

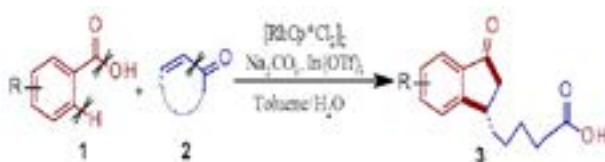
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Rhodium-catalyzed annelation of benzoic acids with α , β -Unsaturated Ketones with Cleavage of C-H, CO-OH and C-C Bonds

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In the presence of a $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$ catalyst, the Lewis acid $\text{In}(\text{OTf})_3$ and the mild base Na_2CO_3 , aromatic carboxylates **1** and α , β -unsaturated ketones **2** undergo a unique hydroarylation/Claisen/*retro*-Claisen process to give the corresponding indanones **3**. In this carboxylate-directed *ortho*-C-H annelation, the C-COR bond of the ketone and the CO-OH group of the aromatic carboxylate are cleaved, and the hydroxy group is transferred from the aromatic to the aliphatic acyl residue. This reactivity is synthetically useful, particularly when starting from cyclic ketones, which are converted into indanones bearing aliphatic carboxylate side chains, thus greatly increasing the molecular complexity of aromatic carboxylates in a single step.



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