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Weinreb Amides in Organic Synthesis

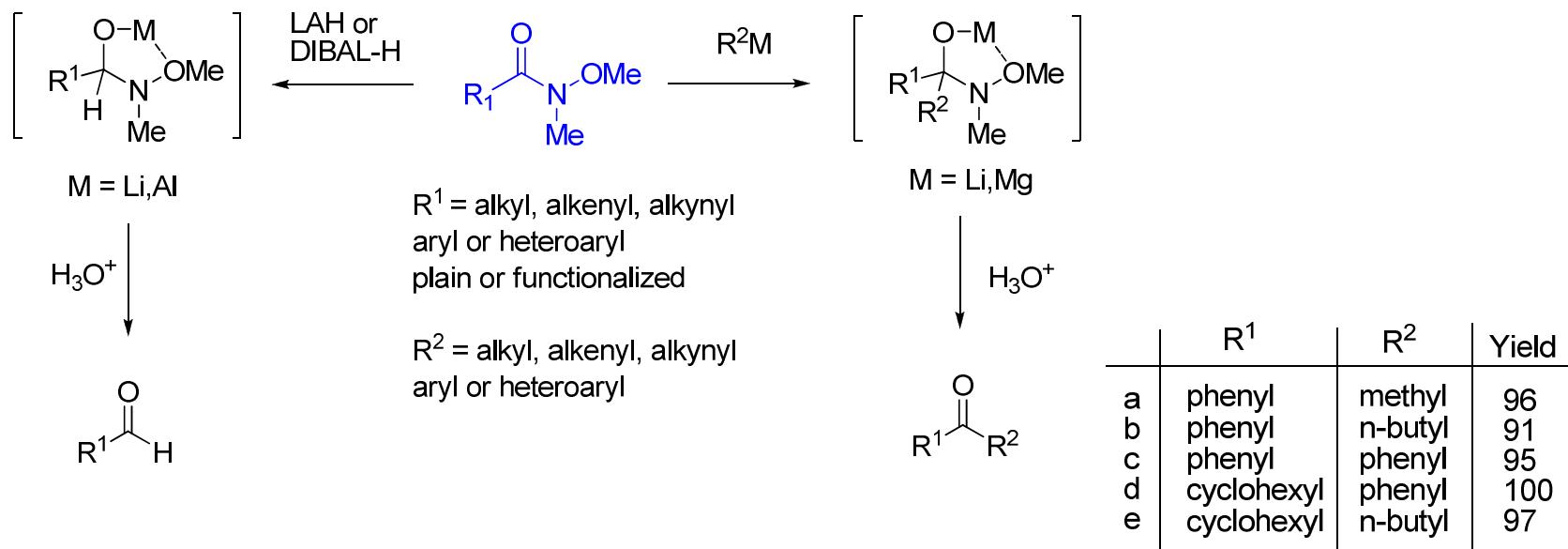
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1. Generalities

N-Methoxy-N-methylamides = Weinreb amides (WAs)
acylating agent
reduction to aldehydes



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Simplicity: easy preparation by in situ activation of the carboxyl group

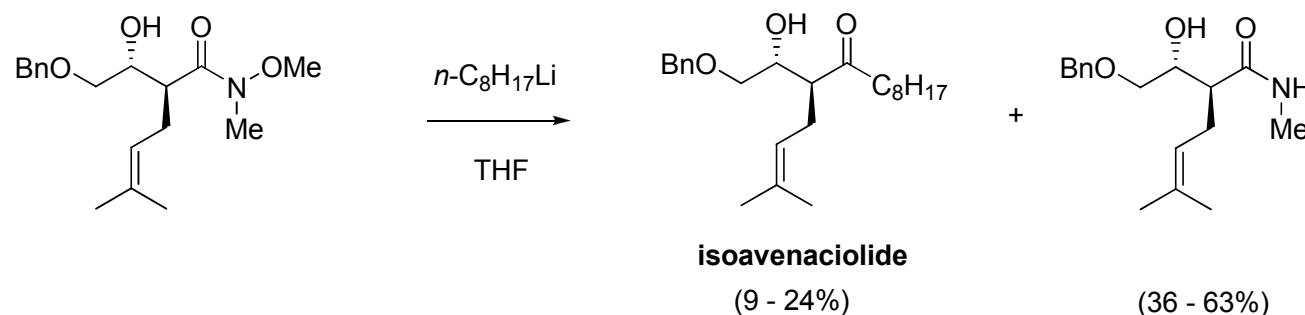
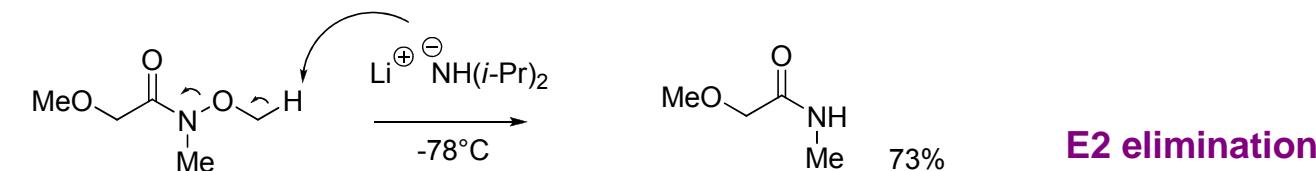
Success: effective acylating agent → access to highly functionalized ketones

Scale up: use of WA in industry

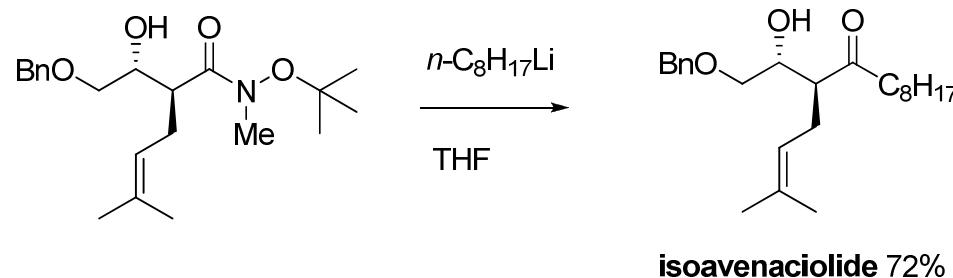
Stability and hence easy storability

2. Limitations

Demethoxylation



Solution

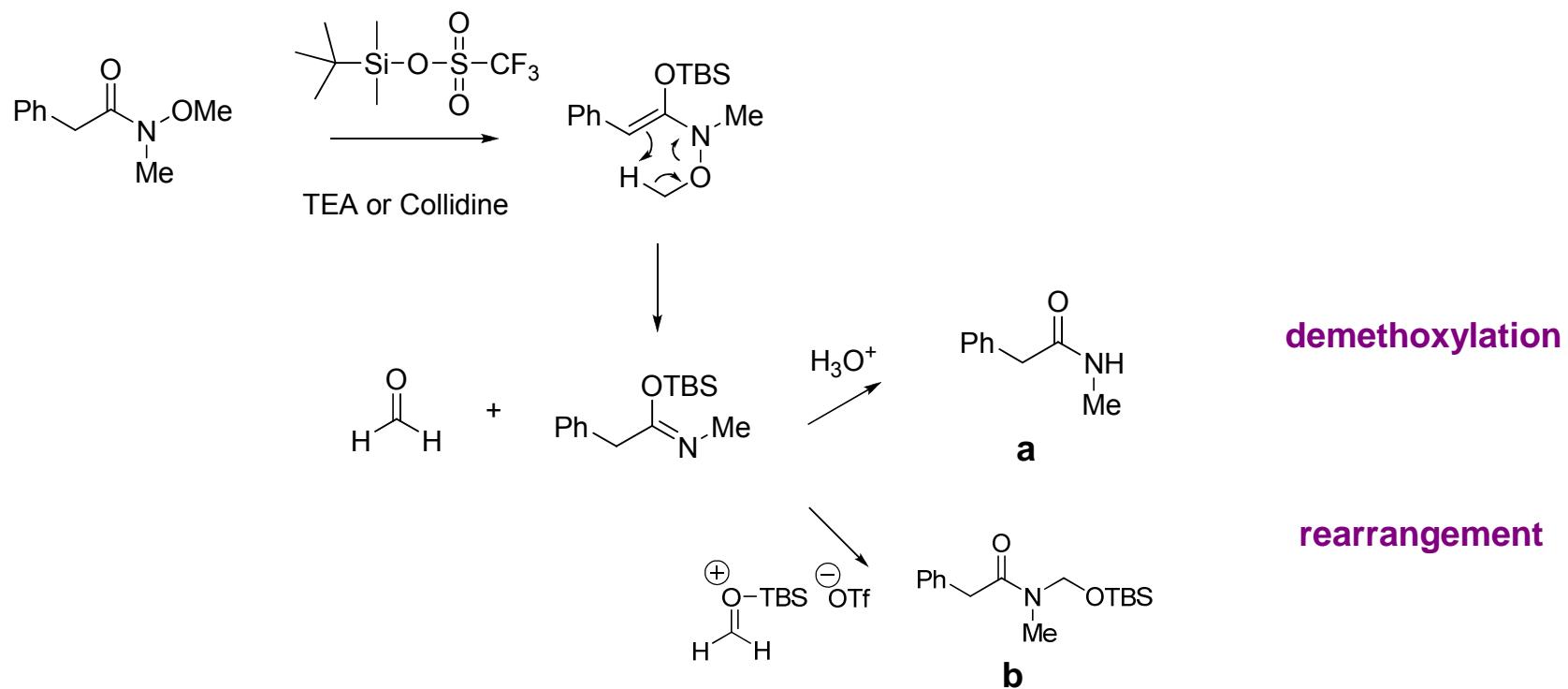


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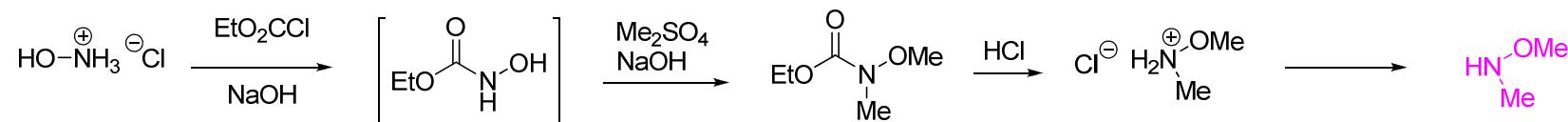
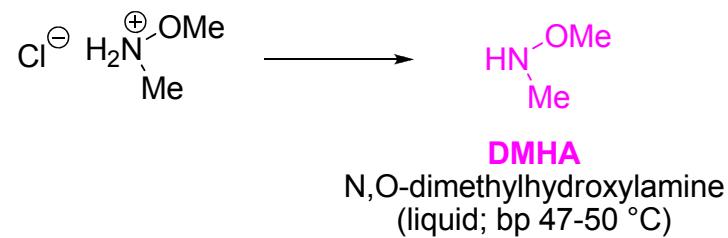
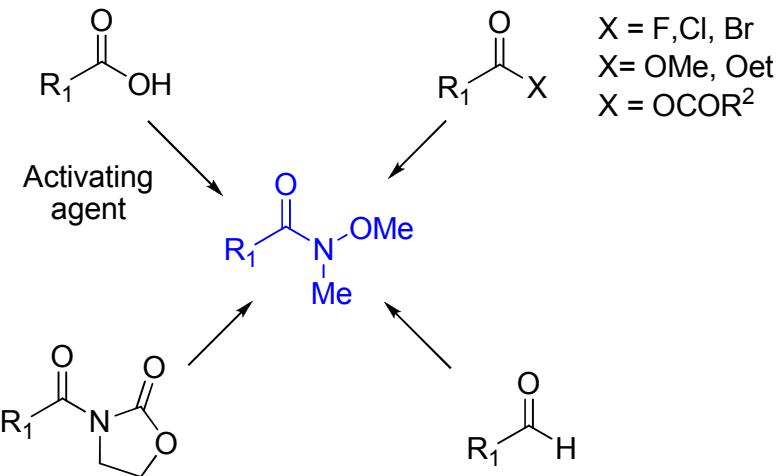
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Demethoxylation and rearrangement



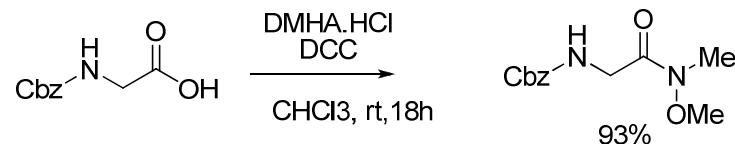
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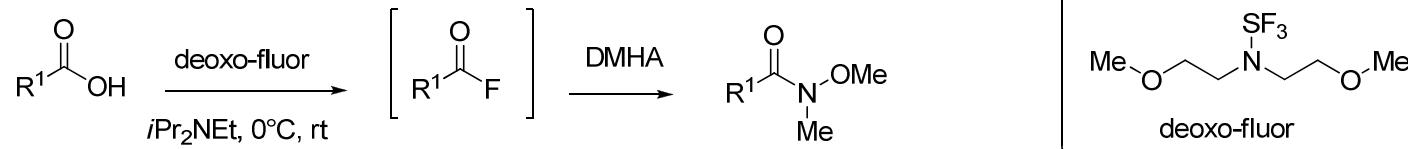
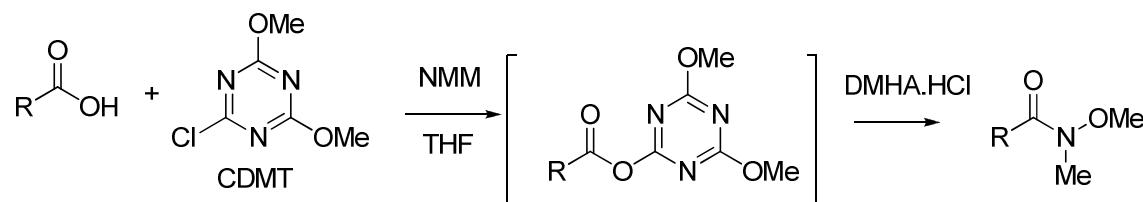
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From carboxylic acids



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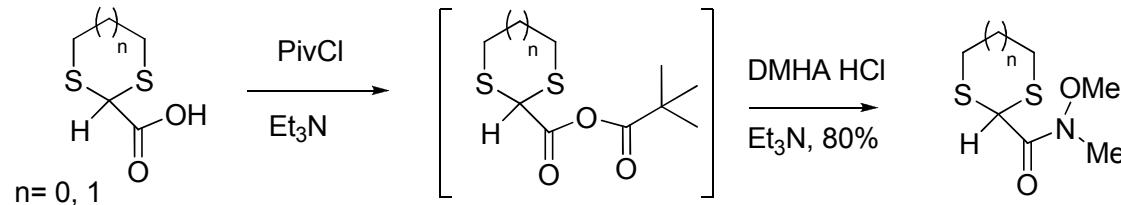
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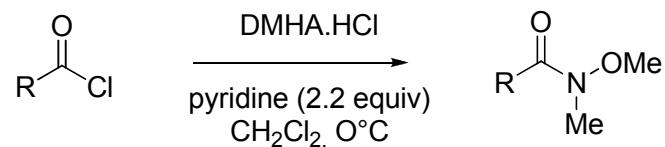
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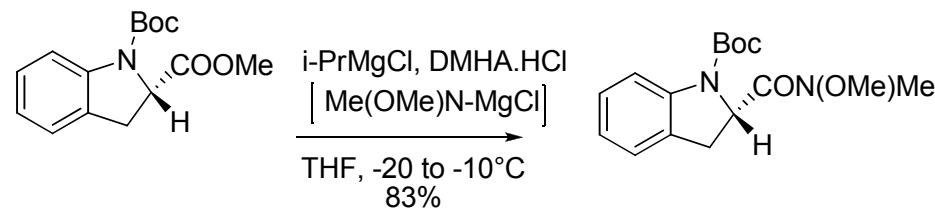
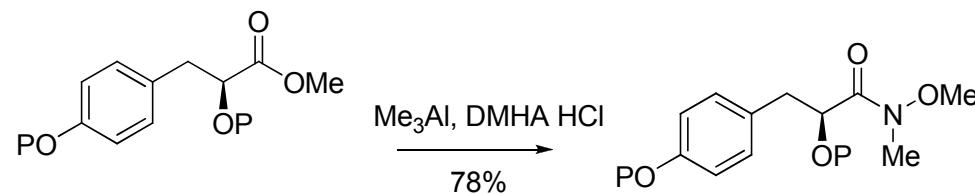
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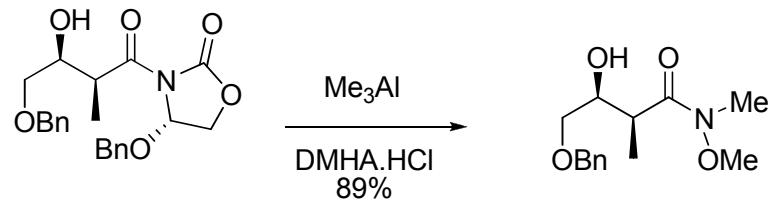
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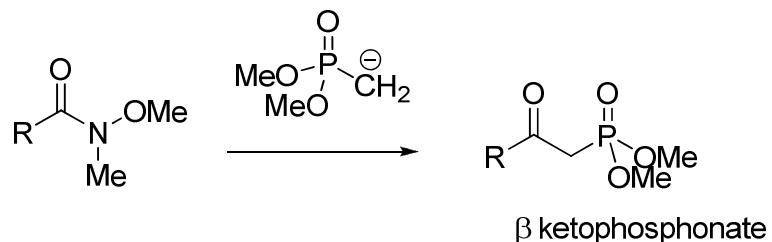
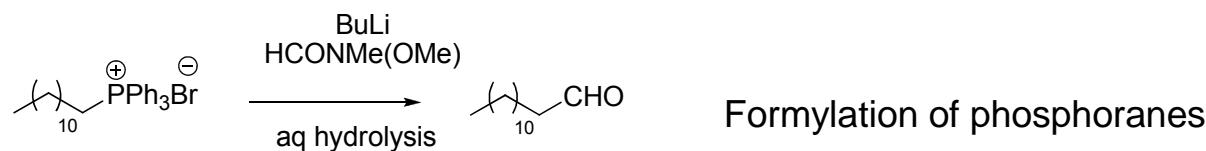
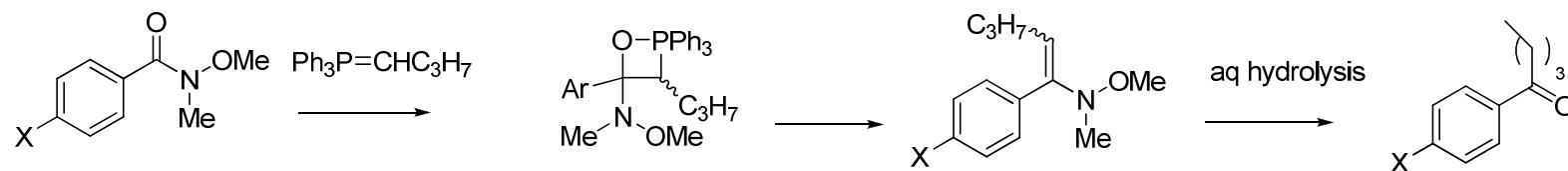


4. Applications

Ketones: Nu = organolithium or organomagnesium reagents

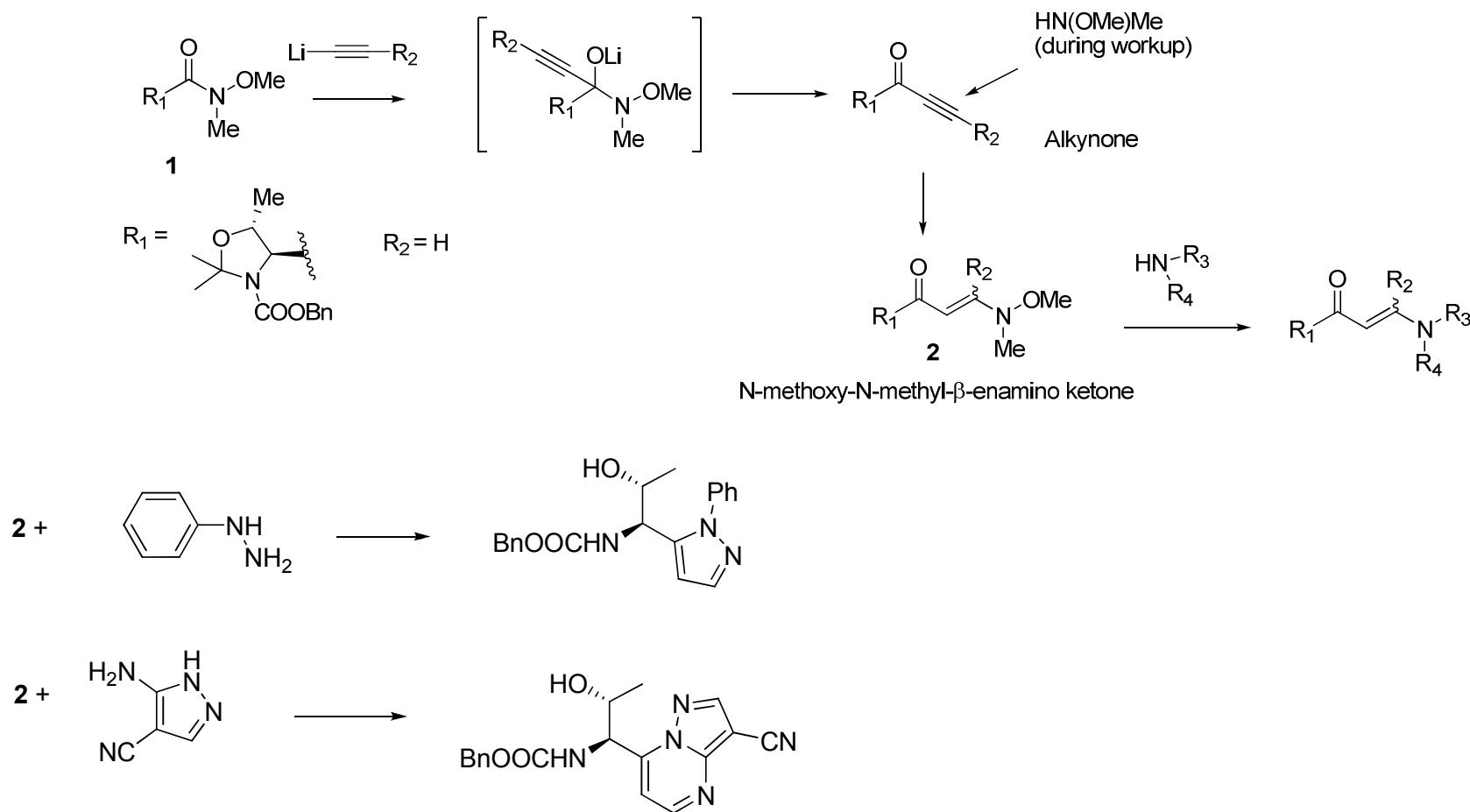
Aldehydes: Hydride = lithium aluminium or diisobutylaluminium hydride

Another nucleophile: alkylidenetriphenylphosphoranes



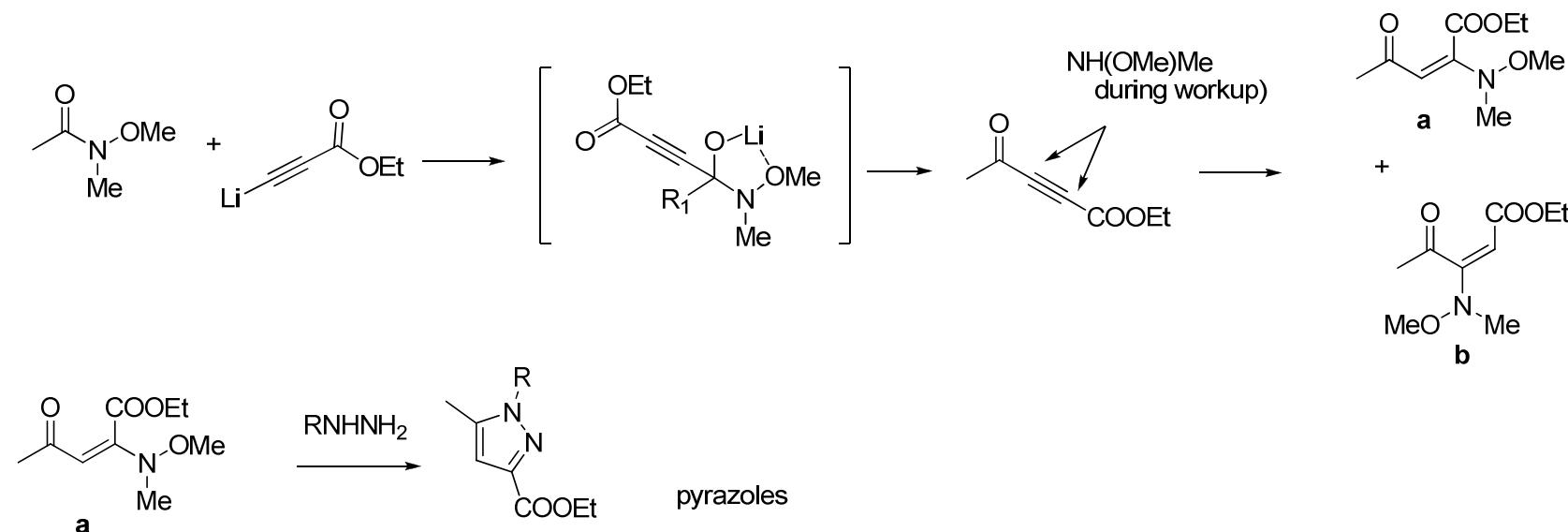
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Addition of alkynyl lithium

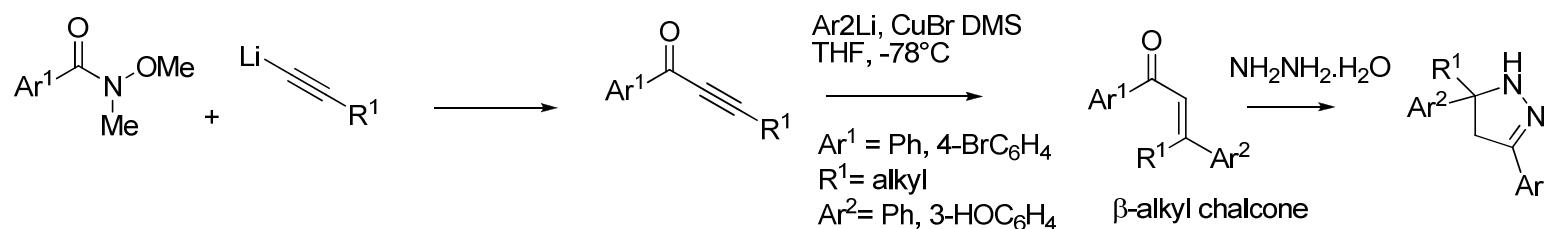


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Pyrazoles^a



Dihydropyrazoles^b

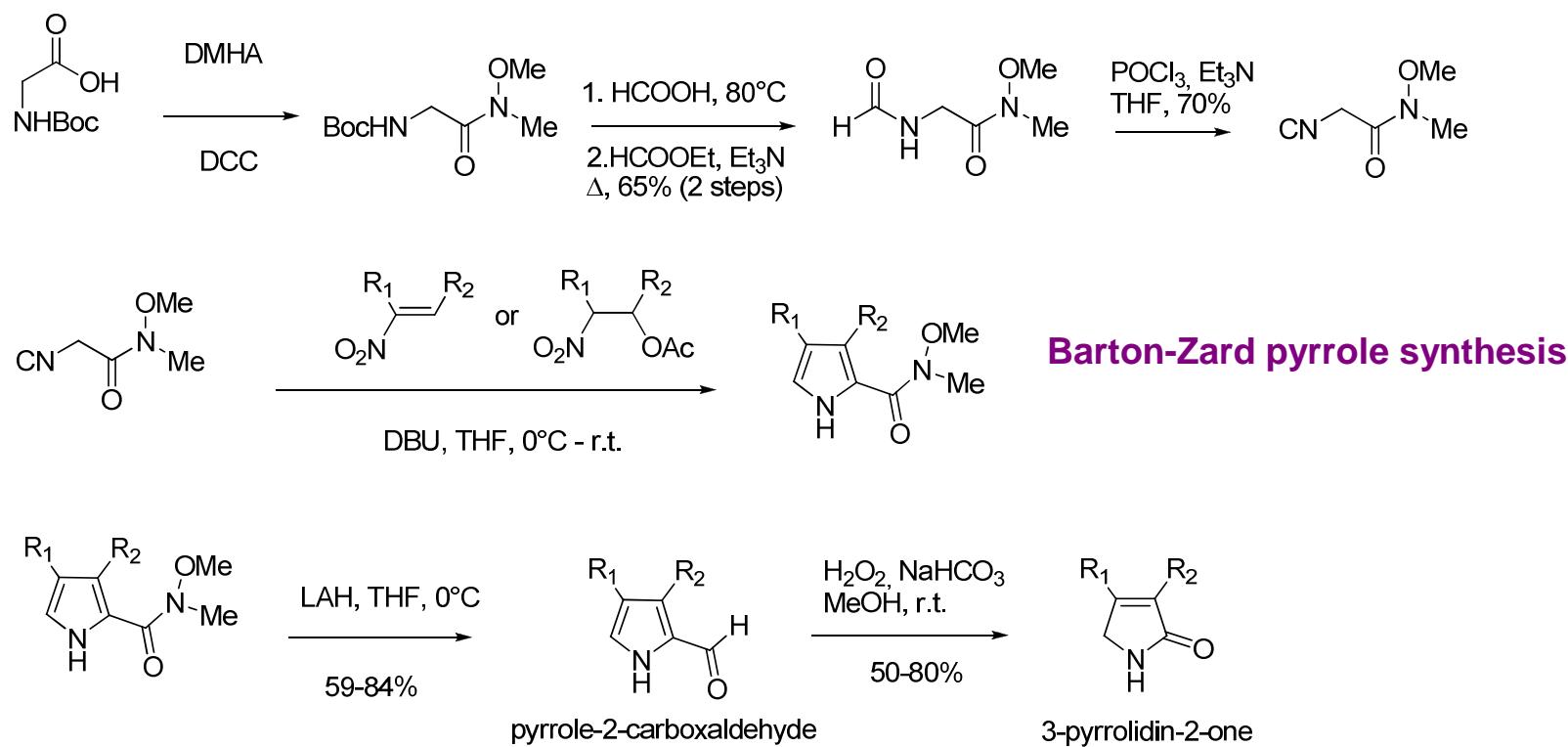


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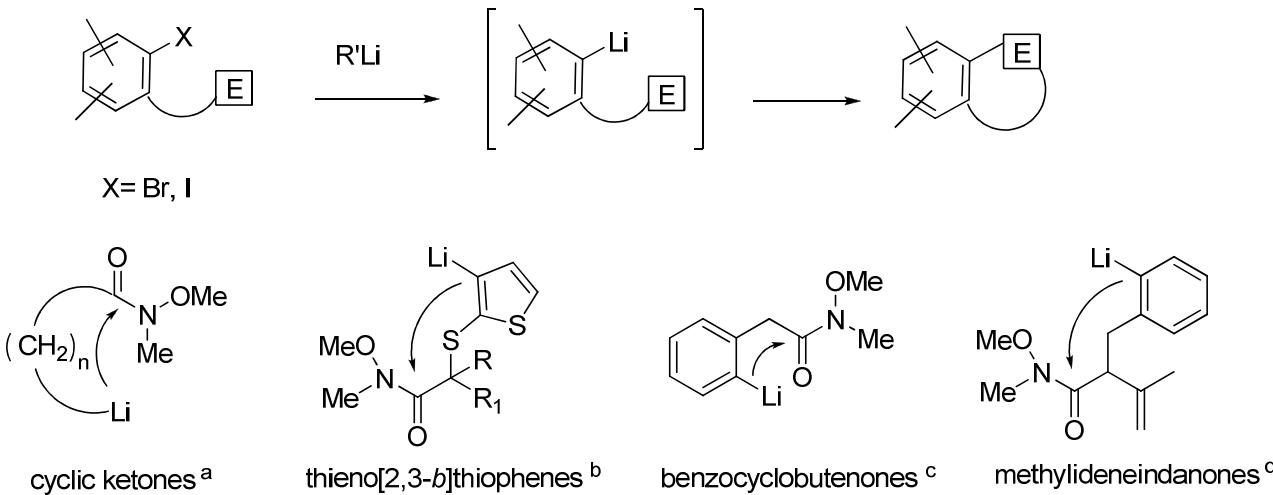
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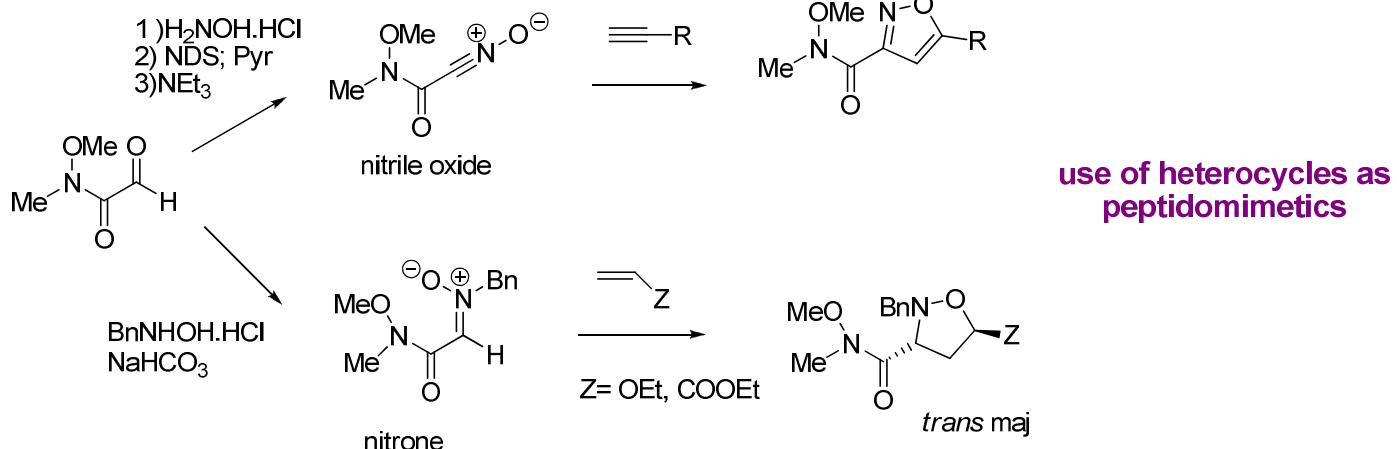


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Parham Cyclisation



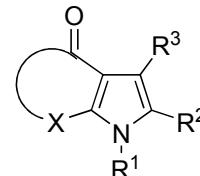
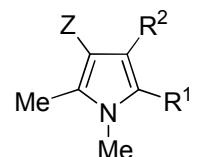
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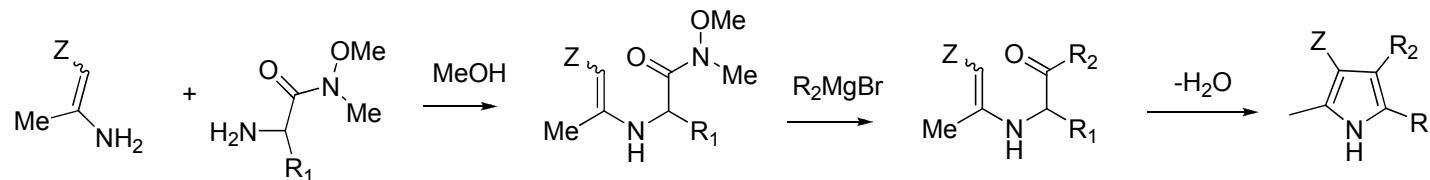
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Pyrroles^a

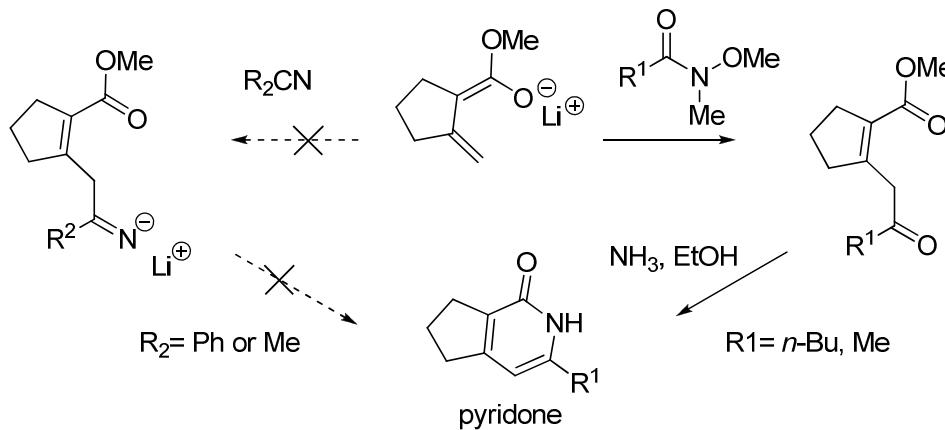


Knorr Approach

$Z = \text{CN, COOEt, COMe, COPh}$
 $R^1 = R^2 = \text{H, alkyl}$



Pyridones^b

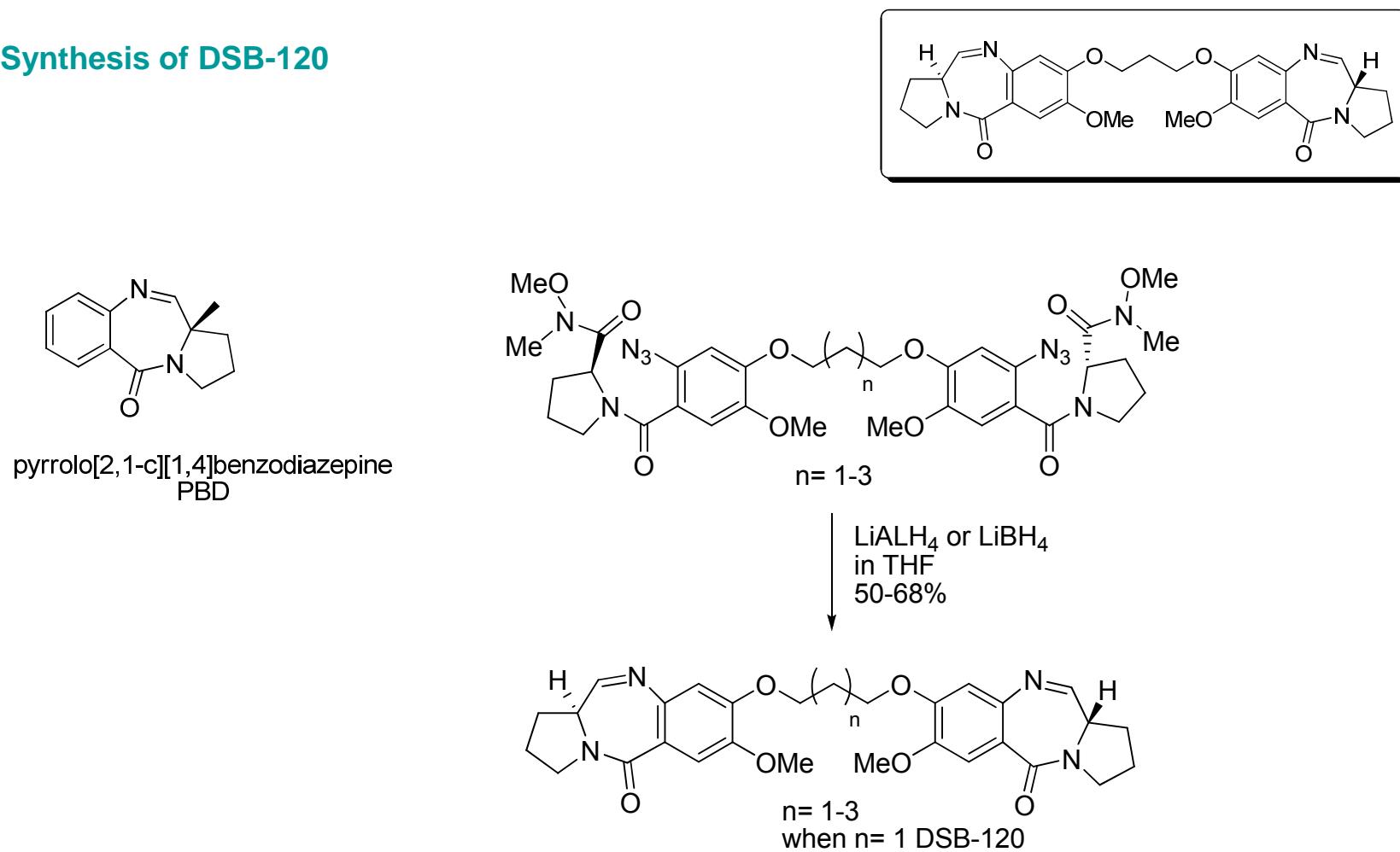


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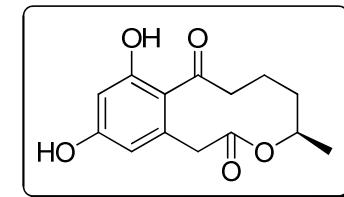
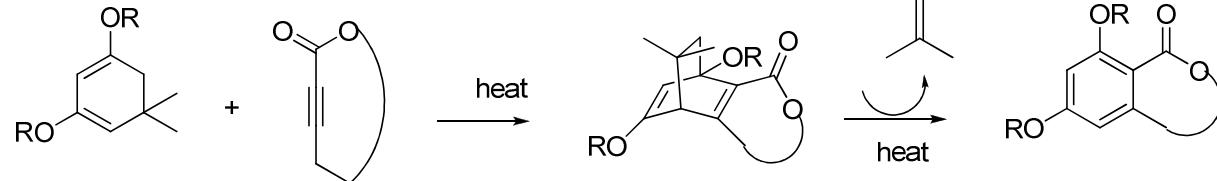
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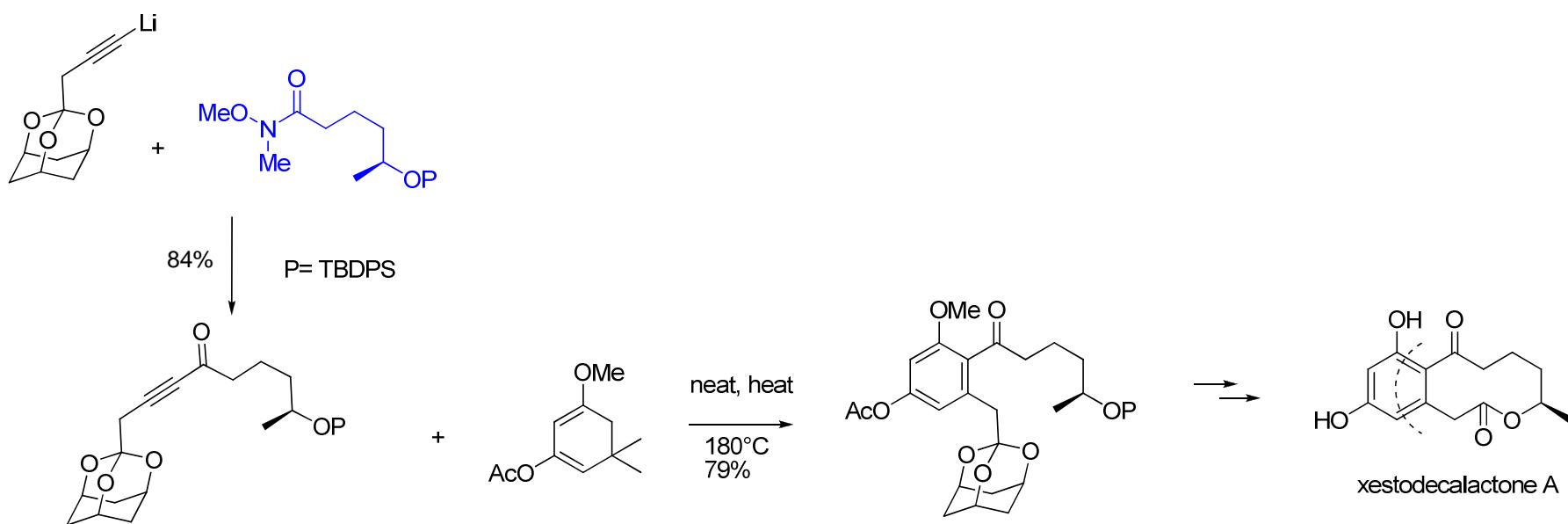
Synthesis of DSB-120



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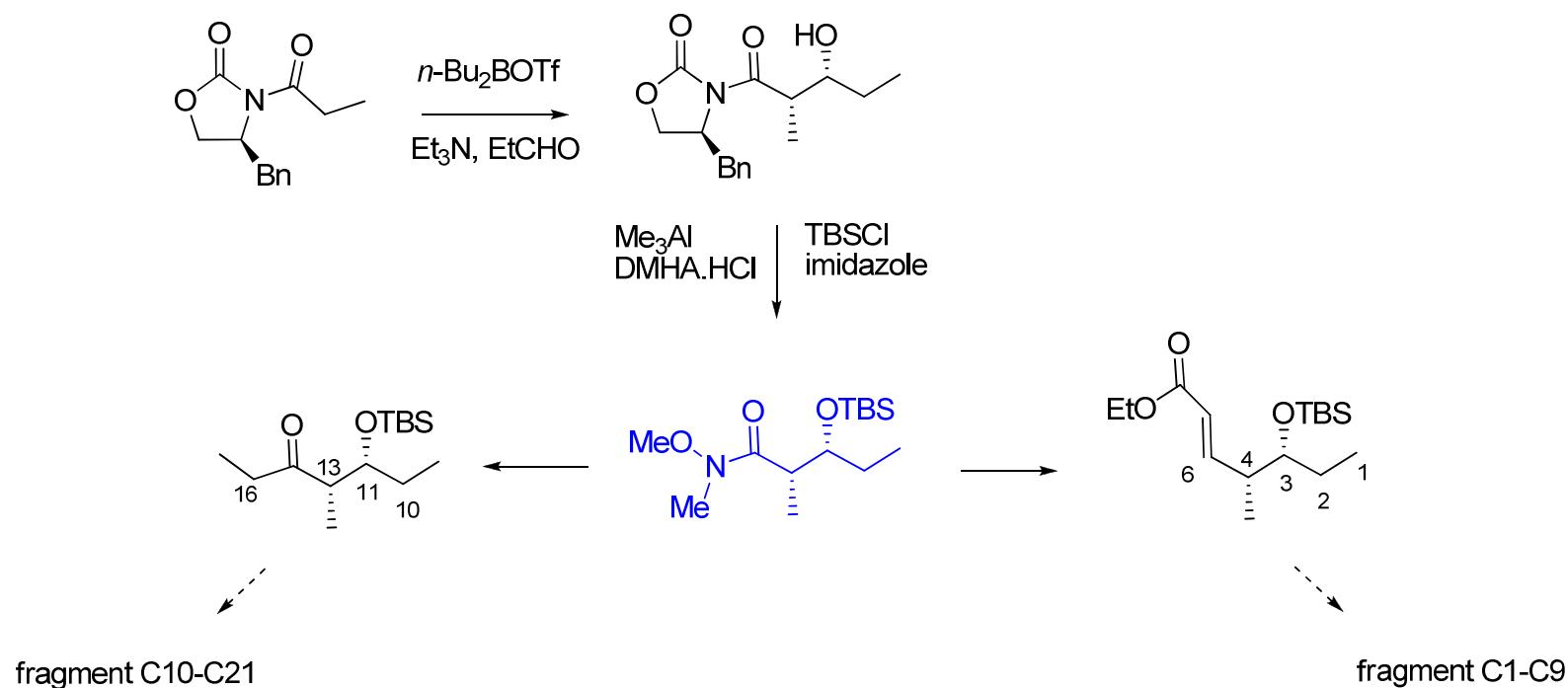
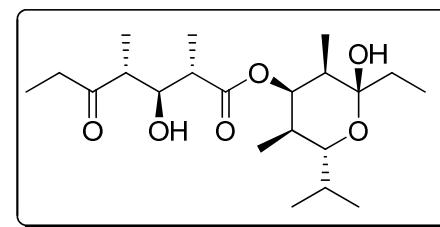


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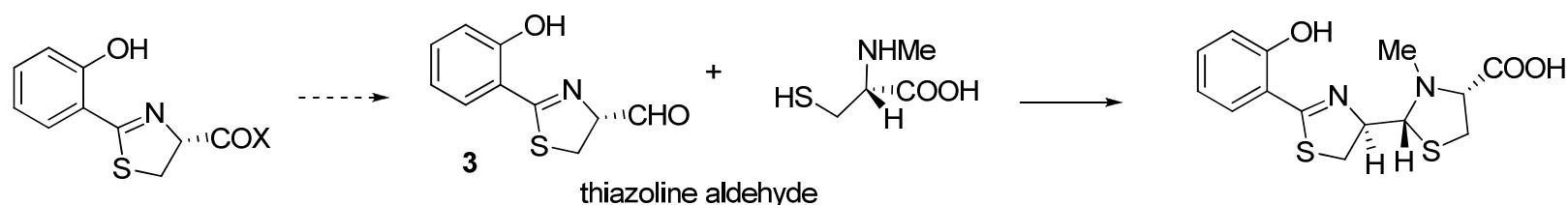
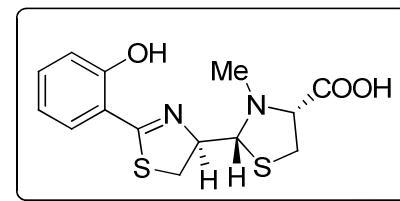
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Synthesis of dolabriterol



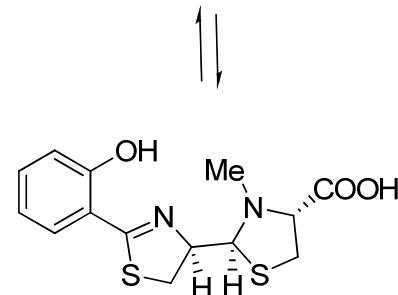
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Synthesis of pyochelin



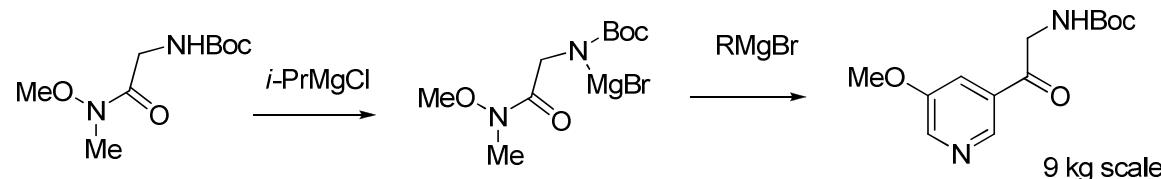
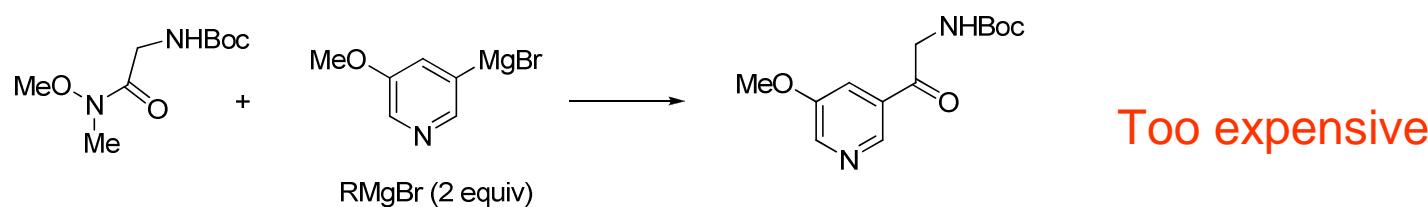
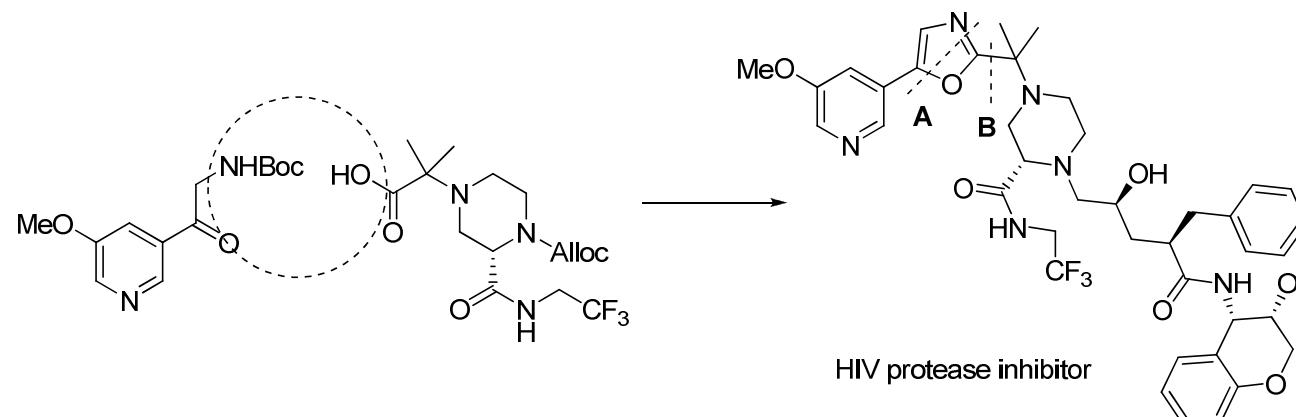
- 4a** X= OH
- 4b** X= OMe
- 4c** X= N(OMe)Me

compound	conditions	results
4a	thexylborane	3 (15%)
4b	-78°C, DIBAL(2eq) -50°C, DIBAL (3eq)	3 (61%) + SM over-reduction
4c	-20°C; LAH (3eq)	3 (94%) no epimerization no trace of starting material no over-reduced product



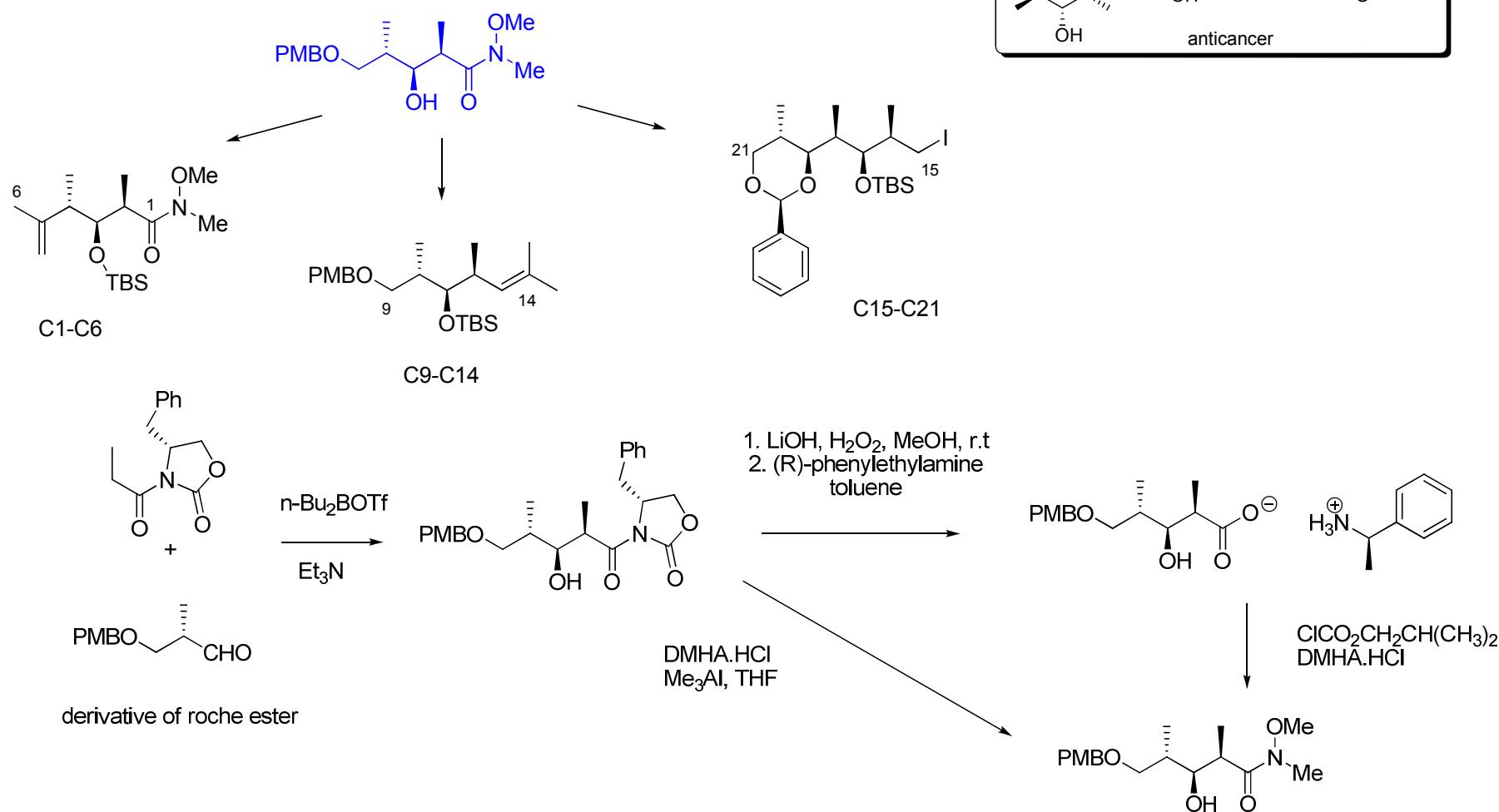
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Merck



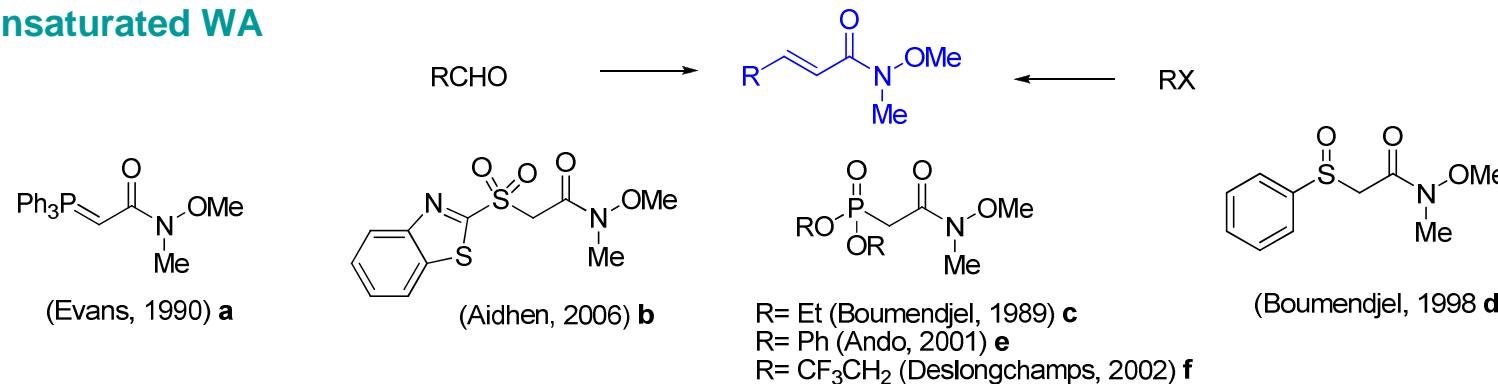
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Synthesis of Discodermolide (Novartis)



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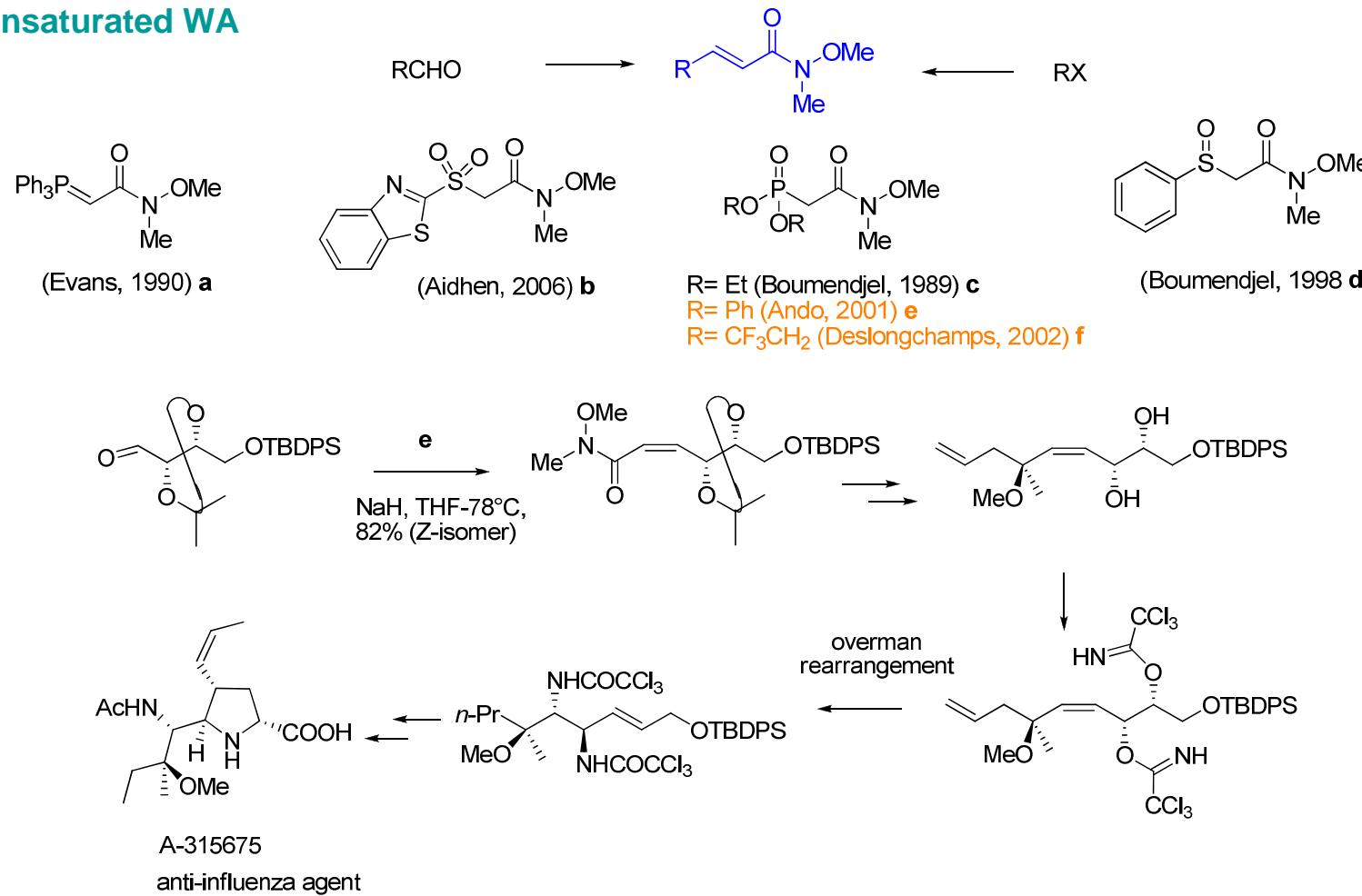
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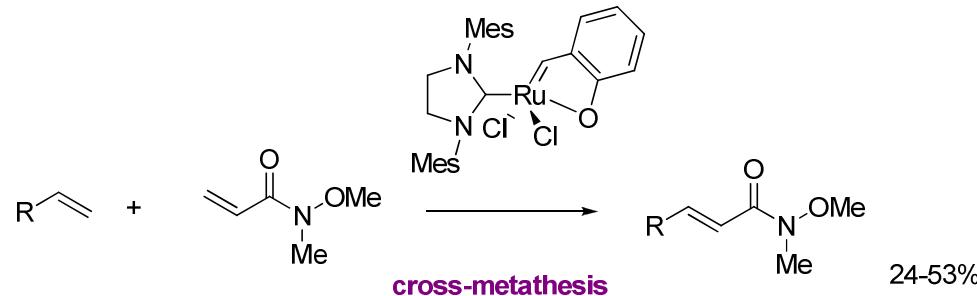
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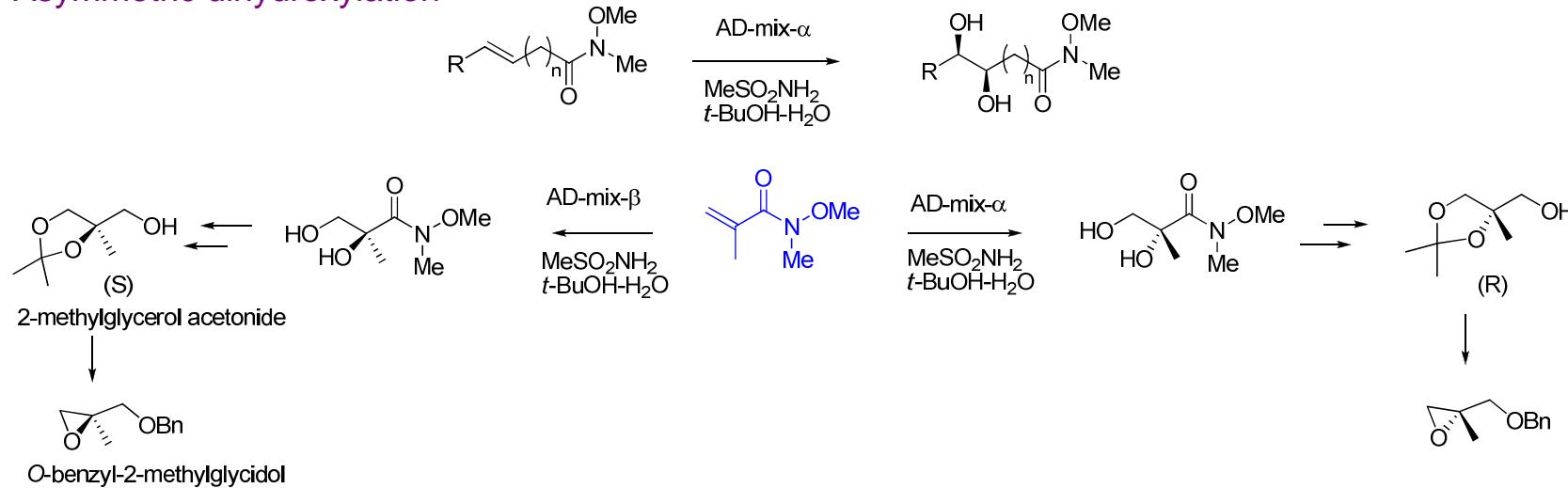
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Application of α,β Unsaturated WA

Asymmetric dihydroxylation

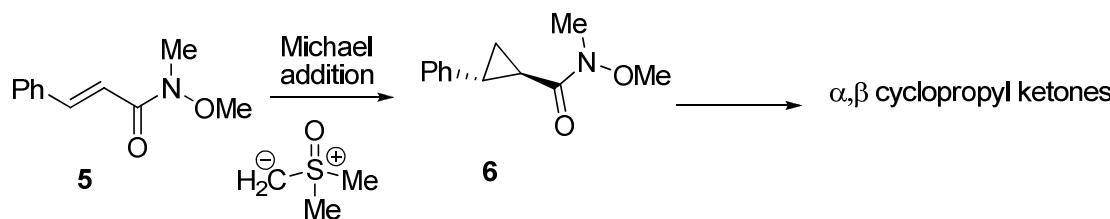


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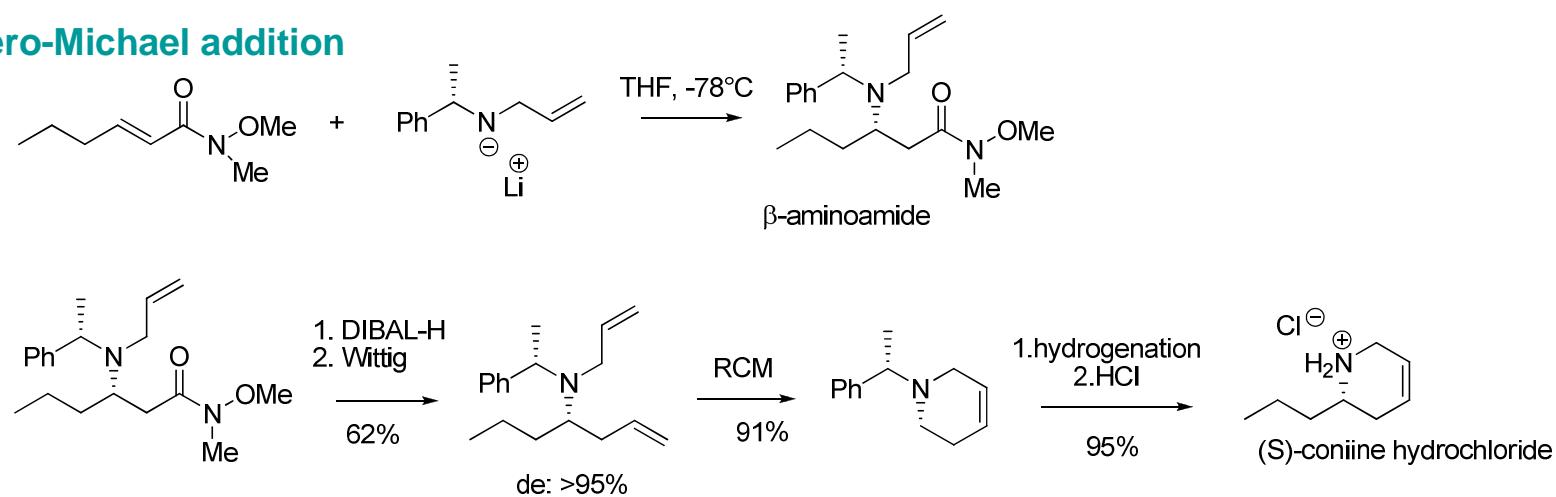
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Cyclopropanation



Hetero-Michael addition

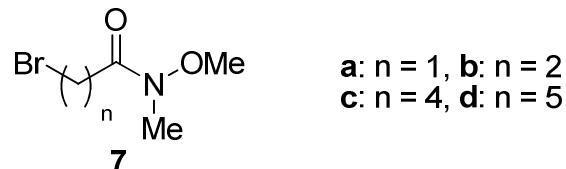


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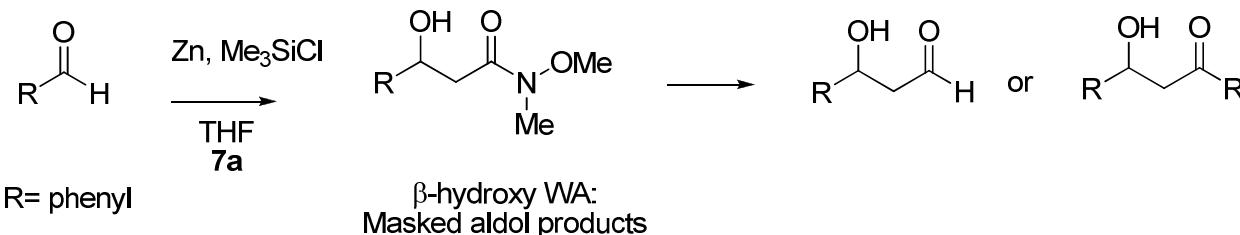
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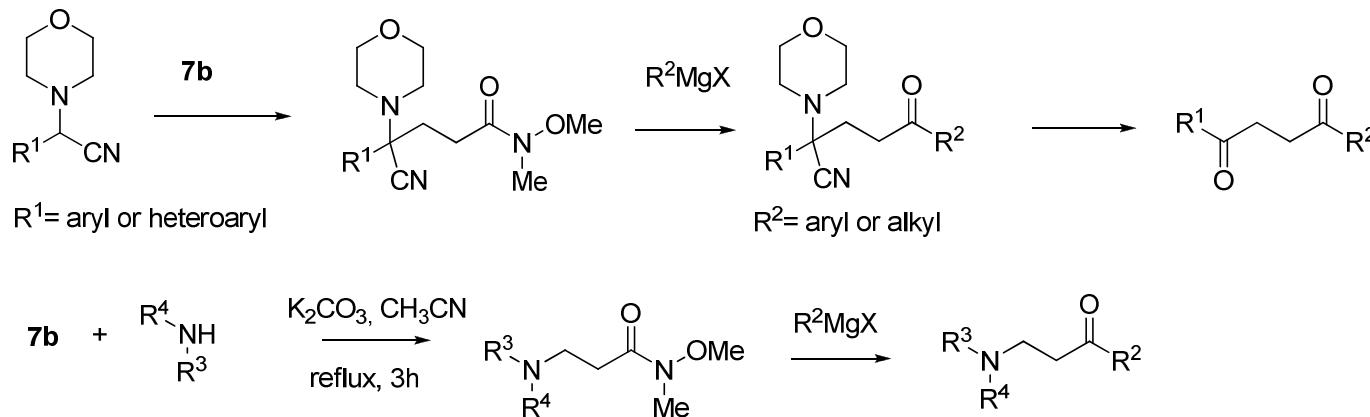
Bromoalkanoic acid derived WAs



Use of 7 as nucleophilic synthon: **Reformatsky reaction**



Use of 7 as electrophilic synthon: synthesis of unsymmetrical 1,4-diketones and β -(N,N-disubstituted)amino ketones

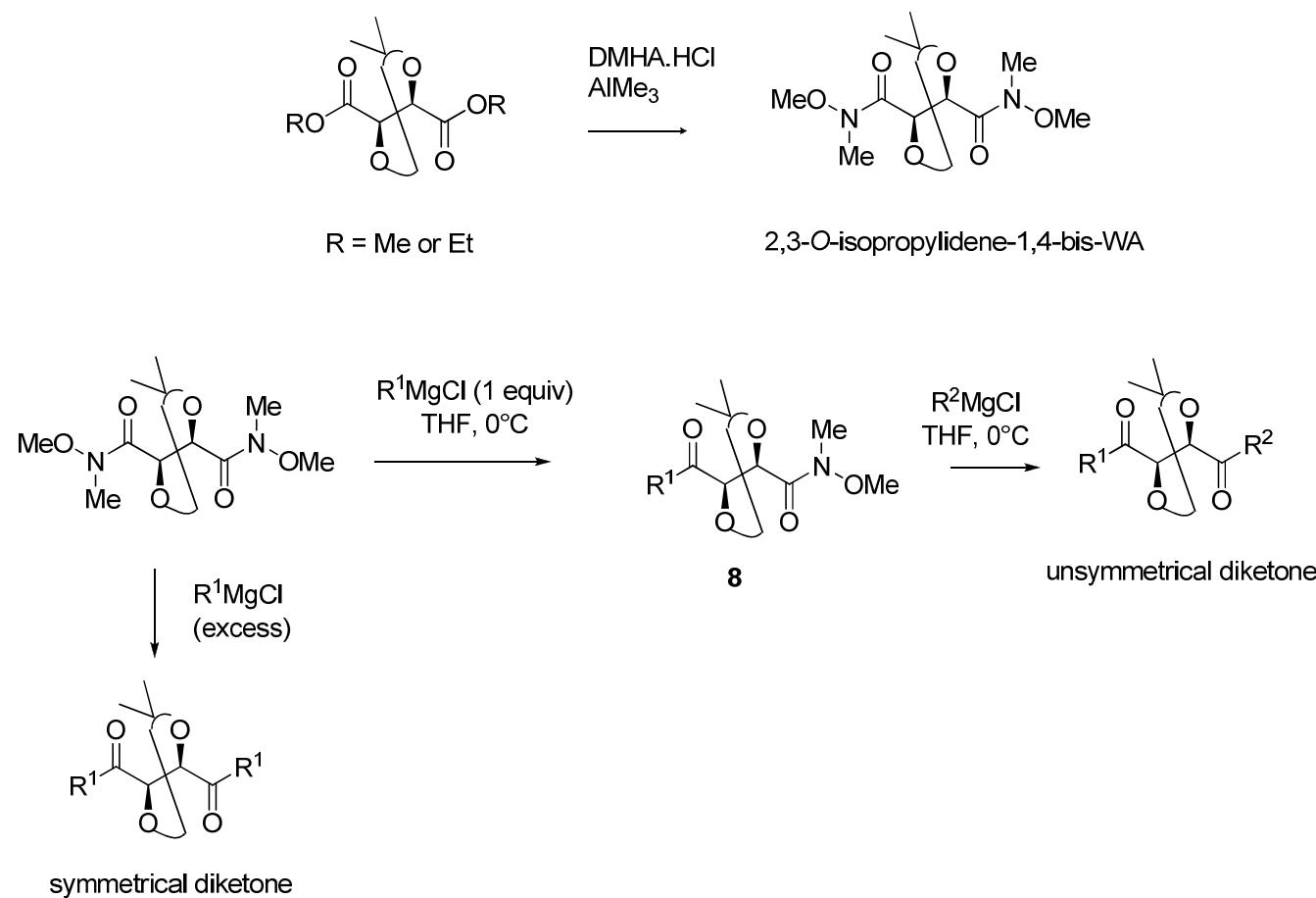


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Tartaric acid WA

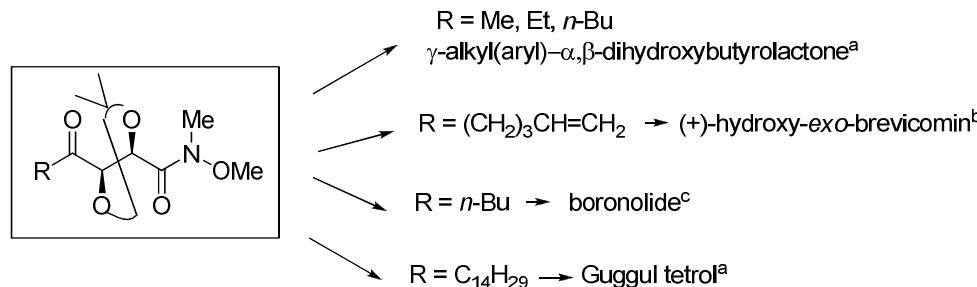


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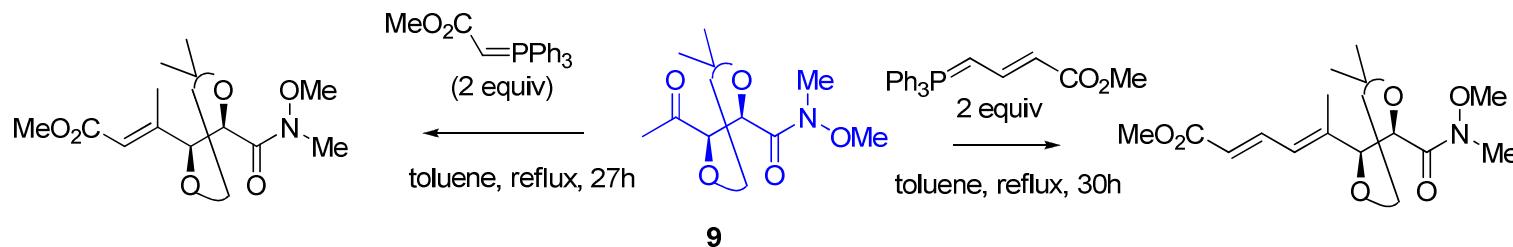
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Use of ketoamide **8** in the synthesis of various natural products



Wittig olefination^d

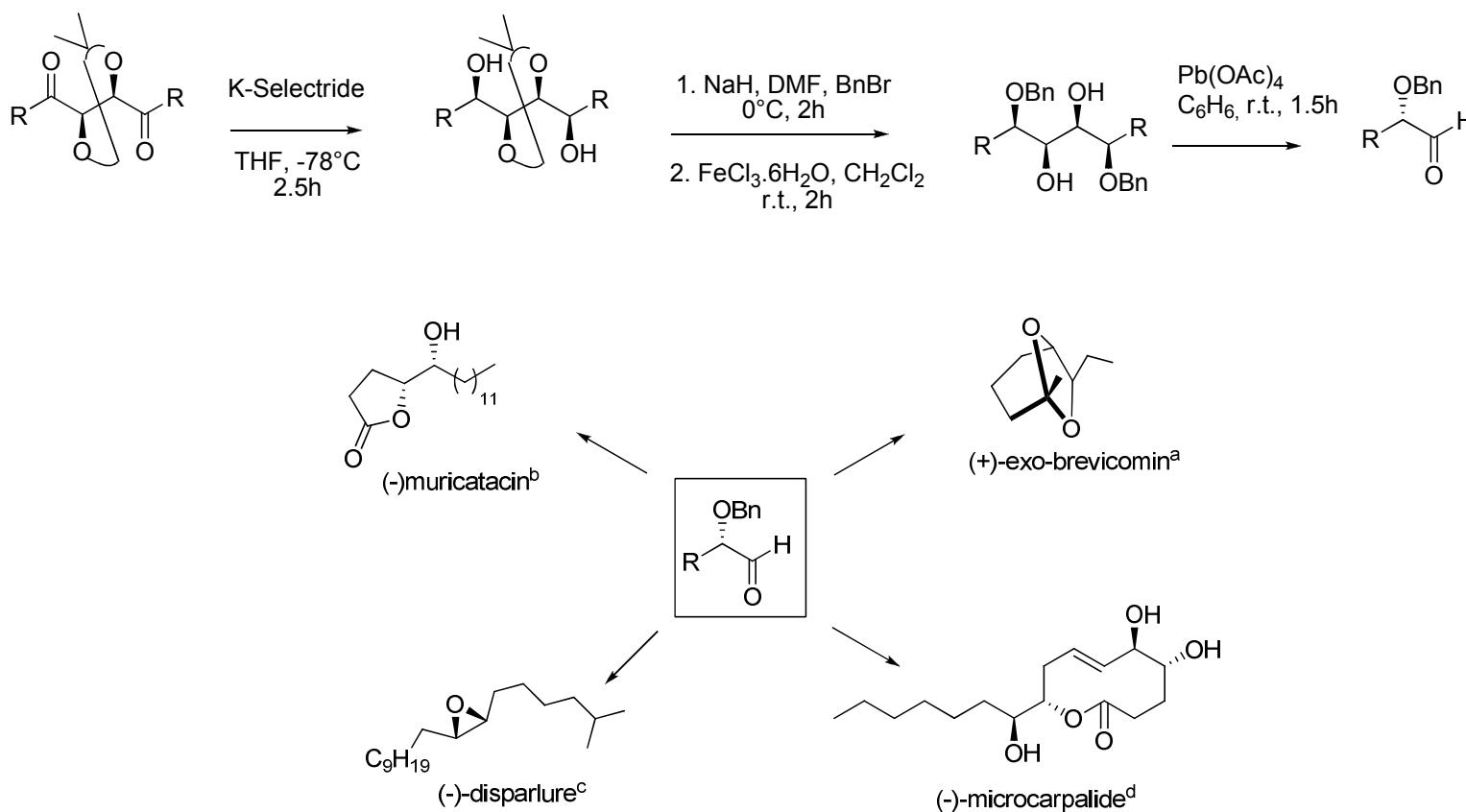
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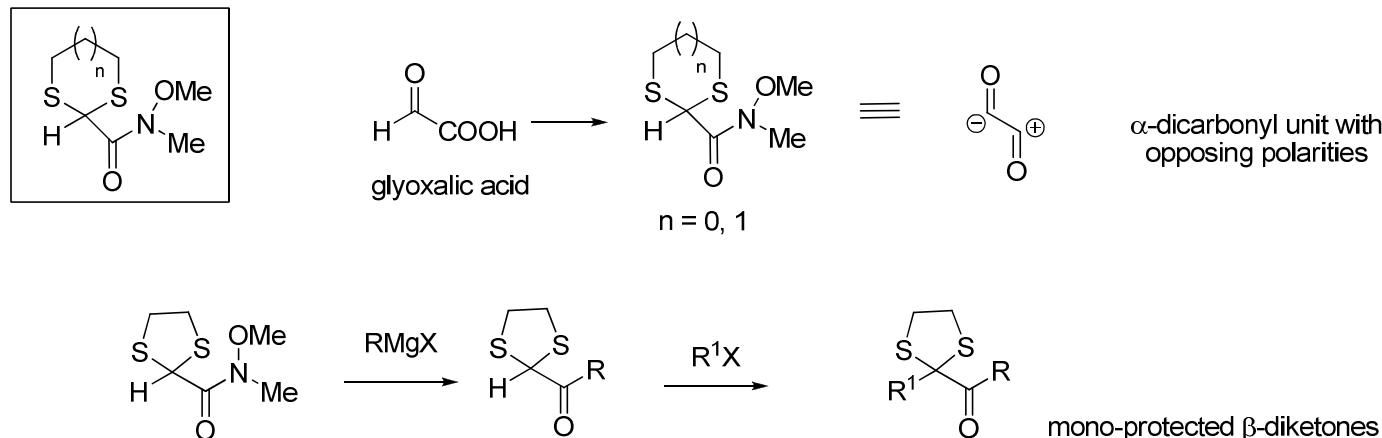
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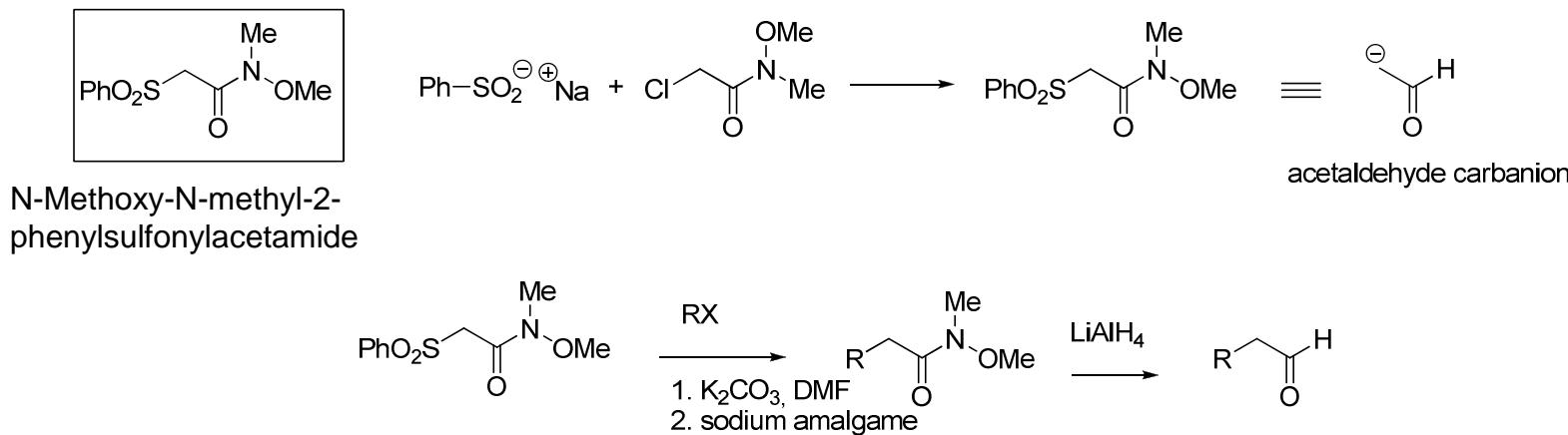
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Synthesis of mono-protected β -diketones^a



two-carbon homologation of alkyl halides^b

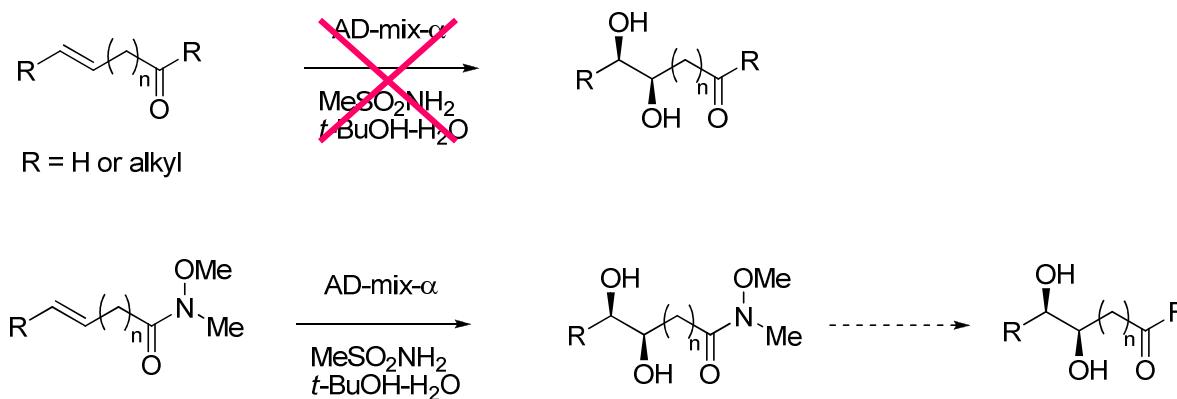


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5. Conclusion

- Good stability
- Easy preparation with excellent to good yields
- Effective acylating agent
- Synthetic equivalents of ketones or aldehydes which have more reactivity in specific reactions



⇒ Growing interest in WA