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Metal-Mediated Synthesis

## Key words

## boron

copper
fluorenone oxime
$\mathbf{N}$-vinyl nitrones

## [3+2] cycloaddition

D.-L. MO, D. A. WINK, L. L. ANDERSON* (UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, USA) Preparation and Rearrangement of N -Vinyl Nitrones: Synthesis of Spiroisoxazolines and Fluorene-Tethered Isoxazoles
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## Preparation and Rearrangement of $\boldsymbol{N}$-Vinyl Nitrones


$\mathrm{R}^{1}=\mathrm{Et}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}, 4-\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{NC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}, 4-\mathrm{FC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}, 4-\mathrm{F}_{3} \mathrm{CC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ $\mathrm{R}^{2}=\mathrm{Et}, \mathrm{Me}, n-\mathrm{Bu}, \mathrm{Ph}$
$R^{1}+R^{2}=1$-cyclohexene derivatives, 1-cyclopentene, 1-cycloheptene, dihydropyran

## Selected examples:


$61 \%$ yield


81\% yield

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$54 \%$ yield

$68 \%$ yield

Significance: Herein, the authors disclose the single-step, copper-mediated coupling of fluorene oximes and vinyl boronic acids, which undergo thermal rearrangement via [3+2] cycloaddition to form spiroisoxazolines. The corresponding $N$-vinyl nitrones and spiroisoxazolines are obtained in good yield.

Comment: In addition, this methodology may be applied to the synthesis of fluorene-tethered isoxazoles by treatment of $N$-vinyl nitrones with terminal or internal electron-deficient alkynes. The mechanism is supposed to proceed via [3+2] cycloaddition and subsequent elimination.

