

The career of Erick M. Carreira



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A Summary

■ Education

- 1984 B.S. Chemistry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
[Scott E. Denmark](#)
- 1990 Ph.D., Harvard University
[David A. Evans](#)
- 1990 PostDoc, Caltech
-1992 [Peter B. Dervan](#)



■ Academic Career

- 1992 Assistant Professor, Caltech
- 1996 Associate Professor, Caltech
- 1997 Full Professor, Caltech
- 1998 Professor, ETH Zürich
- 2011 Member of CC-SPMD, ETH Zürich



ETH

Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

■ Famous students

Justin DuBois, Tehshik P. Yoon, Jeffrey W. Bode, Tobias Ritter,
Jérôme Waser, Corey C. Stephenson

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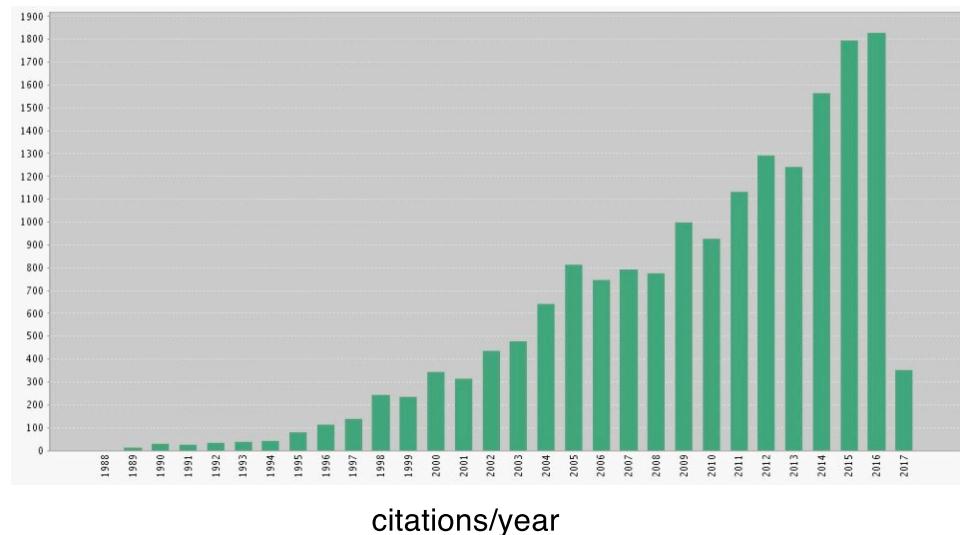
- Associate Editor: Org. Lett., Thieme (Synfacts & Synthesis), Org. Synth.
- Awards: ERC commission award, Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, Nobel Laureate Signature Award, ACS award for creative work in synthetic organic synthesis, ACS award in Pure Chemistry, numerous awards sponsored by pharmaceutical companies (DSM, Merck, Eli Lilly, Pfizer)

■ Papers published: **300**

■ citations: **>17'000**

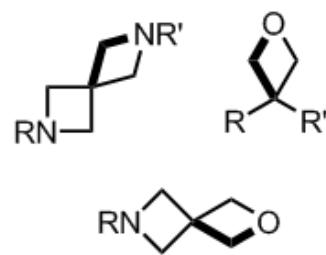
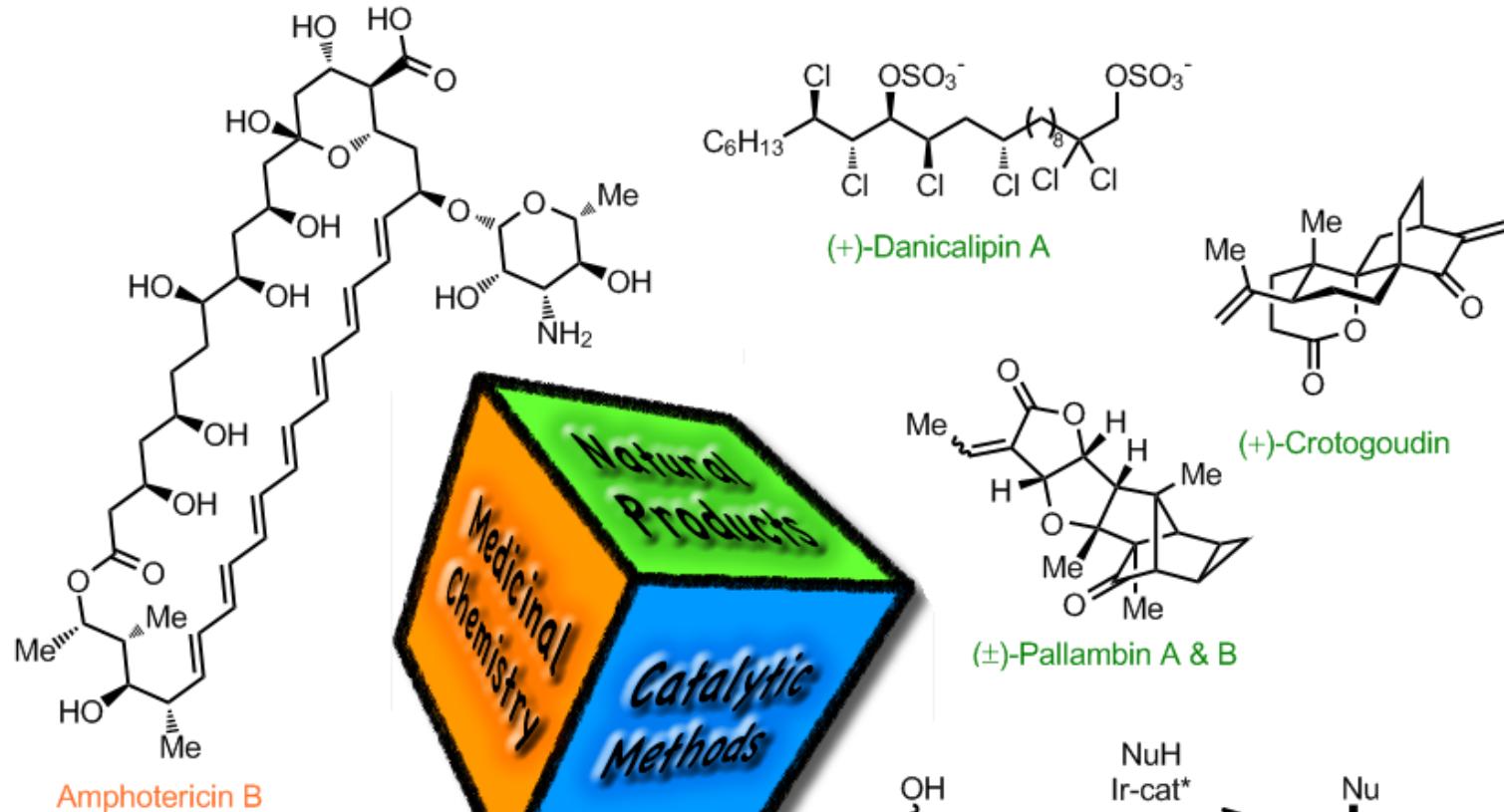
■ average citations/paper: **~58**

■ h-index: **70**

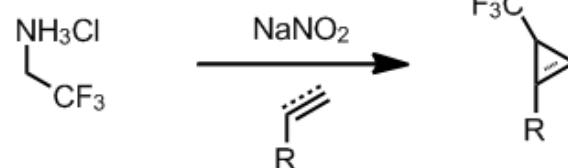


- cofounder of three companies: Lipideon, SpiroChem, Glycemicon

Research in the Carreira Lab



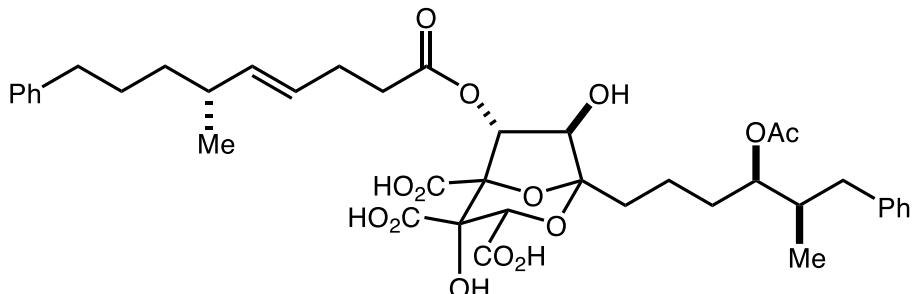
New Heterocyclic
Building Blocks



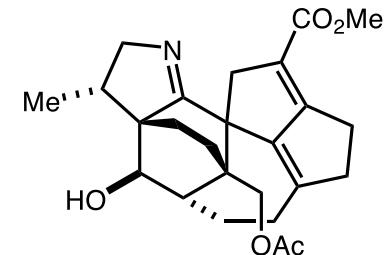
In-situ Generation of Diazomethanes
and their Applications

Total Synthesis in the Carreira Lab

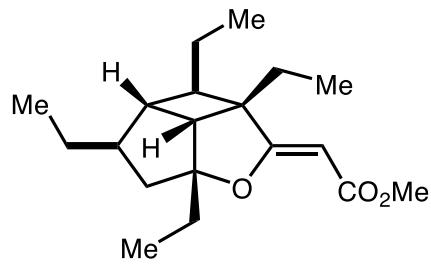
■ Polycyclic compounds



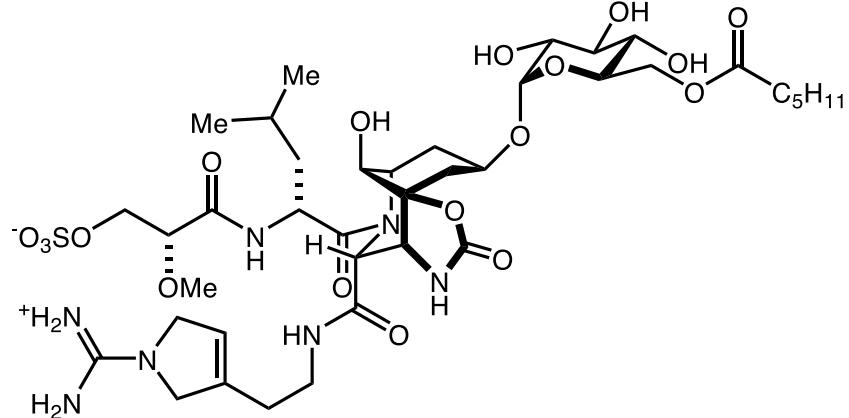
(+)-Zaragozic Acid C (1994, 1995)



(+)-Daphmanidin E (2011)



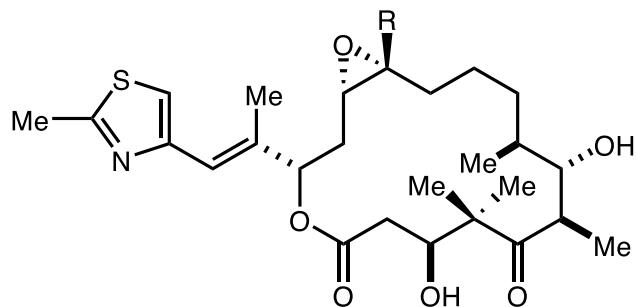
(+)-Hippolachnin (2014)



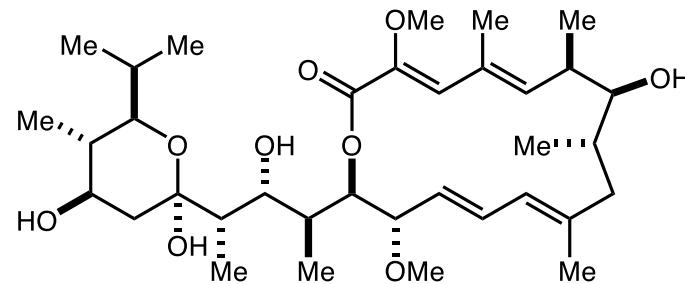
Banyaside B (2008, 2010 both nominal)

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■ Macrolides

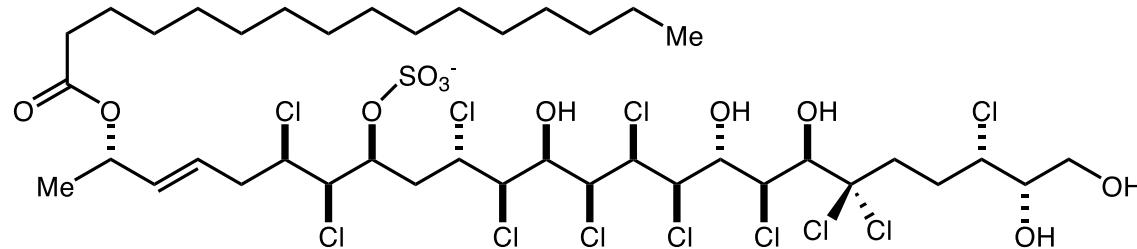


Epothilone A & B (2001)



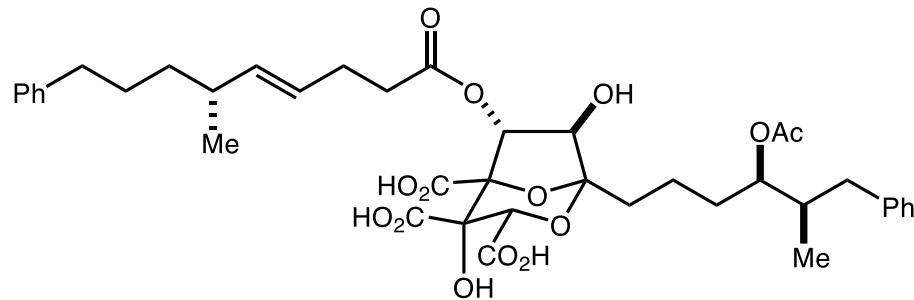
Bafilomycin A₁ (2009)

■ Chlorosulfolipid cytotoxins



Undecachlorosulfolipid A (2011)

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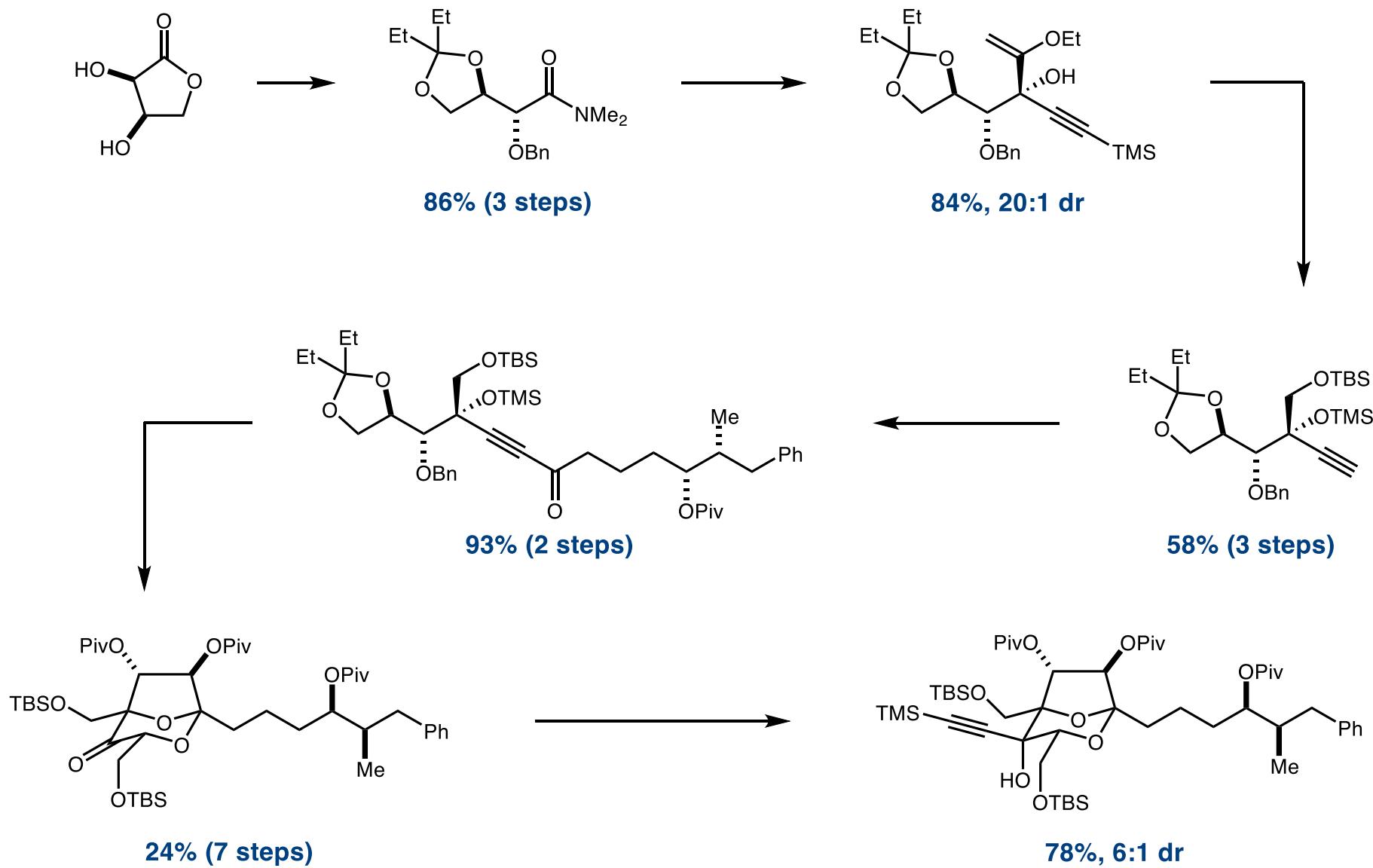
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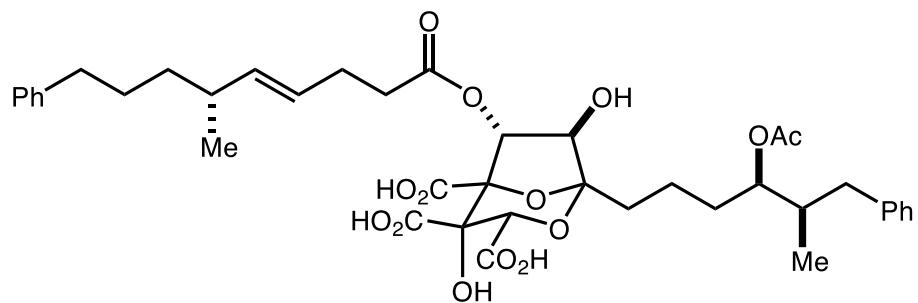
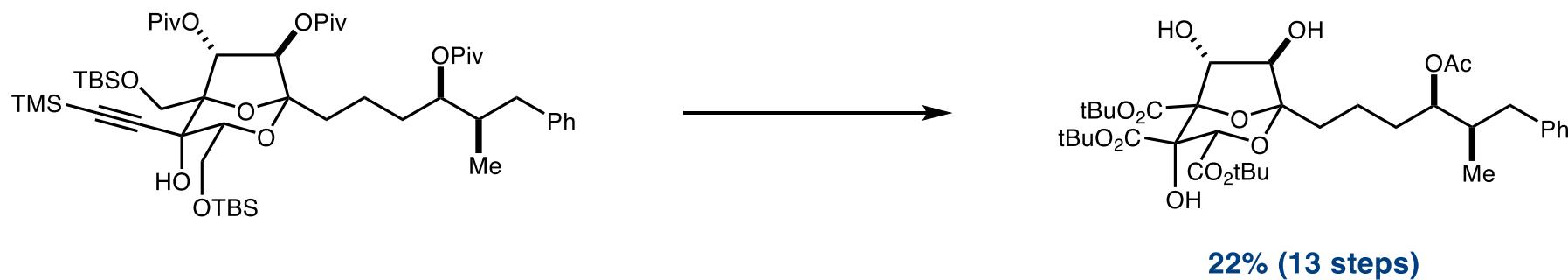
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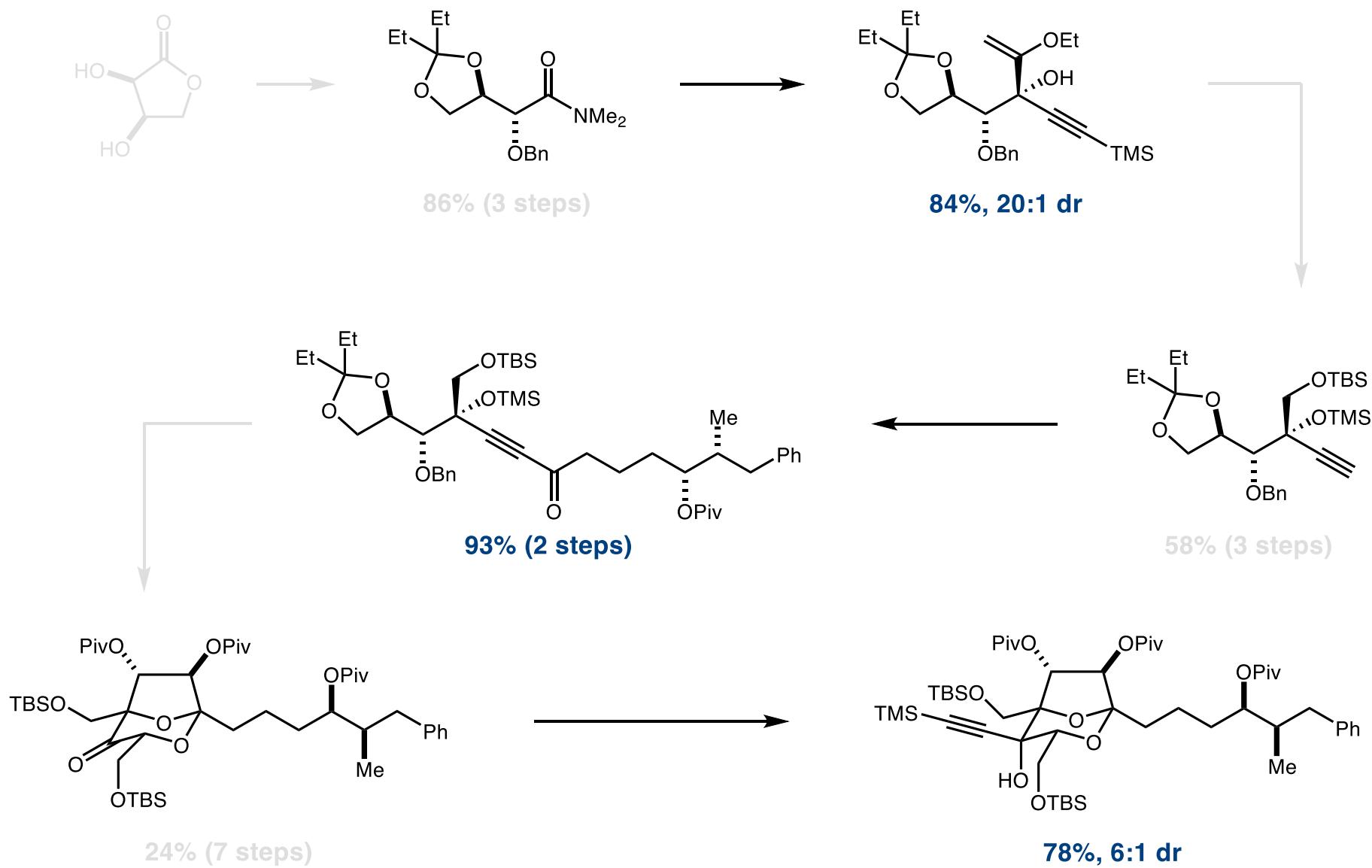
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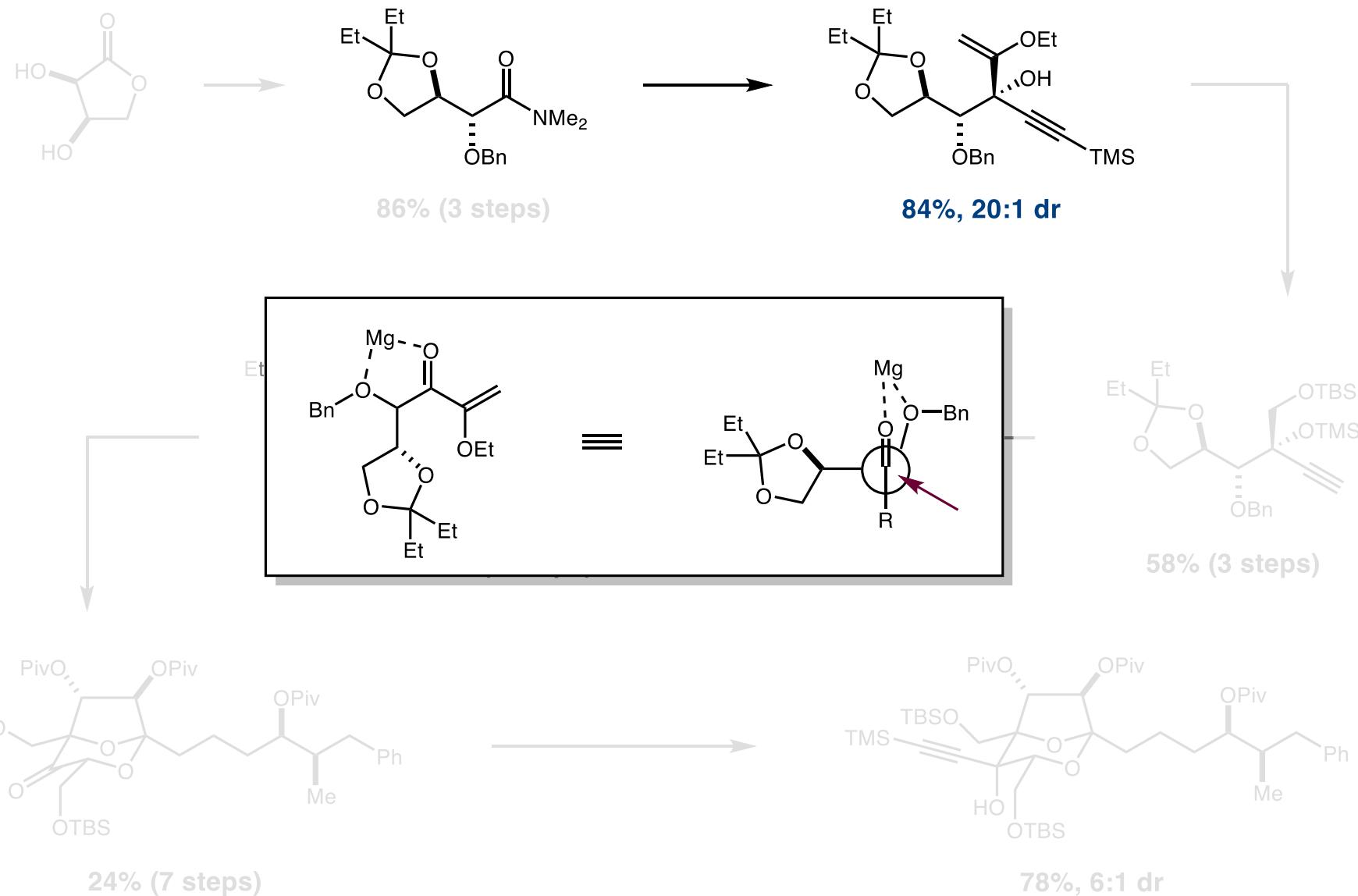
22% (2 steps)

(+)-Zaragozic Acid C
44 steps, 28 longest linear
0.4% overall yield

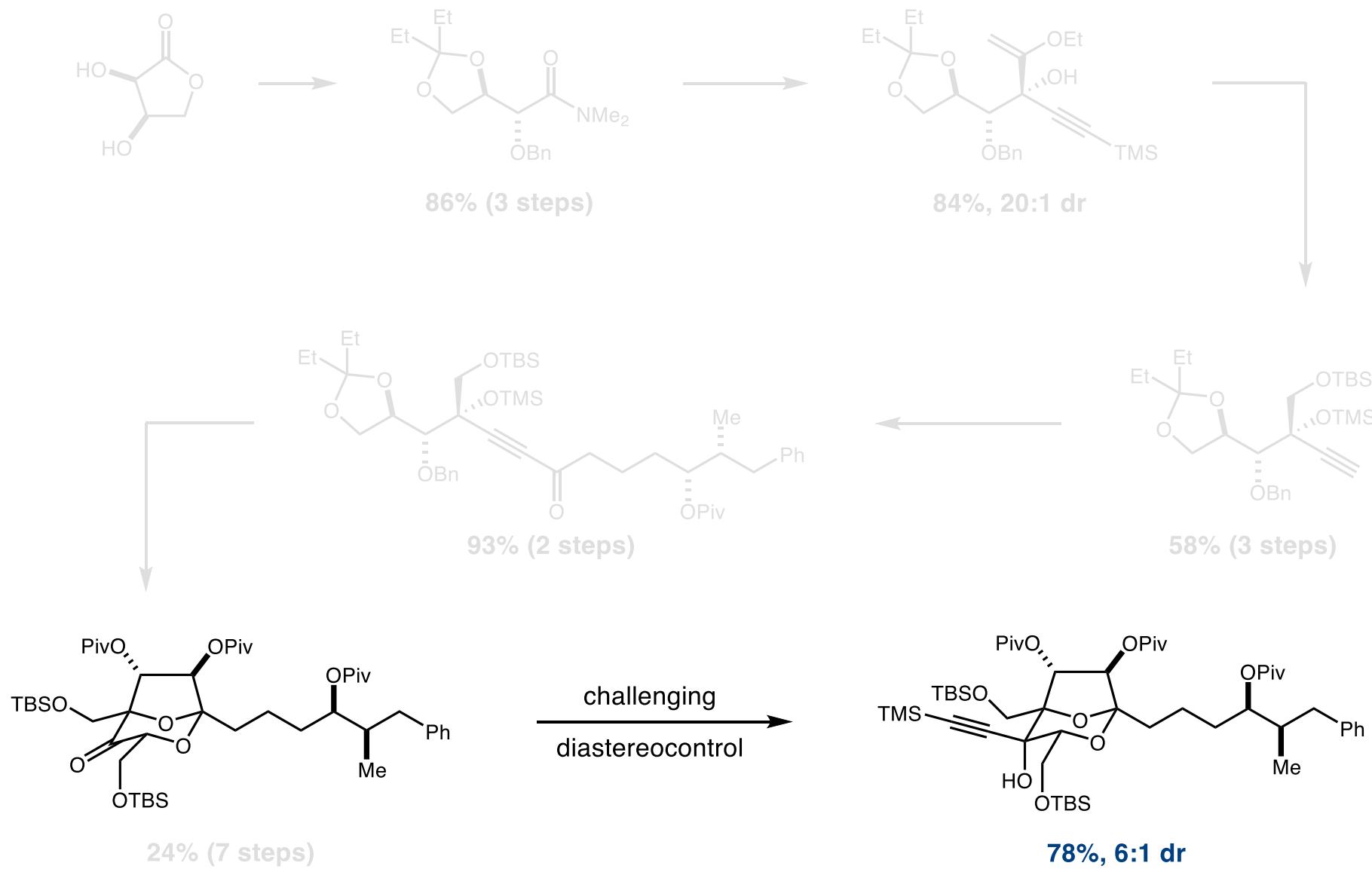
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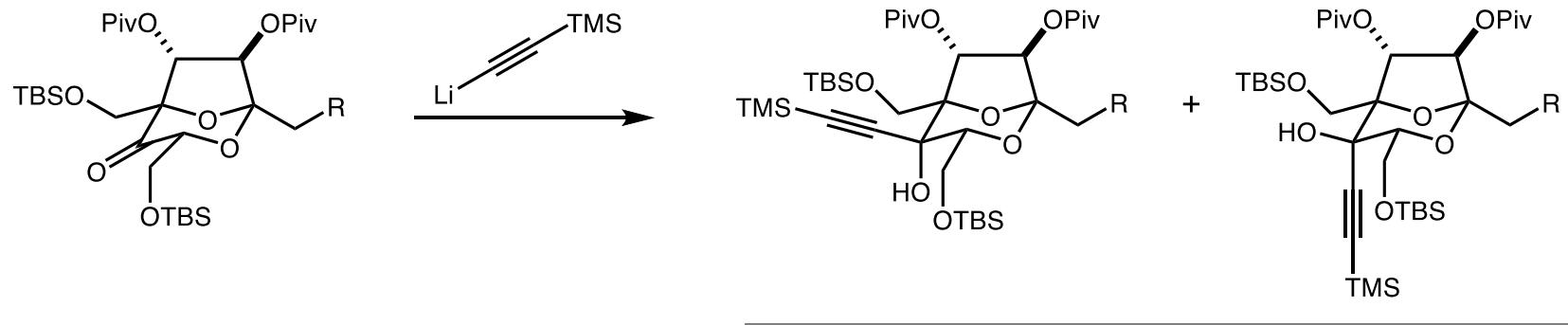


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■ Diastereoselectivity in Acetylide addition



THF	1.5	1
THF / TMEDA	1	2
Et ₂ O	3.5	1
Et ₂ O / diglyme	2.2	1
Et ₂ O / 1.0 eq. LiBr	3.1	1
Et ₂ O / 150 eq. LiBr	1	1.7
Et₂O / Me₃N	6.1	1

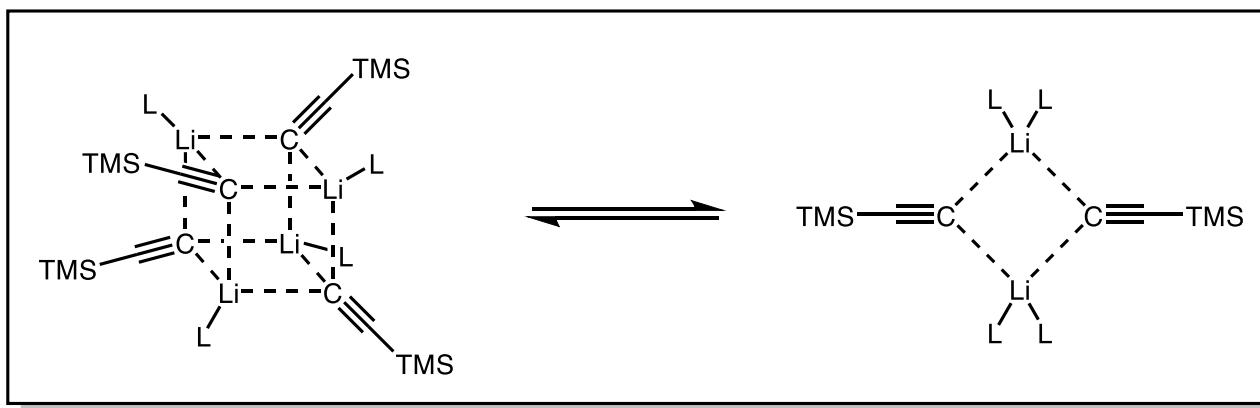
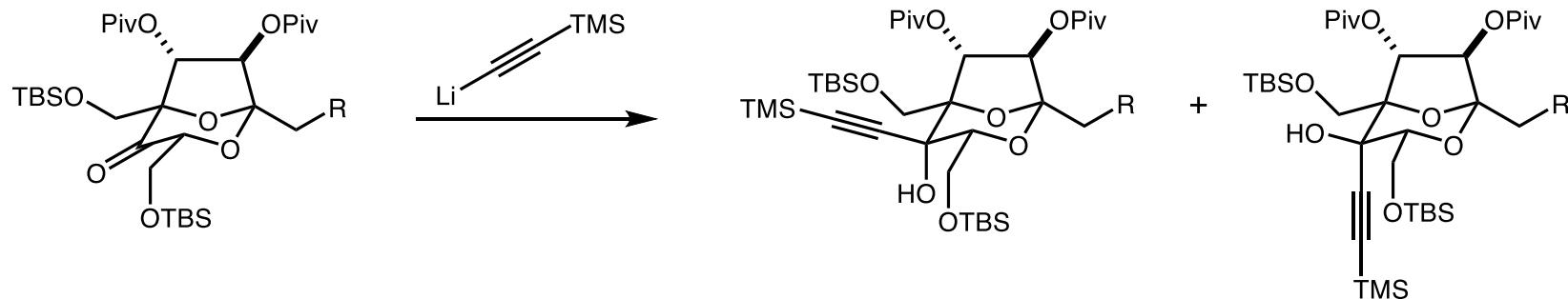
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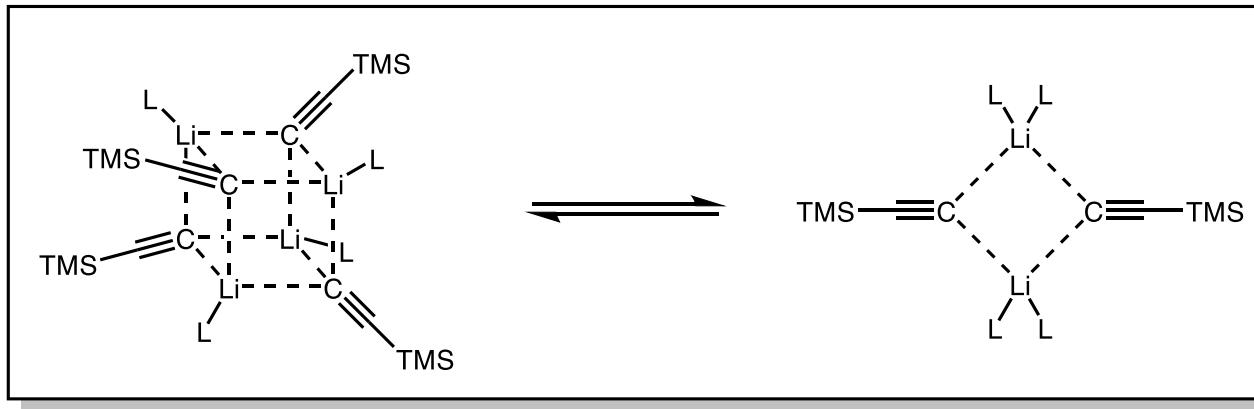
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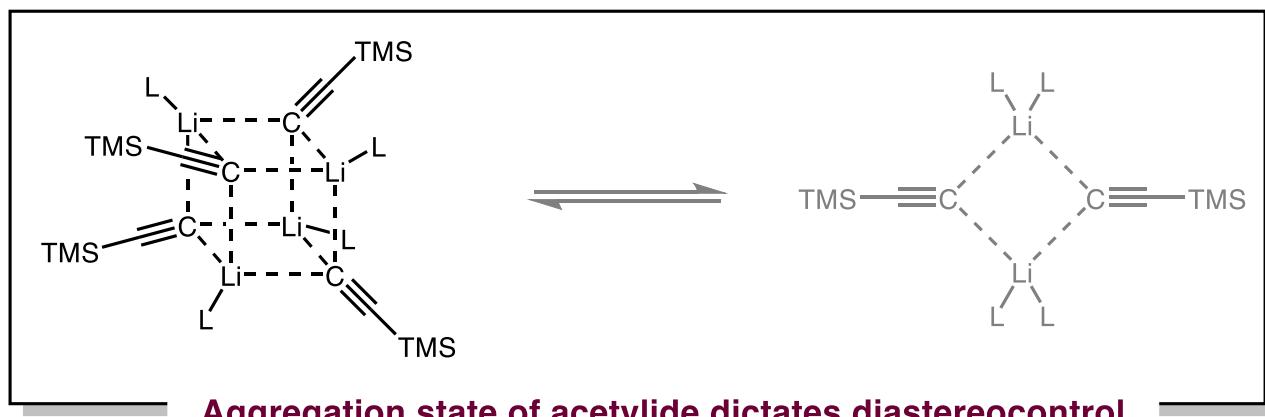
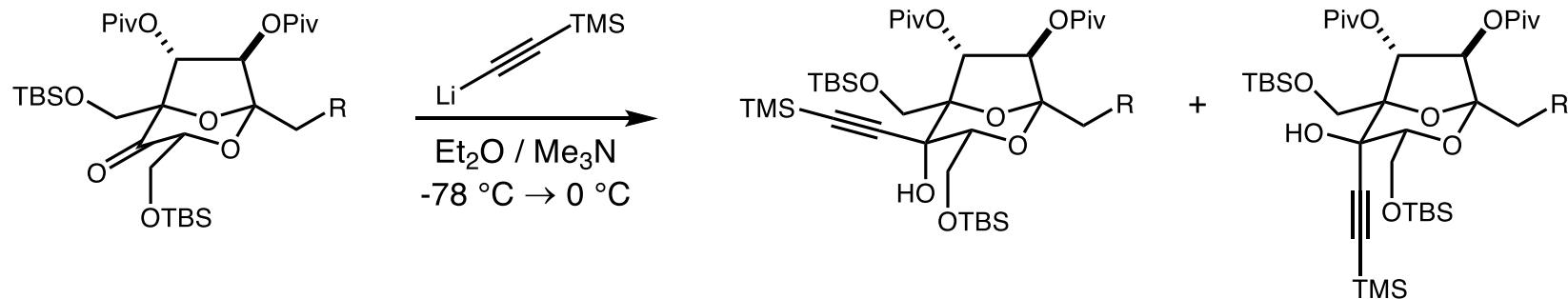
less coordinating solvents
bulky monodentate ligands

Dimer

coordinating solvents,
bidentate ligands
large excess of small ligands

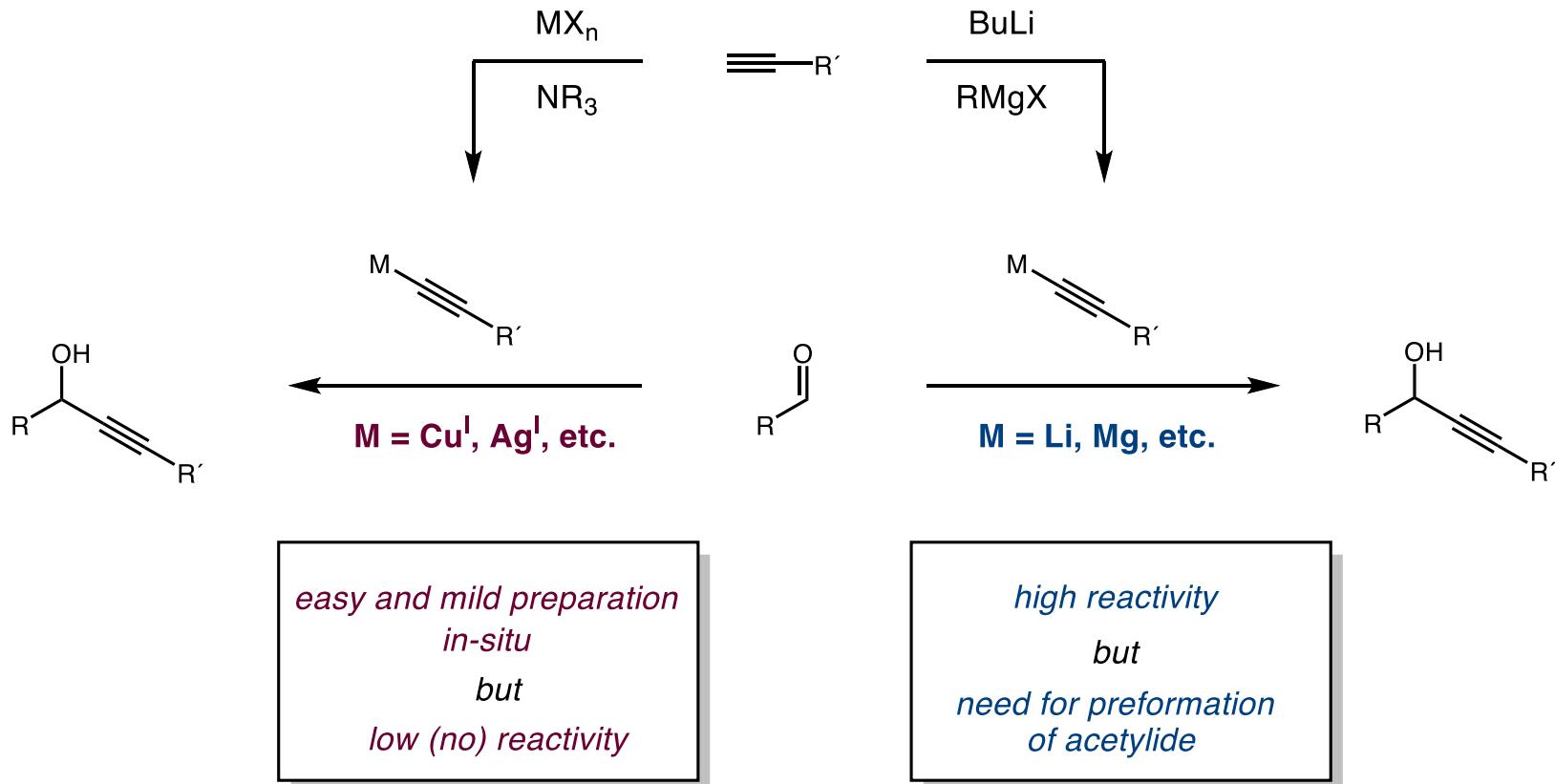
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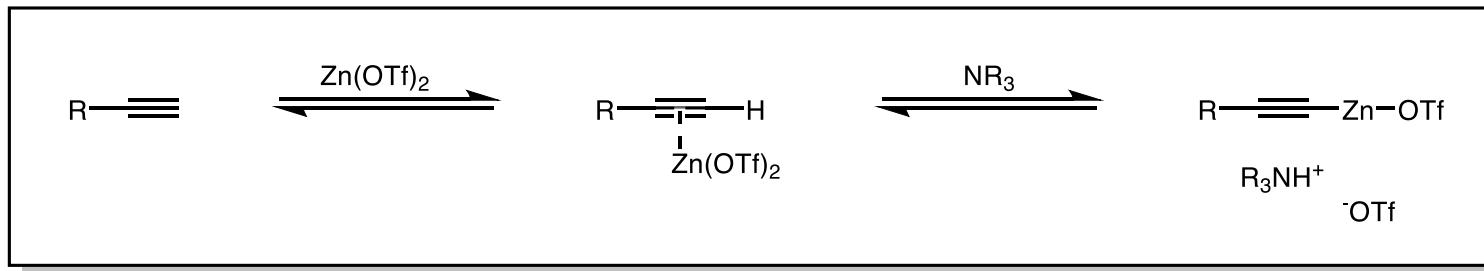
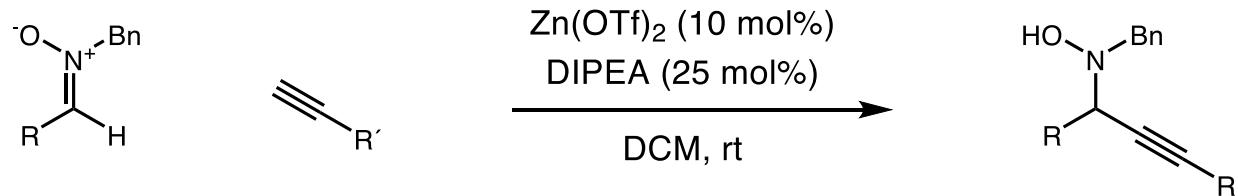
Addition of Acetylides to carbonyl compounds

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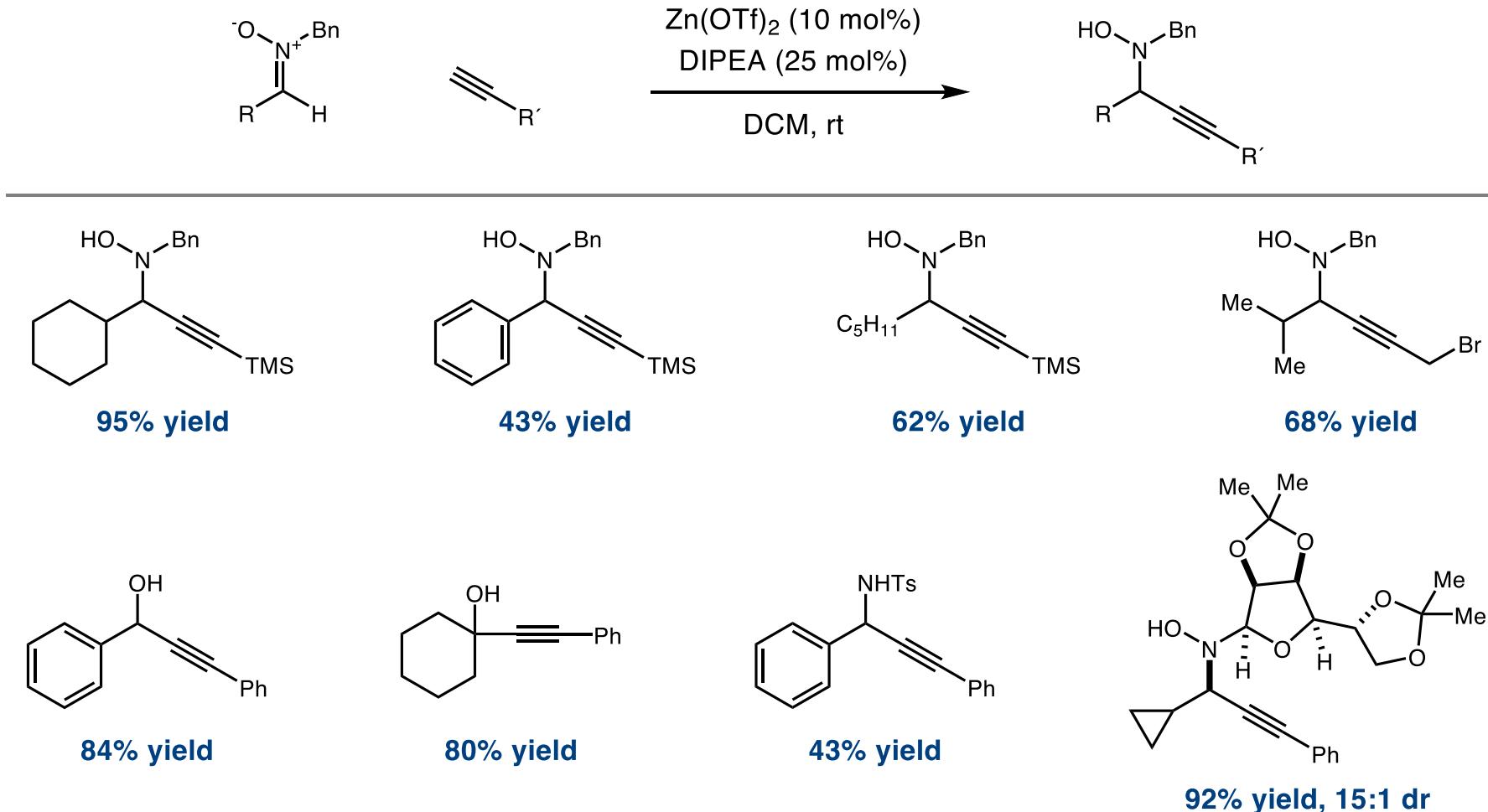
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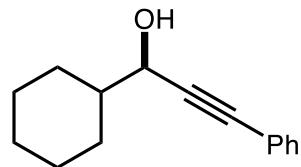
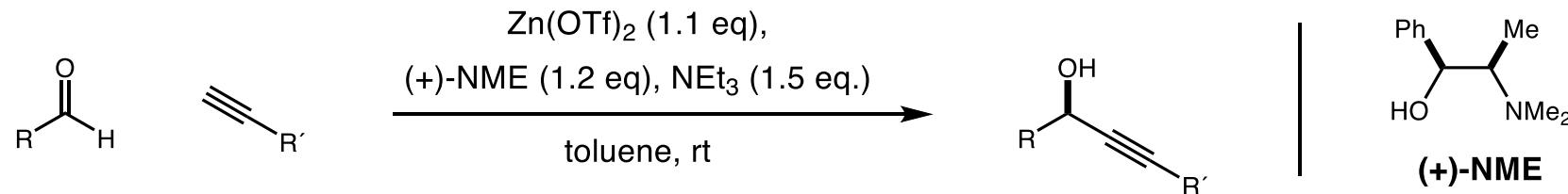
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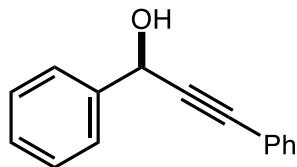


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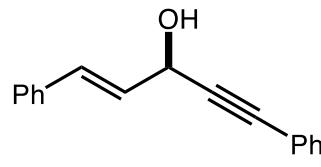
■ enantioselective Zn-mediated addition of terminal alkynes to aldehydes



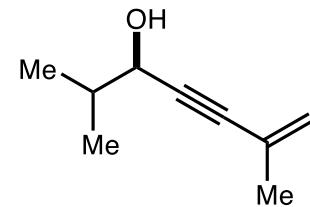
95%, 96% ee



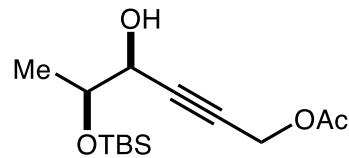
53%, 94% ee



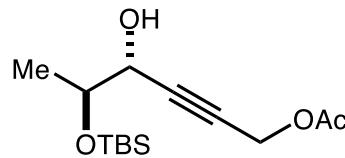
39%, 80% ee



94%, 98% ee



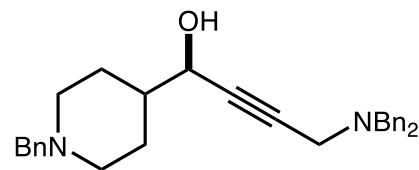
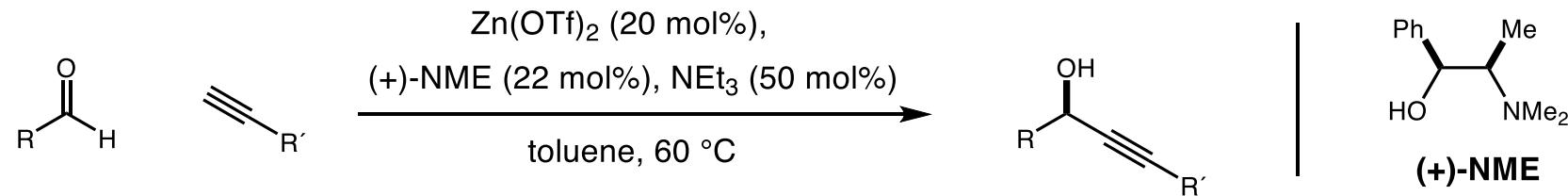
70%, 26:1 dr



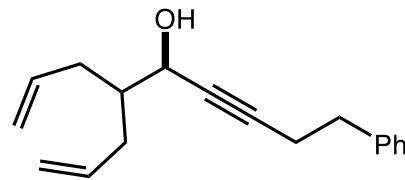
69%, 1:10 dr
with (-)-NME

Addition of Acetylides to carbonyl compounds

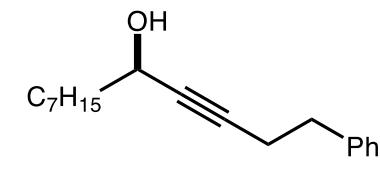
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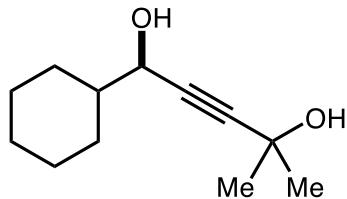
81%, 94% ee



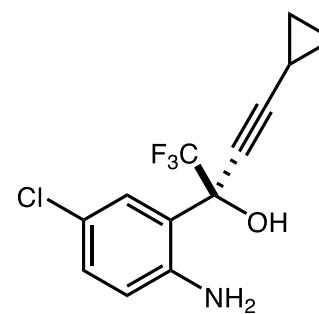
80%, 93% ee



45%, 92% ee

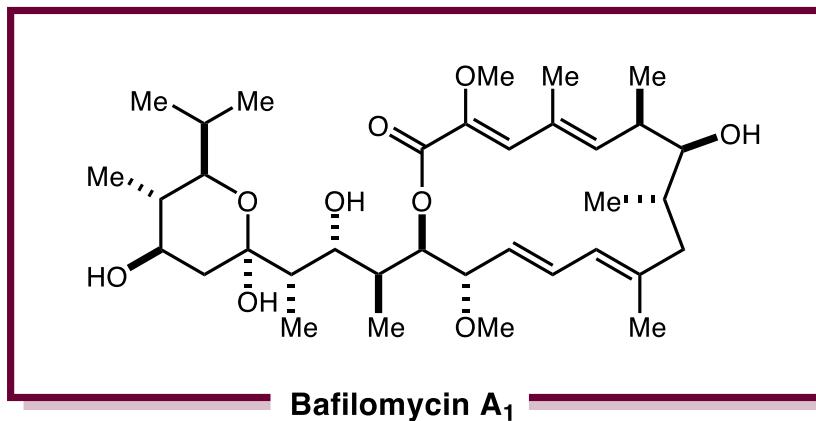


80%, 99% ee

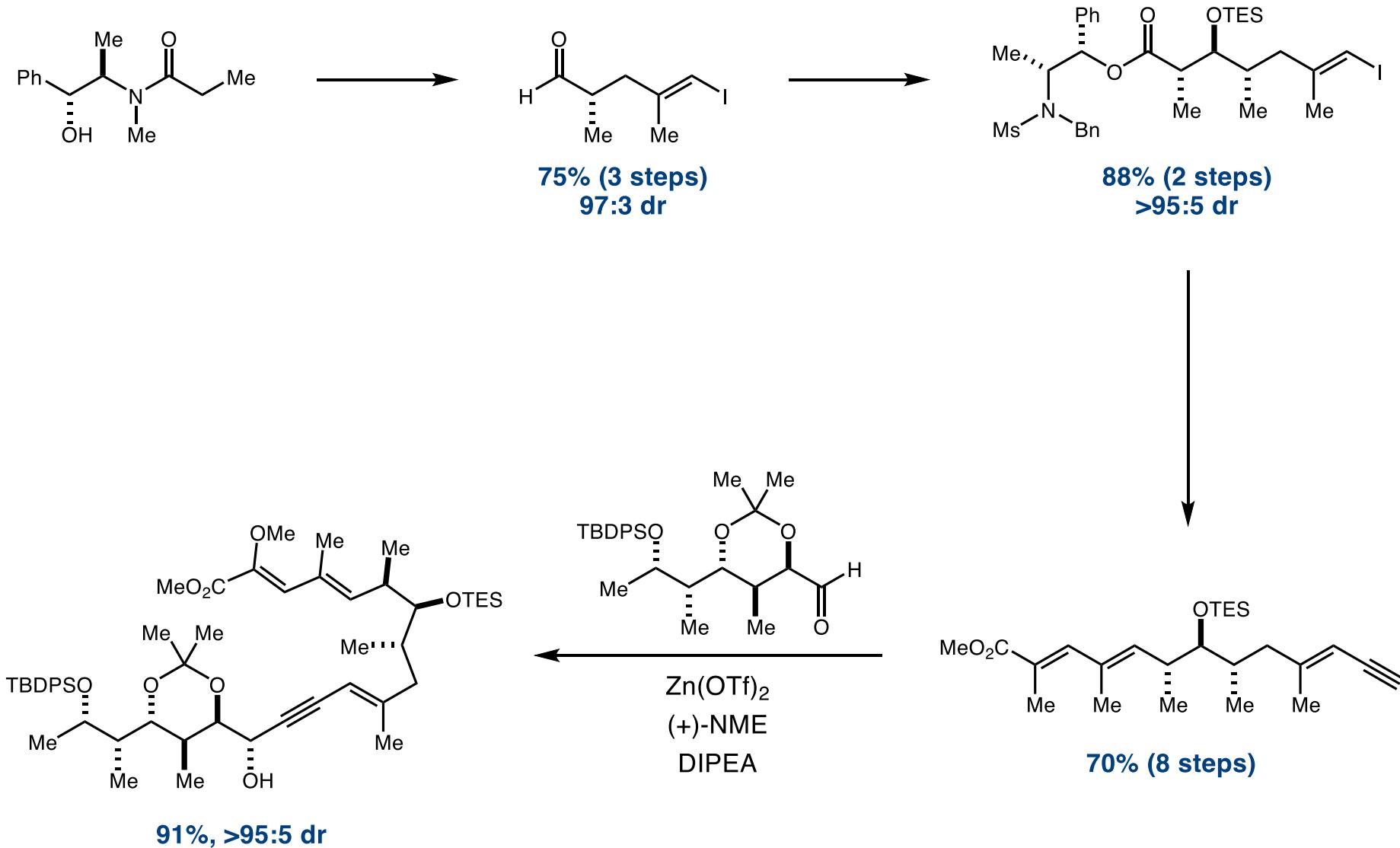


67%, 99% ee

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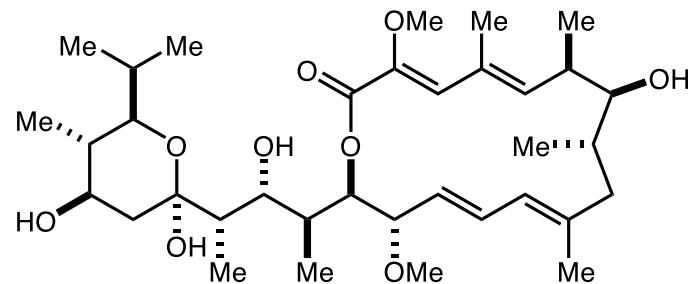
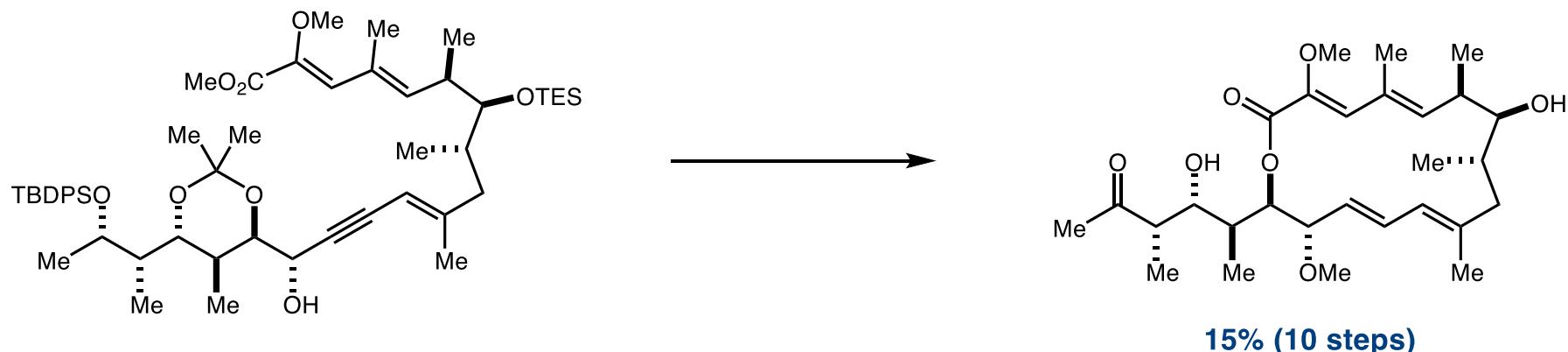
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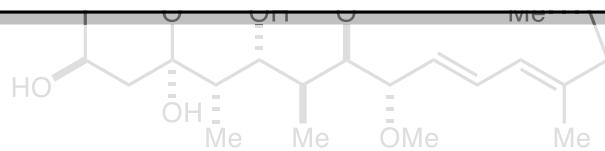
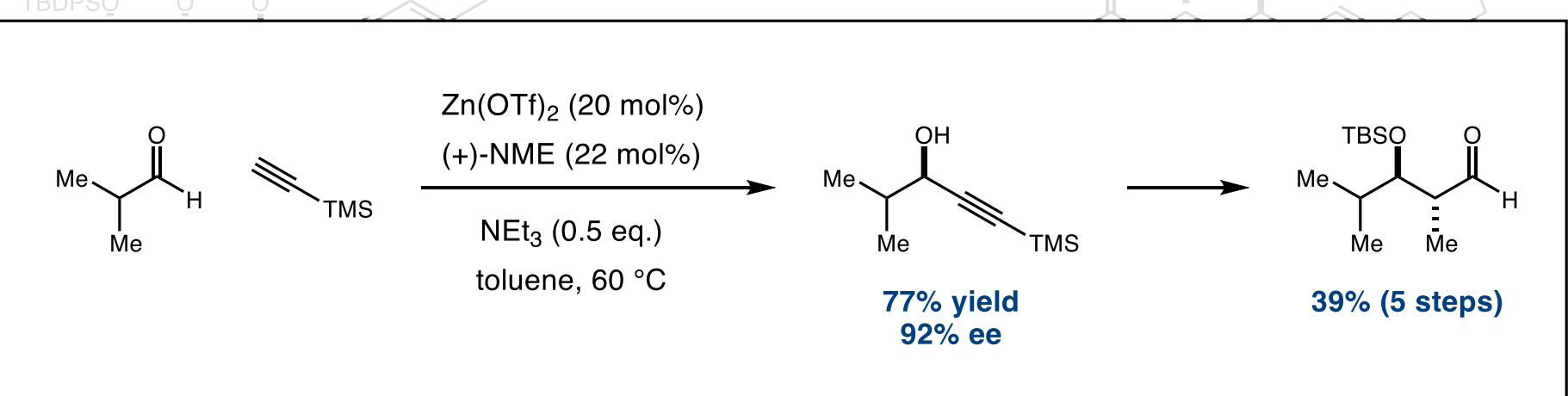
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41 steps, 28 longest linear
1.2% overall yield

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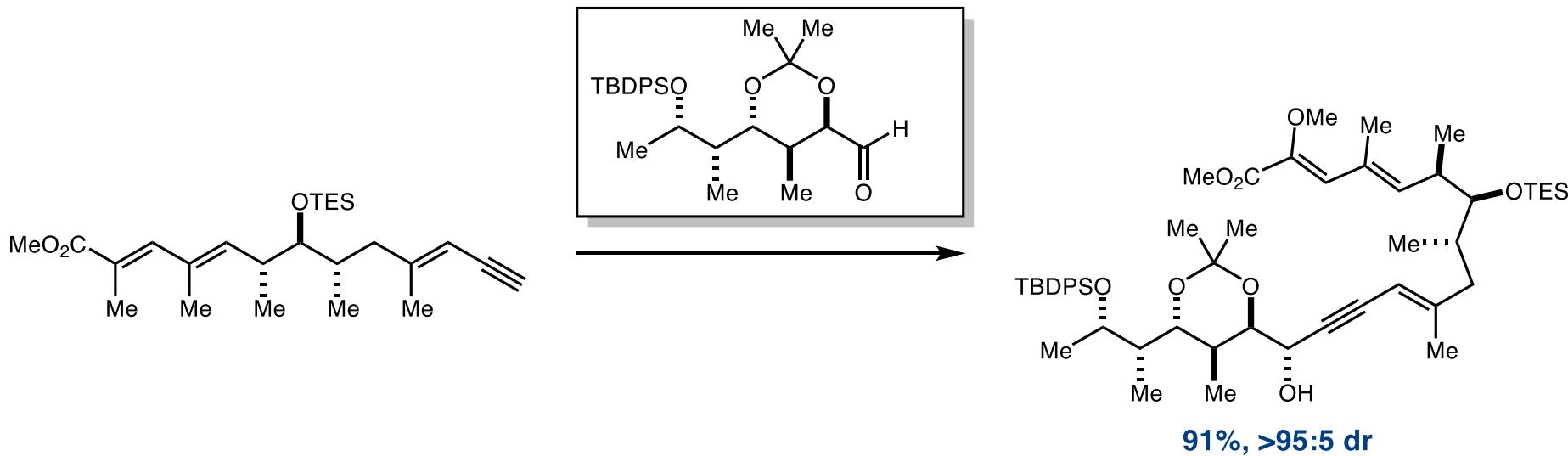


36%, 76% brsm (3 steps)

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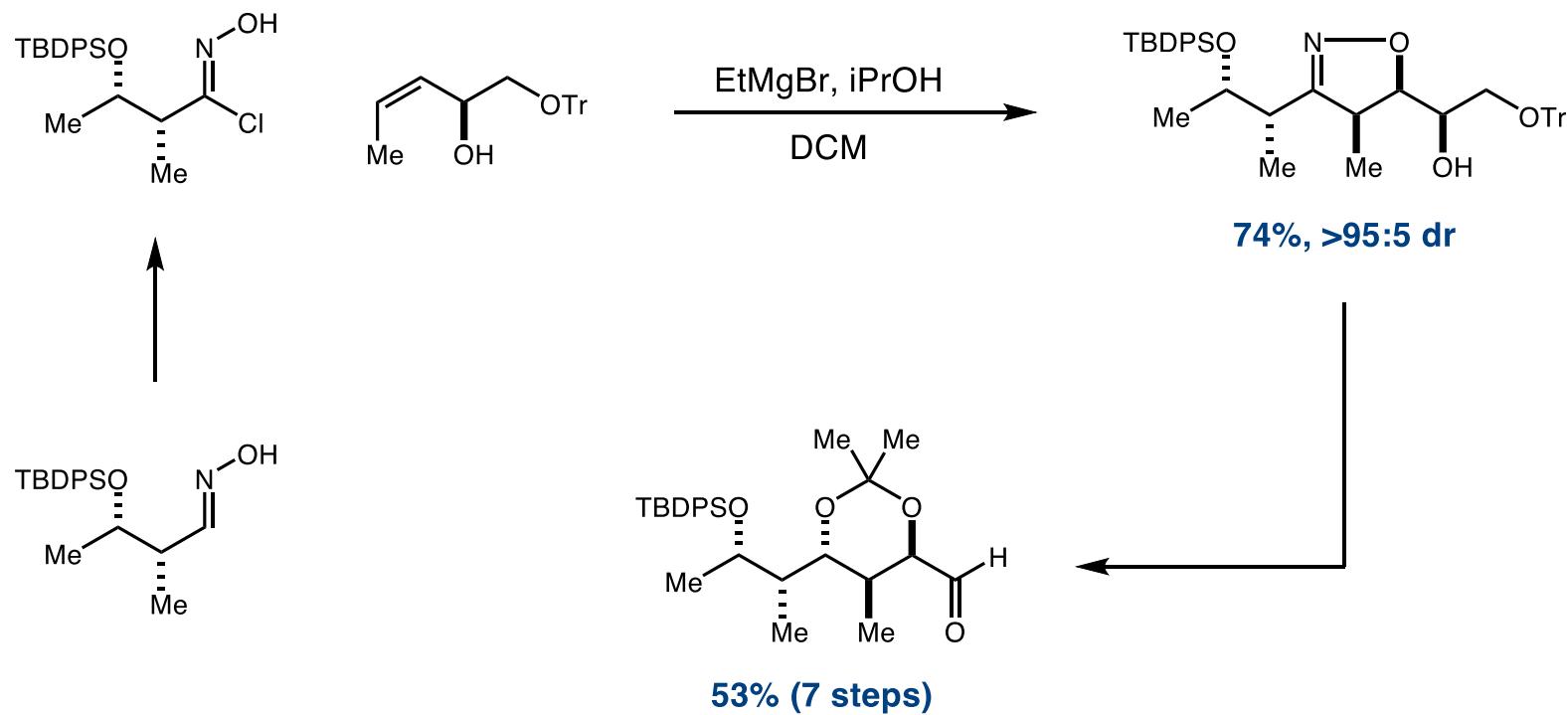
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■ The C14-C20 fragment



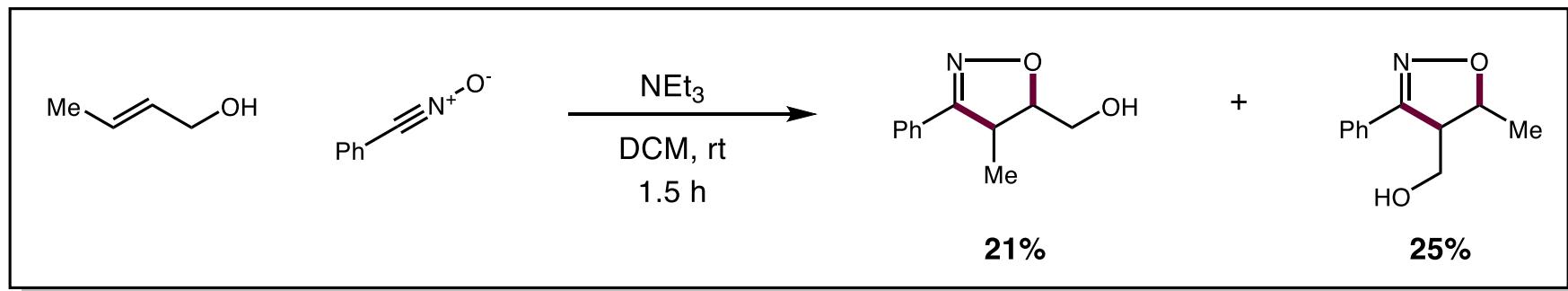
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■ the Kanemasa Nitrile Oxide [3+2]-cycloaddition



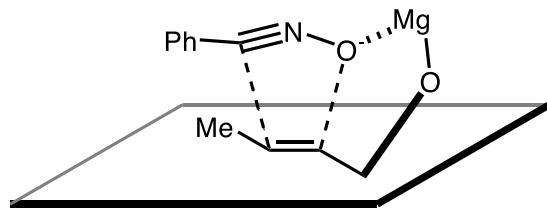
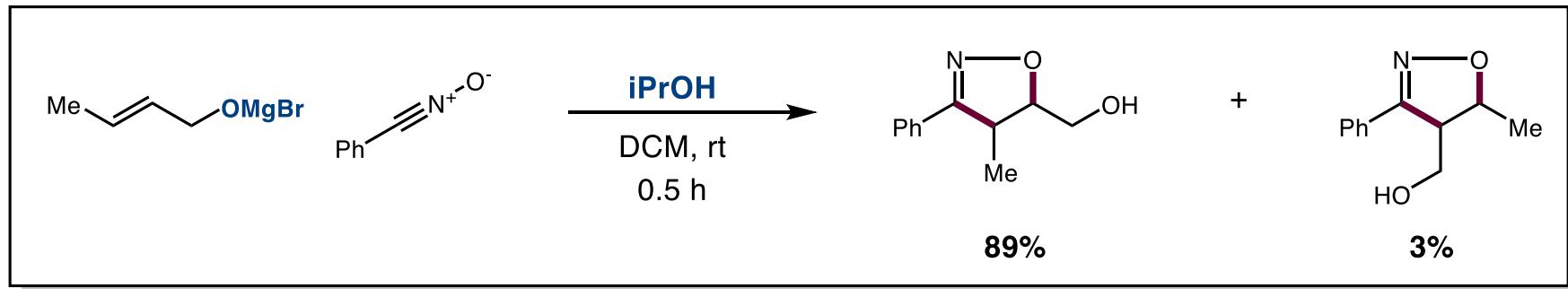
Nitrile Oxide [3+2]-cycloaddition for Polyketide Synthesis

■ Kanemasa's unnoted report



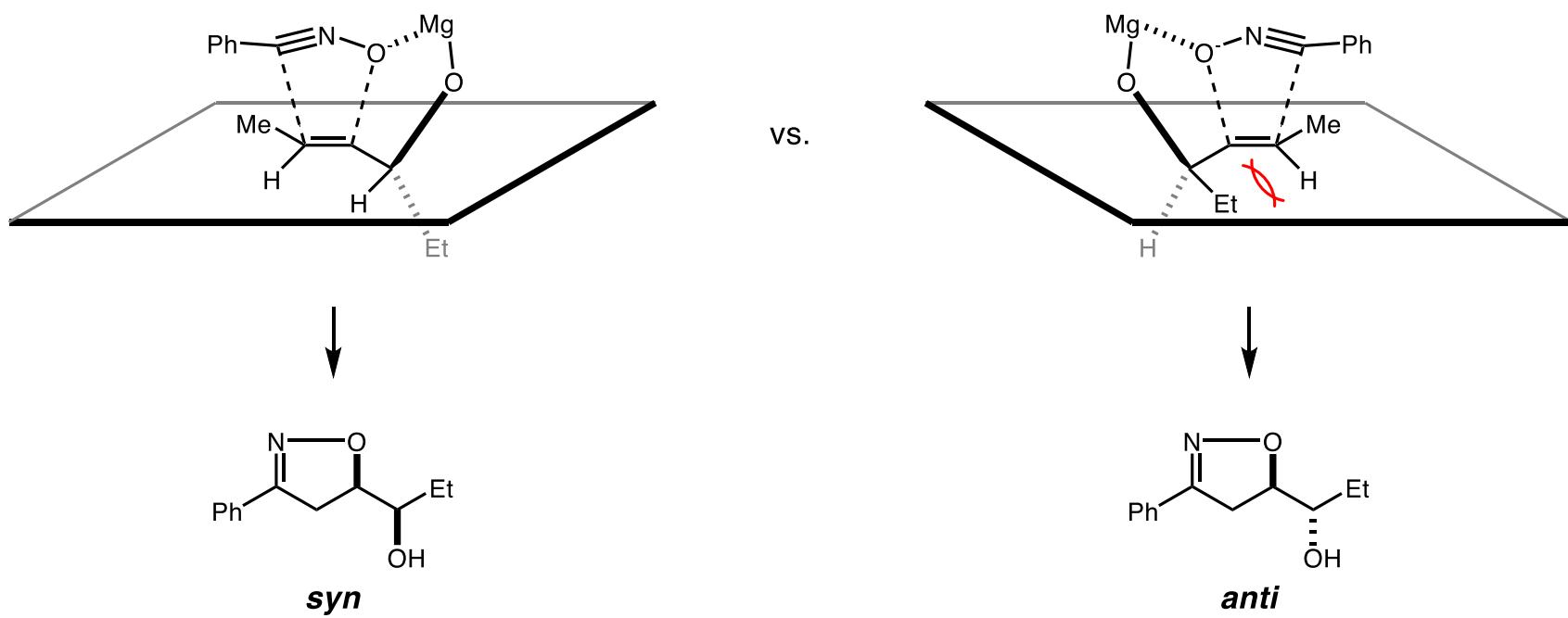
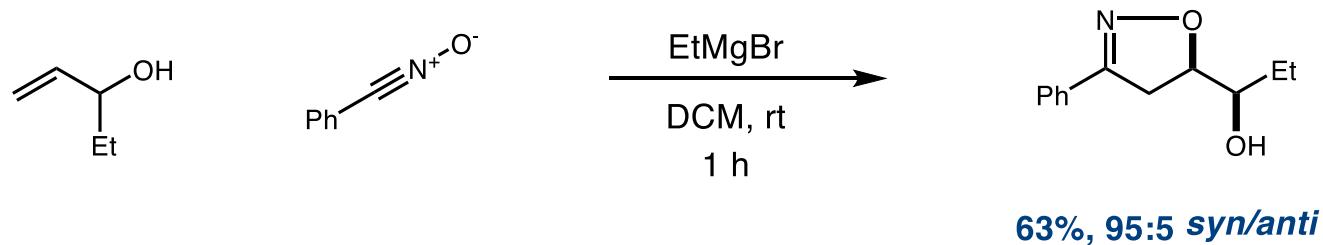
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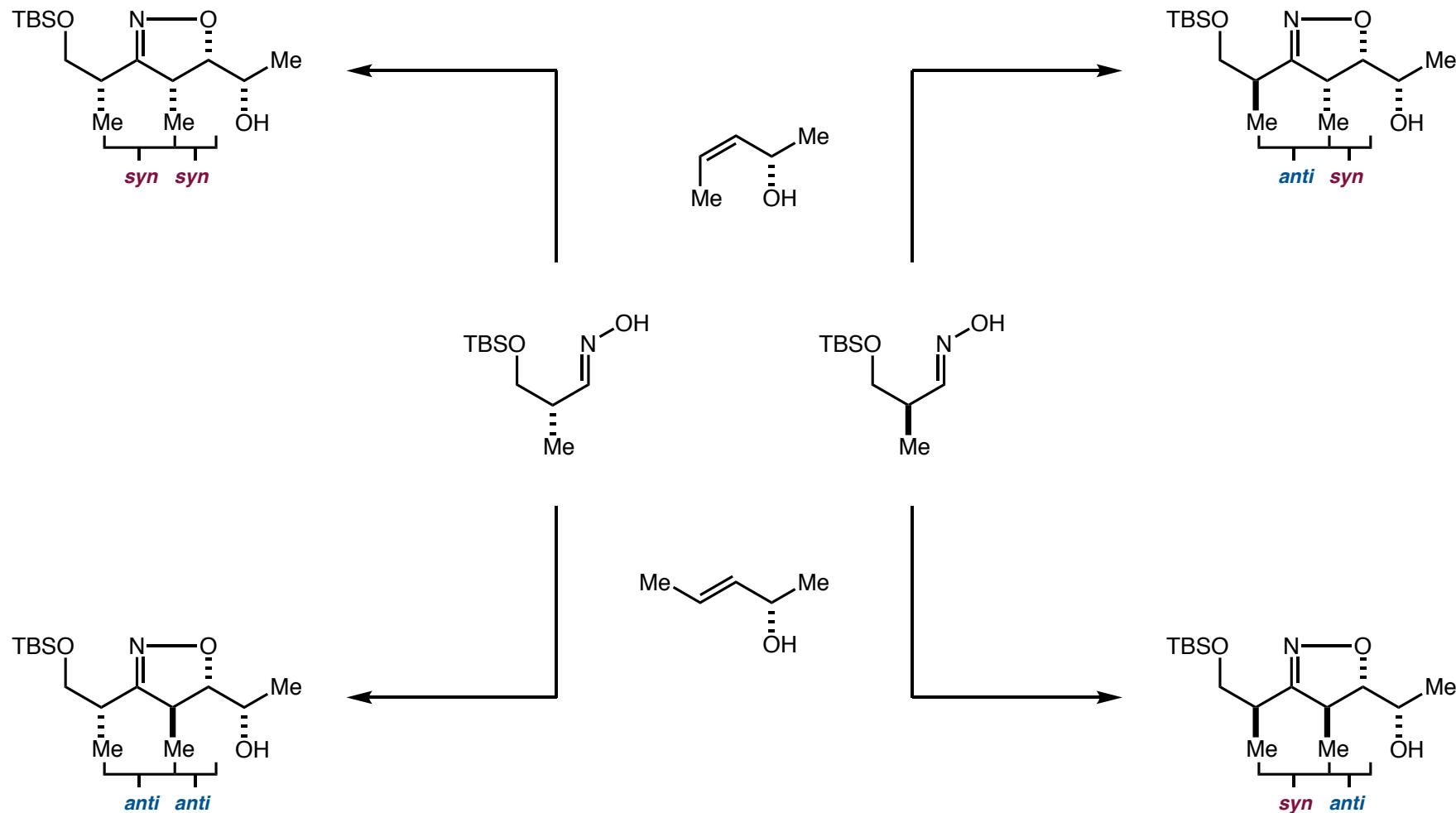
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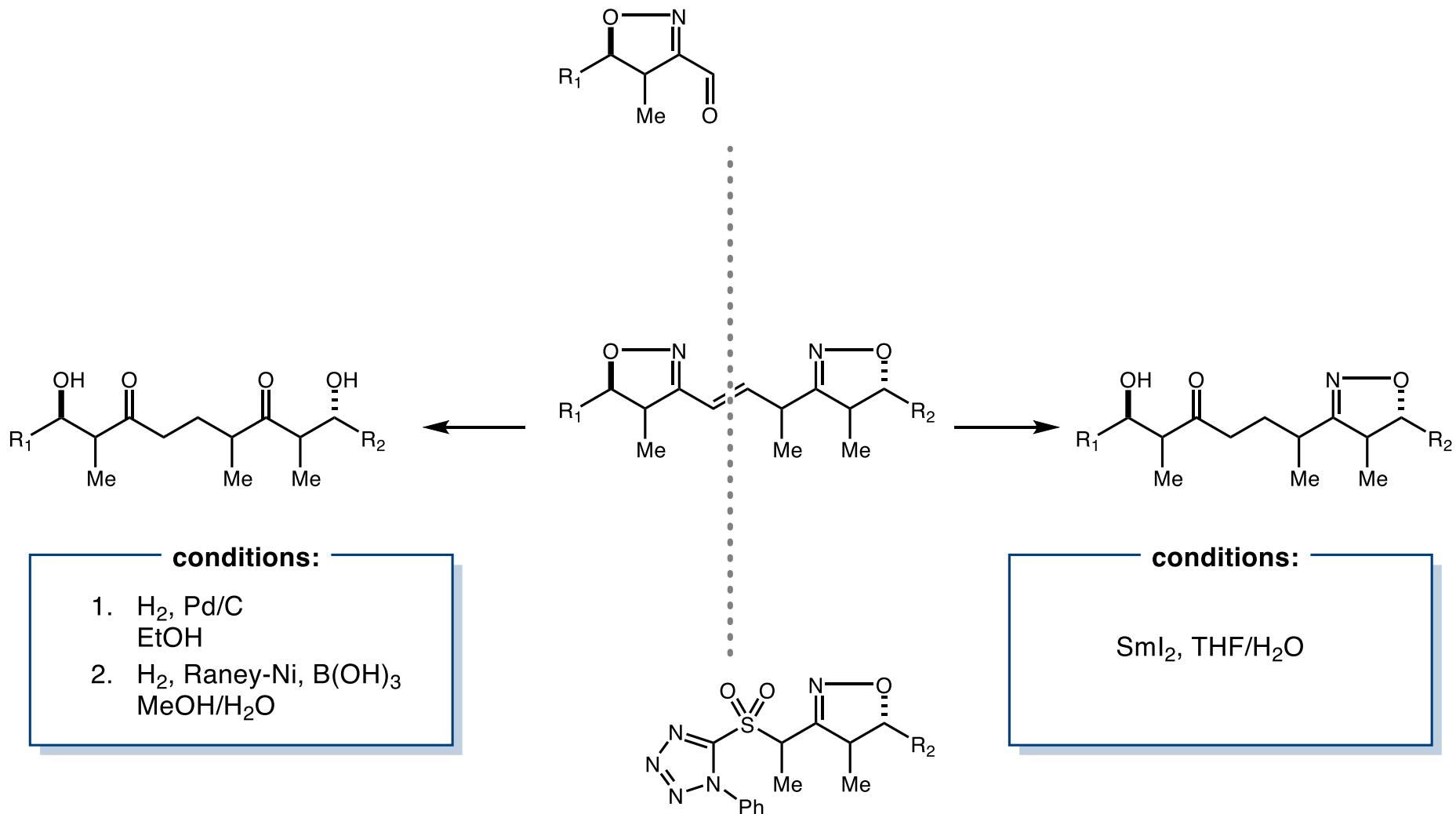
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■ Access to all possible diastereomers



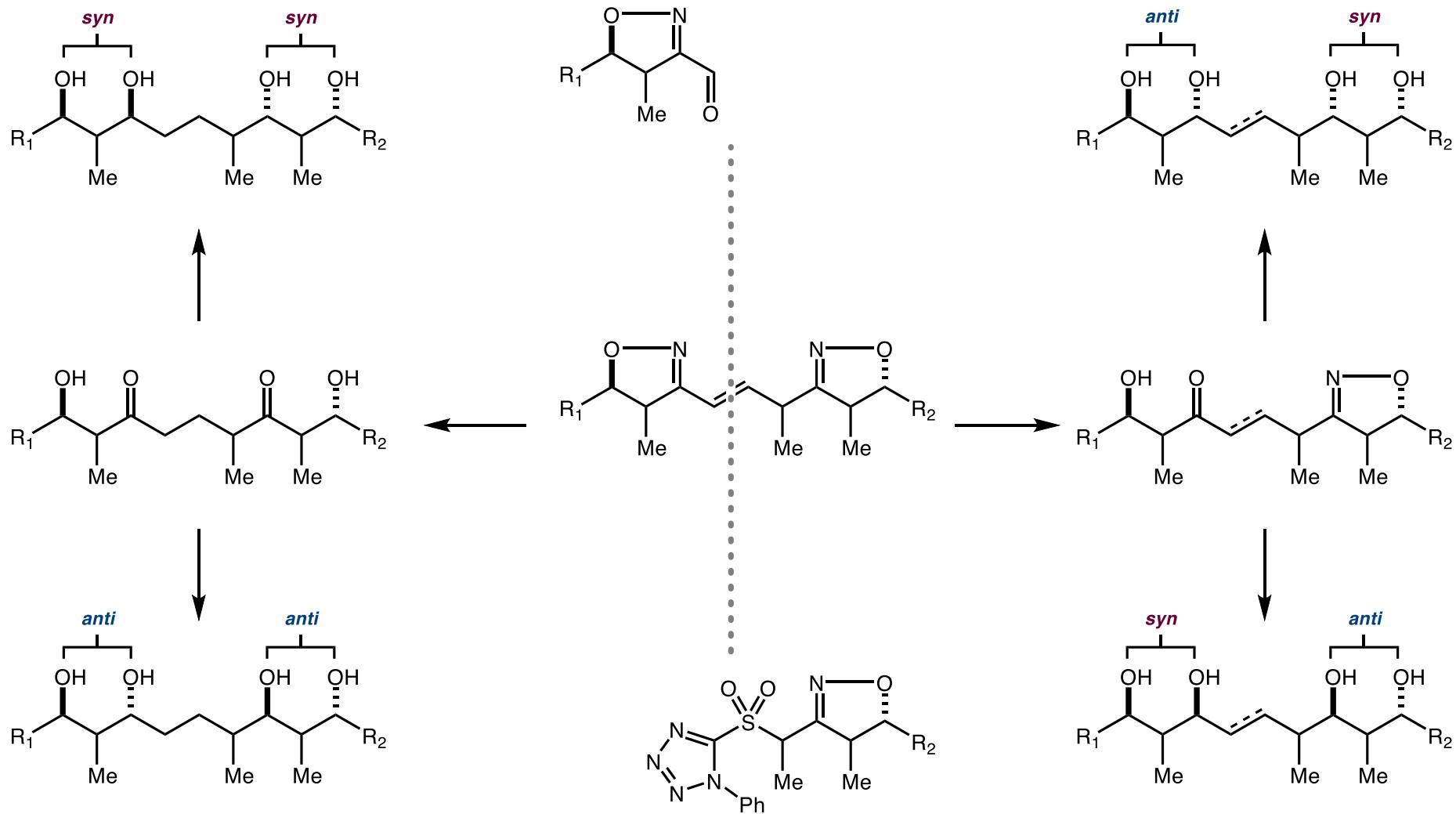
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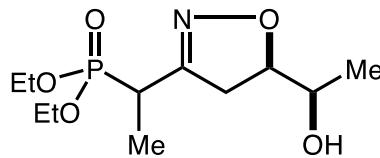
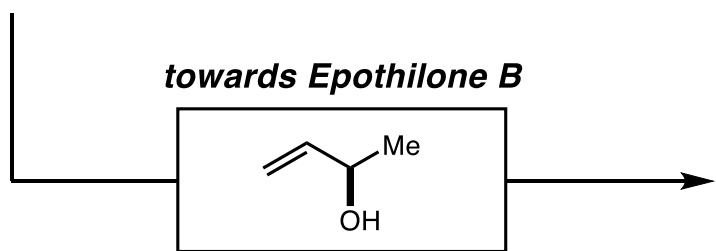
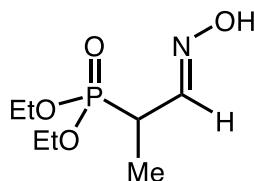
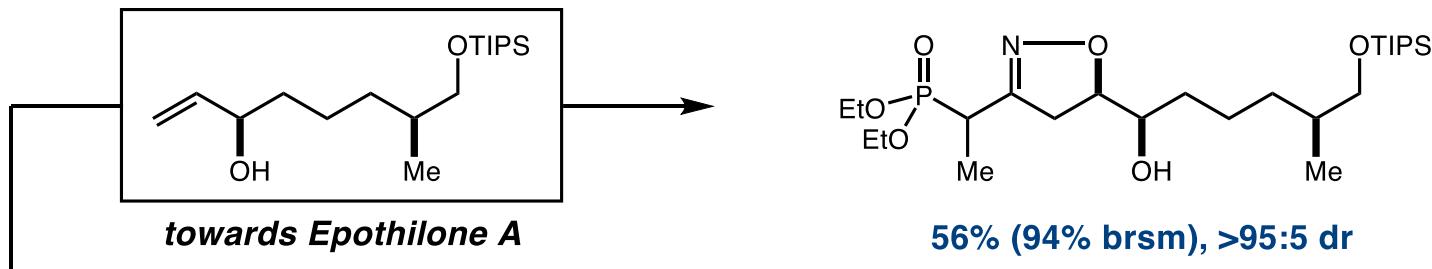
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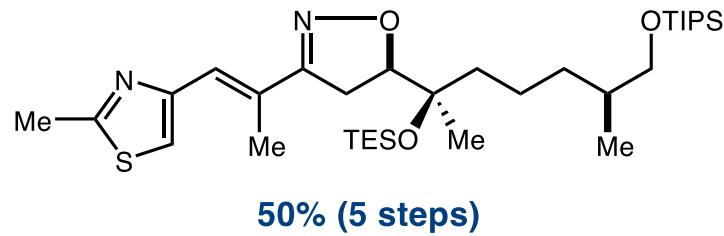
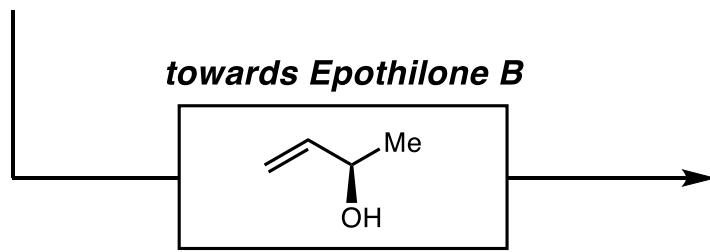
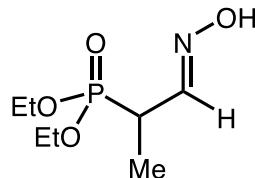
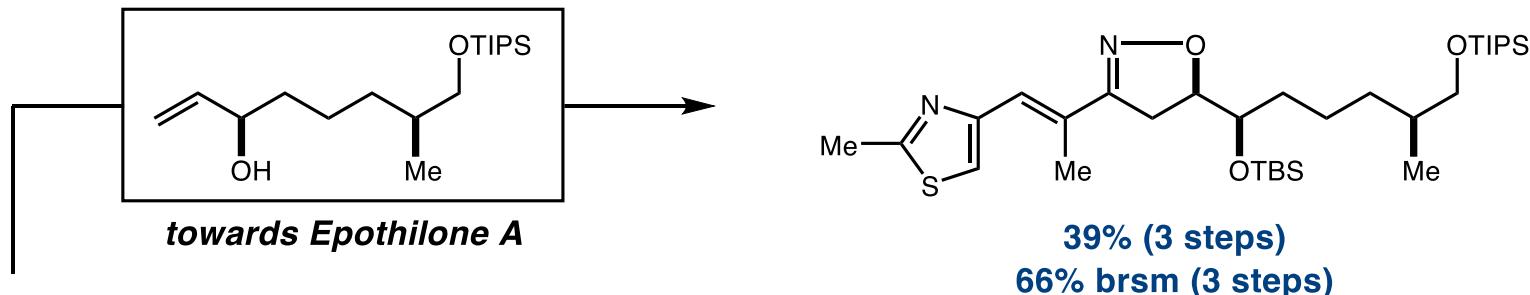
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79%, >95:5 dr

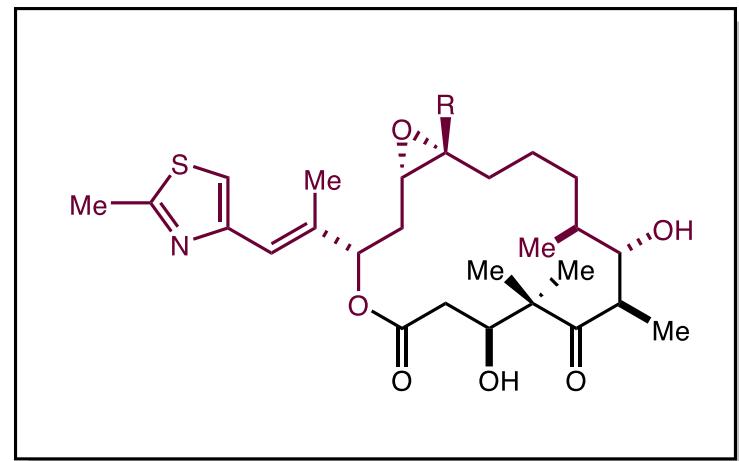
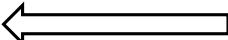
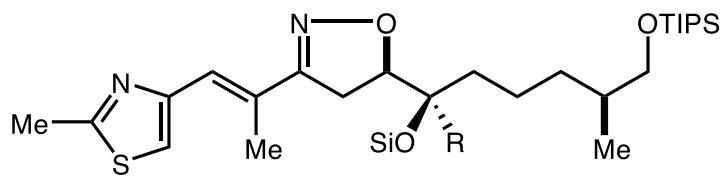
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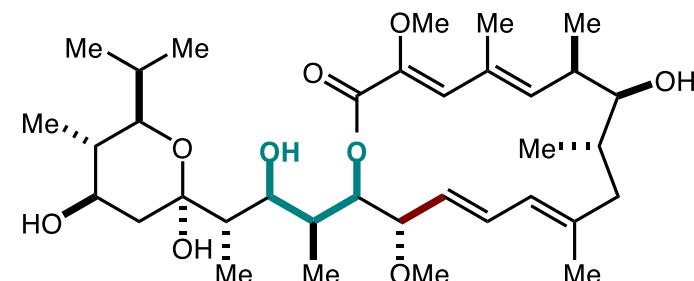
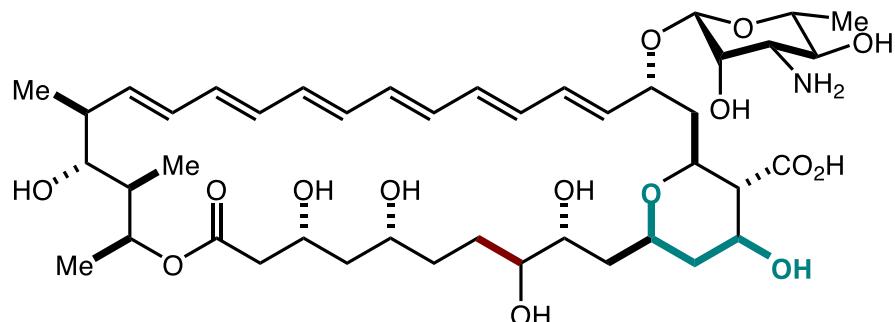
■ Epothilone A & B



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R = Me

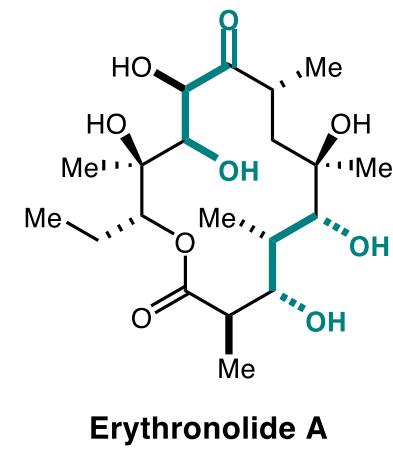
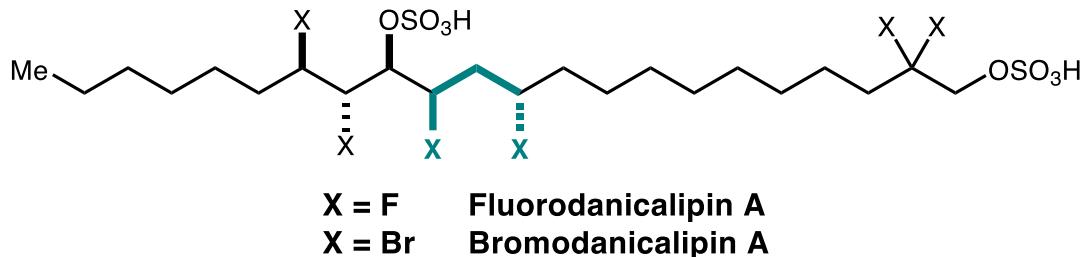
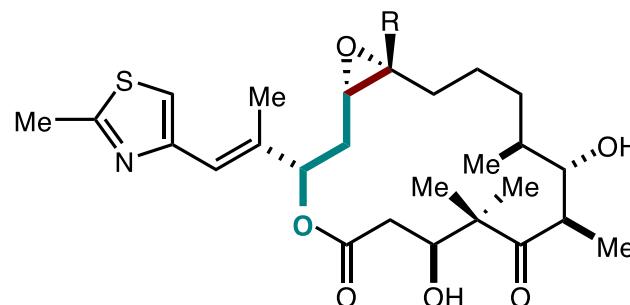
Epothilone A
Epothilone B

Total Synthesis in the Carreira Lab

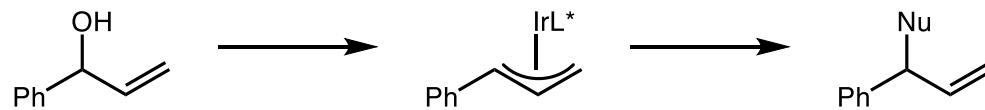


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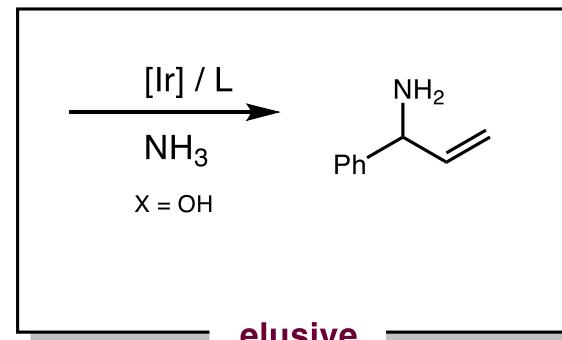
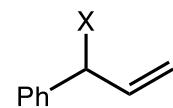
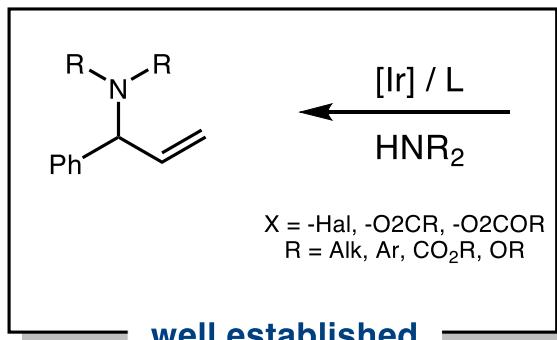
Nitrile oxide [3+2]



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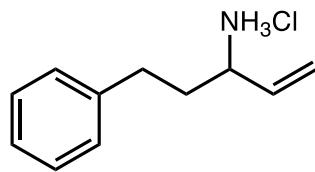
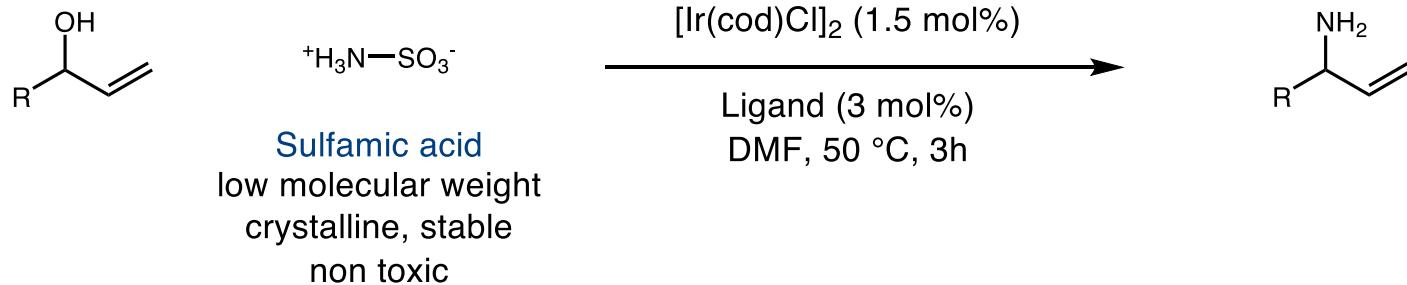


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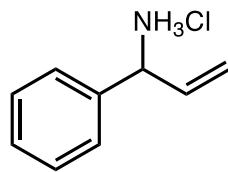


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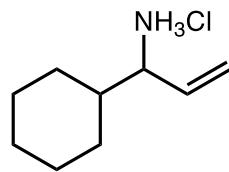
■ The Synthesis of primary allylic amines from allylic alcohols



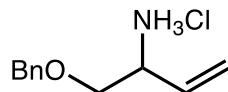
82% yield



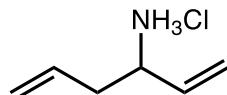
78% yield



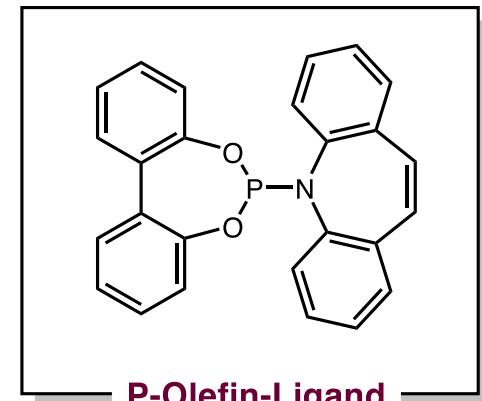
75% yield



71% yield



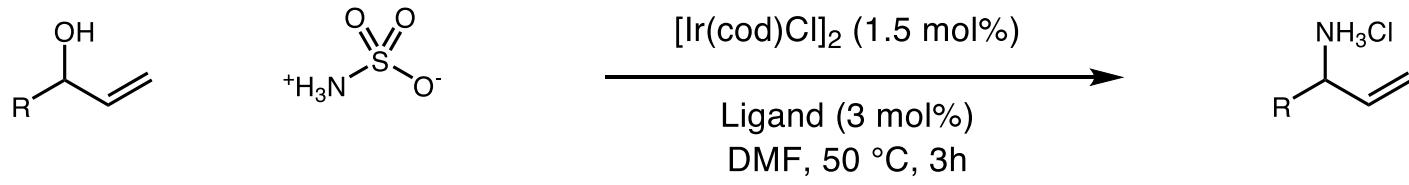
75% yield



P-Olefin-Ligand

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Sulfamic acid - a masked ammonia equivalent

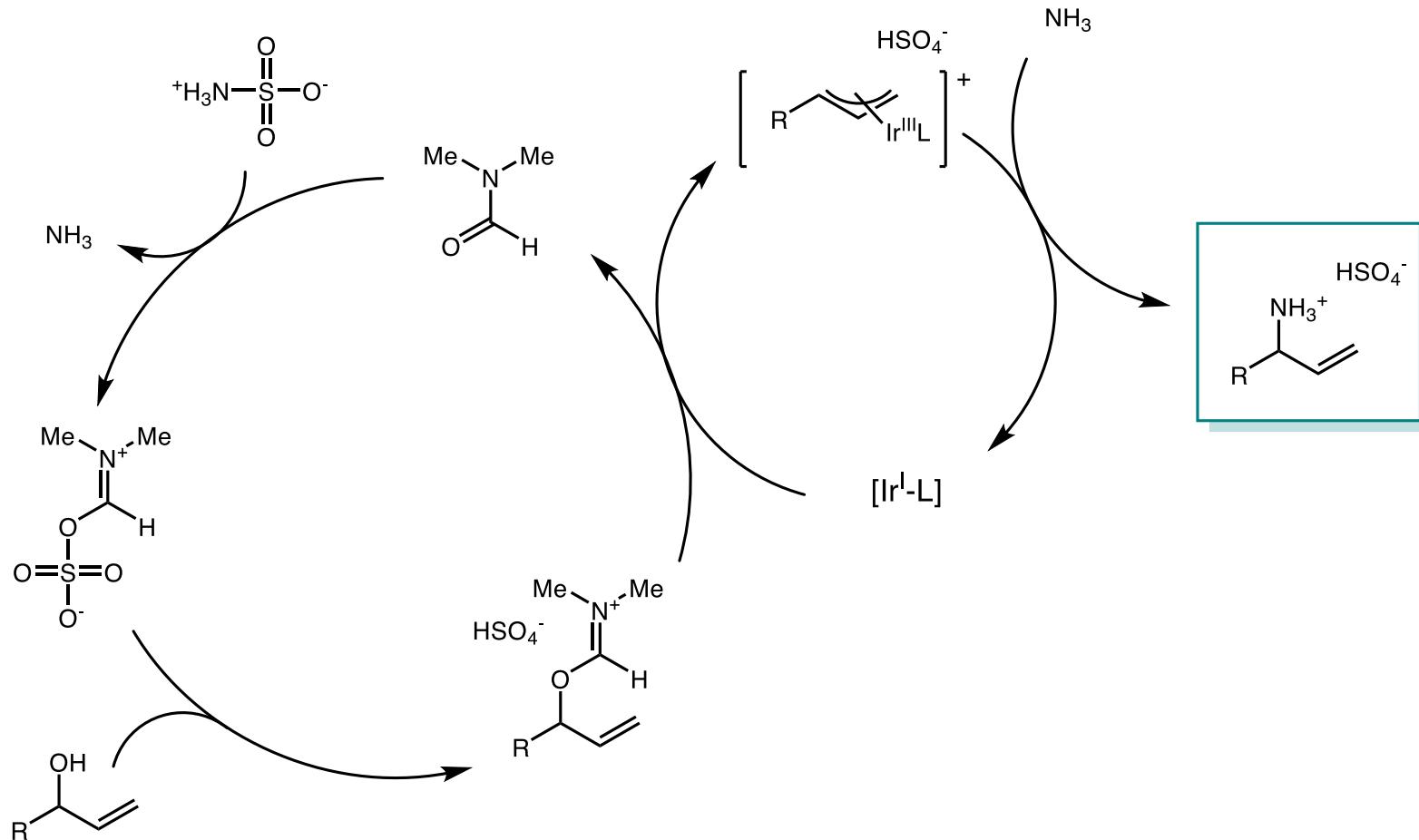


in situ-NMR studies

standard conditions, 4h	✓	✗	✗	✗
2 eq. NH ₃ SO ₃ , 2h	✓	✗	✗	✗
2 eq. NH ₃ SO ₃ , 8h	✓	✗	✓	
allylic amine + NH ₃ SO ₃ , 9h	✓	✗	✓	
2 eq. NH ₃ SO ₃ , w/o catalyst	✗	✓	✓	✗

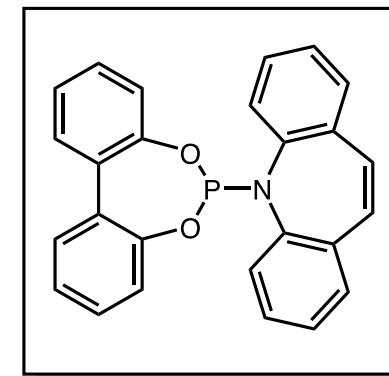
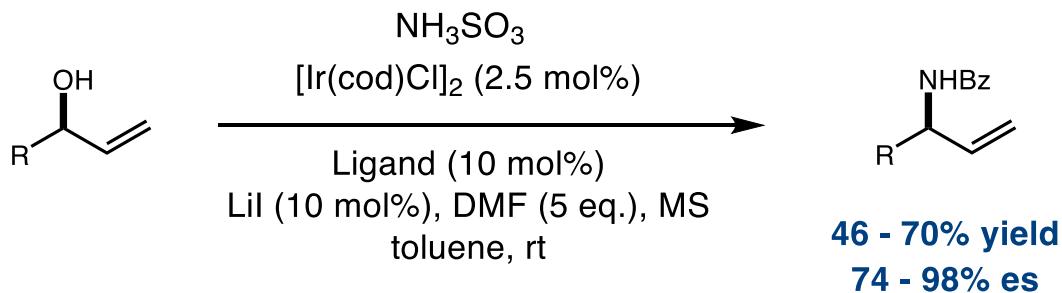
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■ proposed mechanism of the allylic amination

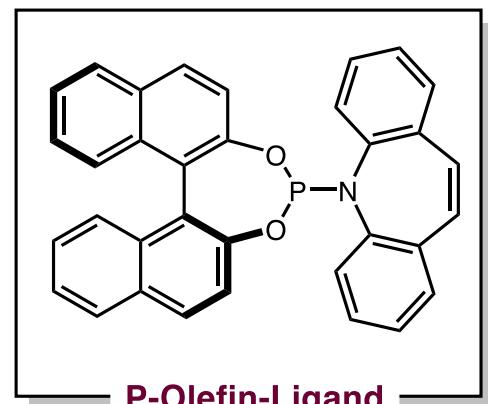
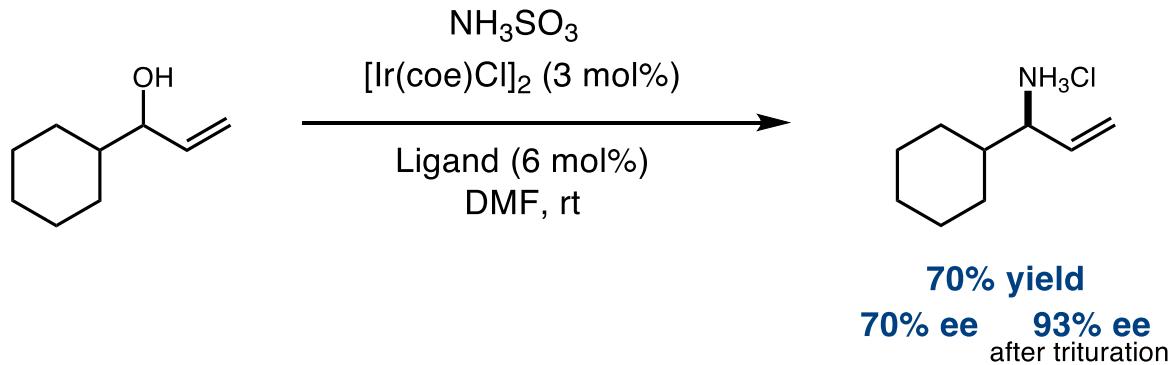


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■ stereospecific allylic amination

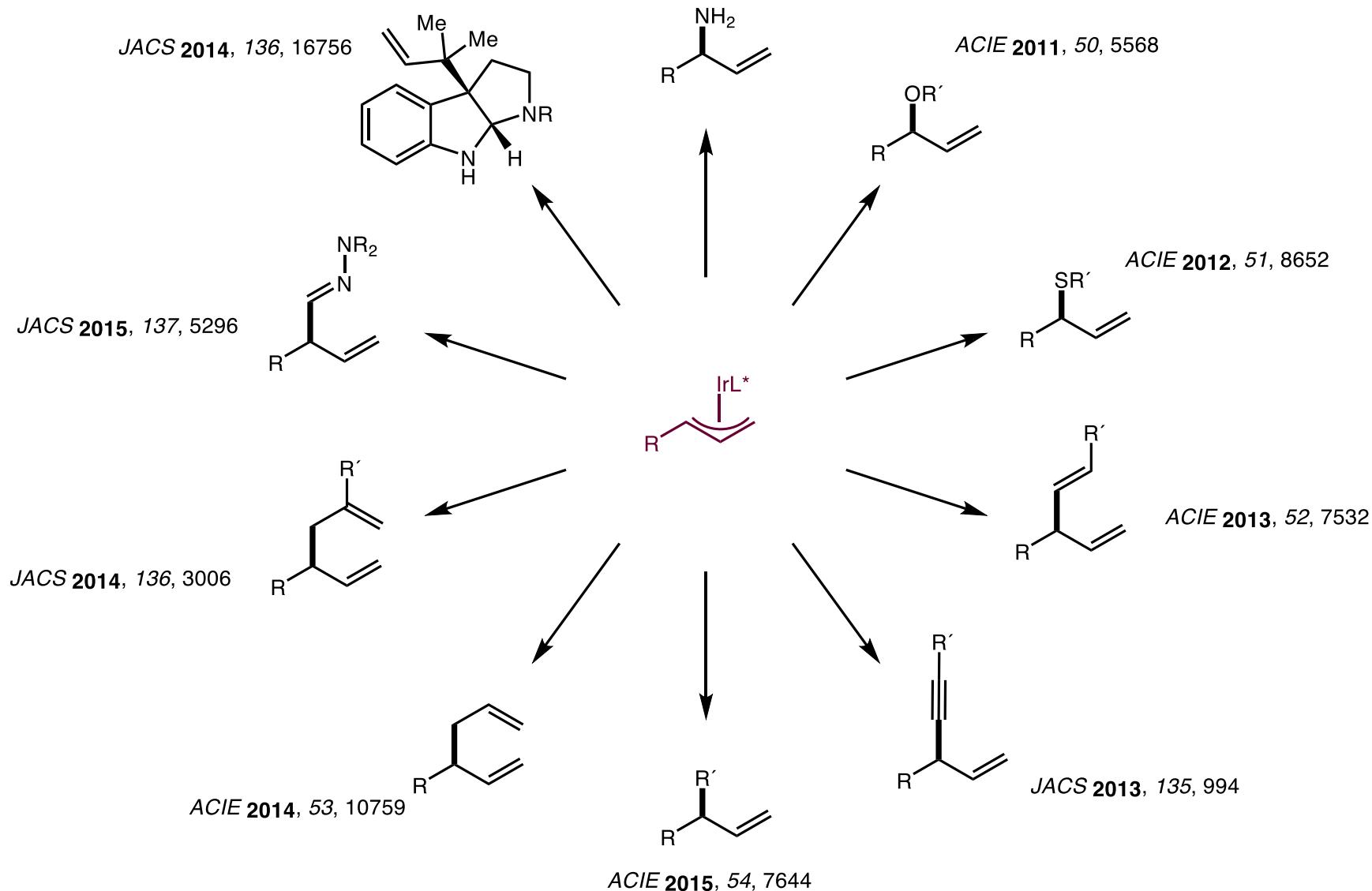


■ enantioselective allylic amination



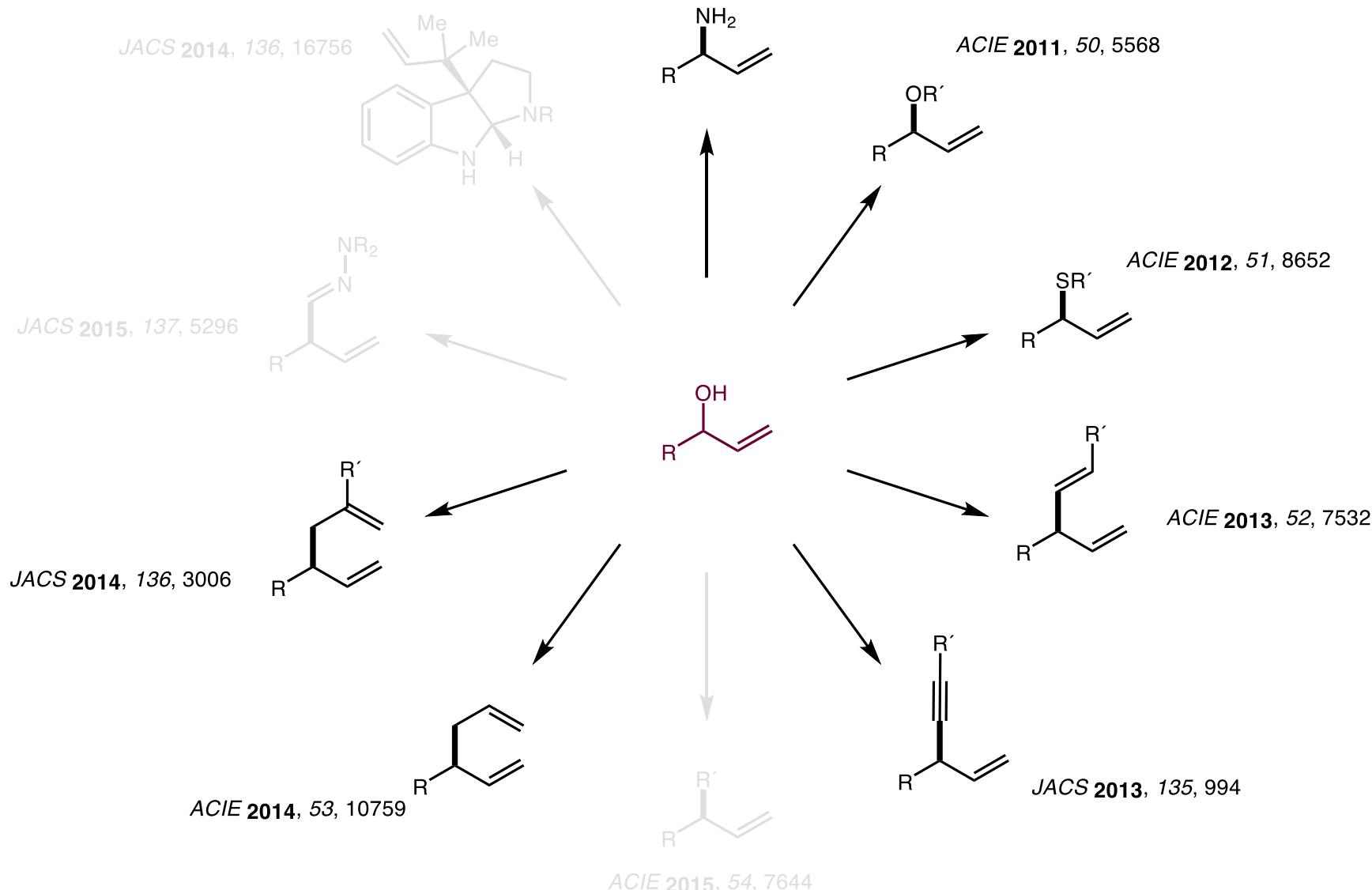
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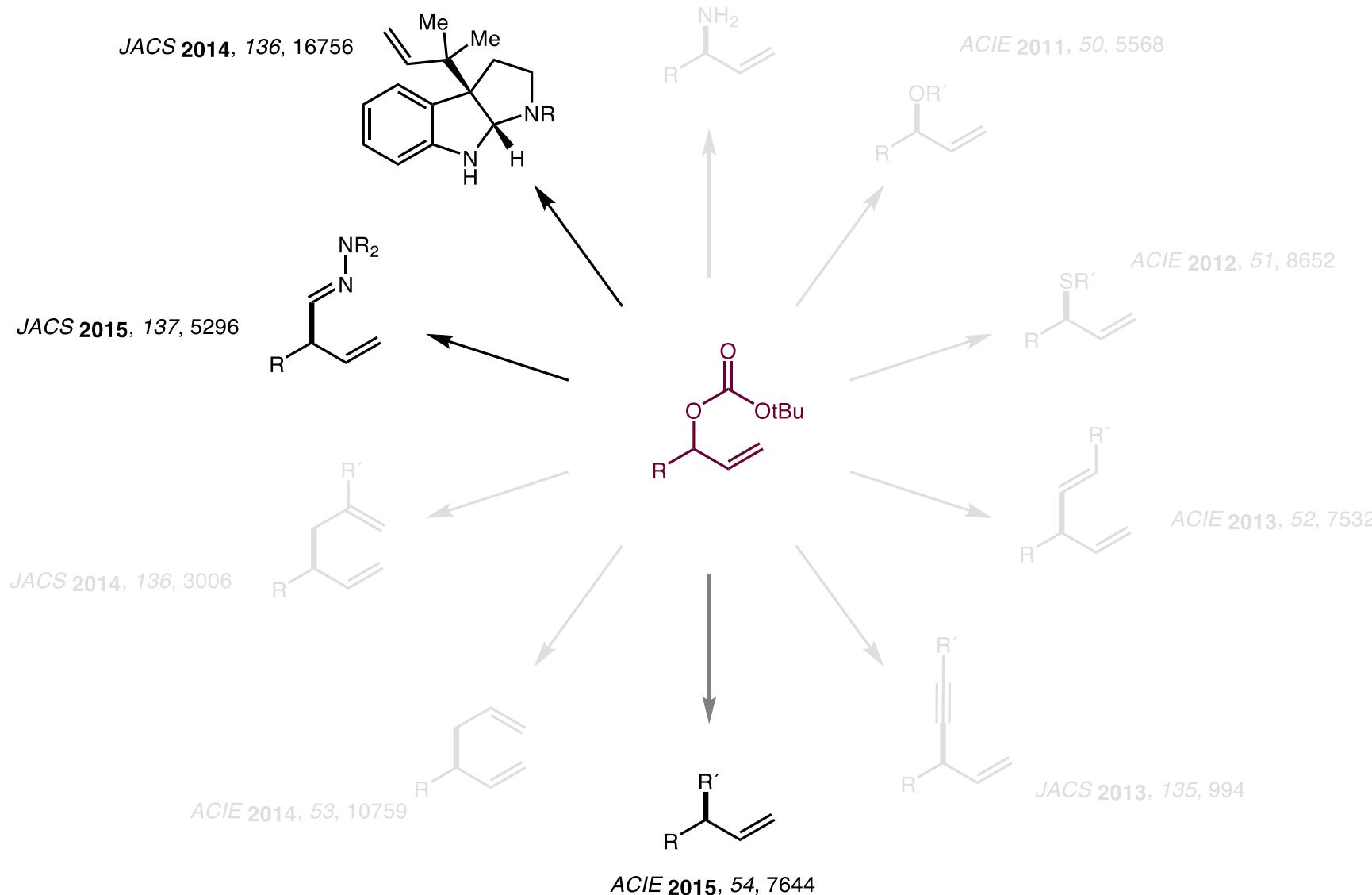
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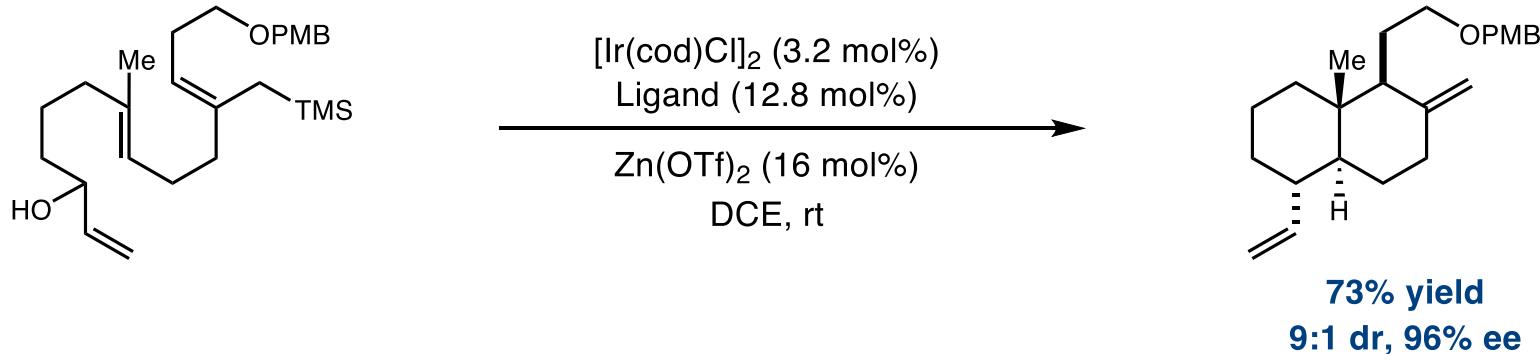
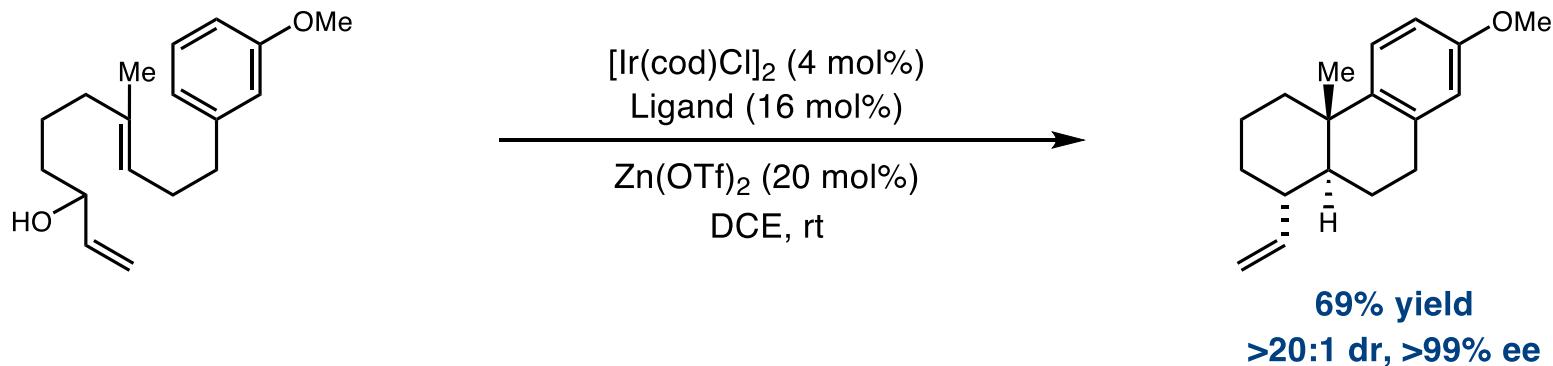
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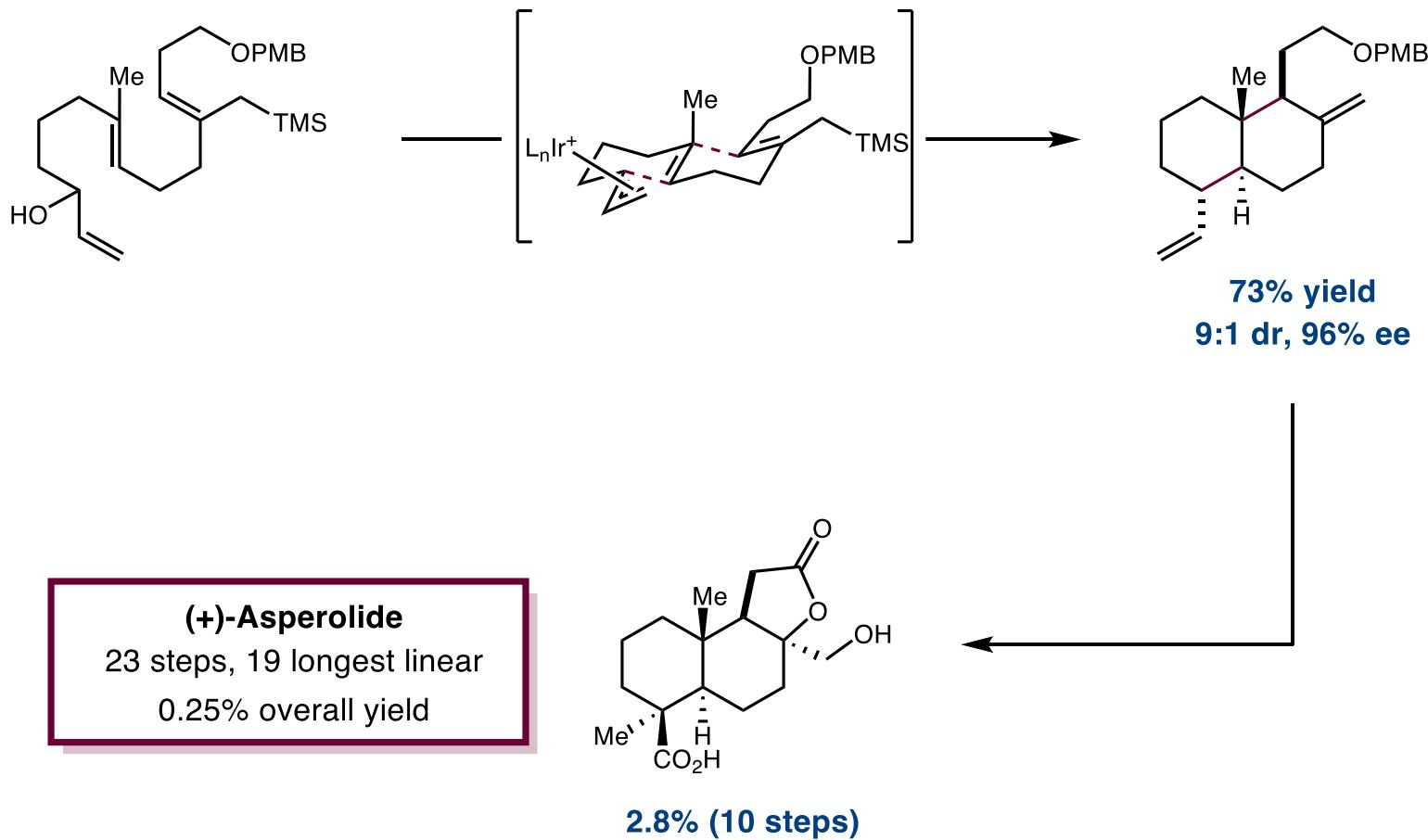
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■ enantioselective Polyene cyclization

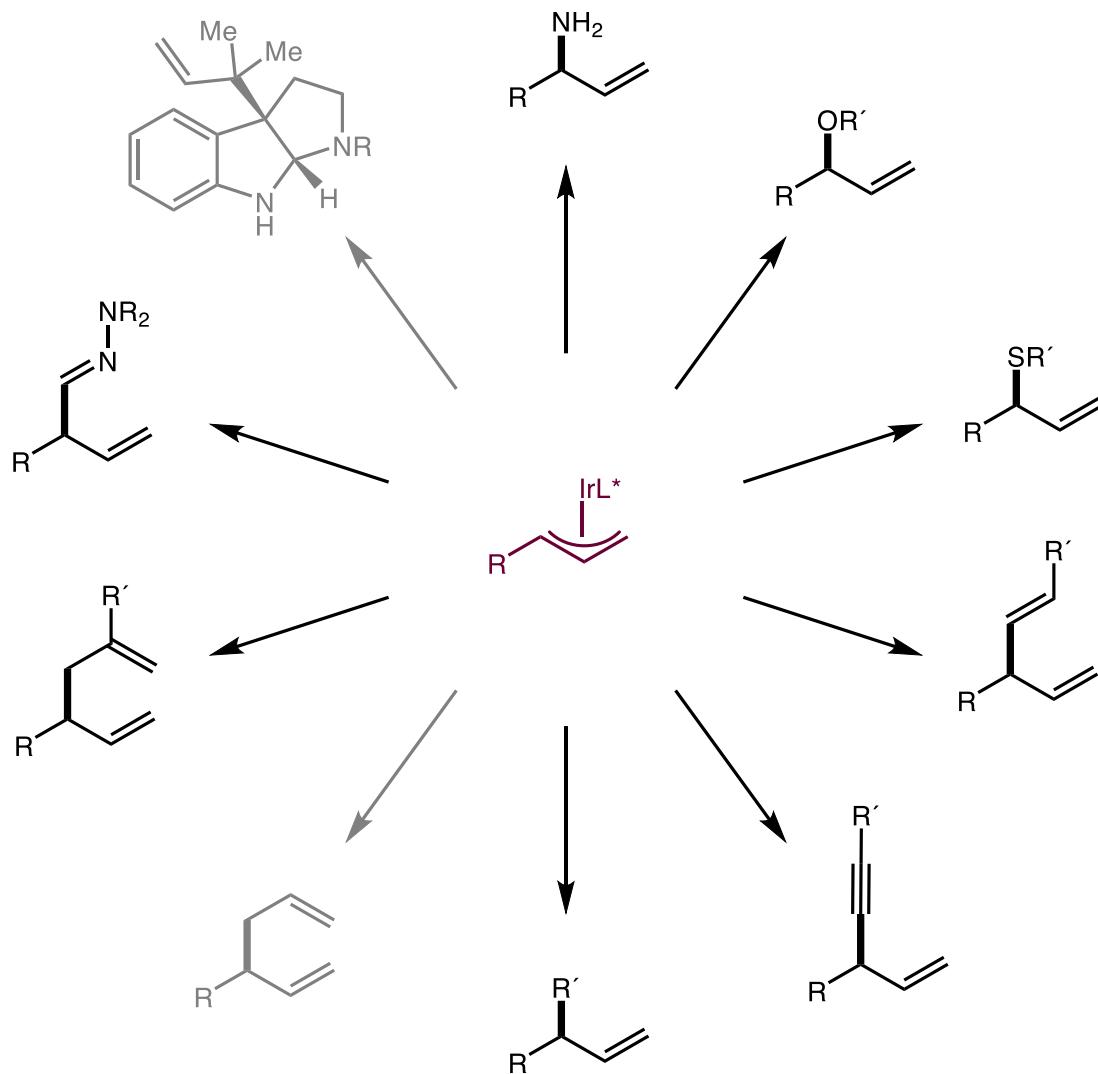


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■ intramolecular allyl-allyl coupling towards (+)-Asperolide



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Mono Catalysis

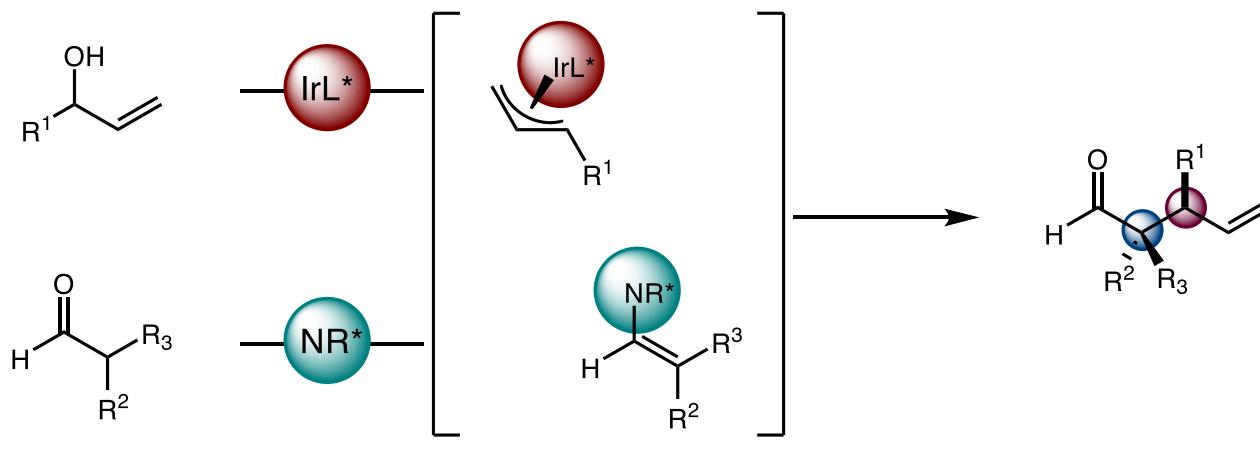
efficient control of
one stereocenter

Dual Catalysis

enantio- and
diastereodivergent?

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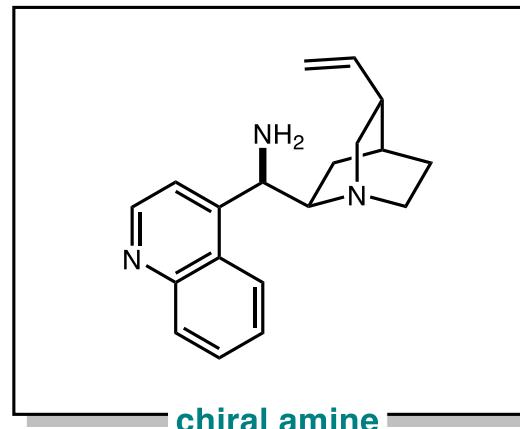
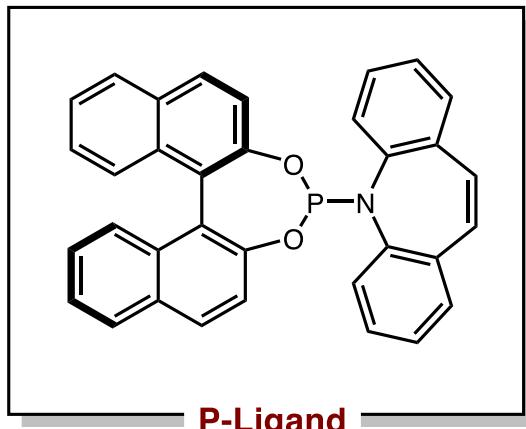
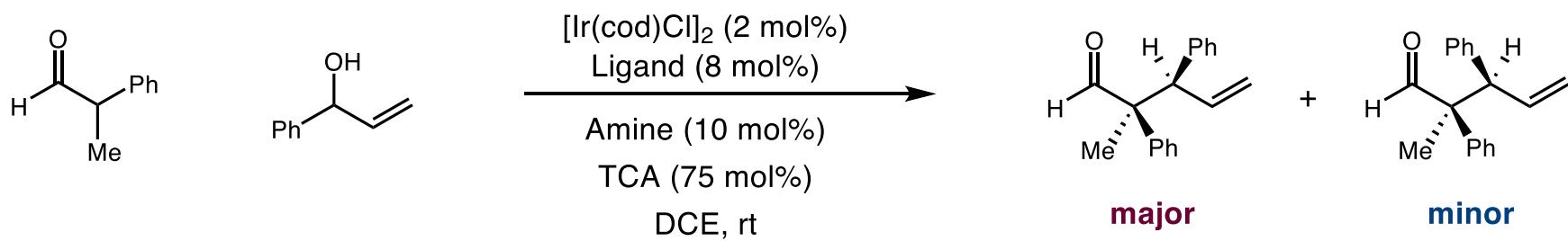
■ α -allylation of aldehydes



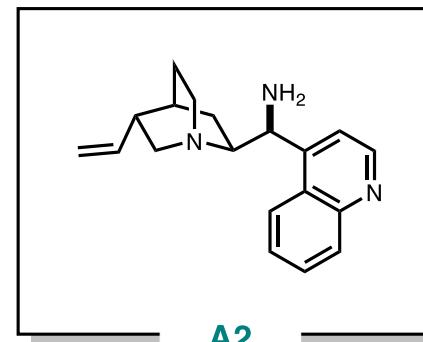
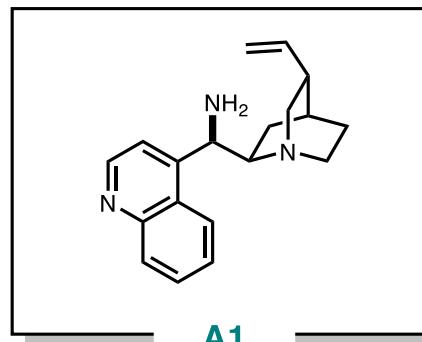
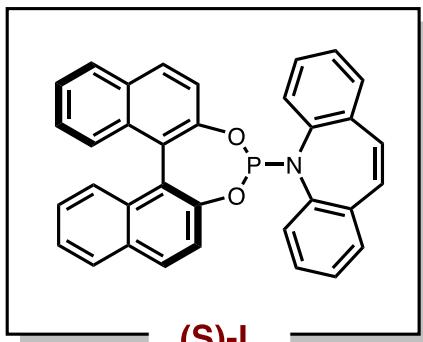
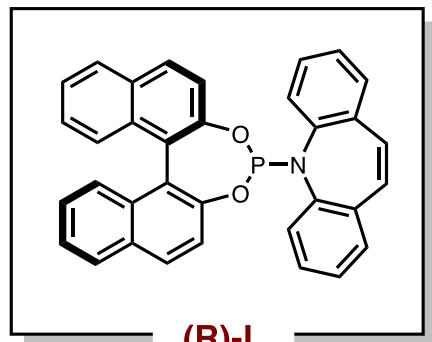
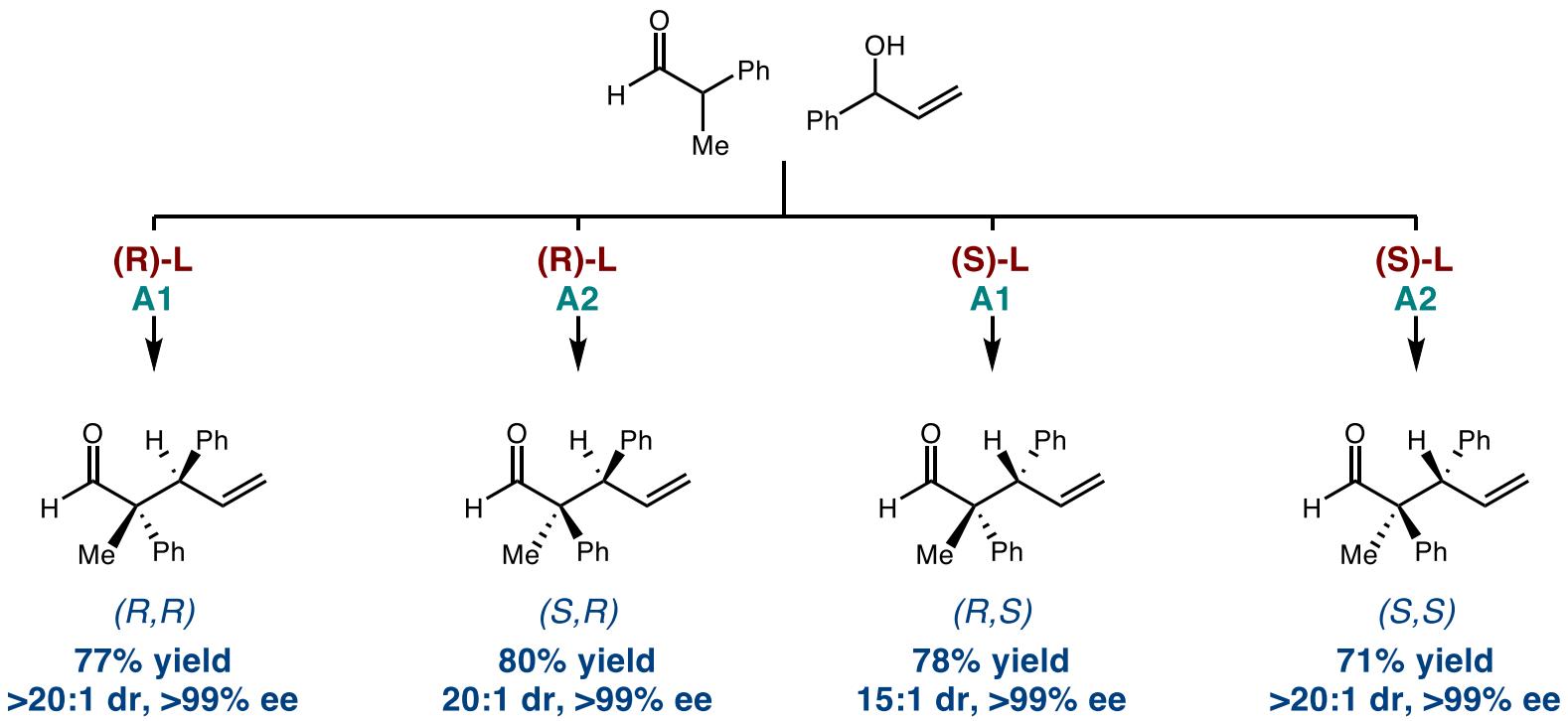
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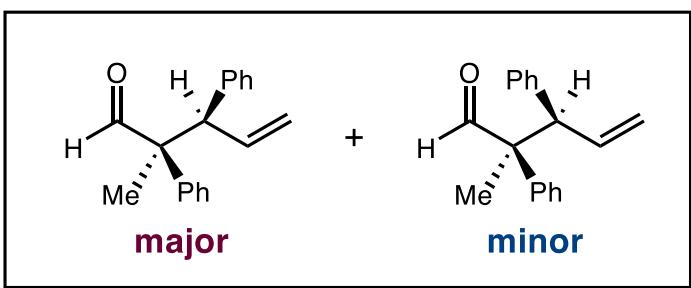


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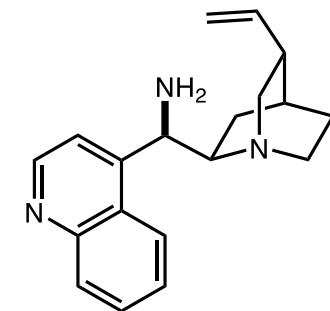
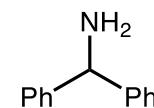


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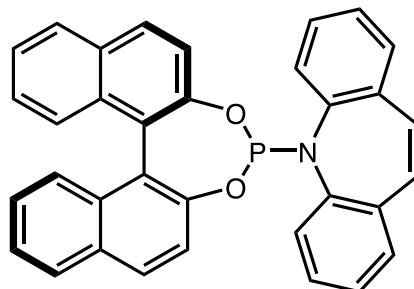
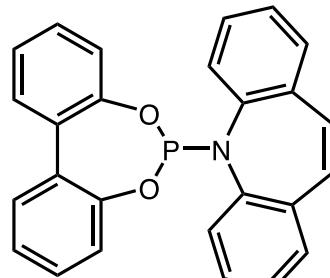
Amine
control of carbon



71% yield
3:1 dr

69% yield
1.3:1 dr
68% ee, 92%ee

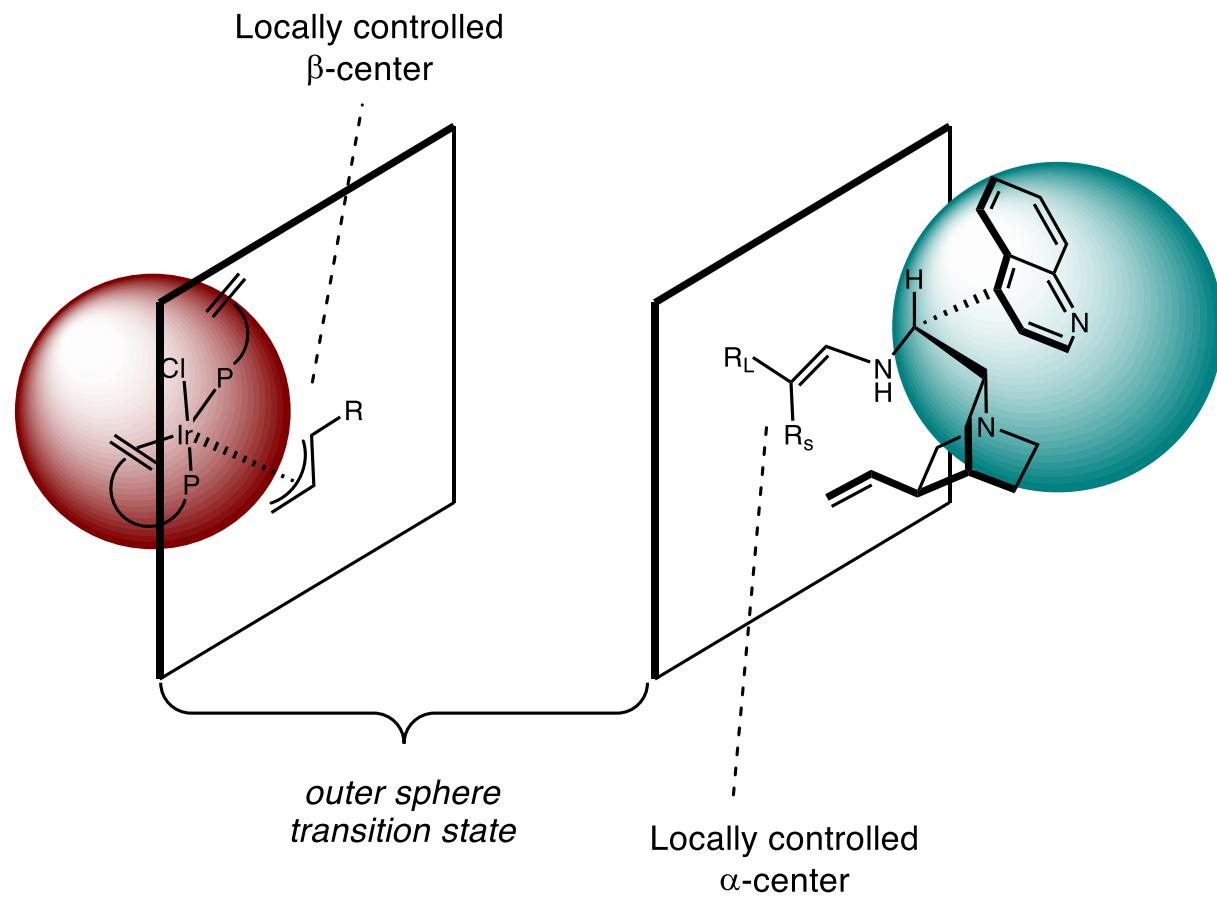
P-Ligand
control of carbon



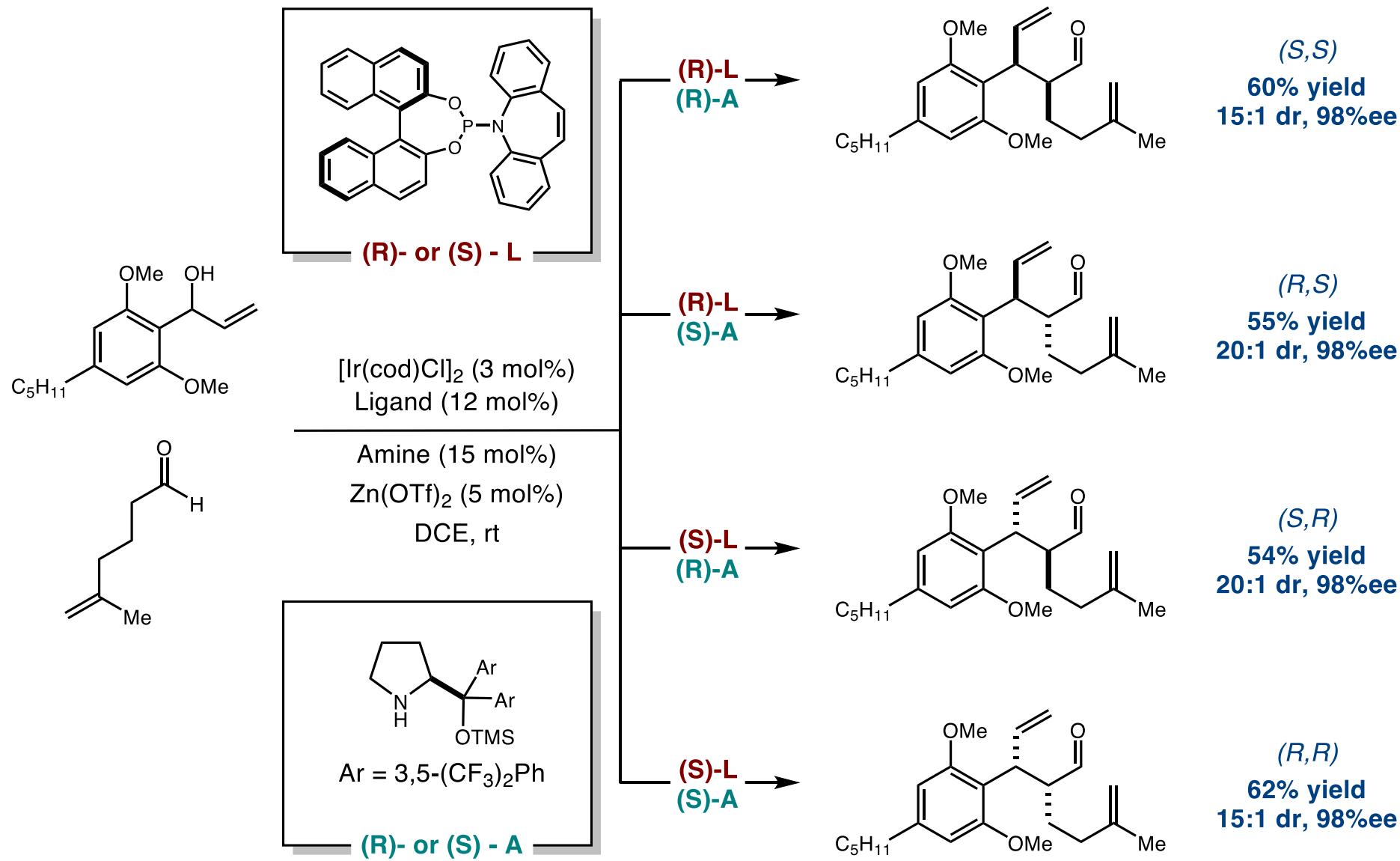
69% yield
3:1 dr
99%ee

77% yield
>20:1 dr
99%ee

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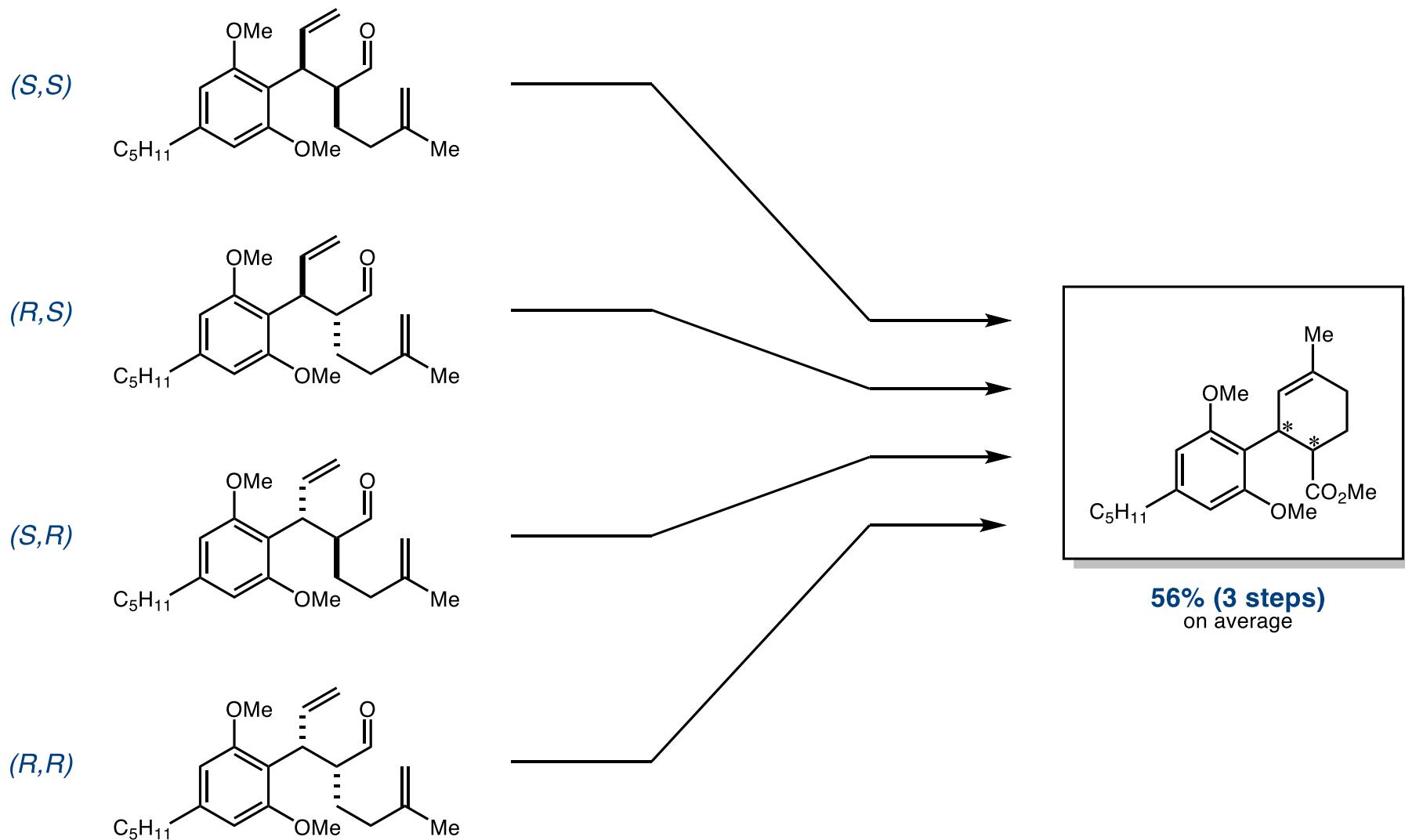


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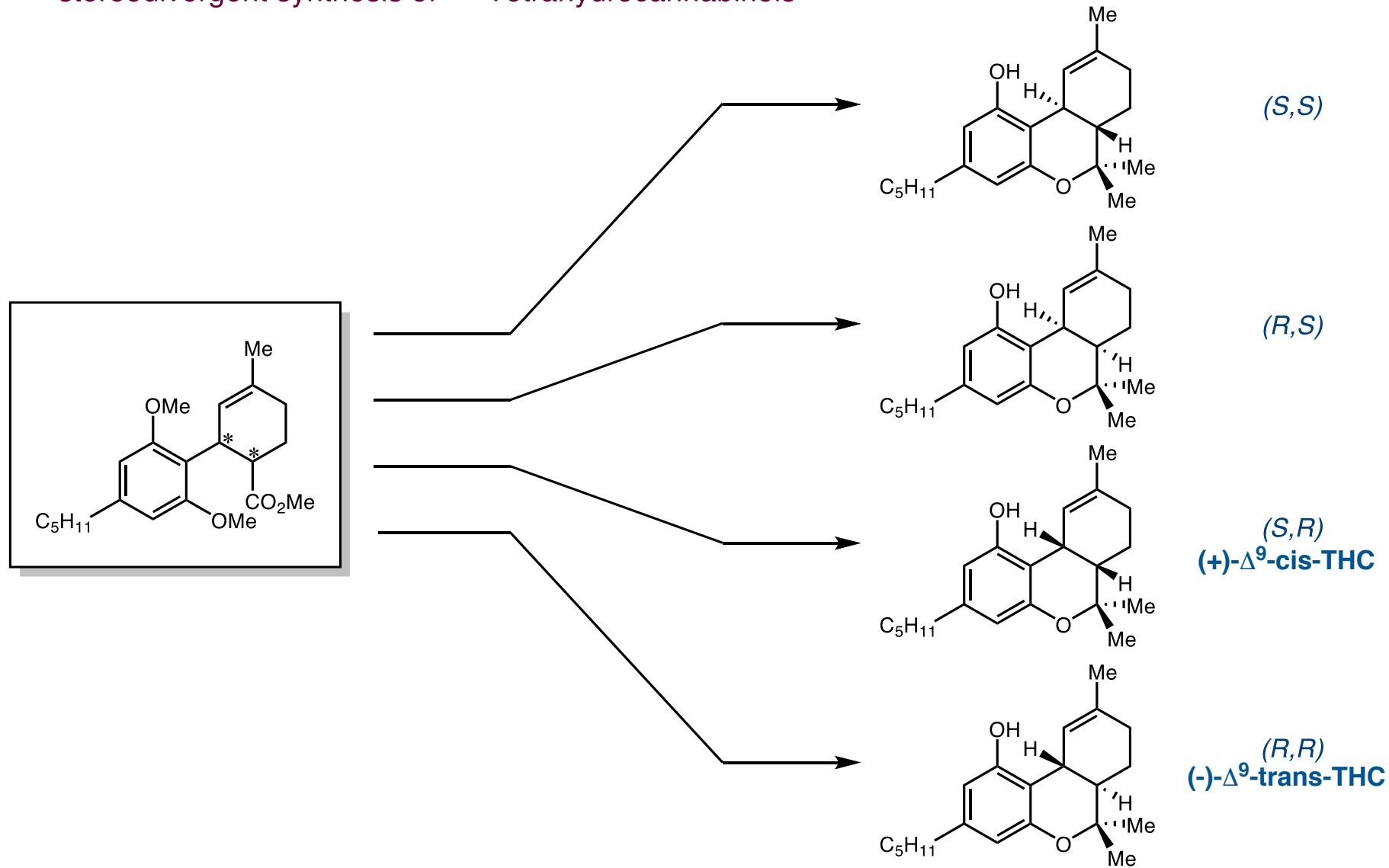
The Ir-catalyzed Allylic Substitution

■ stereodivergent synthesis of Δ^9 -Tetrahydrocannabinols



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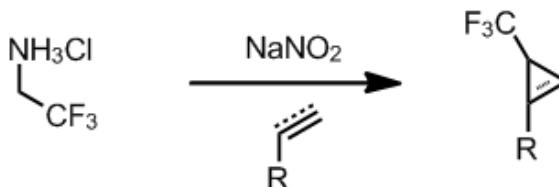
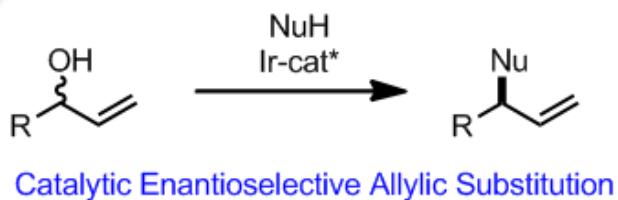
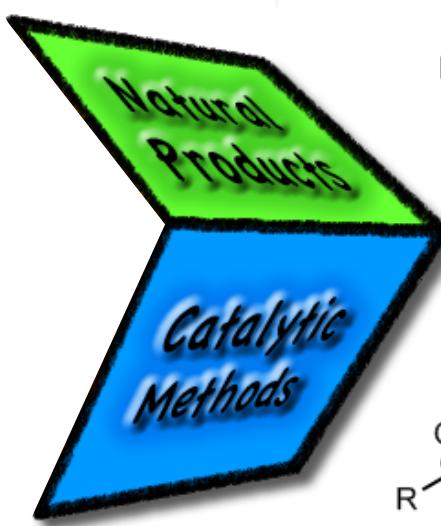
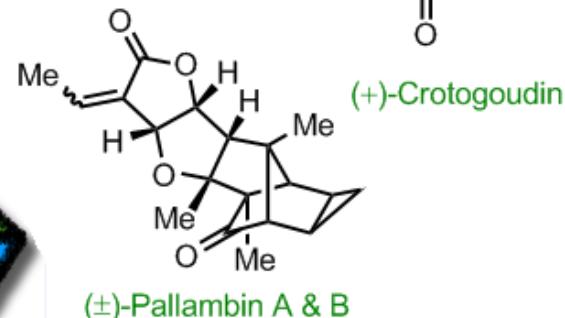
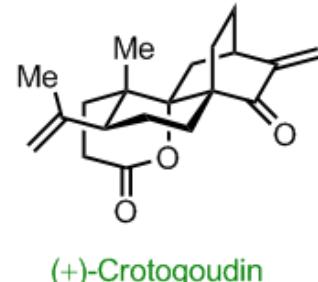
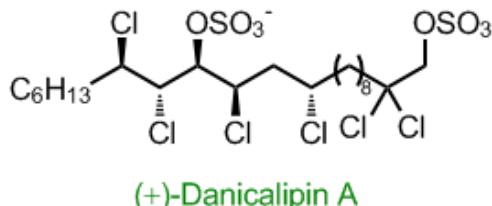
Research in the Carreira Lab

~ 50 syntheses completed (including nominal)

Epothilones A & B
Undecachlorosulfolipid
Zaragozic Acid C
Amphotericine
...among others

numerous synthetic methods developed

alkyne addition to carbonyl compounds,
Nitrile Oxide [3+2] cycloadditions
Ir-catalyzed allylic substitutions
in-situ generation of Diazocompounds
Olefin functionalization



In-situ Generation of Diazomethanes and their Applications