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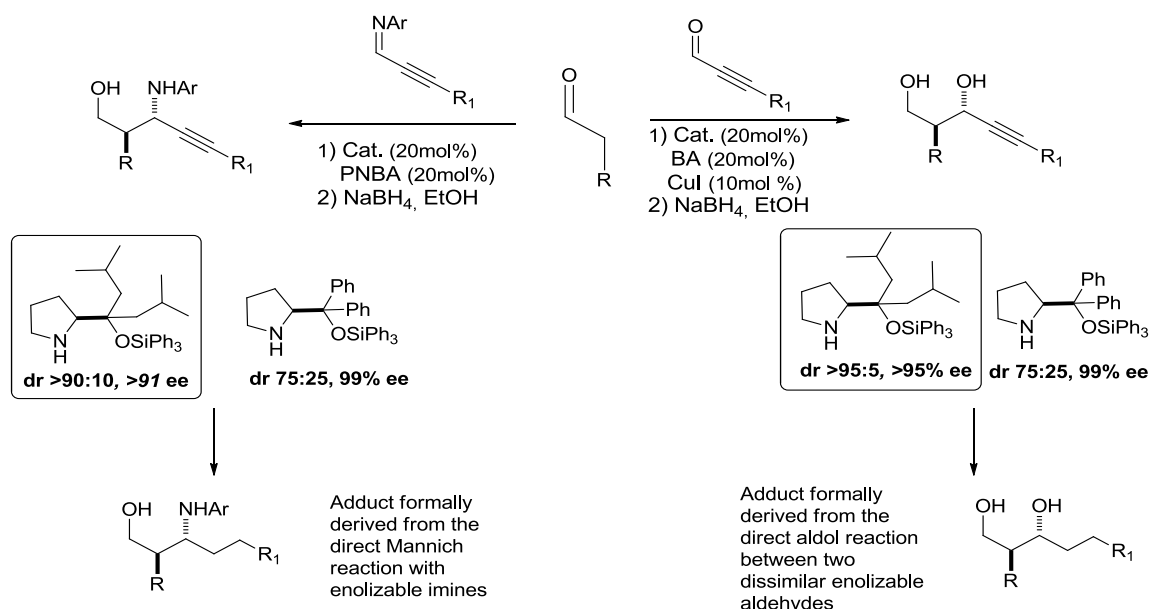
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Propargylic-Amines and Alcohols Through *anti*-Selective Mannich and Aldol Reactions.

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Herein we present a practical and selective route to synthetically useful propargylic amines and alcohols.¹ The key of both approaches is the combined use of an α,α -dialkylprolinol ether catalyst and a Brønsted acid that leads to adducts with high levels of diastereo- and enantiocontrol (*anti/syn* up to 90:10, *ee* up to 95%). In the aldol addition it was also observed that the presence of CuI as a third catalyst component, generally provided an increase in reaction diastereoselectivity (*anti/syn* up to 95:5).



This study uncovers a new case of chiral enamine catalysis in which α,α -dialkylprolinol silyl ethers perform better than their parent α,α -diaryl analogs. The resulting densely functionalized adducts may be transformed into more complex systems taking advantage of the chemistry of the triple bond.

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