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b) **Prof. M. M. Sharma Science and Technology Award 2023 by Marathi Vidnyan Parishad**
c) **Was appointed an Associate Editor of the Royal Society of Chemistry journal, RSC Advances in 2015-2017**
d) **Appointed Associate Editor of Sustainability and Circularity Now, Thieme Publishers 2023-2027.**
e) **2024 Thieme Chemistry Journal Awardee**
f) **C. B. Murarka Best Assistant Professor Award 2018-19**
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Acceptor Caged Phosphine Ligands: Exploration of Novel Catalytic Reactivity and Mechanism

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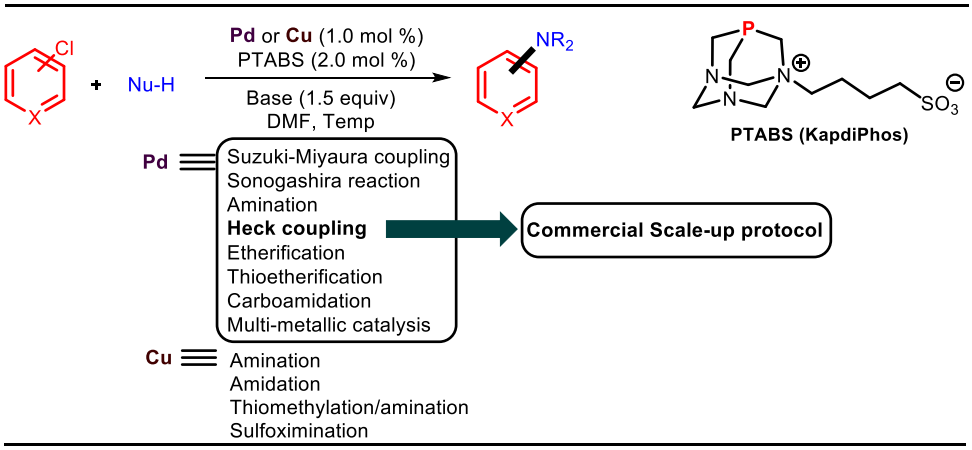
Abstract Phosphines as activating ligands have, in combination with transition metals, played an important role in the development of sustainable catalytic solutions for academia as well as industrial applications. Caged phosphines are a class of phosphines possessing three-dimensional scaffolds and capable of providing unique control over steric and electronic properties. The versatility of the caged phosphine ligands has been demonstrated elegantly by the groups of Verkade, Gonzalvi, and Stradiotto.[1] Our contribution to this area comes in the form of the 1,3,5-triaza-7-phosphaadamantane-based caged ligands, especially PTABS (KapdiPhos), which has proved to be a revelation in promoting nucleoside/peptide/heteroarene functionalization in a highly efficient way. The talk will, therefore, be centered around the journey from the development of the ligand to the varied applications, including scale-up possibilities, eventually culminating in its commercialization.[2] New catalytic reactivity and its mechanism have been explored along the way and will also be discussed.



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