



Double Hydroelementation of N-Heteroarenes

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Catalytic dearomative reduction of N-heteroarenes is of important transformations in organic synthesis as well as medicinal chemistry. A number of organo(metallic) catalysts have been documented for selective hydrosilylation and hydroboration of pyridines to provide a broad range of dihydro-products.¹ However, double hydroelementation of pyridines possibly leading to a new family of tetrahydro-products bearing a sp³ C–E bond (E = Si, B-based moieties), had been unknown until we disclosed.

In this talk, we will describe the full aspects of the *first* double hydrosilylation and hydroboration of quinolines and pyridines catalyzed by $B(C_6F_5)_3$ (Figure a).² Next, we will show the Rh-catalyzed regio- and enantioselective double hydroboration of quinolines as an advanced catalytic system.³ Finally, we will discuss about the Rh-catalyzed double hydroboration of pyridine, where a combination of mechanistic experiments and DFT calculations reveal the origin of the chemo- and regioselectivities.⁴ The Rh system represents the *first* example of a metal-catalyzed double hydroboration of N-heteroarenes (Figure b).



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