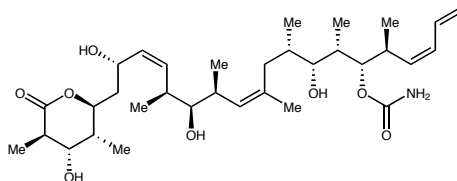
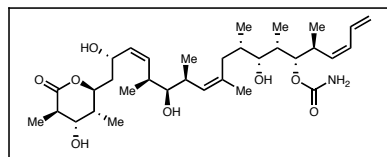


Discodermolide
A Synthetic Challenge



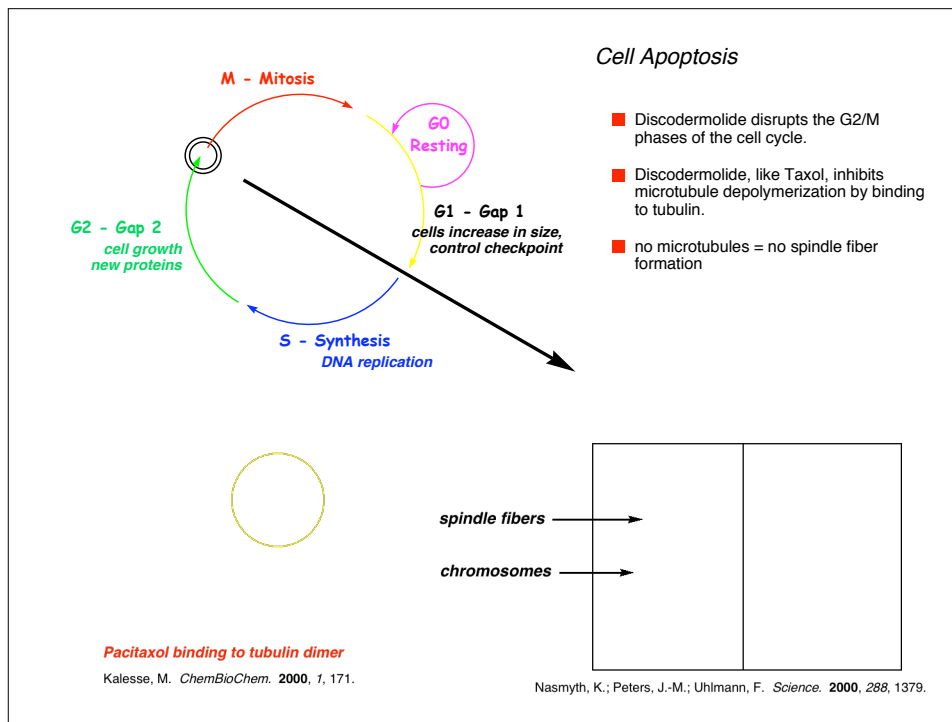
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MacMillan Group Meeting
April 21, 2004

Discodermolide
Isolation and Biological Activity



- Isolated in 1990 by the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution from the Caribbean deep-sea sponge *Discodermia dissoluta*
- Not practical to produce discodermolide from biological sources
 - 0.002% (by mass) isolation from frozen sponge
 - must be deep-sea harvested at a depth in excess of 33 m
- Causes cell-cycle arrest at the G₂/M phase boundary and cell death by apoptosis
- Member of an elite group of natural products that act as microtubule-stabilizing agent and mitotic spindle poisons
 - Taxol, epothilones A and B, sarcodictyin A, eleutherobin, laulimalide, FR182877, peloruside A, dictyostatin
- Effective in Taxol-resistant carcinoma cells
 - presence of a small concentration of Taxol amplified discodermolide's toxicity by 20-fold
 - potential synergies with the combination of discodermolide with Taxol and other anticancer drugs
- Licensed by Novartis from HBOI in 1998 as a new-generation anticancer drug





Discodermolide
Isolation and Biological Activity

■ **Considerable synthetic effort to produce discodermolide because of dearth of biological supply**

- Taxol is semi-synthesized from an intermediate extracted from the European Yew tree
- the epothilones are obtained from fermentation

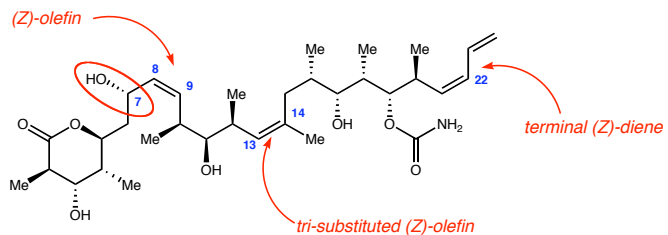
■ **Several total syntheses and numerous fragment syntheses**

- 1993 - Schrieber
- 1995 - Smith
- 1998 - Smith, second generation
- 1997 - Myles (UCLA)
- 1998 - Marshall (UVa)
- 2000 - Paterson

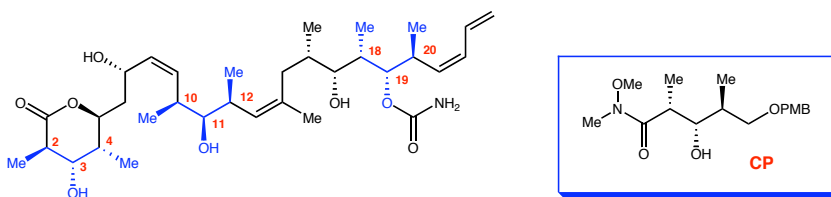
■ **Novartis synthesis is a combination these total synthesis**

- Smith - fragment syntheses from a common precursor (CP)
- Marshall - β -alkyl Suzuki coupling of C14 to C15
- Paterson - endgame

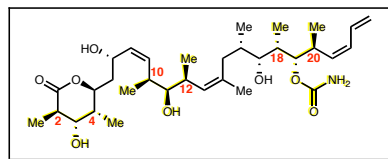
Discodermolide
A Synthetic Challenge



■ Repeating stereotriad from common precursor (CP)



Discodermolide
Outline



■ Paterson Synthesis (1998, 2001)

- selectivity from intrinsic bias of molecule
- boron-mediated *anti* Aldols
- Claisen rearrangement to set C13 olefin
- Nozaki-Hiyama/Petersen elimination - diene formation
- selective reductions at C7 or C5

■ Smith Synthesis (1995, 2003)

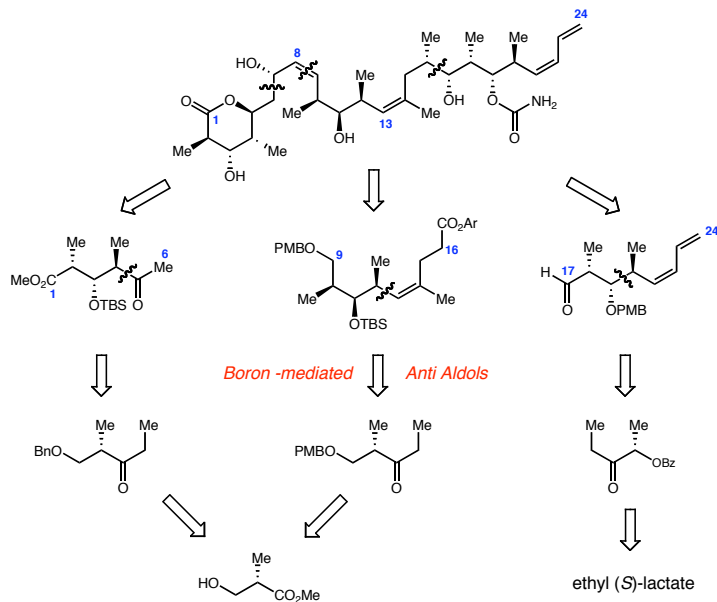
- stereotriad from a common precursor (CP) - Evans aldol
- Negishi coupling at C14
- Yamamoto diene formation
- Wittig olefination at C8 - first and second generation

■ Marshall Synthesis (1998)

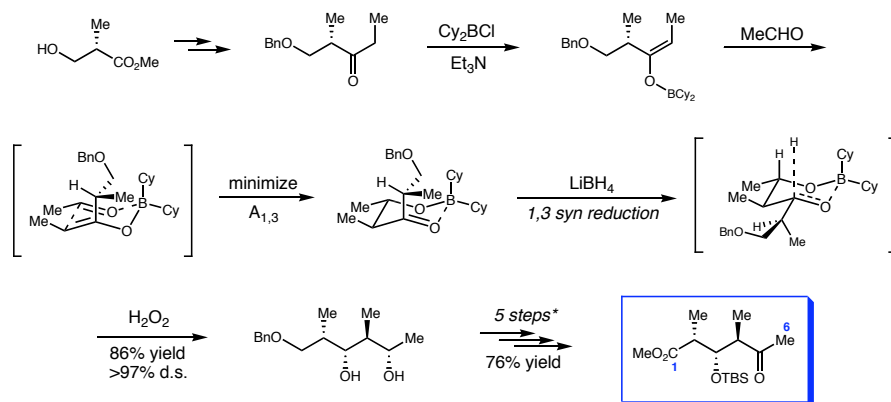
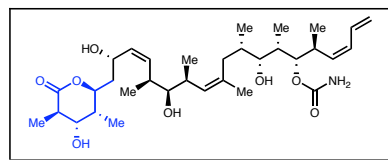
- Allenylstannane additions to chiral aldehydes for stereotriads
- β -alkyl Suzuki coupling with vinyl iodide

■ Novartis synthesis - over 60 g produced!

Paterson 2001
Retrosynthesis

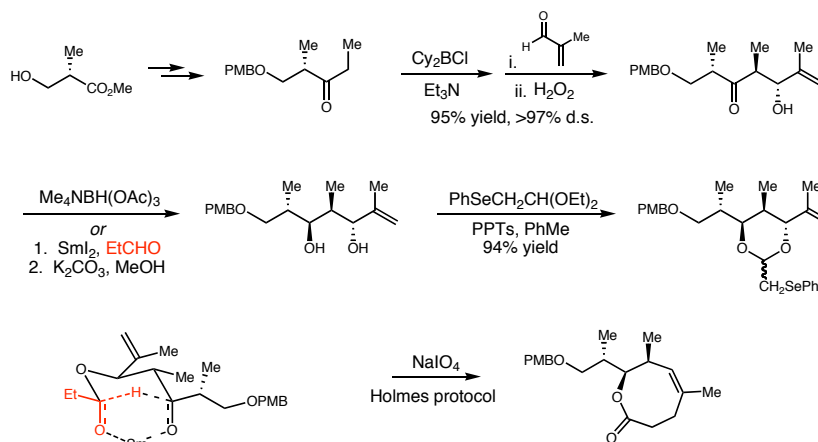
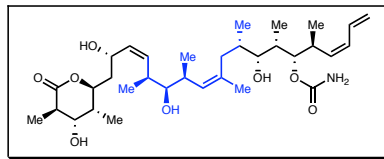


Paterson 2001
Preparation of C₁ to C₆ Fragment

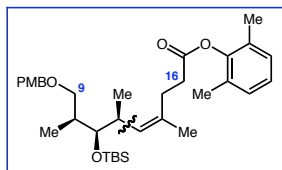
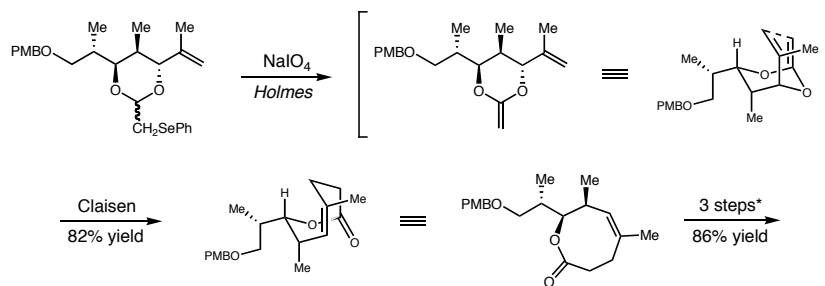
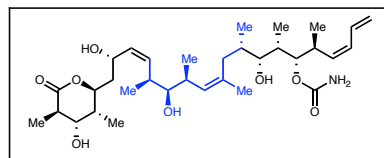


* 1. TBSOTf 2. CSA, MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ 3. Pd(OH)₂/C, H₂, EtOH. 4. Swern. 5. i. NaClO₂ ii. CH₂N₂.

Paterson 2001
Preparation of C₉ to C₁₈ Fragment



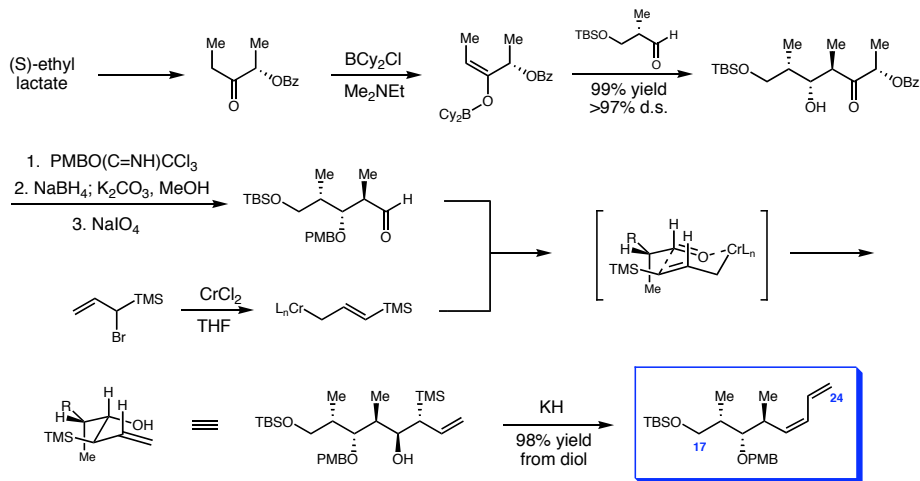
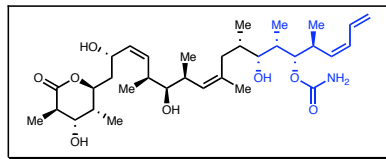
Paterson 2001
Ring Expansion Claisen Rearrangement



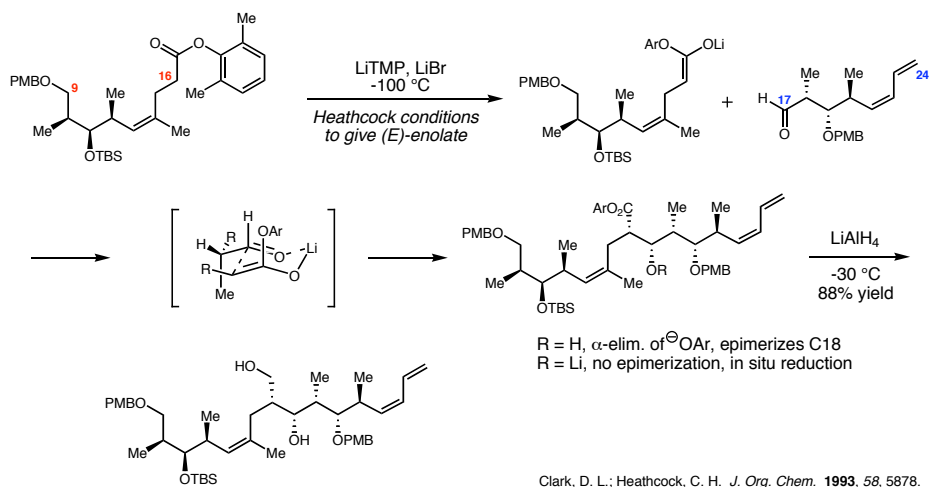
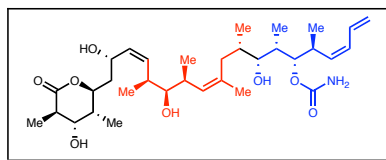
Z olefin geometry set
without other isomer present!

Holmes, et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 7483
* 1. KOH, MeOH. 2. 2,6-Me₂phenol, DCC, DMAP. 3. TBSOTf

Paterson 2001
C₁₇ to C₂₄ Fragment

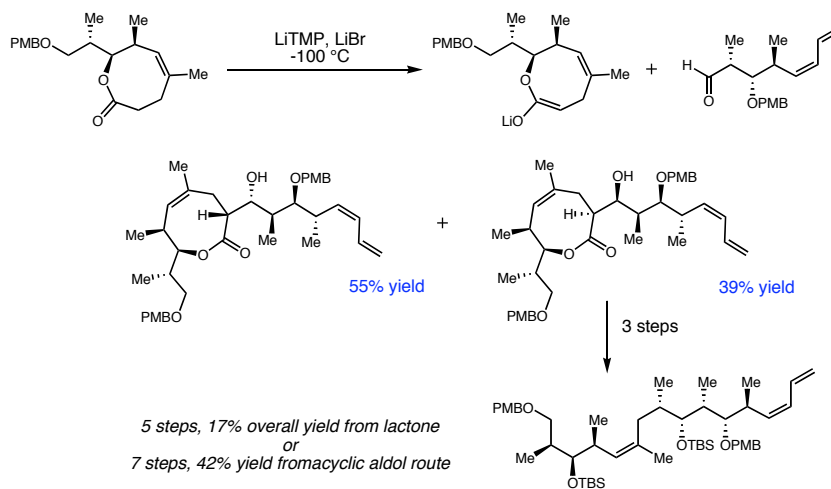
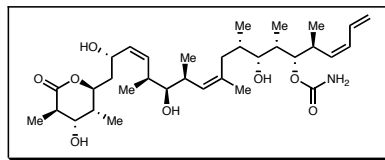


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C₁₇ to C₂₄ and C₉ to C₁₆ Fragment Union
by a syn Aldol

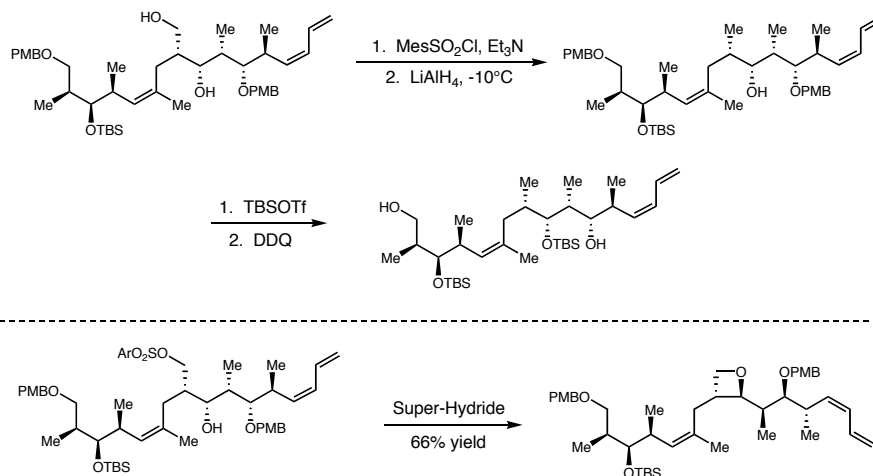
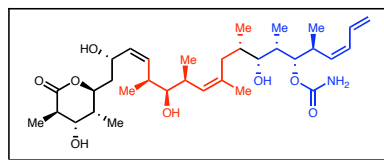


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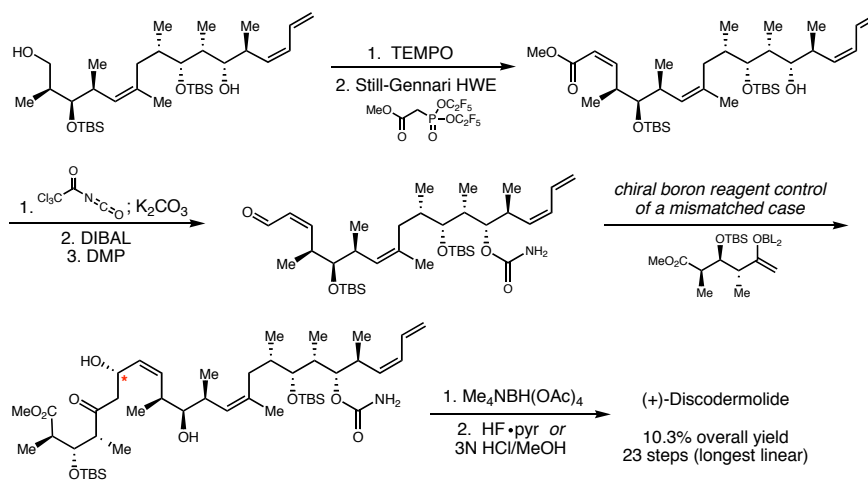
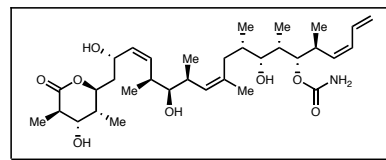
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Alternate Syn Aldol Approach is Unsuccessful



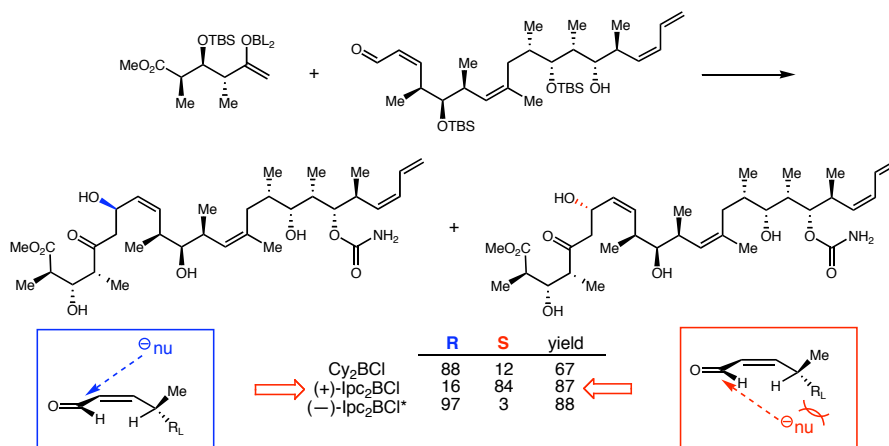
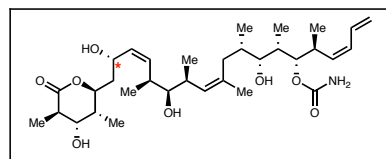
Paterson 2001
Finishing the C₉ to C₂₄ Fragment



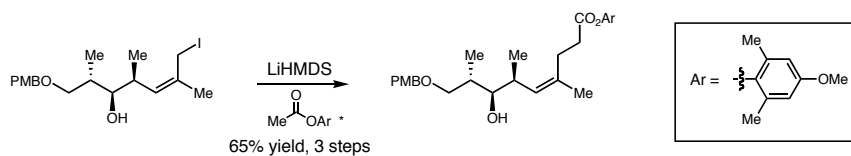
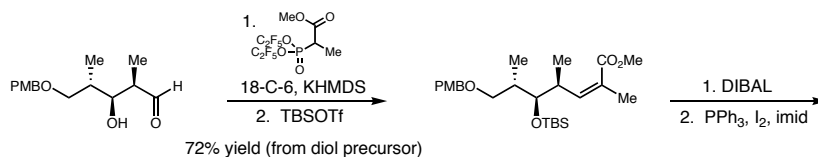
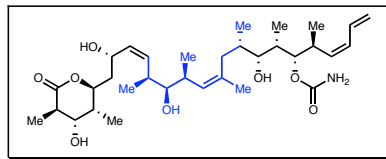
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Final Coupling at C₇



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Chiral Boron Reagent Addition

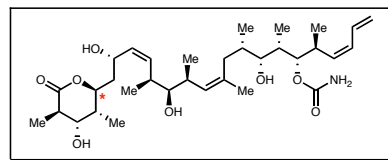


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Tri-substituted olefin

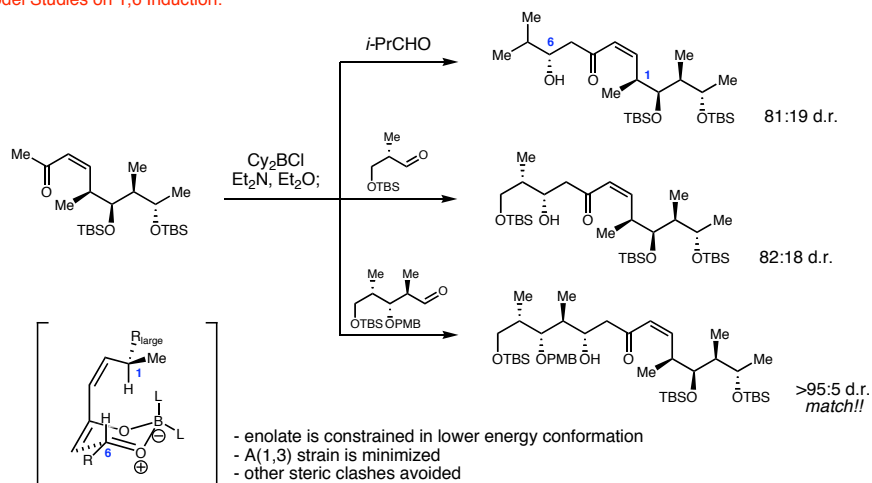


* the electron-donating 4-Ome aryl ester was needed to alkylate the iodide, no loss in yields for subsequent steps in comparison to previous route

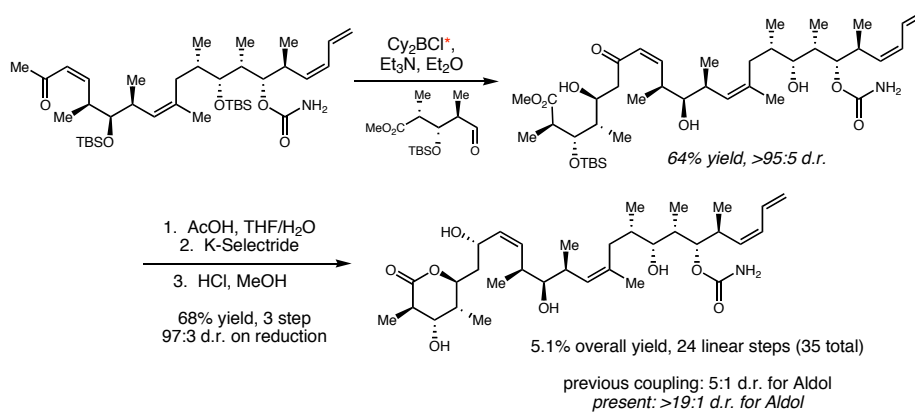
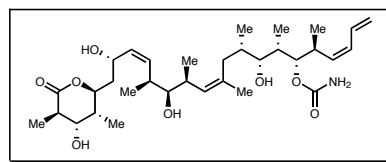
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Remote 1,6-Asymmetric Induction in Aldol Coupling



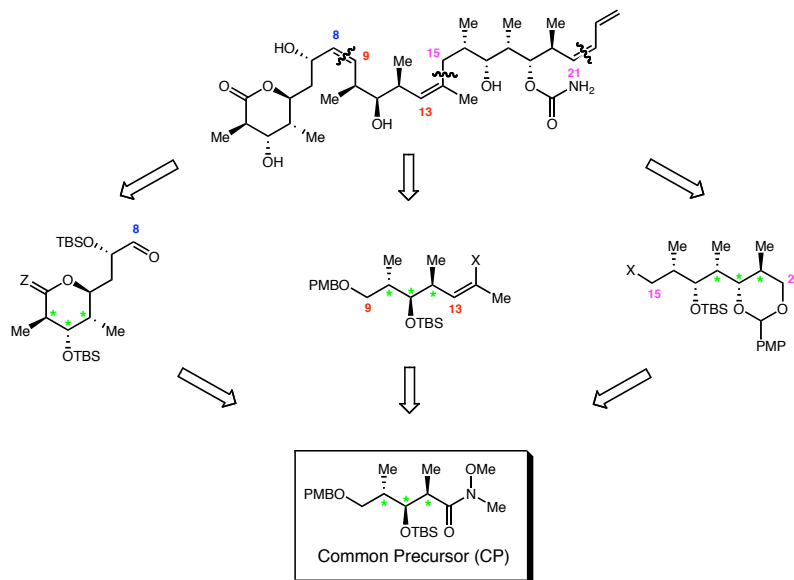
Model Studies on 1,6 Induction:



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 Remote 1,6-Asymmetric Induction in Aldol Coupling
 on Real System

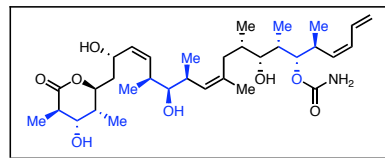


Smith 1995
 Retrosynthesis

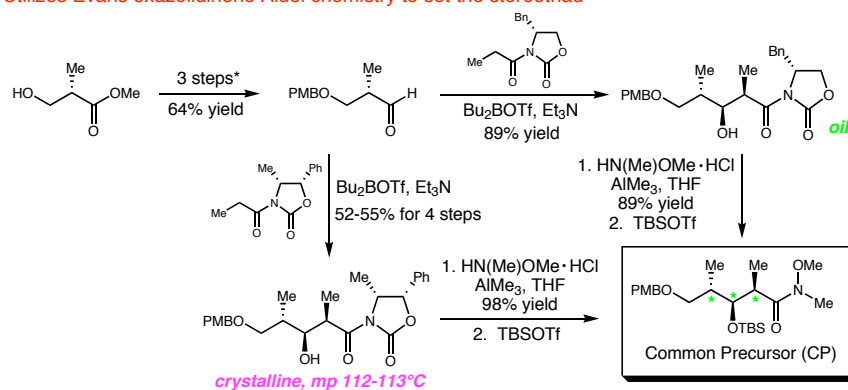


Smith, A. B. III., et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, *117*, 12011.
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Smith 1995
Synthesis of Common Precursor



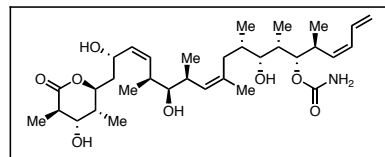
- Smith's approach to proceed from a common precursor was adopted by Novartis
- Utilizes Evans oxazolidinone Aldol chemistry to set the stereotriad



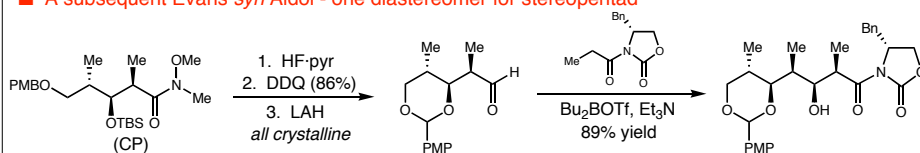
- Yield of norephedrine-based Aldol was 64-70% on 60-70 g scales, 55% for all 4 steps with recrystallization, auxiliary recovery was 80-90%

* 1. PMBO(C=NH)CCl₃, PPTs. 2. LAH. 3. Swern.

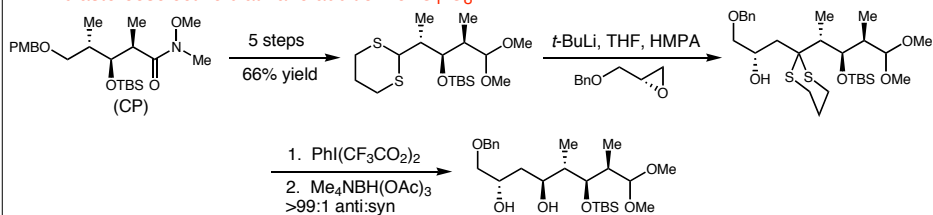
Smith 1995
Elaboration of Common Precursor



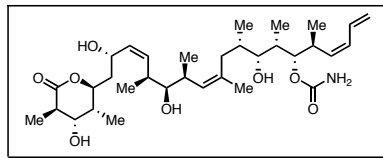
- Polypropionate elaboration for C₁₅-C₂₁
- A subsequent Evans *syn* Aldol - one diastereomer for stereopentad



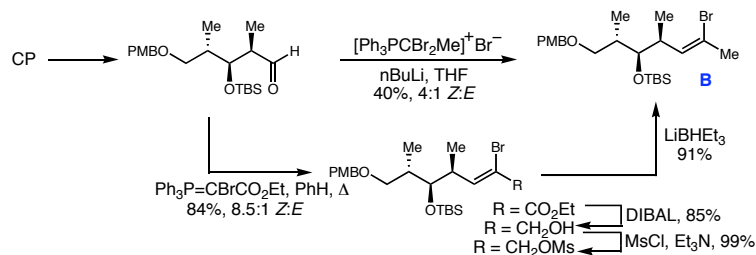
- A diastereoselective diathiane addition for C₁-C₈



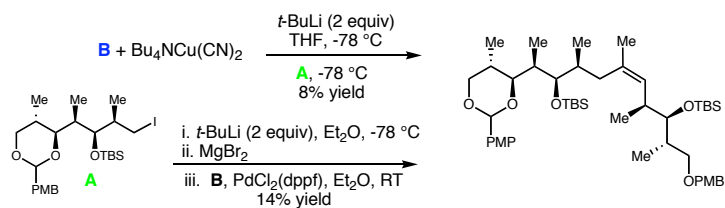
Smith 1995
Elaboration of Common Precursor for Trisubstituted Olefin



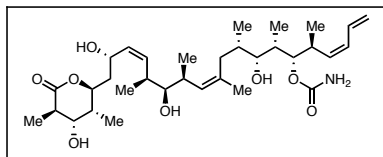
■ Vinyl Bromide for Cuprate Addition to alkyl iodide



■ Cuprate Addition is Unsuccessful



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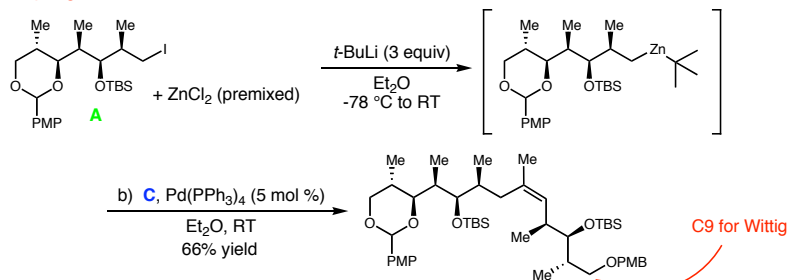
■ Vinyl Iodide for Negishi coupling to alkyl iodide



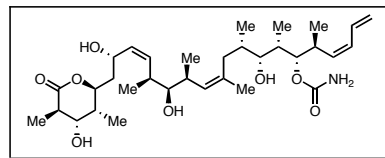
Zhao-Wittig: Chen, J.; Wang, T.; Zhao, K. *Tet. Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 2827.

- loss of I in **C** is major byproduct due to poor solubility of iodine in THF, addition of 0.1M I_2 in THF circumvents this

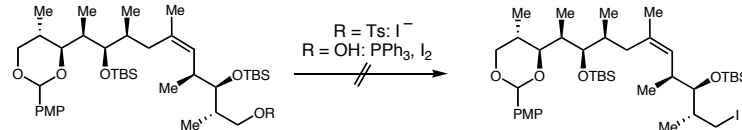
■ Negishi coupling is efficient



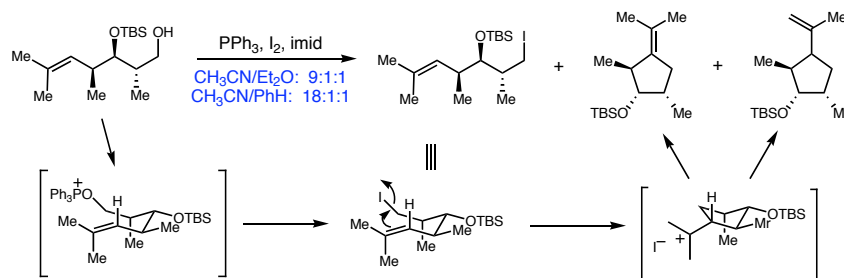
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Wittig Olefination for Cis C₈-C₉ Olefin



■ Problems in making alkyl iodide

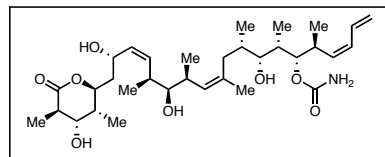


■ Turn to model systems and solvent effects

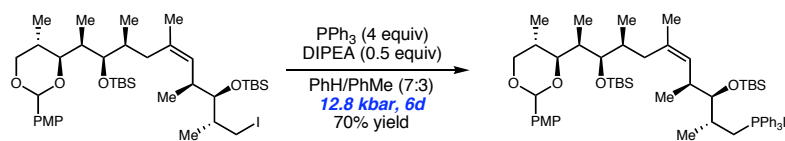


■ More polar solvents promote cyclization (MeCN or MeCN/Et₂O), less polar solvents favor iodide

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Wittig Olefination for Cis C₈-C₉ Olefin

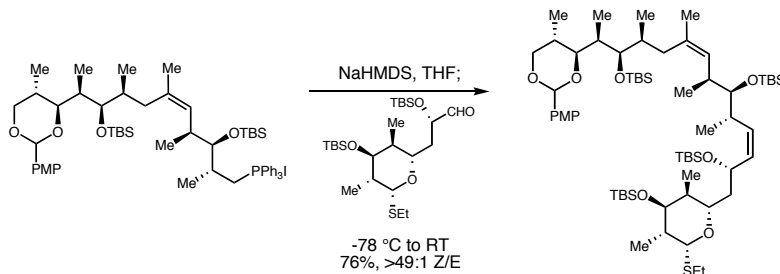


■ High pressure necessary to form Wittig



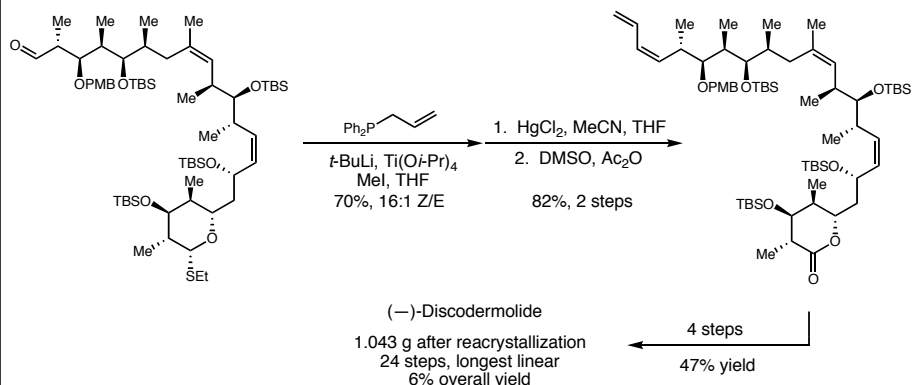
- addition of base necessary to absorb HI that forms and causes decomposition of starting iodide

■ Wittig reaction proceeds smoothly



Smith 1995
First Generation Endgame

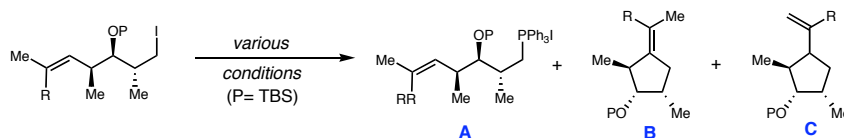
- Installation of (Z)-diene by Yamamoto protocol followed by thiol oxidation and deprotection



- Second generation synthesis changes the order of steps and eliminates dithane approach to lactone in favor of an allylsilane Ti-mediated addition to the CP

Smith 2003
Third Generation Synthesis Approaches High Pressure Wittig

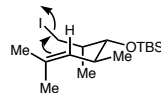
- Without high pressure, the same byproducts emerge as with the original iodination



- Absence of methyl at C₁₄ leads to highly efficiently olefination (99% yield)
- Choice of protecting group at C₁₁ is crucial (model studies done with R = Me at 100 °C)

- Explained by cyclization transition state

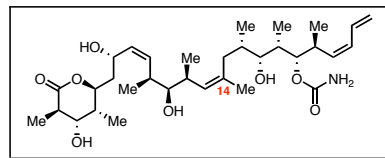
P	A (%)	B/C (%)
Ac	59	41
SEM	63	34
BOM	69	30
MOM	69	24
H	62	38
TBS	35	63



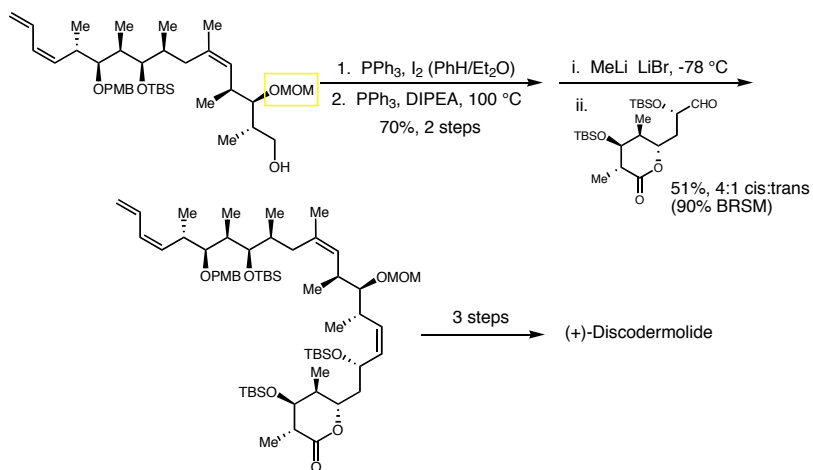
- larger OP might promote a puckering of the TS chair, giving a predisposition to cyclization, a "reactive rotamer effect"
- smaller OP increase the rate of S_N2 displacement by PPh₃

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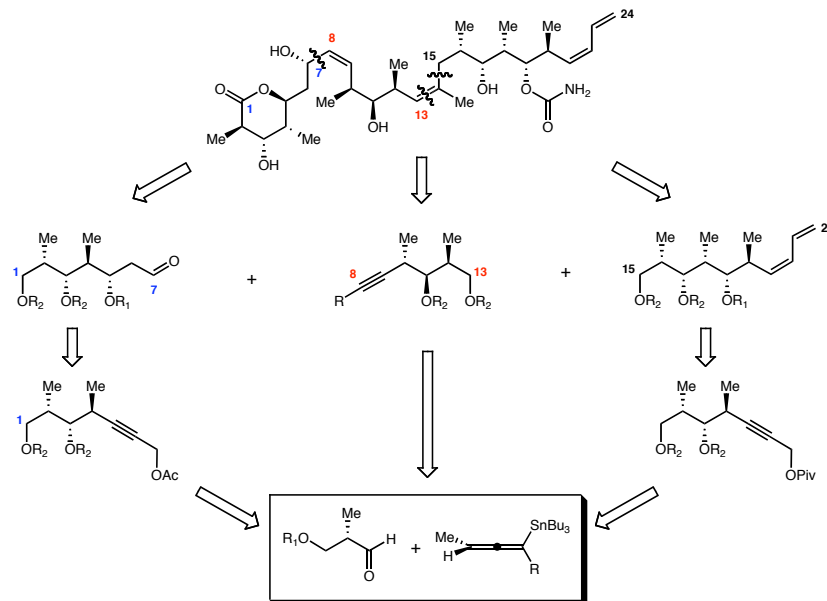


■ Newer synthesis amenable to larger scale without high pressure



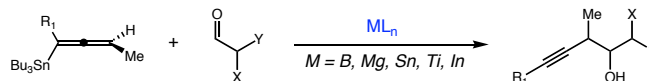
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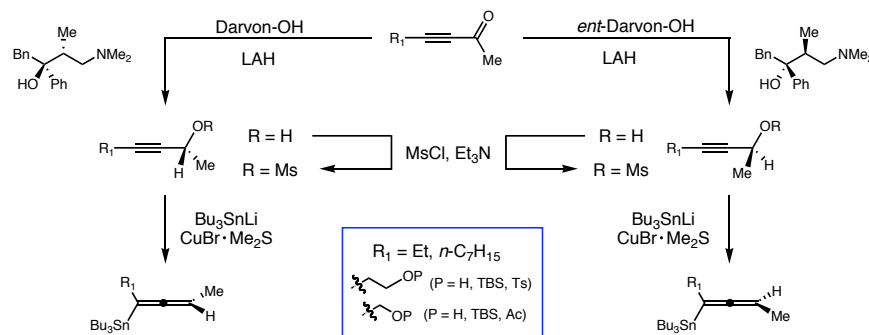


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Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes
Marshall reports diastereoselective additions of allenyl stannanes to aldehydes by S_E' addition



- Preparation of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes in about 90% e.e.

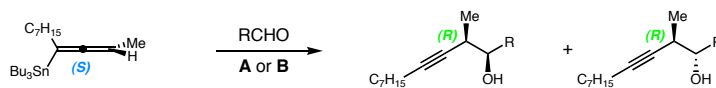


- Allenyl stannanes are stable to storage, silica, and excess cuprate without racemization or isomerization
- Cuprate addition is highly ANTI selective to give one allene isomer

Marshall, J. A.; Wang, X.-j. *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 1242.
Ruitenberg, K. et al. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1983**, 241, 417.

Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes

- Achiral aldehyde additions - not so useful



A: $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C . **B:** $\text{MgBr}_2 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , -23 to 0°C

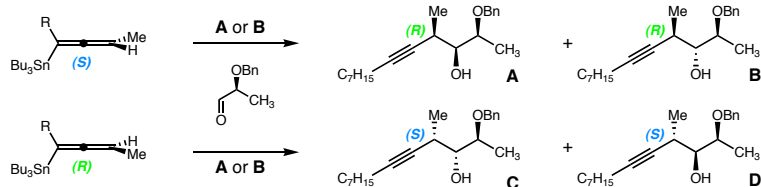
R	conditions	yield %	syn:anti
C ₆ H ₁₃	A	83	39:61
	B	56	66:34
<i>i</i> -Pr	A	80	99:1
	B	68	88:12
<i>t</i> -Bu	A	92	99:1

- Unbranched alkyl aldehydes are not selective
- Achiral aldehydes not useful for anti additions
- Move to α -substituted chiral aldehydes - more rigidity to transition state

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Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes

Chiral aldehyde additions



(R/S) - R	conditions	yield %	A:B	C:D
(S) - CH ₂ OAc	A	95	68:32	
	B	97	>99:1	
(R) - CH ₂ OAc	A	97		97:3
	B	97		1:99
(S) - Et	A	92	87:13	
	B	98	>99:1	
(R) - Et	A	89		>99:1
	B	95		1:99

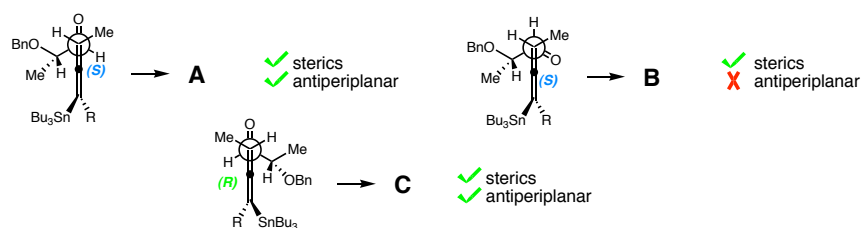
A: BF₃·OEt₂, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C.
B: MgBr₂·OEt₂, CH₂Cl₂, -23 to 0 °C

- No efficient ways to produce *anti,anti* B
- Selectivity governed by Felkin-Ahn (for B) or Cram-chelation (for Mg) transition states
- Anti products are rarely observed with crotylstannanes

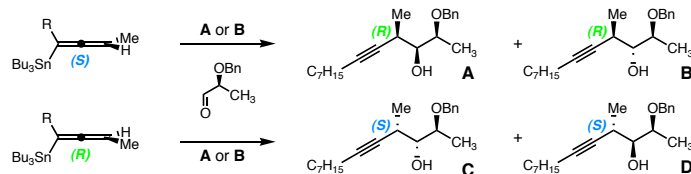
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Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes

Transition State Analysis for Non-Chelating Case with BF₃OEt₂



- Felkin-Ahn TS for (S)-allene is complicated by conformation mobility of the aldehyde - selectivity degradation

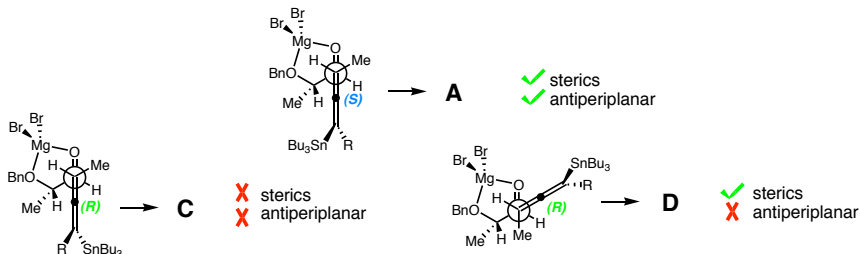


(R/S) - R	conditions	yield %	A:B	C:D
(S) - CH ₂ OAc	A	95	68:32	
	B	97	>99:1	
(R) - CH ₂ OAc	A	97		97:3
	B	97		1:99

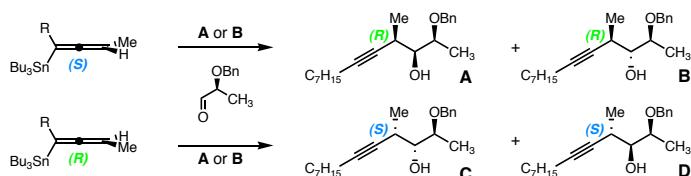
A: BF₃·OEt₂
B: MgBr₂·OEt₂

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Transition State Analysis for Chelating Case with $MgBr_2 \cdot OEt_2$



■ Unfavorable steric interactions are insufficient to overcome antiperiplanar preference

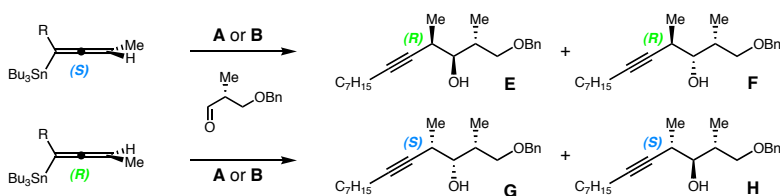


(R/S) - R	conditions	yield %	A:B	C:D
(S) - CH_2OAc	A B	95 97	68:32 >99:1	
(R) - CH_2OAc	A B	97 97		97:3 1:99

A: $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$
B: $MgBr_2 \cdot OEt_2$

Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes

■ Chiral aldehyde additions



(R/S) - R	conditions	yield %	E:F	G:H
(S) - CH_2OAc	A B	98 95	83:17 >99:1	
(R) - CH_2OAc	A B	96 96		>99:1 >99:1
(S) - Et	A B	88 93	84:16 >99:1	
(R) - Et	A B	92 94		>99:1 50:50

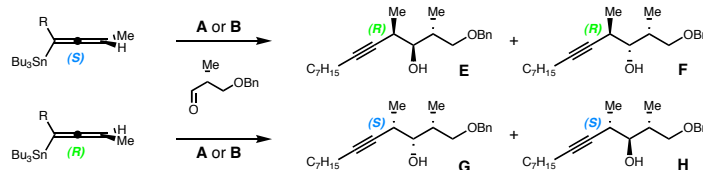
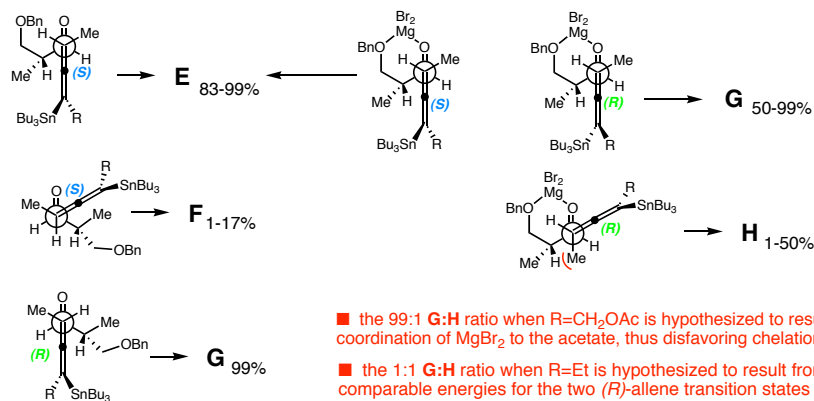
A: $BF_3 \cdot OEt_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , $-78^\circ C$.
B: $MgBr_2 \cdot OEt_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , -23 to $0^\circ C$

■ No efficient ways to produce *anti,anti* H or *anti,syn* F

■ Transition state analysis is similar to previous cases

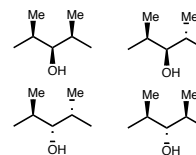
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Transition States for Products E to H
(R)-allene leads to interesting observations

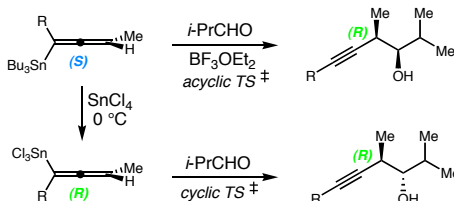


Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes
Inversion of Allene Stereochemistry with SnCl₄

- Looking for a single strategy to give all 4 stereotriads
- Previous work gives efficient syntheses of *syn,syn* and *syn,anti*
- Now define conditions for *anti,anti* and *anti,syn*



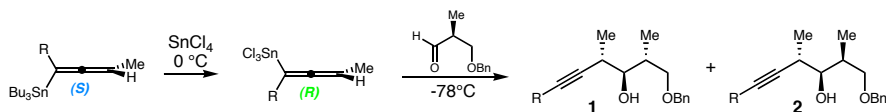
- Addition of SnCl₄ inverts stereochemistry of allene. Use with chiral aldehydes again for better selectivities and access to stereotriads.



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Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes
Inversion of Allene Stereochemistry with SnCl_4

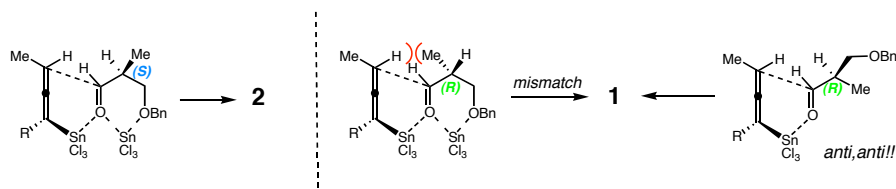
- Solvent has a pronounced effect



R	solvent	yield %	1 : 2
CH_2OAc	CH_2Cl_2	90	67 : 33
CH_2OAc	hexanes	91	7 : 93
C_7H_{15}	hexanes	81	1 : 99

← epimeric at aldehyde α -carbon!?!?
 SnCl_4 in CH_2Cl_2 leads to trace amounts of HCl

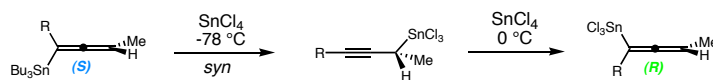
- Cyclic transition states are very selective, and 1 is from aldehyde epimerization



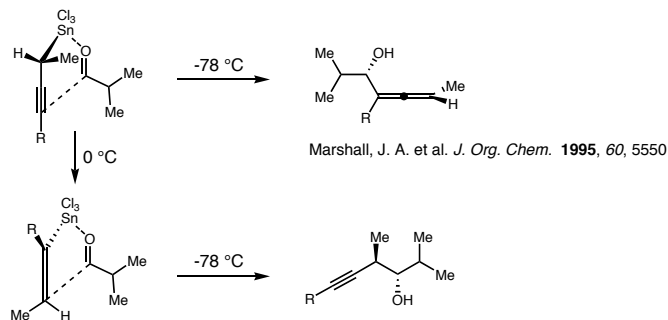
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- Mechanism of allene rearrangement



- Propargyl stannane intermediate observed experimentally



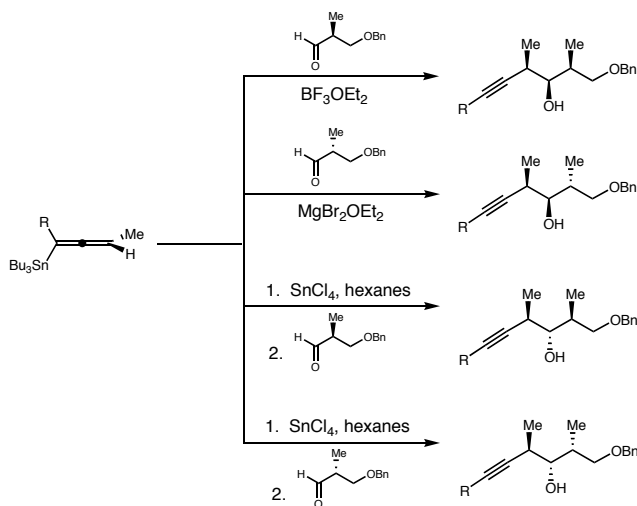
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- Reproducibility can be problematic with SnCl_4 - InI_3 or SnBuCl_3 also do allene inversion but have decreased selectivity
(Marshall, J. A.; Palovich, M. R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 2001.)

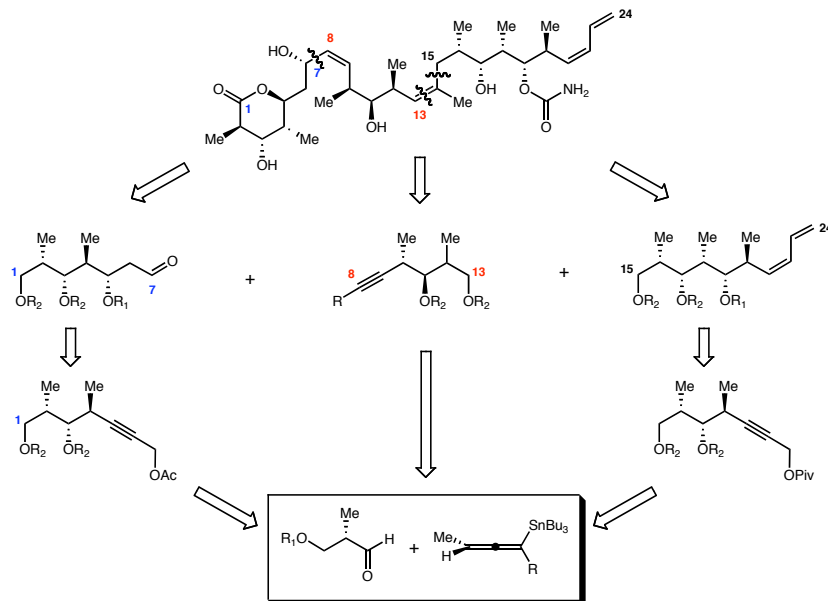
- Allenylsilanes can also be used with TiCl_4 - all 4 stereotriads can be access by choice of chelating or non-chelating group on aldehyde
(Marshall, J. A.; Maxson, K. *J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, *65*, 603.)

Diastereoselective Additions of Chiral Allenyl Stannanes
Summary

- Access to all 4 stereotriads from one allenyl stannane using reagent control

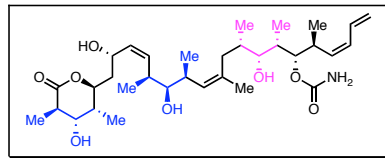


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Retrosynthesis



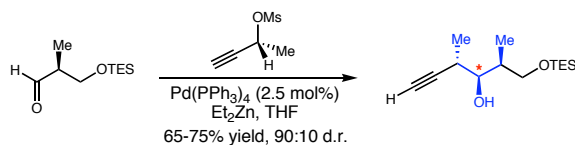
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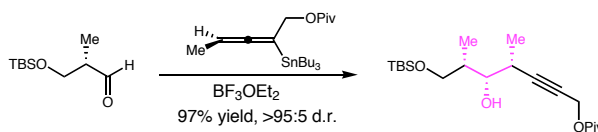


■ C₂-C₄ and C₁₀-C₁₂ stereotriad from new allenylzinc addition (Marshall *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 63, 3812)

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- did not desire to use InI₃ or InBr₃ in large scale syntheses

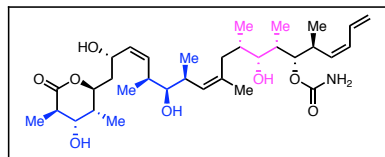


■ C₁₆-C₁₈ stereotriad from allenylstannane addition with BF₃OEt₂



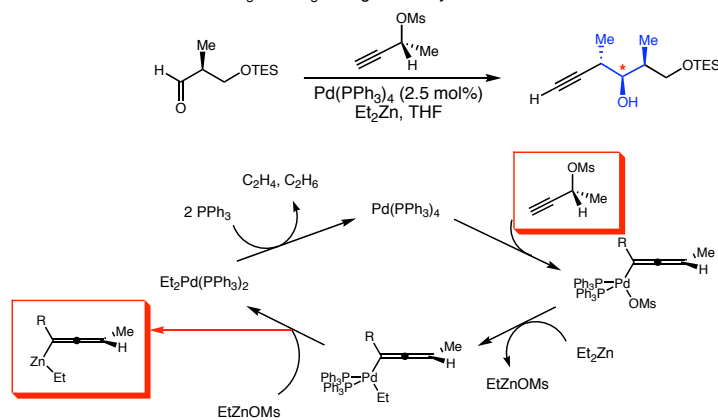
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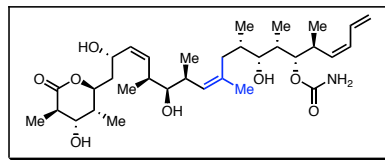
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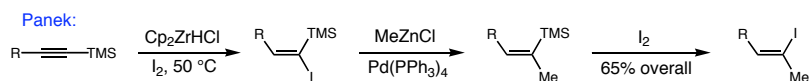
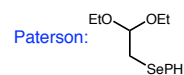
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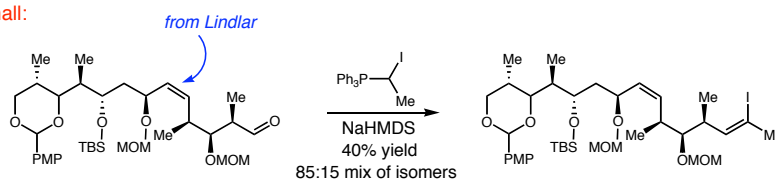
■ A new approach to olefin formation - β -alkyl Suzuki coupling

■ First must selectively form (*Z*)-vinyl iodide - Wittig reagent

- Wittig reagent is low yielding and not as selective as other methods but amenable for large scale synthesis
- Paterson's selenium reagent is toxic
- Panek uses a large excess of Schwartz's reagent

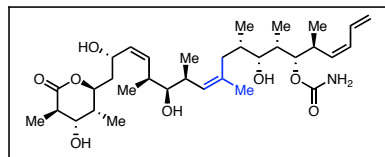


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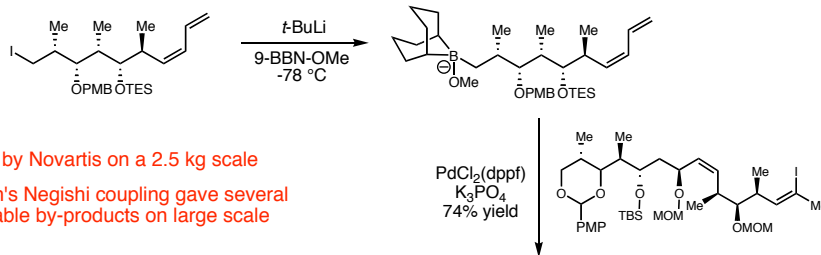


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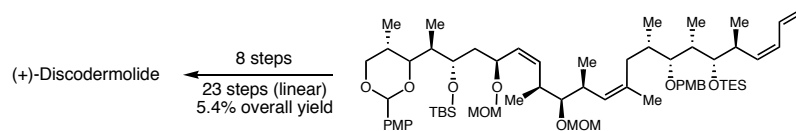


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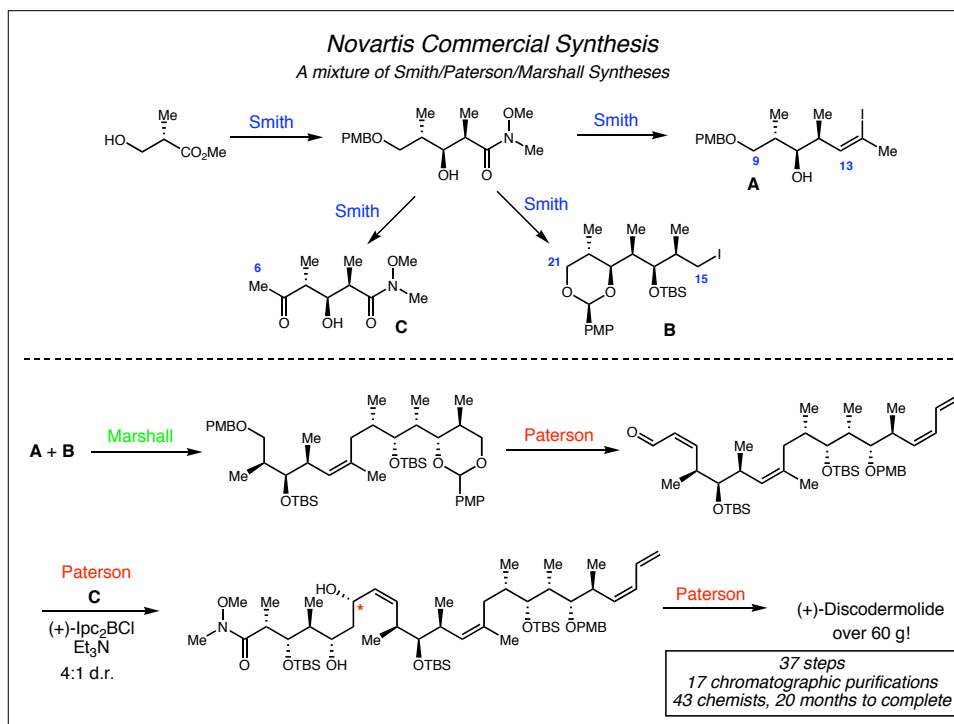


■ used by Novartis on a 2.5 kg scale

■ Smith's Negishi coupling gave several inseparable by-products on large scale



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Summary

Discodermolide

- Several total syntheses and numerous formal syntheses
- Smith and Paterson and Marshall approaches were combined for the commercial synthesis by Novartis
- Other approaches detail novel ways to access stereotriads or stereopentad.
 - none are as efficient as the approaches described here
 - Schrieber, Myles, and Smith (2nd generation) utilizes lewis acid-mediated crotylations with allylsilanes or allyl stannanes - not useful for larger scale
- There is no practical, original way to set polypropionates for discodermolide
- Large scale preparation of discodermolide will allow for significant testing for anti-cancer activity and other health issues

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