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Metal-Catalyzed Asymmetric Synthesis and Stereoselective Reactions

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### Palladium-Catalyzed Iminoarylation: Domino Narasaka–Heck/Arene C–H Alkylation



**Significance:** The authors report an enantioselective domino iminoarylation of alkenes. The protocol delivers highly functionalized dihydropyrroles containing a quaternary center in good yield and enantioselectivity. **Comment:** Although the authors report a large scope, electron-deficient substrates are still limited. The loss of enantioselectivity in the products is attributed to a competing radical cyclization, which affords racemic product.

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