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Group 9 Metal Catalysed Functionalization of C-H Bonds with Strained Three-membered Rings

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Abstract:

Transition metal-catalyzed C-C bond formation through C-H bond activation has emerged as versatile method in modern organic synthesis.¹ In this context, allylation/ alkylation *via* C-H bond activation have been extensively studied with coupling partners such as allyl and unsaturated carbonyl derivatives.² On the other hand, strained ring systems such as cyclopropane/cyclopropene derivatives, have found diverse synthetic application due to its ring strain. But their use in the C-H bond functionalization is rather limited.³ With due interest in the C-H bond functionalization employing Cp*Co(III)/Cp*Rh(III) catalysts,⁴ we envisioned the application of strained cyclopropanols and cyclopropenes, potential precursors of homoenolates and vinylcarbenes, respectively, as suitable coupling partner in the C-H bond functionalization of (hetero)arenes. Interestingly, this strategy afforded an efficient and easy access to diversely substituted allylated/alkylated (hetero)arenes and annulated products. The above-mentioned strategies will be discussed in detail during the presentation.



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