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# Unlocking Mizoroki–Heck-type reactions of aryl cyanides using transfer hydrocyanation as a turnover-enabling step



# Traditional Mizoroki–Heck reaction



#### New approach for Mizoroki–Heck



#### Transfer hydrocyanation for aryl cyanides



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# Cooperative palladium/lewis acid-catalyzed transfer hydrocyanation of alkenes and alkynes







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#### CHD core as reagents for functional group transfer reactions



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# Palladium/lewis acid-cocatalyzed transfer hydrocyanation



# Transfer hydrocyanation of various alkenes and alkynes



# Transfer hydrocyanation of various alkenes and alkynes



#### Mechanistic studies



#### Proposed mechanism



# Transfer hydrocyanation of $\alpha$ - and $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -substituted styrenes catalyzed by boron lewis acids





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#### CHD core as reagents for functional group transfer reactions



## Transfer hydrocyanation catalyzed by boron lewis acids

	Ph Ph + $R$ H H Lewis a $1,2-F_2C$ 120 °C,	$\xrightarrow{\text{Acid}} \qquad \xrightarrow{\text{Me CN}}_{\text{Ph}} + \\ \xrightarrow{6H_4} \qquad \xrightarrow{Ph} Ph$	Ph Me + Me Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph Ph	h
	<b>4-3a 4-1</b> R = H R = CH <sub>3</sub>	4-4a	4-5a 4-6a	
Entry	Lewis acid (mol%)	Surrogate	4-4a/4-5a/4-6a	Conv. [%]
1	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	42:14:44	> 99
2	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (100)	4-1	20:70:10	> 99
3	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (100)	4-2	18:79:3	> 99
4	BCl <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	99:1:0	> 99
5	BCl <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	94:3:3	> 99
6	BCl <sub>3</sub> (10)	4-2	93:7:0	> 99
7	BBr <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	88:11:1	> 99
8	BF <sub>3</sub> ·OEt <sub>2</sub> (20)	4-2	38:62:0	85
9	B(OMe) <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	-	0
10	AICI <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-1	40:49:11	> 99
11	AICI <sub>3</sub> (20)	4-2	47:52:1	99

# Transfer hydrocyanation of various 1,1-diarylethylenes with BCl<sub>3</sub>



# Transfer hydrocyanation of trisubstituted alkenes with $(C_6F_5)_2BCI$



### Mechanism studies



#### Stoichiometric NMR experiment



#### Proposed mechanism







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