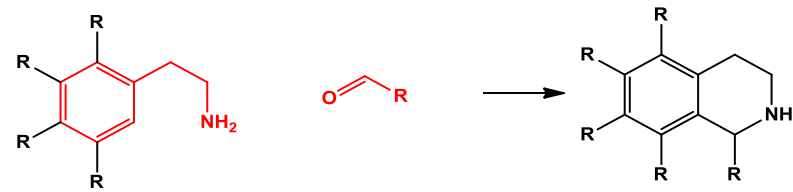


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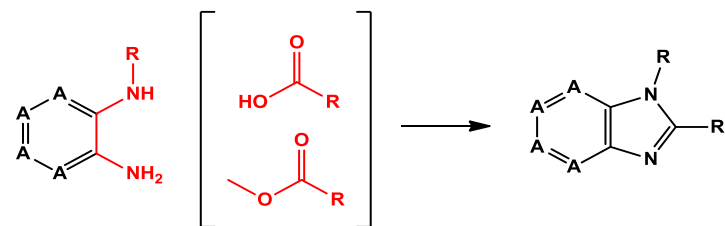


{Pictet-Spengler}

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[cH1:1]1:[c:2](-[CH2:7]-[CH2:8]-[NH2:9]):[c:3]:[c:4]:[c:5]:[c:6]:1,[#6:11]-[CH1;R0:10]=[OD1]>>[c:1]12:[c:2](-[CH2:7]-[CH2:8]-[NH1:9]-[C:10]-2(-[#6:11])):[c:3]:[c:4]:[c:5]:[c:6]:1
c1cc(CCN)ccc1          CC(=O)
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Step potentially produces regioisomers because of symmetric substructure definition.

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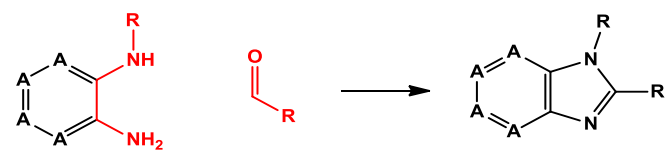


{benzimidazole_derivatives_carboxylic-acid/ester}

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[c;r6:1](-[NH1;$$(N-#6)):2]):[c;r6:3](-[NH2:4]).[#6:6]-[C;R0:5](=[OD1])-[#8;H1,$$(O-[CH3]))>>[c:3]2:[c:1]:[n:2]:[c:5](-[#6:6]):[n:4]@2
c1c(NC)c(N)ccc1          CC(=O)O
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Any sixmembered aromatic heterocycle

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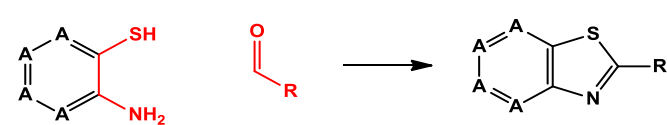


{benzimidazole_derivatives_aldehyde}

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[c;r6:1](-[NH1;$$(N-#6)):2]):[c;r6:3](-[NH2:4]).[#6:6]-[CH1;R0:5](=[OD1])>>[c:3]2:[c:1]:[n:2]:[c:5](-[#6:6]):[n:4]@2
c1c(NC)c(N)ccc1          CC(=O)
```

Any sixmembered aromatic heterocycle

4

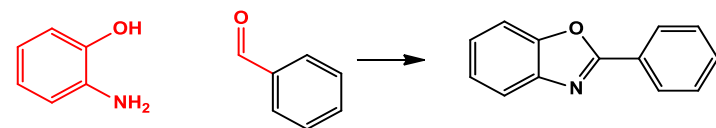


{benzothiazole}

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[c;r6:1](-[SH1:2]):[c;r6:3](-[NH2:4]).[#6:6]-[CH1;R0:5](=[OD1])>>[c:3]2:[c:1]:[s:2]:[c:5](-[#6:6]):[n:4]@2
c1c(S)c(N)ccc1          CC(=O)
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Any sixmembered aromatic heterocycle

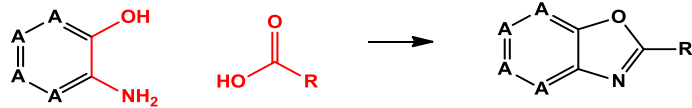
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{benzoxazole_arom-aldehyde}

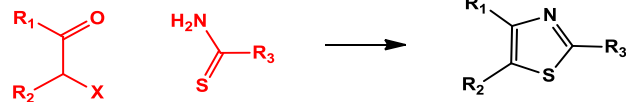
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[c:1](-[OH1;$$(Oc1ccccc1):2]):[c;r6:3](-[NH2:4]).[c:6]-[CH1;R0:5](=[OD1])>>[c:3]2:[c:1]:[o:2]:[c:5](-[c:6]):[n:4]@2
c1cc(O)c(N)cc1          c1ccccc1C(=O)
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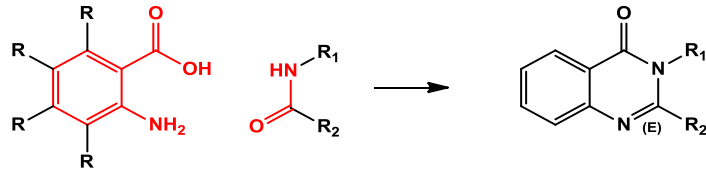
{benzoxazole_carboxylic-acid}
[c;r6:1](-[OH1:2]);[c;r6:3](-[NH2:4]),[#6:6]-[C;R0:5](=[OD1])-[OH1]>>[c:3]2:[c:1];[o:2]:[c:5](-[#6:6]):[n:4]@2
c1cc(O)c(N)cc1 CC(=O)O
Any sixmembered aromatic heterocycle

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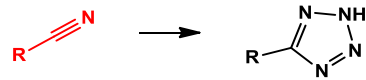
{thiazole}
[#6:6]-[C;R0:1](=[OD1])-[CH1;R0:5](-[#6:7])-[*];#17,#35,#53].[NH2:2]-[C:3]=[SD1:4]>>[c:1]2(-[#6:6]):[n:2]:[c:3]:[s:4][c:5]([#6:7]):2
CC(=O)C(I)C NC(=S)C
X=Cl, Br, I

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{Niementowski_quinazoline}
[c:1](-[C;\$(C-c1cccc1):2])(=[OD1:3])-[OH1]):[c:4](-[NH2:5]).[N;!H0;!(N-N);!(N-C=N);!(N(-C=O)-C=O):6]-[C;H1,\$(C-[#6]):7]=[OD1]>>[c:4]2:[c:1]-[C:2](=[O:3])-[N:6]-[C:7]=[N:5]-2
c1c(C(=O)O)c(N)ccc1 C(=O)N

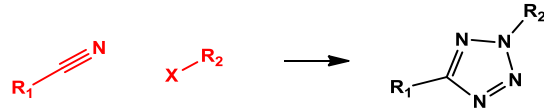
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{tetrazole_terminal}
[CH0;\$(C-[#6]):1]#[NH0:2]>>[C:1]1=[N:2]-N-N=N-1
CC#N

Transform with NaN3

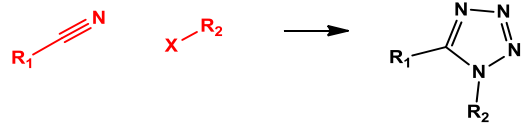
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{tetrazole_connect_regioisomere_1}
[CH0;\$(C-[#6]):1]#[NH0:2].[C;A;!(C=O):3]-[*];#17,#35,#53>>[C:1]1=[N:2]-N(-[C:3])=N=N-1
CC#N CBr

Not regioselective; alternative product is CC1=NN=N-N1(C)
Additional step: substitute halogen with azide (NaN3)

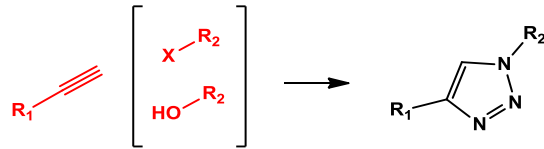
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{tetrazole_connect_regioisomere_2}
[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):1]#[NH0:2].[C;A;!\$(C=O):3]-[*;#17,#35,#53]>>[C:1]1=[N:2]-N=N-N-1(-[C:3])
 CC#N CBr

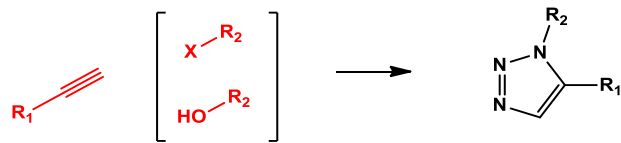
Not regioselective; alternative product is CC1=NN(C)N=N1
 Additional step: substitute halogen with azide (NaN3)

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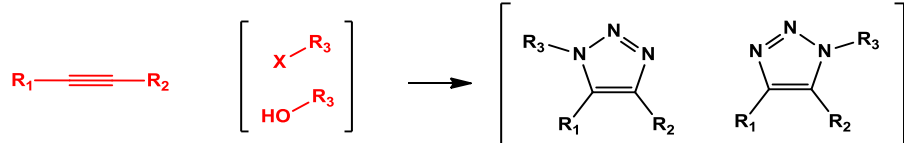
{Huisgen_Cu-catalyzed_1,4-subst}
[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):1]#[CH1:2].[C;H1,H2;A;!\$(C=O):3]-[*;#17,#35,#53,OH1]>>[C:1]1=[C:2]-N(-[C:3])N=N-1
 CC#C CCBBr
 X=Cl,Br,I; R1:aryl, alkyl; R2: aliphatic carbon
 alcohols can be directly converted to azides under Mitsunobu conditions
 see March p.1612; Chengzhi,Org. Lett., 2000, 2 (13), pp 1959–1961; Thompson, J. Org. Chem., 1993, 58 (22), pp 5886–5888
 Additional step: substitution of halogen or hydroxy group (Mitsunobu conditions) with azide (NaN3). Stereochemistry at secondary halides/alcohols needs to be considered.

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{Huisgen_Ru-catalyzed_1,5_subst}
[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):1]#[CH1:2].[C;H1,H2;A;!\$(C=O):3]-[*;#17,#35,#53,OH1]>>[C:1]1=[C:2]-N=NN(-[C:3])-1
 CC#C CCBBr
 X=Cl,Br,I; R1:aryl, alkyl; R2: aliphatic carbon
 Ruthenium catalysis instead of copper gives 1,5-substituted triazoles; Alcohols can be directly converted to azides under Mitsunobu conditions
 see March p.1612; Chengzhi,Org. Lett., 2000, 2 (13), pp 1959–1961; Thompson, J. Org. Chem., 1993, 58 (22), pp 5886–5888
 Additional step: substitution of halogen or hydroxy group (Mitsunobu conditions) with azide (NaN3). Stereochemistry at secondary halides/alcohols needs to be considered.

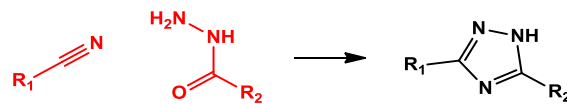
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{Huisgen_disubst-alkyne}
[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):1]#[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):2].[C;H1,H2;A;!\$(C=O):3]-[*;#17,#35,#53,OH1]>>[C:1]1=[C:2]-N=NN(-[C:3])-1
 CC#CC CCBBr
 X=Cl,Br,I; R1:aryl, alkyl; R2: aliphatic carbon

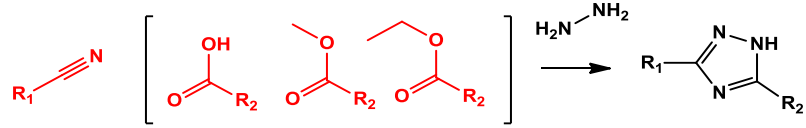
Not regioselective: in case the alkyne is non-symmetrically substituted both regioisomers are likely to be formed.
 Additional step: substitution of halogen or hydroxy group (Mitsunobu conditions) with azide (NaN3). Stereochemistry at secondary halides/alcohols needs to be considered.

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{1,2,4-triazole_acetohydrazide}
[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]):1]#[NH0:2].[NH2:3]-[NH1:4]-[CH0;\$\$(C-[#6]);R0:5]=[OD1]>>[N:2]1-[C:1]=[N:3]-[N:4]-[C:5]=1
 CC#N NNC(=O)C

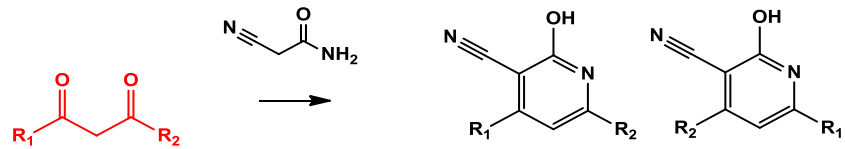
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{1,2,4-triazole_carboxylic-acid/ester}
[CH0;\$C-[#6]:1][NH0:2].[CH0;\$C-[#6];R0:5](=[OD1])-[#8;H1,\$(O-[CH3]),\$(O-[CH2]-[CH3])]>>[N:2]1-[C:1]=N-N-[C:5]=1
CC#N OC(=O)C

Additional step: nuc. sub. with hydrazine

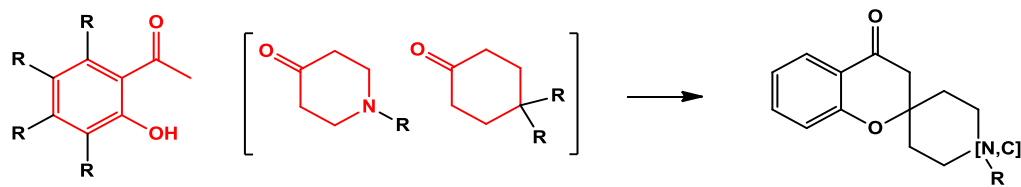
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{3-nitrile-pyridine}
[#6;!\$([#6](-C=O)-C=O):4]-[CH0:1](=[OD1])-[C;H1&!\$(C-[*;!#6])&!\$(C-C(=O)O),H2:2]-[CH0;R0:3](=[OD1])-[#6;!\$([#6](-C=O)-C=O):5]>>[c:1]1(-[#6:4]):[c:2]:[c:3](-[#6:5]):n:c(-O):c(-C#N):1
CC(=O)CC(=O)C
 central C must at least have one H; substituent must not be anything else but C, but not a carboxylic acid; only one of carbonyles is allowed to be part of a ring
 R1,R2 has to be C (aromatic, aliphatic), but not C=O

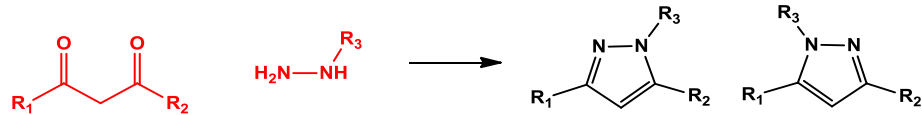
Step potentially produces regioisomers because of symmetric substructure definition.

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{spiro-chromanone}
[c:1](-[C;\$C-c1cccc1):2](=[OD1:3])-[CH3:4]):[c:5](-[OH1:6]).[C;\$C1-[CH2]-[CH2]-[N,C]-[CH2]-[CH2]-1):7](=[OD1])>>[O:6]1-[c:5]:[c:1]-[C:2](=[OD1:3])-[C:4]-[C:7]-1
c1cc(C(=O)C)c(O)cc1 C1(=O)CCNCC1

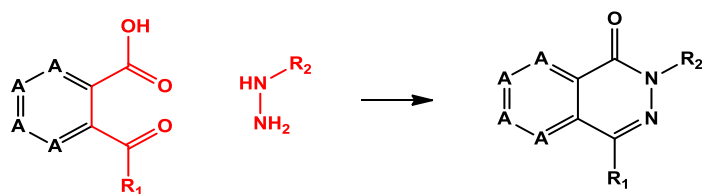
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{pyrazole}
[#6;!\$([#6](-C=O)-C=O):4]-[CH0:1](=[OD1])-[C;H1&!\$(C-[*;!#6])&!\$(C-C(=O)O),H2:2]-[CH0;R0:3](=[OD1])-[#6;!\$([#6](-C=O)-C=O):5].[NH2:6]-[N;!H0;\$N-[#6]),H2:7]>>[C:1]1(-[#6:4])-[C:2]=[C:3](-[#6:5])-[N:7]-[N:6]=1
CC(=O)CC(=O)C NNC
 central C must at least have one H, substituent must not be anything else but C, bu not a carboxylic acid; only one of carbonyles is allowed to be part of a ring
 R1,R2 need to be C (aromatic, aliphatic), but not C=O; R3: H, C, even C=O possible

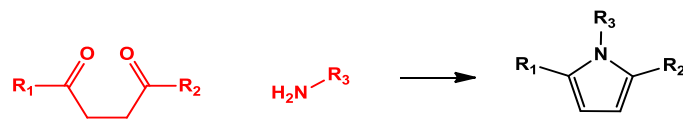
Step potentially produces regioisomers because of symmetric substructure definition.

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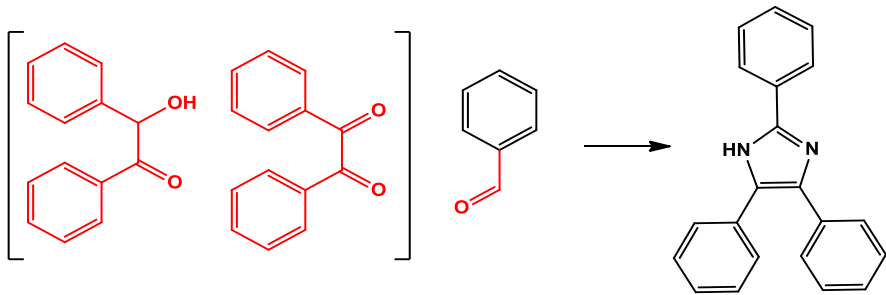
{phthalazinone}
[c;r6:1](-[C;\$C(=O):6]-[OH1]):[c;r6:2]-[C;H1,\$(C-C):3]=[OD1].[NH2:4]-[NH1;\$N-[#6]);!(NC=[O,S,N]):5]>>[c:1]1:[c:2]-[C:3]=[N:4]-[N:5]-[C:6]-1
c1cc(C(=O)O)c(C(=O)C)cc1 NNC
 any 6-membered aromatic heterocycle, also substituted
 R2 must be carbon, but not C=O,C=S,C=N

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{Paal-Knorr pyrrole}
[#6:5]-[C;R0:1](=[OD1])-[C;H1,H2:2]-[C;H1,H2:3]-[C:4](=[OD1])-[#6:6].[NH2;\$ (N-[C,N]);!\$(NC=[O,S,N]);!\$(N([#6])[#6]);!\$(N~N~N):7]>>[C:1]1(-[#6:5])=[C:2]-[C:3]=[C:4](-[#6:6])-[N:7]-1
CC(=O)CCC(=O)C NC
the two central carbon in educt 1 can be substituted, but must have at least one H
educt 2 has to be primary amine, also an N of hydrazine

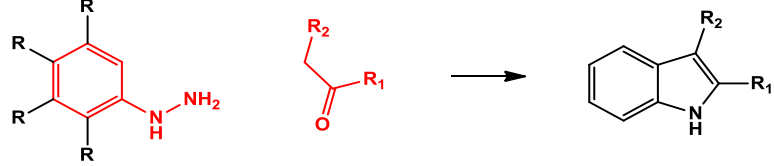
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{triaryl-imidazole}
[C;\$ (C-c1cccc1):1](=[OD1])-[C;D3;\$ (C-c1cccc1):2]~[O;D1,H1].[CH1;\$ (C-c):3]=[OD1]>>[C:1]1-N=[C:3]-[NH1]-[C:2]=1
c1cccc1C(=O)C(=O)c1ccc c1cccc1C(=O)
educt 1: can be keto or hydroxy
educt 2: aldehyde connected to any aromatic system

Additional reactant: ammonium acetat

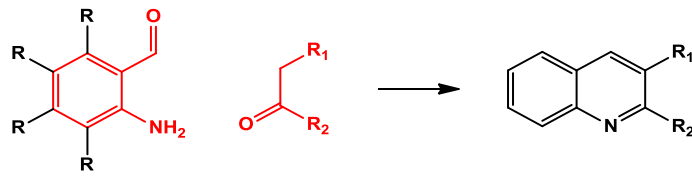
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{Fischer indole}
[NH1;\$ (N-c1cccc1):1](-[NH2])-[c:5]:[cH1:4].[C;\$ (C([#6])[#6]):2](=[OD1])-[CH2;\$ (C([#6])[#6]);!\$(C(C=O)C=O):3]>>[C:5]1-[N:1]-[C:2]=[C:3]-[C:4]:1
c1cccc1NN CCC(=O)C

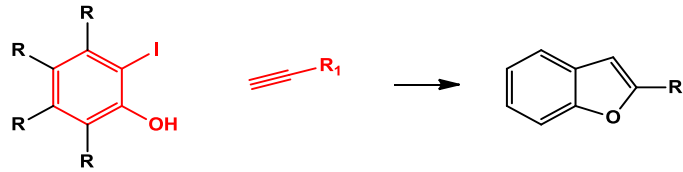
Step potentially produces regioisomers because of symmetric substructure definition.

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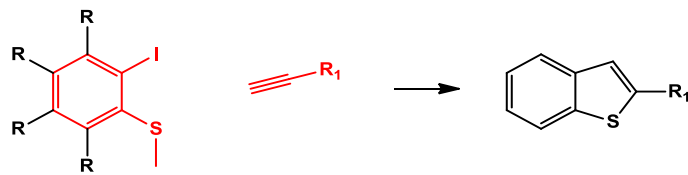
{Friedlaender quinoline}
[NH2;\$ (N-c1cccc1):1]-[c:2]:[c:3]-[CH1:4]=[OD1].[C;\$ (C([#6])[#6]):6](=[OD1])-[CH2;\$ (C([#6])[#6]);!\$(C(C=O)C=O):5]>>[N:1]1-[c:2]:[c:3]-[C:4]=[C:5]-[C:6]:1
c1ccc(C=O)c1N CCC(=O)C

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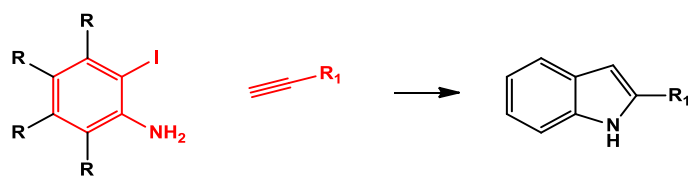
{benzofuran}
[*;Br,I;\$ (*c1cccc1)]-[c:1]:[c:2]-[OH1:3].[CH1:5]#C;\$ (C-[#6]):4]>>[c:1]1:[c:2]-[O:3]-[C:4]=[C:5]-1
c1cc(I)c(O)cc1 CC#C
bromide and iodide allowed

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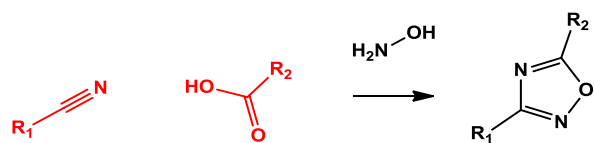
{benzothiophene}
[*;Br,I;\$(*c1cccc1))-[c:1]-[c:2]-[SD2:3]-[CH3].[CH1:5]#[C;\$\$(C-[#6]):4]>>[c:1]1:[c:2]-[S:3]-[C:4]=[C:5]-1
c1cc(l)c(SC)cc1 CC#C
bromide and iodide allowed

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{indole}
[*;Br,I;\$(*c1cccc1))-[c:1]-[c:2]-[NH2:3].[CH1:5]#[C;\$\$(C-[#6]):4]>>[c:1]1:[c:2]-[N:3]-[C:4]=[C:5]-1
c1cc(l)c(N)cc1 CC#C
bromide and iodide allowed

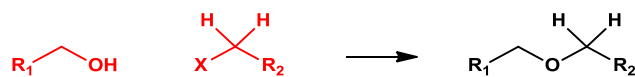
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{oxadiazole}
[#6:6][C:5]#[#7;D1:4].[#6:1][C:2](=[OD1:3])[OH1]>>[#6:6][c:5]1[n:4][o:3][c:2]([#6:1])n1
CC#N CC(=O)O

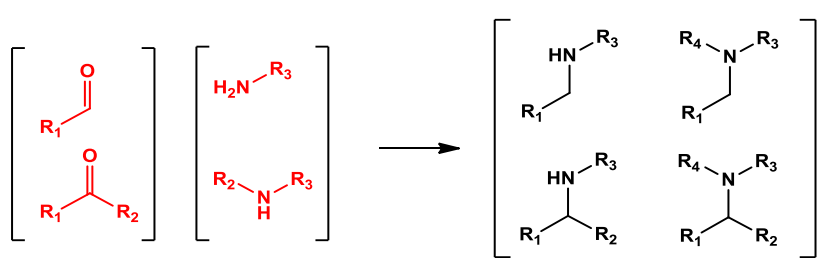
Additional step: convert nitrile to amidoxime by hydroxylamine

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{Williamson ether}
[#6;\$([#6]-[#6]);!\$([#6]=O):2][#8;H1:3].[Cl,Br,I][#6;H2;\$([#6]-[#6]):4]>>[CH2:4][O:3][#6:2]
CCO CCBBr
primary halide (Cl, Br, I), hydroxy group may be attached to arom. system as well as aliphatic (prim, sec. or tert. carbon)

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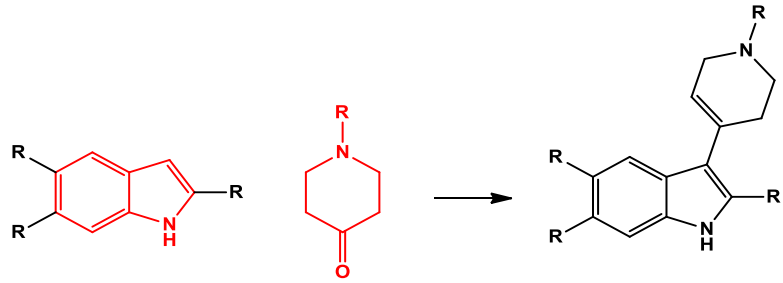
{reductive amination}
[#6:4]-[C;H1,\$([CH0](-[#6]))[#6]):1]=[OD1].[N;H2,\$([NH1;D2](C)C):!\$(N-[#6]=*)]:3-[C:5]>>[#6:4][C:1]-[N:3]-[C:5]
CC(=O) NC

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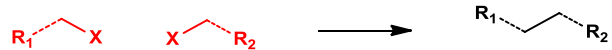
{Suzuki}
[#6;H0;D3;\$([#6](~[#6])~[#6]):1]B(O)O.[#6;H0;D3;\$([#6](~[#6])~[#6]):2][Cl,Br,I]>>[#6:2][#6:1]
c1ccccc1B(O)O c1ccccc1Br
any borinic acid (incl. cyclic)
X=Cl, Br, I

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{piperidine_indole}
[c;H1:3]1:[c:4]:[c:5]:[c;H1:6]:[c:7]2:[nH:8]:[c:9]:[c;H1:1]:[c:2]:1:2.O=[C:10]1[#6;H2:11][#6;H2:12][N:13][#6;H2:14][#6;H2:15]1>>[#6;H2:12]3[#6;H1:11]=[C:10]([c:1]1:[c:9]:[n:8]:[c:7]2:[c:6]:[c:5]:[c:4]:[c:3]:[c:2]:1:2)[#6;H2:15][#6;H2:14][N:13]3
c1cccc2c1C=CN2 C1CC(=O)CCN1

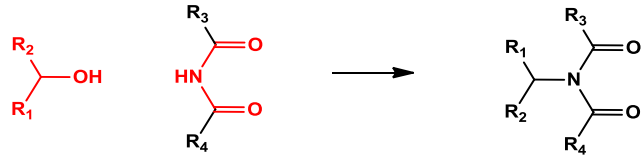
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{Negishi}
[#6;\$([#6]~[#6]);!\$([#6]~[S,N,O,P]):1][Cl,Br,I].[Cl,Br,I][#6;\$([#6]~[#6]);!\$([#6]~[S,N,O,P]):2]>>[#6:2][#6:1]
CCBr CCBr

Additional step: formation of Zn halide

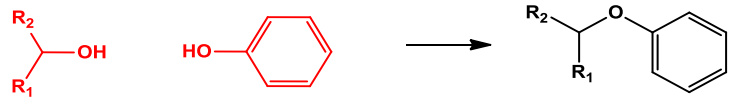
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{Mitsunobu_imide}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6])([#6])),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[NH1;\$(N(C=O)C=O):2]>>[C:1][N:2]
CC(O)C CC(=O)NC(=O)C
R2: H, C

Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

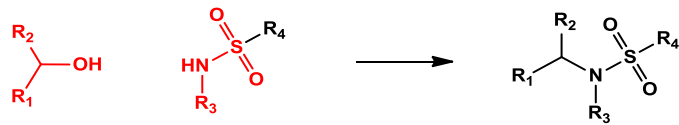
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{Mitsunobu_phenole}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6])([#6])),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[OH1;\$(Oc1ccccc1):2]>>[C:1][O:2]
CC(O)C c1ccccc1O
R2: H, C

Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

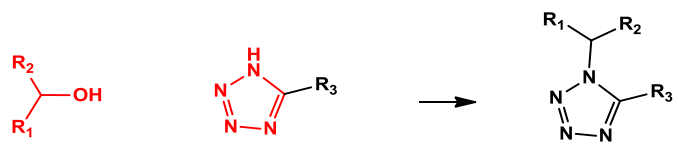
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{Mitsunobu_sulfonamide}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6]))[#6]),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[NH1;\$(N([#6])S(=O)=O):2]>>[C:1][N:2]
CC(O)C CNS(=O)(=O)C
R2: H, C

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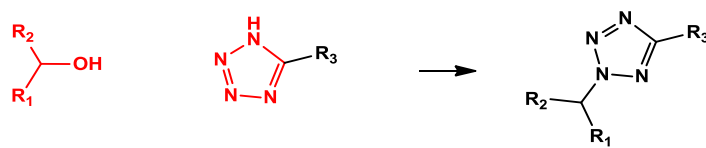
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{Mitsunobu_tetrazole_1}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6]))[#6]),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[#7H1:2]1~[#7:3]~[#7:4]~[#7:5]~[#6:6]~1>>[C:1][#7:2]1:[#7:3]:[#7:4]:[#7:5]:[#6:6]:1
CC(O)C N1=NNC=N1
R2: H, C

Not regioselective: alternative product is substituted at the N at position 2 instead of 1
Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

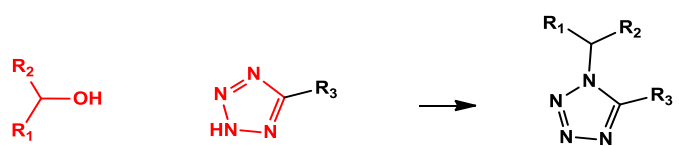
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{Mitsunobu_tetrazole_2}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6]))[#6]),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[#7H1:2]1~[#7:3]~[#7:4]~[#7:5]~[#6:6]~1>>[#7H0:2]1:[#7:3]:[#7H0:4]([C:1]):[#7:5]:[#6:6]:1
CC(O)C N1=NNC=N1
R2: H, C

Not regioselective: alternative product is substituted at the N at position 1 instead of 2
Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

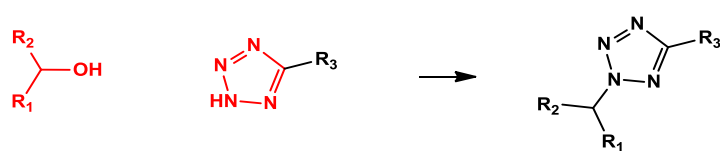
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{Mitsunobu_tetrazole_3}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6]))[#6]),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[#7:2]1~[#7:3]~[#7H1:4]~[#7:5]~[#6:6]~1>>[C:1][#7H0:2]1:[#7:3]:[#7H0:4]:[#7:5]:[#6:6]:1
CC(O)C N1N=NC=N1
R2: H, C

Not regioselective: alternative product is substituted at the N at position 2 instead of 1
Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

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{Mitsunobu_tetrazole_4}
[C;H1&\$(C([#6]))[#6]),H2&\$(C[#6]):1][OH1].[#7:2]1~[#7:3]~[#7H1:4]~[#7:5]~[#6:6]~1>>[#7:2]1:[#7:3]:[#7:4]([C:1]):[#7:5]:[#6:6]:1
CC(O)C N1N=NC=N1
R2: H, C

Not regioselective: alternative product is substituted at the N at position 1 instead of 2
Inversion of stereo chemistry at chiral centers

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{Heck_terminal_vinyl}

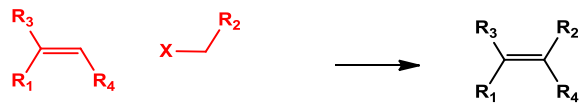
[#6;c,\$(C(=O)O),\$ (C#N):3][#6;H1:2]=[#6;H2:1].[#6;\$([#6]=[#6]),\$(c:c):4][Cl,Br,I]>>[#6:4]/[#6:1]=[#6:2]/[#6:3]

c1cccc1C=C c1cccc1Br

R1: aryl,COO,CN (electr. withdrawing groups -> trans selectivity)

R2: aryl, vinyl; X: Cl, Br, I

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{Heck_non-terminal_vinyl}

[#6;c,\$(C(=O)O),\$ (C#N):3][#6:2]([#6:5])=[#6;H1;\$([#6][#6]):1].[#6;\$([#6]=[#6]),\$(c:c):4][Cl,Br,I]>>[#6:4][#6;H0:1]=[#6:2]([#6:5])[#6:3]

c1cccc1C(C)=CC c1cccc1Br

R1: aryl,COO,CN; R2: aryl, vinyl

X: Cl, Br, I; R3,4: C

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{Stille}

[#6;\$ (C=C-[#6]),\$(c:c):1)[Br,I].[Cl,Br,I][c:2]>>[c:2][#6:1]

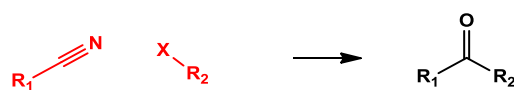
c1cccc1Br c1cccc1Br

R1: vinyl (C=C), aryl; X1: Br,I

Ar: any aromatic system; X2: Cl, Br, I

Additional step: educt 1 has to be transformed into an organotin (stannane) first

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{Grignard_carbonyl}

[#6:1][C:2]#[#7;D1].[Cl,Br,I][#6;\$([#6]~[#6]):!\$([#6]([Cl,Br,I])[Cl,Br,I]):!\$([#6]=O):3]>>[#6:1][C:2](=O)[#6:3]

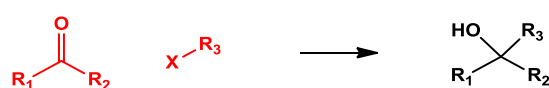
CC#N CCBBr

R2: aryl, alkyl

X: Cl, Br, I

Additional step: educt 2 has to be transformed into Grignard reagent (RMgX) first

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{Grignard_alcohol}

[#6:1][C:1;H1,\$([C]([#6])[#6]):2]=[OD1:3].[Cl,Br,I][#6;\$([#6]~[#6]):!\$([#6]([Cl,Br,I])[Cl,Br,I]):!\$([#6]=O):4]>>[C:1][#6:2]([OH1:3])[#6:4]

CC(=O)C CCBBr

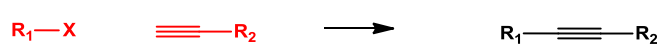
R2: H, C

X: Cl, Br, I

Possible generation of stereo center

Additional step: educt 2 has to be transformed into Grignard reagent (RMgX) first

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{Sonogashira}

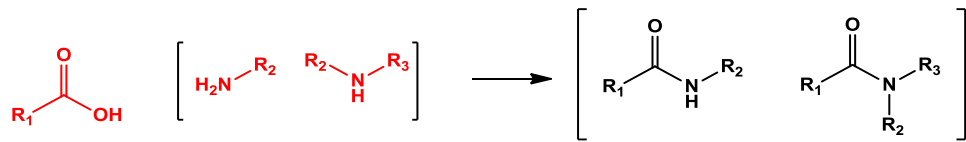
[#6;\$ (C=C-[#6]),\$(c:c):1)[Br,I].[CH1;\$ (C#CC):2]>>[#6:1][C:2]

c1cc(Br)ccc1 CC#C

R1: aryl, vinyl; X: Br, I

R2: any C

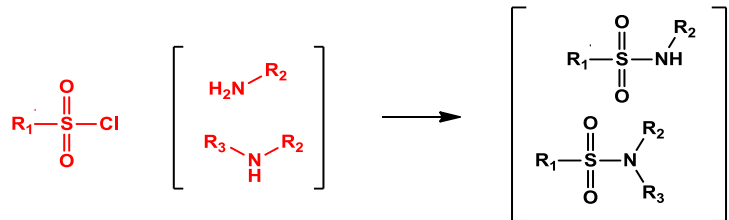
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{Schotten-Baumann_amide}
[C;\$\$(C=O):1][OH1].[N;\$\$(N[#6]);!\$(N=*);!\$([N-]);!\$(N#*);!\$([ND3]);!\$([ND4]);!\$(N[O,N]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[C:1][N+0:2]
CC(=O)O NCC
R1,2,3: aryl allowed

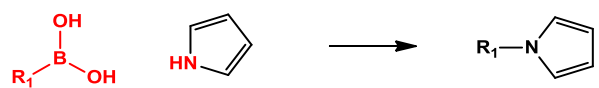
Additional step: activation of carboxy group (COOH -> COCl)

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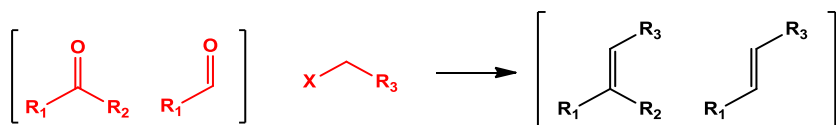
{sulfon_amide}
[S;\$\$(S(=O)(=O)[C,N]):1][Cl].[N;\$\$(NC);!\$(N=*);!\$([N-]);!\$(N#*);!\$([ND3]);!\$([ND4]);!\$(N[c,O]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[S:1][N+0:2]
CS(=O)(=O)Cl NCC
R1: C,N

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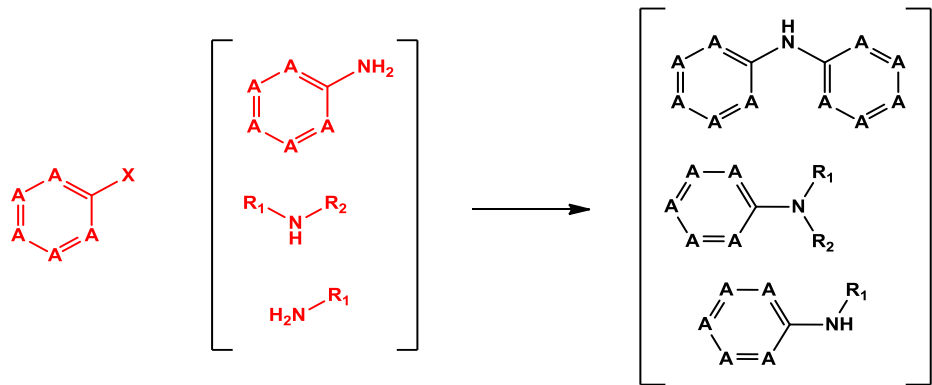
{N-arylation_heterocycles}
[c:1]B(O)O.[nH1;+0;r5;!\$(n[#6]=[O,S,N]);!\$(n~n~n);!\$(n~n~c~n);!\$(n~c~n~n):2]>>[c:1][n:2]
c1ccccc1B(O)O N1C=NC=C1
R1: aryl
various 5-membered aromatic rings with NH and max. 2 N match, also those fused to other rings; see Lam et al, Tetrahedron Letters 39 (1998), p. 2941-2944
In case different protomers of the 5-membered heterocycle (differing in the position of NH) exist, regioisomers are likely to be produced

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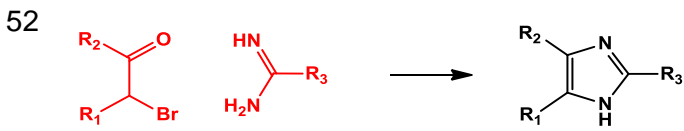
{Wittig}
[#6:3]-[C;H1,\$([CH0](-[#6])[#6]);!\$(CC=O):1]=[OD1].[Cl,Br,I][C;H2;\$\$(C-[#6]);!\$(CC[I,Br]);!\$(CCO[CH3]):2]>>[C:3][C:1]=[C:2]
CC(=O)C BrCC
R1,R2: aryl, alkyl, vinyl, many functional groups are tolerated (March, page 1371); X: Cl, Br, I
only primary alkyl halides allowed here, although some secondary are reported; R3: carbon, not attached to Br,I or OMe, since they are good leaving groups which leads to elimination and the ylide will not be formed
Not stereo selective: E/Z isomers will likely be formed. Reaction conditions and substituents can push the reaction towards either isomer.
Additional step: Formation of the ylide from the alkyl halide by adding a triaryl phosphine

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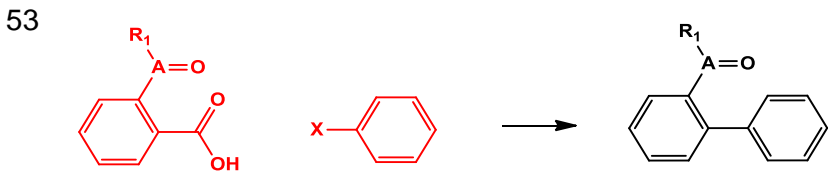


{Buchwald-Hartwig}
[Cl,Br,I][c;\$\$(c1:[c,n]:[c,n]:[c,n]:[c,n]:1):1].[N;\$\$(NC)&!\$(N=*)&!\$([N-])&!\$(N#*)&!\$([ND3])&!\$([ND4])&!\$(N[c,O])&!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]),H2&\$\$(Nc1:[c,n]:[c,n]:[c,n]:[c,n]:1):2]>>[c:1][N:2]
c1ccccc1Br CNC
X: Cl, Br, I; A: N, C

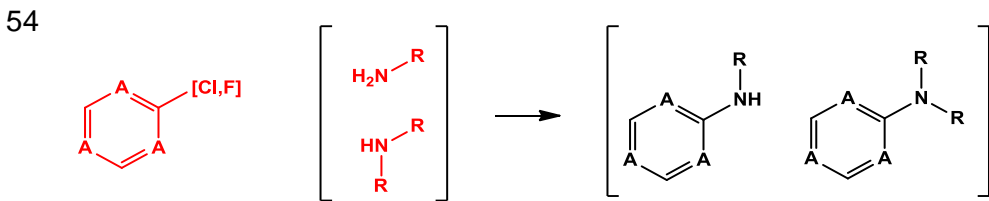
R1,R2: alkyl (see March, page 877)



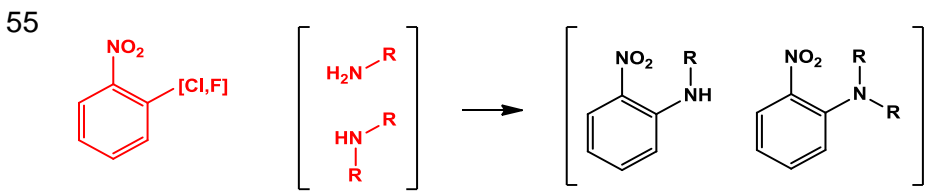
{imidazole}
[C;\$(C([#6])([#6]Br)):-4](=[OD1])[CH;\$(C([#6])([#6]):5)Br.[#7;H2:3][C;\$(C(=N)(N)[c,#7]):2]=[#7;H1;D1:1]>>[C:4]1=[CH0:5][NH:3][C:2]=[N:1]1
CC(=O)C(Br)C N=C(N)NC
R1,R2: C
R3: aryl, N



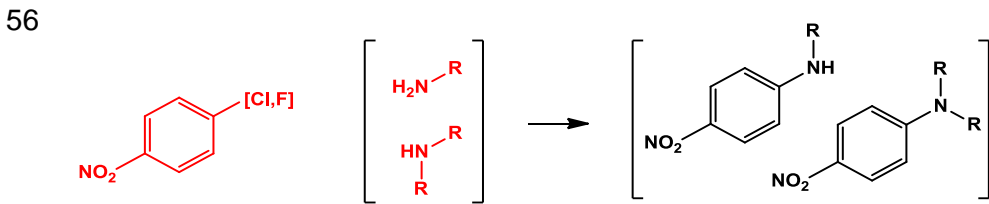
{decarboxylative_coupling}
[c;\$(c1[c;\$(c[C,S,N](=[OD1])[*;R0;!OH1]])cccc1):1][C;\$(C(=O)[O;H1]),[c;\$(c1aacc1):2][Cl,Br,I]>>[c:1][c:2]
c1c(C(=O)O)c([N+](=O)[O-]) c1cccc1Br
A: C, S, N (see Goossen et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2007, 129 (15), pp 4824–4833)
X: Cl, Br, I



{heteroaromatic_nuc_sub}
[c;!\$(c1cccc1);\$(c1[n,c][n,c][n,c]1):1][Cl,F].[N;\$(NC);!\$(N=*);!\$([N-]);!\$(N#*);!\$([ND3]);!\$([ND4]);!\$(N[c,O]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[c:1][N:2]
c1cnc(F)cc1 CN
A: C,N -> pyridine, pyrimidine and triazine. Heteroatoms activate the para and ortho positions for substitution
see March page 869 and supplement of Schuerer et al., 2005, JCIM 45,239-248



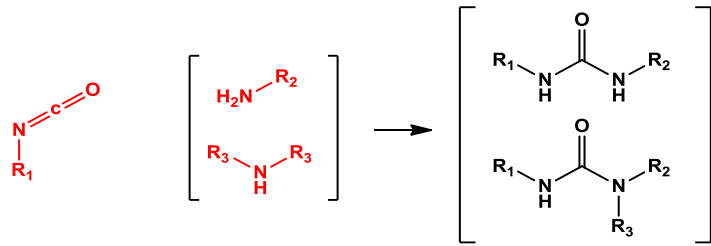
{nucl_sub_aromatic_ortho_nitro}
[c;\$(c1c(N(~O)~O)cccc1):1][Cl,F].[N;\$(NC);!\$(N=*);!\$([N-]);!\$(N#*);!\$([ND3]);!\$([ND4]);!\$(N[c,O]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[c:1][N:2]
c1c([N+](=O)[O-])c(F)ccc1 CN
ortho nitro groups have activating effect on nuc. substitution
see March page 869 and supplement of Schuerer et al., 2005, JCIM 45,239-248



{nucl_sub_aromatic_para_nitro}
[c;\$(c1ccc(N(~O)~O)cc1):1][Cl,F].[N;\$(NC);!\$(N=*);!\$([N-]);!\$(N#*);!\$([ND3]);!\$([ND4]);!\$(N[c,O]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[c:1][N:2]
c1c(F)ccc([N+](=O)[O-])c1 CN
para nitro groups have activating effect on nuc. substitution

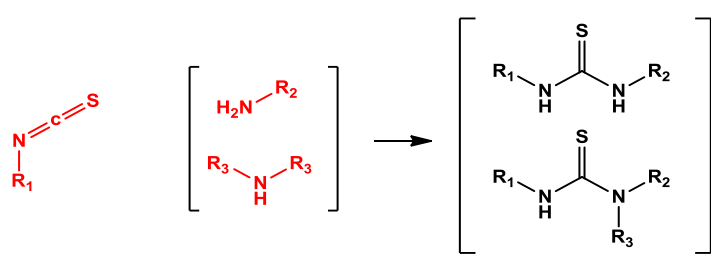
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{urea}
[N;\$(N-[#6]):3]=[C;\$(C=O):1].[N;\$(N[#6]);!\$(N=*);!\$(N-);!\$(N#*);!\$(ND3);!\$(ND4);!\$(N[O,N]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[N:3]-[C:1]-[N+0:2]
CN=C=O CN
R1,2,3: C, aryl, alkyl

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{thiourea}
[N;\$(N-[#6]):3]=[C;\$(C=S):1].[N;\$(N[#6]);!\$(N=*);!\$(N-);!\$(N#*);!\$(ND3);!\$(ND4);!\$(N[O,N]);!\$(N[C,S]=[S,O,N]):2]>>[N:3]-[C:1]-[N+0:2]
CN=C=S CN
R1,2,3: C, aryl, alkyl