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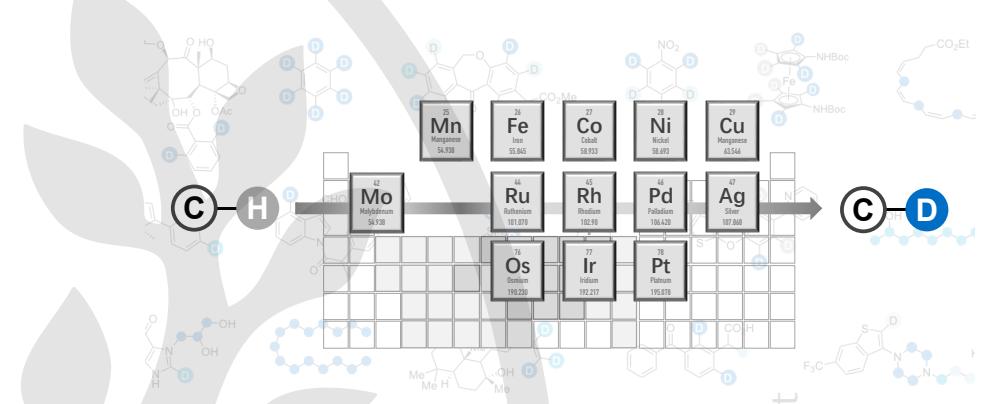
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**Key words** H/D exchange, C-H activation, hydrogen-borrowing, deuterium labelling, heavy water, deuterium gas

Deuterium labelling has become an increasingly important tool in biomedical and materials science, with its successful applications in drug development,<sup>1</sup> biological compound imaging and tracking<sup>2</sup> and organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs).<sup>3</sup> Their application has been accompanied by the development of synthetic strategies for efficient deuterium incorporation, such as conventional chemical transformation by catalytic hydrogenation on unsaturated bonds, and the defunctionalization of aromatic halides.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile, in contrast to the transformation of functional groups, the direct hydrogen isotope exchange (HIE) of C-H bonds had also been extensively developed since the early days of deuterium incorporation, especially under a pH-dependent manner with harsh acid or base environments, which is still employed industrially in the current production of massive deuterium compounds. Therefore, the strategy development of milder and environmentally friendly deuteration remains a necessity, especially with which is compatible with economic deuterium sources, such as heavy water or deuterium gas.

Accompanied with the in-depth understanding of the characteristic of C-H activation with transition metals,<sup>5</sup> scattered cases of transition metal facilitated HIE have been used as a chemical tool to check the



reversibility of the unit reaction. Thus, benefiting from the mechanistic investigation, catalytic HIE was enabled based on reversible manipulation of established catalytic systems.<sup>6</sup> For instance, Crabtree's catalyst designed for hydrogenation was found to facilitate dehydrogenation under low H<sub>2</sub> pressure.<sup>7a</sup> This finding was further developed as a major genre of HIE process based on reversible oxidative addition, catalyzed by a family of iridium catalysts such as Kerr's catalysts,<sup>8-9</sup> with D<sub>2</sub> gas as main source of deuterium. Similar HIE processes had also been employed with HIEs with Ir, Rh, Ru, and Pt,<sup>10-12g,13,15</sup> and earth-abundant metals such as Fe, Co and Ni had also shown promising reactivities.<sup>12f-h,14</sup> On the other hand, the recently burgeoning strategy of concerted metalation-deprotonation (CMD) was also converted in a reversible manner,<sup>16-22</sup> which employing D<sub>2</sub>O or deuterated acids as deuterium source. Despite the CMD's challenge of subsequent route control between functionalization and C-D bond reconstruction, *ortho*- or *meta*-selective, as well as undirected deuteration had been developed mainly based Pd-catalysis,<sup>20-22</sup> where Mn,<sup>21a</sup> Co,<sup>18d</sup> Ni,<sup>18f</sup> and Ag<sup>19</sup> had also shown their HIE activity recently. Moreover, HIE could also be accomplished through scheme of hydrogen borrowing strategy by exploiting the remarkable kinetic isotope effect of deuterium.<sup>23-24</sup> Its reversible process had also been utilized in HIE on olefins.<sup>25</sup> Additionally, some other specialized strategies had also been reported, including Lewis acid enhanced local acidity of proton,<sup>26</sup>  $\eta^6$  complex facilitated arenes activation,<sup>27</sup> and  $\sigma$ -metathesis enabled H/D exchange between metal and D<sub>2</sub>.<sup>28</sup> On the other hand, heterogeneous catalysts also compromise a large family for HIE based on a similar strategy of reversibility control under low D<sub>2</sub> pressure,<sup>31-37</sup> where recent findings suggest that the nanoparticle collides,<sup>38-39</sup> and corresponding ligand-loaded nanoparticles<sup>40</sup> may also achieve astonishing regioselectivity as their homogeneous alternatives. Noticeably, in most cases, the tritiation could be easily achieved by replacing the deuterium sources with the corresponding tritium sources. We hope that this graphical review will stimulate further research on the development of innovative HIE strategies in this rapid evolving field.

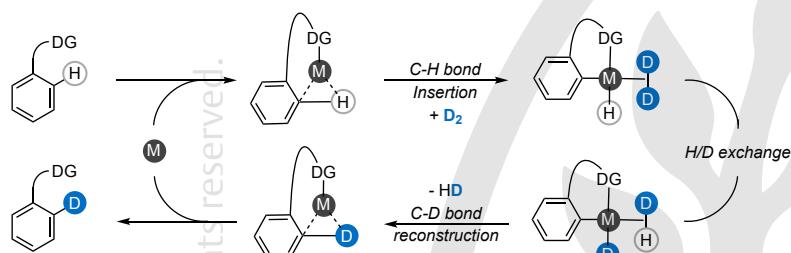
## Biosketches

	<p><b>Dr. Zhi-Jiang Jiang</b> was born in 1990 in Ningbo, China. He obtained his B. Sc. in pharmaceutical science at Zhejiang University of Technology. He completed his Ph.D. under the supervision of Prof. Wei-Ke Su and Prof. Alexandre. V. Dushkin at Collaborative Innovation Center of Yangtze River Delta Region Green Pharmaceuticals, where he explored the phenomenon of liquid-assisted grinding in mechanochemistry. He joined the school of biological and chemical engineering of NingboTech University as assistant professor in 2019. Currently, his research interests focused on the development of tools and strategies for selective deuterium-labelling.</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Jian-Fei Bai</b> graduated from Lanzhou University in 2007 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2012 under the supervision of Professor Lixin Wang. In the same year, he joined the group of Professor P. Vogel as a postdoctoral researcher at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL). He continued his postdoctoral work at Kyoto University in 2015, working with Professor Keiji Maruoka. In 2019, Dr. Bai was appointed as an associate professor at the Lanzhou Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, before moving to NingboTech University in 2021. His research focuses on the development and application of site-specific synthesis of deuterium-labeled compounds.</p>
	<p><b>Dr. Zhanghua Gao</b> obtained his Ph.D. (2005) under the supervision of Prof. Wei-Dong Z. Li from Lanzhou University. He joined the group of Prof. Philip J. Kocienski FRS at University of Leeds (2006) as a postdoctoral associate, continuing the research in natural product synthesis. After a one-year stay in chemical industry, he joined the University of Oxford (2010), working with Prof. Véronique Gouverneur FRS and Prof. Benjamin G. Davis FRS on fluorine-18 radiolabelling of amino acids and protein. He moved to Ningbo University (2015) as an associated professor and became a full professor in 2016 at NingboTech University. His research interests include isotope labelling methodology/technology and its application in drug discovery and functional materials.</p>

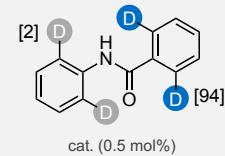
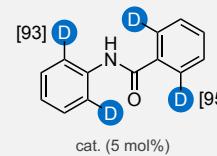
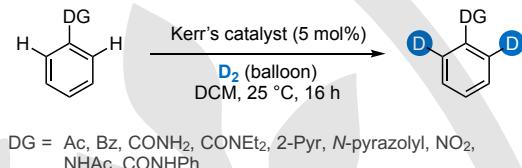
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### Basic process for OA based H/D exchange

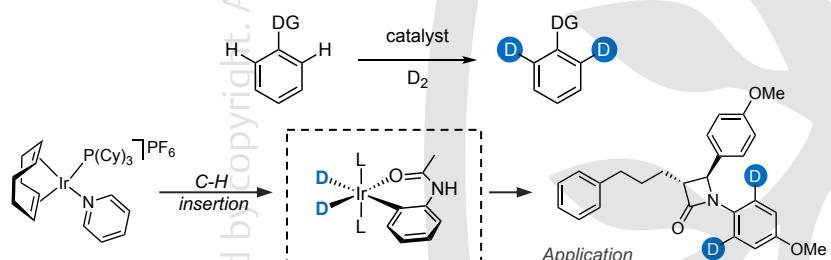
- C-H bond cleavage via oxidative addition (OA)
- Deuterium gas ( $D_2$ ) as deuterium source
- Labelling site selectivity under ortho-directing or non-directing system



### Kerr's catalysts



### Directing group led *ortho*-deuteration



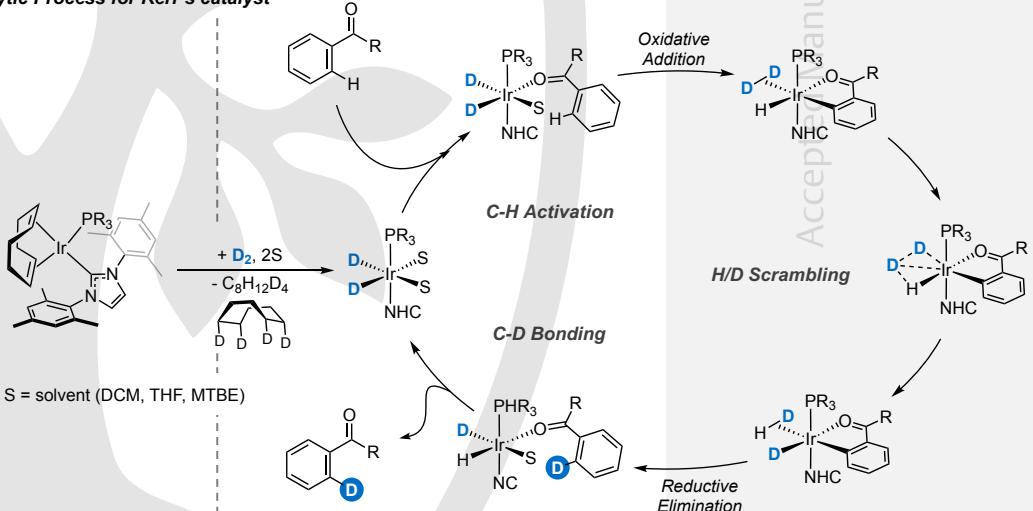
Crabtree's catalyst



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### Catalytic Process for Kerr's catalyst

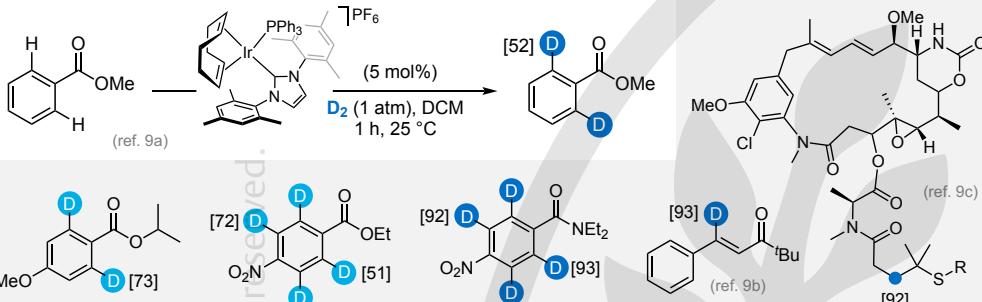


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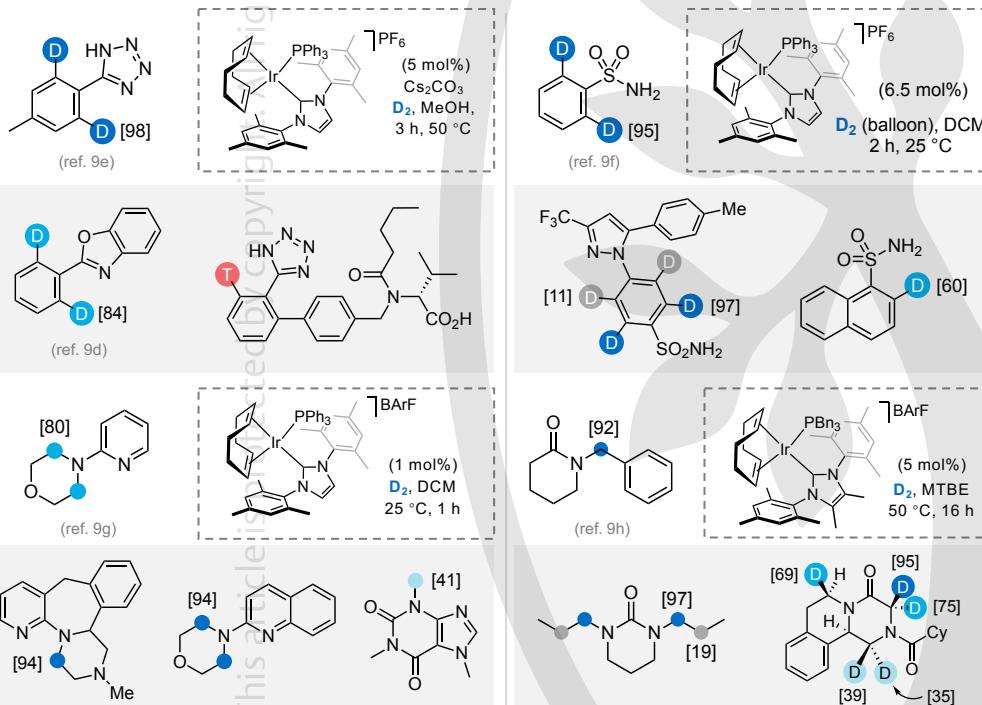
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**Figure 1** HIE based on oxidative addition with directing group (1): Early attempts of iridium catalysts,<sup>7a-p</sup> and Kerr's iridium catalysts.<sup>8a-k</sup>

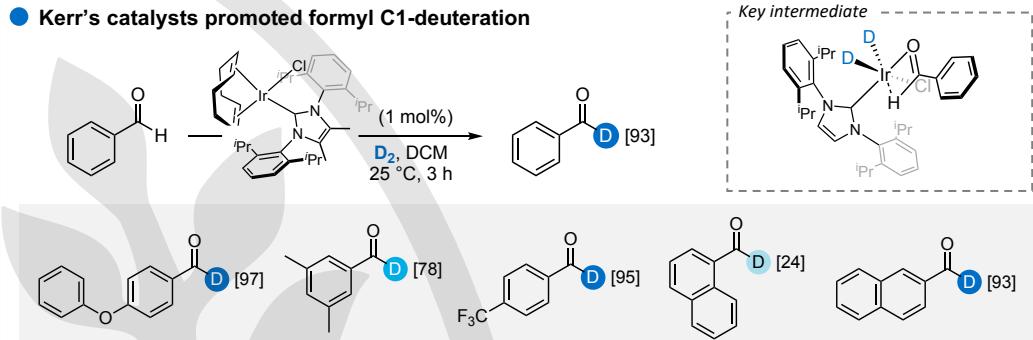
● Kerr's catalysts promoted *ortho*-deuteration



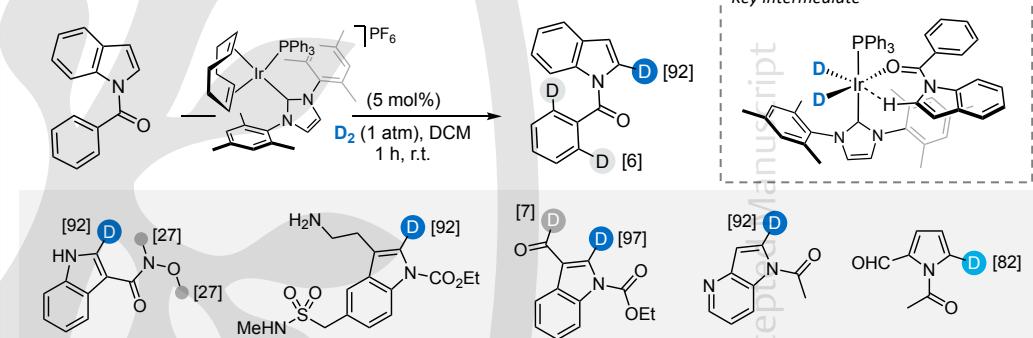
Further application in *ortho*-selective HIE



● Kerr's catalysts promoted formyl C1-deuteration

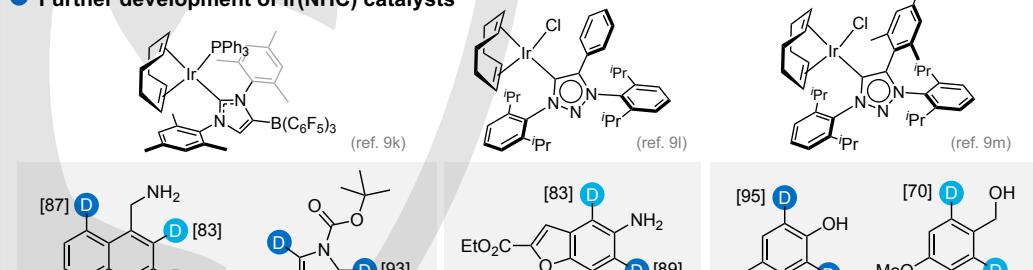


● Kerr's catalysts promoted indole C2-deuteration



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● Further development of Ir(NHC) catalysts



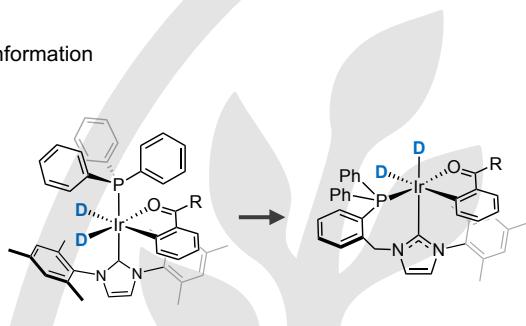
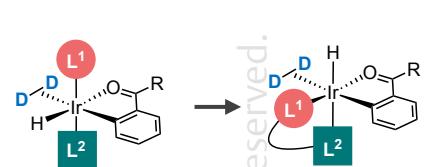
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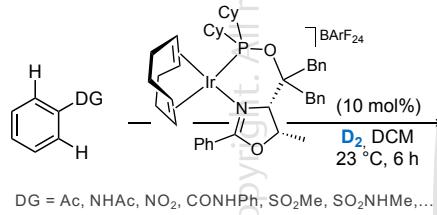
Figure 2 HIE based on oxidative addition with directing group (2): Application of Kerr's iridium catalysts.<sup>9a-m</sup>

### Design concept of bidentate ligands for OA based H/D exchange

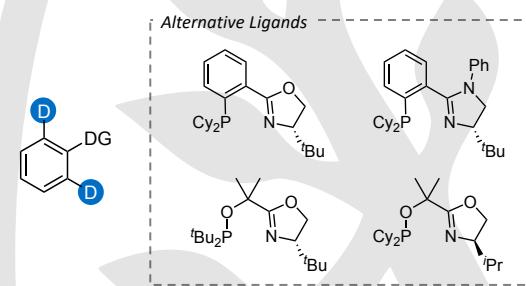
- Two ligands tethered with linker
- Ligand alignment changes from *trans* to *cis*-conformation
- Releasing steric hindrance on equatorial plane



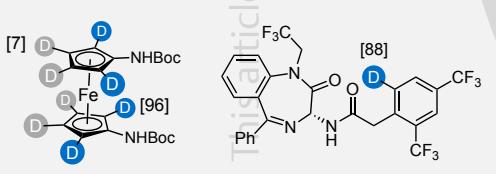
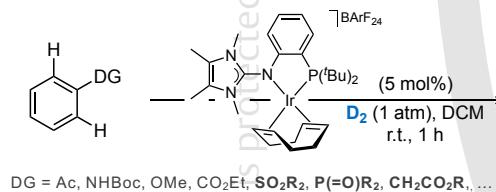
### ● Phosphinite-Oxazoline system



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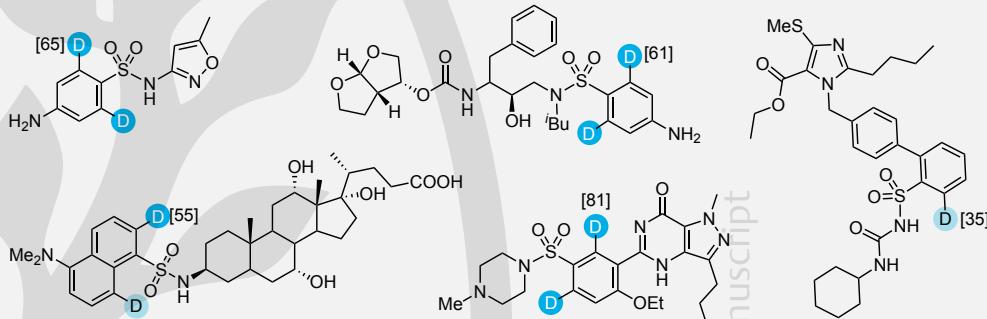
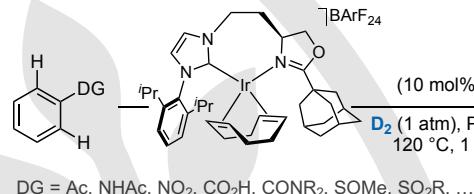


### ● Phosphine-Imidazolin-2-imine system

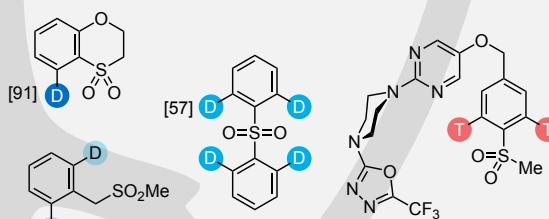
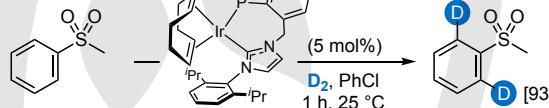


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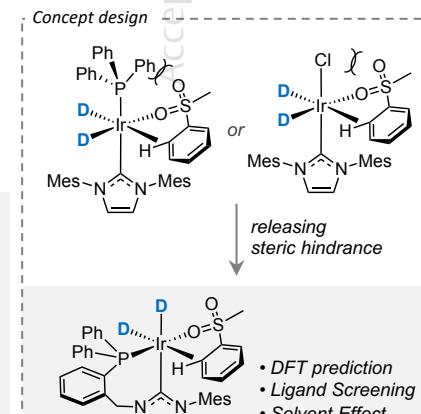
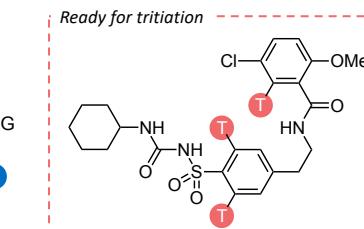
### ● NHC-Oxazoline System



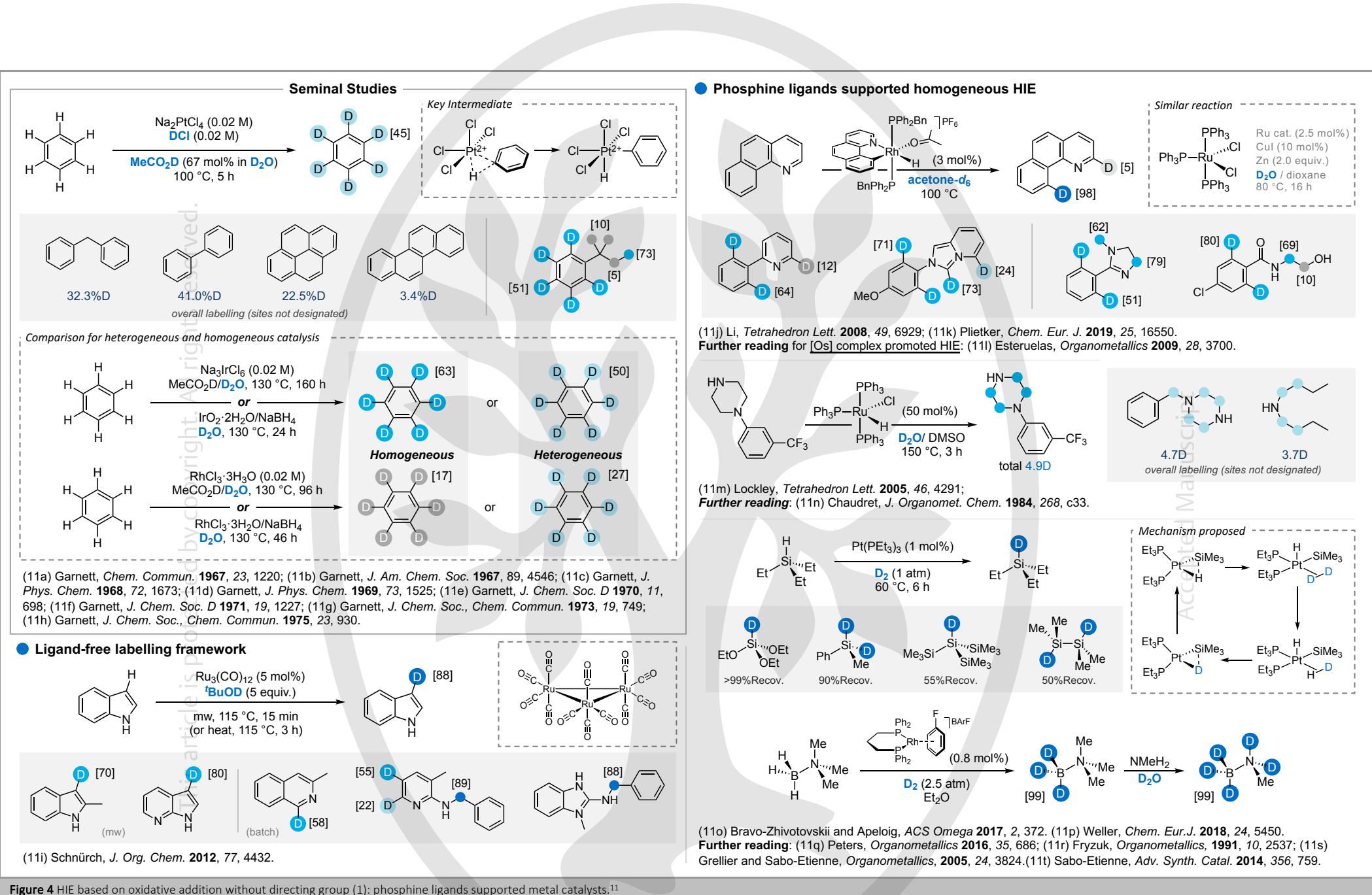
### ● Phosphine-NHC System



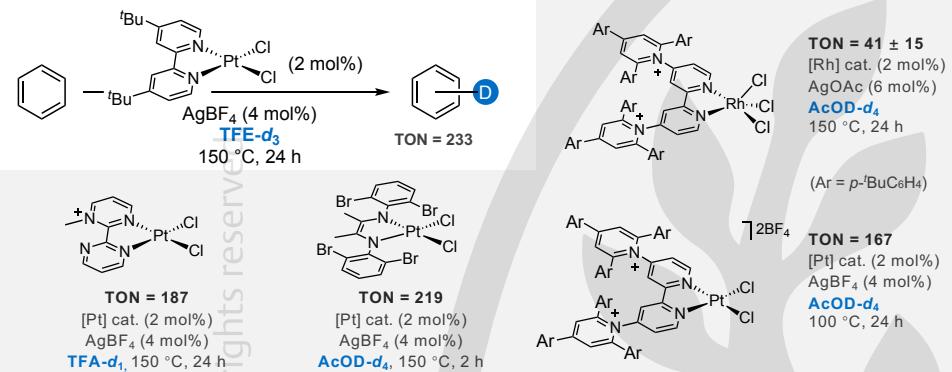
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**Figure 3** HIE based on oxidative addition with directing group (3): Iridium catalysts with bidentate ligands.<sup>10a-i</sup>

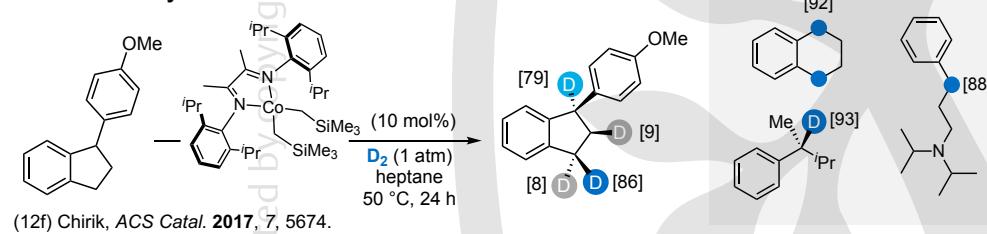


● Pt-bipyridine and Pt-diimine systems in benzene HIE

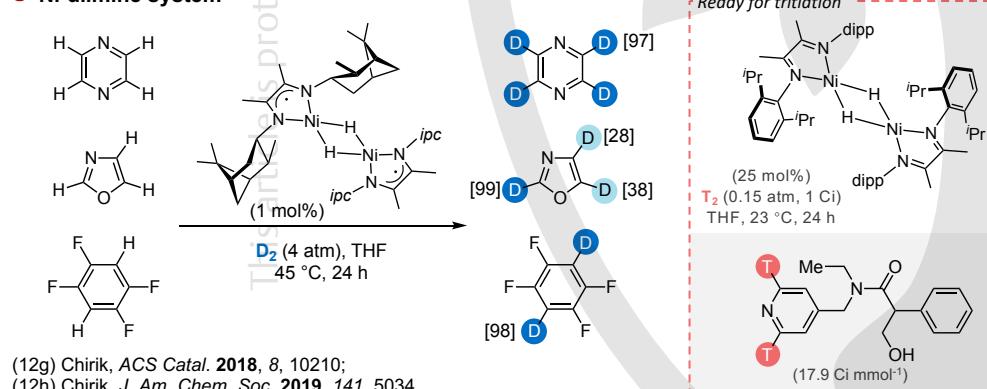


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● Co-diimine system

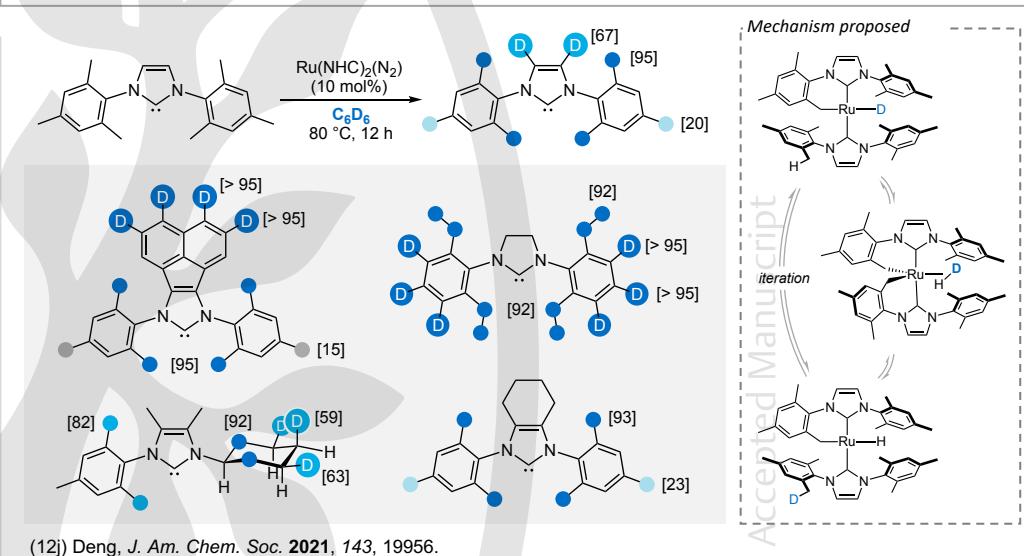
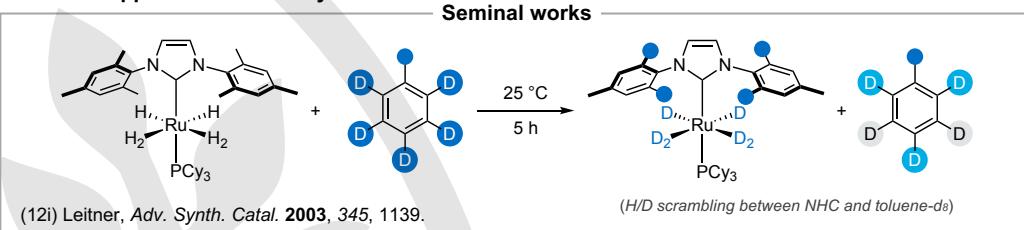


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● NHC-supported metal catalyzed HIE



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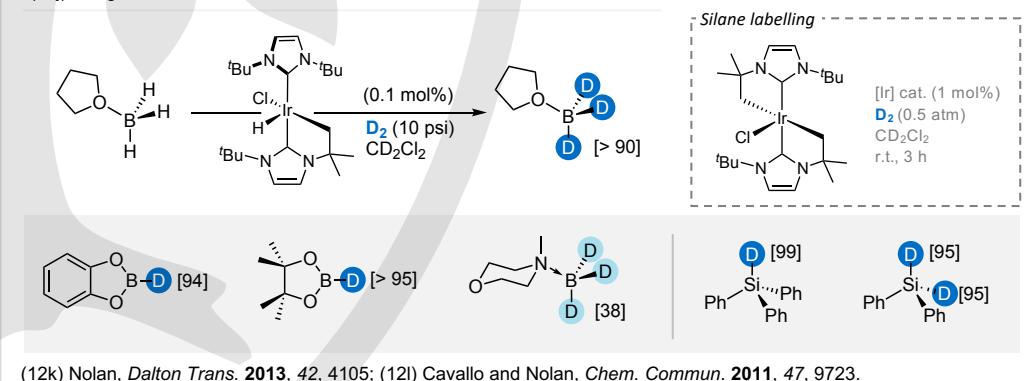
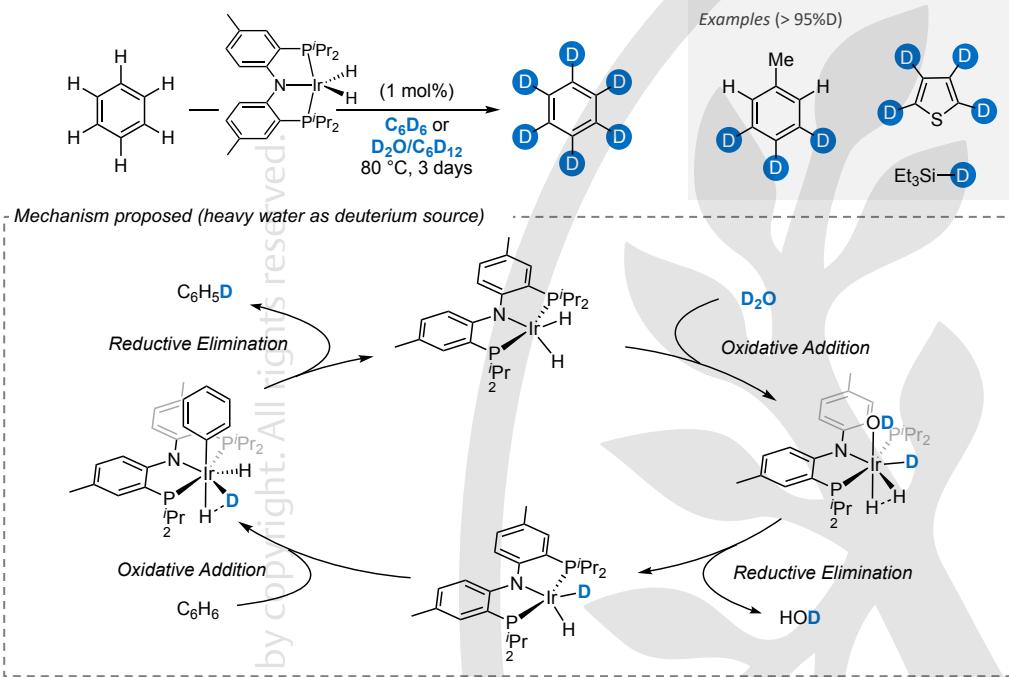


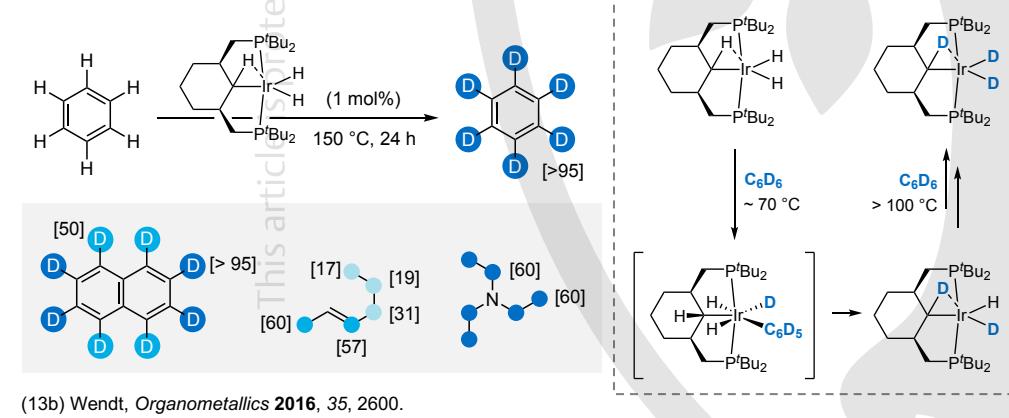
Figure 5 HIE based on oxidative addition without directing group (2): Bipyridine, imine, NHC ligands supported metal catalysts <sup>12a-k</sup>

### ● Ir-PNP framework



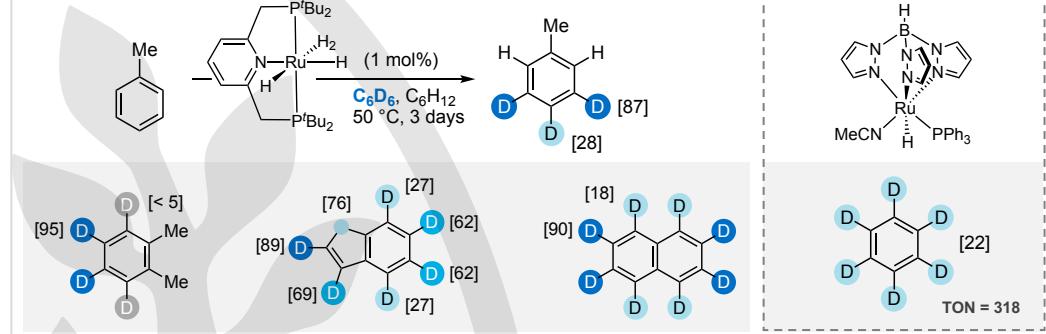
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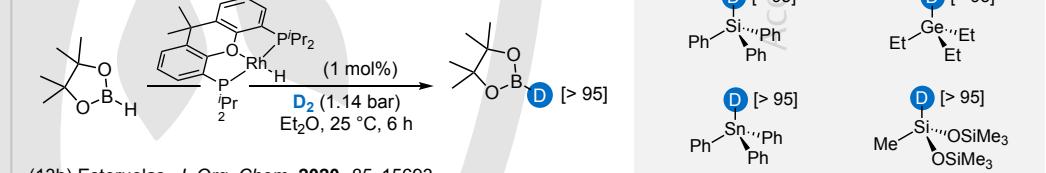
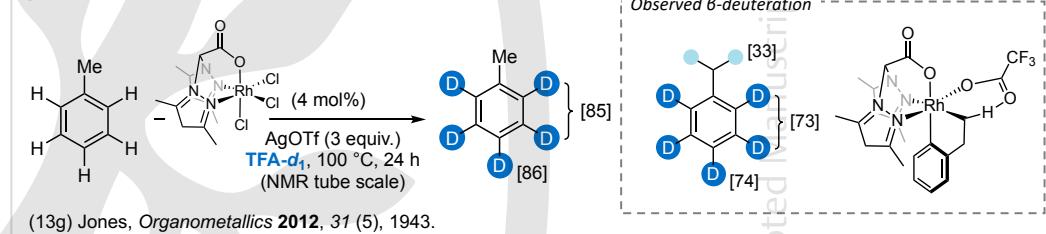


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### ● Ru-PNP framework



### ● Rh-POP framework



### ● Pt-Pincer framework

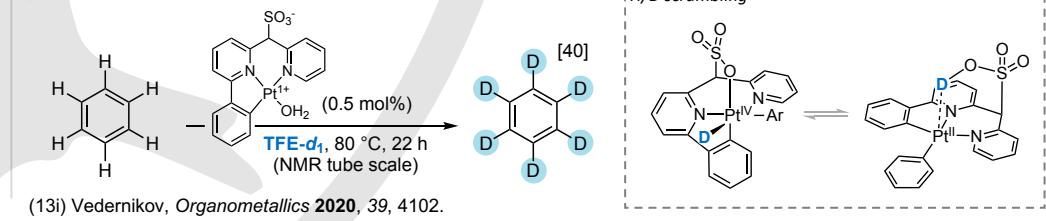
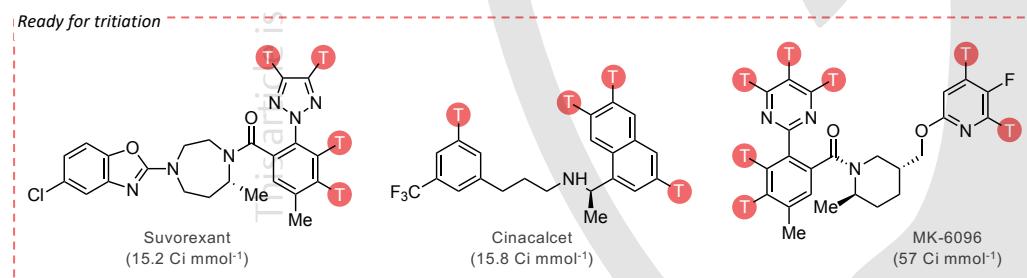
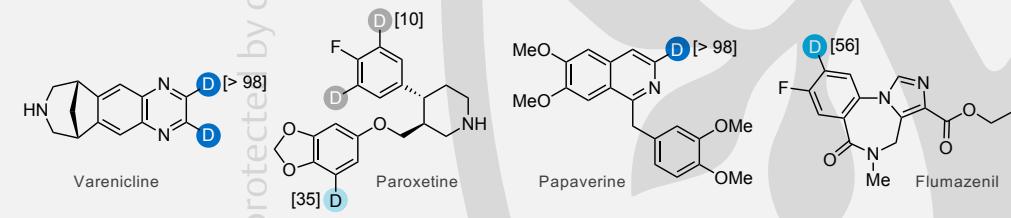
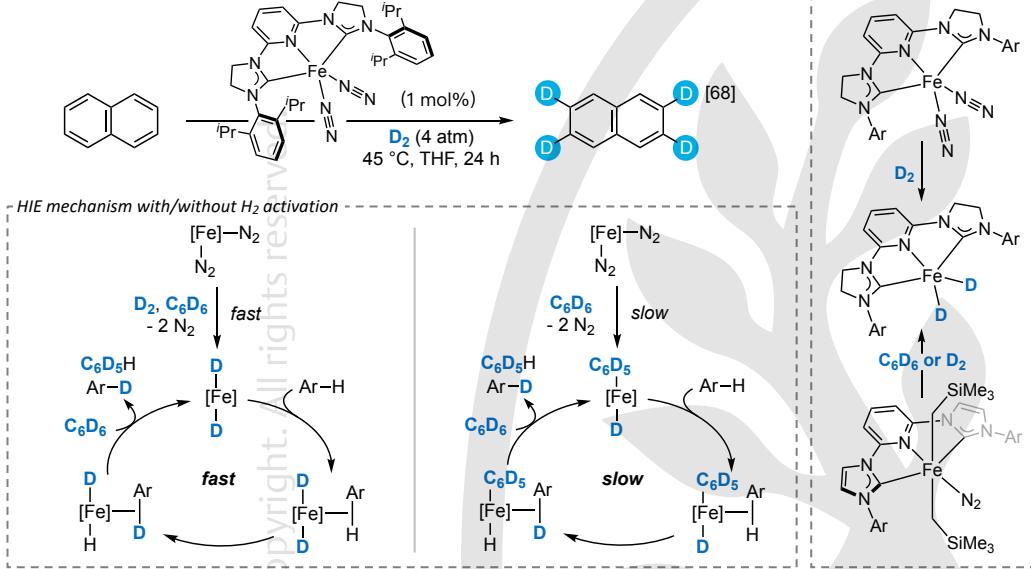


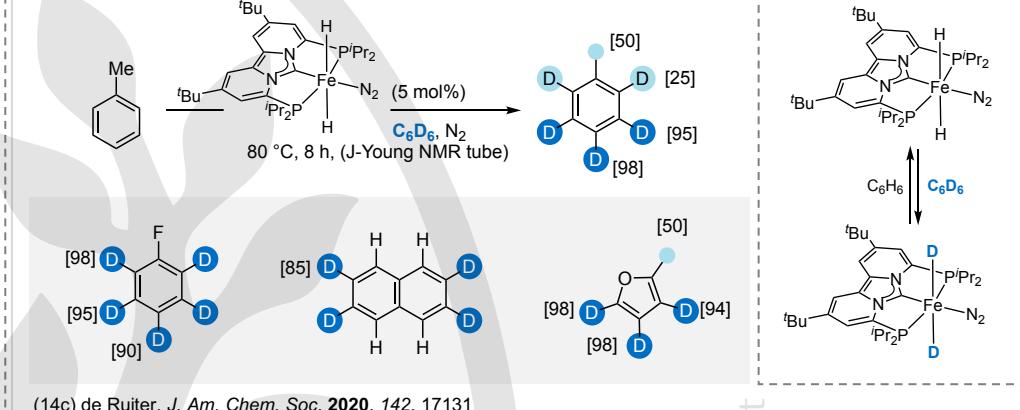
Figure 6 HIE based on oxidative addition without directing group (3): Tridentate ligands supported noble metal catalysts.<sup>13a-i</sup>

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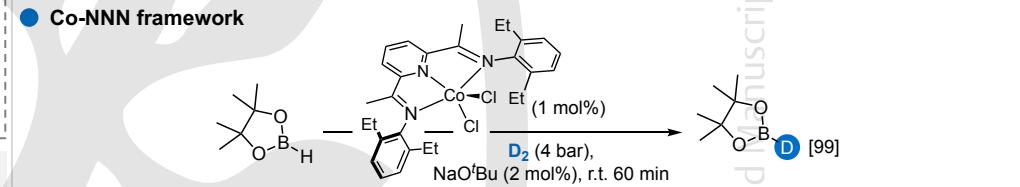


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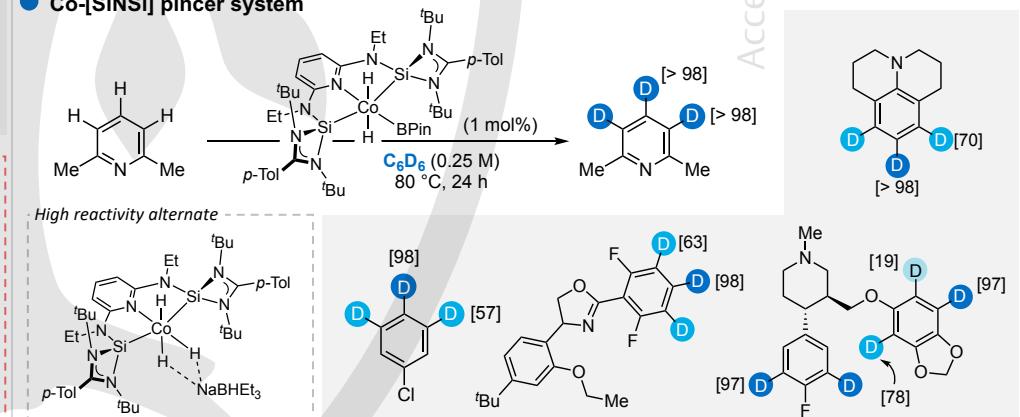


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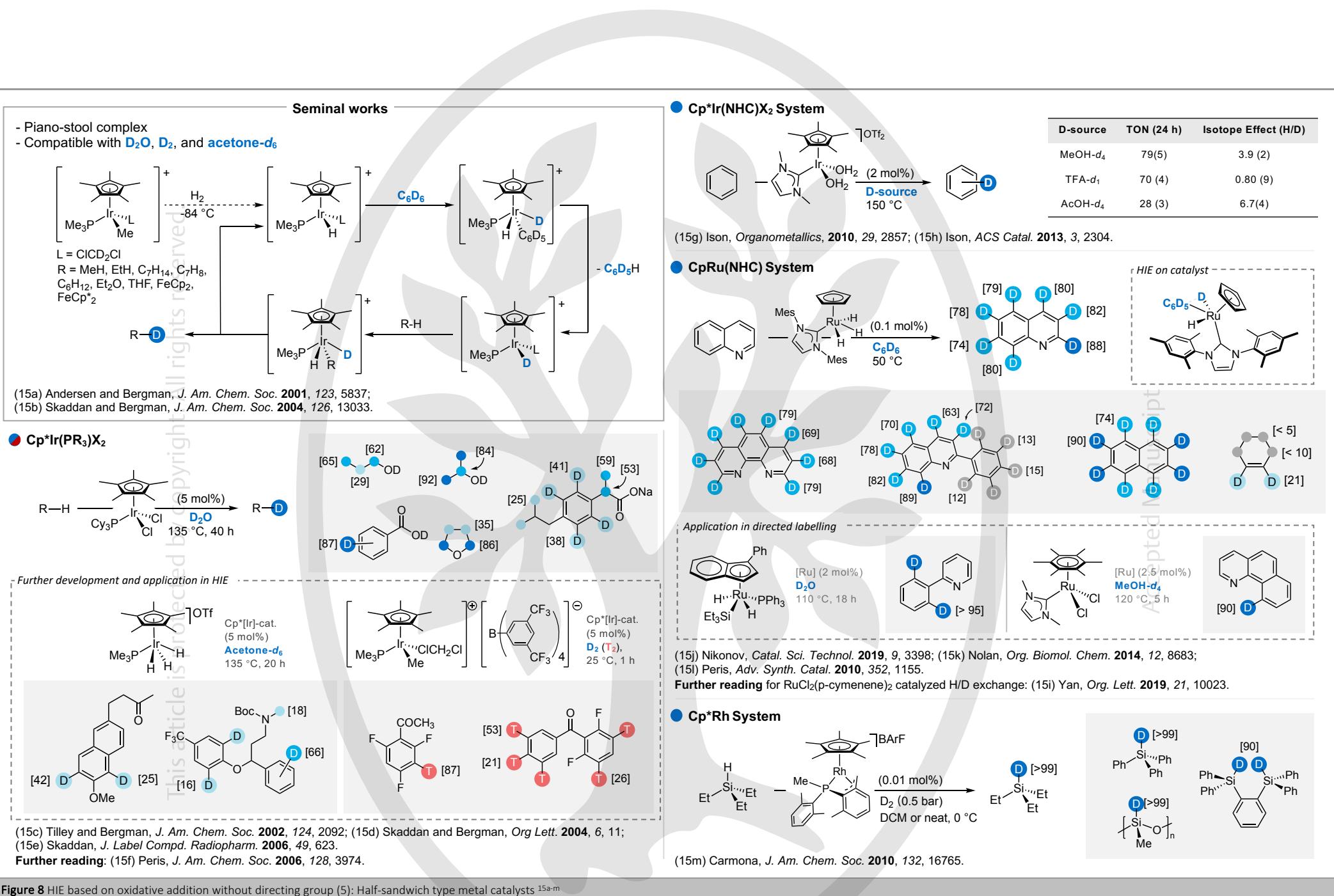


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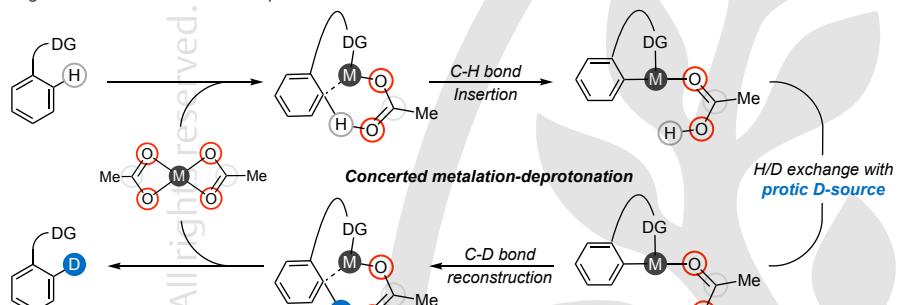
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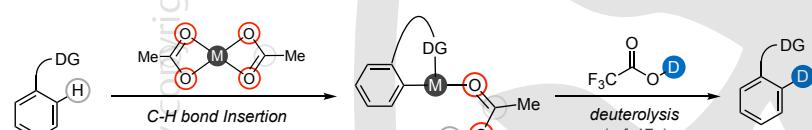
### Basic process for CMD based H/D exchange

- C-H bond cleavage under the assistance of additional ligands
- Protic solvent as deuterium source, especially of D<sub>2</sub>O
- Various labelling sites selectivity under designed directing group or non-directing system

H/D exchange based on reversible CMD process

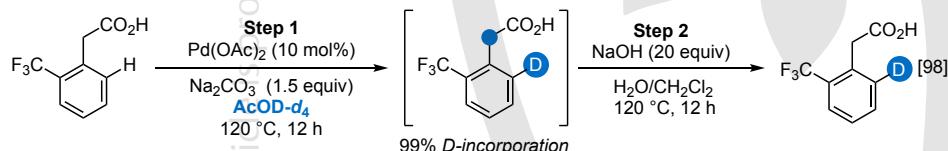


Alternative mechanism proposed for CMD based H/D exchange



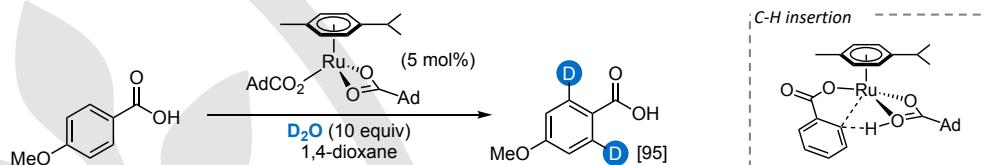
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### Pd-catalyzed ortho-H/D exchange without additional ligands

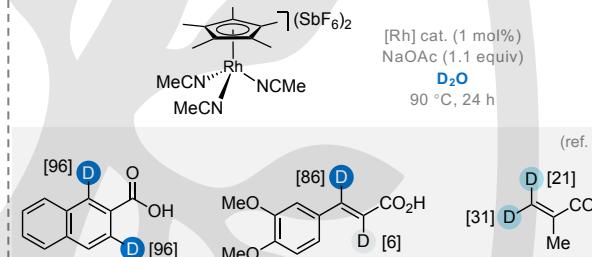


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### - H/D exchange on benzoic acids



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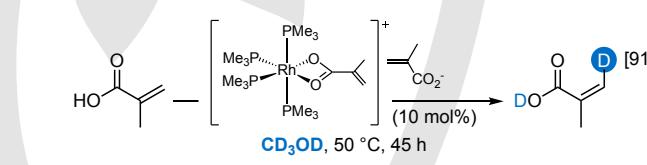


Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (6 mol%)  
AgTFA (1.0 equiv)  
HFIP/TFA (v/v = 19:1, 1 mL)  
D<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL)  
120 °C, 72 h

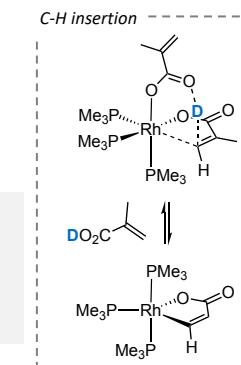
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### - H/D exchange on acrylic acid

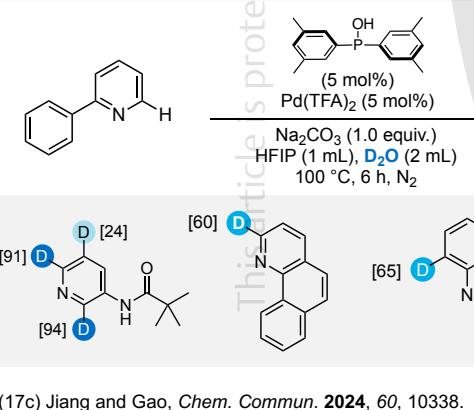
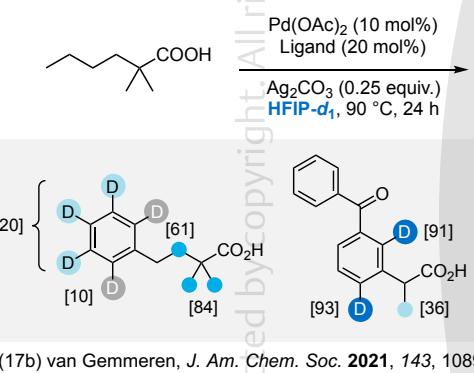
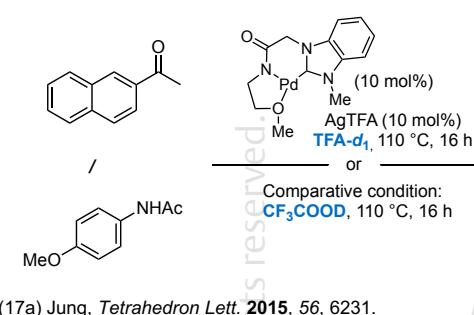


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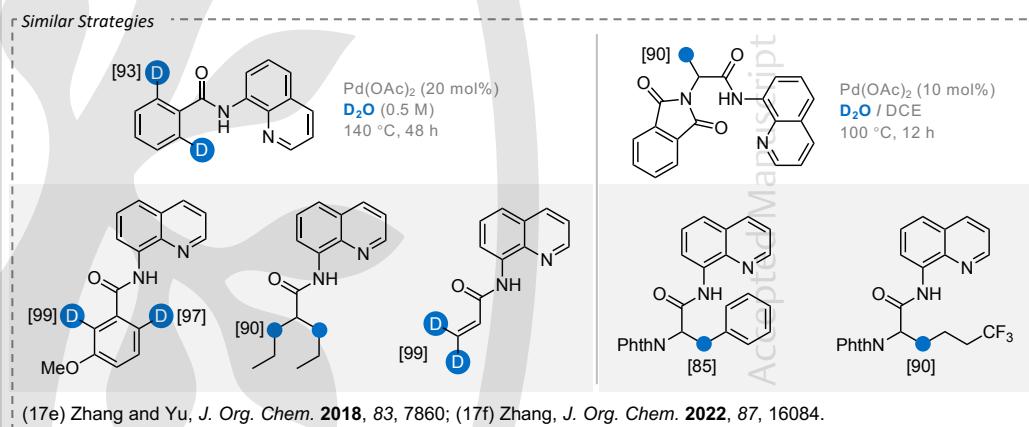
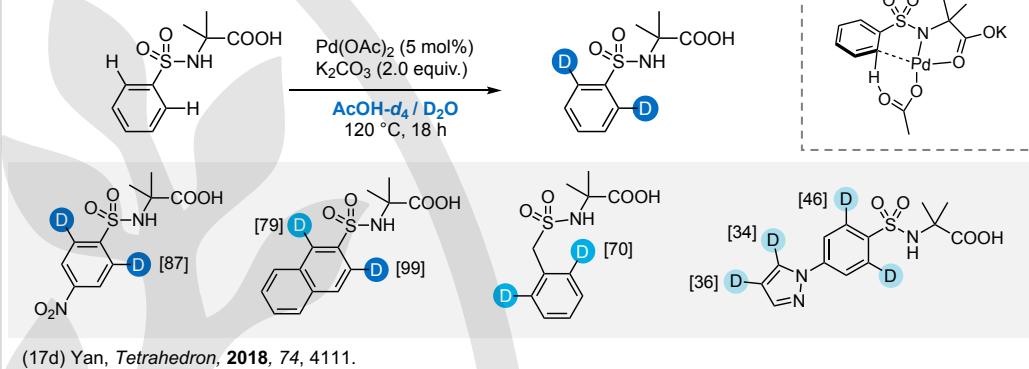


**Figure 9** HIE based on concerted metalation-deprotonation (1): Directing group enabled *ortho*-selective deuteration.<sup>16a-h</sup>

● Supporting ligand assisted H/D exchange



● *ortho*-H/D exchange with additional binding site on substrate



● Competing Labelling with dual directing groups

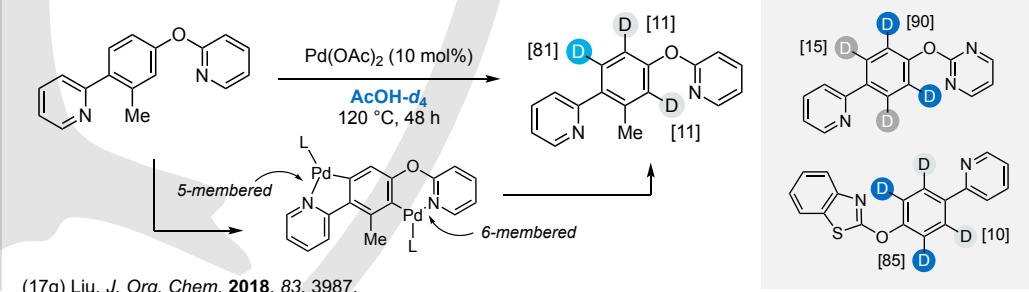
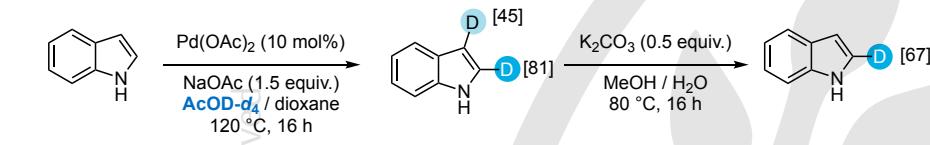


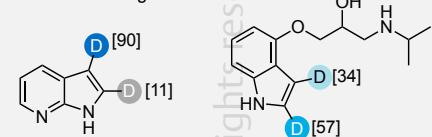
Figure 10 HIE based on concerted metalation-deprotonation (2): Supporting ligands and bidentate substrate enabled regioselective deuteration.<sup>17a-g</sup>

● Pd-catalyzed selective H/D exchange on indole

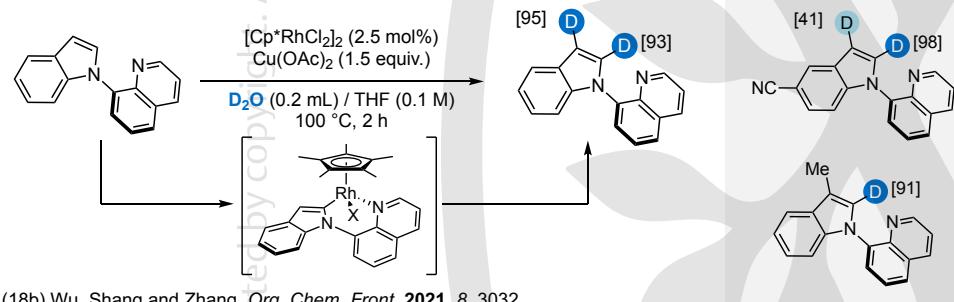
- C2-Deuteration on Indoles



C2&C3-labeling

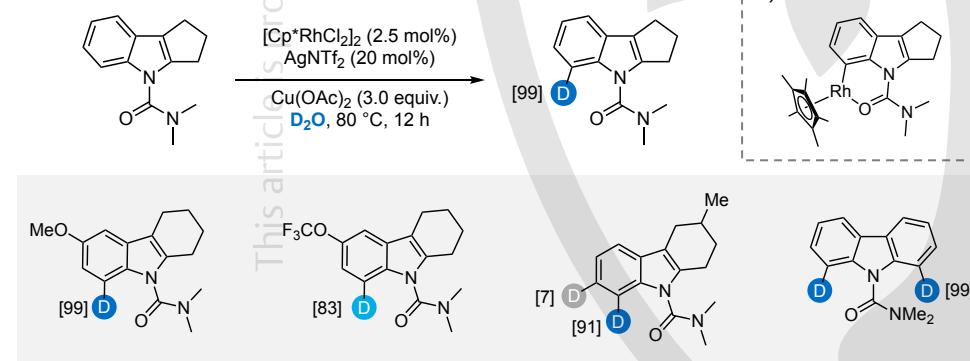


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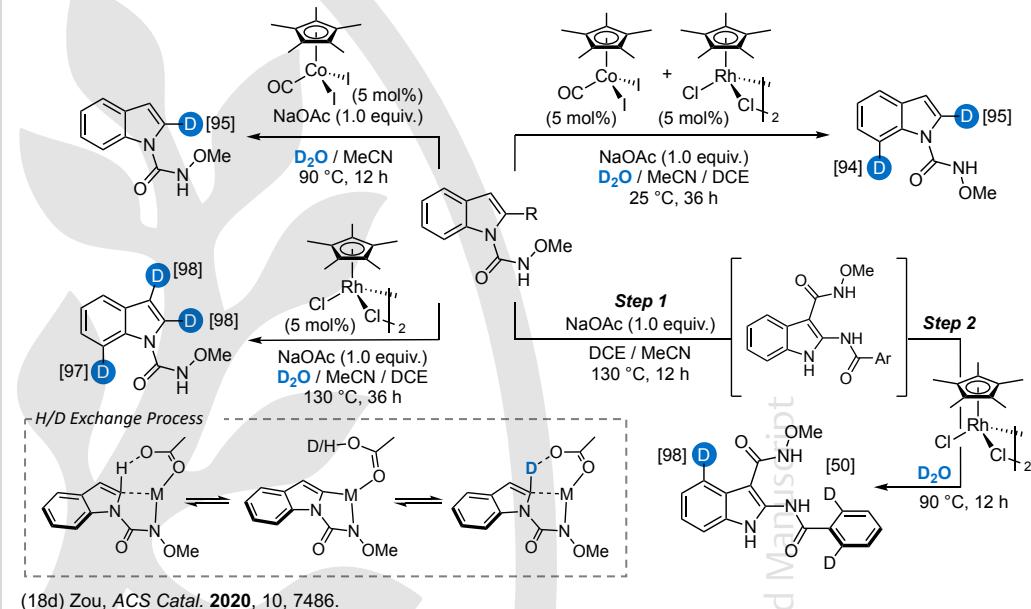
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- C7-Deuteration on Indoles



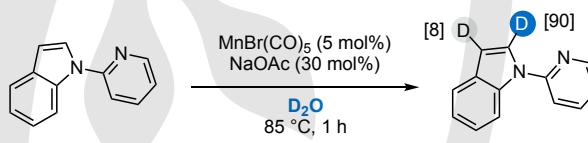
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● Rhodium and Cobalt-catalyzed ortho-H/D exchange on indole



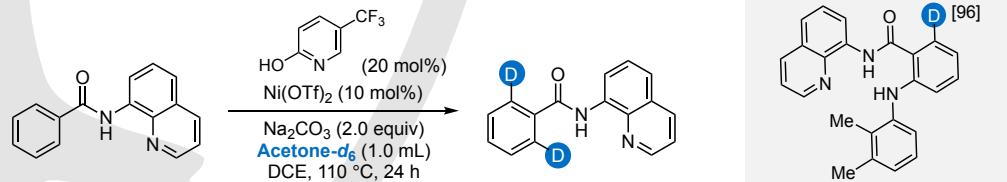
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● Manganese-catalyzed ortho-H/D exchange



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● Nickel-catalyzed ortho-H/D exchange

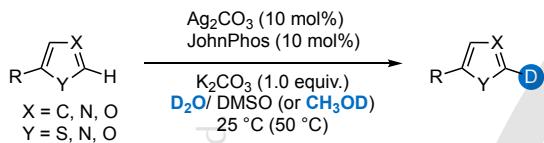


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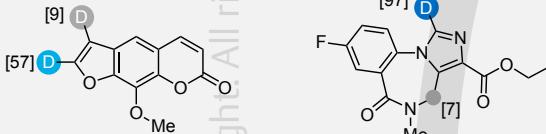
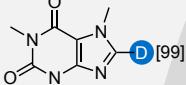
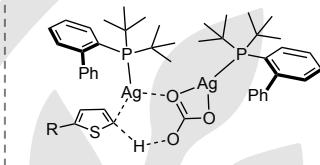
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Figure 11 HIE based on concerted metalation-deprotonation (3): Regioselective deuteration on indoles, and earth abundant metal catalyzed deuteration.<sup>18a-g</sup>

● Silver-catalyzed *ortho*-H/D exchange

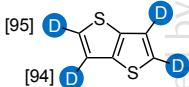


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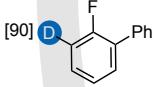


Further Developments

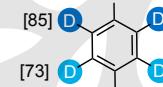
- Deuteration on  $\beta$ -sites



$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 equiv.)  
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Toluene, 100 °C, in air  
(ref. 19c)

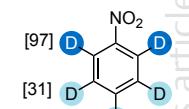


$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.5 equiv.)  
SPhos (0.5 equiv.)  
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 $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (10 equiv.)  
Toluene, 90 °C, 12 h  
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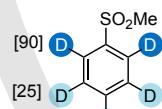


$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (20 mol %)  
 $\text{CyPPH}_2$  (50 mol %)  
 $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (20 equiv.)  
Toluene, 120 °C, 24 h  
(ref. 19e)

- Multi-position deuteration on electro-deficient aromatic rings



$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (20 mol %)  
 $\text{PPh}_3$  (60 mol %)  
 $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.0 equiv.)  
 $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (1 mL)  
MTBE, 120 °C, 24 h  
(ref. 19f)



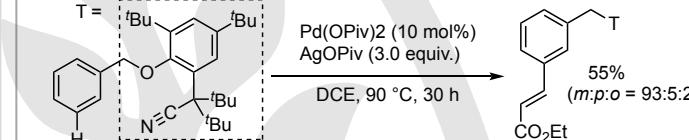
$\text{Ag}_2\text{CO}_3$  (10 mol %)  
 $\text{CyPPH}_2$  (30 mol %)  
 $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.0 equiv.)  
 $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (0.5 mL)  
Toluene, 120 °C, 24 h  
(ref. 19g)

(19a) Zhang, Zhang and Huang, *Org. Lett.* **2019**, *21*, 6745; (19b) Hartwig, *ACS Catal.* **2021**, *11*, 1119; (19c) Zhang, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2022**, *20*, 1176; (19d) Zhang, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2020**, *18*, 6627; (19e) Zhang, *Org. Lett.* **2021**, *23*, 1554; (19f) Jiang, Gao, and Gao, *J. Org. Chem.* **2023**, *88*, 1560; (19g) Jiang, Gao and Gao, *J. Org. Chem.* **2024**, *89*, 8468.

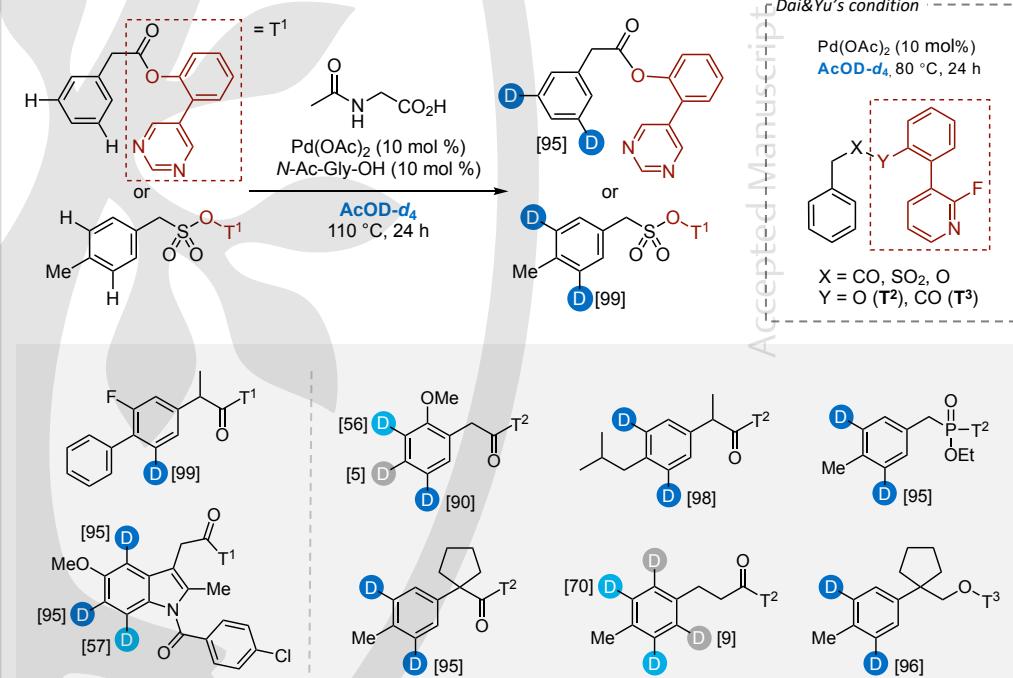
● Pd-catalyzed *meta*-selective H/D exchange

*meta*-selective C-H activation

- Template directed *meta*-selectivity
- Distance enabled H/D exchange site discrimination



Further reading for *meta* C-H activation: (20a) Yu, *Nature*, **2012**, *486*, 518; (20b) Yu, *Nature* **2014**, *507*, 215; (20c) Dey and Maiti, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2019**, *58*, 10820; (20d) Maiti, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2022**, *55*, 354.

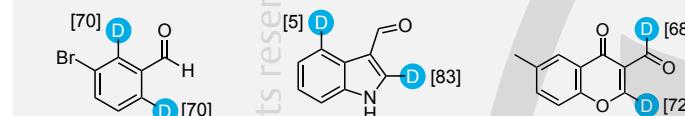
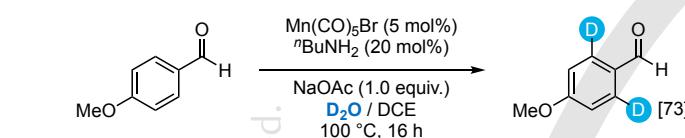


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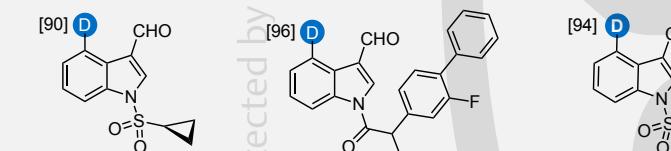
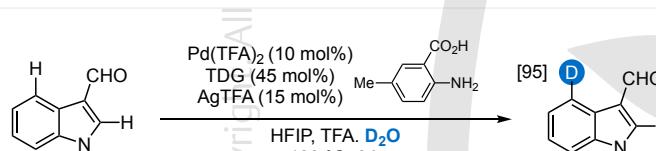
Figure 12 HIE based on concerted metalation-deprotonation (4): Silver catalyzed deuteration,<sup>19a-g</sup> and *meta*-selective deuteration<sup>20a-e</sup>

### ● Transient directing group enabled H/D exchange

### - Aldimine as TDG

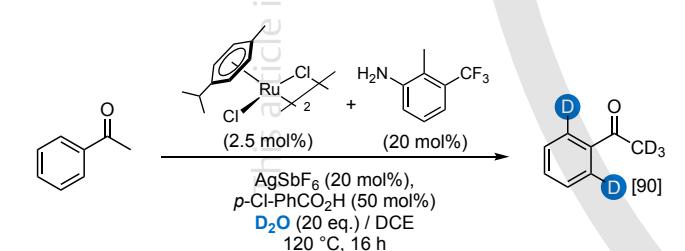


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(21c) Jiang and Gao, *J. Org. Chem.* 2023, 88, 17164

### - Ketimine as TDG



(21d) Neumann and Beller, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2021**, *27*, 9768.

#### ● Non-directed catalytic HIE with dual-ligand system

### Condition A

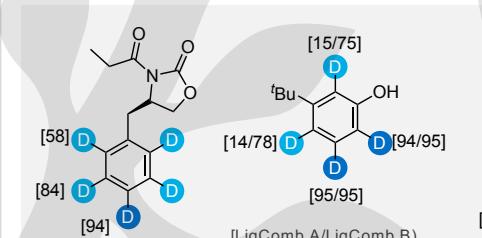


### **Condition B**



**LigComb.A**

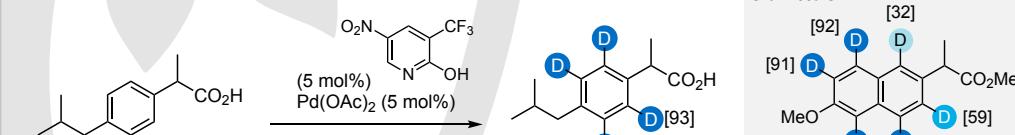
(15 mol%) (10 mol%)



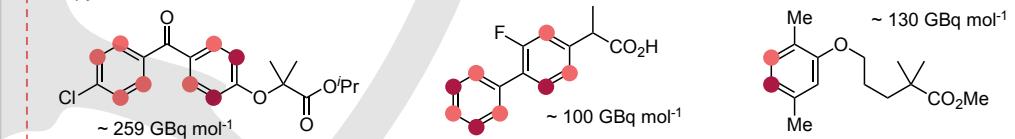
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Non-directed catalytic HIE with Bidentate and Pyridine system



- Ready for tritiation

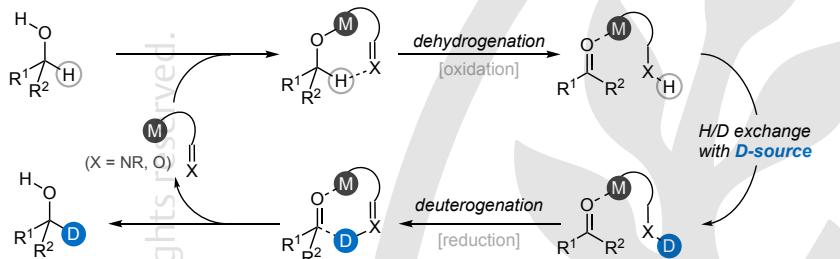


(22e) Lahiri, Pieters, Werz and Maiti, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2024**, e202410162

**Figure 13** HIE based on concerted metalation-deprotonation (5): Application of transient-directing strategy,<sup>21a-d</sup> and non-directing strategy in deuteration.<sup>22a-e</sup>

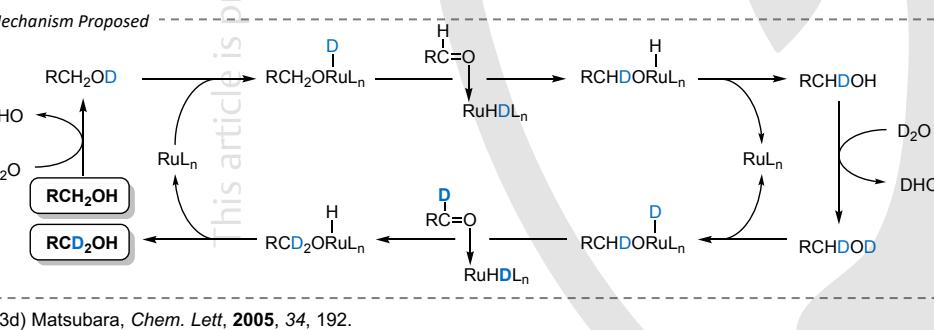
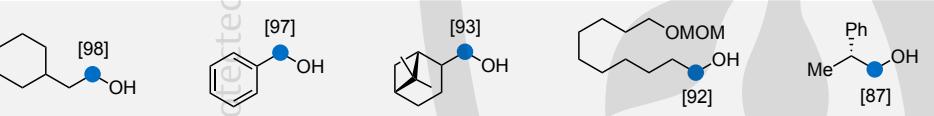
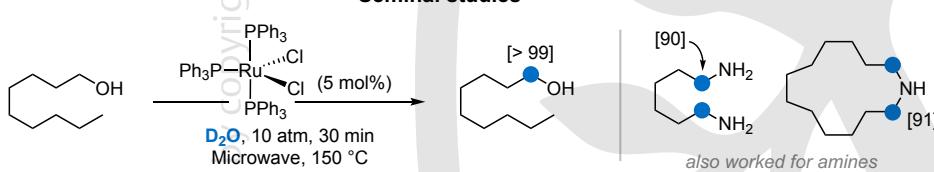
### Basic process for hydrogen-borrowing based H/D exchange

- Continuous oxidation and reduction promoted H/D exchange
- Ligand or metal-center act as hydrogen transferring center
- Available for H/D exchange of alcohols and amines



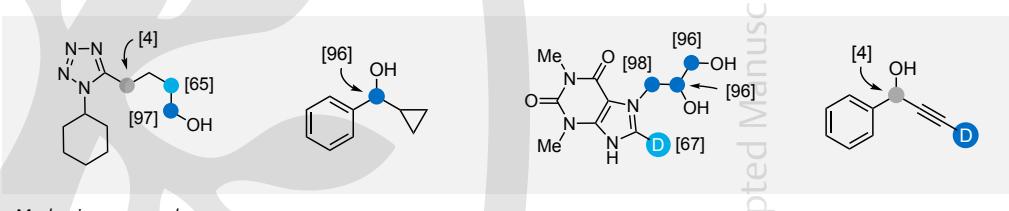
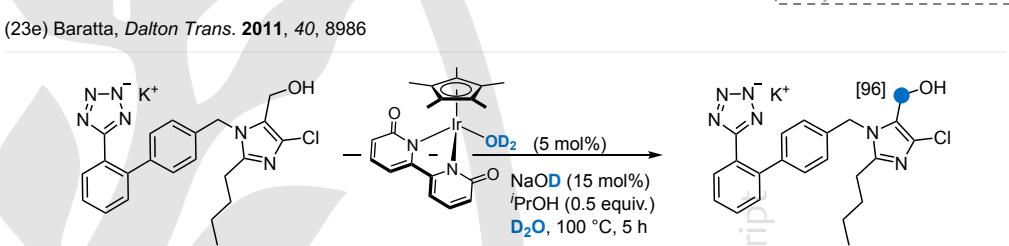
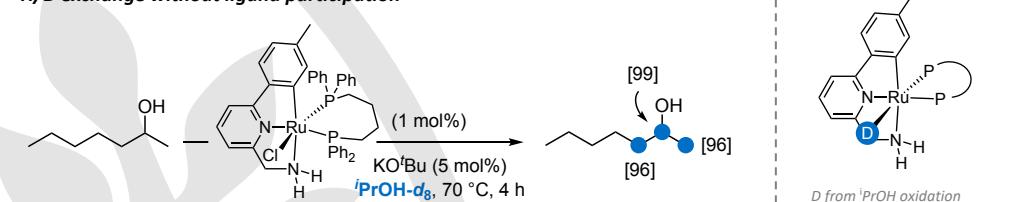
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### Seminal studies



### H/D exchange on alcohols

- H/D exchange without ligand participation



### Mechanism proposed

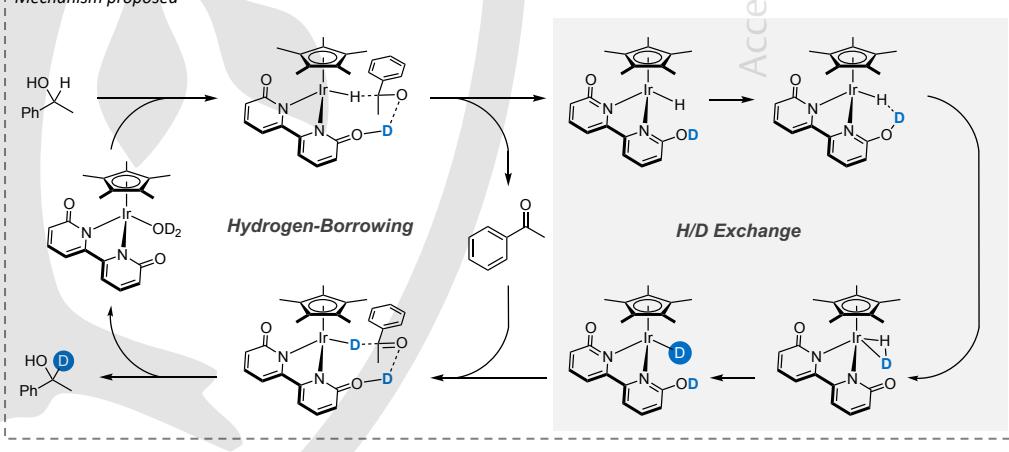
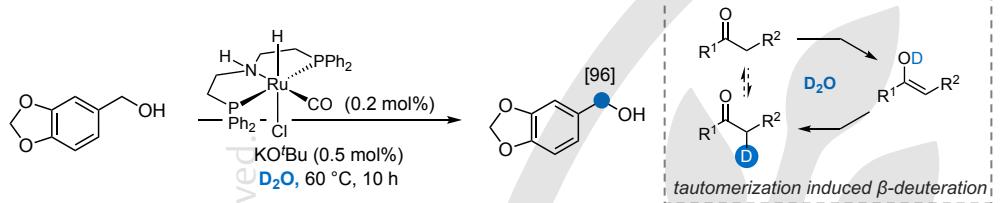
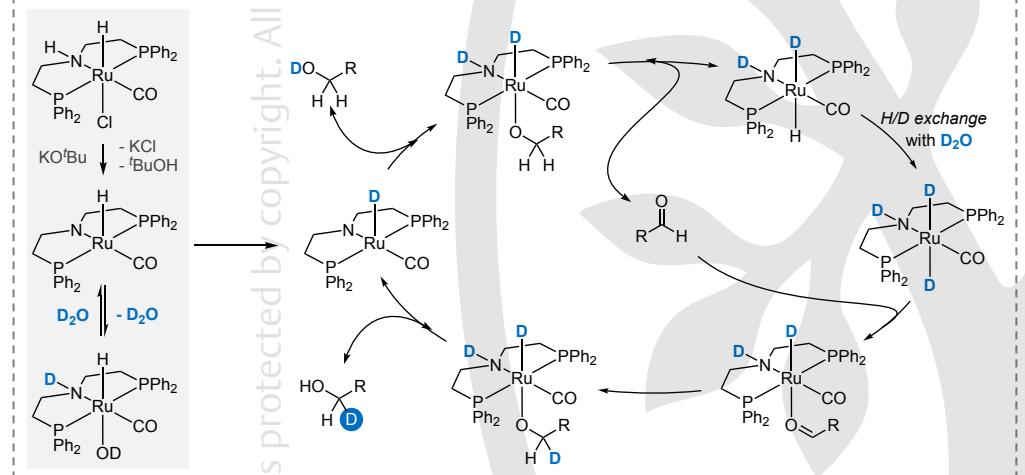


Figure 14 HIE based on hydrogen-borrowing (1): Principles, seminal work, and  $\alpha$ -deuteration on alcohols via metal hydride intermediate.<sup>23a-f</sup>

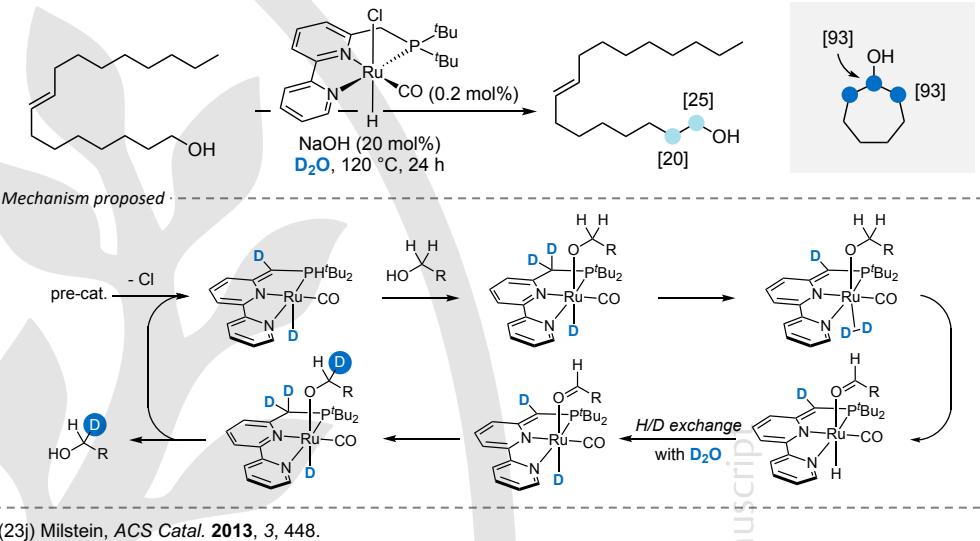
- H/D exchange with ligand as proton acceptor



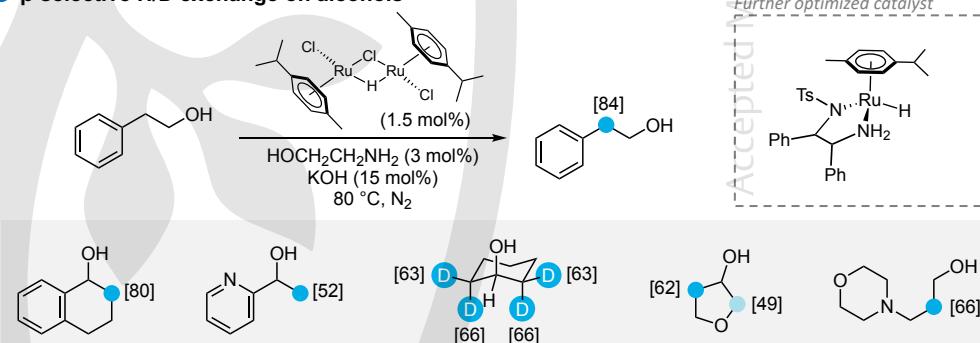
Mechanism proposed



- H/D exchange with ligand as proton acceptor



●  $\beta$ -selective H/D exchange on alcohols



Catalytic species generation and  $\beta$ -selectivity

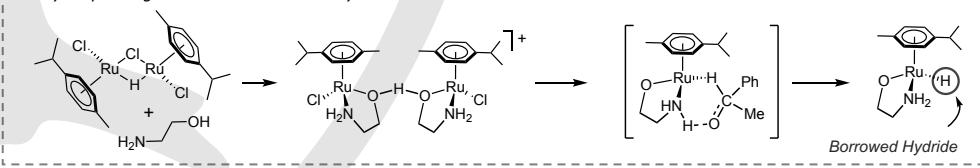
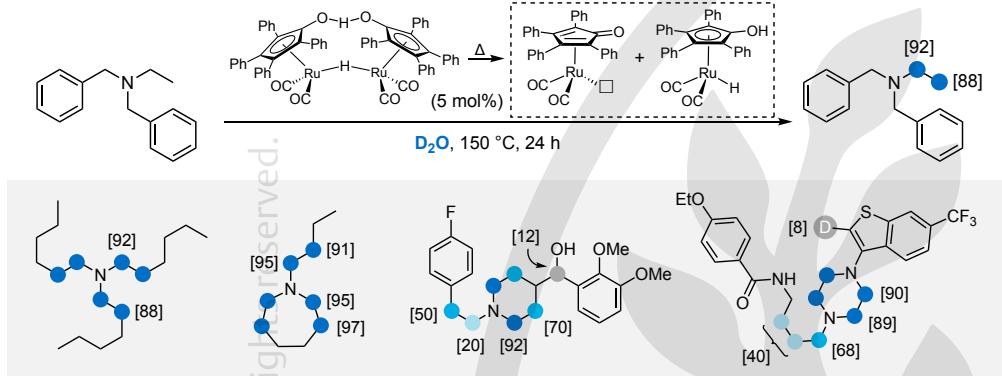
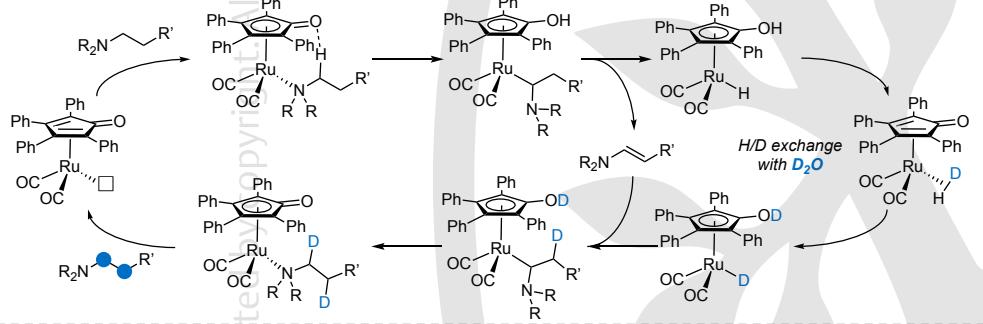


Figure 15 HIE based on hydrogen-borrowing (2):  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -deuteration on alcohols via ligand enabled hydride transfer.<sup>23g-j</sup>

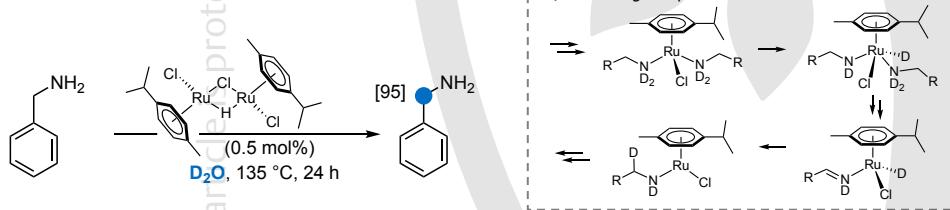
● H/D exchange on amines



Mechanism proposed



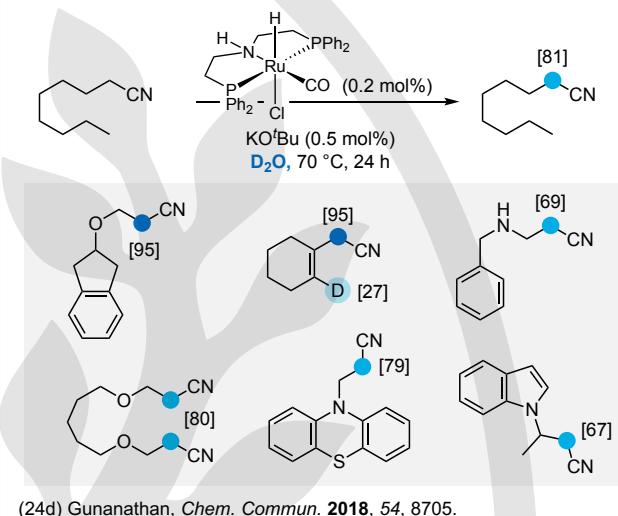
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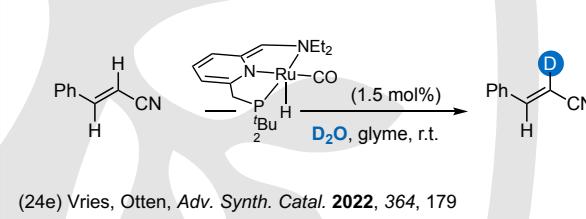
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● H/D exchange on nitriles

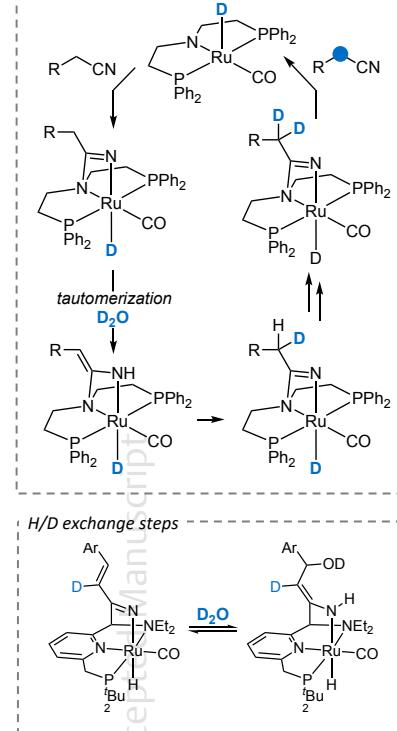


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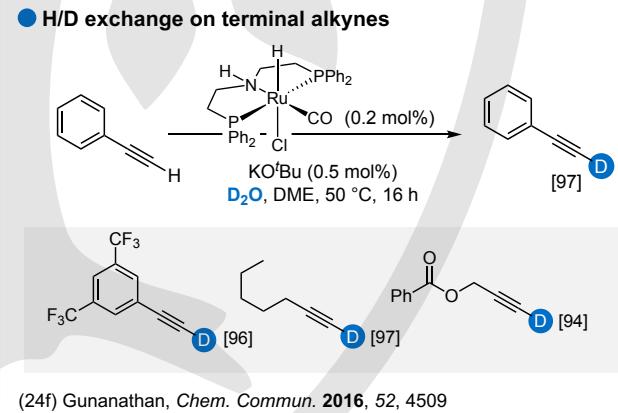


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Mechanism proposed



H/D exchange steps



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● H/D exchange on terminal alkynes

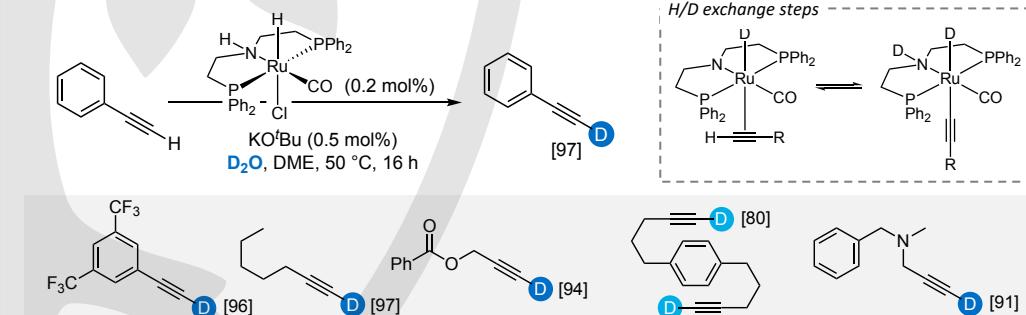
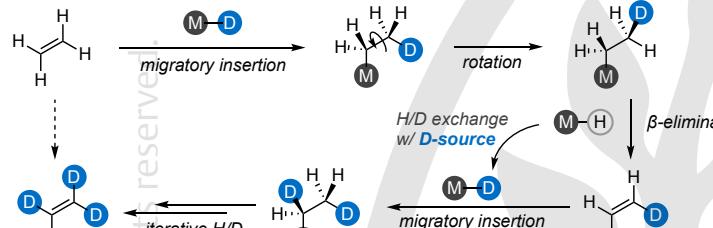


Figure 16 HIE based on hydrogen-borrowing (3): deuteration on amines, nitriles, and alkynes.<sup>24a-f</sup>

### Basic process for migratory insertion / $\beta$ -elimination based H/D exchange

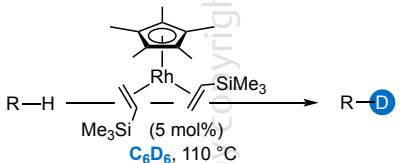
- Reversible migratory insertion /  $\beta$ -elimination under metal catalysis
- Preferred C-H bond cleavage based on kinetic isotope effect
- Iterative process enabled H/D exchange balance.



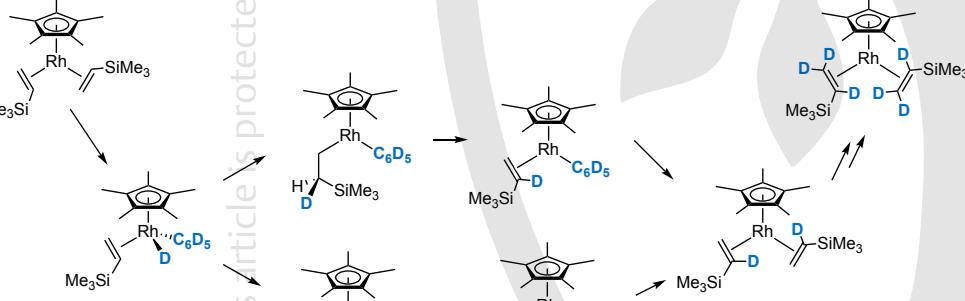
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### H/D exchange on alkene ligands



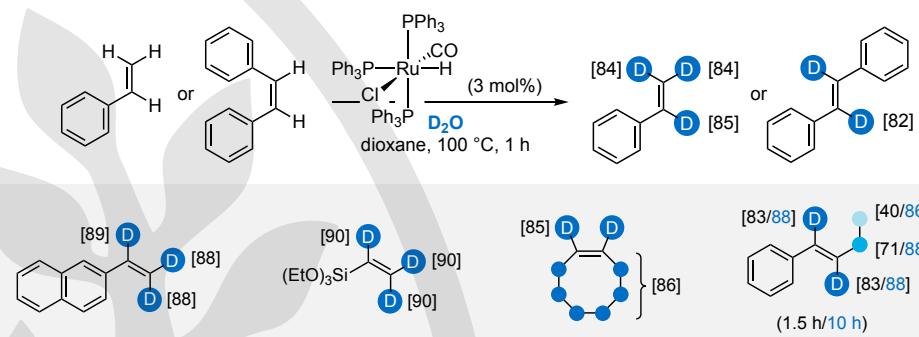
*Proposed mechanism of H/D scrambling on olefin*



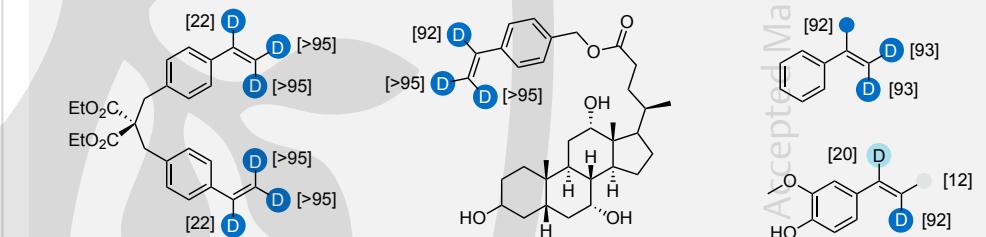
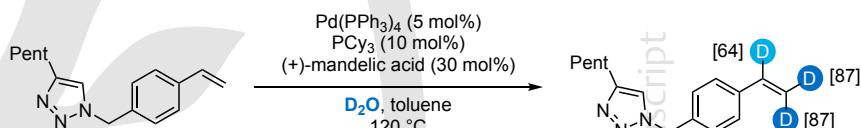
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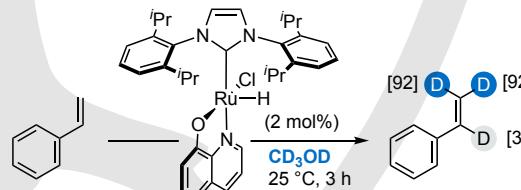
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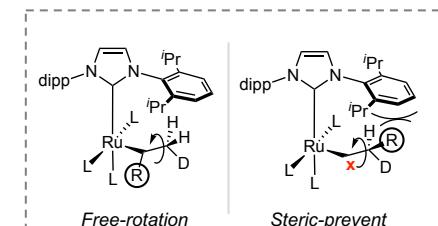


Figure 17 HIE based on iterative migratory insertion/ $\beta$ -elimination (1): deuteration on olefins.<sup>25a-l</sup>

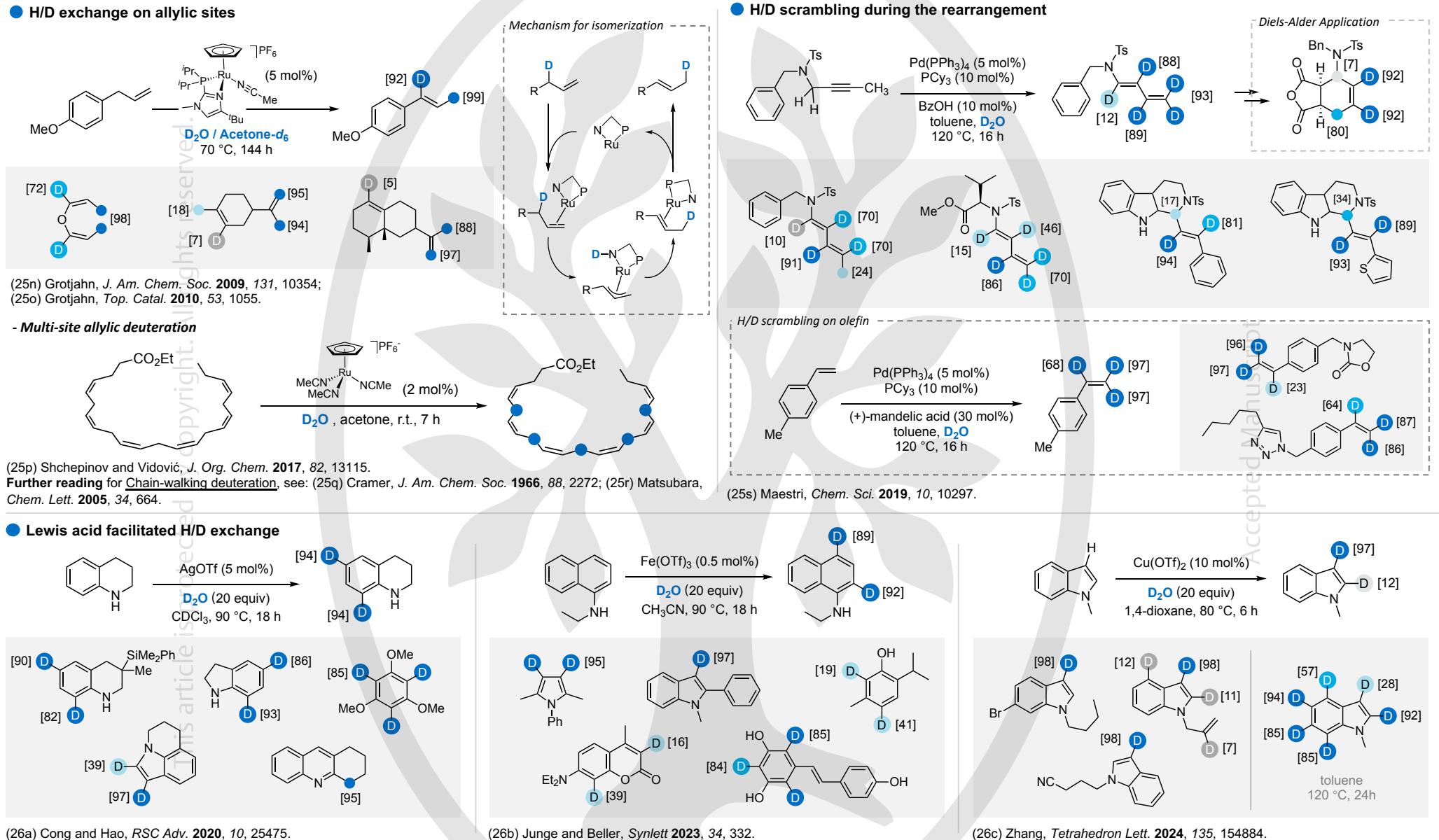
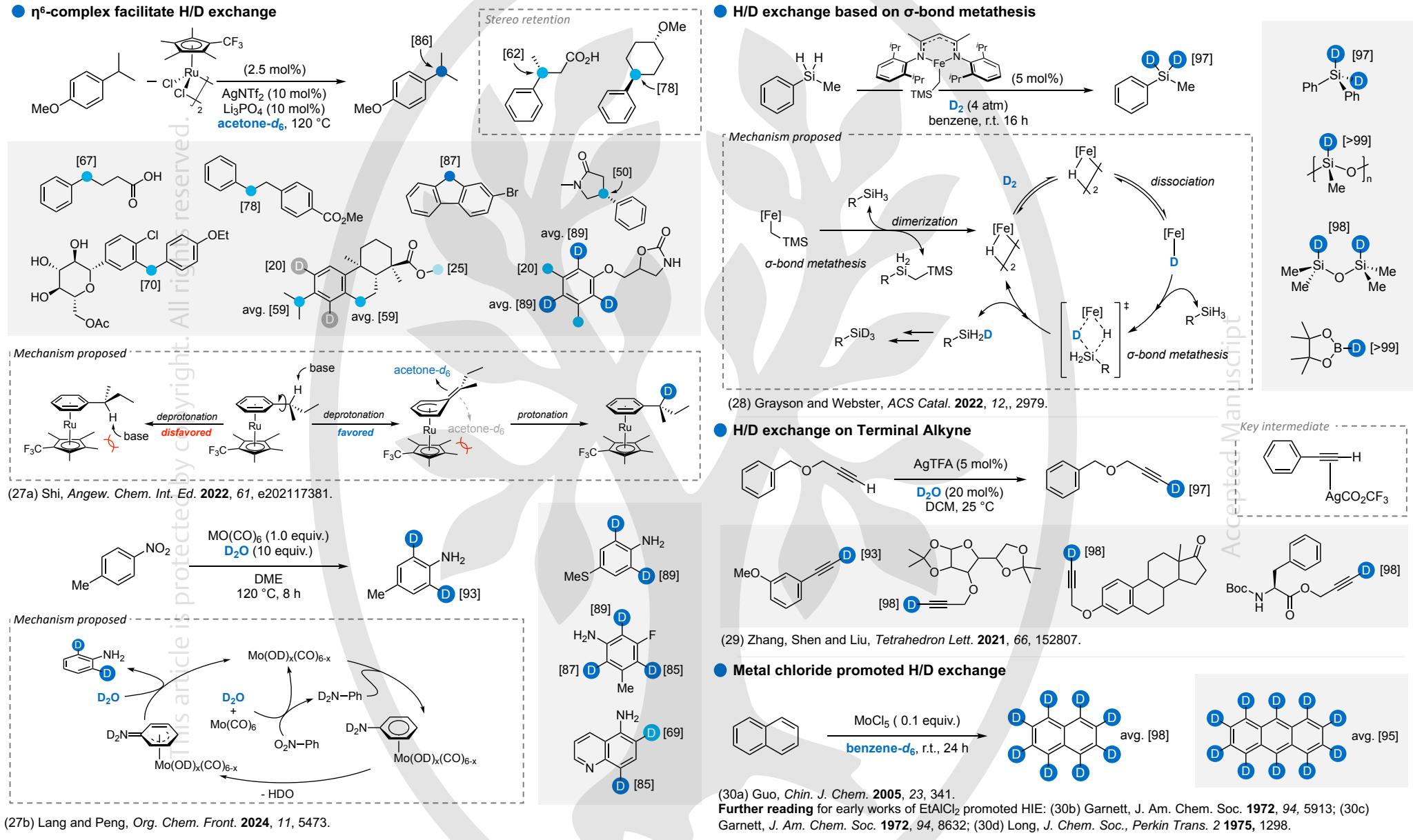


Figure 18 HIE based on iterative migratory insertion/β-elimination (2): deuteration on allyl and chain-walking deuteration.<sup>25m-r</sup> Miscellaneous case of homogenous HIE (1): Lewis acid catalyzed deuteration.<sup>26a-c</sup>



**Figure 19** Miscellaneous case of homogenous HIE (2): deuteration catalyzed by  $\eta^6$  complex<sup>27a-b</sup>,  $\sigma$ -metathesis<sup>28</sup>,  $\pi$ -acid<sup>29</sup>, and metal chloride.<sup>30a-d</sup>

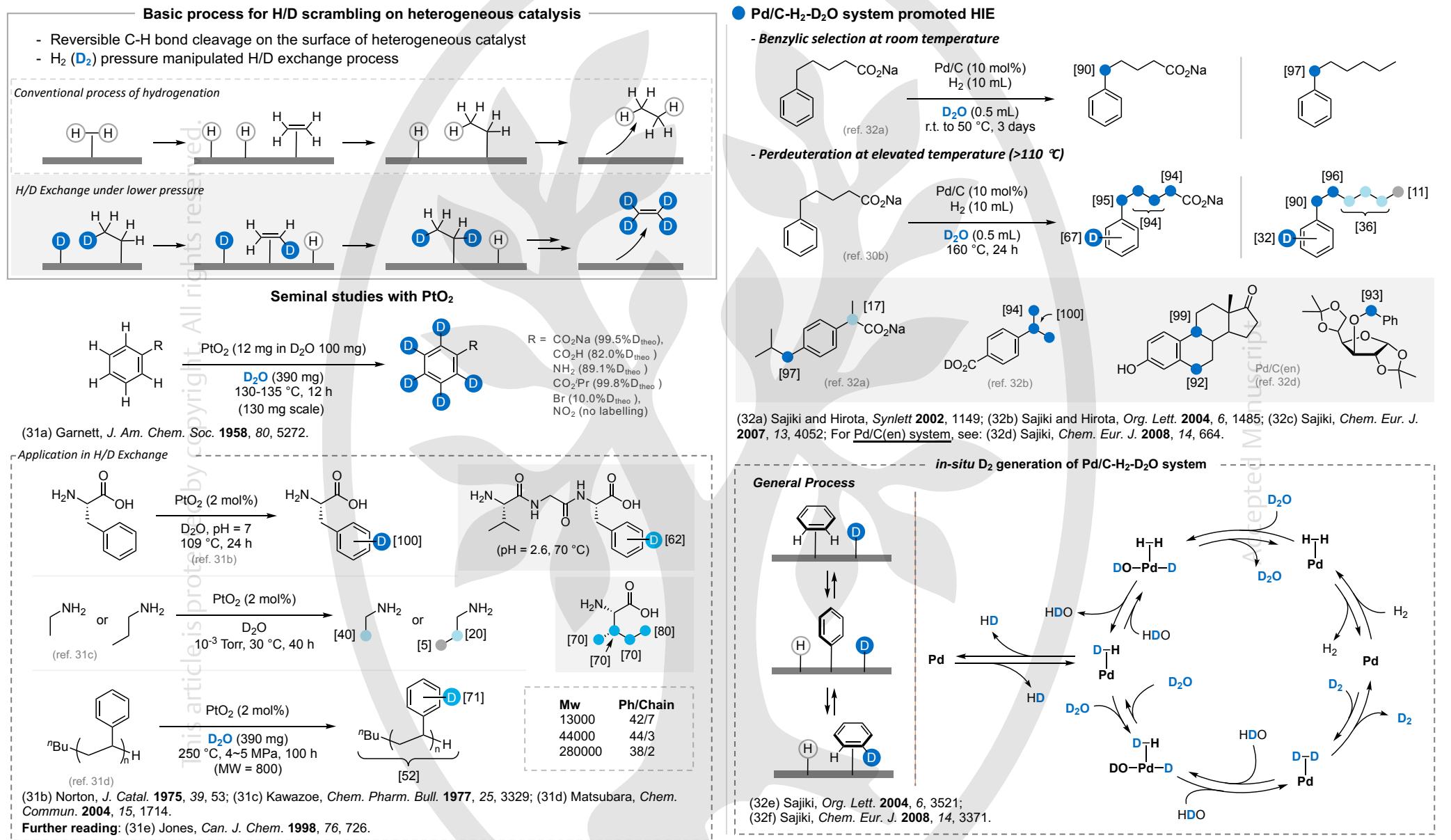


Figure 20 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by active carbon supported metal catalyst (1): seminal works of  $PtO_2$ ,<sup>31a-e</sup> and Pd/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O system (1).<sup>32a-f</sup>

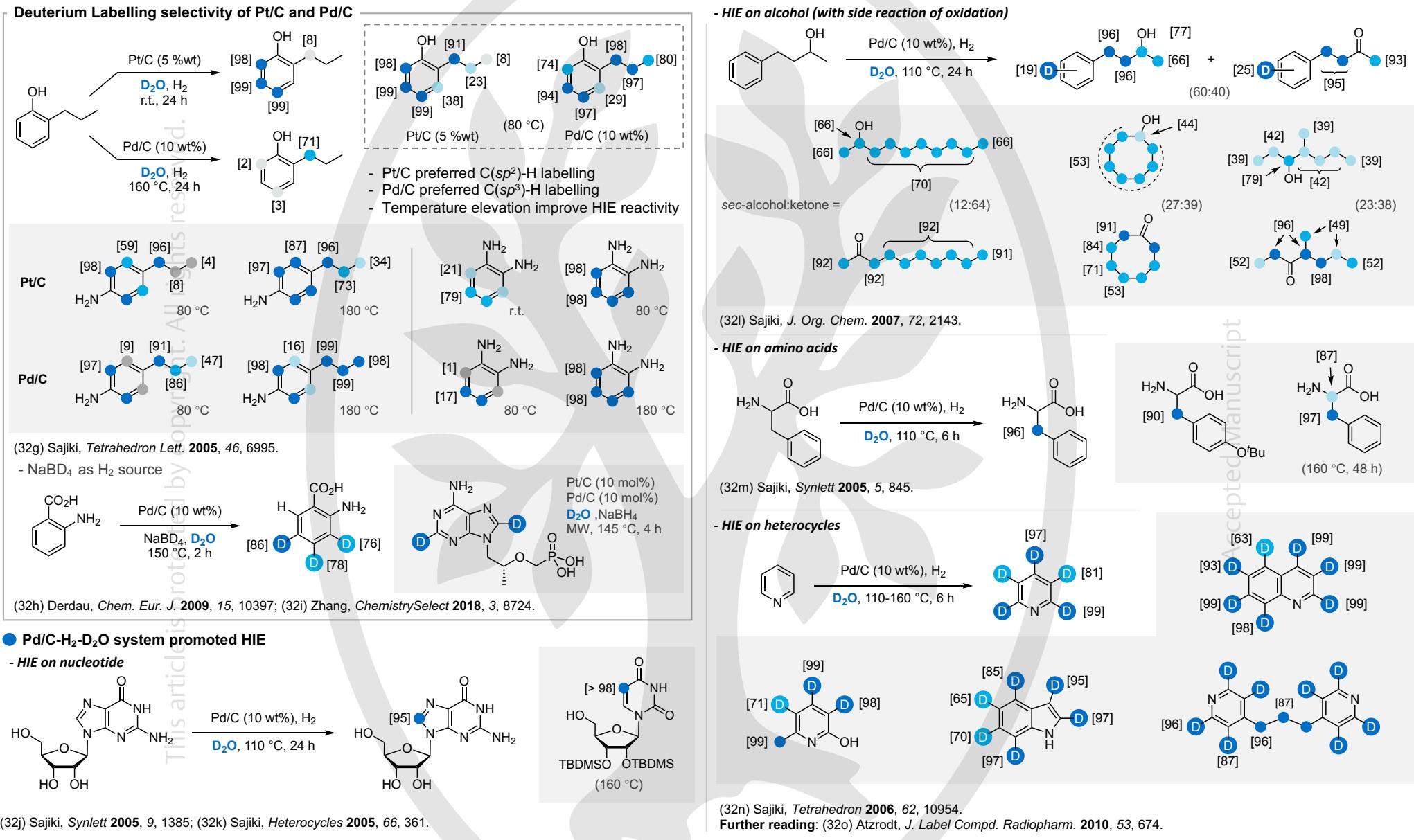
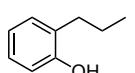


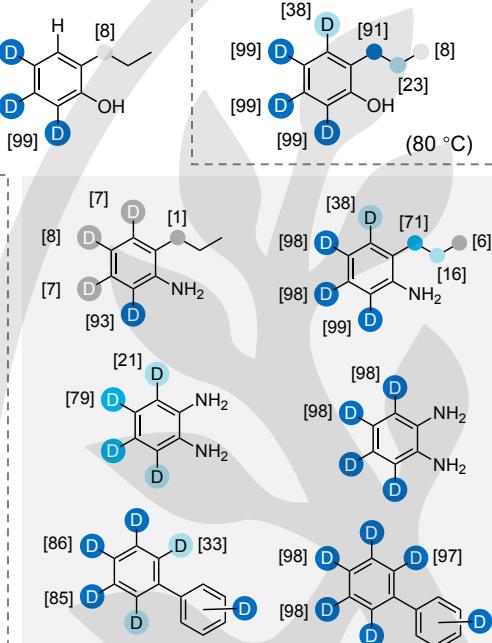
Figure 21 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by active carbon supported metal catalyst (2): Pd/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O System(2).<sup>32g-o</sup>

● Pt/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O system promoted HIE

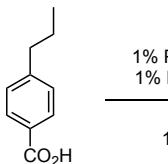


$\xrightarrow[24\text{ h}]{5\% \text{Pt/C} (20\text{ wt\%}), \text{H}_2}$

D<sub>2</sub>O, r.t.

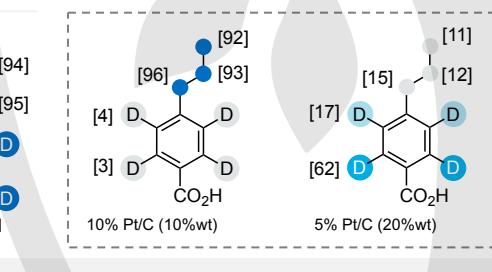


● Pd/C-Pt/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O system promoted HIE



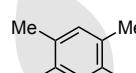
$\xrightarrow[24\text{ h}]{1\% \text{Pd/C} (100\text{ wt\%}), 1\% \text{Pt/C} (100\text{ wt\%})}$

H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O, 180 °C



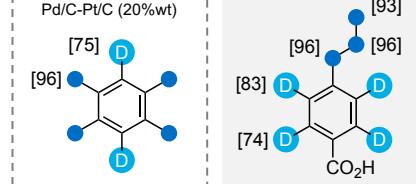
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● Pd-Pt/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O system promoted HIE



$\xrightarrow[24\text{ h}]{5\% \text{Pd-Pt/C} (20\text{ wt\%})}$

H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O, 180 °C

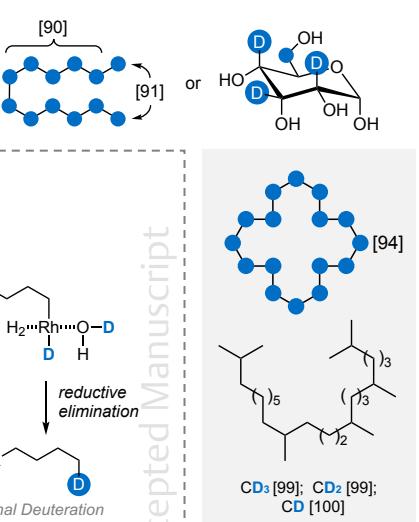


● Rh/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O system



$\xrightarrow[12\text{ h}]{\text{Rh/C} (20\text{ wt\%})}$

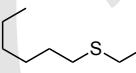
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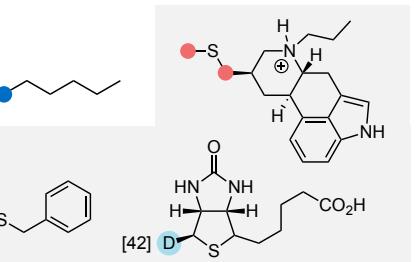
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● Ru/C-D<sub>2</sub> system promoted HIE



$\xrightarrow[3\text{ days}]{\text{Ru/C}}$

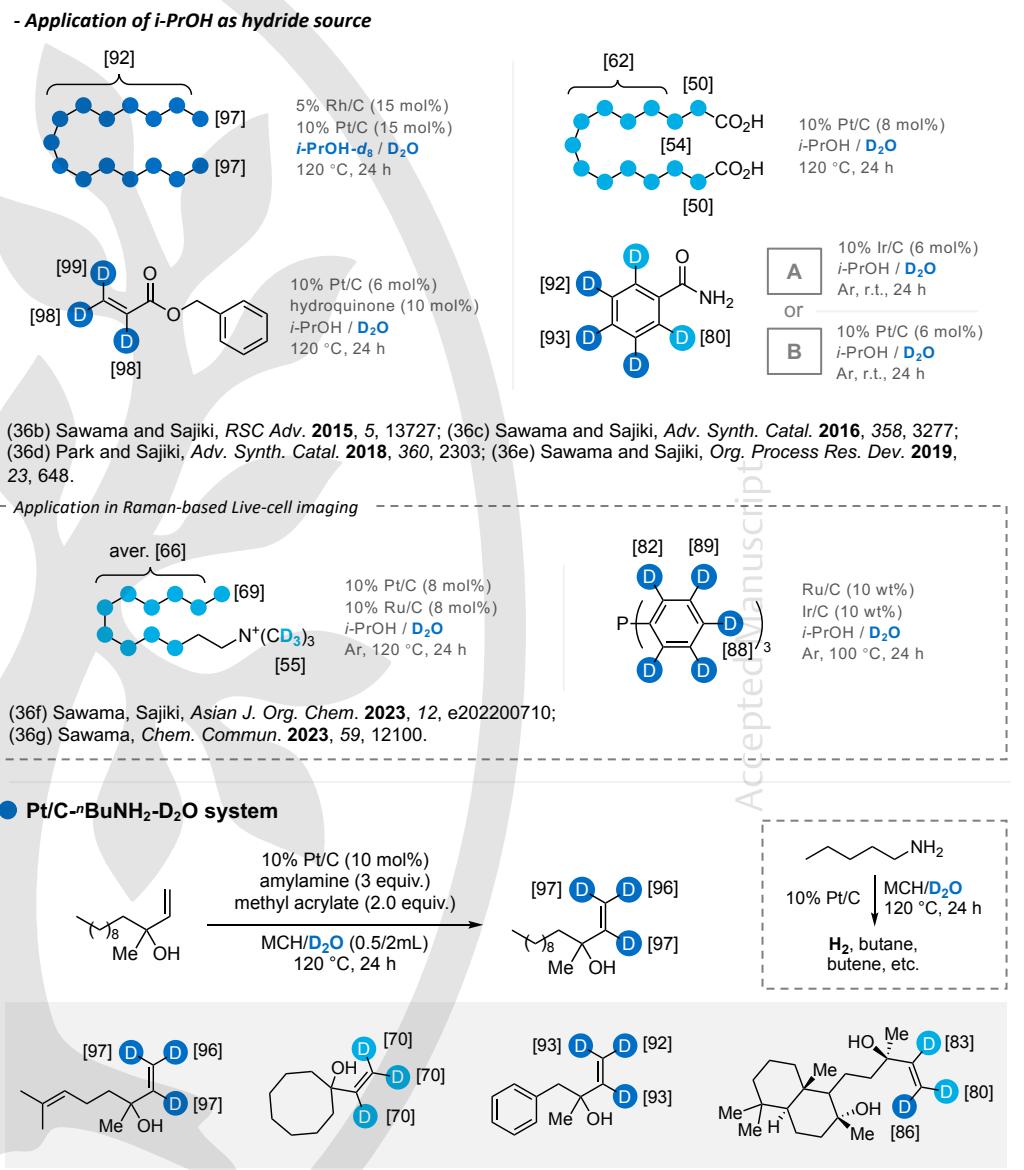
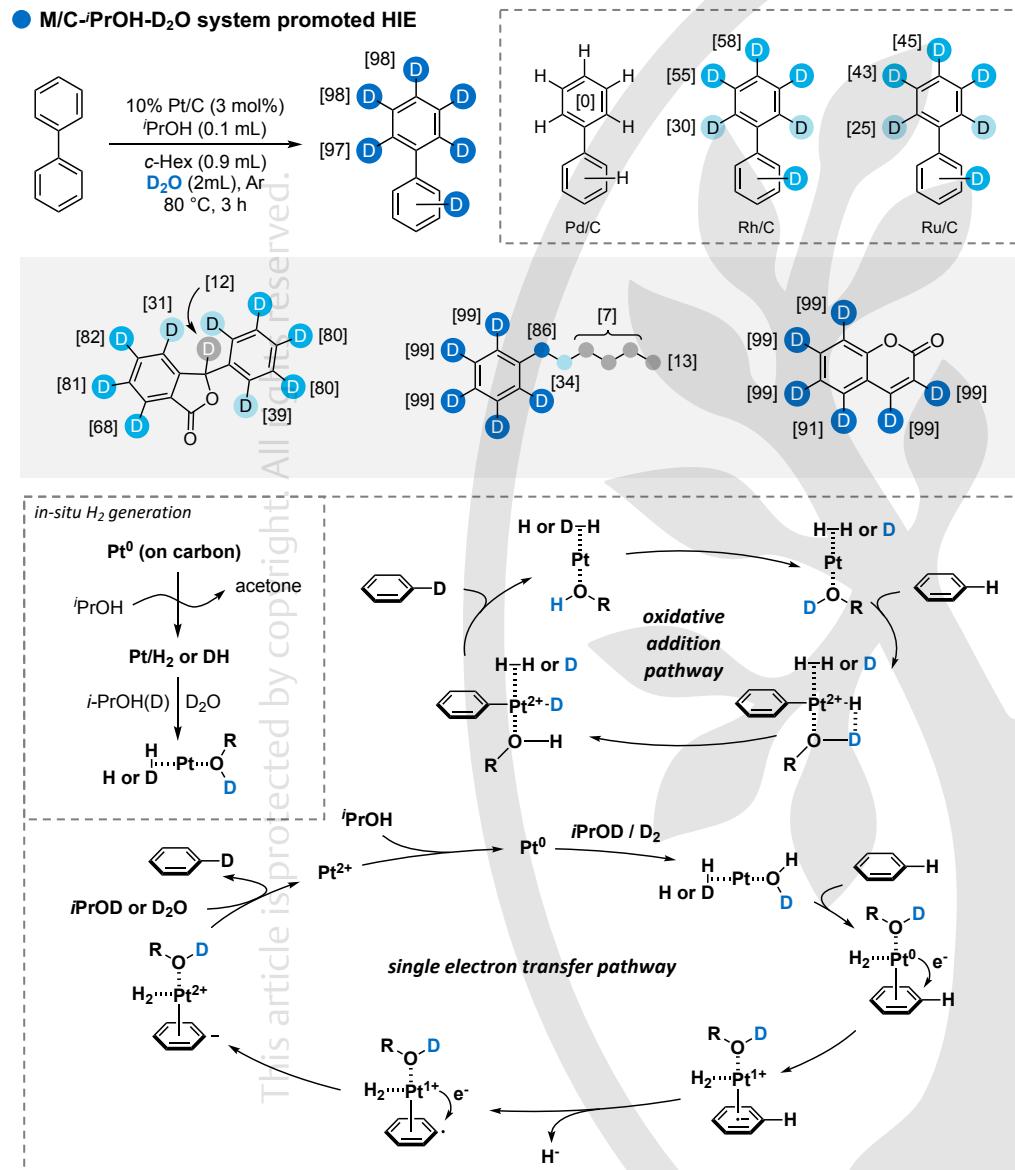
D<sub>2</sub>, THF, 80 °C



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Figure 22 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by active carbon supported metal catalyst (3): Further application of M/C-H<sub>2</sub>-D<sub>2</sub>O systems, Pt/C<sup>33a-c</sup>, Rh/C<sup>34a-e</sup>, and Ru/C<sup>35a-c</sup>



**Figure 23** Heterogeneous HIF catalyzed by active carbon-supported metal catalyst (4);  $M/C-PrOH-D_2O$  system<sup>36a-g</sup>, and  $Pt/C-nBuNH_2-D_2O$ <sup>37</sup>

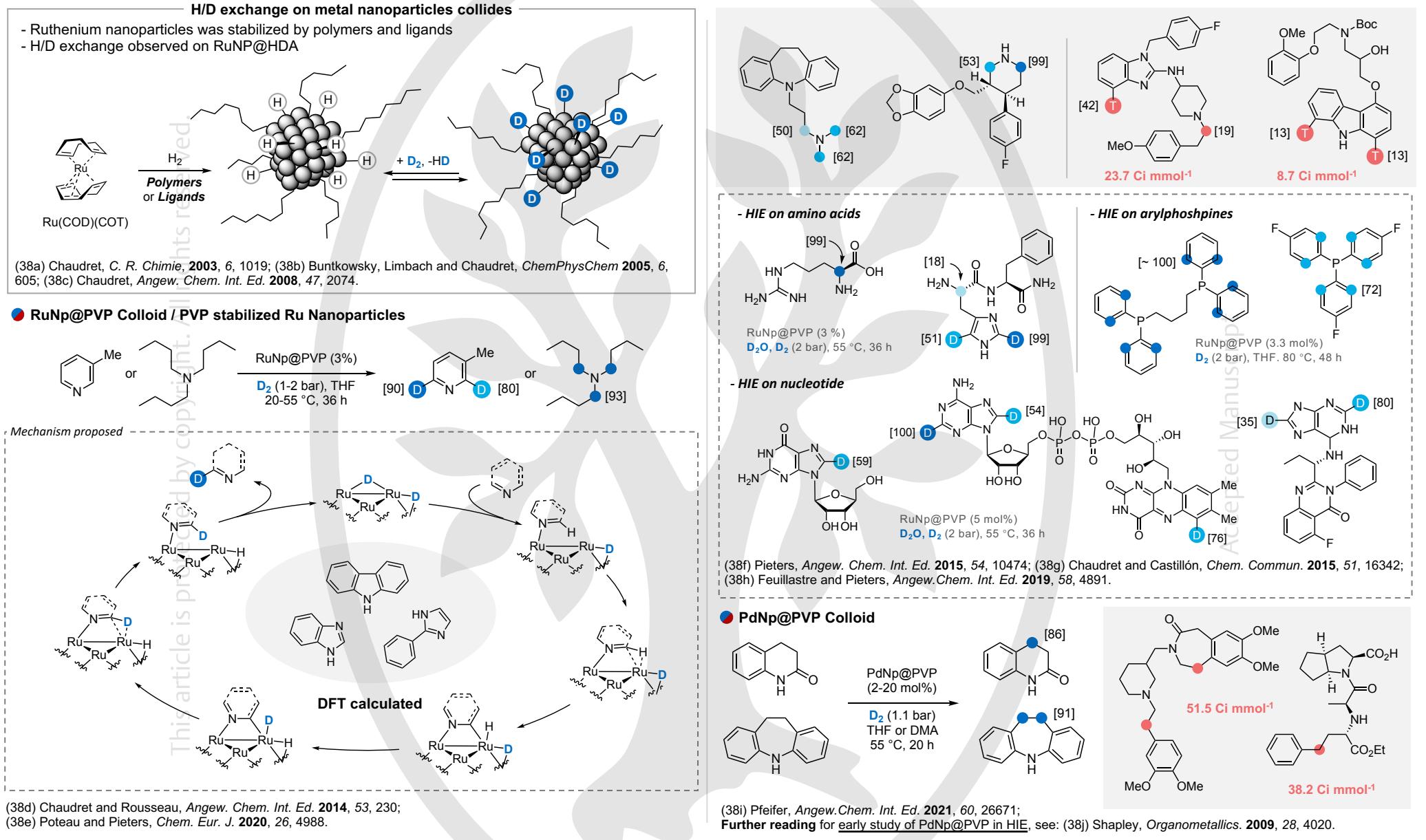
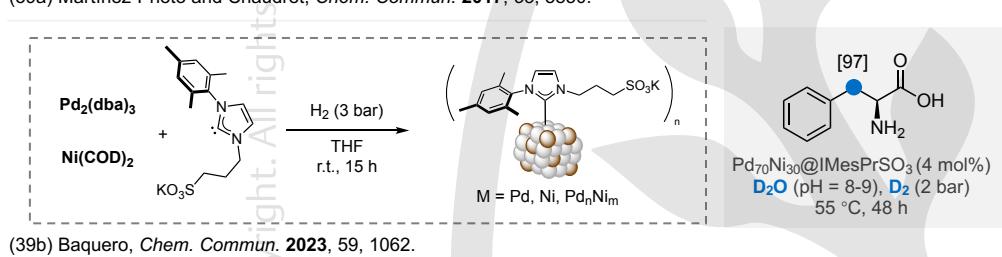
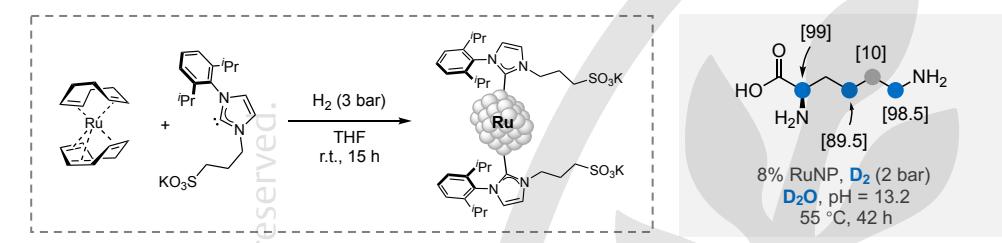


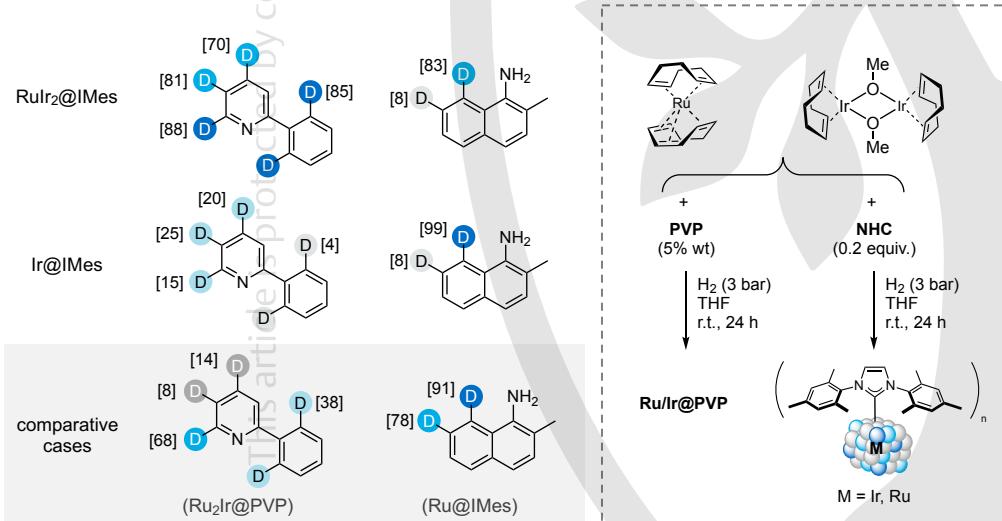
Figure 24 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by metal nanoparticles (1): PVP supported metal nanoparticle.<sup>38a-i</sup>

## ● NHC Stabilized Nanoparticle

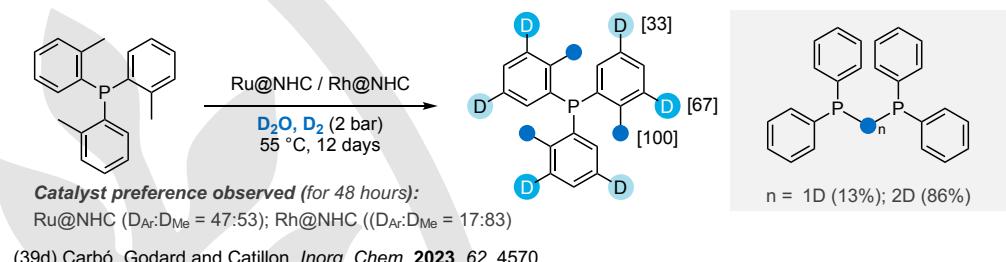
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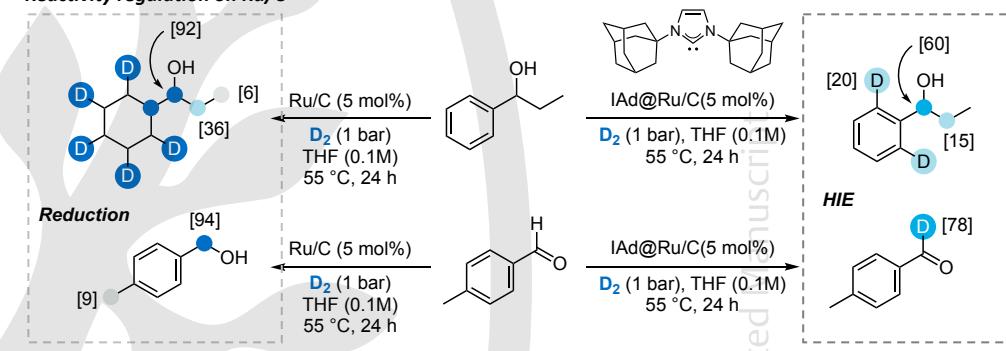
### - Ligand enhanced regioselectivity of nanoparticles



### - Ligand shifted regioselectivity of nanoparticles



### - Reactivity regulation on Ru/C



### - Further applications

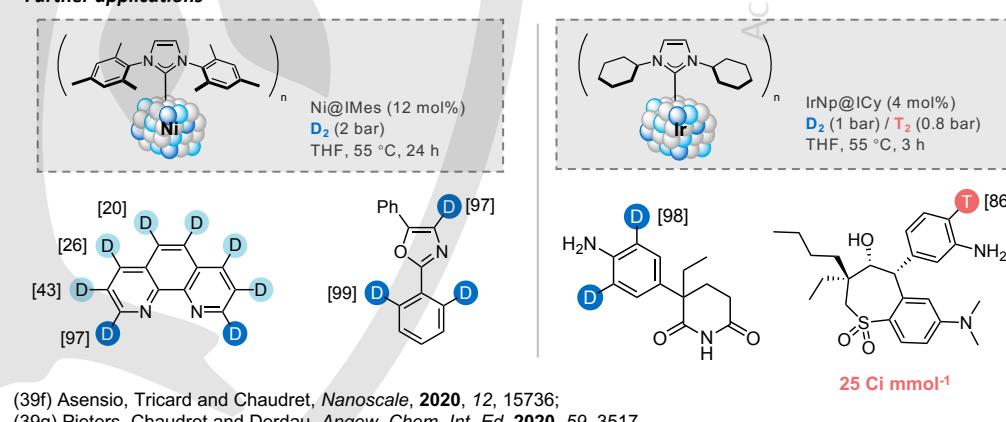
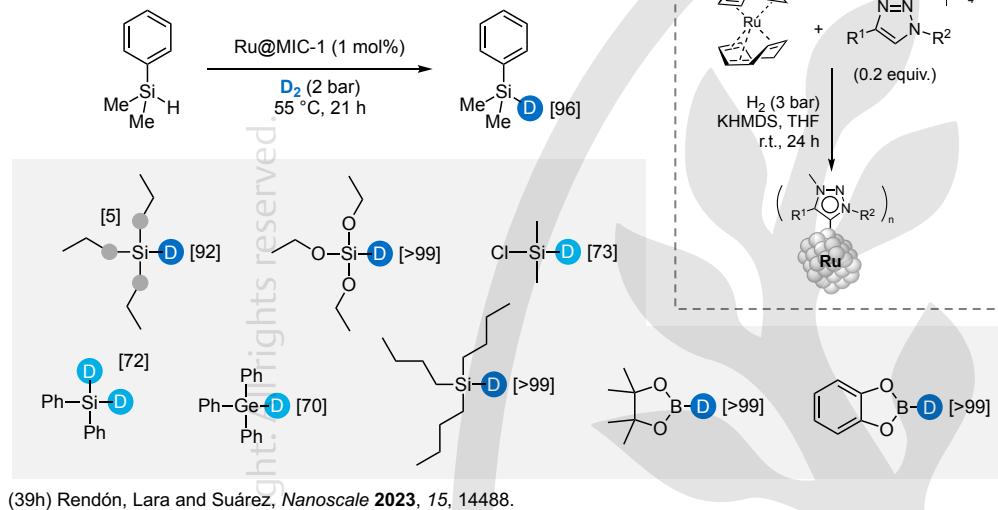
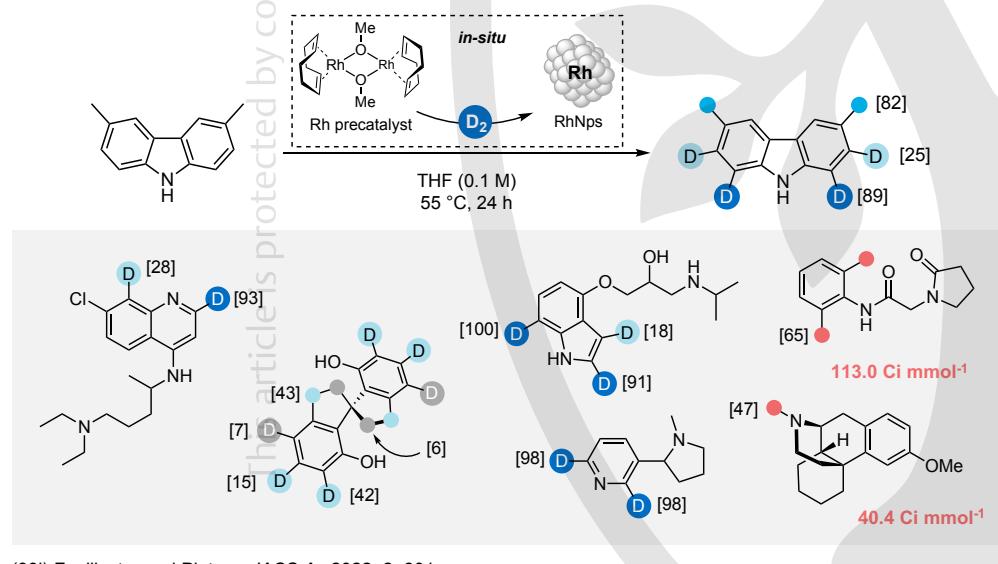


Figure 25 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by metal nanoparticles (2): NHC supported metal nanoparticles (1).<sup>39a-g</sup>

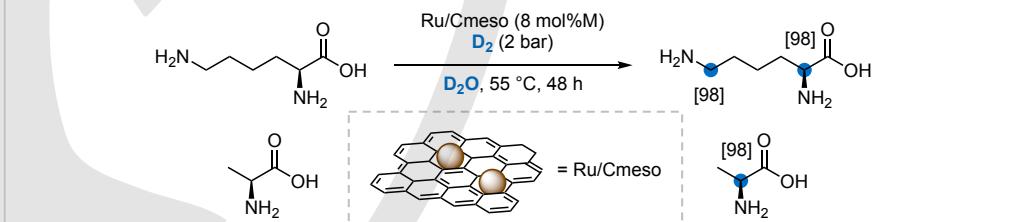
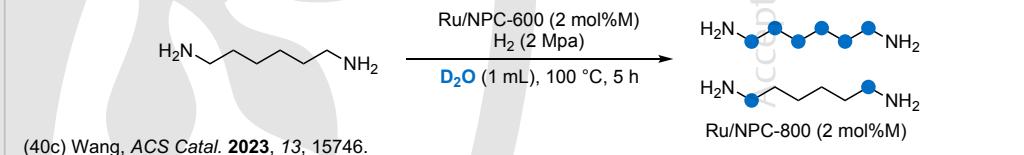
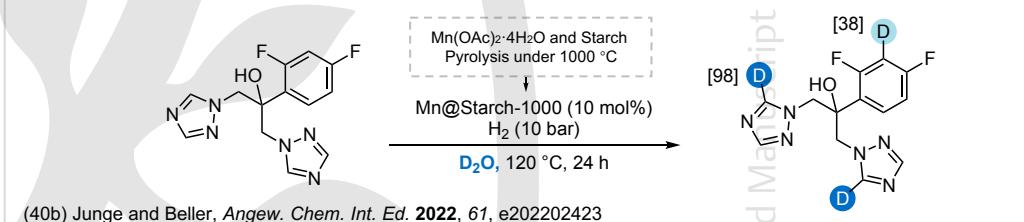
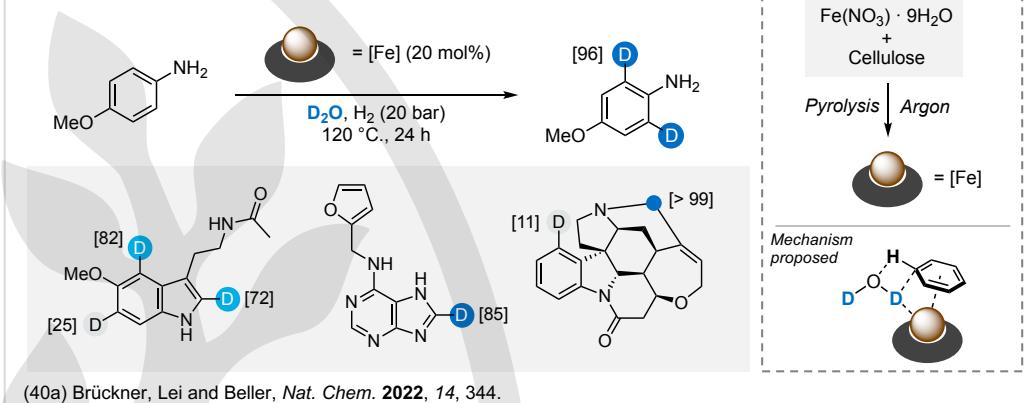
● Ru@MIC promoted HIE on Group XIV elements and borane



● in-situ generated Ru-nanoparticle catalyzed HIE



● Pyrolytic carbon supported nanoparticles



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Figure 26 Heterogeneous HIE catalyzed by metal nanoparticles (3): NHC supported metal nanoparticles (2),<sup>39h-i</sup> and pyrolytic carbon supported novel metal nanoparticle.<sup>40a-f</sup>

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