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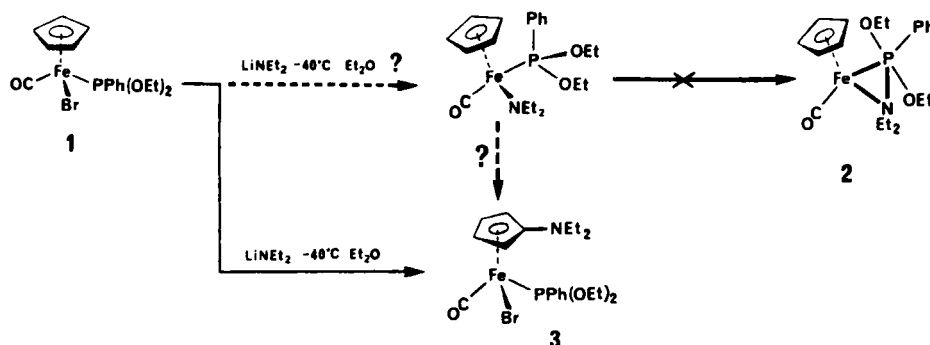
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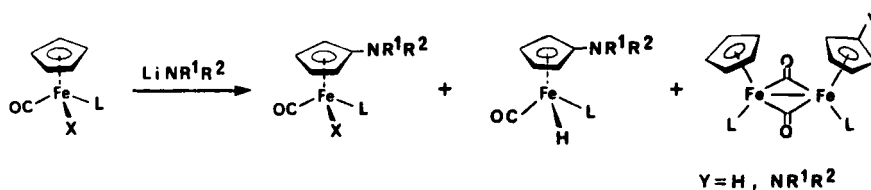
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The action of LiNEt_2 on the iron derivative **1**, which was expected to yield the acyclic phosphoranide **2**, led in fact to **3**, i.e. to the amination of the cyclopentadienyl ring, thus providing an easy and direct access to an aminofunctionalized cyclopentadienyl iron complex:



The extent and potential of this one-step reaction in synthesis will be presented, and the factors governing the amination of the cyclopentadienyl ring in $\text{CpFe}(\text{CO})\text{LX}$ derivatives by NR_2^- anions, as a function of R, L and X, will be discussed, together with its mechanism:



X = Cl, Br

L = CO, PPh_3 , $\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$, $\text{PhP}(\text{OEt})_2$, $\text{PhP}(\text{OMe})_2$, $\text{P}(\text{OEt})_3$

$\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{Me, Et}$; $\text{R}^1 = \text{H}$, $\text{R}^2 = \text{tBu, CH}_2\text{Ph}$.