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Nobel Prize, 1950

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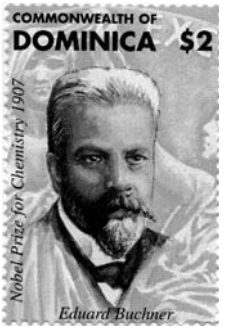
1860–1917
Nobel Prize, 1907



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Dedicated to

Professor E. J. Corey

Foreword

I don't have my name on anything that I don't really do.
–Heidi Klum

Can the organic chemists associated with so-called "Named Reactions" make the same claim as supermodel Heidi Klum? Many scholars of chemistry do not hesitate to point out that the names associated with "name reactions" are often not the actual inventors. For instance, the Arndt-Eistert reaction has nothing to do with either Arndt or Eistert, Pummerer did not discover the "Pummerer" rearrangement, and even the famous Birch reduction owes its initial discovery to someone named Charles Wooster (first reported in a DuPont patent). The list goes on and on…

But does that mean we should ignore, boycott, or outlaw "named reactions"? Absolutely not. The above examples are merely exceptions to the rule. In fact, the chemists associated with name reactions are typically the original discoverers, contribute greatly to its general use, and/or are the first to popularize the transformation. Regardless of the controversial history underlying certain named reactions, it is the students of organic chemistry who benefit the most from the cataloging of reactions by name. Indeed, it is with **education** in mind that Dr. Jack Li has masterfully brought the chemical community the latest edition of *Name Reactions*.

It is clear why this beautiful treatise has rapidly become a bestseller within the chemical community. The quintessence of hundreds of named reactions is encapsulated in a concise format that is ideal for students and seasoned chemists alike. Detailed mechanistic and occasionally even historical details are given for hundreds of reactions along with key references. This "must-have" book will undoubtedly find a place on the bookshelves of all serious practitioners and students of the art and science of synthesis.

Phil S. Baran
La Jolla, March 2006

Preface

Confucius said: "*Reviewing old knowledge while learning new old knowledge, is that not, after all, a pleasure?*" Indeed, name reactions are not only the fruit of pioneering organic chemists, but also our contemporaries whose combined discoveries have resulted in organic chemistry today. Since publication of this book, Barry Sharpless and Ryoji Noyori, whose name reactions have been included since the first edition, went on to win the Nobel Prizes in 2001. Recently, Richard Schrock, Robert Grubbs, and Yves Chauvin shared the 2005 Nobel Prize in chemistry for their contributions to metathesis, a name reaction that has been also included since the first edition. Therefore, I intend to keep up with the new developments in the field of organic chemistry while retaining the collection of name reactions that have withheld test of time.

The third edition contains major improvements over the previous two editions. I have updated references. Each reaction is now supplemented with two to three representative examples in synthesis to showcase its synthetic utility. As Emil Fischer stated: "*Science is not an abstraction; but as a product of human endeavor it is inseparably bound up in its development with the personalities and fortunes of those who dedicate themselves to it*." To that end, I added biographical sketches for most of the chemists who discovered or developed those name reactions. Furthemore, I have significantly beefed up the subject index to help the reader navigate the book more easily.

In preparing this manuscript, I have incurred many debts of gratitude to Prof. Reto Mueller of Switzerland, Prof. Robin Ferrier of New Zealand, and Prof. James M. Cook of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Dr. Yike Ni of California Institute of Technology, and Dr. Shengping Zheng of Columbia University for invaluable suggestions. I also wish to thank Dr. Gilles Chambournier, Prof. Phil S. Baran of Scripps Research Institute and his students, Narendra Ambhaikar, Ben Hafensteiner, Carlos Guerrero, and Dan O'Malley, Prof. Brian M. Stoltz of California Institute of Technology and his students, Kevin Allan, Daniel Caspi, David Ebner, Andrew Harned, Shyam Krishnan, Michael Krout, Qi Charles Liu, Sandy Ma, Justin Mohr, John Phillips, Jennifer Roizen, Brinton Seashore-Ludlow, Nathaniel Sherden, Jennifer Stockdill, and Carolyn Woodroofe for proofreading the final draft of the manuscript. Their knowledge and time have tremendously enhanced the quality of this book. Any remaining errors are, of course, solely my own responsibility.

I welcome your critique.

Jack Li
Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 2006

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

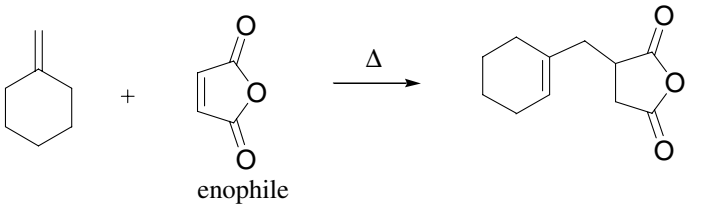
	polymer support
A	adenosine
Ac	acetyl
AIBN	2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile
Alpine-borane®	*B*-isopinocampheyl-9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]-nonane
Ar	aryl
B:	generic base
9-BBN	9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane
[bimim]Cl•2$AlCl_3$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloroaluminuminate (a Lewis acid ionic liquid)
BINAP	2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
Bn	benzyl
Boc	*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl
t-Bu	*tert*-butyl
Bz	benzoyl
Cbz	benzyloxycarbonyl
m-CPBA	*m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid
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
DEAD	diethyl azodicarboxylate
Δ	solvent heated under reflux
$(DHQ)_2$-PHAL	1,4-bis(9-*O*-dihydroquinine)-phthalazine
$(DHQD)_2$-PHAL	1,4-bis(9-*O*-dihydroquinidine)-phthalazine
DIAD	diisopropyl azodidicarboxylate
DIBAL	diisobutylaluminum hydride
DIPEA	diisopropylethylamine
DMA	*N,N*-dimethylacetamide
DMAP	4-*N,N*-dimethylaminopyridine
DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
DMF	*N,N*-dimethylformamide
DMFDMA	*N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal
DMS	dimethylsulfide
DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide
DMSY	dimethylsulfoxonium methylide
DMT	dimethoxytrityl
dppb	1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane
dppe	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane
dppf	1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene
dppp	1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane

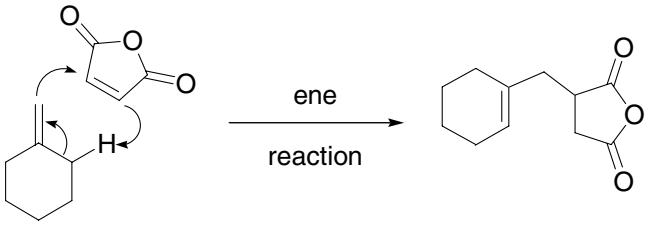
DTBAD	di-*tert*-butylazodicarbonate
DTBMP	2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine
E1	unimolecular elimination
E2	bimolecular elimination
E1cB	2-step, base-induced β-elimination *via* carbanion
EAN	ethylammonium nitrate
EDDA	ethylenediamine diacetate
ee	enantiomeric excess
Ei	two groups leave at about the same time and bond to each other as they are doing so.
Eq	equivalent
Et	ethyl
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
HMDS	hexamethyldisilazane
HMPA	hexamethylphosphoramide
HMTTA	1,1,4,7,10,10-hexamethyltriethylenetetramine
Imd	imidazole
KHMDS	potassium hexamethyldisilazide
LAH	lithium aluminum hydride
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LHMDS	lithium hexamethyldisilazide
LTMP	lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide
M	metal
Mes	mesityl
Ms	methanesulfonyl
MVK	methyl vinyl ketone
NBS	*N*-bromosuccinimide
NCS	*N*-chlorosuccinimide
NIS	*N*-iodosuccinimide
NMP	1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone
Nos	nosylate (4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)
Nu	nucleophile
N-PSP	*N*-phenylselenophthalimide
N-PSS	*N*-phenylselenosuccinimide
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate
PDC	pyridinium dichromate
Piv	pivaloyl
PMB	para-methoxybenzyl
PPA	polyphosphoric acid
PPTS	pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate
$PyPh_2P$	diphenyl 2-pyridylphosphine
Pyr	pyridine
Red-Al	sodium bis(methoxy-ethoxy)aluminum hydride (SMEAH)
Salen	*N,N´*-disalicylidene-ethylenediamine
SET	single electron transfer
SM	starting material

SMEAH	sodium bis(methoxy-ethoxy)aluminum hydride (Red-Al)
S_N1	unimolecular nucleophilic substitution
S_N2	bimolecular nucleophilic substitution
S_NAr	nucleophilic substitution on an aromatic ring
TBABB	tetra-*n*-butylammonium bibenzoate
TBAF	tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride
TBDMS	*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl
TBDPS	*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl
TBS	*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl
TEA	triethylamine
TEOC	trimethysilylethoxycarbonyl
Tf	trifluoromethanesulfonyl (triflyl)
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
TFAA	trifluoroacetic anhydride
TFP	tri-2-furylphosphine
THF	tetrahydrofuran
TIPS	triisopropylsilyl
TMEDA	*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine
TMG	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'-bis(di-*p*-tolylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl
TosMIC	(*p*-tolylsulfonyl)methyl isocyanide
Ts	tosyl
TsO	tosylate
UHP	urea-hydrogen peroxide

Alder ene reaction

Addition of an enophile to an alkene *via* allylic transposition. Also known as hydroallyl addition.





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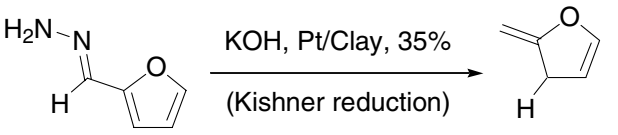

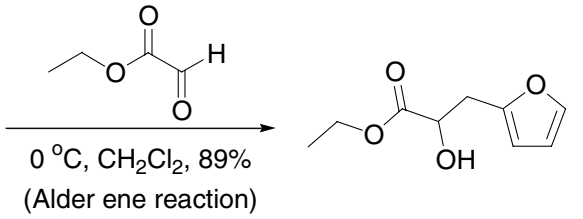

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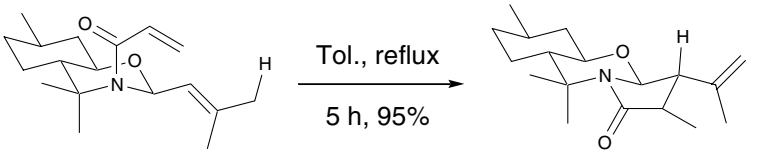

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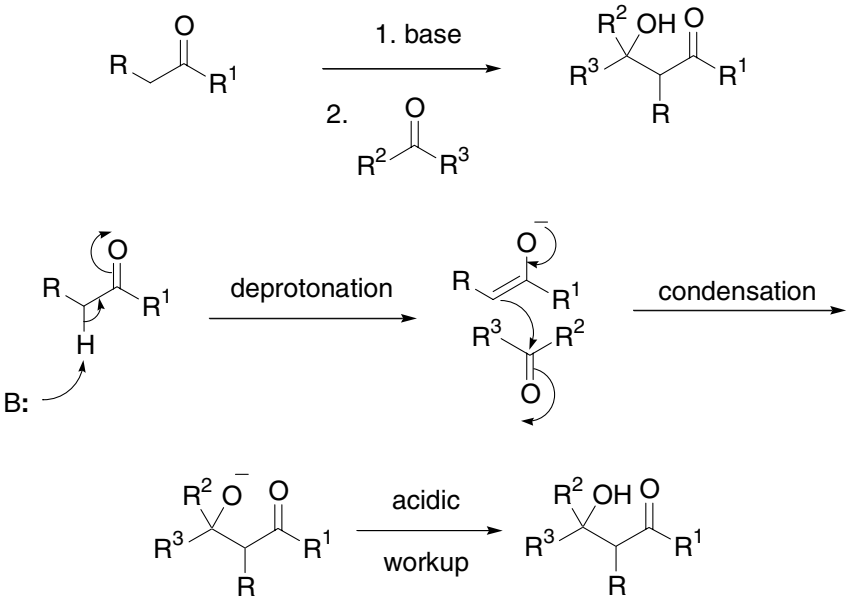
Aldol condensation

Condensation of a carbonyl with an enolate or an enol. A simple case is addition of an enolate to an **ald**ehyde to afford an alcoh**ol**, thus the name **aldol**.



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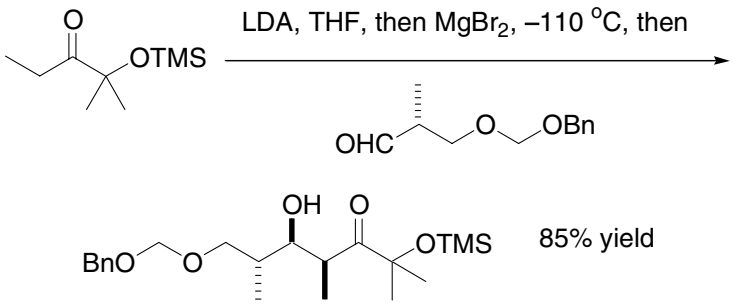

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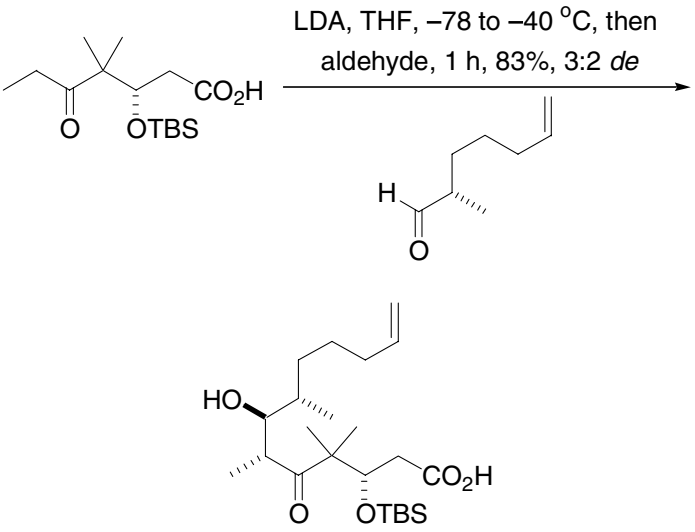

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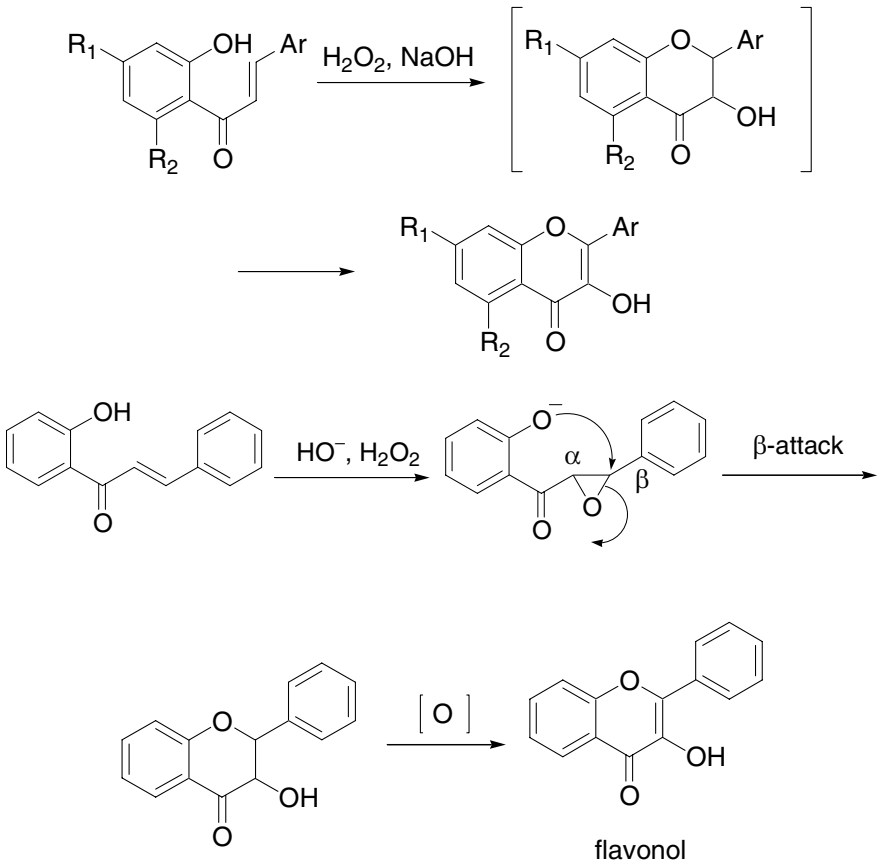
Algar–Flynn–Oyamada Reaction

Conversion of 2'-hydroxychalcones to 2-aryl-3-hydroxy-4*H*-1benzopyran-4-ones (flavonols) by alkaline hydrogen peroxide oxidation.



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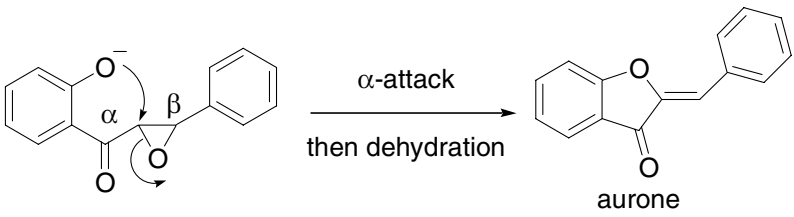

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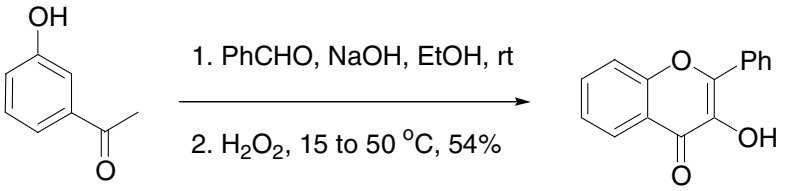

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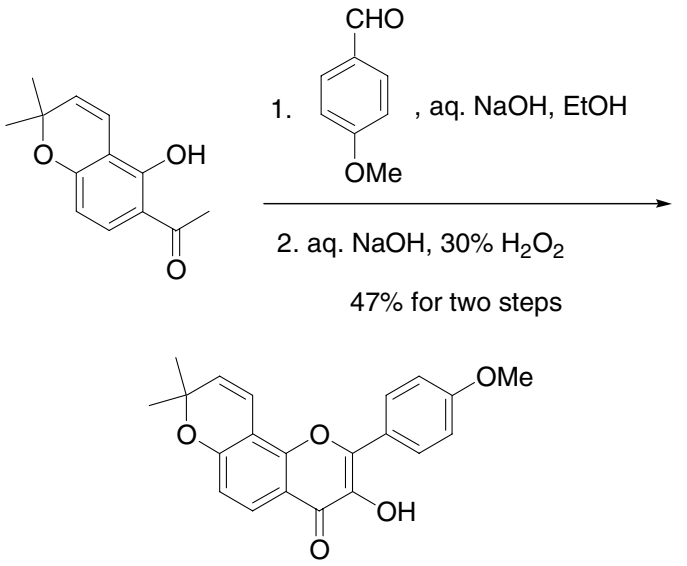

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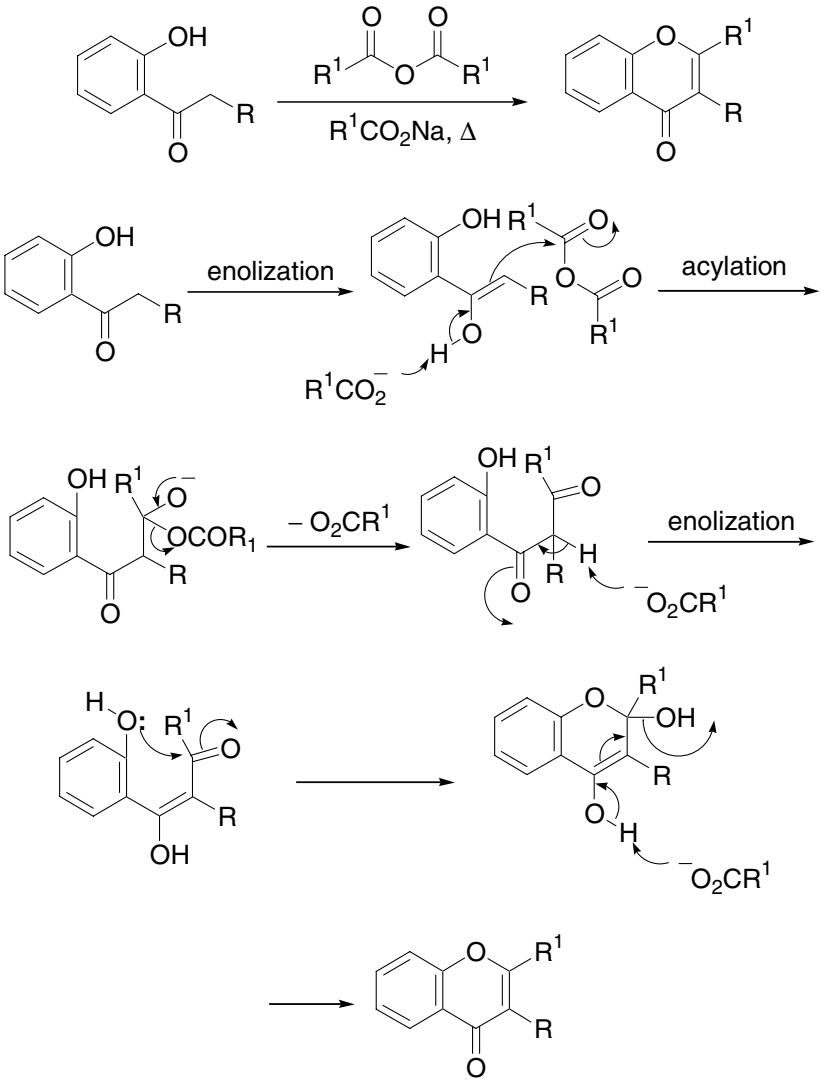
Allan–Robinson reaction

Synthesis of flavones or isoflavones.



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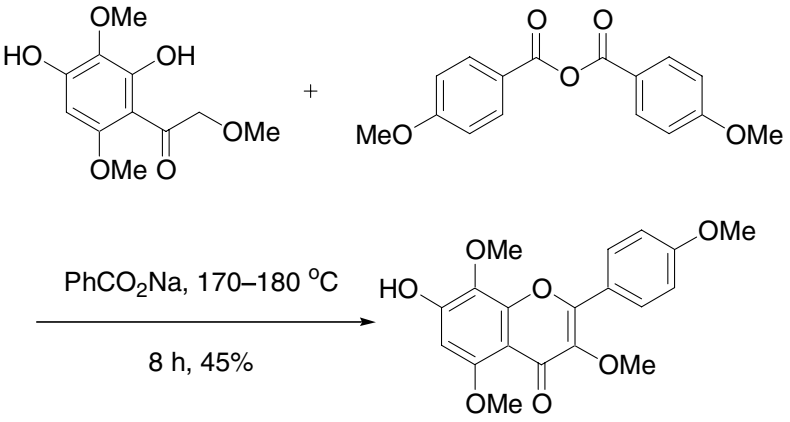

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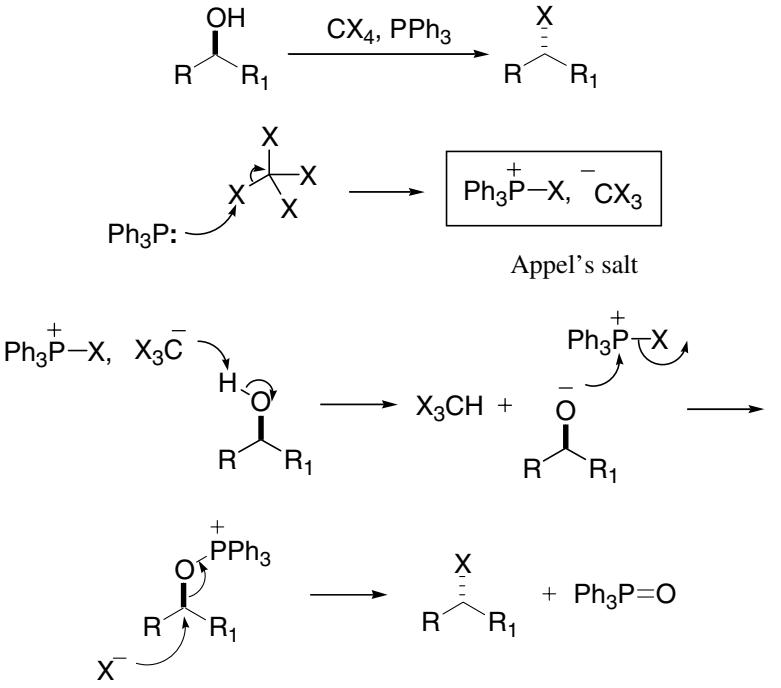
Appel reaction

The reaction between triphenylphosphine and tetrahalomethane (CCl_4, CBr_4) forms a salt known as Appel's salt. Treatment of alcohols with Appel's salt gives rise to the corresponding halides.



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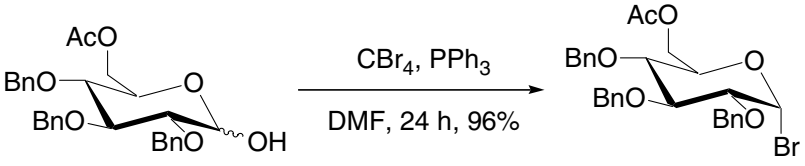

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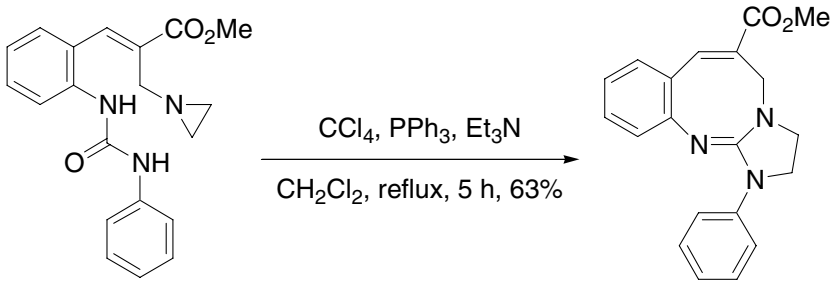

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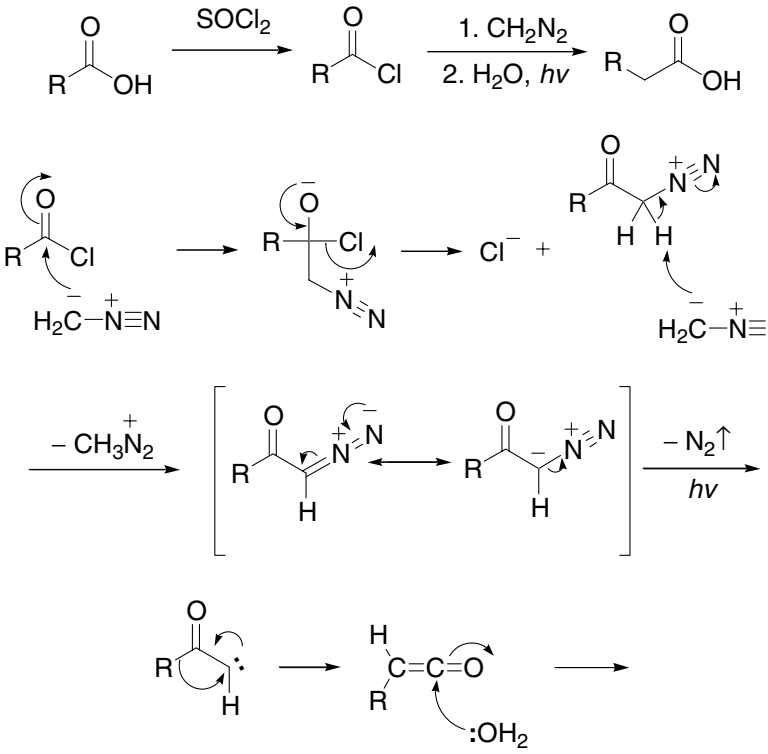
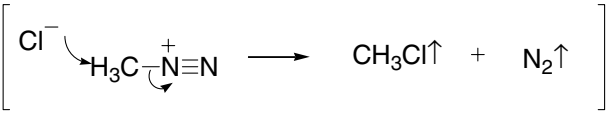
Arndt–Eistert homologation

One carbon homologation of carboxylic acids using diazomethane.



α-ketocarbene intermediate ketene intermediate

side reaction:



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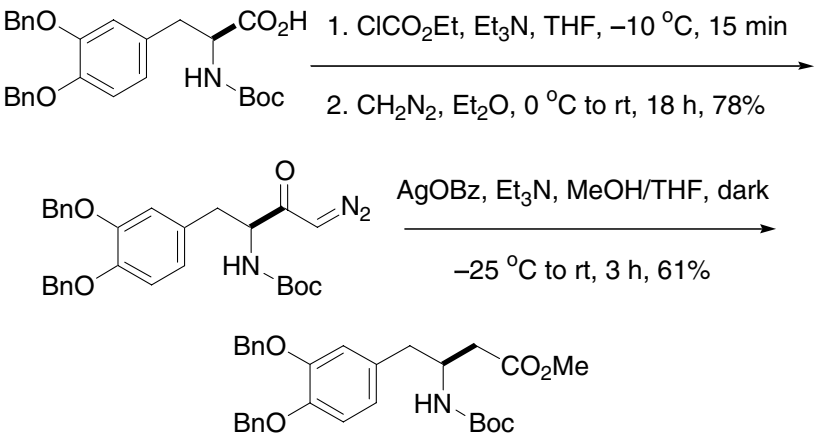

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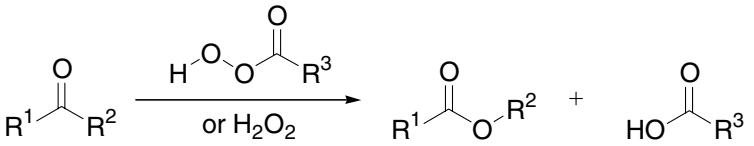
Baeyer–Villiger oxidation

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.

For substituted aryls:

p-MeO-Ar > *p*-Me-Ar > *p*-Cl-Ar > *p*-Br-Ar > *p*-MeOAr > *p*-O_2N-Ar

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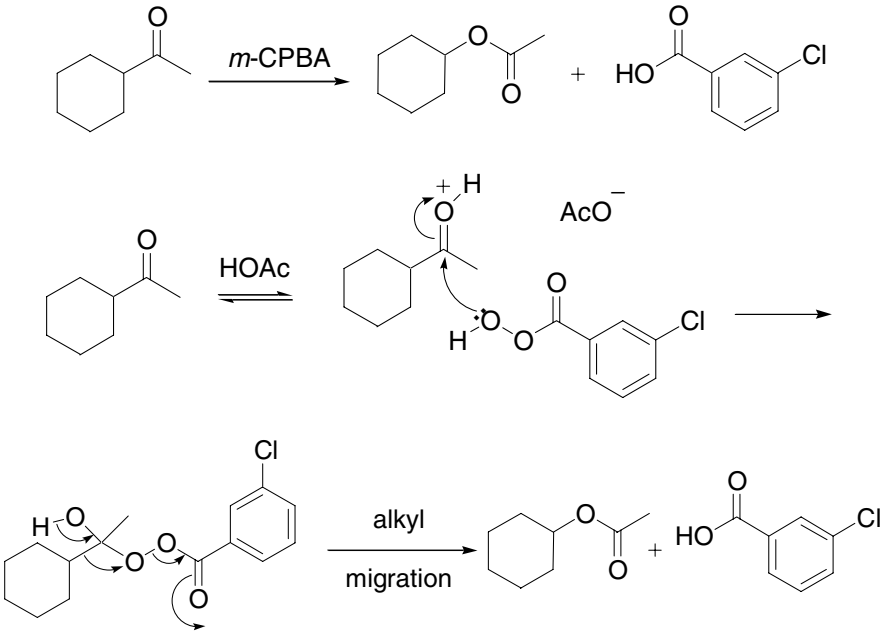

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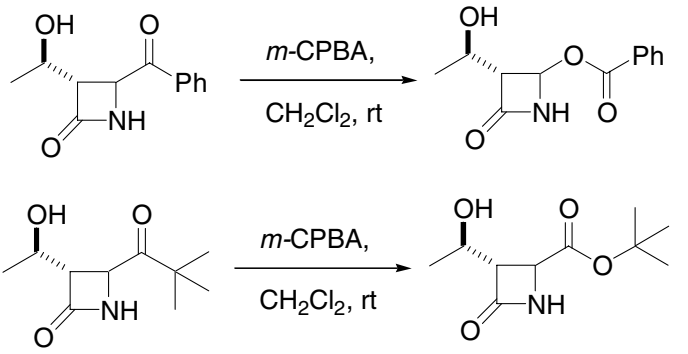

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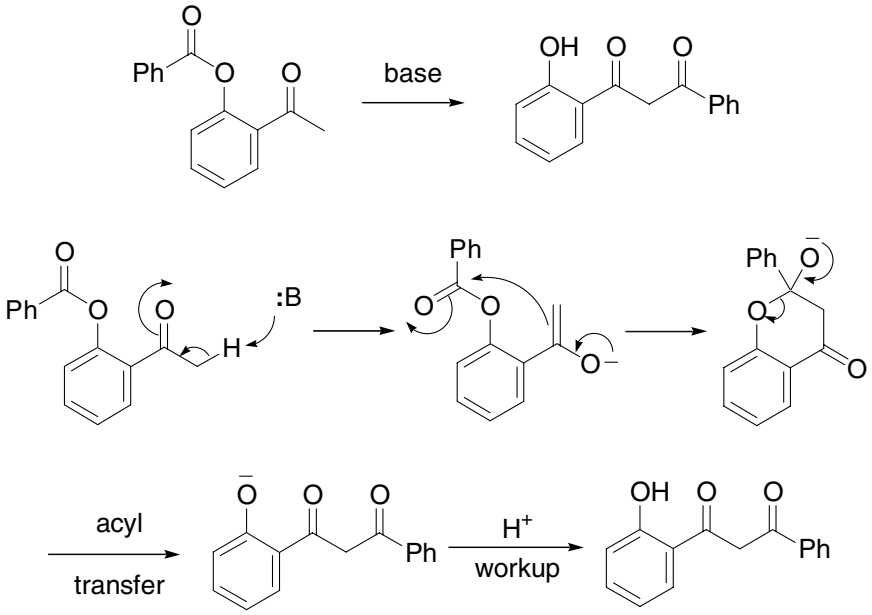
Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement

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



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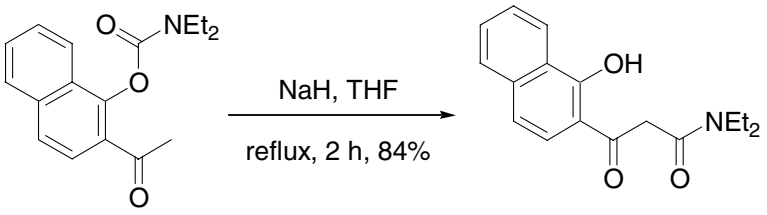

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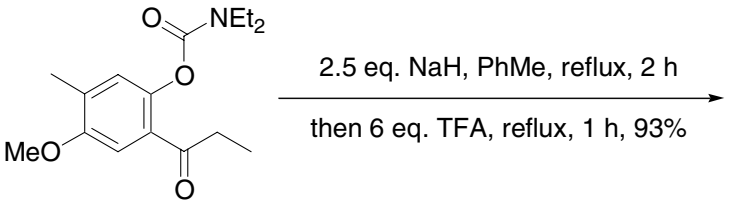

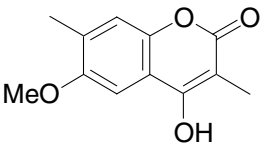

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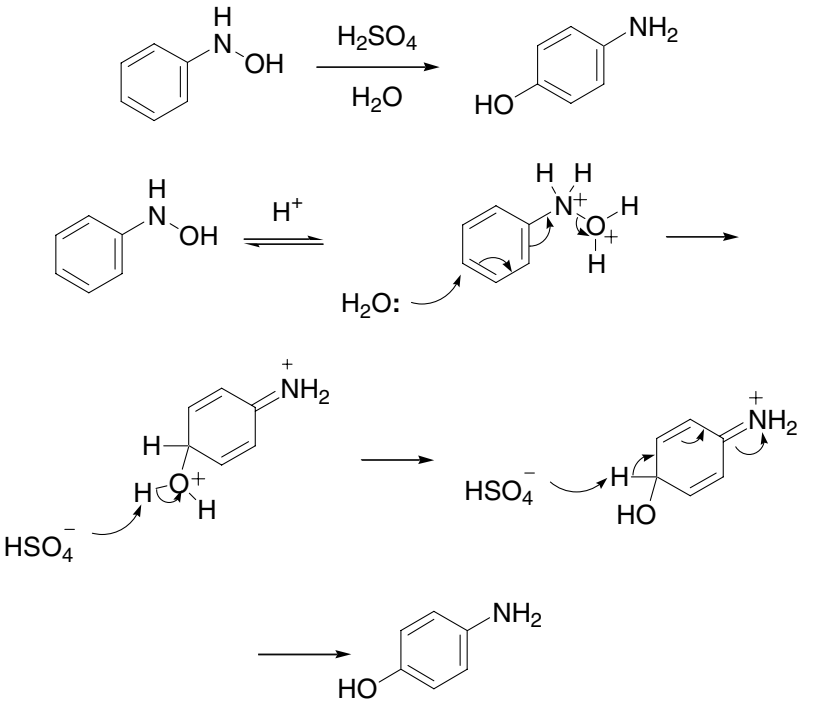
Bamberger rearrangement

Acid-mediated rearrangement of *N*-phenylhydroxylamines to 4-aminophenols.



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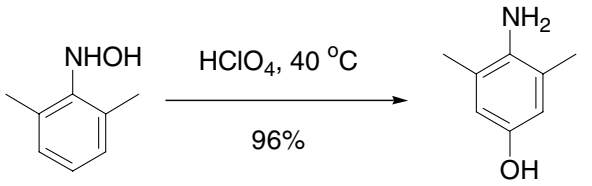

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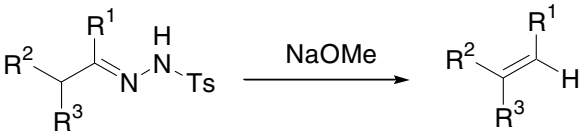
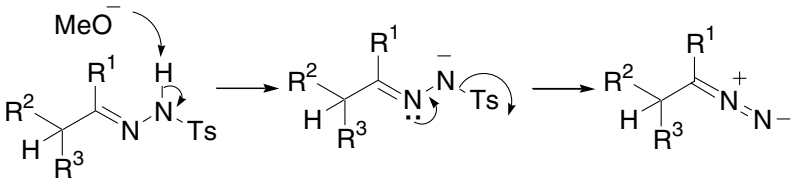
Bamford–Stevens reaction

The Bamford–Stevens reaction and the Shapiro reaction share a similar mechanistic pathway. The former uses a base such as Na, NaOMe, LiH, NaH, $NaNH_2$, heat, *etc*., whereas the latter employs bases such as alkyllithiums 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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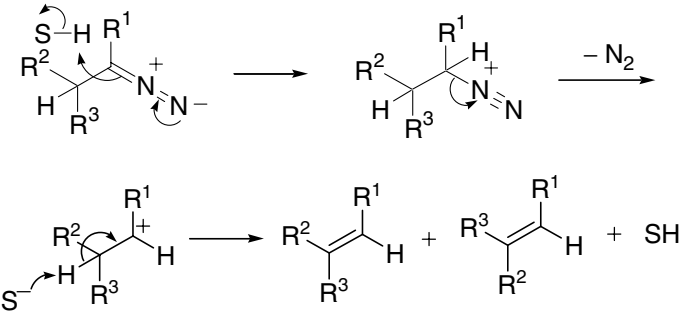

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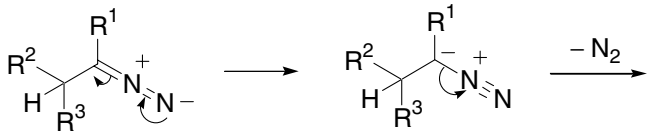
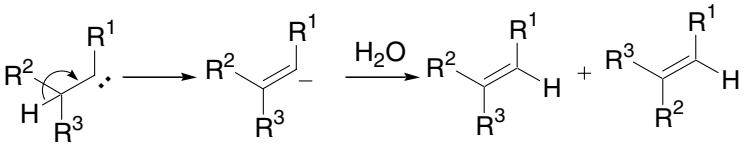
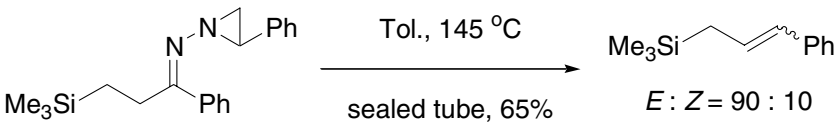




Example 1, thermal Bamford–Stevens[5]



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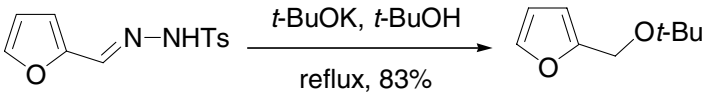

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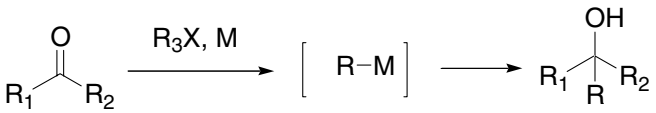
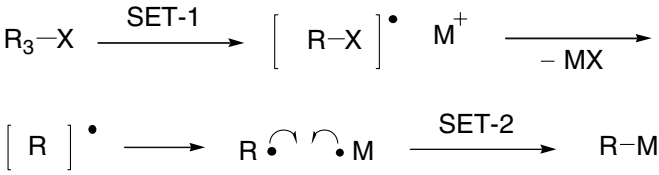
Barbier coupling reaction

In essence, the Barbier coupling reaction is a Grignard reaction carried out *in situ*, although its discovery preceded that of the Grignard reaction by a year. *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 pathway.

Generation of the Grignard reagent,



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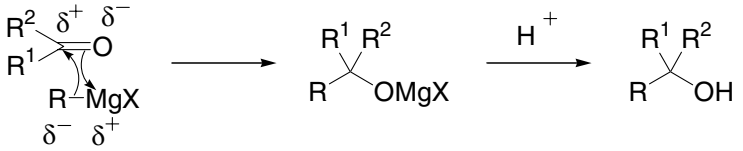

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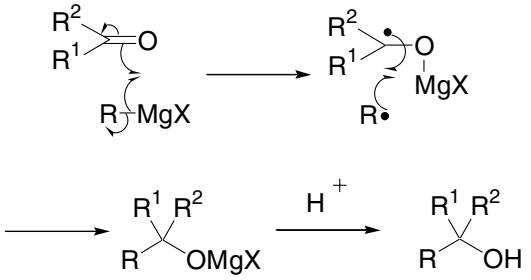

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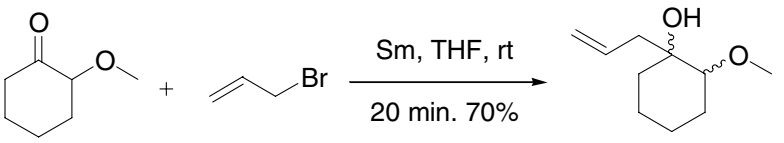

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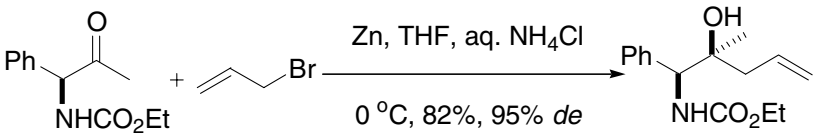

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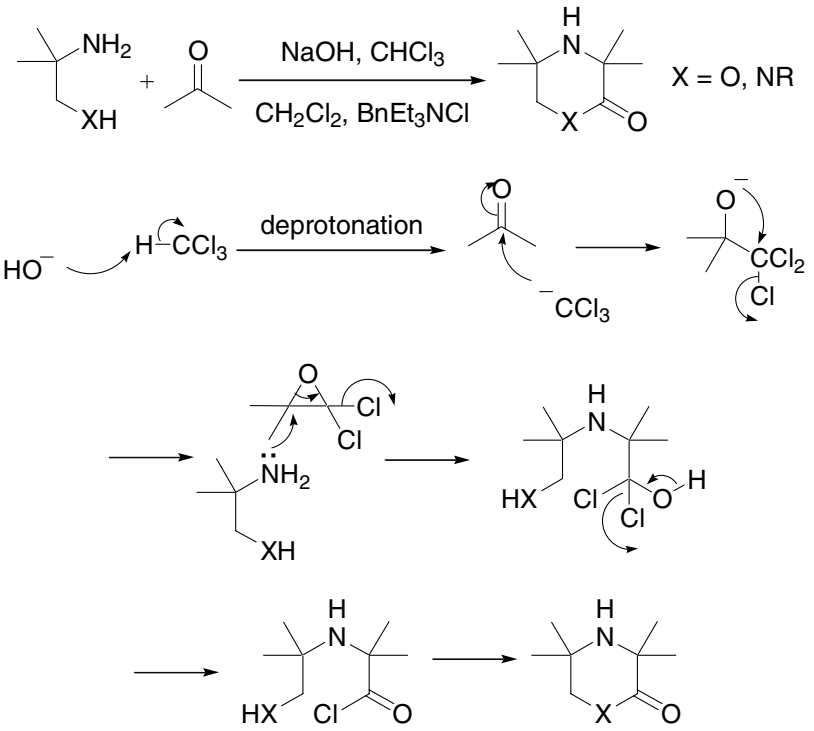
Bargellini reaction

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



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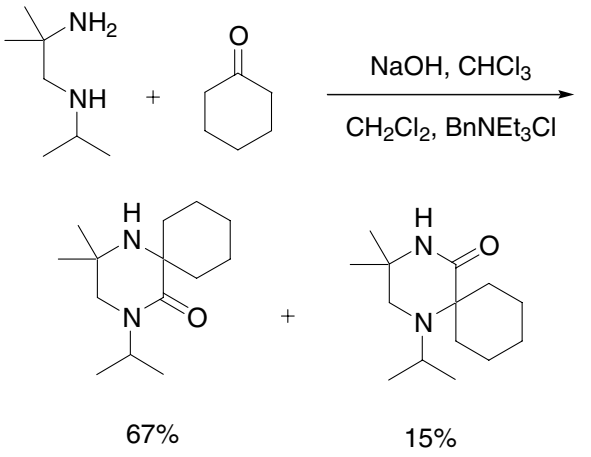

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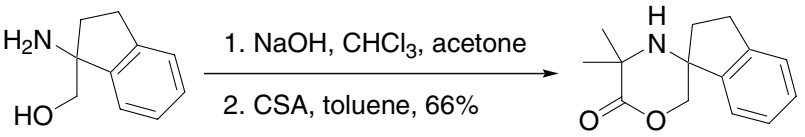

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Bartoli indole synthesis

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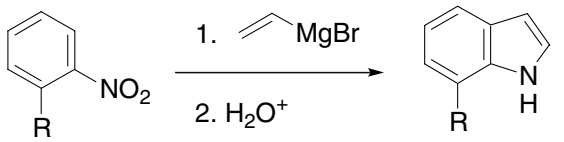

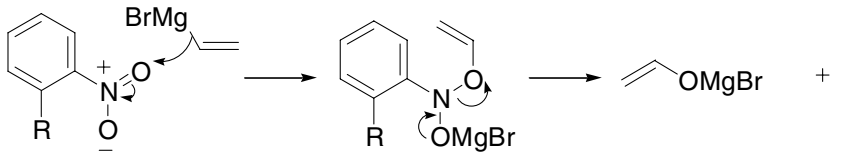

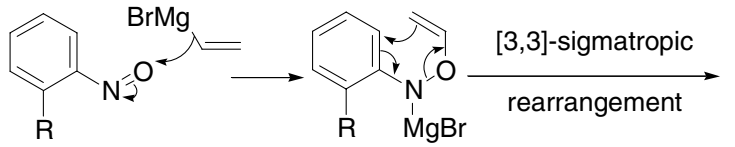

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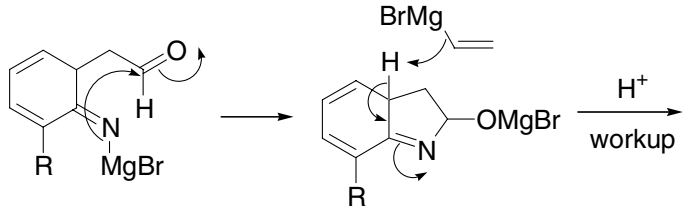

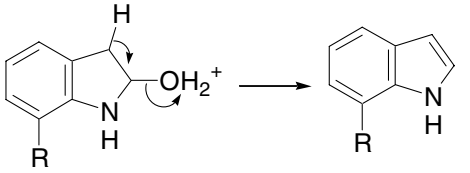

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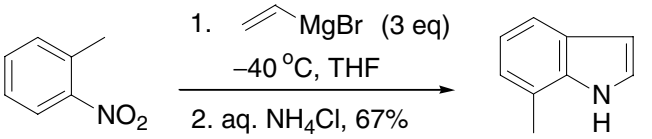

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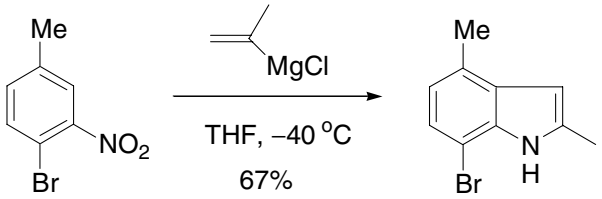

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Barton radical decarboxylation

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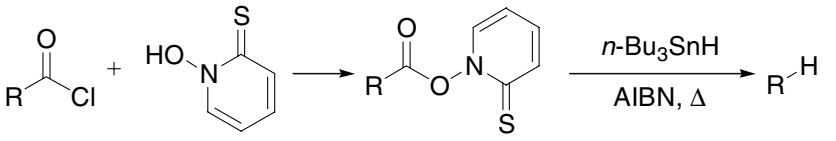

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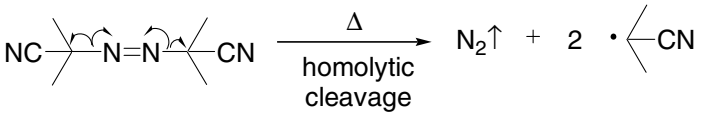

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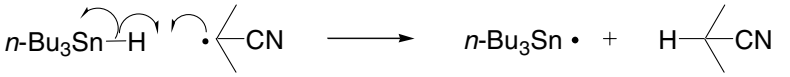

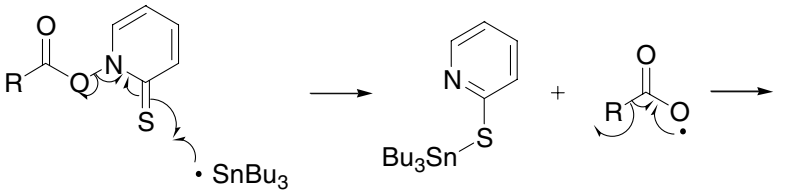

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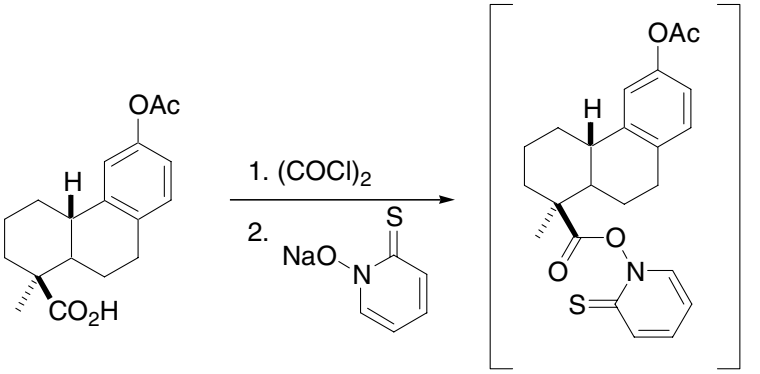

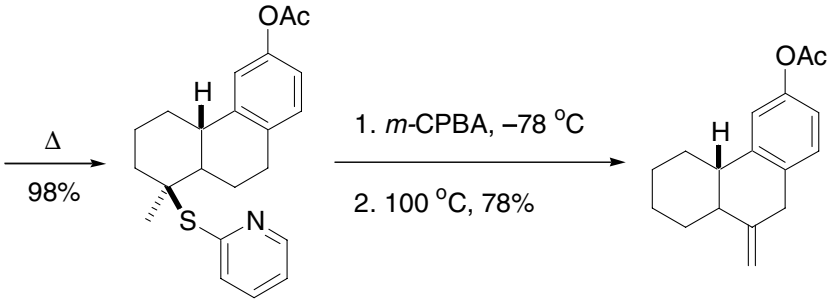

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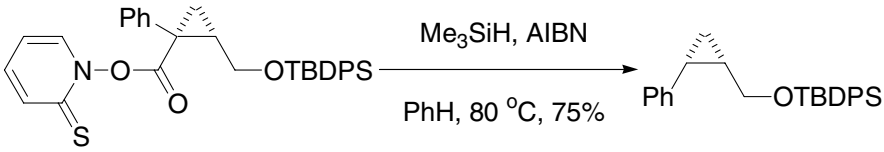

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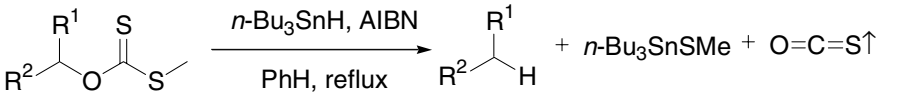
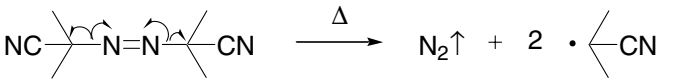
Barton–McCombie deoxygenation

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





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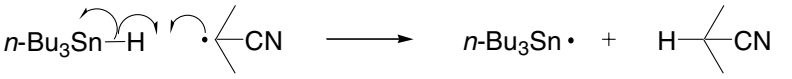

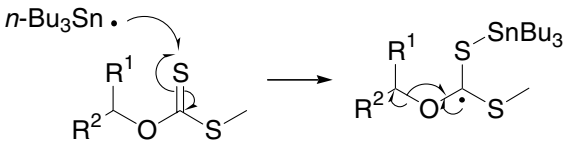

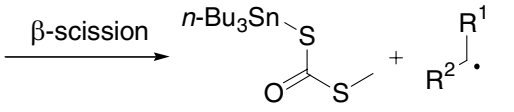

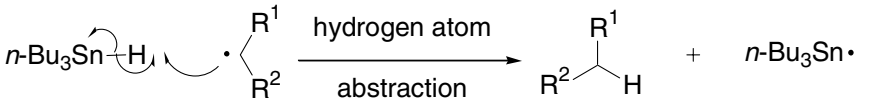

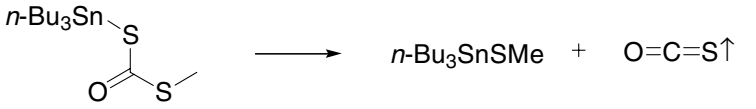

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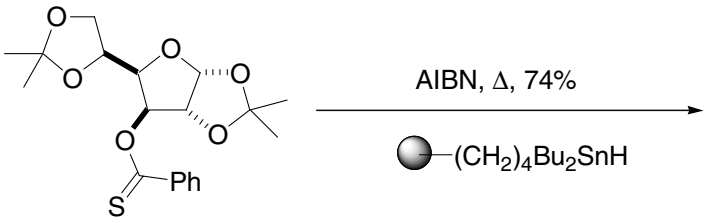

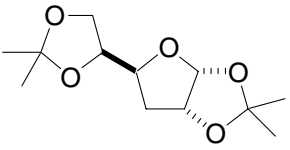

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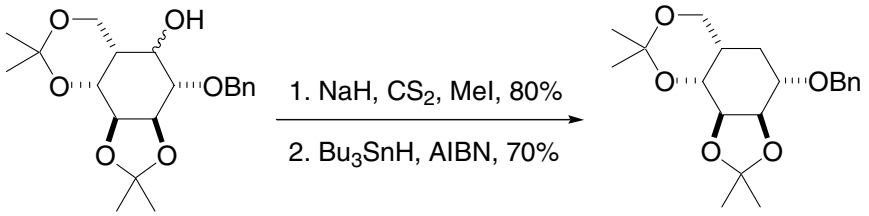

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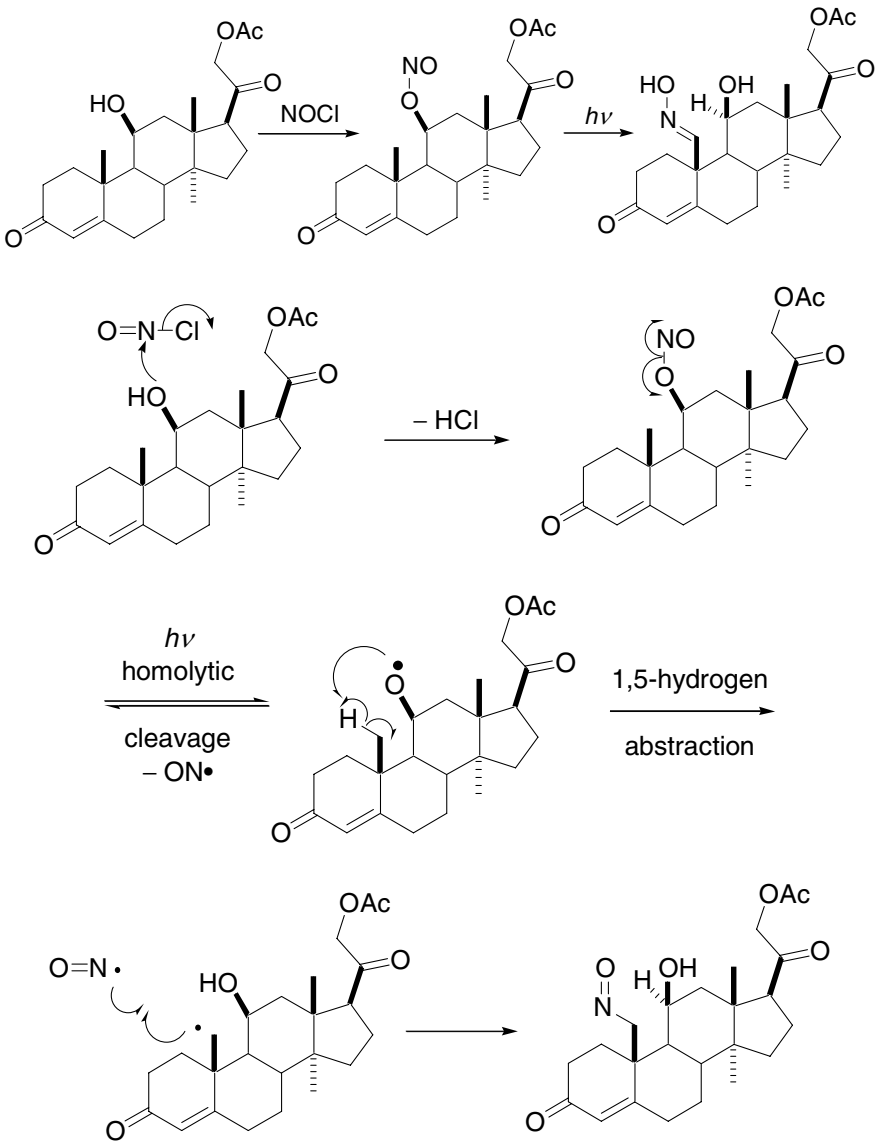
Barton nitrite photolysis

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



Nitric oxide radical is a stable, and therefore, long-lived radical

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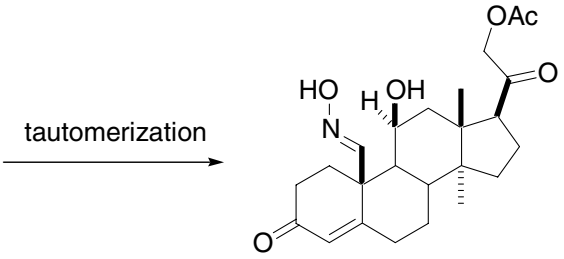

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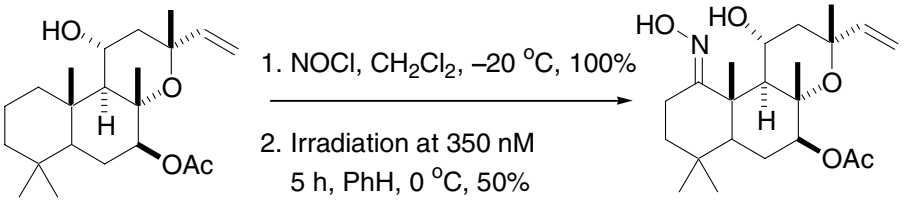

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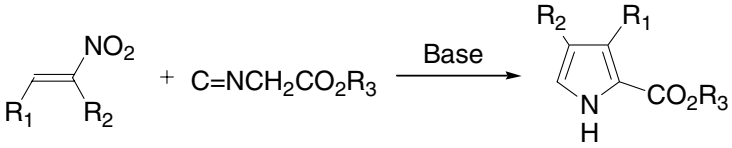
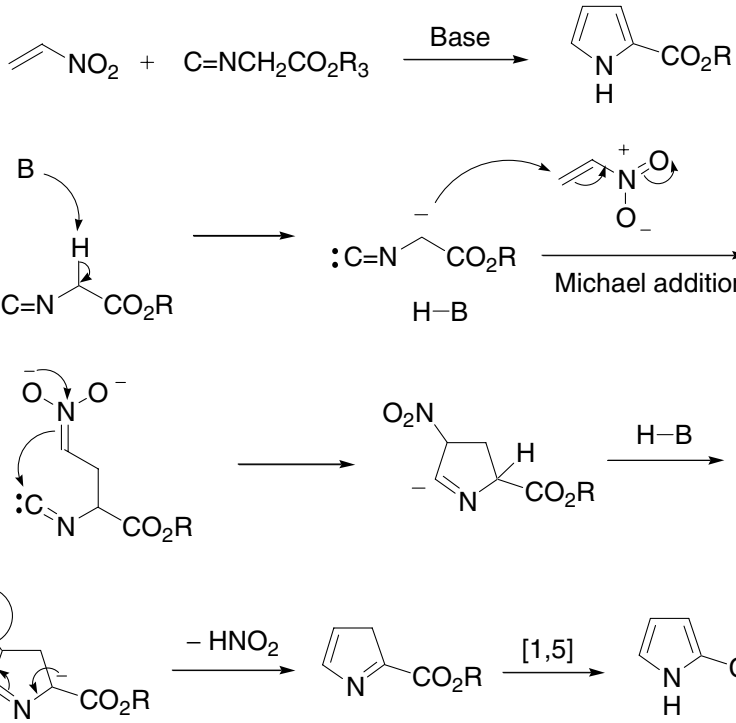
Barton–Zard reaction

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



R_1 = H, alkyl, aryl
R_2 = H, alkyl
R_3 = Me, Et, *t*-Bu
Base = KO*t*-Bu, DBU, guanidine bases

Example 1



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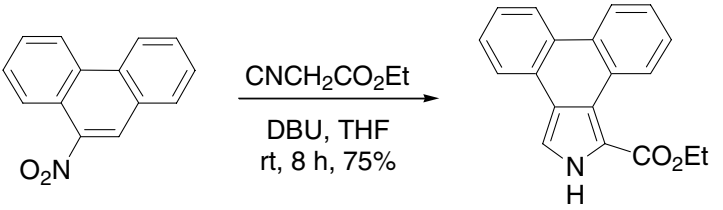

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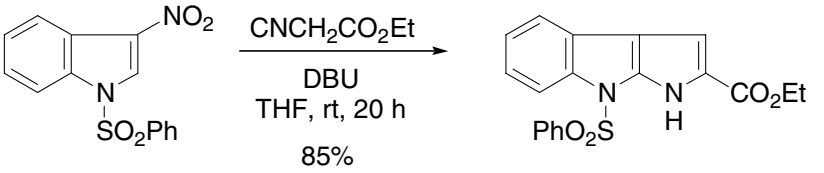

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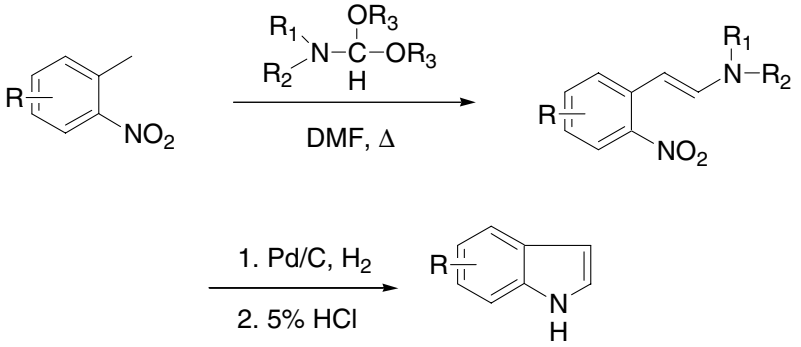
Batcho–Leimgruber indole synthesis

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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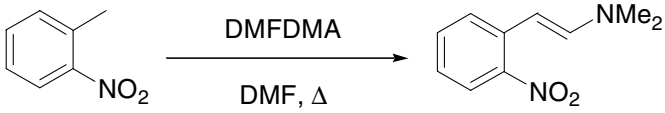
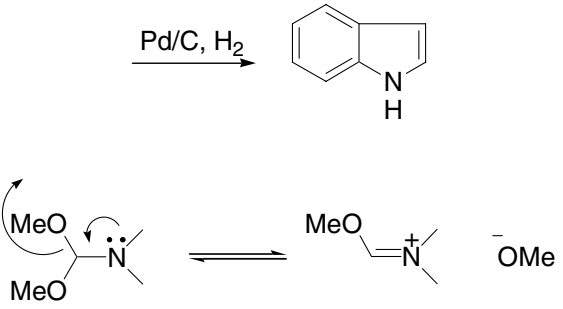
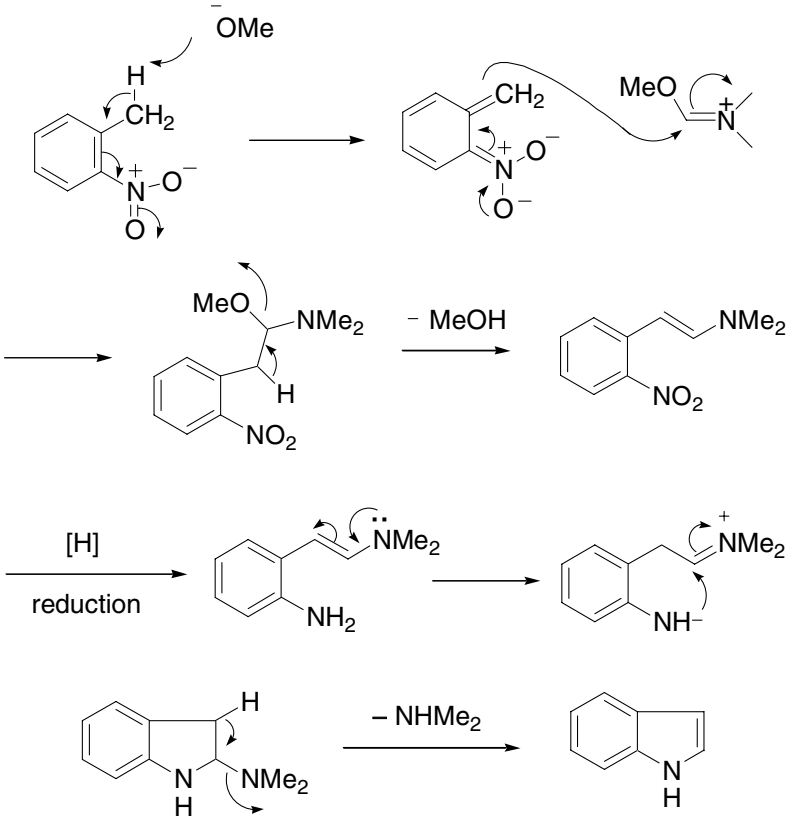


DMFDMA = *N,N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal, $Me_2NCH(OMe)_2$

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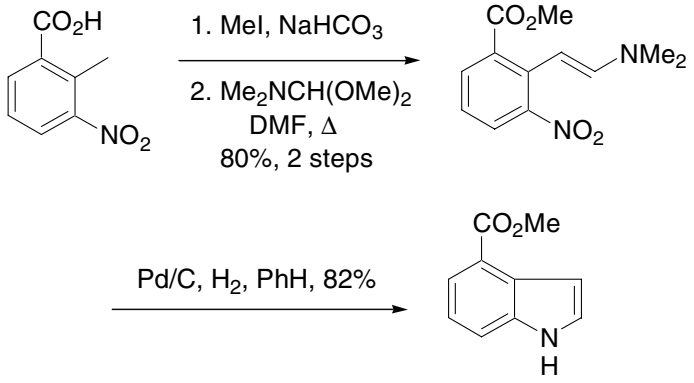
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1. MeI, NaHCO3
2. Me2NCH(OMe)2
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CO2Me
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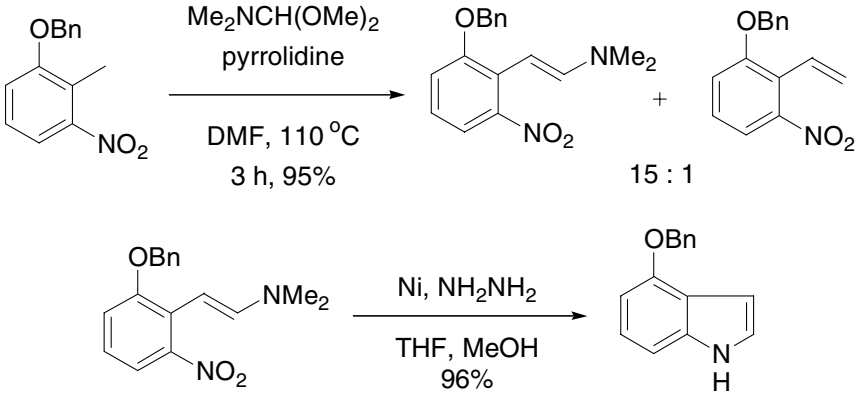
Example 3[14]



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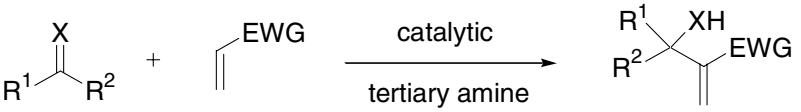
Baylis–Hillman reaction

Also known as Morita–Baylis–Hillman reaction, and occasionally known as Rauhut–Currier 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, $PO(OEt)_2$, $CONR_2$, $CH_2{=}CHCO_2Me$

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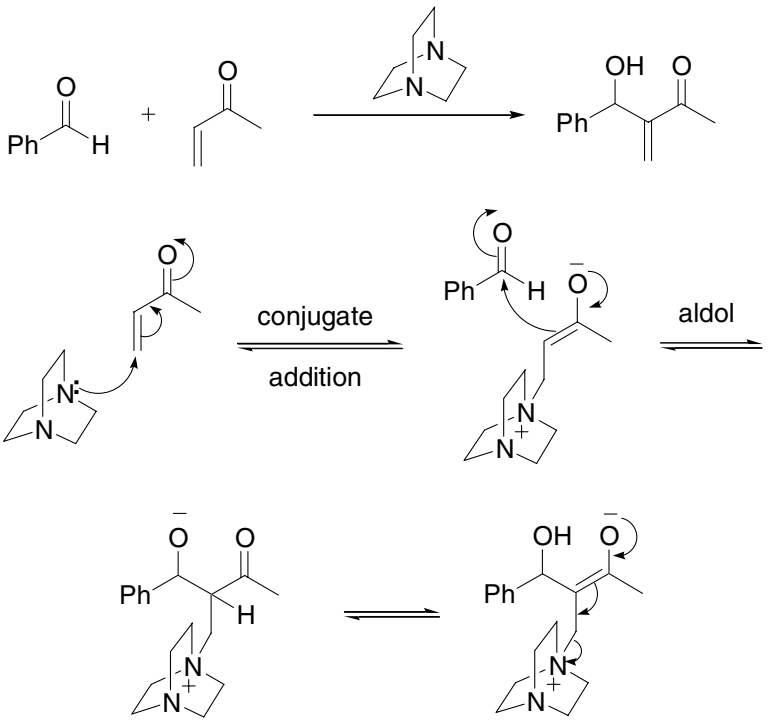

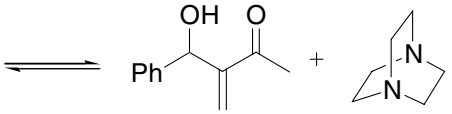

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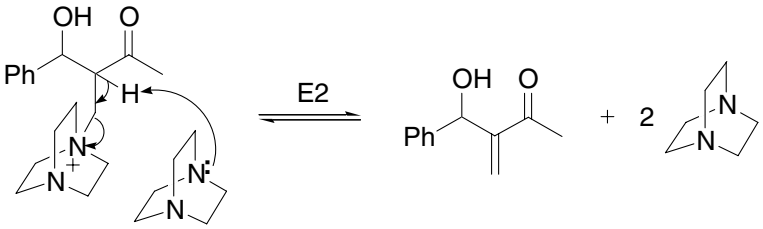

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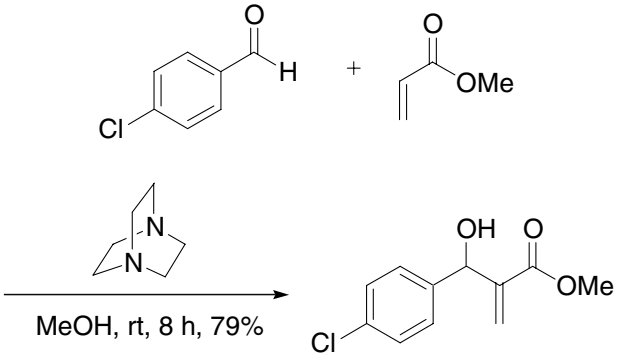

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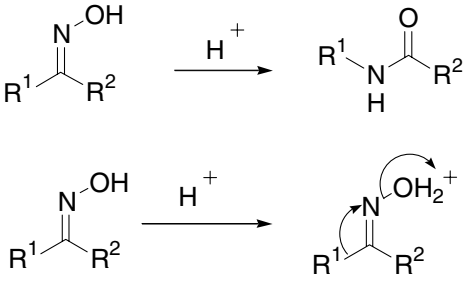
Beckmann rearrangement

Acid-mediated isomerization of oximes to amides.

In protic acid:



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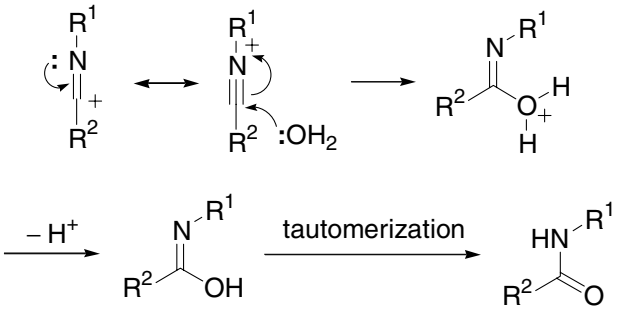

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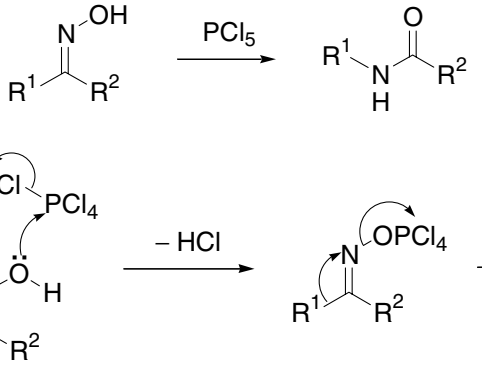

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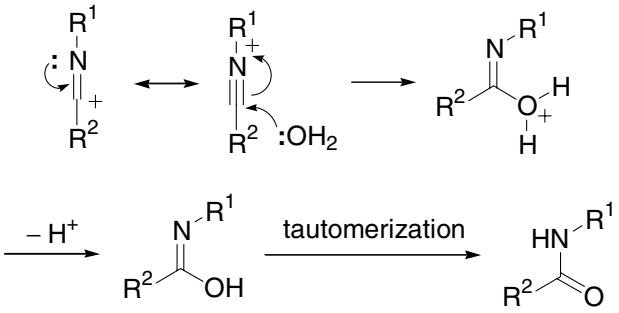

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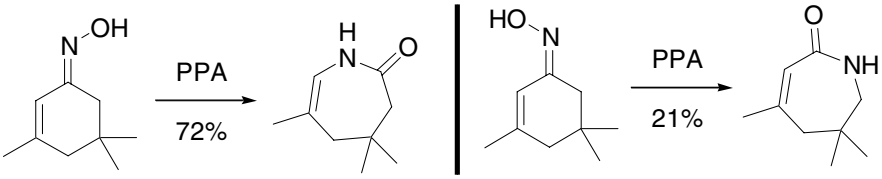

PPA = **p**oly**p**hosphoric **a**cid

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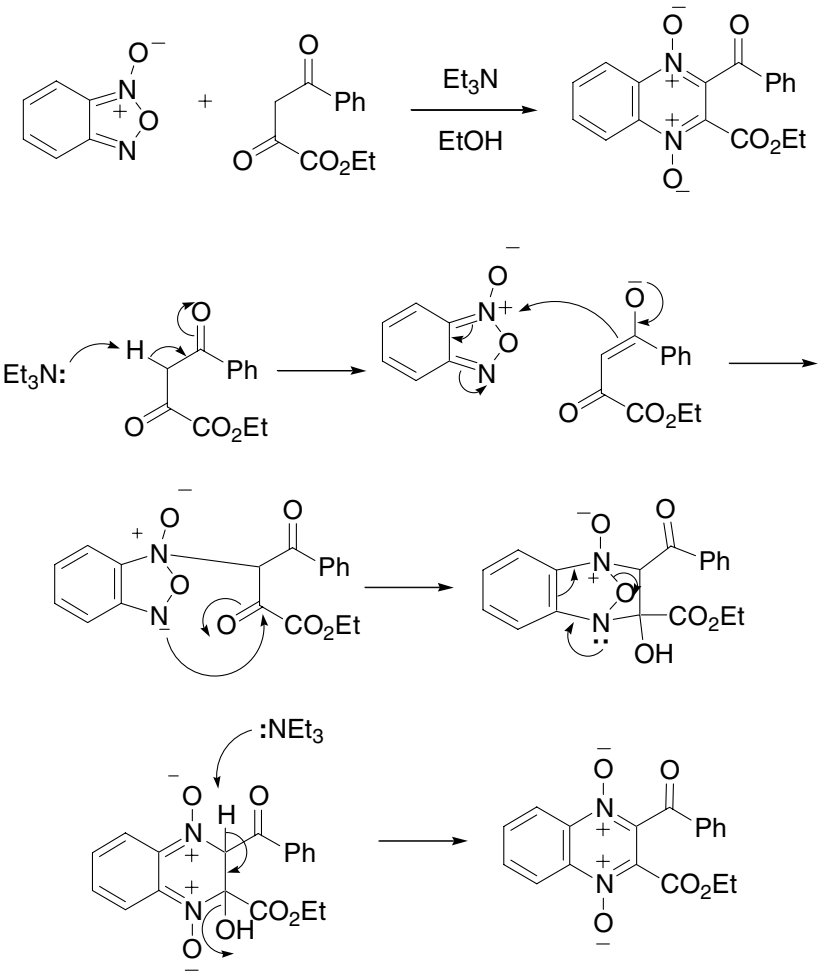
Beirut reaction

Synthesis of quinoxaline-1,4-dioxides from benzofurazan oxide.



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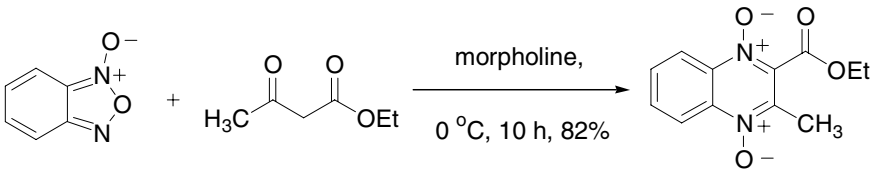

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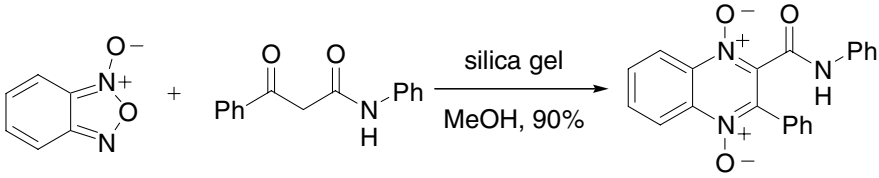

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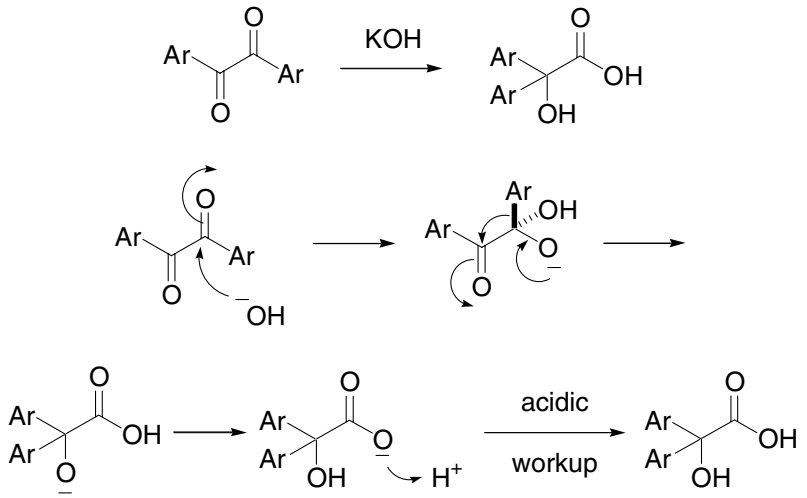
Benzilic acid rearrangement

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



Final deprotonation of the carboxylic acid drives the reaction forward.

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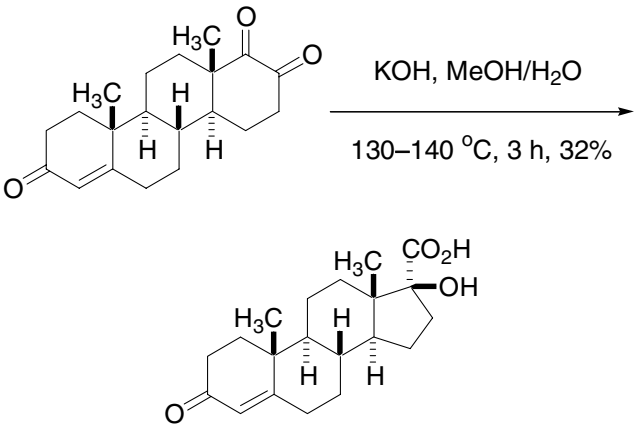

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Liebig would soon transform Giessen from a sleepy university to the Mecca of organic chemistry in Europe. Liebig is now considered the father of organic chemistry. Many classic name reactions were published in the journal that still bears his name, *Justus Liebigs Annalen der Chemie.*[2]

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Benzoin condensation

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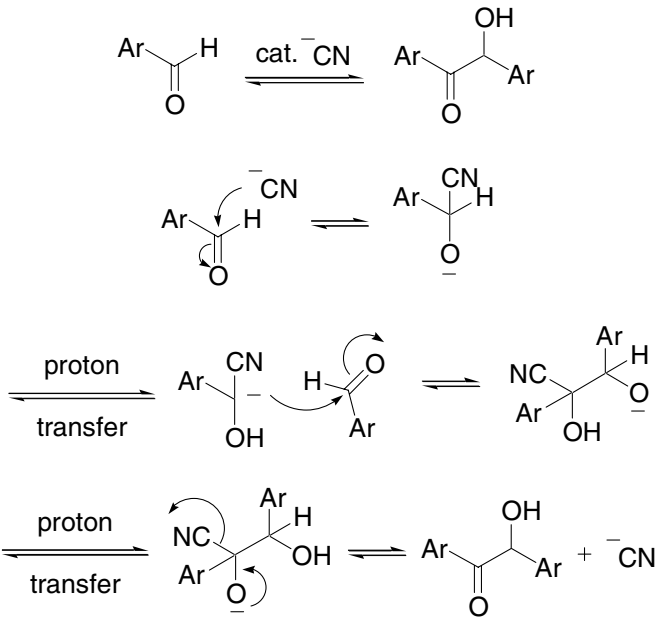

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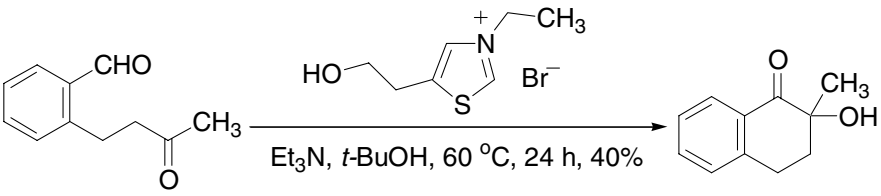

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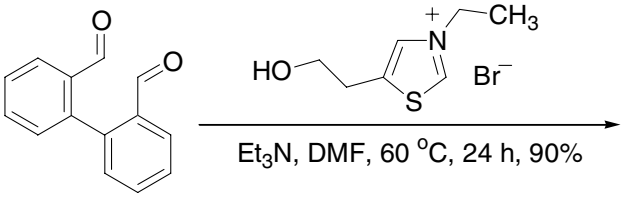

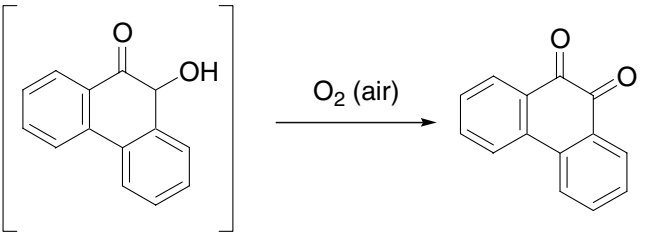

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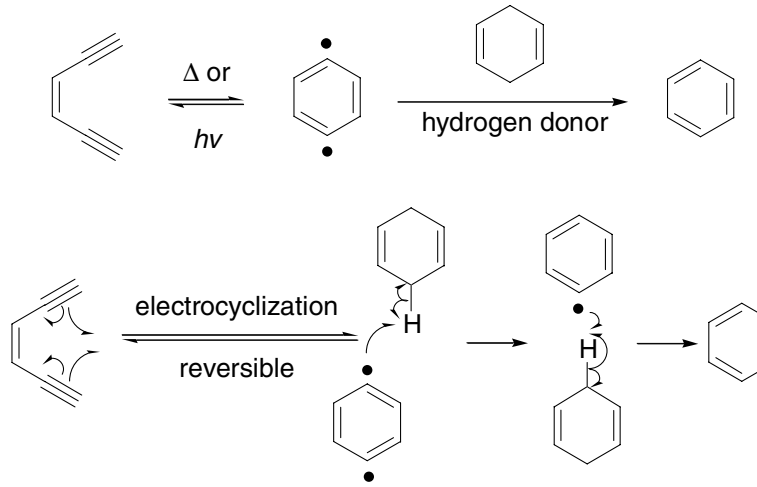
Bergman cyclization

1,4-Benzenediyl diradical formation from enediyne *via* electrocyclization.



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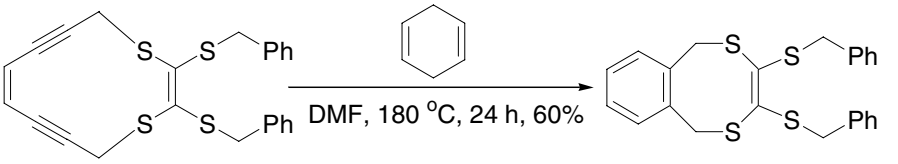

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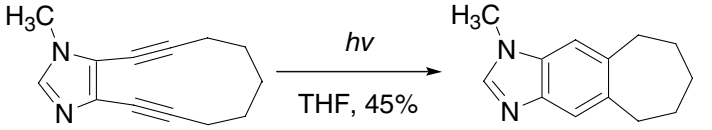

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Biginelli pyrimidone synthesis

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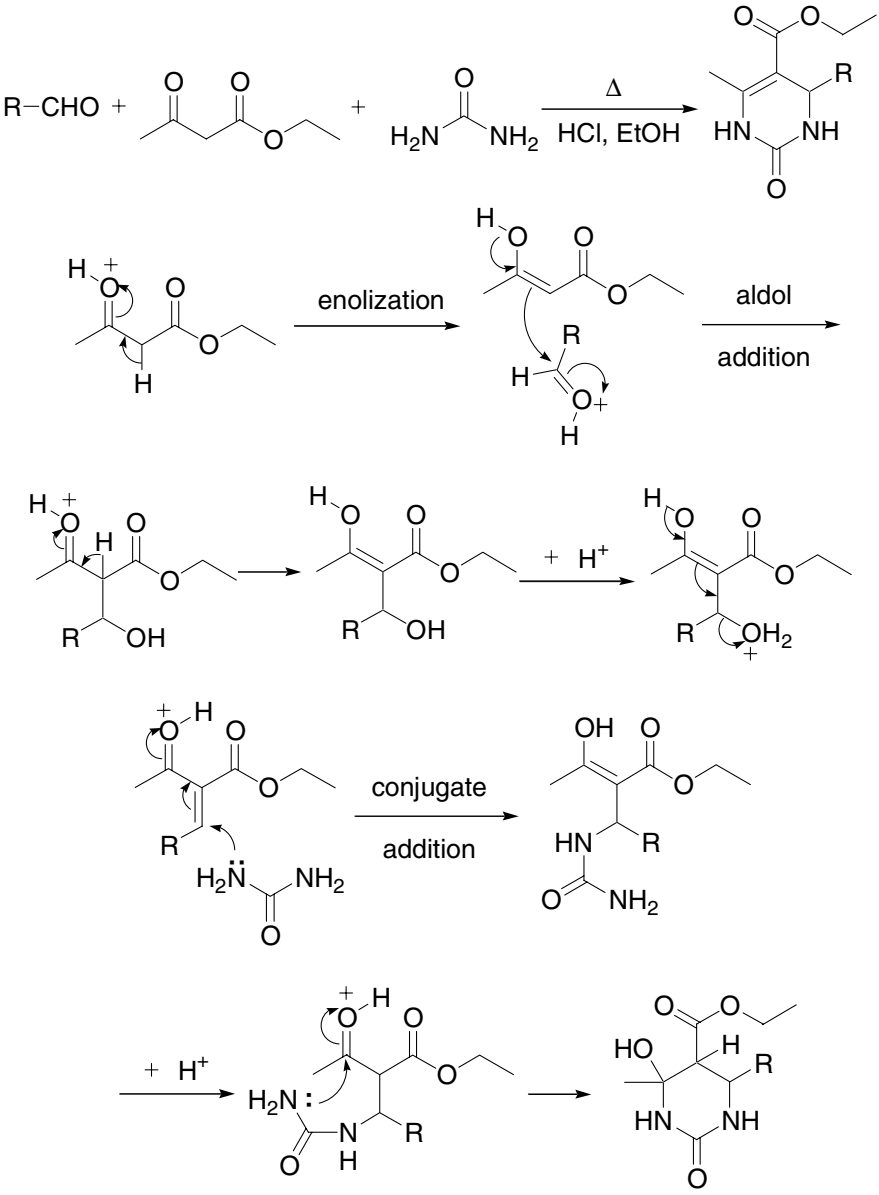

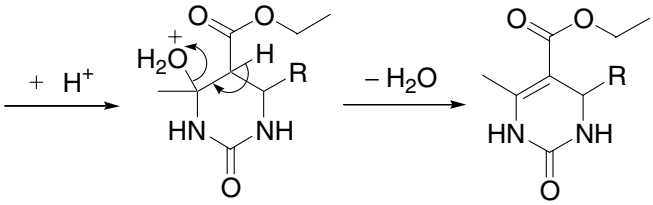

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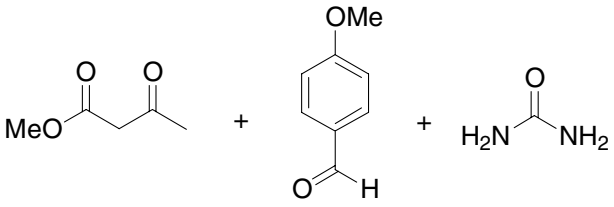

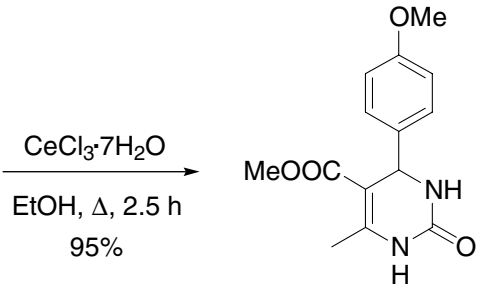

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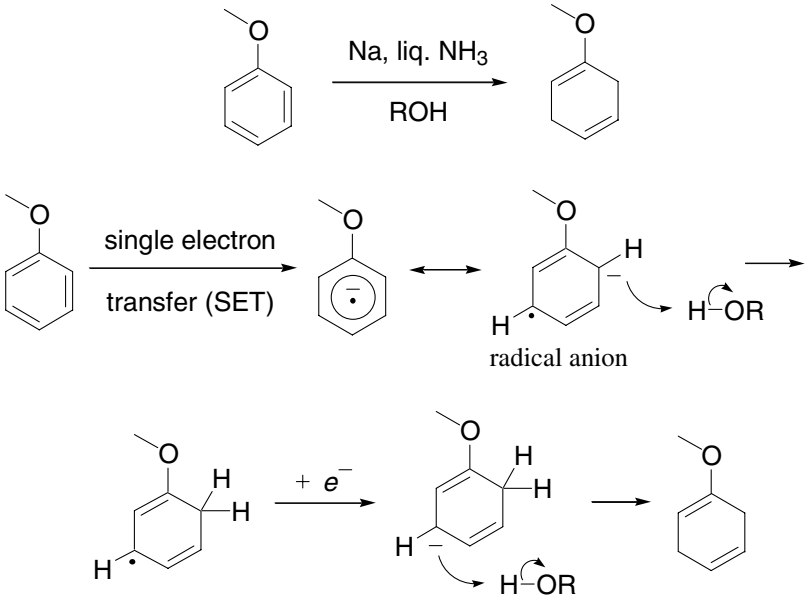
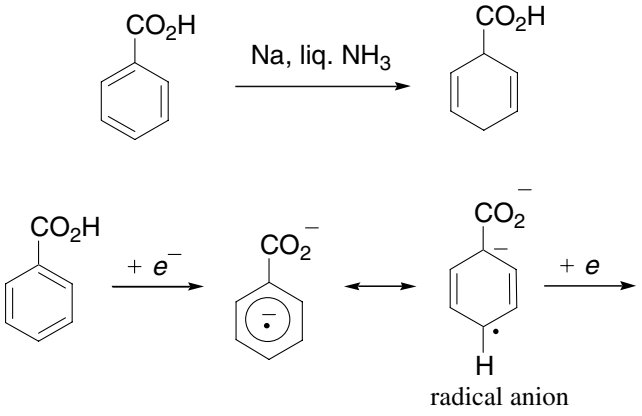
Birch reduction

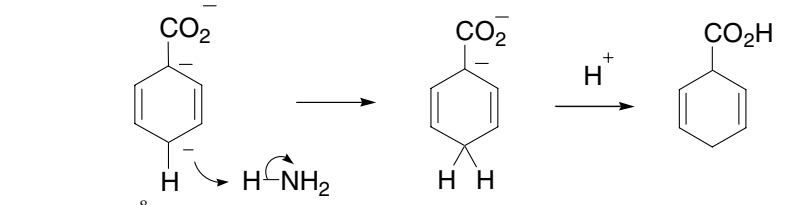
The Birch reduction is the 1,4-reduction of aromatics to their corresponding cyclohexadienes by alkali metals (Li, K, Na) dissolved in liquid ammonia in the presence of an alcohol.

Benzene ring bearing an electron-donating substituent:



Benzene ring with an electron-withdrawing substituent:





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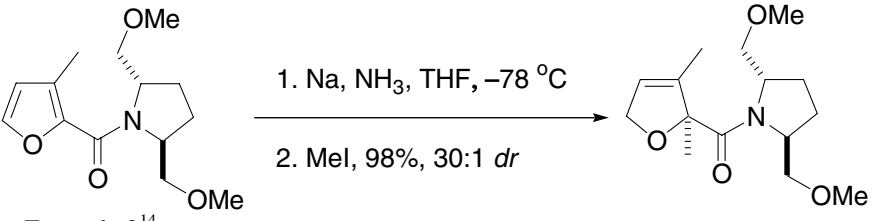

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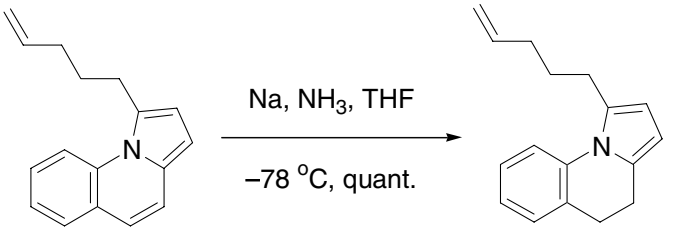

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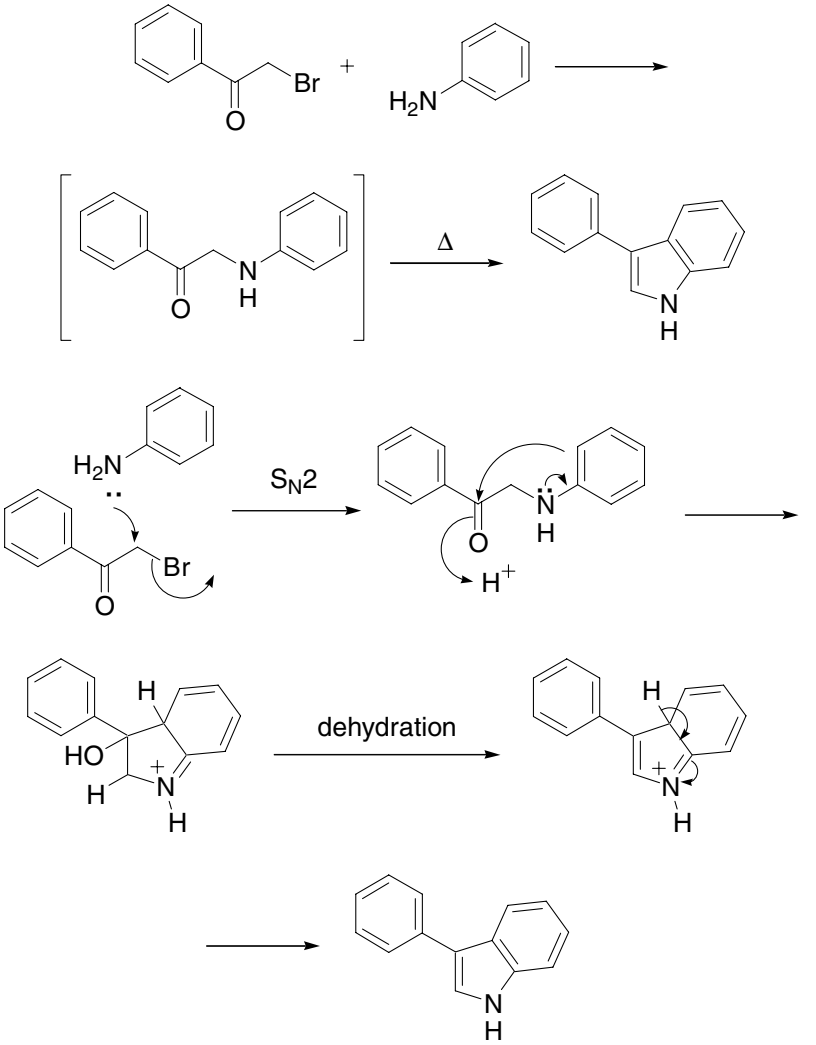
Bischler–Möhlau indole synthesis

3-Arylindoles from the cyclization of ω-arylamino-ketones and anilines.



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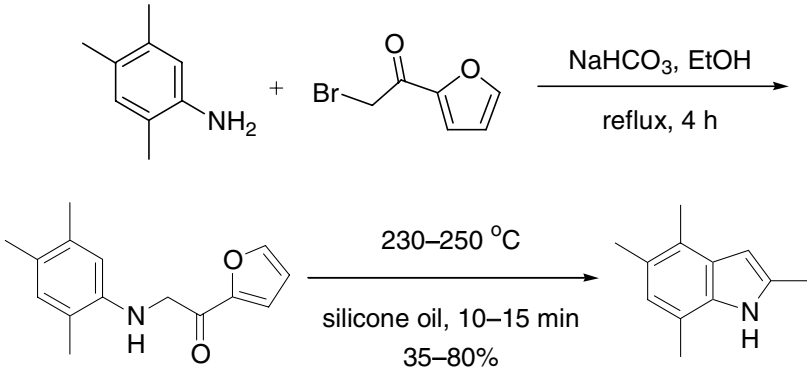

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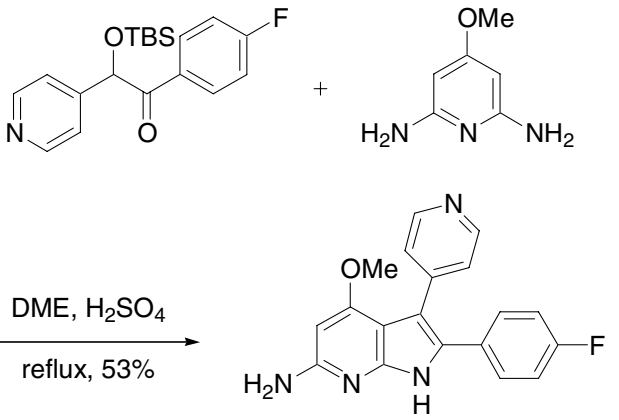

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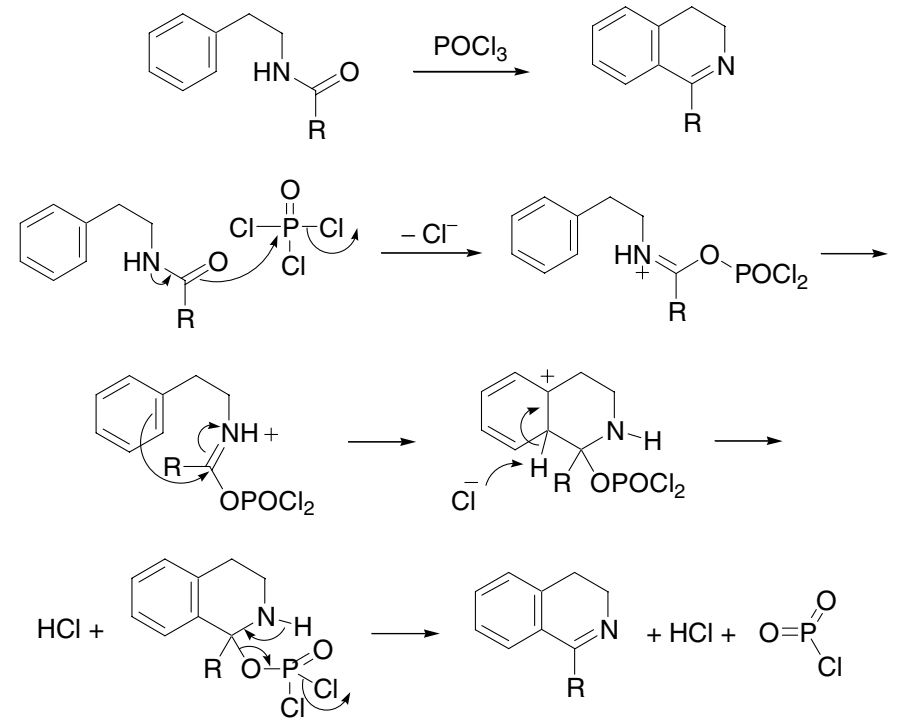
Bischler–Napieralski reaction

Dihydroisoquinolines from β-phenethylamides using phosphorus oxychloride.



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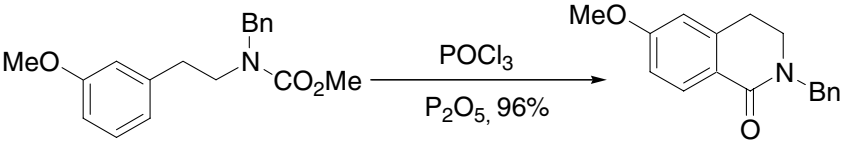

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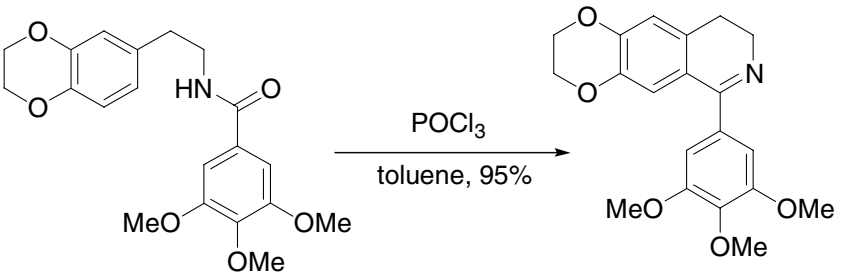

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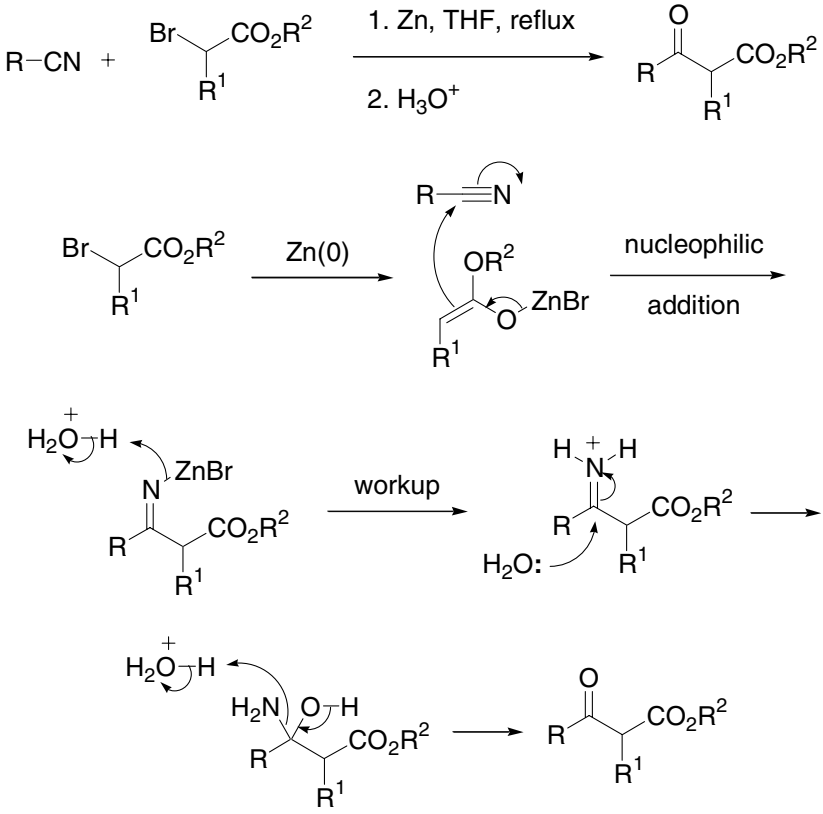
Blaise reaction

β-Ketoesters from nitriles and α-haloesters using Zn.



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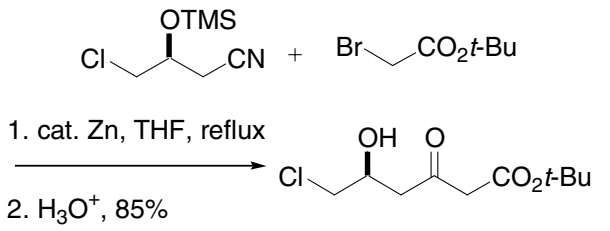

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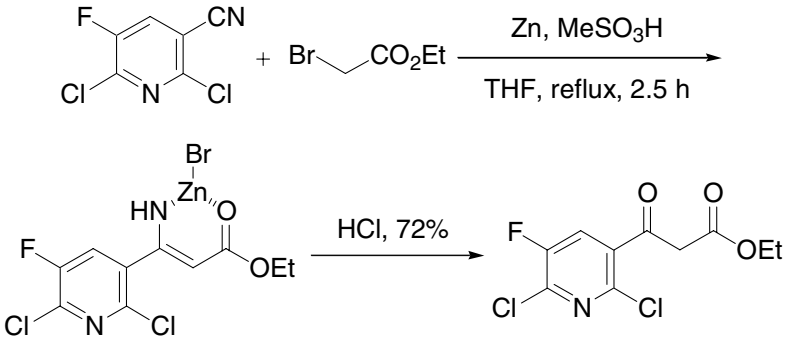

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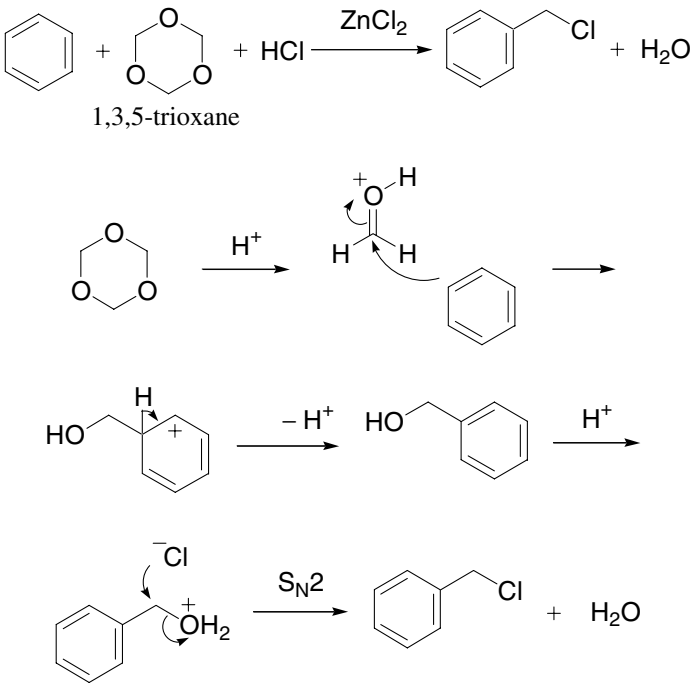
Blanc chloromethylation

Lewis acid-promoted chloromethyl group installation onto the aromatics rings with 1,3,5-trioxane and HCl.



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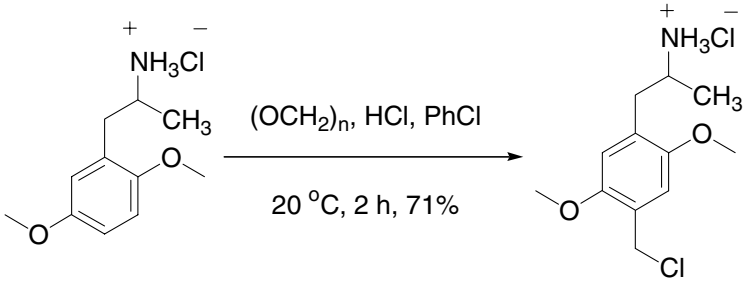

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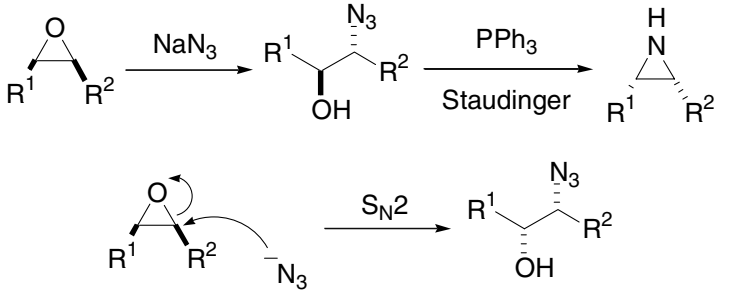
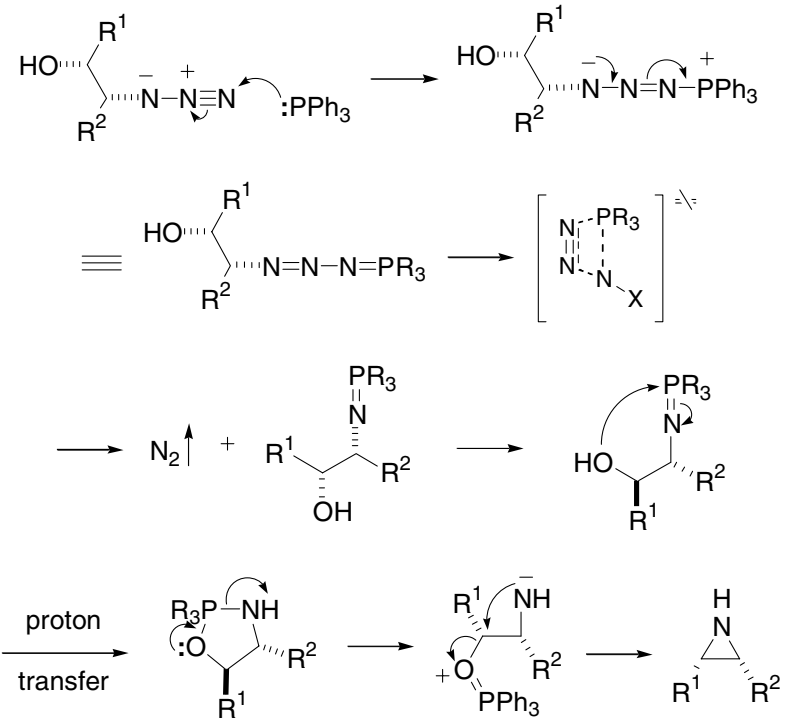
Blum aziridine synthesis

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



Regardless of the regioselectivity of the S_N2 reaction of the azide, the ultimate stereochemical outcome for the aziridine is the same.



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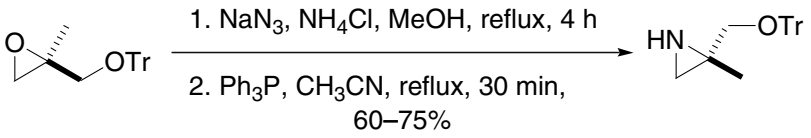

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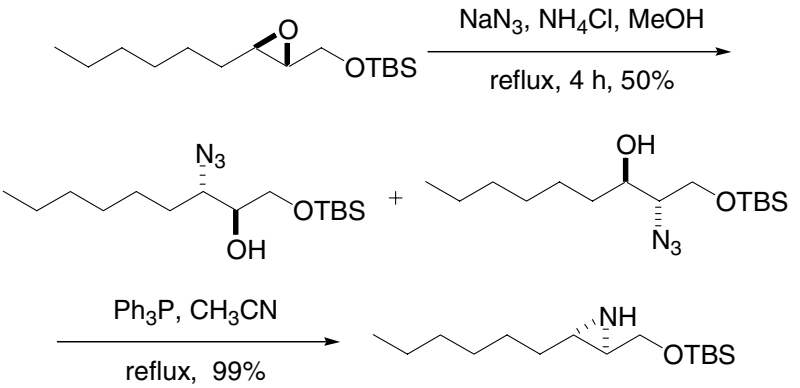

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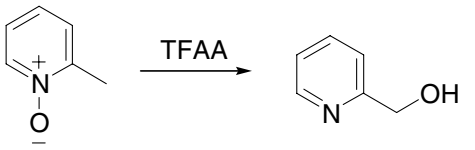
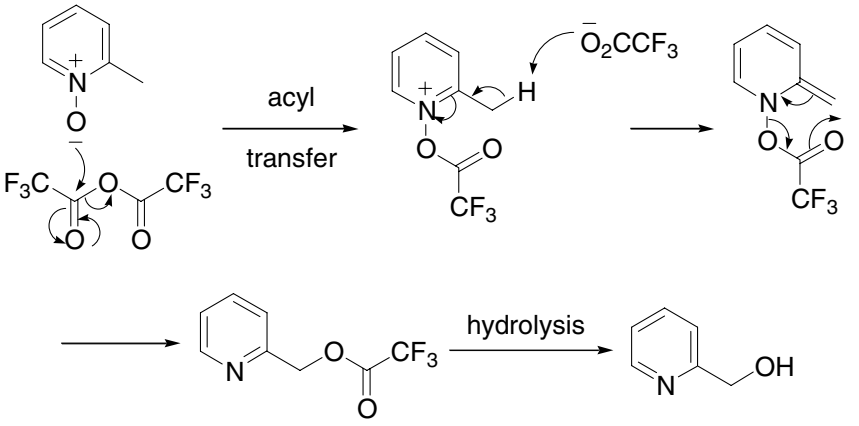
Boekelheide reaction

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



TFAA, trifluoroacetic anhydride



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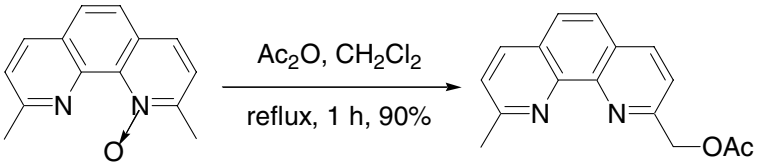

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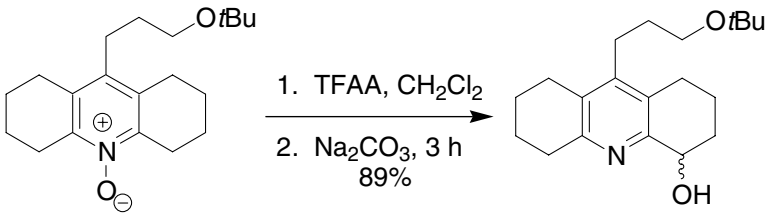

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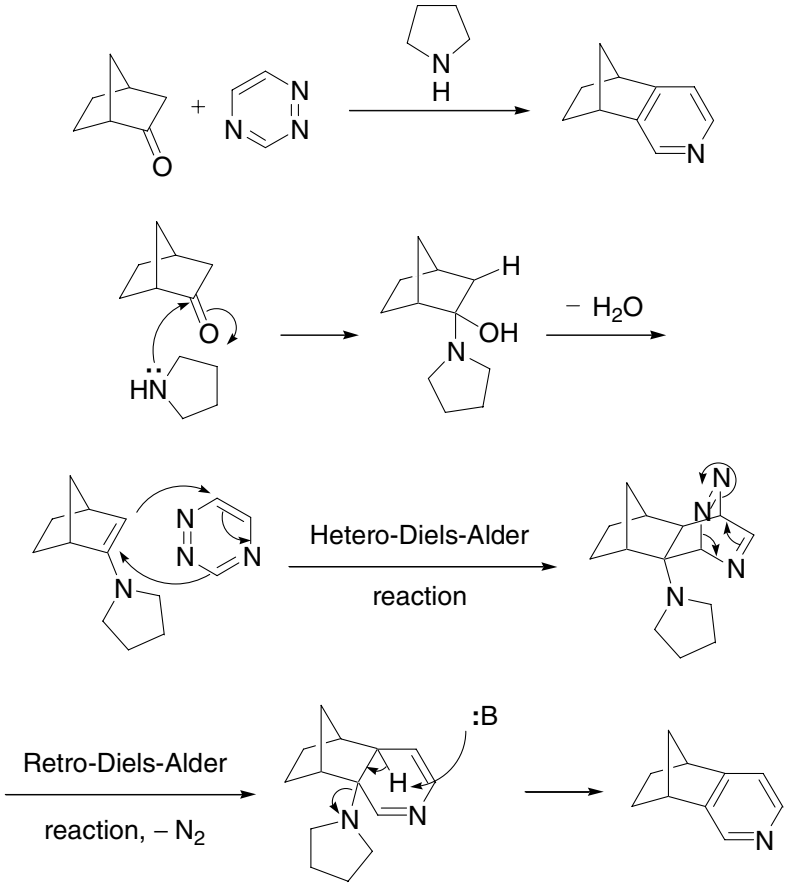
Boger pyridine synthesis

Pyridine synthesis *via* hetero-Diels–Alder reaction of 1,2,4-triazines and dienophiles (e.g. enamine) followed by extrusion of N_2.



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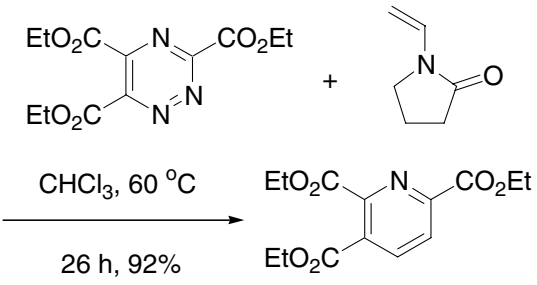

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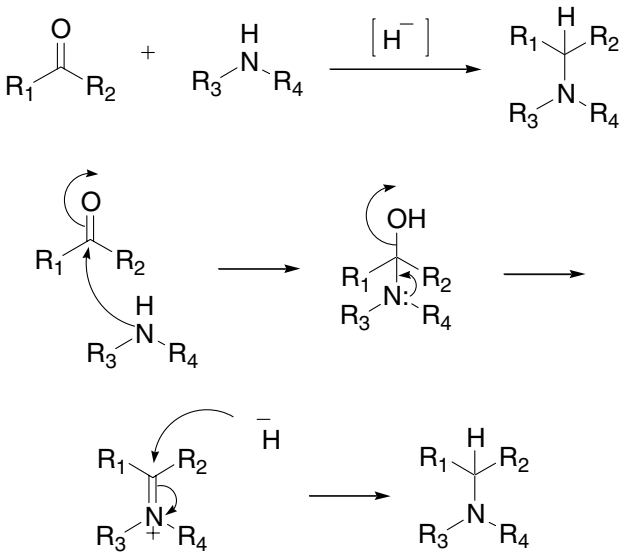
Borch reductive amination

Reduction (often using $NaCNBH_3$) of the imine formed by an amine and a carbonyl to afford the corresponding amine—basically, reductive amination.



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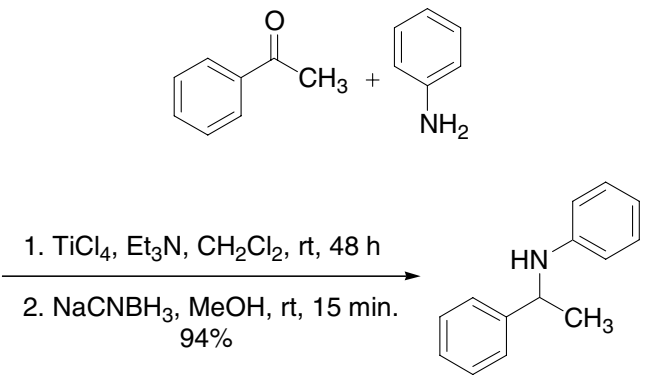

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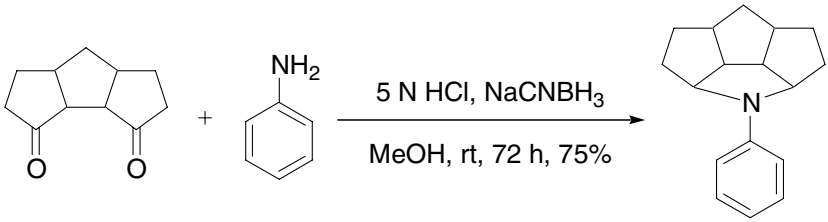

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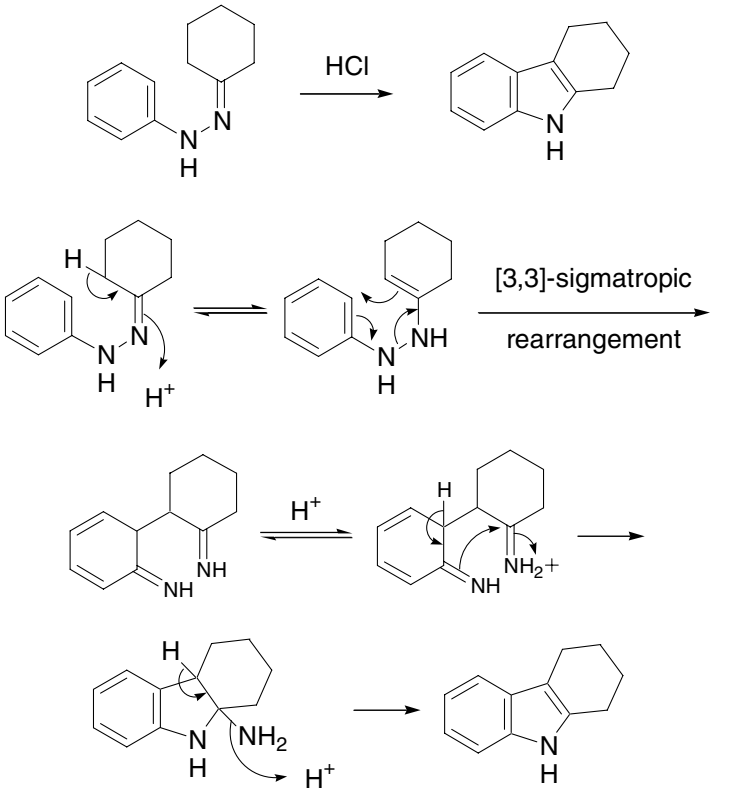
Borsche–Drechsel cyclization

Tetrahydrocarbazole synthesis from cyclohexanone phenylhydrazone.
Cf. Fisher indole synthesis.



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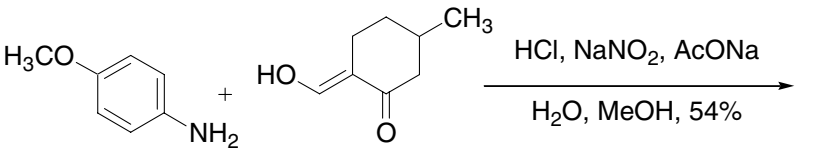

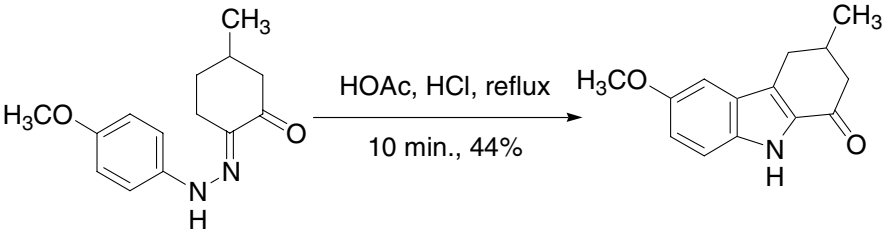

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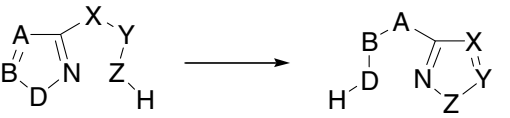
Boulton–Katritzky rearrangement

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



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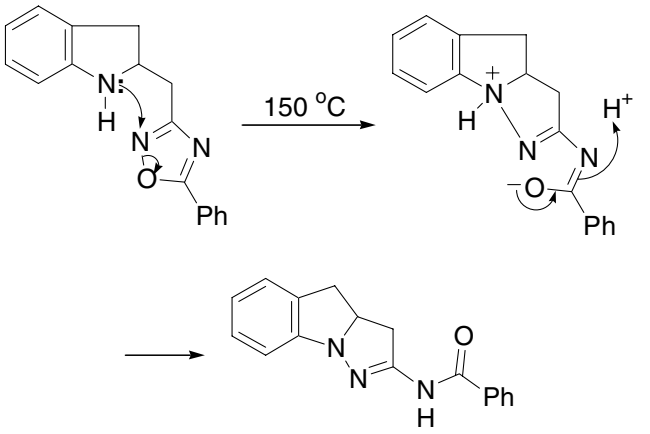

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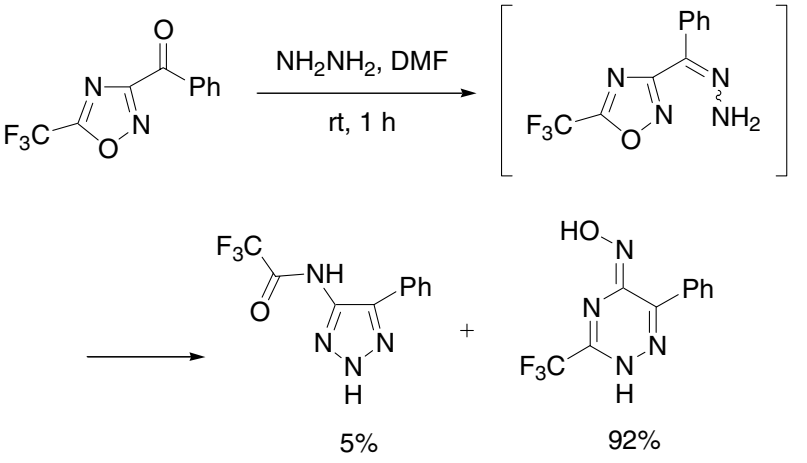

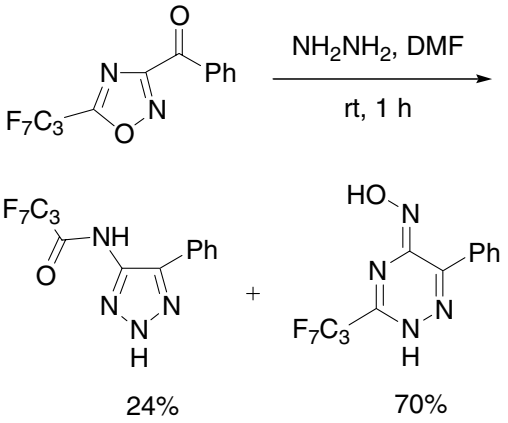

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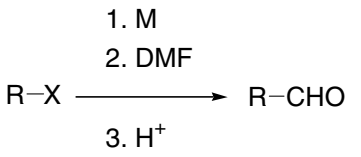
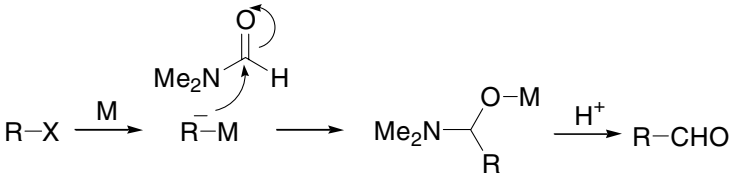
Bouveault aldehyde synthesis

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).





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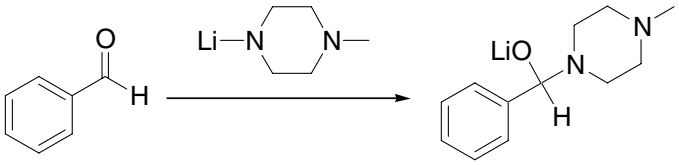

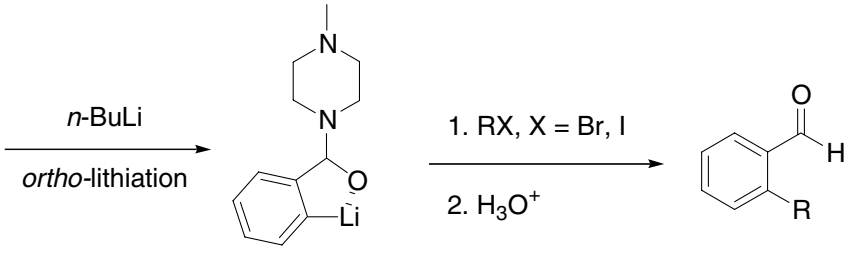

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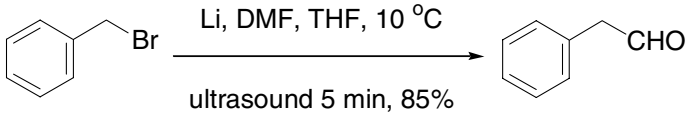

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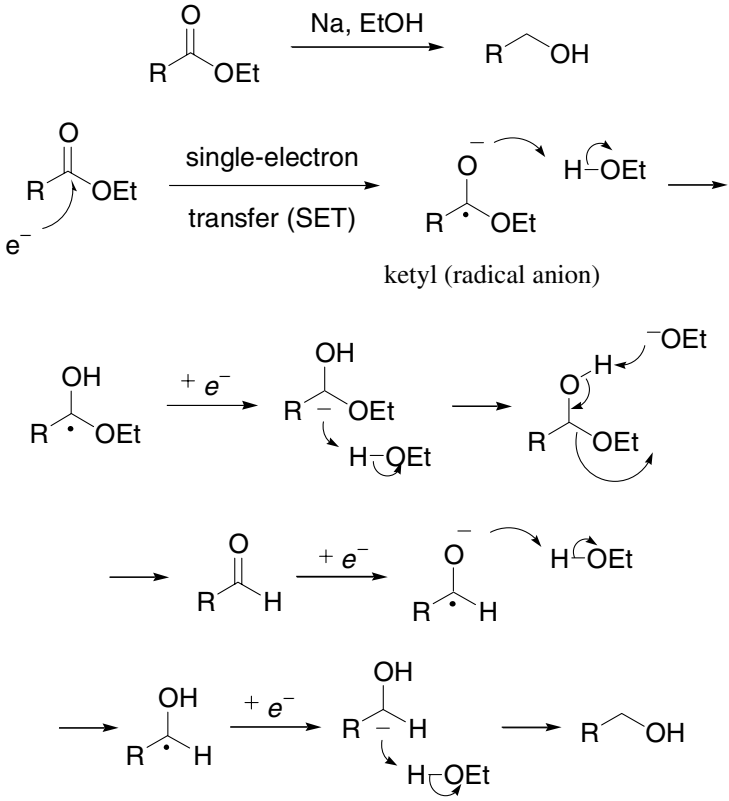
Bouveault–Blanc reduction

Reduction of esters to the corresponding alcohols using sodium in an alcoholic solvent.



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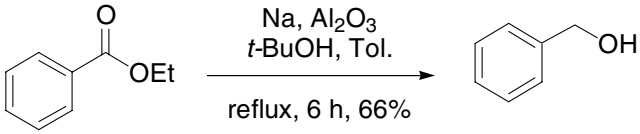

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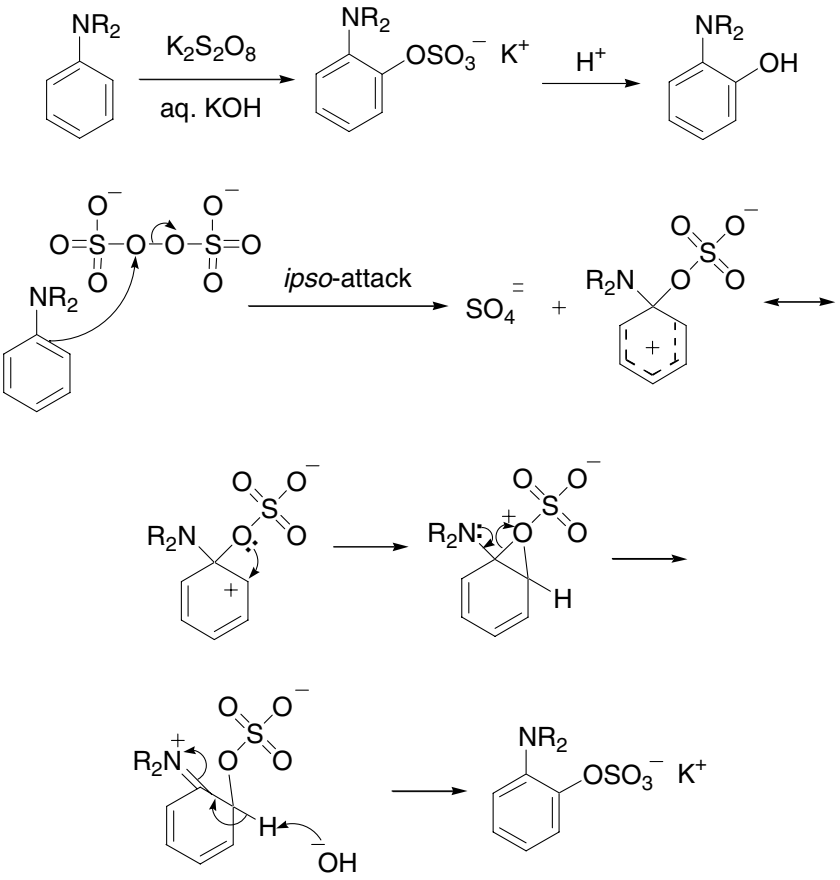
Boyland–Sims oxidation

Oxidation of anilines to phenols using alkaline persulfate.



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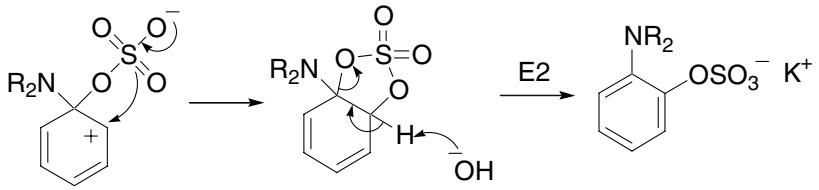

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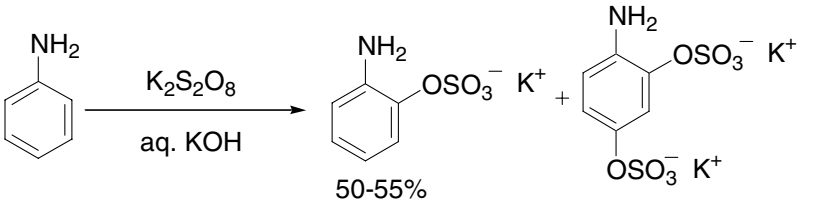

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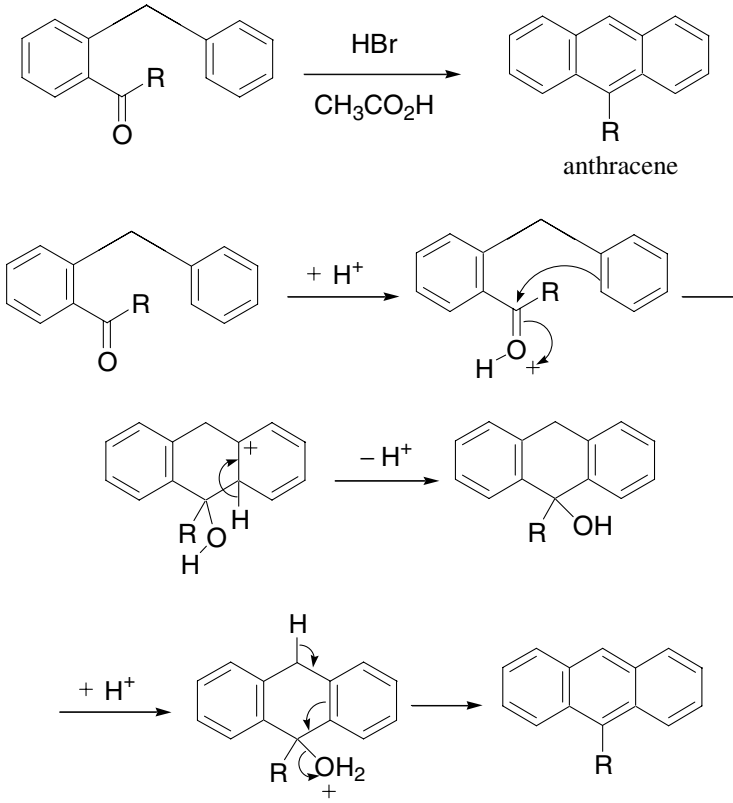
Bradsher reaction

Anthracenes from *ortho*-acyl diarylmethanes *via* acid-catalyzed cyclodehydration.



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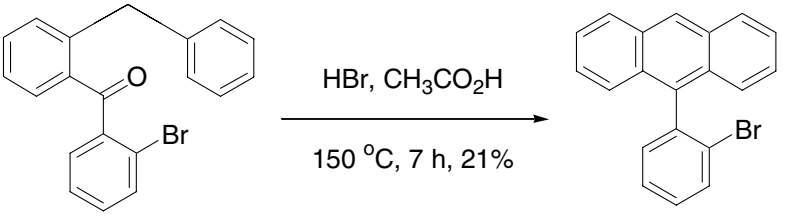

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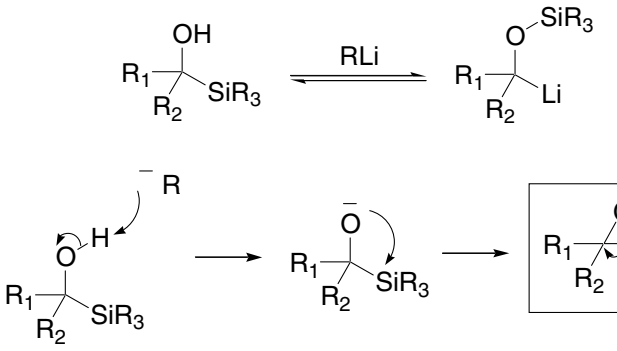
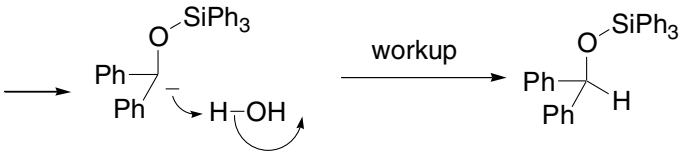
Brook rearrangement

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.



pentacoordinate silicon intermediate



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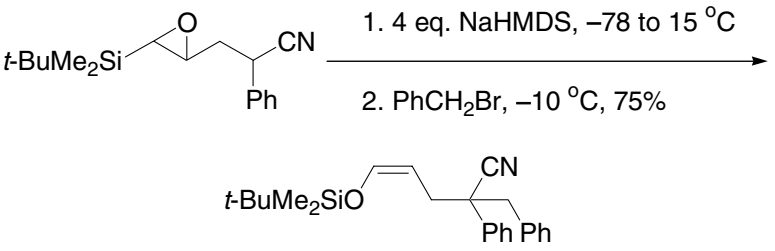

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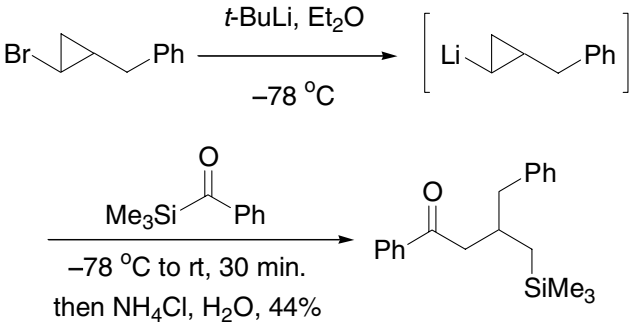

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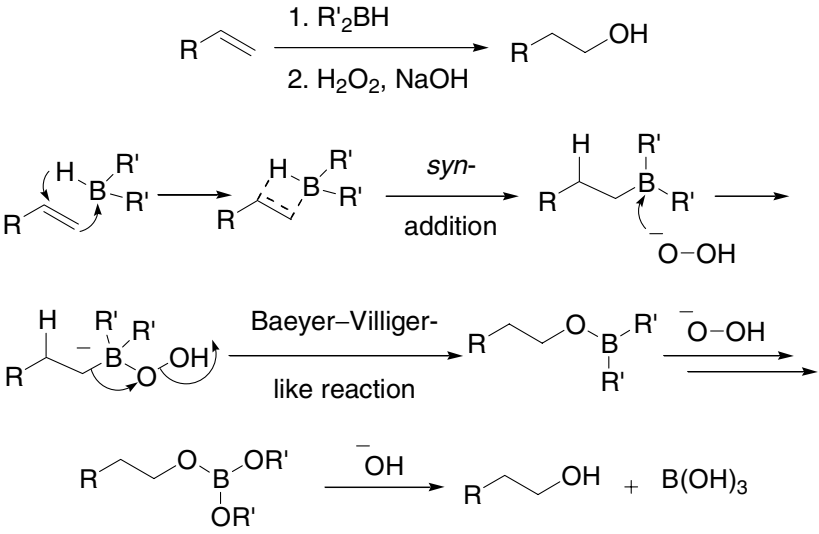
Brown hydroboration

Addition of boranes to olefins, followed by basic oxidation of the organoborane adducts, resulting in alcohols.



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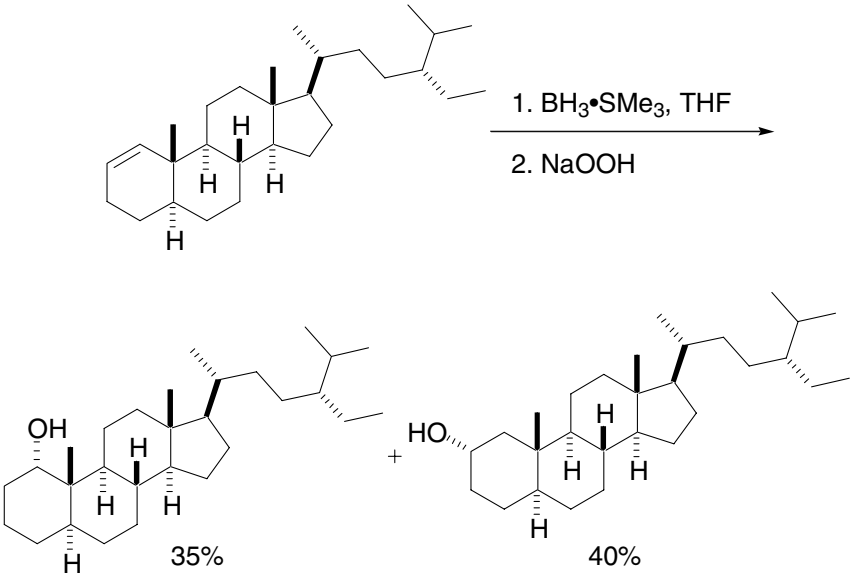

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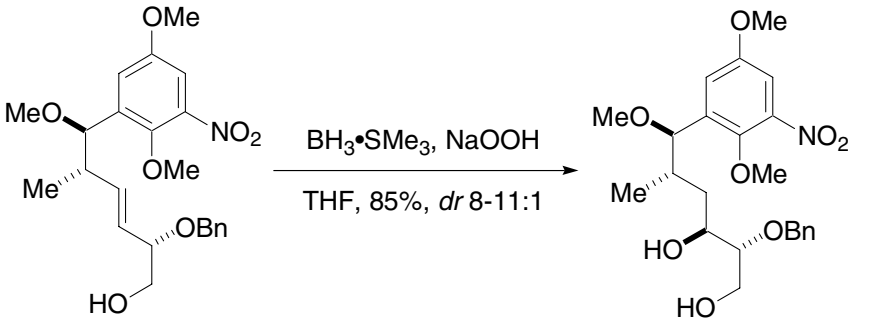

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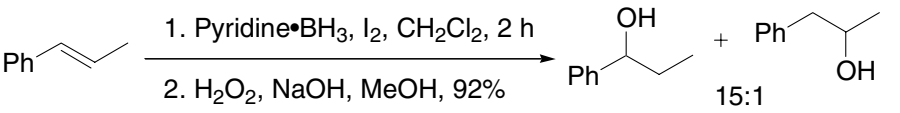

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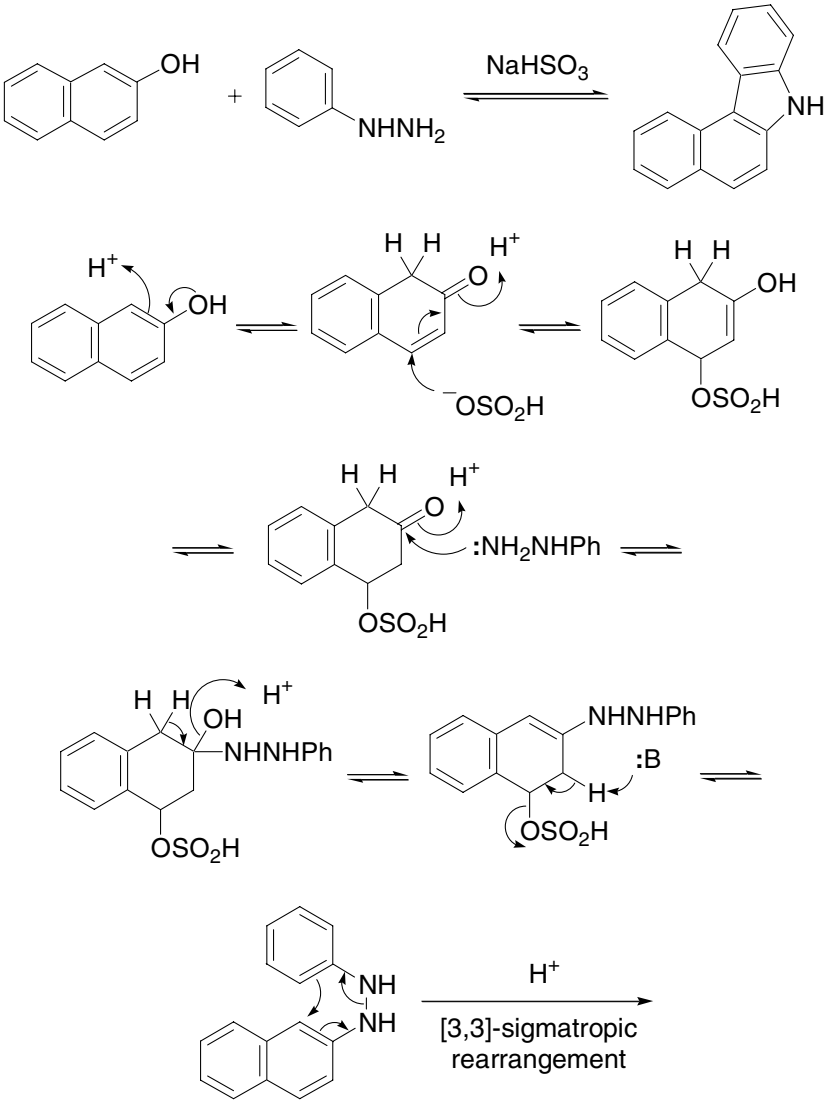
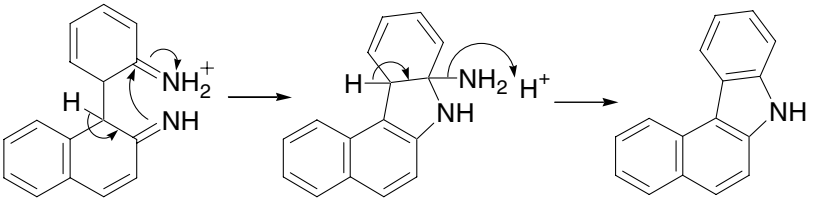
Bucherer carbazole synthesis

Carbazoles from naphthols and aryl hydrazines promoted by sodium bisulfite.





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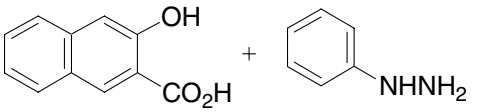

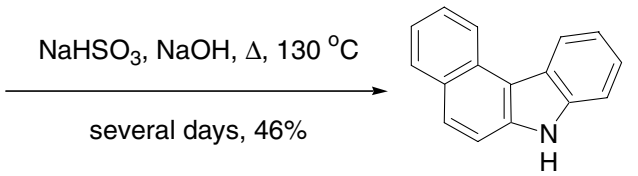

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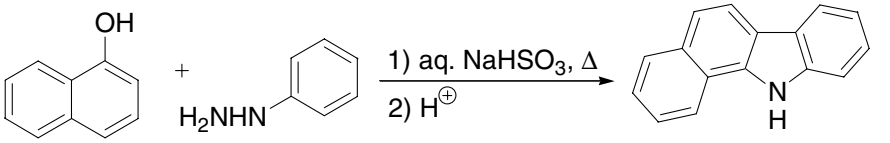

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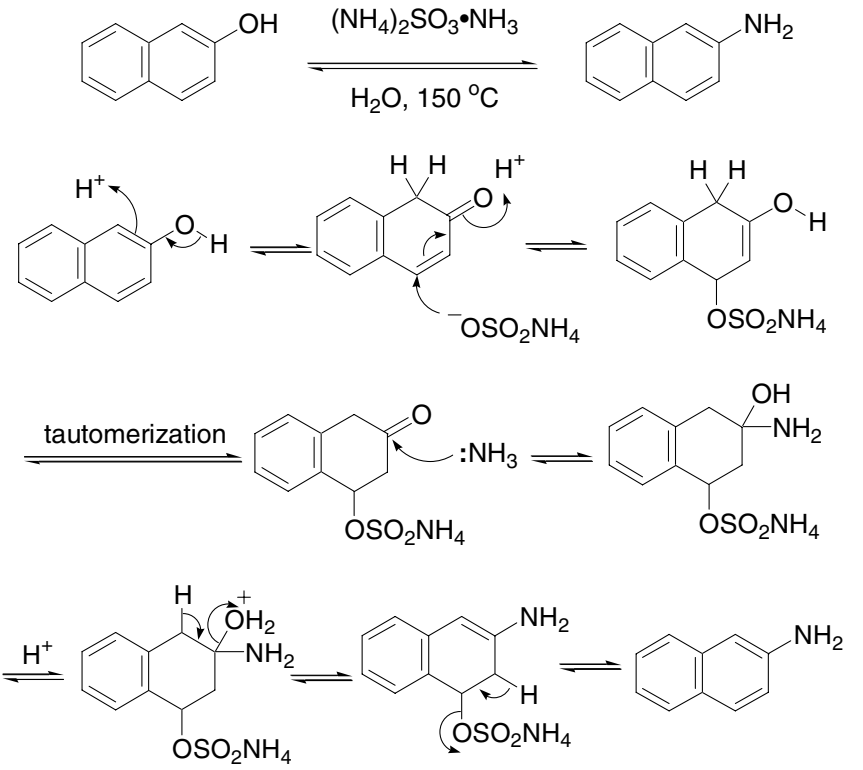
Bucherer reaction

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



Example[2]

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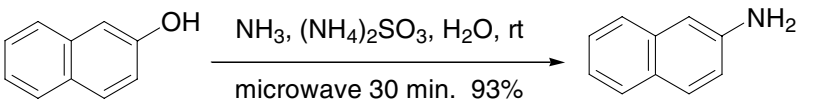

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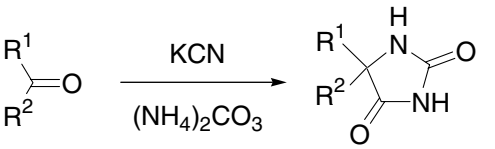
Bucherer–Bergs reaction

Formation of hydantoins from carbonyl compounds with potassium cyanide (KCN) and ammonium carbonate [$(NH_4)_2CO_3$] or from cyanohydrins and ammonium carbonate. It belongs to the category of multiple component reaction (MCR).



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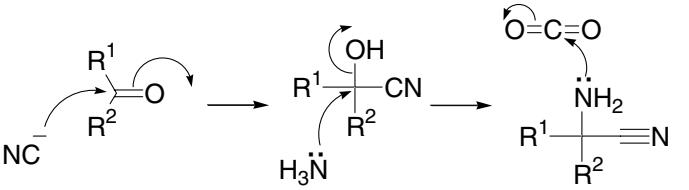

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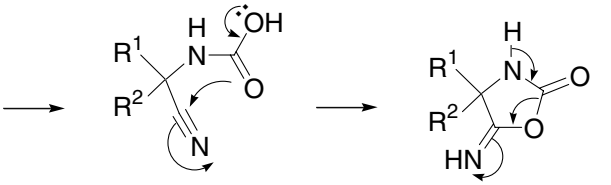

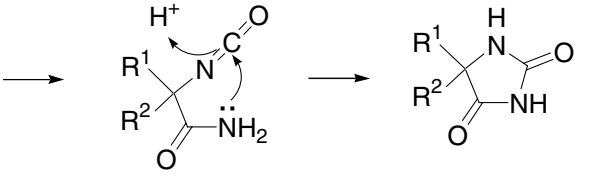

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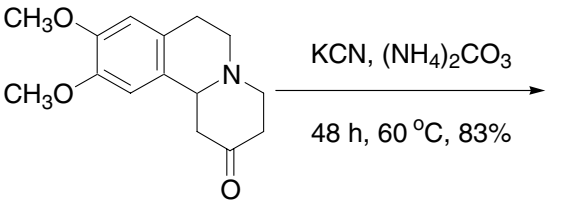

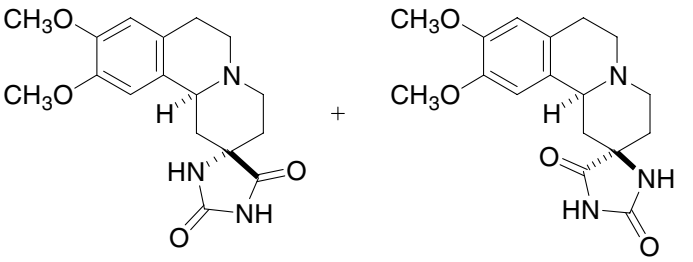

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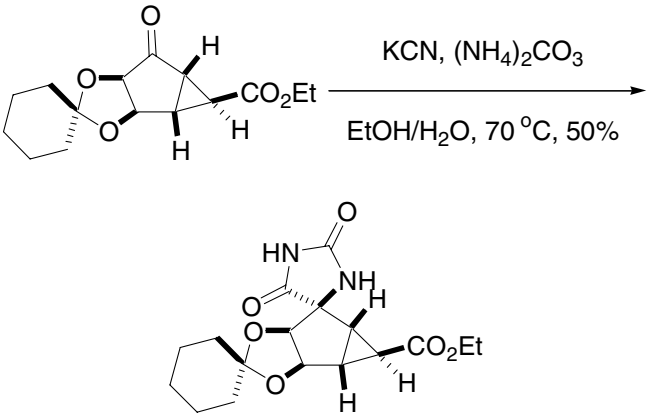

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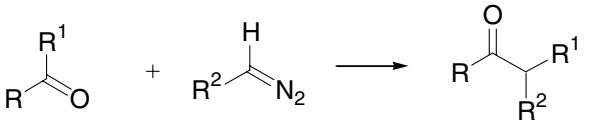
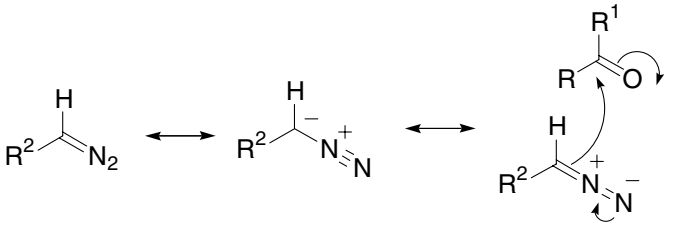
Büchner–Curtius–Schlotterbeck reaction

Reaction of carbonyl compounds with aliphatic diazo compounds to deliver homologated ketones.





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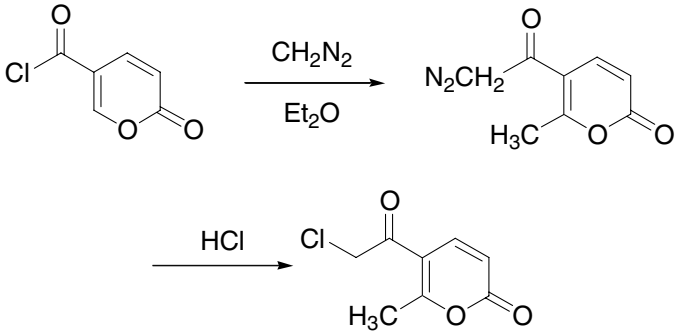

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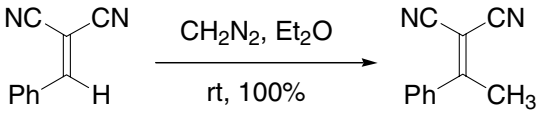

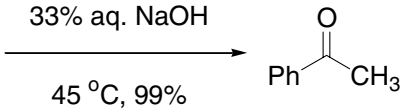

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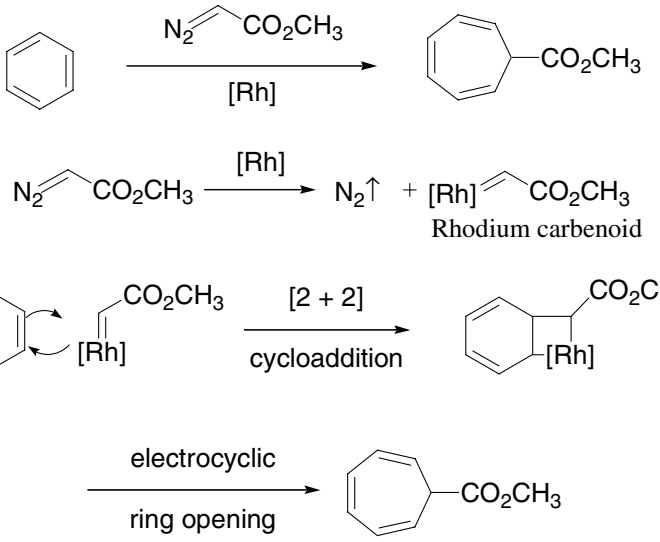
Büchner method of ring expansion

Reaction of benzene with diazoacetic esters to give cyclohepta-2,4,6-trienecarboxylic acid esters. *Cf.* Pfau–Platter azulene synthesis.



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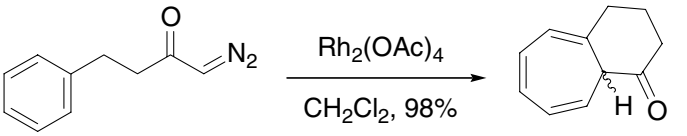

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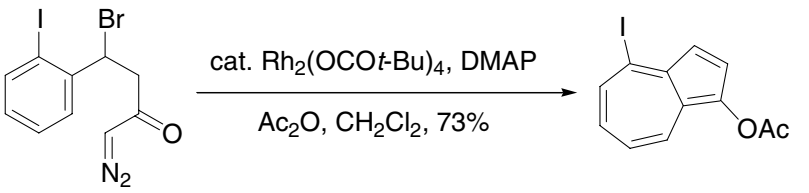

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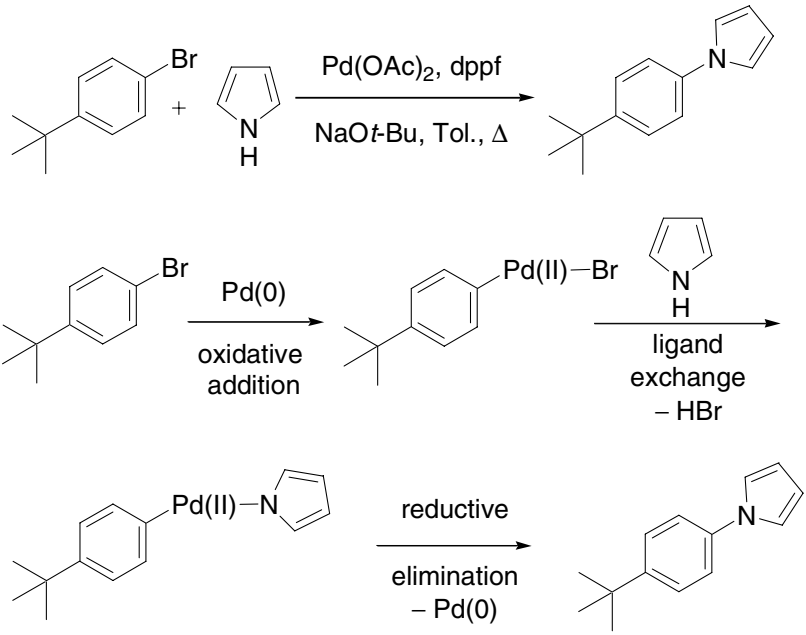
Buchwald–Hartwig C–N and C–O bond formation reactions

Direct Pd-catalyzed C–N and C–O bond formation from aryl halides and amines in the presence of stoichiometric amount of base.



The C–O bond formation reaction follows a similar mechanistic pathway.[7–9]

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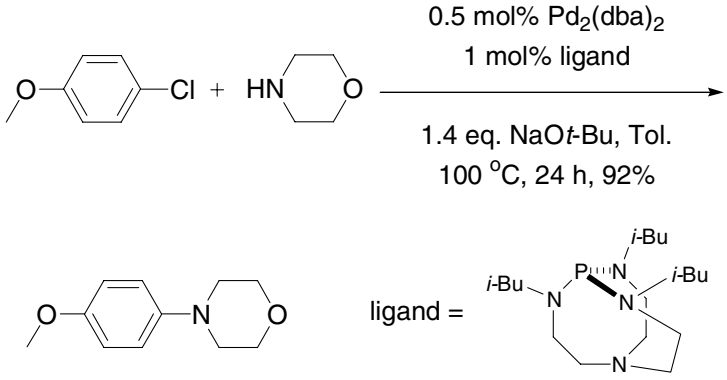

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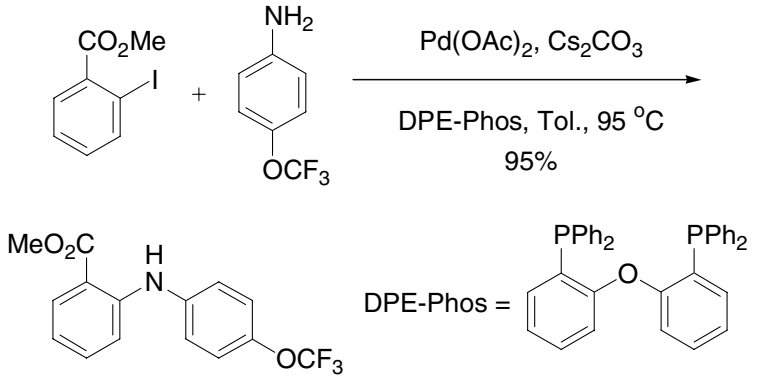

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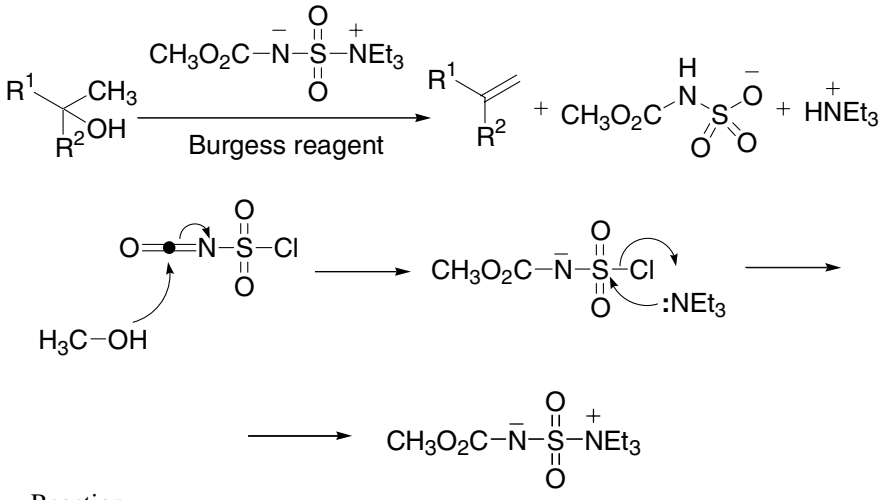
Burgess dehydrating reagent

Burgess dehydrating reagent 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.

Reagen formation,



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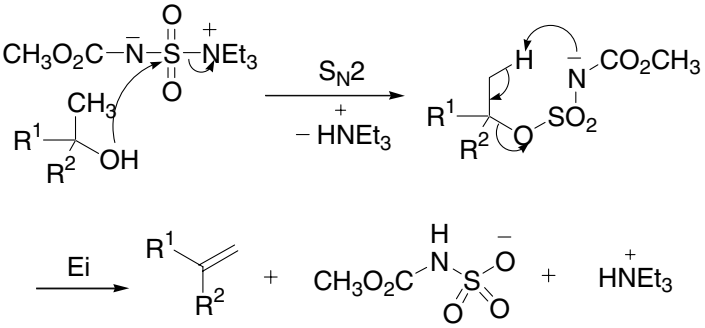

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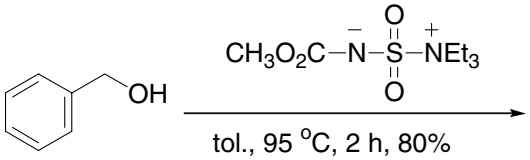

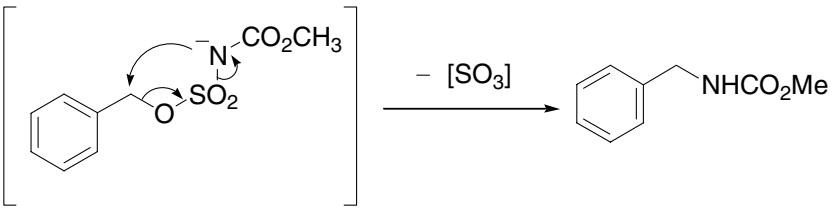

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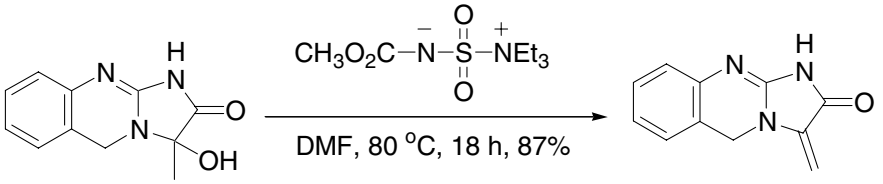

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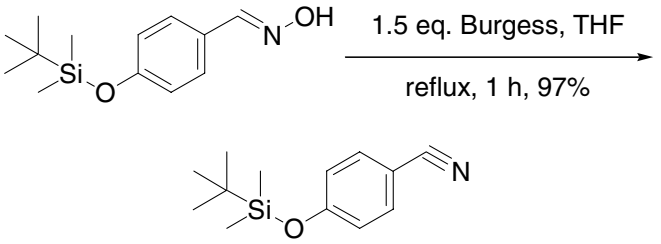

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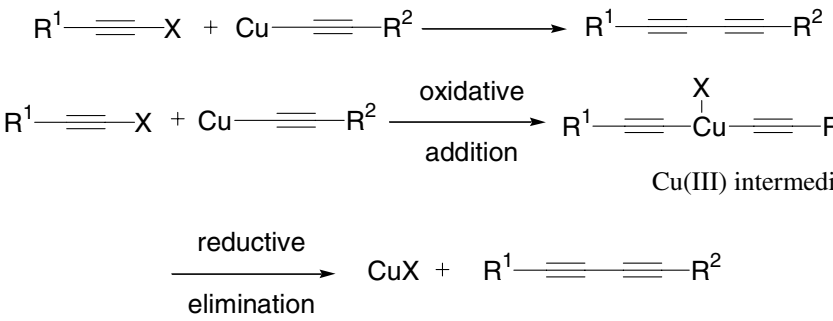
Cadiot–Chodkiewicz coupling

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



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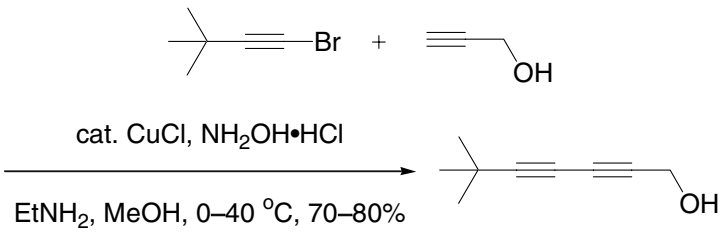

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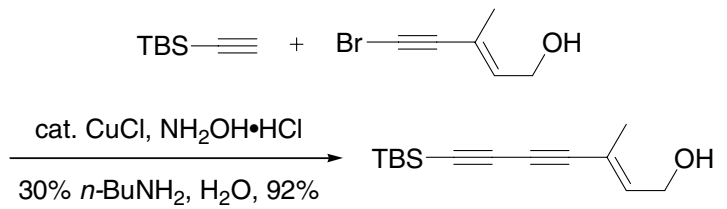

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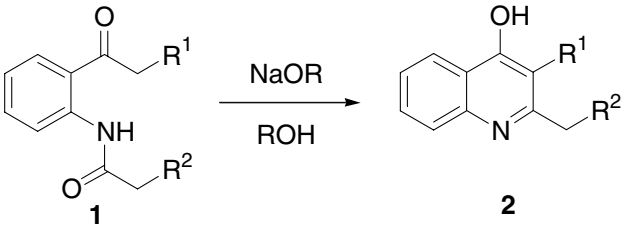
Camps quinolinol synthesis

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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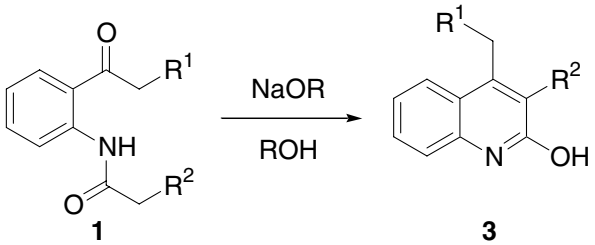

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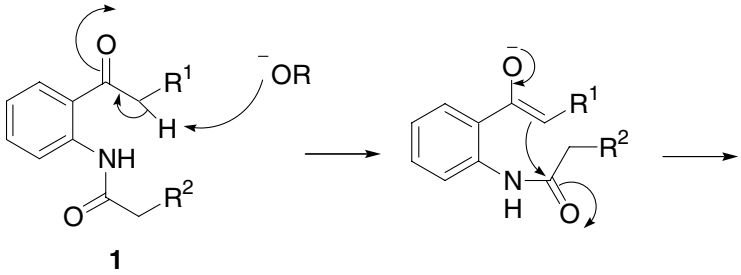

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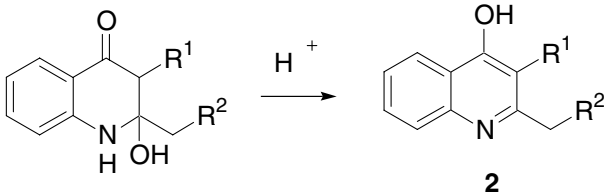

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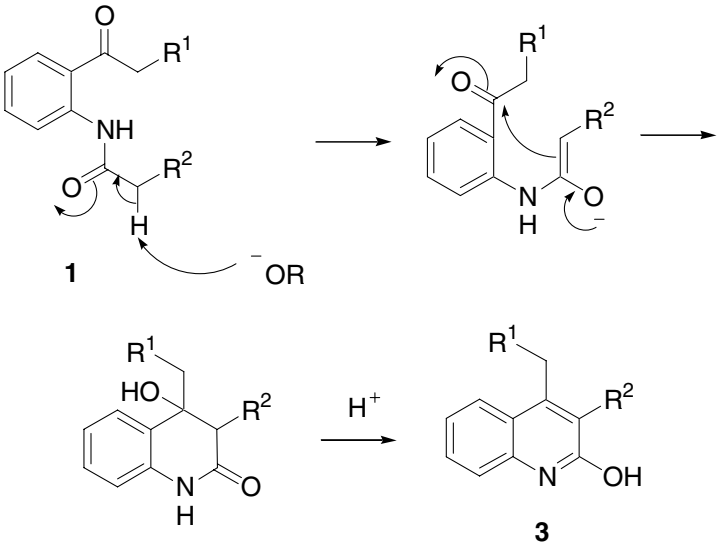

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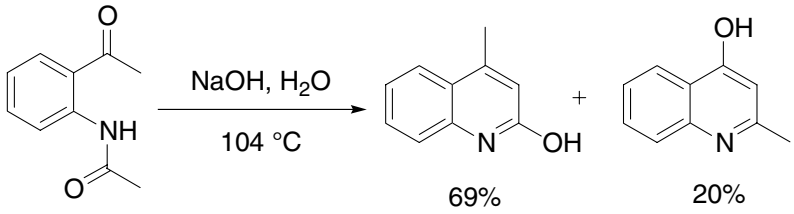

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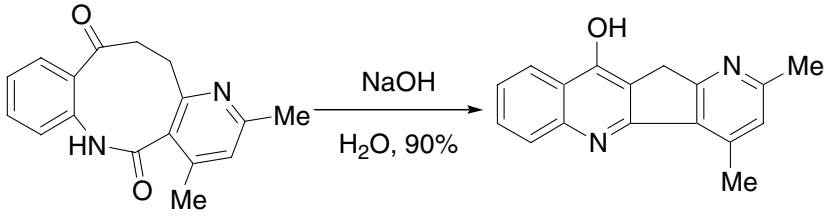

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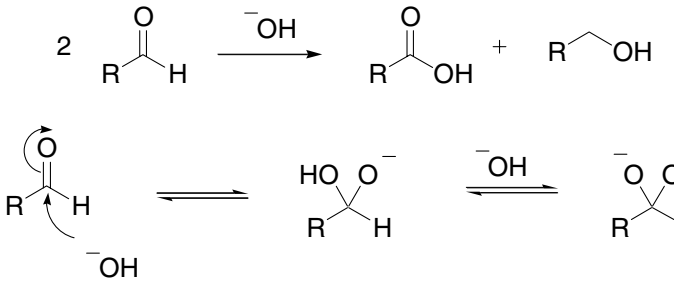
Cannizzaro disproportionation

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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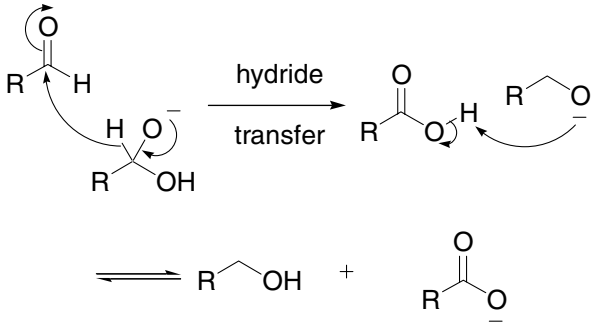

Final deprotonation of the carboxylic acid drives the reaction forward.

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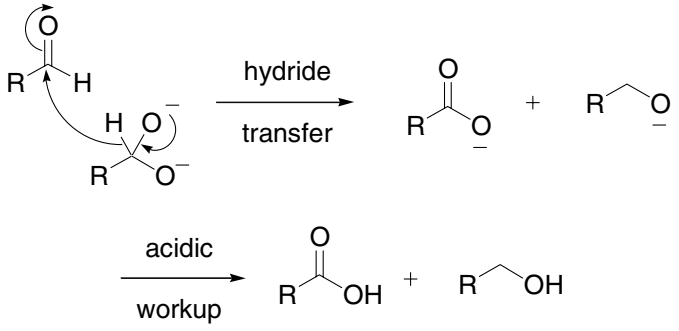

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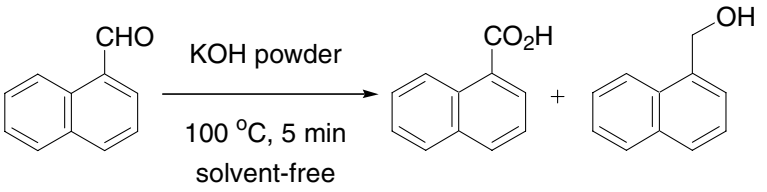

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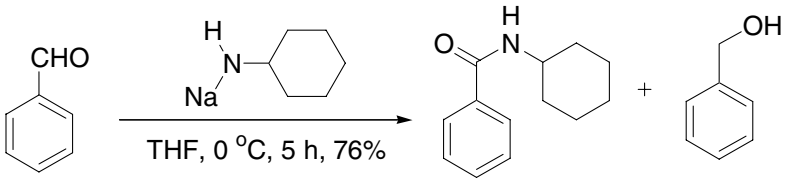

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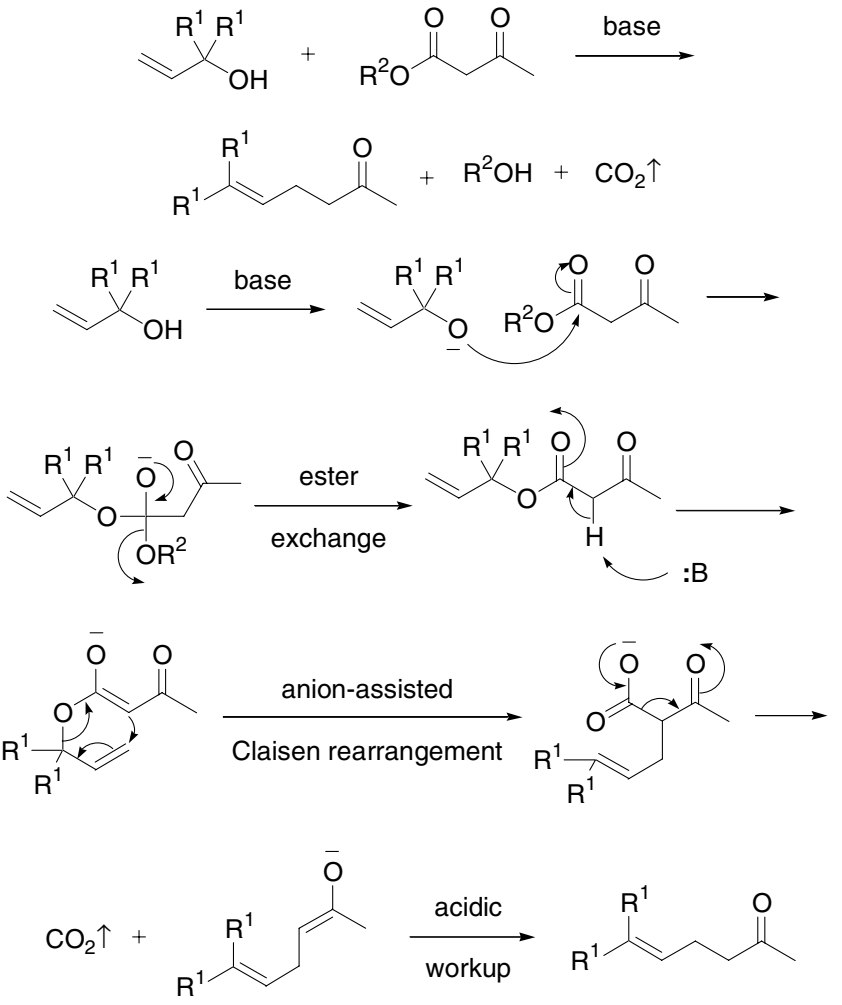
Carroll rearrangement

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 (page 131).



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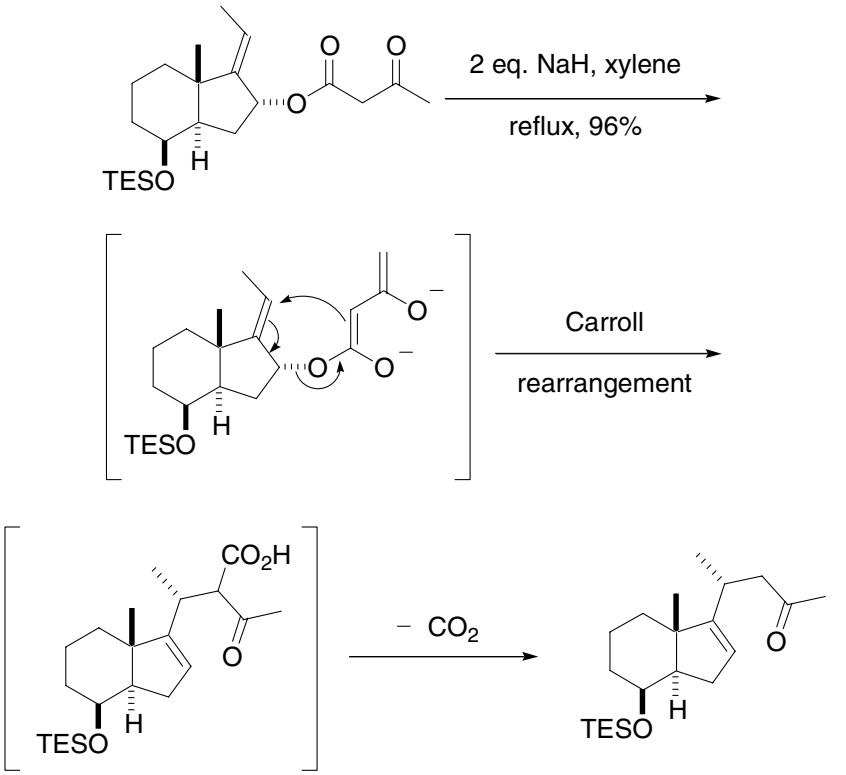

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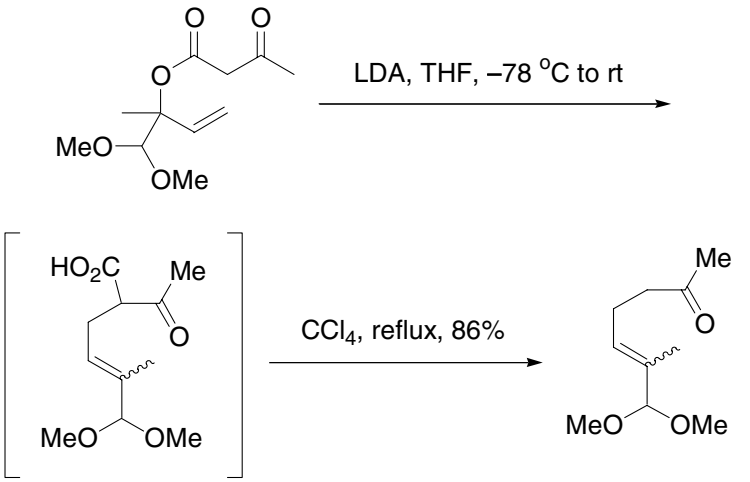

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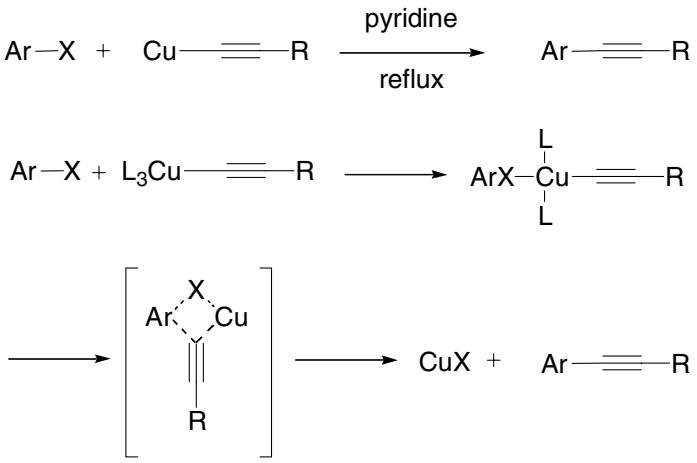
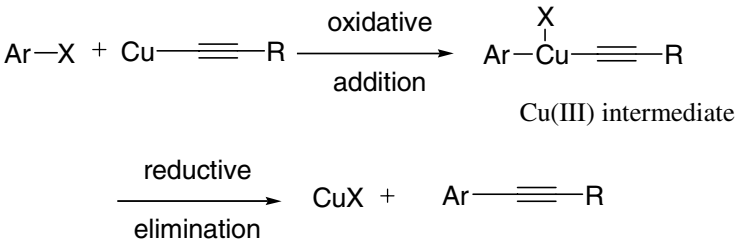
Castro–Stephens coupling

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:



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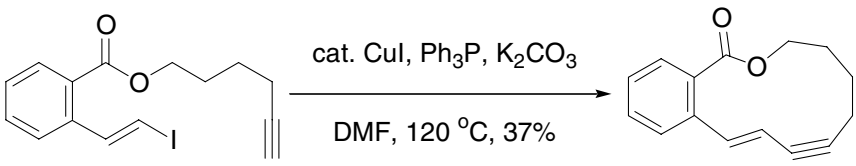

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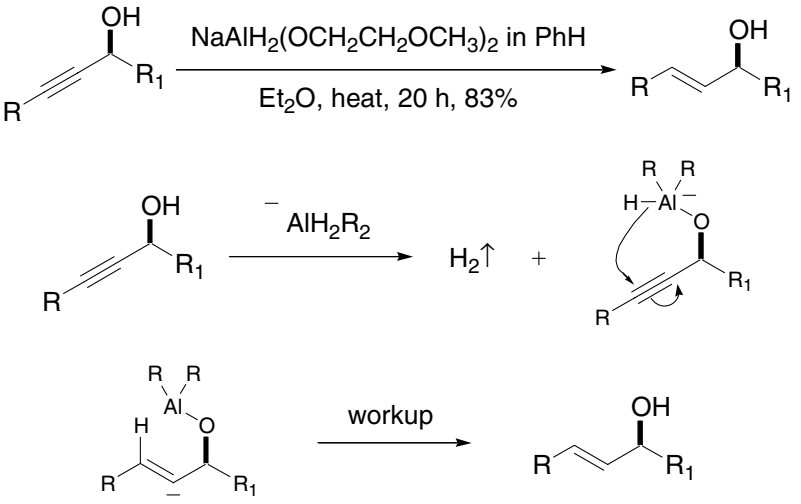
Chan alkyne reduction

Stereoselective reduction of acetylenic alcohols to *E*-allylic alcohols using **s**odium bis(2-**m**ethoxy**e**thoxy)**a**luminum **h**ydride (SMEAH, also known as Red-Al) or Li-AlH_4.



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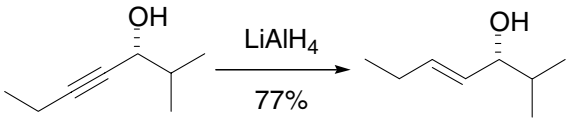

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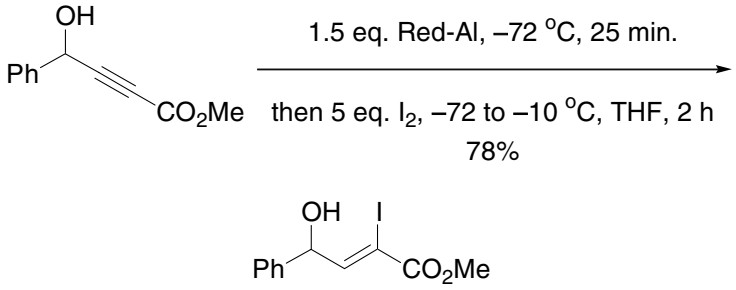

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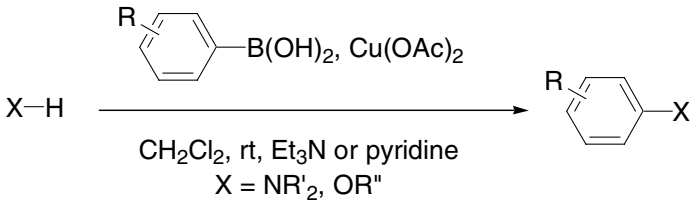
Chan–Lam coupling reaction

N-Arylation of a wide range of NH substrates by reaction with boronic acid in the presence of cupric acetate and either triethylamine or pyridine at room temperature. The reaction works even for poorly nucleophilic substrates such as arylamide.



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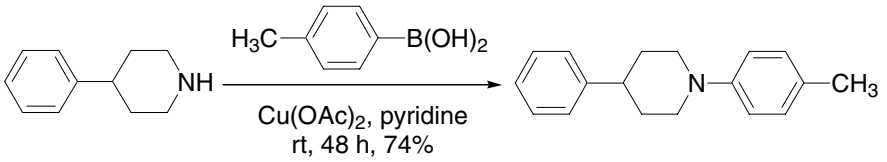

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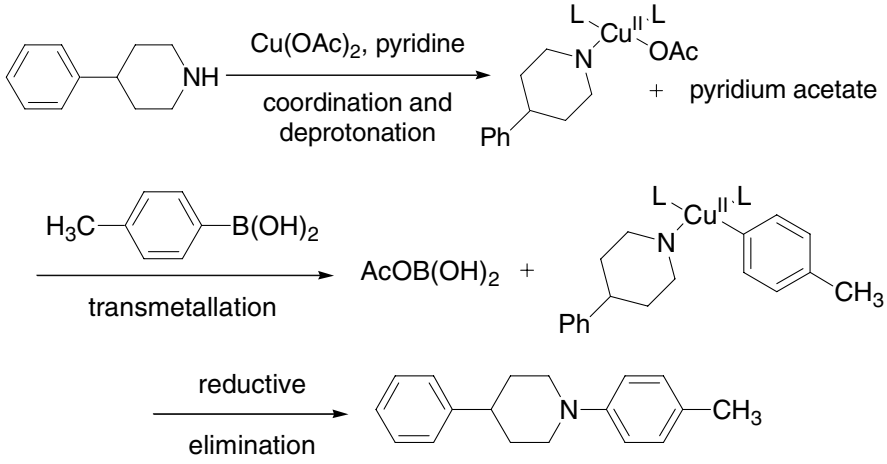

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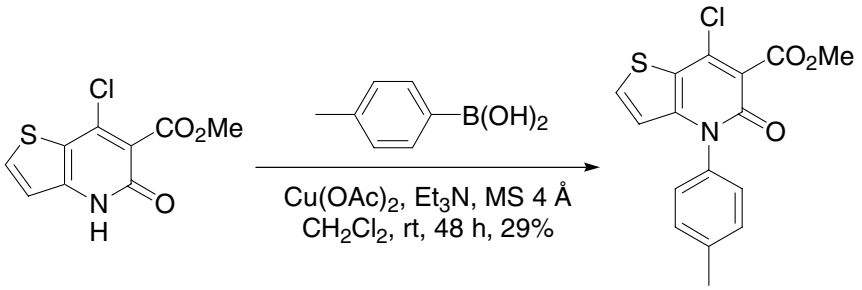

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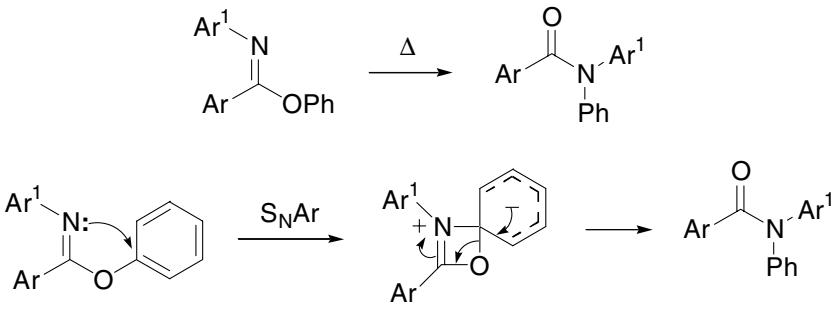
Chapman rearrangement

Thermal aryl rearrangement of *O*-aryliminoethers to amides.



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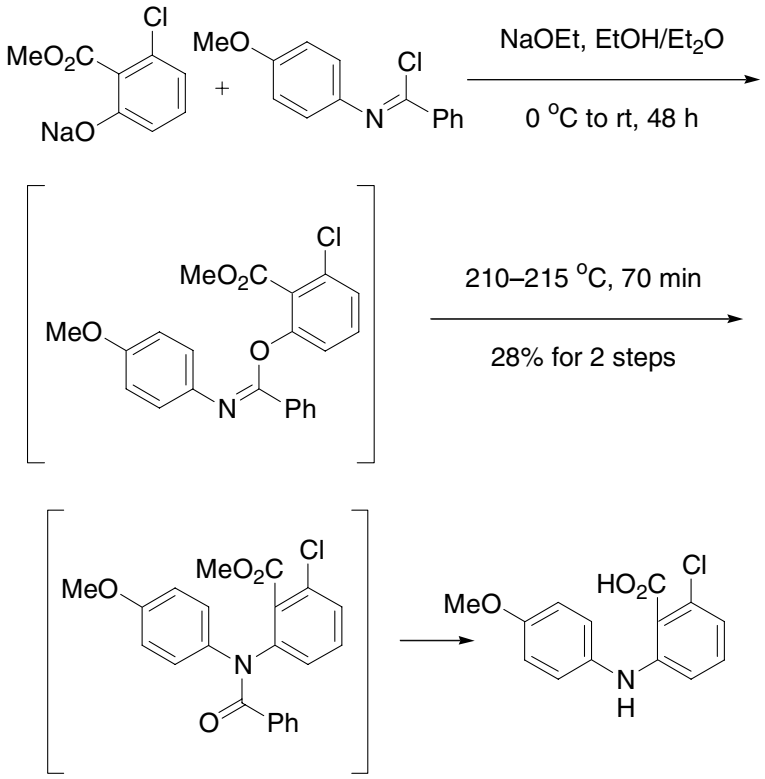

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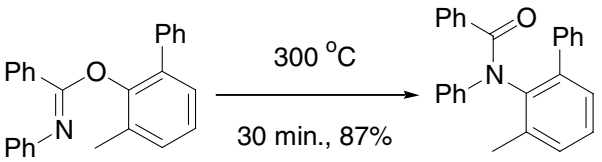

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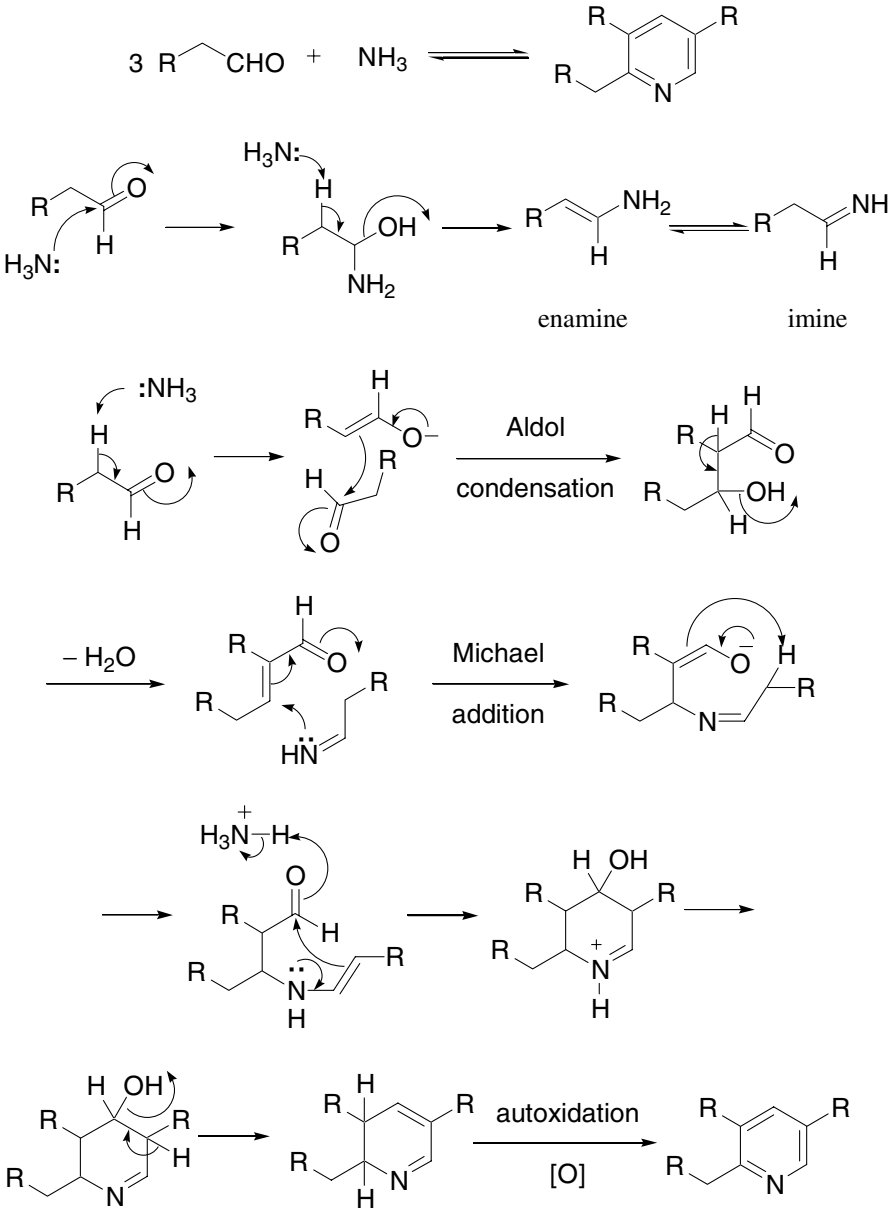
Chichibabin pyridine synthesis

Condensation of aldehydes with ammonia to afford pyridines.



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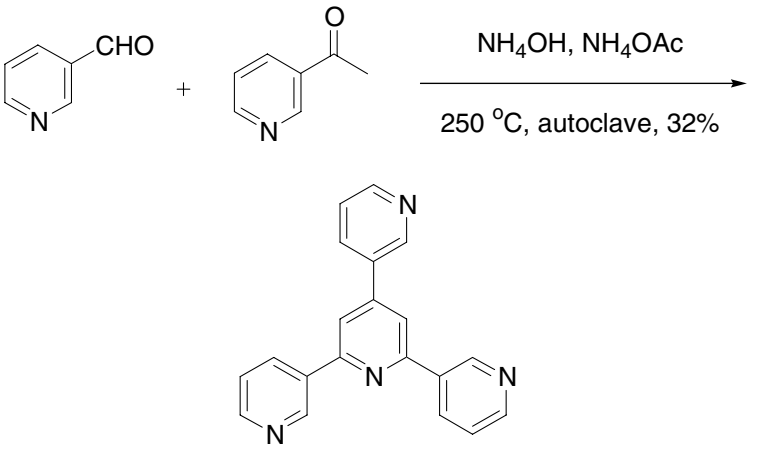

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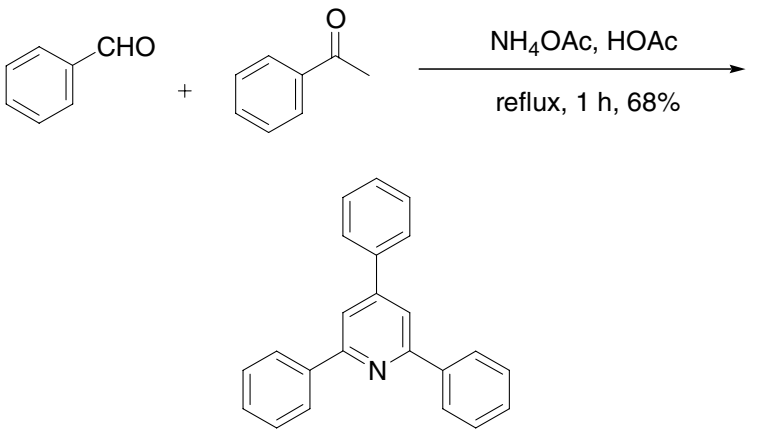

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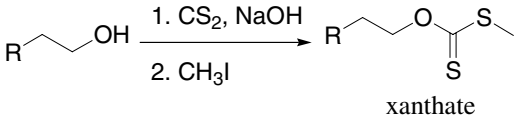
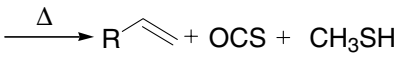
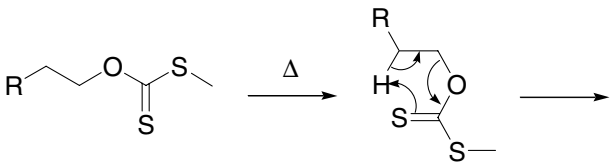
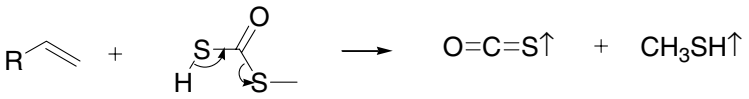
Chugaev elimination

Thermal elimination of xanthates to olefins.









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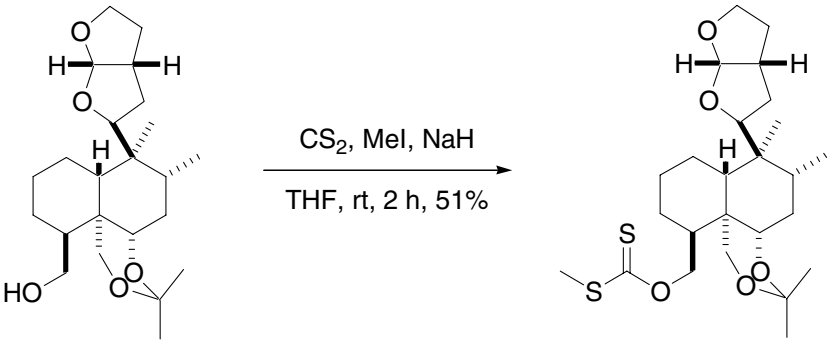

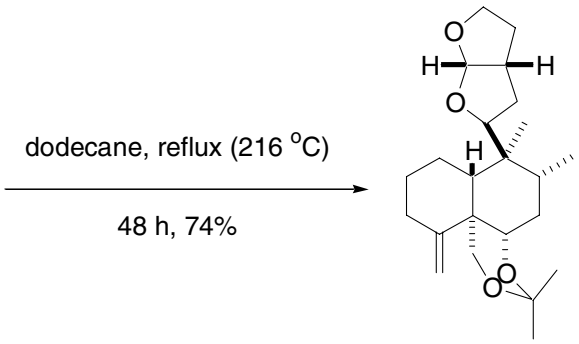

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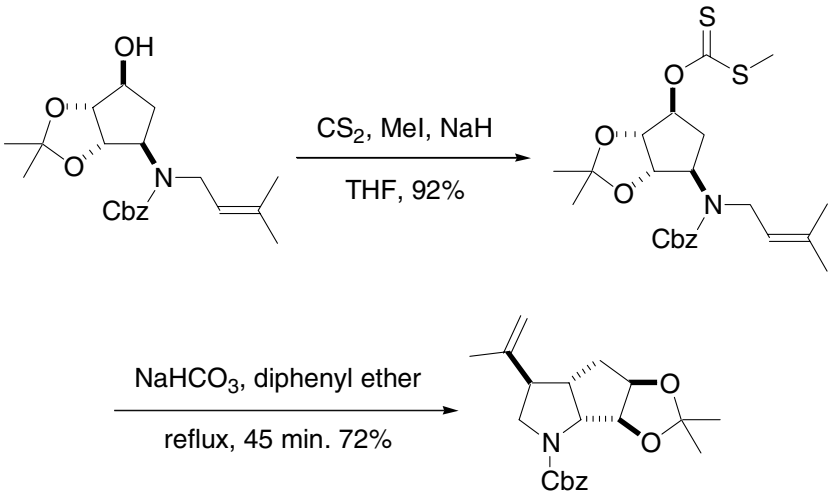

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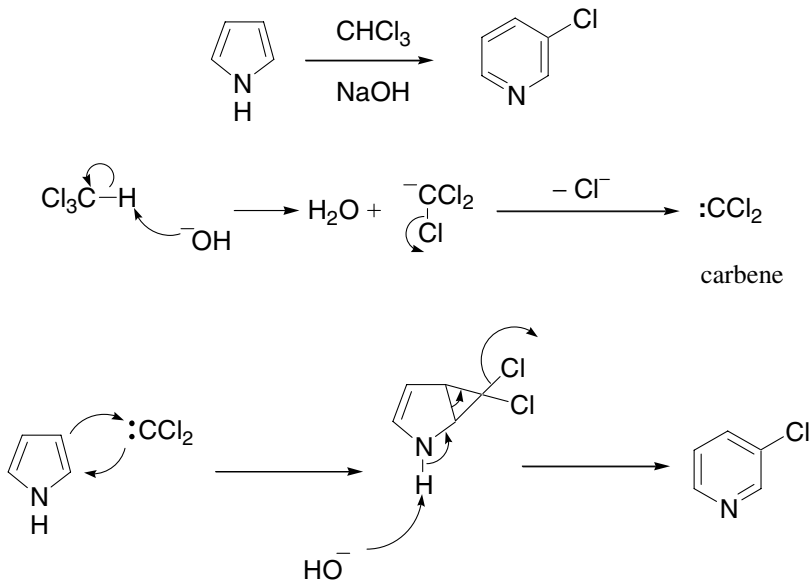
Ciamician–Dennsted rearrangement

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



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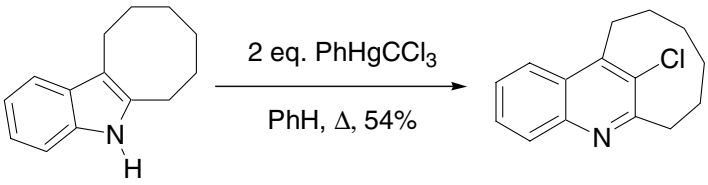

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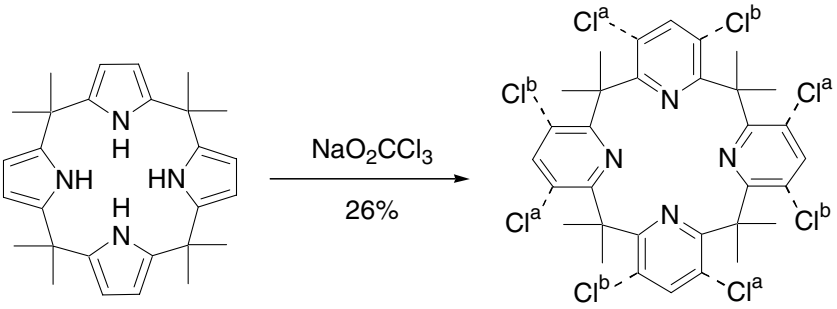

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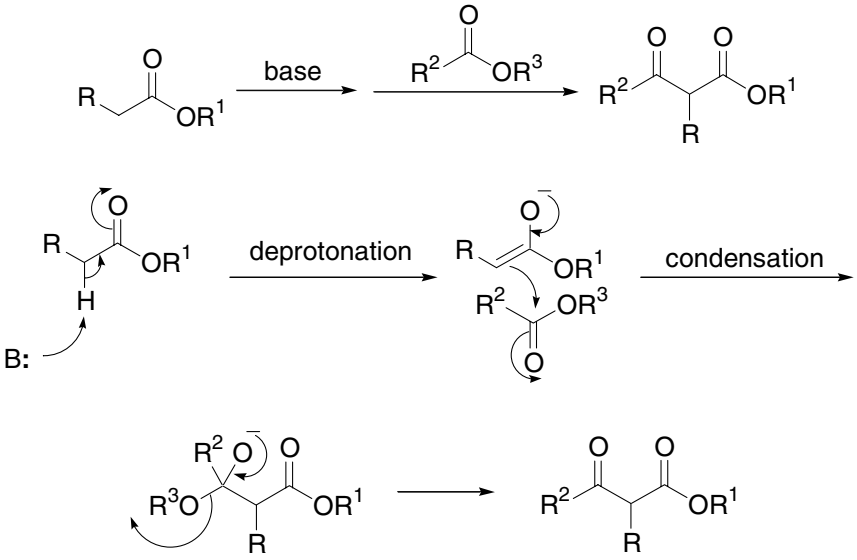
Claisen condensation

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



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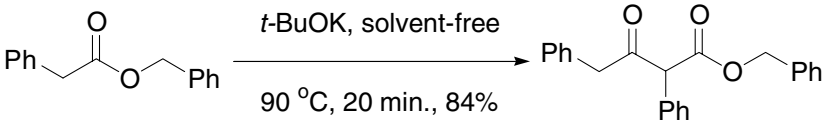

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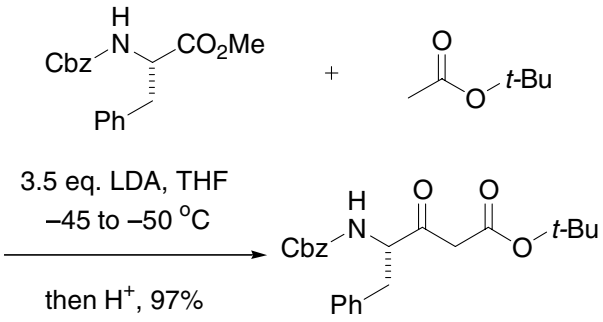

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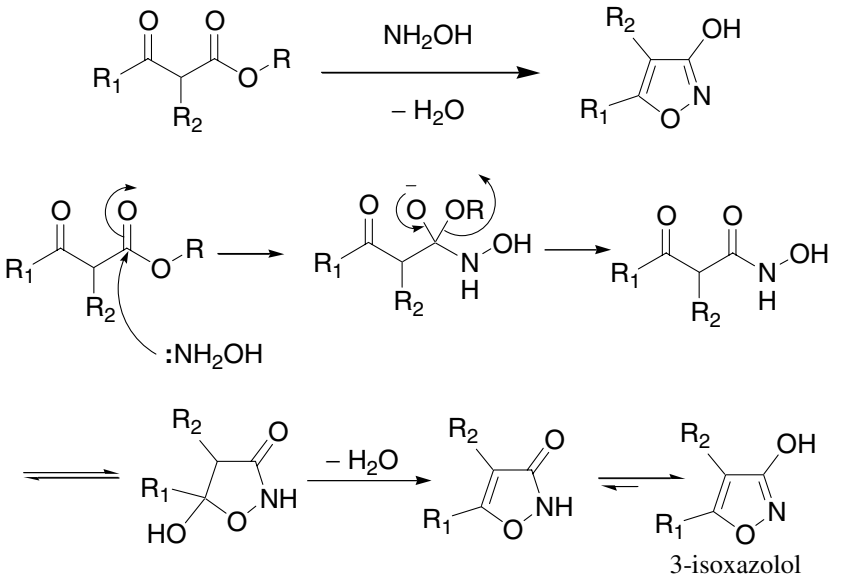
Claisen isoxazole synthesis

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



3-isoxazolol

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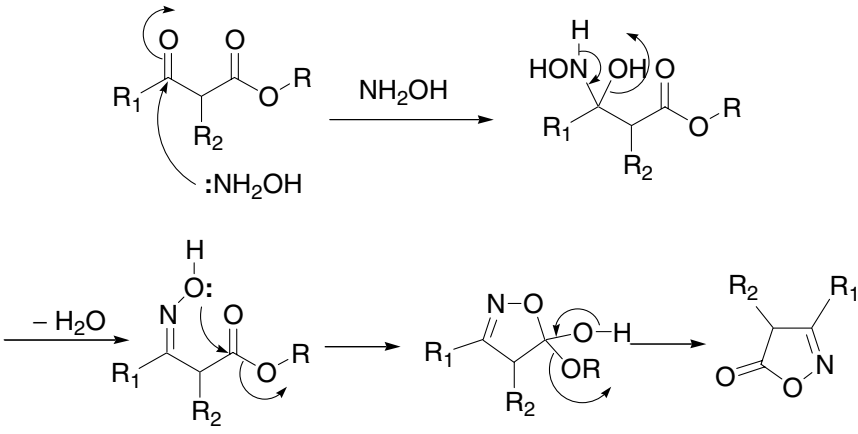
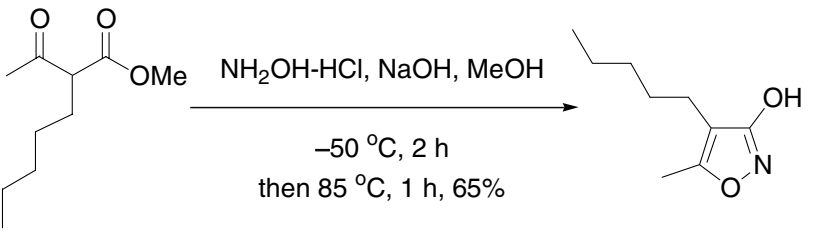


5-isoxazolone

Example[20]



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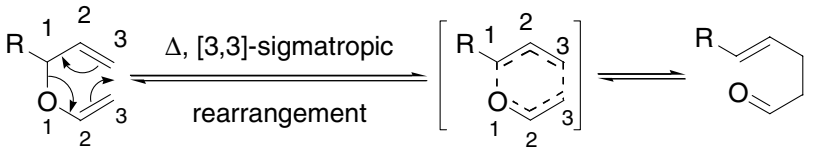
Claisen rearrangements

The Claisen, Johnson–Claisen, Ireland–Claisen, *para*-Claisen rearrangements, 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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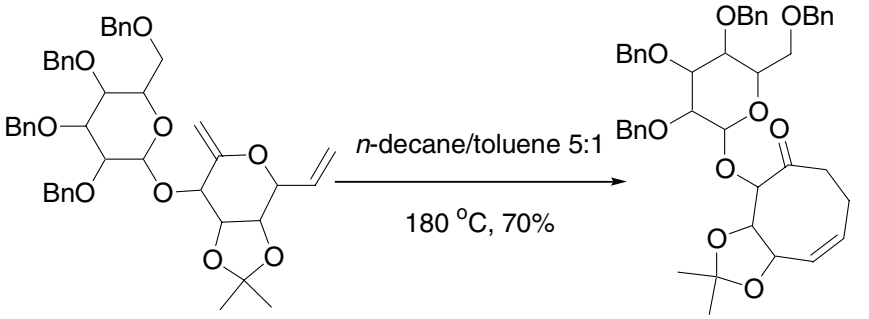

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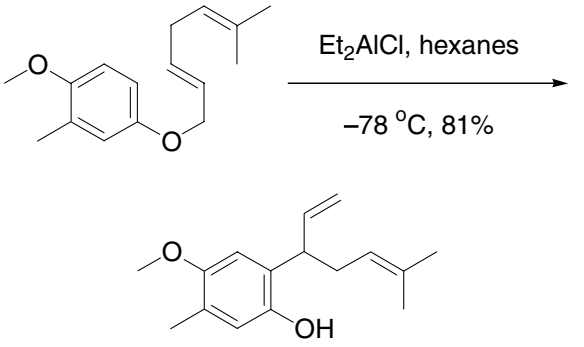

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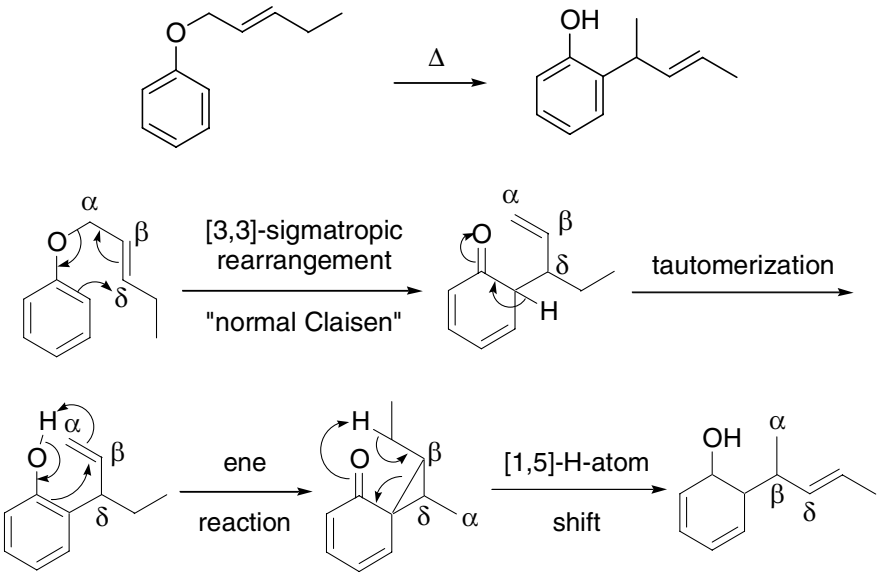
Abnormal Claisen rearrangement

Further rearrangement of the normal Claisen rearrangement product with the β-carbon becoming attached to the ring.



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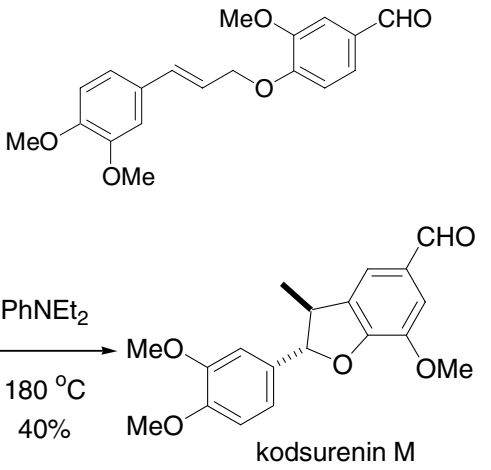

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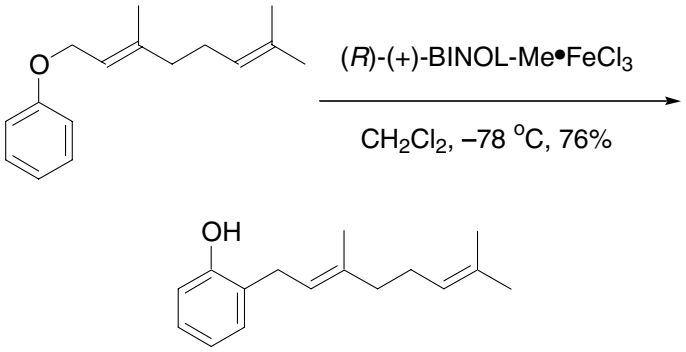

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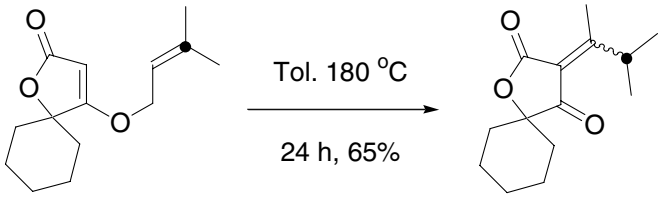

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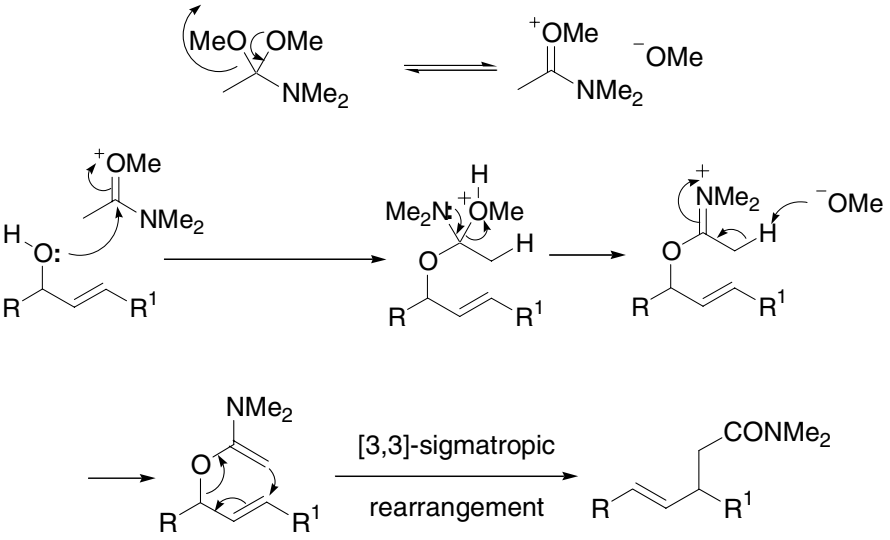
Eschenmoser–Claisen amide acetal rearrangement

[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.



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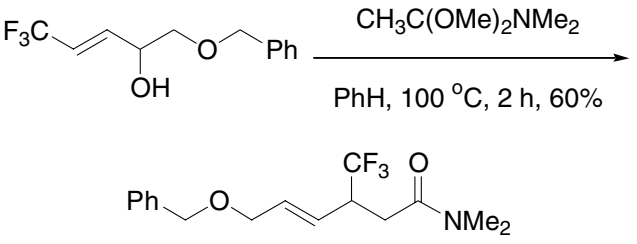

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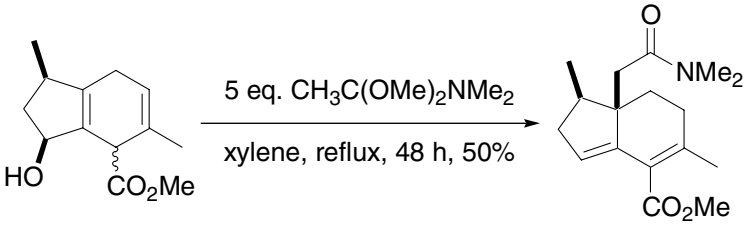

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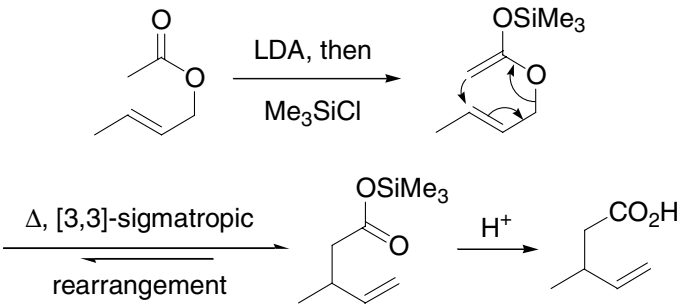
Ireland–Claisen (silyl ketene acetal) rearrangement

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.



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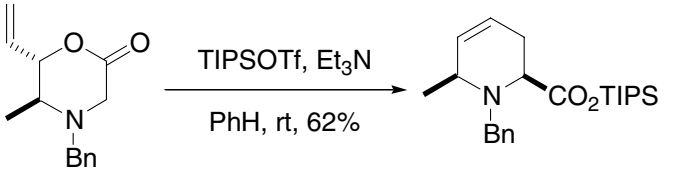

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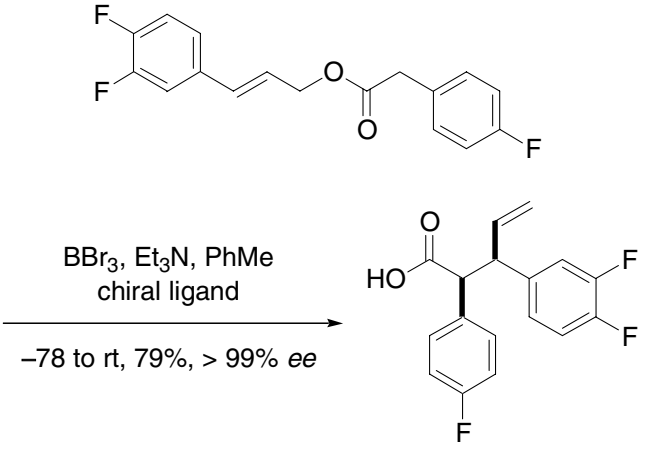

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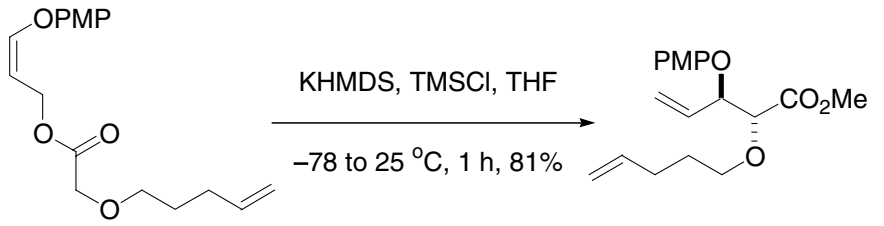

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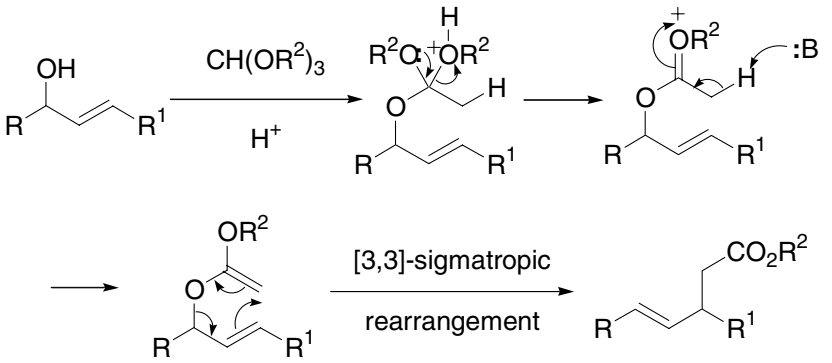
Johnson–Claisen orthoester rearrangement

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



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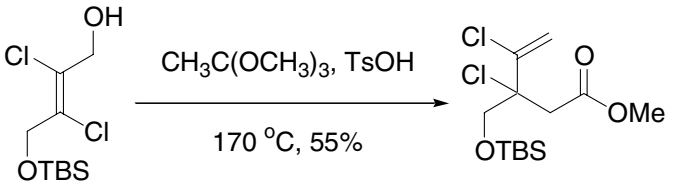

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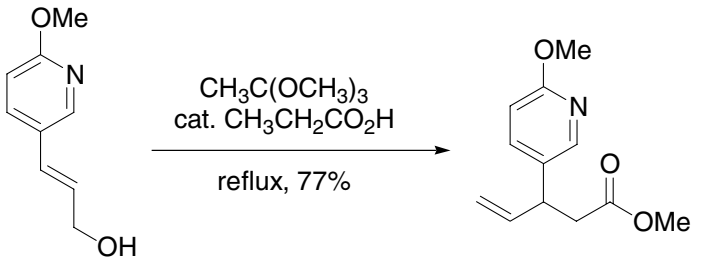

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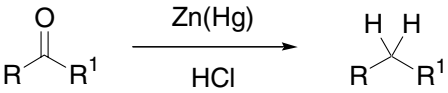
Clemmensen reduction

Reduction of aldehydes and ketones to the corresponding methylene compounds using amalgamated zinc and hydrogen chloride.



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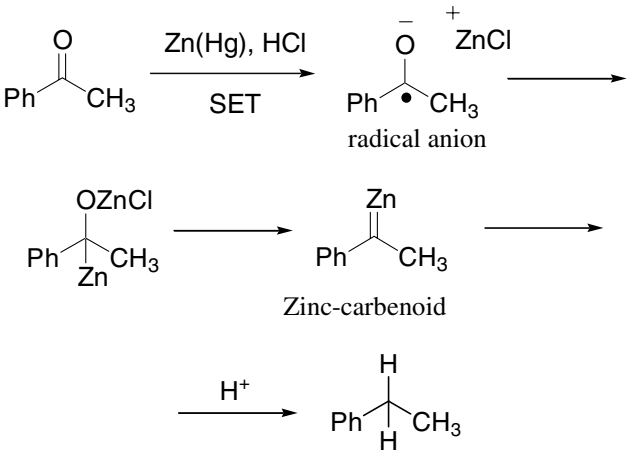

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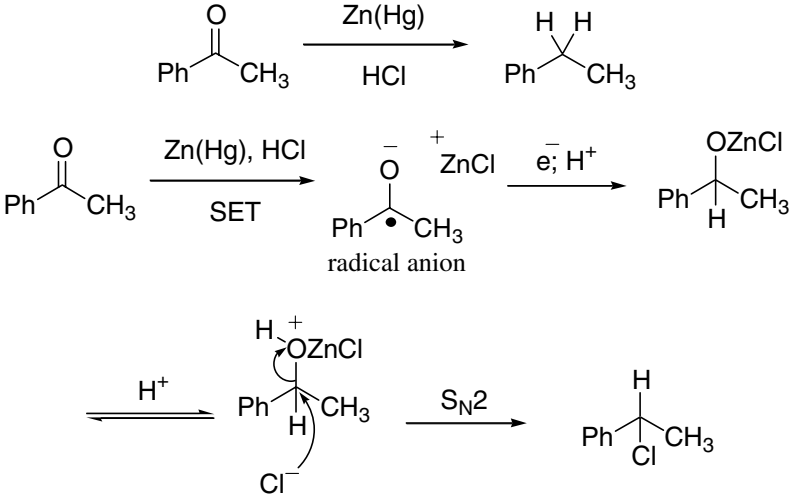

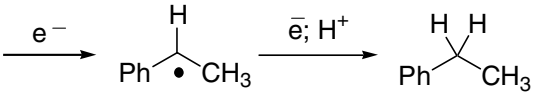

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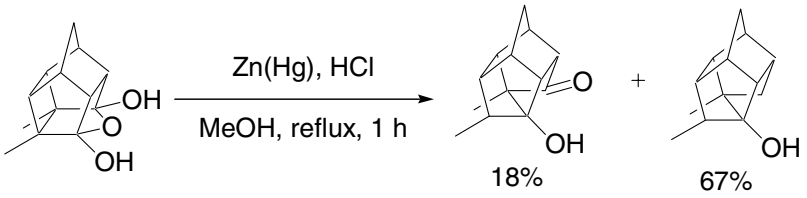

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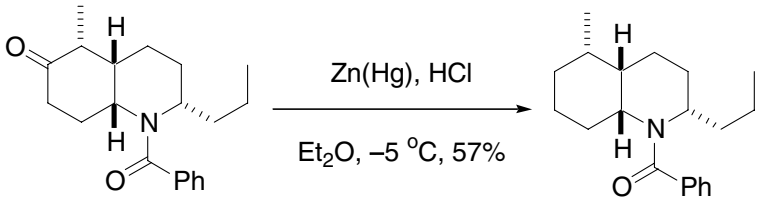

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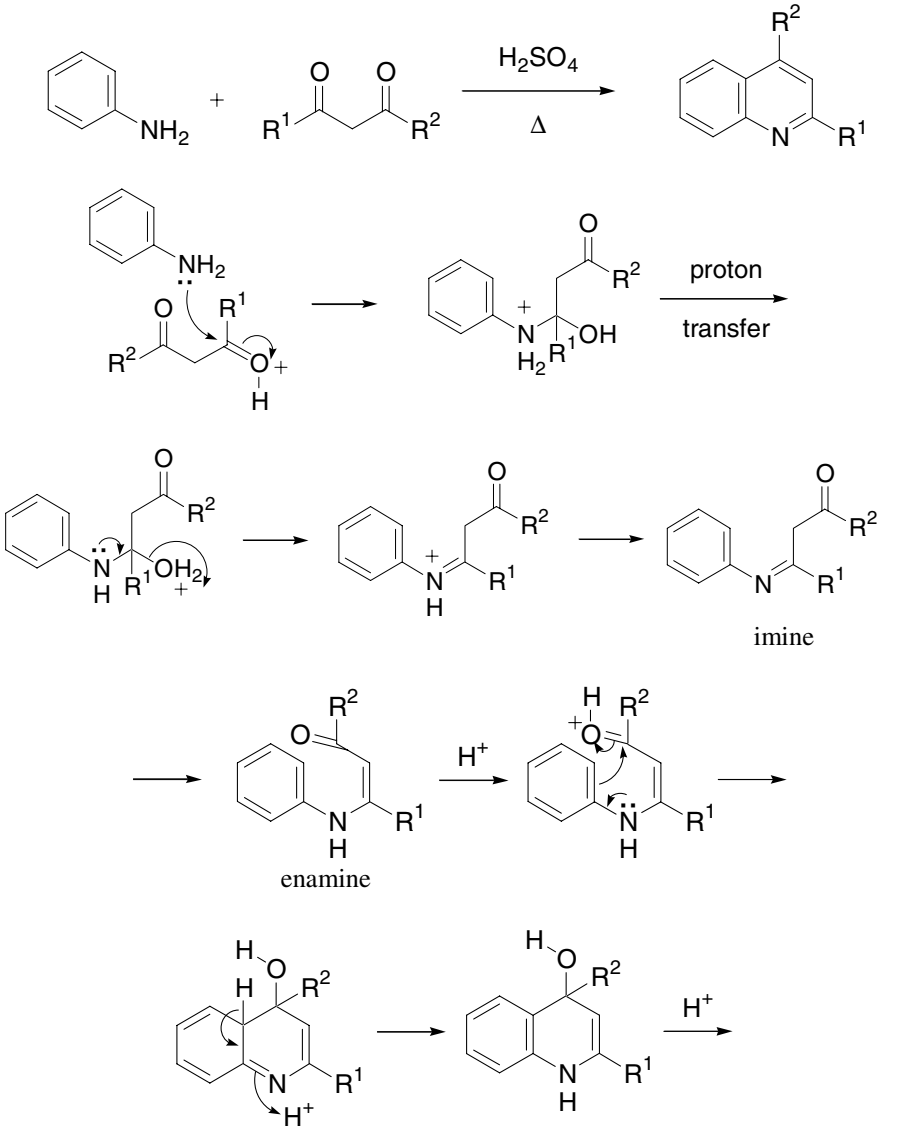
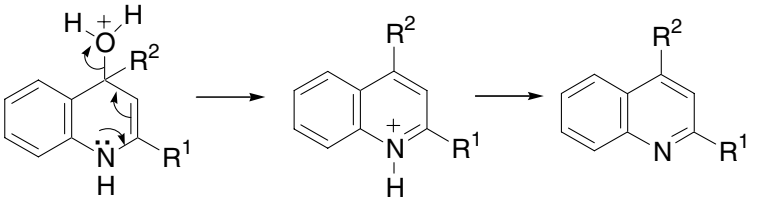
Combes quinoline synthesis

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





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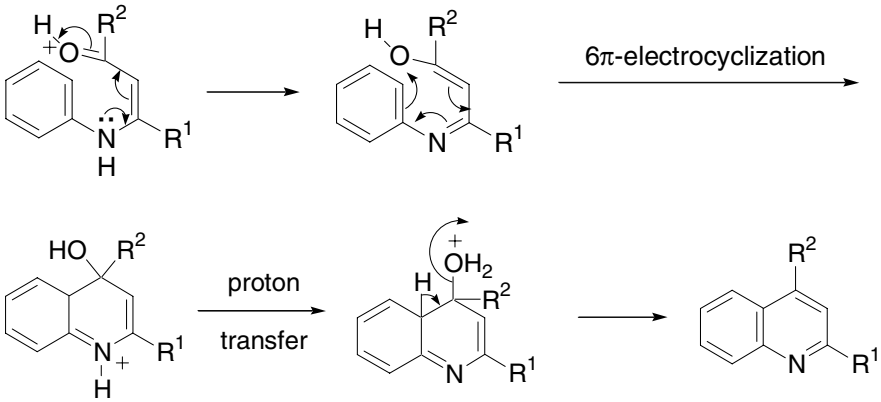

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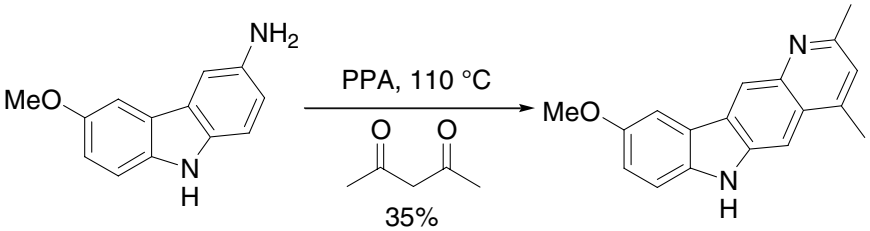

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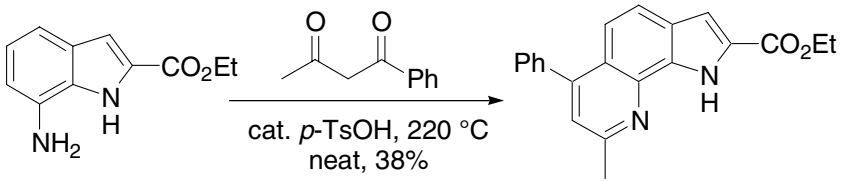

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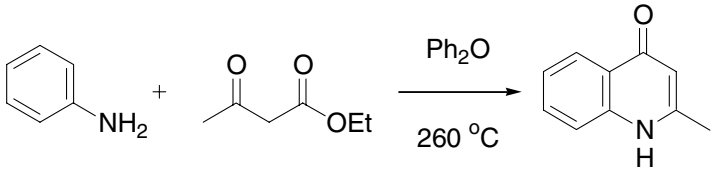
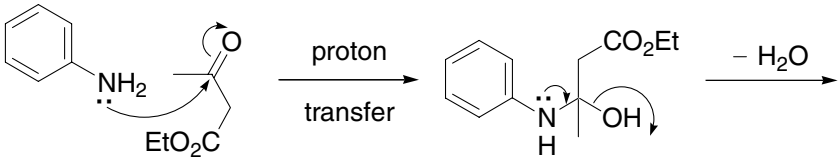
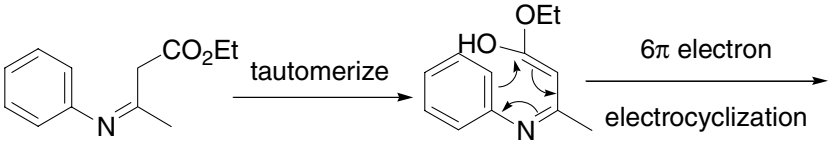
Conrad–Limpach reaction

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







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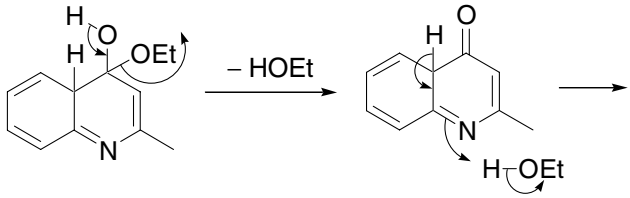

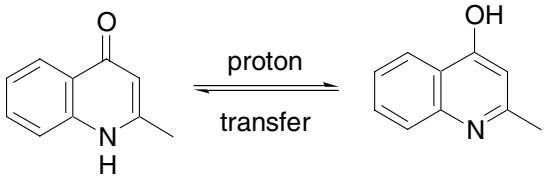

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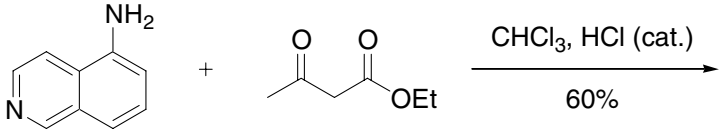

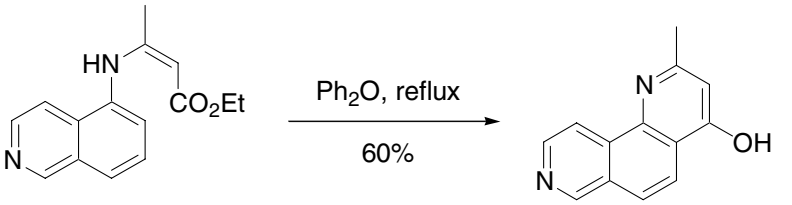

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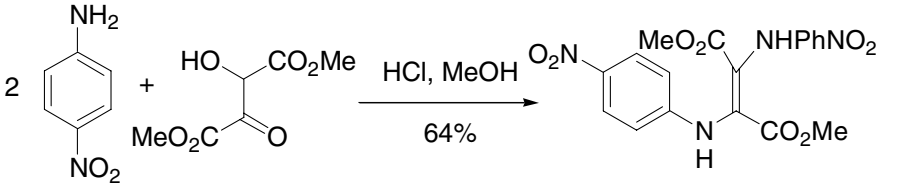

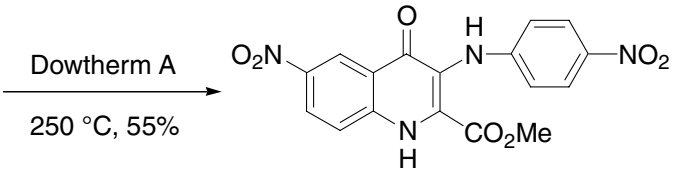

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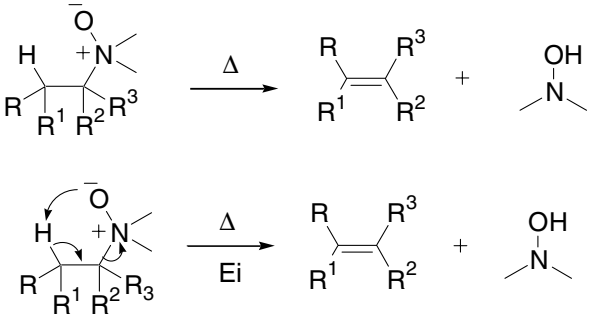
Cope elimination reaction

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



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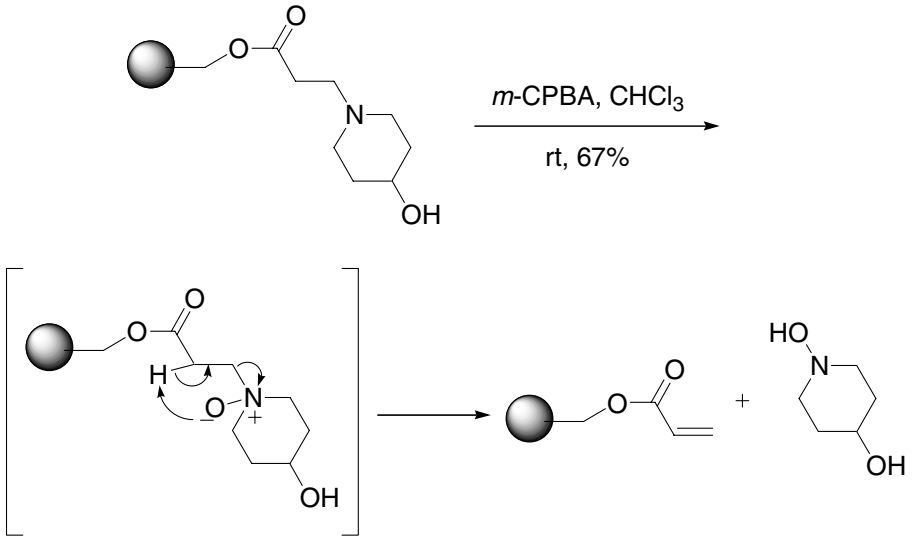

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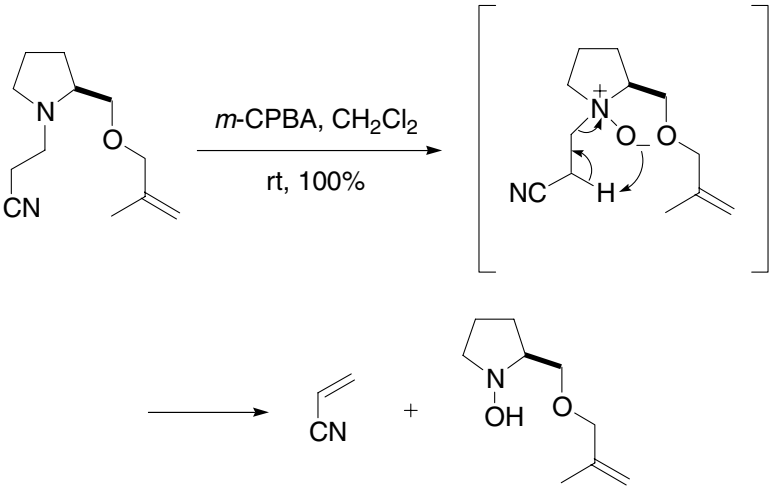

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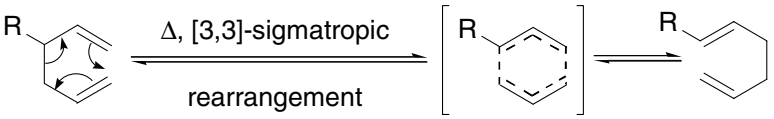
Cope rearrangement

The Cope, oxy-Cope, and anionic 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. *Cf.* Claisen rearrangement.



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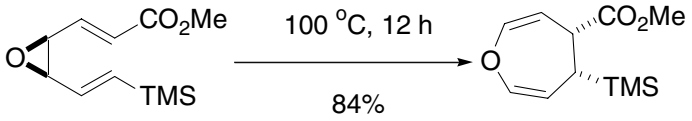

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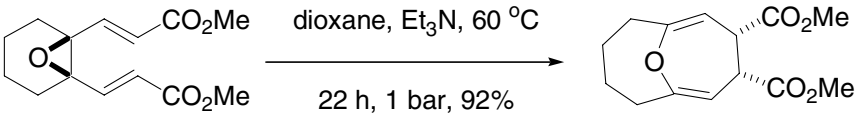

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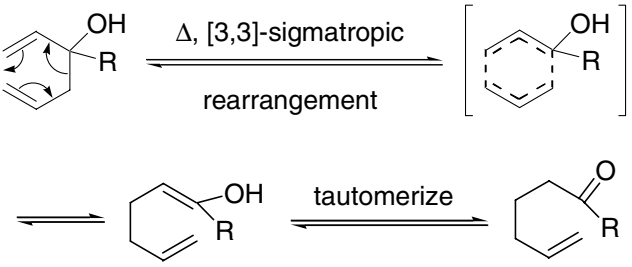
Oxy-Cope rearrangement



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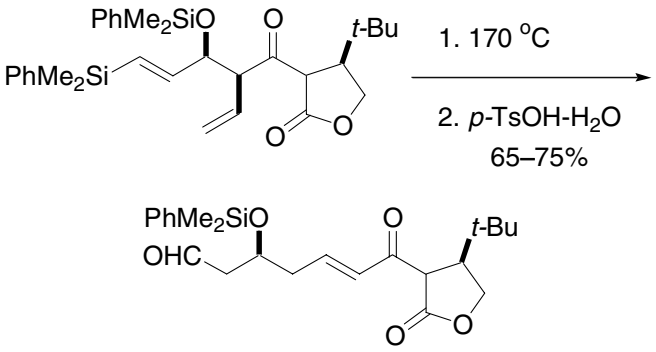

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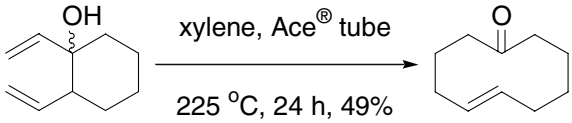

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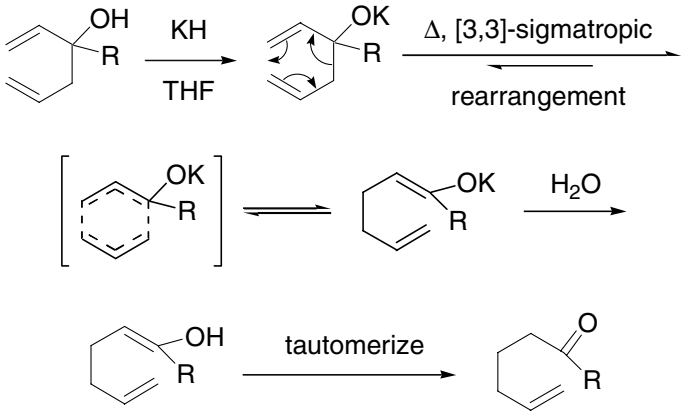
Anionic oxy-Cope rearrangement



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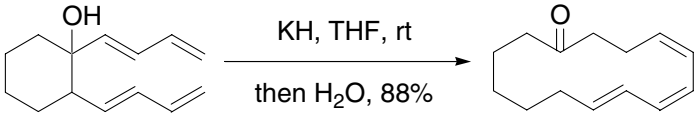

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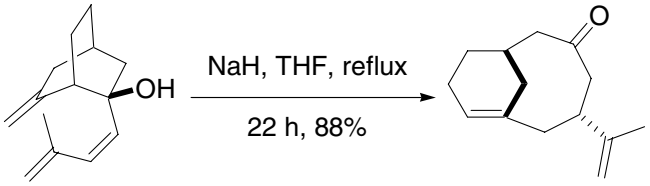

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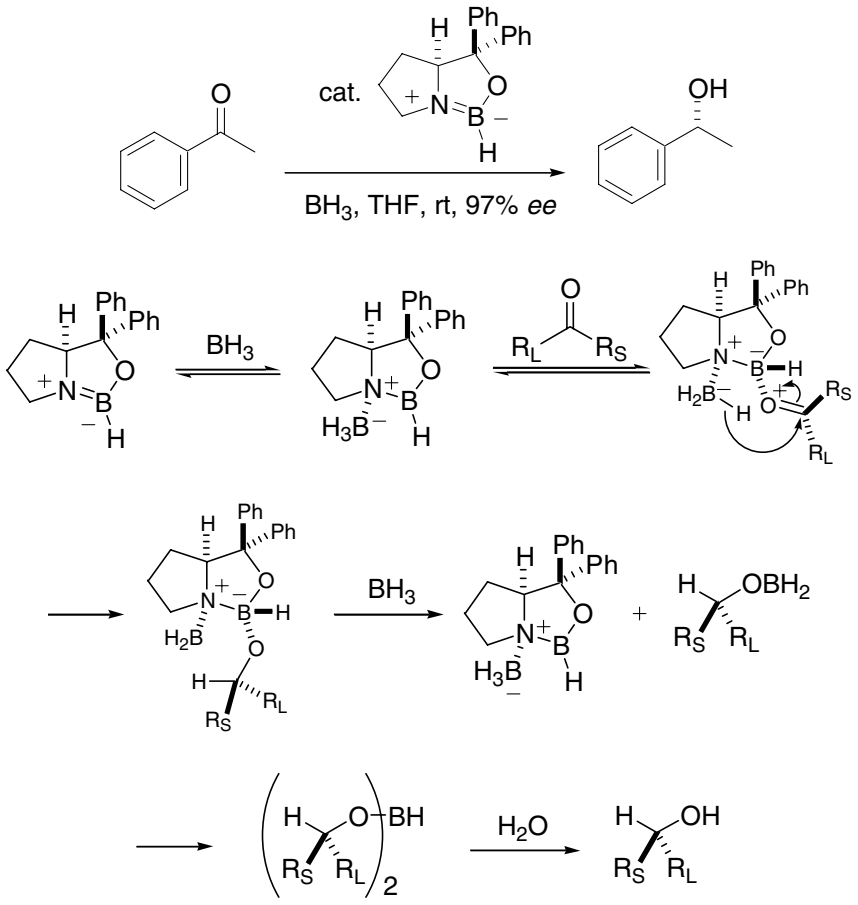
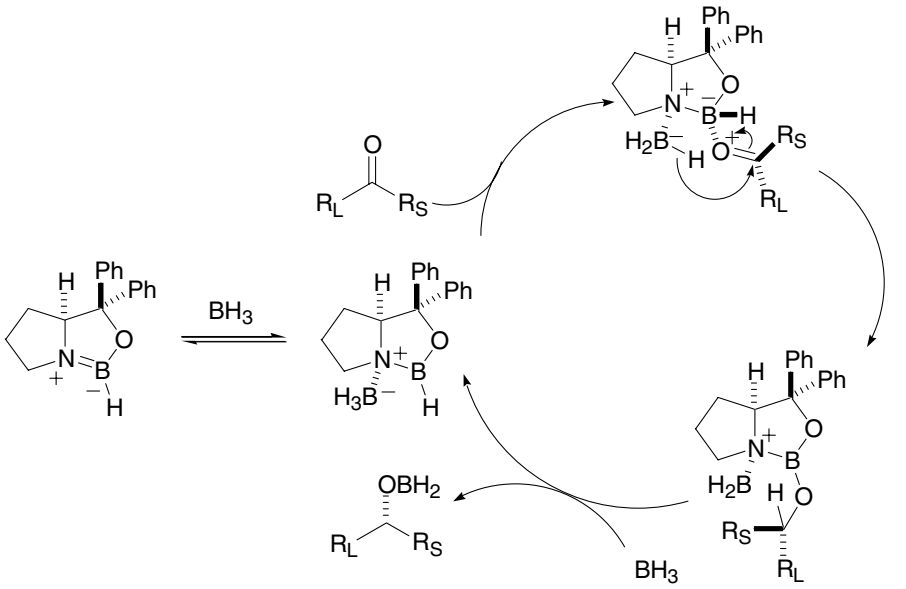
Corey–Bakshi–Shibata (CBS) reduction

Enantioselective borane reduction of ketones catalyzed by chiral oxazaborolidines.



The catalytic cycle is shown on the next page.

The catalytic cycle:



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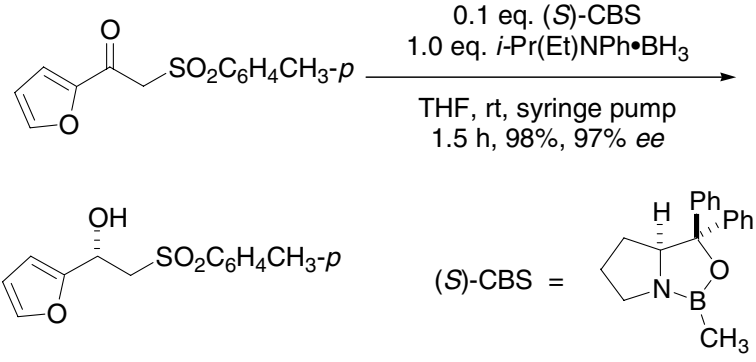

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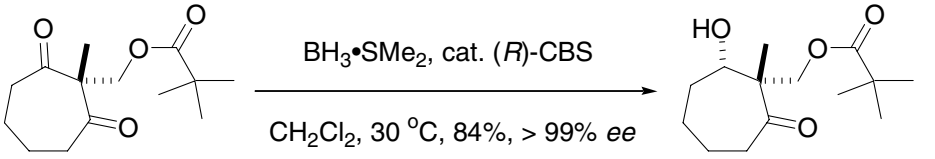

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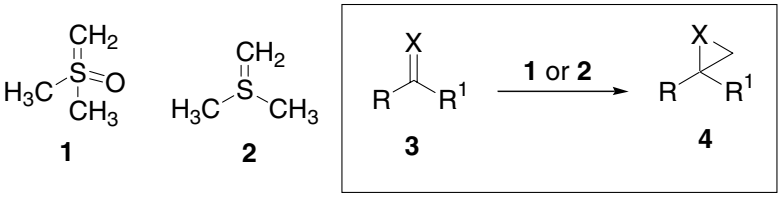
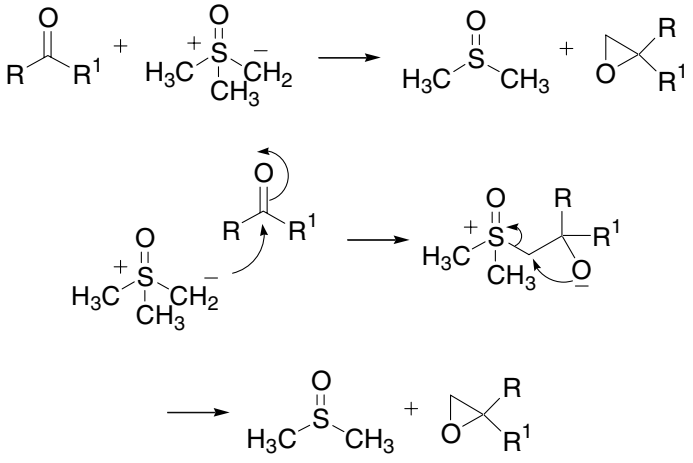
Corey–Chaykovsky reaction

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 thiirane.



X = O, CH_2, NR^2, S, $CHCOR^3$, $CHCO_2R^3$, $CHCONR_2$, CHCN



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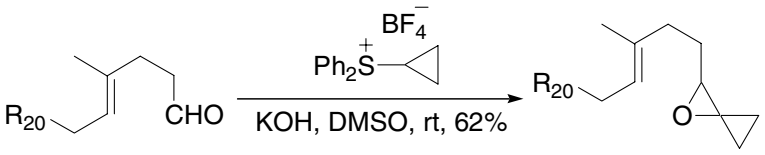

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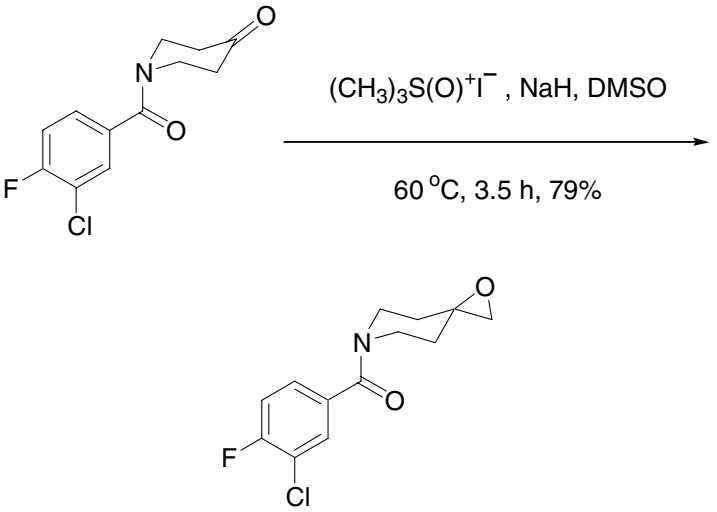

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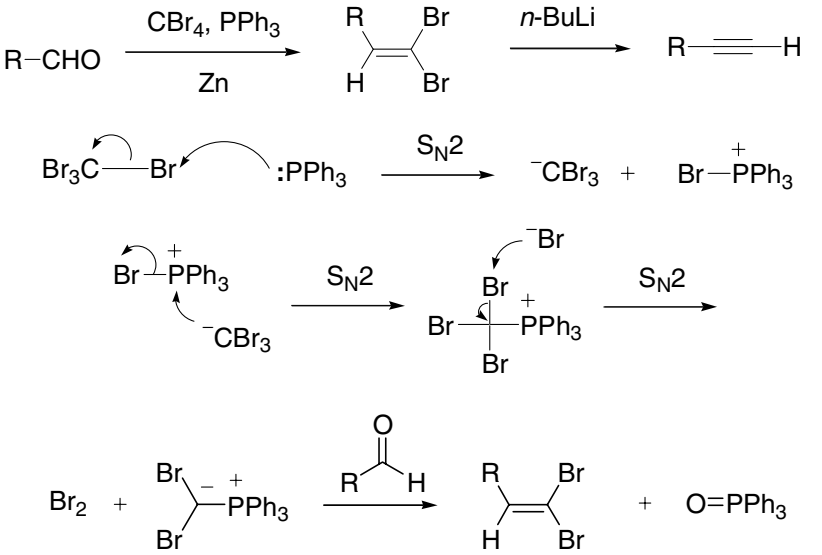
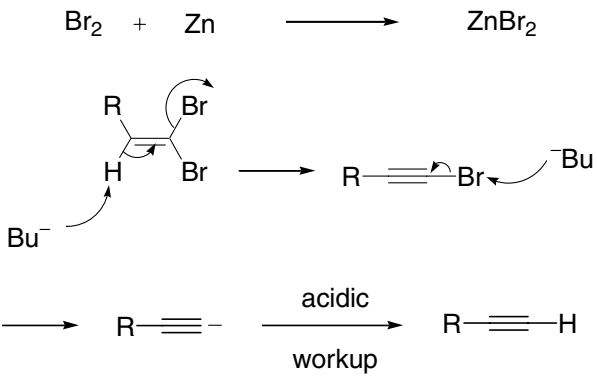
Corey–Fuchs reaction

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



Wittig reaction (see page 621 for the mechanism)



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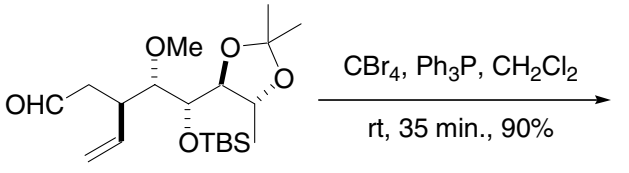

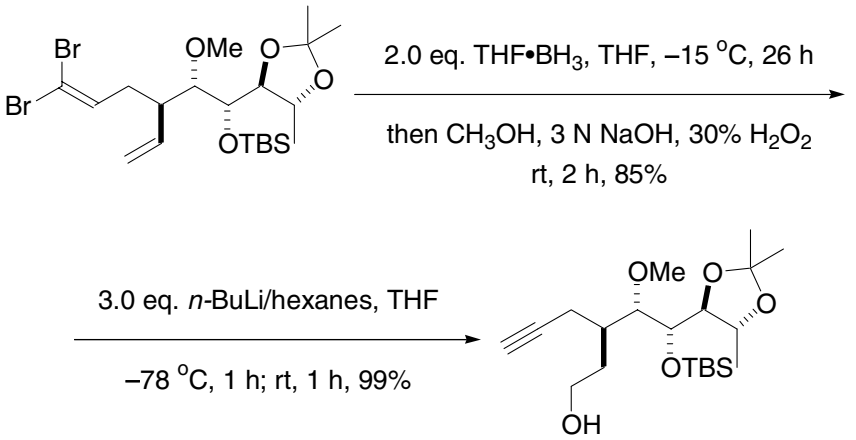

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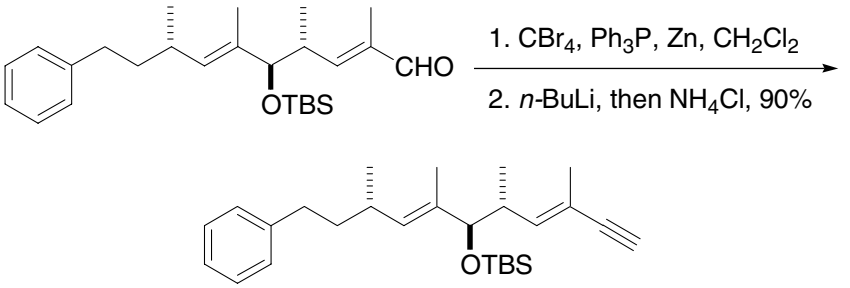

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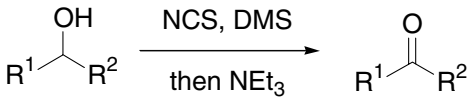
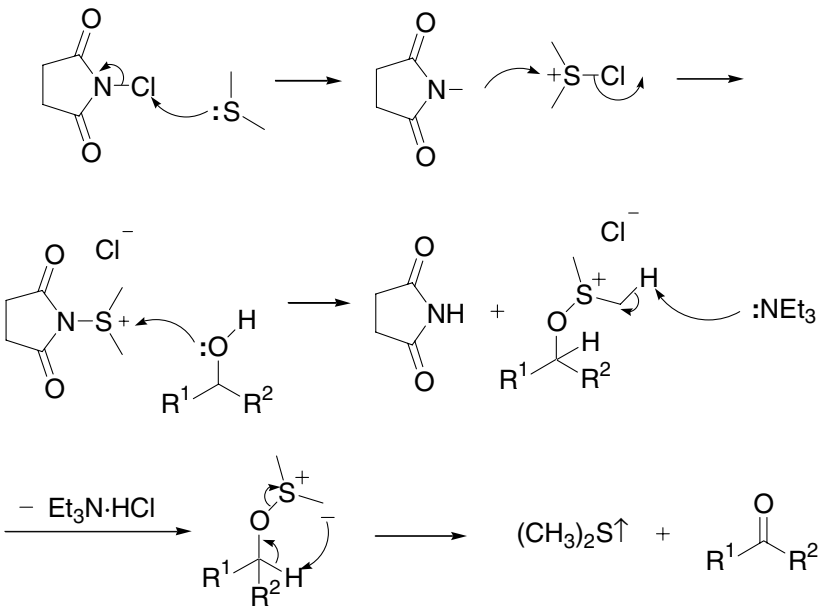
Corey–Kim oxidation

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



NCS = ***N*-C**hloro**s**uccinimide; DMS = **Dim**ethyl**s**ulfide.



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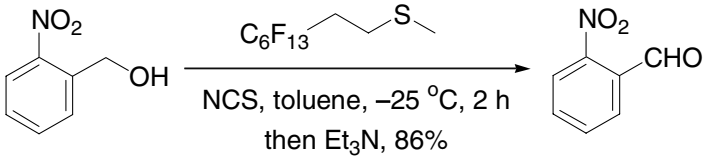

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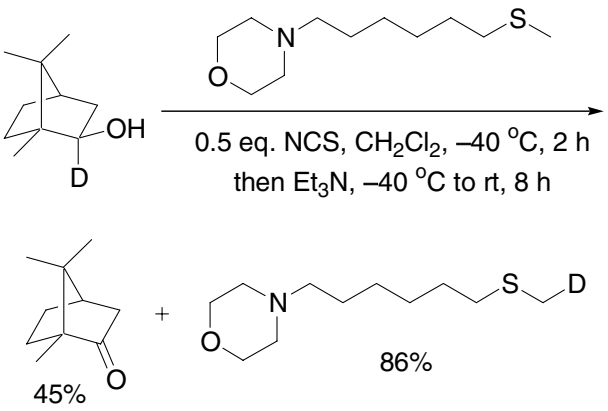

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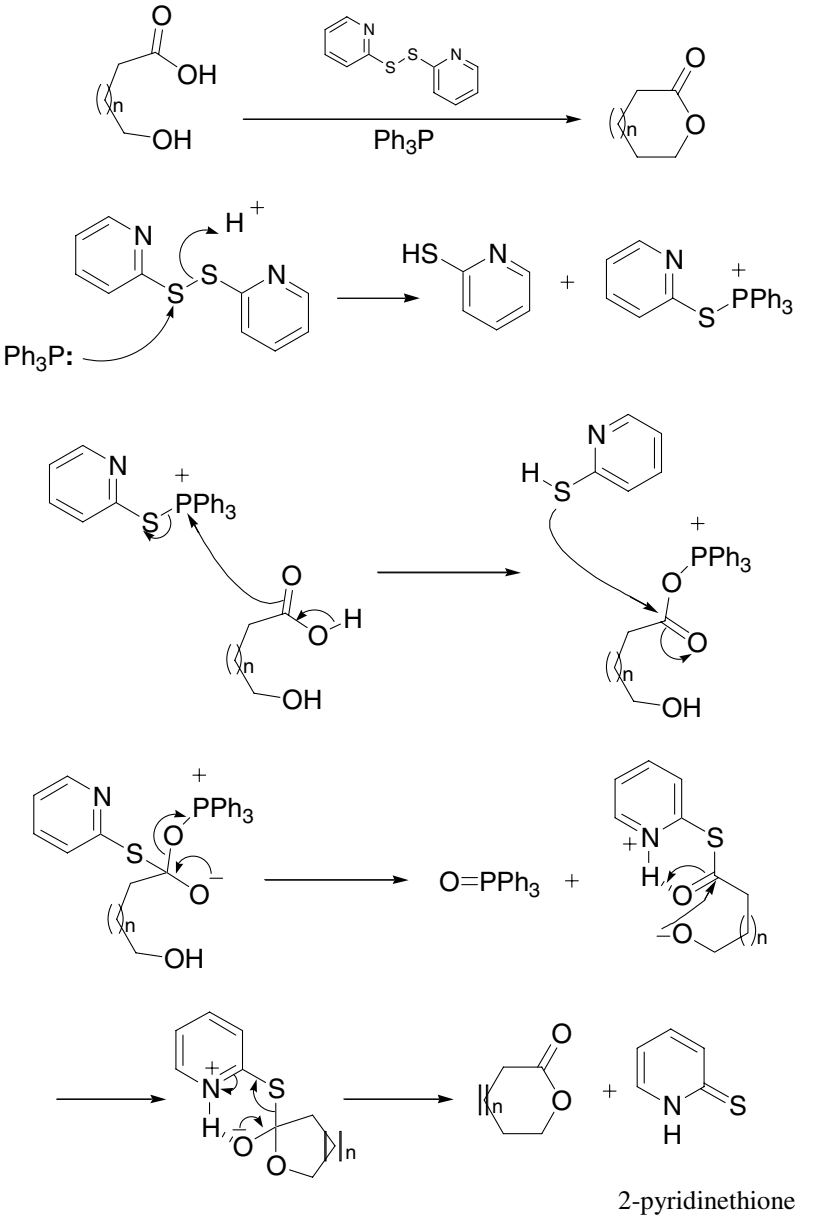
Corey–Nicolaou macrolactonization

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



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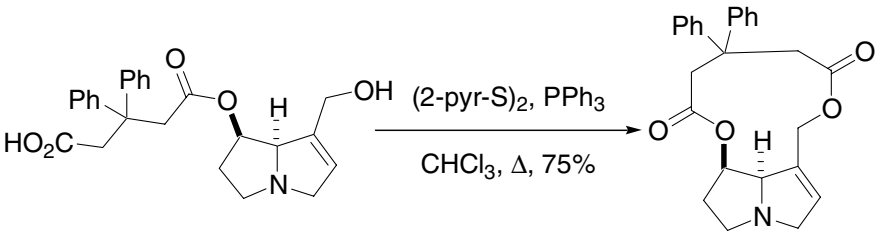

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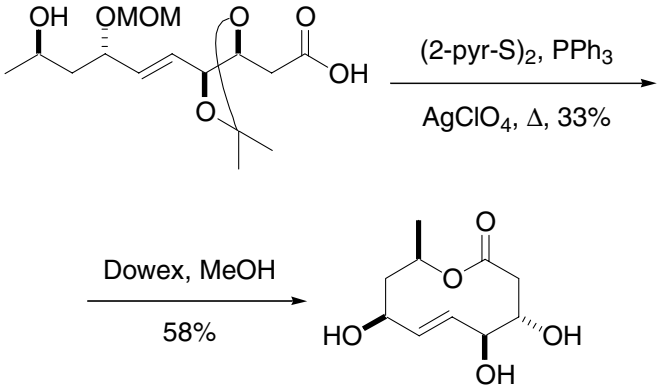

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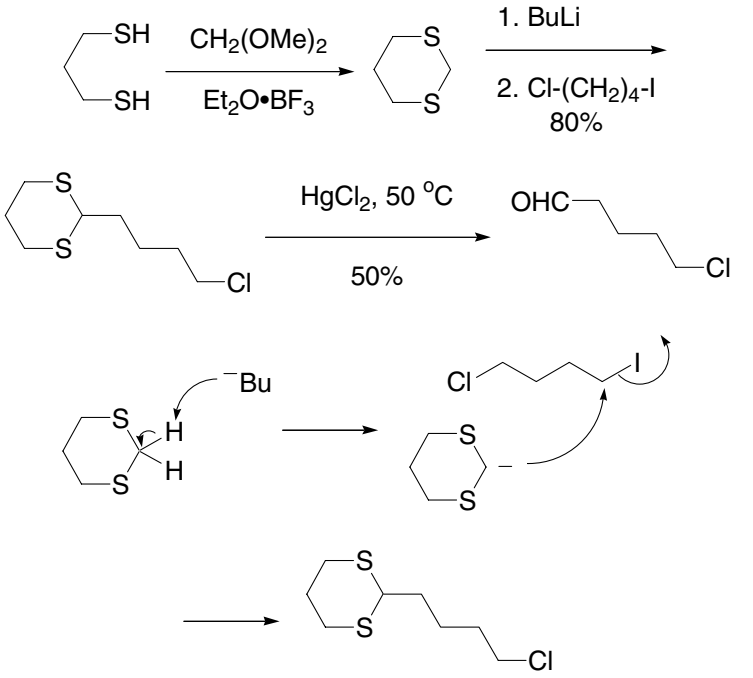
Corey–Seebach reaction

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



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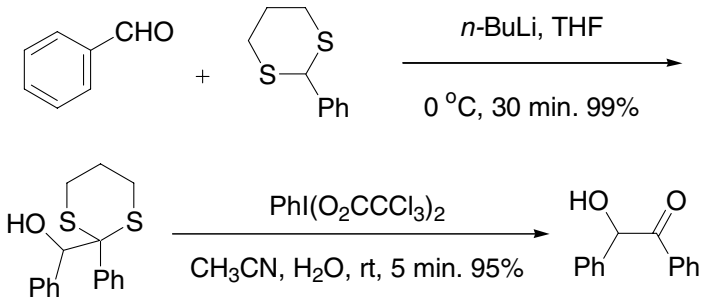

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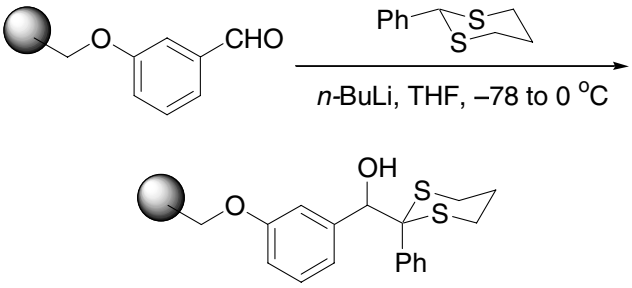

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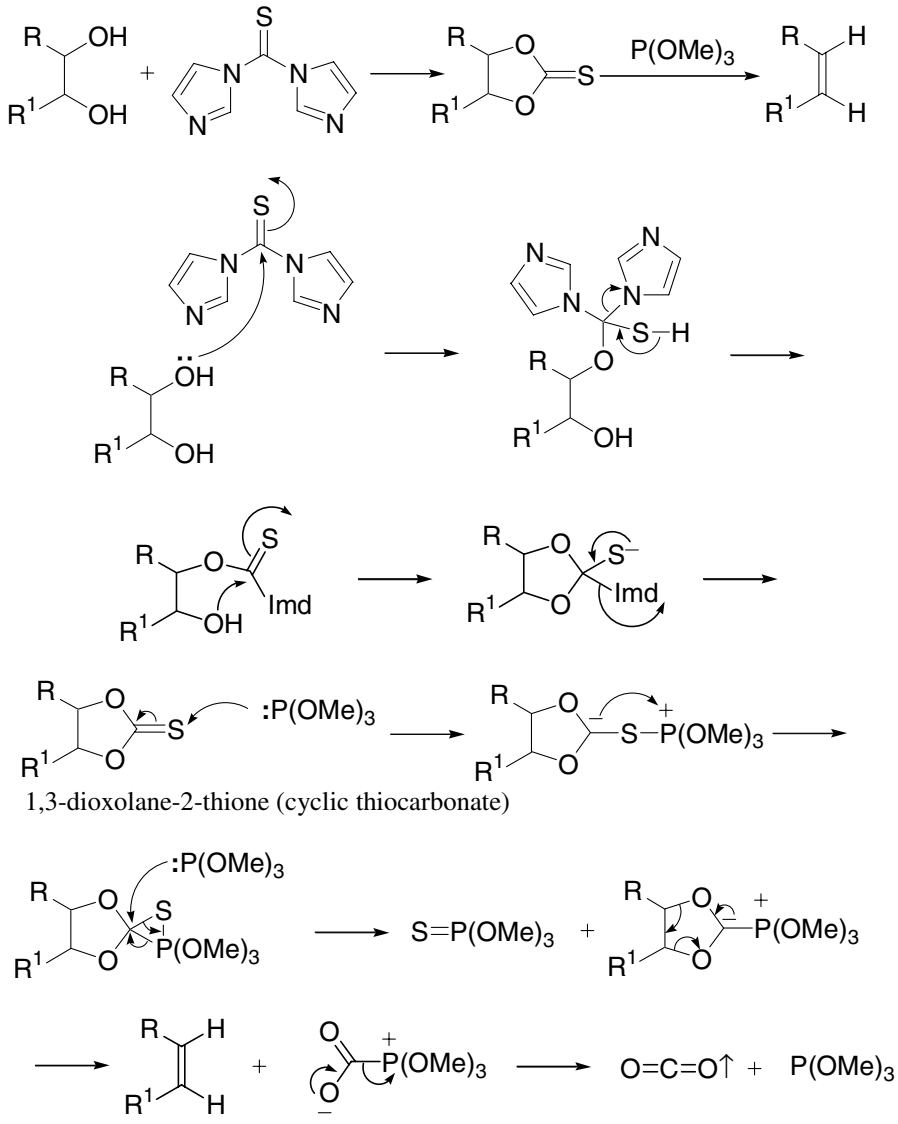
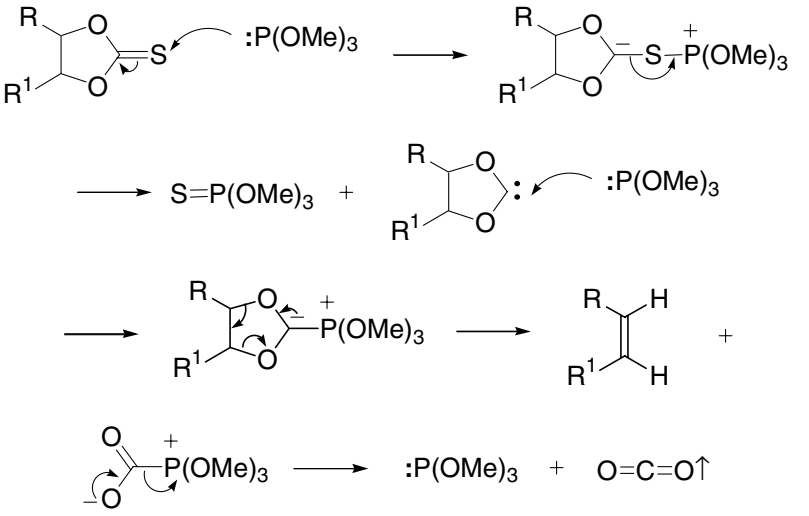
Corey–Winter olefin synthesis

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



1,3-dioxolane-2-thione (cyclic thiocarbonate)

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



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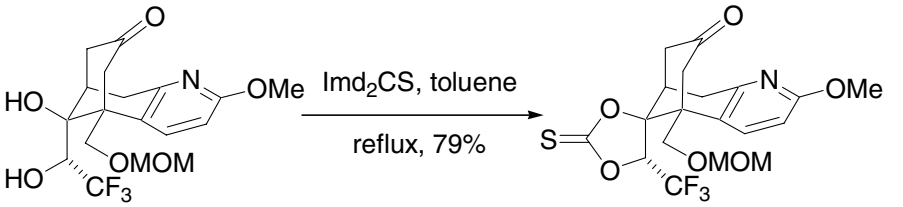

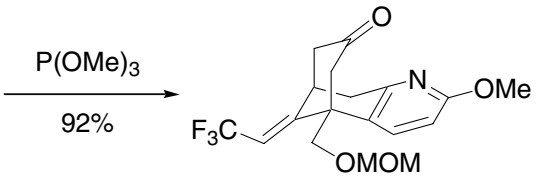

One olefin isomer

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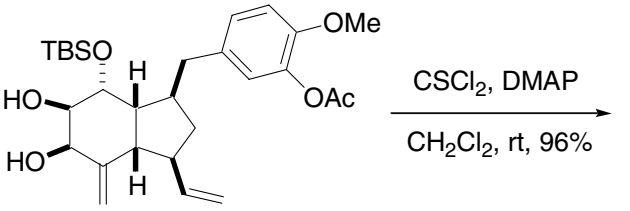

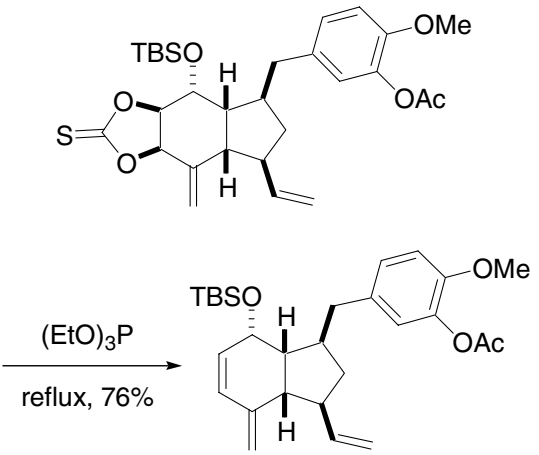

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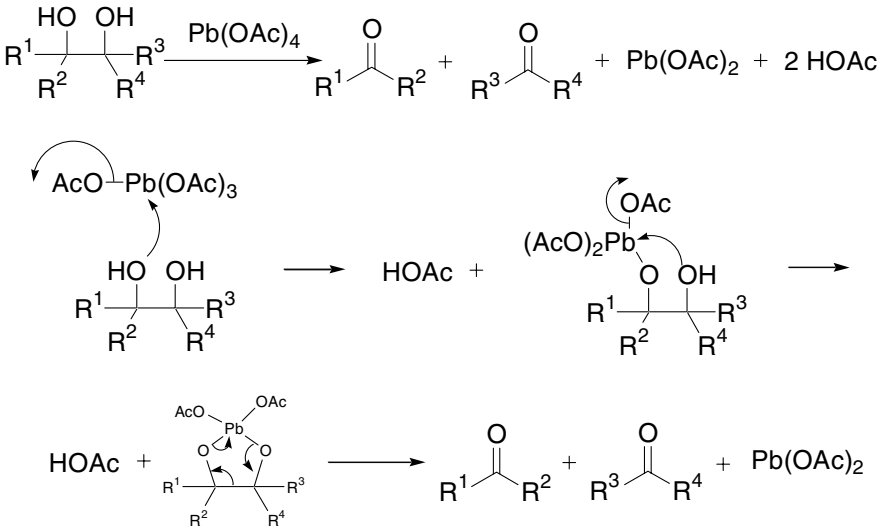
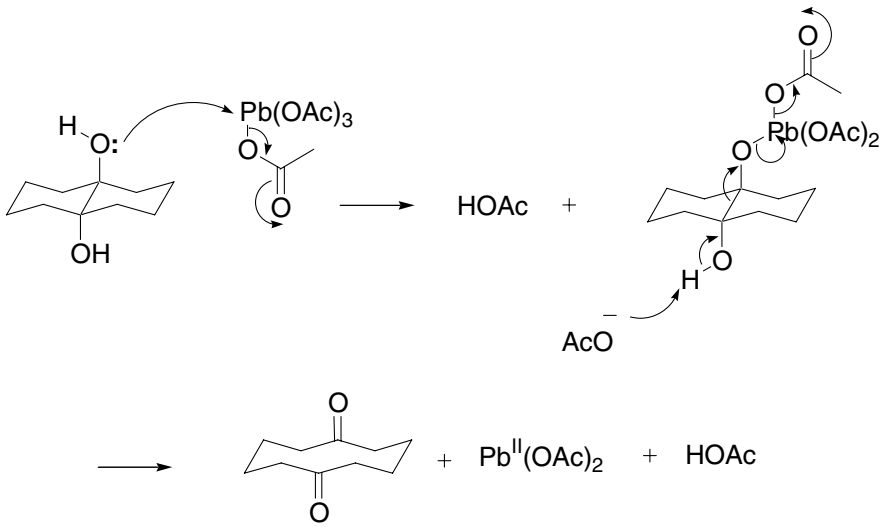
Criegee glycol cleavage

Vicinal diol is oxidized to the two corresponding carbonyl compounds using $Pb(OAc)_4$, **l**ead **t**etra**a**cetate (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]



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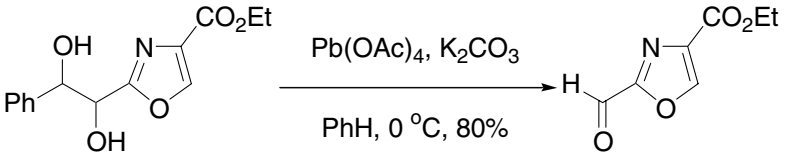

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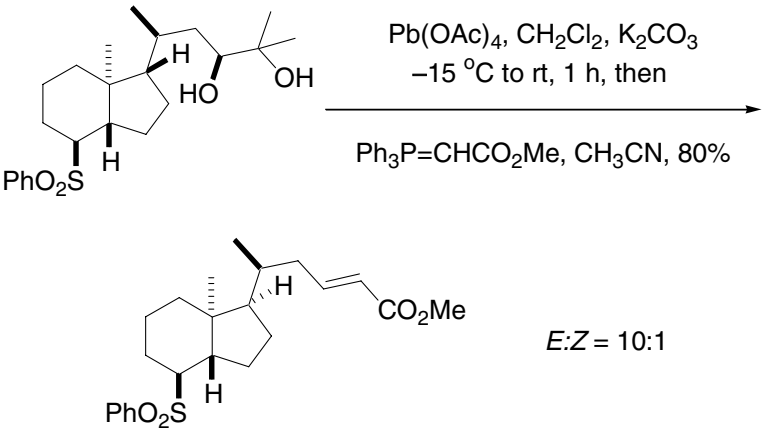

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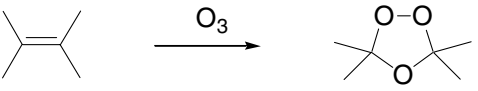
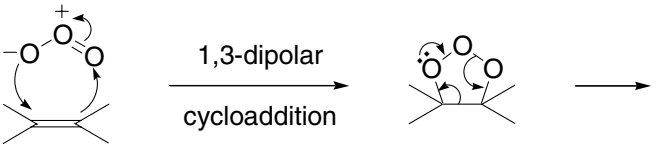
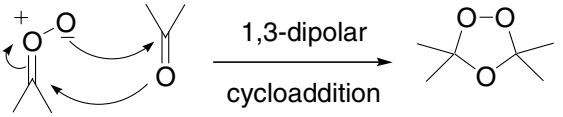
Criegee mechanism of ozonolysis





primary ozonide (1,2,3-trioxolane)



zwitterionic peroxide
(Criegee zwitterion)
also known as "carbonyl oxide"

secondary ozonide (1,2,4-trioxolane)

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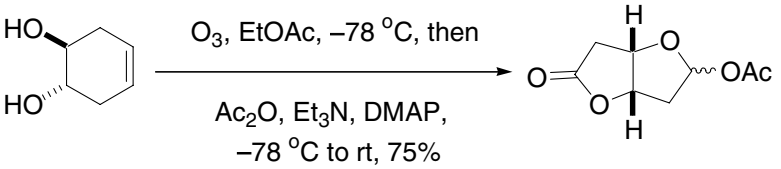

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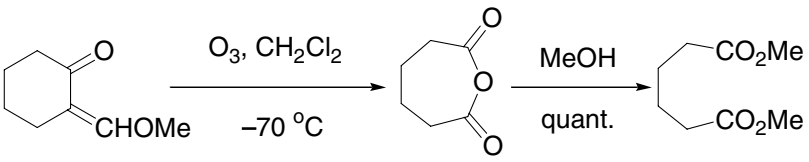

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Curtius rearrangement

Thermal or photochemical rearrangement of acyl azides into amines *via* isocyanate intermediates. While the thermal rearrangement is a concerted process, the photochemical rearrangement goes through a nitrene intermediate.

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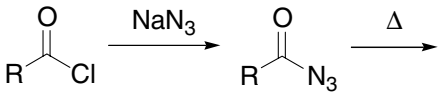

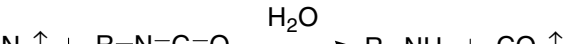

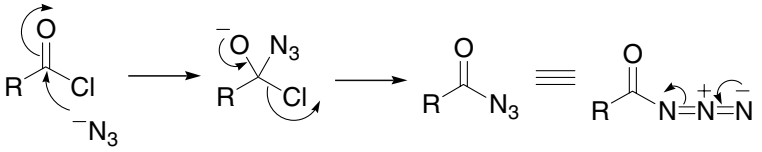

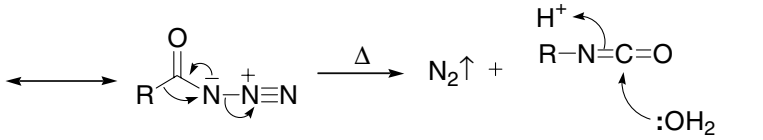

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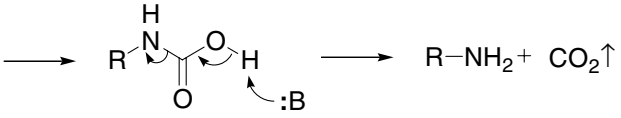

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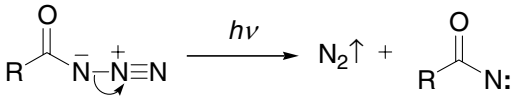

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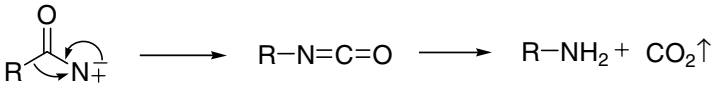

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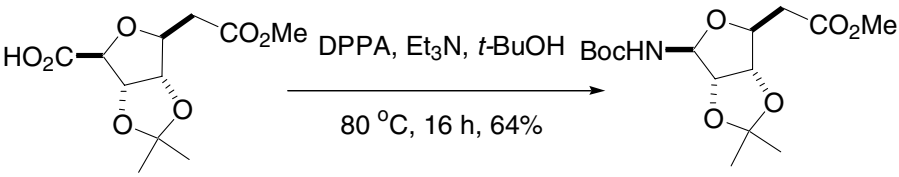

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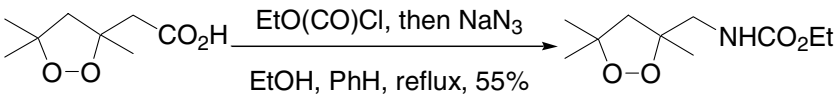

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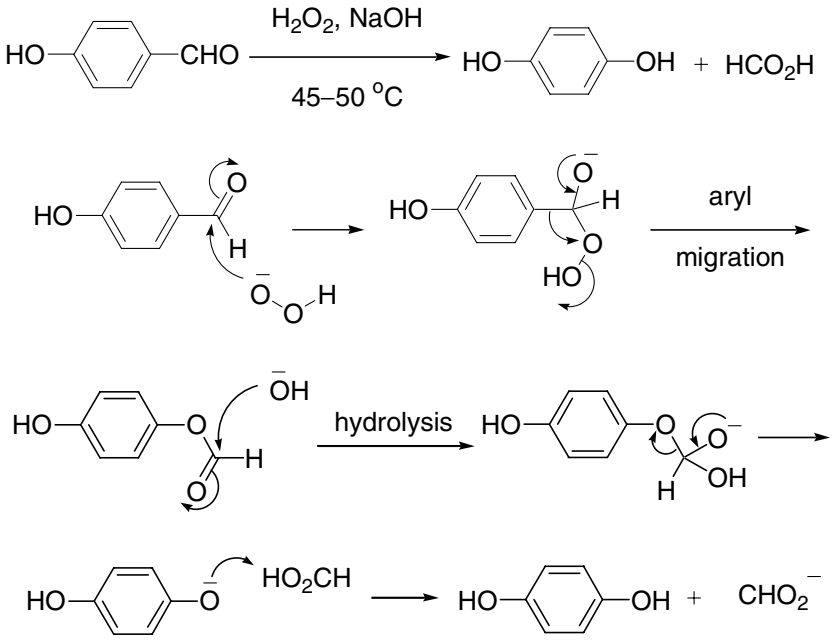
Dakin oxidation

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



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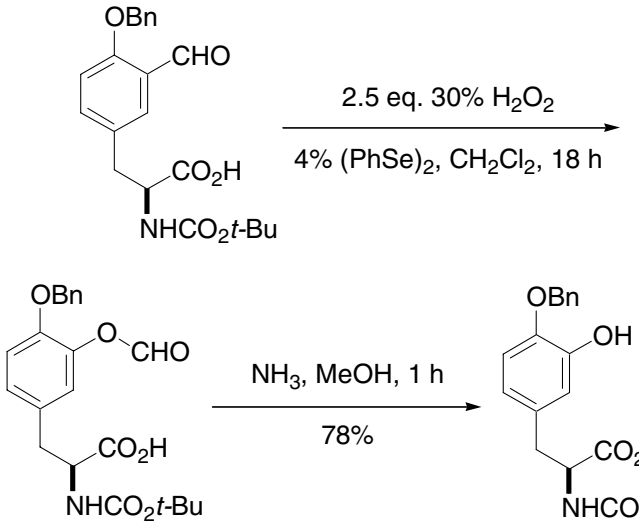

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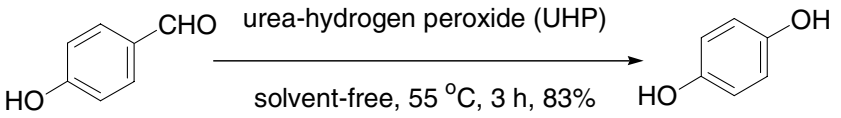

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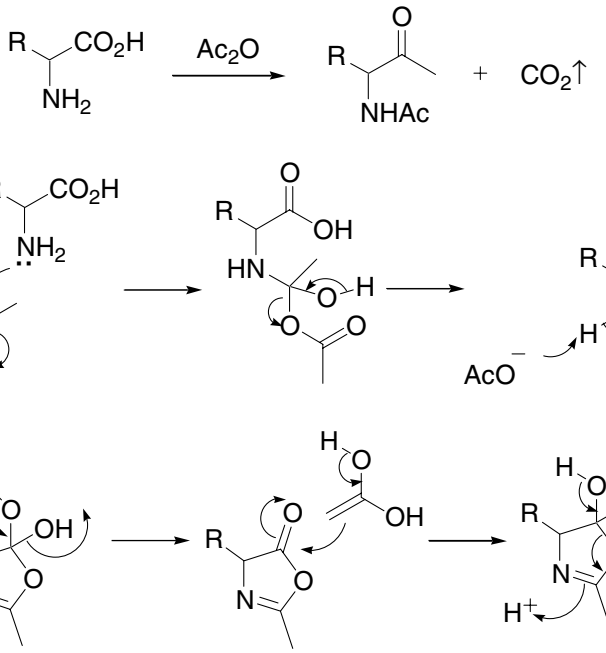
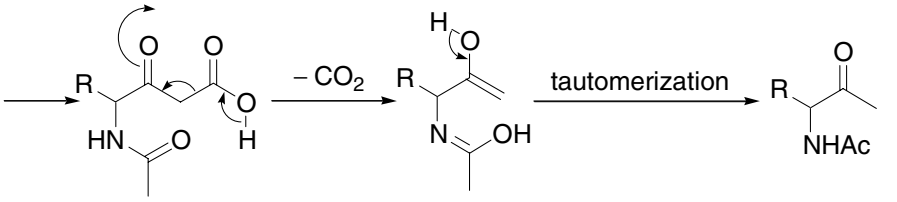
Dakin–West reaction

The direct conversion of an α-amino acid into the corresponding α-acetylaminoalkyl 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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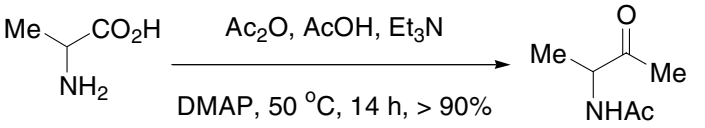

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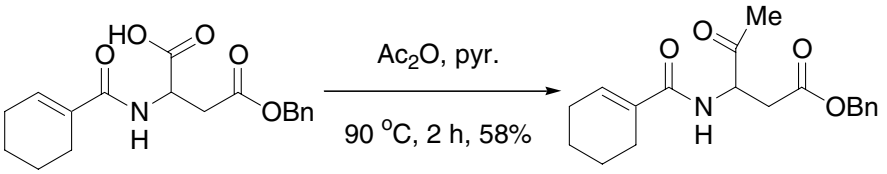

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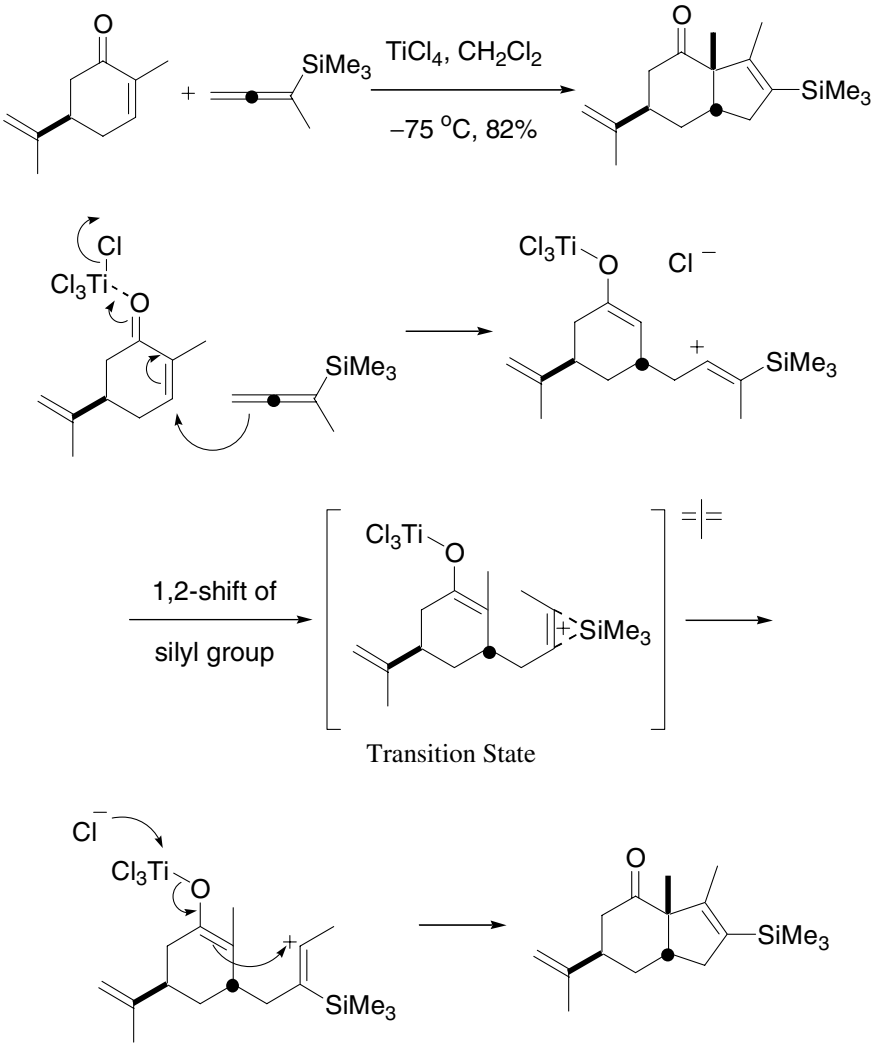
Danheiser annulation

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



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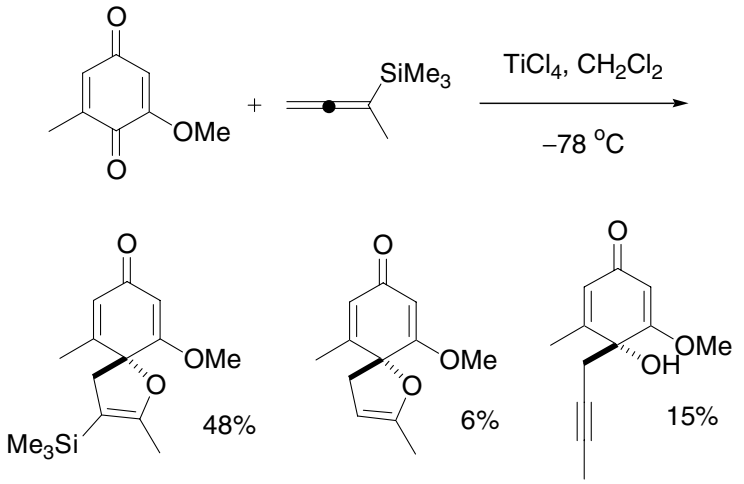

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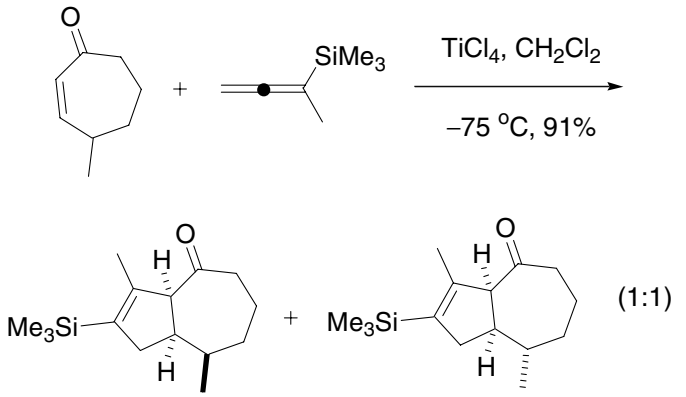

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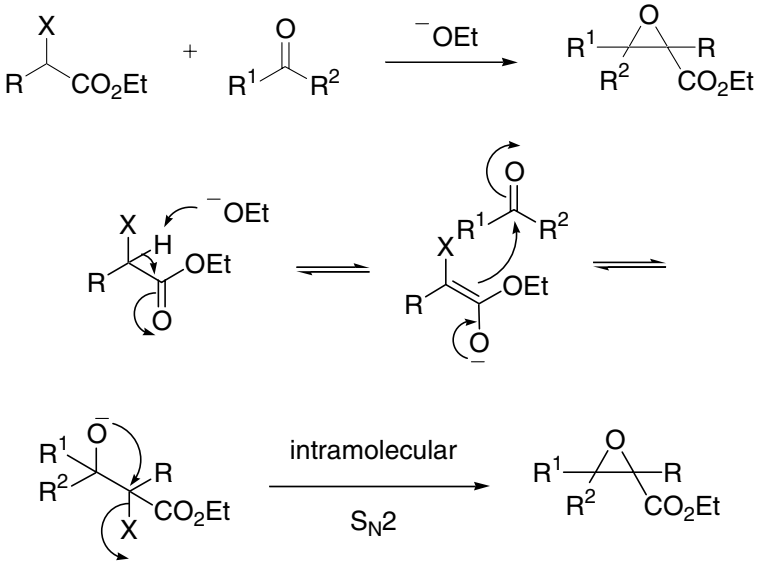
Darzens glycidic ester condensation

α,β-Epoxy esters (glycidic esters) from base-catalyzed condensation of α-haloesters with carbonyl compounds.



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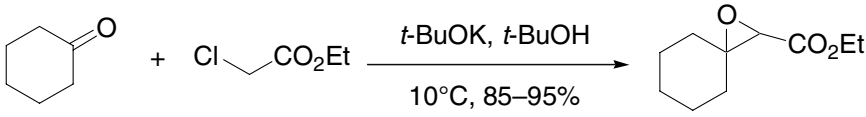

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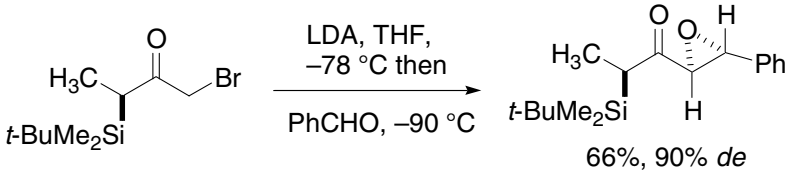

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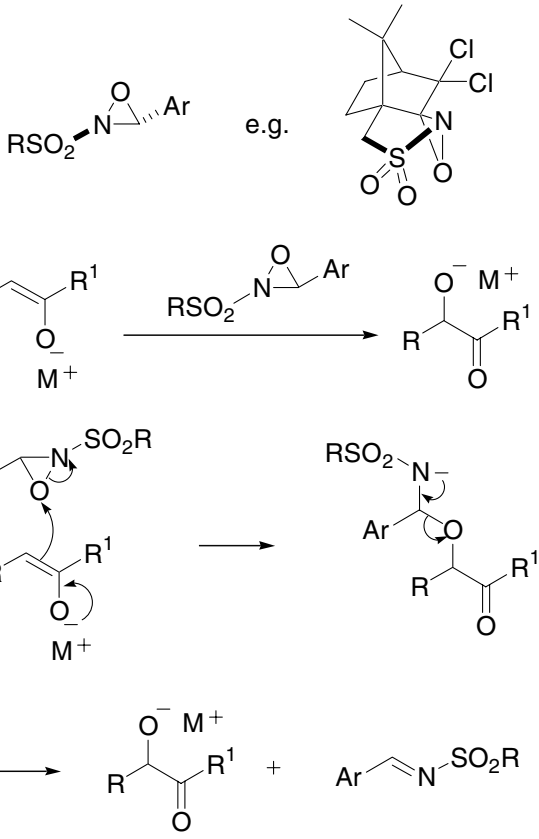
Davis chiral oxaziridine reagents

Chiral *N*-sulfonyloxaziridines employed for asymmetric hydroxylation, *etc.*



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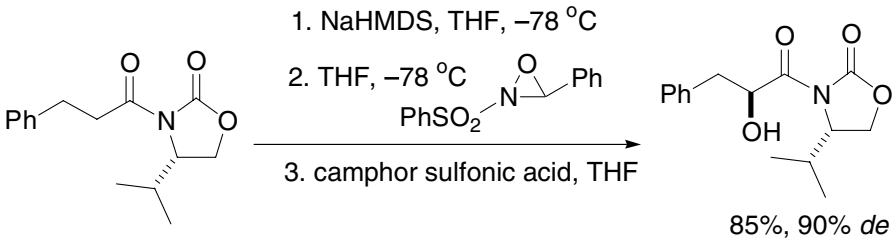

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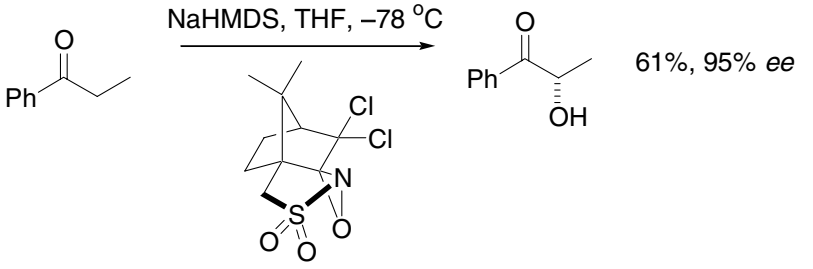

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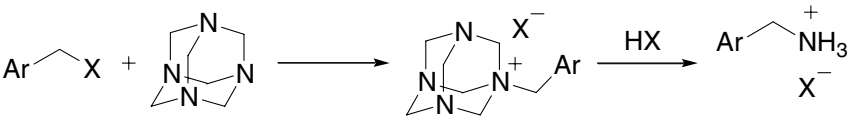
Delépine amine synthesis

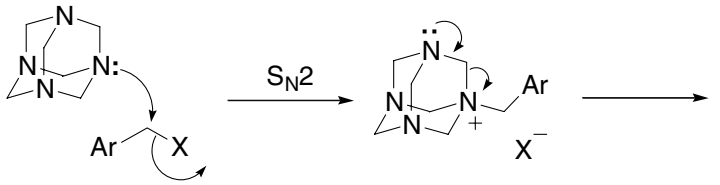
The reaction between alkyl halides and hexamethylenetetramine, followed by cleavage of the resulting salt with ethanolic HCl to yield primary amines.
Cf. Gabriel synthesis, where the product is also amine and Sommelet reaction, where the product is aldehyde. The Delépine works well for active halides such as benzyl, allyl halides, and α-halo-ketones.

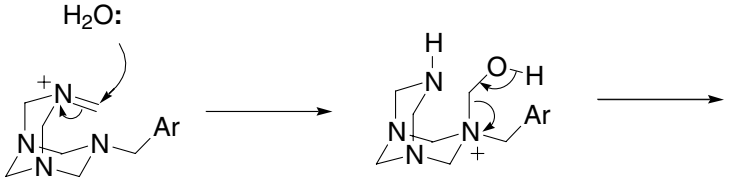


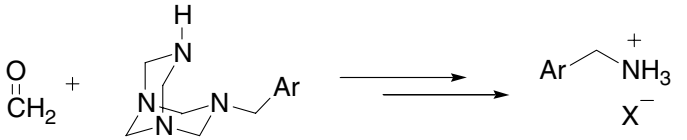
hexamethylenetetramine

$$[ArCH_2\text{-}C_6H_{12}N_4]^+X^- \quad + \quad 3HCl \quad + 6H_2O$$

$$= ArCH_2NH_2{\bullet}HX \quad + \quad 6CH_2O \quad + \quad 3NH_4Cl$$







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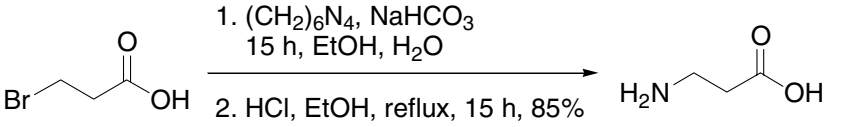

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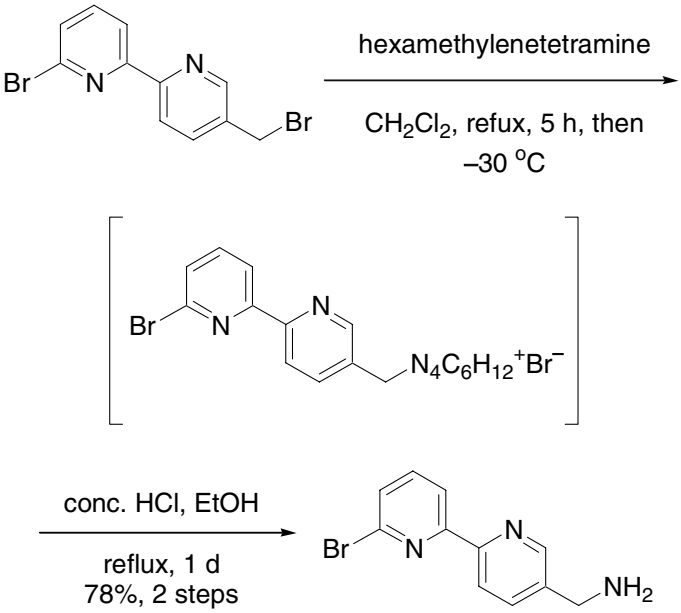

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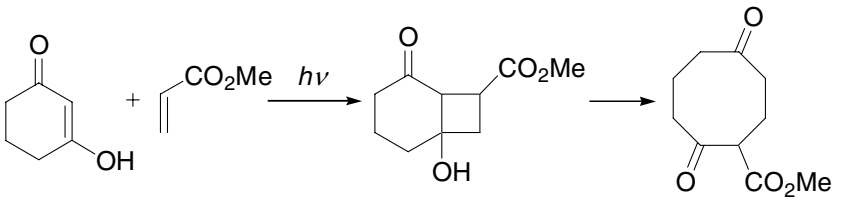
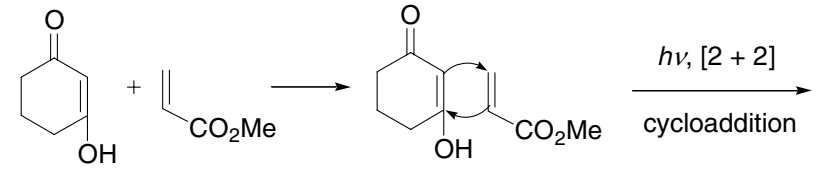
de Mayo reaction

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





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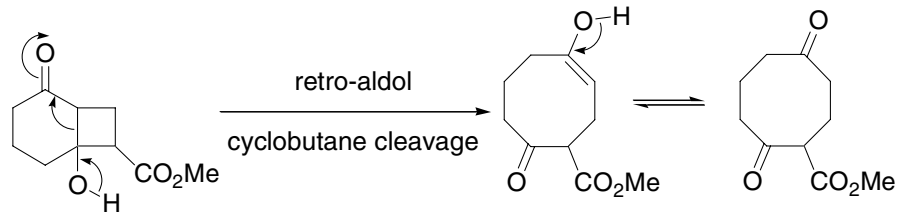

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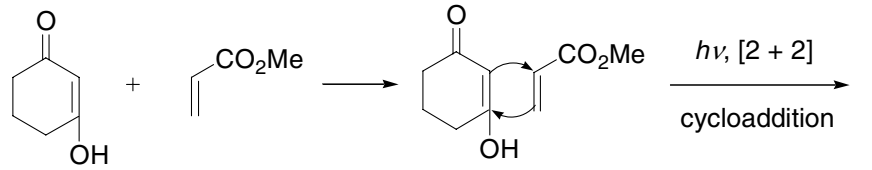

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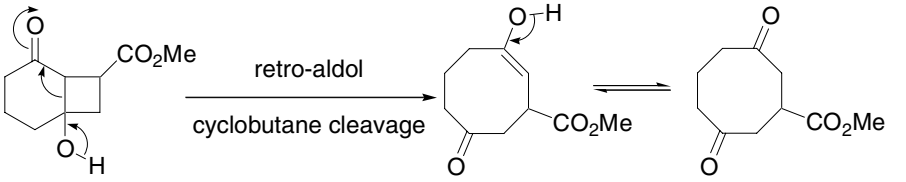

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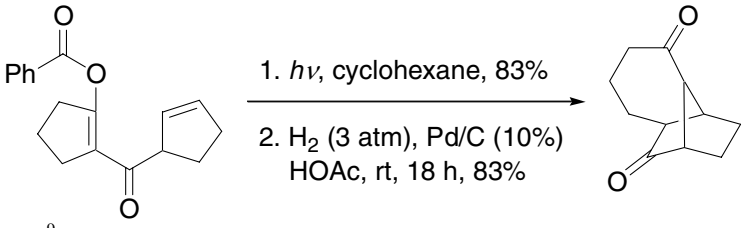

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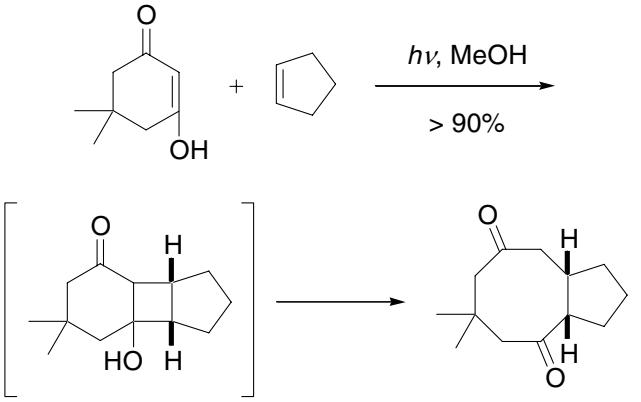

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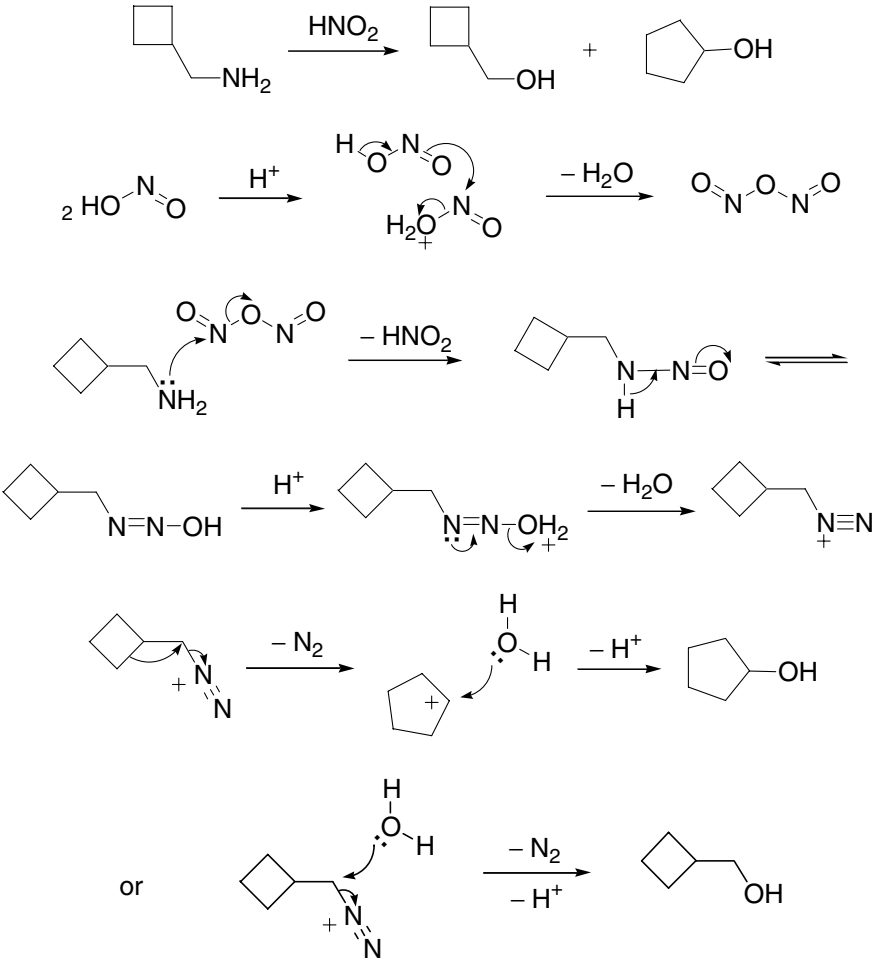
Demjanov rearrangement

Carbocation rearrangement of primary amines *via* diazotization to give alcohols through C–C bond migration.



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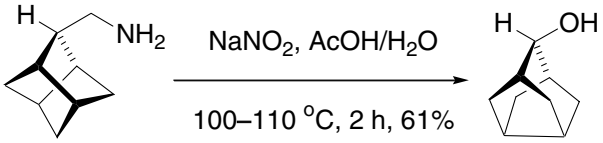

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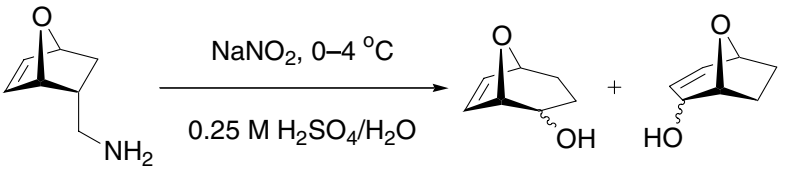

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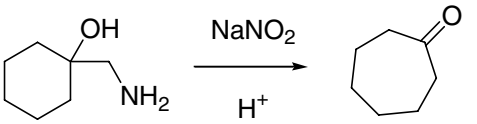
Tiffeneau–Demjanov rearrangement

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



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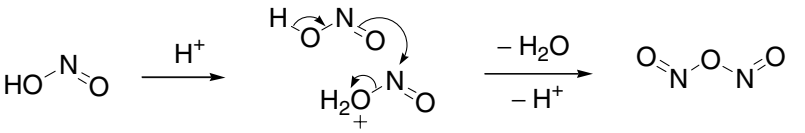

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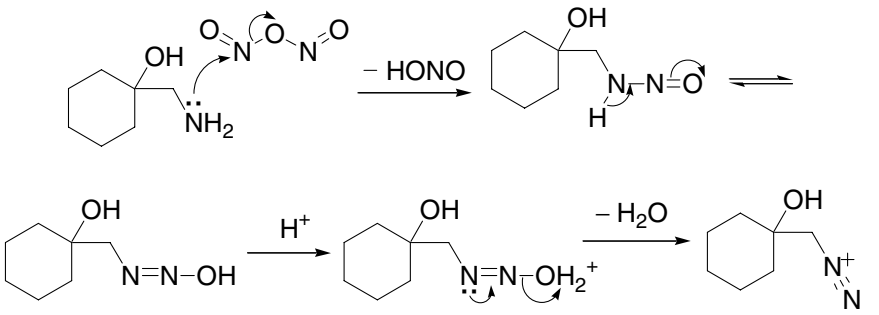

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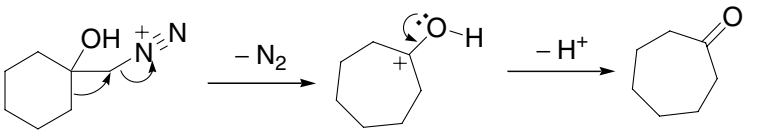

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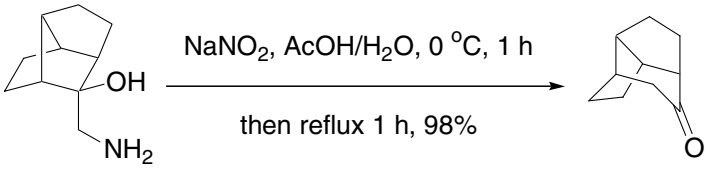

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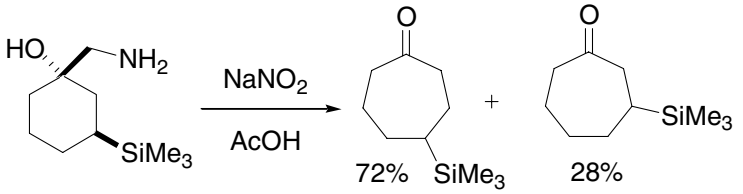

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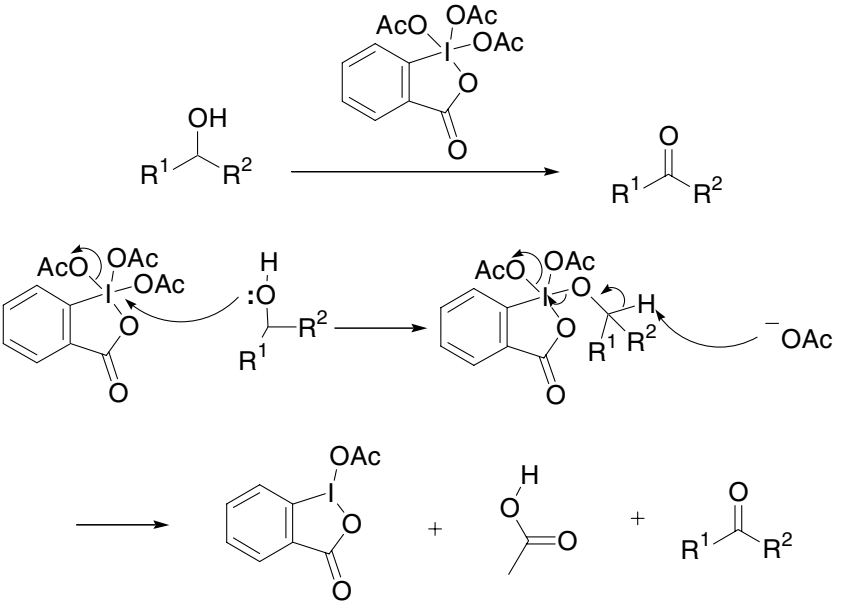
Dess–Martin periodinane oxidation

Oxidation of alcohols to the corresponding carbonyl compounds using triacetoxyperiodinane.



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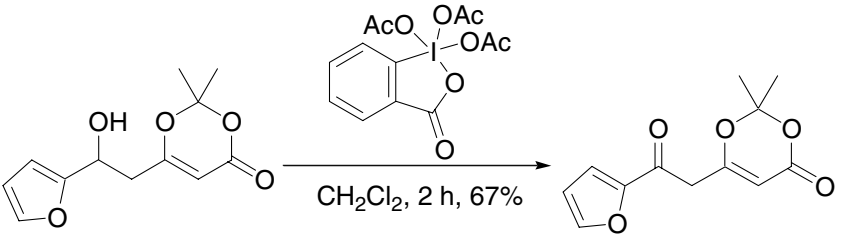

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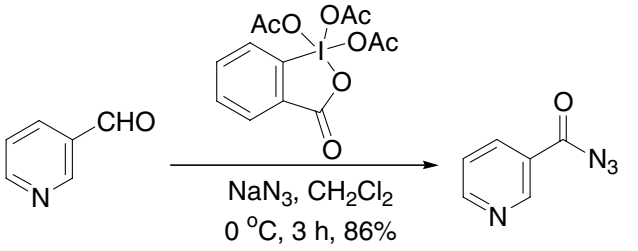

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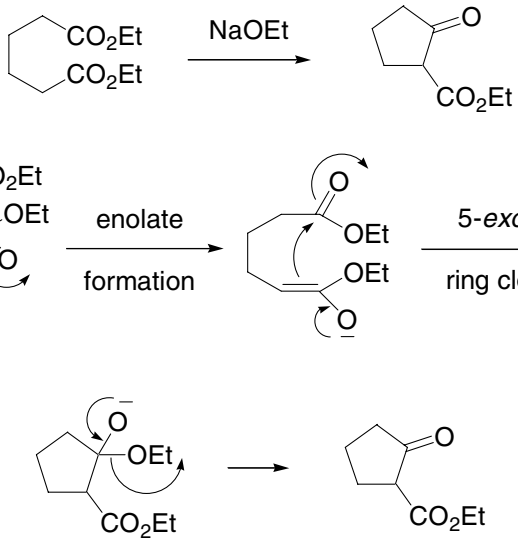
Dieckmann condensation

The Dieckmann condensation is the intramolecular version of the Claisen condensation.



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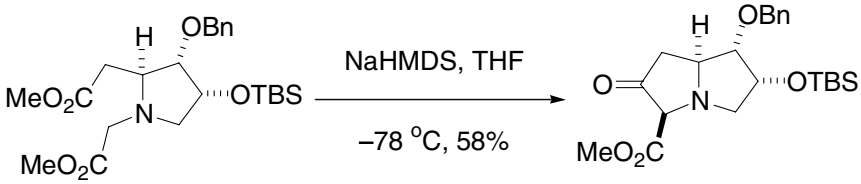

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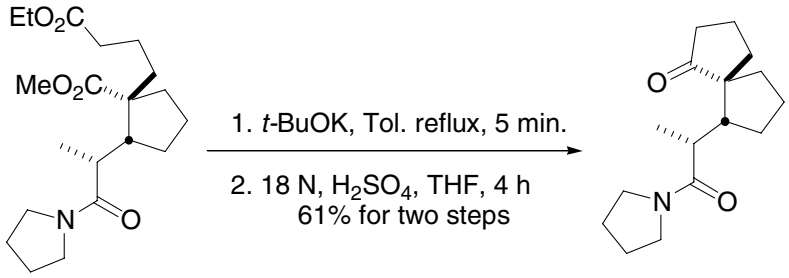

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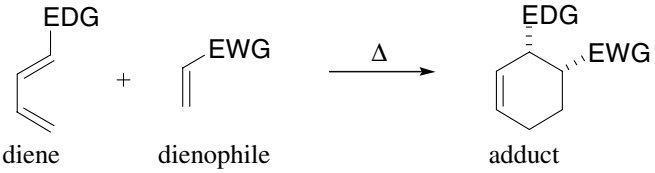
Diels–Alder reaction

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.

Normal Diels–Alder reaction



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

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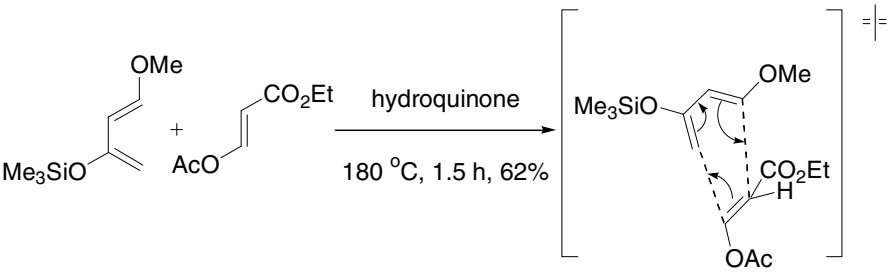

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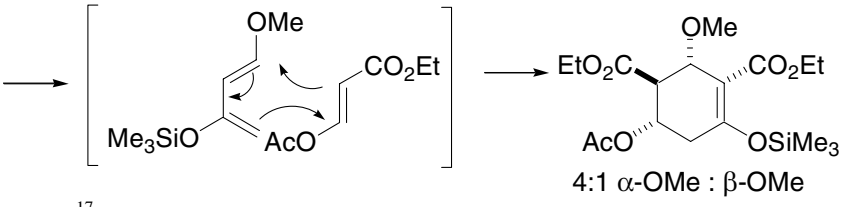

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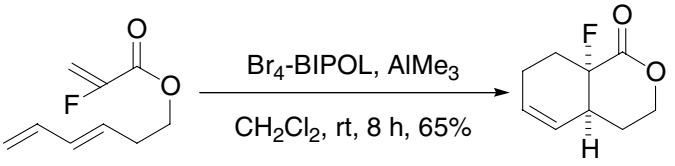
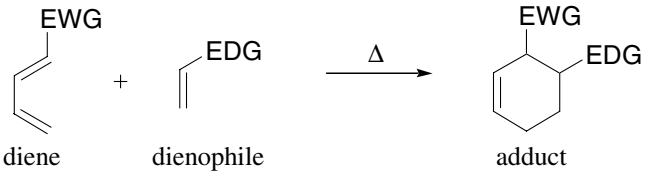


Inverse electronic demand Diels–Alder reaction



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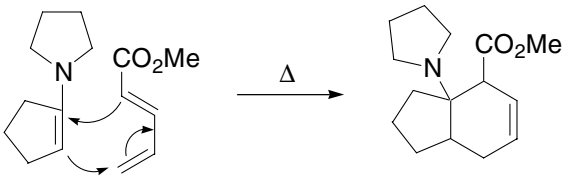
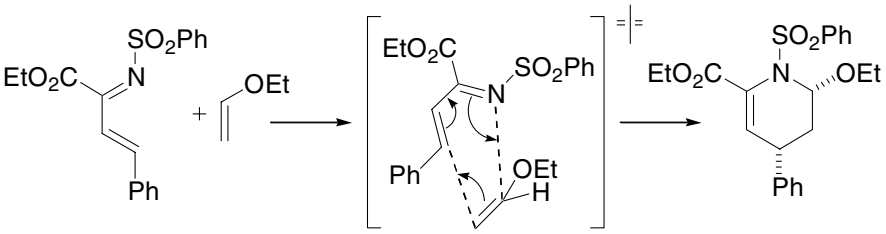
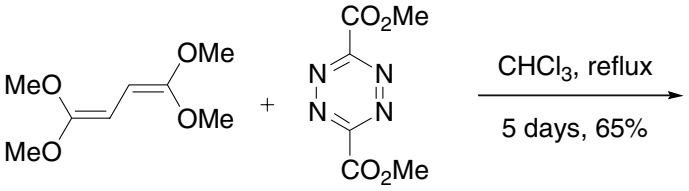


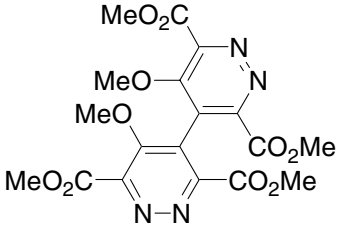
Hetero-Diels–Alder reaction

Heterodiene addition to dienophile



Example 1, the **Boger pyridine synthesis** (see page 67)[8]





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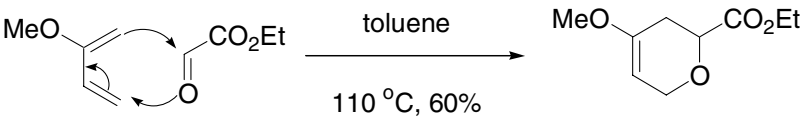

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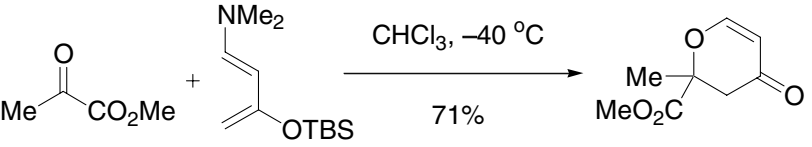

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Dienone–phenol rearrangement

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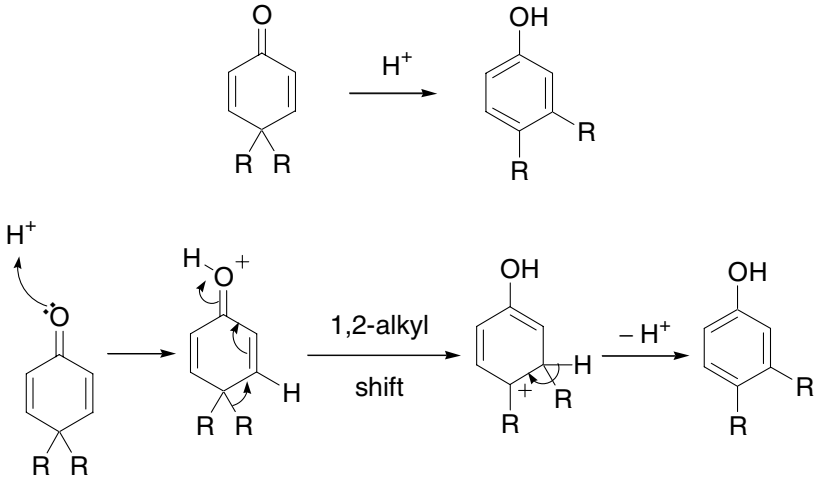

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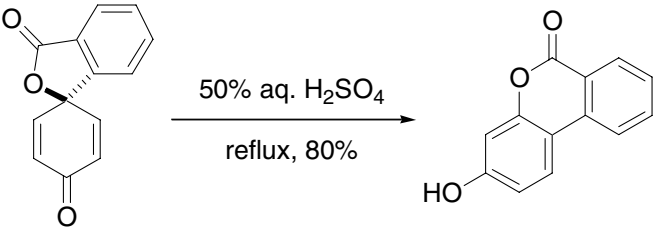

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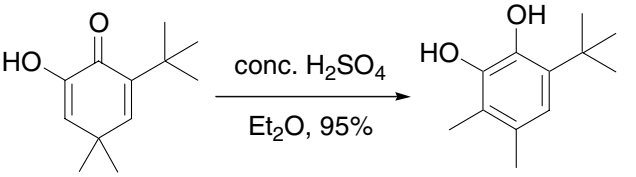

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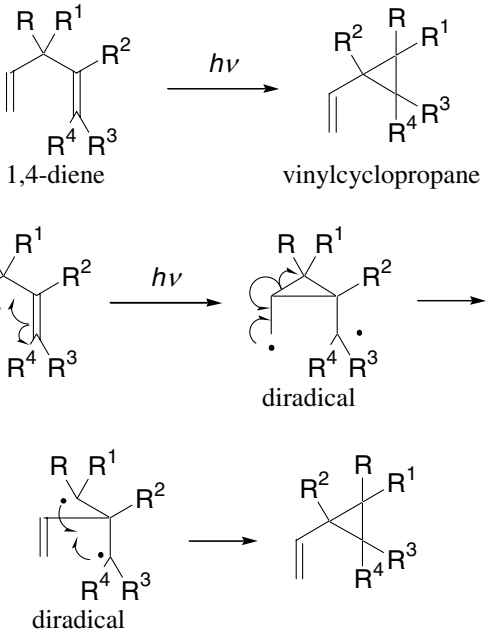
Di-π-methane rearrangement

Conversion of 1,4-dienes to vinylcyclopropanes under photolysis. Also known as the Zimmerman rearrangement.



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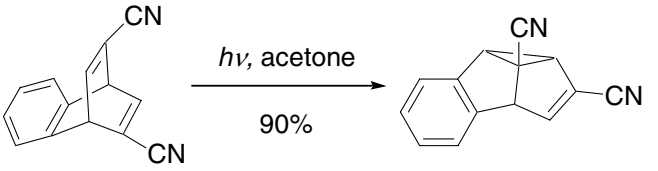

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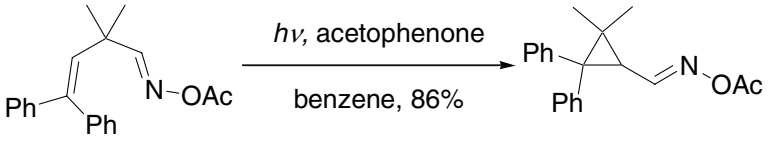

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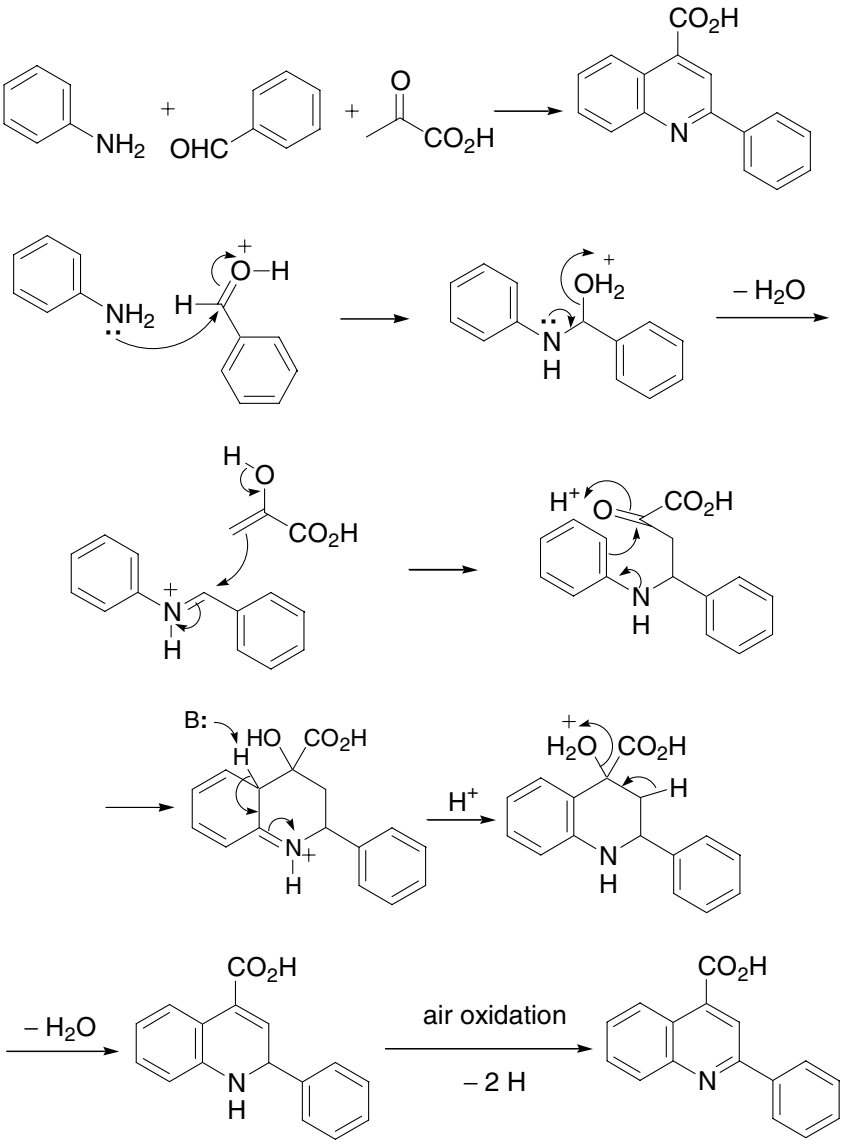
Doebner quinoline synthesis

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



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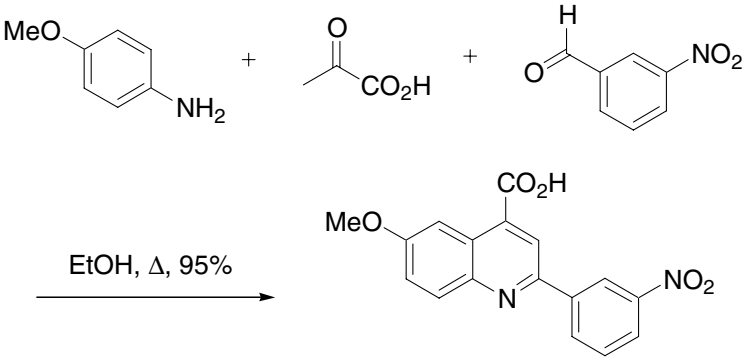

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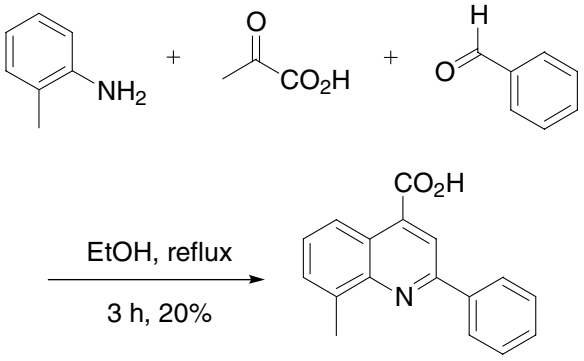

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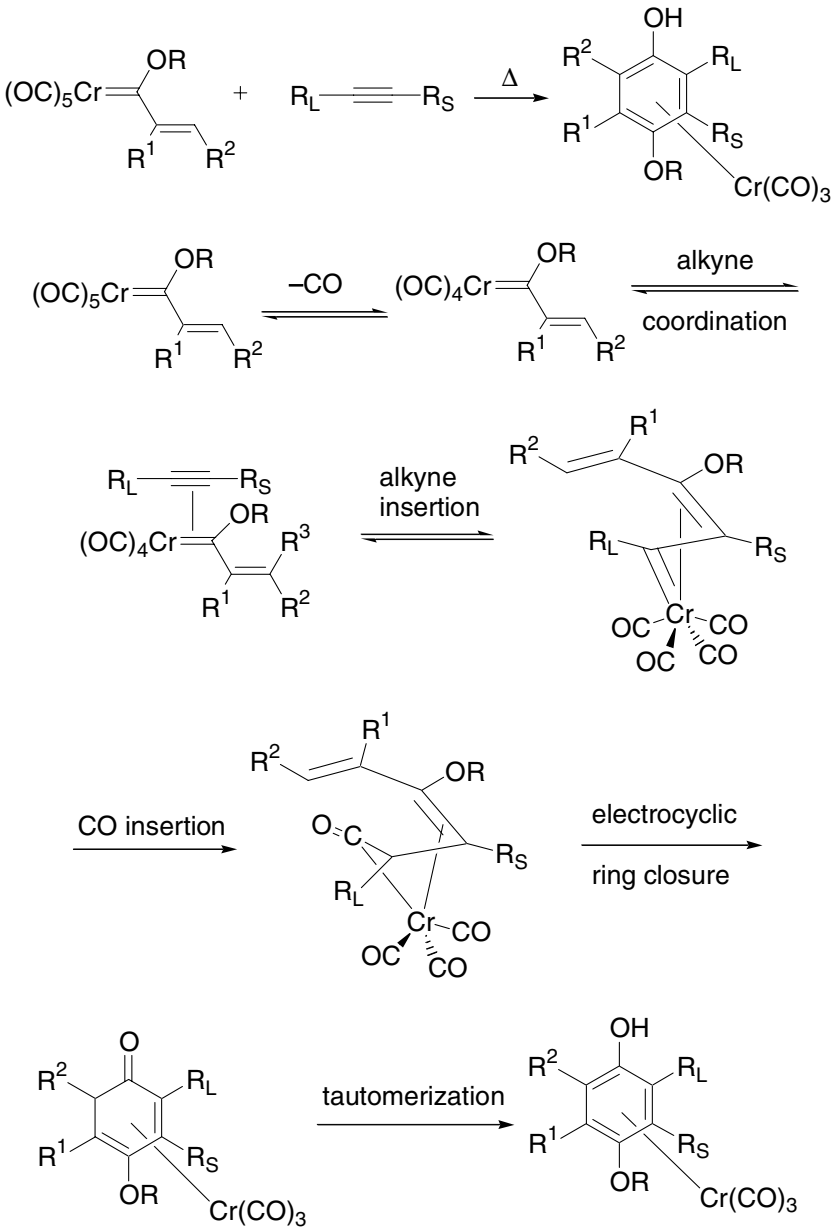
Dötz reaction

$Cr(CO)_3$-coordinated hydroquinone from vinylic alkoxy pentacarbonyl chromium carbene (Fischer carbene) complex and alkynes.



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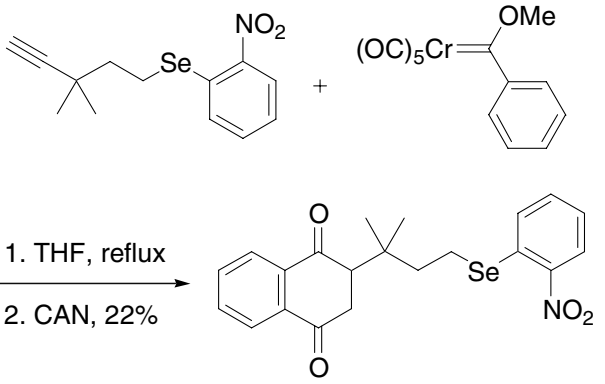

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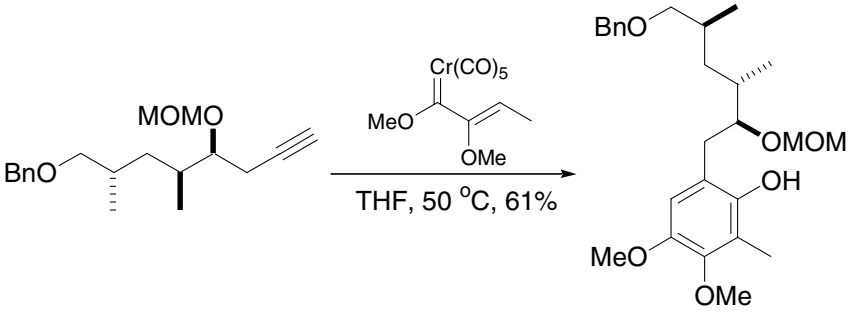

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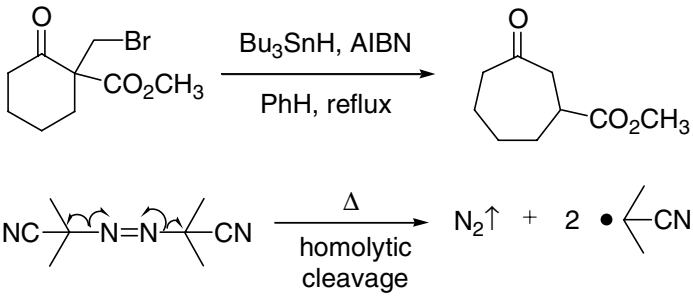
Dowd–Beckwith ring expansion

Radical-mediated ring expansion of 2-halomethyl cycloalkanones.



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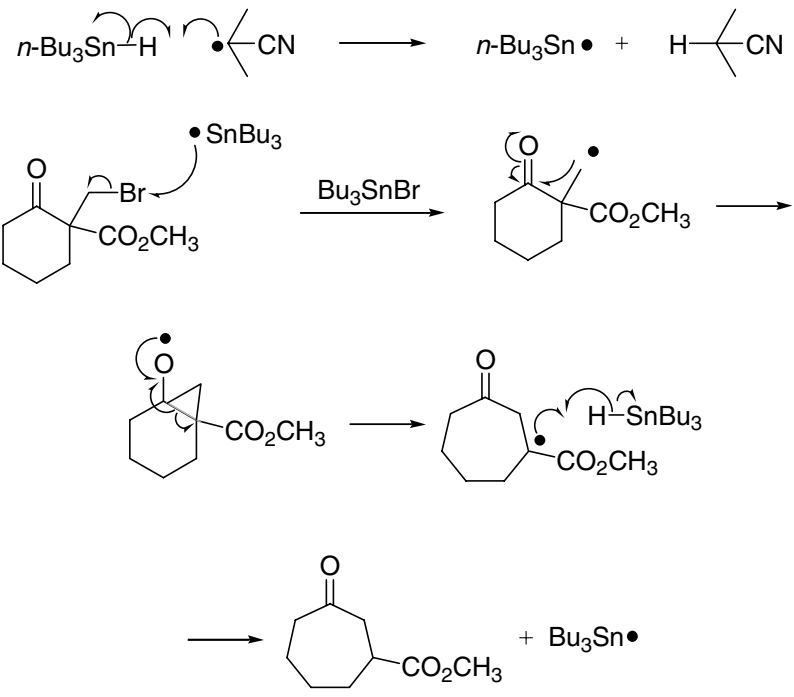

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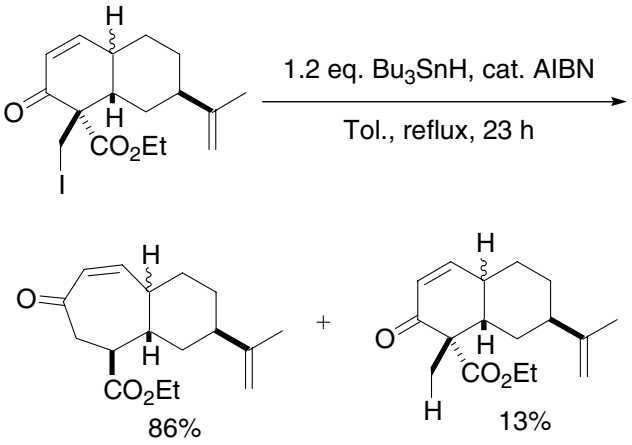

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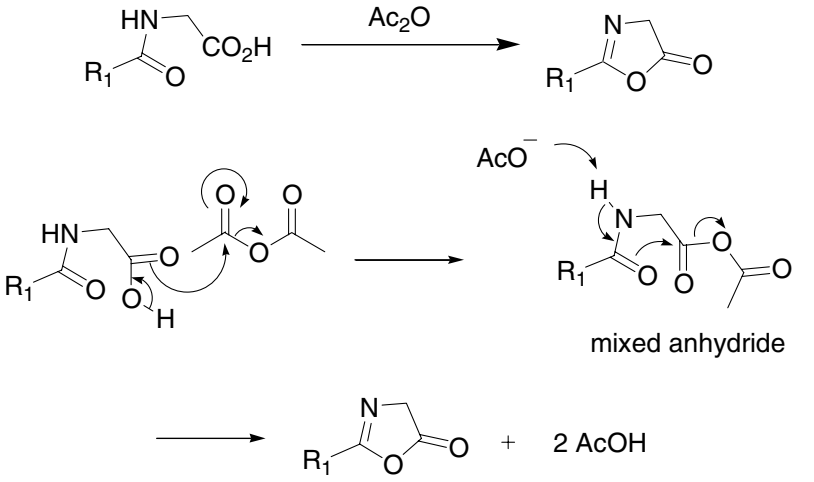
Erlenmeyer–Plöchl azlactone synthesis

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



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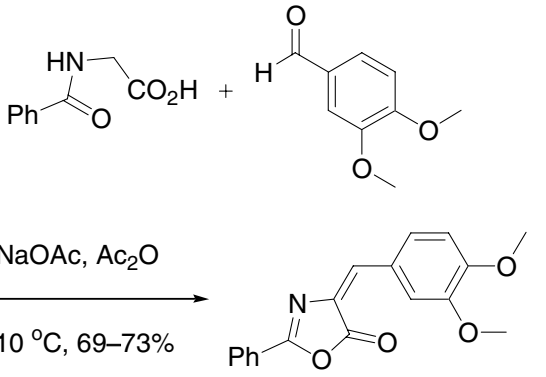

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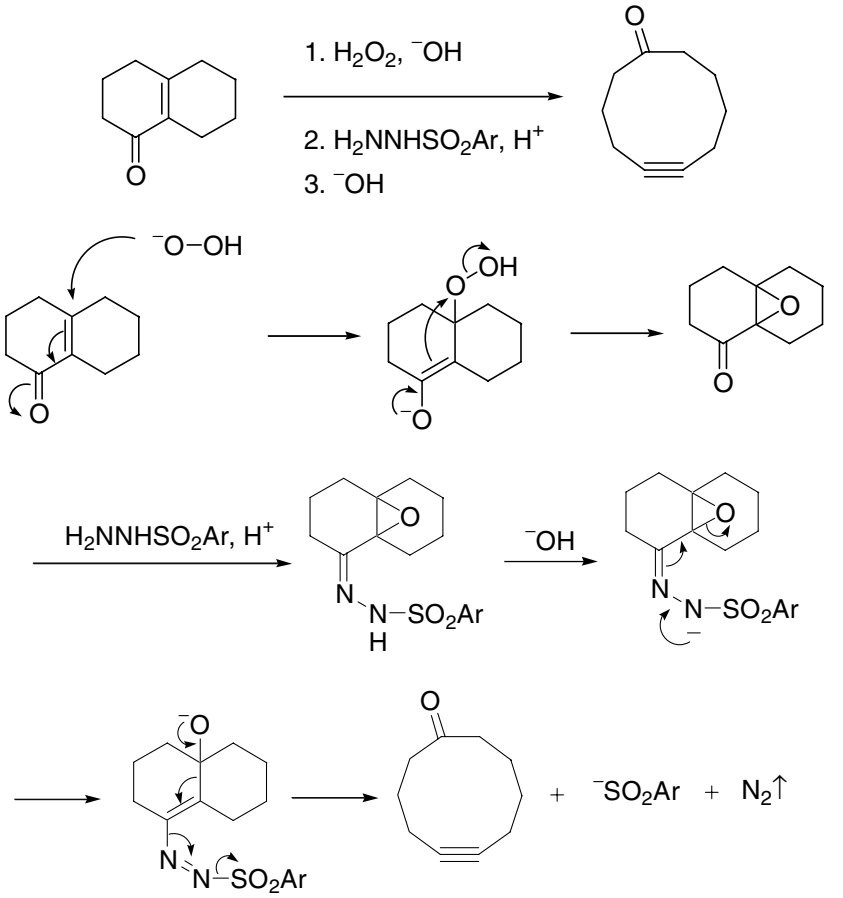
Eschenmoser–Tanabe fragmentation

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



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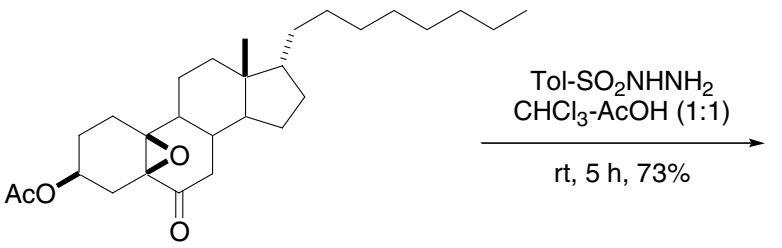

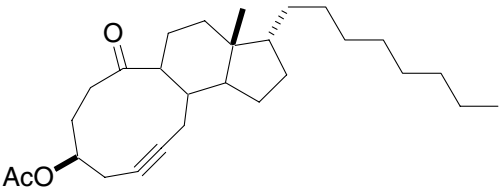

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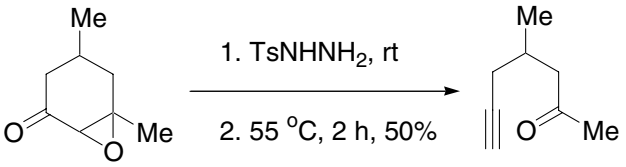

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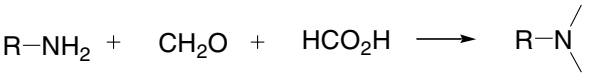
Eschweiler–Clarke reductive alkylation of amines

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



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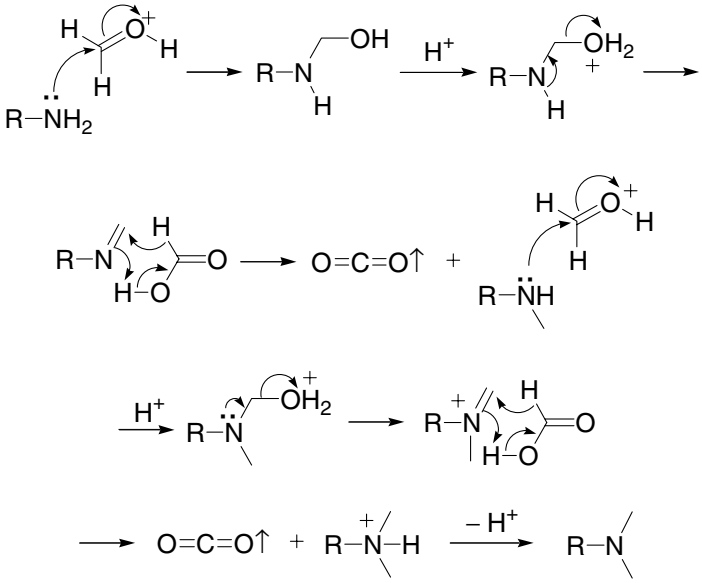

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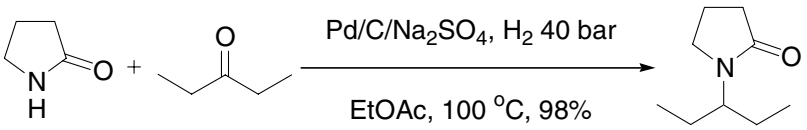

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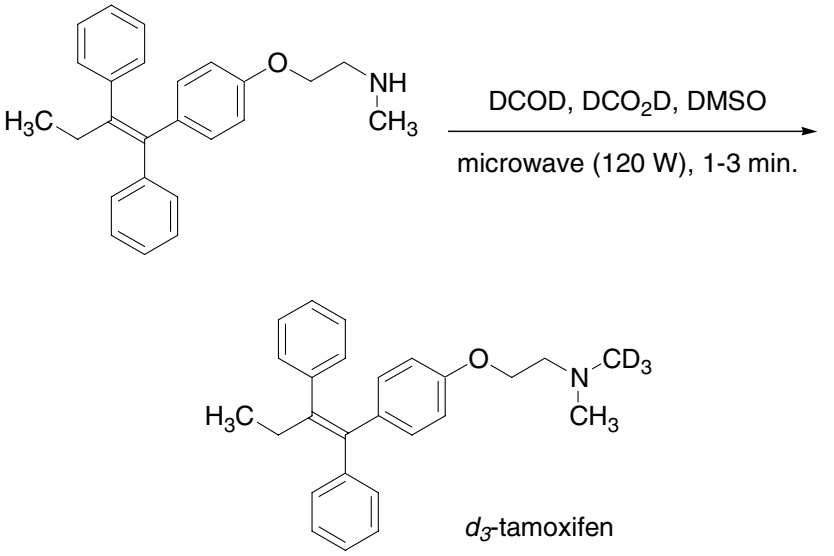

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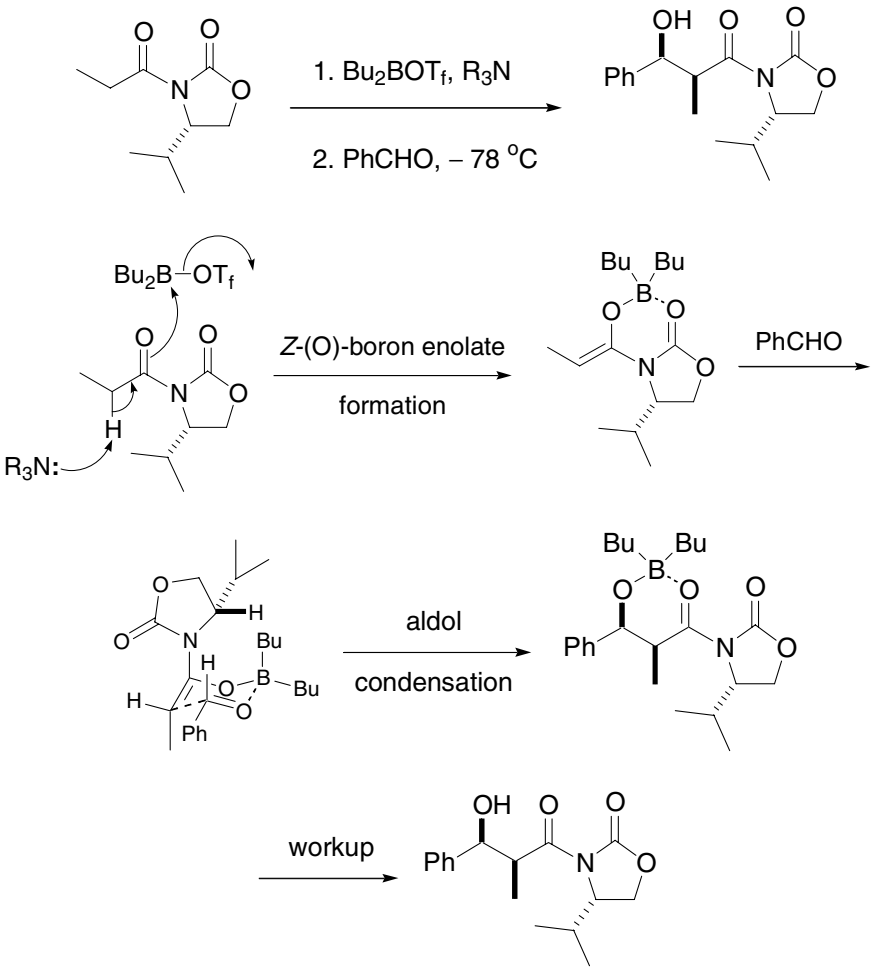
Evans aldol reaction

Asymmetric aldol condensation of aldehyde and chiral acyl oxazolidinone, the Evans chiral auxiliary.



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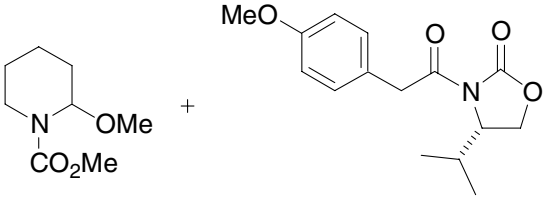

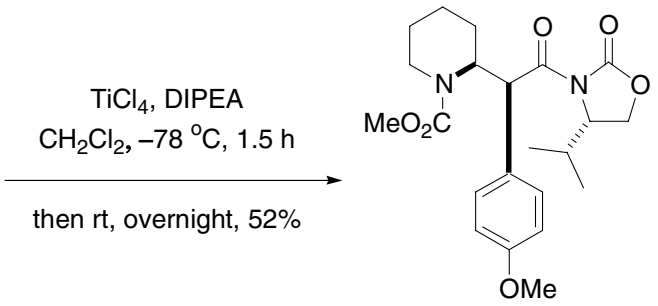

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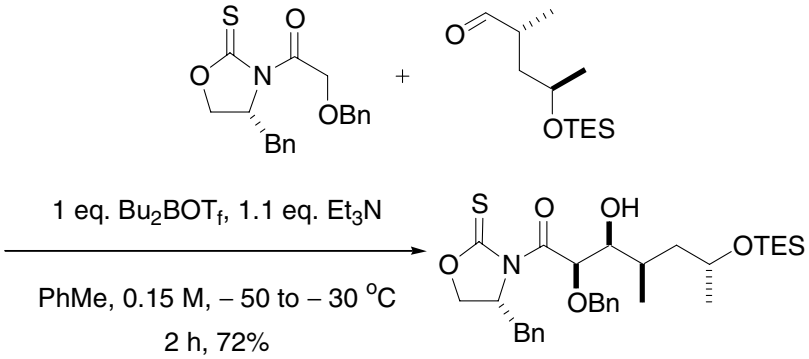

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Favorskii rearrangement and quasi-Favorskii rearrangement

Favorskii rearrangement

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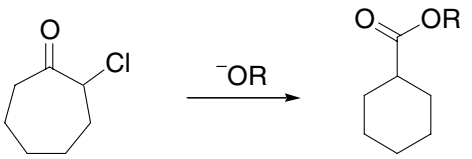

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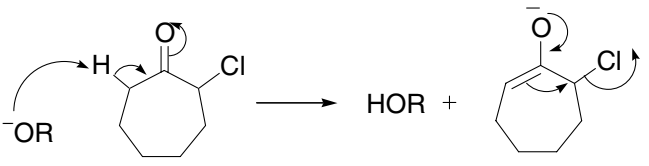

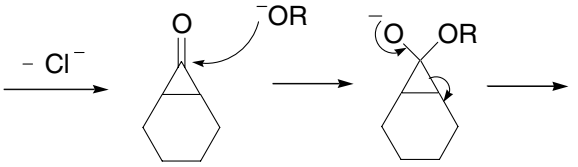

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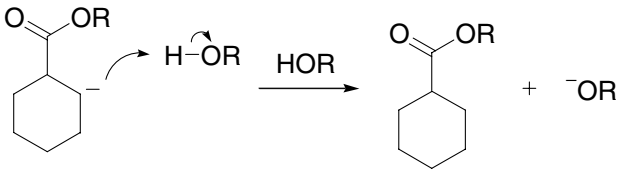

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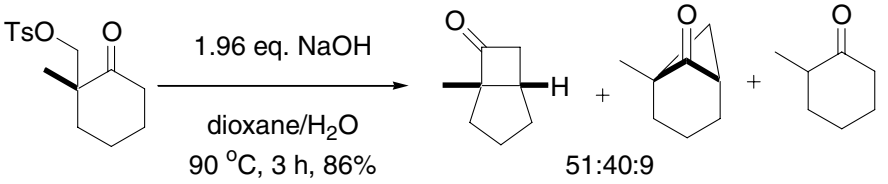

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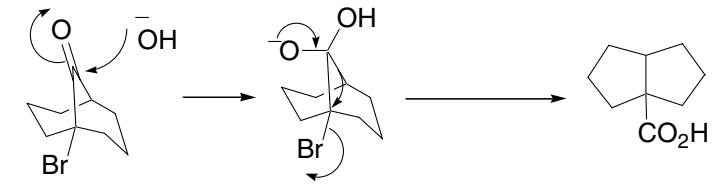

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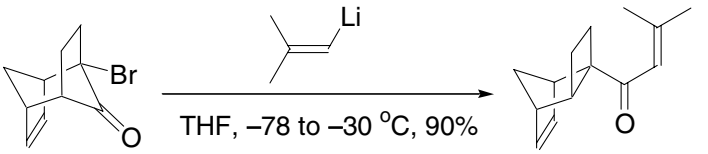

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Feist–Bénary furan synthesis

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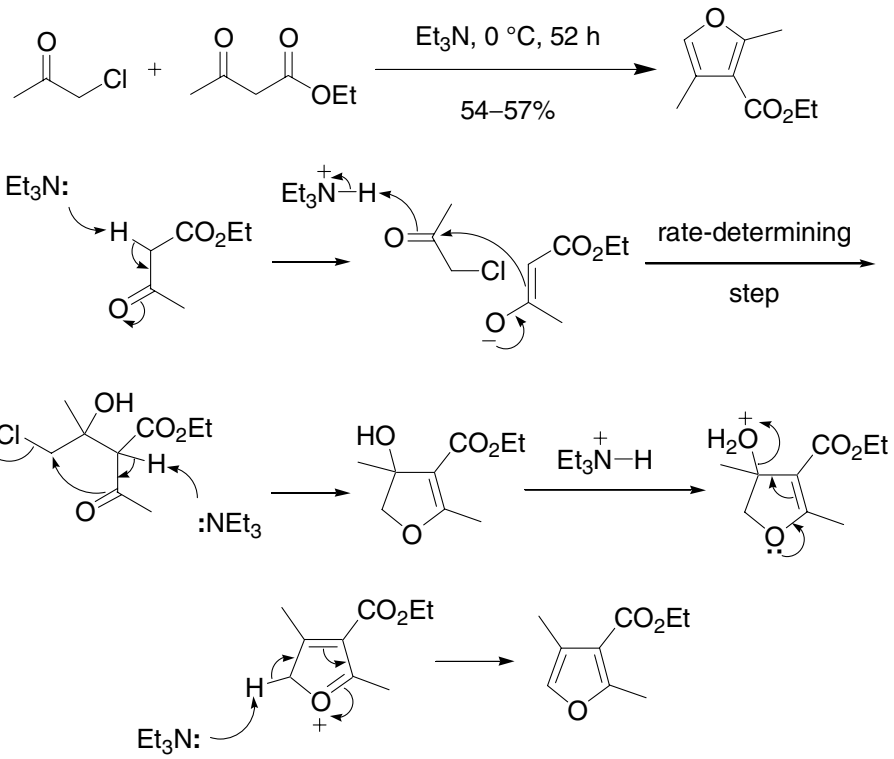

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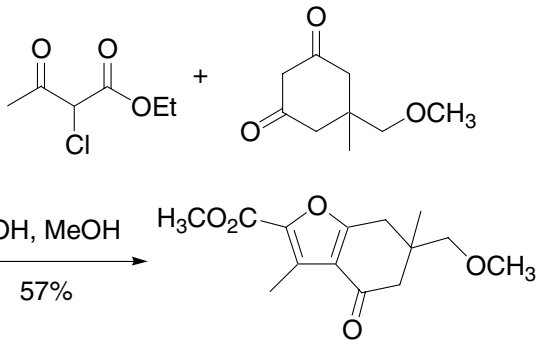

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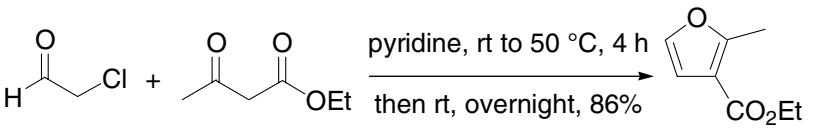

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Ferrier carbocyclization

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 inositols 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]

While attempting to find a route from carbohydrates to functionalized cyclopentanes (and hence prostaglandins), Robin Ferrier converted alkene **1** to the standard product of methoxymercuration, but was unable to proceed to cyclopentanes by causing C-6 of the C-6-mercurated product to displace the tosyloxy group from C-2. However, hydroxymercuration of **1** with mercury(II) chloride in refluxing aqueous acetone afforded the unstable hemiacetal **2** from which aldehydoketone **3** and hence the hydroxyketone **4** were formed spontaneously, the latter crystallizing in 83% yield on cooling of the solution.[3] The high yield can be increased to 89% by addition of a trace of acetic acid,[4] and even higher yields have been reported in similar examples. Catalytic amounts of mercury(II) trifluoroacetate[5] and sulfate[6] can promote the reaction, and chelation control has been held responsible for the high stereoselectivity usually observed, the favored epimers having the *trans*-relationship between the hydroxyl groups at the new chiral centers and the substituents at C-3.[1,2]

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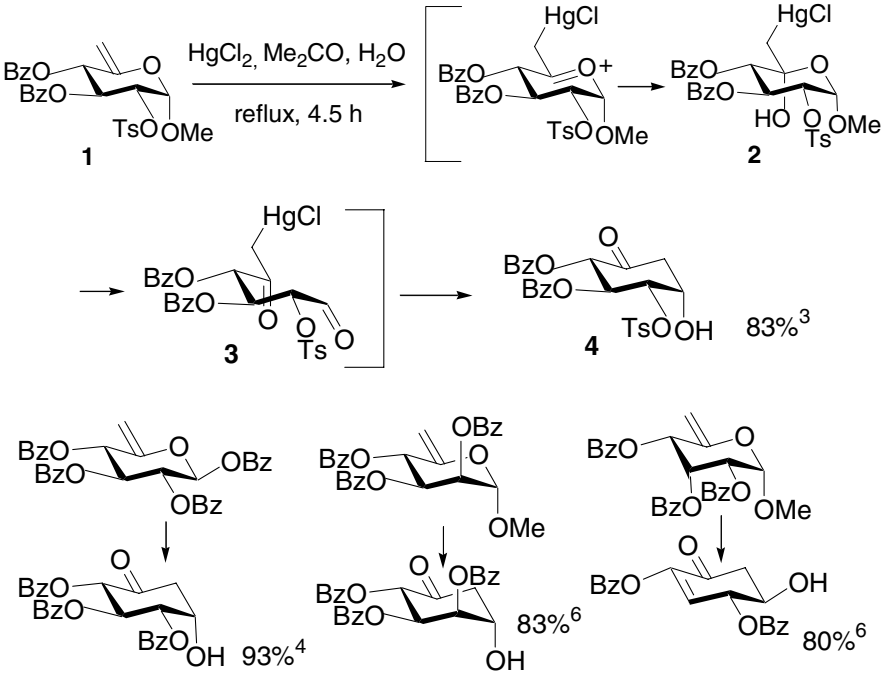

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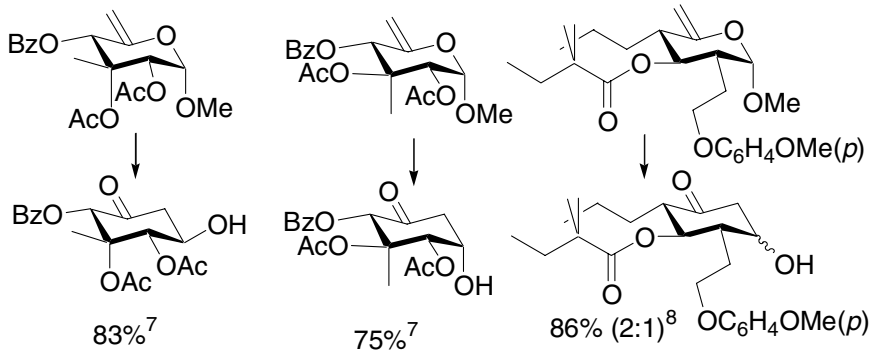

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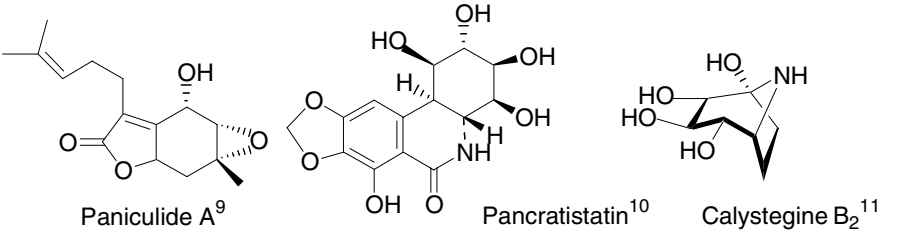
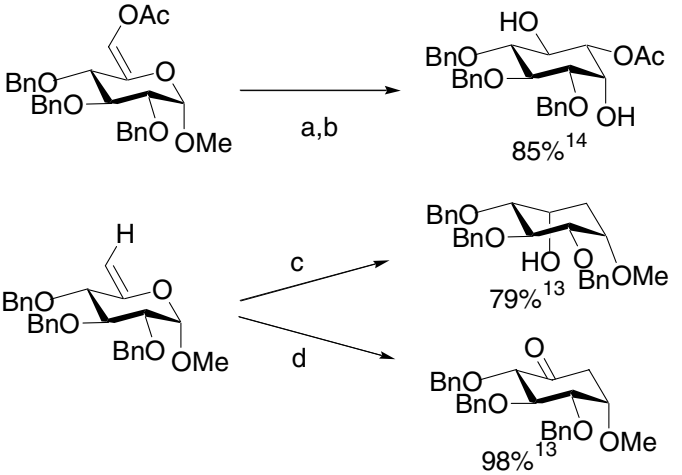


Modified hex-5-enopyranosides and reactions



a, $Hg(OCOCF_3)_2$, Me_2CO, H_2O, 0 °C; b, $NaBH(OAc)_3$, AcOH, MeCN, rt; c, *i*-Bu_3Al, PhMe, 40 °C; d, Ti(O*i*-Pr)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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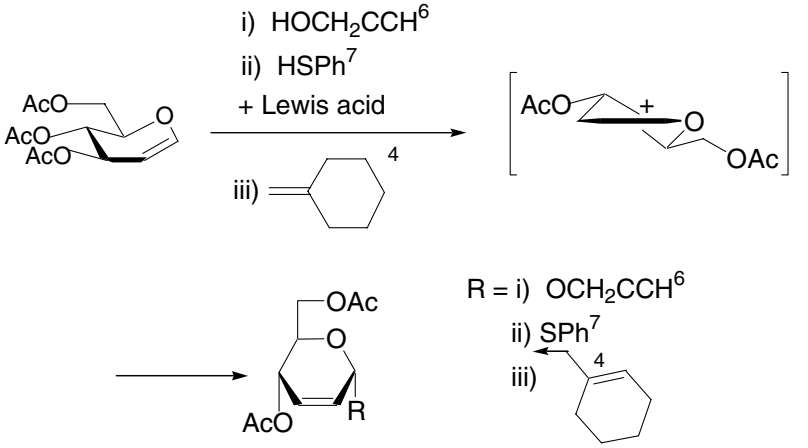
Ferrier glycal allylic rearrangement

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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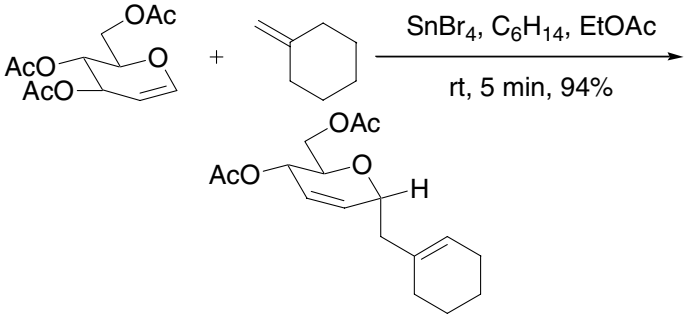

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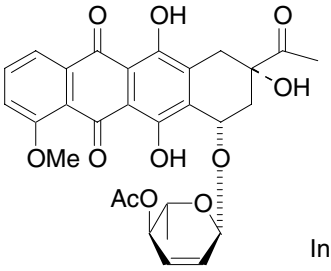
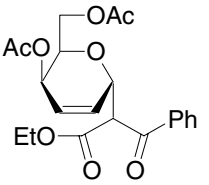
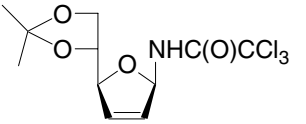


In benzene, $BF_3.OEt_2$, 5 °C, 10 min, (67%, α-anomer).[8]

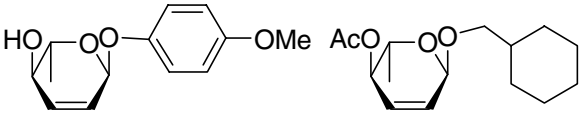


In $PhCOCH_2CO_2Et$, $BF_3.OEt_2$, rt, 15 min, (81% α-anomer).[9]



By spontaneous sigmatropic rearrangement of the glycal 3-trichloroacetimidate made with NaH, Cl_3CCN, (78% α–anomer).[10]

Products formed without acid catalysts

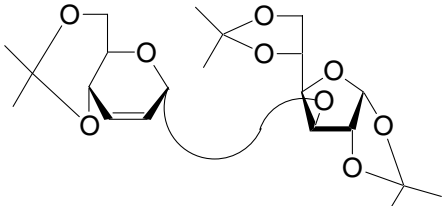


Promoter:

DEAD, Ph_3P	DDQ
(80%, α-anomer)[11]	(88%, mainly α)[12]

C-3 leaving group of glycal:

hydroxy	acetoxy

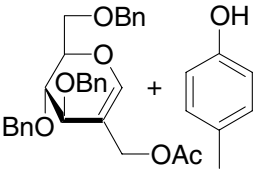


N-iodonium dicollidine perchlorate

(65%, mainly α)[13]

pent-4-enoyloxy

Modified glycals and their reactions:



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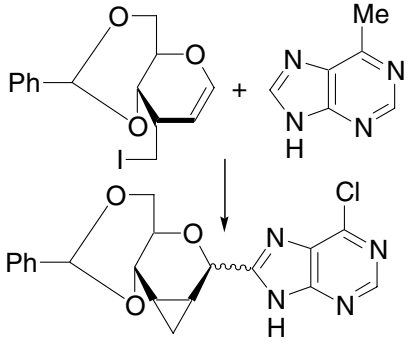

$AgNO_3$, Na_2CO_3, reflux $MeNO_2$,
6 h (58%, α,β 1:1).[15]

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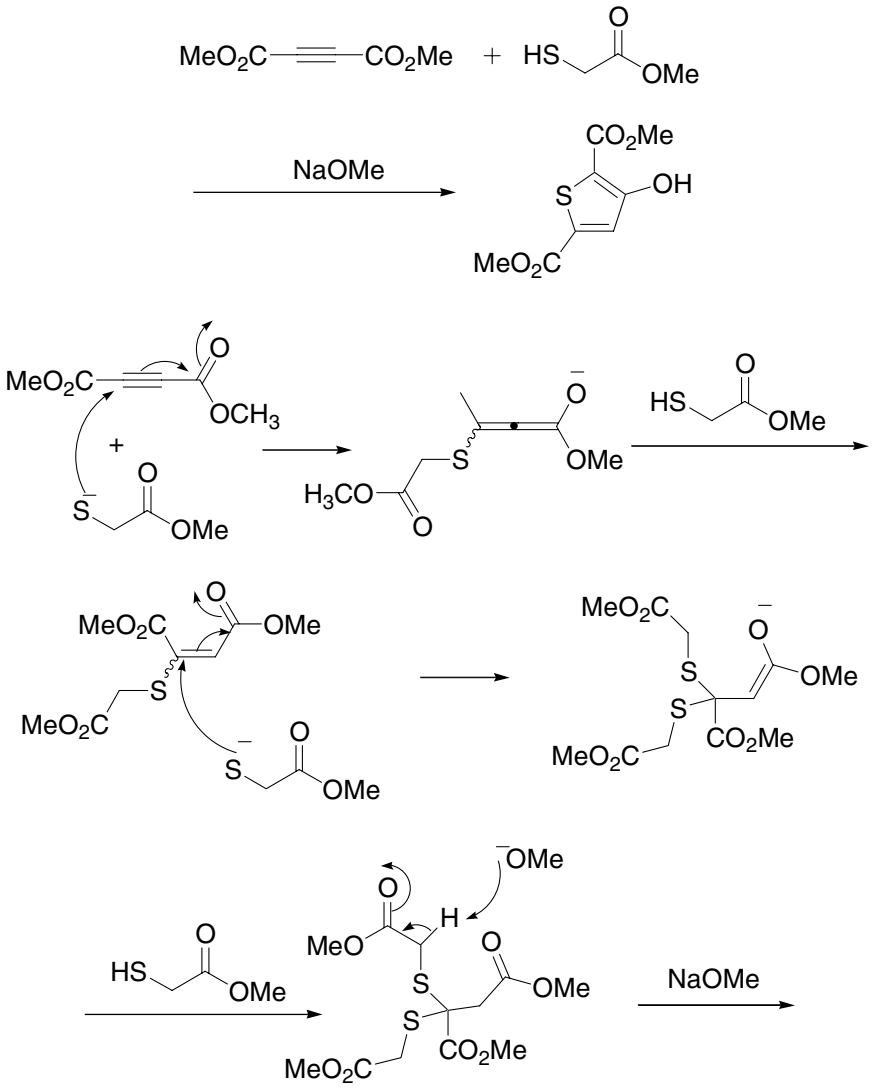
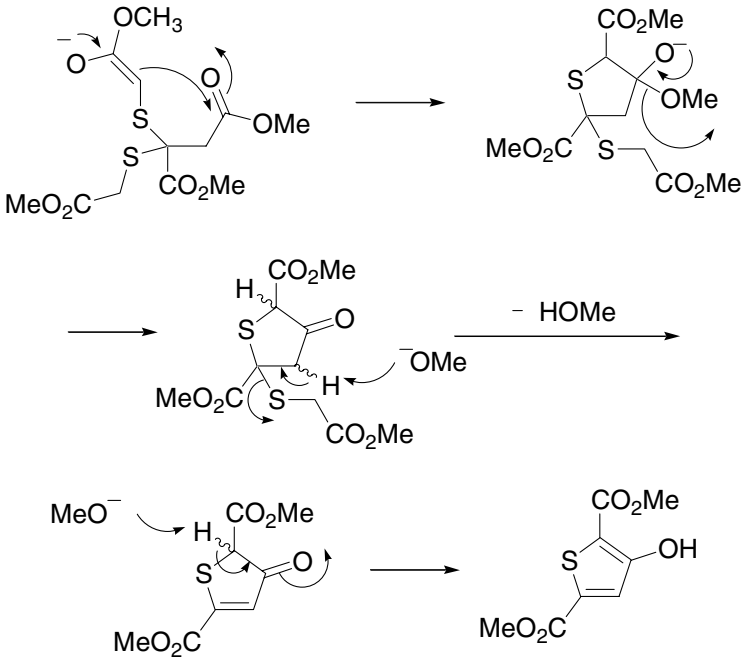
Fiesselmann thiophene synthesis

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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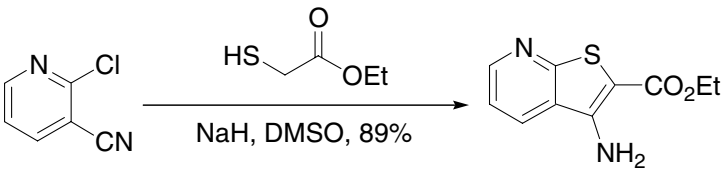

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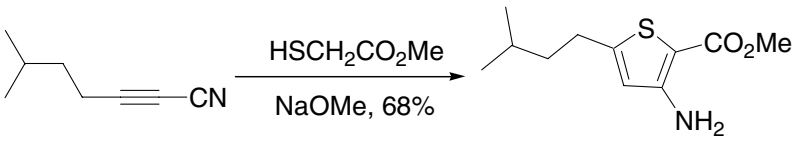

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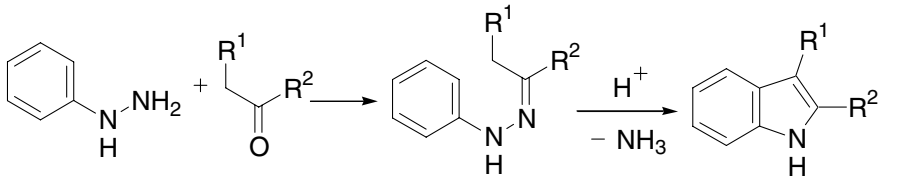
Fischer indole synthesis

Cyclization of arylhydrazones to indoles.



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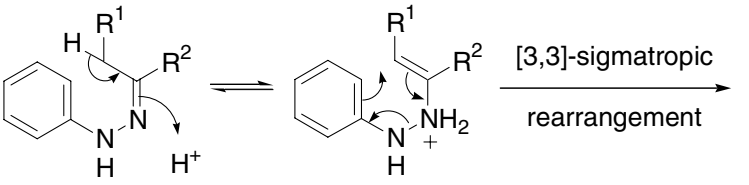

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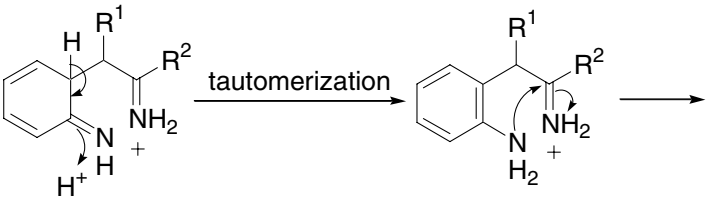

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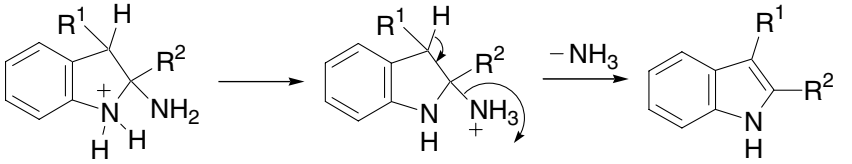

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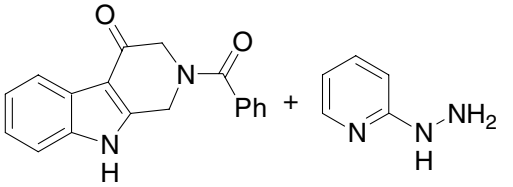

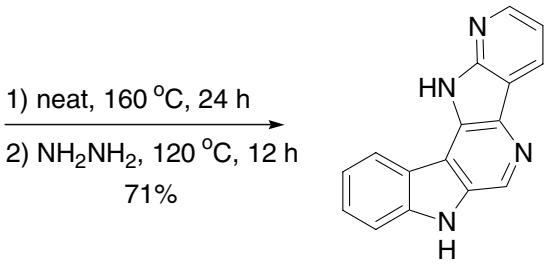

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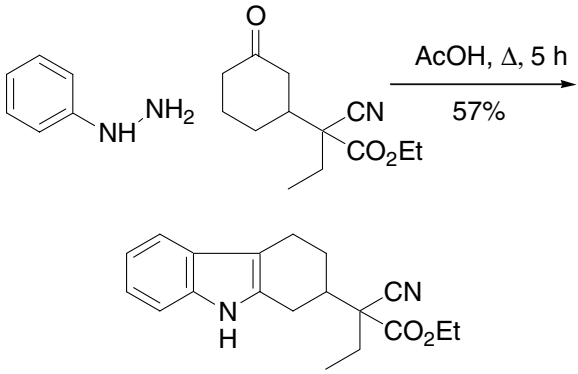

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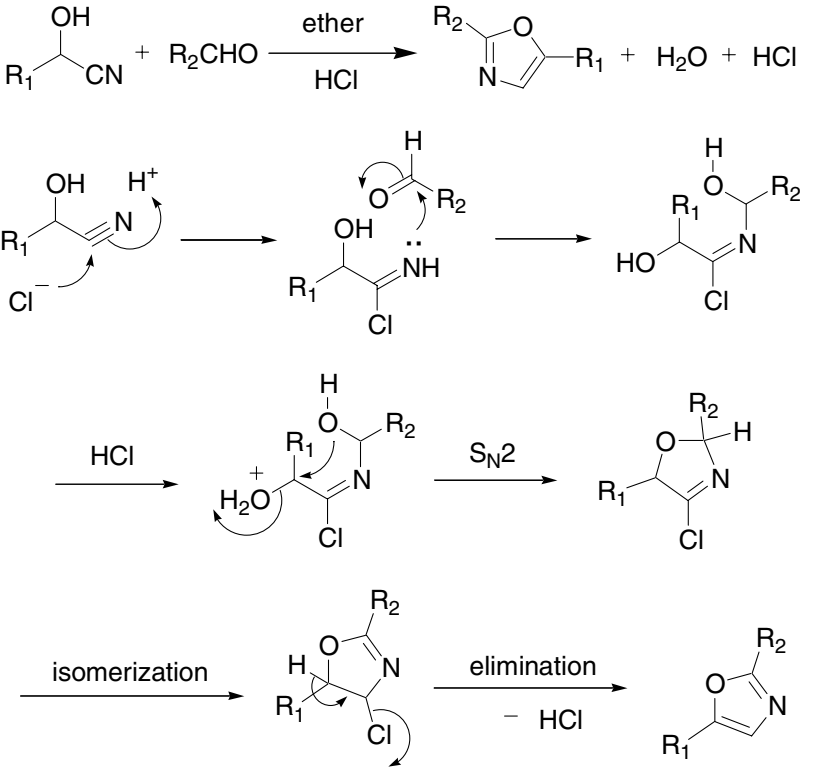
Fischer oxazole synthesis

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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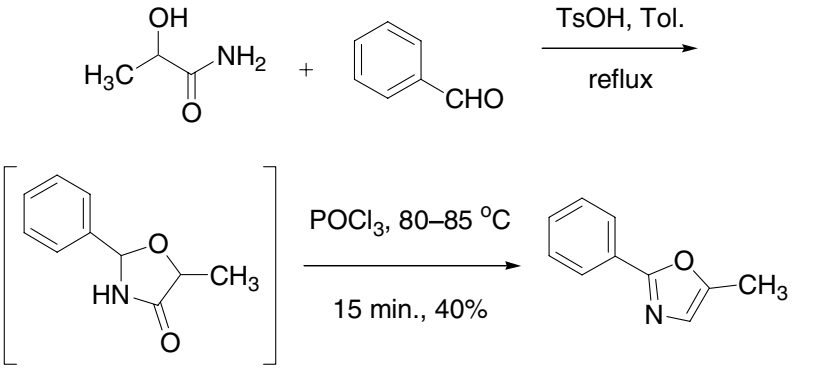

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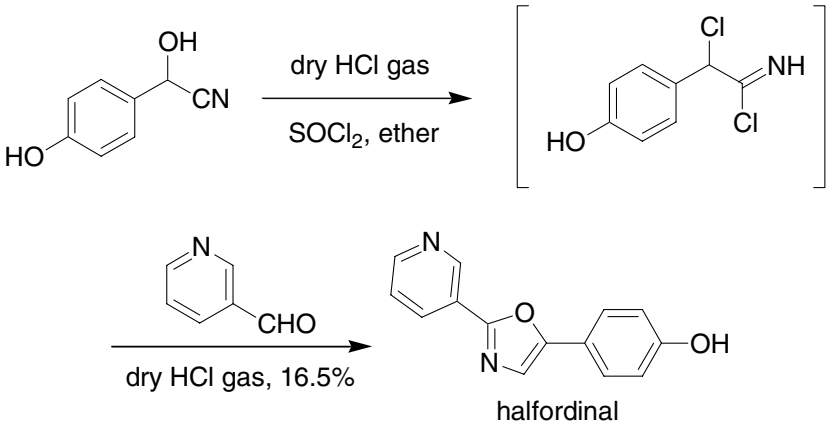

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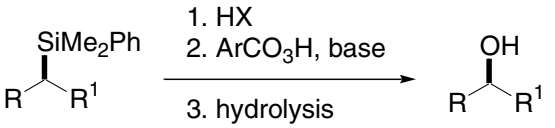
Fleming–Kumada oxidation

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



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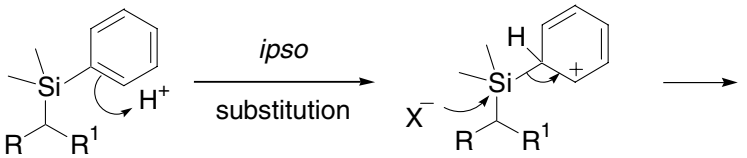

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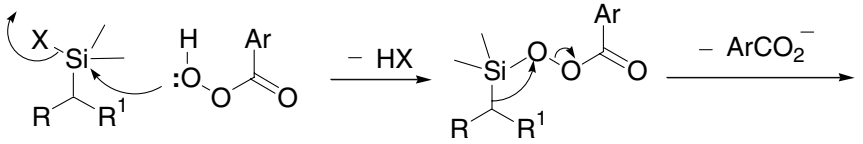

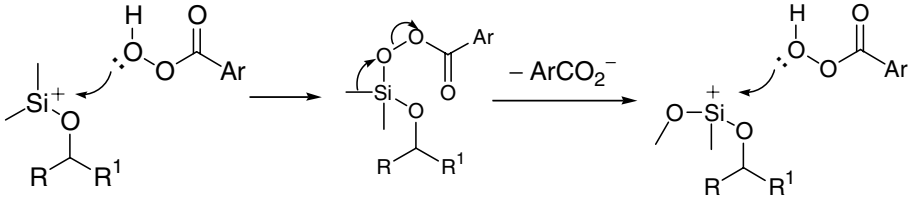

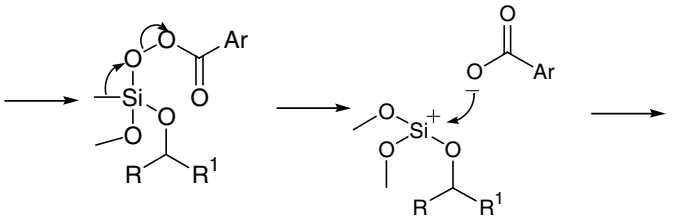

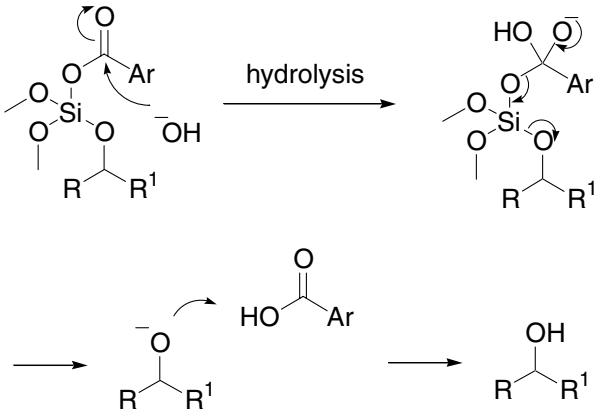

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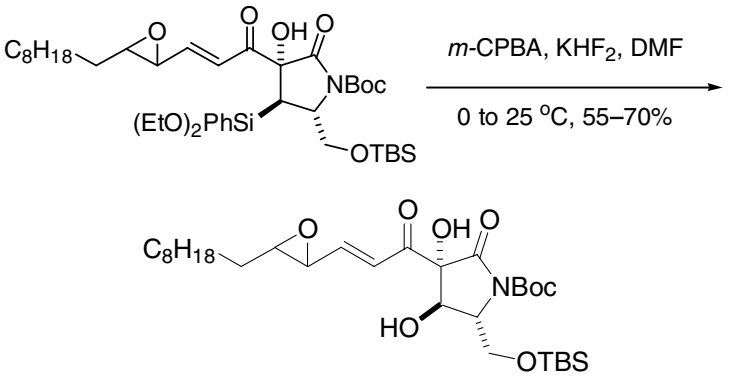

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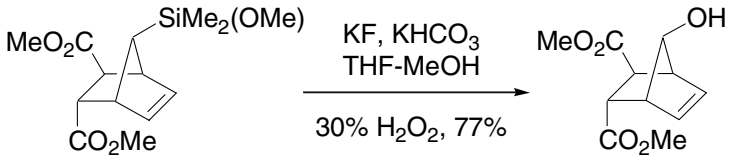
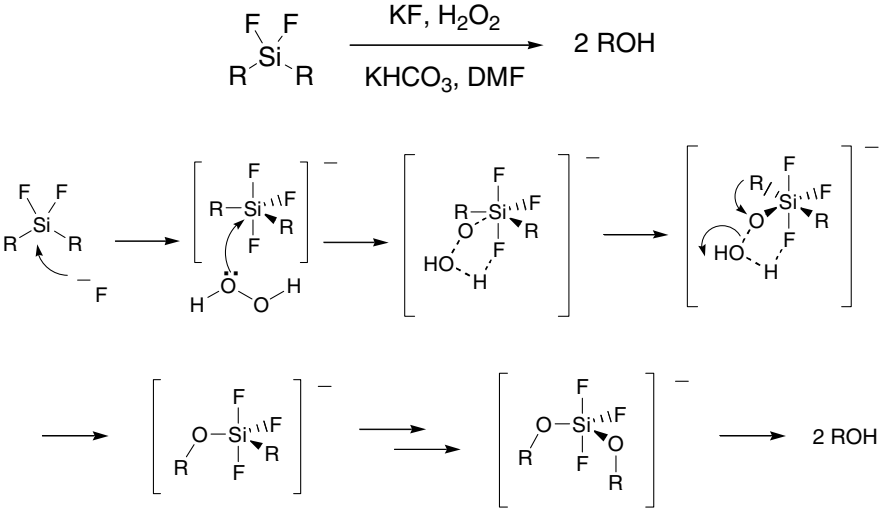


Tamao–Kumada oxidation[15]

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



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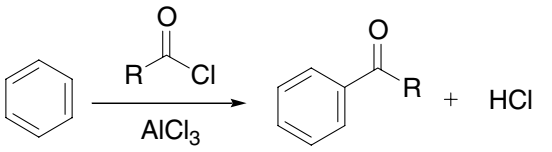
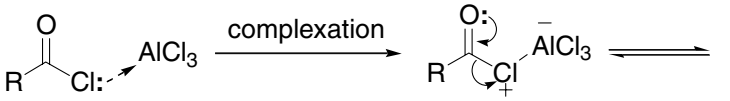
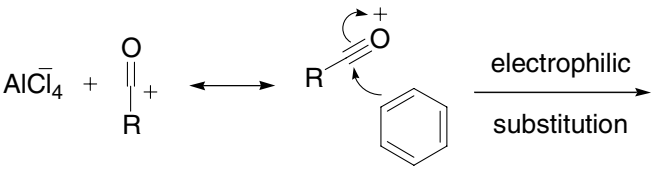
Friedel–Crafts reaction

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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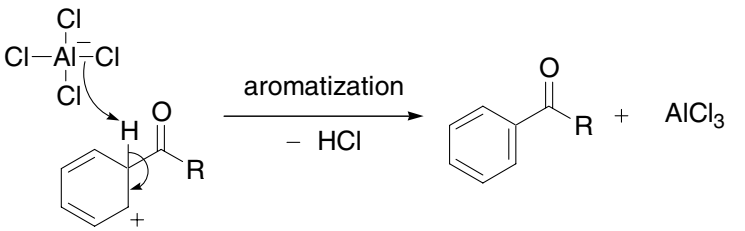

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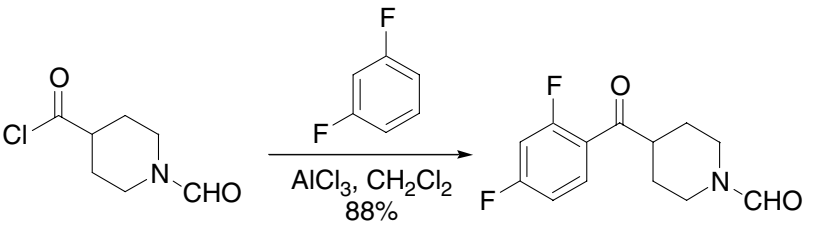
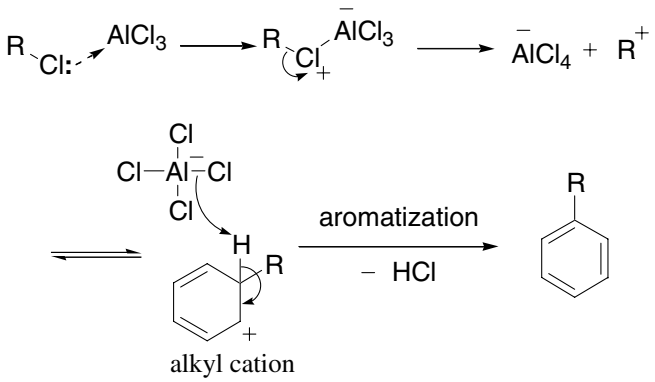


Friedel–Crafts *alkylation* reaction:

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.



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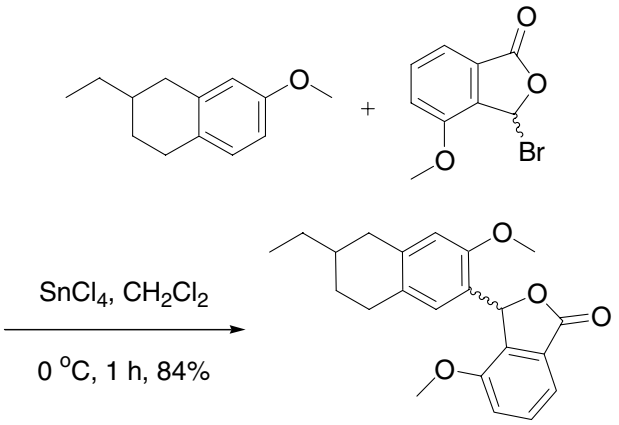

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in 1892 and later served as its president. The discovery of the Friedel–Crafts reaction was the fruit of serendipity and keen observation. In 1877, both Friedel and Crafts were working in Charles A. Wurtz's laboratory. In order to prepare amyl iodide, they treated amyl chloride with aluminum and iodide using benzene as the solvent. Instead of amyl iodide, they ended up with amylbenzene! Unlike others before them who may have simply discarded the reaction, they thoroughly investigated the Lewis acid-catalyzed alkylations and acylations and published more than 50 papers and patents on the Friedel–Crafts reaction, which has become one of the most useful organic reactions.

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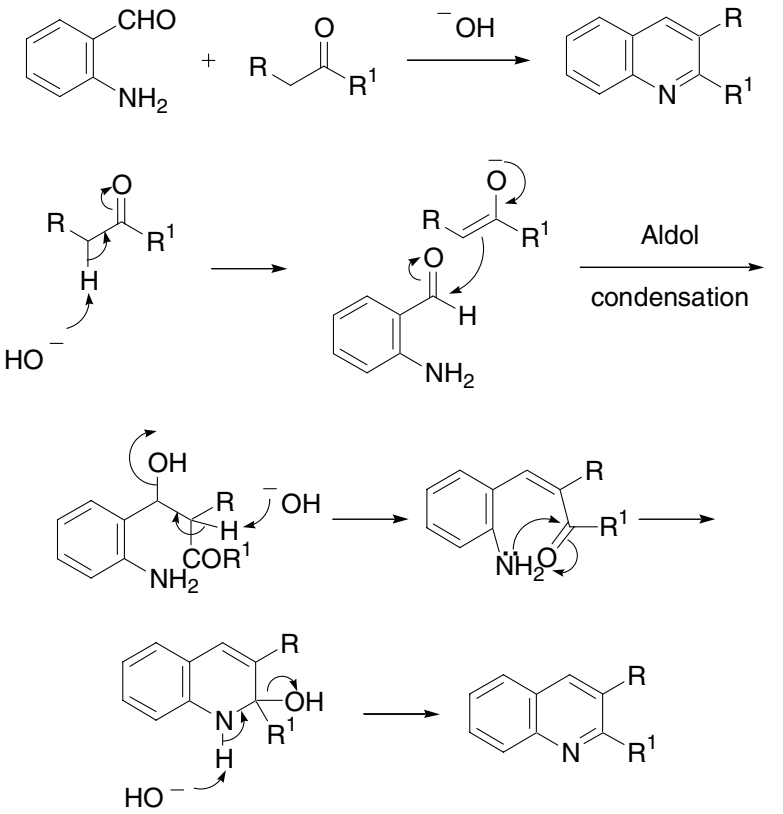
Friedländer quinoline synthesis

The Friedländer quinoline synthesis 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 acid, base, or heat.



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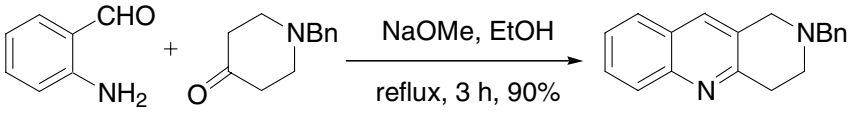

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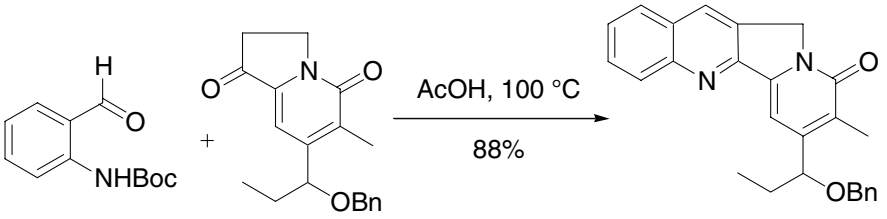

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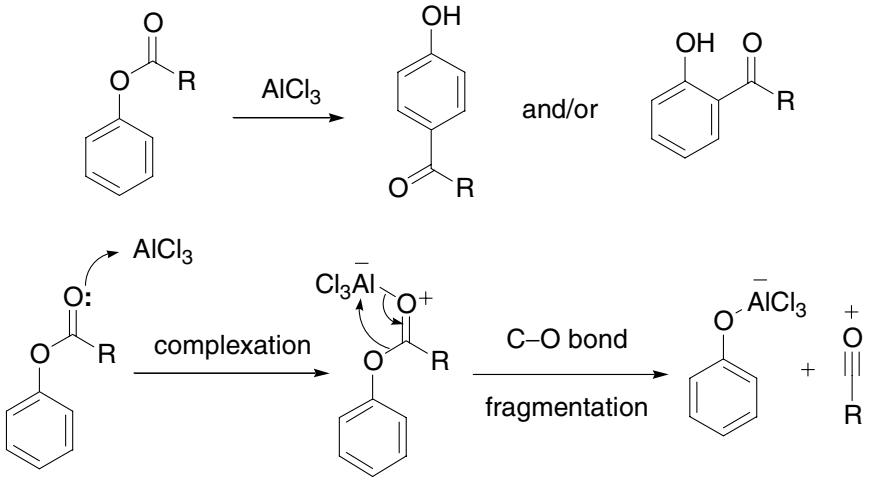
Fries rearrangement

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



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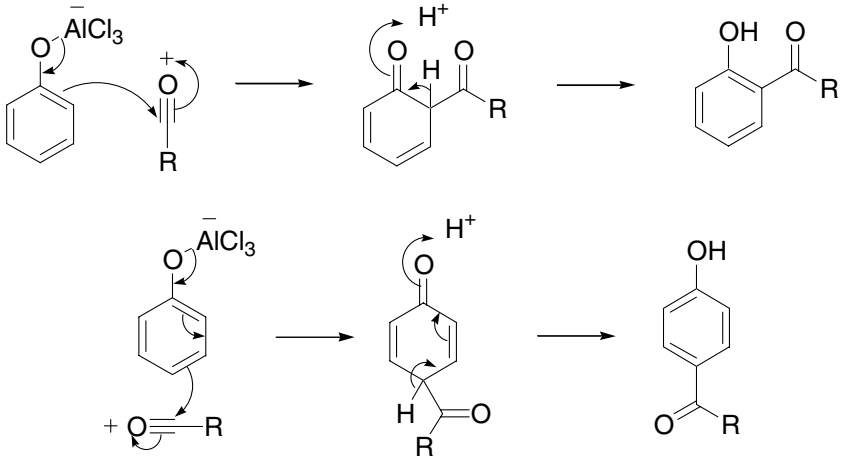

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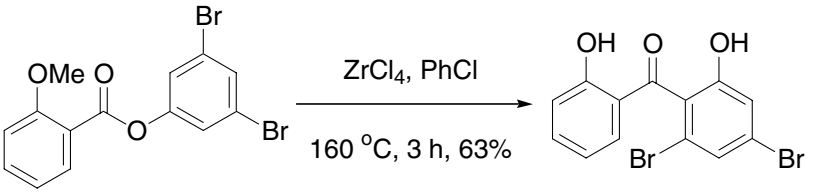

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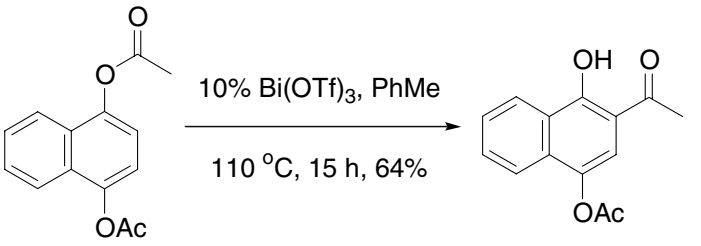

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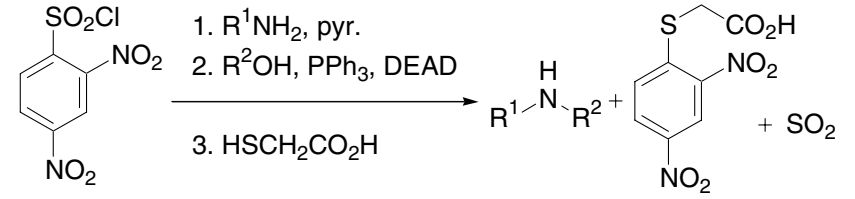
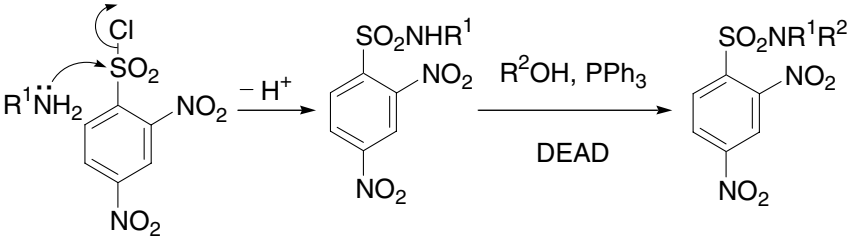
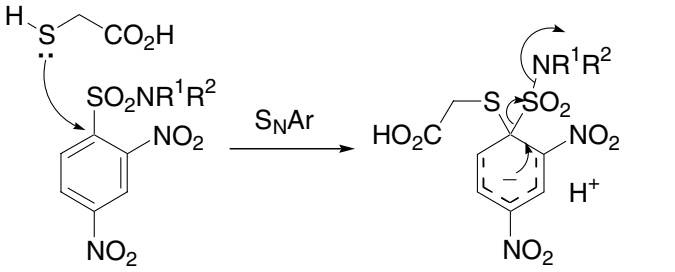
Fukuyama amine synthesis

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

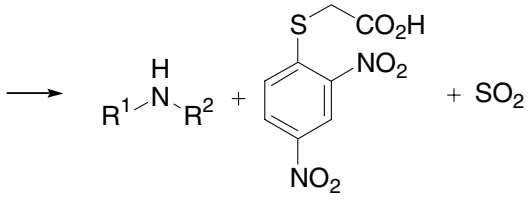




See page 390 for mechanism of the Mitsunobu reaction.



Meisenheimer complex



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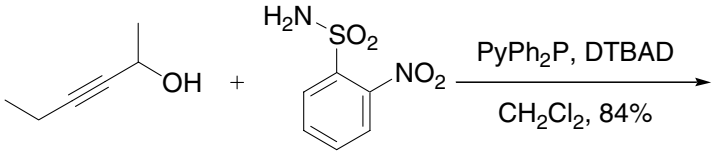
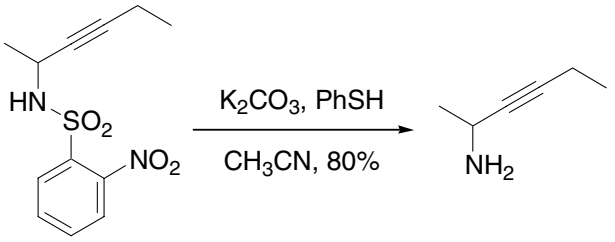


$PyPh_2P$ = diphenyl 2-pyridylphosphine; DTBAD = di-*tert*-butylazodicarbonate



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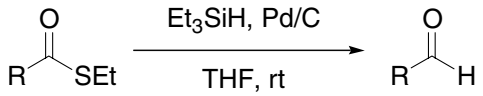
Fukuyama reduction

Aldehyde synthesis through reduction of thiol esters with Et_3SiH in the presence of Pd/C catalyst.



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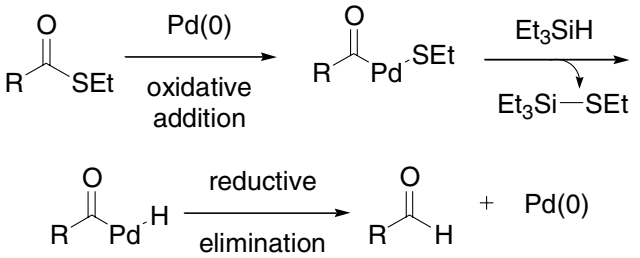

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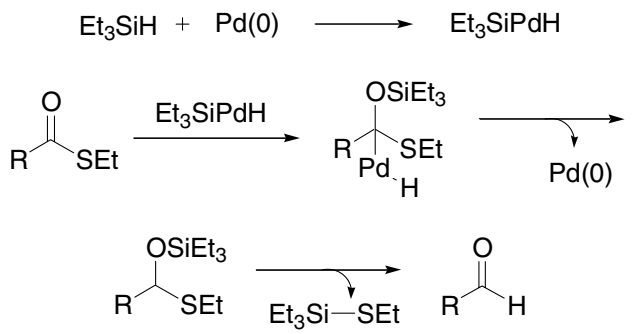

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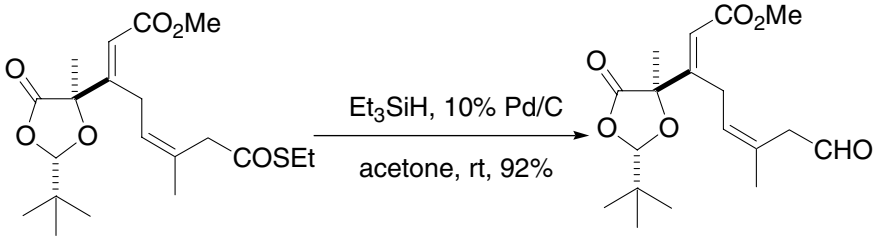

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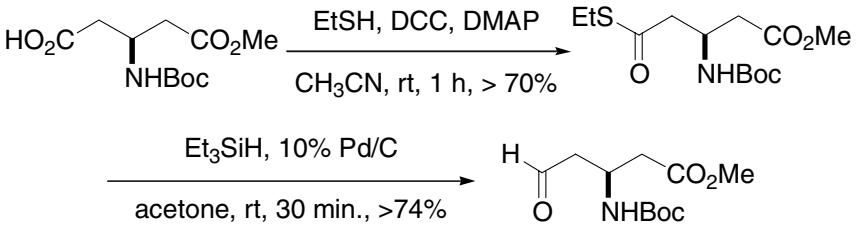

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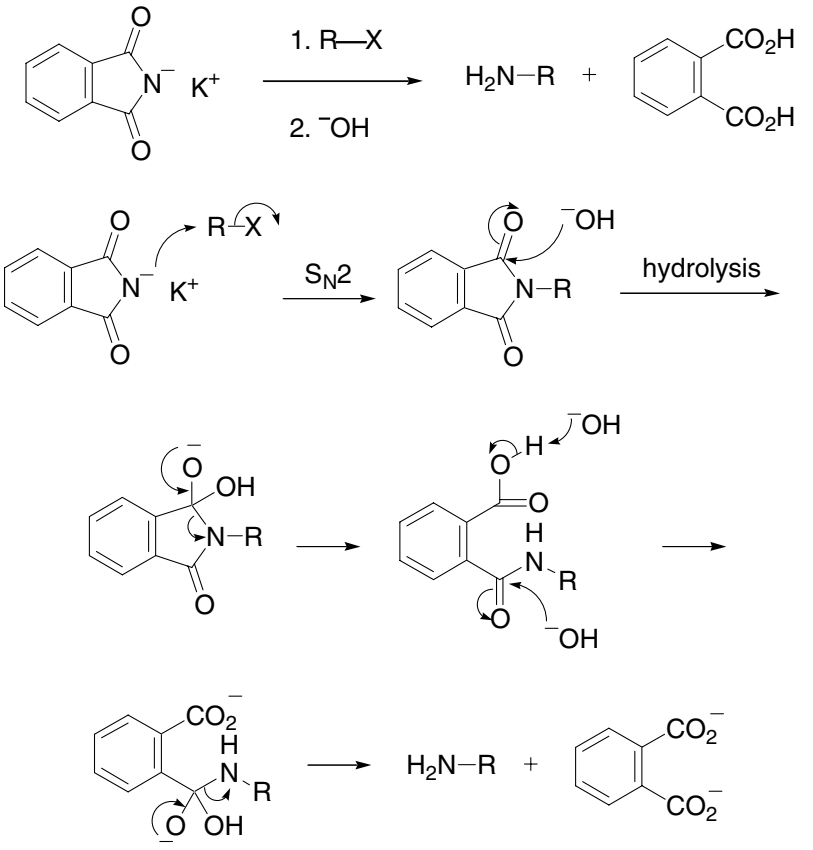
Gabriel synthesis

Synthesis of primary amines using potassium phthalimide and alkyl halides.



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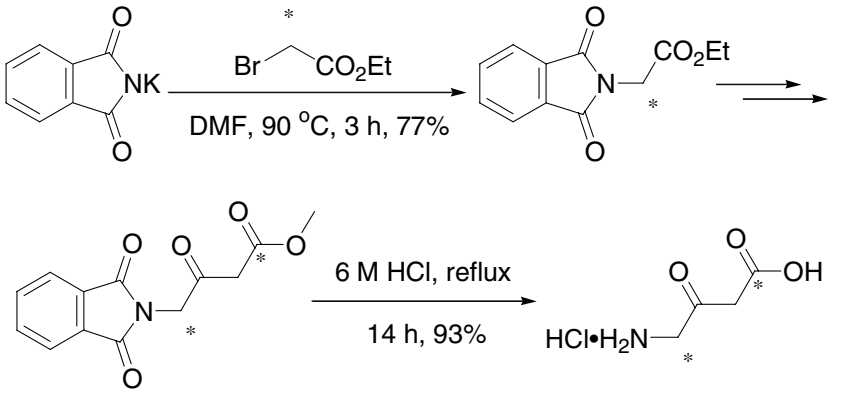

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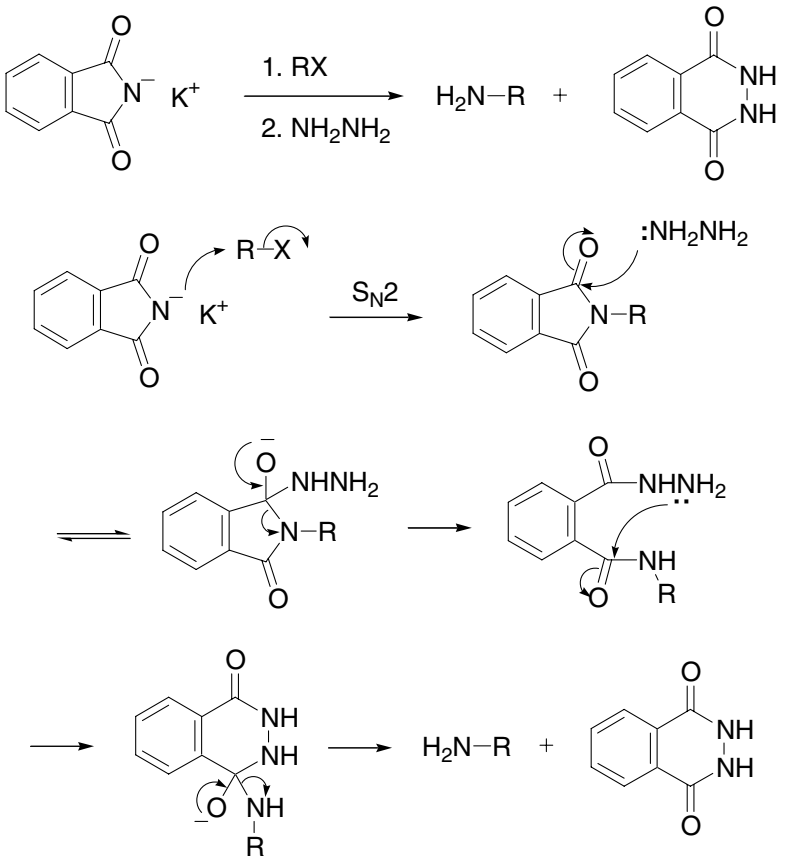
Ing–Manske procedure

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



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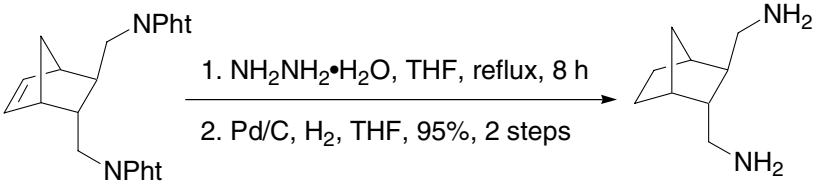

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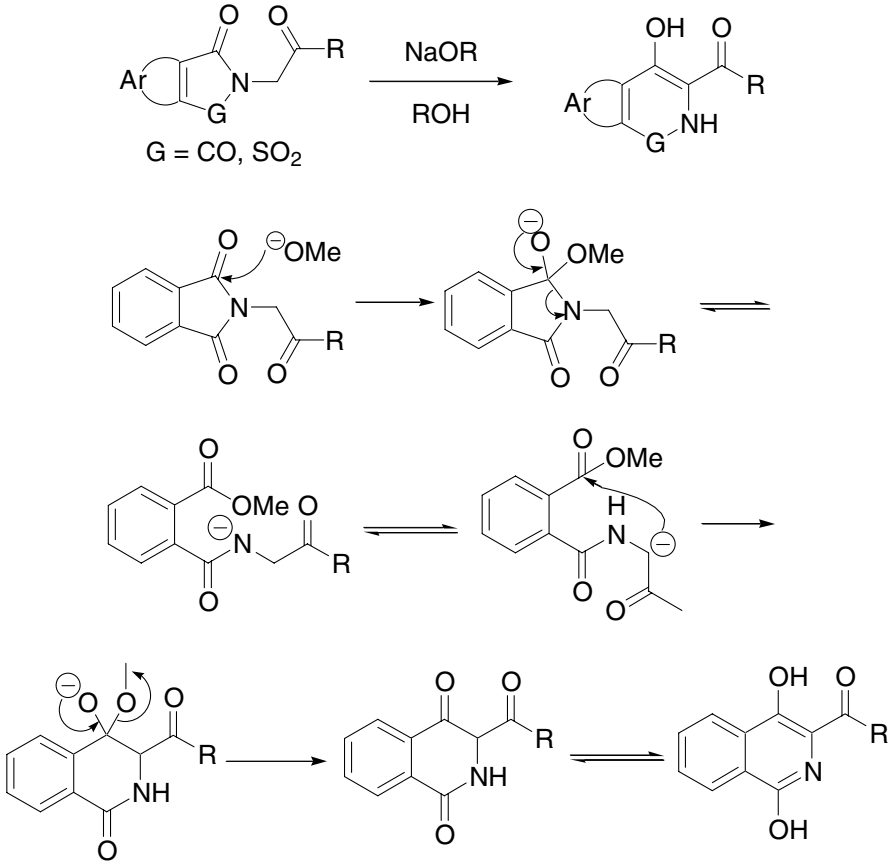
Gabriel–Colman rearrangement

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



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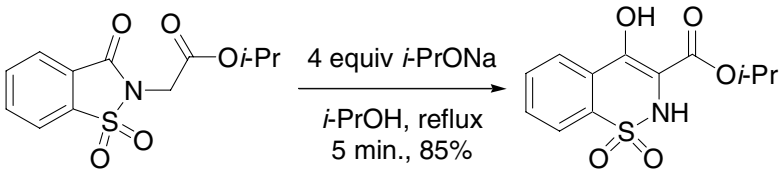

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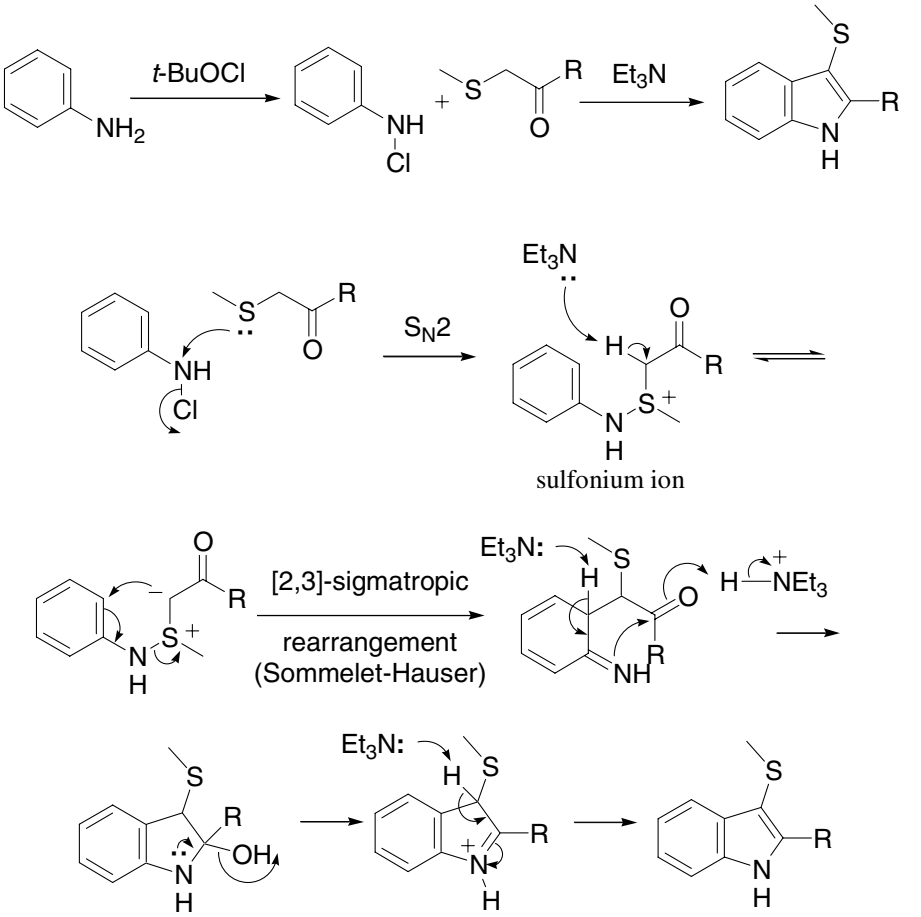
Gassman indole synthesis

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 sulfur can be easily removed by hydrogenolysis or Raney nickel.



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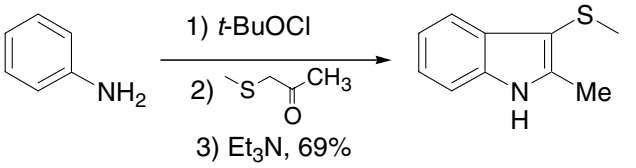

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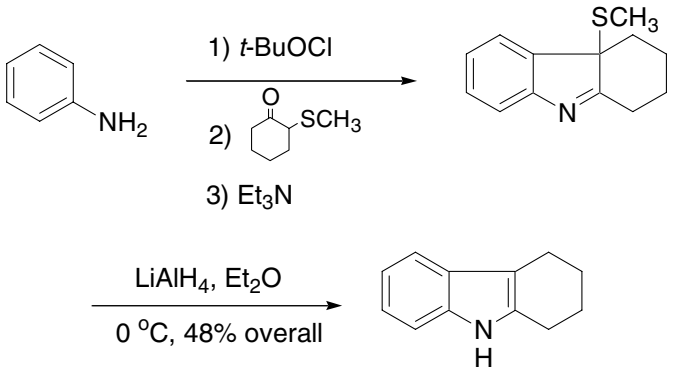

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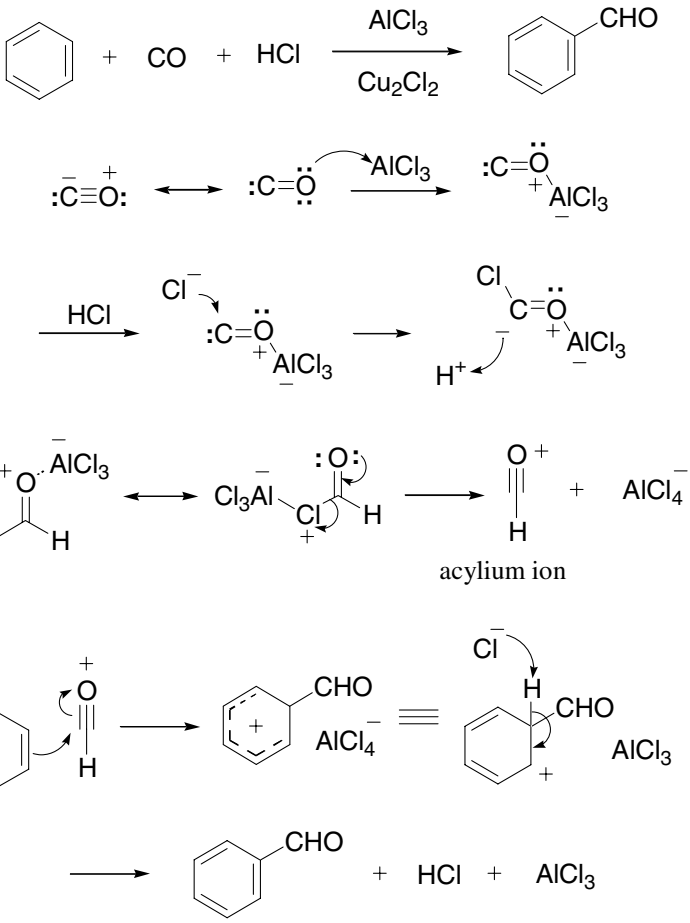
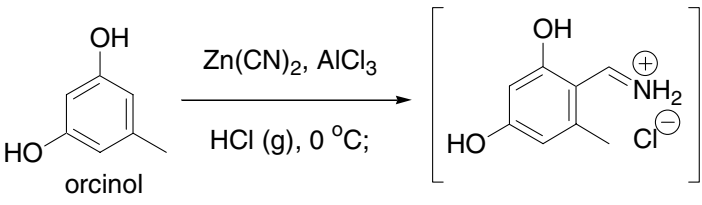
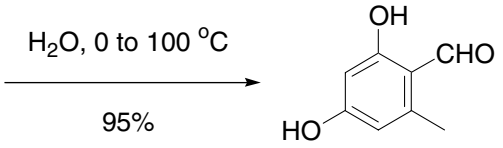
Gattermann–Koch reaction

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



Example, a more practical variant[4]





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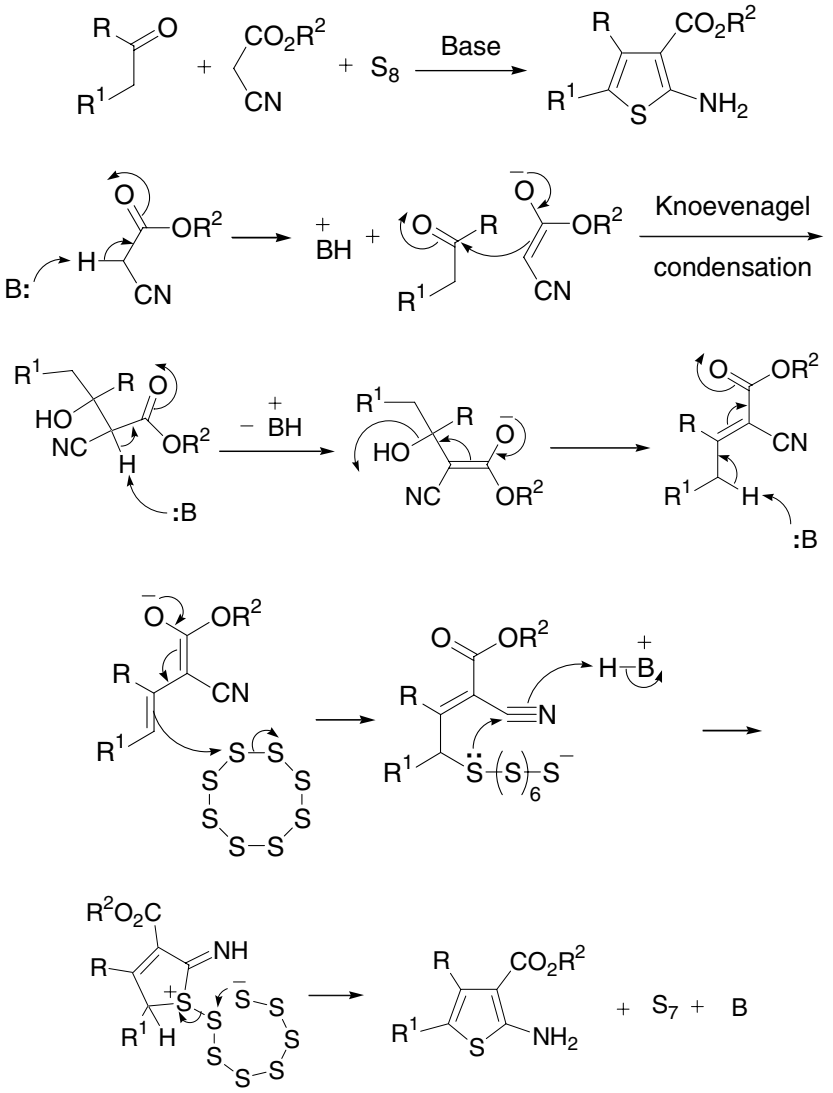
Gewald aminothiophene synthesis

Base-promoted aminothiophene formation from ketone, α-active methylene nitrile and elemental sulfur.



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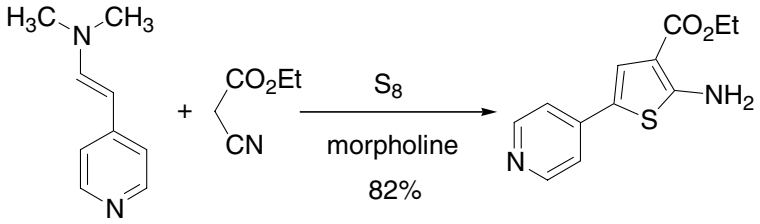

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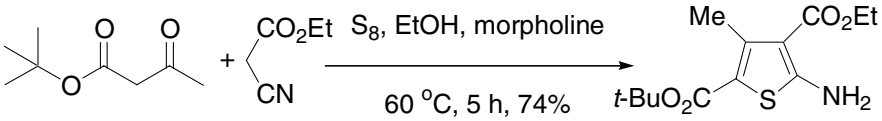

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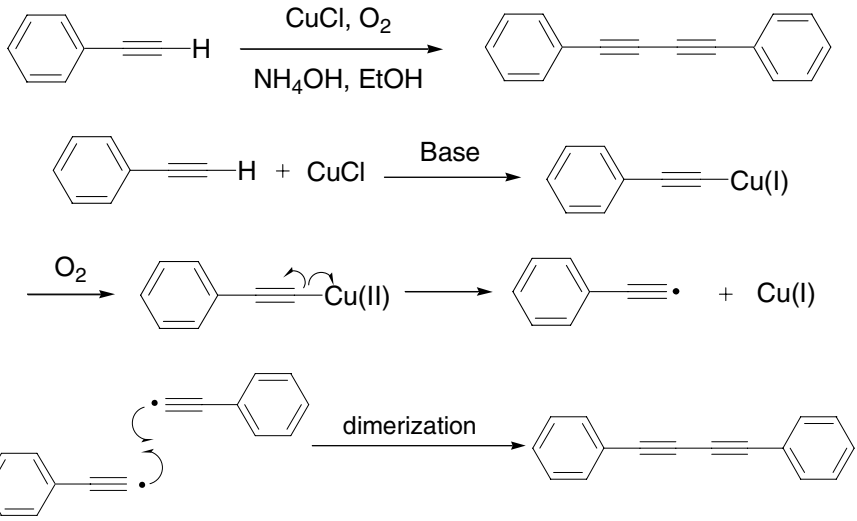
Glaser coupling

Oxidative homo-coupling of terminal alkynes using copper catalyst in the presence of oxygen.



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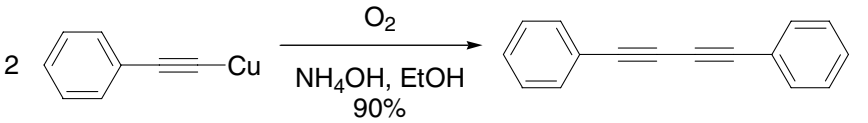

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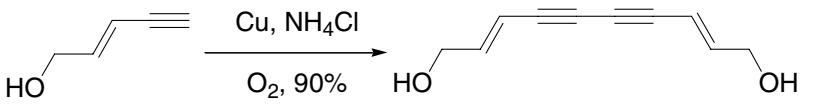

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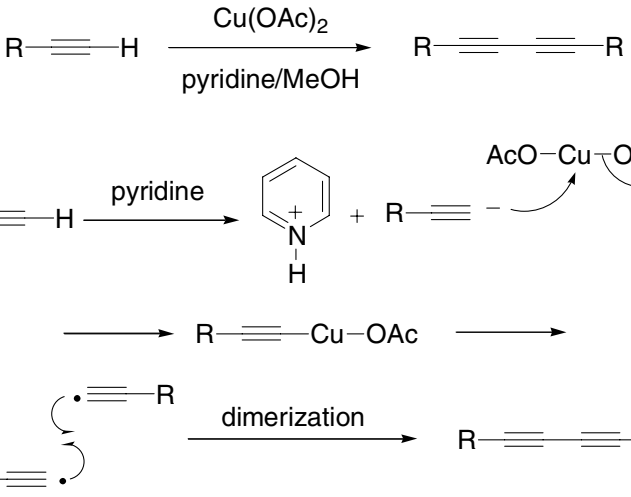
Eglinton coupling

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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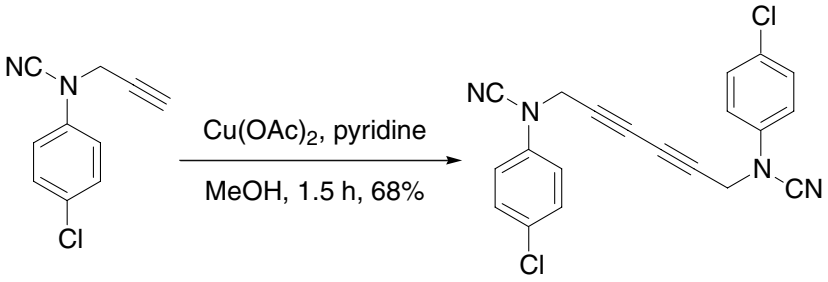

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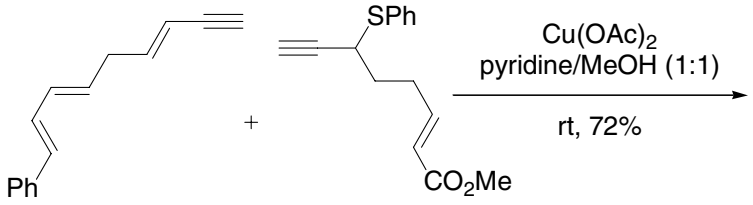

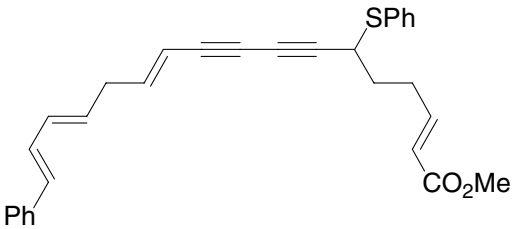

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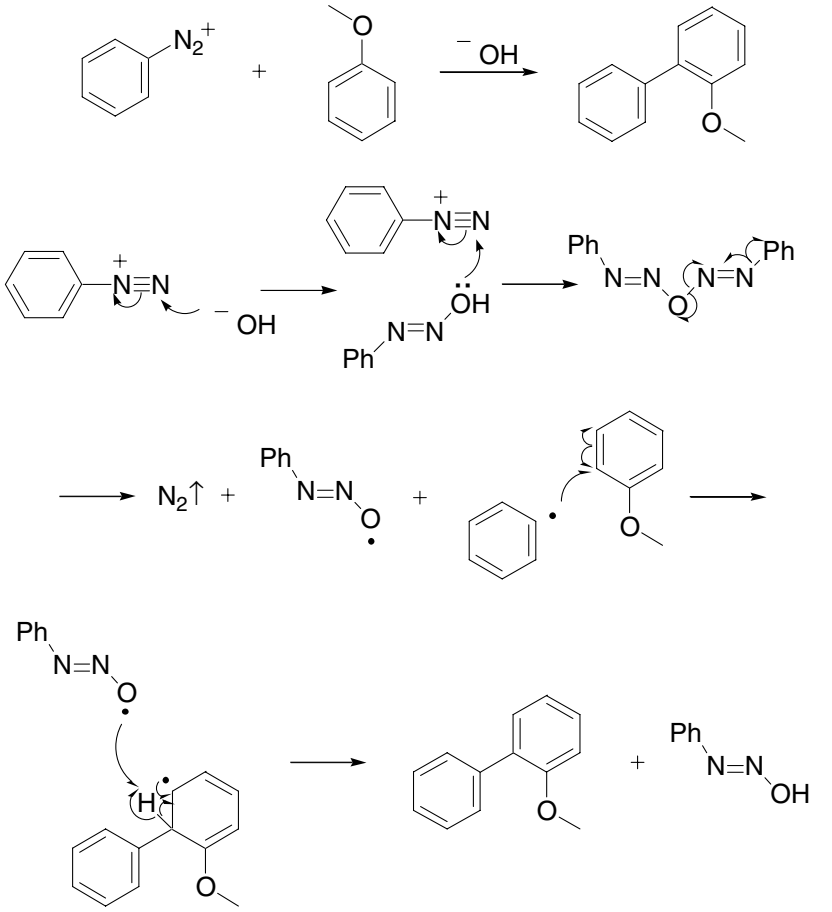
Gomberg–Bachmann reaction

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



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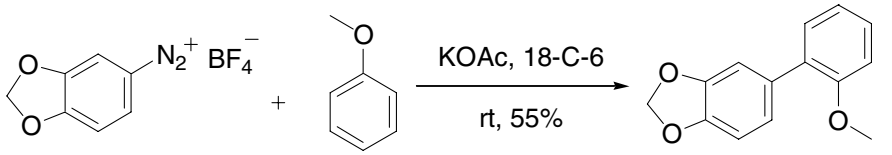

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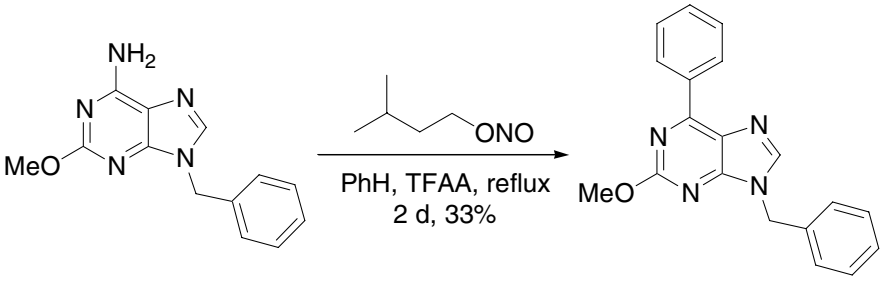

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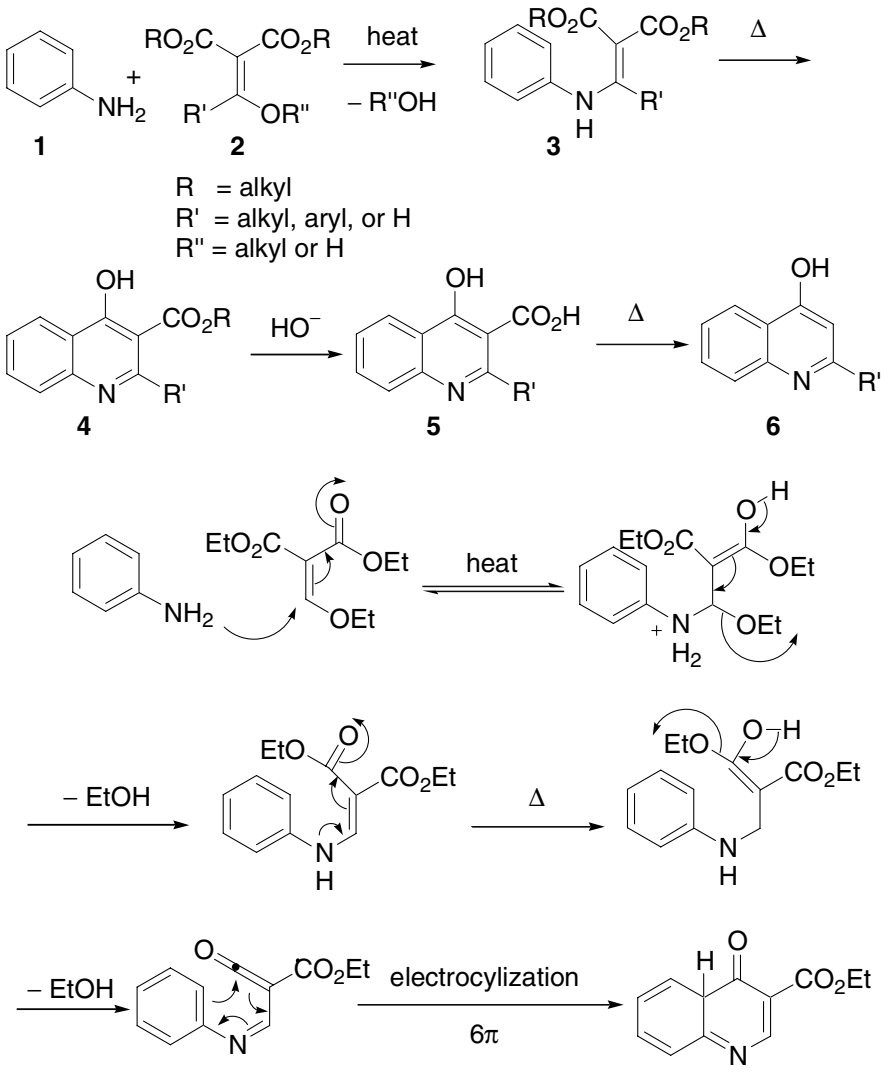
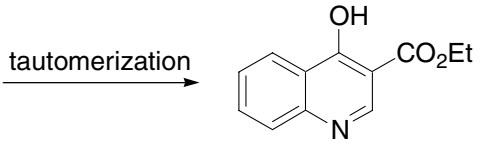
Gould–Jacobs reaction

The Gould–Jacobs reaction is a sequence of the following reactions: a. condensation of an aniline **1** with either alkoxy methylenemalonic ester or acyl malonic ester **2** providing the anilidomethylenemalonic ester **3**; b. cyclization of **3** to the 4-hydroxy-3-carboalkoxyquinoline **4**; c. saponification to form acid **5**, and d. decarboxylation to give the 4-hydroxyquinoline **6**.





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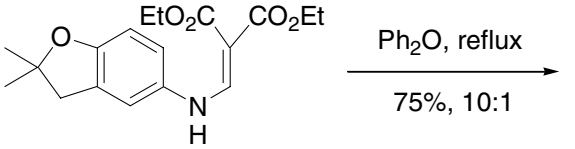

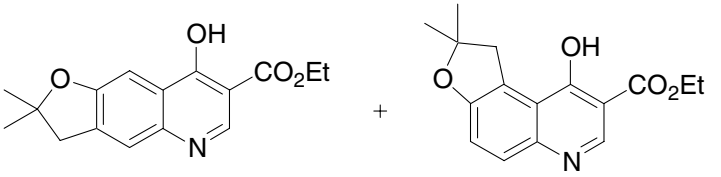

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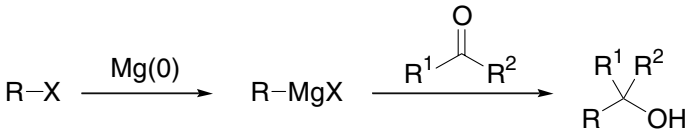
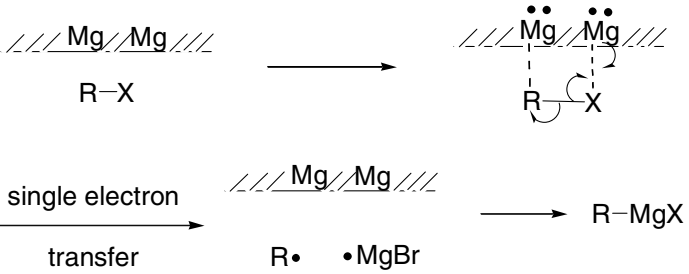
Grignard reaction

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



Formation of the Grignard reagent:



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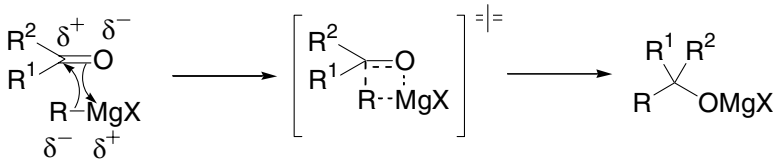
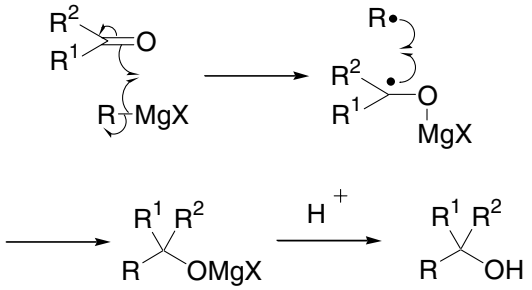


Radical mechanism,



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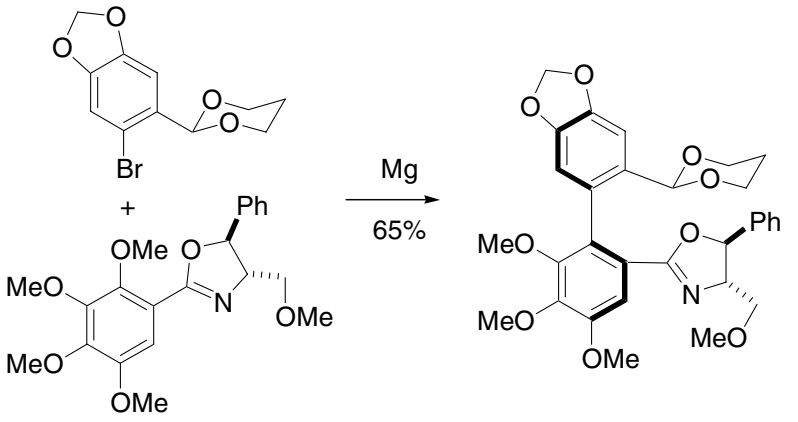

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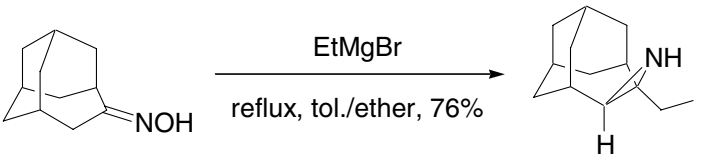

This reaction is known as the **Hoch–Campbell aziridine synthesis**, which entails treatment of ketoximes with excess Grignard reagents and subsequent hydrolysis of the organometallic complex to produce aziridines.

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Grob fragmentation

C–C bond cleavage primarily via a concerted process involving a five atom system. General scheme:

X = OH_2^+, OTs, I, Br, Cl; Y = O^-, NR_2

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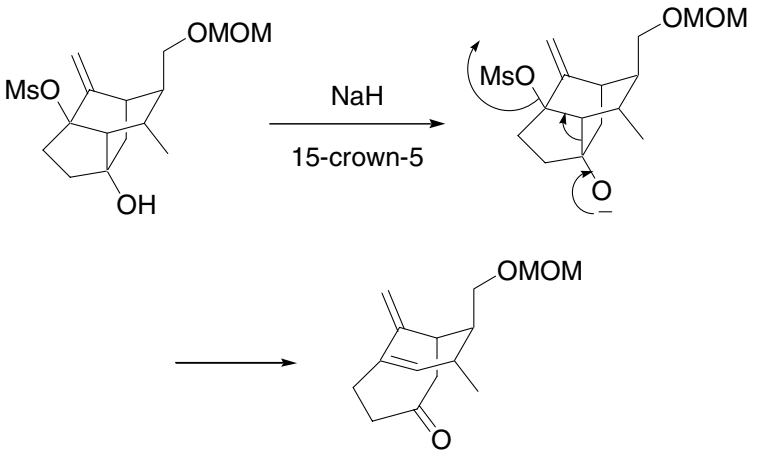

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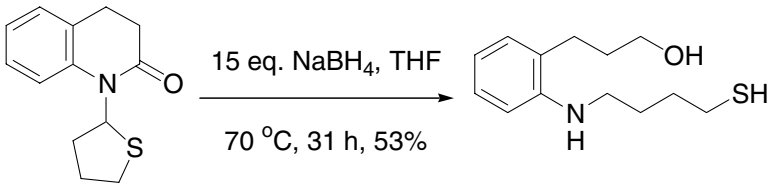

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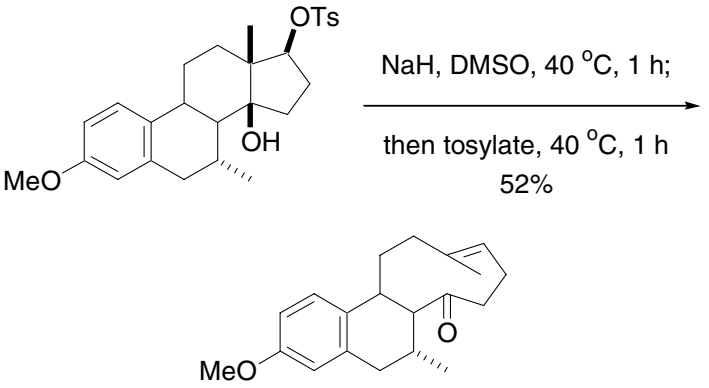

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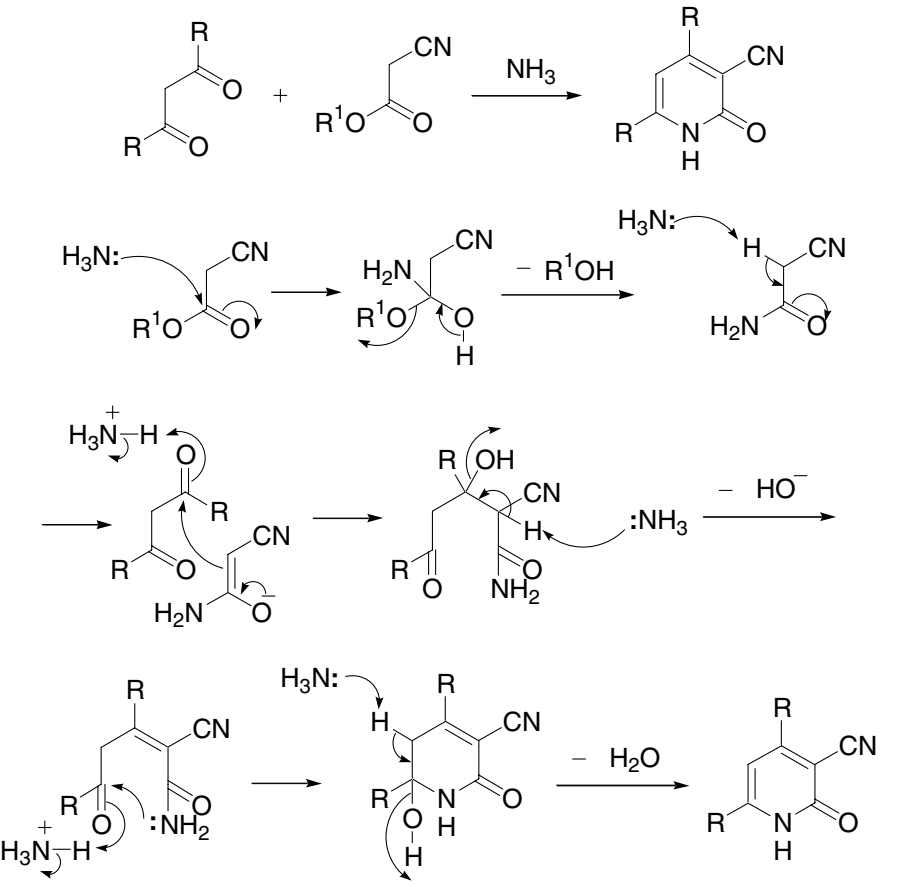
Guareschi–Thorpe condensation

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



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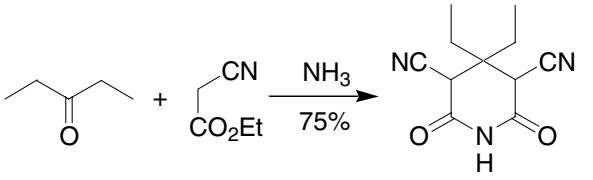

Guareschi imide

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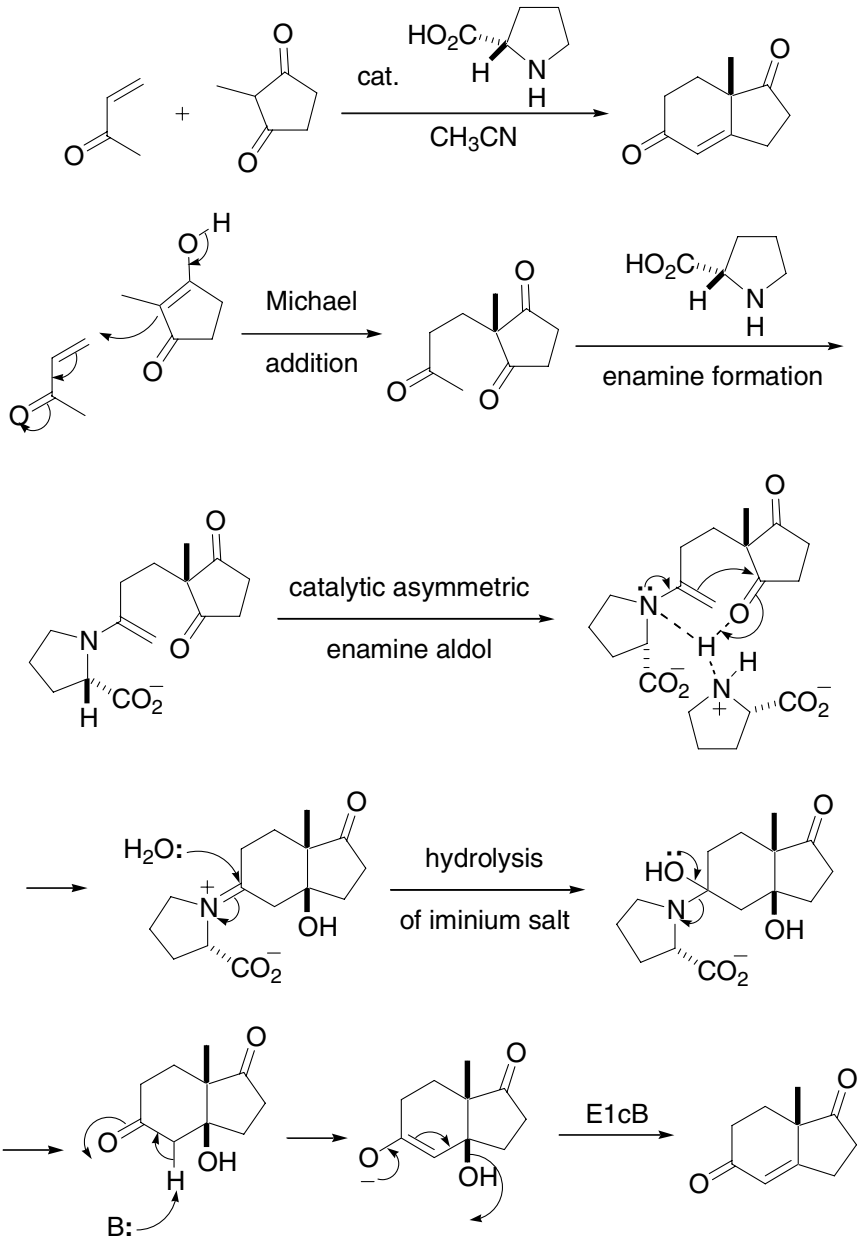
Hajos–Wiechert reaction

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



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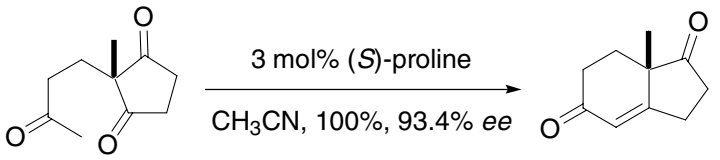

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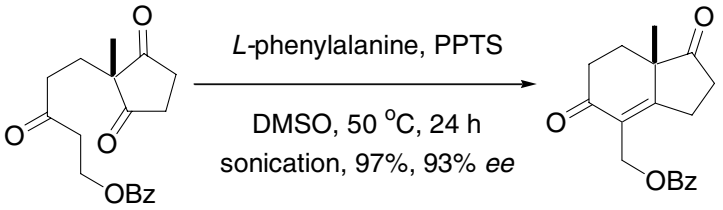

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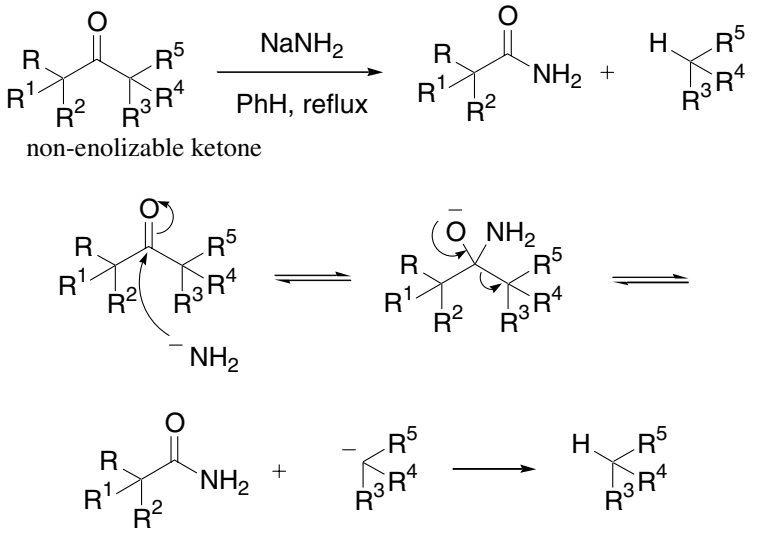
Haller–Bauer reaction

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



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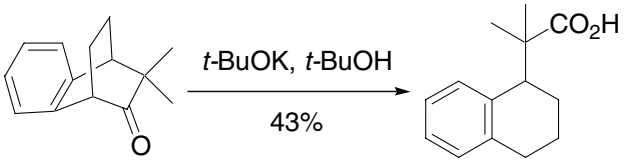

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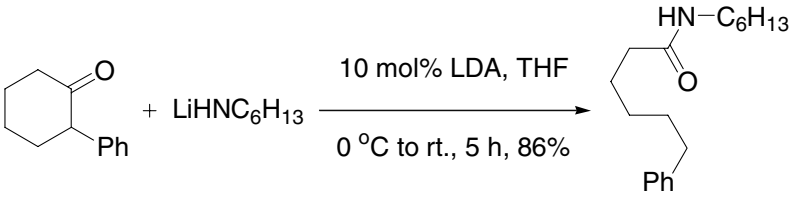

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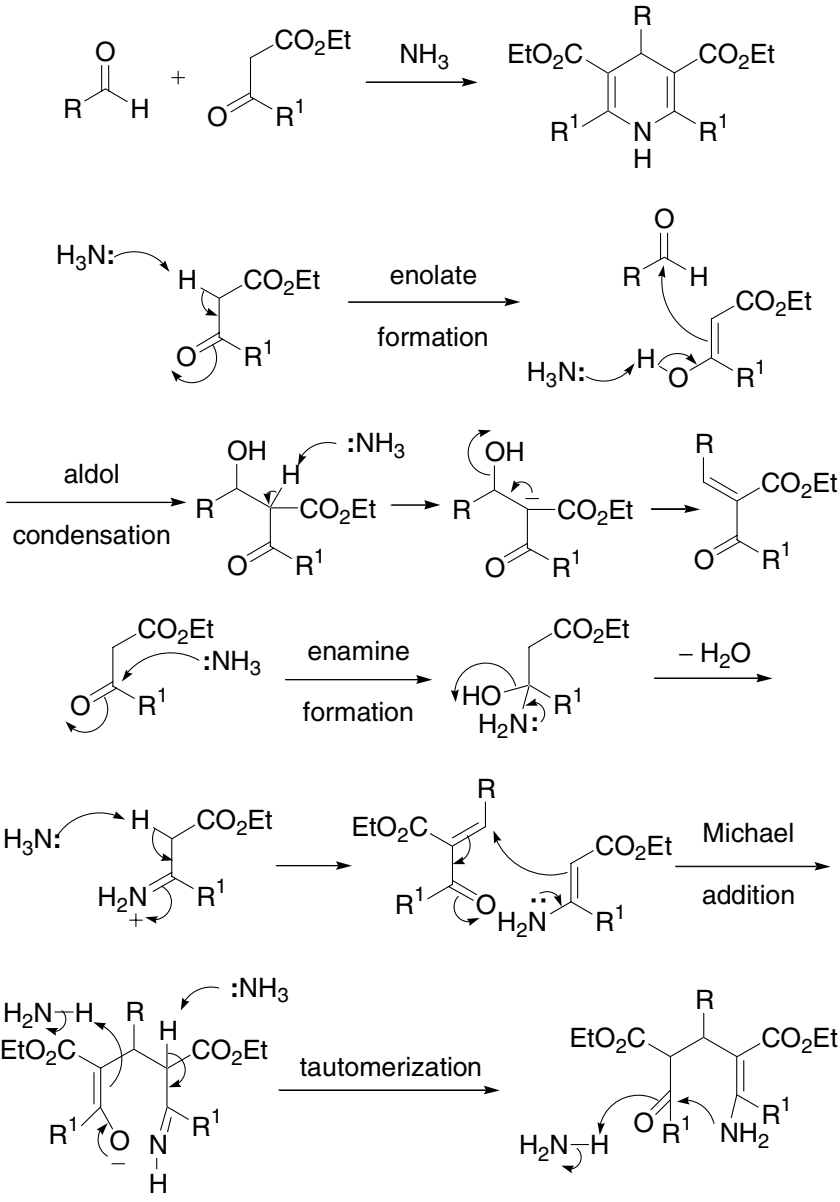
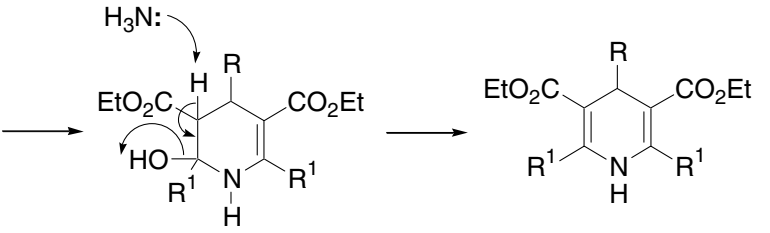
Hantzsch dihydropyridine synthesis

Dihydropyridine from the condensation of aldehyde, β-ketoester and ammonia.





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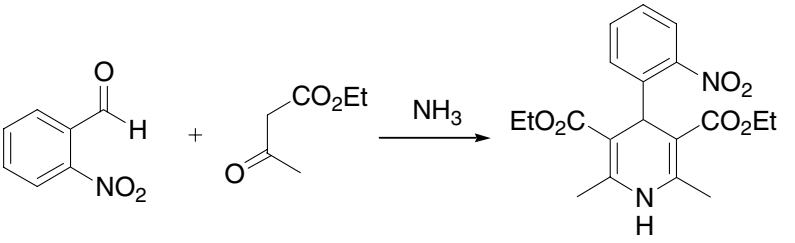

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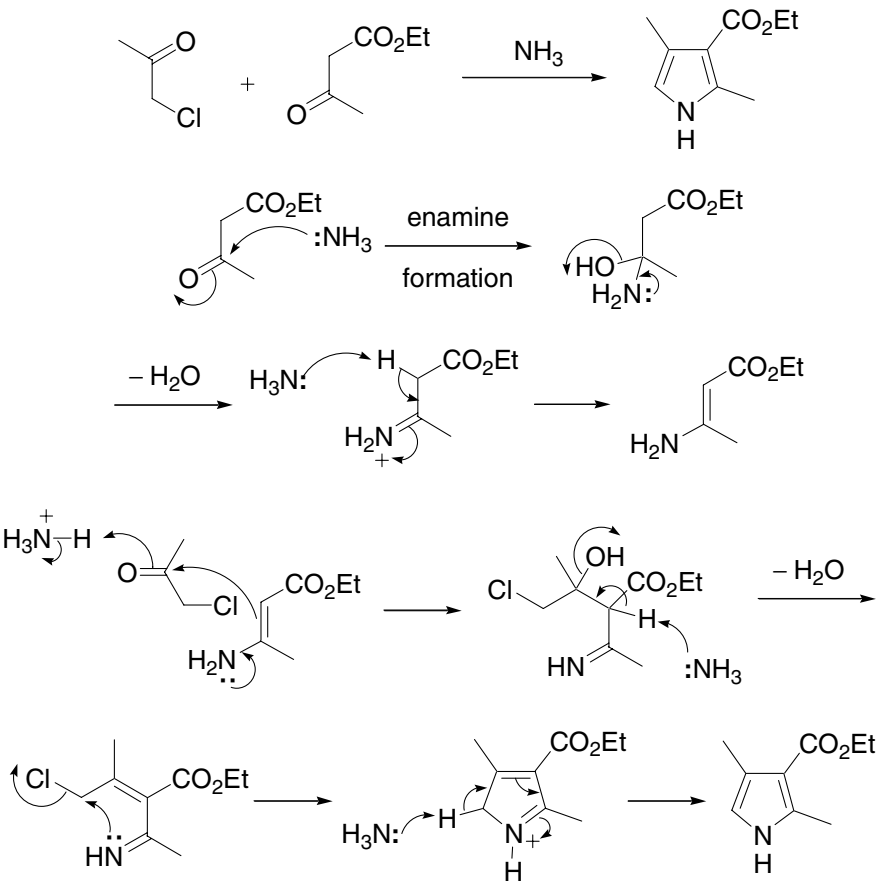
Hantzsch pyrrole synthesis

Reaction of α-chloromethyl ketones with β-ketoesters and ammonia to assemble pyrroles.



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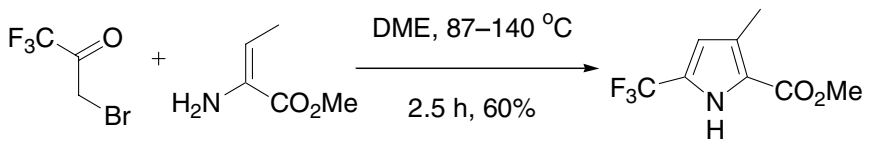

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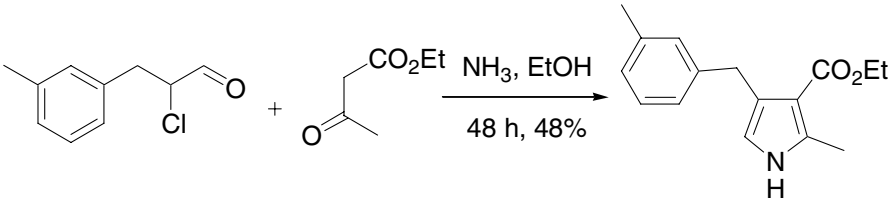

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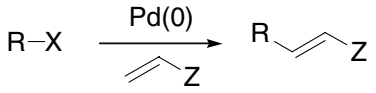
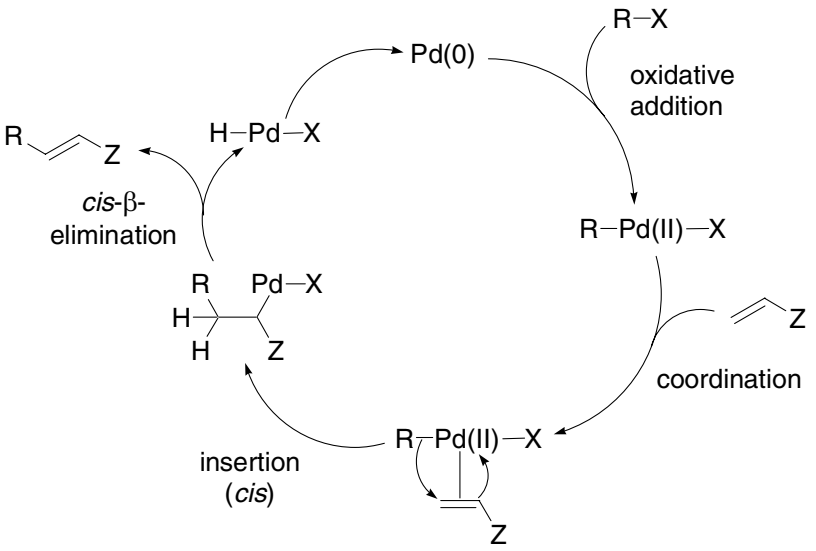
Heck reaction

Palladium-catalyzed coupling between organohalides or triflates with olefins.



X = I, Br, OTf, Cl, *etc.*
Z = H, R, Ar, CN, CO_2R, OR, OAc, NHAc, *etc.*



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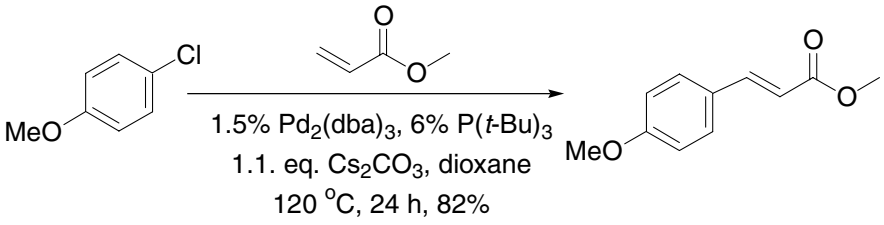

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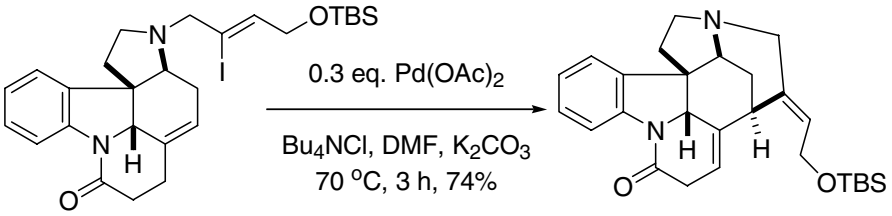

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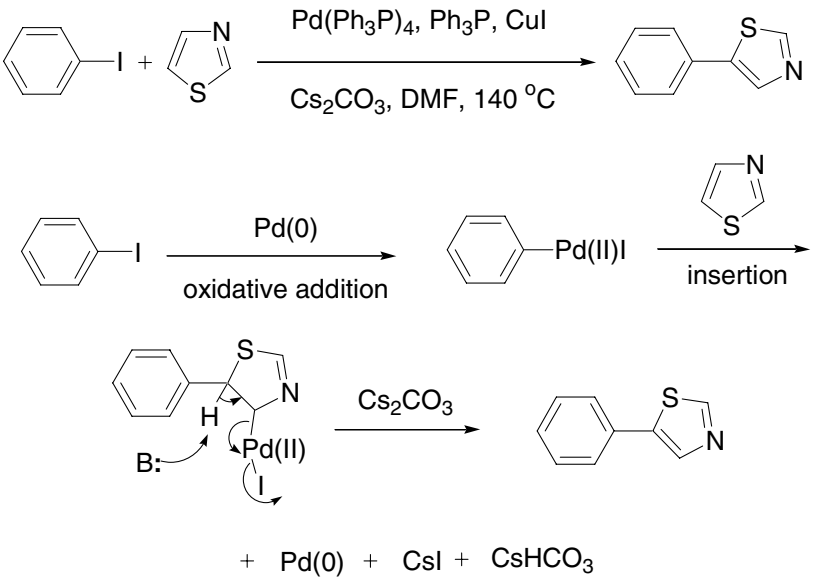
Heteroaryl Heck reaction

Intermolecular or intramolecular Heck reaction that occurs onto a heteroaryl recipient.



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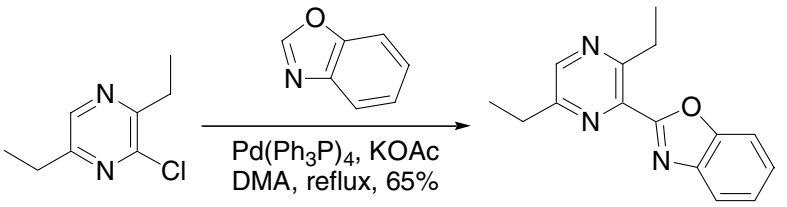

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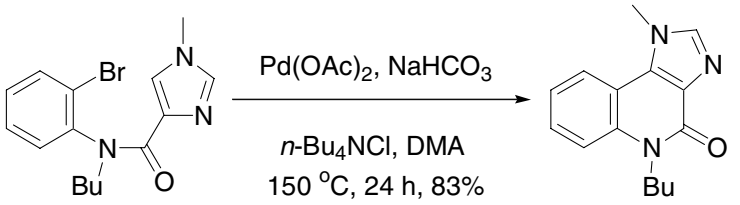

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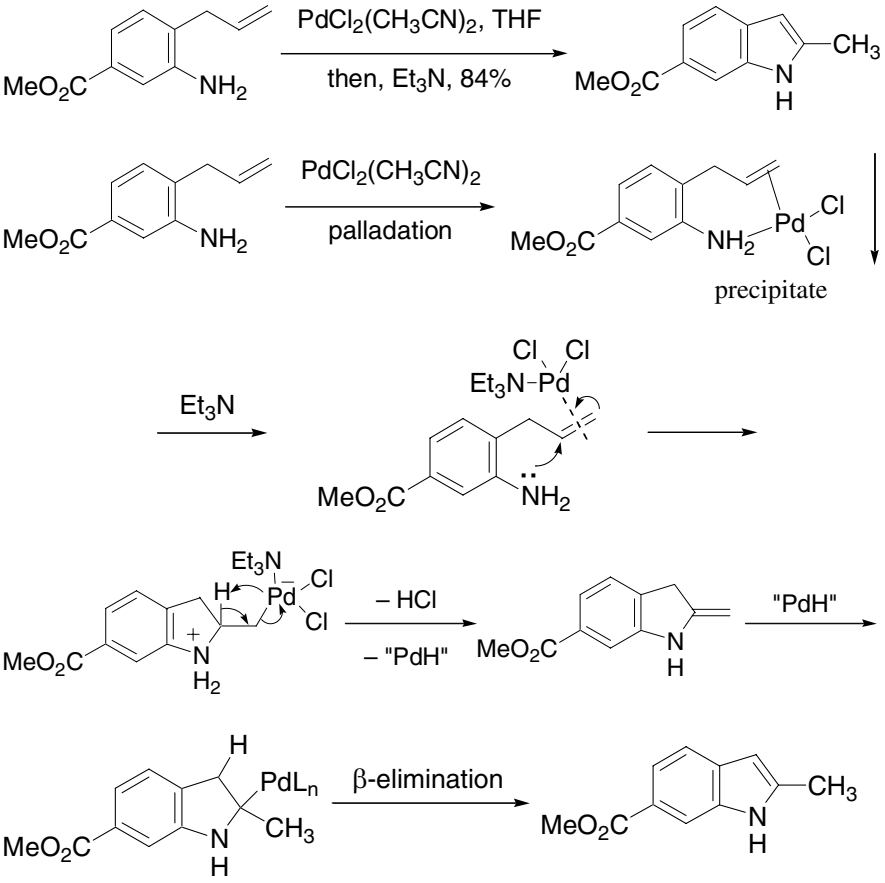
Hegedus indole synthesis

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



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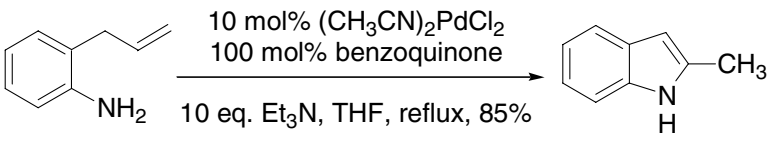

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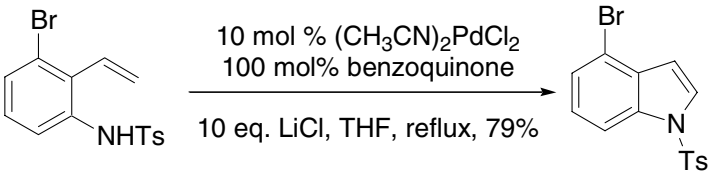

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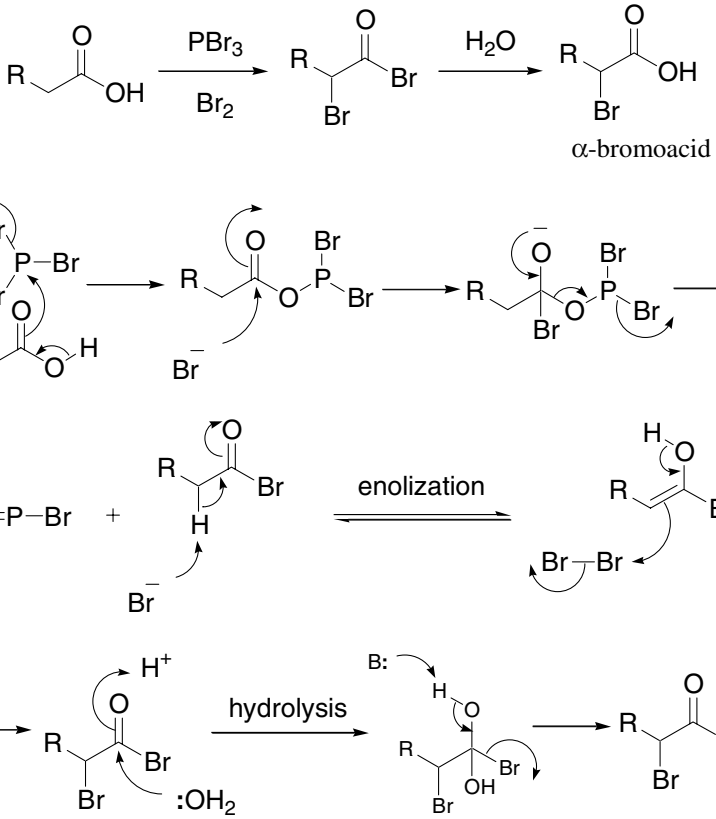
Hell–Volhard–Zelinsky reaction

α-Bromination of carboxylic acids using Br_2/PBr_3.



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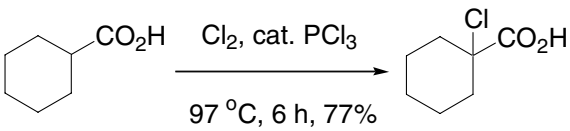

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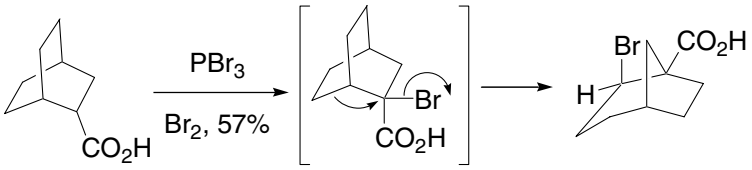

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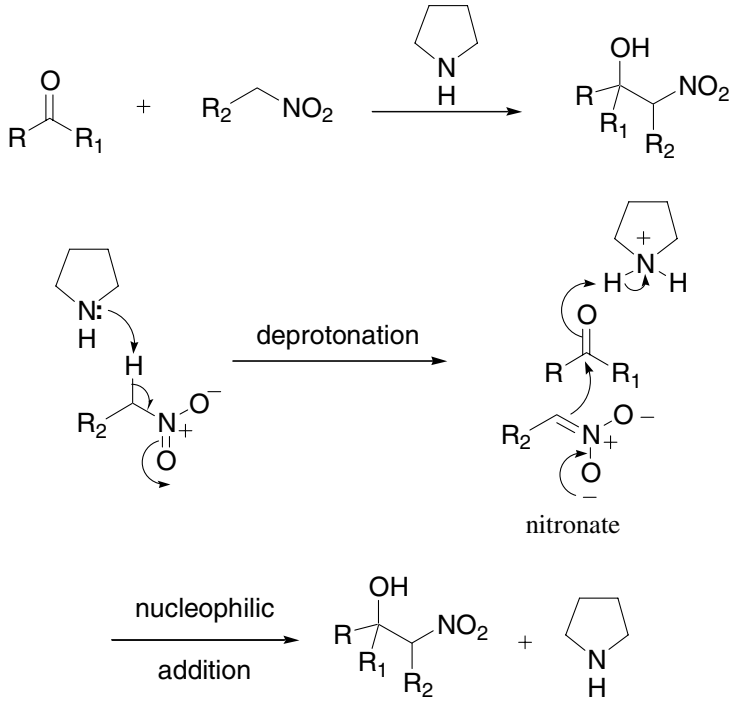
Henry nitroaldol reaction

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



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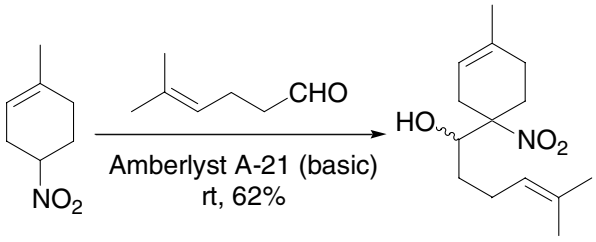

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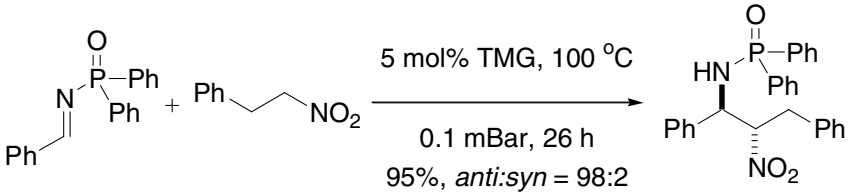

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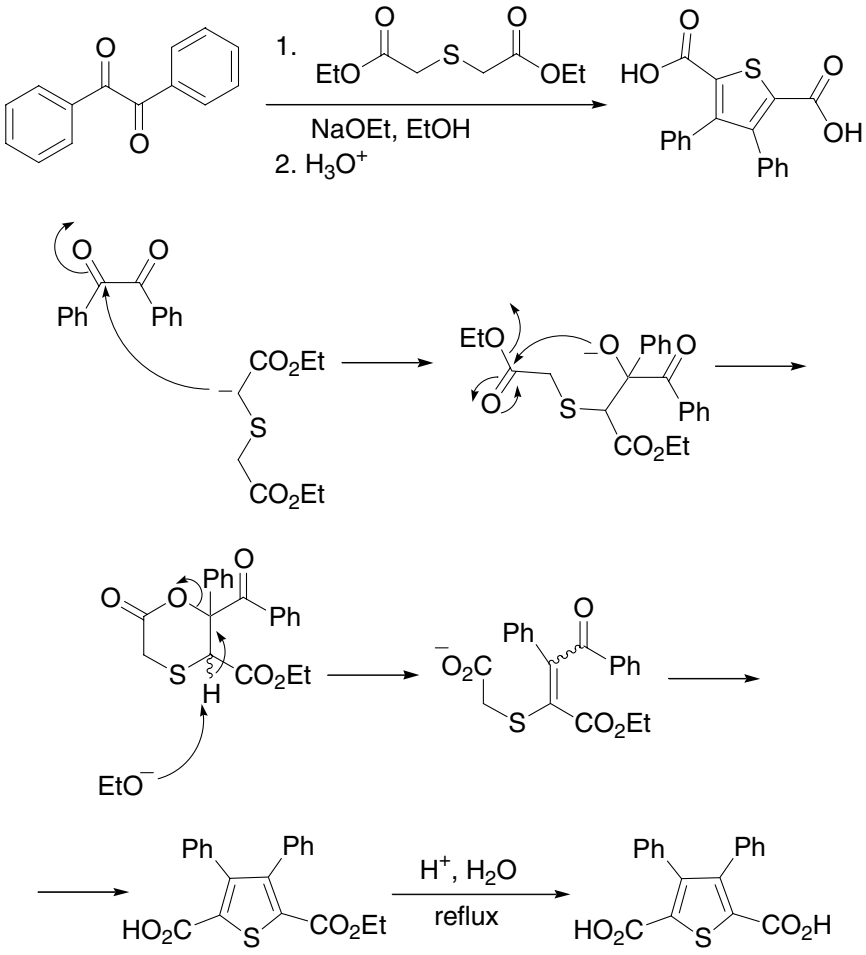
Hinsberg synthesis of thiophene derivatives

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



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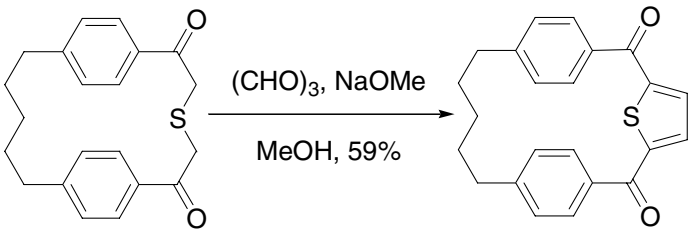

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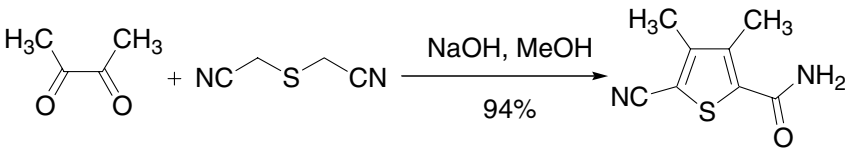

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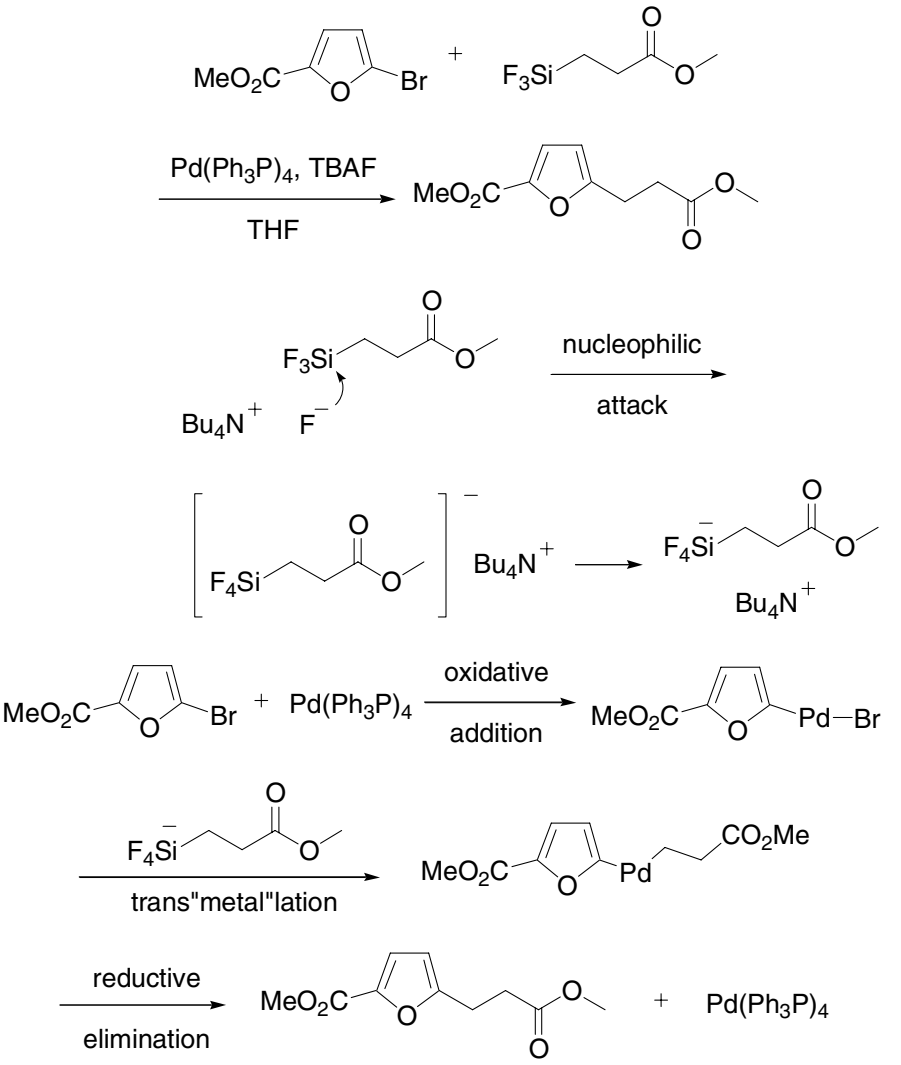
Hiyama cross-coupling reaction

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 on page 345.



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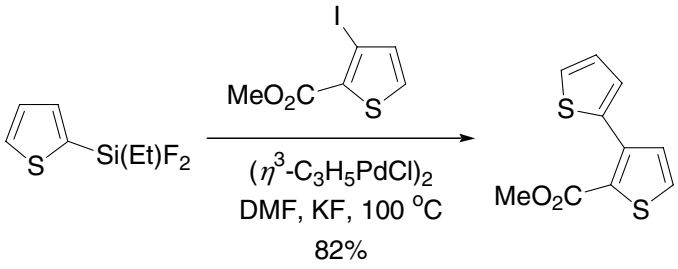

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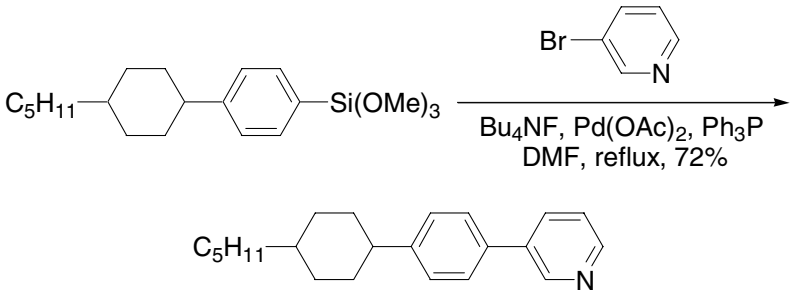

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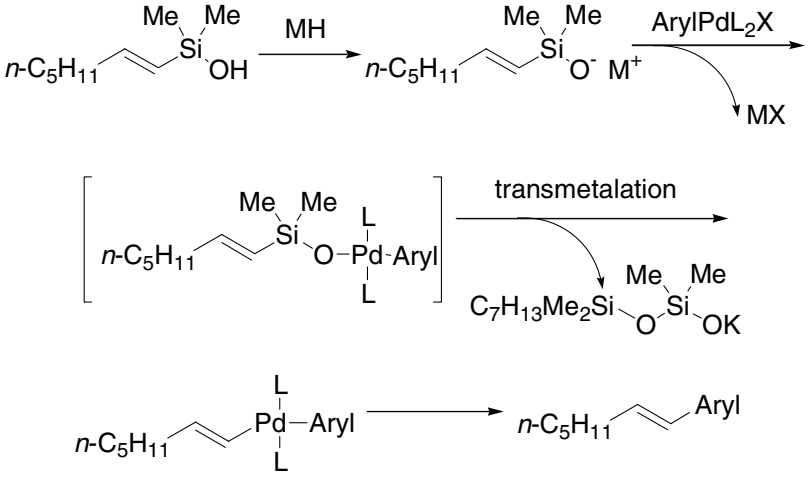
Hiyama–Denmark cross-coupling reaction

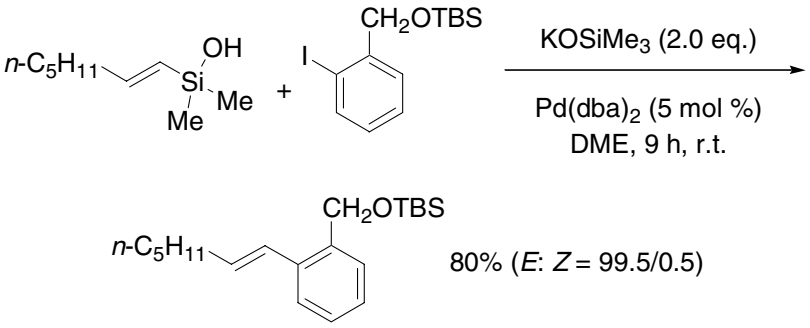
A synthetically important and mechanistically distinct cross-coupling process of organosilanols has been developed. Unlike the Hiyama cross-coupling reaction of polychloro- and fluorosilanes that requires activation by fluoride ion, the Denmark process involves the simple deprotonation of an organosilanol to initiate the coupling. This variant has obvious advantages of avoiding incompatibility with fluoride (silicon protective groups and large-scale reactors).

Mechanistic study[5]



Many organosilanol substrates and different bases have been demonstrated.

1. Alkenylsilanol ($KOSiMe_3$)[6]



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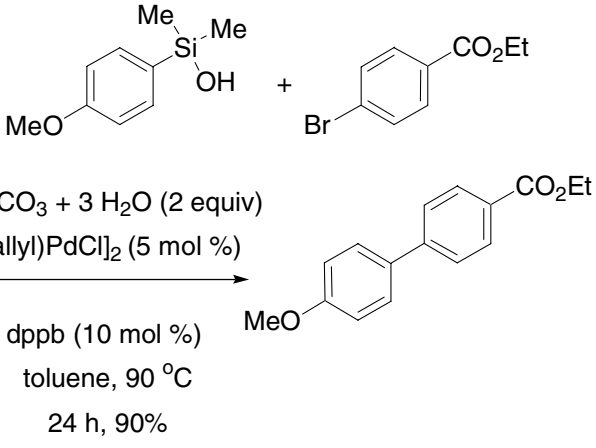

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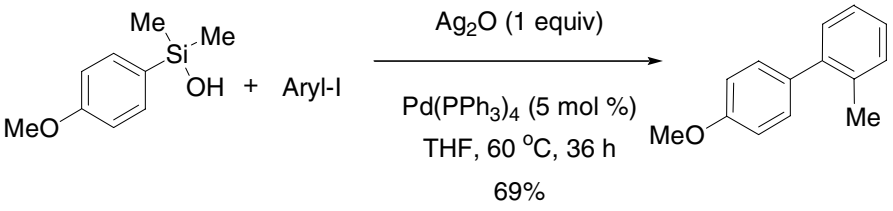

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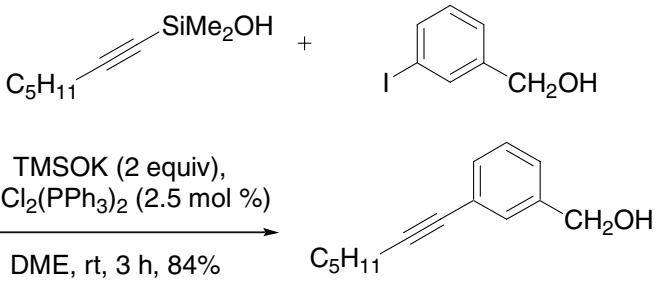

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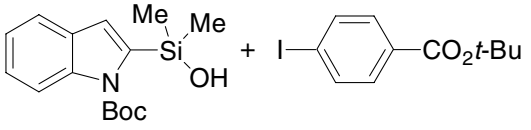

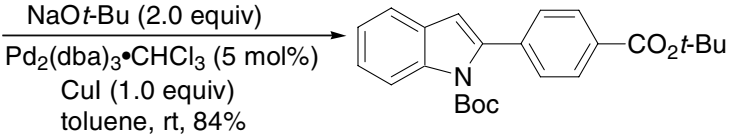

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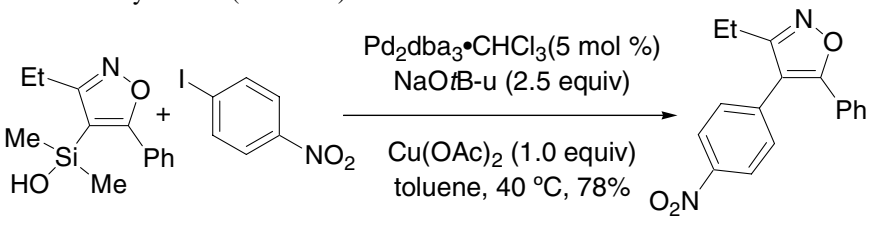
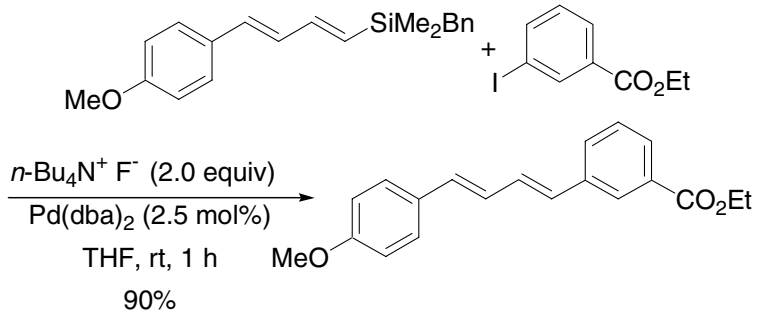


7. 1,4-Bis-silyl-1,3-butadienes ($KOSiMe_3$)[12]



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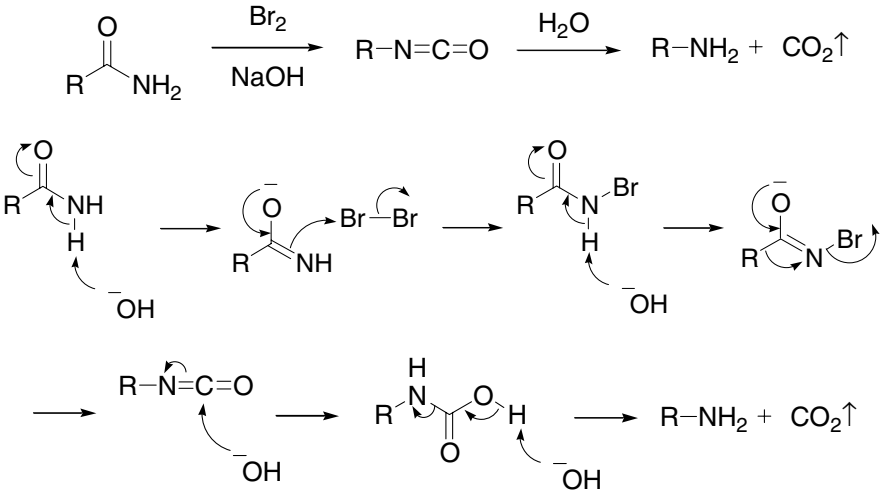
Hofmann rearrangement

Upon treatment of primary amides with hypohalites, primary amines with one less carbon are obtained *via* the intermediacy of isocyanate. Also know as the Hofmann degradation reaction.



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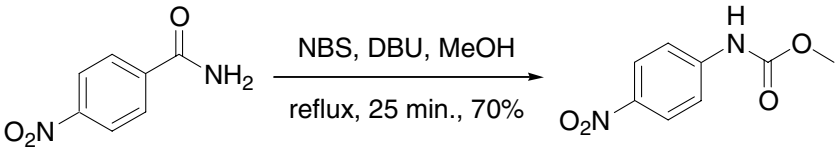

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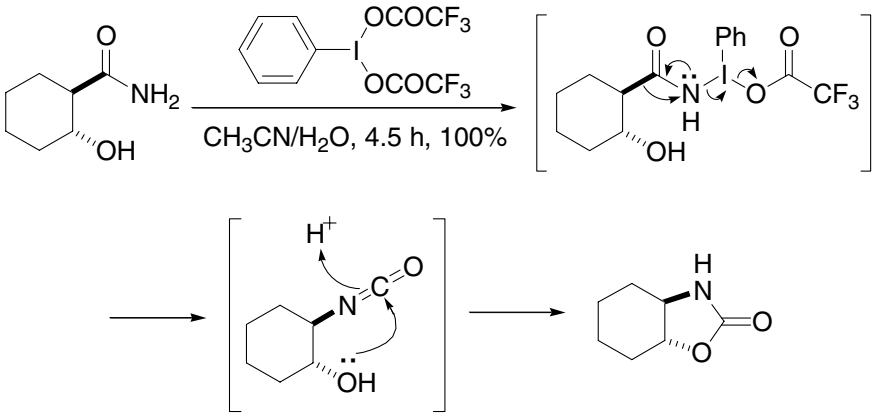

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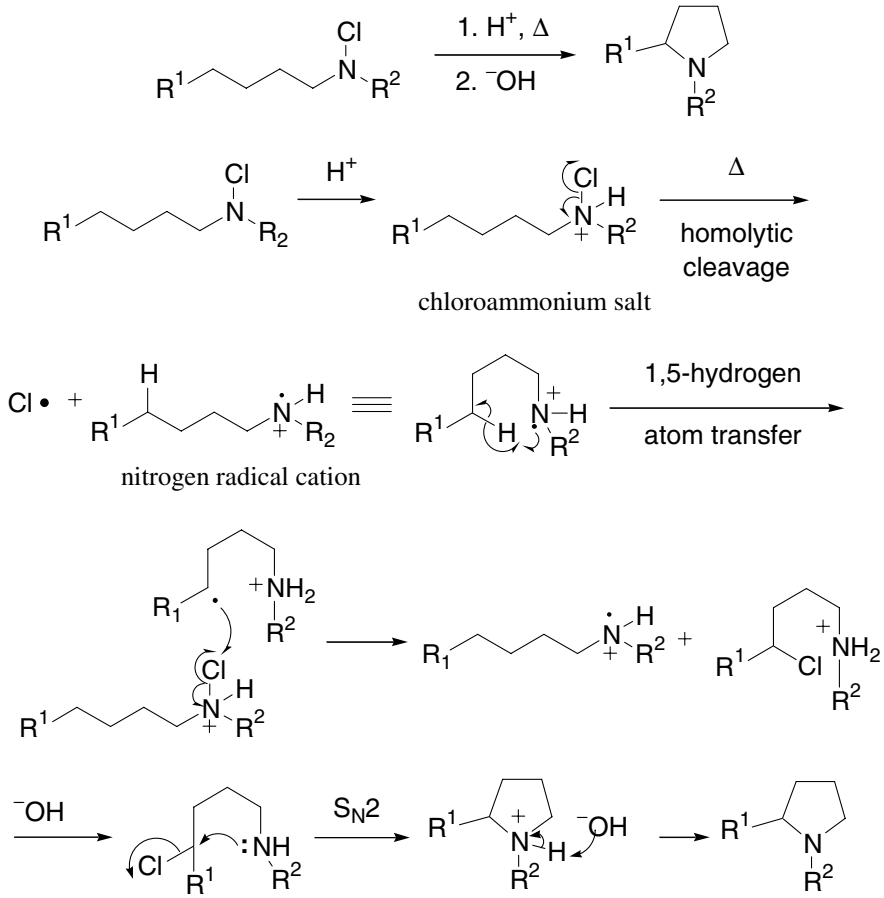
Hofmann–Löffler–Freytag reaction

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



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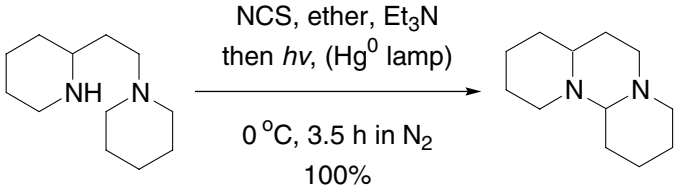

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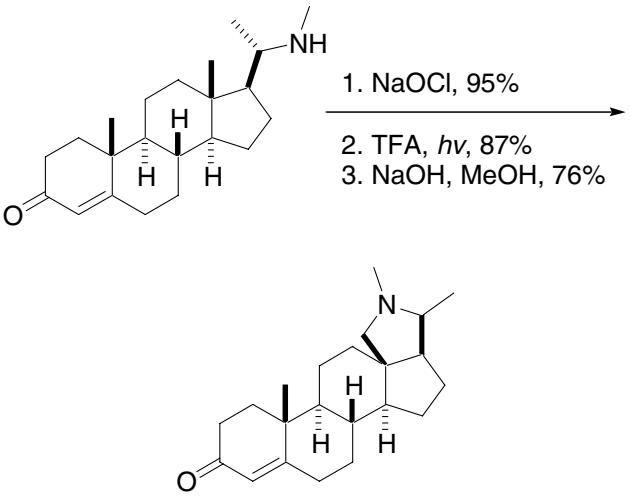

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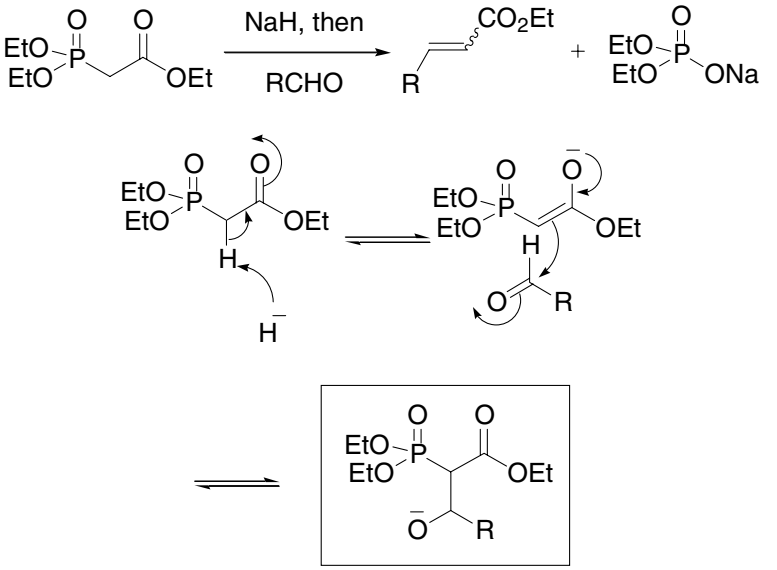
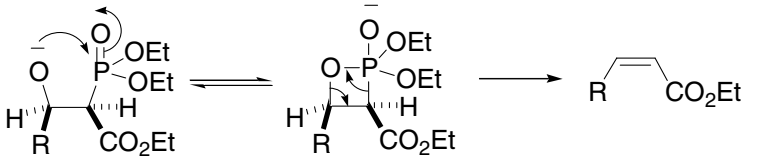
Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons reaction

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.



erythro (kinetic) or *threo* (thermodynamic)



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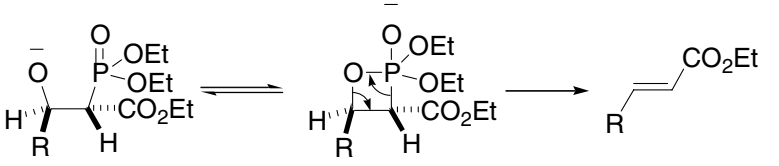

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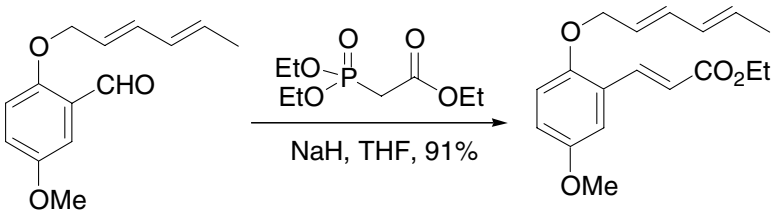

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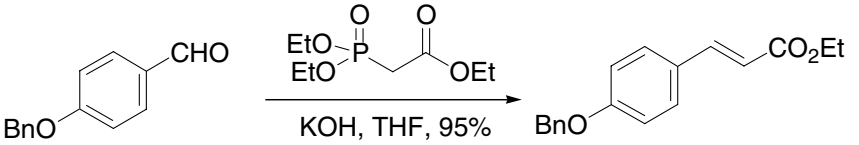

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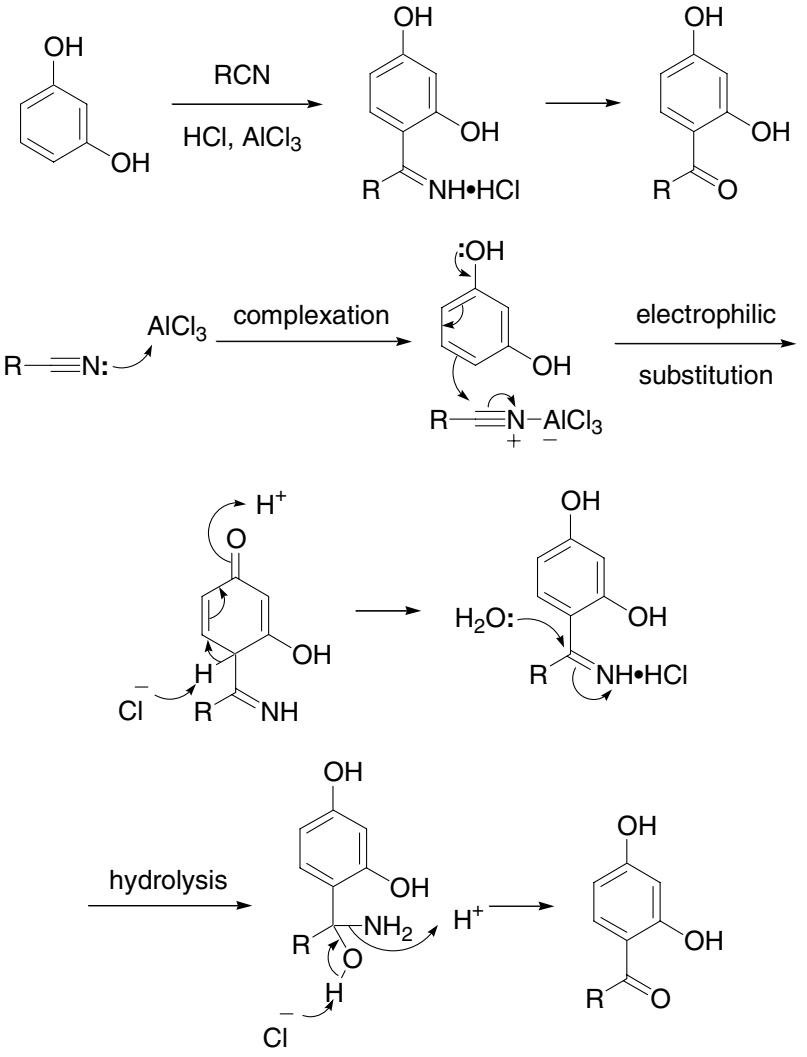
Houben–Hoesch reaction

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



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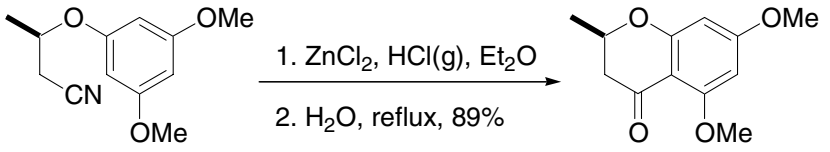

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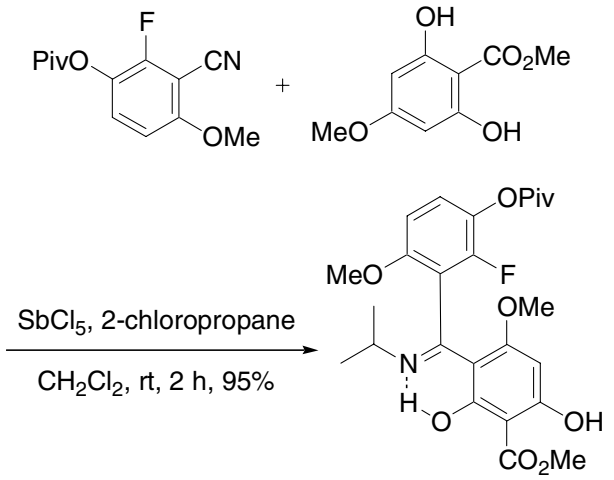

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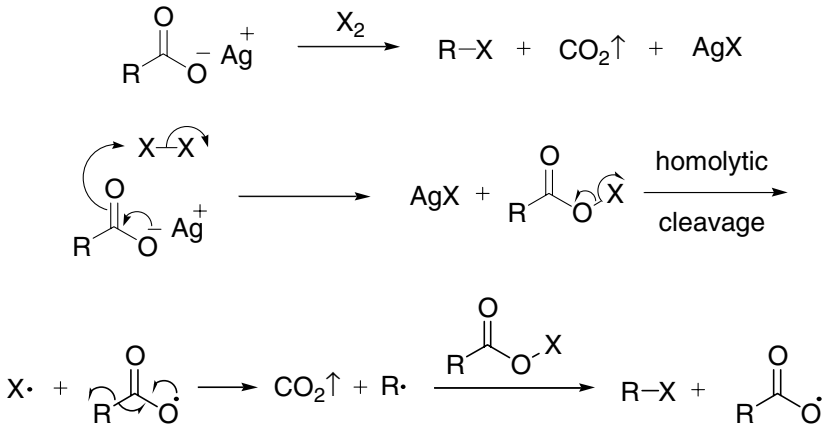
Hunsdiecker–Borodin reaction

Conversion of silver carboxylate to halide by treatment with halogen.



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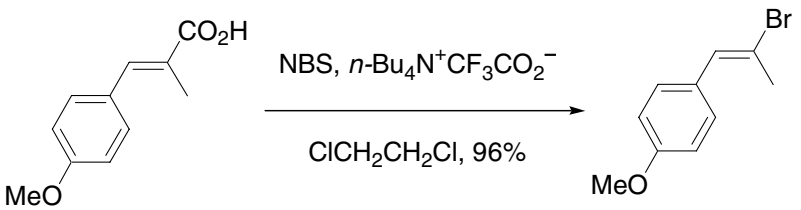

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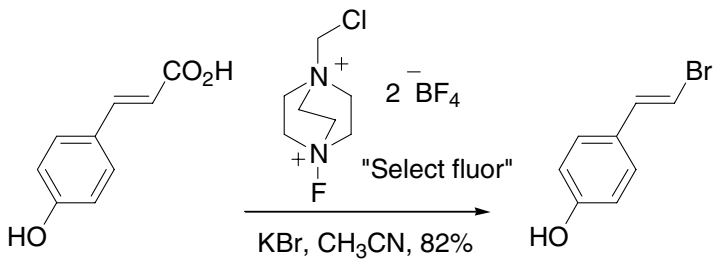

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Heinz and Cläre Hunsdiecker converted Borodin's synthesis into a general method, the Hunsdiecker or Hunsdiecker–Borodin reaction. Borodin was also an accomplished composer and is now best known for his musical masterpiece, opera Prince Egor. He kept a piano outside his laboratory.

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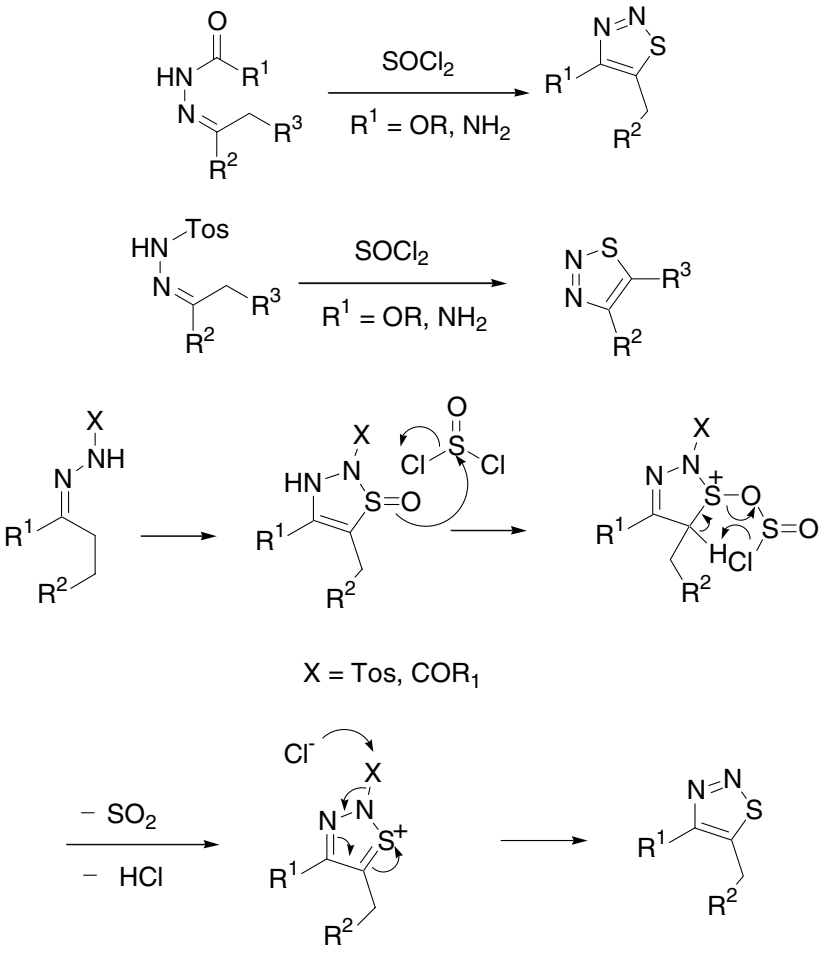
Hurd–Mori 1,2,3-thiadiazole synthesis

Reaction of thionyl chloride with the *N*-acylated or tosyl hydrazone derivatives to provide the 1,2,3-thiadiazole in one step.



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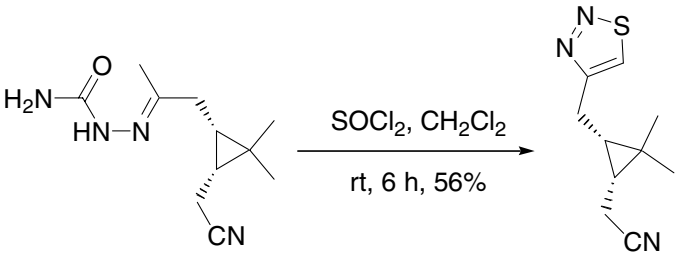

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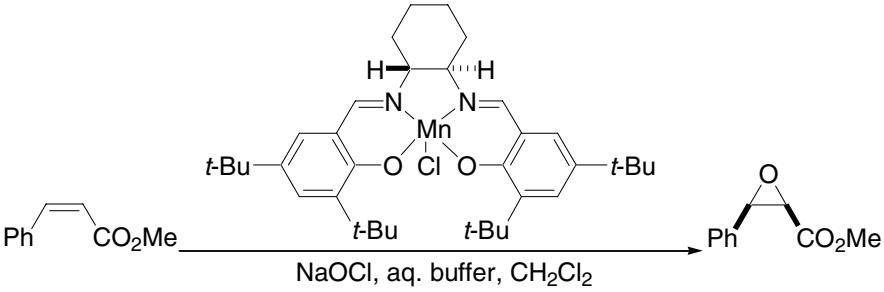
Jacobsen–Katsuki epoxidation

Manganese-catalyzed asymmetric epoxidation of (*Z*)-olefins.



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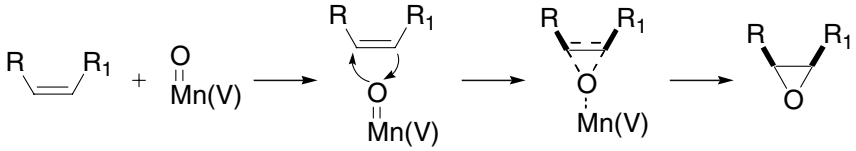

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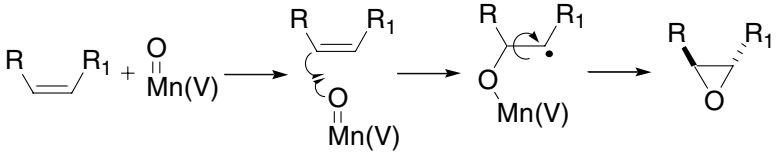
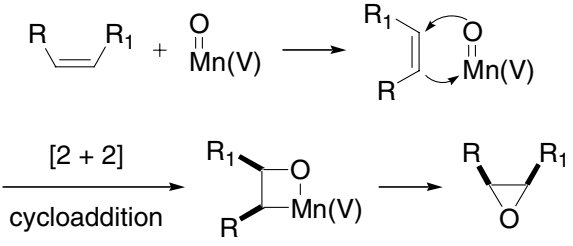


3. Oxygen transfer *via* manganaoxetane intermediate (*cis*-epoxide):



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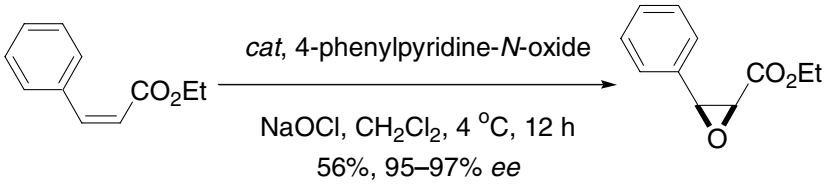

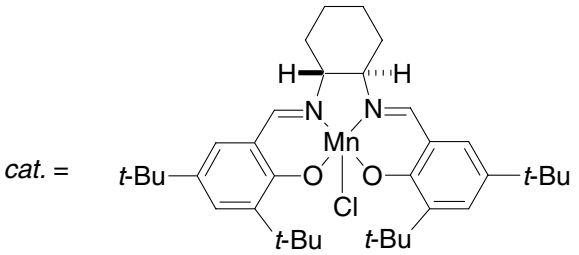

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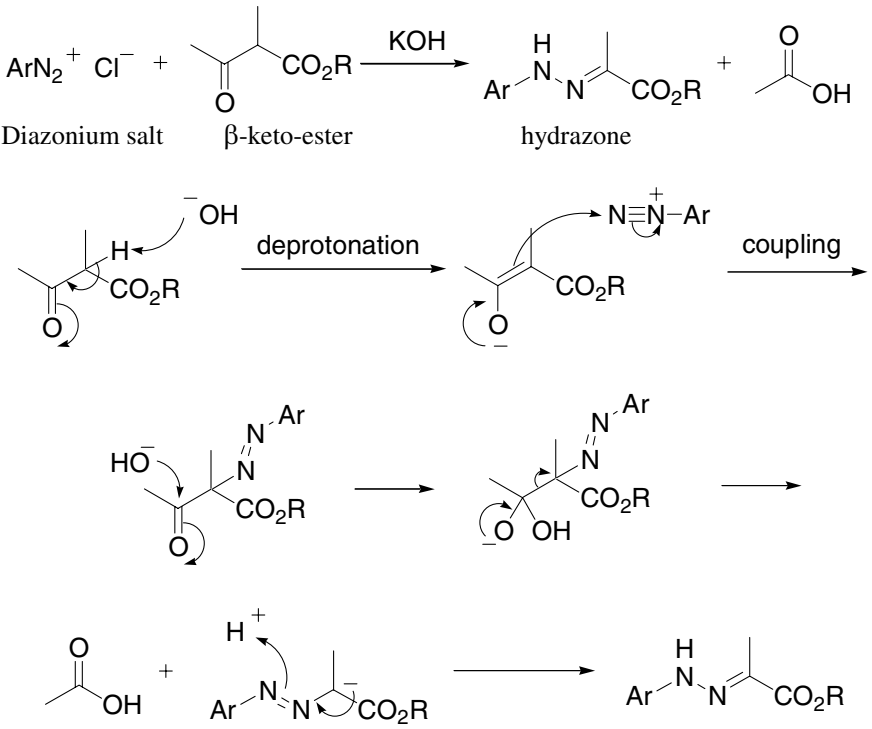
Japp–Klingemann hydrazone synthesis

Hydrazones from α-ketoesters and diazonium salts with the acid of base.



Diazonium salt β-keto-ester hydrazone

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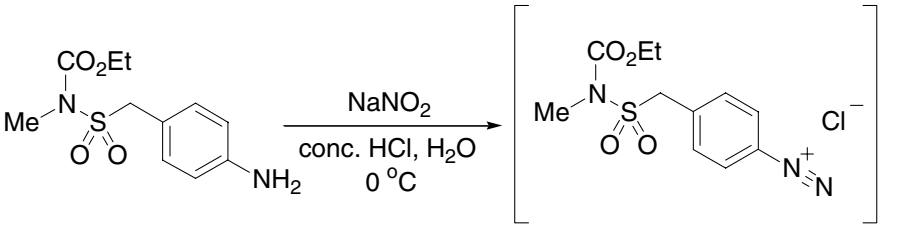

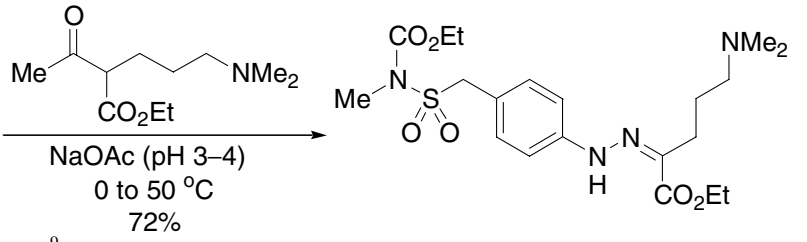

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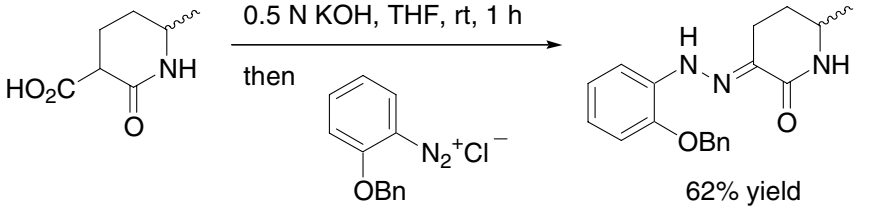

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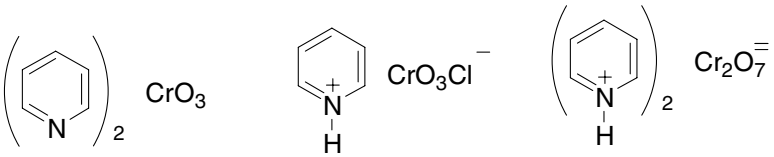
Jones oxidation

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**. All these oxidants have a chromium (VI), normally yellow, which is reduced to Cr(IV), often green.



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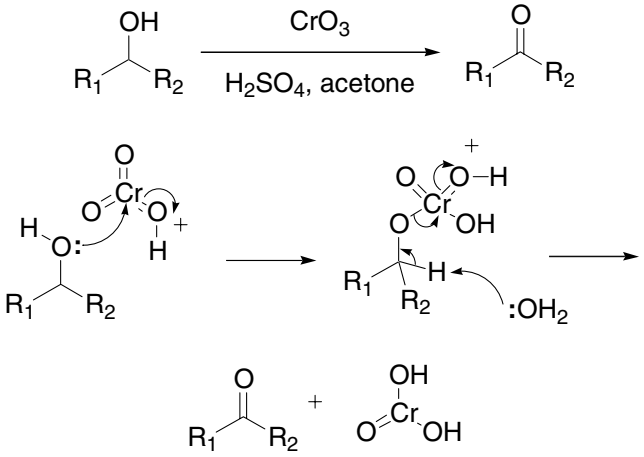

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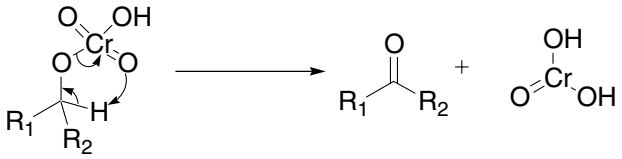

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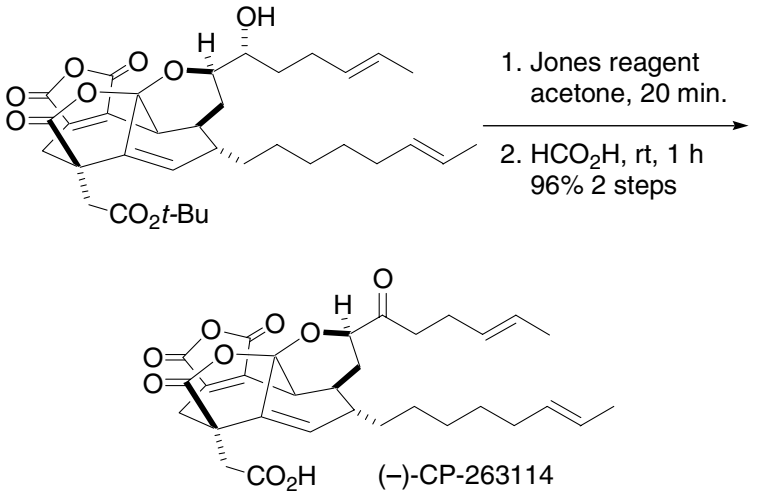

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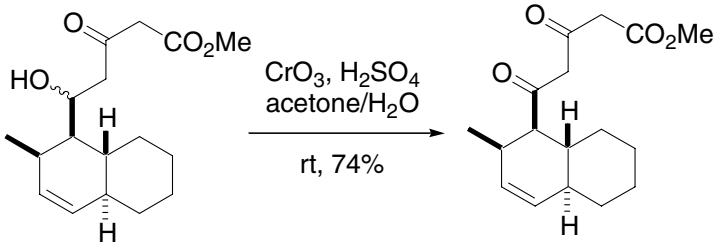
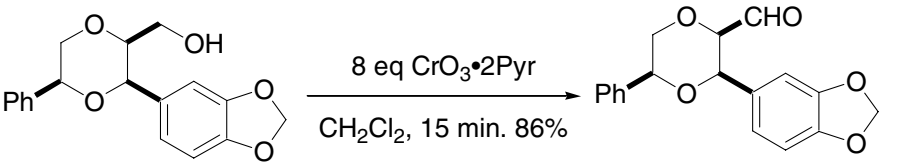
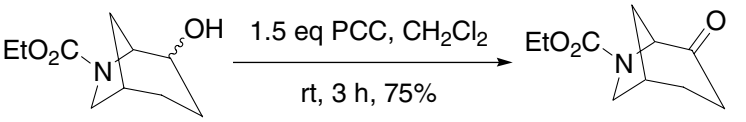


Collins/Sarett oxidation[5]



PCC oxidation[6]



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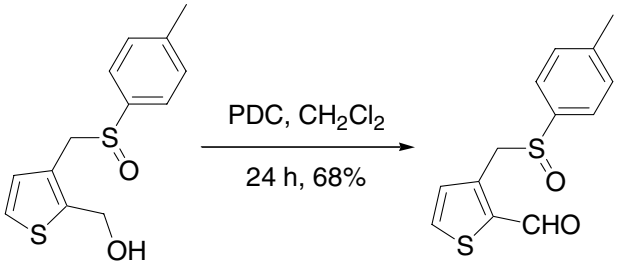

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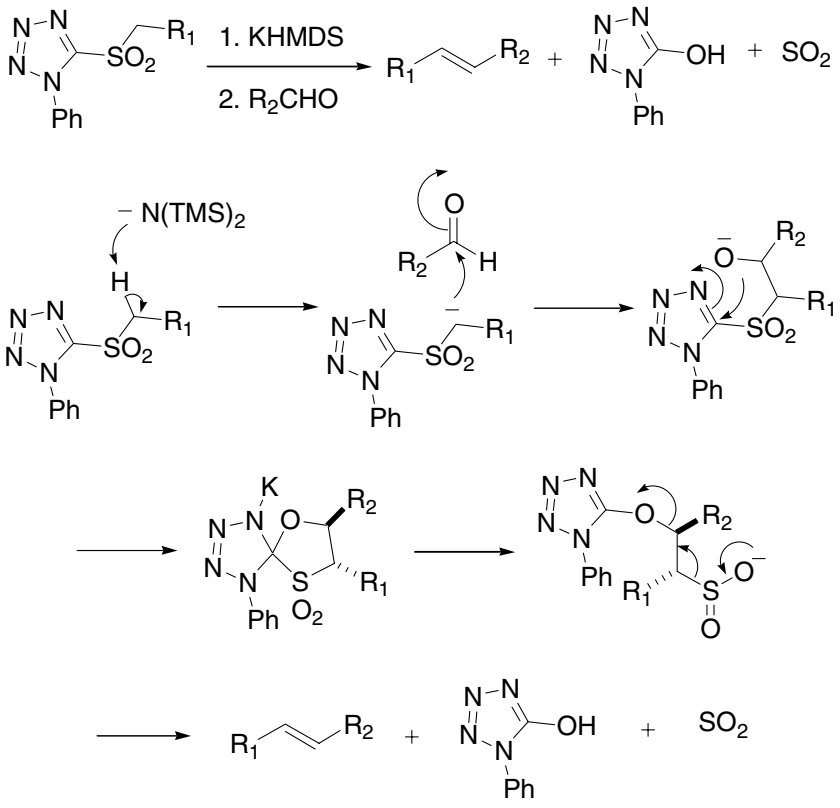
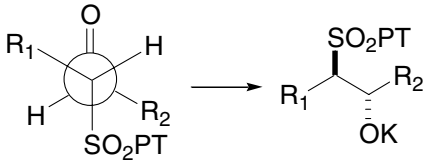
Julia–Kocienski olefination

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



The use of larger counterion (such as K^+) and polar solvents (such as DME) favors an open transition state (PT = phenyltetrazolyl):



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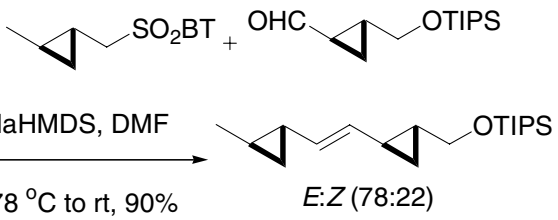

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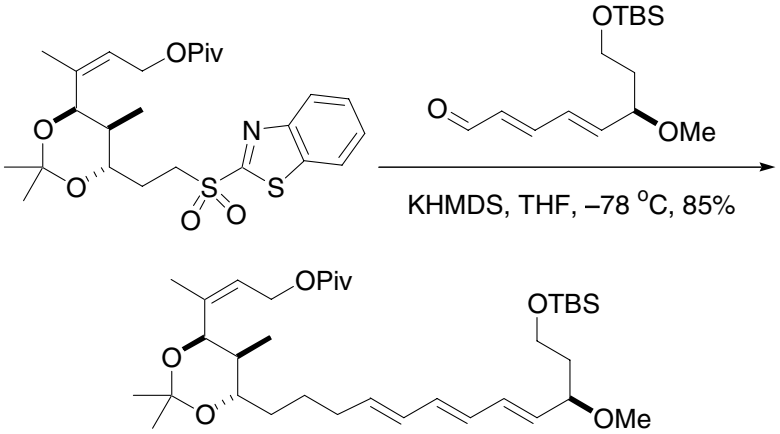

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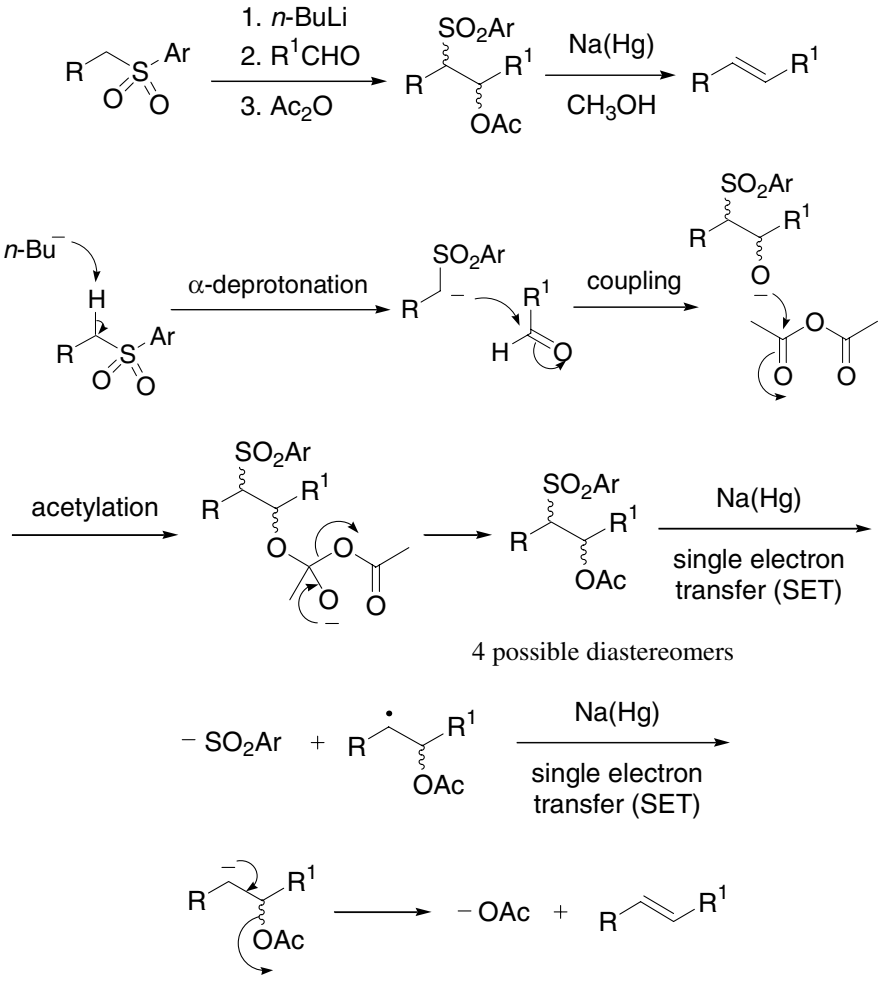
Julia–Lythgoe olefination

(*E*)-Olefins from sulfones and aldehydes.



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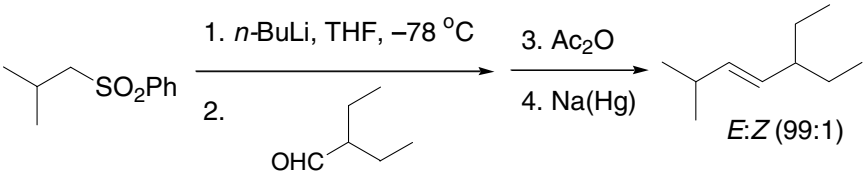

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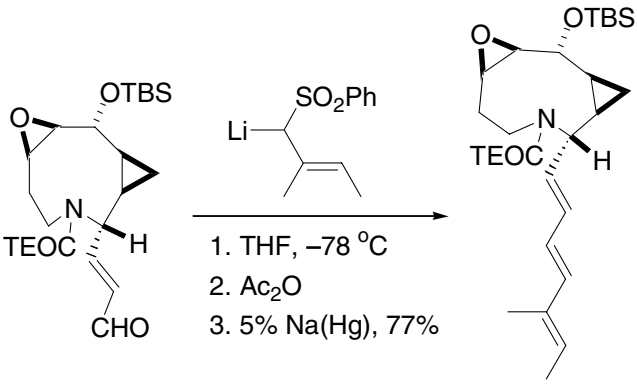

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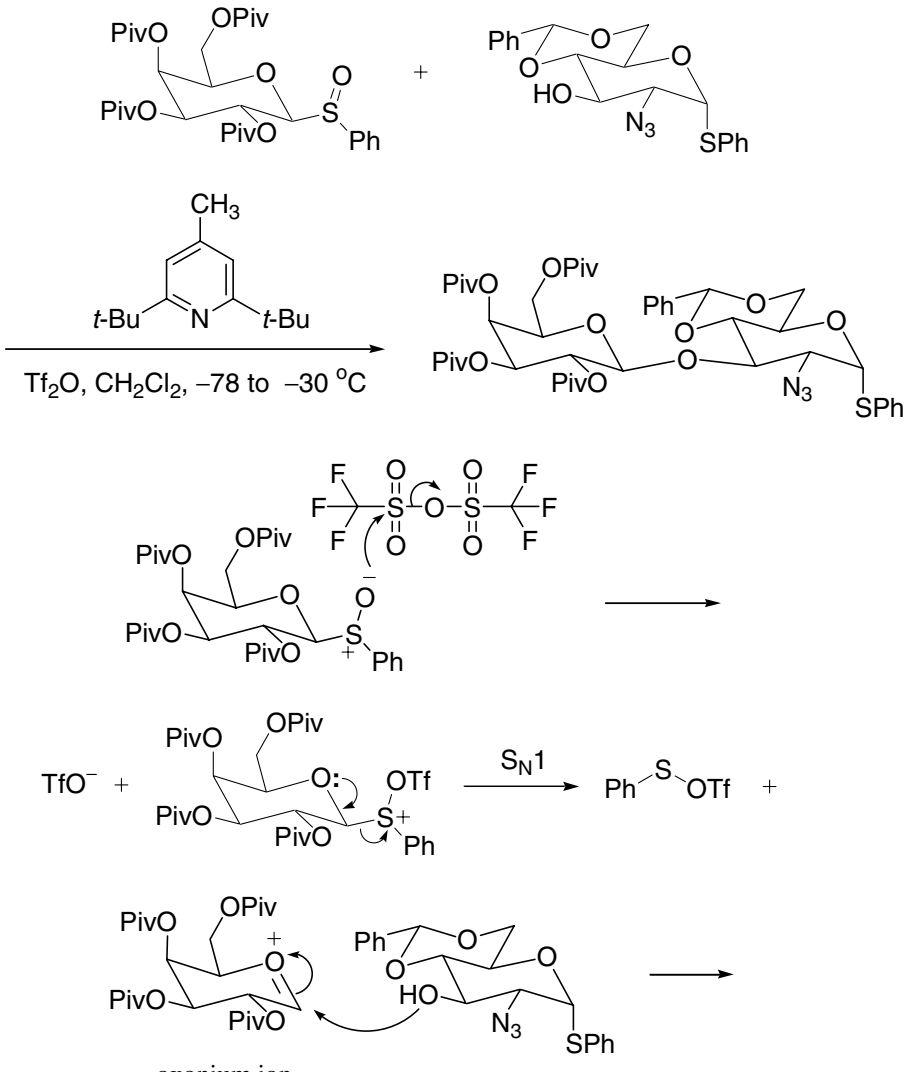
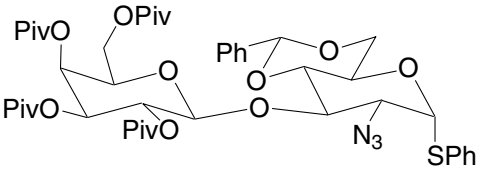
Kahne–Crich glycosidation

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



oxonium ion



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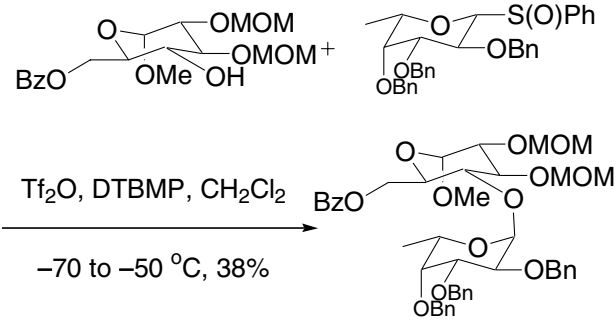

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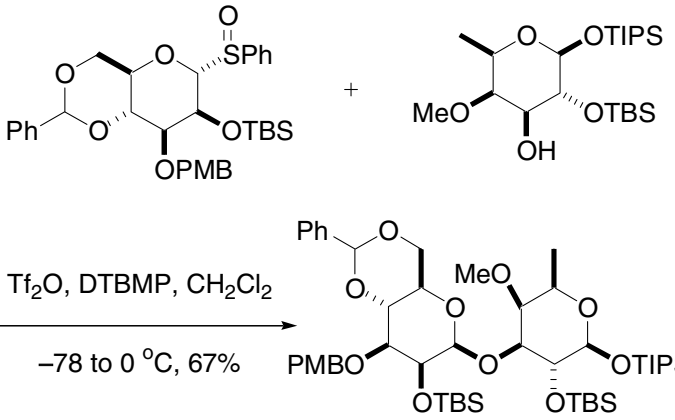

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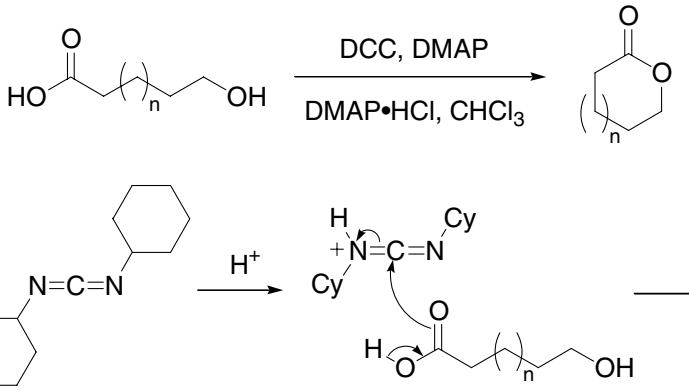
Keck macrolactonization

Macrolactonization of ω-hydroxyl acids using a combination of DCC, DMAP and DMAP•HCl.



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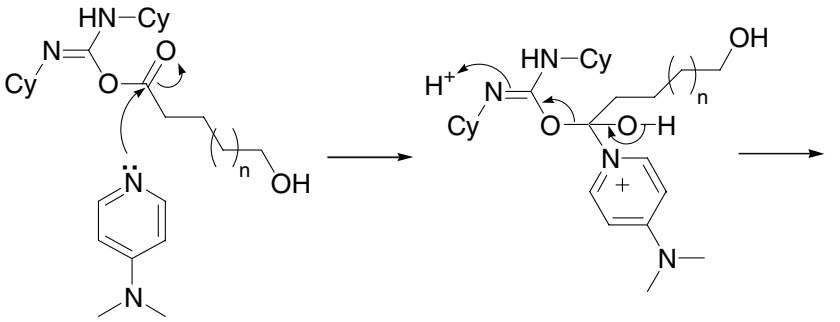

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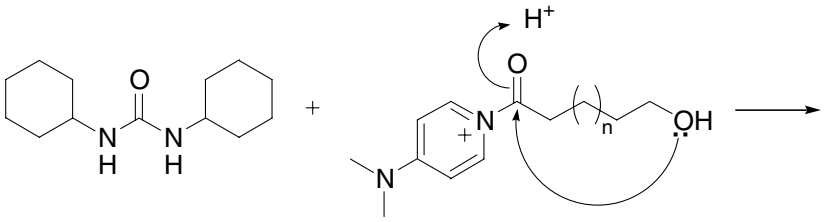

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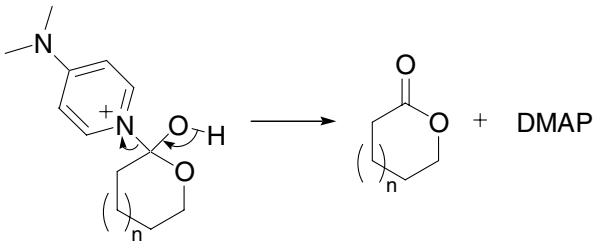

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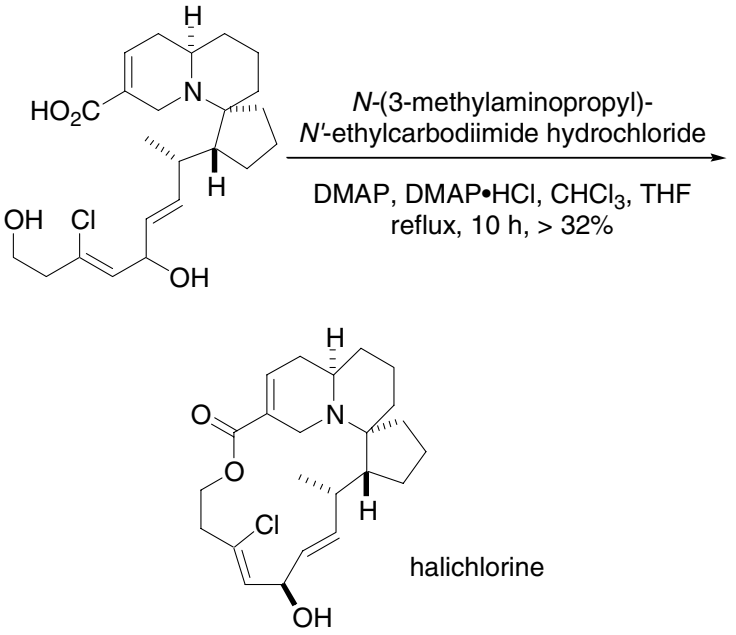

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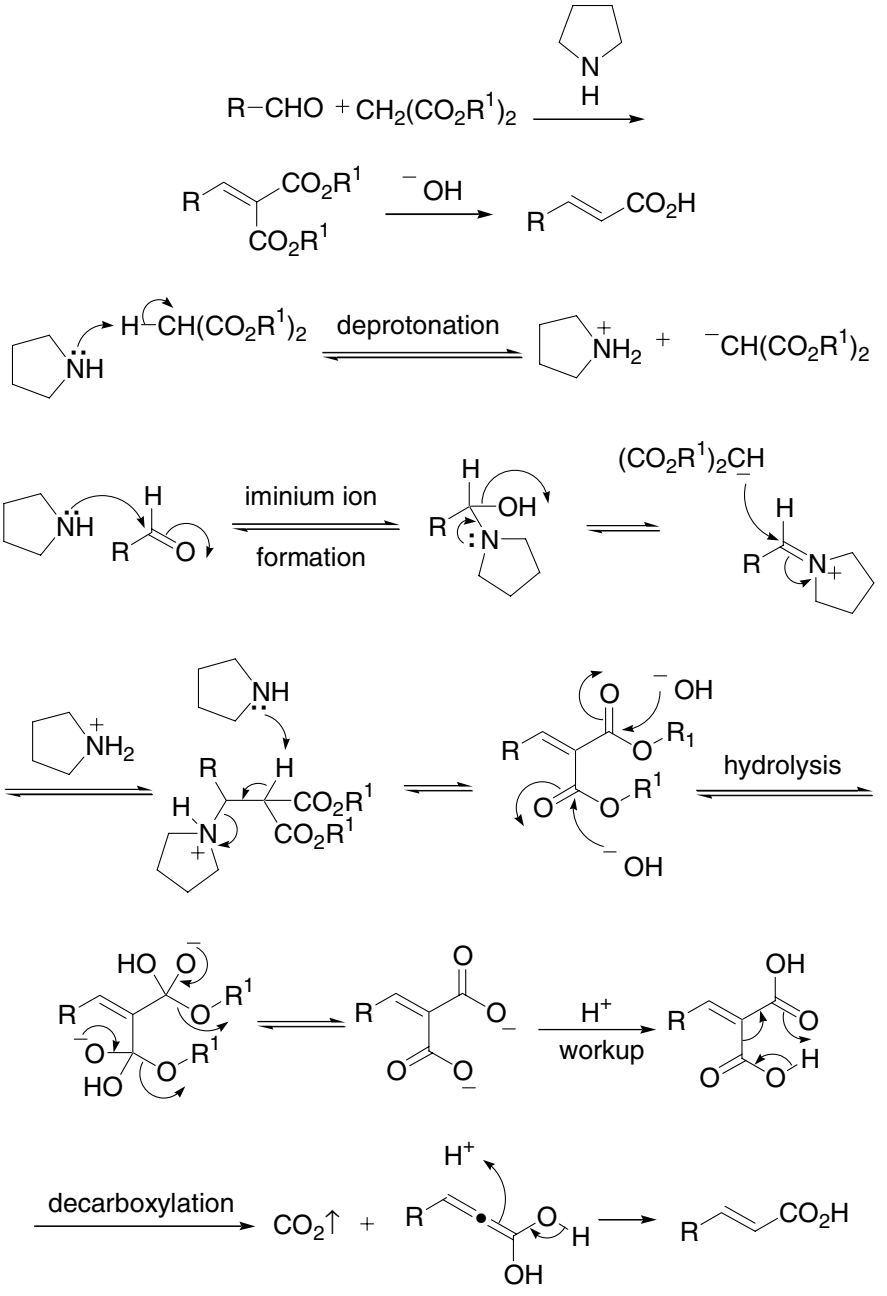
Knoevenagel condensation

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



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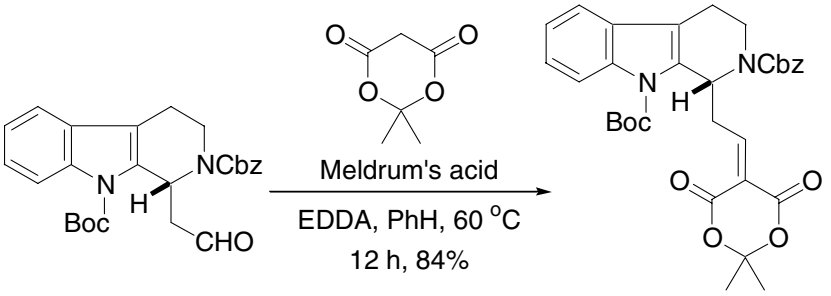
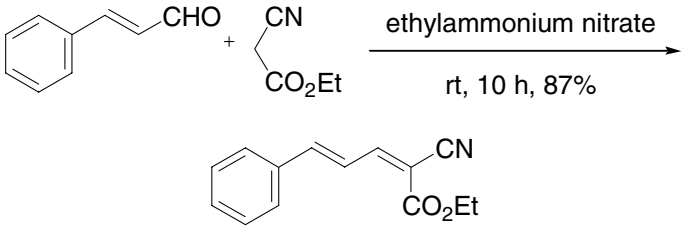


Example 2, using ionic liquid ethylammonium nitrate (EAN) as solvent[13]



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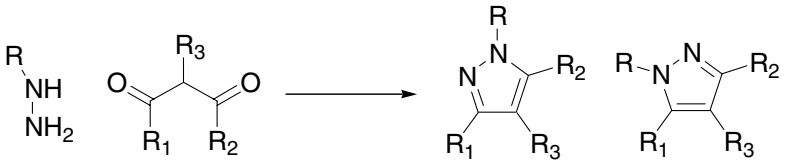
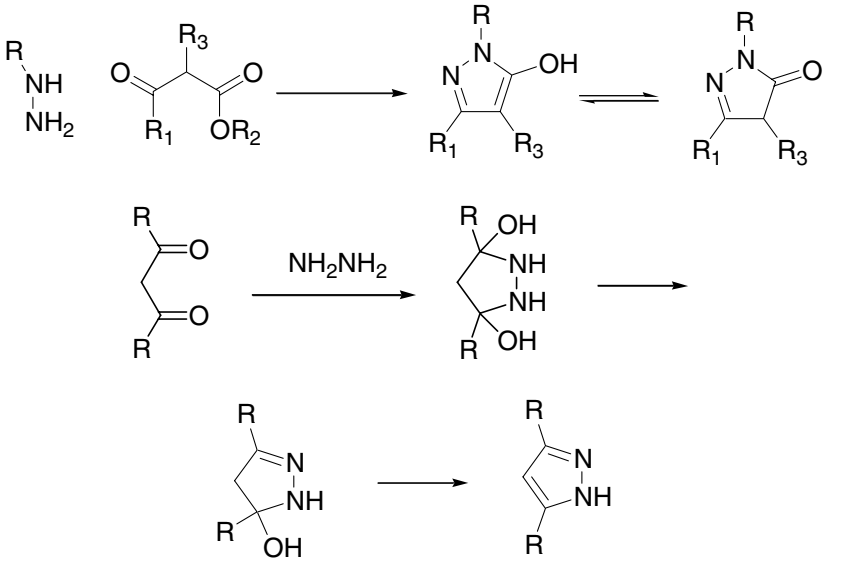
Knorr pyrazole synthesis

Reaction of hydrazine or substituted hydrazine with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds to provide the pyrazole or pyrazolone ring system. *Cf.* Paal–Knorr pyrrole synthesis (page 333).



R = H, Alkyl, Aryl, Het-aryl, Acyl, *etc*.



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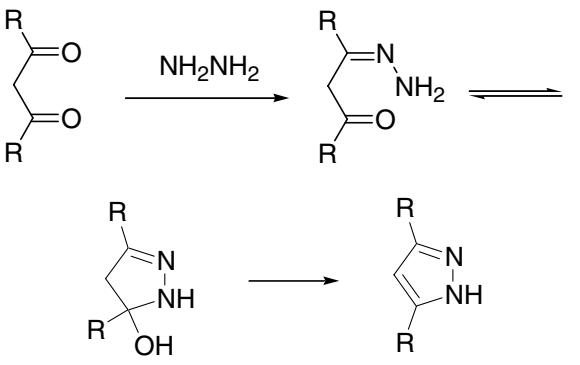

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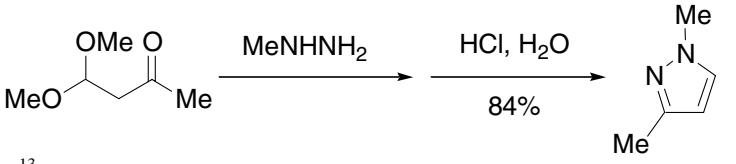

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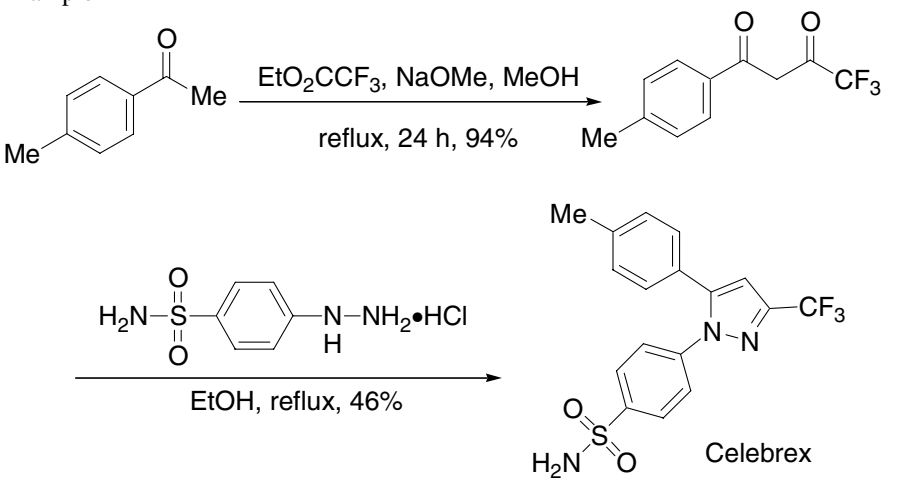

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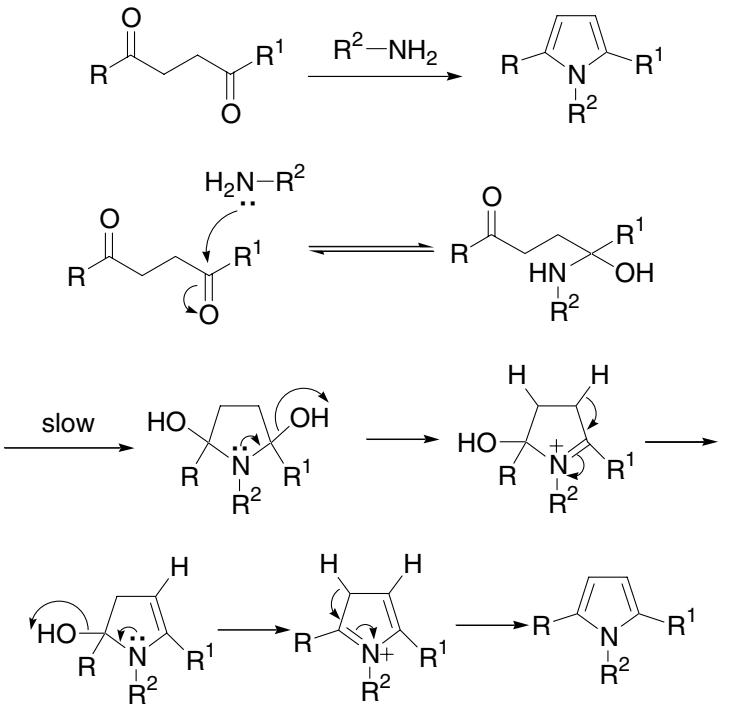
Paal–Knorr pyrrole synthesis

Reaction between 1,4-ketones and primary amines (or ammonia) to give pyrroles. A variation of the Knorr pyrazole synthesis (page 331).



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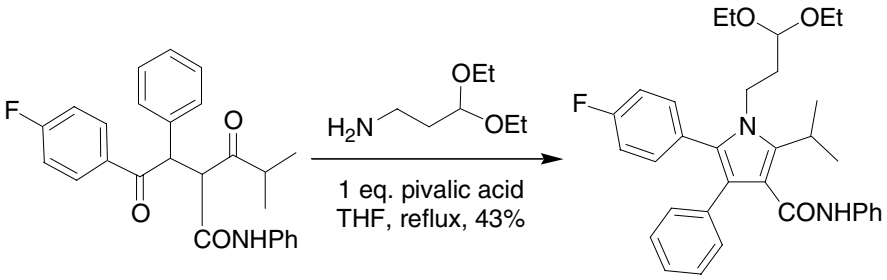

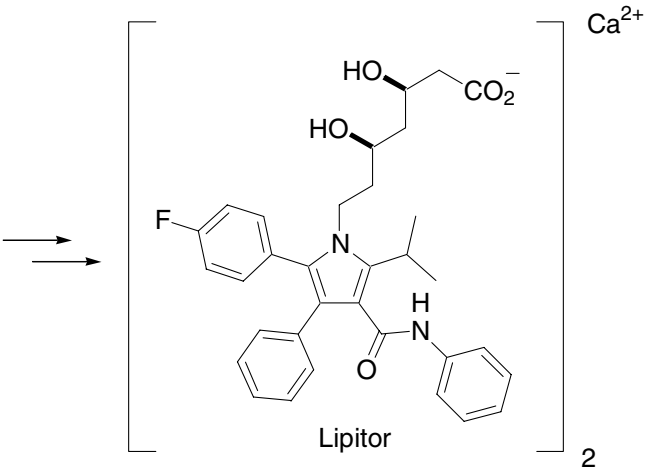

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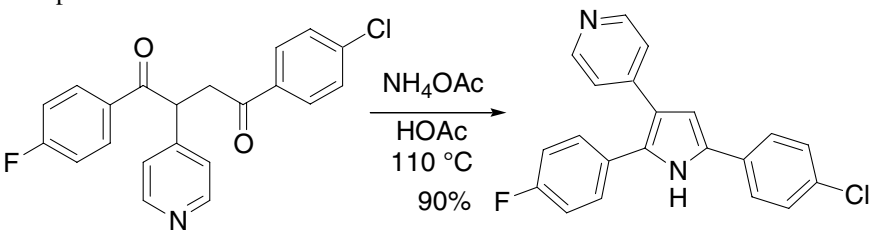

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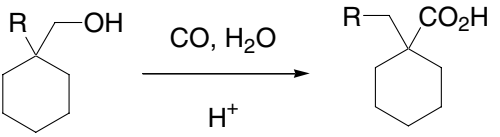
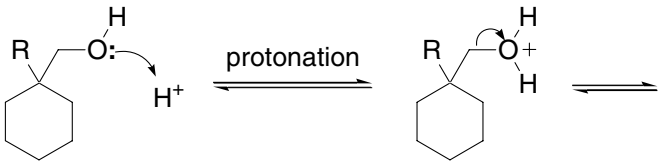
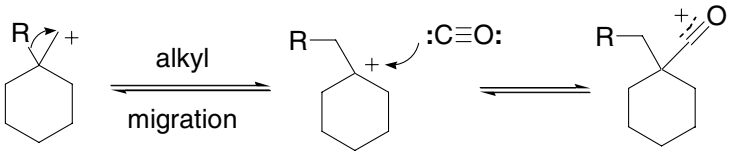
Koch–Haaf carbonylation

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







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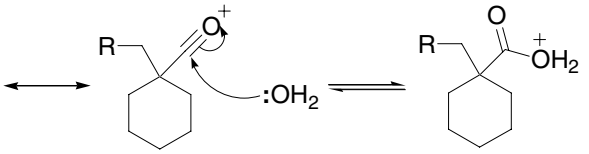

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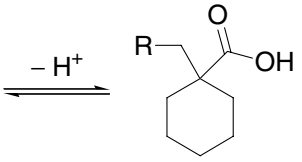

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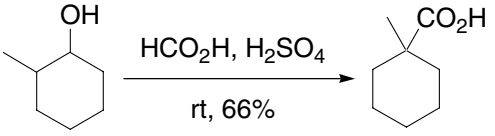

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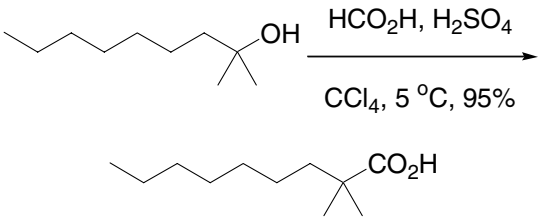

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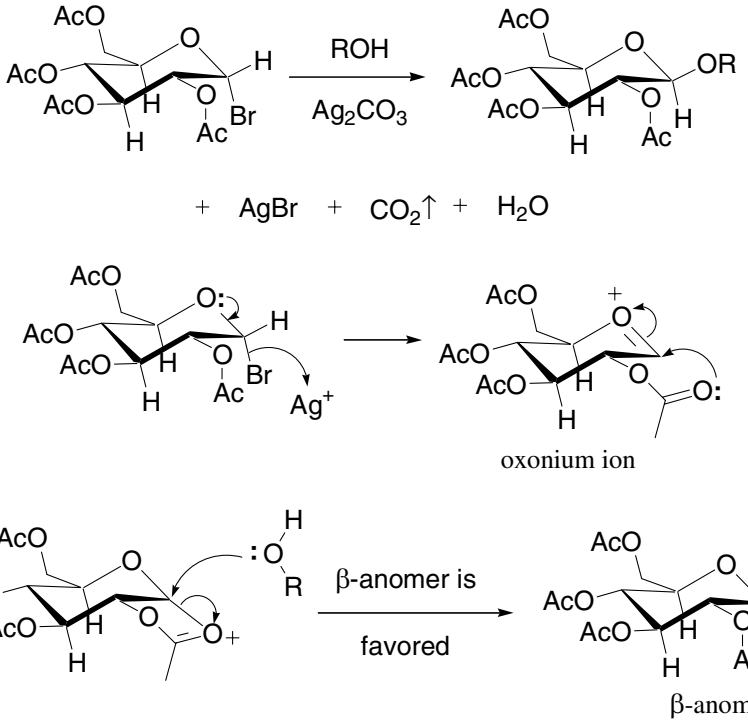
Koenig–Knorr glycosidation

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



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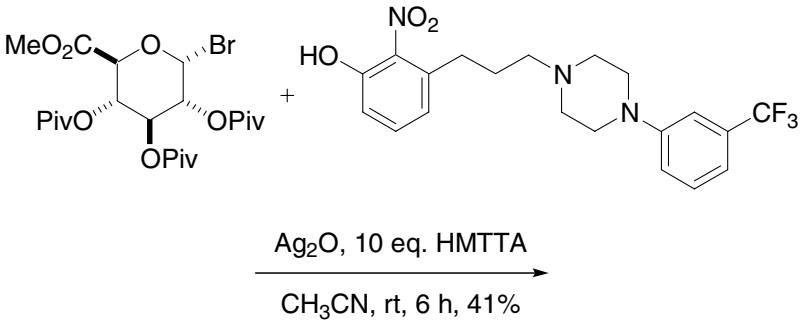

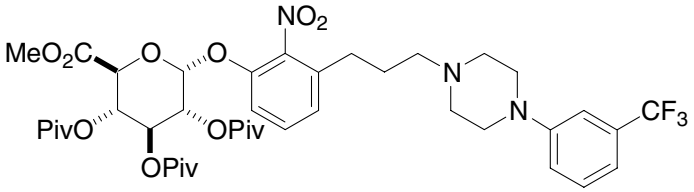

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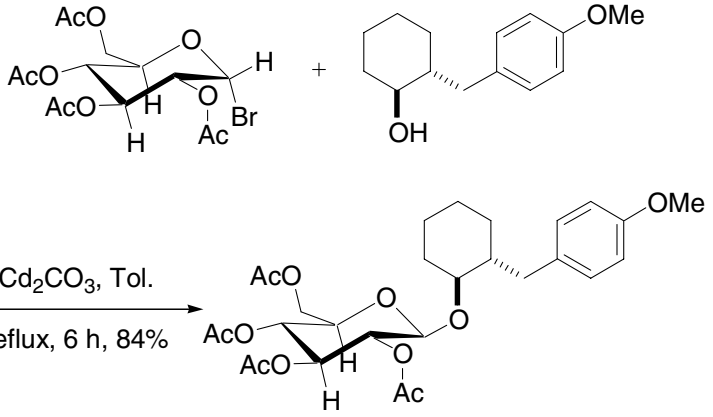

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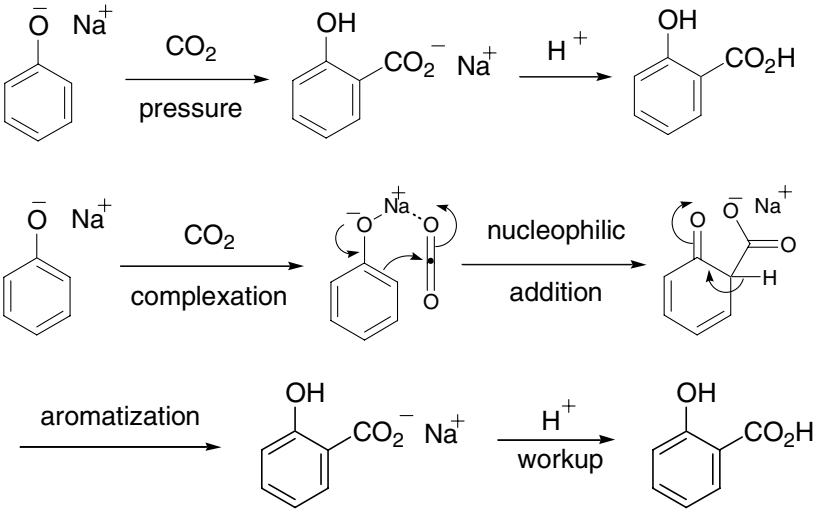
Kolbe–Schmitt reaction

Carboxylation of sodium phenoxides with carbon dioxide, to give salicylic acid, the precursor to the synthesis of aspirin.



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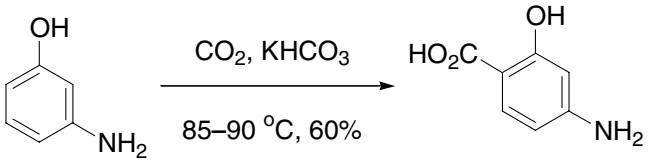
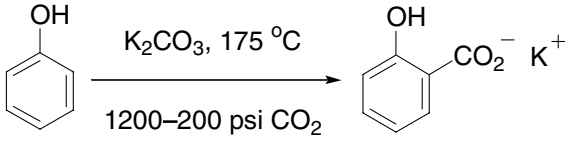
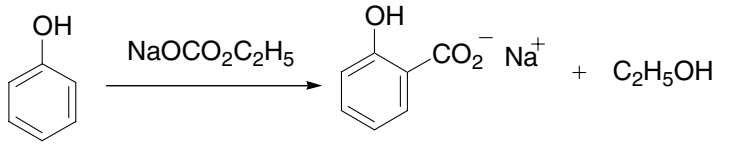


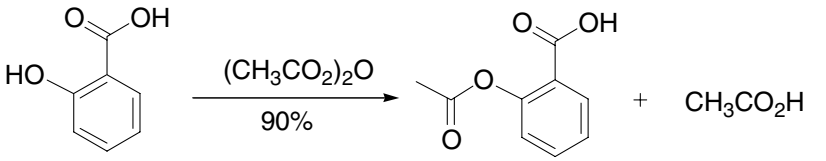
Example 2, the **Marasse modification** of the Kolbe–Schmitt reaction uses excess of anhydrous potassium carbonate in place of carbon dioxide[4]



Example 3, the Jones modification of the Kolbe–Schmitt reaction employs sodium ethyl carbonate[5]



Salicylic acid is the precursor to the synthesis of aspirin:



salicylic acid aspirin

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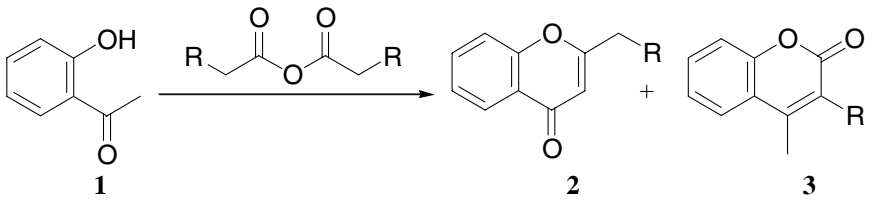
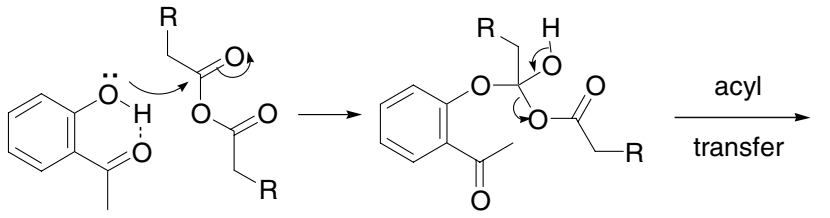
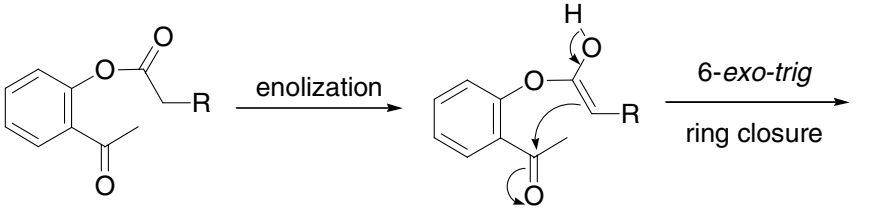
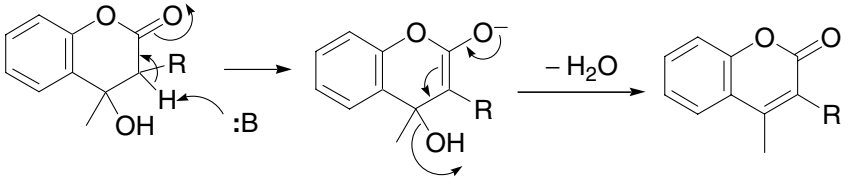
Kostanecki reaction

Also known as **Kostanecki–Robinson reaction**. Transformation **1**→**2** represents an **Allan–Robinson reaction** (see page 8), whereas **1**→**3** is a **Kostanecki (acylation) reaction**:









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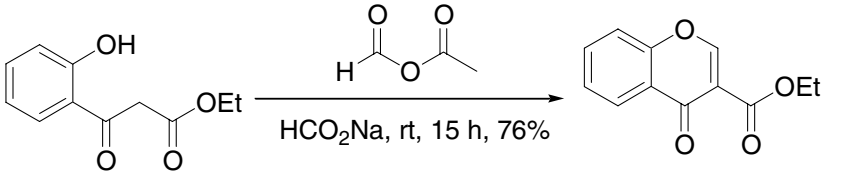

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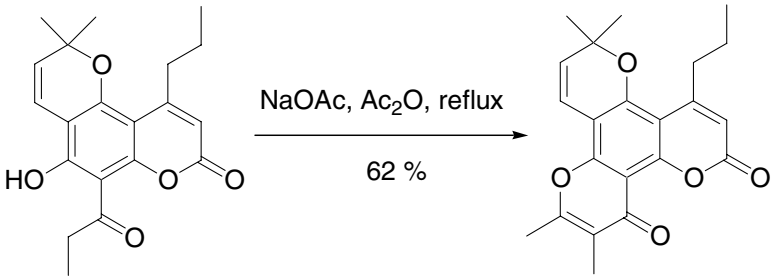

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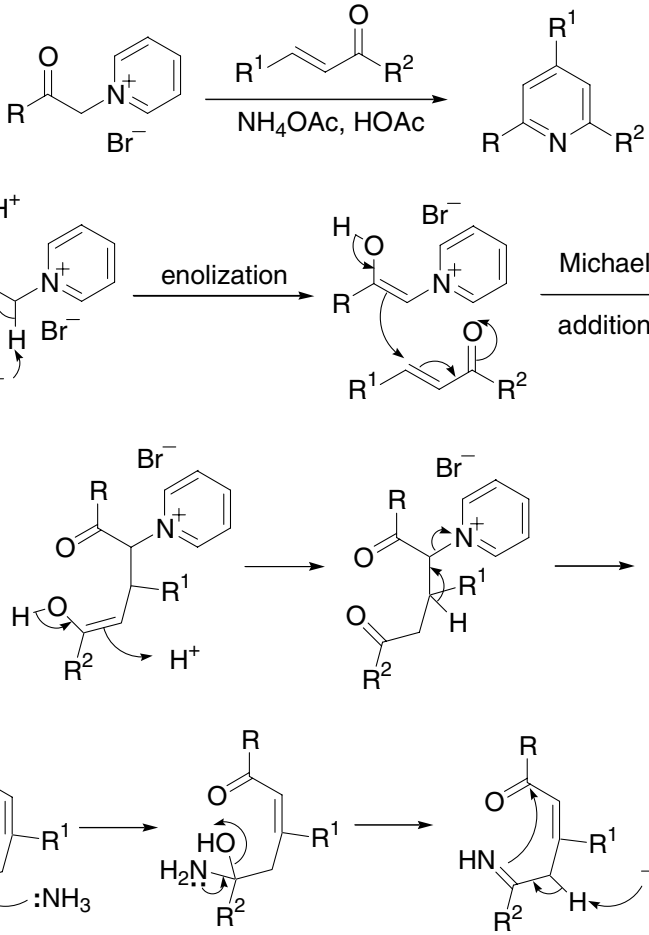
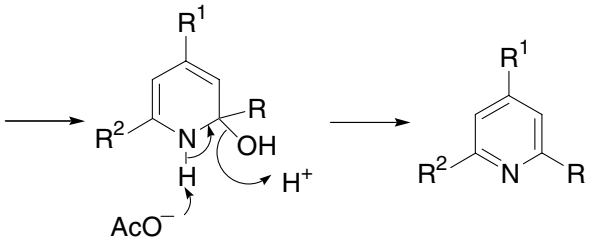
Kröhnke pyridine synthesis

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



The ketone is more reactive than the enone



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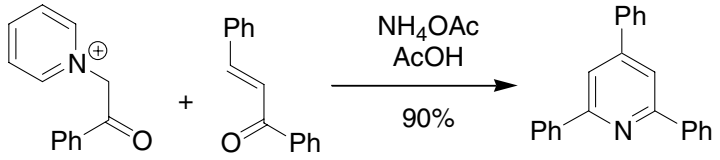

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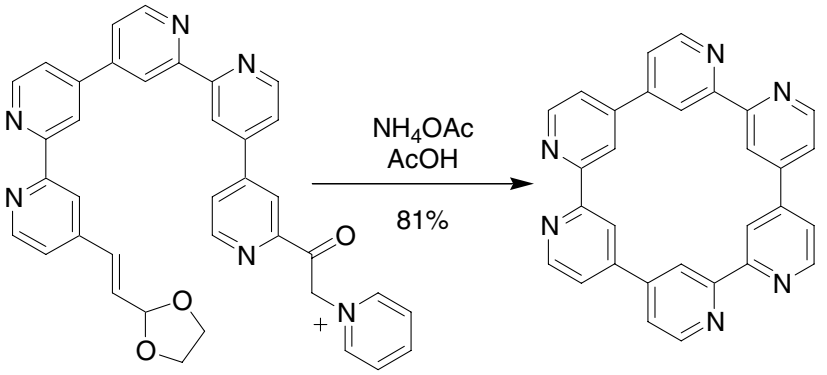

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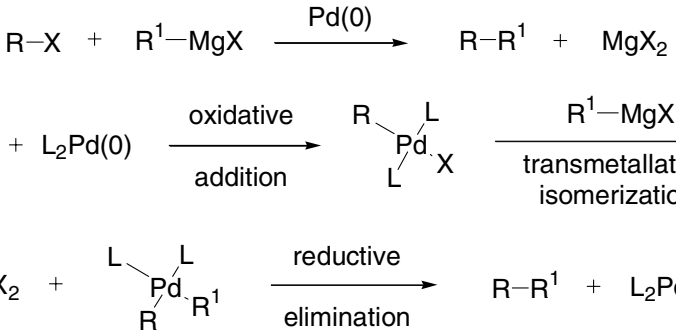
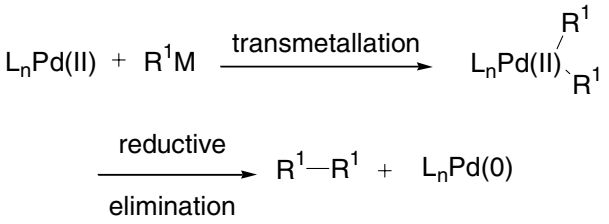
Kumada cross-coupling reaction

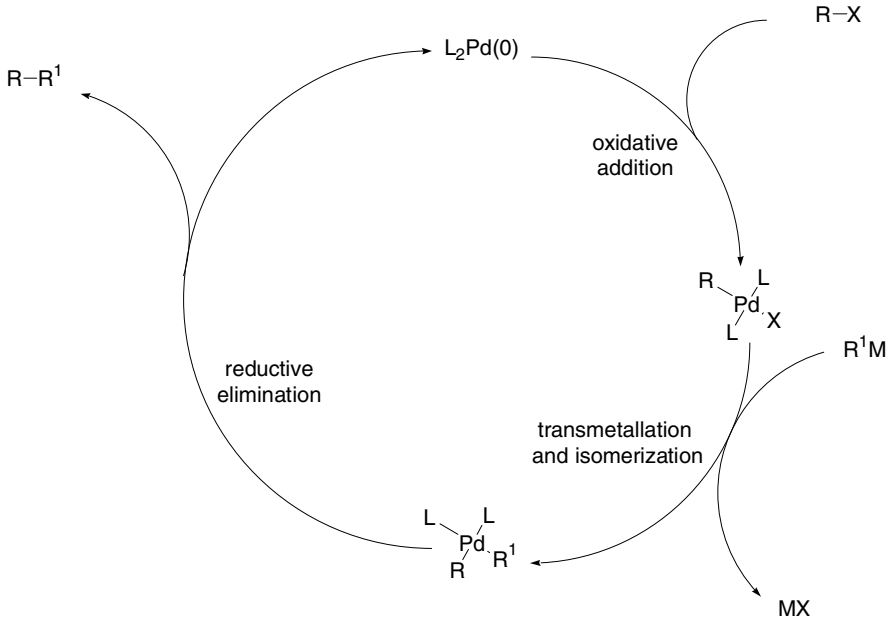
The Kumada cross-coupling reaction (also occasionally known as the Kharasch cross-coupling reaction) is a nickel- or palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of a Grignard reagent with an organic halide, triflate, *etc*.



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 cycle as shown on the next page. There are slight variations for the Hiyama and Suzuki reactions, for which an additional activation step is required for the transmetalation to occur.

The catalytic cycle:





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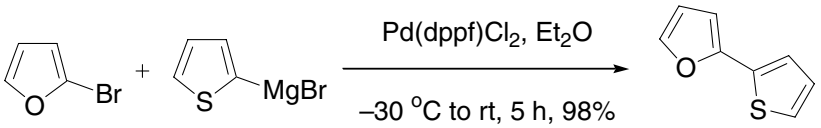

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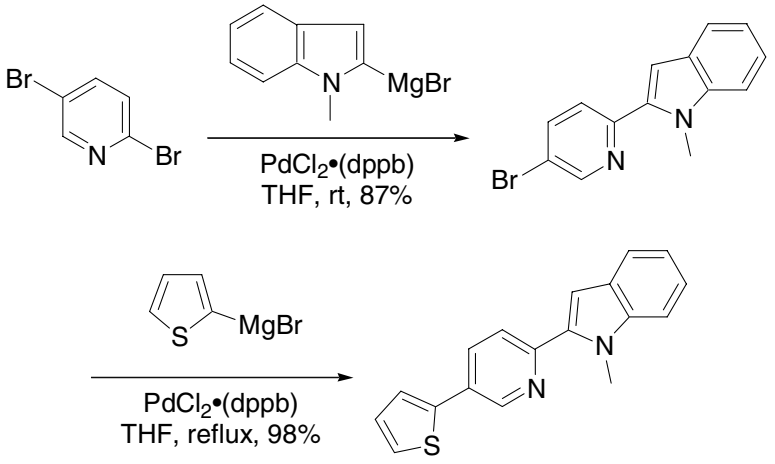

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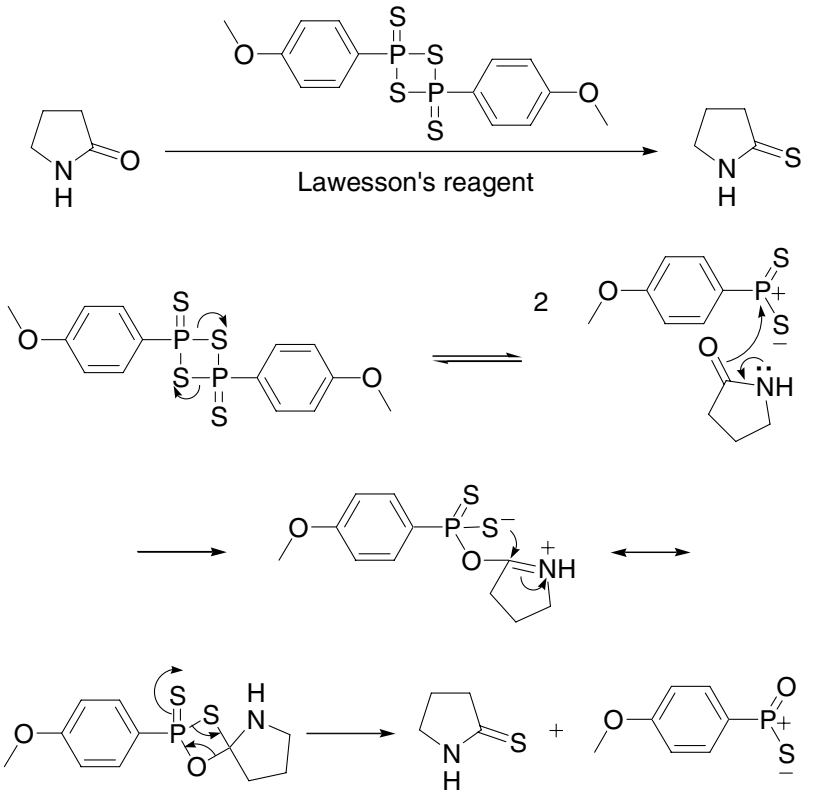
Lawesson's reagent

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



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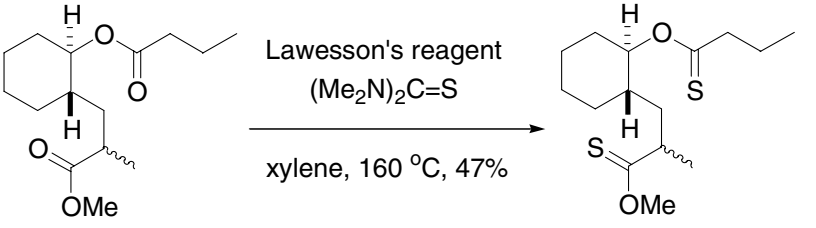

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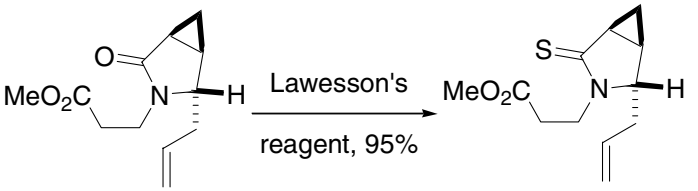

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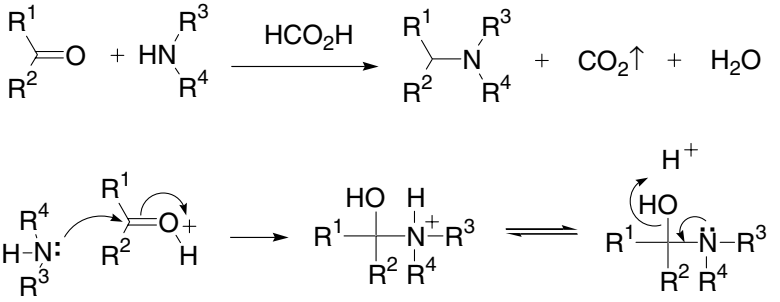
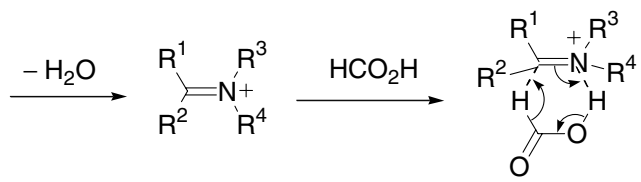
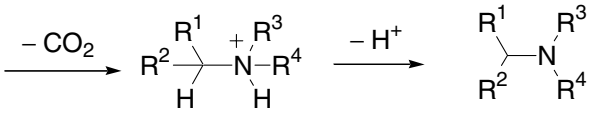
Leuckart–Wallach reaction

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 Eschweiler–Clarke reductive alkylation of amines.







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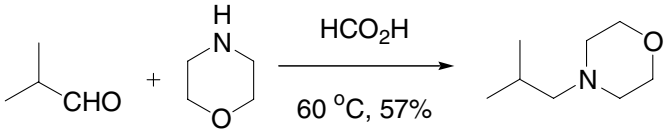

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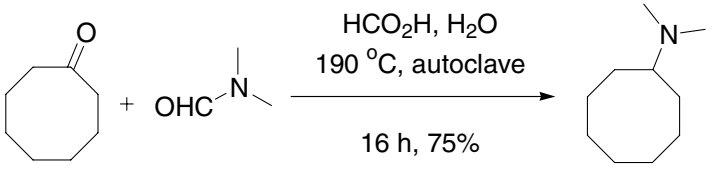

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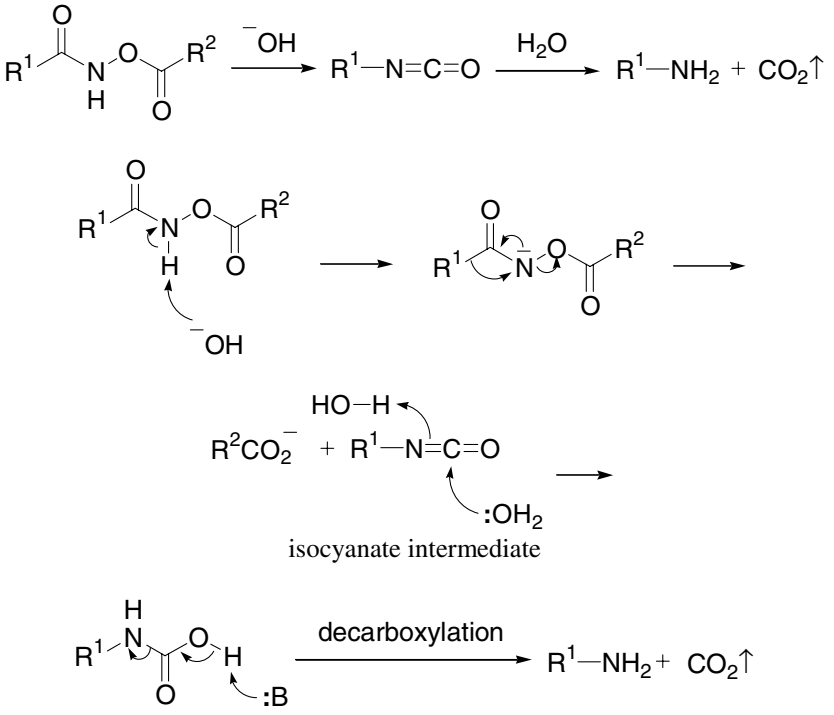
Lossen rearrangement

Treatment of *O*-acylated hydroxamic acids with base provides isocyanates.



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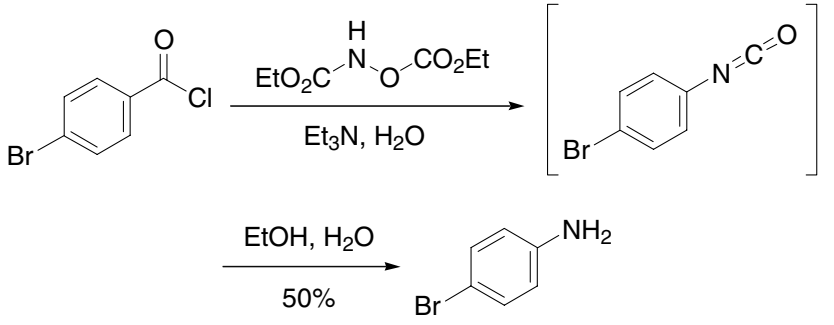

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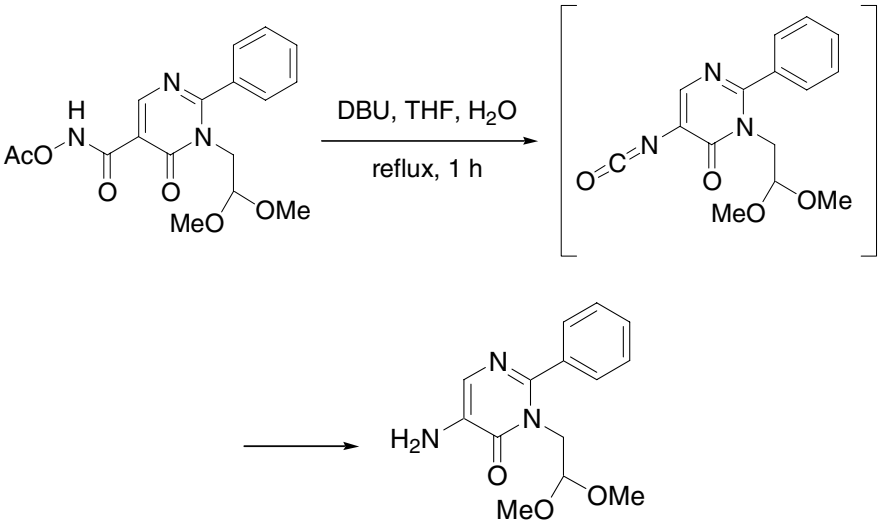

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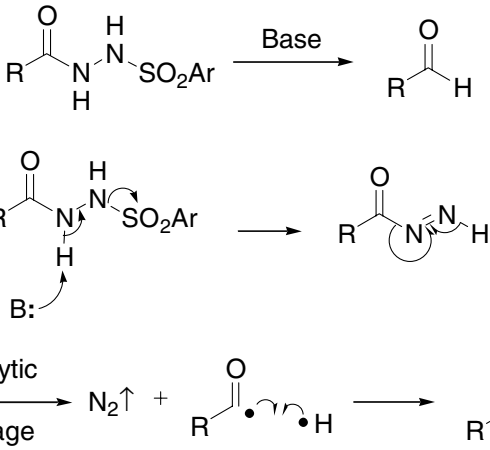
McFadyen–Stevens reduction

Treatment of acylbenzenesulfonylhydrazines with base delivers the corresponding aldehydes.



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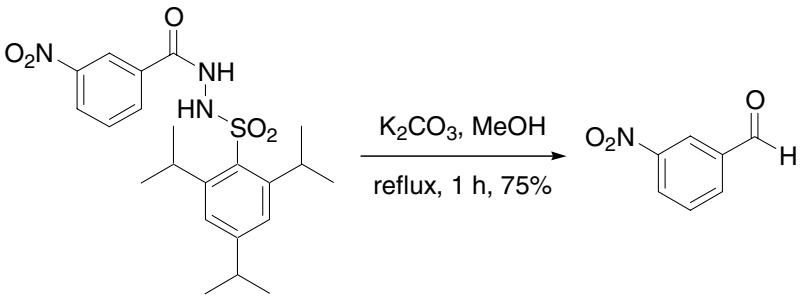

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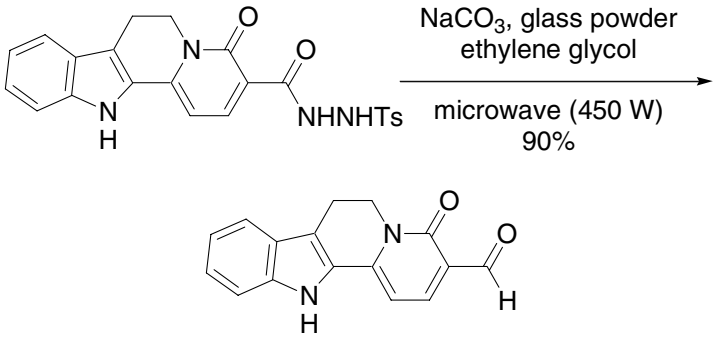

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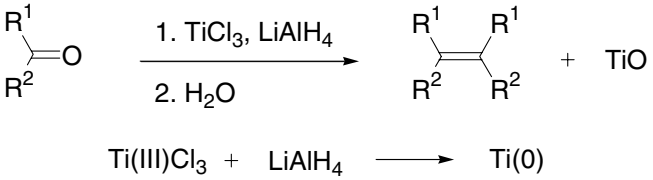
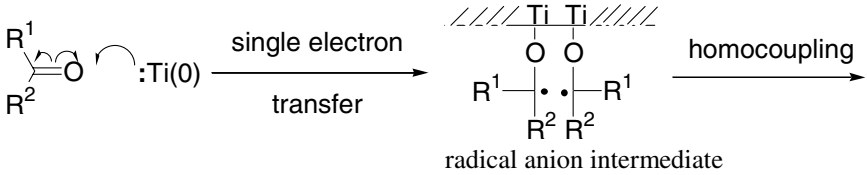
McMurry coupling

Olefination of carbonyls with low-valent titanium such as Ti(0) derived from $TiCl_3/LiAlH_4$. Single-electron process.



$$Ti(III)Cl_3 + LiAlH_4 \longrightarrow Ti(0)$$



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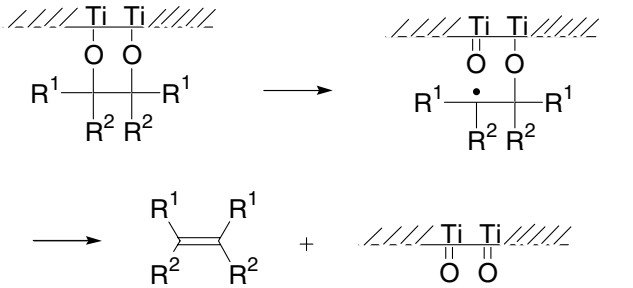

oxide-coated titanium surface

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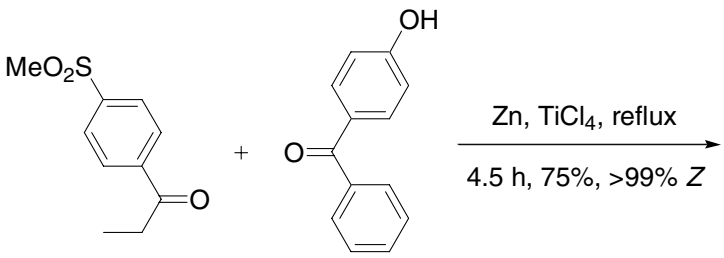

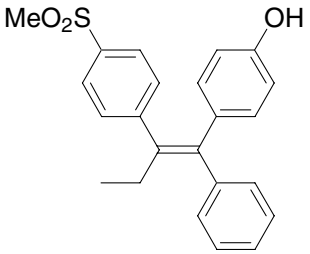

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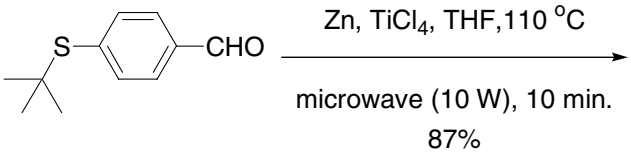

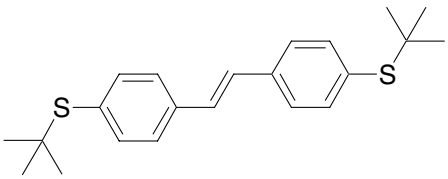

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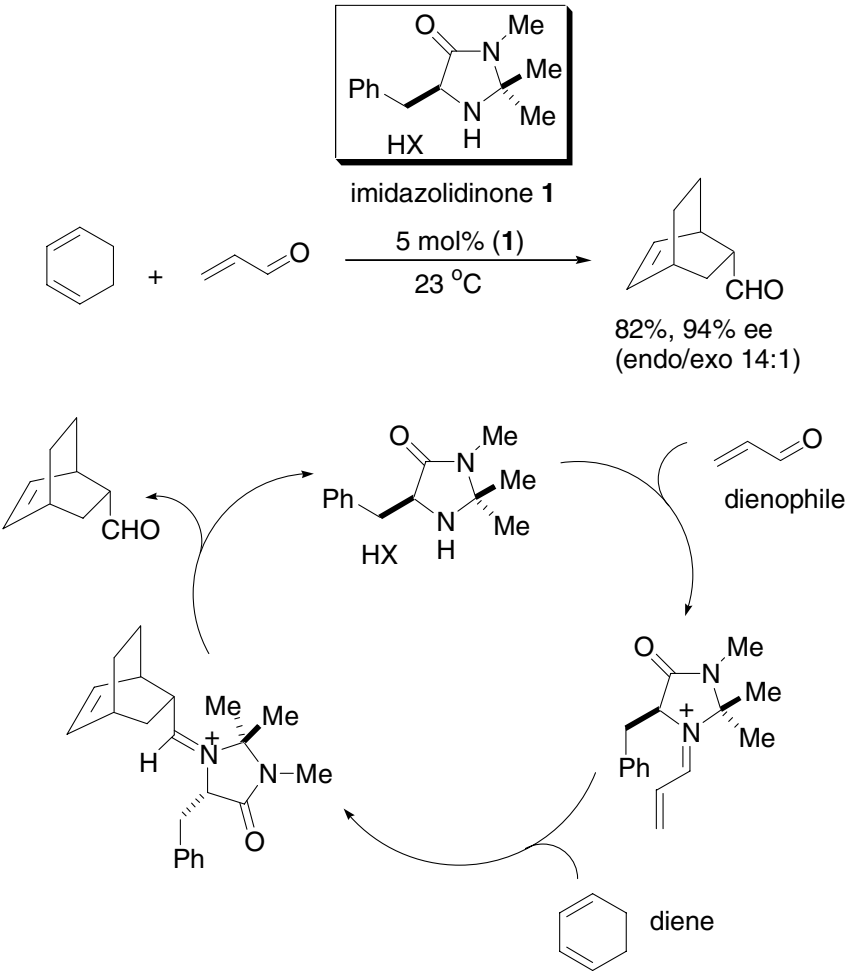
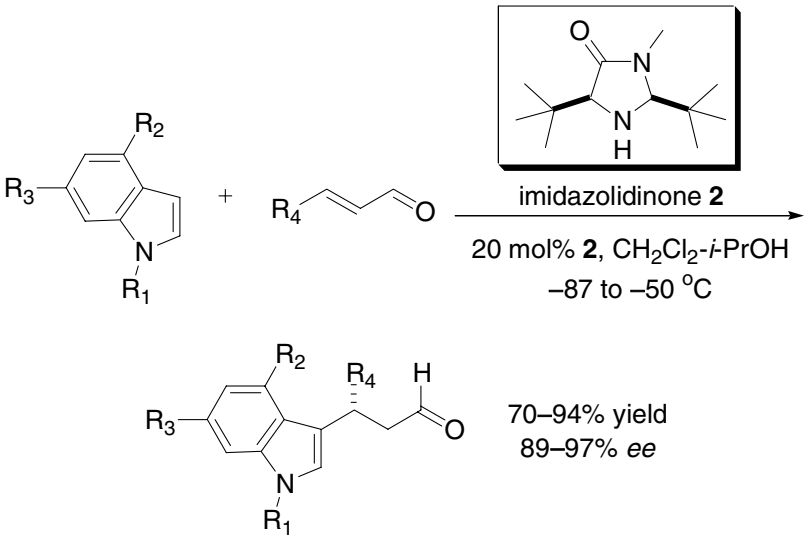
MacMillan catalyst

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 of MacMillan catalyst (**2**) was used to catalyze 1,4-addition of *C*-nucleophiles employing various indoles.





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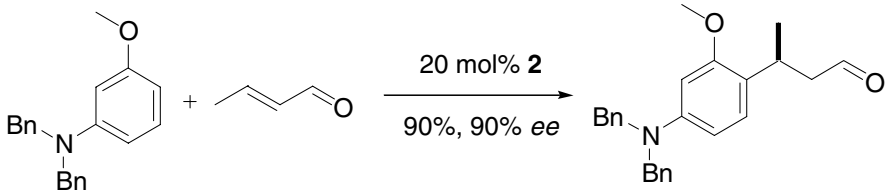

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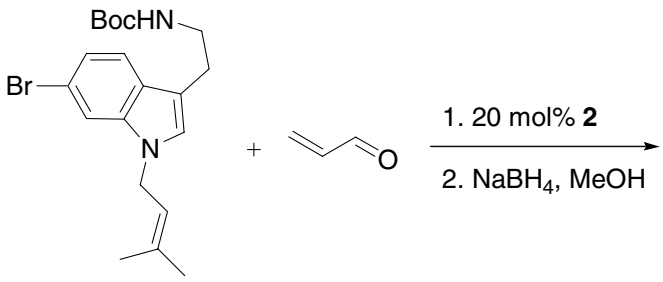

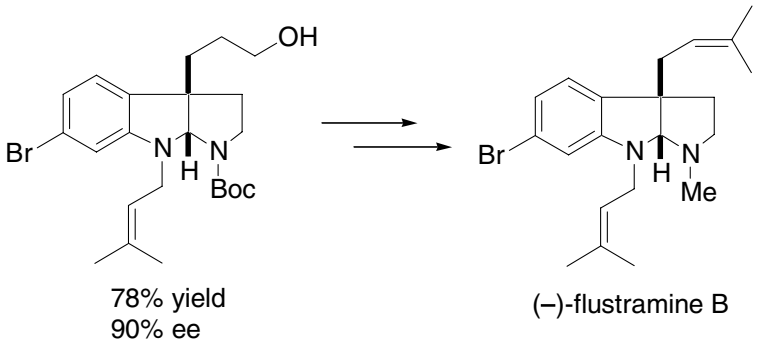

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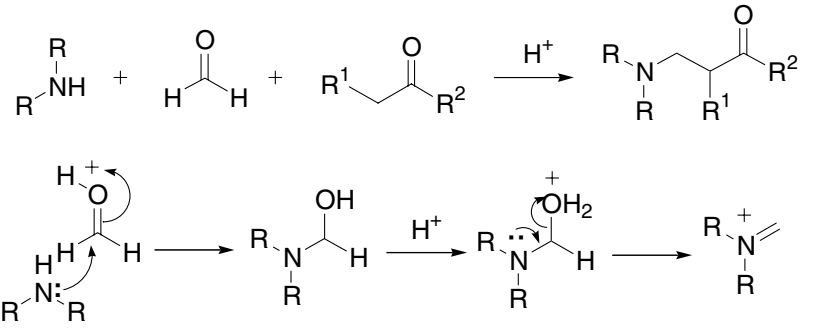
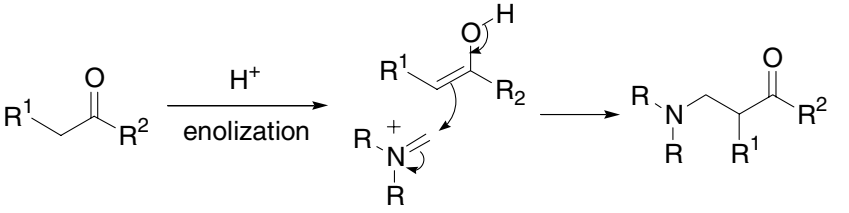
Mannich reaction

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



When R = H, the $^{+}Me_2N{=}CH_2$ salt is known as **Eschenmoser's salt**



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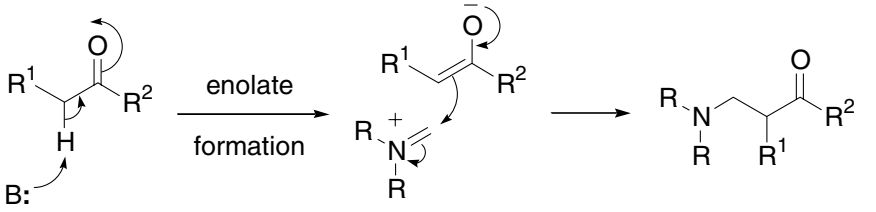
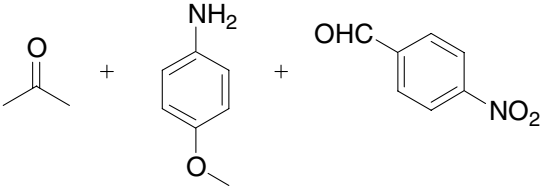
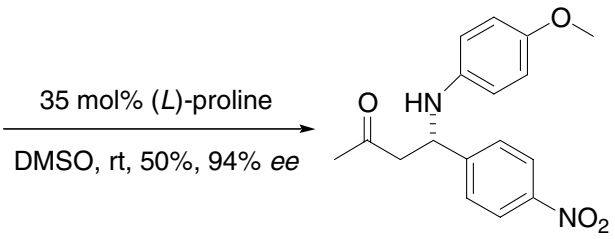


Mannich Base

Example 1, asymmetric Mannich reaction[4]





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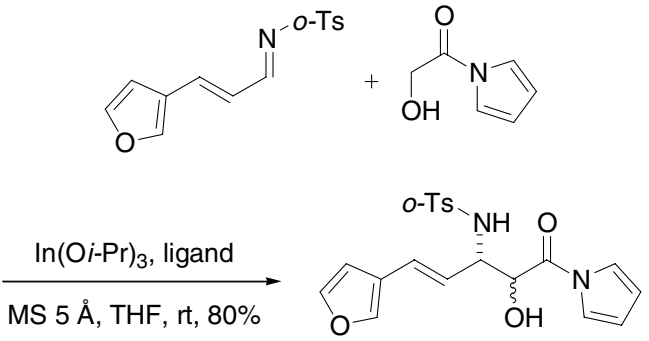

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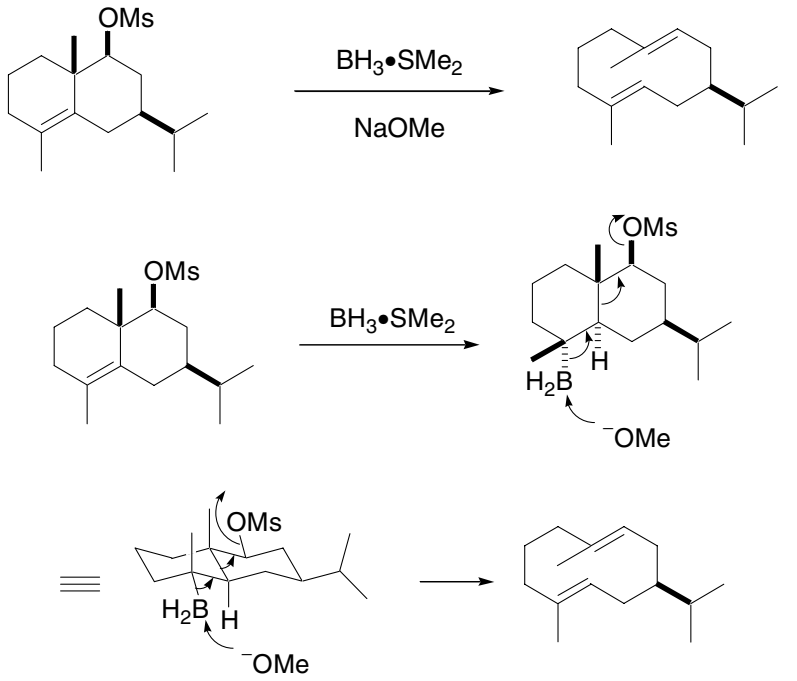
Marshall boronate fragmentation

Marshall boronate fragmentation is a variation of the Grob fragmentation (page 273) category.



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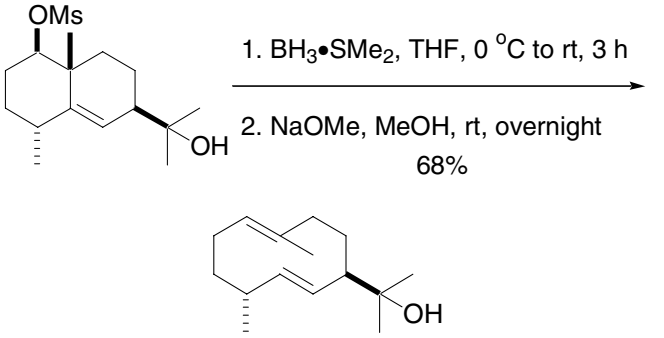

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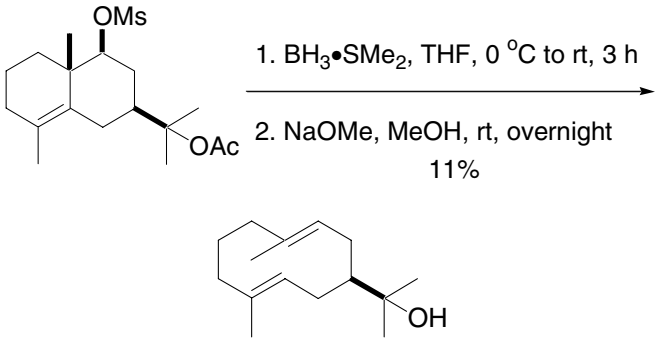

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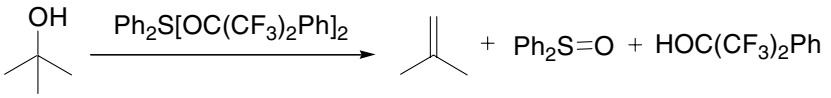
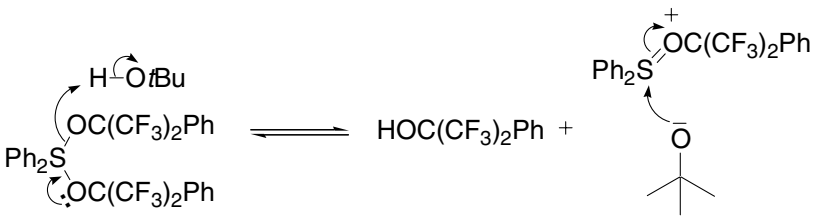
Martin's sulfurane dehydrating reagent

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





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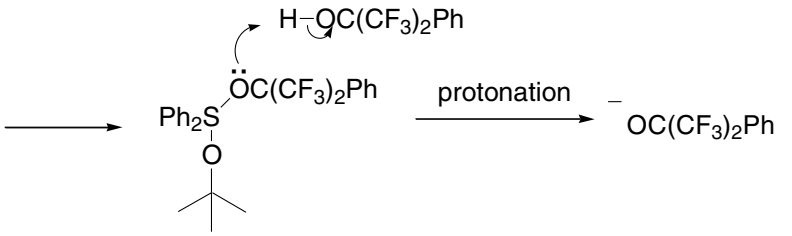

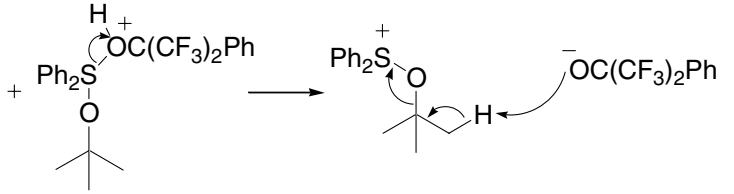

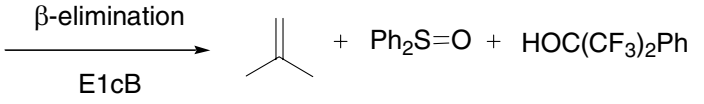

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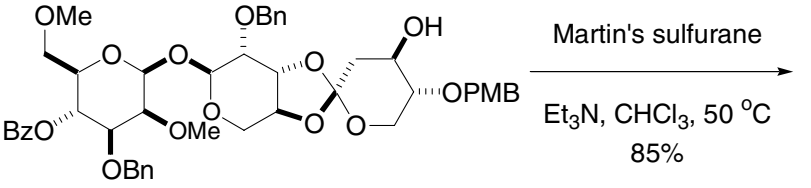

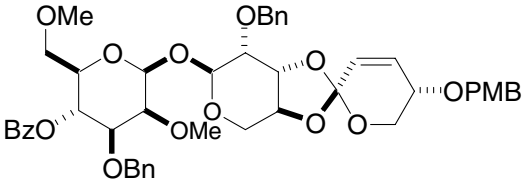

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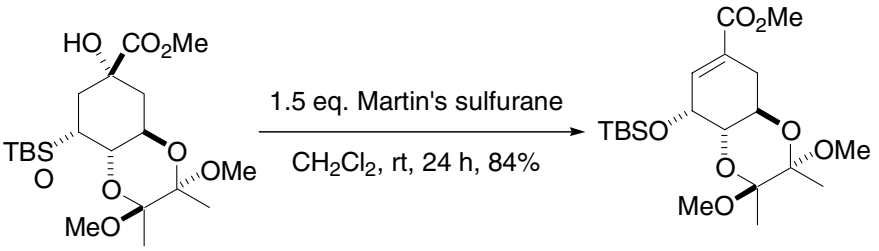

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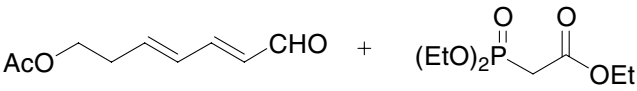
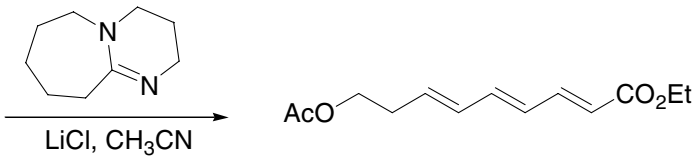
Masamune–Roush conditions

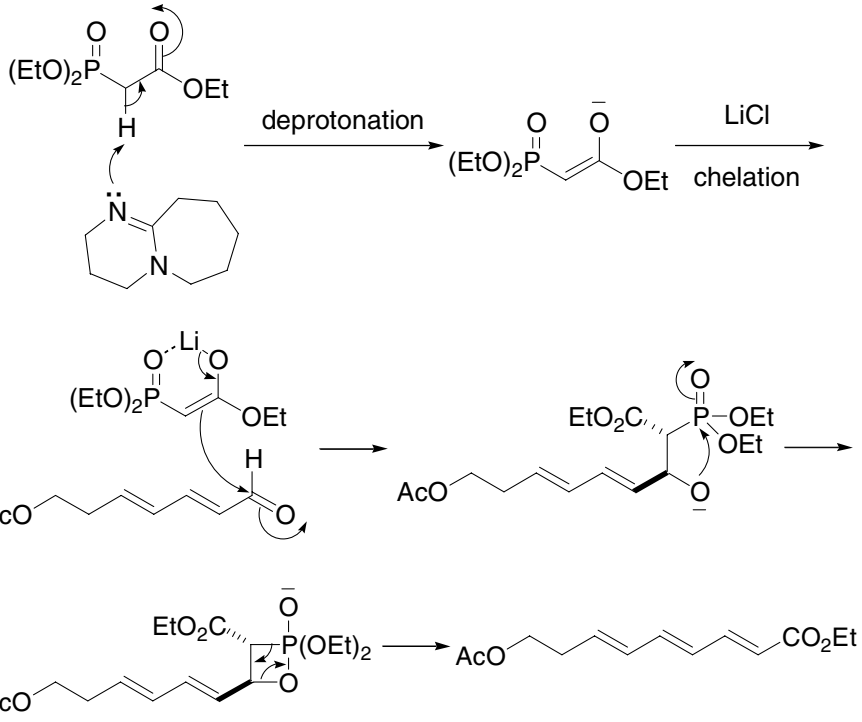
Applicable to base-sensitive aldehydes and phosphonates for the Horner–Wadsworth–Emmons reaction



α-keto or α-alkoxycarbonyl phosphonate required



1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU)



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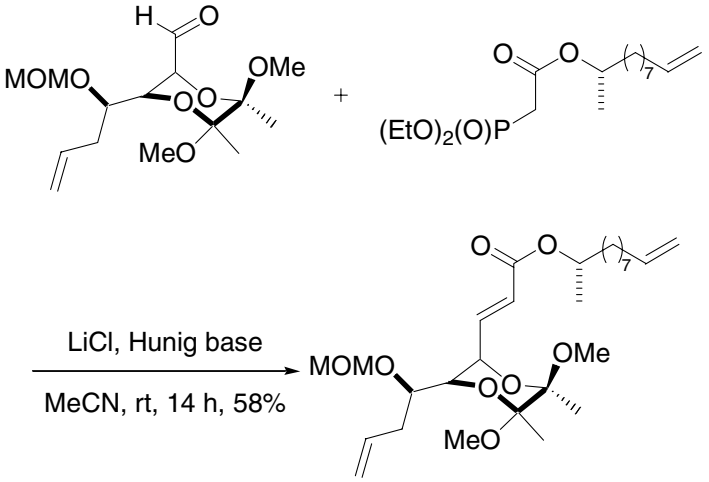

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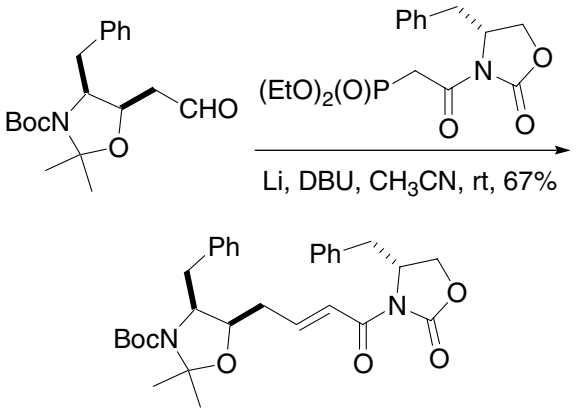

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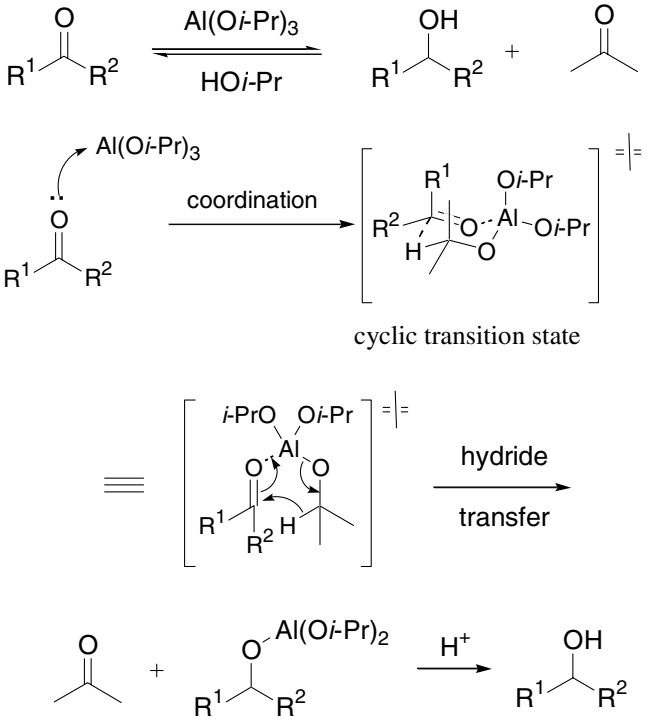
Meerwein–Ponndorf–Verley reduction

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



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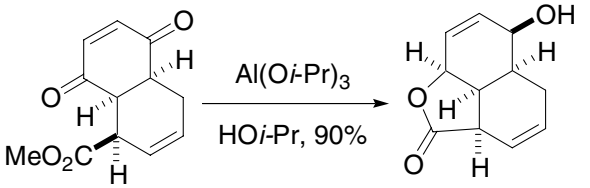

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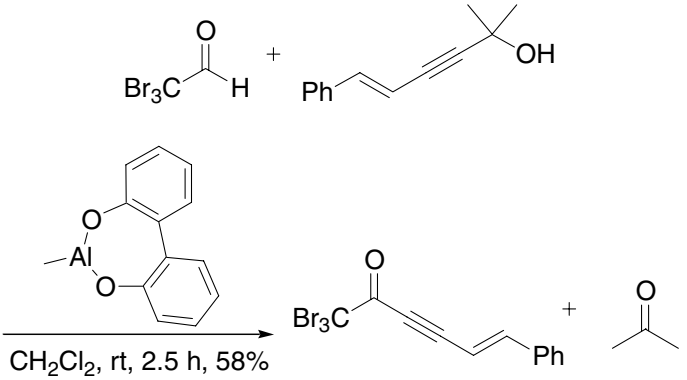

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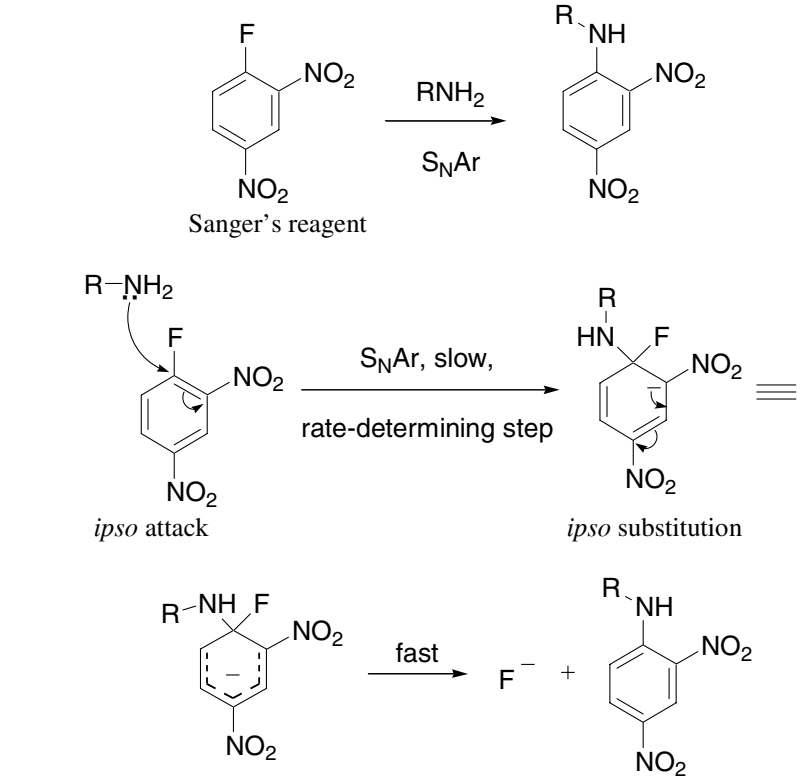
Meisenheimer complex

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



Meisenheimer complex (**Meisenheimer–Jackson salt**)

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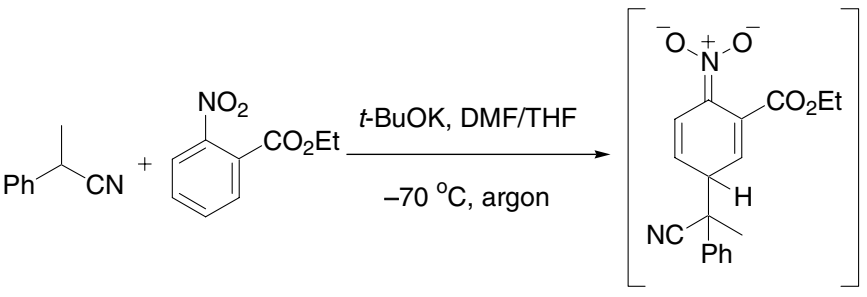

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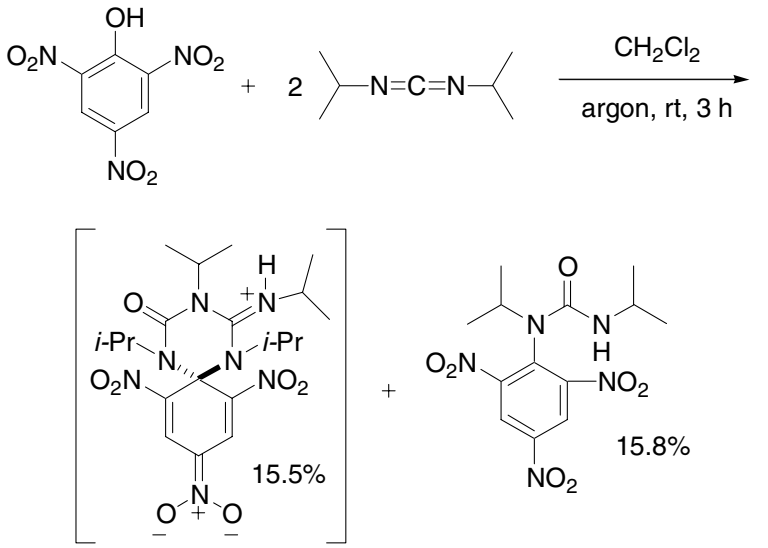

The reaction using Sanger's reagent is faster than using the corresponding chloro-, bromo-, and iodo-dinitrobenzene—the fluoro-Meisenheimer complex is the most stabilized because F is the most electron-withdrawing. The reaction rate does not depend upon the capacity of the leaving group.

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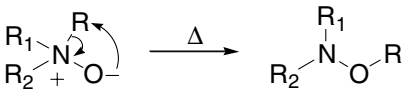
[1,2]-Meisenheimer rearrangement

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



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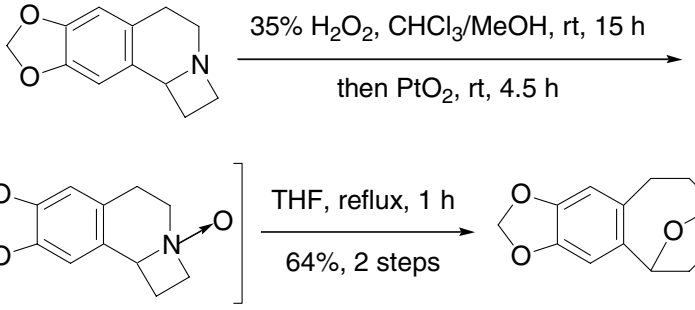

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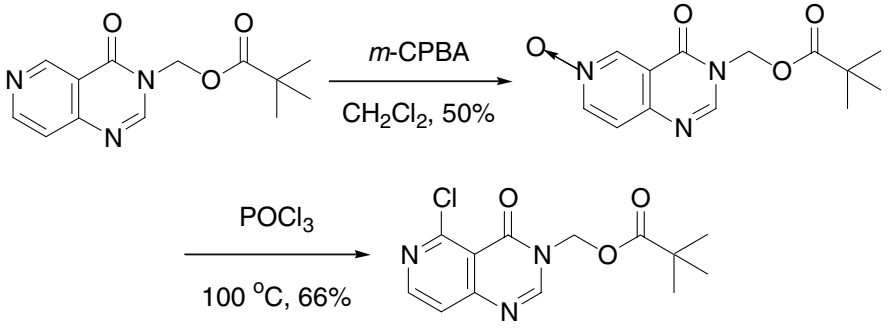

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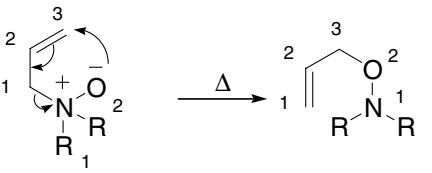
[2,3]-Meisenheimer rearrangement

[2,3]-Sigmatropic rearrangement of allylic tertiary amine-*N*-oxides to give *O*-allyl hydroxylamines:



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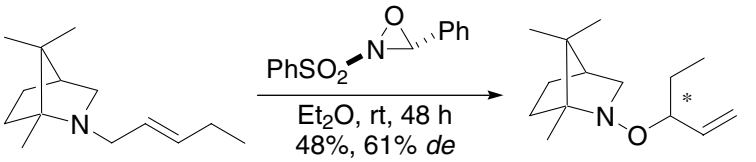

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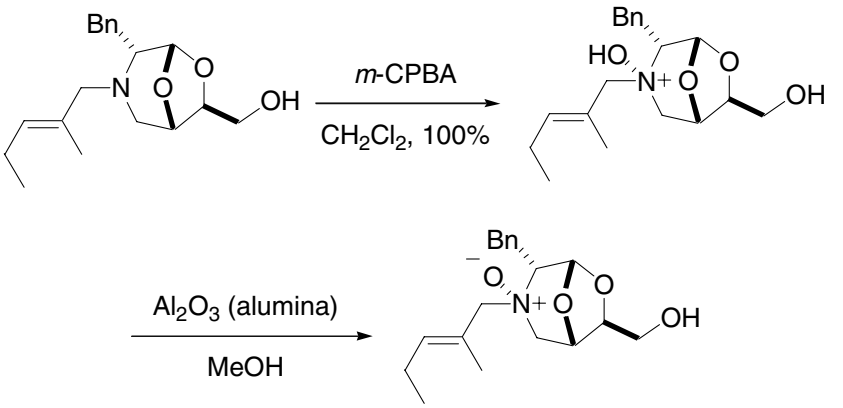

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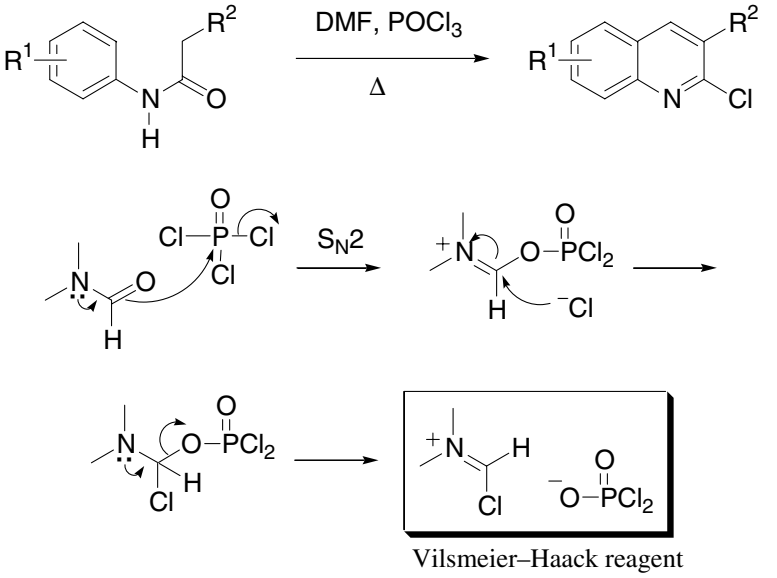
Meth–Cohn quinoline synthesis

Conversion of acylanilides into 2-chloro-3-substituted quinolines by the action of Vilsmeier's reagent in warmed phosphorus oxychloride ($POCl_3$) as solvent.



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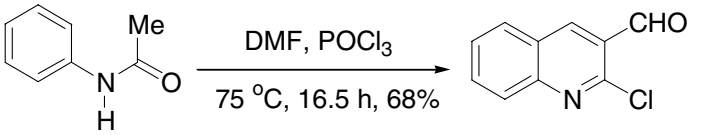

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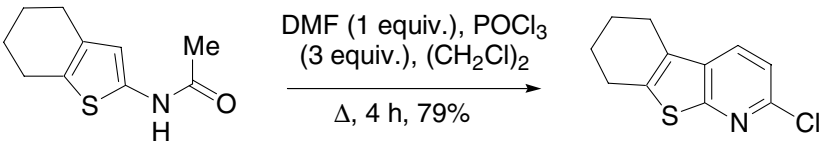

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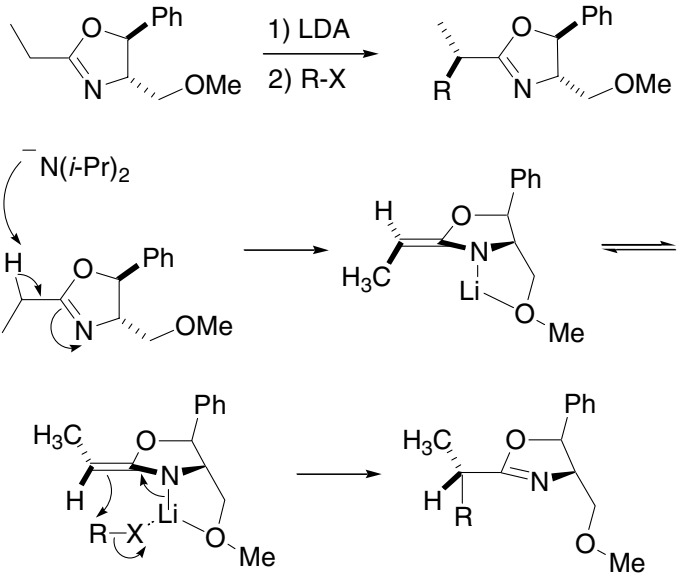
Meyers oxazoline method

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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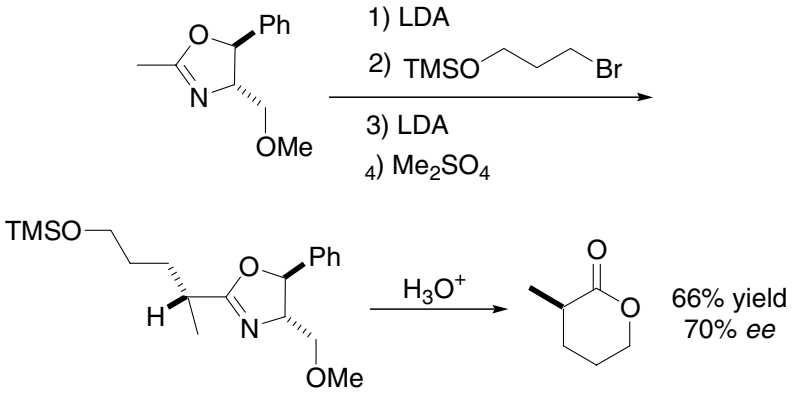

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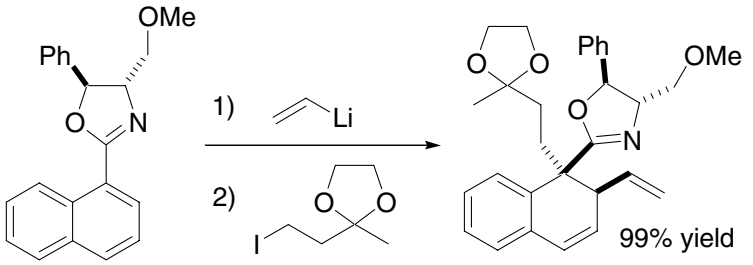

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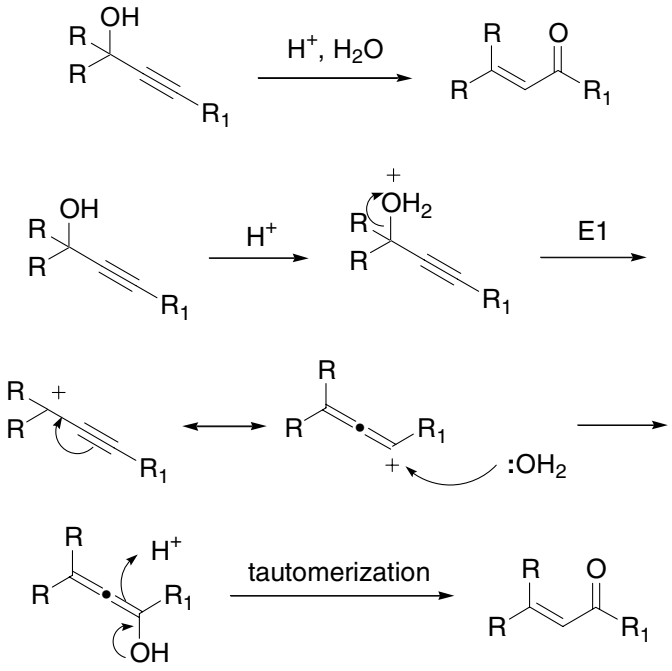
Meyer–Schuster rearrangement

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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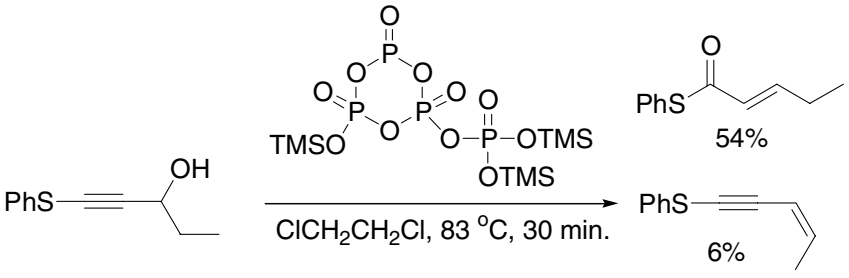

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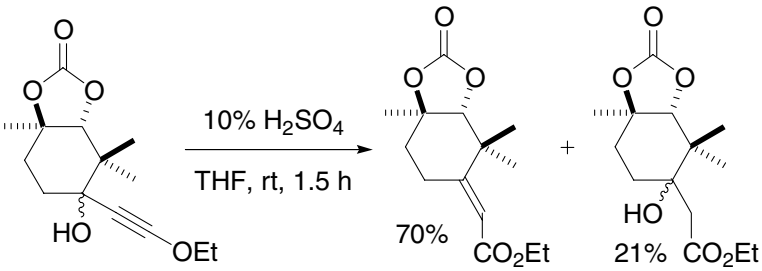

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Michael addition

Conjugate addition of a carbon-nucleophile to an α,β-unsaturated system.

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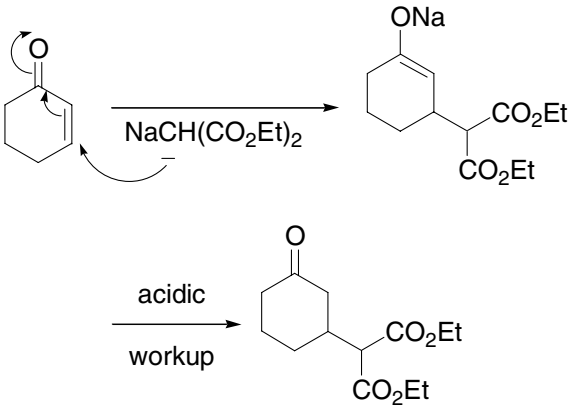

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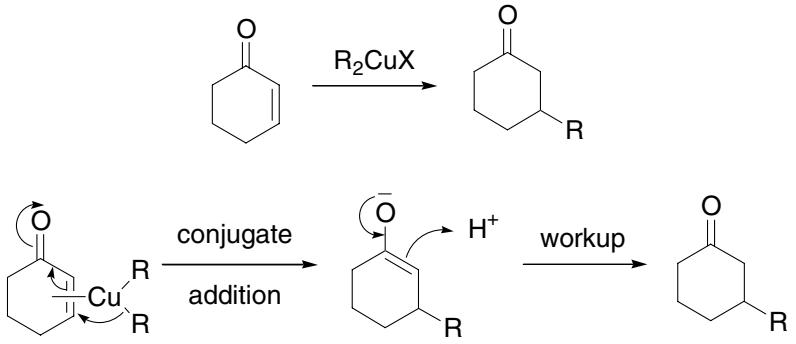

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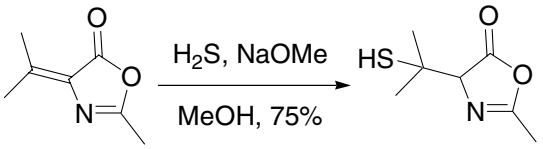

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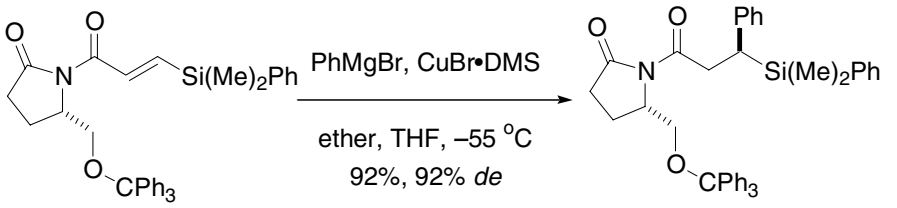

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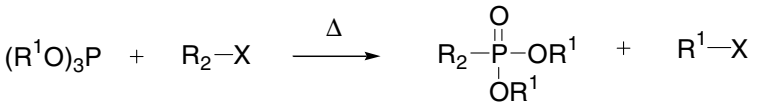
Michaelis–Arbuzov phosphonate synthesis

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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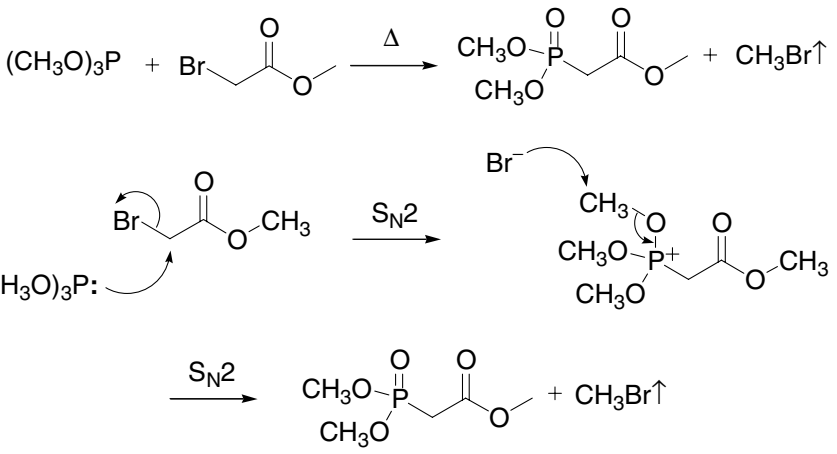

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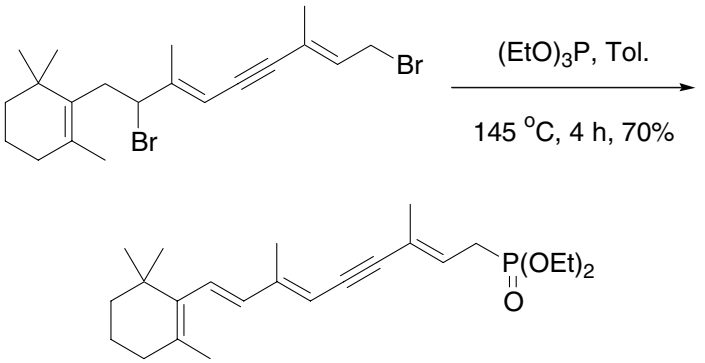

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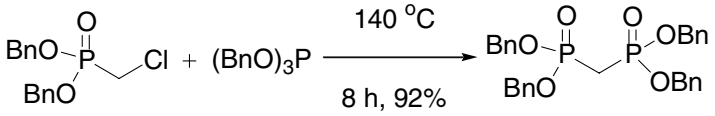

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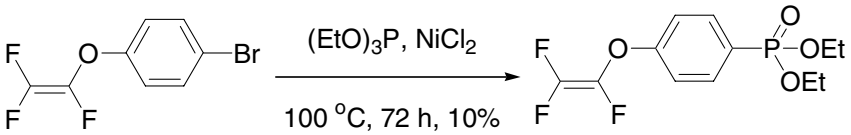

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Midland reduction

Asymmetric reduction of ketones using Alpine-borane®.
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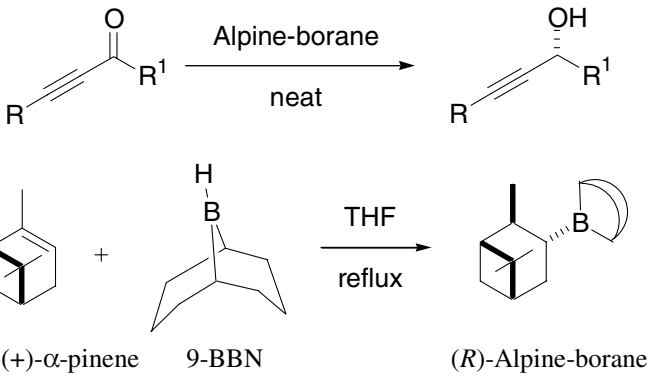
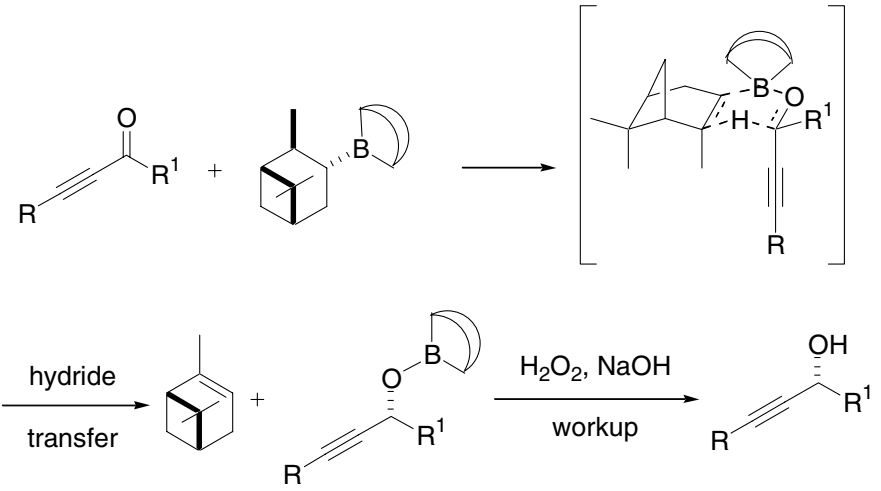


9-BBN = 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane



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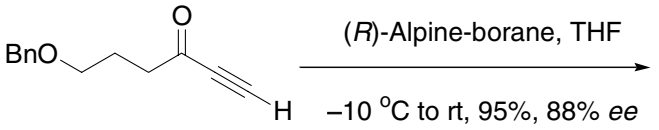

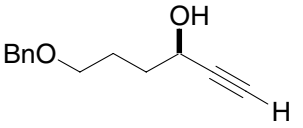

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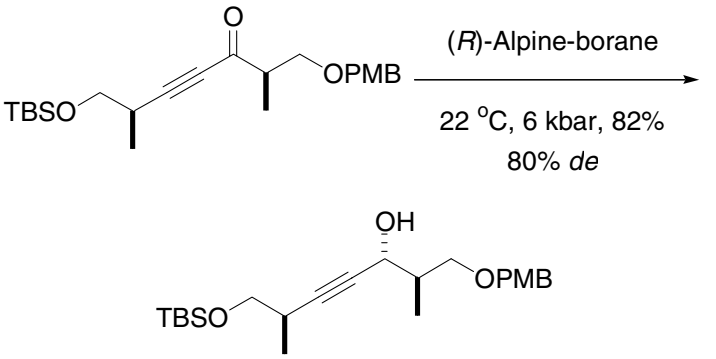

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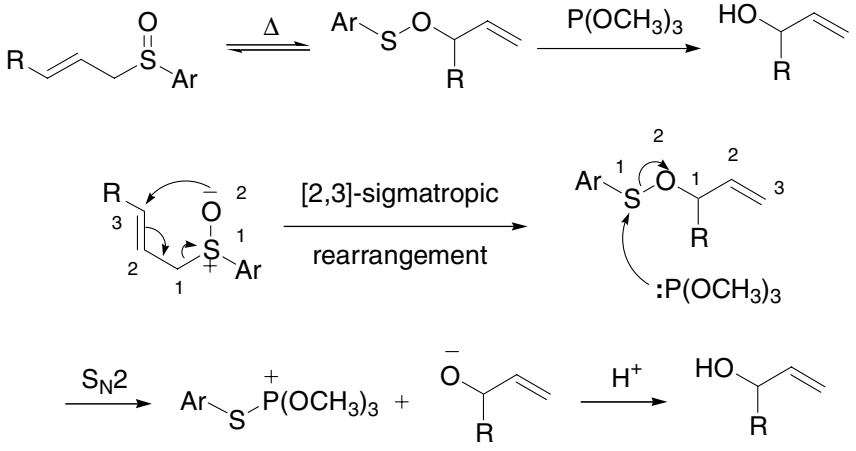
Mislow–Evans rearrangement

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



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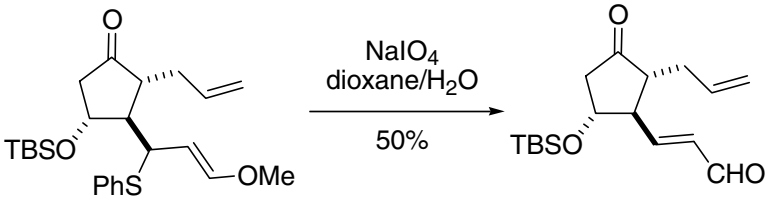

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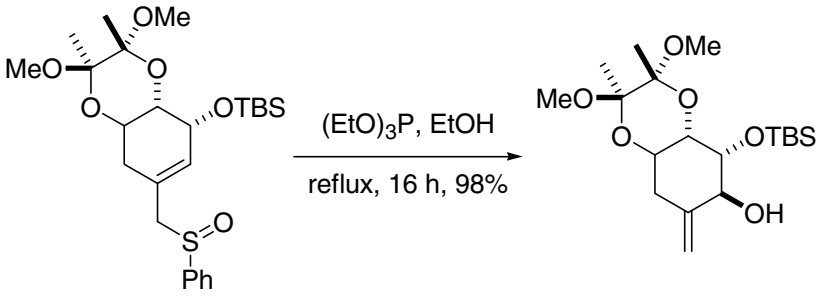

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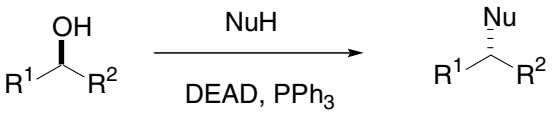
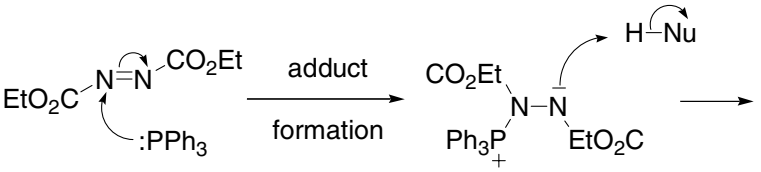
Mitsunobu reaction

S_N2 inversion of an alcohol by a nucleophile using diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) and triphenylphosphine.





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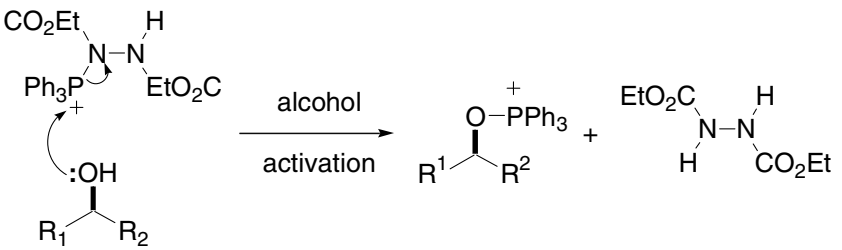

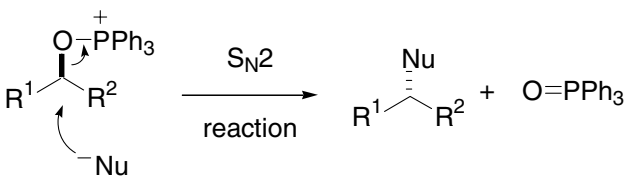

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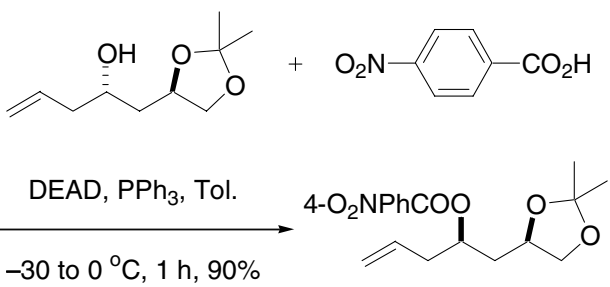

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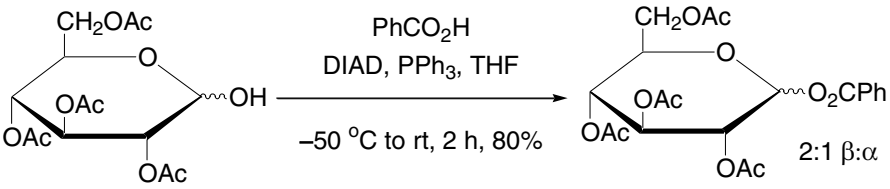

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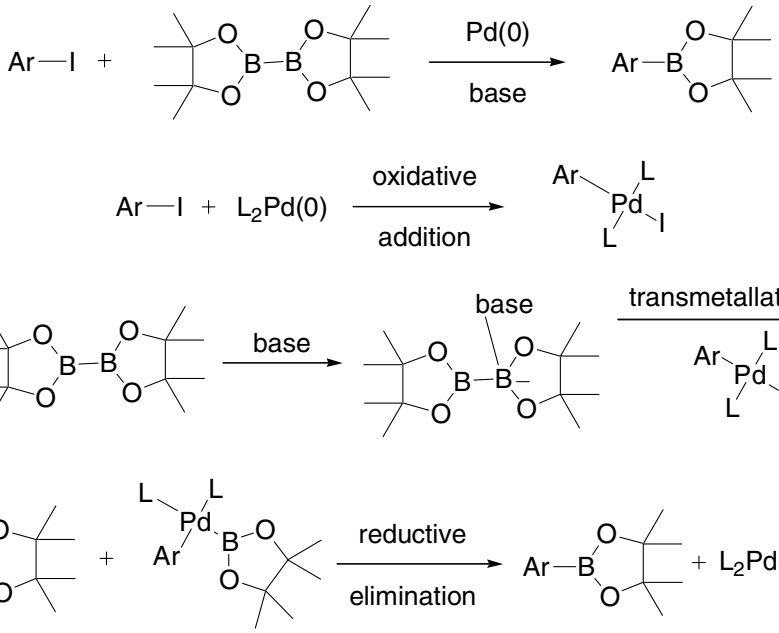
Miyaura borylation

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



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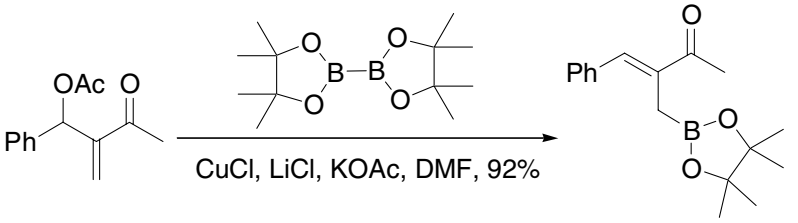

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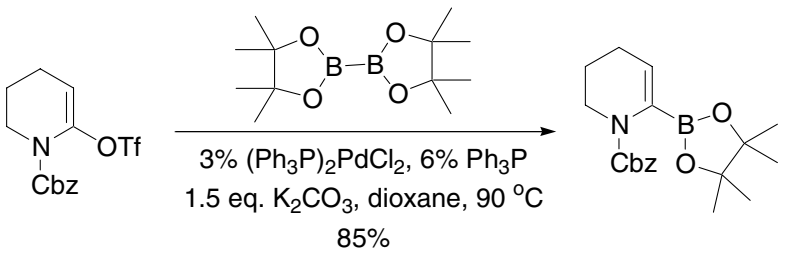

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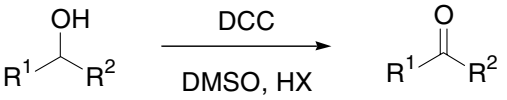
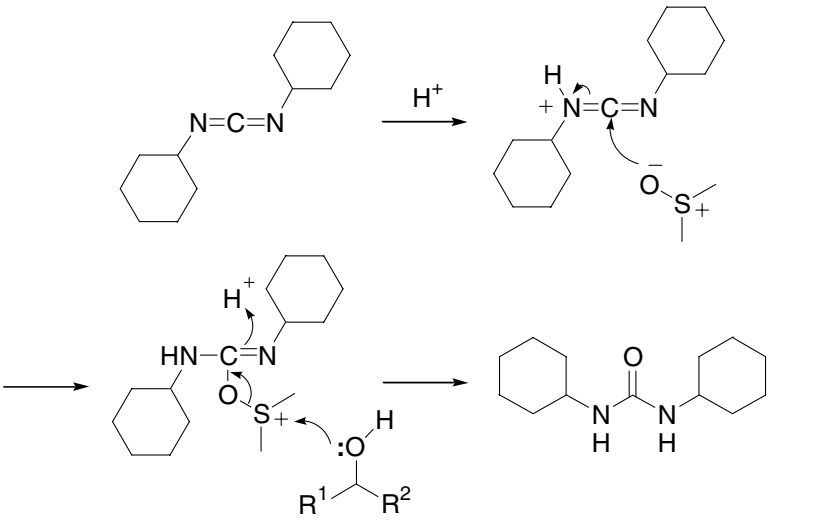
Moffatt oxidation

Oxidation of alcohols using DCC and DMSO, also known as "Pfitzner–Moffatt oxidation".



DCC, 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide



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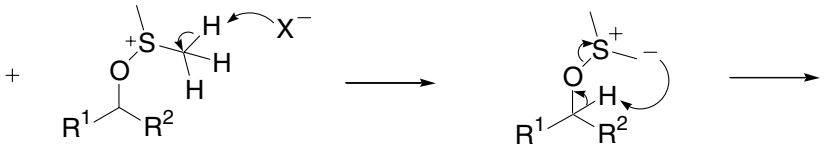

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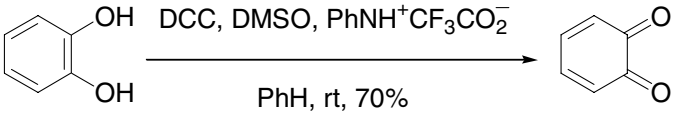

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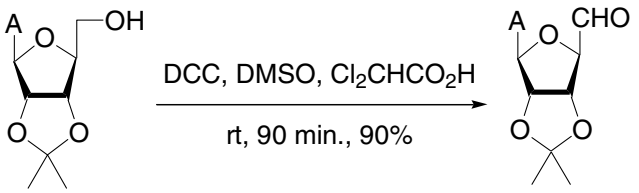

A = adenosine

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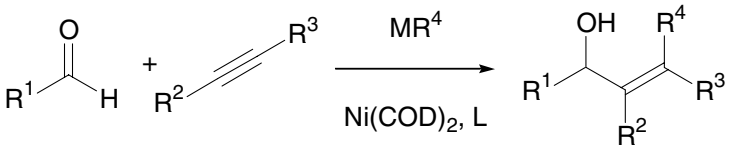
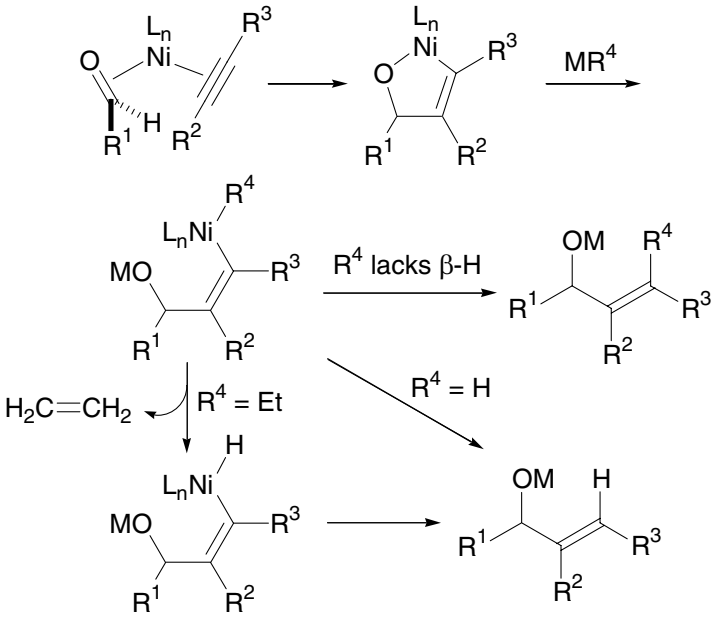
Montgomery coupling

Oxidative nickel-catalyzed coupling of aldehydes and alkynes to generate allylic alcohols. Intermolecular and intramolecular examples are both effective, and the transmetalating agent (MR^4) may be an organosilane, organoborane, organozinc, or alkenylzirconium.[1–5]



R^1, R^3 = alkyl or aryl
R^2, R^4 = alkyl, aryl, or H

The mechanism was proposed to involve the formation of a nickel metallacycle by the oxidative cyclization of Ni(0) with the aldehyde and alkyne, followed by conversion of the metallacycle to product by a transmetalation/reductive elimination sequence. If R^4 possesses a β-hydrogen, then β-hydride elimination after the transmetalation step generates the product with R^4 = H in some instances. The mechanism was shown to be ligand dependent, and the mechanism depicted below is undoubtedly oversimplified.[4]



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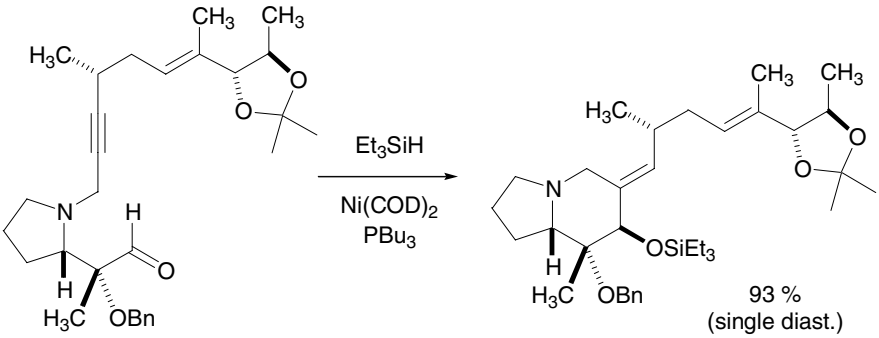

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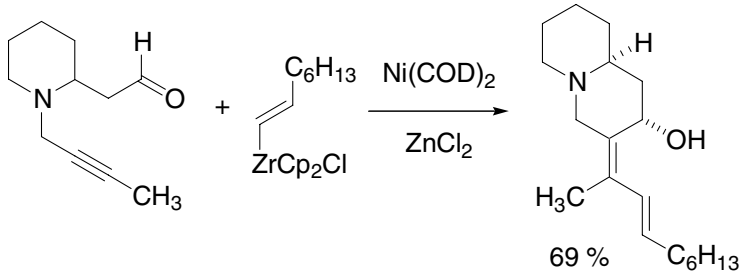

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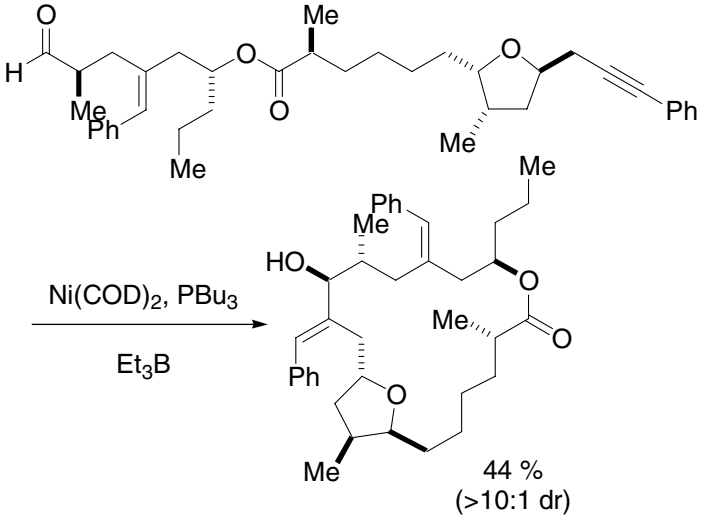

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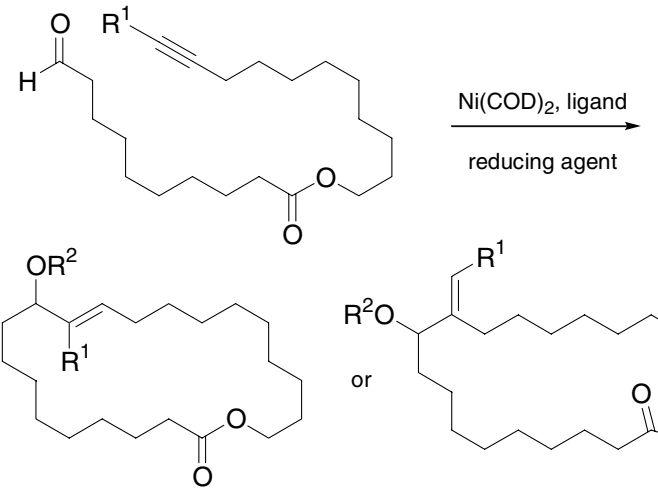
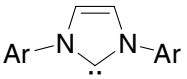


ligand	reducing agent	yield (ratio)
PMe_3	Et_3B	89 % (4.5:1)
	Et_3SiH	93 % (1:5)

Ar = 2,6 di-isopropylphenyl

A number of related processes involving alternate π-systems including enones, dienes, and allenes have been reported.[10]

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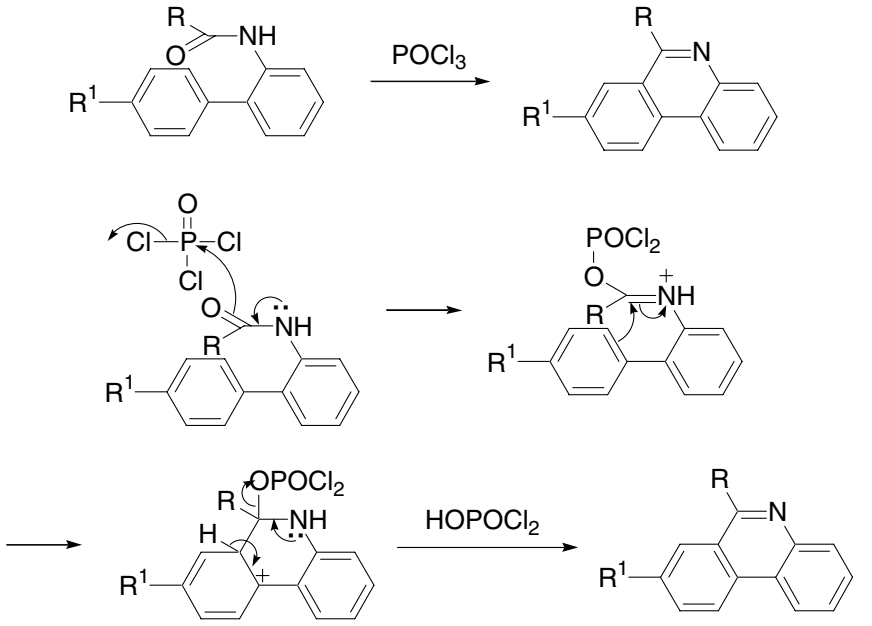
Morgan–Walls reaction

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



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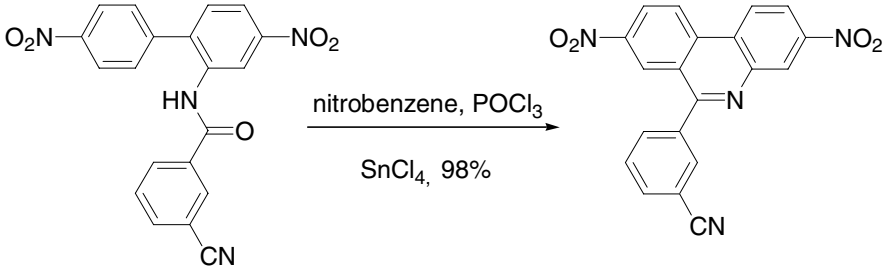

Pictet–Hubert reaction

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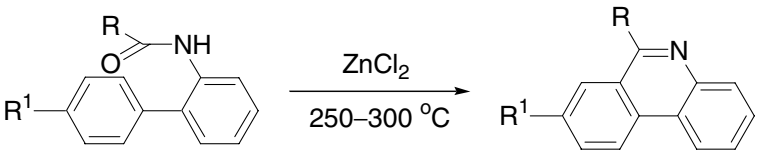

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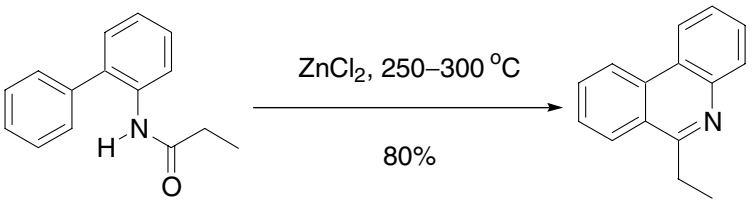

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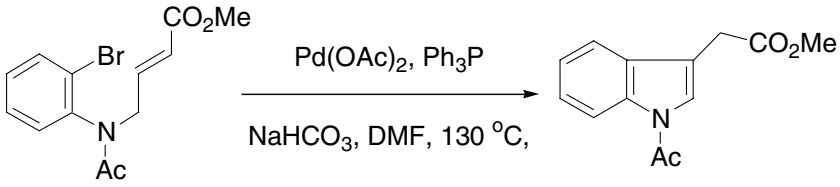
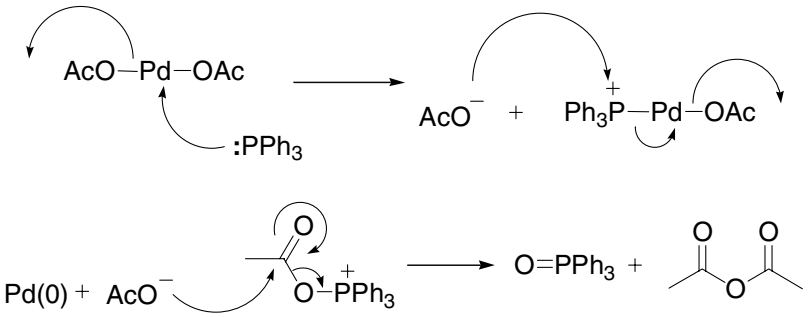
Mori–Ban indole synthesis

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



Reduction of $Pd(OAc)_2$ to Pd(0) using Ph_3P:



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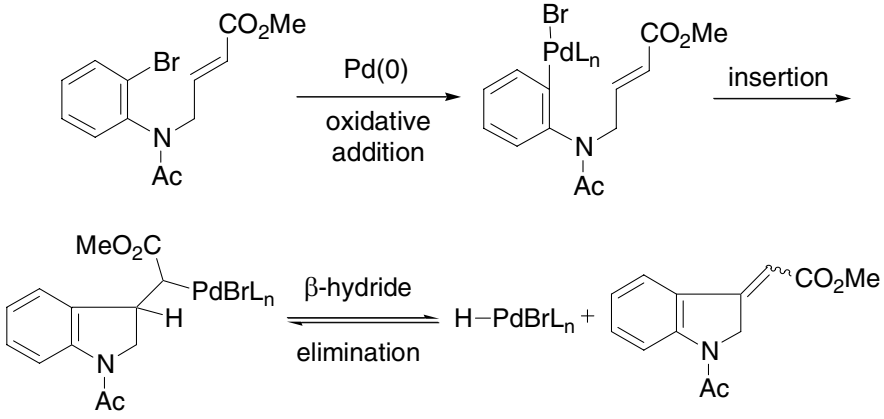

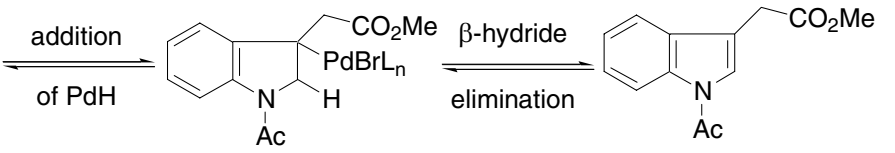

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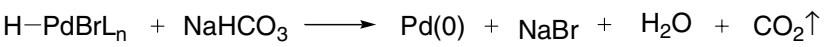

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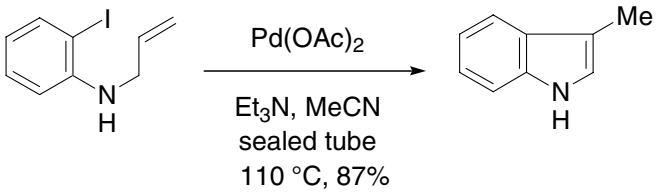

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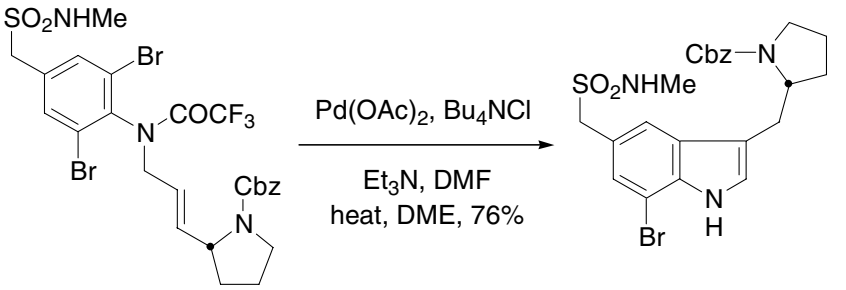

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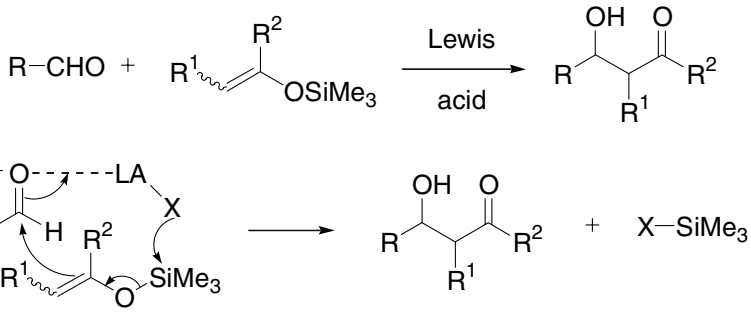
Mukaiyama aldol reaction

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



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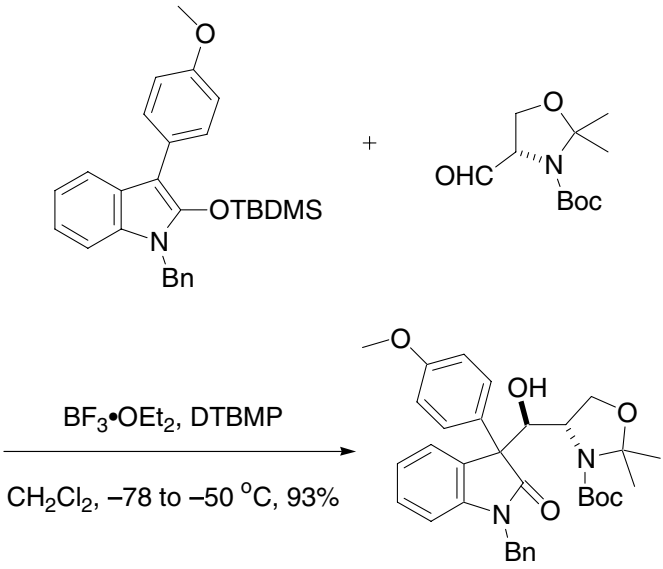

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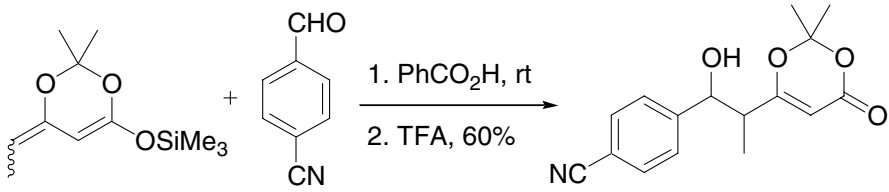

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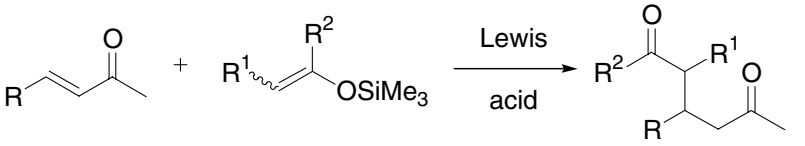
Mukaiyama Michael addition

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



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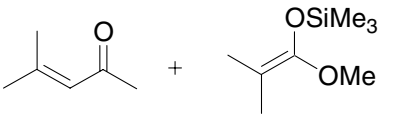
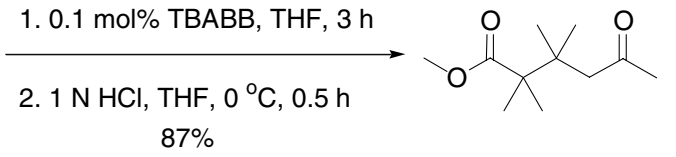
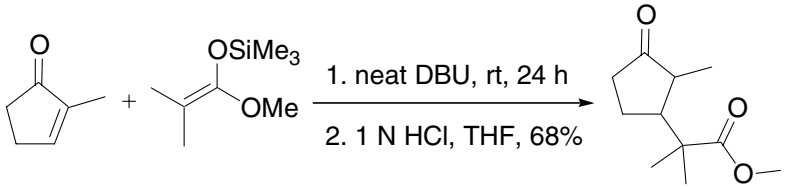




TBABB = tetra-*n*-butylammonium bibenzoate

Example 2[7]



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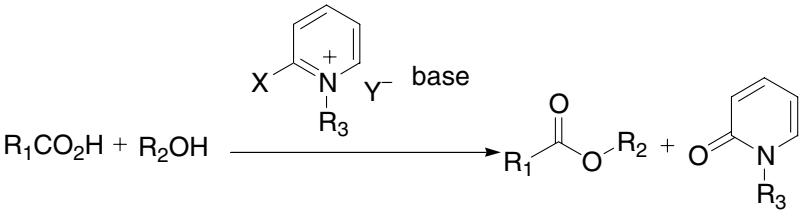
Mukaiyama reagent

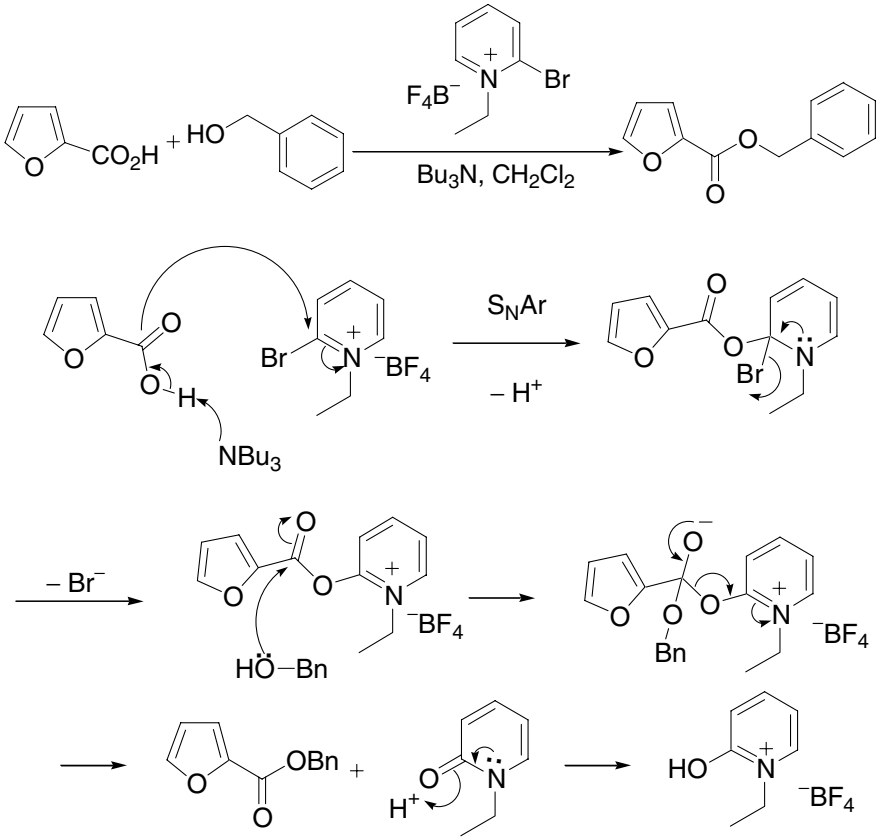
Mukaiyama reagent such as 2-chloro-1-methyl-pyridinium iodide for esterification or amide formation.

General scheme:



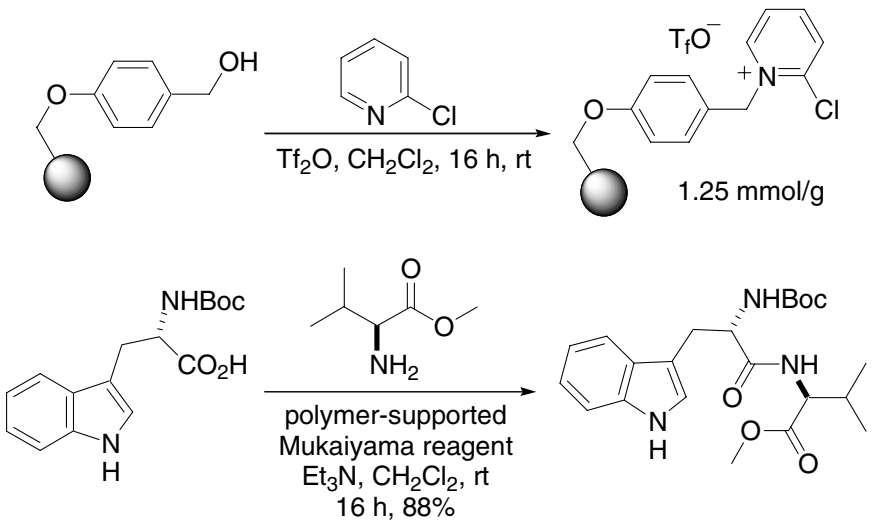
X = F, Cl, Br

Example 1[3]



Amide formation using the Mukaiyama reagent follows a similar mechanistic pathway.[4]

Example 2, polymer-supported Mukaiyama reagent[8]



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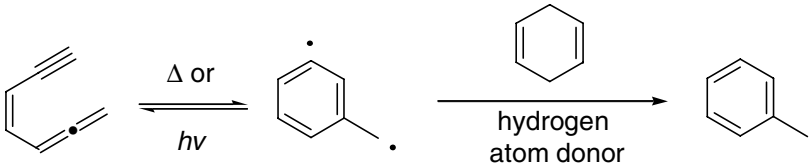
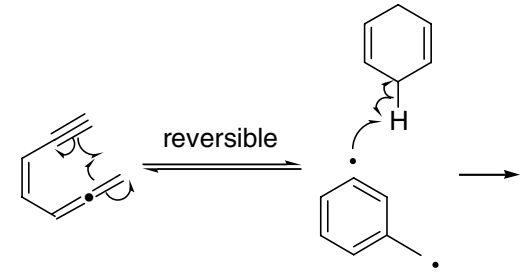
Myers–Saito cyclization

Cf. Bergman cyclization and Schmittel cyclization.





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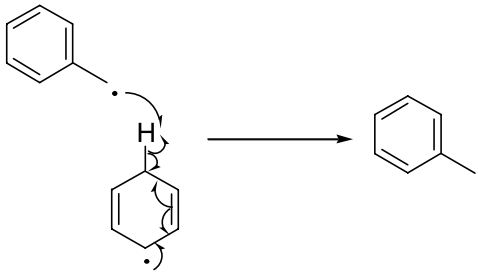

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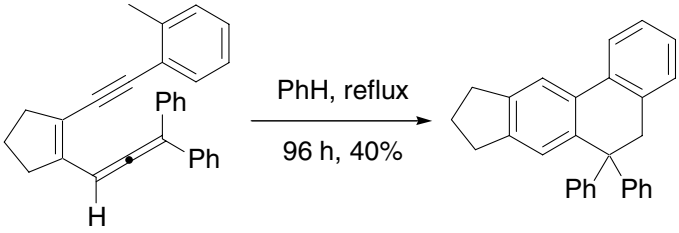

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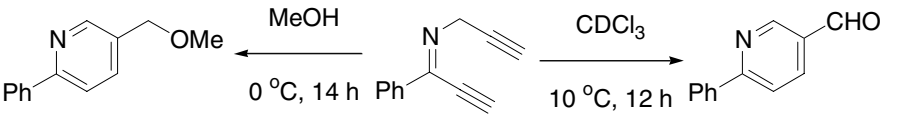

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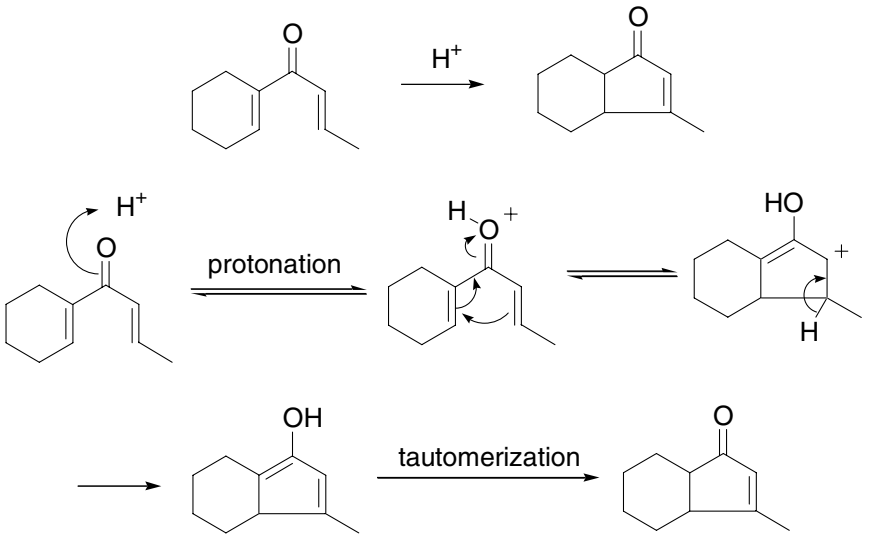
Nazarov cyclization

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



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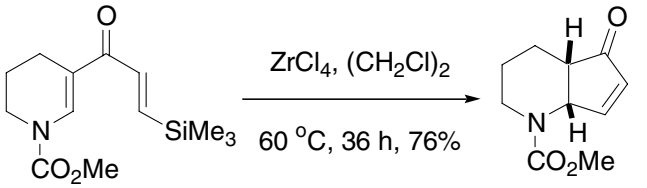
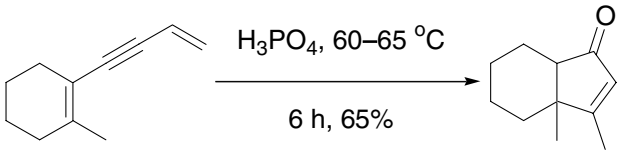


Example 2, cyclization of *in situ* generated di-vinyl ketone[12]



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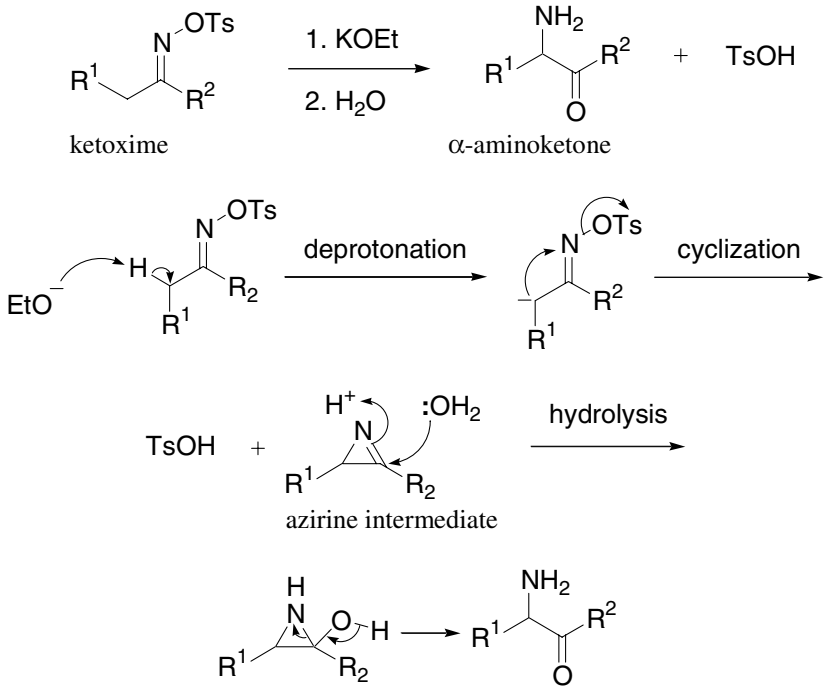
Neber rearrangement

α-Aminoketone from tosyl ketoxime and base.



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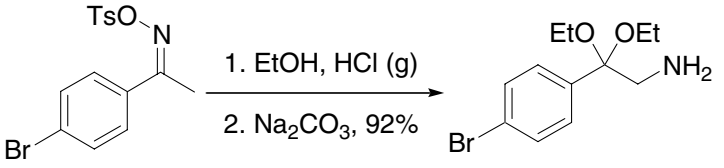

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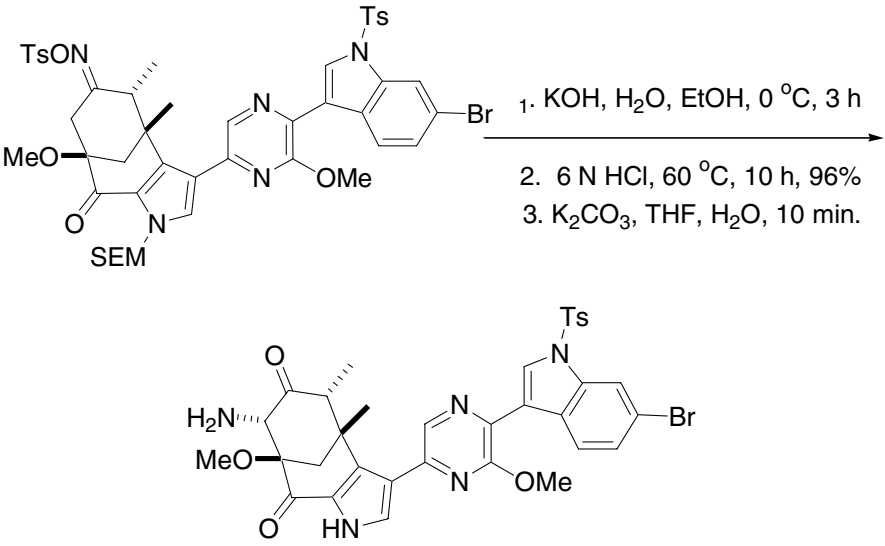

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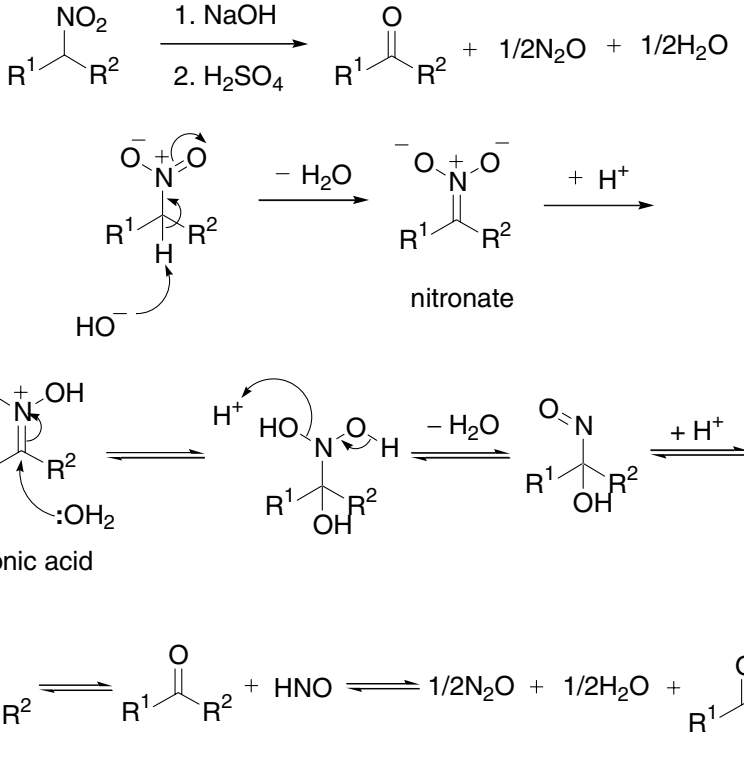
Nef reaction

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



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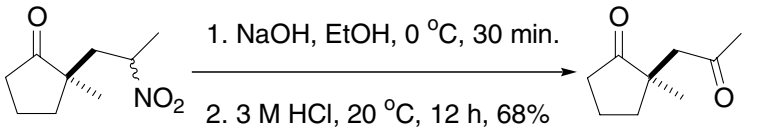

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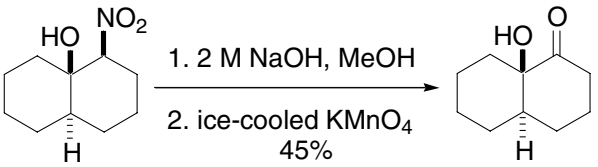

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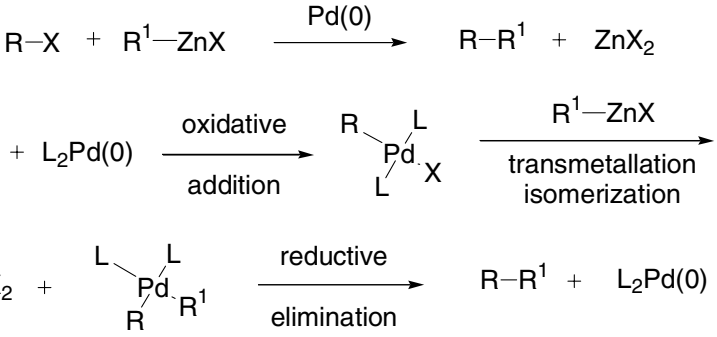
Negishi cross-coupling reaction

Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organozinc reagents with organic halides, triflates, *etc*. It is compatible with many functional groups including ketones, esters, amines, and nitriles. For the catalytic cycle, see the Kumada coupling on page 345.



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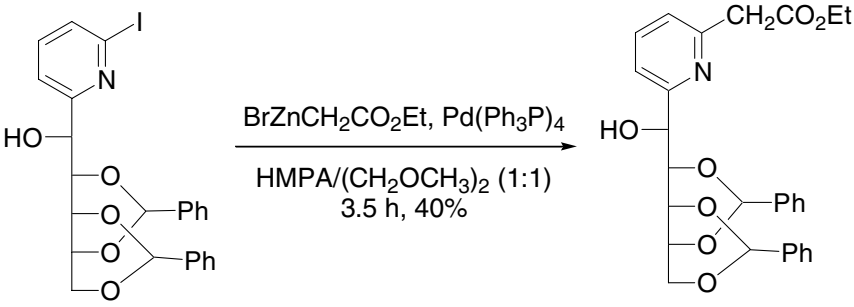

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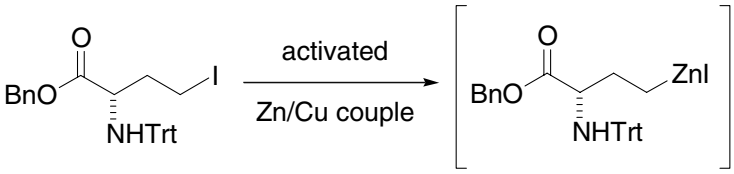

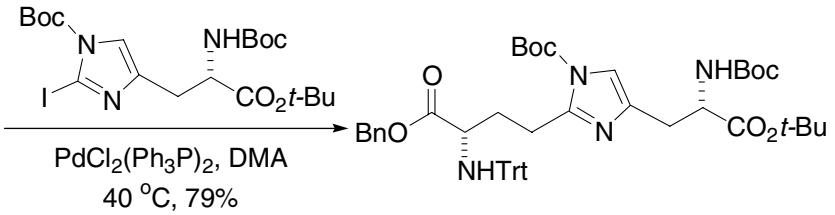

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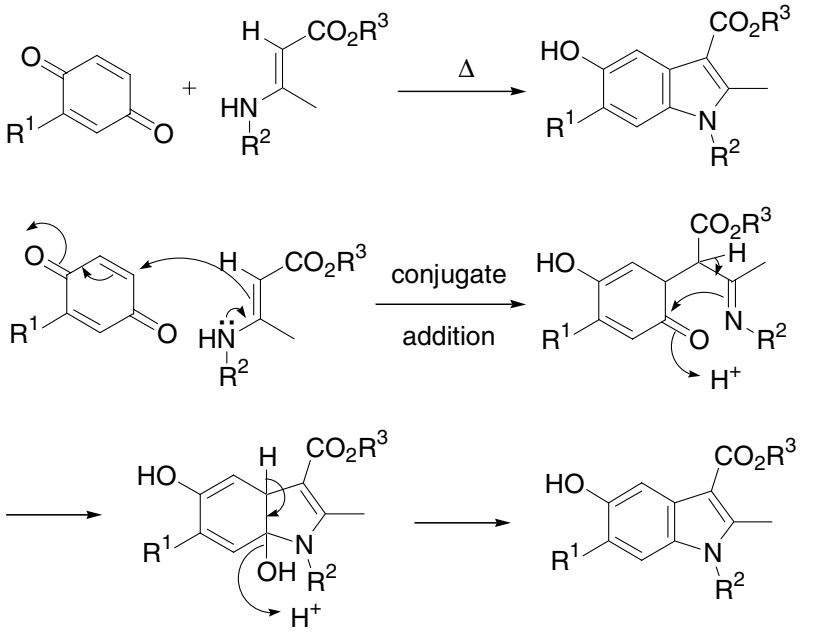
Nenitzescu indole synthesis

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



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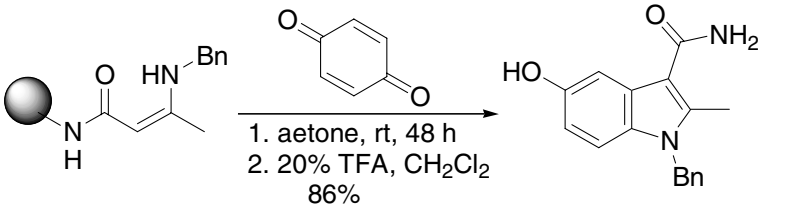

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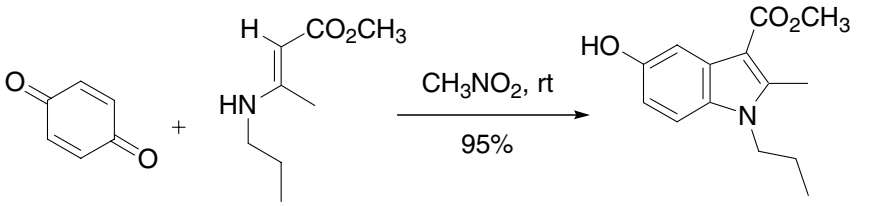

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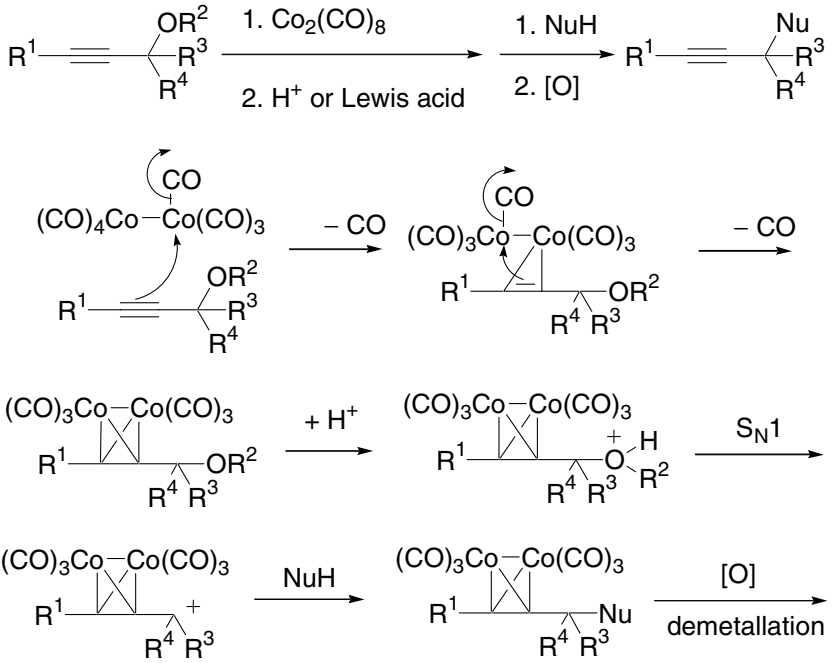
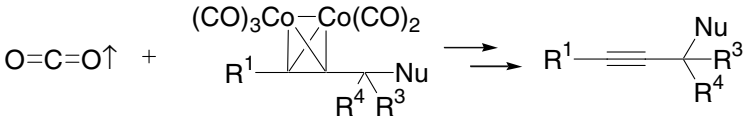
Nicholas reaction

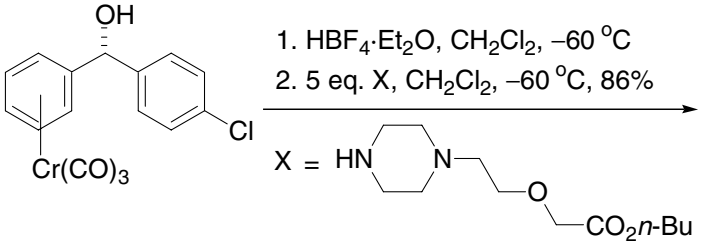
Hexacarbonyldicobalt-stabilized propargyl cation is captured by a nucleophile. Subsequent oxidative demetallation then gives propargylated product.

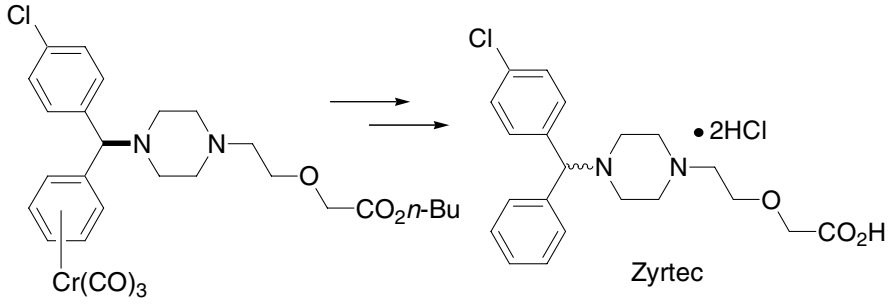


propargyl cation intermediate (stabilized by the hexacarbonyldicobalt complex).

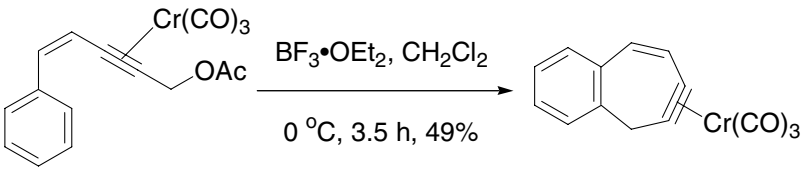


Example 1, chromium variant of the Nicholas reaction[5]





Example 2, intramolecular Nicholas reaction using chromium[11]



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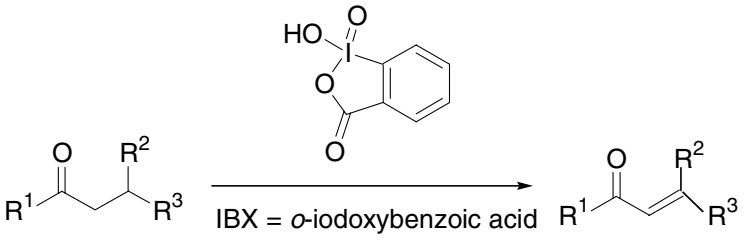
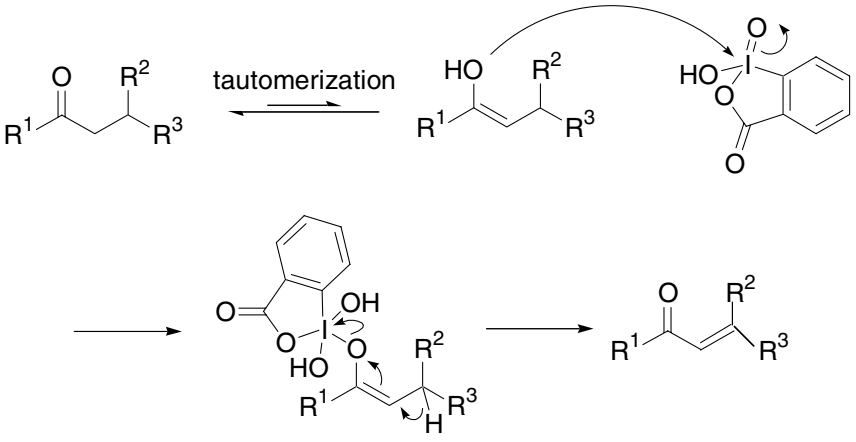
Nicolaou dehydrogenation

α,β-Unsaturation of aldehydes and ketones mediated by stoichiometric amounts of IBX (*o*-iodoxybenzoic acid), alternative to Saegusa oxidation (page 515).[1]



A SET mechanism has also been proposed.[2] Additionally, silyl enol ethers are also viable substrates.[3]



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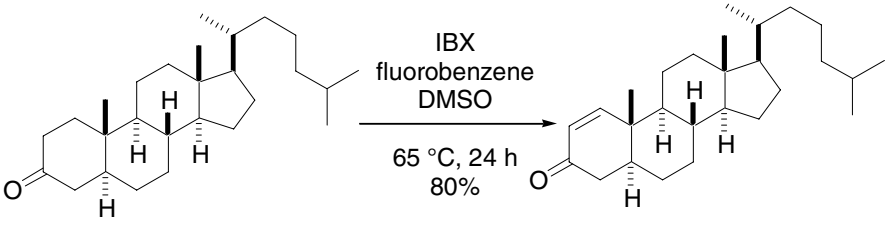

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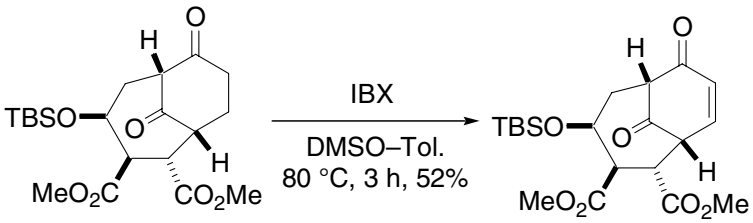

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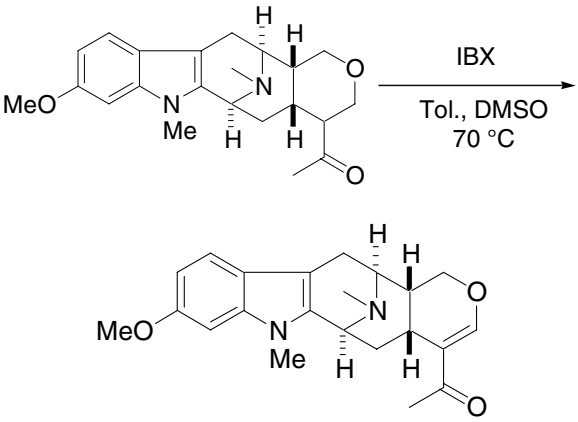

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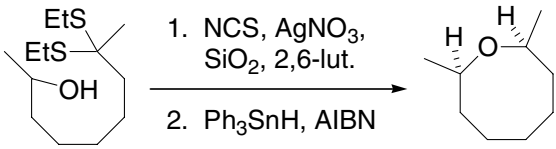
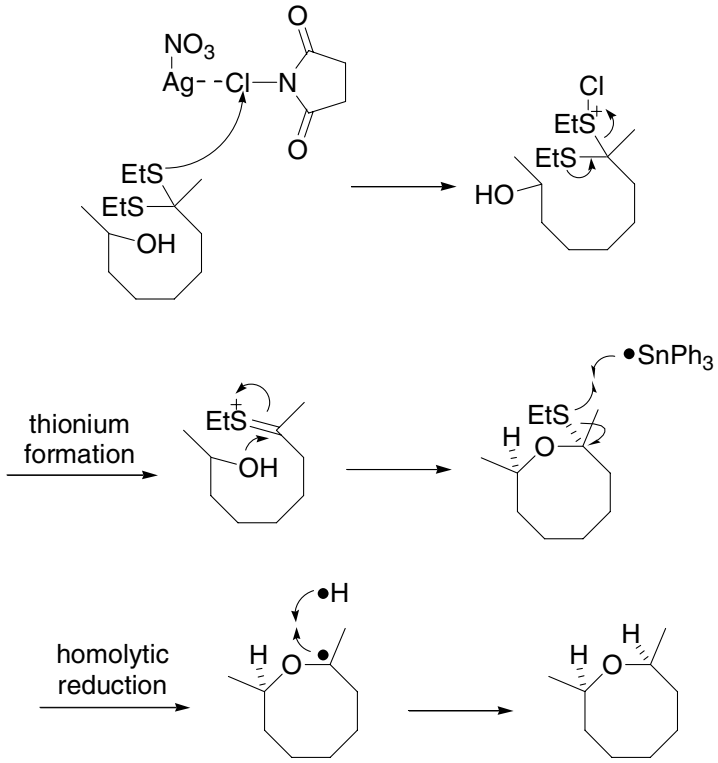
Nicolaou hydroxy-dithioketal cyclization

Two step synthesis of medium-ring ethers through the intermediacy of thionium ions followed by sulfide reduction.



The mechanism is analogous to the hydroxy-ketone cyclization except that the mixed ketal is isolable. It can be reductively cleaved using Ph_3SnH/AIBN:



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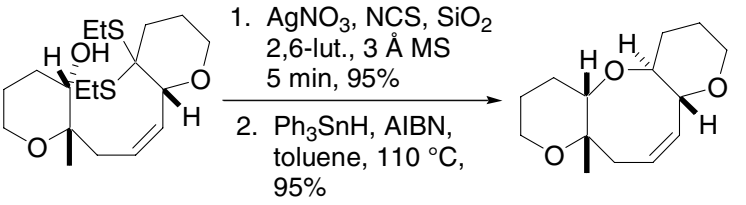
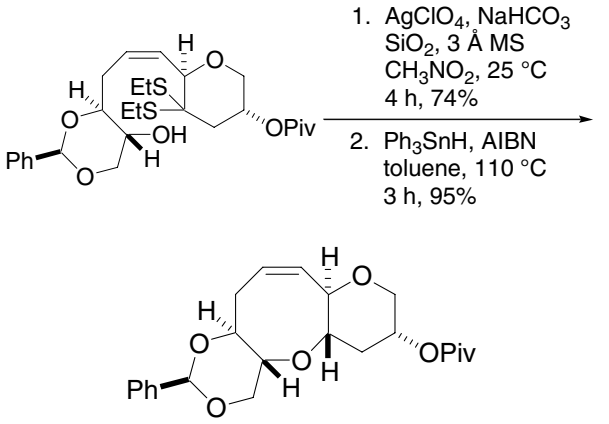


Example 2, carbocyclization is also possible[3]:

Example 3, the cyclizations tolerate ordinary acetals[5]:



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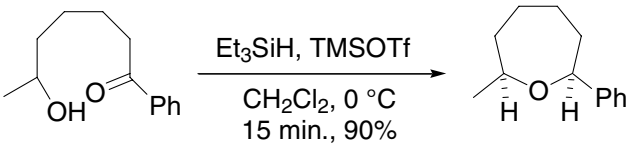
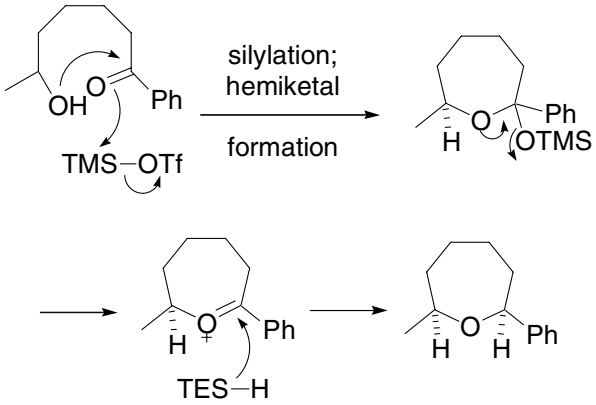
Nicolaou hydroxy-ketone reductive cyclic ether formation

Acid-catalyzed conversion of a ketone with a pendant hydroxyl group into a cyclic ether with net reduction of the carbonyl.



The mechanism involves hemiketal formation followed by reduction of the oxocarbonium group:



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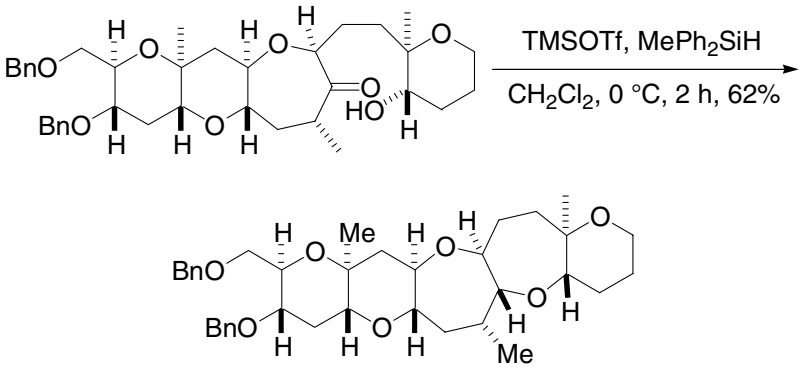

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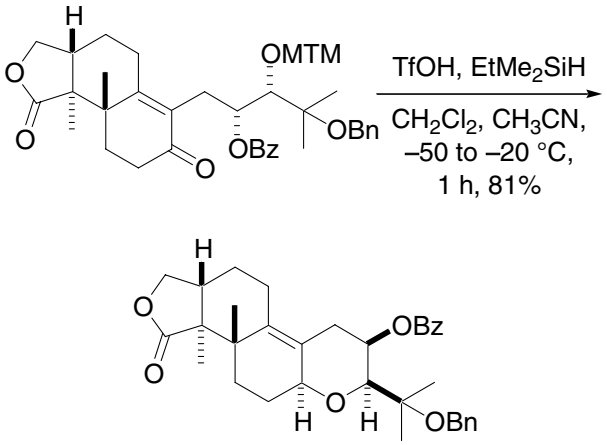

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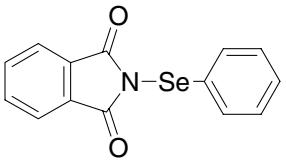
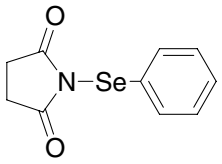
Nicolaou oxyselenation

Activation of alkenes towards nucleophilic attack by a variety of nucleophiles employing *N*-phenylselenophthalimide or *N*-phenylselenosuccinimide as an electrophilic source of the phenylseleno group.



N-PSP = *N*-phenylselenophthalimide



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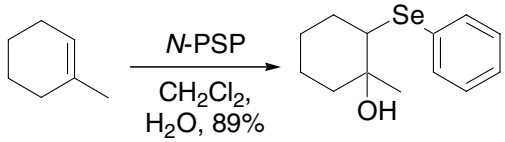
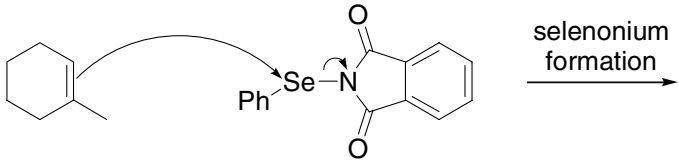
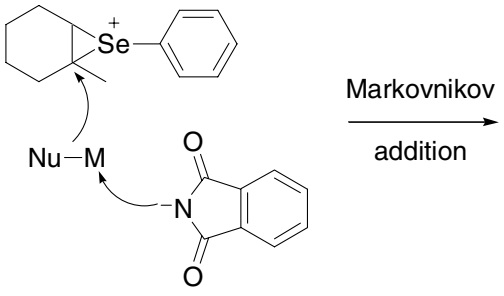
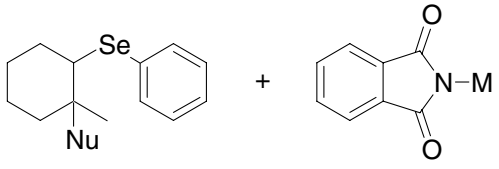


The reagent may require acid activation depending on the type of transformation being attempted. The mechanism parallels that of halohydrin formation using an electrophilic source of halide in an aqueous medium:







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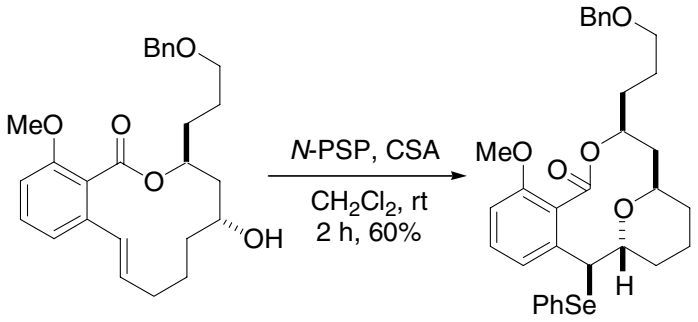
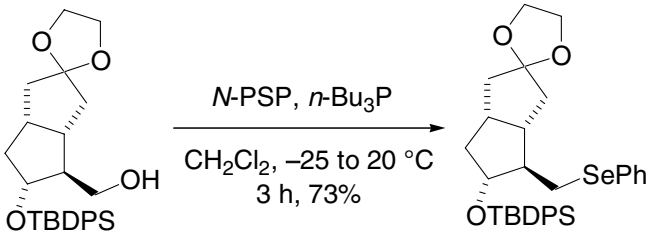


Example 2, in addition to oxyselenide formation, carbo- and heteroseleno cyclization, *N*-PSP can be used to generate selenides from alcohols and selenol esters from carboxylic acids, respectively, in the presence of a stoichiometric amount of *n*-Bu_3P.[6]



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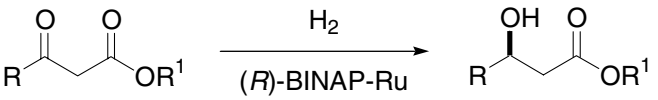
Noyori asymmetric hydrogenation

Asymmetric reduction of carbonyl *via* hydrogenation catalyzed by ruthenium(II) BINAP complex.



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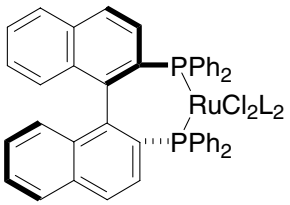

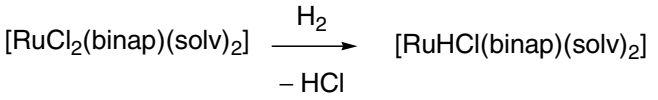

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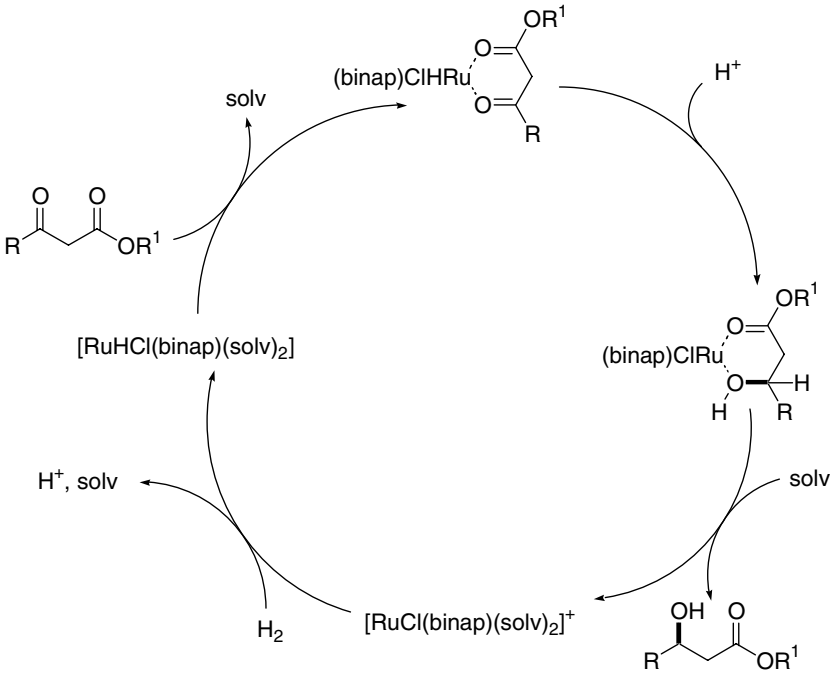

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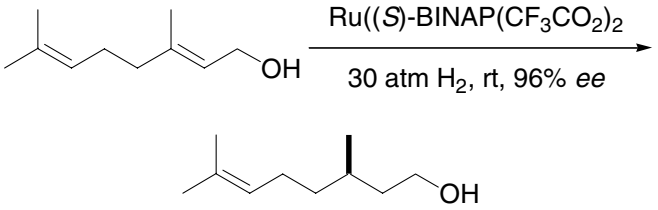

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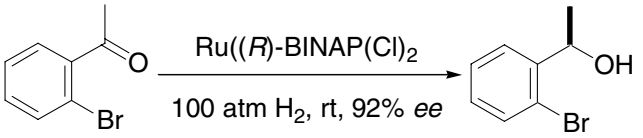

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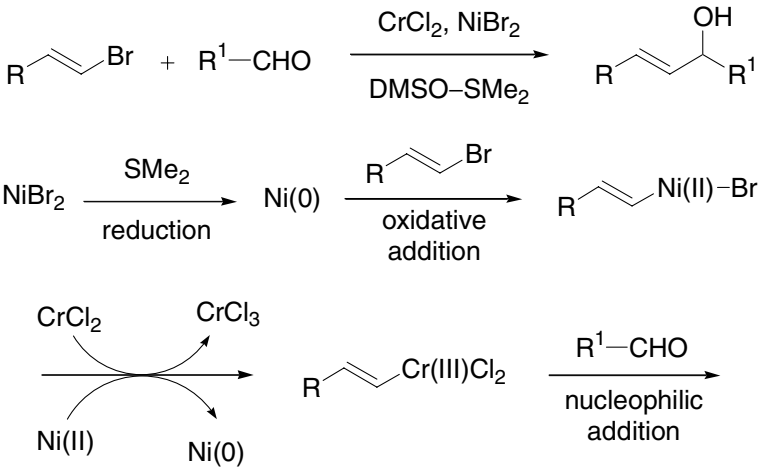
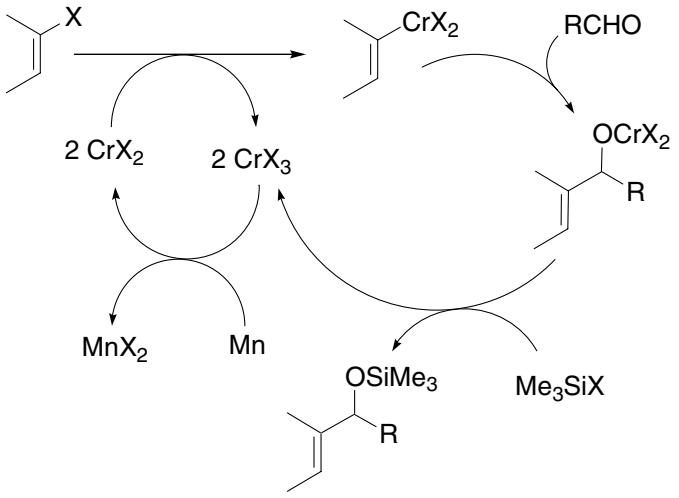
Nozaki–Hiyama–Kishi reaction

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



Transmetalation and then reduction by Me_2S

The catalytic cycle:[7]



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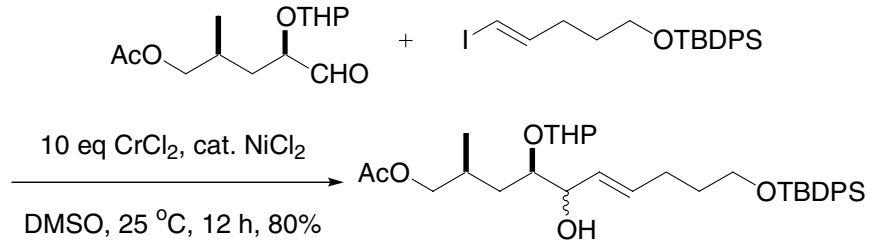

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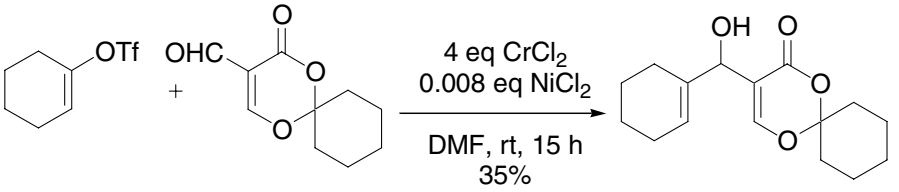

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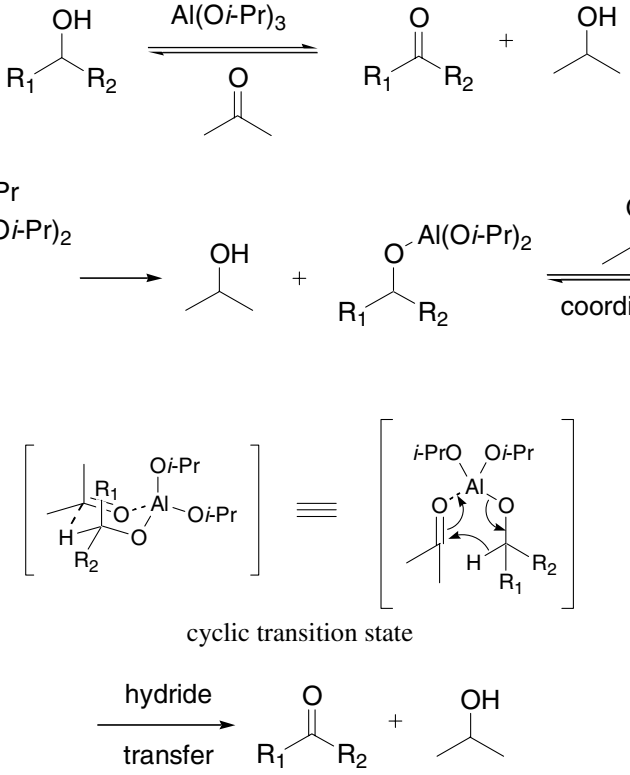
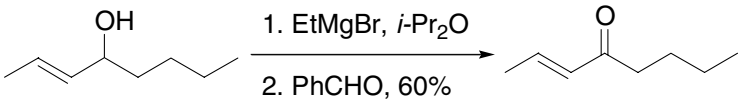
Oppenauer oxidation

Alkoxide-catalyzed oxidation of secondary alcohols.



Example 1, magnesium Oppenauer oxidation[3]



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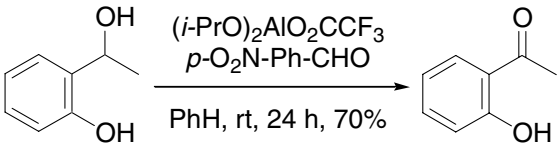

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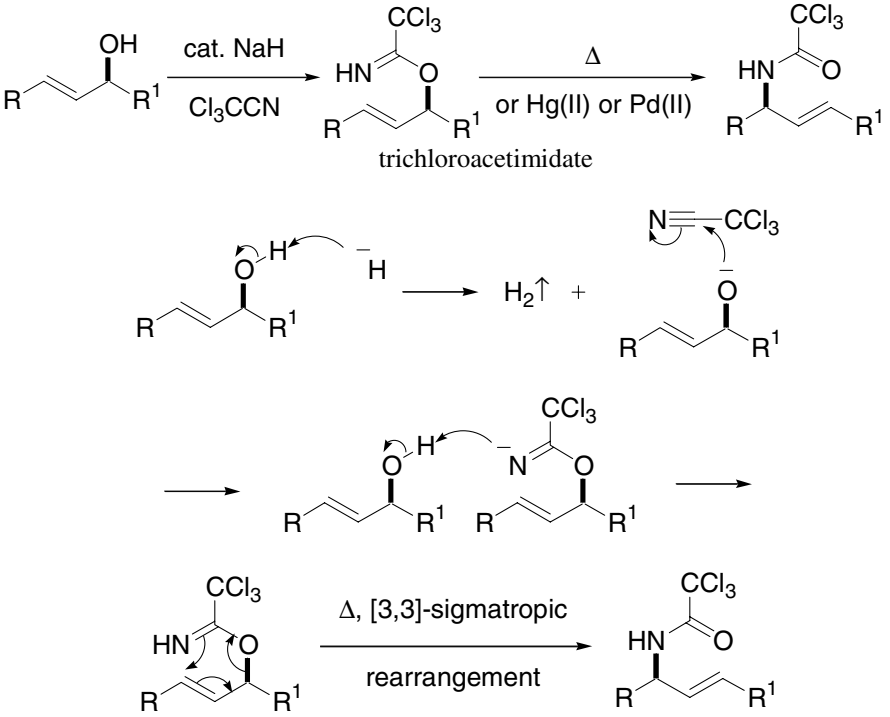
Overman rearrangement

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



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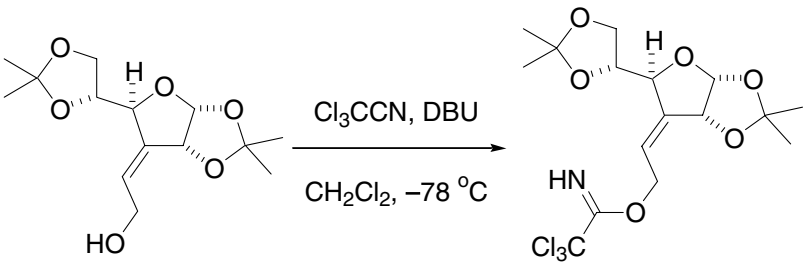

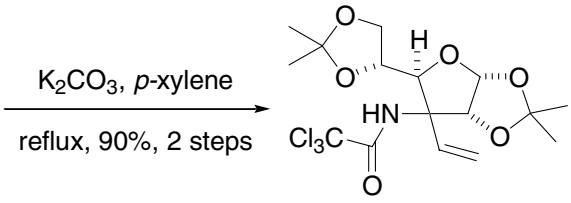

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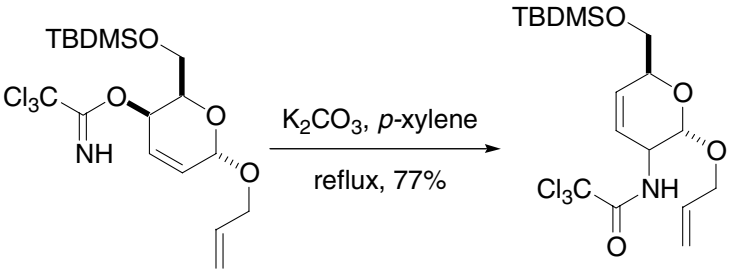

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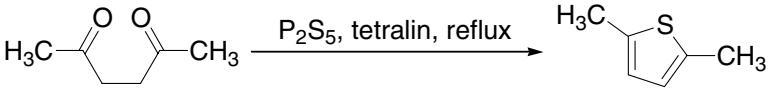
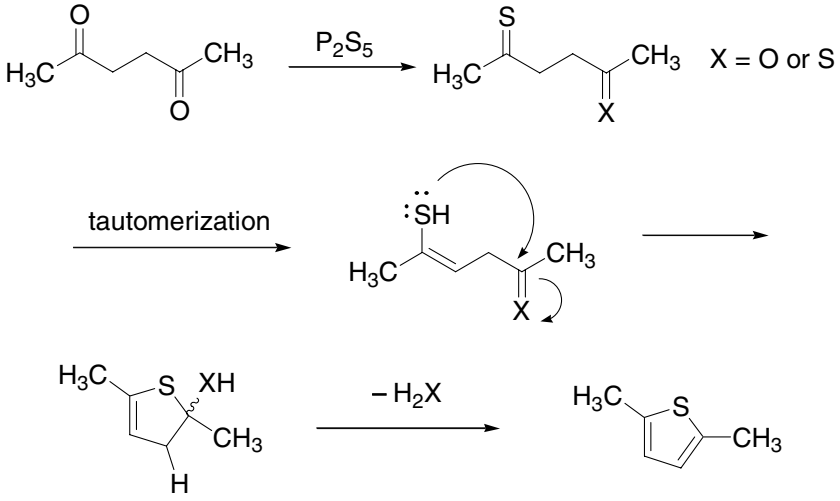
Paal thiophene synthesis

Thiophene synthesis from addition of a sulfur atom to 1,4-dicarbonyl compounds 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 on page 348.



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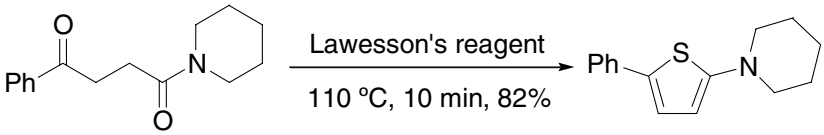

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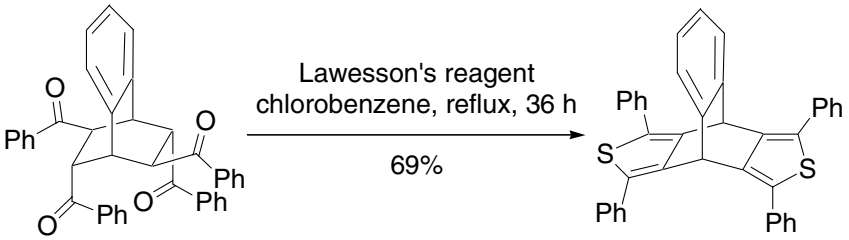

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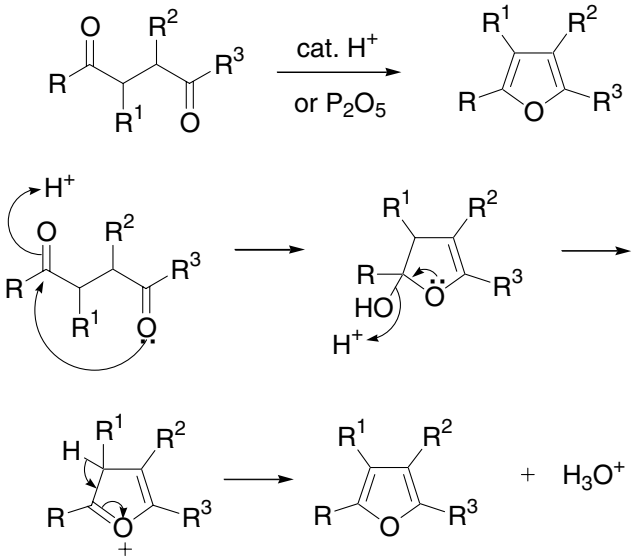
Paal–Knorr furan synthesis

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



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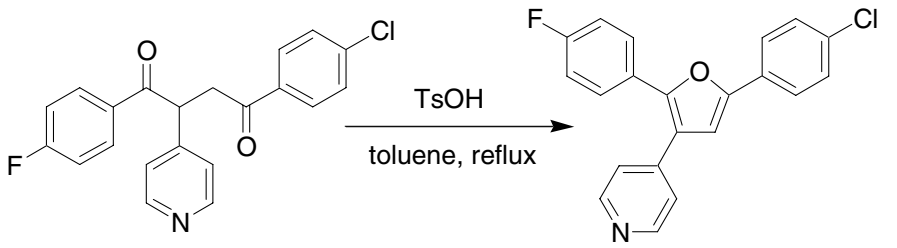

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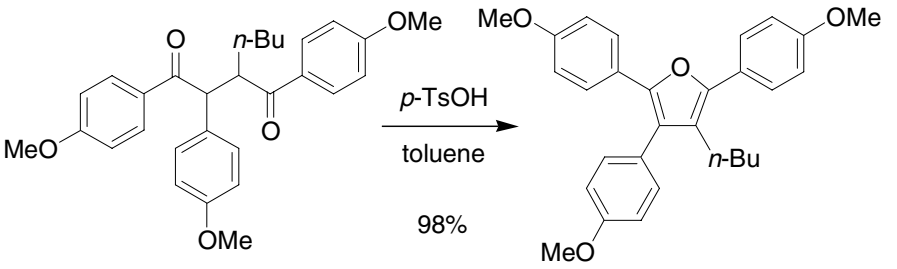

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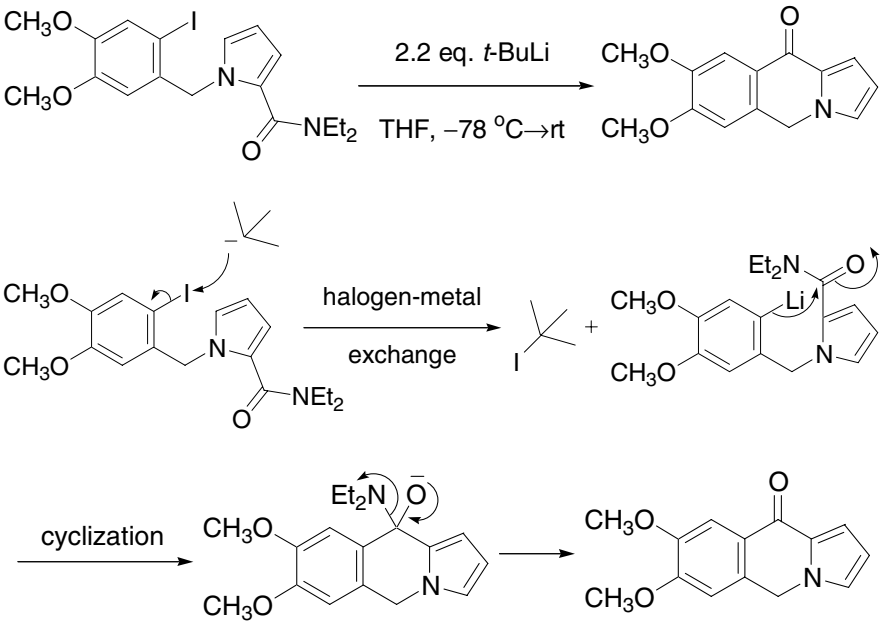
Parham cyclization

Annulation of aryl halides with *ortho* side chains bearing a pendant electrophilic moiety *via* treatment with an organolithium reagent, involving halogen-metal exchange and subsequent nucleophilic cyclization to form 4- to 7-membered rings.



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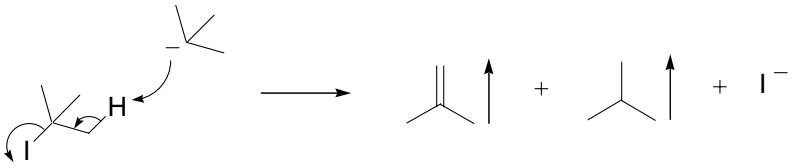

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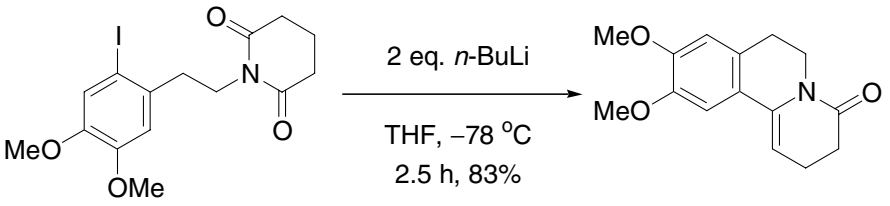

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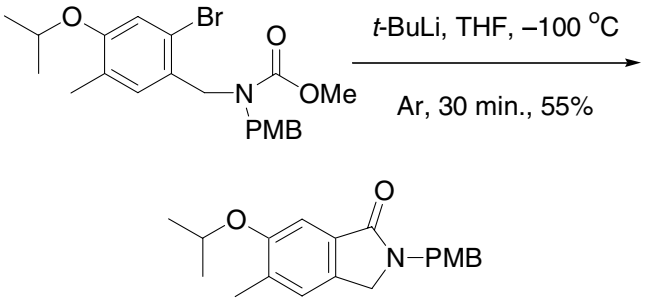

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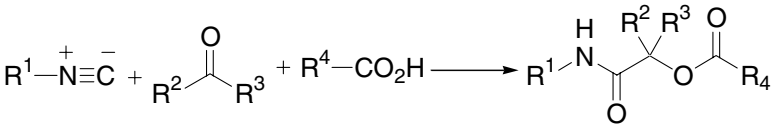
Passerini reaction

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



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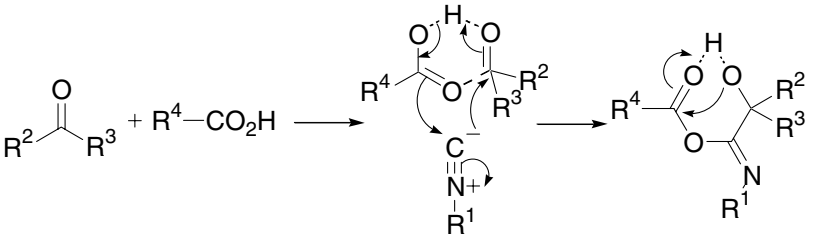

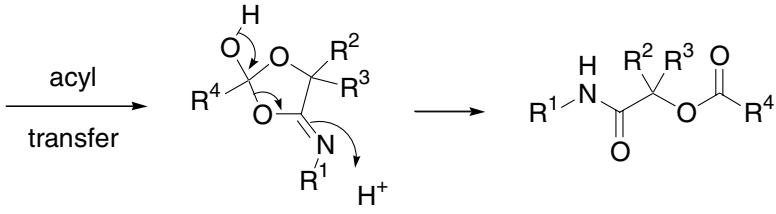

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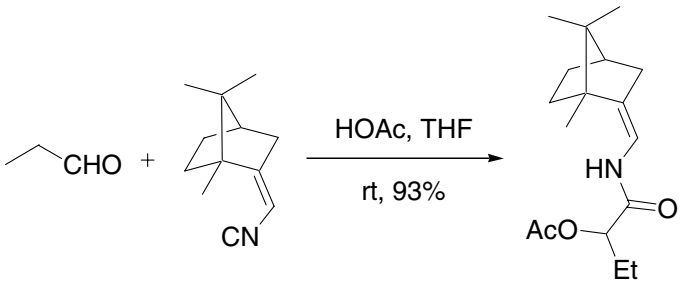

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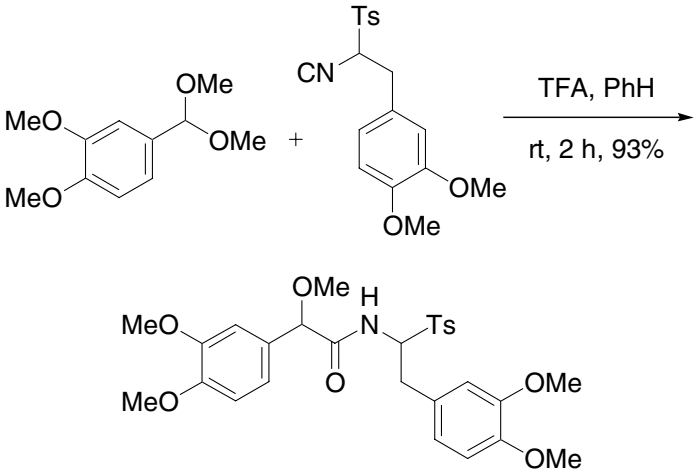

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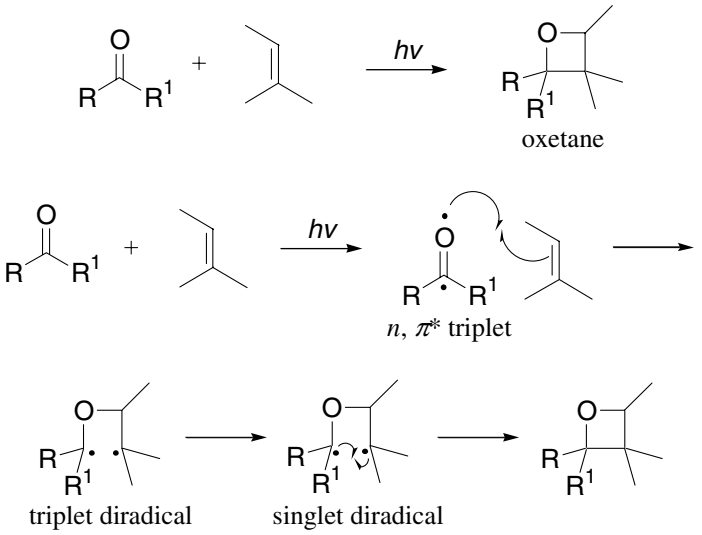
Paternó–Büchi reaction

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



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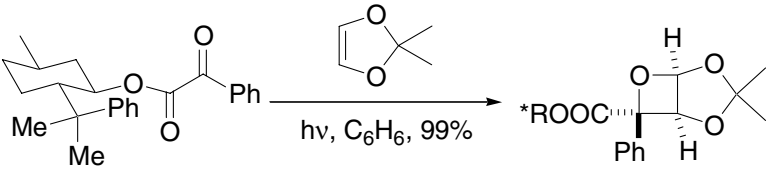

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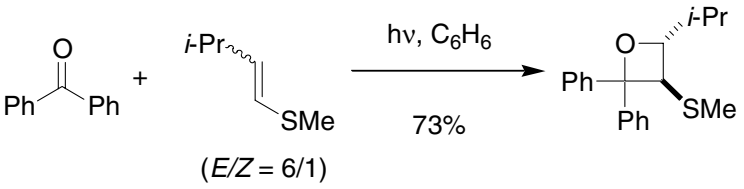

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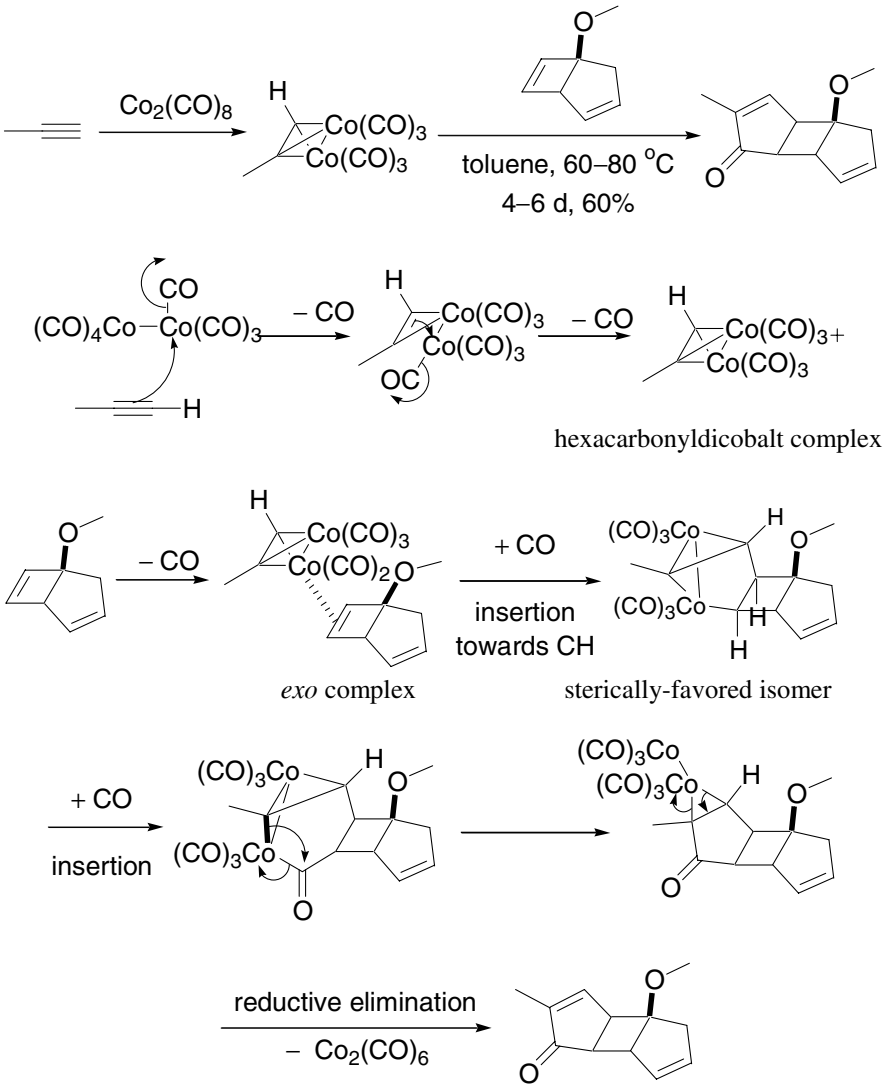
Pauson–Khand cyclopentenone synthesis

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



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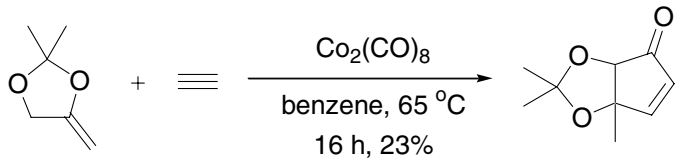

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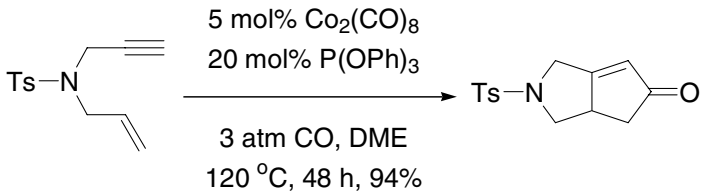

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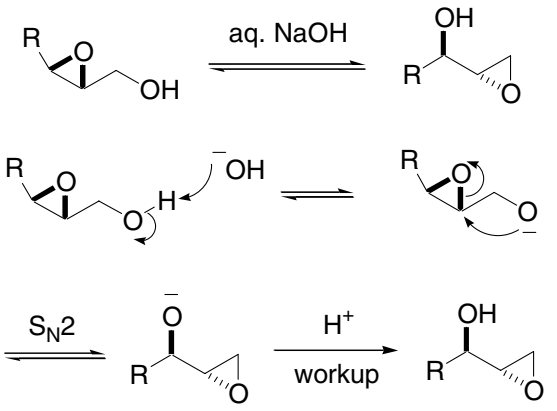
Payne rearrangement

Base-promoted isomerization of 2,3-epoxy alcohols. Also known as epoxide migration.



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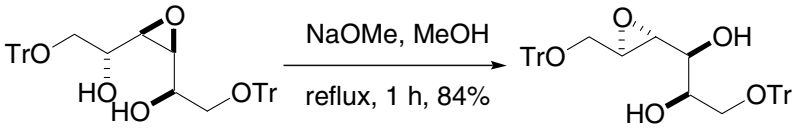

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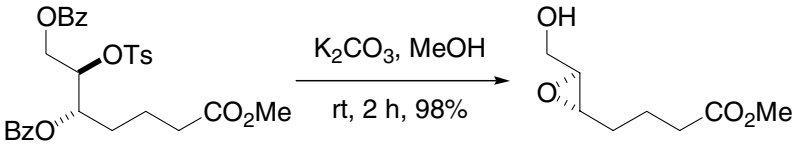

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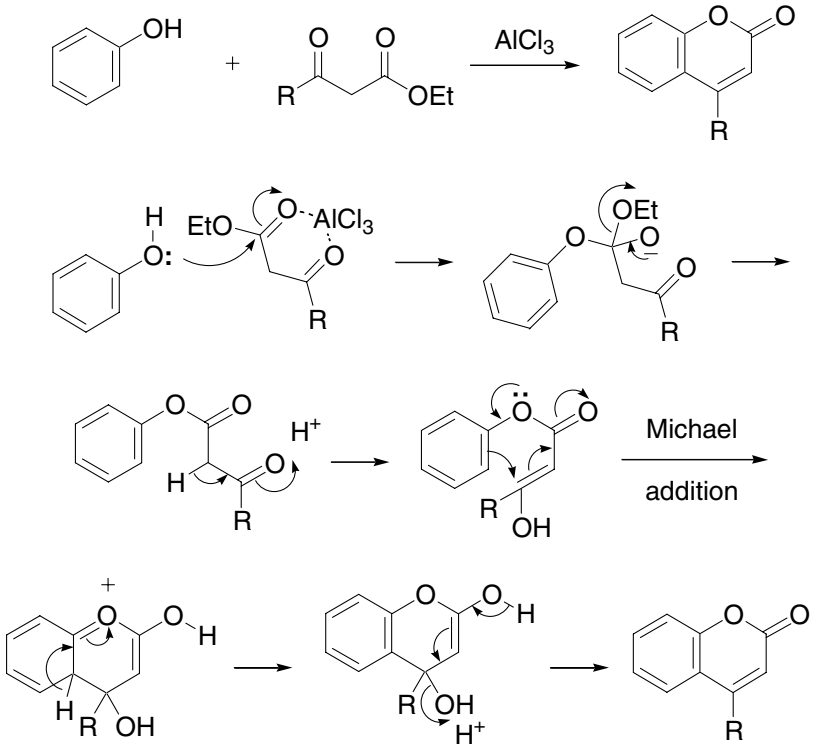
Pechmann coumarin synthesis

Lewis acid-mediated condensation of phenol with β-ketoester to produce coumarin.



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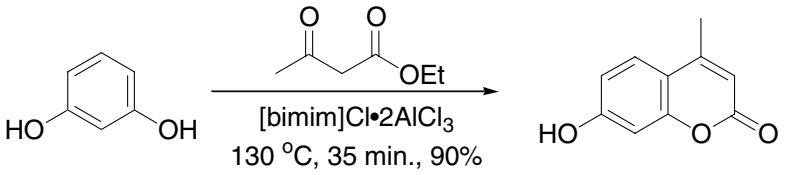

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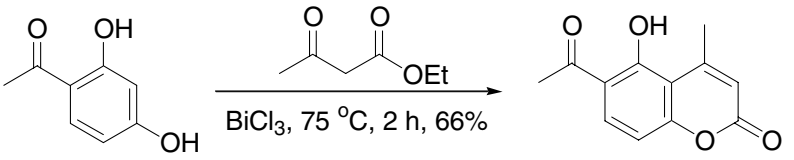

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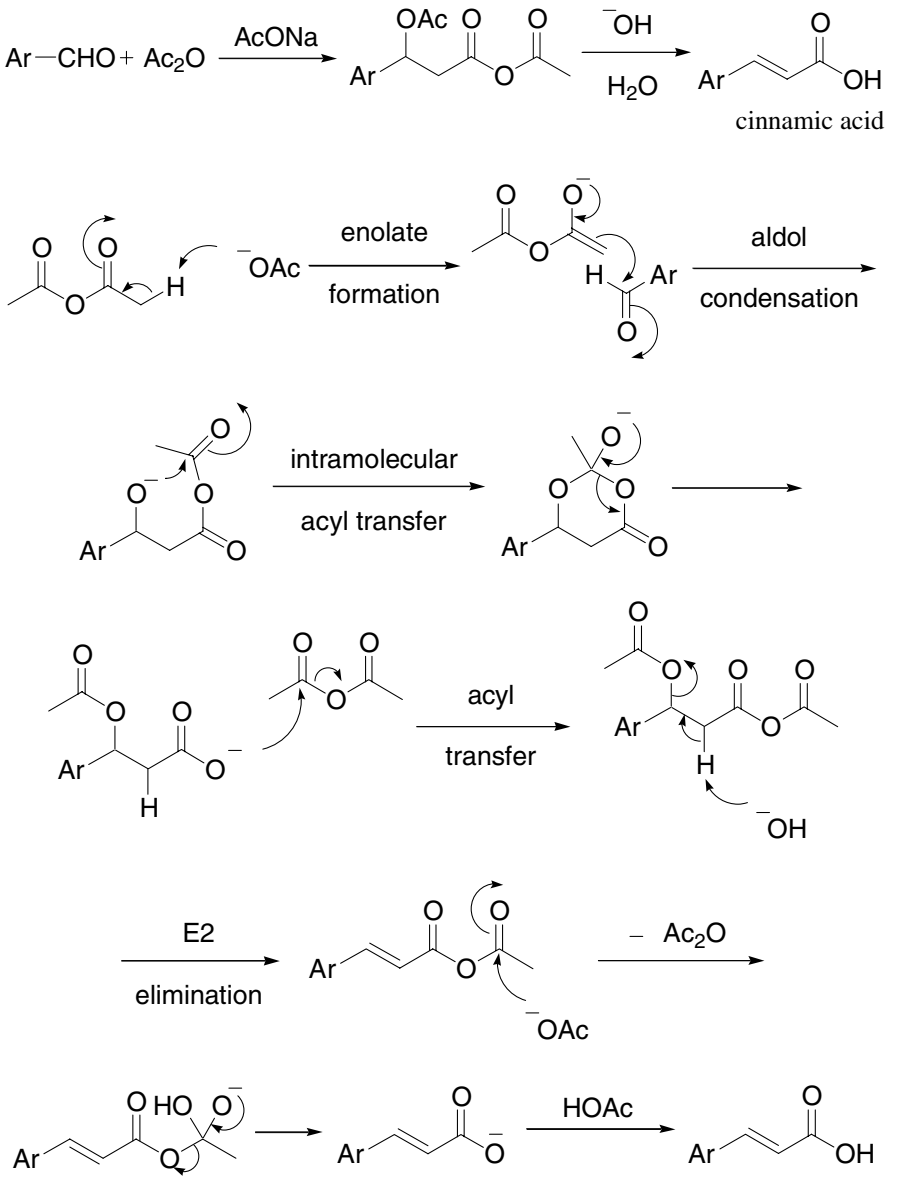
Perkin reaction

Cinnamic acid synthesis from aryl aldehyde and acetic anhydride.



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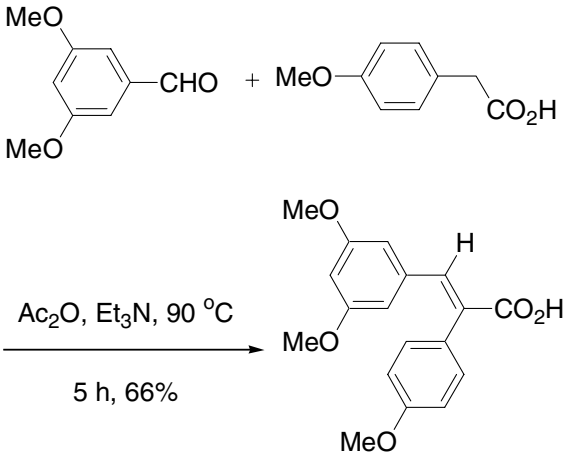

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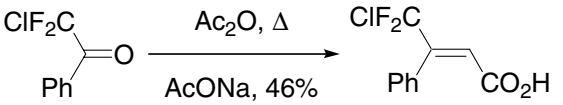

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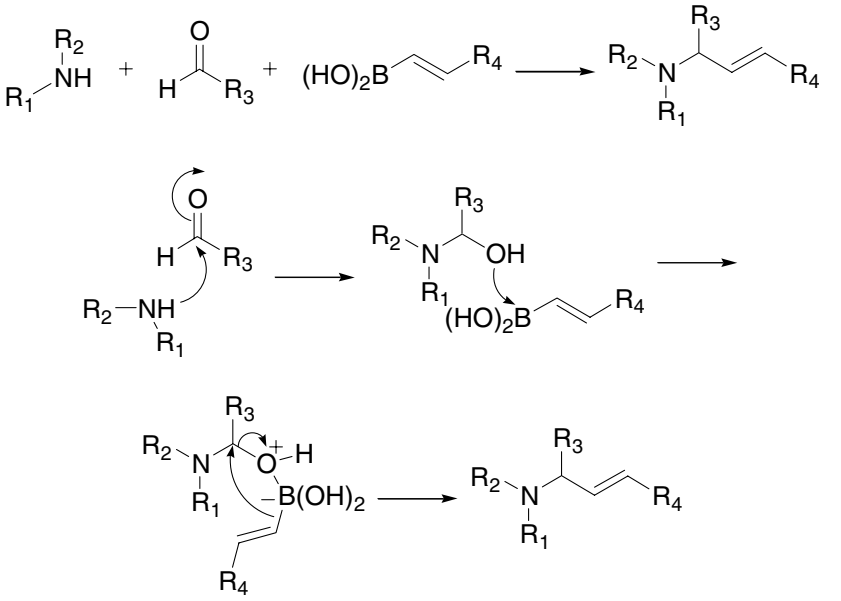
Petasis reaction

Allylic amine from the three-component reaction of a vinyl boronic 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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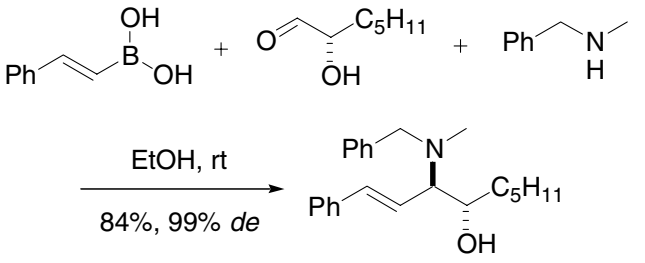

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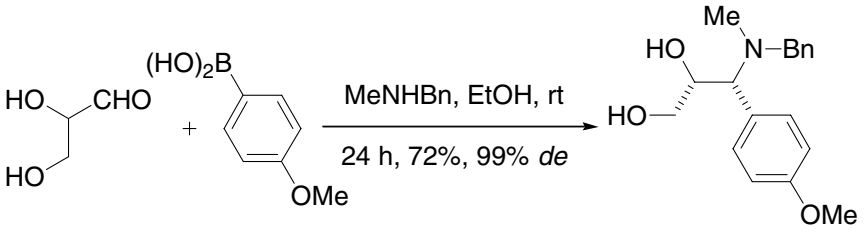

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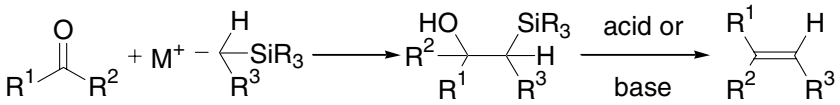
Peterson olefination

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



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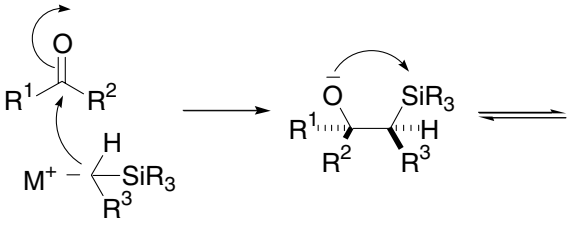

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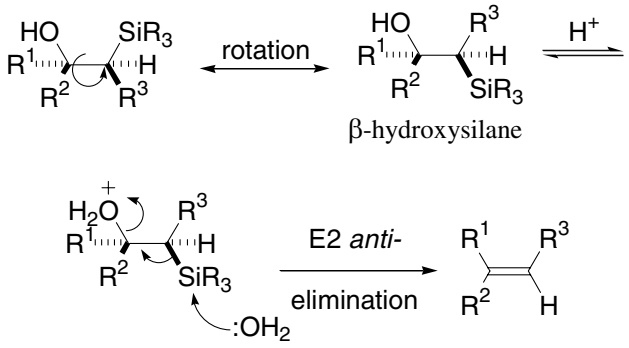

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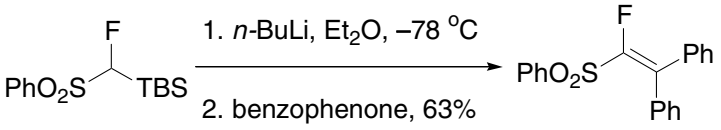

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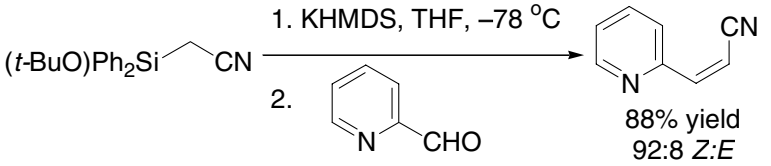

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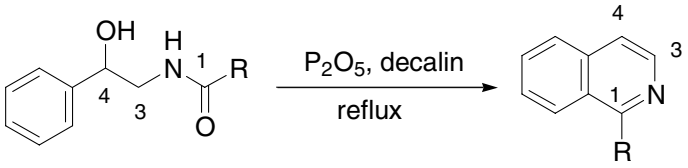
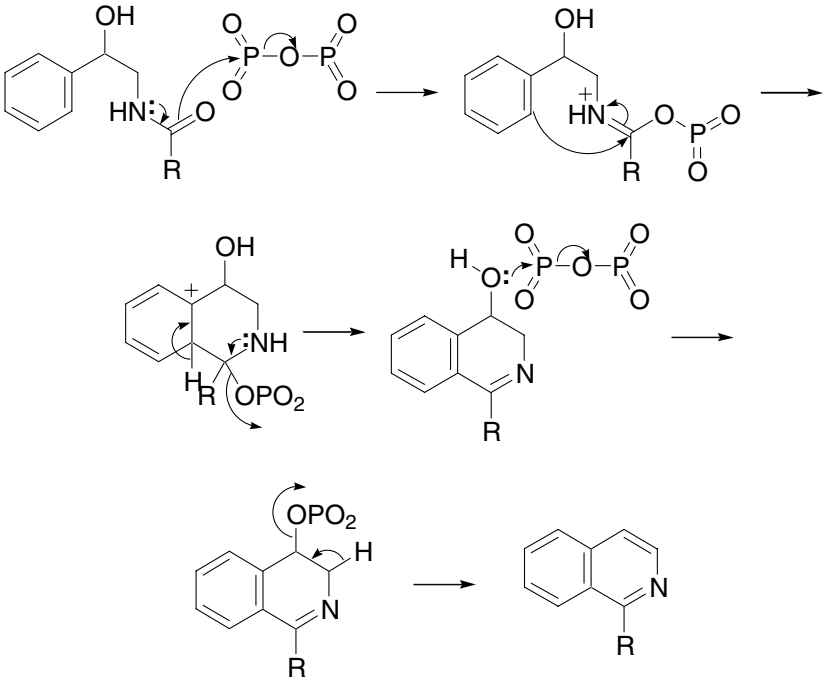
Pictet–Gams isoquinoline synthesis

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



P_2O_5 actually exists as P_4O_{10}, an adamantane-like structure.



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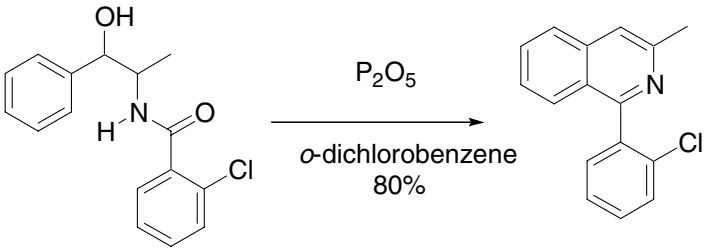

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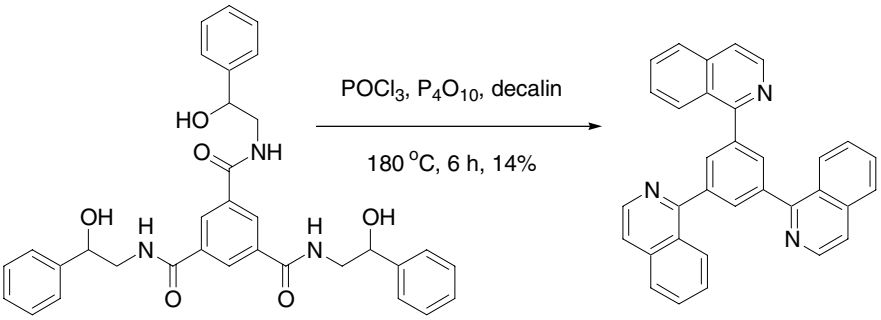

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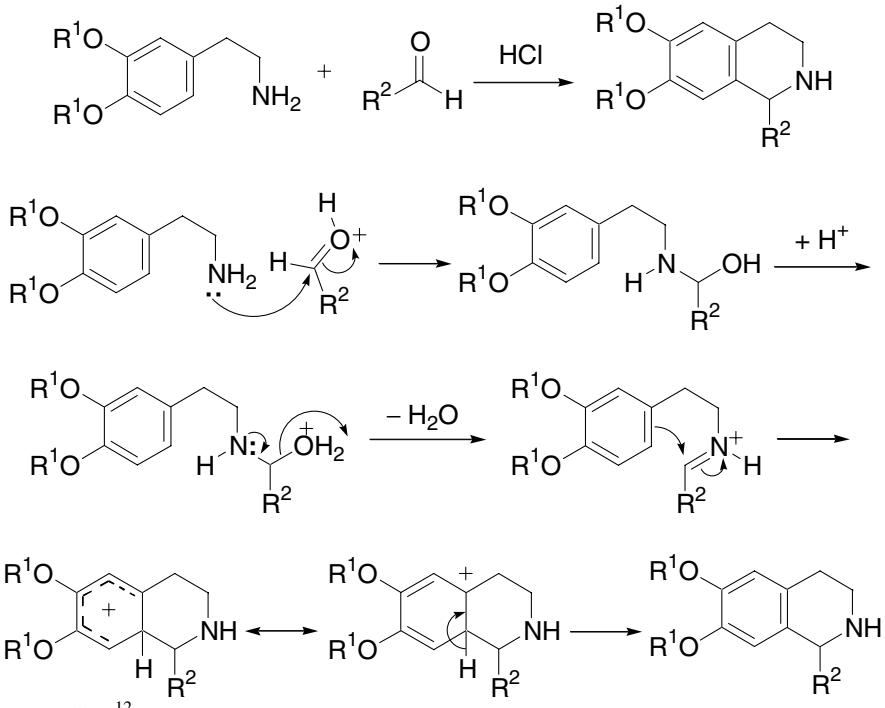
Pictet–Spengler tetrahydroisoquinoline synthesis

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



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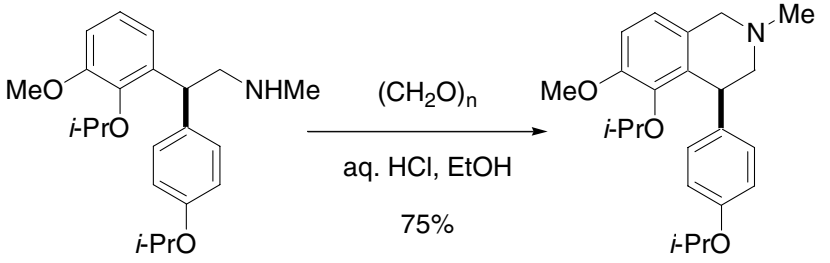

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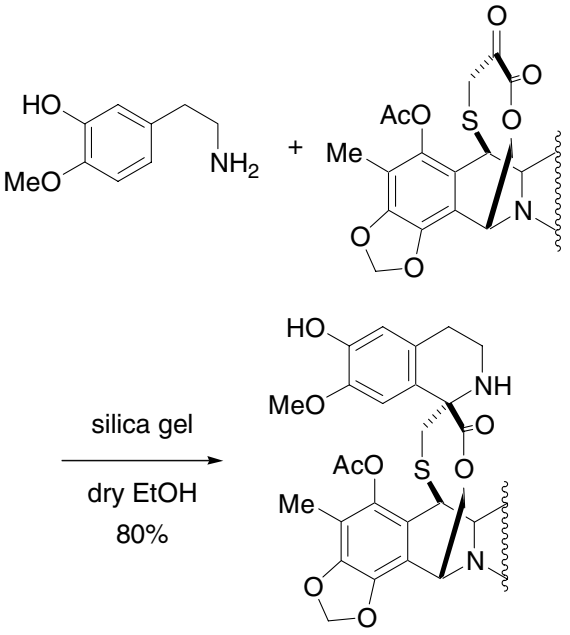

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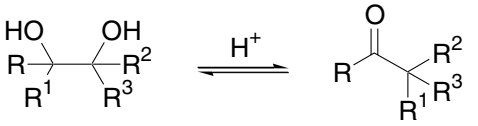
Pinacol rearrangement

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

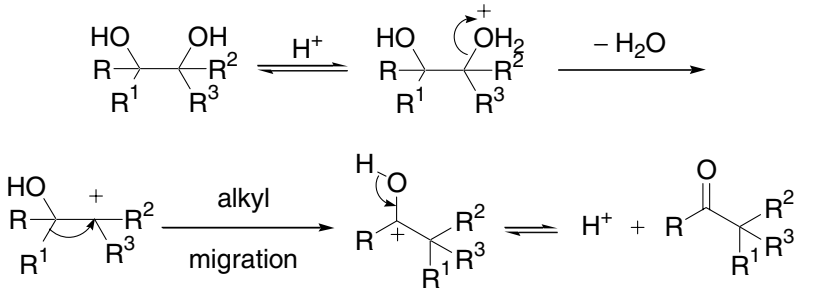


The most electron-rich alkyl group (more substituted carbon) migrates first. The general migration order:

tertiary alkyl > cyclohexyl > secondary alkyl > benzyl > phenyl > primary alkyl > methyl >> H.

For substituted aryls:

p-MeO-Ar > *p*-Me-Ar > *p*-Cl-Ar > *p*-Br-Ar > *p*-MeOAr > *p*-O_2N-Ar



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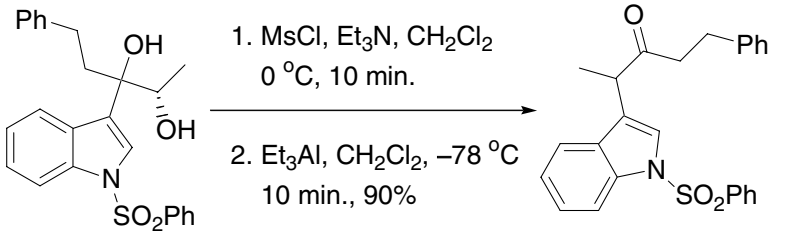

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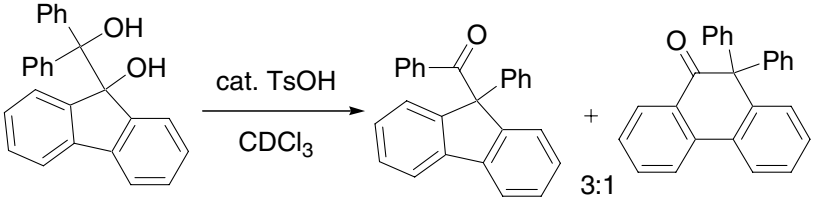

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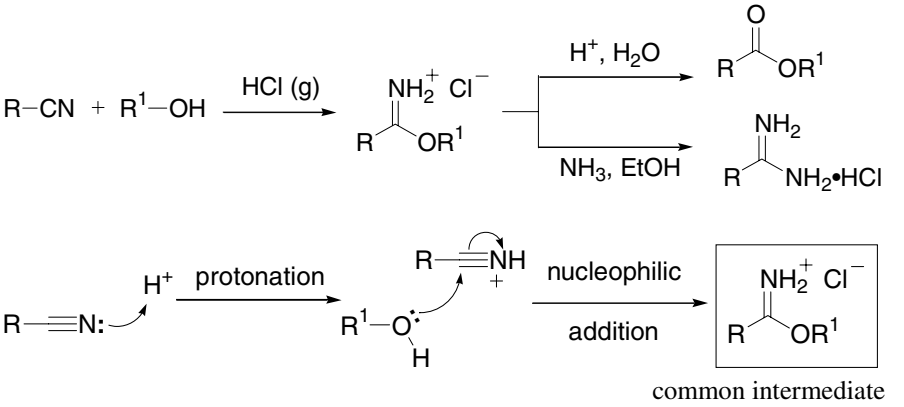
Pinner reaction

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



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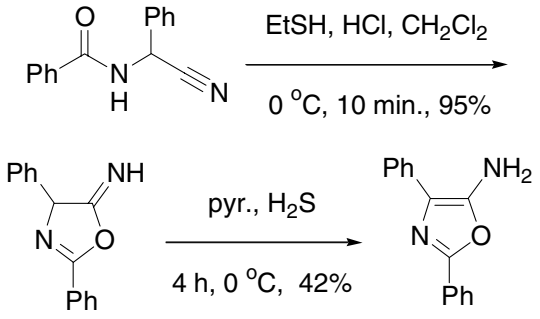

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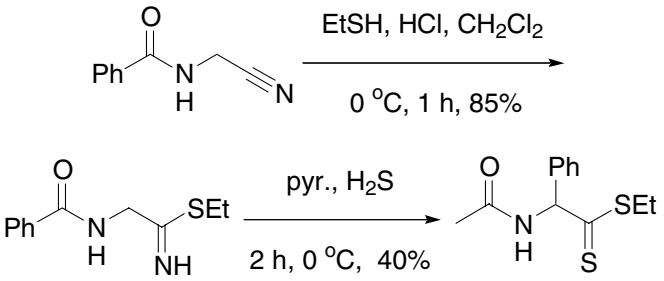

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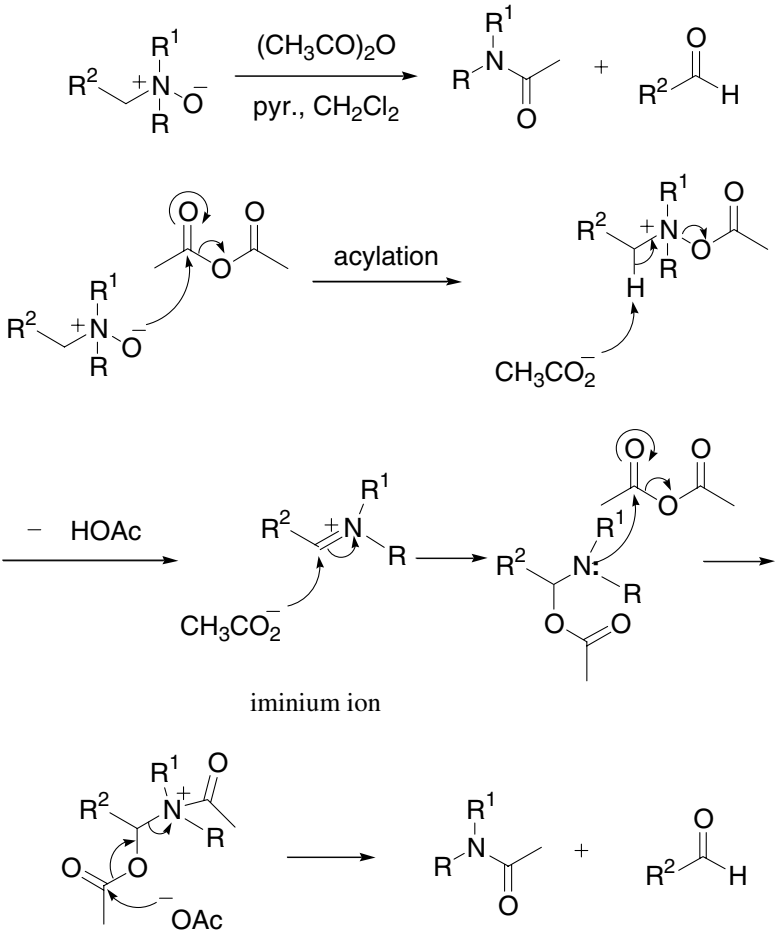
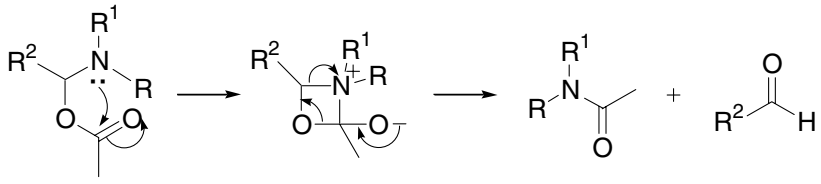
Polonovski reaction

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.



iminium ion

The intramolecular pathway is also possible:



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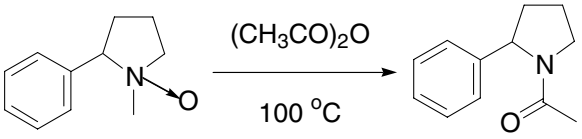

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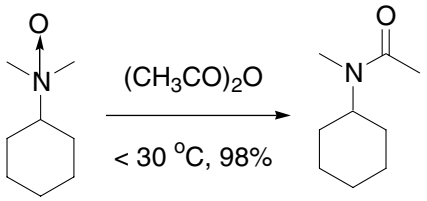

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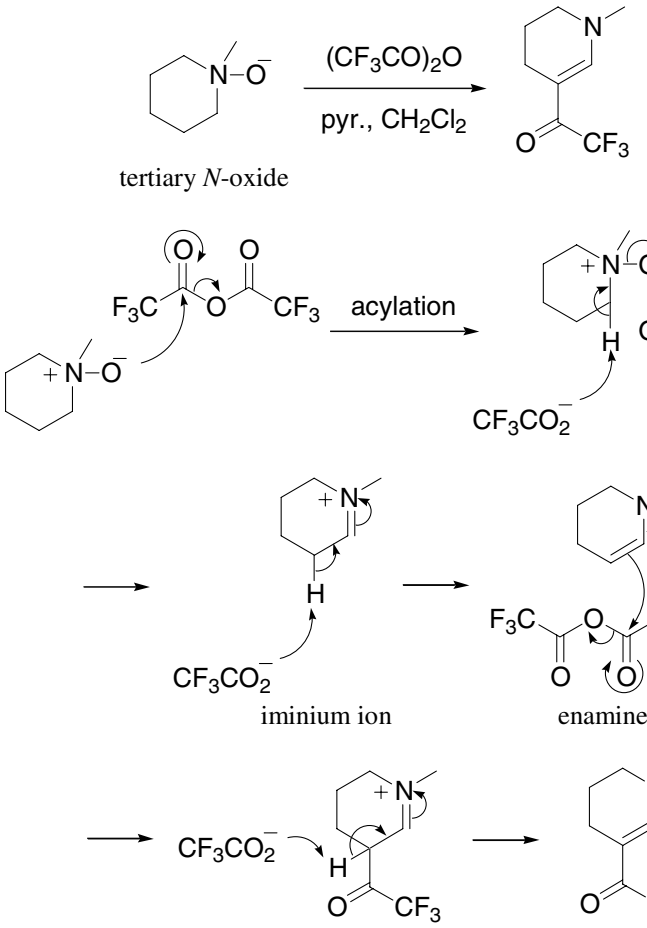
Polonovski–Potier reaction

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.



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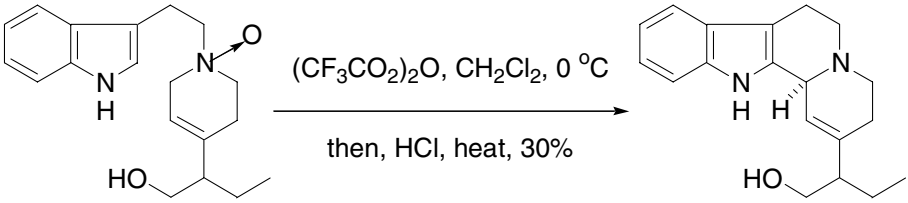

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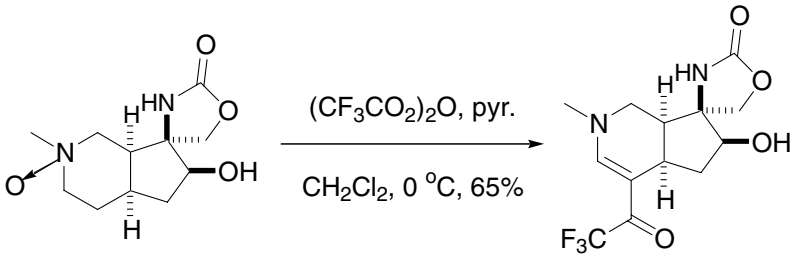

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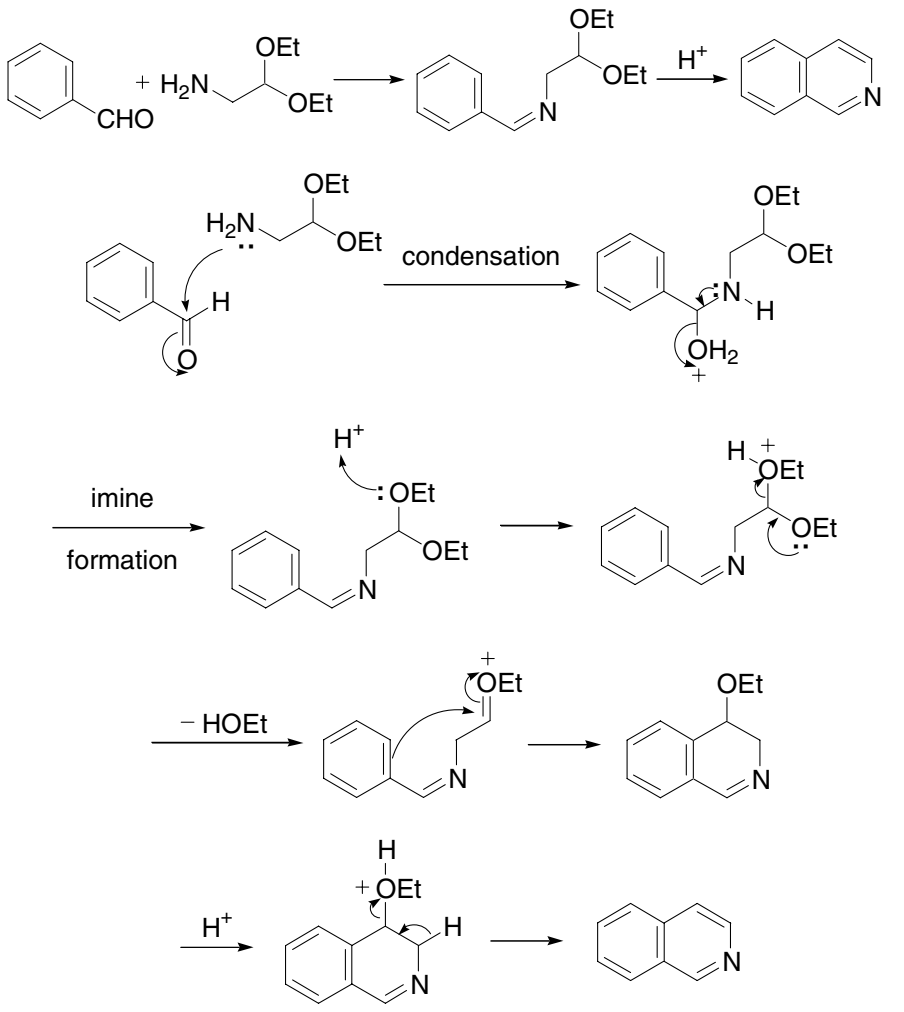
Pomeranz–Fritsch reaction

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



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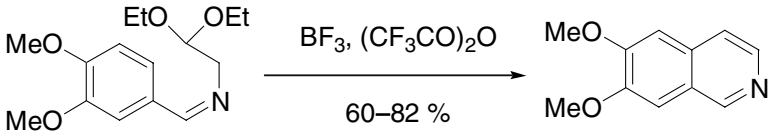

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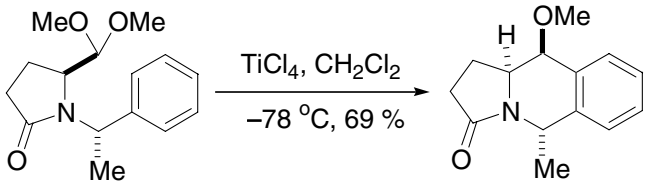
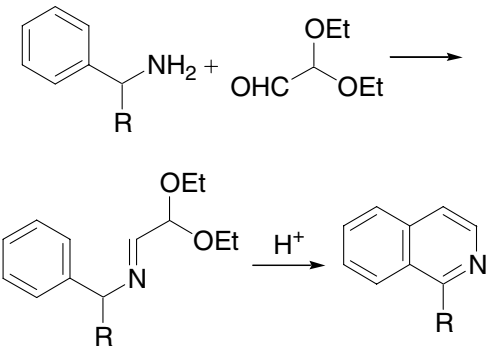


Schlittler–Müller modification



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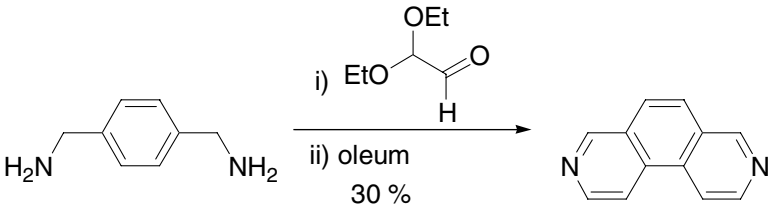

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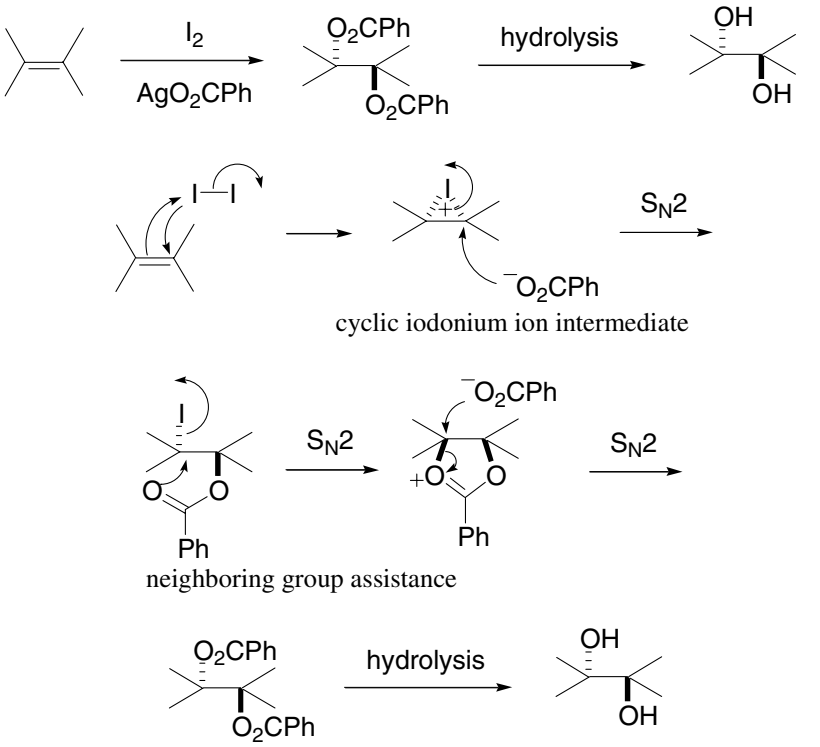
Prévost *trans*-dihydroxylation

Cf. Woodward *cis*-dihydroxylation.



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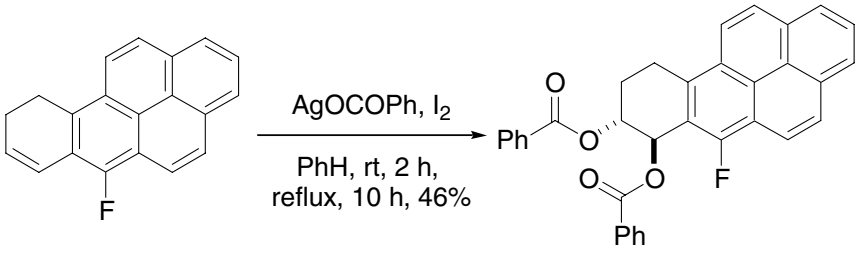

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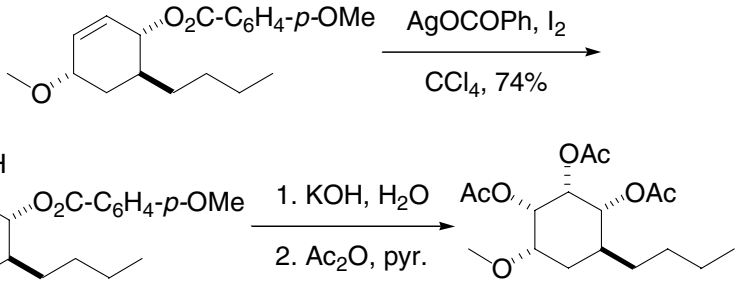

Woodward *cis*-dihydroxylation[13]

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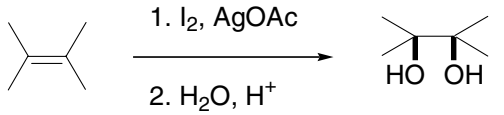

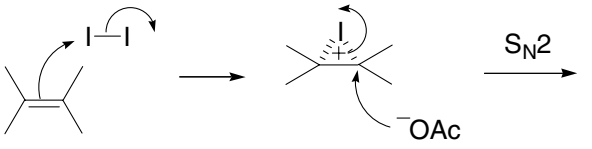

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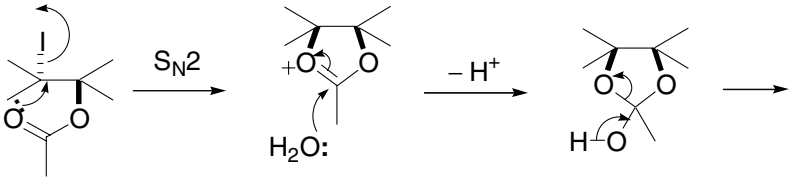

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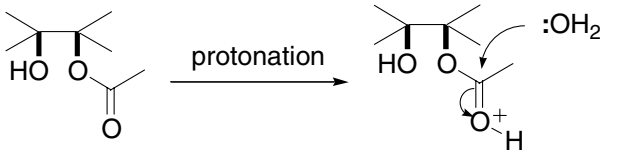

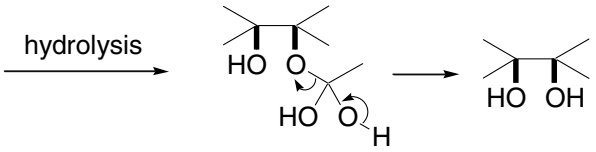

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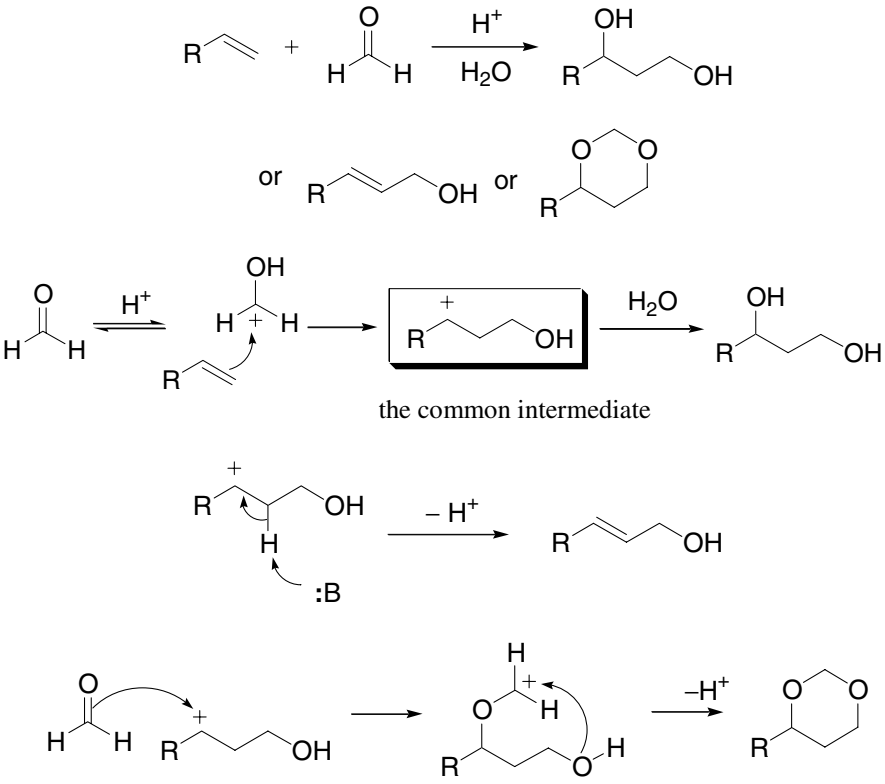
Prins reaction

Addition of alkene to formaldehyde.



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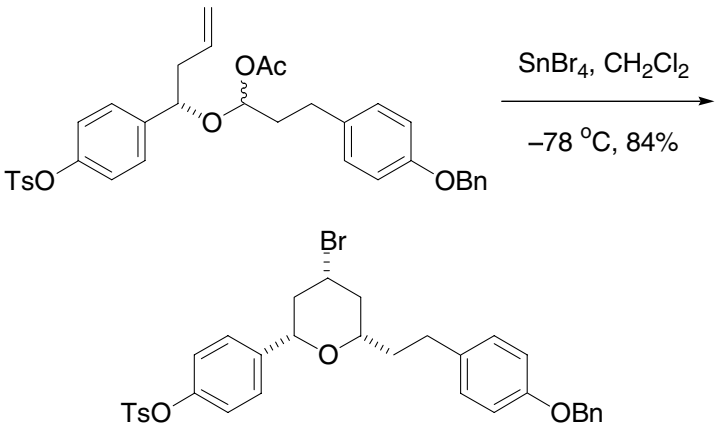

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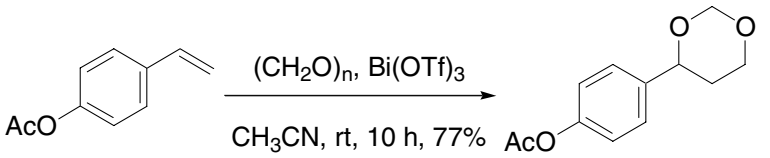

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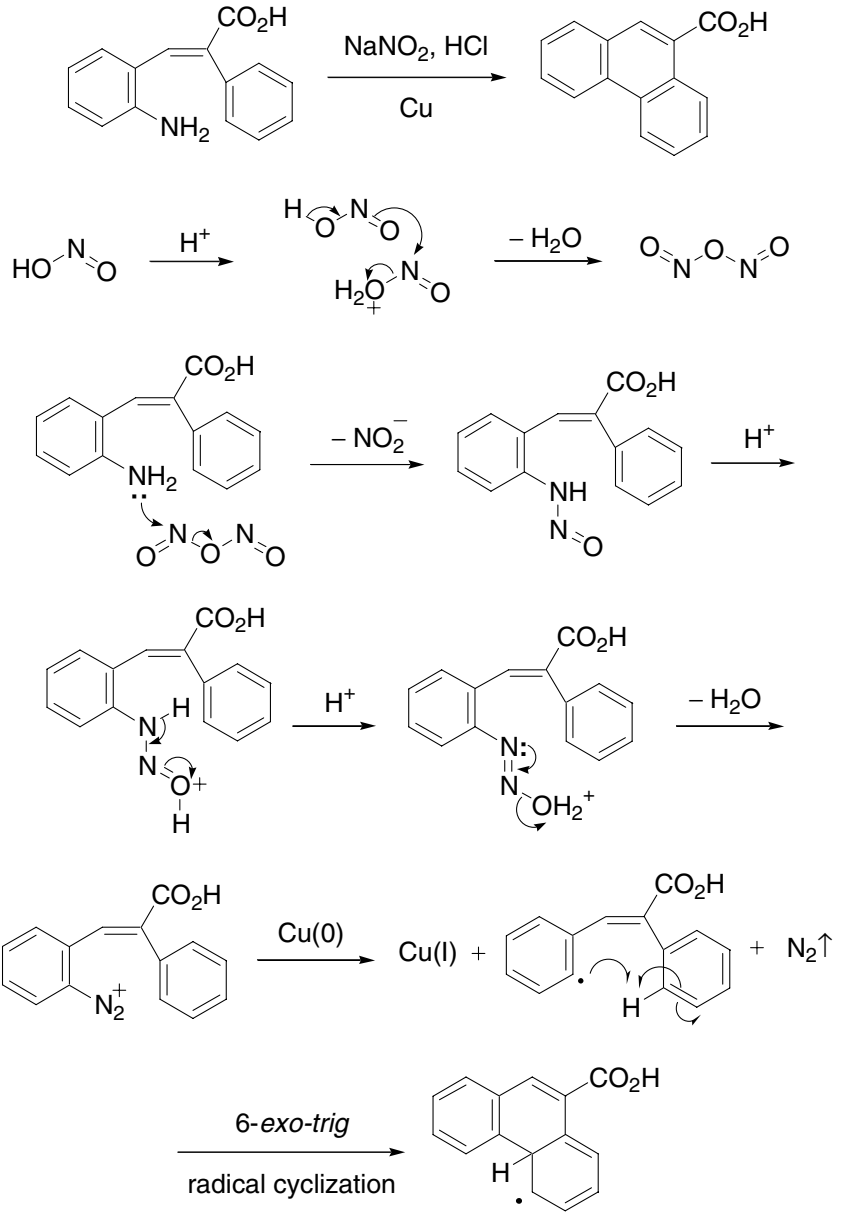
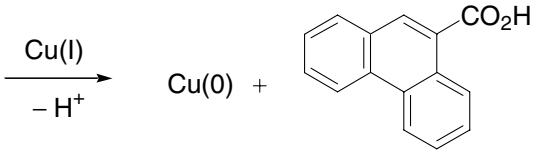
Pschorr cyclization

The intramolecular version of the Gomberg–Bachmann reaction.





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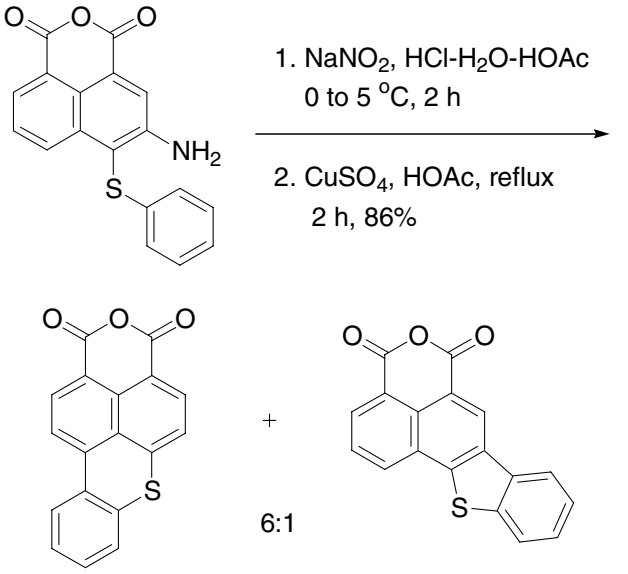

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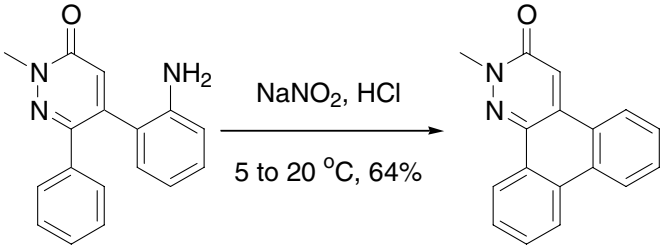

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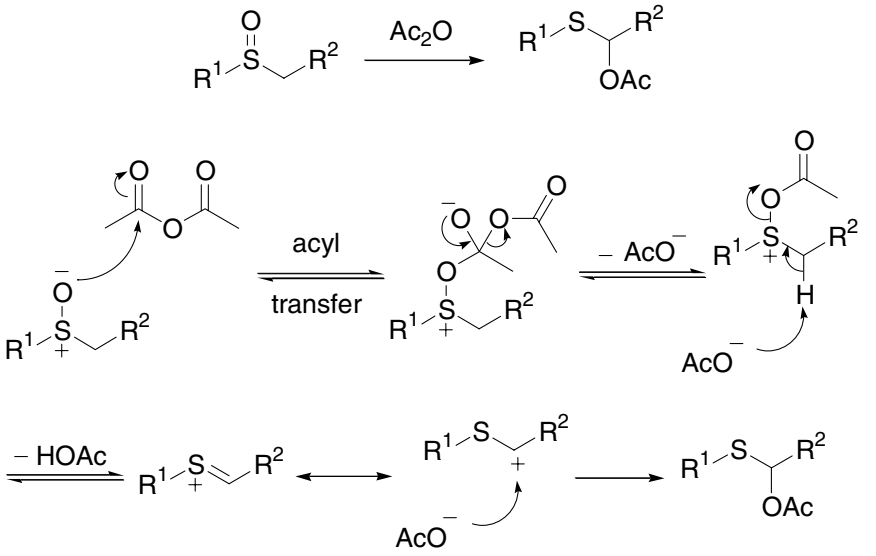
Pummerer rearrangement

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



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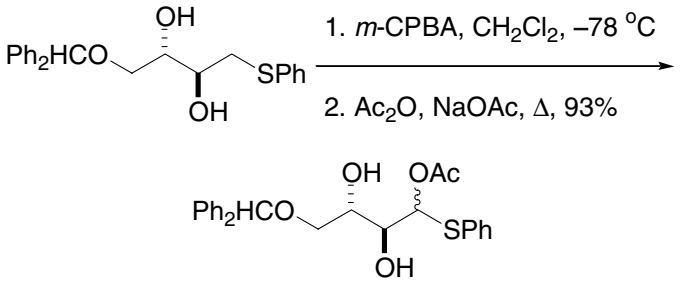

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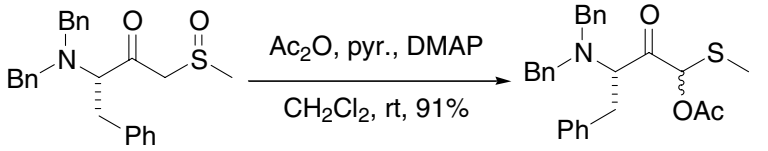

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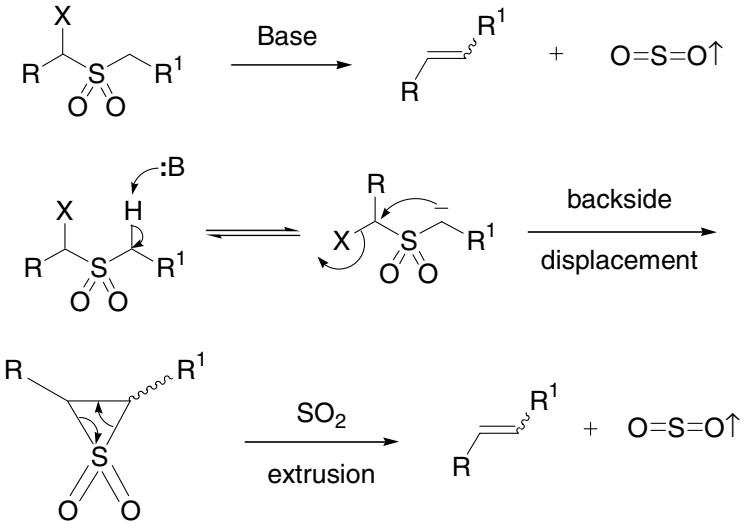
Ramberg–Bäcklund reaction

Olefin synthesis *via* α-halosulfone extrusion.



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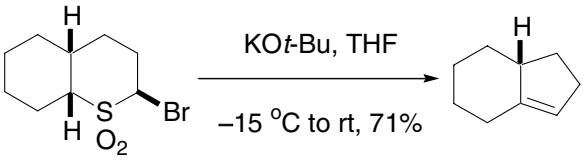

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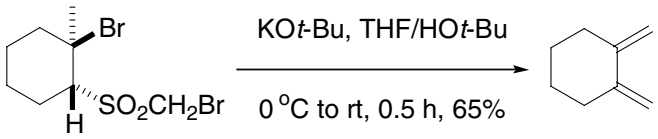

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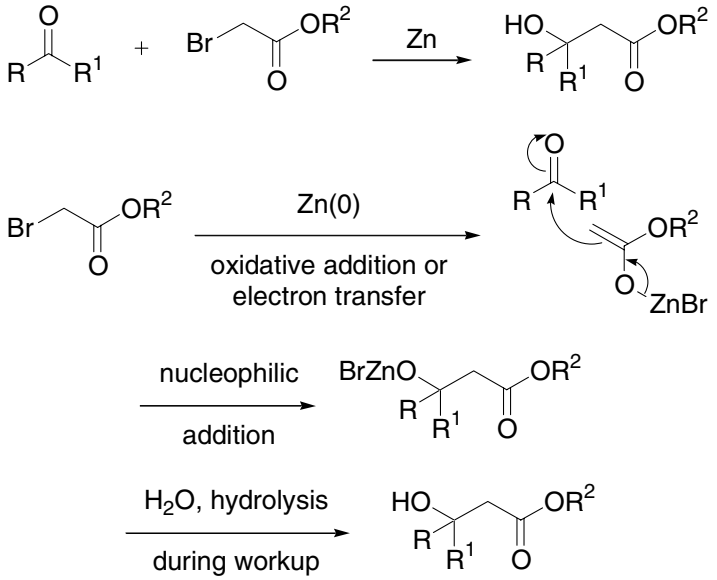
Reformatsky reaction

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



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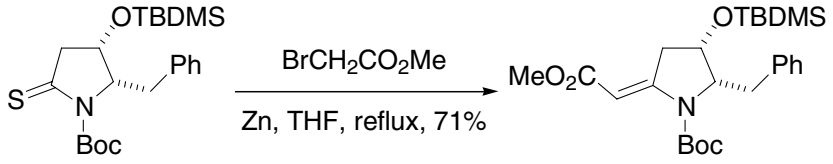

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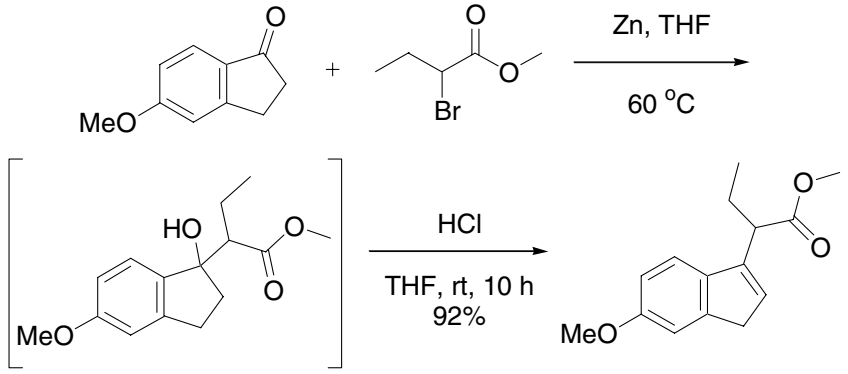

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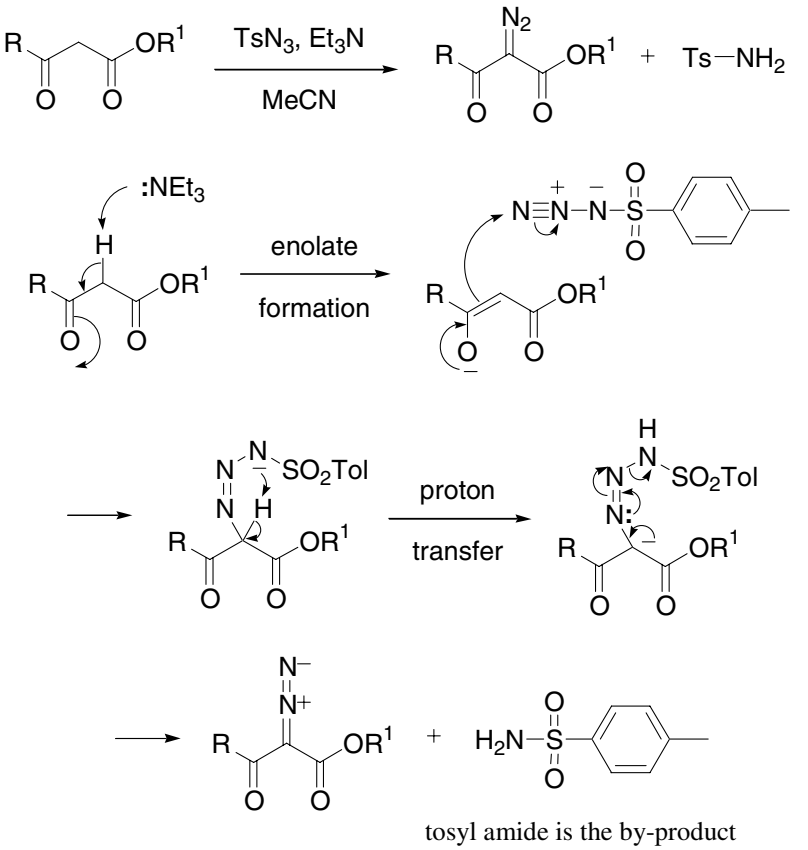
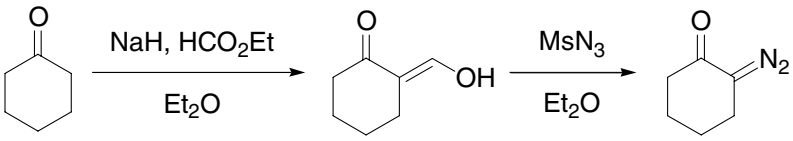
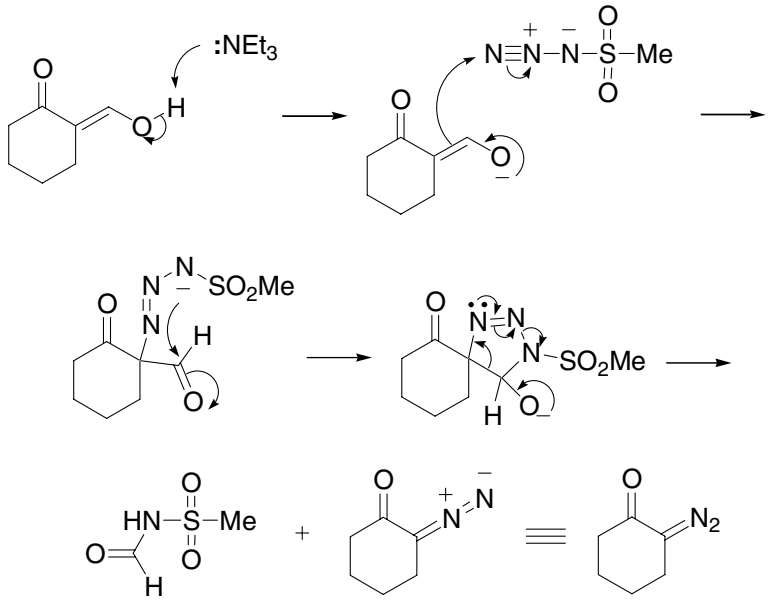
Regitz diazo synthesis

Synthesis of 2-diazo-1,3-dicarbonyl or 2-diazo-3-ketoesters using sulfonyl azide.

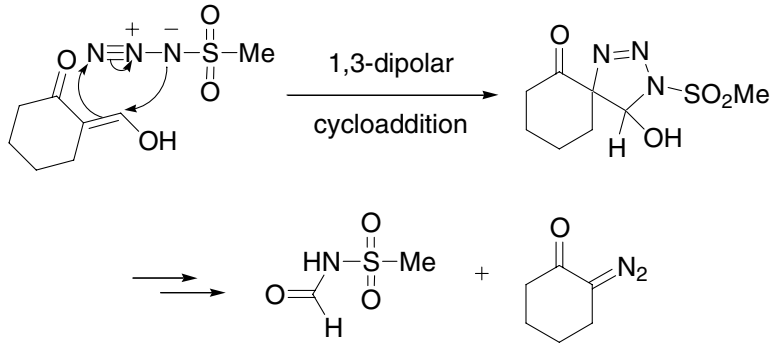


When only one carbonyl is present, ethylformate can be used as an activating auxiliary:[6–9]





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



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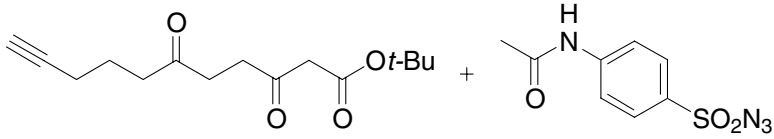

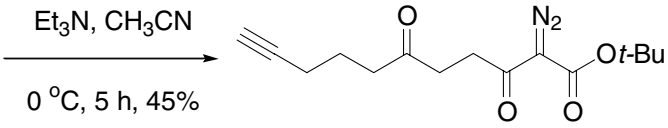

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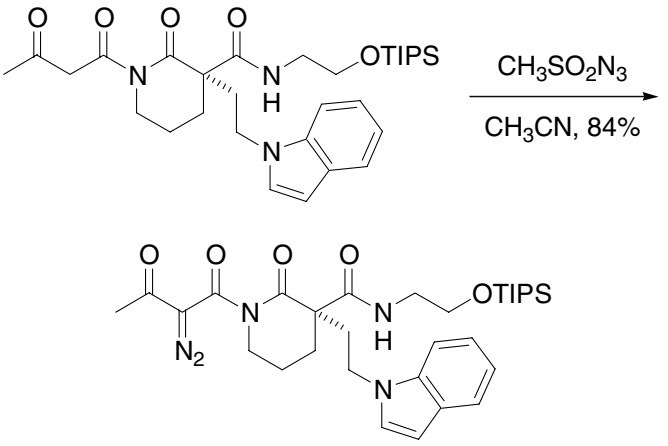

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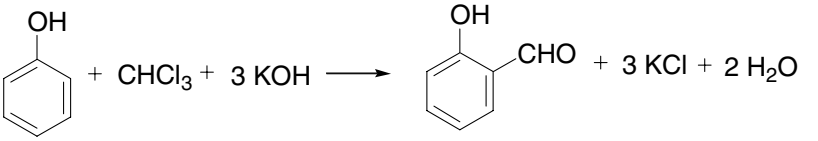
Reimer–Tiemann reaction

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



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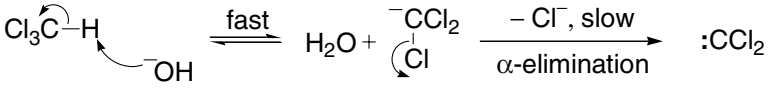
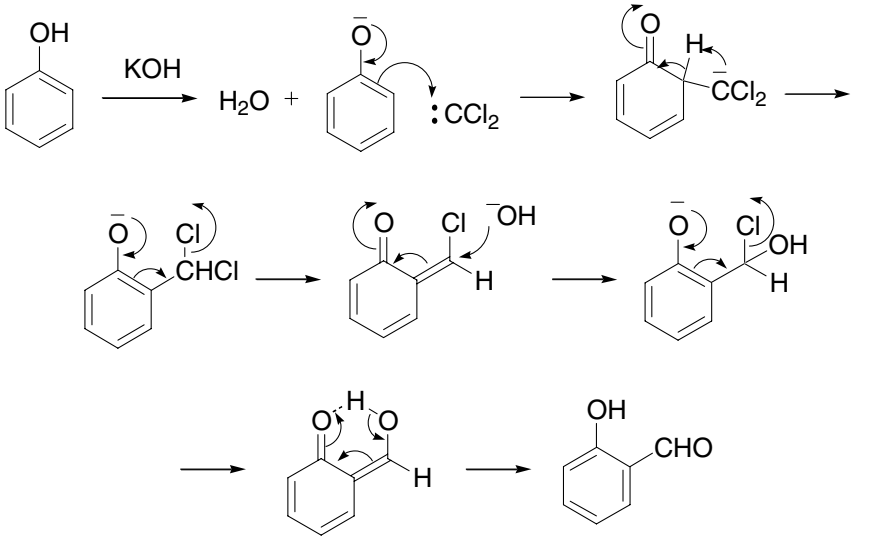


b. Addition of dichlorocarbene and hydrolysis:



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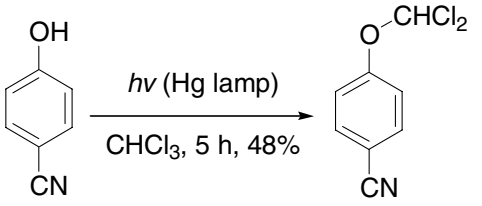

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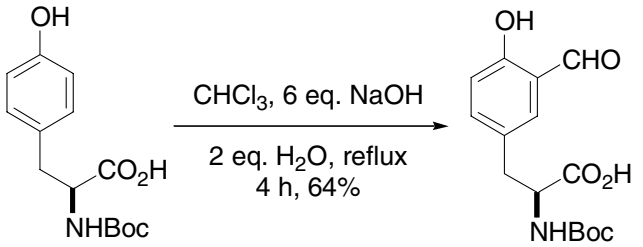

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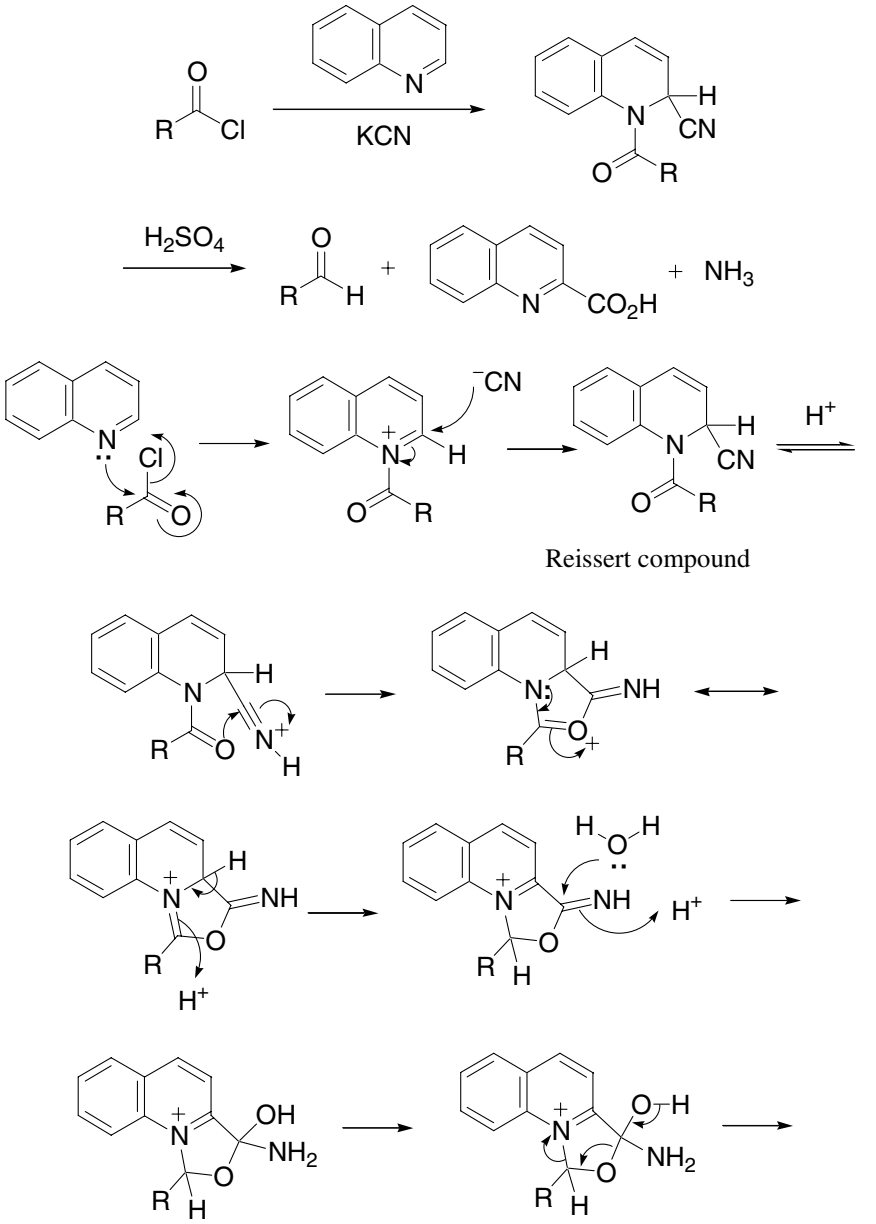
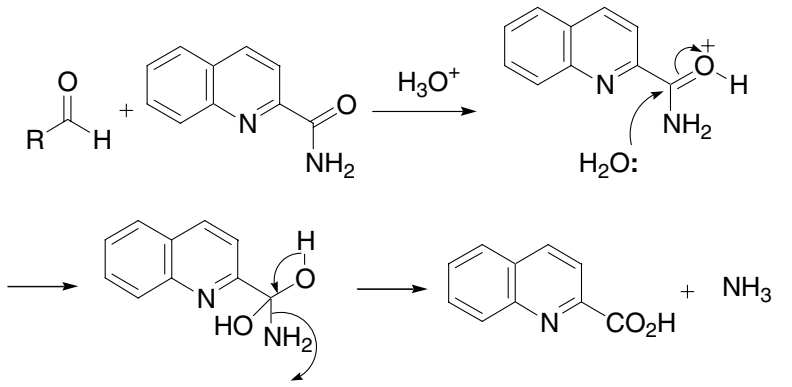
Reissert aldehyde synthesis

Aldehyde synthesis from the corresponding acid chloride, quinoline, and KCN.



Reissert compound



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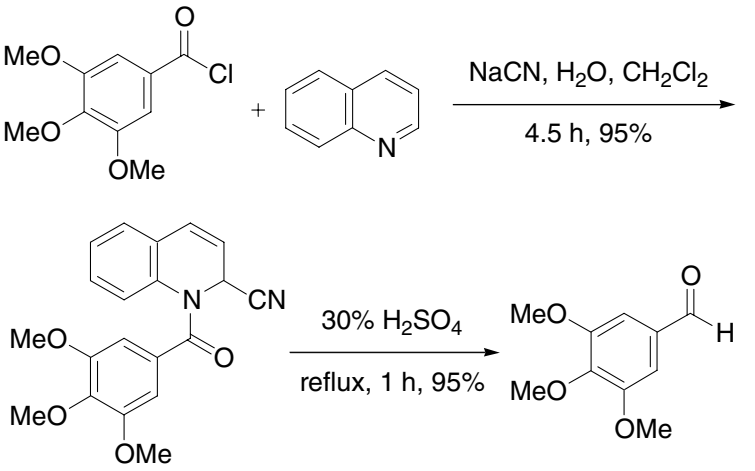

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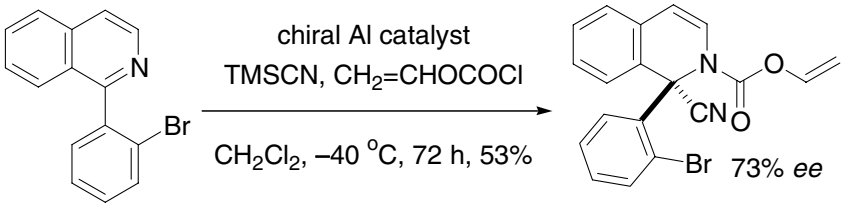

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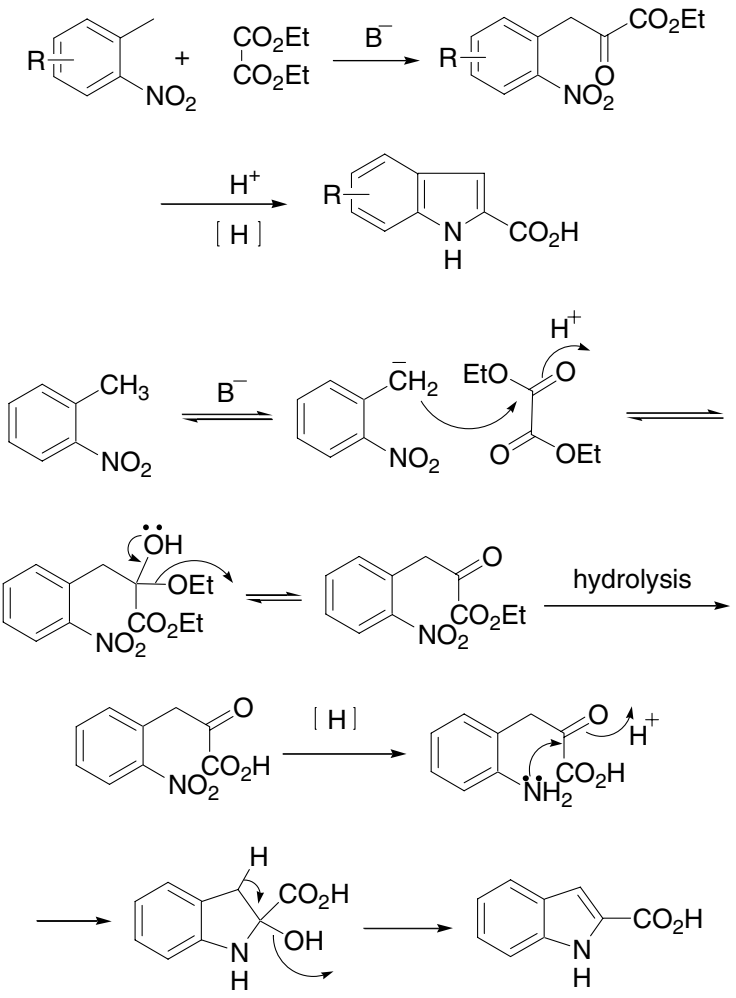
Reissert indole synthesis

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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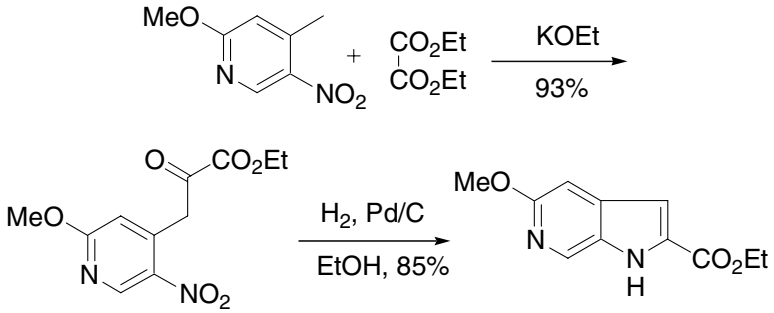

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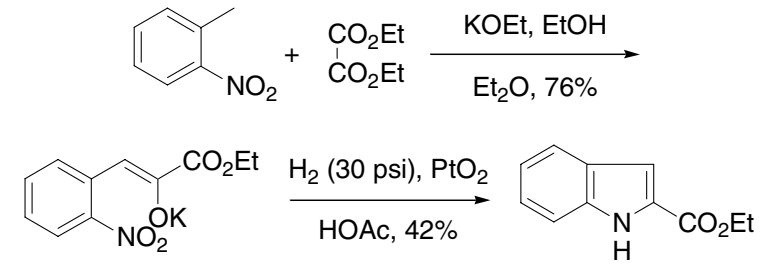

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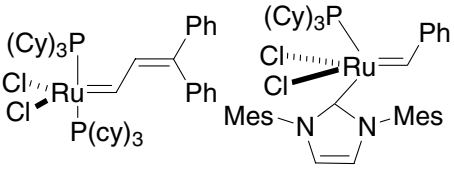
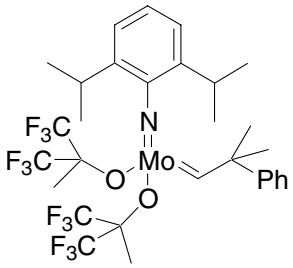
Ring-closing metathesis (RCM)



Grubbs' reagents
Mes = mesityl



Schrock's reagent

All three catalysts are illustrated as "$L_nM{=}CHR$" in the mechanism below.

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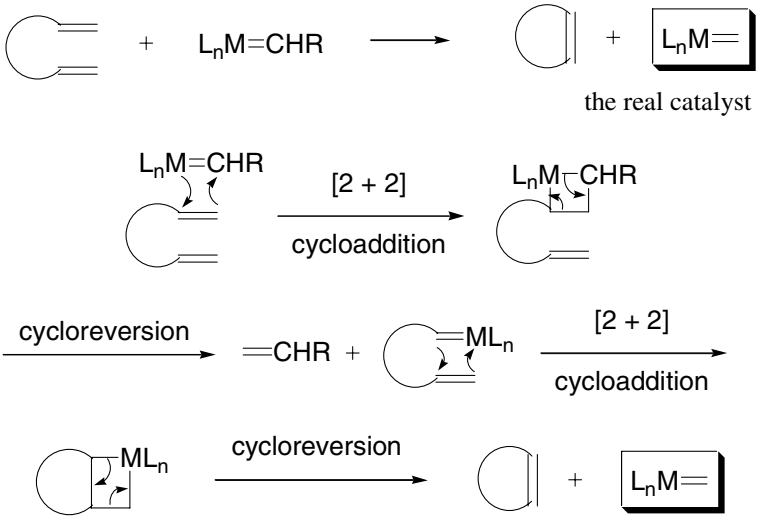
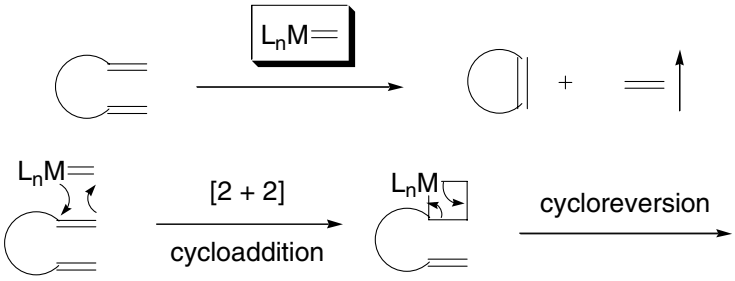
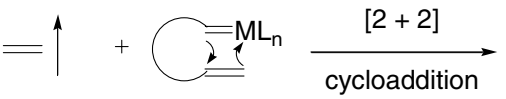
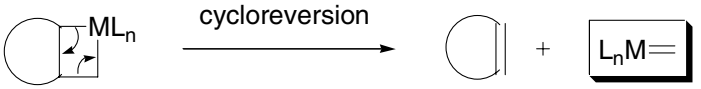


Catalytic cycle:







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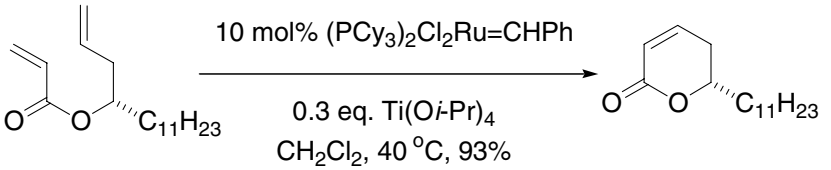

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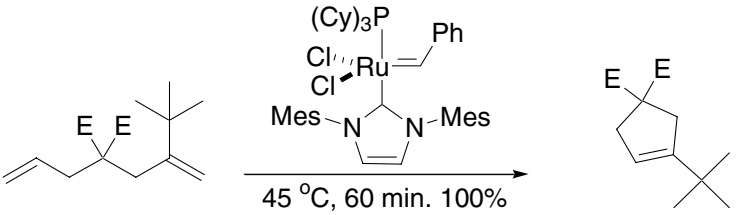

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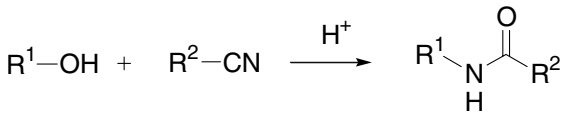
Ritter reaction

Amides from nitriles and alcohols in strong acids.

General scheme:



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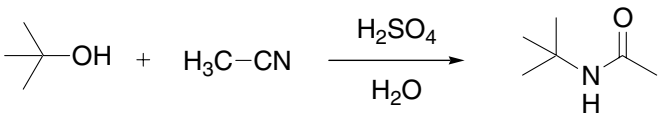

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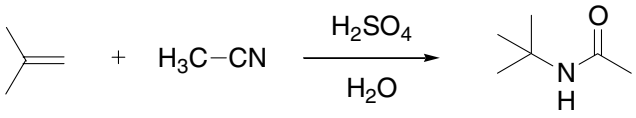

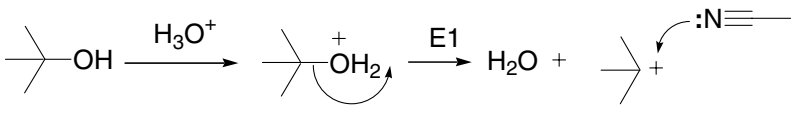

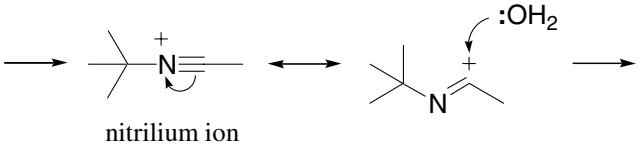

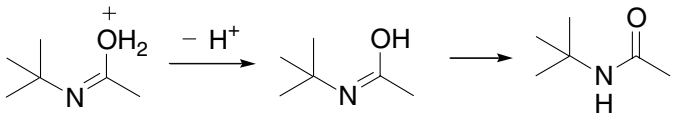

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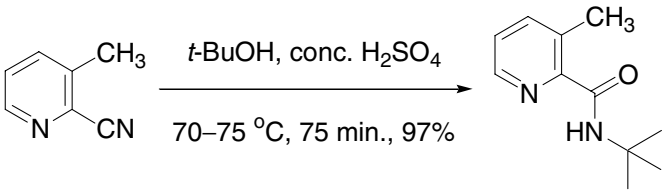

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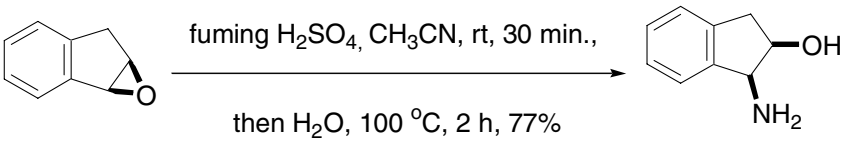

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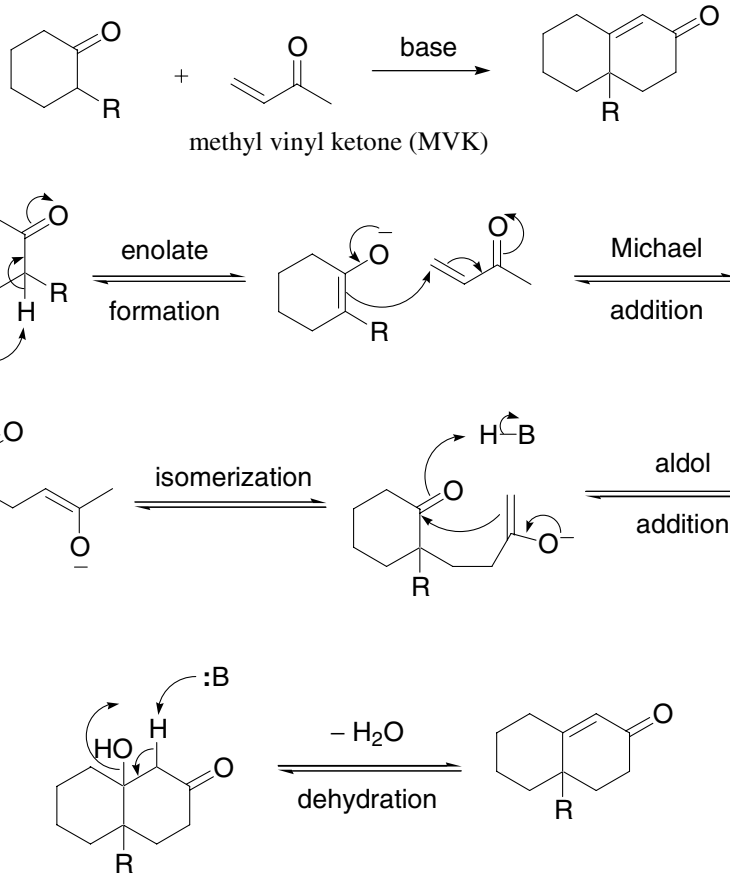
Robinson annulation

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



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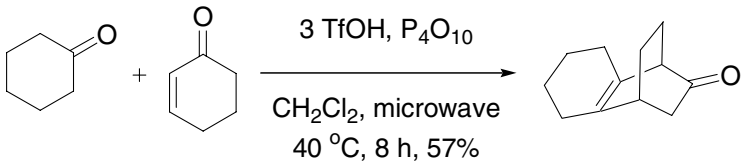

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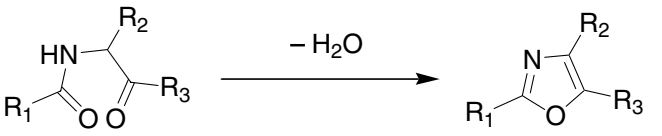
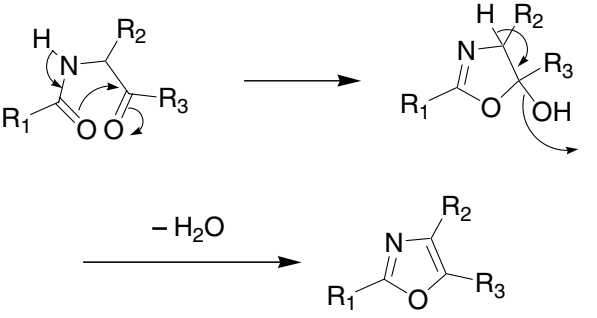
Robinson–Gabriel synthesis

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



R_1, R_2, R_3 = alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl



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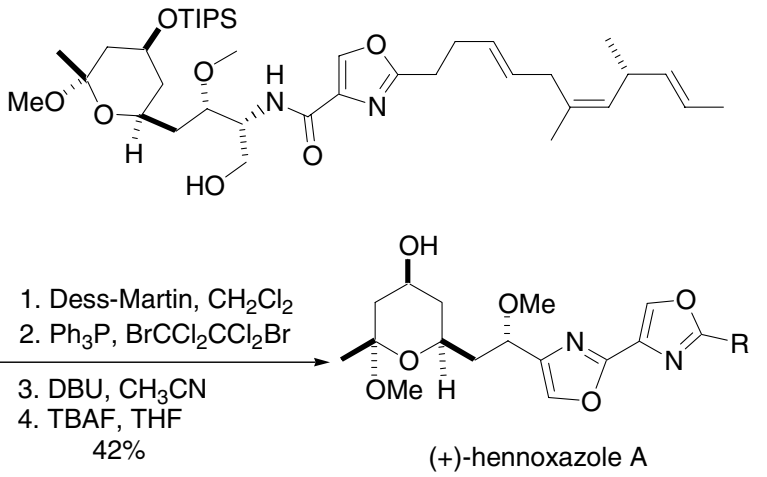

(+)-hennoxazole A

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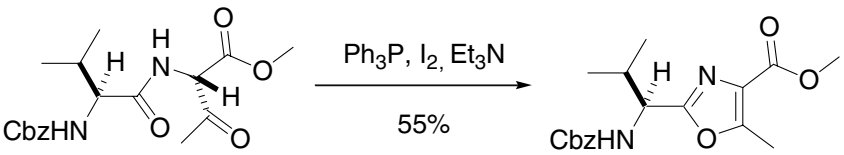

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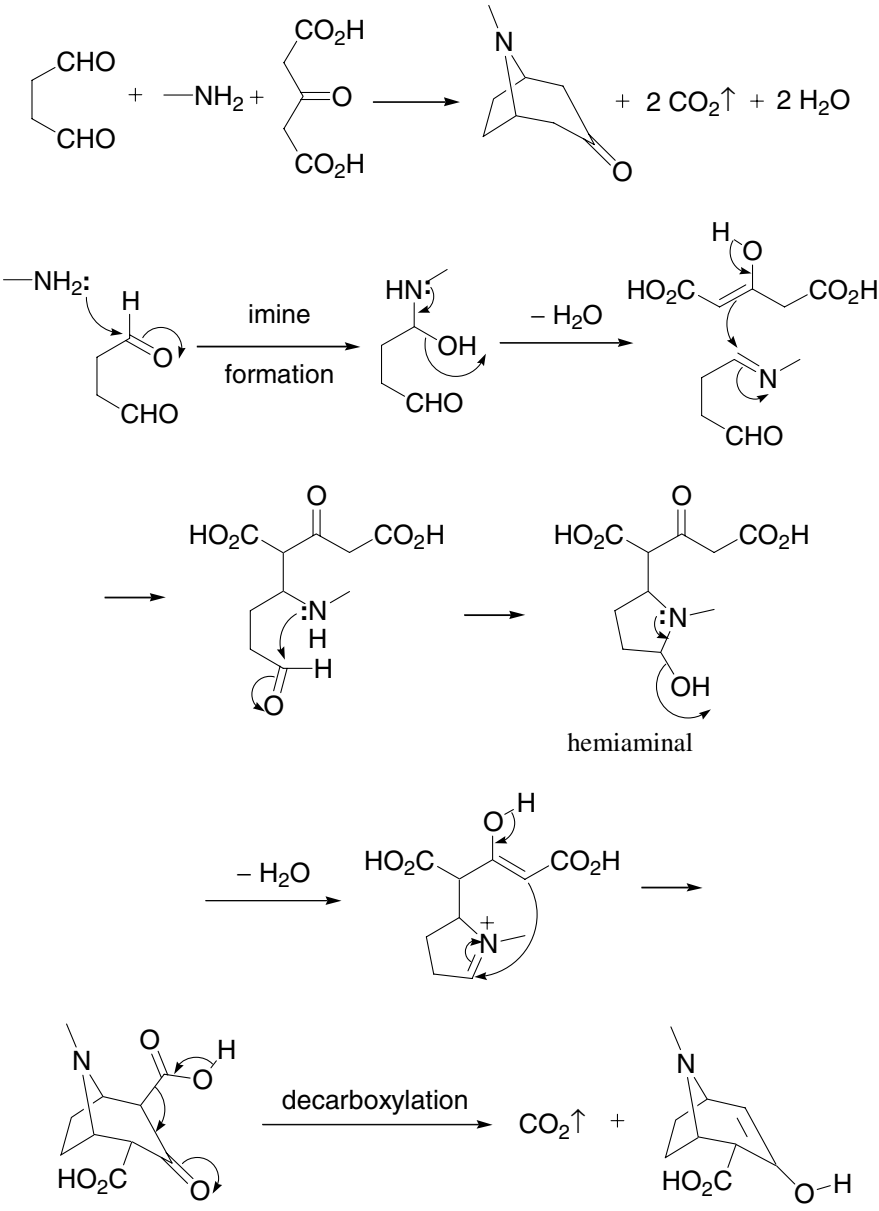
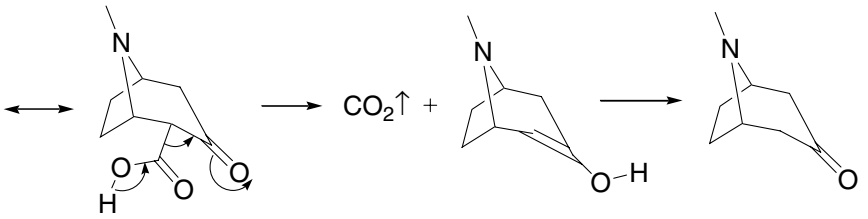
Robinson–Schöpf reaction

Tropinone synthesis.





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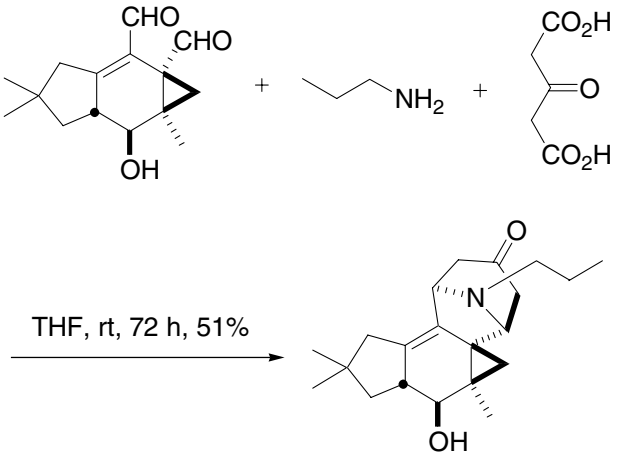

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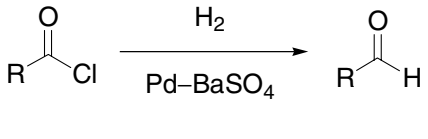
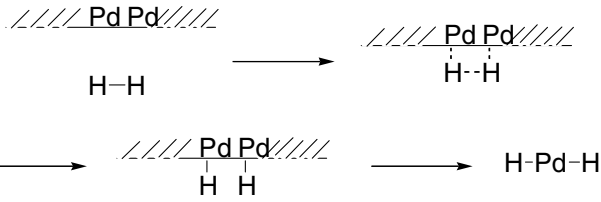
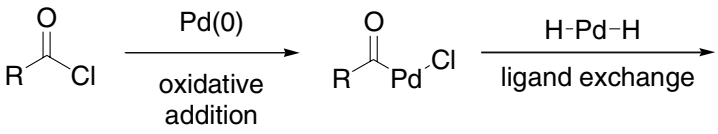
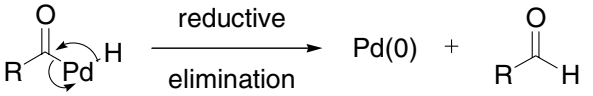
Rosenmund reduction

Hydrogenation reduction of acid chloride to aldehyde using $BaSO_4$-poisoned palladium catalyst. Without poison, the resulting aldehyde may be further reduced to alcohol.









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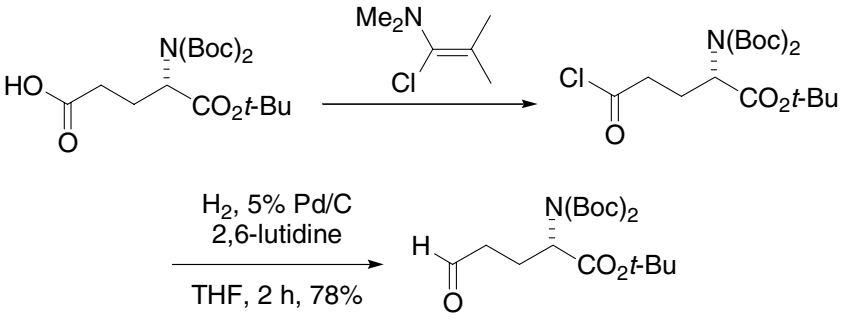

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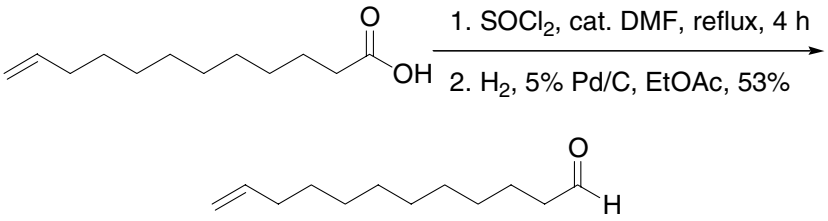

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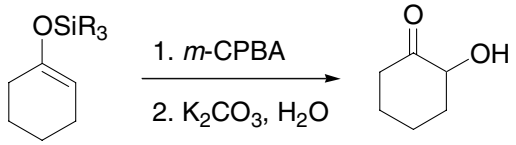
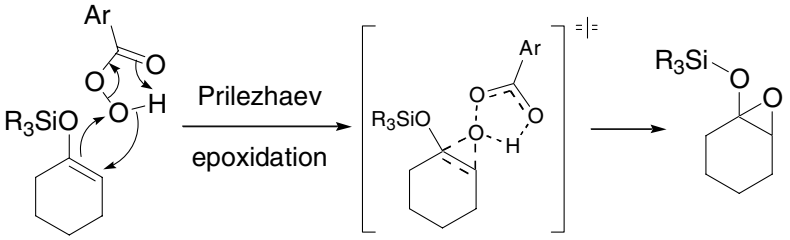
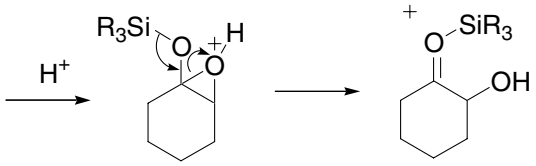
Rubottom oxidation

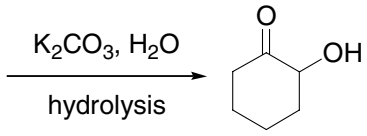
α-Hydroxylation of enolsilanes.





The "butterfly" transition state





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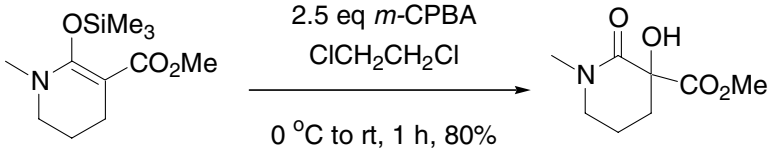

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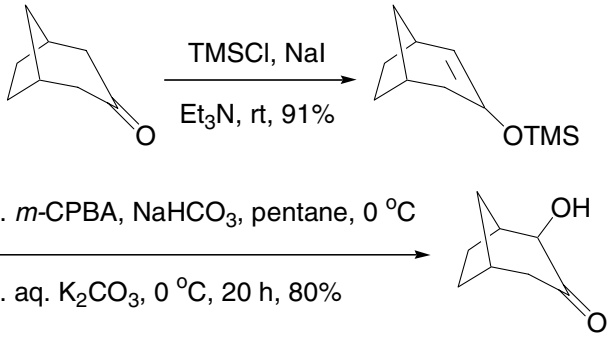

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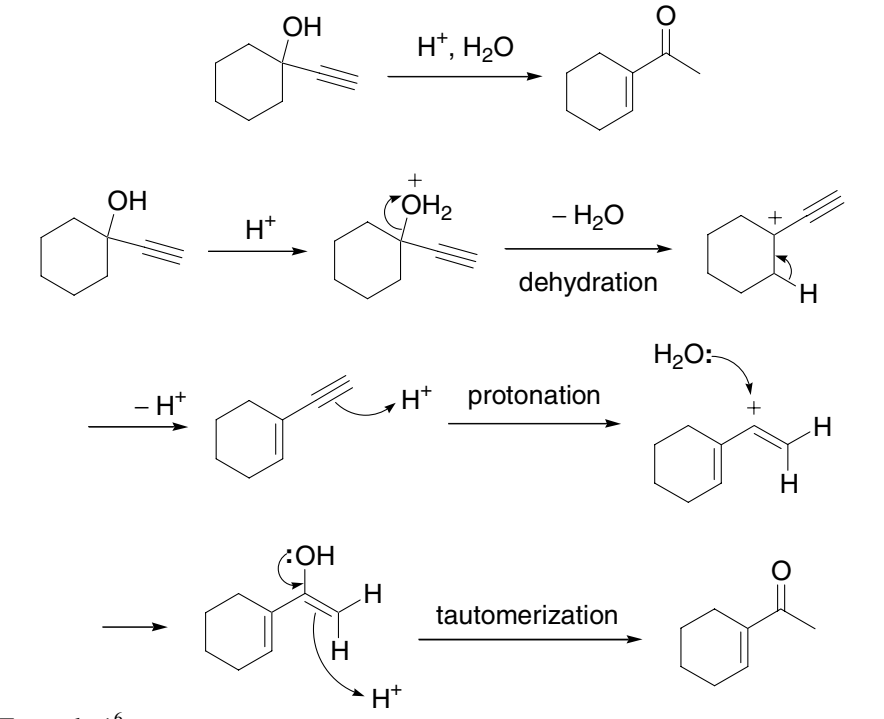
Rupe rearrangement

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.



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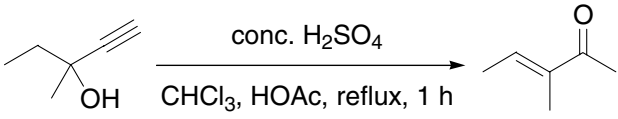

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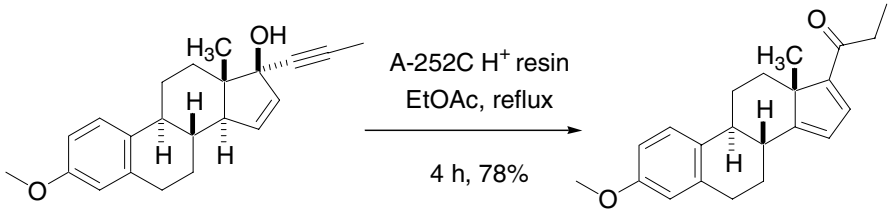

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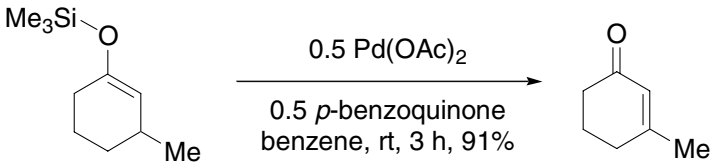
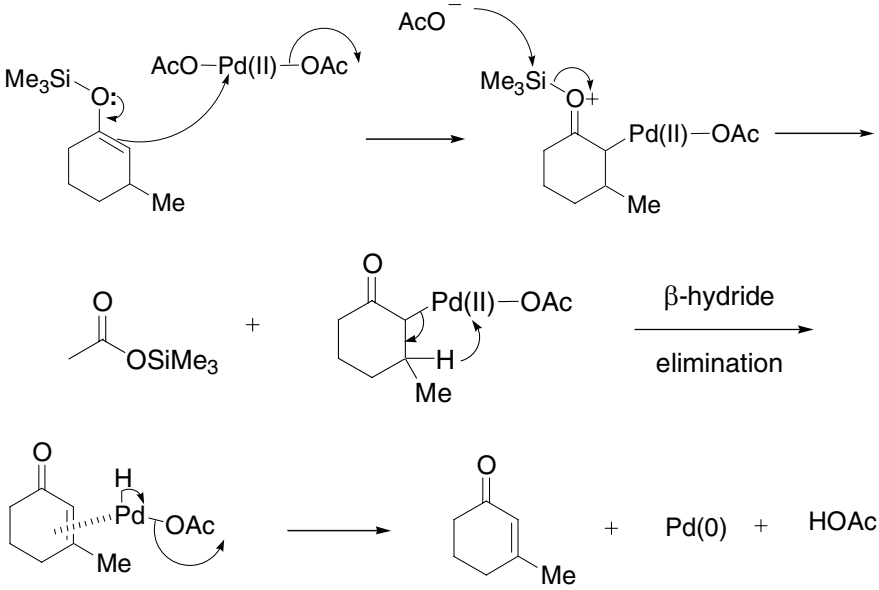
Saegusa oxidation

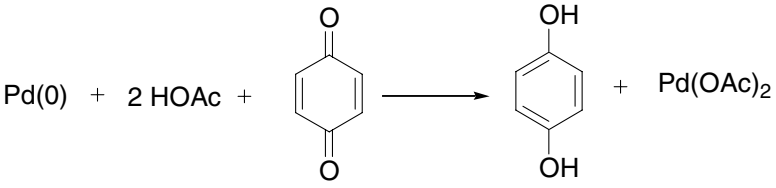
Palladium-catalyzed conversion of enol silanes to enones, also known as the Saegusa enone synthesis.



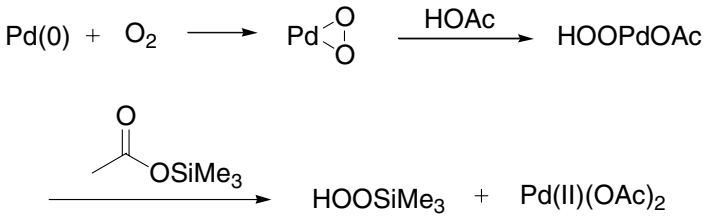
The mechanism is similar to that of the Wacker oxidation (page 610).



Regenerating the Pd(II) oxidant:



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



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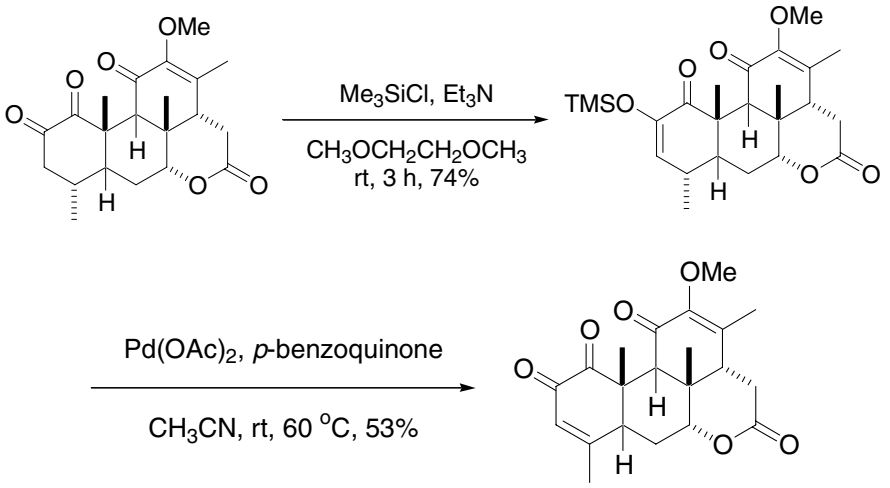

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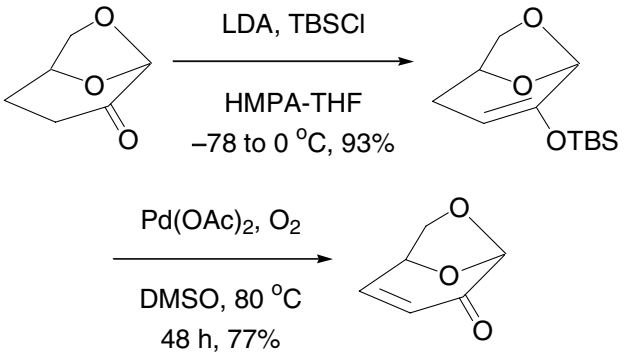

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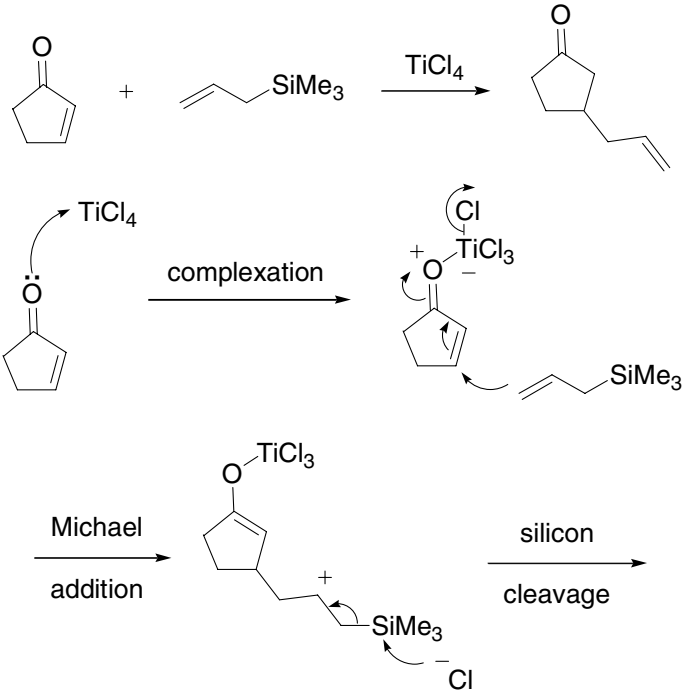
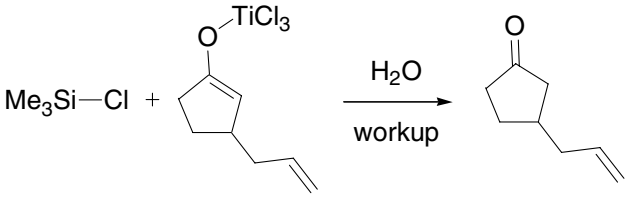
Sakurai allylation reaction

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 it is not part of an α,β-unsaturated system (Example 2), giving rise to an alcohol.



The β-carbocation is stabilized by the silicon atom



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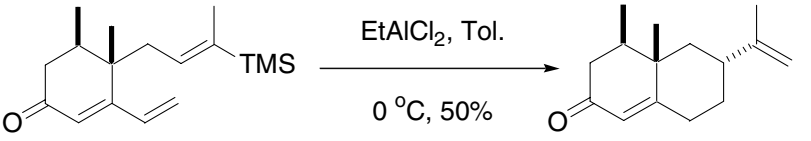

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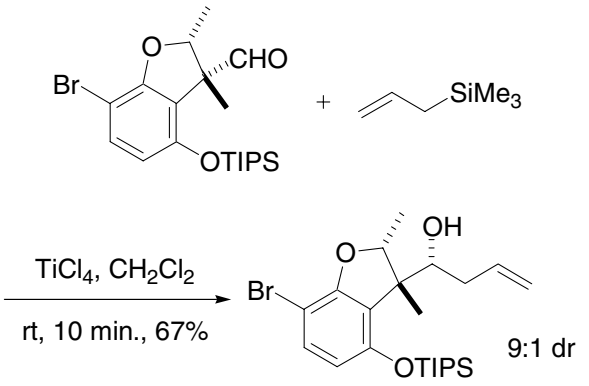

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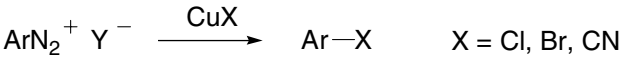
Sandmeyer reaction

Haloarenes from the reaction of a diazonium salt with CuX.



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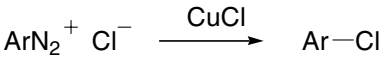

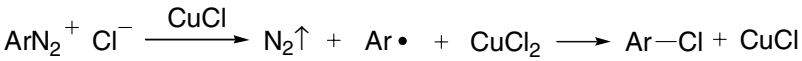

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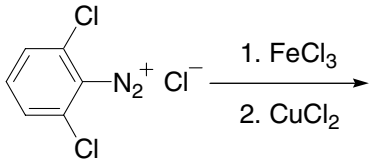

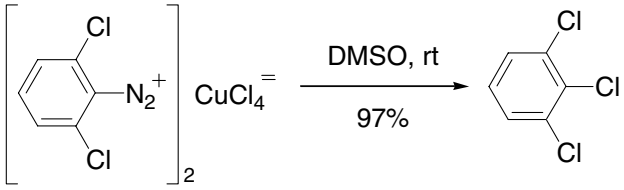

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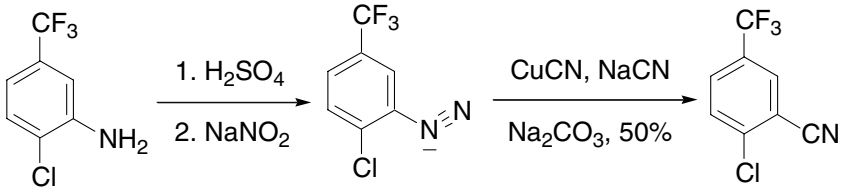

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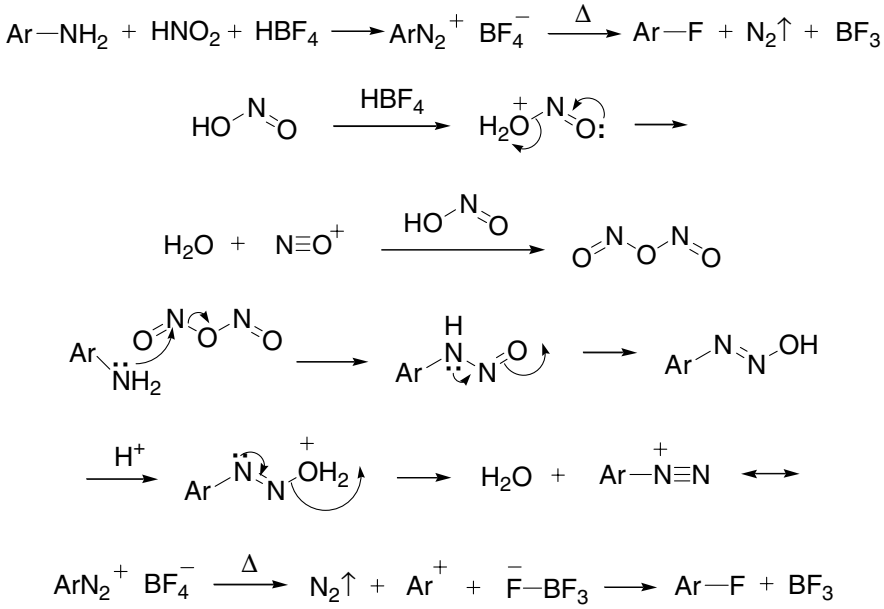
Schiemann reaction

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



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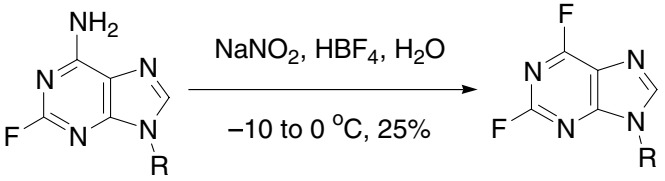

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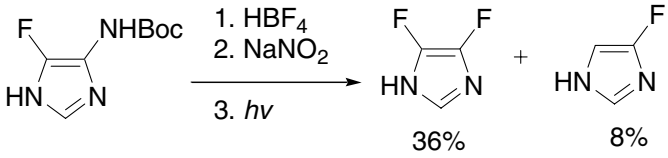

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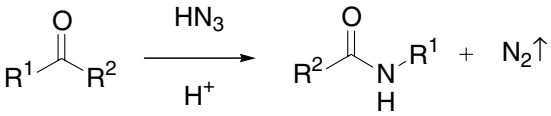
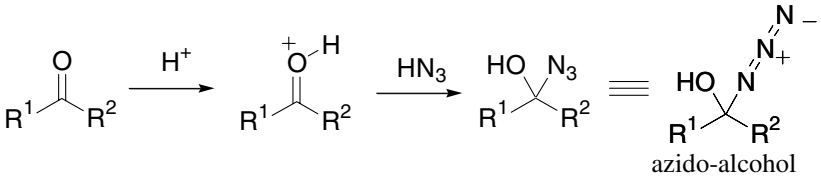
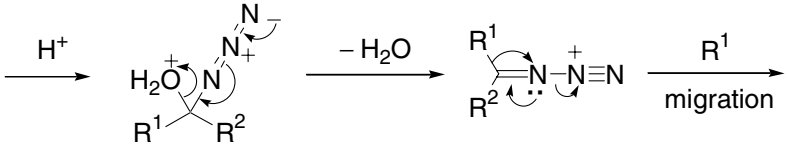
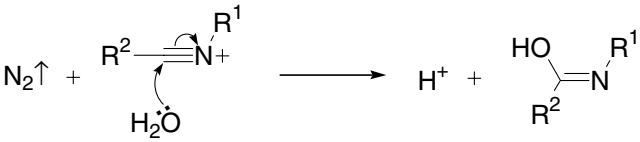
Schmidt reaction

Conversion of ketones to amides using HN_3 (hydrazoic acid).

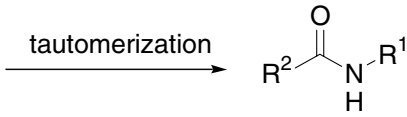








nitrilium ion intermediate (*Cf.* Ritter intermediate)



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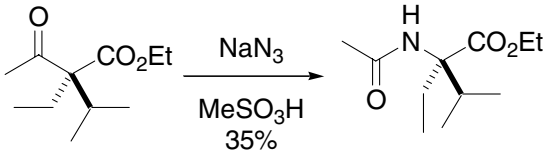

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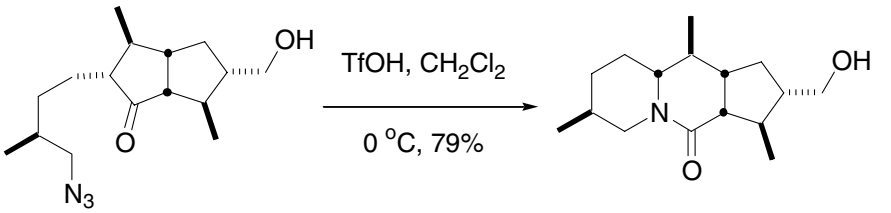

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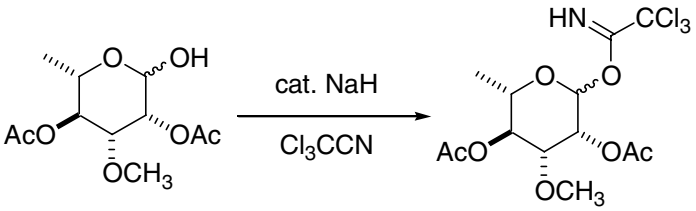
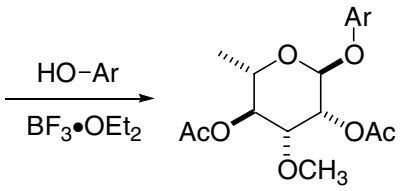
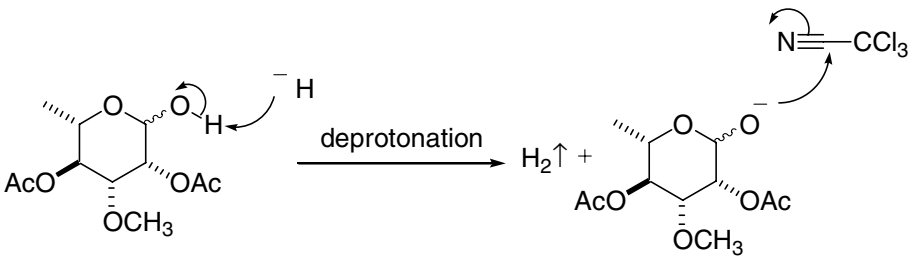
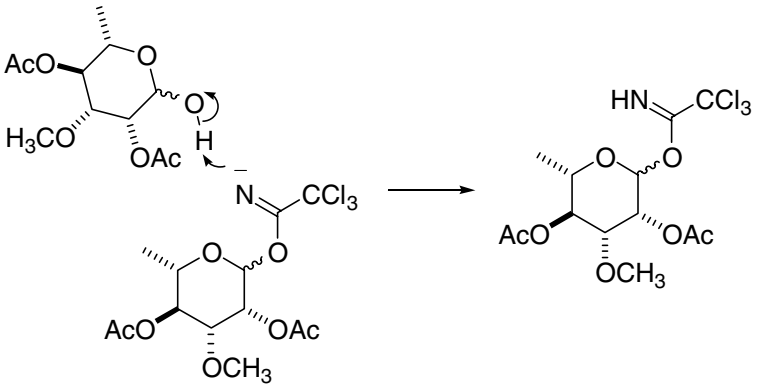
Schmidt's trichloroacetimidate glycosidation reaction

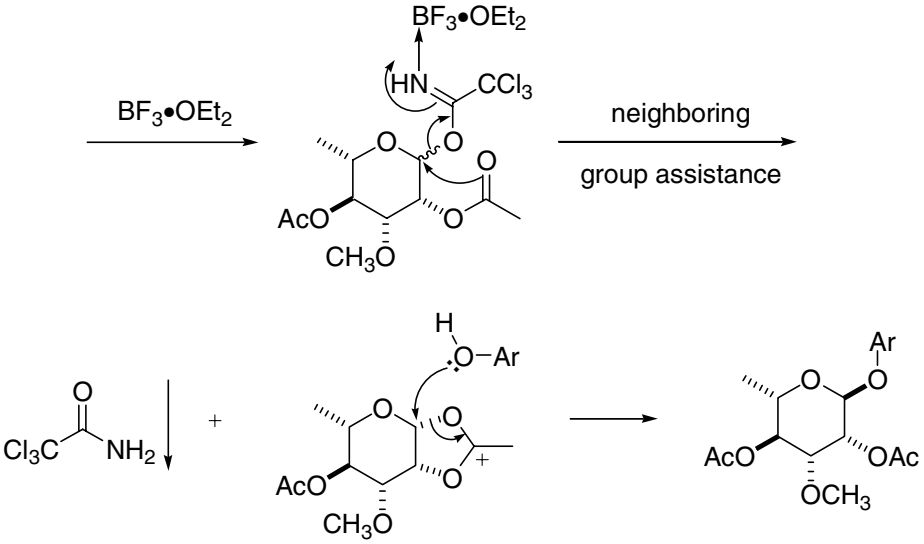
Lewis acid-promoted glycosidation of trichloroacetimidates with alcohols or phenols.







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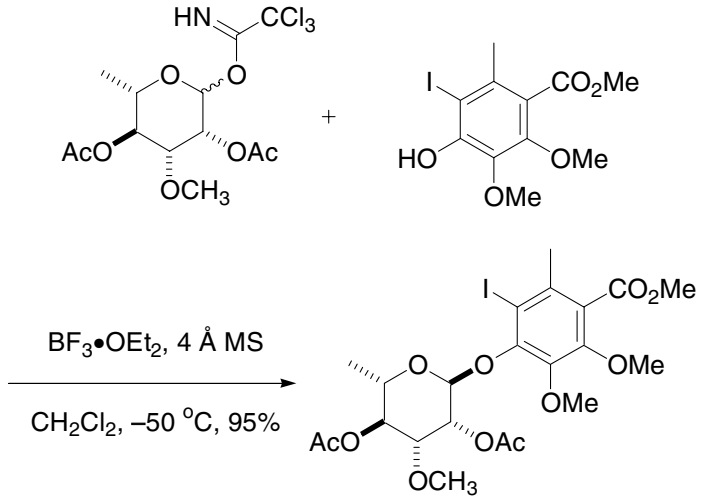
Example 1[5]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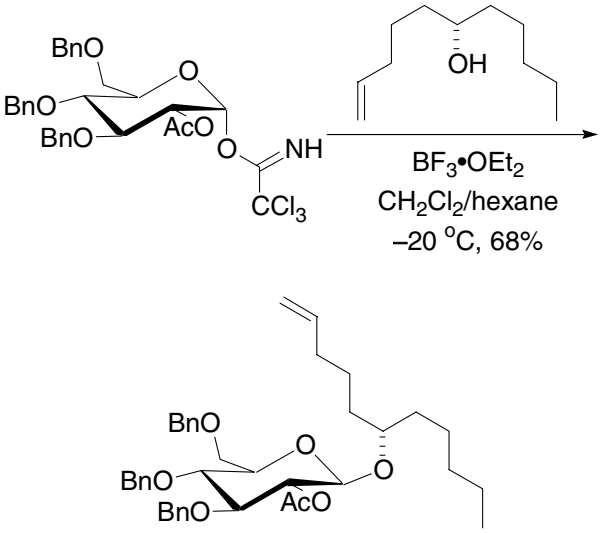
Example 2[7]



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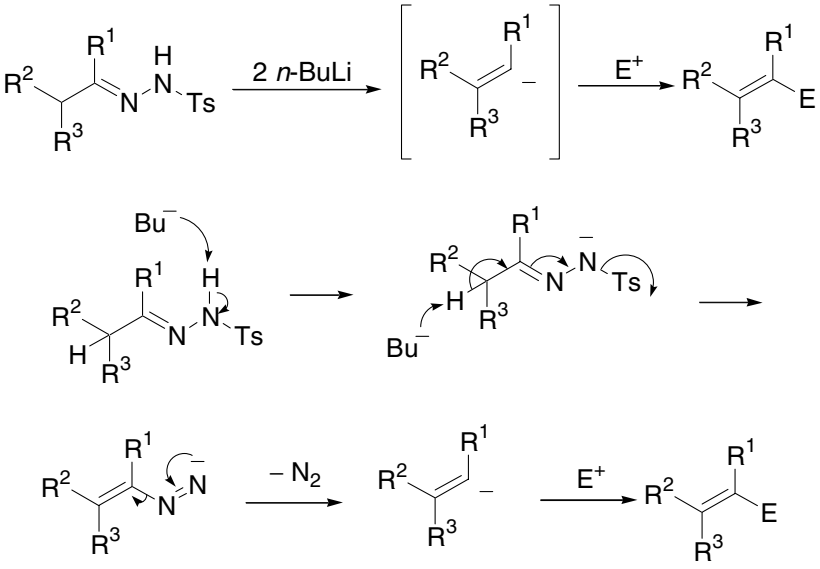
Shapiro reaction

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, $NaNH_2$, *etc*. Consequently, the Shapiro reaction generally affords the less-substituted olefins as the kinetic products, while the Bamford–Stevens reaction delivers the more-substituted olefins as the thermodynamic products.



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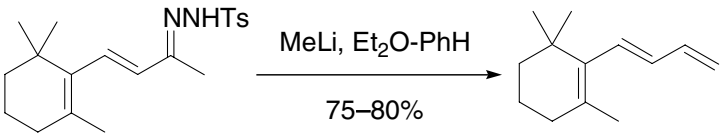

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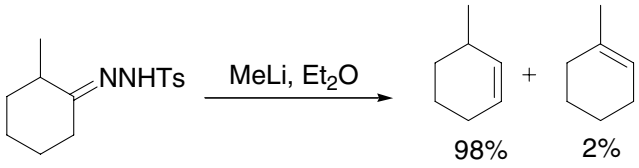

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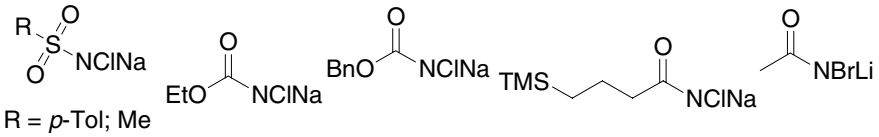
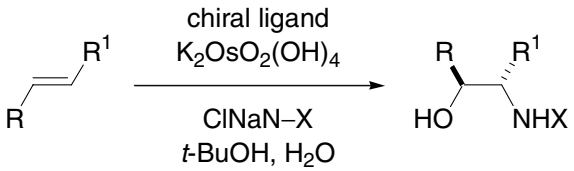
Sharpless asymmetric amino hydroxylation

Osmium-mediated *cis*-addition of nitrogen and oxygen to olefins. Regioselectivity may be controlled by ligand. Nitrogen sources (X–NClNa) include:





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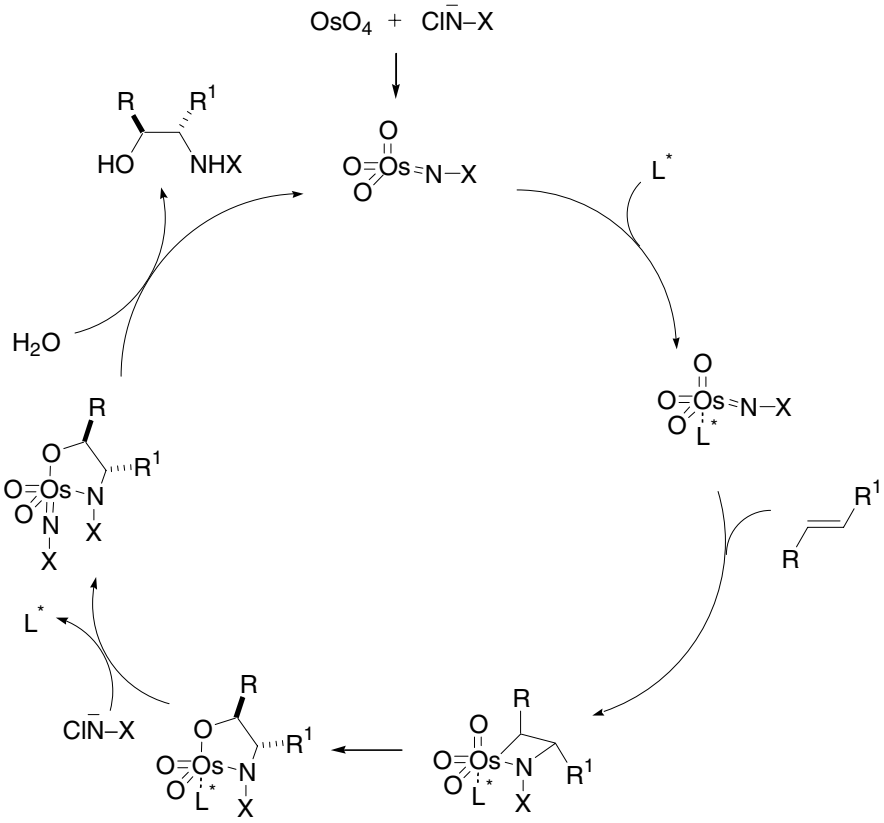

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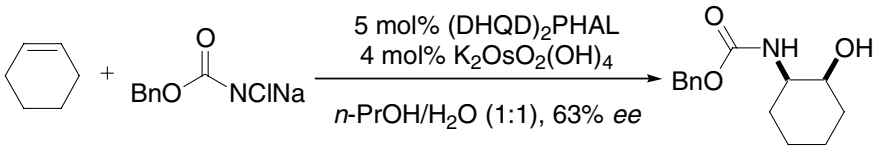
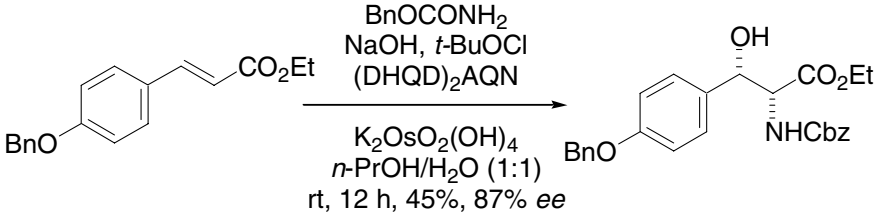


$(DHQD)_2$-PHAL = 1,4-bis(9-*O*-dihydroquinidine)phthalazine (page 536).

Example 2[9]



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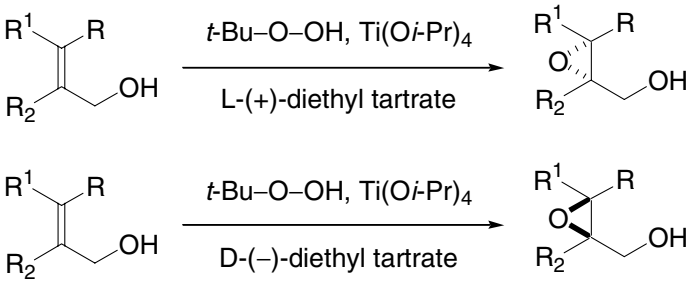
Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation

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



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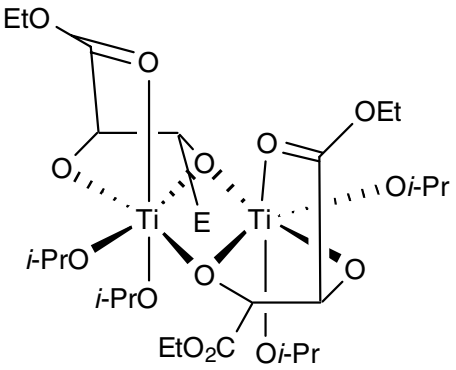

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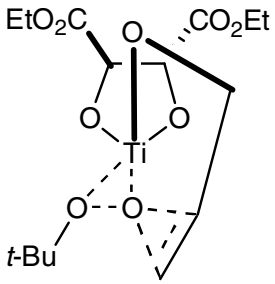

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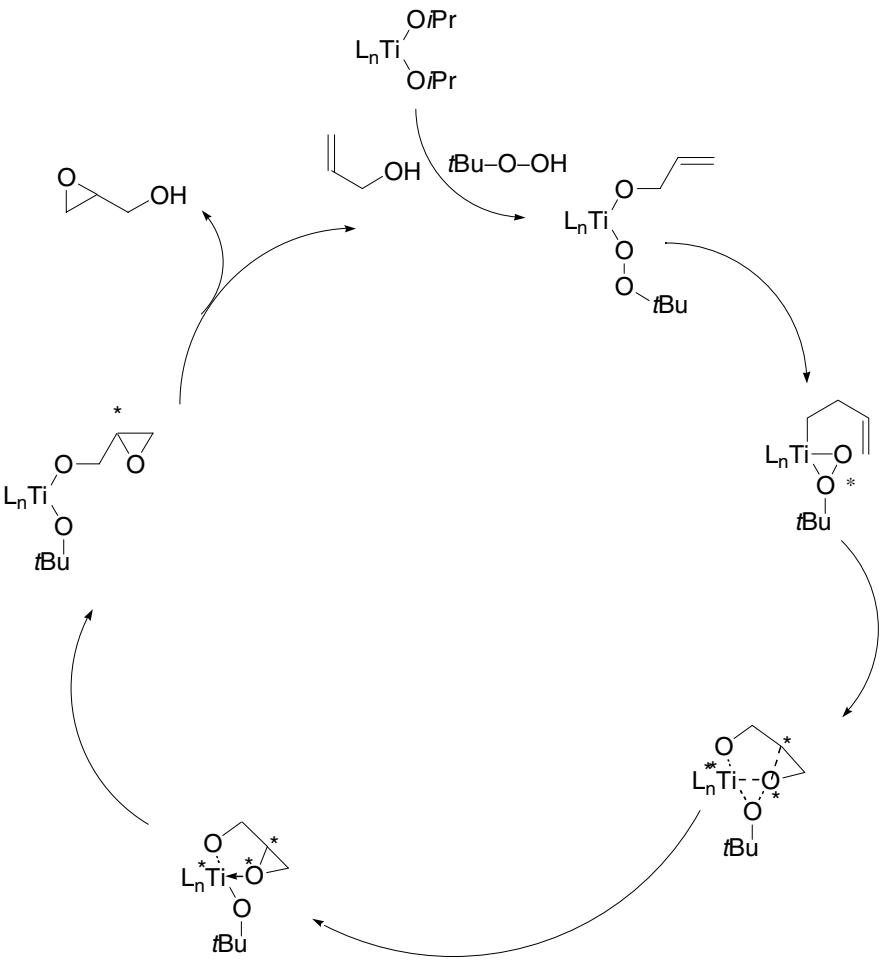

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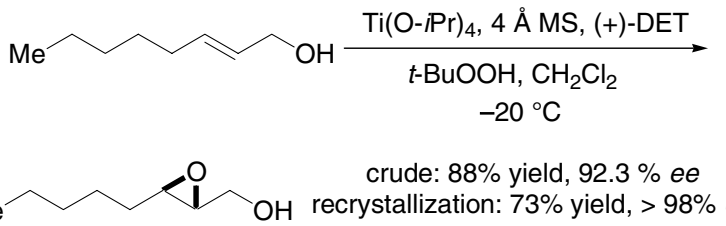

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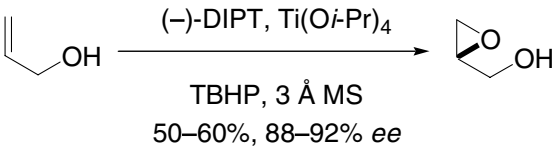

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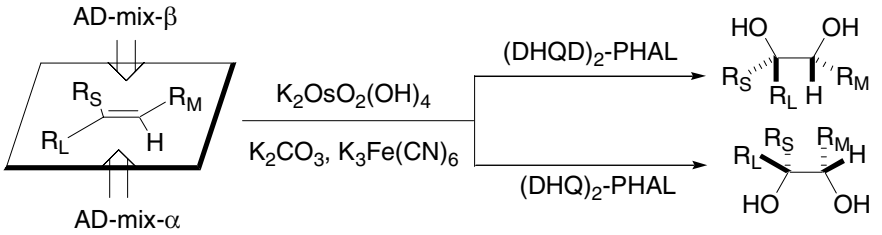
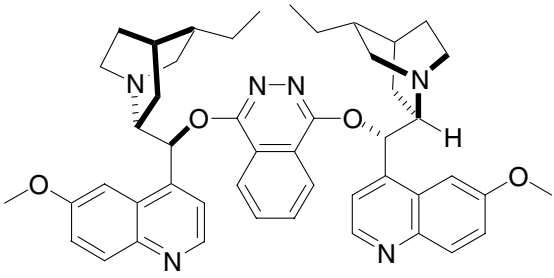
Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation

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



$(DHQD)_2$-PHAL = 1,4-bis(9-*O*-dihydroquinidine)phthalazine:



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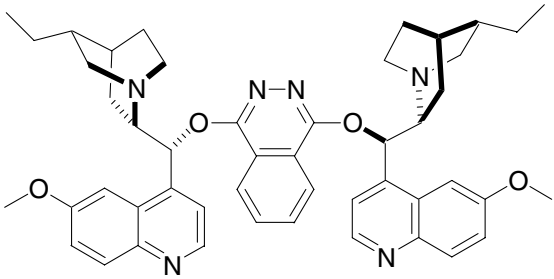

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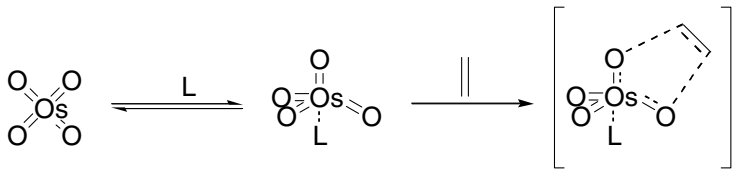
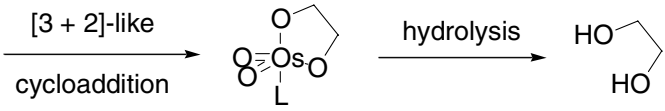
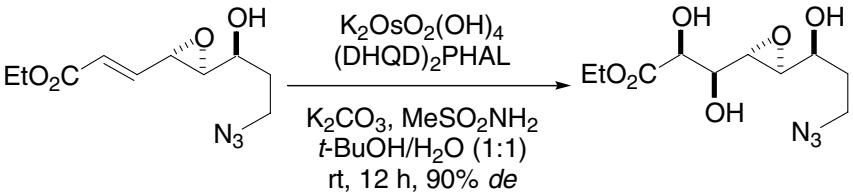




The catalytic cycle is shown on page 539 (the secondary cycle is shut off by maintaining a low concentration of olefin):

Example 1[3]



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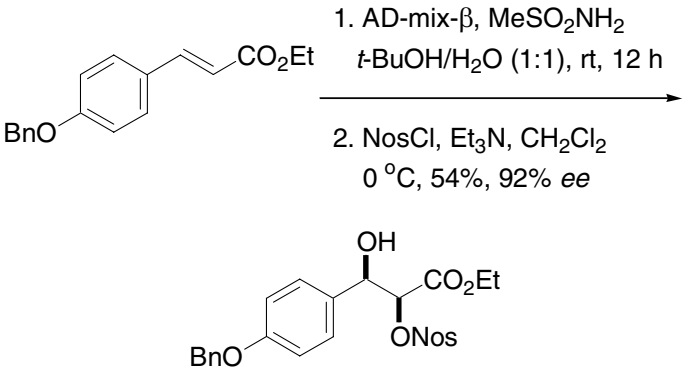

Nos = nosylate = 4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl

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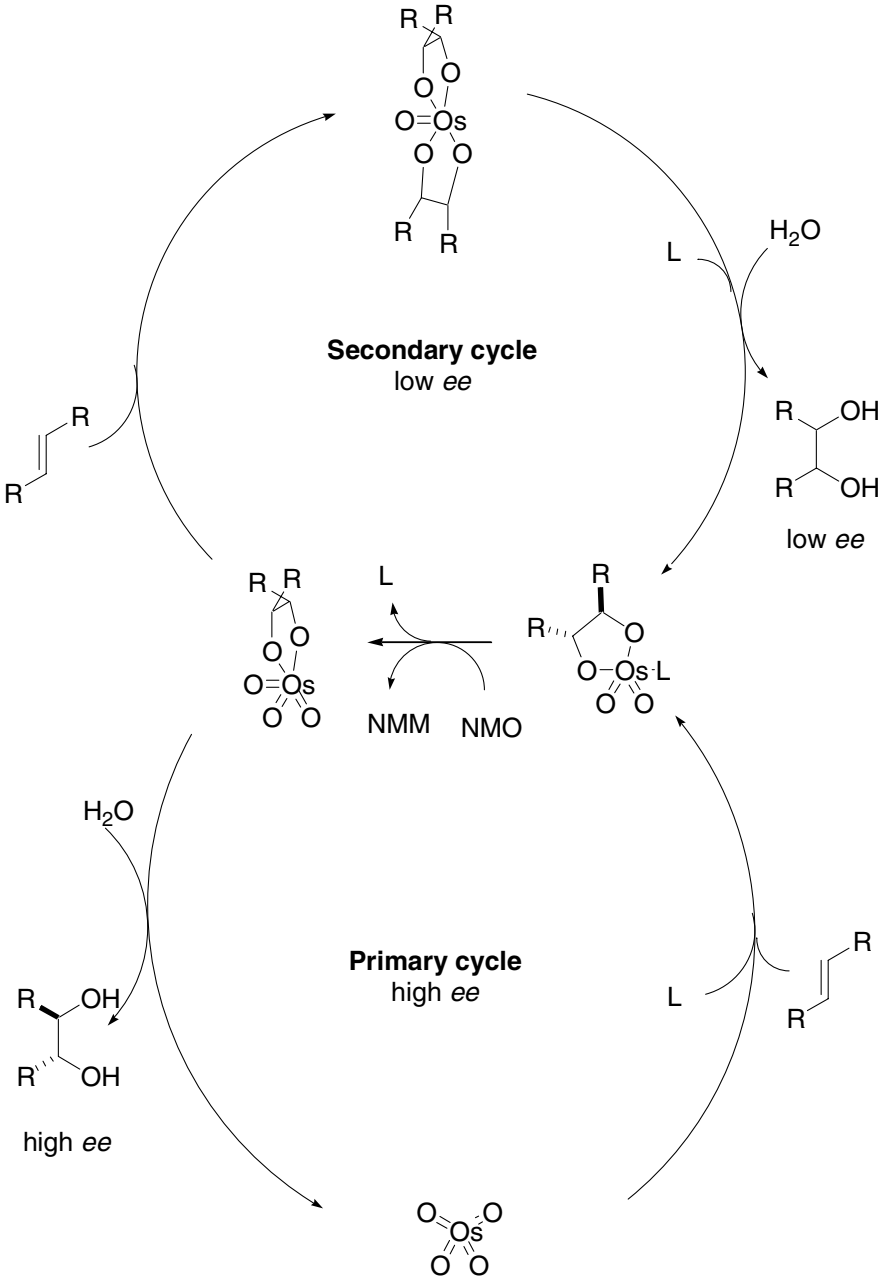
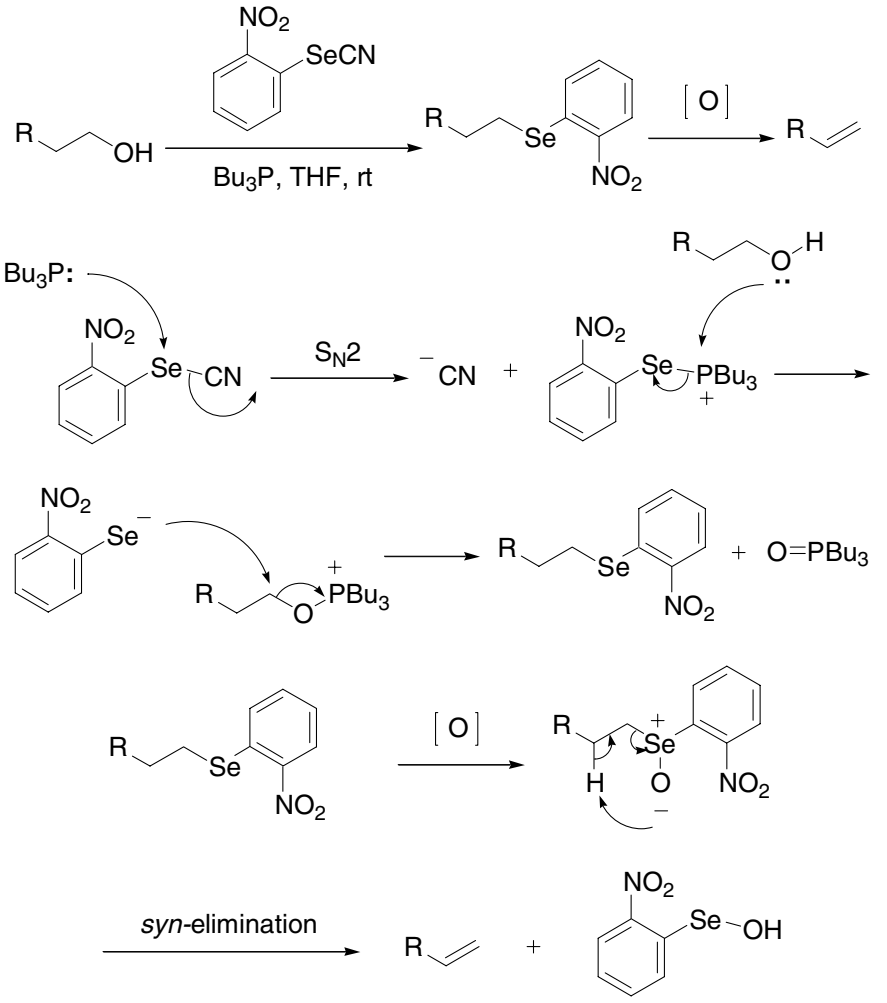


The catalytic cycle of the Sharpless dihydroxylation

Sharpless olefin synthesis

Olefin synthesis from the *syn*-oxidative elimination of *o*-nitrophenyl selenides, which may be prepared using *o*-nitrophenyl selenocyanate and Bu_3P, among other methods.



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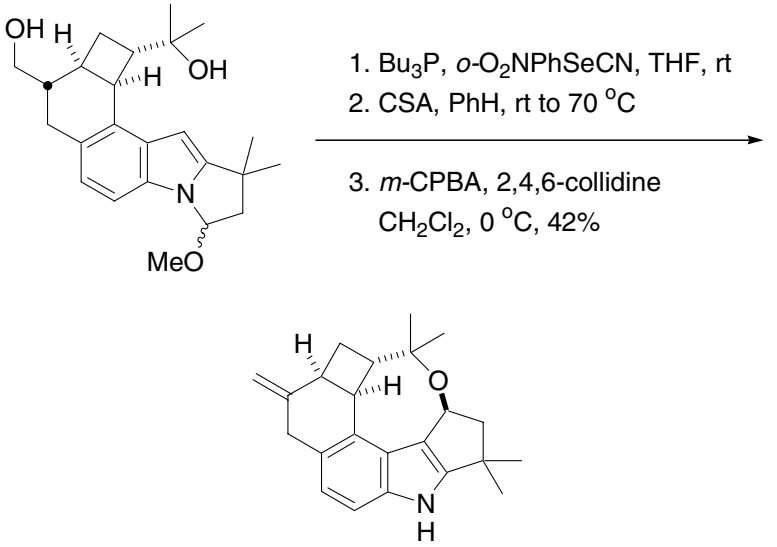

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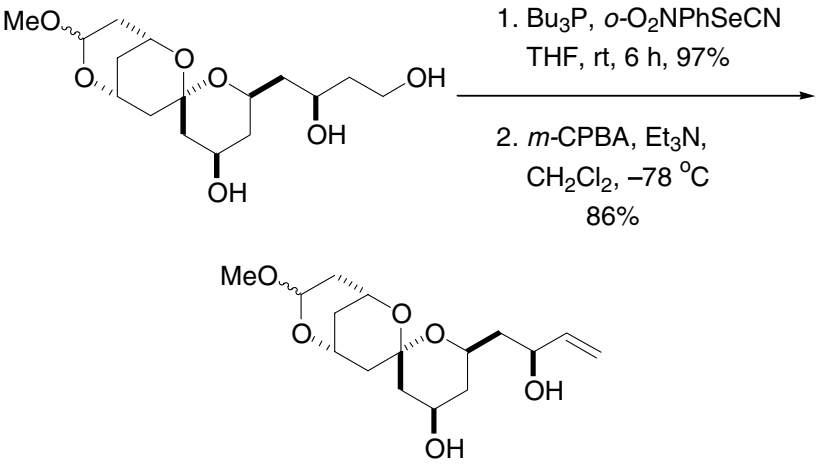

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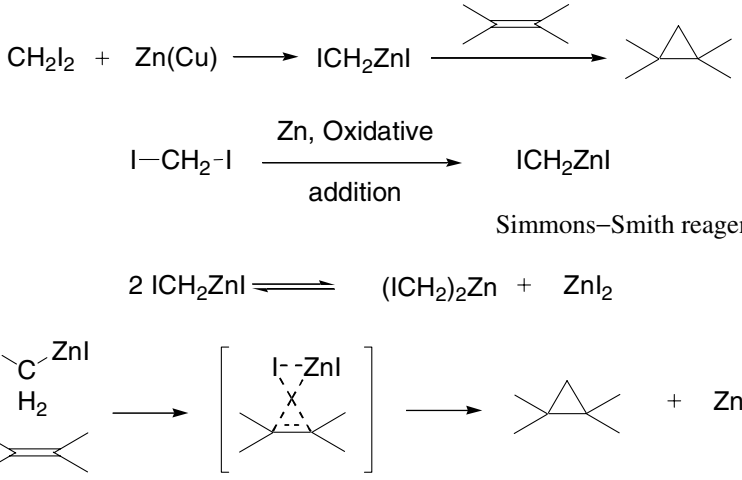
Simmons–Smith reaction

Cyclopropanation of olefins using CH_2I_2 and Zn(Cu).



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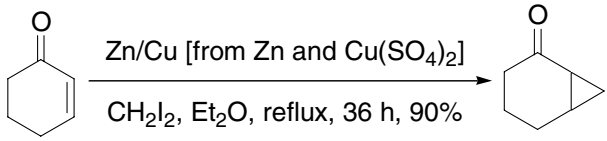
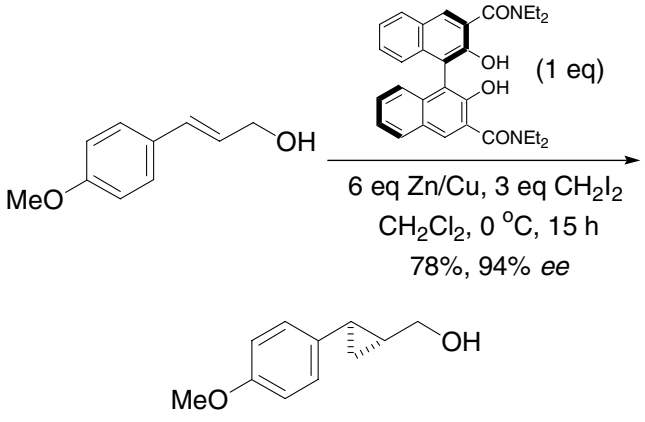


Example 2, asymmetric version[13]



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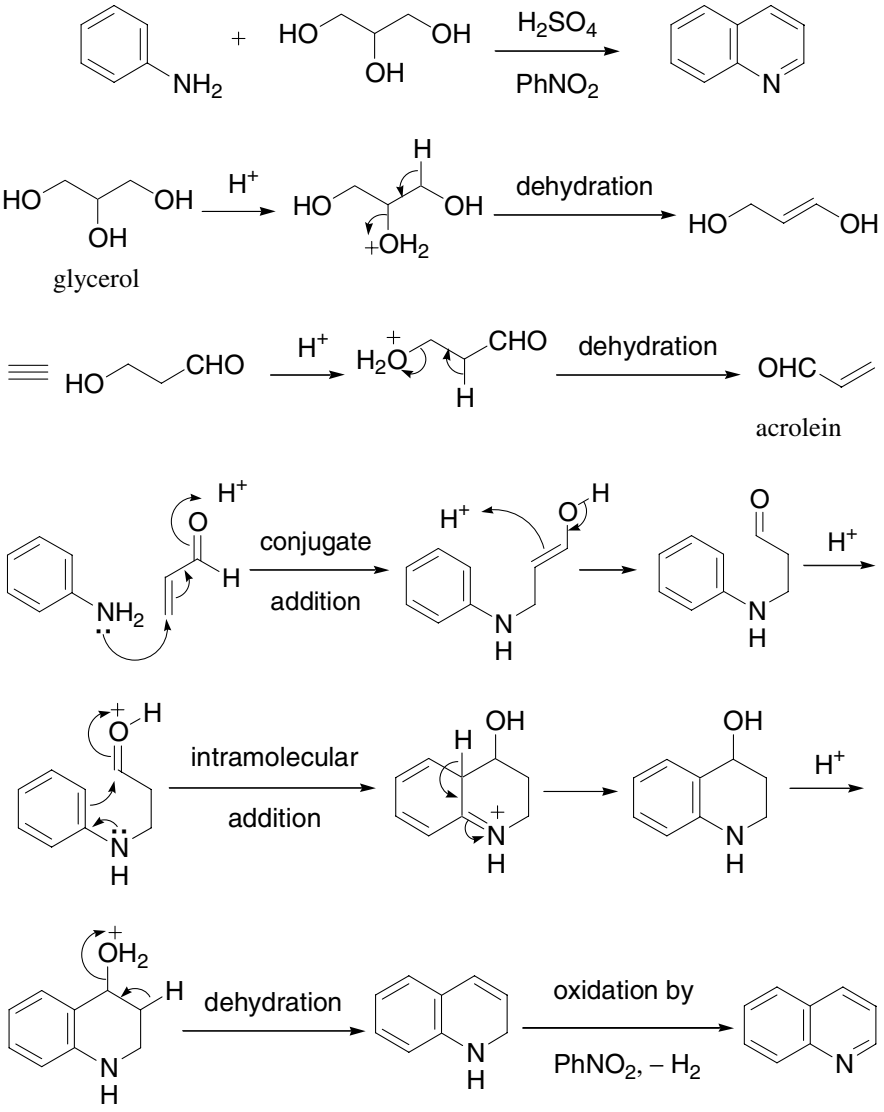
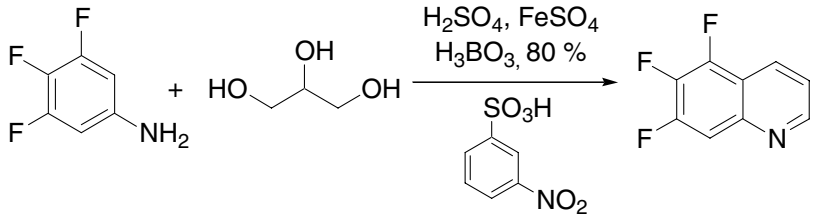
Skraup quinoline synthesis

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 (page 547).

Example 1[9]



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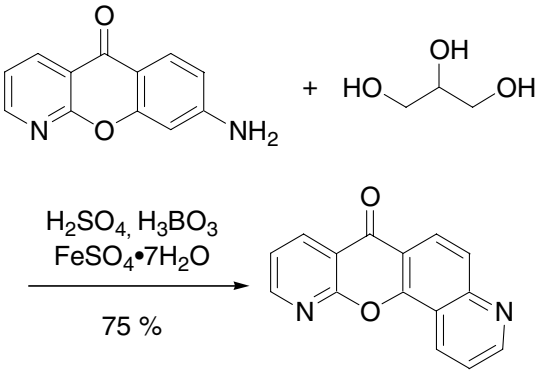

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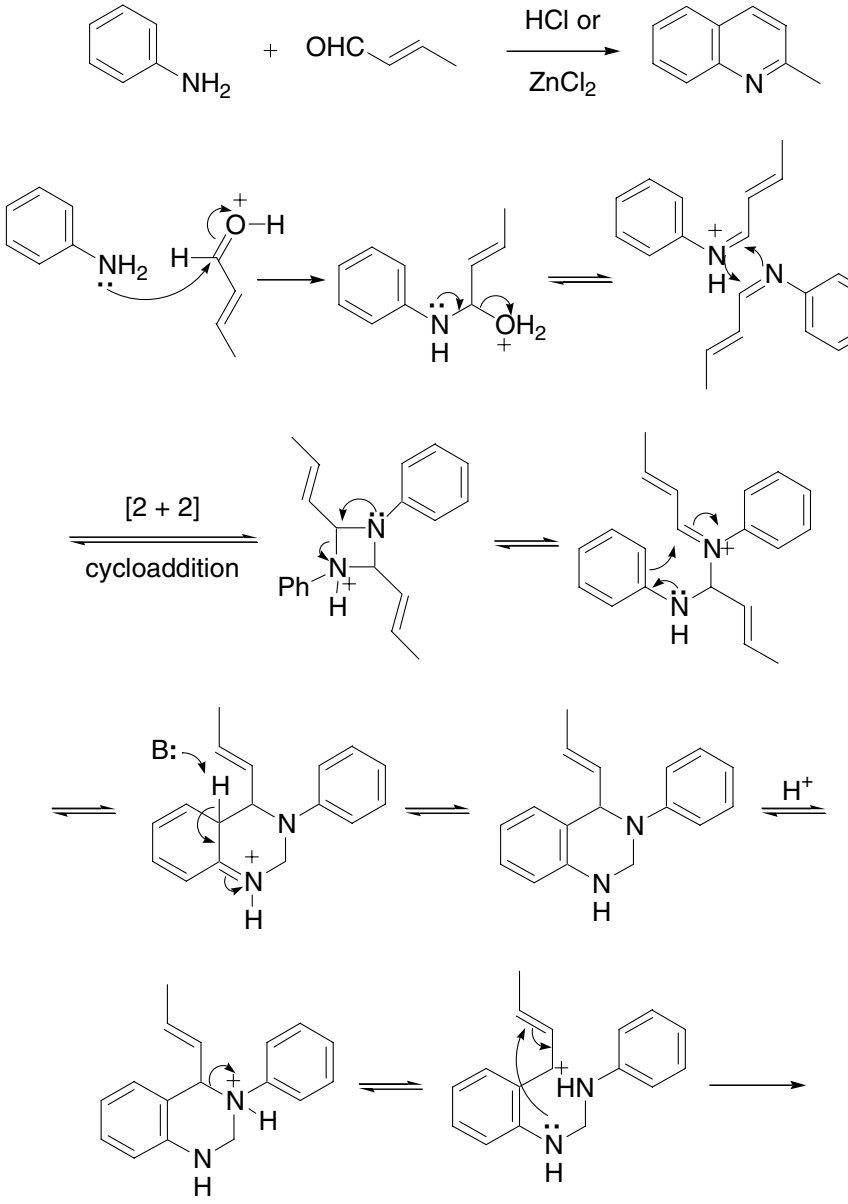
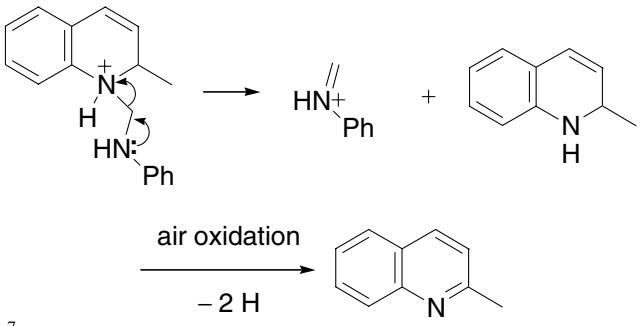
Doebner–von Miller reaction

Doebner–von Miller reaction is a variant of the Skraup quinoline synthesis (page 545). Therefore, the mechanism for the Skraup reaction is also operative for the Doebner–von Miller reaction. An alternative mechanism shown below is based on the fact that the preformed imine (Schiff base) also gives 2-methylquinoline:





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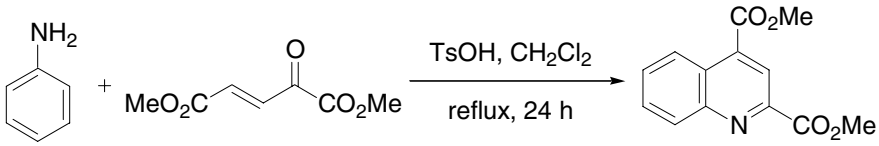

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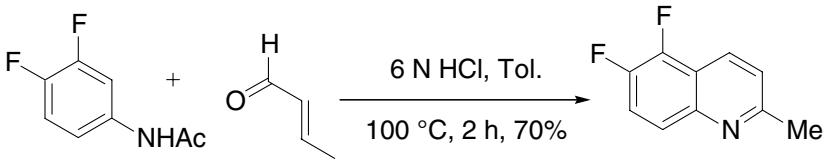

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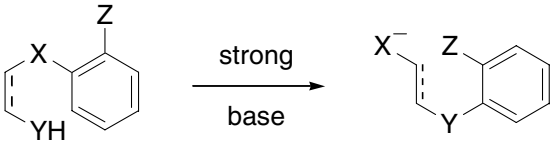
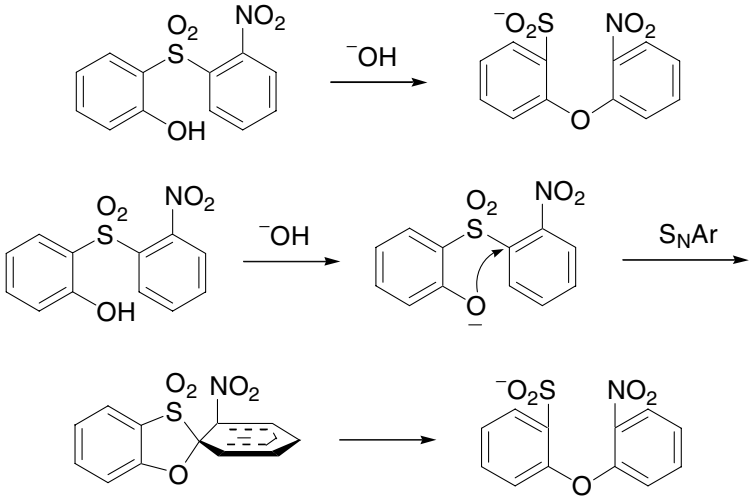
Smiles rearrangement

Intramolecular nucleophilic aromatic rearrangement. General scheme:



X = S, SO, SO_2, O, CO_2
YH = OH, NHR, SH, CH_2R, CONHR
Z = NO_2, SO_2R

e.g.:



spirocyclic anion intermediate
(Meisenheimer complex)

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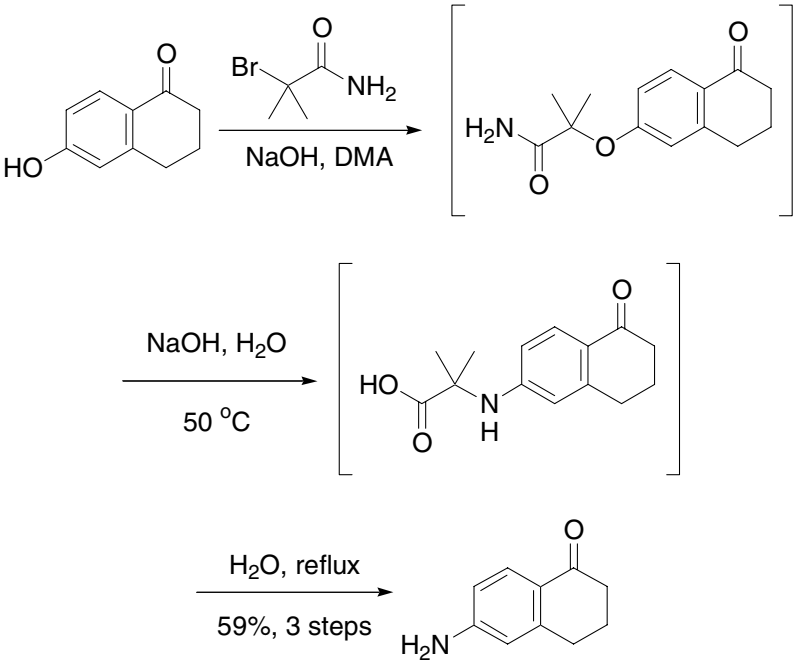

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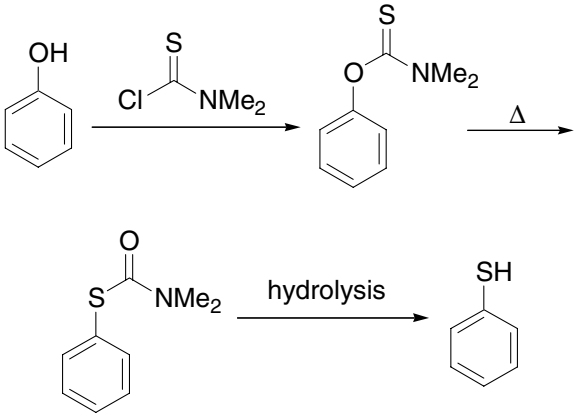
Newman–Kwart reaction

Transformation of phenol to the corresponding thiophenol, a variant of the Smile reaction (page 549).



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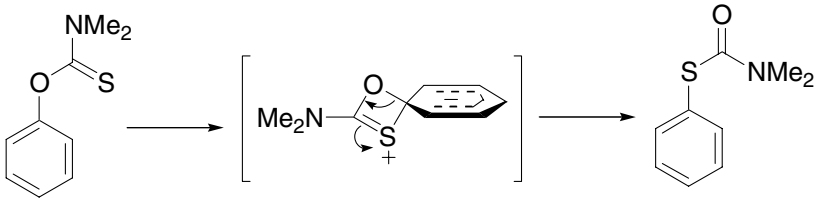

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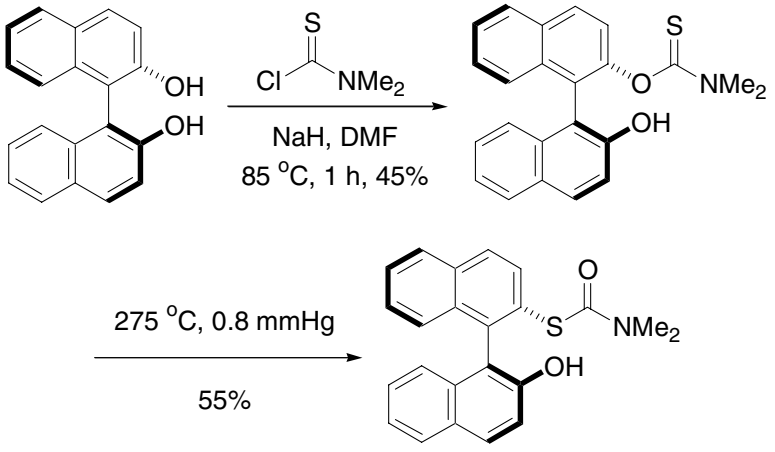

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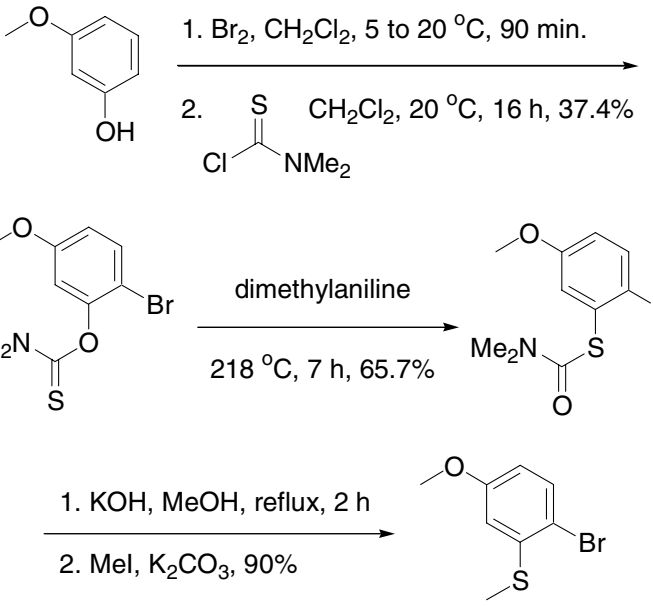

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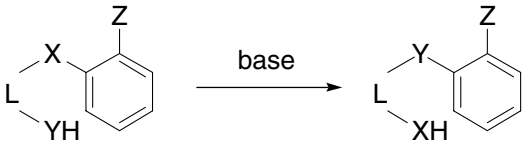
Truce–Smile rearrangement

Smiles rearrangement where Y is carbon:



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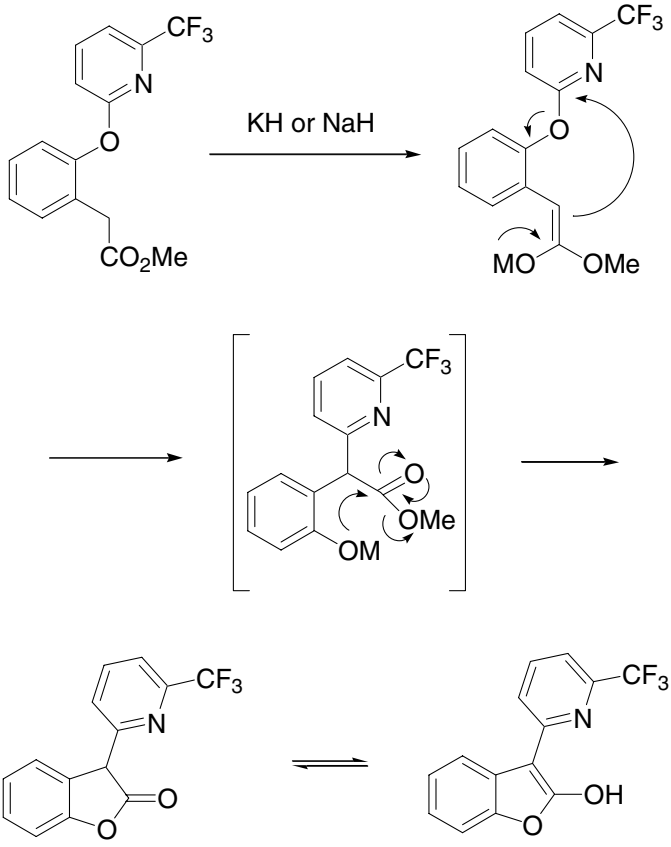

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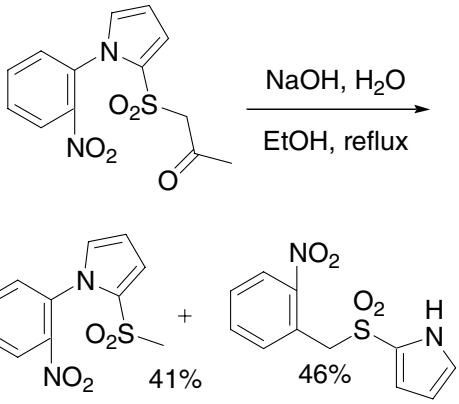

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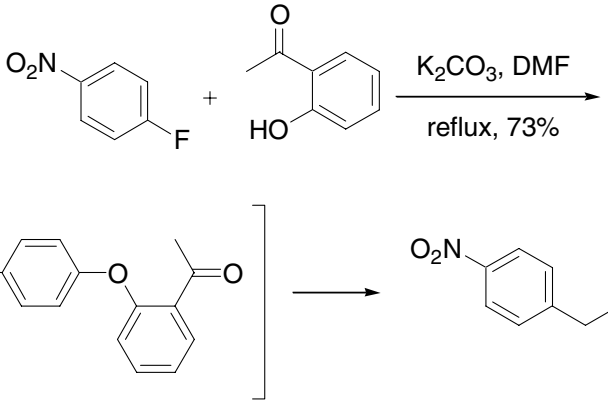

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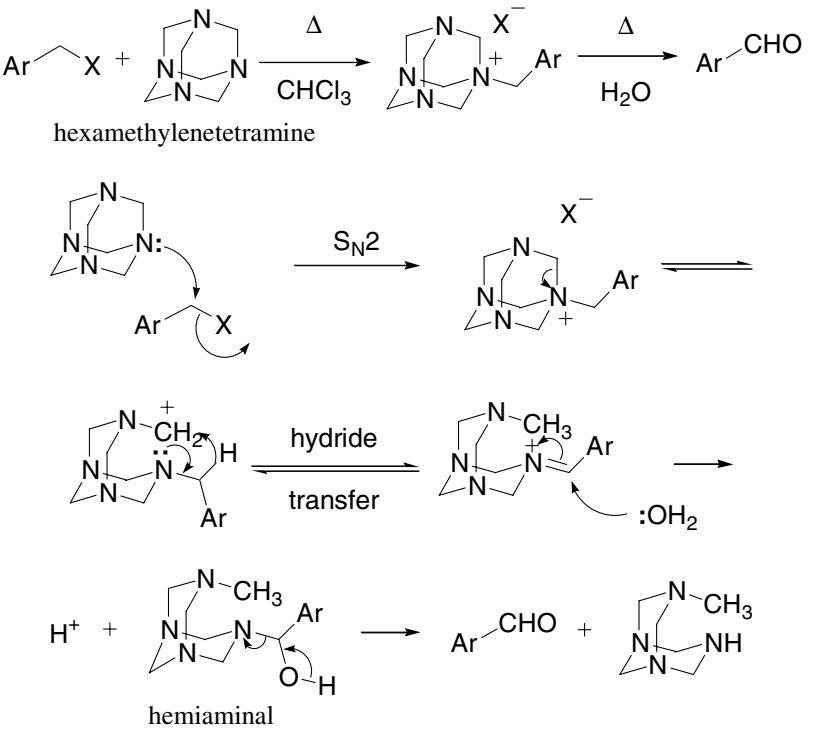
Sommelet reaction

Transformation of benzyl halides to the corresponding benzaldehydes with the aide of hexamethylenetetramine.



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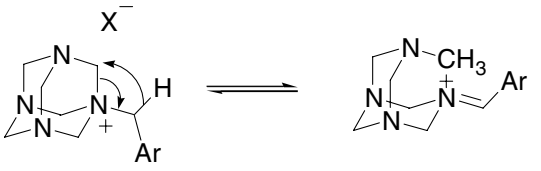

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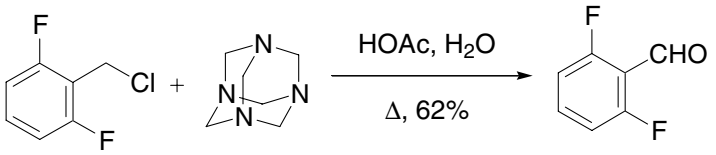

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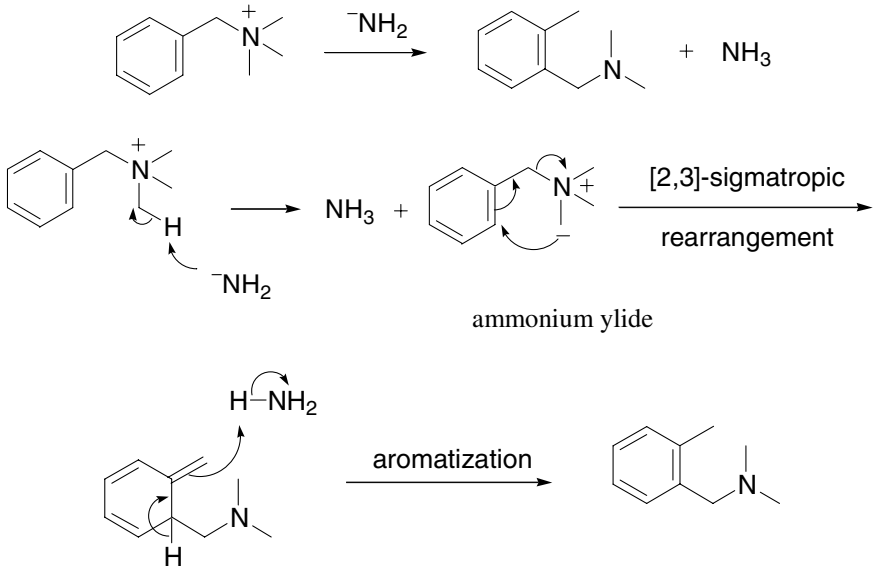
Sommelet–Hauser rearrangement

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



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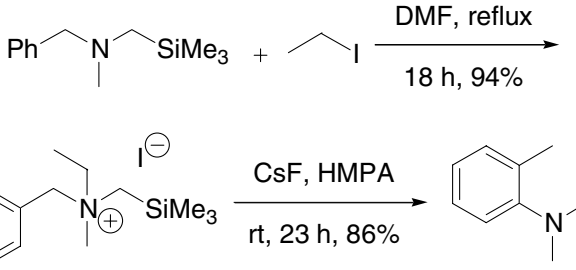

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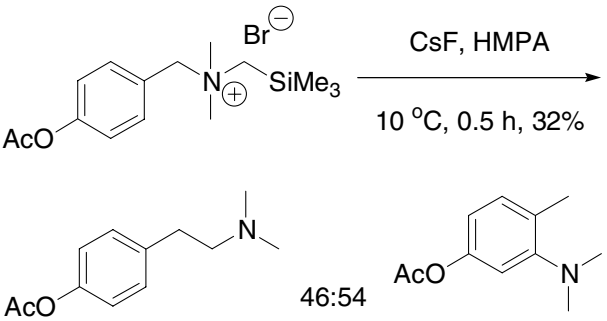

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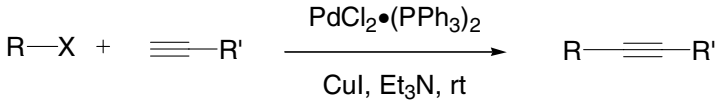
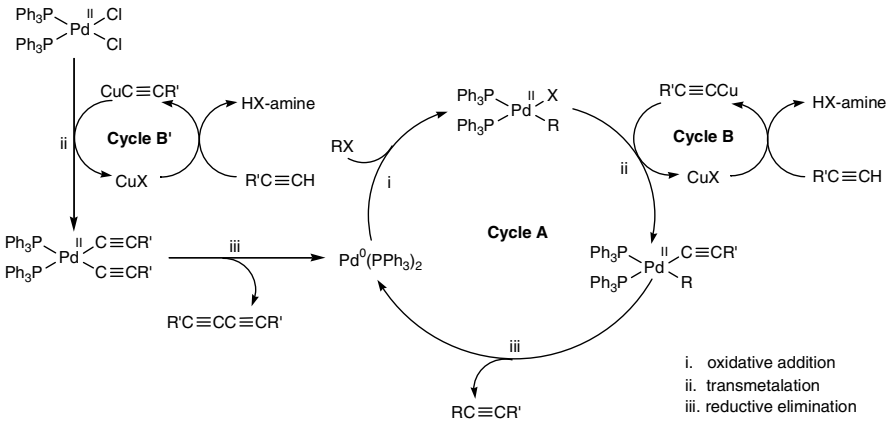
Sonogashira reaction

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.





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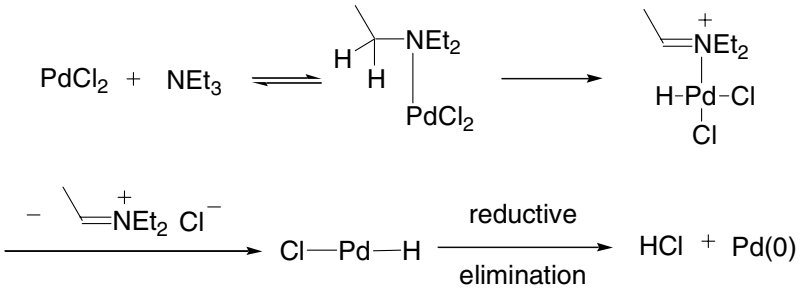

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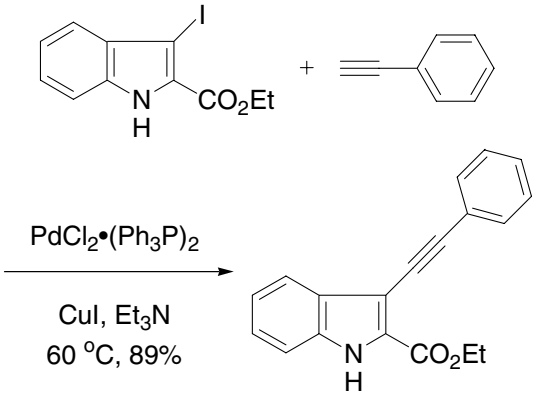

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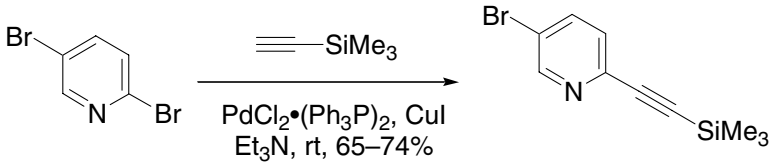

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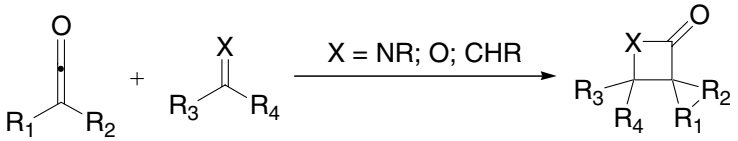
Staudinger ketene cycloaddition

[2 + 2] Cycloaddition of ketene and imine to form β-lactam. Other coupling partners for ketene also include: olefin to give cyclobutanone and carbonyl to give β-lactone.



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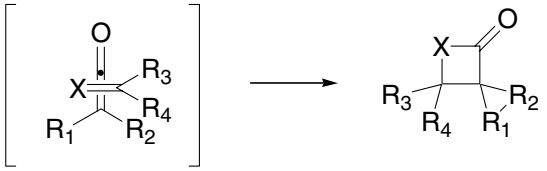

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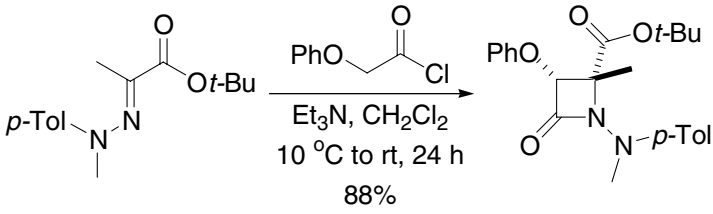

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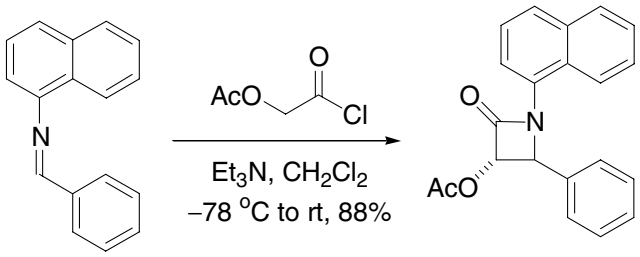

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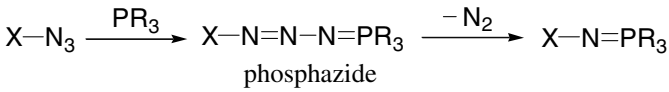
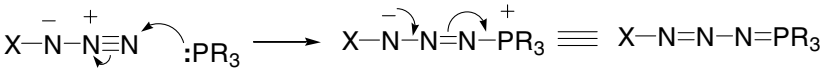
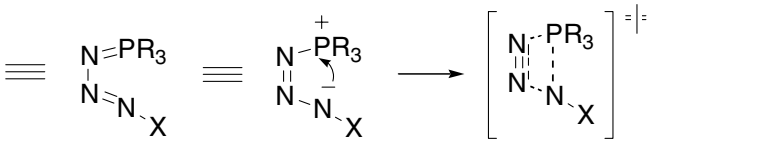
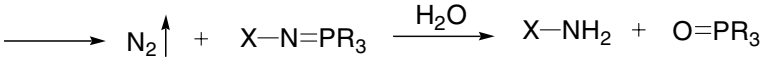
Staudinger reduction

Phosphazo compounds (e.g. iminophosphoranes) from the reaction of tertiary phosphine (Example Ph_3P) with organic azides.









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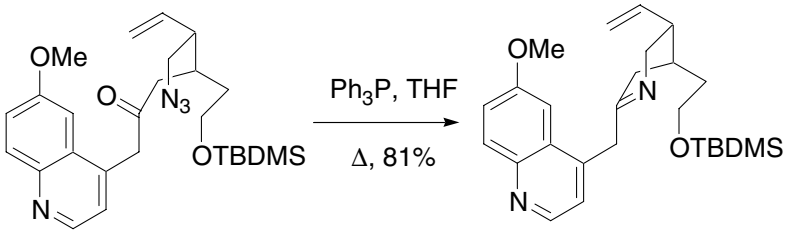

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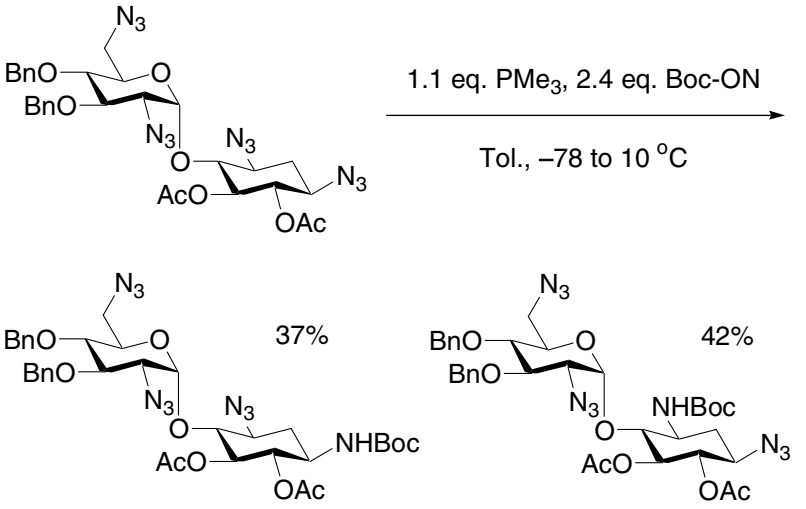

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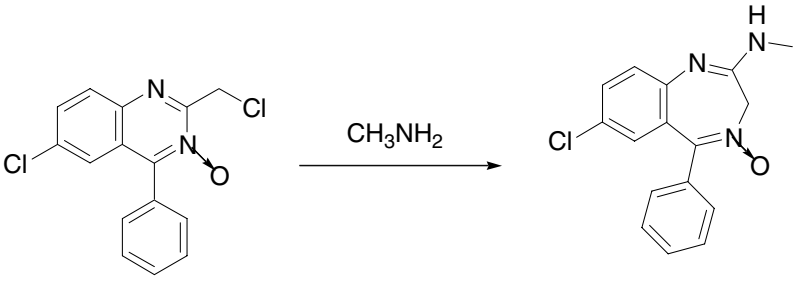
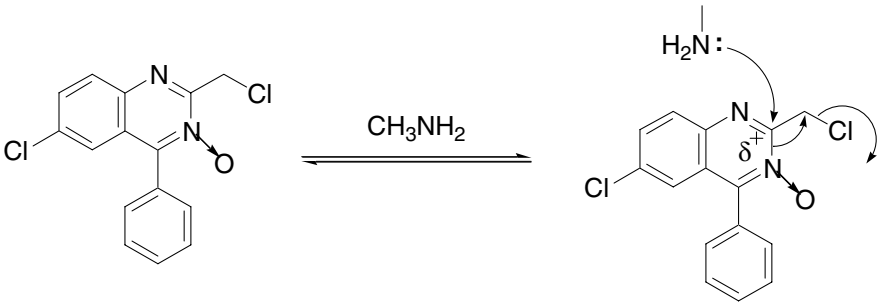
Sternbach benzodiazepine synthesis

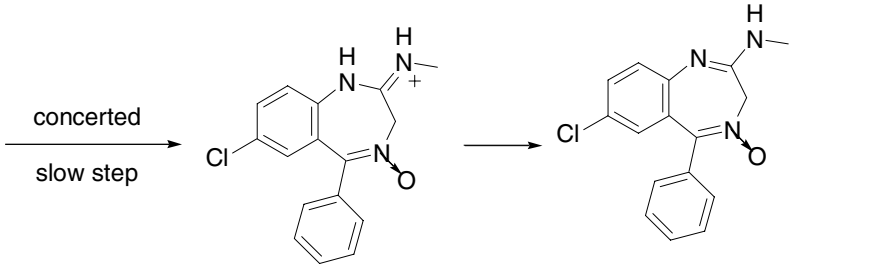
Treatment of quinazoline 3-oxide with amines gives the rearrangement product, 1,4-benzodiazepine.



quinazoline 3-oxide

chlordiazepoxide (Librium)





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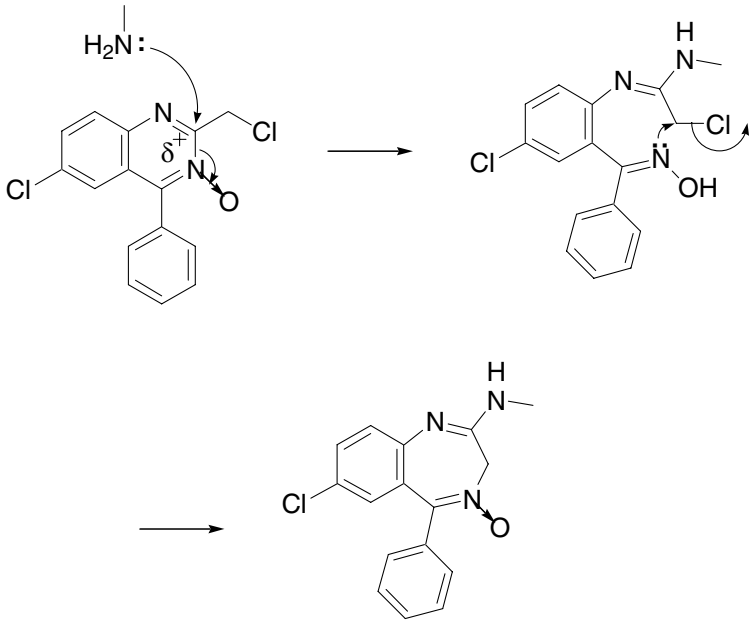
A step-wise mechanism is also possible:



chlordiazepoxide (Librium)

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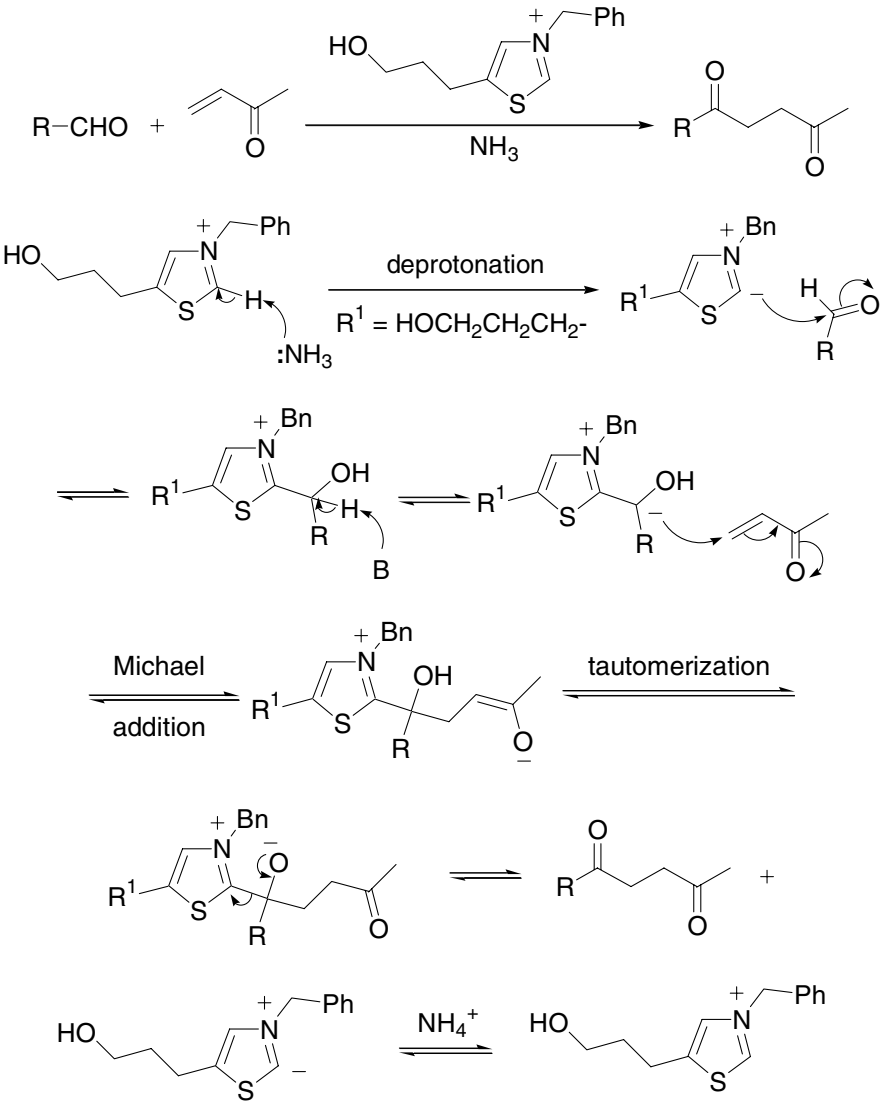
Stetter reaction

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



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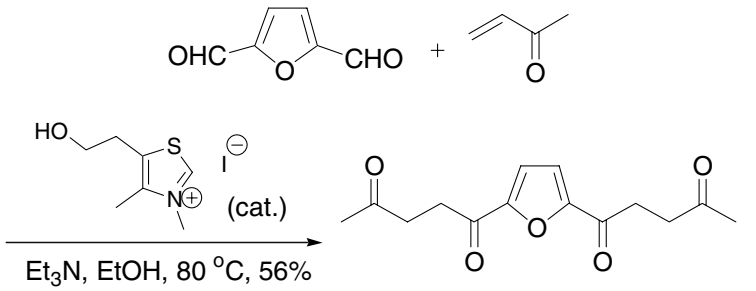

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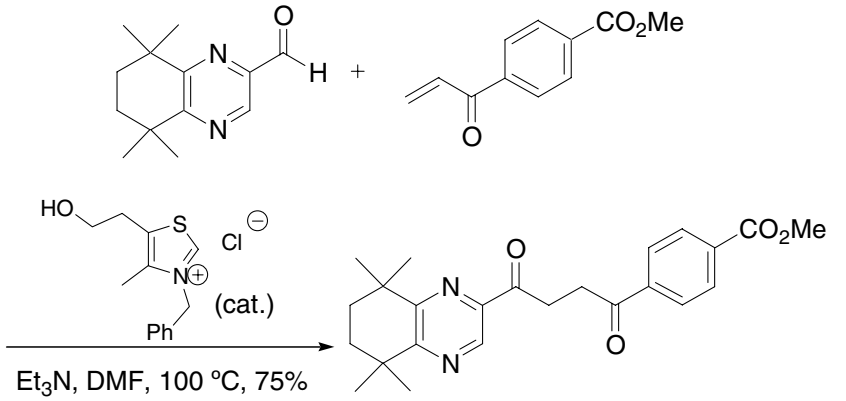

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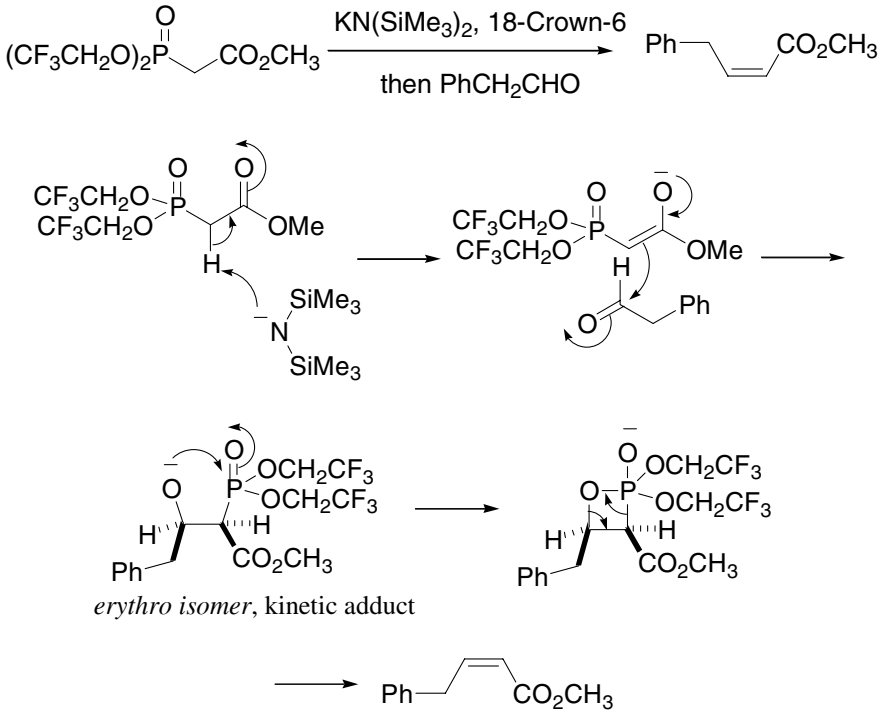
Still–Gennari phosphonate reaction

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



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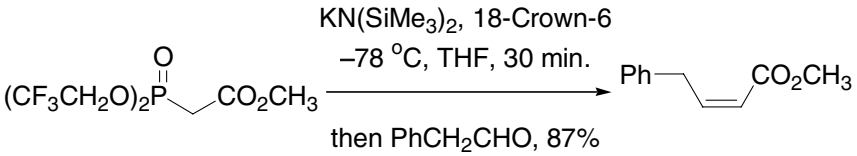

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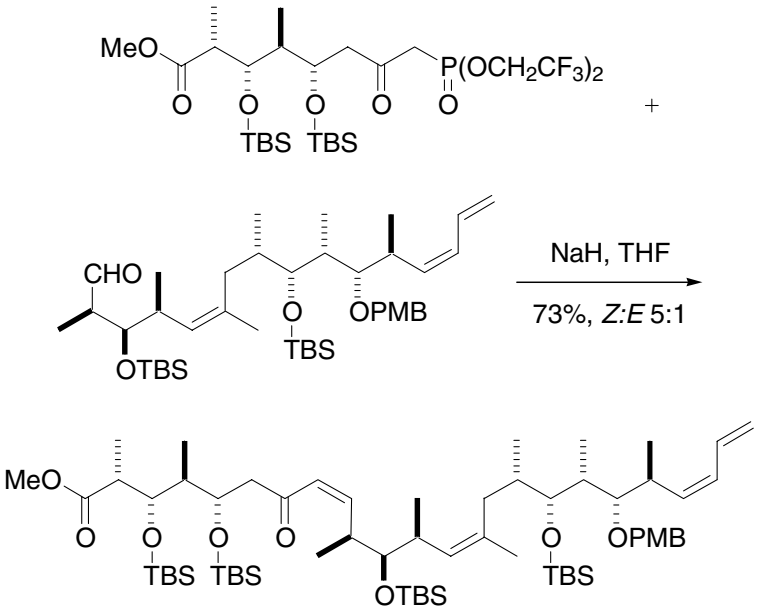

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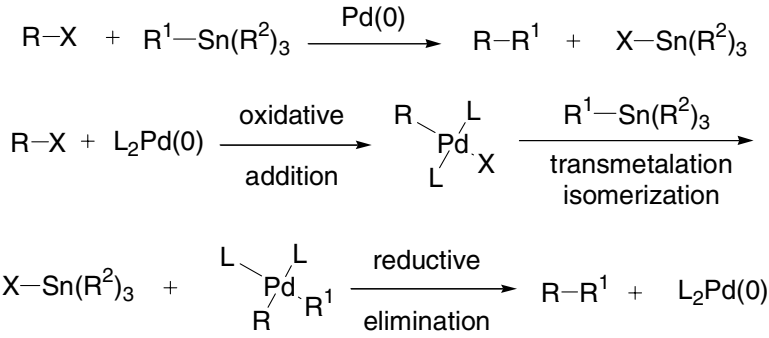
Stille coupling

Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organostannanes with organic halides, triflates, *etc*. For the catalytic cycle, see Kumada coupling on page 345.



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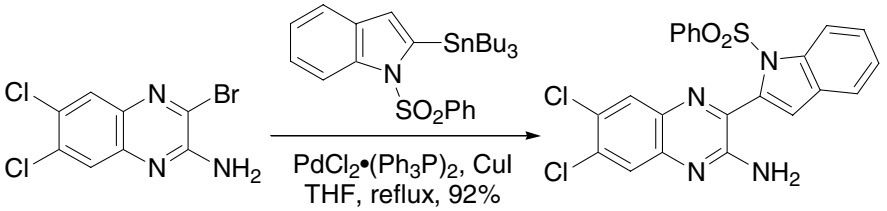

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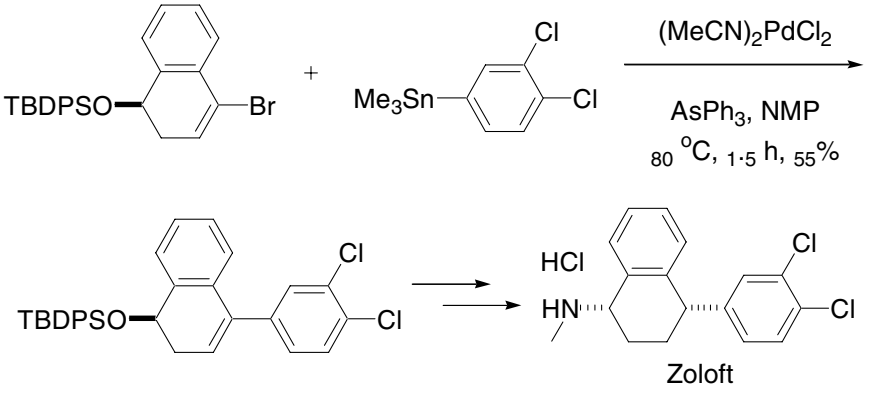

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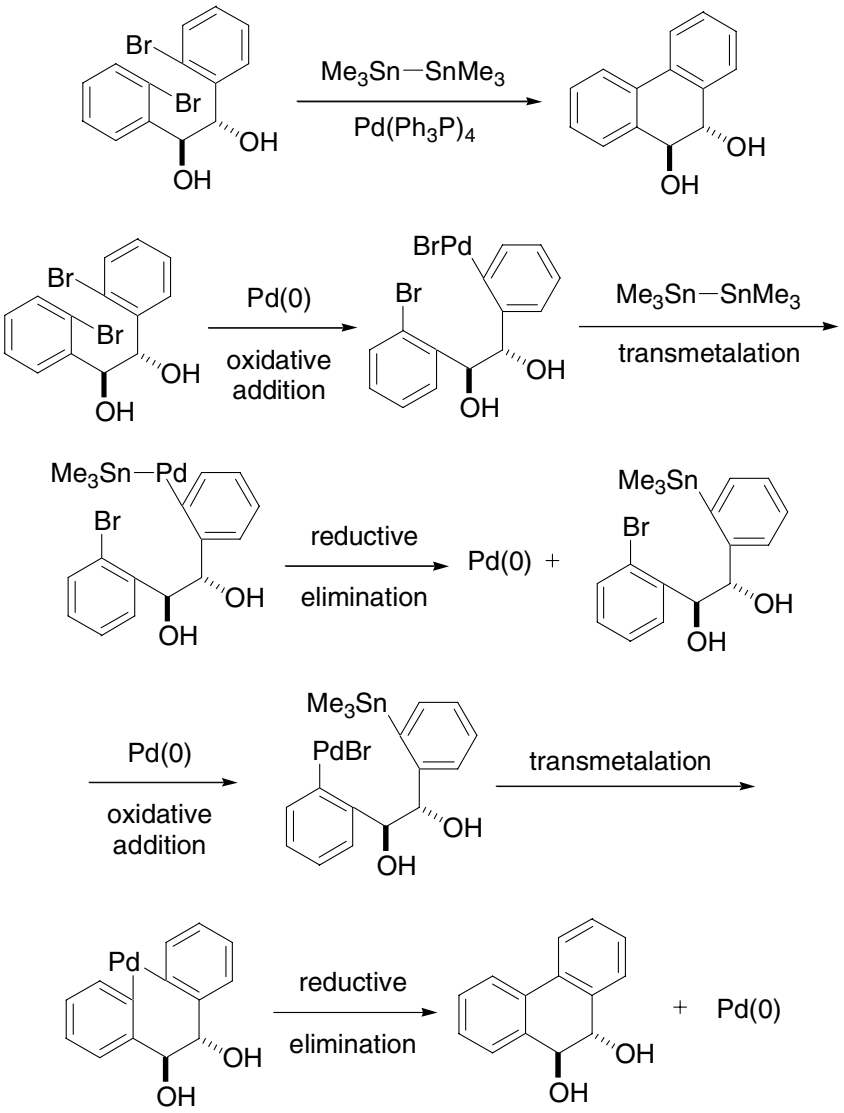
Stille–Kelly reaction

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



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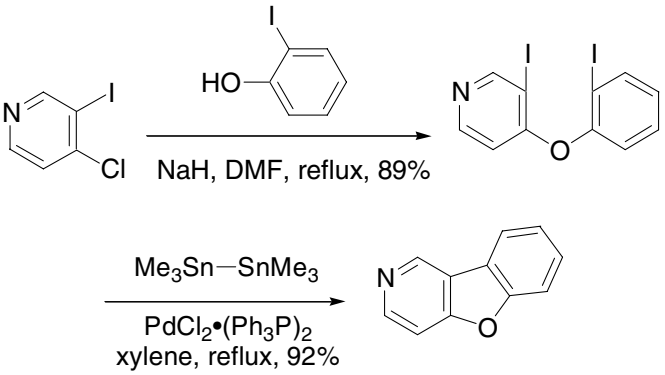

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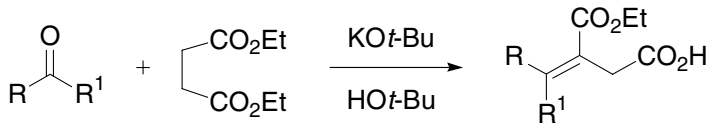
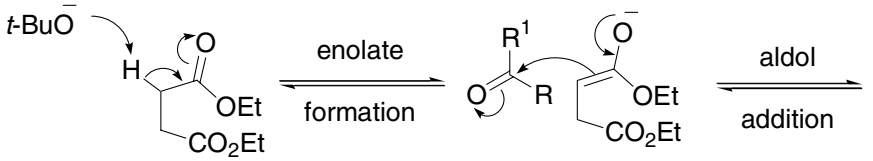
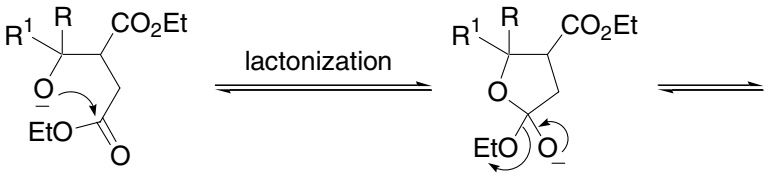
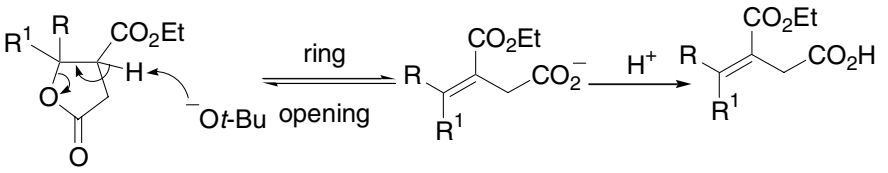
Stobbe condensation

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









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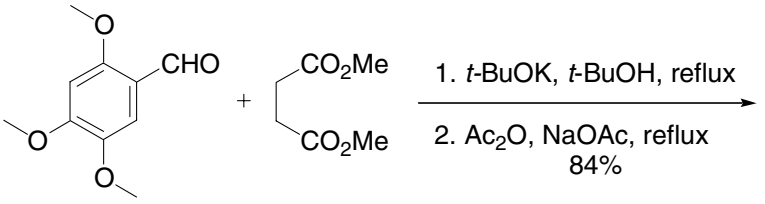

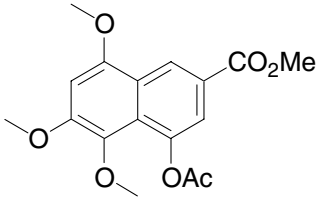

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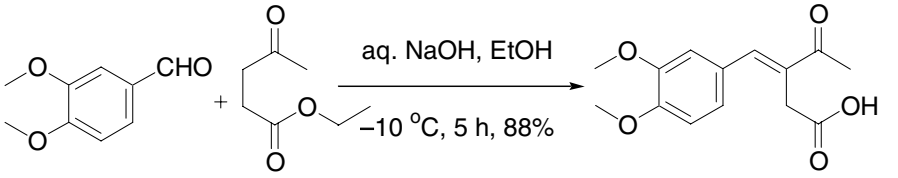

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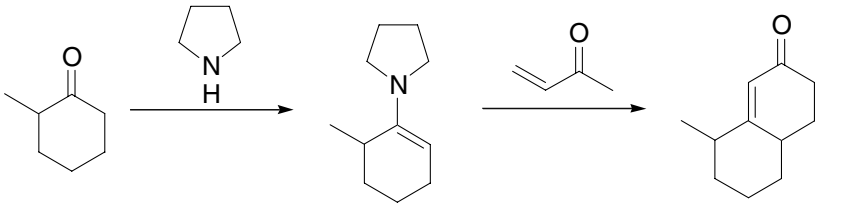
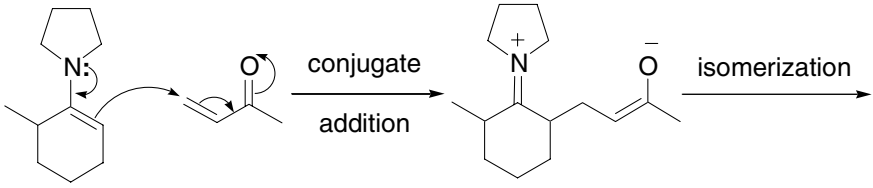
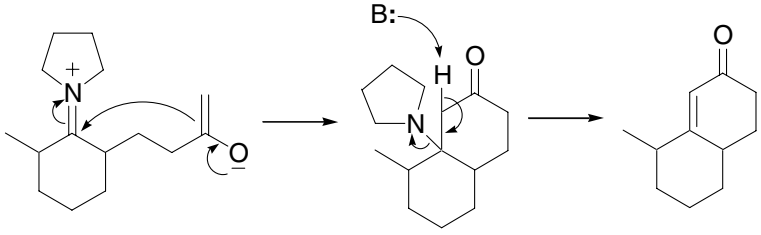
Stork enamine reaction

A variant of the Robinson annulation, where bulky amines such as pyrrolidine are used, making the conjugate addition to methyl vinyl ketone (MVK) take place at the less hindered side of two possible enamines.



methyl vinyl ketone (MVK)





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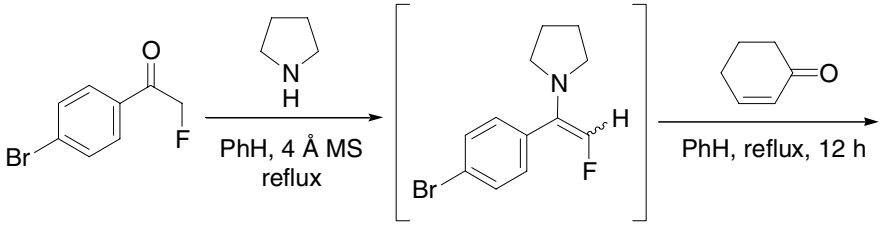

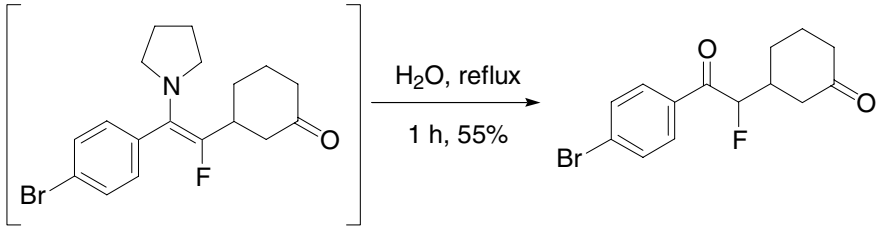

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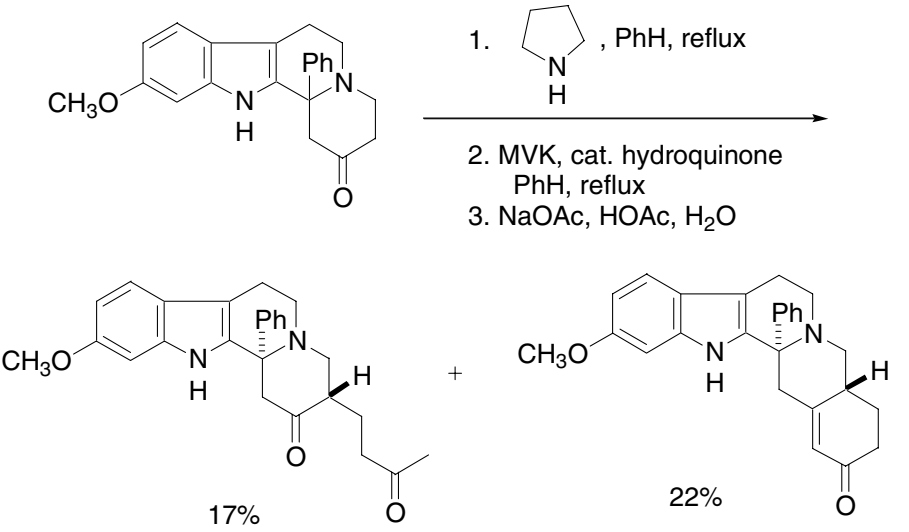

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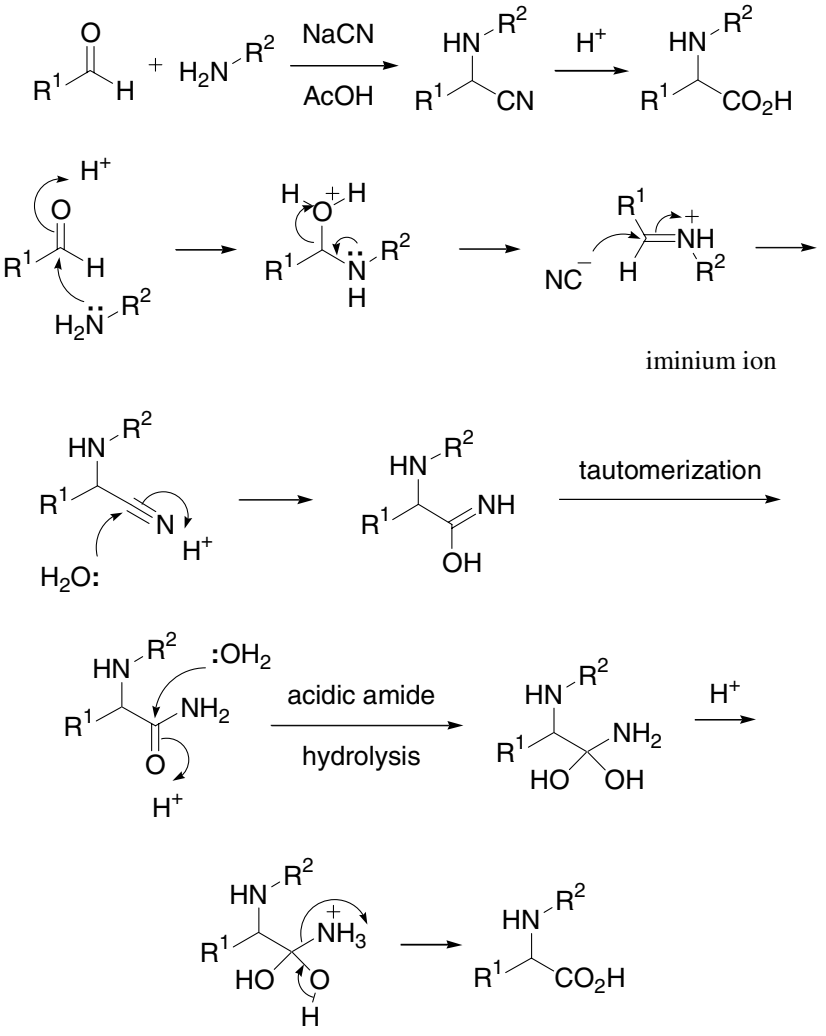
Strecker amino acid synthesis

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



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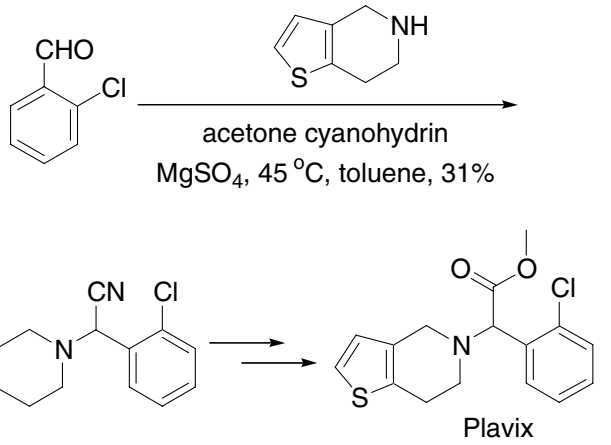

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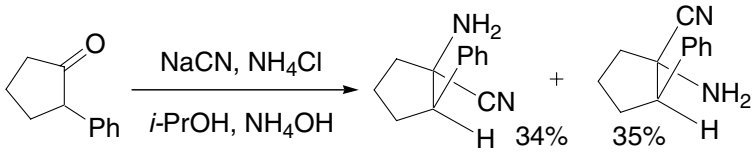

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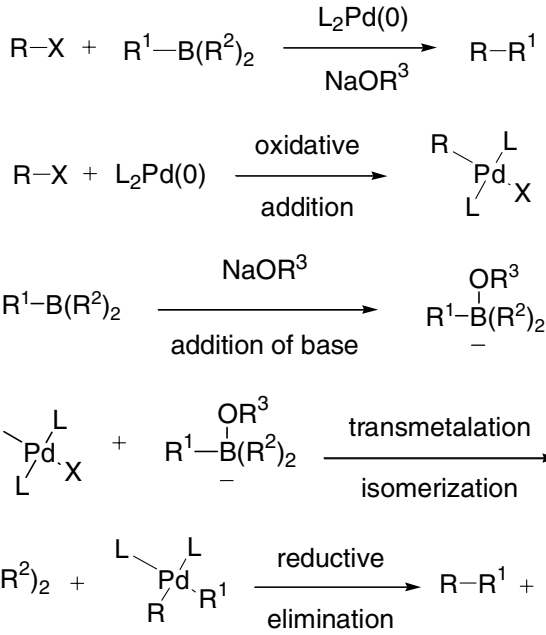
Suzuki coupling

Palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of organoboranes with organic halides, triflates, *etc*. in the presence of a base (transmetalation is reluctant to occur without the activating effect of a base). For the catalytic cycle, see Kumada coupling on page 345.



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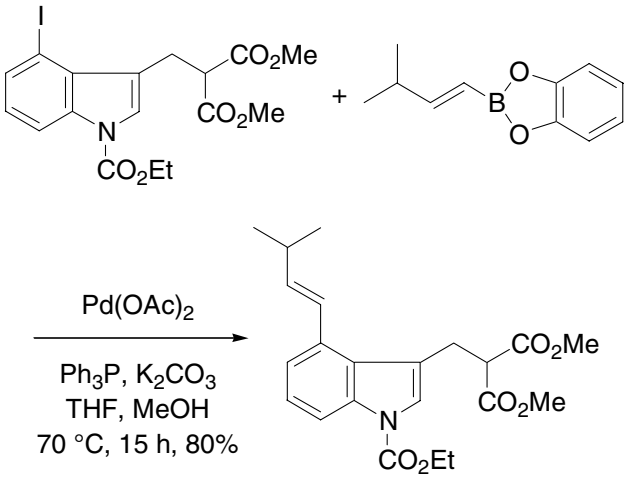

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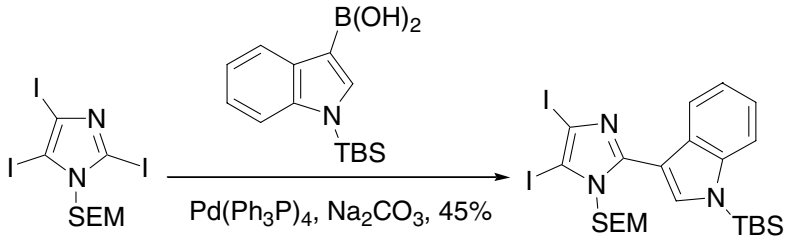

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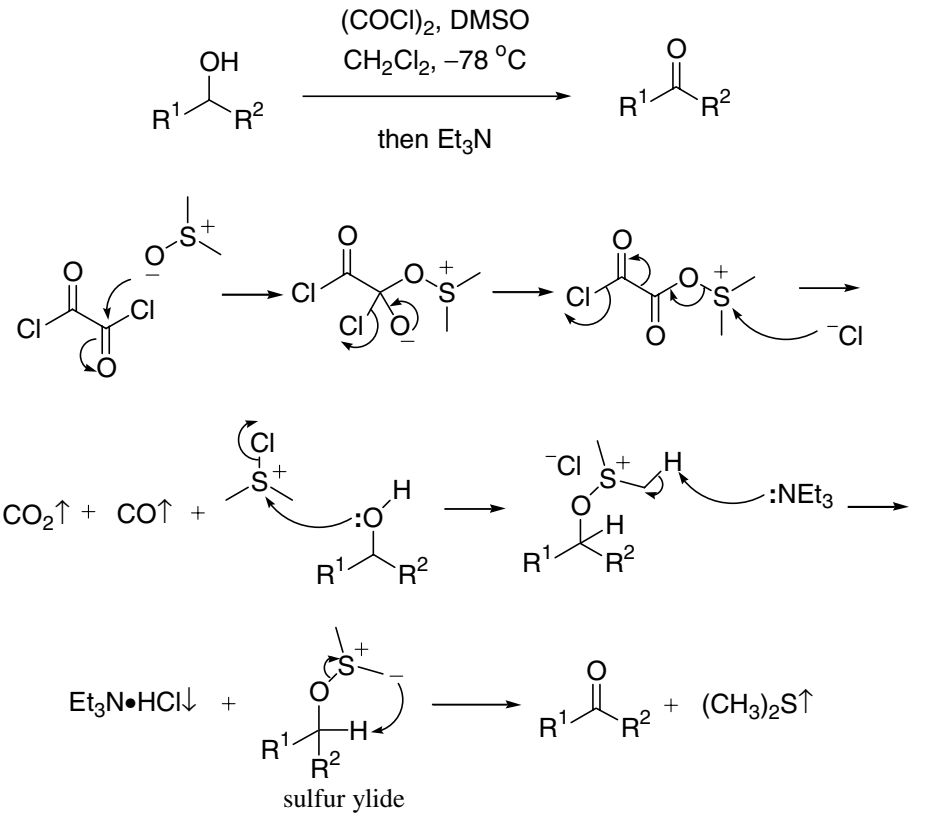
Swern oxidation

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



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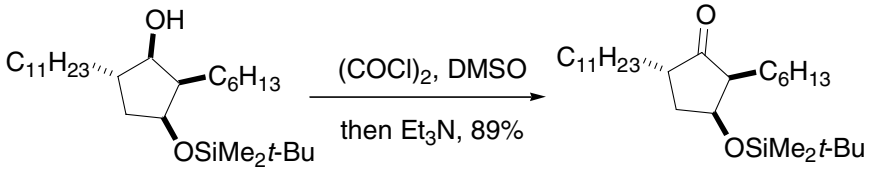

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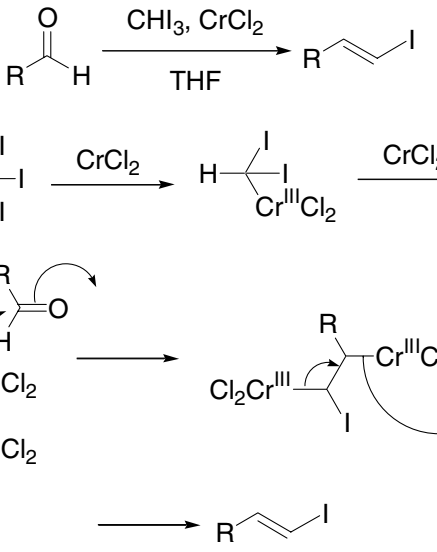
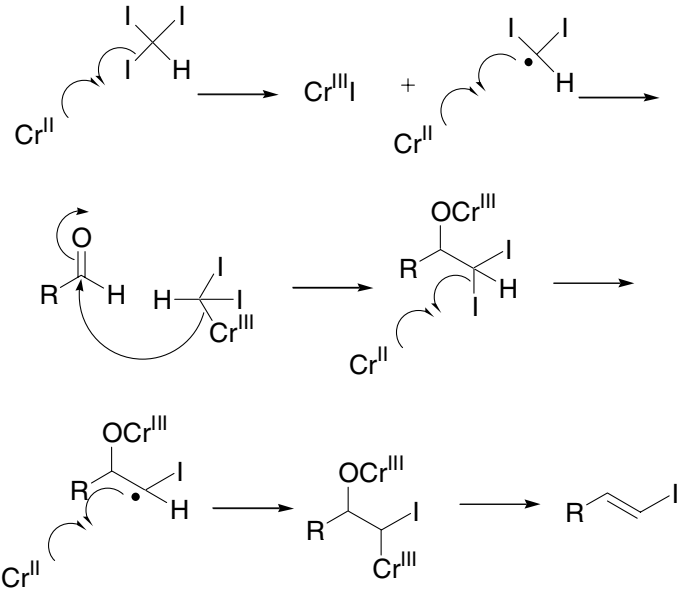
Takai iodoalkene synthesis

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



A radical mechanism is recently proposed[10]



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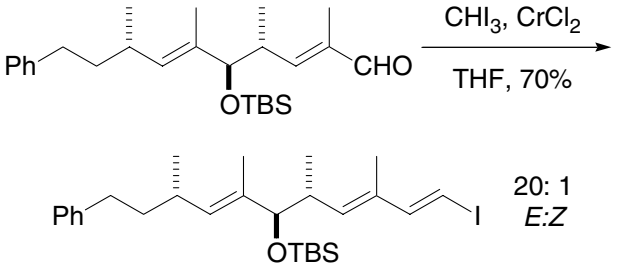

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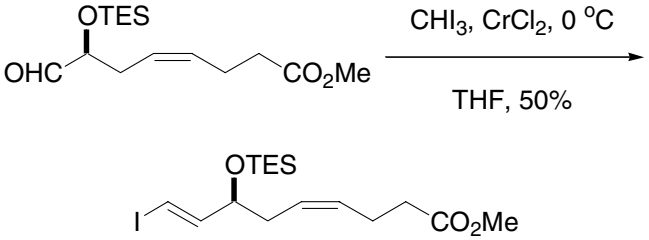

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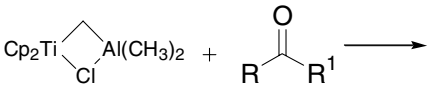
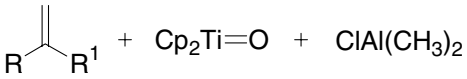
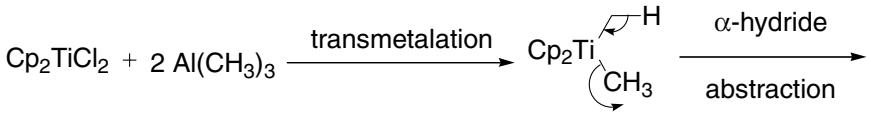
Tebbe olefination

Transformation of a carbonyl compound to the corresponding *exo*-olefin using Tebbe's reagent.



Tebbe's reagent





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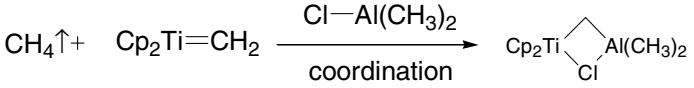

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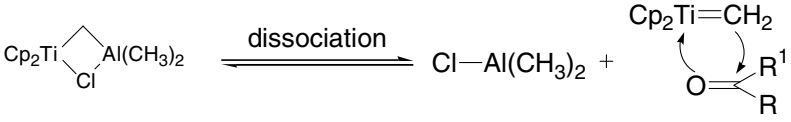

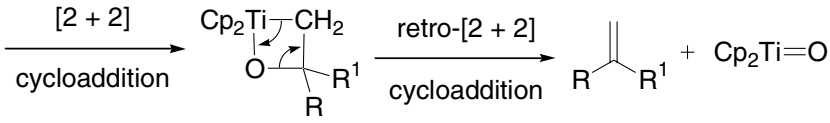

oxatitanacyclobutane — formation of the strong Ti=O is the driving force.

Petasis alkenylation

The Petasis reagent (Me_2TiCp_2, dimethyltitanocene) undergoes similar olefination reactions with ketones and aldehydes. The originally proposed mechanism[5] 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]

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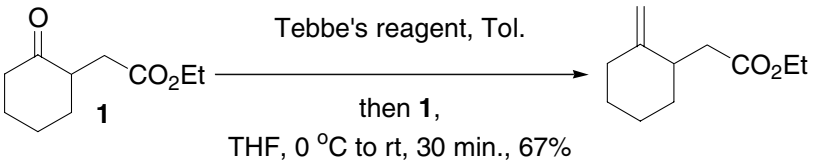

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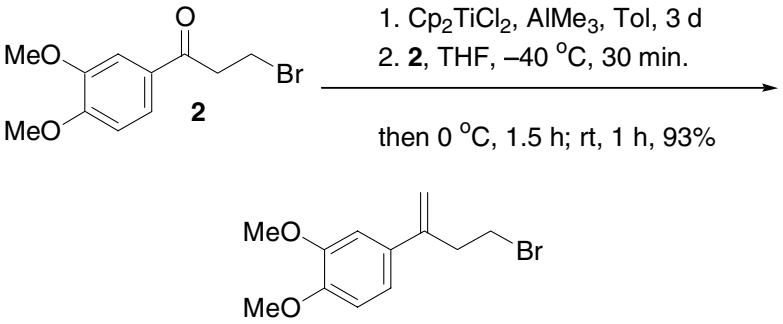

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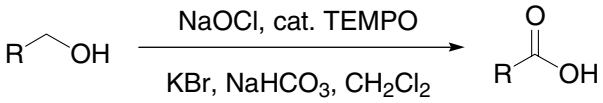
TEMPO-mediated oxidation



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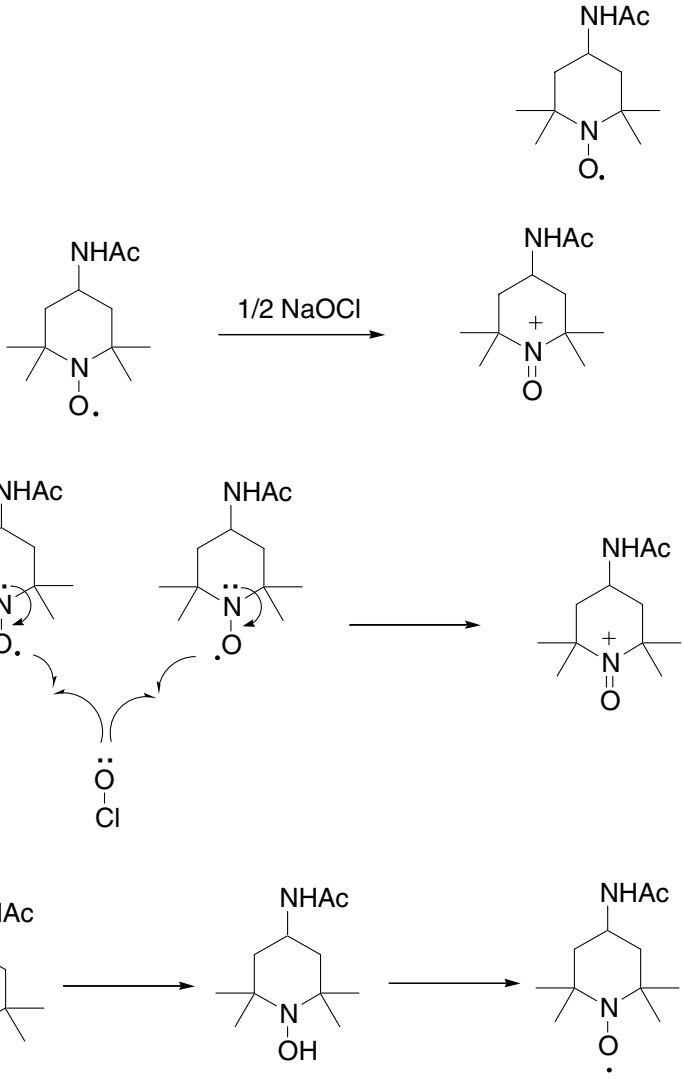

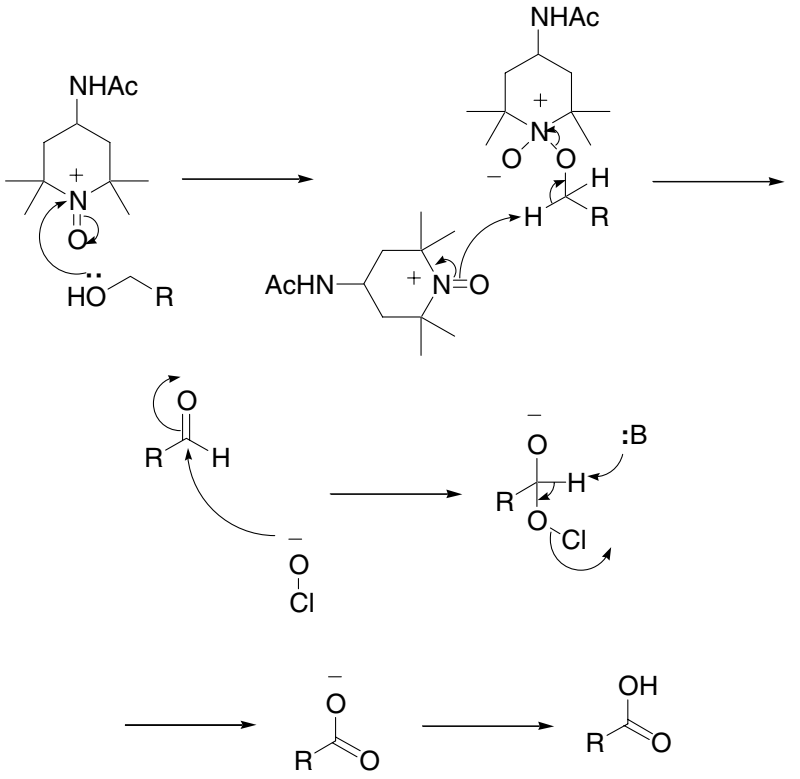

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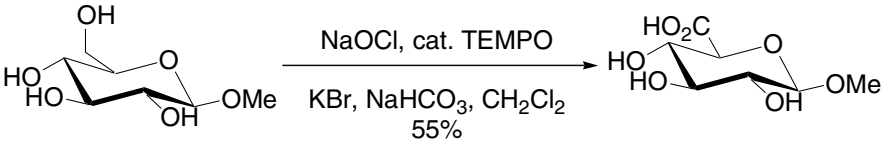

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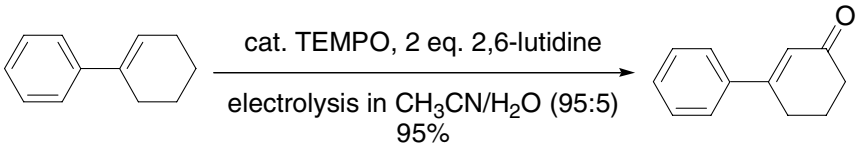

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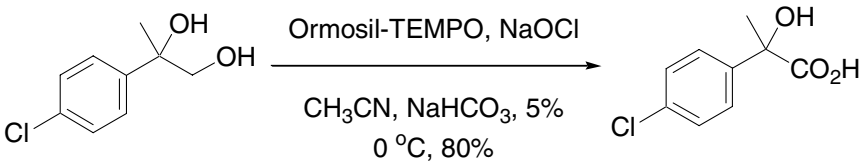

"Ormosil-TEMPO" is a sol-gel hydrophobized nanostructured silica matrix doped with TEMPO

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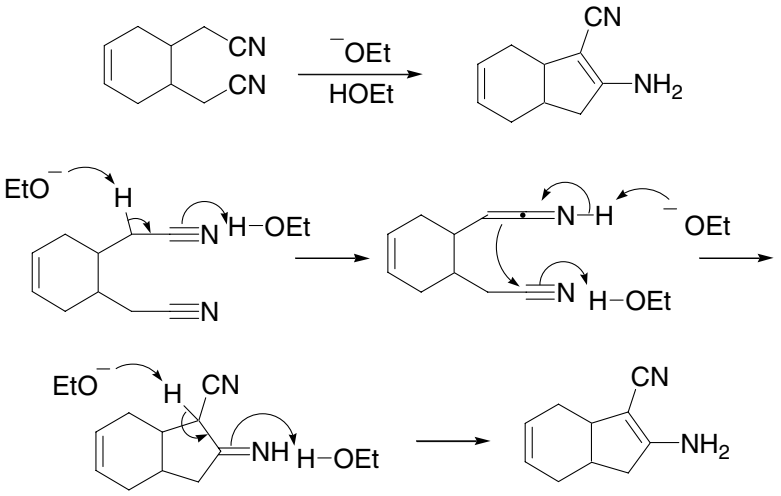
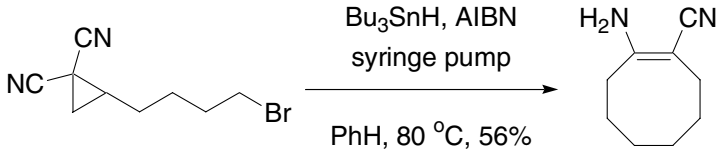
Thorpe–Ziegler reaction

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



Example 1, a radical Thorpe–Ziegler reaction[5]



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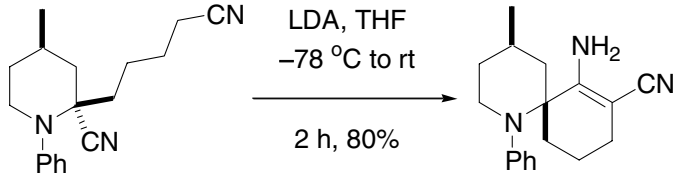

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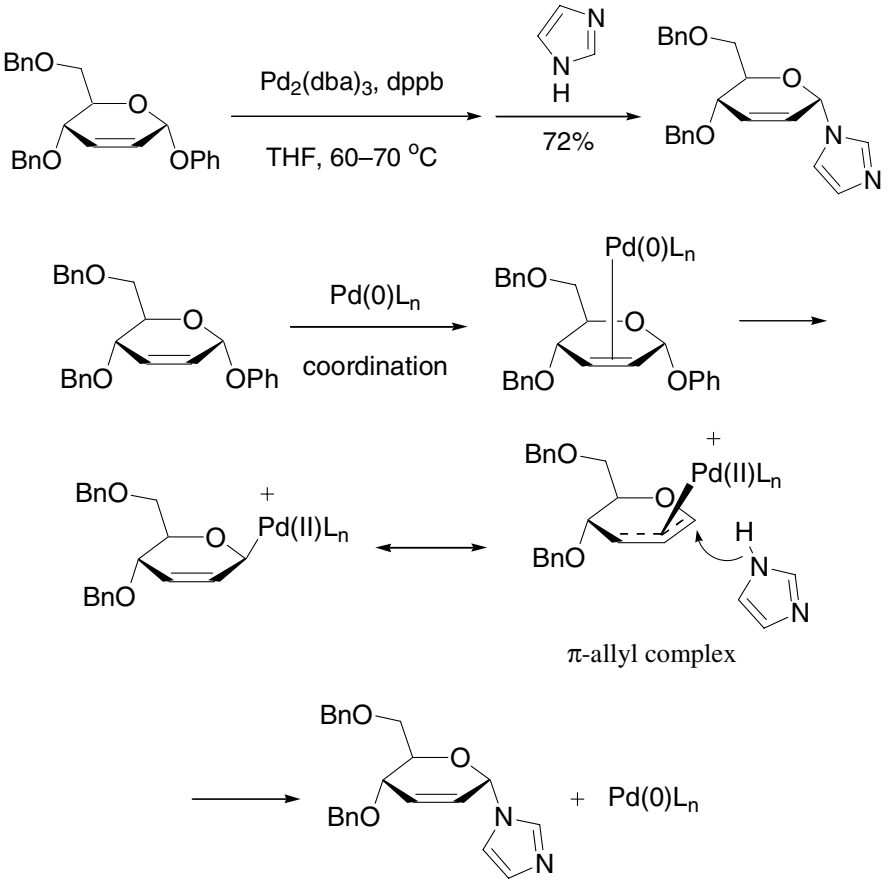
Tsuji–Trost reaction

Palladium-catalyzed allylation using nucleophiles with allylic halides, acetates, carbonates, *etc*. via intermediate allylpalladium complexes, and typically with overall retention of stereochemistry.



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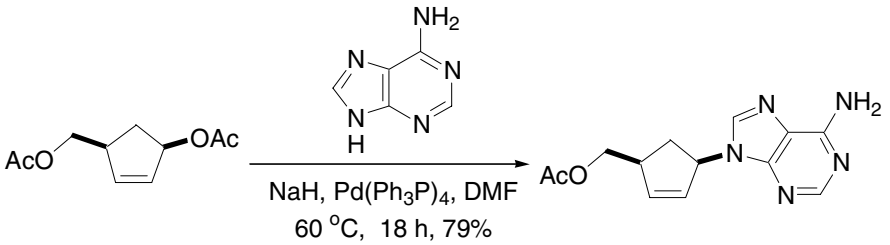

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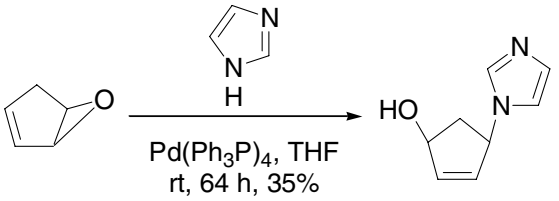

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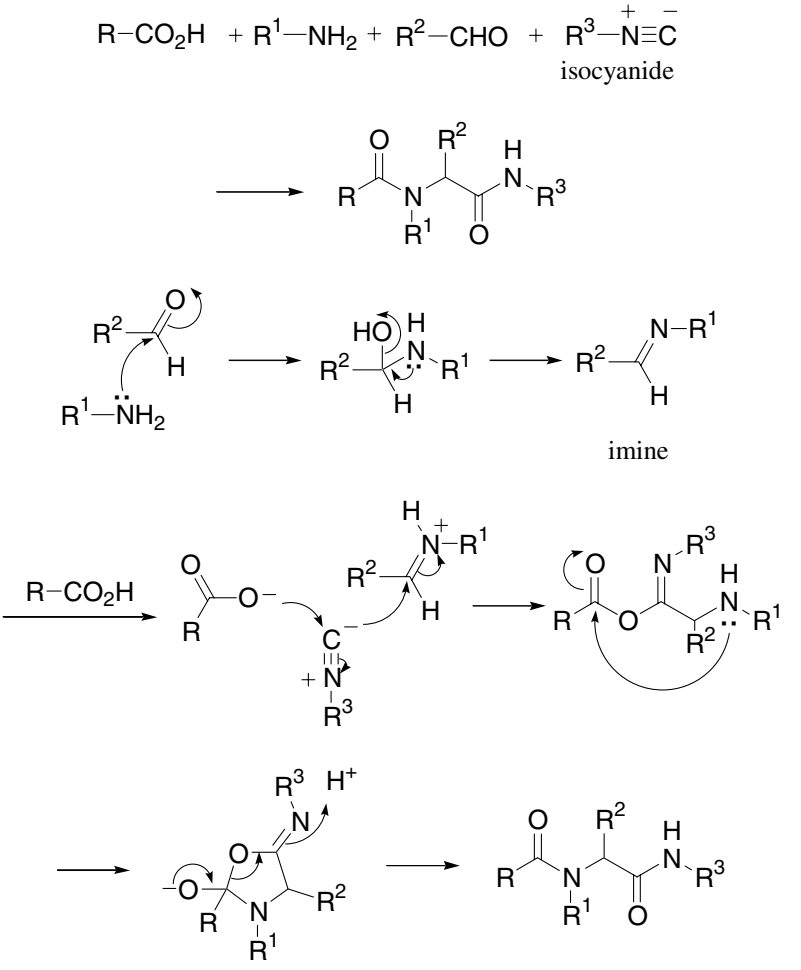
Ugi reaction

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



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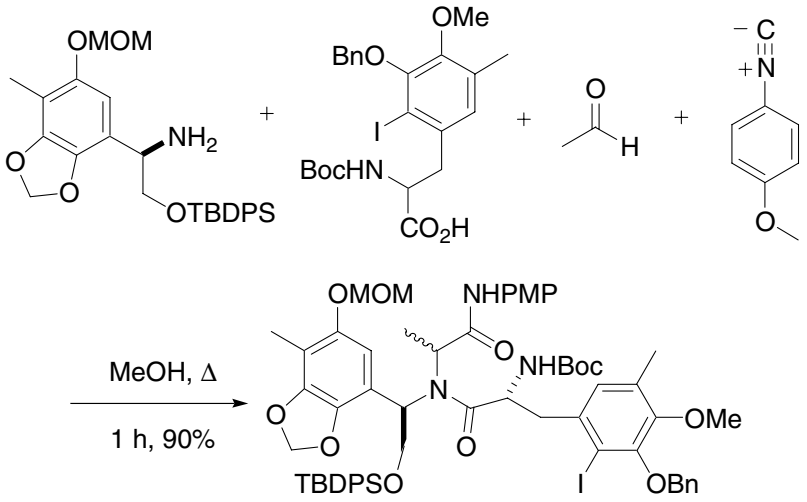

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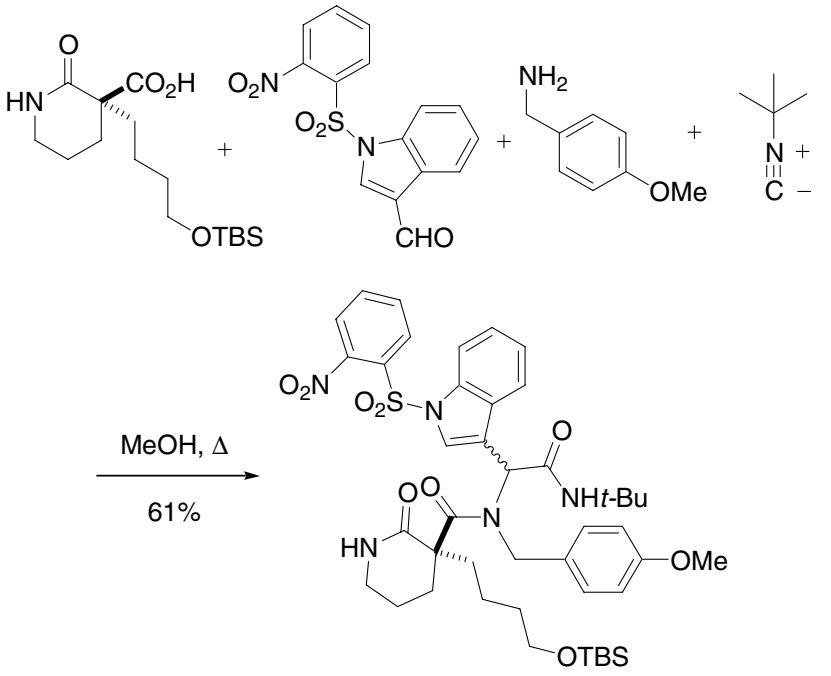

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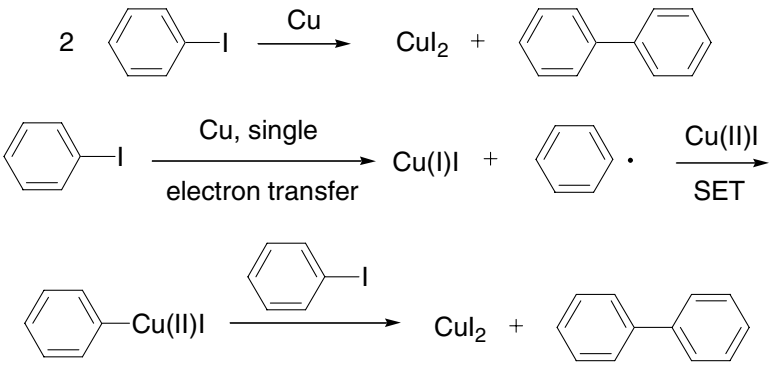
Ullmann reaction

Homocoupling of aryl halides 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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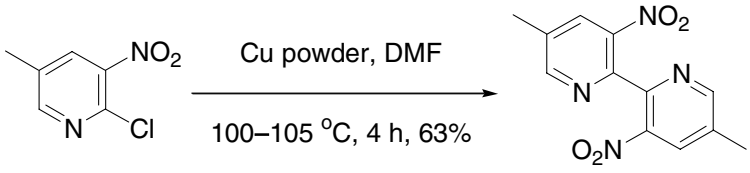

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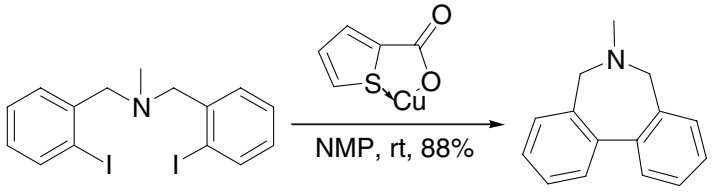

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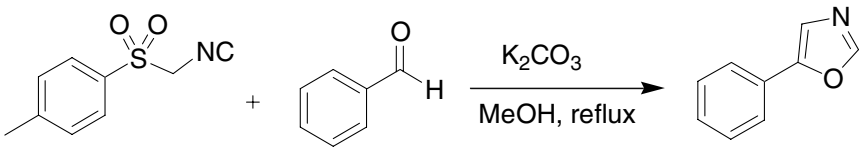
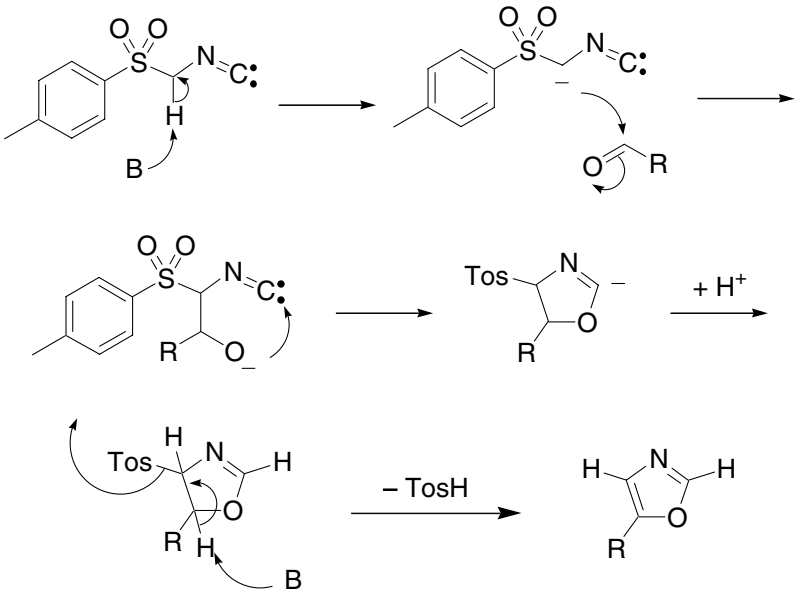
van Leusen oxazole synthesis

5-Substituted oxazoles through the reaction of *p*-tolylsulfonylmethyl isocyanide (TosMIC) with aldehydes in protic solvents at refluxing temperatures.



p-tolylsulfonylmethyl isocyanide (TosMIC)



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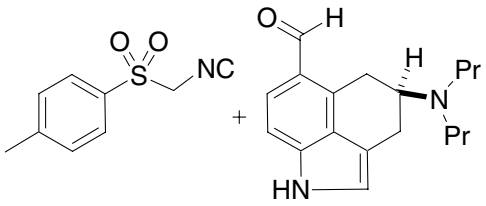

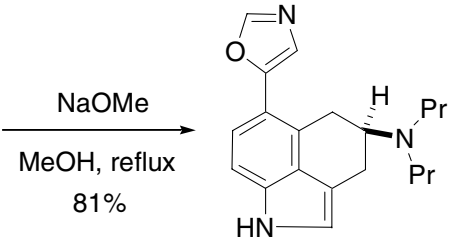

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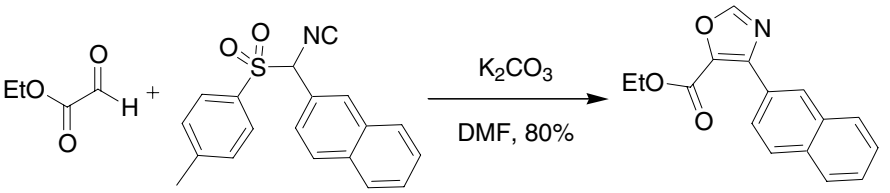

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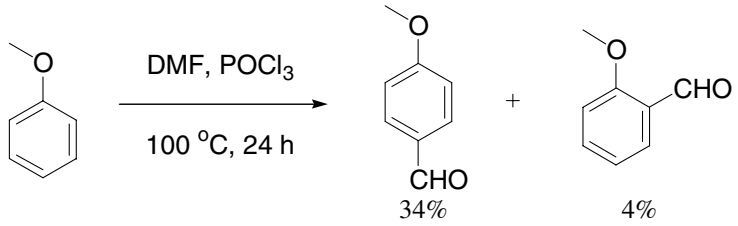
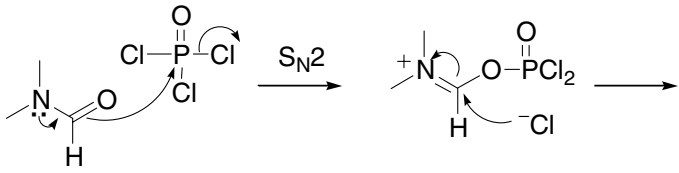
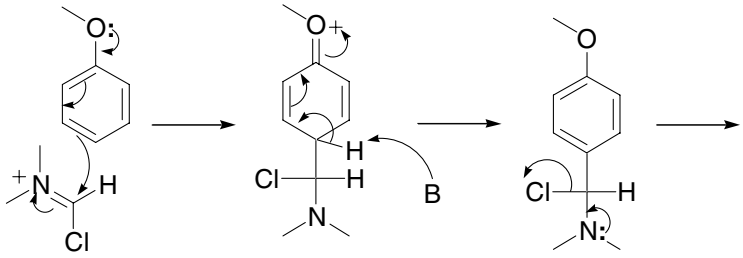
Vilsmeier–Haack reaction

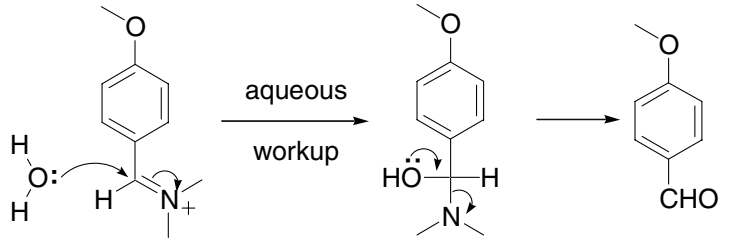
The Vilsmeier–Haack reagent, a chloroiminium salt, is a weak electrophile. Therefore, the Vilsmeier–Haack reaction works better with electron-rich carbocycles and heterocycles.





Vilsmeier–Haack reagent





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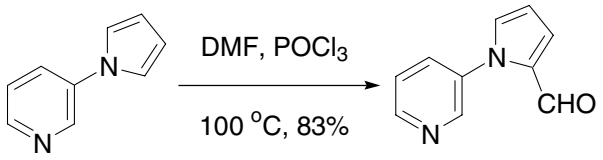

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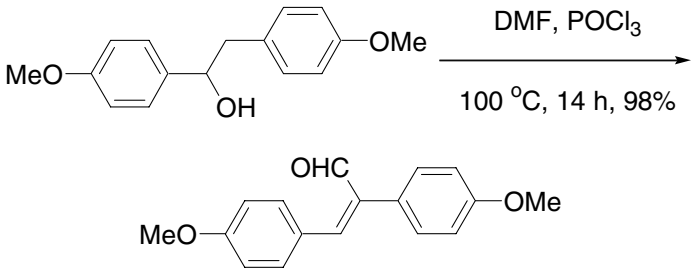

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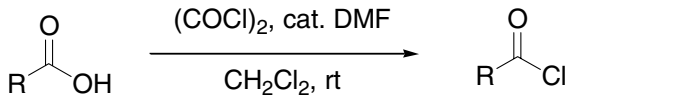
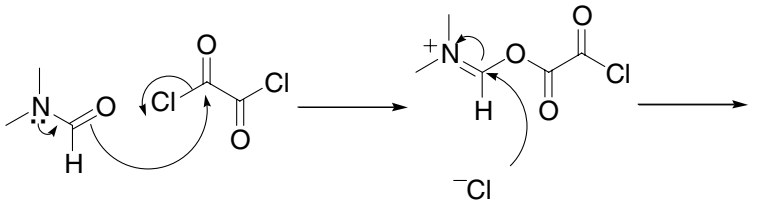
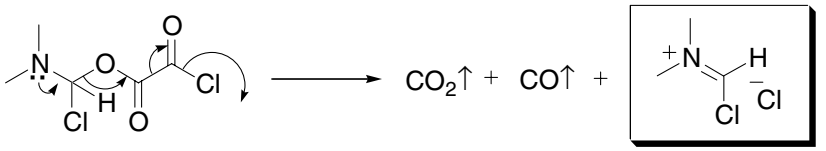
Vilsmeier mechanism for acid chloride formation

Transformation of a carboxylic acid to the corresponding acid chloride using oxalyl chloride and catalytic amount of dimethyl formamide (DMF). It is a lot faster than without DMF, which generally needs reflux.

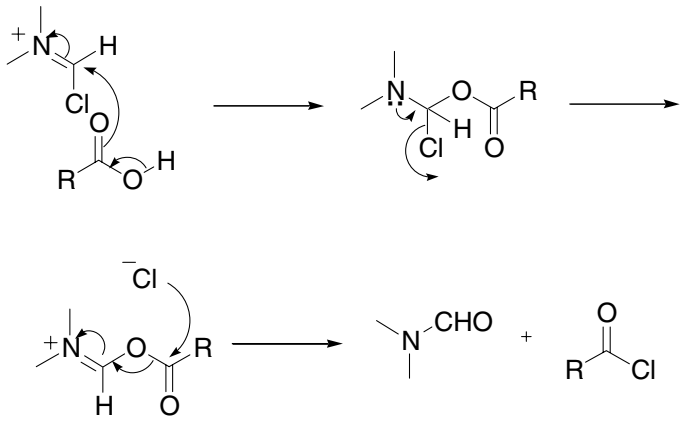




DMF oxalyl chloride



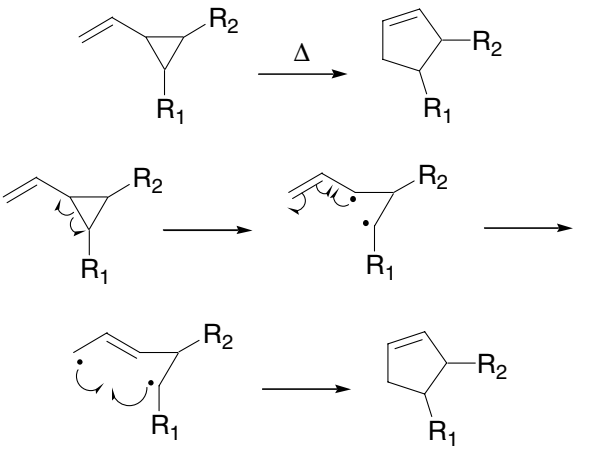
Vilsmeier–Haack reagent



DMF recovered, therefore only catalytic amount is required

Vinylcyclopropane–cyclopentene rearrangement

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



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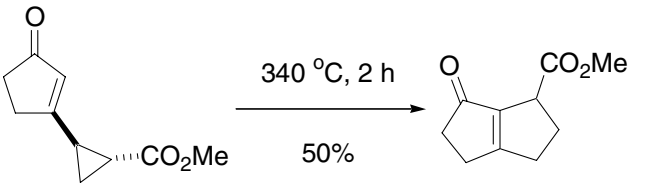

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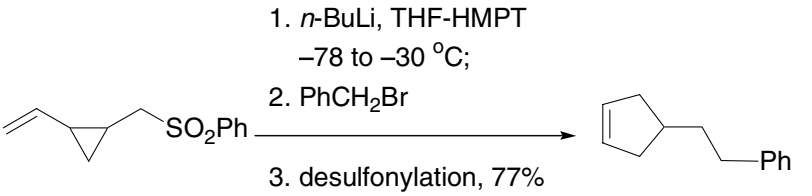

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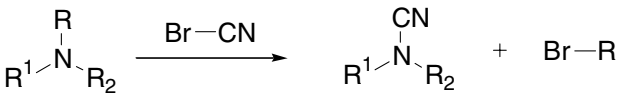
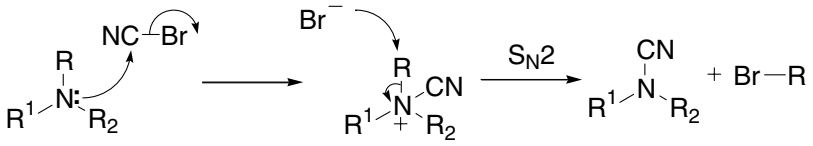
von Braun reaction

Treatment of tertiary amines with cyanogen bromide, resulting in a substituted cyanamide and alkyl halides.



Cyanogen bromide (BrCN) is a *counterattack reagent*.



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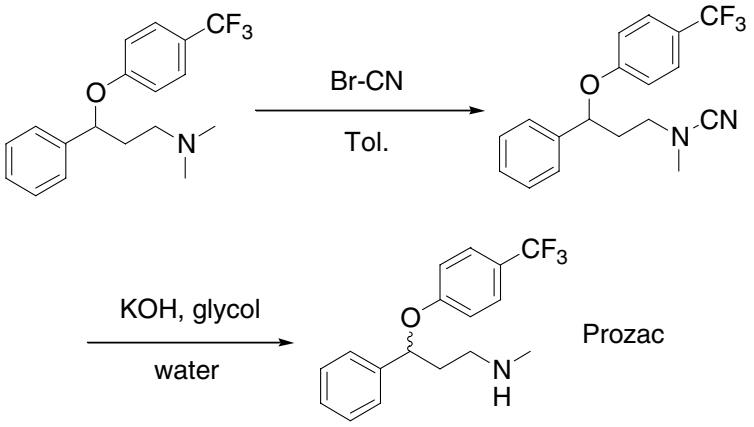

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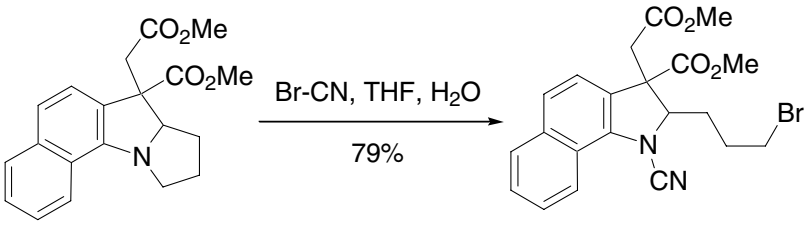

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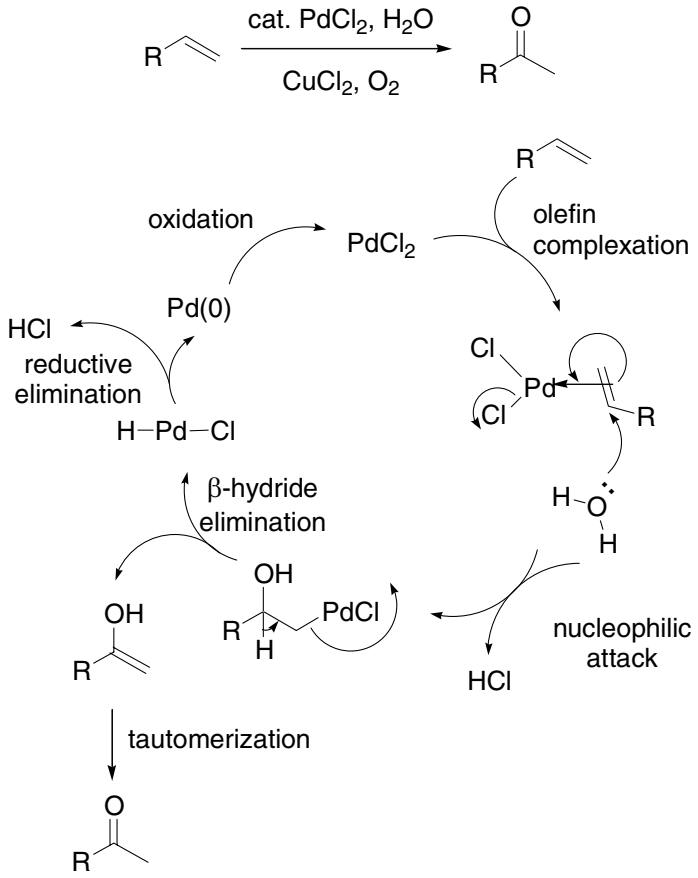
Wacker oxidation

Palladium-catalyzed oxidation of olefins to ketones.



Regeneration of Pd(II):

$$Pd(0) + 2\,CuCl_2 \longrightarrow PdCl_2 + 2\,CuCl$$

Regeneration of Cu(II):

$$CuCl + O_2 \longrightarrow CuCl_2 + H_2O$$

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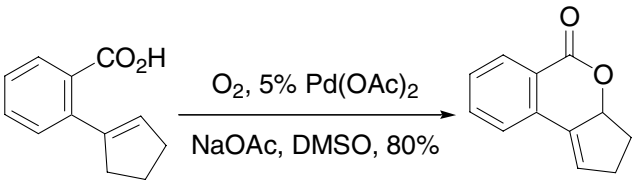

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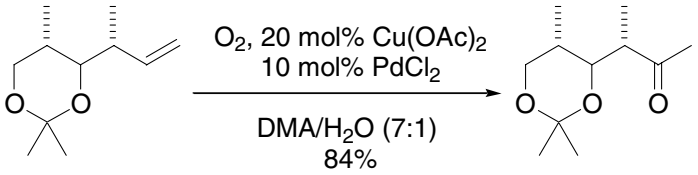

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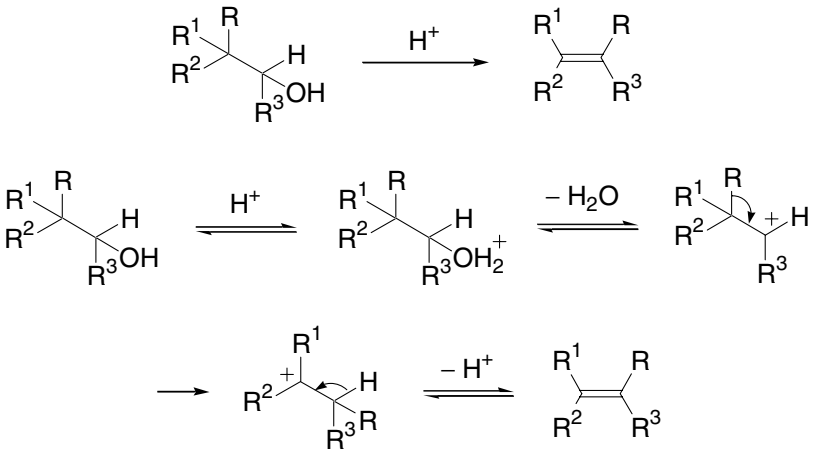
Wagner–Meerwein rearrangement

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



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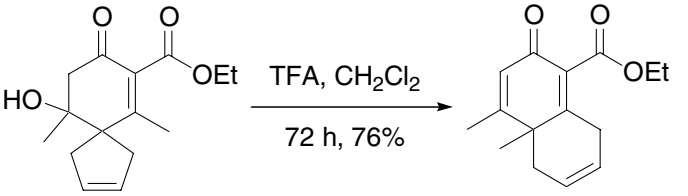

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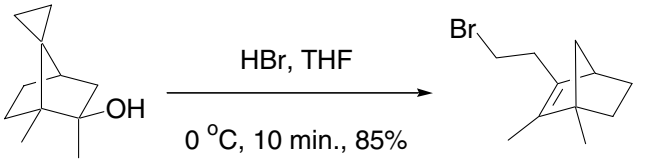

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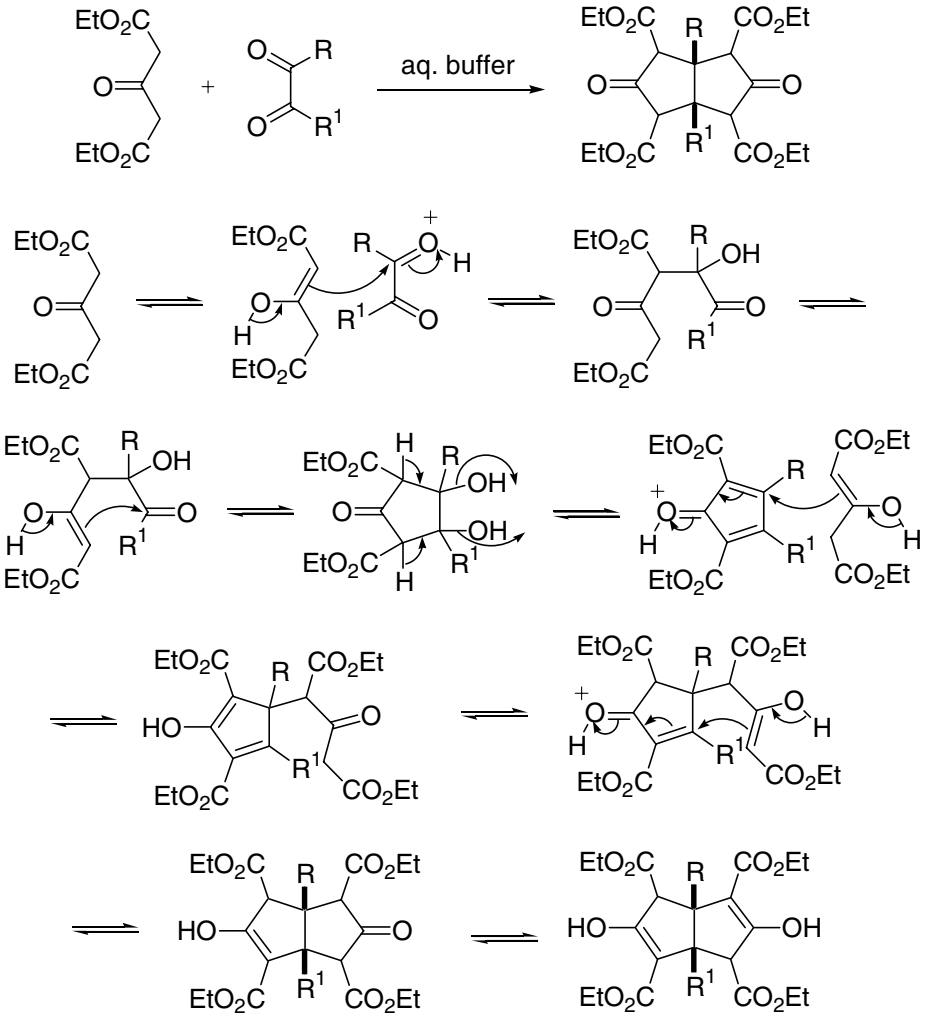
Weiss–Cook reaction

Synthesis of *cis*-bicyclo[3.3.0]octane-3,7-dione.



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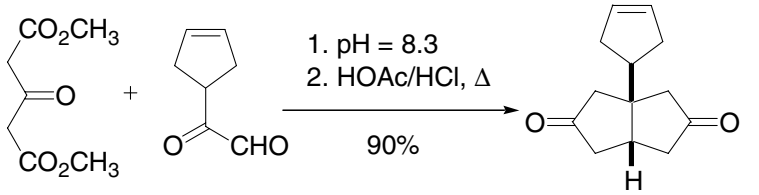

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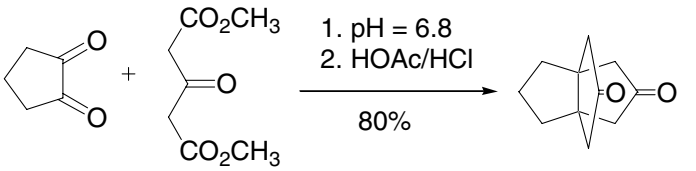

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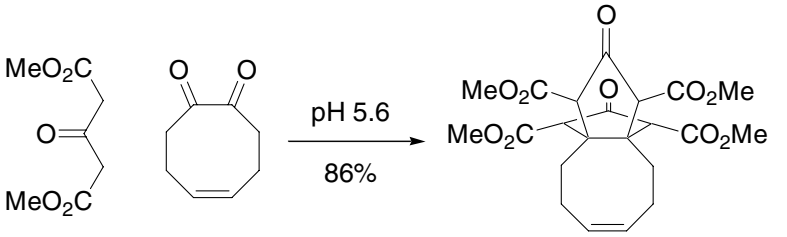

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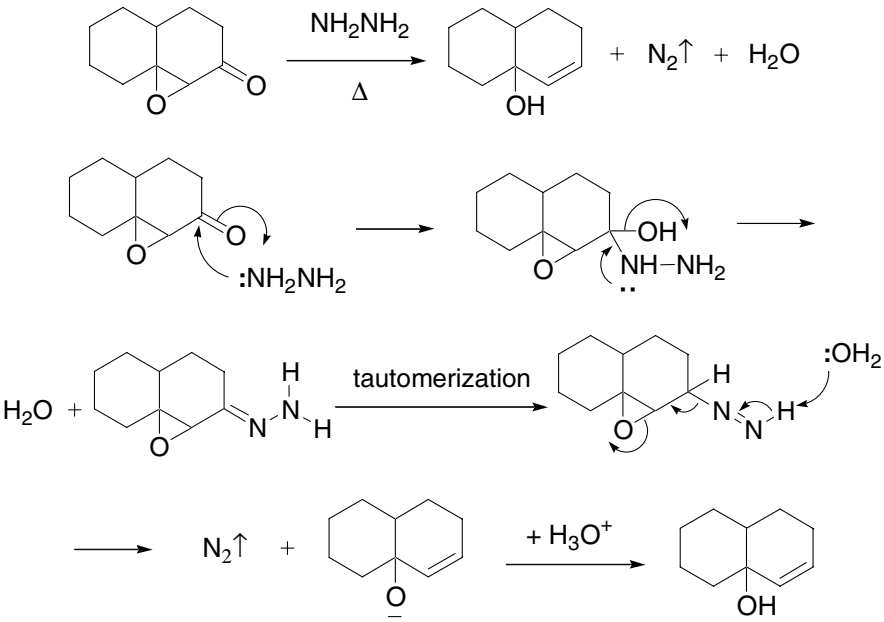
Wharton oxygen transposition reaction

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



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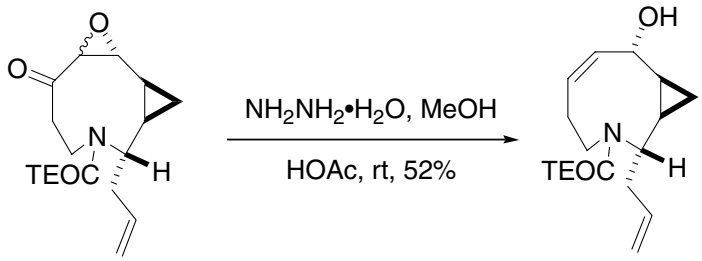

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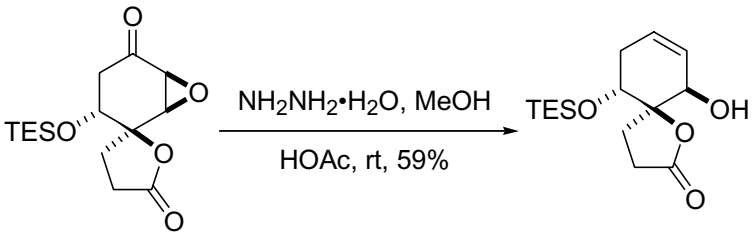

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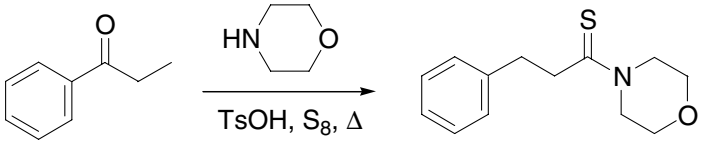
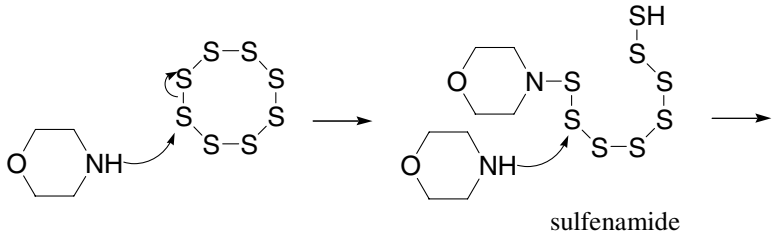
Willgerodt–Kindler reaction

Conversion of ketones to the corresponding thioamide and/or ammonium salt.



thioamide

In Carmack's mechanism,[8] 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:



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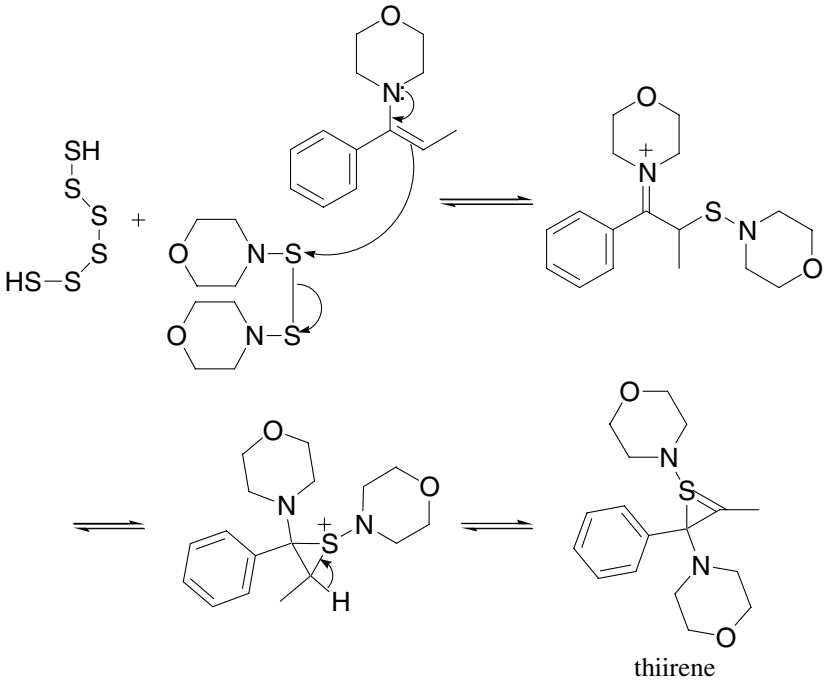

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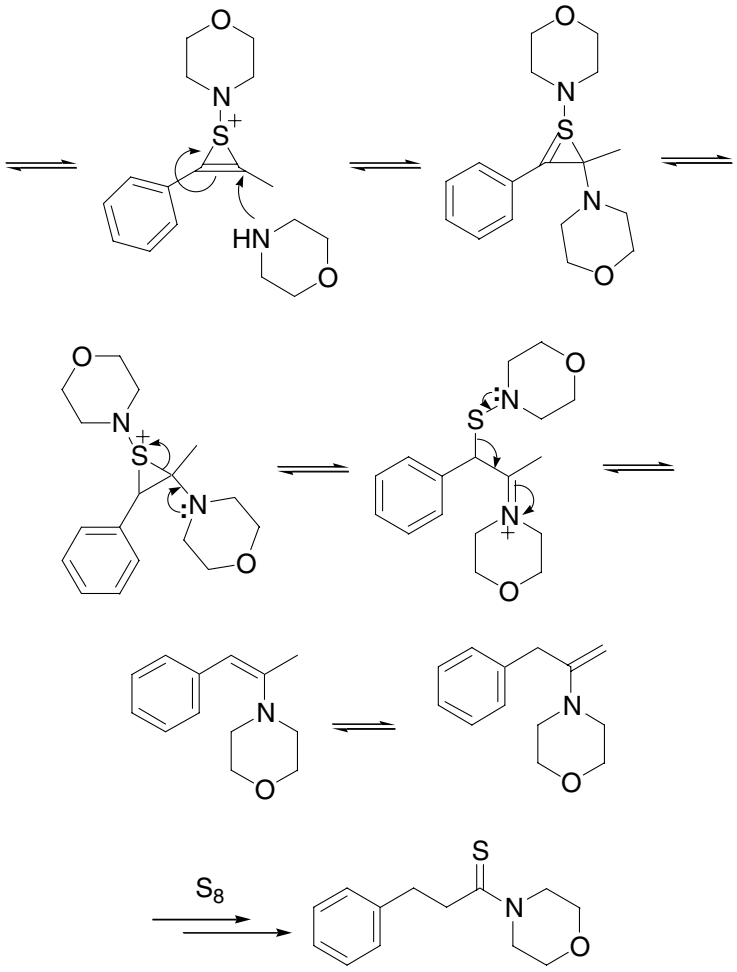
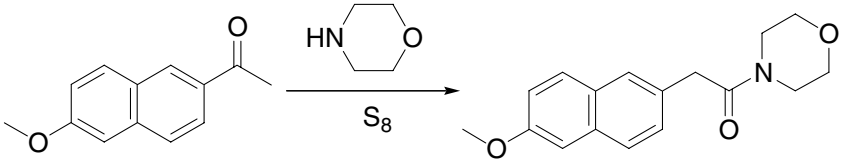
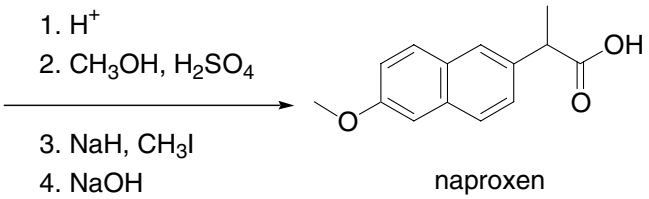


Example 1, the Willgerodt–Kindler reaction was a key operation in the initial synthesis of racemic Naproxen:[6]





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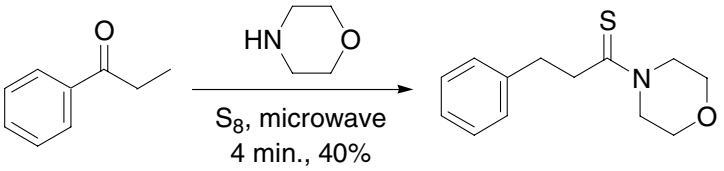

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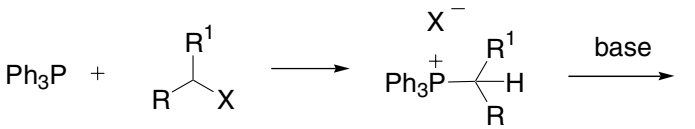
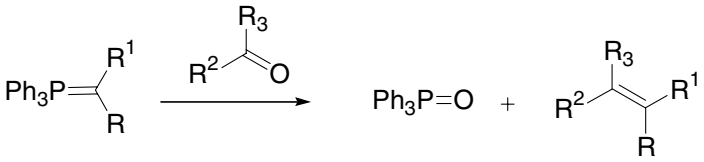
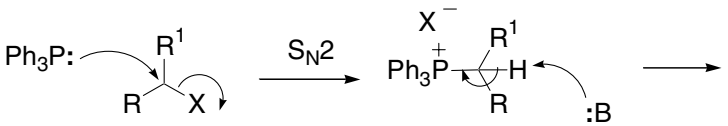
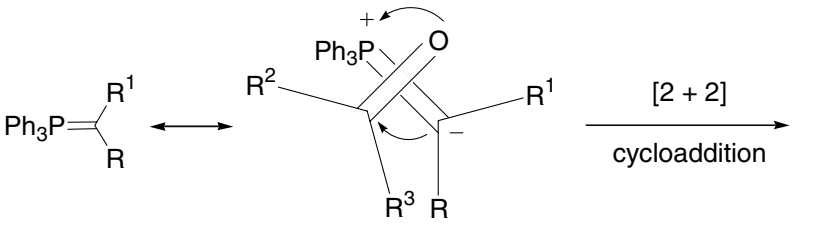
Wittig reaction

Olefination of carbonyls using phosphorus ylides.

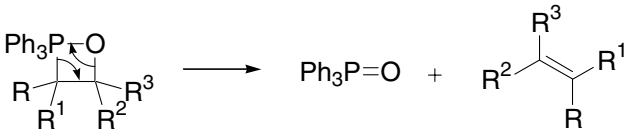








"puckered" transition state, irreversible and concerted



oxaphosphetane intermediate

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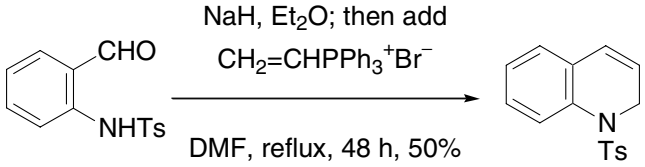

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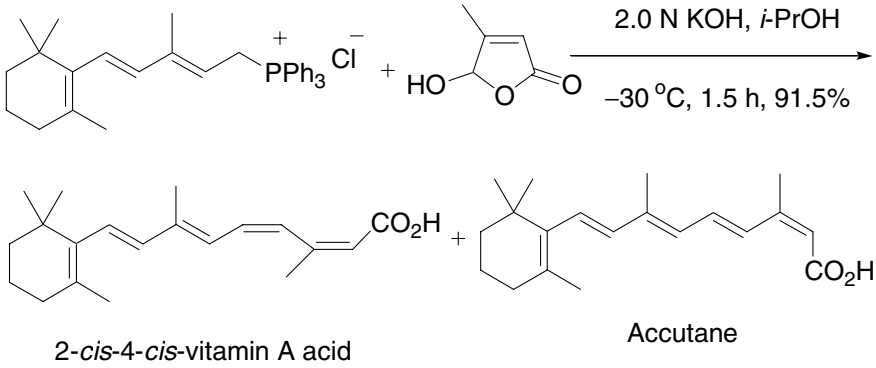
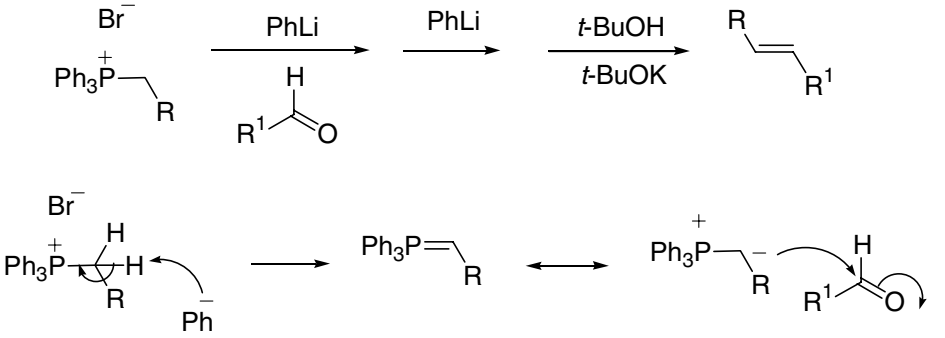


2-*cis*-4-*cis*-vitamin A acid

Accutane

Schlosser modification of the Wittig reaction[11–17]

The normal Wittig reaction of nonstabilized ylides with aldehydes gives *Z*-olefins. The Schlosser modification of the Wittig reaction of nonstabilized ylides furnishes *E*-olefins instead.



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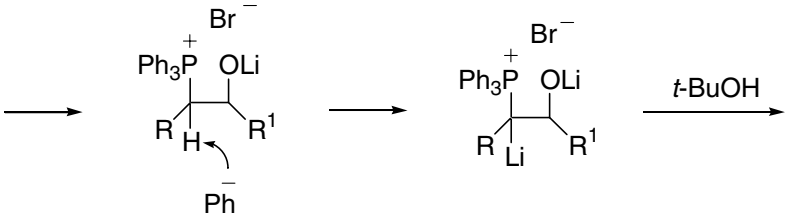
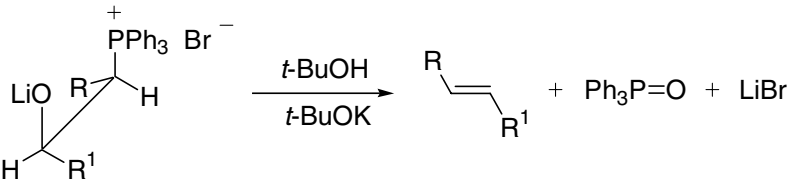


LiBr complex of β-oxo ylide



LiBr complex of *threo*-betaine

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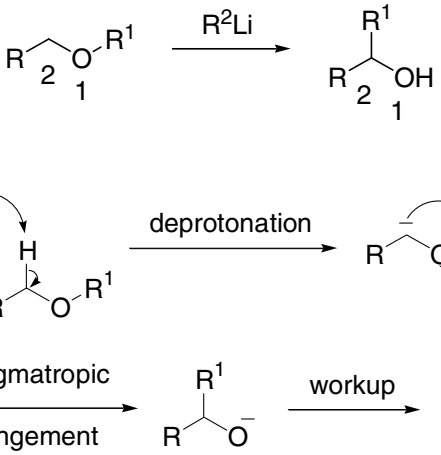
[1,2]-Wittig rearrangement

Treatment of ethers with alkyl lithium results in alcohols.



The radical mechanism is also possible as radical intermediates have been identified.

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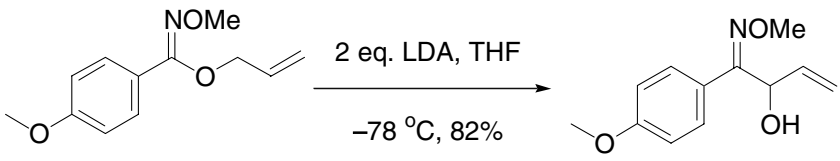

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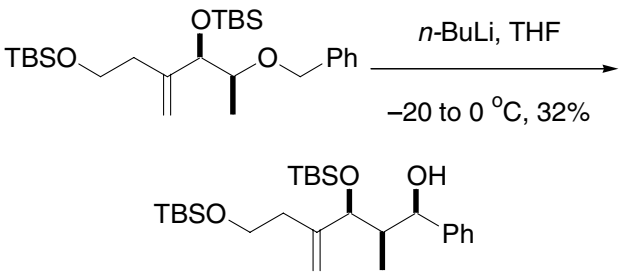

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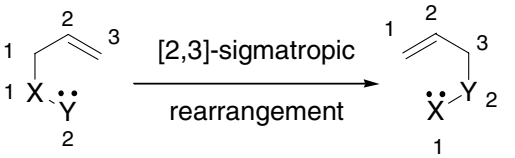
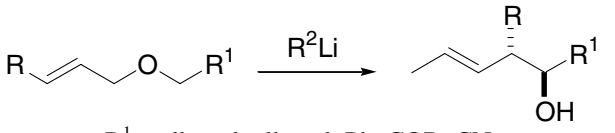
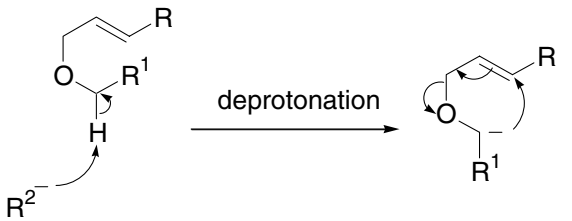
[2,3]-Wittig rearrangement

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





R^1 = alkynyl, alkenyl, Ph, COR, CN.



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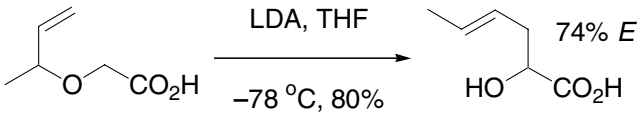

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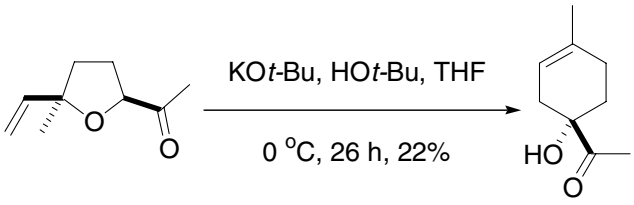

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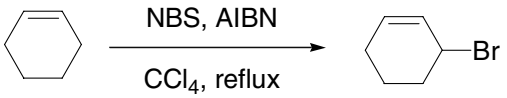
Wohl–Ziegler reaction

Radical-initiated allylic bromination using NBS, and catalytic AIBN as initiator or NBS under photolysis.



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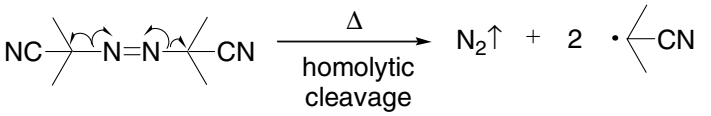
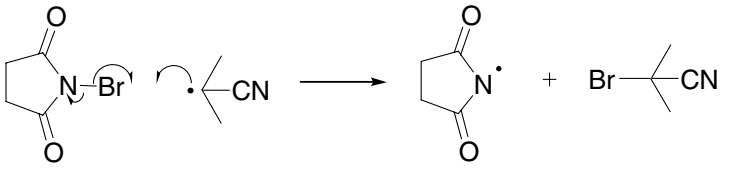


2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN)



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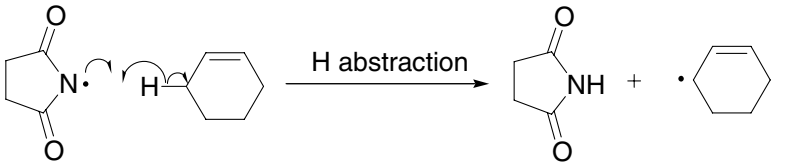

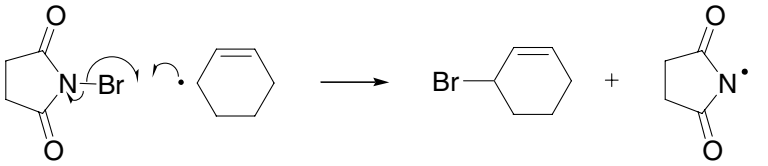

The succinimidyl radical is now available for the next cycle of the radical chain reaction.

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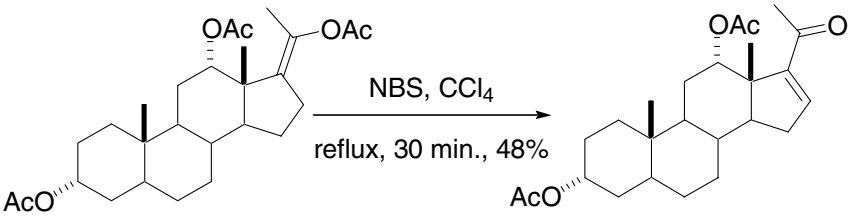

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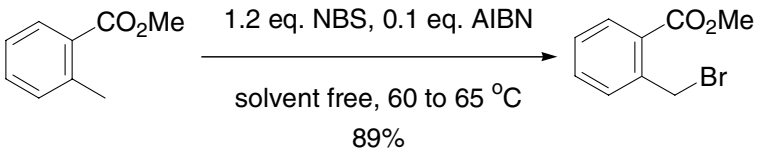

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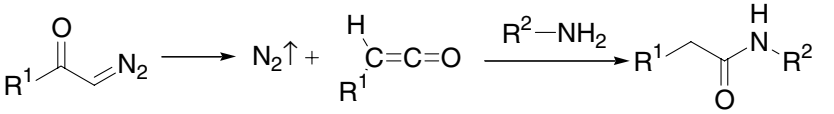
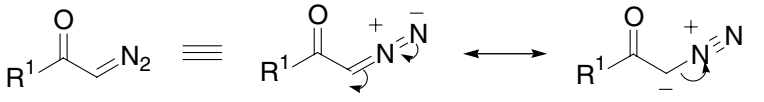
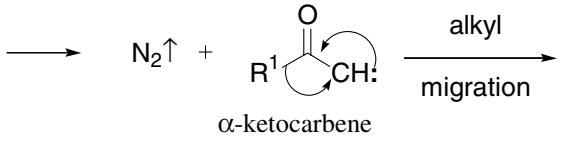
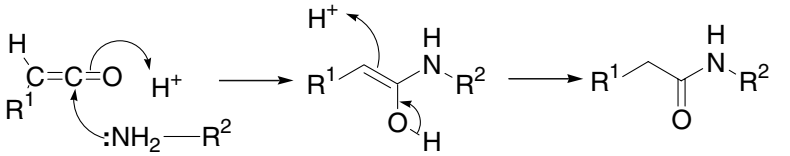
Wolff rearrangement

One-carbon homologation *via* the intermediacy of α-diazoketone and ketene.









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

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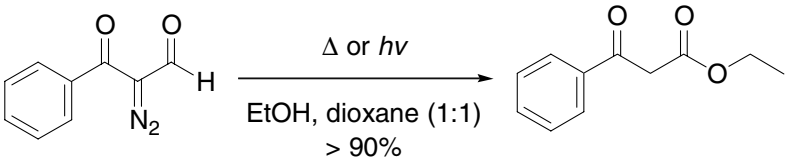

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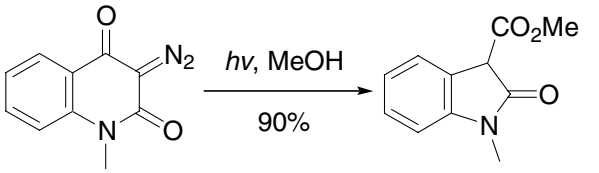

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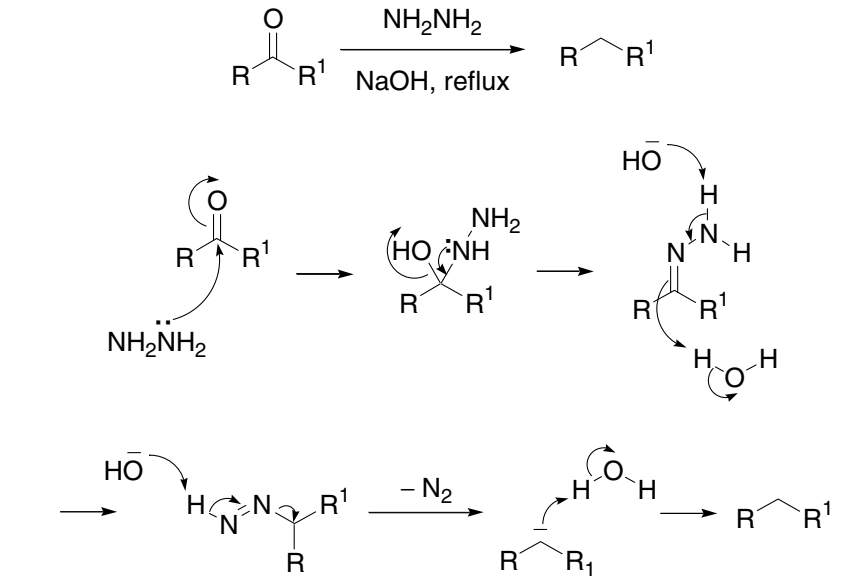
Wolff–Kishner reduction

Carbonyl reduction to methylene using basic hydrazine.



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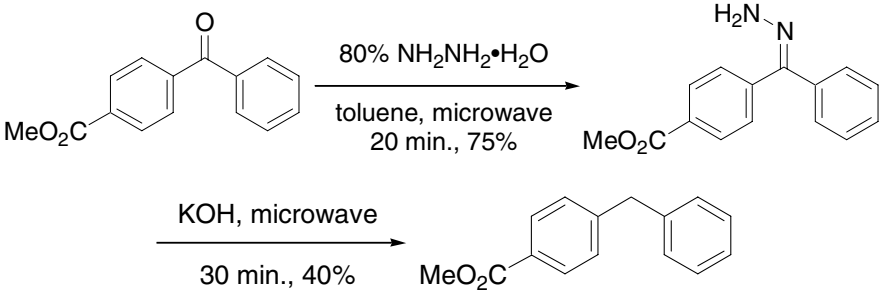

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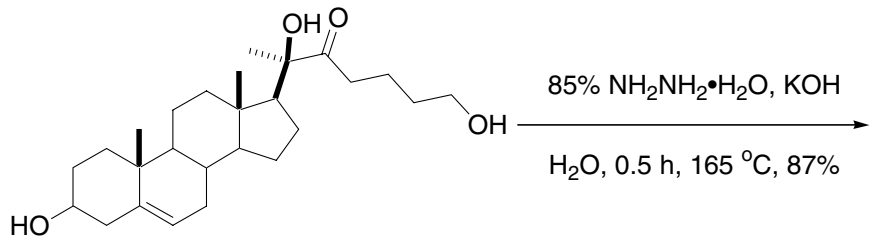

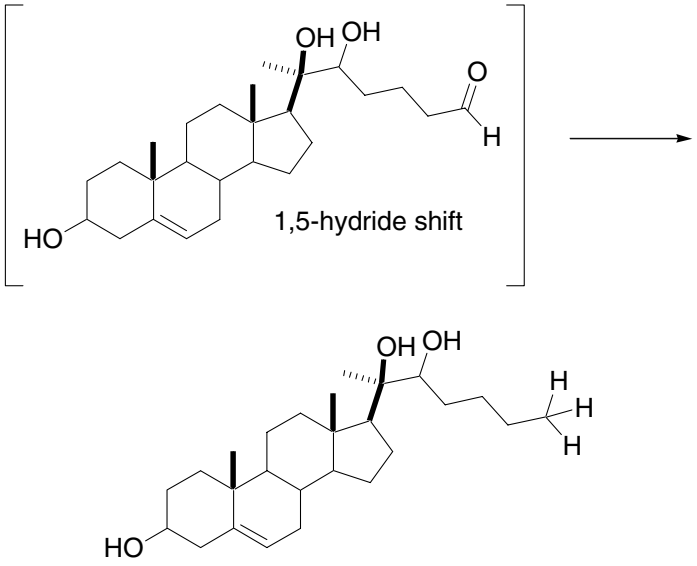

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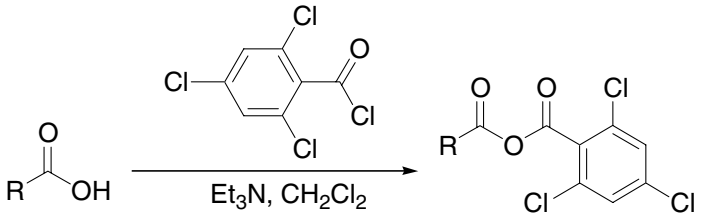
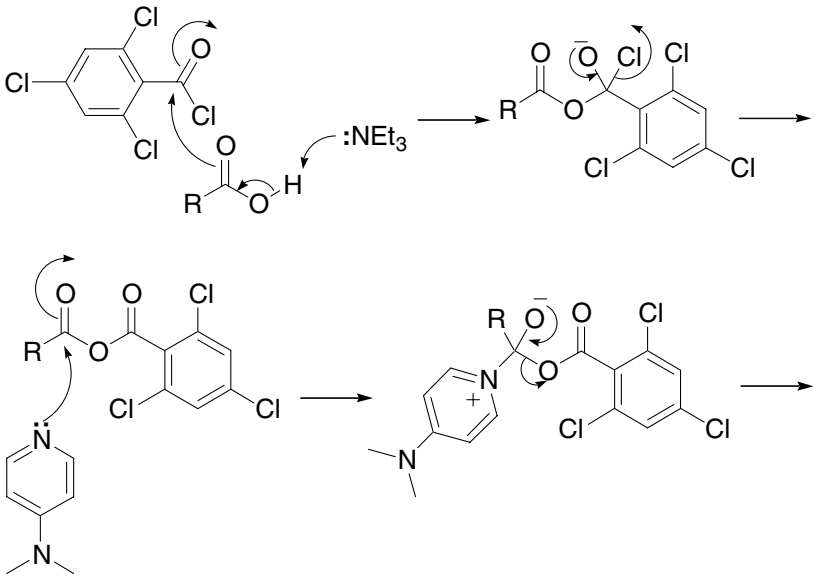
Yamaguchi esterification

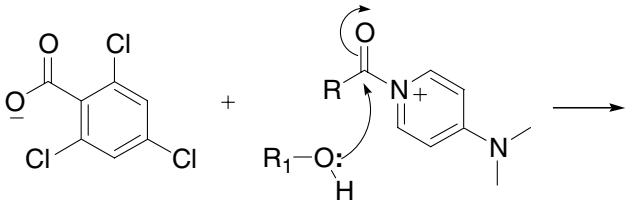
Esterification using 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride (the Yamaguchi reagent).

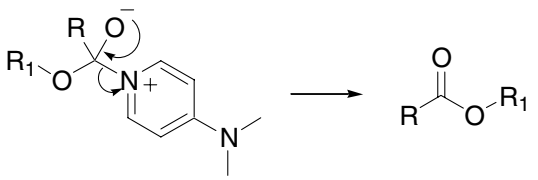




DMAP (Dimethylaminopyridine)

Steric hindrance of the chloro substituents blocks attack of the other carbonyl.





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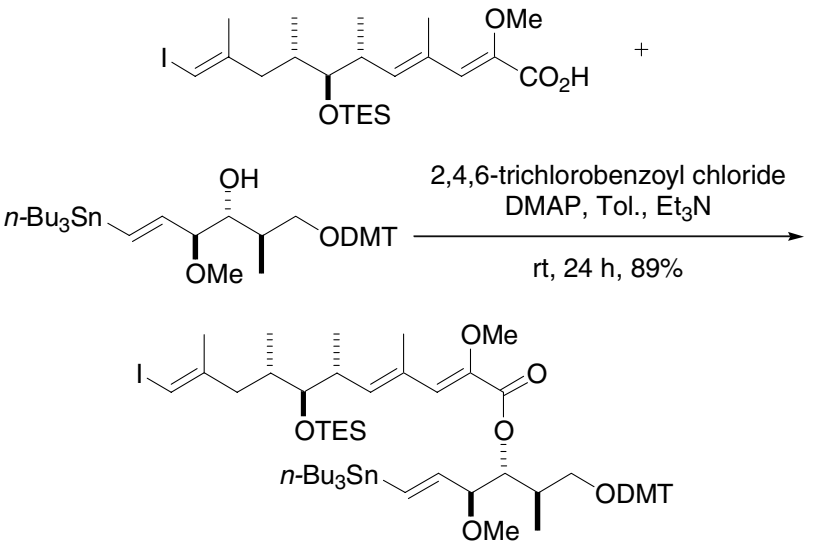
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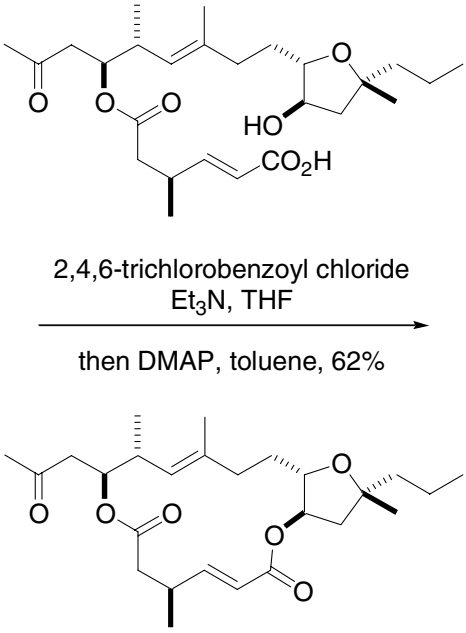

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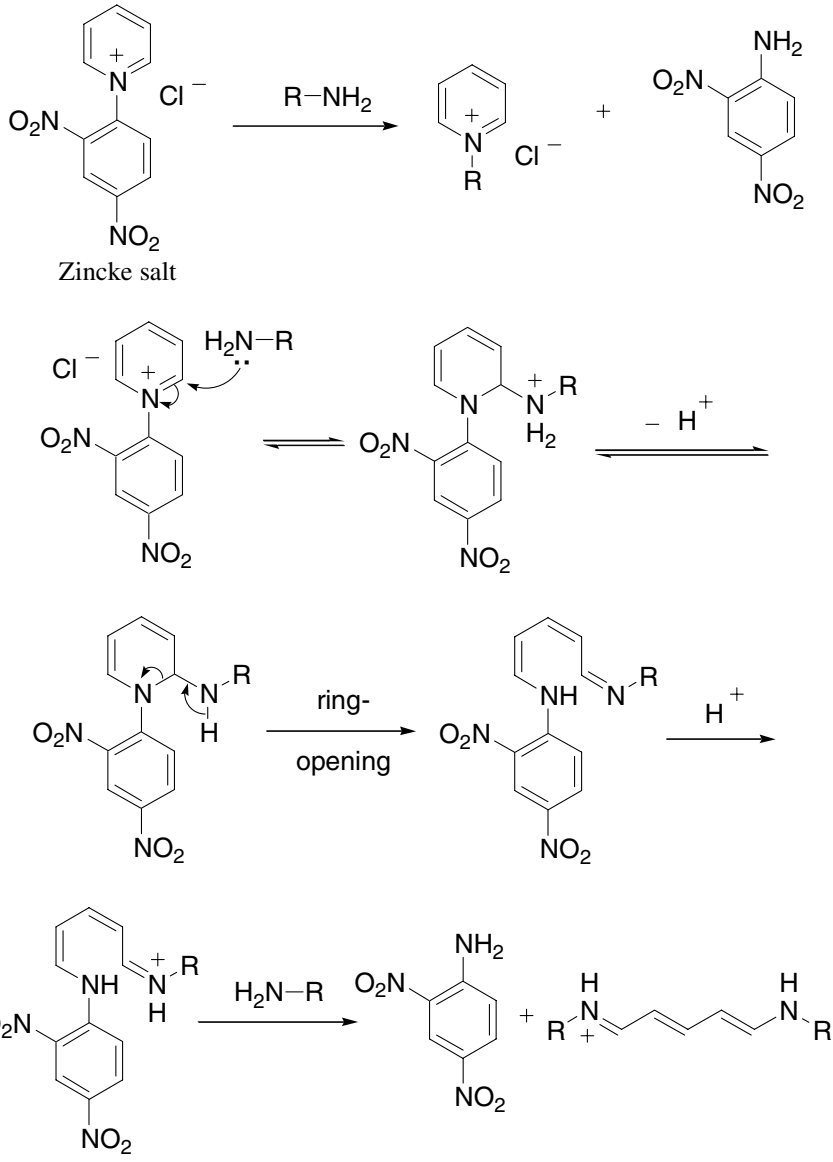
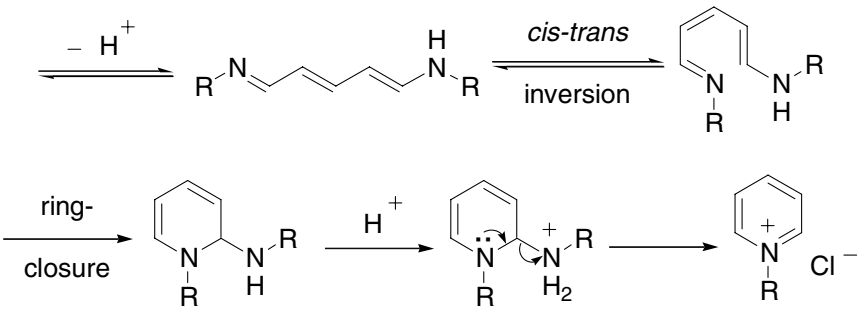
Zincke reaction

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.



Zincke salt



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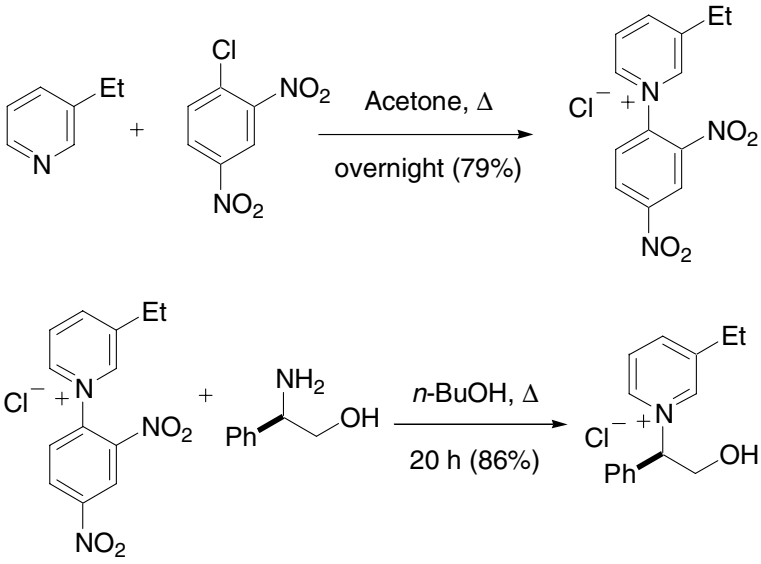

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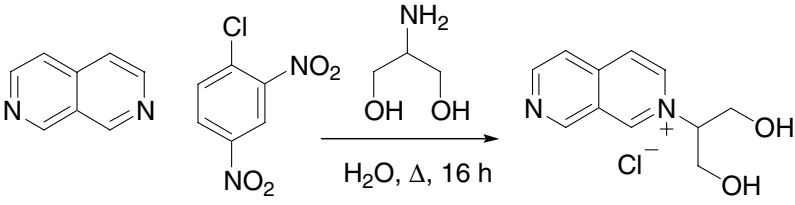

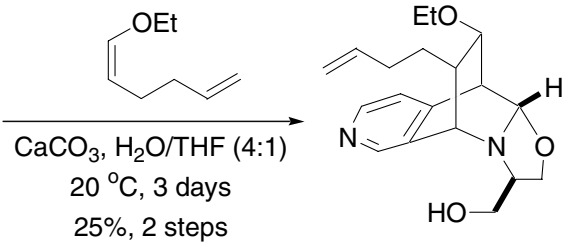

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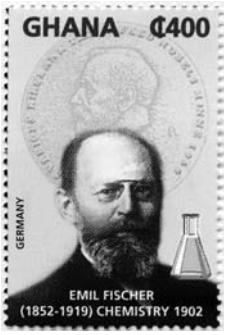

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