

# Borylated cyclobutanes via thermal [2+2]-cycloaddition

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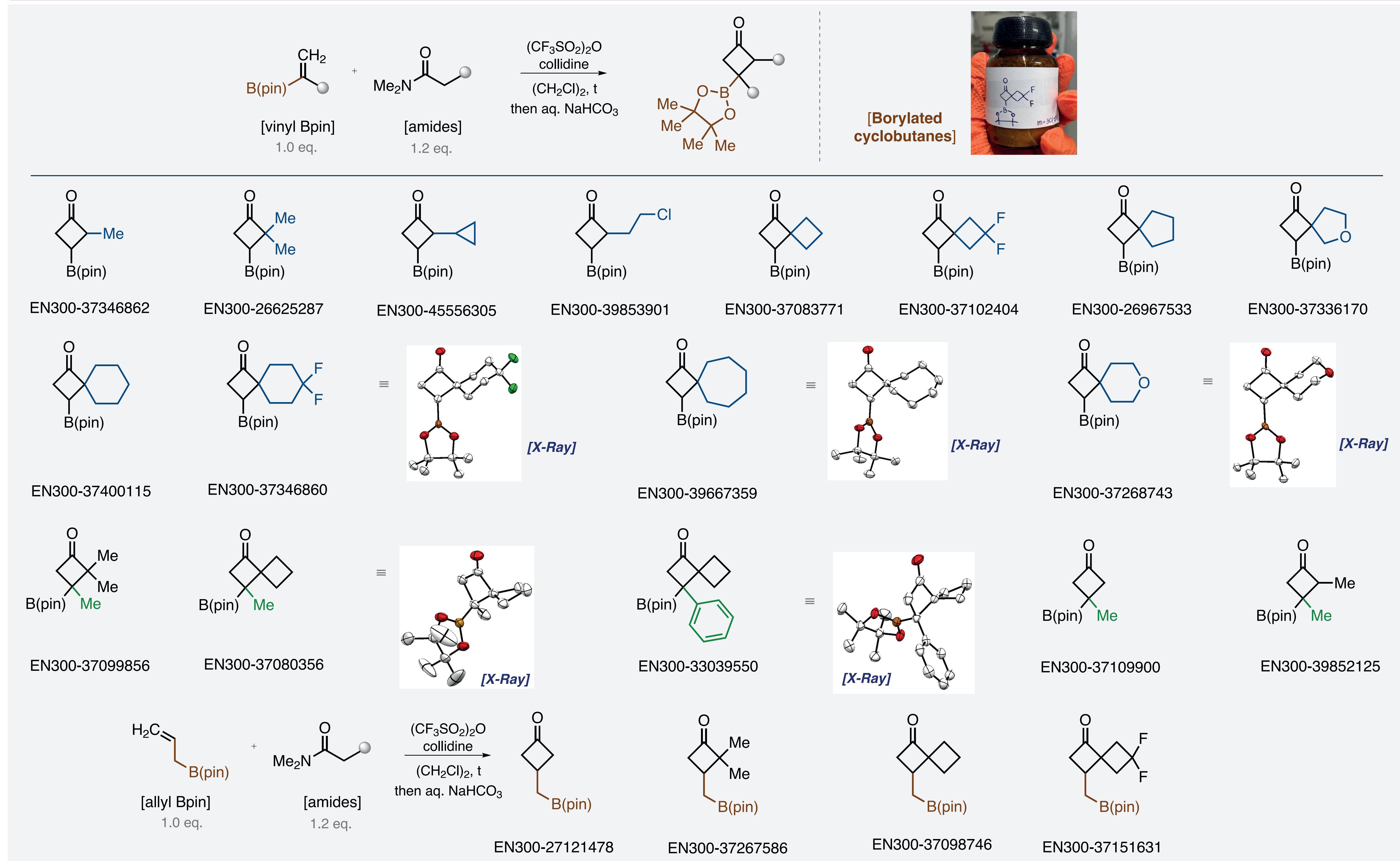
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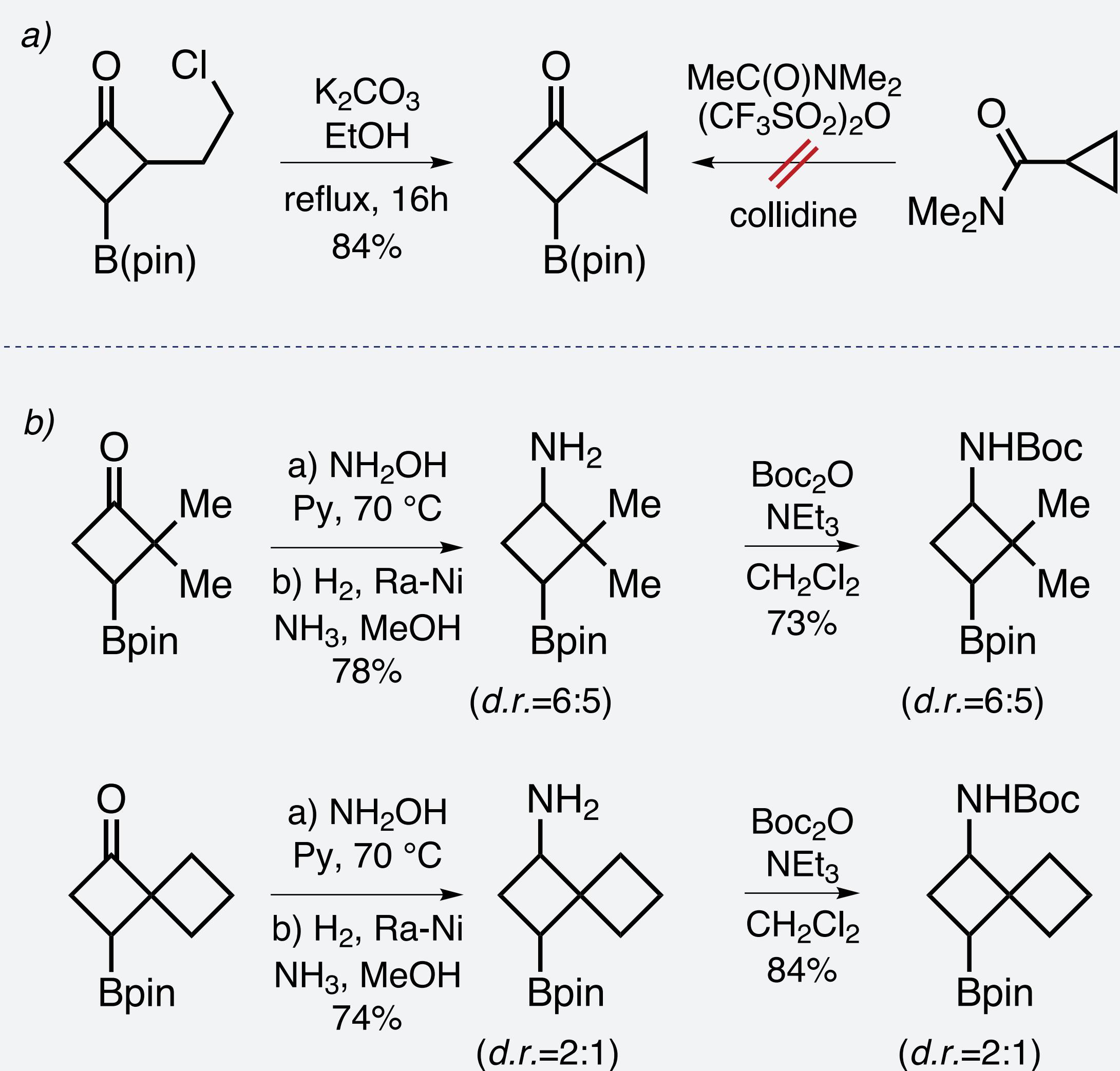
## Introduction and Aim

Small aliphatic rings attract a considerable attention in the contemporary research.<sup>1</sup> For example, the cyclobutane ring is common within modern bioactive compounds, and can be found in the structures of at least ten market-approved drugs.<sup>2</sup> In this work, we elaborated a thermal [2+2]-cycloaddition between vinyl boronates and in situ generated keteniminium salts. This practical approach allows the preparation of borylated cyclobutanes in one step.<sup>3</sup>

## Results

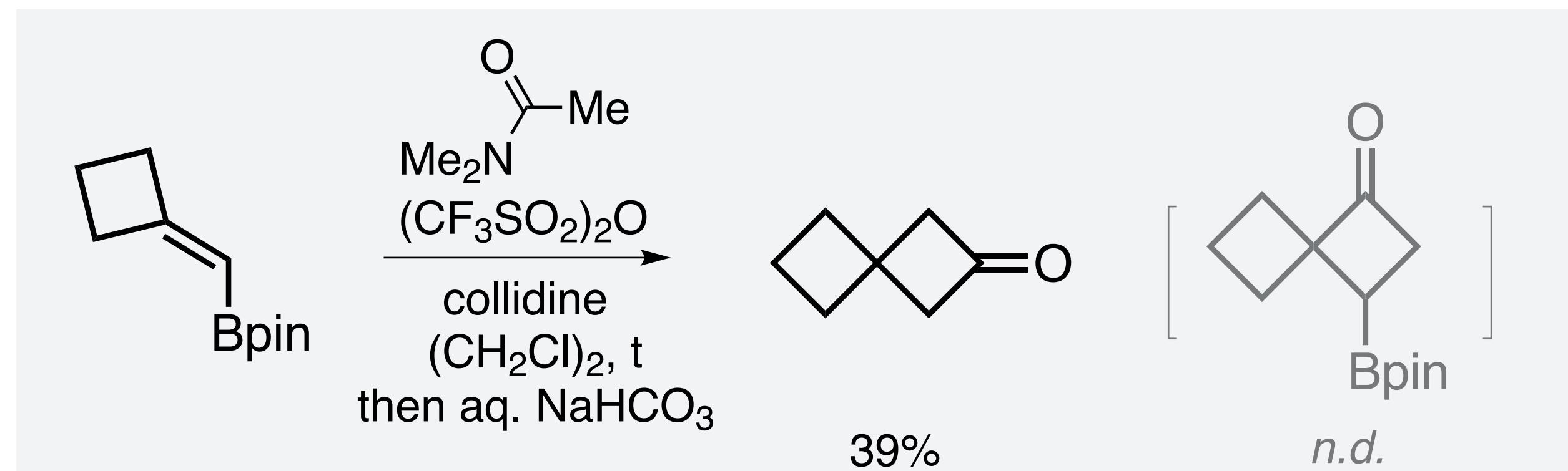


## Modifications

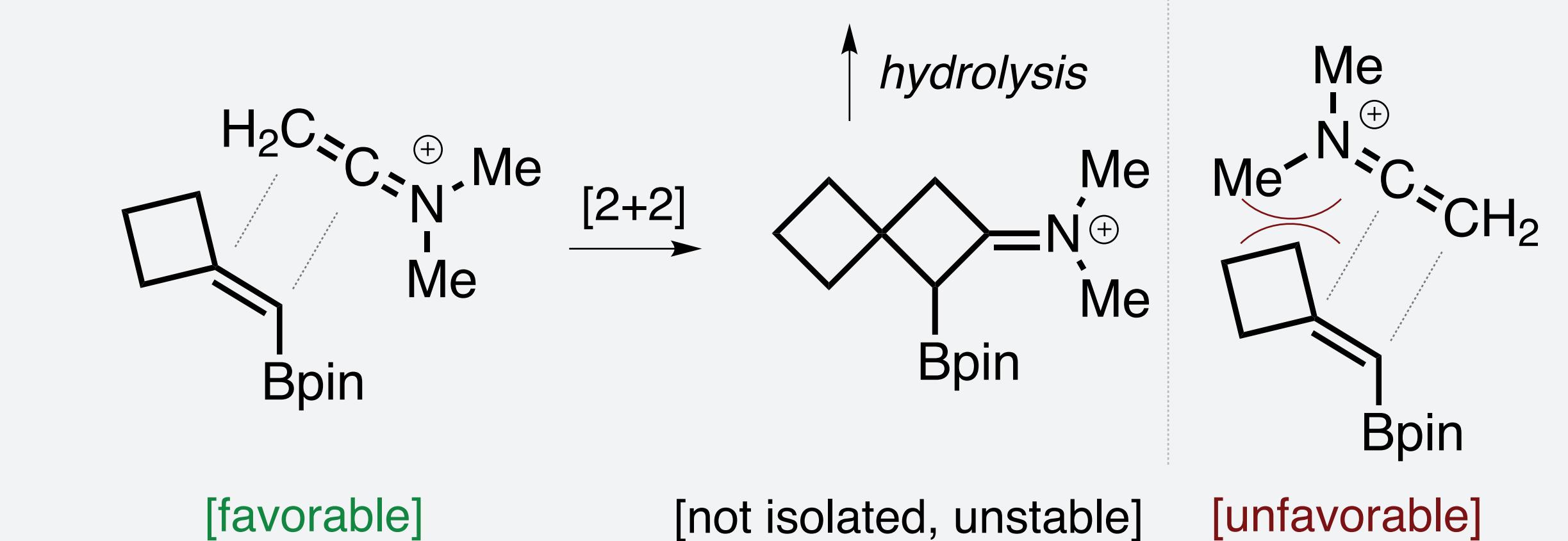


## Unexpected results

Somewhat unexpectedly, the reaction between  $\beta,\beta$ -disubstituted vinyl boronate and N,N-dimethylacetamide produced ketone rather than the borylated cyclobutane.



### Proposed explanation:



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