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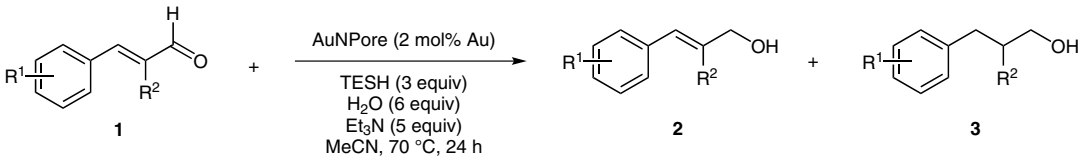
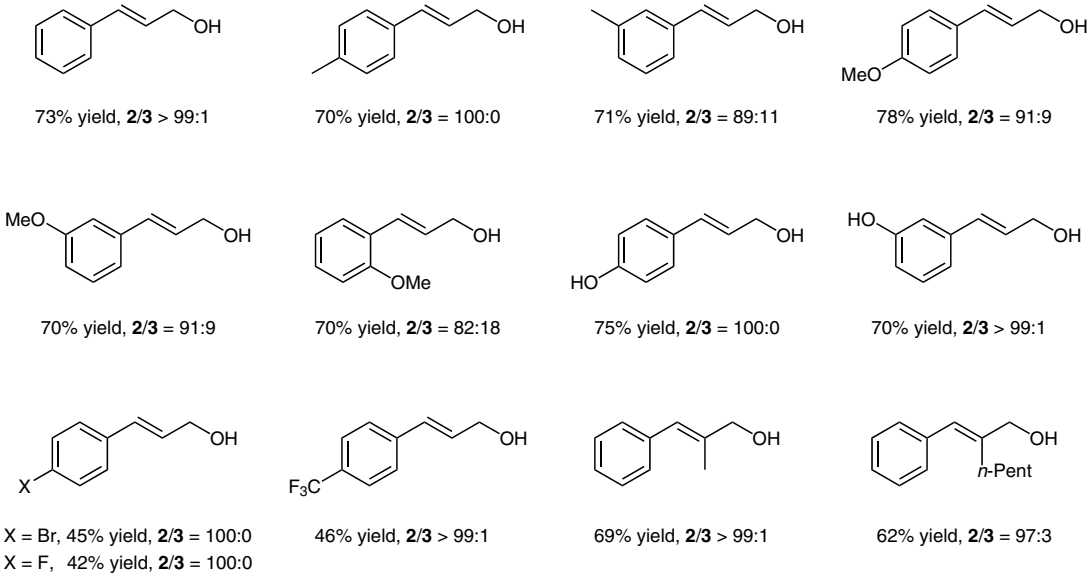
Chemoselective Reduction of α,β-Unsaturated Aldehydes with AuNPore



Results:



Significance: Nanoporous gold (AuNPore) catalyzed the 1,2-reduction of α,β-unsaturated aldehydes **1** with triethylsilane. The reduction was carried out in the presence of water and triethylamine to give the corresponding allyl alcohols **2** in 42–78% yield with 82:18 to 100:0 (**2**/**3**) chemoselectivity.

Comment: Previously, the authors reported the AuNPore-catalyzed chemoselective reduction of imines with dimethylphenylsilane (*Org. Lett.* **2014**, *16*, 2558). In the reduction of cinnamyl aldehyde, the catalytic activity of AuNPore was superior to that of $Au_{30}Ag_{70}$ alloy, homogeneous $AuCl(Ph_3P)/Bu_3P$, and AuCl/IPr·HCl. ICP-MS analysis showed that no gold content was leached from the catalyst during the reaction.

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