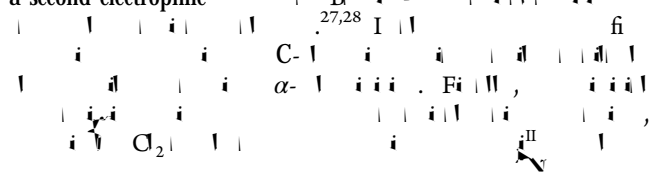


demonstrates the first construction of all carbon quaternary centers via the reductive coupling of unactivated tertiary alkyl halides with a second electrophile

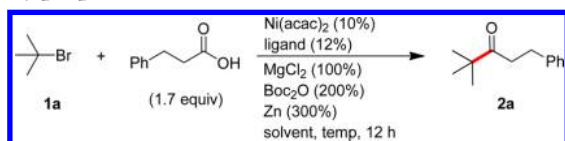


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2.1. C Tertiary A A

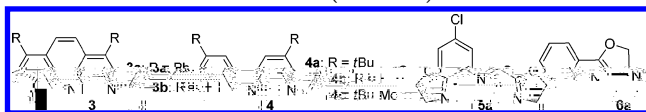
Reaction scheme showing the reductive coupling of a tertiary alkyl bromide (1a) with an α -halo ketone (1b) to form a quaternary carbon center (2a). The reaction conditions are: $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$ (10%), ligand (12%), MgCl_2 (100%), Boc_2O (200%), Zn (300%), solvent, temp, 12 h.

Table 1. Optimization for the Reaction of BuBr (1a) with 3-Phenylpropanoic Acid



li	l	i ₂ E (%) ^a	Cl ₂ (%)	°C	il (%) ^b	
1	3a	HF	0	150	25	16
2	3b	HF	0	150	25	7
3	4a	HF	0	150	25	24
4	4a	D ₂	0	150	25	25
5	4a	D ₂ E	0	150	25	34
6	4a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 8:2	0	150	25	44
7	4a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	0	150	25	36
8	4a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	150	25	47
9	4b	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	150	25	19
10	4c	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	150	25	46
11	5a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	150	25	<10
12	6a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	150	25	<10
13	4a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	100	25	39
14	4b	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	150	100	25	65
15	4b	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	85	100	25	79
16	4b	DMSO/DME = 2:8	85	100	30	82
17	4a	D ₂ /D ₂ E = 2:8	85	100	30	39

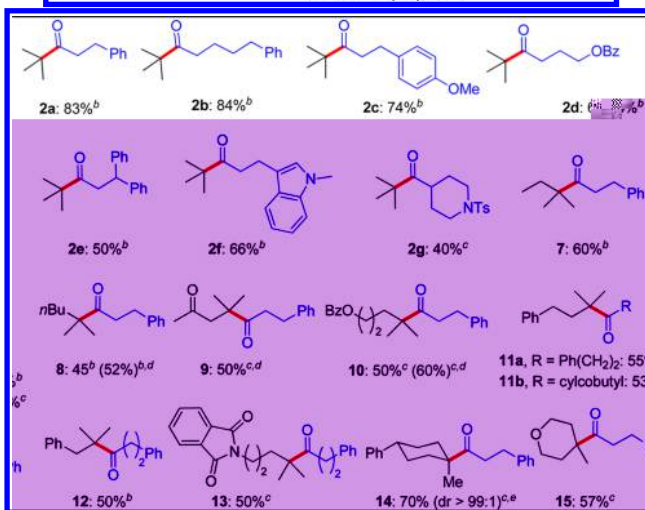
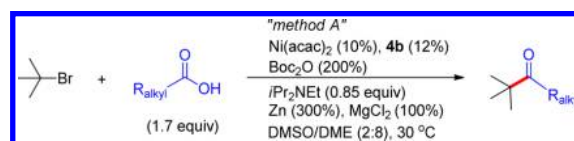
^a li C ii :tB B (0.3 l, 100 l %), li (170 l %), i(i₂)₂ (10 l %), li (12 l %), B₂ (200 l %), (300 l %), Cl₂ (100 l %), l (1 L). ^bGC il i (li).



Reaction scheme showing the reductive coupling of a tertiary alkyl bromide (1a) with an α -halo ketone (1b) to form a quaternary carbon center (2a). The reaction conditions are: $\text{Ni}(\text{acac})_2$ (10%), ligand (12%), MgCl_2 (100%), Boc_2O (200%), Zn (300%), solvent, temp, 12 h.

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Table 2. Coupling of Unactivated α -Alkyl Bromides with Acids



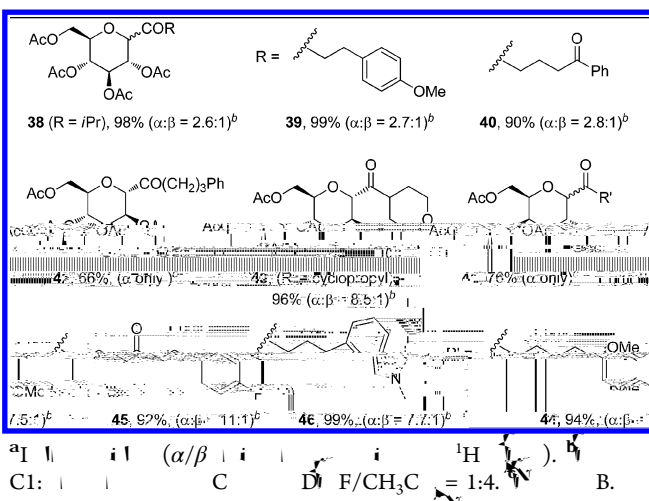
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2.2. C Tertiary A A A

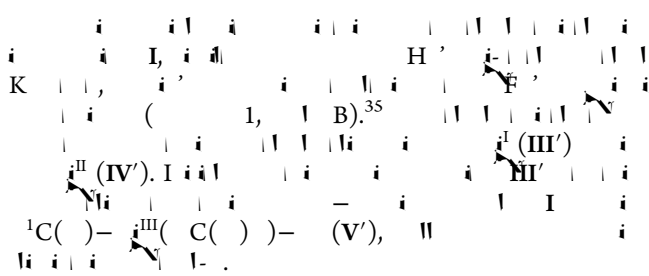
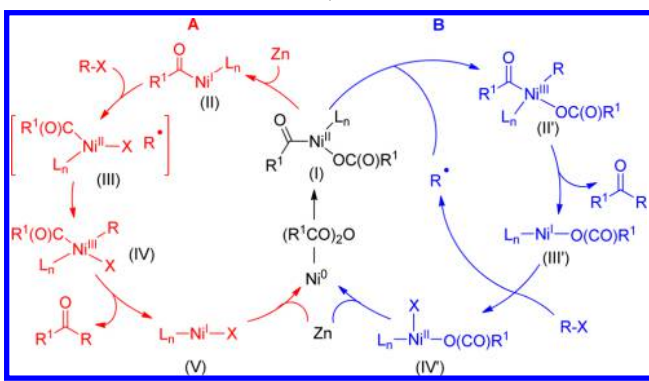
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10%
16a (2)
tertiary
secondary
tertiary
2.3. C Primary Secondary

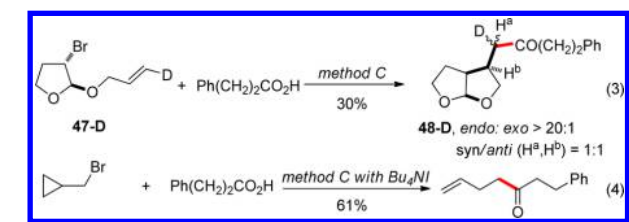
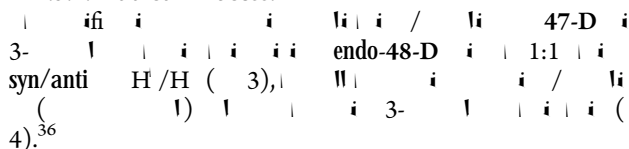
Table 5. Examples of α -Acyl Glycosides Using Methods B and C1



Scheme 1. Double Oxidative Addition (Cycle A) and Radical Chain Mechanism (Cycle B)



2.5.2. Radical Process.



2.5.3. Radical Chain versus Double Oxidative Addition Mechanism.

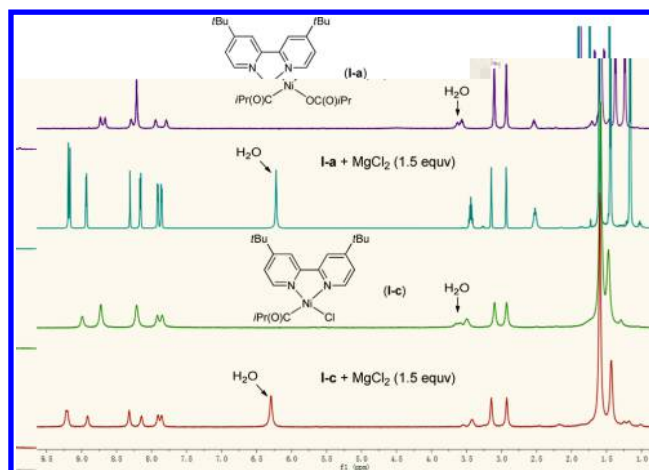
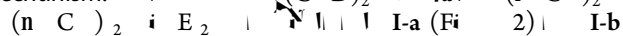
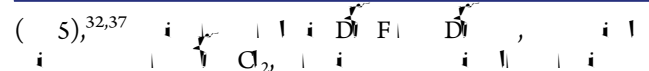
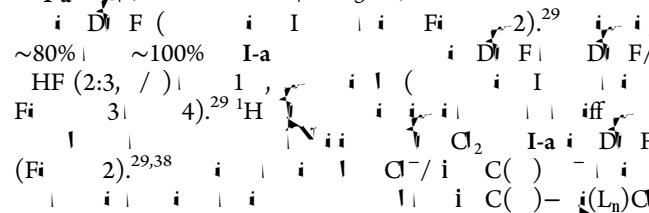
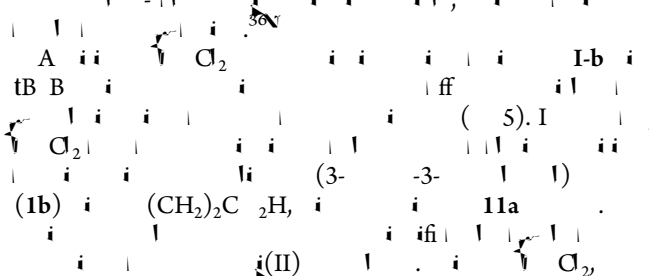
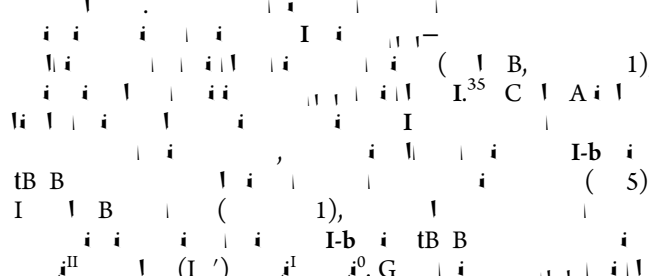
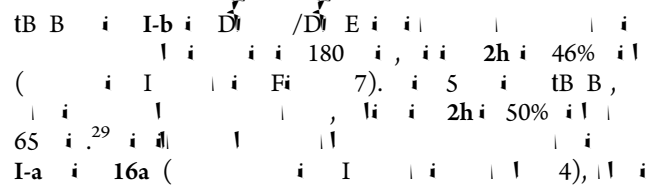


Figure 2. ¹H NMR spectra of nickel complexes I-a, I-b, and I-c. The spectra show peaks for the complexes and their interaction with water (H₂O).



I-b (1 equiv)	rBuBr (100%), Zn (100%)	w/o MgCl ₂		w/ MgCl ₂ (150%)	
		80 min: 50%	180 min: 46%	25 min: 35%	65 min: 64%
rBuBr (100%), Zn (0%)					
rBuBr (500%), Zn (0%)					



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