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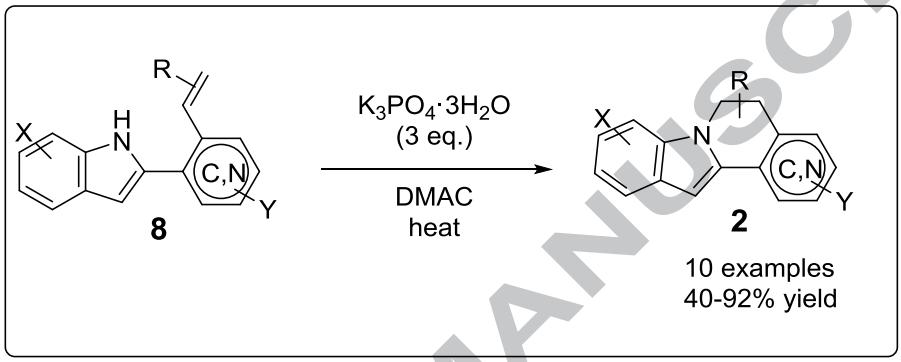

Abstract— We report a general approach for the synthesis of 5,6-dihydroindolo-naphthyridine ring system via an intramolecuar cyclization of the indole NH to an alkene moiety as the key step.

Key words— intramolecular cyclization, 5,6-dihydroindolo-naphthyridine ring system, indole, alkene.

Highlights

- A novel intramolecular cyclization gives access to the title ring system.
- Various precursors containing a six-membered azine are tolerated.
- This method affords 2c with a sterically congested C next to indole N.