

## SYNFACTS Highlights in Current Synthetic Organic Chemistry

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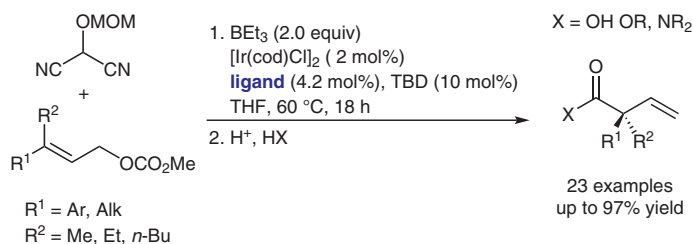
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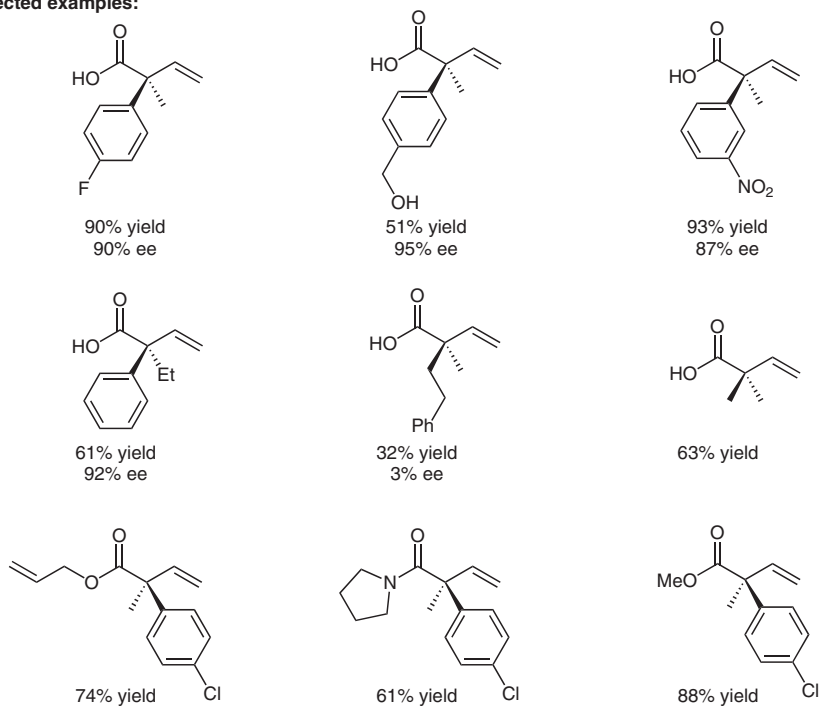
Enantioselective Synthesis of Acyclic  $\alpha$ -Quarternary Carboxylic Acid Derivatives through Iridium-Catalyzed Allylic Alkylation

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## Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Quarternary Carboxylic Acid Derivatives



### Selected examples:



**Significance:** The authors report the first highly enantioselective iridium-catalyzed allylic alkylation using a masked acyl cyanide. In this one-pot procedure, carboxylic acids, esters, and amides containing allylic all-carbon quaternary stereogenic centers can be obtained enantioselectively.

**Comment:** The products can be transformed in various ways leading to important chiral building blocks, demonstrating the utility of the presented method.

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