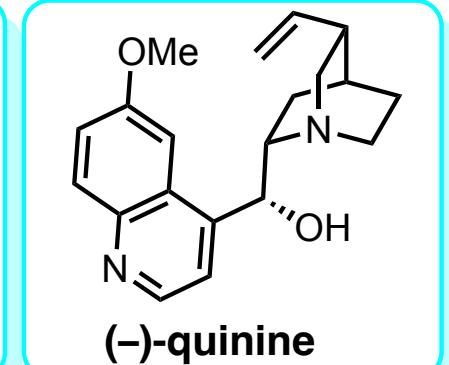
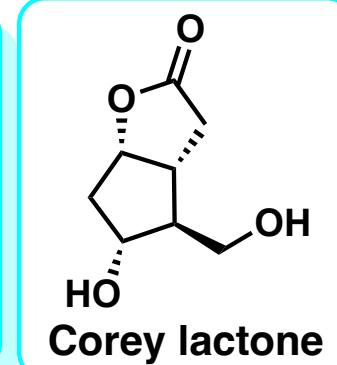
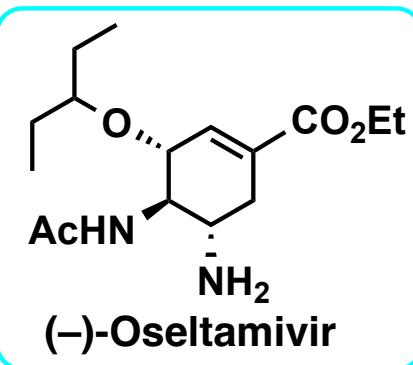


Time and Pot Economies in the Total Synthesis



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Catalysis and Strategy

Target molecules: High valued, optically active molecules
Multi-step reactions are necessary.

Reaction (Catalysis) and Strategy

Catalyst
Environmentally friendly
reactions

Organocatalyst

- Metal waste is not generated
- No metal residue in the product
- Stable in water, oxygen, etc.
- Safe and secure catalyst (low toxicity)
- Inexpensive

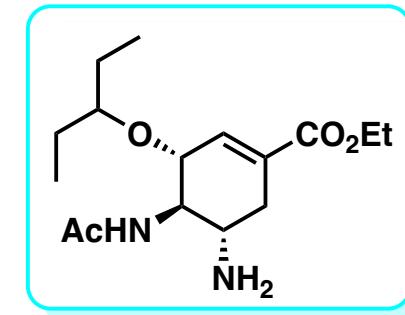
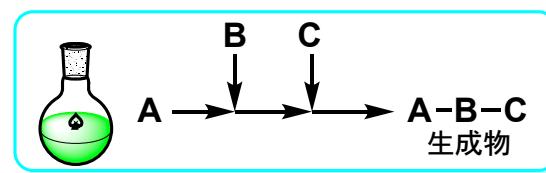


**Hayashi-Jørgensen
Catalyst**

Synthetic strategy
Environment-friendly
Efficient synthesis

Pot Economy

One-pot reaction using organic catalysts



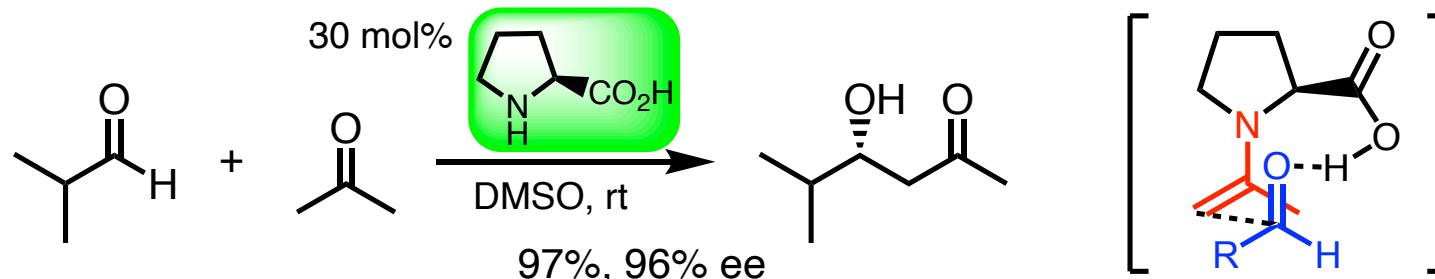
Tamiflu
One-pot synthesis

Asymmetric Catalysis

Metcatalysis Nobel prize 2001

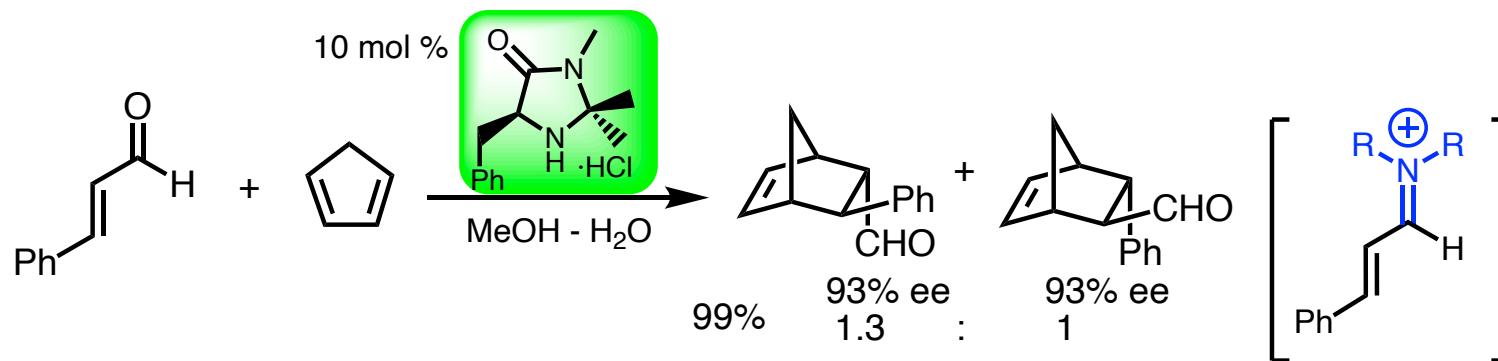
Organocatalysis Nobel prize 2021

Enamine as an intermediate : proline



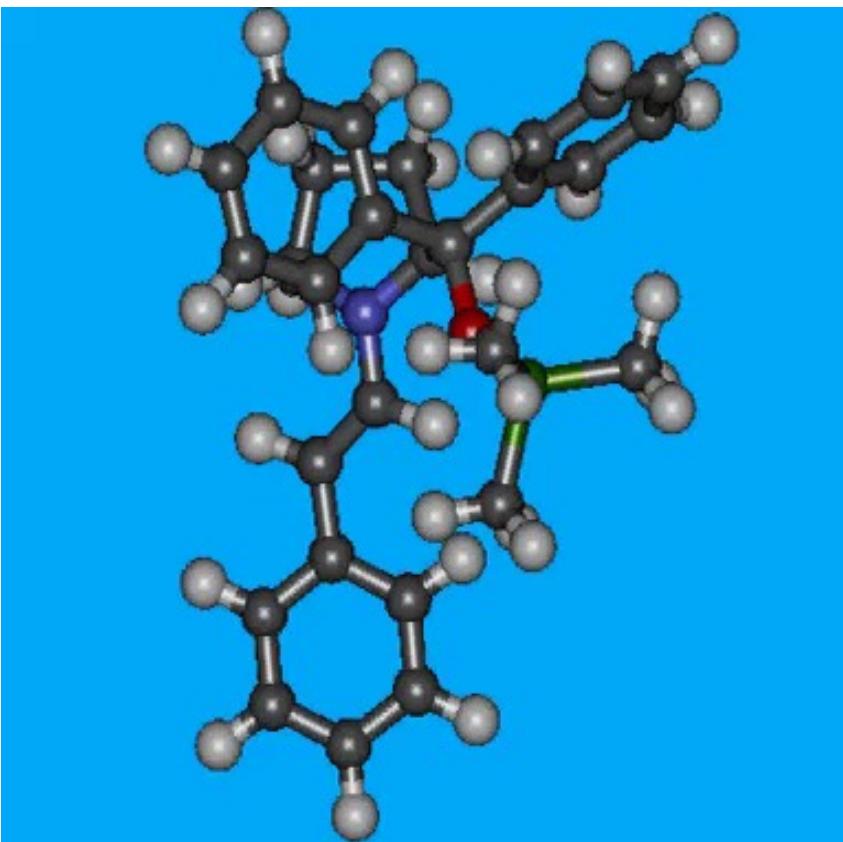
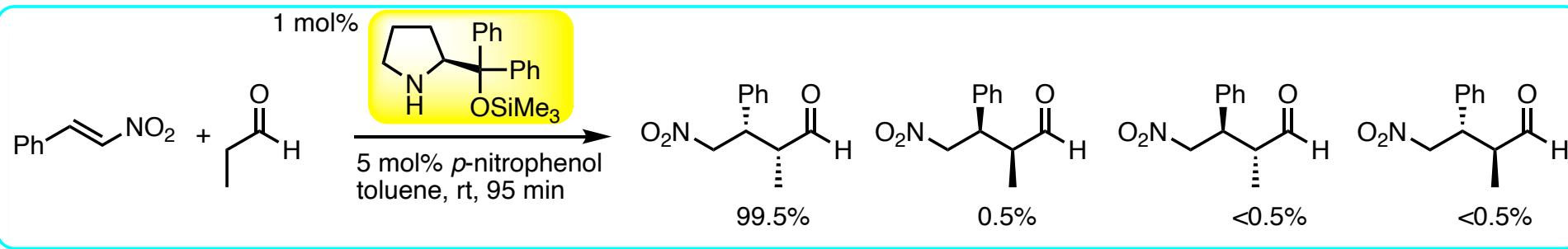
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Iminium ion as an intermediate : MacMillan Catalyst



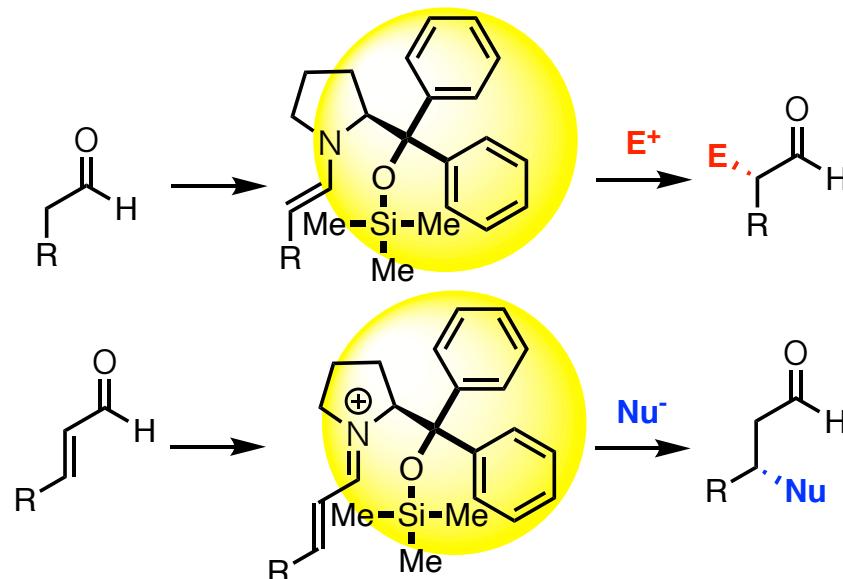
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Hayashi—Jørgensen catalyst

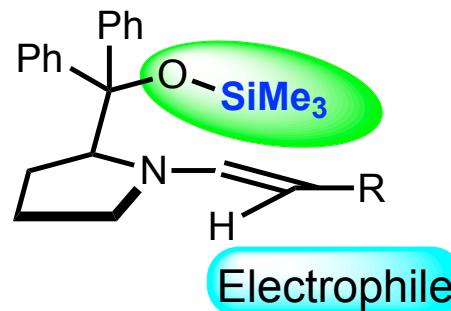
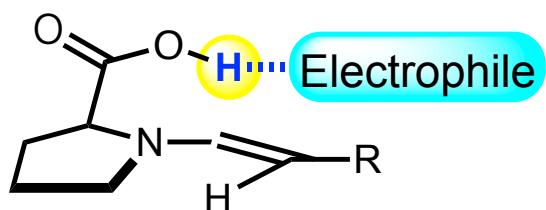
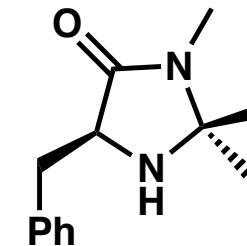
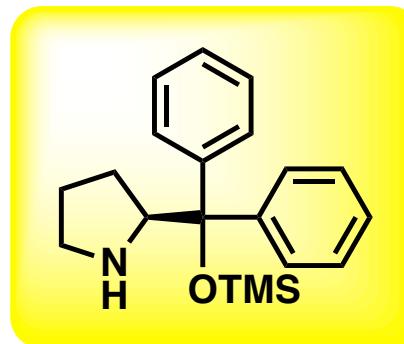
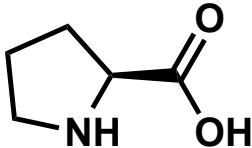


catalyst

- Easily synthesized from proline
- Both enantiomers are commercially available
- Inexpensive
- High asymmetric induction



Hayashi—Jørgensen catalyst



Effective both for enamine and iminium ion

Suitable nucleophilicity as enamine

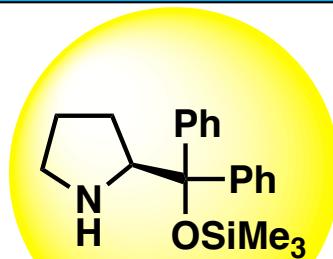
Suitable electrophilicity as iminium ion

Suitable catalyst for one-pot reaction

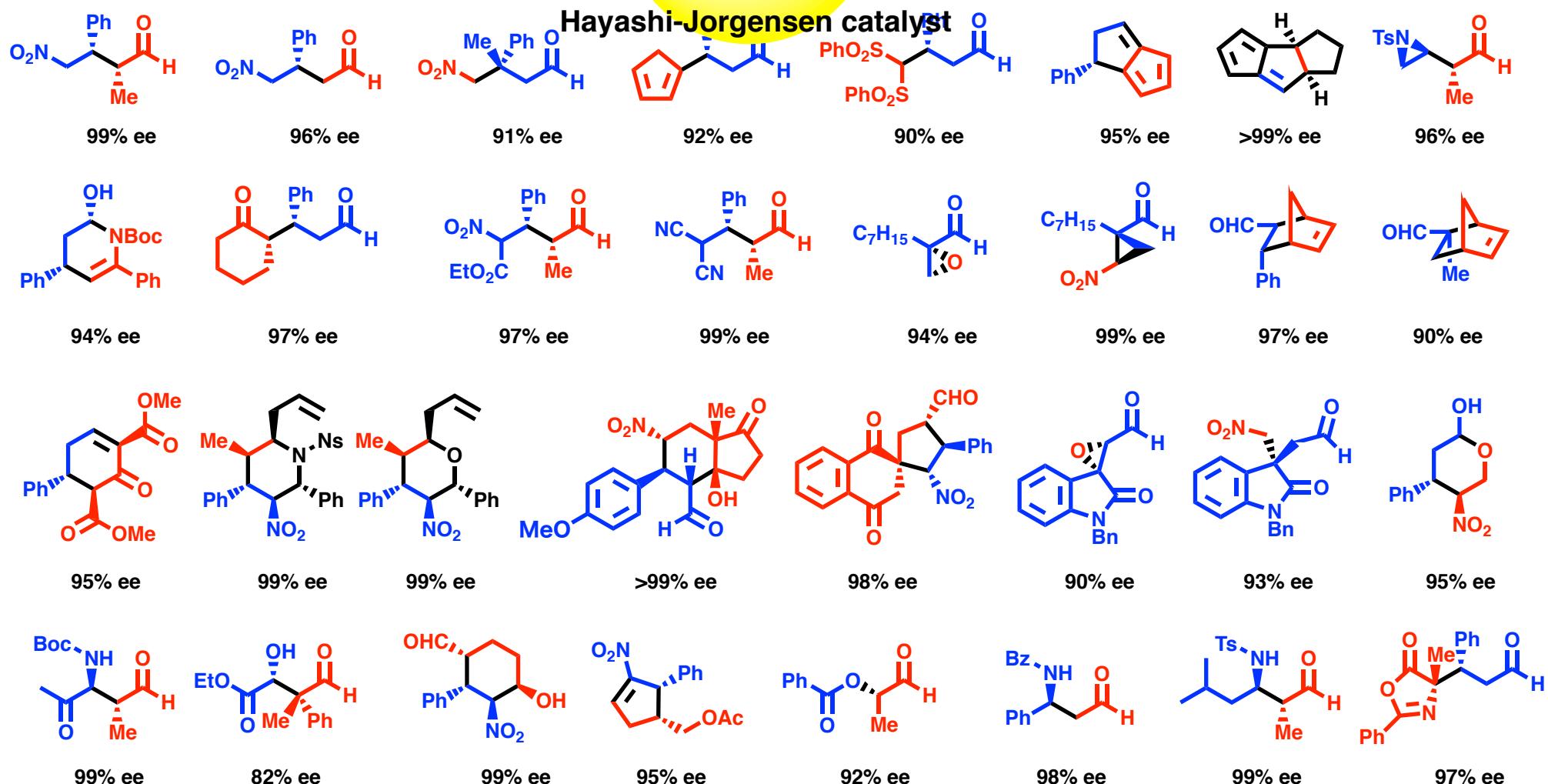
Bulky secondary amine and weak base, which does not affect the other reactions

Hayashi—Jørgensen catalyst

- wide generality
- excellent enantioselectivity



- inexpensive

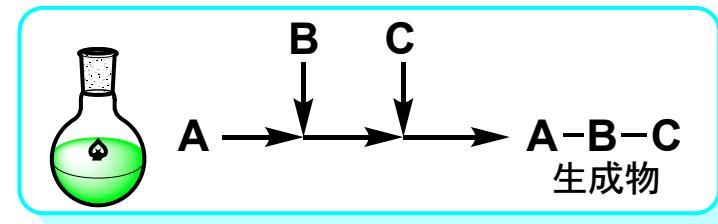


- **Pot economy (Hayashi)**
- Atom economy (Trost)
- Step economy (Wender)
- Redox economy (Baran & Hoffmann)

Pot reaction

To conduct reactions in a single vessel.

To avoid the time-consuming operations.



Limitations of the pot reaction

- High yield in each step
- Restriction on the amount of the reagent (1:1 molar ratio)
- Restriction on the solvent (solvent of high boiling point is not suitable)

Tedious operations

- quench
- separation of organic phase
- drying the organic phase
- filtration
- evaporation
- purification

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1. Introduction

Efficiency and environmental sustainability are central issues in contemporary organic chemistry. Both need to be addressed carefully when making a valuable target molecule over several distinct steps. When feasible, an effective approach is to synthesize the target in a single reaction vessel. This approach is often termed ‘one-pot’, and can apply to a multi-step reaction,

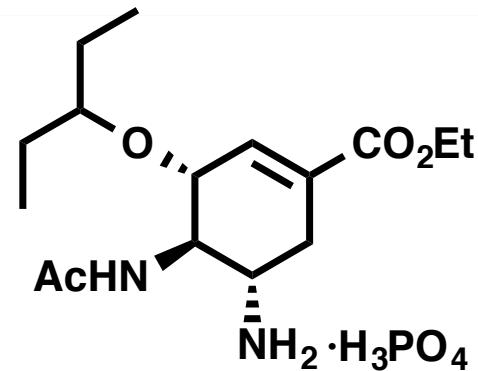
Pot economy and one-pot synthesis

Yujiro Hayashi

The one-pot synthesis of a target molecule in the same reaction vessel is widely considered to be an efficient approach in synthetic organic chemistry. In this review, the characteristics and limitations of various one-pot syntheses of biologically active molecules are explained, primarily involving organocatalytic methods as key tactics. Besides catalysis, the pot-economy concepts presented herein are also applicable to organometallic and organic reaction methods in general.

method, or synthesis. It is effective because several synthetic transformations and bond-forming steps can be carried out in a single pot, while circumventing several purification procedures at the same time. A one-pot procedure can thus minimize chemical waste, save time, and simplify practical aspects. In fact, this approach has been used widely in synthetic organic chemistry for a long time. For instance, Robinson's one-pot synthesis of tropinone is a landmark achievement in organic chemistry, which was reported nearly 100 years ago (eqn (1)).¹

Tamiflu



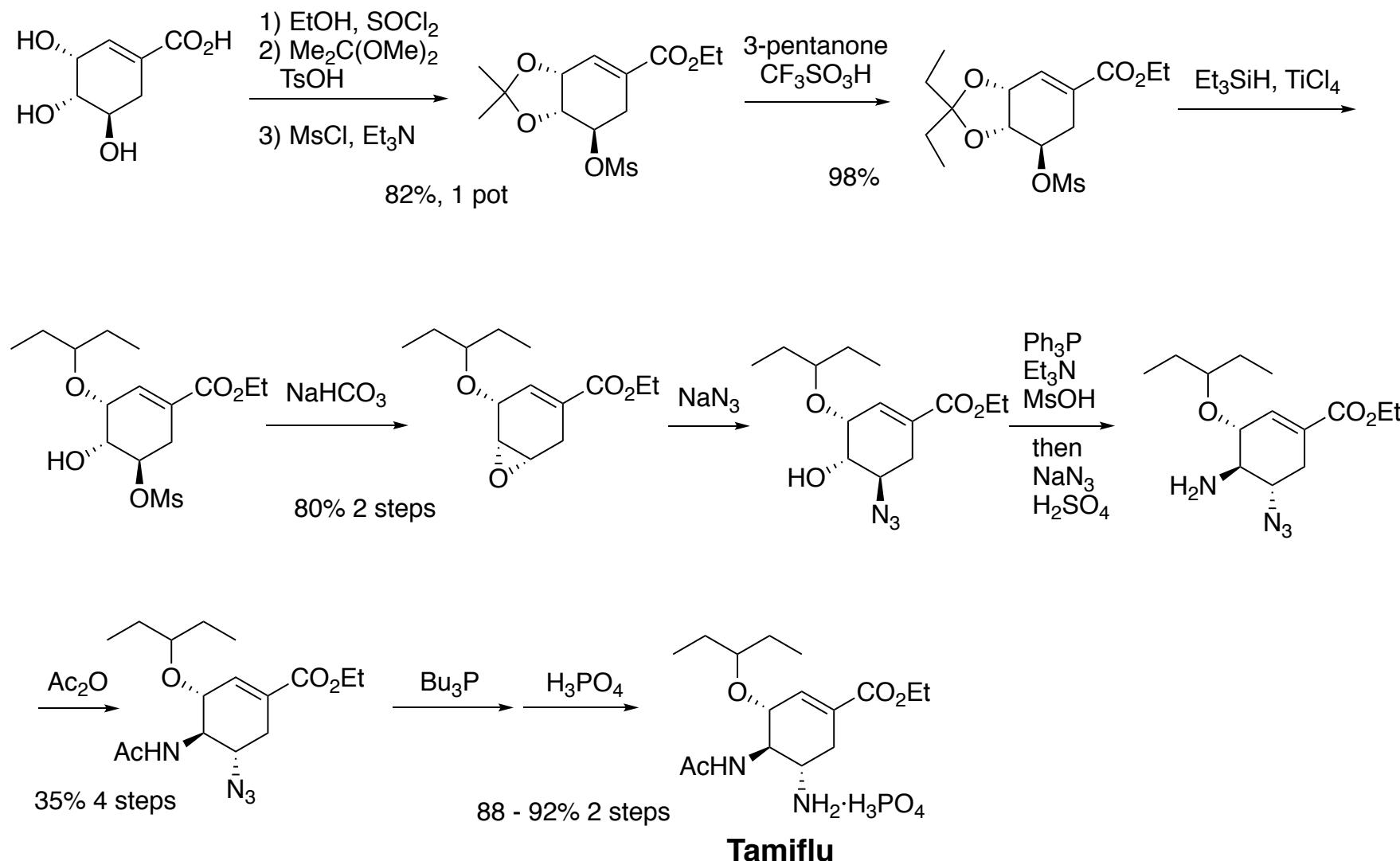
(-)-oseltamivir phosphate (Tamiflu)

Tamiflu: Orally administrated anti-Influenza drug developed by
Gilead Sciences, Inc. and Roche

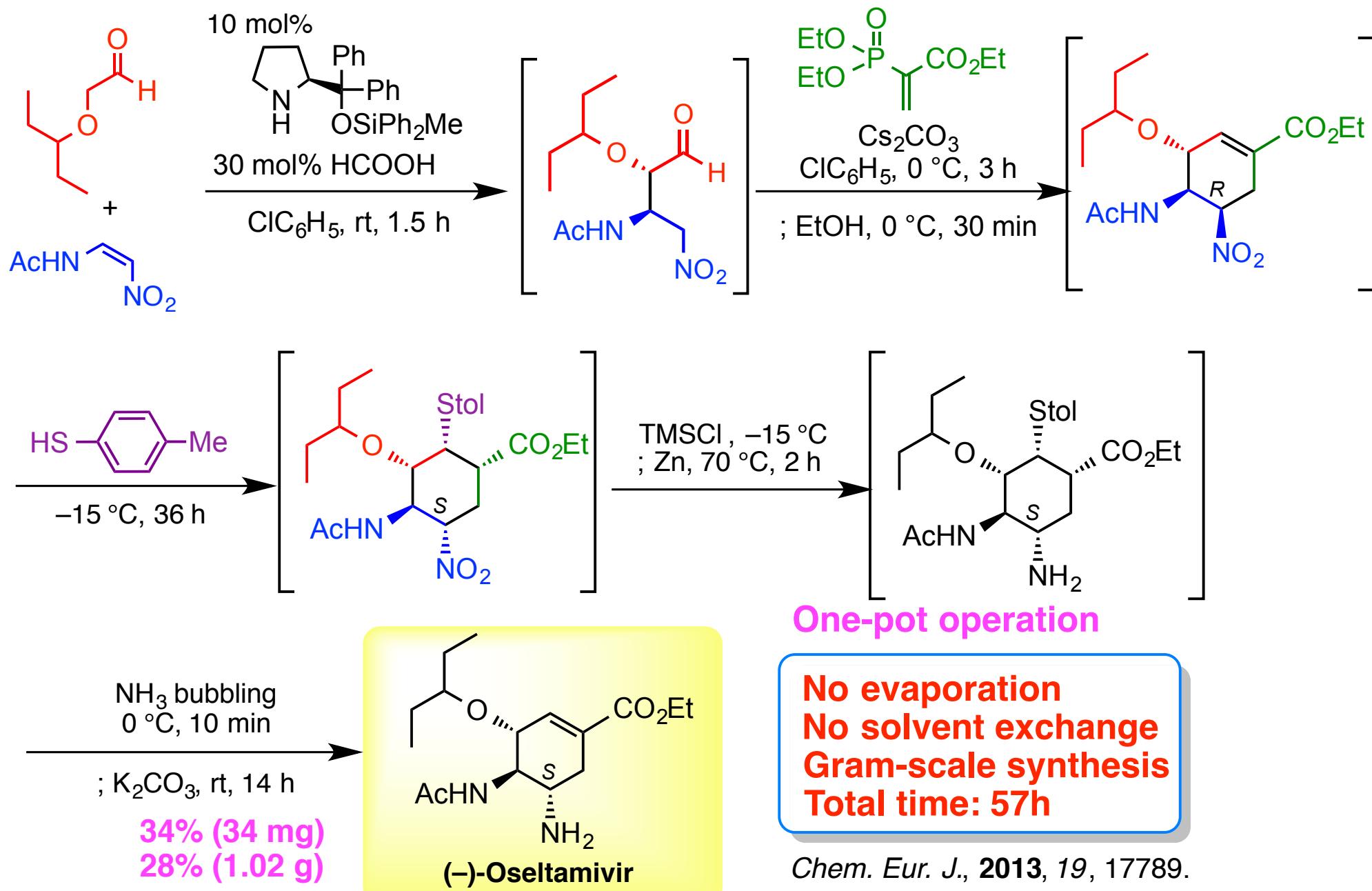
Total Synthesis: Corey (2006), Shibasaki/Kanai (2006), Yao (2006), Wong (2007)
Fukuyama (2007), Fang (2007), Kann (2007), Trost (2008)
Banwell (2008), Mandai (2009), Ma (2010) *et al.*,
62 total syntheses

Synthetic Challenge: Control of three continuous chiral center
Selectivity (enantio- and diastereo-)

The synthesis of Tamiflu by Roche



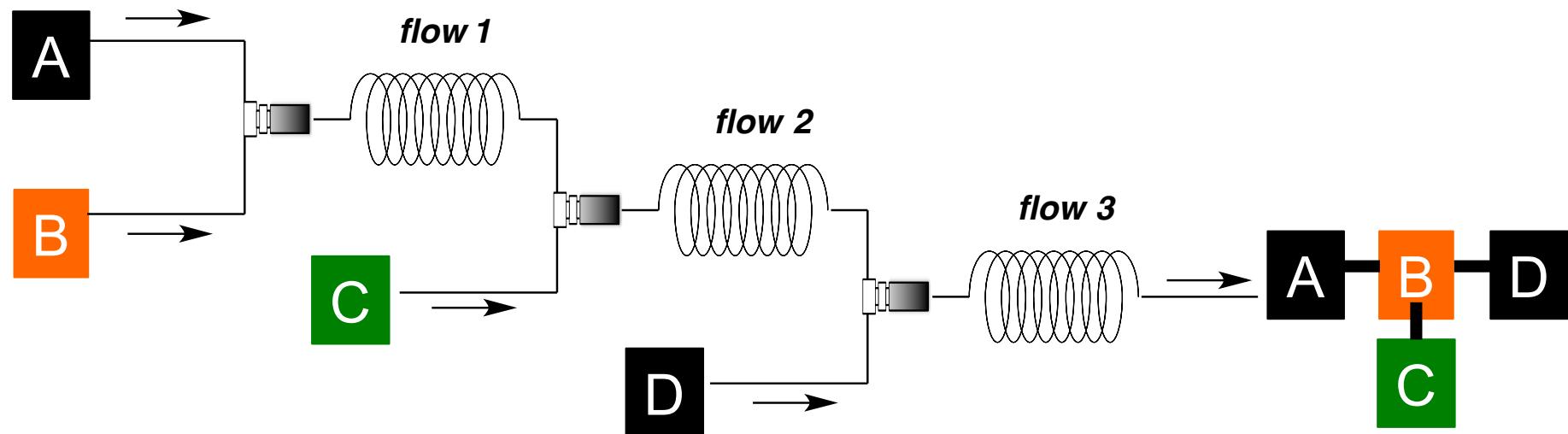
“one-pot” synthesis of (-)-oseltamivir



Multistep continuous - flow synthesis

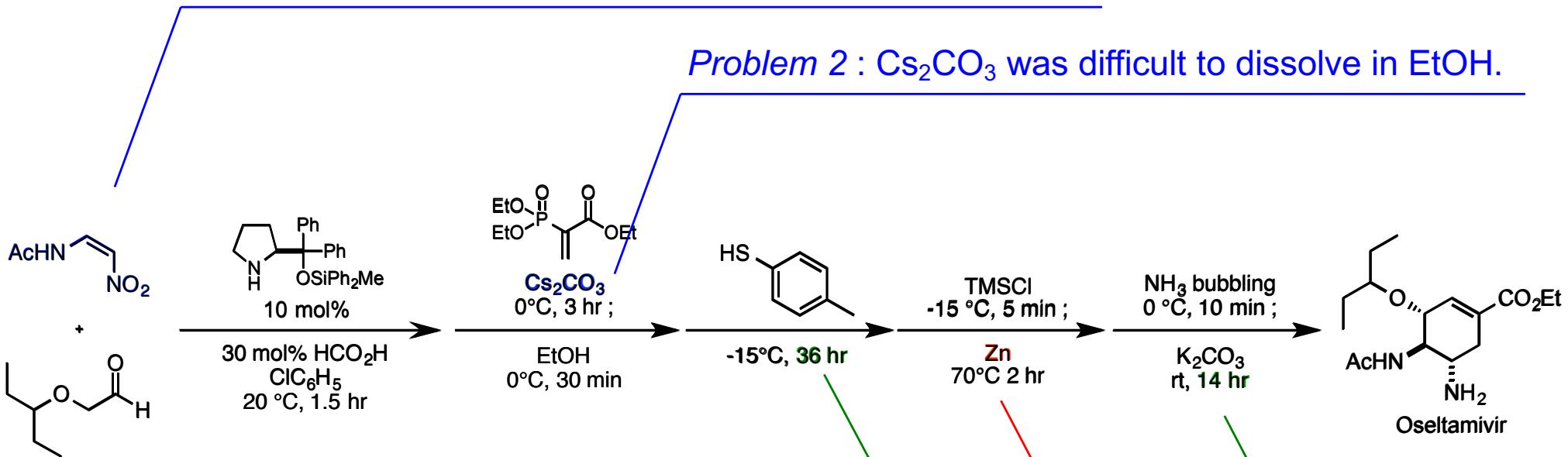
One-pot reaction
No evaporation
No solvent exchange

Flow synthesis
Efficiency
High reproducibility



Problems

Problem 1 : Nitroalkene was scarcely soluble in C₆H₅Cl.

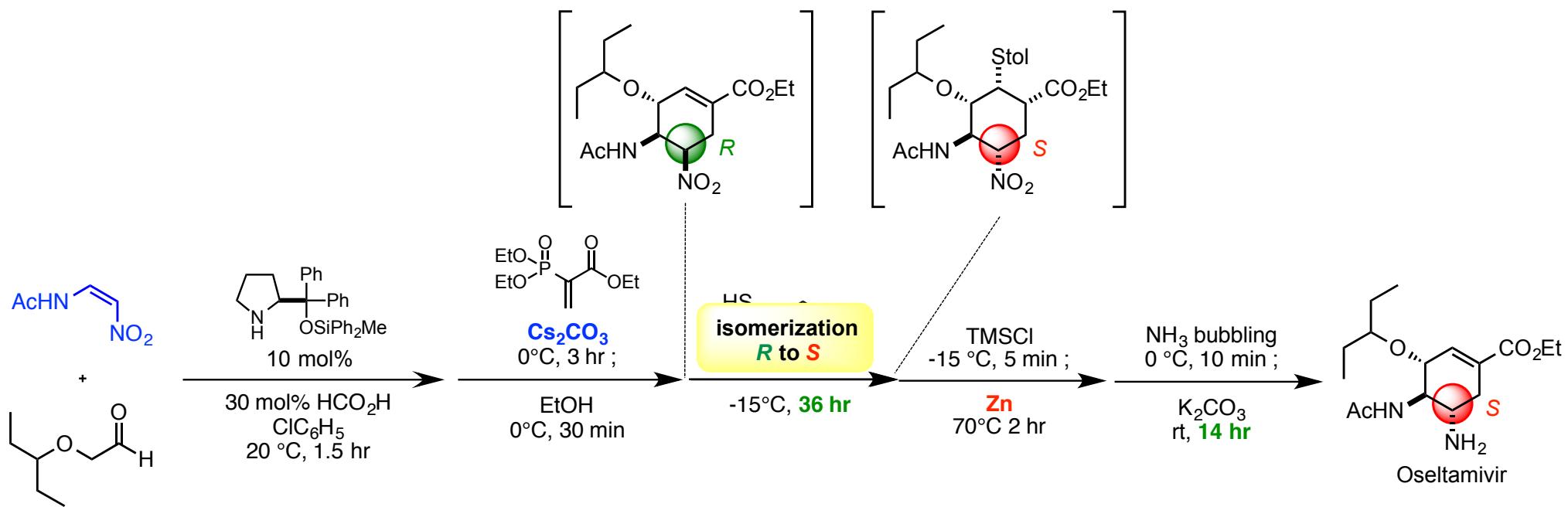


Problem 3 : Reaction time was too long.

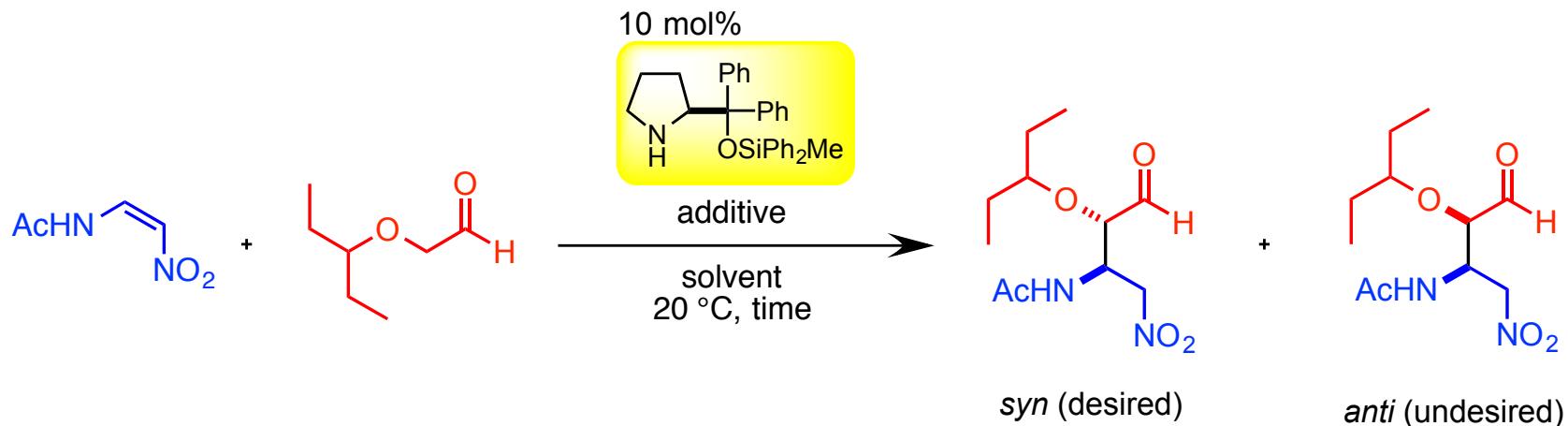
Problem 4 : How was Zn added in flow system?

Problem 5 : Reaction time was too long.

One-pot synthesis of (-)-oseltamivir



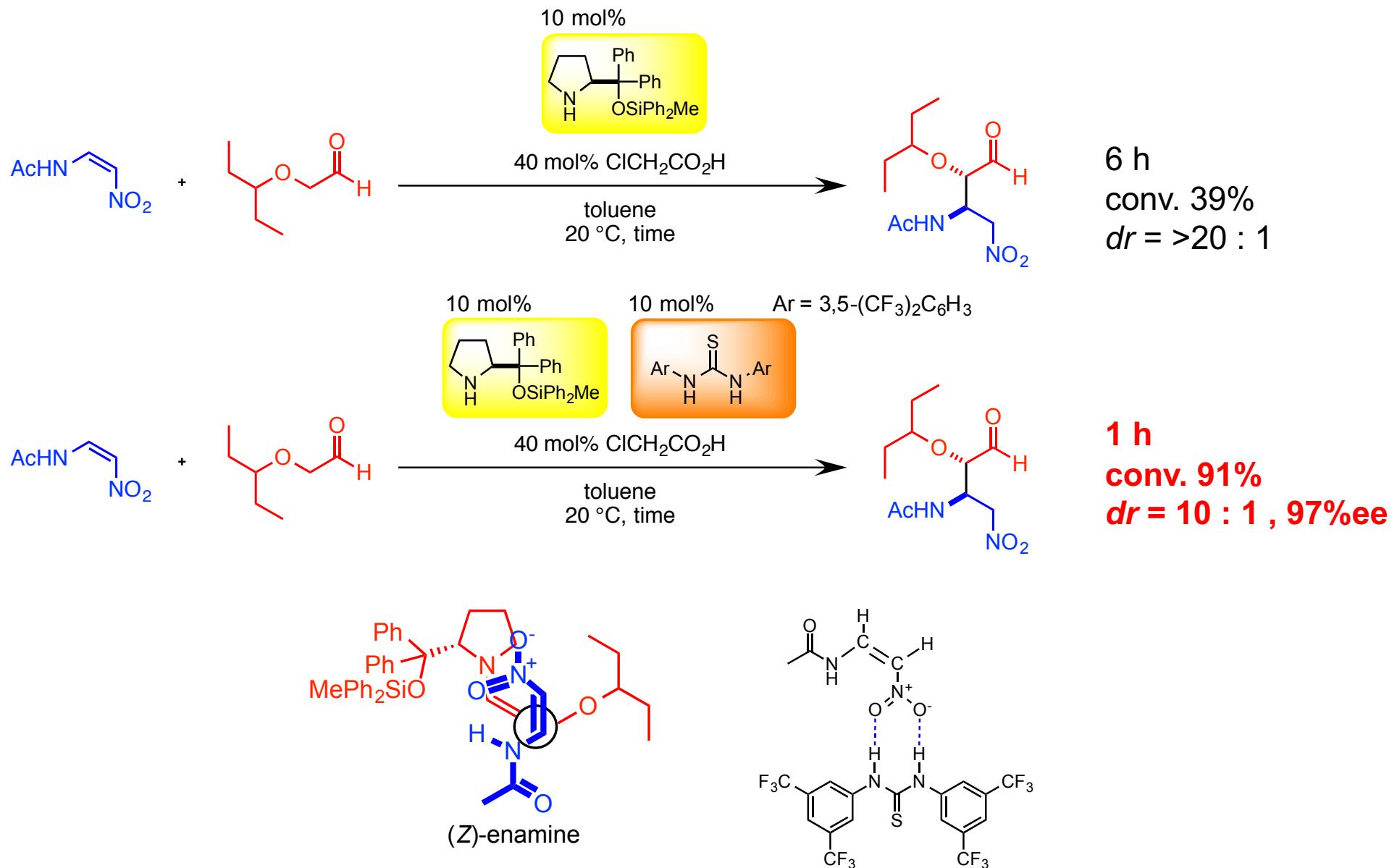
Asymmetric Michael reaction



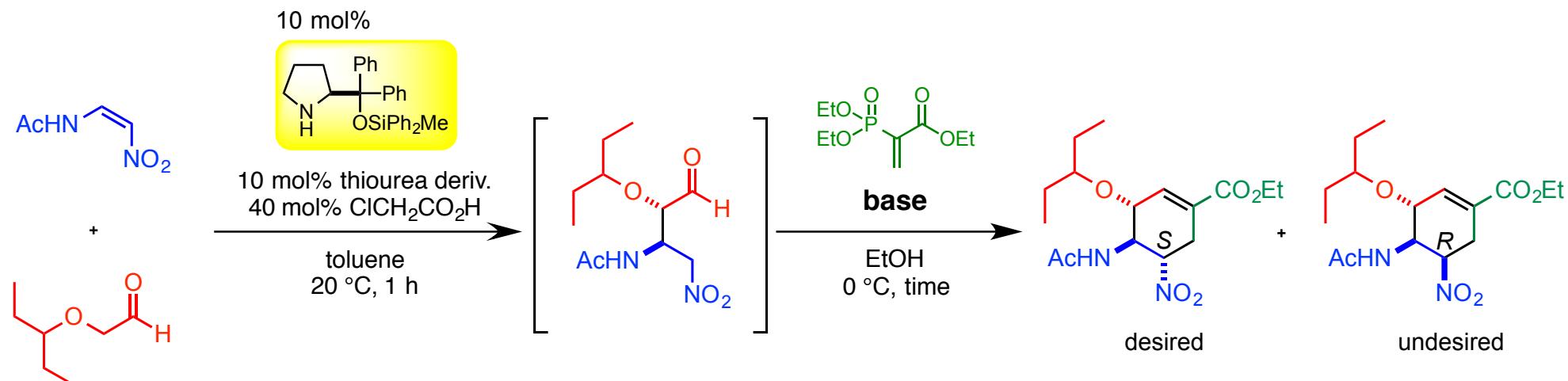
solvent	additive	time / h	conv. / %	<i>syn</i> / <i>anti</i>	ee / %
C ₆ H ₅ Cl (0.3 M) *	HCO ₂ H	1.5	80	7.1 : 1	99
C ₆ H ₅ Me (0.04 M)	ClCH ₂ CO ₂ H	6	39	>20 : 1	—
dioxane (0.3 M)	PhCO ₂ H	2	66	4.6 : 1	—
C ₆ H ₅ Me / dioxane (0.07 M)	ClCH ₂ CO ₂ H	1.5	52	5.9 : 1	—
C₆H₅Me (0.04 M)	ClCH₂CO₂H thiourea deriv.	1	91	10 : 1	97

* This condition can not dissolve nitroalkene.

Michael reaction with or without thiourea derivative

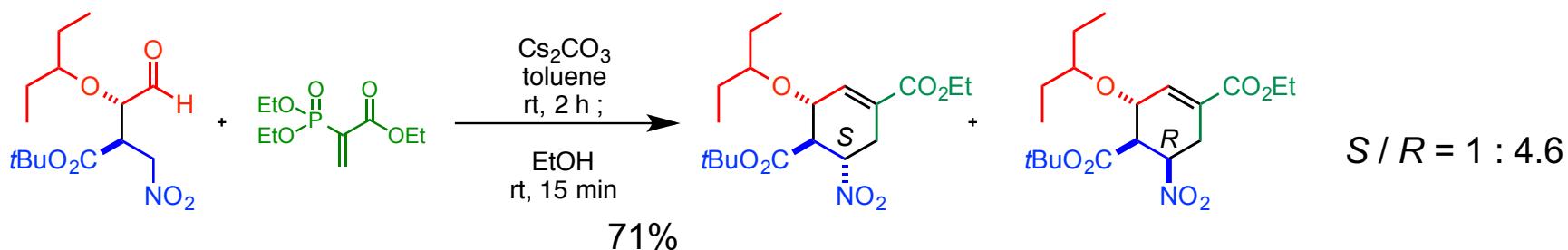


Screening of the soluble base instead of Cs₂CO₃

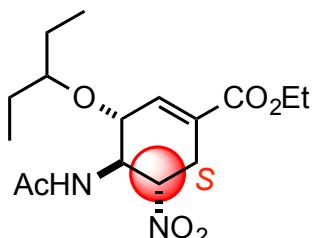


base	time / h	yield / % *	S / R
DBU	3	<10	—
TBAF	3	25	1 : 1.5
Triton B	3	47	1 : 8.0
t-BuOK	0.5	63	1 : 6.3

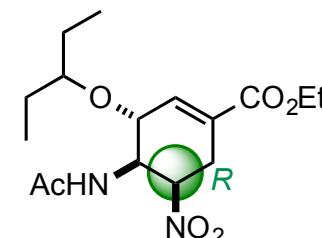
* from nitroalkene



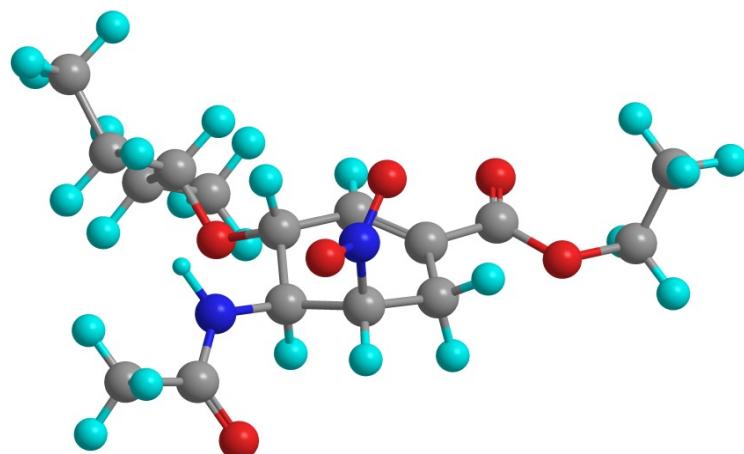
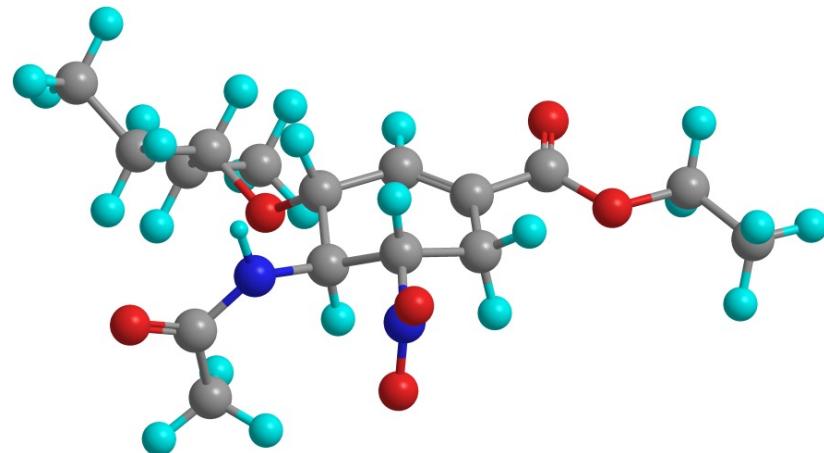
Stability of *R* and *S* isomers



desired



undesired

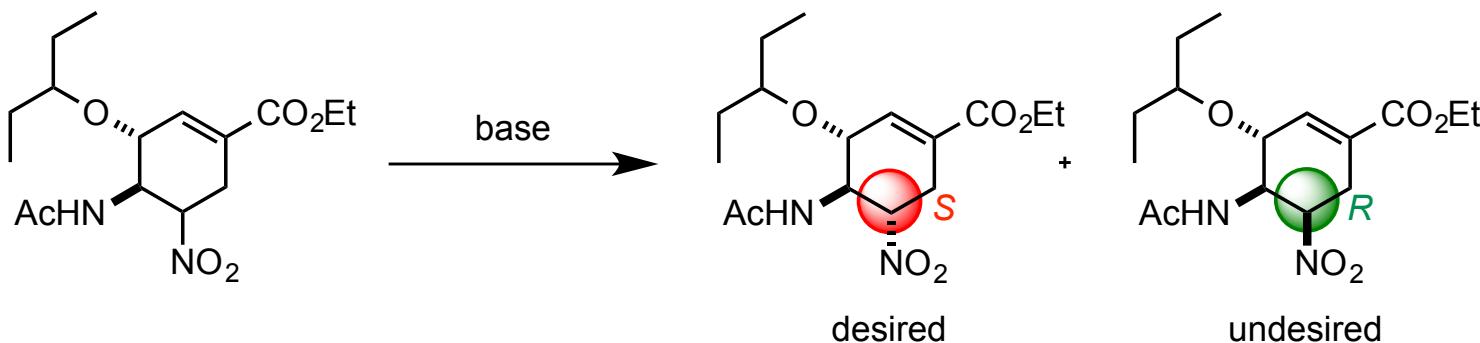


Substrate	Difference of energy / kcal/mol
5 <i>S</i>	0.46
5 <i>R</i>	0.00

calculated by M062X / 6-31+G (d,p)

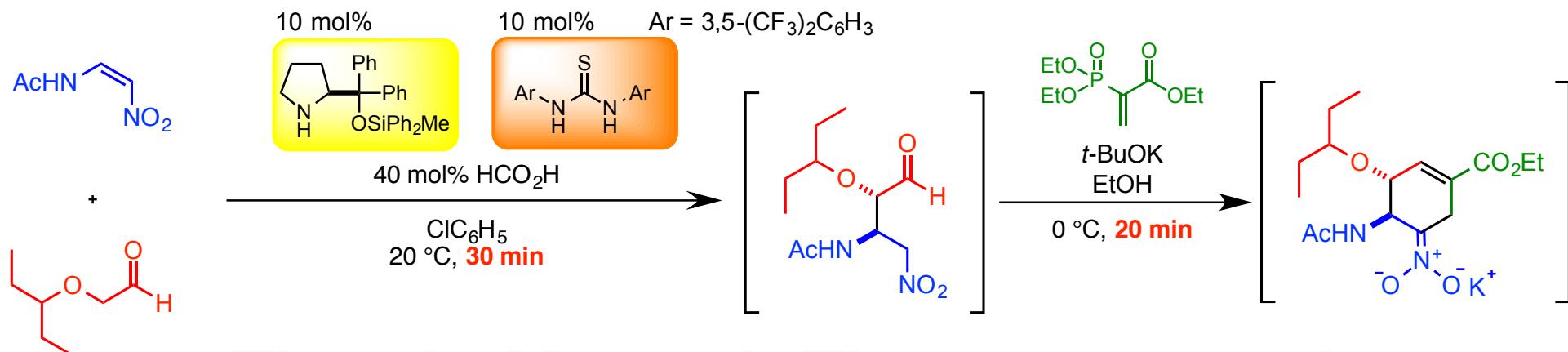
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Optimization of isomerization

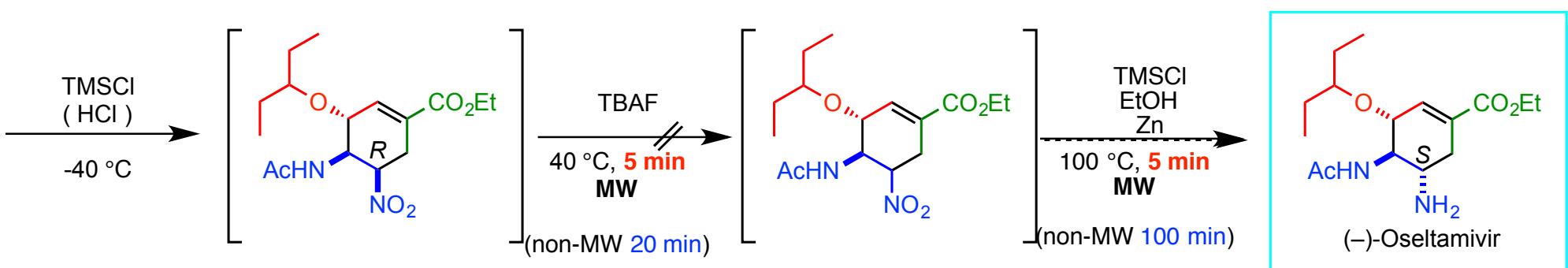


base	solvent	temp. / °C	time / h	S / R
DABCO	C ₆ D ₆	rt to 60	8	1 : 2.7
Bu ₃ P	CDCl ₃	rt to 60	5	1 : 2.6
Et ₃ N	CD ₃ OD	60	1	1 : 1.5
<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ EtN	CD ₃ OD	60	1	1 : 1.5
<i>n</i>-Bu₄NF	CD₃OD	0	1	1 : 1.0

Rapid synthesis of (-)-Oseltamivir



Time is Money! Time economy!



MW

non-MW

Total yield :

15% (46 mg)

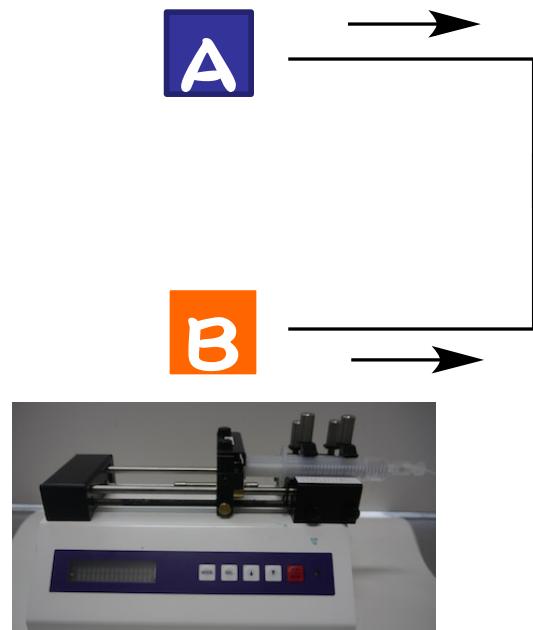
14% (1.12 g)

Total reaction time :

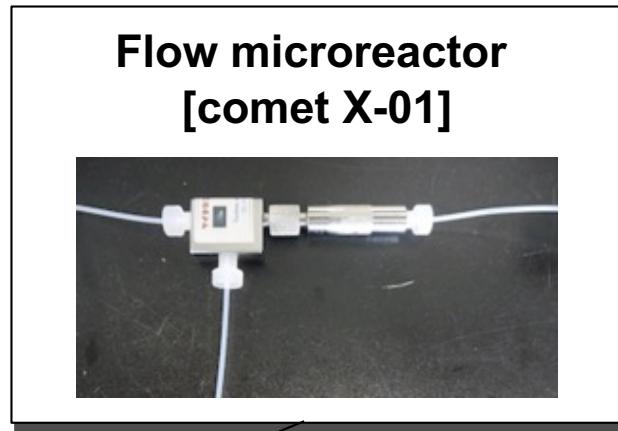
60 min

170 min

Flow synthesis device

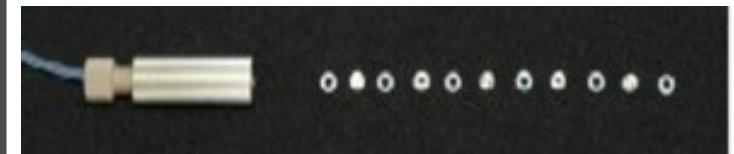


Syringe pump



PTFE tube
(Φ 0.96 mm)

Internal reactor have 10-layers with 3 holes and 1 hole plates



Available from Techno Applications Co., Ltd.

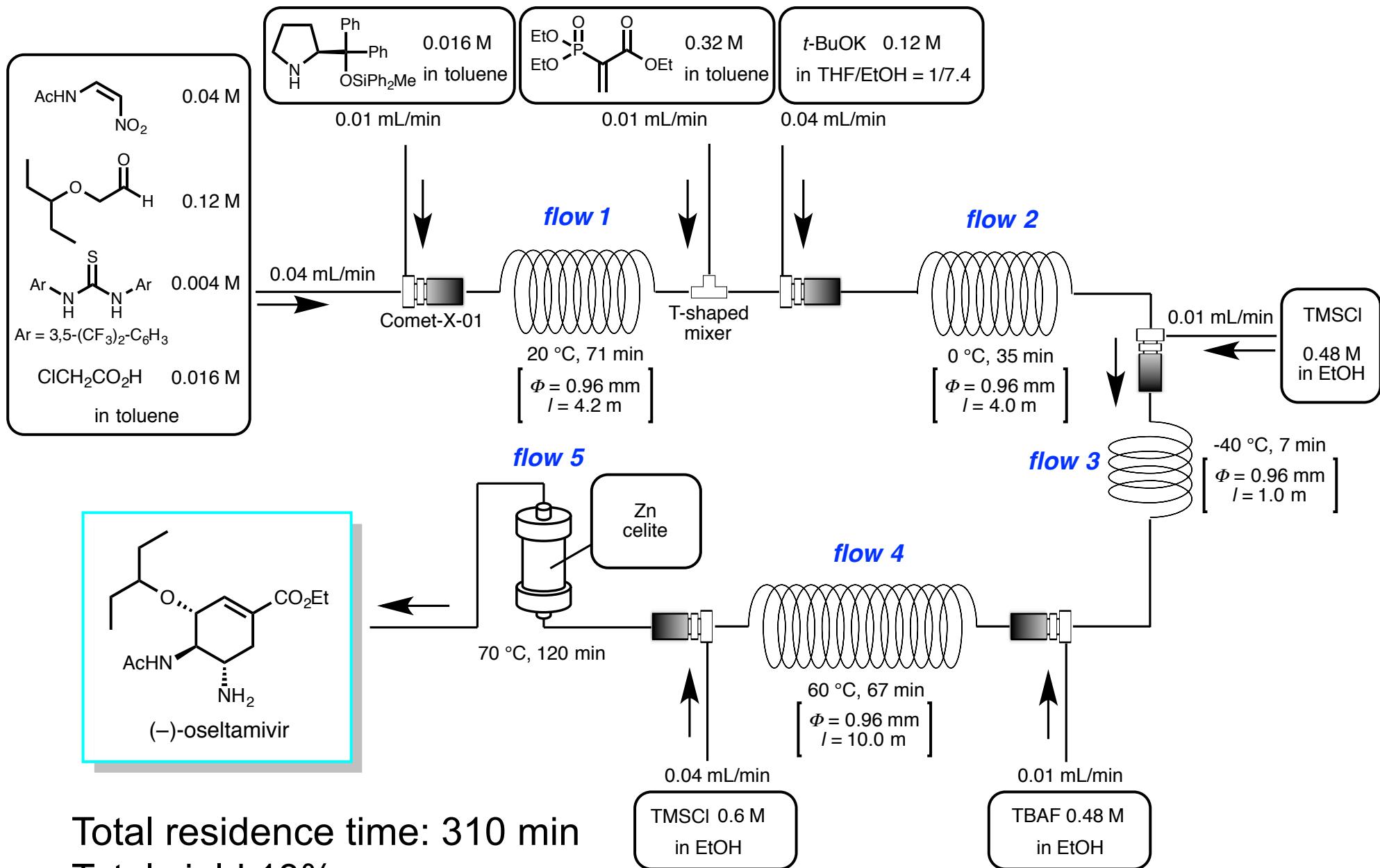
A-B

Zn reduction



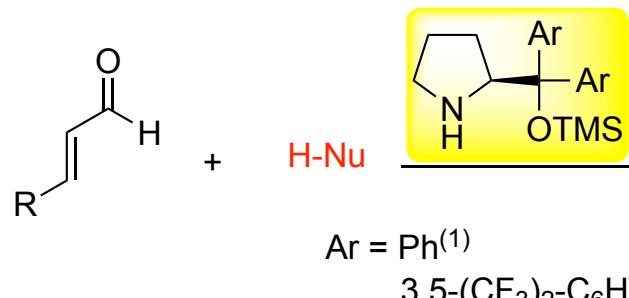
SNAP Empty cartridge
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Multistep flow synthesis

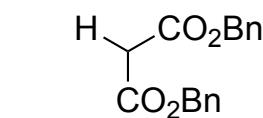


Michael reaction of α,β -unsaturated aldehyde and ketone catalyzed by diphenylprolinol silyl ether

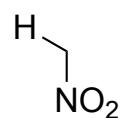
Michael donor is limited to active methylene compounds.



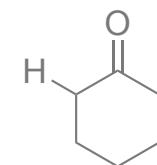
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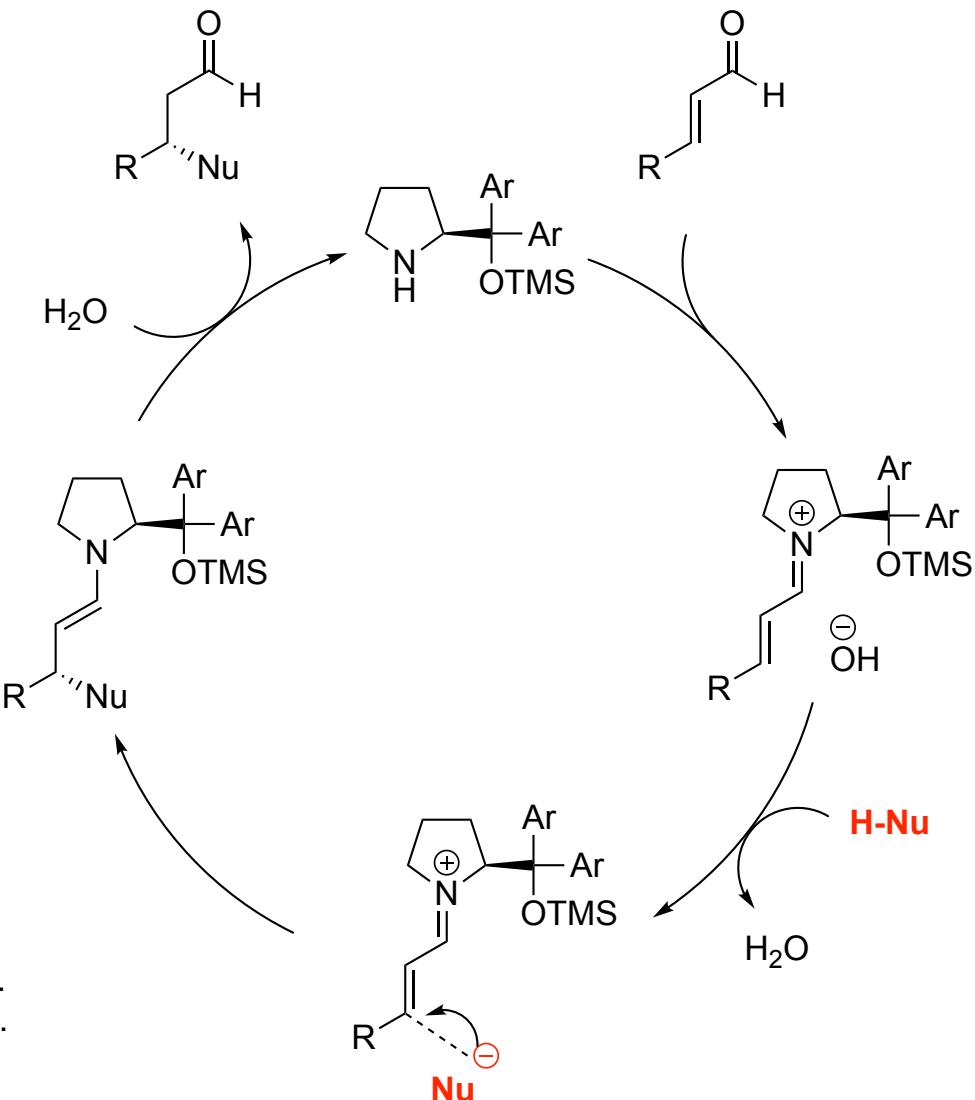
pKa ca.15.7
(in DMSO)



pKa 17.2
(in DMSO)



pKa 26.4
(in DMSO)



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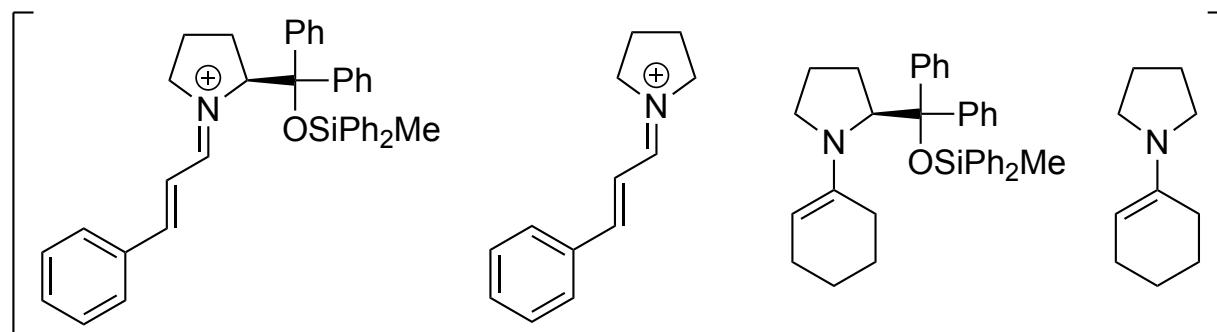
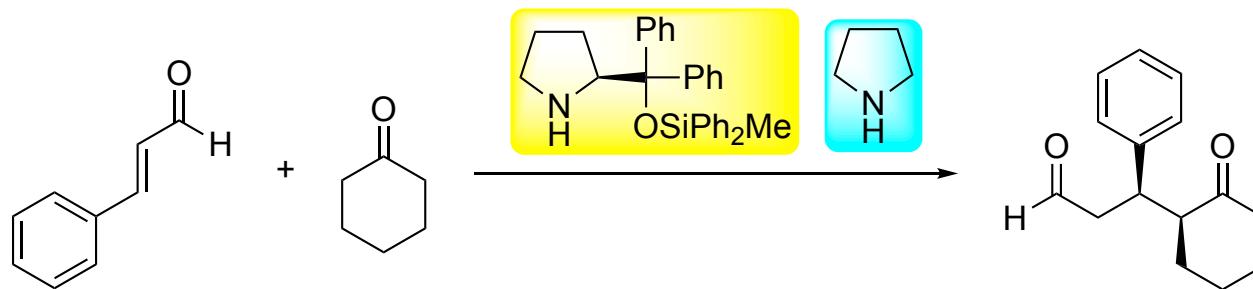
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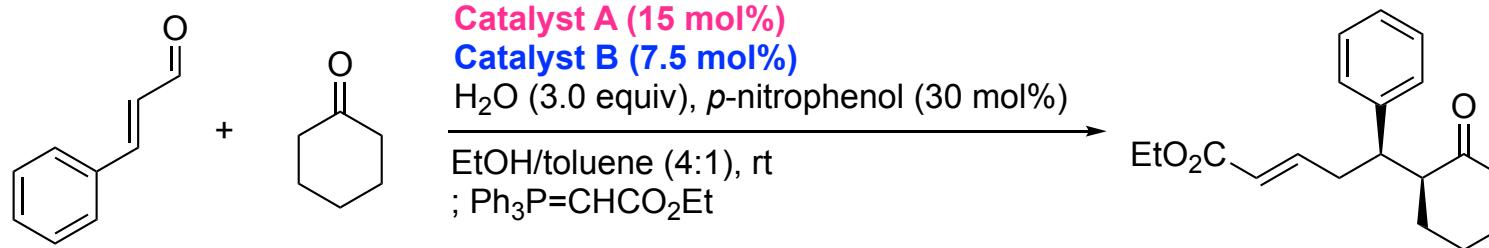
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Design of asymmetric Michael reaction using hybrid catalyst system

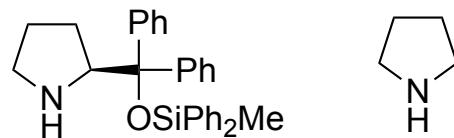
An idea of a student



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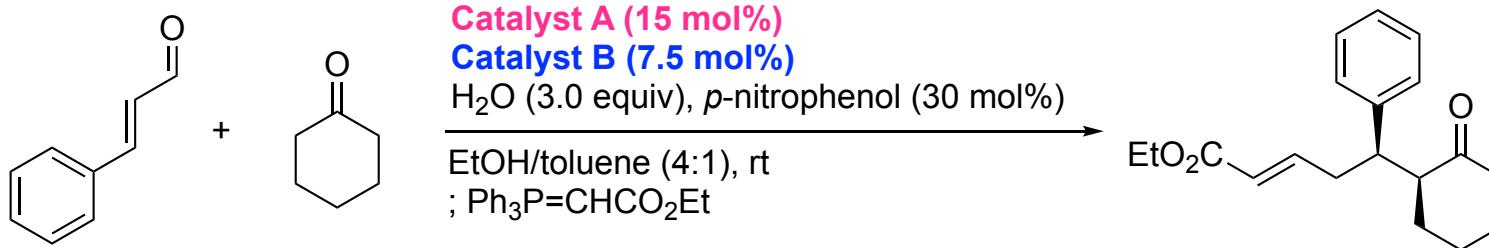


Catalyst A	Catalyst B	t [h]	yield [%]	<i>syn:anti</i>	ee [%]
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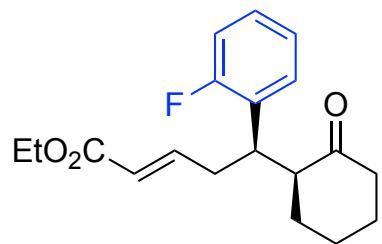
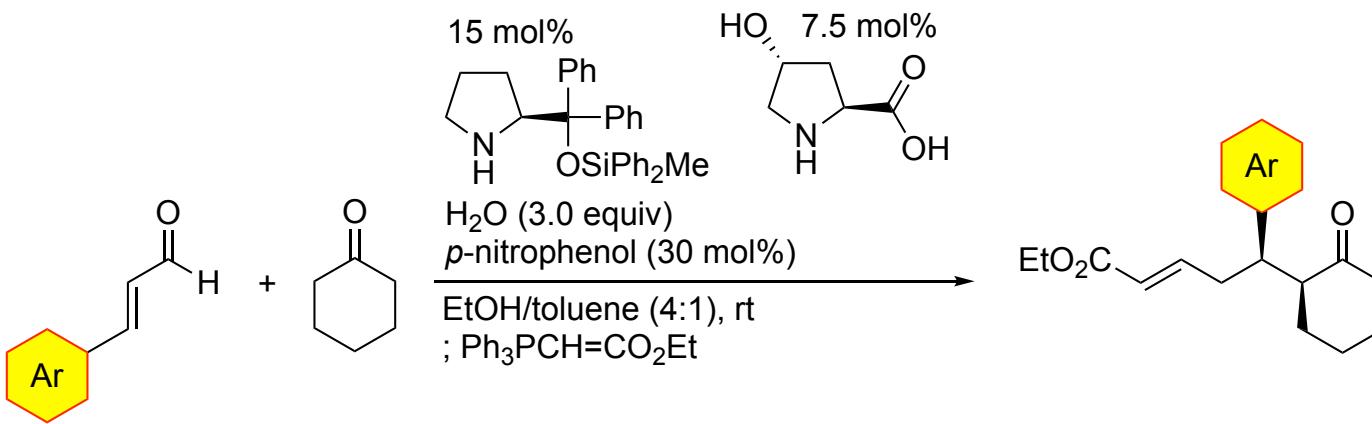
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Asymmetric Michael reaction using hybrid catalyst system

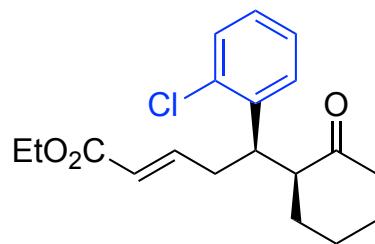


Catalyst A	Catalyst B	t [h]	yield [%]	<i>syn:anti</i>	ee [%]
	none	72	no reaction	n.d.	n.d.
		24	74	5:1	91
		40	74	15:1	96
		40	70	10:1	-95
none		72	no reaction	n.d.	n.d.

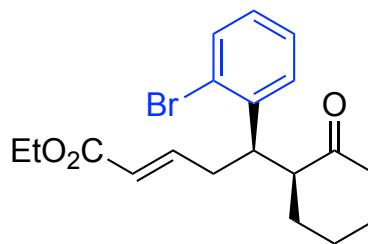
Substrate scope



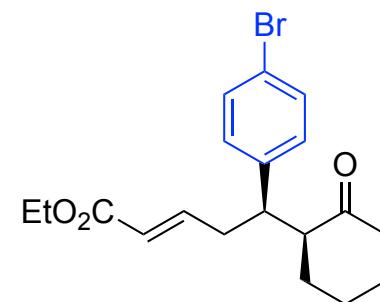
67%, *syn:anti* = 7:1, 82% ee



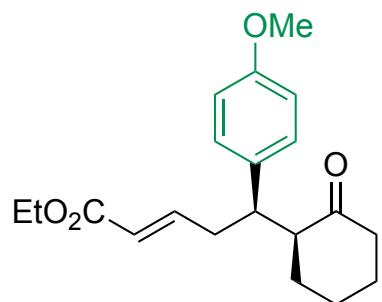
71%, *syn:anti* = 5:1, 89% ee



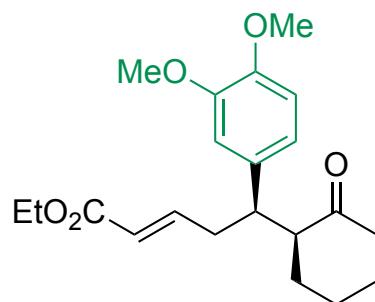
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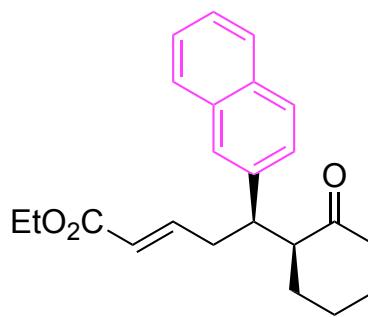
71%, *syn:anti* = 8:1, >99% ee



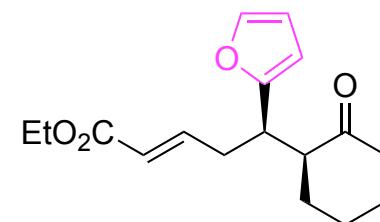
78%, *syn:anti* = 14:1, 96% ee



81%, *syn:anti* = 9:1, 96% ee

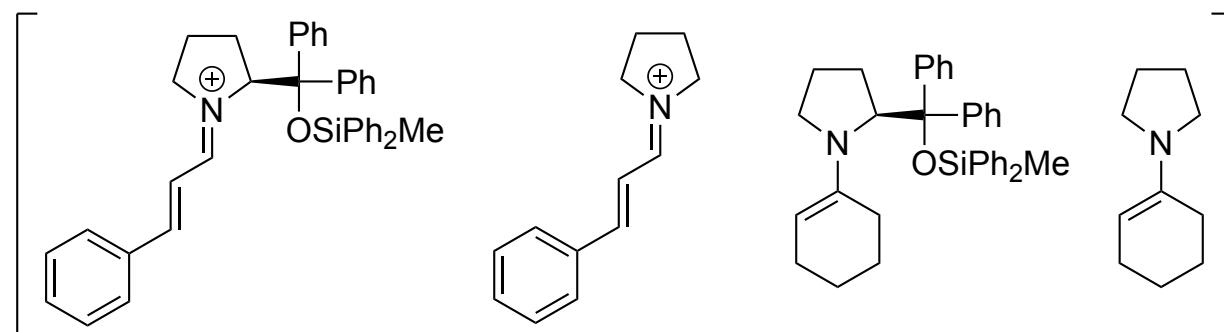
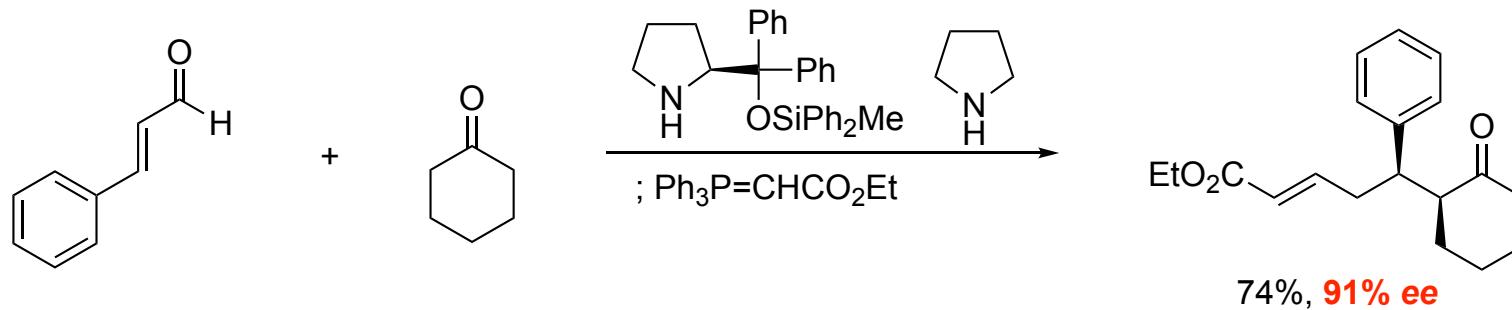


88%, *syn:anti* = 13:1, 96% ee

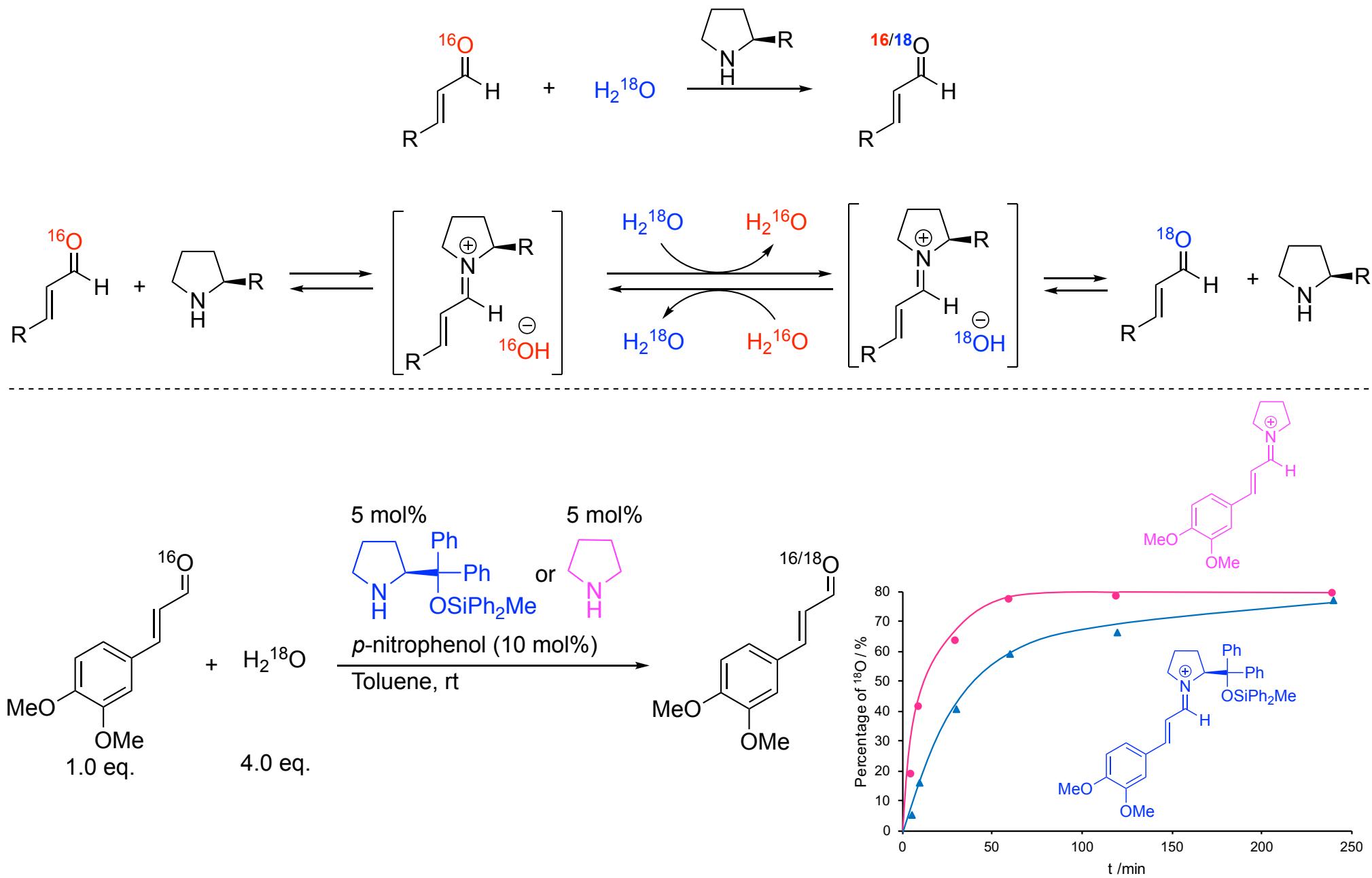


61%, *syn:anti* = 6:1, 89% ee

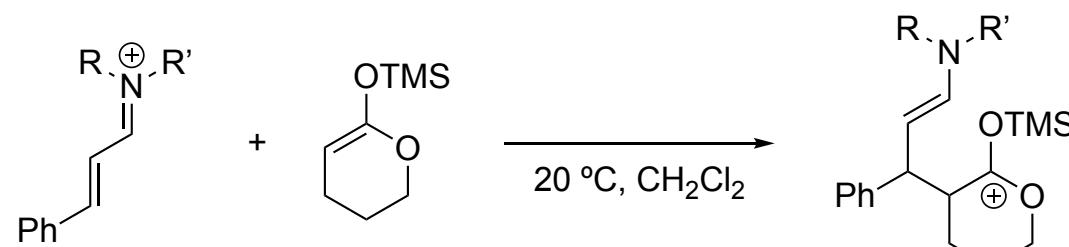
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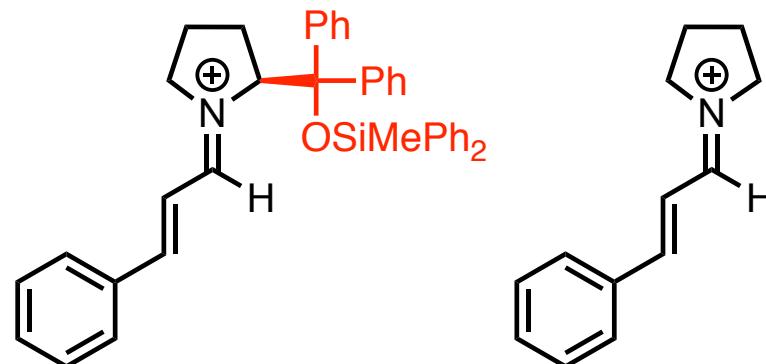
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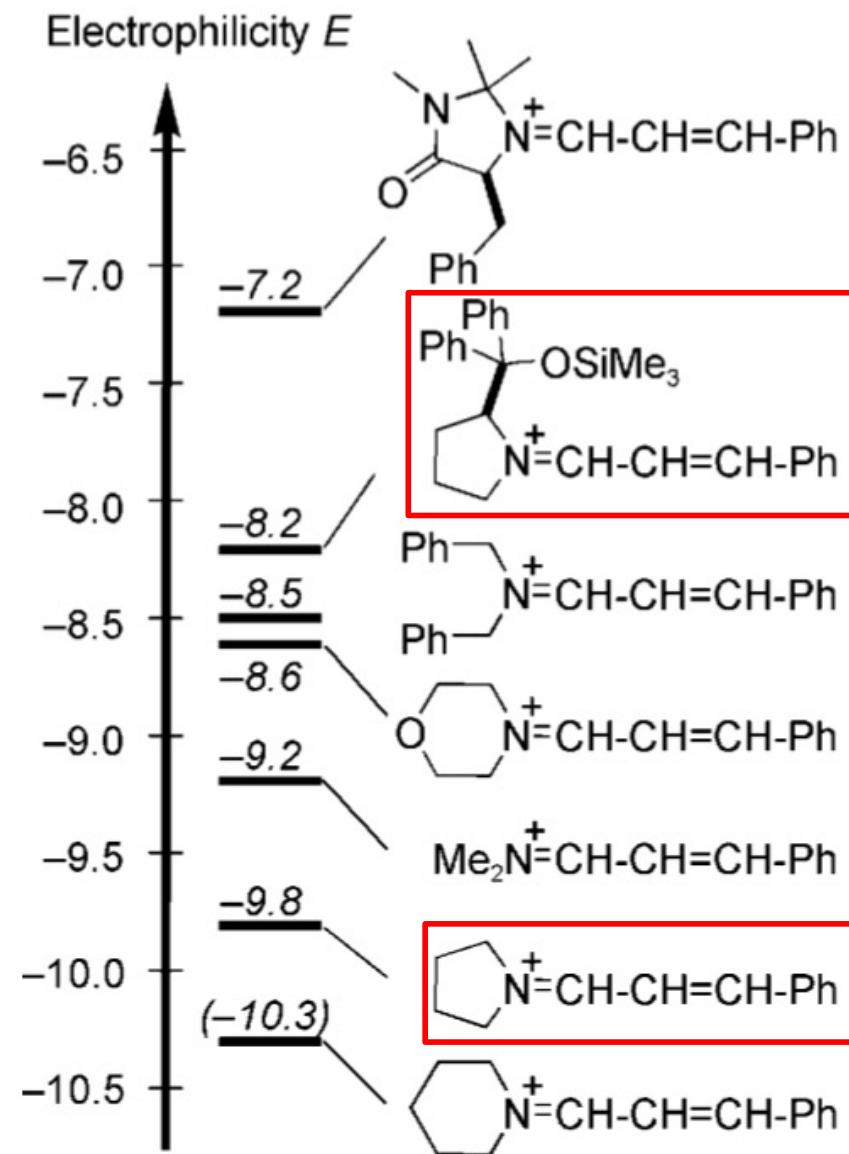
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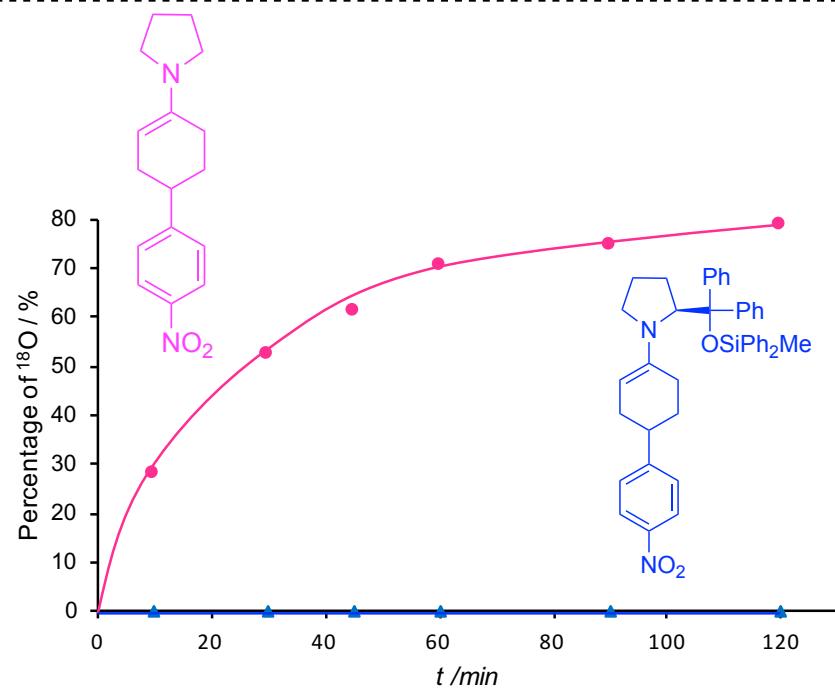
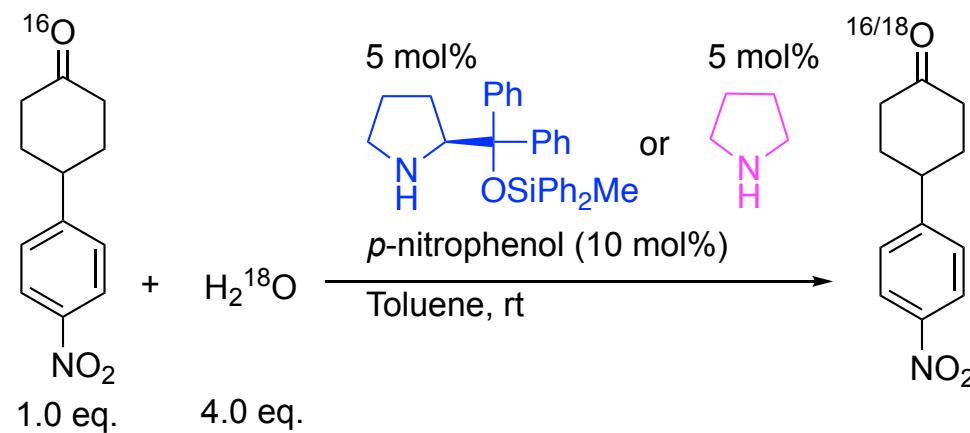
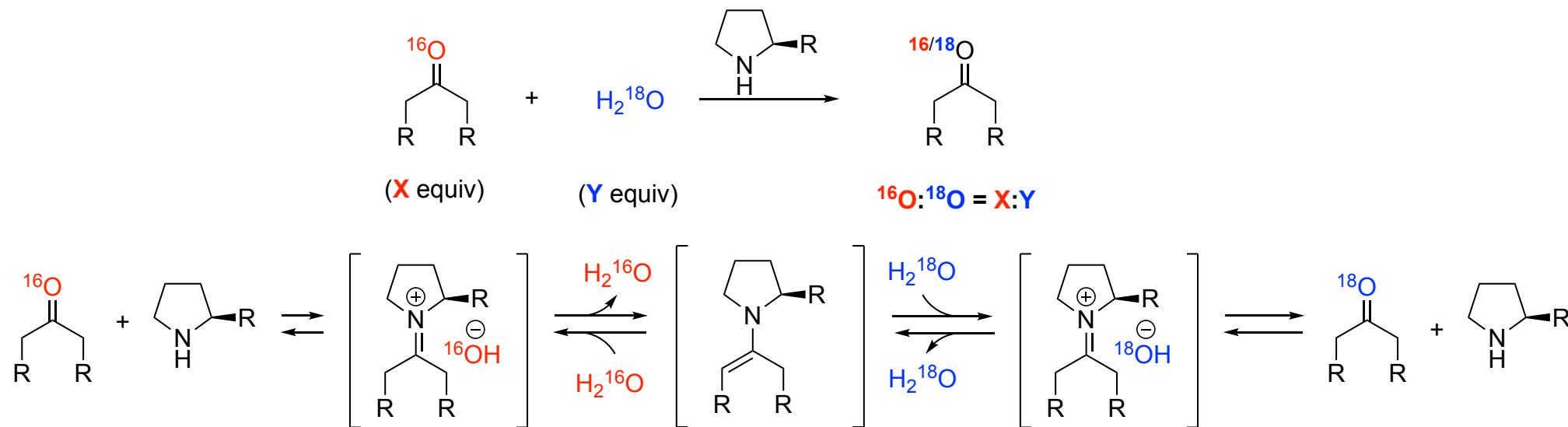
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more electrophilic
lower LUMO
higher reactivity

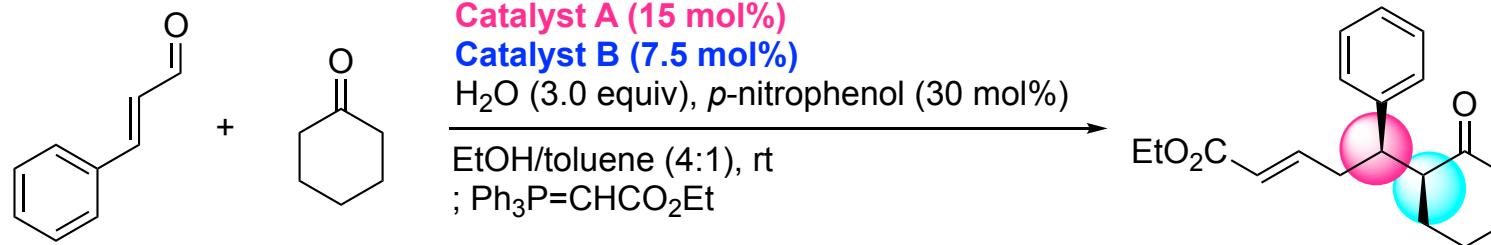


Generating reaction rate of enamines using H₂¹⁸O (1)

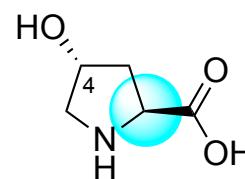
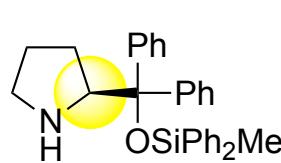


(1) Y. Hayashi, et al., *Chem. Eur. J.* **2016**, 22, 5868.

Asymmetric Michael reaction using hybrid catalyst system



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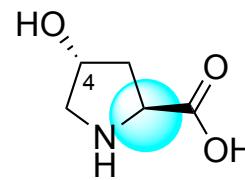


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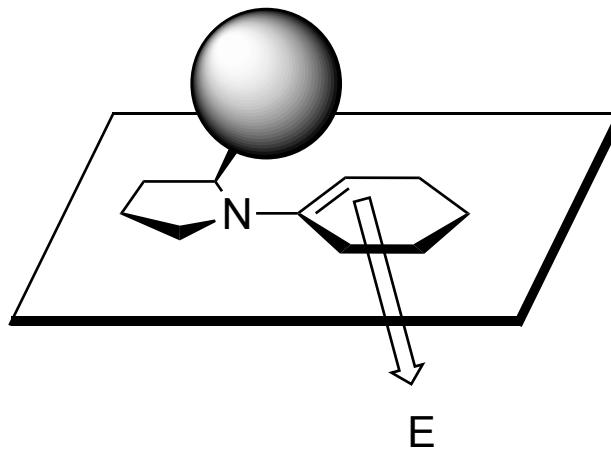
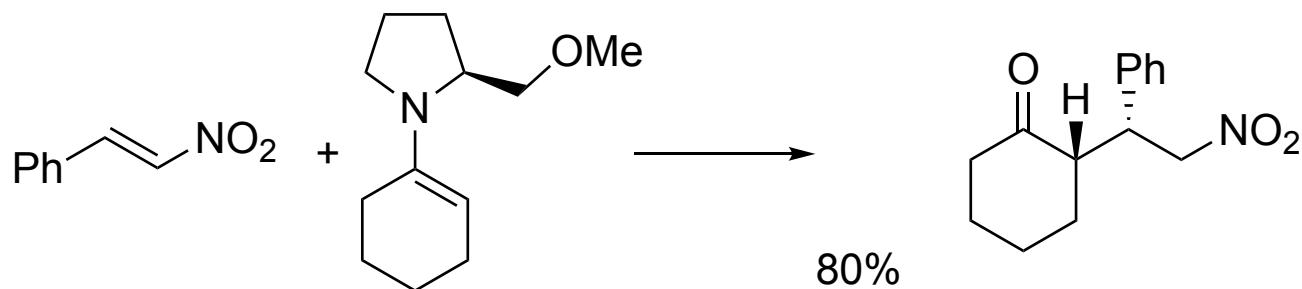
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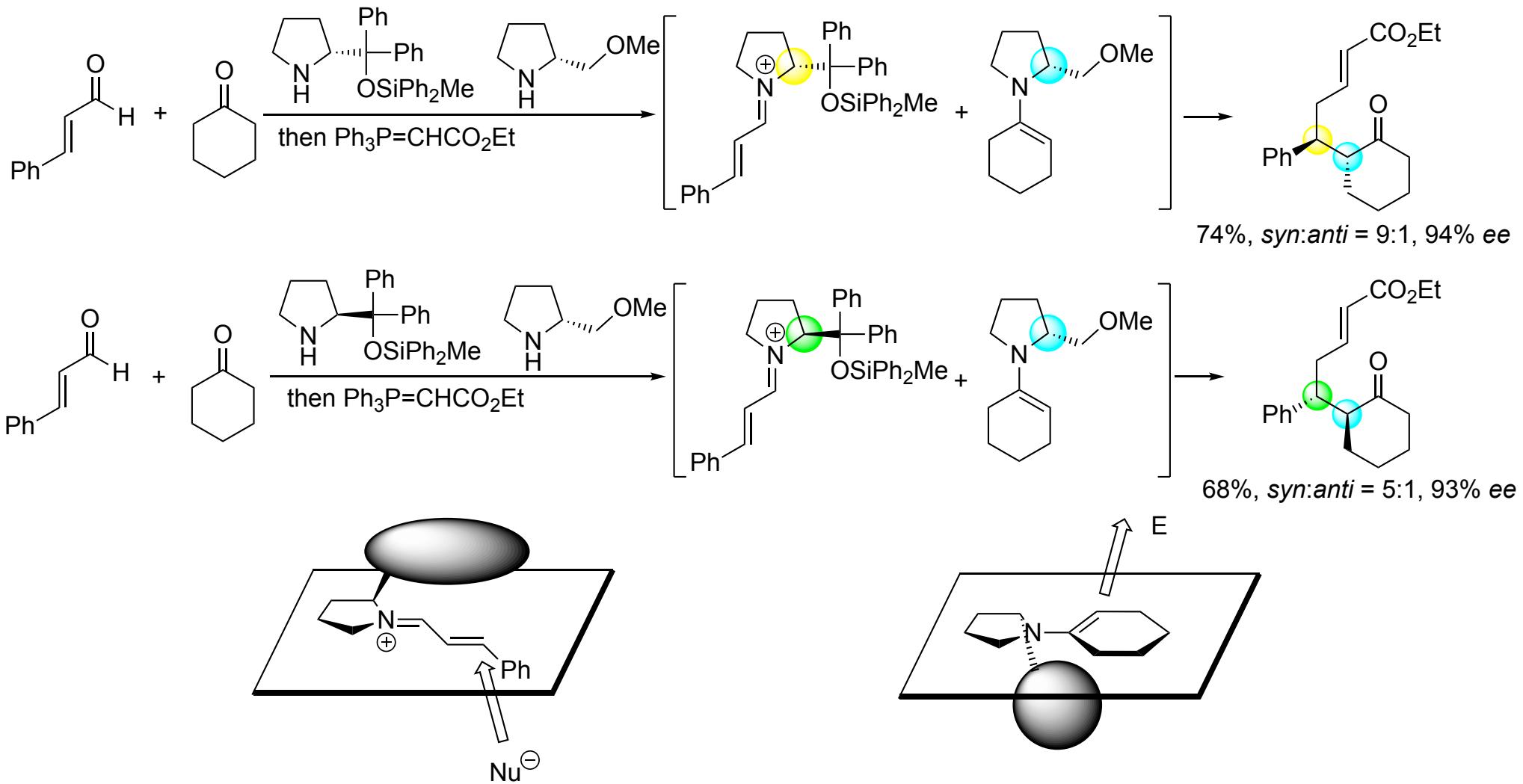
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Seebach's chiral enamine



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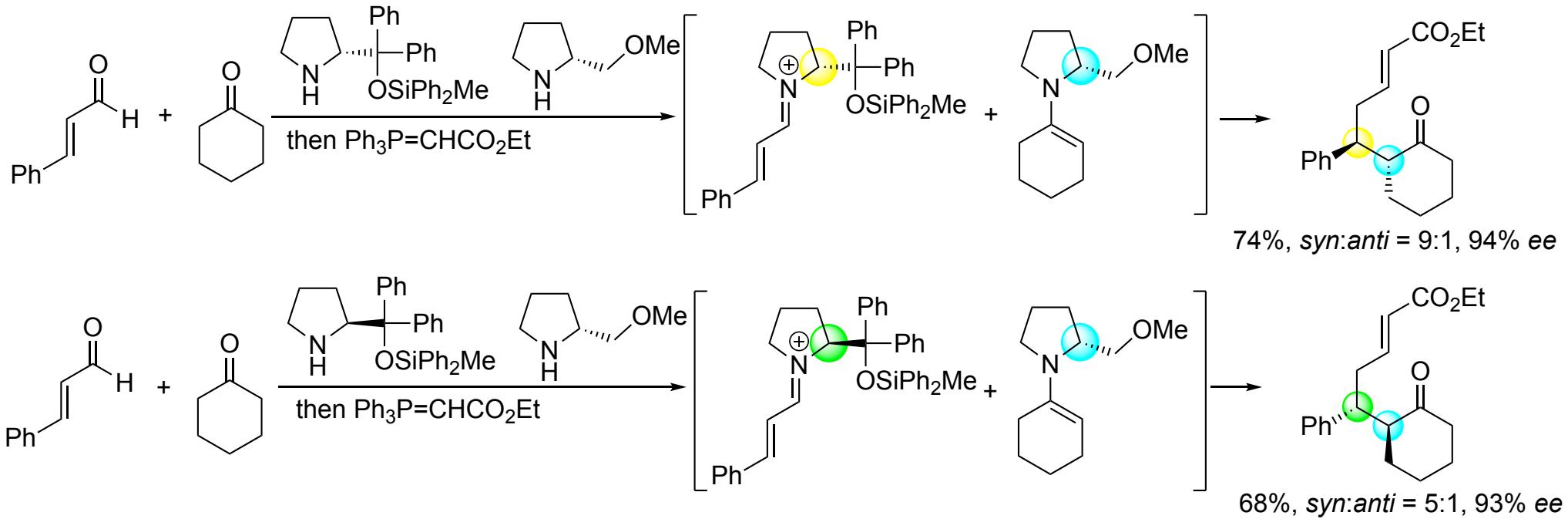
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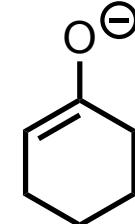
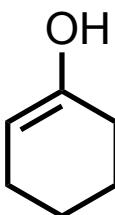
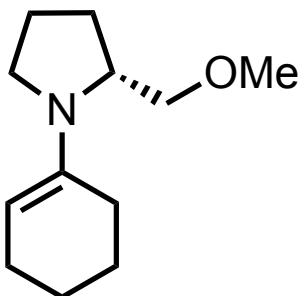
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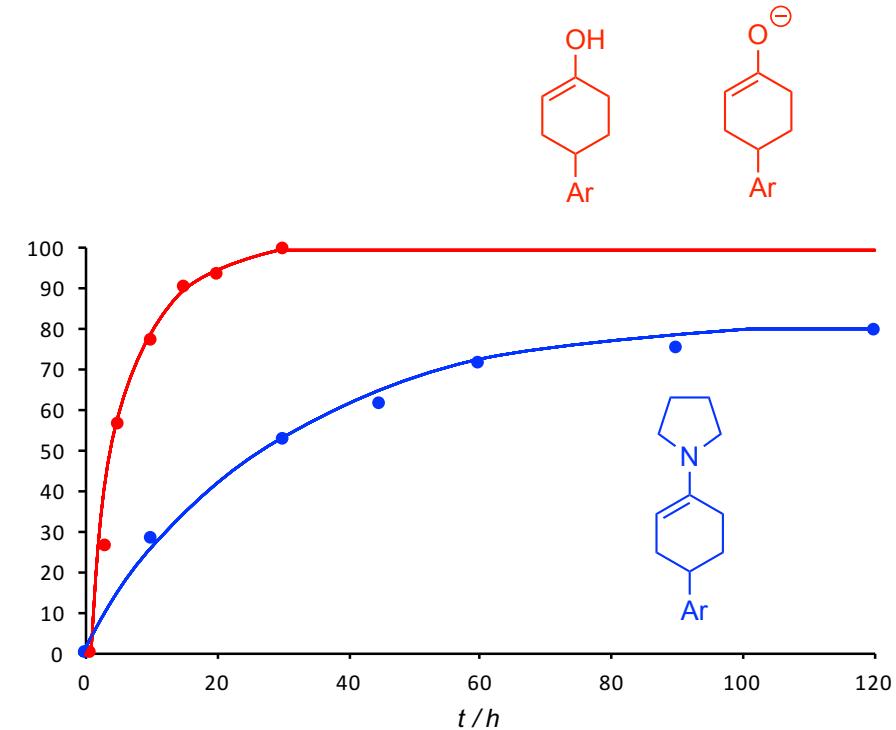
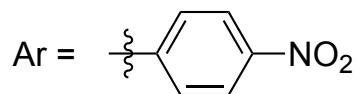
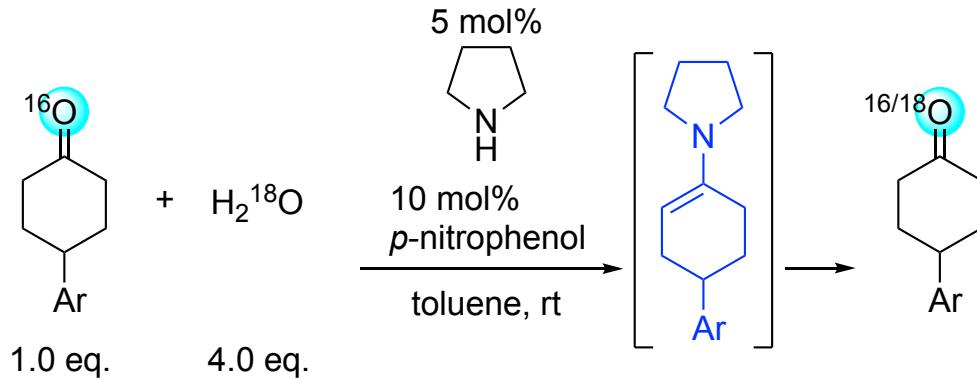
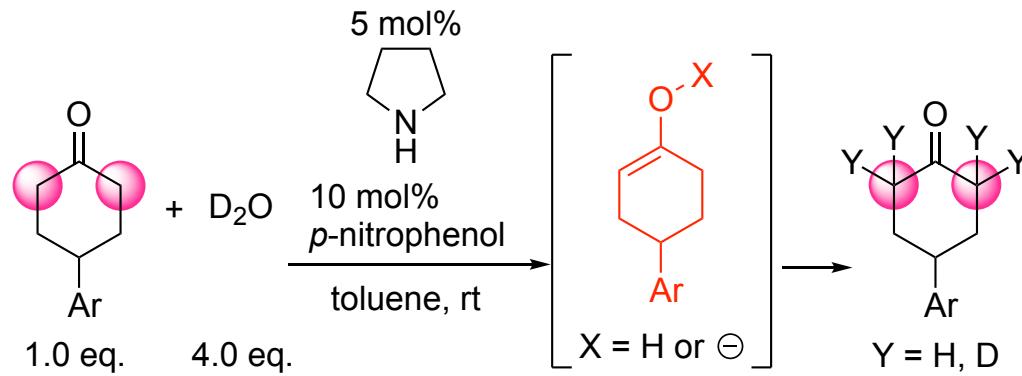
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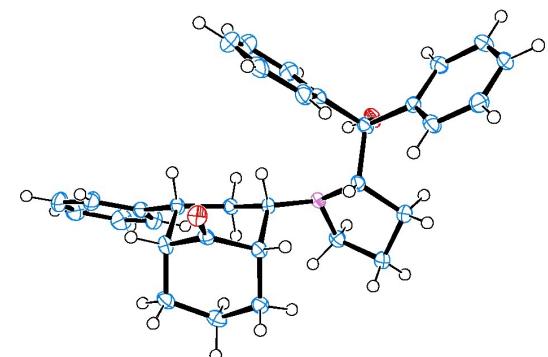
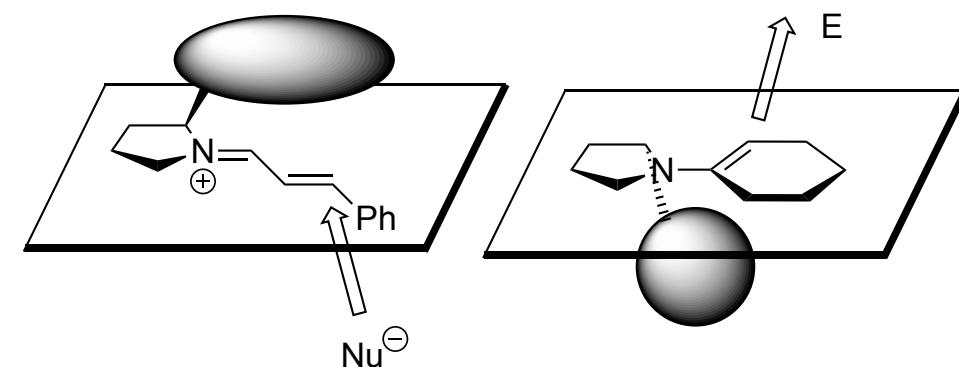
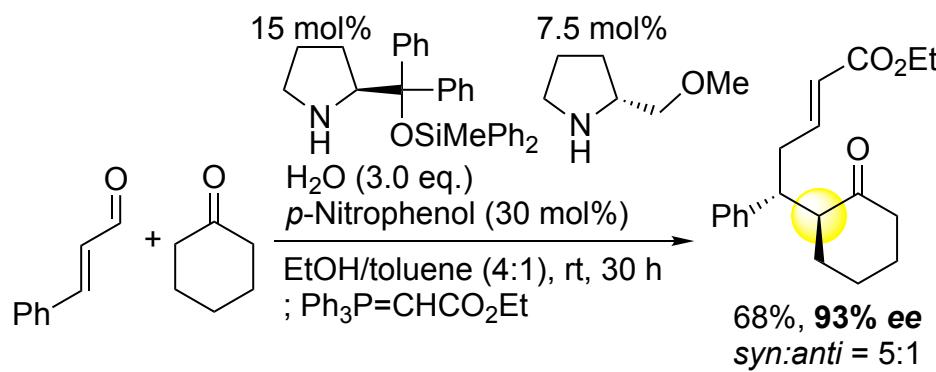
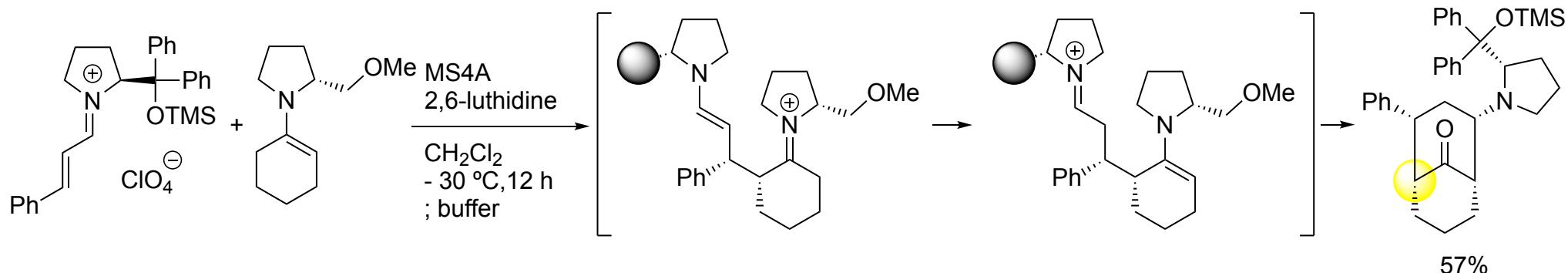
Possible nucleophile



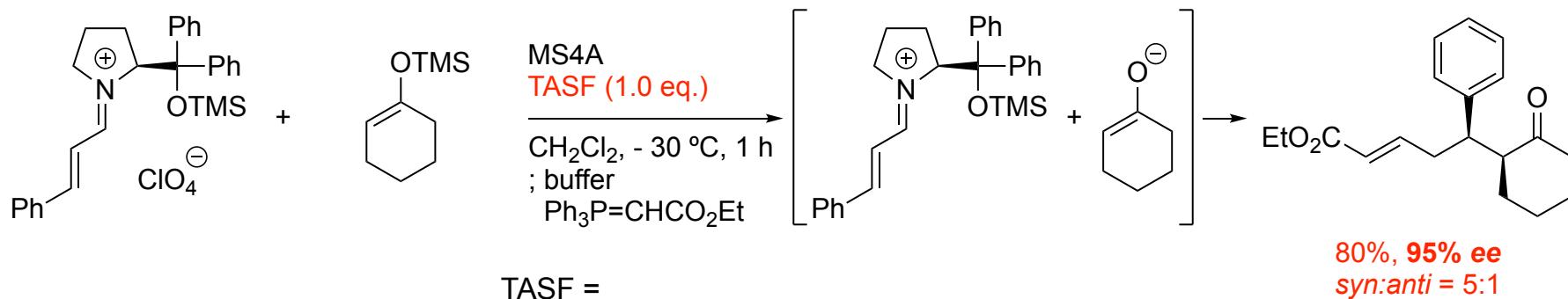
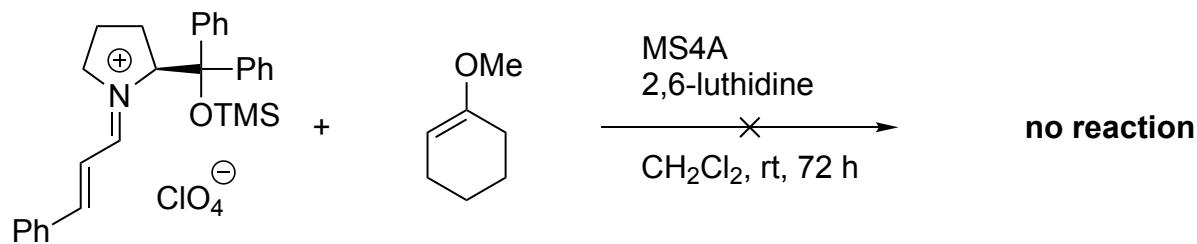
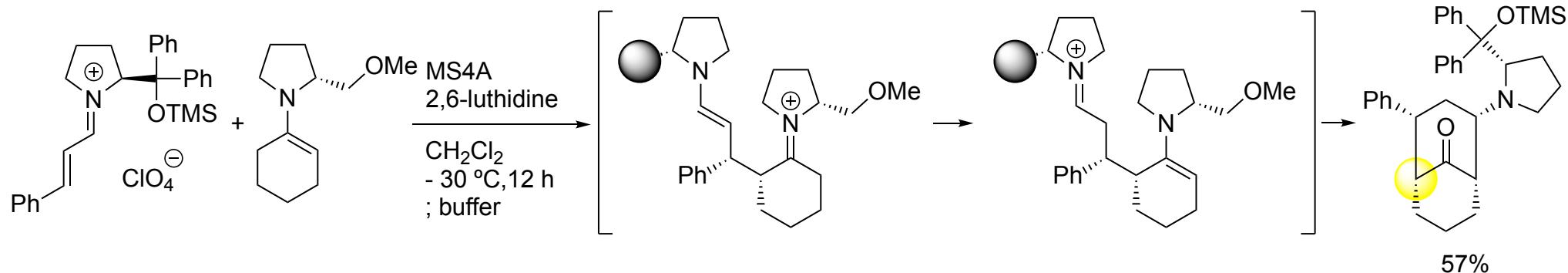
Study of generating speed of enamine, enol, and enolate



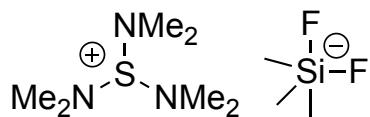
Reaction between isolated iminium salt and nucleophiles



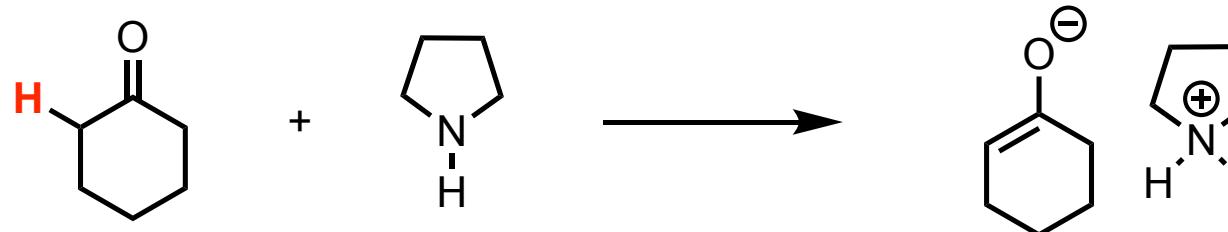
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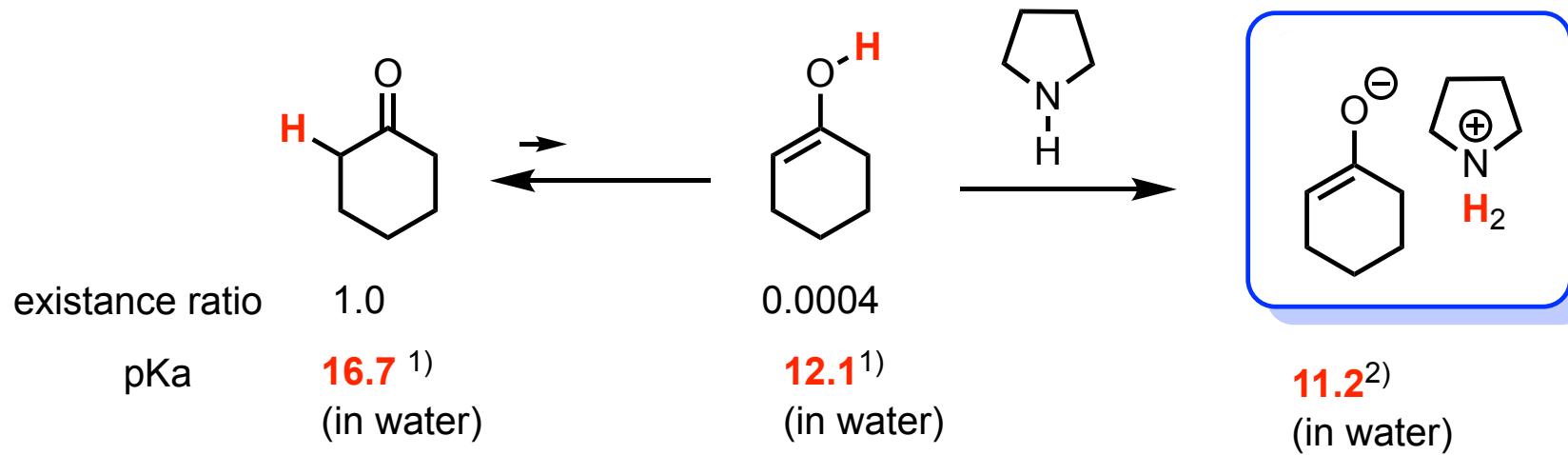


Is an enolate generated by the secondary amine?



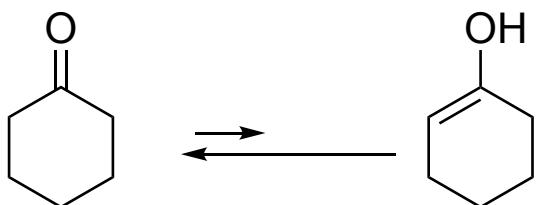
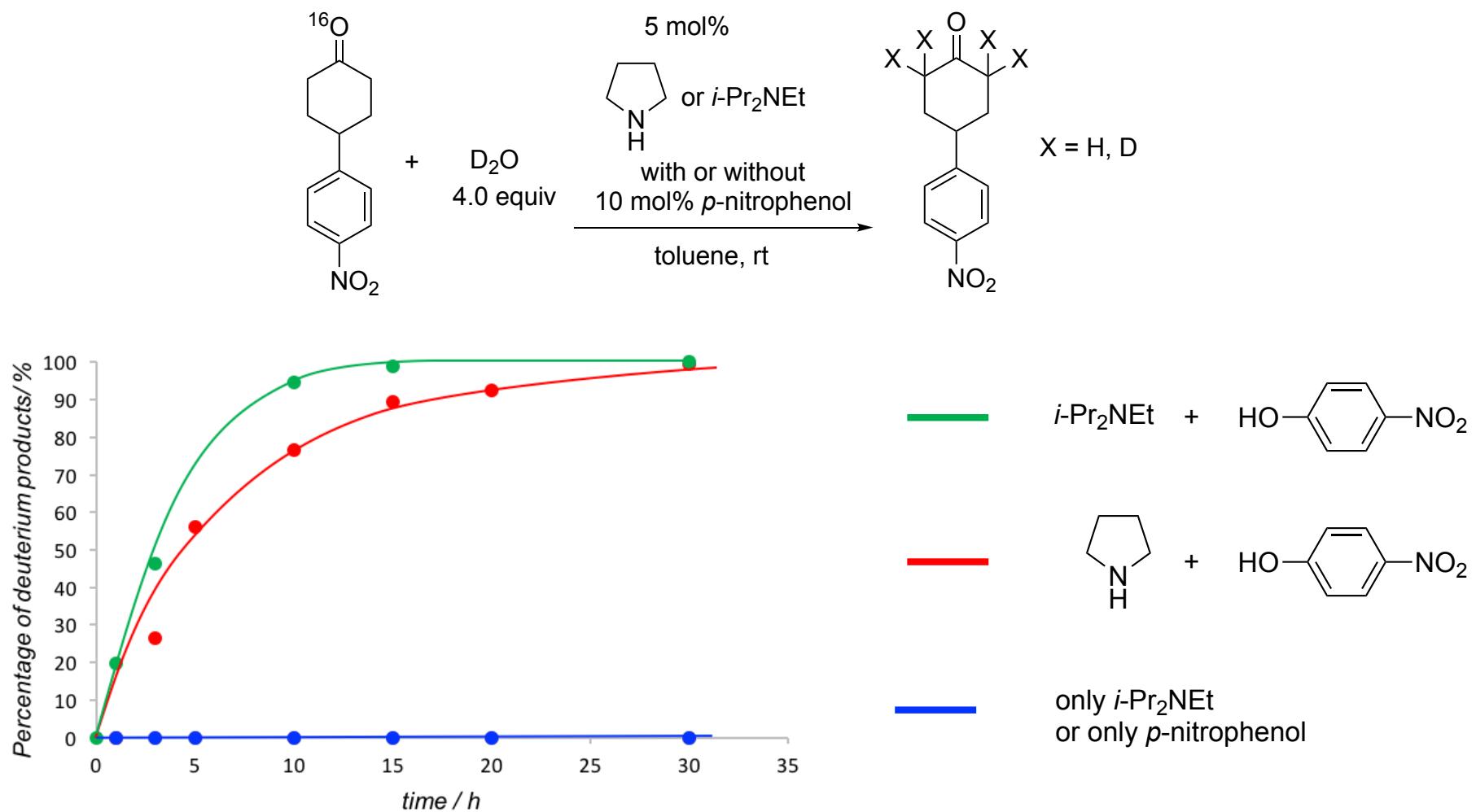
pKa = **16.7**¹⁾
(in water)

pKa = **11.2**²⁾
(in water)



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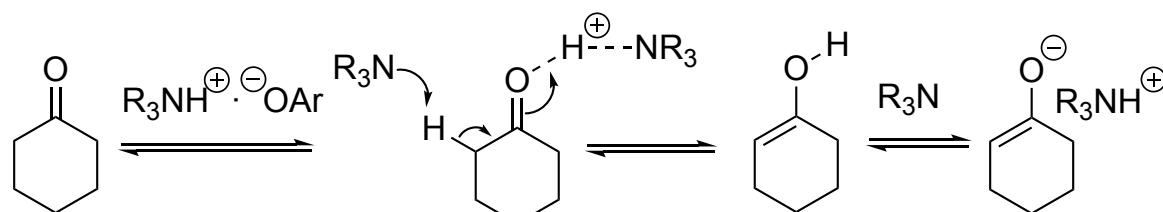
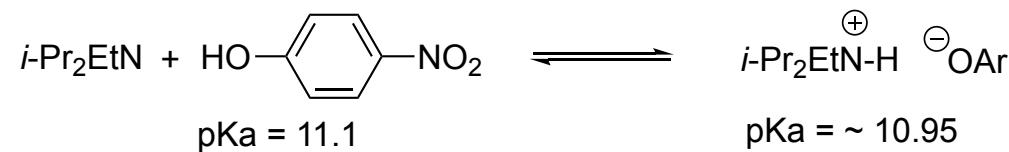
The generation speed of an enolate



This equilibrium is very slow with amines alone or with acids alone.
A combination of weak amines and weak acids is essential for enolization.

Rapid generation of an enolate

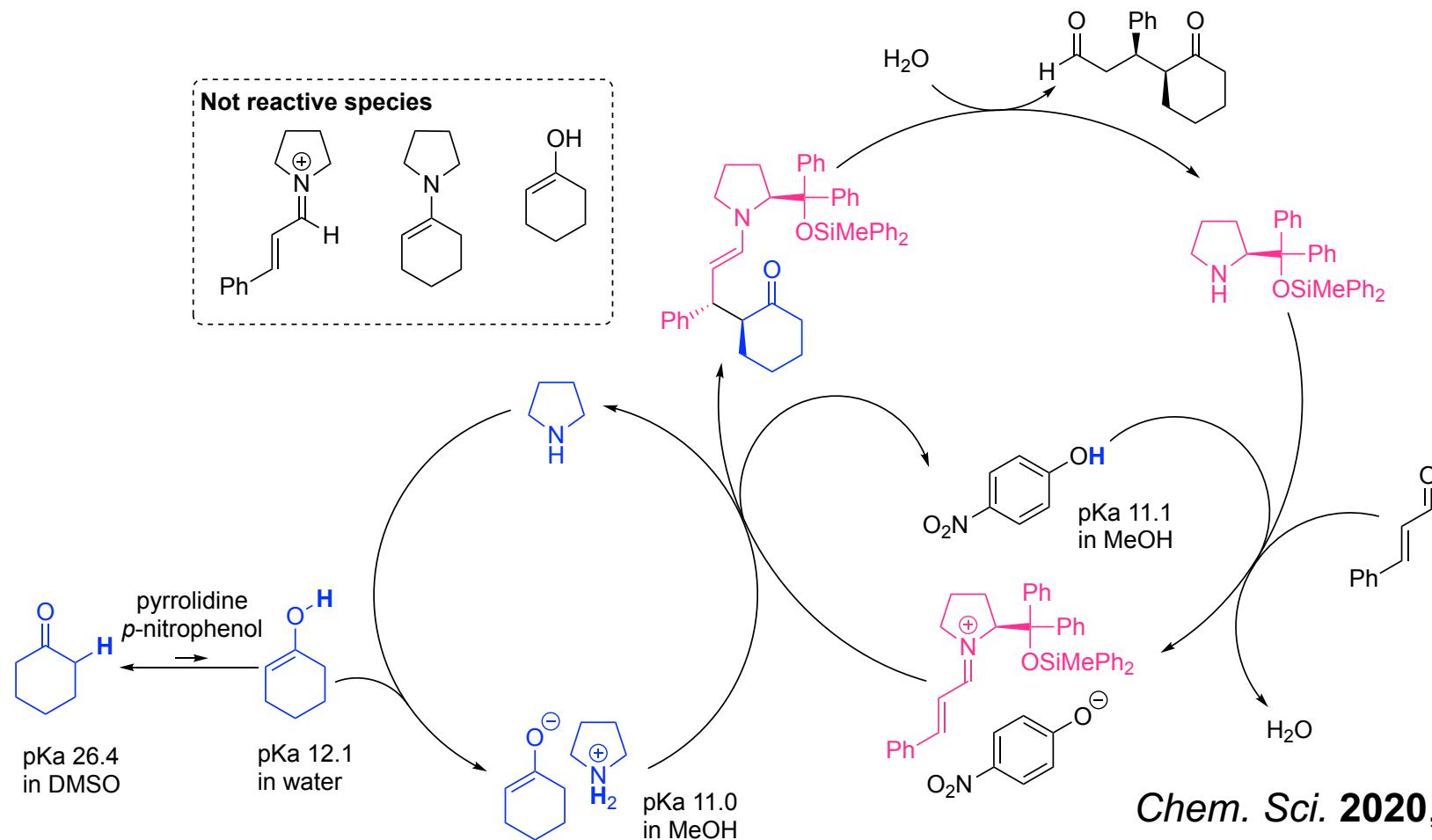
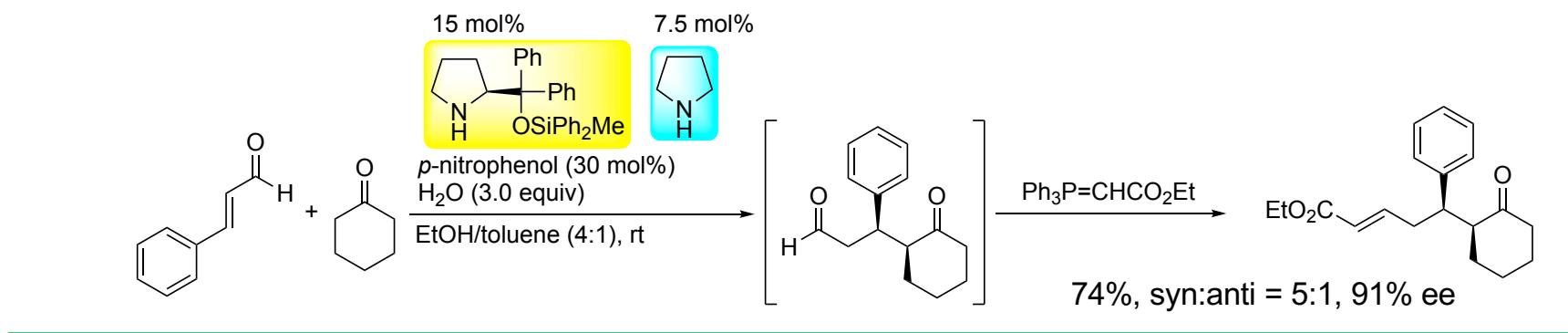
Free amine and free acid are required for the fast enolization



$\text{R}_3\text{N} = i\text{-Pr}_2\text{EtN}$

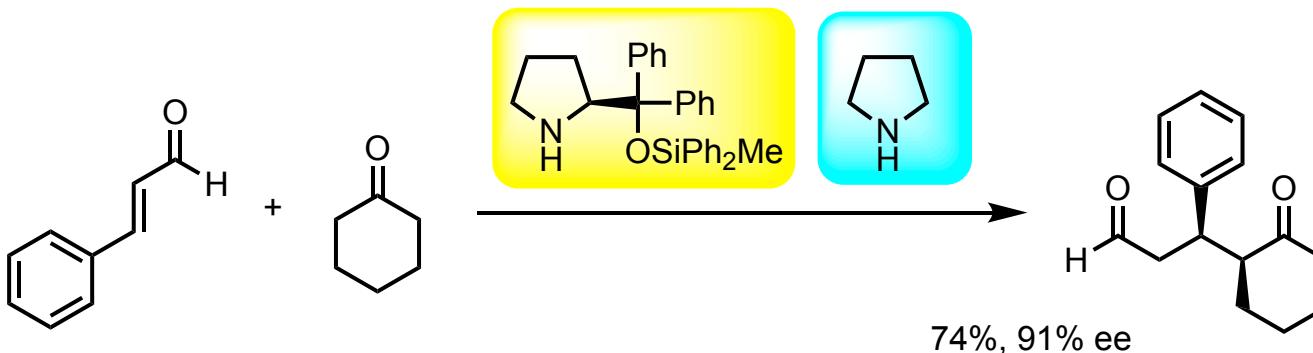
$\text{HOAr} = p\text{-HOC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2$

Mechanism of the Michael reaction

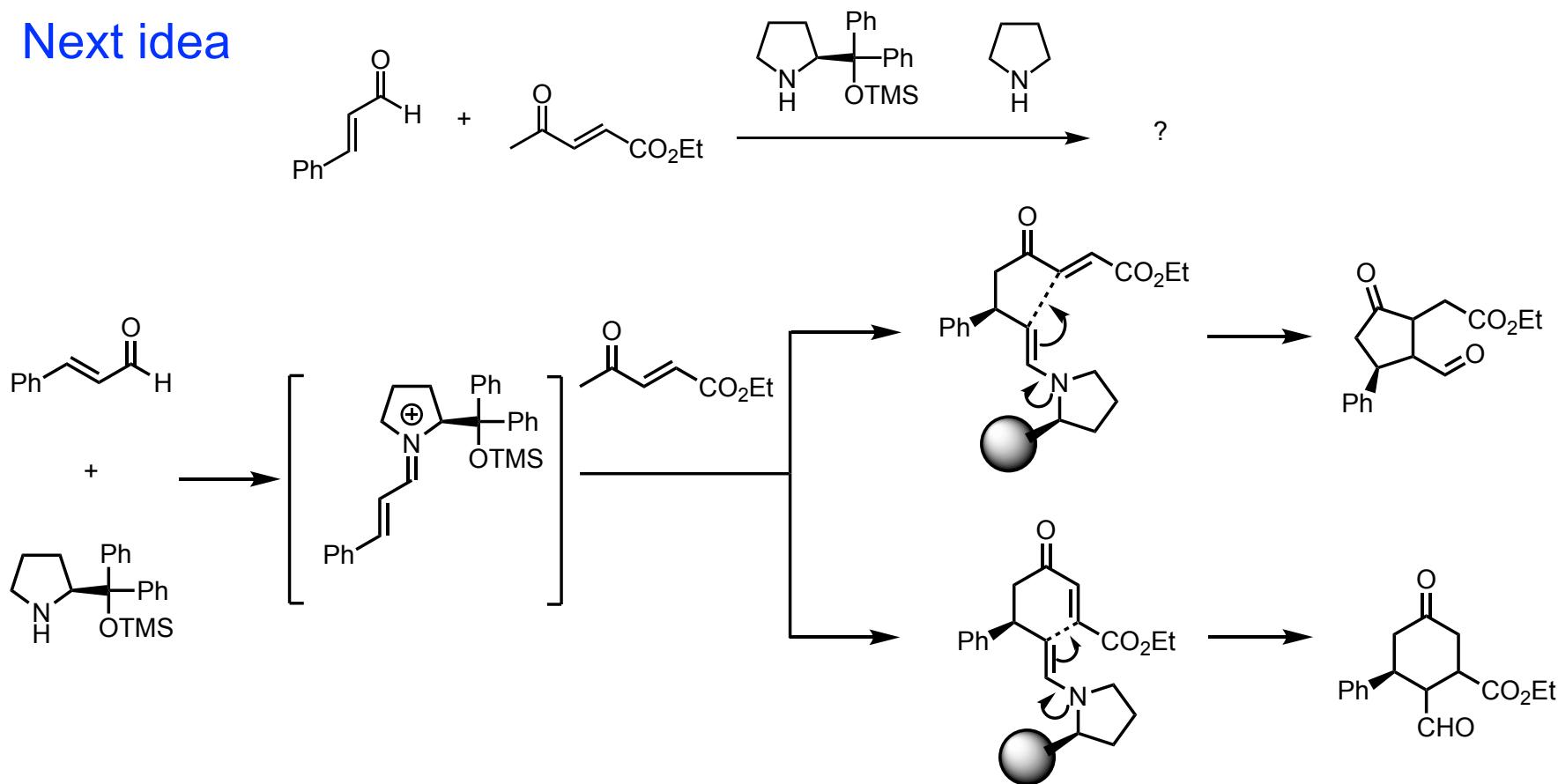


Design of the domino reaction

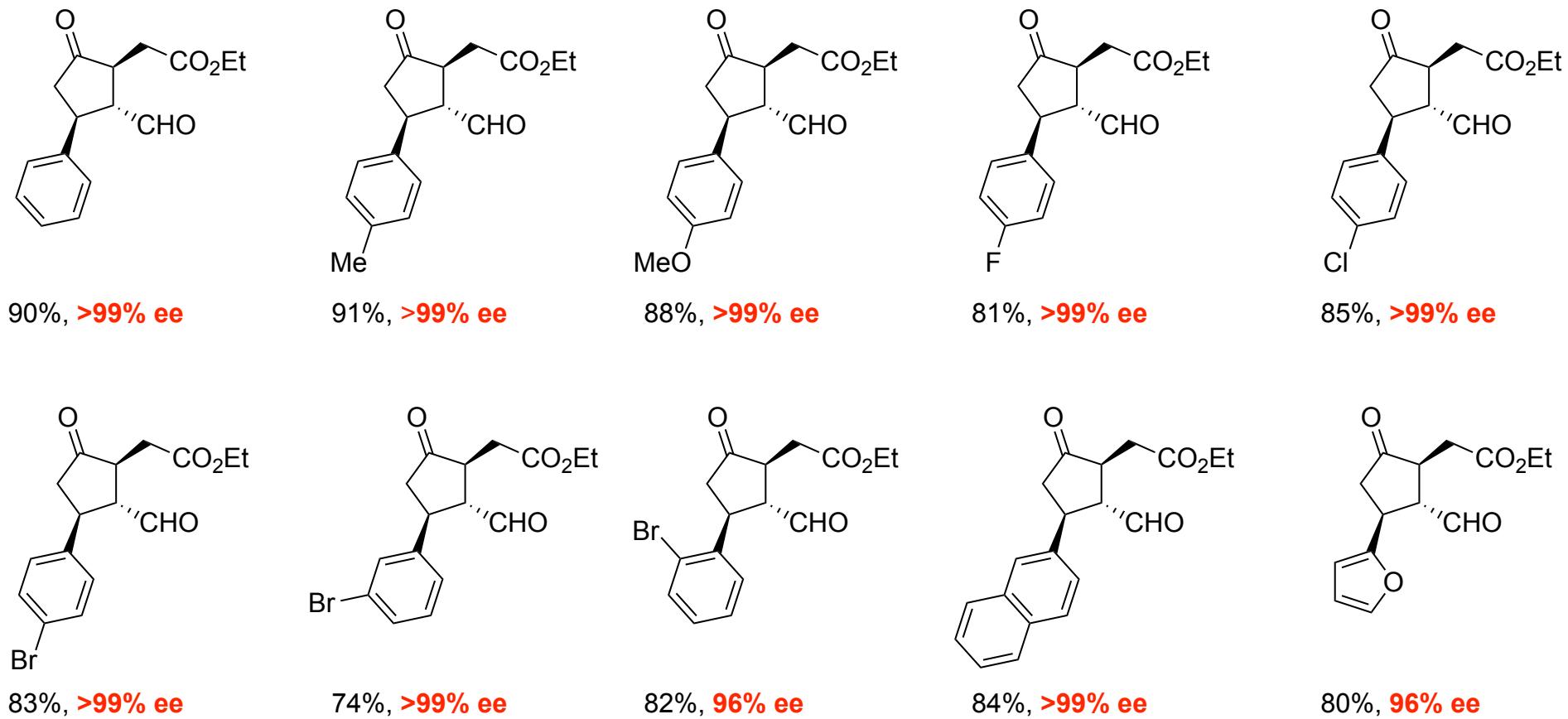
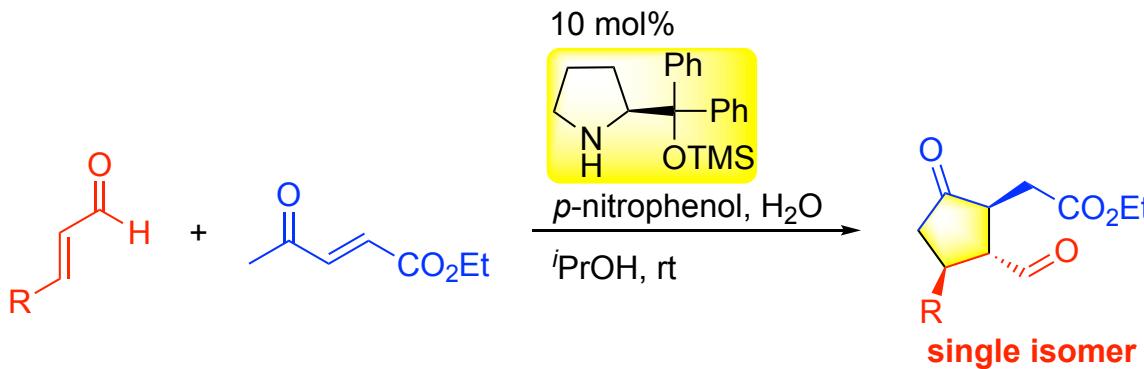
Ketone can be used as a nucleophile.



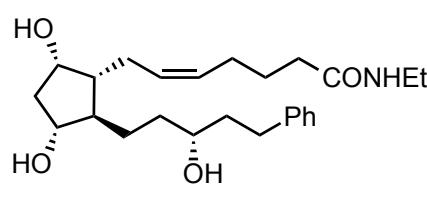
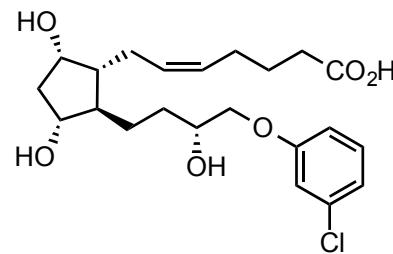
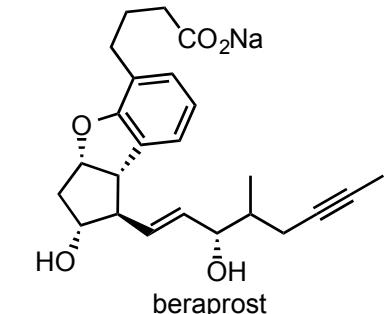
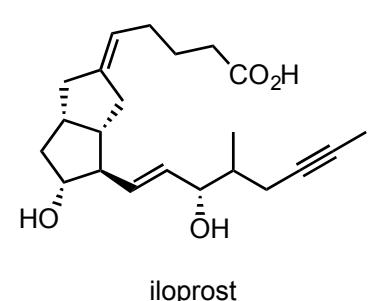
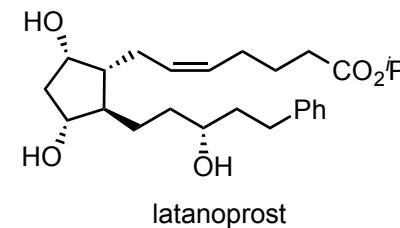
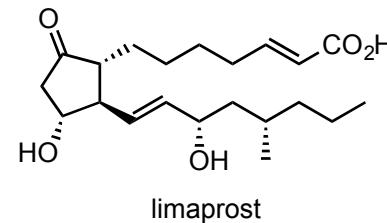
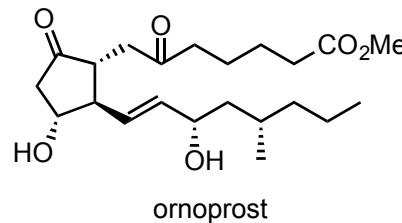
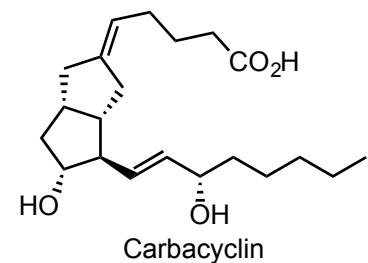
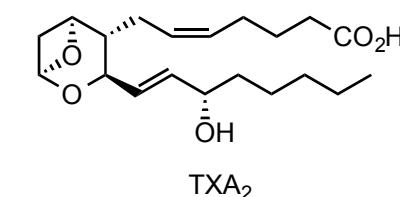
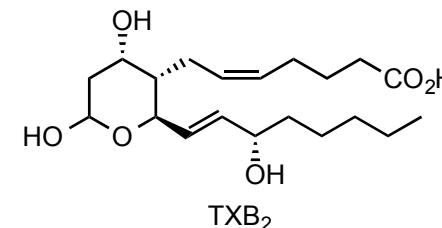
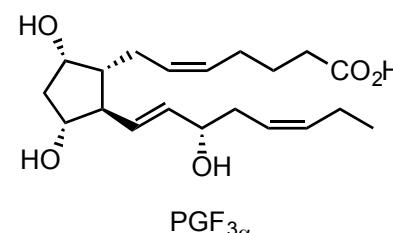
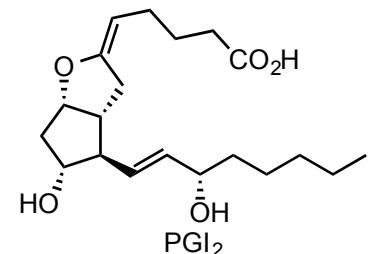
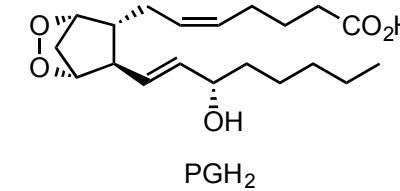
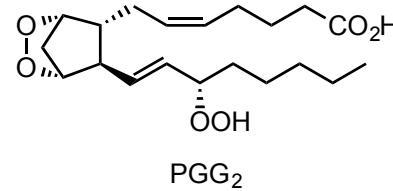
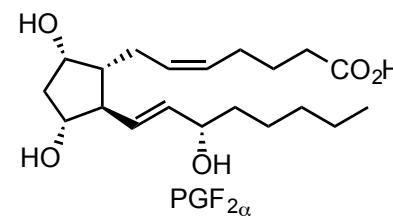
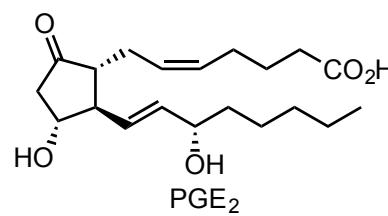
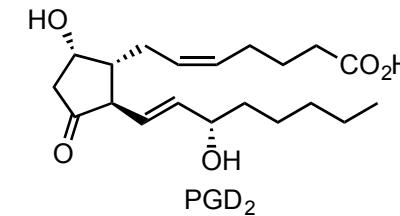
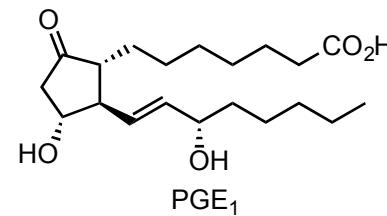
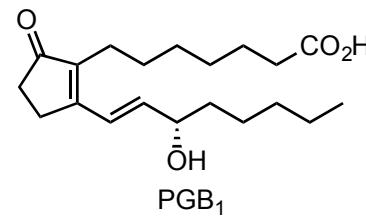
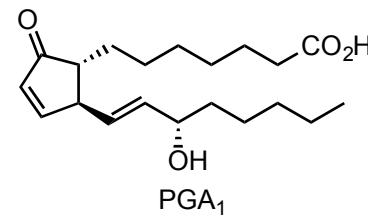
Next idea



Generality of the formal 3+2 cycloaddition reaction

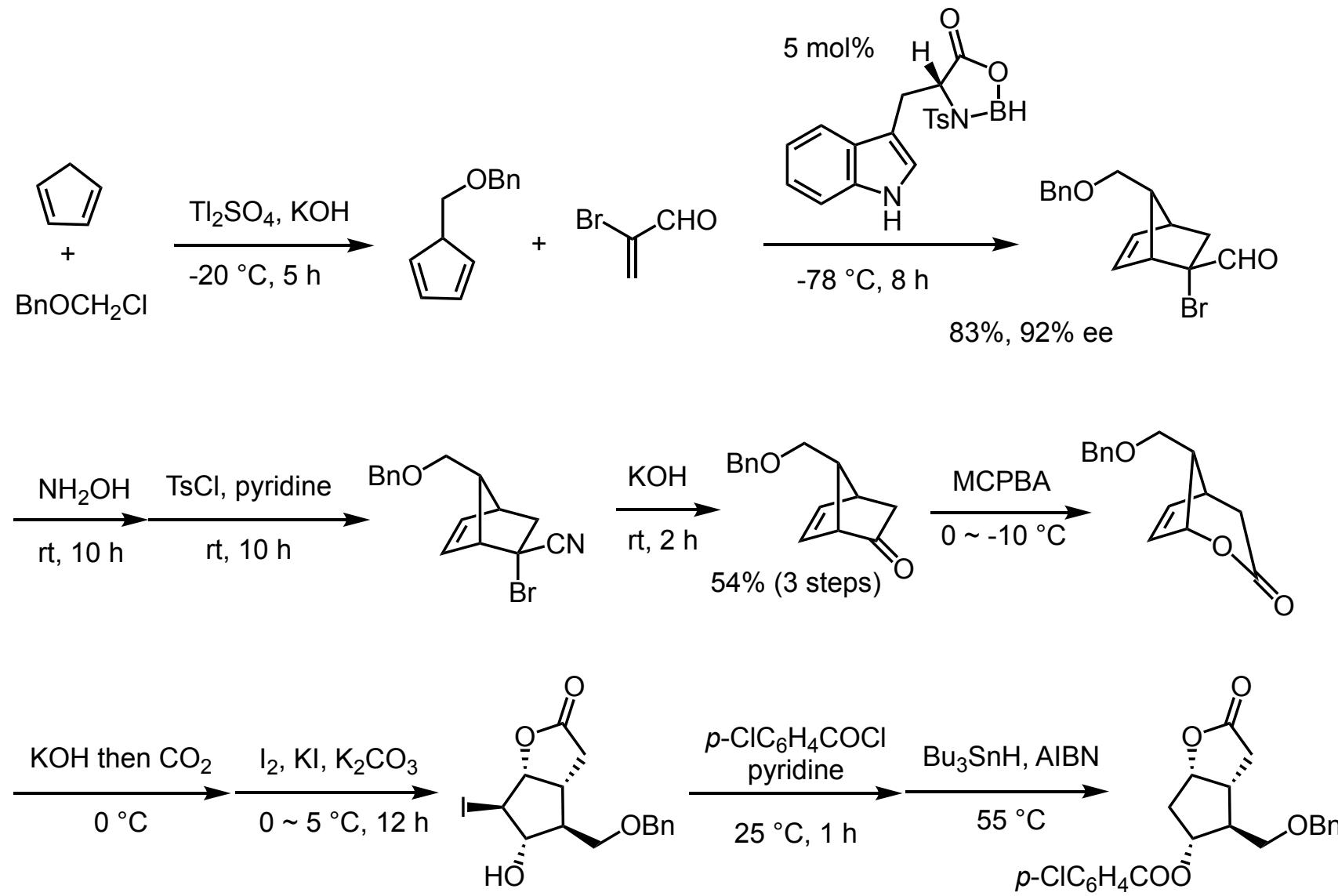


Prostaglandins



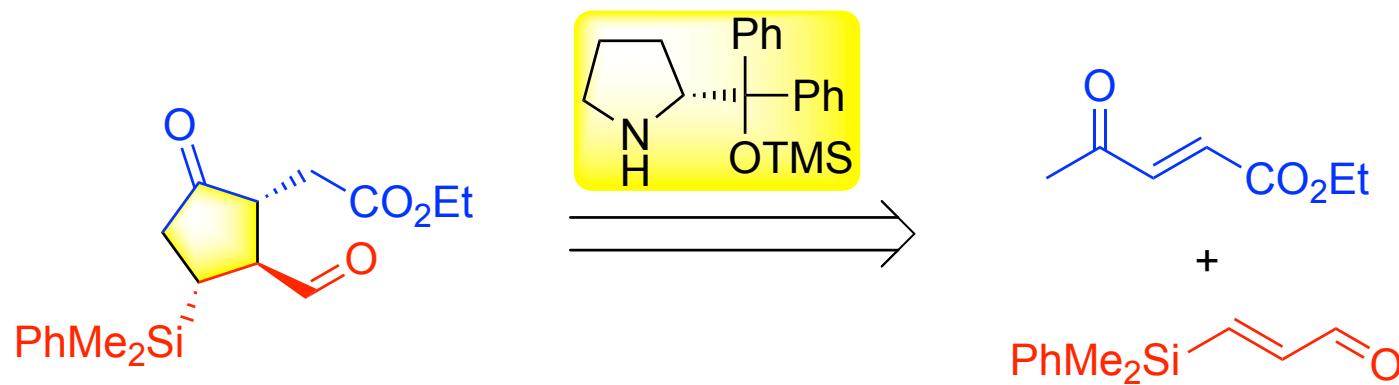
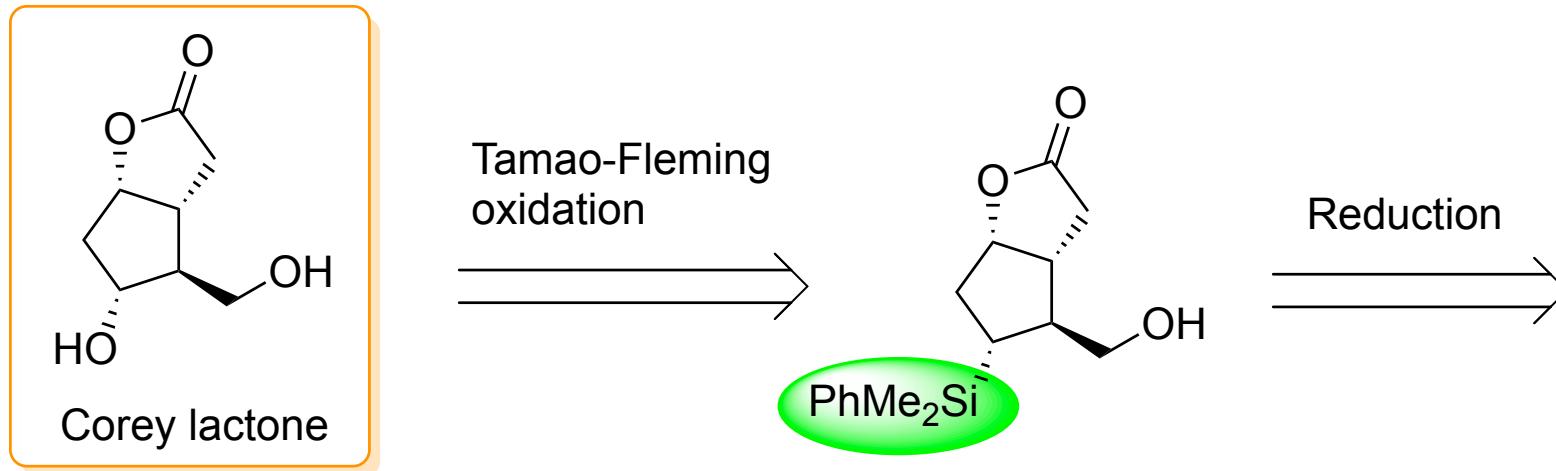
Total syntheses: Corey, Stork, Woodward, Noyori, Danzig et al.

Corey's synthesis of Corey lactone

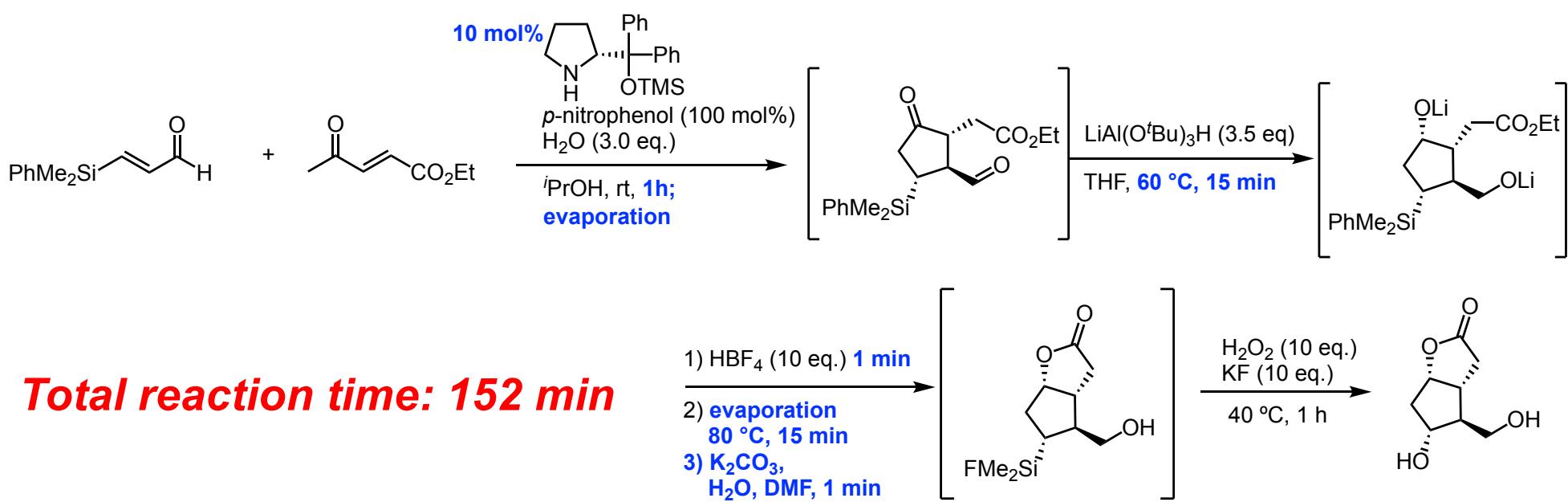
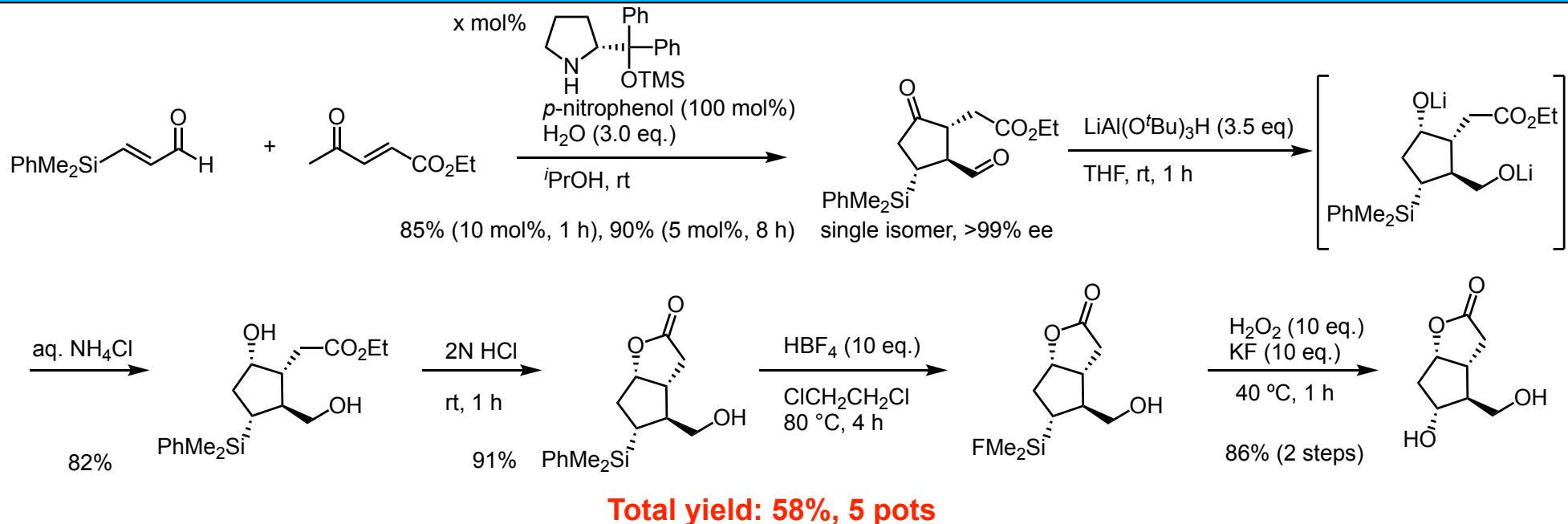


48 h + unreported time for 2 steps

Retro-synthesis of Corey Lactone

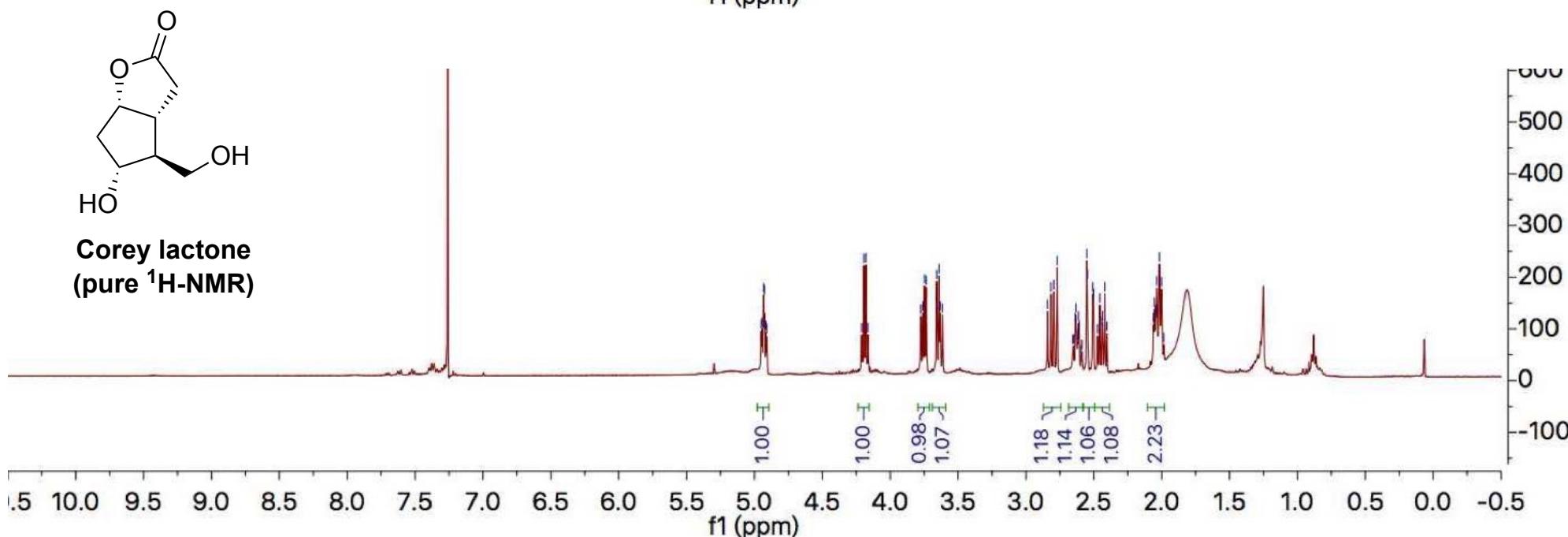
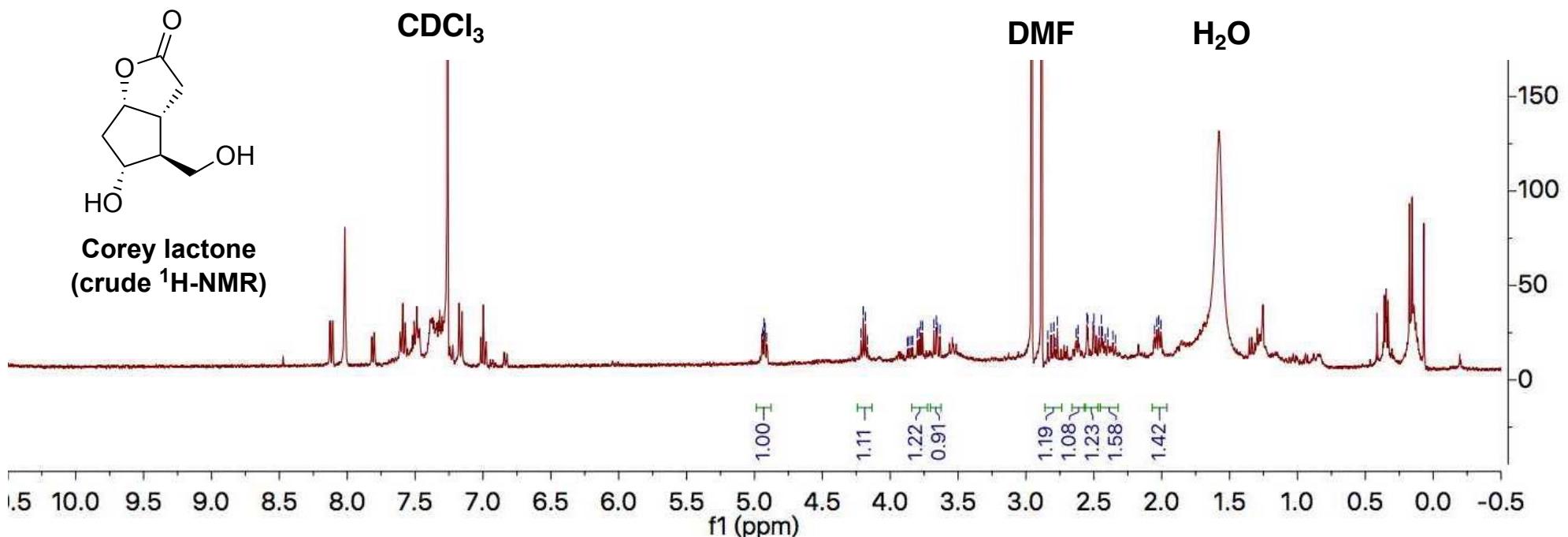


Synthesis of Corey lactone

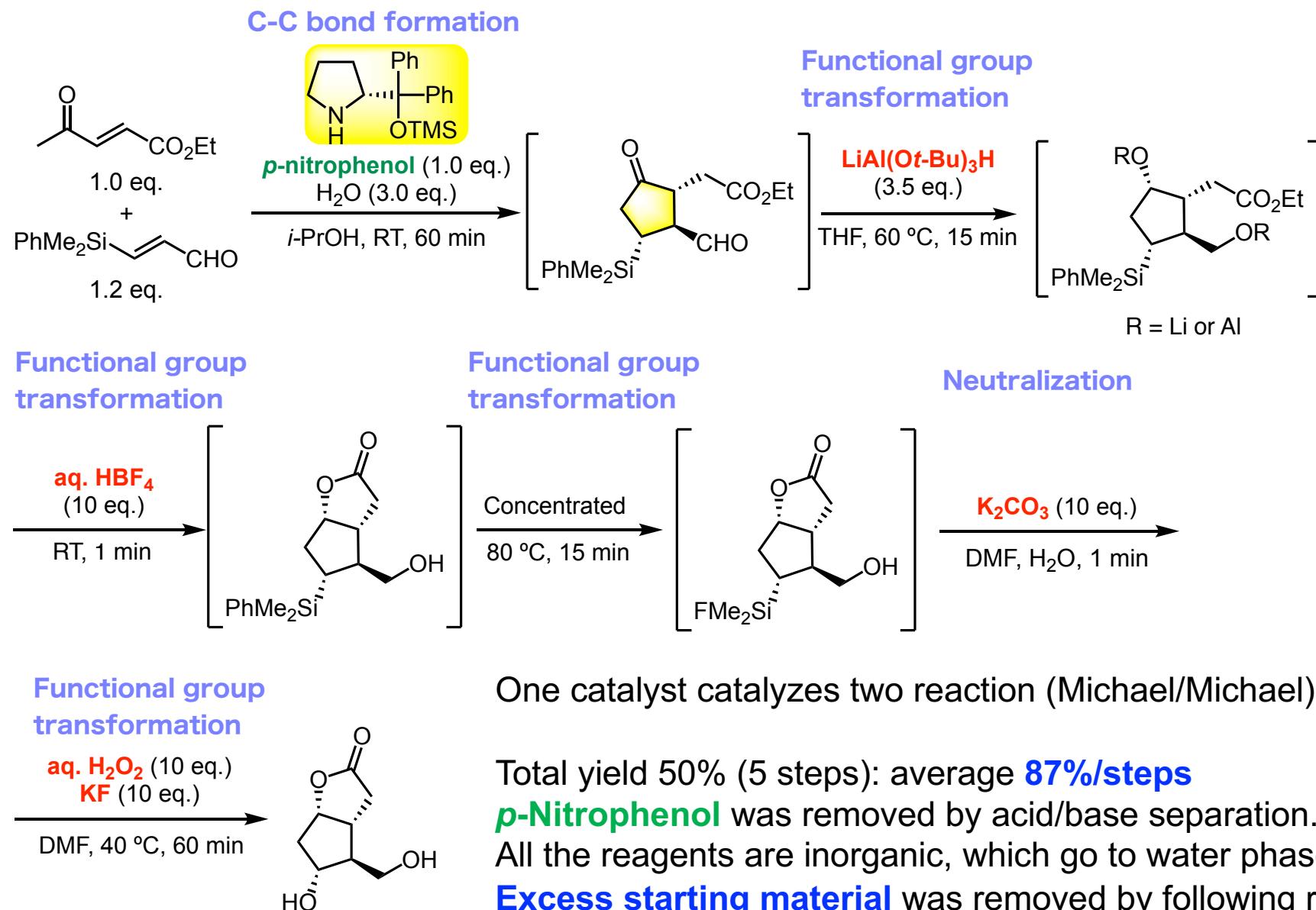


Total yield: 50%, one pot

Corey lactone のNMR



The reason of the success of one-pot reaction of Corey lactone



A guide toward the rapid multi-step synthesis of molecules

Consideration of reaction method

1. Employ rapid reactions as frequently as possible.
2. Employ reactions that are easy to handle and fast to purify.
3. Employ a domino (cascade, tandem) reactions.

Consideration of reaction scheme (retrosynthesis)

4. Design the synthesis based on step economy and redox economy.

Consideration of optimal conditions in a one pot

5. Find reaction conditions under which the reaction can proceed rapidly.
6. Design the synthesis based on pot economy.

Is making a molecule in a short time important?

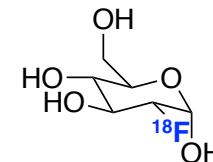
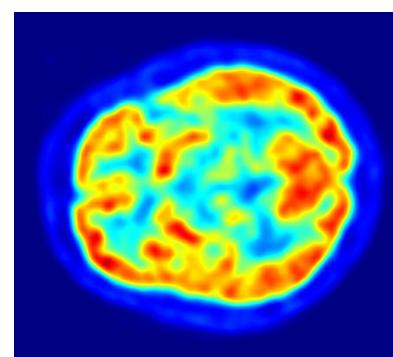
Save time

When we make a molecule rapidly, we can examine the function of the molecule.

Unstable molecule

Rapid reaction is necessary.

PET (Positron emission tomography)



Fluorodexoxyglucose
(^{18}F)

Half time

^{11}C : 20 min, ^{13}N : 10 min, ^{15}O : 2 min, ^{18}F : 110 min

PET scan of the human brain

A case study of ^{11}C

Isotope production: 10 min, radiotracer synthesis and purification: 40 min, PET imaging: up to 90 min

Is making a molecule in a short time important?

In the Production Process

Save labor cost

Save energy cost

Save equipment cost: We can use expensive equipments efficiently.

On demand synthesis is possible:

We can make molecules when and where we need them.

There is no need to stockpile the molecule.

Time economy

Time Economy in Total Synthesis

Yujiro Hayashi*



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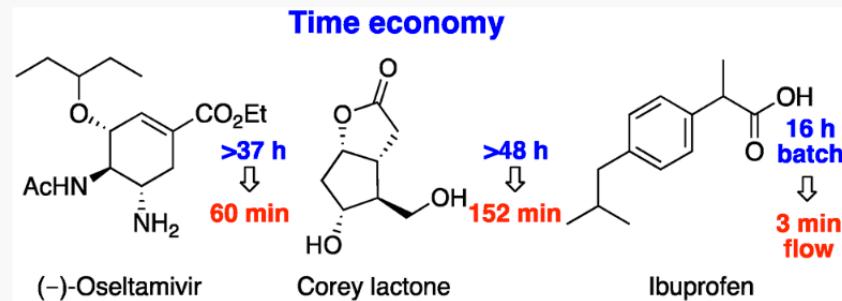
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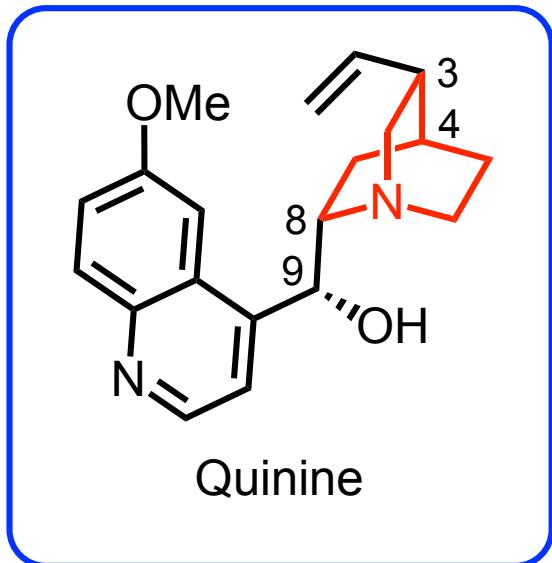
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ABSTRACT: It is often said that “time is money”. This is certainly true in a multistep synthesis when a high-valued product or set of products is needed urgently. Fulfilling this need requires the sensible balancing of atom economy, step economy, and redox economy with the time taken to make the product. In this age of flu-based pandemics, the need for rapid provision of effective therapeutic agents makes the importance of “time economy” particularly clear. In this Perspective, the importance of time economy in total synthesis is described, as well as the general considerations underlining the timely production of desired molecules. As case studies, the syntheses of Tamiflu, Corey lactone, and ibuprofen are discussed, with emphasis on comparing classical and contemporary approaches to a rapid total synthesis. By using modern tactics such as one-pot reaction procedures and versatile synthetic methodologies such as organocatalyst mediated domino reactions coupled with strict-control technologies such as flow chemistry, Tamiflu and Corey lactone can now be synthesized within 60 and 152 min, respectively, using one vessel via a batch system. Tamiflu and ibuprofen can be prepared via flow system, and their total residence times are 11.5 and 3 min, respectively.



(-)-Quinine



Problem

- Many steps (10~20 pots)
- Control of 4 stereocenters
- Application to analogs syntheses

Medicinal effect

Specific drug for malaria

Utility

Organocatalyst

Food additive

Structural features

Quinuclidine skeleton

4 stereocenters: C3, C4, C8, C9

Formal synthesis

R. B. Woodward, M. J. Krische

Asymmetric total synthesis

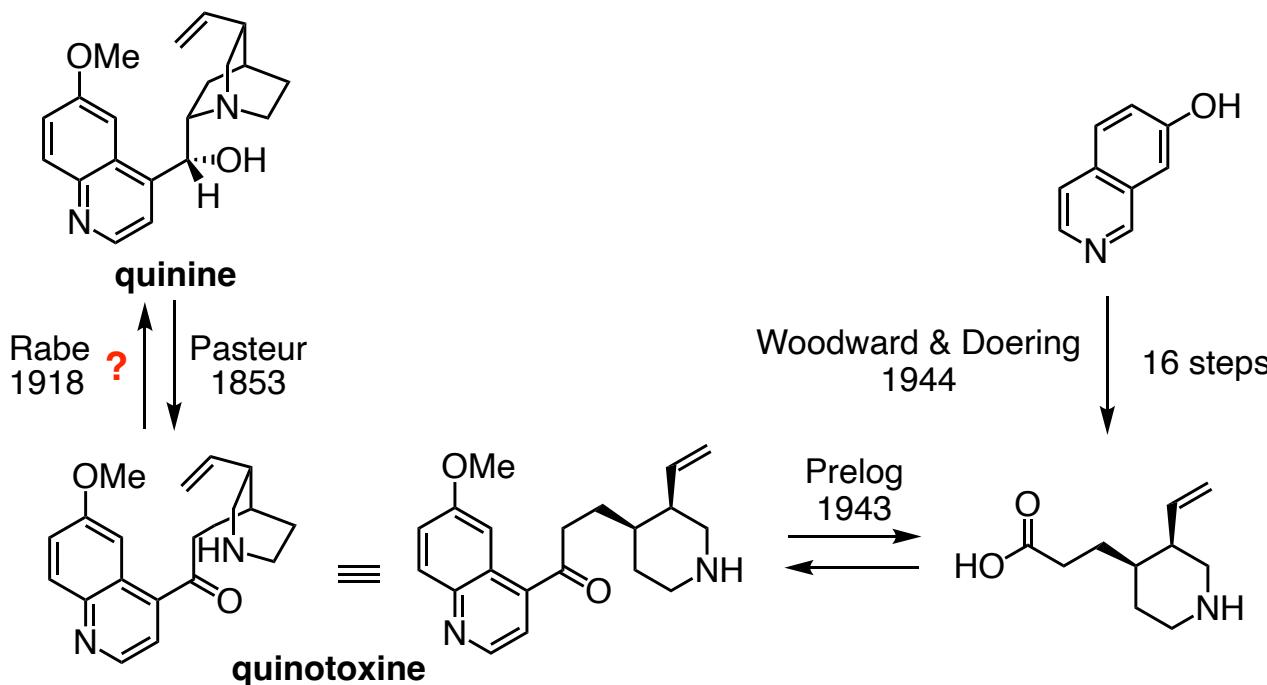
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Y. Kobayashi (21 pots), S. Hatakeyama (23 pots)

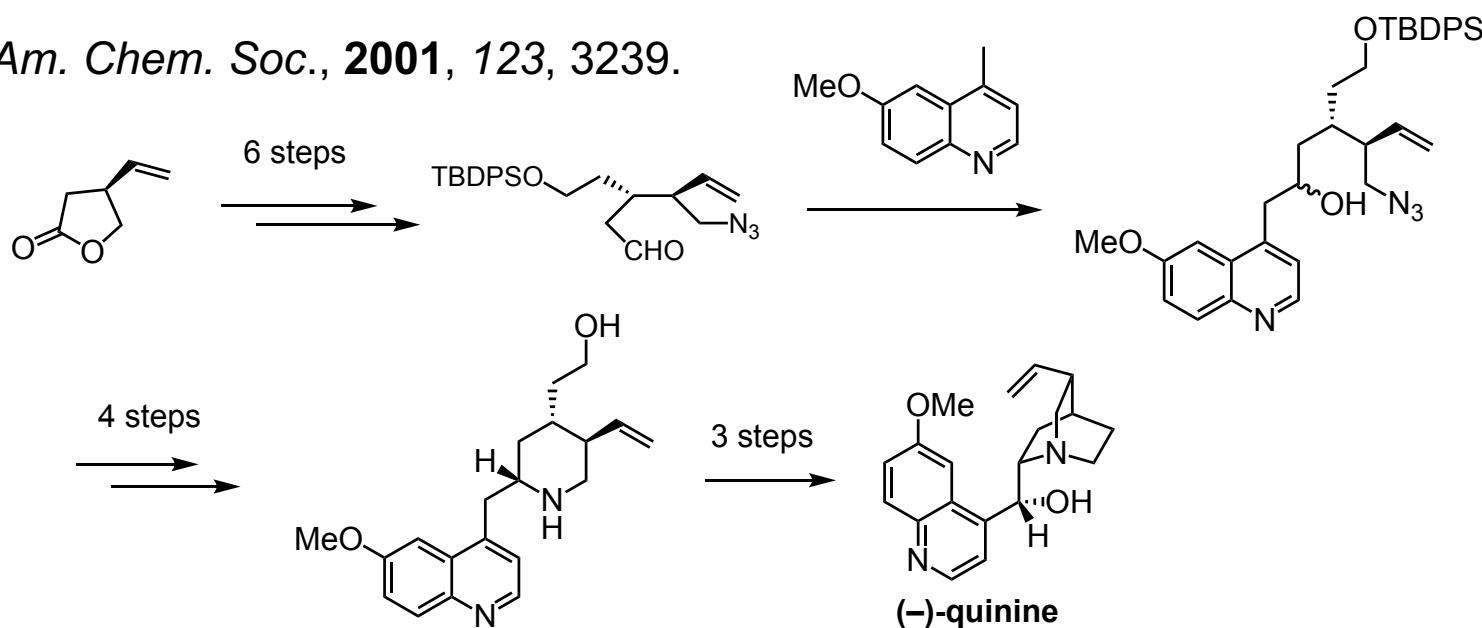
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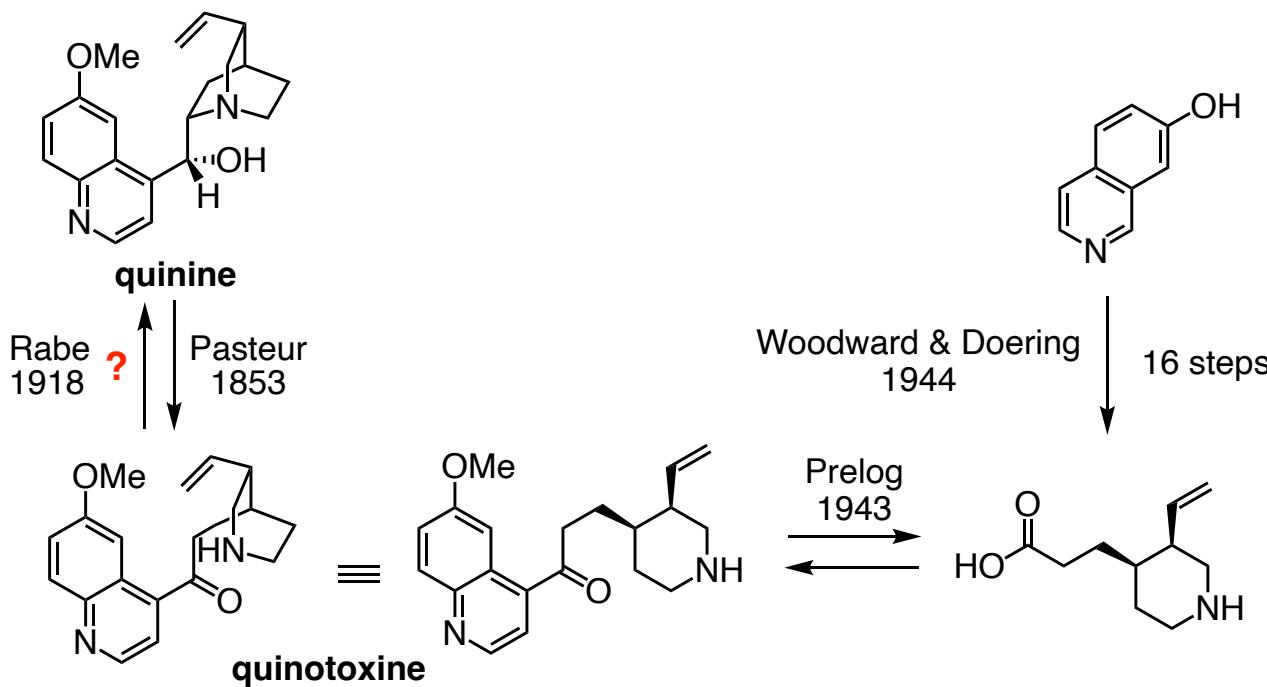
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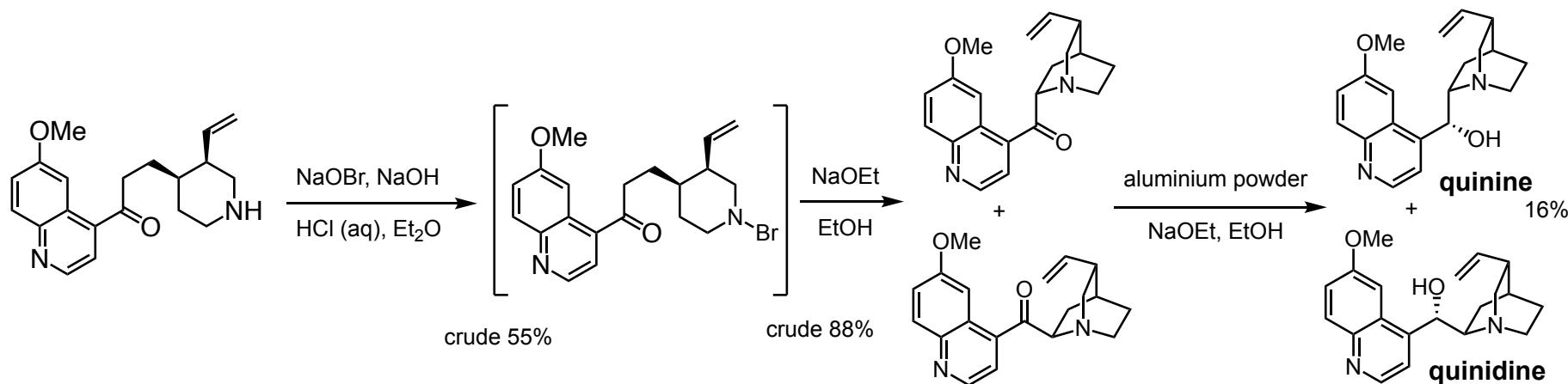
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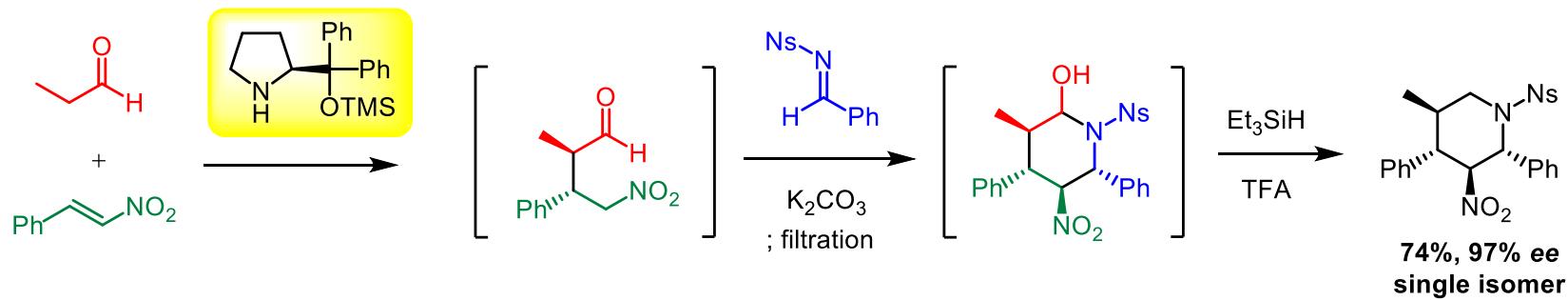
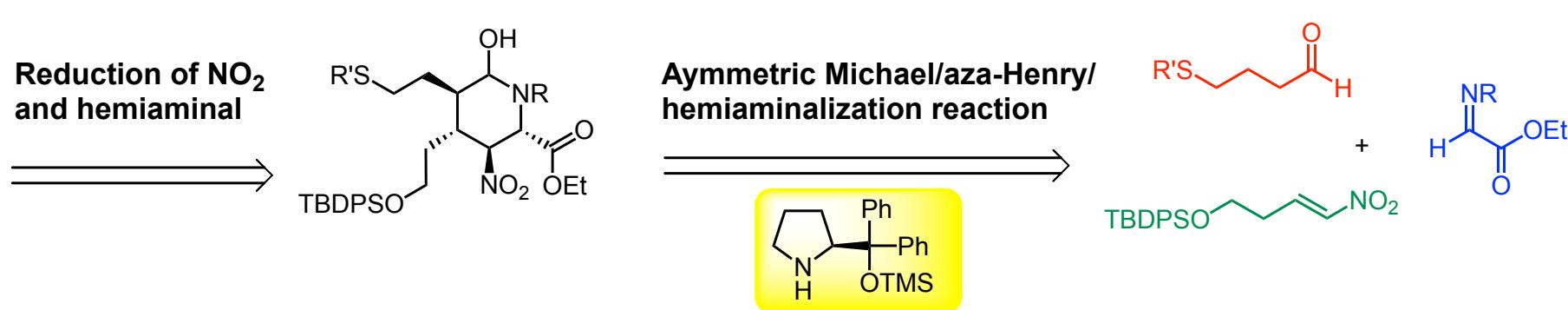
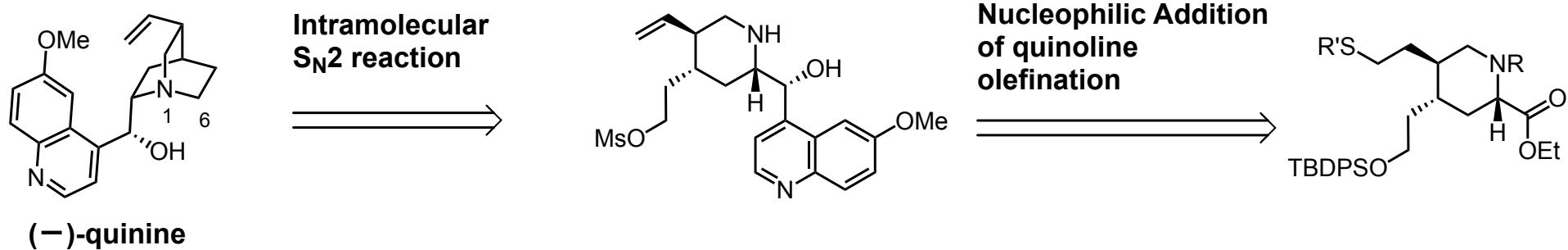
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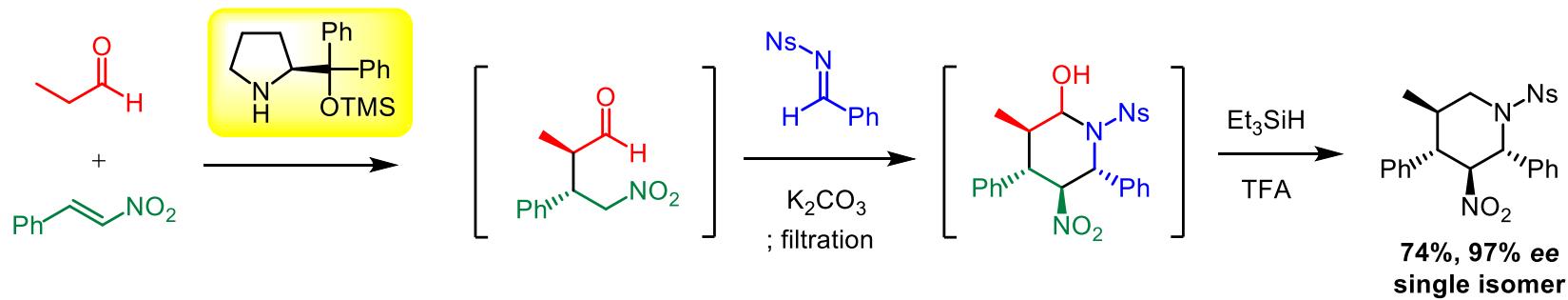
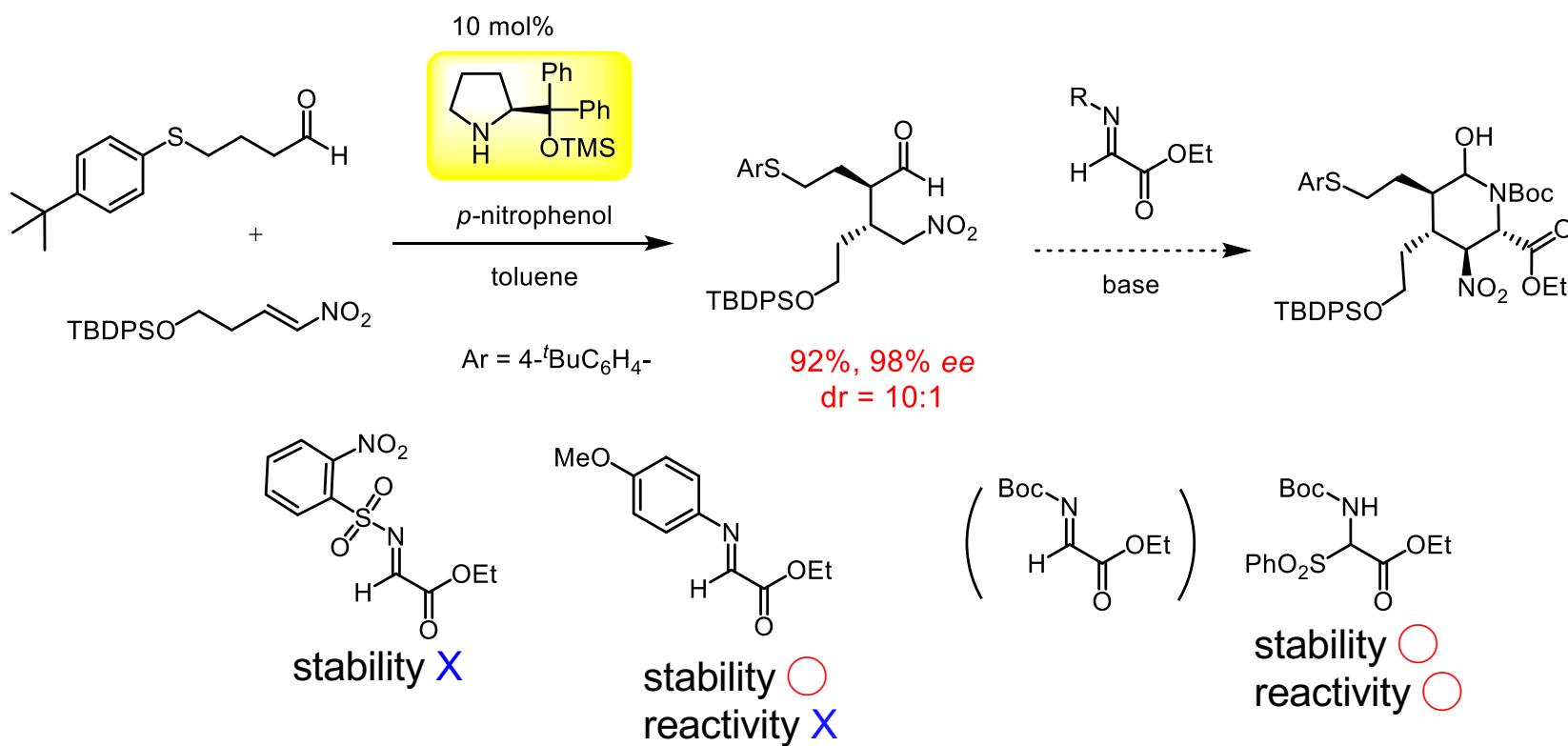


Retrosynthetic analysis



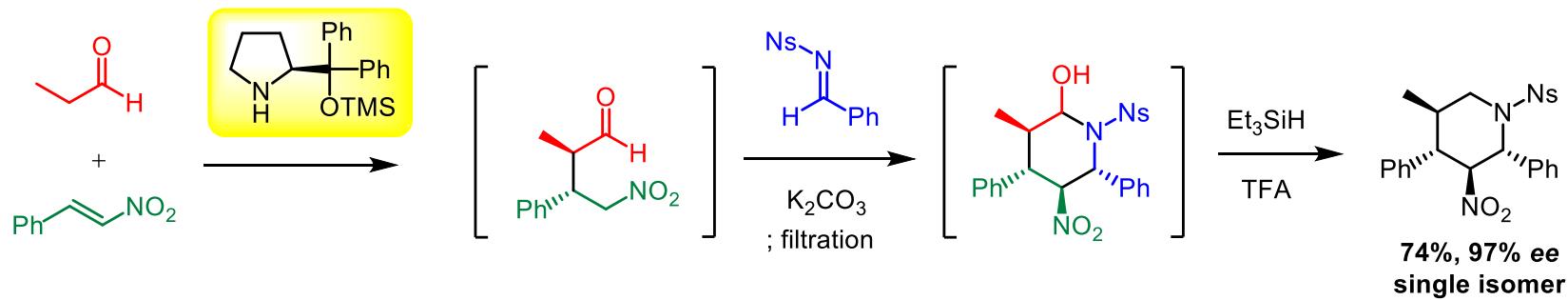
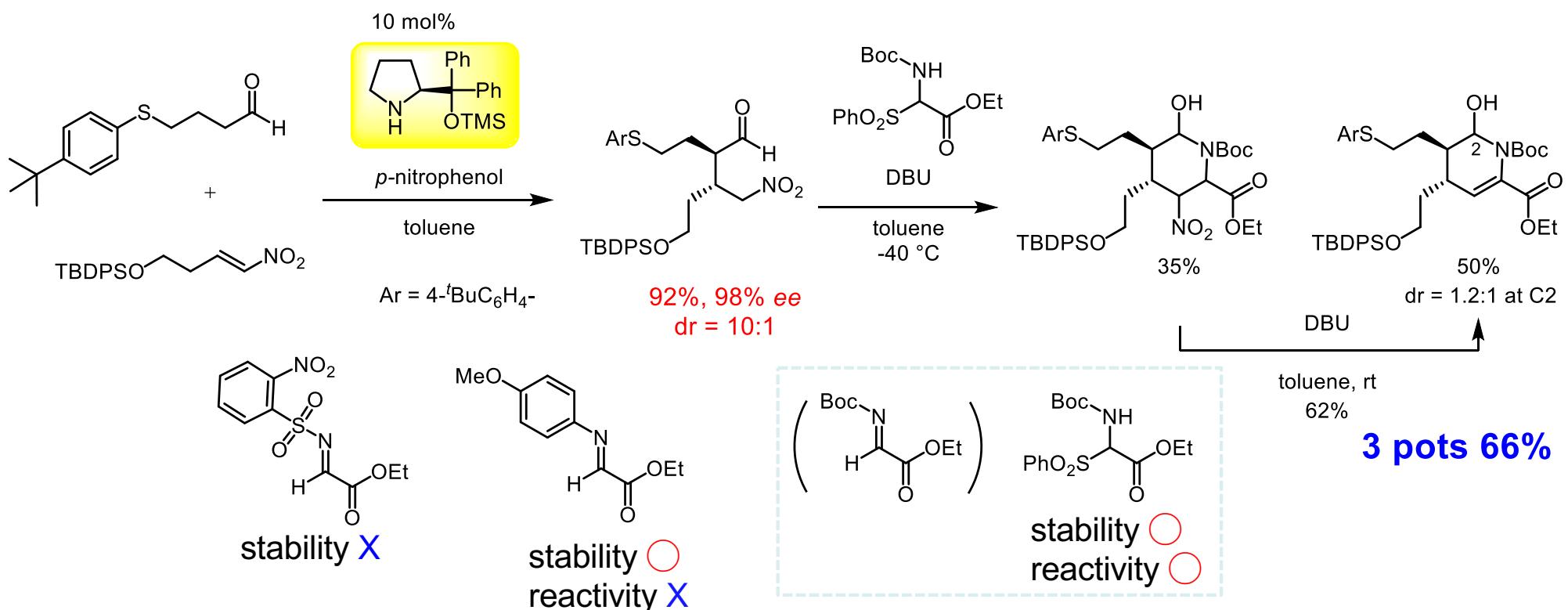
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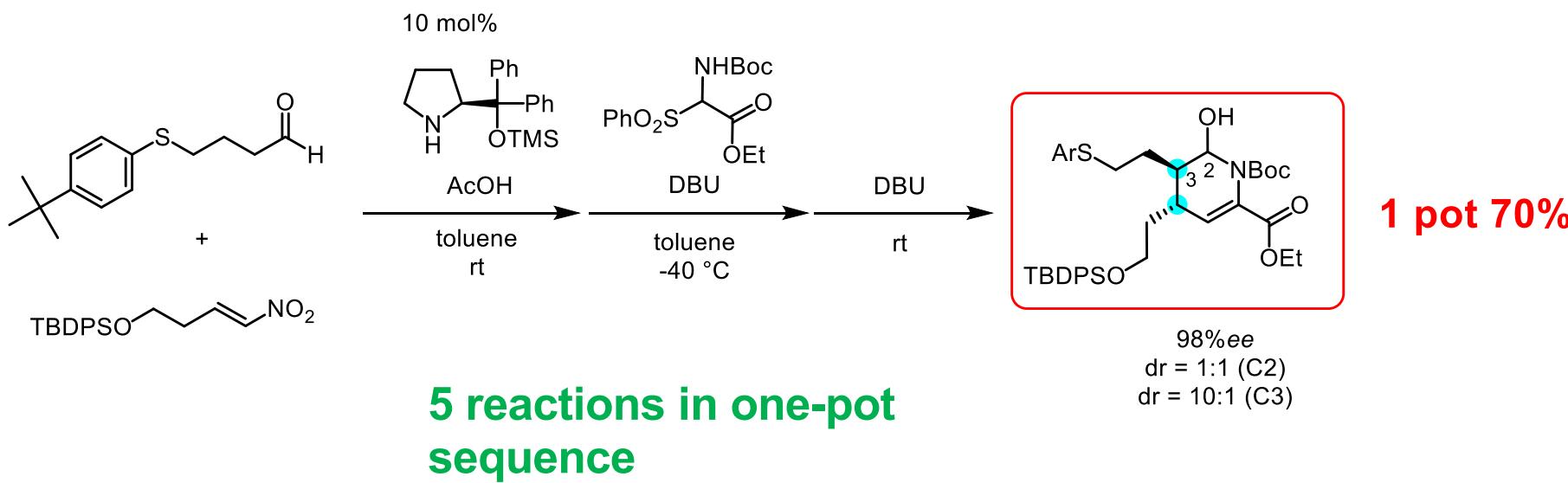
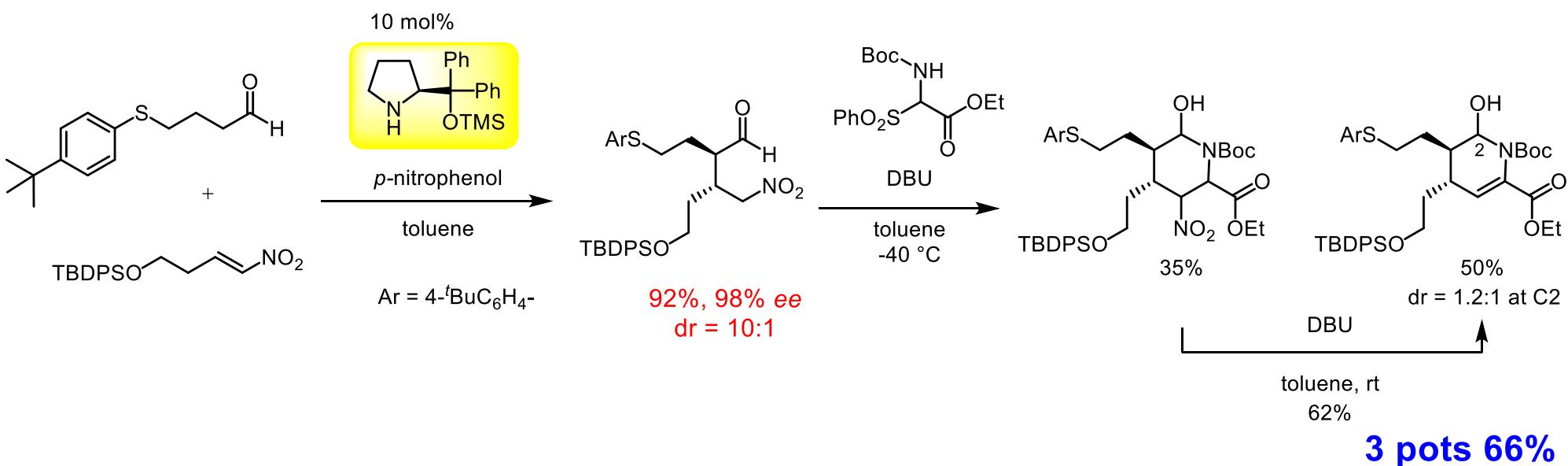
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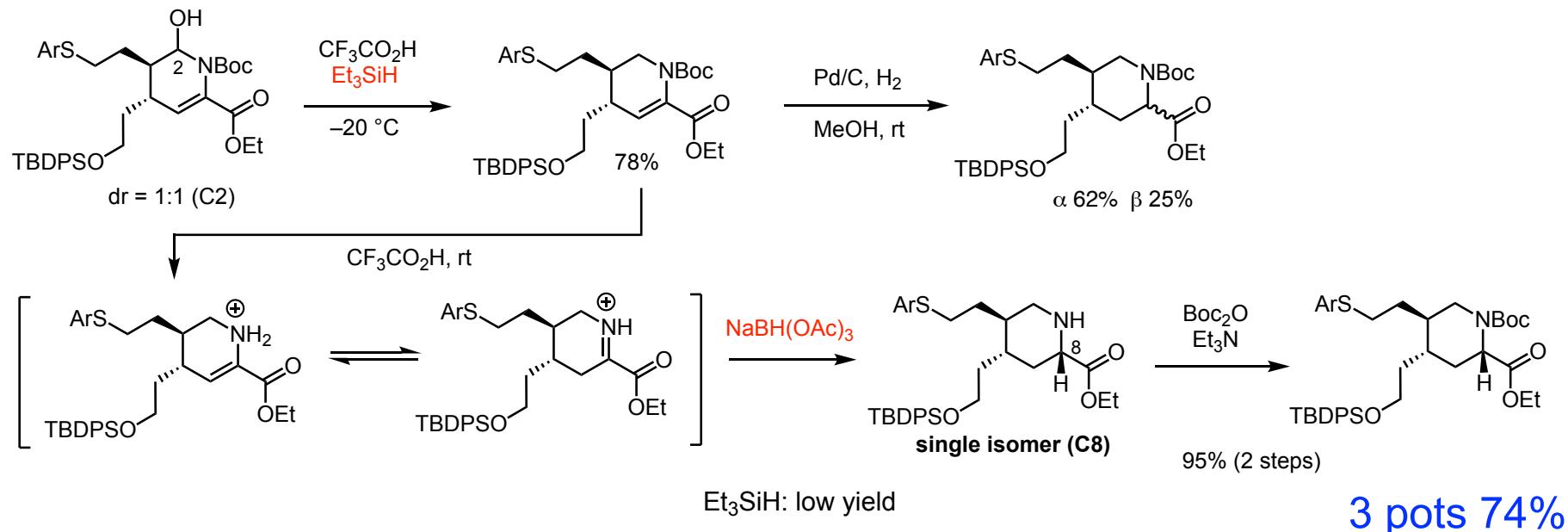


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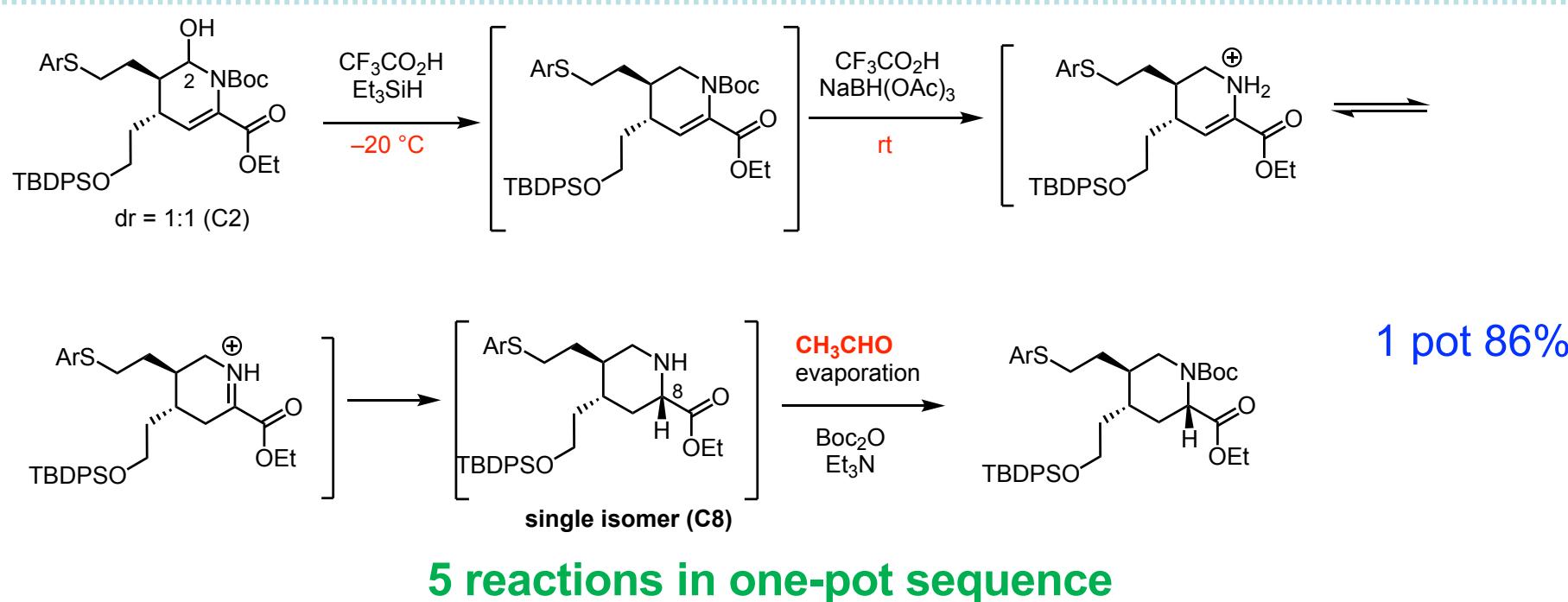
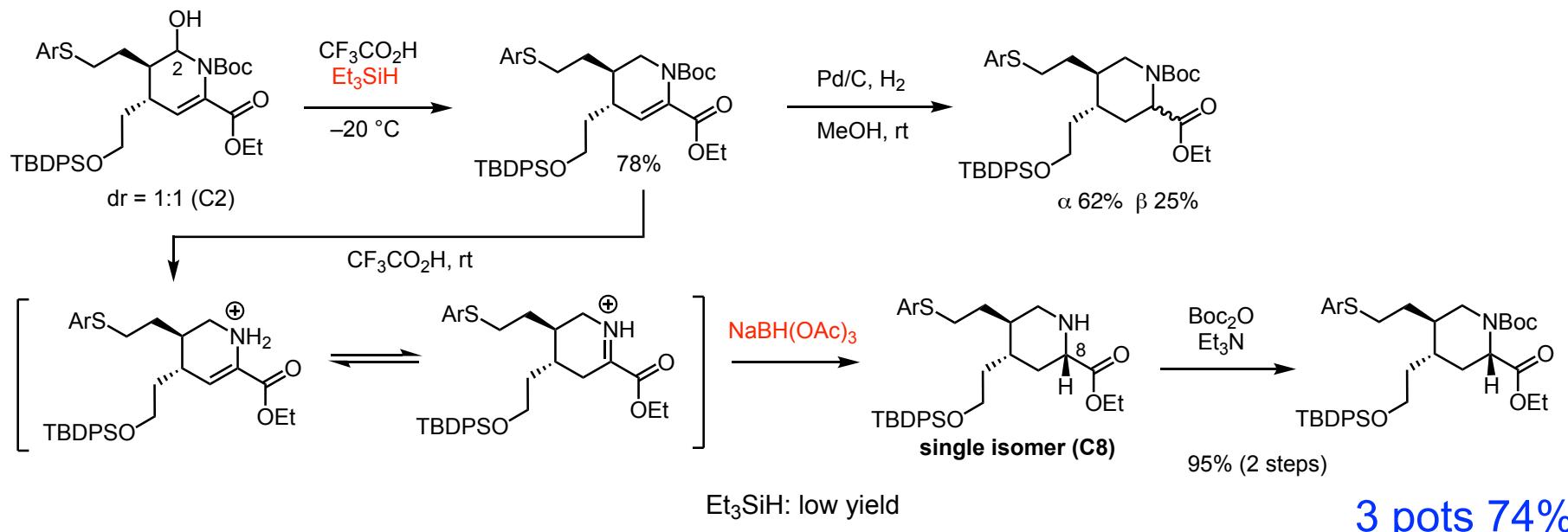
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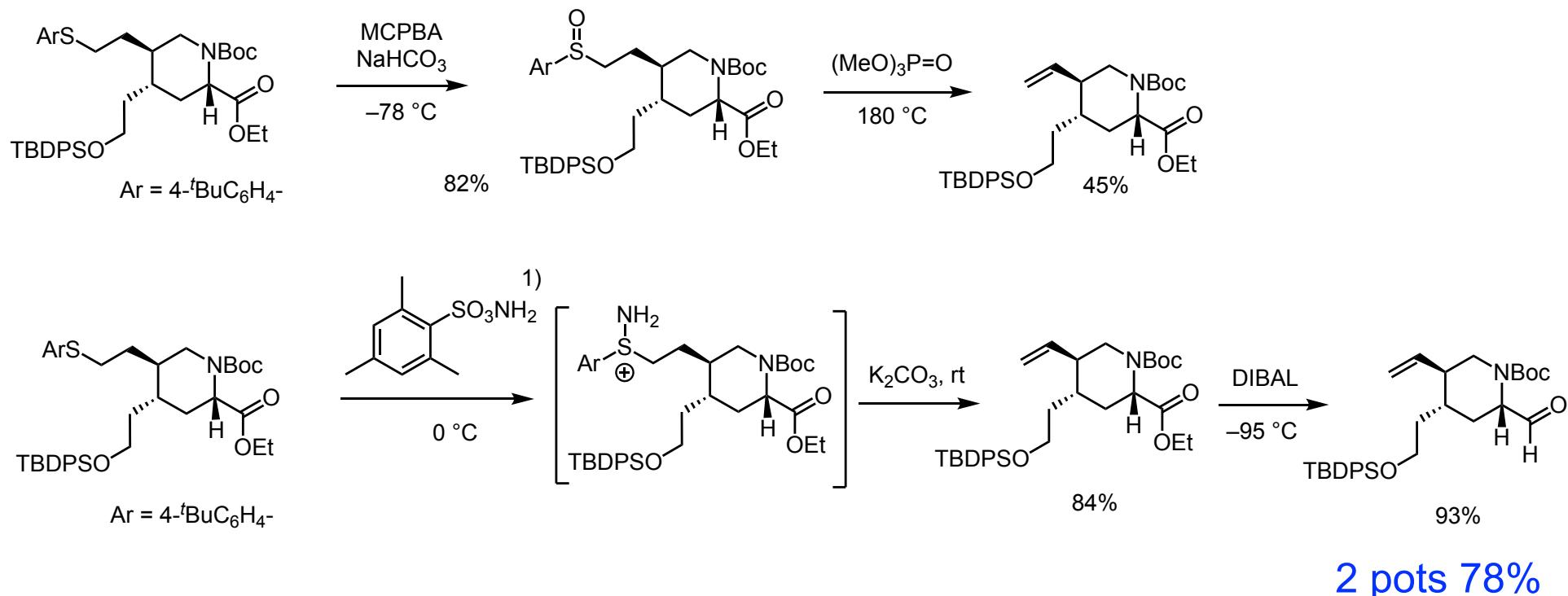
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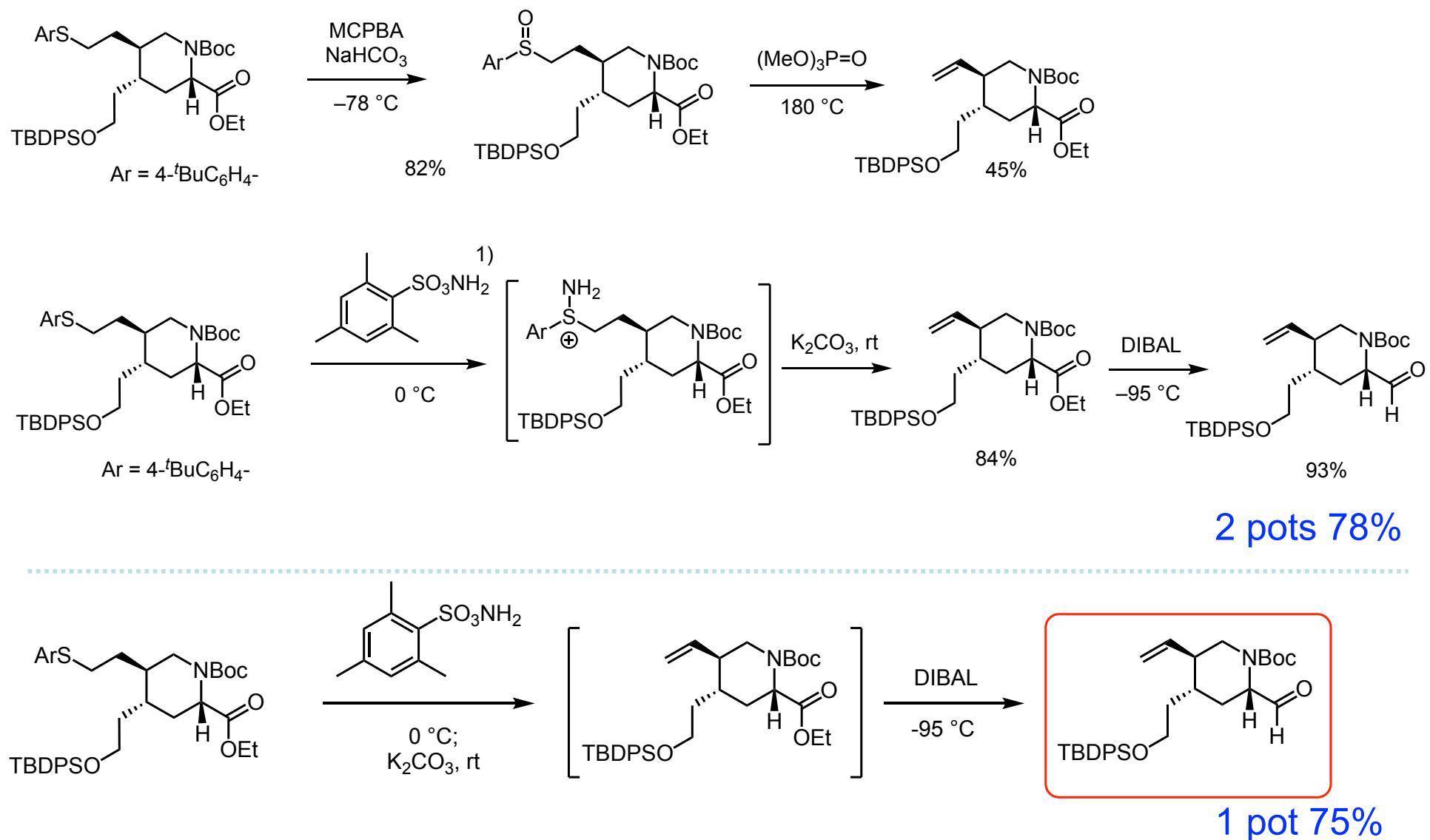


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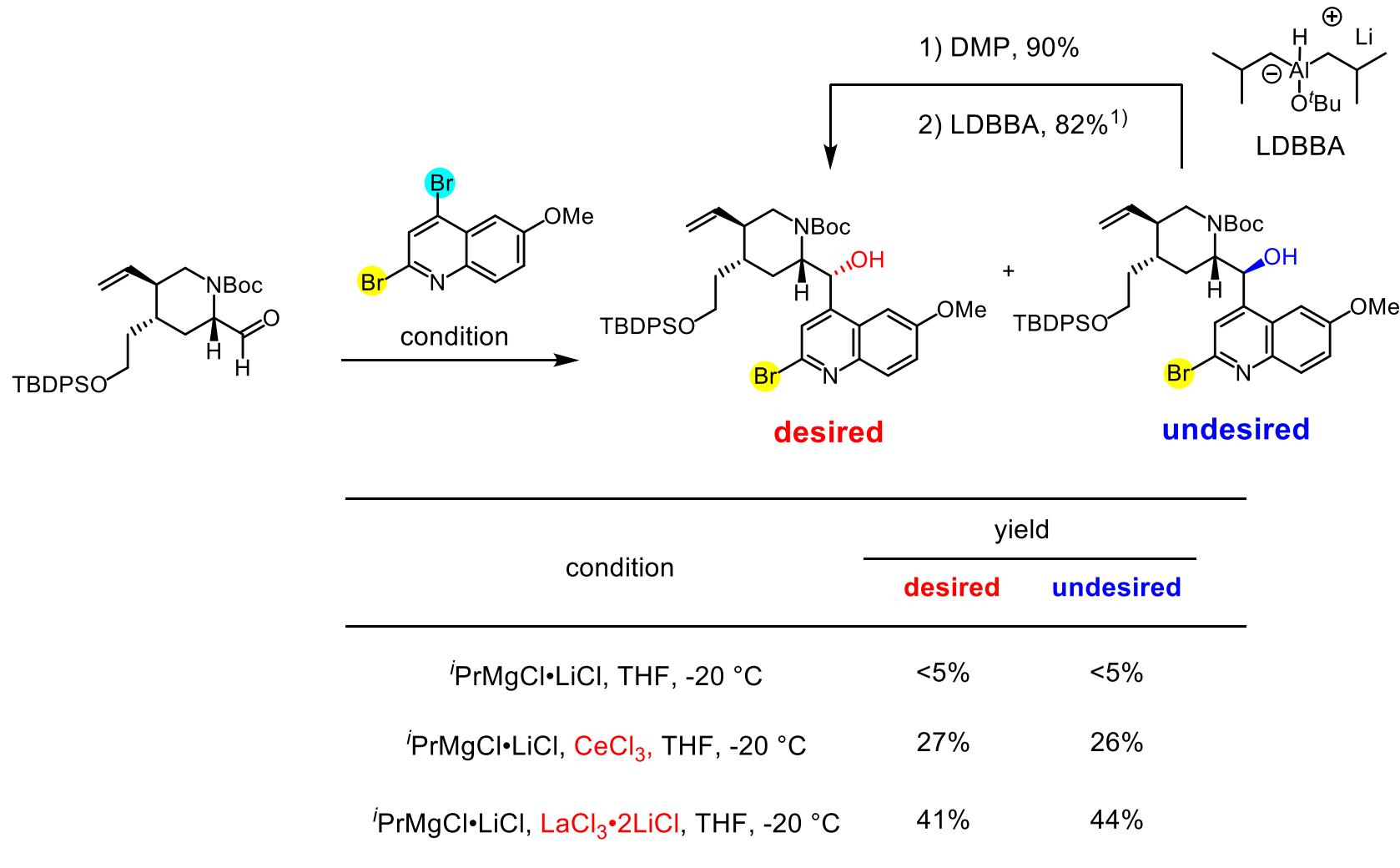
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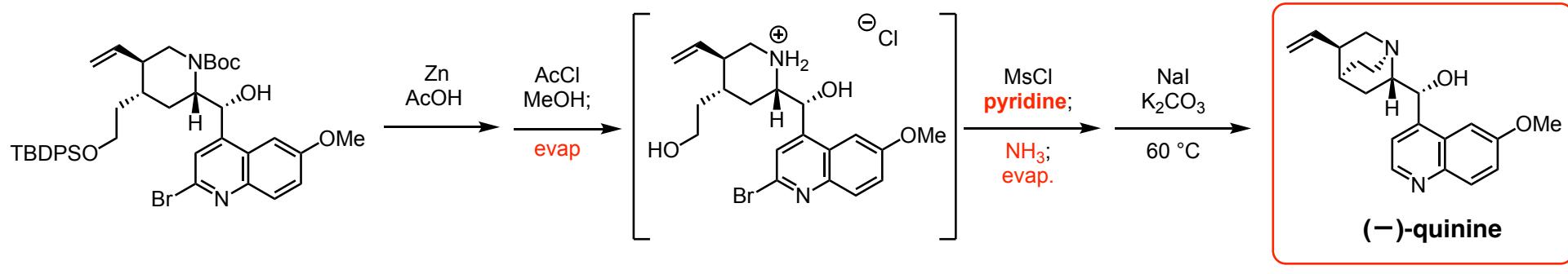
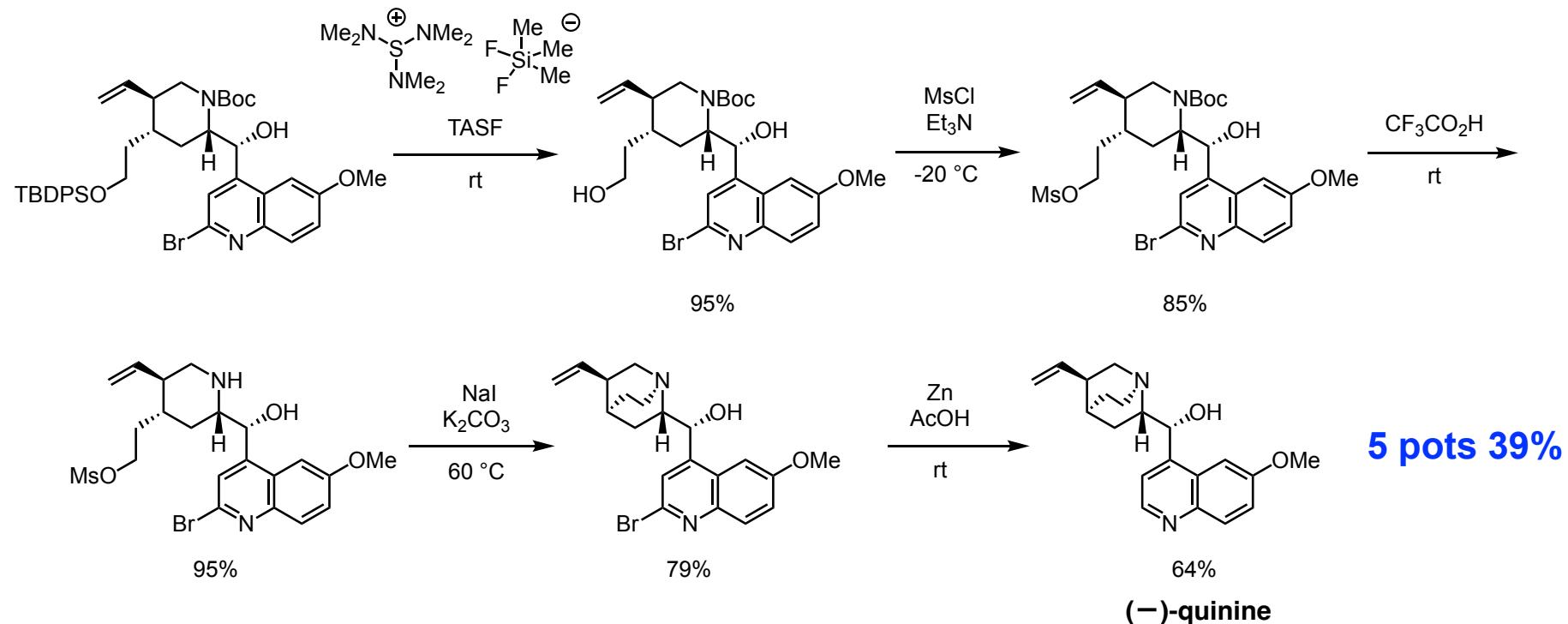
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Nucleophilic Addition of Quinoline

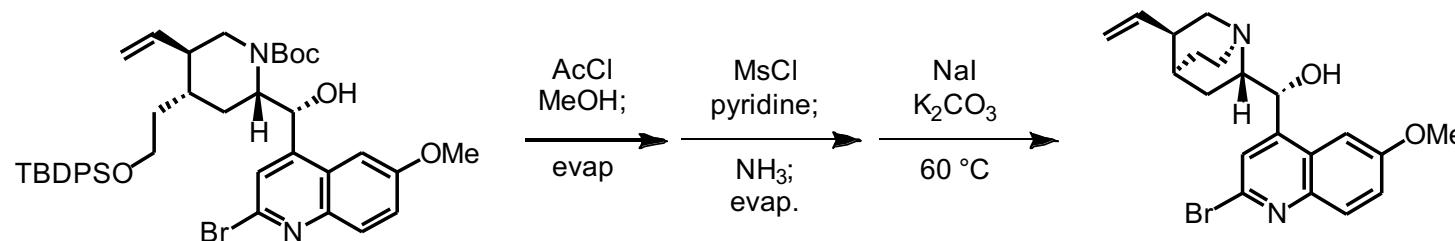


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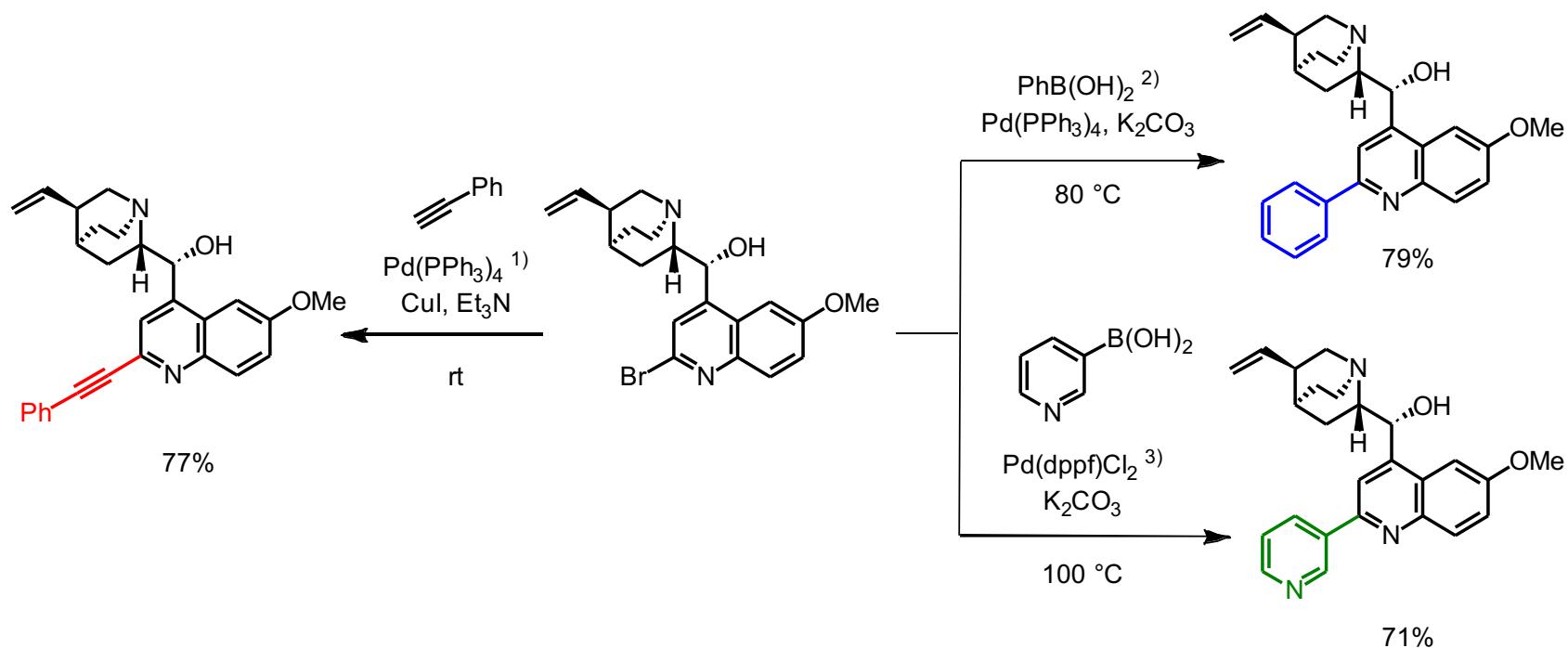
Completion of Pot-Economical Synthesis of (-)-Quinine



Synthesis of (-)-Quinine Derivatives



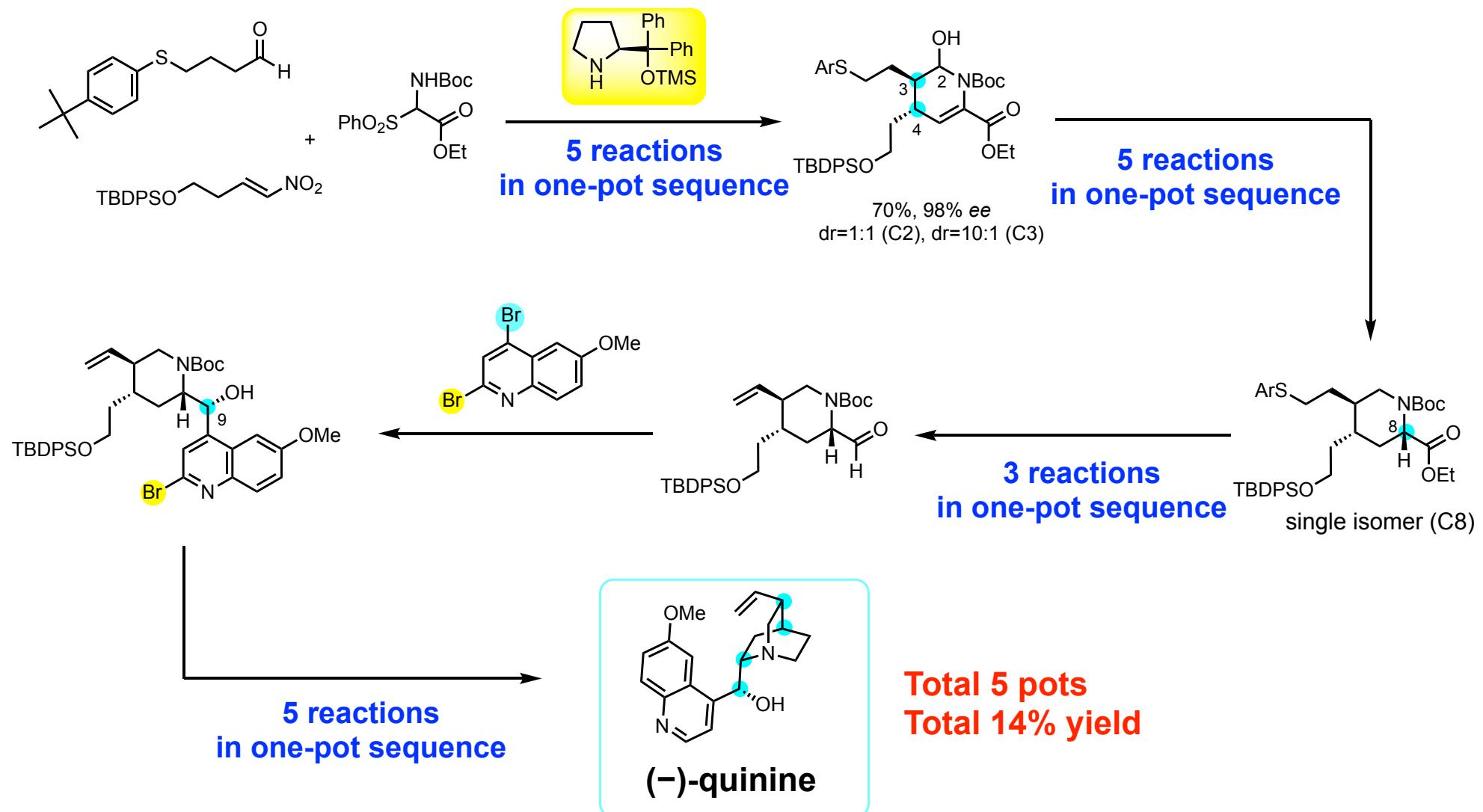
4 reactions in one-pot sequence,
77%



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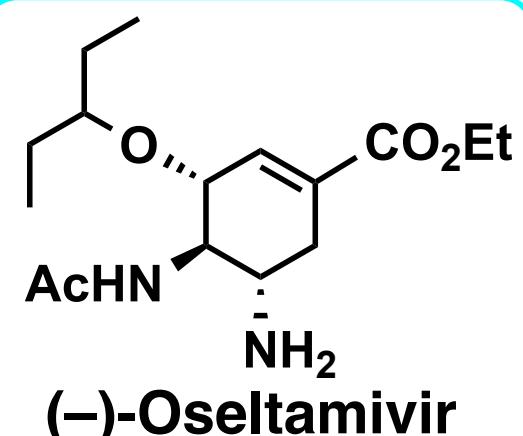
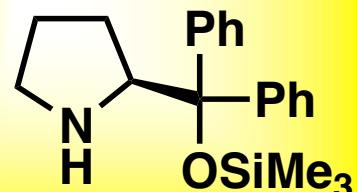
Summary of (-)-quinine



Shortest pot synthesis of (-)-quinine with controlling
4 stereocenters

submitted.

Summary: Pot Economy and Time Economy



60 minutes



152 minutes

