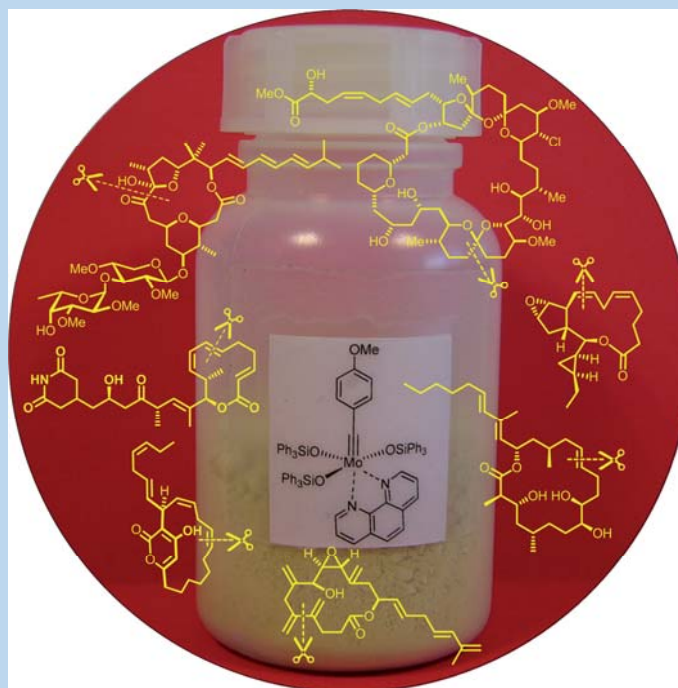


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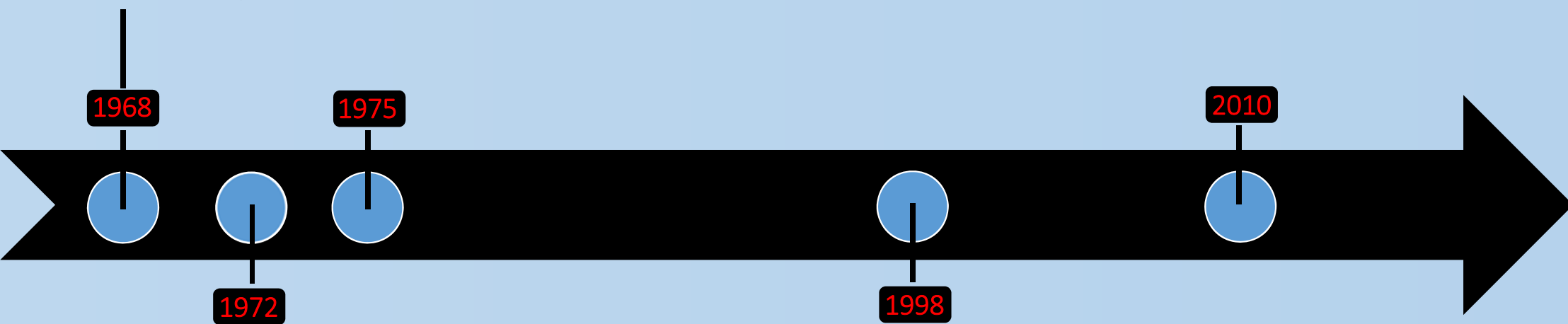
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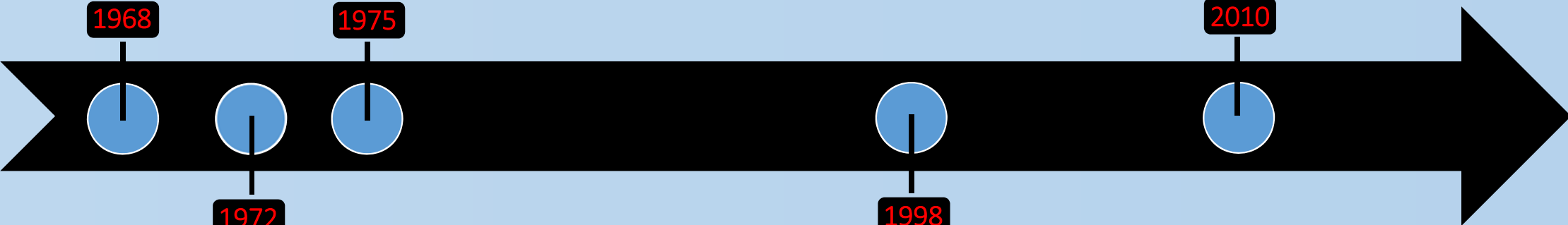
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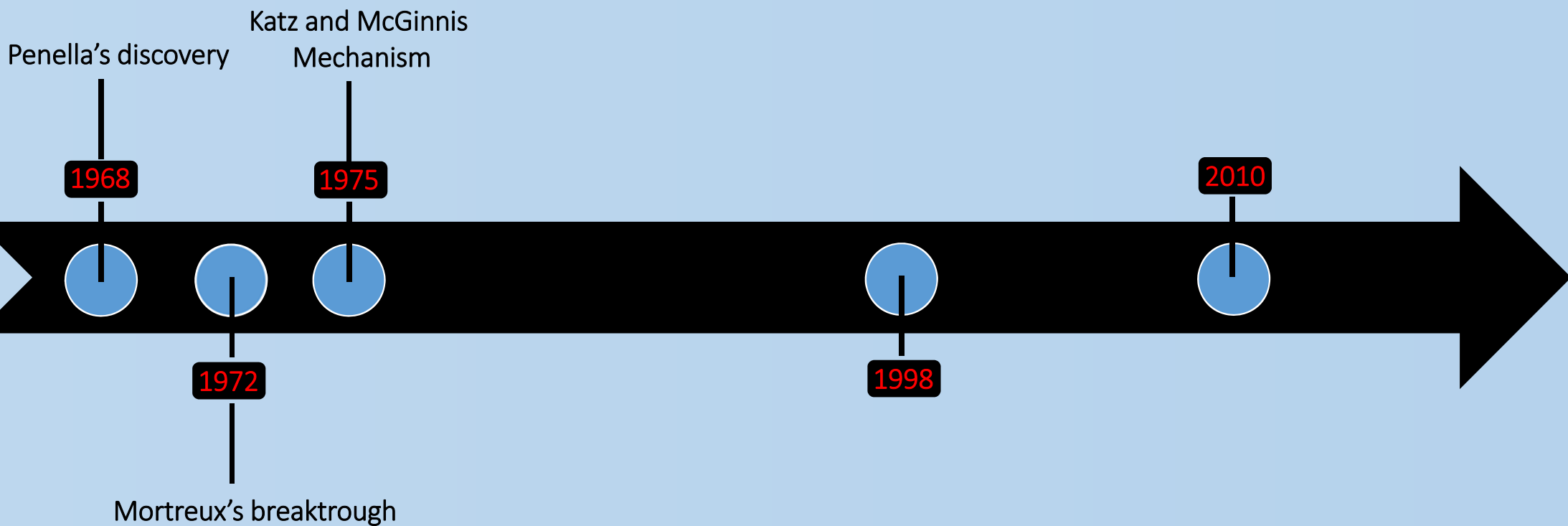


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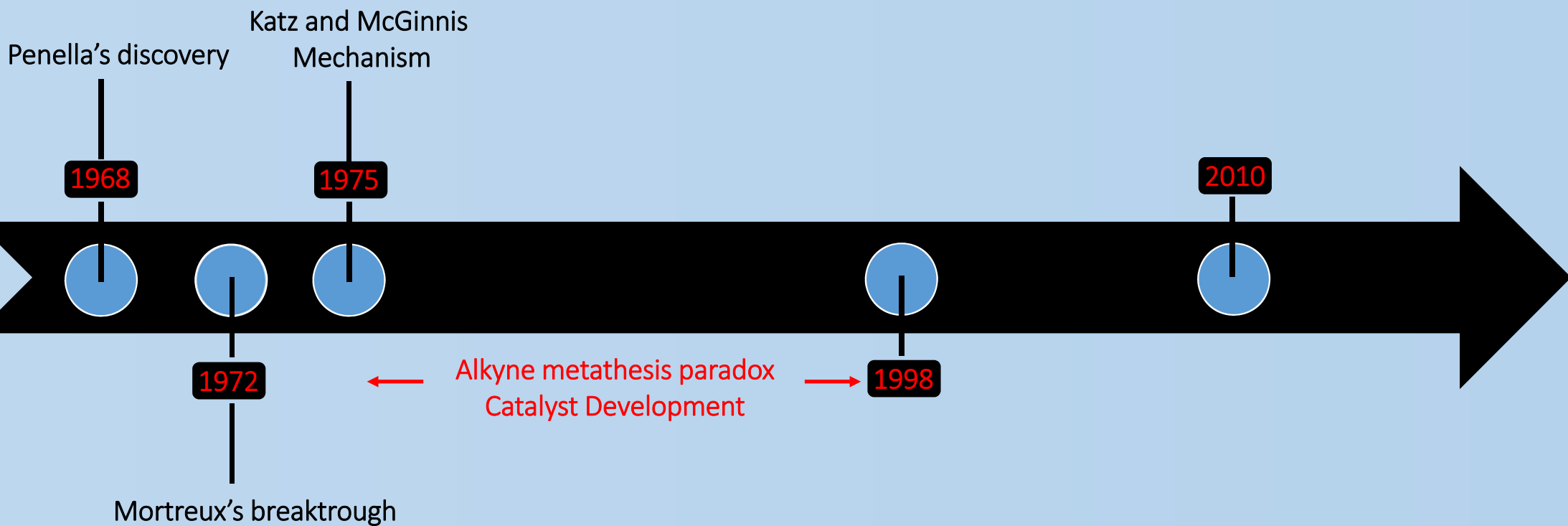
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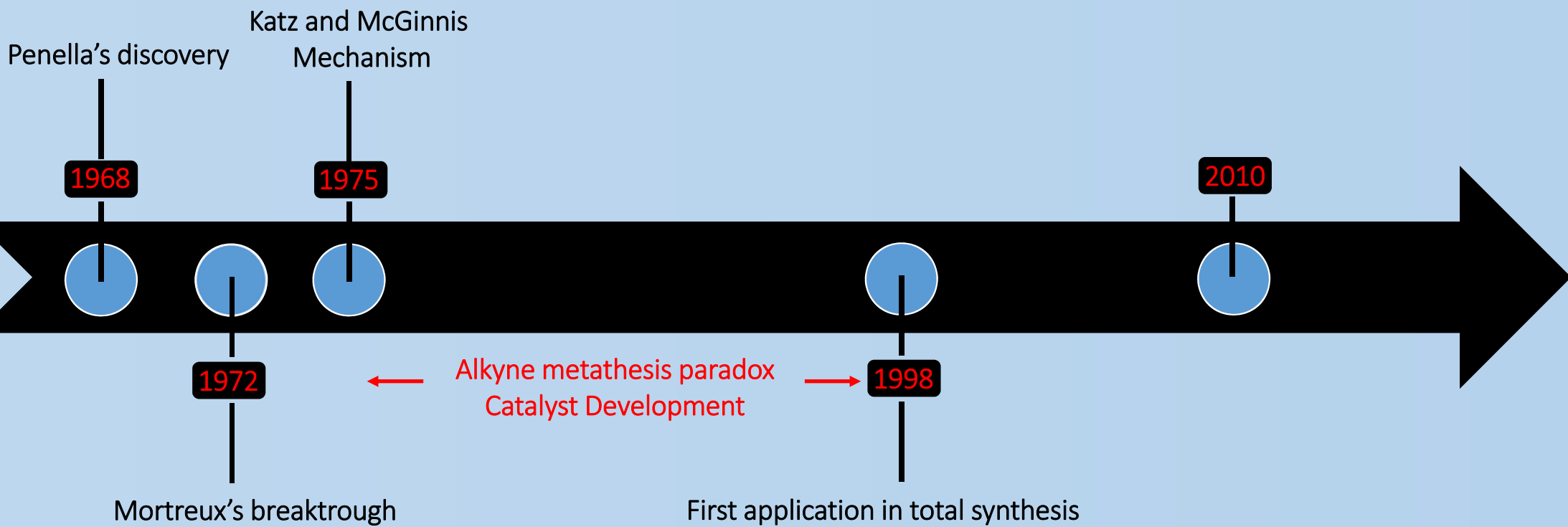


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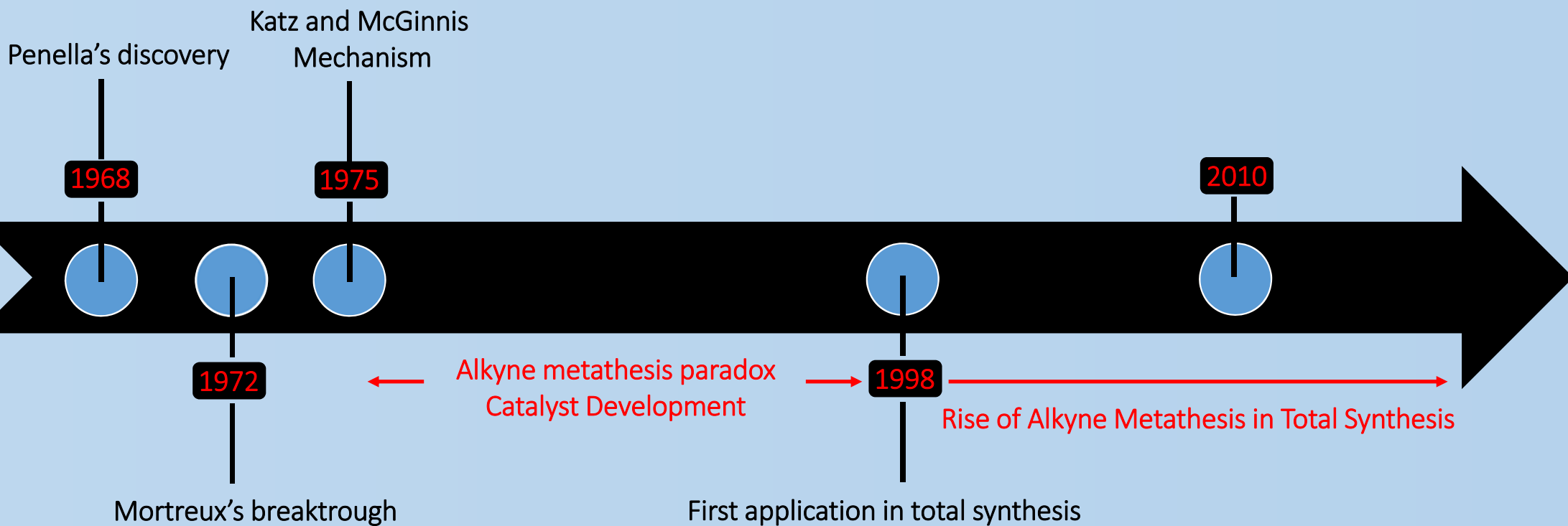


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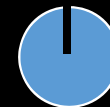
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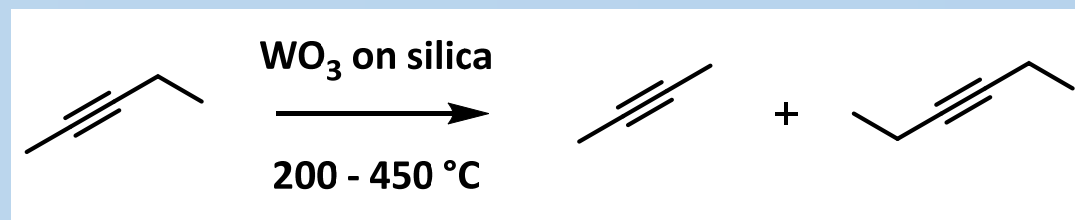


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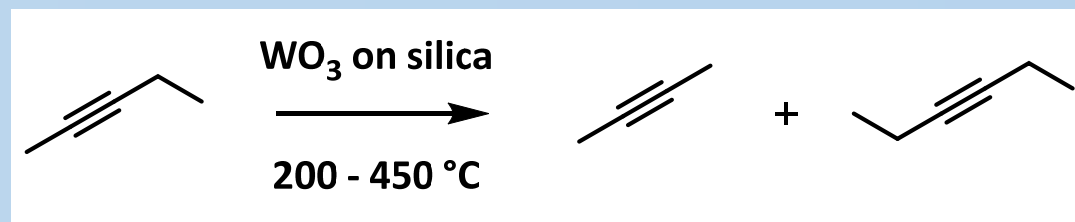


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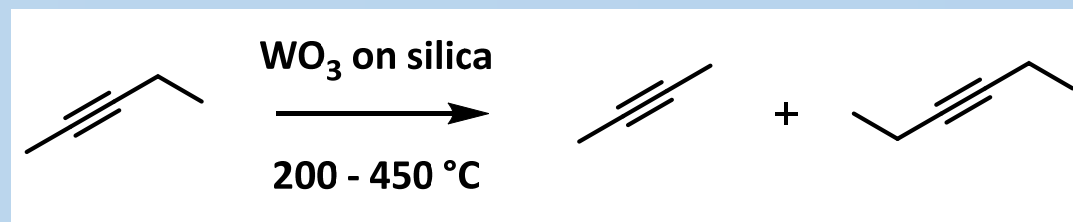


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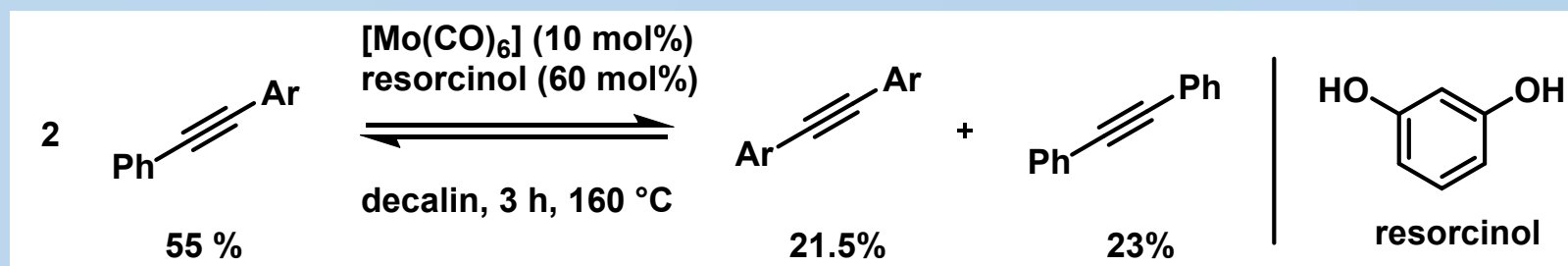


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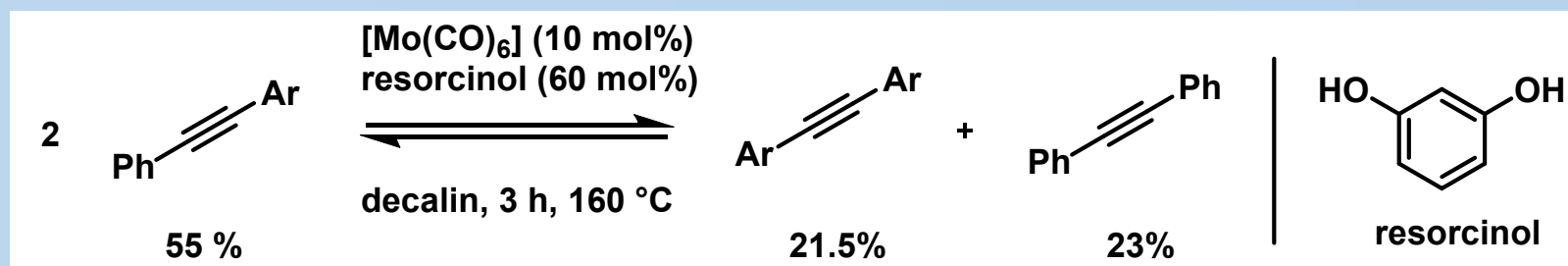


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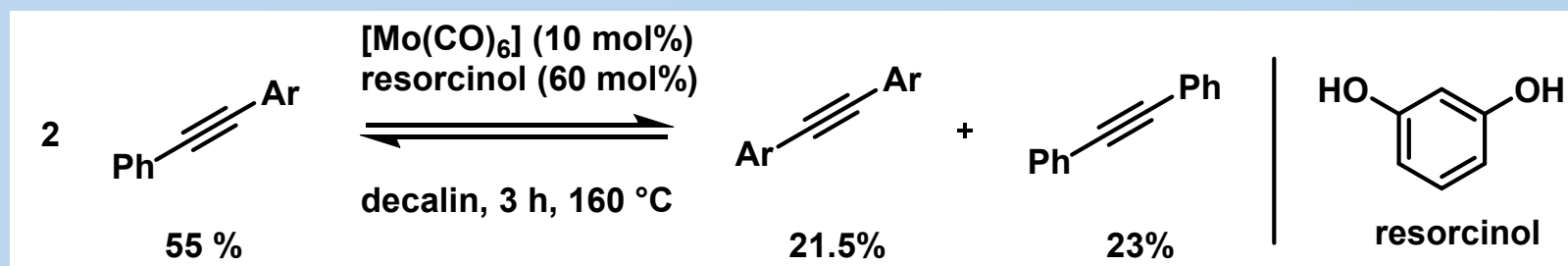


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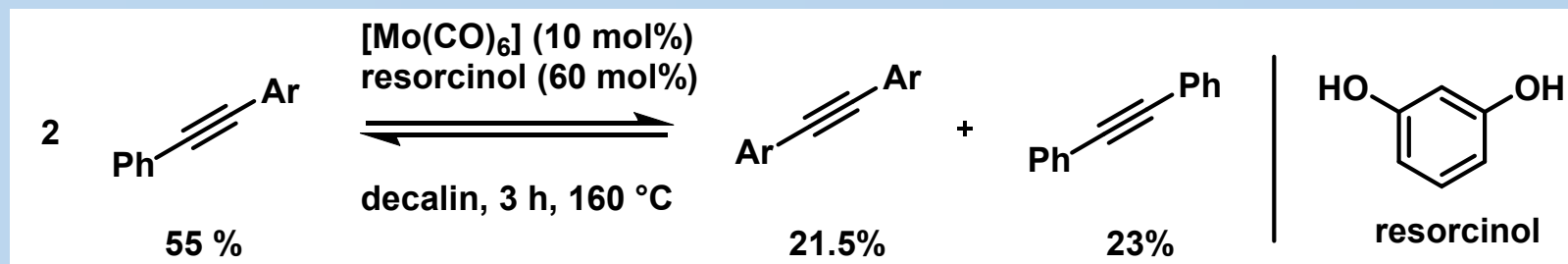


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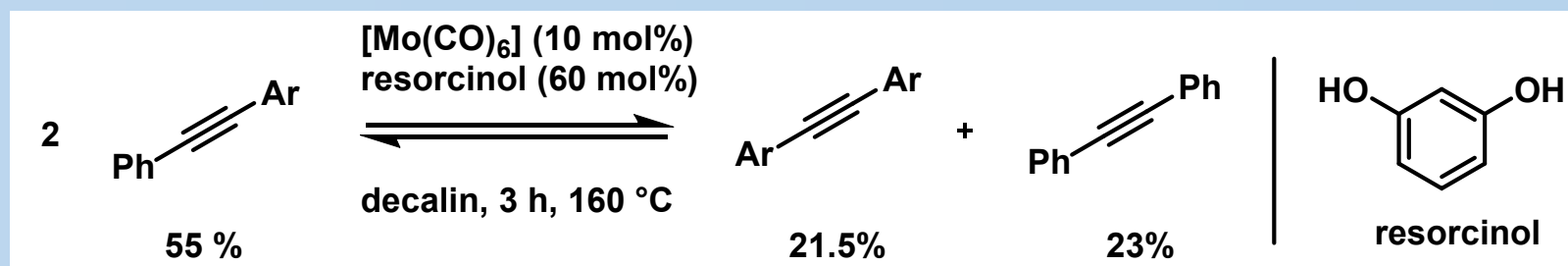


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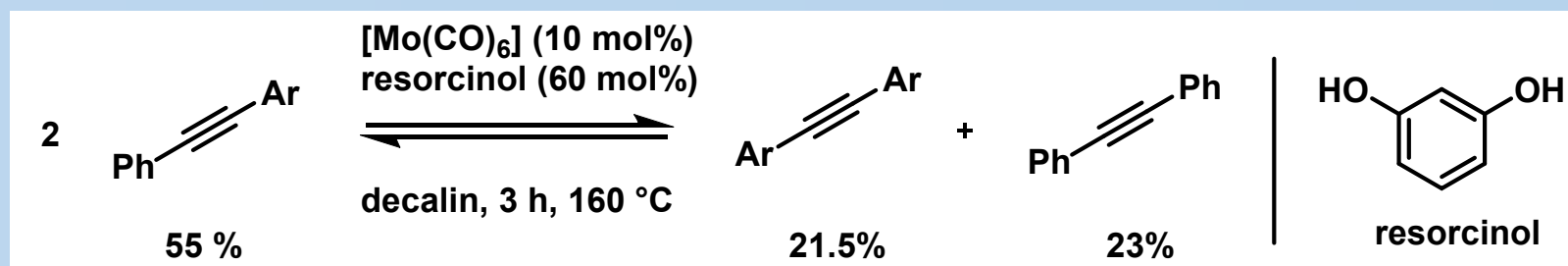


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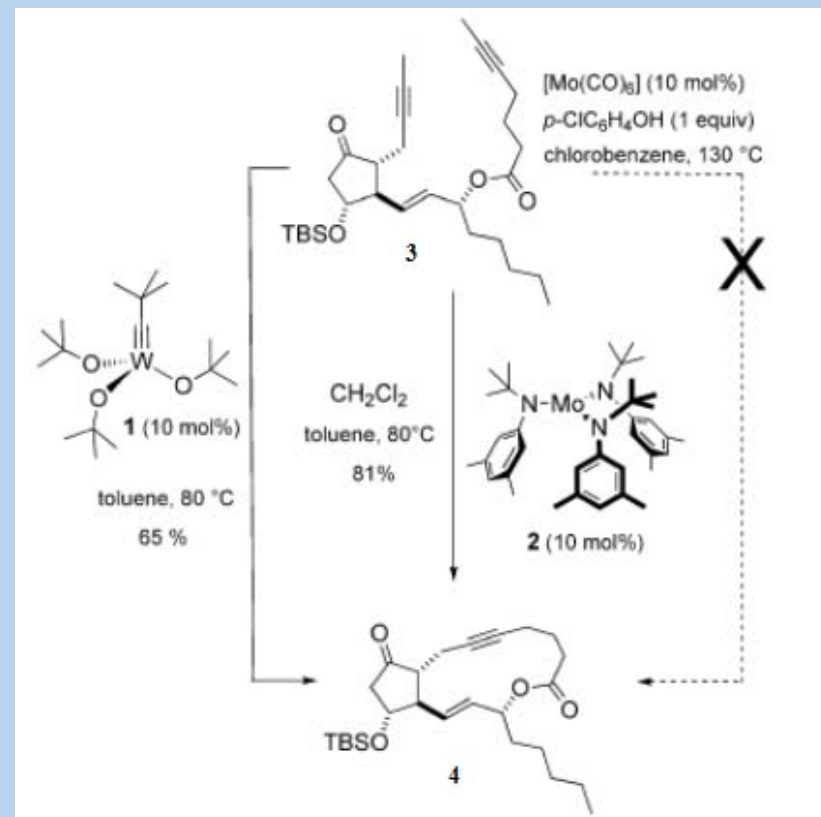
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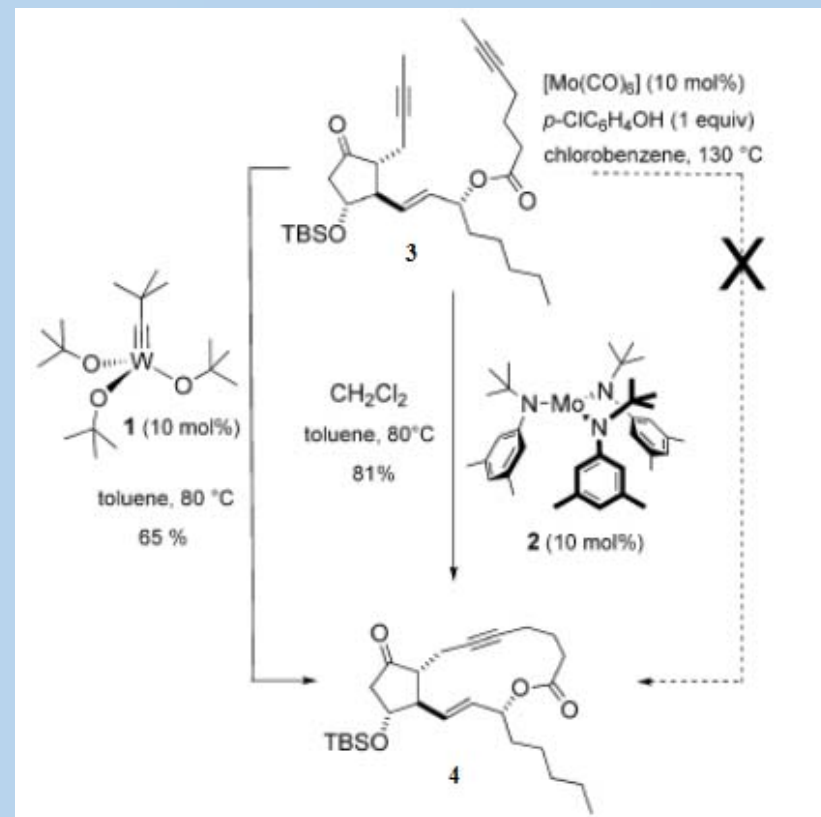
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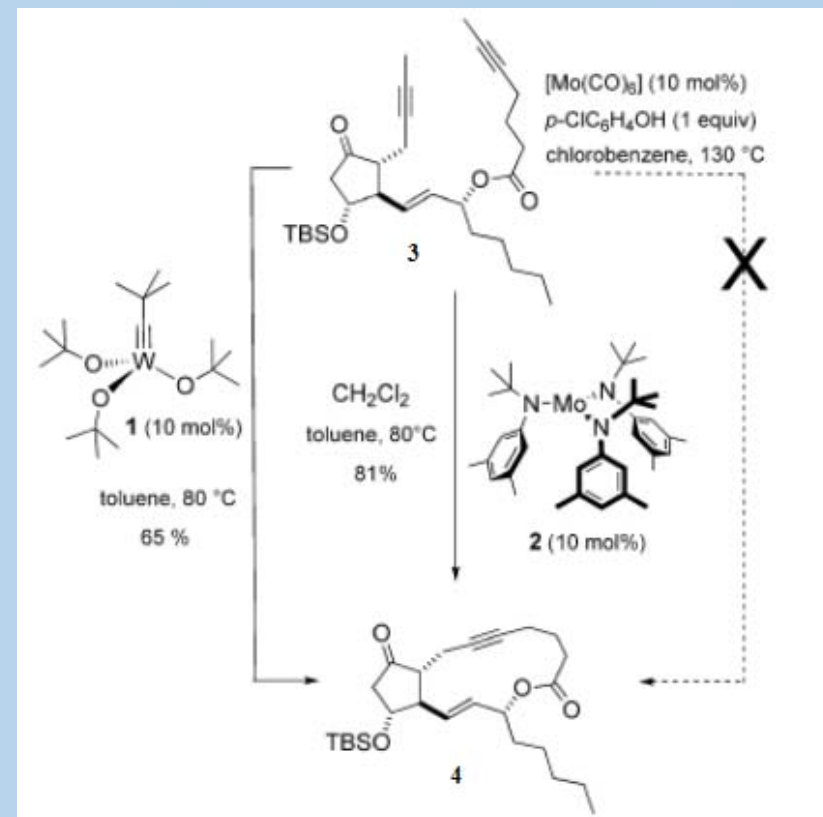
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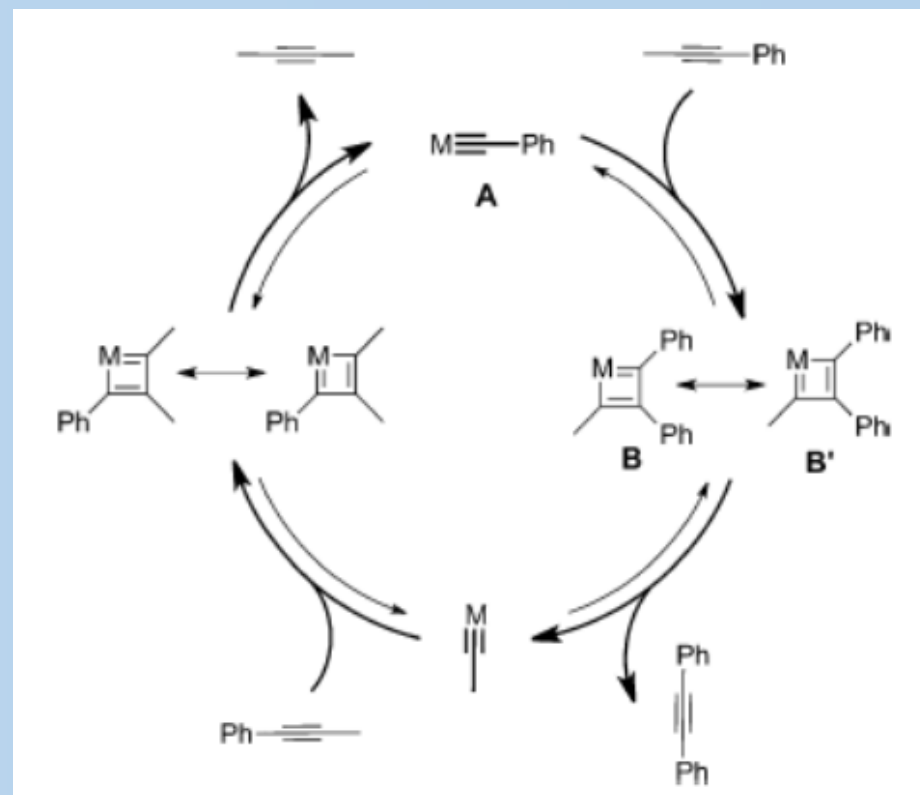
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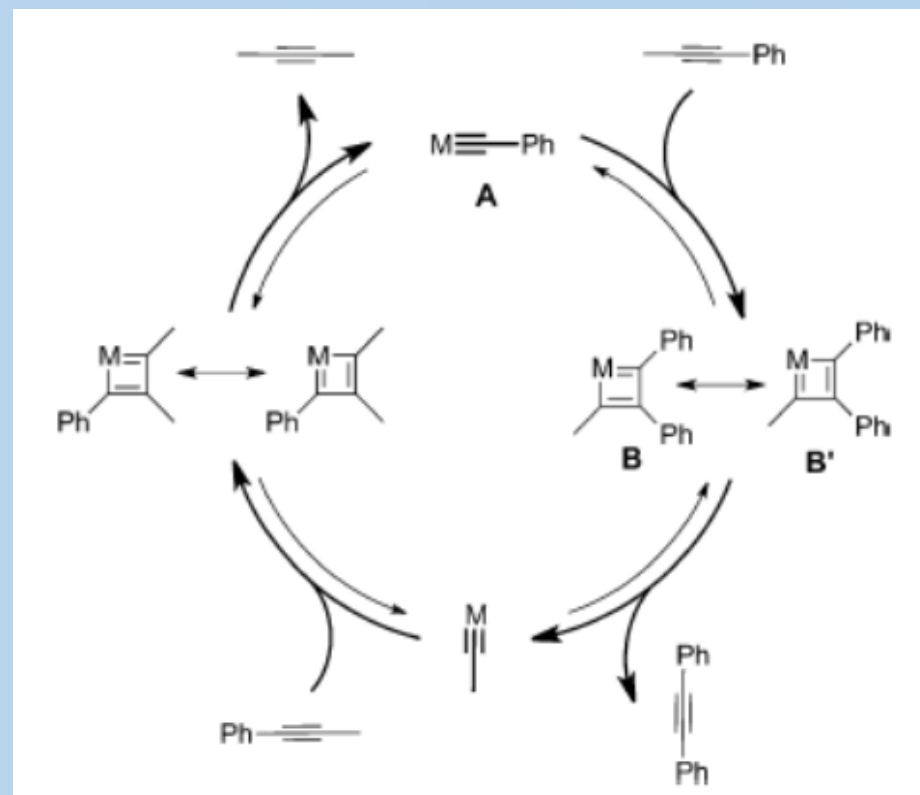
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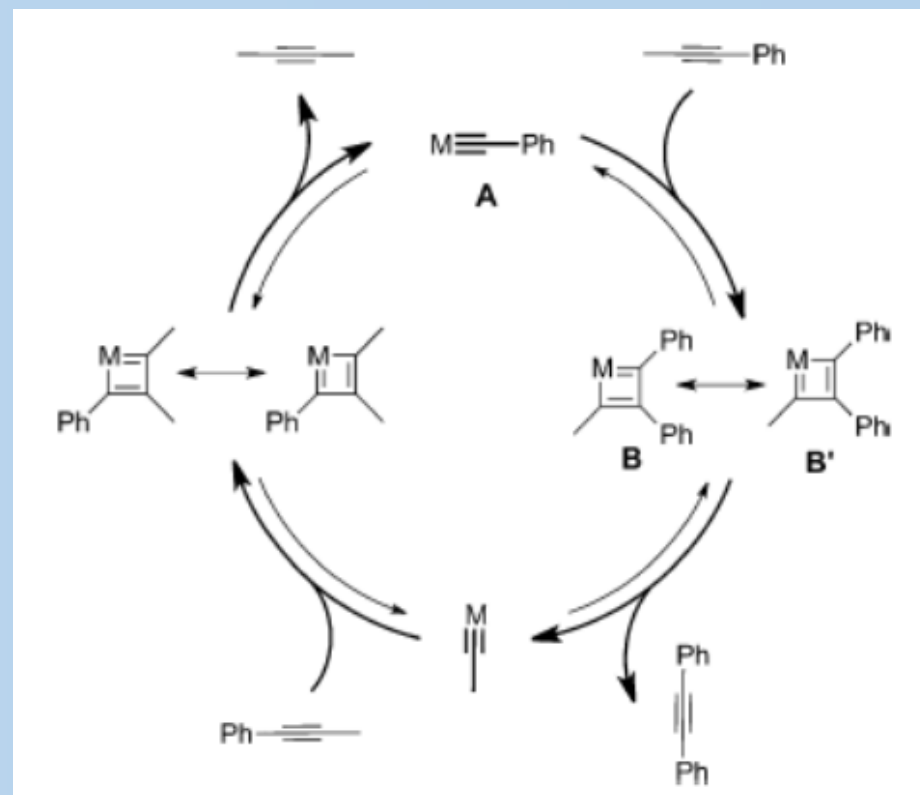
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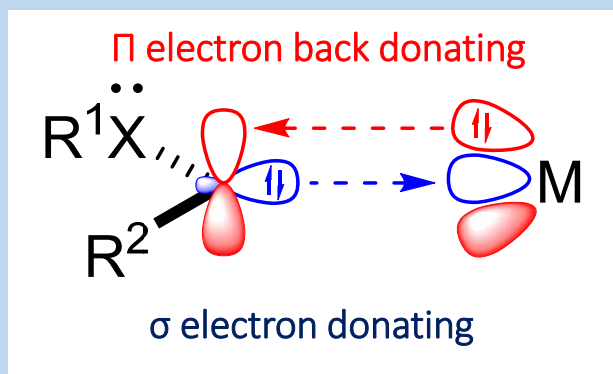


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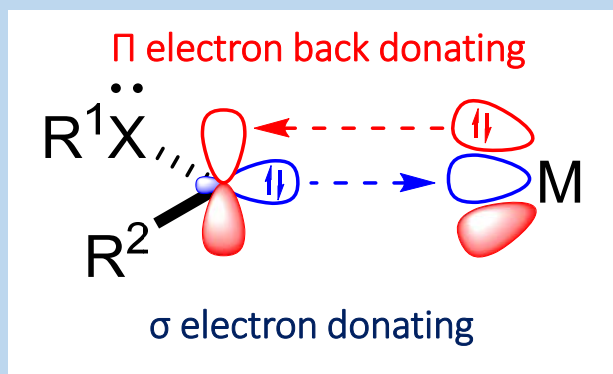
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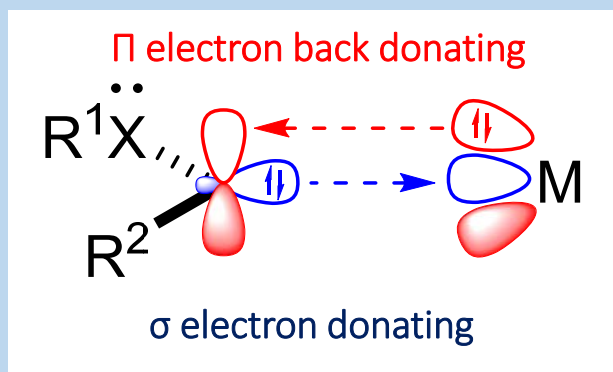
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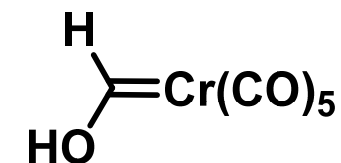
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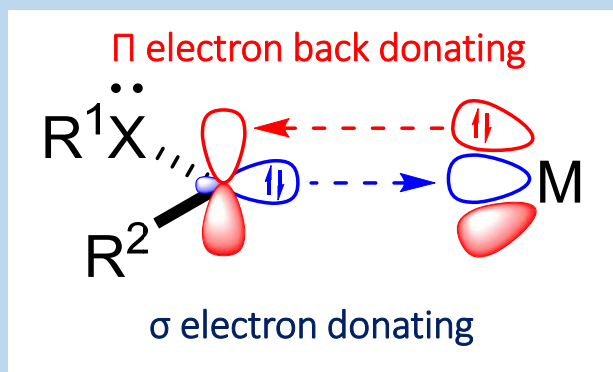
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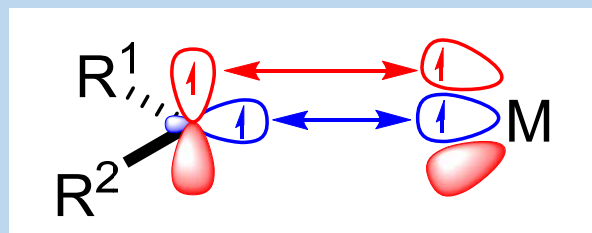
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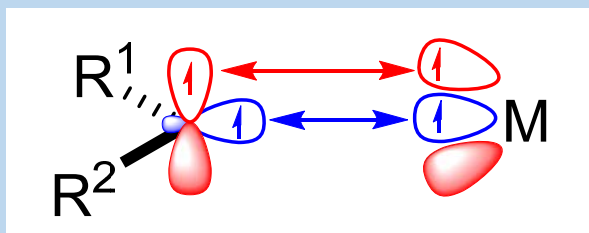


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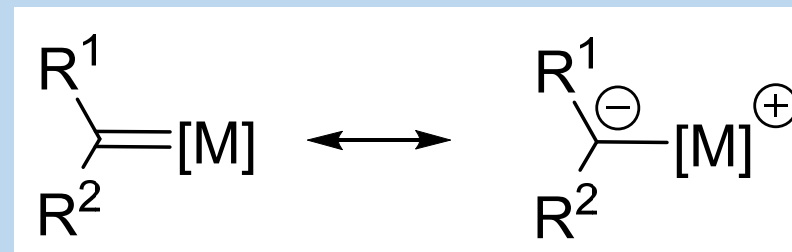
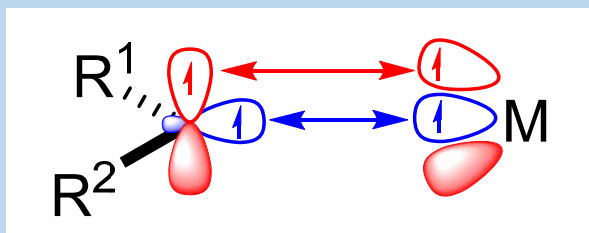


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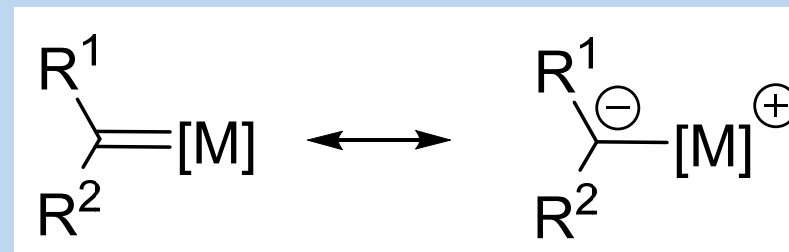
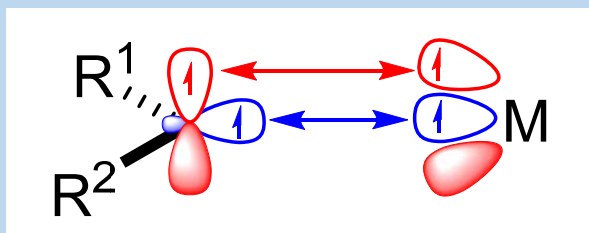
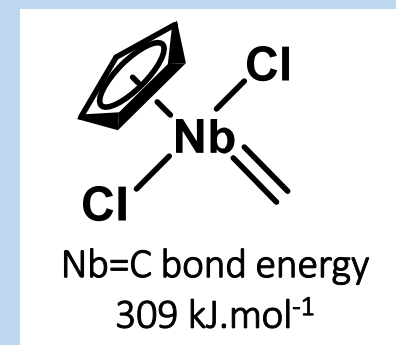
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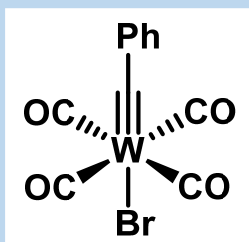


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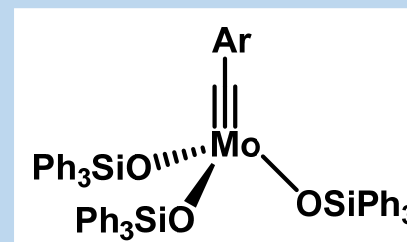
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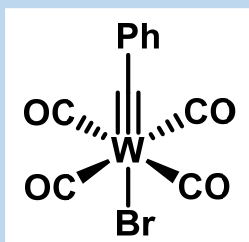


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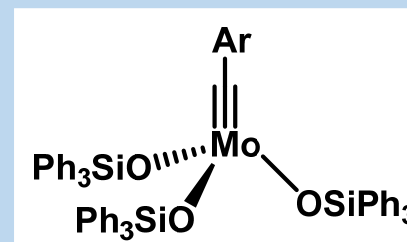
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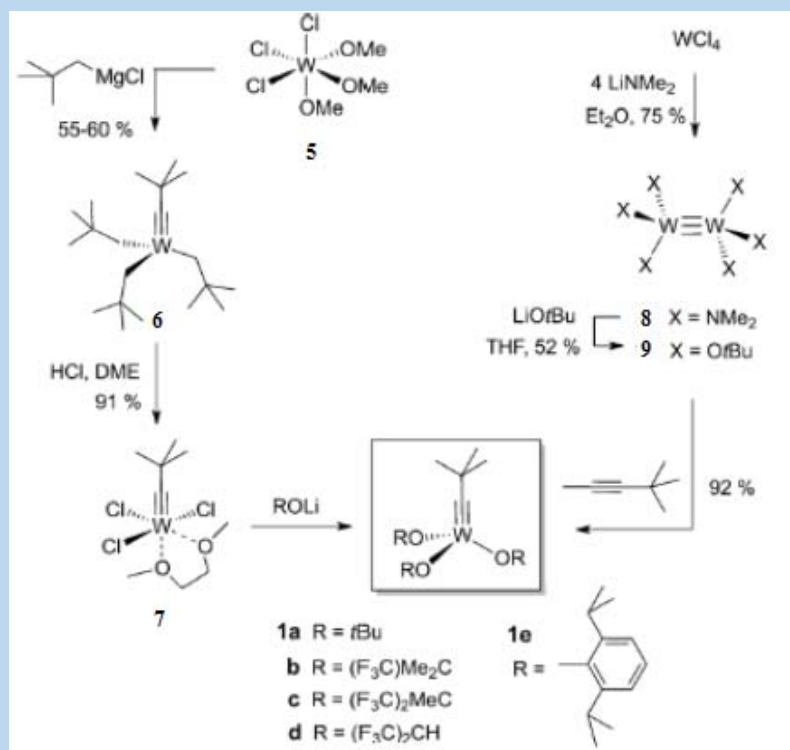
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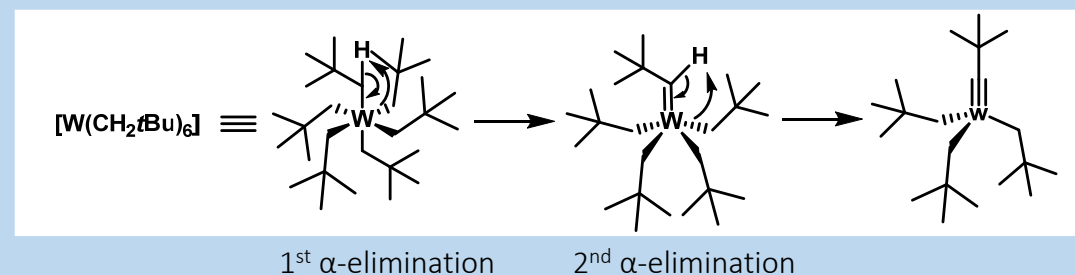
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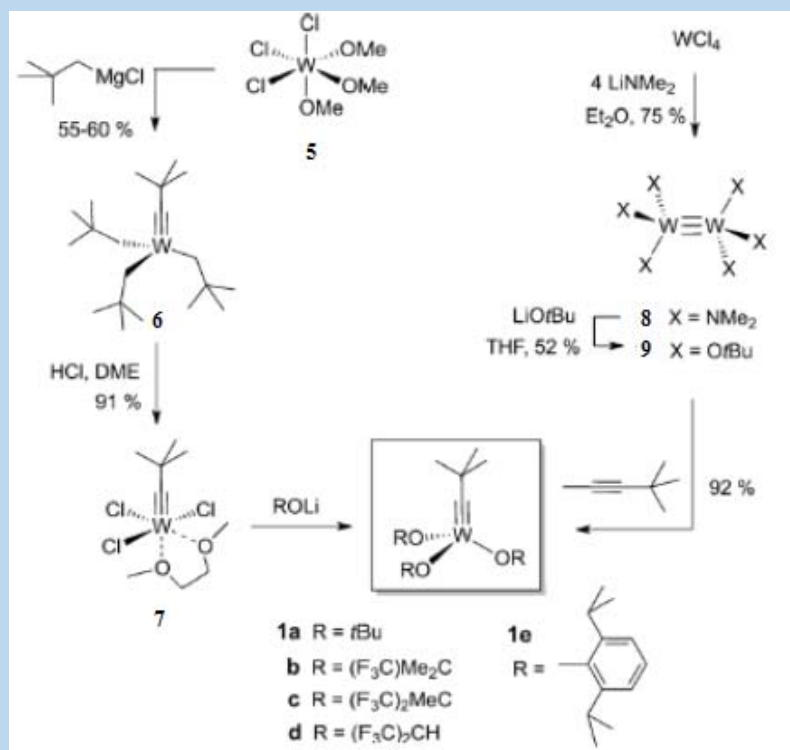
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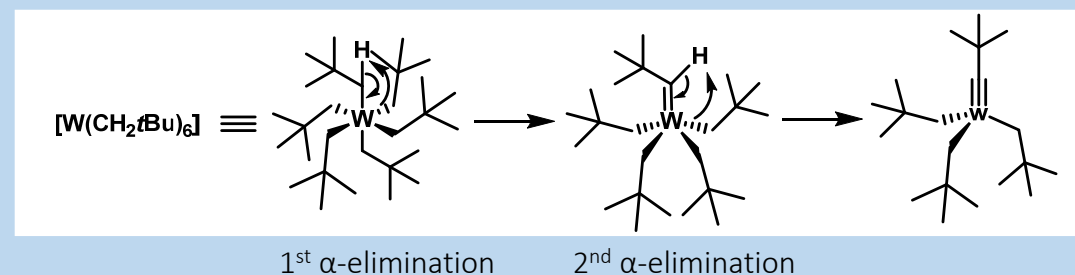
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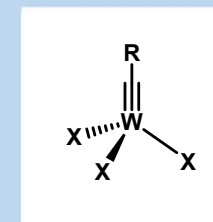
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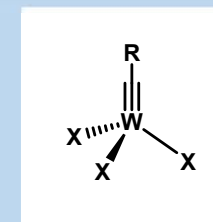
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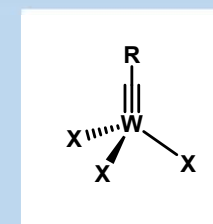
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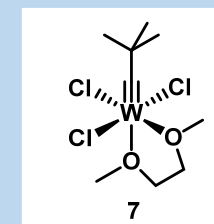
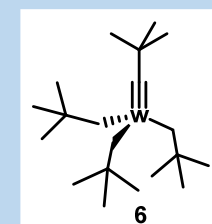
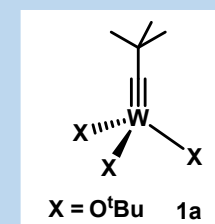
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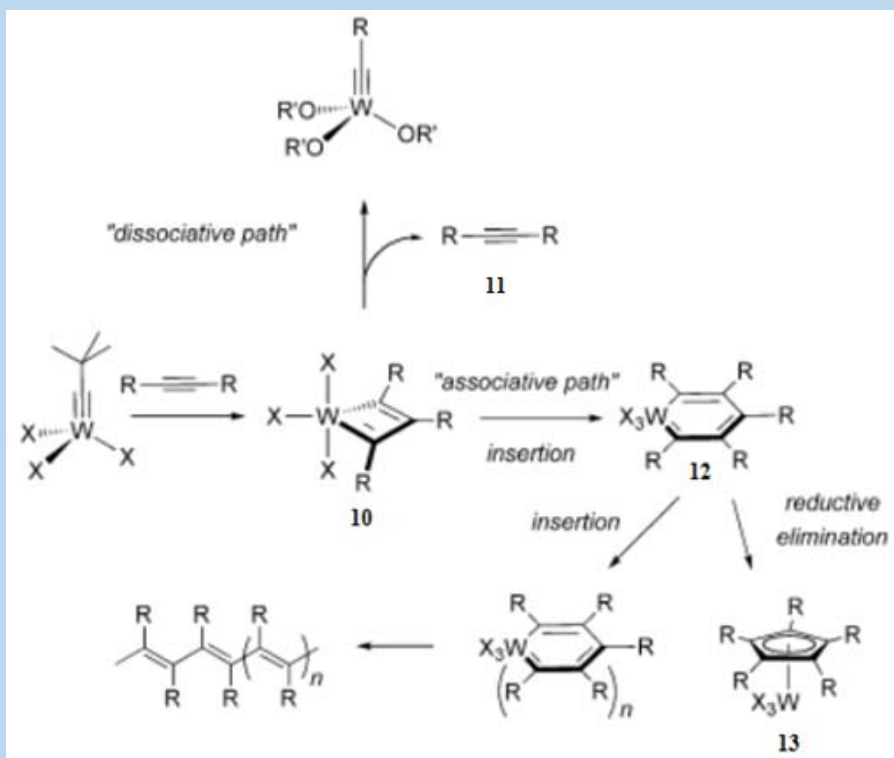
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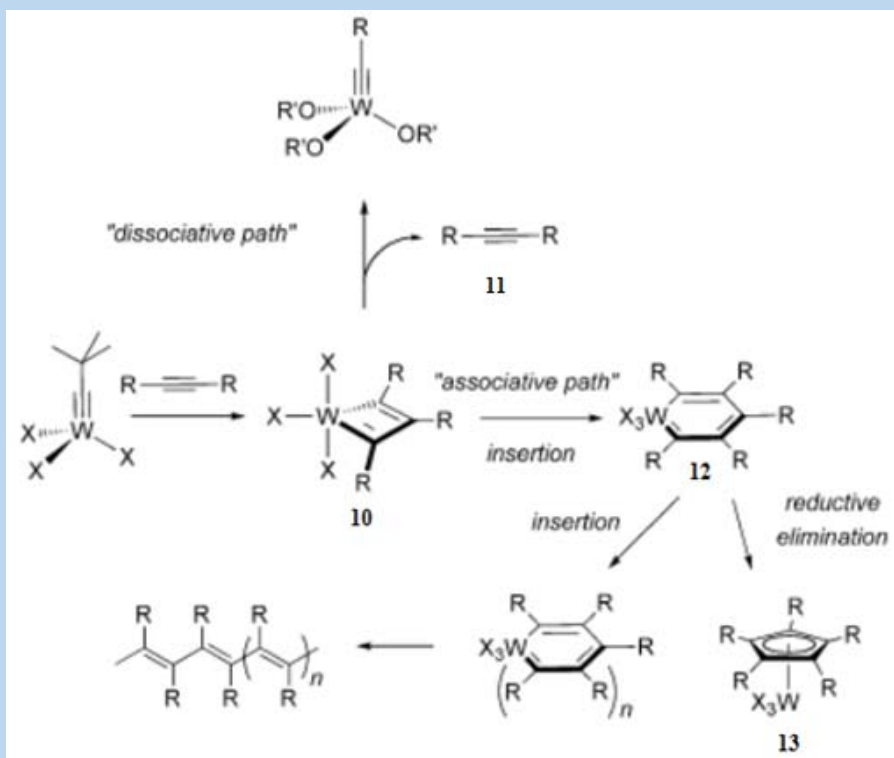
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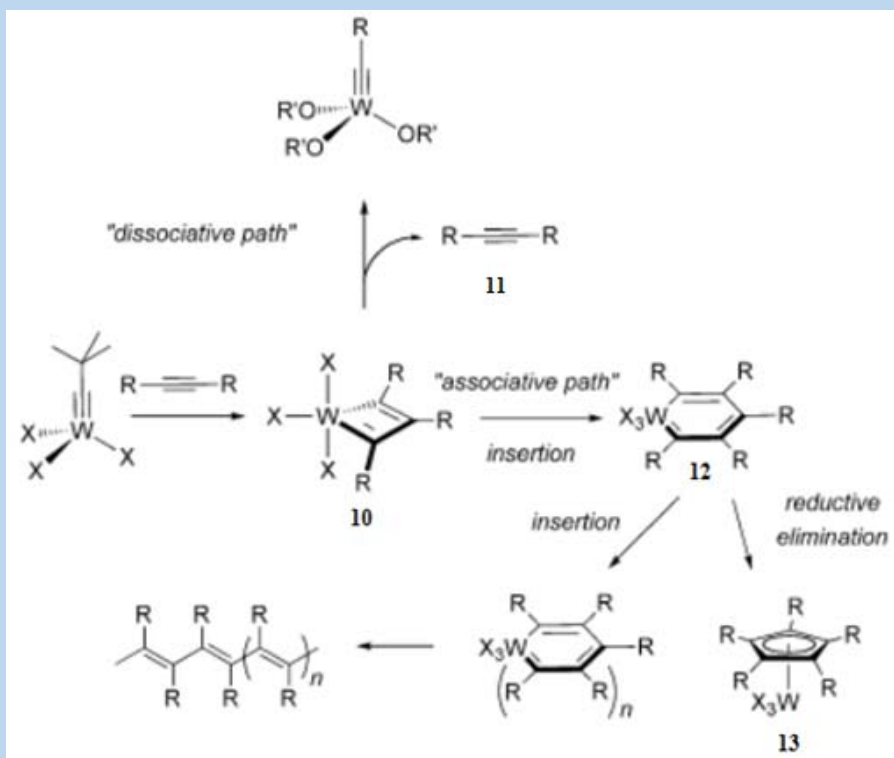
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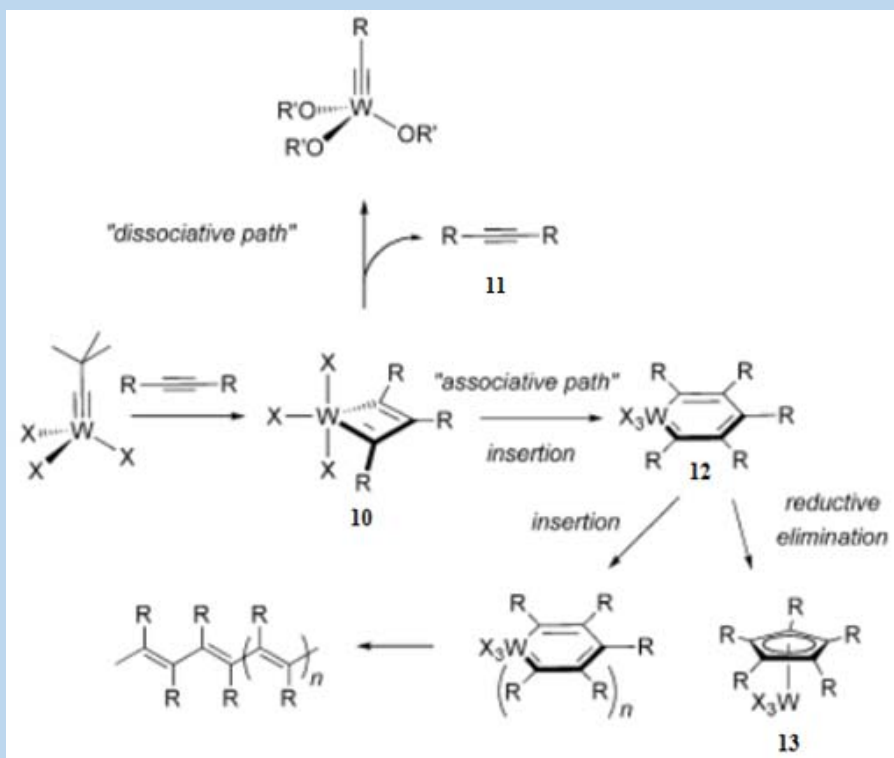
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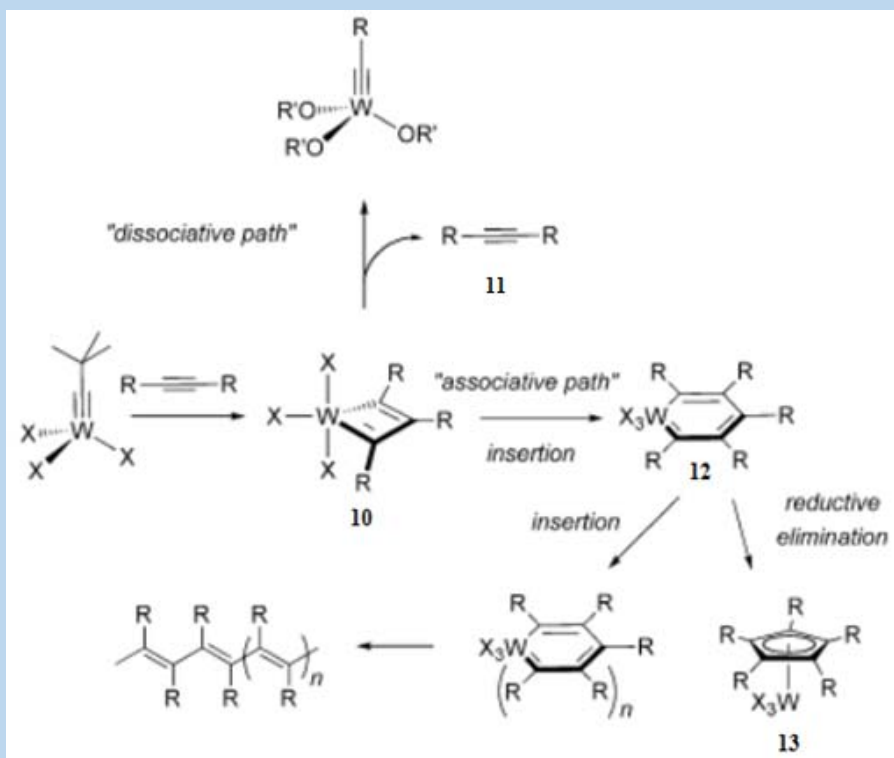
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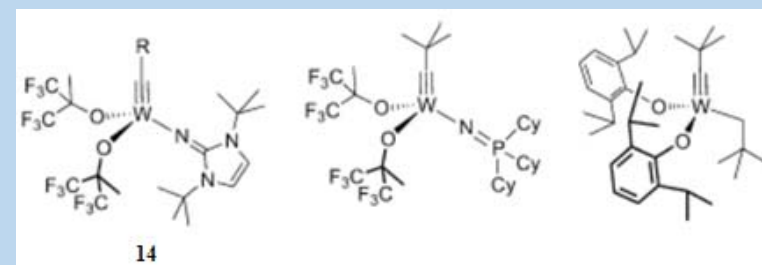
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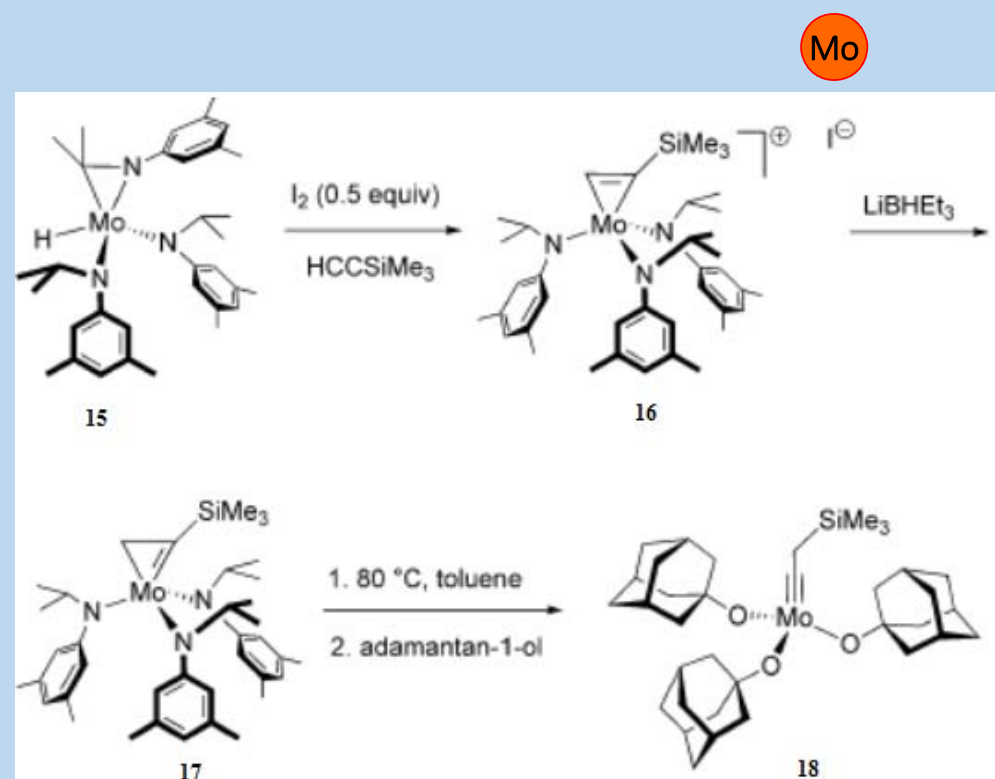
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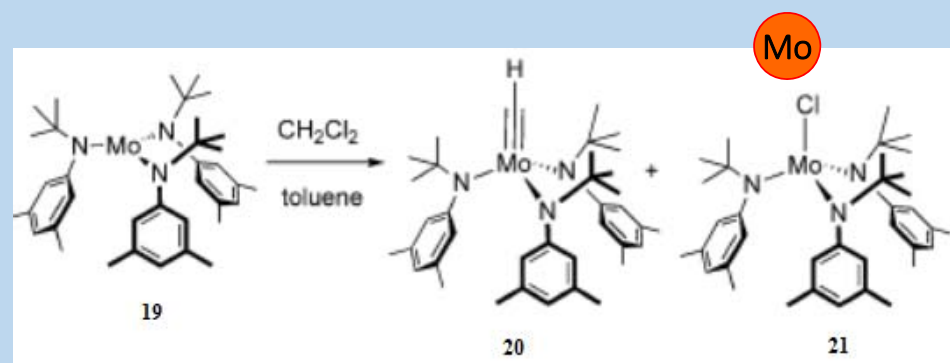
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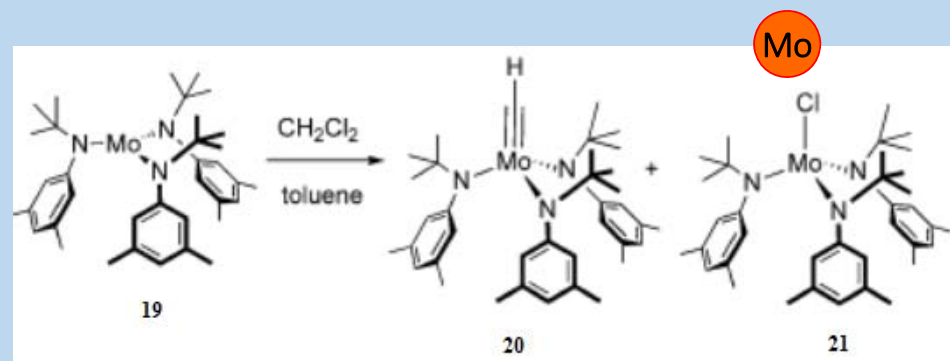
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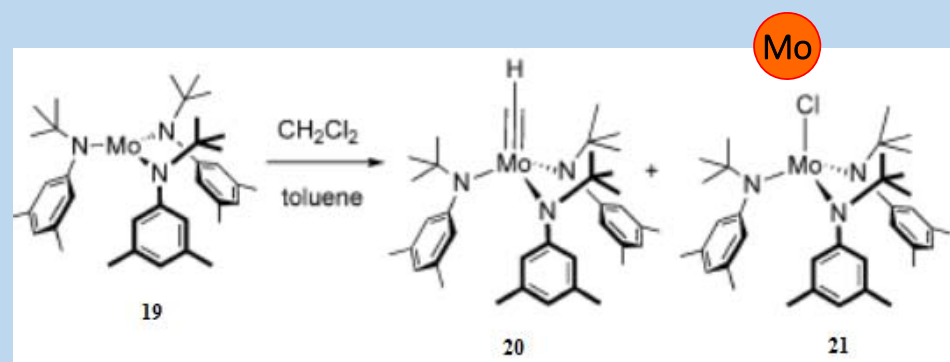
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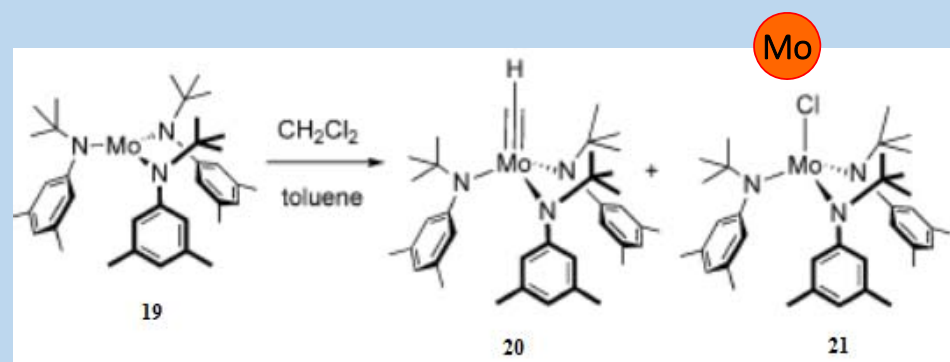
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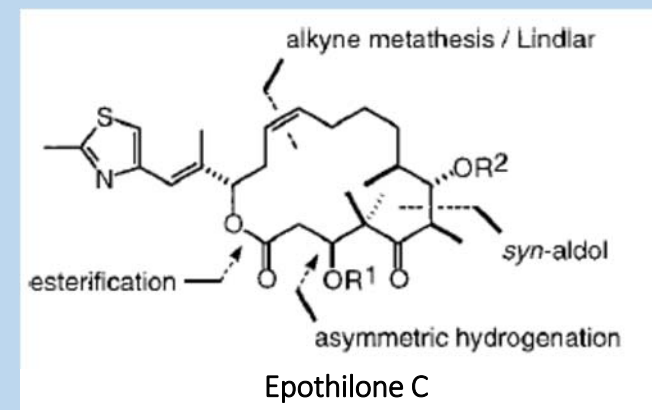
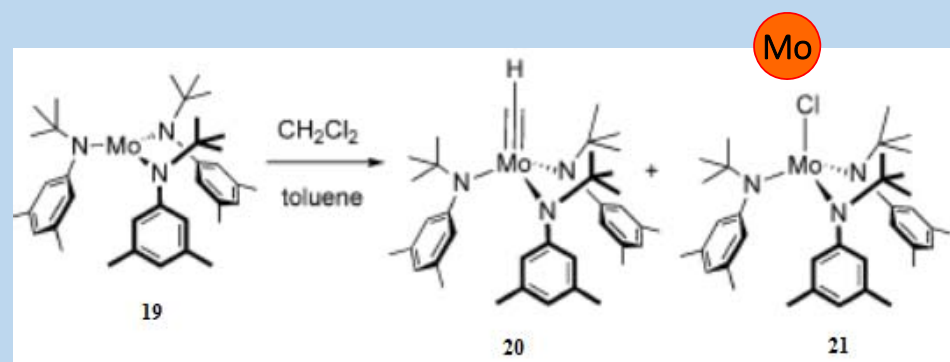
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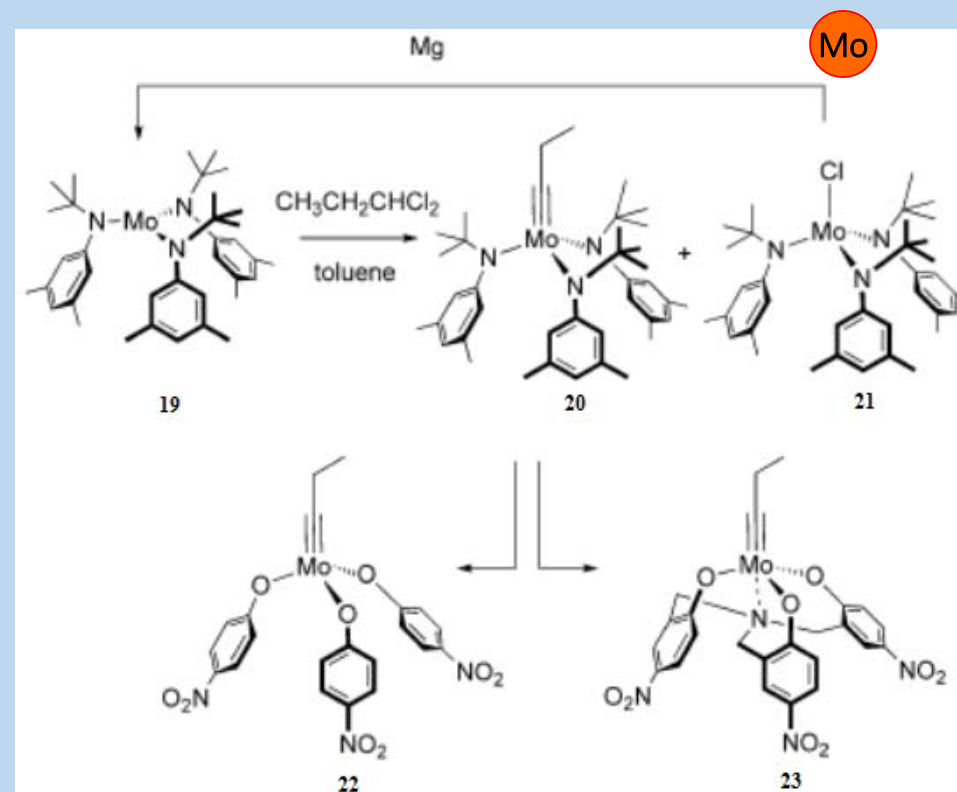
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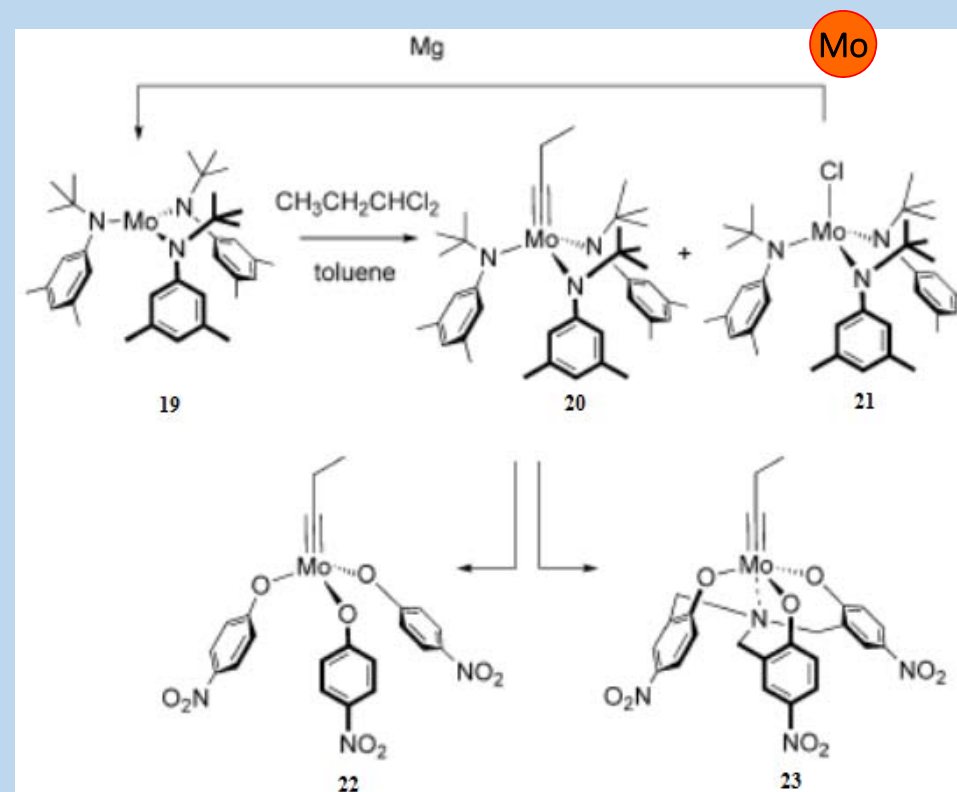
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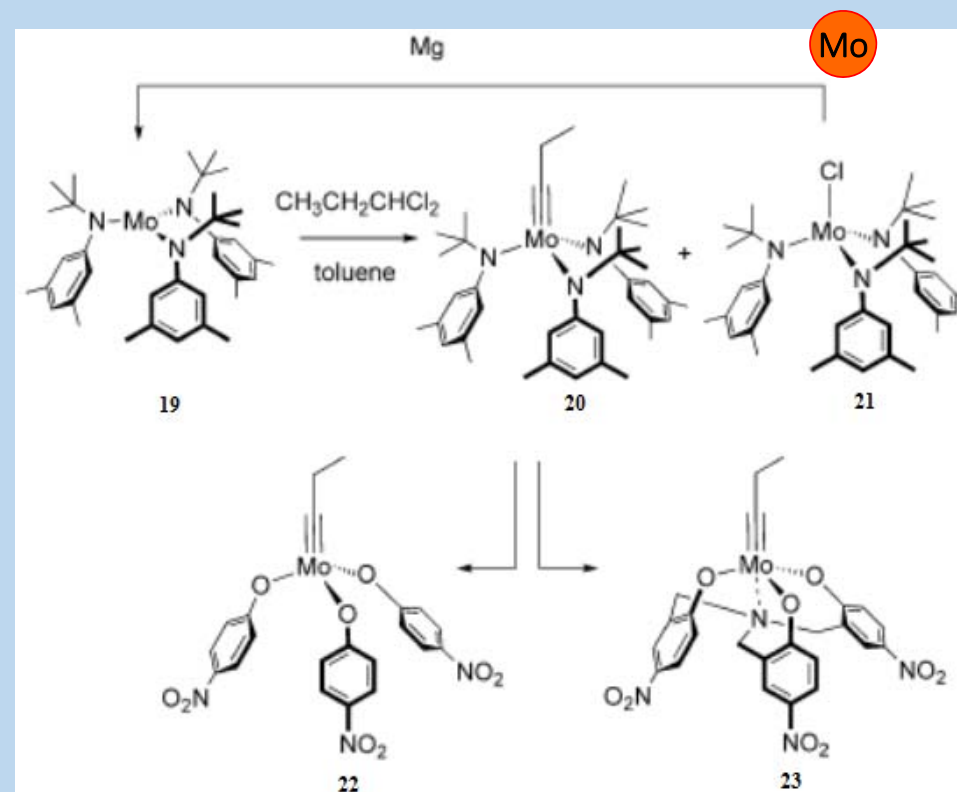
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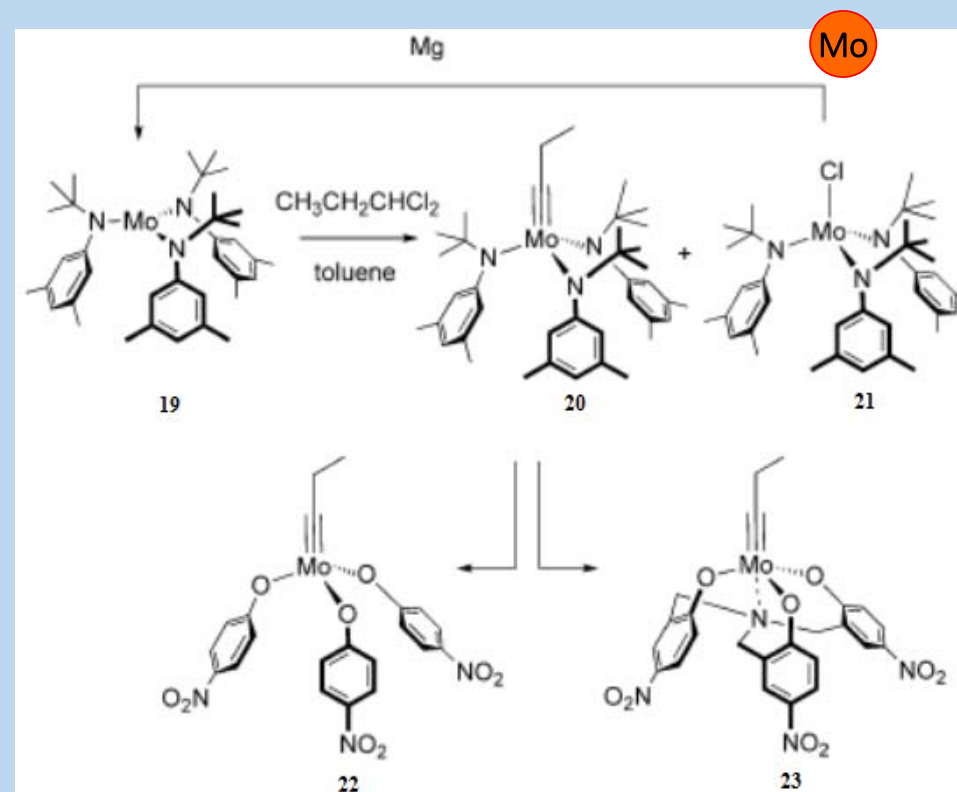
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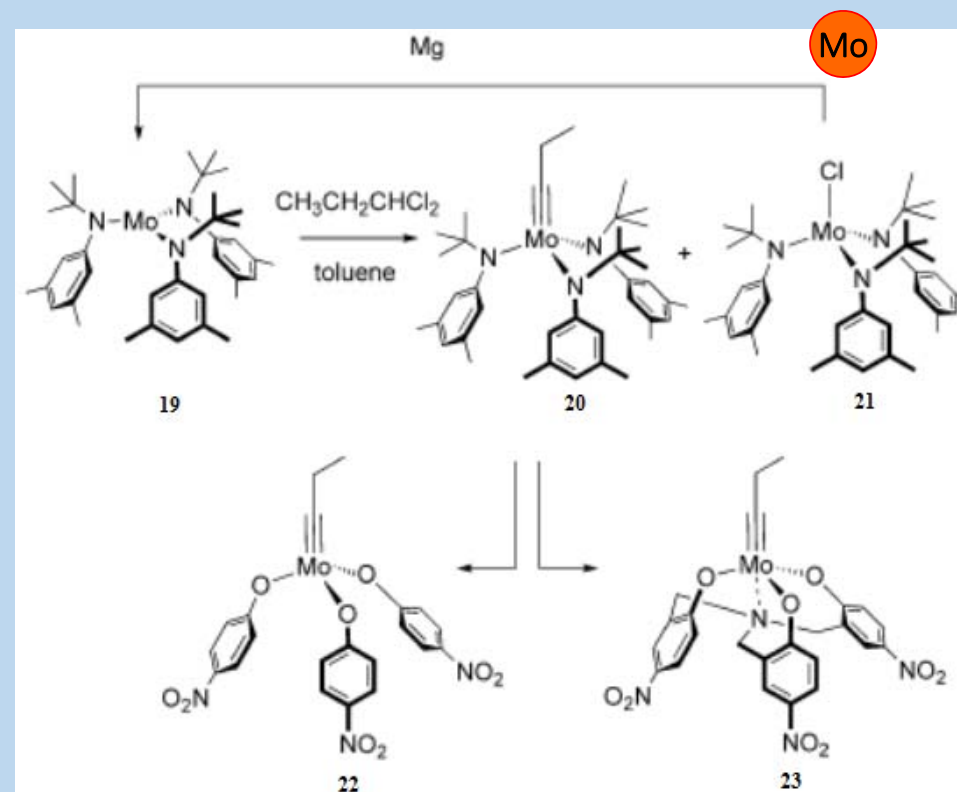
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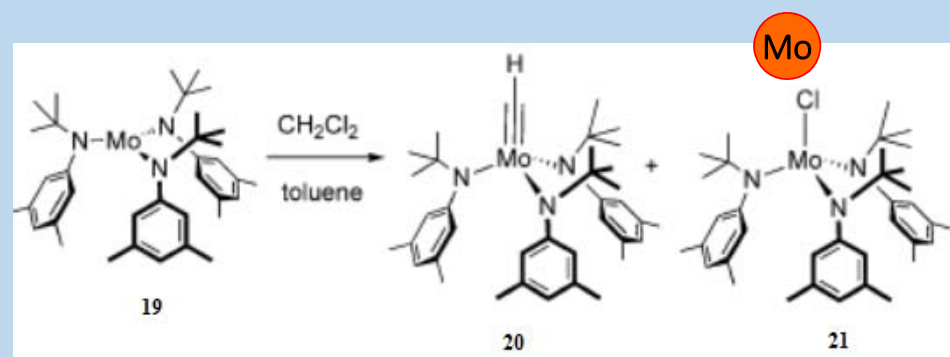
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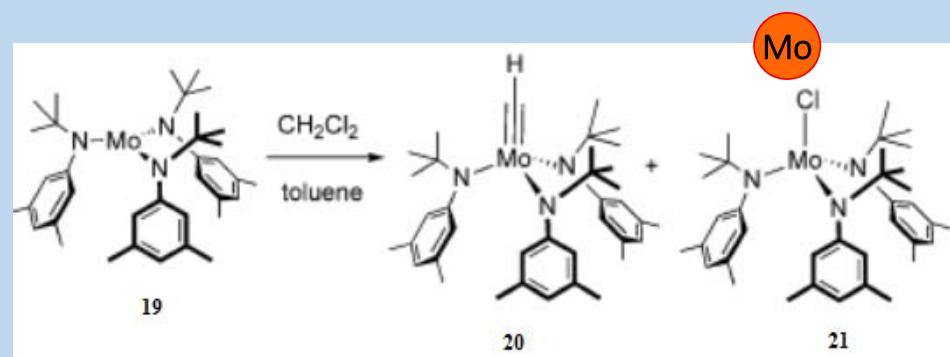
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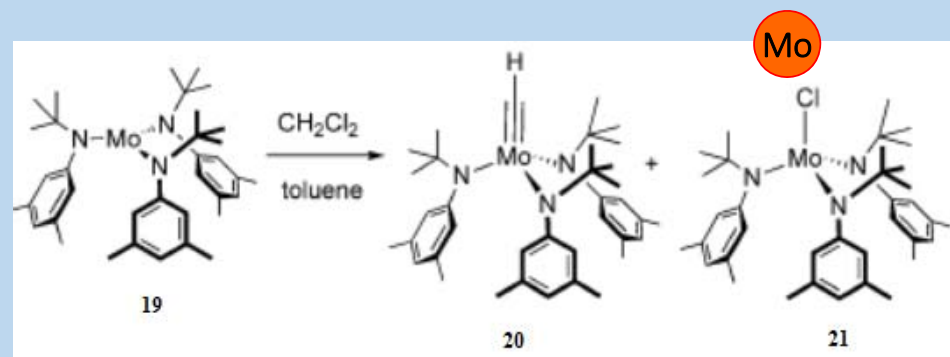
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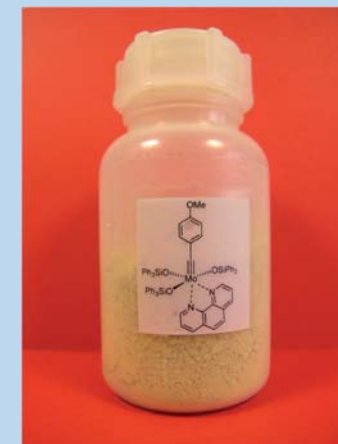
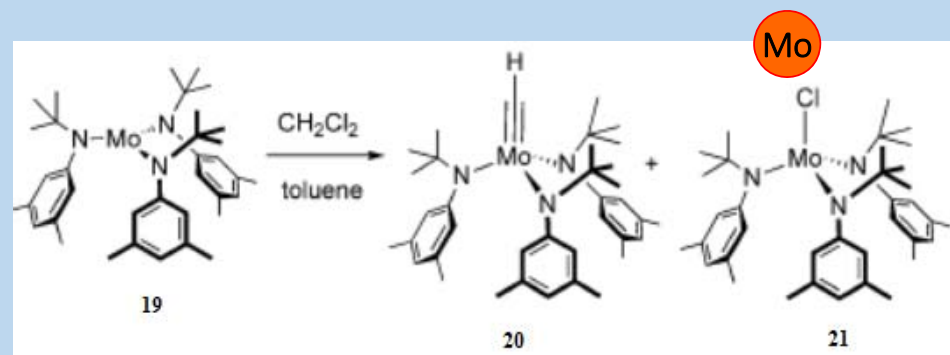
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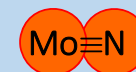


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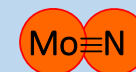


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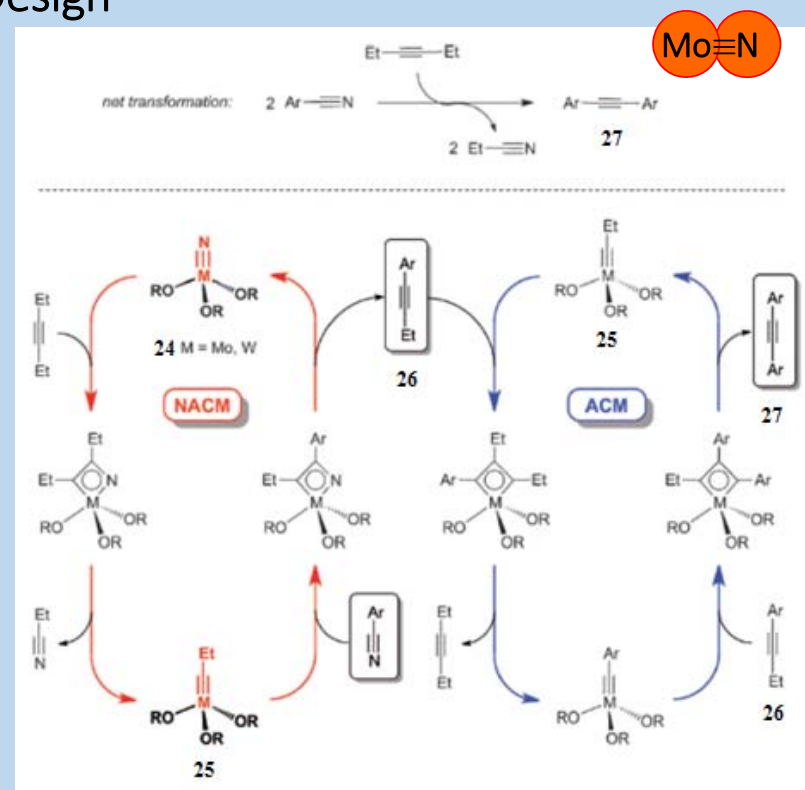
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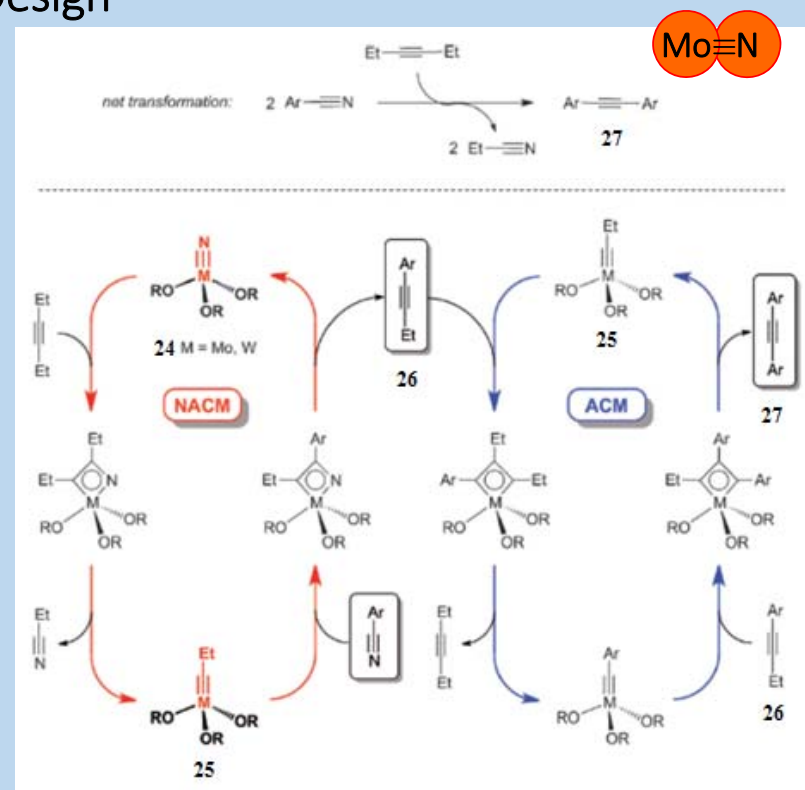
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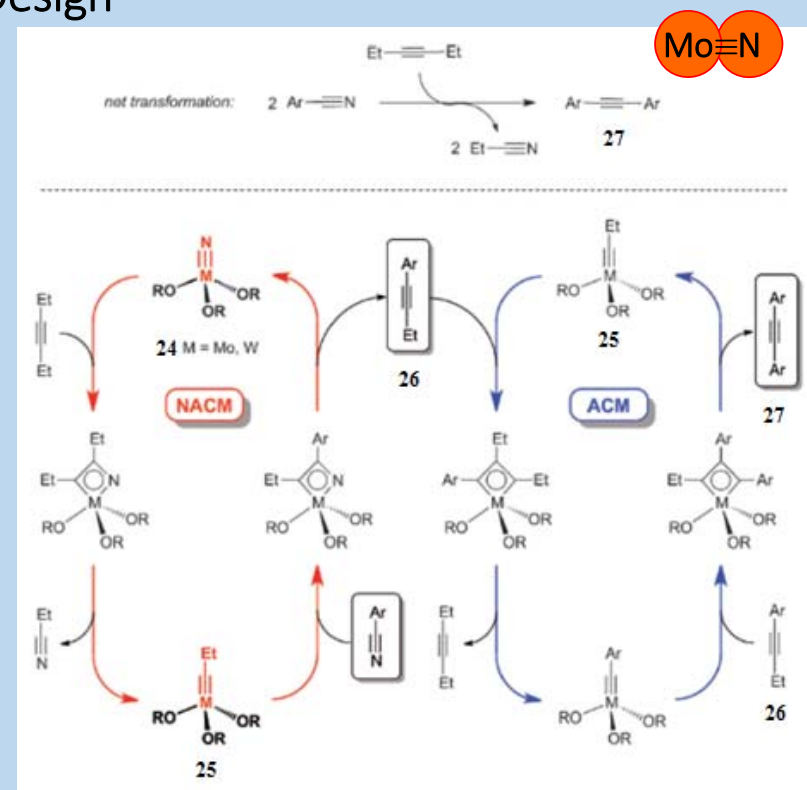
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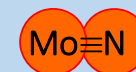
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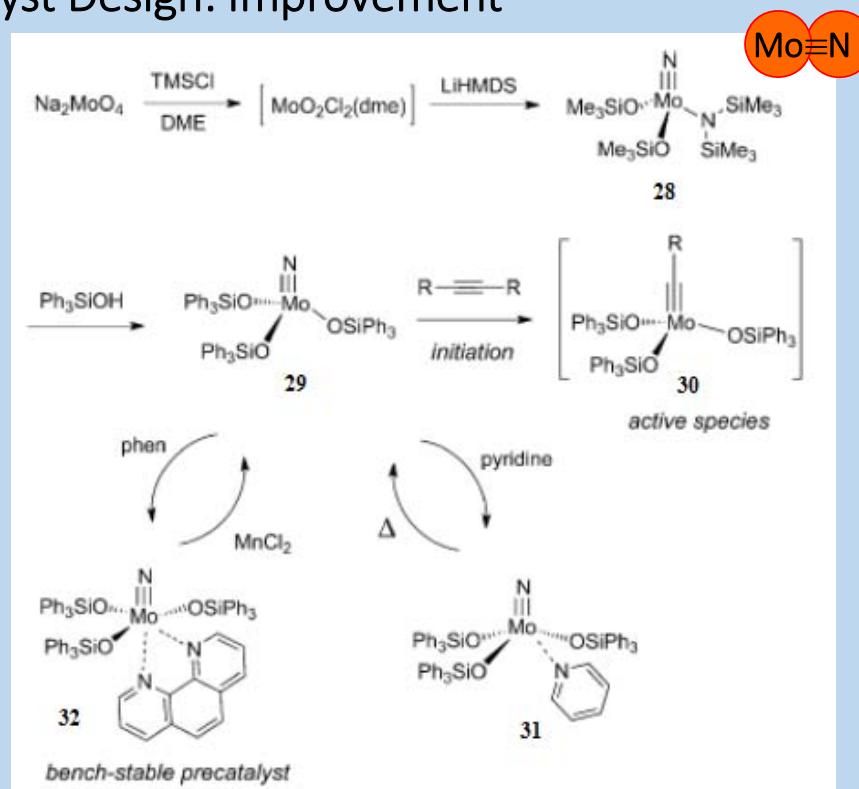
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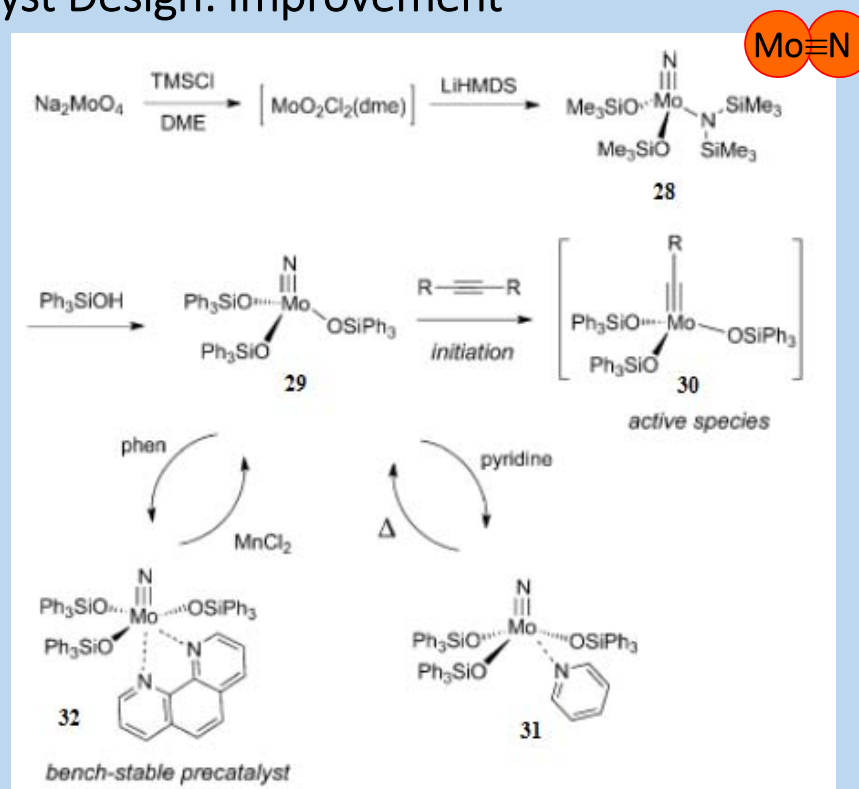
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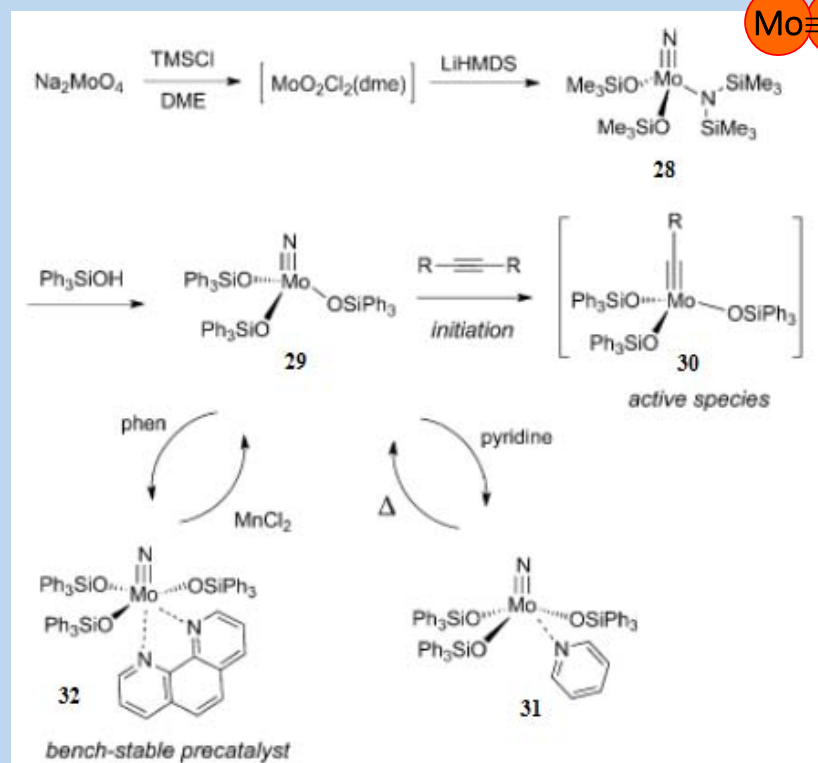
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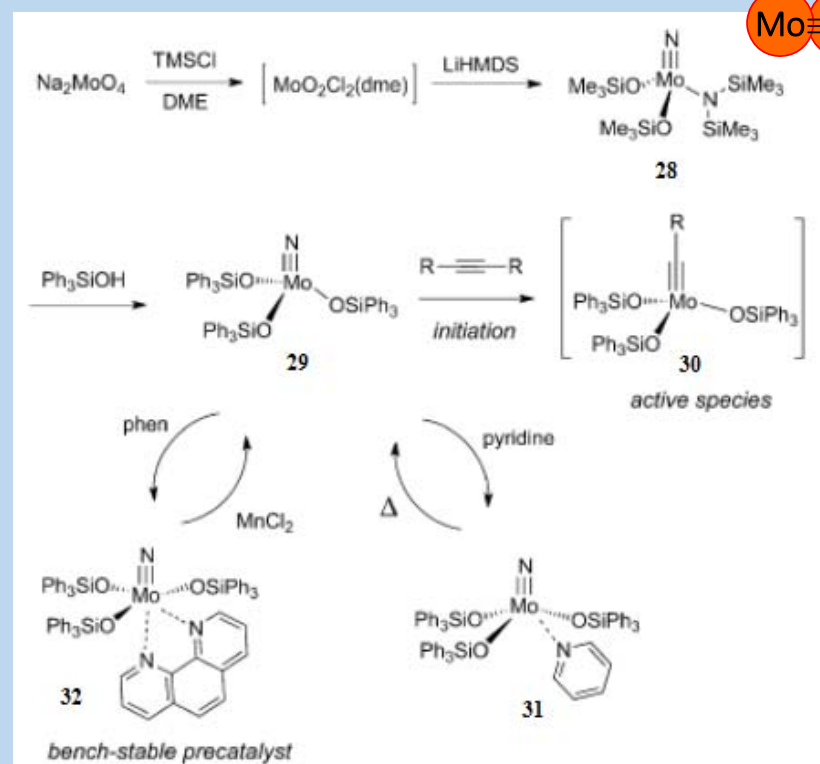
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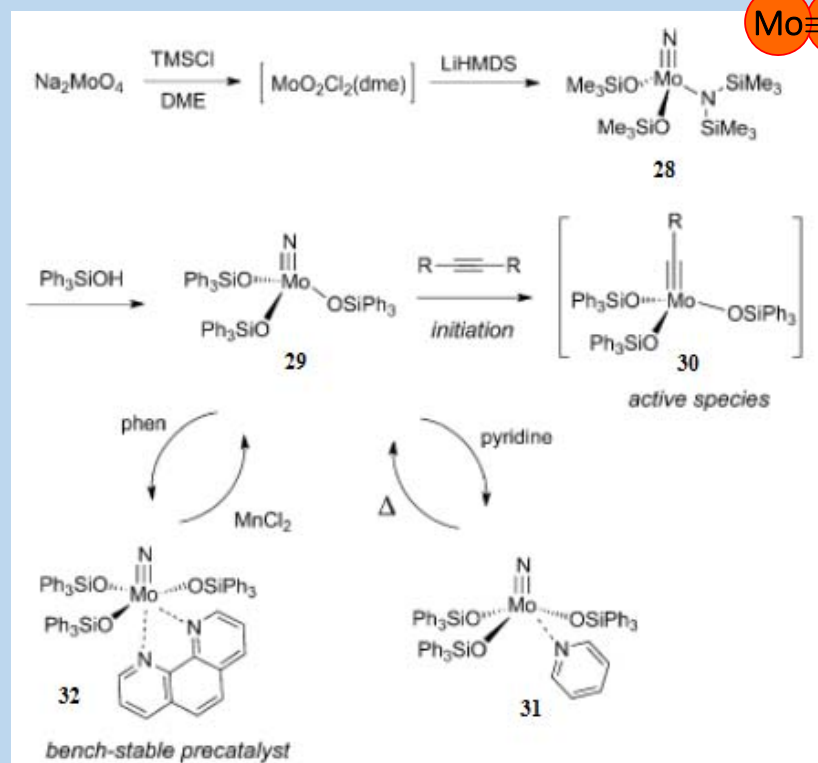
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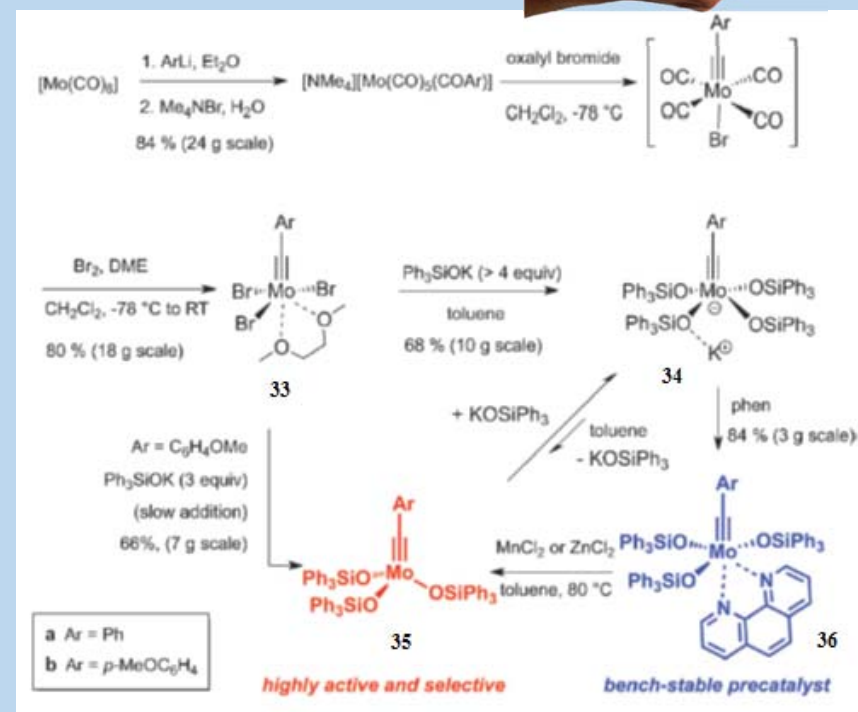
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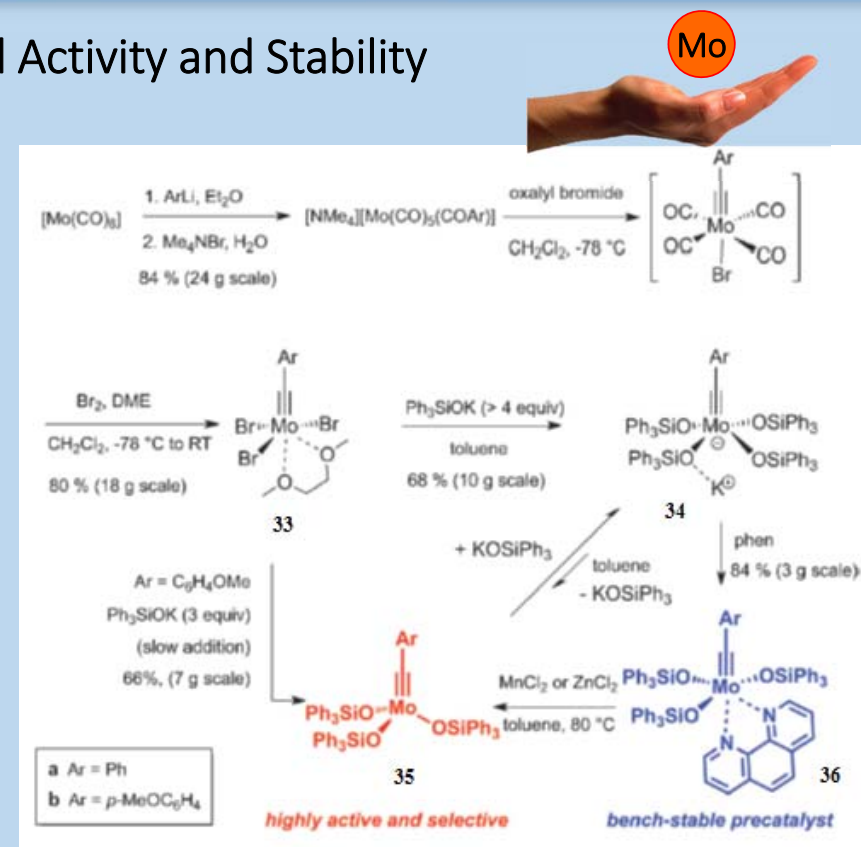
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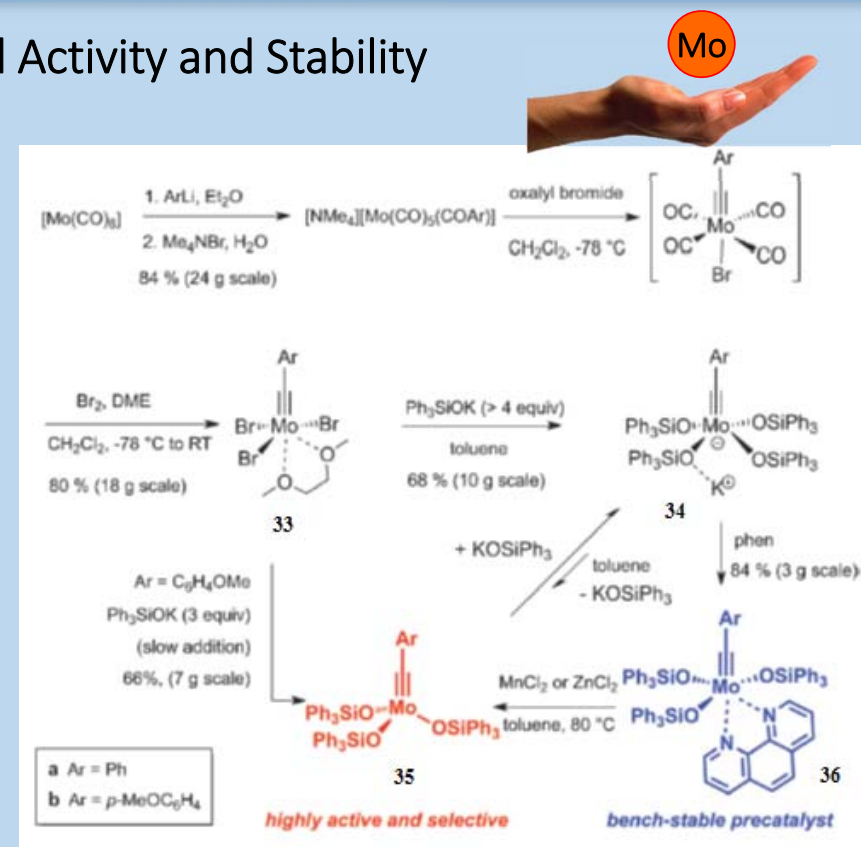
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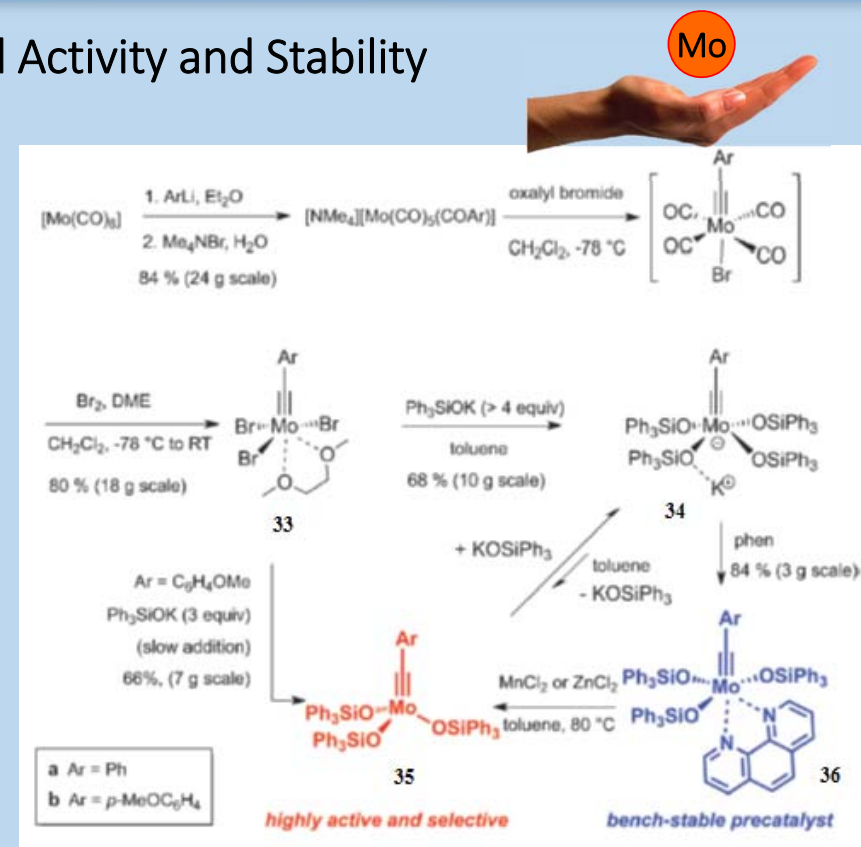
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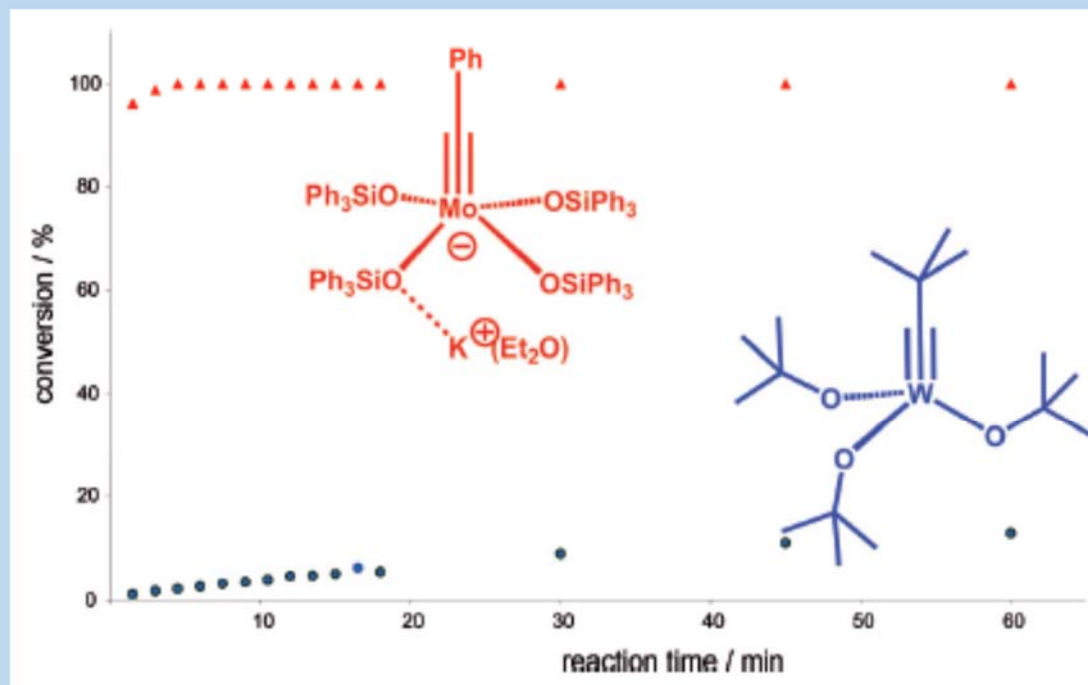
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- Old vs new generation catalyst
- Reaction with 1-phenyl-1-propyne
- New catalyst:
 - 1 mol% catalyst loading
 - Quantitative after < 5 min at rt
- Old generation:
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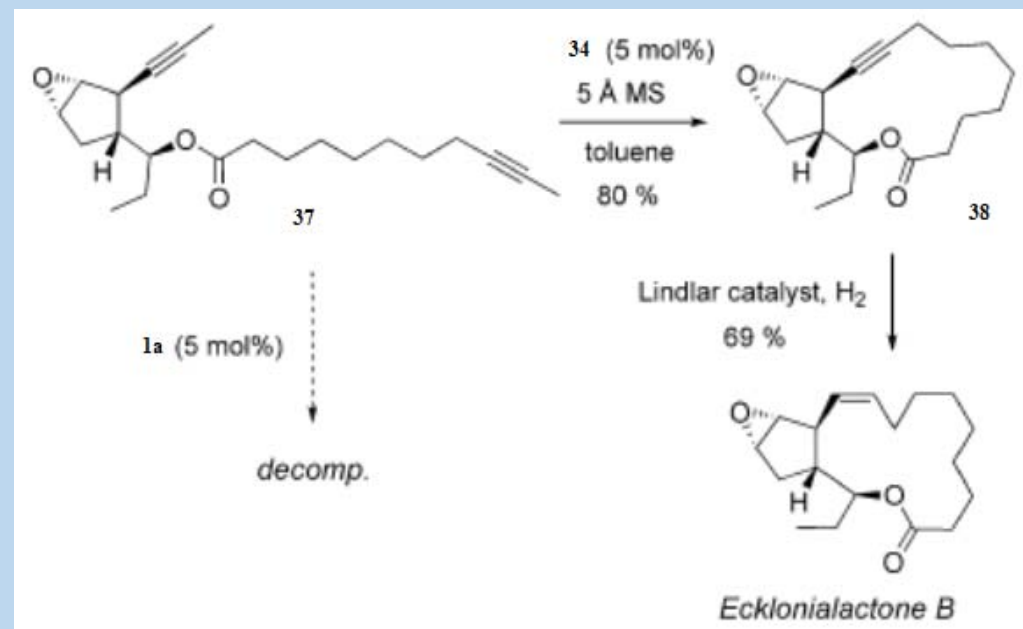
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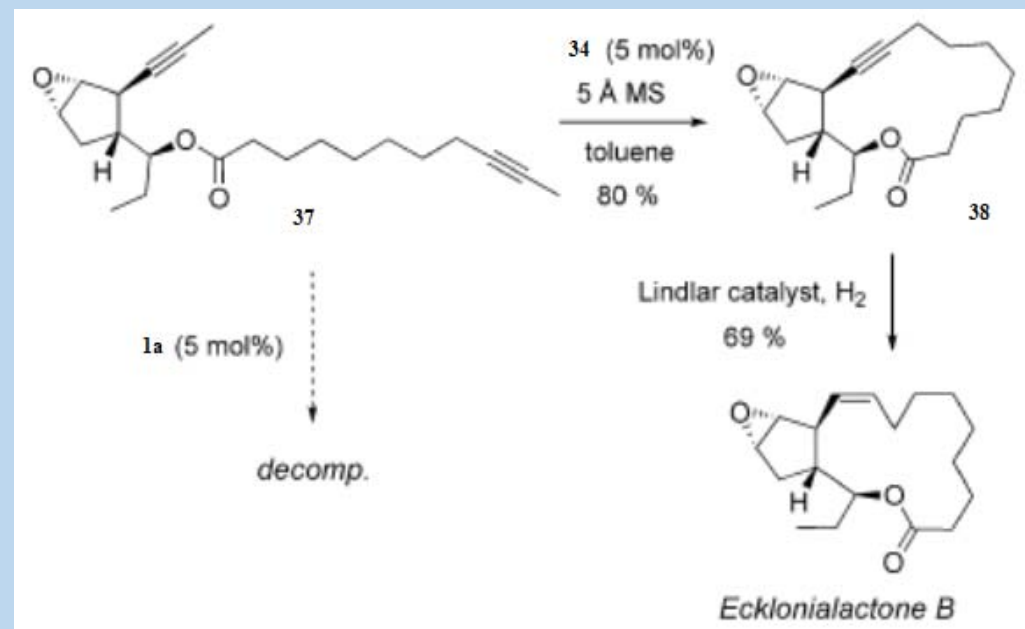


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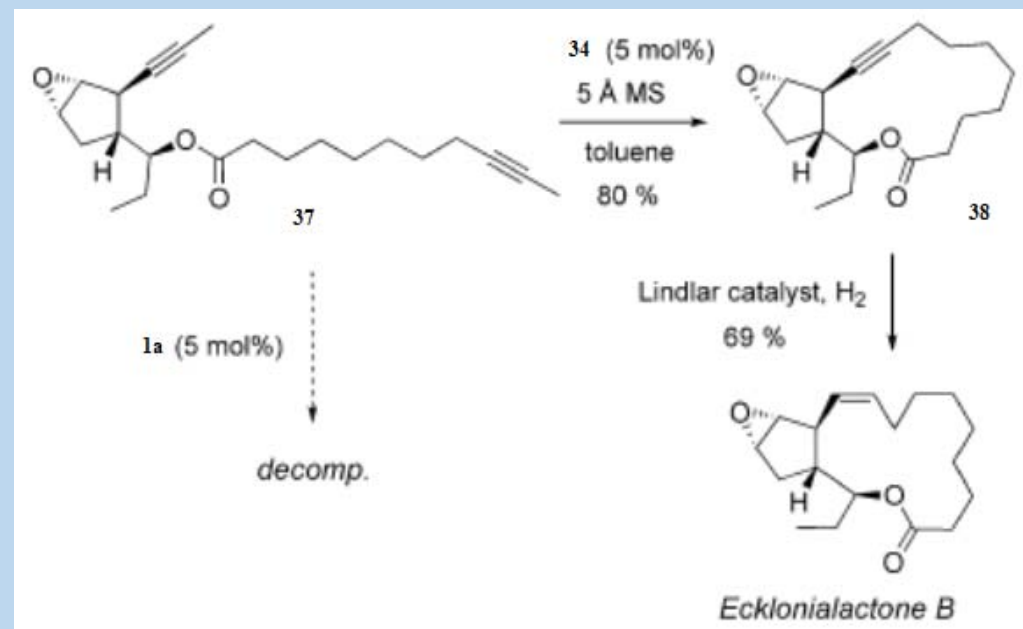
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- Old vs new generation catalyst
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 - Destroy acid-sensitive epoxide **37**
 - Deactivated by basic nitrogen and divalent sulfur
- New catalyst:
 - Lead to product **38** with excellent yield
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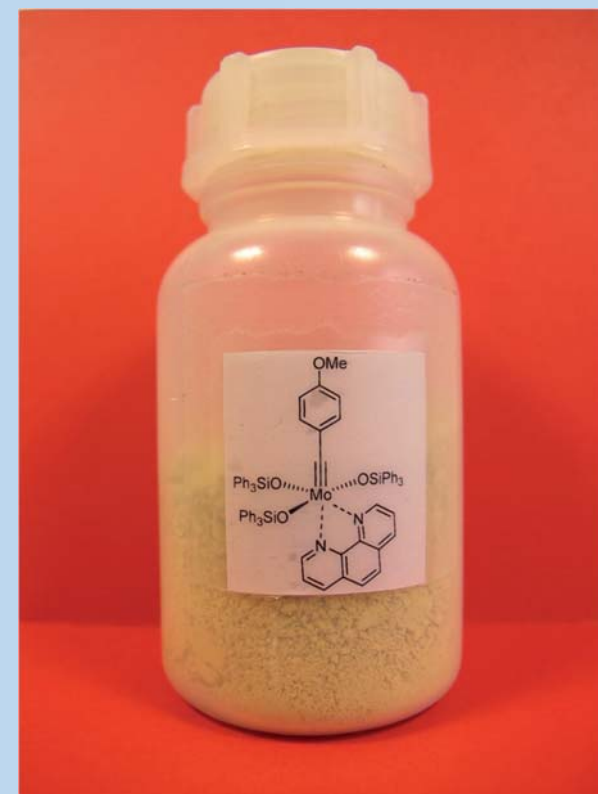


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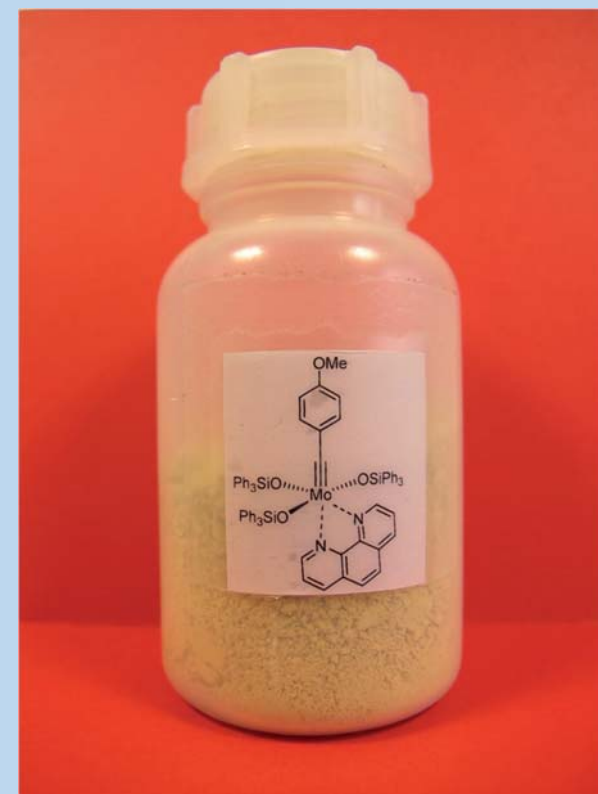
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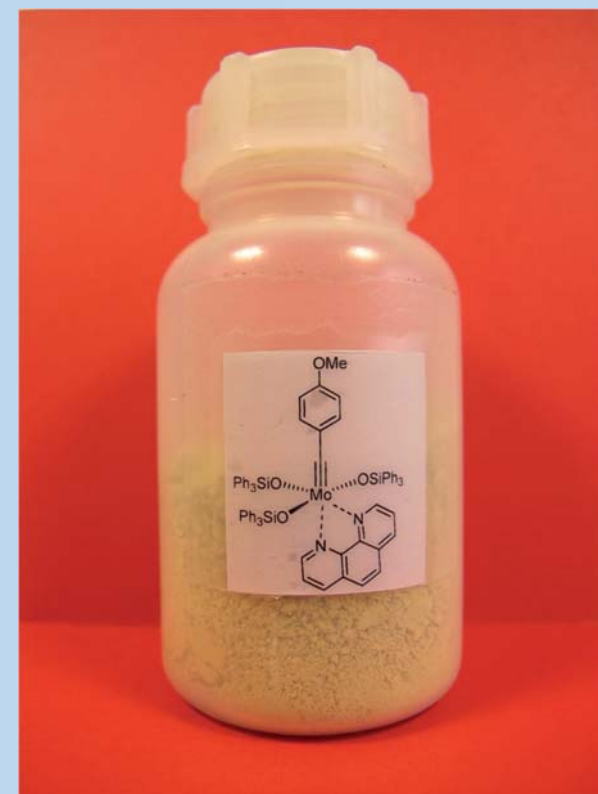
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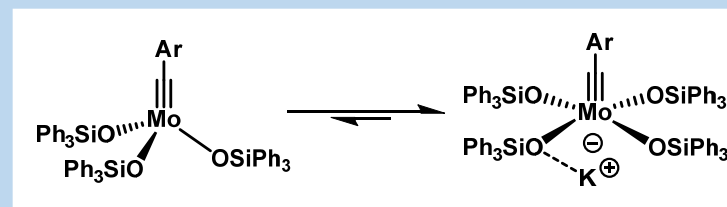
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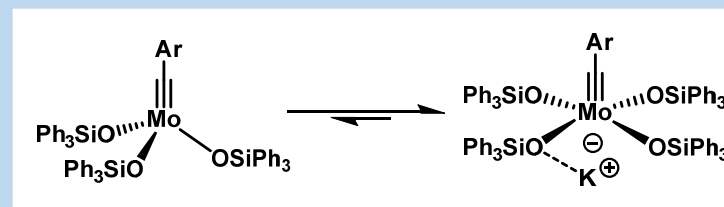
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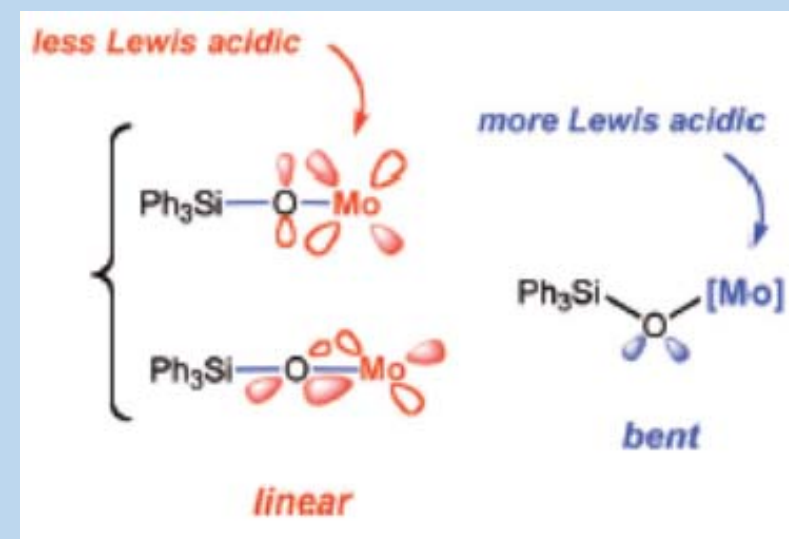
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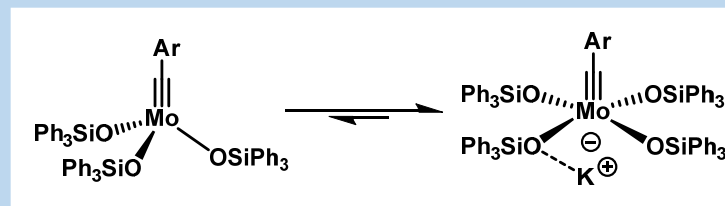
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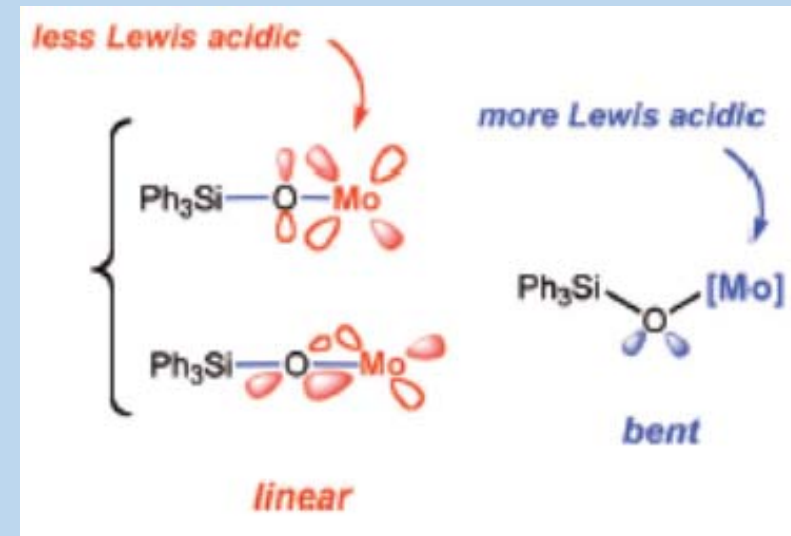


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• X-ray: stretching and bending Mo-O-Si is facile

- Catalyst may adapt during the catalytic cycle
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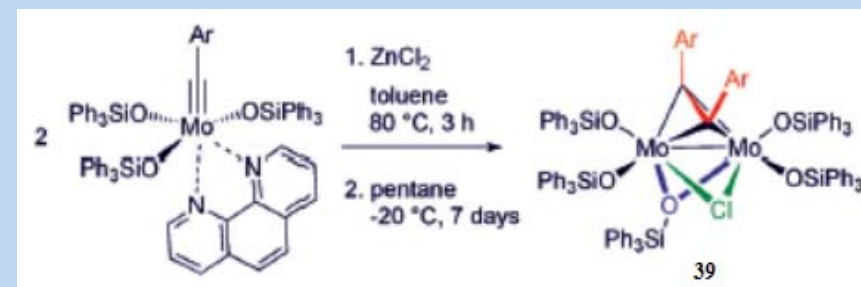
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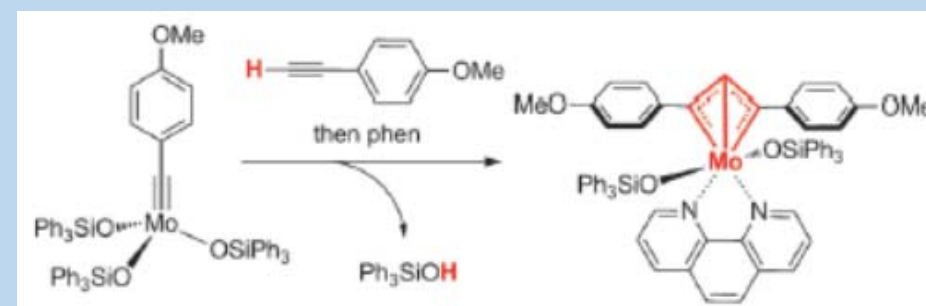
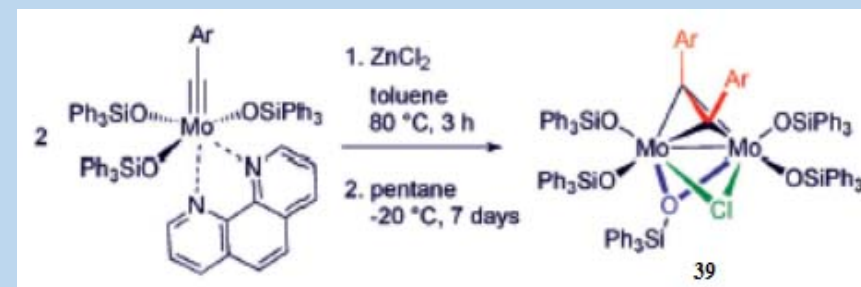
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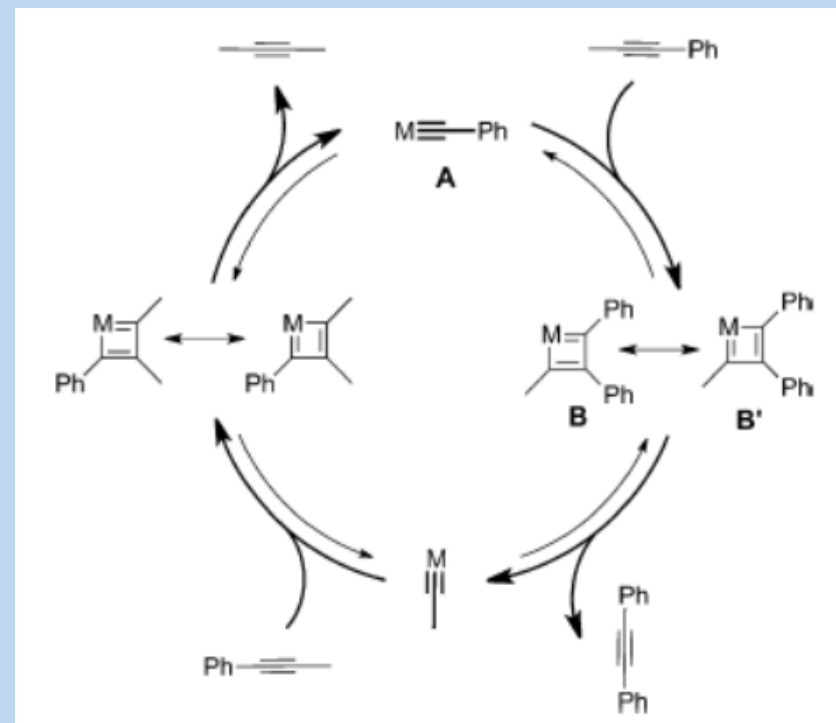
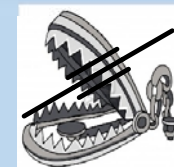
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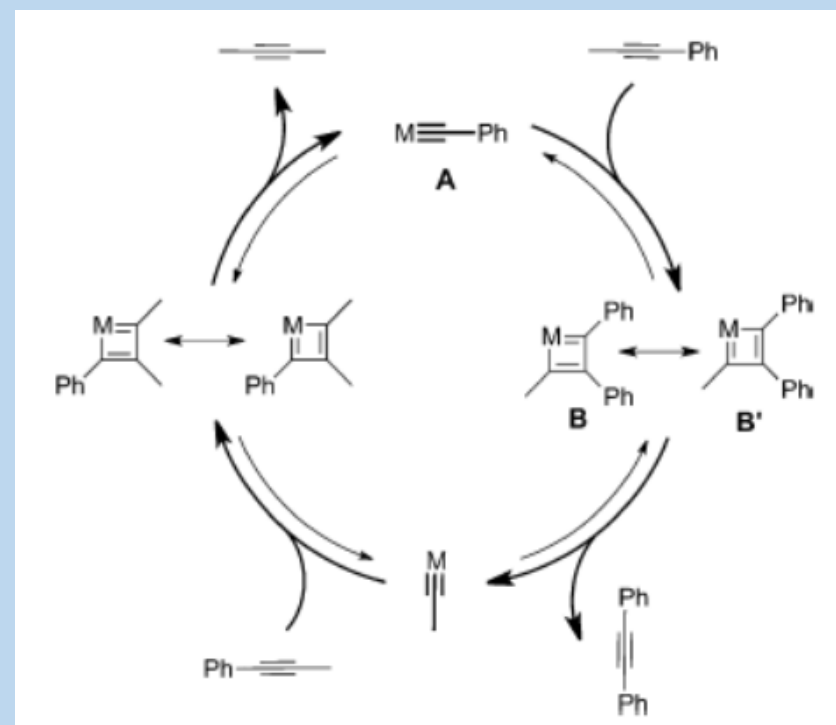
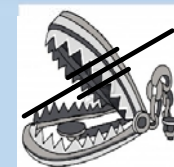
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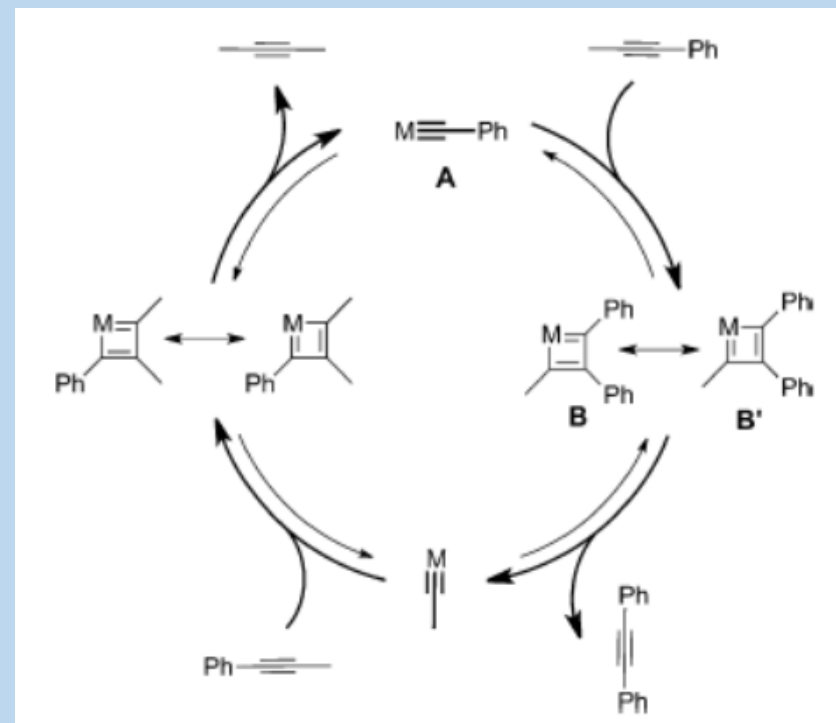
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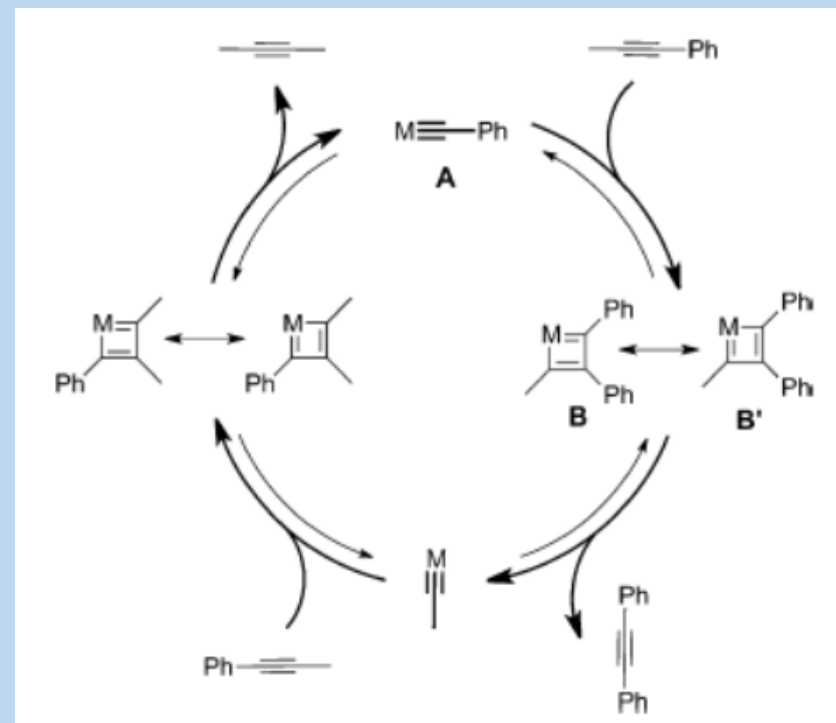
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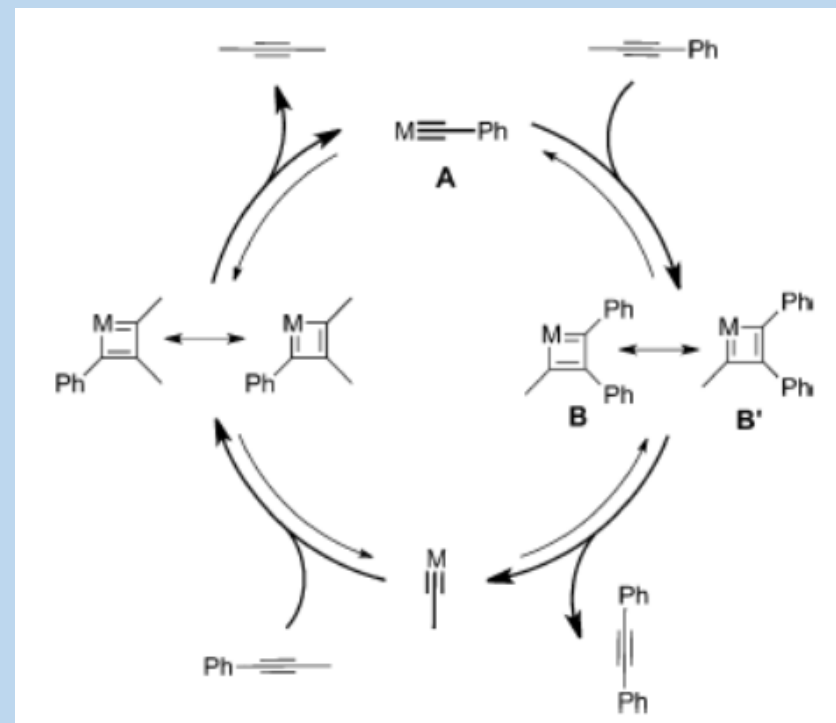
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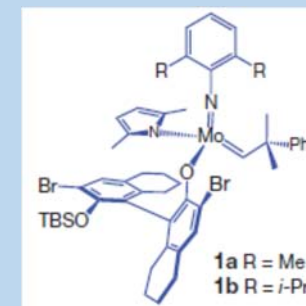
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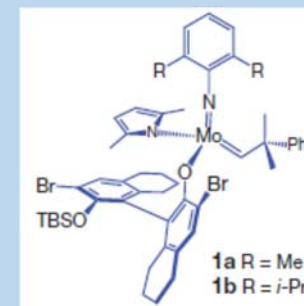
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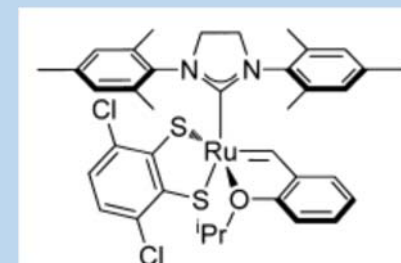
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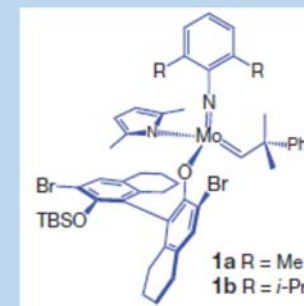
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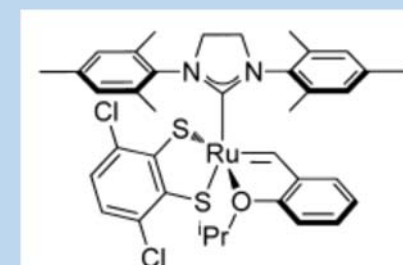
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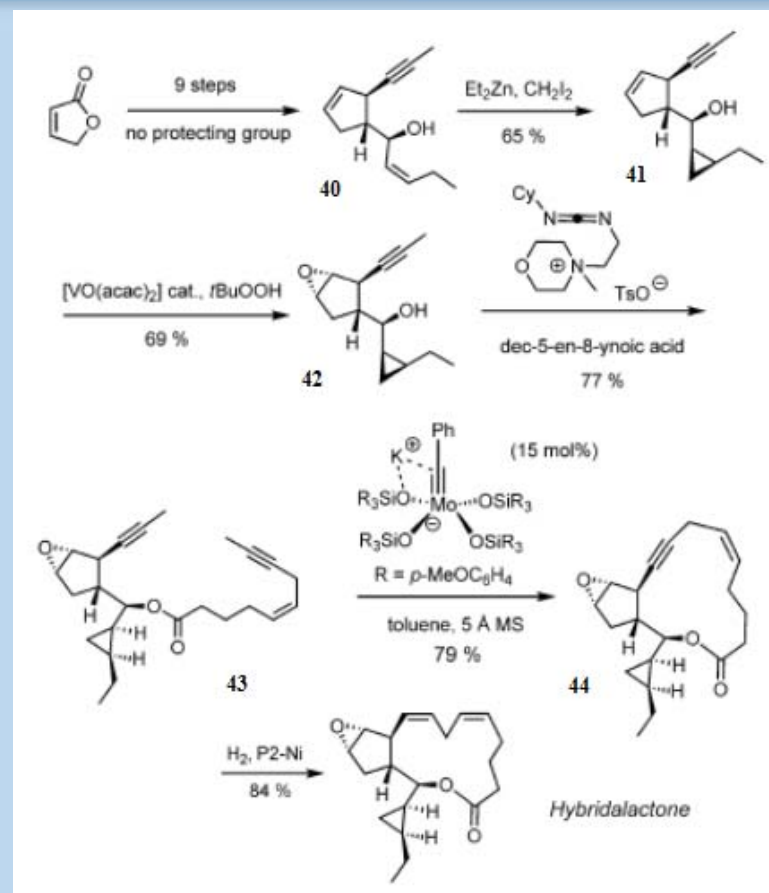
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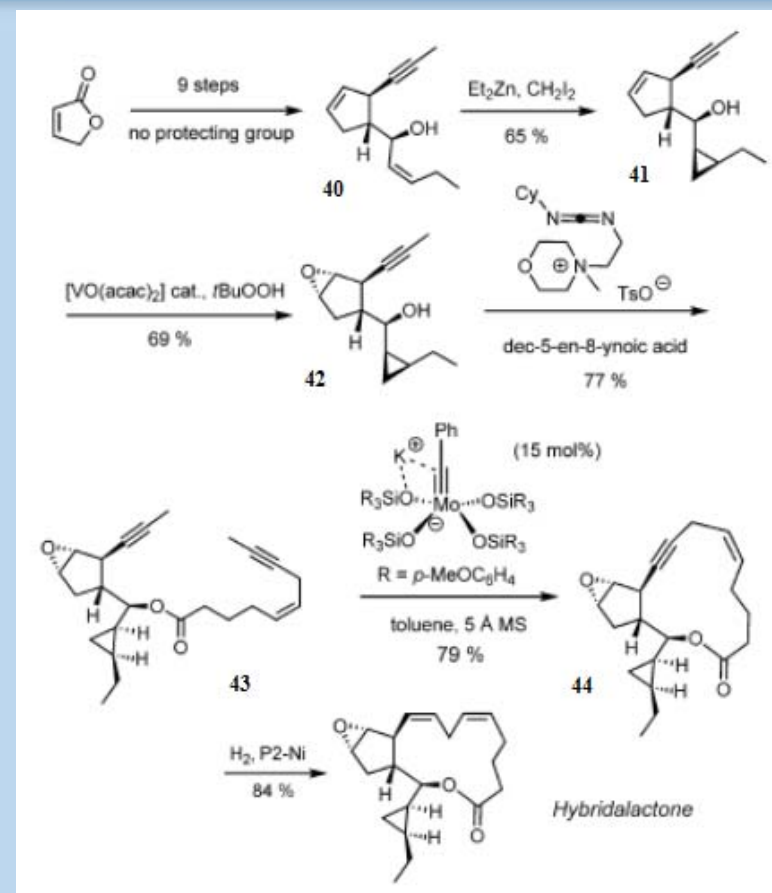
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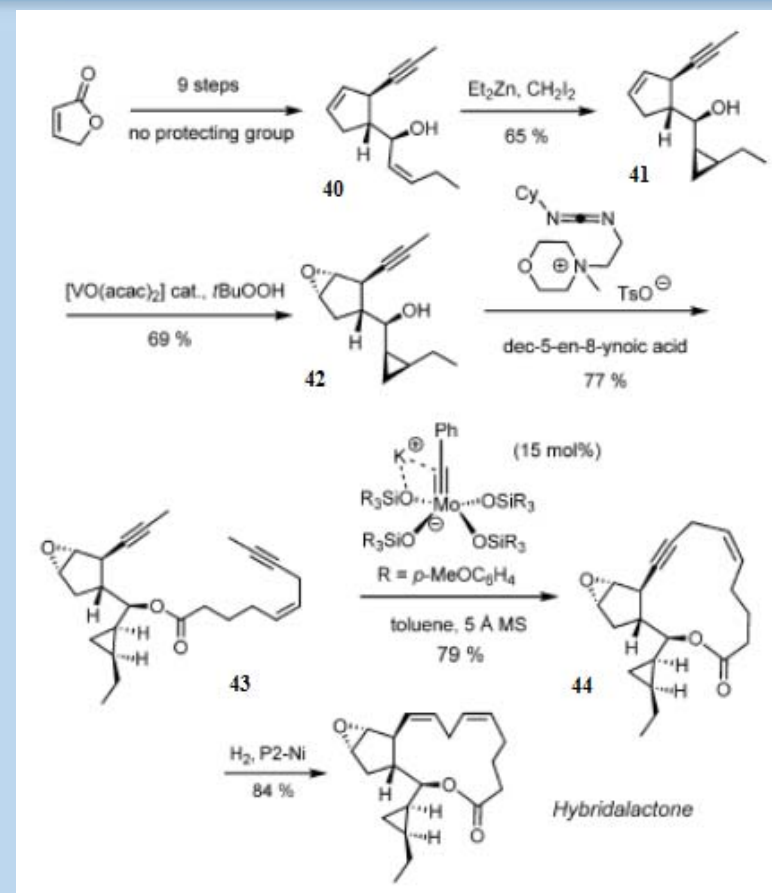
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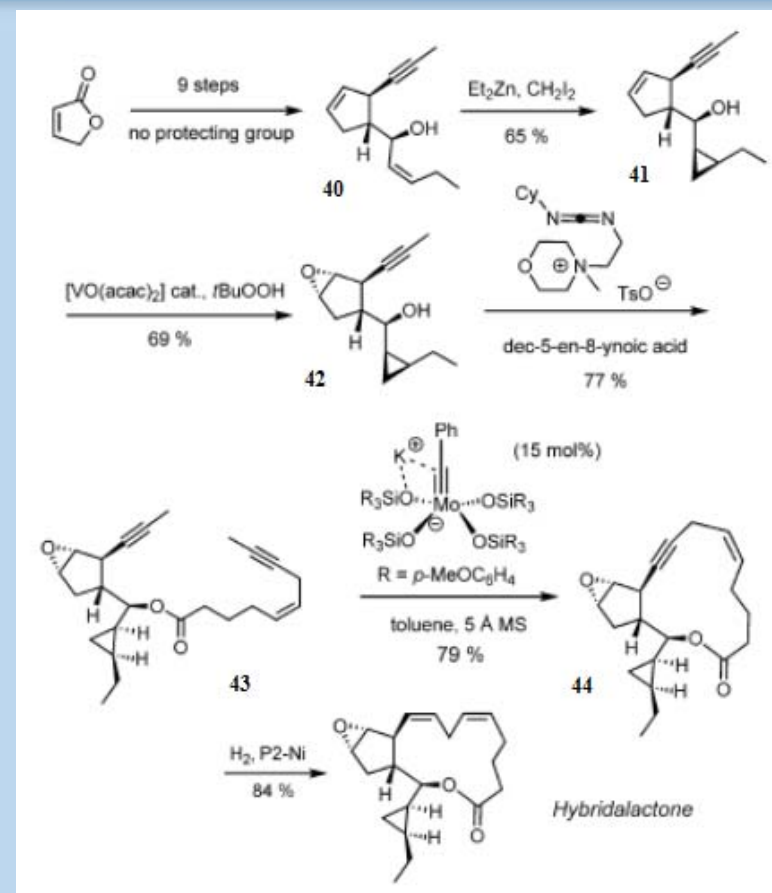
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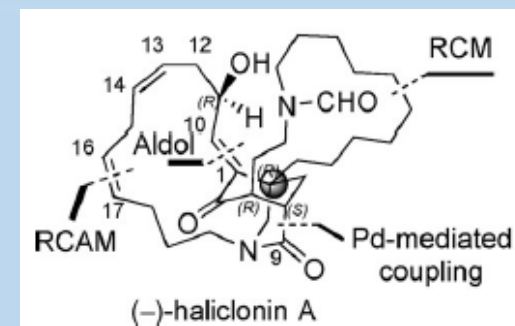
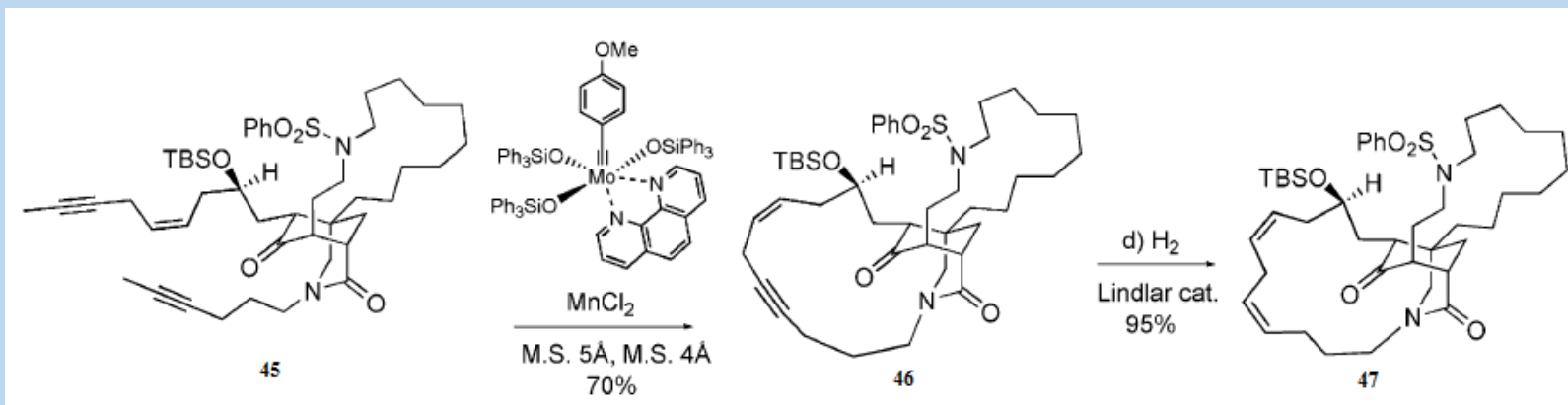
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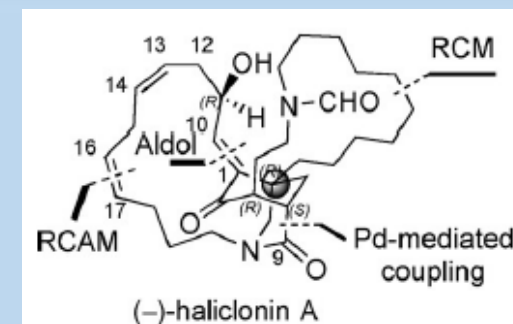
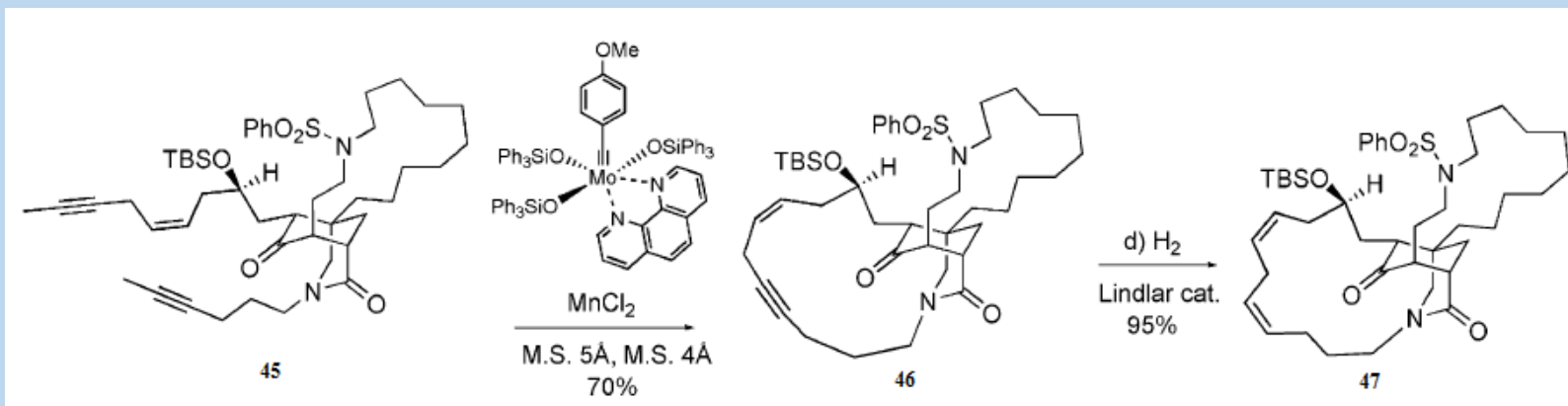
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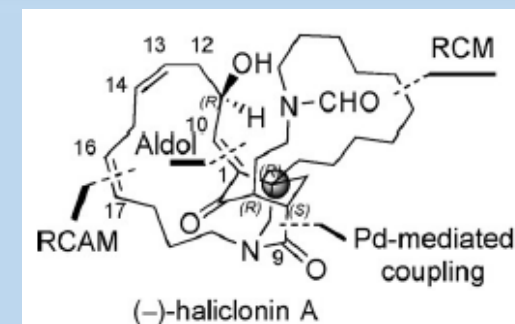
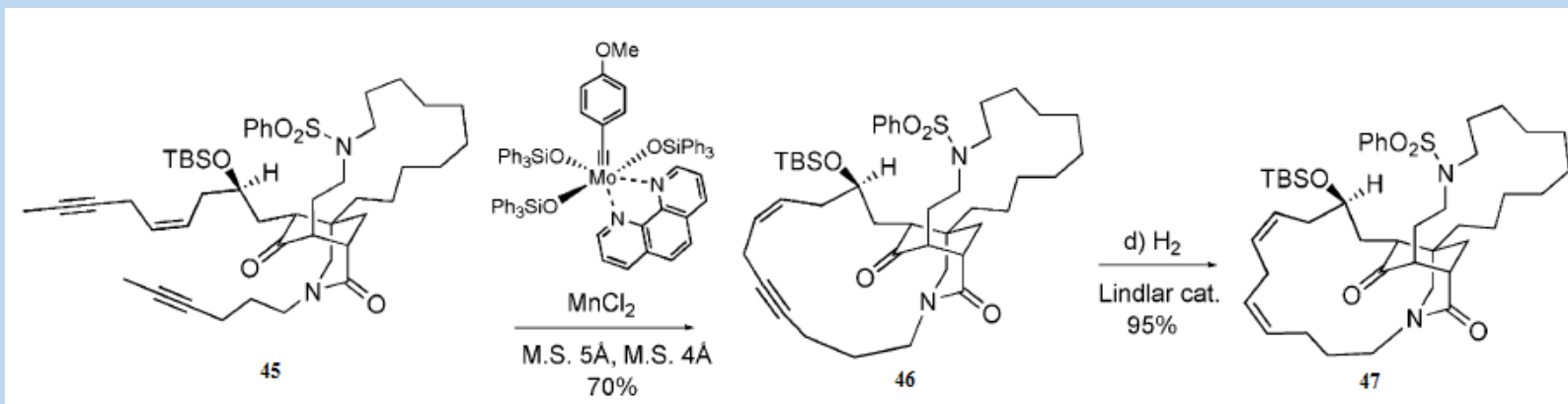
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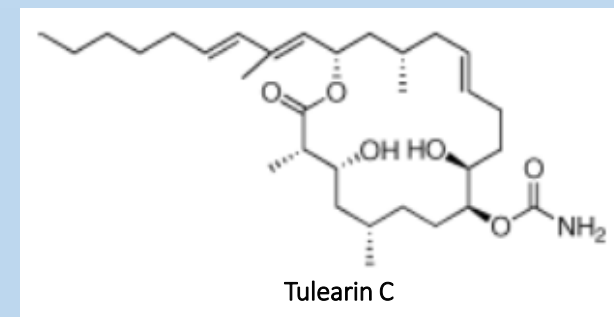
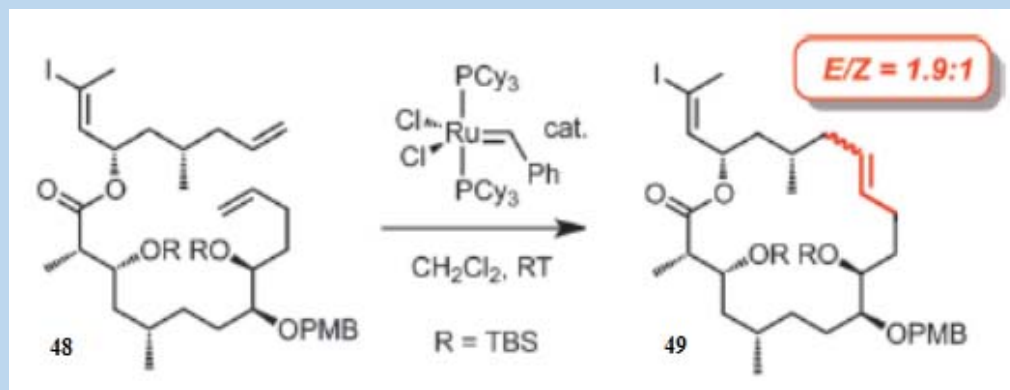


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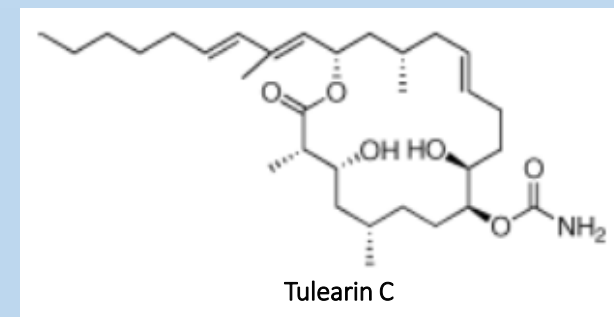
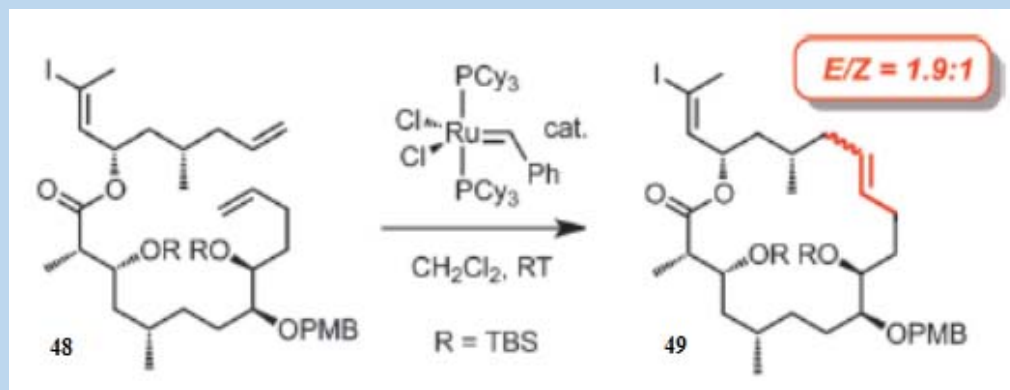


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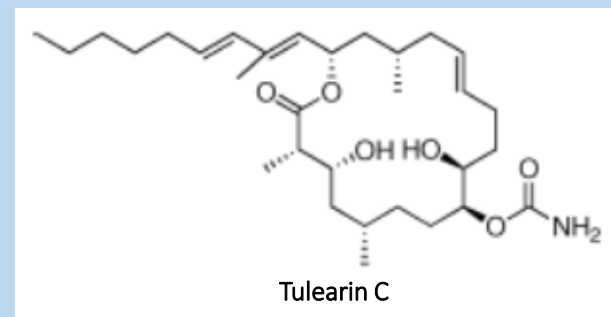
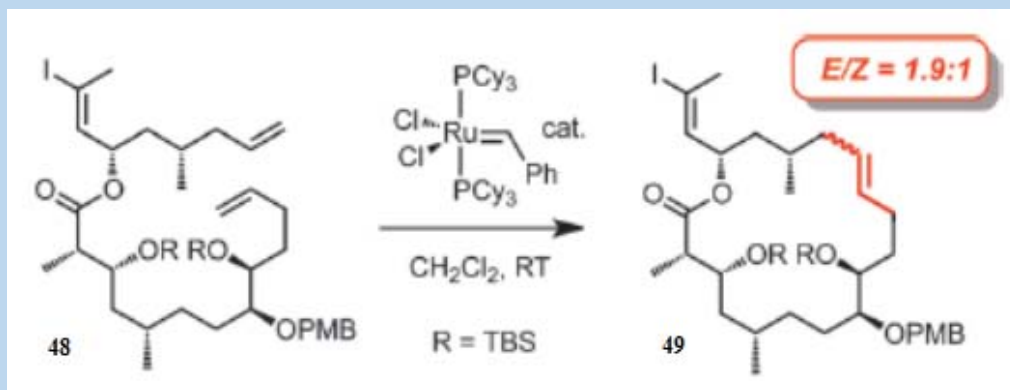


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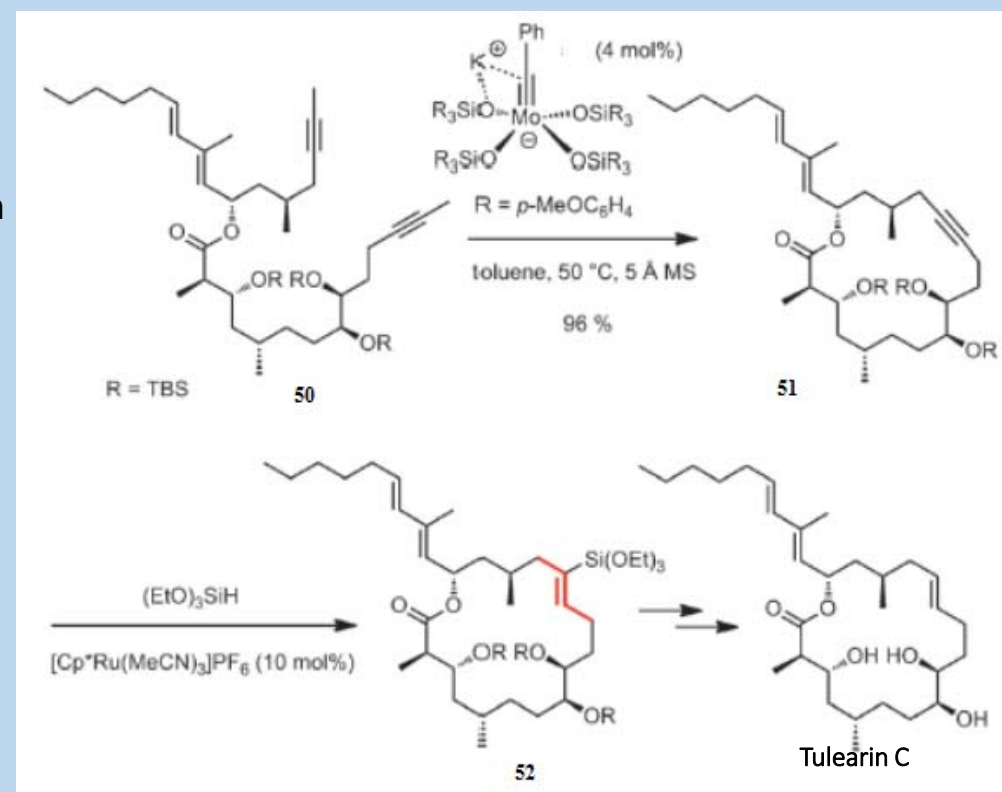
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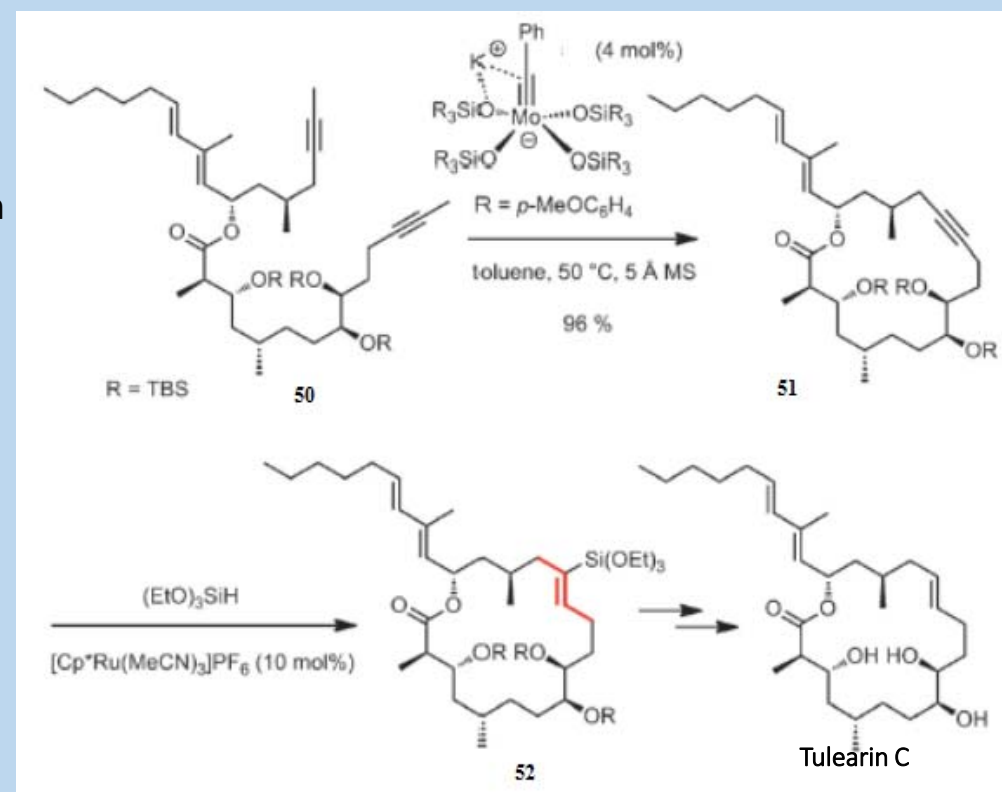
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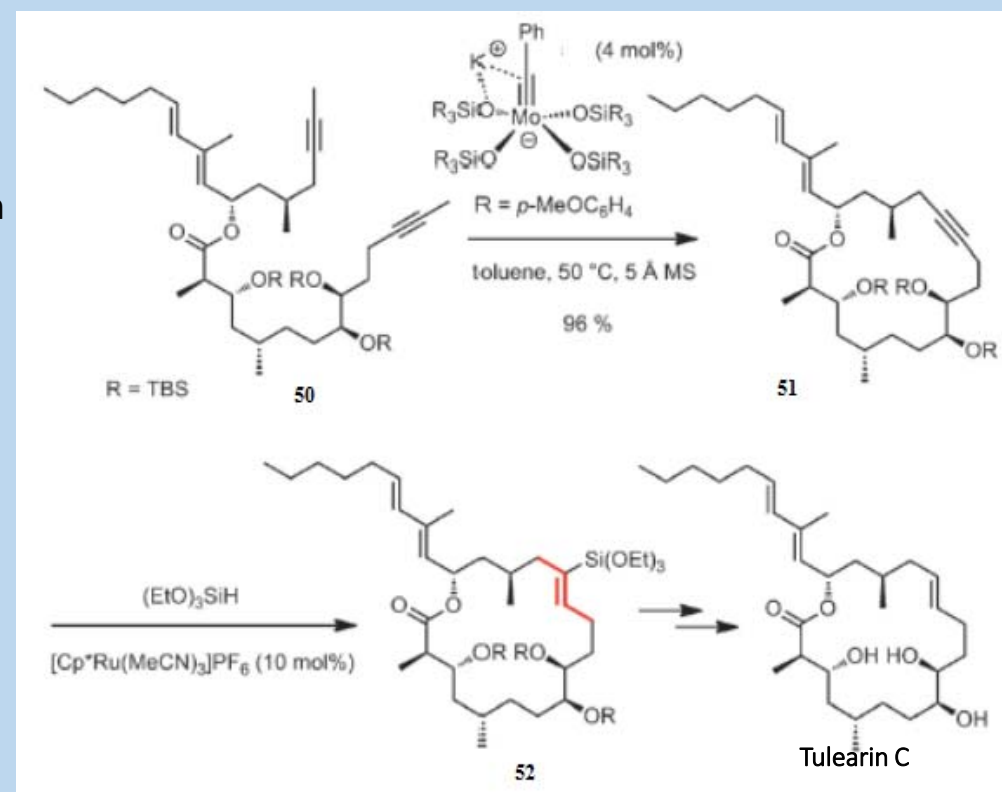
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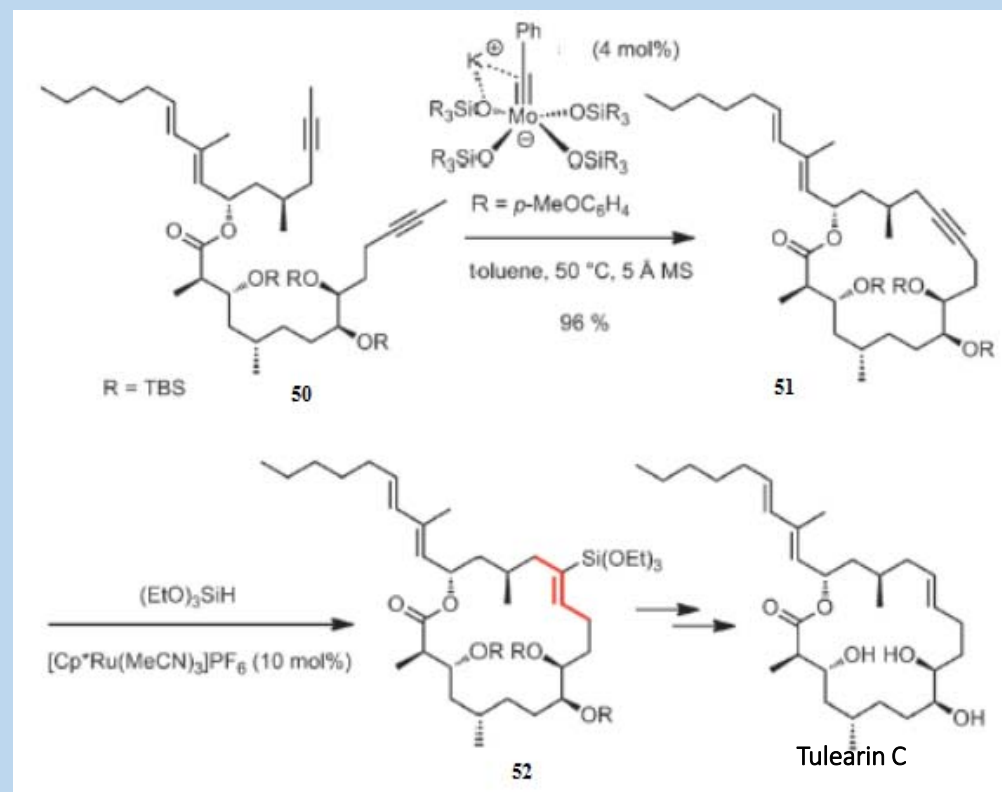
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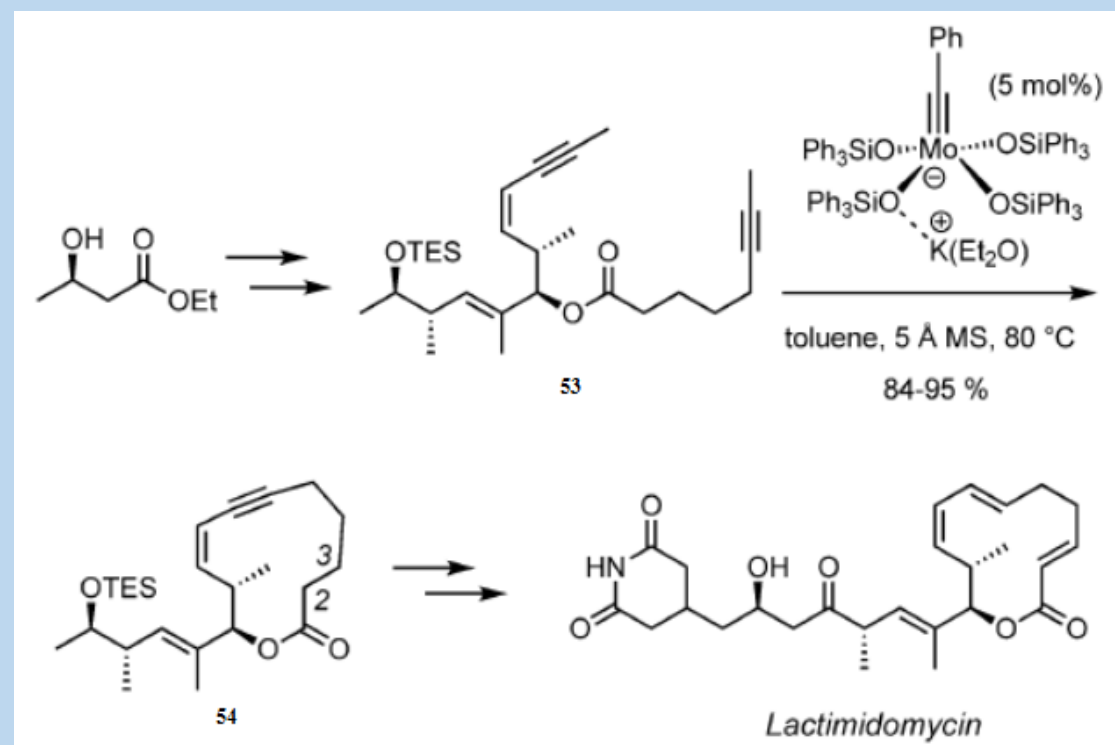
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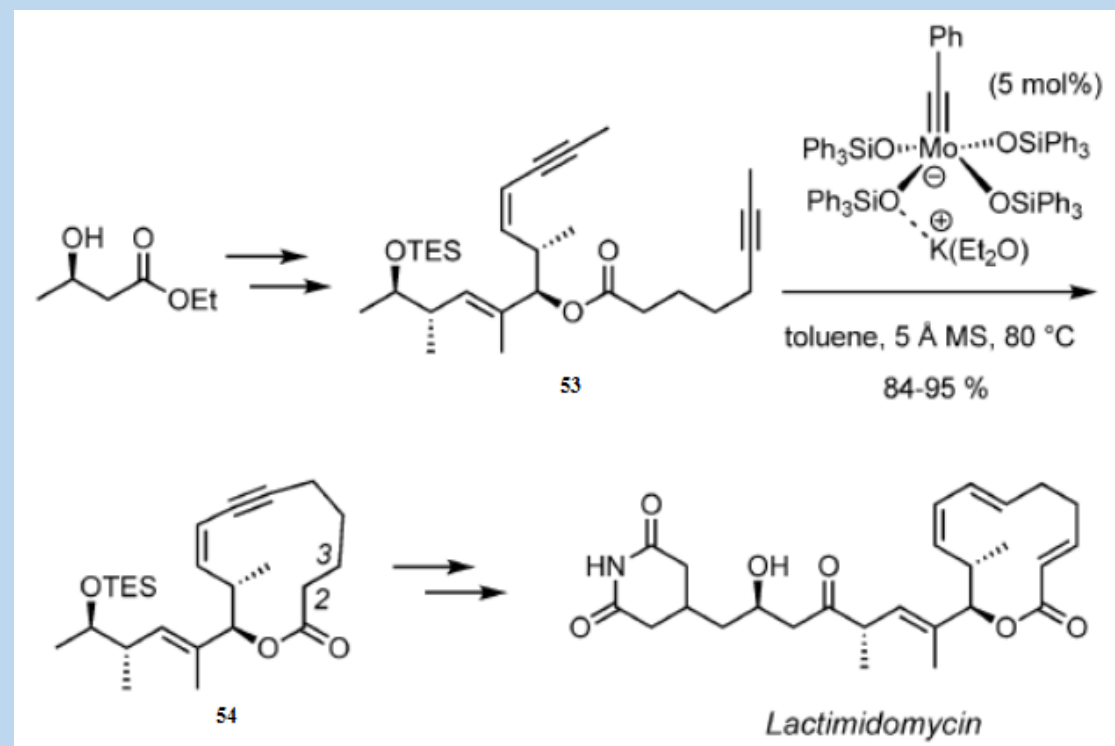
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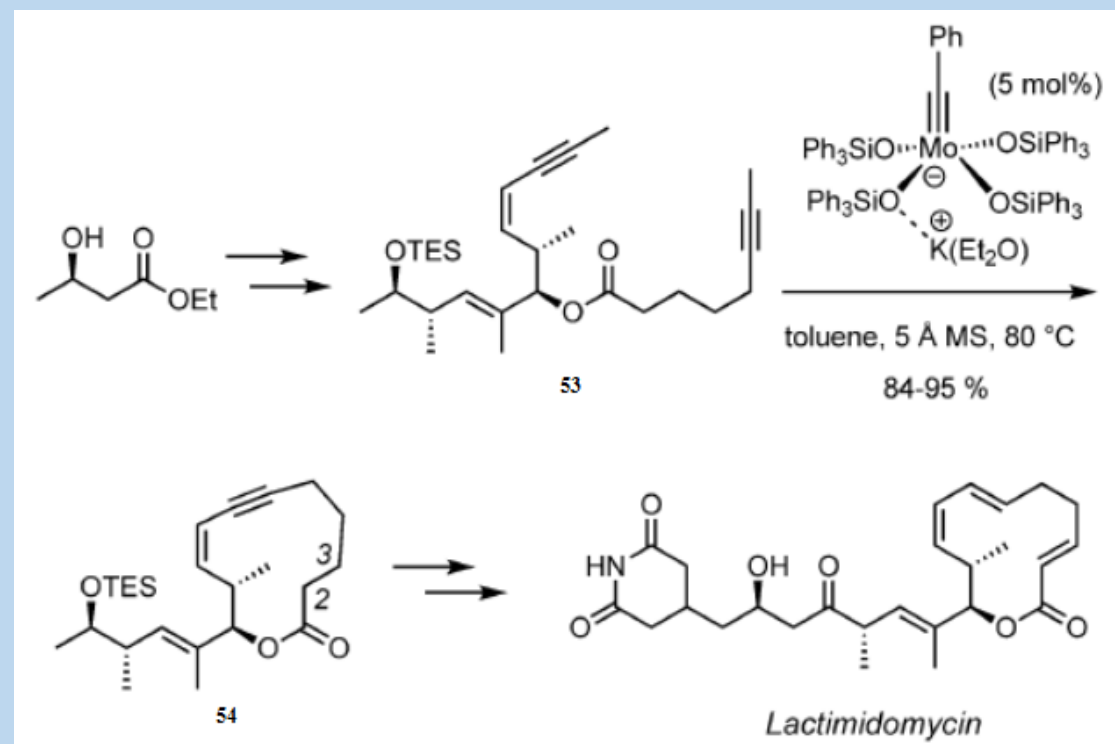
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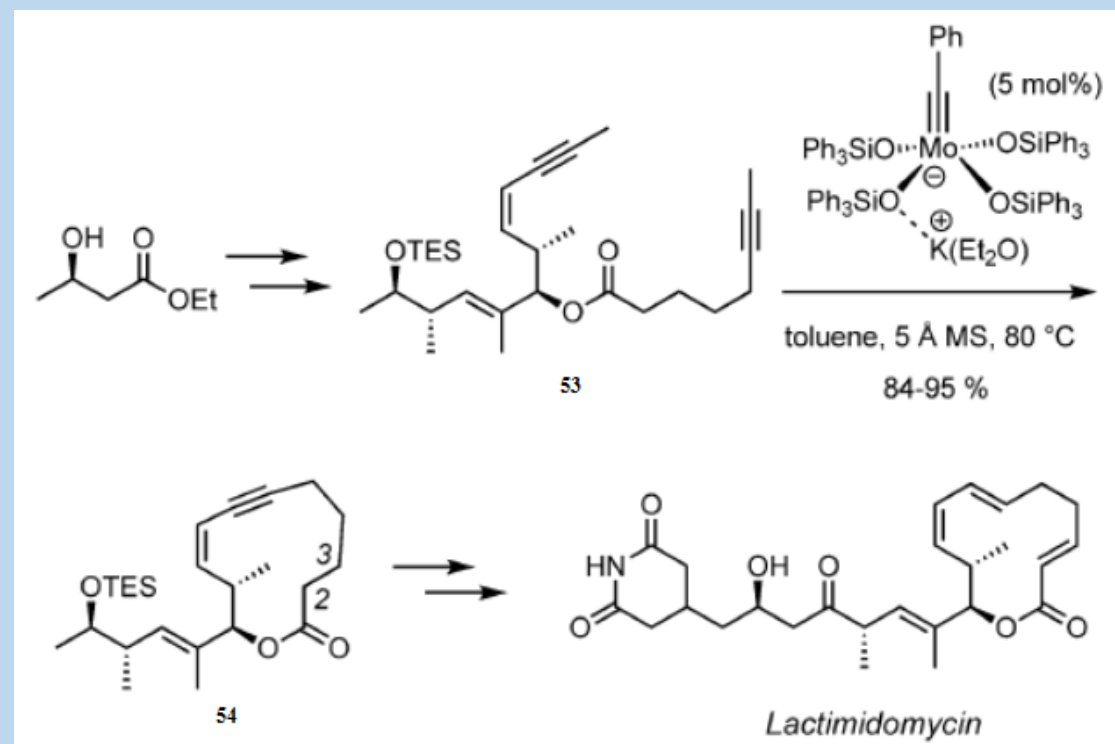
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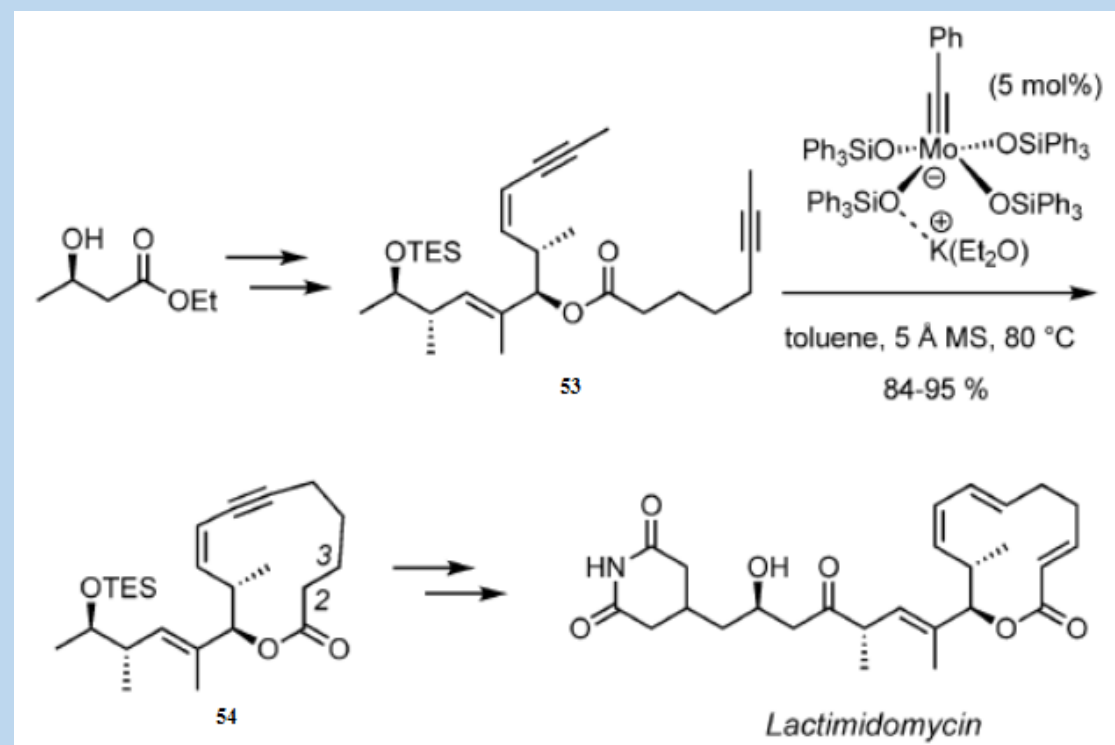
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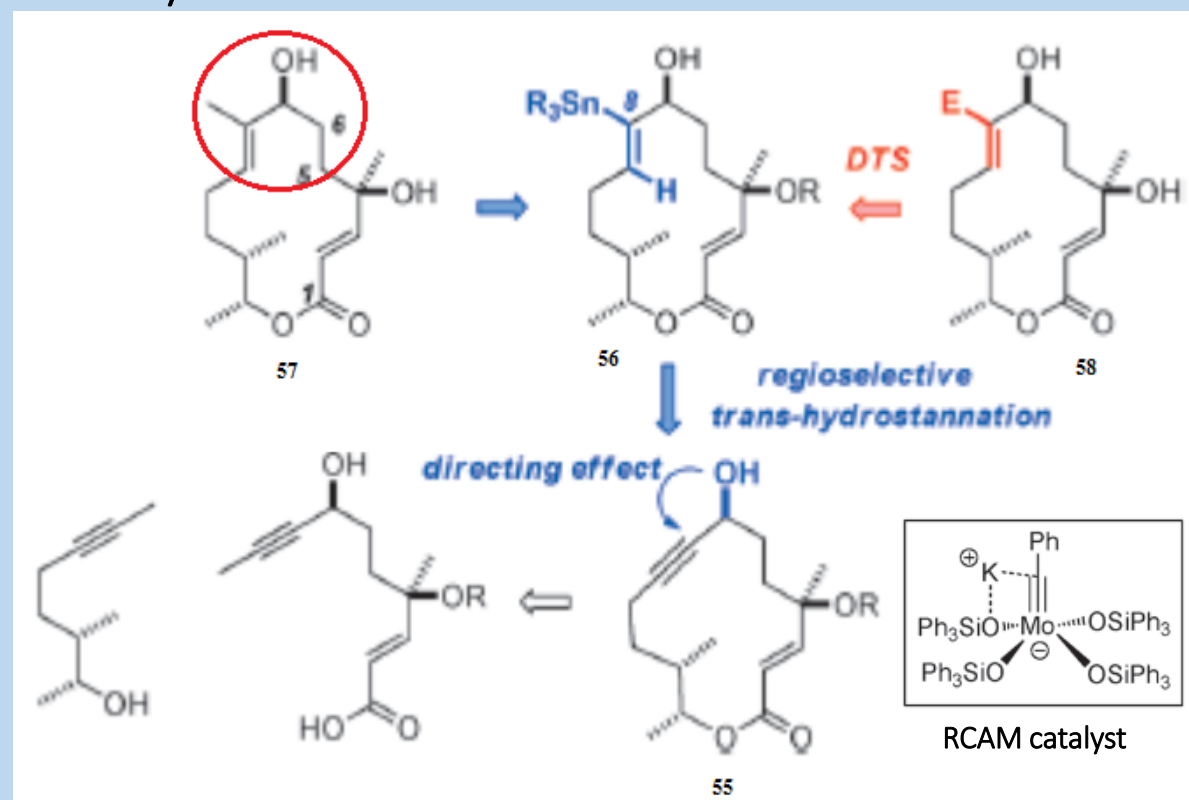
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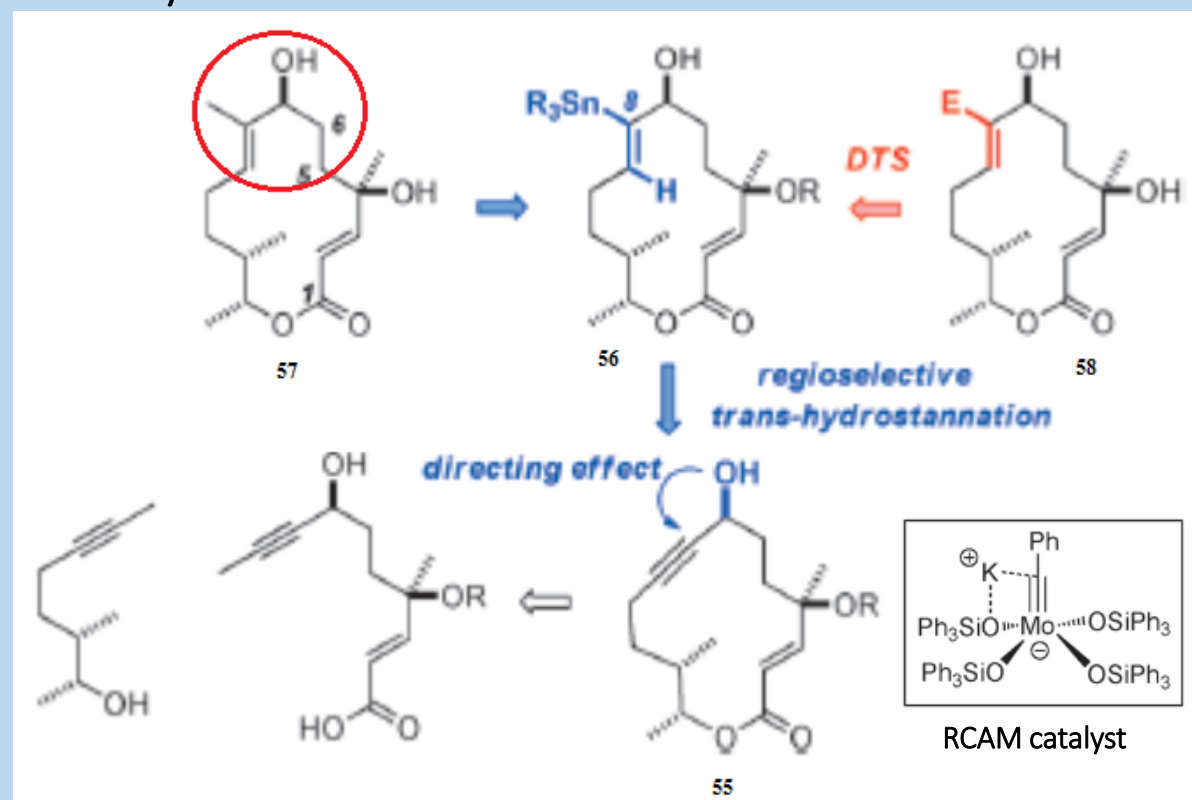
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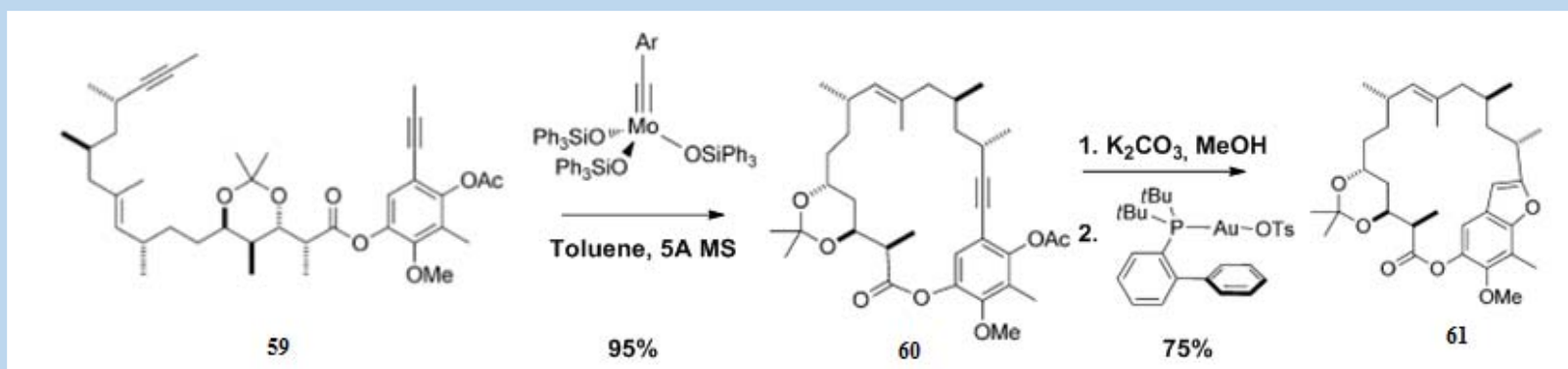
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6. How to further use that alkyne ? - Kendomycin



- RCAM followed by Au-cat. Hydroalkoxylation - Synthesis of benzofurane
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L. Hoffmeister, P. Persich, A. Fürstner, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2014**, *20*, 4396 - 4402.



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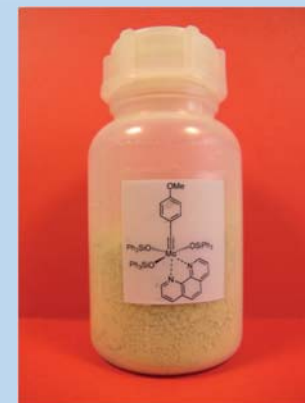
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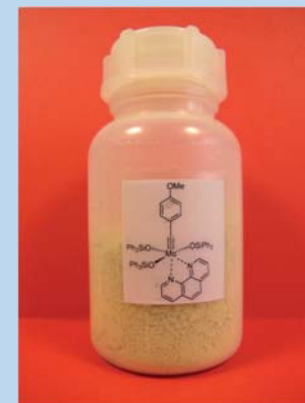


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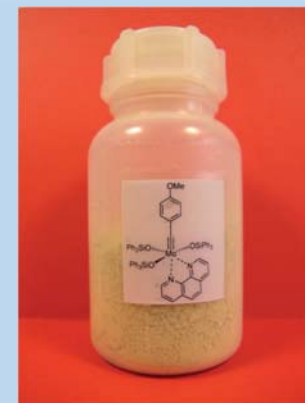


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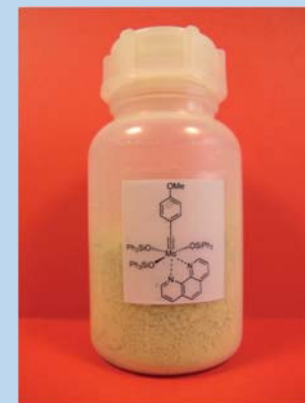


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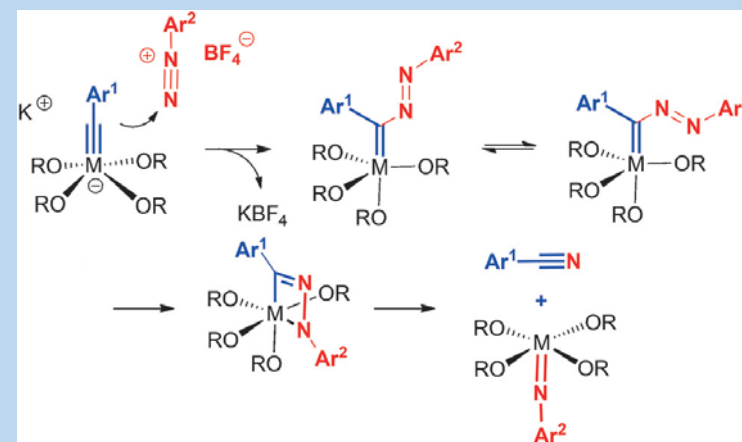
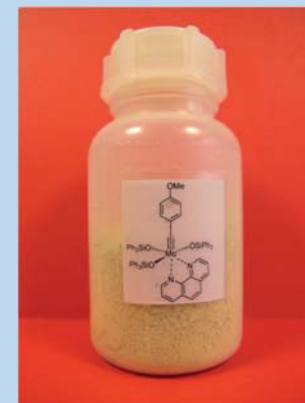


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