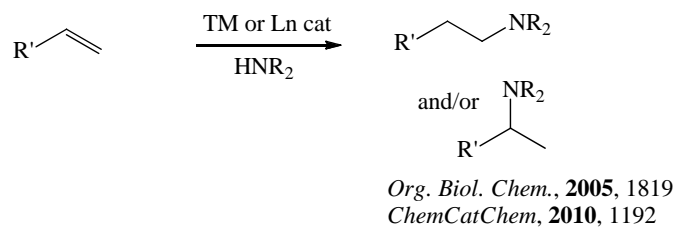
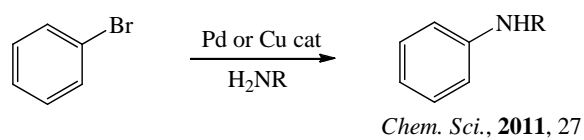


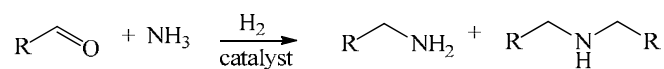
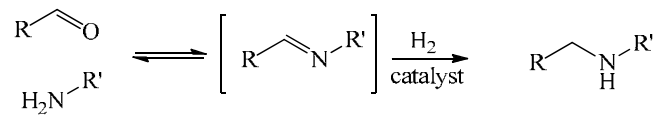
# Catalytic synthesis of amines and amides

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## Catalytic approaches to amine synthesis

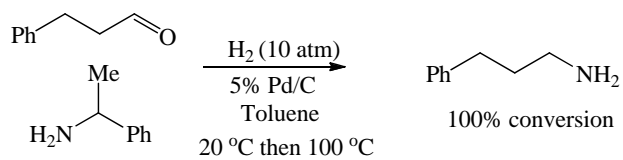
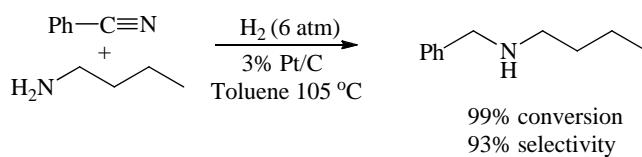


## Reductive amination



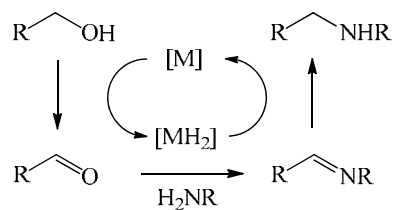
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## Reductive amination in a flow reactor



Collaboration with Pawel Plucinski, Sumeet Sharma and Anna Sobolewska

## Borrowing hydrogen methodology for amine alkylation



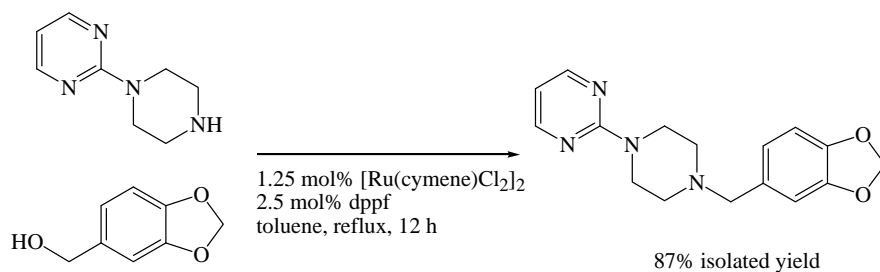
Ruthenium and iridium catalysts have been widely used for this reaction

Avoids the use of alkyl halides

Water is the only by-product

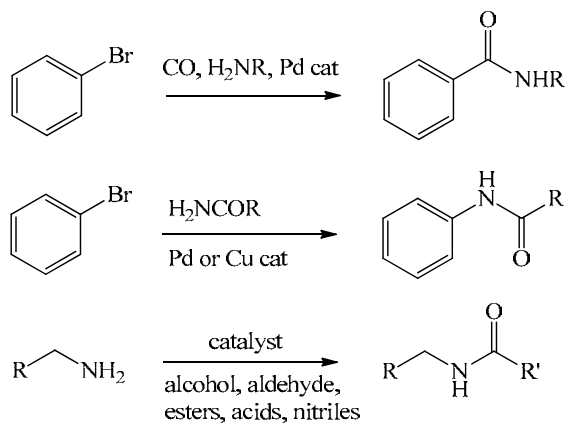
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## One pot synthesis of Piribedil



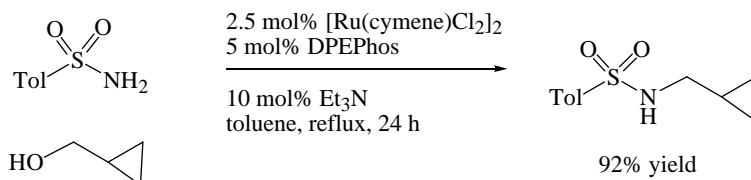
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### Catalytic approaches to amide synthesis



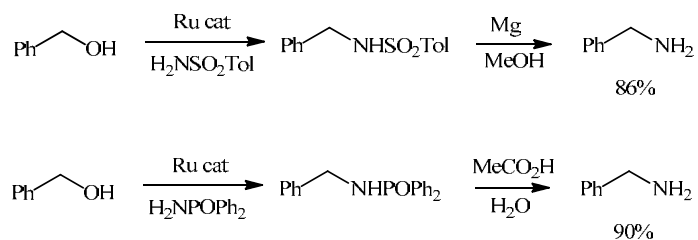
Metal-catalysed approaches to amide bond formation  
C. L. Allen and J. M. J. Williams, *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, **2011**, 40, 3405

### Alkylation of Sulphonamides with Alcohols



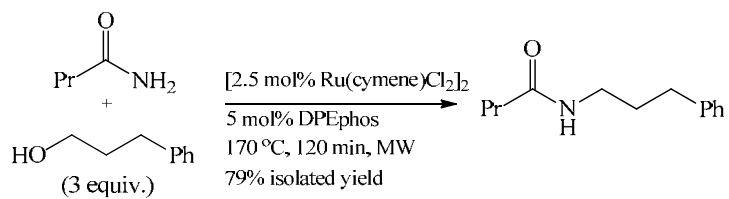
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### Sulphonamides/Phosphoramides for Primary Amine Synthesis



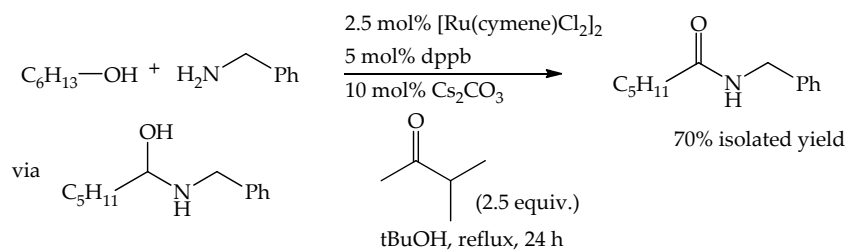
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### Amide alkylation requires fairly forcing conditions



Andrew Watson, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2011, 76, 2328

## Amide formation from alcohols

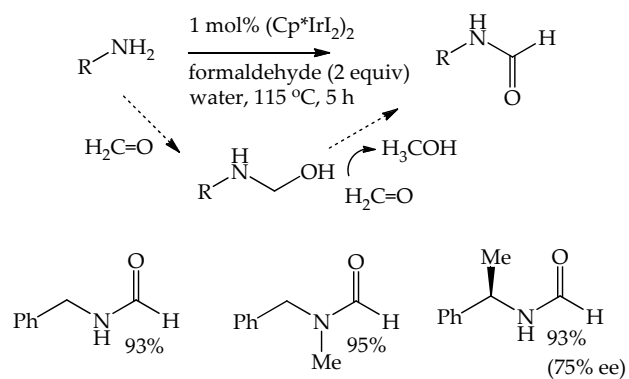


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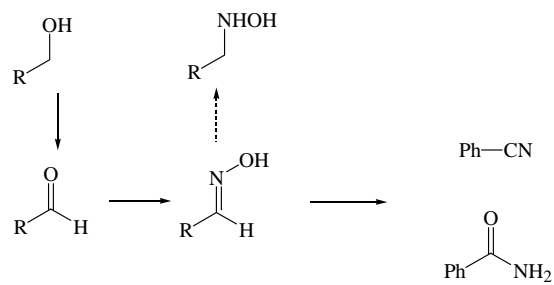
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## Formylation using formaldehyde as oxidant and reagent

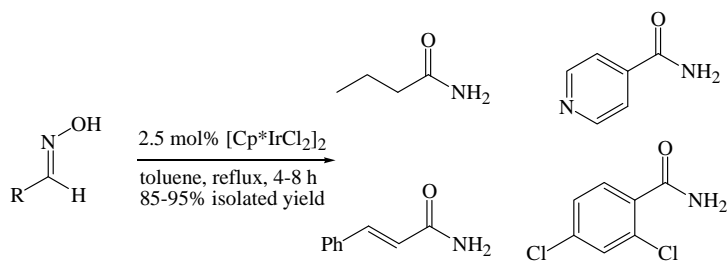


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### Elimination/re-arrangement reactions with H<sub>2</sub>NOH

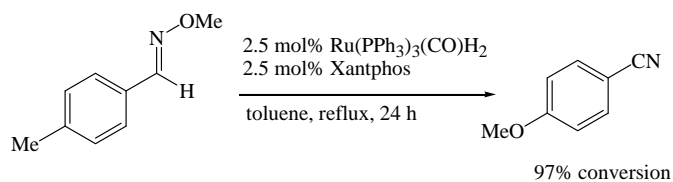
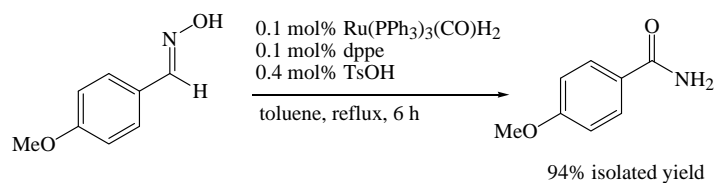


### Ir catalysed rearrangement of oximes into amides



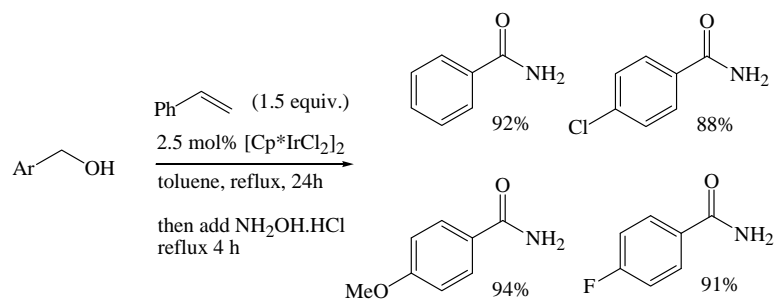
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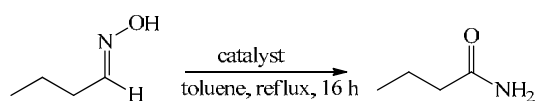
### One pot conversion of alcohols into amides



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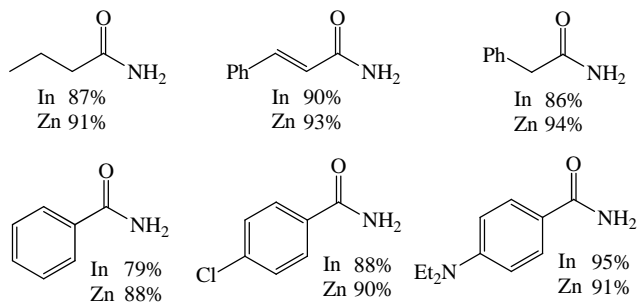


## Cheaper metals are also effective for oxime rearrangement



	conv (%)
2.5 mol% In (OTf) <sub>3</sub>	98
2.5 mol% CuBr	84
2.5 mol% NiCl <sub>2</sub>	98
2.5 mol% ZnI <sub>2</sub>	80

## Some examples of Zn and In catalysed amide formation



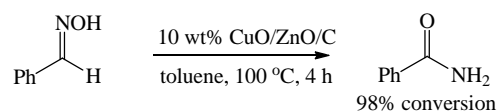
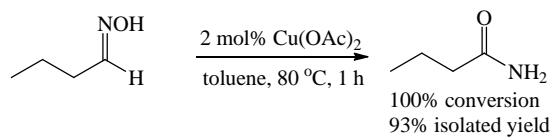
In = 0.4 mol% In(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>  
 Zn = 10 mol% ZnCl<sub>2</sub>

Catalyst cost  
 (to convert 1 mol of substrate)

ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	100 mmol = £0.20
In(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	4 mmol = £4.00
Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (CO)H <sub>2</sub>	1 mmol = £63.00

Liana Allen, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **2010**, 2724

### Simple copper salts also provide good reactivity

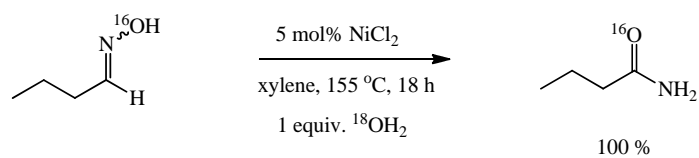
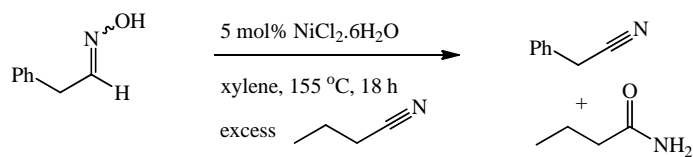


Heterogeneous catalyst can be successfully reused  
and also works well in an X-cube flow reactor

Catalyst cost of Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (to convert 1 mol of substrate) = £0.26

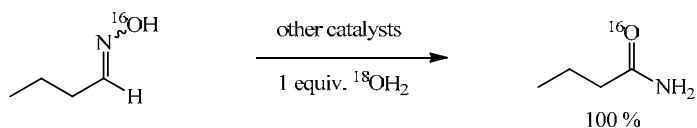
Simon Bishopp and Sumeet Sharma, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2011**, 4252

### Some mechanistic studies



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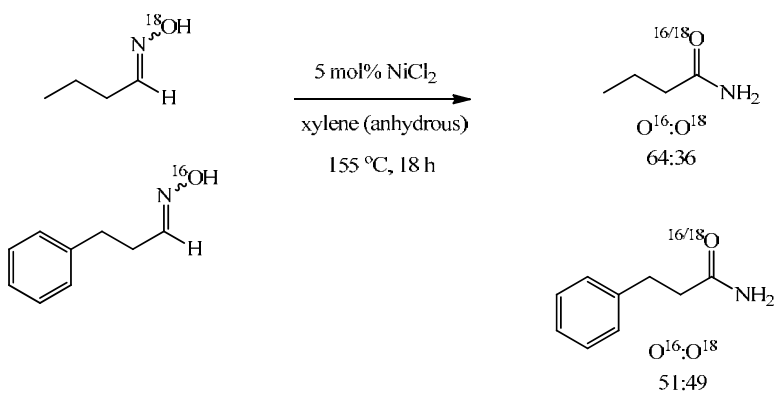
### Lack of $^{18}\text{O}$ incorporation with other catalysts



$\text{ZnCl}_2$ ,  $\text{In}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{RuH}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_3(\text{CO})/\text{dppe}/\text{HOTs}$ ,  $\text{RhCl}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$

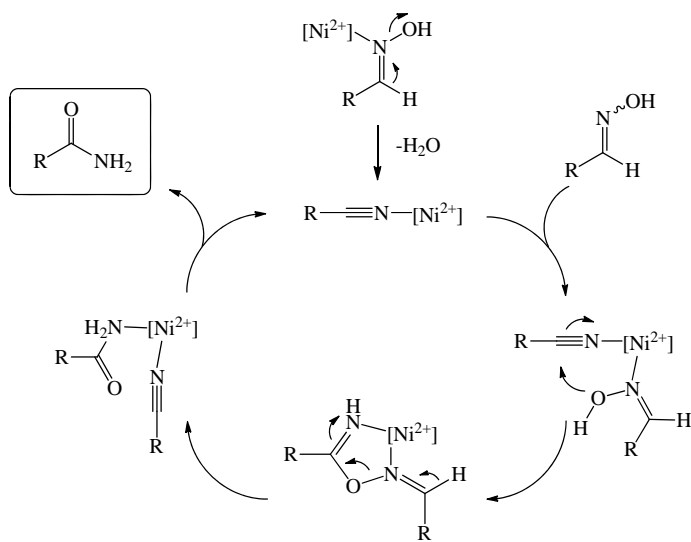
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### Crossover experiment suggests a bimolecular O transfer



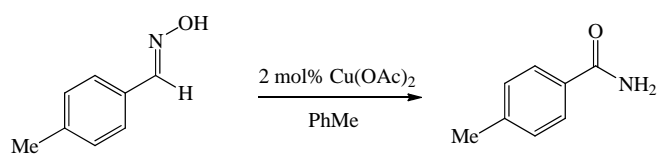
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One possibility for the mechanism of oxime re-arrangement



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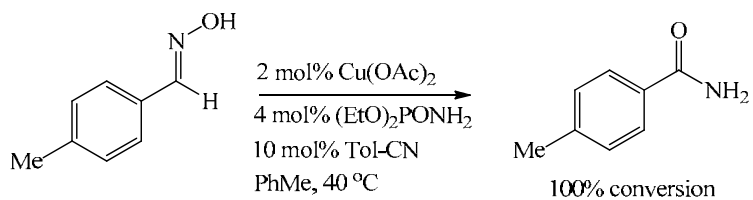
Formation of the intermediate nitrile appears to be slow



10 min, 110 °C	17
15 min, 110 °C	34
30 min, 110 °C	100
30 min, 80 °C	43
60 min, 80 °C	100
10 min, 110 °C	100
(+ 10 mol% Tol-CN)	

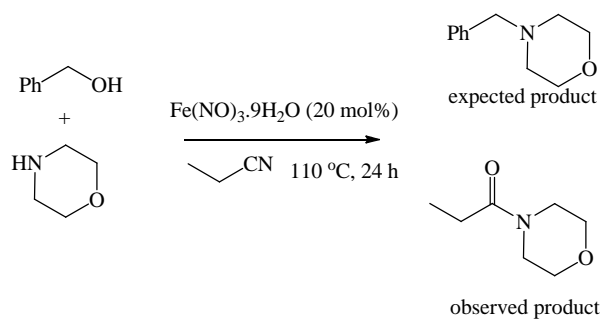
Liana Allen, Liam Emmett, Ruth Lawrence, *Adv. Synth. Catal.*, **2011**, in press

### Working towards room temperature amide formation



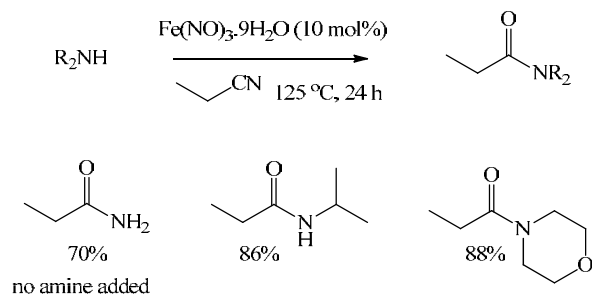
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### Attempted Borrowing Hydrogen reaction with iron catalysts



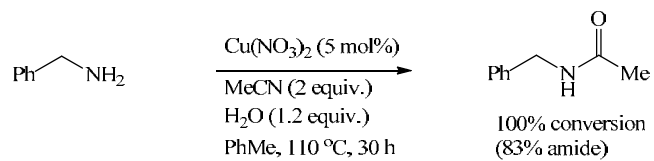
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### Iron-catalysed conversion of nitriles into amides



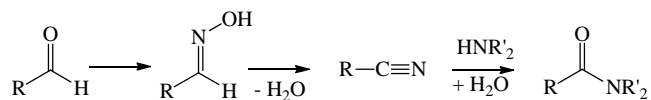
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### Other catalysts may be more effective for this reaction

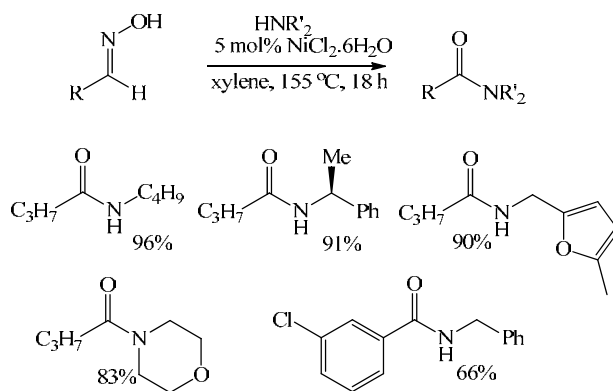


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## Conversion of aldehydes into amides?

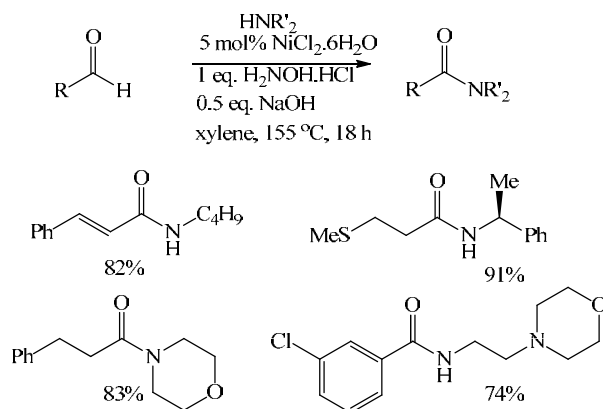


## Ni salts catalyse formation of secondary/tertiary amides



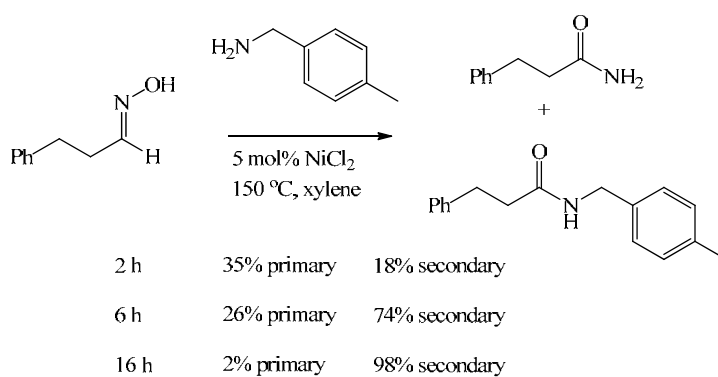
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## Conversion of aldehydes into secondary and tertiary amides



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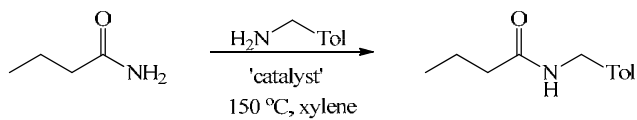
## Secondary amide formation goes via the primary amide



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### What catalyses secondary amide formation?



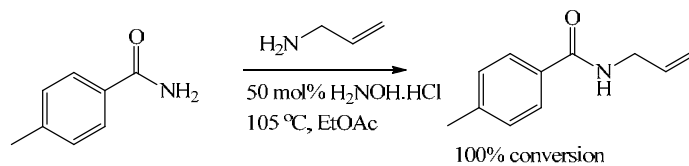
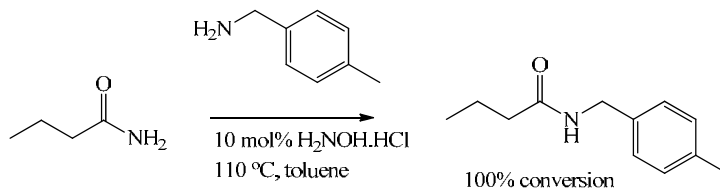
NiCl<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%) 39%

Ph(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH=NOH (10 mol%) 69%

both 78%

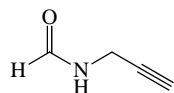
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### Hydroxylamine catalyses transamidation

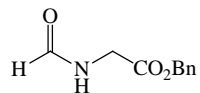


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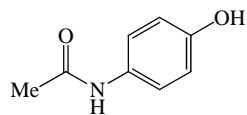
### More amides from hydroxylamine catalysed transamidation



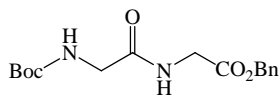
87% yield, 10 mol% cat



91% yield, 10 mol% cat



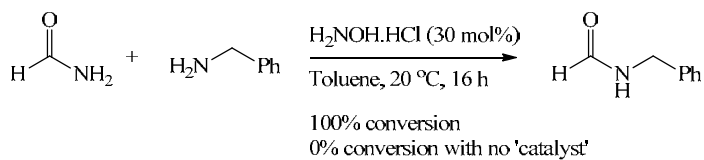
76% yield, 50 mol% cat



71% yield, 50 mol% cat

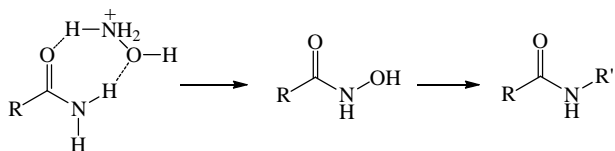
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### Room temperature catalytic transamidation



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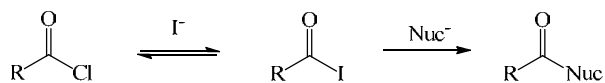
### Mechanism of amide activation by hydroxylamine?



Secondary amides do not undergo transamidation

NMR concentration studies show association between hydroxylamine hydrochloride and primary amide

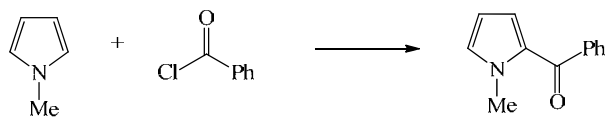
### Iodide as an alternative inorganic catalyst



Are acyl iodides more electrophilic than acyl chlorides?

James Taylor and in collaboration with Steve Bull

### Iodide 'catalysed' acyl transfer



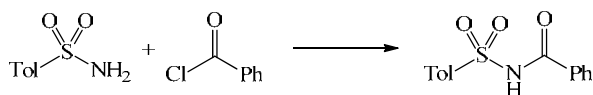
80 °C, EtOAc, 1 h                      0% conversion

80 °C, 1 equiv. LiI, EtOAc, 1 h      100% conversion

Reflux, toluene, DBN, 4 h            96% conversion

*Org. Lett.*, **2010**, 5740, James Taylor and in collaboration with Steve Bull

### Iodide 'catalysed' formation of acylsulphonamides

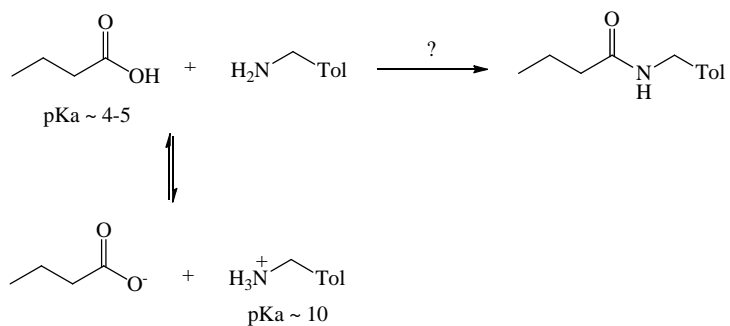


82 °C, MeCN, 24 h, no KI              12% conversion

82 °C, MeCN, 24 h, 60 mol% KI      100% conversion

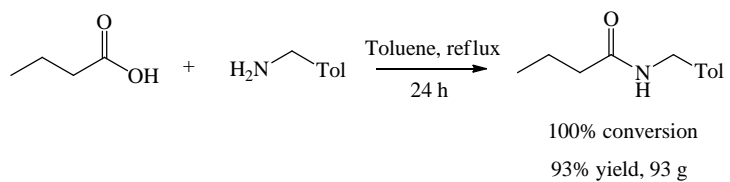
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### Towards direct amide formation from acids and amines?



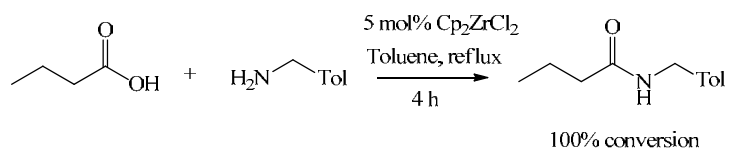
March: When carboxylic acids are treated with amines, salts are obtained.  
The salts can be pyrolyzed to give amides

### Uncatalysed amide formation



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### Catalytic direct amide formation



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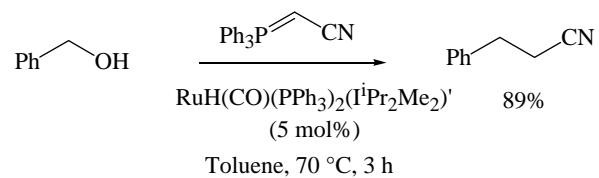
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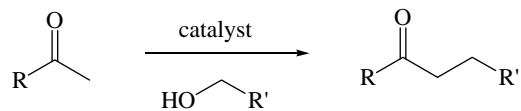
## Milder conditions with ruthenium complexes



*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2007, 129, 1987, Belinda Paine



## Chemistry from other groups

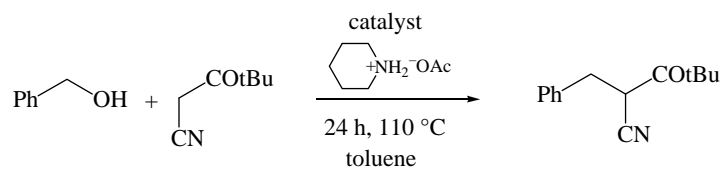


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Yus	Ru(dmsO) <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<i>Tetrahedron</i> , 2006, 8982
Ishii	[Ir(cod)Cl] <sub>2</sub> /PPh <sub>3</sub>	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2004, 72
Park	Pd(heterogeneous)	<i>Angew. Chem. Int.</i> , 2005, 6913

Kaneda	Ru (heterogeneous)	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2004, 5662
Grigg	Cp*IrCl <sub>2</sub>	<i>J. Org. Chem.</i> , 2006, 8023

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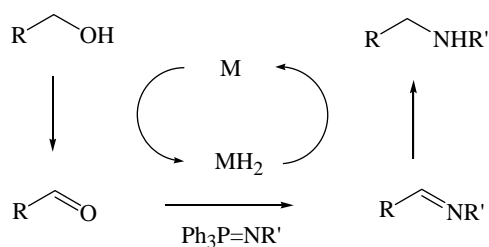
## Ruthenium complexes for aldol chemistry



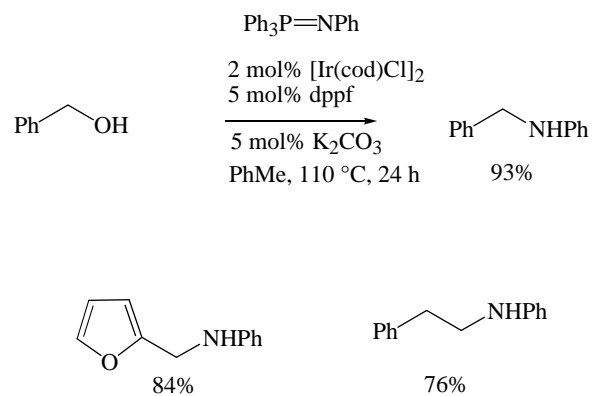
2.5 mol% [Ir(cod)Cl] <sub>2</sub> , 5 mol% dppf, 5 mol% K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	55%
5 mol% Ru(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (CO)H <sub>2</sub>	56%

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### Amine formation via the Aza-Wittig reaction

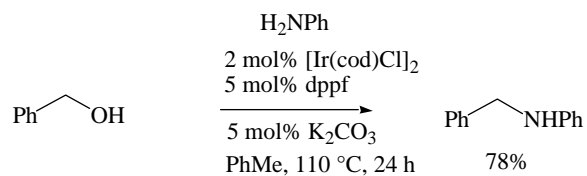


### Indirect Aza-Wittig reactions



*Chem. Commun.*, 2004, 1072, Gerta Cami-Kobeci

### Simple amines are also successful



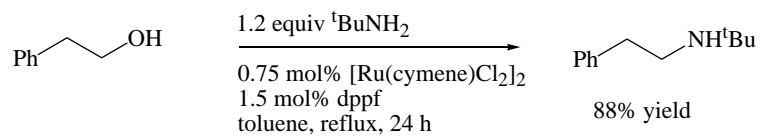
Related chemistry

Grigg, *Ru(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>* *Chem Comm*, 1981, 611

Beller, *Ru<sub>3</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>/R<sub>3</sub>P* *Tetrahedron Lett*, 2006, 8881

Yamaguchi, *Cp\*IrCl<sub>2</sub>* *Synlett*, 2005, 560

### Ruthenium complexes are more active



*Chem. Commun.* 2007, 725, Haniti Hamid