

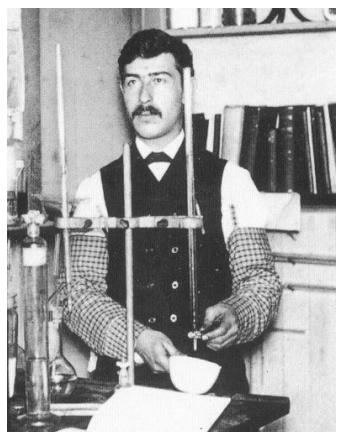
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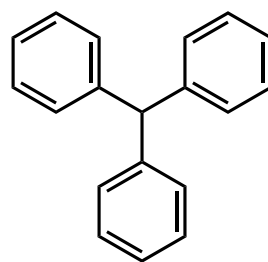
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# Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis

## ■ A little history



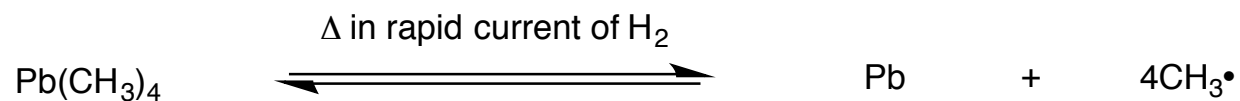
### ■ 1900: Moses Gomberg



"Ph<sub>3</sub>C" rather than "Ph<sub>3</sub>C•"

trivalent carbon  
(discovery predated electronic theory)

### ■ 1929: Paneth and Hofeditz



Gomberg, M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1900**, *22*, 757.

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## Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis

- A change in the synthetic community's outlook on carbon radicals

### "Unruly & Uncontrollable"

- dimerization at diffusion rates
- disproportionation
- polymerization
- extremely reactive

### Functional Group Transformations

- Kolbe oxidation
- Hoffman-Löffler-Freytag
- Meerwein arylation
- NBS bromination
- Kharasch reaction
- Tin Hydride

*then in the 1980s.....*

### "Mild, Neutral and Selective"

- extremely reactive
- neutral species, good for crowded bonds
- inert to OH and NH
- no  $\beta$ -elimination of OR, NR, etc.
- ground state of structures good T.S. models
- easy racemic synthesis of radical precursor

### Synthetic Radical Chemistry

- Giese reactions: Intermolecular Additions
- Barton's thiohydroxamates: Carbon Radicals
- Hart's pyrrolizidine synthesis
- Stork's regio- and stereoselective syntheses
- Curran's tandem syntheses

## *Radical Cyclizations in Total Synthesis*

- Goal: General overview of major methods from the 1980s boom

Cyclizations organized by method of radical generation:

The Tin Hydride Method

The Fragmentation Method

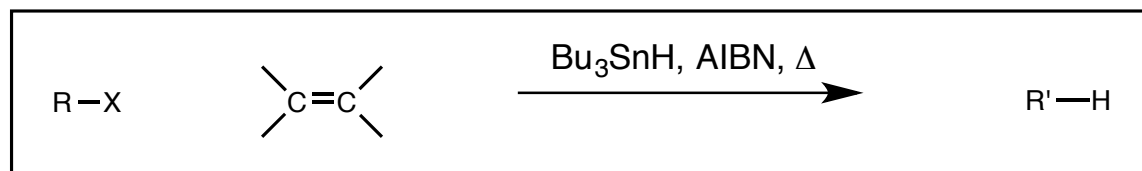
The Reduction Method

The Oxidation Method

Showcase power of these methods with examples from today

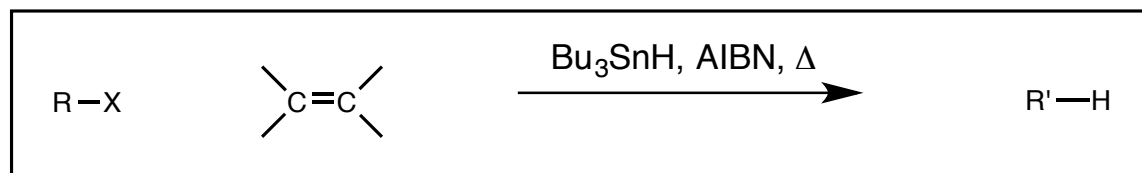
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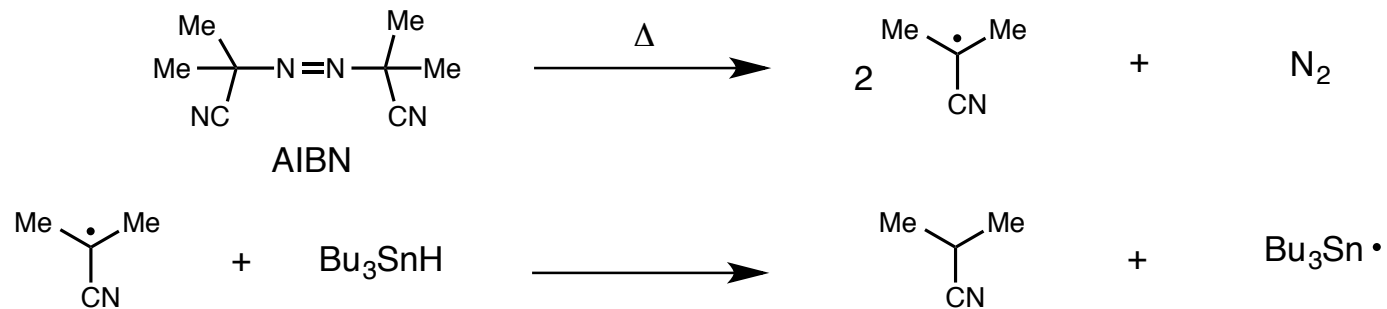


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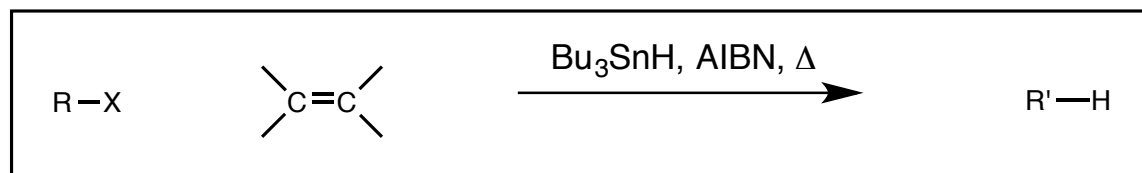


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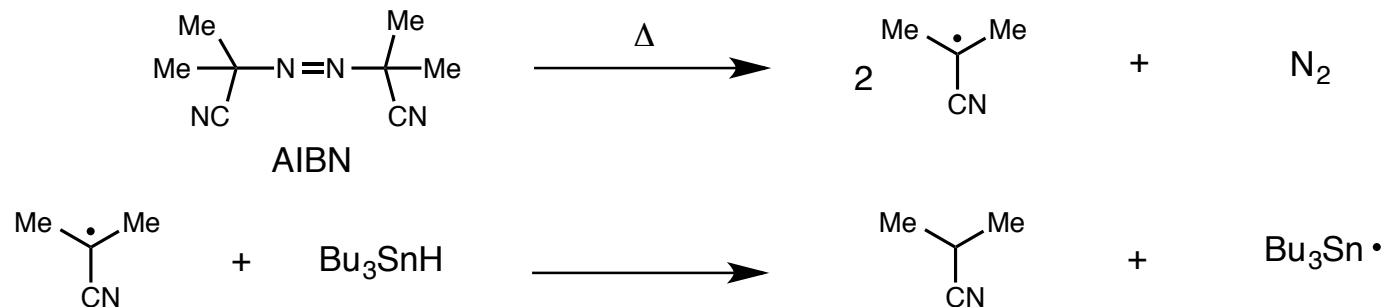


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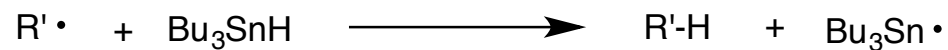
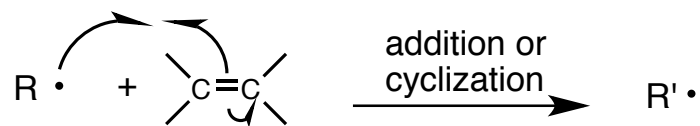
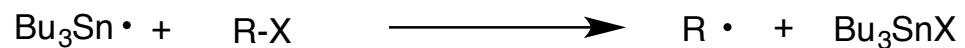
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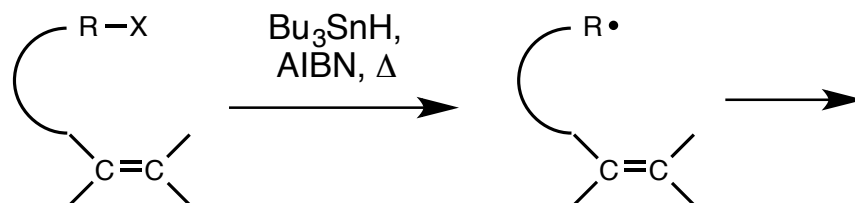


### Propagation:



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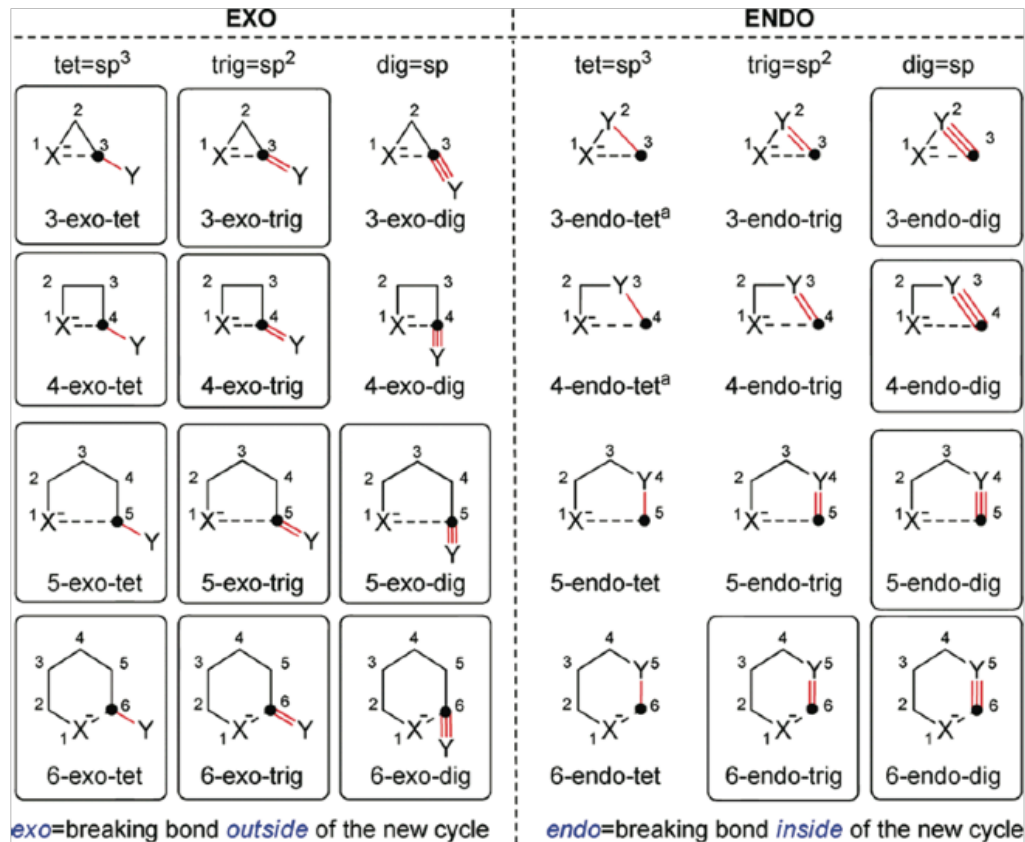
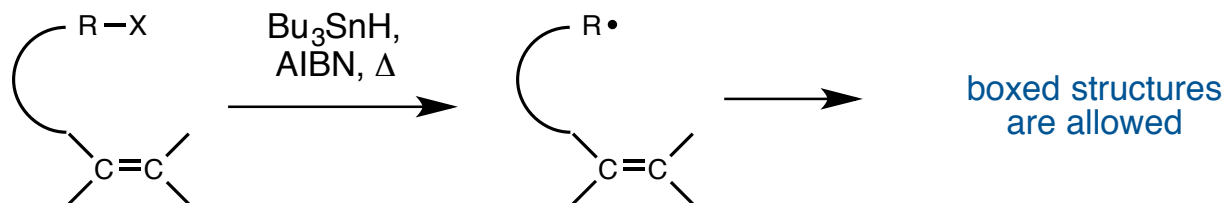
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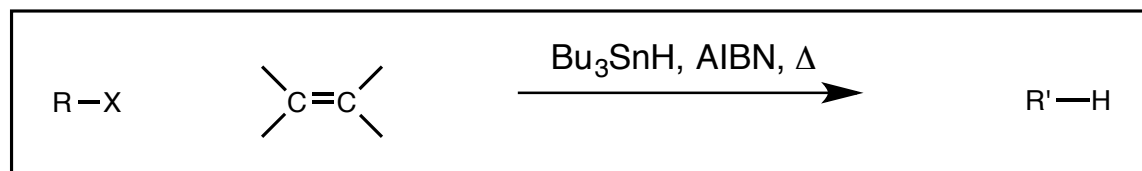
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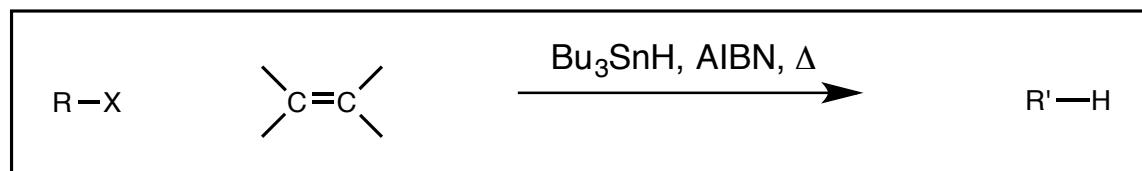
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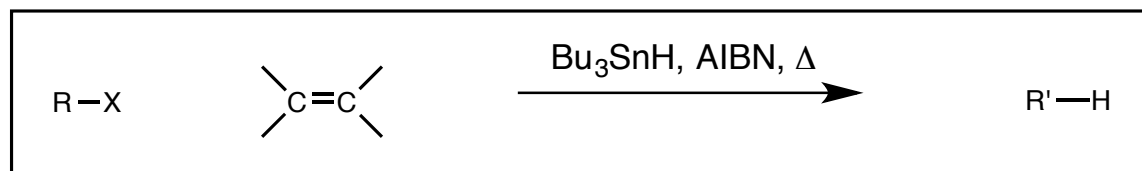
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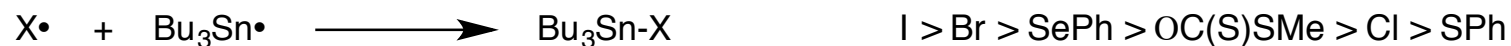
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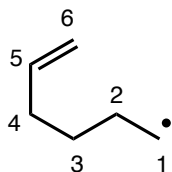
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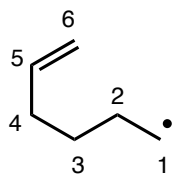
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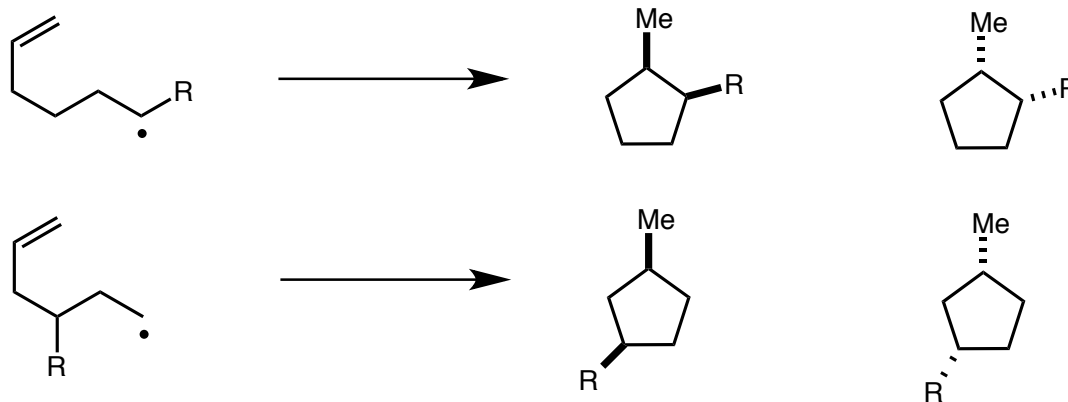
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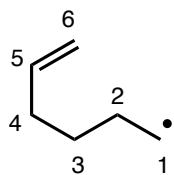


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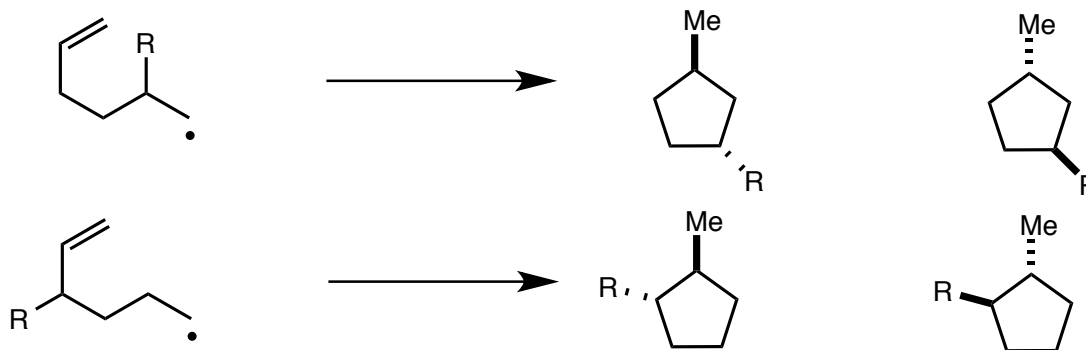
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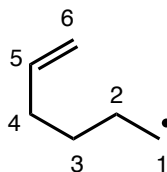
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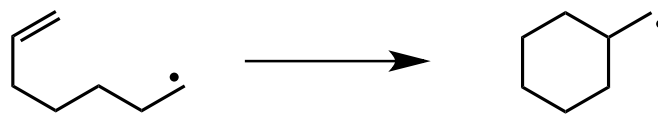
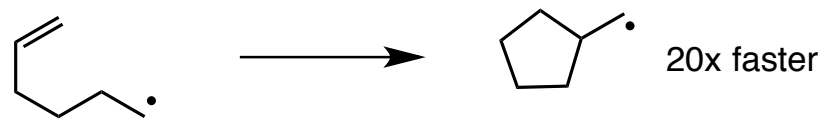
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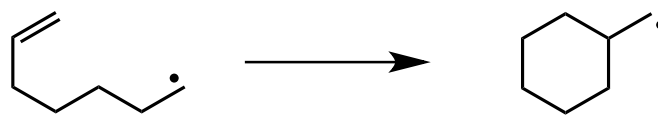
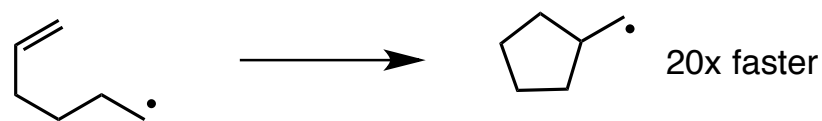
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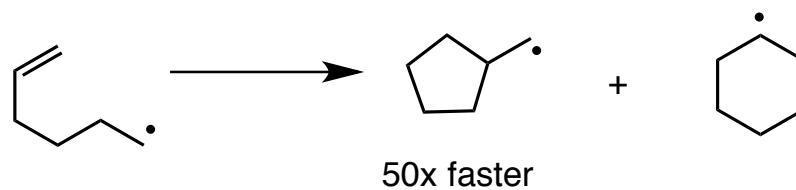
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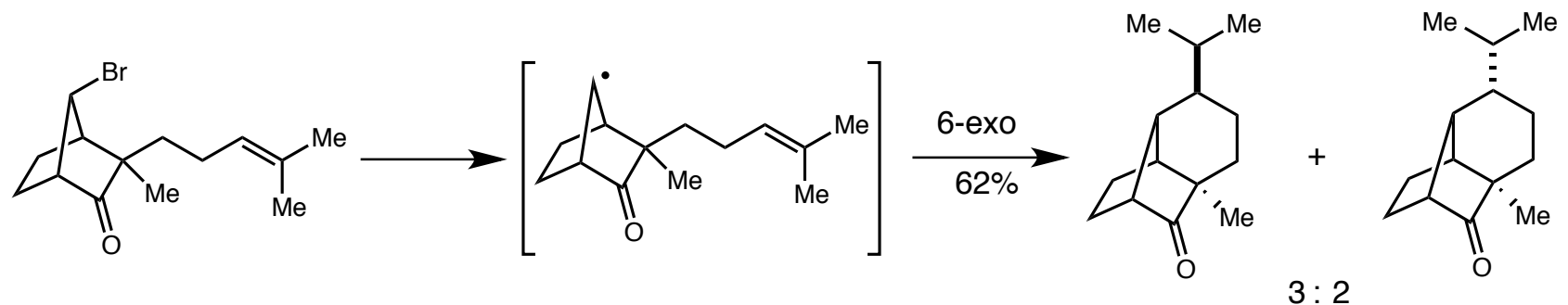


#### ■ High regioselectivity for 5-exo

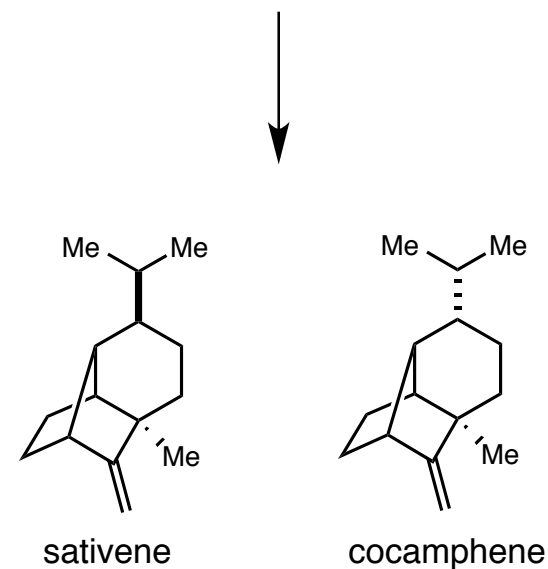
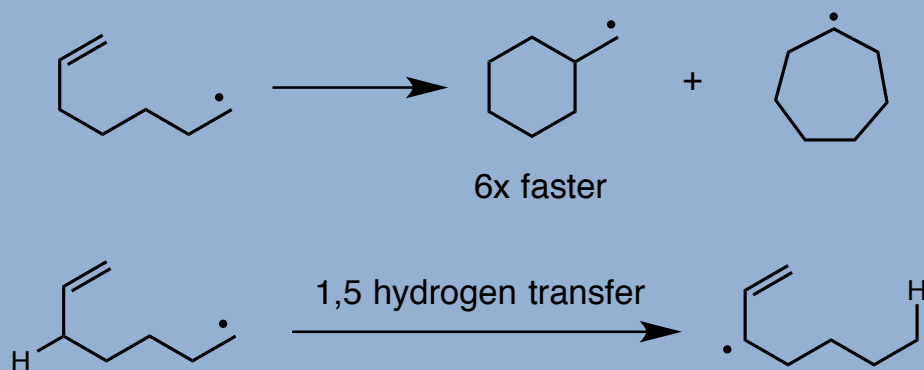


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### ■ First application of tin hydride in total synthesis



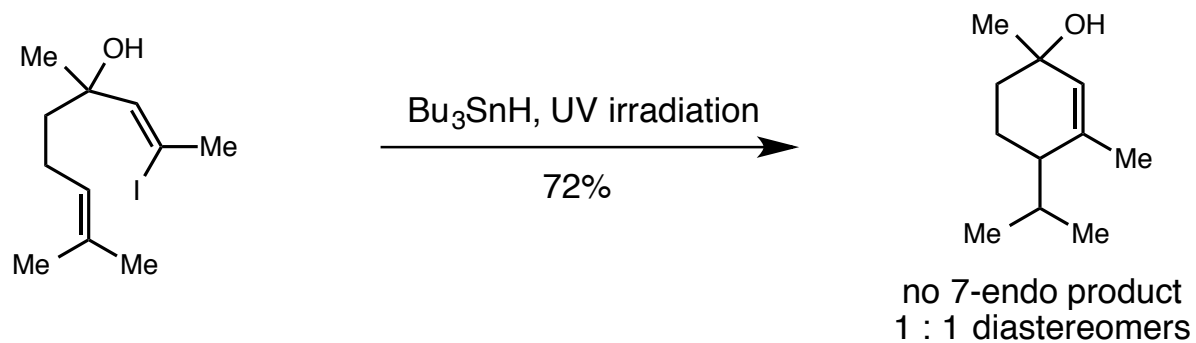
- 6-membered rings are less general than 5
- diminished regioselective and stereoselectivity
- more susceptible to reduction before cyclization



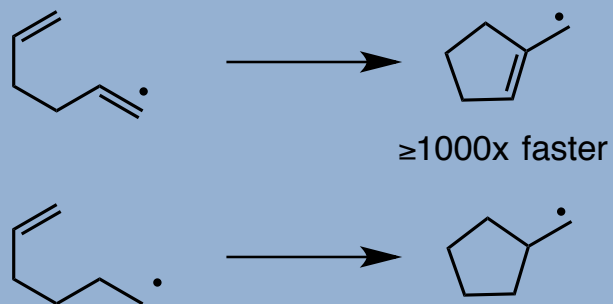
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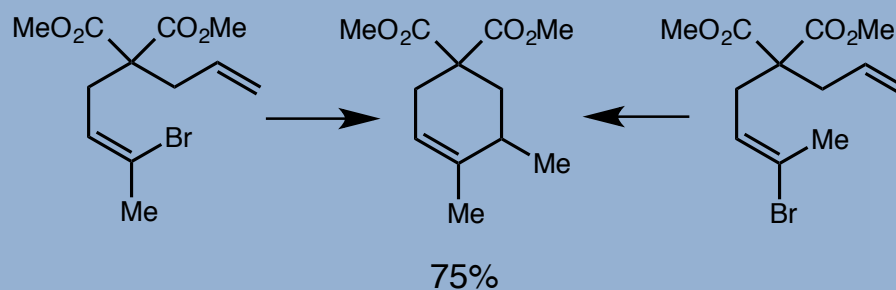
### ■ Stork improves the 6-exo cyclization



### ■ vinyl radicals much more reactive to cyclization

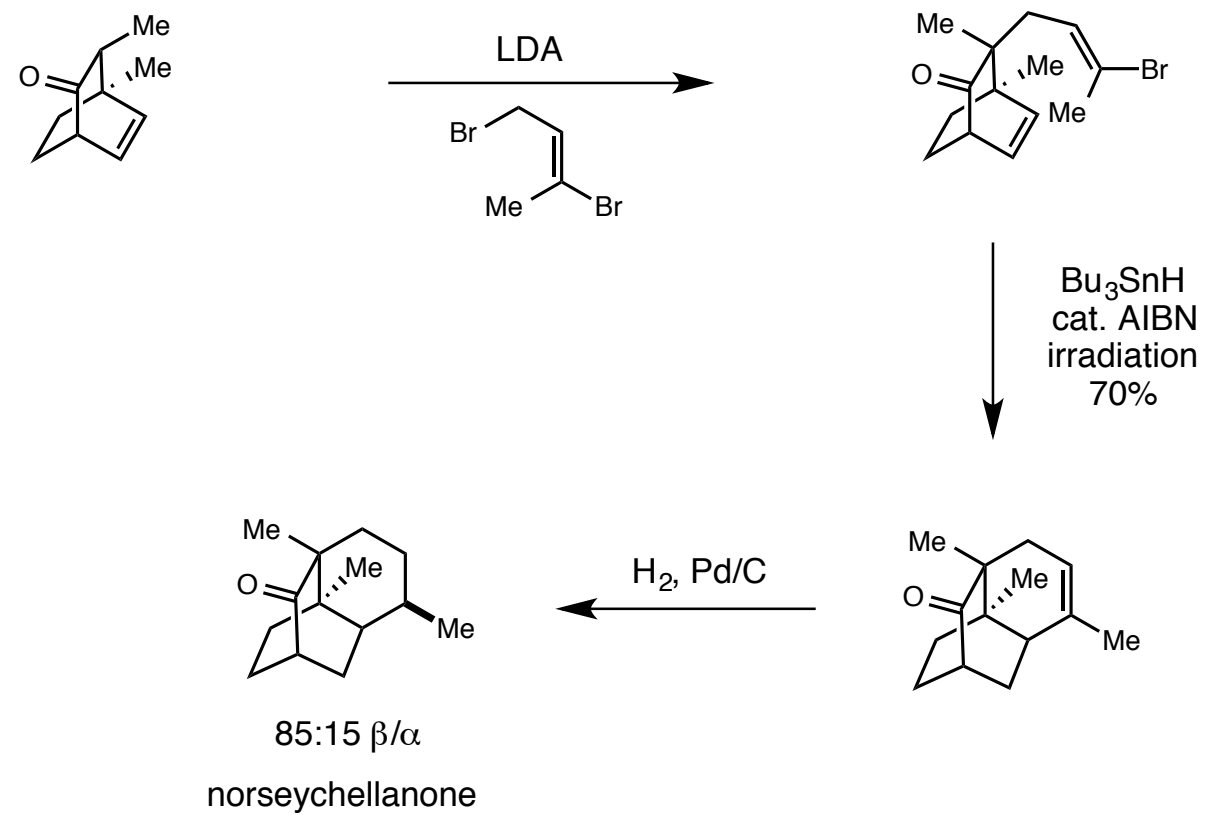


- more susceptible to reduction and good allylic H atom abstractor
- low inversion barrier for vinyl radical



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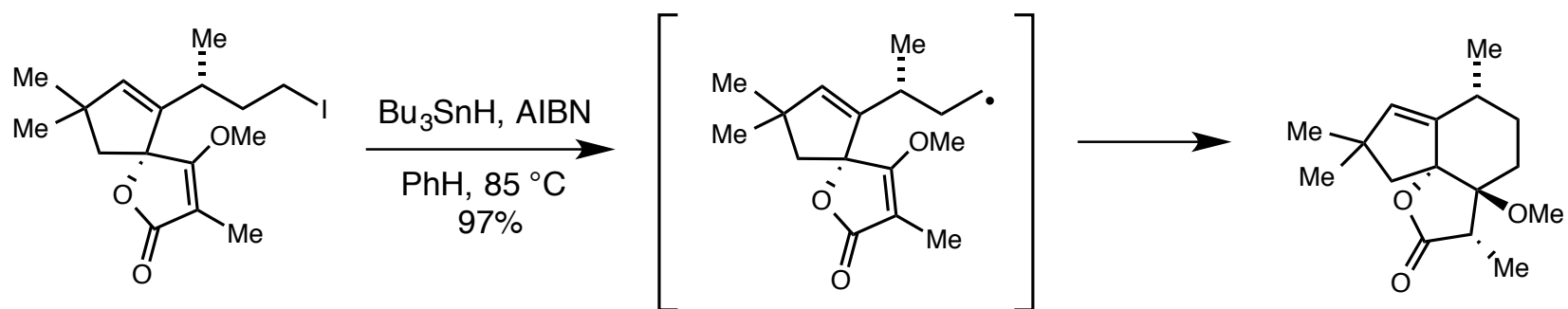
### ■ Vinyl radical in the total synthesis of norseychellanone



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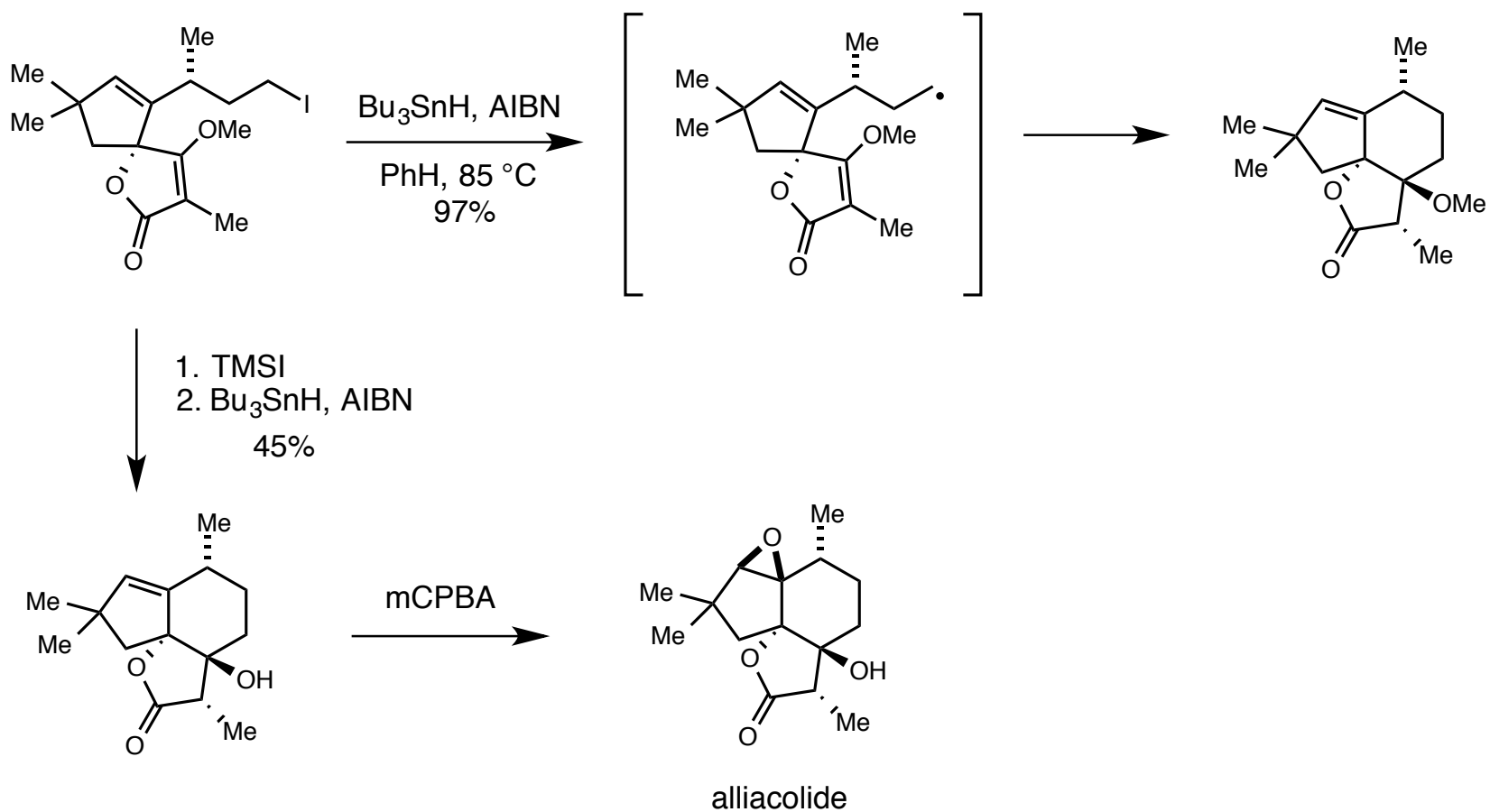
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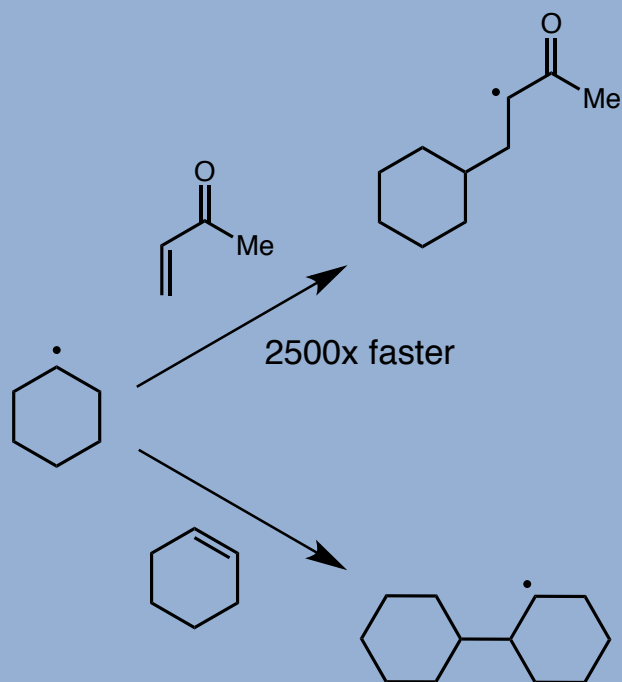
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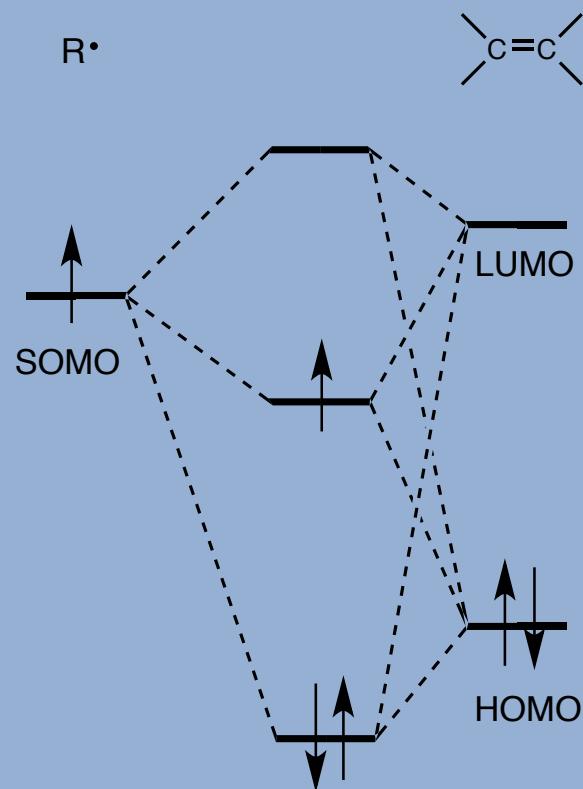
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## Enones as radical acceptor activators

### Empirical evidence



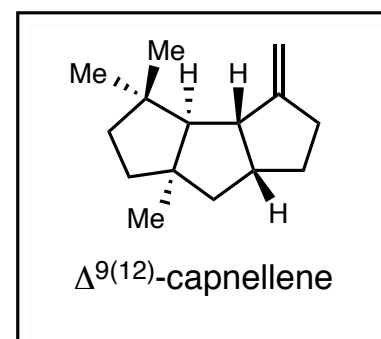
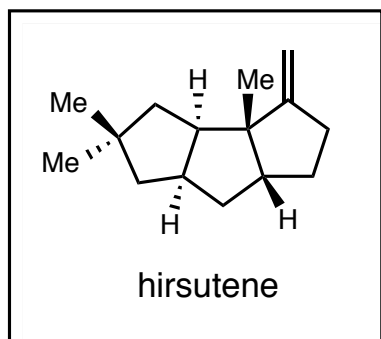
### Frontier orbital theory explanation





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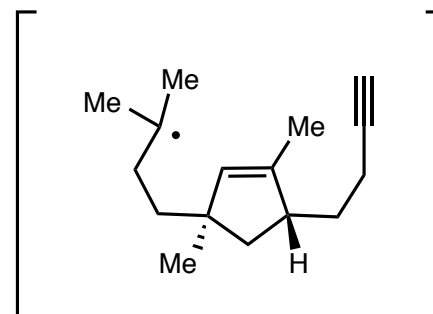
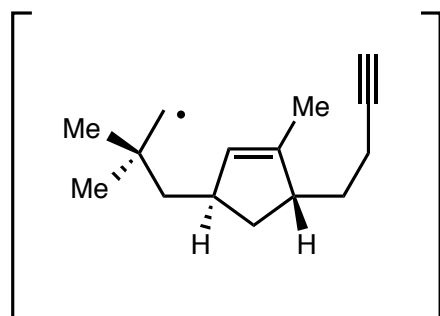
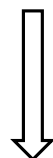
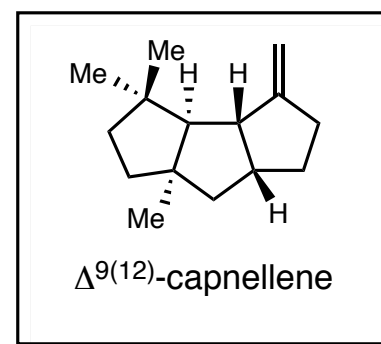
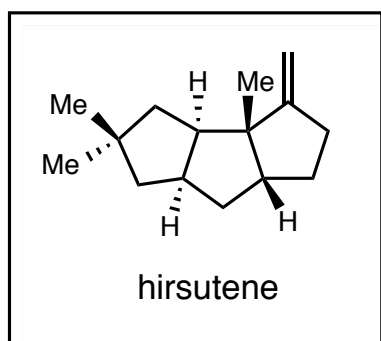


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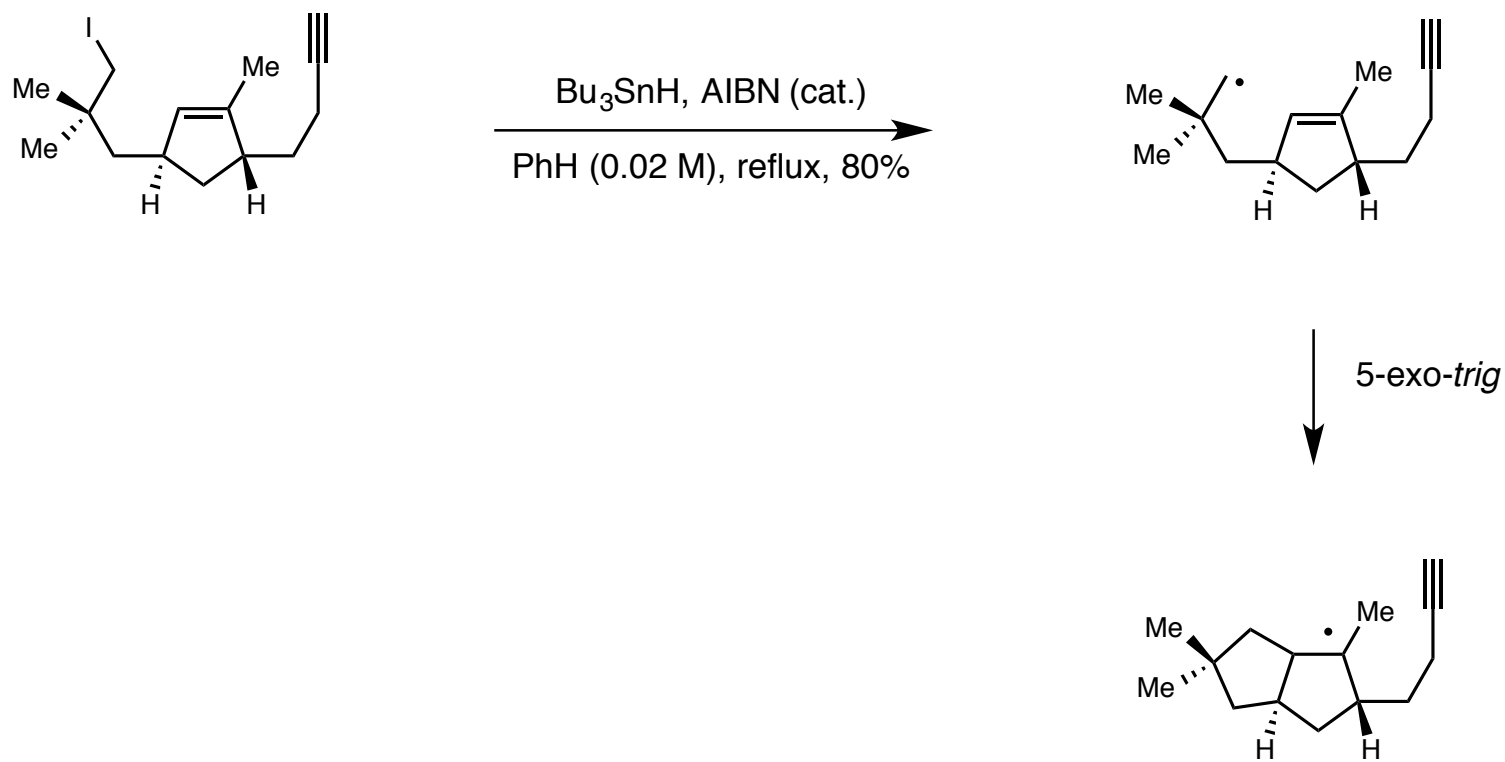
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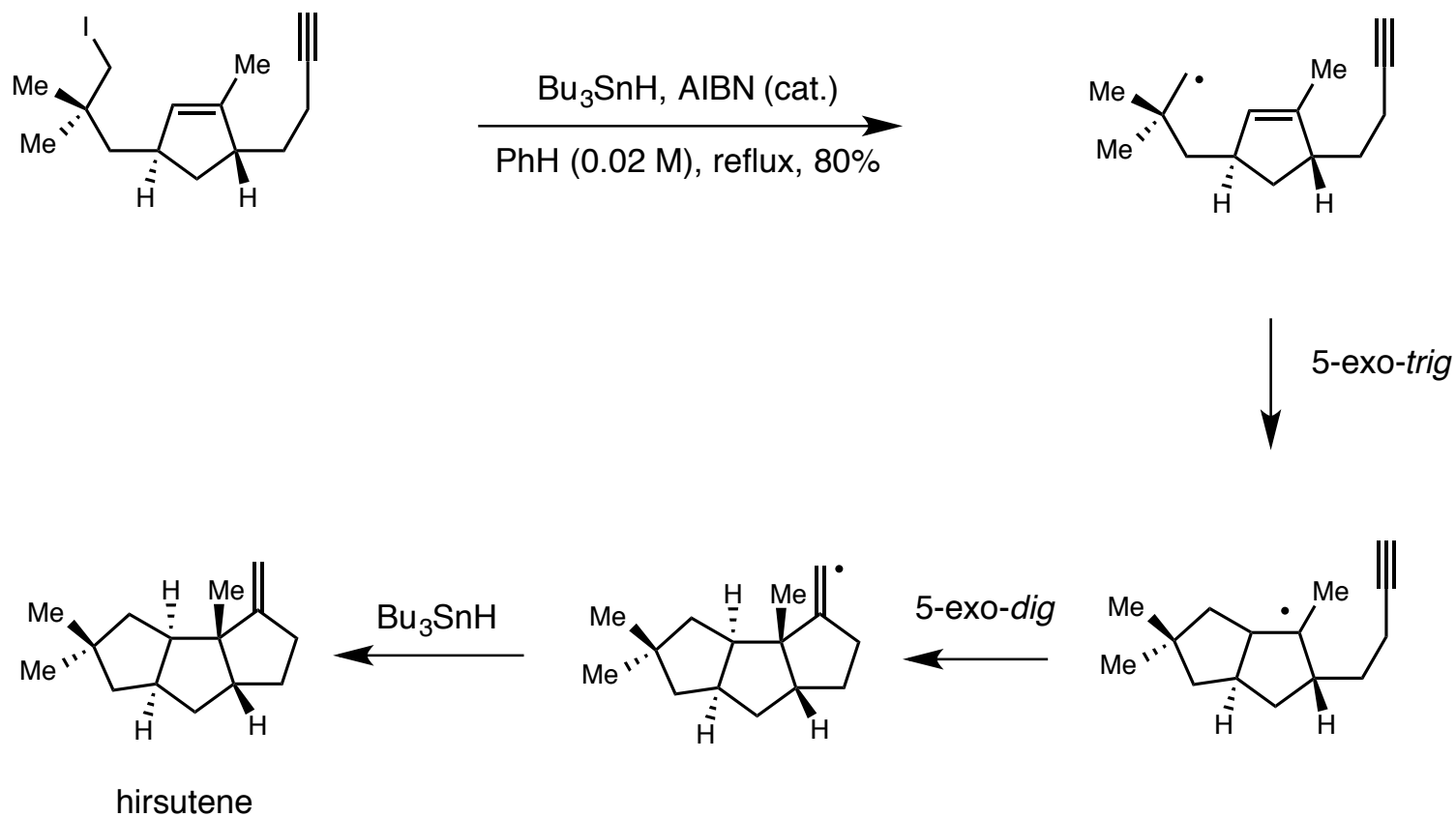
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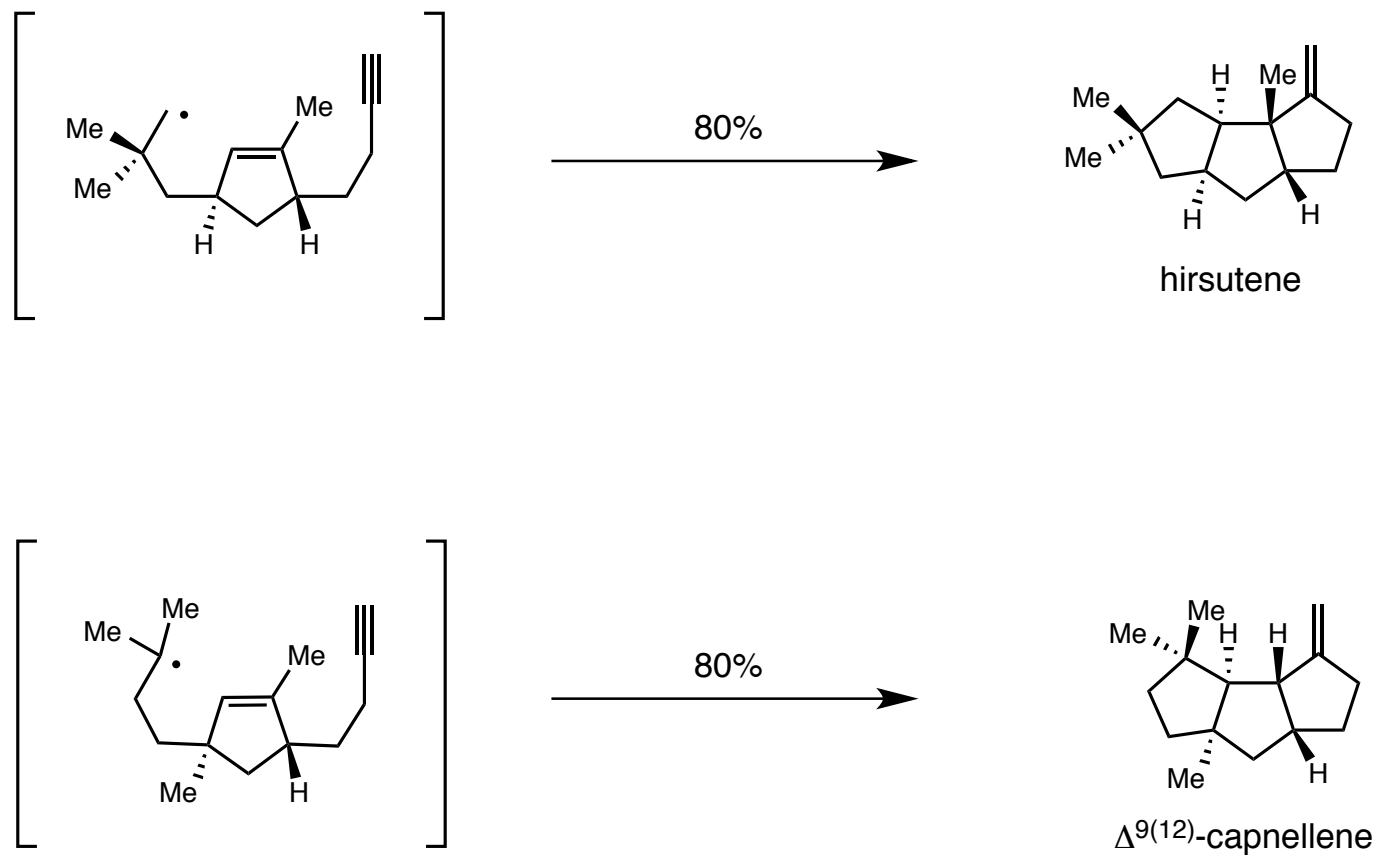


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- 1°, 2°, and 3° alkyl radicals have similar reactivities

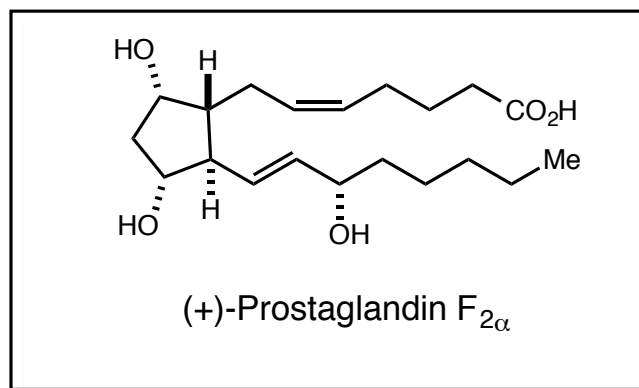


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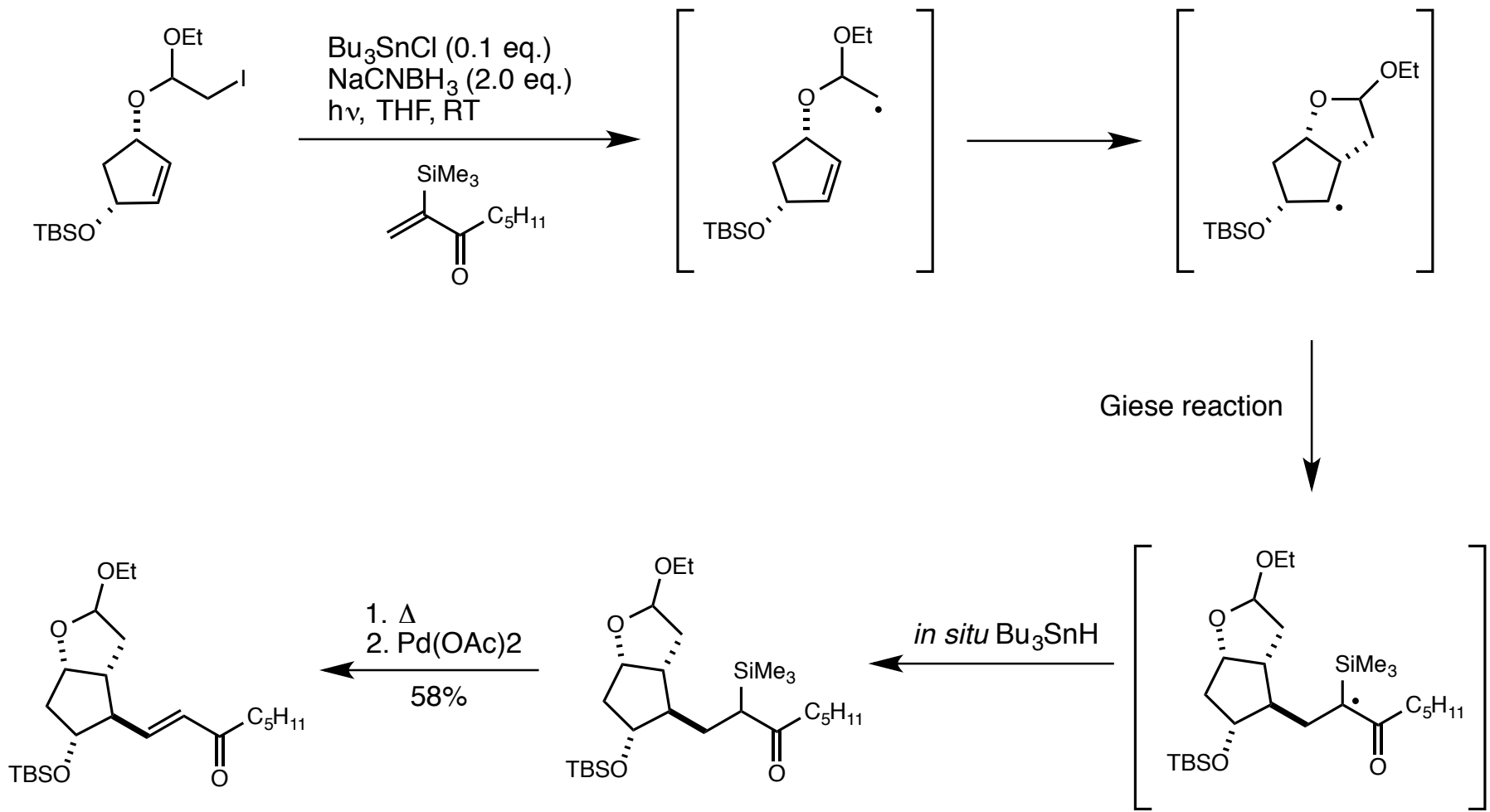
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- A common natural product for radical cyclization strategies



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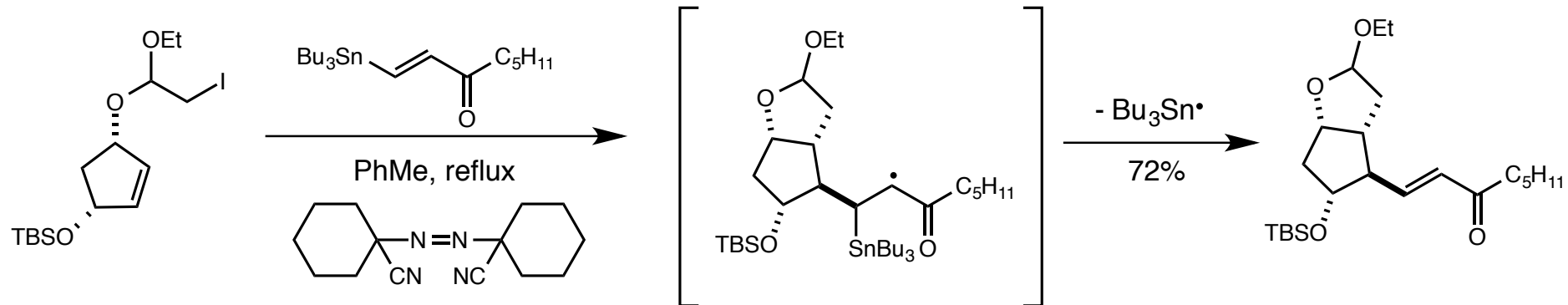
### Stork's tandem vicinal difunctionalization strategy



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### ■ Keck's attempt at PGF<sub>2α</sub>

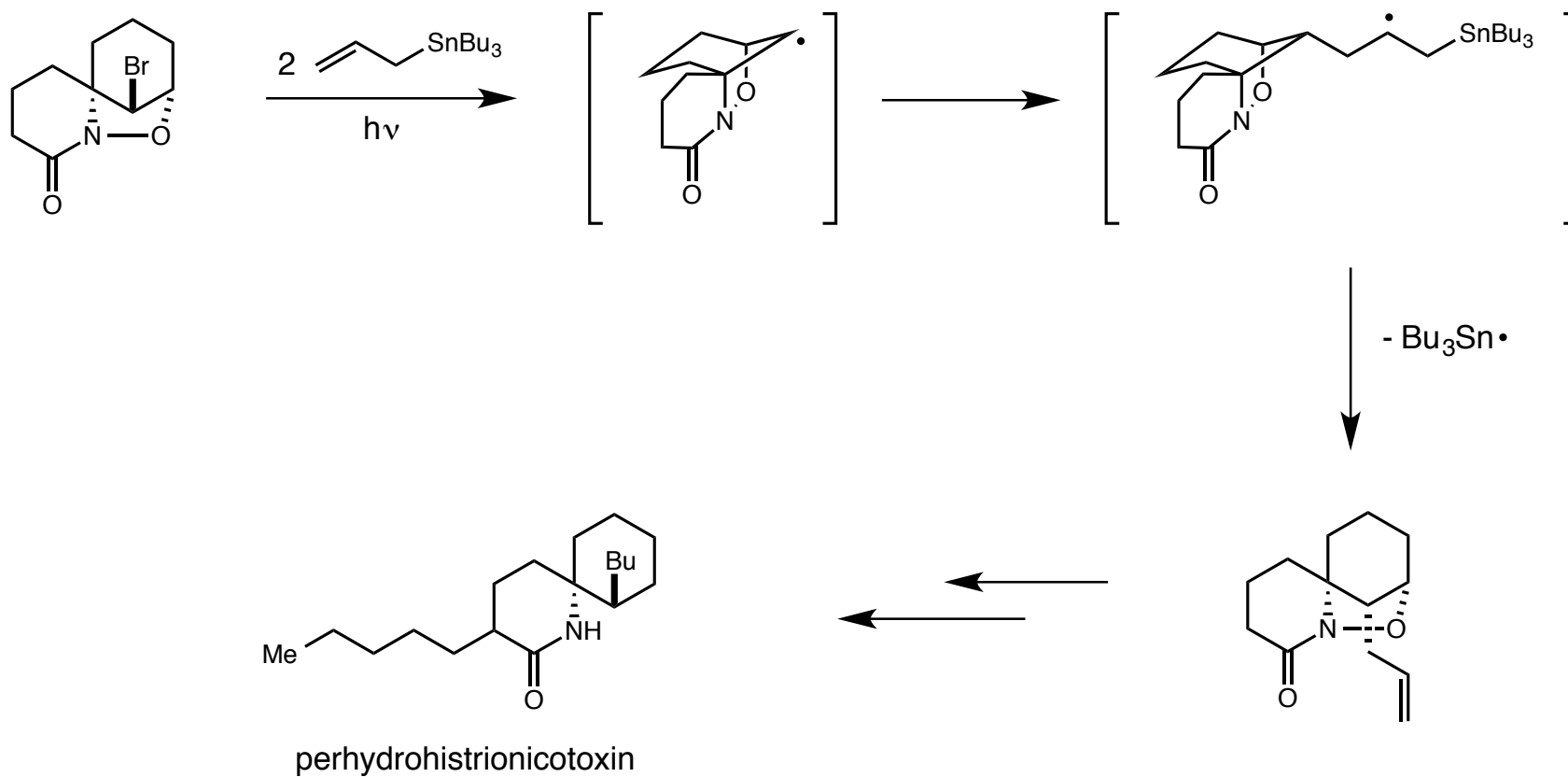




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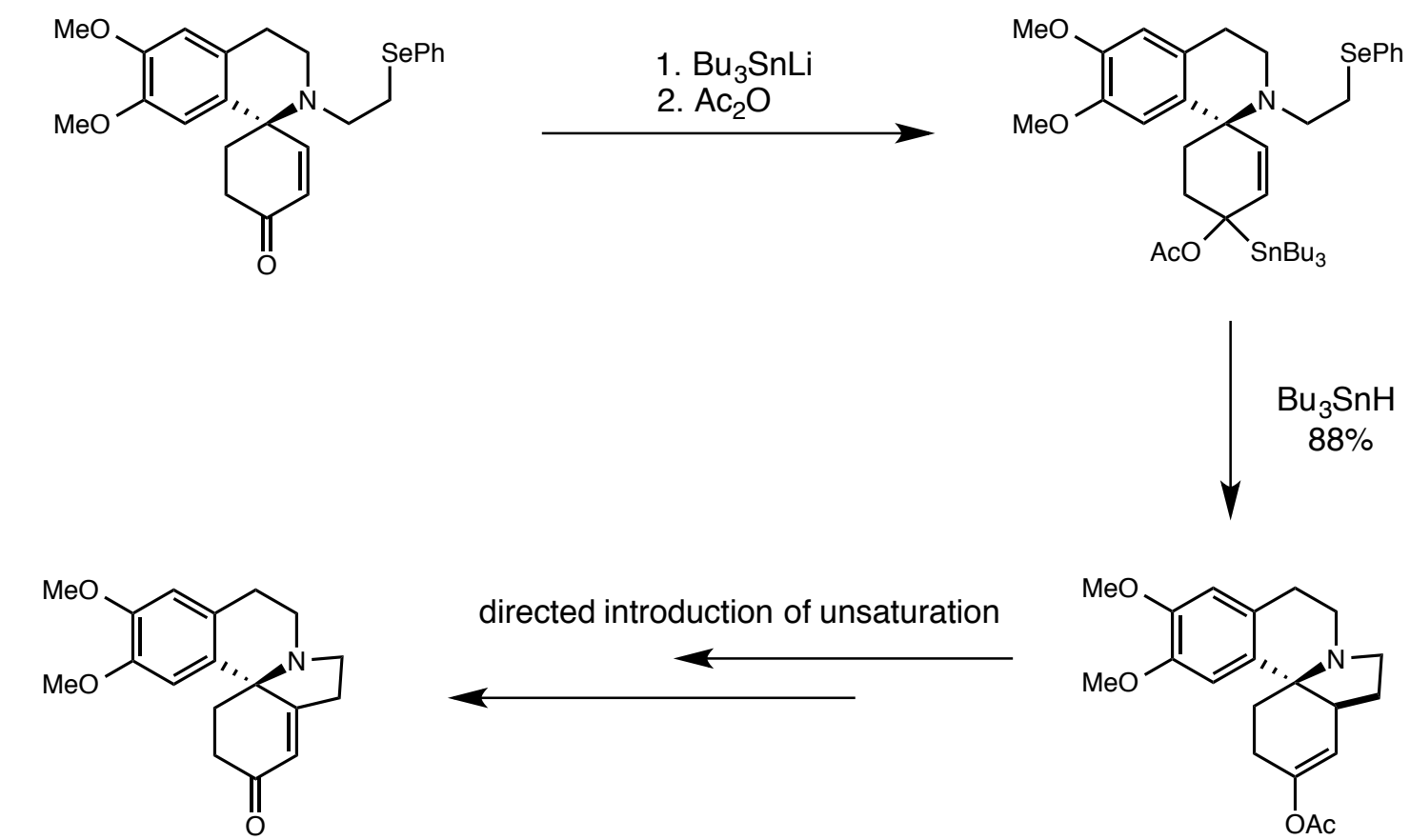
### ■ The fragmentation method

#### ■ Keck applies allylation to perhydrohistrionicotoxin synthesis



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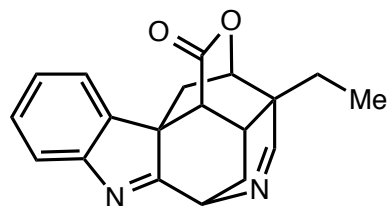
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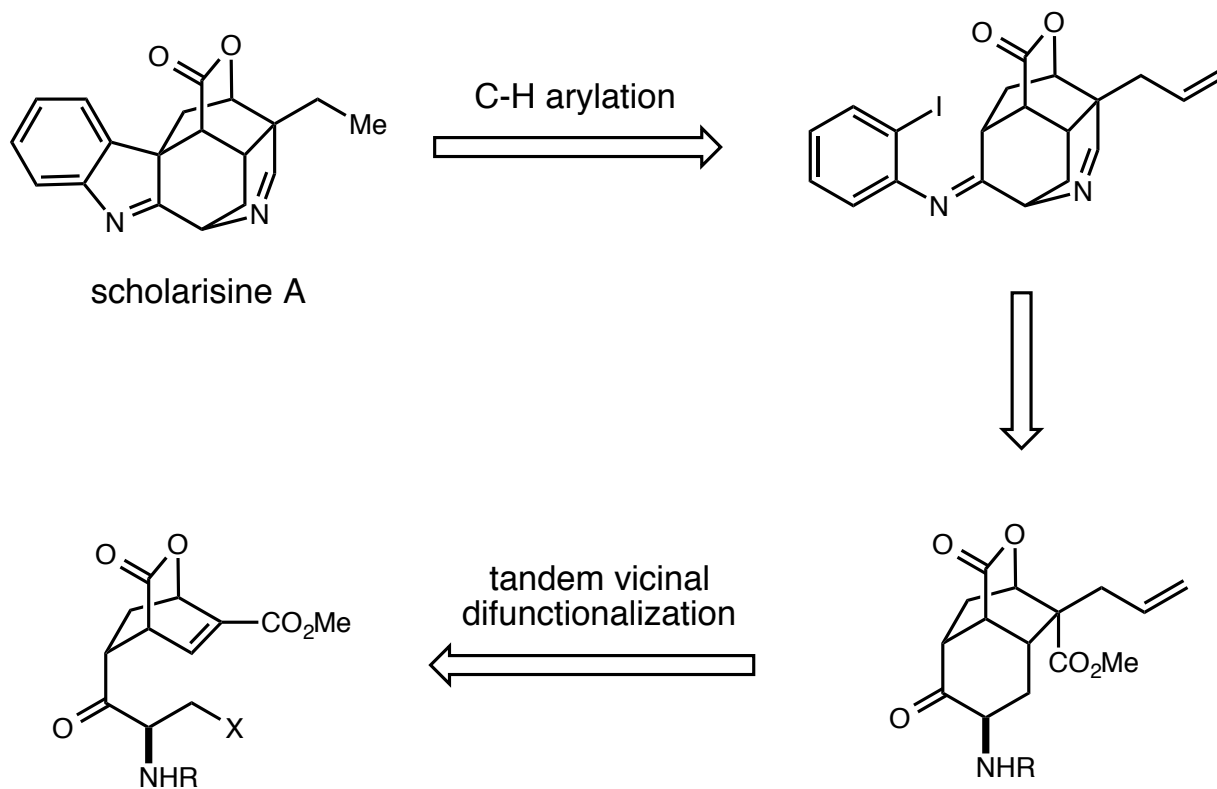
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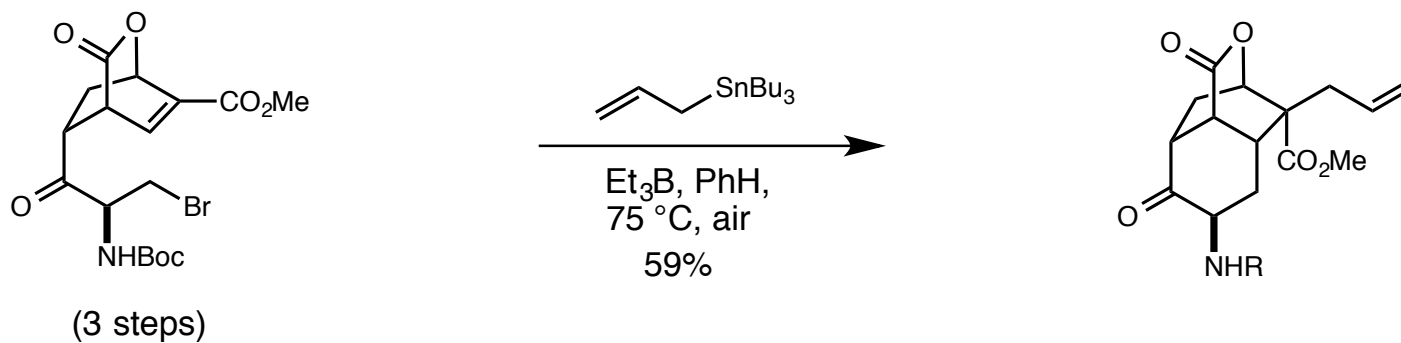
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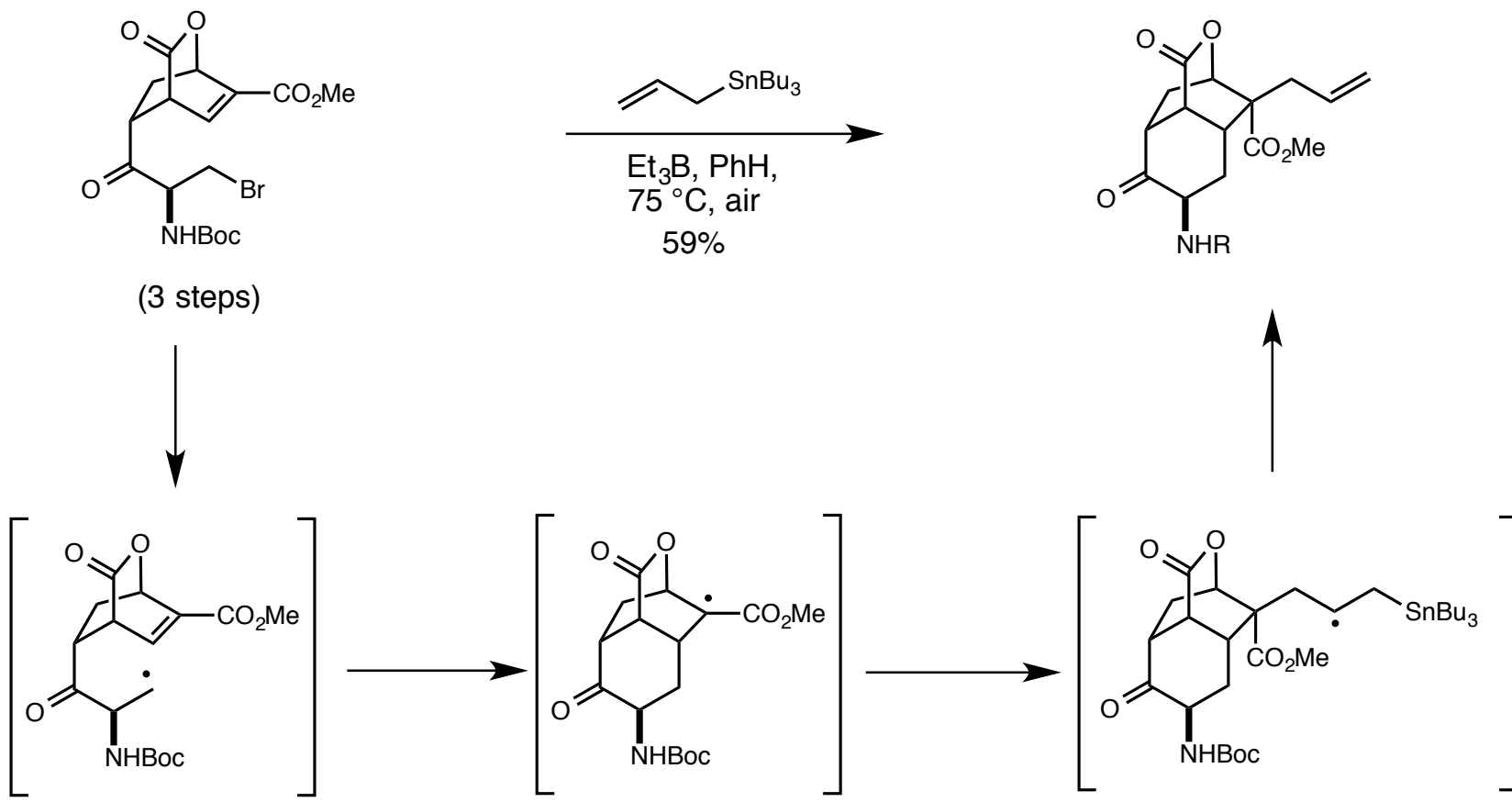
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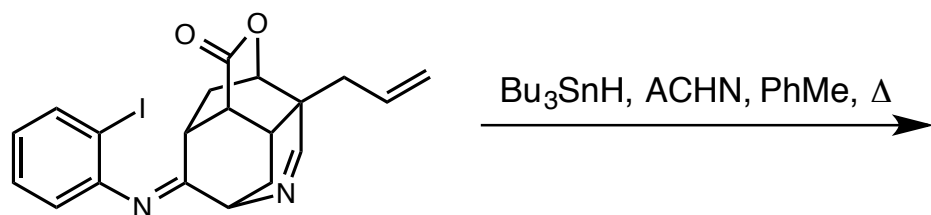
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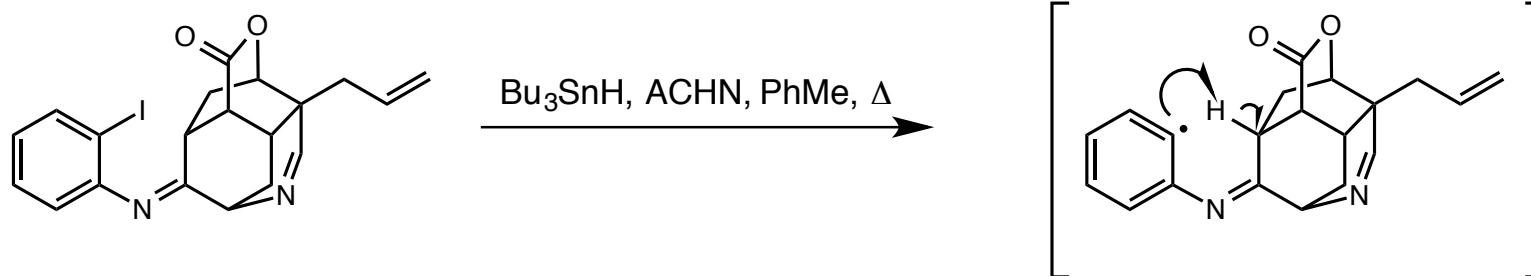
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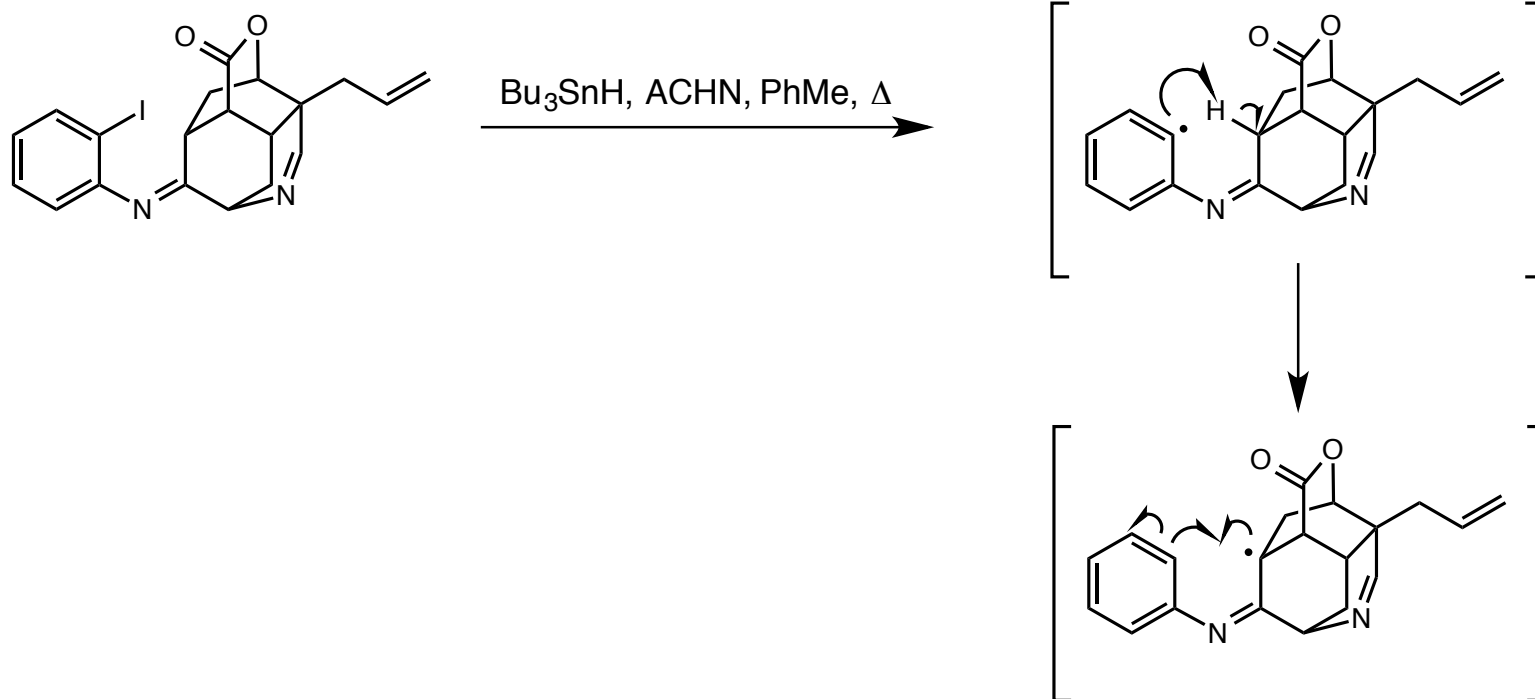
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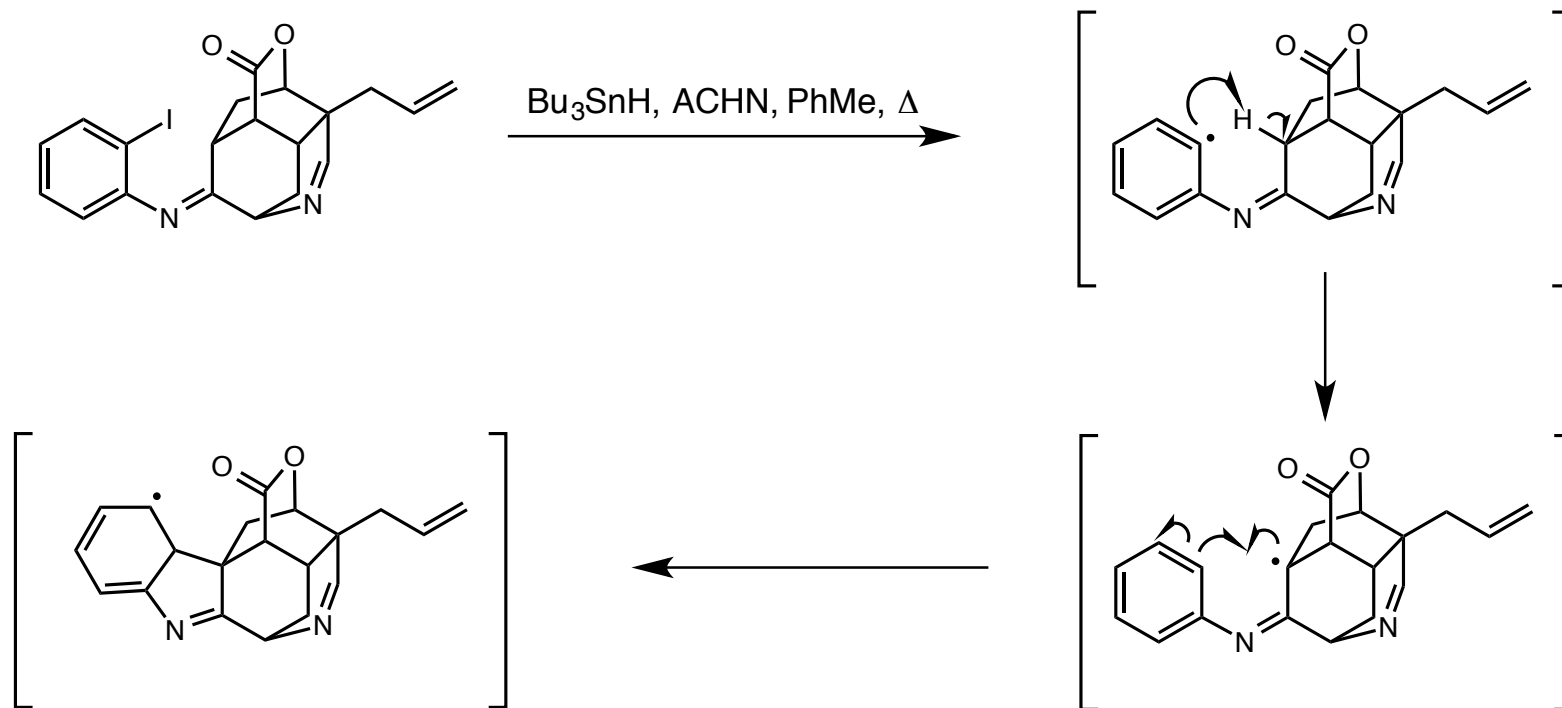
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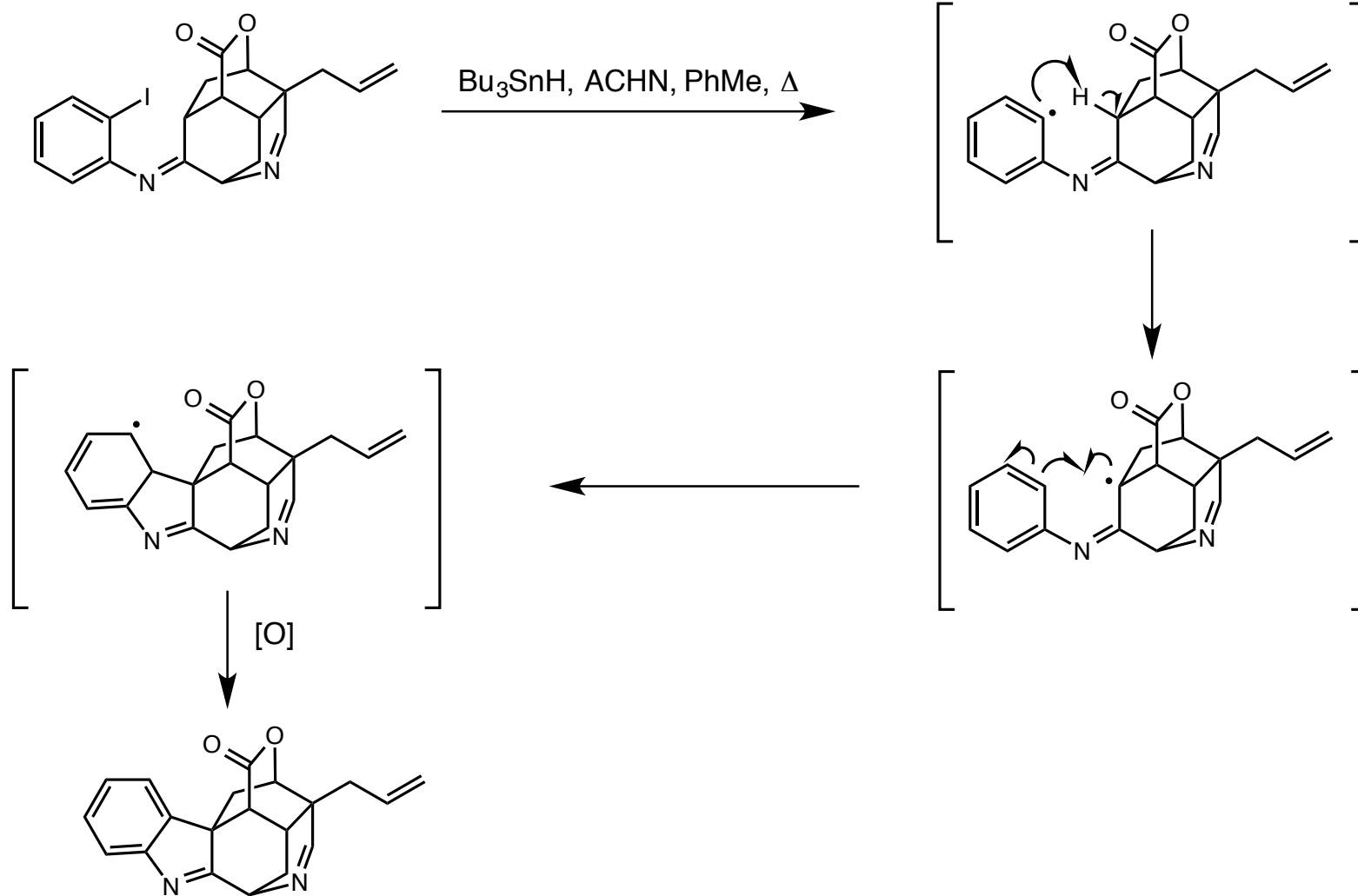
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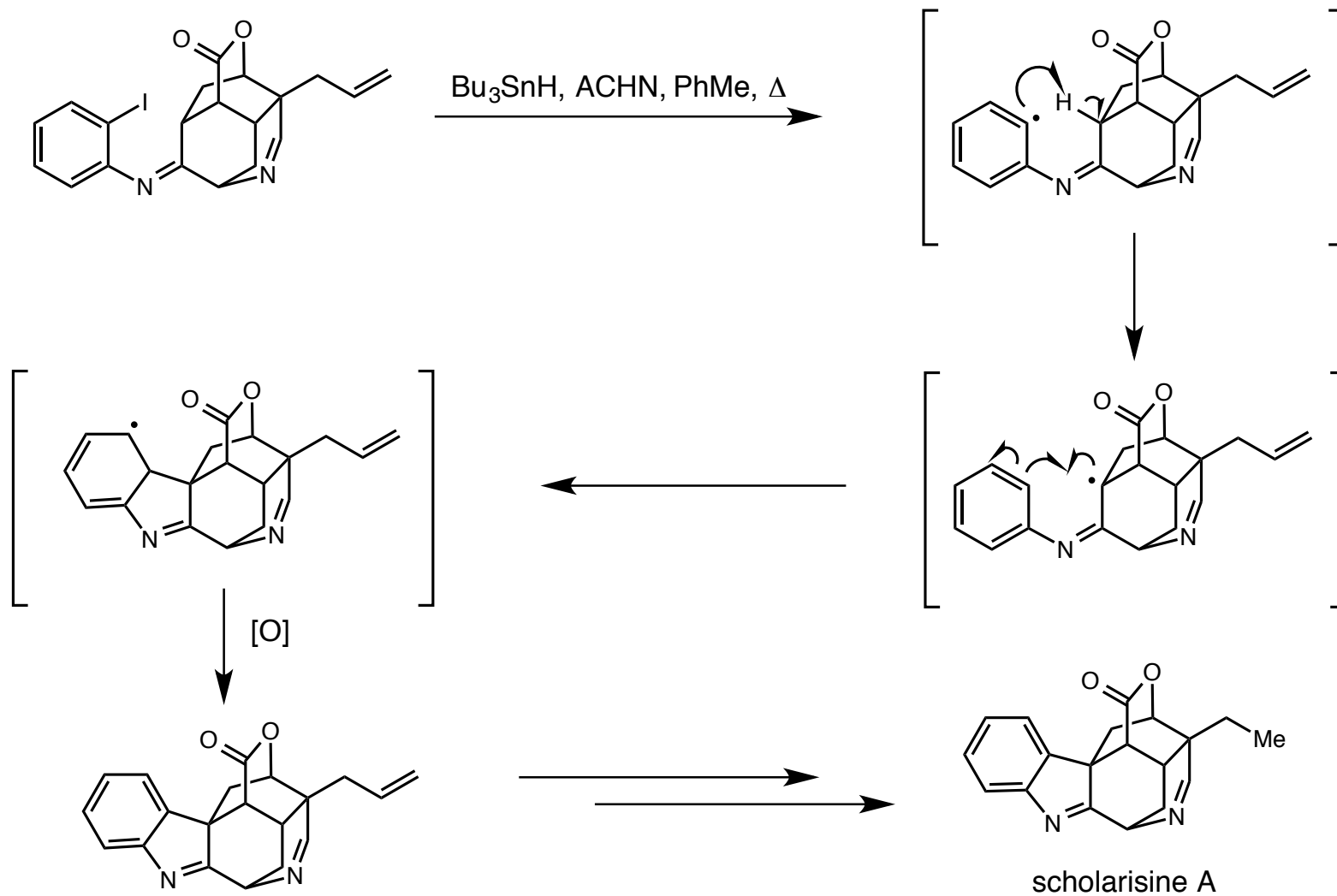
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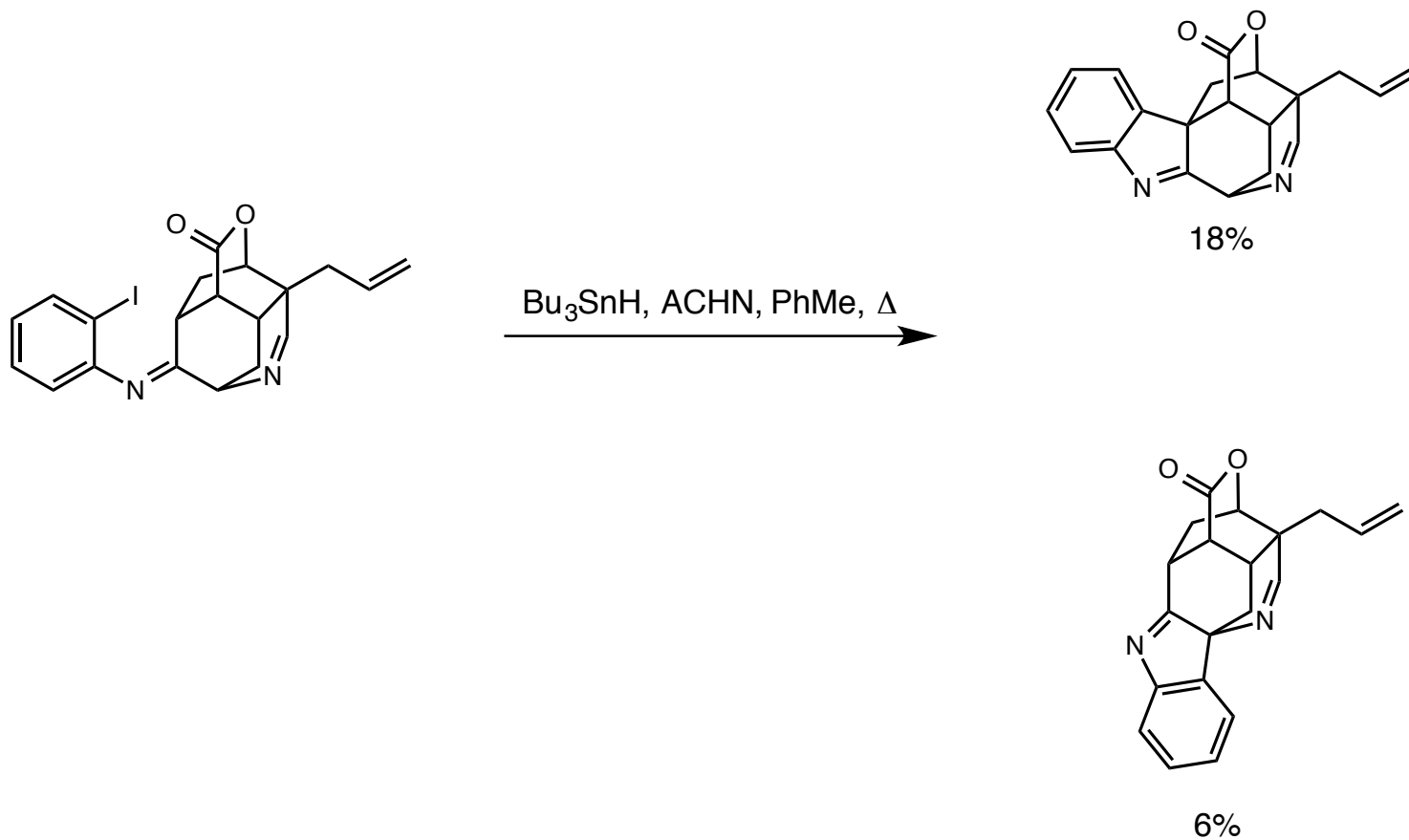
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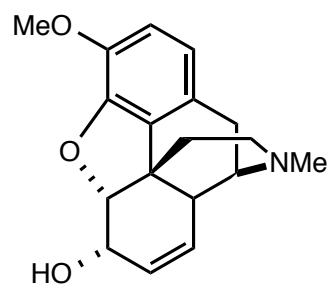
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- Aryl radicals utilized as hydrogen atom abstractors



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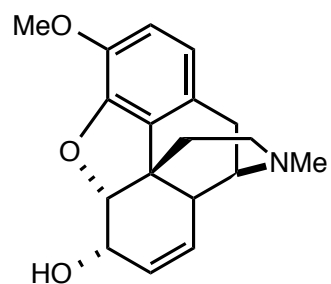
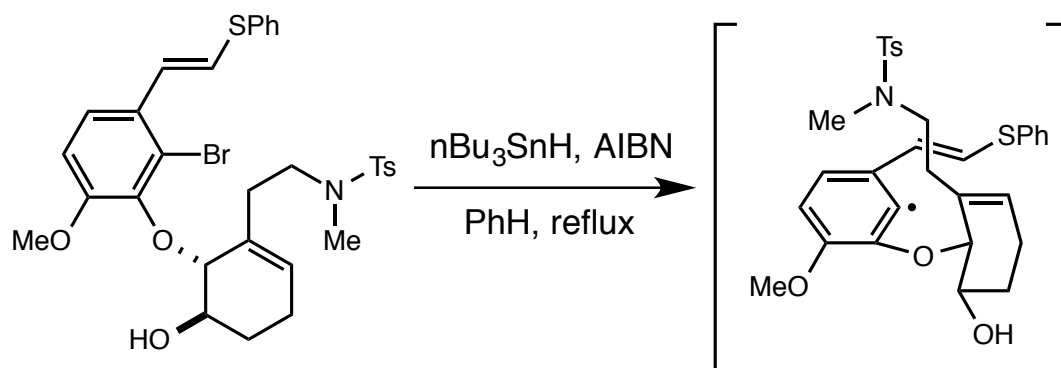
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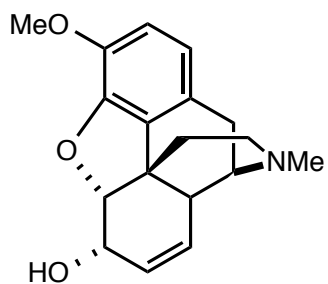
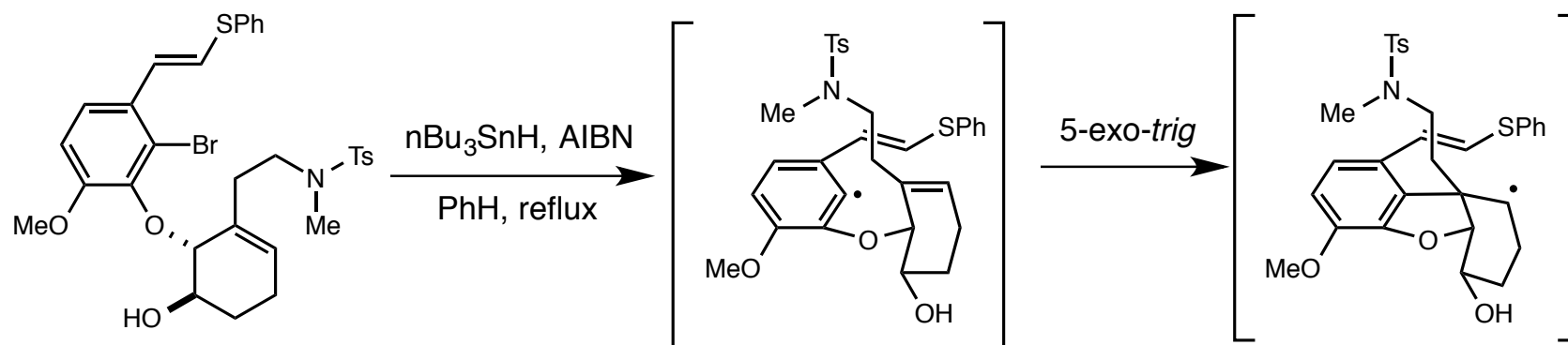
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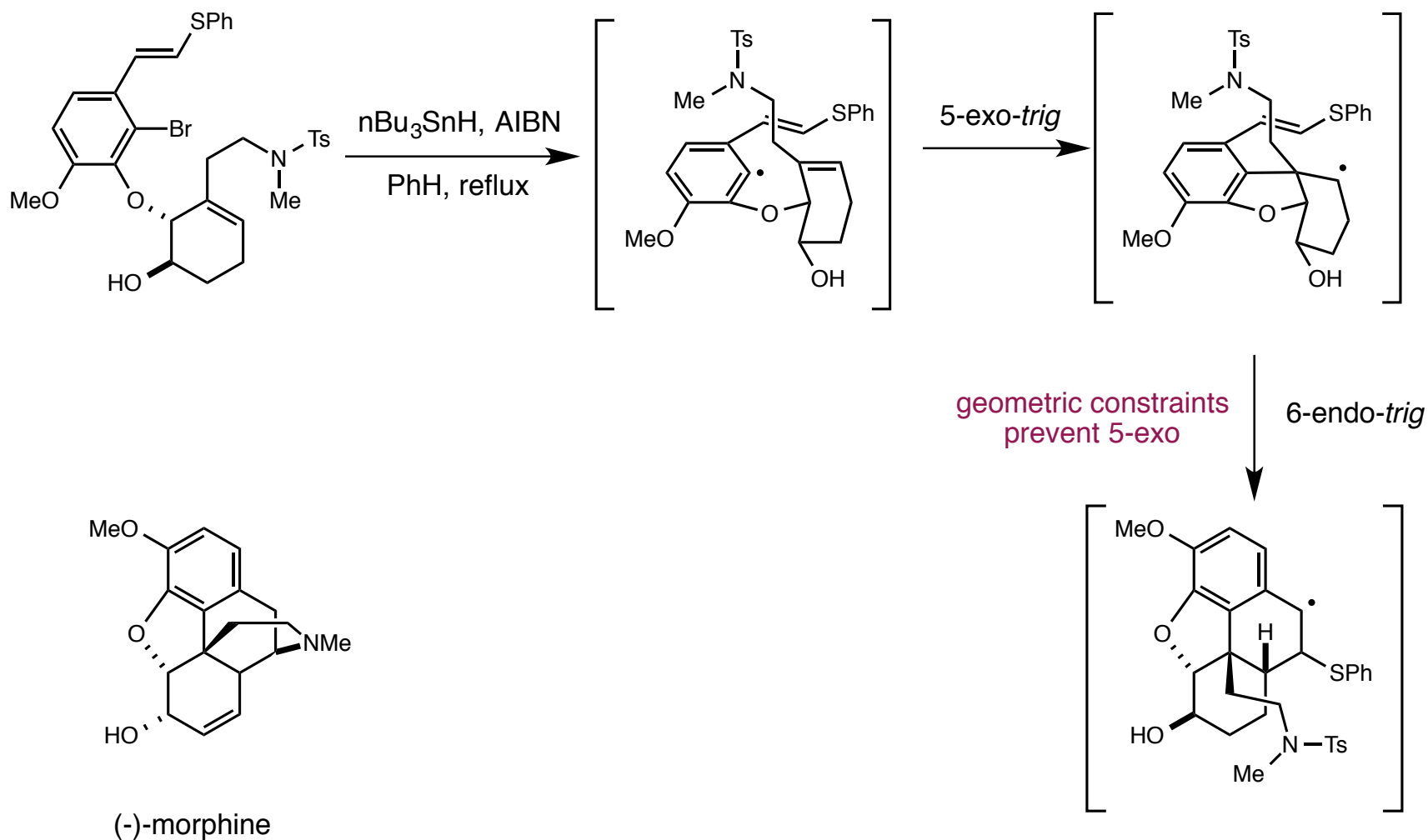


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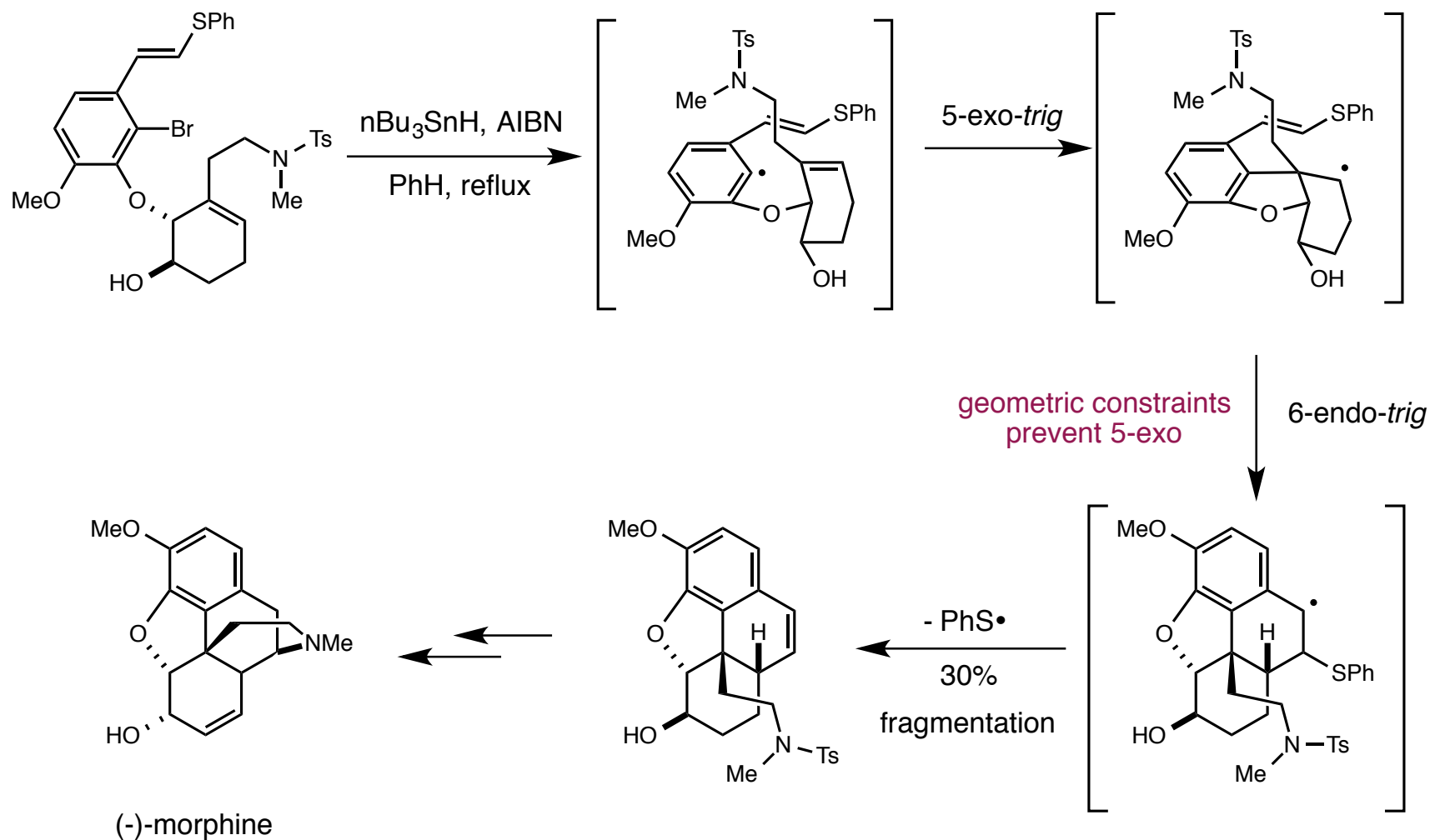
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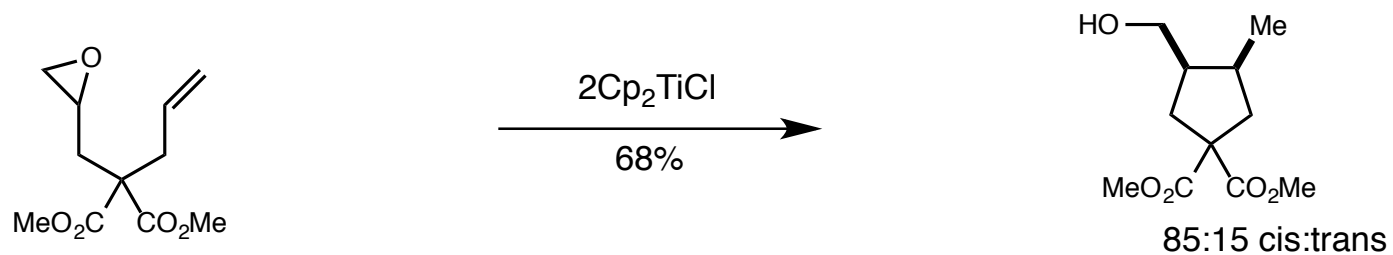
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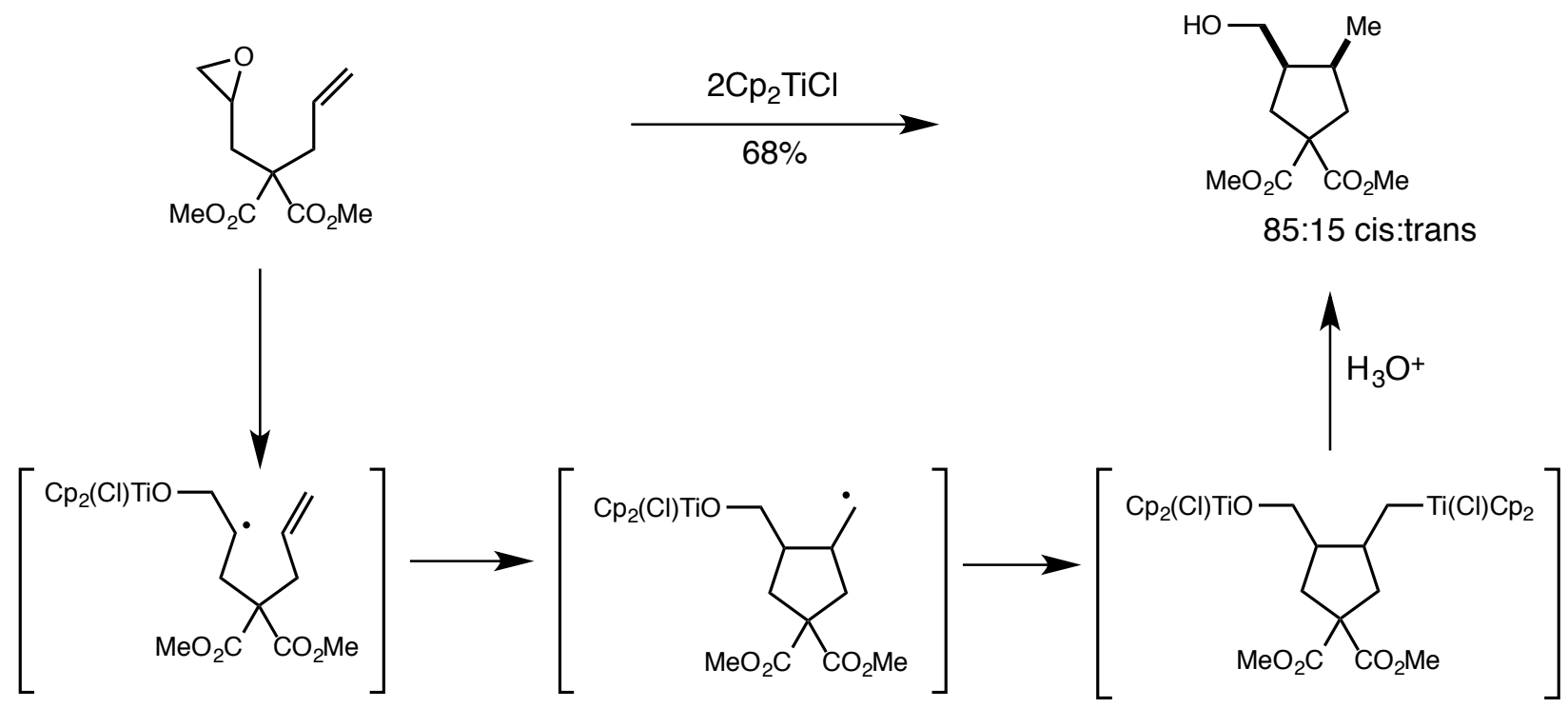
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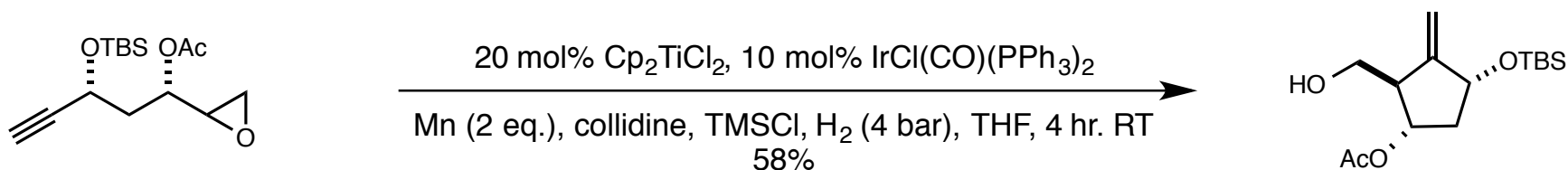
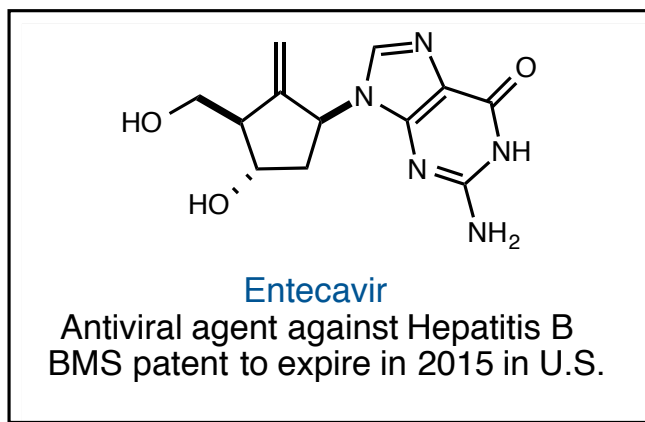
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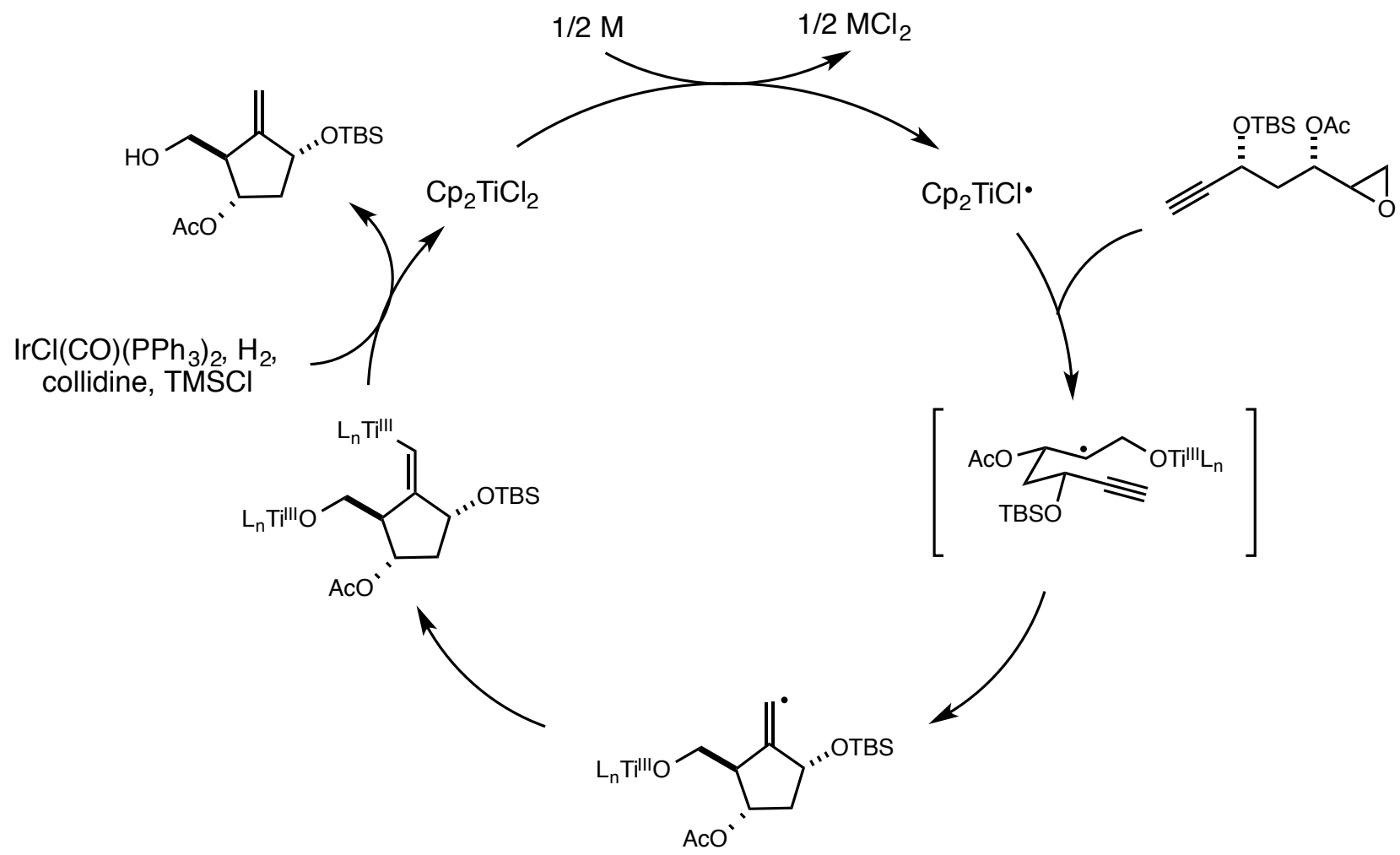
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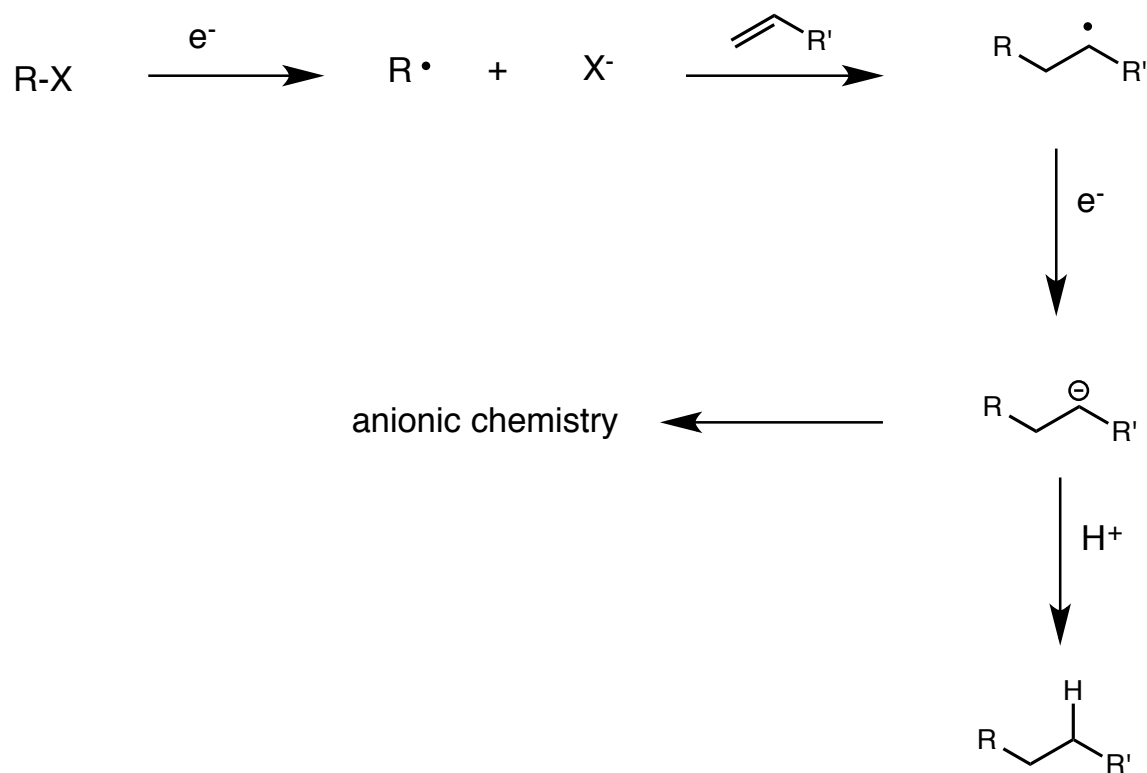
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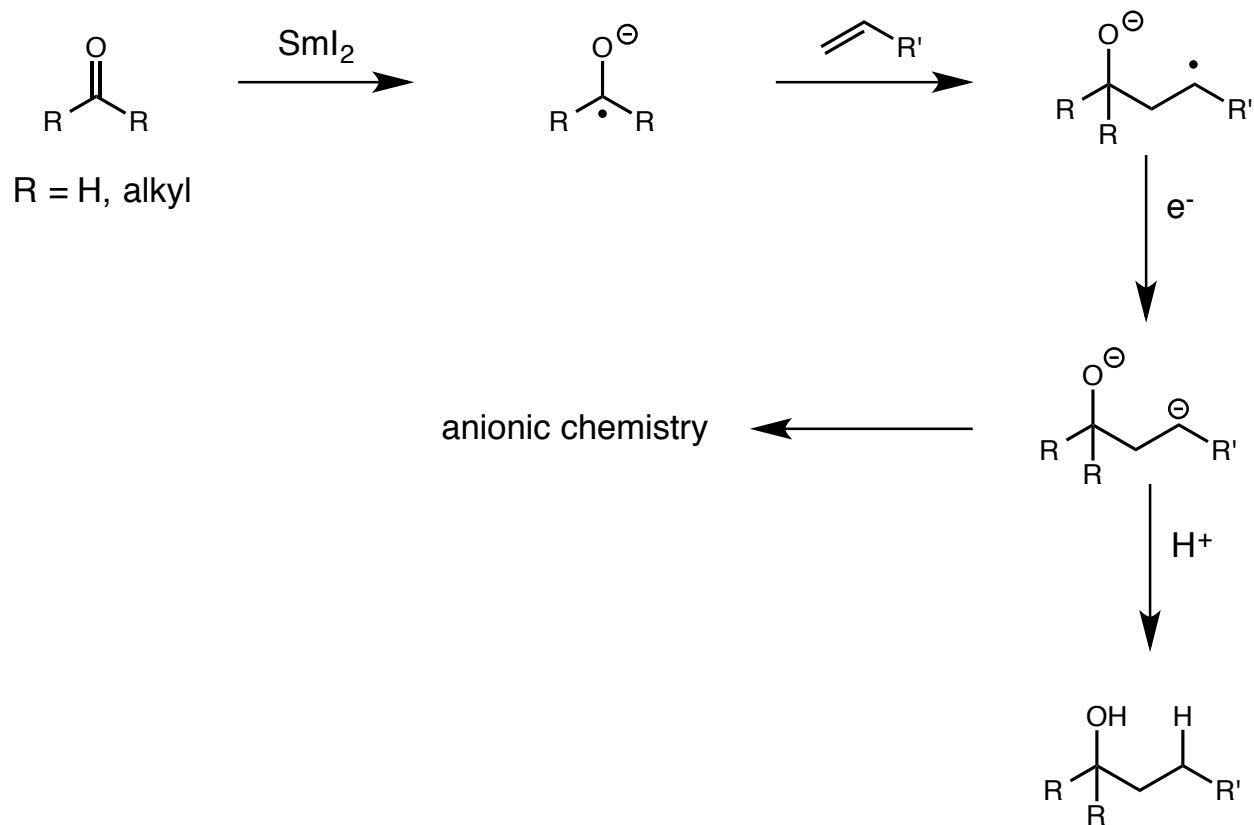
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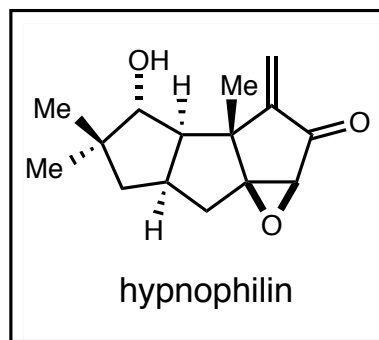
- The reductive method more commonly used to generate ketyl radicals





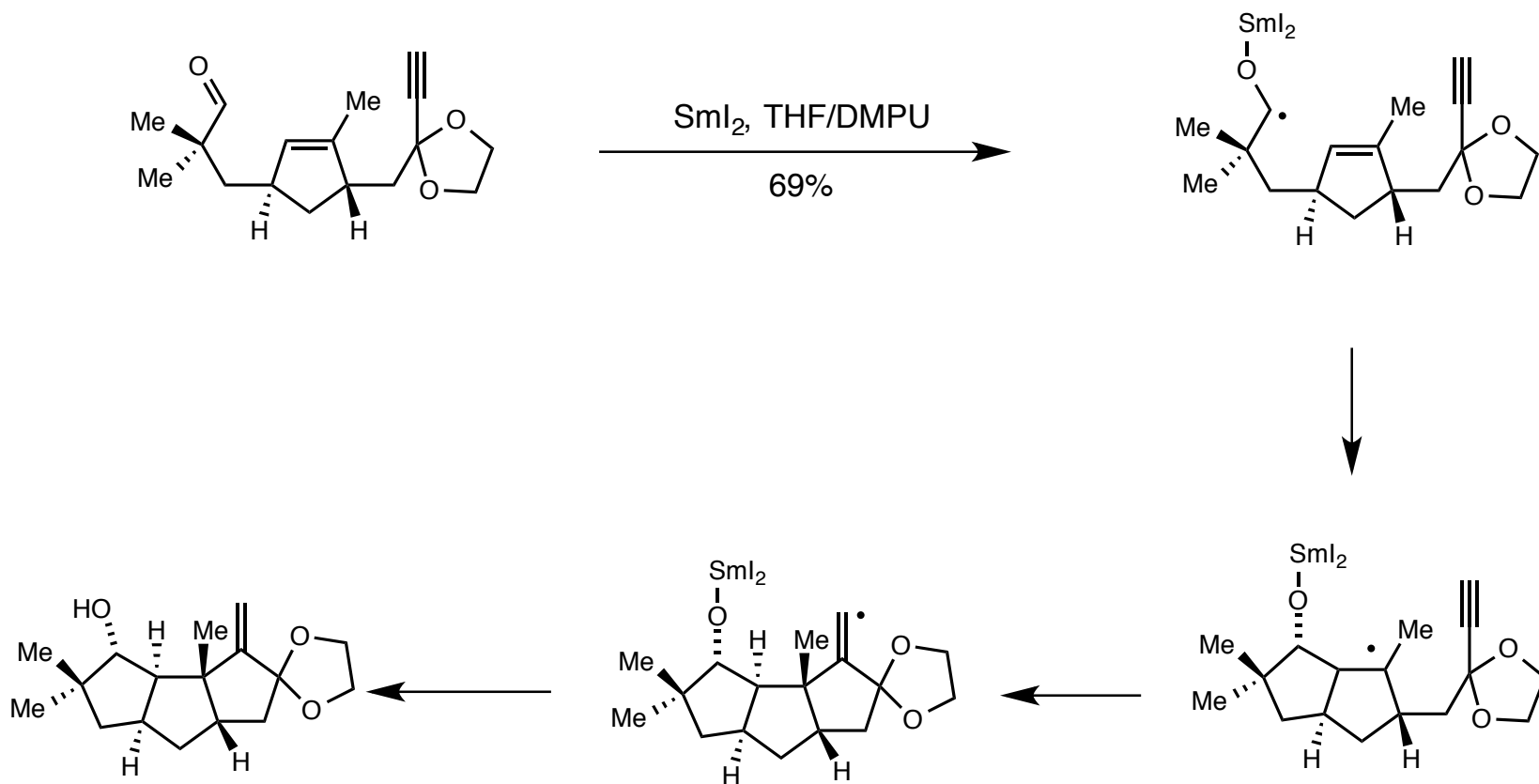
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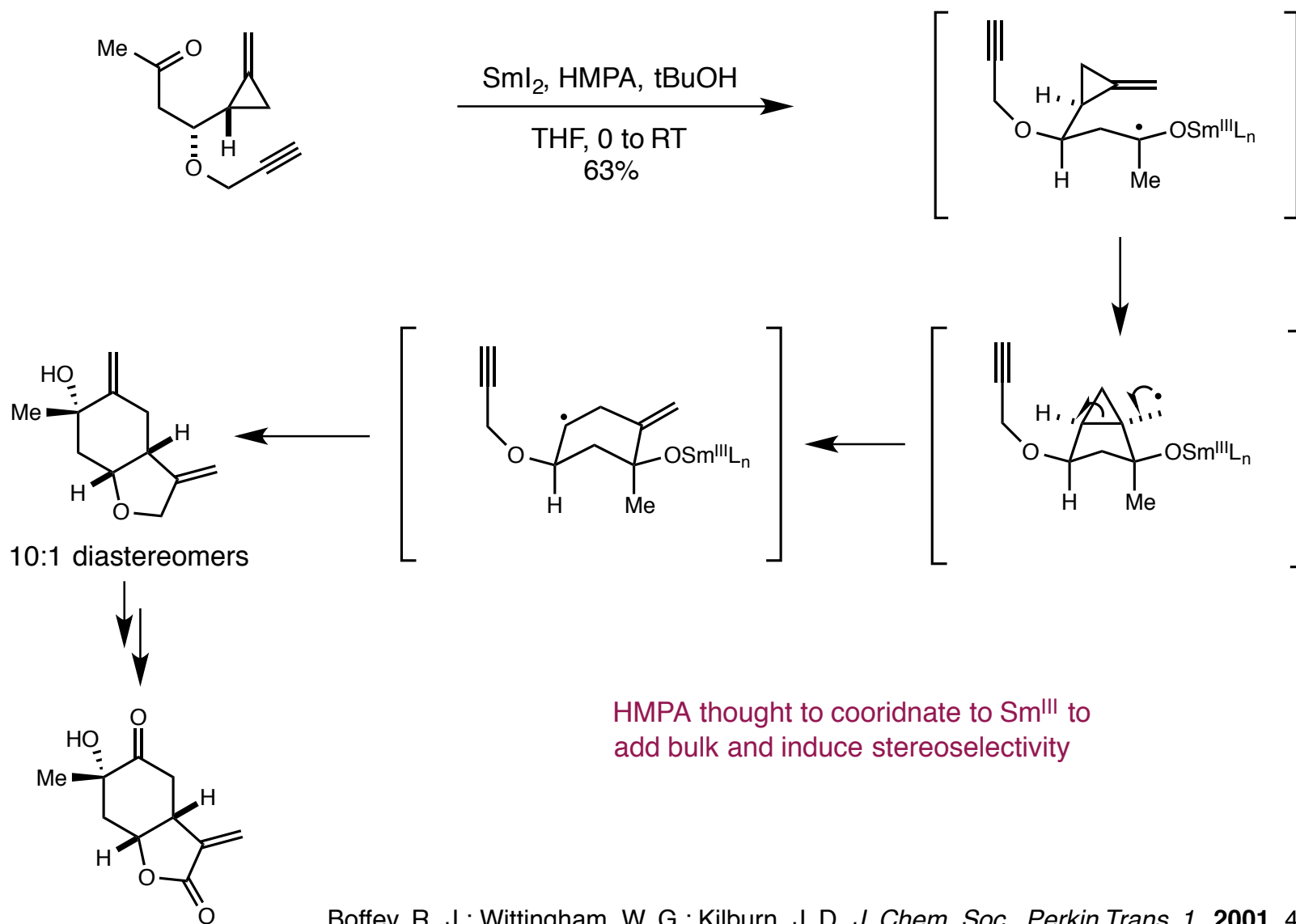
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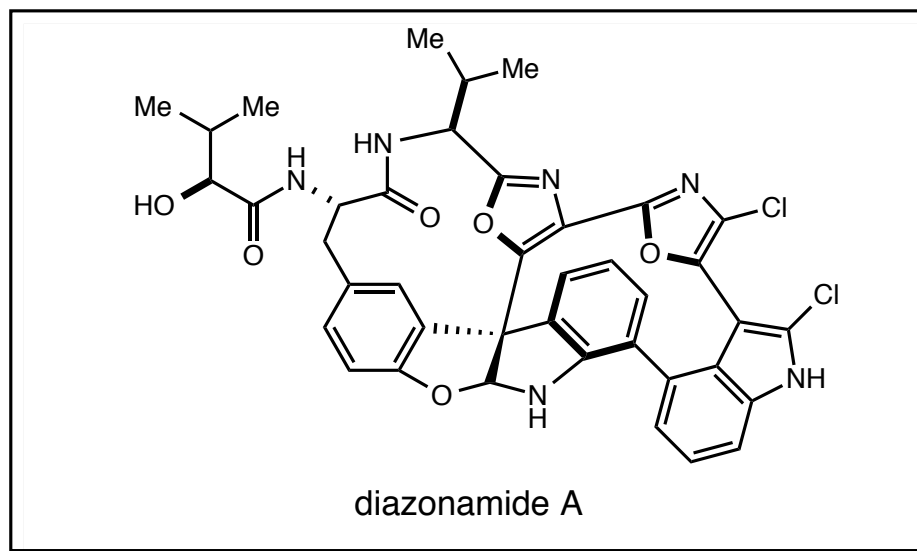
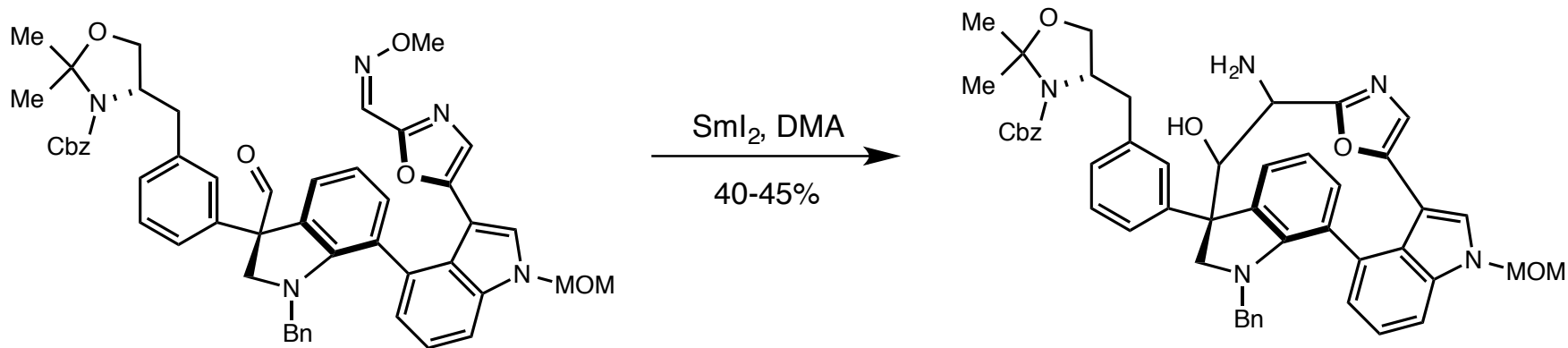
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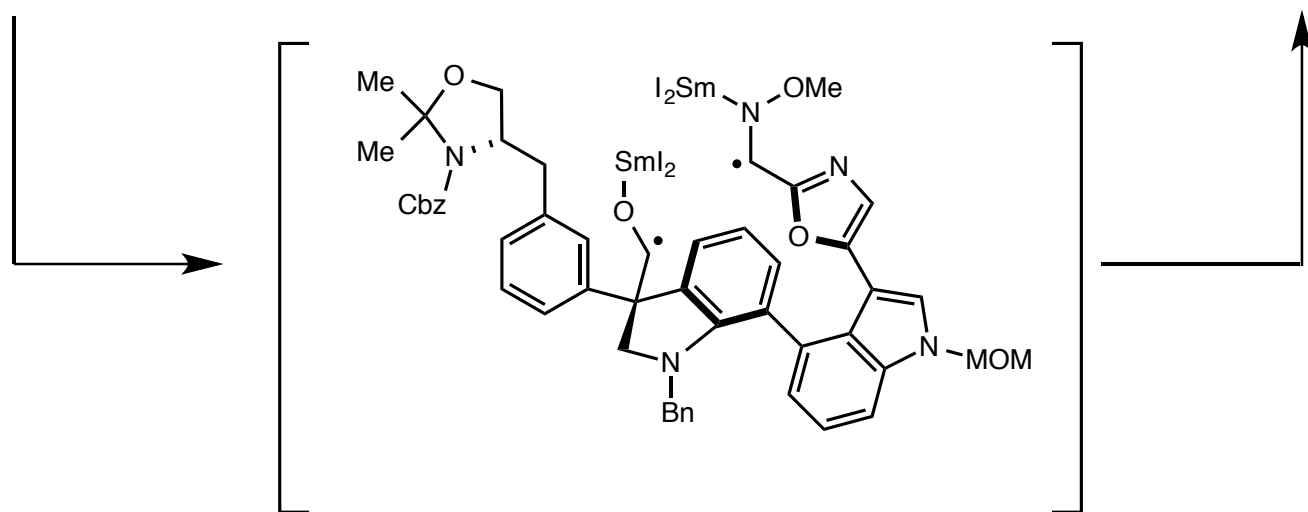
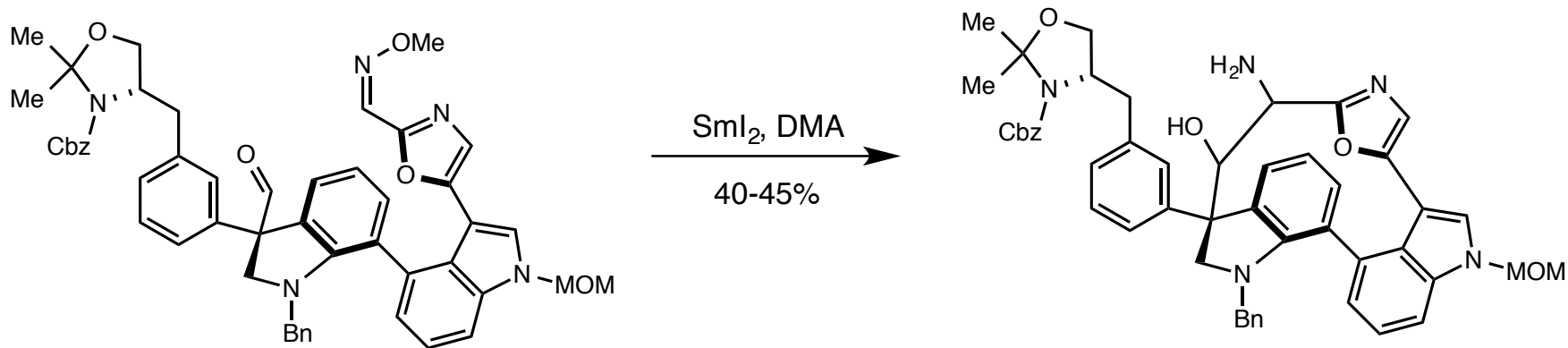
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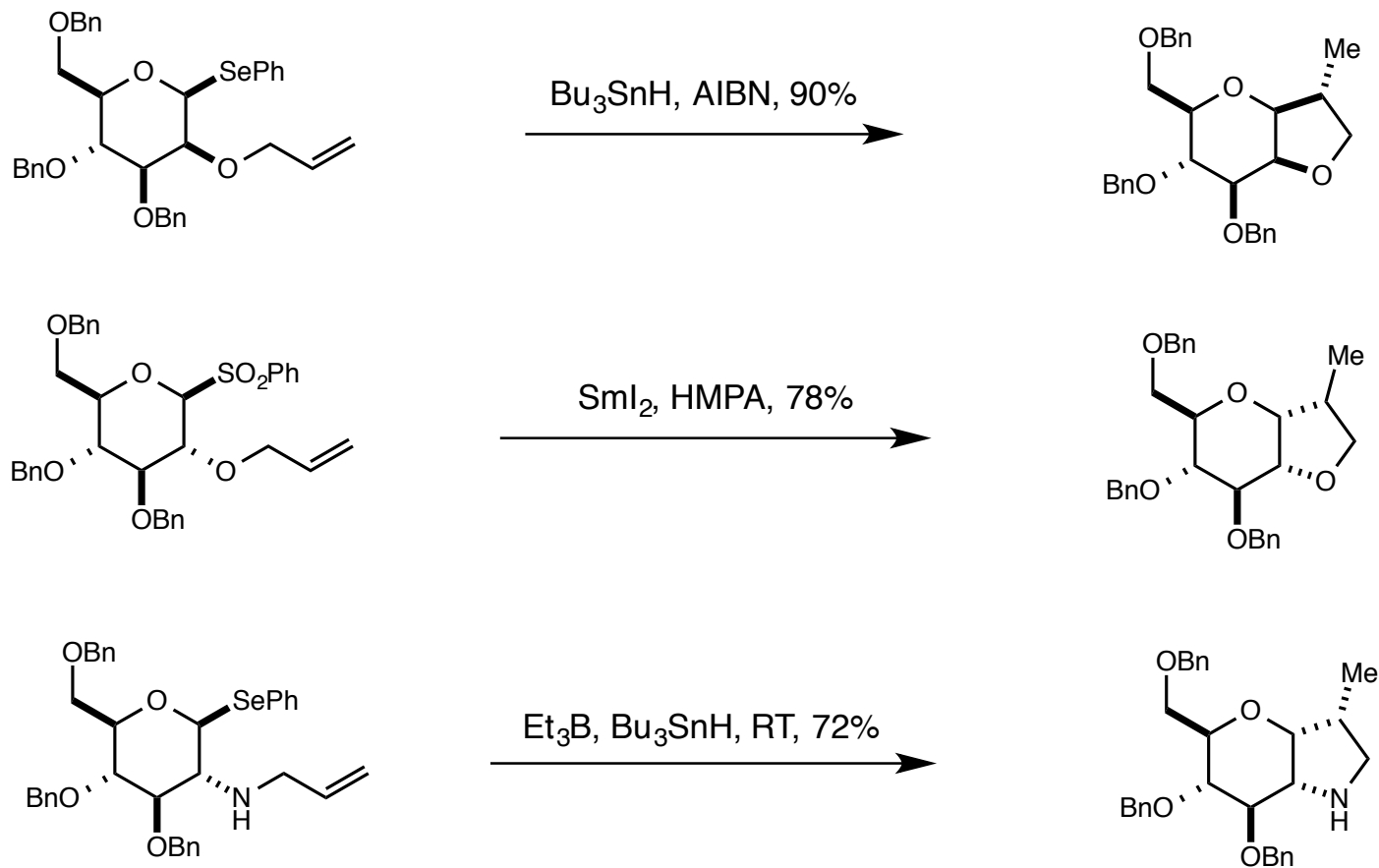
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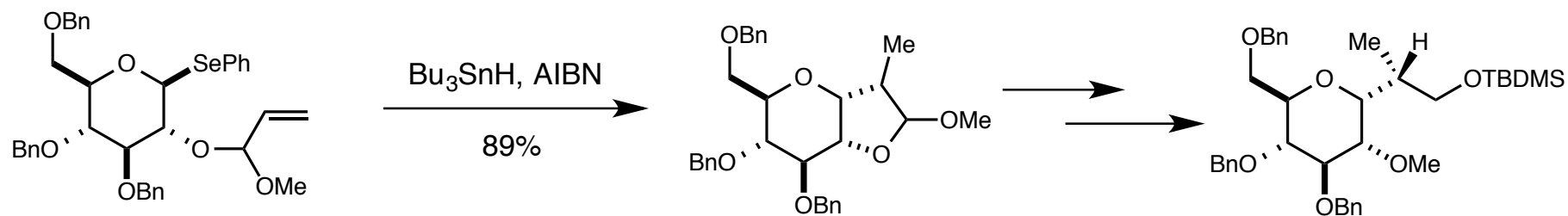
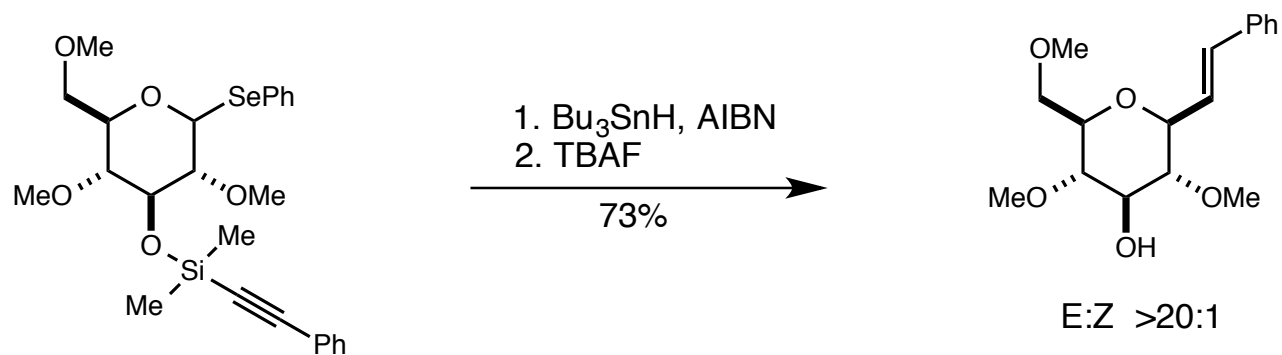
### ■ Radical cyclizations in sugar chemistry



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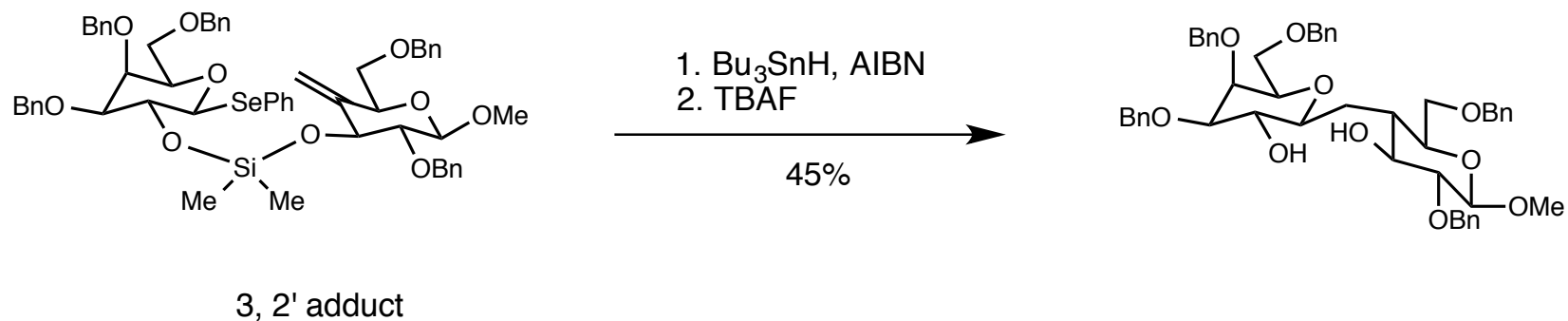
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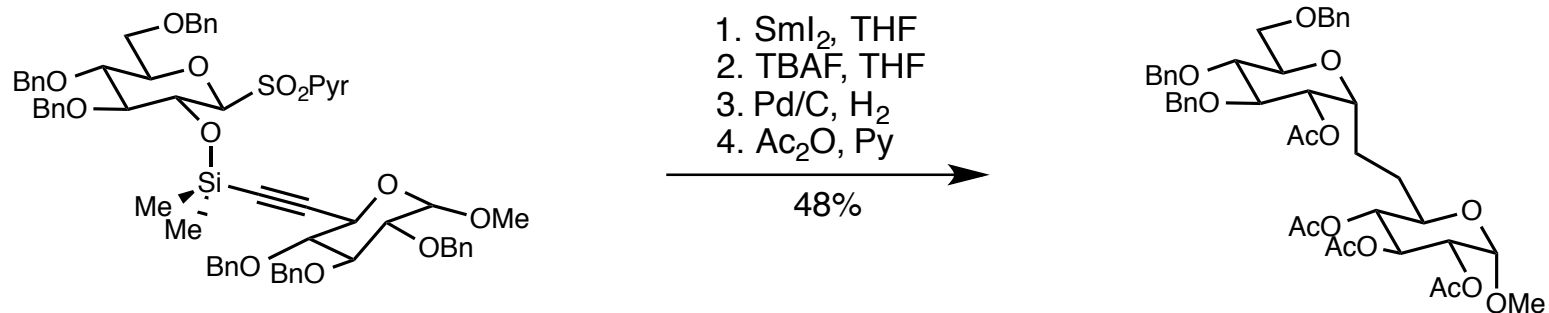
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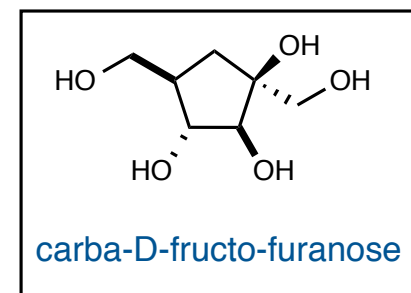
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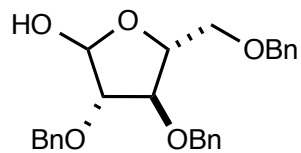
- no HMPA makes Sml<sub>2</sub> weaker reductant
- LUMO  $\pi^*$  of SO<sub>2</sub>Ar lowered with 2-pyridine
- less toxic conditions

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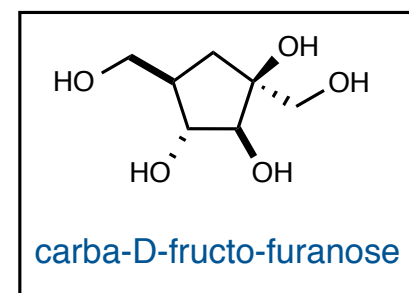


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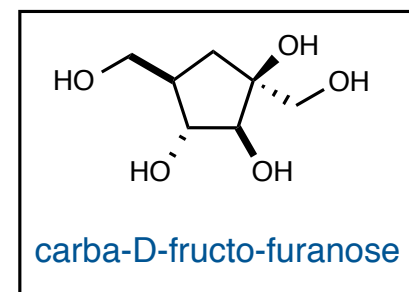
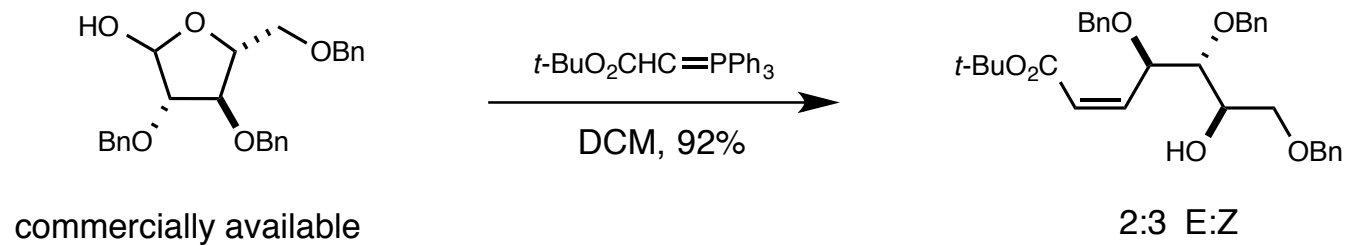


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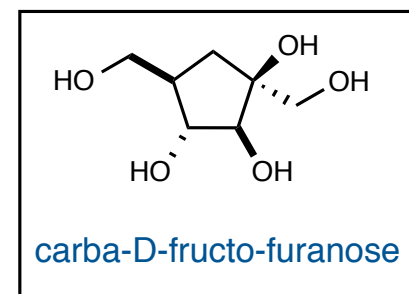
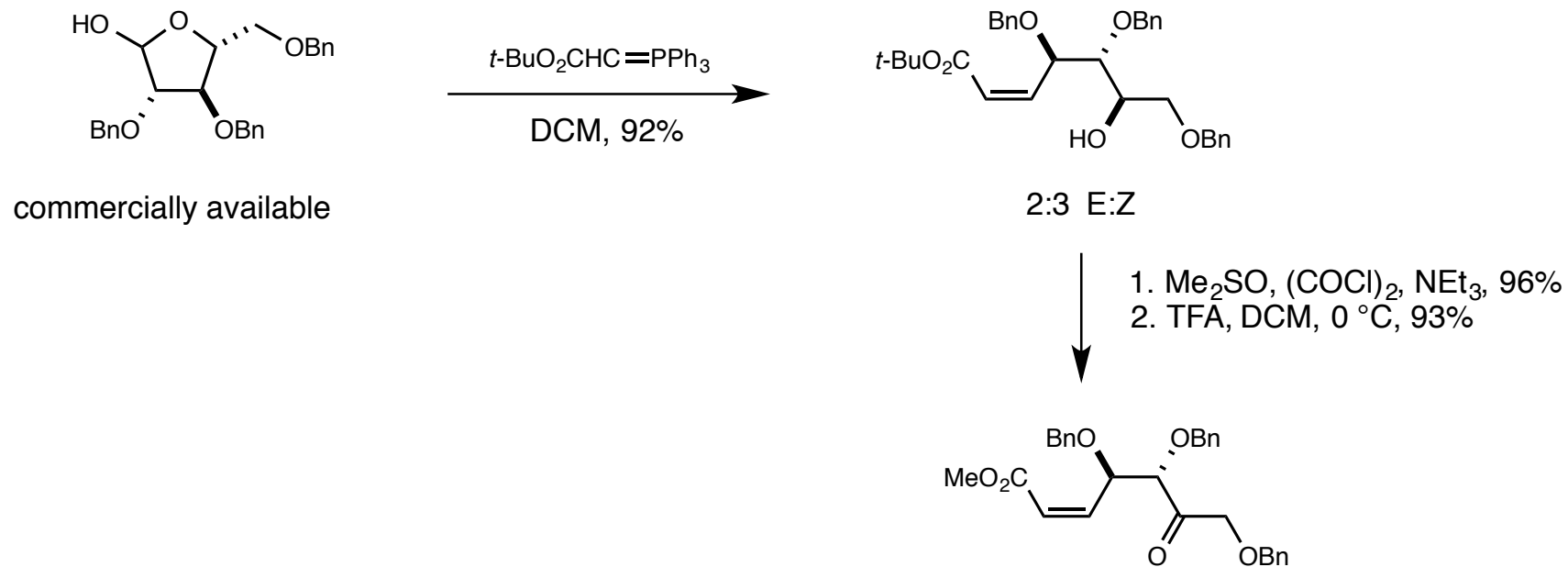


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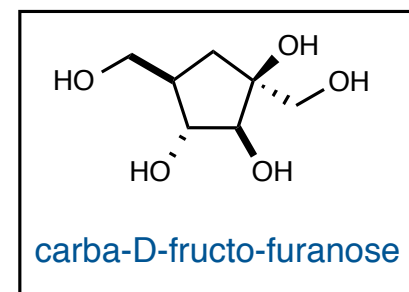
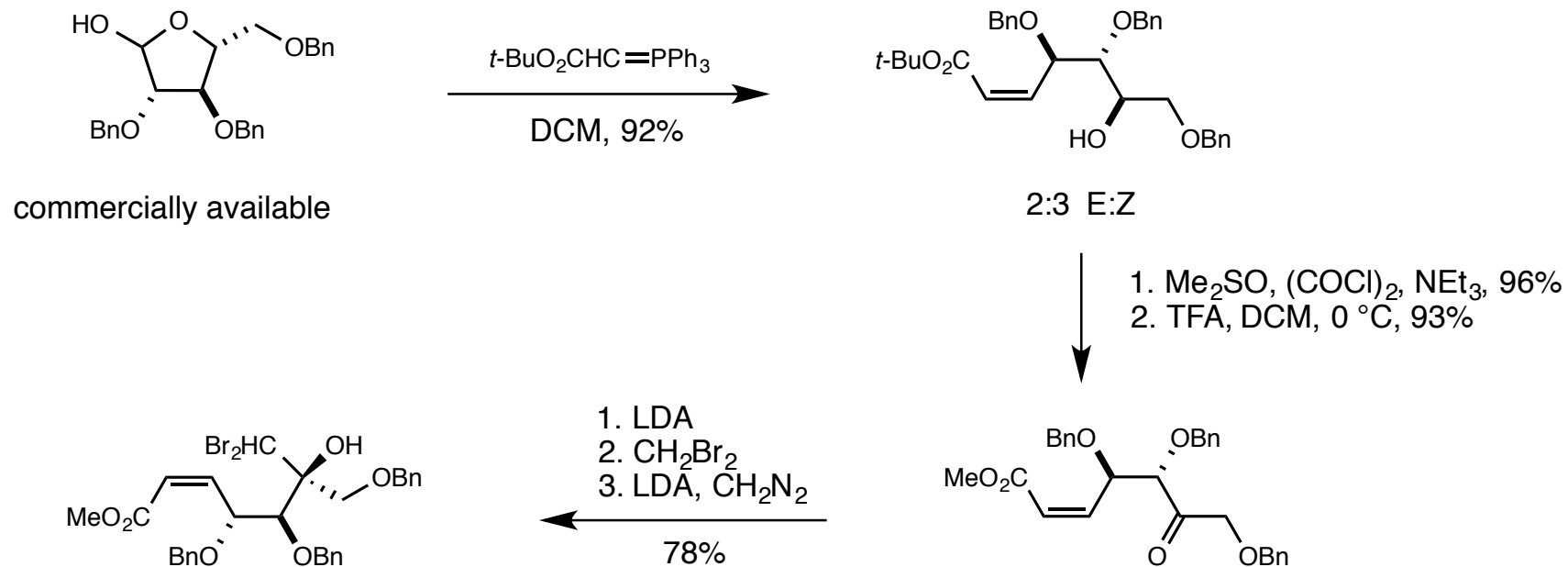
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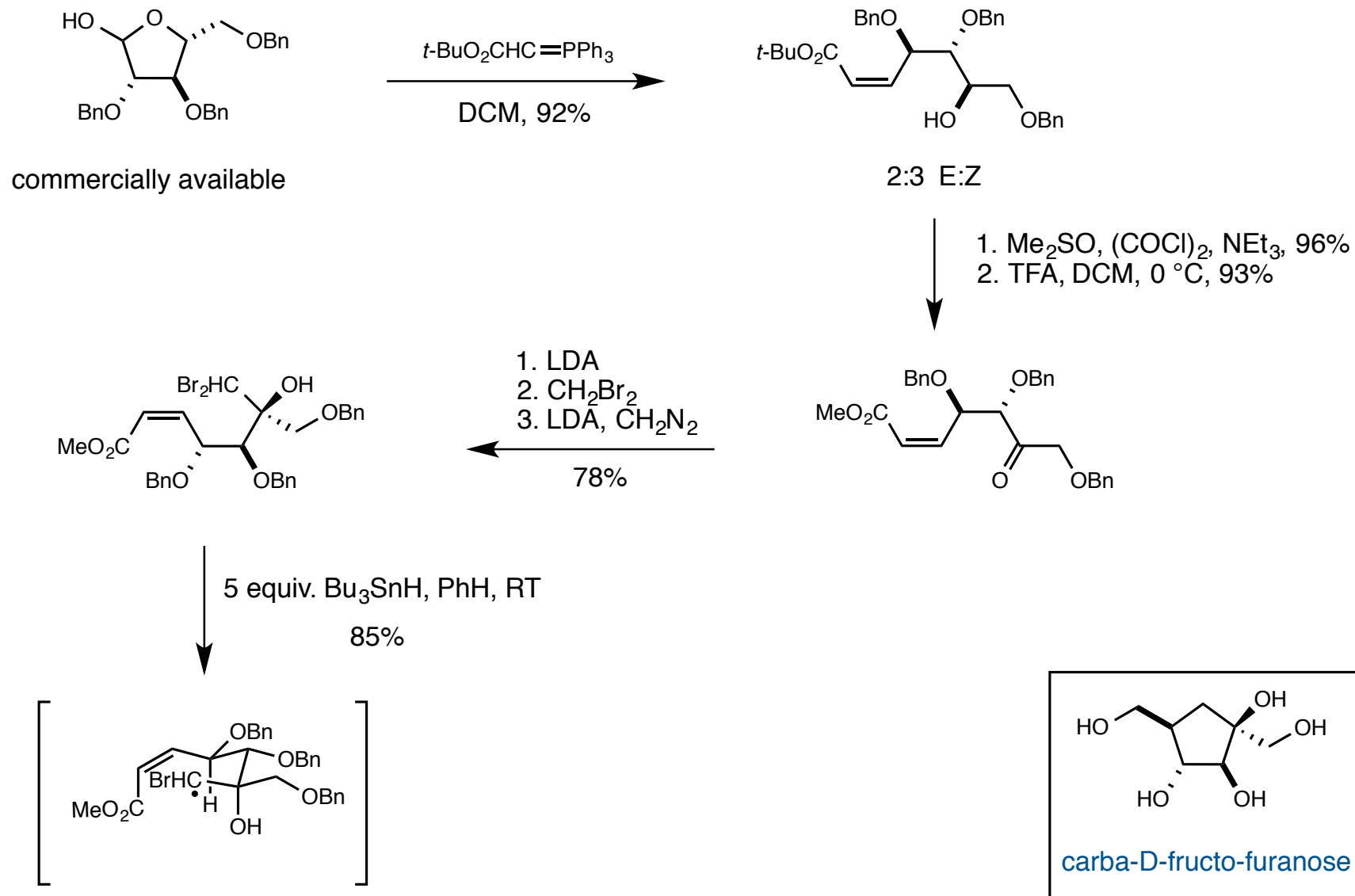
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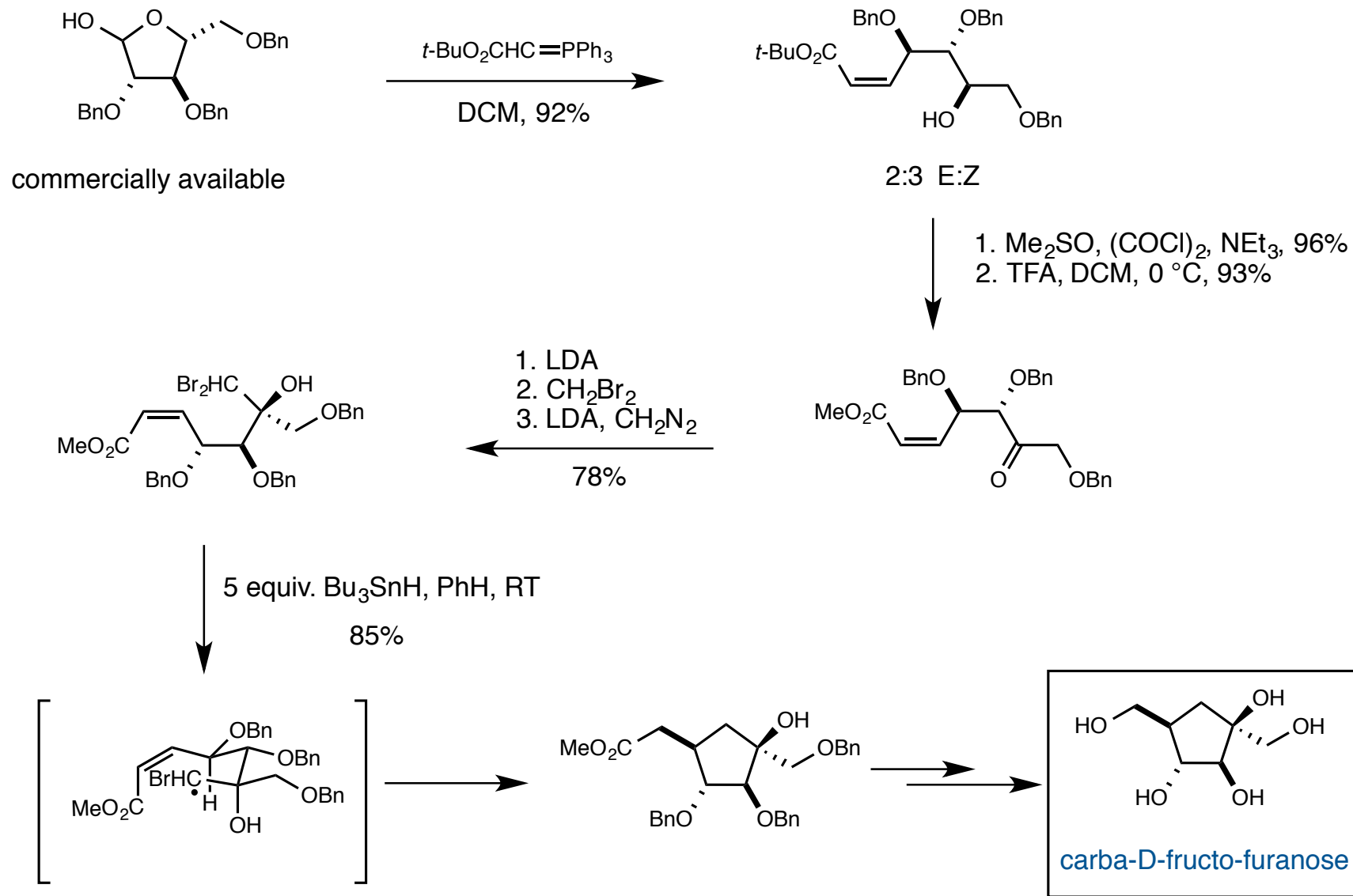
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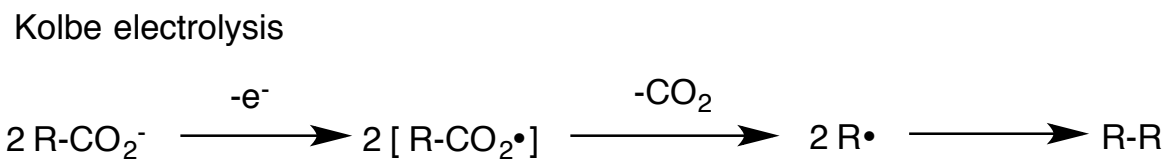
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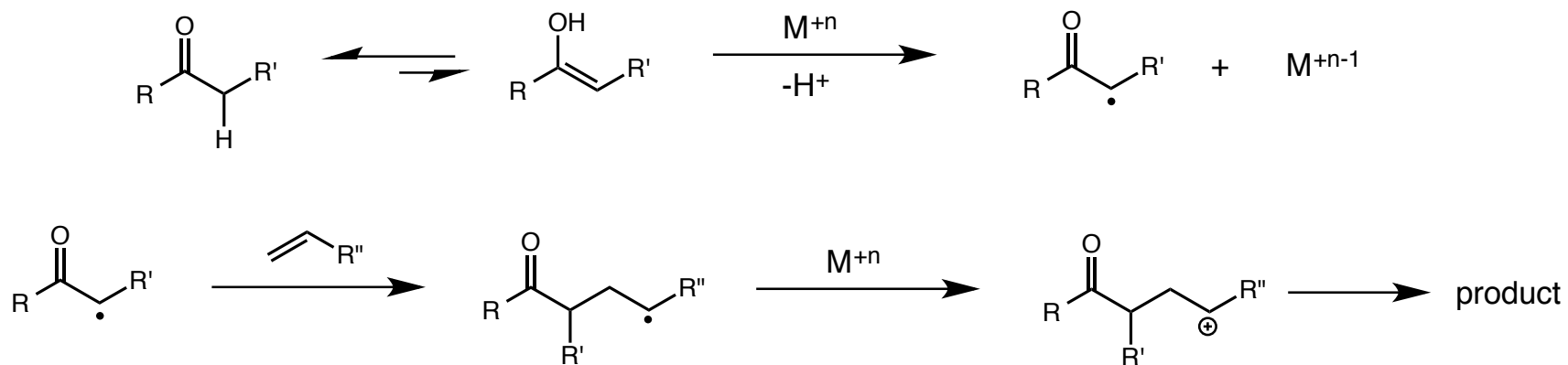
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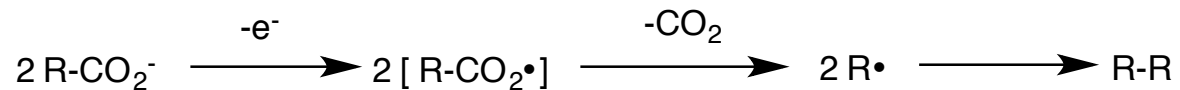
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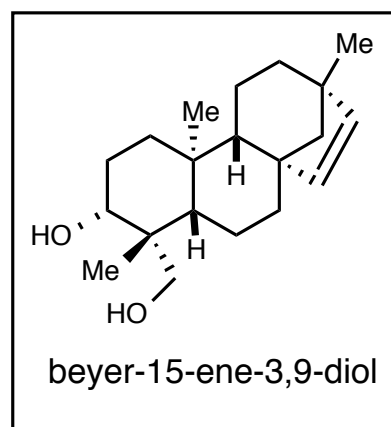
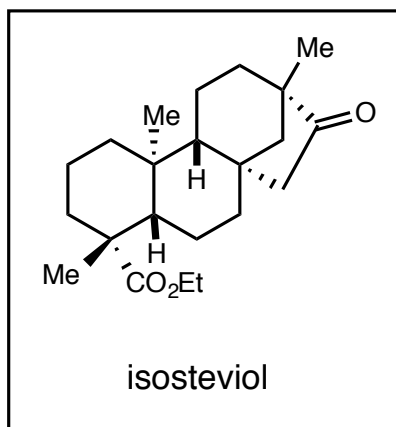
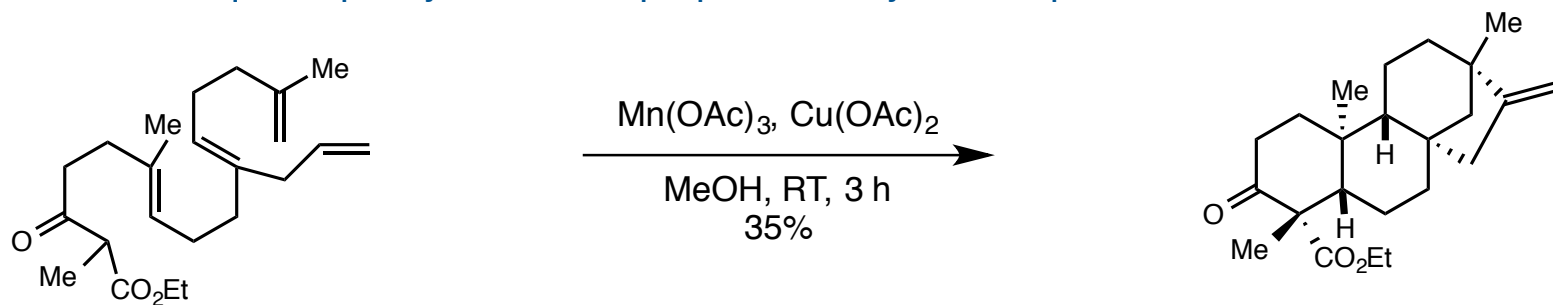
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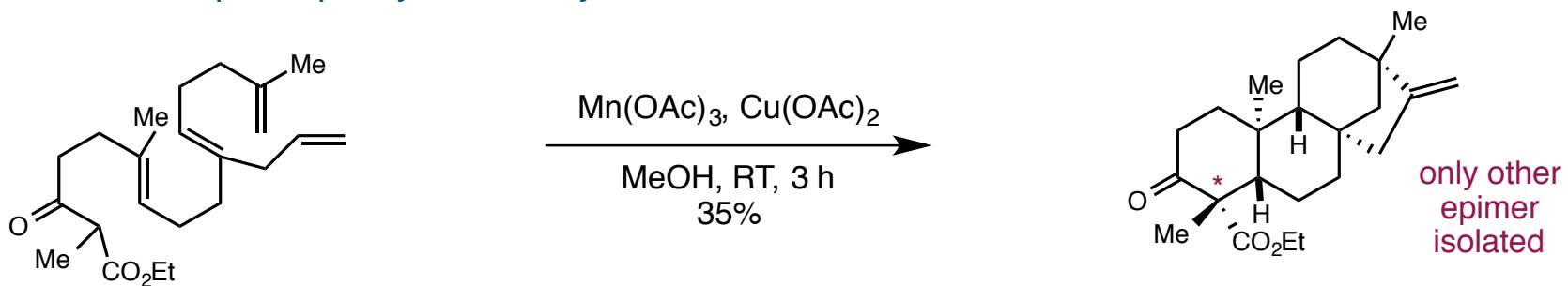
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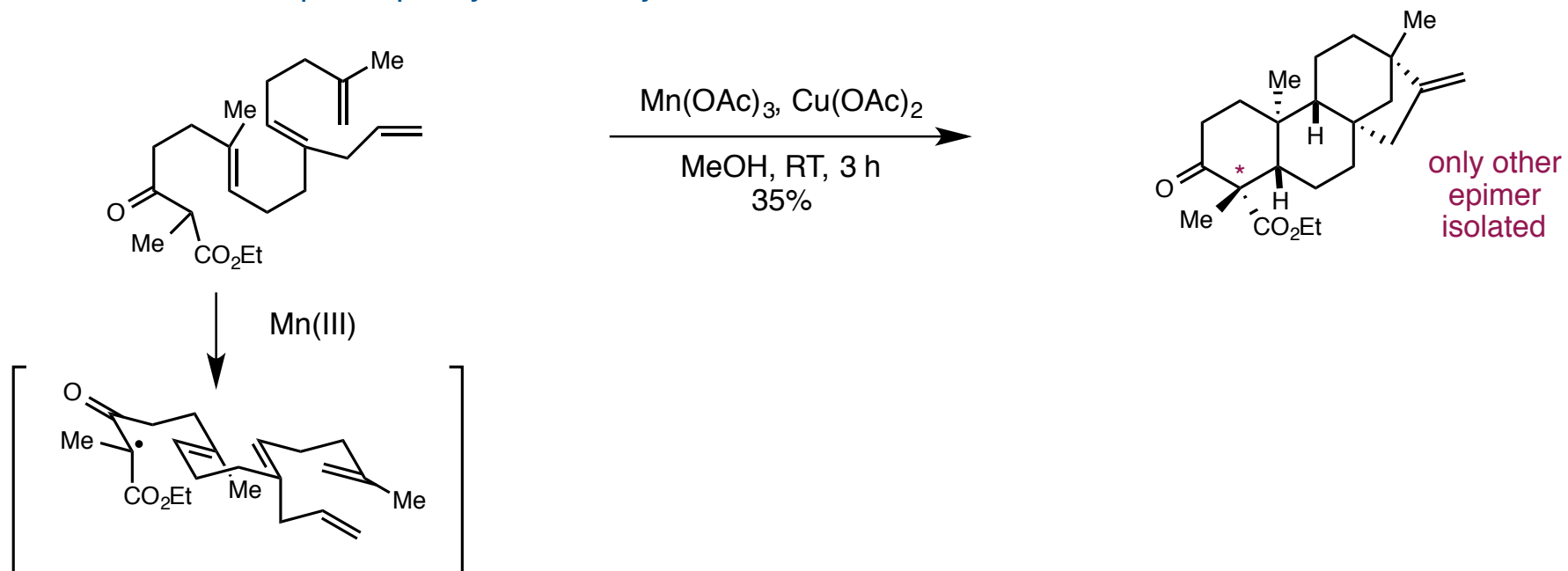
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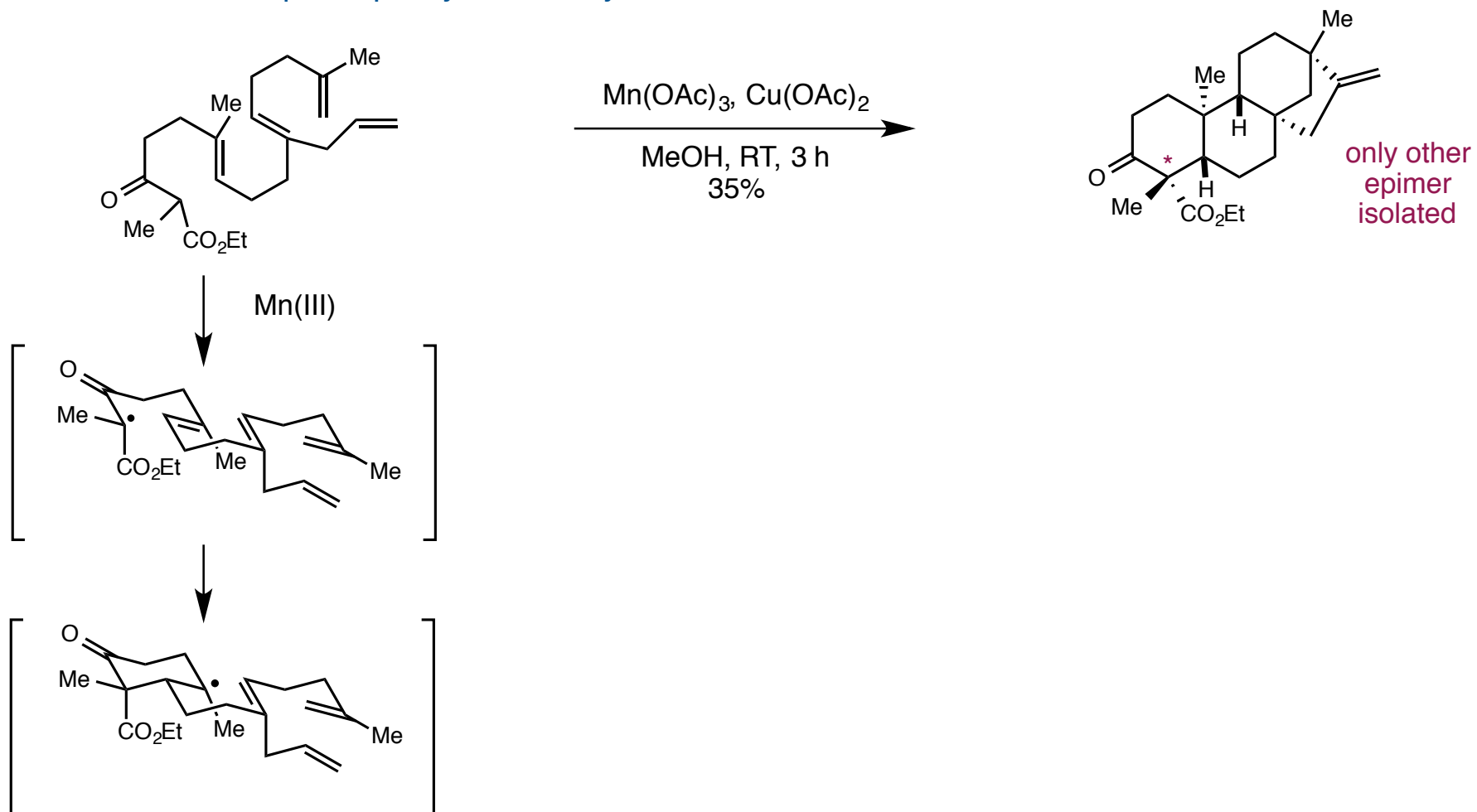
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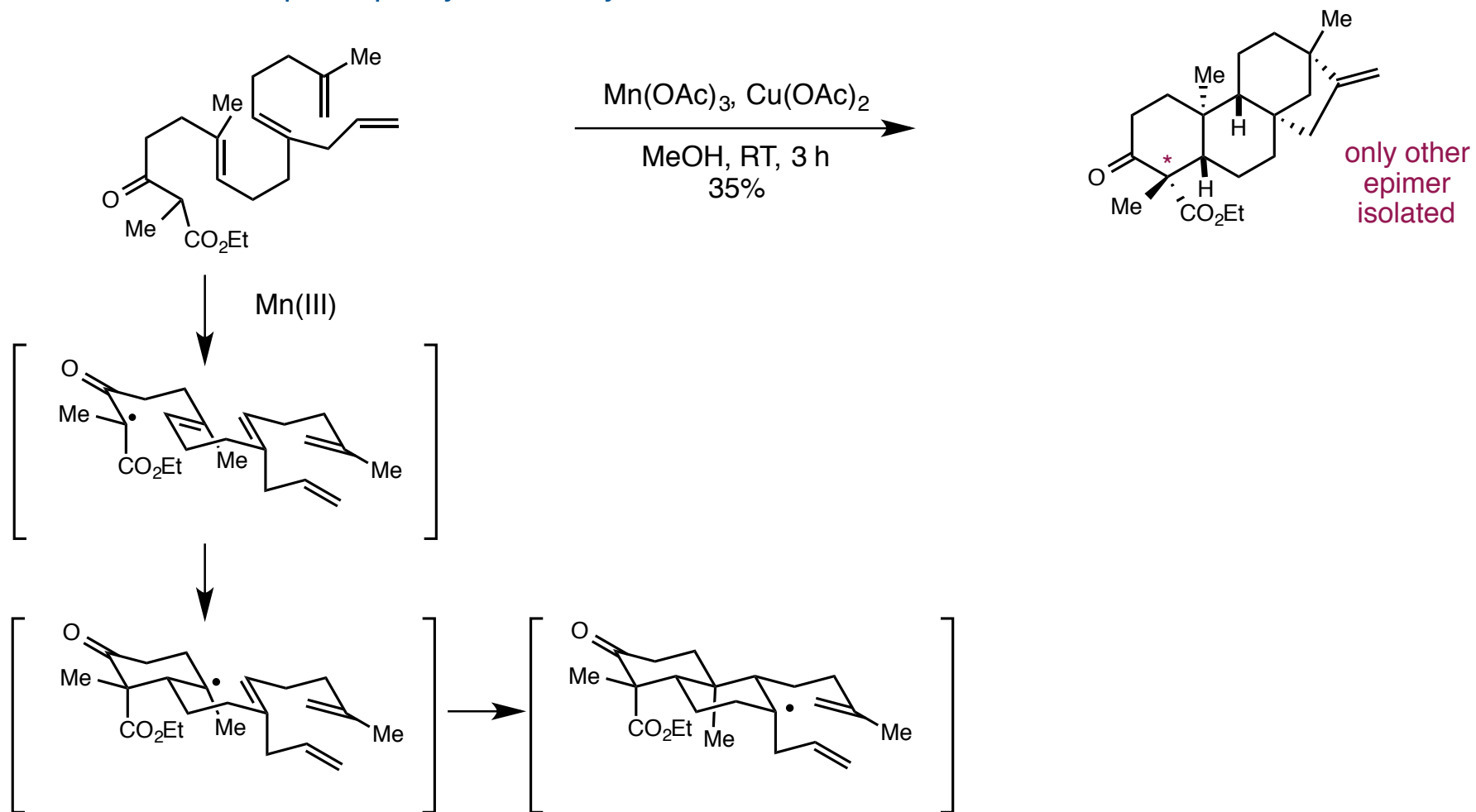
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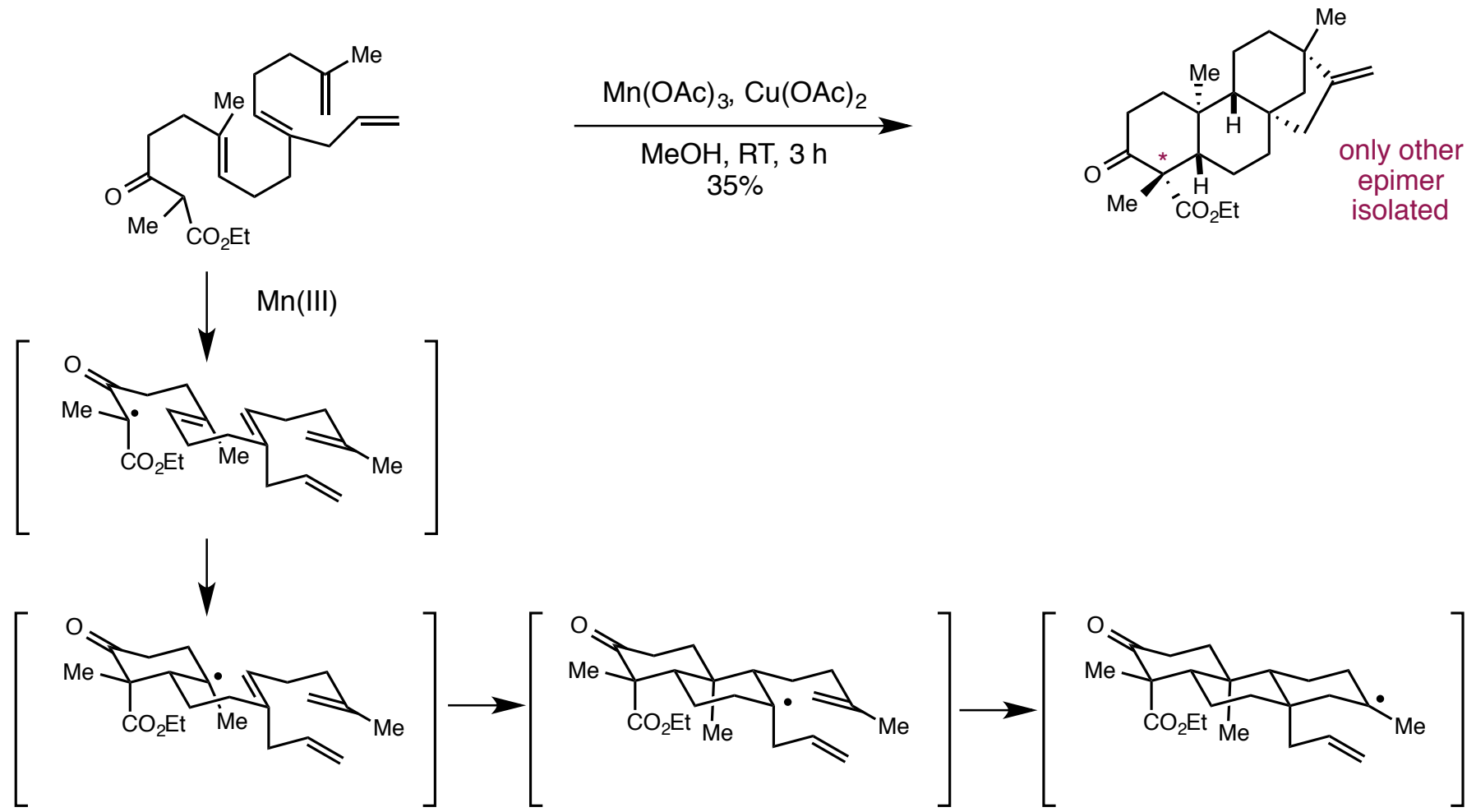
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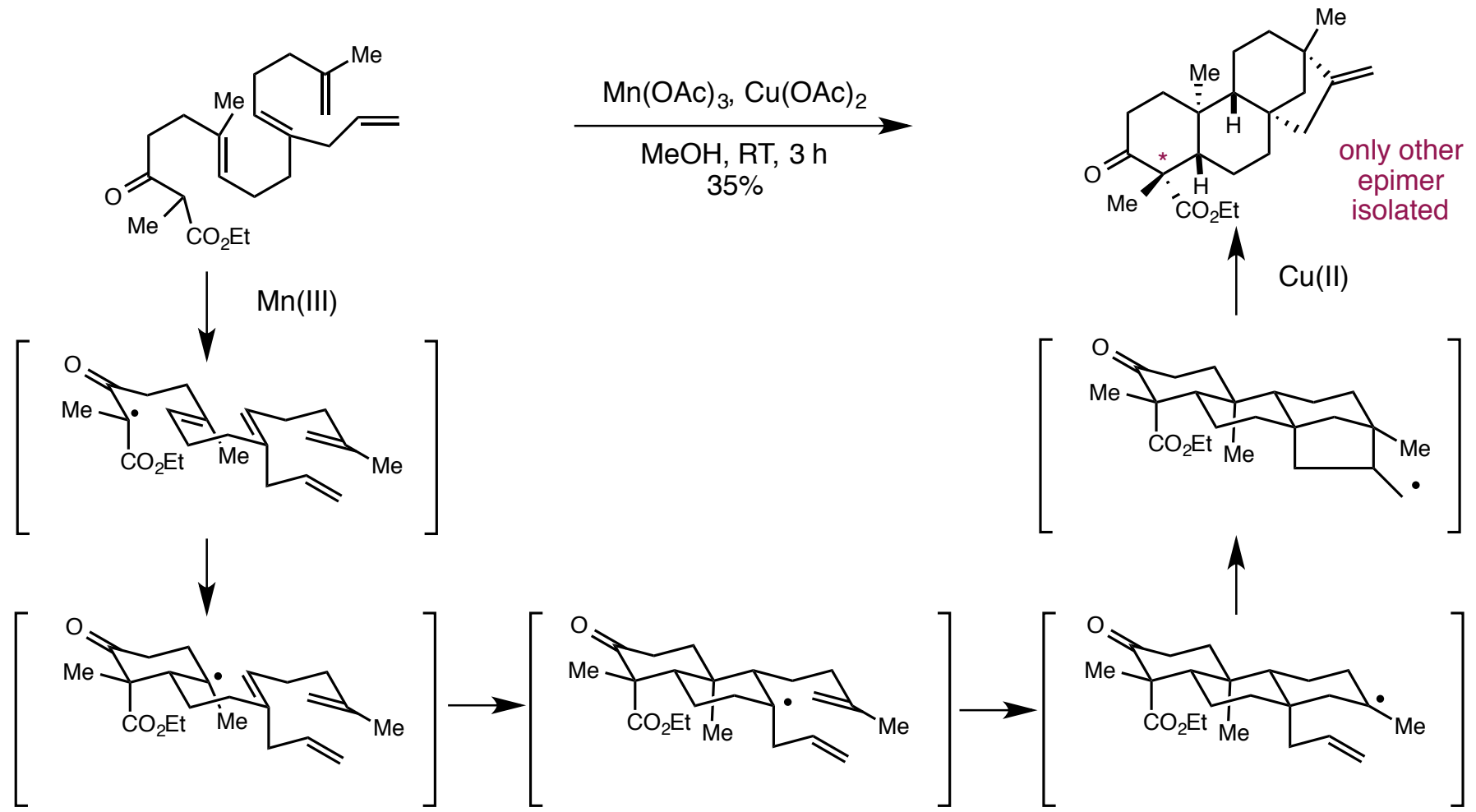
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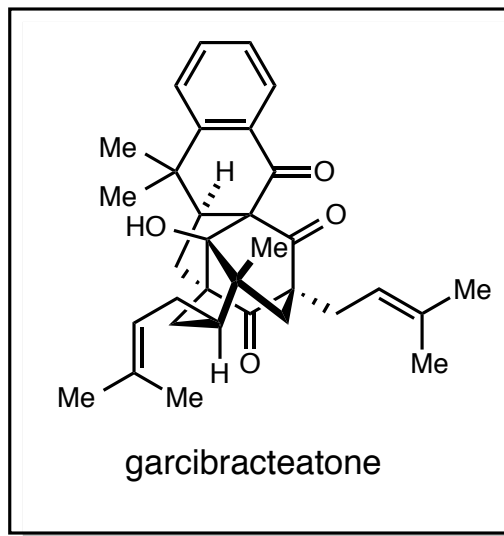


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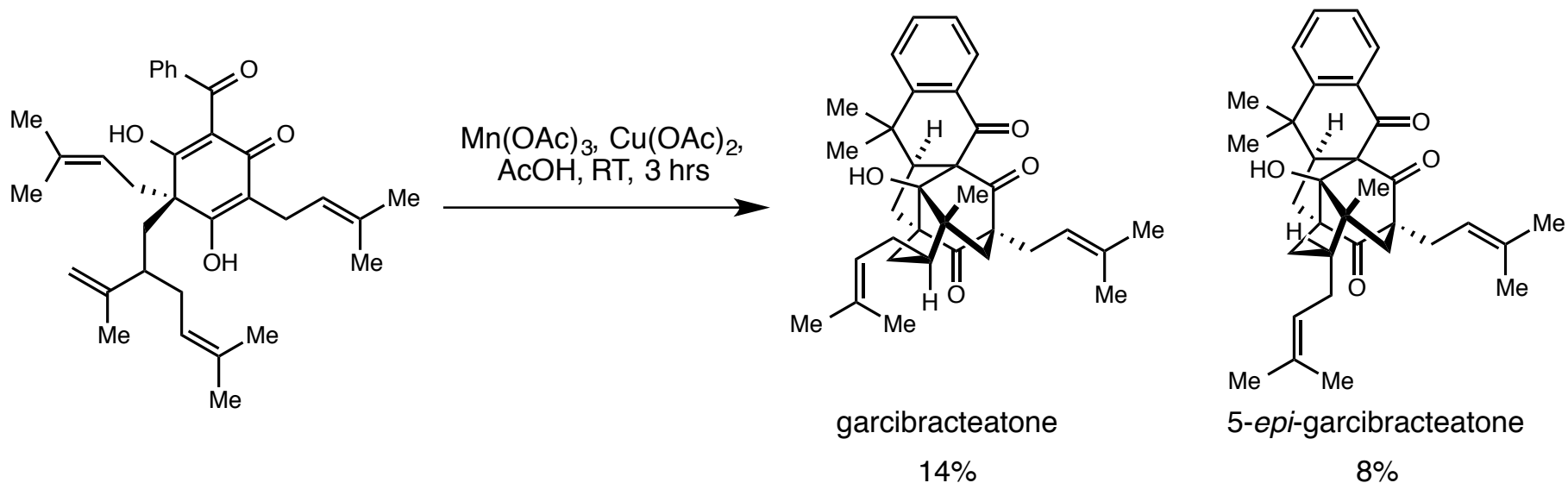


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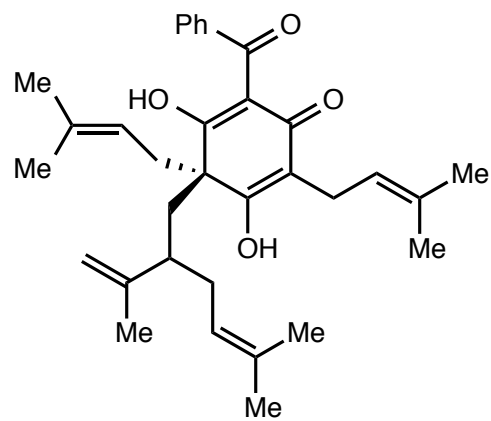
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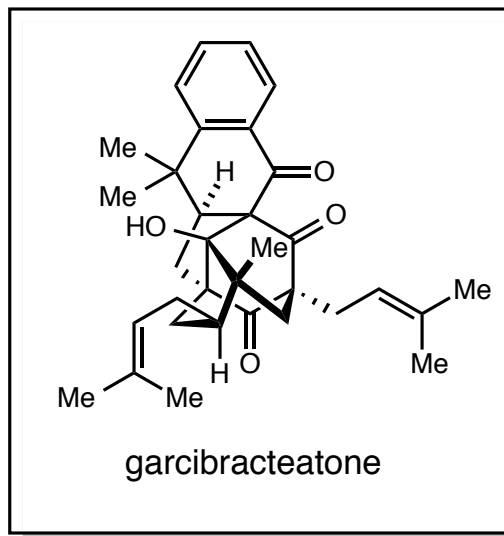
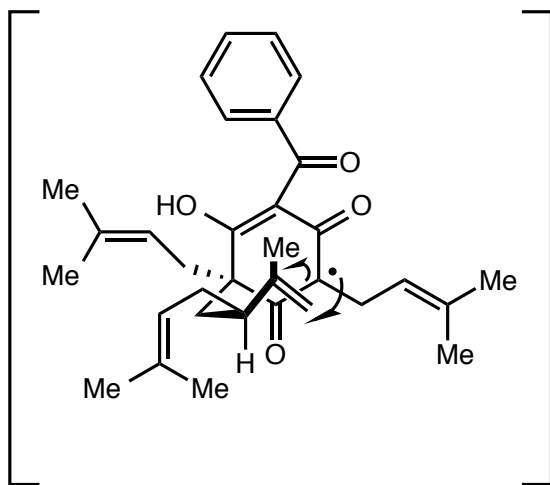


- 4 C-C bonds formed
- no protecting groups
- 5 stereocenters formed
- biomimetic pathway

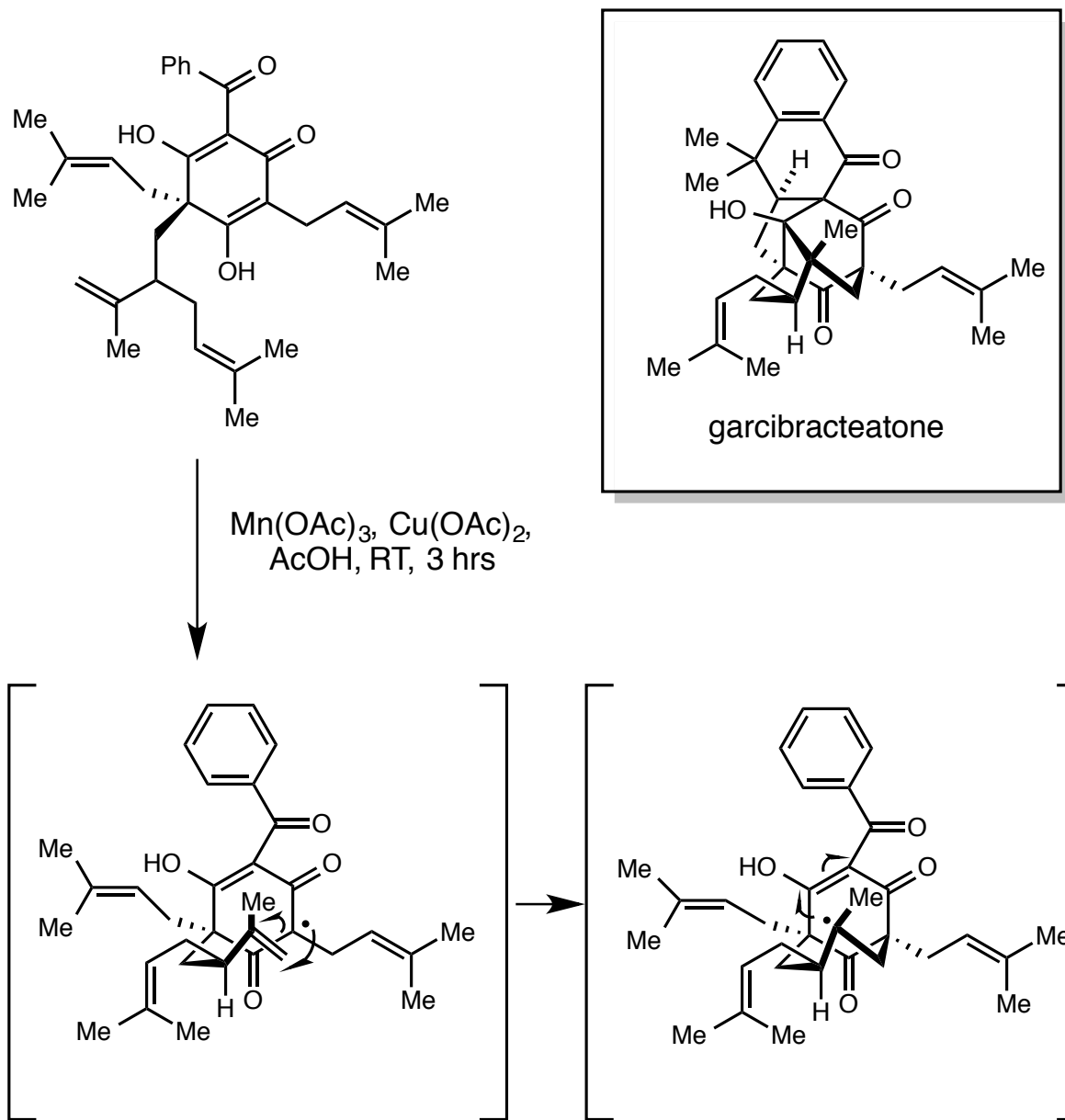
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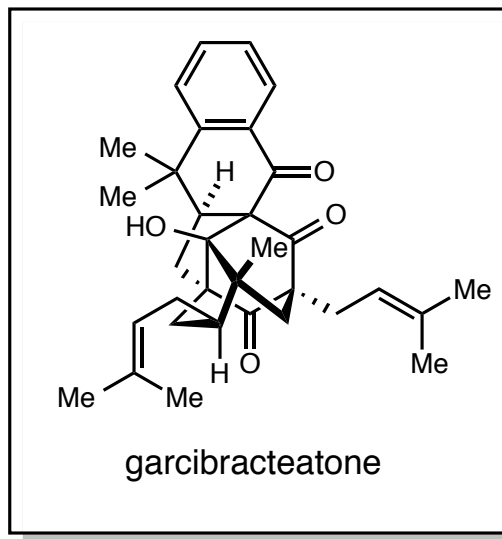
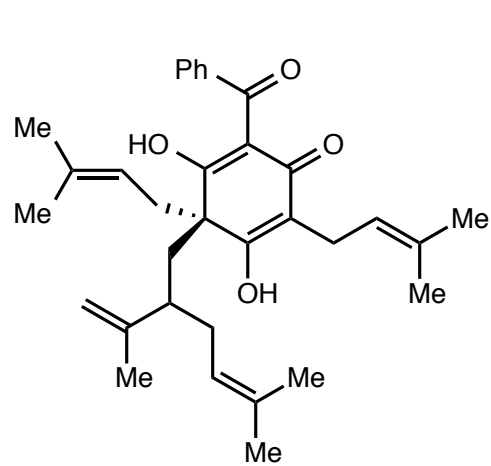


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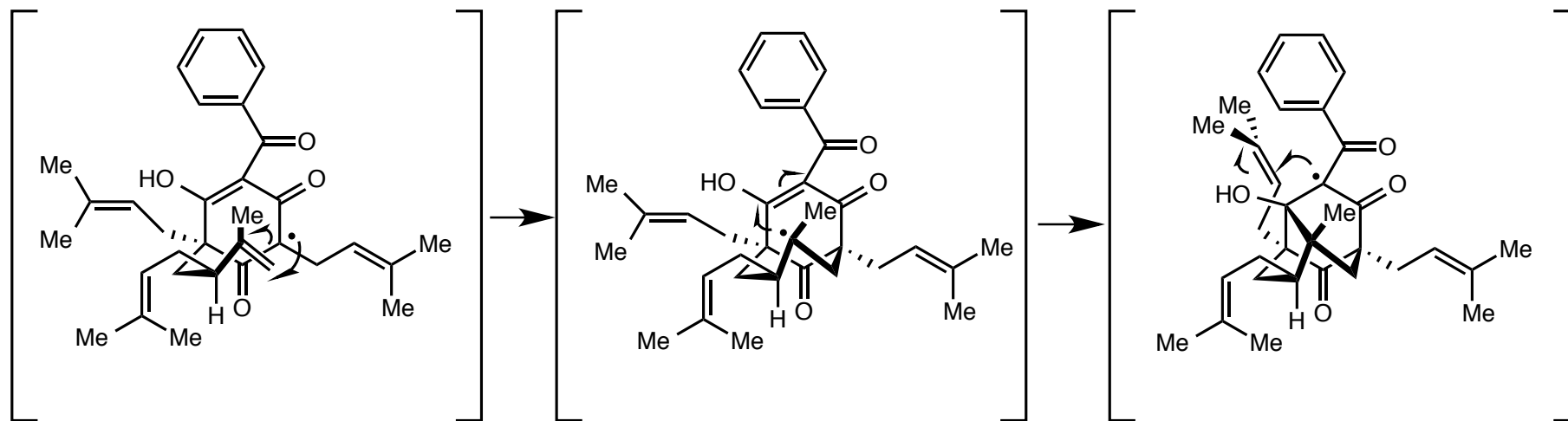


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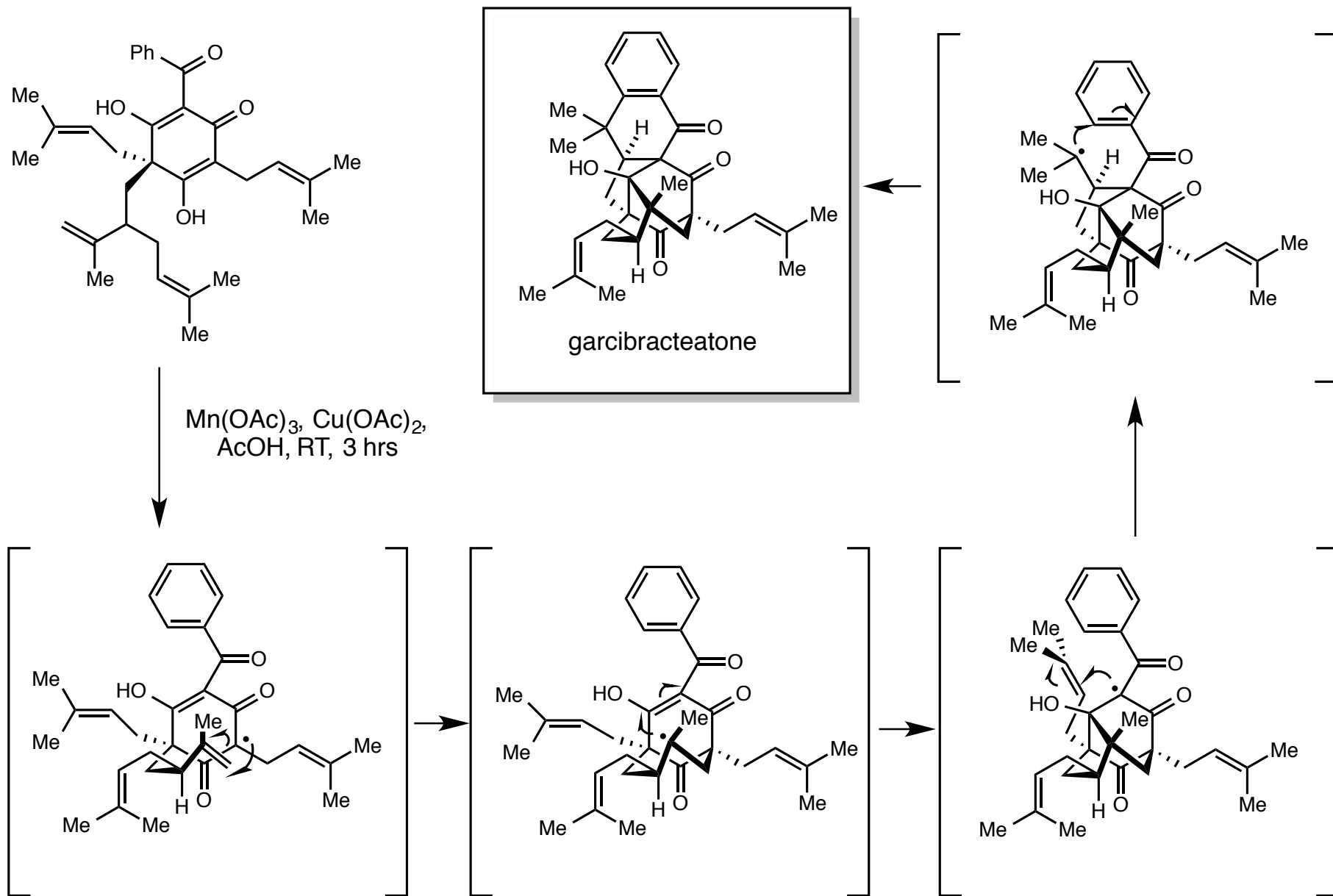


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### ■ So what is "radical" now?

- Total syntheses with radical cyclizations method in the last year:

Tin Reagent: 8 reported    Reduction: 6 reported    Oxidation: 6 reported

- No photoredox radical cyclization in total synthesis yet
- Radical cyclization still primarily for carbon-carbon bond formations
- Many use fragmentation method - for functional handle after
- Total syntheses with tandem radical cyclization in the last year:

Tandem: 5