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Merging known transformations ...

... to form new cascade reactions can be an extremely powerful endeavor. In their Communication on page 7825 ff., Zhong, Loh, and co-workers merged an intermolecular aza-Rauhut–Currier reaction with an intramolecular cyclization to form highly functionalized tetrahydropyridines (THPs). The organocatalytic [4+2] annulation of vinyl ketones with N-sulfonyl-1-aza-1,3-dienes provided THPs with good to excellent stereoselectivity. The proposed reaction mechanism is shown.

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