Chem 41c Midterm Exam

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The exam begins when you turn to page 2. You have 55 minutes to complete the exam. This is a closed note and closed book exam with no collaboration. You may use the periodic table at the front of the room or the one on the last page of this packet. You may not use any other materials. The exam has a total of 130 points. You're grade will be calculated based on 120 points (i.e., you have 10 bonus points built-in). (Also, remember that your midterm counts 60 points toward your final grade, e.g., 5 quiz points = 10 points here). Good luck.

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c.
$$N_2H_2$$
, KOH

e.
$$\bigcirc \bigvee_{Br}^{O} CI \qquad \bigvee_{H}^{N} \bigvee_{O} \bigvee_{Br}^{N} \bigvee_{Br}^{N} \bigvee_{CH_2Cl_2, \ 0 \ ^{\circ}C}$$

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2. Provide reagents for the following transformations. They may be multistep processes (none are longer than 2 steps). (5 points each)

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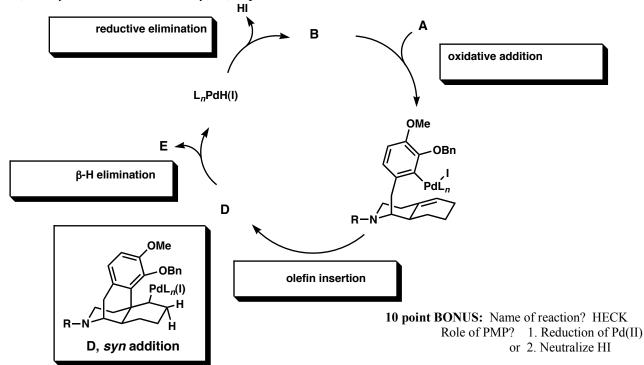
3. Based on your knowledge of carbonyl compounds, please provide a reasonable and detailed mechanism for the following reaction (10 points).

Either mechanistic pathway is acceptable.

4. An asymmetric synthesis of (–)-Morphine has been reported utilizing the Palladium-catalyzed reaction described below as the key step.

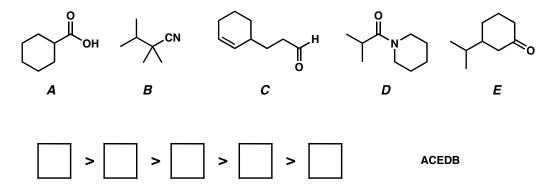
a) The active catalyst for the reaction is believed to be **B**, not $Pd(TFA)_2(Ph_3P)_2$. Give the formal oxidation state, d^n descriptor, and electron count for each complex. Also, what is a general name for the process to get to **B** from $Pd(TFA)_2(Ph_3P)_2$? (HINT: oxidation, reduction, or ligand exchange) (10 points)

b) Label each of the boxes below describing the key steps in the catalytic cycle. Also, what is the structure of **D** (*clearly show stereochemistry*)? (20 points)



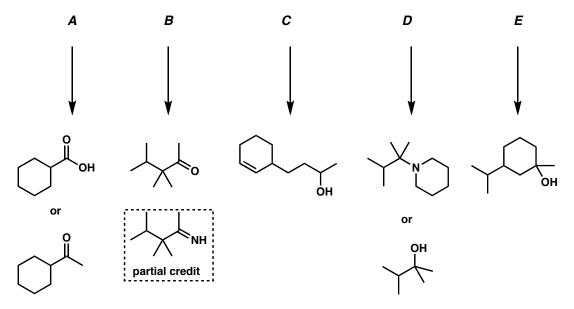
5. Provide a reasonable synthesis of **2** from **1**. (20 points)

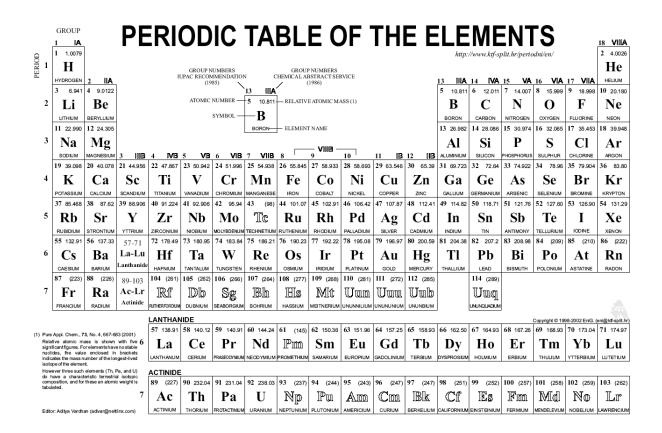
6. a) Rank the following compounds in order of reactivity with MeMgBr. (5 points)



b) Draw initial adduct between MeMgBr and each compound (A-E). (5 points)

c) Predict the product after addition of an excess of MeMgBr and a work-up with $\rm H_3O^+/H_2O$ (5 points).





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