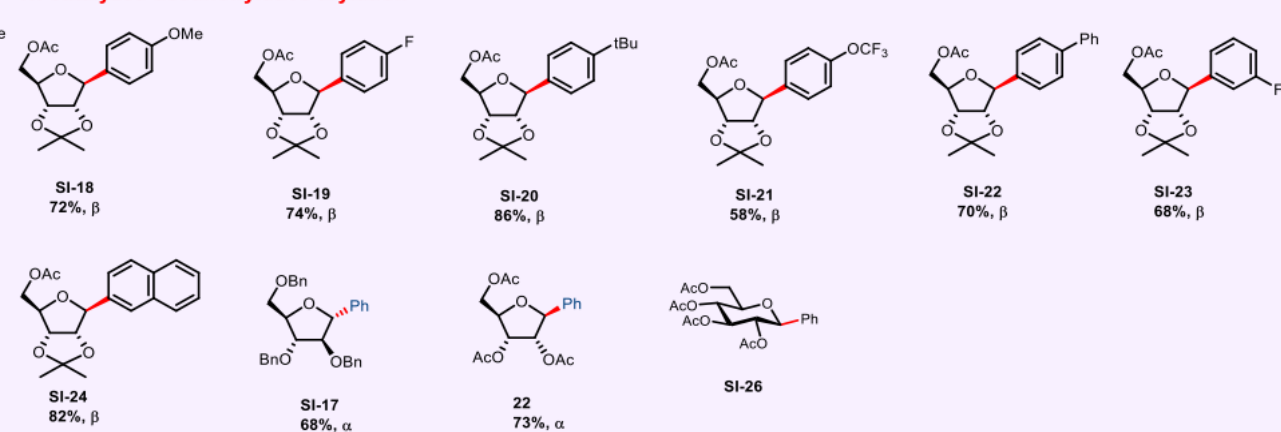


Appendix: Extended reaction scopes of 2-2

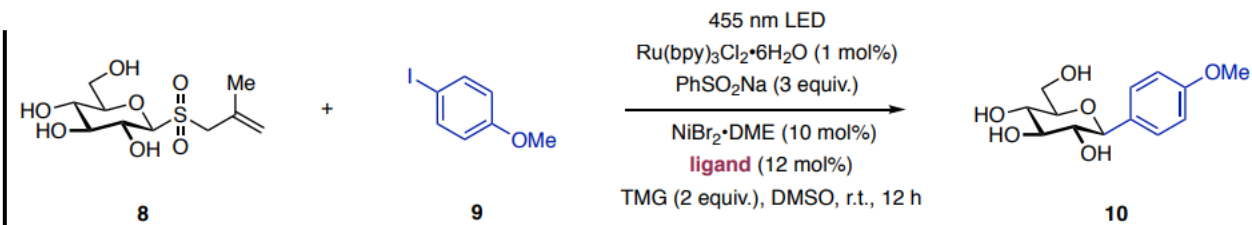
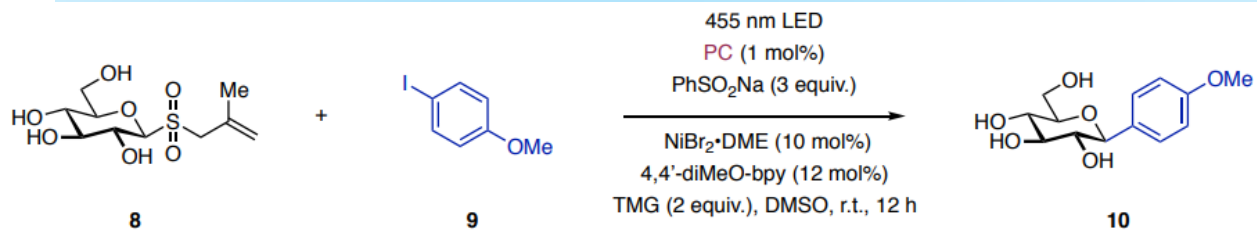
Fe-catalyzed desulfonylative arylation



Ni-catalyzed desulfonylative arylation

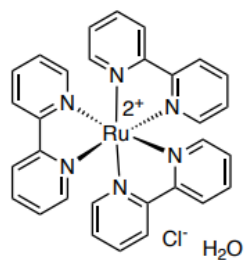
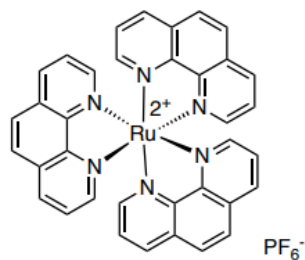
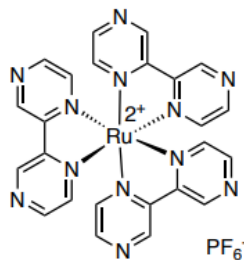
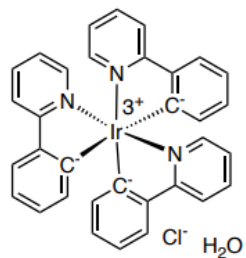
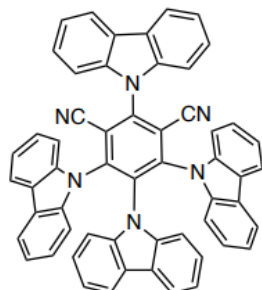


Appendix: Screen of photocatalyst and ligands

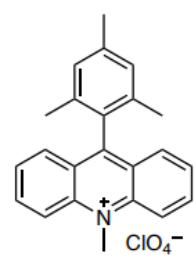
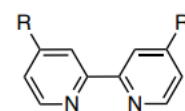


Entry	PC	Yield (%)	Entry	PC	Yield (%)
1	PC-1: Ru(bpy) ₃ Cl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	59	4	PC-4: <i>fac</i> -Ir(ppy) ₃	0
2	PC-2: Ru(1,10-Phen) ₃ [PF ₆] ₂	42	5	PC-5: 4-CzIPN	23
3	PC-3: Ru(bpz) ₃ [PF ₆] ₂	0	6	PC-6: Mes-Acr ⁺ ClO ₄ ⁻	0

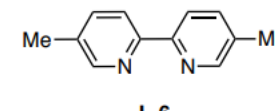
Entry	ligand	Yield (%)	Entry	ligand	Yield (%)
1	L-1	63	1	L-7	19
2	L-2	59	2	L-8	47
3	L-3	56	3	L-9	51
4	L-4	29	4	L-10	29
5	L-5	55	5	L-11	0
6	L-6	56	6	L-12	0

PC-1: Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂·6H₂OPC-2: Ru(1,10-Phen)₃[PF₆]₂PC-3: Ru(bpz)₃[PF₆]₂PC-4: Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂·6H₂O

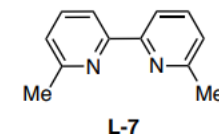
PC-5: 4-CzIPN

PC-6: Mes-Acr⁺ ClO₄⁻

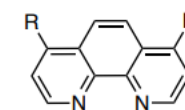
L-1, R = OMe
 L-2, R = Me
 L-3, R = *t*-Bu
 L-4, R = COOMe
 L-5, R = H



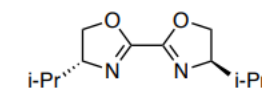
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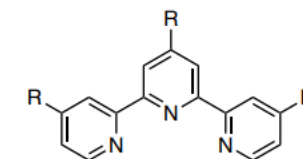
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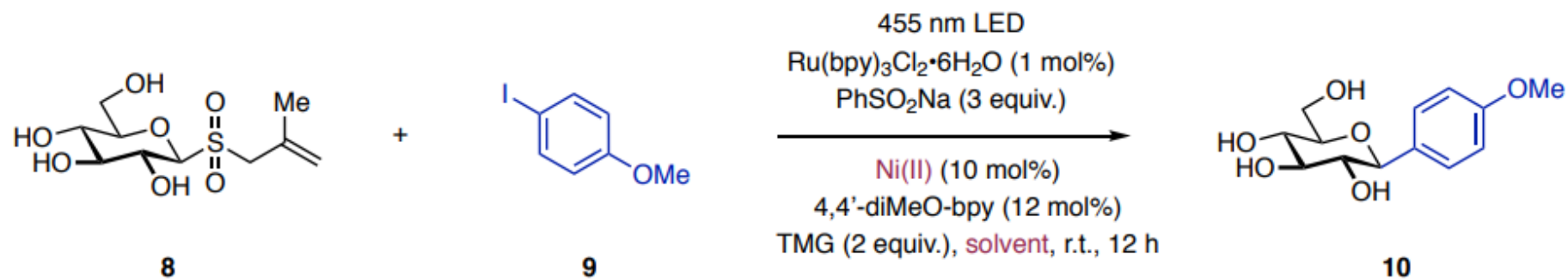
L-8, R = H
 L-9, R = Ph



L-10

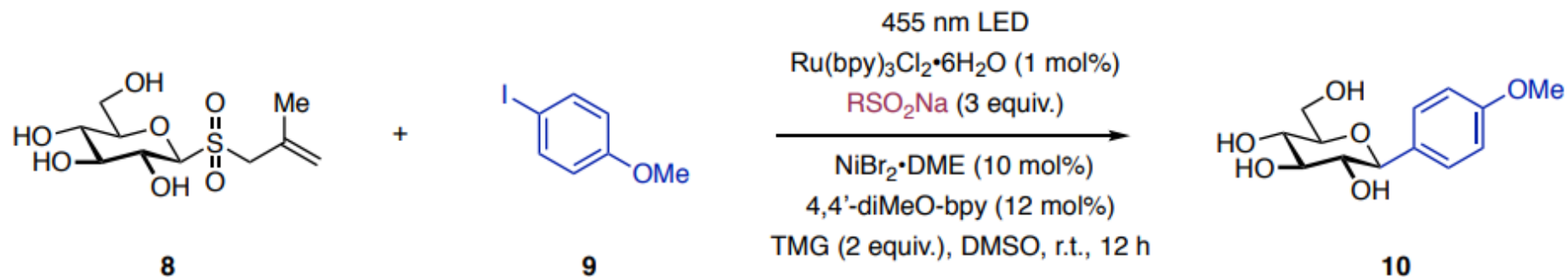
L-11, R = H; L-12, R = *t*-Bu

Appendix: Screen of nickel catalysts and solvents



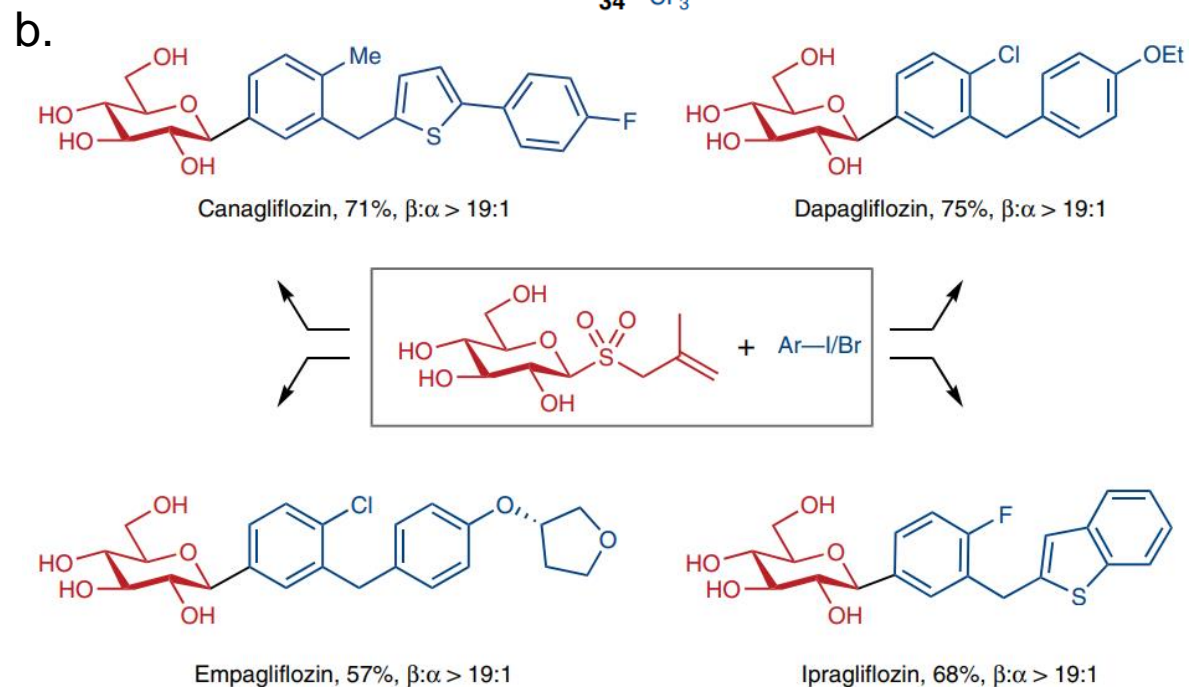
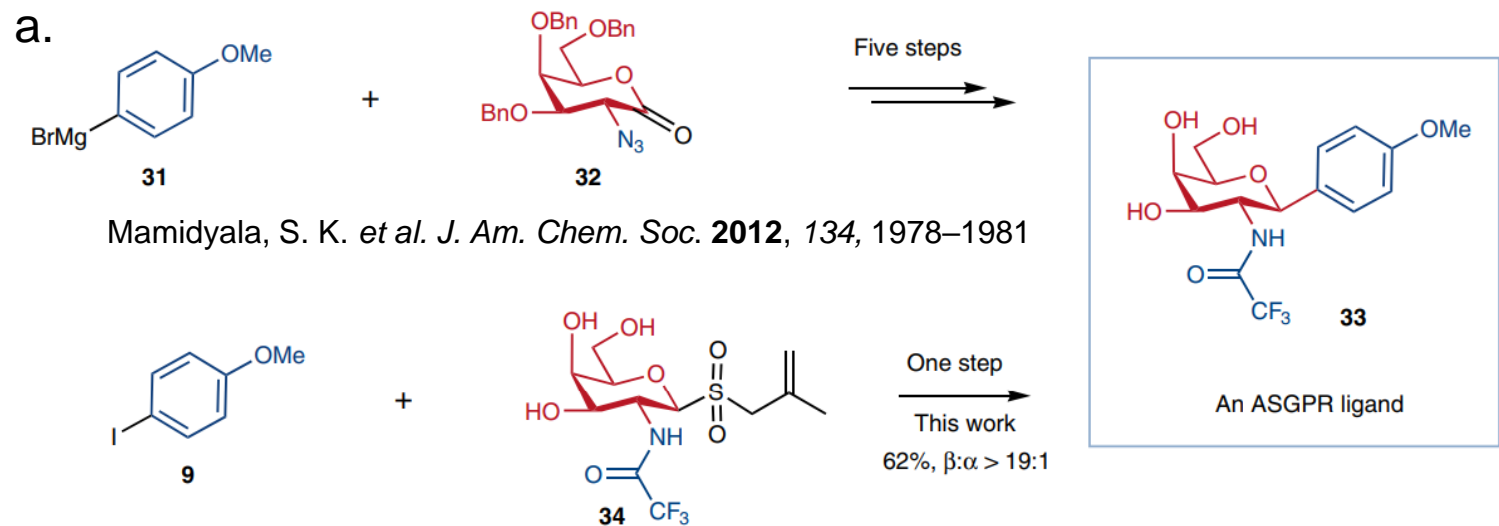
Entry	Ni(II) (DMSO as solvent)	Yield (%)	Entry	Solvent (NiBr ₂ ·DME as catalyst)	Yield (%)
1	NiCl ₂	55	6	MeCN	8
2	Ni(OAc) ₂	49	7	EtOAc	0
3	Ni(AcAc) ₂	0	8	H ₂ O	0
4	Ni(OTf) ₂	0	9	DMA	74
5	Ni(PPh ₃) ₂ Cl ₂	47	10	DMF	85

Appendix: Screen of RSO₂Na additive



Entry	RSO ₂ Na	Yield (%)	Entry	RSO ₂ Na	Yield (%)
1	PhSO ₂ Na	61	5	Cyclopropyl-SO ₂ Na	55
2	CH ₃ SO ₂ Na	49	6	4-Me-PhSO ₂ Na	86
3	CF ₃ SO ₂ Na	0	7	4-F-PhSO ₂ Na	61
4	EtSO ₂ Na	51	8	4-Cl-PhSO ₂ Na	70

Appendix: Synthetic applications



a. Synthesis of ASGPR ligand by literature methods compared with this work.

b. Synthesis of gliflozins.

Appendix: Relative free energies of intermediates and transition structures

Intermediates/TS	Glu Radical		
	⁴ C ₁ -Glu Radical	¹ C ₄ -Glu Radical	B _{2,5} -Glu Radical
Glycosyl Radical:	0	4.69	1.94
TS-I-α (radical addition):	13.64	19.01	16.02
TS-I-β (radical addition):	12.76	23.32	23.15
Ni(III)-Int-α:	8.49	9.76	10.32
Ni(III)-Int-β:	2.05	15.08	15.81
TS-II-α (reductive elimination):	19.41	17.89	23.43
TS-II-β (reductive elimination):	11.99	22.44	15.78

Intermediates/TS	Man Radical		
	⁴ C ₁ -Man Radical	¹ C ₄ -Man Radical	B _{2,5} -Man Radical
Glycosyl Radical:	0	9.39	5.65
TS-I-α (radical addition):	14.86	24.46	24.70 ^a
TS-I-β (radical addition):	14.54	27.44	24.89
Ni(III)-Int-α:	7.25	14.02	12.01
Ni(III)-Int-β:	9.06	23.68	19.35
TS-II-α (reductive elimination):	14.15	24.43	24.51
TS-II-β (reductive elimination):	14.74	22.65	28.08