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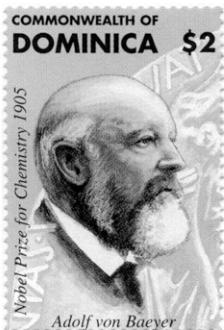
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1898–1973
Nobel Prize, 1963



Preface

Four years have gone by since the fourth edition was published and much has happened since then. Professionally, I have moved from industry to academia to teach organic and medicinal chemistry. This change is reflected in my choice to include most of the basic name reactions so that this book will be useful for my undergraduate students. I have also had the opportunity to make corrections to several quinoline- and isoquinoline-related mechanisms. In addition, new name reactions have emerged, and new references appeared for old name reactions. I have added 27 new name reactions to reflect the latest developments in organic chemistry and updated synthetic applications for each old name reaction. By popular demand, a brief biographical description of the inventor of nearly *every* name reaction has been added to this edition.

As in previous editions each reaction is delineated by its detailed step-by-step, electron-pushing mechanism, supplemented with the original and the latest references, especially review articles. Now, with the addition of many synthetic applications, this book is not only an indispensable resource for senior undergraduate and graduate students for learning mechanisms and the synthetic utility of name reactions and preparing for their exams, but it is also a good reference book for all organic chemists in both industry and academia.

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As always, I welcome your critique! Please send your comments to this email address: lijiejackli@gmail.com.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

	Polymer support
Δ	Solvent heated under reflux
(DHQ) ₂ -PHAL	1,4- <i>bis</i> (9- <i>O</i> -Dihydroquinine)-phthalazine
(DHQD) ₂ -PHAL	1,4- <i>bis</i> (9- <i>O</i> -Dihydroquinidine)-phthalazine
[bimim]Cl•2AlCl ₃	1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloroaluminuminate
3CC	Three-component condensation
4CC	Four-component condensation
9-BBN	9-Borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane
A	Adenosine
Ac	Acetyl
ADDP	1,1'- <i>(azodicarbonyl)dipiperidine</i>
AIBN	2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile
Alpine-borane®	<i>B-isopinocamphey</i> l-9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]-nonane
AOM	<i>p</i> -Anisyloxymethyl = <i>p</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄ OCH ₂
Ar	Aryl
B:	Generic base
BINAP	2,2'- <i>bis</i> (Diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
Bn	Benzyl
Boc	<i>tert</i> -Butyloxycarbonyl
BQ	Benzoquinone
BT	Benzothiazole
Bz	Benzoyl
Cbz	Benzylloxycarbonyl
CuTC	Copper thiophene-2-carboxylate
DABCO	1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
dba	Dibenzylideneacetone
DBU	1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene
DCC	1,3-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DDQ	2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone

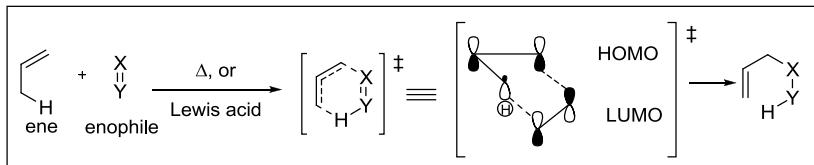
<i>de</i>	Diastereoselective excess
DEAD	Diethyl azodicarboxylate
DIAD	Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate
DIBAL	Diisobutylaluminum hydride
DIPEA	Diisopropylethylamine
DMA	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylacetamide
DMAP	4- <i>N,N</i> -dimethylaminopyridine
DME	1,2-Dimethoxyethane
DMF	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide
DMFDMA	<i>N,N</i> -dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal
DMS	Dimethylsulfide
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
DMSY	Dimethylsulfoxonium methylide
DMT	Dimethoxytrityl
DPPA	Diphenylphosphoryl azide
dppb	1,4- <i>bis</i> (Diphenylphosphino)butane
dppe	1,2- <i>bis</i> (Diphenylphosphino)ethane
dppf	1,1'- <i>bis</i> (Diphenylphosphino)ferrocene
dppp	1,3- <i>bis</i> (Diphenylphosphino)propane
<i>dr</i>	Diastereoselective ratio
DTBAD	Di- <i>tert</i> -butylazodicarbonate
DTBMP	2,6-Di- <i>tert</i> -butyl-4-methylpyridine
E1	Unimolecular elimination
E1cB	2-Step, base-induced β -elimination <i>via</i> carbanion
E2	Bimolecular elimination
EAN	Ethylammonium nitrate
EDCI	1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide
EDDA	Ethylenediamine diacetate
<i>ee</i>	Enantiomeric excess
Ei	Two groups leave at about the same time and bond to each other as they are doing so
Eq	Equivalent
Et	Ethyl
EtOAc	Ethyl acetate
HMDS	Hexamethyldisilazane
HMPA	Hexamethylphosphoramide
HMTA	Examethylenetetramine
HMTTA	1,1,4,7,10,10-Hexamethyltriethylenetetramine
IBX	<i>o</i> -iodoxybenzoic acid
Imd	Imidazole
KHMDS	Potassium hexamethyldisilazide
LAH	Lithium aluminum hydride
LDA	Lithium diisopropylamide
LHMDS	Lithium hexamethyldisilazide

LTMP	Lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperide
M	Metal
<i>m</i> -CPBA	<i>m</i> -chloroperoxybenzoic acid
MCRs	Multicomponent reactions
Mes	Mesityl
MPM	Methyl phenylmethyl
MPS	Morpholine-polysulfide
Ms	Methanesulfonyl
MTBE	Methyl tertiary butyl ether
MVK	Methyl vinyl ketone
MWI	Microwave irradiation
NBS	<i>N</i> -bromosuccinimide
NCS	<i>N</i> -chlorosuccinimide
NIS	<i>N</i> -iodosuccinimide
NMP	1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone
Nos	Nosylate (4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)
<i>N</i> -PSP	<i>N</i> -phenylselenophthalimide
<i>N</i> -PSS	<i>N</i> -phenylselenosuccinimide
Nu	Nucleophile
PCC	Pyridinium chlorochromate
PDC	Pyridinium dichromate
PE	Premature ejaculation
Piv	Pivaloyl
PMB	<i>para</i> -Methoxybenzyl
PPA	Polyphosphoric acid
PPTS	Pyridinium <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
PT	Phenyltetrazolyl
PyPh ₂ P	Diphenyl 2-pyridylphosphine
Pyr	Pyridine
Red-Al	Sodium <i>bis</i> (methoxy-ethoxy)aluminum hydride
Red-Al	Sodium <i>bis</i> (methoxy-ethoxy)aluminum hydride (SMEAH)
Salen	<i>N,N'</i> -disalicylidene-ethylenediamine
SET	Single electron transfer
SIBX	Stabilized IBX
SM	Starting material
SMEA _H	Sodium <i>bis</i> (methoxy-ethoxy)aluminum hydride
S _N 1	Unimolecular nucleophilic substitution
S _N 2	Bimolecular nucleophilic substitution
S _N Ar	Nucleophilic substitution on an aromatic ring
SSRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
TBABB	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium bibenzoate
TBAF	tetra- <i>n</i> -butylammonium fluoride
TBAO	1,3,3-Trimethyl-6-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane
TBDMS	<i>tert</i> -Butyldimethylsilyl

TBDPS	<i>tert</i> -Butyldiphenylsilyl
TBS	<i>tert</i> -Butyldimethylsilyl
<i>t</i> -Bu	<i>tert</i> -Butyl
TDS	Thexyldimethylsilyl
TEA	Triethylamine
TEMPO	2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidinyloxy
TEOC	Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl
Tf	Trifluoromethanesulfonyl (triflyl)
TFA	Trifluoroacetic acid
TFAA	Trifluoroacetic anhydride
TFP	Tri-2-furylphosphine
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
TIPS	Triisopropylsilyl
TMEDA	<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethylethylenediamine
TMG	1,1,3,3-Tetramethylguanidine
TMP	Tetramethylpiperidine
TMS	Trimethylsilyl
TMSCl	Trimethylsilyl chloride
TMSCN	Trimethylsilyl cyanide
TMSI	Trimethylsilyl iodide
TMSOTf	Trimethylsilyl triflate
Tol	Toluene or tolyl
Tol-BINAP	2,2'- <i>bis</i> (di- <i>p</i> -tolylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
TosMIC	(<i>p</i> -tolylsulfonyl)methyl isocyanide
Ts	Tosyl
TsO	Tosylate
UHP	Urea-hydrogen peroxide

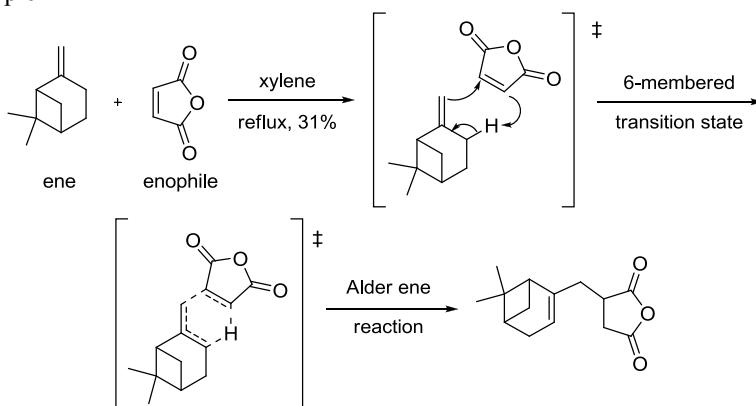
Alder ene reaction

The Alder ene reaction, also known as the hydro-allyl addition, is addition of an enophile to an alkene (ene) *via* allylic transposition. The four-electron system including an alkene π -bond and an allylic C–H σ -bond can participate in a pericyclic reaction in which the double bond shifts and new C–H and C–C σ -bonds are formed.

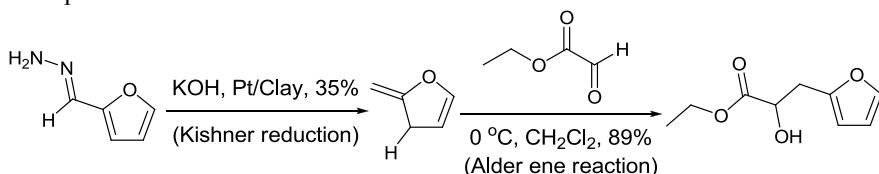


X=Y: C=C, C≡C, C=O, C=N, N=N, N=O, S=O, etc.

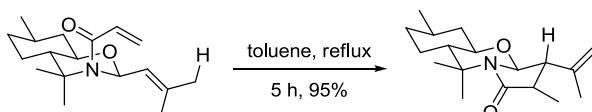
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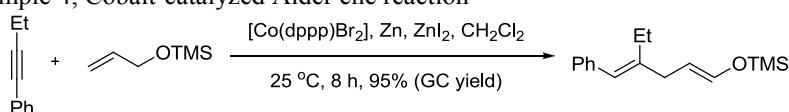
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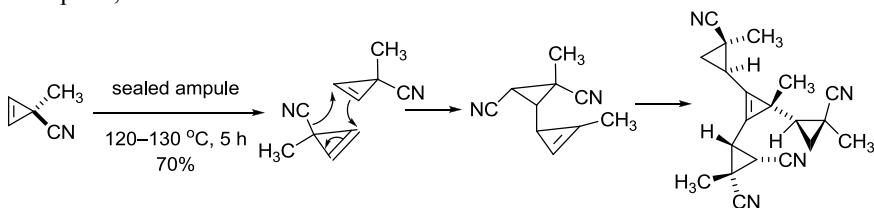
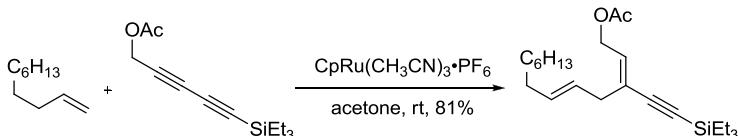
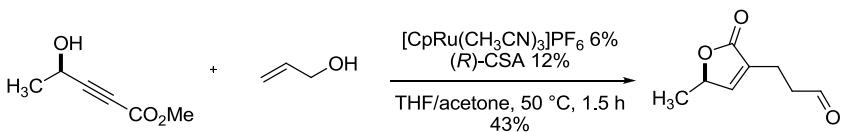


Example 3, Intramolecular Alder ene reaction⁸



Example 4, Cobalt-catalyzed Alder ene reaction⁹



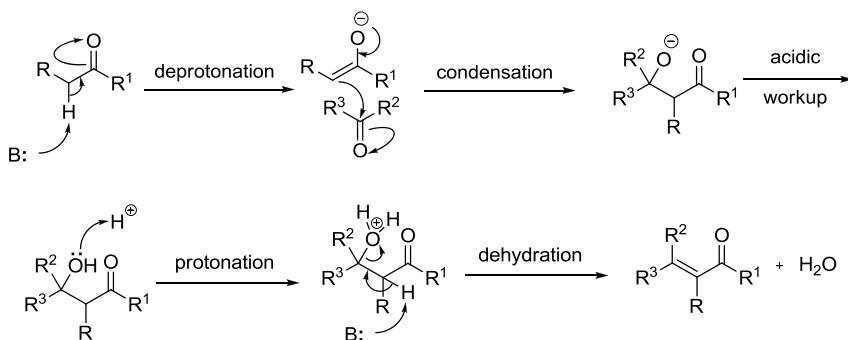
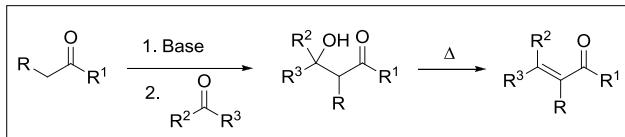
Example 5, Nitrile Alder ene reaction¹⁰Example 6¹¹Example 7¹³

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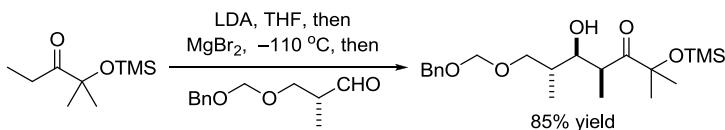
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Aldol condensation

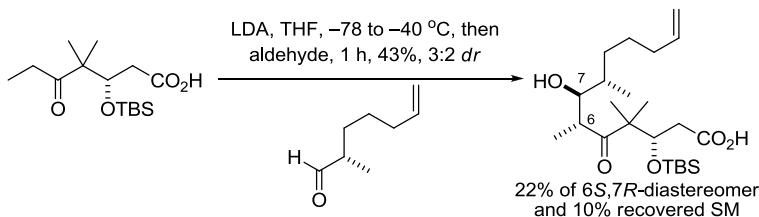
The aldol condensation is the coupling of an enolate ion with a carbonyl compound to form a β -hydroxycarbonyl, and sometimes, followed by dehydration to give a conjugated enone. A simple case is addition of an enolate to an **aldehyde** to afford an **alcohol**, thus the name **aldol**.



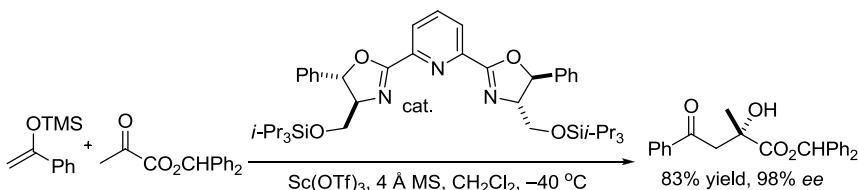
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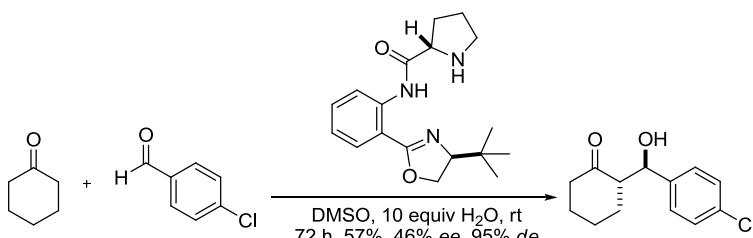
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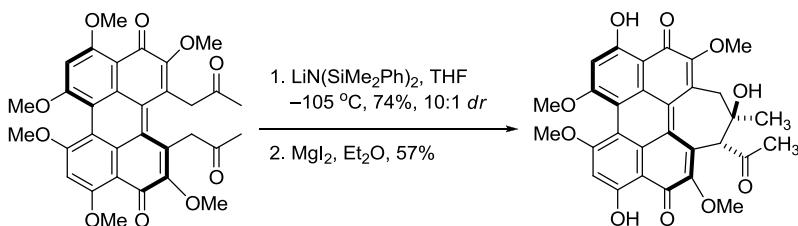
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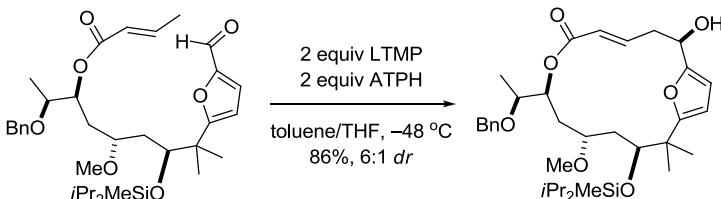
Example 4, Intermolecular aldol reaction using organocatalyst¹²



Example 5, Intramolecular aldol reaction¹³



Example 6, Intramolecular vinylogous aldol reaction¹⁵



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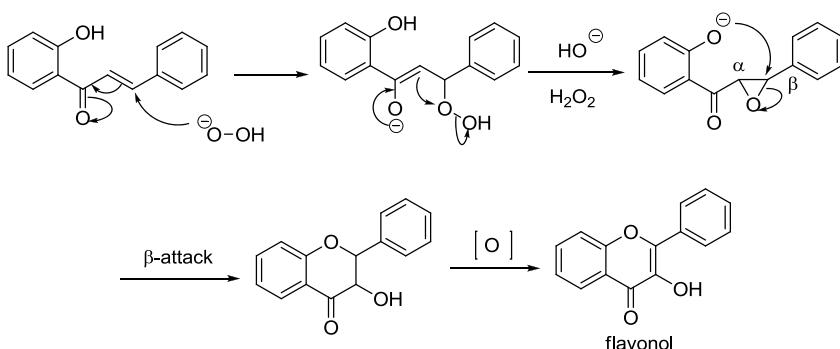
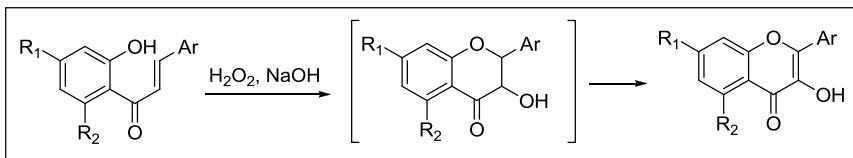
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sodium to form a new carbon–carbon bond, is no longer considered synthetically useful, although *the aldol reaction* that Wurtz discovered in 1872 has become a staple in organic synthesis. Alexander P. Borodin is also credited with the discovery of the aldol reaction together with Wurtz. In 1872 he announced to the Russian Chemical Society the discovery of a new by-product in aldehyde reactions with properties like that of an alcohol, and he noted similarities with compounds already discussed in publications by Wurtz from the same year.

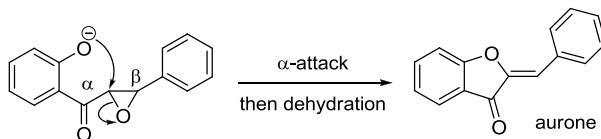
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Algar–Flynn–Oyamada Reaction

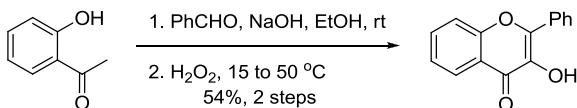
Conversion of 2'-hydroxychalcones to 2-aryl-3-hydroxy-4*H*-1-benzopyran-4-ones (flavonols) by an oxidative cyclization.



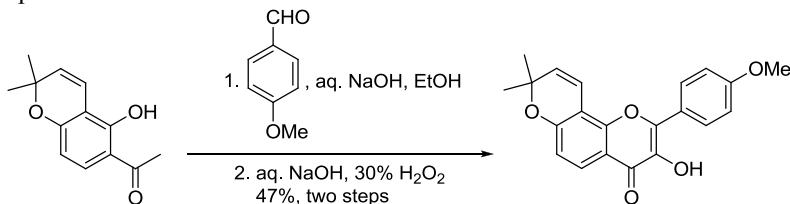
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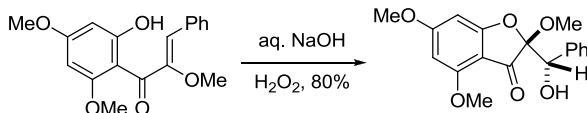
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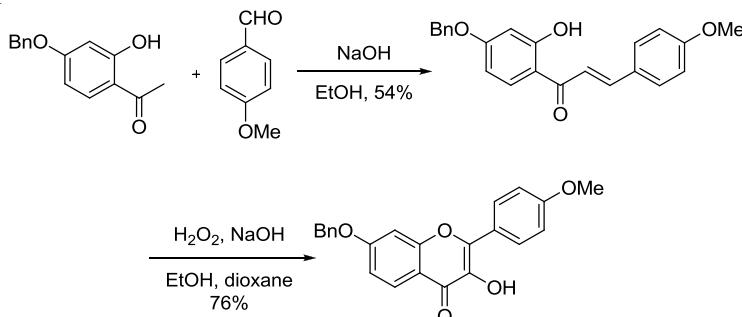
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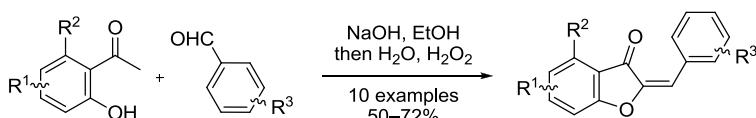
Example 3, The side reaction dominated to give the aurone derivative⁹



Example 4¹²



Example 5, The side reaction dominated to give the aurone derivative¹³

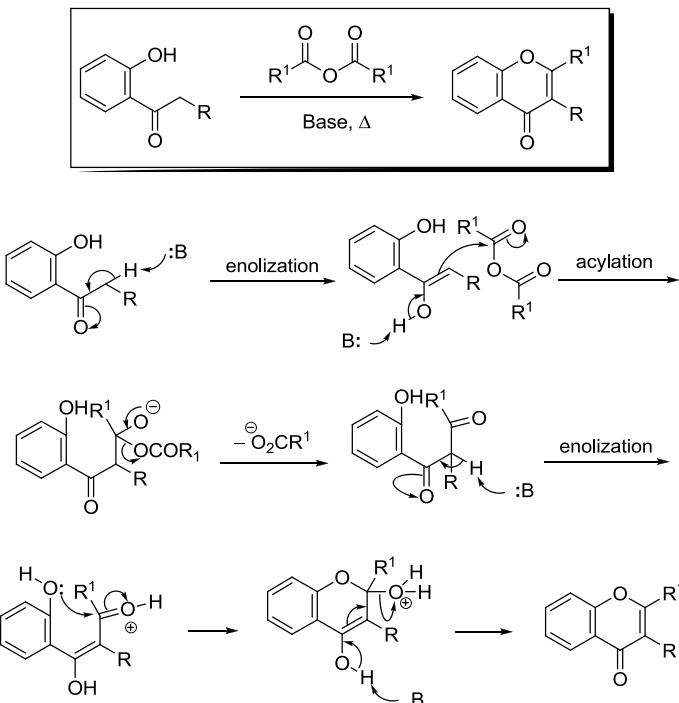


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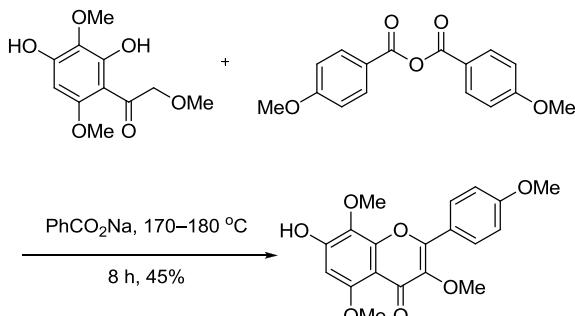
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Allan–Robinson reaction

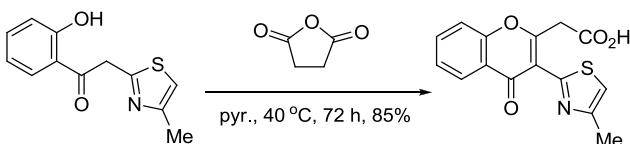
Synthesis of flavones or isoflavones by the treatment of *o*-hydroxyaryl ketones with aromatic aldehydes in the presence of a base. Cf. Kostanecki reaction.



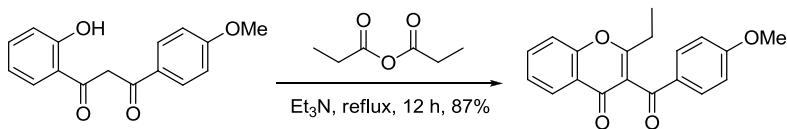
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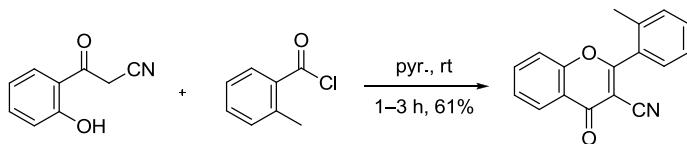
Example 2, Non-aromatic anhydride⁹



Example 3, Non-aromatic anhydride¹⁰



Example 4, Acid chloride in place of anhydride¹⁰

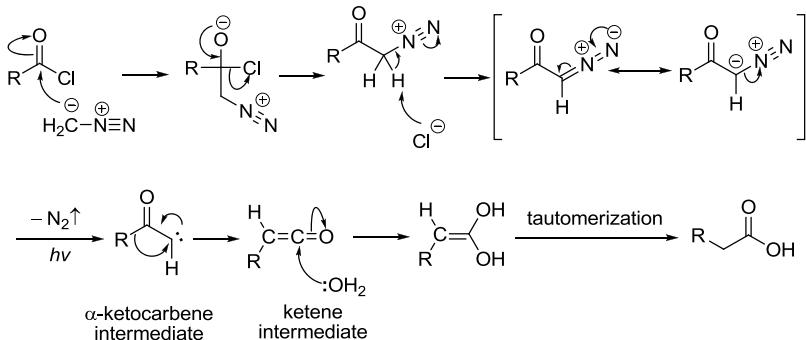
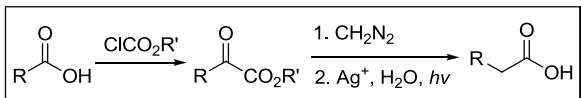


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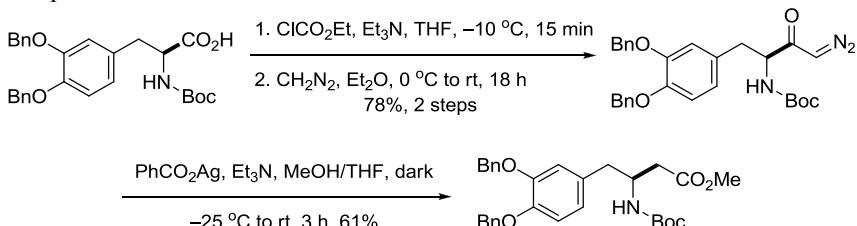
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Arndt–Eistert homologation

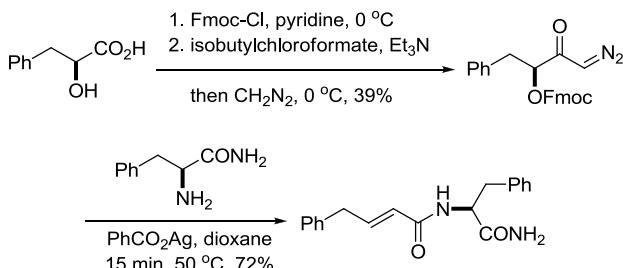
One-carbon homologation of carboxylic acids using diazomethane.



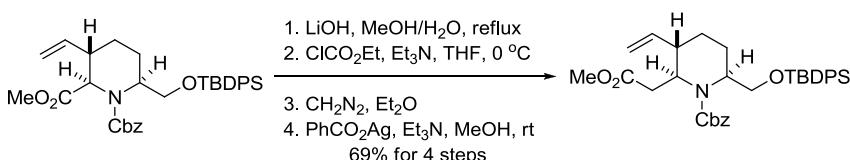
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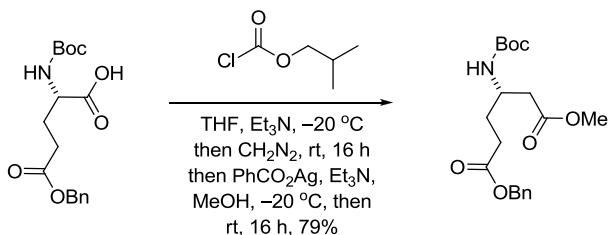


Example 2, An interesting variation⁹



Example 3¹⁰



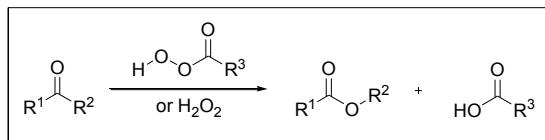
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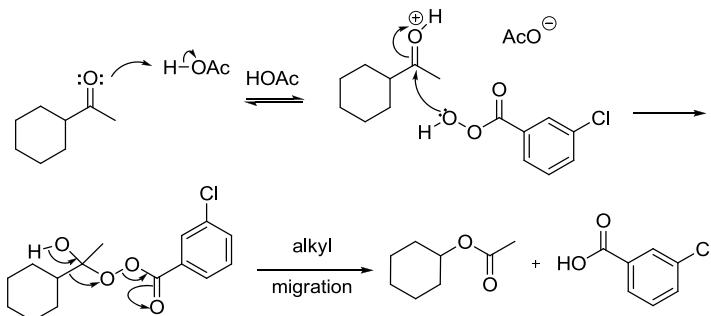
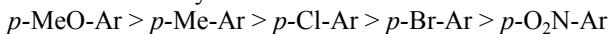
Baeyer–Villiger oxidation

General scheme:

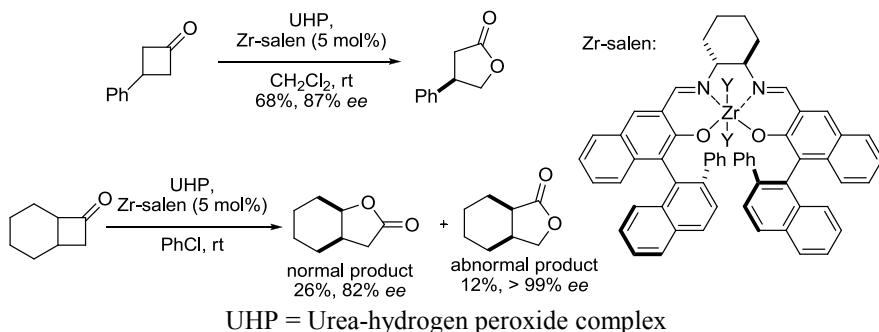


The most electron-rich alkyl group (more substituted carbon) migrates first. The general migration order: tertiary alkyl > cyclohexyl > secondary alkyl > benzyl > phenyl > primary alkyl > methyl >> H.

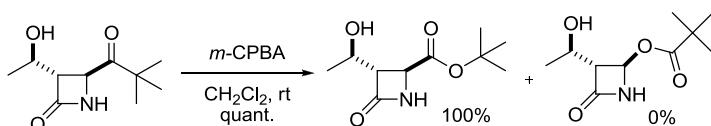
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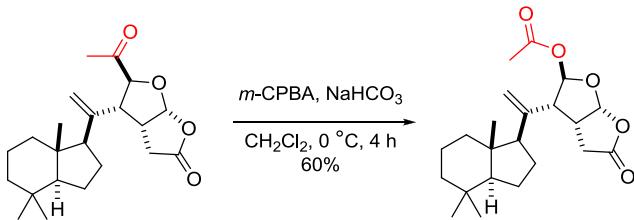
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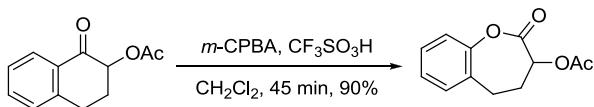
Example 2, Chemoselective over lactam⁵



Example 3, Chemoselective over lactone⁶



Example 4, Chemoselective over ester⁸

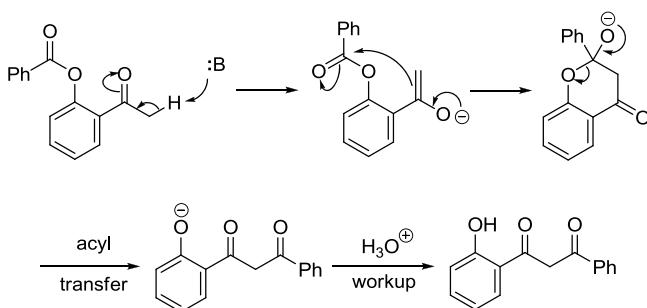
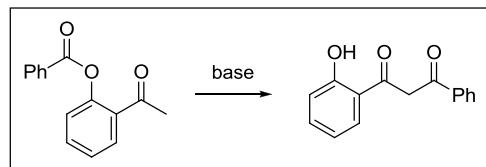


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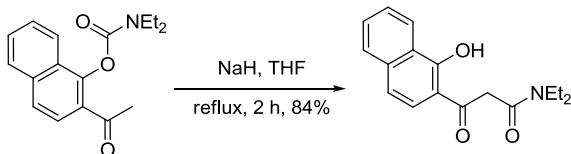
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Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement

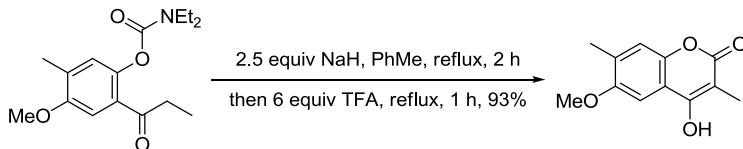
Base-catalyzed acyl transfer reaction that converts α -acyloxyketones to β -diketones.



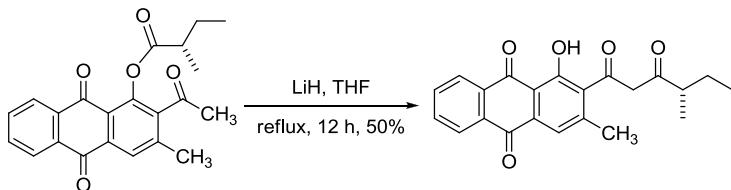
Example 1, Carbamoyl Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement⁵



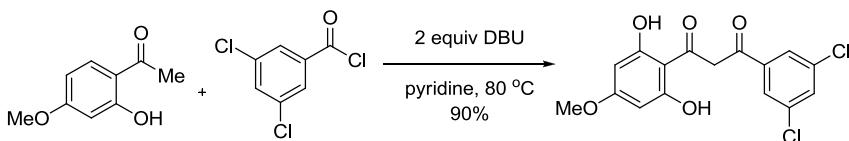
Example 2, Carbamoyl Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement, followed by cyclization⁶



Example 3, Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement⁹



Example 4, Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement¹⁰

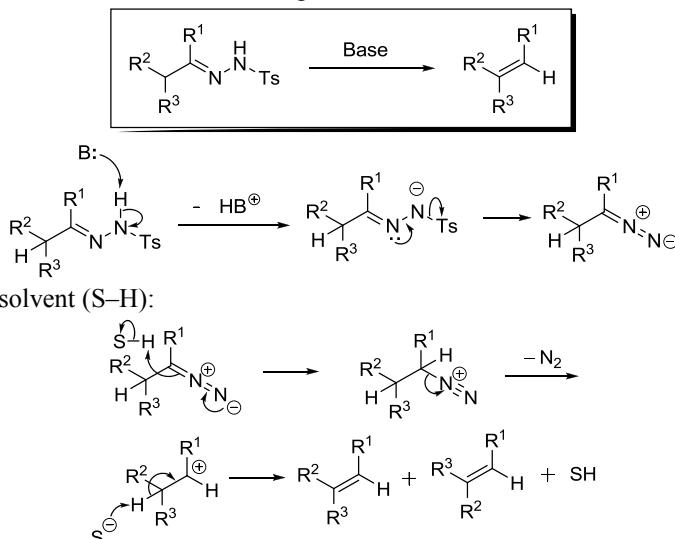


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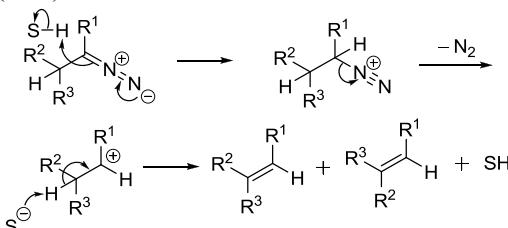
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Bamford–Stevens reaction

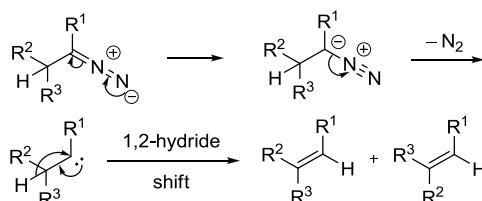
The Bamford–Stevens reaction and the Shapiro reaction share a similar mechanistic pathway. The former uses a base such as Na, NaOMe, LiH, NaH, NaNH₂, heat, etc., whereas the latter employs bases such as alkylolithiums and Grignard reagents. As a result, the Bamford–Stevens reaction furnishes more-substituted olefins as the thermodynamic products, while the Shapiro reaction generally affords less-substituted olefins as the kinetic products.



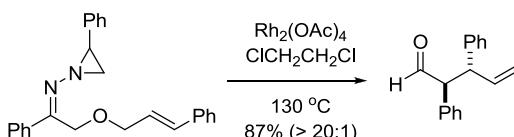
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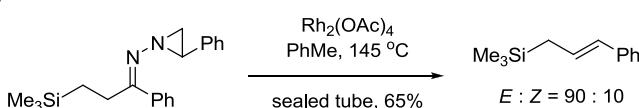
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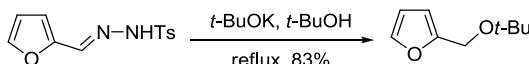
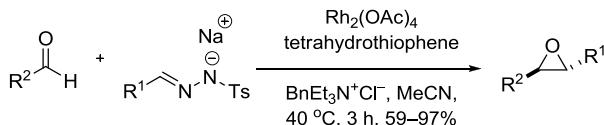


Example 1, Tandem Bamford–Stevens/thermal aliphatic Claisen rearrangement sequence⁶

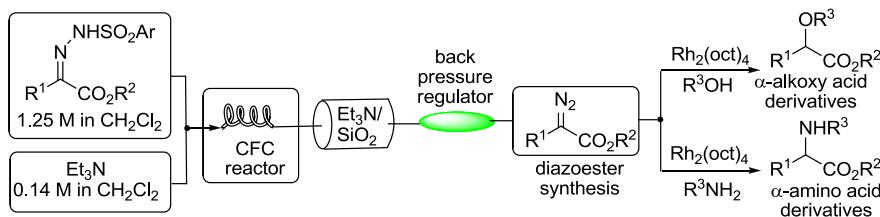


The starting material *N*-aziridinyl imine is also known as Eschenmoser hydrazone.
Example 2, Thermal Bamford–Stevens



Example 3⁷Example 4⁸

Example 5, Diazoesters from arylsulfonylhydrazones by means of in-flow Bamford-Stevens reactions¹³

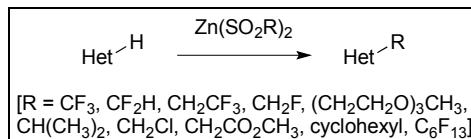


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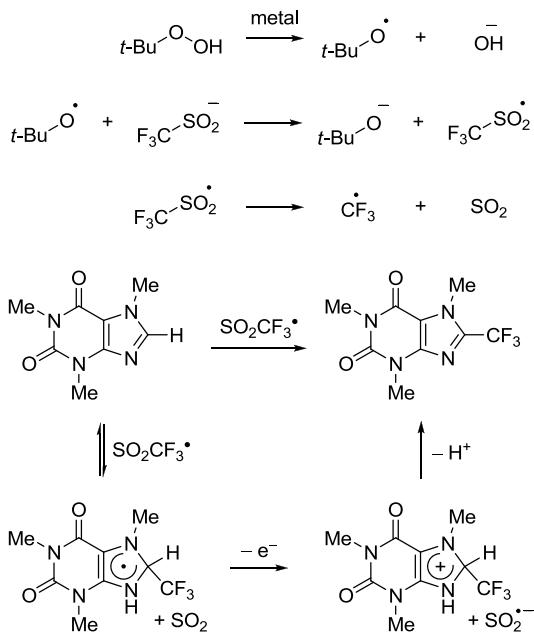
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Baran reagents

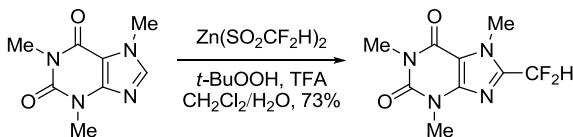
Zinc bis(alkanesulfinate) salts, which permit direct C–H functionalization of heteroarenes. Several of these reagents are now commercially available.^{6,7}



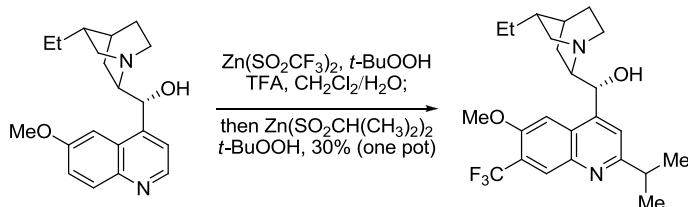
A proposed mechanism for CF₃ radical generation is shown below.⁵ Two regimes of differing reaction rates have been observed, and this tentative mechanism is still under study.¹⁰



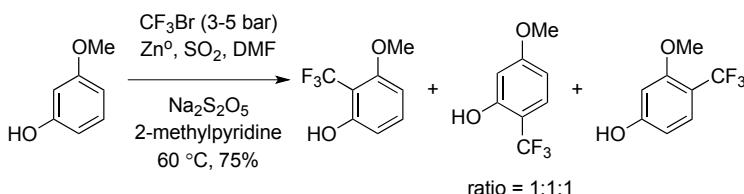
Example 1, Difluoromethylation of caffeine⁶



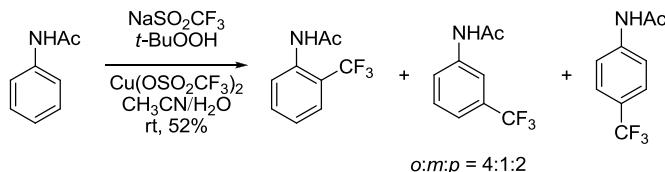
Example 2, sequential functionalization of dihydroquinine⁷



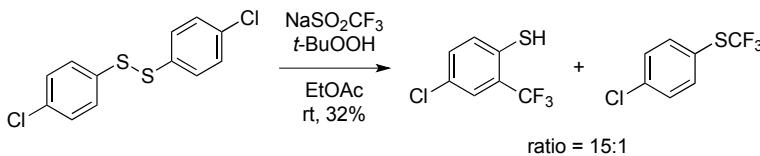
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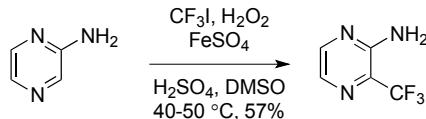
Cf. Example 4, use of Langlois reagent (sodium trifluoromethanesulfinate)²



Cf. Example 5³



Cf. Example 6, Yamakawa's group⁴



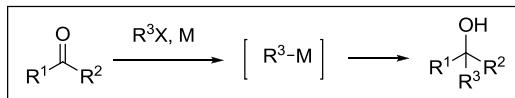
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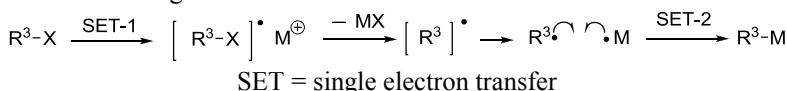
Barbier reaction

The Barbier reaction is an organic reaction between an alkyl halide and a carbonyl group as an electrophilic substrate in the presence of magnesium, aluminium, zinc, indium, tin or its salts. The reaction product is a primary, secondary or tertiary alcohol. Cf. Grignard reaction.

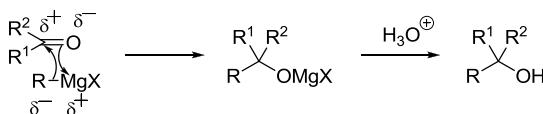


According to conventional wisdom,³ the organometallic intermediate ($M = Mg, Li, Sm, Zn, La, etc.$) is generated *in situ*, which is intermediately trapped by the carbonyl compound. However, recent experimental and theoretical studies seem to suggest that the Barbier coupling reaction goes through a single electron transfer (SET) pathway.

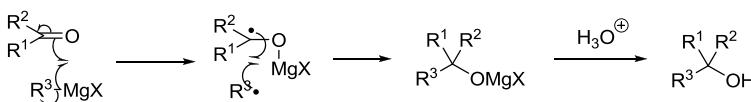
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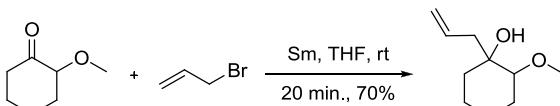
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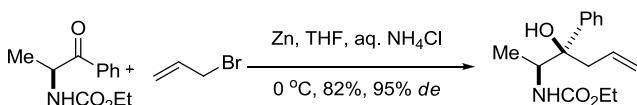
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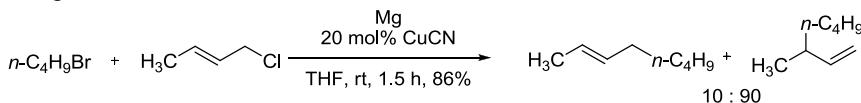
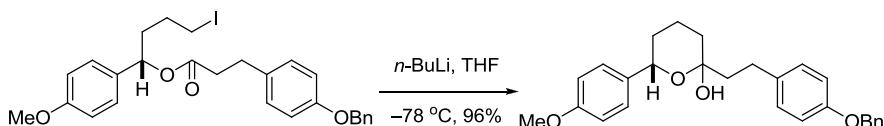


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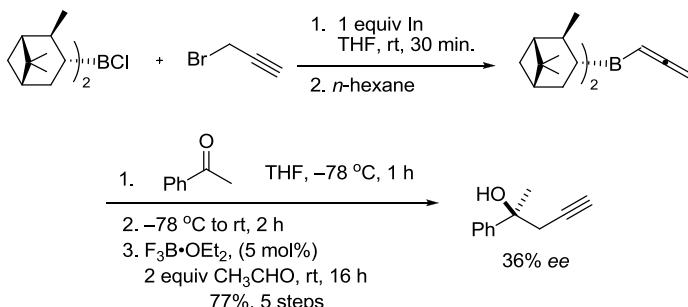


Example 2⁹



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Example 5, The following whole sequence of 5 steps can also be carried out in one-pot¹²

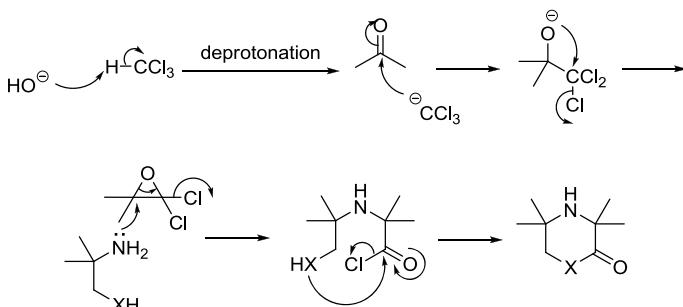
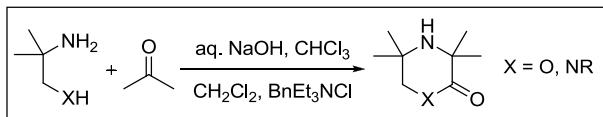


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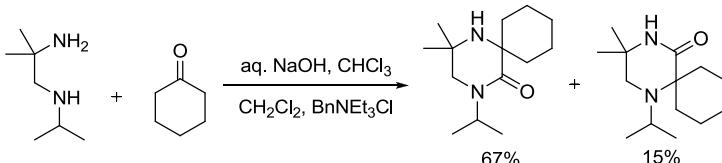
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Bargellini reaction

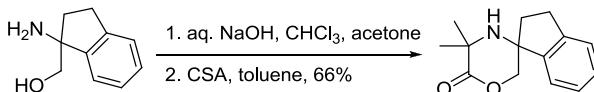
Synthesis of hindered morpholinones or piperazinones from ketones (such as acetone) and 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol or 1,2-diaminopropanes.



Example 1²



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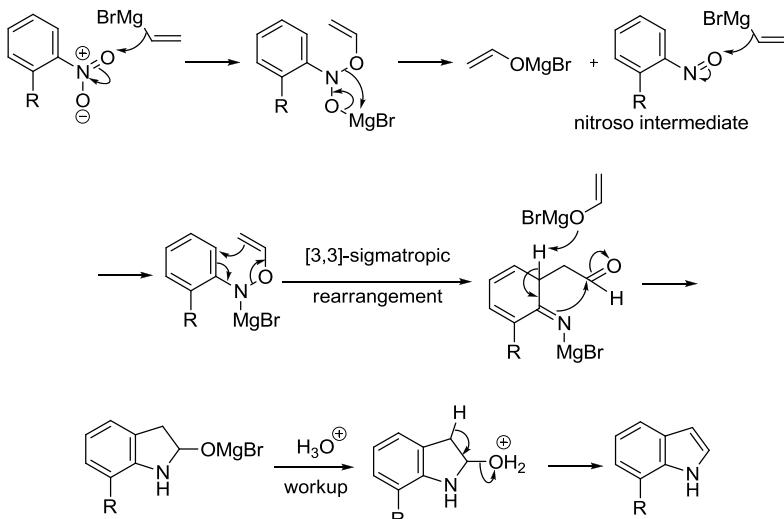
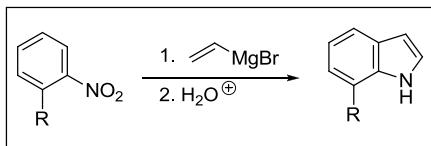


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Bartoli indole synthesis

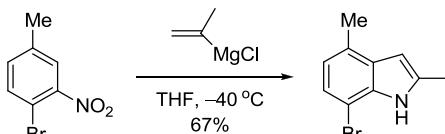
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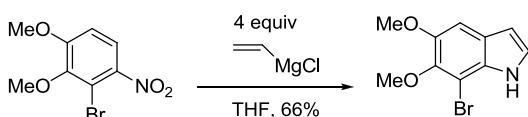
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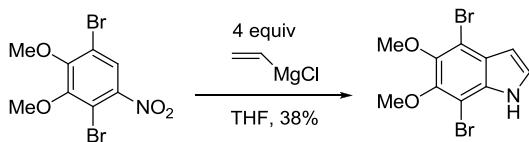
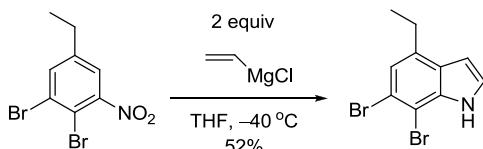
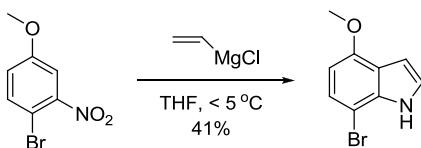


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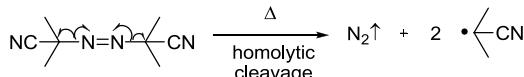
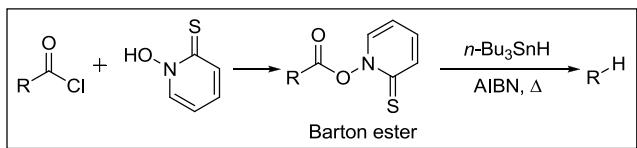
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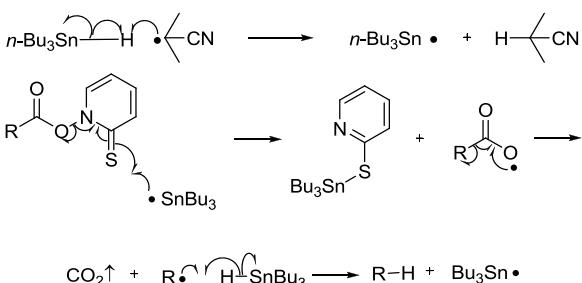
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Barton radical decarboxylation

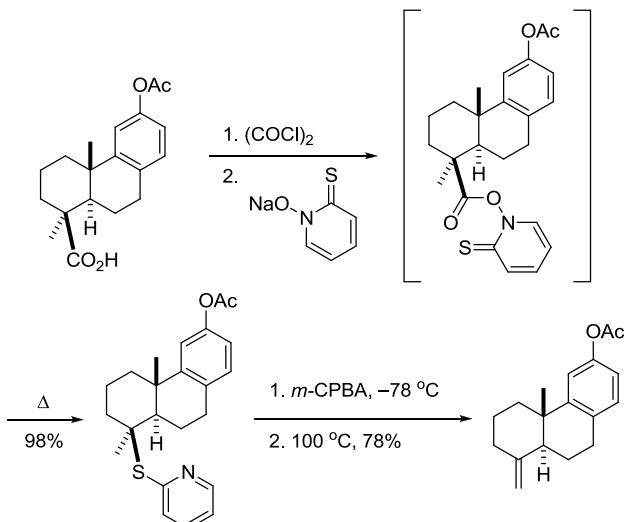
Radical decarboxylation of the carboxylic acids.



AIBN = 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile

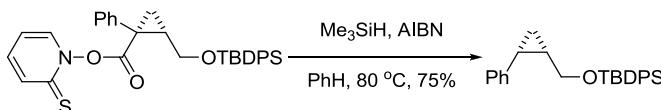
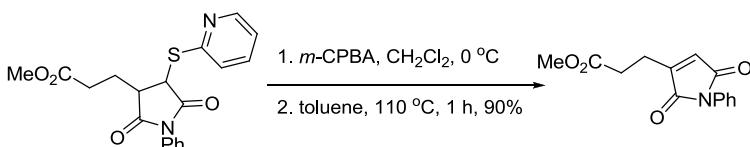
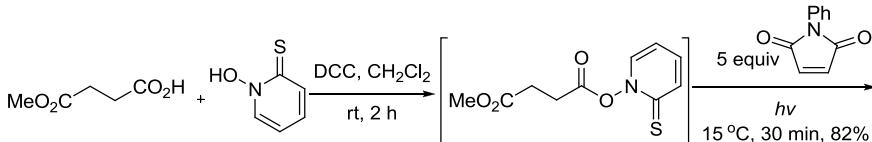
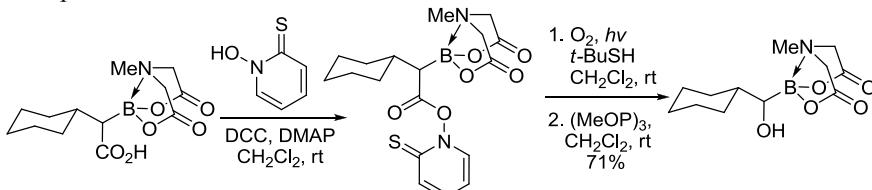


Example 1, Tin hydride not used and elimination occurs via thioether intermediate³



Example 2⁶



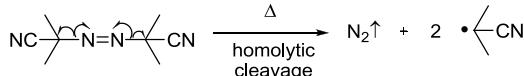
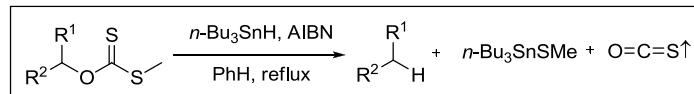
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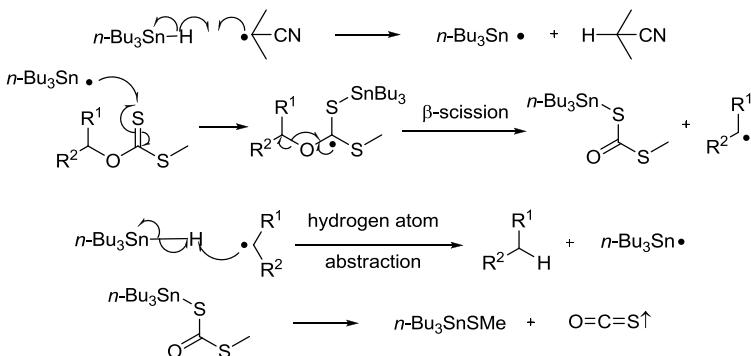
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Barton–McCombie deoxygenation

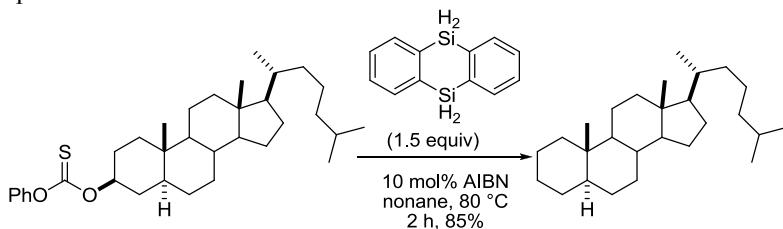
Deoxygenation of alcohols by means of radical scission of their corresponding thiocarbonyl derivatives.



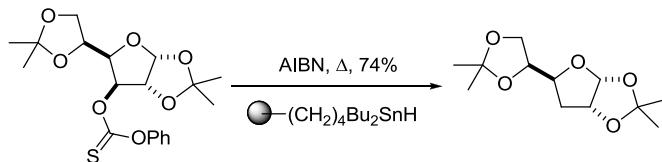
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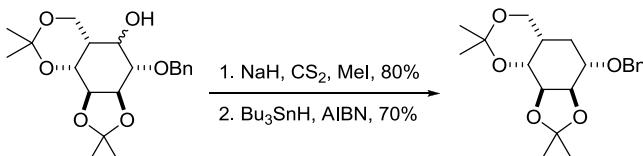
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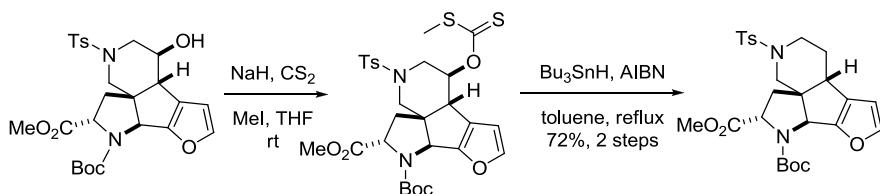
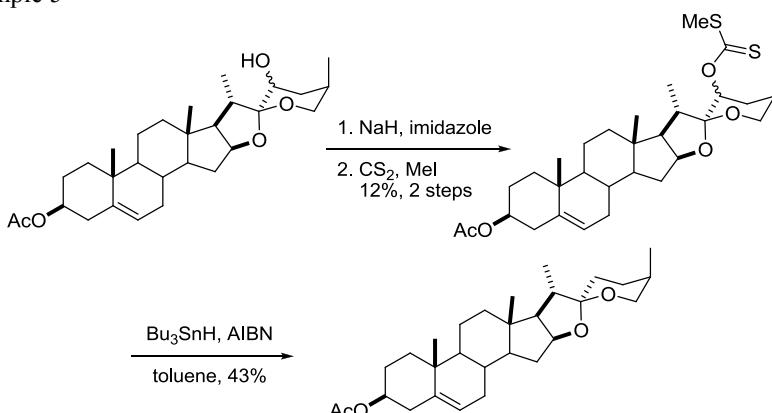


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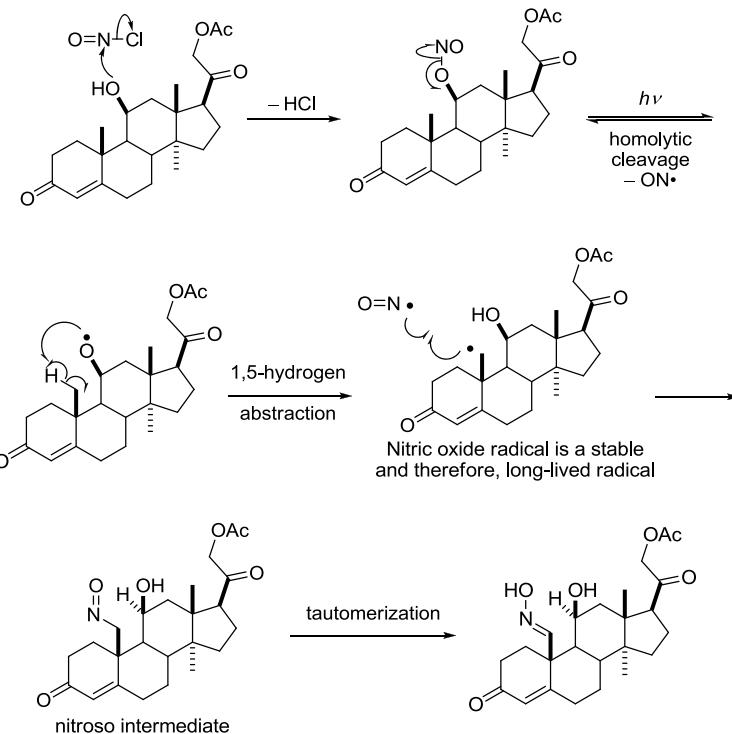
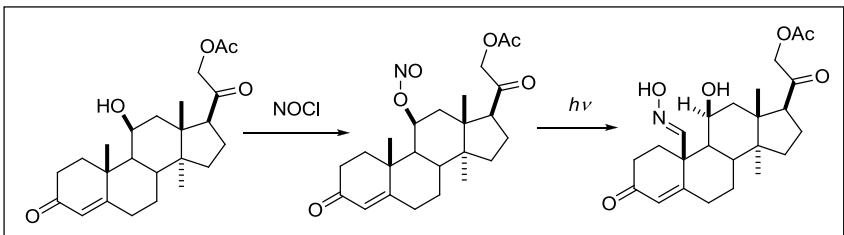
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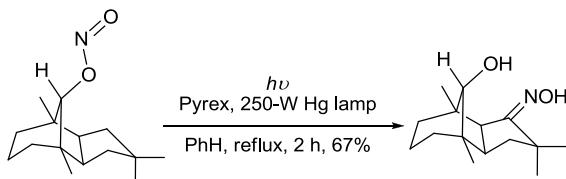
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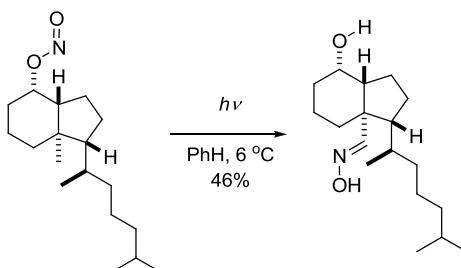
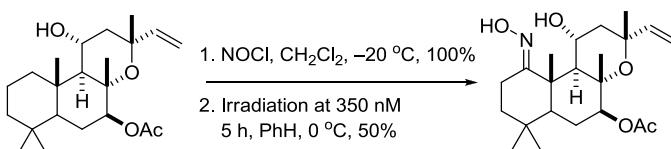
Barton nitrite photolysis

Photolysis of a nitrite ester to a γ -oximino alcohol.



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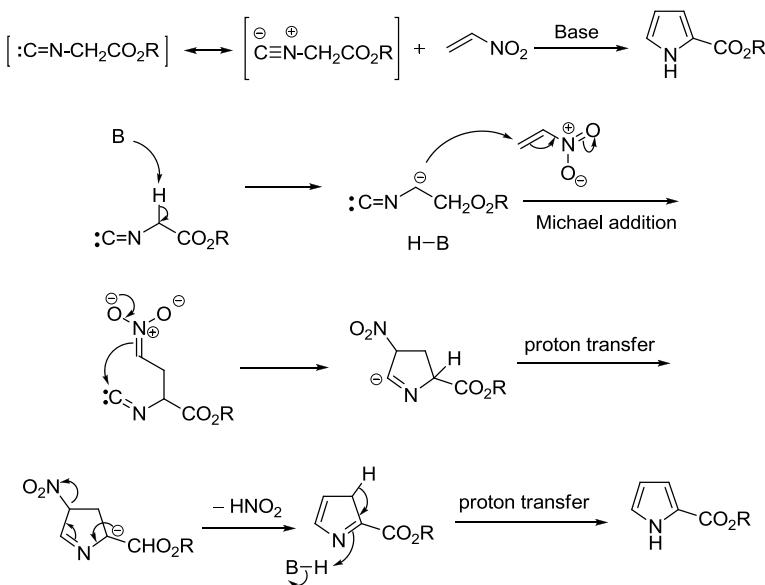
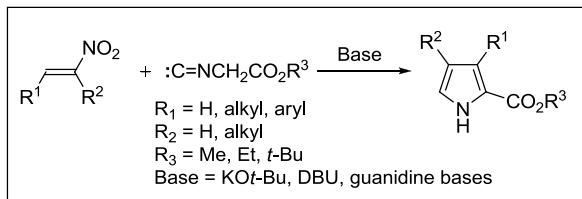
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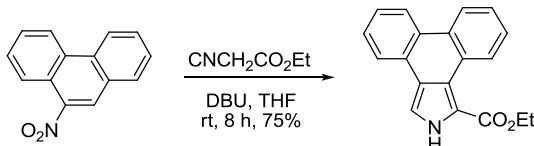
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Barton–Zard reaction

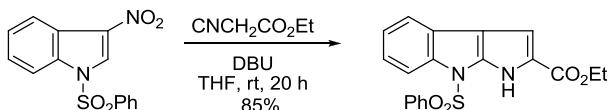
Base-induced reaction of nitroalkenes with alkyl α -isocyanoacetates to afford pyrroles.



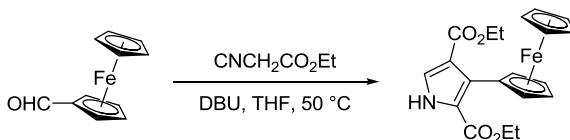
Example 1⁵



Example 2⁷



Example 3, A Barton–Zard reaction on a ferrocene ring¹²

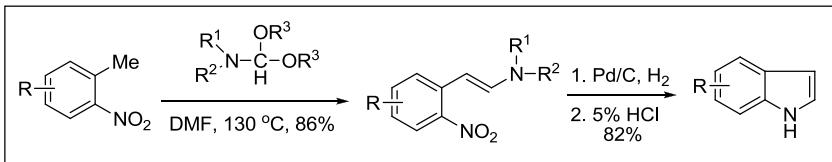


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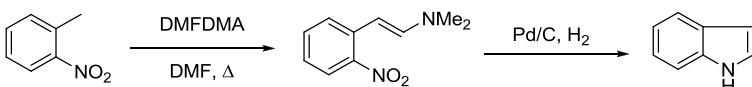
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Batcho–Leimgruber indole synthesis

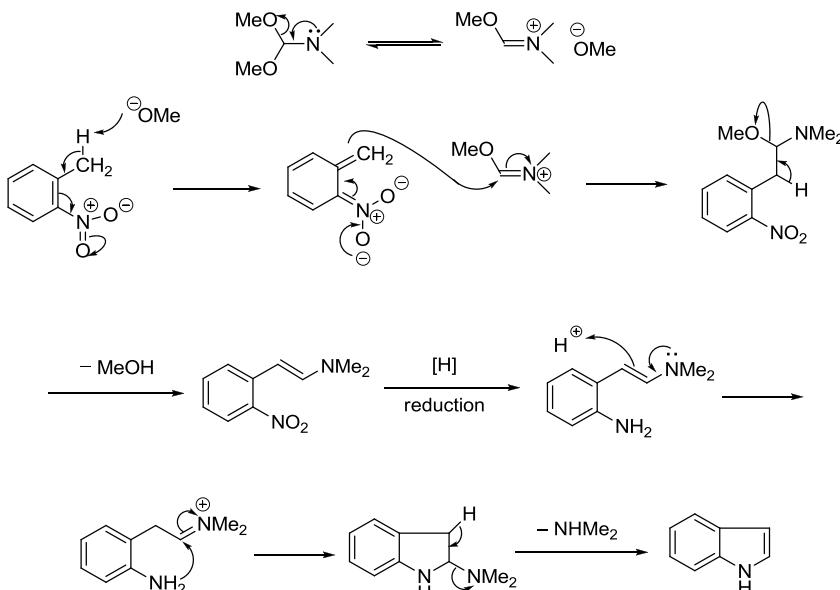
Condensation of *o*-nitrotoluene derivatives with formamide acetals, followed by reduction of the *trans*- β -dimethylamino-2-nitrostyrene to furnish indole derivatives.



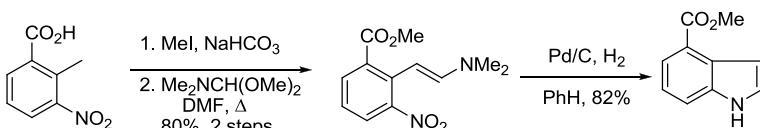
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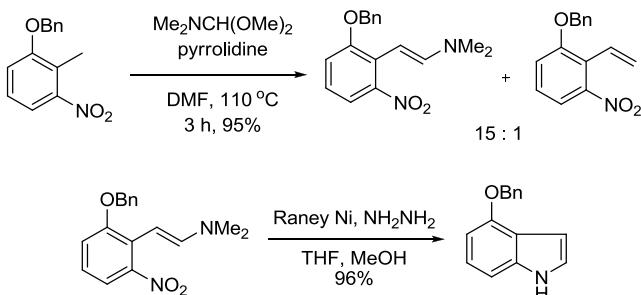
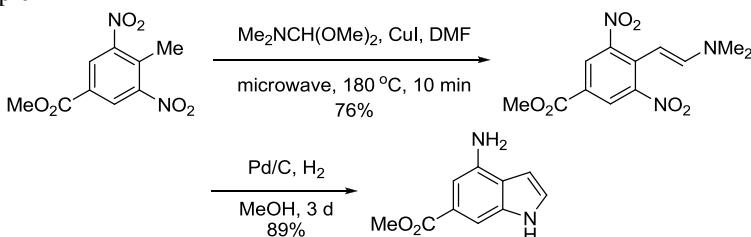
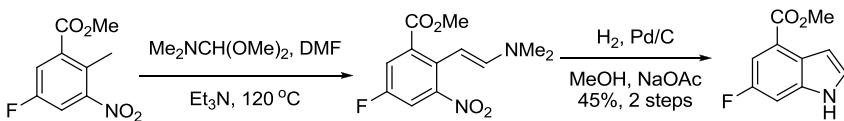


DMFDMA = *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal, $\text{Me}_2\text{NCH}(\text{OMe})_2$



Example 2⁴



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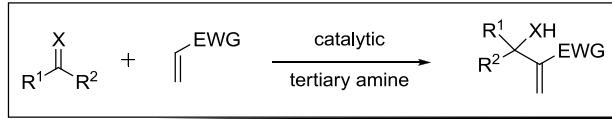
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Baylis–Hillman reaction

Also known as the Morita–Baylis–Hillman reaction. It is a carbon–carbon bond-forming transformation of an electron-poor alkene with a carbon electrophile. Electron-poor alkenes include acrylic esters, acrylonitriles, vinyl ketones, vinyl sulfones, and acroleins. On the other hand, carbon electrophiles may be aldehydes, α -alkoxycarbonyl ketones, aldimines, and Michael acceptors.

General scheme:



$X = O, NR_2, EWG = CO_2R, COR, CHO, CN, SO_2R, SO_3R, PO(OEt)_2, CONR_2, CH_2=CHCO_2Me$

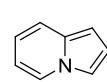
Catalytic tertiary amines:



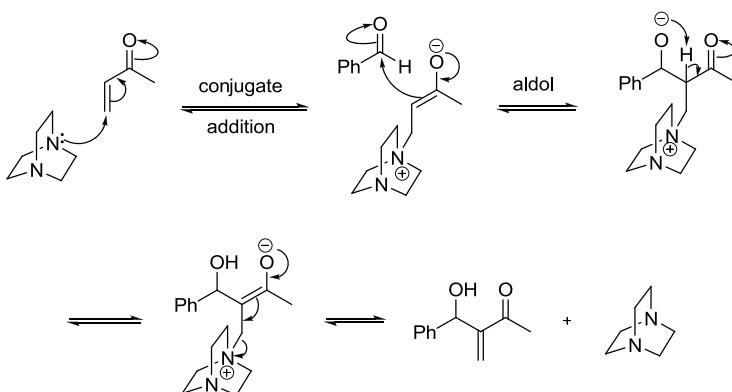
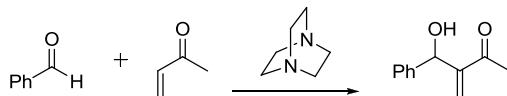
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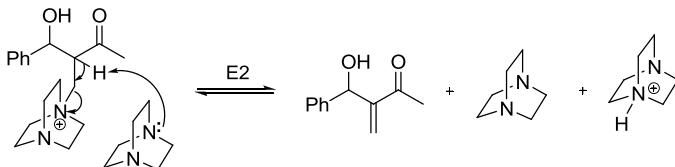
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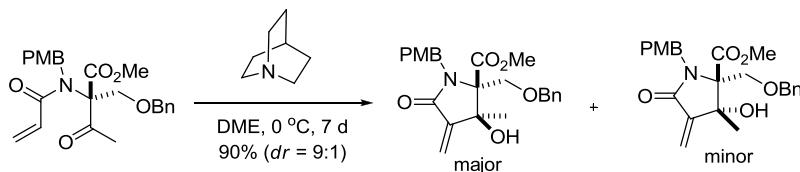
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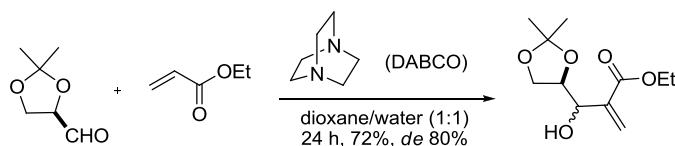
E2 (bimolecular elimination) mechanism is also operative here:



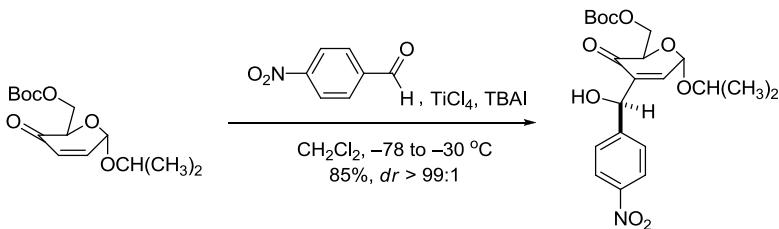
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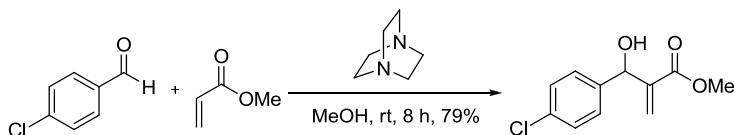
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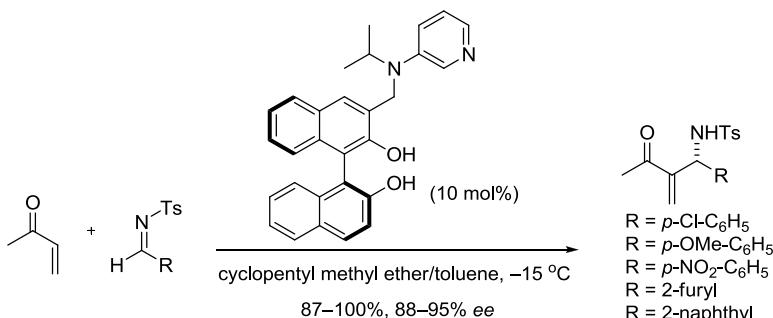
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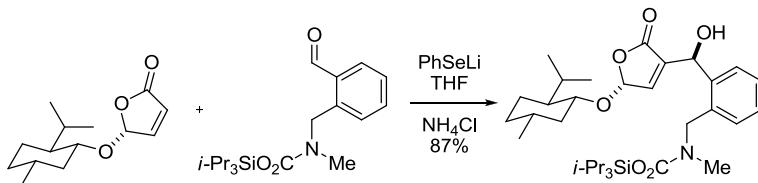
Example 4⁹



Example 5¹⁰



Example 6¹³



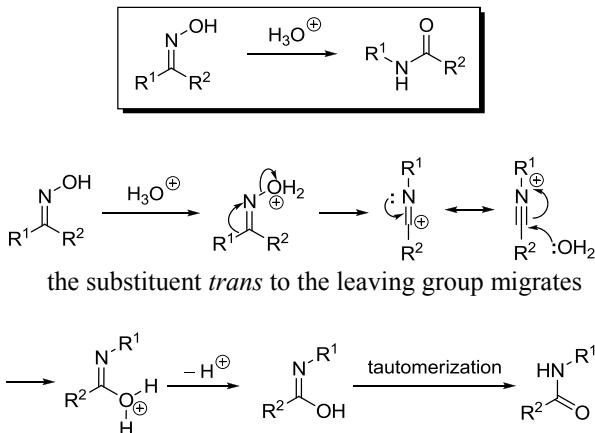
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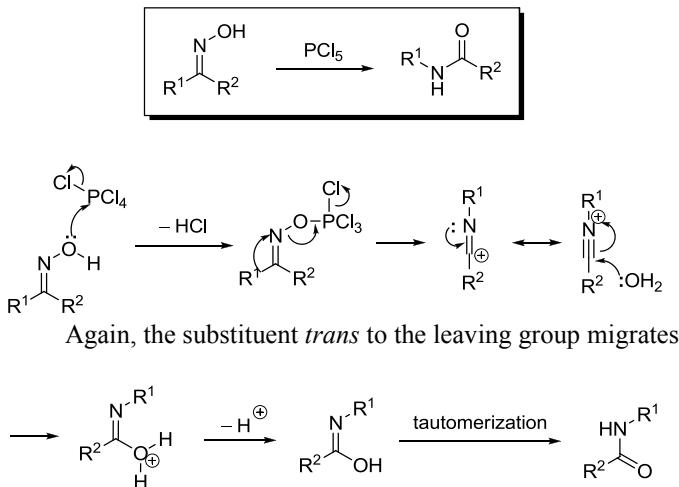
Beckmann rearrangement

Acid-mediated isomerization of oximes to amides.

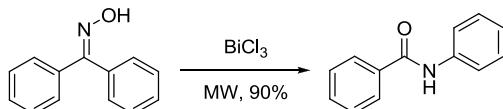
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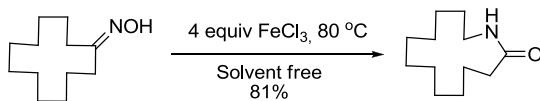
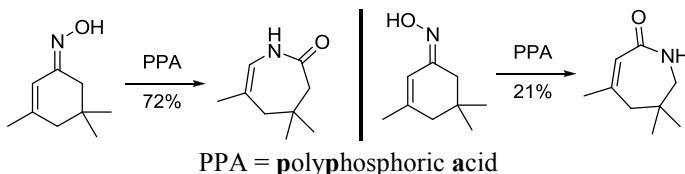
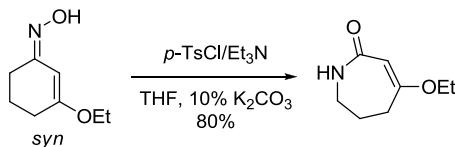


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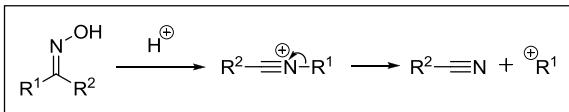
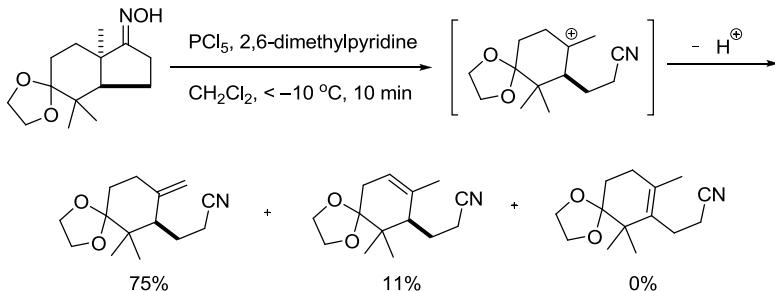


Example 1, Microwave (MW) reaction³

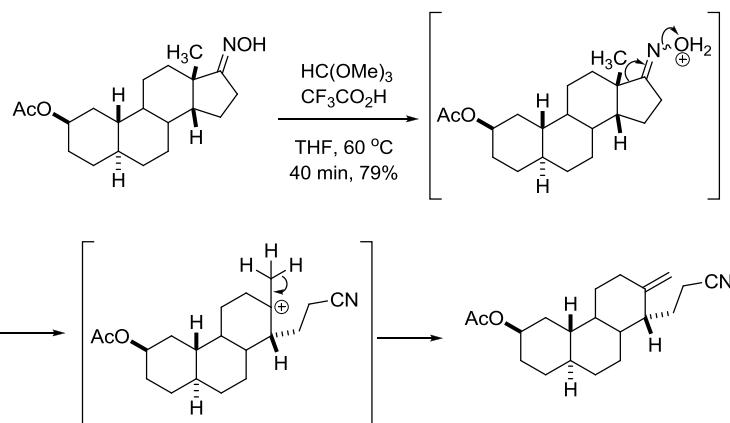


Example 2⁴Example 3⁶Example 4⁸

Abnormal Beckmann rearrangement is when the migrating fragment (e.g., R¹) departs from the intermediate, leaving a nitrile as a stable product.

Example 1⁹

Example 2¹⁰

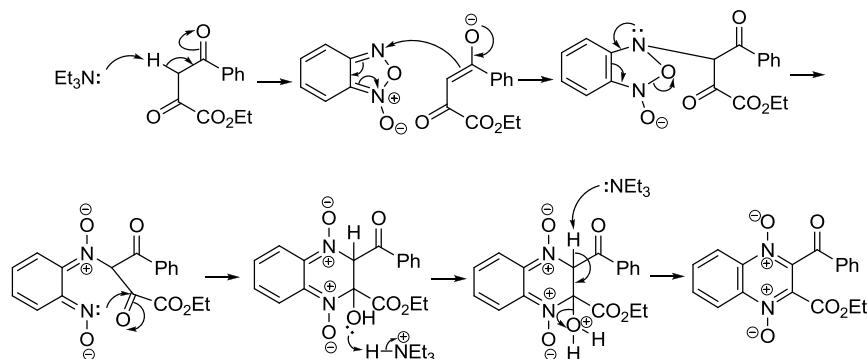
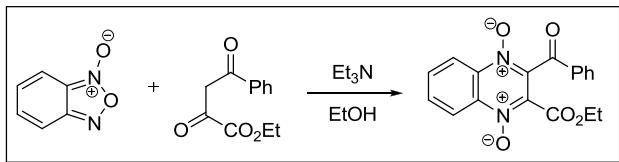


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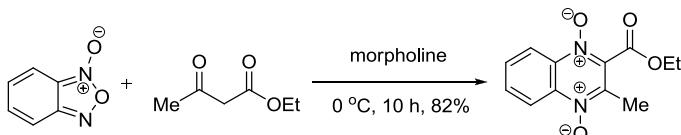
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Beirut reaction

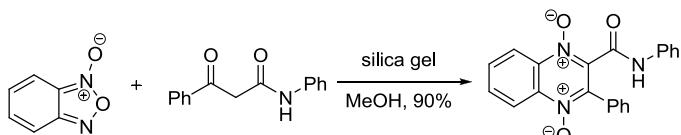
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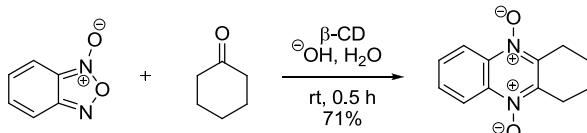
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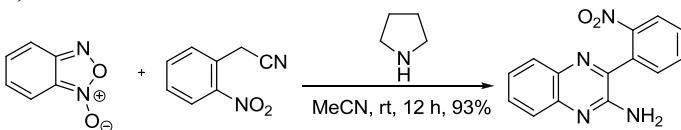
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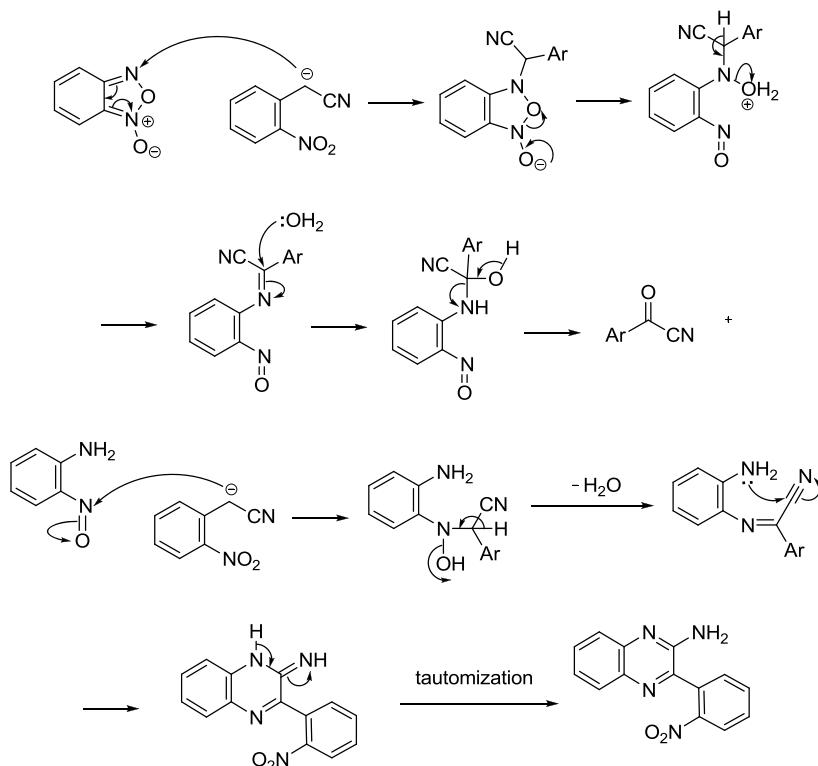


Example 4, Promoted by β -cyclodextrin¹¹



Example 5, An unusual Beirut reaction¹²



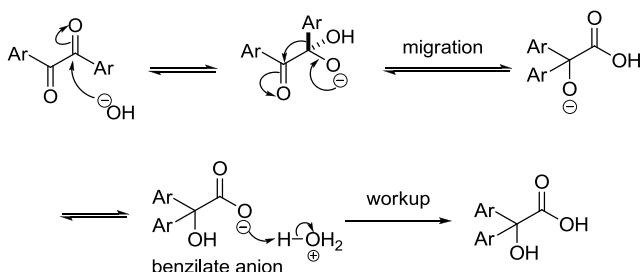
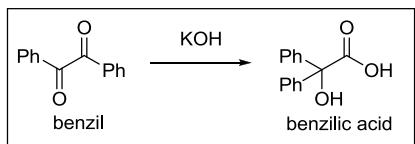


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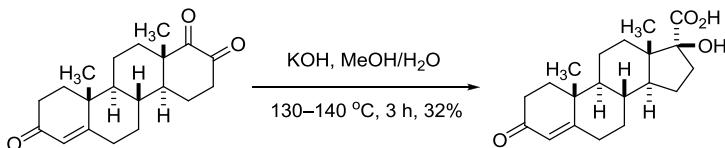
Benzilic acid rearrangement

Rearrangement of benzil to benzilic acid *via* aryl migration.

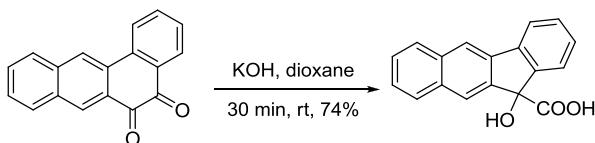


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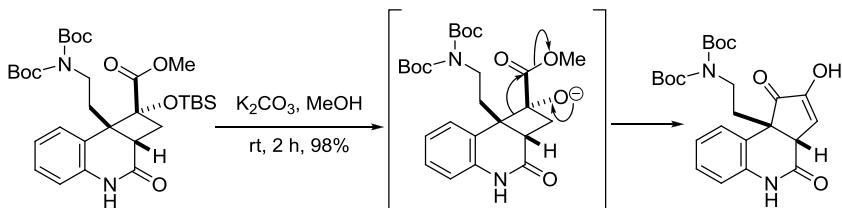
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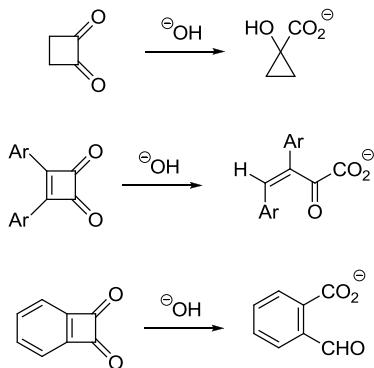
Example 2⁶



Example 3, Retro-benzilic acid rearrangement⁷



Example 4, Cyclobutane-1,2-diones (Computational Chemistry)⁹

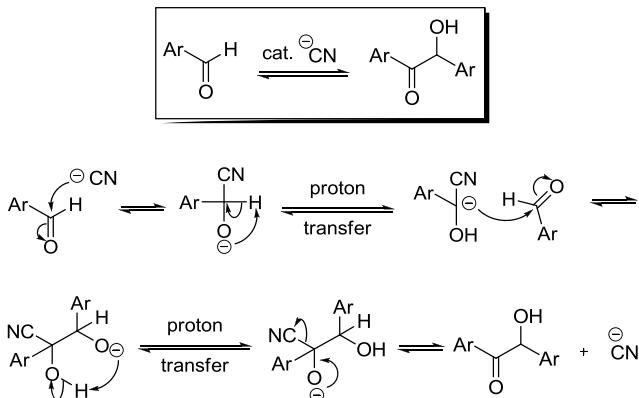


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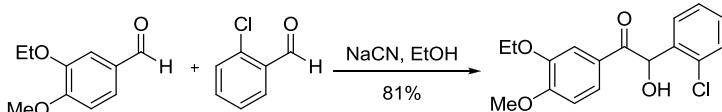
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Benzoin condensation

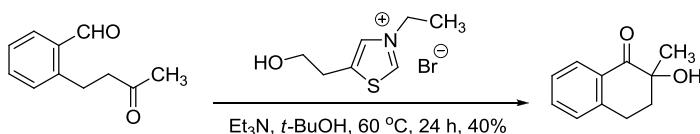
Cyanide-catalyzed condensation of aryl aldehyde to benzoin. Now cyanide is mostly replaced by thiazolium salts or *N*-heterocyclic carbenes. Cf. Stetter reaction.



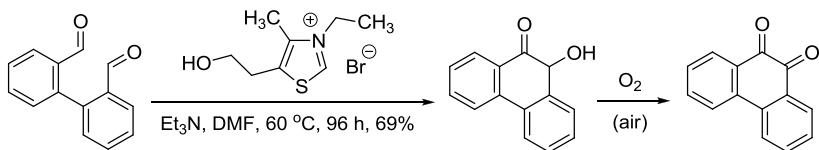
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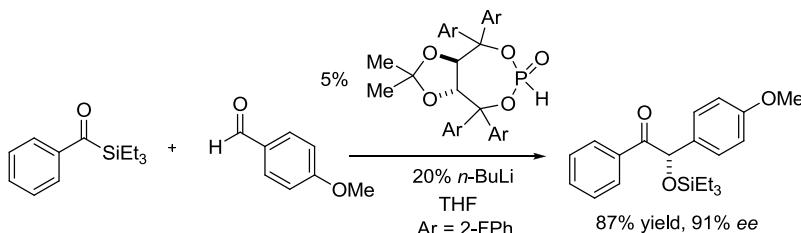
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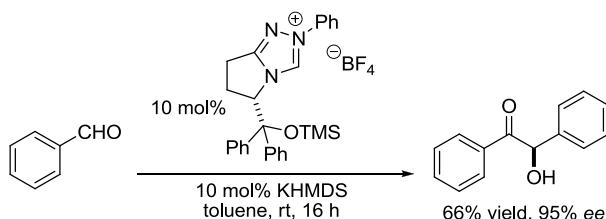
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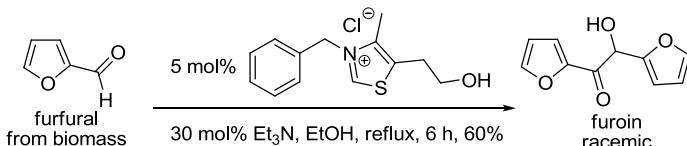
Example 4, With Brook rearrangement⁹



Example 5¹⁰



Example 6¹²

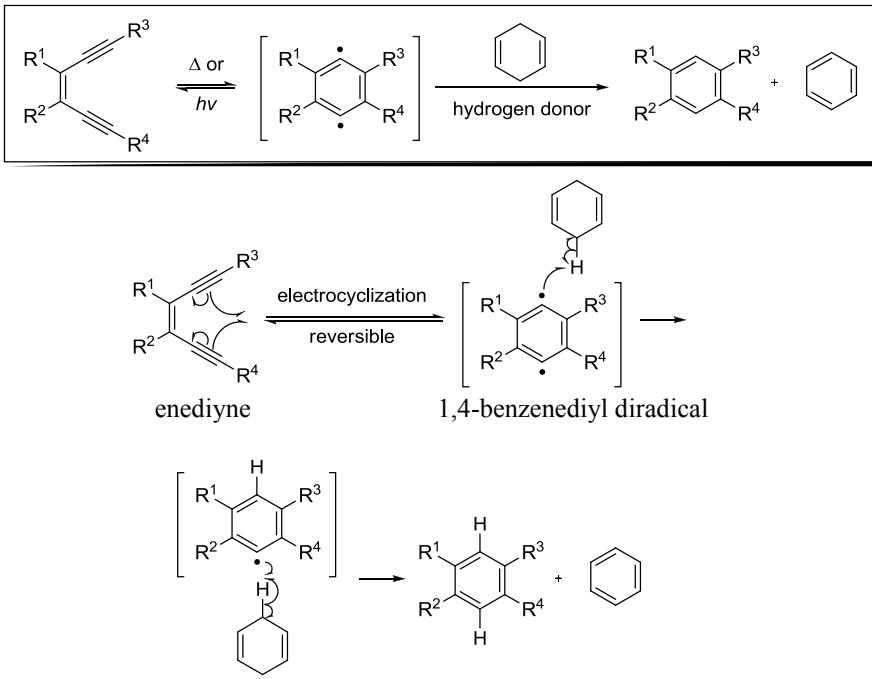


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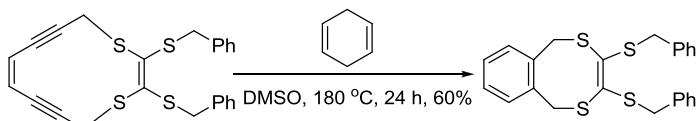
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Bergman cyclization

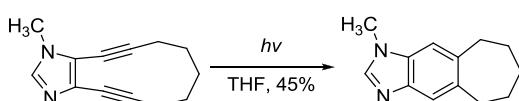
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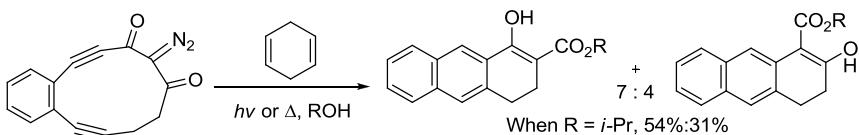
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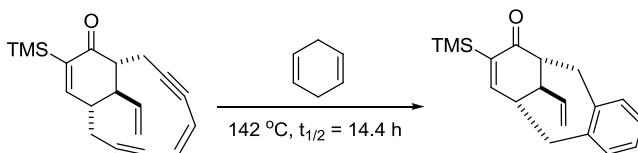
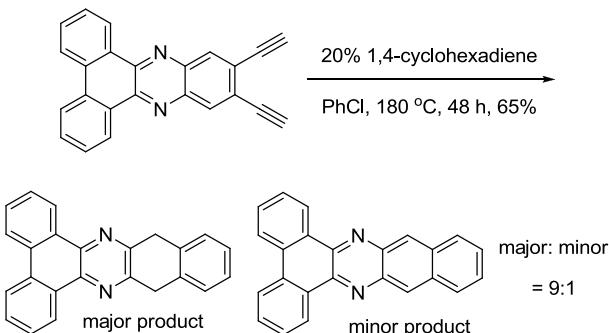
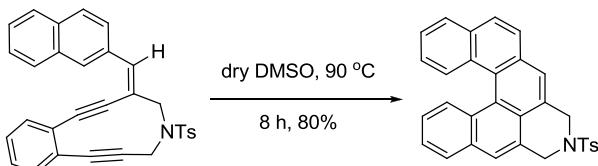


Example 2⁷



Example 3, Wolff rearrangement followed by Bergman cyclization⁸



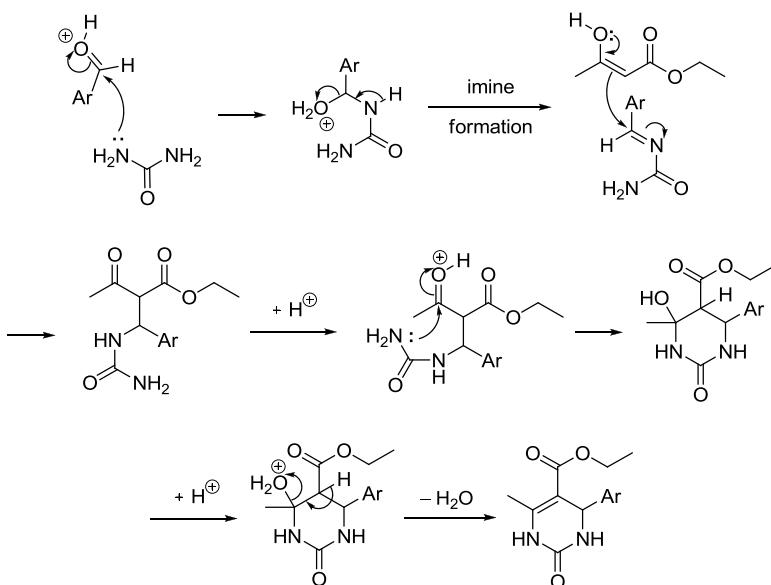
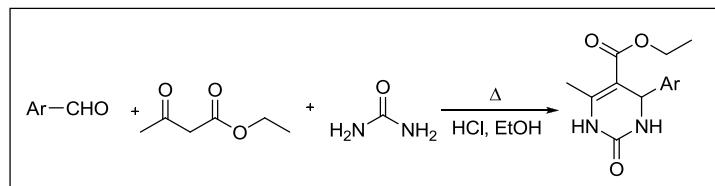
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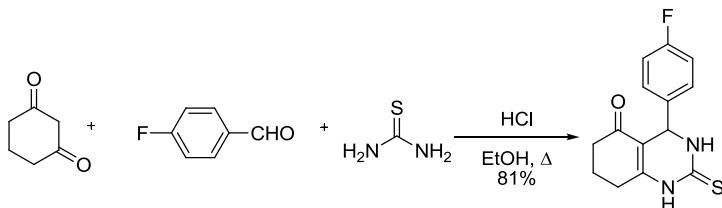
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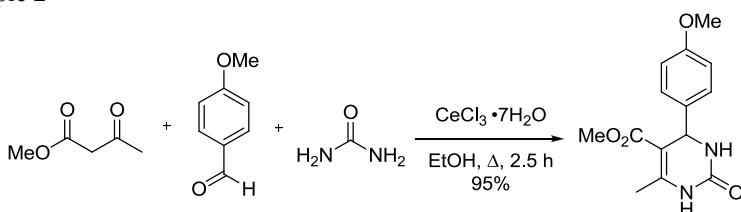
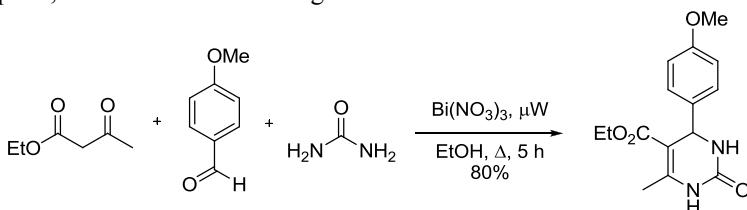
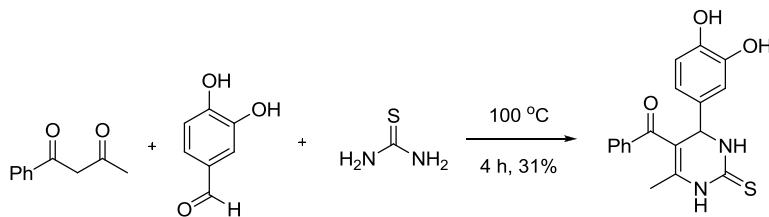
Biginelli reaction

Also known as Biginelli pyrimidone synthesis. One-pot condensation of an aromatic aldehyde, urea, and β -dicarbonyl compound in acidic ethanolic solution and expansion of such a condensation thereof. It belongs to a class of transformations called multicomponent reactions (MCRs).



Example 1⁴



Example 2⁵Example 3, Microwave-induced Biginelli condensation⁹Example 3¹⁰

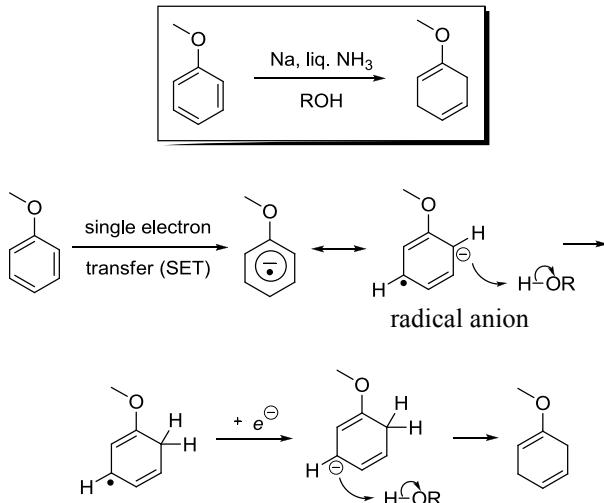
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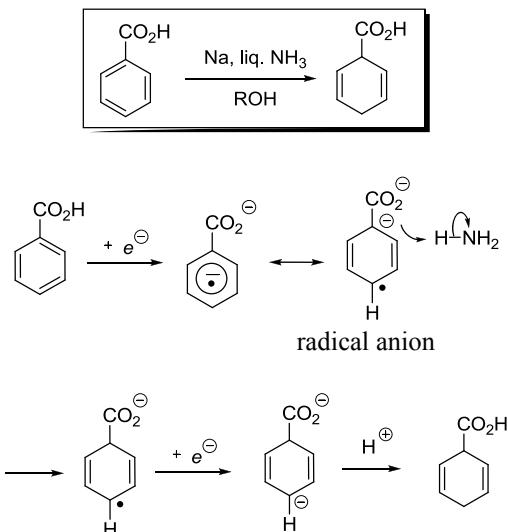
Birch reduction

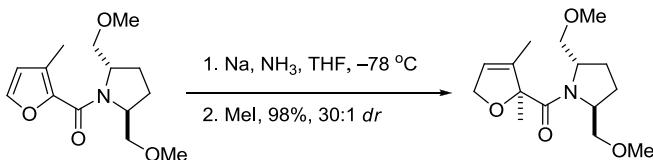
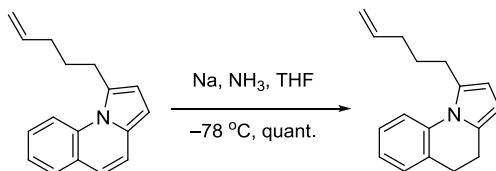
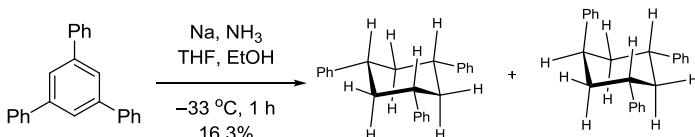
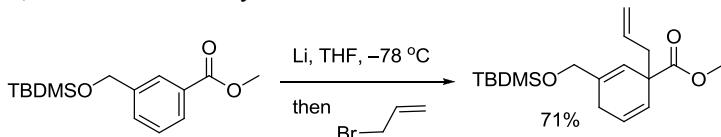
The Birch reduction is the 1,4-reduction of aromatics to their corresponding cyclohexadienes by alkali metals (Li, K, Na) dissolved in liquid ammonia in the presence of an alcohol.

Benzene ring bearing an electron-donating substituent:



Benzene ring with an electron-withdrawing substituent:



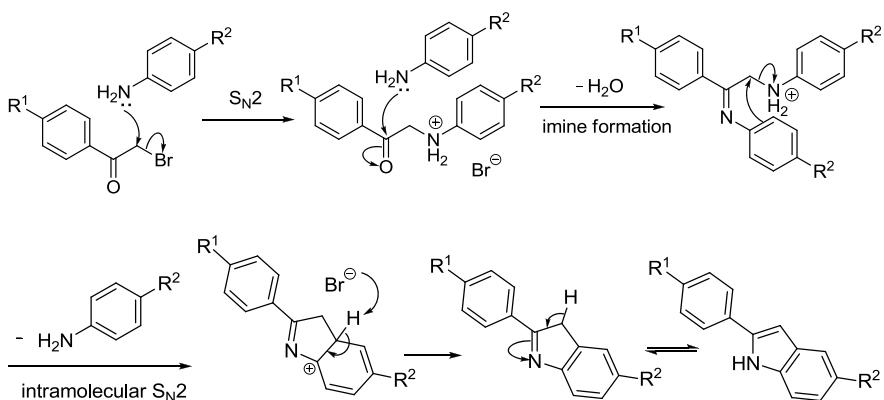
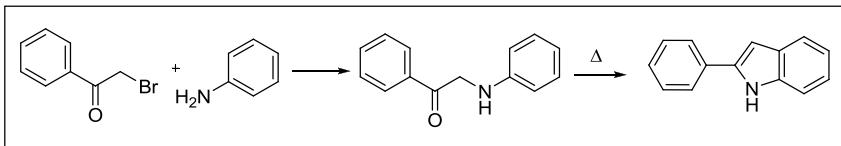
Example 1, Birch reductive alkylation⁴Example 2⁷Example 3, Fully reduced products⁸Example 4, Birch reductive alkylation⁹

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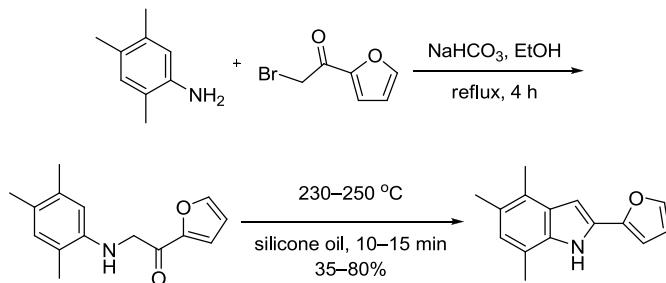
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Bischler–Möhlau indole synthesis

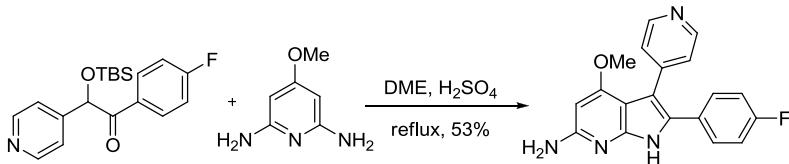
The Bischler–Möhlau indole synthesis, also known as the Bischler indole synthesis, refers to the synthesis of 2-aryliindoles from the cyclization of α -arylaminoketones and excess anilines.



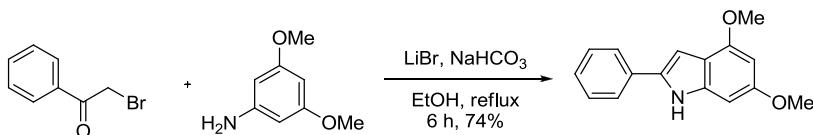
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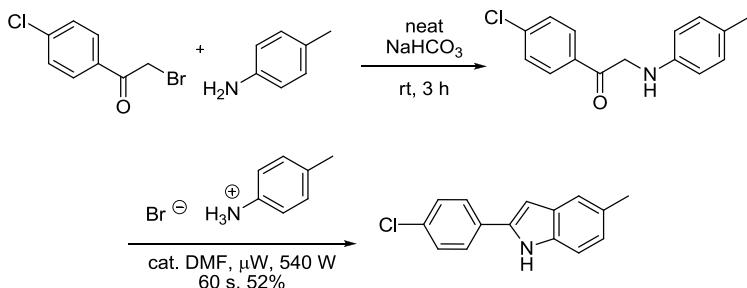
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Example 4¹⁰



Example 5, Microwave-assisted, solvent-free Bischler indole synthesis¹¹

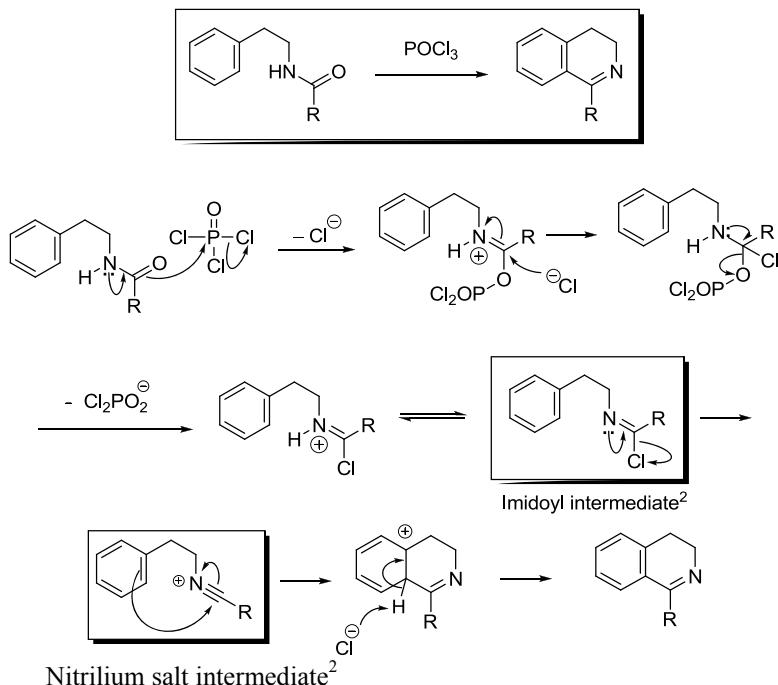


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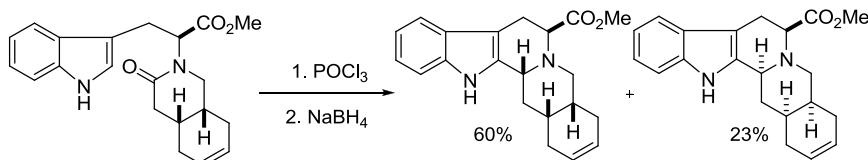
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Bischler–Napieralski reaction

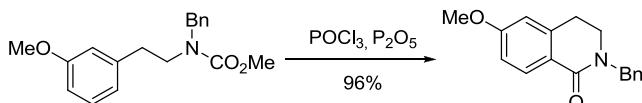
Dihydroisoquinolines from β -phenethylamides in refluxing phosphorus oxychloride.



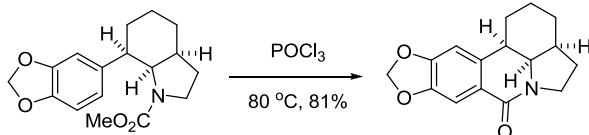
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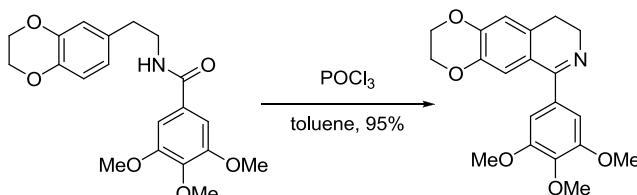
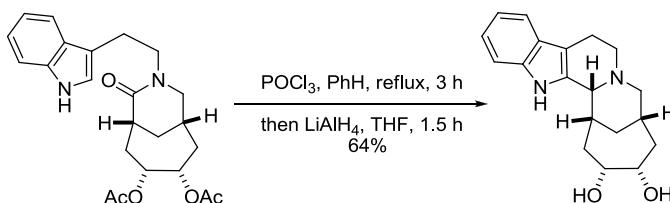
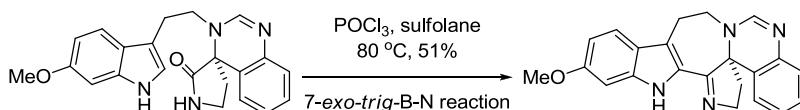


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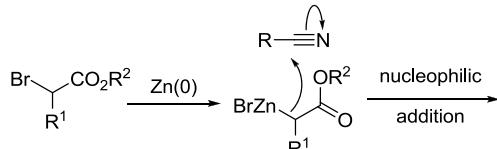
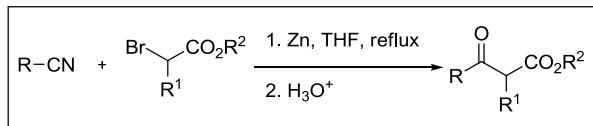
Example 4⁸Example 5¹⁰Example 6, An unprecedented Bischler–Napieralski reaction¹²

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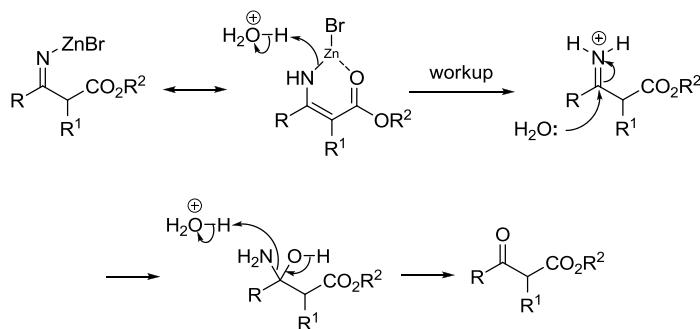
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Blaise reaction

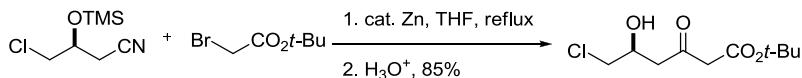
β -Ketoesters from nitriles, α -haloesters and Zn. Cf. Reformatsky reaction.



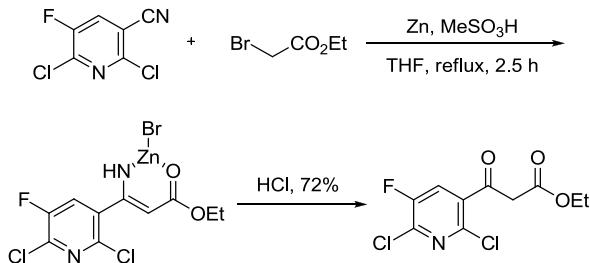
The Zn enolate itself is a *C*-enolate (in the crystal form), but for the reaction to occur, it equilibrates back into an *O*-enolate

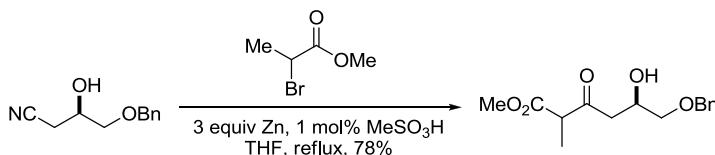
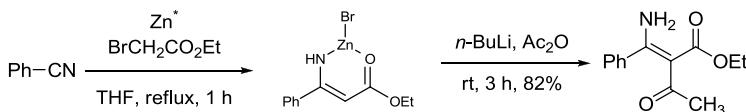
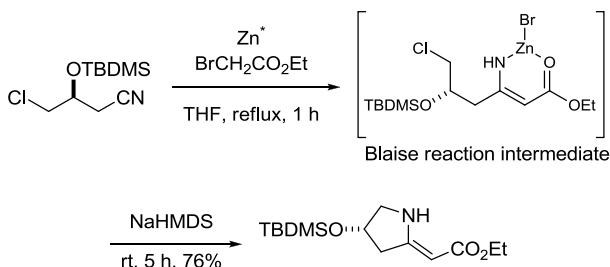


Example 1, Preparation of the statin side chain⁵



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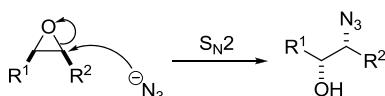
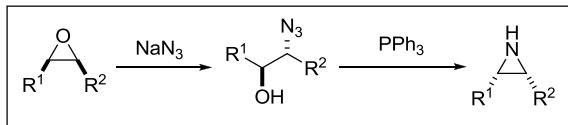
Example 3⁷Example 4, Chemoselective tandem acylation of a Blaise reaction intermediate⁹Example 5, Chemoselective intramolecular alkylation of Blaise reaction intermediate¹⁰

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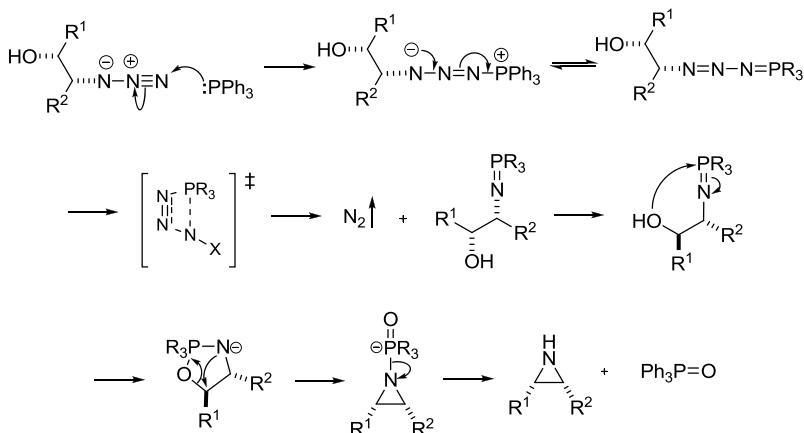
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Blum–Ittaah aziridine synthesis

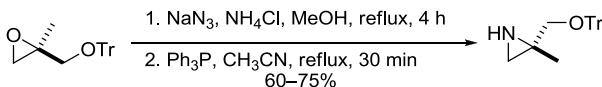
Ring opening of oxiranes using azide followed by PPh_3 reduction of the intermediate azido alcohol to give the corresponding aziridines. Cf. Staudinger reduction.



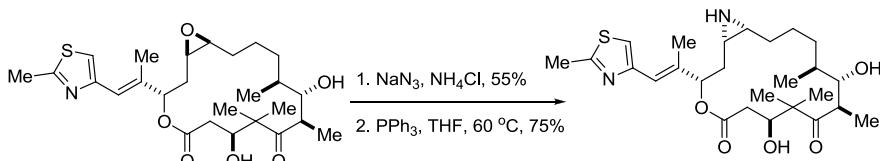
Regardless of the regioselectivity of the $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ reaction of the azide, the ultimate stereochemical outcome for the aziridine is the same.

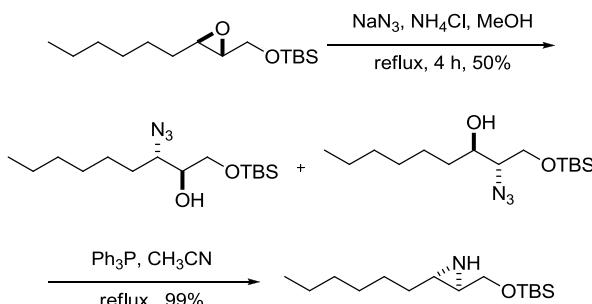
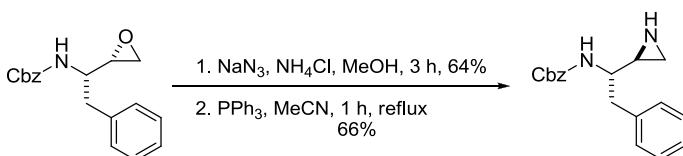
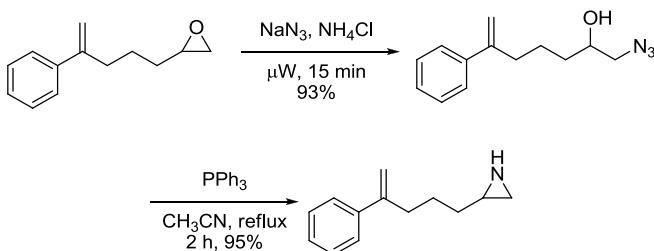


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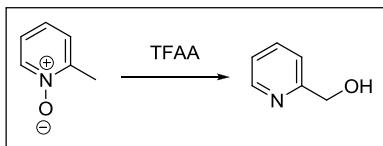
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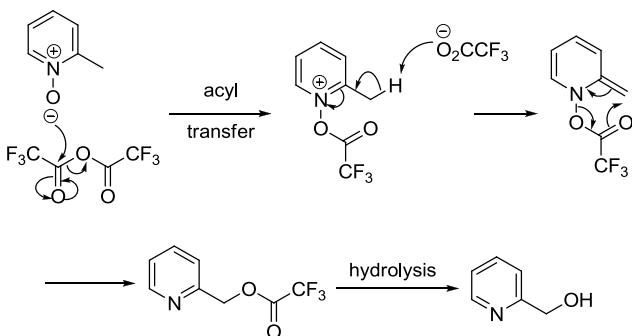
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Boekelheide reaction

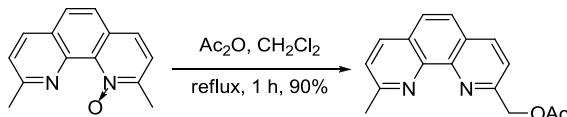
Treatment of 2-methylpyridine *N*-oxide with trifluoroacetic anhydride, or acetic anhydride gives rise to 2-hydroxymethylpyridine.



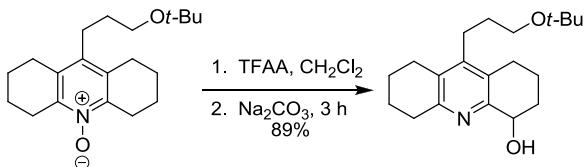
TFAA: trifluoroacetic anhydride



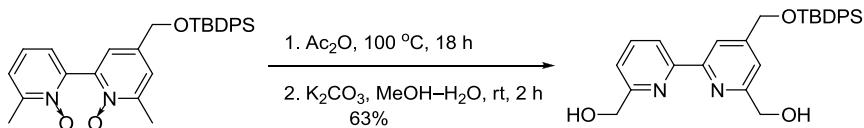
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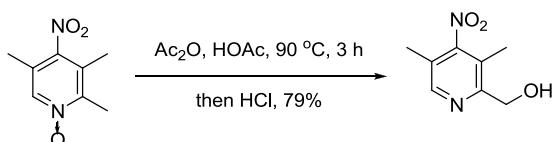
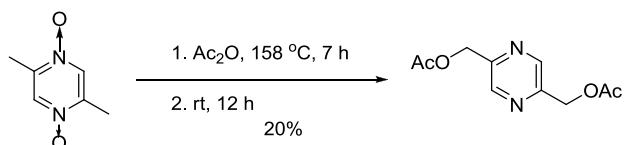


Example 2⁶



Example 3, Double Boekelheide reaction⁸



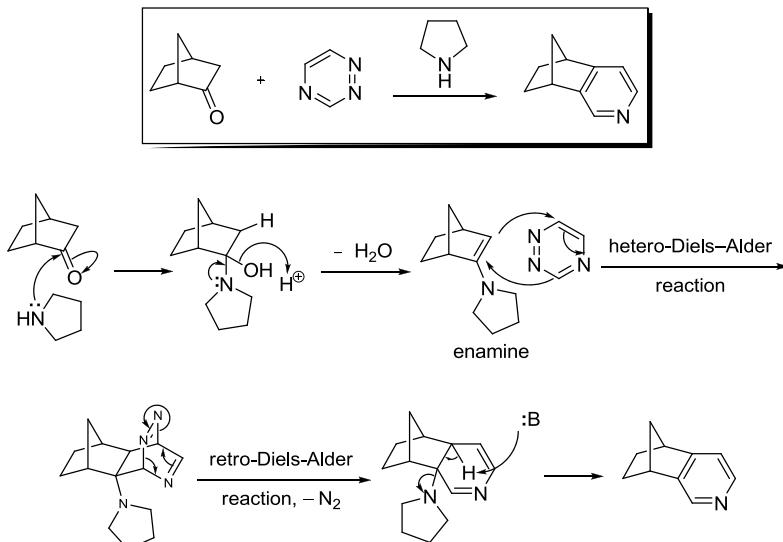
Example 4⁹Example 5, Double Boekelheide reaction¹⁰

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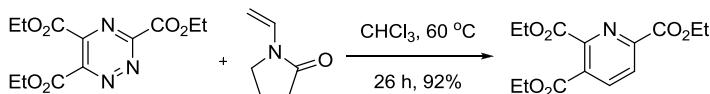
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Boger pyridine synthesis

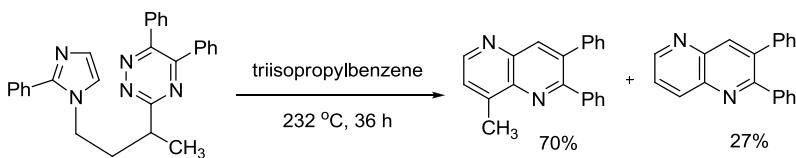
Pyridine synthesis *via* hetero-Diels–Alder reaction of 1,2,4-triazines and dienophiles (e.g., enamine) followed by extrusion of N₂.



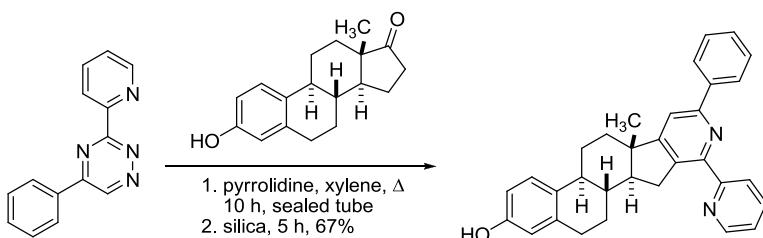
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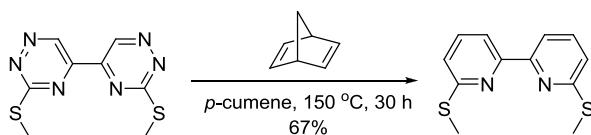
Example 2, Intramolecular Boger pyridine synthesis⁸



Example 3¹⁰



Example 4¹¹

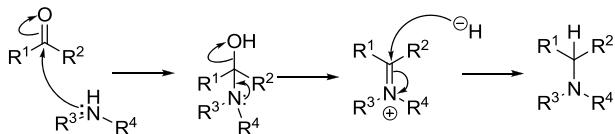
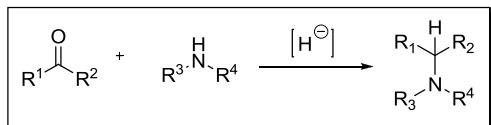


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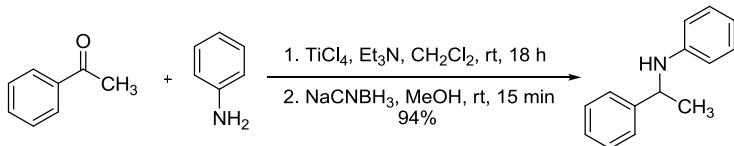
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Borch reductive amination

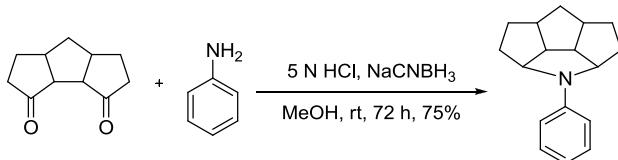
Reduction (often using NaCnBH_3) of an imine, formed by condensation of an amine and a carbonyl, to afford the corresponding amine.



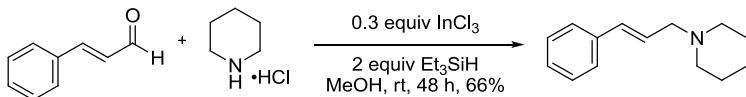
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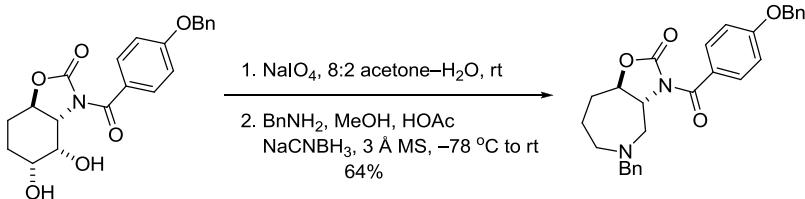
Example 2⁵



Example 3⁸



Example 4⁹

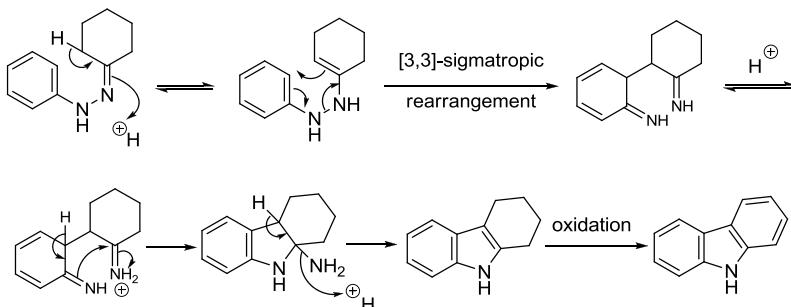
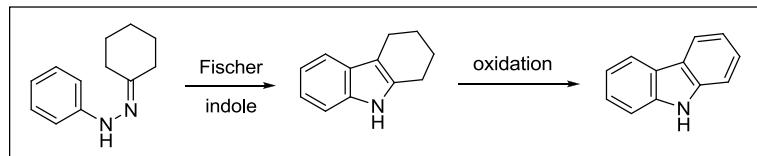


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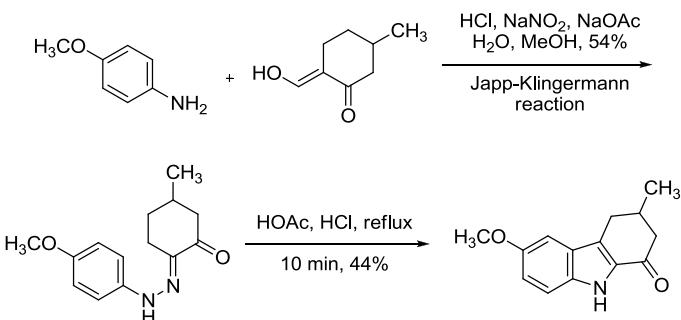
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Borsche–Drechsler cyclization

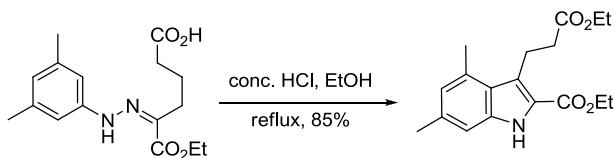
Also known as Borsche carbazole synthesis, is the two-step conversion of phenyl hydrazine and cyclohexanone derivatives to the corresponding carbazole. Cf. Fischer indole synthesis.



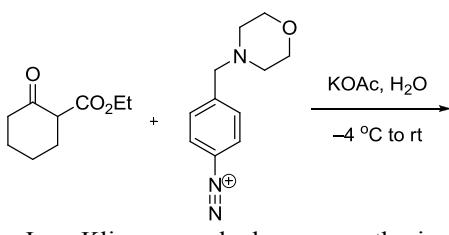
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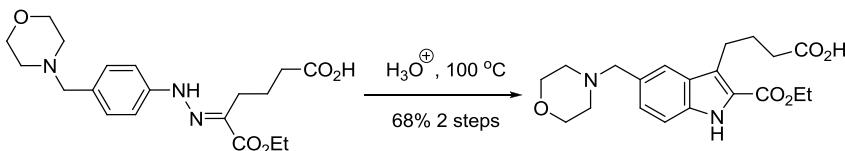
Example 2⁹



Example 3¹⁰



Japp-Klingemann hydrazone synthesis

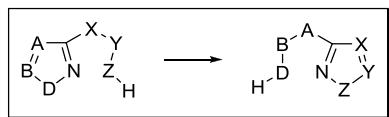


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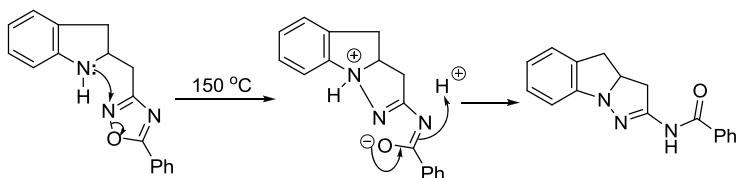
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Boulton–Katritzky rearrangement

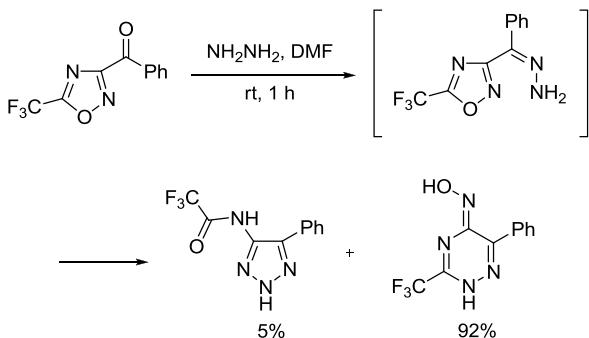
Rearrangement of one five-membered heterocycle into another under thermolysis.



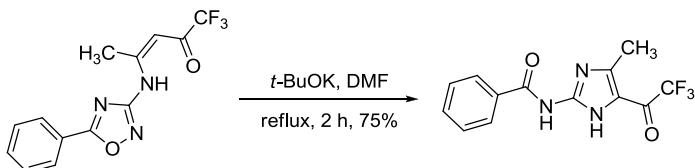
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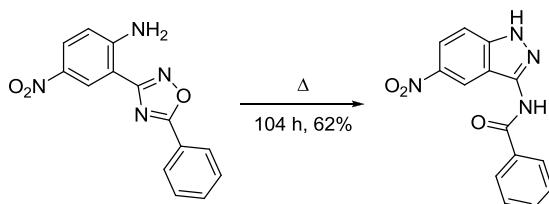
Example 2, Hydrazinolysis⁷



Example 4³



Example 5¹²

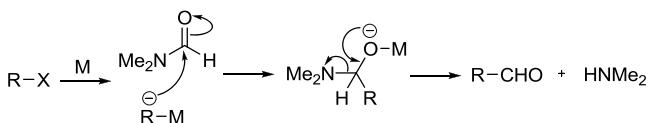
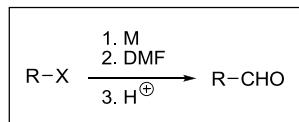


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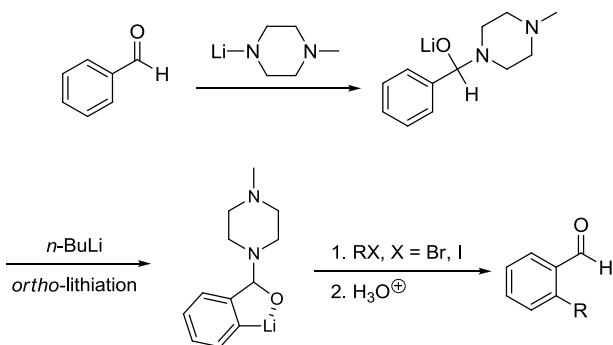
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Bouveault aldehyde synthesis

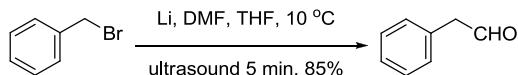
Formylation of an alkyl or aryl halide to the homologous aldehyde by transformation to the corresponding organometallic reagent then addition of DMF ($M = Li, Mg, Na$, and K).



Comins modification:⁴

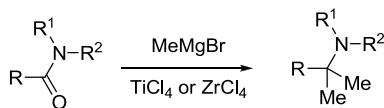


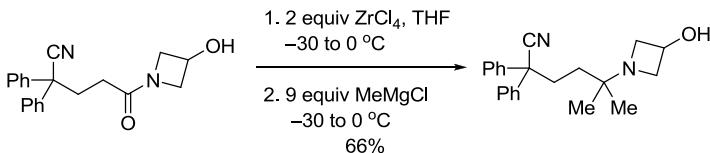
Example 1³



Example 2, A modified Bouveault reaction⁷

modified Bouveault reaction



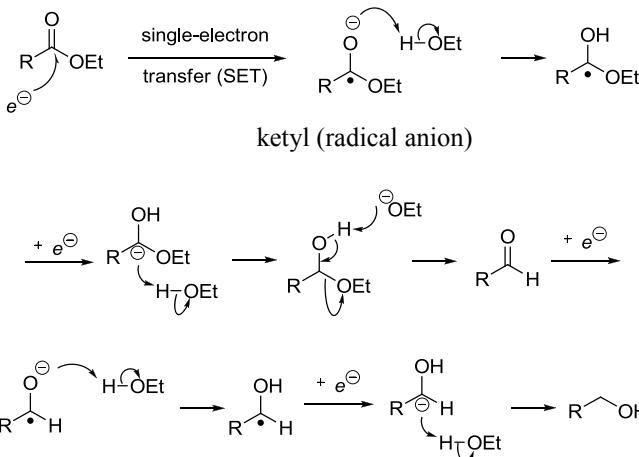
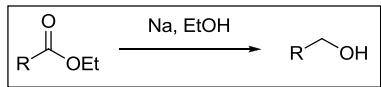


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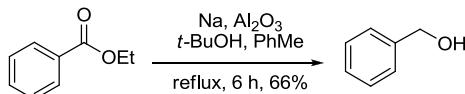
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Bouveault–Blanc reduction

Also known as the Bouveault reaction. Reduction of esters to the corresponding alcohols using sodium in an alcoholic solvent.



Example²

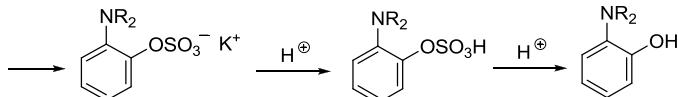
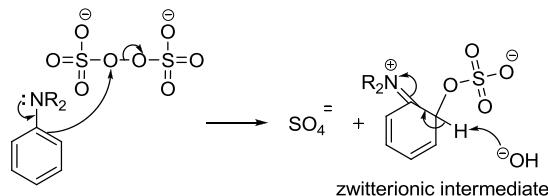
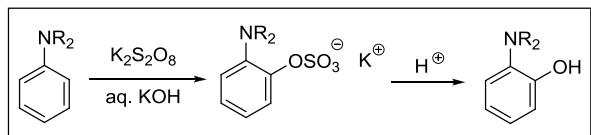


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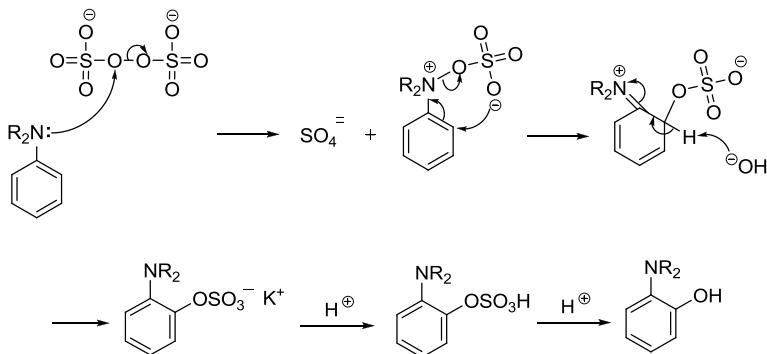
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Boyland–Sims oxidation

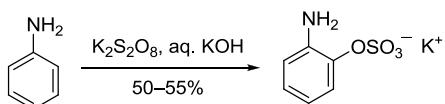
Oxidation of anilines to phenols using alkaline persulfate.



Another pathway is also operative:^{9–12}

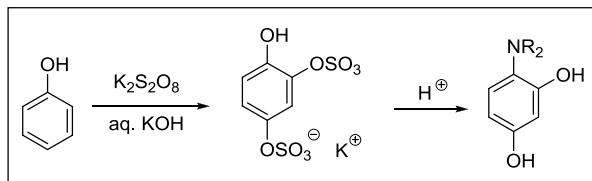


Example 1³



Elbs oxidation

Also known as the Elbs persulfate oxidation,^{13–15} it is a variant of the Boyland–Sims oxidation except the substrate is phenol rather than aniline. Its mechanism is similar to that of the Boyland–Sims oxidation.

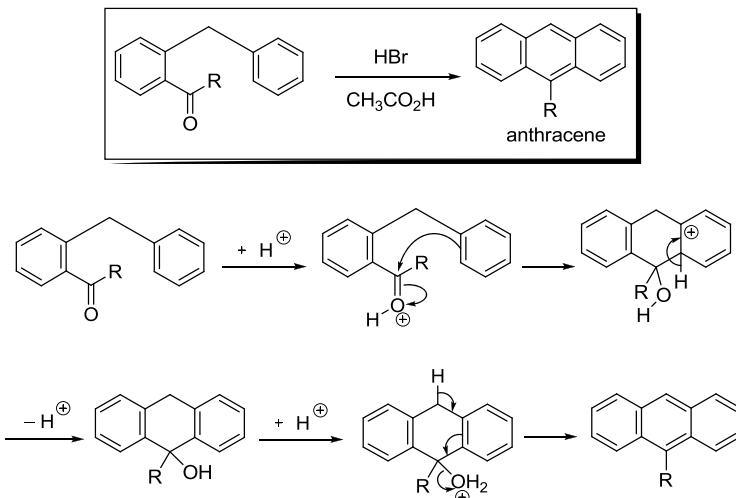


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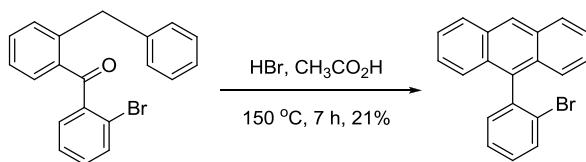
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Bradsher reaction

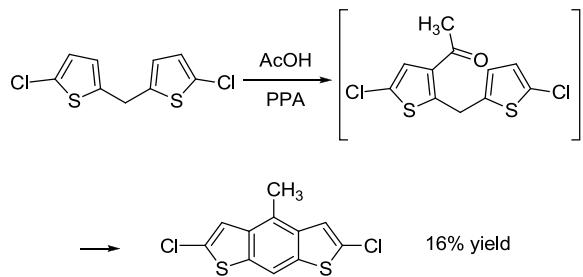
The intramolecular Bradsher cyclization refers to the acid-catalyzed aromatic cyclodehydration of *ortho*-acyl diarylmethanes to form anthracenes. On the other hand, the intermolecular Bradsher cycloaddition often involves the Diels–Alder reaction of a pyridium with a vinyl ether or vinyl sulfide.



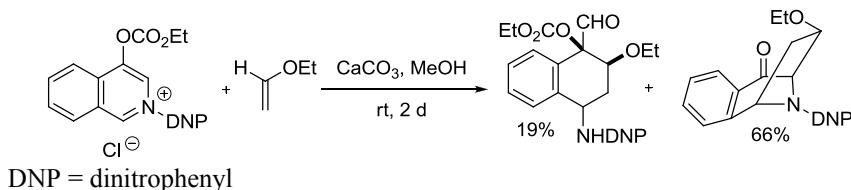
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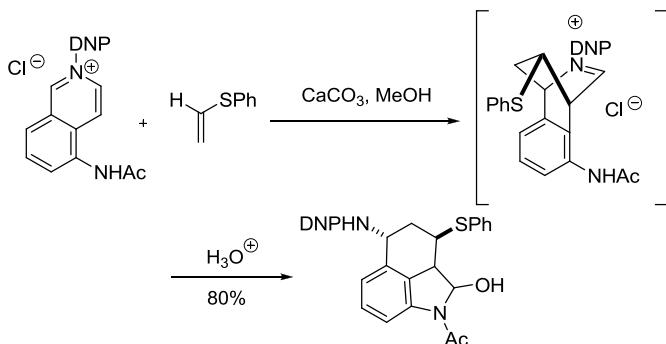
Example 2, Intramolecular Bradsher reaction⁵



Example 3, Intermolecular Bradsher cycloaddition⁸



Example 4, Intermolecular Bradsher cycloaddition¹¹



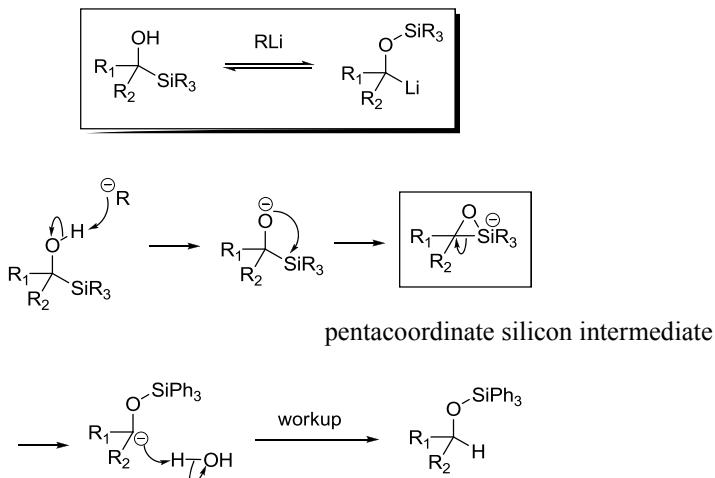
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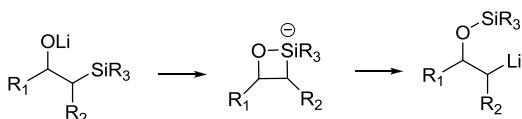
Brook rearrangement

Rearrangement of α -silyl oxyanions to α -silyloxy carbanions *via* a reversible process involving a pentacoordinate silicon intermediate is known as the [1,2]-Brook rearrangement, or [1,2]-silyl migration.

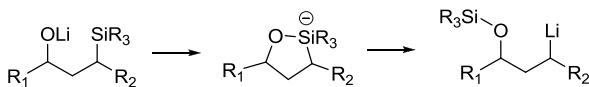
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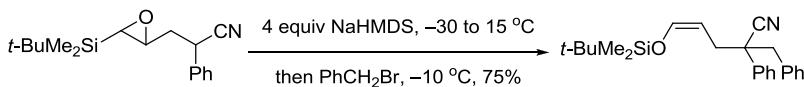
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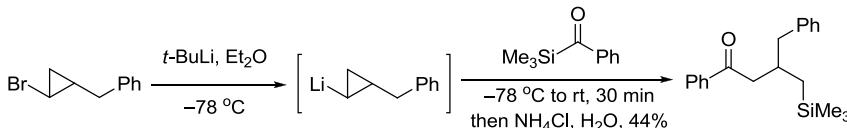
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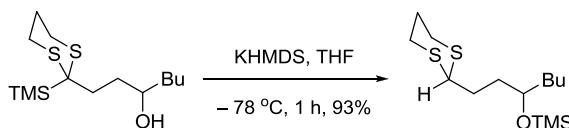
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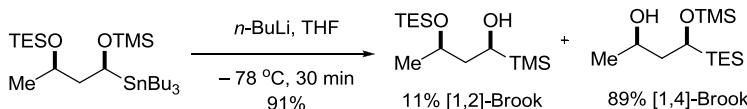
Example 2, [1,2]-Brook rearrangement followed by a retro-[1,5]-Brook rearrangement⁸



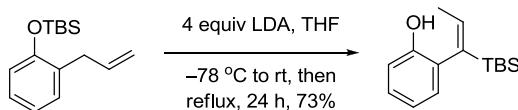
Example 3, [1,5]-Brook rearrangement⁹



Example 4, Retro-[1,4]-Brook rearrangement¹⁰



Example 5, Retro-Brook rearrangement¹²

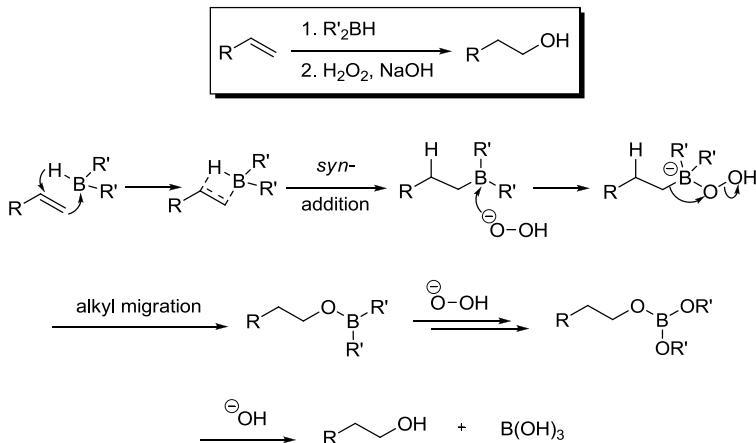


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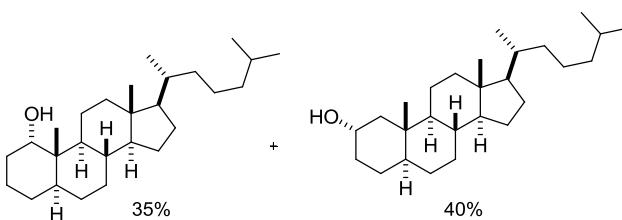
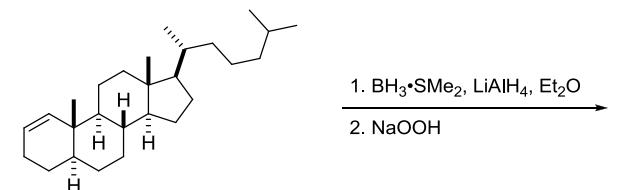
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Brown hydroboration

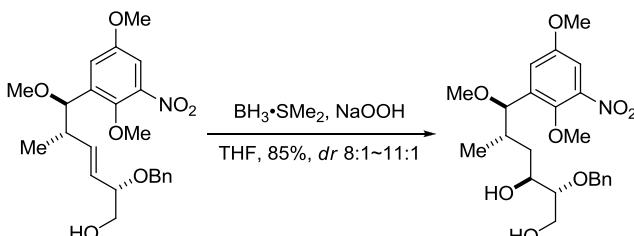
Addition of boranes to olefins followed by alkalinic oxidation of the organoborane adducts to afford alcohols. Regiochemistry is anti-Markovnikov's rule.

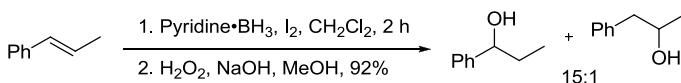
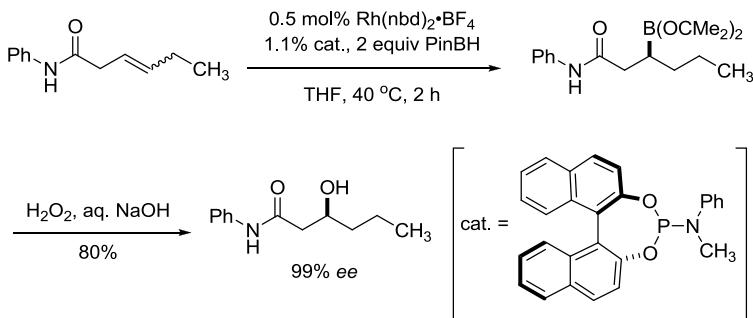
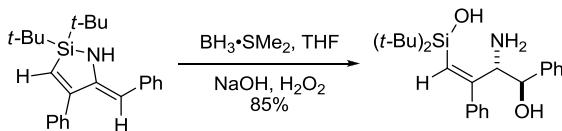


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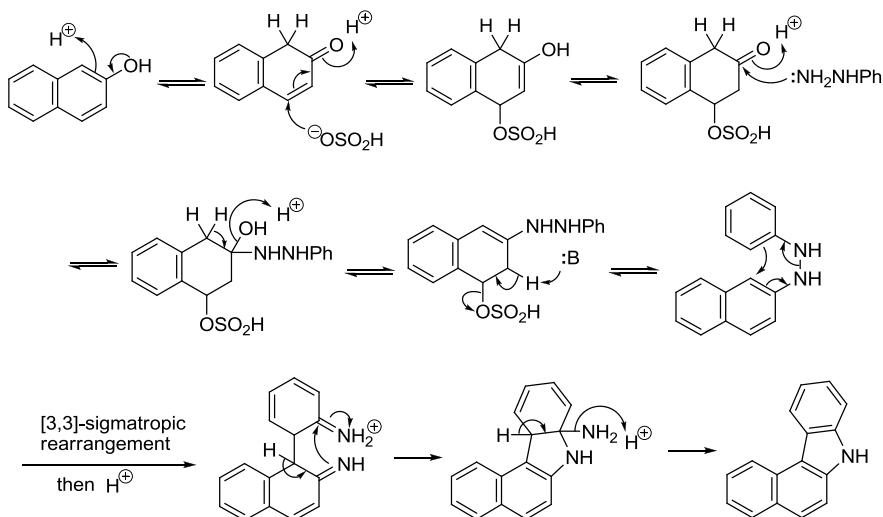
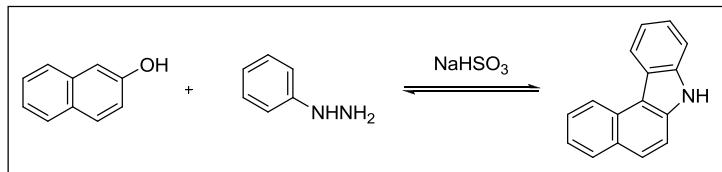
Example 3⁸Example 4, Asymmetric hydroboration¹⁰Example 5¹¹

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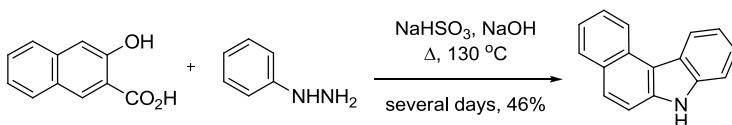
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Bucherer carbazole synthesis

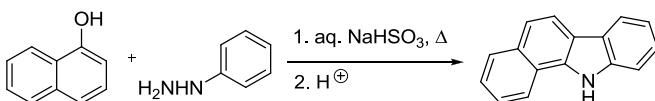
Carbazole formation from naphthols and aryl hydrazines promoted by sodium bisulfite. Another variant of the Fischer indole synthesis.

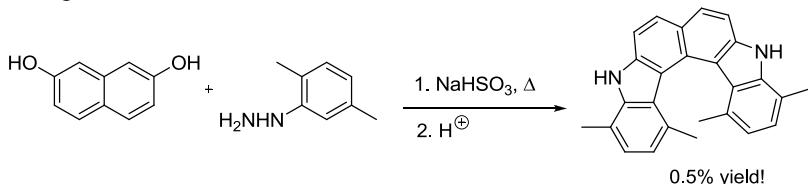
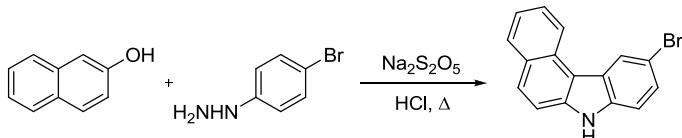


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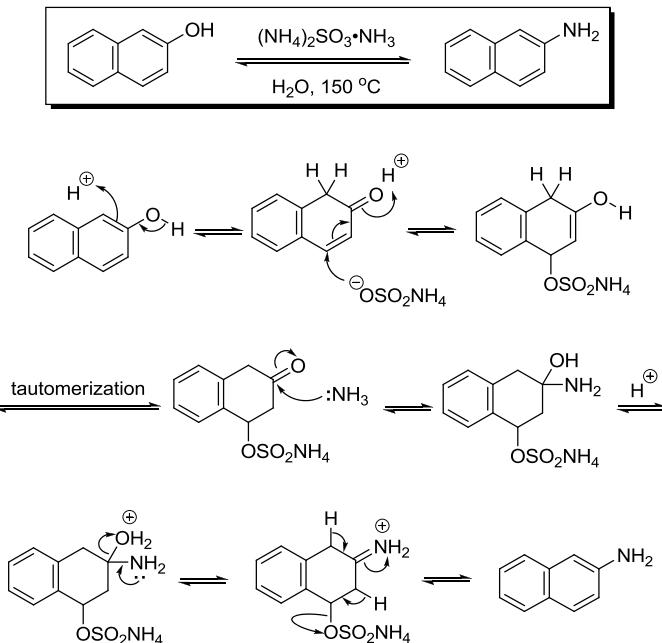
Example 3⁴Example 4⁷

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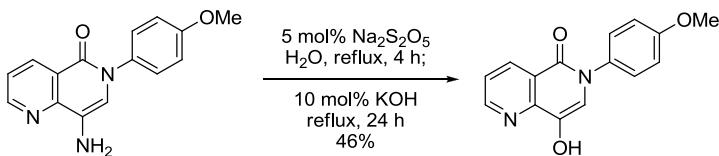
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Bucherer reaction

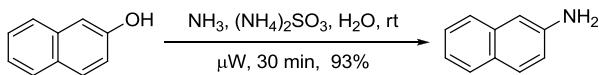
Transformation of β -naphthols to β -naphthylamines using ammonium sulfite.

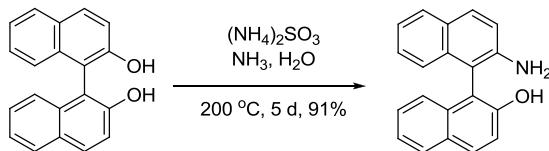


Example 1, Retro-Bucherer reaction⁶



Example 2, Although the classic Bucherer reaction requires high temperatures, it may be carried out at room temperature with the aid of microwave (150 Watts):⁷



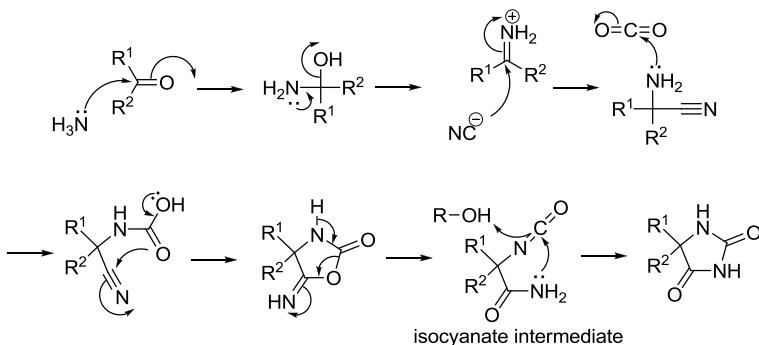
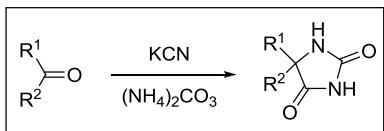
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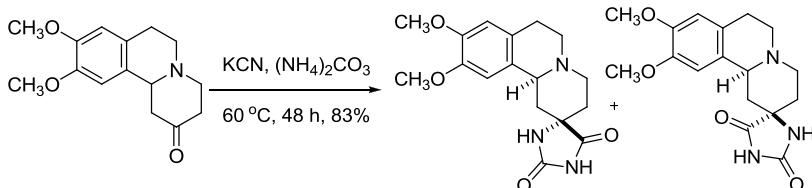
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Bucherer–Bergs reaction

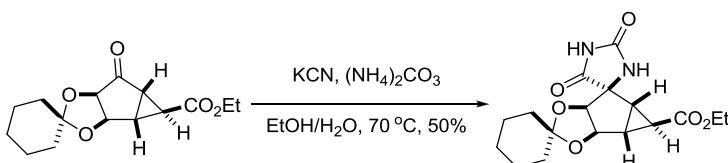
Formation of hydantoins from carbonyl compounds with potassium cyanide (KCN) and ammonium carbonate $[(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3]$ or from cyanohydrins and ammonium carbonate. It belongs to the category of multiple component reactions (MCRs).

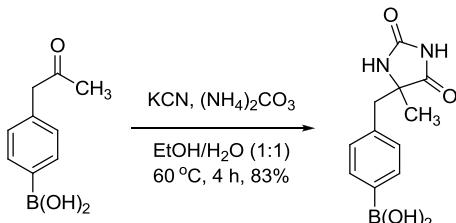
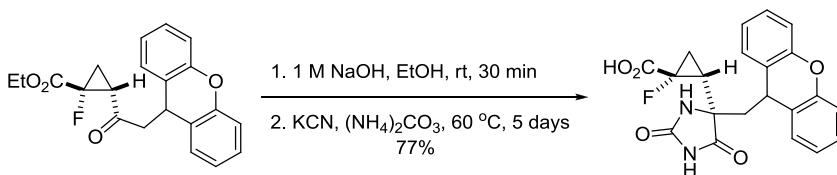
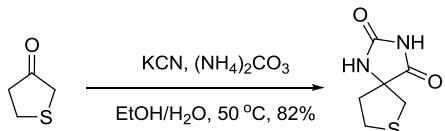


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Example 2⁶



Example 3⁷Example 4⁹Example 5¹¹

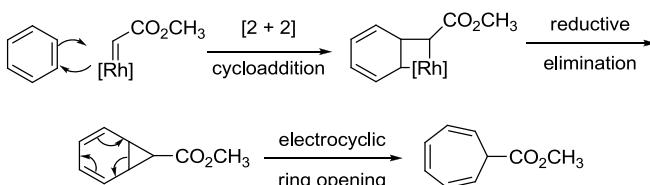
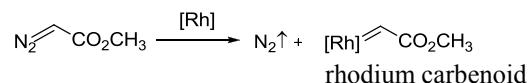
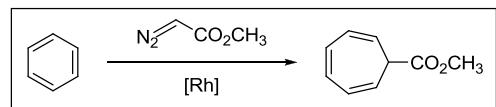
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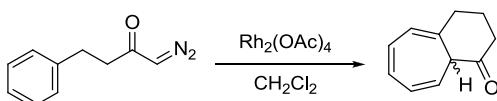


Büchner ring expansion

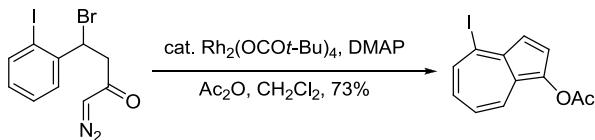
Reaction of a phenyl ring with a diazoacetic ester to give a cyclohepta-2,4,6-trienecarboxylic acid ester. Intramolecular Büchner reaction is more useful in synthesis. Cf. Pfau–Platter azulene synthesis.



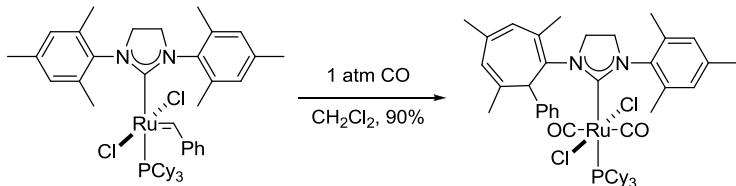
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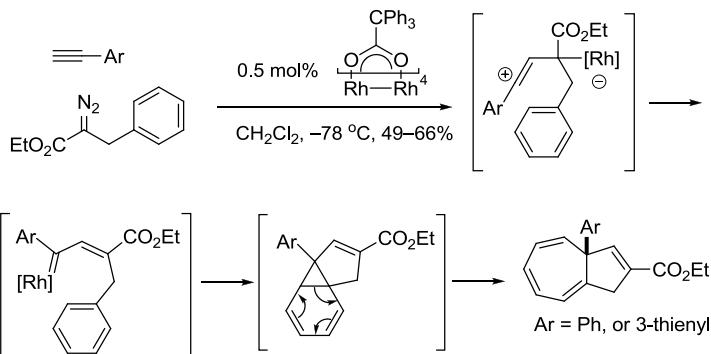
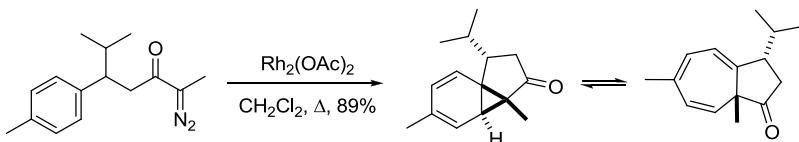


Example 2, Intramolecular Büchner reaction⁸



Example 3, An intramolecular Büchner reaction within the Grubbs' catalyst!⁹



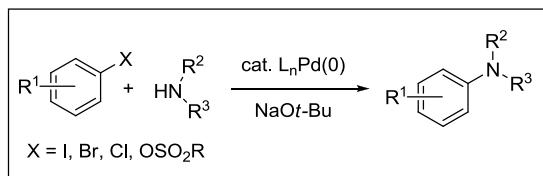
Example 4¹⁰Example 5¹²

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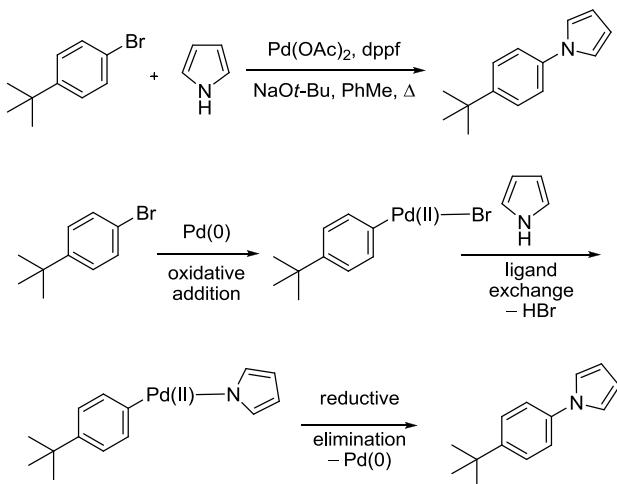
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Buchwald–Hartwig amination

The Buchwald–Hartwig amination is an exceedingly general method for generating an aromatic amine from an aryl halide or an aryl sulfonates. The key feature of this methodology is the use of catalytic palladium modulated by various electron-rich ligands. Strong bases, such as sodium *tert*-butoxide, are essential for catalyst turnover.

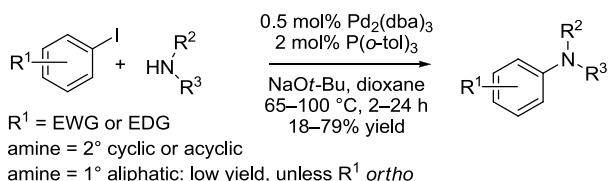


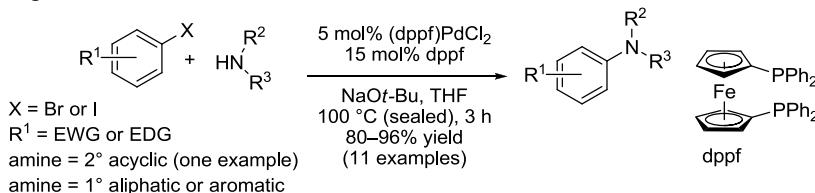
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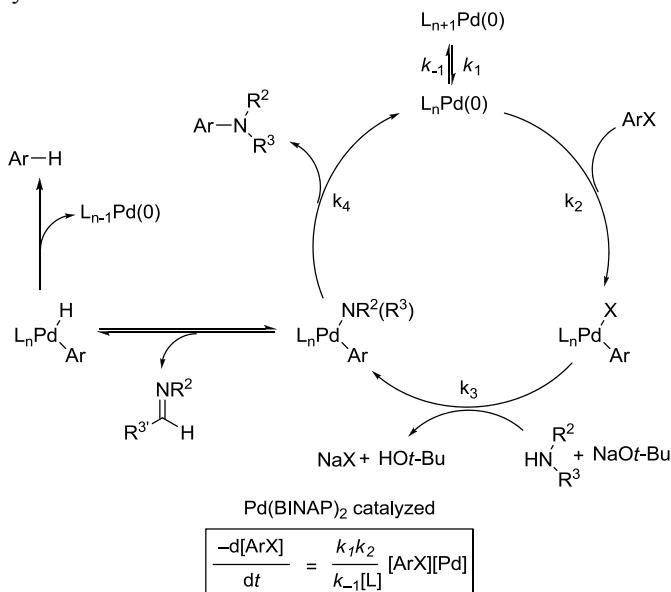
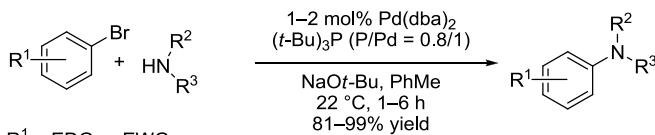
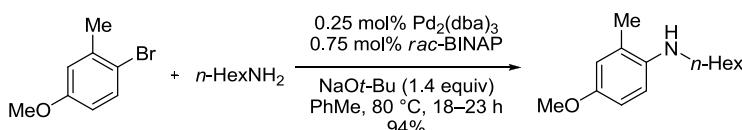
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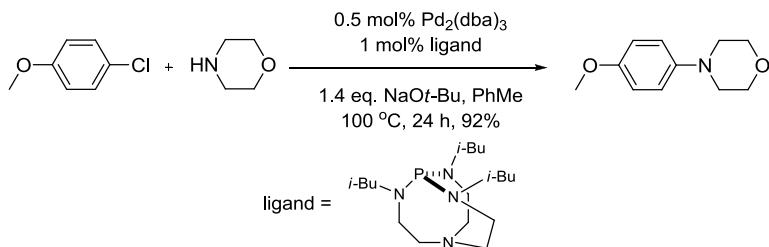


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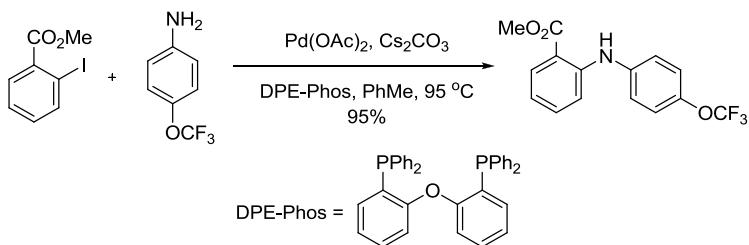
Catalytic cycle:

Example 3, Room temperature Buchwald–Hartwig amination⁹Example 4¹⁰

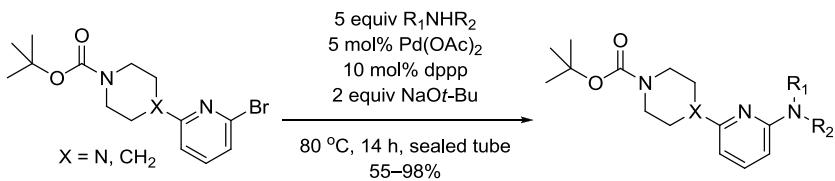
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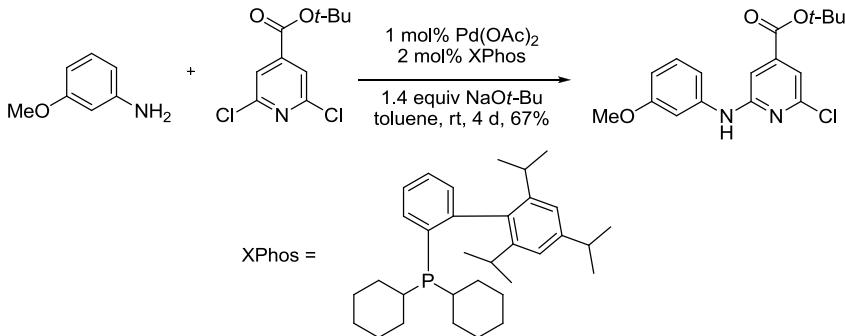
Example 6¹²



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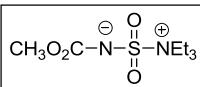
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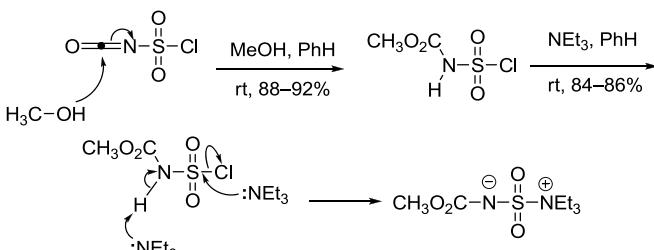
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Burgess reagent

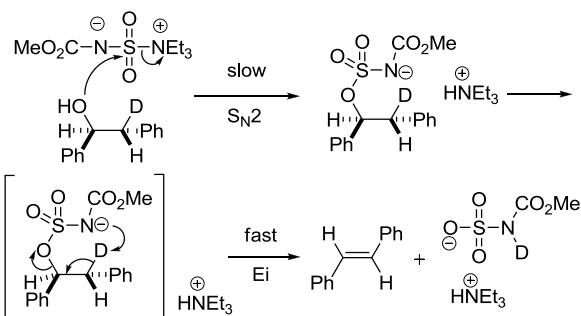


The Burgess reagent [methyl N-(triethylammoniumsulfonyl)carbamate], a neutral, white crystalline solid, is efficient at generating olefins from secondary and tertiary alcohols where the first-order thermolytic Ei (during the elimination—the two groups leave at about the same time and bond to each other concurrently) mechanism prevails.

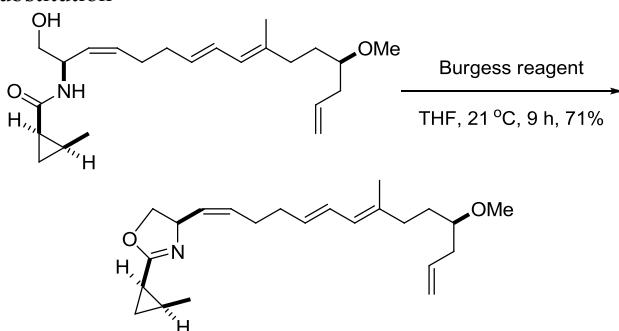
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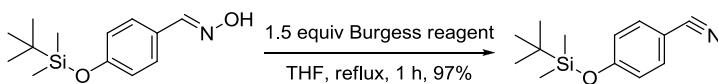
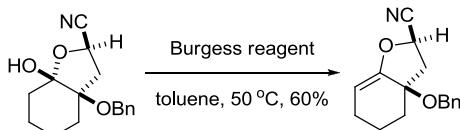
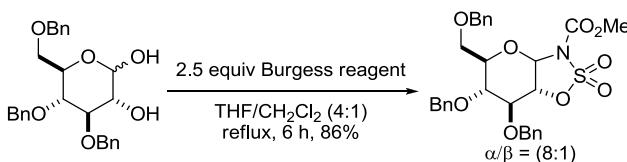
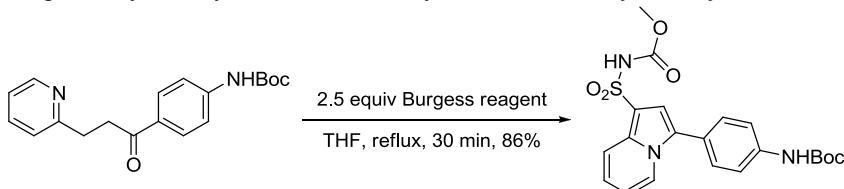


Mechanism of dehydration⁵



Example 1, On primary alcohols, the hydroxyl group does not eliminate but rather undergoes substitution³

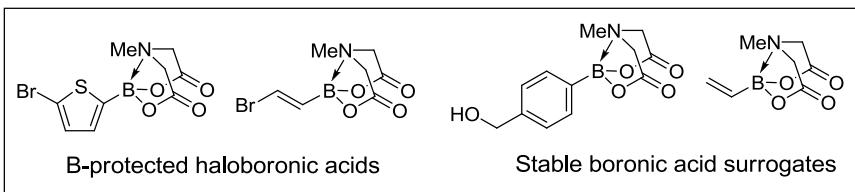


Example 2⁶Example 3⁷Example 4⁸Example 5, Cyclodehydration followed by a novel carbamoylsulfonylation¹⁰

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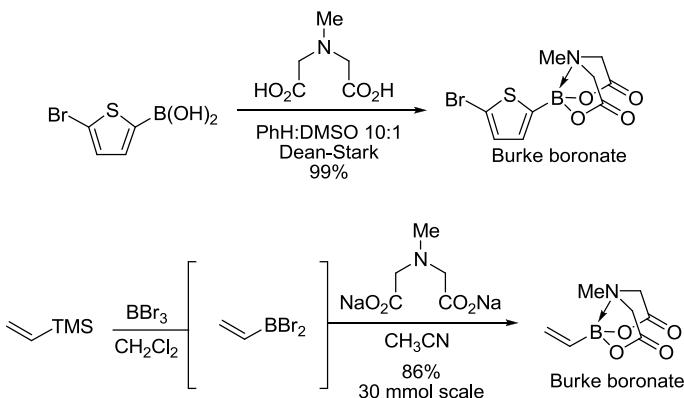
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Burke boronates



Burke boronates can serve as B-protected haloboronic acids for a wide variety of applications in iterative cross-coupling.^{1–6} The corresponding boronic acids can be liberated using mild aqueous bases such as NaOH or NaHCO₃.^{1–4} Burke boronates are also compatible with many synthetic reagents, enabling the synthesis of complex boronic acids from simple B-containing starting materials.^{3,6} They can also serve as stable building blocks for cross-coupling, i.e., under aqueous basic conditions, the corresponding boronic acid is released and coupled *in situ*.^{2,3,7} Moreover, Burke boronates are highly crystalline, monomeric, free-flowing solids that are indefinitely stable to benchtop storage under air and compatible with silica gel chromatography.^{1–3,6}

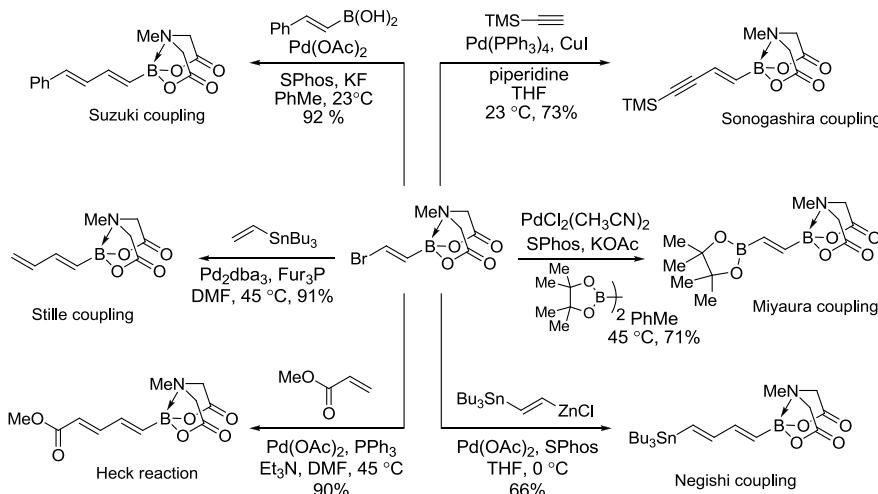
Preparation:^{1,2,4,6}



Alternatively, many of these building blocks are now commercially available.

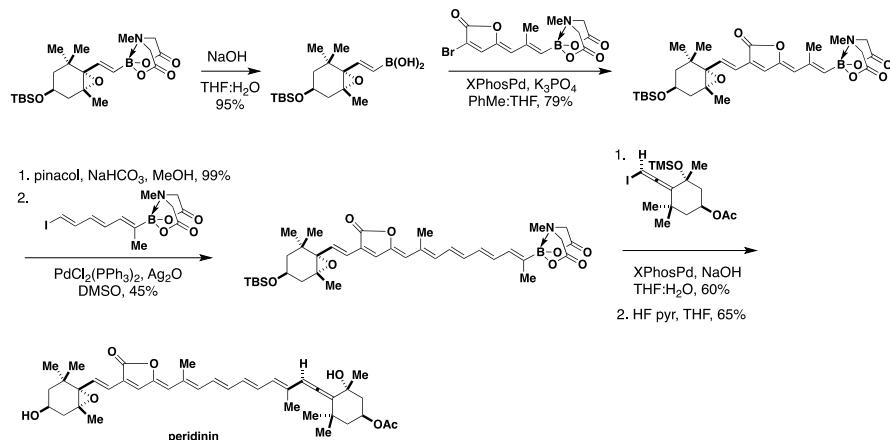
Example 1²

A wide range of selective couplings can be performed at the halide terminus of a B-protected haloboronic acid.



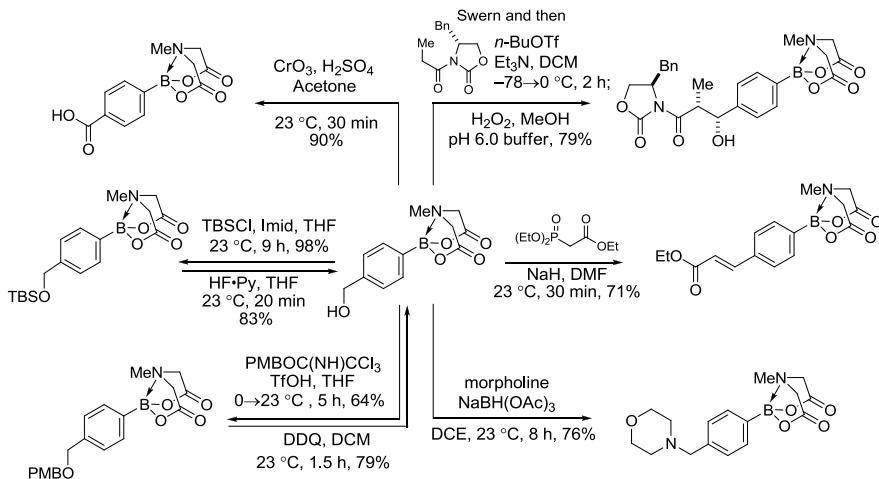
Example 2^{9,10}

Small molecule natural products and their derivatives can be prepared via iterative cross-coupling with B-protected haloboronic acids.



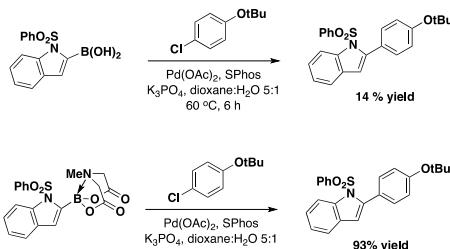
Example 3³

Burke boronates are stable to a wide range of synthetic reagents, including acids, non-aqueous bases, oxidants, reductants, electrophiles, and soft nucleophiles. This reagent compatibility enables multistep synthesis of complex boranes from simple boron-containing starting materials.



Example 4^{7,8}

Burke boronates can be used directly in cross-couplings as shelf-stable surrogates for unstable boronic acids via slow-release cross-coupling.

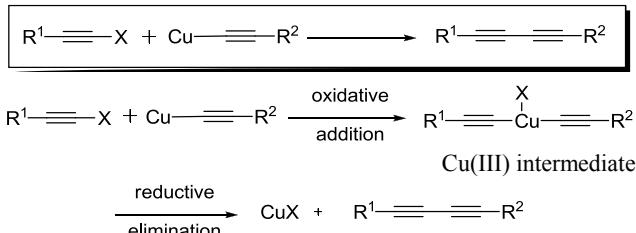


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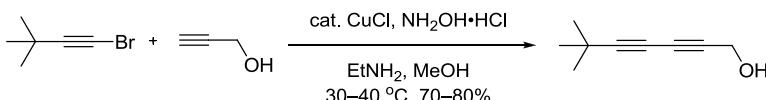
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Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling

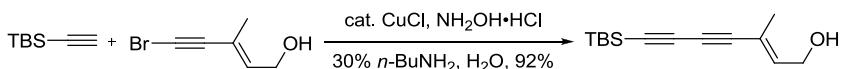
Bis-acetylene synthesis from alkynyl halides and alkynyl copper reagents.
Cf. Castro–Stephens reaction.



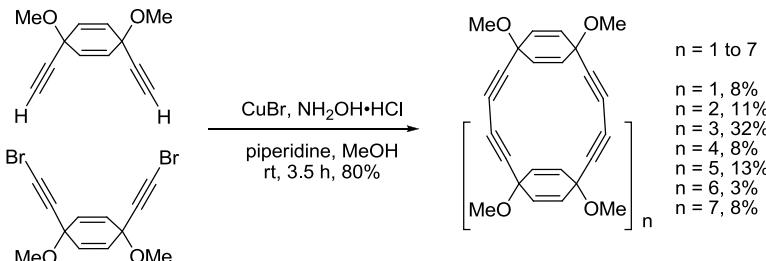
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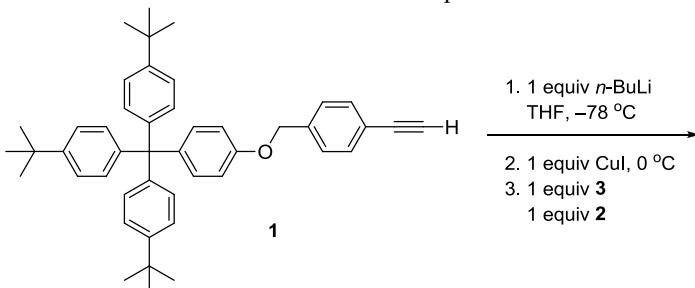
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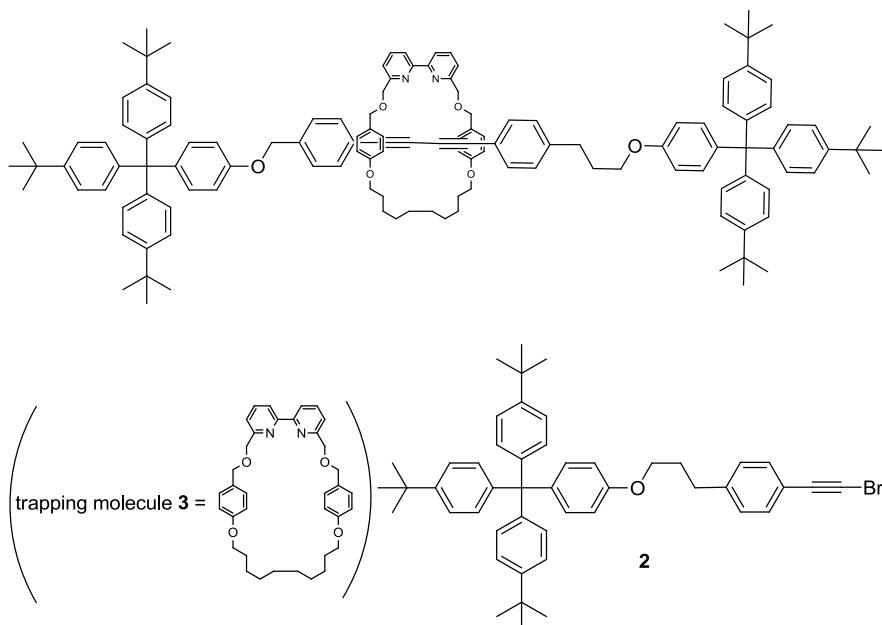


Example 3⁹



Example 4, Cadiot–Chodkiewicz active template synthesis of rotaxanes and switchable molecular shuttles with weak intercomponent interactions¹⁰



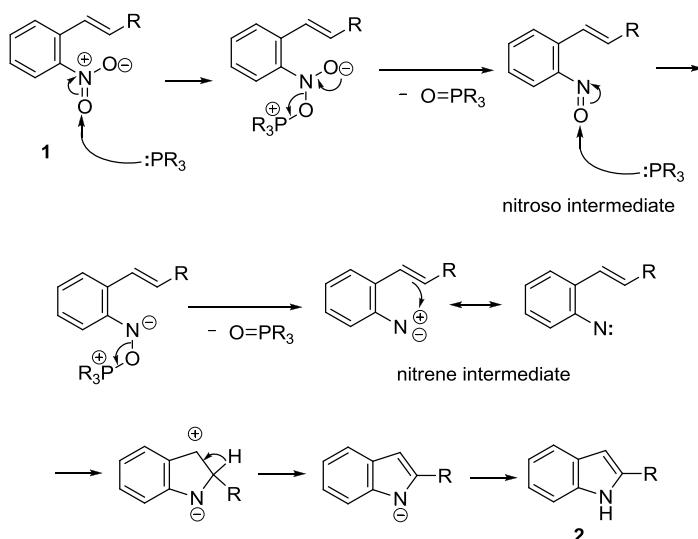
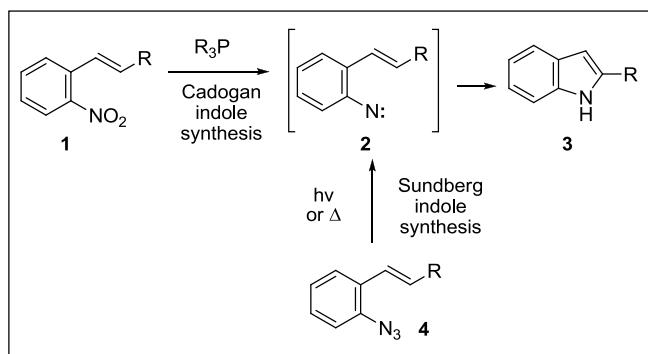


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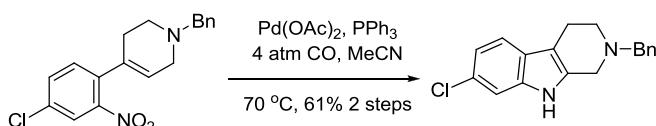
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Cadogan–Sundberg indole synthesis

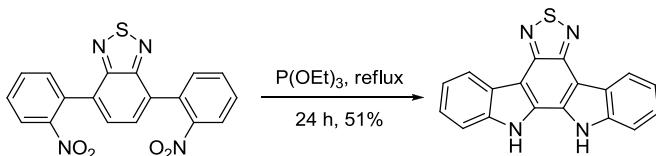
The Cadogan reaction refers to the deoxygenation of *o*-nitrostyrenes **1** or *o*-nitrostilbenes with trialkyl phosphite or trialkylphosphine and subsequent cyclization of the resulting intermediate nitrene **2** to form indoles **3**. The Sundberg indole synthesis refers to the synthesis of indoles **3** via either thermolysis or irradiation of *o*-azidostyrene **4** via the intermediacy of nitrene **2**.



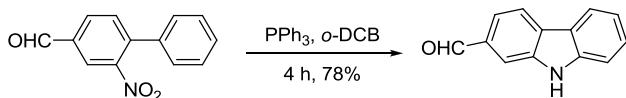
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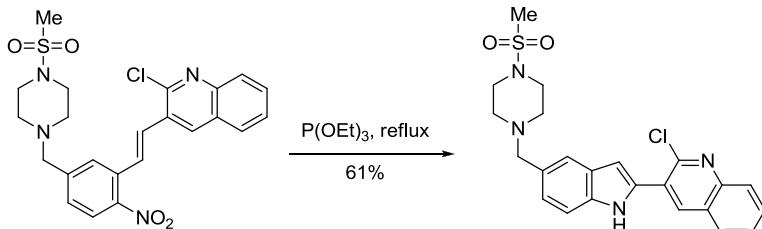
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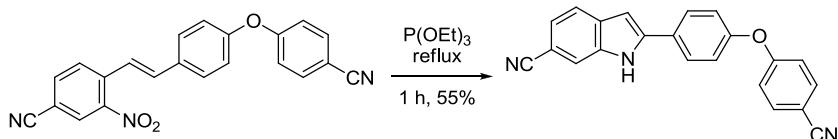
Example 3⁵



Example 4⁶



Example 5⁷

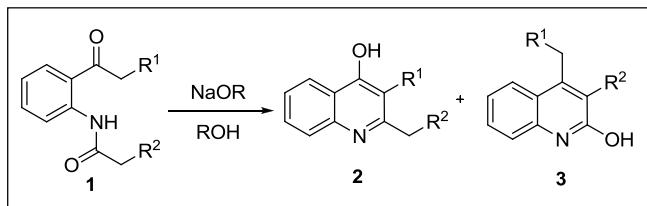


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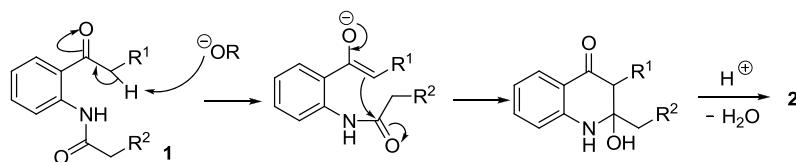
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Camps quinoline synthesis

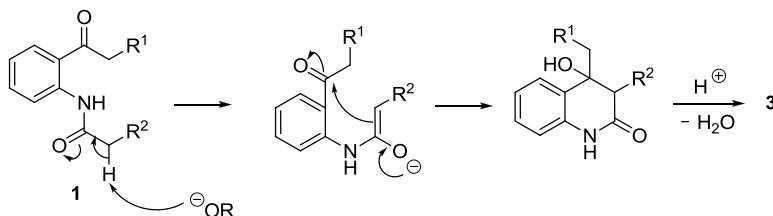
Base-catalyzed intramolecular condensation of a 2-acetamido acetophenone (**1**) to a 2-(and possibly 3)-substituted-quinolin-4-ol (**2**), a 4-(and possibly 3)-substituted-quinolin-2-ol (**3**), or a mixture.



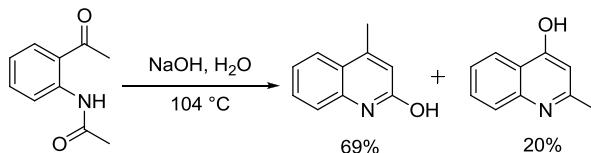
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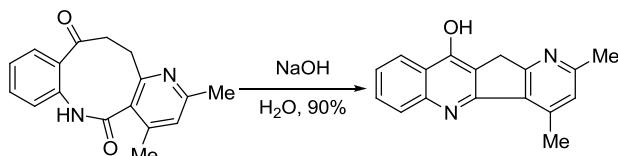
Pathway B:



Example 1¹



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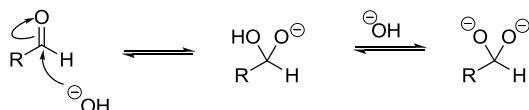
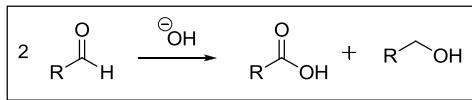


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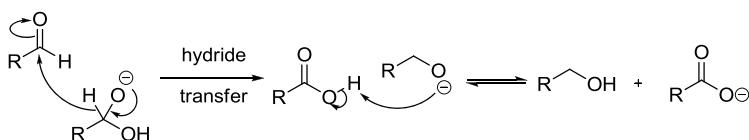
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Cannizzaro reaction

Redox reaction between aromatic aldehydes, formaldehyde or other aliphatic aldehydes without α -hydrogen. Base is used to afford the corresponding alcohols and carboxylic acids.

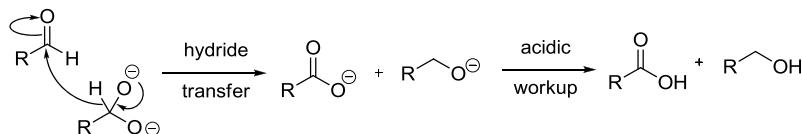


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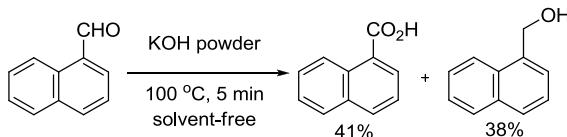


Final deprotonation of the carboxylic acid drives the reaction forward.

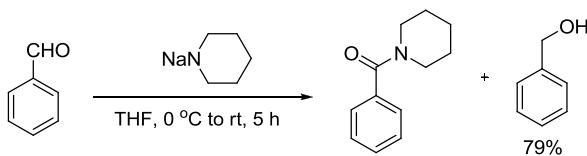
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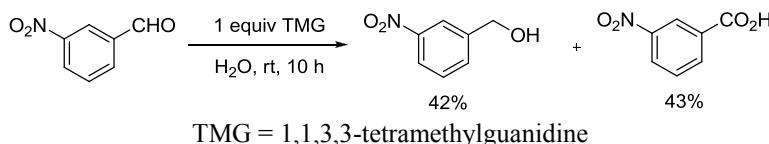
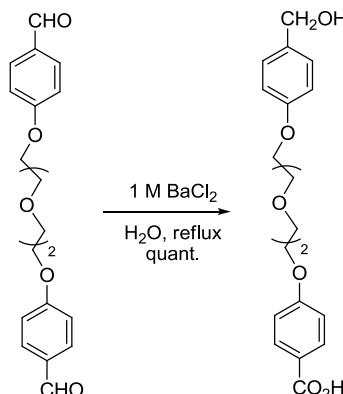


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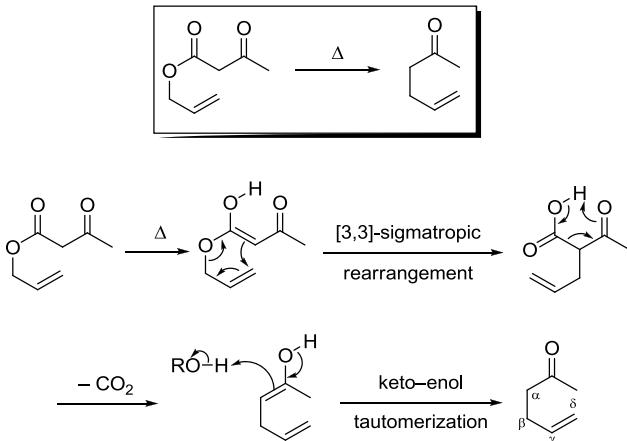
Example 3⁸Example 4, Desymmetrization by intramolecular Cannizzaro reaction⁹

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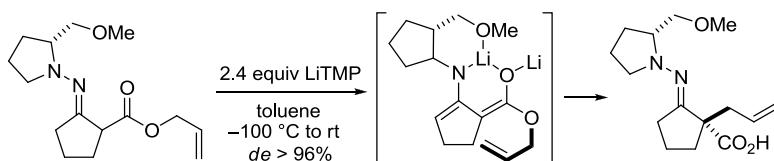
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Carroll rearrangement

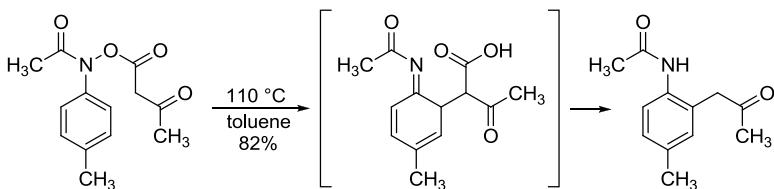
Thermal rearrangement of β -ketoesters followed by decarboxylation to yield γ -unsaturated ketones *via* anion-assisted Claisen rearrangement. It is a variant of the Claisen rearrangement.



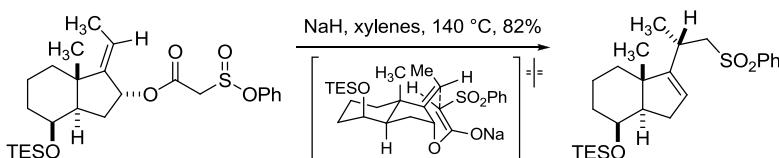
Example 1, Asymmetric Carroll rearrangement^{4,5}



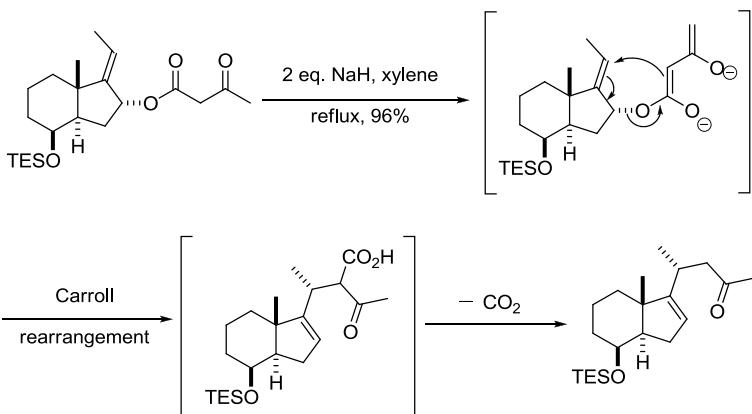
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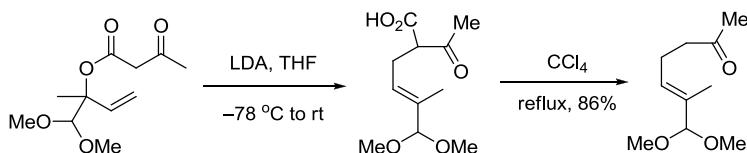
Example 3⁷



Example 4, Similar to Example 3⁷



Example 5⁸

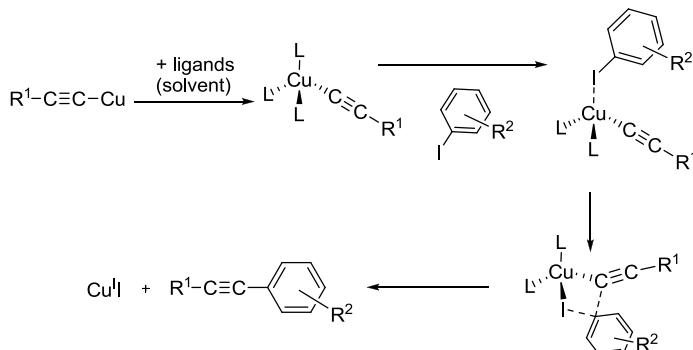
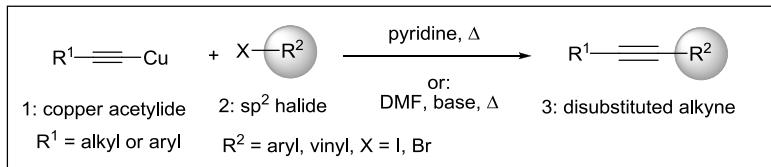


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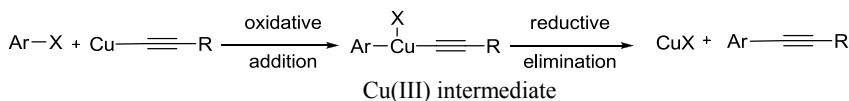
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Castro–Stephens coupling

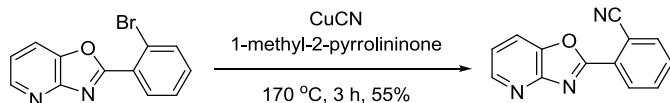
Aryl–acetylene synthesis, Cf. Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling and Sonogashira coupling. The Castro–Stephens coupling uses stoichiometric copper, whereas the Sonogashira variant uses catalytic palladium and copper.



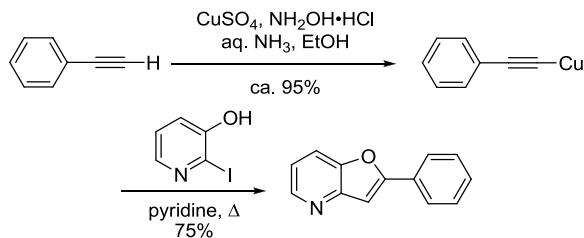
An alternative mechanism similar to that of the Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling:

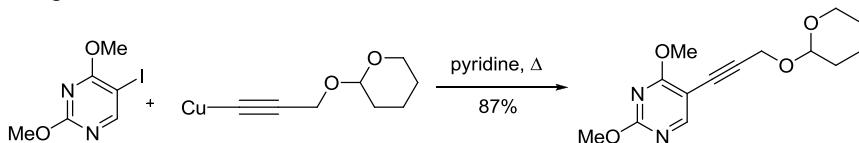
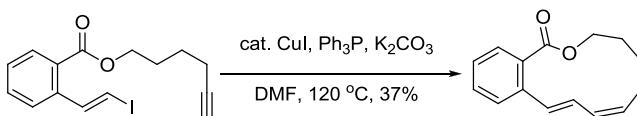
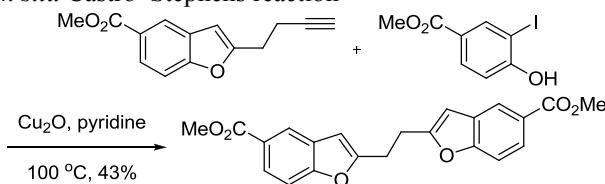
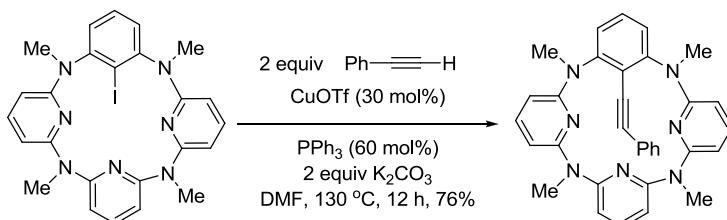


Example 1, A variant, also known as the Rosenmund–von Braun synthesis of aryl nitriles²



Example 2⁴



Example 3⁵Example 4⁸Example 5, *In situ* Castro–Stephens reaction¹⁰Example 6¹³

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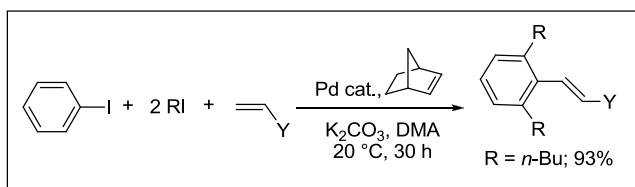
C–H activation

The C–H activation reaction is a reaction that cleaves a carbon–hydrogen bond. Here the carbon–hydrogen bond is mostly referred to unactivated carbon–hydrogen bonds.

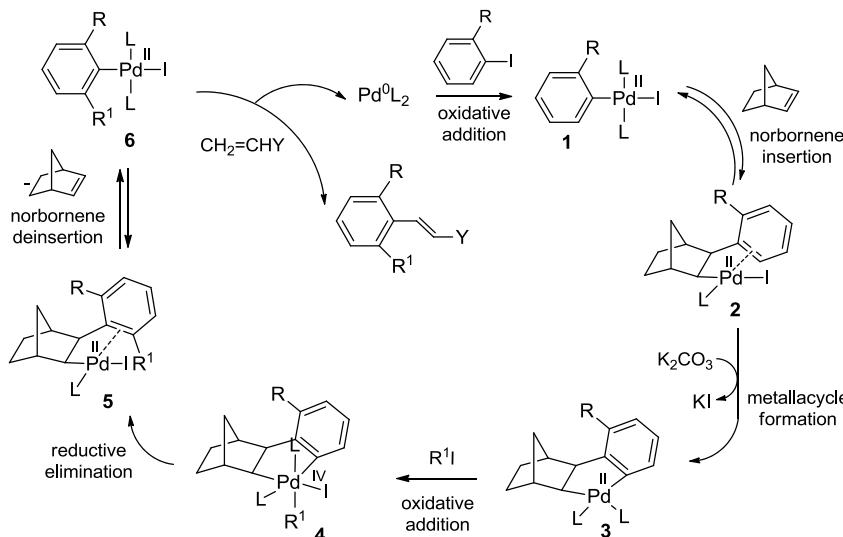
Catellani reaction

Selective *ortho*-alkylation and -arylation of aryl iodides can be achieved by the cooperative catalytic action of palladium and norbornene.¹ The first reported case was the *ortho*-dialkylation of aryl iodides, followed by Heck reaction.² Here an aryl iodide with free *o*-positions reacts with an aliphatic iodide and a terminal olefin in the presence of palladium/norbornene as catalyst and a base, to give a 2,6-disubstituted vinylarene. Analogously, an aryl iodide with one substituted *o*-position leads to a vinylarene containing two different *ortho* groups.³

Example 1, A three-component reaction allowing the construction of three adjacent C–C bonds through C–I and C–H activation.²

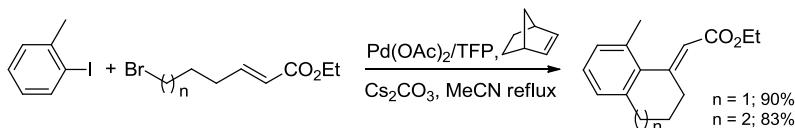


Mechanism for the reaction of an *o*-substituted aryl iodide: Pd(0), Pd(II) and Pd(IV) intermediates and catalytic role of palladium and norbornene.^{1–3}

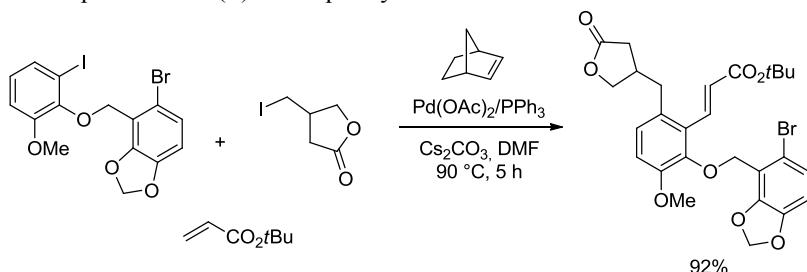


The mechanism involves initial oxidative addition of an *o*-substituted aryl iodide to Pd(0) followed by a stereoselective norbornene insertion leading to the *cis,exo* complex **2**. β -Hydrogen elimination is prevented by geometric constraints, and a five-membered palladacycle (**3**) readily forms through intramolecular C–H activation. Oxidative addition of an alkyl iodide to **3** affords a Pd(IV) intermediate (**4**) which undergoes reductive elimination by selective migration of the alkyl moiety onto the aromatic ring to form **5**. Norbornene deinsertion occurs spontaneously at this point, likely due to steric hindrance, giving 2,6-disubstituted phenylpalladium(II) species (**6**) which finally react with the terminal olefin to liberate the organic product and Pd(0). Alternatively the sequence can be terminated by other well-known reactions of the aryl-Pd bond such as the Suzuki or Sonogashira couplings, hydrogenolysis, amination, or cyanation. The described methodology can also be extended to ring-forming reactions.^{1e} Thus, the reaction is very versatile and offers countless possibilities for building up many types of functionalized aromatic compounds.

Example 2, The synthesis of fused aromatic compounds through final intramolecular Heck reaction was first reported by the Lautens group.^{4,1e}

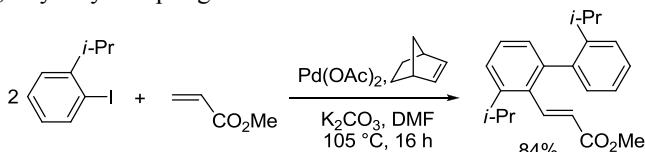


Example 3, The high tolerance to functional groups enabled a key step to the synthesis of a precursor of (+)-linoxepin by Lautens.⁵

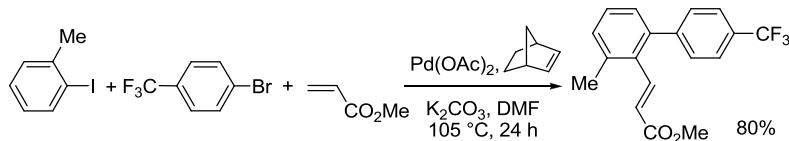


ortho-Arylation of an aryl iodide leading to the construction of a biaryl moiety is also possible, provided that the starting aryl iodide bears an *ortho* substituent. The *o*-substituent in palladacycles of type **3** is essential for selectively directing the attack of an aryl halide onto the aromatic site (*ortho* effect).^{1,6}

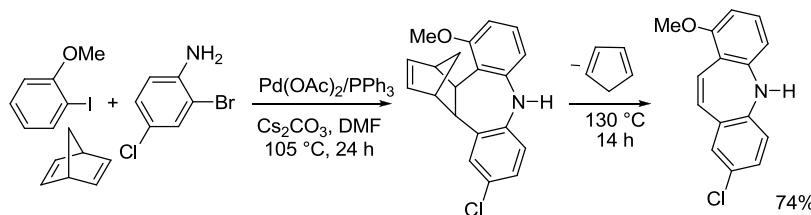
Example 4, Aryl-aryl coupling combined with Heck reaction.⁷



Example 5. The non symmetrical coupling of an aryl iodide bearing an *o*-electron-donating group, an aryl bromide containing an electron-withdrawing substituent, and a terminal olefin illustrates the importance of correctly tuning the electronic properties of the two aryl halides for selectivity control.⁸



Example 6 shows that internal chelation to Pd(IV)⁹ can cancel the *ortho* effect.¹⁰

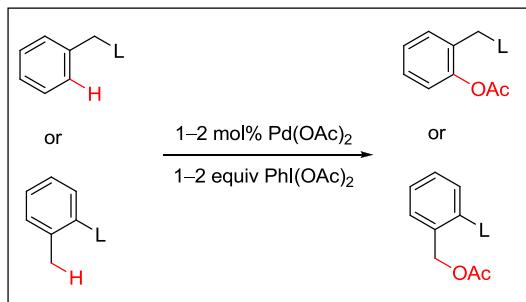


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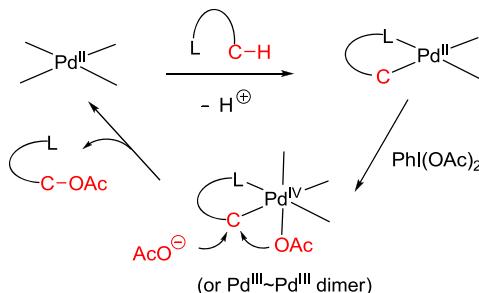
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Sanford reaction

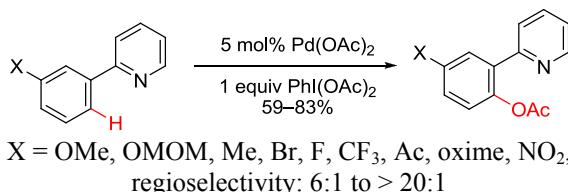
C–H acetoxylations using directing groups L, such as pyridine and pyrimidine.^{1,6}



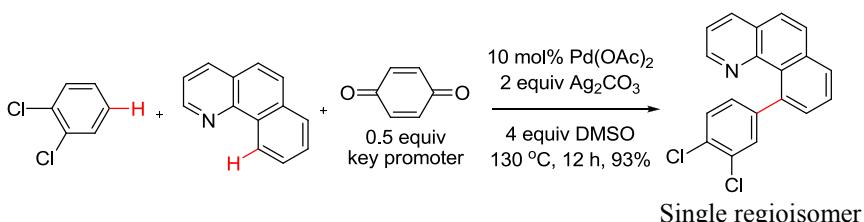
Catalytic Cycle for Ligand-Directed C–H Acetoxylation:²



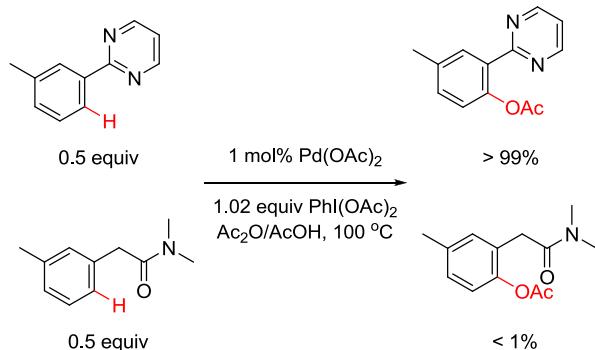
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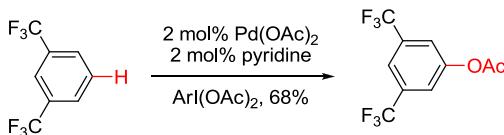
Example 2.⁵



Example 3, Directing Group Ability in Palladium-Catalyzed C–H Bond Functionalization.⁶



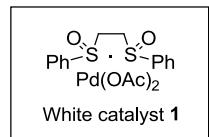
Example 4.¹⁰



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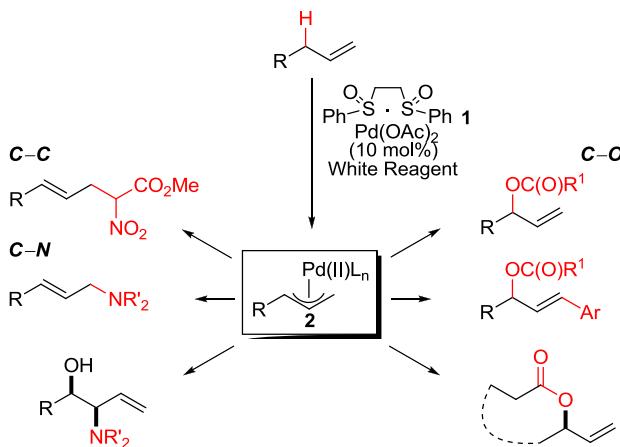
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White catalyst



The White catalyst **1** is a highly versatile, commercially-available catalyst for allylic C–H oxidation which allows for the construction of useful C–O, C–N, and C–C bonds directly from relatively inert allylic C–H bonds (Figure 1).^{1–11} The White catalyst enables novel and predictable disconnections for the synthesis of complex molecules which can streamline their synthesis.^{2,4,7,8} Widely available α -olefins undergo intra- and intermolecular C–H oxidation with remarkably high levels of chemo-, regio-, and stereoselectivity. Mechanistic studies provide evidence that the White catalyst promotes allylic C–H cleavage to generate π -allylpalladium intermediate **2** which can then be functionalized with an oxygen, nitrogen or carbon nucleophile (Figure 1).³

Figure 1



Common organic functionality such as Lewis basic phenol **3**,³ acid-labile acetal **4**,⁸ highly reactive aryl triflate **6**,¹¹ and depsipeptide **5**⁵ are well-tolerated under the mild reaction conditions (Figure 2). In all cases the products are isolated as one regioisomer and olefin isomer after column purification.

Current state-of-the-art methods for constructing C–N bonds rely on functional group interconversions or C–C bond forming reactions using preoxidized materials. Allylic amination using the White catalyst can streamline the synthesis of nitrogen-containing molecules by reducing the functional group manipulations necessary for working with oxygenated intermediates. Allylic C–H amination was used to synthesize (–)**8**, an intermediate in the synthesis of *L*-acosamine derivative **9** (Figure 3A).⁷ The C–H amination route to (–)**8** proceeded in half the total number of steps, no functional group manipulations, and

comparable overall yield to the alternative C–O to C–N bond-forming route. Intermolecular C–H amination has also led to the construction of (+)-deoxynegamycin analogue **12** in five less steps and improved overall yield compared to the alternative route relying on C–O substitution (Figure 3B).⁸

Figure 2

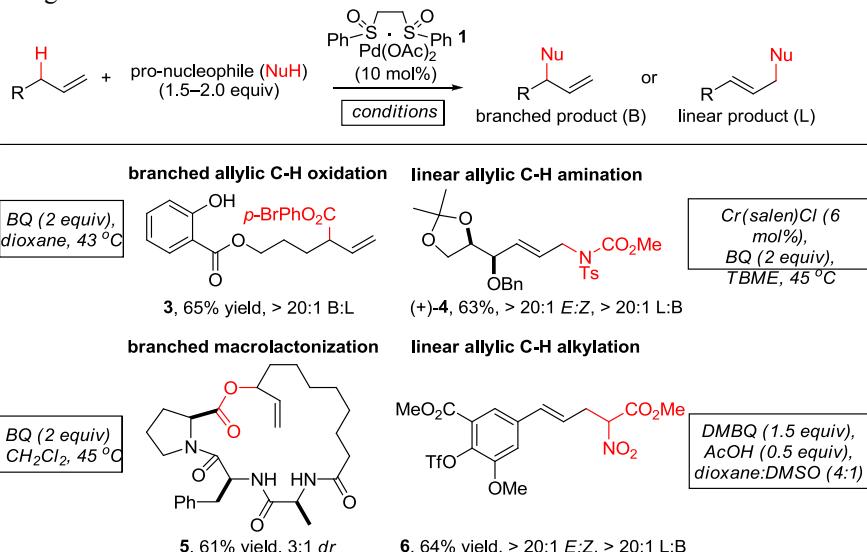
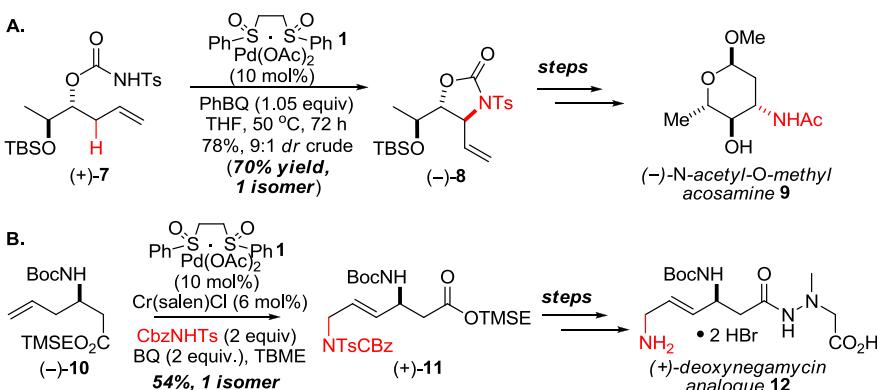


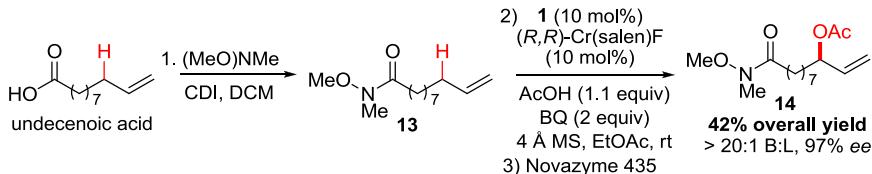
Figure 3



Similarly, allylic C–H oxidation can streamline the construction of oxygenated compounds by reducing functional group manipulations necessary for working with bisoxigenated intermediates. For example, a chiral allylic C–H oxidation/enzymatic resolution sequence furnished bisoxigenated compound **14** in 97% ee and in 42% overall yield in just 3 steps from a commercially available

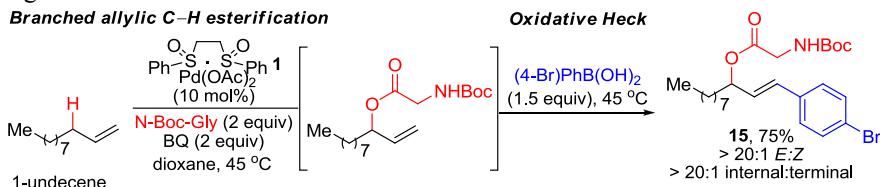
monoxygenated precursor, 11-undecenoic acid (**Figure 4**).¹⁰ Alternative routes to similar molecules require protection/deprotection sequences and use a kinetic resolution giving a maximum of 50% yield.

Figure 4



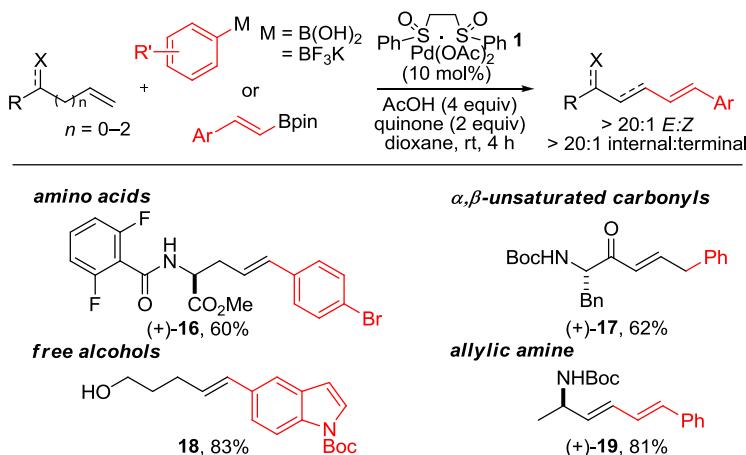
In addition to allylic C–H oxidation, the White catalyst also catalyzes intermolecular Heck arylations.⁶ Notably, the arylation uses electronically *unbiased* α -olefins and aryl boronic acids and occurs under acidic, oxidative conditions. A one-pot allylic C–H oxidation/vinylic C–H arylation reaction furnishes *E*-arylated allylic esters with high regio- and stereoselectivities (**Figure 5**). This three-component coupling can be used to rapidly synthesize densely functionalized products from inexpensive hydrocarbon feedstocks. *N*-Boc glycine allylic ester **9** was synthesized in one step using commercially available olefin, amino acid, and boronic acid reagents. Compounds similar to **15** have been transformed into medicinally relevant dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitors.⁶

Figure 5



Besides the one-pot process described above, the White catalyst catalyzes a chelate-controlled oxidative Heck arylation between a wide range of α -olefins and organoborane compounds in good yields and with excellent regio- and stereoselectivities (**Figure 6**).⁹ Unlike other Heck arylation methods, no Pd–H isomerization is observed under the mild reaction conditions. Aryl boronic acids, styrenylpinacol boronic esters, and aryl potassium trifluoroborates (activated with boric acid) are all compatible with the general reaction conditions.

Figure 6



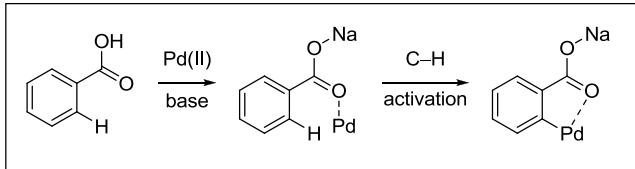
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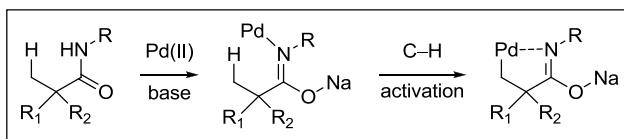
Yu C–H activation

A variety of position-selective or stereoselective C–H activation reactions have been developed by Yu and co-workers.^{1,7} These transformations are characterized by the use of a Pd catalyst, an oxidant, often with built-in directing groups and/or optimized ligands that enhance selectivity as well as reaction rate.

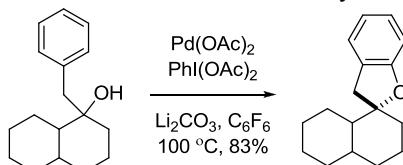
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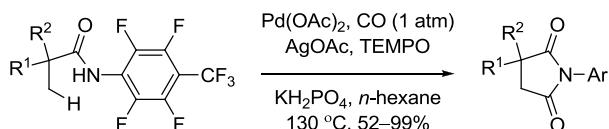
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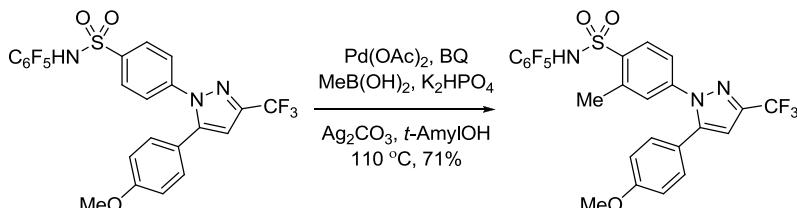
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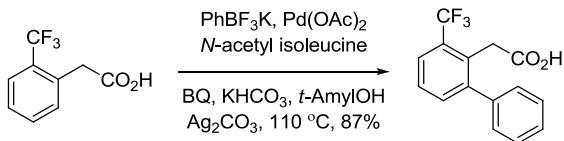
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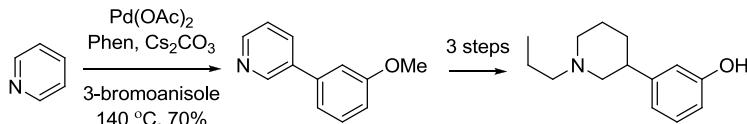
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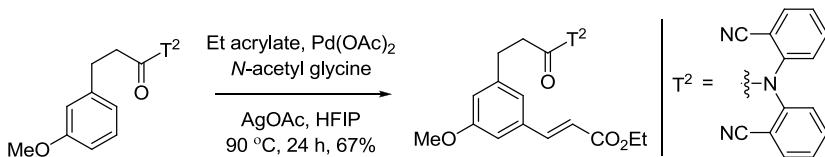
Example 4, *ortho*-Selective C–H arylation of arene⁵



Example 5, C₃-Selective C–H arylation of pyridine⁶



Example 6, *meta*-Selective C–H vinylation of arene⁸

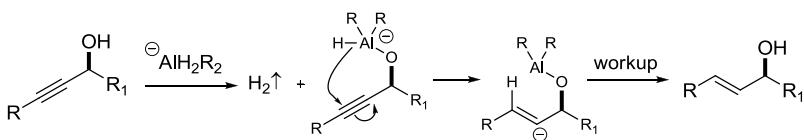
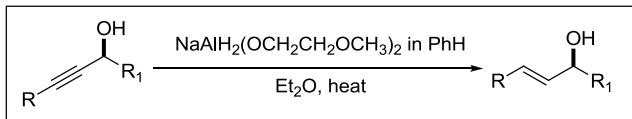


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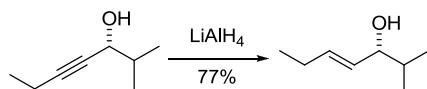
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Chan alkyne reduction

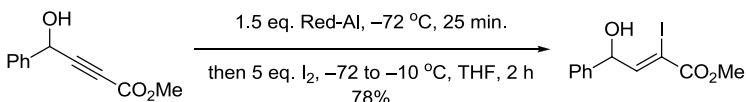
Stereoselective reduction of acetylenic alcohols to *E*-allylic alcohols using sodium bis(2-methoxyethoxy)aluminum hydride (SMEAH, also known as Red-Al) or LiAlH₄.



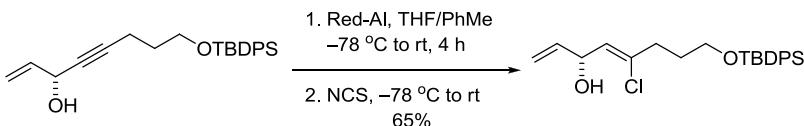
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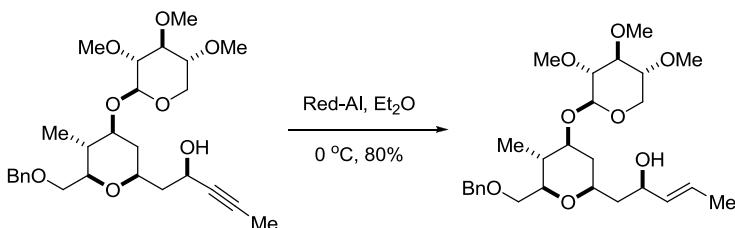
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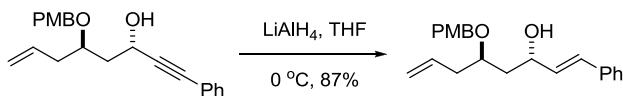


Example 3⁶



Example 4⁷



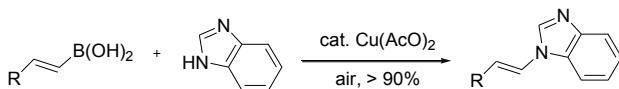
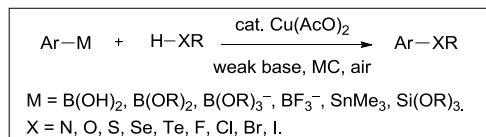
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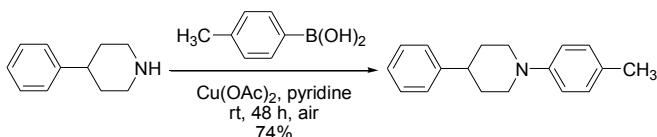
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Chan–Lam C–X coupling reaction

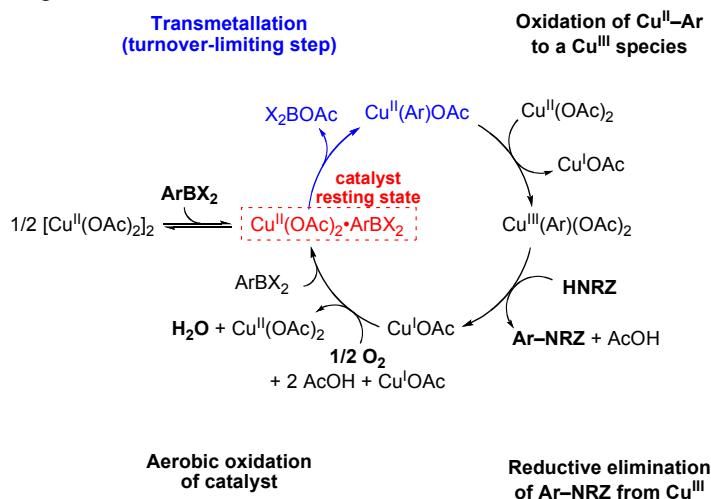
Arylation, vinylation and alkylation of a wide range of NH/OH/SH substrates by oxidative cross-coupling with boronic acids in the presence of catalytic cupric acetate, weak base and in air (open-flask chemistry). The reaction works for amides, amines, amidines, anilines, azides, azoles, hydantoins, hydrazines, imides, imines, nitroso, pyrazinones, yridines, purines, pyrimidines, sulfonamides, sulfinates, sulfoximines, ureas, alcohols, phenols, thiols, etc. The boronic acids can be replaced with siloxanes, stannanes or other organometalloids. The mild condition of this reaction is an advantage over Buchwald–Hartwig’s Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling using halides, though boronic acids are more expensive than halides. The Chan–Lam C–X bond cross-coupling reaction has emerged as a powerful and popular methodology similar to Suzuki–Miyaura’s C–C bond cross-coupling reaction.

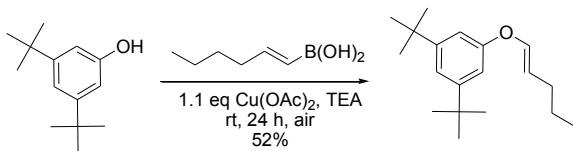
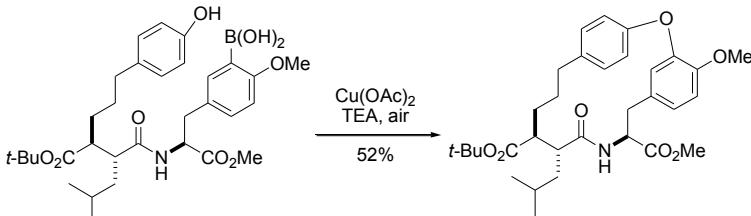
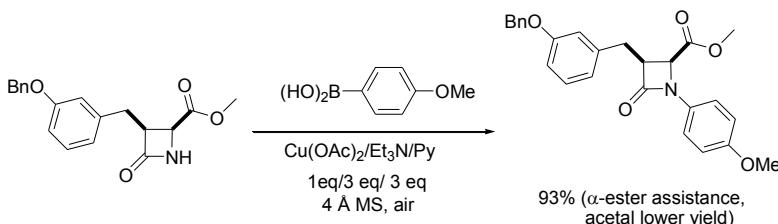
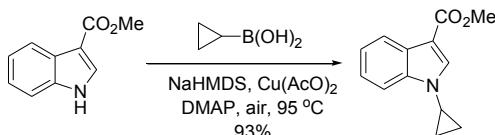


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Proposed Mechanism:⁴



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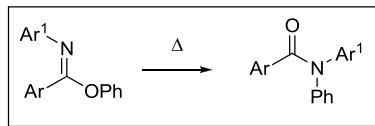
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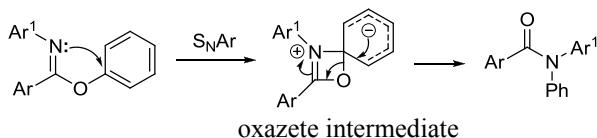
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Chapman rearrangement

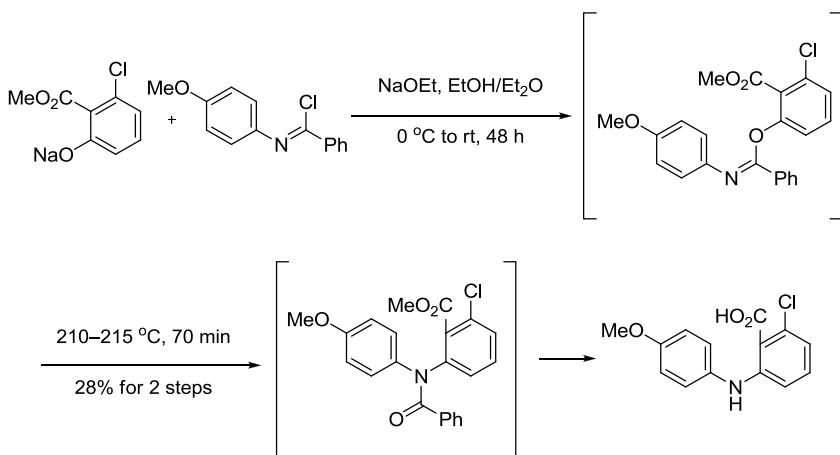
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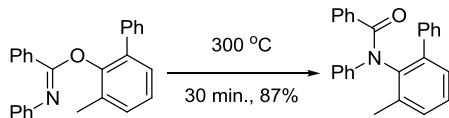
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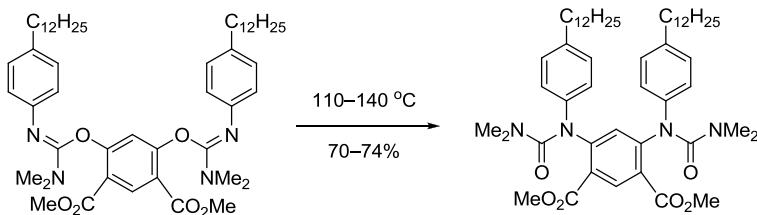
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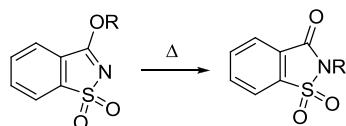
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Example 3, Double Chapman rearrangement⁹



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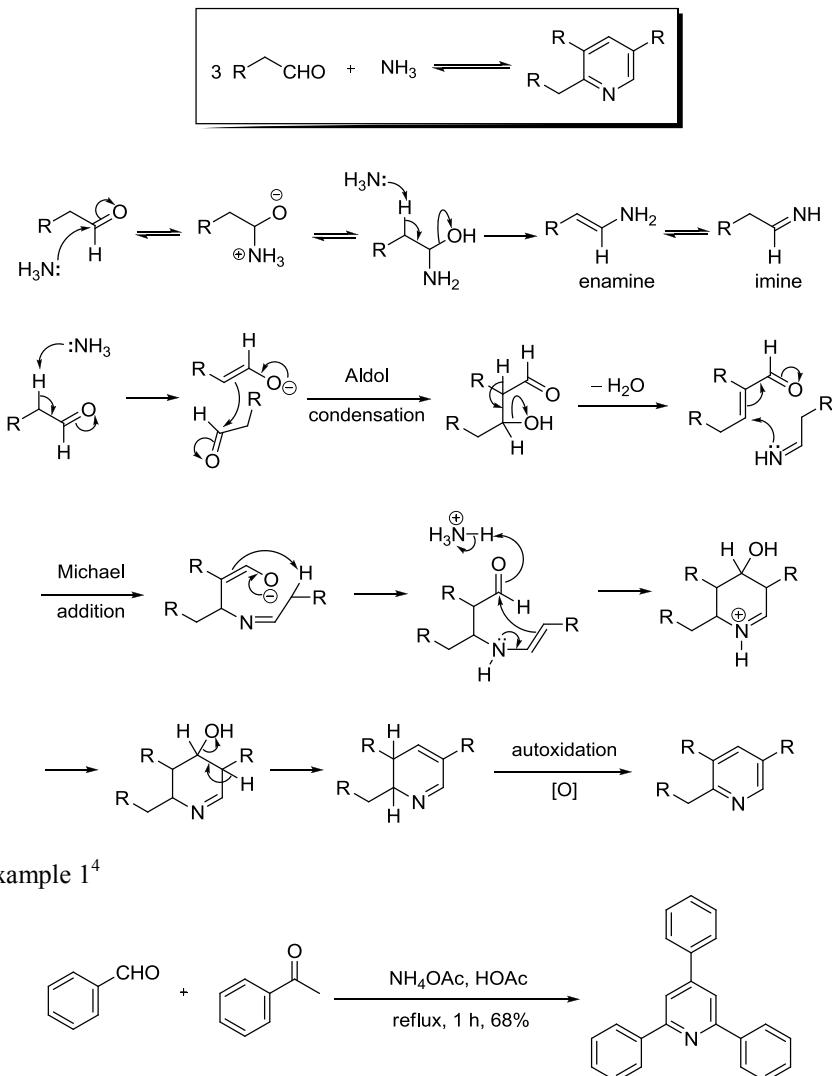


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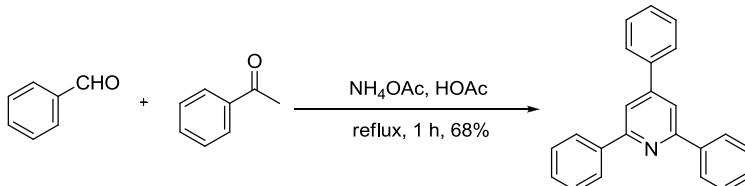
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Chichibabin pyridine synthesis

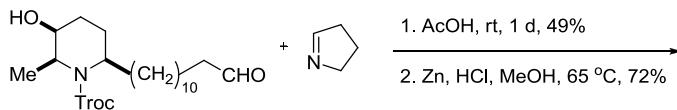
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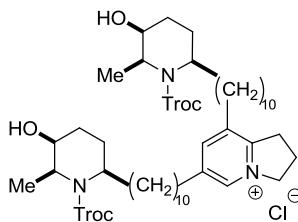


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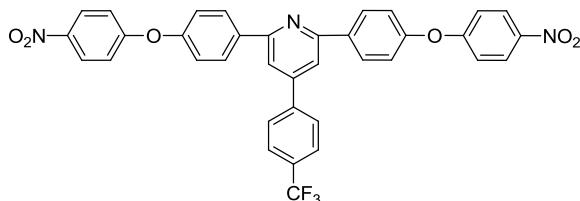
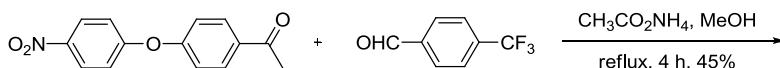


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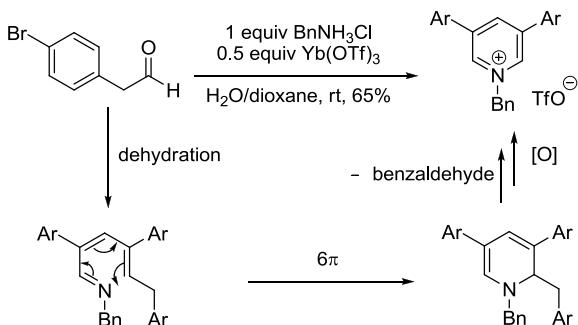




Example 3⁹



Example 4, An abnormal Chichibabin reaction¹⁰



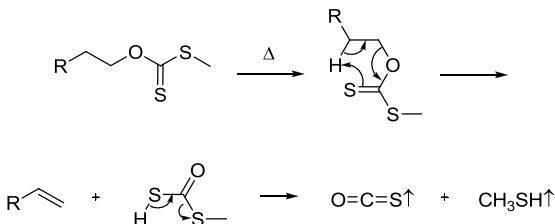
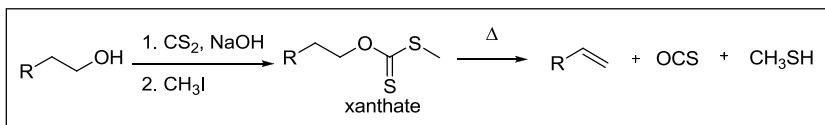
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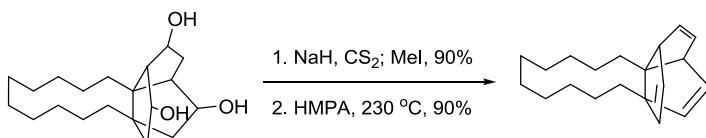
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Chugaev elimination

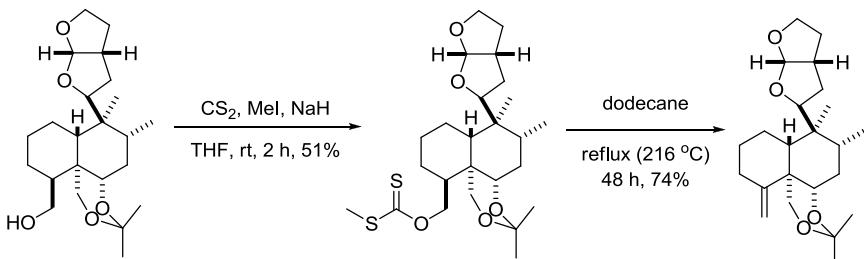
Thermal elimination of xanthates to olefins.



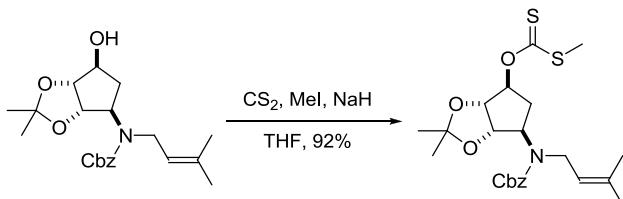
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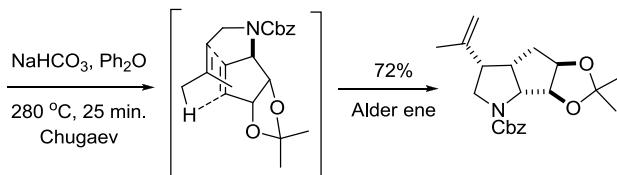


Example 2⁵



Example 3, Chugaev *syn*-elimination is followed by an intramolecular ene reaction⁶



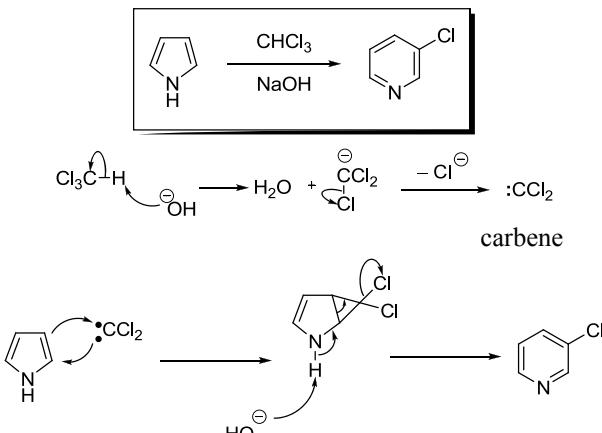


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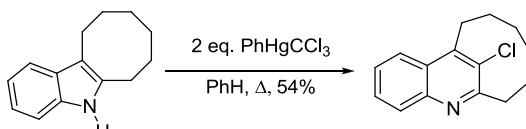
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Ciamician–Dennsted rearrangement

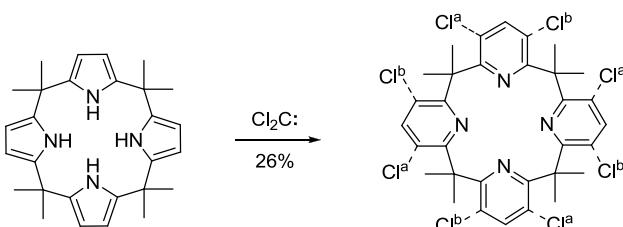
Cyclopropanation of a pyrrole with dichlorocarbene generated from CHCl_3 and NaOH. Subsequent rearrangement takes place to give 3-chloropyridine.



Example 1⁴



Example 2⁵

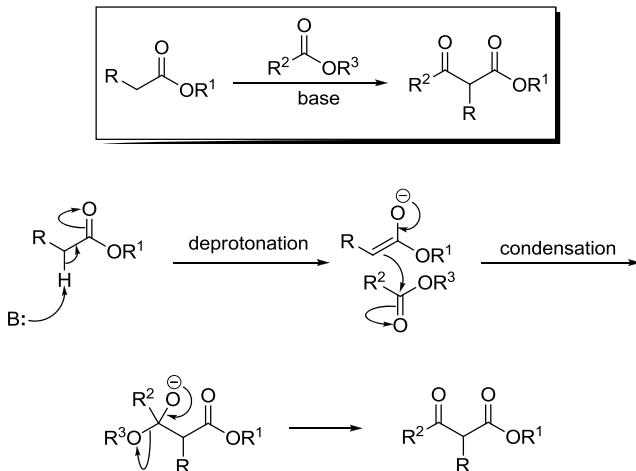


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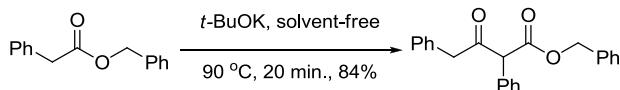
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Claisen condensation

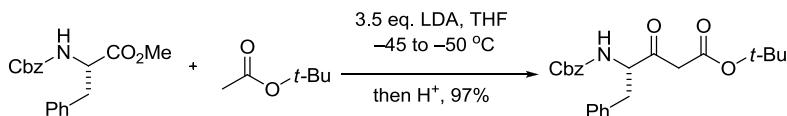
Base-catalyzed condensation of esters to afford β -keto esters.



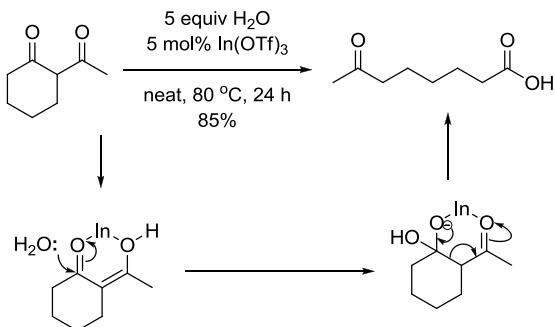
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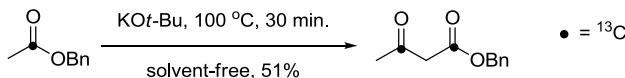
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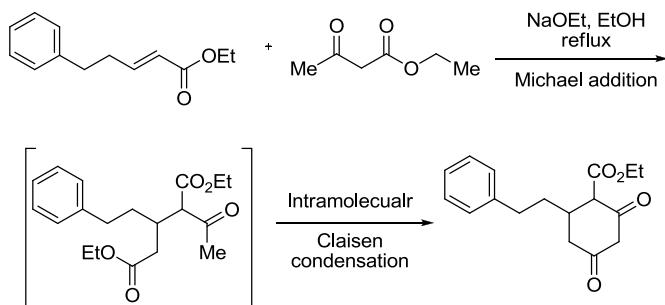
Example 3, Retro-Claisen condensation⁹



Example 4, Solvent-free Claisen condensation¹⁰



Example 5, Intramoleculr Claisen condensation (Dieckmann condensation)¹¹

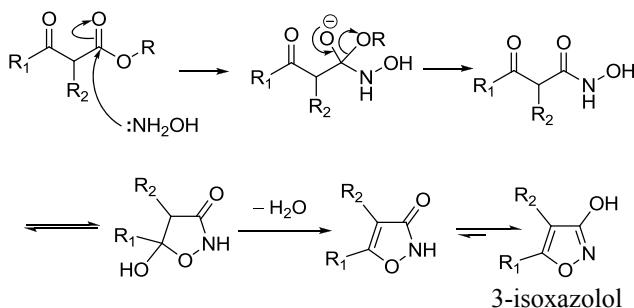
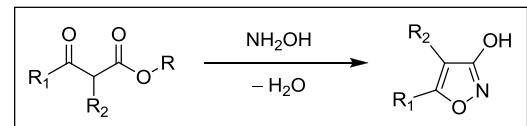


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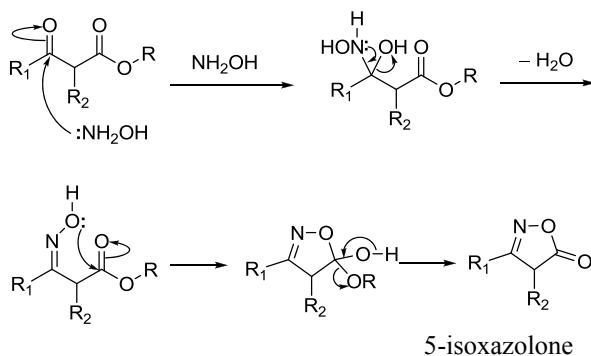
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Claisen isoxazole synthesis

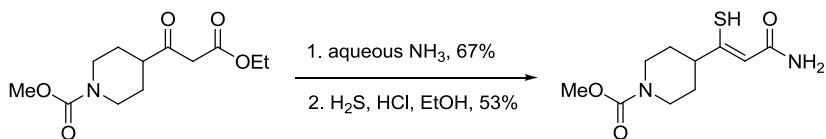
Cyclization of β -keto esters with hydroxylamine to provide 3-hydroxy-isoxazoles (3-isoxazolols).

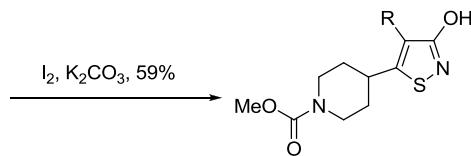
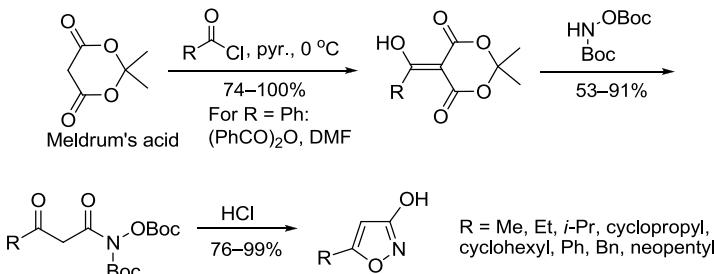
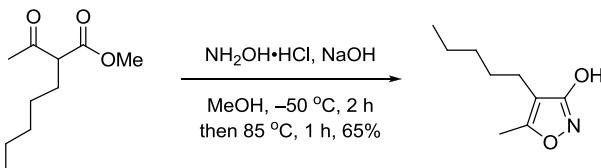


A side reaction:



Example 1, A thio-analog⁶



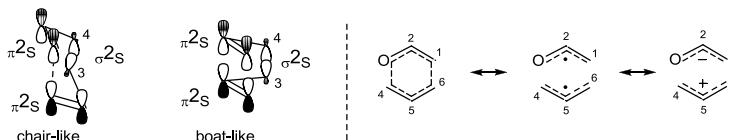
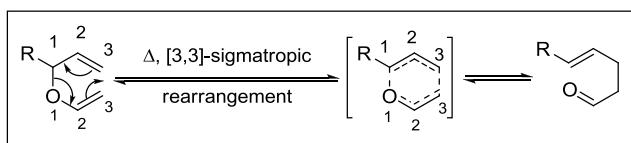
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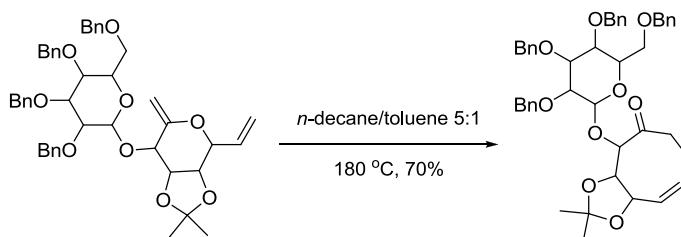
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Claisen rearrangements

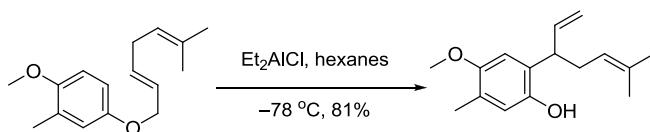
The Claisen, *para*-Claisen rearrangements, Belluš–Claisen rearrangement; Corey–Claisen, Eschenmoser–Claisen rearrangement, Ireland–Claisen, Kazmaier–Claisen, Saucy–Claisen; orthoester Johnson–Claisen, along with the Carroll rearrangement, belong to the category of *[3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements*. The Claisen rearrangement is a concerted process and the arrow pushing here is merely illustrative.



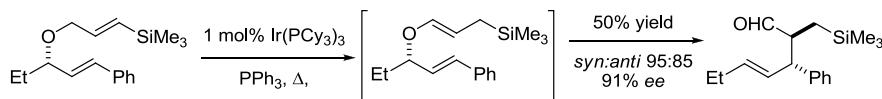
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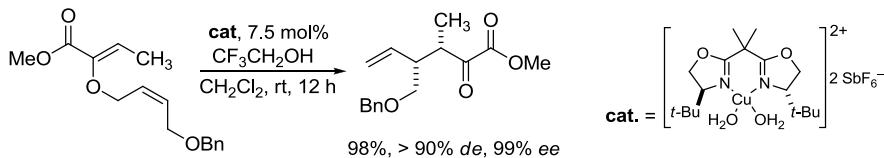
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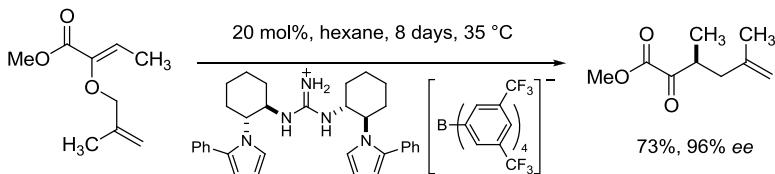
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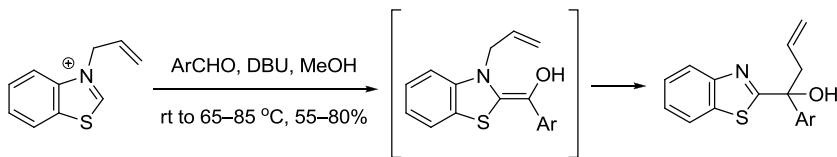
Example 4, Asymmetric Claisen rearrangement¹⁰



Example 5, Asymmetric Claisen rearrangement¹¹



Example 6¹³

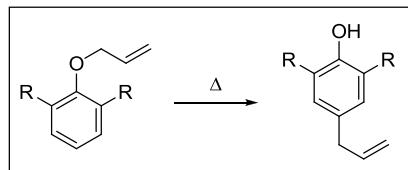


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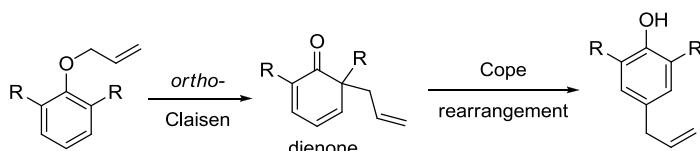
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para-Claisen rearrangement

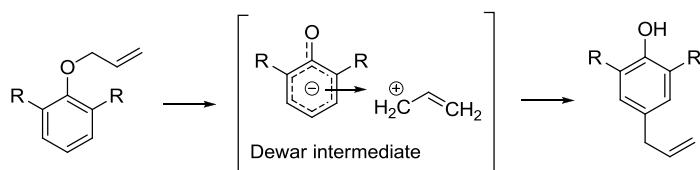
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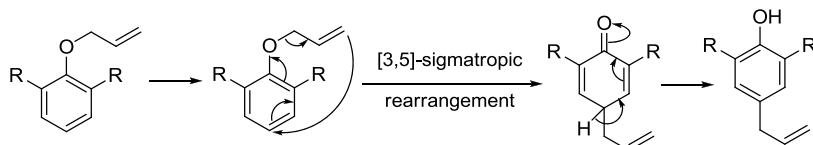
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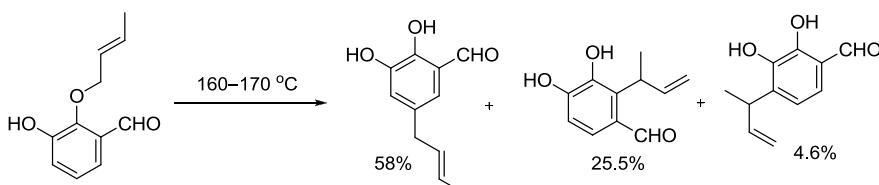
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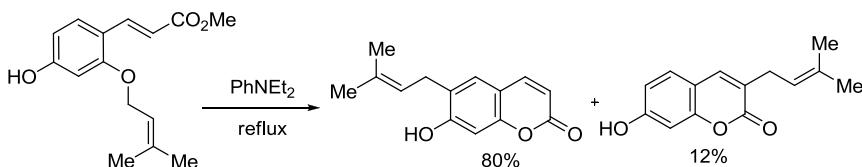
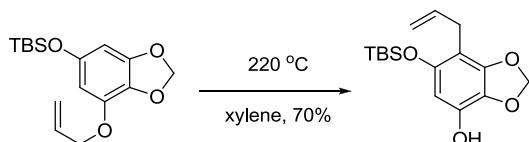
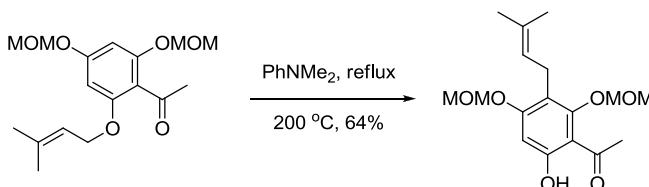
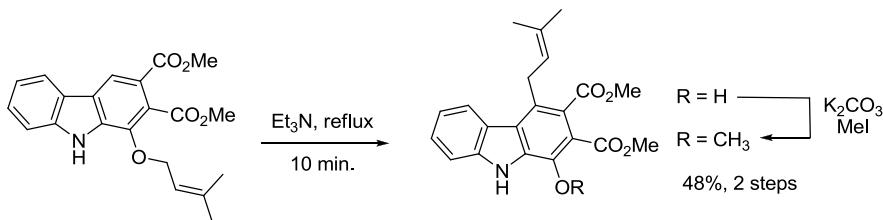


Mechanism 3:



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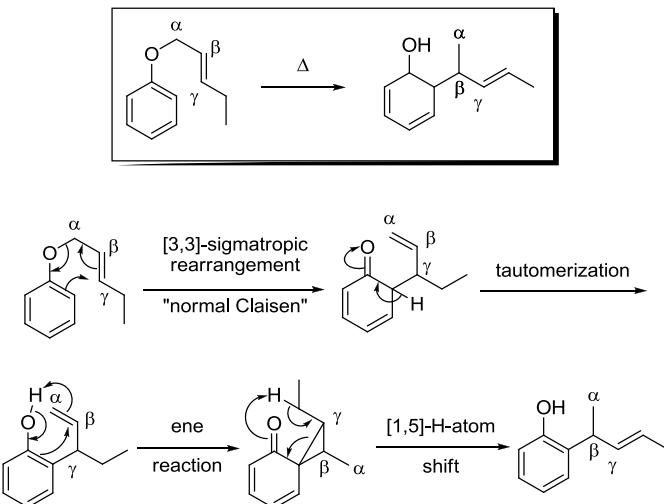
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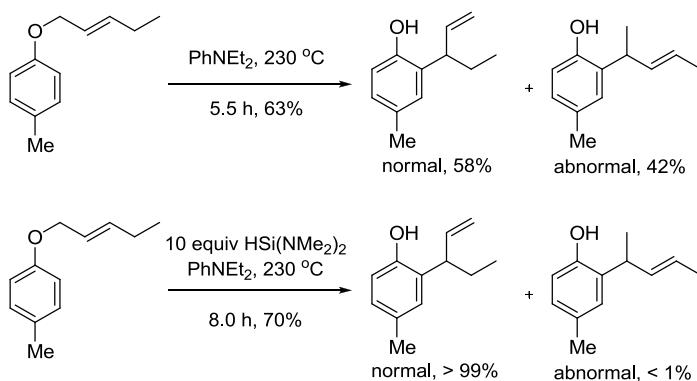
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Abnormal Claisen rearrangement

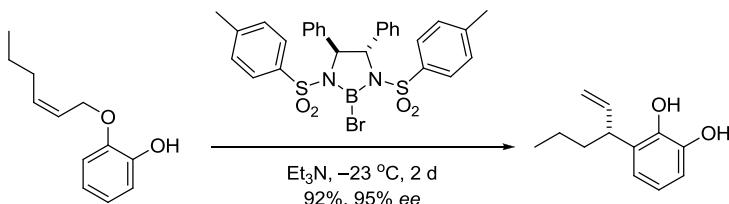
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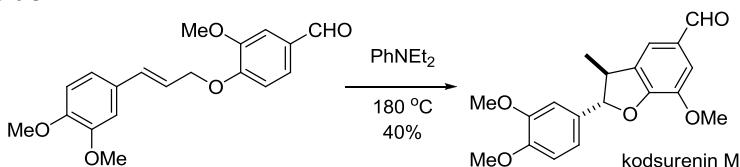
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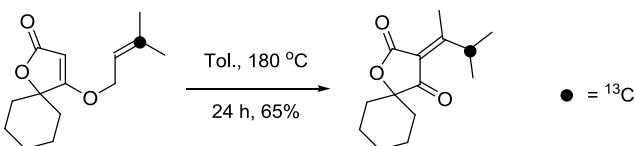
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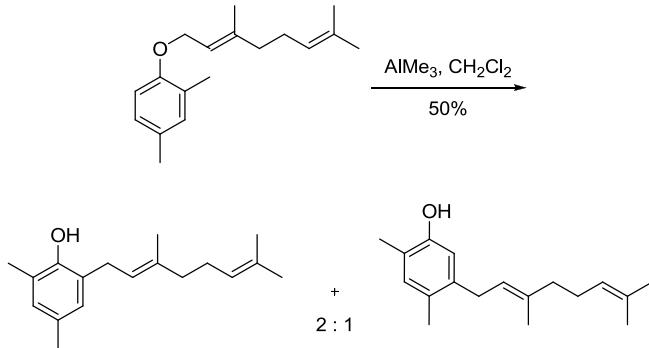
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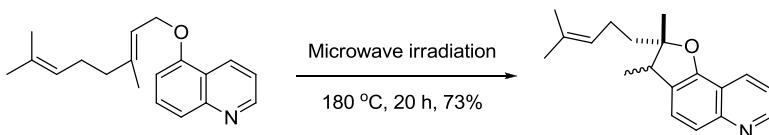
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Example 5⁷



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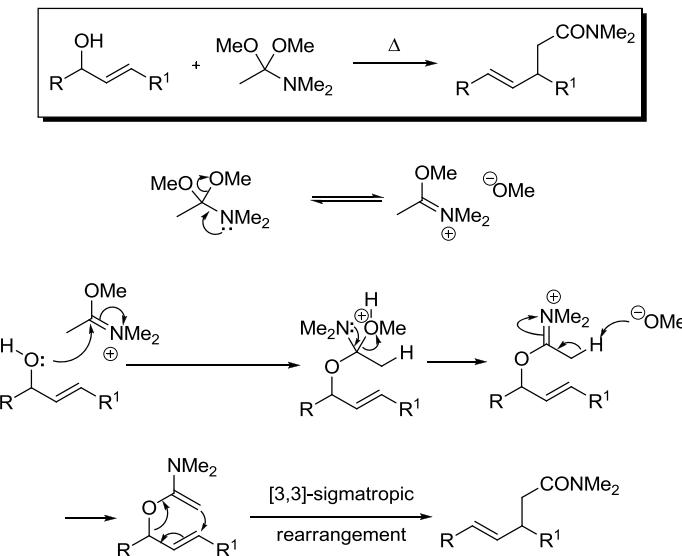


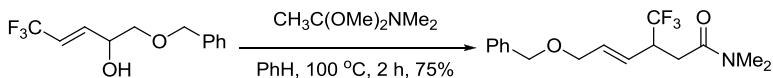
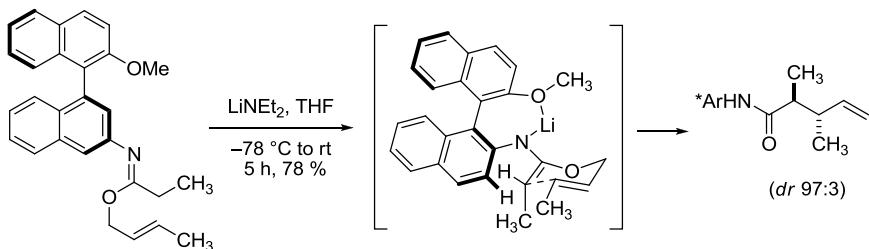
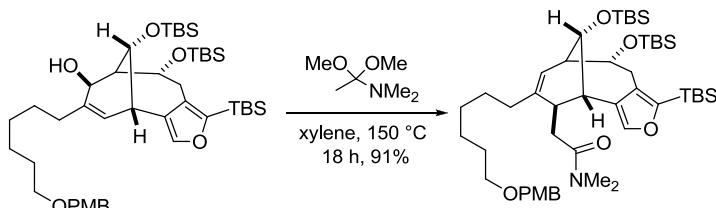
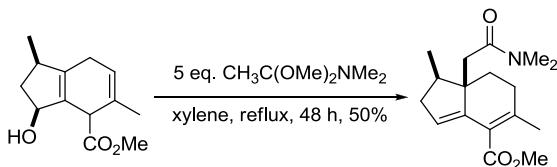
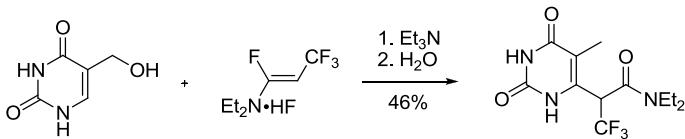
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Eschenmoser–Claisen amide acetal rearrangement

[3,3]-Sigmatropic rearrangement of *N,O*-ketene acetals to yield γ,δ -unsaturated amides. Since Eschenmoser was inspired by Meerwein's observations on the interchange of amide, the Eschenmoser–Claisen rearrangement is sometimes known as the Meerwein–Eschenmoser–Claisen rearrangement.



Example 1⁴Example 2⁵Example 3⁶Example 4⁸Example 5⁹

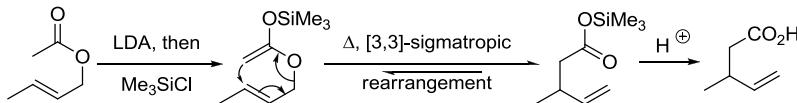
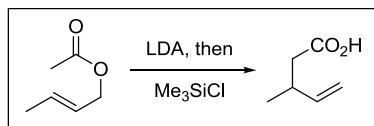
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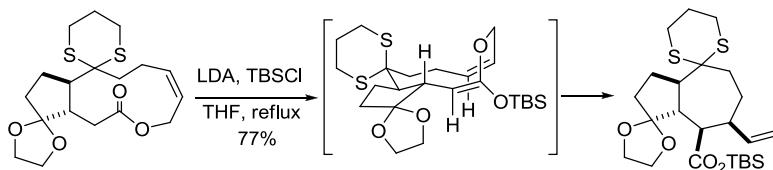
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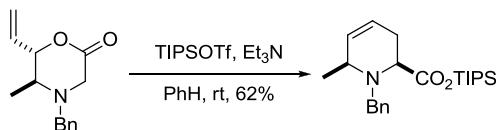
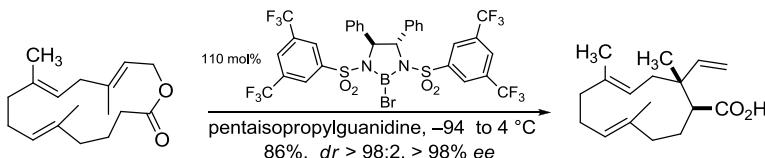
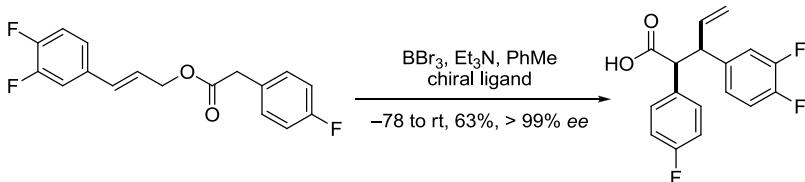
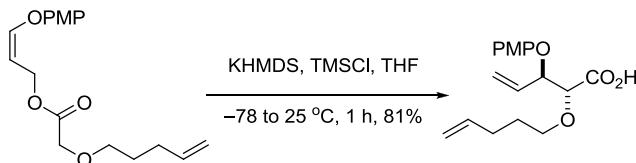
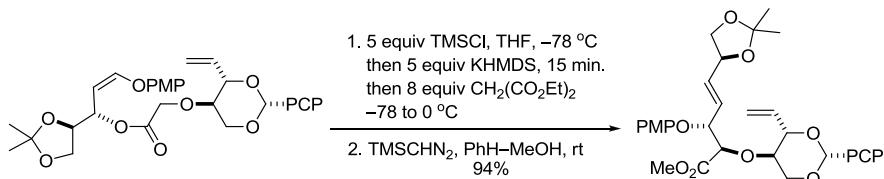
Ireland–Claisen (silyl ketene acetal) rearrangement

Rearrangement of allyl trimethylsilyl ketene acetal, prepared by reaction of allylic ester enolates with trimethylsilyl chloride, to yield γ,δ -unsaturated carboxylic acids. The Ireland–Claisen rearrangement seems to be advantageous to the other variants of the Claisen rearrangement in terms of *E/Z* geometry control and mild conditions.



Example 1²



Example 2³Example 3, Enantioselective ester enolate-Claisen Rearrangement⁶Example 4, A modified Ireland–Claisen rearrangement⁸Example 5⁹Example 6, chirality-transferring Ireland–Claisen rearrangement¹¹

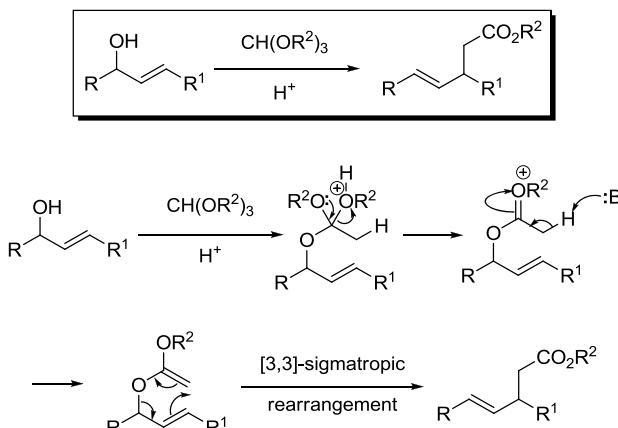
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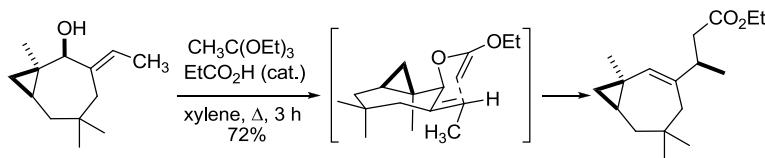
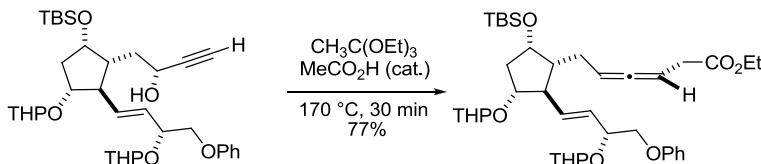
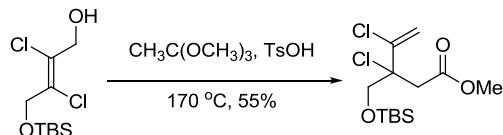
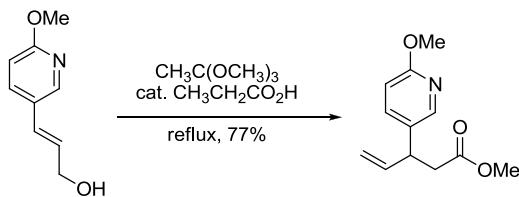
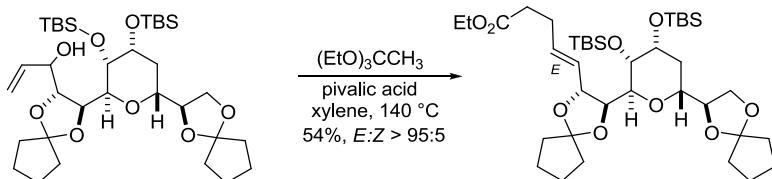
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Johnson–Claisen orthoester rearrangement

Heating of an allylic alcohol with an excess of trialkyl orthoacetate in the presence of trace amounts of a weak acid gives a mixed orthoester. Mechanistically, the orthoester loses alcohol to generate the ketene acetal, which undergoes [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement to give a γ,δ -unsaturated ester.



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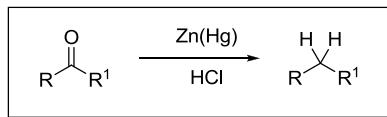
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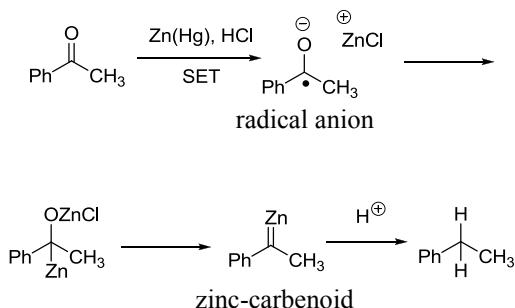
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Clemmensen reduction

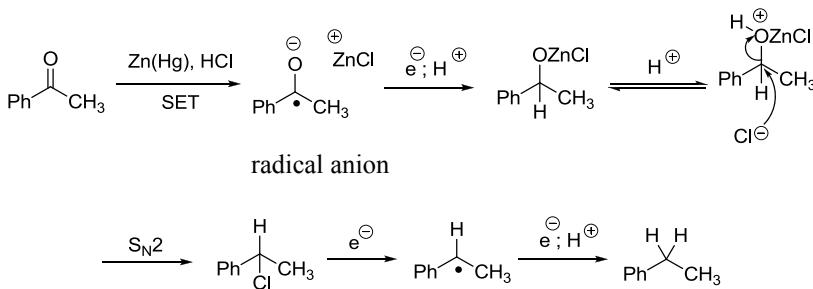
Reduction of aldehydes or ketones to the corresponding methylene compounds using amalgamated zinc in hydrochloric acid.



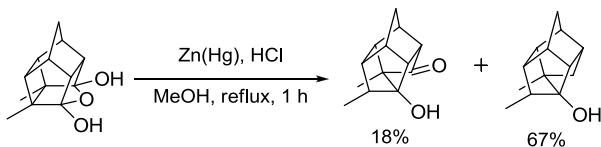
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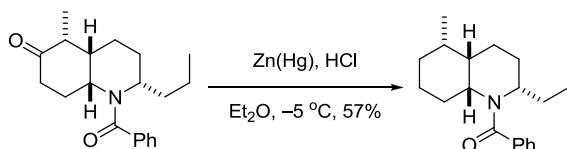
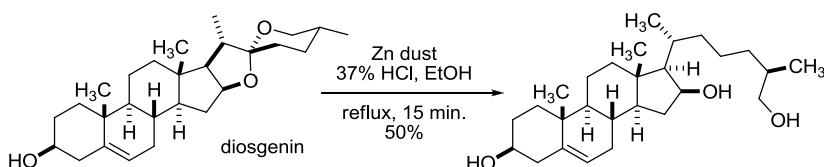
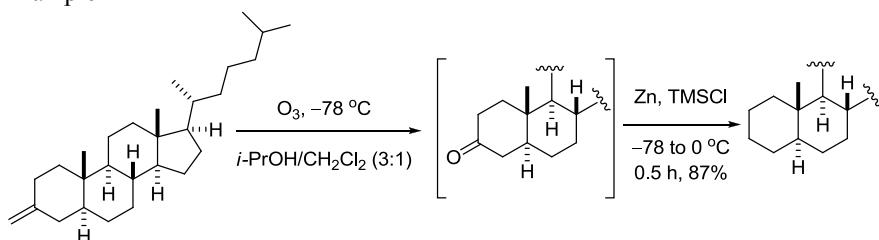


The radical anion mechanism:



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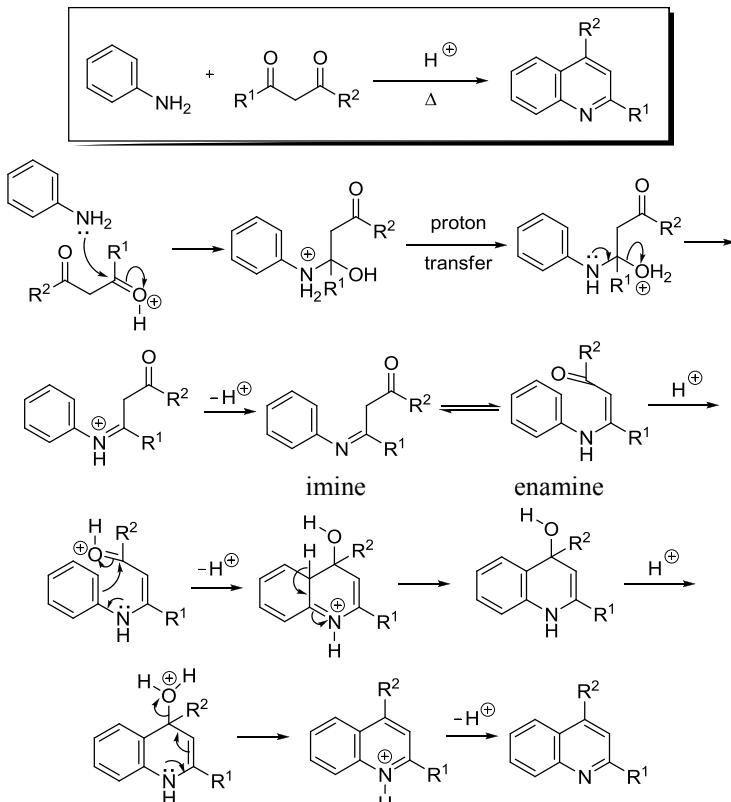
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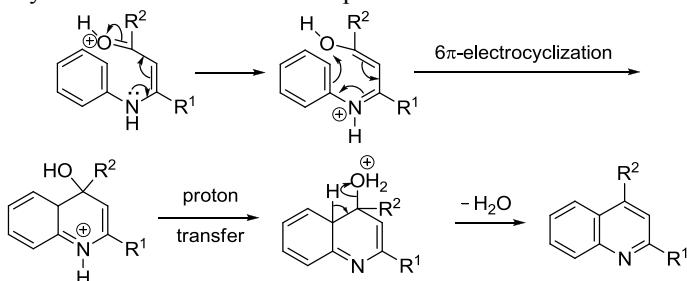
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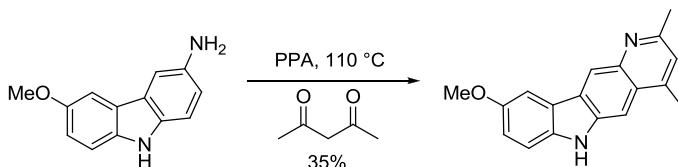
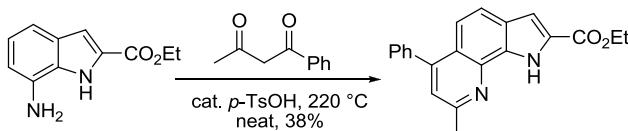
Combes quinoline synthesis

Acid-catalyzed condensation of anilines and β -diketones to assemble quinolines.
Cf. Conrad–Limpach reaction.



An electrocyclic mechanism is also possible:



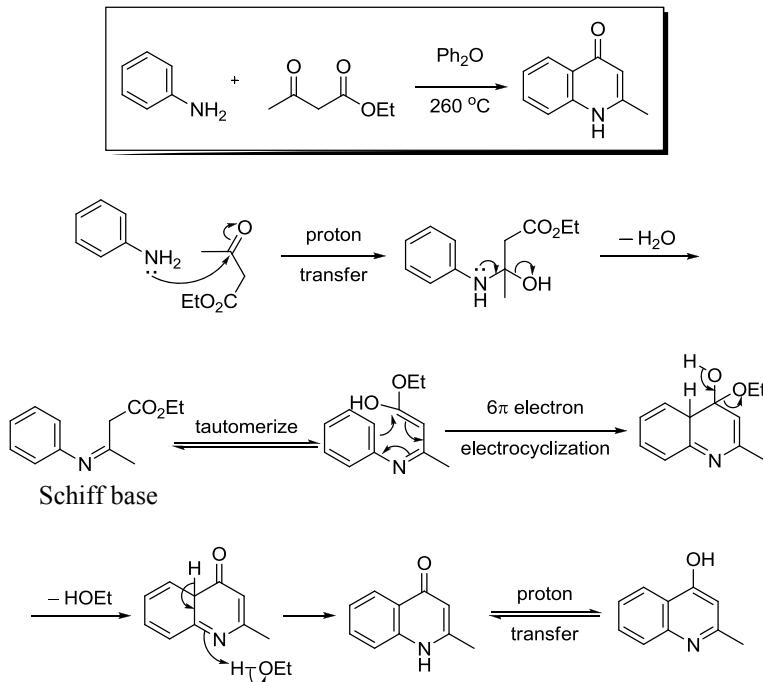
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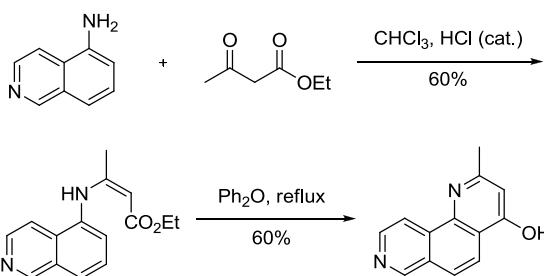
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Conrad–Limpach reaction

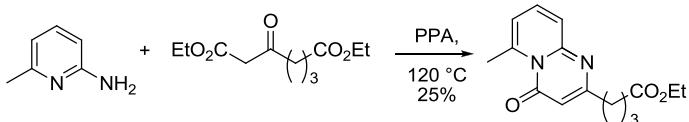
Thermal or acid-catalyzed condensation of anilines with β -ketoesters leads to quinolin-4-ones. Cf. Combes quinoline synthesis.

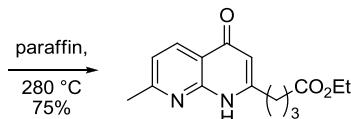
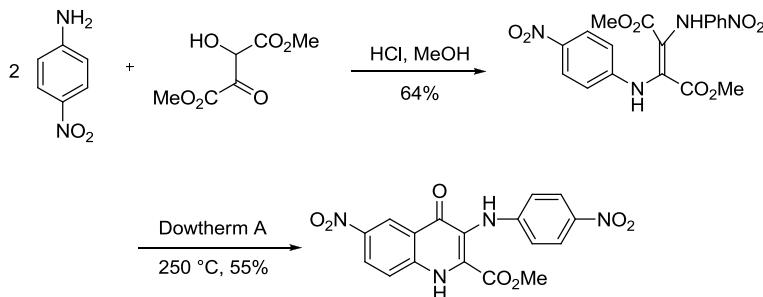
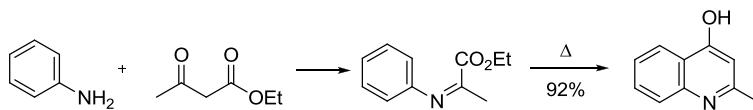


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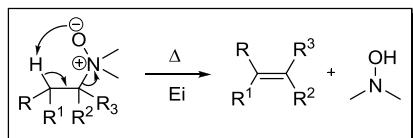
Example 3⁸Example 4, Thermal Conrad–Limpach cyclization¹¹

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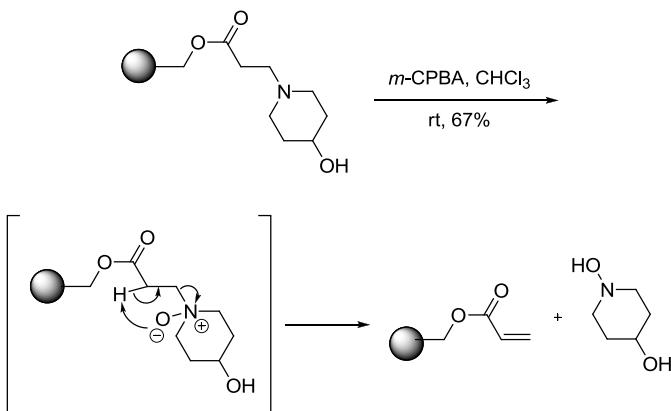
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Cope elimination reaction

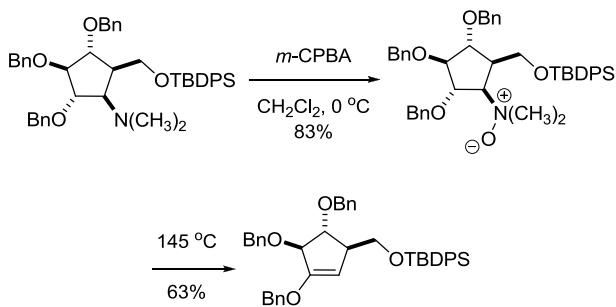
Thermal elimination of *N*-oxides to olefins and *N*-hydroxyl amines.



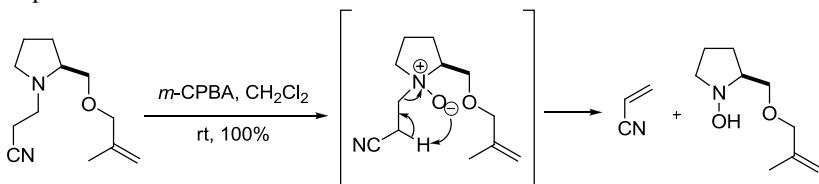
Example 1, Solid-phase Cope elimination⁵

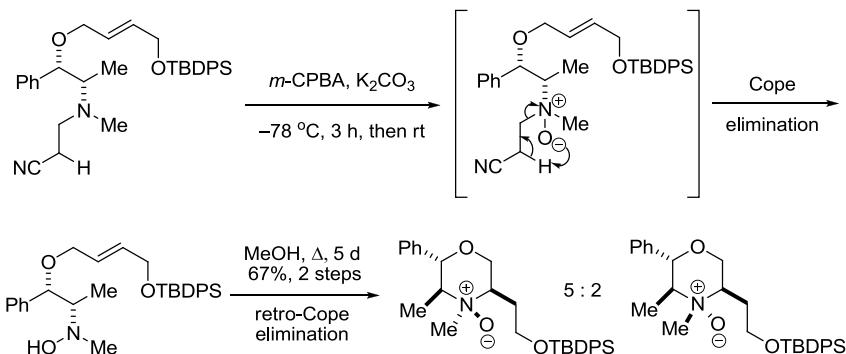
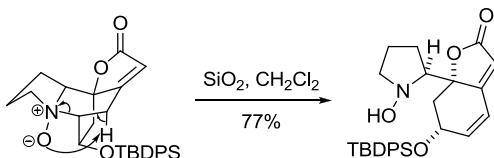


Example 2⁶



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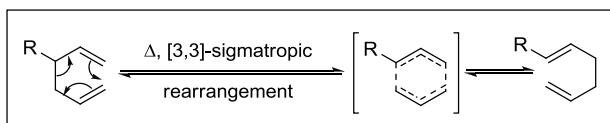
Example 4, Retro-Cope elimination⁹Example 5¹²

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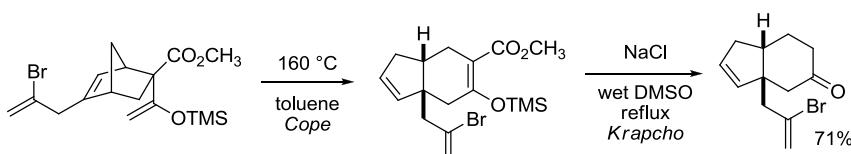
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Cope rearrangement

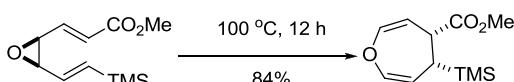
The Cope, aza-Cope, anionic oxy-Cope, and oxy-Cope rearrangements belong to the category of *[3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements*. Since it is a concerted process, the arrow pushing here is only illustrative. This reaction is an equilibrium process. Cf. Claisen rearrangement.



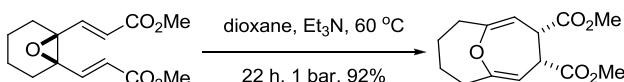
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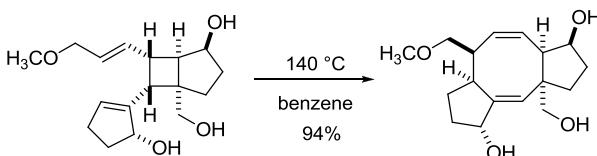
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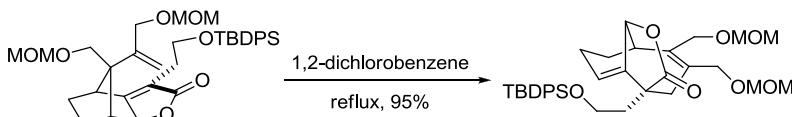
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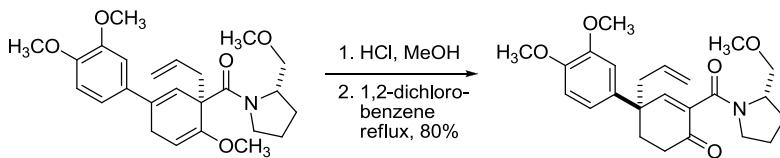
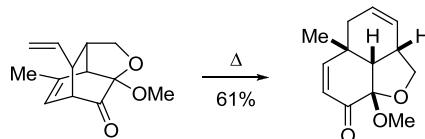
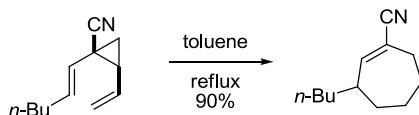


Example 4¹⁰



Example 5¹¹

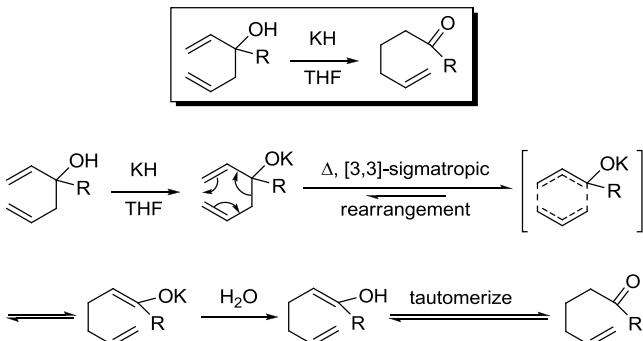


Example 6¹²Example 7, Cope rearrangement¹⁴Example 8¹⁵

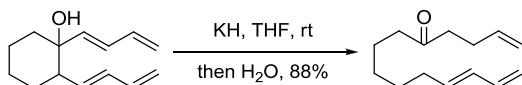
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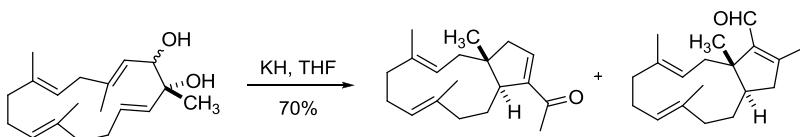
Anionic oxy-Cope rearrangement



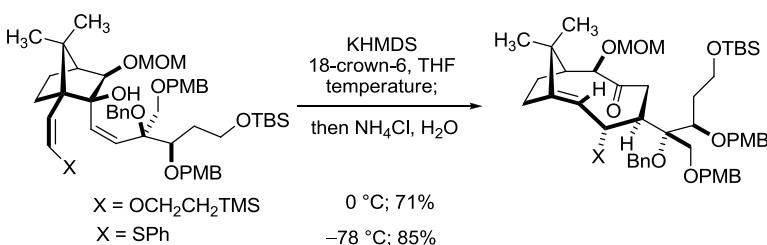
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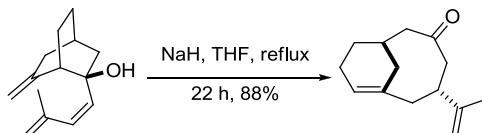
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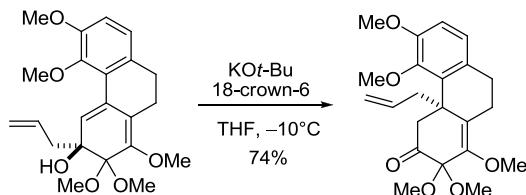
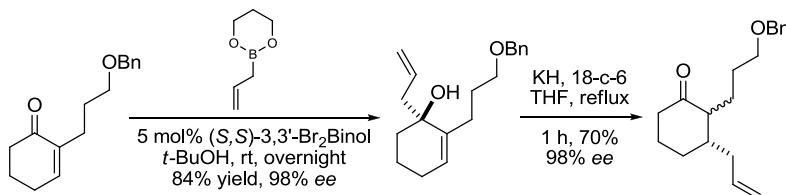


Example 3⁵



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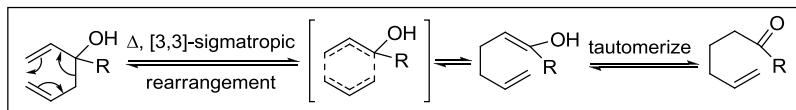
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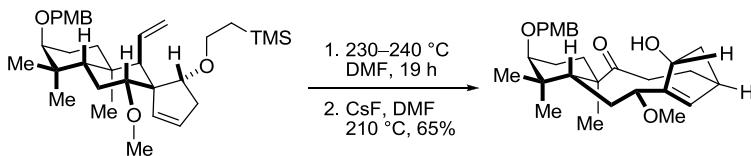
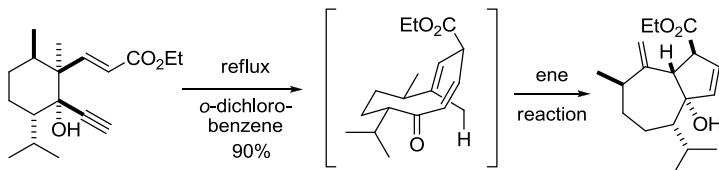
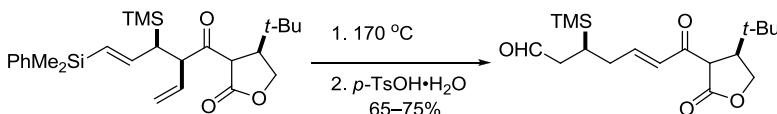
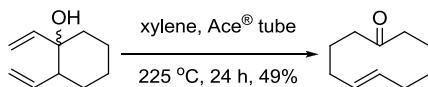
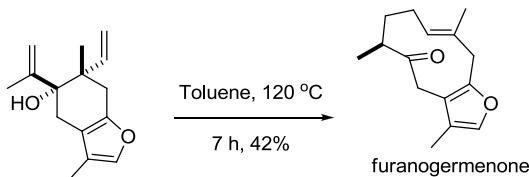
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Oxy-Cope rearrangement

While the anionic oxy-Cope rearrangements work at low temperature, the oxy-Cope rearrangements require high temperature but provide a thermodynamic sink.



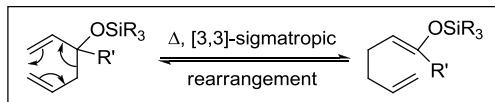
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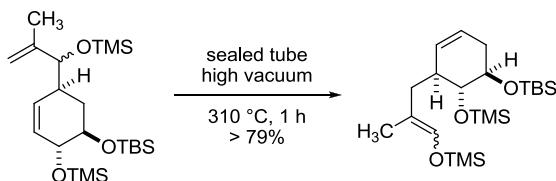
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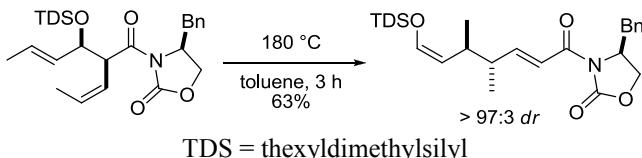
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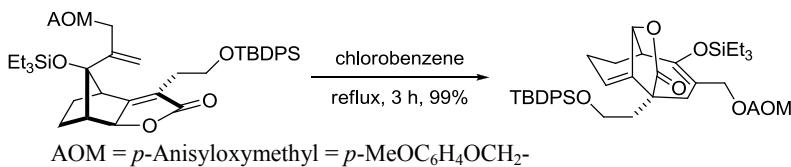
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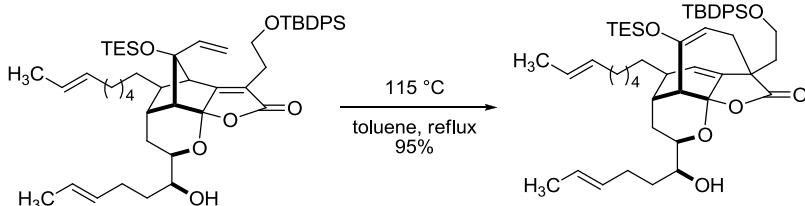
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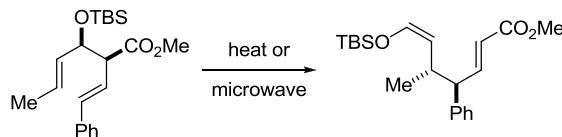
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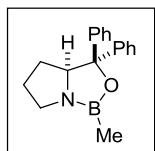
Example 5, Tandem aldol reaction/siloxy-Cope rearrangement⁶



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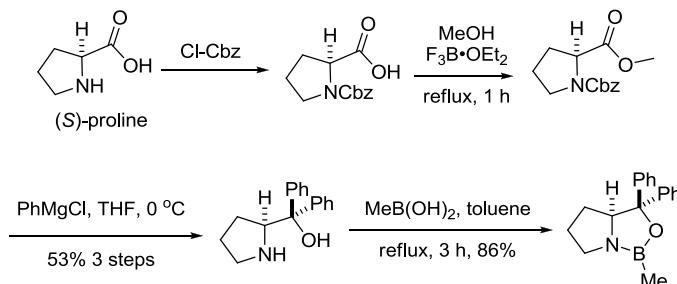
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Corey–Bakshi–Shibata (CBS) reagent

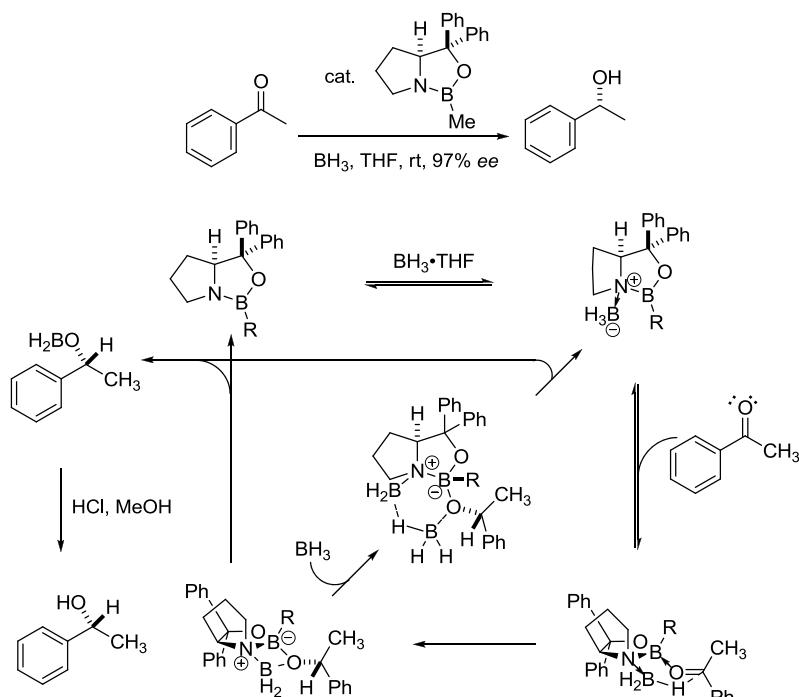


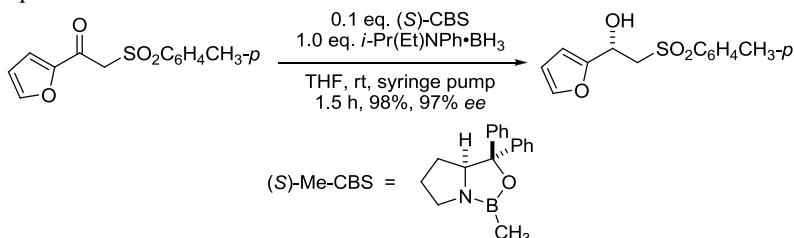
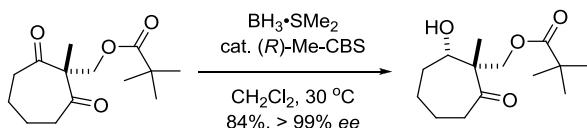
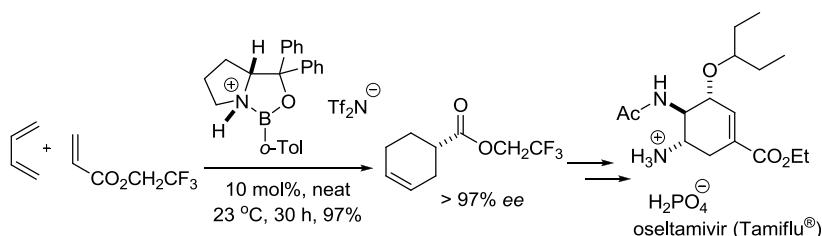
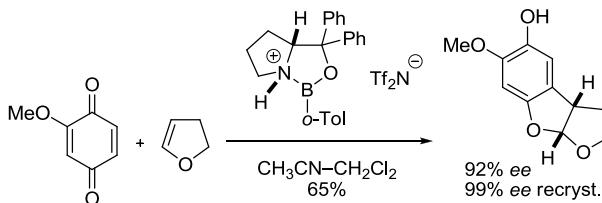
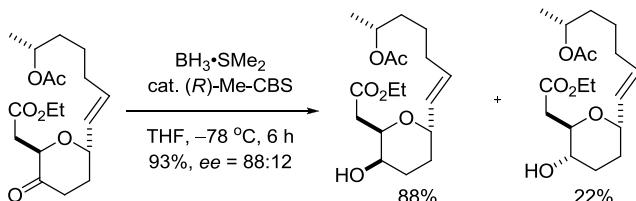
The CBS (Corey–Bakshi–Shibata) reagent is a chiral catalyst derived from proline. Also known as Corey's oxazaborolidine, it is used in enantioselective borane reduction of ketones, asymmetric Diels–Alder reactions and [3 + 2] cycloadditions.

Preparation^{1,3}



The mechanism and catalytic cycle:^{1,3}



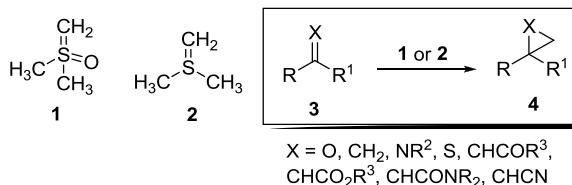
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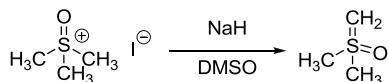
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Corey–Chaykovsky reaction

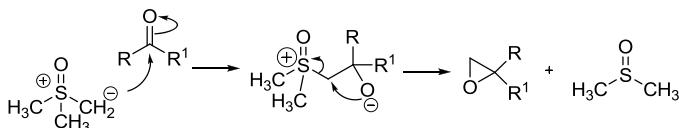
The Corey–Chaykovsky reaction entails the reaction of a sulfur ylide, either dimethylsulfoxonium methylide **1** (Corey's ylide) or dimethylsulfonium methylide **2**, with electrophile **3** such as carbonyl, olefin, imine, or thiocarbonyl, to offer **4** as the corresponding epoxide, cyclopropane, aziridine, or thirane.



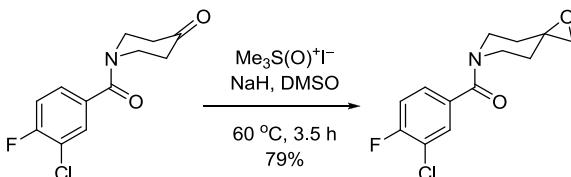
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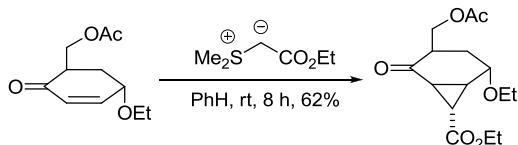
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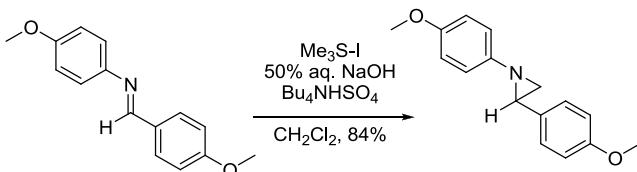
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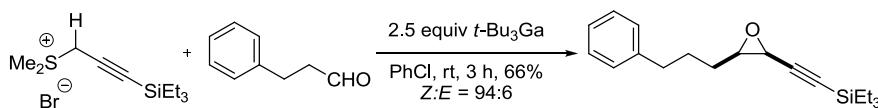
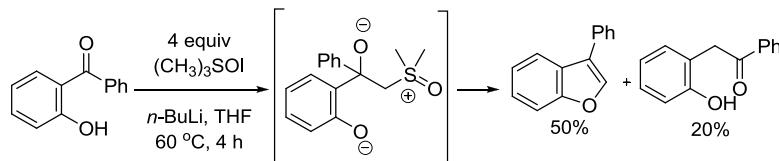
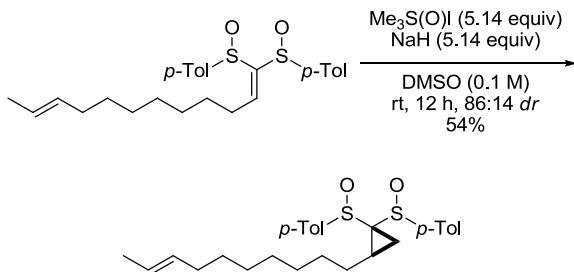


Example 2⁹



Example 3¹⁰



Example 4¹⁴Example 5¹⁵Example 6¹⁶

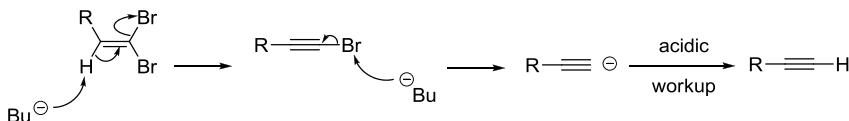
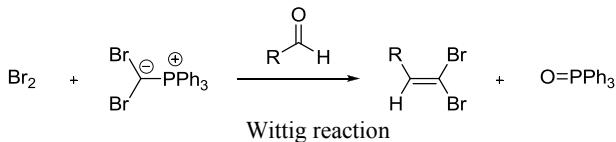
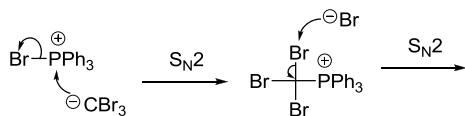
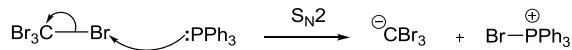
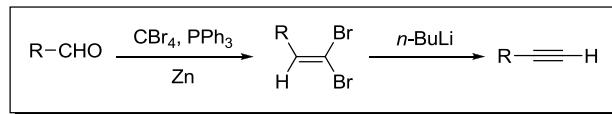
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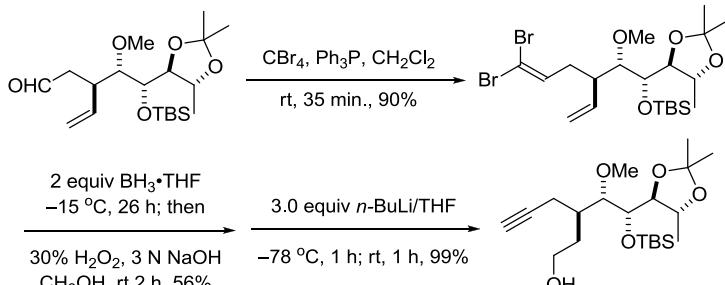
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Corey–Fuchs reaction

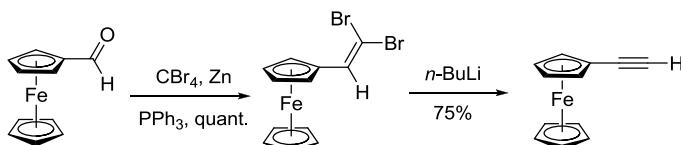
One-carbon homologation of an aldehyde to dibromoolefin, which is then treated with *n*-BuLi to produce a terminal alkyne.

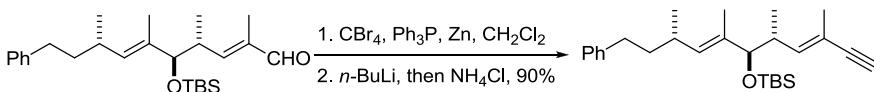
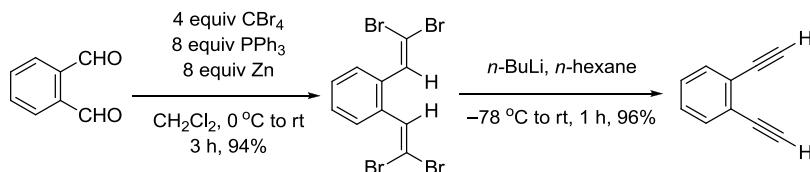
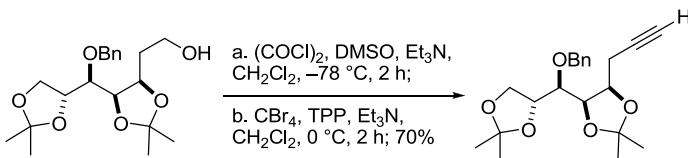


Example 1³



Example 2⁷



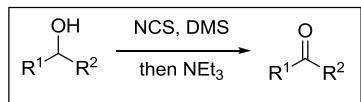
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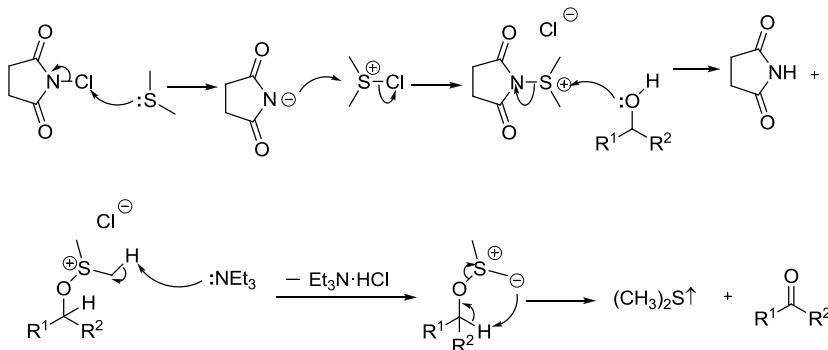
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Corey–Kim oxidation

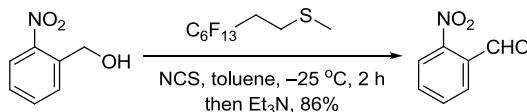
Oxidation of alcohol to the corresponding aldehyde or ketone using NCS/DMS, followed by treatment with a base. Cf. Swern oxidation.



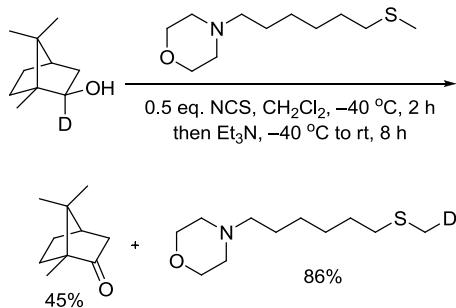
NCS = *N*-Chlorosuccinimide; DMS = Dimethylsulfide.

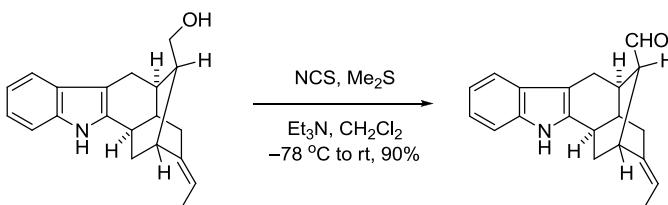
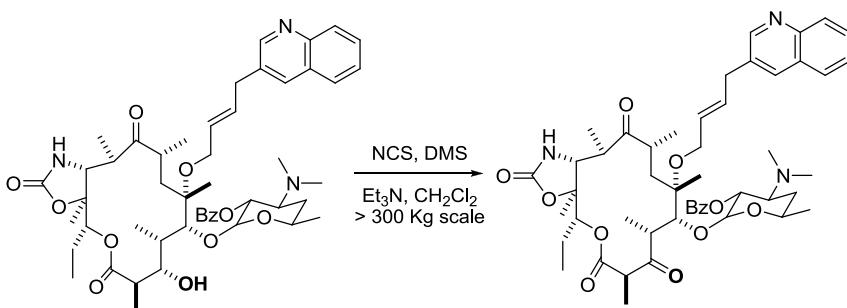


Example 1, Fluorous Corey–Kim reaction⁵



Example 2, Odorless Corey–Kim reaction⁷



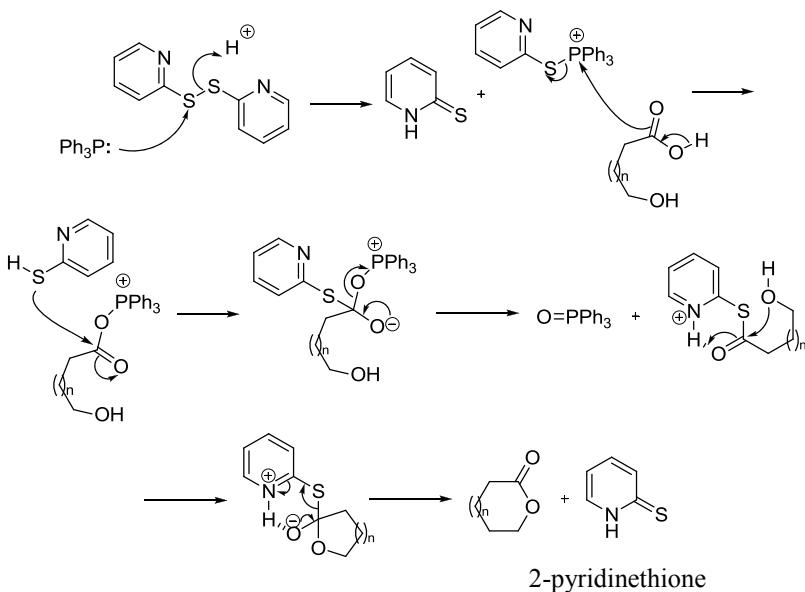
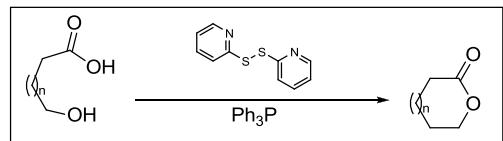
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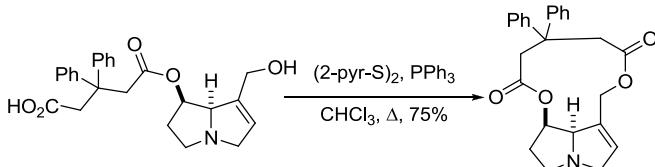
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Corey–Nicolaou macrolactonization

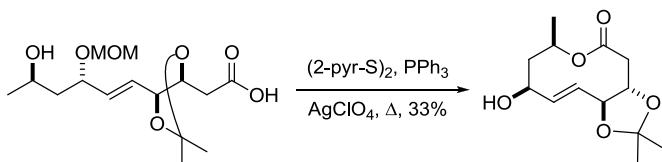
Macrolactonization of ω -hydroxyl-acid using 2,2'-dipyridyl disulfide. Also known as the Corey–Nicolaou double activation method.

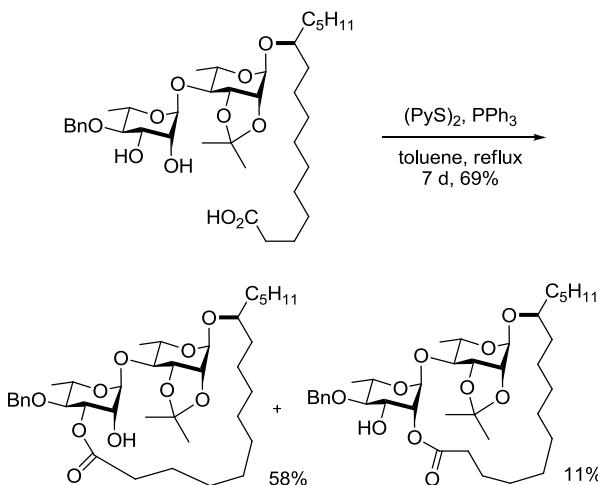


Example 1³



Example 2⁶



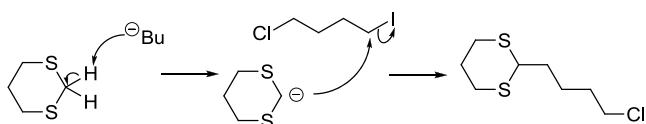
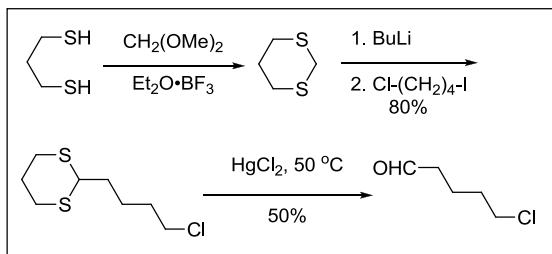
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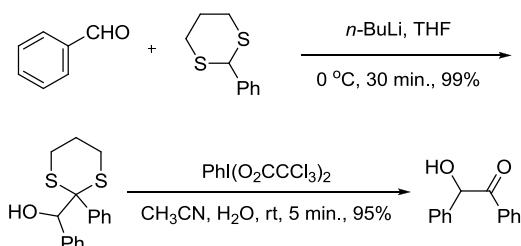
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Corey–Seebach reaction

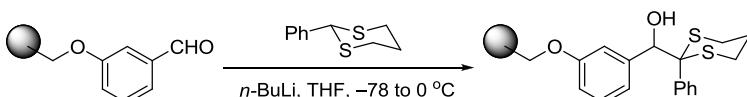
Dithiane as a nucleophile, serving as a masked carbonyl equivalent. This is an example of umpolung.



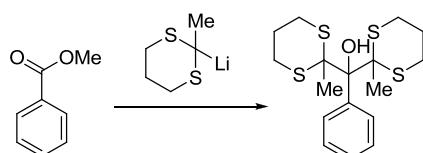
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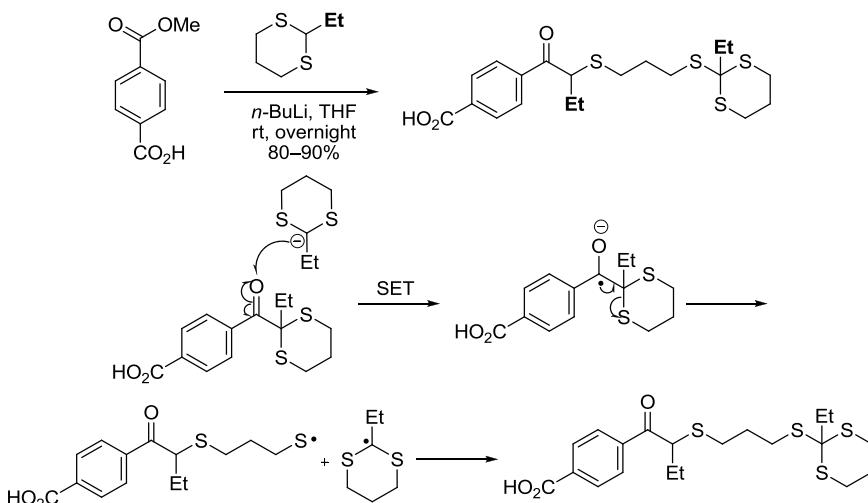
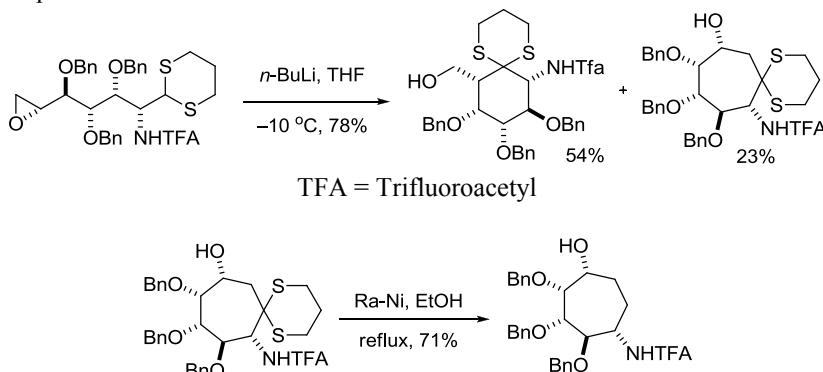


Example 2⁴



Example 3, Ethyl is infinitely different from methyl⁶



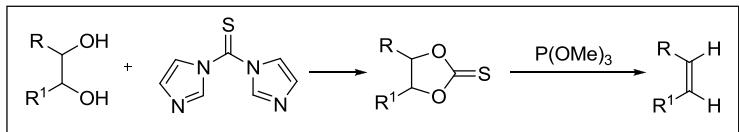
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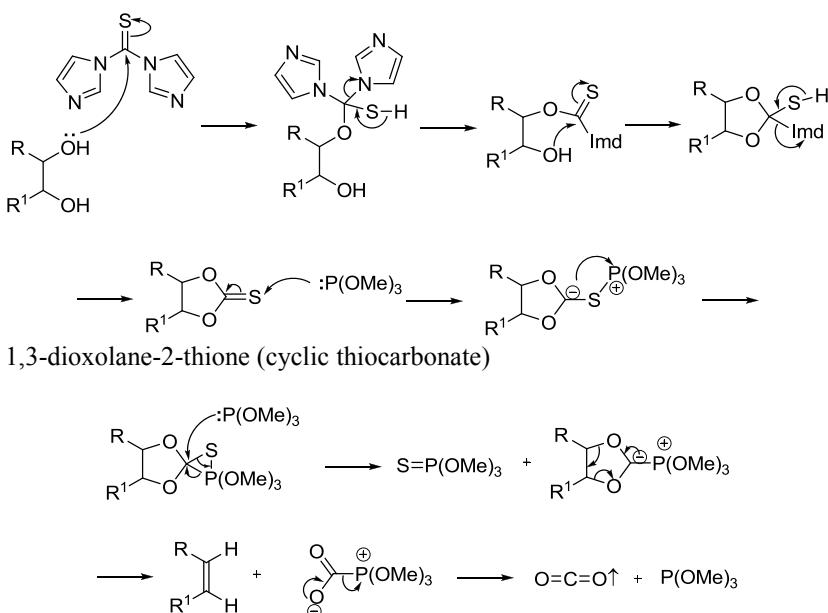
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Corey–Winter olefin synthesis

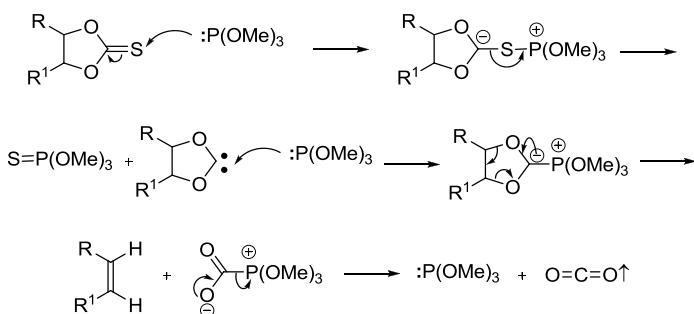
Transformation of diols to the corresponding olefins by sequential treatment with 1,1'-thiocarbonyldiimidazole (TCDI) and trimethylphosphite. Also known as Corey–Winter reductive elimination, or Corey–Winter reductive olefination.

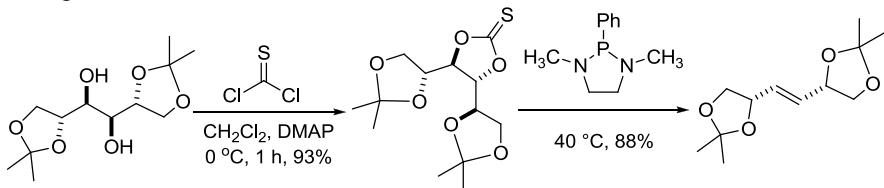
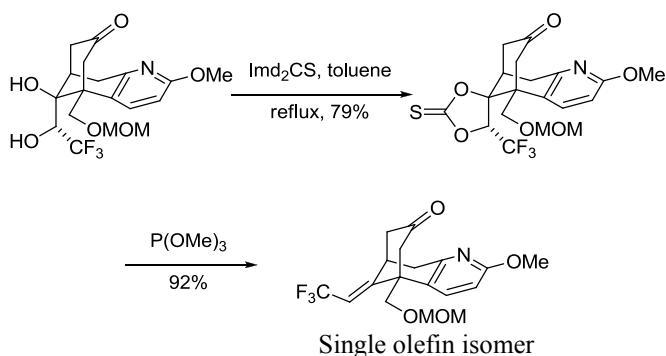
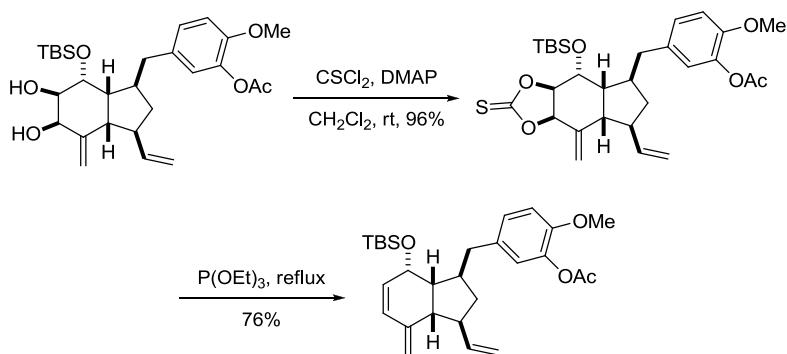
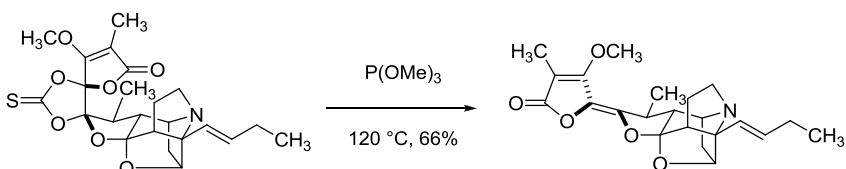


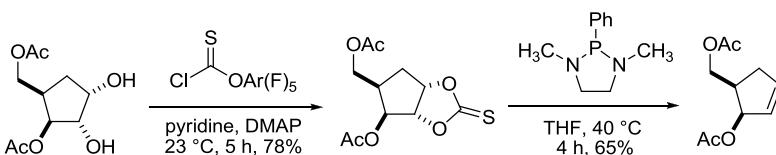
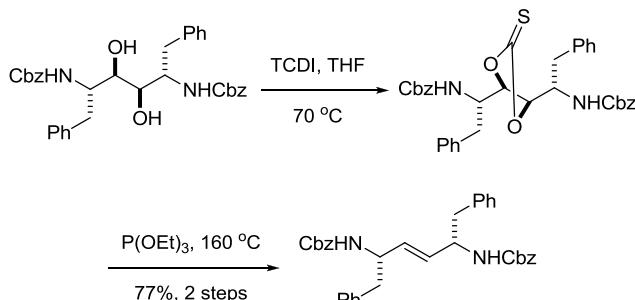
TCDI = Thiocarbonyldiimidazole



A mechanism involving a carbene intermediate can also be drawn and is supported by pyrolysis studies:



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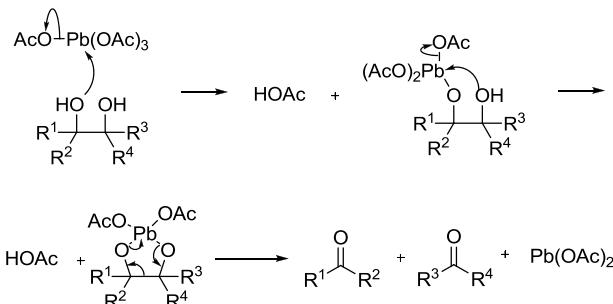
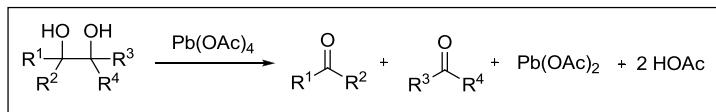
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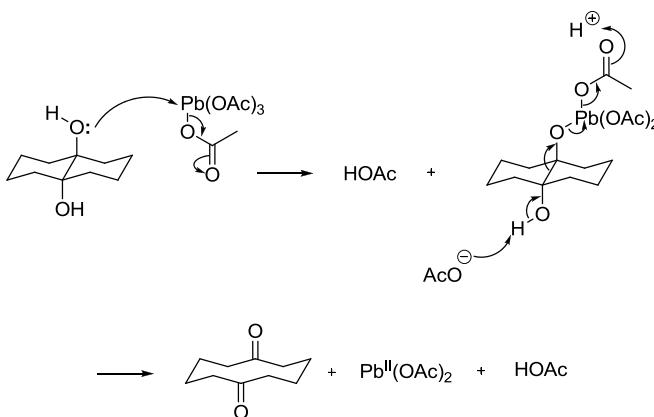
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Criegee glycol cleavage

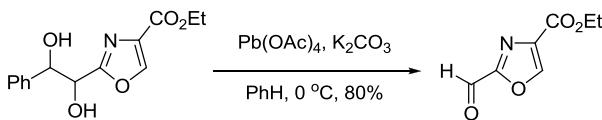
Vicinal diol is oxidized to the two corresponding carbonyl compounds using $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$, (lead tetraacetate, LTA).

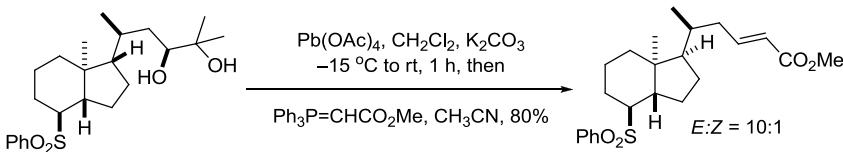
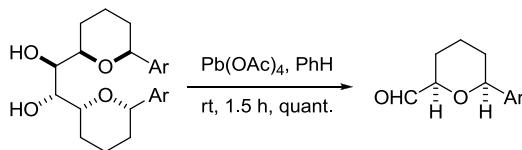
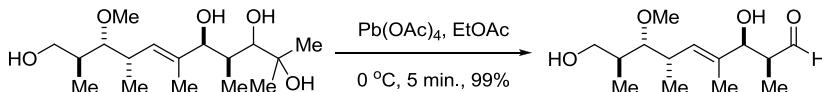


An acyclic mechanism is possible as well. It is much slower than the cyclic mechanism, but is operative when the cyclic intermediate can not form:³



Example 1⁷

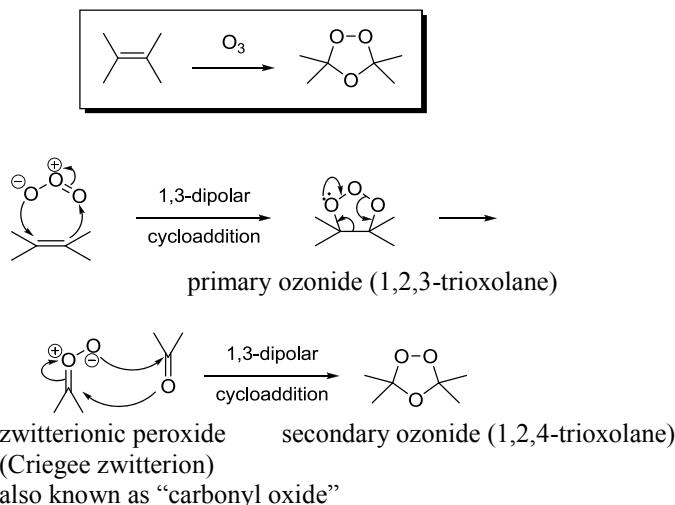


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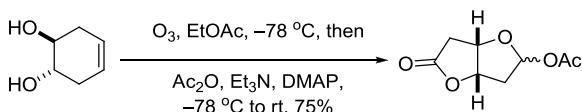
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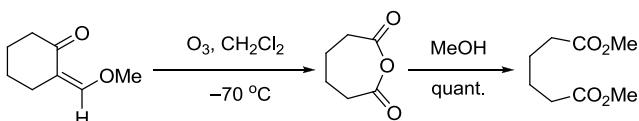
Criegee mechanism of ozonolysis



Example 1⁷



Example 2⁸

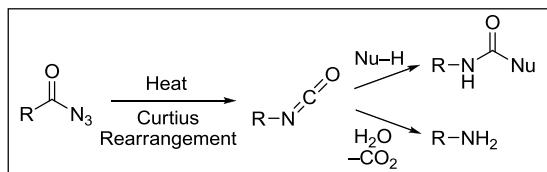


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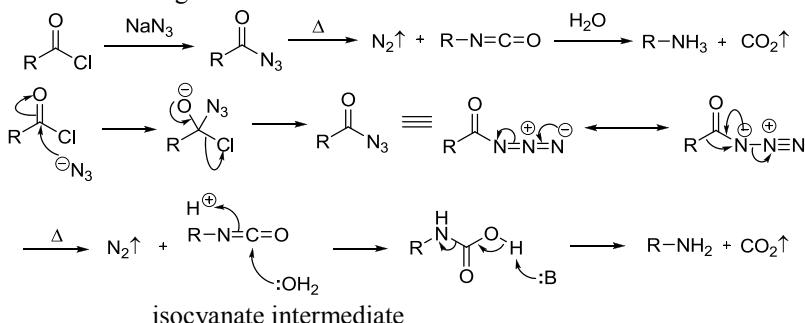
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Curtius rearrangement

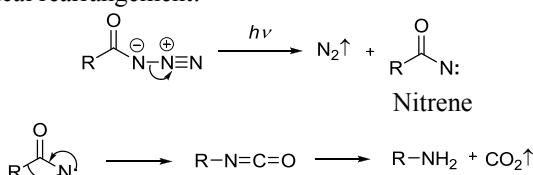
Alkyl-, vinyl-, and aryl-substituted acyl azides undergo thermal 1,2-carbon-to-nitrogen migration with extrusion of dinitrogen — the Curtius rearrangement — producing isocyanates. Reaction of the isocyanate products with nucleophiles, often *in situ*, provides carbamates, ureas, and other *N*-acyl derivatives. Alternatively, hydrolysis of the isocyanates leads to primary amines.



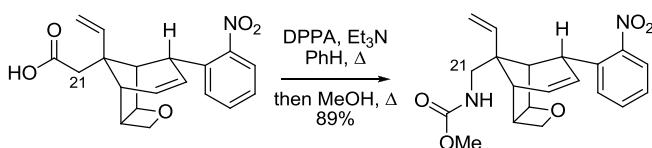
The thermal rearrangement:



The photochemical rearrangement:

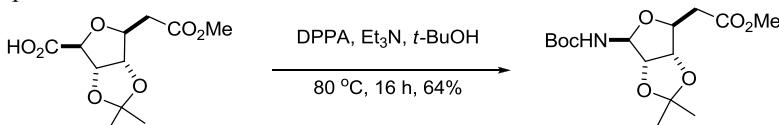


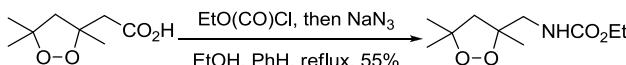
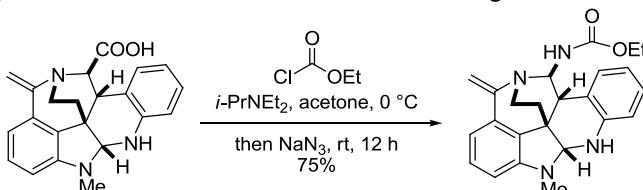
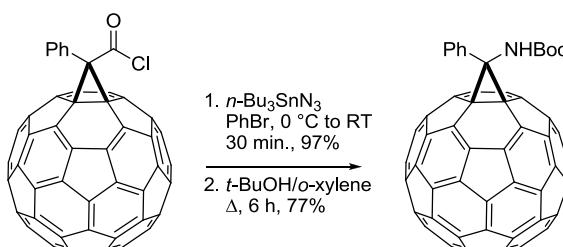
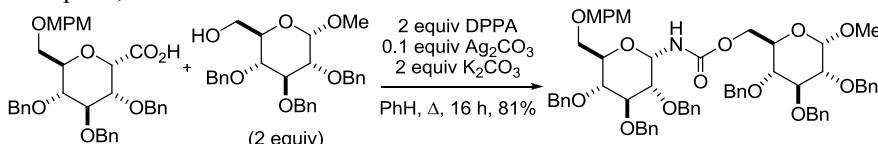
Example 1, The Shioiri–Ninomiya–Yamada modification²



DPPA = diphenylphosphoryl azide

Example 2³



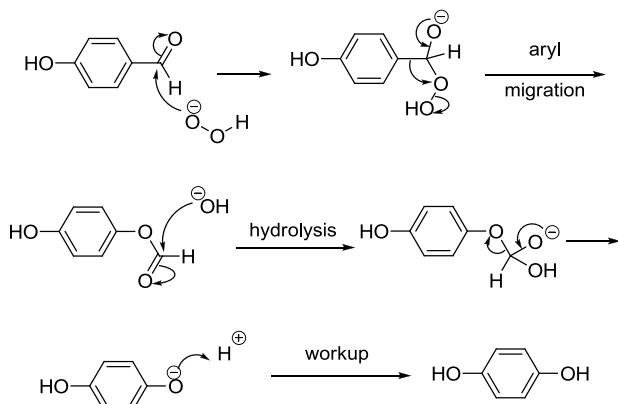
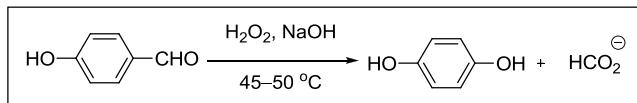
Example 3⁴Example 4, The Weinstock variant of the Curtius rearrangement⁶Example 5⁷Example 6, The Lebel modification⁸

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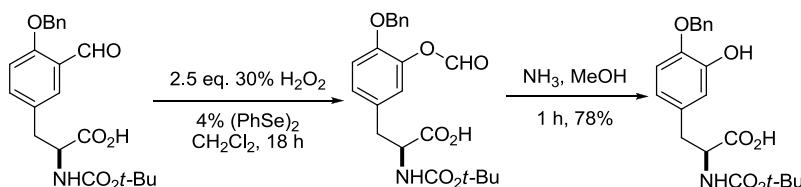
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Dakin oxidation

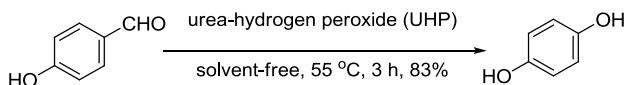
Oxidation of aryl aldehydes or aryl ketones to phenols using basic hydrogen peroxide conditions. Cf. A variant of the Baeyer–Villiger oxidation.



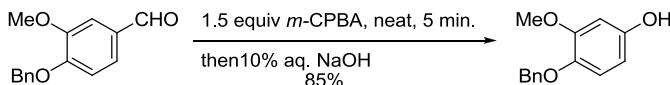
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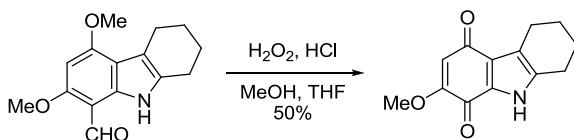
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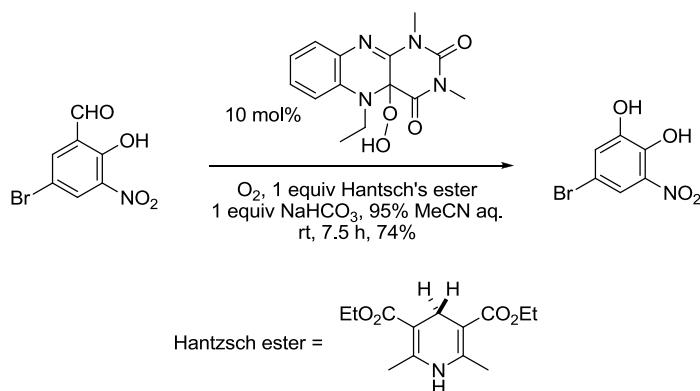
Example 3, Improved solvent-free Dakin oxidation protocol⁹



Example 4¹⁰



Example 5¹¹

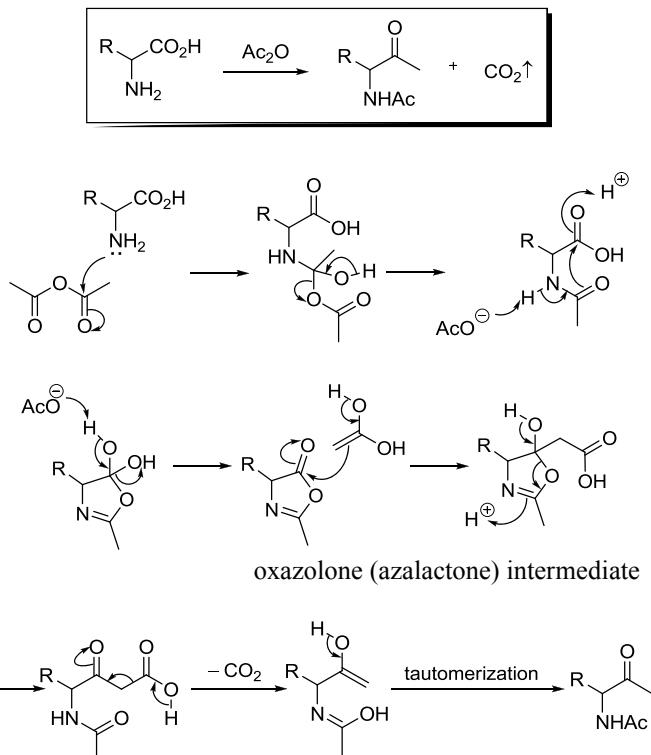


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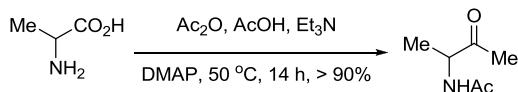
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Dakin–West reaction

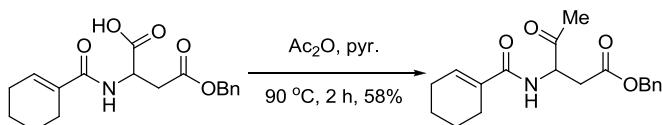
The direct conversion of an α -amino acid into the corresponding α -acetylaminooalkyl methyl ketone, *via* oxazoline (azalactone) intermediates. The reaction proceeds in the presence of acetic anhydride and a base, such as pyridine, with the evolution of CO_2 .



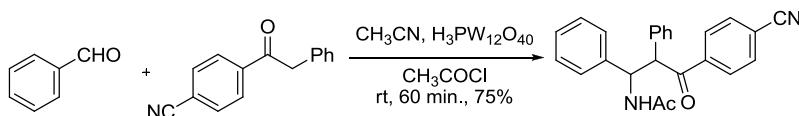
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Example 2⁷



Example 3, A green Dakin–West reaction using the heteropoly acid catalyst, acetonitrile is a reactant⁹

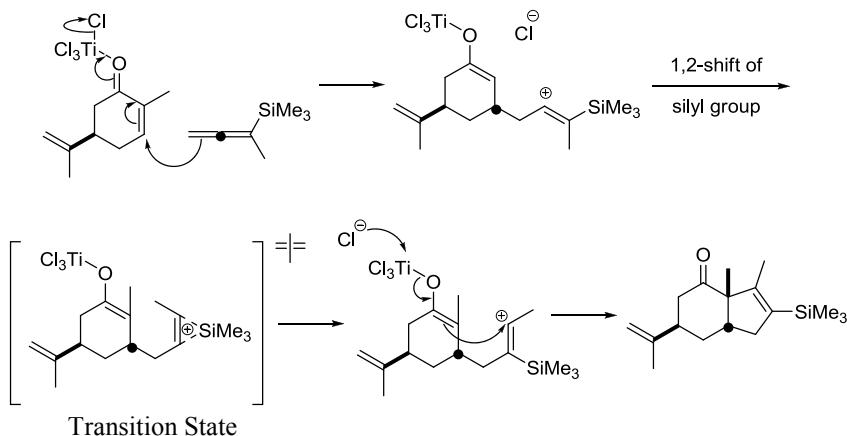
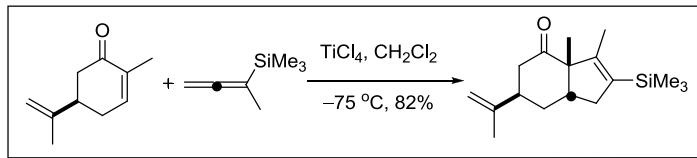


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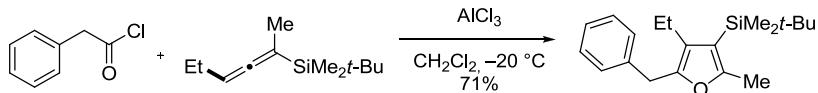
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Danheiser annulation

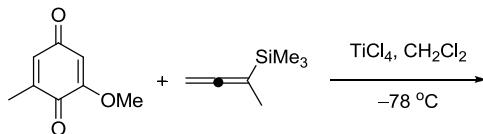
Trimethylsilylcyclopentene annulation from an α,β -unsaturated ketone and trimethylsilyllallene in the presence of a Lewis acid.

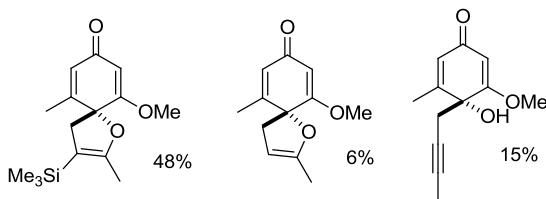


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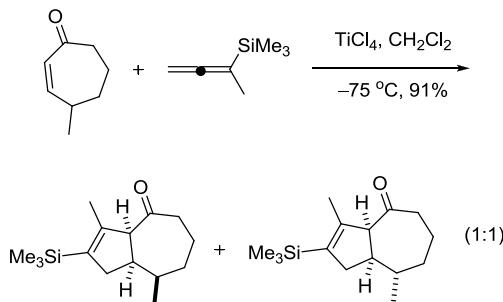


Example 2⁸





Example 3⁹

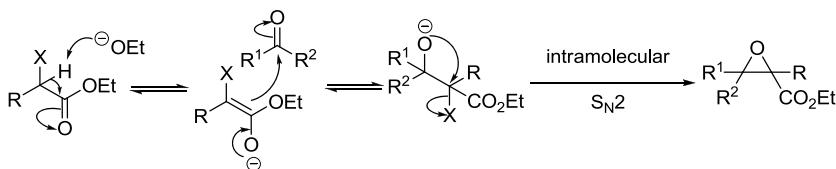
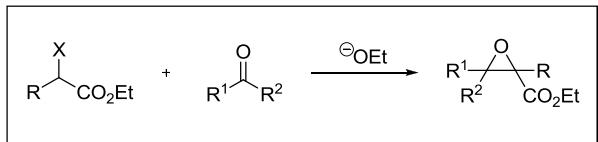


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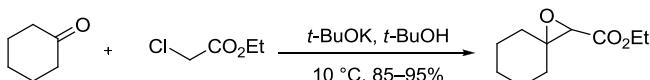
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Darzens condensation

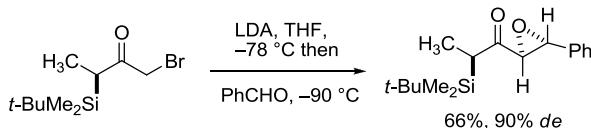
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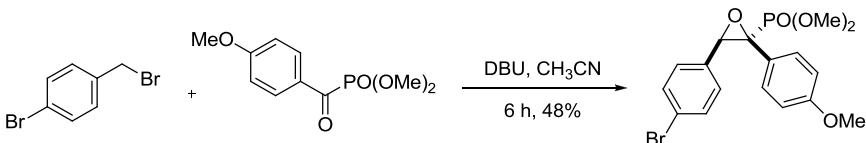
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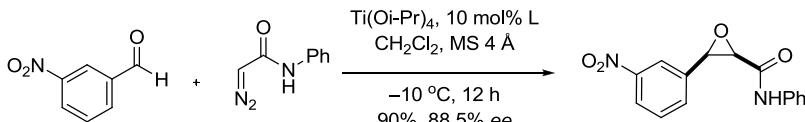
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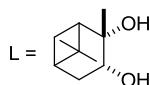


Example 3, the phenyl ring substituting for the carbonyl to acidify the protons¹⁰



Example 4¹¹





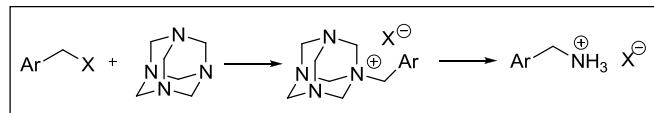
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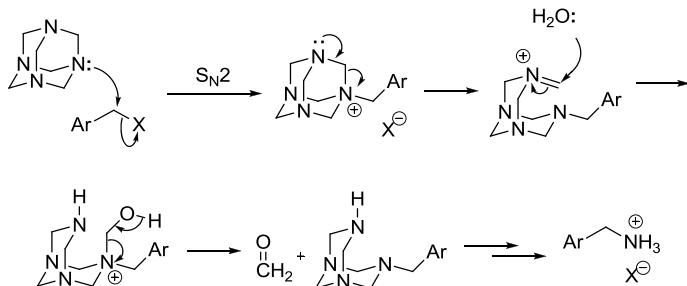
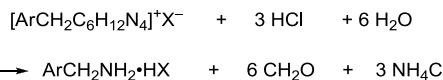
Delépine amine synthesis

The reaction between alkyl halides and hexamethylenetetramine, followed by cleavage of the resulting salt with ethanolic HCl to yield primary amines.

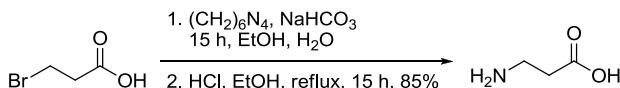
Cf. Gabriel synthesis, where the product is also an amine and Sommelet reaction, where the product is an aldehyde. The Delépine works well for active halides such as benzyl, allyl halides, and α -halo-ketones.



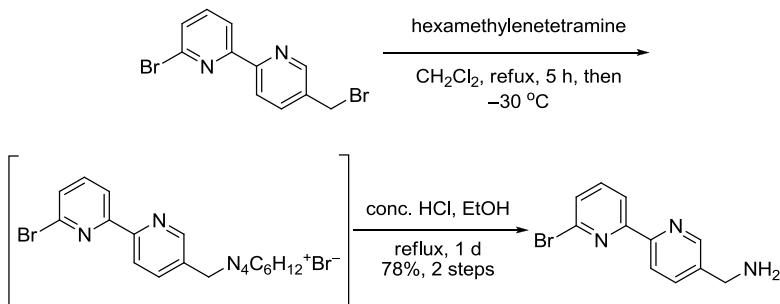
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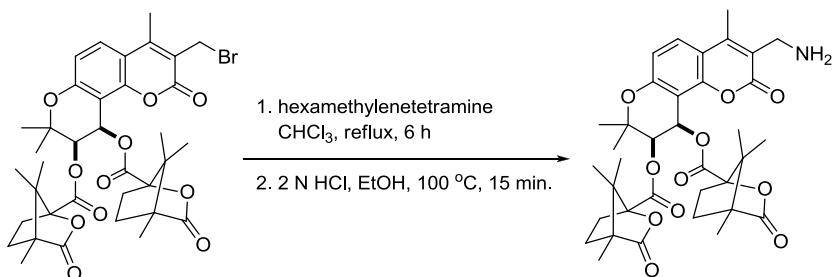
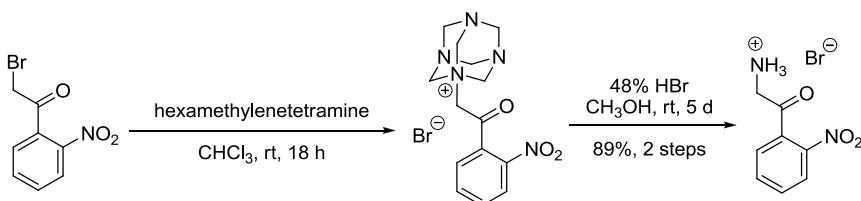


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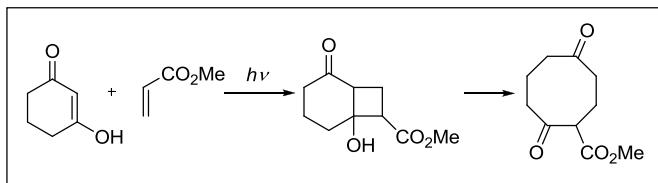
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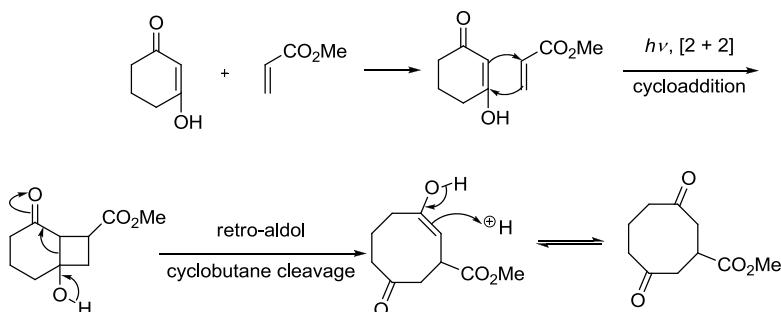
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de Mayo reaction

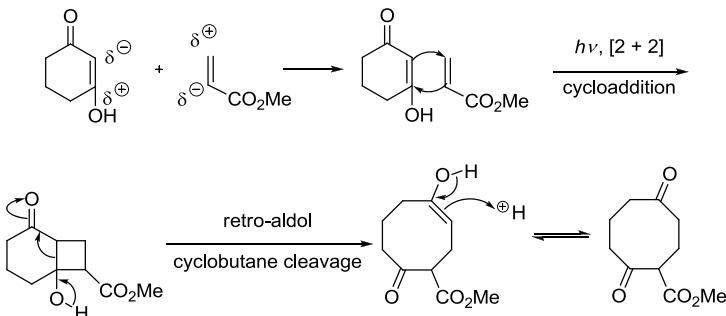
[2 + 2]-Photochemical cyclization of enones with olefins is followed by a retro-aldol reaction to give 1,5-diketones.



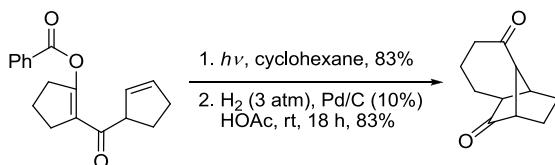
Head-to-tail alignment gives the major product:^{1b}

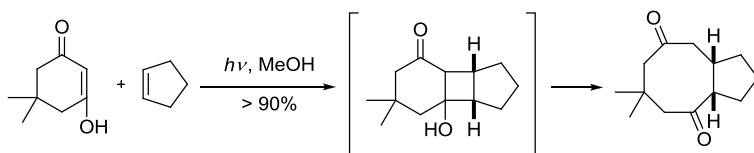
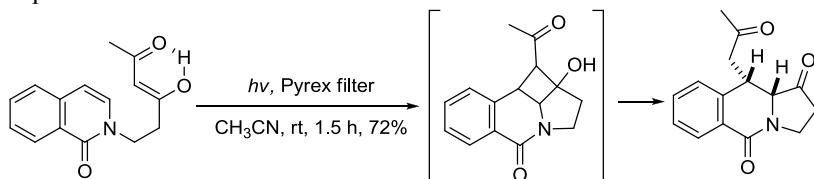
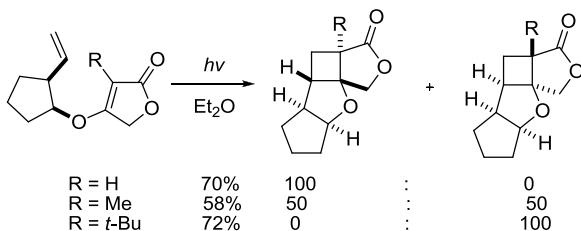


Head-to-head alignment gives the minor regioisomer:



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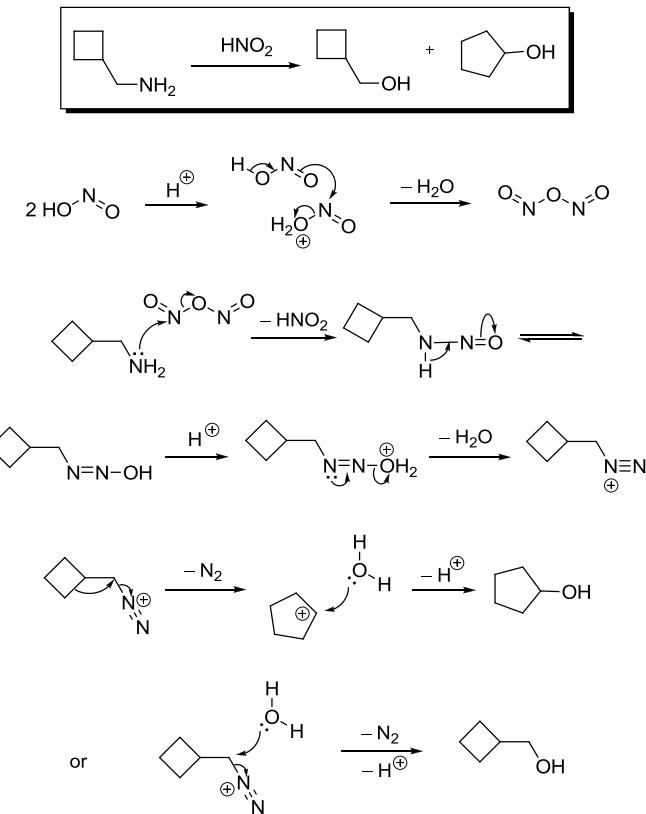
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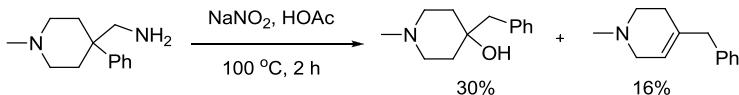
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Demjanov rearrangement

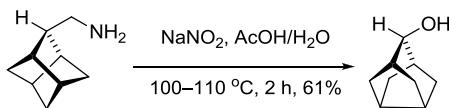
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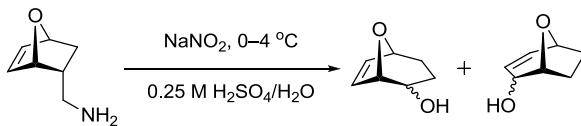
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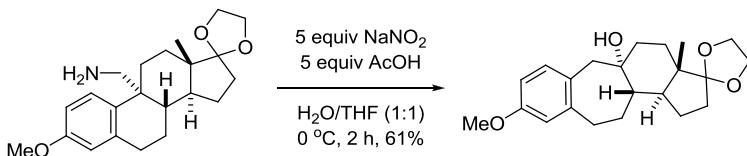
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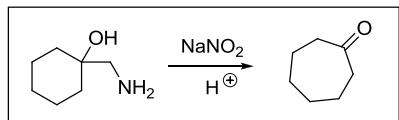


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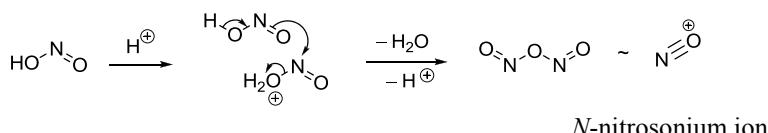
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Tiffeneau–Demjanov rearrangement

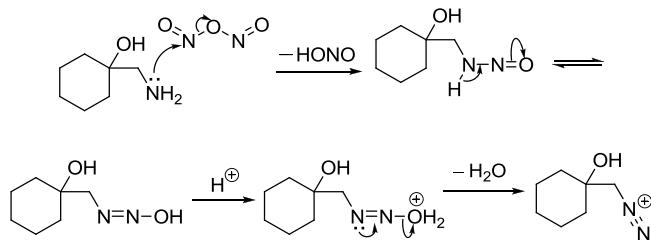
Carbocation rearrangement of β -aminoalcohols *via* diazotization to afford carbonyl compounds through C–C bond migration.



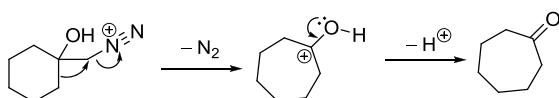
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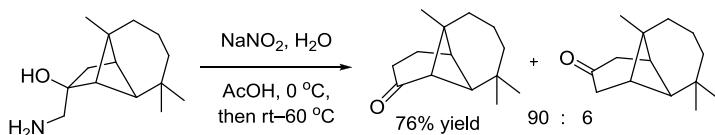
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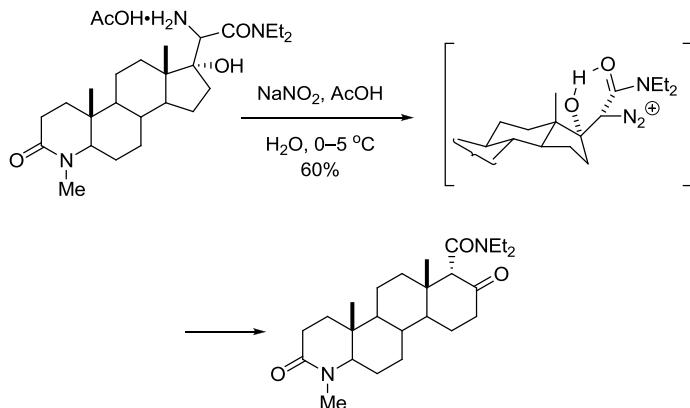
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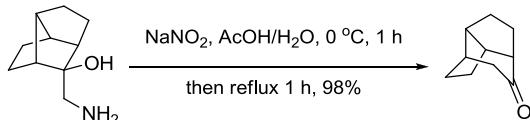
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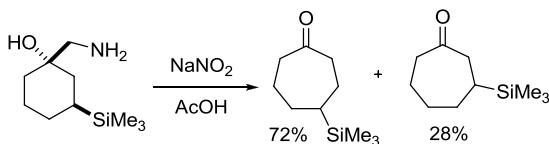


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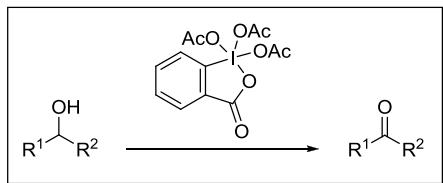
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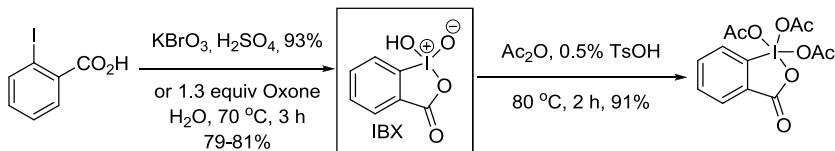
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Dess–Martin periodinane oxidation

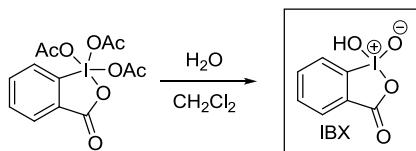
Oxidation of alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds using triacetoxyperiodinane. The Dess–Martin periodinane, 1,1,1-triacetoxy-1,1-dihydro-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one, is one of the most useful oxidant for the conversion of primary and secondary alcohols to their corresponding aldehyde or ketone products, respectively.



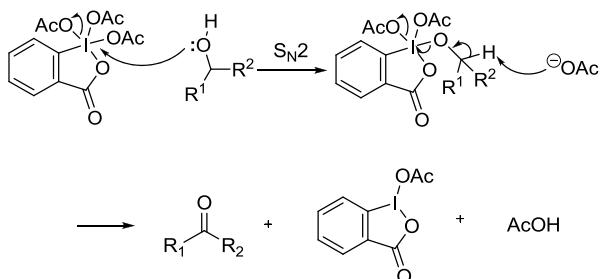
Preparation,^{1,2} the oxone preparation is much safer and easier than KBrO_3 . The IBX intermediate that comes out of it has proven to be far less explosive¹²



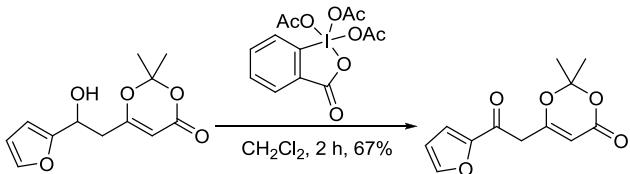
However, The Dess–Martin periodinane is hydrolyzed by moisture to *o*-iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX), which is a more powerful oxidizing agent³



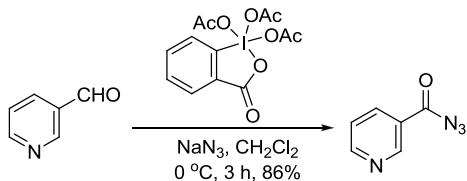
Mechanism¹



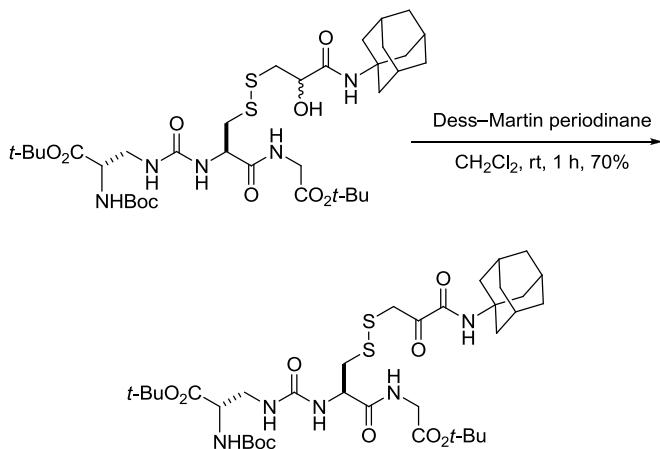
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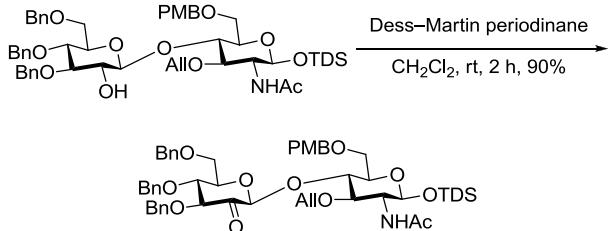
Example 2, An atypical Dess–Martin periodinane reactivity⁷

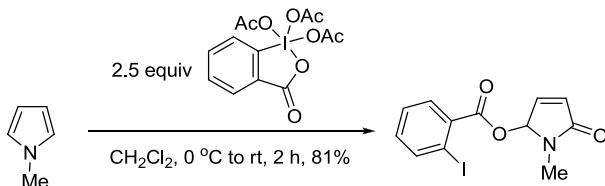


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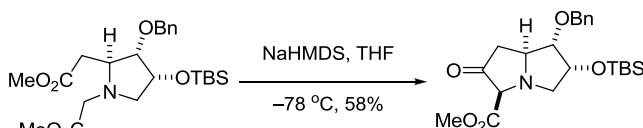
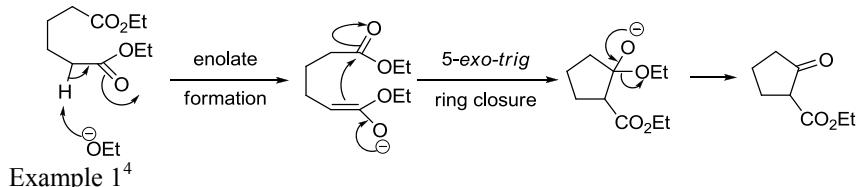
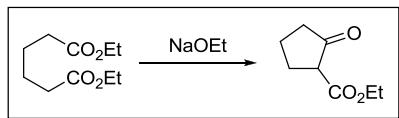
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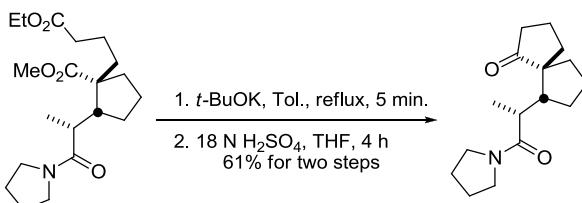
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Dieckmann condensation

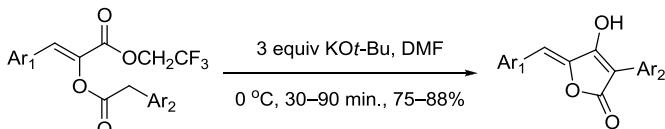
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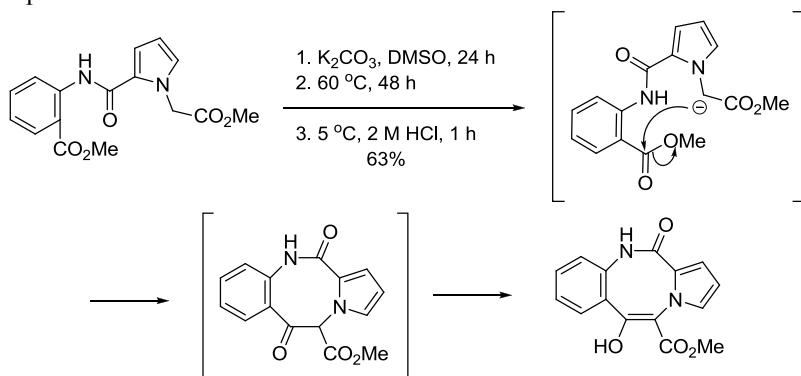
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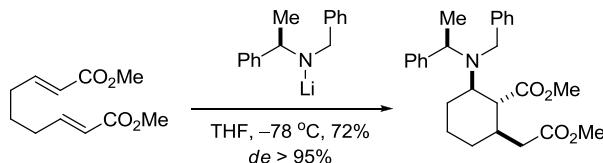
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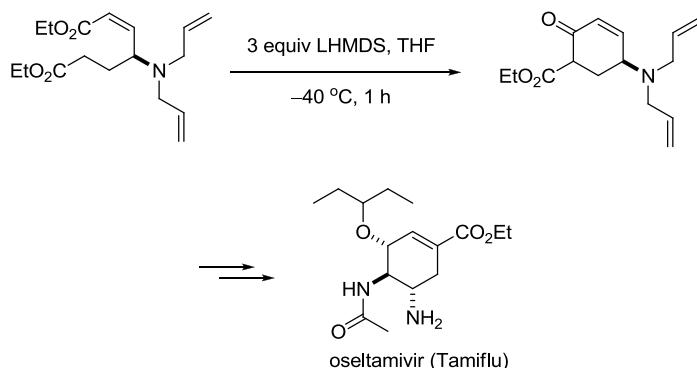
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Example 5, Michael–Dieckmann condensation¹⁰



Example 6, Michael–Dieckmann condensation¹⁰

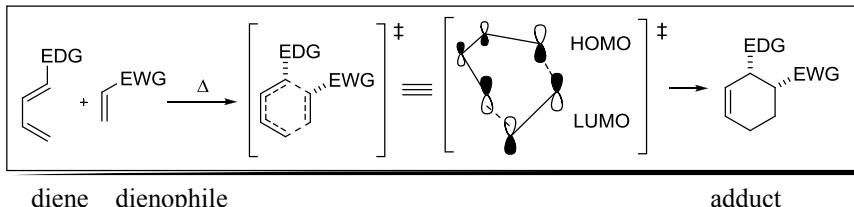


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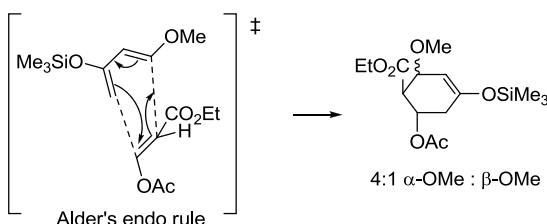
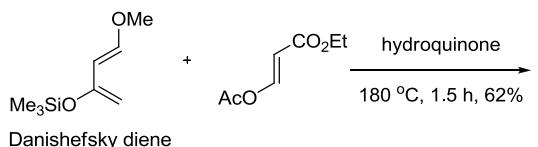
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Diels–Alder reaction

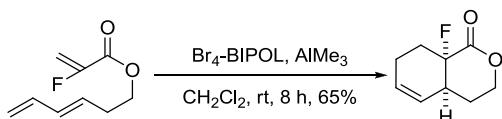
The Diels–Alder reaction, inverse electronic demand Diels–Alder reaction, as well as the hetero-Diels–Alder reaction, belong to the category of *[4+2]-cycloaddition reactions*, which are concerted processes. The arrow pushing here is merely illustrative.



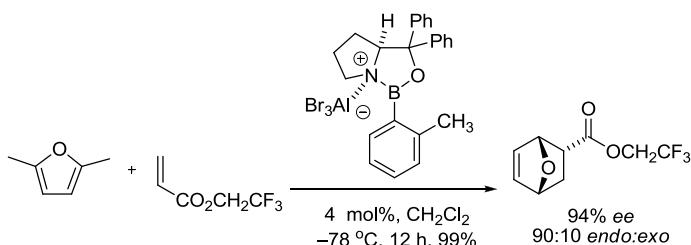
EDG = electron-donating group; EWG = electron-withdrawing group
Example 1⁶



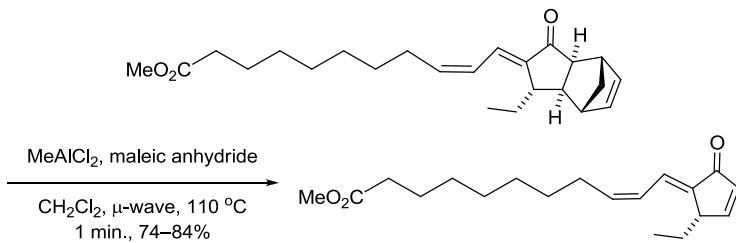
Example 2, Intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction⁷



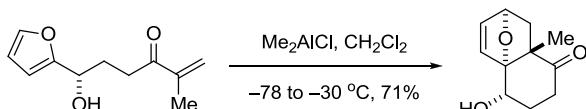
Example 3, Asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction^{5,8}



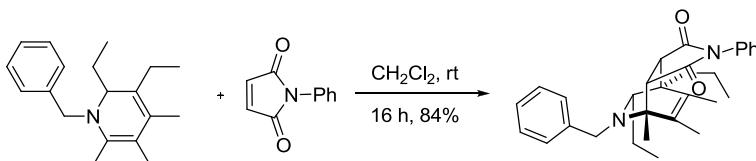
Example 4, Retro-Diels–Alder reaction^{4,9}



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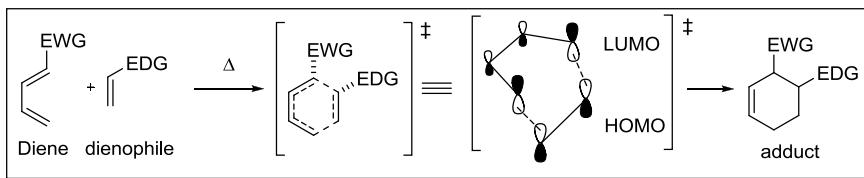
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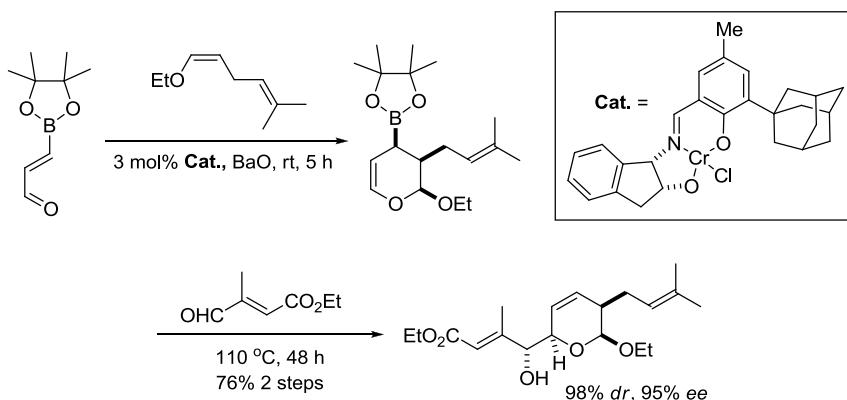
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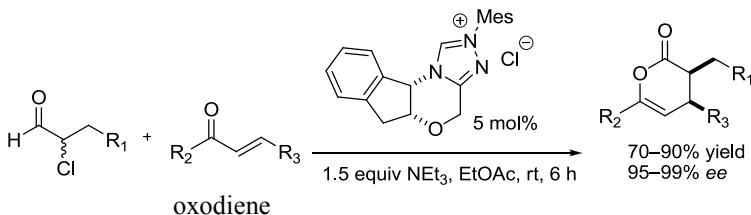
Inverse electronic demand Diels–Alder reaction



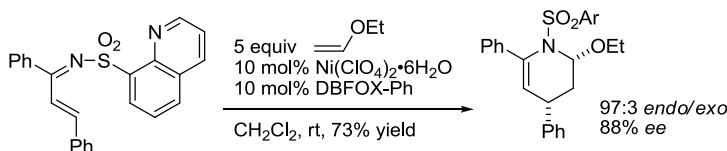
Example 1, Catalytic asymmetric inverse electronic demand Diels–Alder reaction²

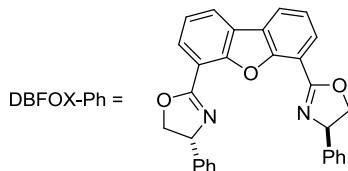
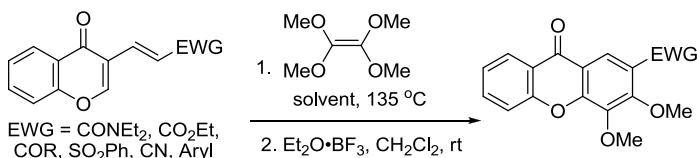
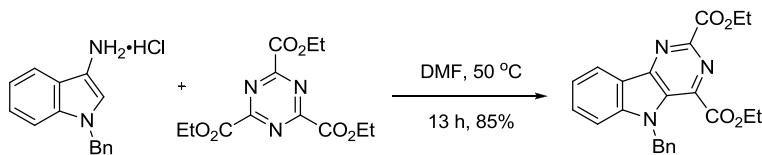


Example 2³



Example 3, Catalytic asymmetric inverse-electron-demand Diels–Alder reaction⁴



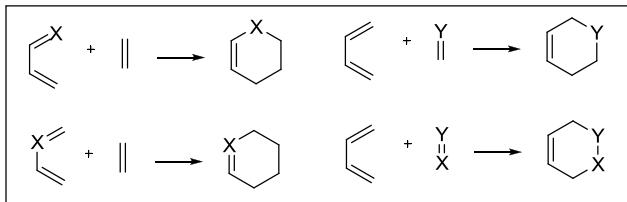
Example 4⁵Example 5⁶

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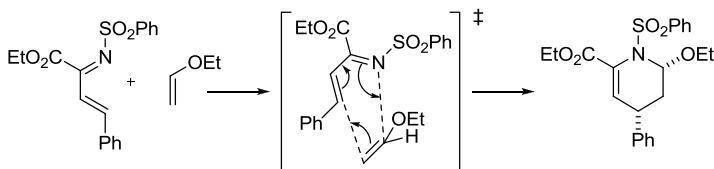
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Hetero-Diels–Alder reaction

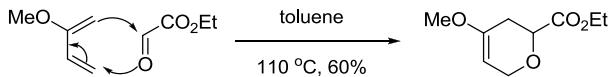
Heterodiene addition to dienophile or heterodienophile addition to diene. Typical hetero-Diels–Alder reactions are aza-Diels–Alder reaction and oxo-Diels–Alder reaction.



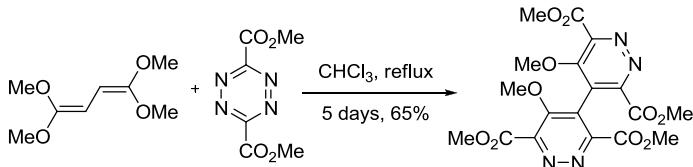
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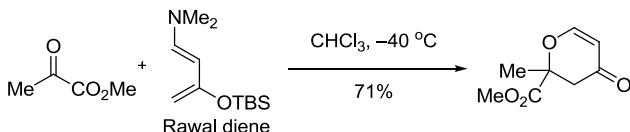
Example 2, Heterodienophile addition to diene¹



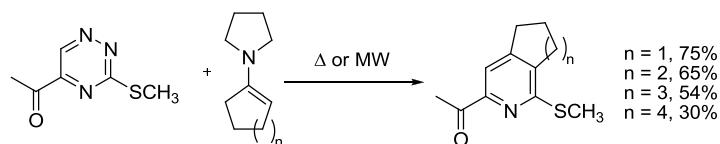
Example 3, Similar to the **Boger pyridine synthesis** (see page 59)²



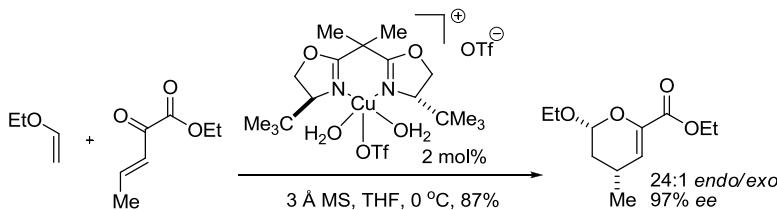
Example 4, Using the Rawal diene⁴



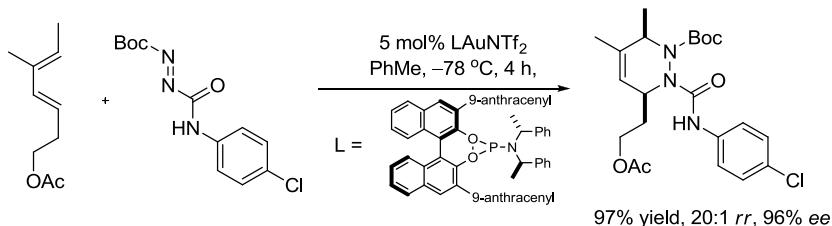
Example 5, Also similar to the Boger pyridine synthesis⁶



Example 6, Asymmetric hetero-Diels–Alder reaction⁷



Example 7, Asymmetric hetero-Diels–Alder reaction⁸

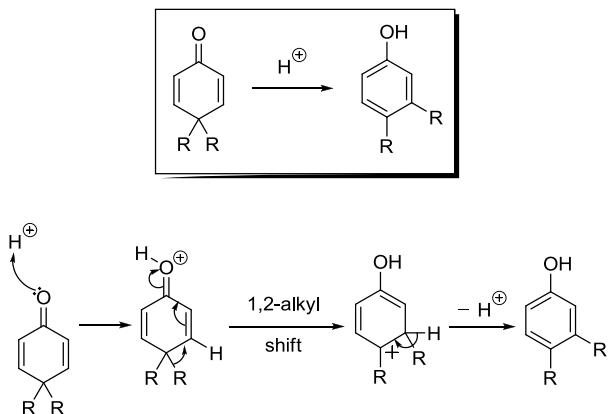


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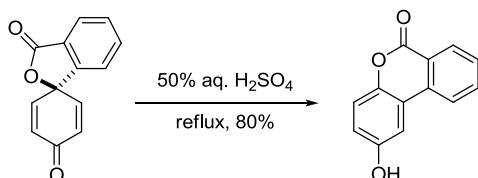
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Dienone–phenol rearrangement

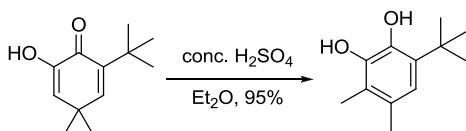
Acid-promoted rearrangement of 4,4-disubstituted cyclohexadienones to 3,4-disubstituted phenols.



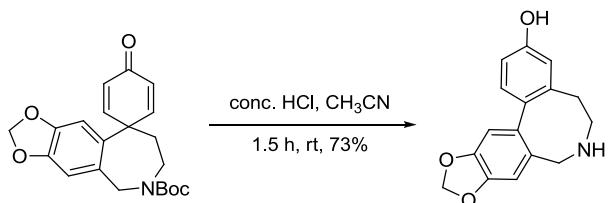
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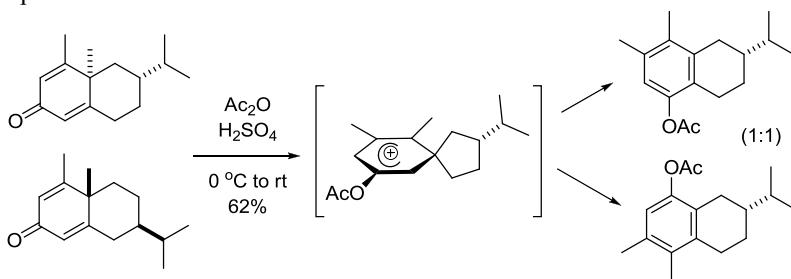


Example 2⁵



Example 3⁹



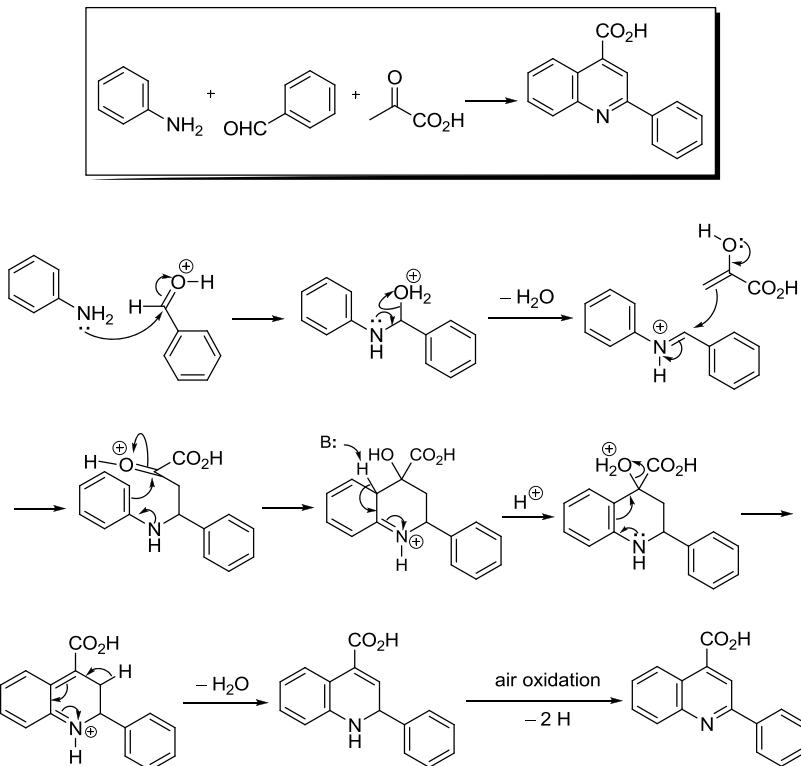
Example 4¹⁰

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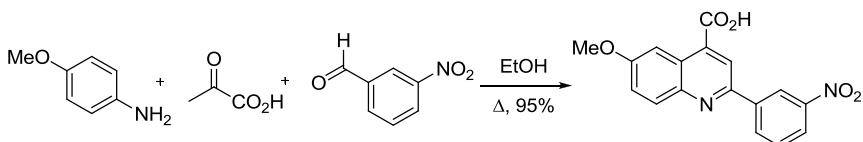
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Doebner quinoline synthesis

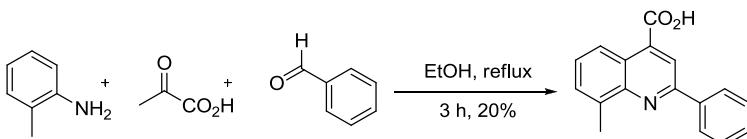
Three-component coupling of an aniline, pyruvic acid, and an aldehyde to provide a quinoline-4-carboxylic acid.



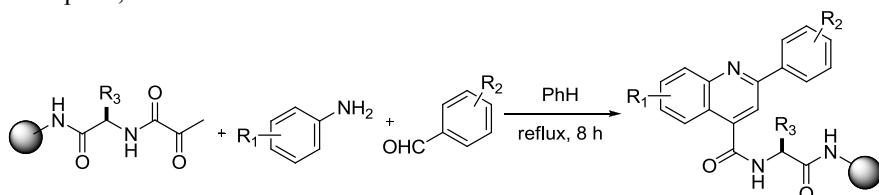
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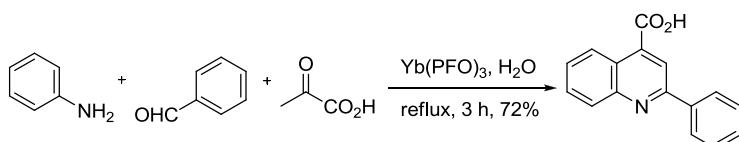
Example 2⁶



Example 3, Combinatorial Doebner reaction⁷



Example 4, Ytterbium perfluorooctanoate-catalyzed Doebner reaction in water⁹

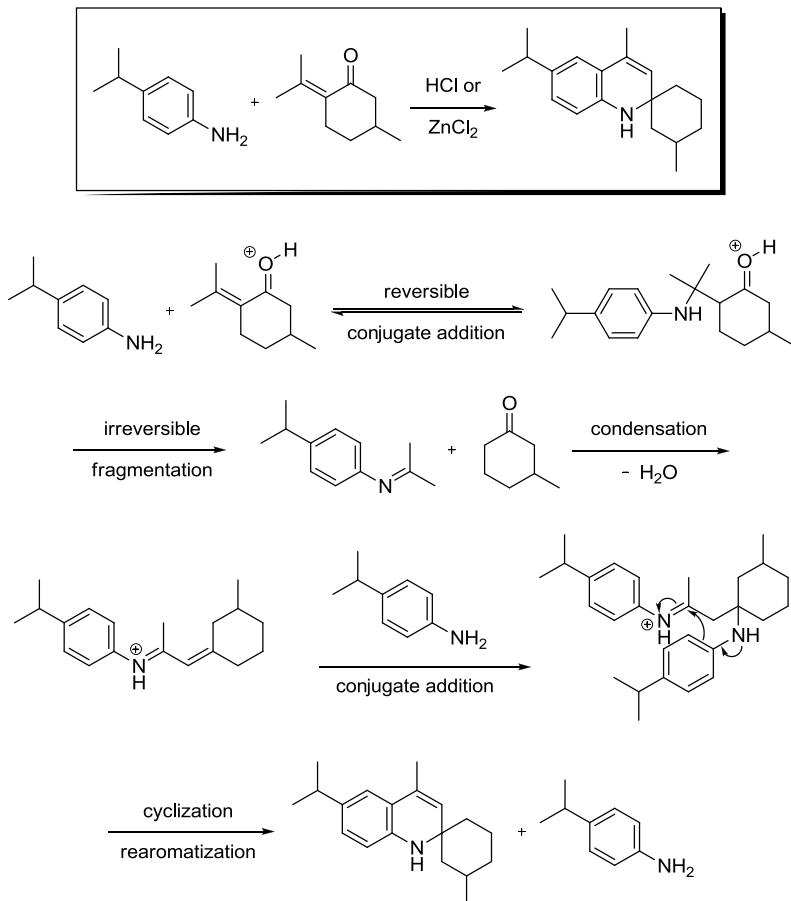


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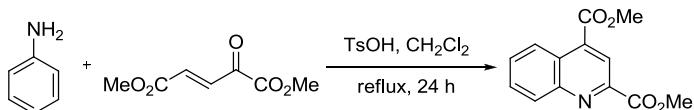
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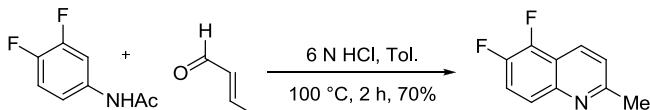
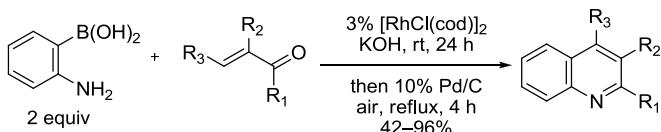
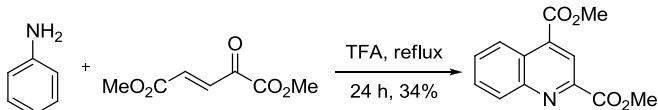
Doebner–von Miller reaction

Doebner–von Miller reaction is a variant of the Skraup quinoline synthesis. Therefore, the mechanism for the Skraup reaction is also operative for the Doeber–von Miller reaction. The following mechanism is favored by Denmark's mechanistic study using ^{13}C -labelled α,β -unsaturated ketones.⁹



Example 1⁵



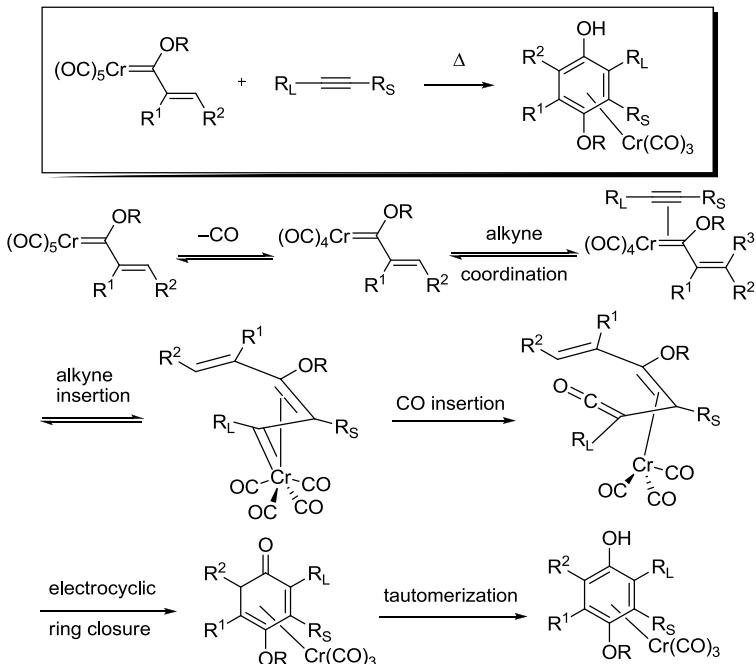
Example 2⁶Example 3, A novel variant¹⁰Example 4, Similar to Example 1¹¹

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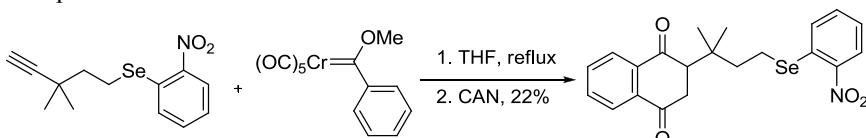
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Dötz reaction

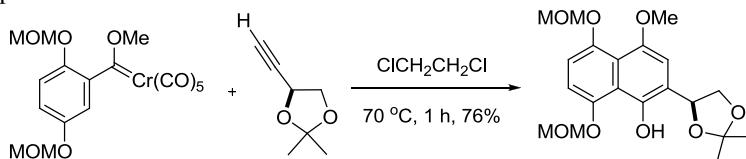
Also known as the Dötz benzannulation, the Dötz reaction is the $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_3$ -coordinated hydroquinone from vinylic alkoxy pentacarbonyl chromium carbene (Fischer carbene) complex and alkynes.



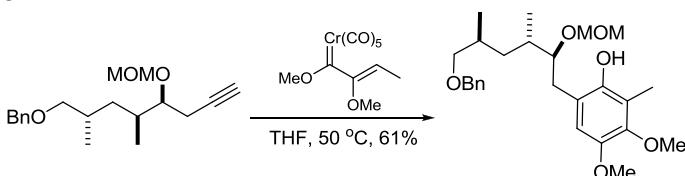
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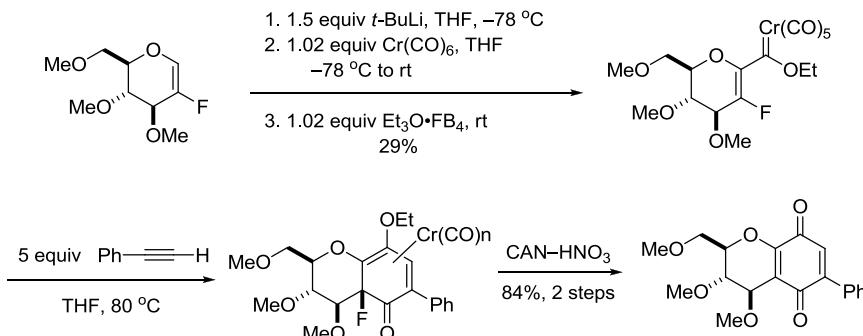
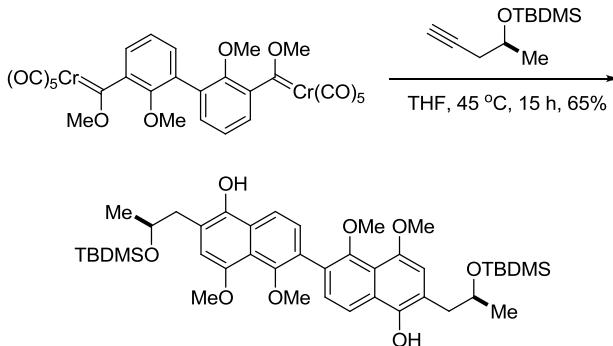


Example 3⁸



Example 3⁸



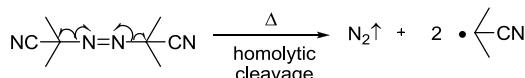
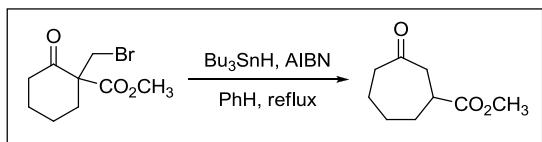
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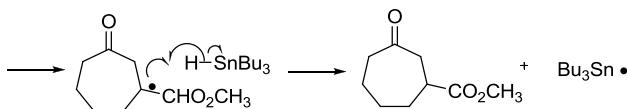
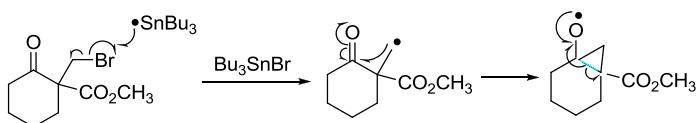
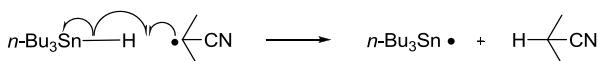
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Dowd–Beckwith ring expansion

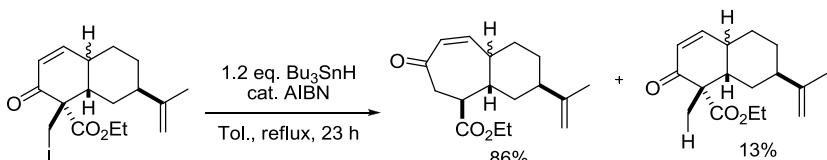
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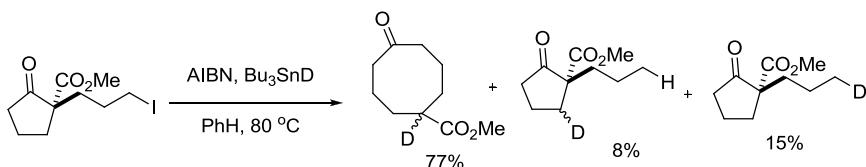
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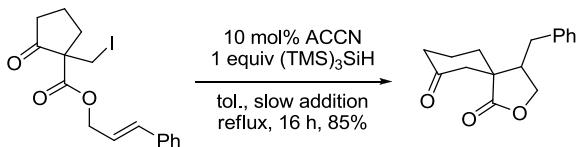


Example 1⁴



Example 2⁹

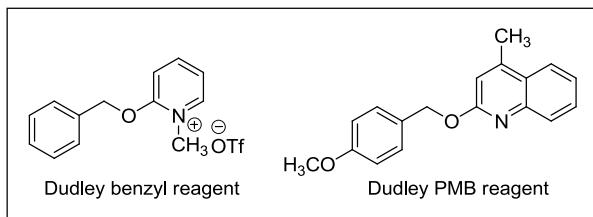


Example 3, Cascade Dowd–Beckwith Ring Expansion/Cyclization¹⁰

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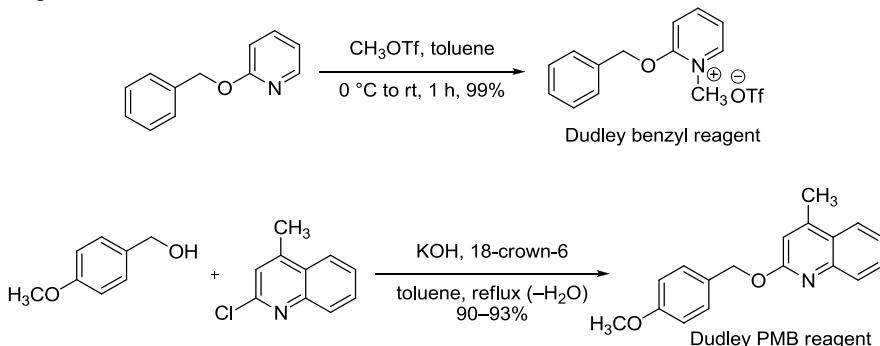
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Dudley reagent



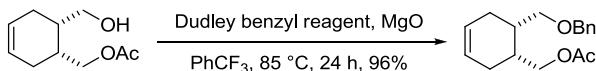
The Dudley reagents are employed for the protection of alcohols as benzyl¹ or PMB² ethers, respectively, under mild conditions. Carboxylic acids are readily protected as well.³ Activation of the appropriate Dudley reagent in the presence of an alcohol furnishes the desired arylmethyl ether. The benzyl reagent is activated upon warming to approximately 80–85 °C, whereas activation of the PMB reagent occurs at room temperature upon treatment with methyl triflate (CH_3OTf) or protic acid.⁴ Aromatic solvents, most commonly trifluorotoluene, often provide the best results. Magnesium oxide (MgO) is typically included in the reaction mixture as an acid scavenger.⁵ For benzylation of carboxylic acids, triethylamine (Et_3N) is used in place of MgO .³

Preparation:^{1–3}

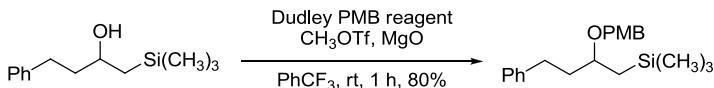


The Dudley reagents are conveniently prepared from readily available starting materials and are indefinitely stable to storage and handling under standard laboratory conditions. Alternatively, both reagents are commercially available.

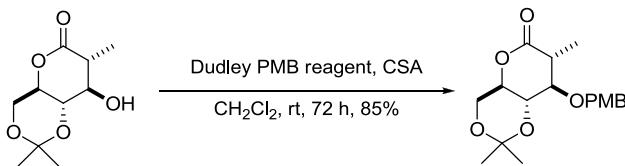
Example 1⁶



Benzylation of a monoacetylated diol is shown in Example 1.⁶ The Dudley benzyl reagent was uniquely effective for protection of the free alcohol without loss and/or migration of the labile acetyl group.

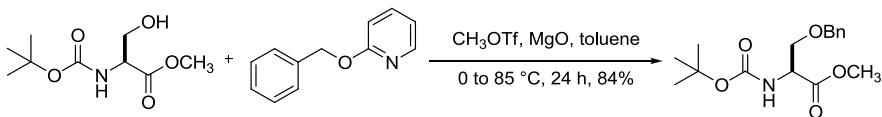
Example 2²

PMB-protection of a β -hydroxysilane can be accomplished without competition from the Peterson elimination (Example 2),² which would occur under the basic or acidic conditions required for many other alkylation reactions.

Example 3⁴

The Dudley PMB reagent can also be activated under mildly acidic conditions using catalytic camphorsulfonic acid (CSA) in lieu of CH₃OTf (Example 3).⁴

Example 4, *In situ*-formation of the Dudley benzyl reagent is achieved by treating a mixture of an alcohol and 2-benzyloxypyridine with CH₃OTf⁷

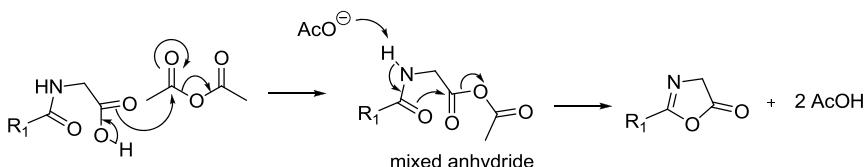
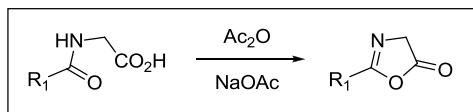


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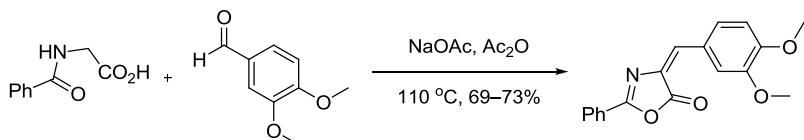
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▲ Erlenmeyer–Plöchl azlactone synthesis

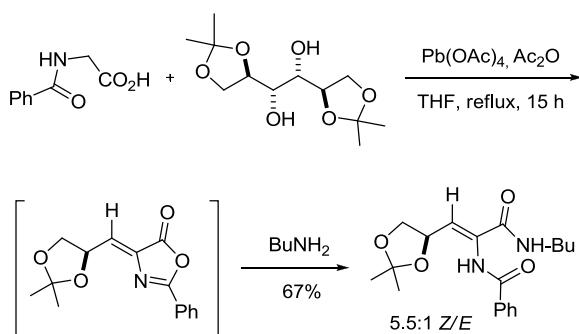
Formation of 5-oxazolones (or “azlactones”) by intramolecular condensation of acylglycines in the presence of acetic anhydride.



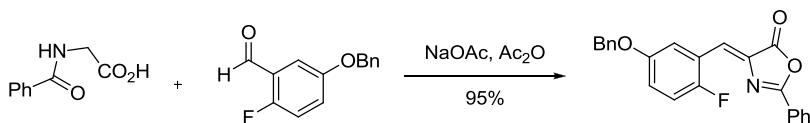
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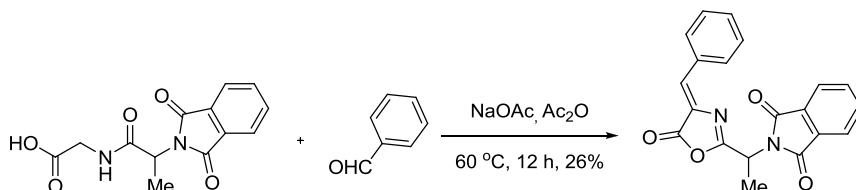
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Example 3⁹



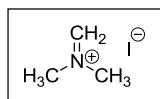
Example 4, The yield suffered for a more complicated substrate:¹¹



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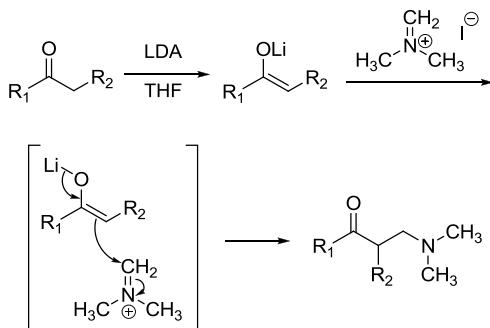
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Eschenmoser's salt



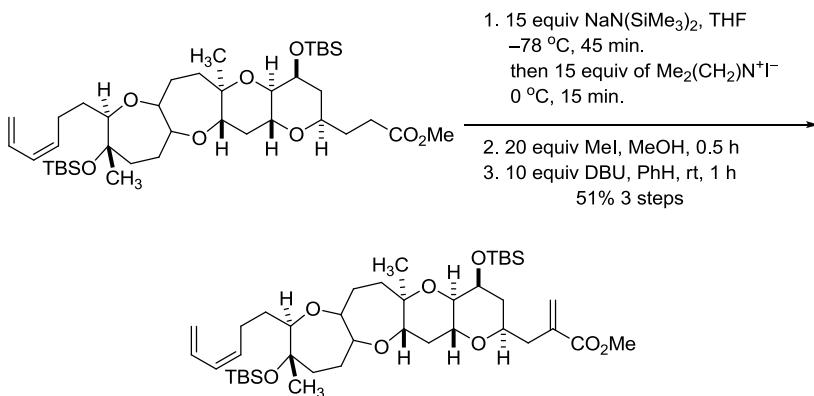
Eschenmoser's salt, dimethylmethylideneammonium iodide, is a strong dimethylaminomethylating agent, used to prepare derivatives of the type $\text{RCH}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$. Enolates, enolsilylethers, and even more acidic ketones undergo efficient dimethylaminomethylation—employed in the Mannich reaction.

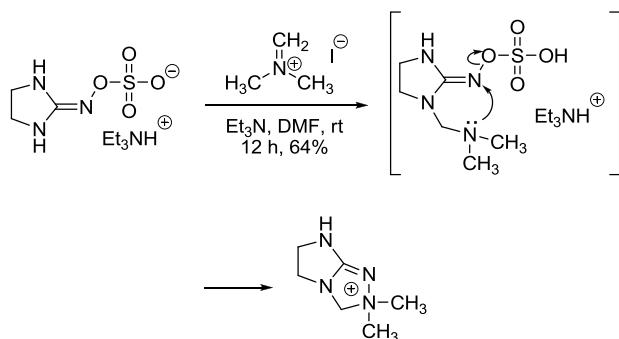
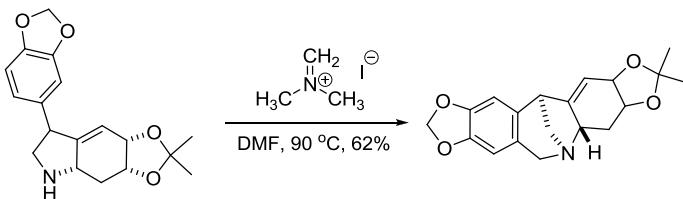
Mechanism:



Example 1³

Once prepared, the resulting tertiary amines can be further methylated and then subjected to base-induced elimination to afford methylenated carbonyls.



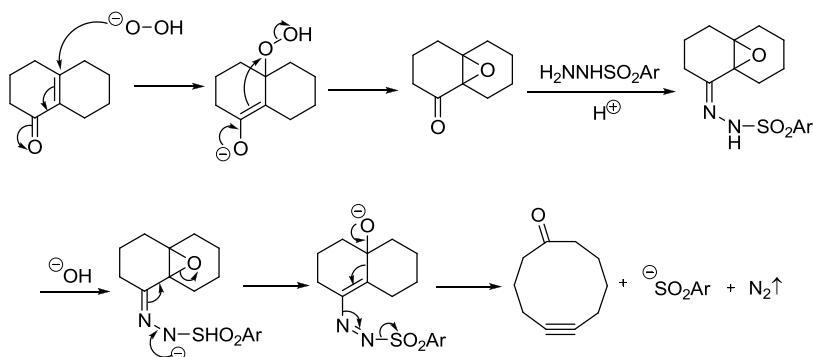
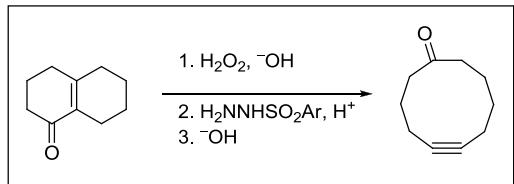
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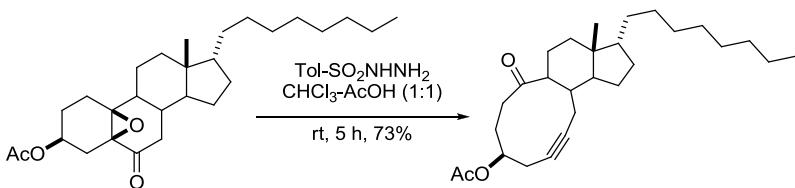
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Eschenmoser–Tanabe fragmentation

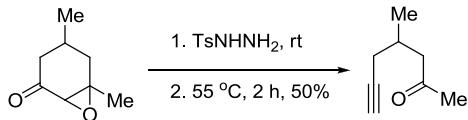
Fragmentation of α,β -epoxyketones *via* the intermediacy of α,β -epoxy sulfonylhydrazones.

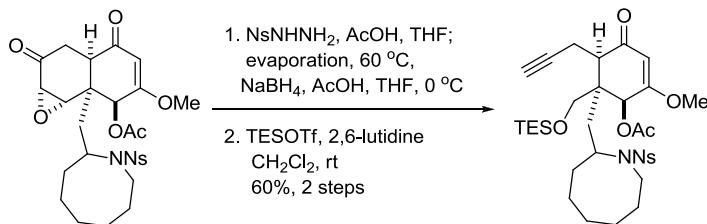
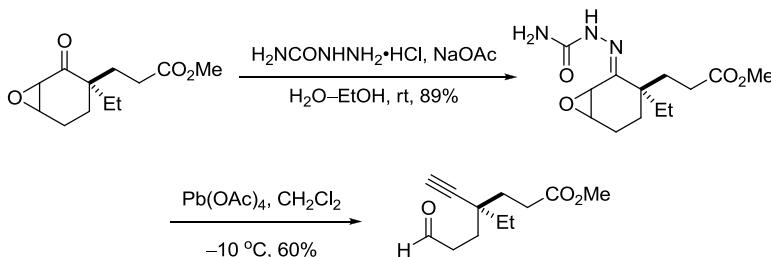


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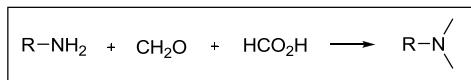
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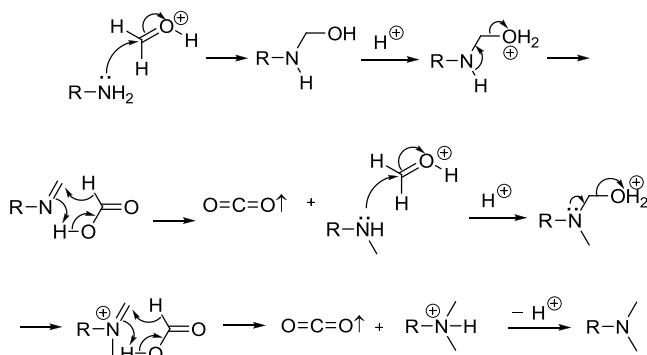
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Eschweiler–Clarke reductive alkylation of amines

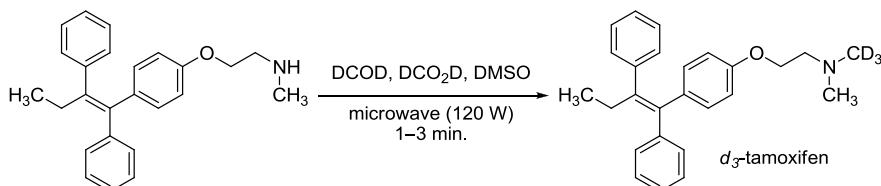
Reductive methylation of primary or secondary amines using formaldehyde and formic acid. Cf. Leuckart–Wallach reaction.



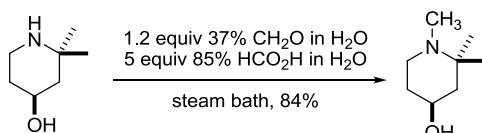
formic acid is the hydride source, serving as a reducing agent



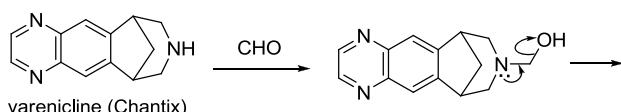
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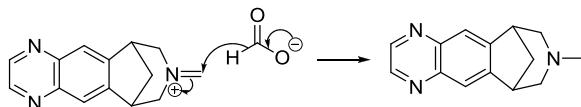
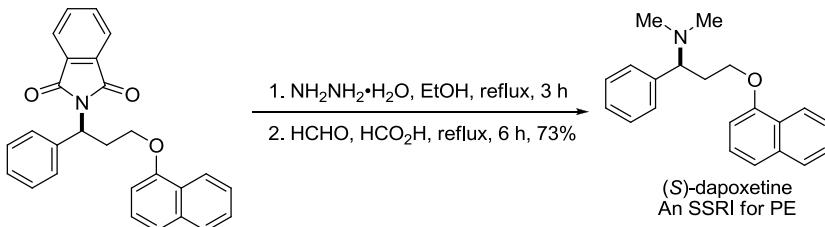


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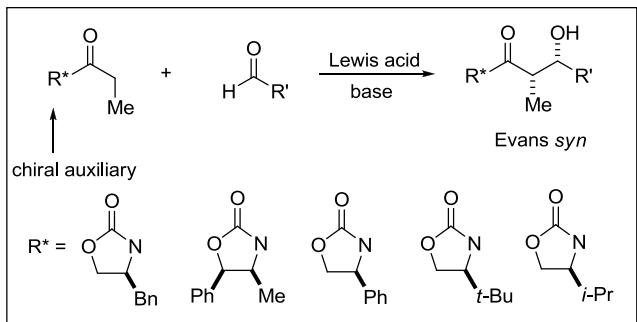
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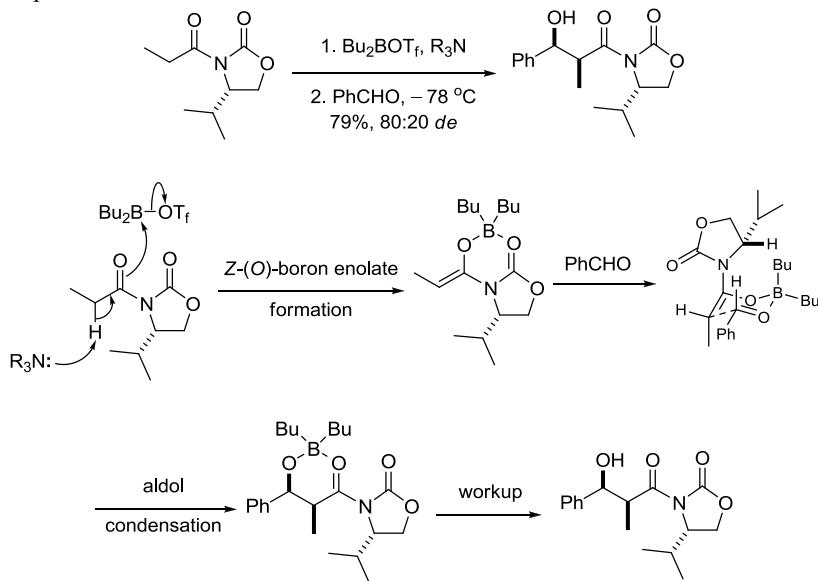
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Evans aldol reaction

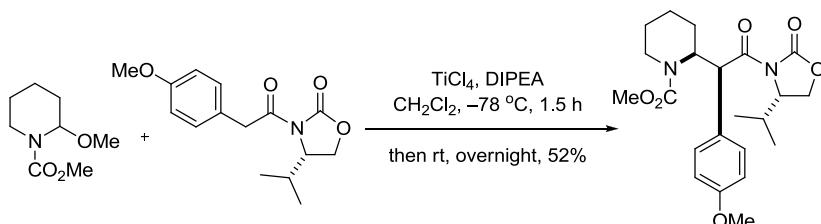
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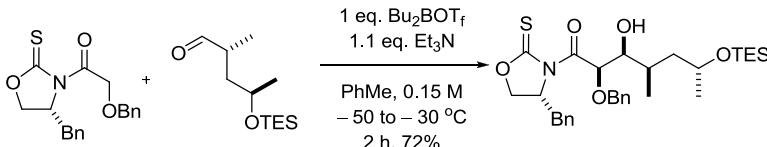
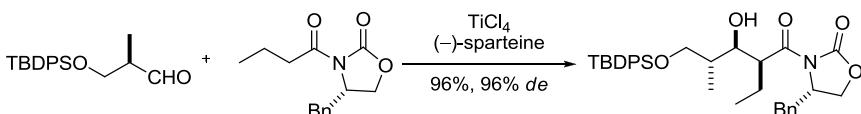
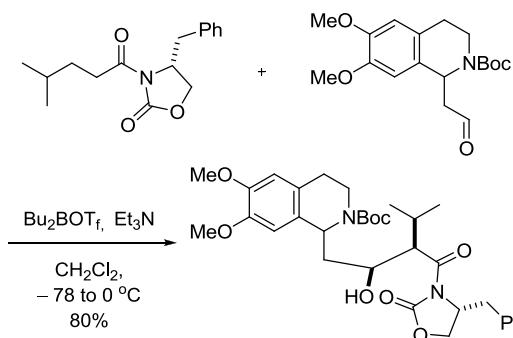


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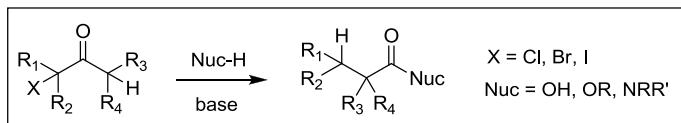
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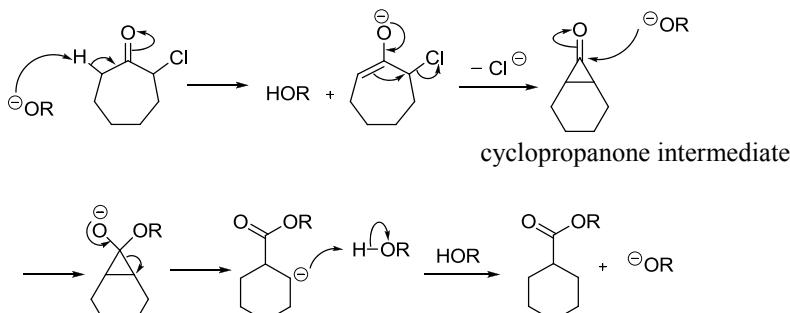
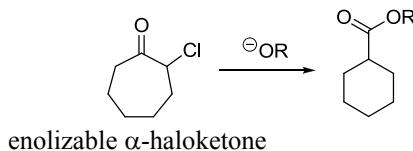
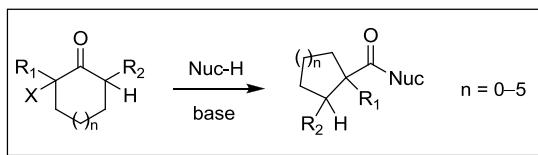
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Favorskii rearrangement

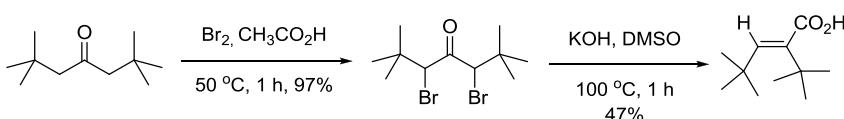
Transformation of enolizable α -haloketones to esters, carboxylic acids, or amides via alkoxide-, hydroxide-, or amine-catalyzed rearrangements, respectively.



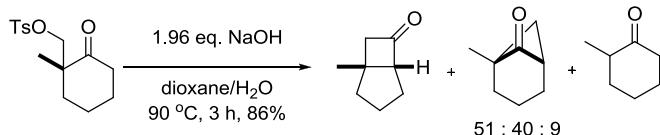
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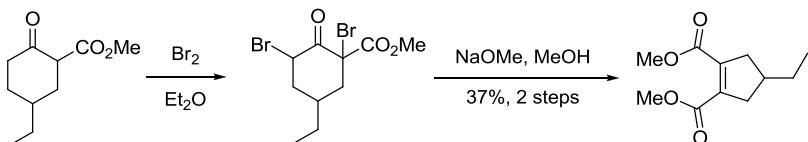
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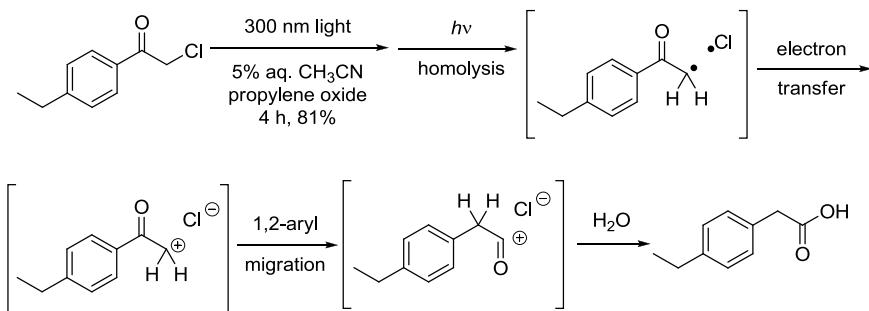
Example 2, Homo-Favorskii rearrangement³



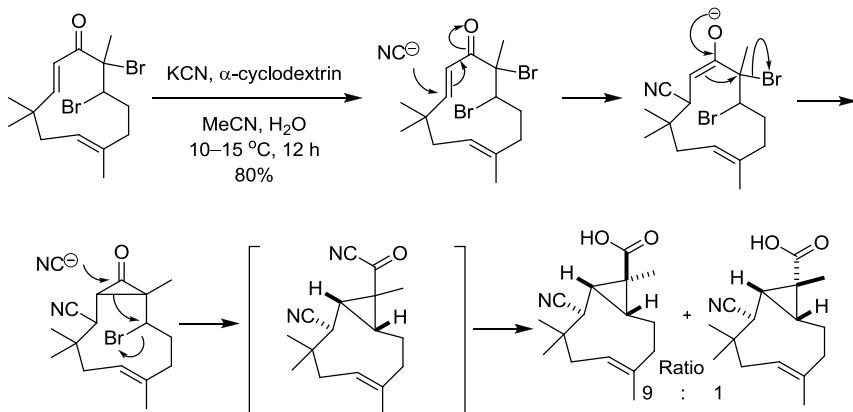
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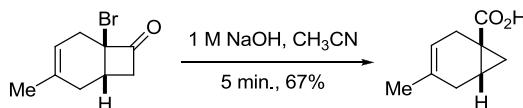
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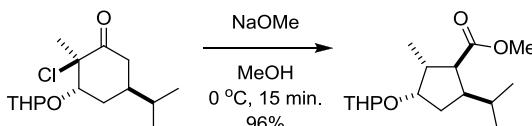
Example 5⁸



Example 6¹⁰



Example 7¹¹

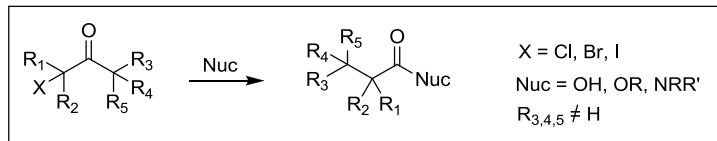


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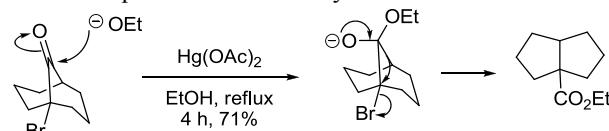
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Quasi-Favorskii rearrangement

If there are no enolizable hydrogens present, the classical Favorskii rearrangement is not possible. Instead, a semi-benzylic mechanism can lead to a rearrangement referred to as quasi-Favorskii.

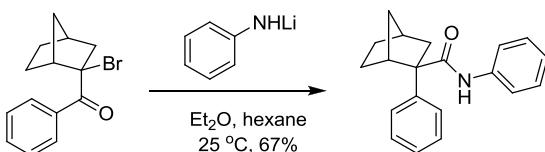


Example 1, Arthur C. Cope's initial discovery¹

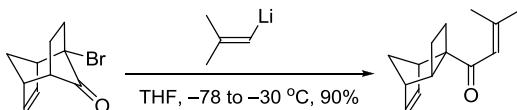


non-enolizable ketone

Example 2⁵



Example 3⁹

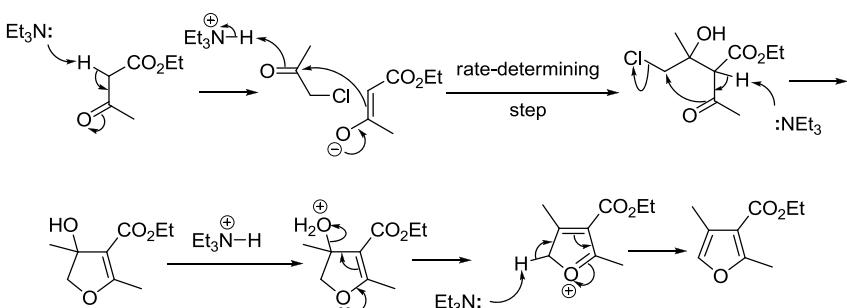
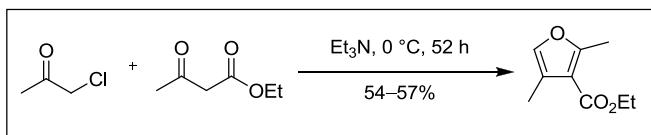


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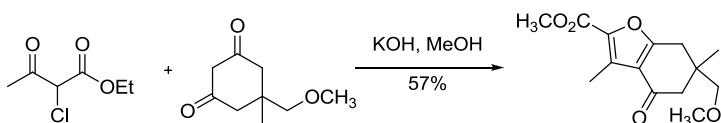
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Feist–Bénary furan synthesis

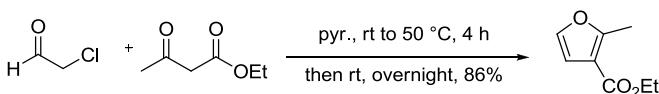
α -Haloketones react with β -ketoesters in the presence of base to fashion furans.



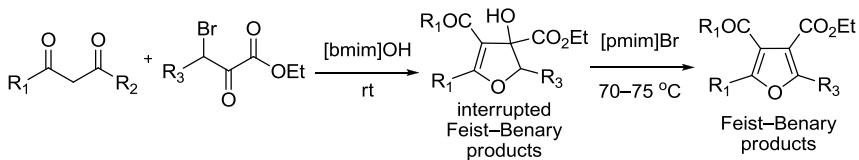
Example 1^{2,3}



Example 2⁴



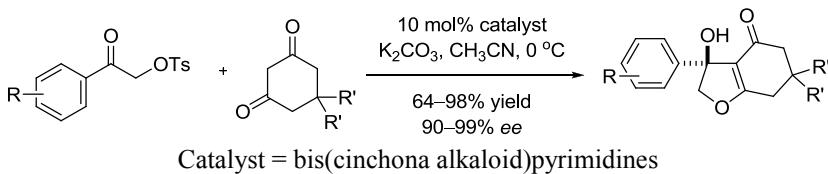
Example 3, Ionic liquid-promoted interrupted Feist–Bénary reaction¹⁰



$R_1 = \text{CH}_3, \text{Et}, \text{Ph}, n\text{-Pr}, \text{etc}.$
 $R_2 = \text{CH}_3, \text{OCH}_3, \text{PEt}$
 $R_3 = \text{H}, n\text{-Bu}, \text{CO}_2\text{Et}$

$[\text{bmim}]OH = \text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{N}^+(\text{+})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{+})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}^-$
 $[\text{pmim}]Br = \text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{N}^+(\text{+})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}(\text{+})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}^-$

Example 4, interrupted Feist–Bénary reaction of α -tosyloxy-acetophenones¹⁰



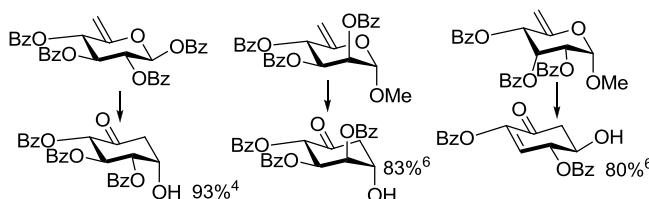
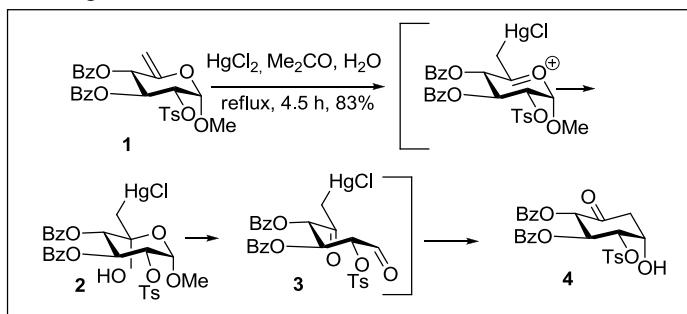
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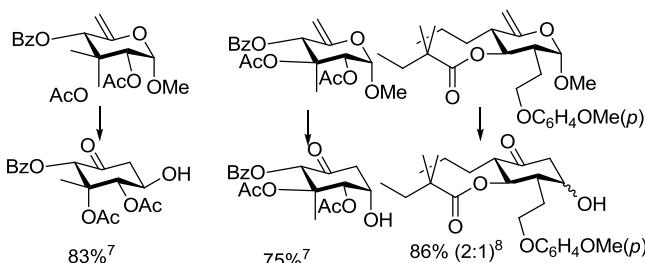
Ferrier carbocyclization

This process (also known as the “Ferrier II Reaction”) has proved to be of considerable value for the efficient, one-step conversion of 5,6-unsaturated hexopyranose derivatives into functionalized cyclohexanones useful for the preparation of such enantiomerically pure compounds as inositol and their amino, deoxy, unsaturated and selectively *O*-substituted derivatives, notably phosphate esters. In addition, the products of the carbocyclization have been incorporated into many complex compounds of interest in biological and medicinal chemistry.^{1,2}

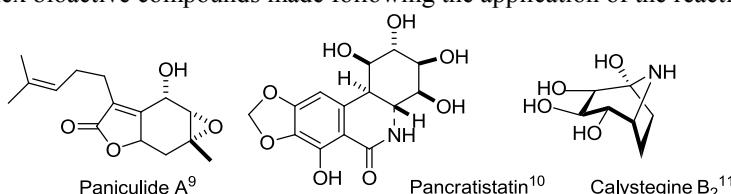
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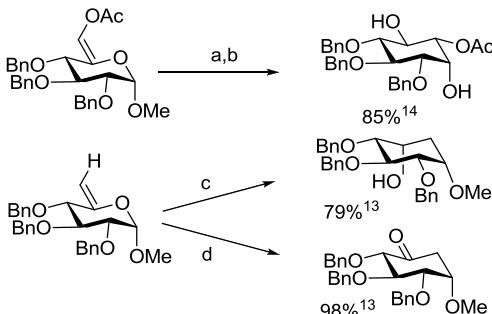
More complex products:



Complex bioactive compounds made following the application of the reaction:



Modified hex-5-enopyranosides and reactions



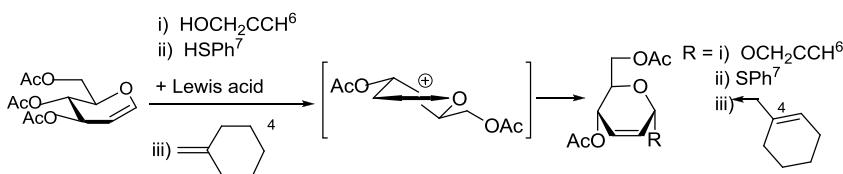
a, $\text{Hg}(\text{OCOCF}_3)_2$, Me_2CO , H_2O , 0 °C; b, $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$, AcOH , MeCN , rt; c, *i*- Bu_3Al , PhMe , 40 °C; d, $\text{Ti}(\text{O}i\text{-Pr})\text{Cl}_3$, CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C, 15 min. (Note: The aglycon is retained in the Al- and Ti-induced reactions).

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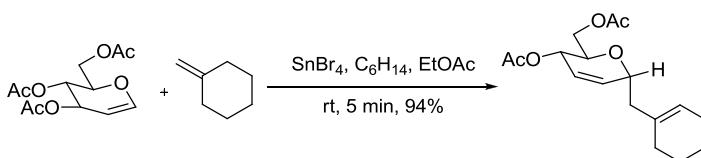
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Ferrier glycal allylic rearrangement

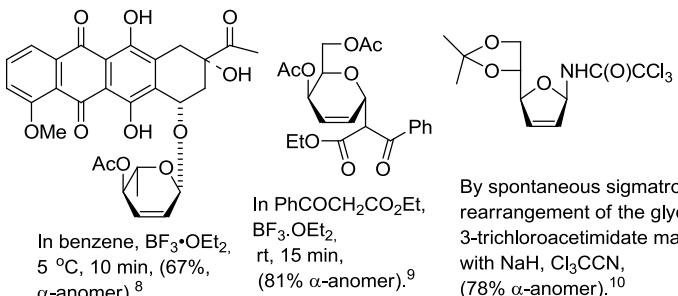
In the presence of Lewis acid catalysts *O*-substituted glycal derivatives can react with *O*-, *S*-, *C*- and, less frequently, *N*-, *P*- and halide nucleophiles to give 2,3-unsaturated glycosyl products.^{1,2} This allylic transformation has been termed the “Ferrier Reaction” or, to avoid complications, the “Ferrier I Reaction” or the “Ferrier Rearrangement”. However, the reaction was first noted by Emil Fischer when he heated tri-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucal in water.³ When carbon nucleophiles are involved, the term “Carbon Ferrier Reaction” has been used,⁴ although the only contribution the Ferrier group made in this area was to find that tri-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucal dimerizes under acid catalysis to give a *C*-glycosidic product.⁵ The general reaction is illustrated by the separate conversions of tri-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucal with *O*-, *S*- and *C*-nucleophiles to the corresponding 2,3-unsaturated glycosyl derivatives. Normally, Lewis acids are used as catalysts, boron trifluoride etherate being the most common. Allyloxycarbenium ions are involved as intermediates, high yields of products are obtained, and glycosidic compounds with quasi-axial bonds (as illustrated) predominate (commonly in the α,β -ratio of about 7:1). The examples illustrated^{4,6,7} are typical of a very large number of literature reports.¹



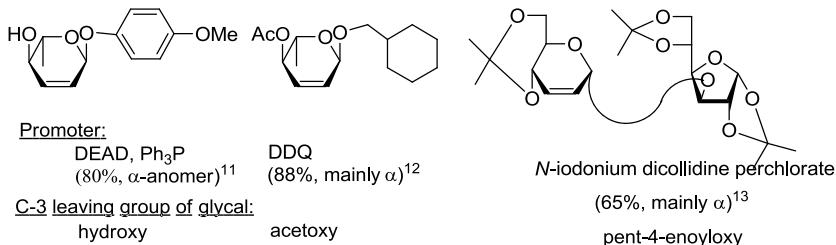
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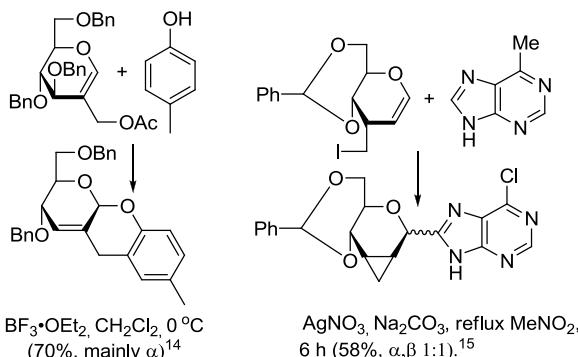
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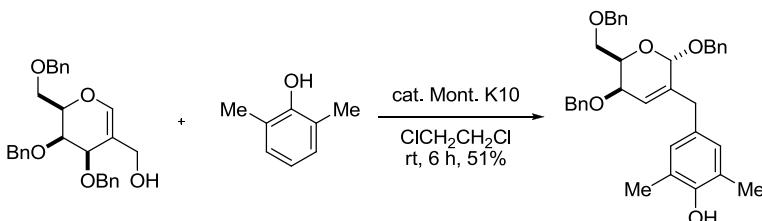
Products formed without acid catalysts:



Modified glycals and their reactions:



A variant using inexpensive Montmorillonite K-10 clay as the catalyst:



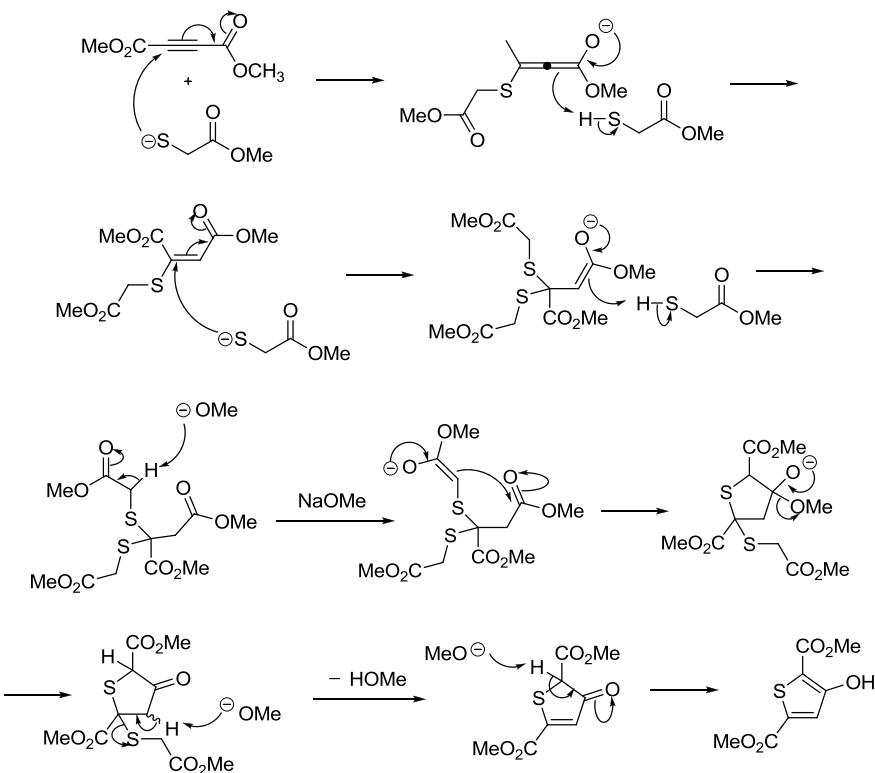
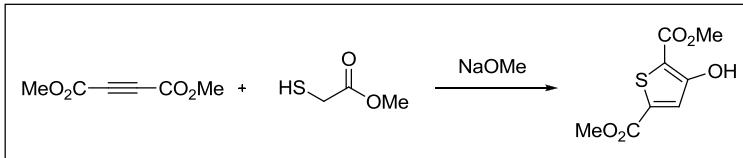
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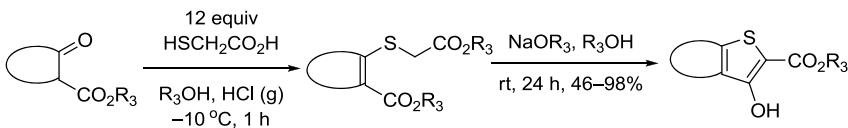
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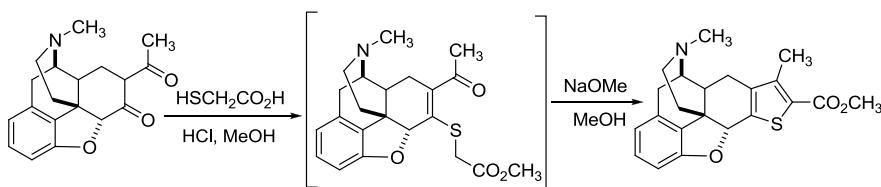
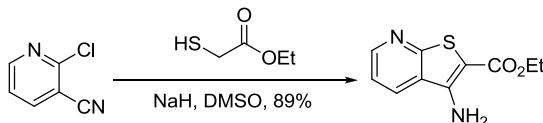
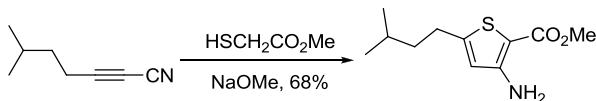
Fiesselmann thiophene synthesis

Condensation reaction of thioglycolic acid derivatives with α,β -acetylenic esters, which upon treatment with base result in the formation of 3-hydroxy-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid derivatives.



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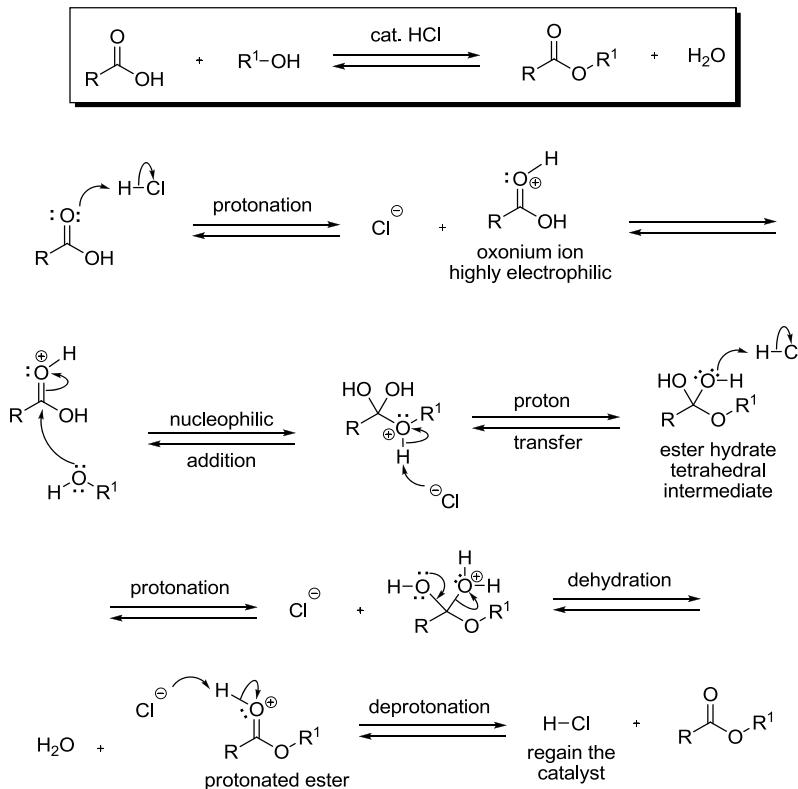
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Fischer–Speier esterification

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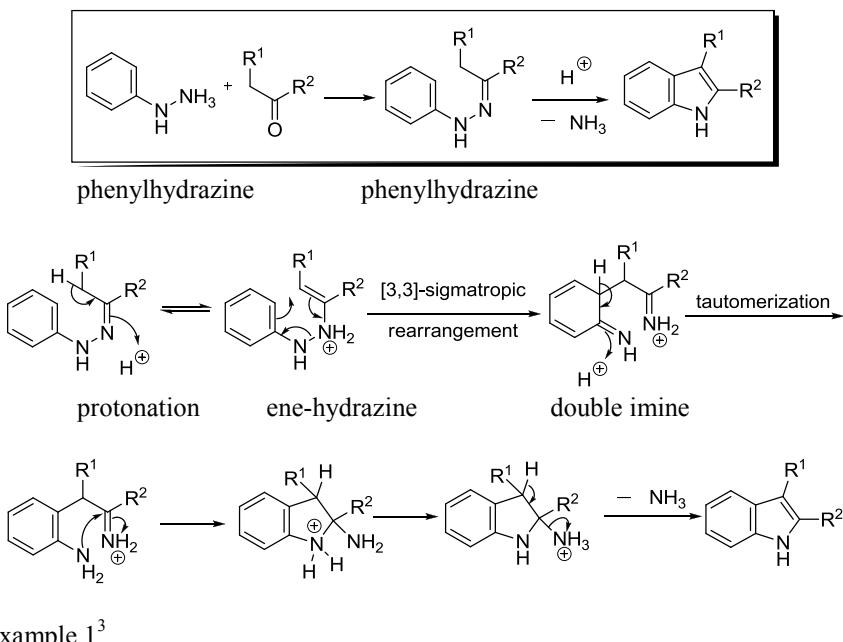


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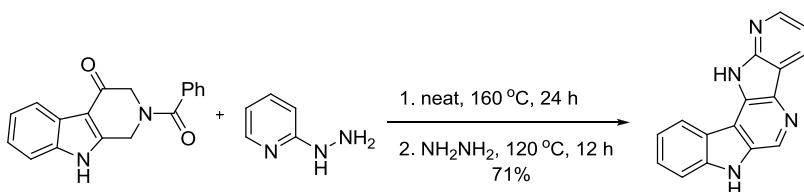
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Fischer indole synthesis

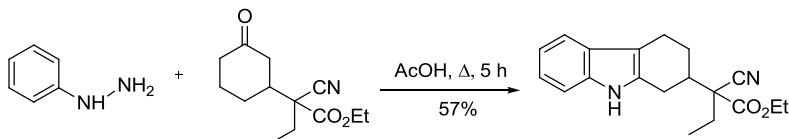
Cyclization of arylhydrazones to indoles.

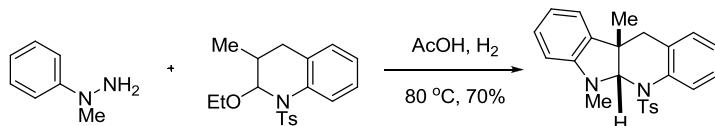
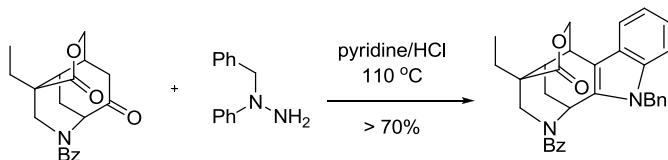


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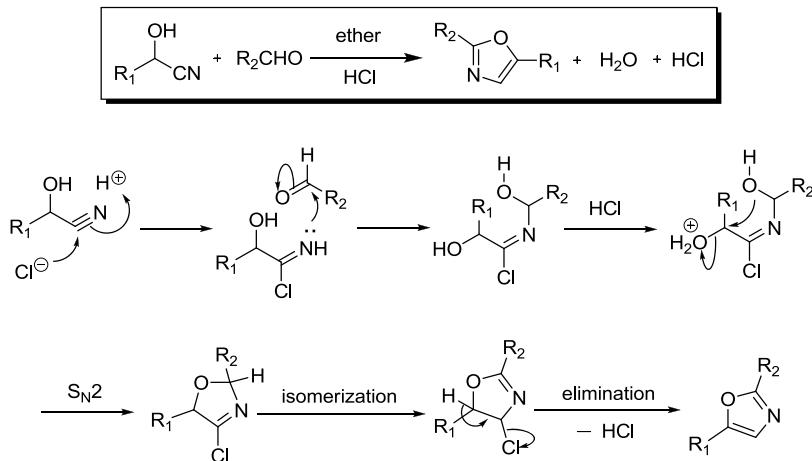
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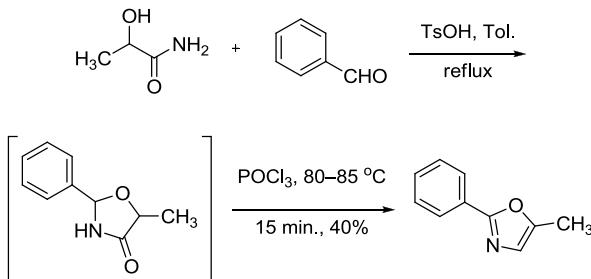
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Fischer oxazole synthesis

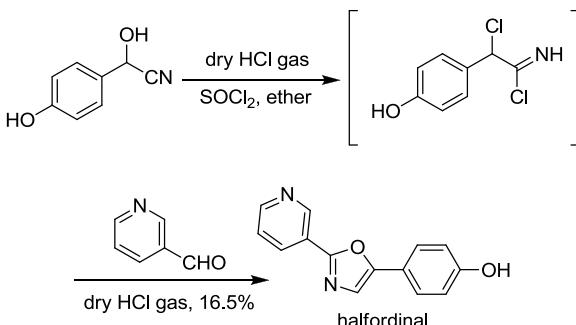
Oxazoles from the condensation of equimolar amounts of aldehyde cyanohydrins and aromatic aldehydes in dry ether in the presence of dry hydrochloric acid.



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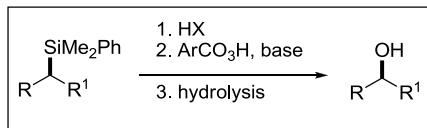


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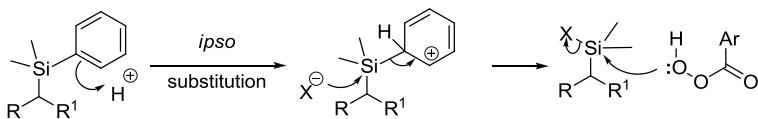
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Fleming–Kumada oxidation

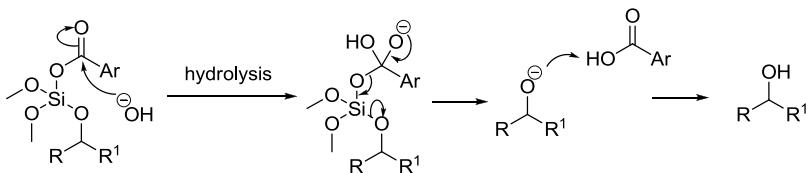
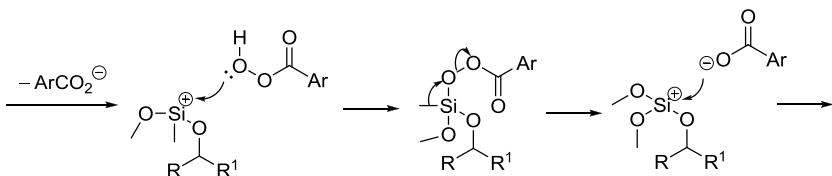
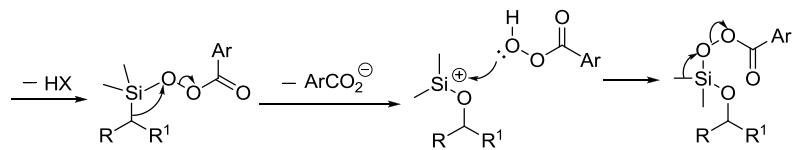
Stereoselective oxidation of alkyl-silanes into the corresponding alkyl-alcohols using peracids.



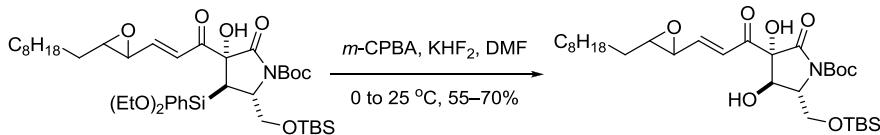
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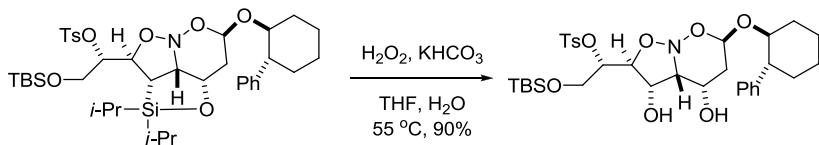
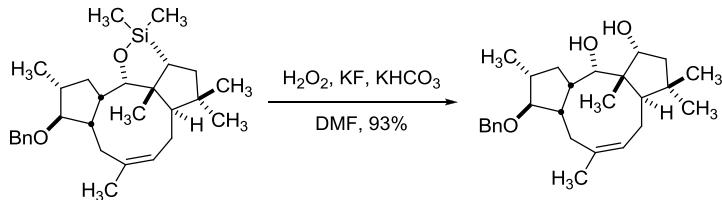
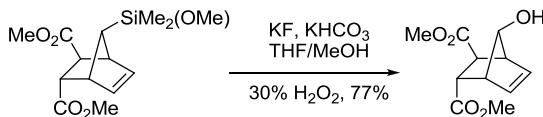


the β -carbocation is stabilized by the silicon group



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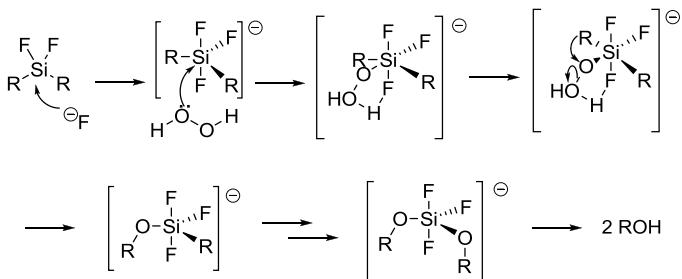
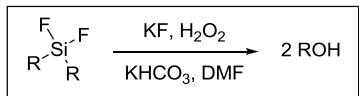
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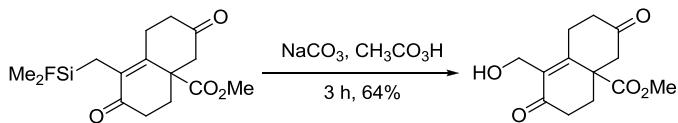
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Tamao–Kumada oxidation

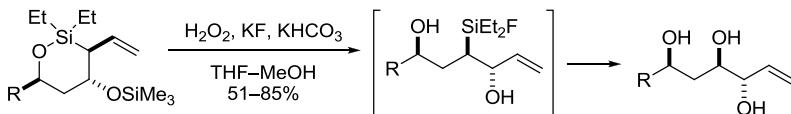
Oxidation of alkyl fluorosilanes to the corresponding alcohols. A variant of the Fleming–Kumada oxidation.



Example 1³



Example 2⁴



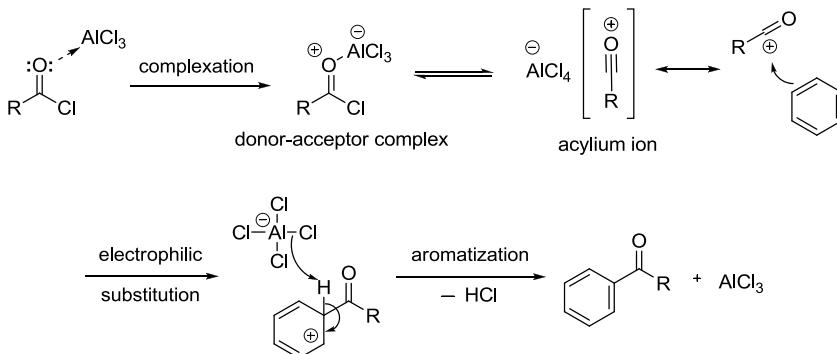
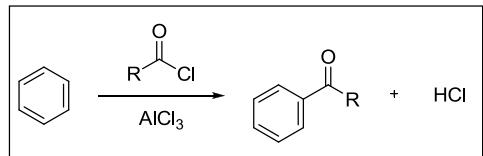
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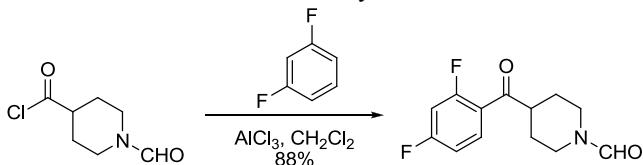
Friedel–Crafts reaction

Friedel–Crafts acylation reaction:

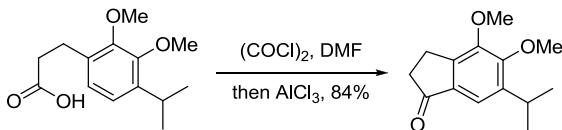
Introduction of an acyl group onto an aromatic substrate by treating the substrate with an acyl halide or anhydride in the presence of a Lewis acid.



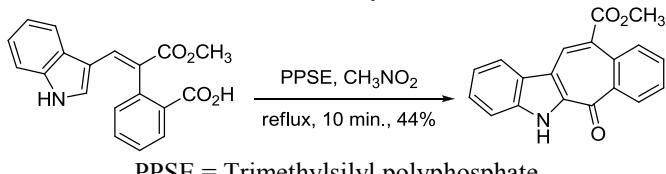
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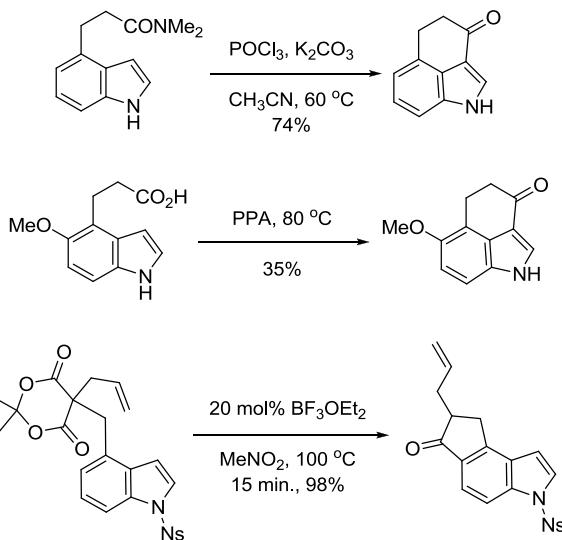
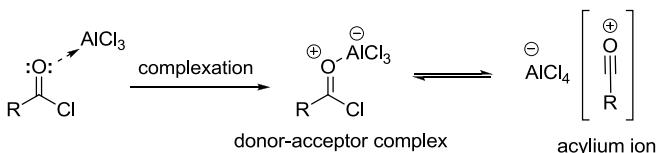


Example 2, Intramolecular Friedel–Crafts acylation⁷



Example 3, Intramolecular Friedel–Crafts acylation⁸



Example 4, Intramolecular Friedel–Crafts acylation⁹Example 5, “Kinetic Capture” of Acylium Ion¹¹

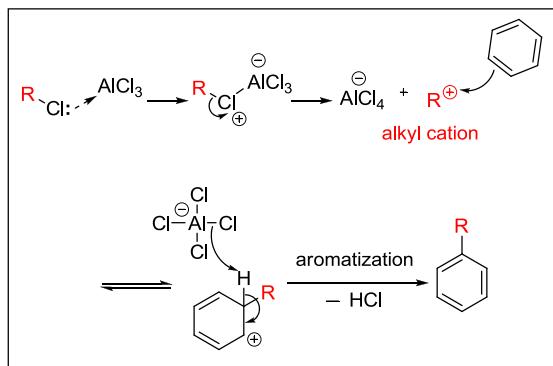
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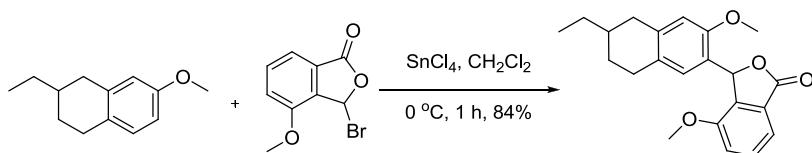
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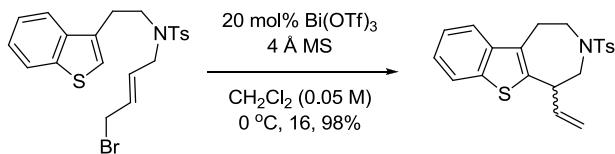
Introduction of an alkyl group onto an aromatic substrate by treating the substrate with an alkylating agent such as alkyl halide, alkene, alkyne and alcohol in the presence of a Lewis acid.



Example 1¹



Example 2, An intramolecular Friedel–Crafts cyclization⁶

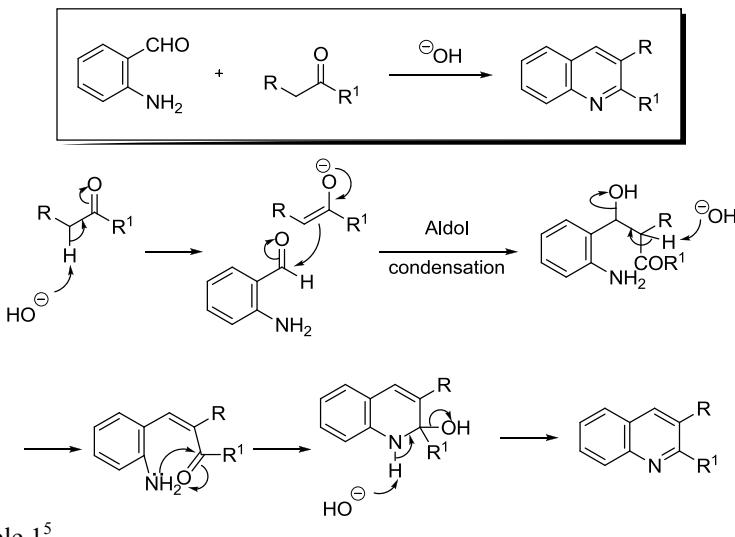


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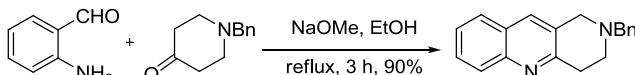
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Friedländer quinoline synthesis

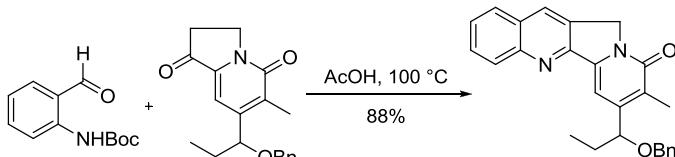
Also known as the Friedländer condensation, it combines an α -amino aldehyde or ketone with another aldehyde or ketone with at least one methylene α adjacent to the carbonyl to furnish a substituted quinoline. The reaction can be promoted by either acid, base, or heat.



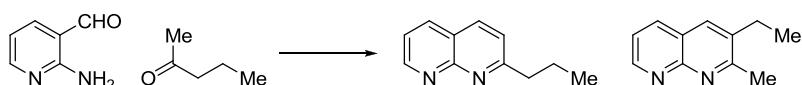
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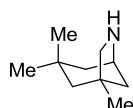
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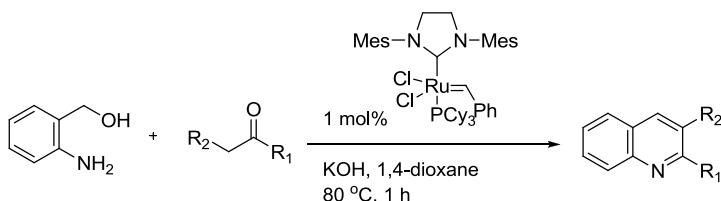
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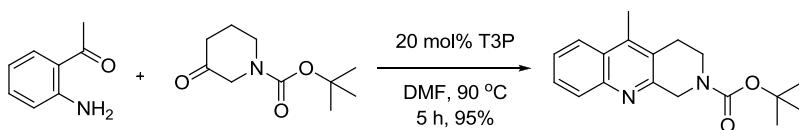
TBAO = 1,3,3-trimethyl-6-azabicyclo[3.2.1]octane



Example 4¹⁰



Example 5, Using propylphosphonic anhydride (T3P) as the coupling agent¹¹

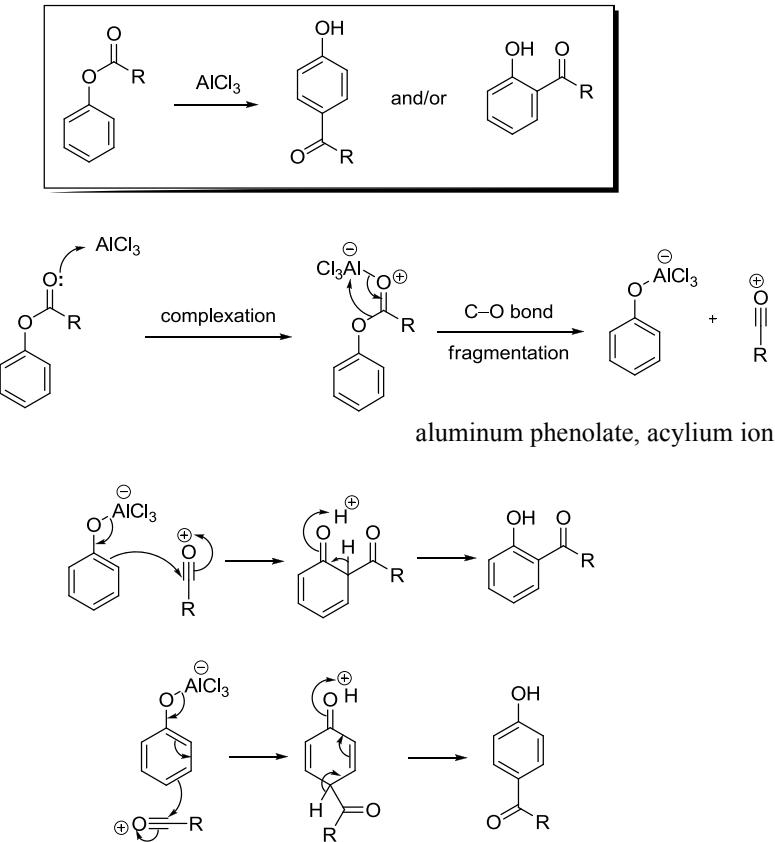


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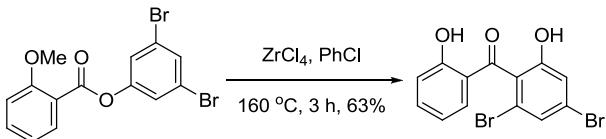
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Fries rearrangement

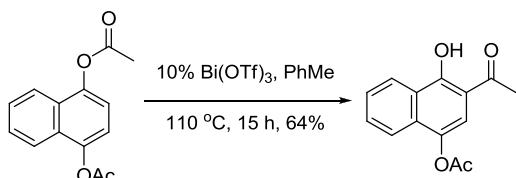
Lewis acid-catalyzed rearrangement of phenol esters and lactams to 2- or 4-ketophenols. Also known as the Fries–Finck rearrangement.

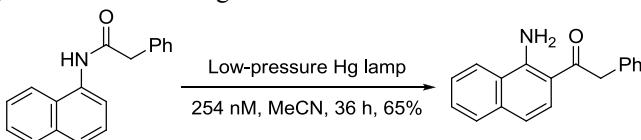
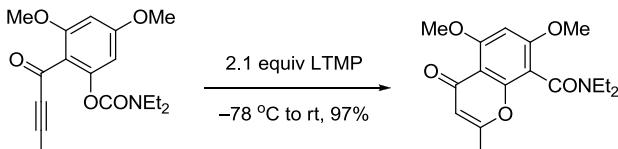
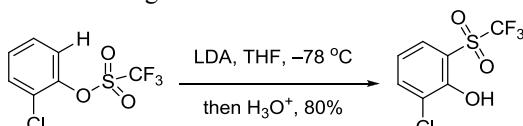
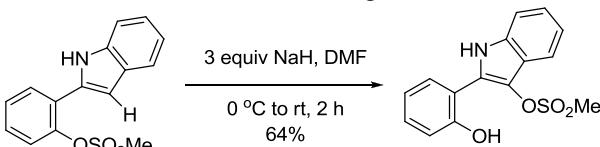


Example 1⁵



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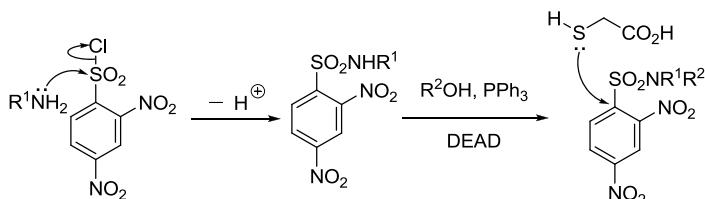
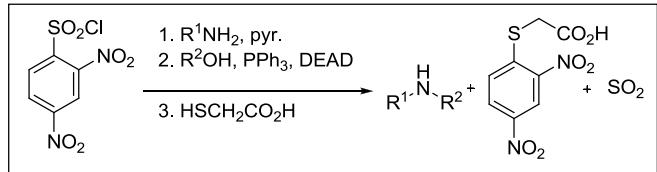
Example 3, Photo-Fries rearrangement⁷Example 4, *ortho*-Fries rearrangement⁸Example 5, Thia-Fries rearrangement⁹Example 6, Remote Anionic Thia-Fries rearrangement¹⁰

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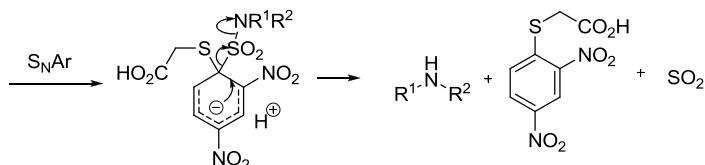
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Fukuyama amine synthesis

Transformation of a primary amine to a secondary amine using 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride and an alcohol. Also known as the Fukuyama–Mitsunobu procedure.

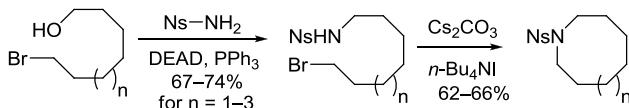


See the Mitsunobu reaction for mechanism.

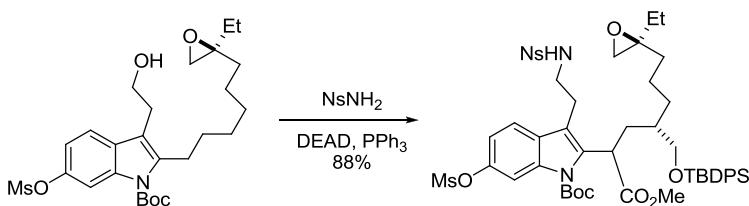


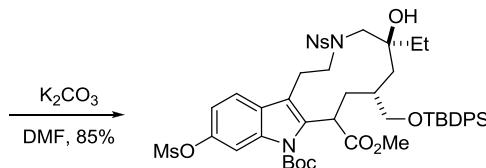
Meisenheimer complex

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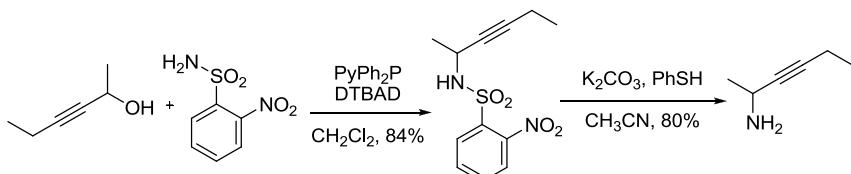


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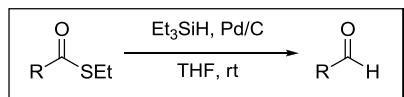
PyPh₂P = diphenyl 2-pyridylphosphine; DTBAD = di-*tert*-butylazodicarbonate

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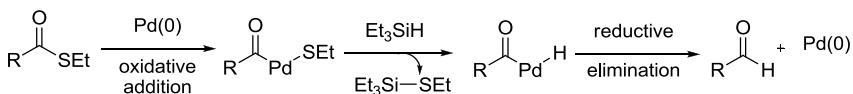
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Fukuyama reduction

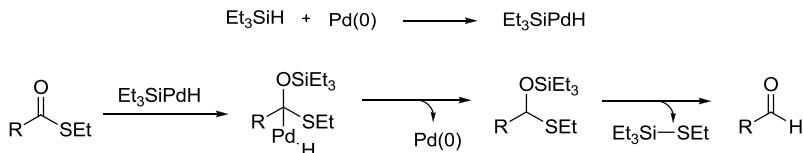
Aldehyde synthesis through reduction of thiol esters with Et₃SiH in the presence of Pd/C catalyst.



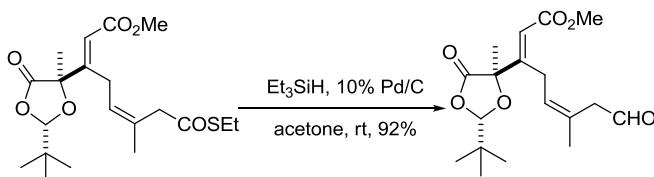
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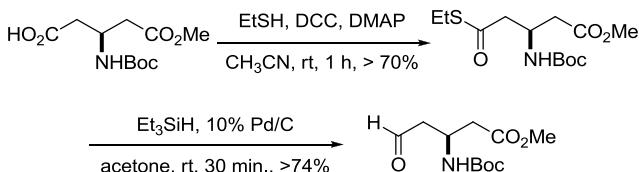
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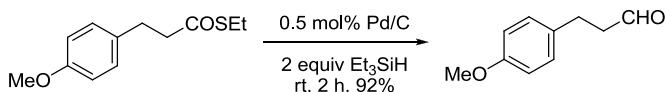
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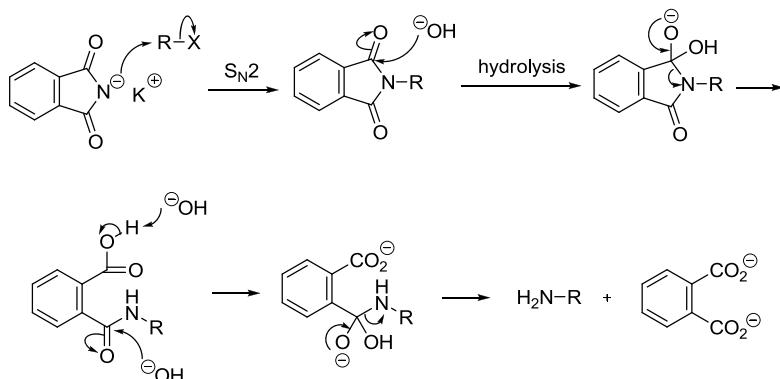
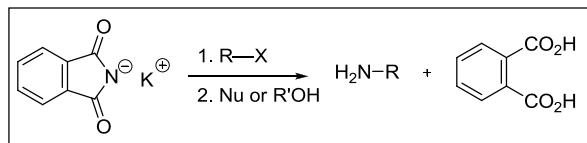


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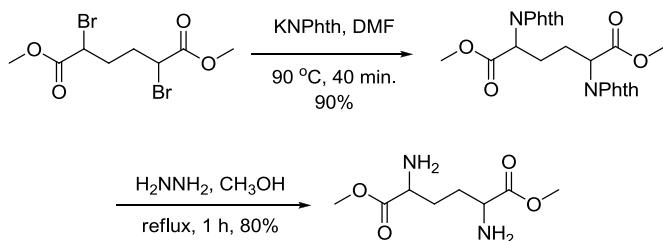
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Gabriel synthesis

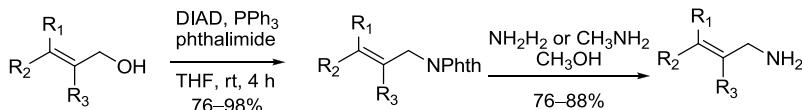
Synthesis of primary amines using potassium phthalimide and alkyl halides.



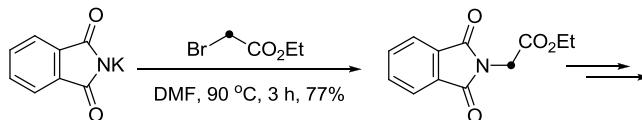
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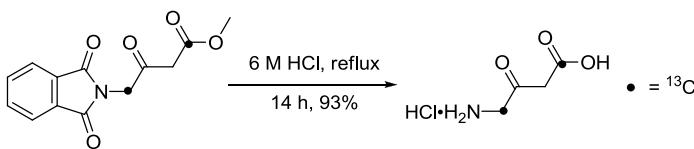


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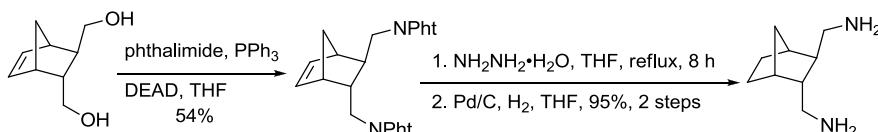


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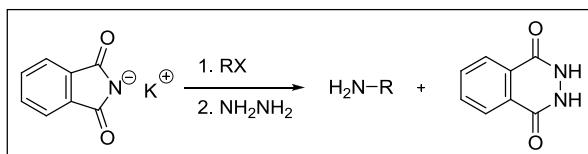
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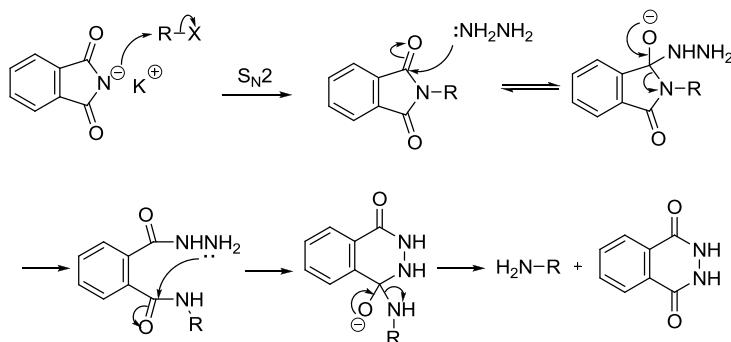
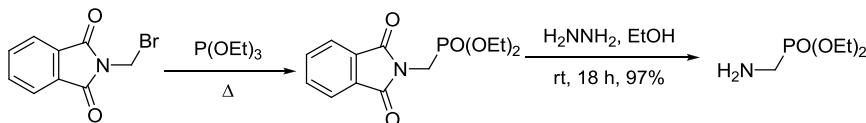
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Ing–Manske procedure

A variant of Gabriel amine synthesis where hydrazine is used to release the amine from the corresponding phthalimide:



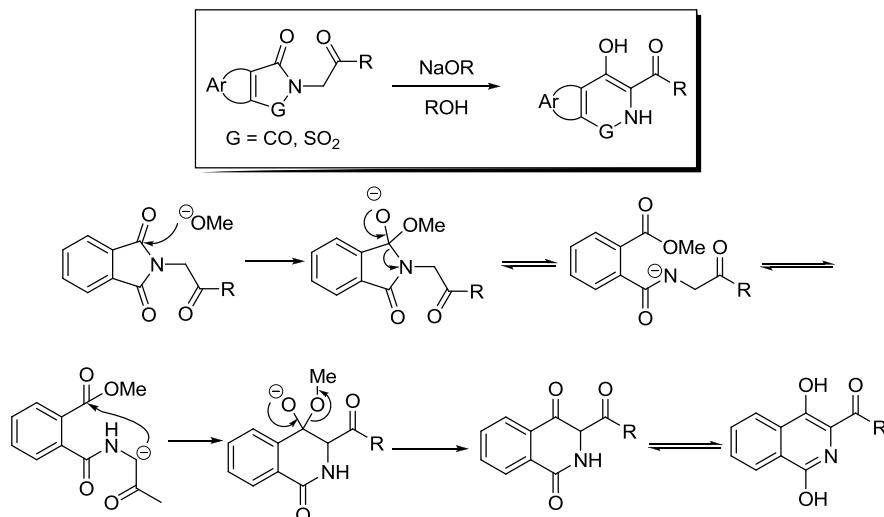
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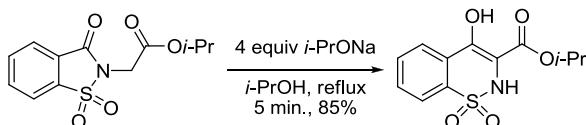
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Gabriel–Colman rearrangement

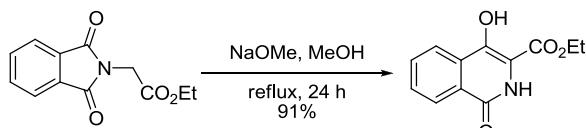
Reaction of the enolate of a maleimidyl acetate to provide isoquinoline 1,4-diol.



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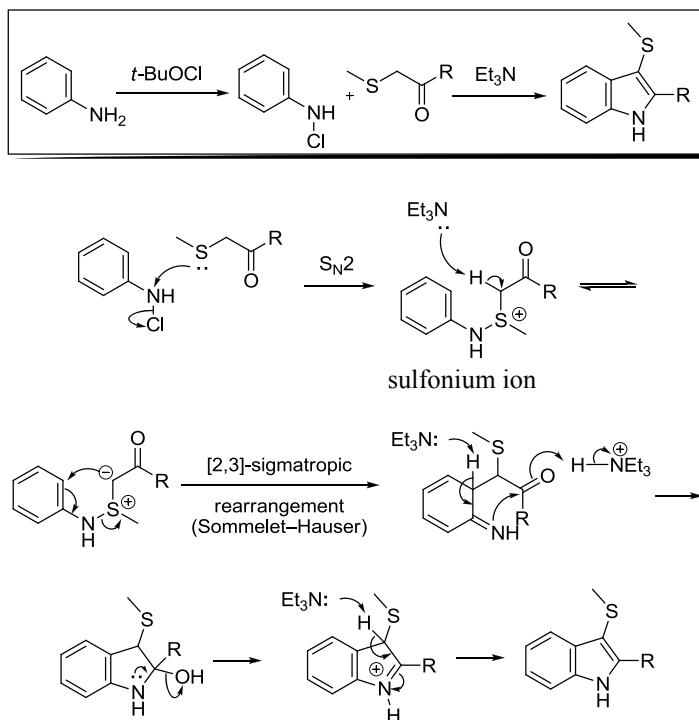


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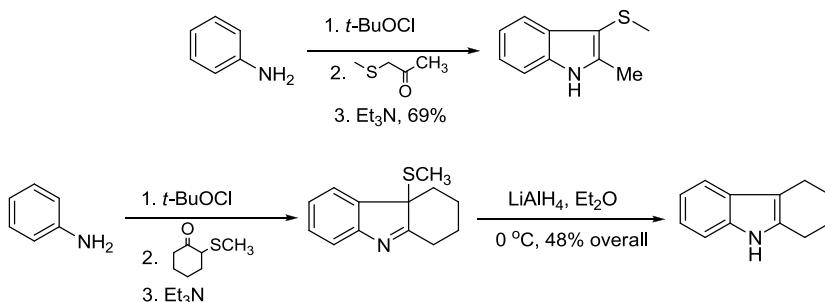
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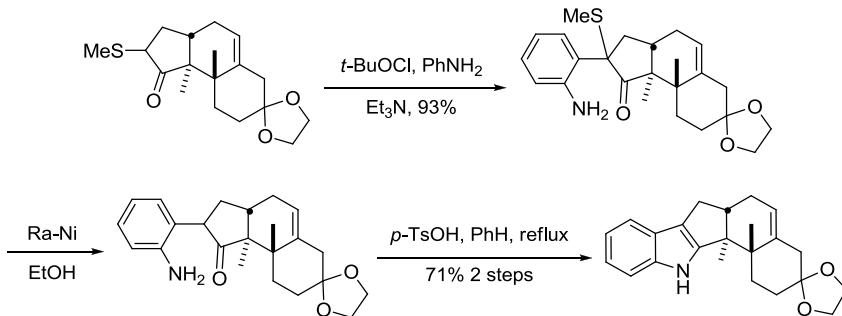
Gassman indole synthesis

The Gassman indole synthesis involves a one-pot process in which a hypohalite, a β -carbonyl sulfide derivative, and a base are added sequentially to an aniline or a substituted aniline to provide 3-thioalkoxyindoles. The mechanism of the Gassman indole synthesis involves a [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement (Sommelet–Hauser). The sulfur can be easily removed by hydrogenolysis or Raney nickel.



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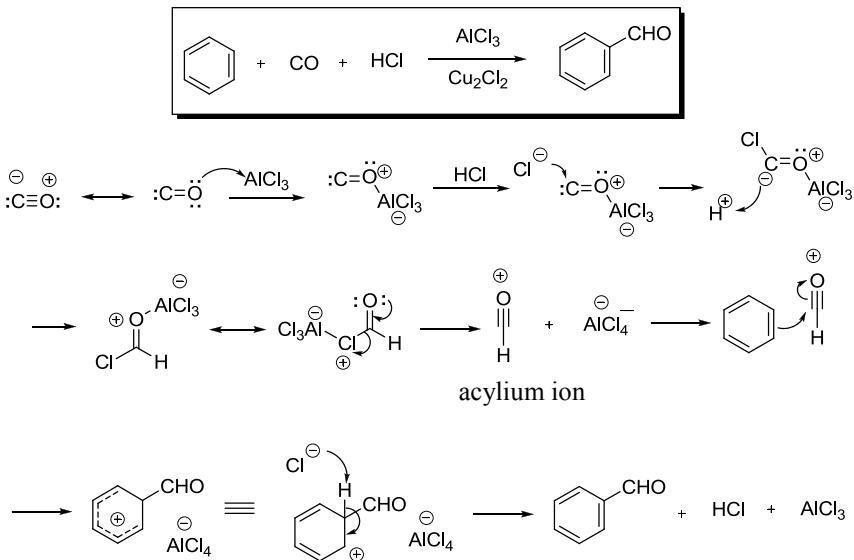
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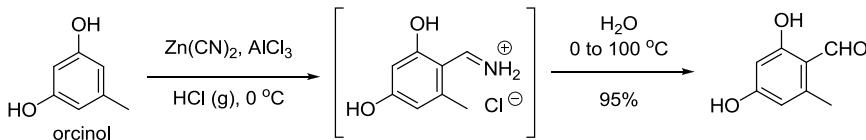
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Gattermann–Koch reaction

Formylation of arenes using carbon monoxide and hydrogen chloride in the presence of aluminum chloride under high pressure.



Example 1, A more practical variant⁴

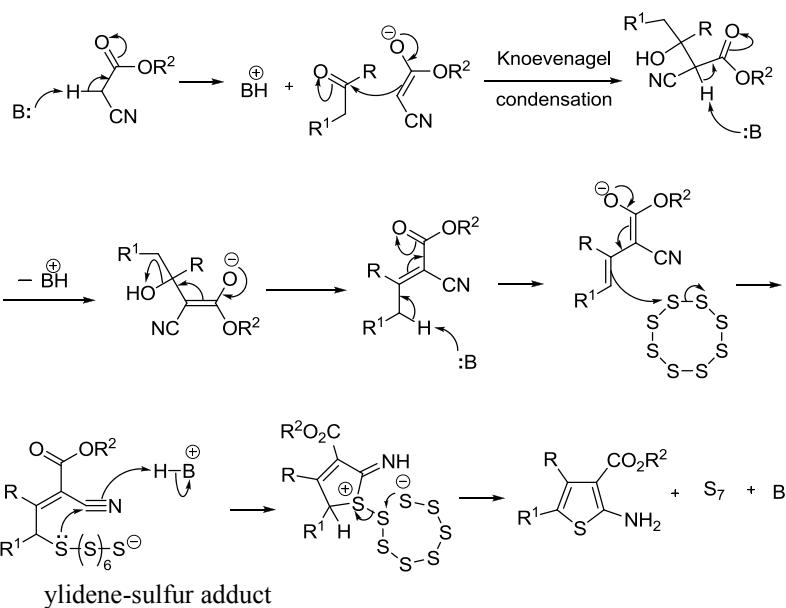
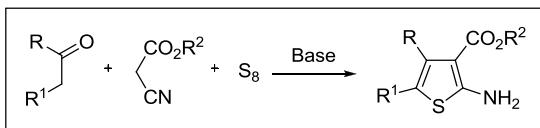


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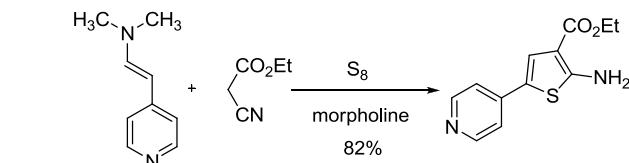
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Gewald aminothiophene synthesis

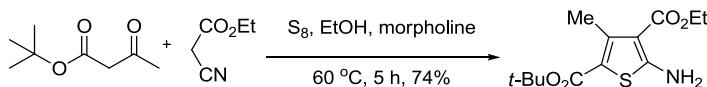
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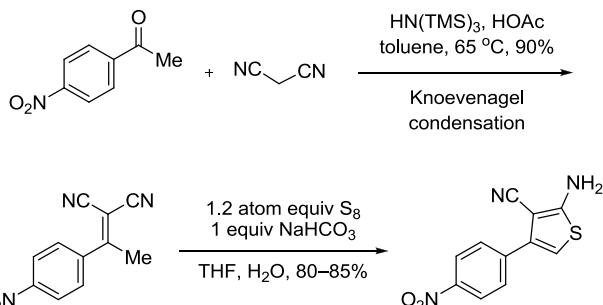
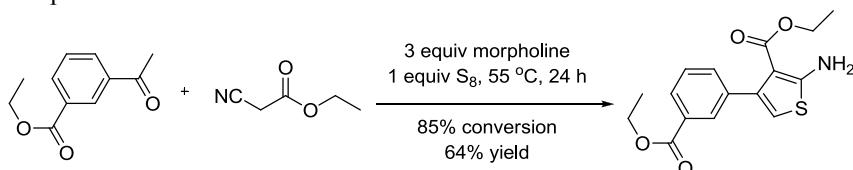
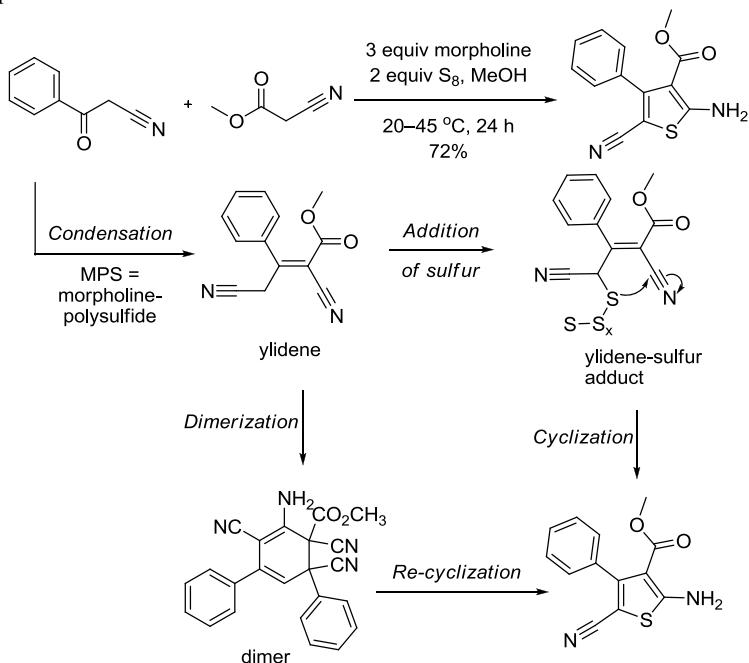


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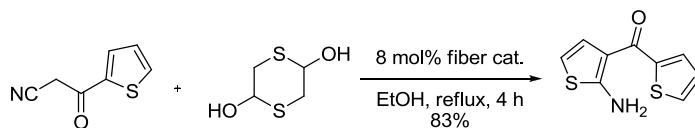


Example 2⁷



Example 3⁹Example 4¹⁰Example 5¹¹

Example 6, *N*-Methylpiperazine-Functionalized Polyacrylonitrile Fiber Catalyst¹²

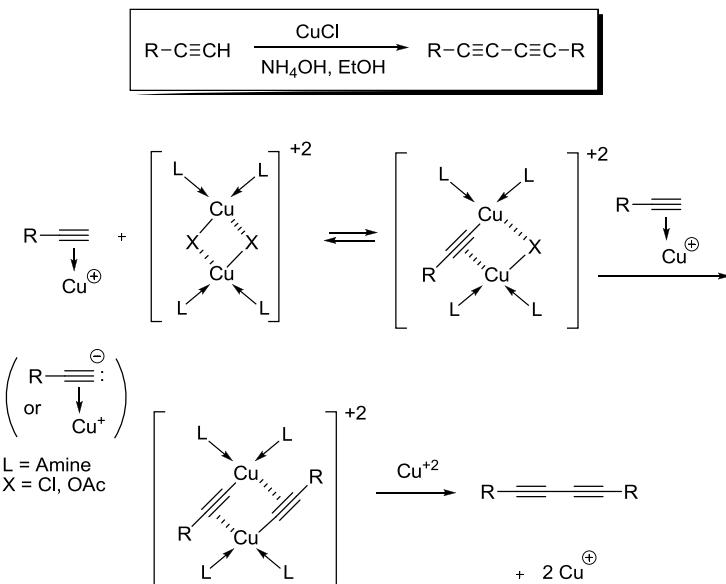


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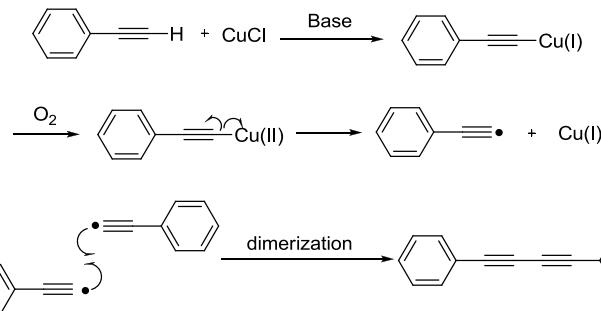
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Glaser coupling

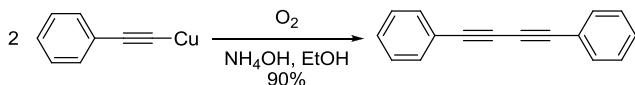
Sometimes known as the Glaser–Hay coupling, it is the oxidative homo-coupling of terminal alkynes using copper catalyst in the presence of oxygen.

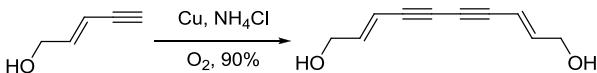
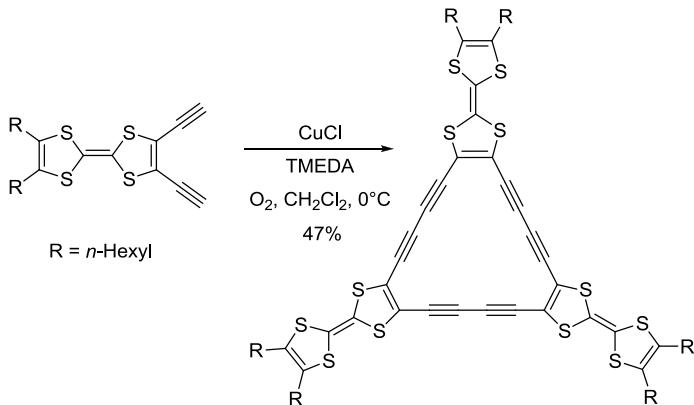
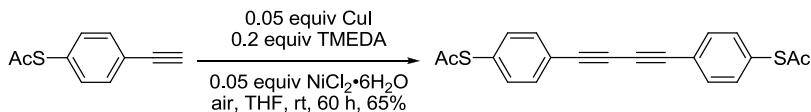


Alternatively, the radical mechanism is also operative:



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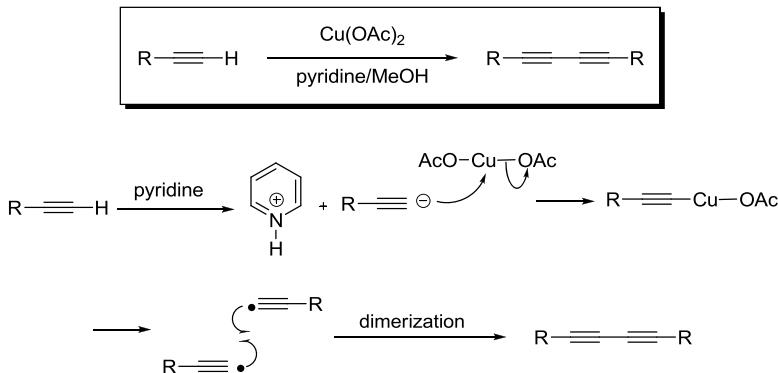
Example 2, Homo-coupling²Example 3⁷Example 4⁹

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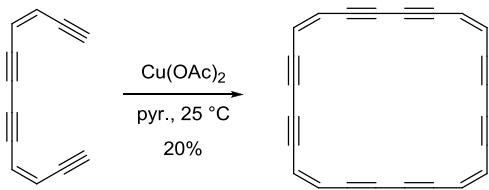
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Eglinton coupling

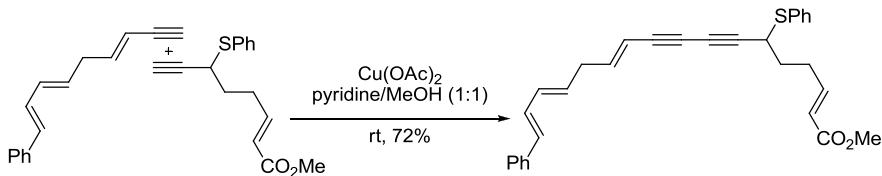
Oxidative homo-coupling of terminal alkynes mediated by stoichiometric (or often excess) Cu(OAc)₂. A variant of the Glaser coupling reaction.



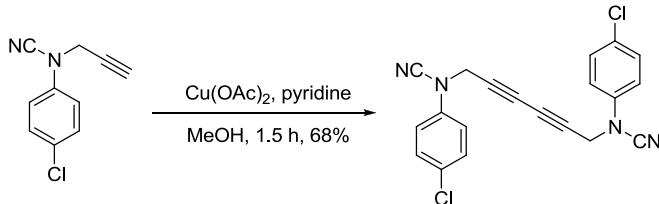
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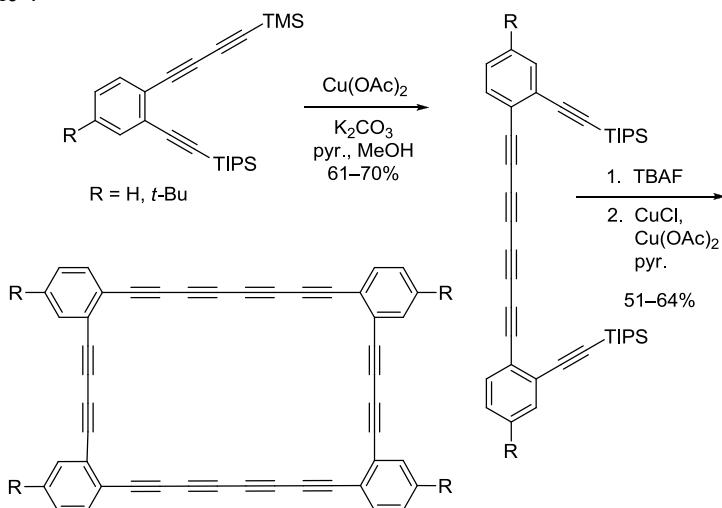
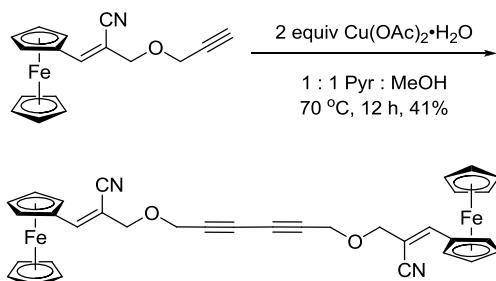
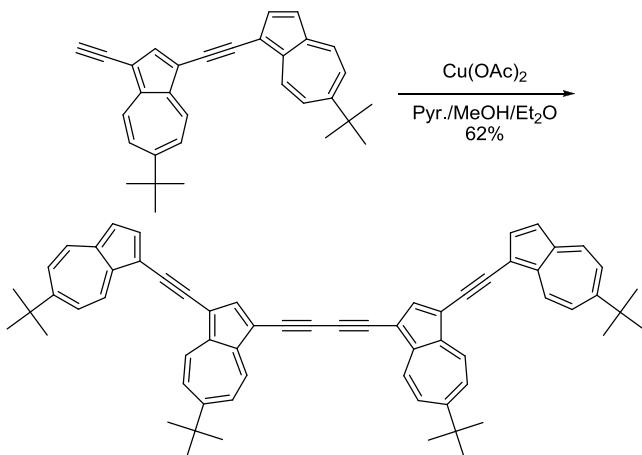


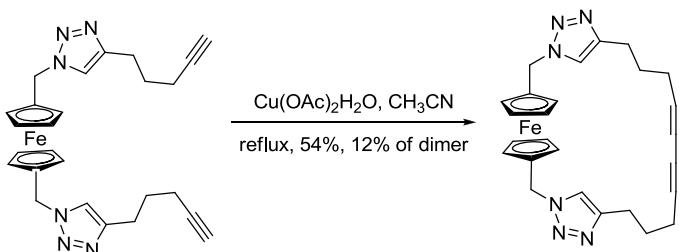
Example 2, Cross-coupling³



Example 3, Homo-coupling⁴



Example 4⁵Example 5¹¹Example 6¹²

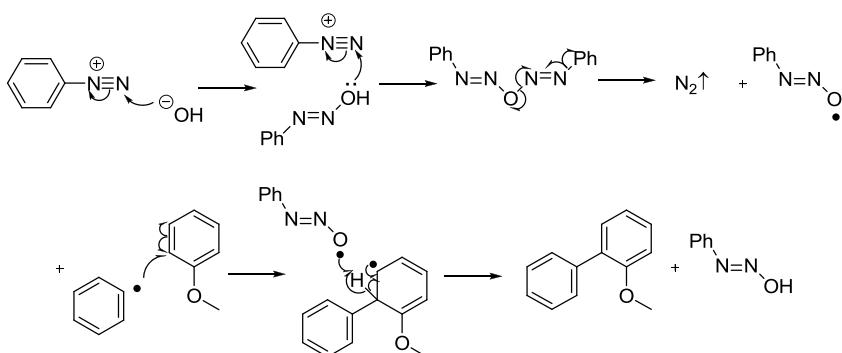
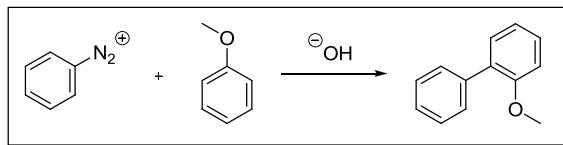
Example 7¹³

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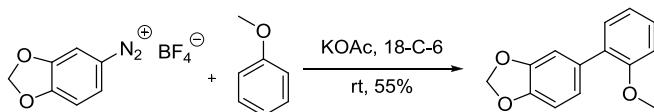
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Gomberg–Bachmann reaction

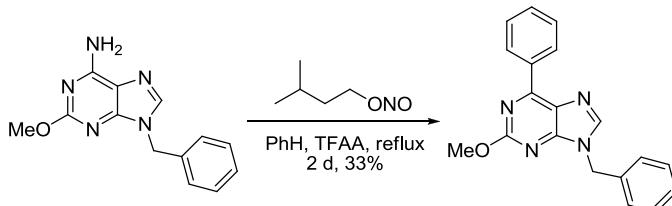
Base-promoted radical coupling between an aryl diazonium salt and an arene to form a diaryl compound.

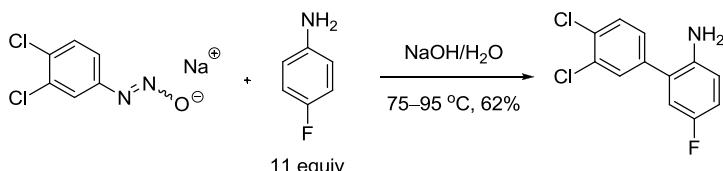


Example 1⁵



Example 2⁶



Example 3, With Diazotate⁷

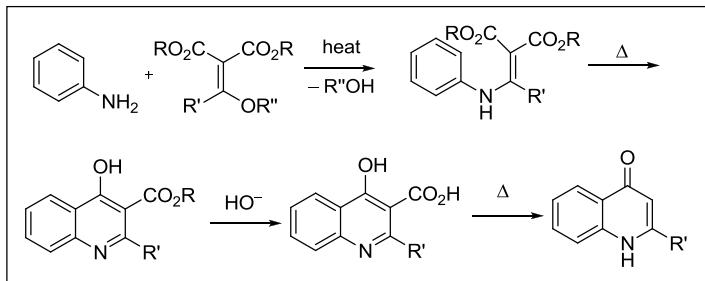
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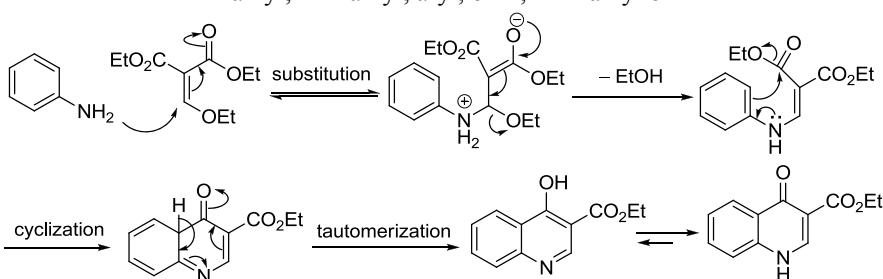
Gould–Jacobs reaction

The Gould–Jacobs reaction is a sequence of the following reactions:

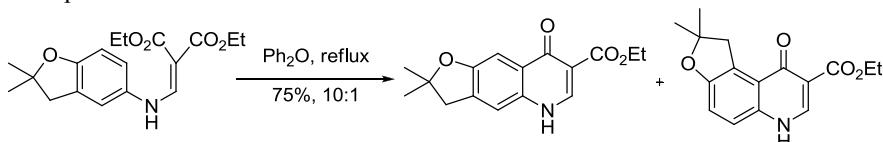
- Substitution of an aniline with either alkoxy methylenemalonic ester or acyl malonic ester providing the anilinomethylenemalonic ester;
- Cyclization of the 4-hydroxy-3-carboalkoxyquinoline (4-hydroxyquinolines exist predominantly in 4-oxoform);
- Saponification to form acid;
- Decarboxylation to give the 4-hydroxyquinoline. Extension could lead to unsubstituted parent heterocycles with fused pyridine ring of Skraup type.



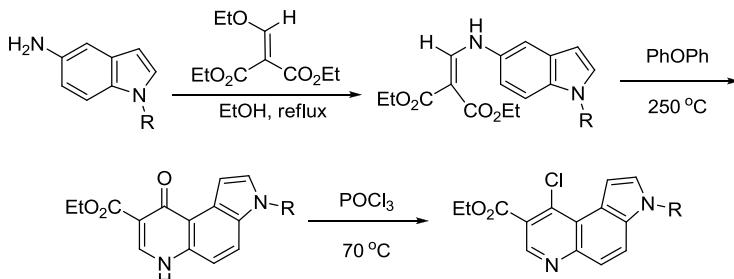
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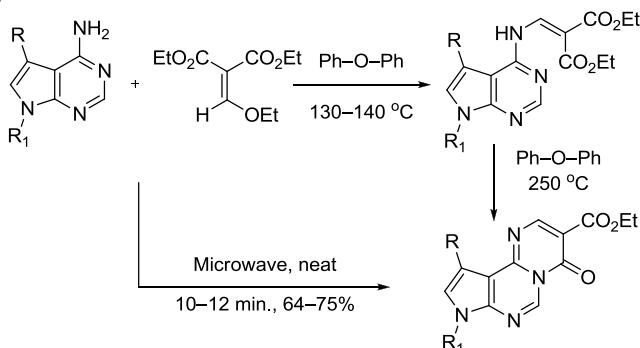
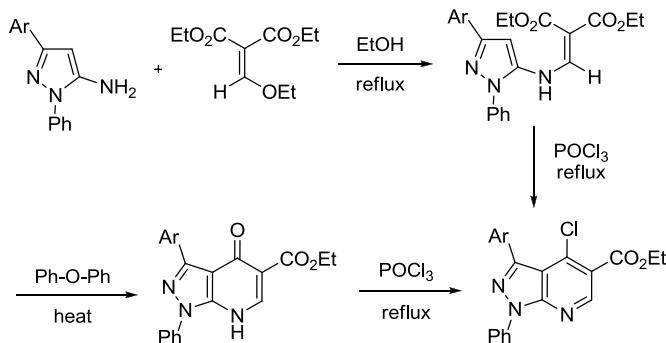


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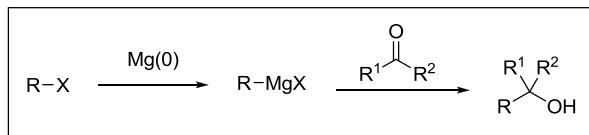
Example 3, Microwave-assisted Gould–Jacobs reaction⁸Example 4⁹

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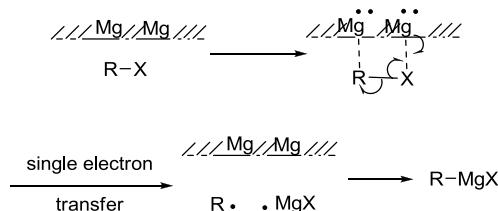
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Grignard reaction

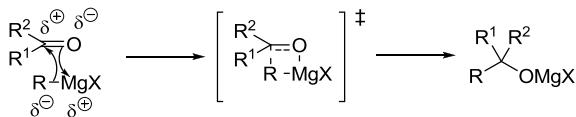
Addition of organomagnesium compounds (Grignard reagents), generated from organohalides and magnesium metal, to electrophiles.



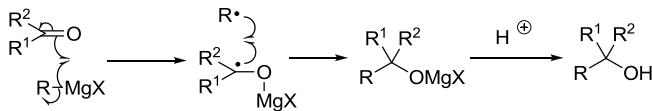
Formation of the Grignard reagent:



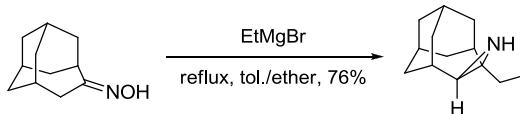
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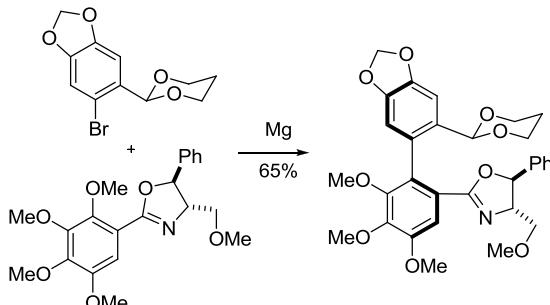
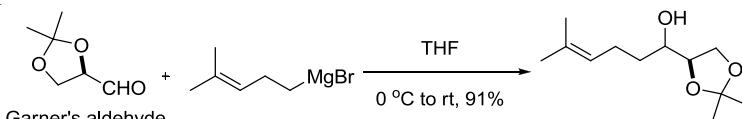
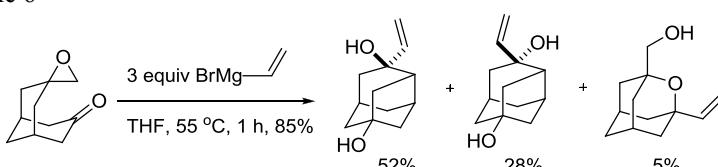
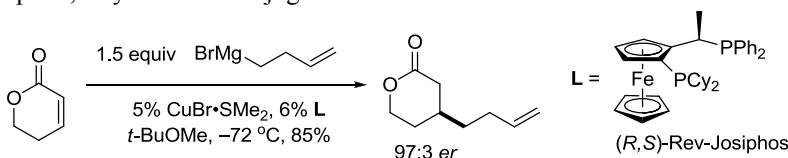
Grignard reaction, radical mechanism,



Example 1⁴



This reaction is known as the *Hoch–Campbell aziridine synthesis*, which entails treatment of ketoximes with excess Grignard reagents and subsequent hydrolysis of the organometallic complex to produce aziridines.

Example 2⁵Example 5¹⁰Example 6¹¹Example 7, Asymmetric Conjugate Addition¹²

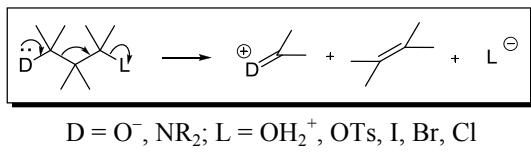
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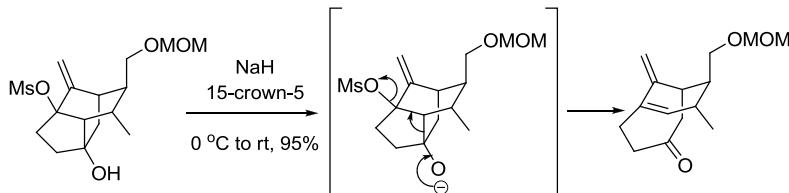
Grob fragmentation

The C–C bond cleavage primarily via a concerted process involving a five atom system.

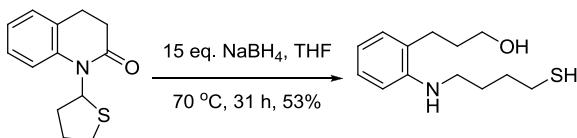
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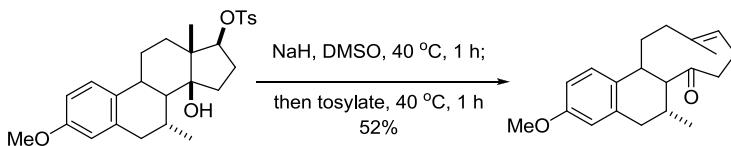
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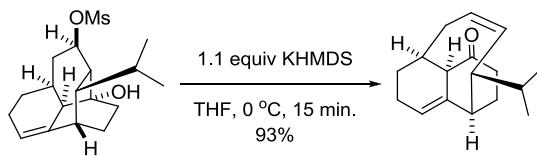
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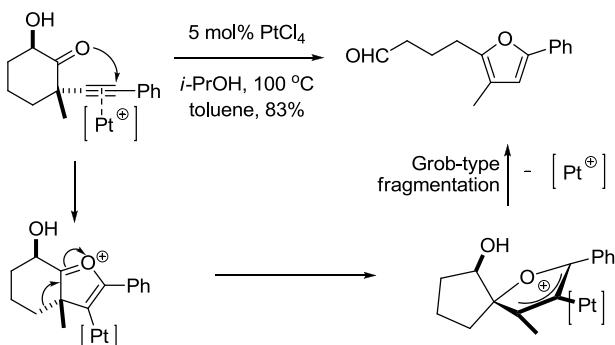


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Example 4⁸



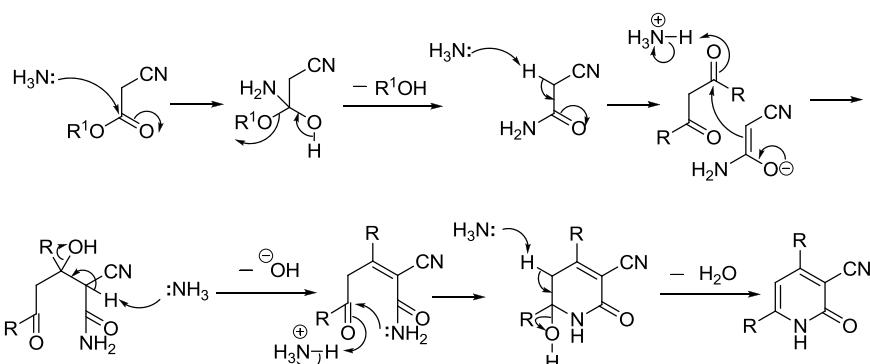
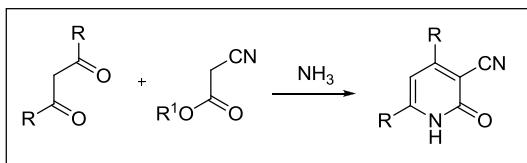
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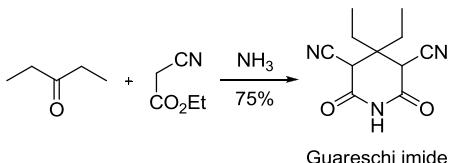
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Guareschi–Thorpe condensation

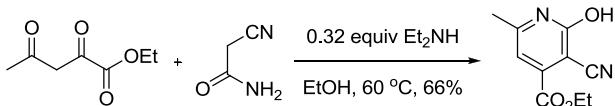
2-Pyridone formation from the condensation of cyanoacetic ester with diketone in the presence of ammonia.



Example 1⁶



Example 2⁹



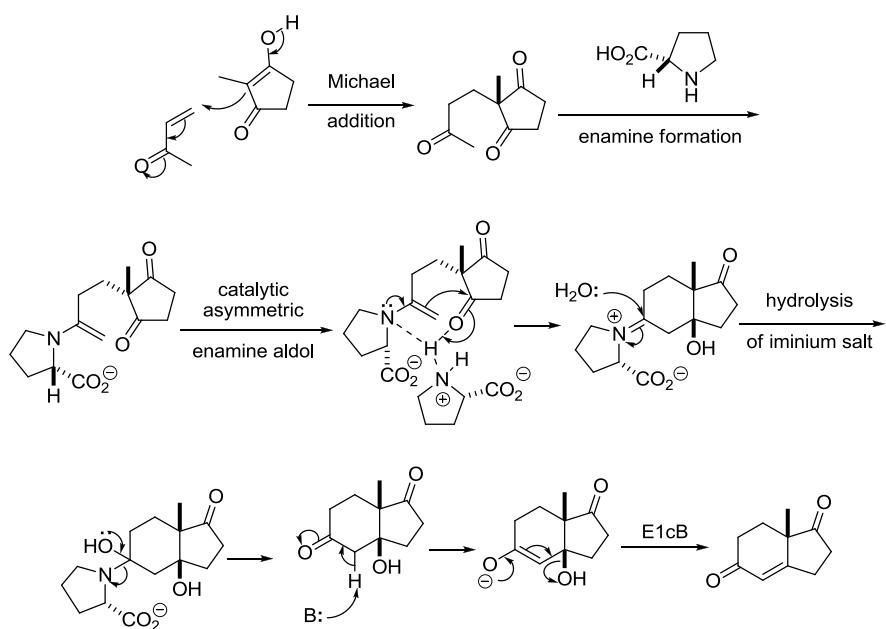
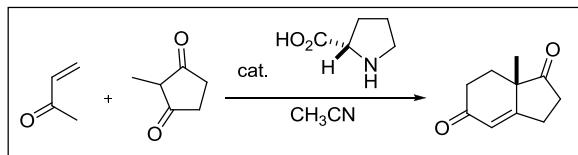
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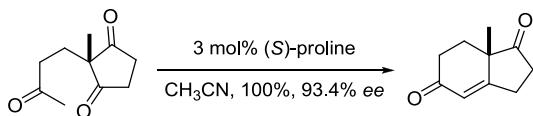
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Hajos–Wiechert reaction

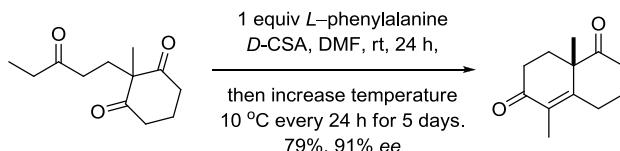
Asymmetric Robinson annulation catalyzed by (*S*)-(*-*)-proline.

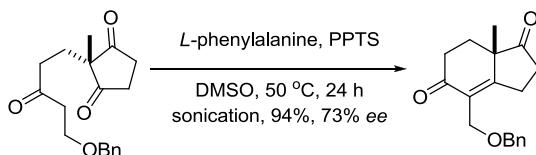
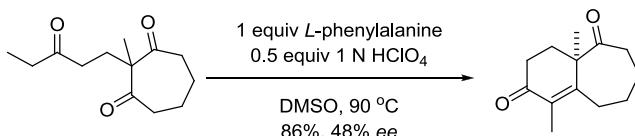


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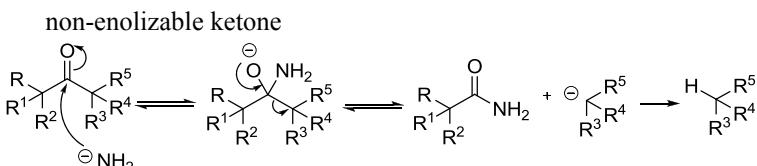
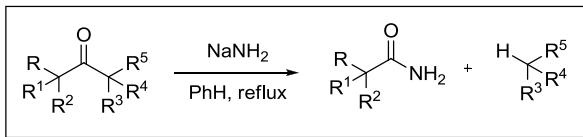
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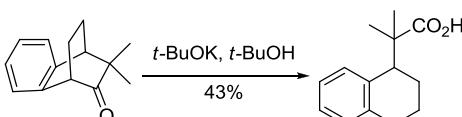
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Haller–Bauer reaction

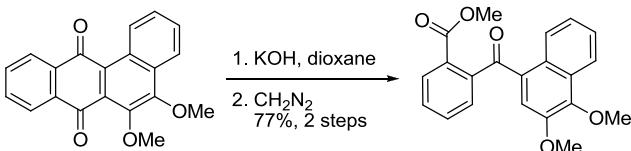
Base-induced cleavage of non-enolizable ketones leading to carboxylic amide or acid derivative and a neutral fragment in which the carbonyl group is replaced by a hydrogen.



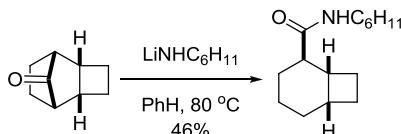
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Example 2⁹



Example 3, Racemization¹⁰

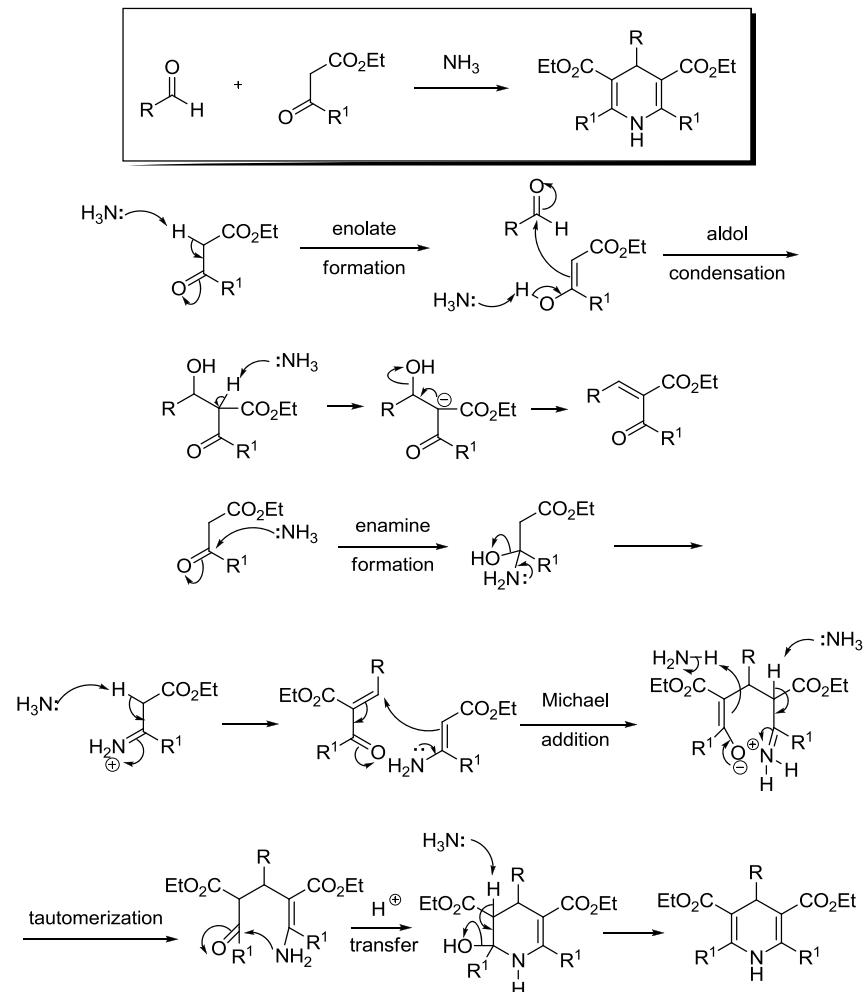


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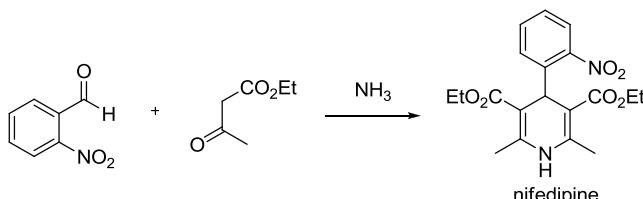
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Hantzsch dihydropyridine synthesis

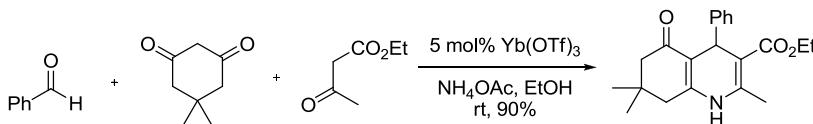
1,4-Dihydropyridine from the condensation of aldehyde, β -ketoester and ammonia. Hantzsch 1,4-dihydropyridines are popular reducing reagents in organo-catalysis.



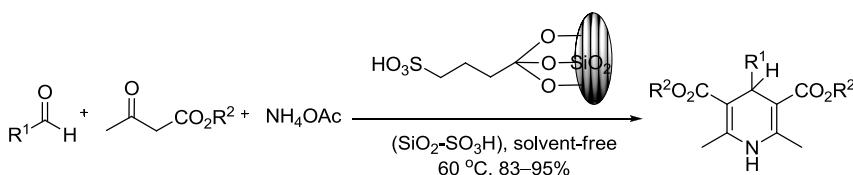
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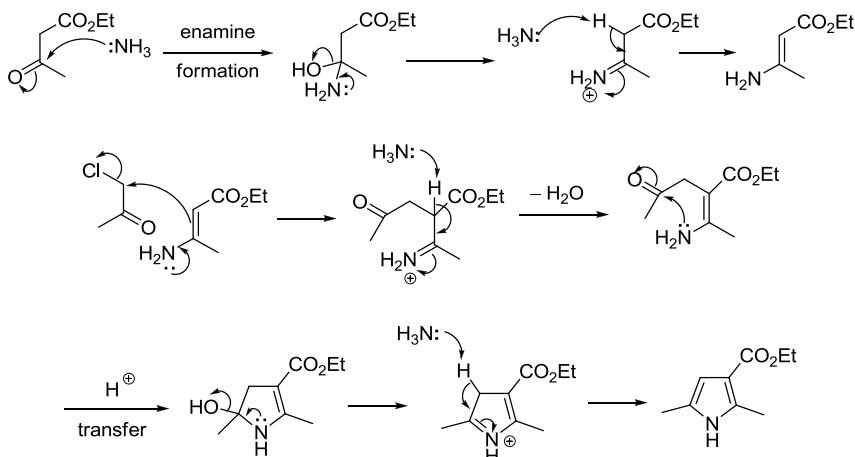
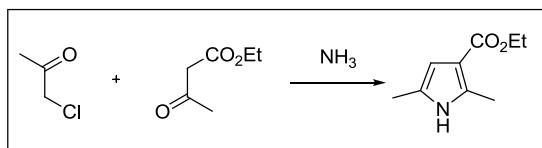


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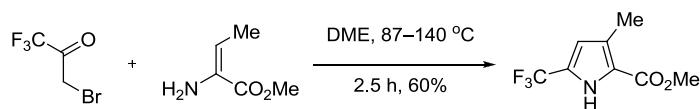
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Hantzsch pyrrole synthesis

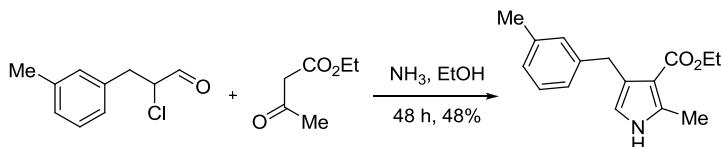
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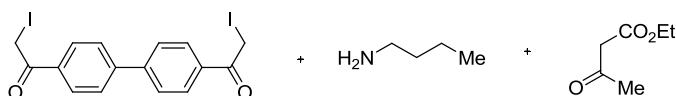
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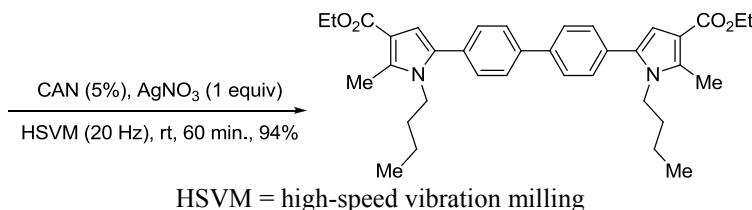


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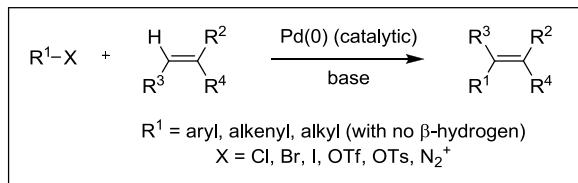


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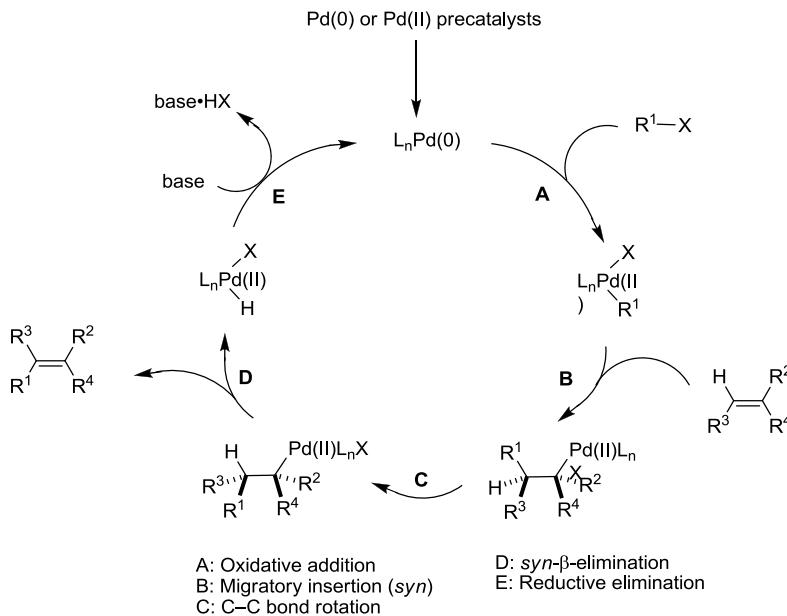
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Heck reaction

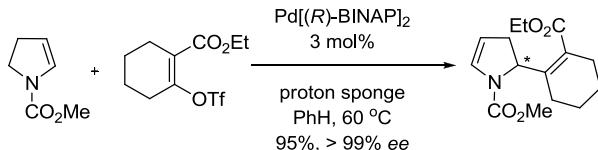
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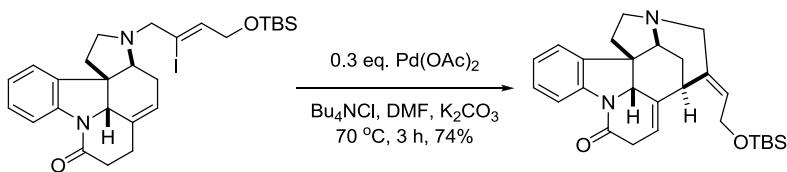
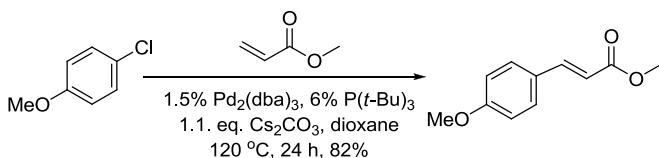
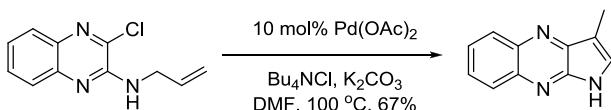
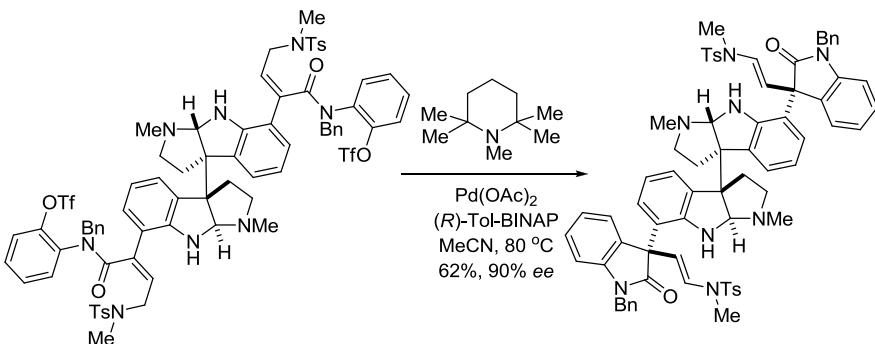
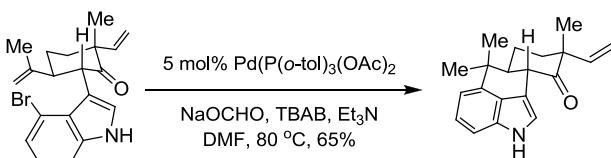


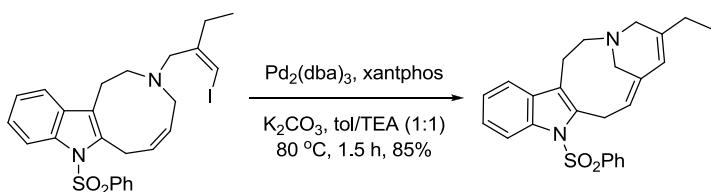
The catalytic cycle:



Example 1, Asymmetric intermolecular Heck reaction⁶



Example 2, Intramolecular Heck⁷Example 3⁸Example 4, Intramolecular Heck⁹Example 5, Intramolecular Heck¹³Example 6, Reductive Heck reaction¹⁷

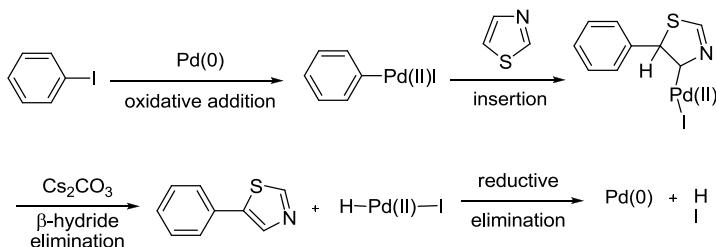
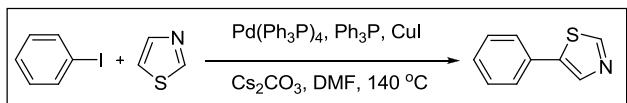
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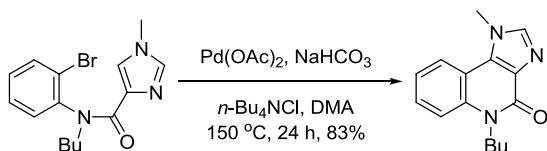
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Heteroaryl Heck reaction

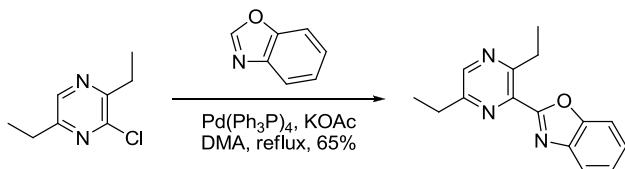
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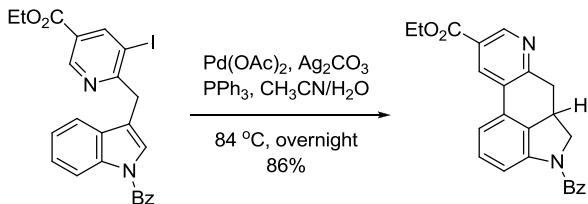
Example 1²



Example 2³



Example 3⁷

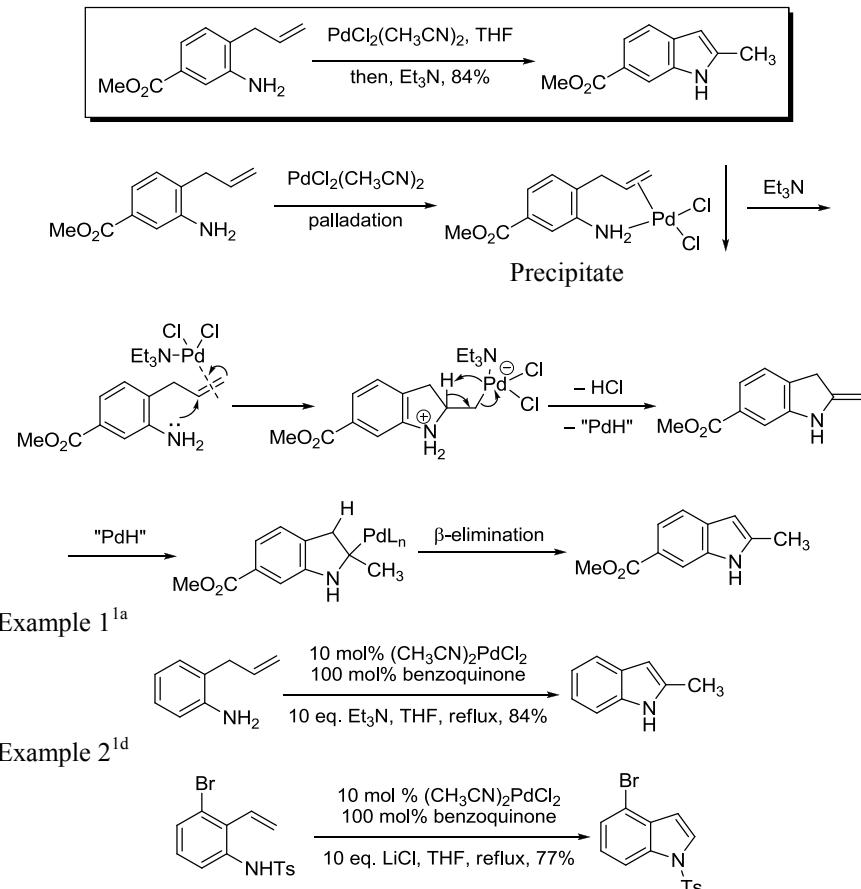


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Hegedus indole synthesis

Stoichiometric Pd(II)-mediated oxidative cyclization of alkenyl anilines to indoles. Cf. Wacker oxidation.

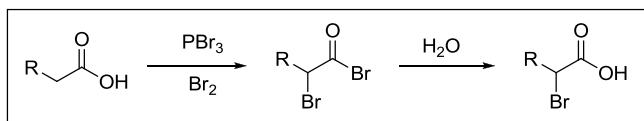


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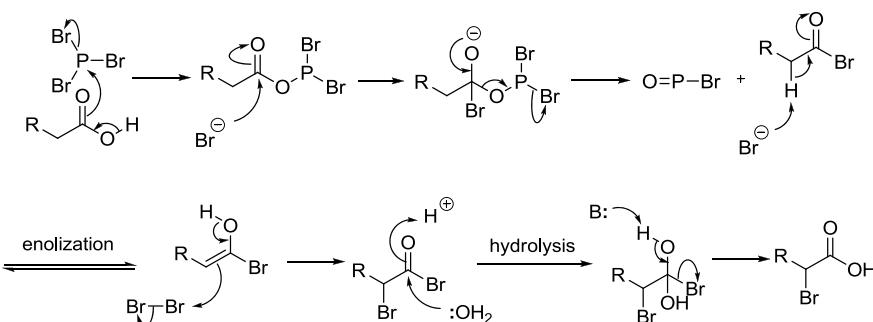
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Hell–Volhard–Zelinsky reaction

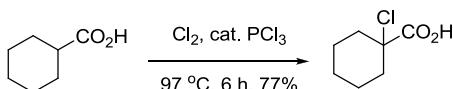
α -Halogenation of carboxylic acids using X_2/PBr_3 .



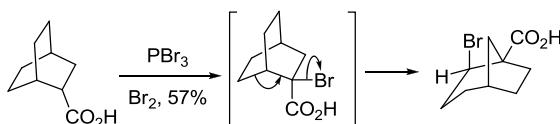
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Example 1⁵



Example 2⁶



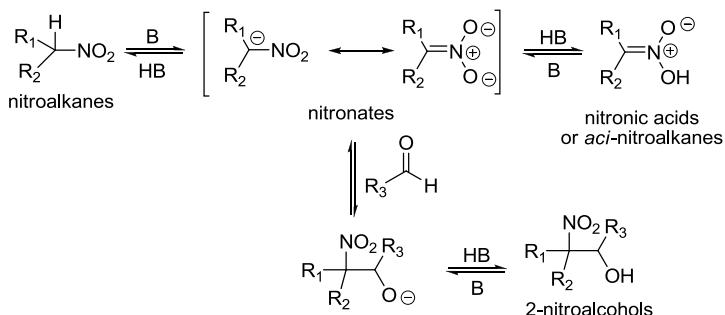
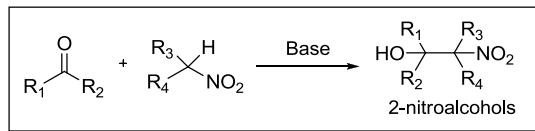
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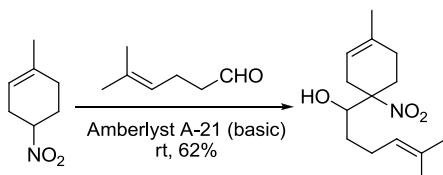
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Henry nitroaldol reaction

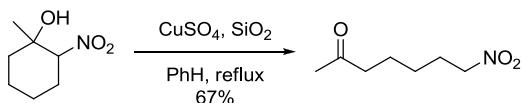
The nitroaldol condensation reaction involving aldehydes and nitronates, derived from deprotonation of nitroalkanes by bases.



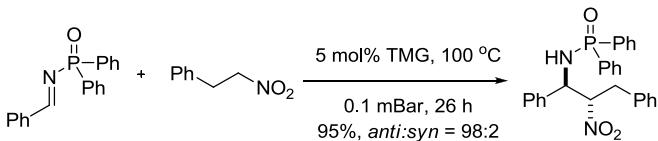
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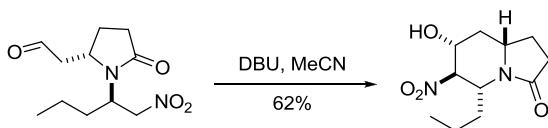
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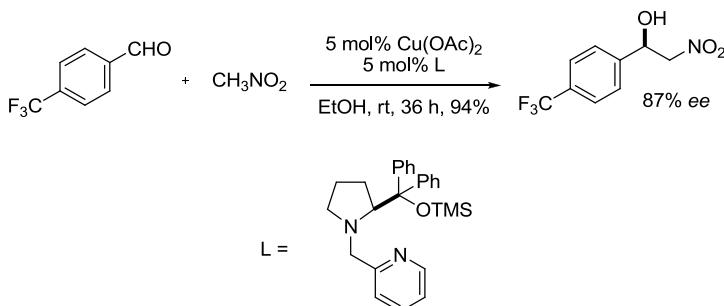
Example 3, Aza-Henry reaction⁸



Example 4, Intramolecular Henry reaction¹⁰



Example 4, A highly asymmetric Henry reaction catalyzed by chiral copper(II) complexes¹²

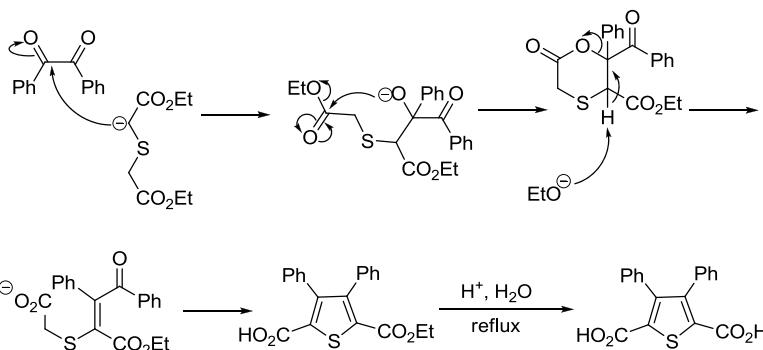
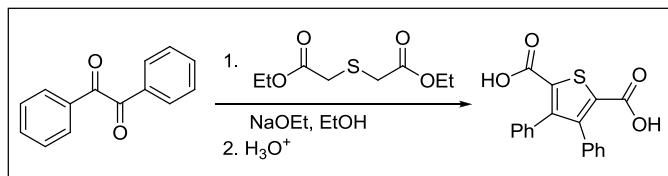


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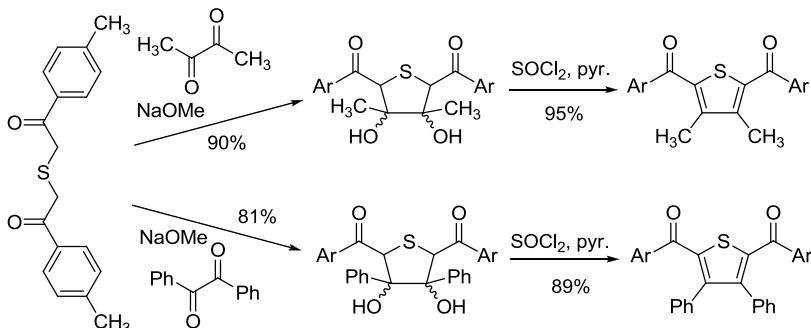
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Hinsberg synthesis of thiophenes

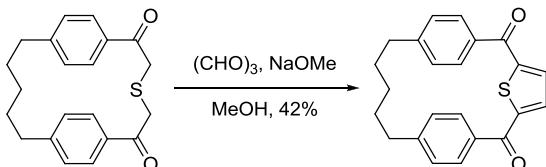
Condensation of diethyl thiodiglycolate and α -diketones under basic conditions, which provides 3,4-disubstituted thiophene-2,5-dicarbonyls upon hydrolysis of the crude ester product with aqueous acid.



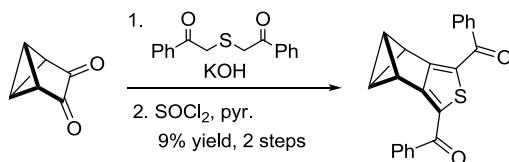
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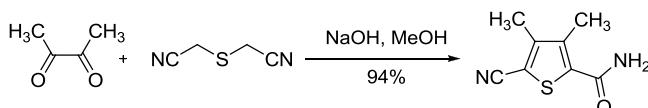
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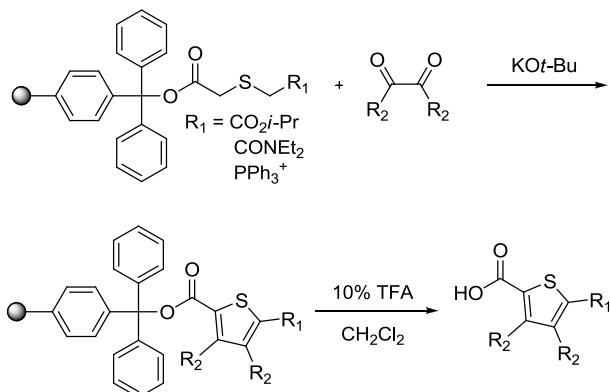
Example 3⁵



Example 4⁶



Example 5, Polymer-support Hinsberg thiophene synthesis⁹

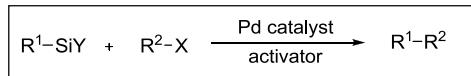


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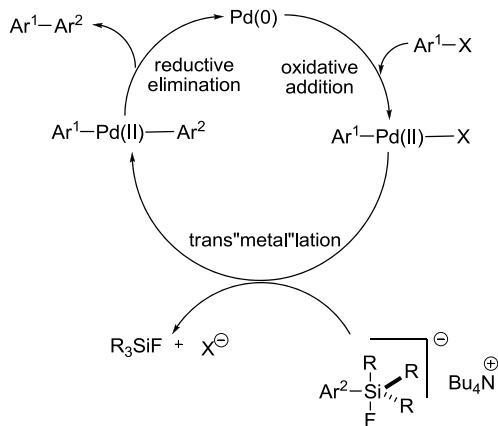
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Hiyama cross-coupling reaction

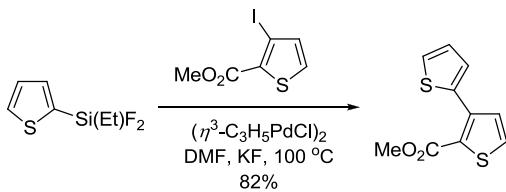
Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organosilicons with organic halides, triflates, *etc.* In the presence of an activating agent such as fluoride or hydroxide (transmetalation is reluctant to occur without the effect of an activating agent). For the catalytic cycle, see the Kumada coupling.



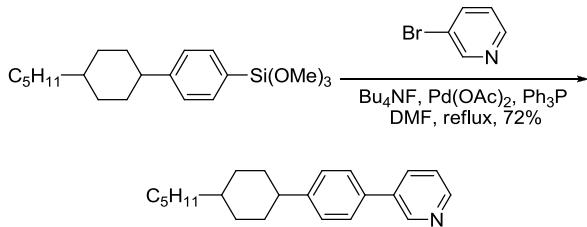
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 $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{OTf}$
activator = TBAF, base

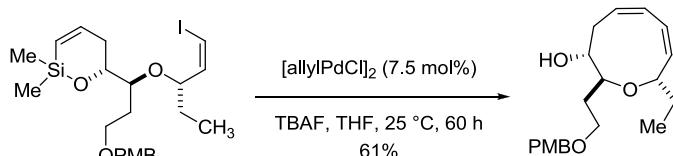
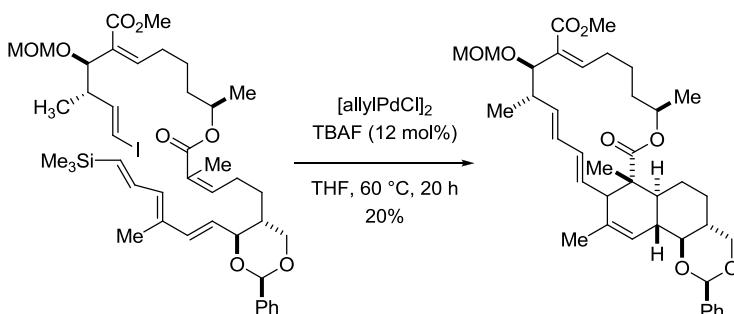
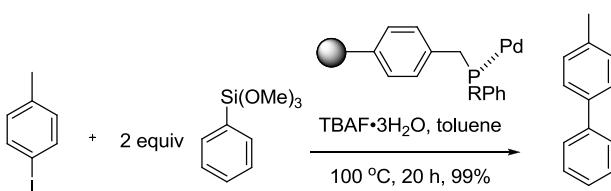


Example 1^{1a}



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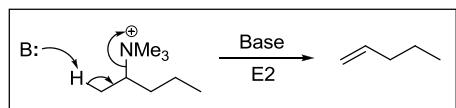
Example 3⁷Example 4⁹Example 5, Reusable polystyrene-supported palladium catalyst¹¹

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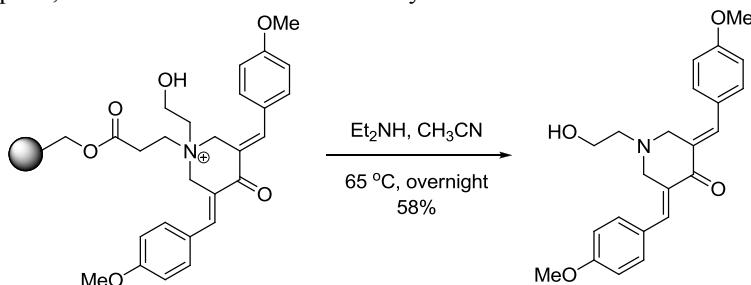
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Hofmann elimination

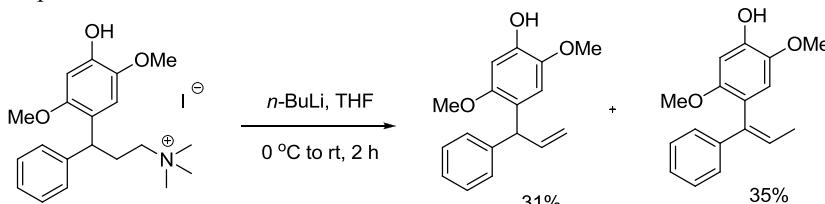
Elimination reaction of alkyl trimethyl amines proceeds with *anti*-stereochemistry, furnishing the least highly substituted olefins.



Example 1, Amine released from the resin by Hofmann elimination¹⁰



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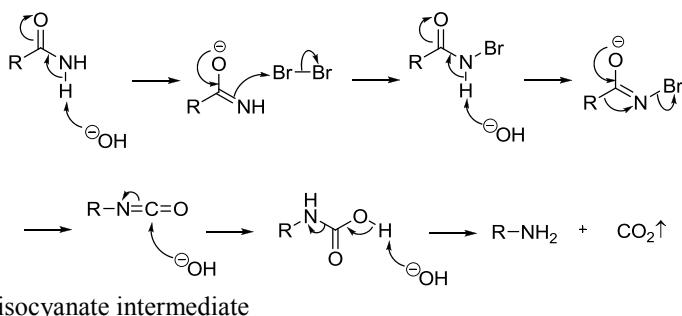
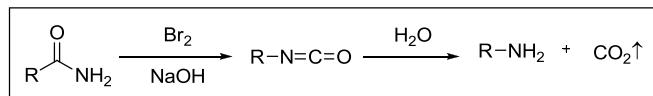


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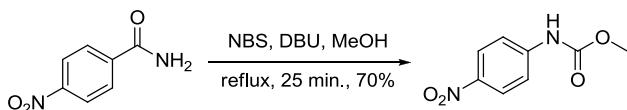
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Hofmann rearrangement

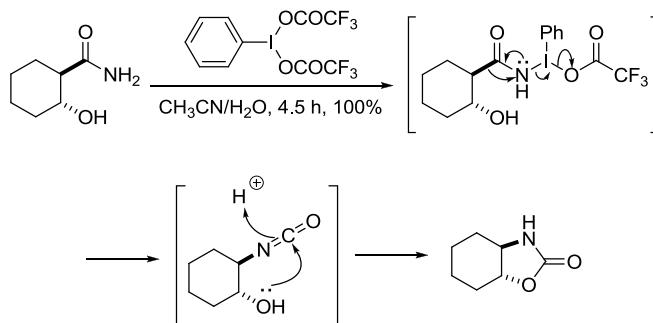
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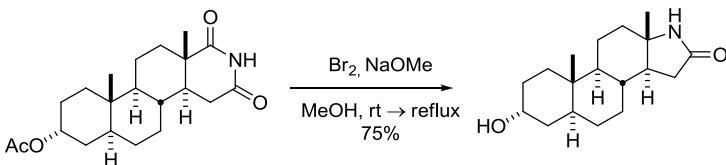
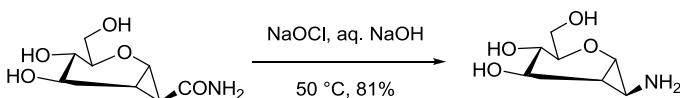
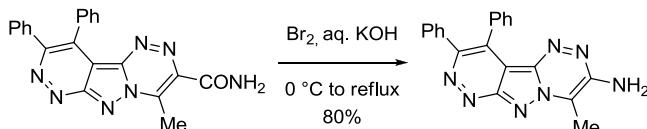
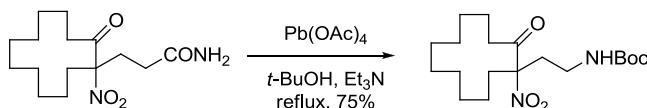


Example 1, An NBS variant²



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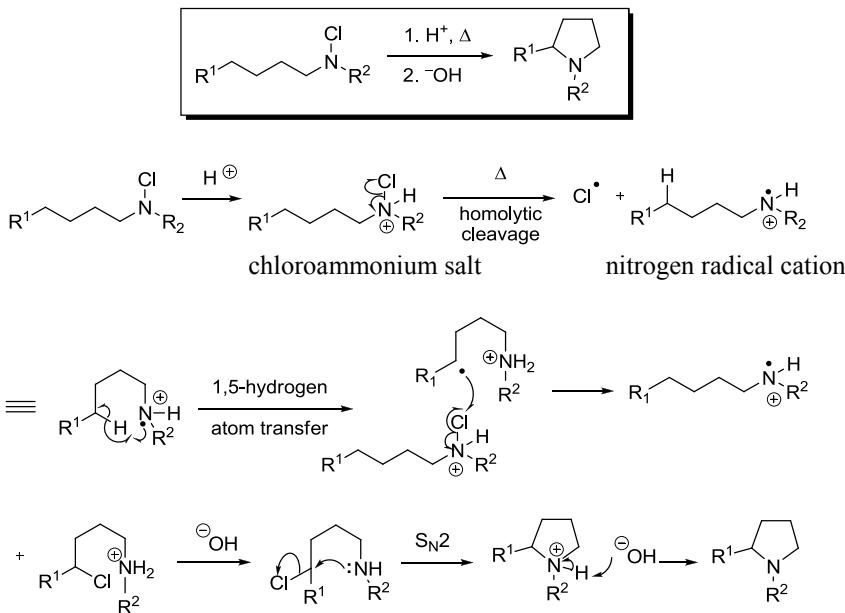
Example 3, Bromine and alkoxide⁶Example 4, Sodium hypochlorite⁷Example 5, The original conditions, bromine and hydroxide⁹Example 6, Lead tetraacetate¹⁰

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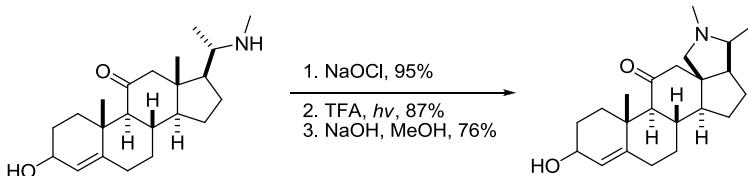
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Hofmann–Löffler–Freytag reaction

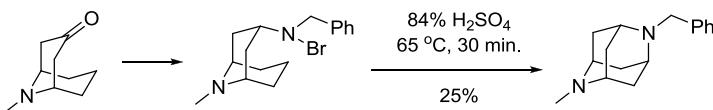
Formation of pyrrolidines or piperidines by thermal or photochemical decomposition of protonated *N*-haloamines.



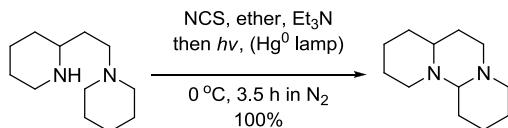
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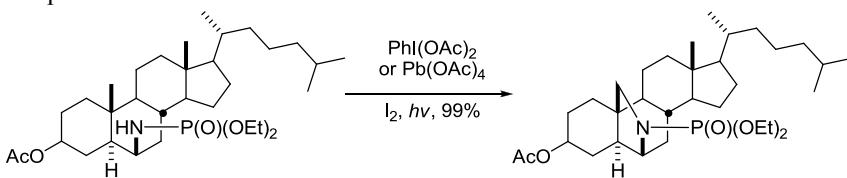
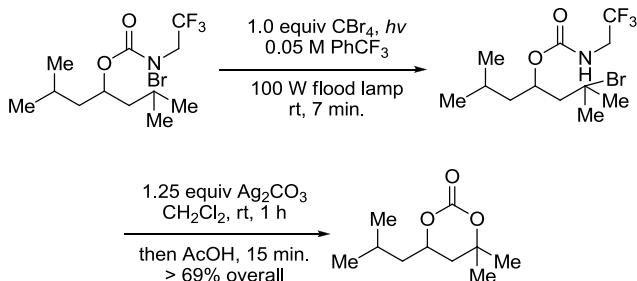
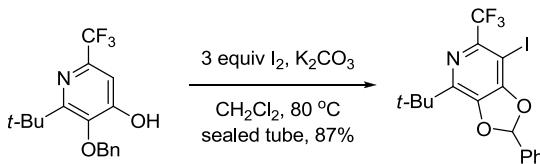


Example 2⁴



Example 3⁵



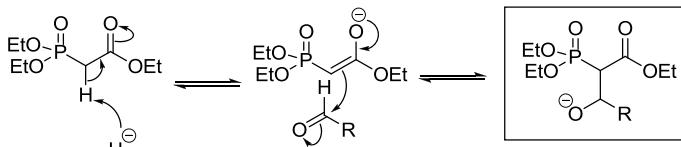
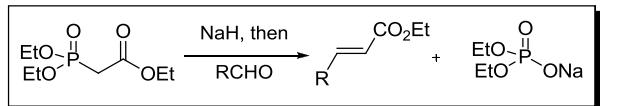
Example 4⁷Example 5¹²Example 6¹³

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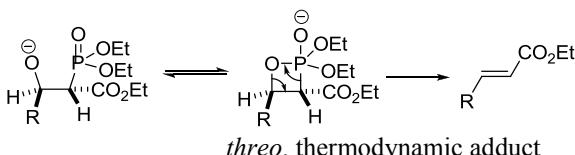
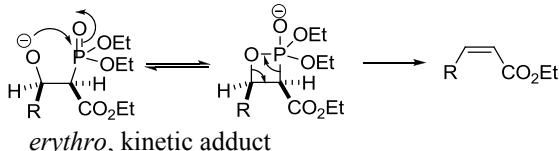
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Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons reaction

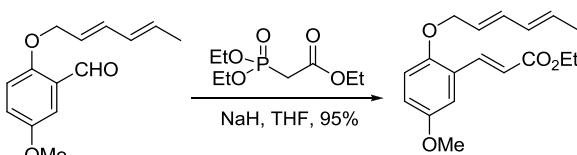
Olefin formation from aldehydes and phosphonates. Workup is more advantageous than the corresponding Wittig reaction because the phosphate by-product can be washed away with water. Typically gives the *trans*- rather than the *cis*-olefins.



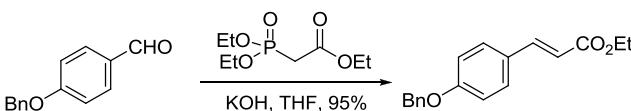
The stereochemical outcome: *erythro* (kinetic) or *threo* (thermodynamic)



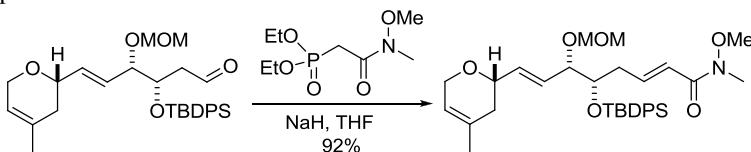
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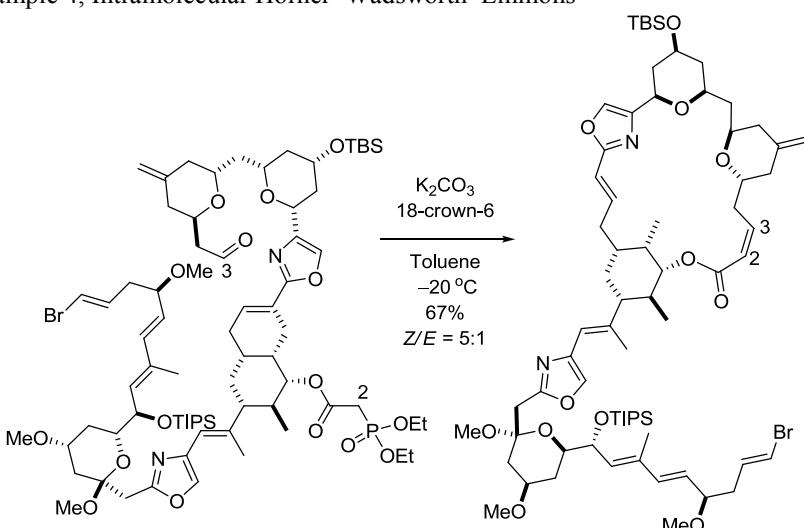
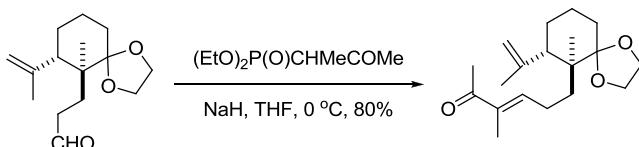


Example 2⁴



Example 3⁷



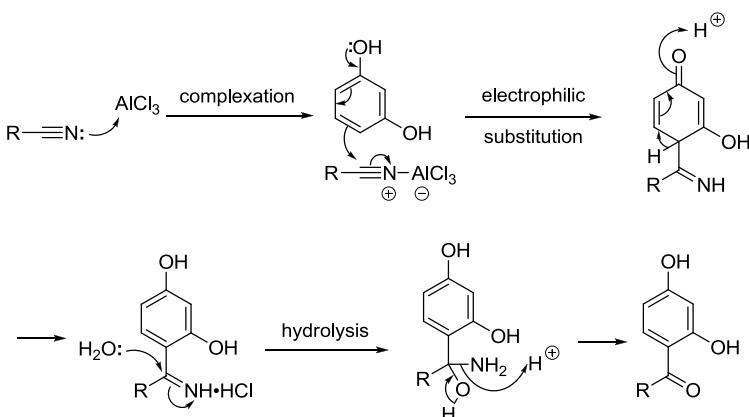
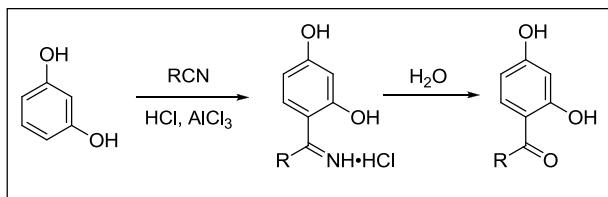
Example 4, Intramolecular Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons⁹Example 4¹¹

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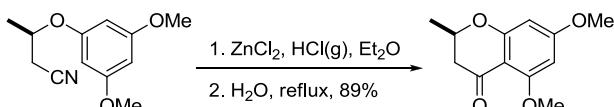
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Houben–Hoesch reaction

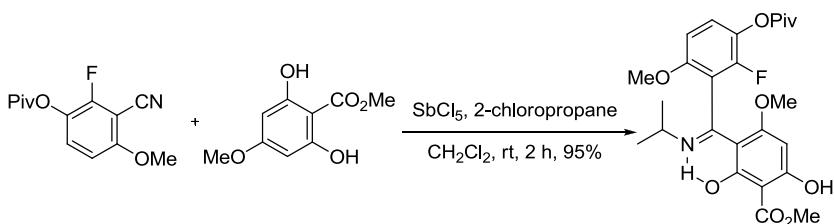
Acid-catalyzed acylation of phenols as well as phenolic ethers using nitriles.



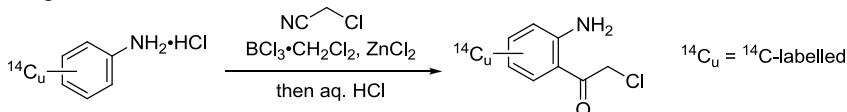
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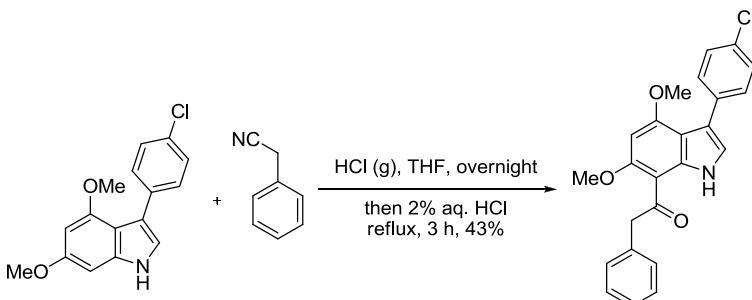
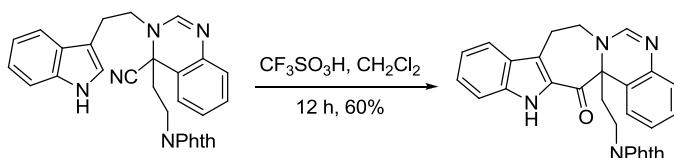


Example 2⁶



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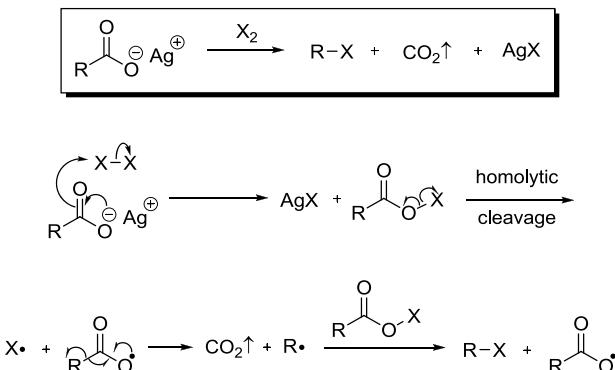
Example 4⁹Example 5¹⁰

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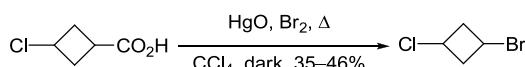
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Hunsdiecker–Borodin reaction

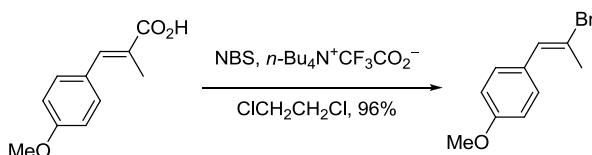
Conversion of silver carboxylate to halide by treatment with halogen.



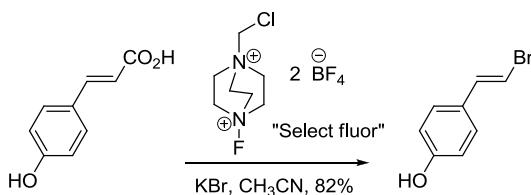
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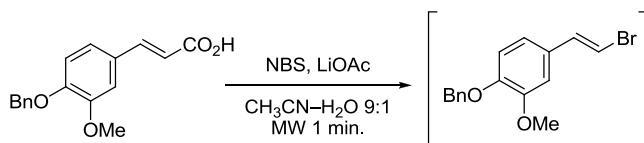
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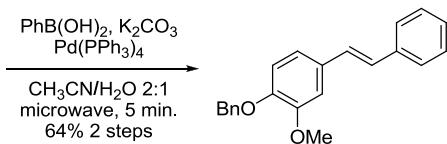


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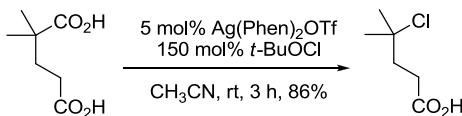


Example 4, One-pot microwave-Hunsdiecker–Borodin followed by Suzuki¹⁰





Example 5¹¹

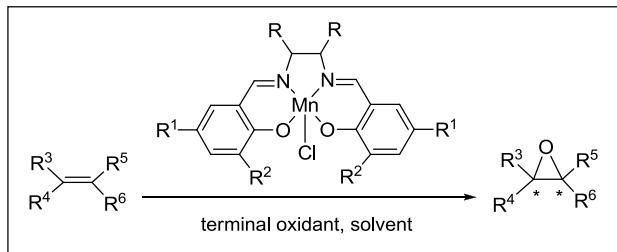


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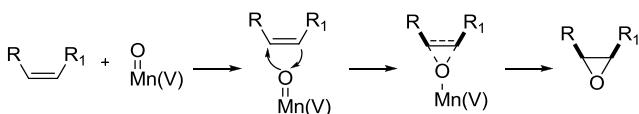
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Jacobsen–Katsuki epoxidation

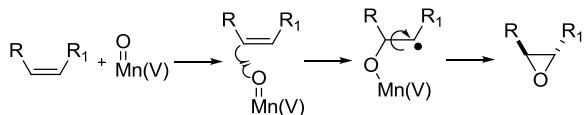
Mn(III)salen-catalyzed asymmetric epoxidation of (*Z*)-olefins.



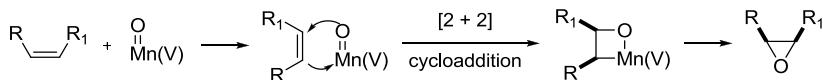
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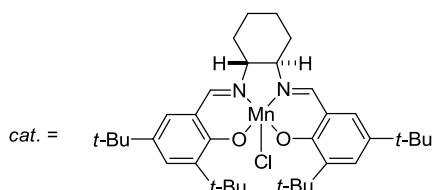
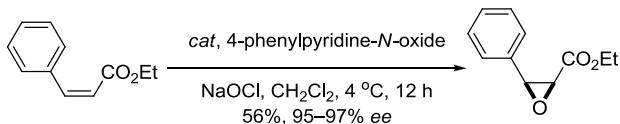
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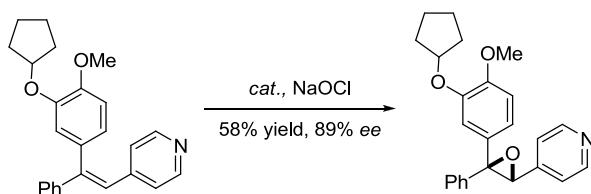
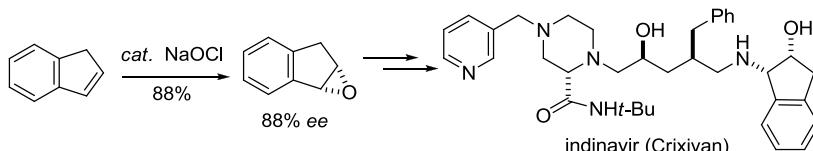


3. Oxygen transfer *via* manganaoxetane intermediate (*cis*-epoxide):



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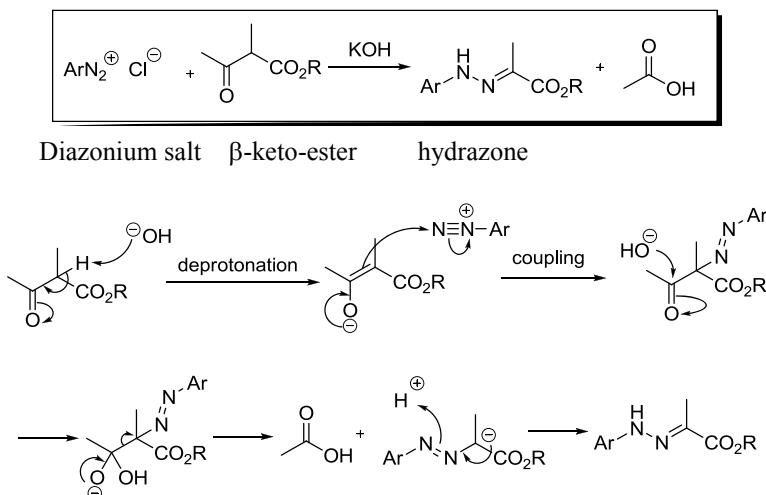
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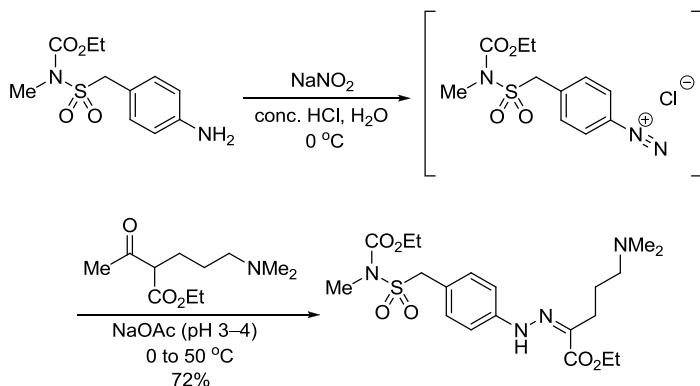
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Japp–Klingemann hydrazone synthesis

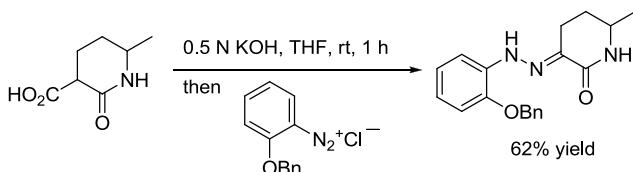
Hydrazones from β -ketoesters and diazonium salts with the acid or base.



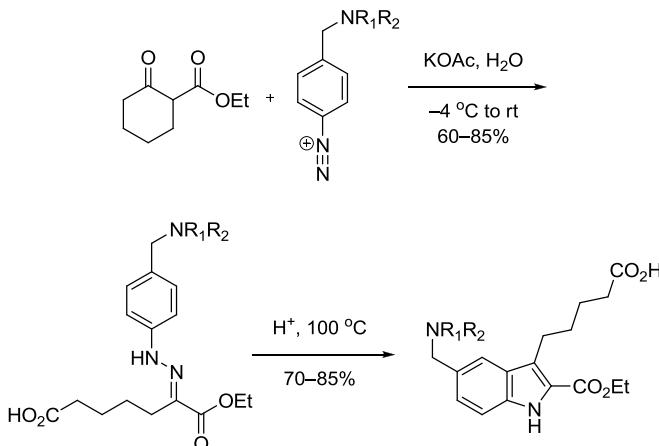
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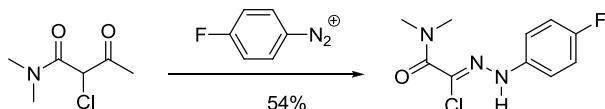
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Example 3¹⁰



Example 4, A Japp–Klingemann cleavage¹¹

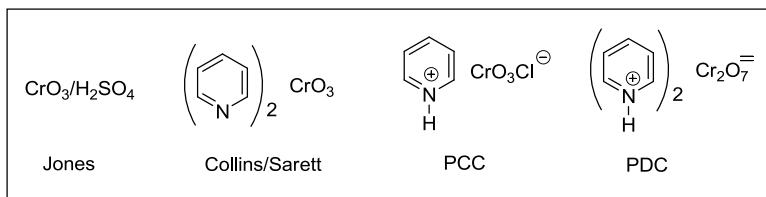


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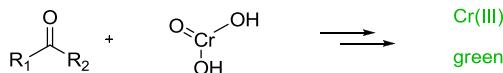
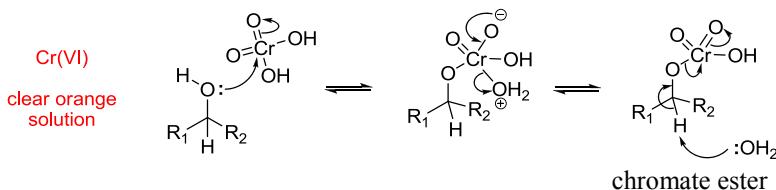
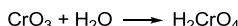
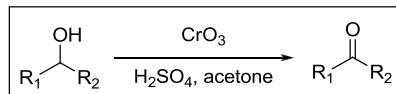
Jones oxidation

The **Collins/Sarett oxidation** (chromium trioxide-pyridine complex), and **Corey's PCC** (pyridinium chlorochromate) and **PDC** (pyridinium dichromate) **oxidations** follow a similar pathway as the **Jones oxidation** (chromium trioxide and sulfuric acid in acetone). All these oxidants have a chromium (VI), normally orange or yellow, which is reduced to Cr(III), often green.

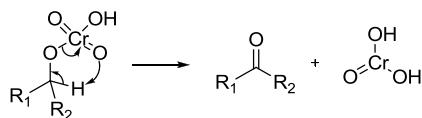


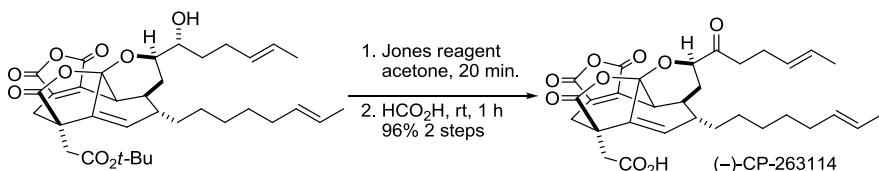
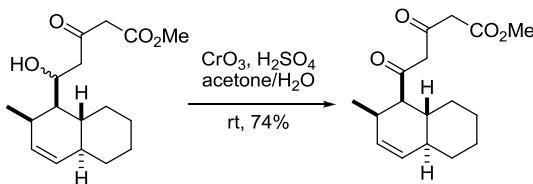
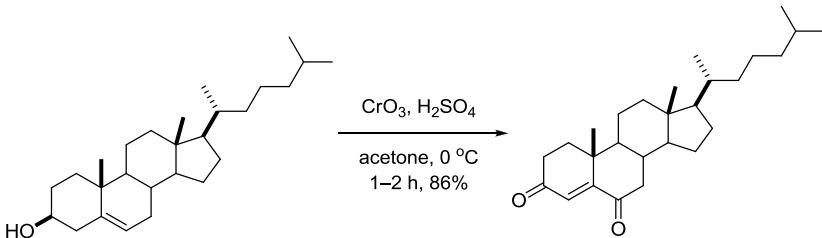
Jones oxidation

By the Jones oxidation, the primary alcohols are oxidized to the corresponding aldehyde or carboxylic acids, whereas the secondary alcohols are oxidized to the corresponding ketones.



The intramolecular mechanism is also operative:



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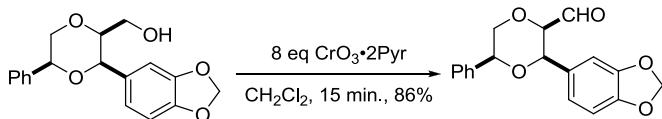
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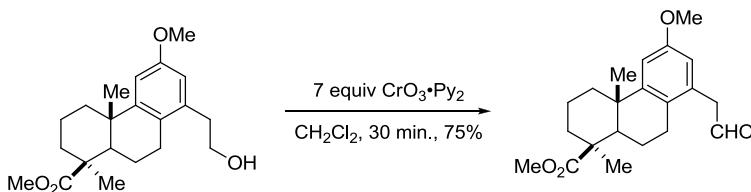
Collins oxidation

Different from the Jones oxidation, the Collins oxidation, also known as the Collins–Sarett oxidation, converts primary alcohols to the corresponding aldehydes. $\text{CrO}_3 \cdot 2\text{Pyr}$ is known as the **Collins reagent**.

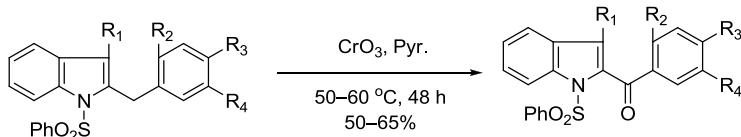
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Example 2⁷



Example 3⁹



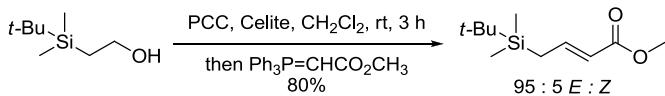
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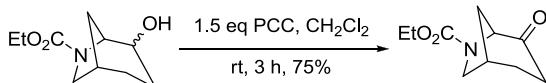
PCC oxidation

Alcohols are oxidized by pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) to the corresponding aldehydes or ketones. They are not further oxidized to the corresponding carboxylic acids because the reaction was done in organic solvents, not in water. If water existed, the carbonyls would form *aldehyde hydrates* or *ketone hydrates*, which are then oxidized to acids.

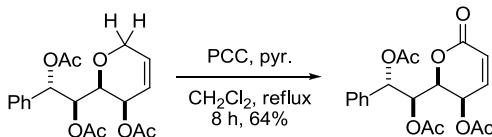
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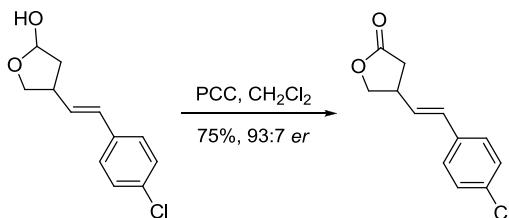
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Example 3, Allylic oxidation⁴



Example 4, Hemiacetal oxidation⁵



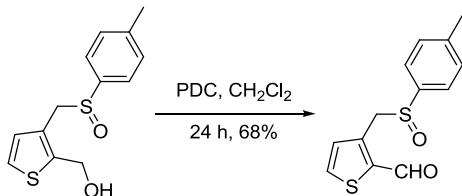
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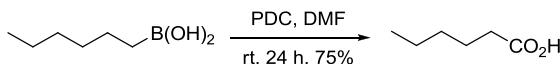
PDC oxidation

Pyridinium dichromate (PDC) may oxidize alcohols all the way to the corresponding carboxylic acids instead of aldehydes and ketones as PCC does.

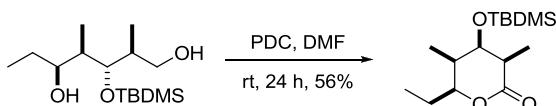
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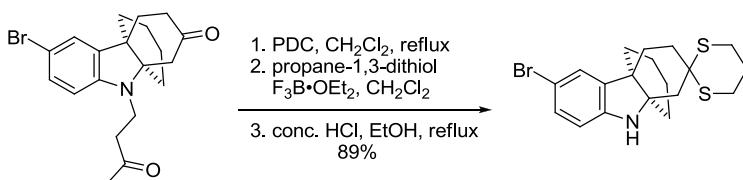
Example 2, Cleavage of primary carbon–boron bond³



Example 3, Hemiacetal as an intermediate⁵



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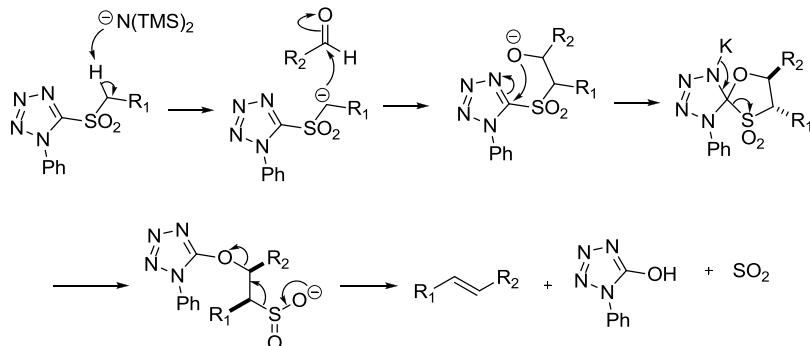
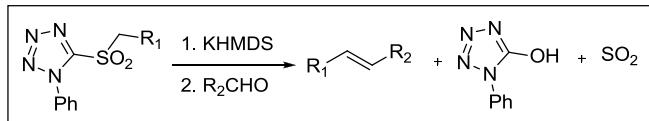


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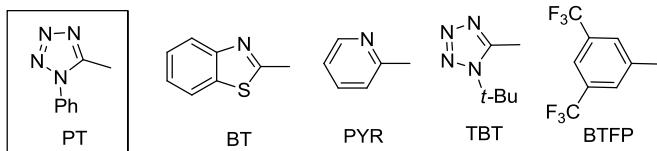
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Julia–Kocienski olefination

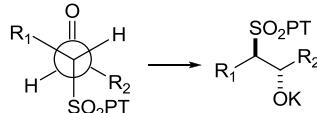
Modified one-pot Julia olefination to give predominantly (*E*)-olefins from heteroarylsulfones and aldehydes. A sulfone reduction step is *not* required.



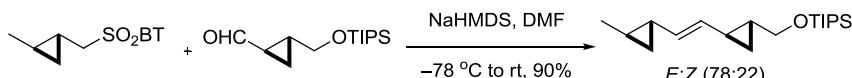
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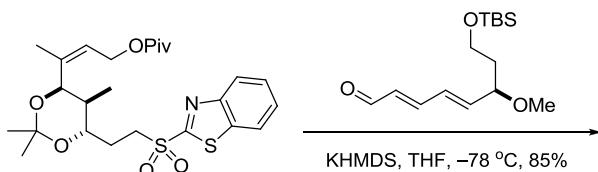
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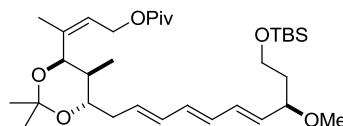
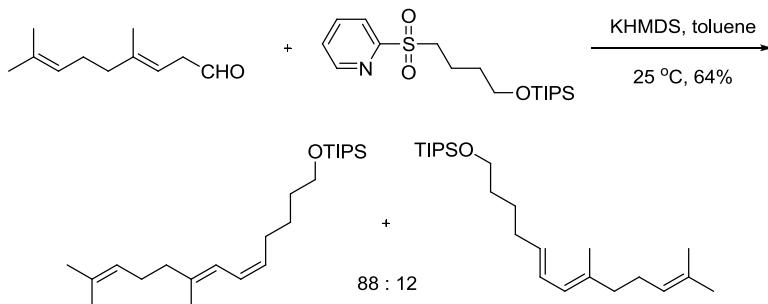
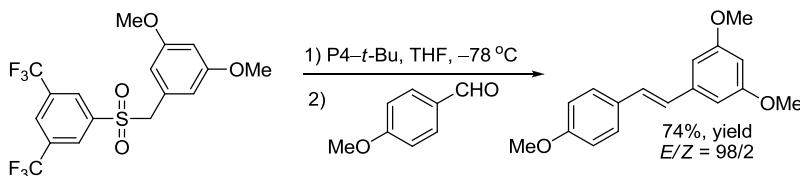


Example 1, (BT = benzothiazole)²



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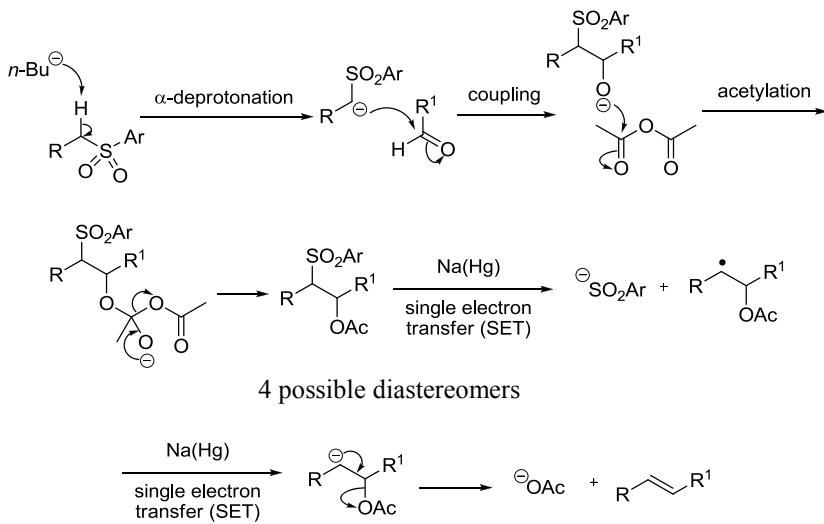
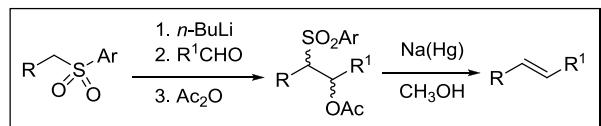
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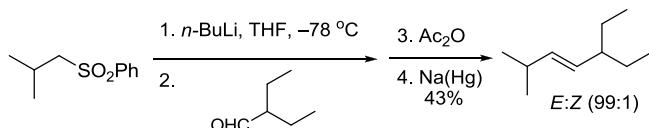
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Julia–Lythgoe olefination

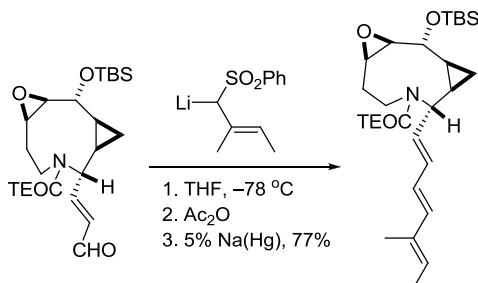
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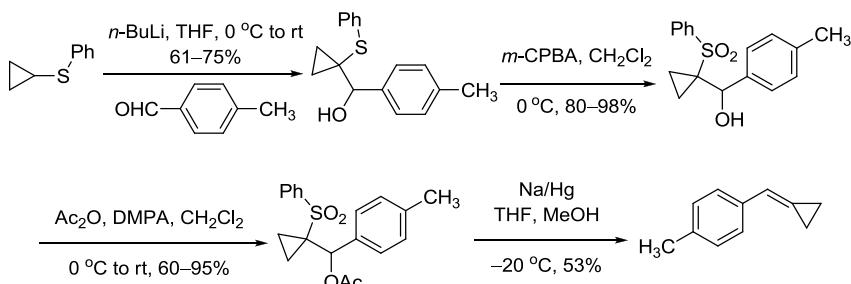
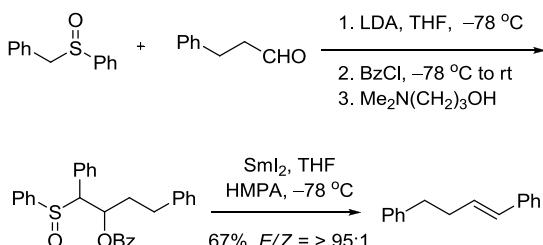


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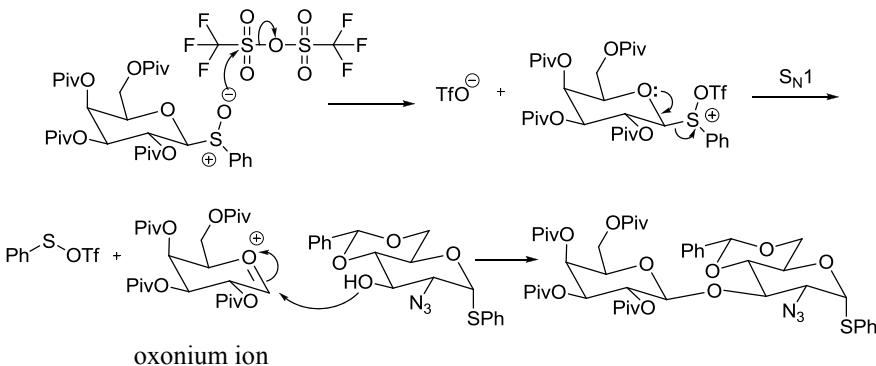
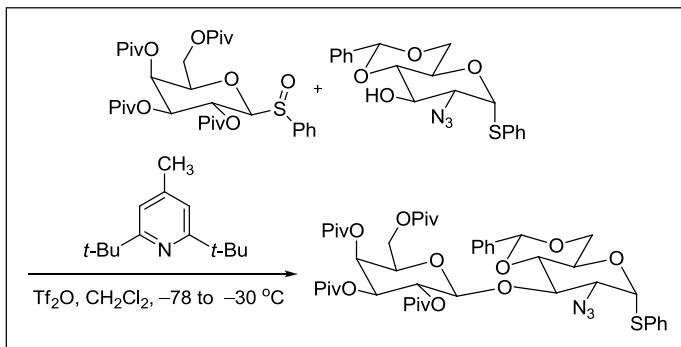
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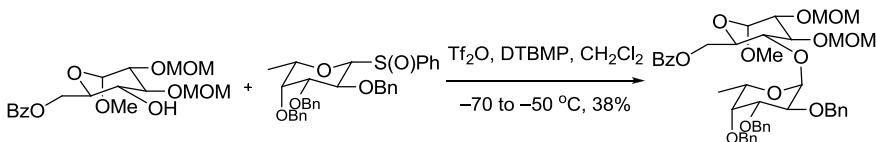
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Kahne glycosidation

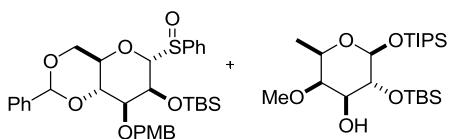
Diastereoselective glycosidation of a sulfoxide at the anomeric center as the glycosyl acceptor. The sulfoxide activation is achieved using Tf_2O .

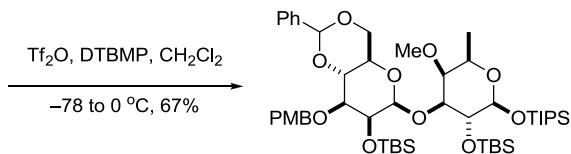


Example 1^{1d}

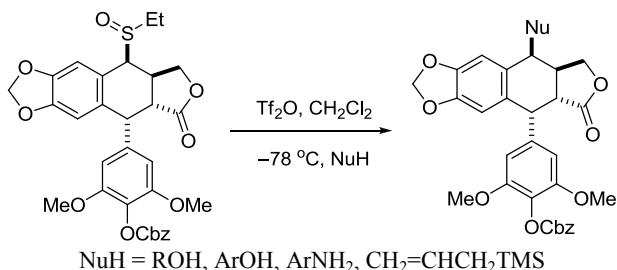


Example 2⁴





Example 3, Reverse Kahne-type glycosylation⁶



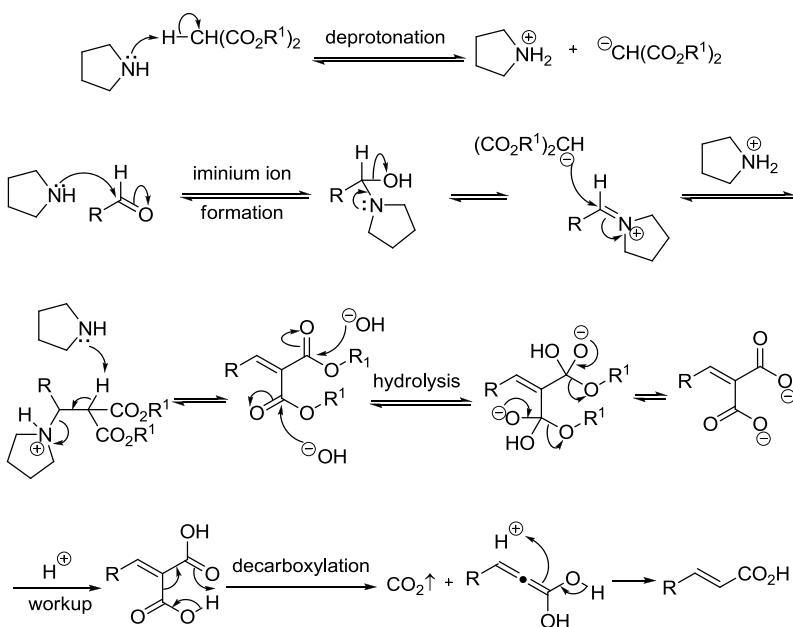
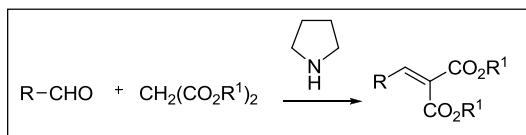
$\text{NuH} = \text{ROH, ArOH, ArNH}_2, \text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{TMS}$

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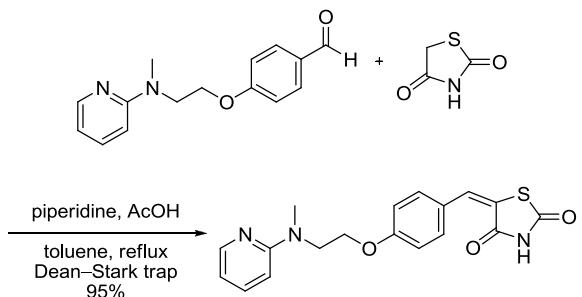
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Knoevenagel condensation

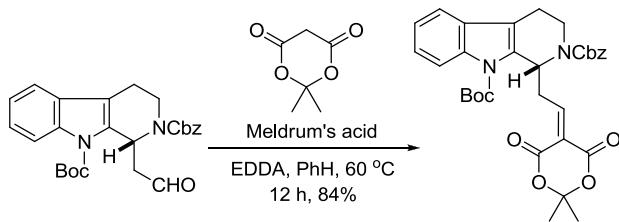
Condensation between carbonyl compounds and activated methylene compounds catalyzed by amines.



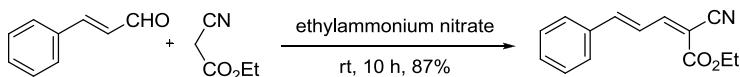
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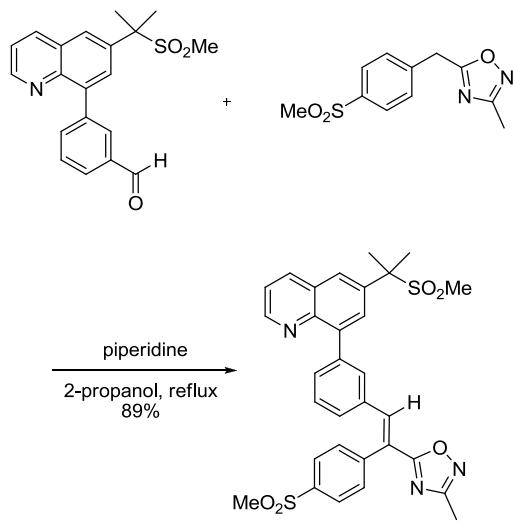
Example 2, EDDA = Ethylenediamine diacetate⁵



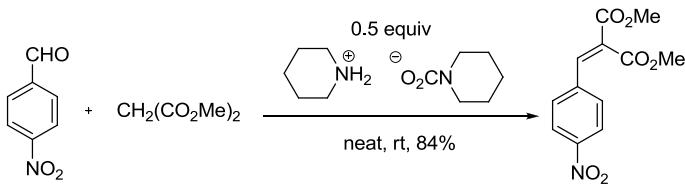
Example 3, Using ionic liquid ethylammonium nitrate (EAN) as solvent⁸



Example 4⁹



Example 5¹¹

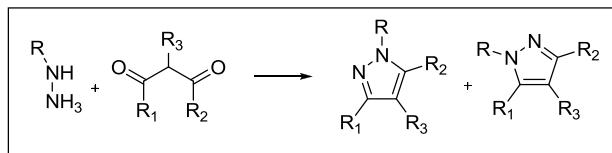


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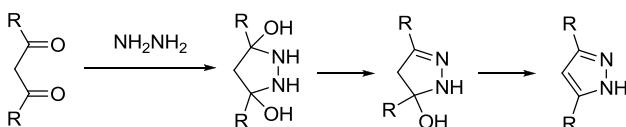
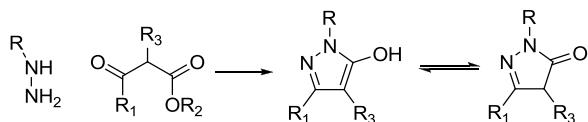
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Knorr pyrazole synthesis

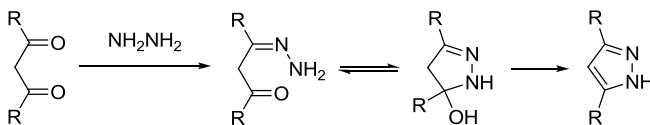
Also known as Knorr reaction. Reaction of hydrazine or substituted hydrazine with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds to provide the pyrazole or pyrazolone ring system. Cf. Paal-Knorr pyrrole synthesis.



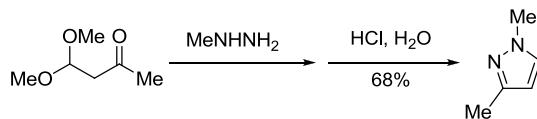
$R = H, \text{Alkyl, Aryl, Het-aryl, Acyl, etc.}$



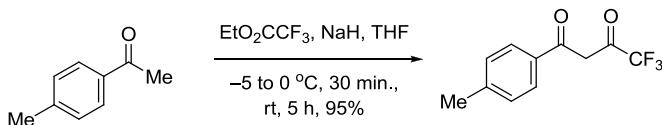
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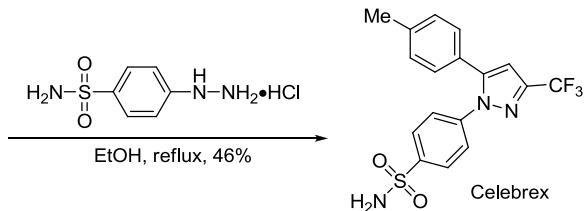


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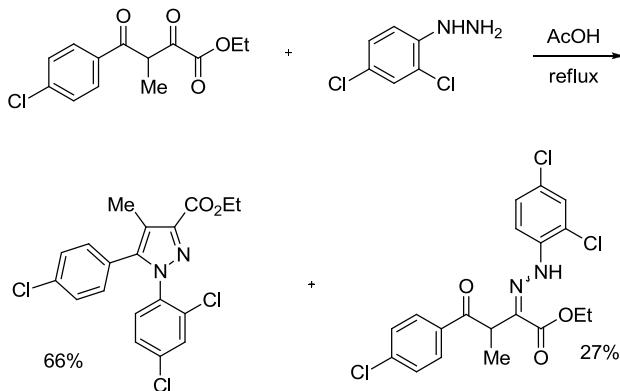


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Example 3⁹

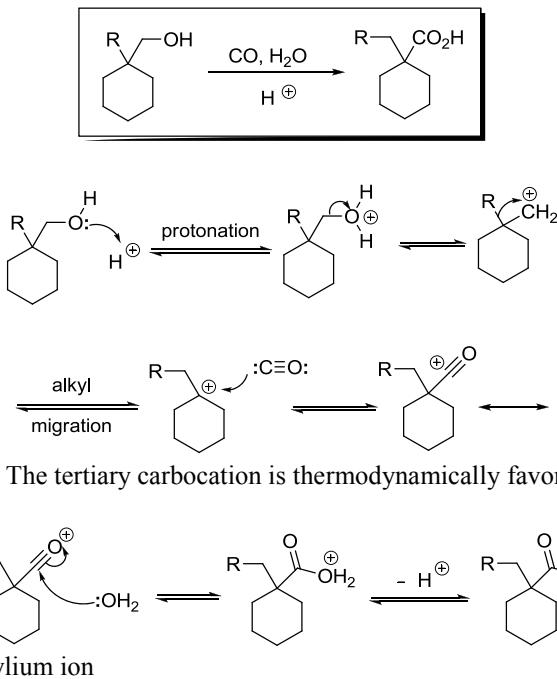


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Koch–Haaf carbonylation

Strong acid-catalyzed tertiary carboxylic acid formation from alcohols or olefins and CO.



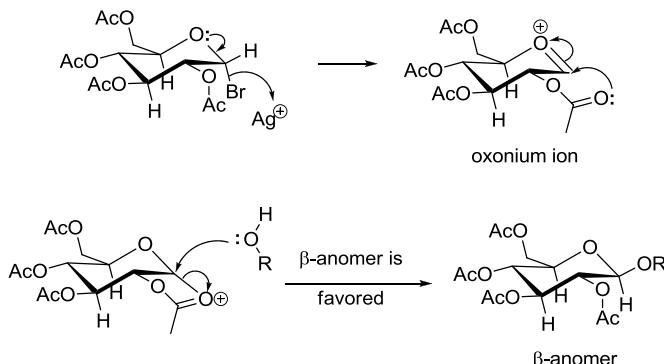
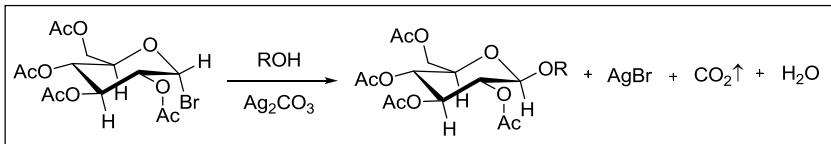
The tertiary carbocation is thermodynamically favored

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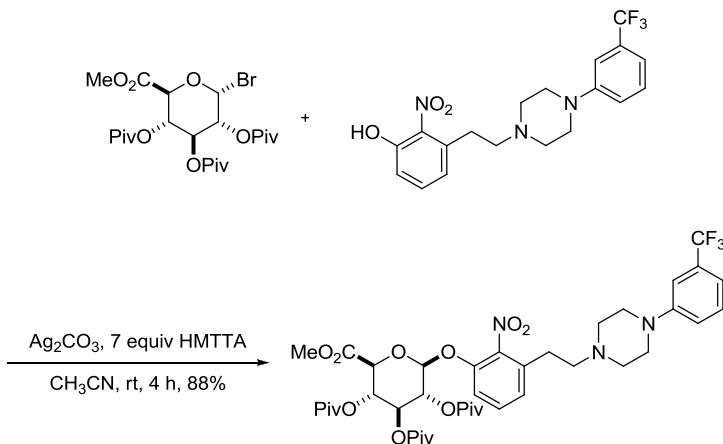
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Koenig–Knorr glycosidation

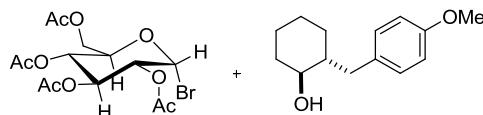
Formation of the β -glycoside from α -halocarbohydrate under the influence of silver salt.

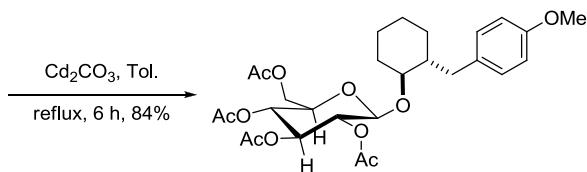
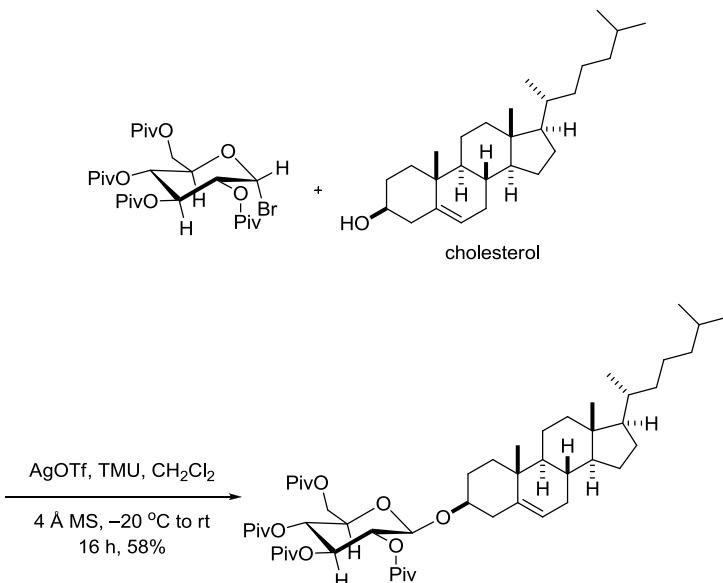
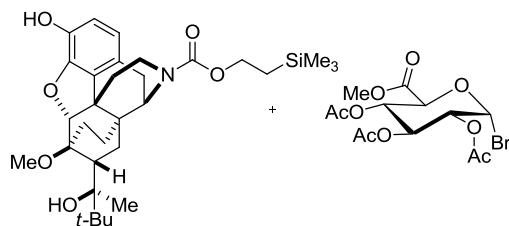


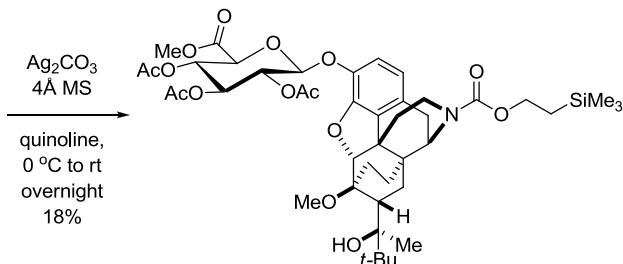
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Example 2⁸



Example 3⁹Example 4¹¹

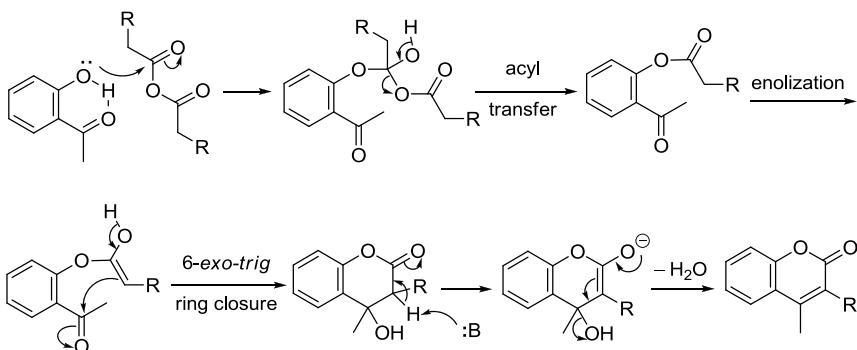
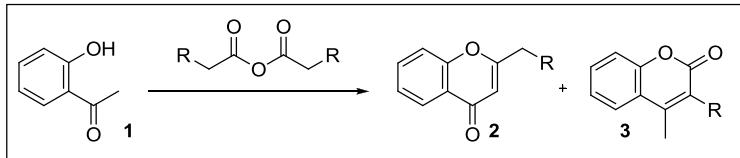


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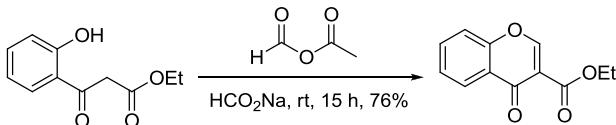
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Kostanecki reaction

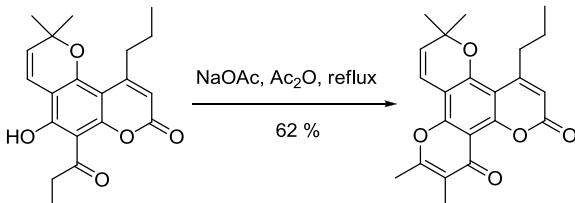
Also known as **Kostanecki–Robinson reaction**. Transformation **1→2** represents an **Allan–Robinson reaction**, whereas **1→3** is a **Kostanecki (acylation) reaction**:



Example 1²



Example 2³

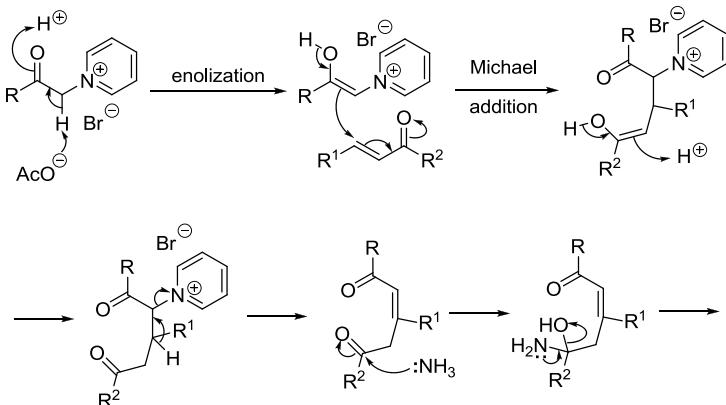
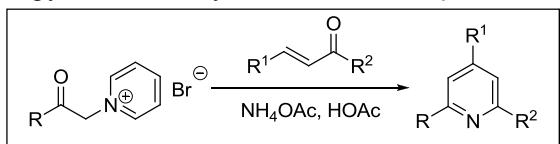


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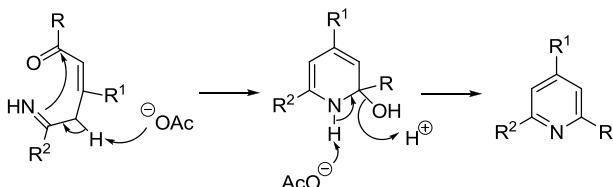
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Kröhnke pyridine synthesis

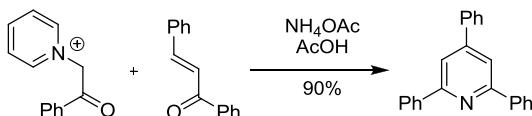
Pyridines from α -pyridinium methyl ketone salts and α,β -unsaturated ketones.



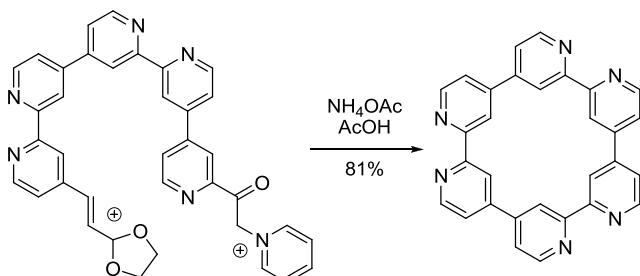
The ketone is more reactive than the enone

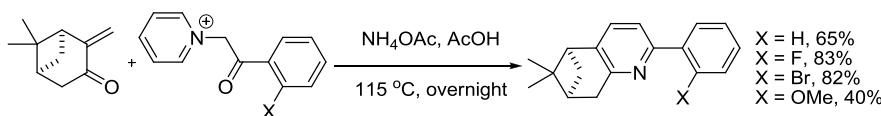
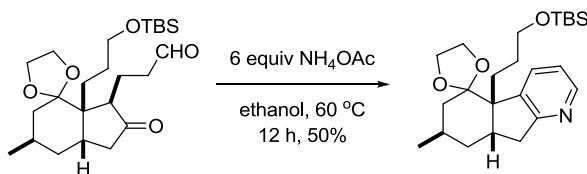


Example 1^{1b}



Example 2⁴



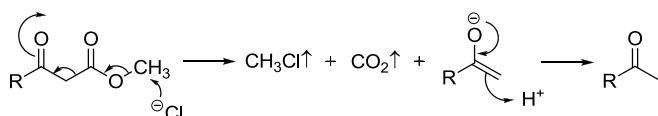
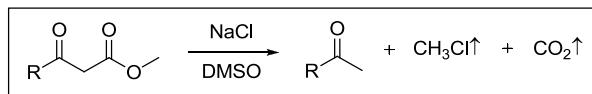
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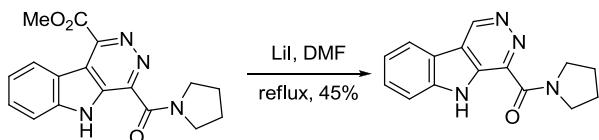
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Krapcho reaction

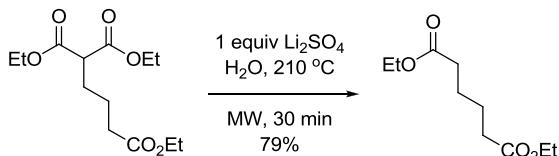
Nucleophilic decarboxylation of β -ketoesters, malonate esters, α -cyanoesters, or α -sulfonylesters.



Example 1⁵



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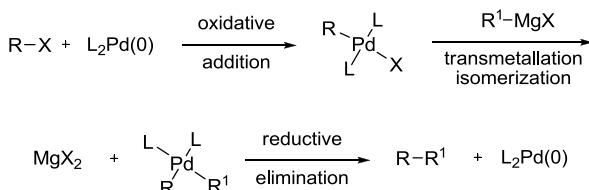
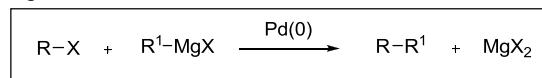


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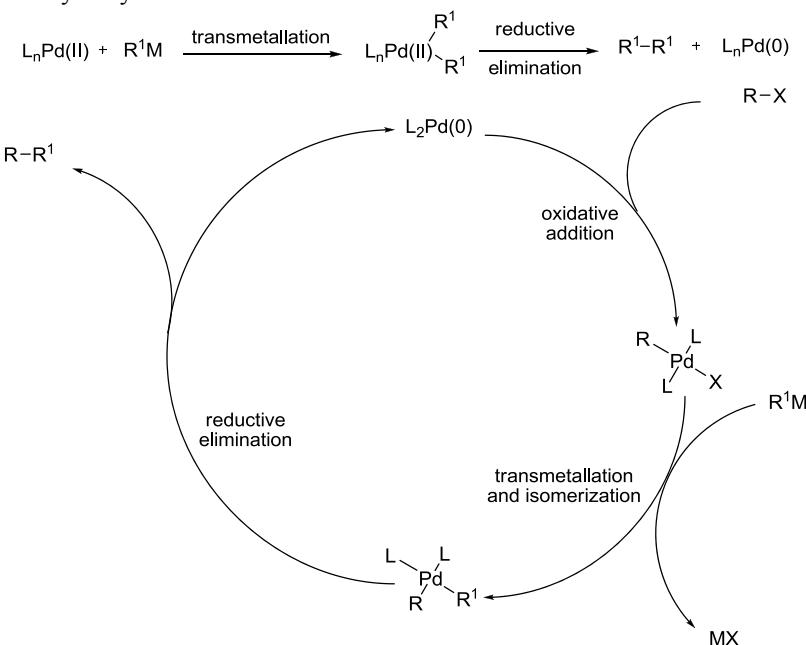
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Kumada cross-coupling reaction

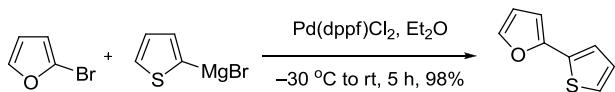
The Kumada cross-coupling reaction (also known as Kumada-Tamao-Corriu coupling, also occasionally known as the Kharasch cross-coupling reaction) was originally reported as the nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling of Grignard reagents with aryl- or alkenyl halides. It has subsequently been developed to encompass the coupling of organolithium or organomagnesium compounds with aryl-, alkenyl or alkyl halides, catalyzed by nickel or palladium. The Kumada cross-coupling reaction, as well as the Negishi, Stille, Hiyama, and Suzuki cross-coupling reactions, belong to the same category of Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions of organic halides, triflates and other electrophiles with organometallic reagents. These reactions follow a general mechanistic catalytic cycle as shown below. There are slight variations for the Hiyama and Suzuki reactions, for which an additional activation step is required for the transmetalation to occur.



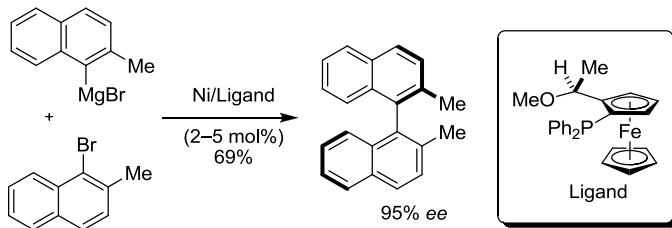
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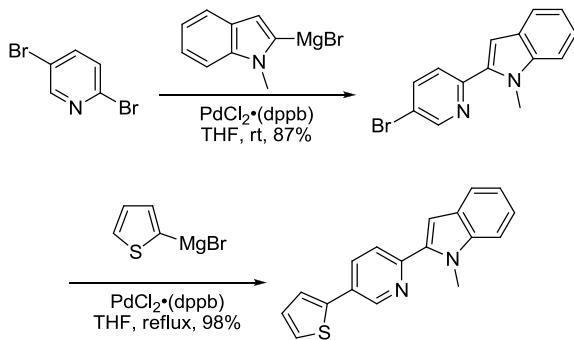
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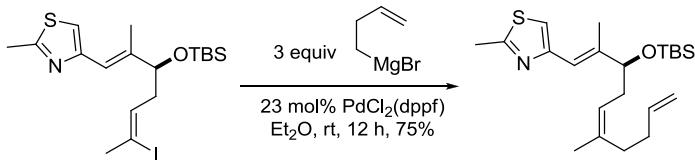
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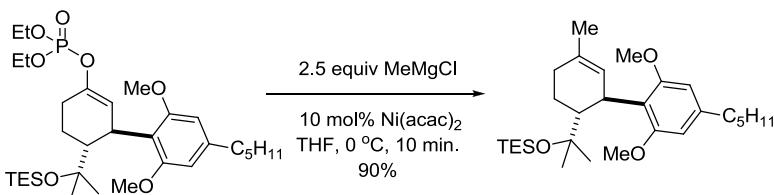
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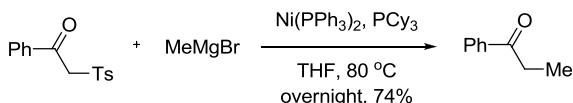
Example 4⁸



Example 5⁹



Example 6, Nickel-catalyzed Kumada reaction of tosylalkanes¹¹

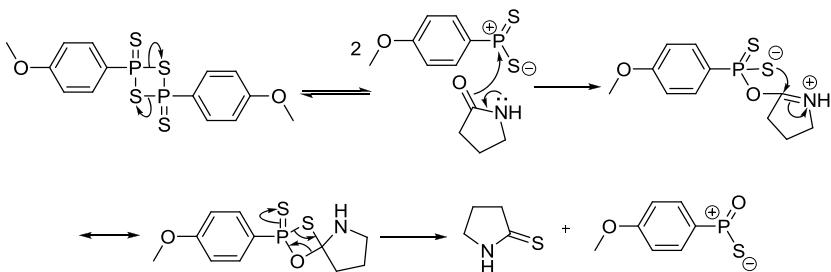
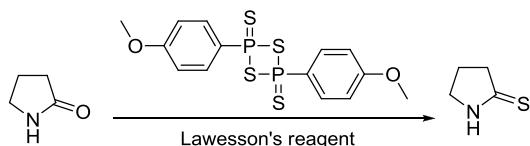
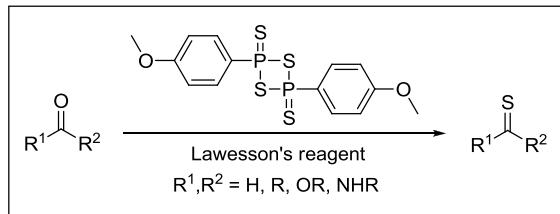


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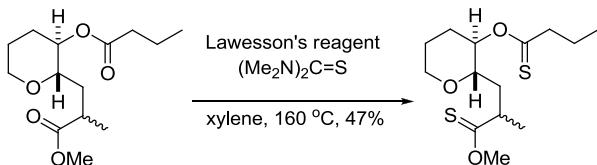
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Lawesson's reagent

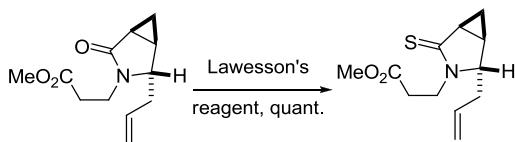
2,4-Bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dithiadiphosphetane-2,4-disulfide transforms the carbonyl groups of aldehydes, ketones, amides, lactams, esters and lactones into the corresponding thiocarbonyl compounds. Cf. Knorr thiophene synthesis.



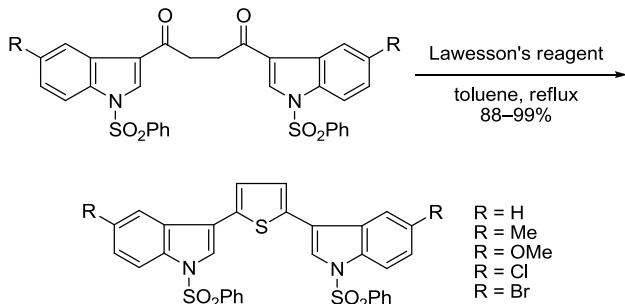
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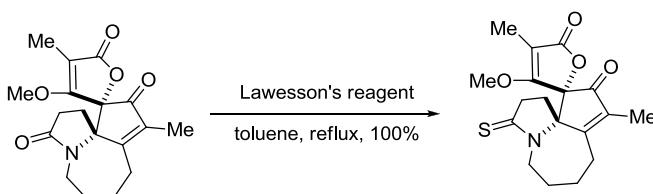
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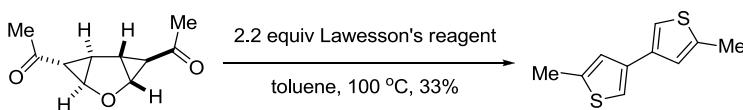
Example 3, Thiophene from dione⁸



Example 4¹⁰



Example 5¹¹

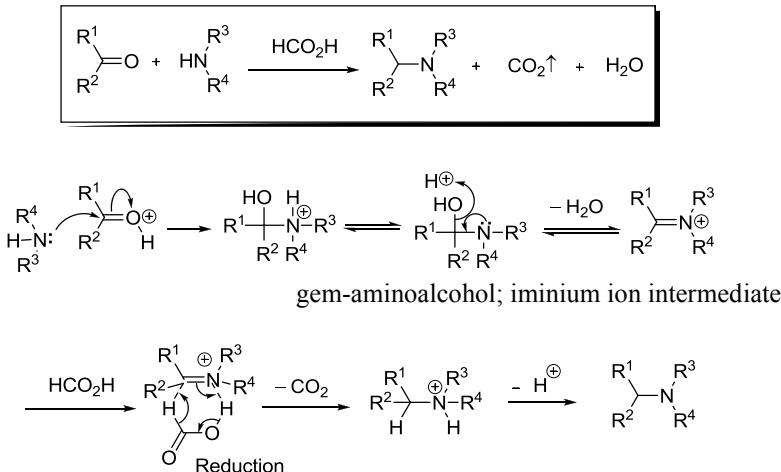


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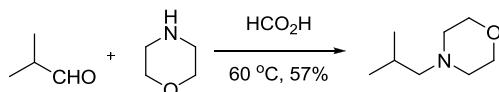
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Leuckart–Wallach reaction

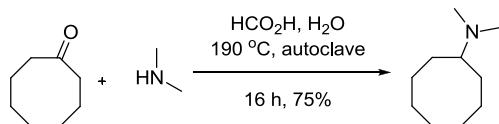
Amine synthesis from reductive amination of a ketone and an amine in the presence of excess formic acid, which serves as the reducing reagent by delivering a hydride. When the ketone is replaced by formaldehyde, it becomes the Eschweiler–Clarke reductive alkylation of amines.



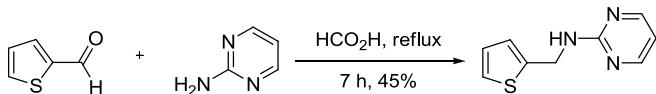
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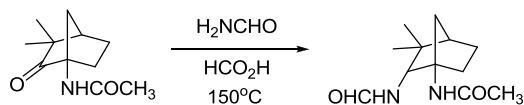
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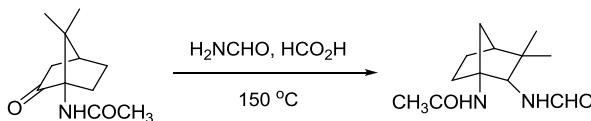
Example 3⁷



Example 4⁸



An unexpected intramolecular transamidation *via* a Wagner–Meerwein shift after the Leuckart–Wallach reaction

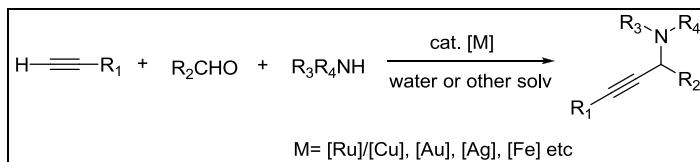


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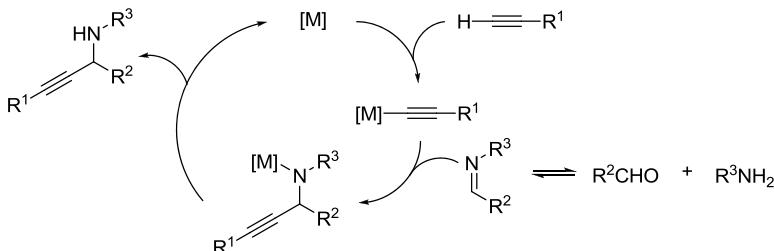
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Li A³ reaction

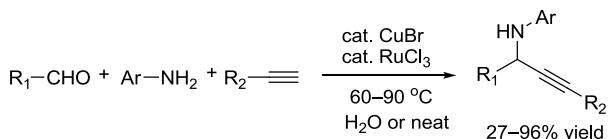
The Li A³-reaction is the direct dehydrative condensation reaction of aldehyde-alkyne-amine catalyzed by various transition-metals to generate propargyl amines, often in water.^{1–4} Many catalytic systems such as [Ru]/[Cu],⁵ [Au],⁶ [Ag],⁷ and iron^{8,9} were effective for such reactions. The catalytic cycle of the reaction involves the in situ generation of an alkynylmetal intermediate as well as an imine (or iminium) intermediate, which react together to give the propargylamine products. Carbohydrates^{10–11} can be used directly to generate the propargyl amine products. Multi A³-reactions are also successful,¹² which allows for the site-specific functionalization of amino acids and peptides under physiological conditions.¹³ Highly efficient asymmetric A³-reactions involving both primary amines^{14,15} and secondary amines¹⁶ have also been succeeded. The reaction is also amenable for flow chemistry.¹⁷



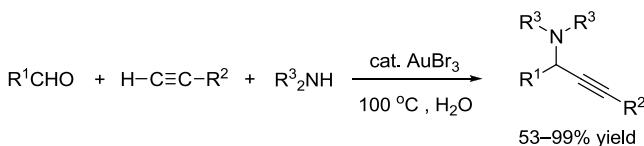
Catalytic cycle of the Li A³ reaction

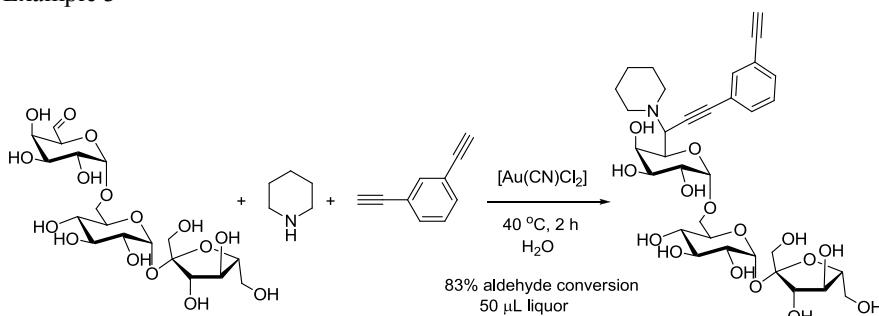
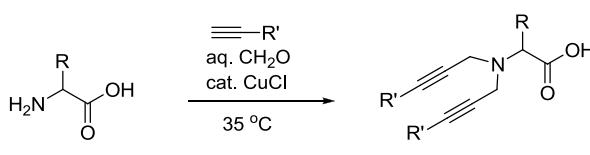


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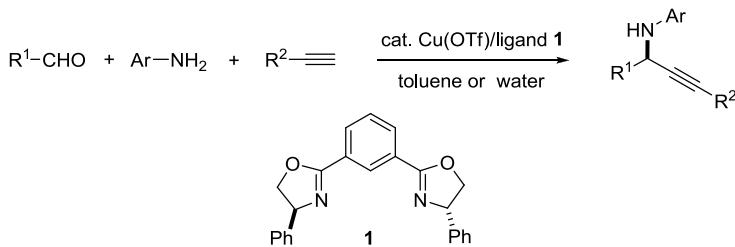


Example 2⁶



Example 3¹¹Example 4¹³

R= quanidine, disulfide, thioether, phenol, alcohol
R= aryl, alkyl, TMS

Example 5¹⁴

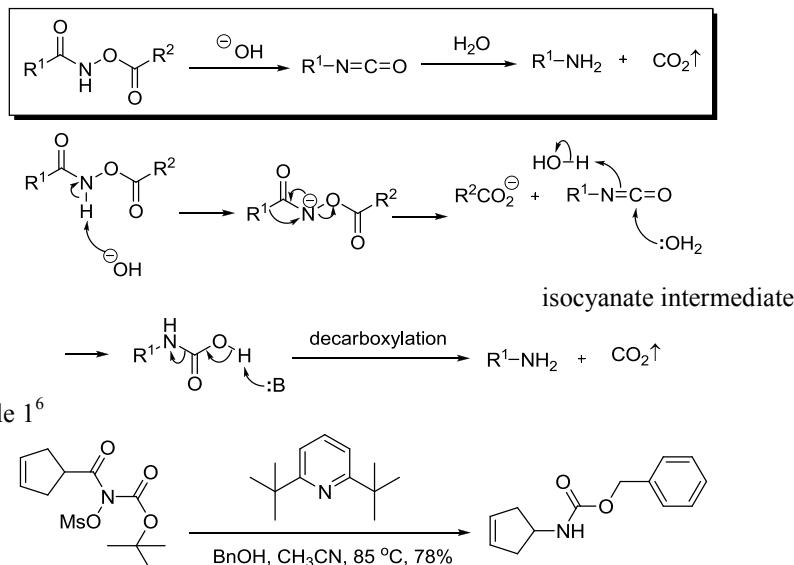
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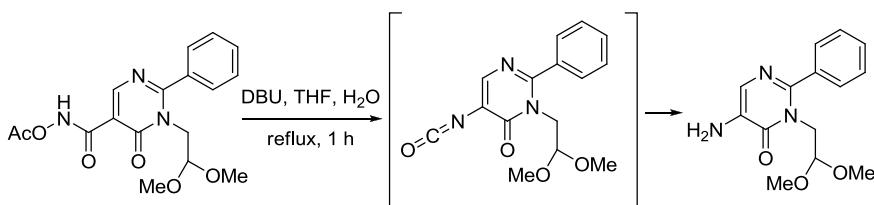
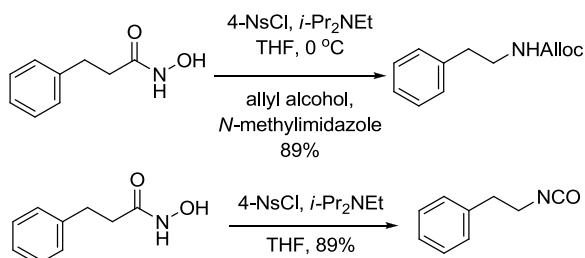
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Lossen rearrangement

The Lossen rearrangement involves the generation of an isocyanate via thermal or base-mediated rearrangement of an activated hydroxamate which can be generated from the corresponding hydroxamic acid. Activation of the hydroxamic acid can be achieved through *O*-acylation, *O*-arylation, chlorination, or *O*-sulfonylation. Such hydroxamic acids can also be activated using polyphosphoric acid, carbodiimide, Mitsunobu conditions, or silyation. The product of the Lossen rearrangement, an isocyanate can be subsequently converted to a urea or an amine resulting in the net loss of one carbon atom relative to the starting hydroxamic acid.



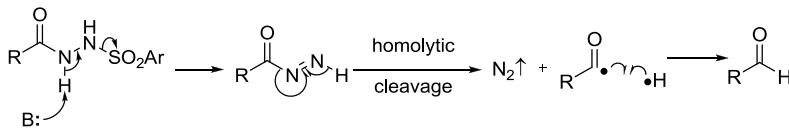
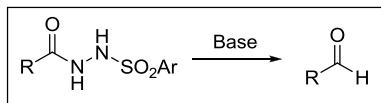
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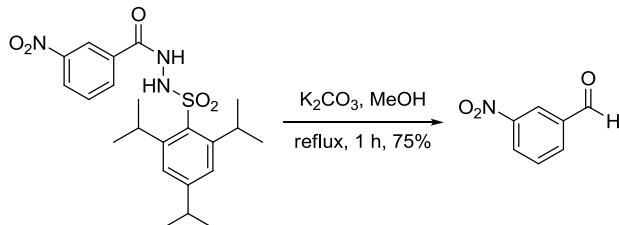
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McFadyen–Stevens reduction

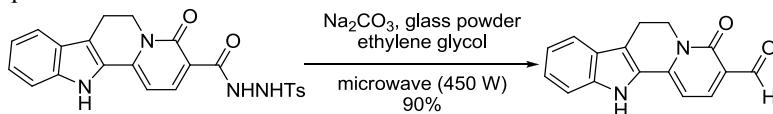
Treatment of acylbenzenesulfonylhydrazines with base delivers the corresponding aldehydes.



Example 1⁵



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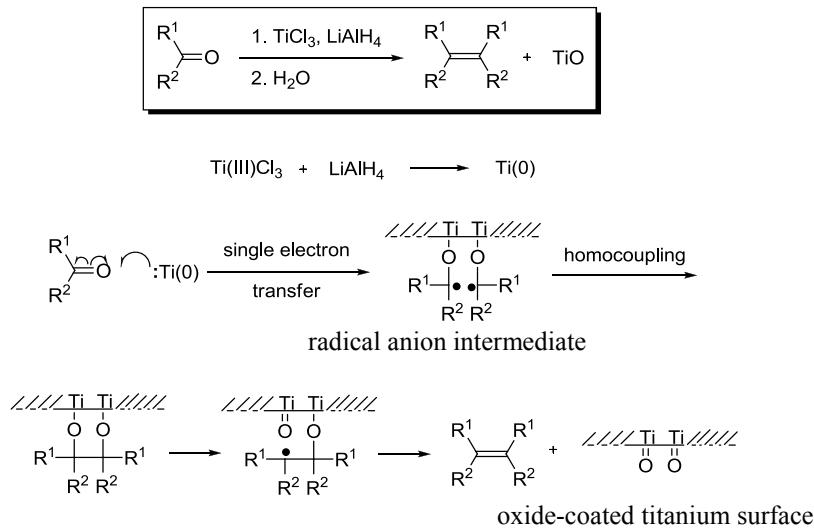


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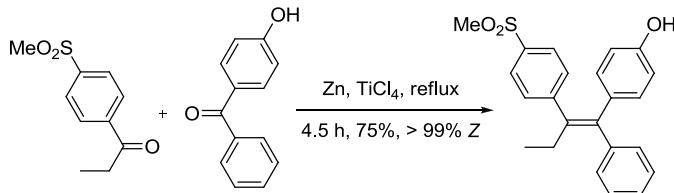
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McMurry coupling

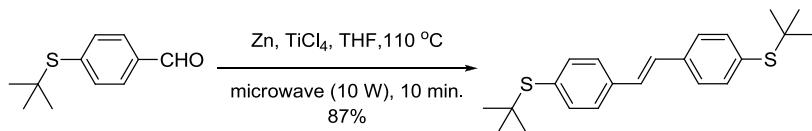
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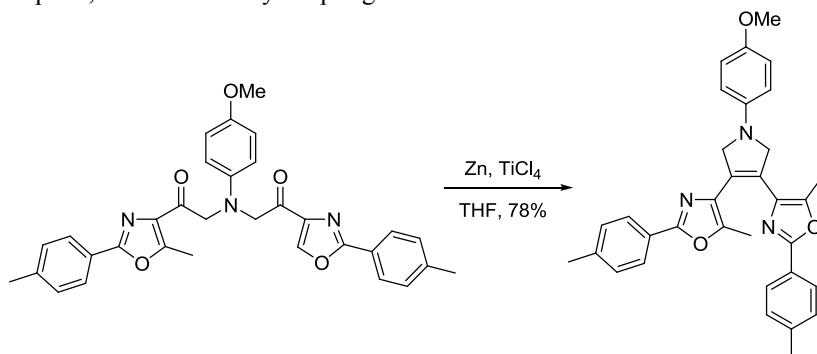
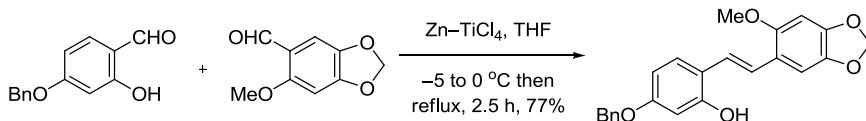
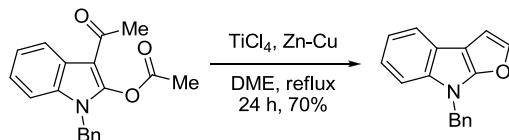


Example 1, Cross-McMurry coupling⁷



Example 2, Homo-McMurry coupling⁸



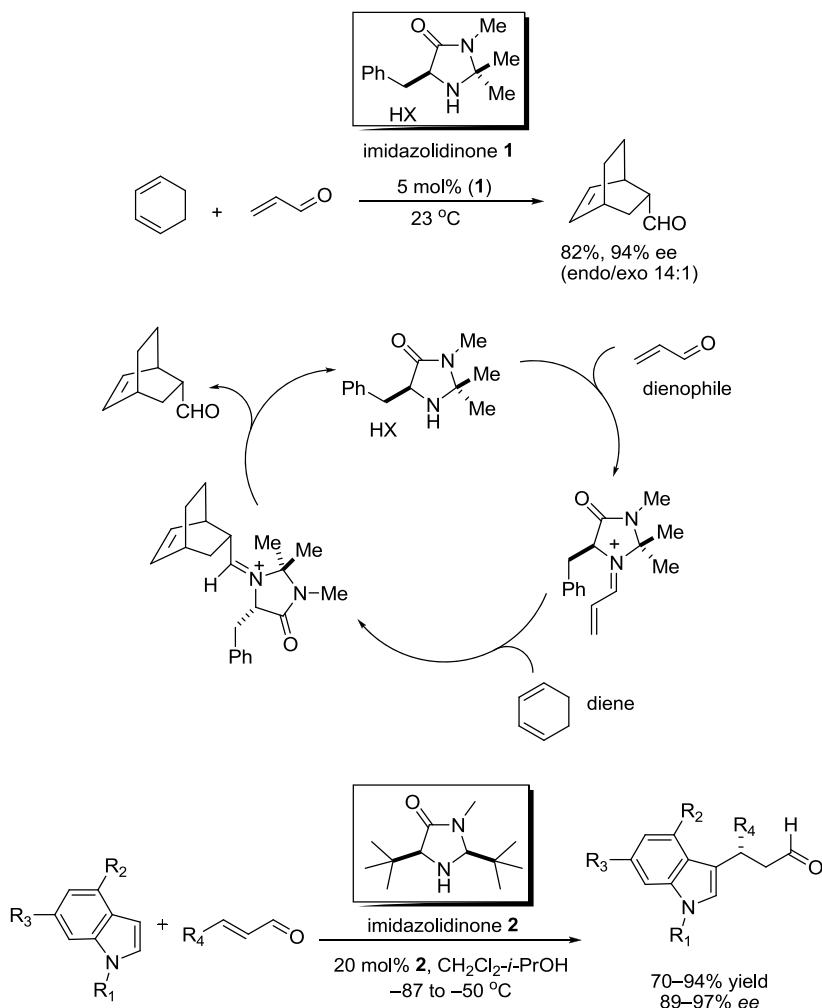
Example 3, Cross-McMurry coupling⁹Example 4, Cross-McMurry coupling¹⁰Example 5¹²

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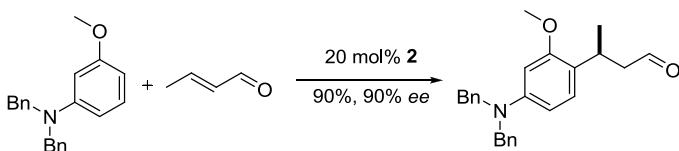
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MacMillan catalyst

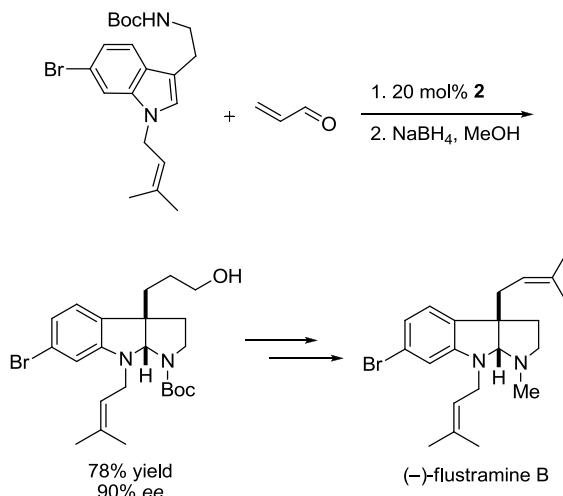
Highly enantioselective and general asymmetric organocatalytic Diels–Alder reaction using α -amino acid-derived imidazolidinones (of type **1**) as catalysts. The first generation of MacMillan catalyst (**1**) has been employed in a variety of organocatalytic enantioselective reactions. Typical examples are: Diels–Alder reaction;¹ nitrone cycloaddition,² pyrrole Friedel–Crafts reaction,³ indole addition,⁴ vinylogous Michael addition,⁵ α -chlorination,⁶ hydride addition,⁷ cyclopropanation;⁸ α -fluorination.⁹ The second generation MacMillan catalyst (**2**) was used to catalyze 1,4-addition of indoles to α,β -unsaturated aldehydes.



Example 1¹¹



Example 2¹⁰

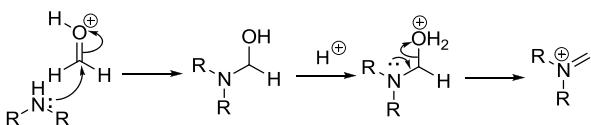
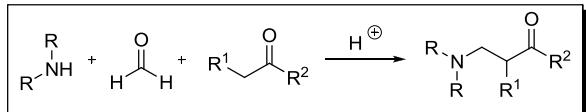


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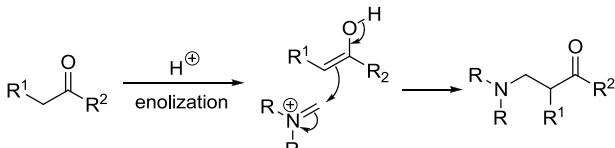
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Mannich reaction

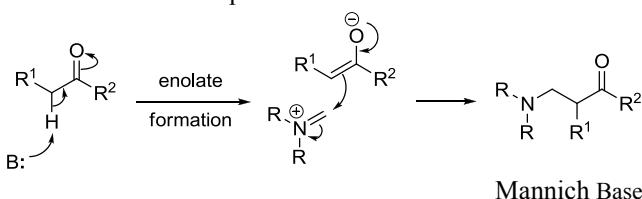
Three-component aminomethylation from amine, aldehyde and a compound with an acidic methylene moiety.



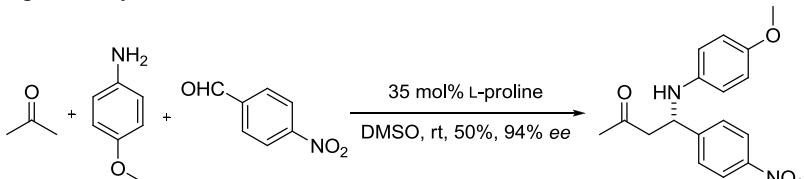
When R = Me, the $^+\text{Me}_2\text{N}=\text{CH}_2$ salt is known as *Eschenmoser's salt*



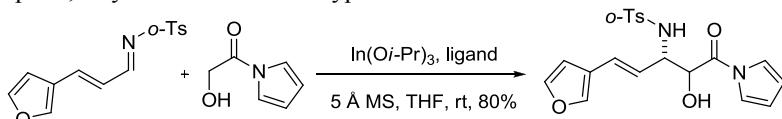
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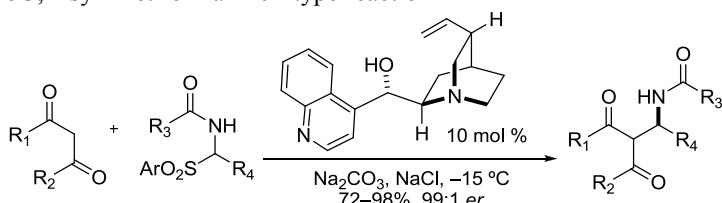
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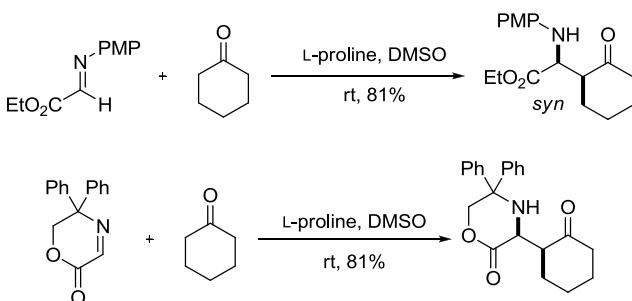
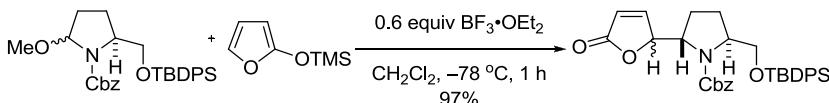


Example 2, Asymmetric Mannich-type reaction⁹



Example 3, Asymmetric Mannich-type reaction¹⁰



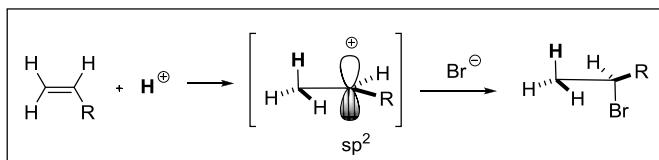
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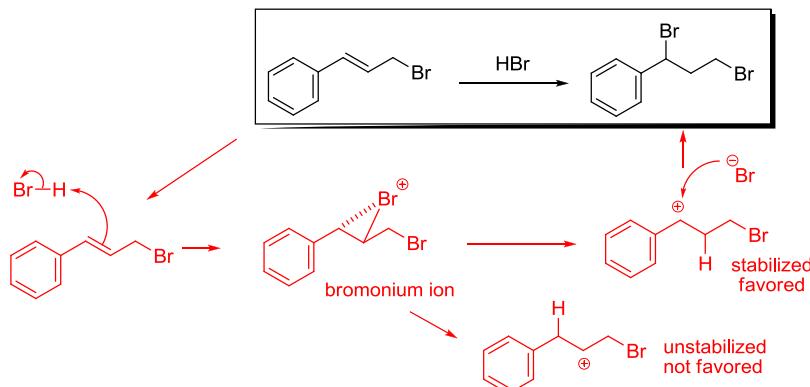
Markovnikov's rule

For addition of HX to olefins, Markovnikov's Rule predicts the regiochemistry of HX addition to unsymmetrically substituted alkenes: The halide component of HX bonds preferentially at the more highly substituted carbon, whereas the hydrogen prefers the carbon which already contains more hydrogen atoms.

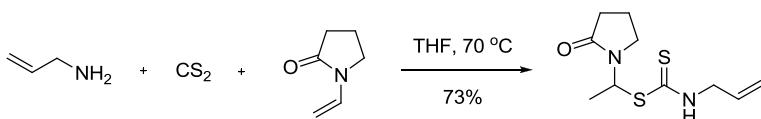


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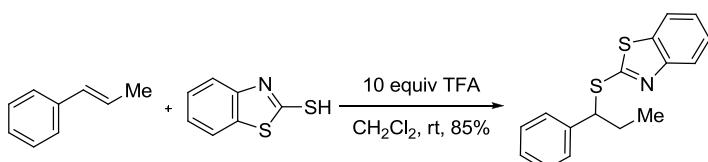
Exception to Markovnikov's Rule:



Example 1³



Example 2, Markovnikov-selective hydrothiolation of styrenes⁴

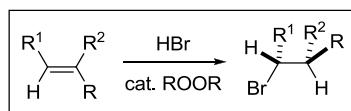


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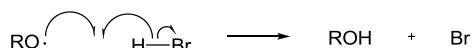
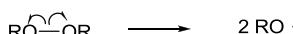
Anti-Markovnikov

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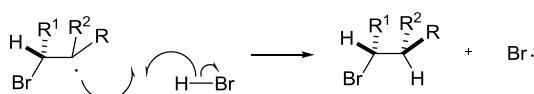
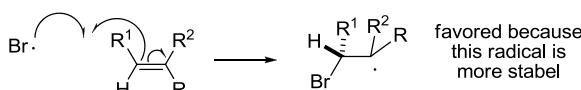


Radical mechanism:

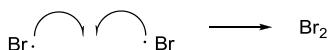
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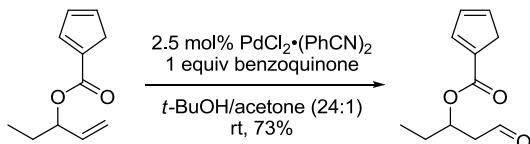
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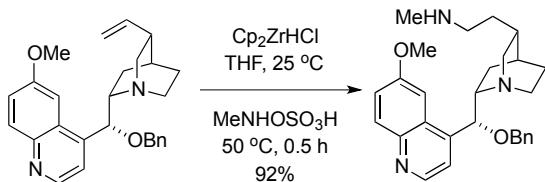
Termination:



Example 1, Anti-Markovnikov oxidation of allylic esters¹



Example 2, Anti-Markovnikov hydroamination³

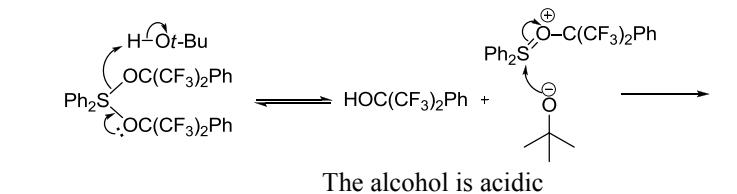
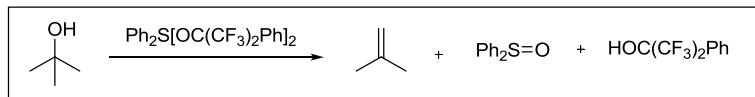


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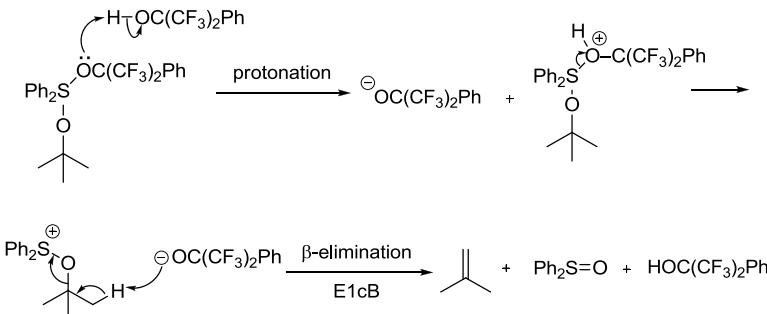
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Martin's sulfurane dehydrating reagent

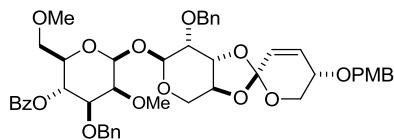
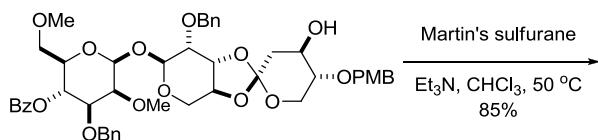
Dehydrates secondary and tertiary alcohols to give olefins, but forms ethers with primary alcohols. Cf. Burgess dehydrating reagent.

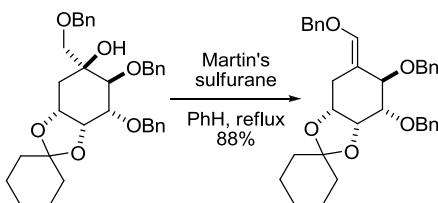
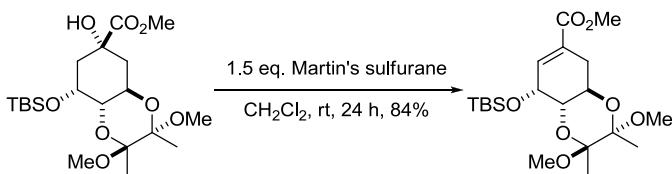
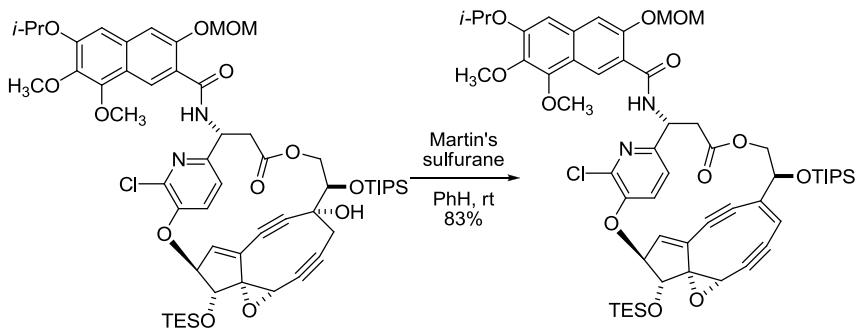
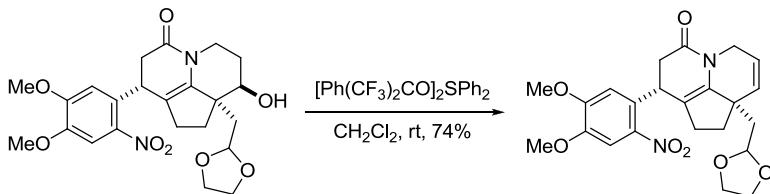


The alcohol is acidic



Example 1⁵



Example 2⁶Example 3⁷Example 4⁹Example 5¹²

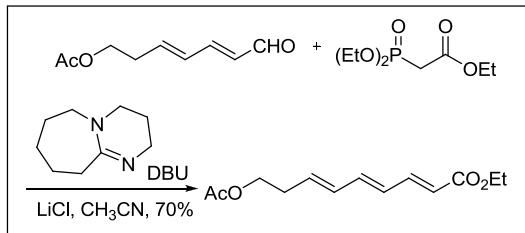
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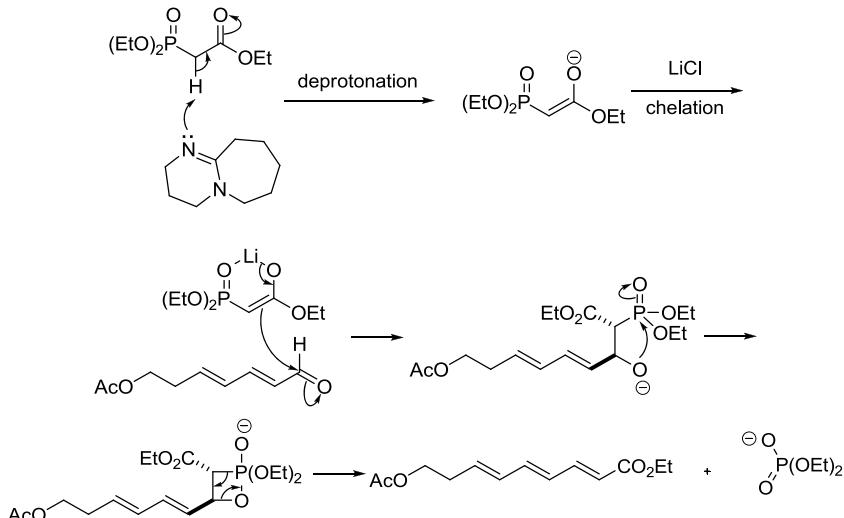
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Masamune–Roush conditions for the Horner–Emmons reaction

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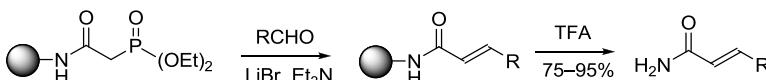


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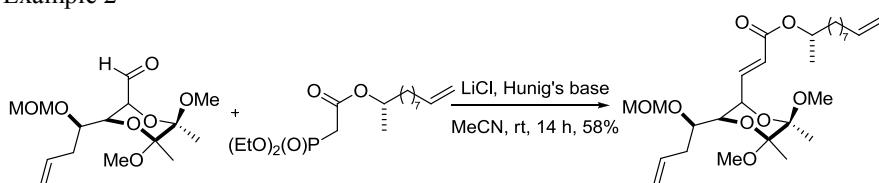


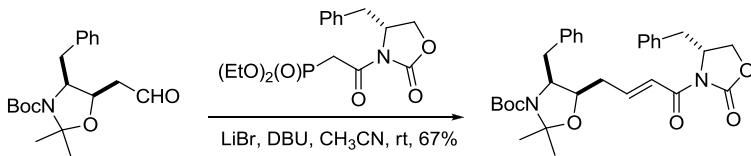
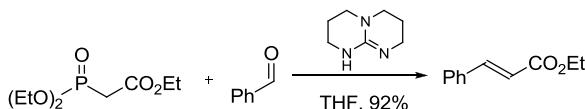
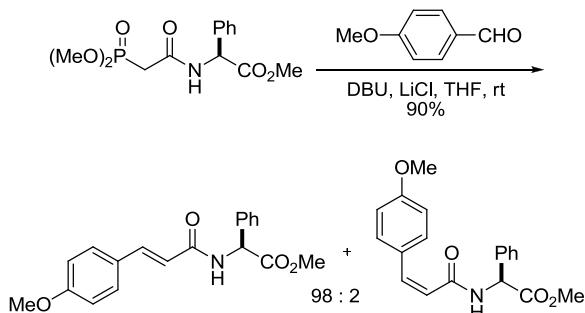
Formation of the P=O is thermodynamically favored, which is the driving force of this reaction.

Example 1⁵



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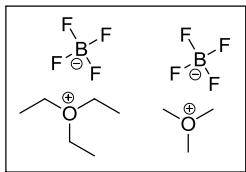
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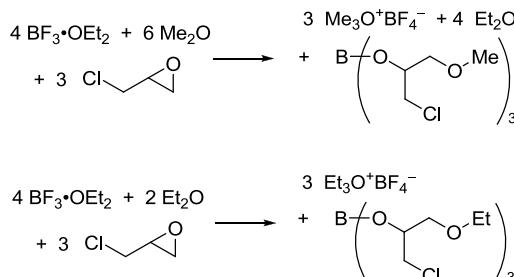
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Meerwein's salt

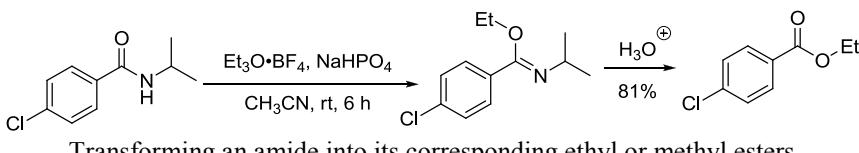
Meerwein's salts, also known as the Meerwein reagents, refer to trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate ($\text{Me}_3\text{O}^+\text{BF}_4^-$) and triethylloxonium tetrafluoroborate ($\text{Et}_3\text{O}^+\text{BF}_4^-$). Named after the inventor Hans Meerwein,¹ these trialkyloxonium salts are powerful alkylating agents.



Preparation:²

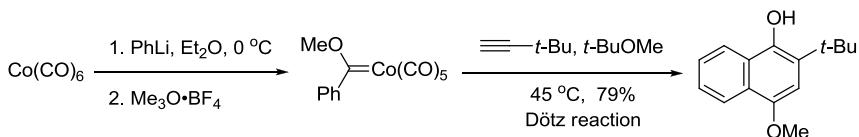


Example 1, The Meerwein reagent is an excellent *O*-alkylating agent.⁵

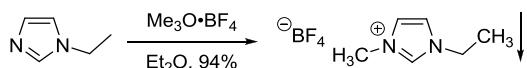


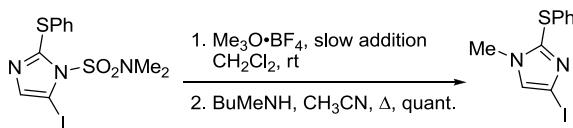
Transforming an amide into its corresponding ethyl or methyl esters

Example 2, Metal-methylation⁴



Example 3, *N*-Alkylation, the product is an ionic liquid⁸



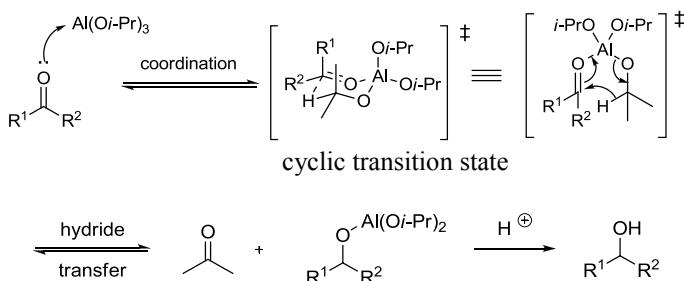
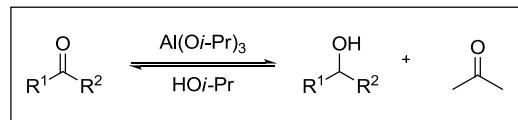
Example 4, *N*-Methylation⁹

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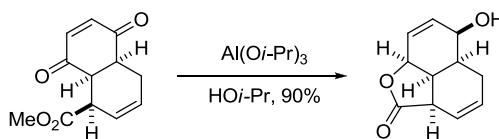
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Meerwein–Ponndorf–Verley reduction

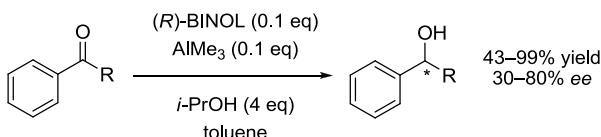
Reduction of ketones to the corresponding alcohols using $\text{Al}(\text{O}-\text{i-Pr})_3$ in isopropanol. Reverse of the Oppenauer oxidation.



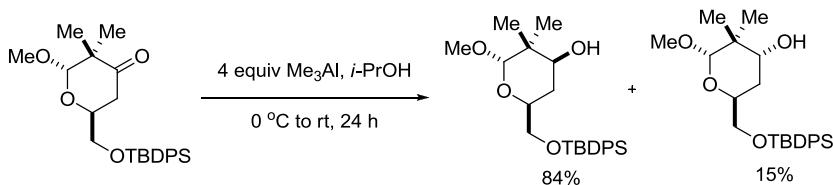
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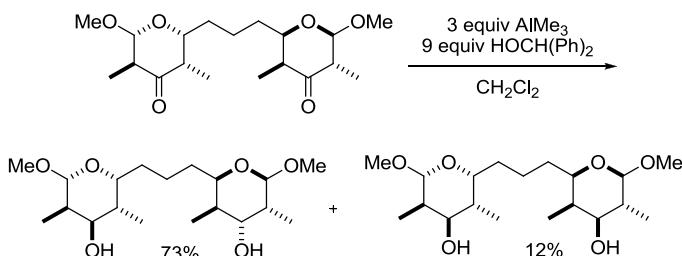
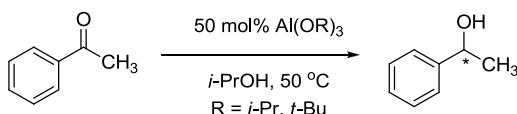


Example 2⁴



Example 3⁷



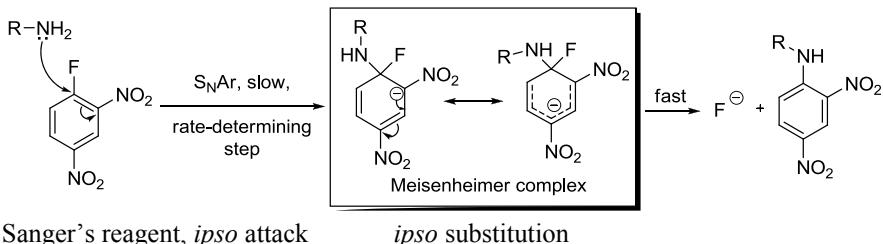
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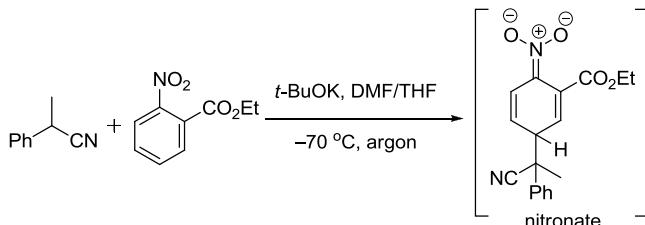
Meisenheimer complex

Also known as the **Meisenheimer–Jackson salt**, the stable intermediate for certain S_NAr reactions.

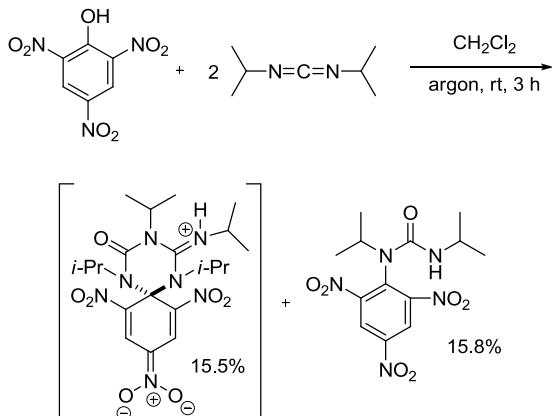


Sanger's reagent, *ipso* attack

Example 1⁷

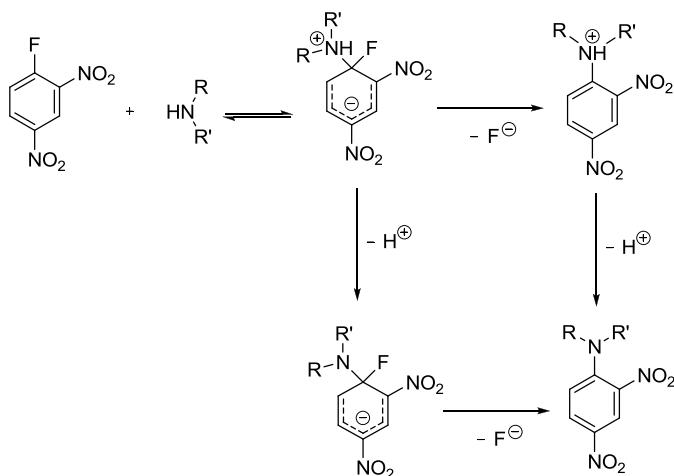


Example 2⁹



The reaction using Sanger's reagent is faster than using the corresponding chloro-, bromo-, and iododinitrobenzene—the fluoro-Meisenheimer complex is the most stabilized because F is the most electron-withdrawing. The reaction rate does not depend upon the capacity of the leaving group.

Example 3¹⁰

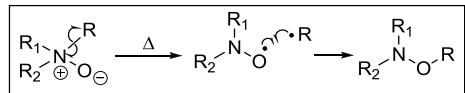


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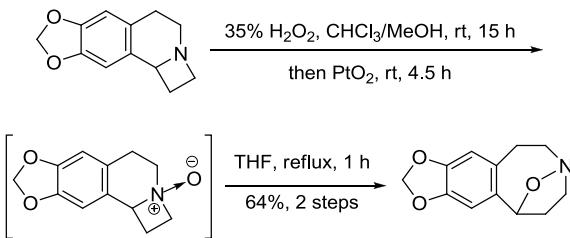
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[1,2]-Meisenheimer rearrangement

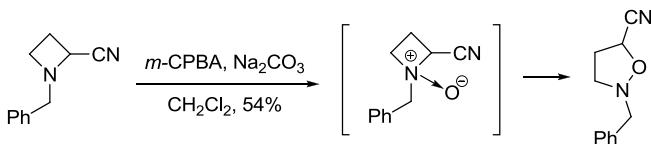
[1,2]-Sigmatropic rearrangement of tertiary amine *N*-oxides to substituted hydroxylamines.



Example 1⁷



Example 2⁹

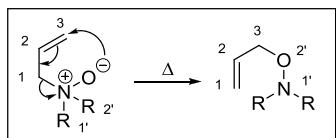


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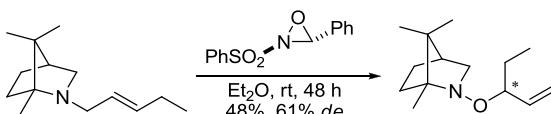
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[2,3]-Meisenheimer rearrangement

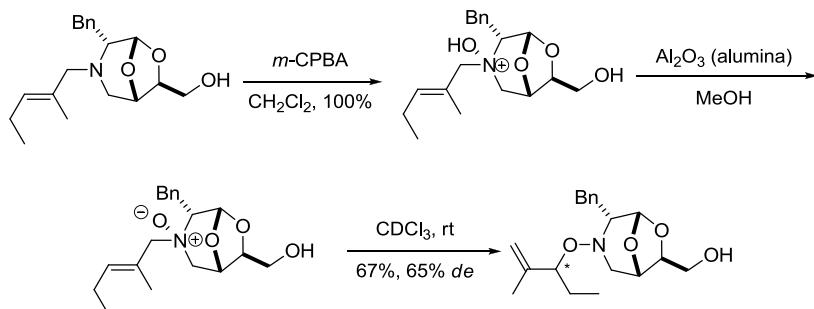
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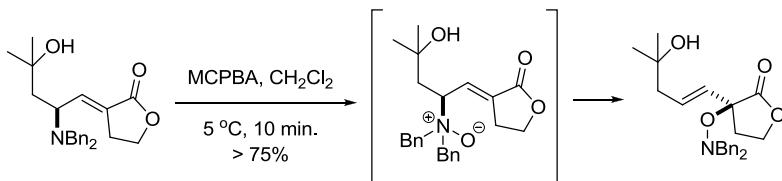
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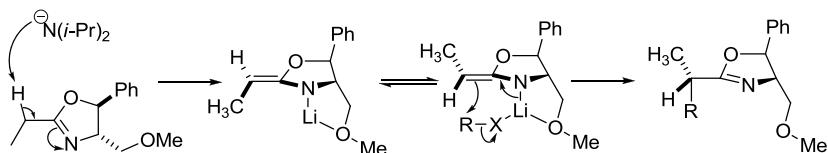
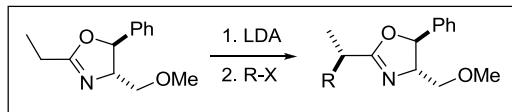
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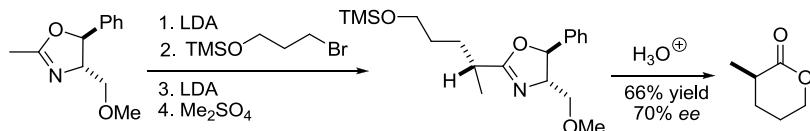
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Meyers oxazoline method

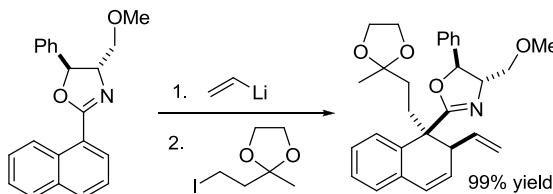
Chiral oxazolines employed as activating groups and/or chiral auxiliaries in nucleophilic addition and substitution reactions that lead to the asymmetric construction of carbon–carbon bonds.



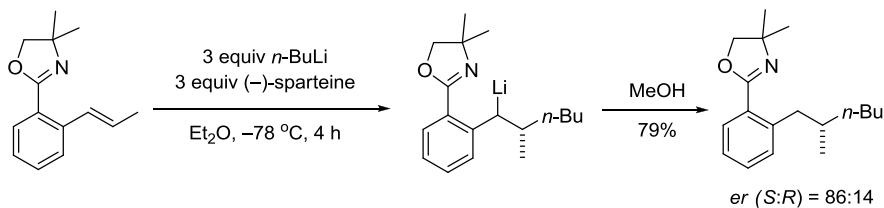
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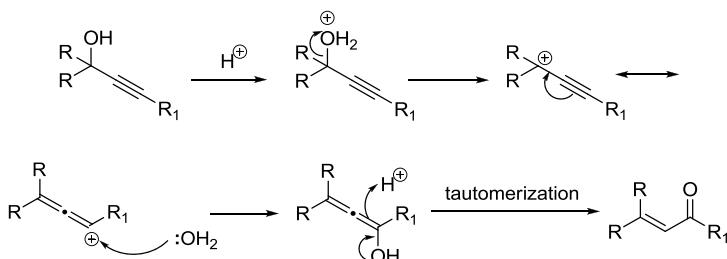
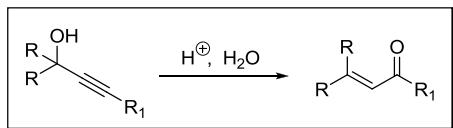


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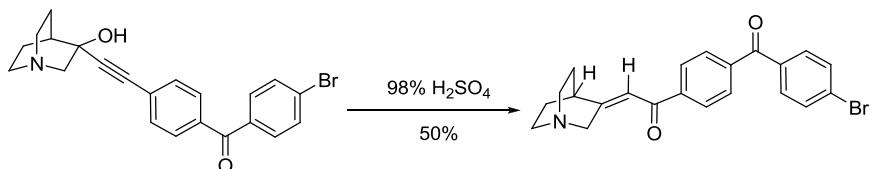
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Meyer–Schuster rearrangement

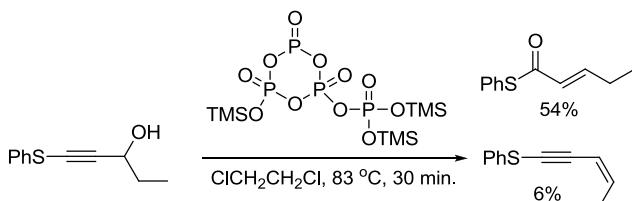
The isomerization of secondary and tertiary α -acetylenic alcohols to α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds *via* 1,3-shift. When the acetylenic group is terminal, the products are aldehydes, whereas the internal acetylenes give ketones. Cf. Rupe rearrangement.



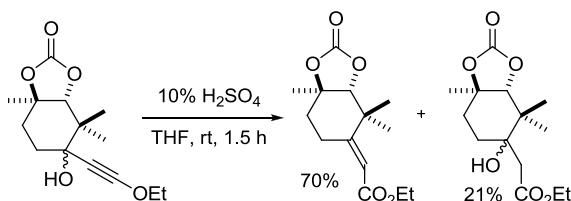
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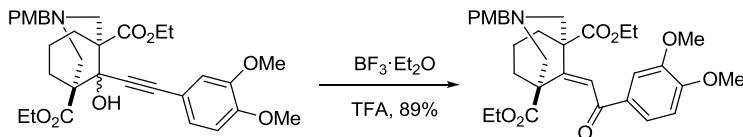
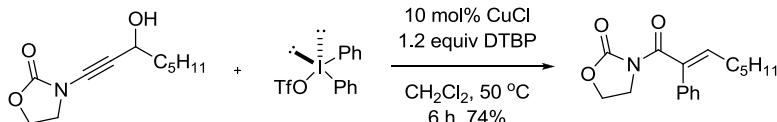


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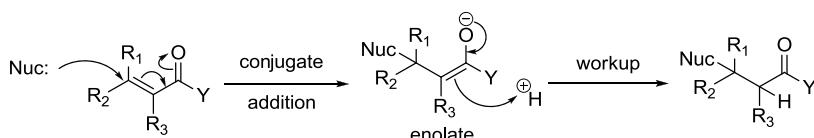
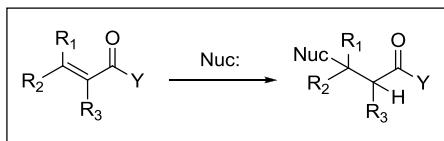
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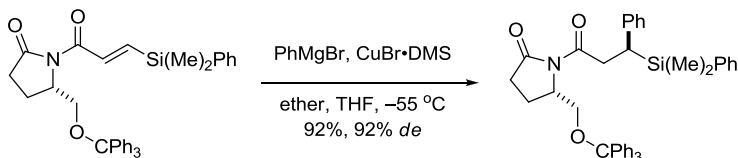
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Michael addition

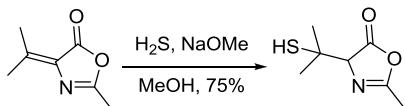
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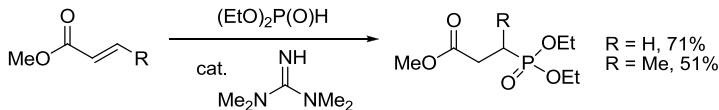
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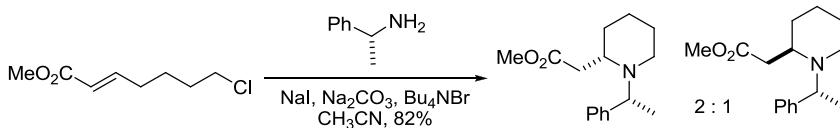
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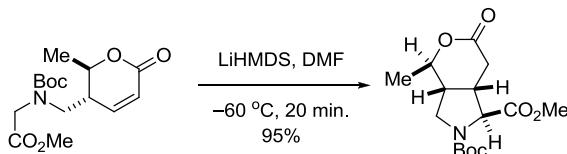
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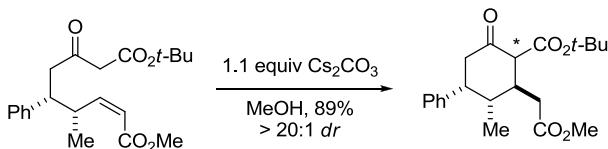
Example 4, Asymmetric aza-Michael addition⁹



Example 5, Intramolecular Michael addition¹⁰



Example 6, Intramolecular Michael addition¹¹



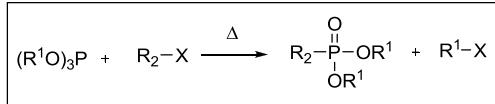
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Michaelis–Arbuzov phosphonate synthesis

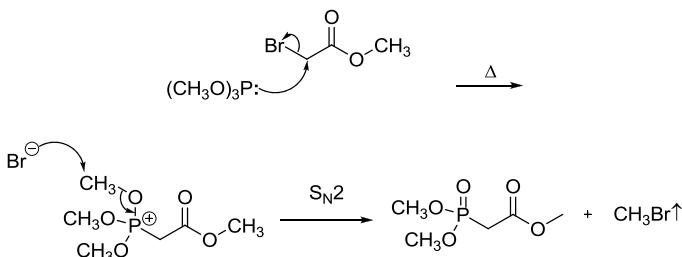
Aliphatic phosphonate synthesis from the reaction of alkyl halides with phosphites.

General scheme:

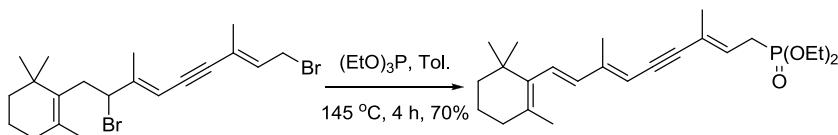


R^1 = alkyl, etc.; R_2 = alkyl, acyl, etc.; X = Cl, Br, I

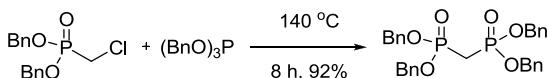
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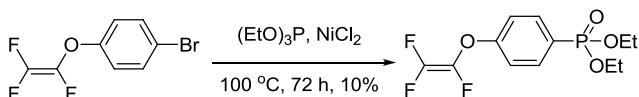
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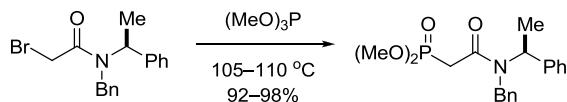
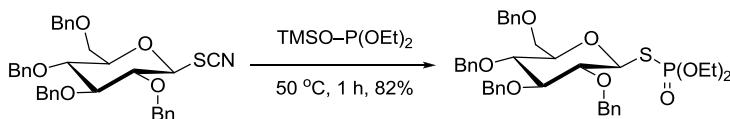
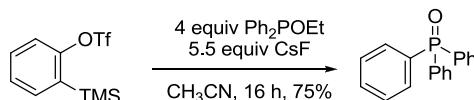


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Example 3, Transition-metal catalyzed coupling, not via S_N2 ⁷



Example 4⁹Example 5¹⁰Example 6, An Approach to prepare aromatic phosphonates¹¹

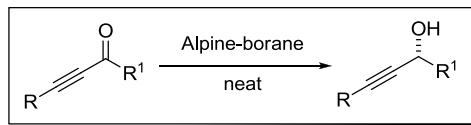
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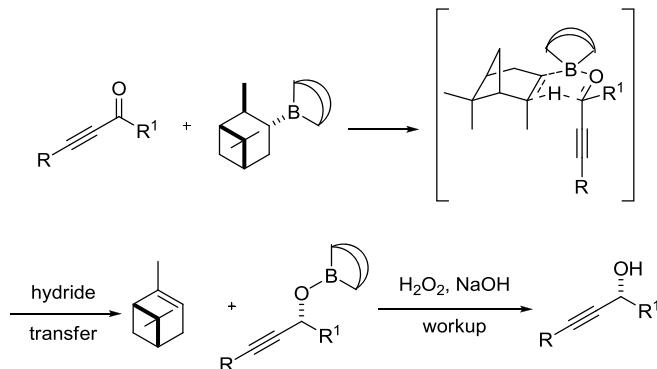
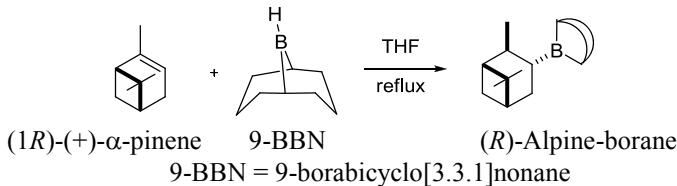
Midland reduction

Asymmetric reduction of ketones using Alpine-borane®.

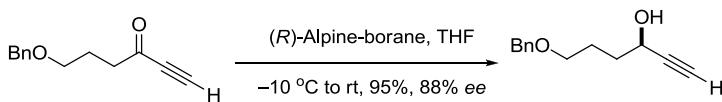
Alpine-borane® = *B*-isopinocampheyl-9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane.



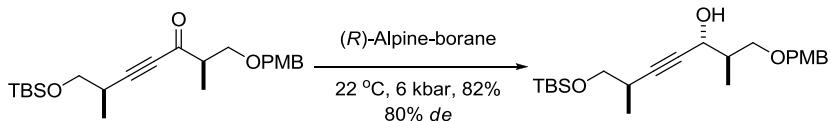
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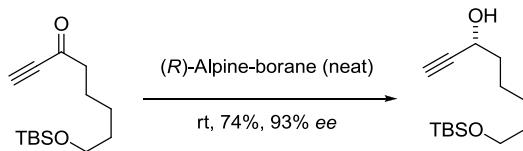
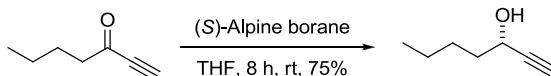


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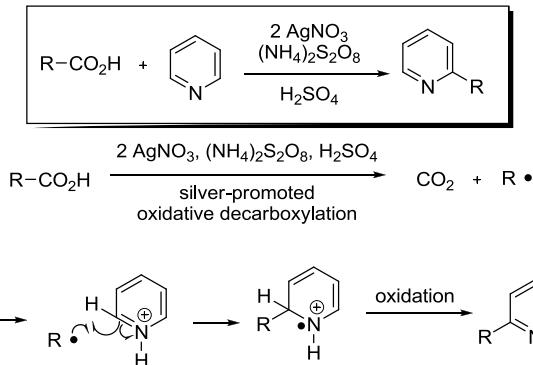
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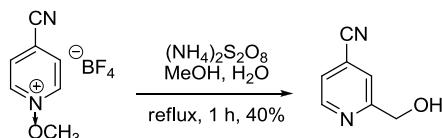
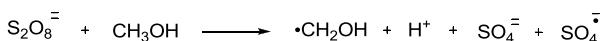
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Minisci reaction

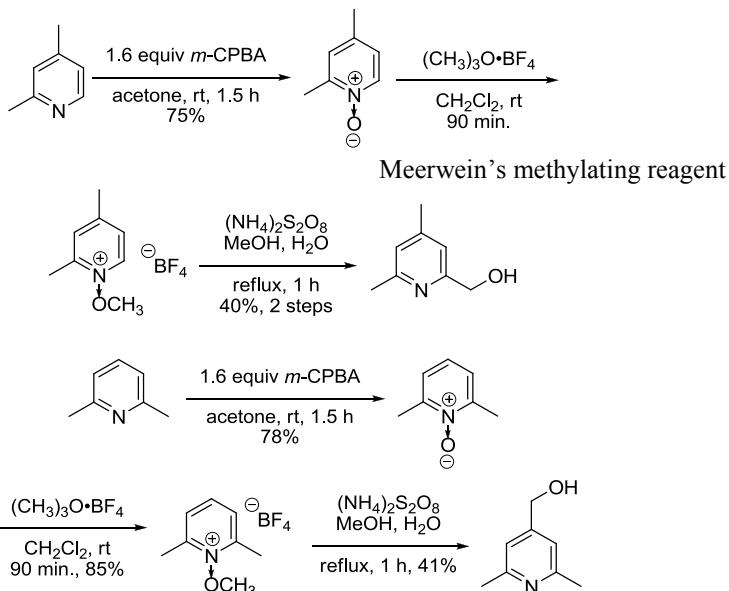
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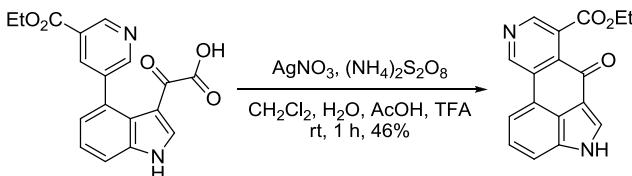
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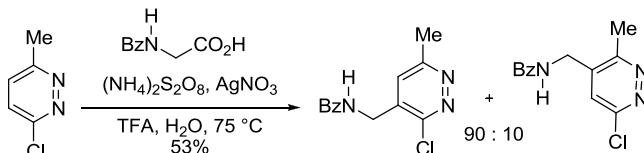
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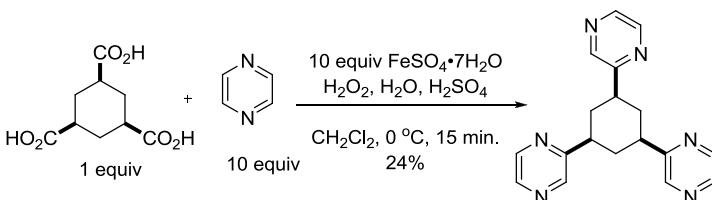
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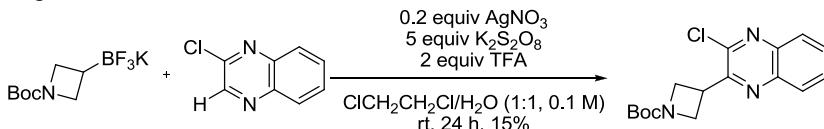
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Example 5¹⁰



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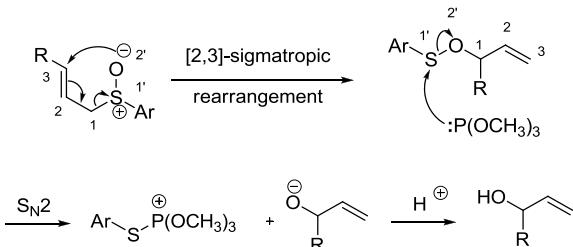
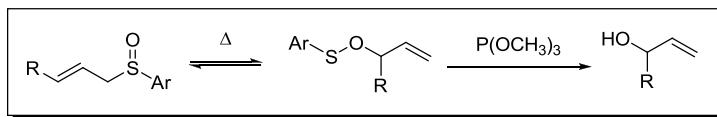


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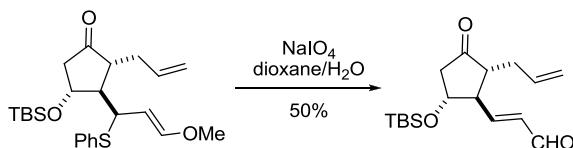
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Mislow–Evans rearrangement

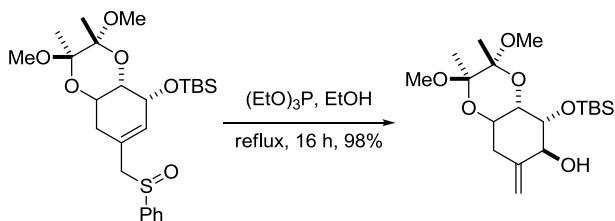
[2,3]-Sigmatropic rearrangement followed by reduction of allylic sulfoxide to allylic alcohol.



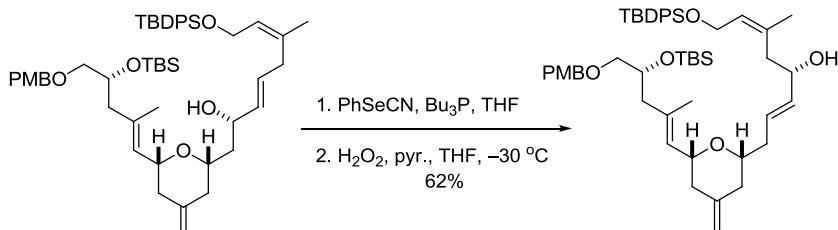
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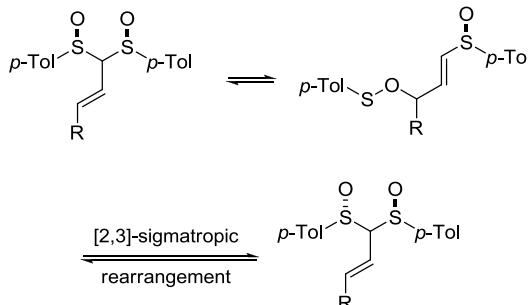


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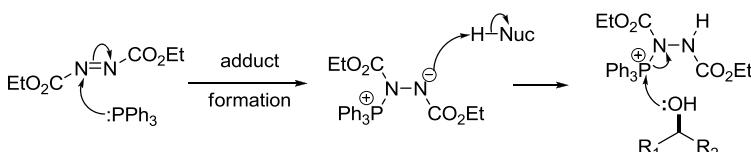
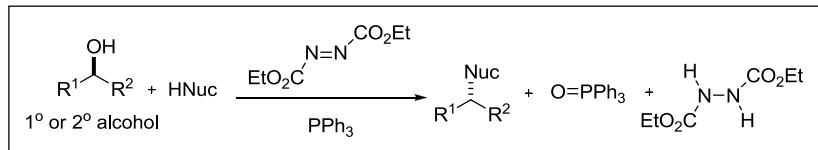
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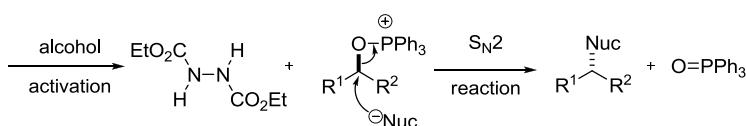
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Mitsunobu reaction

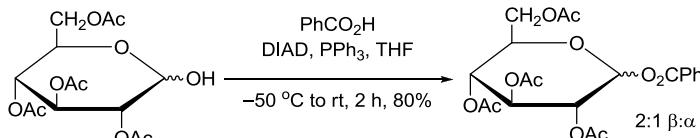
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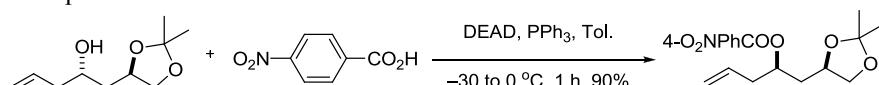
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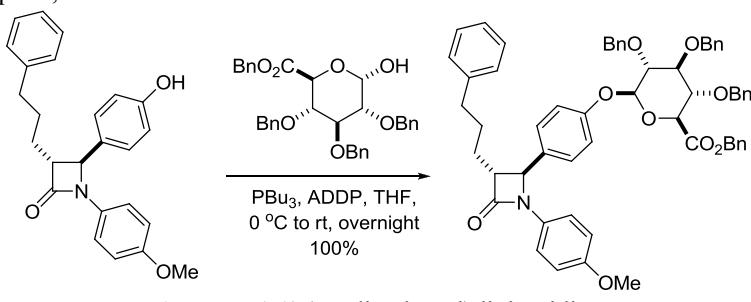
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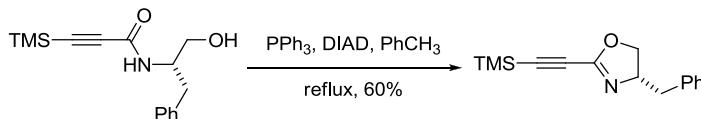
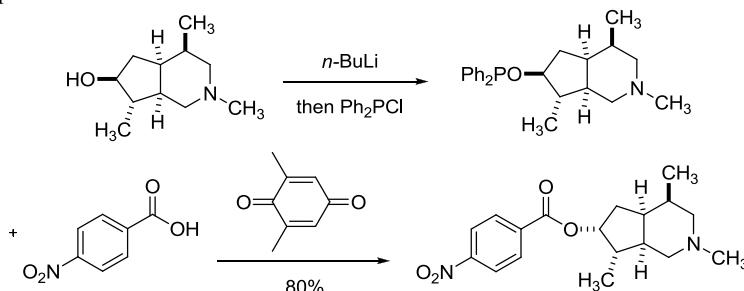
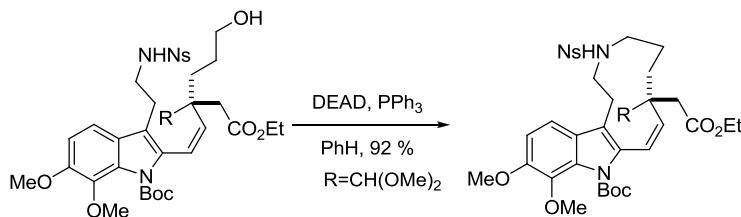


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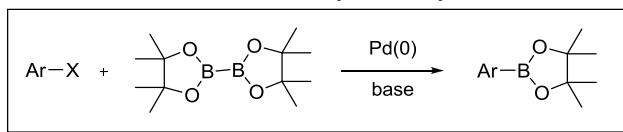
Example 4⁷Example 5⁸Example 6, Intramolecular Mitsunobu reaction⁹

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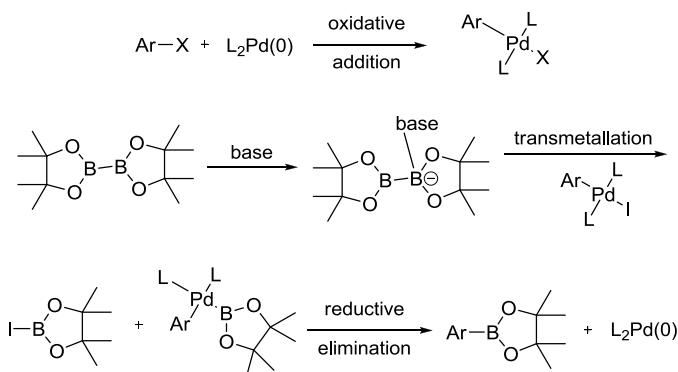
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Miyaura borylation

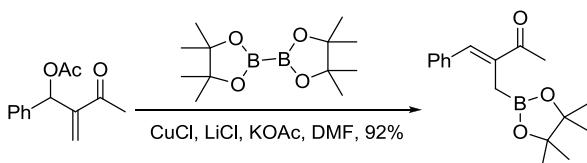
Palladium-catalyzed reaction of aryl halides with diboron reagents to produce arylboronates. Also known as Hosomi–Miyaura borylation.



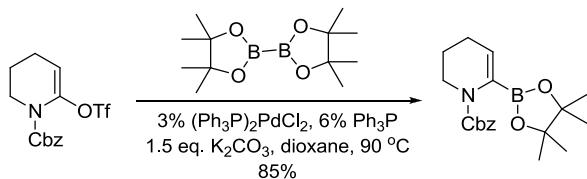
$\text{X} = \text{I}, \text{Br}, \text{Cl}, \text{OTf}$.

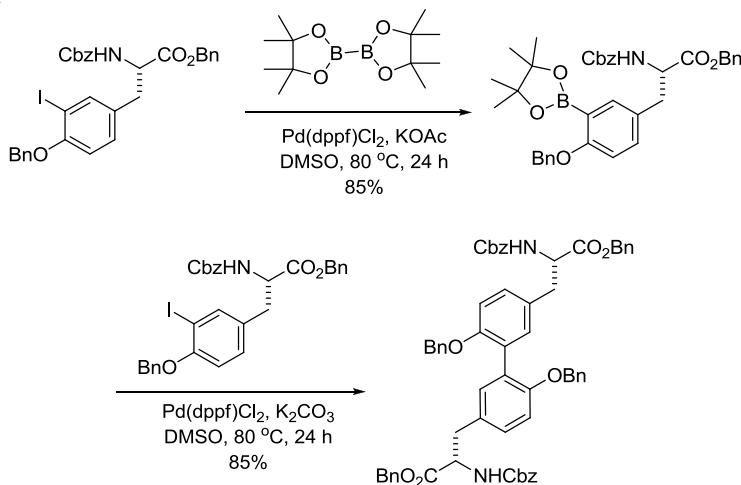
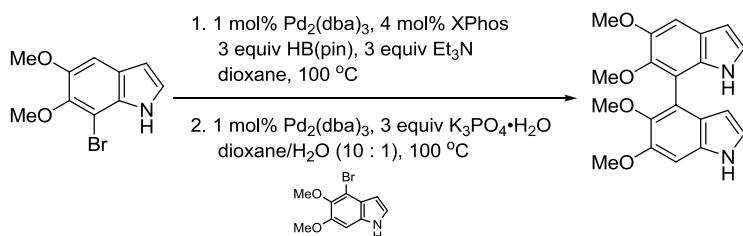


Example 1⁷



Example 2⁸



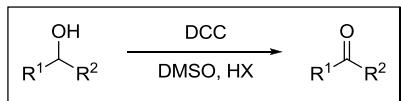
Example 3⁹Example 4, One-pot synthesis of biindolyl¹⁰

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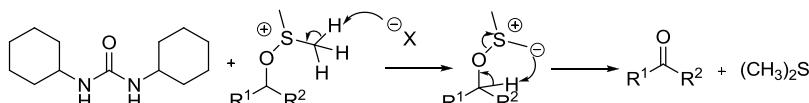
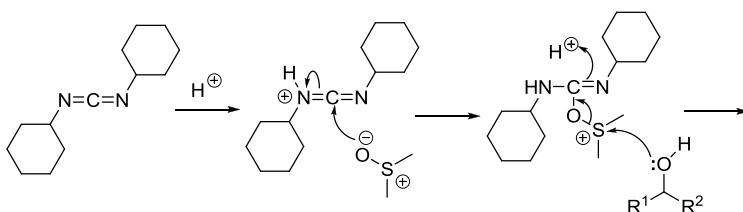
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Moffatt oxidation

Oxidation of alcohols using DCC and DMSO, aka “Pfitzner–Moffatt oxidation”.

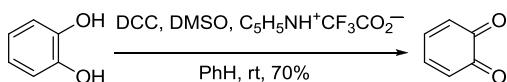


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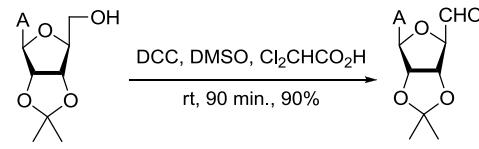


1,3-dicyclohexylurea

Example 1²

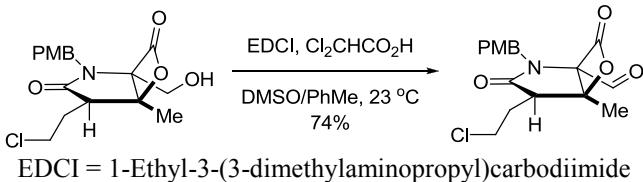


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A = adenosine

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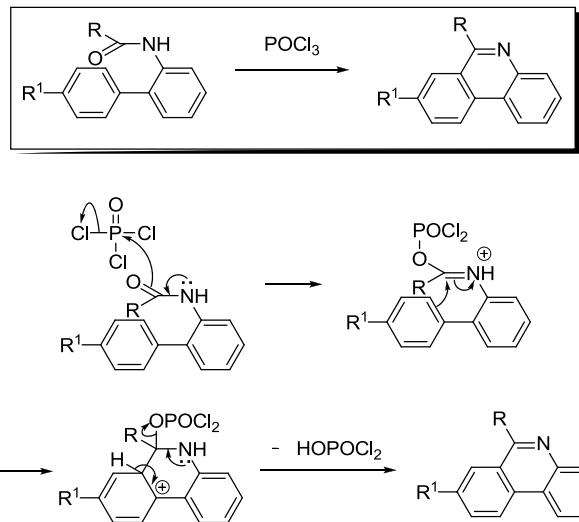


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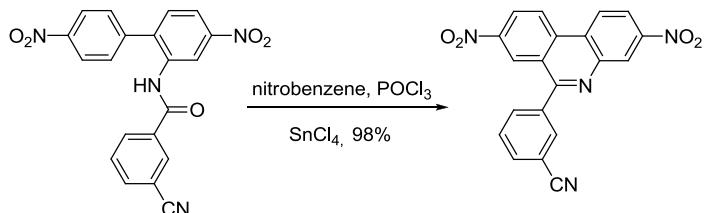
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Morgan–Walls reaction

Phenanthridine cyclization by dehydrative ring closure of acyl-*o*-aminobiphenyls with phosphorus oxychloride in boiling nitrobenzene.

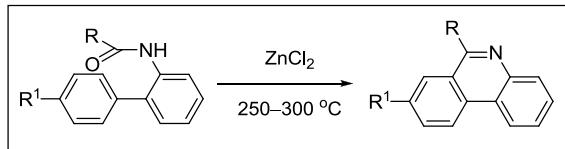


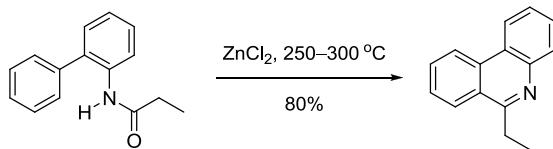
Example 1⁶



Pictet–Hubert reaction

The Pictet-Hubert reaction is a variant of the Morgan-Walls reaction where the phenanthridine cyclization was accomplished by dehydrative ring closure of acyl-*o*-aminobiphenyls on heating with zinc chloride at $250\text{--}300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.



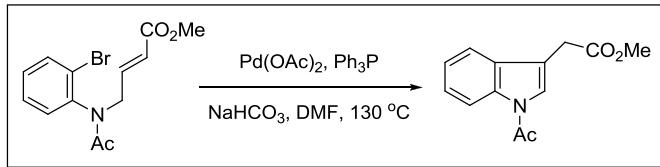
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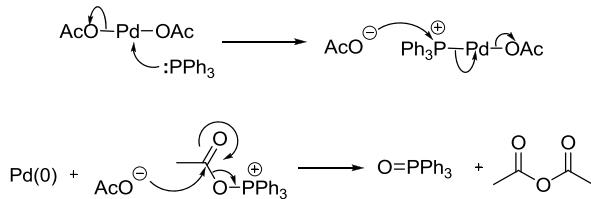
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Mori–Ban indole synthesis

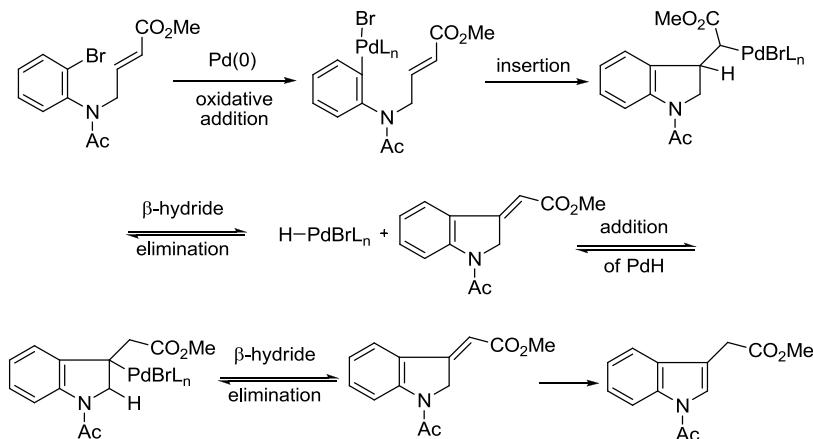
Intramolecular Heck reaction of *o*-halo-aniline with pendant olefin to prepare indole.



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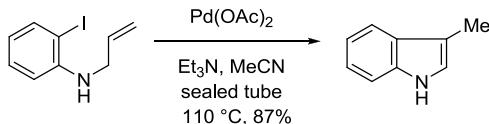
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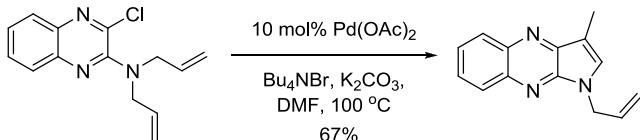
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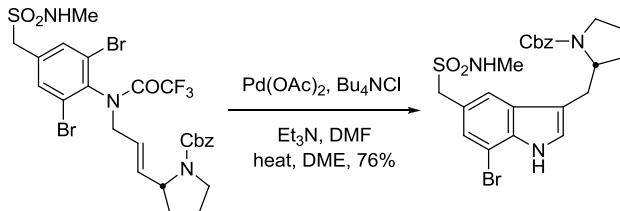
Example 1^{1a}



Example 2⁴



Example 3⁷

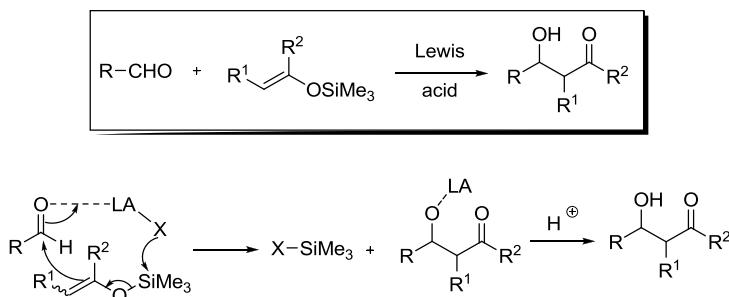


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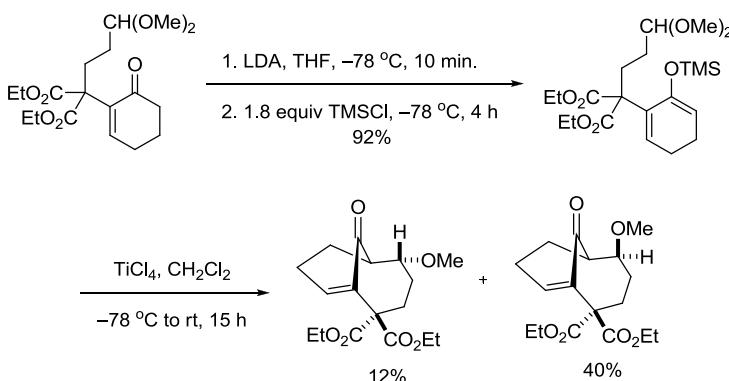
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Mukaiyama aldol reaction

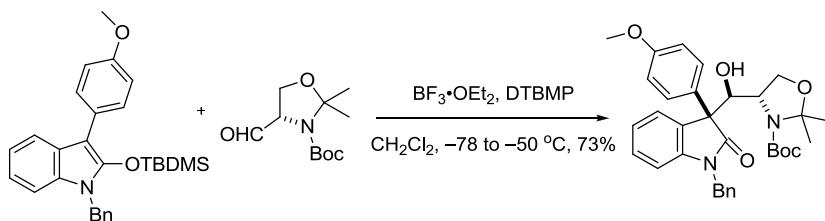
Lewis acid-catalyzed aldol condensation of aldehyde and silyl enol ether.



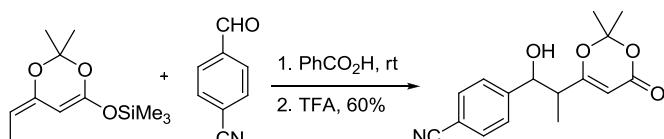
Example 1, Intramolecular Mukaiyama aldol reaction³



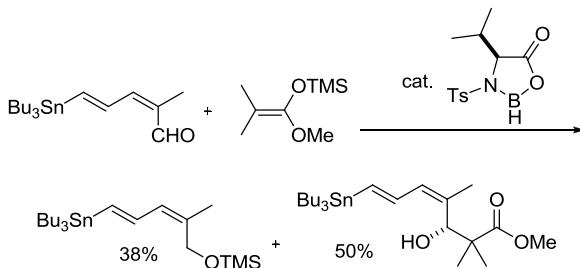
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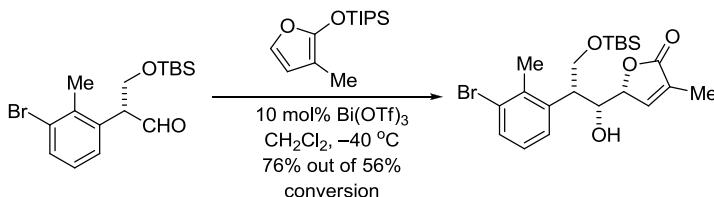
Example 3, Vinylogous Mukaiyama aldol reaction⁸



Example 4, Asymmetric Mukaiyama aldol reaction¹⁰



Example 5¹²

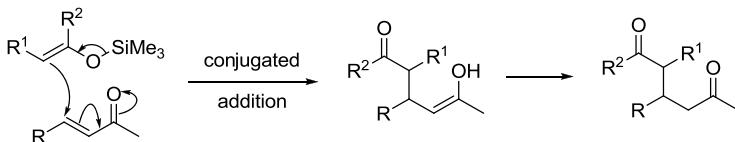
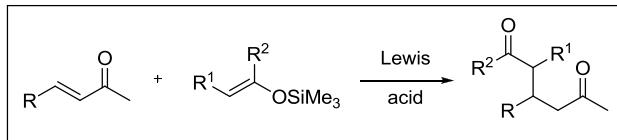


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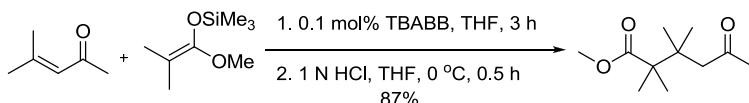
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Mukaiyama Michael addition

Lewis acid-catalyzed Michael addition of silyl enol ether to an α,β -unsaturated system.

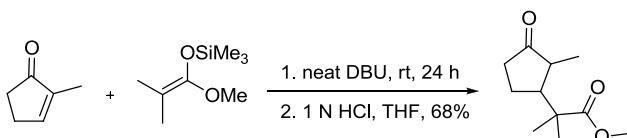


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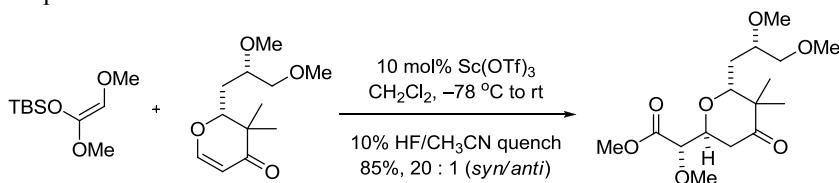


TBABB = tetra-*n*-butylammonium bibenzoate

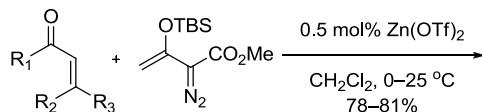
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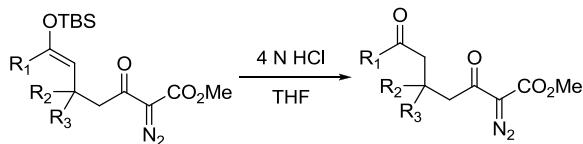


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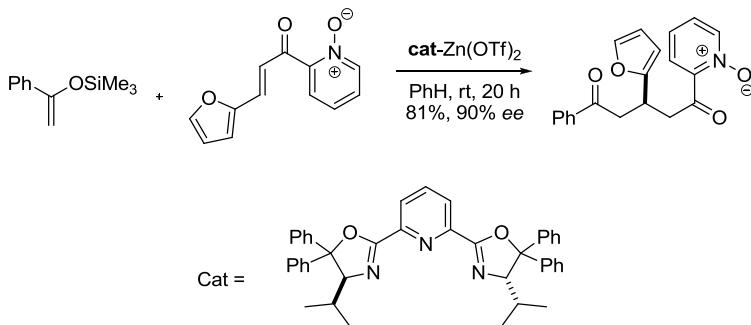


Example 4⁹





Example 5, Enantioselective Mukaiyama–Michael reaction¹¹



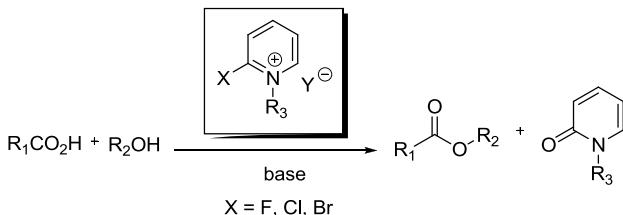
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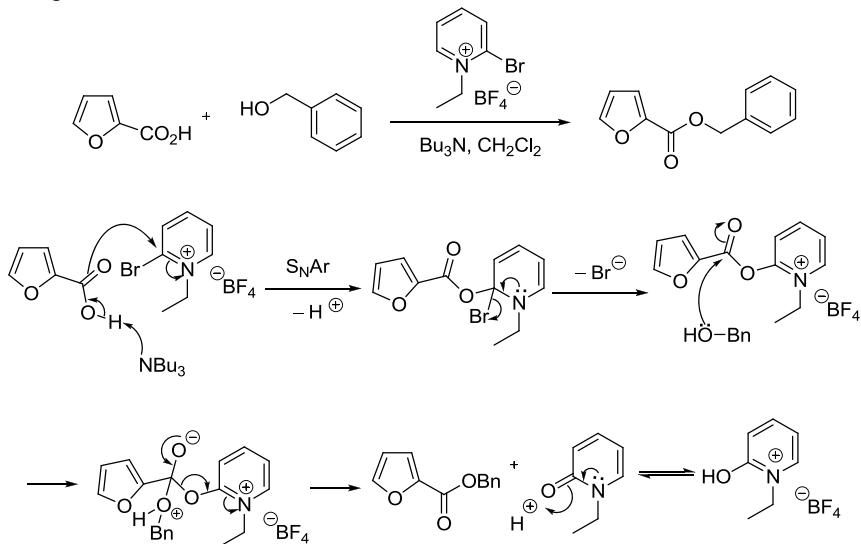
Mukaiyama reagent

Pyridinium halide reagent for esterification or amide formation.

General scheme:

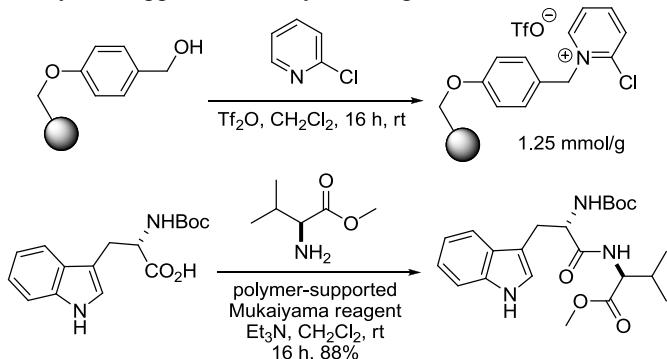


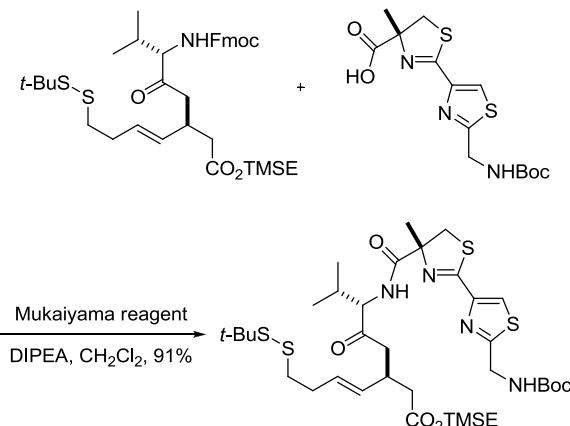
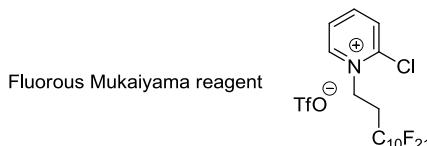
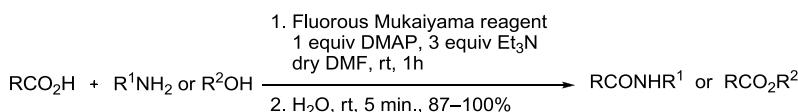
Example 1^{1c}



Amide formation using the Mukaiyama reagent follows a similar mechanistic pathway.^{1d}

Example 2, Polymer-supported Mukaiyama reagent⁵



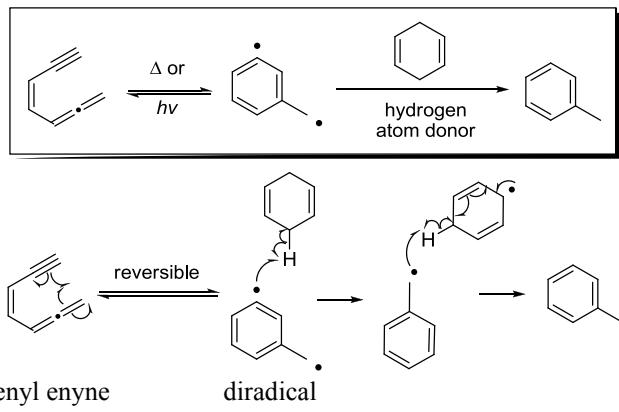
Example 3⁹Example 4, Fluorous Mukaiyama reagent¹⁰

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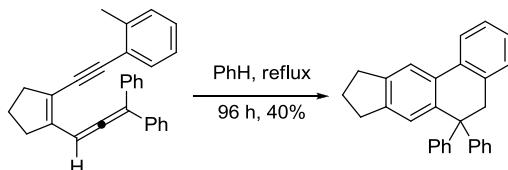
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Myers–Saito cyclization

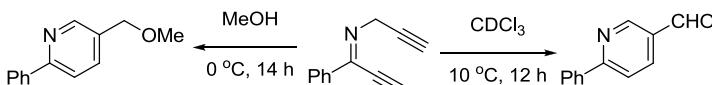
Construction of substituted arenes through the thermal or photochemical cycloaromatization of *allenyl enynes* in the presence of a H[•] donor such as 1,4-cyclohexadiene. Cf. Bergman cyclization and Schmittel cyclization.



Example 1³



Example 2, Aza-Myers–Saito reaction⁸

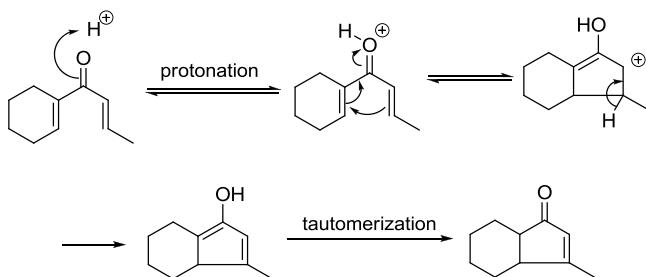
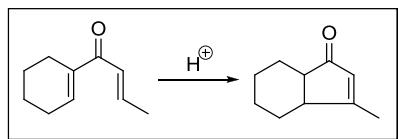


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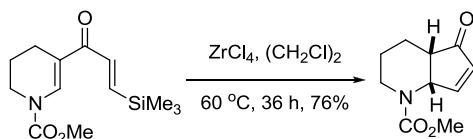
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Nazarov cyclization

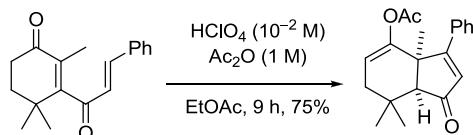
Acid-catalyzed electrocyclic formation of cyclopentenone from di-vinyl ketone.



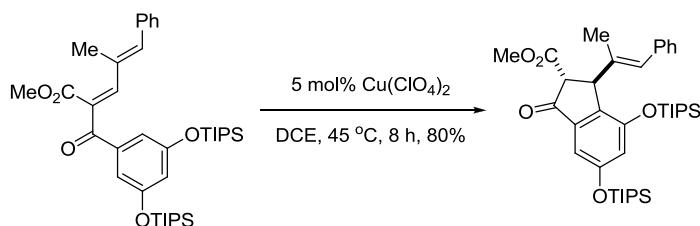
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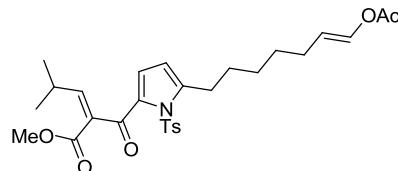
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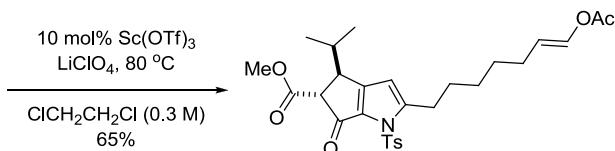
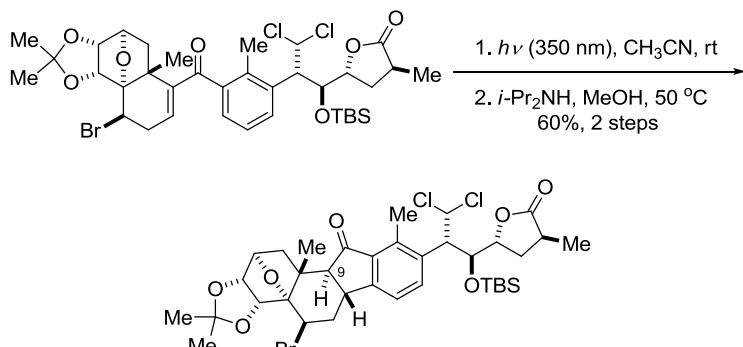
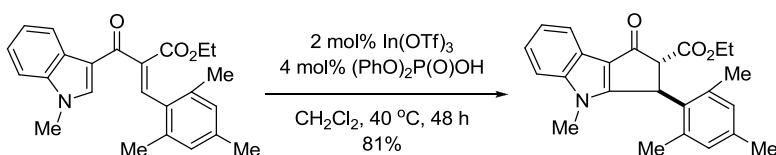


Example 3⁹



Example 4¹⁰



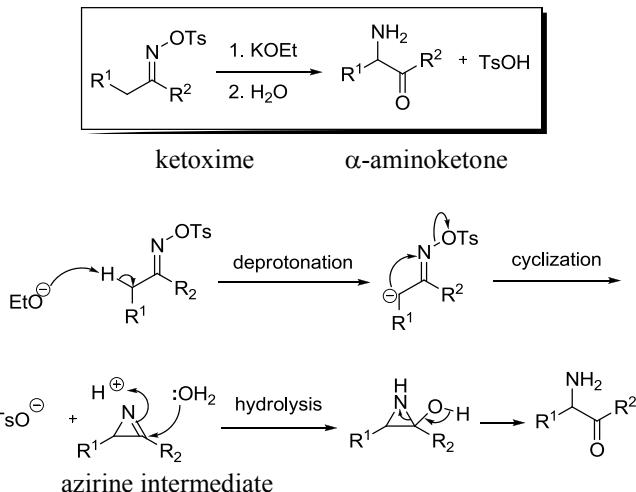
Example 5, an example with a different mechanism¹¹Example 6¹²

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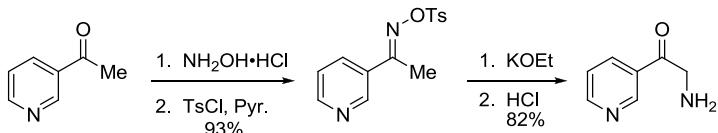
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Neber rearrangement

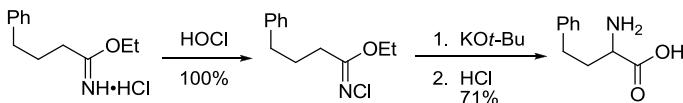
α -Aminoketone from tosyl ketoxime and base. The net conversion of a ketone into an α -aminoketone *via* the oxime.



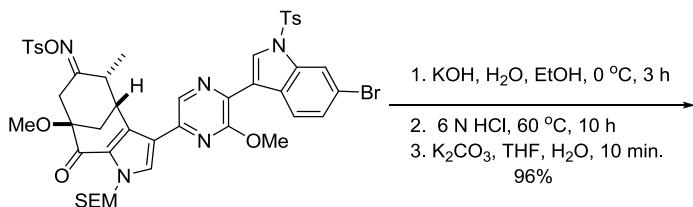
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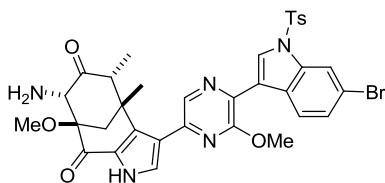
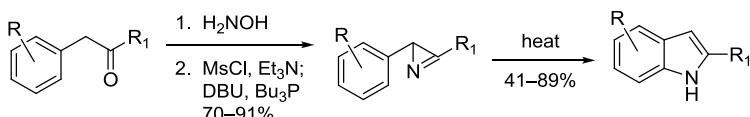
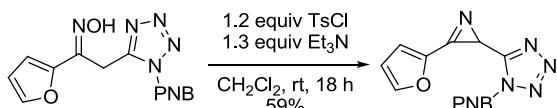


Example 2, A variant using iminochloride⁵



Example 3⁸



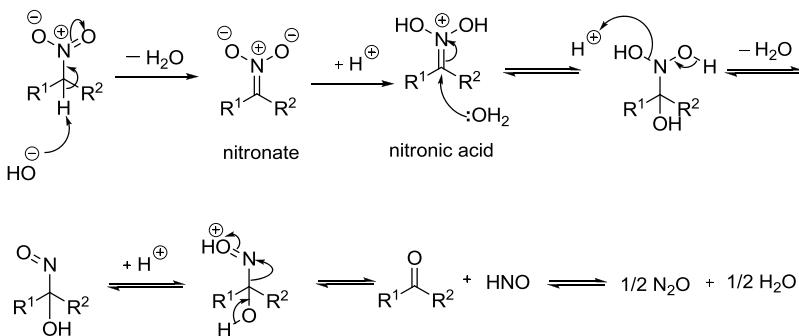
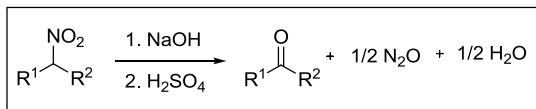
Example 4⁹Example 5¹¹

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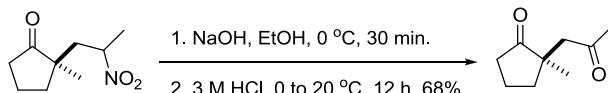
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Nef reaction

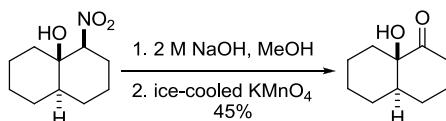
Conversion of a primary or secondary nitroalkane into the corresponding carbonyl compound.



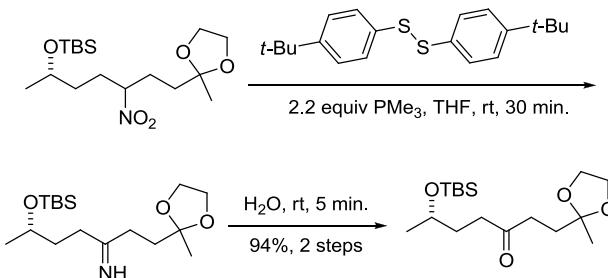
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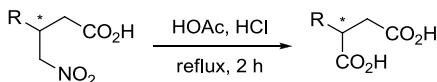
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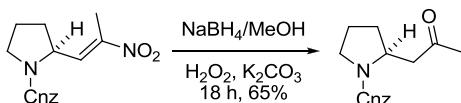
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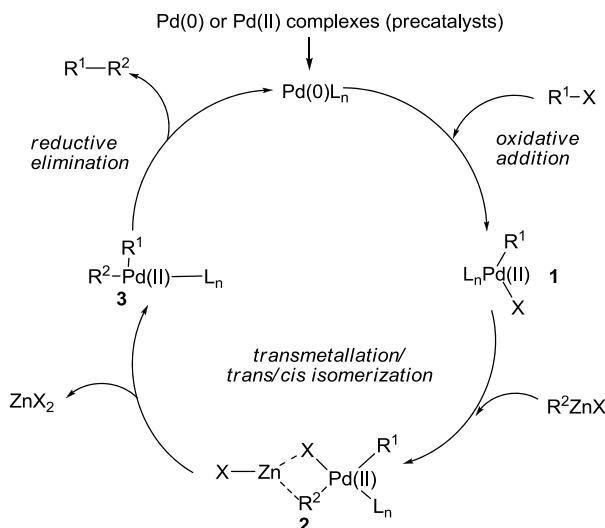
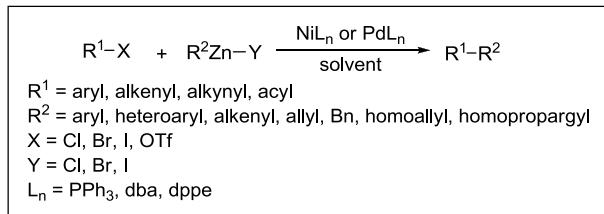


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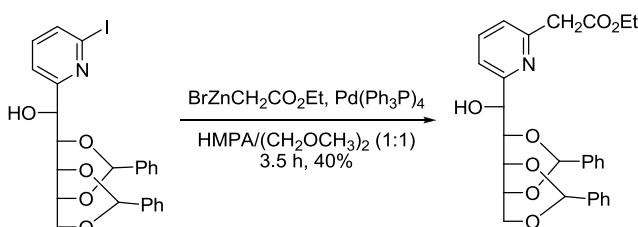
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Negishi cross-coupling reaction

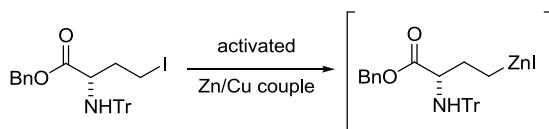
The Negishi cross-coupling reaction is the nickel- or palladium-catalyzed coupling of organozinc compounds with various halides or triflates (aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, and acyl).

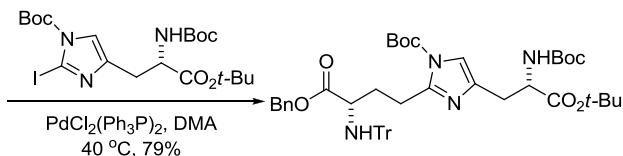
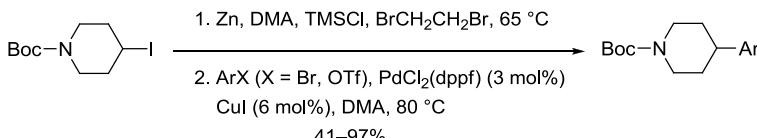
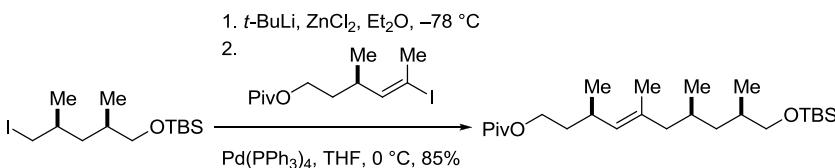
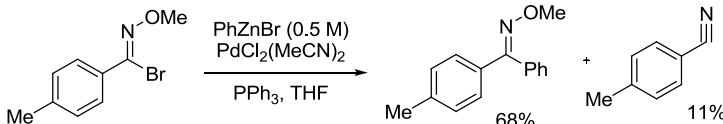


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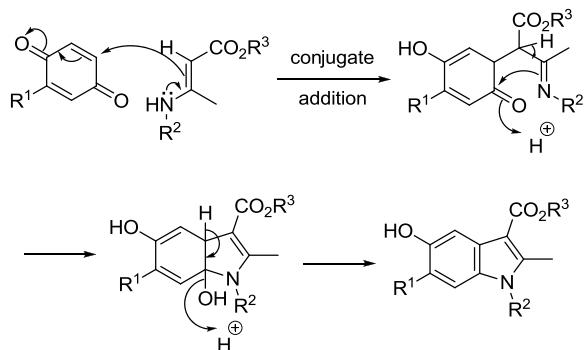
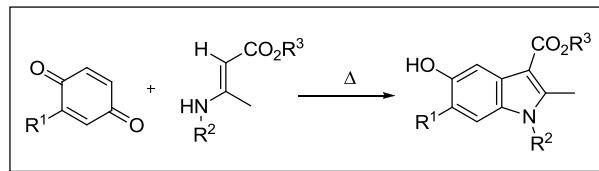
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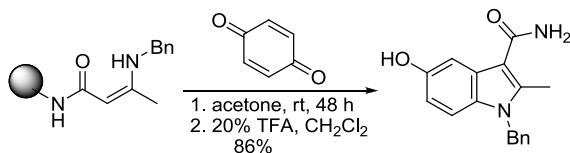
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Nenitzescu indole synthesis

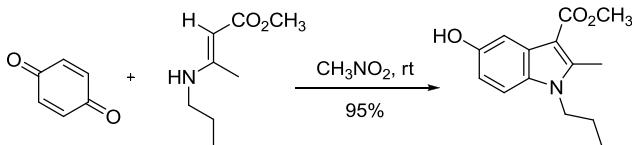
5-Hydroxylindole from condensation of *p*-benzoquinone and β -aminocrotonate.



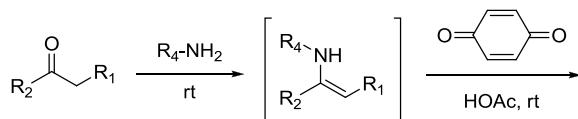
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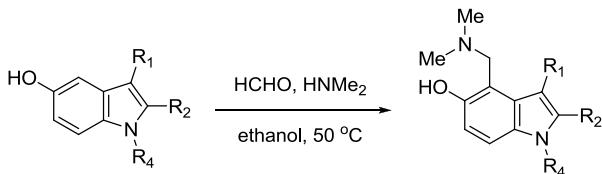
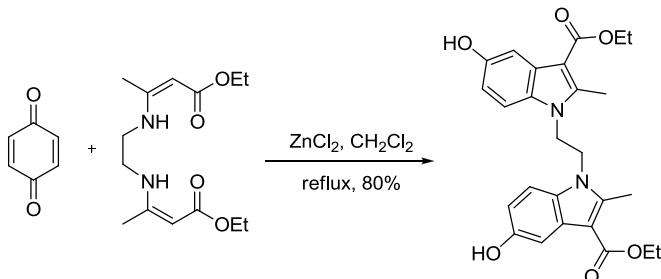
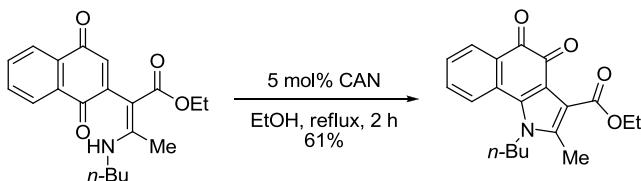


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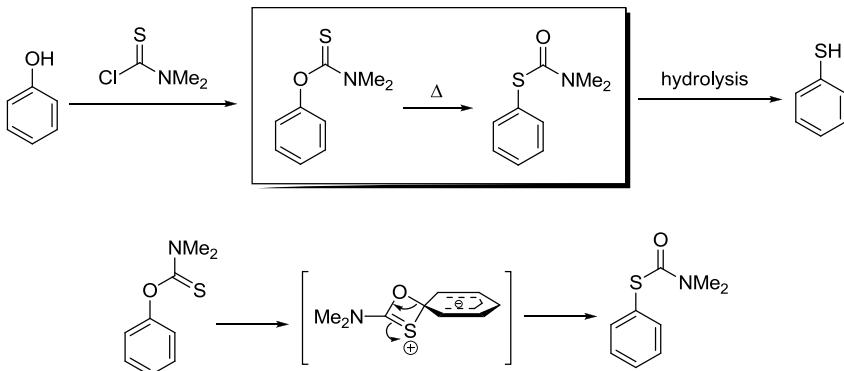
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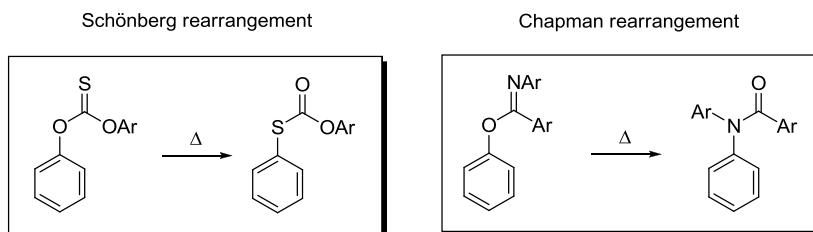
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Newman–Kwart rearrangement

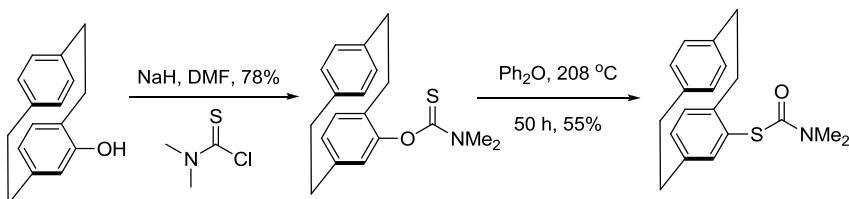
Transformation of phenol to the corresponding thiophenol, a variant of the Smiles reaction.

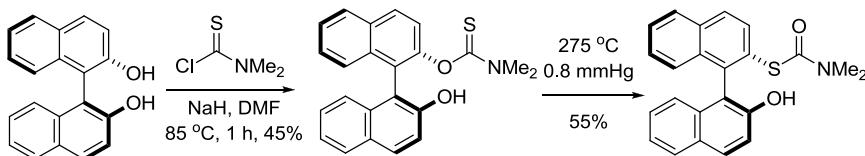
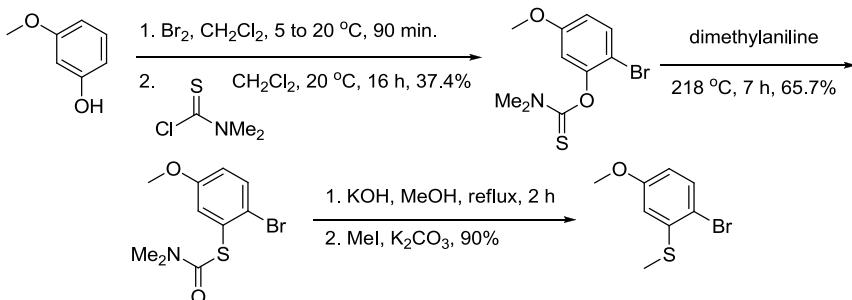


The Newman–Kwart rearrangement is a member of a series of related rearrangements, such as the **Schönberg rearrangement** and the **Chapman rearrangement** (page 105), in which aryl groups migrate intramolecularly between nonadjacent atoms. The Schönberg rearrangement is the most similar and involves the 1,3-migration of an aryl group from oxygen to sulfur in a diarylthiocarbonate. The Chapman rearrangement involves an analogous migration but to nitrogen.



Example 1⁵



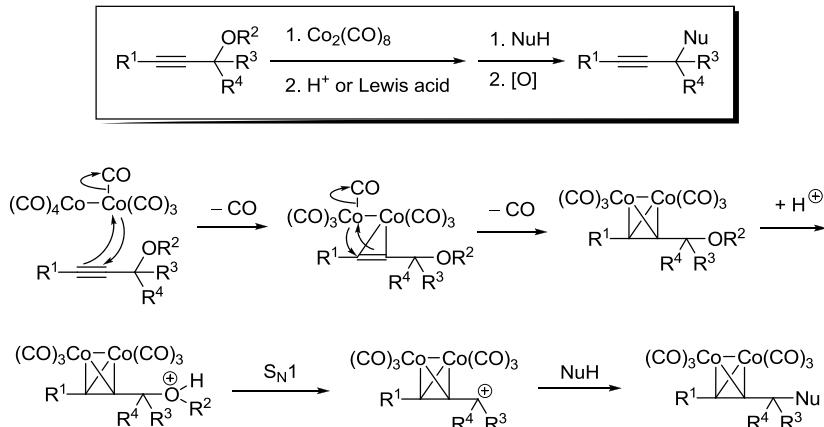
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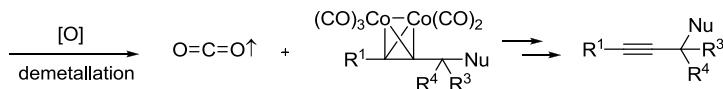
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Nicholas reaction

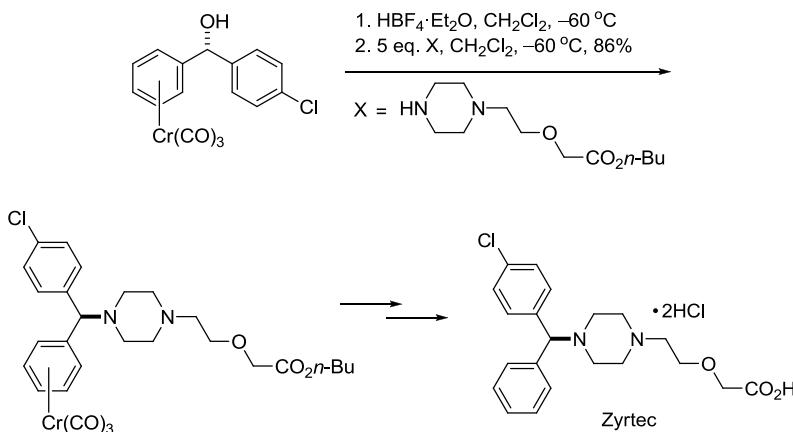
Hexacarbonyldicobalt-stabilized propargyl cation is captured by a nucleophile. Subsequent oxidative demetallation then gives the propargylated product.



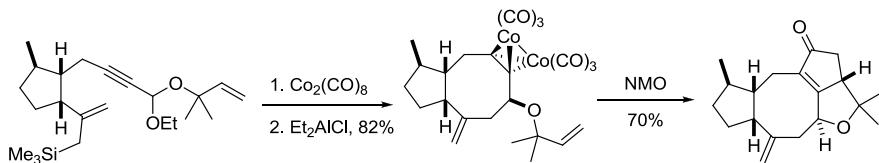
propargyl cation intermediate (stabilized by the hexacarbonyldicobalt complex).



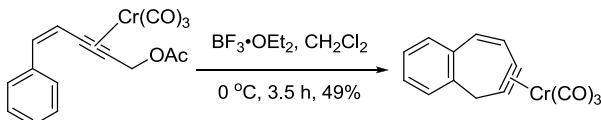
Example 1, A chromium variant of the Nicholas reaction³



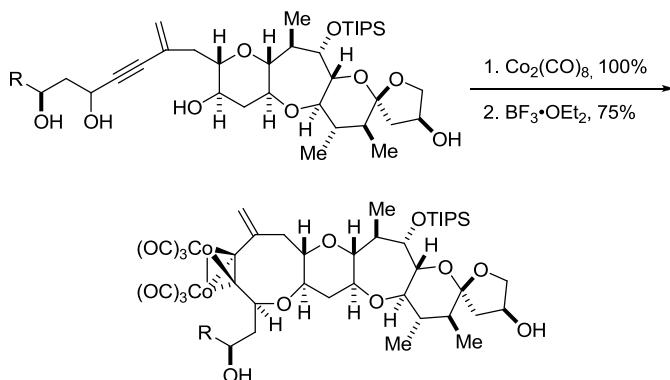
Example 2, A Nicholas-Pauson–Khand sequence⁴



Example 3, Intramolecular Nicholas reaction using chromium⁷



Example 4⁹

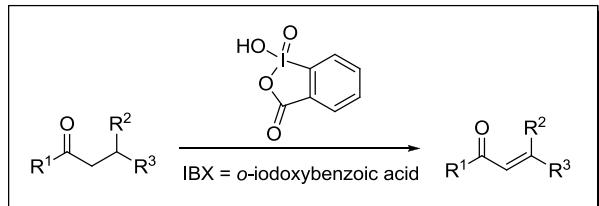


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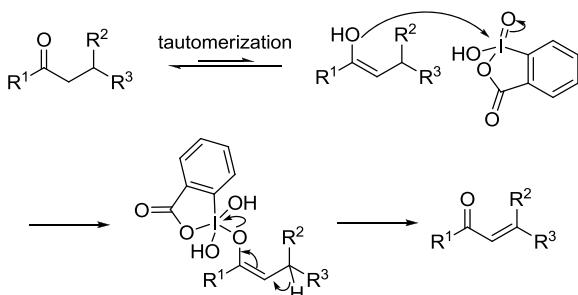
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Nicolaou IBX dehydrogenation

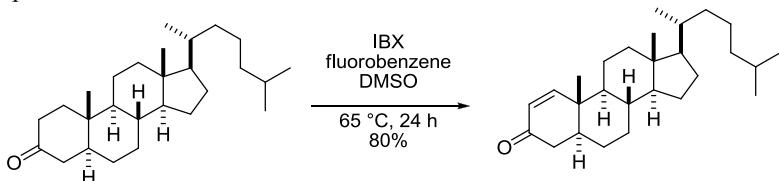
α,β -Unsaturation of aldehydes and ketones mediated by stoichiometric amounts of *o*-iodoxybenzoic acid (IBX), alternative to the Saegusa oxidation.



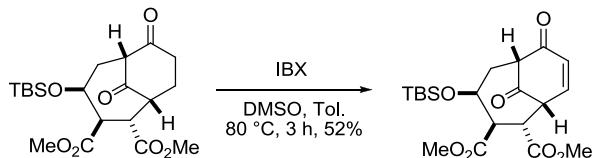
A SET mechanism has also been proposed. Additionally, silyl enol ethers are also viable substrates.



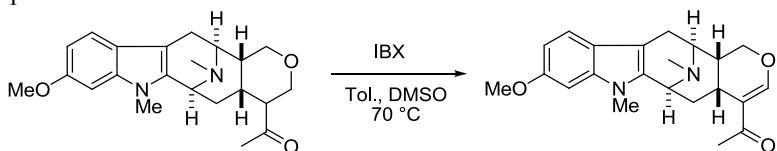
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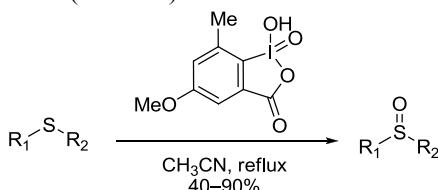
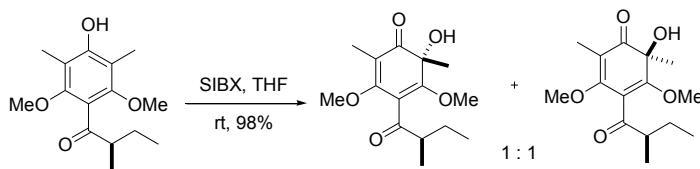


Example 2³



Example 3⁷



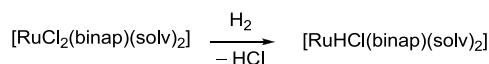
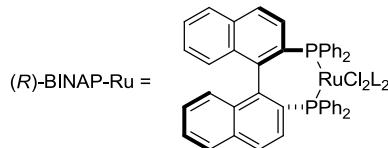
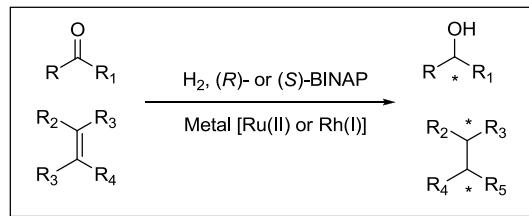
Example 4, *o*-Methyl-IBX (Me-IBX)⁹Example 5, Stabilized IBX (SIBX)¹⁰

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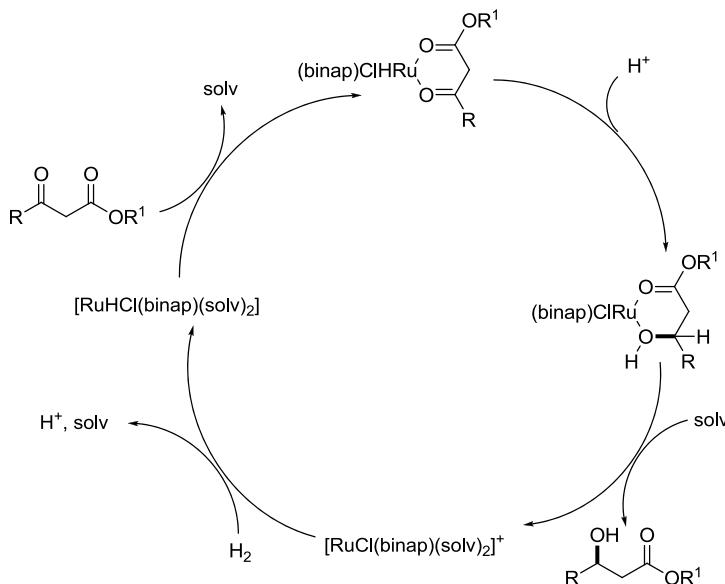
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Noyori asymmetric hydrogenation

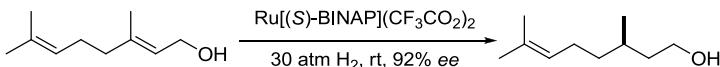
Asymmetric reduction of carbonyls and alkenes *via* hydrogenation, catalyzed by a ruthenium(II) BINAP complex.



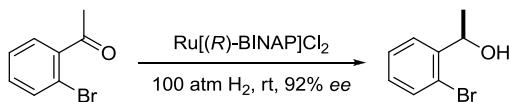
The catalytic cycle:



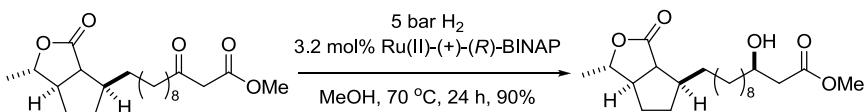
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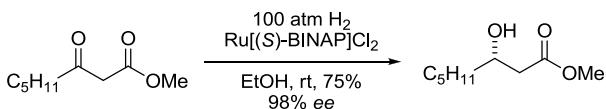
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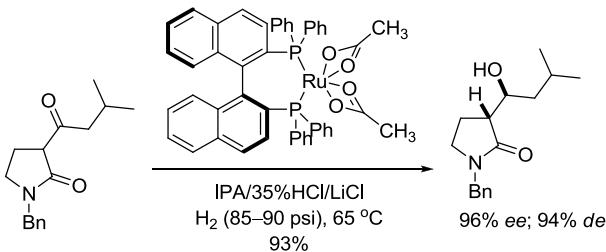
Example 3⁹



Example 4¹⁰



Example 5¹¹



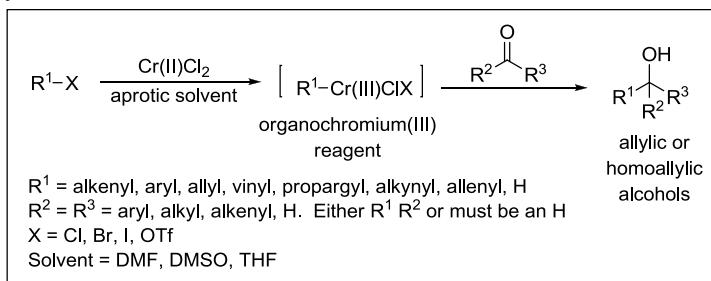
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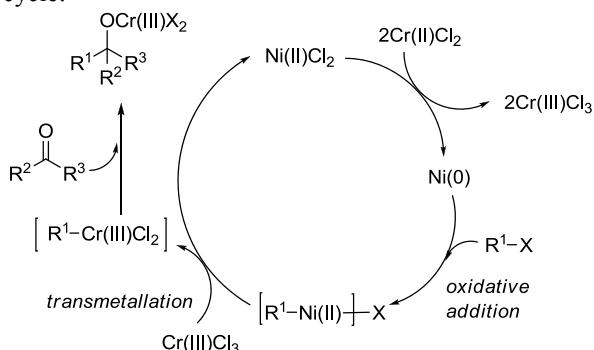
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Nozaki–Hiyama–Kishi reaction

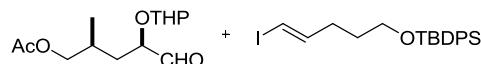
Cr–Ni bimetallic catalyst-promoted redox addition of vinyl- or propargyl-halides to aldehydes.



The catalytic cycle:²



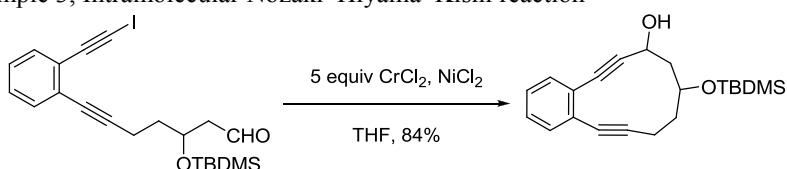
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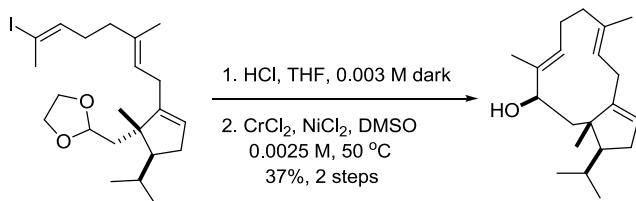
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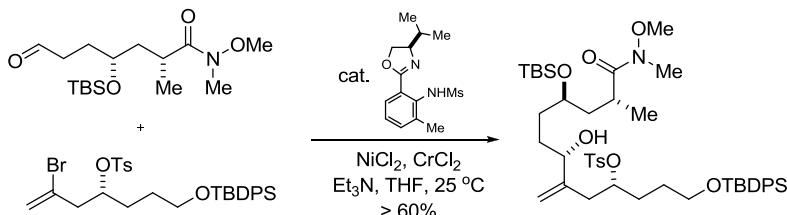
Example 3, Intramolecular Nozaki–Hiyama–Kishi reaction⁸



Example 4, Intramolecular Nozaki–Hiyama–Kishi reaction⁹



Example 5, Asymmetric Nozaki–Hiyama–Kishi reaction¹¹

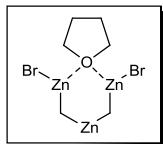


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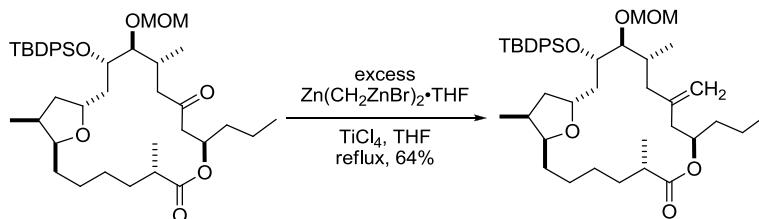
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Nysted reagent

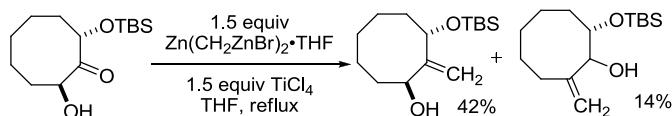
The Nysted reagent, cyclo-dibromodi- μ -methylene(μ -tetrahydrofuran)trizinc, is used for the olefination of ketones and aldehydes.



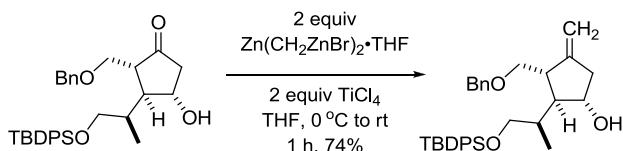
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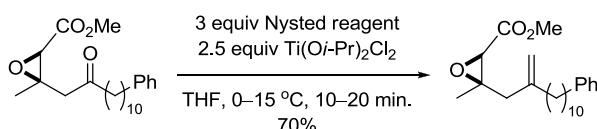
Example 2⁸



Example 3⁹



Example 4¹¹



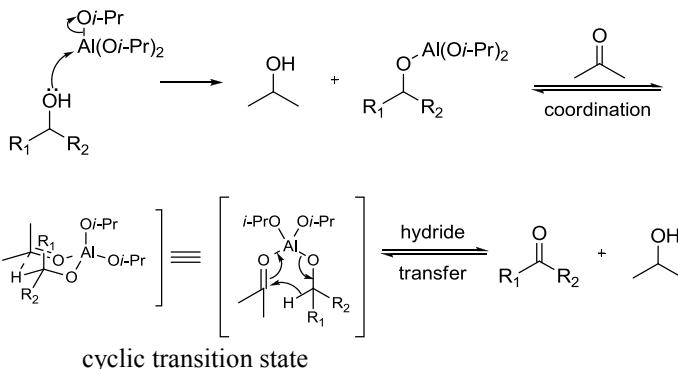
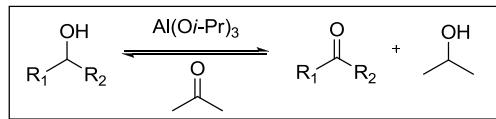
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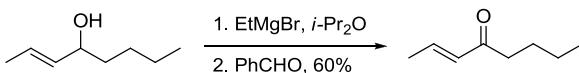
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Oppenauer oxidation

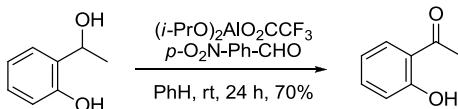
Alkoxide-catalyzed oxidation of secondary alcohols. Reverse of the Meerwein–Ponndorf–Verley reduction.



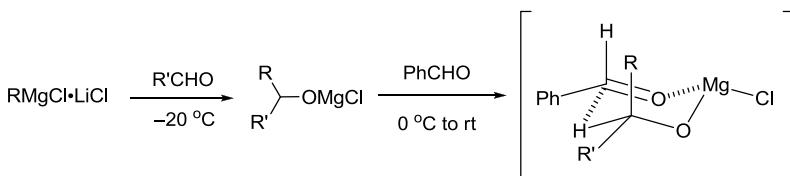
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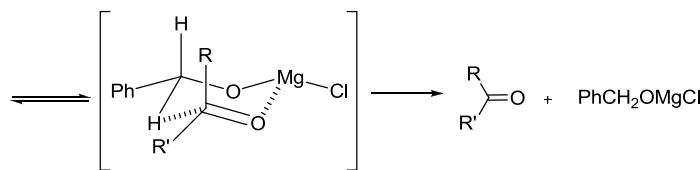


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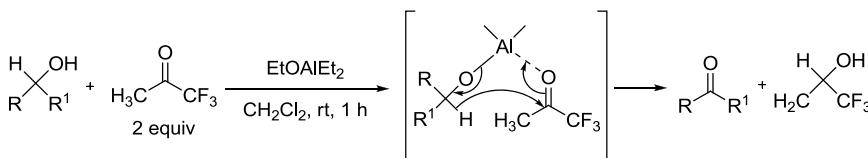


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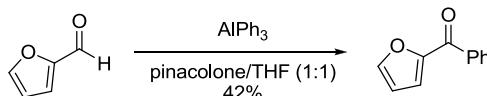




Example 4¹⁰



Example 5, Tandem nucleophilic addition–Oppenauer oxidation¹²

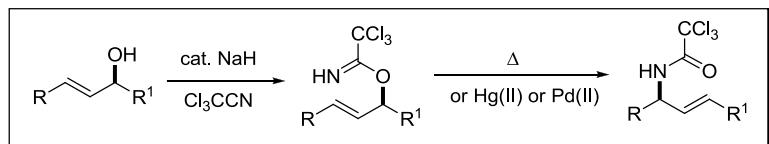


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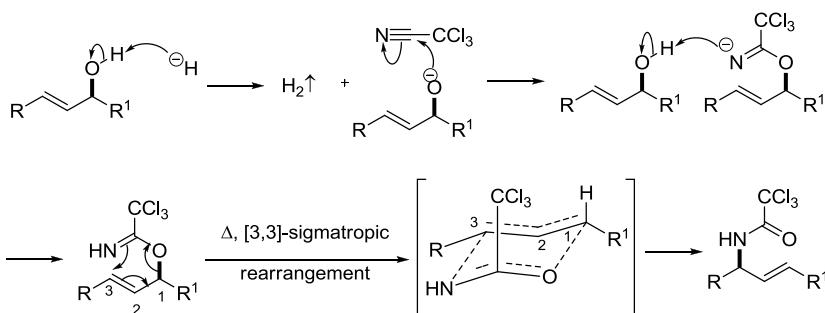
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Overman rearrangement

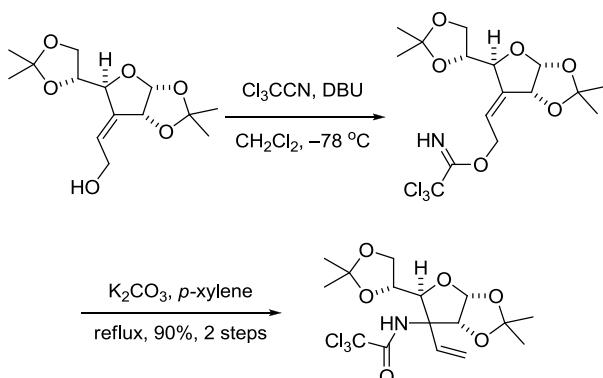
Stereoselective transformation of allylic alcohol to allylic trichloroacetamide *via* trichloroacetimidate intermediate.



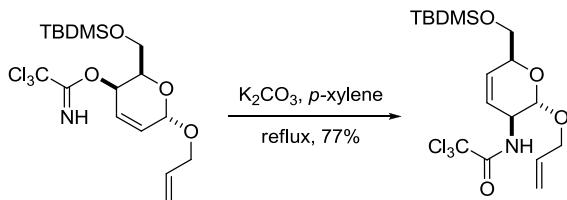
trichloroacetimidate



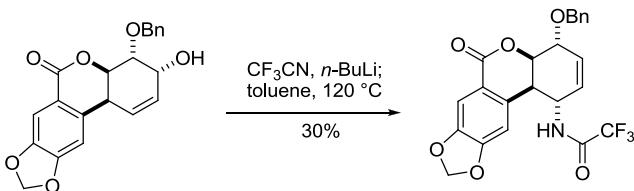
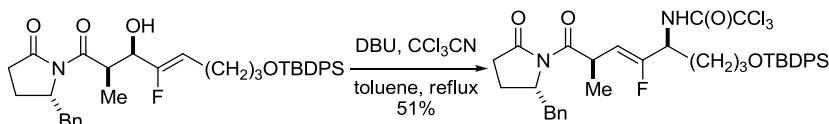
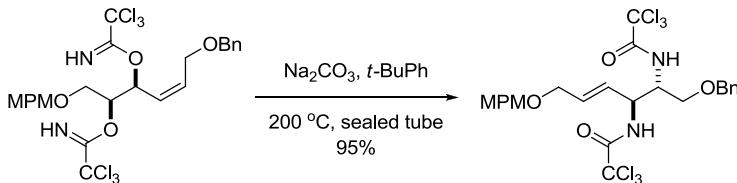
Example 1⁵



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Example 3⁷

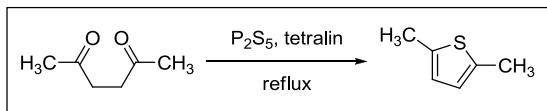
Example 4⁹Example 5, Cascade-type Overman rearrangement¹¹

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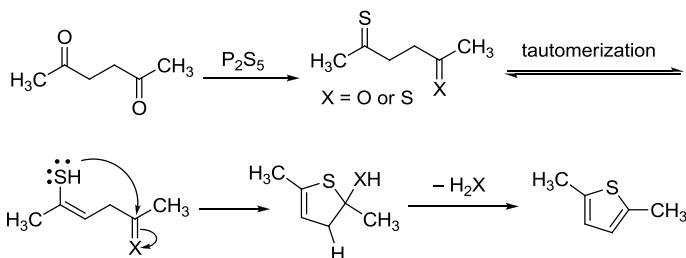
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Paal thiophene synthesis

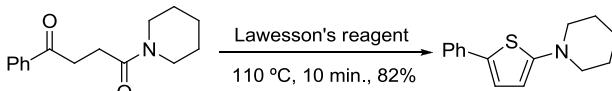
Thiophene synthesis from addition of a sulfur atom to 1,4-diketones and subsequent dehydration.



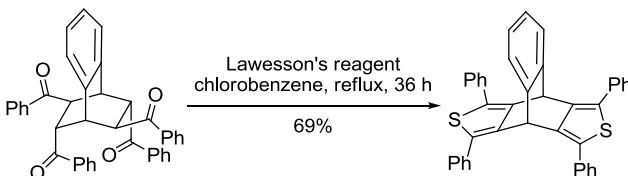
The reaction now is frequently carried out using the Lawesson's reagent. For the mechanism of carbonyl to thiocarbonyl transformation, see Lawesson's reagent.



Example 1²



Example 2³

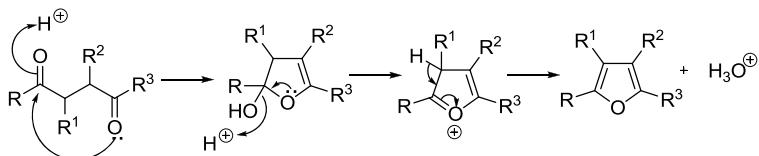
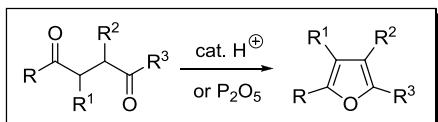


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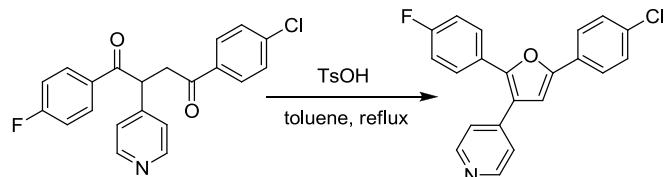
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Paal–Knorr furan synthesis

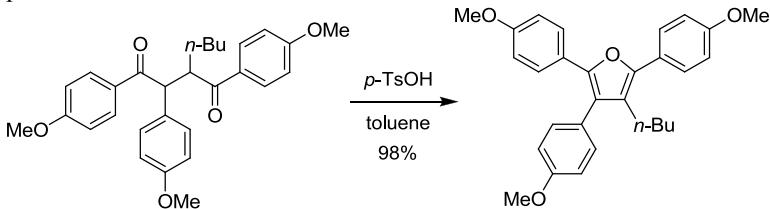
Acid-catalyzed cyclization of 1,4-diketones to form furans.



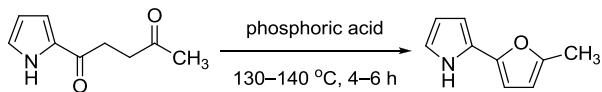
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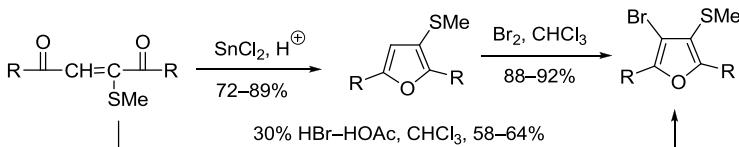
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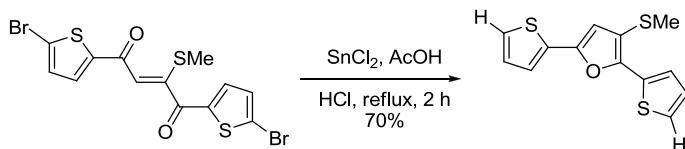
Example 3⁹



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Example 5, Concurrent debromination along with furan formation¹⁰

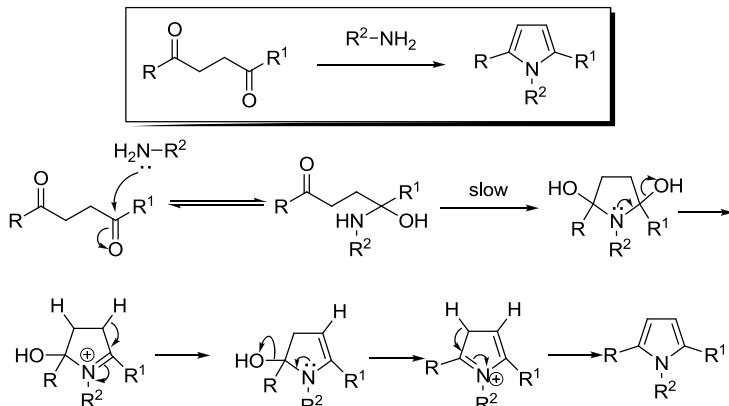


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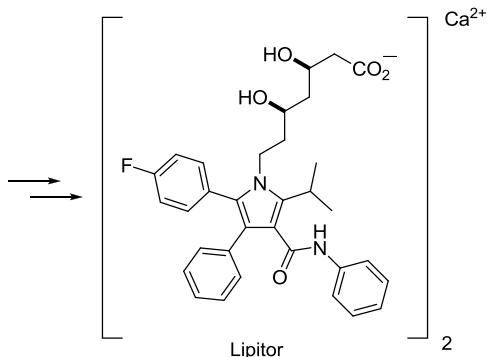
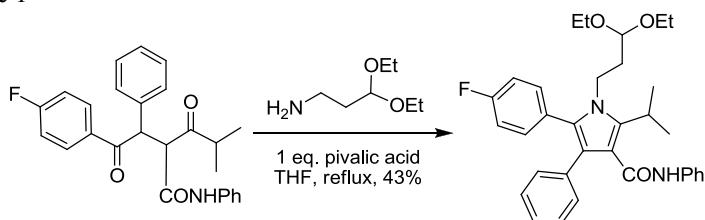
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Paal–Knorr pyrrole synthesis

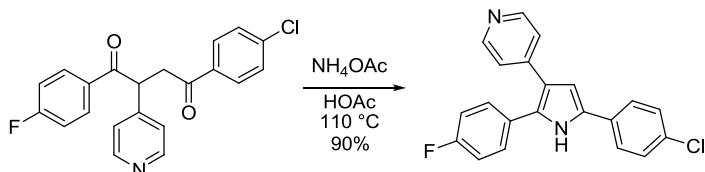
Reaction between 1,4-diketones and primary amines (or ammonia) to give pyrroles. A variation of the Knorr pyrazole synthesis.

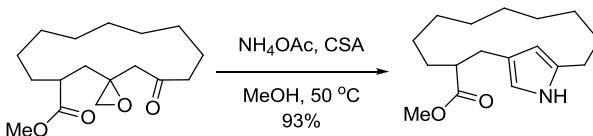
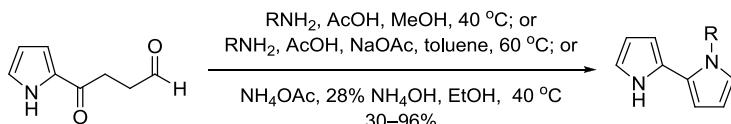
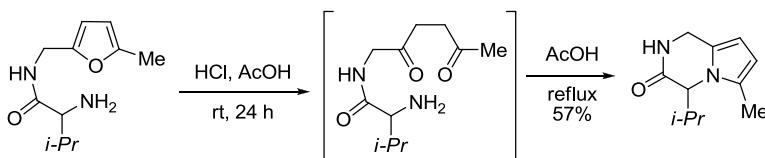


Example 1⁴



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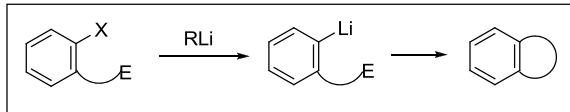
Example 3⁹Example 4¹⁰Example 5, Furan ring opening–pyrrole ring closure¹⁰

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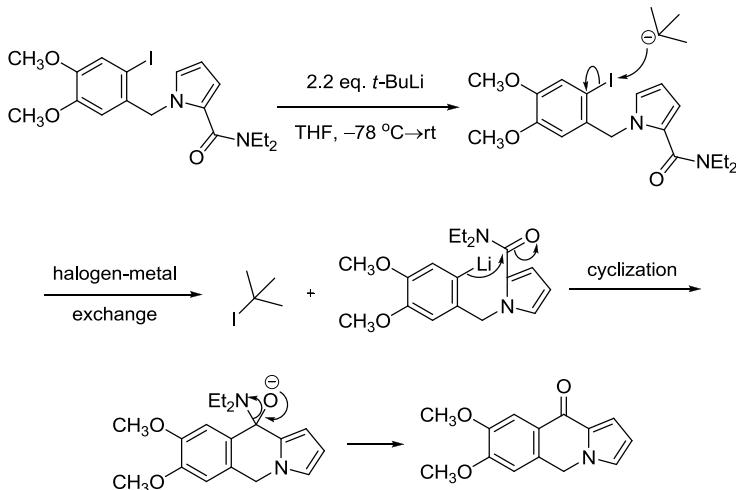
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Parham cyclization

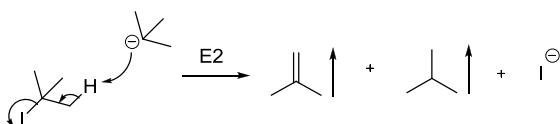
The Parham cyclization is the generation by halogen–lithium exchange of aryllithiums and heteroaryllithiums, and their subsequent intramolecular cyclization onto an electrophilic site.



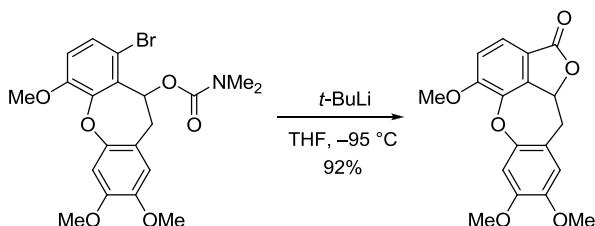
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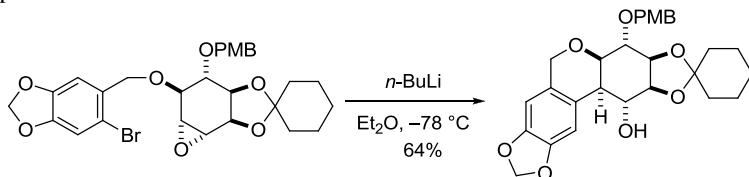
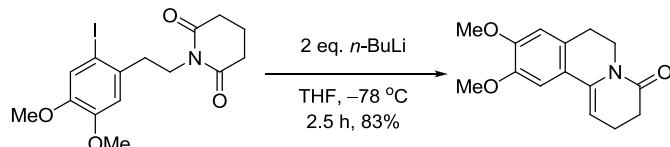
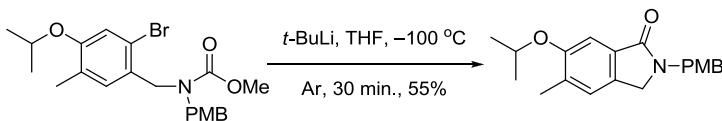


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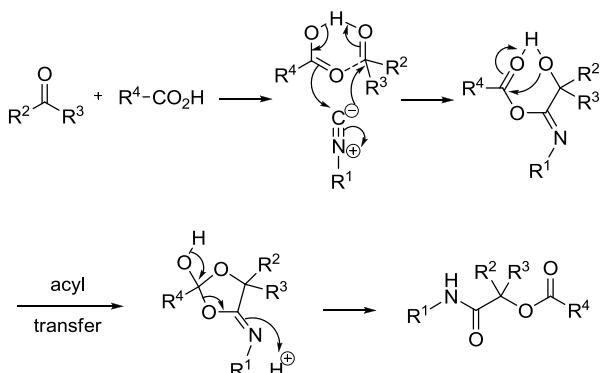
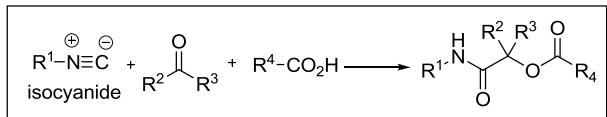
Example 3⁴Example 4⁵Example 5⁹

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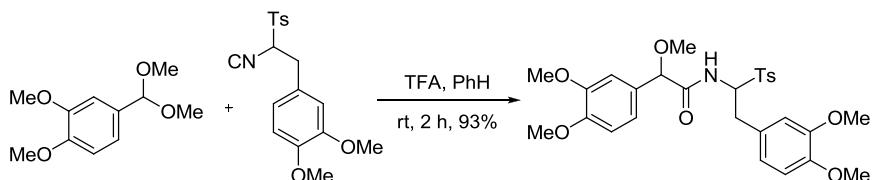
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Passerini reaction

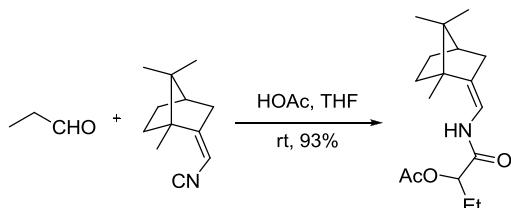
Three-component condensation (3CC) of carboxylic acids, *C*-isocyanides, and carbonyl compounds to afford α -acyloxycarboxamides. Also known as three-component reaction (3CR). Cf. Ugi reaction.



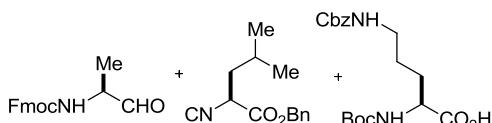
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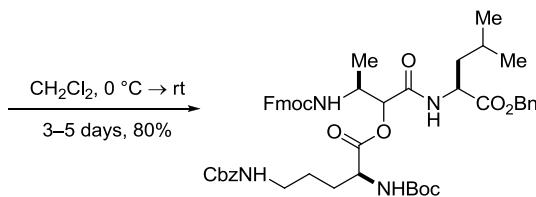


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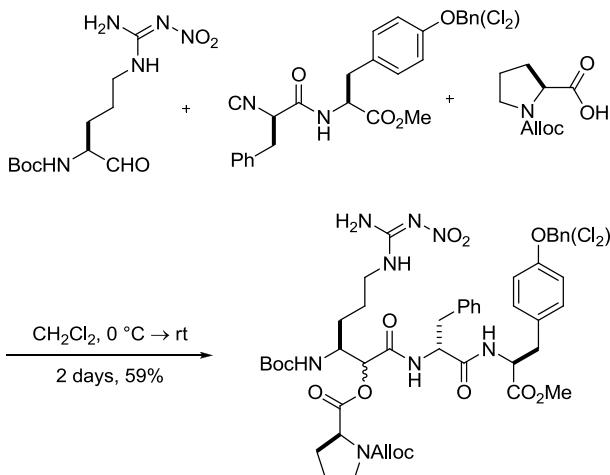


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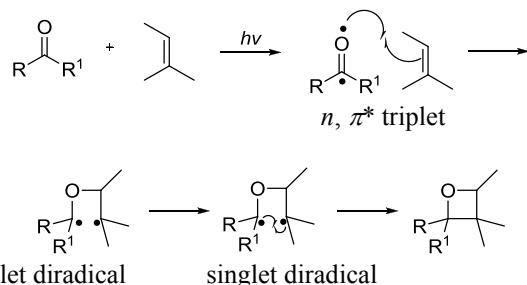
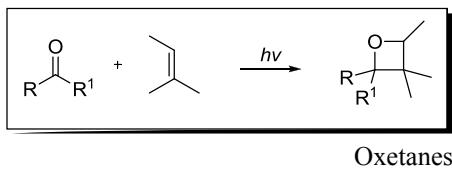


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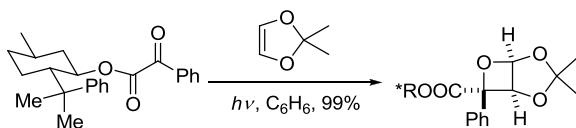
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Paterno–Büchi reaction

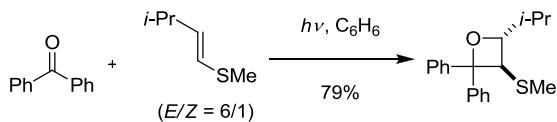
Photoinduced electrocyclicization of a carbonyl with an alkene to form polysubstituted oxetane ring systems



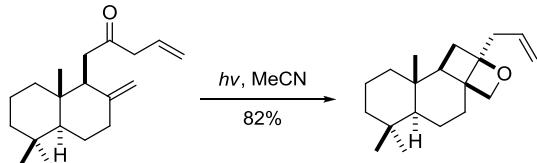
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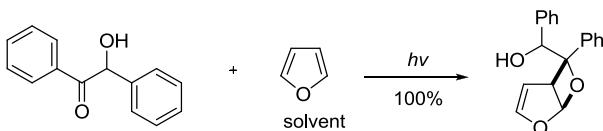
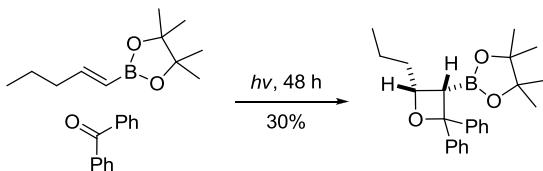


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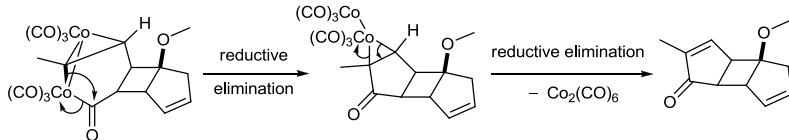
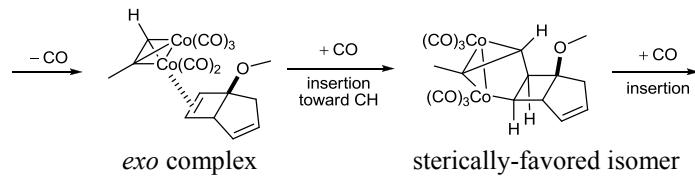
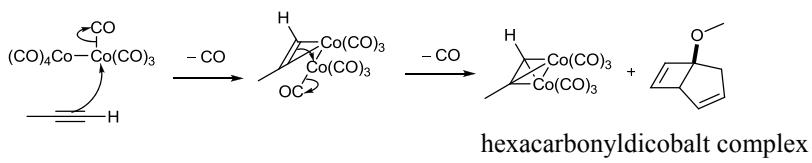
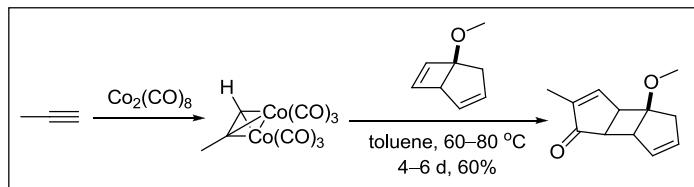
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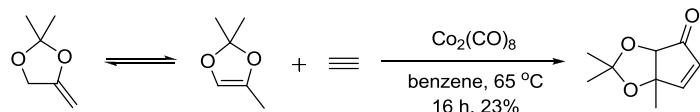
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Pauson–Khand reaction

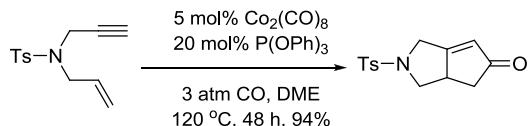
Formal [2 + 2 +1] cycloaddition of an alkene, alkyne, and carbon monoxide mediated by octacarbonyl dicobalt to form cyclopentenones.



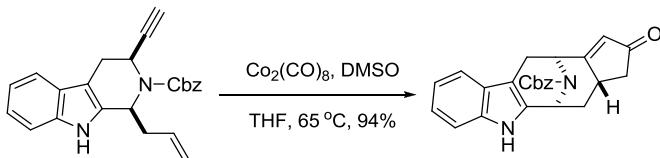
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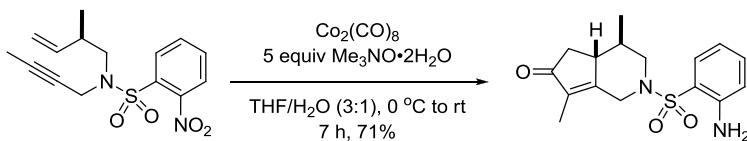
Example 2, A catalytic version⁶



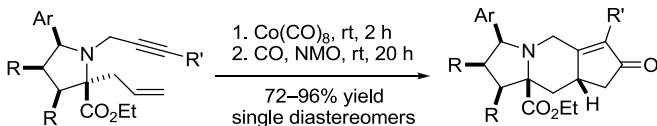
Example 3, Intramolecular Pauson–Khand reaction⁹



Example 4, Intramolecular Pauson–Khand reaction¹⁰



Example 5¹²

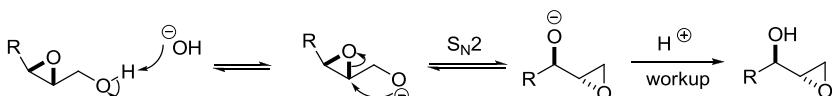
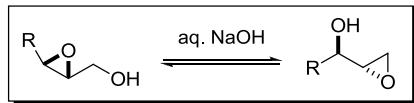


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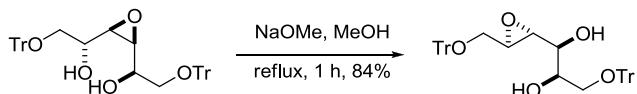
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Payne rearrangement

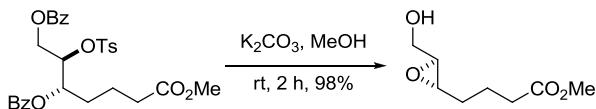
The isomerization of 2,3-epoxy alcohol under the influence of a base to 1,2-epoxy-3-ol is referred to as the Payne rearrangement. Also known as epoxide migration.



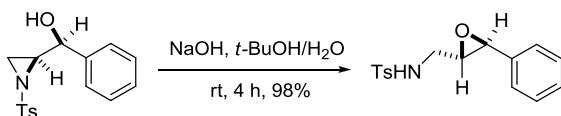
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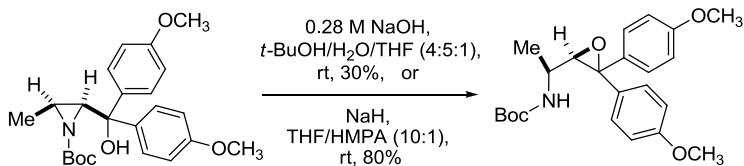
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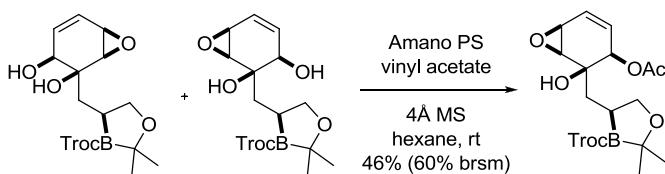
Example 3, Aza-Payne rearrangement⁸



Example 4, Aza-Payne rearrangement⁹



Example 5, Lipase-mediated dynamic kinetic resolution via a *vinylogous* Payne rearrangement¹¹

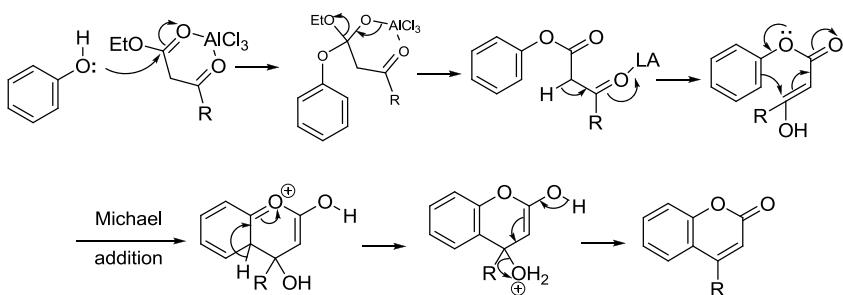
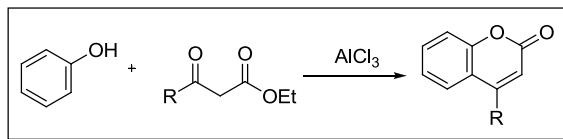


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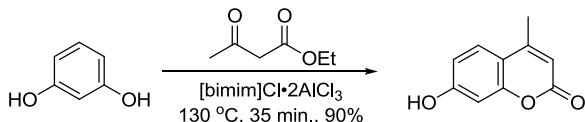
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Pechmann coumarin synthesis

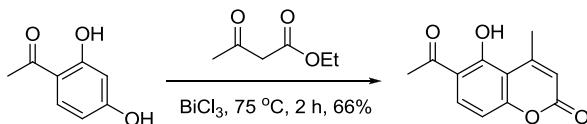
Lewis and Brønsted acid-mediated condensation of phenol with β -ketoester to produce coumarin. Some call it the von Pechmann cyclization.



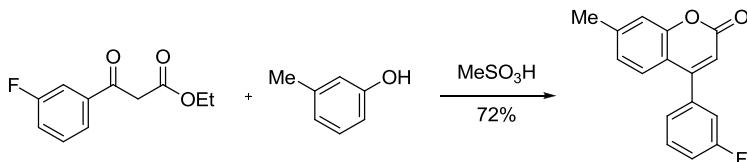
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Example 2⁸



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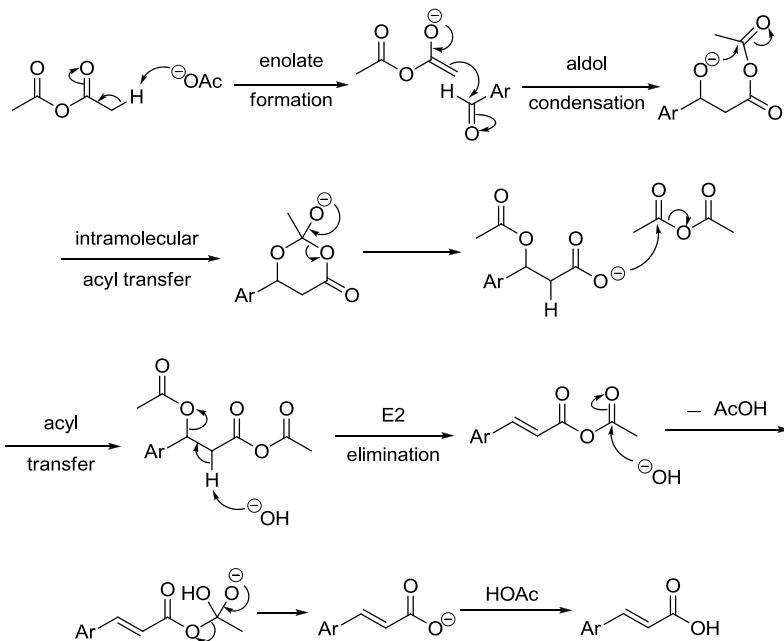
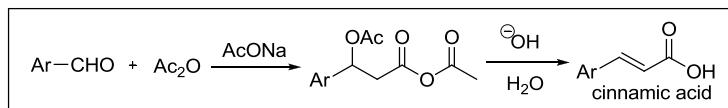


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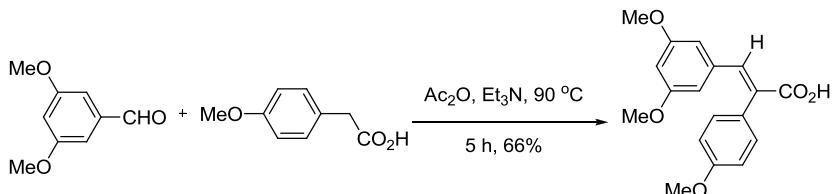
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Perkin reaction

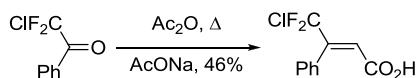
Cinnamic acid synthesis from aryl aldehyde and acetic anhydride.



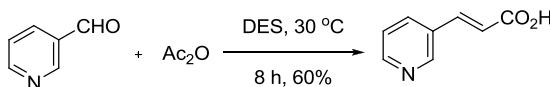
Example 1⁷



Example 2⁹



Example 3¹²



DES = Biodegradable deep eutectic solvent generated from choline chloride and urea.

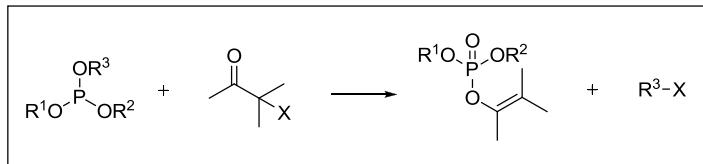
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Perkow vinyl phosphate synthesis

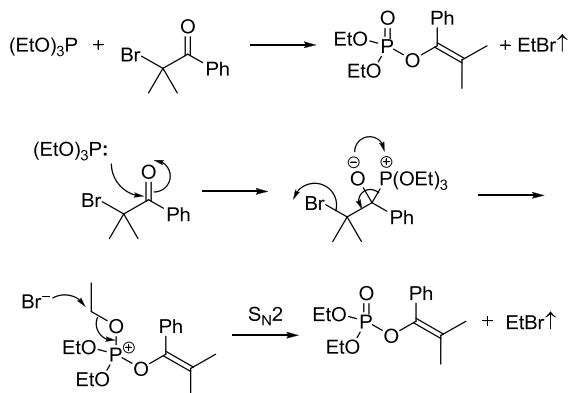
Enol phosphate synthesis from α -halocarbonyls and trialkylphosphites.

General scheme:

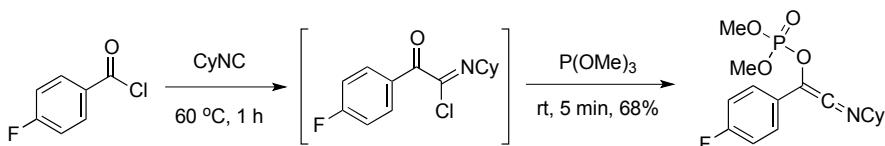


$X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$, secondary or tertiary halides are required to retard the competing Michaelis–Arbuzov reaction.

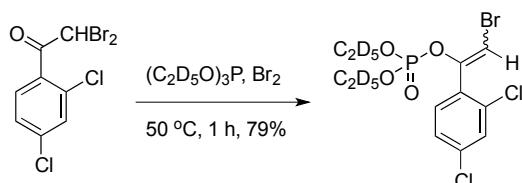
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Example 2⁷



Example 3⁸

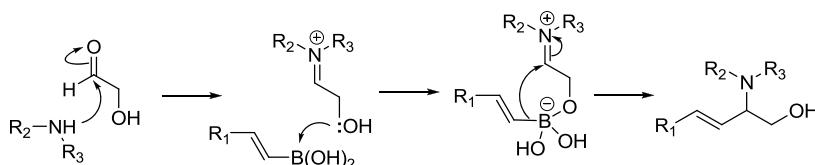
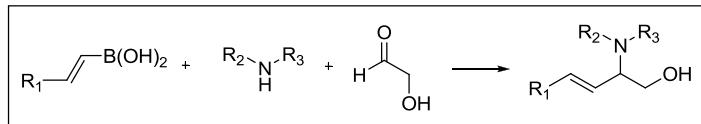


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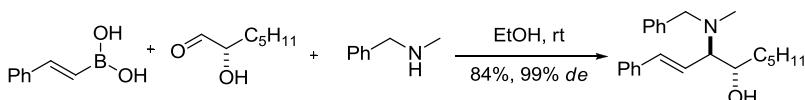
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Petasis reaction

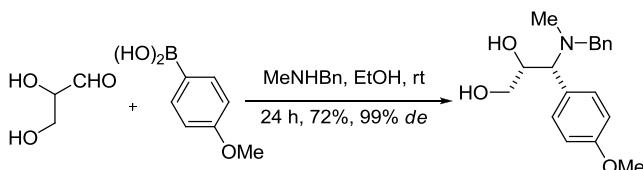
Benzyllic or allylic amine from the three-component reaction of an aryl- or a vinylboronic acid, a carbonyl and an amine. Also known as boronic acid-Mannich or Petasis boronic acid-Mannich reaction. Cf. Mannich reaction.



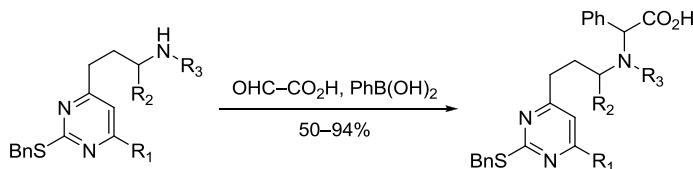
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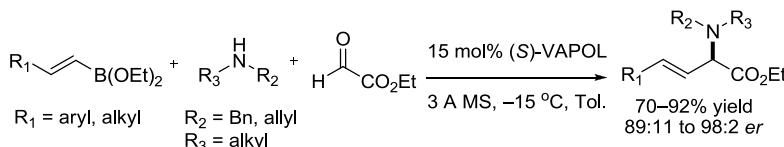
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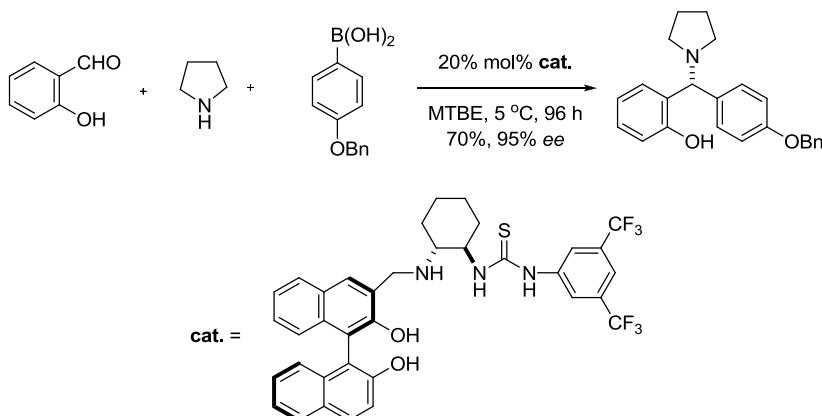
Example 3⁹



Example 4, Asymmetric Petasis reaction¹⁰



Example 5, Asymmetric Petasis reaction¹¹

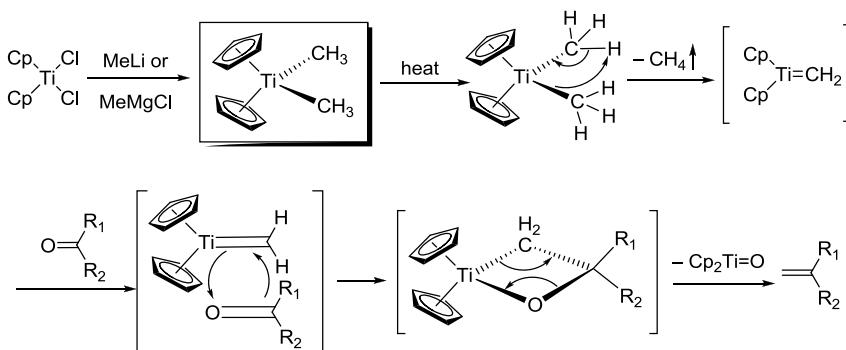


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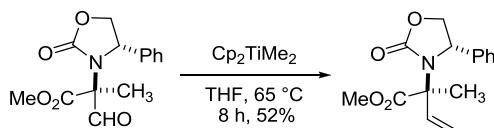
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Petasis reagent

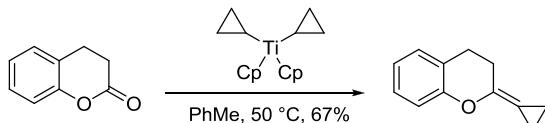
The Petasis reagent (Cp_2TiMe_2 , dimethyltitanocene) undergoes similar olefination reactions with ketones and aldehydes as does the Tebbe reagent. The originally proposed mechanism⁵ was very different from that of Tebbe olefination. However, later experimental data seem to suggest that both Petasis and Tebbe olefination share the same mechanism, i.e., the carbene mechanism involving a four-membered titanium oxide ring intermediate.⁹ Petasis reagent is easier to make than the Tebbe reagent.



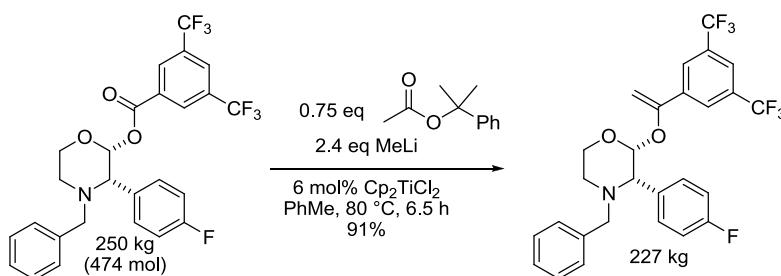
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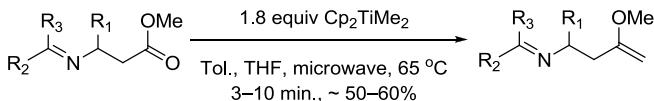
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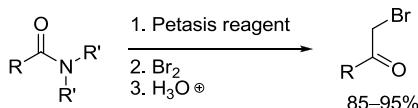
Example 3⁵



Example 4⁸



Example 5¹¹

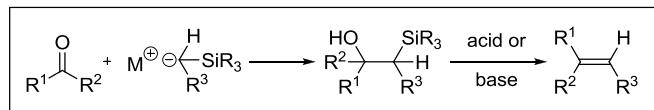


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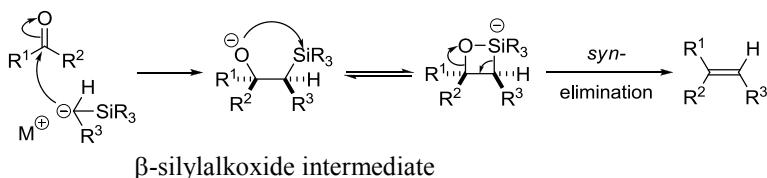
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Peterson olefination

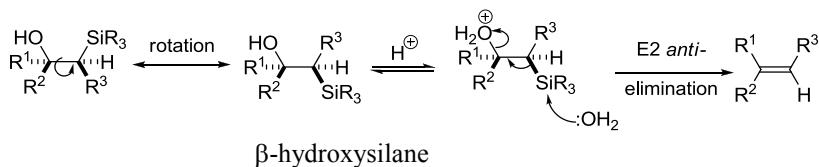
Alkenes from α -silyl carbanions and carbonyl compounds. Also known as the sila-Wittig reaction.



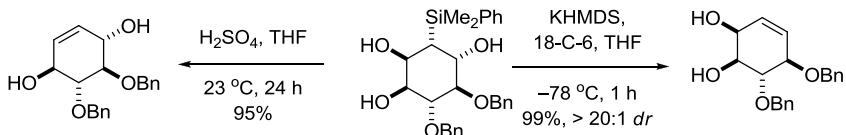
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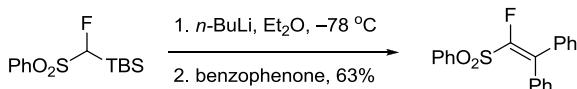
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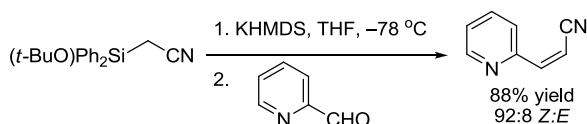
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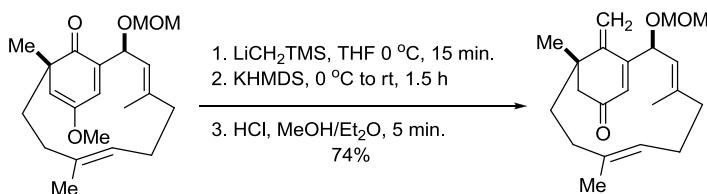
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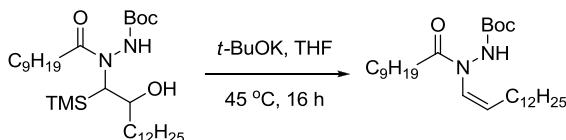
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Example 4¹⁰



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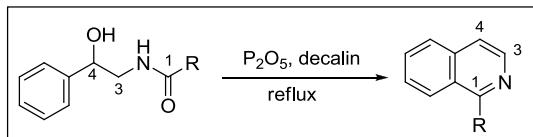


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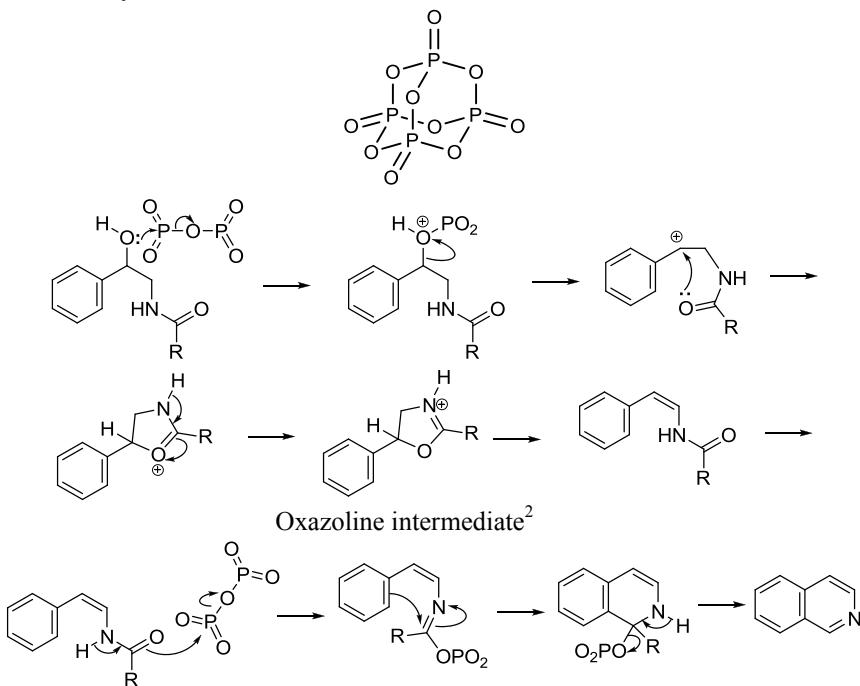
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Pictet–Gams isoquinoline synthesis

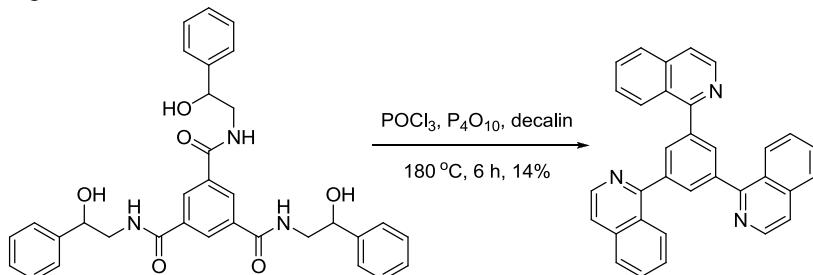
The isoquinoline framework is derived from the corresponding acyl derivatives of β -hydroxy- β -phenylethylamines. Upon exposure to a dehydrating agent such as phosphorus pentoxide, or phosphorus oxychloride, under reflux and in an inert solvent such as decalin, isoquinoline frameworks are formed.

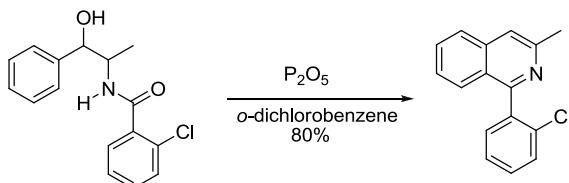


P_2O_5 actually exists as P_4O_{10} , an adamantine-like structure:

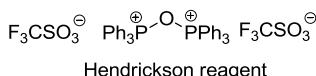


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Example 2⁷Example 3⁹

An Alternative to Pictet—Gams Reaction Triggered by Hendrickson Reagent: Isoquinolines and β -Carbolines from amides:

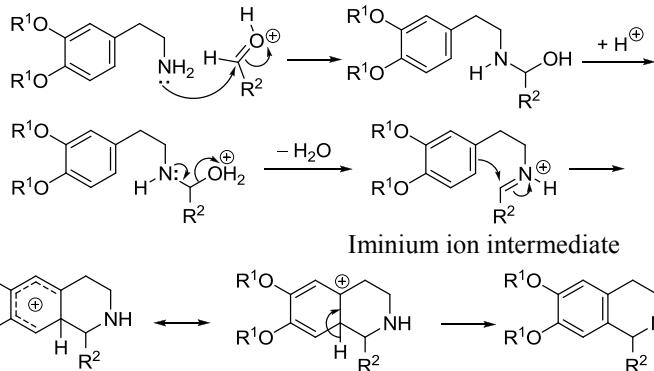
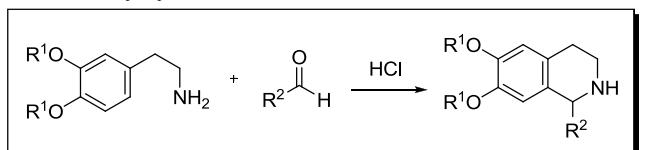


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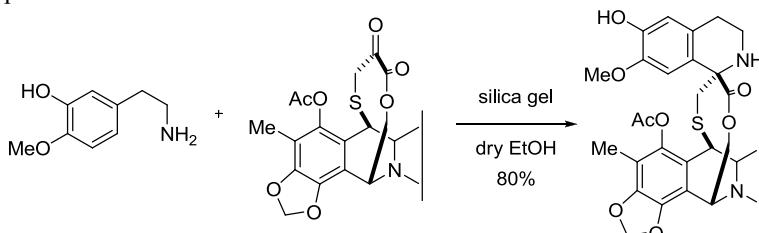
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Pictet–Spengler tetrahydroisoquinoline synthesis

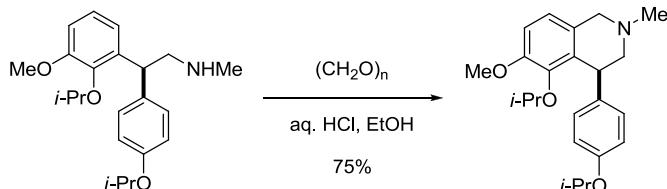
Tetrahydroisoquinolines from condensation of β -arylethylamines and carbonyl compounds followed by cyclization.



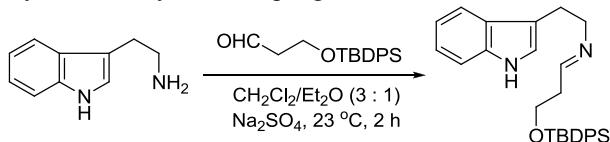
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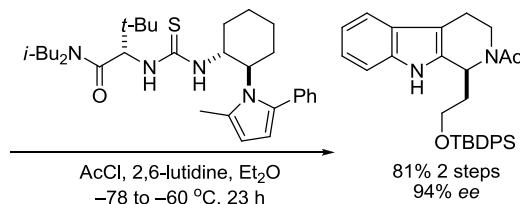
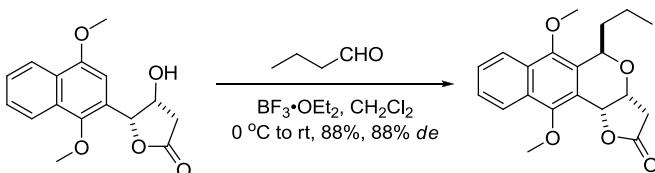


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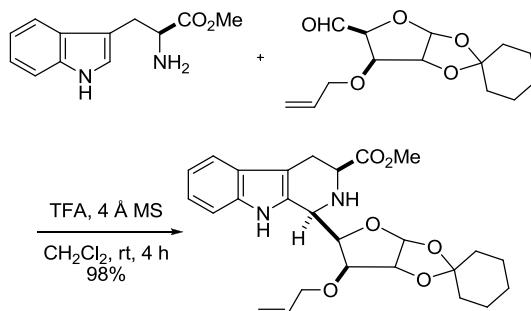


Example 3, Asymmetric acyl Pictet–Spengler⁹



Example 4, Oxa-Pictet–Spengler¹⁰

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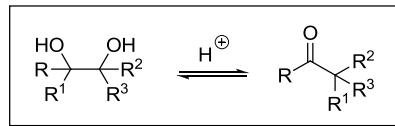


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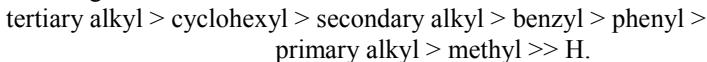
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Pinacol rearrangement

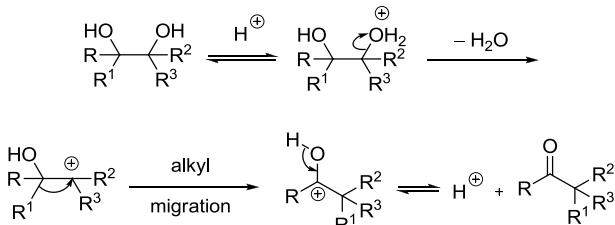
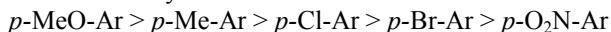
Acid-catalyzed rearrangement of vicinal diols (pinacols) to carbonyl compounds.



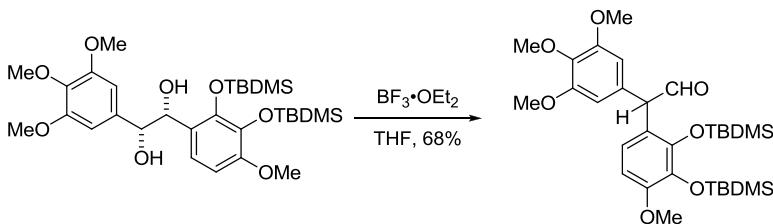
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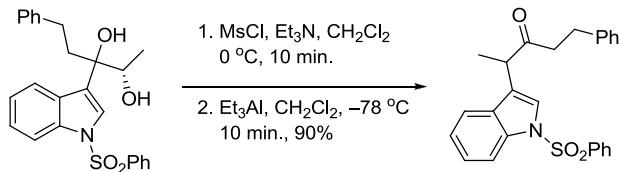
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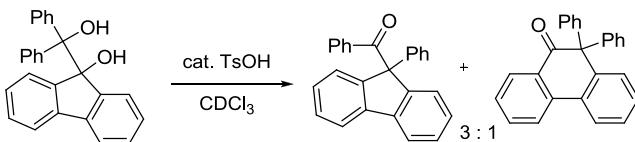
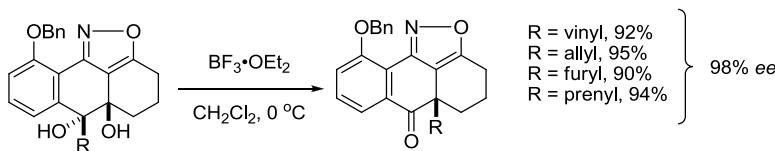
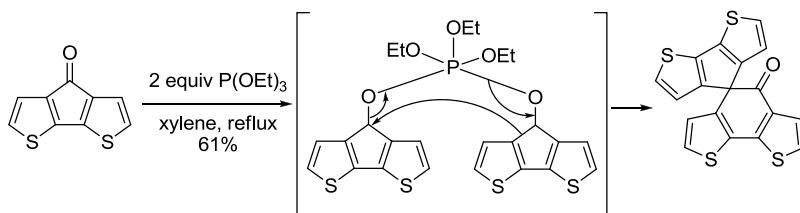


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Example 2⁵



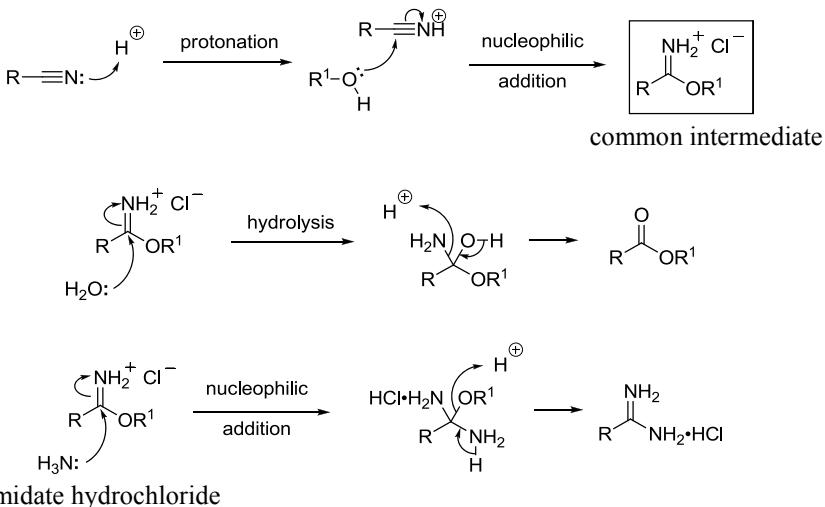
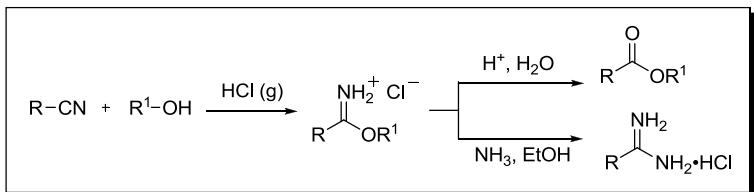
Example 3⁷Example 4⁹Example 5, A Trivalent organophosphorus reagent induced pinacol rearrangement¹¹

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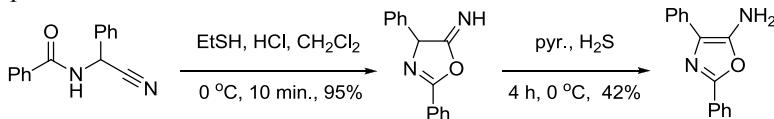
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Pinner reaction

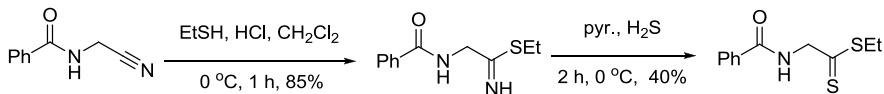
Transformation of a nitrile into an imino ether, which can be converted to either an ester or an amidine.



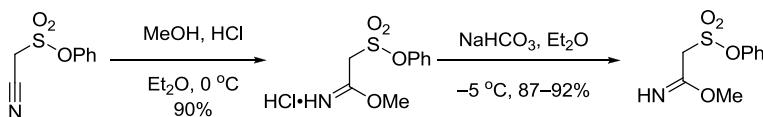
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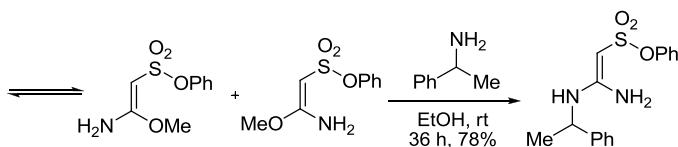
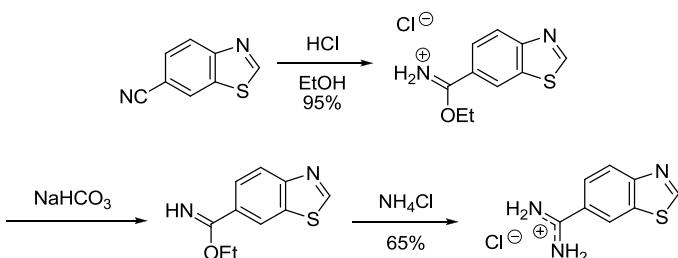
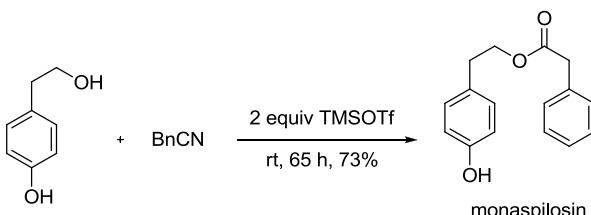


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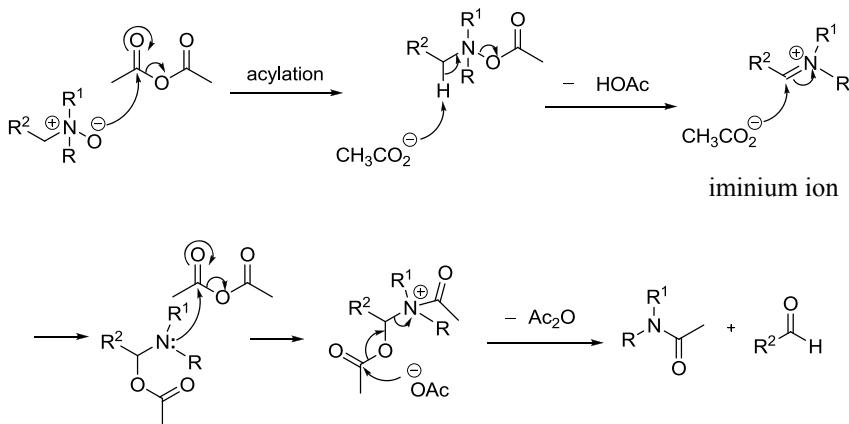
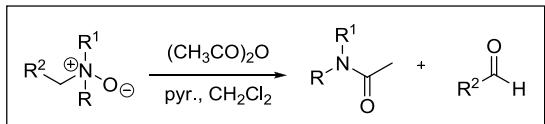
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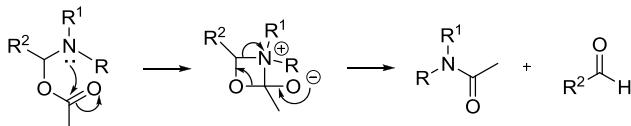
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Polonovski reaction

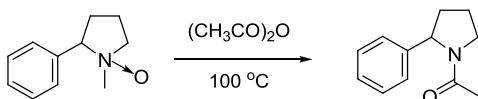
Treatment of a tertiary *N*-oxide with an activating agent such as acetic anhydride, resulting in rearrangement where an *N,N*-disubstituted acetamide and an aldehyde are generated.



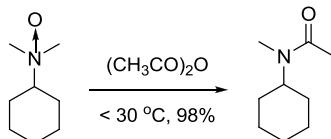
The intramolecular pathway is also operative:



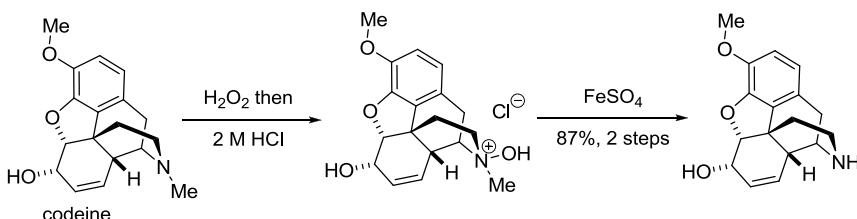
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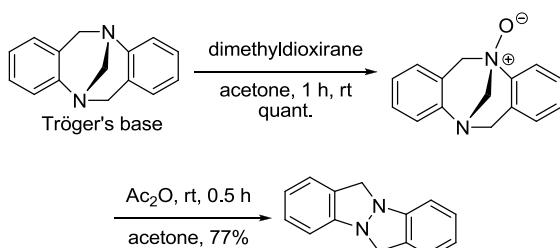
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Example 3, Iron salt-mediated Polonovski reaction⁹



Example 4¹¹

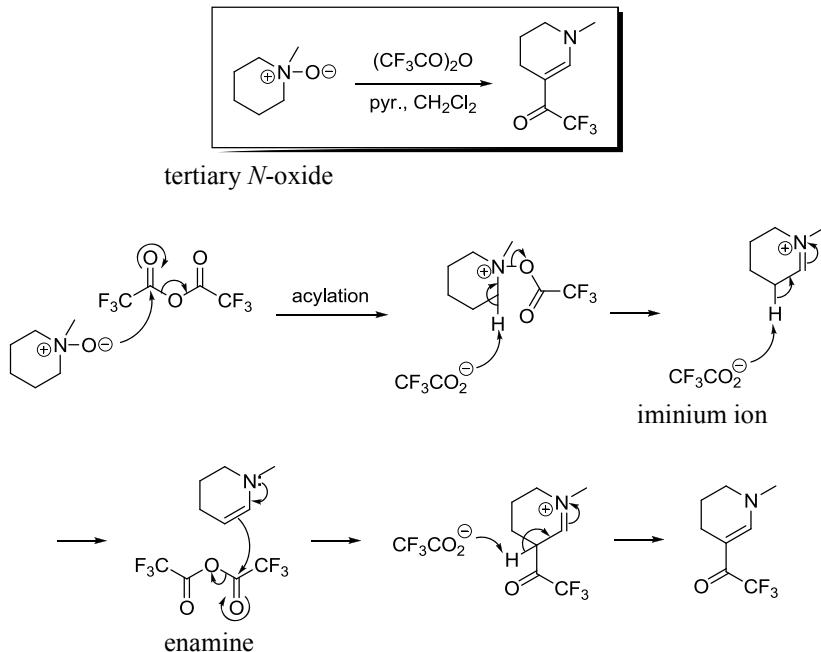


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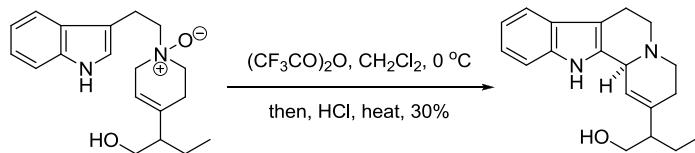
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Polonovski–Potier reaction

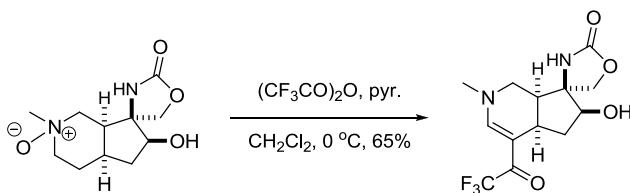
A modification of the Polonovski reaction where trifluoroacetic anhydride is used in place of acetic anhydride. Because the reaction conditions for the Polonovski–Potier reaction are mild, it has largely replaced the Polonovski reaction.

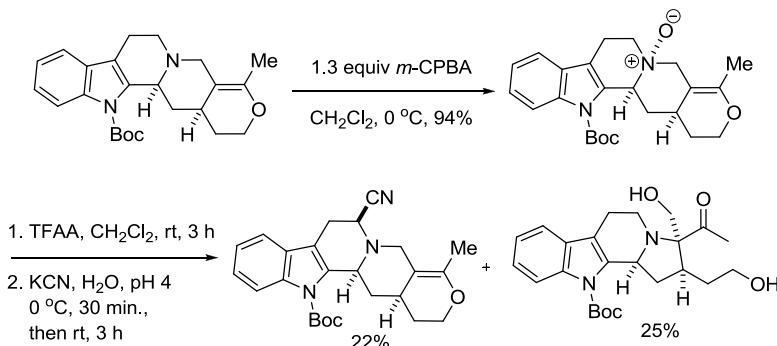
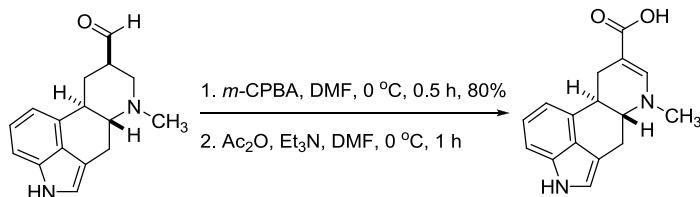


Example 1²



Example 2⁵



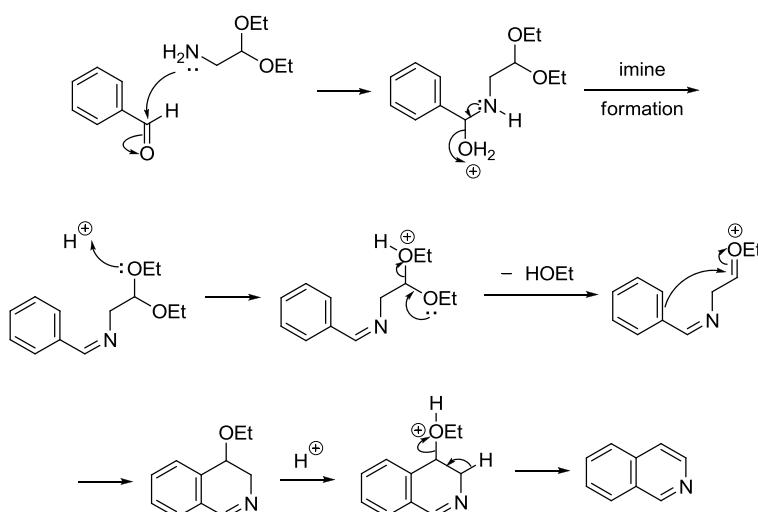
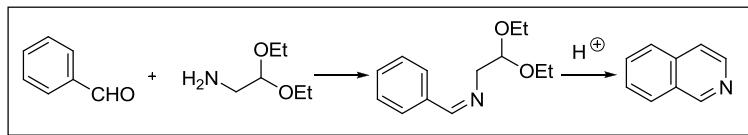
Example 3⁸Example 4, *m*-CPBA also concurrently oxidized the aldehyde¹⁰

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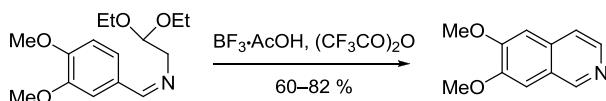
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Pomeranz–Fritsch reaction

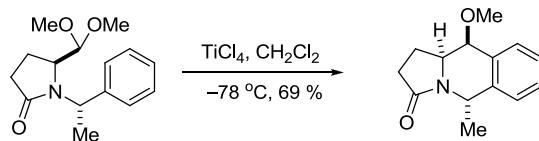
Isoquinoline and saturated variants synthesis *via* acid-mediated cyclization of the appropriate aminoacetal intermediate.

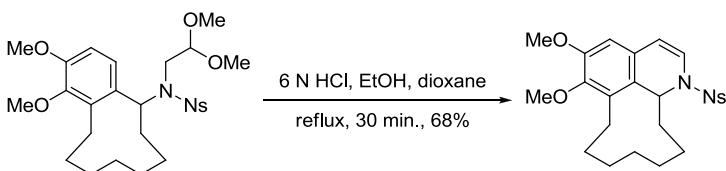
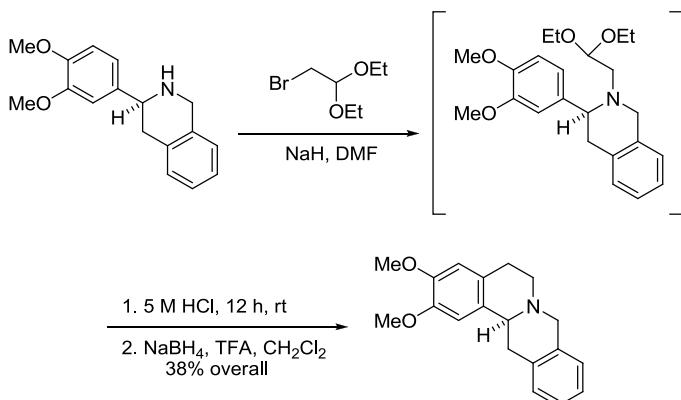


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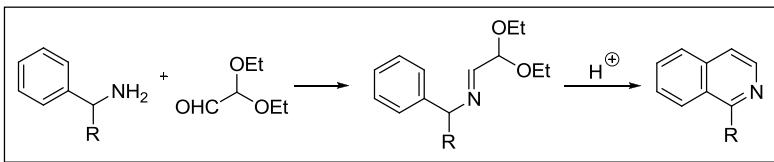
Example 3⁹Example 4, Bobbitt modification¹⁰

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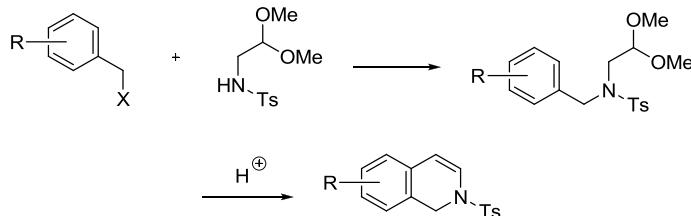
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Schlittler–Müller modification

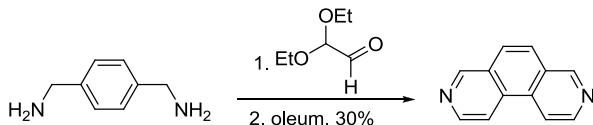
Simple permutation where the amine and the aldehyde switch places for the two reactants in comparison to the Pomeranz–Fritsch reaction.



Example 1³



Example 2⁴

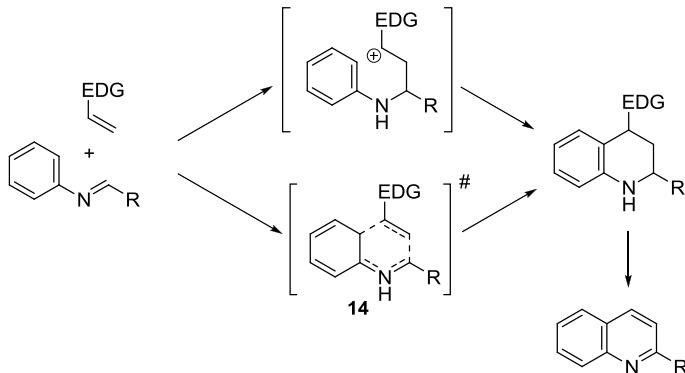
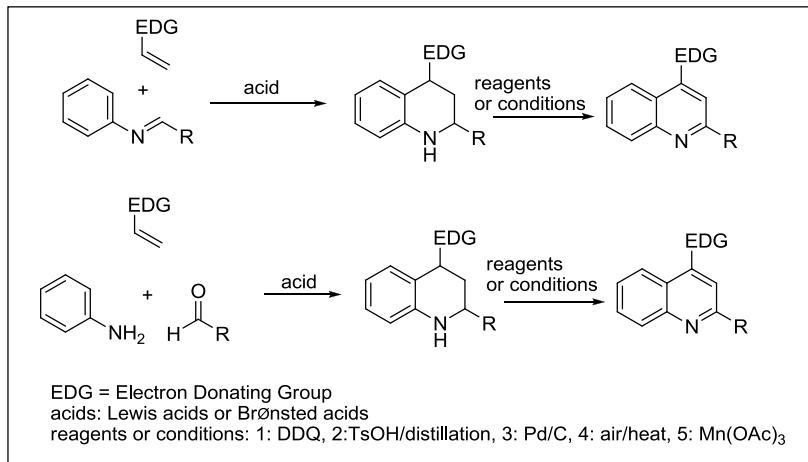


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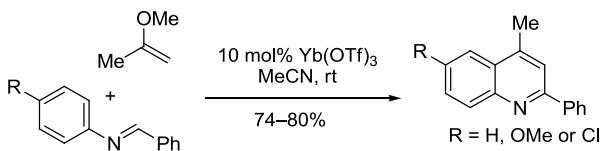
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Povarov reaction

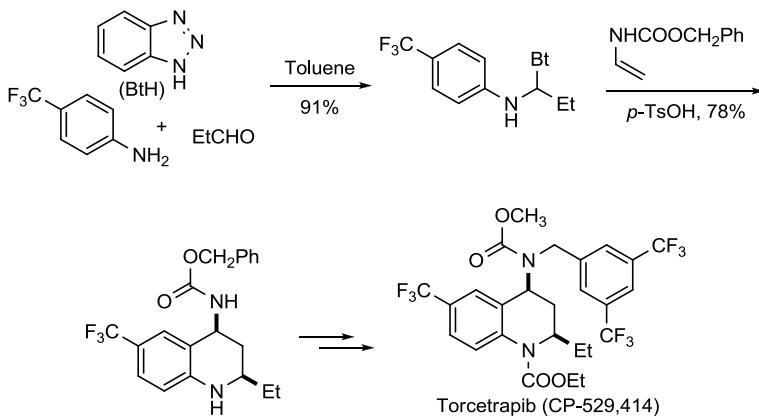
The Povarov reaction is the inverse electron-demand aza-Diels–Alder reaction, a [4 + 2] cycloaddition between an *N*-arylimine (as the diene) and an electron-rich olefin (as the dienophile), which gives tetrahydroquinolines or substituted quinolines as the product.



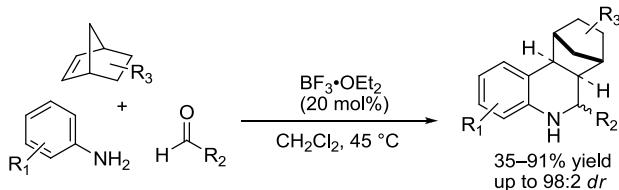
Example 1²



Example 2, Katritzky variation^{3,5}



Example 3⁷

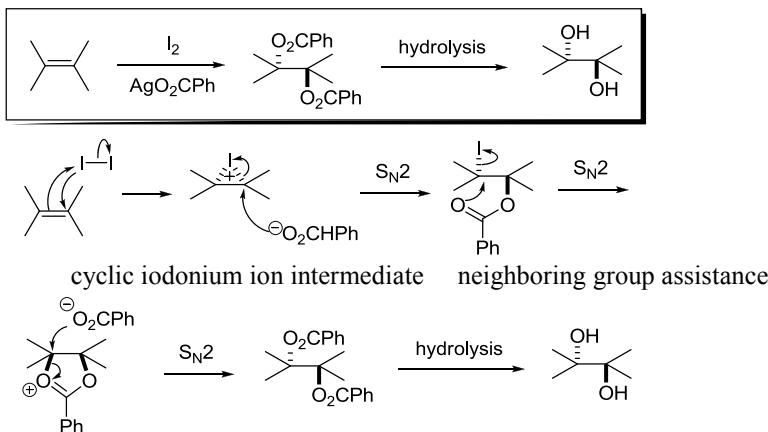


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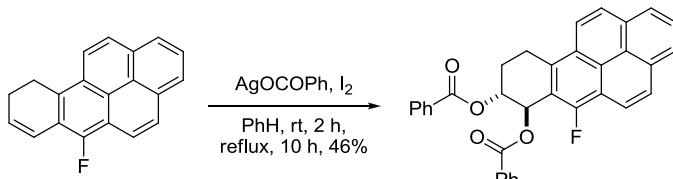
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Prévost *trans*-dihydroxylation

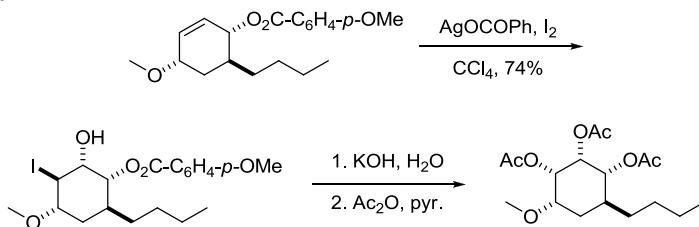
Cf. Woodward *cis*-dihydroxylation.



Example 1⁵



Example 2⁹

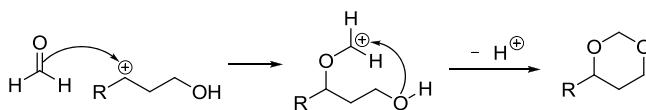
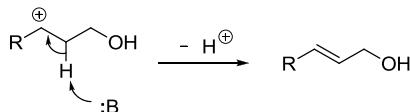
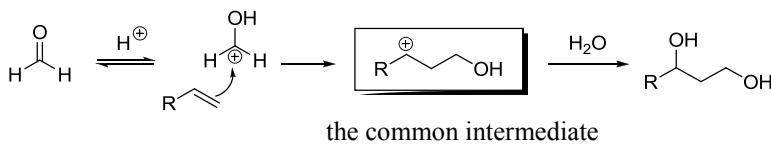
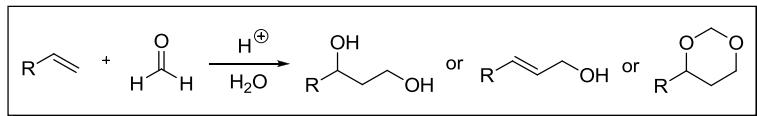


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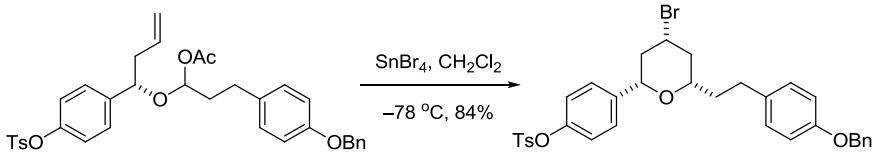
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Prins reaction

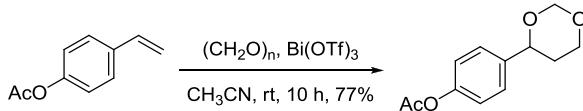
The Prins reaction is the acid-catalyzed addition of aldehydes to alkenes and gives different products depending on the reaction conditions.



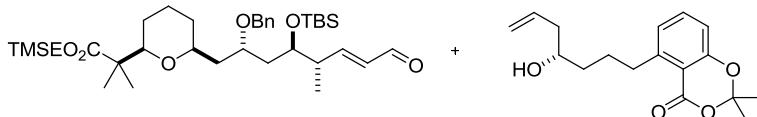
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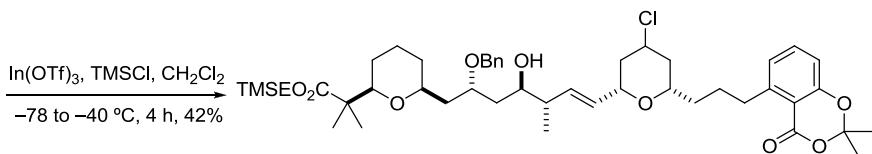
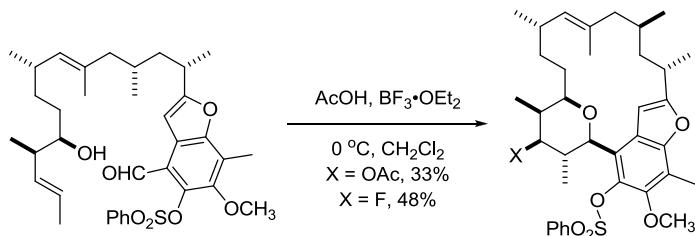
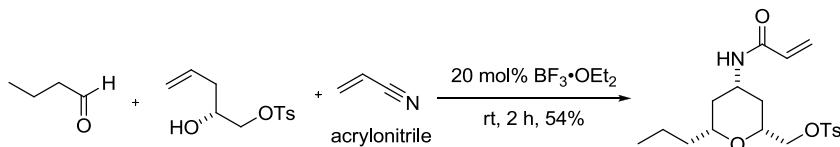
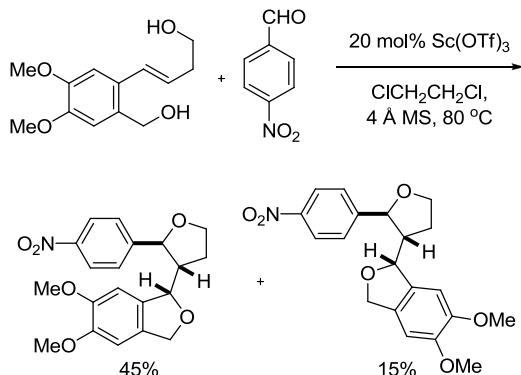


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Example 3⁹



Example 4¹⁰Example 5, A cascade of the Prins/Ritter amidation reaction¹¹Example 6¹²

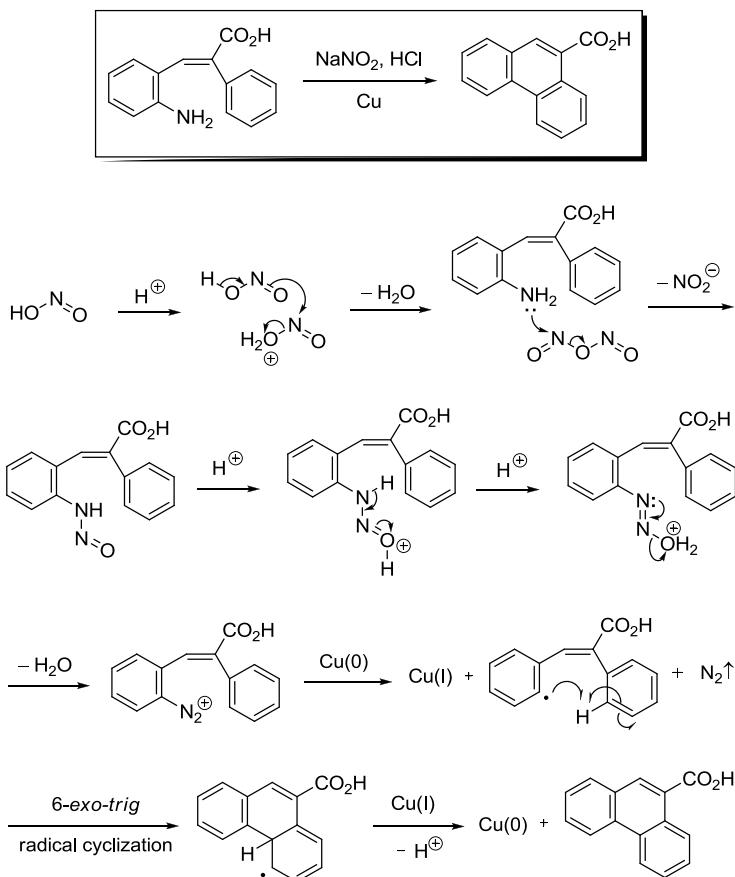
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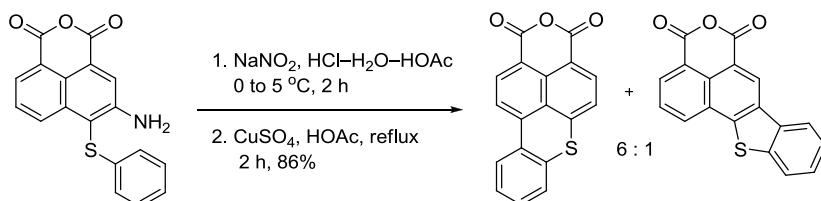
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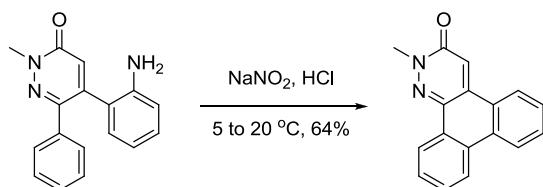
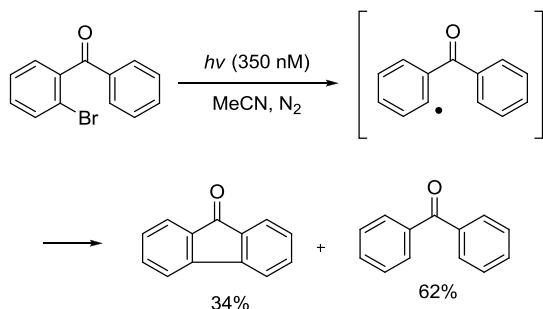
Pschorr cyclization

The intramolecular version of the Gomberg–Bachmann reaction.



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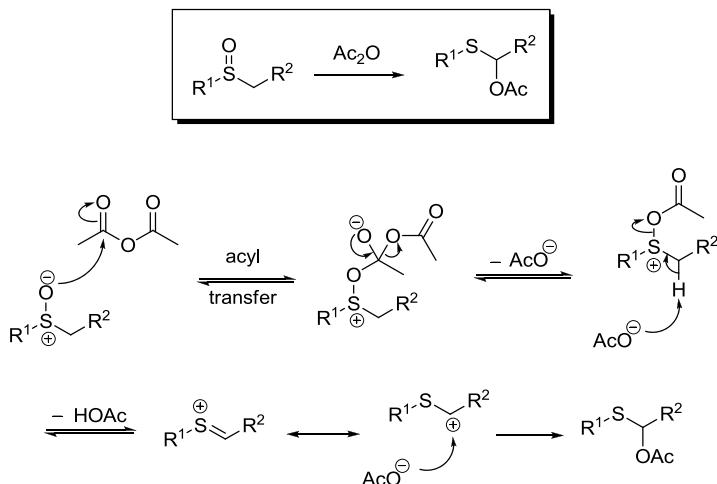
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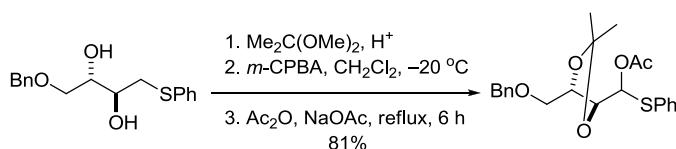
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Pummerer rearrangement

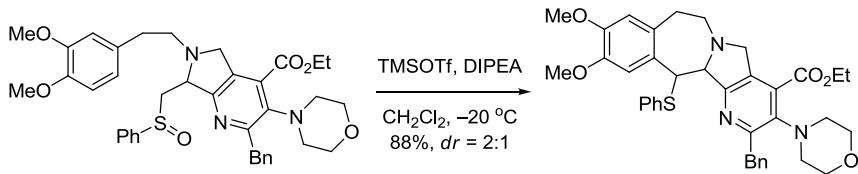
The transformation of sulfoxides into α -acyloxythioethers using acetic anhydride.



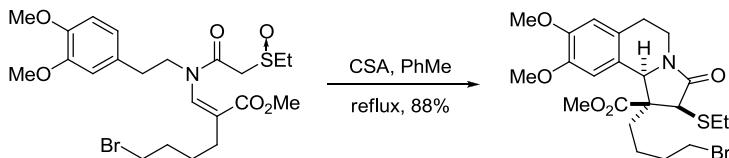
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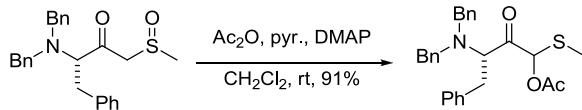
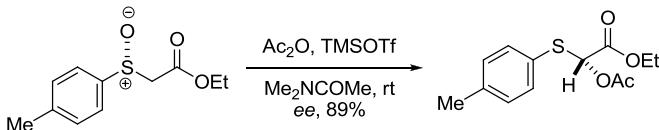


Example 2⁷



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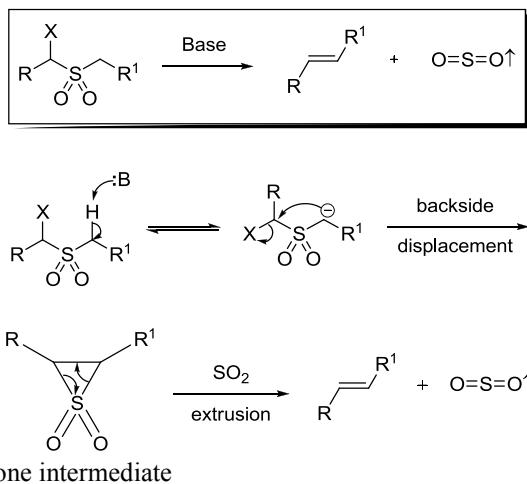
Example 4⁹Example 5, Stereoselective Pummerer rearrangement^{10,12}

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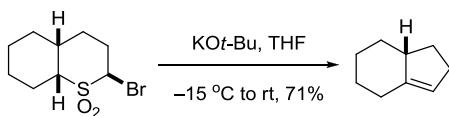
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Ramberg–Bäcklund reaction

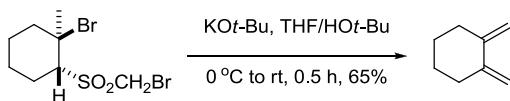
Olefin synthesis via α -halosulfone extrusion.



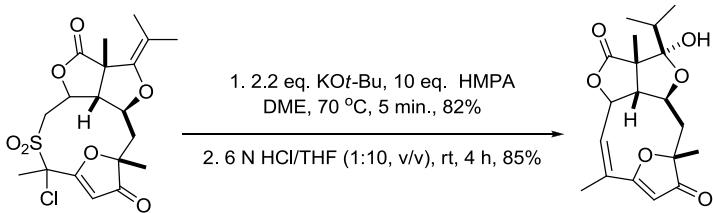
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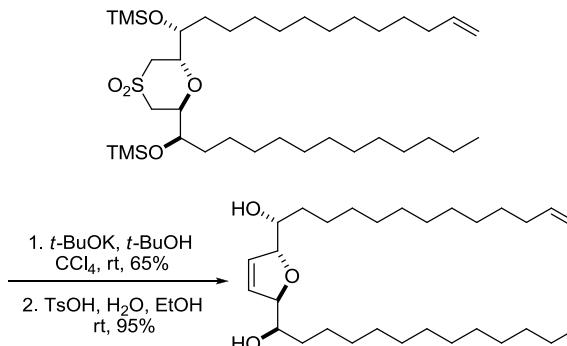
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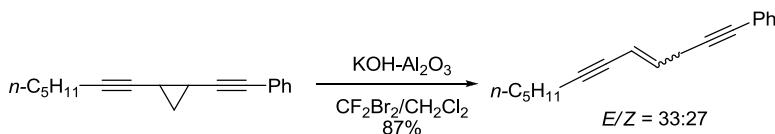
Example 3⁶



Example 4, *in situ* chlorination⁷



Example 5⁸

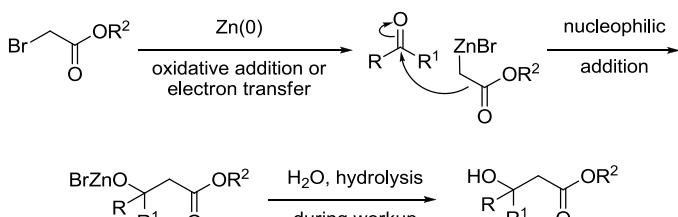
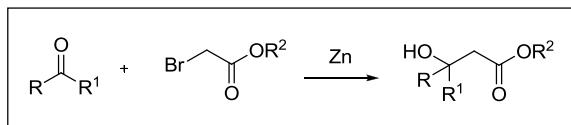


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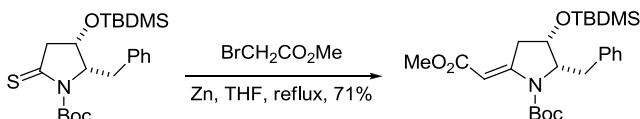
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Reformatsky reaction

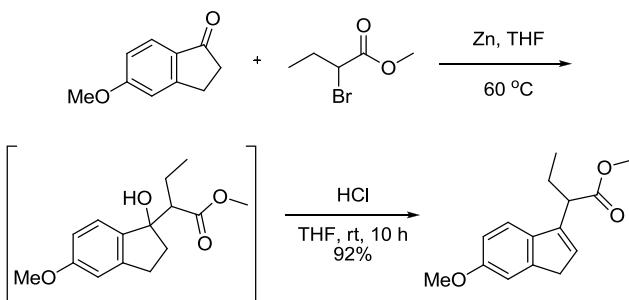
Nucleophilic addition of organozinc reagents generated from α -haloesters to carbonyls.



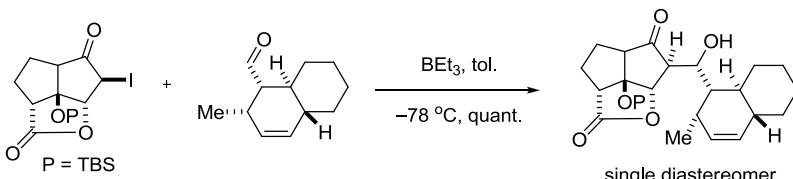
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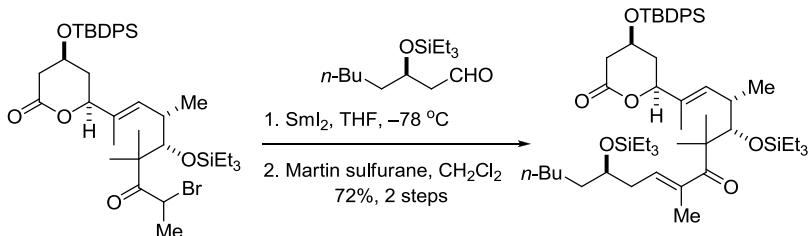
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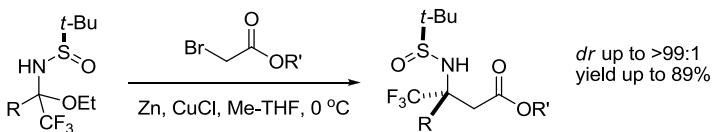
Example 3, Boron-mediated Reformatsky reaction⁸



Example 4, SmI_2 -mediated Reformatsky reaction⁹



Example 2⁶

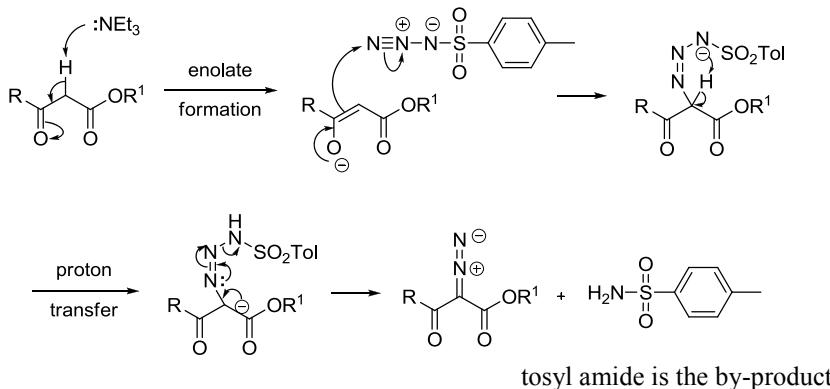
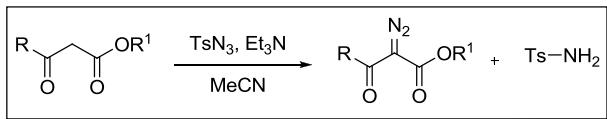


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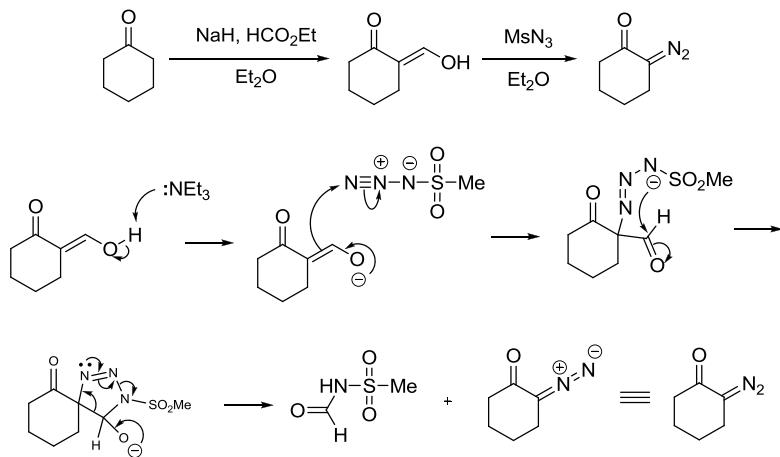
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Regitz diazo synthesis

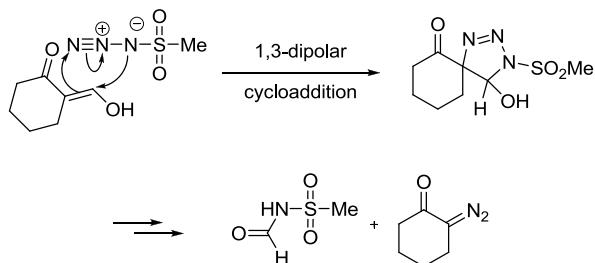
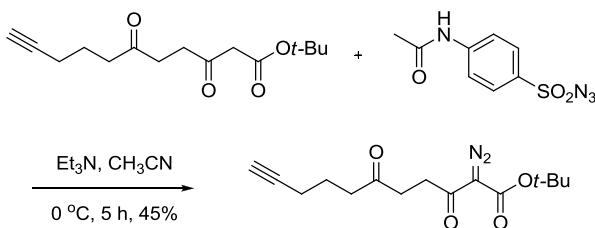
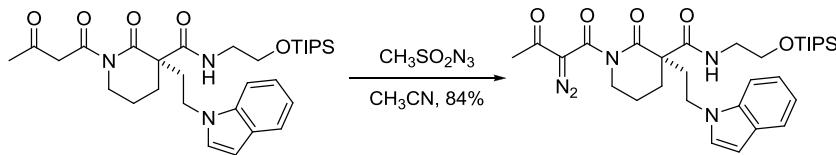
Synthesis of 2-diazo-1,3-diketones or 2-diazo-3-oxoesters using sulfonyl azides.



When only one carbonyl is present, ethylformate can be used as an activating auxiliary:⁶⁻⁹



Alternatively, the triazole intermediate may be assembled *via* a 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of the enol and mesyl azide:

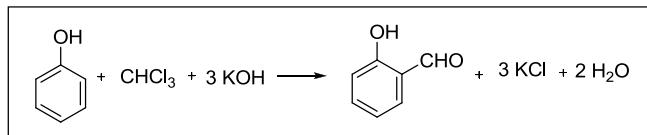
Example 1⁵Example 2¹⁰

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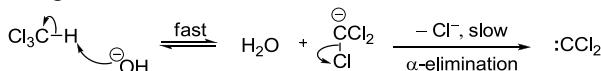
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Reimer–Tiemann reaction

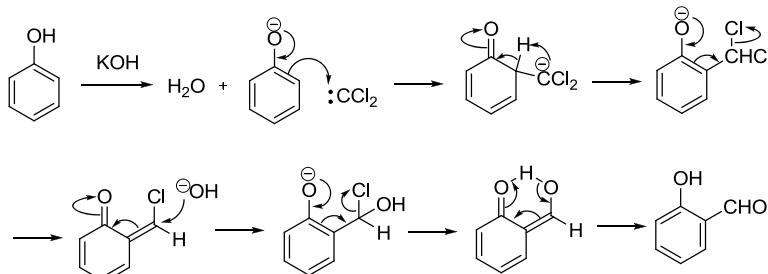
Synthesis of *o*-formylphenol from phenols and chloroform in alkaline medium.



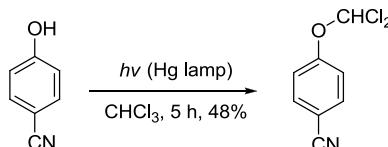
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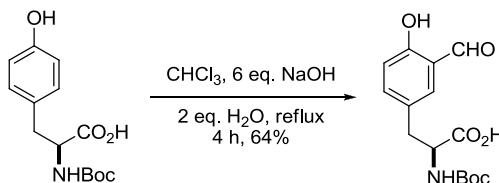
b. Addition of dichlorocarbene and hydrolysis:



Example 1, Photo-Reimer–Tiemann reaction without base⁷



Example 2⁸

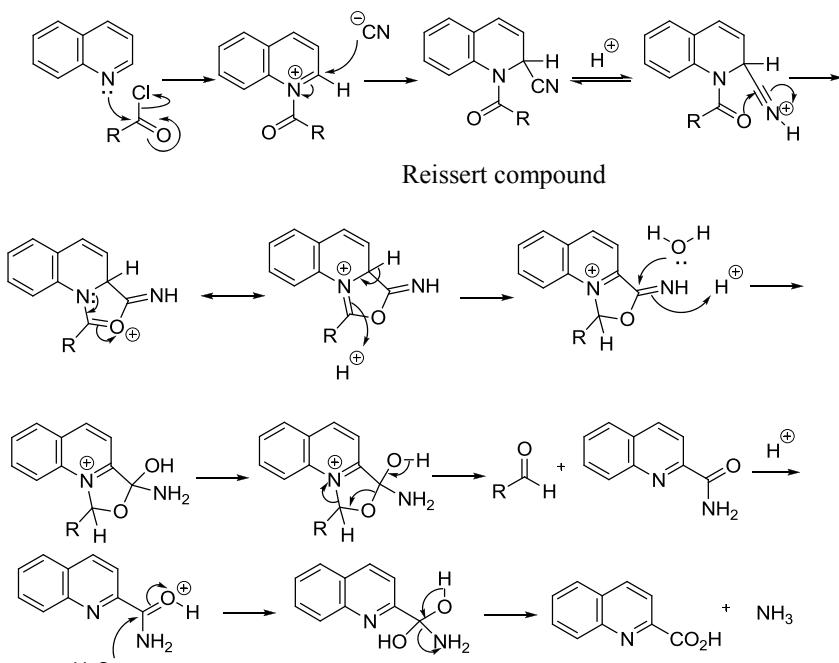
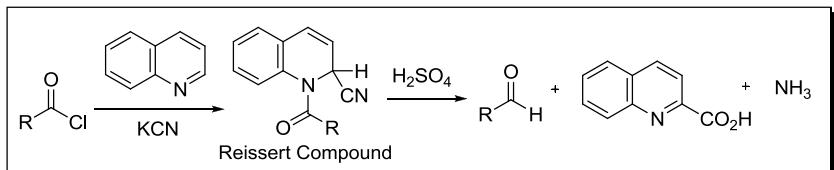


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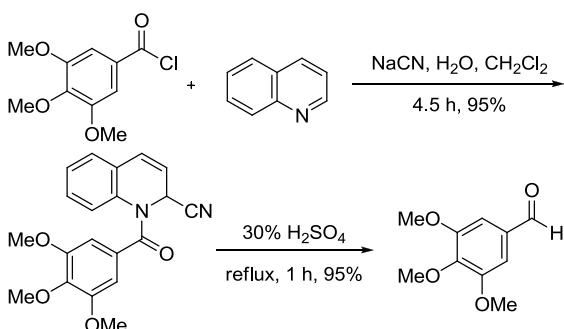
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Reissert reaction

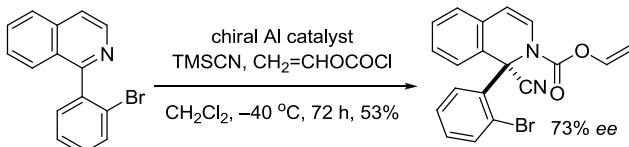
Treatment of quinoline or isoquinoline with acid chloride and KCN gives quinaldic acid, aldehyde, and NH₃.



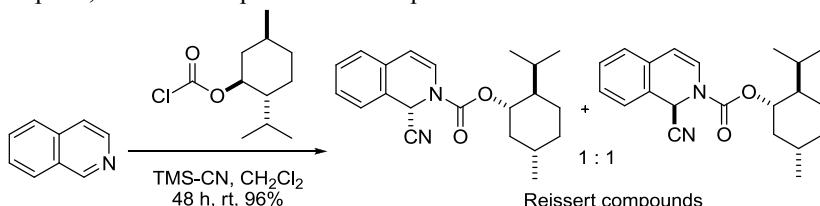
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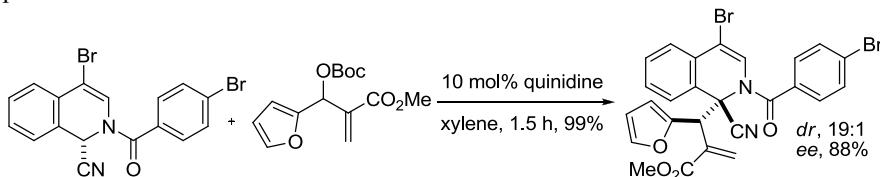
Example 2, Reissert compound from isoquinoline⁷



Example 3, Reissert compound from isoquinoline¹⁰



Example 4, Asymmetric organocatalytic allylic alkylation of Reissert compounds¹²

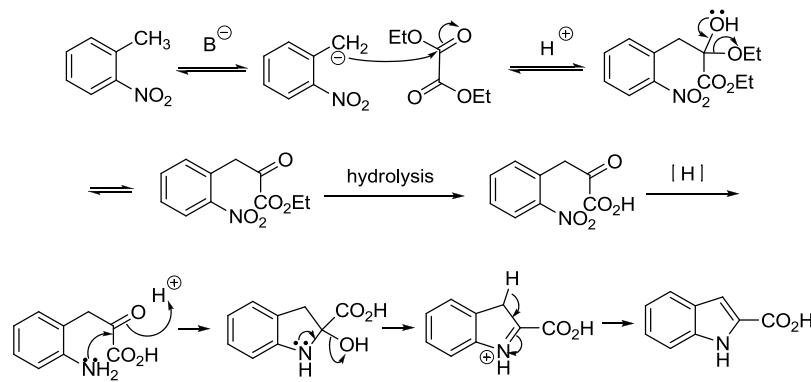
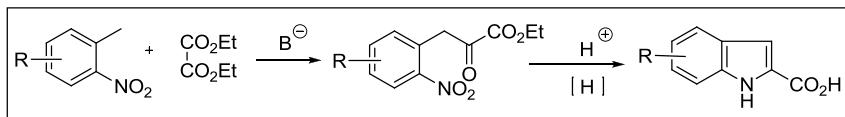


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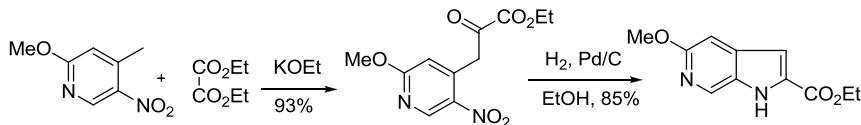
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Reissert indole synthesis

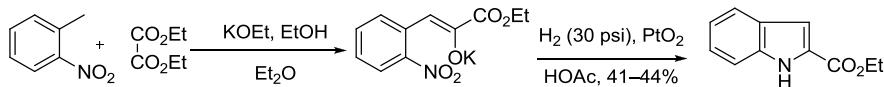
The Reissert indole synthesis involves base-catalyzed condensation of an *o*-nitrotoluene derivative with an ethyl oxalate, which is followed by reductive cyclization to an indole-2-carboxylic acid derivative.



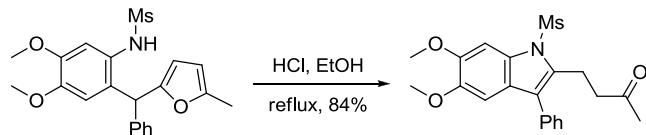
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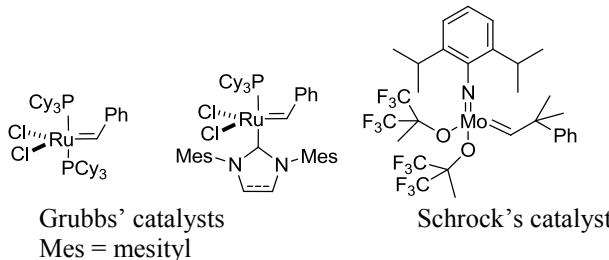
Example 3, Furan ring as the masked carbonyl¹⁰



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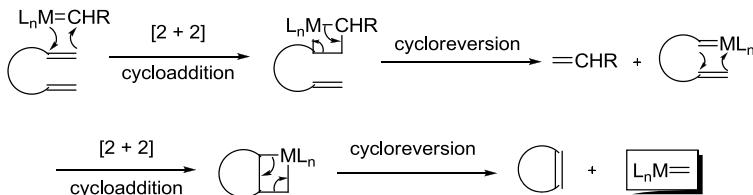
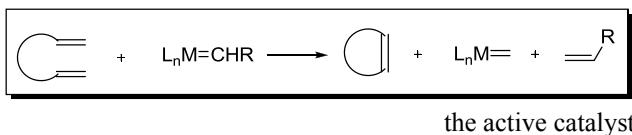
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Ring-closing metathesis (RCM)

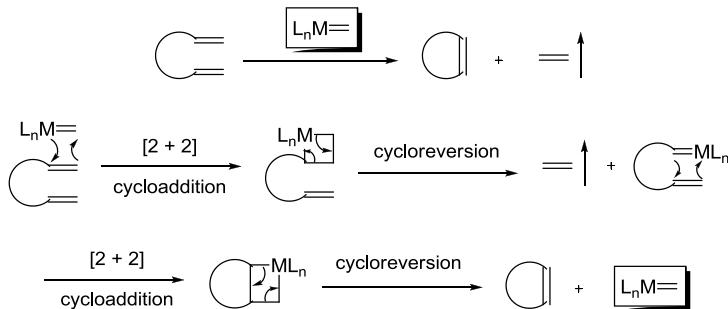


All three catalysts are illustrated as “L_nM=CHR” in the mechanism below.

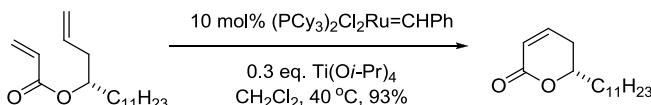
Generation of the real catalyst from the precatalysts:

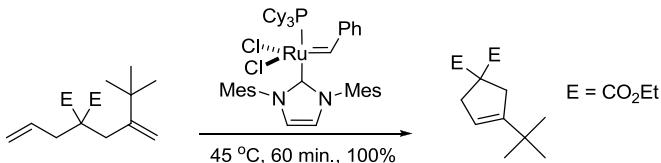
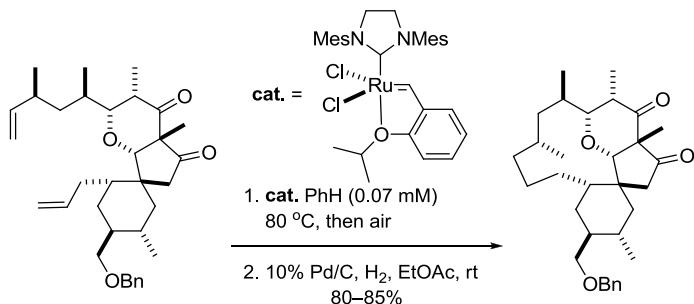
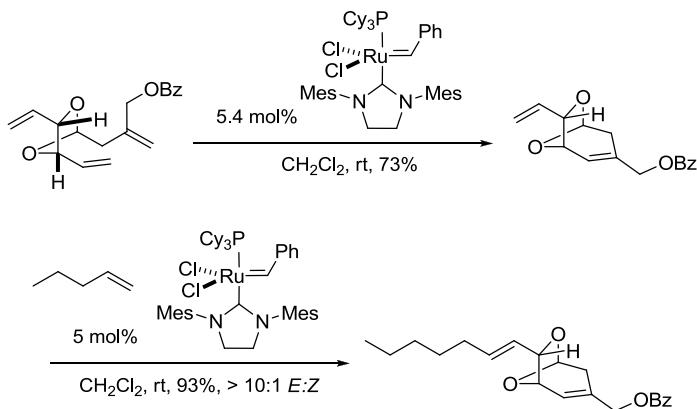
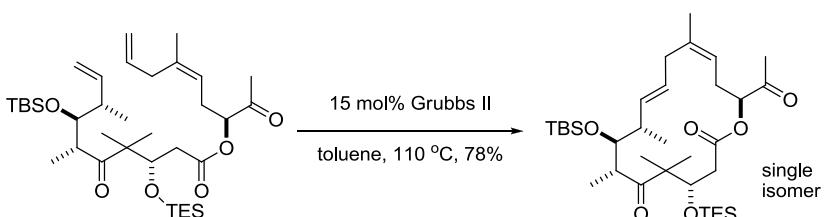


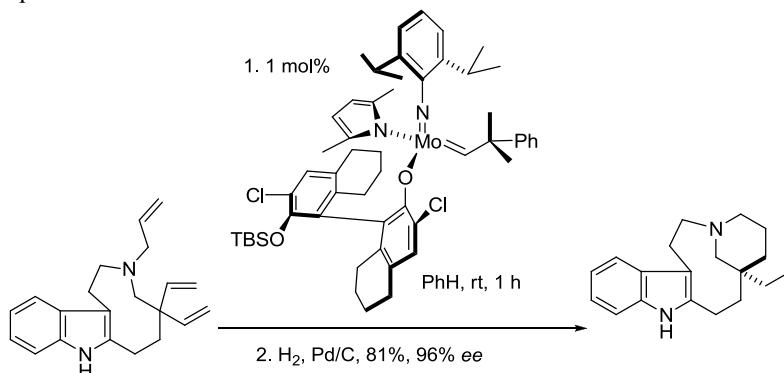
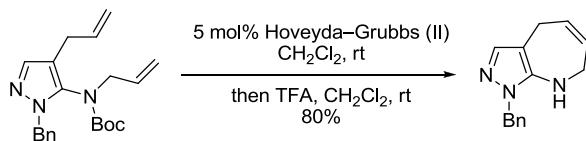
Catalytic cycle:



Example 1³



Example 2⁴Example 3⁷Example 4⁹Example 5¹⁰

Example 6¹²Example 7¹³

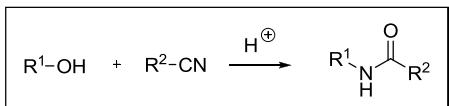
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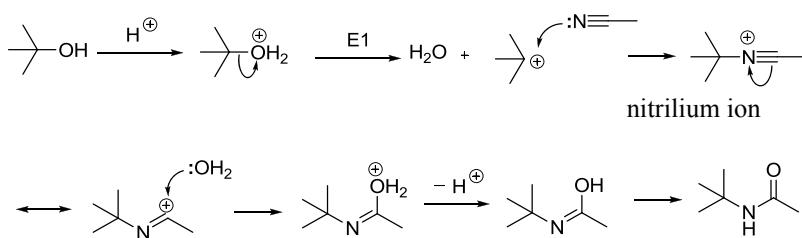
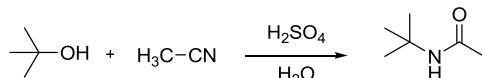
Ritter reaction

Amides from nitriles and alcohols in strong acids.

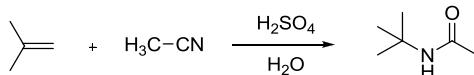
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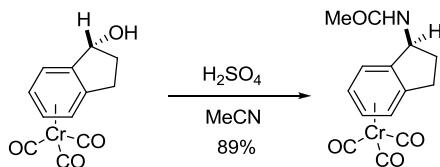
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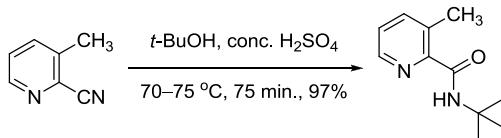
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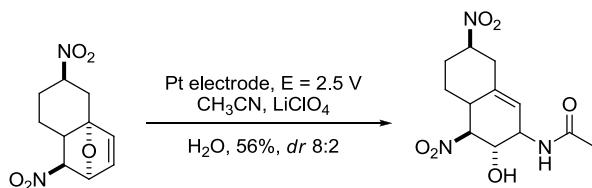
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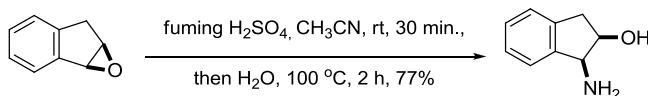
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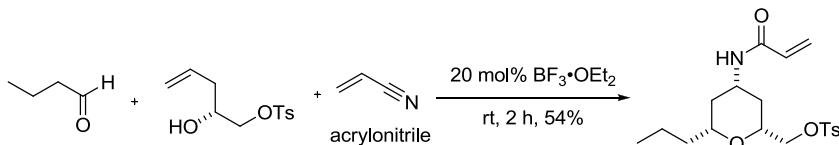
Example 4⁵



Example 5⁶



Example 6, A cascade of the Prins/Ritter amidation reaction¹²

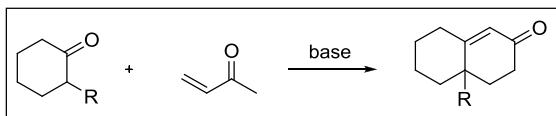


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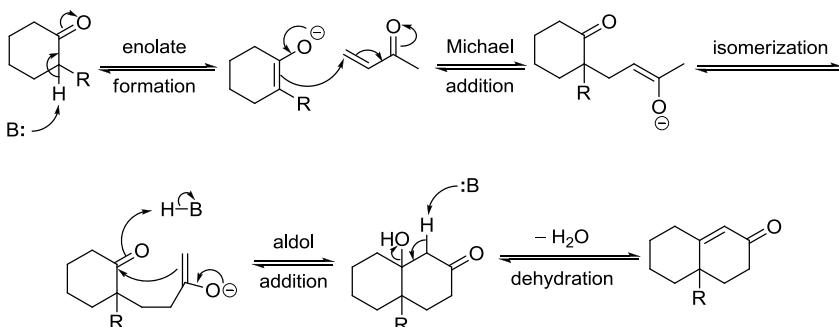
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Robinson annulation

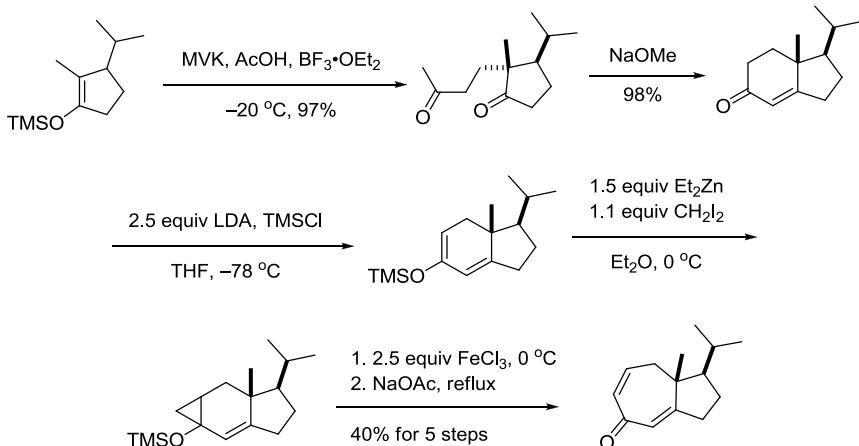
Michael addition of cyclohexanones to methyl vinyl ketone followed by intramolecular aldol condensation to afford six-membered α,β -unsaturated ketones.



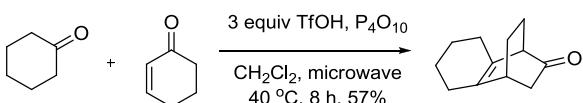
methyl vinyl ketone (MVK)



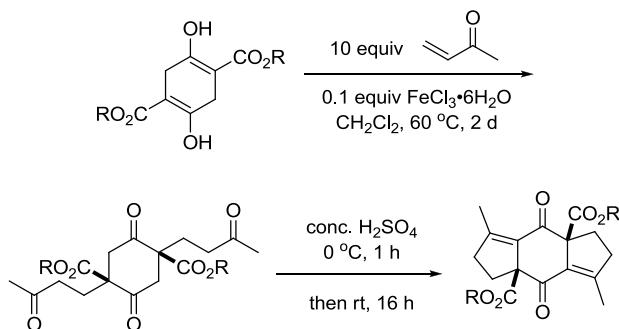
Example 1, Homo-Robinson⁷



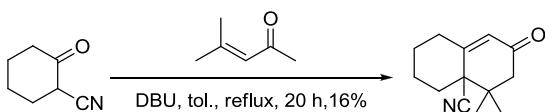
Example 2⁸



Example 3, Double Robinson-type cyclopentene annulation⁹



Example 4¹⁰

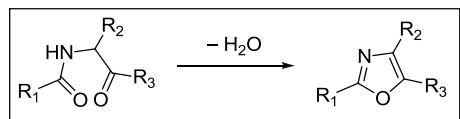


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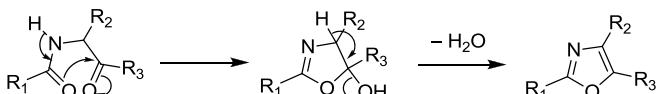
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Robinson–Gabriel synthesis

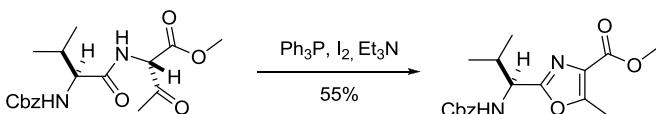
Cyclodehydration of 2-acylamidoketones to give 2,5-di- and 2,4,5-trialkyl-, aryl-, heteroaryl-, and aralkyl-oxazoles.



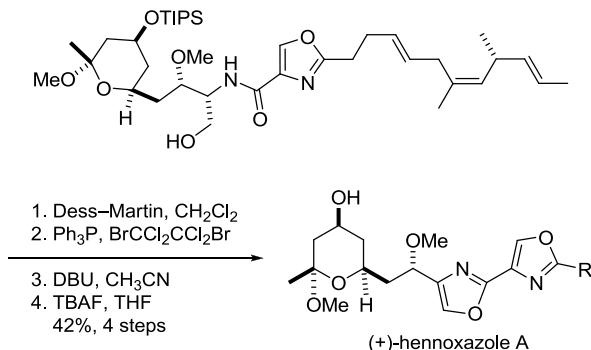
R_1, R_2, R_3 = alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl



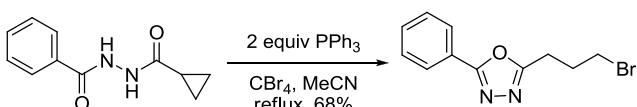
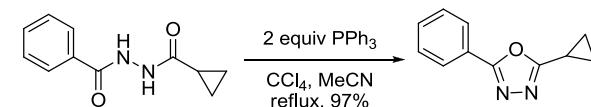
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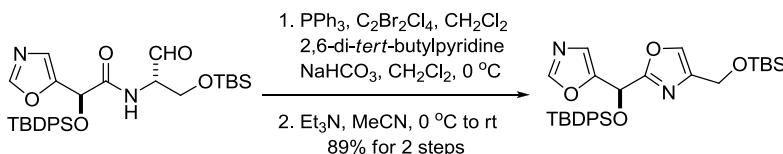
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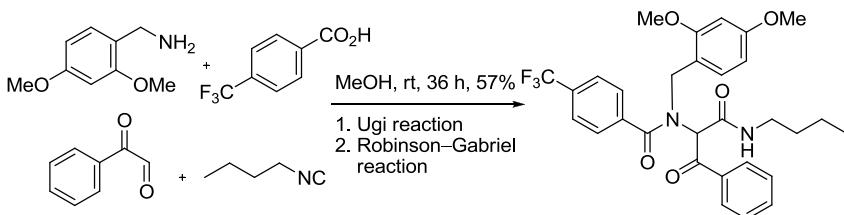
Example 3, Halogen effect⁹



Example 4¹⁰



Example 5, A cascade Ugi/Robinson–Gabriel reactions¹¹

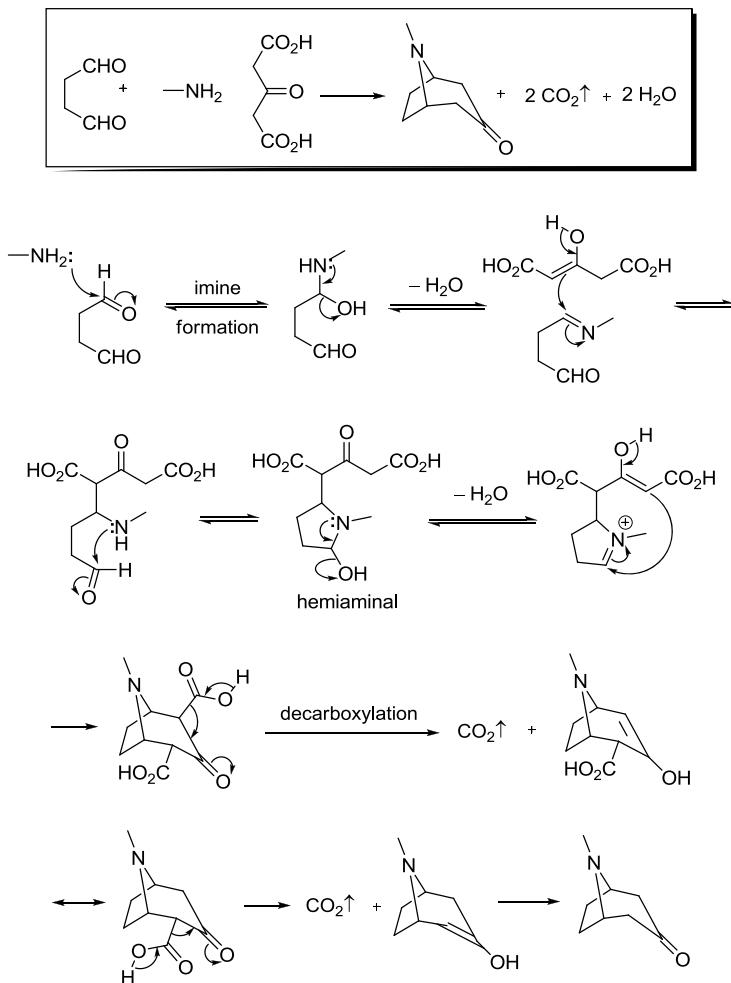


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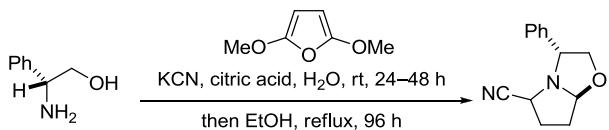
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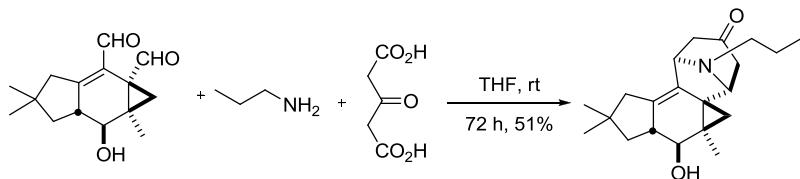
Robinson–Schöpf reaction

1,4-Diketone condensations with primary amines to give tropinones.



Example 1⁵



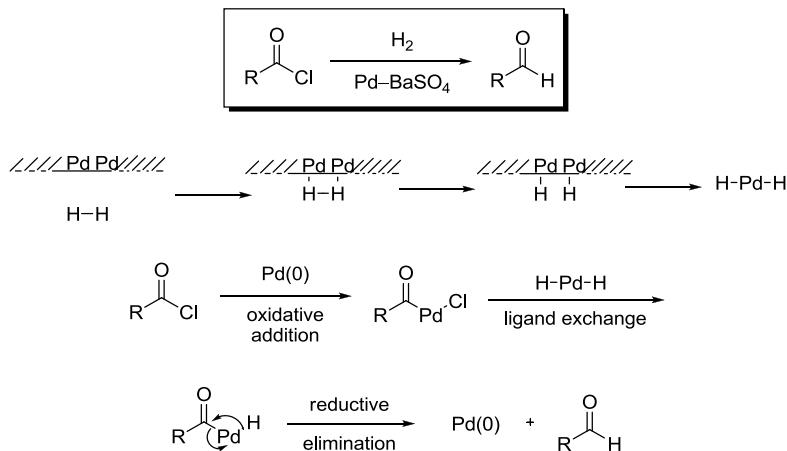
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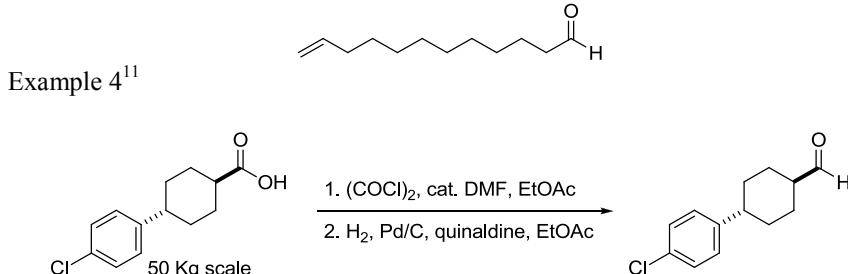
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Rosenmund reduction

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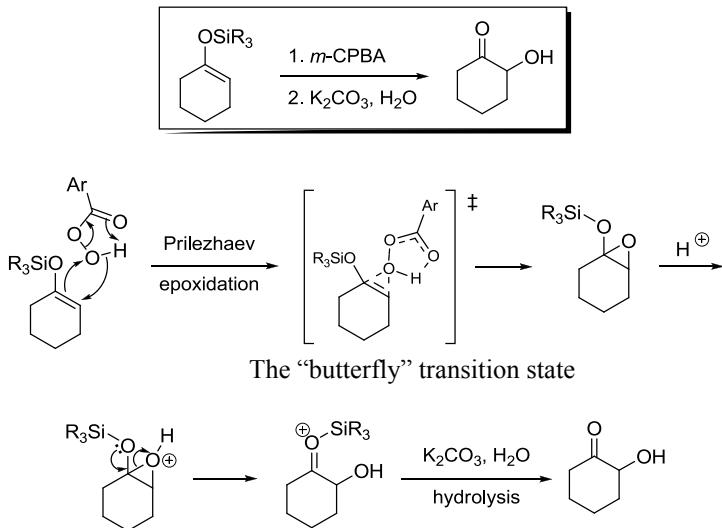


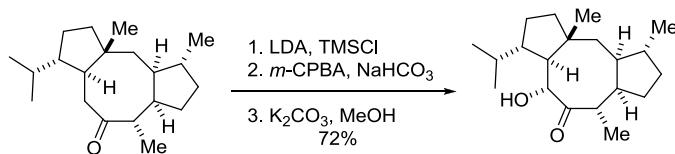
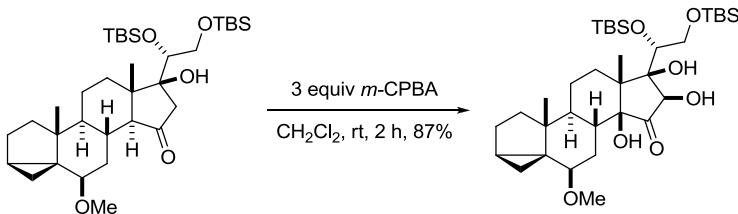
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Rubottom oxidation

α -Hydroxylation of enolsilanes.



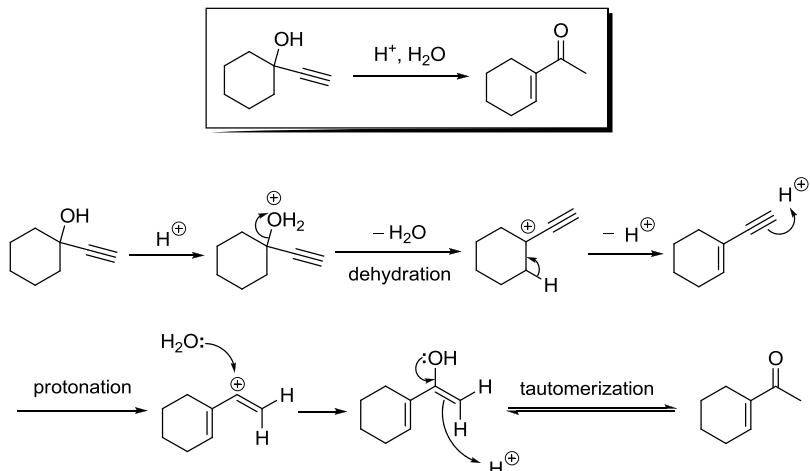
Example 4⁵Example 5, Double Rubottom oxidation¹¹

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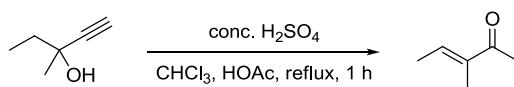
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Rupe rearrangement

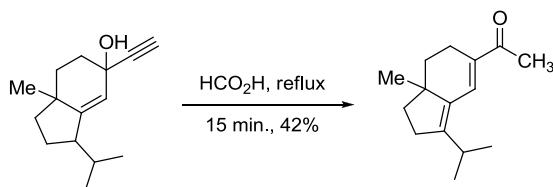
Acid-catalyzed rearrangement of tertiary α -acetylenic (terminal) alcohols, leading to the formation of α,β -unsaturated ketones rather than the corresponding α,β -unsaturated aldehydes. Cf. Meyer–Schuster rearrangement.



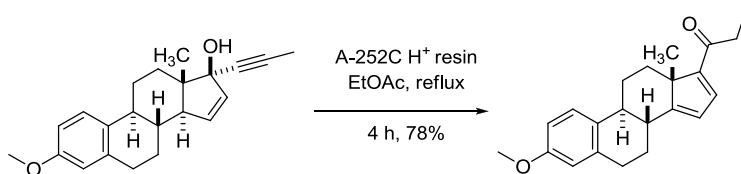
Example 1⁴



Example 2⁸



Example 3⁹

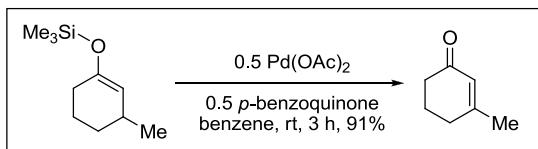


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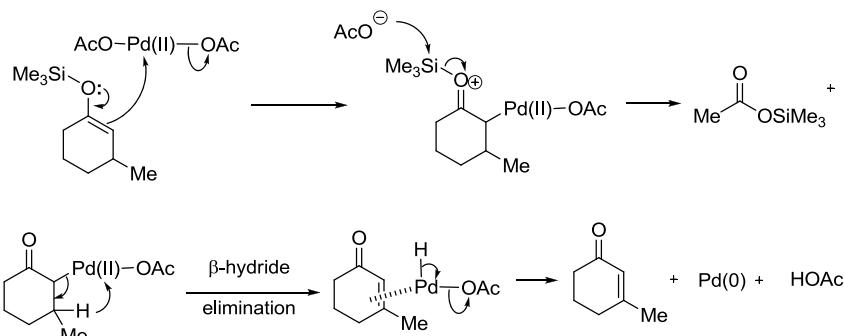
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Saegusa oxidation

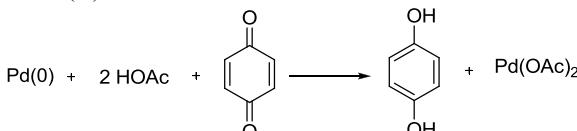
Palladium-catalyzed conversion of enol silanes to enones, also known as the Saegusa enone synthesis or the Saegusa–Ito oxidation.



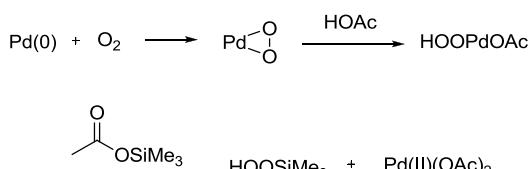
The mechanism is similar to that of the Wacker oxidation.



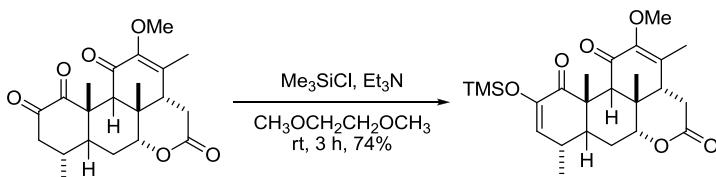
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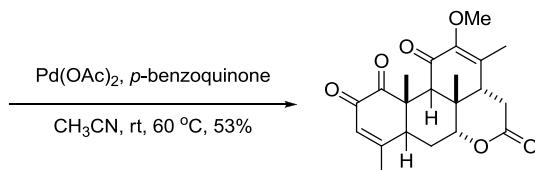
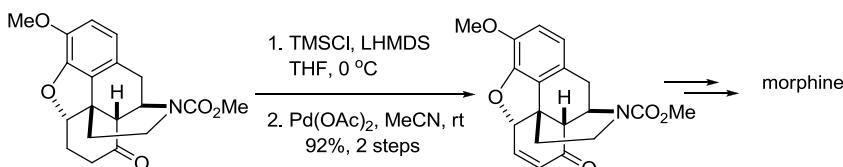
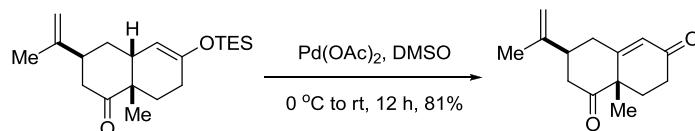
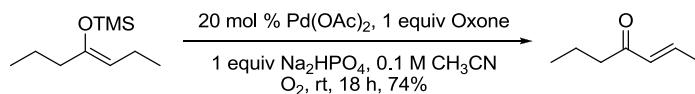


Larock reported regeneration of the Pd(II) oxidant using oxygen:⁴



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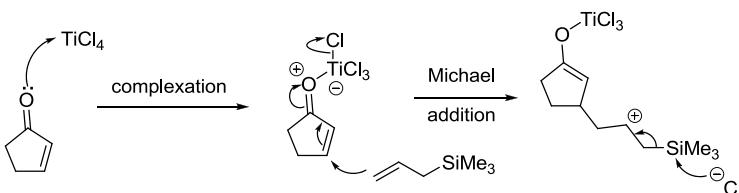
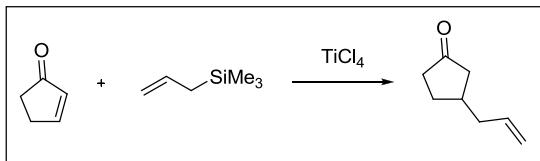
Example 2⁹Example 3¹⁰Example 4¹¹

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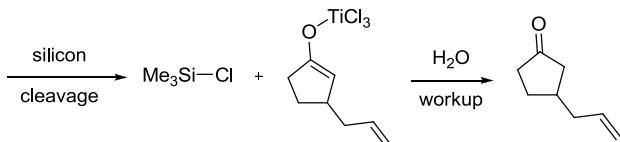
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Sakurai allylation reaction

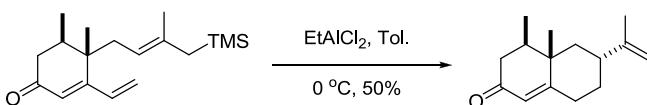
Lewis acid-mediated addition of allylsilanes to carbon nucleophiles. Also known as the Hosomi–Sakurai reaction. The allylsilane will add to the carbonyl compound directly if the electrophile (carbonyl group) is not part of an α,β -unsaturated system (Example 2), giving rise to an alcohol.



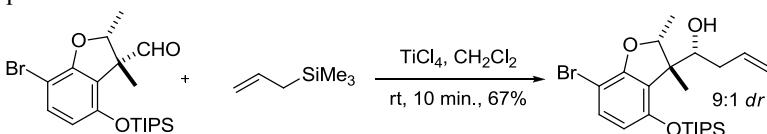
The β -carbocation is stabilized by the β -silicon effect



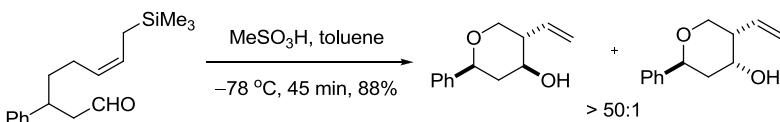
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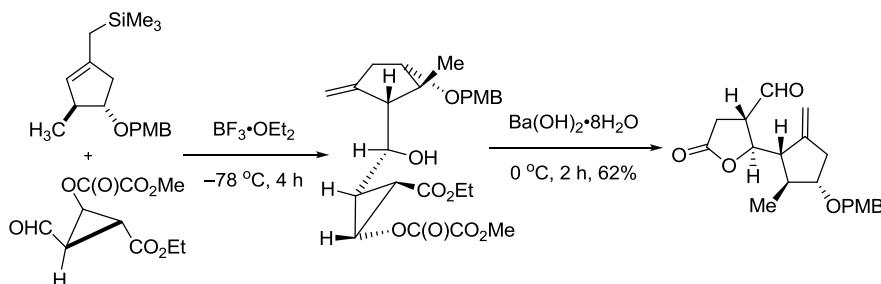
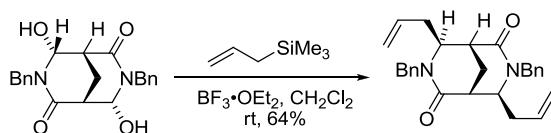
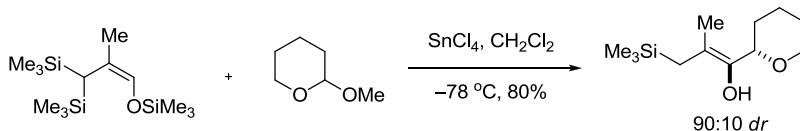


Example 2⁶



Example 3⁹



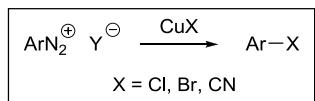
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Sandmeyer reaction

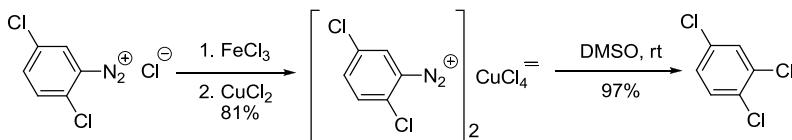
Haloarenes from the reaction of a diazonium salt with CuX.



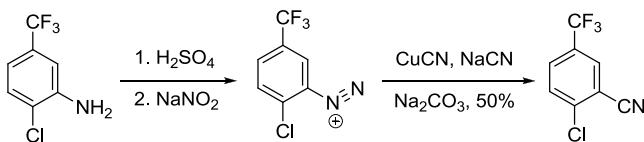
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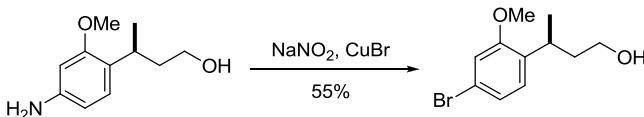
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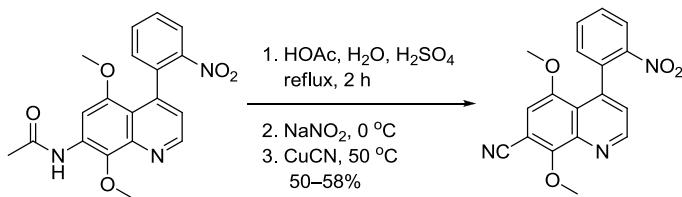
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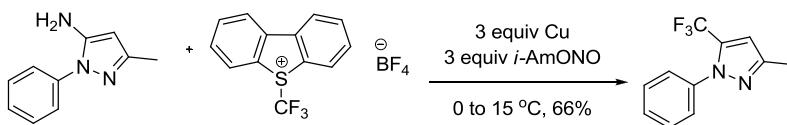


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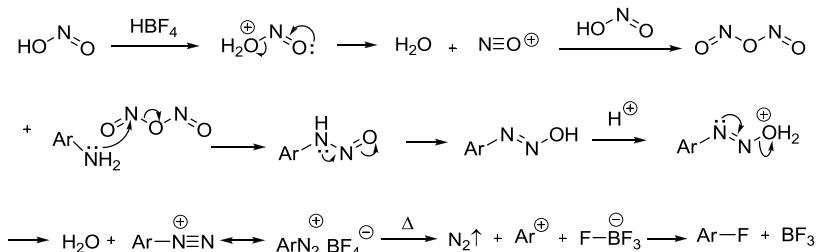
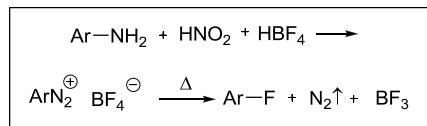
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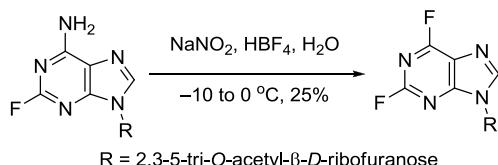
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Schiemann reaction

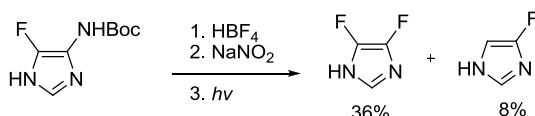
Fluoroarene formation from arylamines. Also known as the Balz–Schiemann reaction.



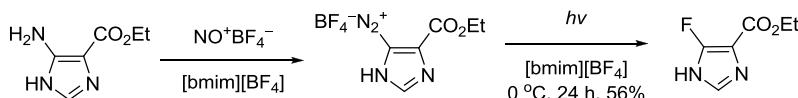
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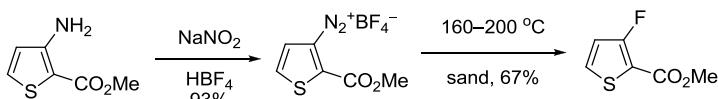
Example 2, Photo-Schiemann reaction⁶



Example 3, Photo-Schiemann reaction⁸



Example 4¹⁰

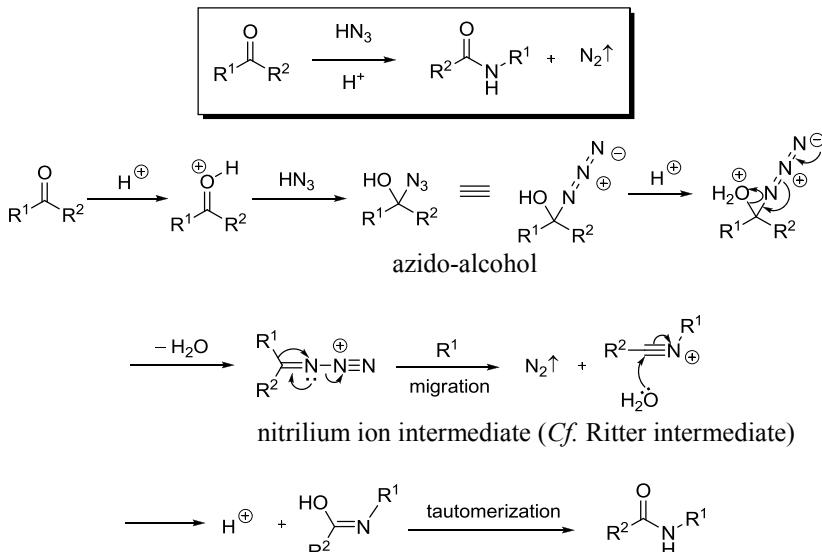


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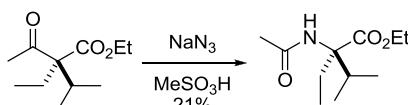
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Schmidt rearrangement

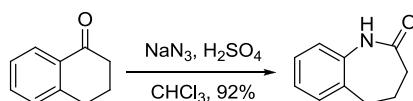
The Schmidt reactions refer to the acid-catalyzed reactions of hydrazoic acid with electrophiles, such as carbonyl compounds, tertiary alcohols and alkenes. These substrates undergo rearrangement and extrusion of nitrogen to furnish amines, nitriles, amides or imines.



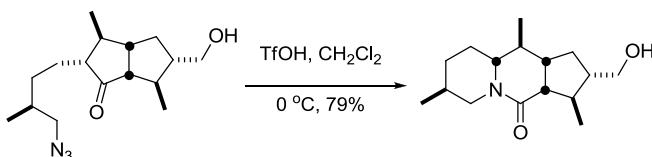
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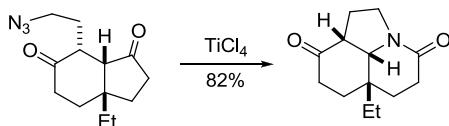
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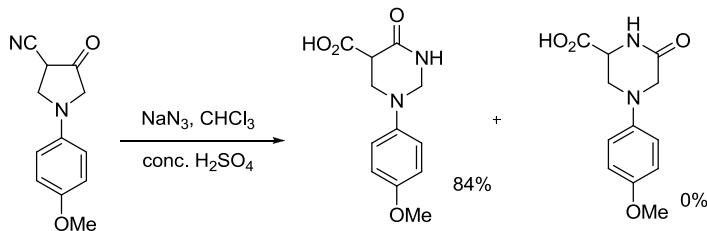
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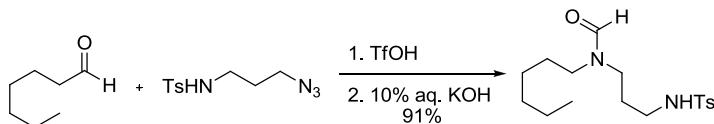
Example 4, Intramolecular Schmidt rearrangement⁸



Example 5, Intermolecular Schmidt rearrangement⁹



Example 6¹¹

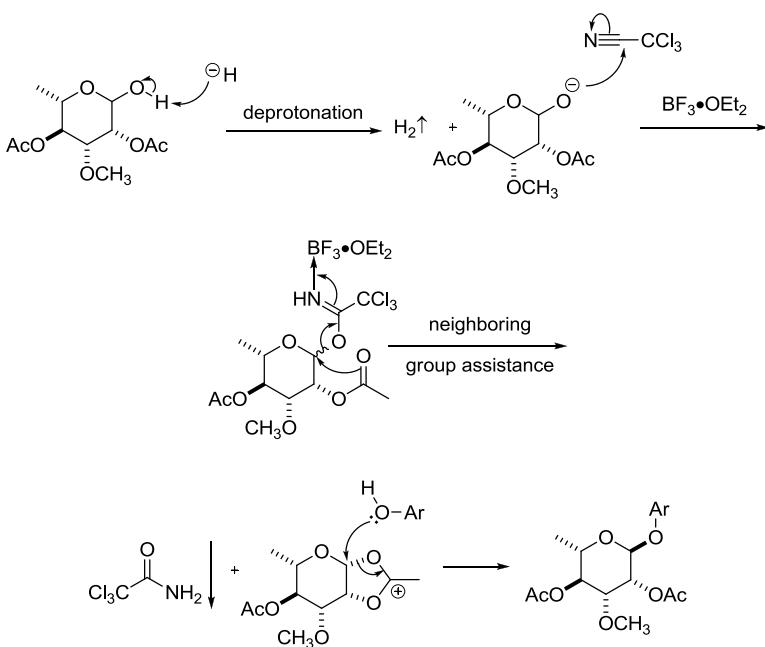
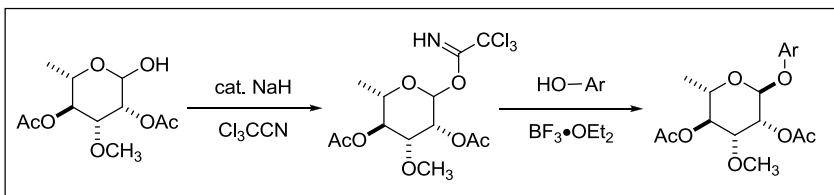


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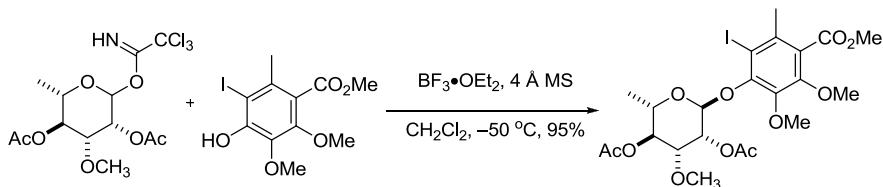
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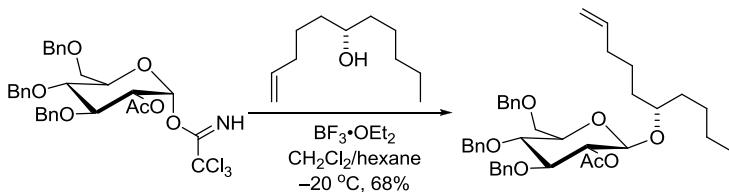
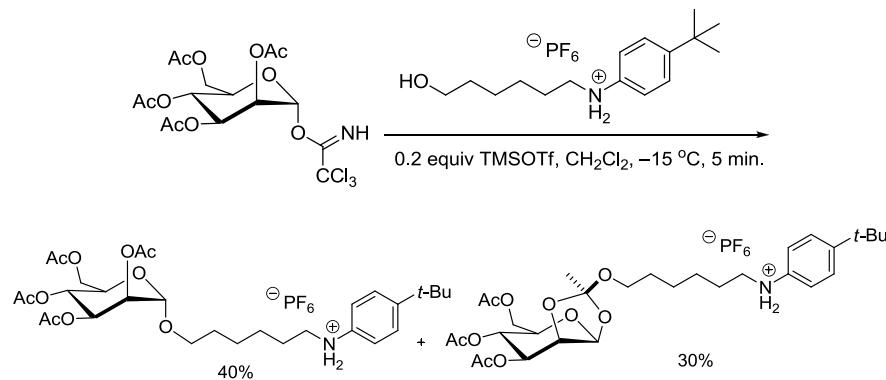
Schmidt's trichloroacetimidate glycosidation

Lewis acid-promoted glycosidation of trichloroacetimidates with alcohols or phenols.



Example 1⁵



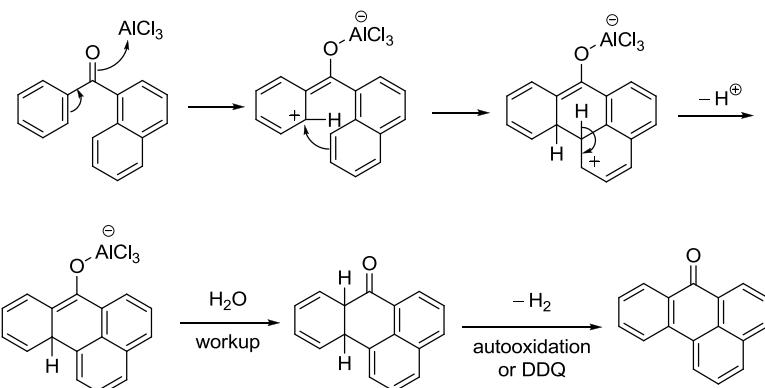
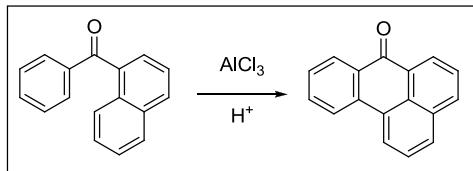
Example 2⁷Example 3⁹

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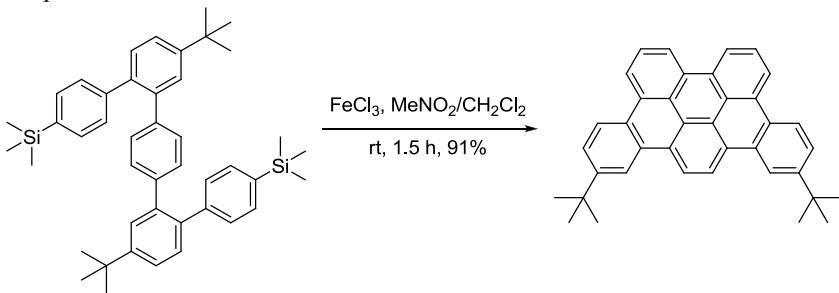
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Scholl reaction

The elimination of two aryl-bound hydrogens accompanied by the formation of an aryl-aryl bond under the influence of Friedel–Crafts catalysts. Cf. Friedel–Crafts reaction.



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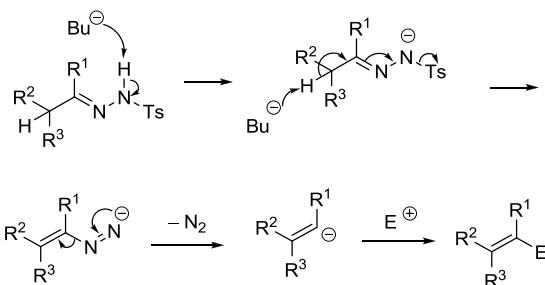
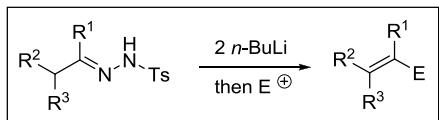


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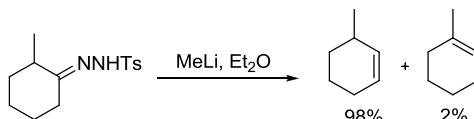
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Shapiro reaction

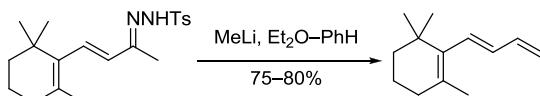
The Shapiro reaction is a variant of the Bamford–Stevens reaction. The former uses bases such as alkyl lithium and Grignard reagents whereas the latter employs bases such as Na, NaOMe, LiH, NaH, NaNH₂, *etc.* Consequently, the Shapiro reaction generally affords the less-substituted olefins (the kinetic products), while the Bamford–Stevens reaction delivers the more-substituted olefins (the thermodynamic products).



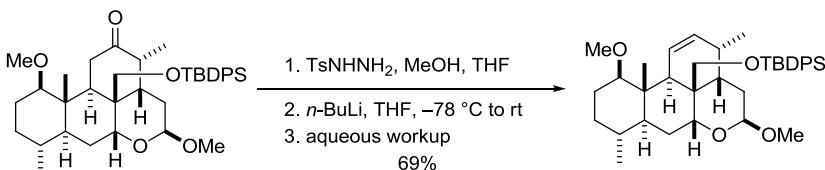
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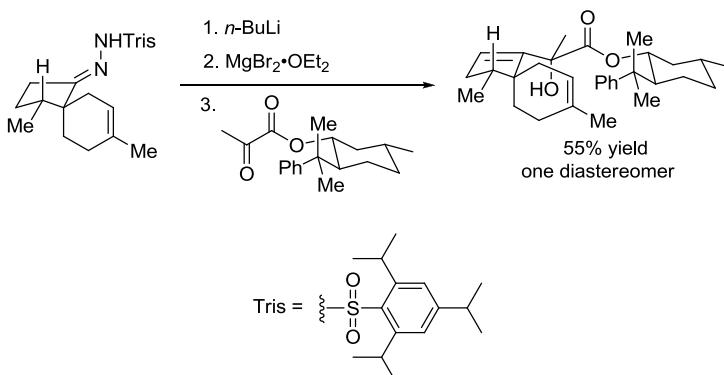
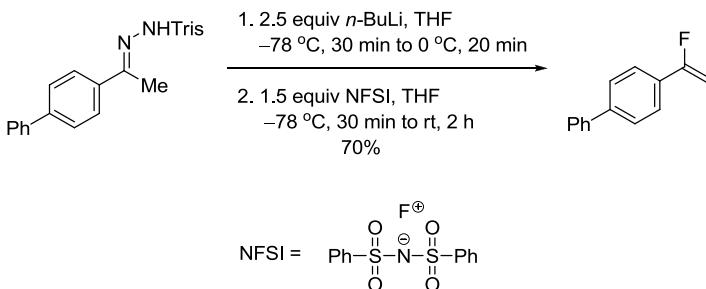


Example 2³



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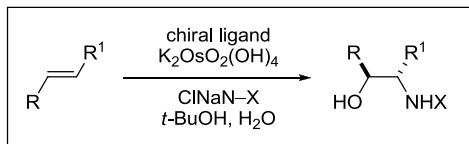
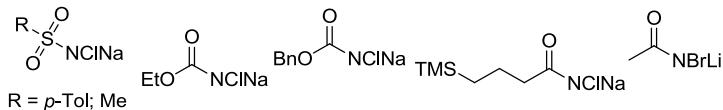
Example 4⁸Example 5¹¹

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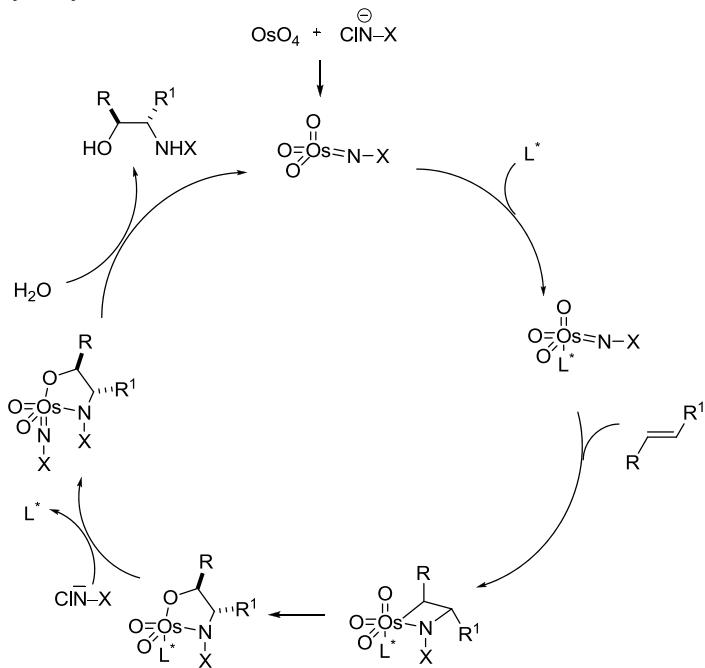
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Sharpless asymmetric amino-hydroxylation

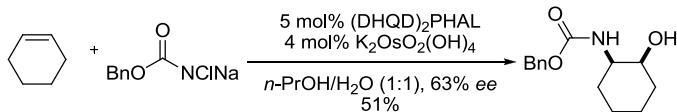
Osmium-mediated *cis*-addition of nitrogen and oxygen to olefins. Regioselectivity may be controlled by ligand. Nitrogen sources ($X-\text{NCINa}$) include:



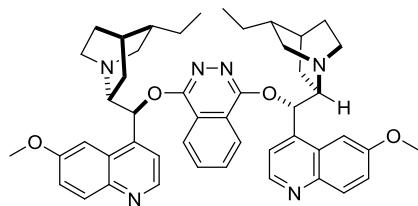
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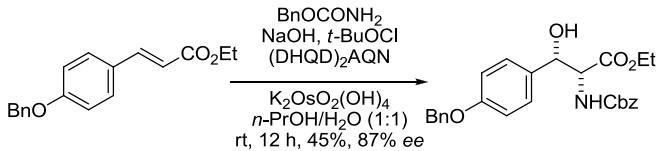
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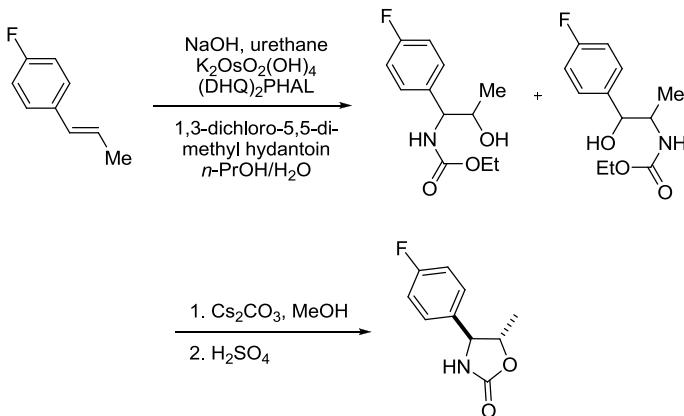
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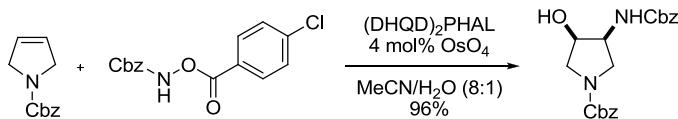
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Example 3⁶



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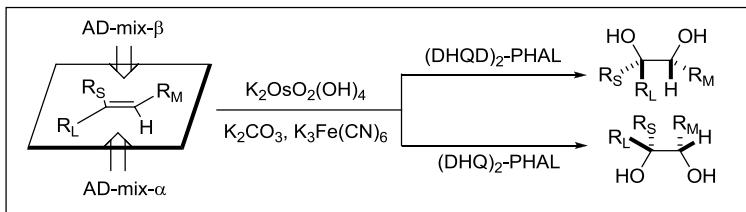
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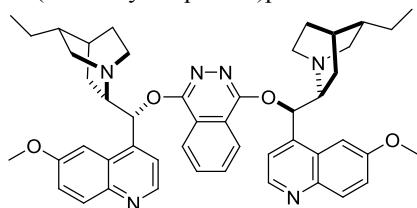
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Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation

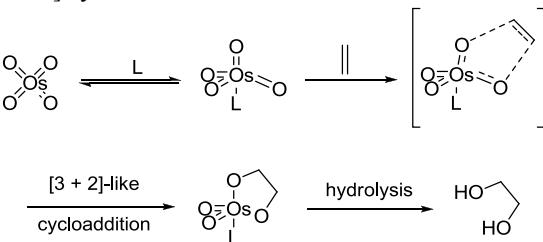
Enantioselective *cis*-dihydroxylation of olefins using osmium catalyst in the presence of cinchona alkaloid ligands.



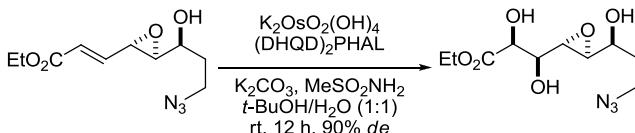
(DHQ)₂-PHAL = 1,4-bis(9-*O*-dihydroquinine)phthalazine:



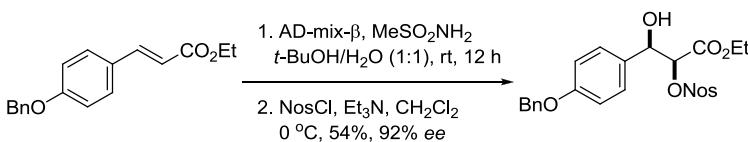
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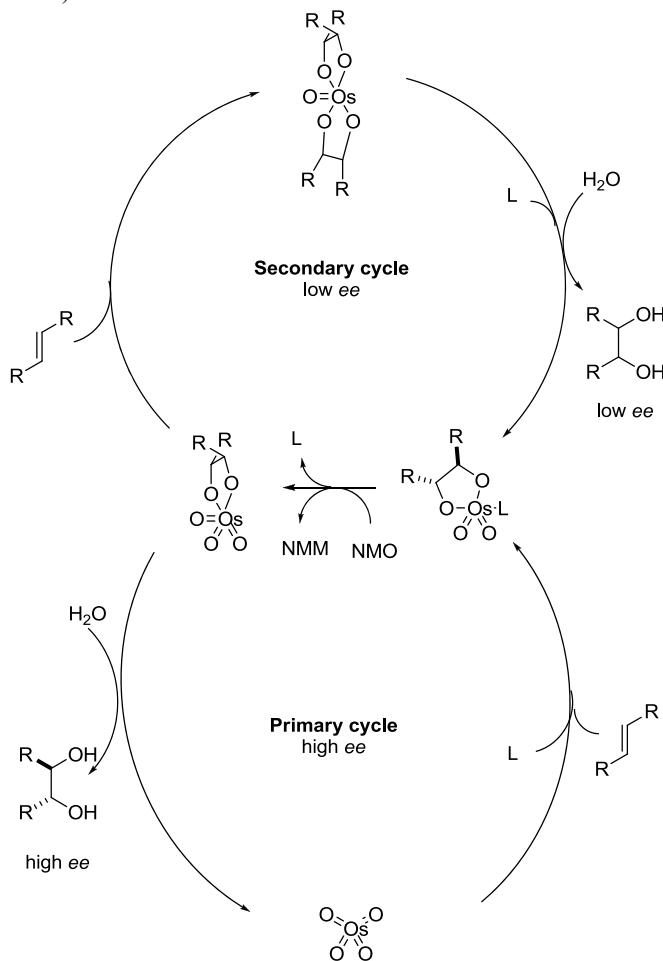


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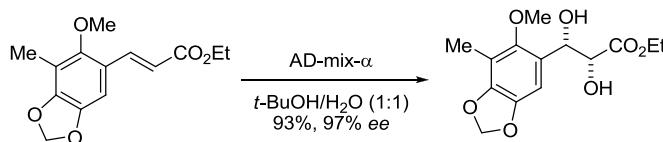


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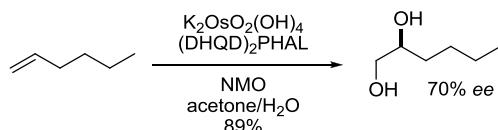
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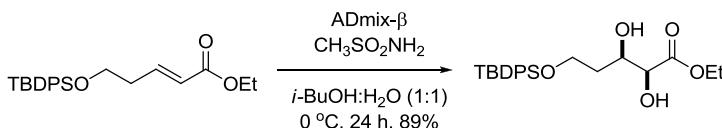
Example 3⁹



Example 4¹⁰



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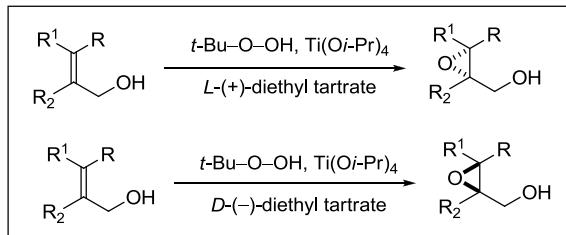


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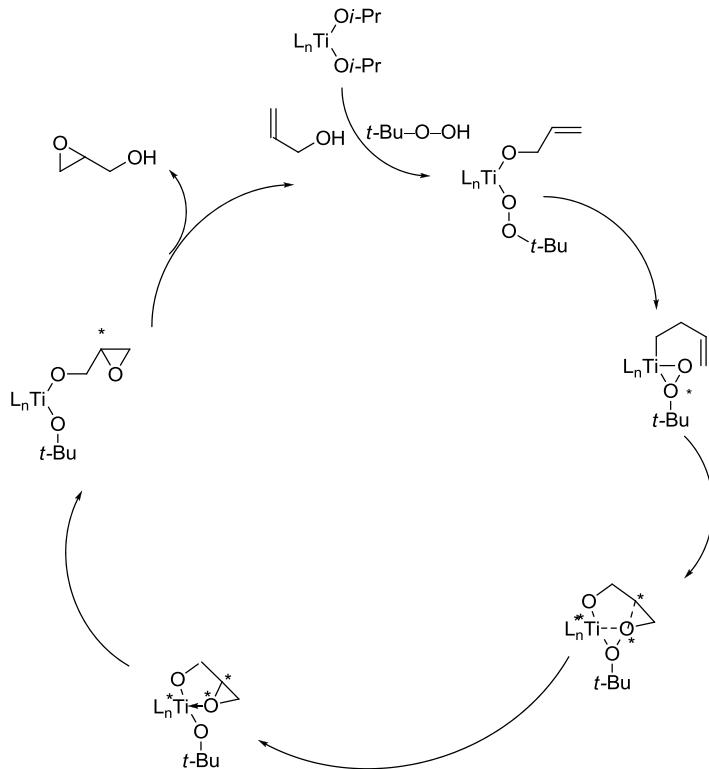
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Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation

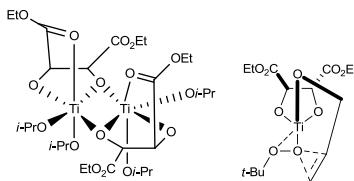
Enantioselective epoxidation of allylic alcohols using *t*-butyl peroxide, titanium tetra-*iso*-propoxide, and optically pure diethyl tartrate.



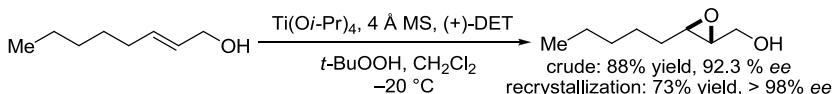
The catalytic cycle:



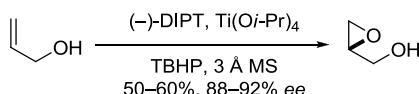
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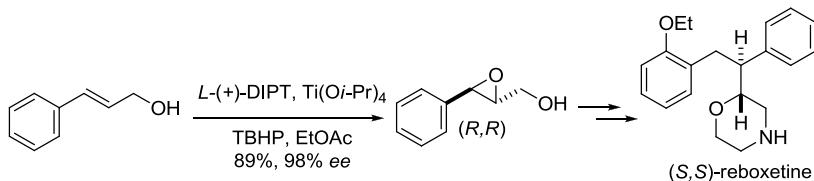
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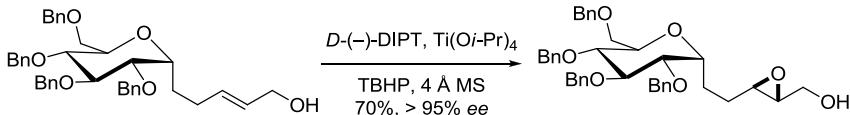
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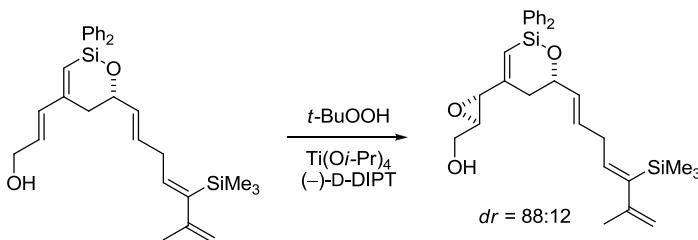
Example 3¹¹



Example 4¹²



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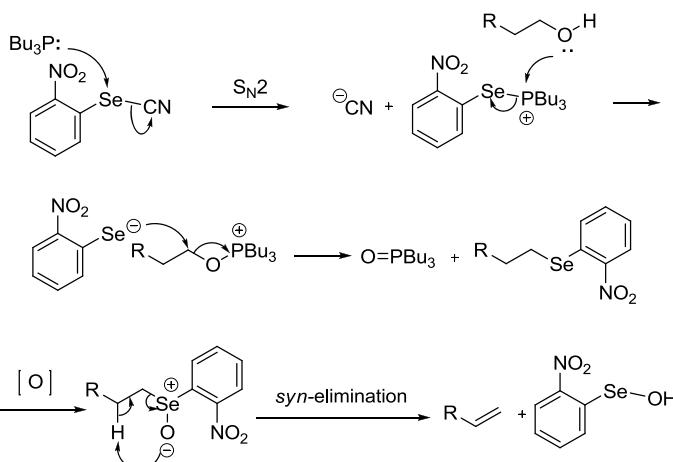
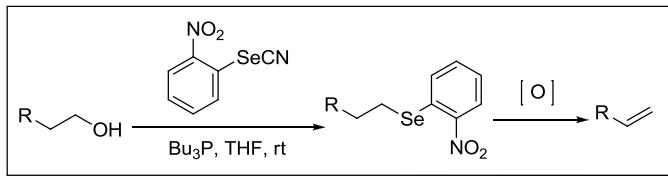


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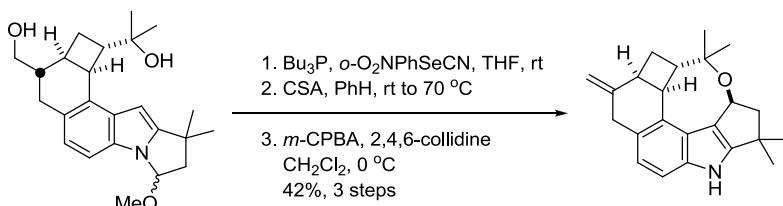
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Sharpless olefin synthesis

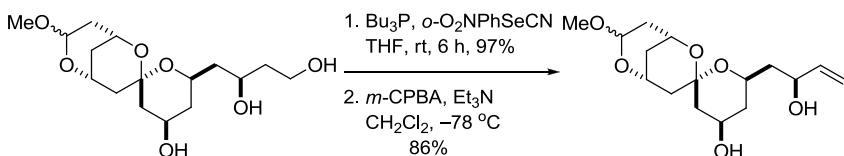
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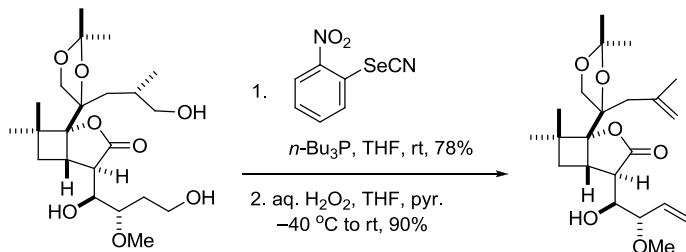
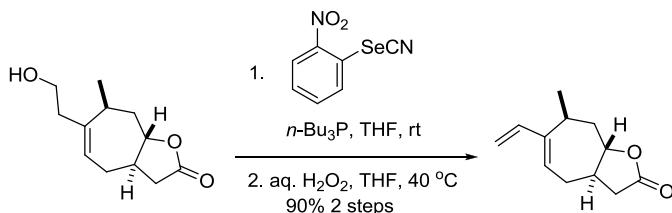


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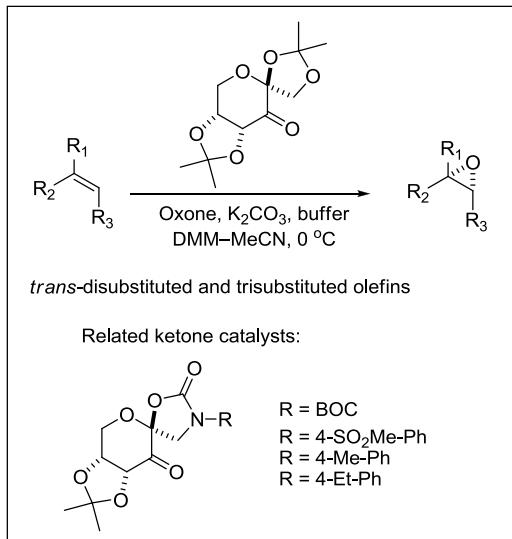
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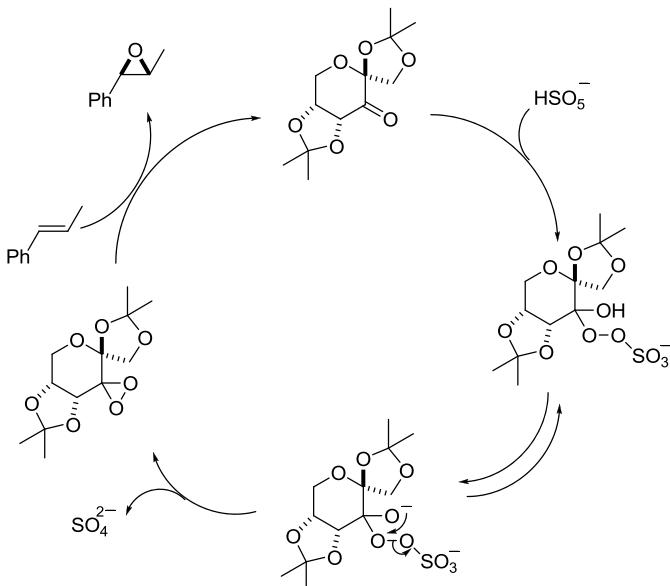
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Shi asymmetric epoxidation

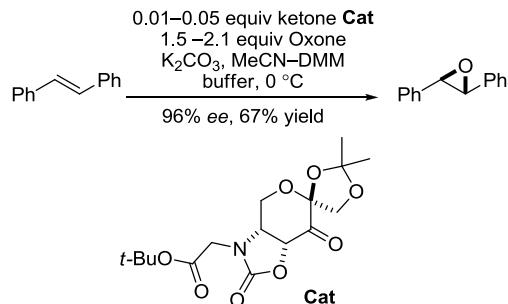
An asymmetric epoxidation using a fructose-derived chiral ketone. It is an organocatalyst with Oxone typically used as the primary oxidant.



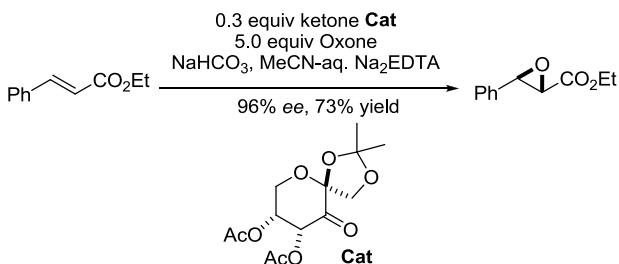
The catalytic cycle:



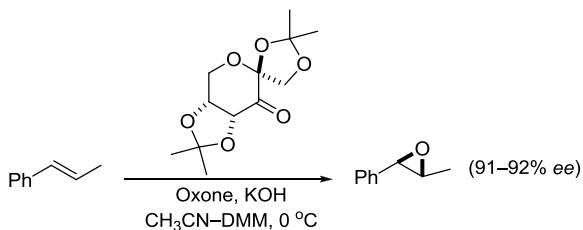
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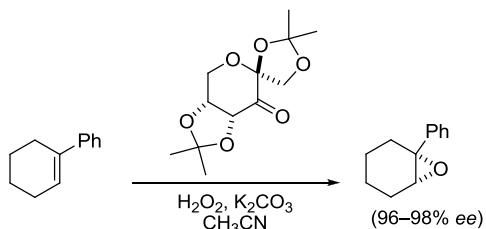
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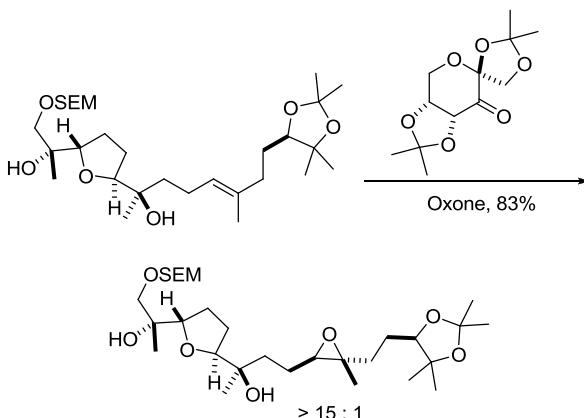
Example 3⁸



Example 4⁸



Example 5⁹

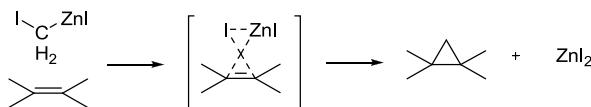
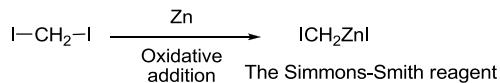
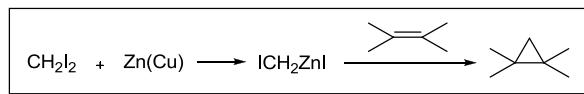


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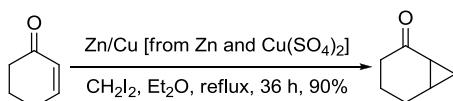
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Simmons–Smith reaction

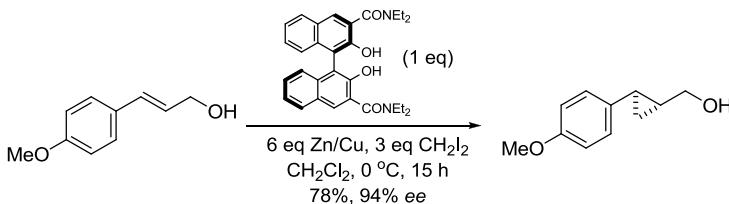
Cyclopropanation of olefins using CH_2I_2 and $\text{Zn}(\text{Cu})$.



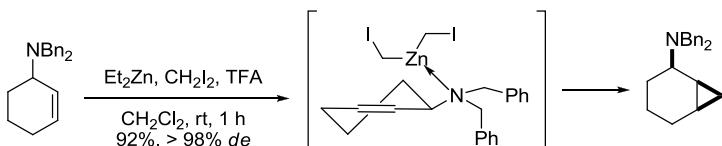
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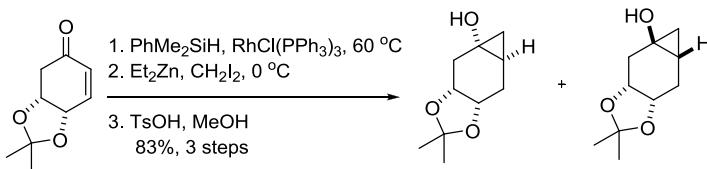
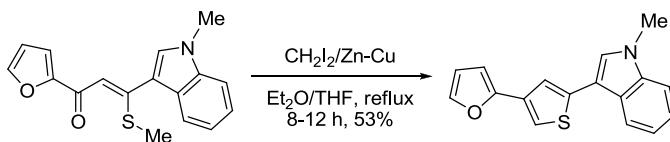


Example 2, An asymmetric version³



Example 3, Diastereoselective Simmons–Smith cyclopropanations of allylic amines and carbamates⁹



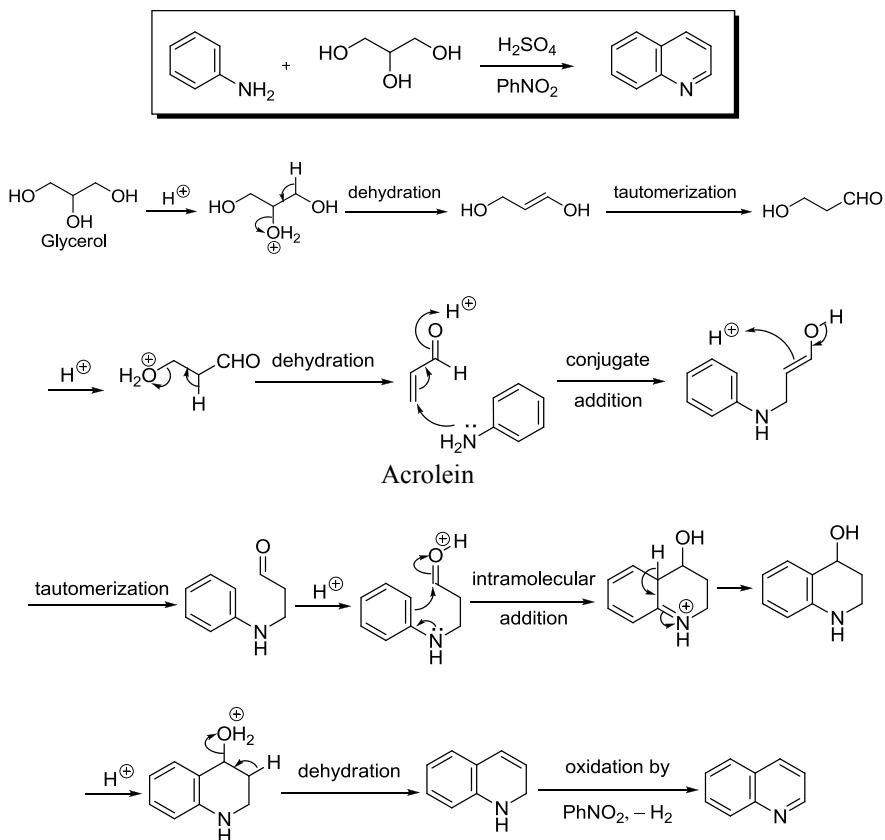
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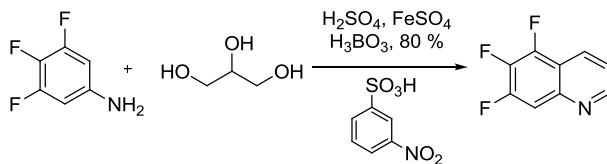
Skraup quinoline synthesis

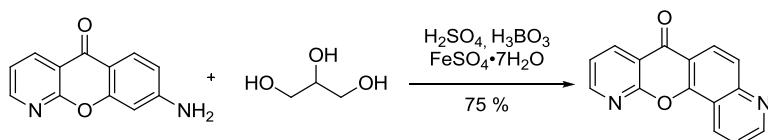
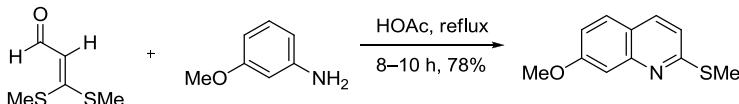
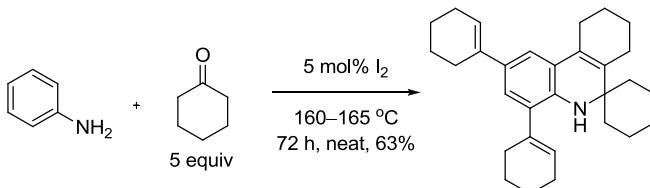
Quinoline from aniline, glycerol, sulfuric acid and oxidizing agent (e.g. PhNO_2).



For an alternative mechanism, see that of the Doebner–von Miller reaction.

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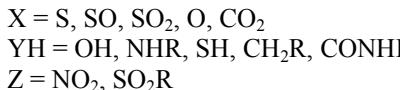
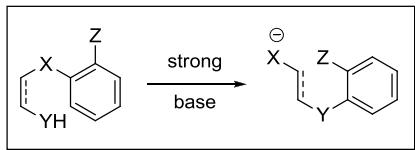
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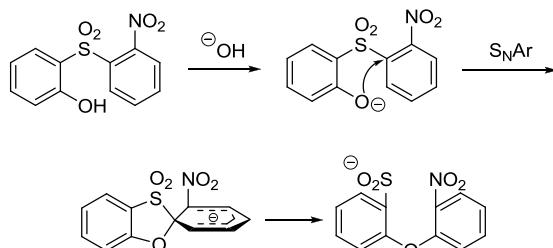
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Smiles rearrangement

Intramolecular nucleophilic aromatic rearrangement. General scheme:

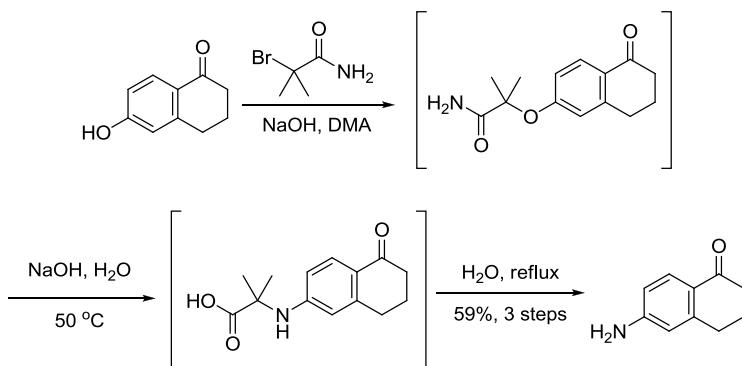


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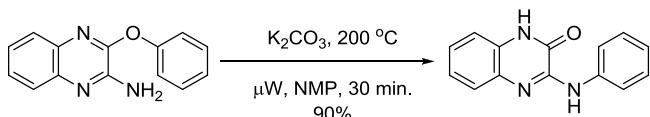


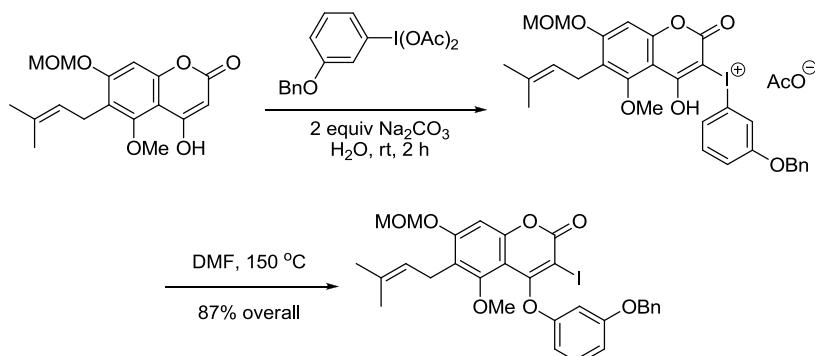
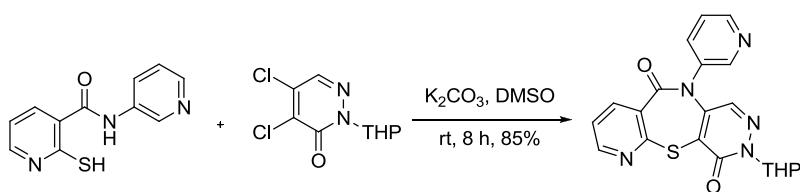
spirocyclic anion intermediate (Meisenheimer complex)

Example 1⁷



Example 2, Microwave Smiles rearrangement⁹



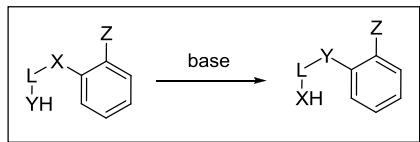
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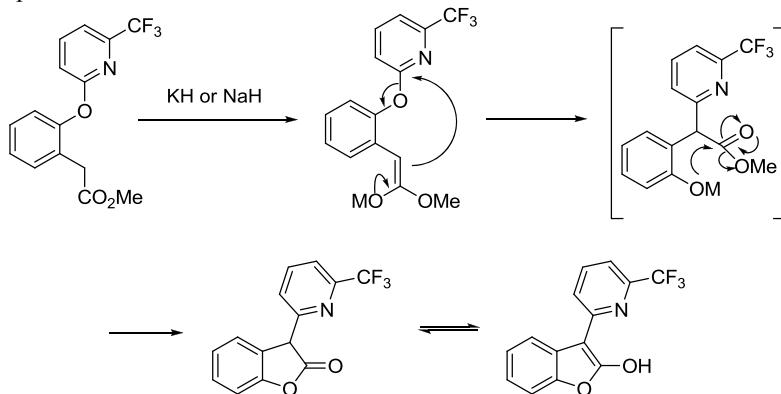
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Truce–Smile rearrangement

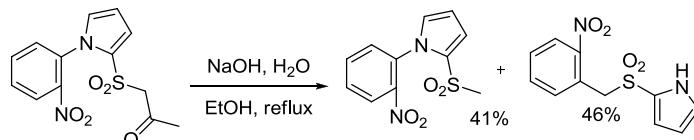
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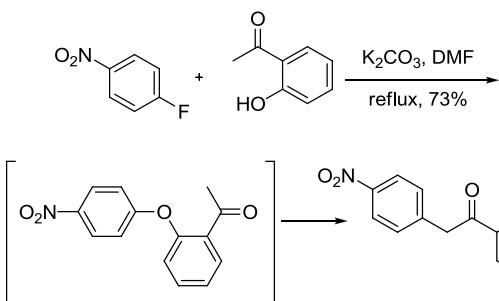
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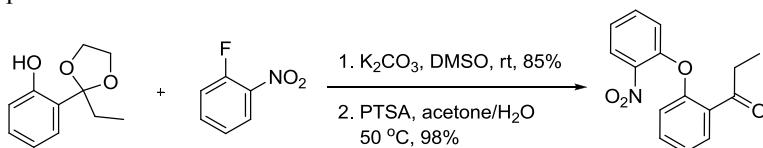
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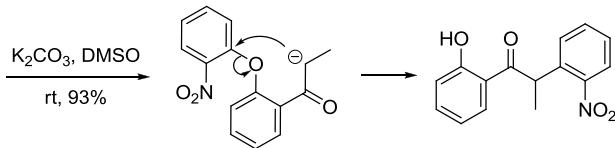


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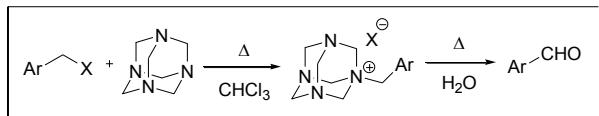


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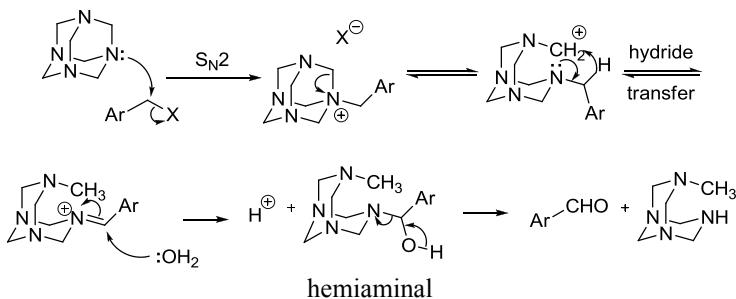
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Sommelet reaction

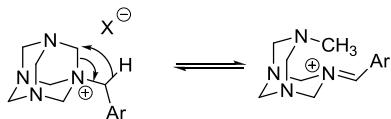
Transformation of benzyl halides to the corresponding benzaldehydes with the aid of hexamethylenetetramine (HMTA). Cf. Delépine amine synthesis.



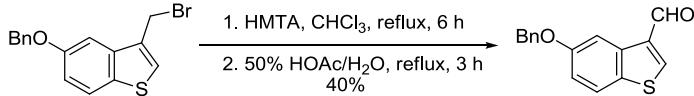
Hexamethylenetetramine (pungent rotten fish smell)



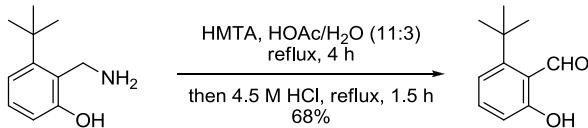
The hydride transfer and the ring-opening of hexamethylenetetramine may occur in a synchronized fashion:



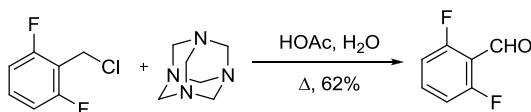
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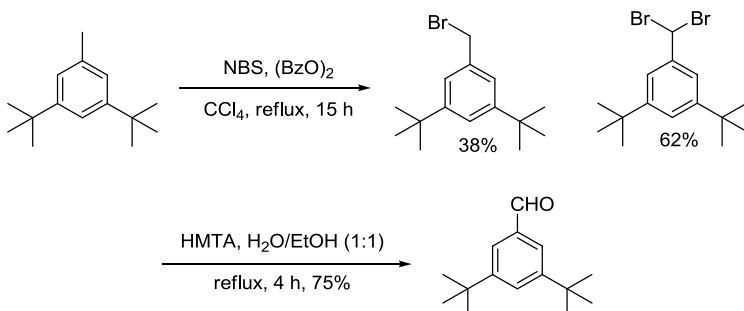
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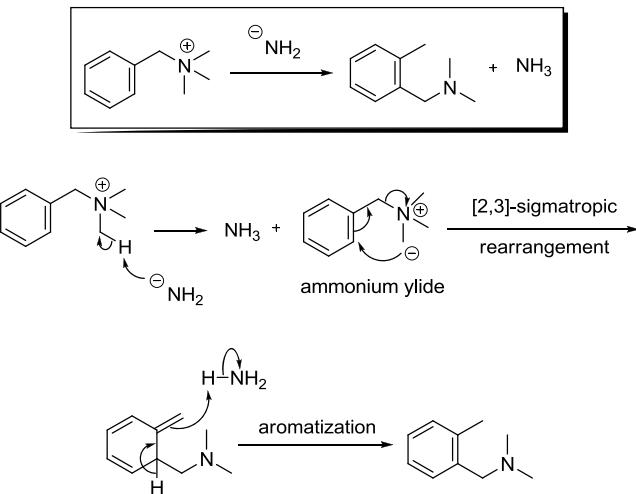


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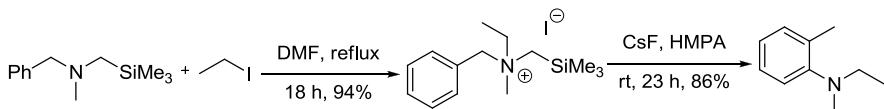
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Sommelet–Hauser rearrangement

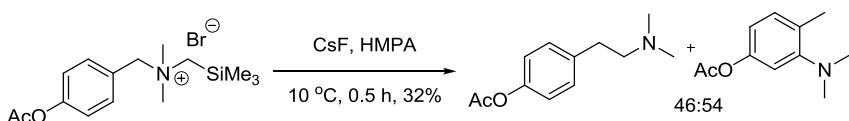
[2,3]-Wittig rearrangement of benzylic quaternary ammonium salts upon treatment with alkali metal amides *via* the ammonium ylide intermediates.



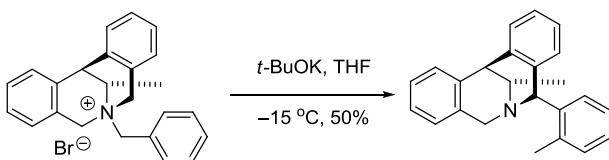
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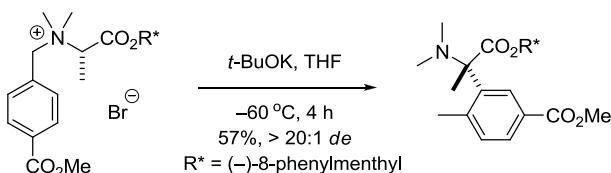
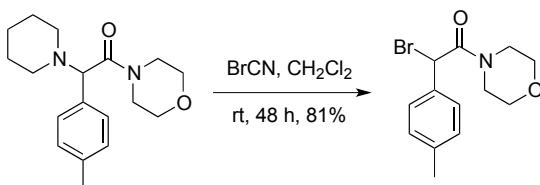


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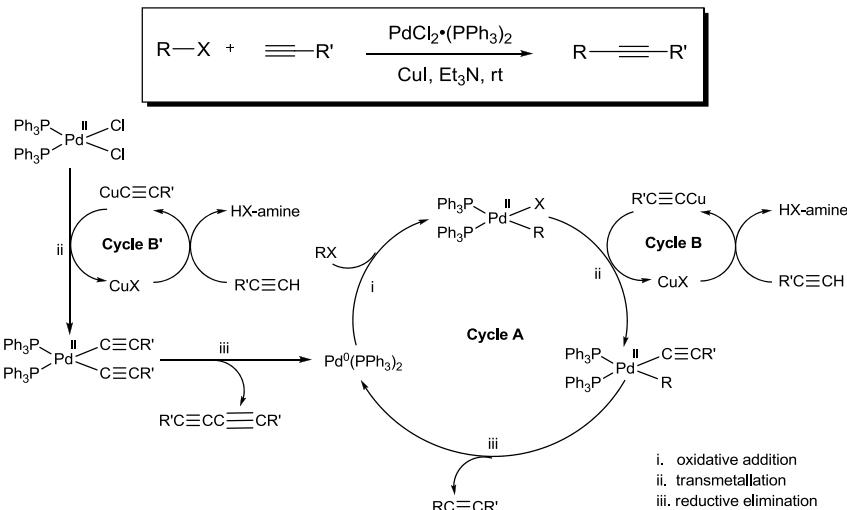
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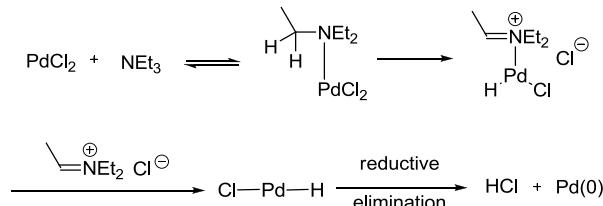
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Sonogashira reaction

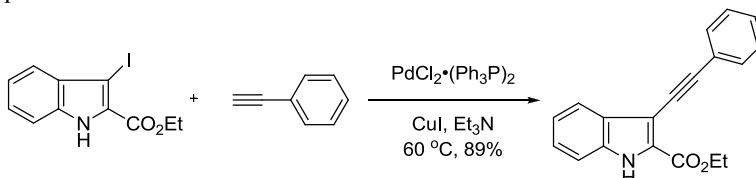
Pd/Cu-catalyzed cross-coupling of organohalides with terminal alkynes. Cf. Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling and Castro–Stephens reaction. The Castro–Stephens coupling uses stoichiometric copper, whereas the Sonogashira variant uses catalytic palladium and copper.



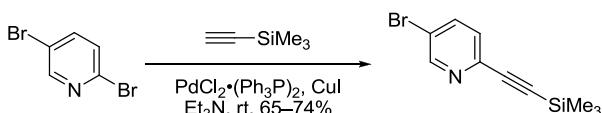
Note that Et_3N may reduce $\text{Pd}(\text{II})$ to $\text{Pd}(0)$ as well, where Et_3N is oxidized to the iminium ion at the same time:

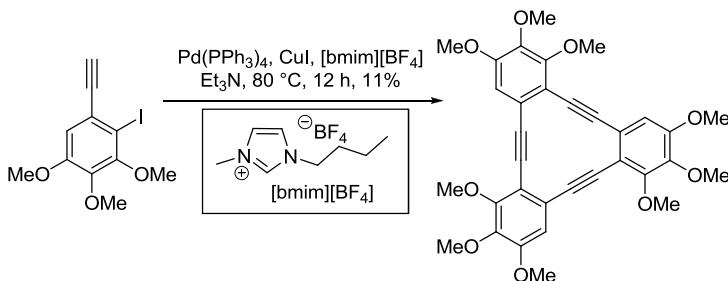
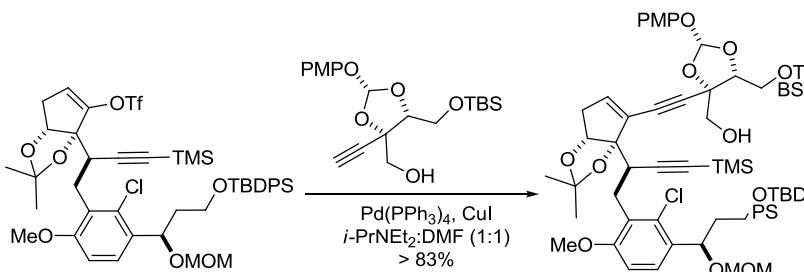


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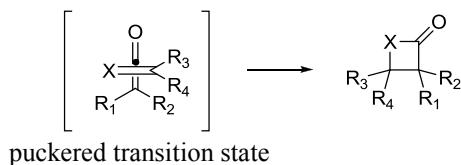
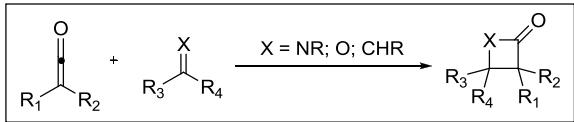
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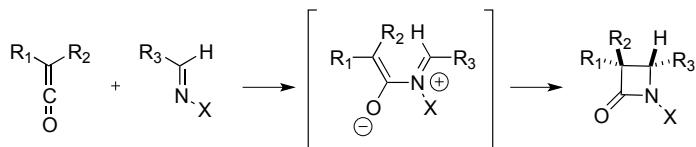
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Staudinger ketene cycloaddition

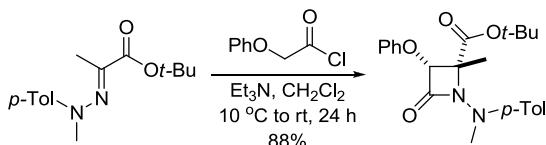
Also known as the Staudinger reaction. [2 + 2]-Cycloaddition of ketene and imine to form β -lactams. Other coupling partners for ketenes include: olefin to give cyclobutanone and carbonyl to give β -lactone.



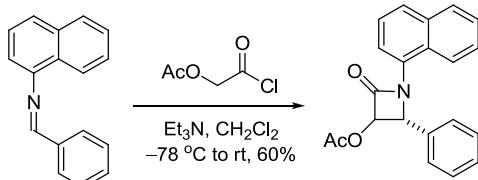
When $X = N$:



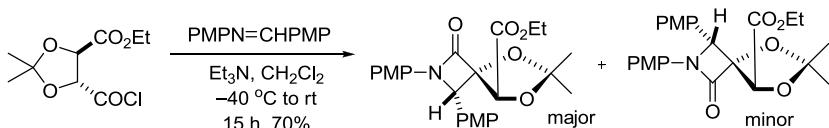
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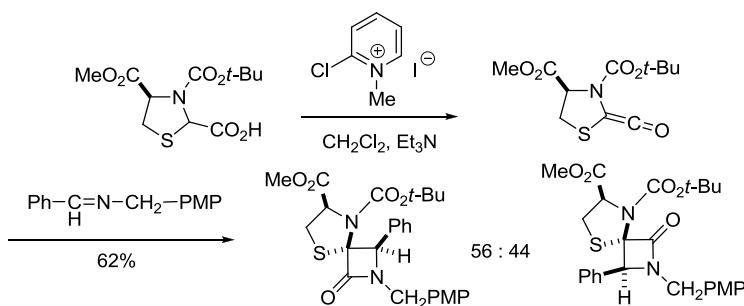
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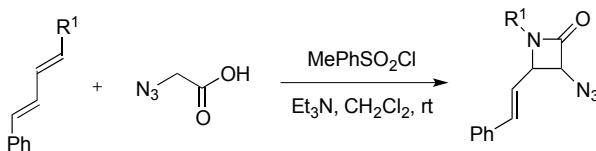
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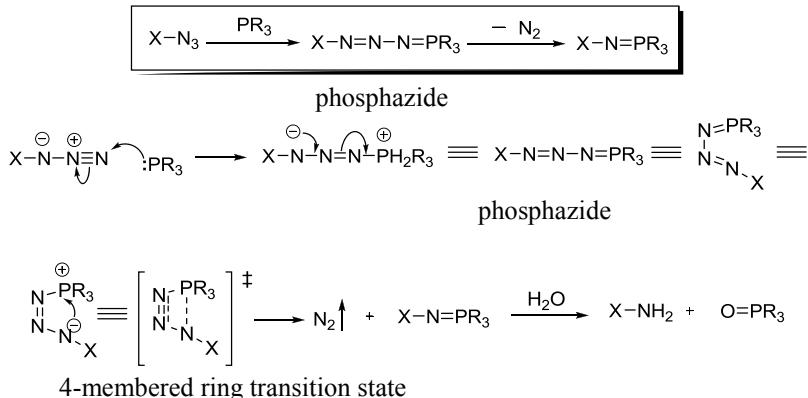


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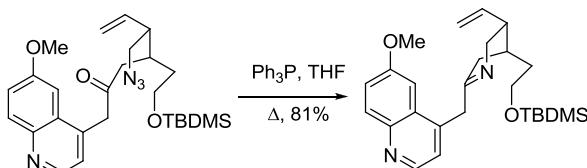
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Staudinger reduction

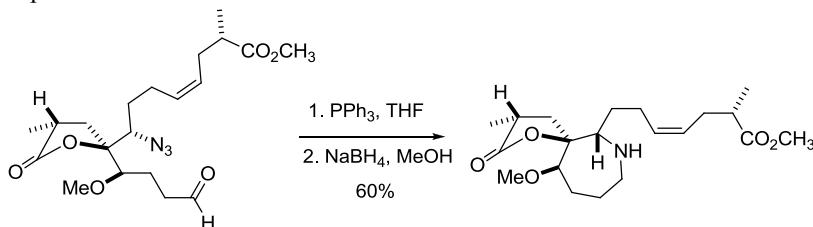
Phosphazide compounds (e.g., iminophosphoranes) from the reduction of organic azides using tertiary phosphine (e.g., Ph_3P). Hydrolysis then provides the corresponding amines.



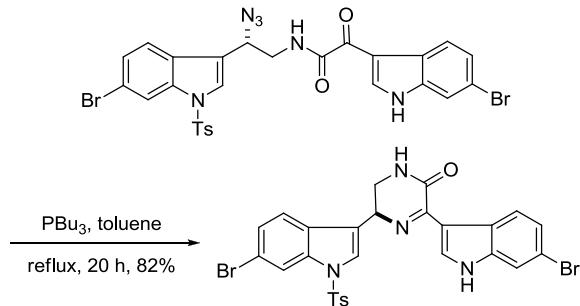
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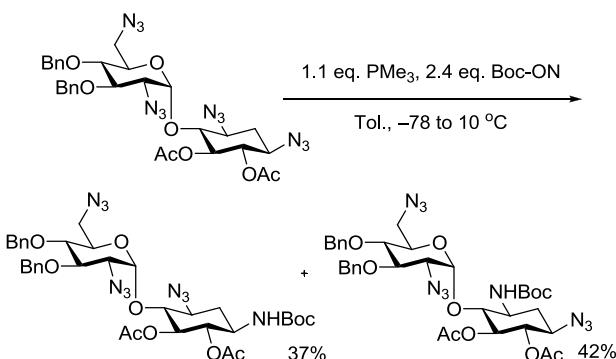
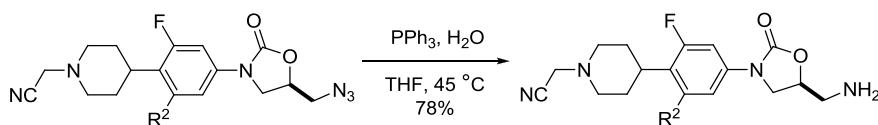
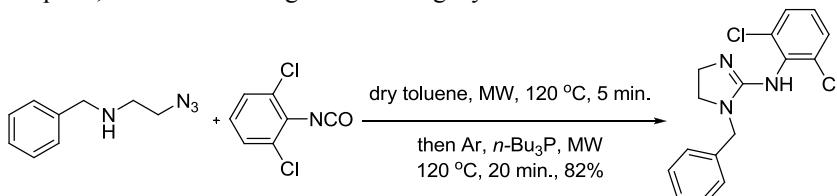


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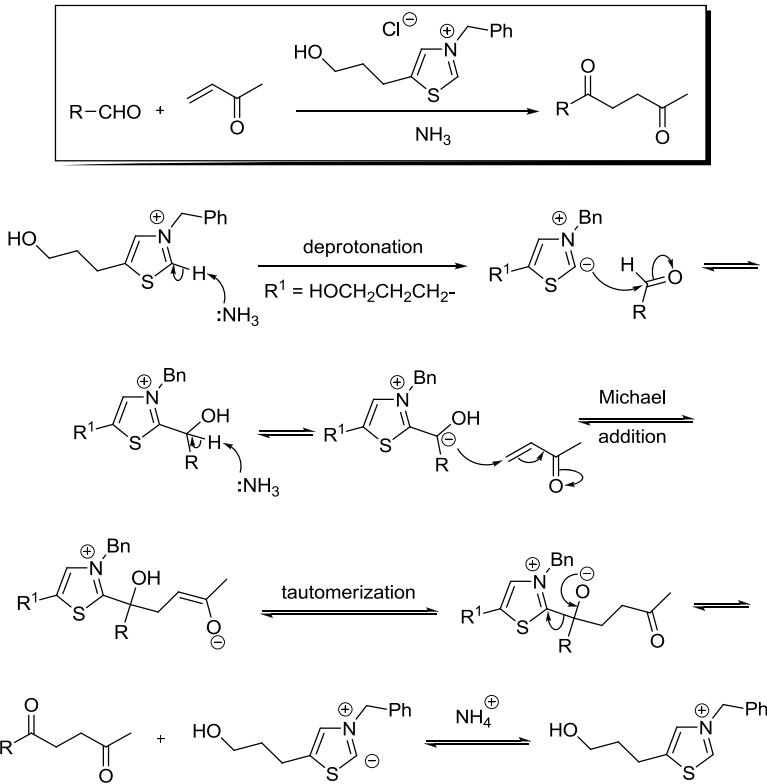
Example 4⁸Example 5⁹Example 6, Tandem Staudinger/Aza-Wittig Cyclization¹¹

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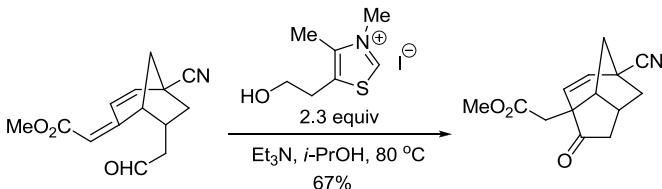
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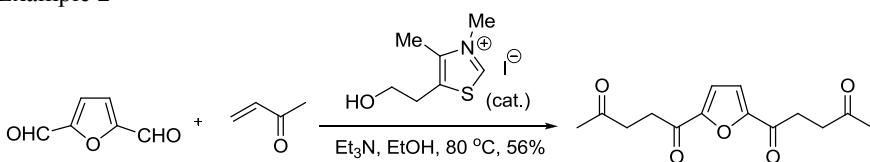
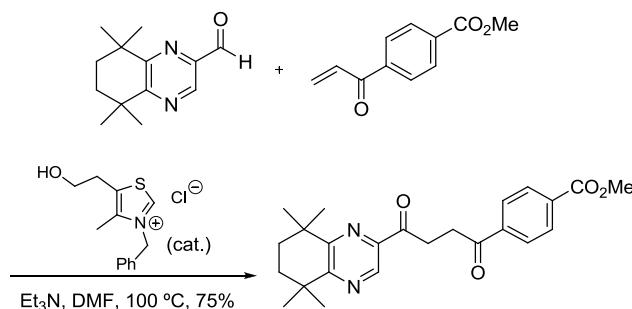
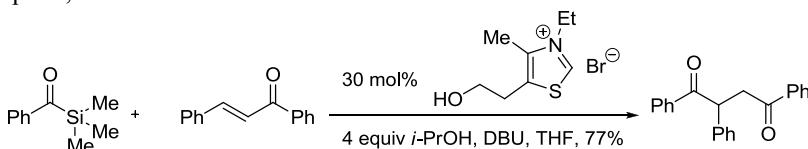
Stetter reaction

1,4-Dicarbonyl derivatives from aldehydes and α,β -unsaturated ketones and esters. The thiazolium catalyst serves as a safe surrogate for ^CN . Also known as the Michael-Stetter reaction. Cf. Benzoin condensation.



Example 1, Intramolecular Stetter reaction²



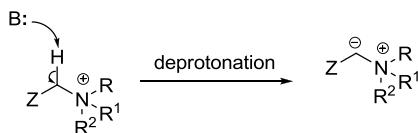
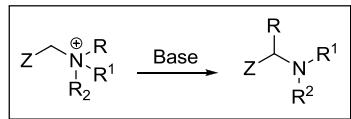
Example 2³Example 3⁵Example 4, Sila-Stetter reaction⁹

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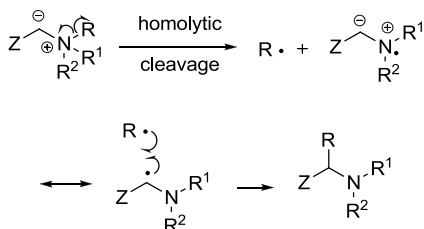
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Stevens rearrangement

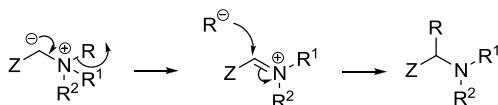
A quaternary ammonium salt containing an electron-withdrawing group Z on one of the carbons attached to the nitrogen is treated with a strong base to give a rearranged tertiary amine.



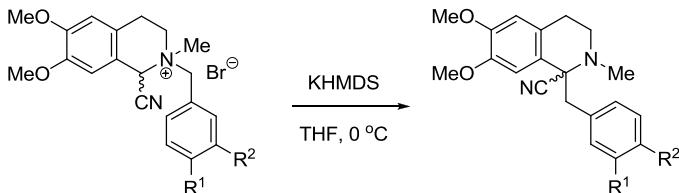
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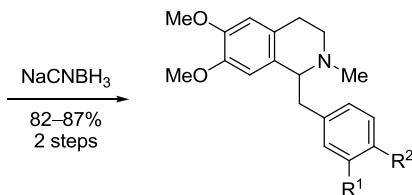


The original ionic mechanism:



Example 1, Stevens Rearrangement/Reduction Sequence¹⁰



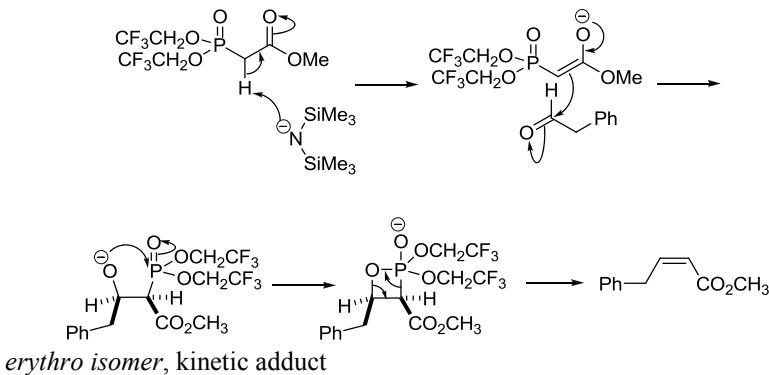
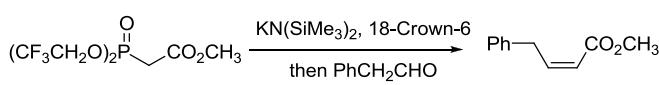


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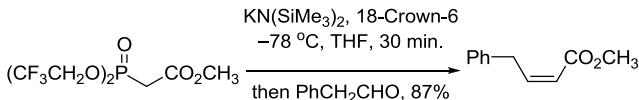
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Still–Gennari phosphonate reaction

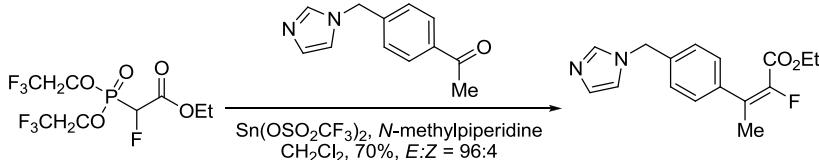
A variant of the Horner–Emmons reaction using bis(trifluoroethyl)phosphonate to give *Z*-olefins.



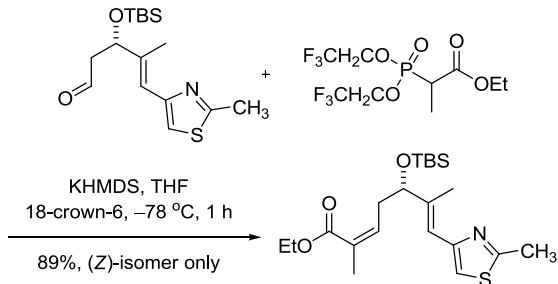
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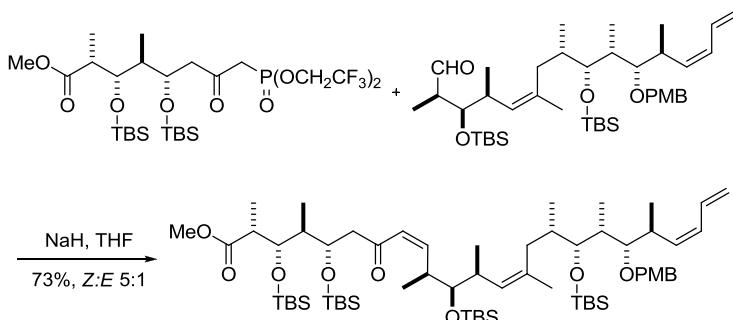
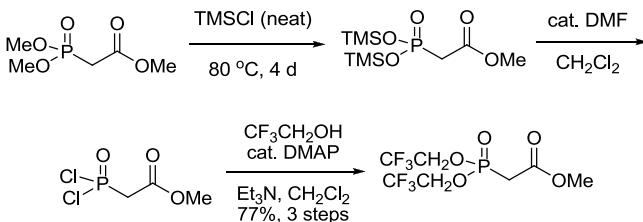


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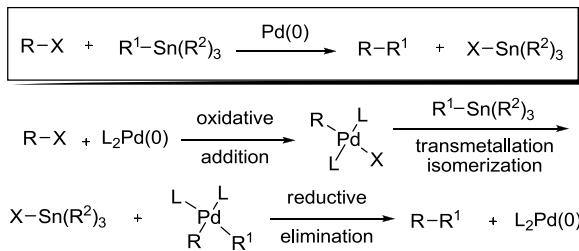
Example 4⁹Example 5, An expedient access to Still–Gennari phosphonates¹¹

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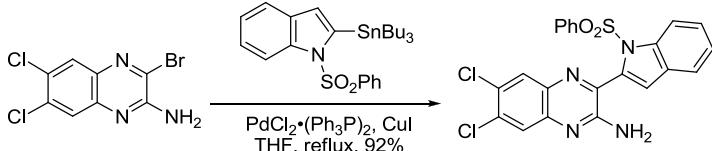
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Stille coupling

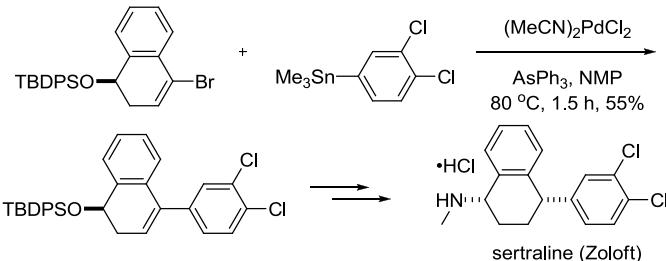
Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organostannanes with organic halides, triflates, etc. For the catalytic cycle, see Kumada coupling.



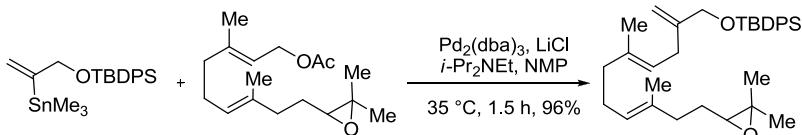
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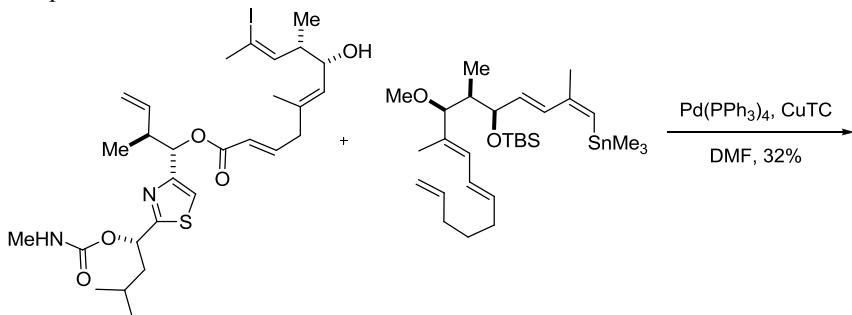
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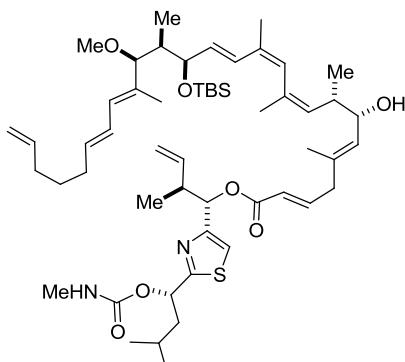
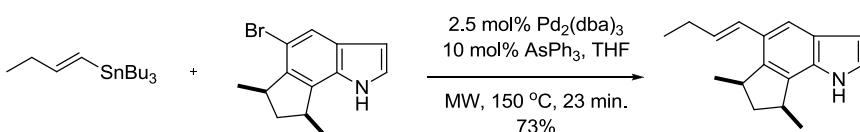


Example 3, π -Allyl Stille coupling⁸



Example 4⁹



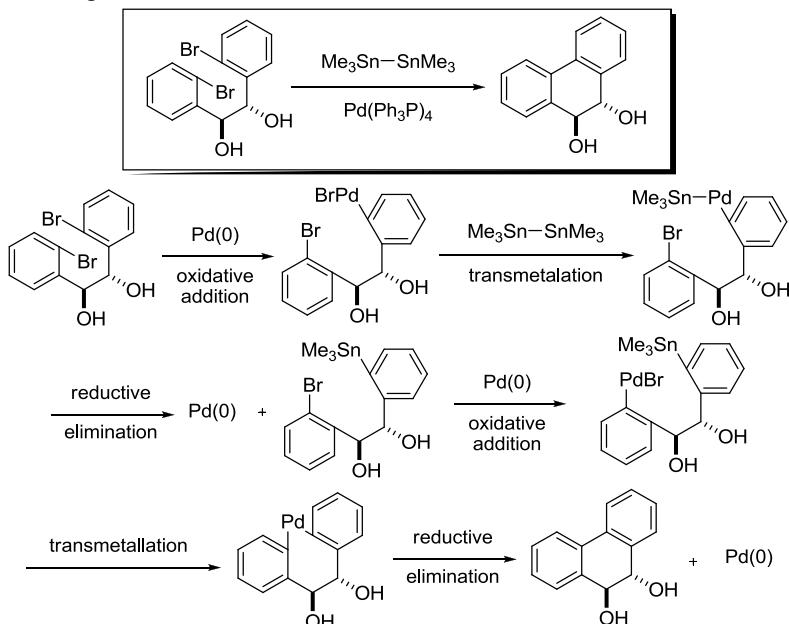
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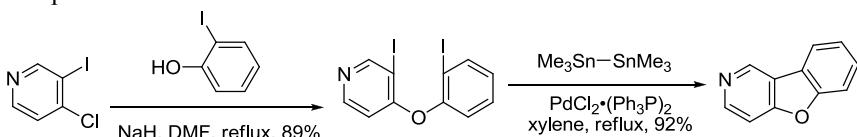
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Stille–Kelly reaction

Palladium-catalyzed intramolecular cross-coupling reaction of bis-aryl halides using ditin reagents.



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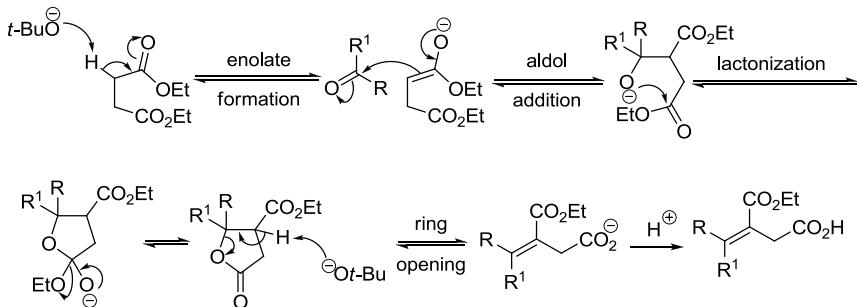
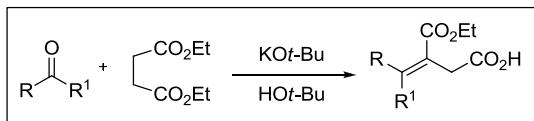


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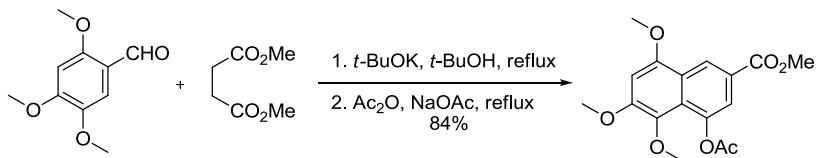
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Stobbe condensation

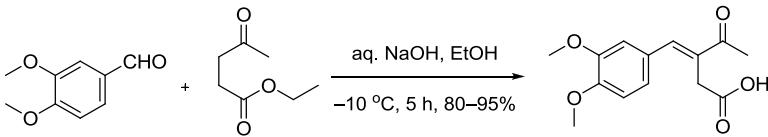
Condensation of diethyl succinate and its derivatives with carbonyl compounds in the presence of bases.



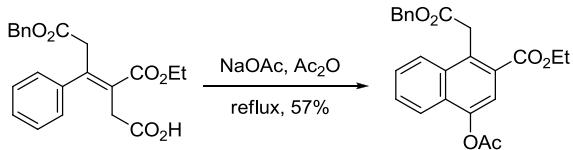
Example 1, Stobbe condensation and cyclization⁵



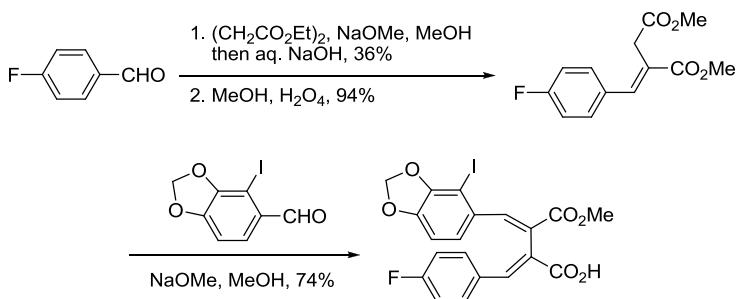
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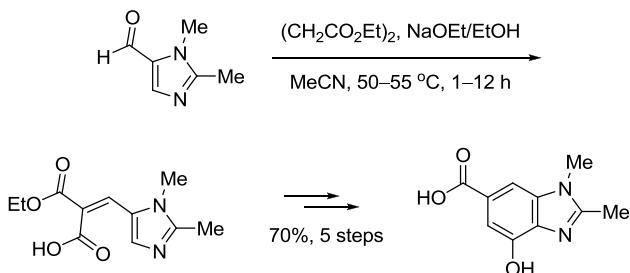
Example 3, Cyclization of the Stobbe product⁷



Example 4, Two sequential Stobbe condensations⁹



Example 5¹¹

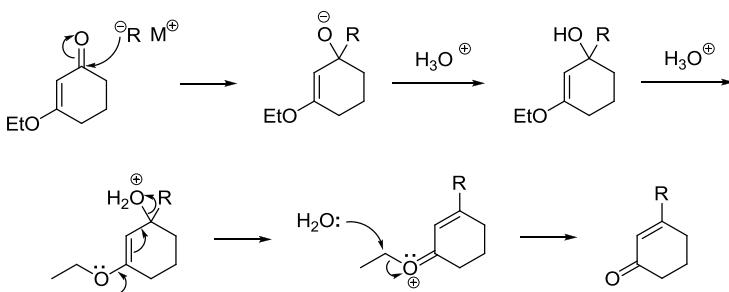
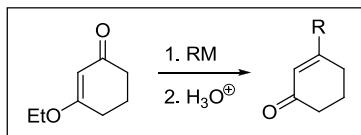


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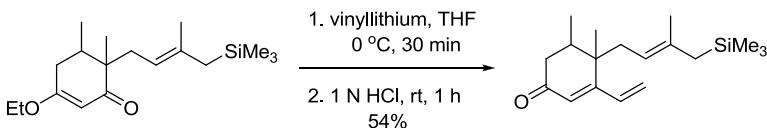
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Stork–Danheiser transposition

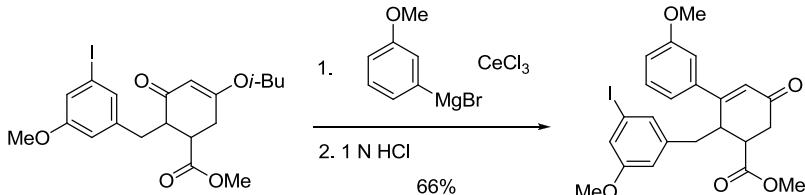
Treatment of alkoxy-enone (vinylogous ester) with an organometallic (Grignard reagent or organolithium) was followed by treatment with acid to afford another enone where the ketone locates at the enolether position of the starting material.



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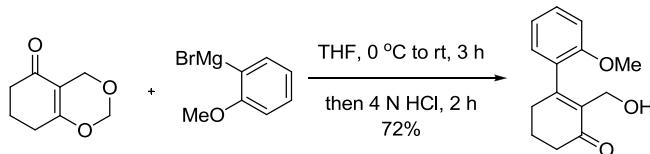


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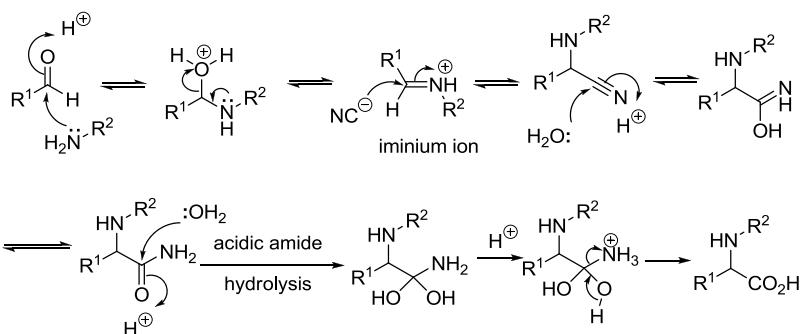
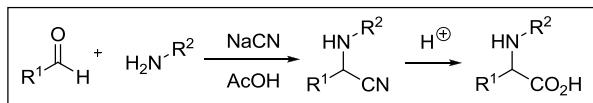
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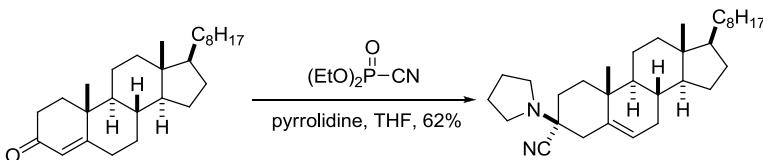
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Strecker amino acid synthesis

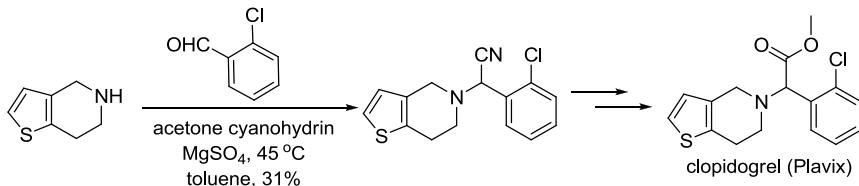
Sodium cyanide-promoted condensation of aldehyde, or ketone, with an amine to afford α -amino nitrile, which may be hydrolyzed to an α -amino acid.



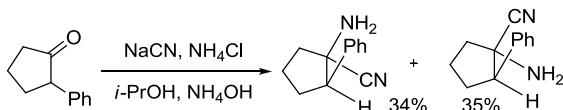
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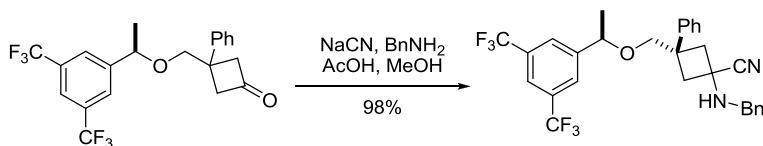
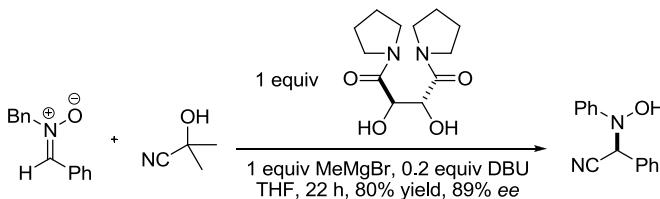


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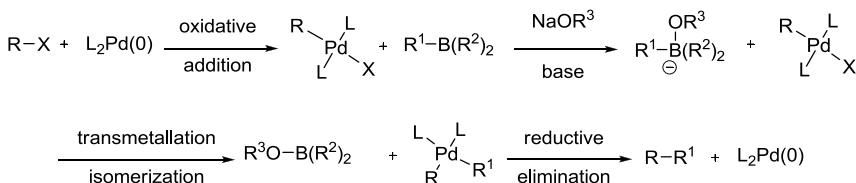
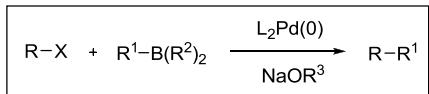
Example 4⁹Example 5, Asymmetric Strecker-Type Reaction of Nitrones¹¹

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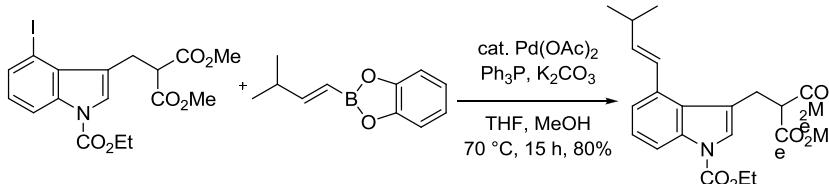
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Suzuki–Miyaura coupling

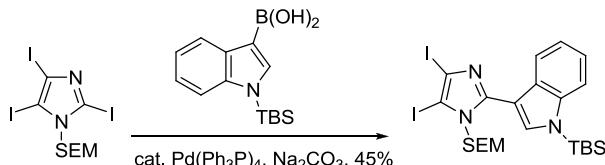
Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organoboranes with organic halides, triflates, *etc.* In the presence of a base (transmetallation is reluctant to occur without the activating effect of a base). For the catalytic cycle, see Kumada coupling.



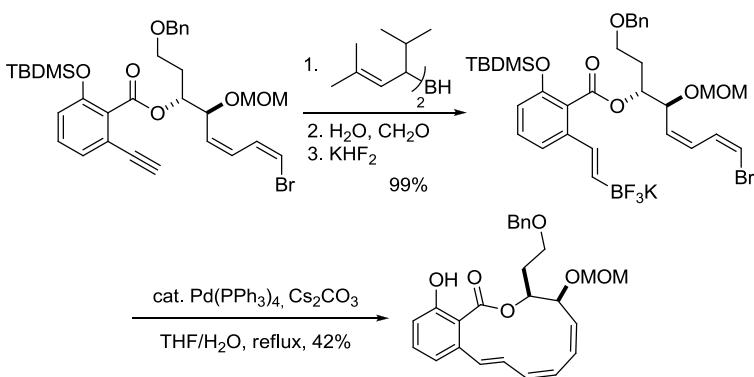
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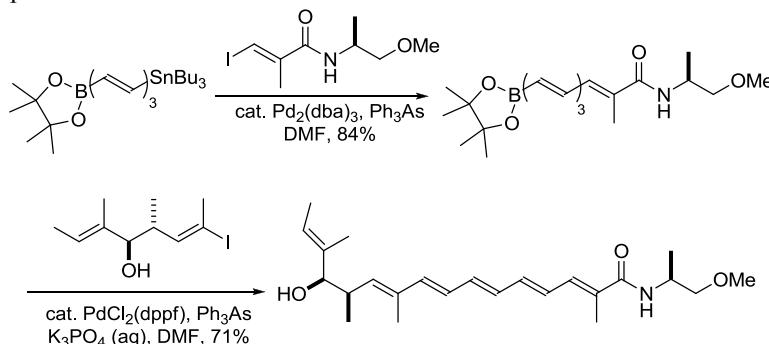
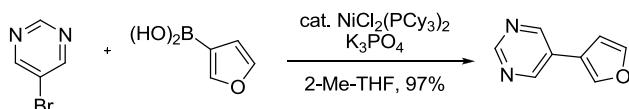


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Example 3, Intramolecular Suzuki–Miyaura coupling⁸



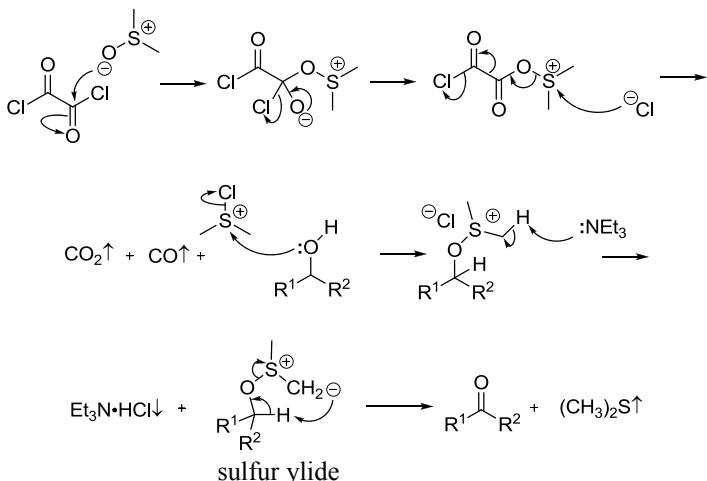
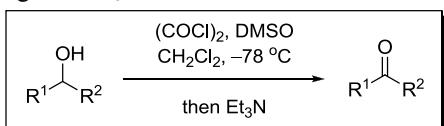
Example 4⁹Example 5, Nickel-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura coupling in green solvents¹²

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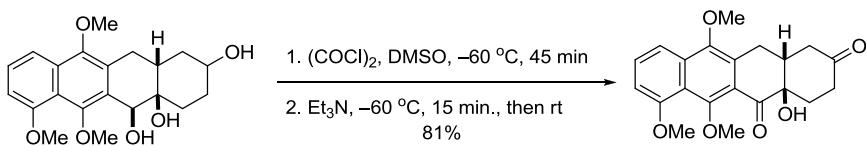
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Swern oxidation

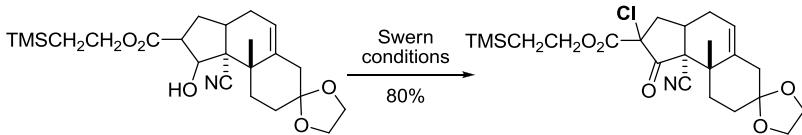
Oxidation of alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds using $(COCl)_2$, DMSO, and quenching with Et_3N .

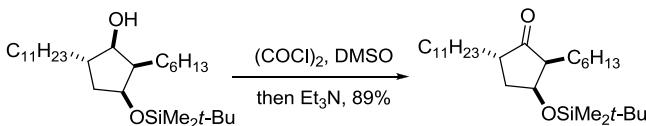
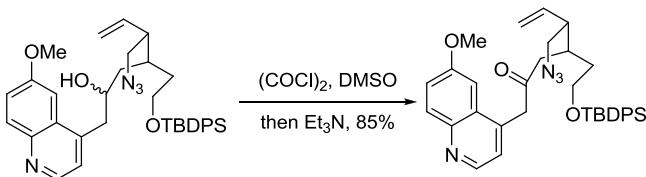


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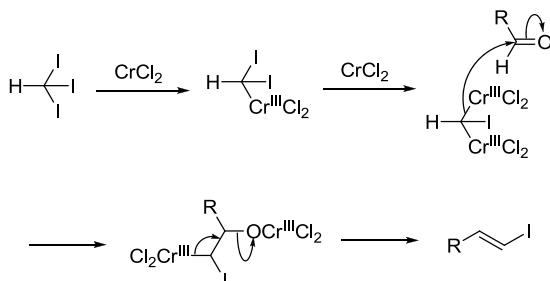
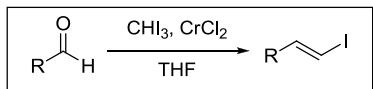
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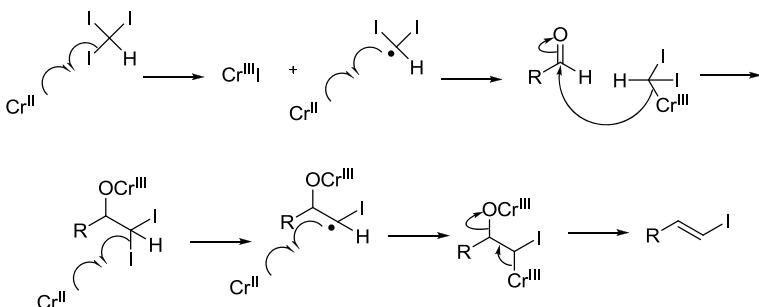
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Takai reaction

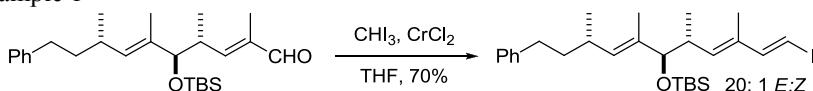
Stereoselective conversion of an aldehyde to the corresponding *E*-vinyl iodide using CHI_3 and CrCl_2 .



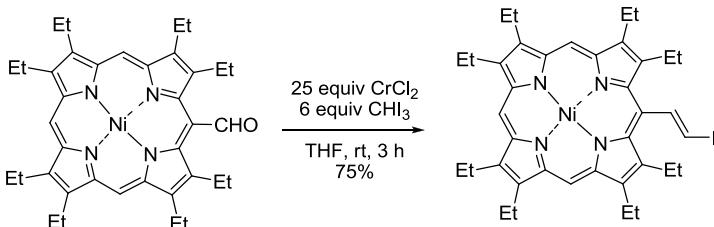
A radical mechanism was recently proposed¹⁰

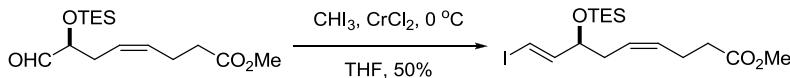
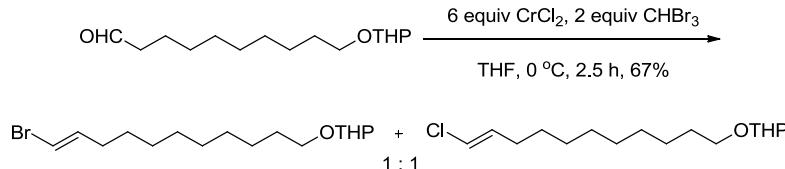
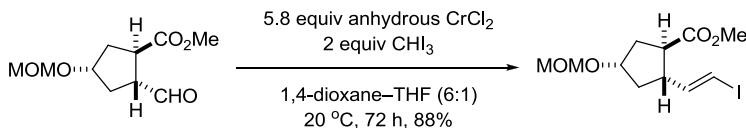
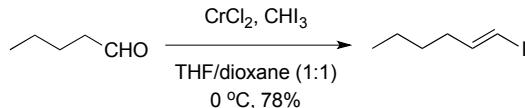


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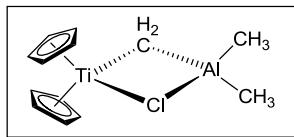
Example 3⁴Example 4, A Br/Cl variant⁹Example 5¹⁰Example 5¹⁰

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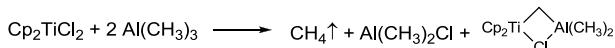
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Tebbe reagent

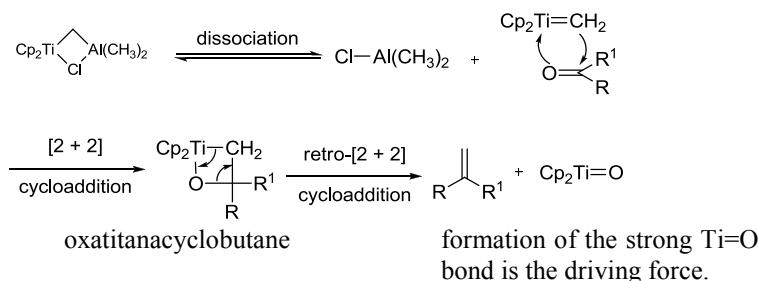
The Tebbe reagent, μ -chlorobis(cyclopentadienyl)(dimethylaluminium)- μ -methylenetitanium, transforms a carbonyl compound to the corresponding *exo*-olefin.



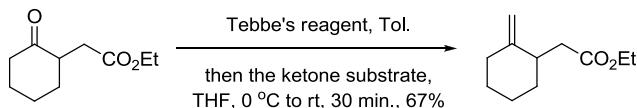
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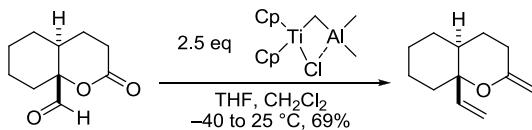
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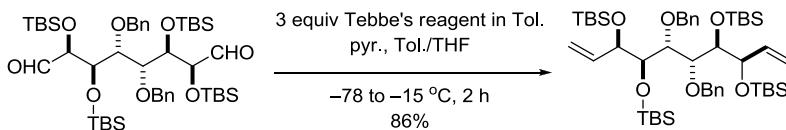
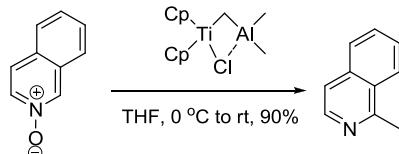
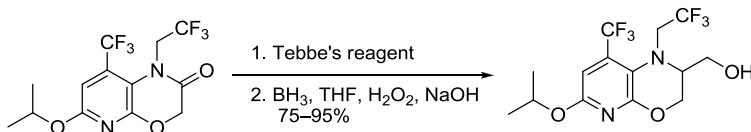


Example 1, Ketone²



Example 2, Double Tebbe⁴



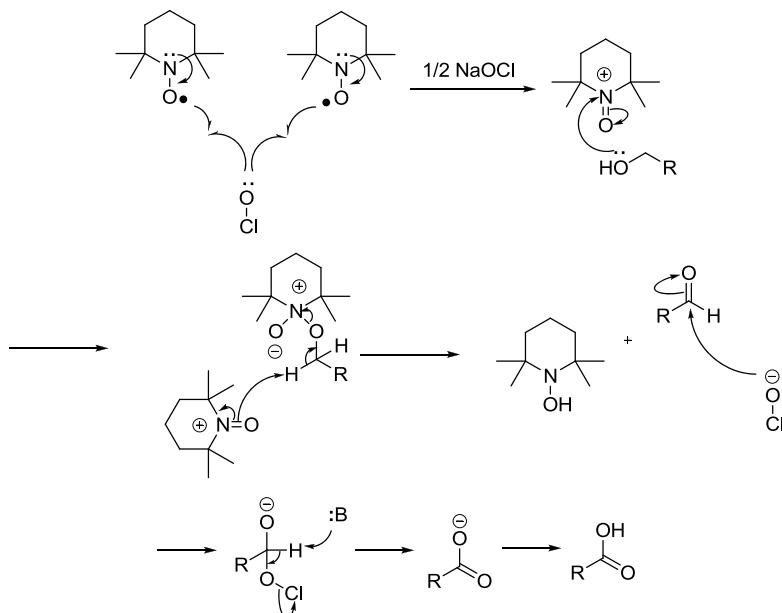
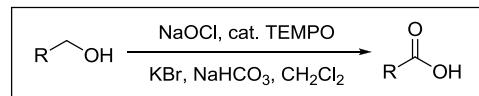
Example 3, Double Tebbe⁵Example 4, N-Oxide⁶Example 5, Amide¹¹

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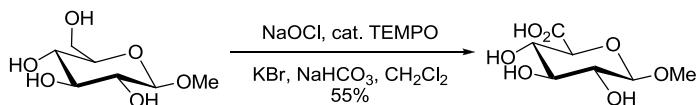
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TEMPO oxidation

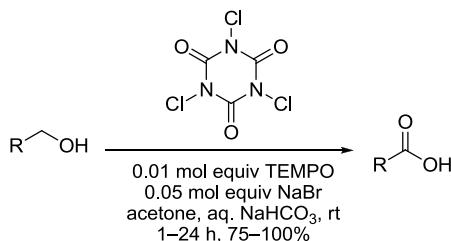
TEMPO = Tetramethyl pentahydropyridine oxide. 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidinyloxy is a stable nitroxyl radical, which serves in oxidations as catalyst.

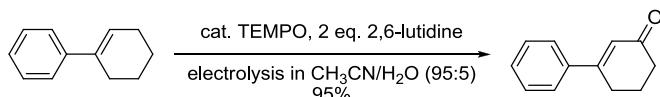
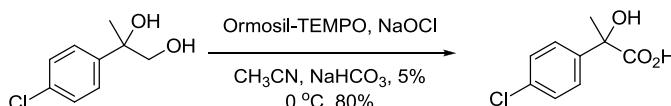


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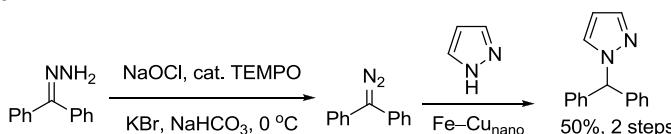
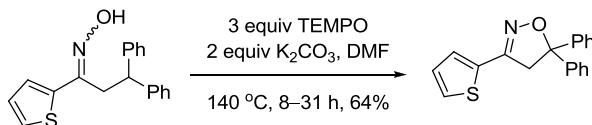


Example 2, Trichloroisocyanuric/TEMPO oxidation⁵



Example 3⁸Example 4¹⁰

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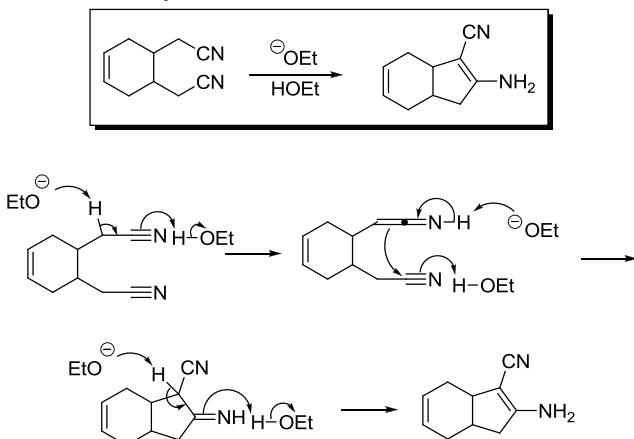
Example 5¹²Example 6, TEMPO-mediated aliphatic C–H oxidation with oximes¹³

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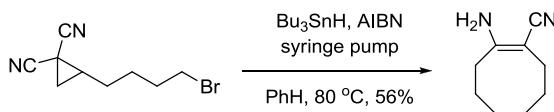
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Thorpe–Ziegler reaction

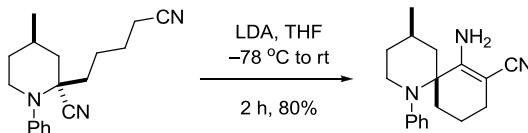
The intramolecular version of the Thorpe reaction, which is base-catalyzed self-condensation of nitriles to yield imines that tautomerize to enamine.



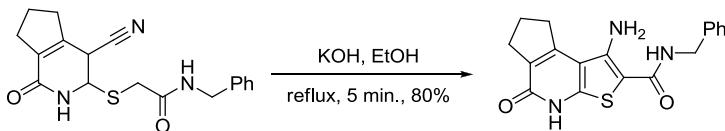
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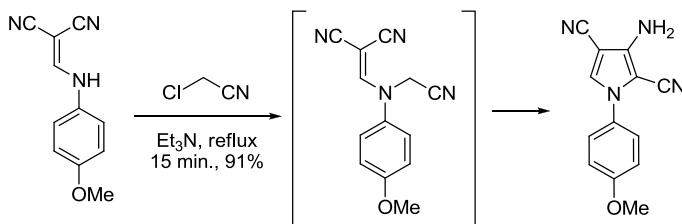
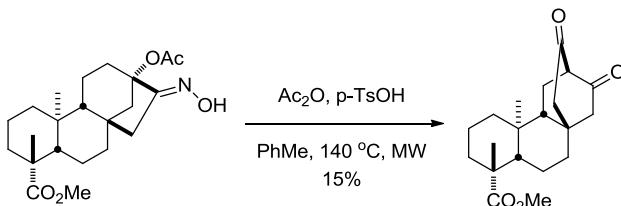


Example 2⁵



Example 3⁸



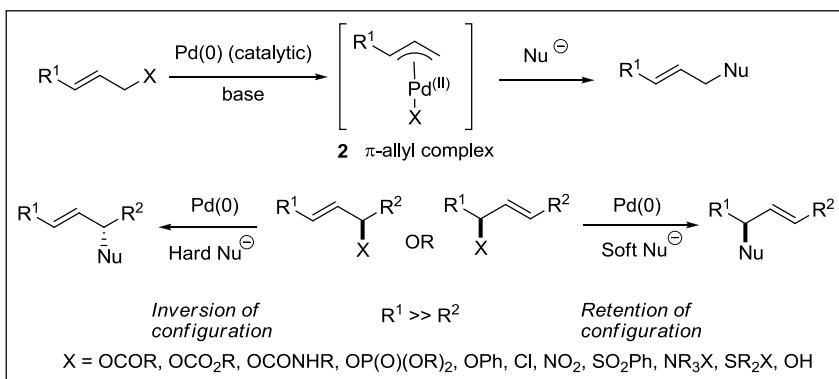
Example 4⁹Example 5¹¹

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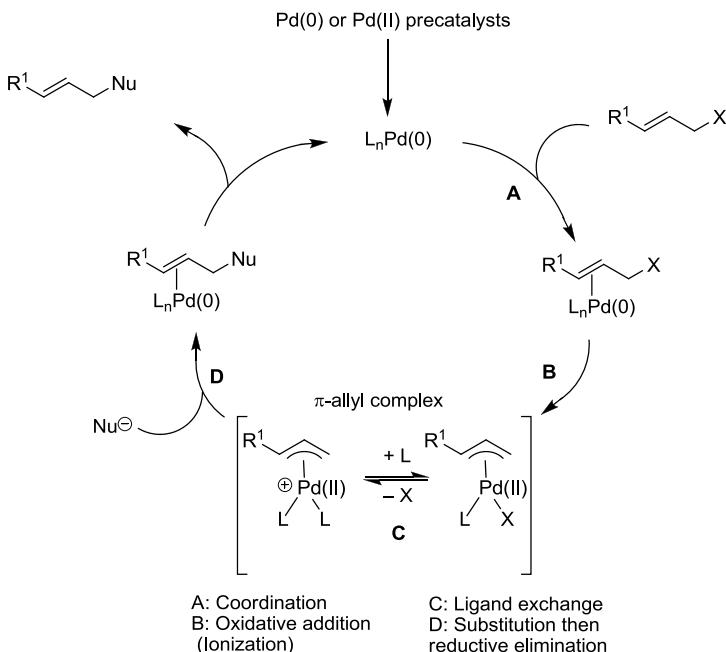
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Tsuji–Trost reaction

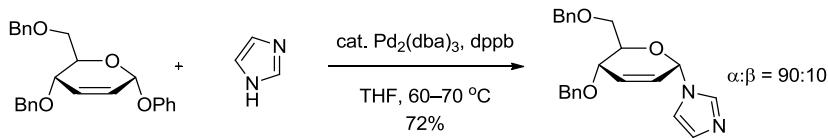
The Tsuji–Trost reaction is the palladium-catalyzed substitution of allylic leaving groups by carbon nucleophiles. These reactions proceed via π -allylpalladium intermediates.



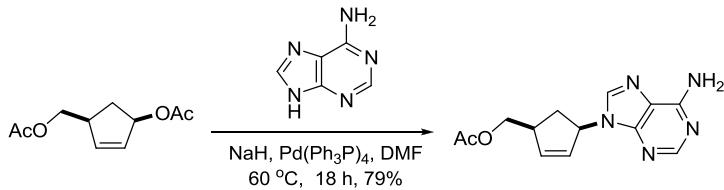
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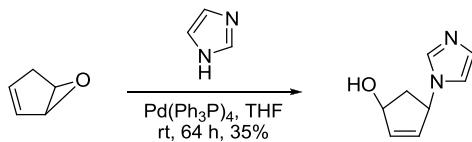
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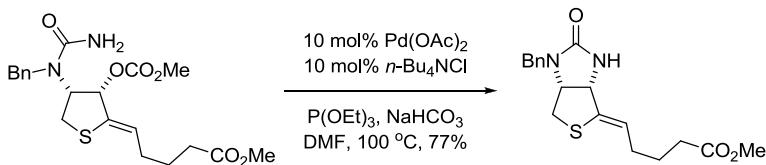
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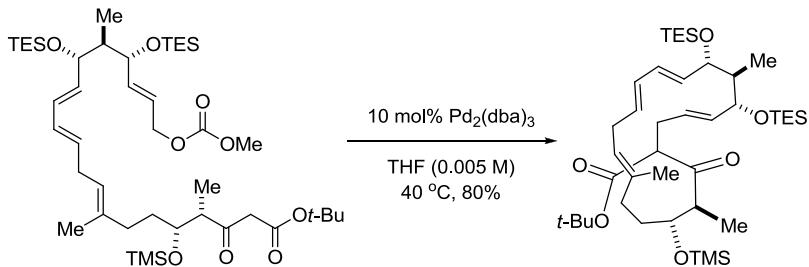
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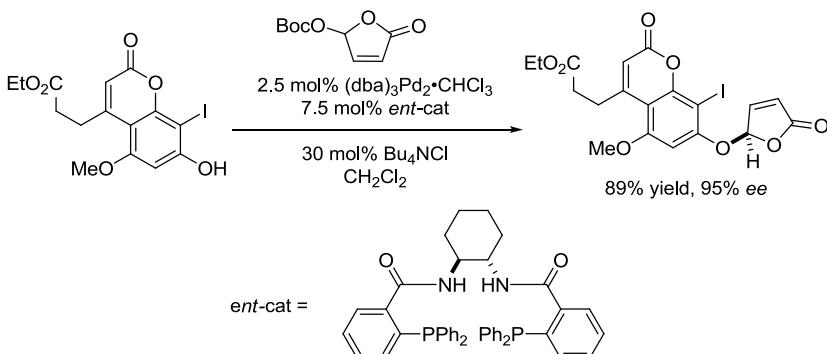
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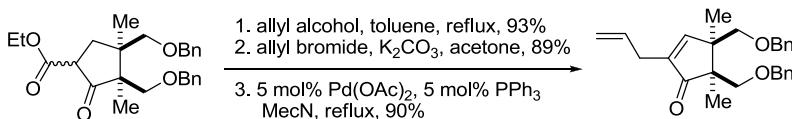
Example 5, Intramolecular Tsuji–Trost reaction⁷



Example 6, Asymmetric Tsuji–Trost reaction⁸



Example 7, Tsuji–Trost decarboxylation–dehydrogenation sequence¹²

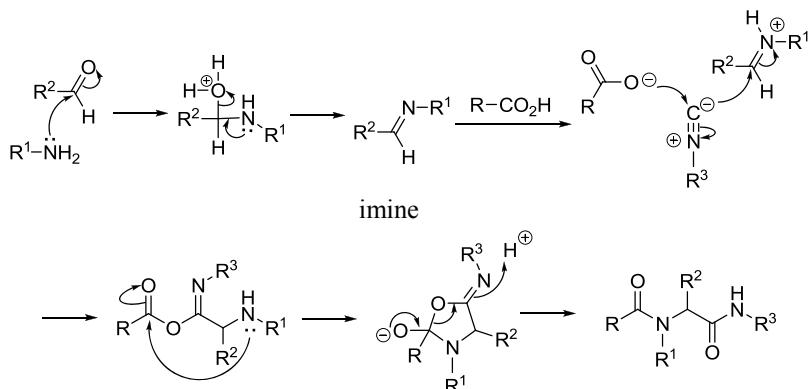
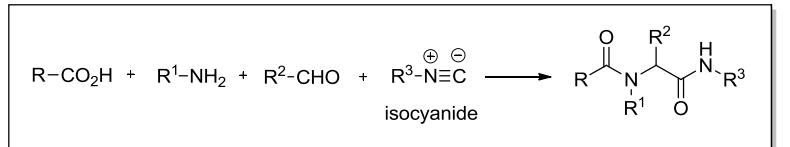


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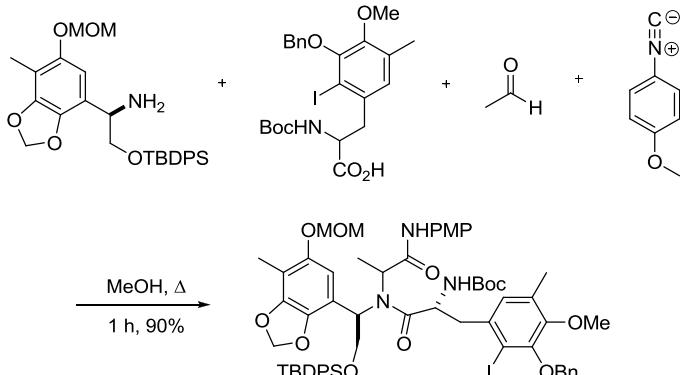
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Ugi reaction

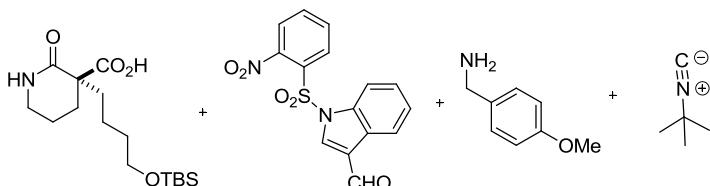
Four-component condensation (4CC) of carboxylic acids, *C*-isocyanides, amines, and carbonyl compounds to afford diamides. Also known as four-component reaction (4CR). Cf. Passerini reaction.

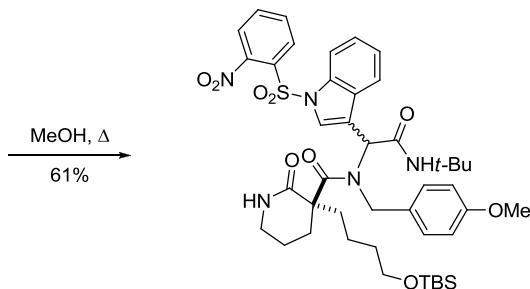
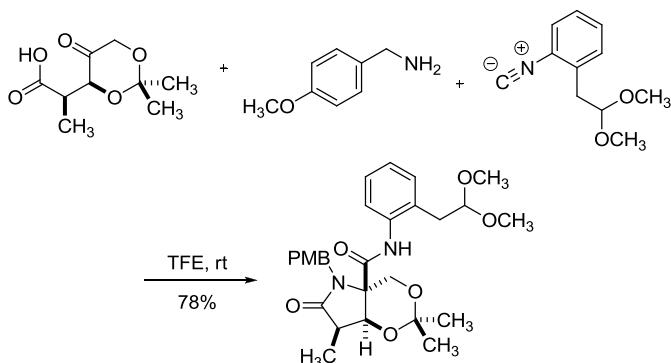
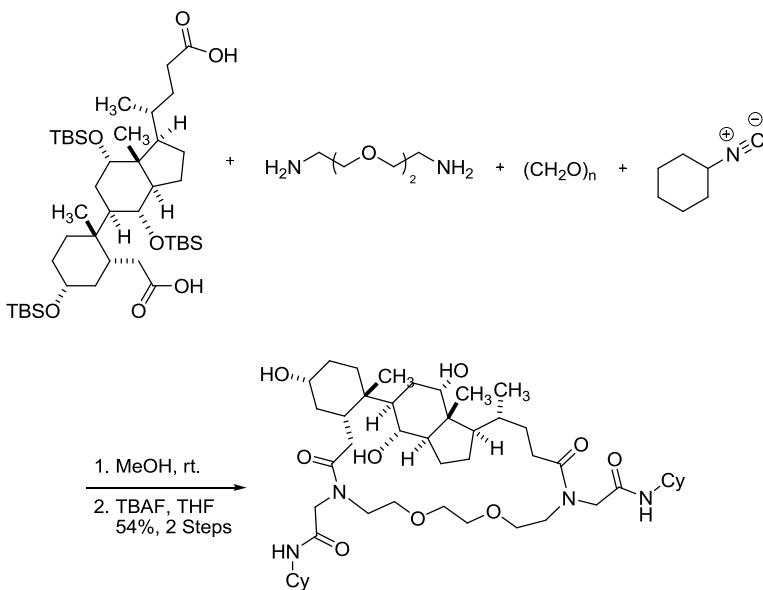


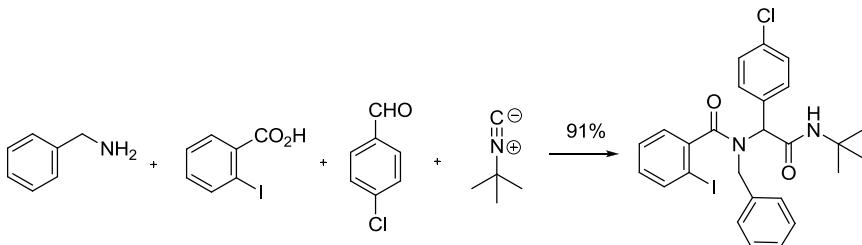
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Example 3⁷Example 4⁸

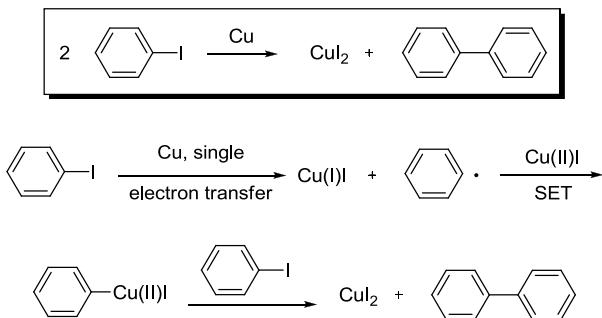
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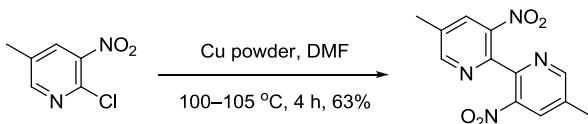
Ullmann coupling

Homocoupling of aryl iodides in the presence of Cu or Ni or Pd to afford biaryls.

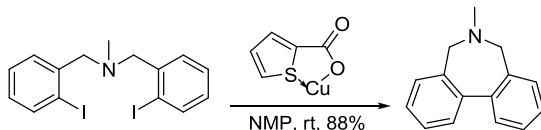


The overall transformation of PhI to PhCuI is an oxidative addition process.

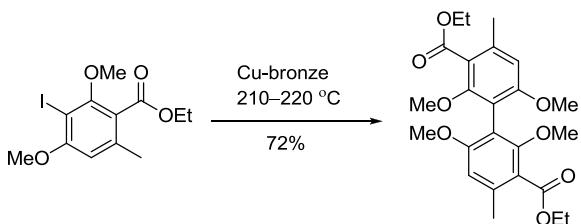
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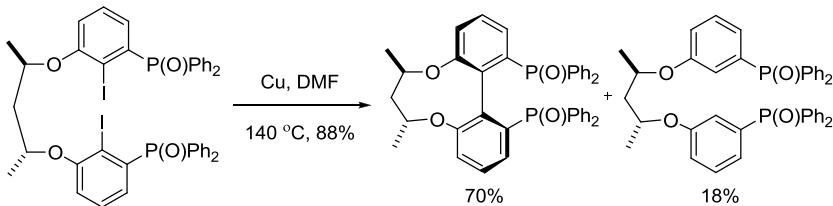
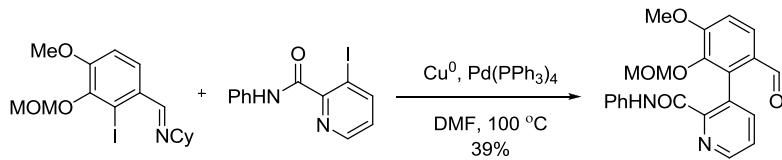
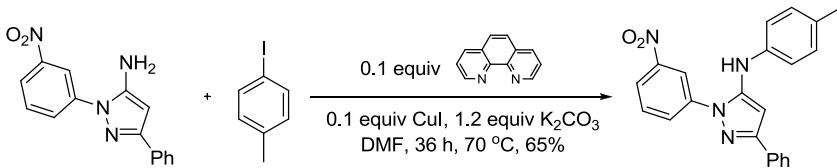


Example 2, CuTC-catalyzed Ullmann coupling (CuTC, Copper(I)-thiophene-2-carboxylate)⁴



Example 3⁵



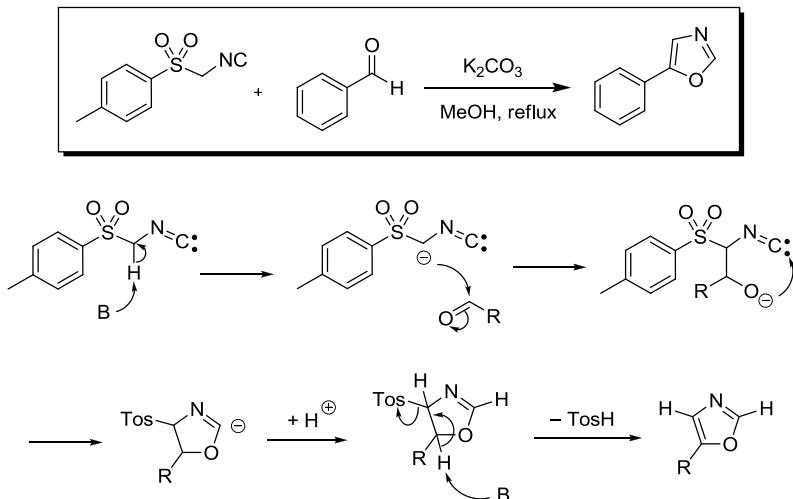
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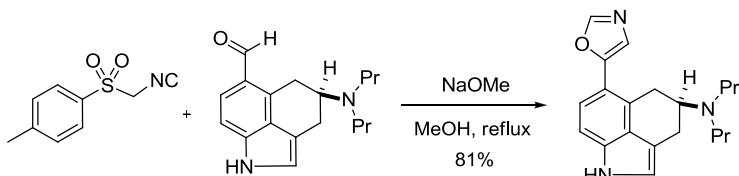
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van Leusen oxazole synthesis

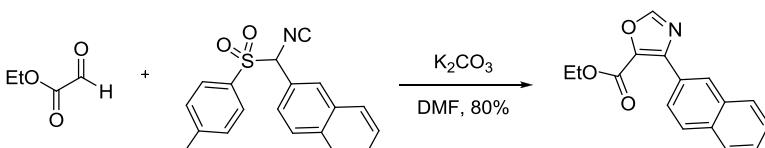
Formation of 5-substituted oxazoles through the reaction of *p*-tolylsulfonylmethyl isocyanide (TosMIC, also known as the van Leusen reagent) with aldehydes in protic solvents at refluxing temperatures.



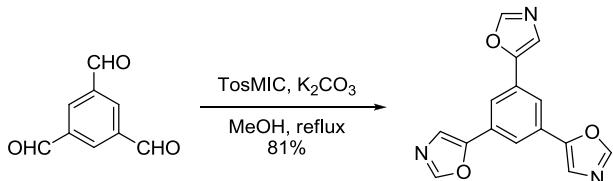
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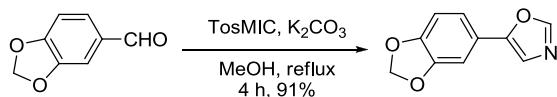


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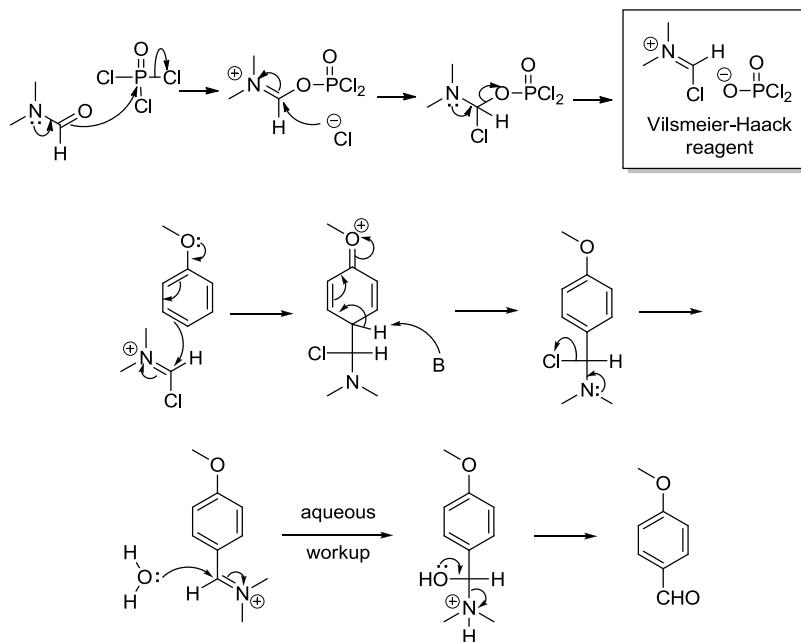
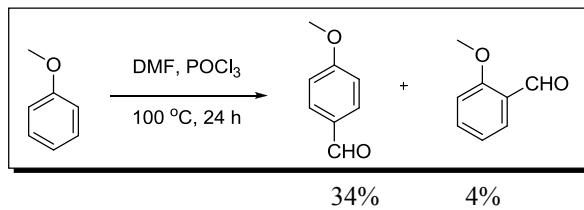
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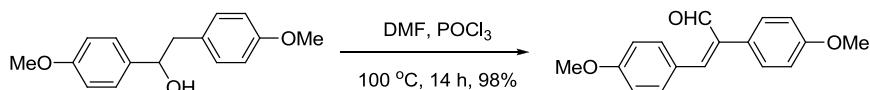
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Vilsmeier–Haack reaction

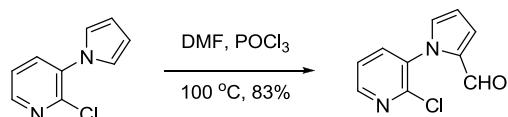
The Vilsmeier–Haack reagent, a chloroiminium salt, is a weak electrophile. Therefore, the Vilsmeier–Haack reaction works better with electron-rich carbocycles and heterocycles.

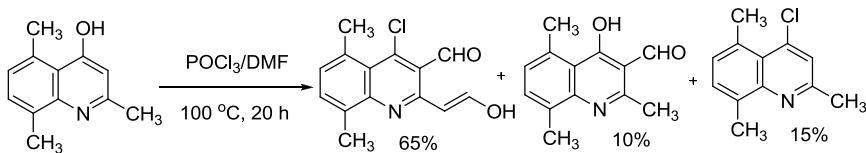
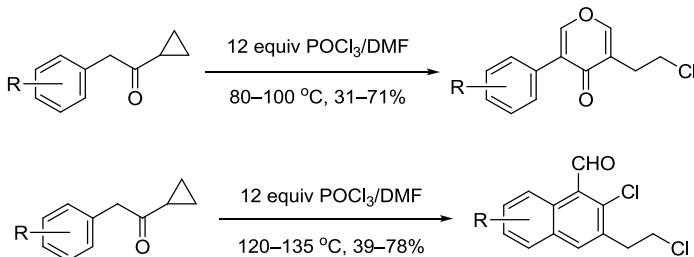
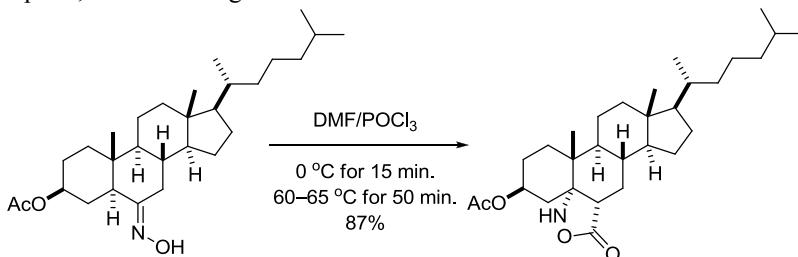


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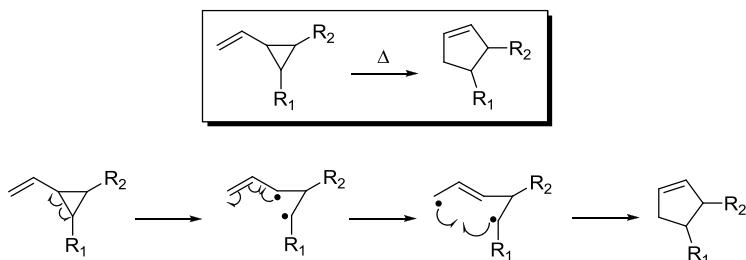
Example 3⁹Example 4, Reaction outcomes differ as temperature differs¹⁰Example 5, An interesting mechanism¹¹

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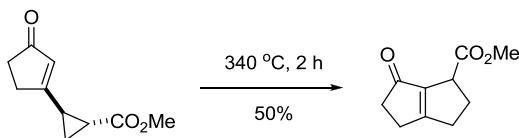
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Vinylcyclopropane–cyclopentene rearrangement

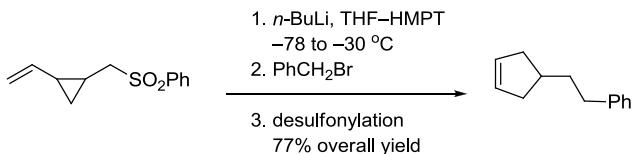
Transformation of vinylcyclopropane to cyclopentene *via* a diradical intermediate.



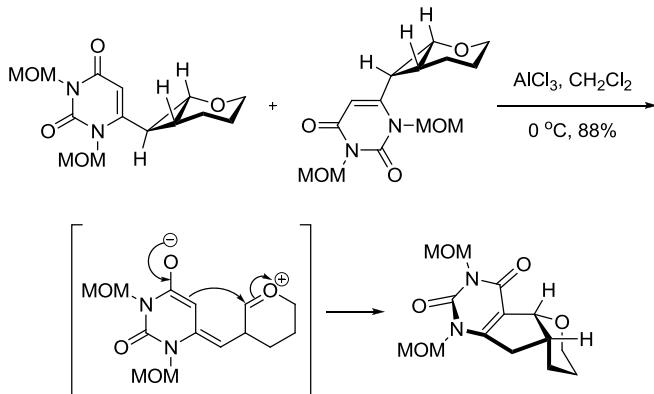
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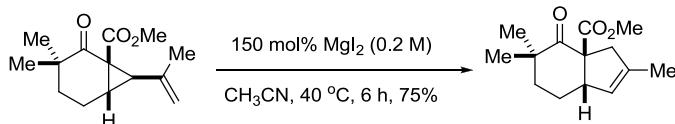
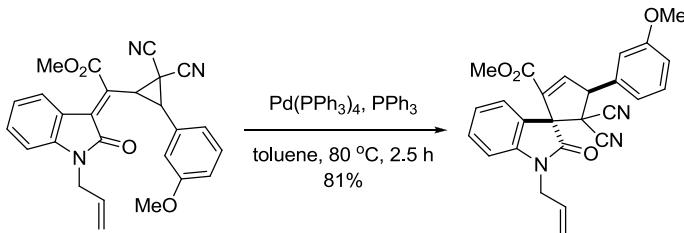


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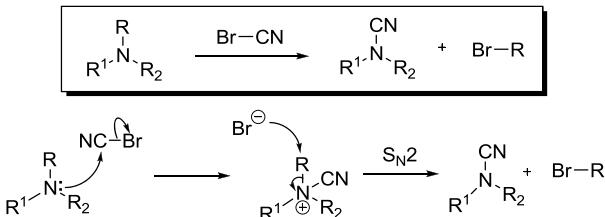
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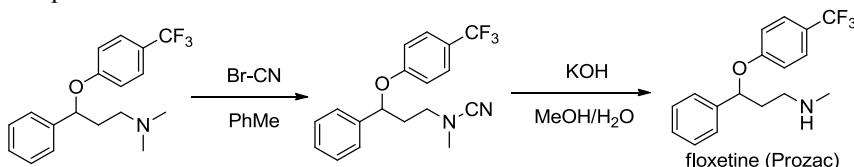
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von Braun reaction

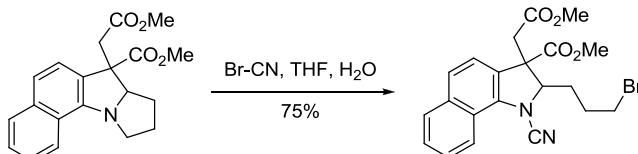
Different from the von Braun degradation reaction (amide to nitrile), the von Braun reaction refers to the treatment of tertiary amines with cyanogen bromide, resulting in a substituted cyanamide.



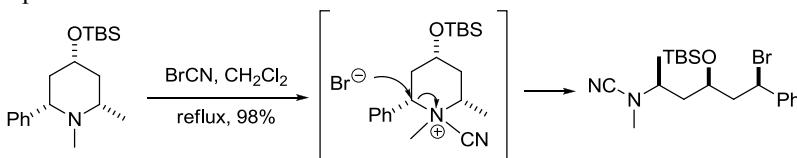
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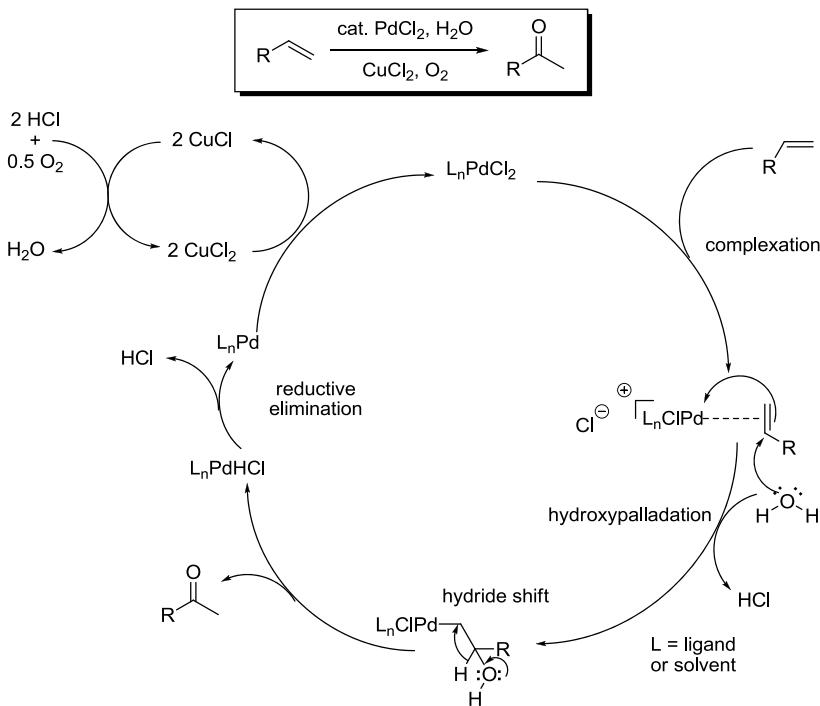


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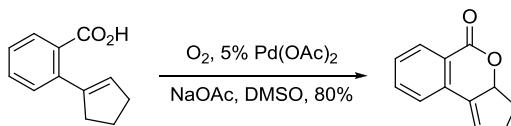
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Wacker oxidation

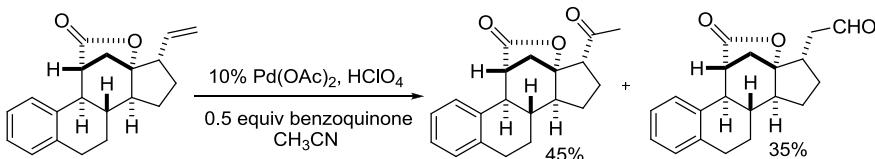
Palladium-catalyzed oxidation of olefins to ketones, and aldehydes in certain cases.



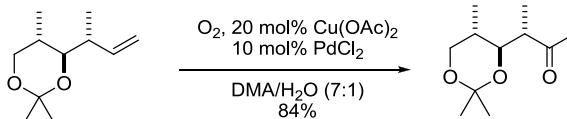
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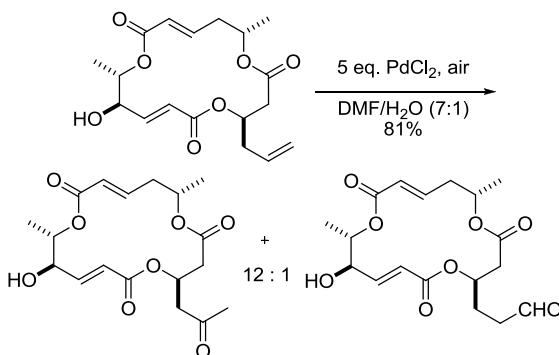
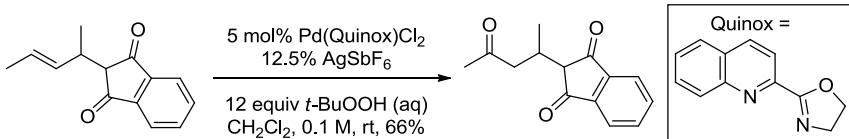


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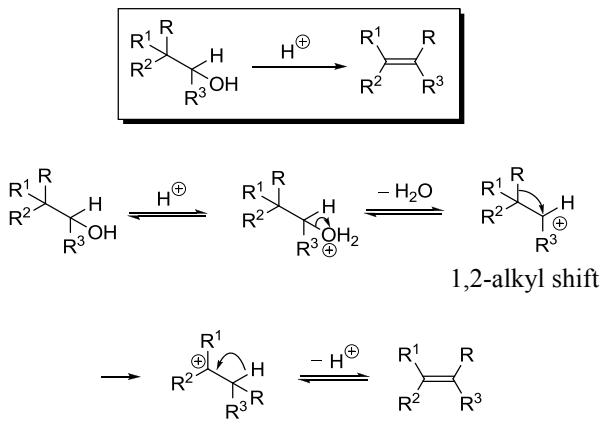
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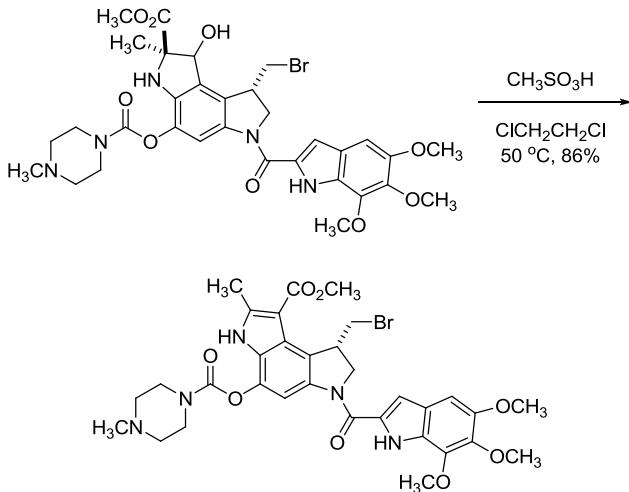
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Wagner–Meerwein rearrangement

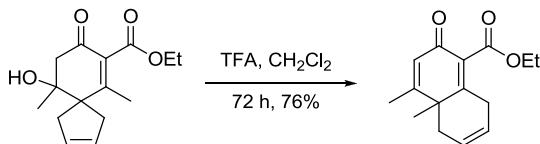
Acid-catalyzed alkyl group migration of alcohols to give more substituted olefins.

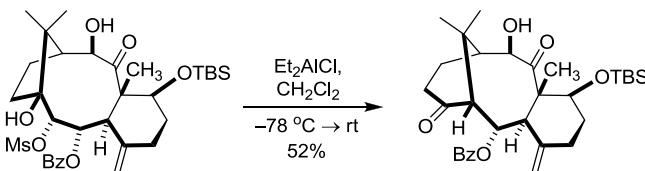
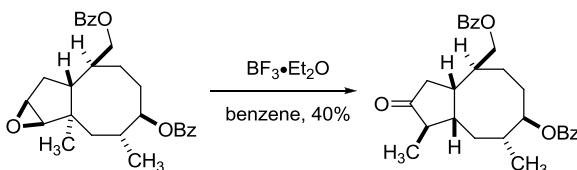


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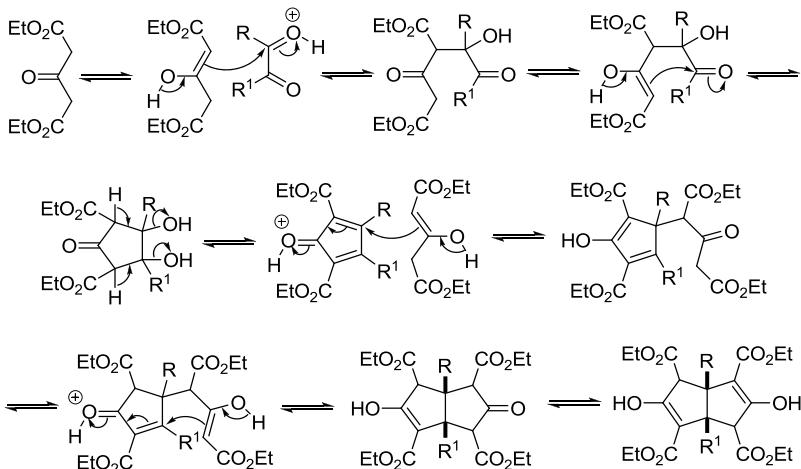
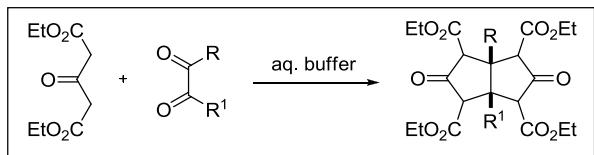
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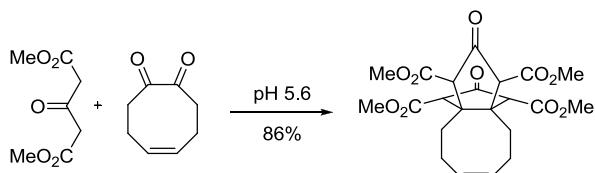
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Weiss–Cook condensation

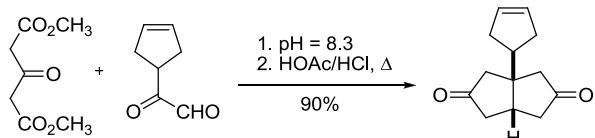
Synthesis of *cis*-bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-dione. The product is frequently decarboxylated.



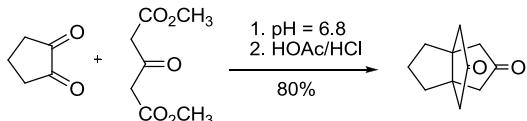
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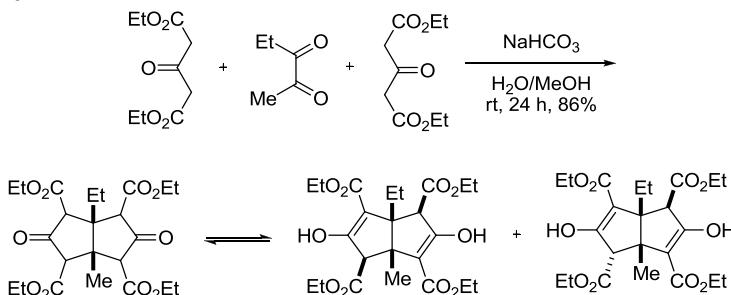


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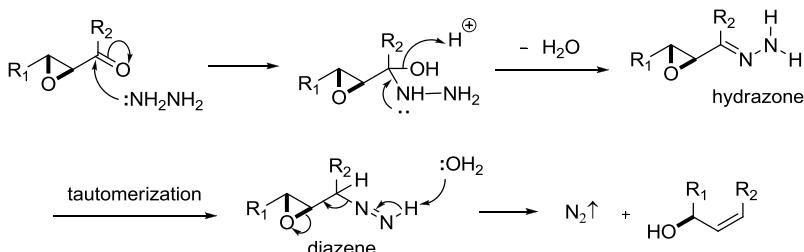
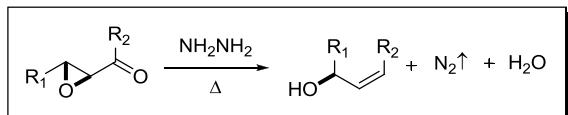
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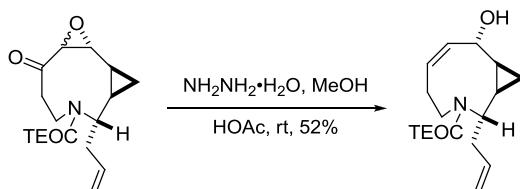
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Wharton reaction

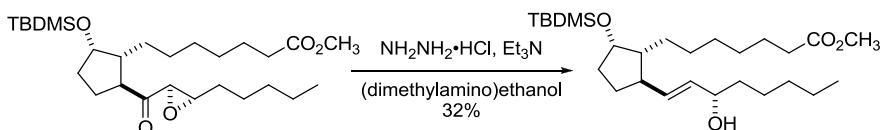
Reduction of α,β -epoxy ketones by hydrazine to allylic alcohols.



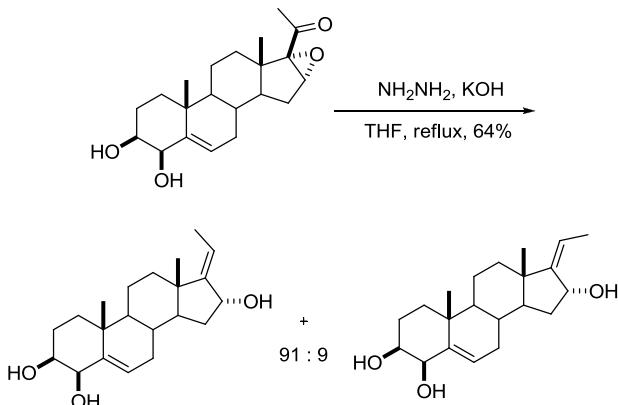
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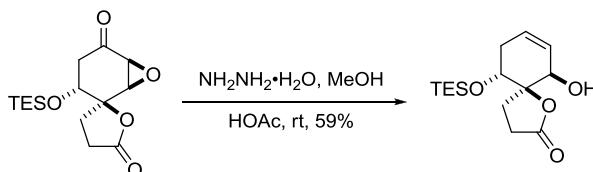
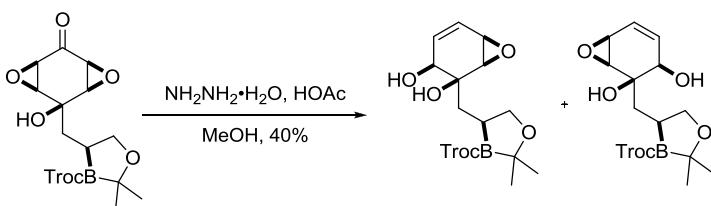
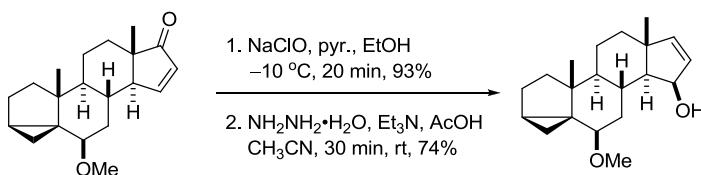


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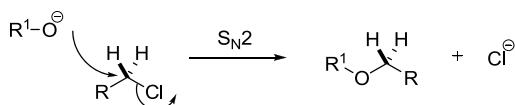
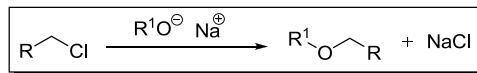
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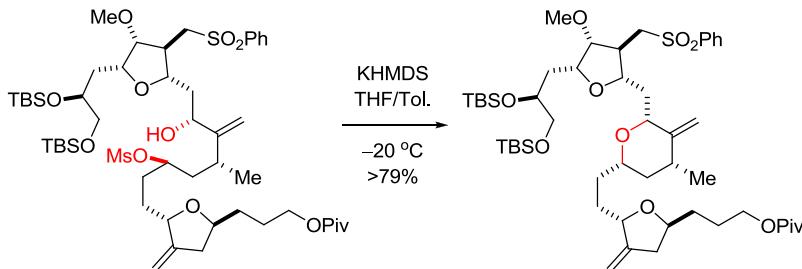
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Williamson ether synthesis

Ether from the alkylation of alkoxides by alkyl halides. In order for reaction to go smoothly, the alkyl halides are preferred to be primary. Secondary halides work as well sometimes, but tertiary halides do not work at all because E₂ elimination will be the predominant reaction pathway.



Example 1, Cyclic etherification⁹

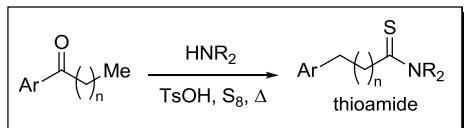


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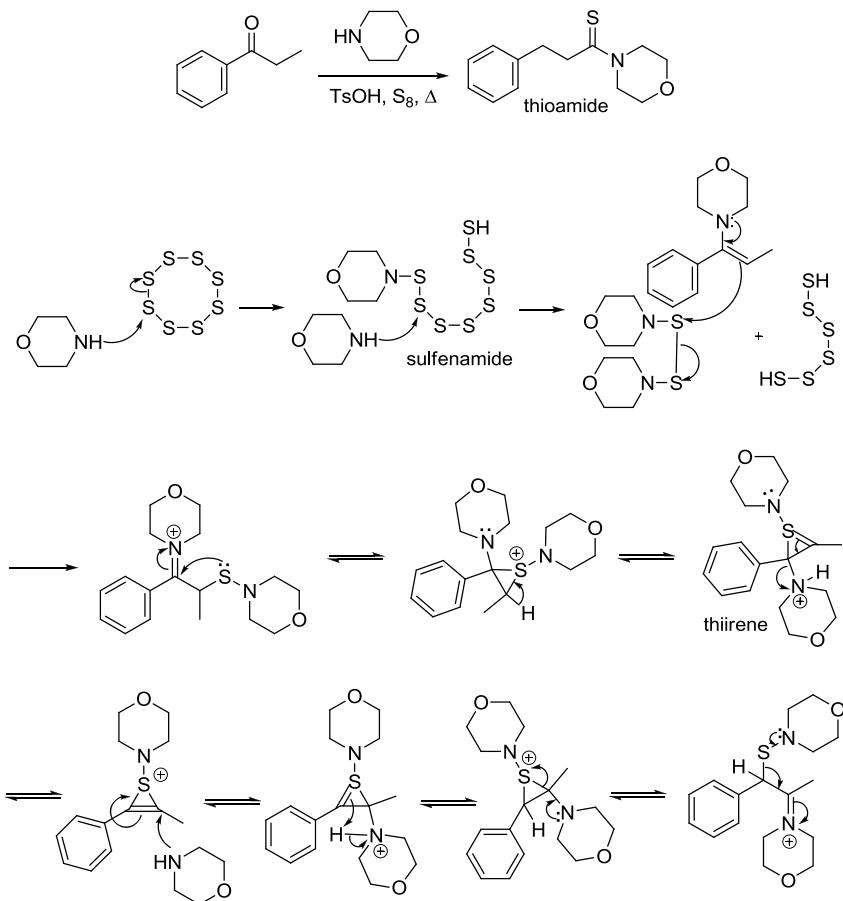
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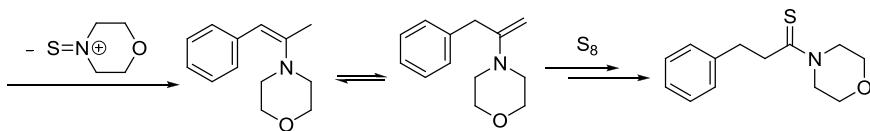
Willgerodt–Kindler reaction

Conversion of a ketone to thioamide, with functional group migration.

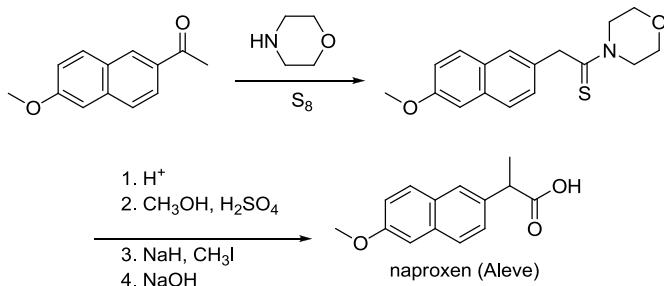


In Carmack's mechanism,² the most unusual movement of a carbonyl group from methylene carbon to methylene carbon was proposed to go through an intricate pathway *via* a highly reactive intermediate with a sulfur-containing heterocyclic ring. The sulfenamide serves as the isomerization catalyst. e.g.:





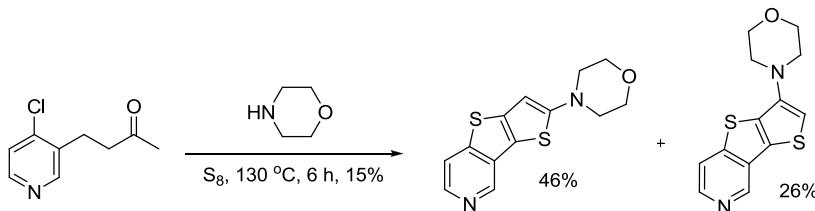
Example 1, The Willgerodt–Kindler reaction was a key operation in the initial synthesis of racemic naproxen (Aleve).³



Example 2⁵



Example 3, A domino annulation reaction under Willgerodt–Kindler conditions.¹⁰



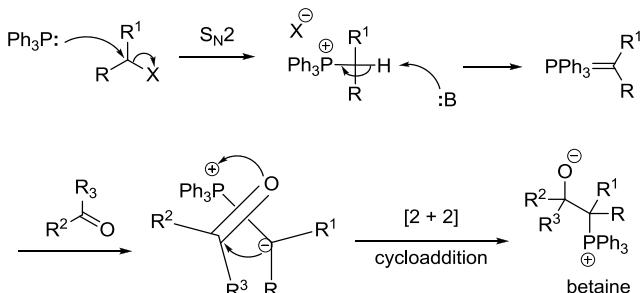
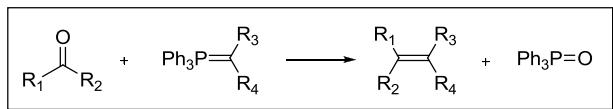
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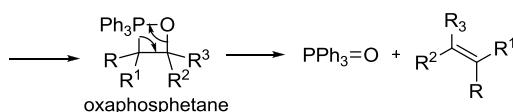
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Wittig reaction

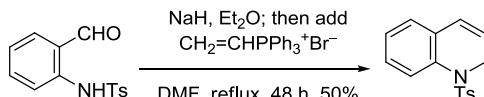
Olefination of carbonyls using phosphorus ylides, typically the Z-olefin is obtained.



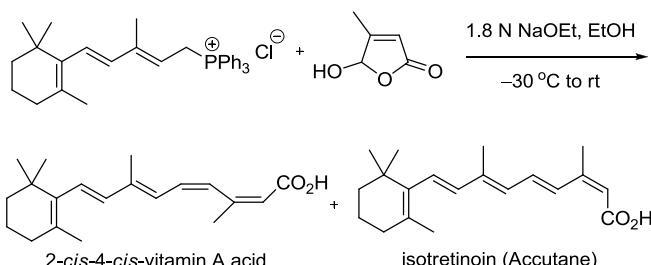
The “puckered” transition state, irreversible and concerted



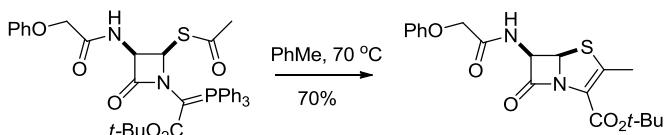
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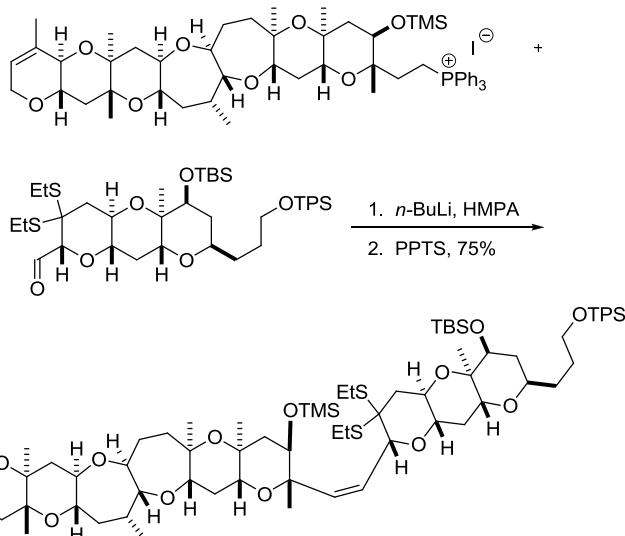
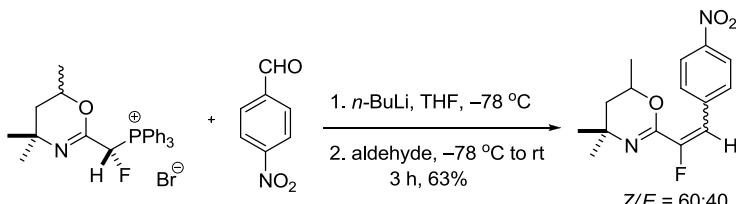


Example 2⁴



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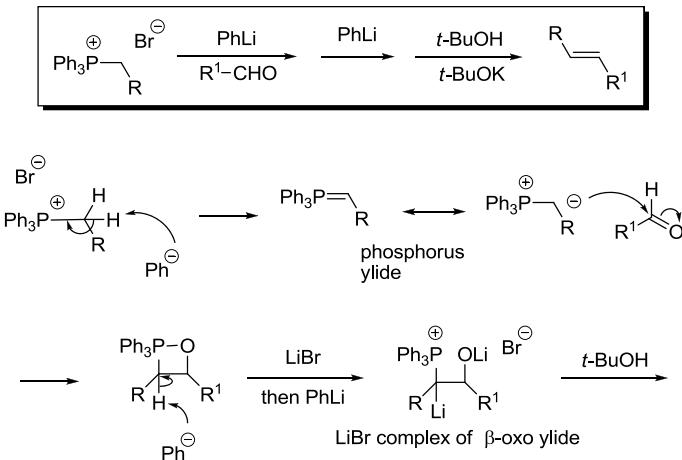
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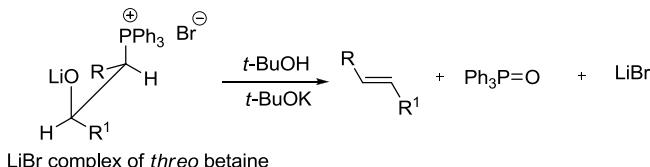
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Schlosser modification of the Wittig reaction

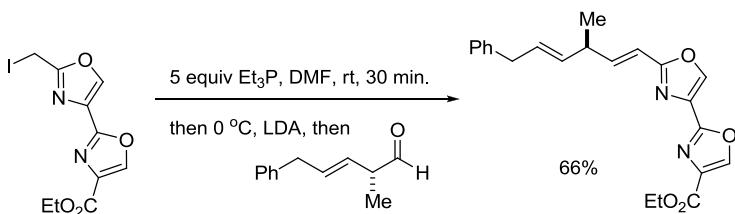
Also known as the Wittig–Schlosser reaction. The normal Wittig reaction of non-stabilized ylides with aldehydes gives *Z*-olefins. The Schlosser modification of the Wittig reaction of nonstabilized ylides furnishes *E*-olefins instead.



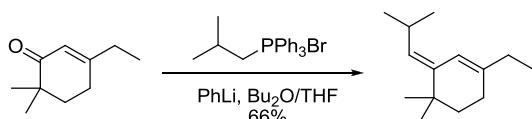
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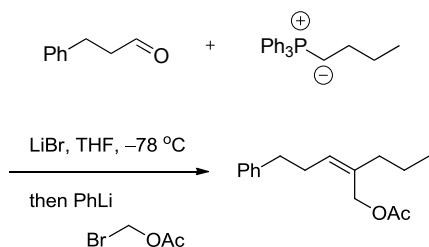
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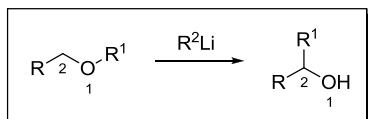


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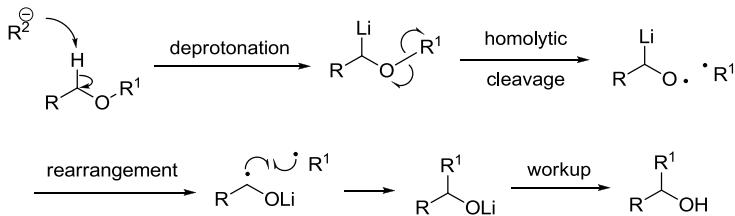
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[1,2]-Wittig rearrangement

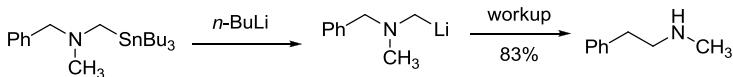
Treatment of ethers with bases such as alkyl lithium results in alcohols.



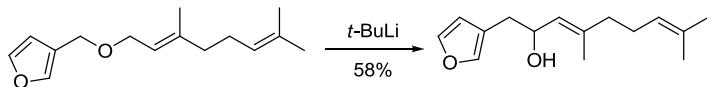
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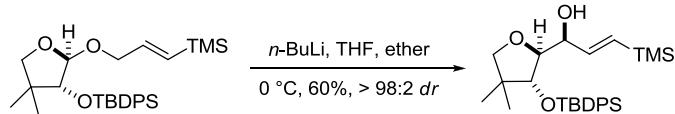
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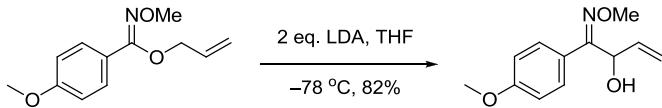
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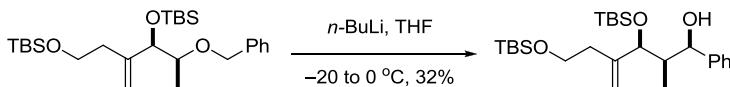
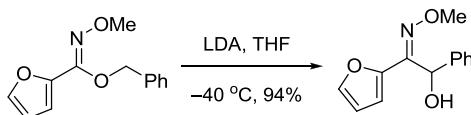
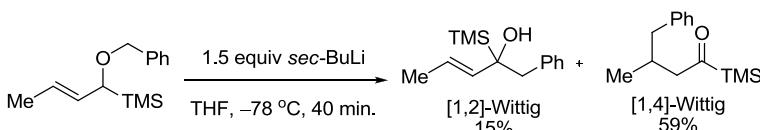


Example 3⁴



Example 4⁶



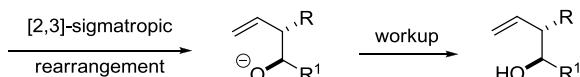
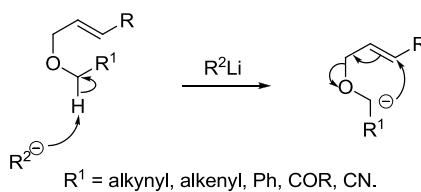
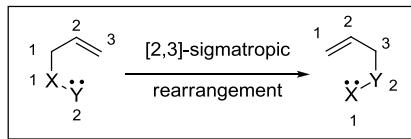
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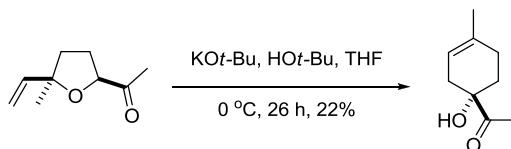
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[2,3]-Wittig rearrangement

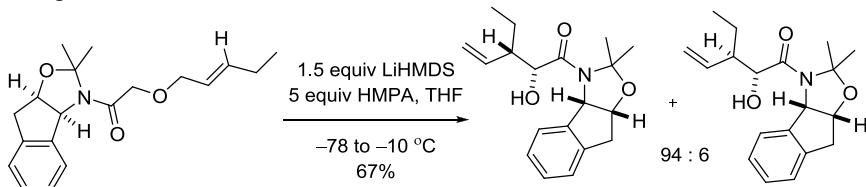
Transformation of allyl ethers into homoallylic alcohols by treatment with base. Also known as the Still–Wittig rearrangement. Cf. Sommelet–Hauser rearrangement.



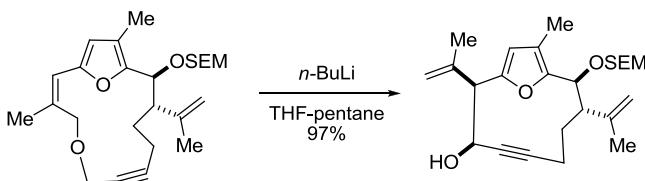
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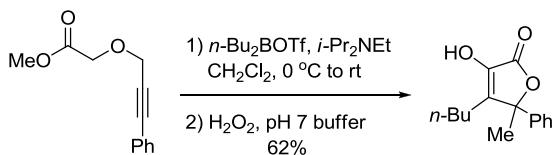
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Example 3⁶



Example 4, Tandem Wittig rearrangement/alkylative cyclization reactions⁶

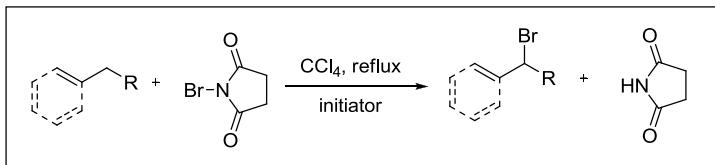


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Wohl–Ziegler reaction

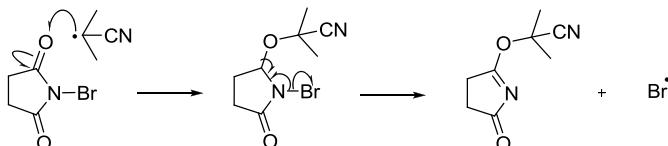
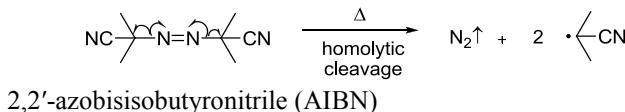
The Wohl–Ziegler reaction is the reaction of an allylic or benzylic substrate with *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS) under radical initiating conditions to provide the corresponding allylic or benzylic bromide. Conditions used to promote the radical reaction are typically radical initiators, light and/or heat; carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4) is typically utilized as the solvent.



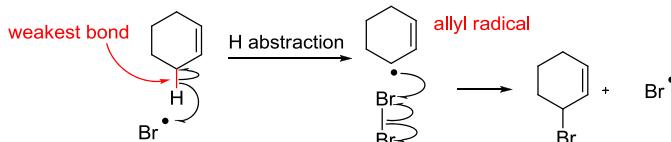
N-Bromosuccinimide (NBS) contains a small amount of HBr from the reaction between NBS and moisture. The minute amount of HBr, in turn, reacts with NBS to provide a low, constant concentration of Br_2 . Moreover, NBS reacts with the HBr by-product to produce Br_2 and to prevent HBr addition across the double bond.



Initiation:

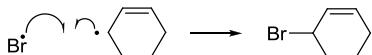


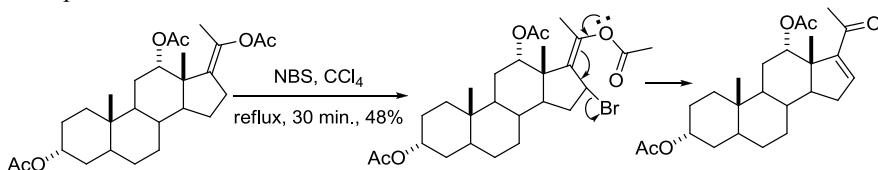
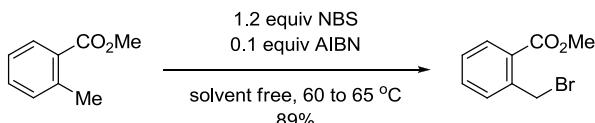
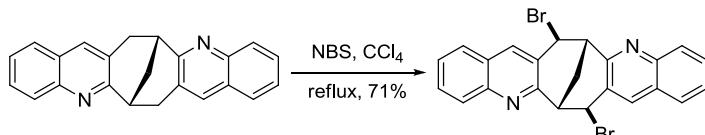
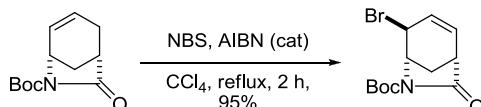
Propagation:



The bromine radical is now available for the next cycle of the radical chain reaction.

Termination:



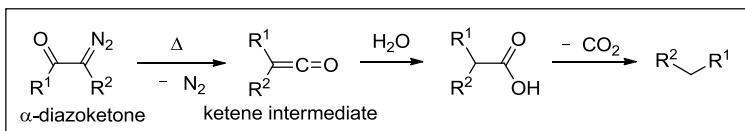
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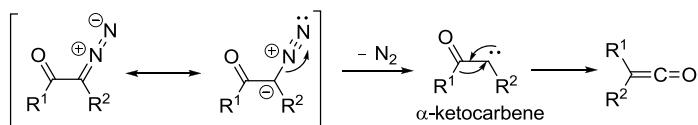
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Wolff rearrangement

Conversion of an α -diazoketone into a ketene.

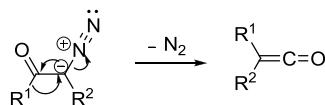


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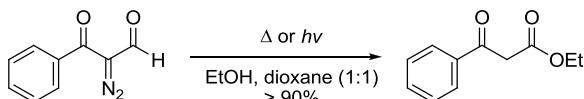


Treatment of the ketene with water would give the corresponding homologated carboxylic acid.

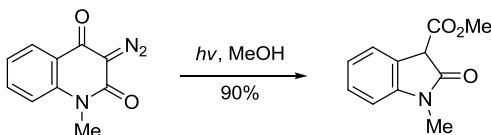
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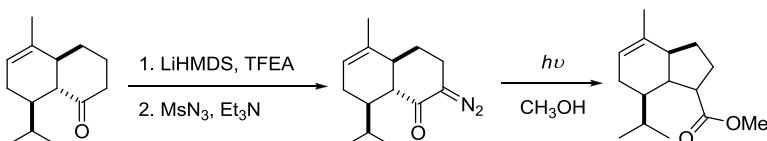
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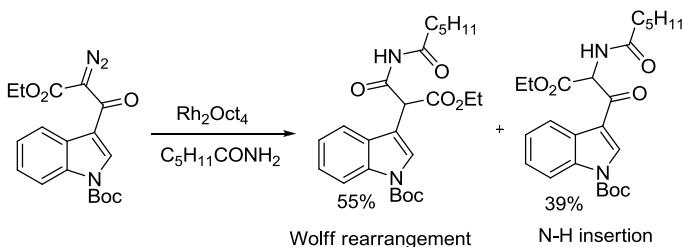
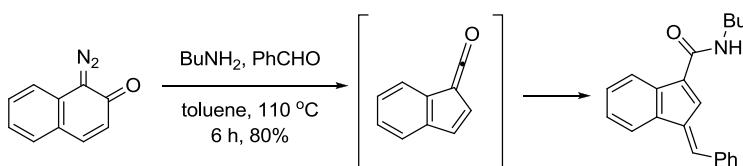


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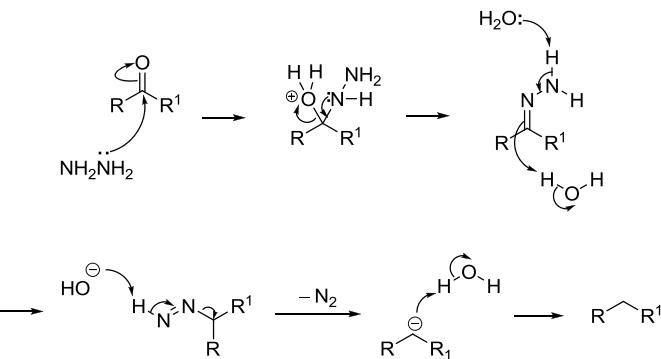
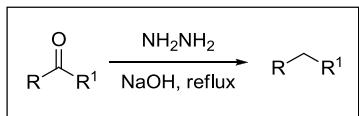
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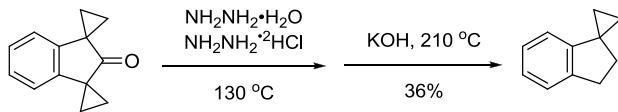
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Wolff–Kishner reduction

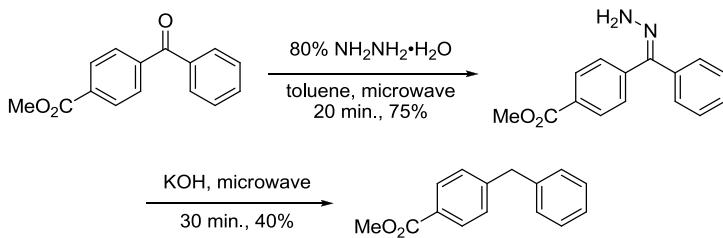
Carbonyl reduction to methylene using basic hydrazine.



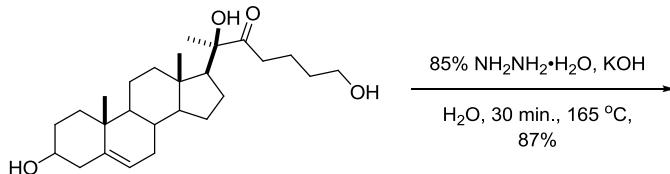
Example 1, The Huang Minlon modification, with loss of ethylene⁵

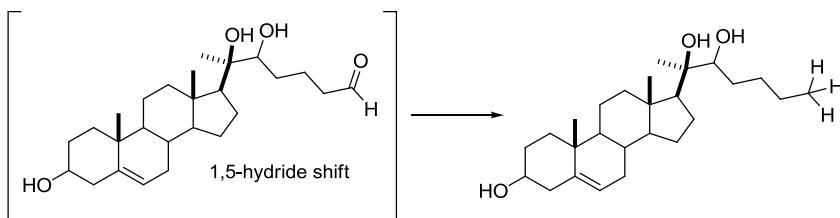


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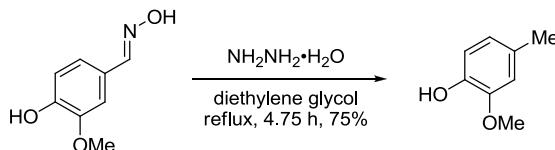


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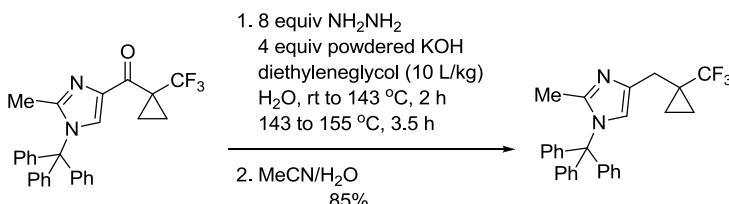




Example 4, Huang Minlon modification¹⁰



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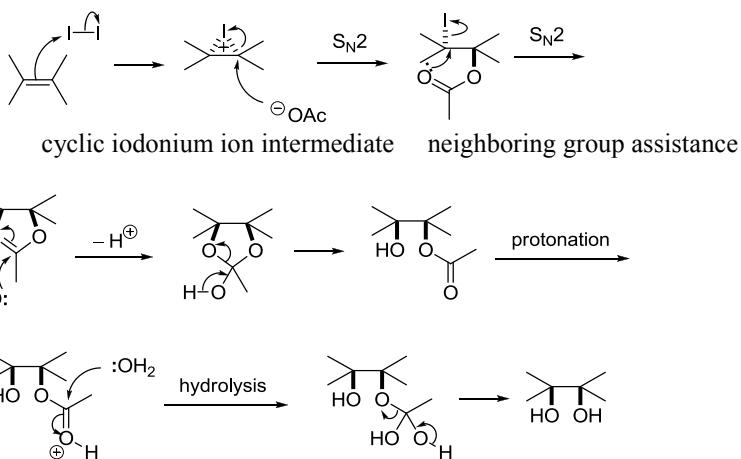
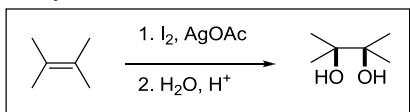


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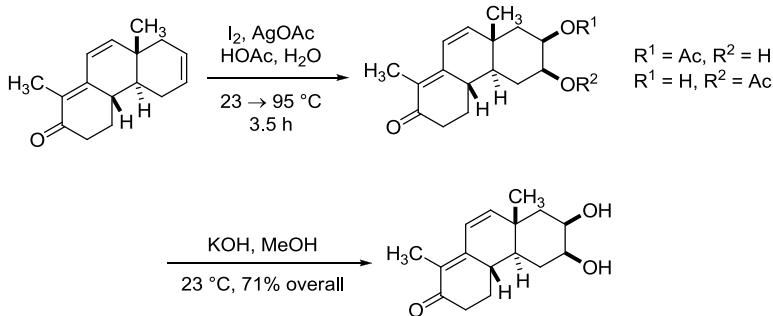
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Woodward *cis*-dihydroxylation

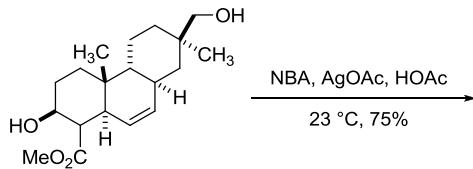
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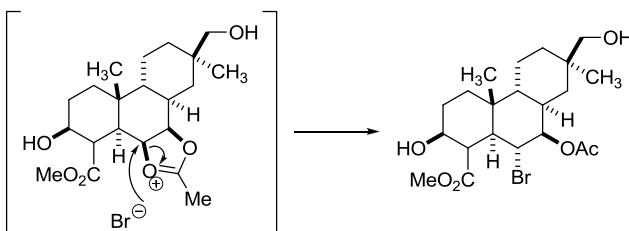


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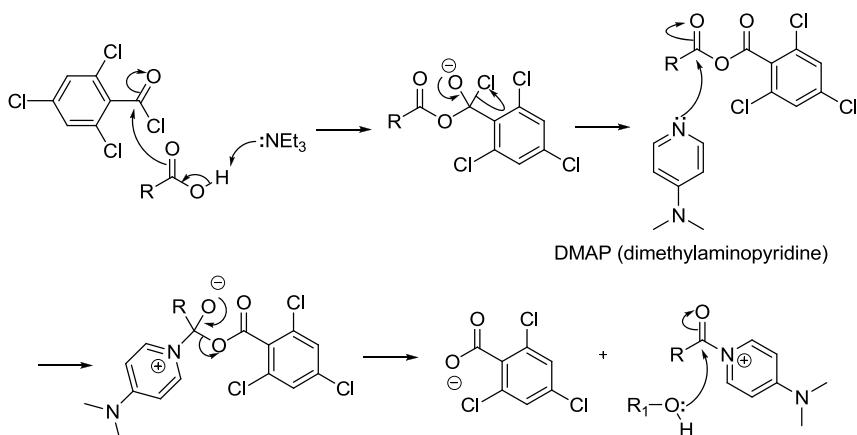
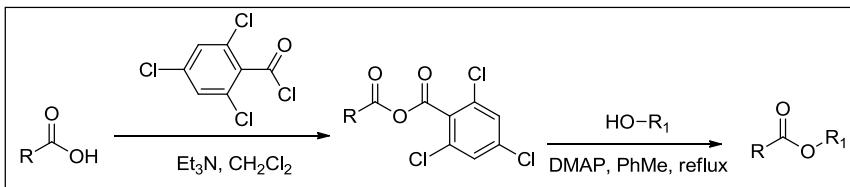


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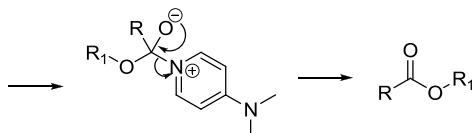
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Yamaguchi esterification

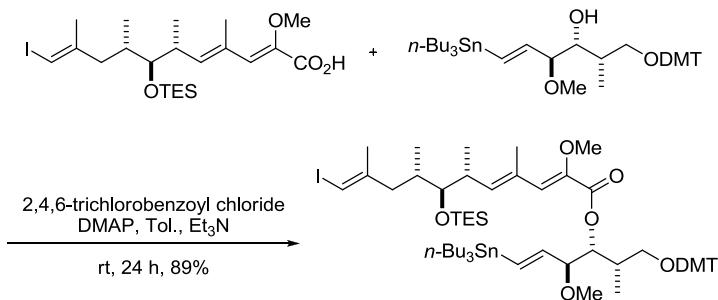
Esterification using 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride (the Yamaguchi reagent).

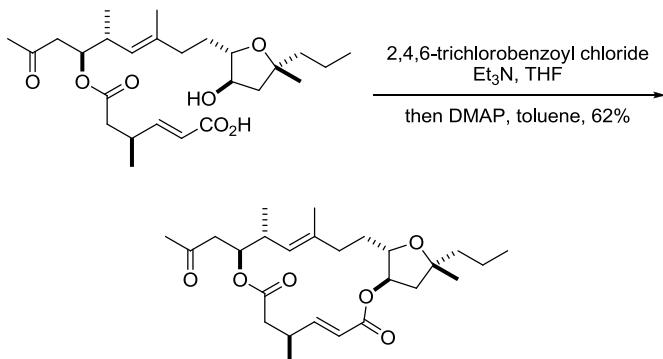
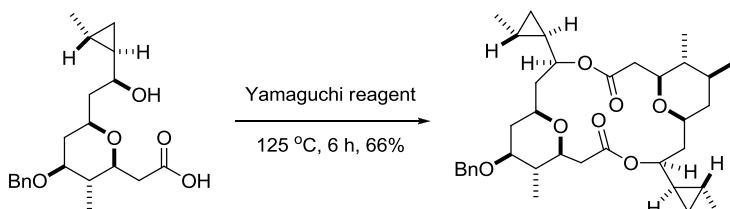


Steric hindrance of the chloro substituents blocks attack of the other carbonyl of the mixed anhydride intermediate.



Example 1, Intermolecular coupling⁵



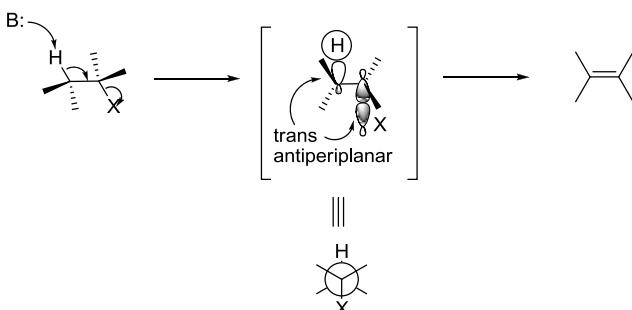
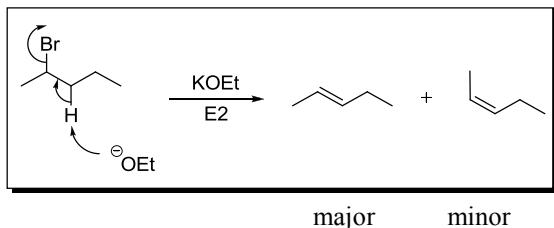
Example 2, Intramolecular coupling⁷Example 3, Dimerization⁸

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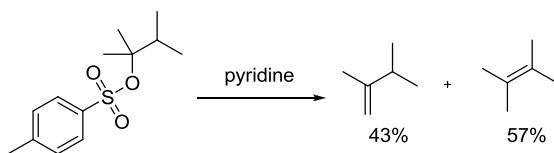
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Zaitsev's elimination rule

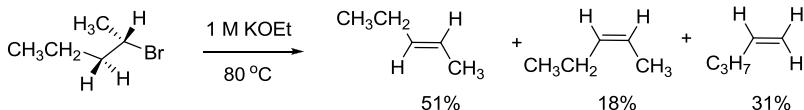
E_2 thermodynamic elimination gives the more substituted olefin as the major product because it is more stable.



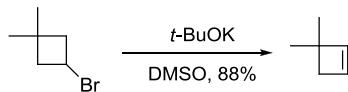
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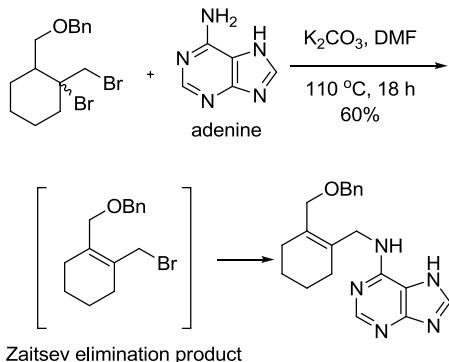
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Example 3⁵



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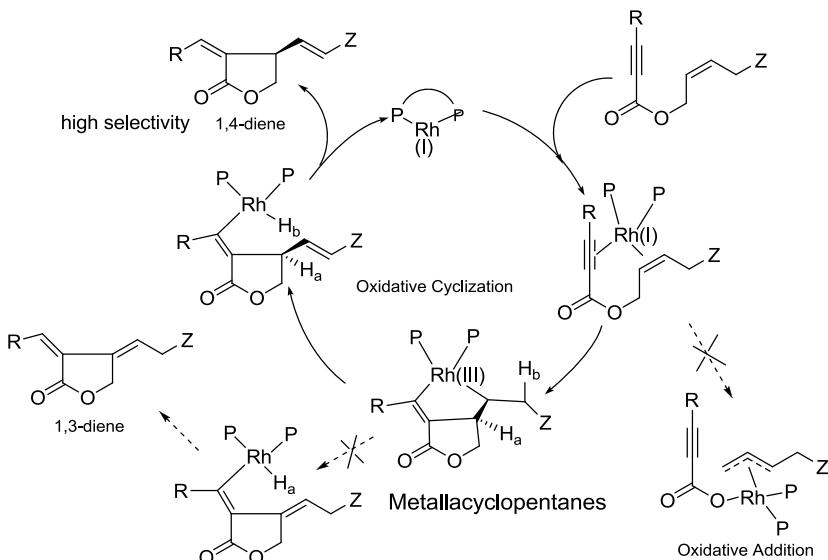
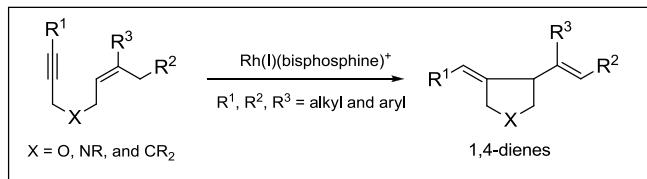


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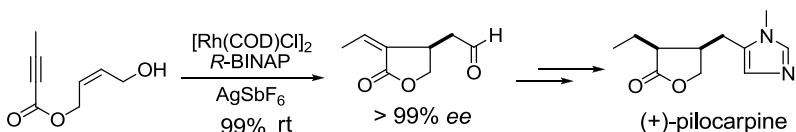
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Zhang enyne cycloisomerization

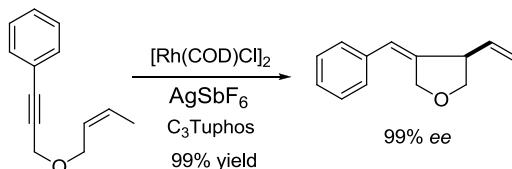
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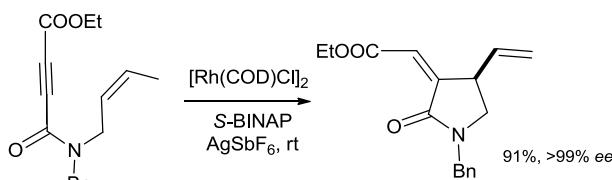
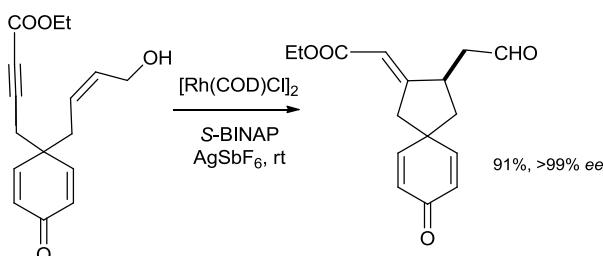


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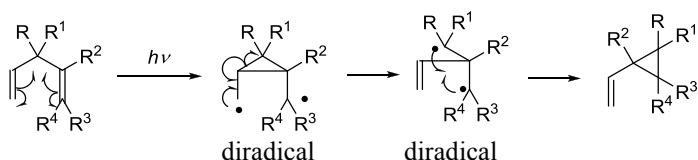
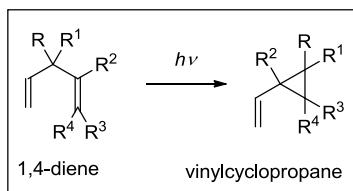
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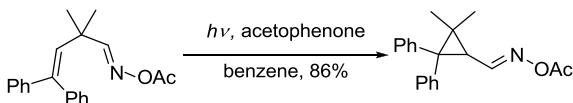
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Zimmerman rearrangement

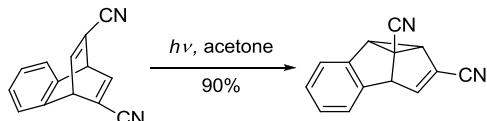
Conversion of 1,4-dienes to vinylcyclopropanes under photolysis. Also known as the **Di- π -methane rearrangement**.



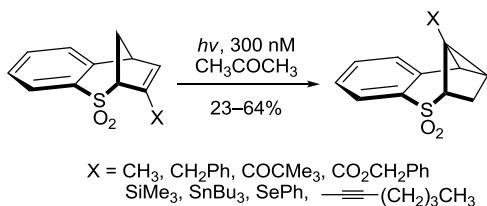
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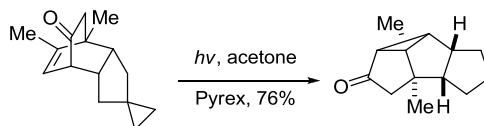
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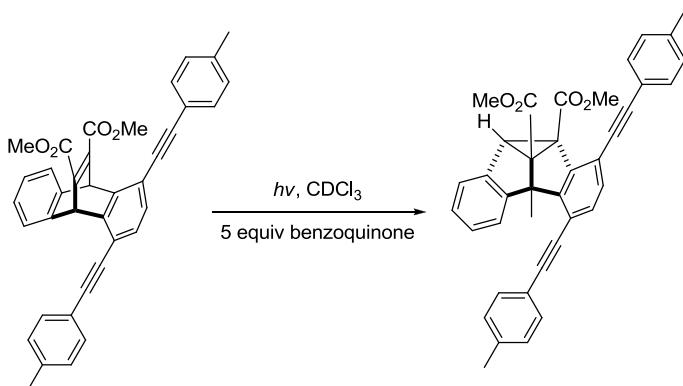
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Example 4, Oxa- π -methane rearrangement⁹



Example 4, Oxa- π -methane rearrangement¹⁰

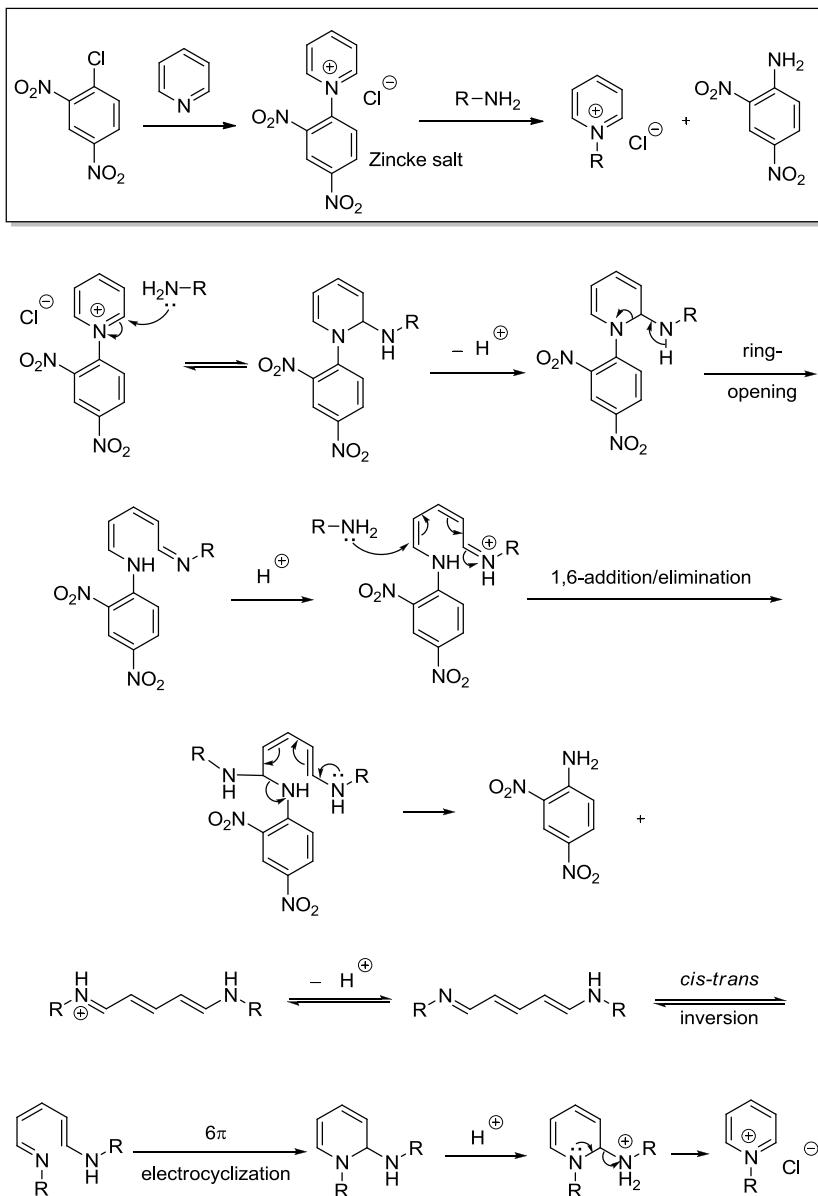


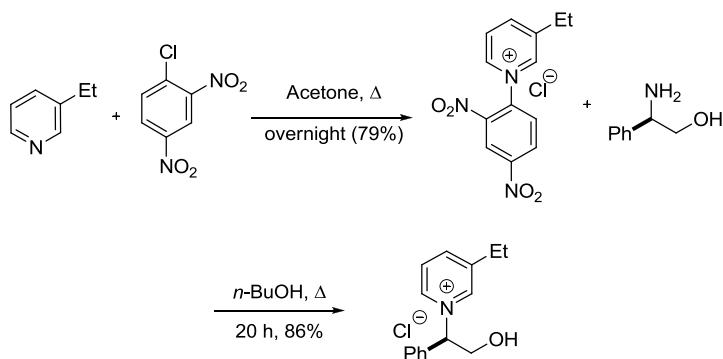
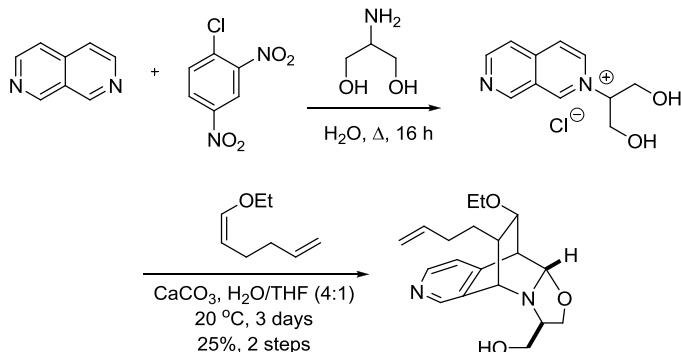
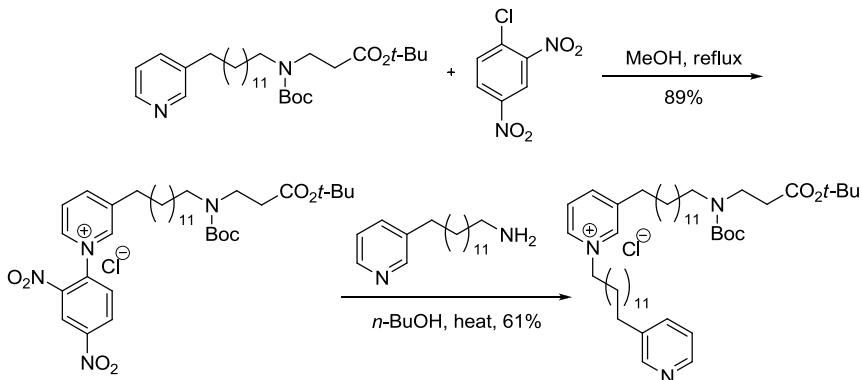
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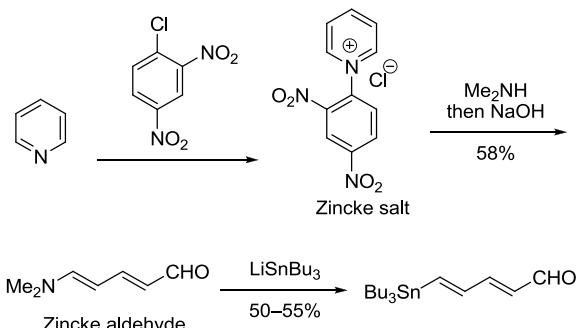
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Zincke reaction

The Zincke reaction is an overall amine exchange process that converts *N*-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)pyridinium salts, known as Zincke salts, to *N*-aryl or *N*-alkyl pyridiniums upon treatment with the appropriate aniline or alkyl amine.



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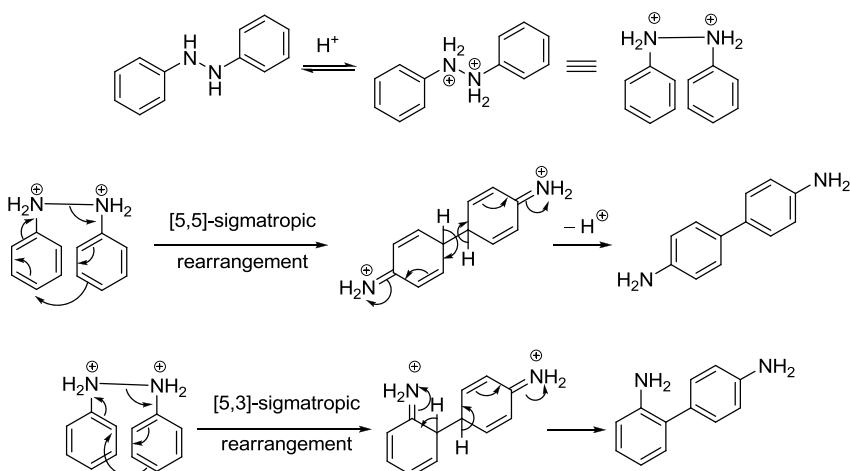
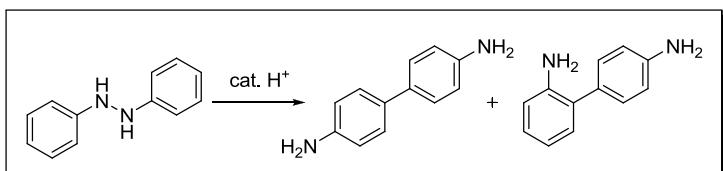
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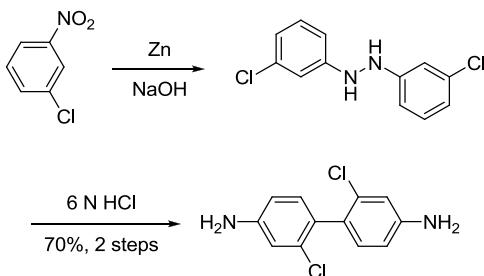
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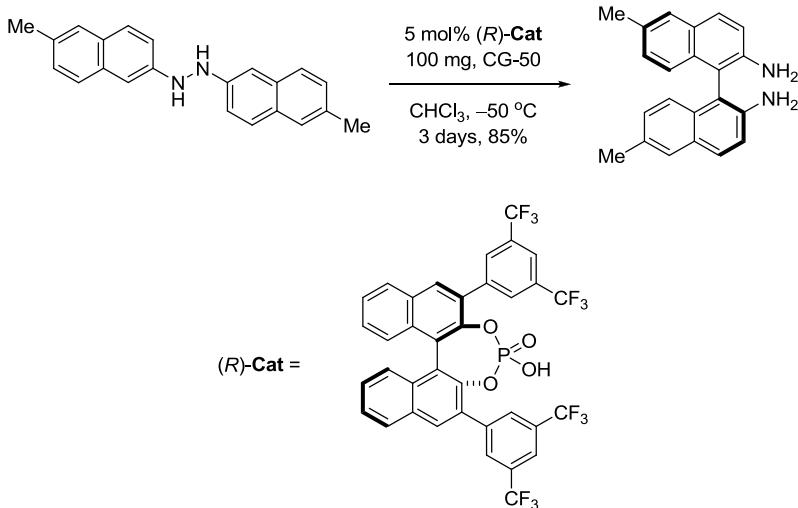
Zinin benzidine (semidne) rearrangement

Also known as benzidine rearrangement or semidine rearrangement. Acid-promoted rearrangement of hydrazobenzene to 4,4-diaminobiphenyl (benzidine) and 2,4-diaminobiphenyl.



Example 1^{9,10}



Example 2, Catalytic Asymmetric Benzidine Rearrangement⁹

CG-50, an acidic resin.

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