

# Total Synthesis of (−)-Himalensine A

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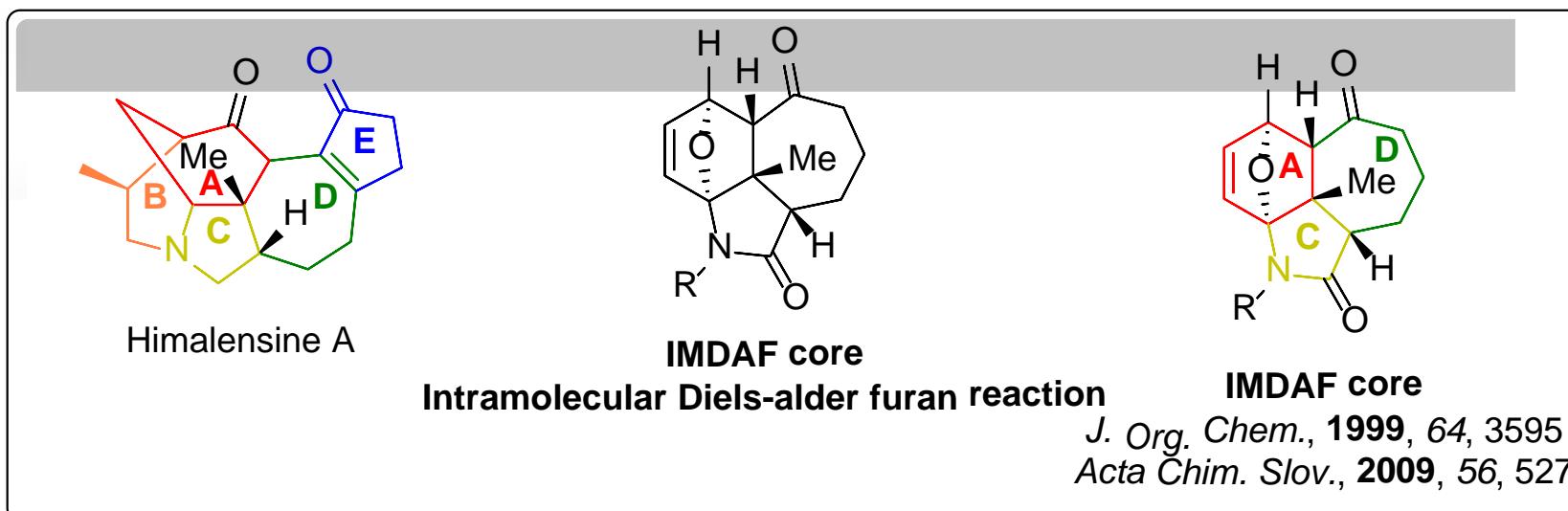
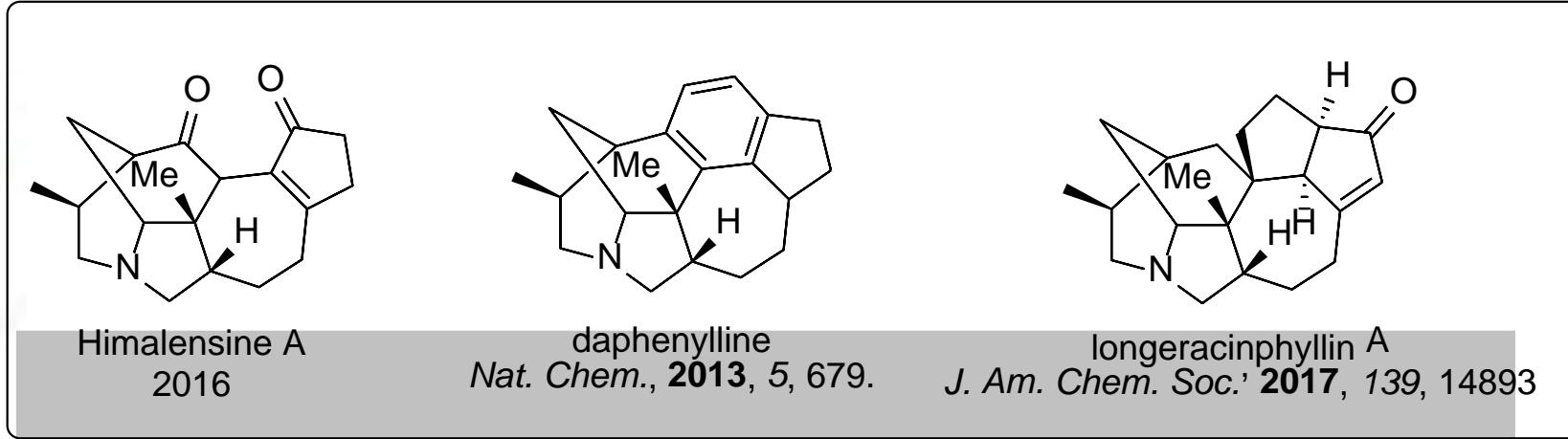
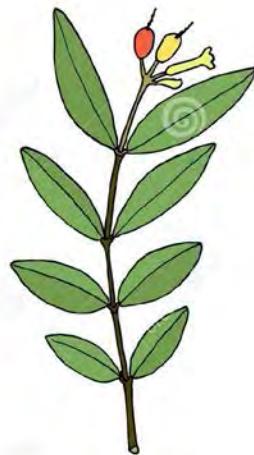
# Introduction

- **Daphniphyllum alkaloids**

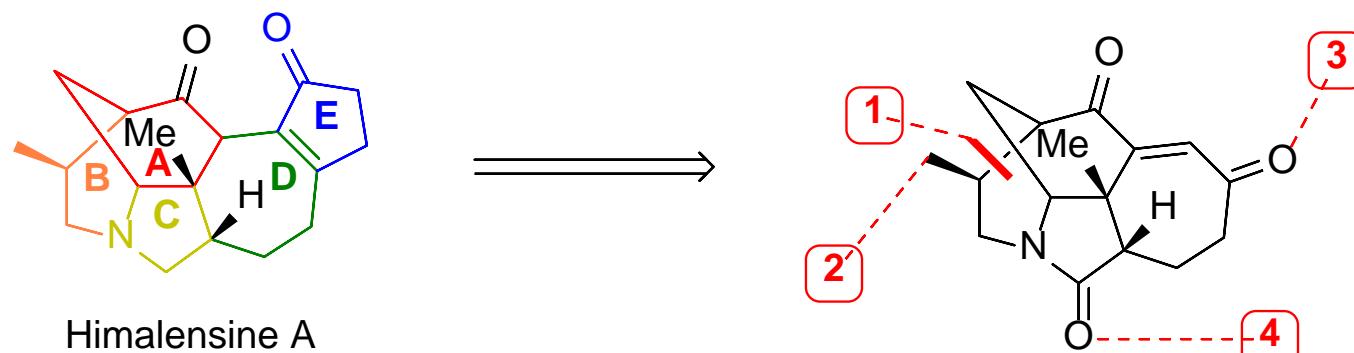
Isolated from a genus of evergreen plants. >300 members

anticancer, antioxidant, and vasorelaxation properties as well as elevation of nerve growth factor.

Chinese herbal  
medicine

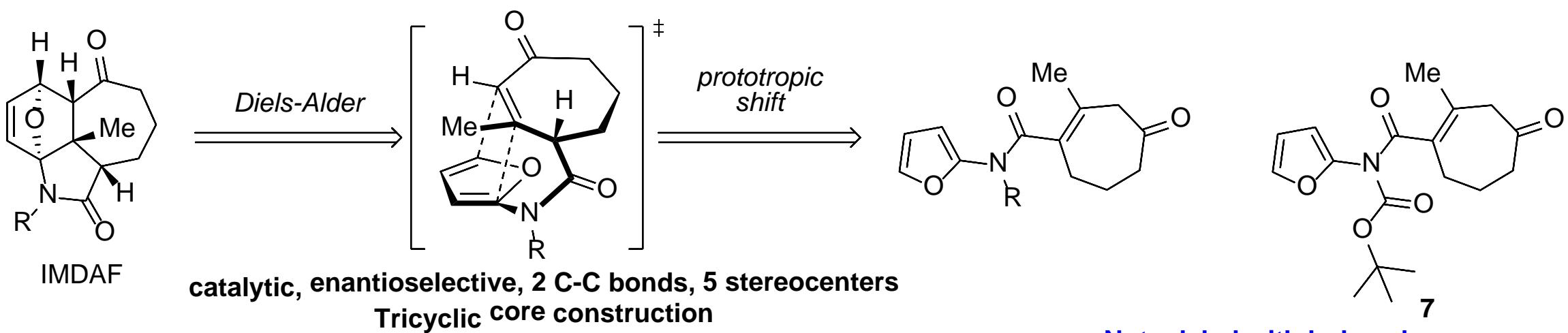


# Retrosynthesis

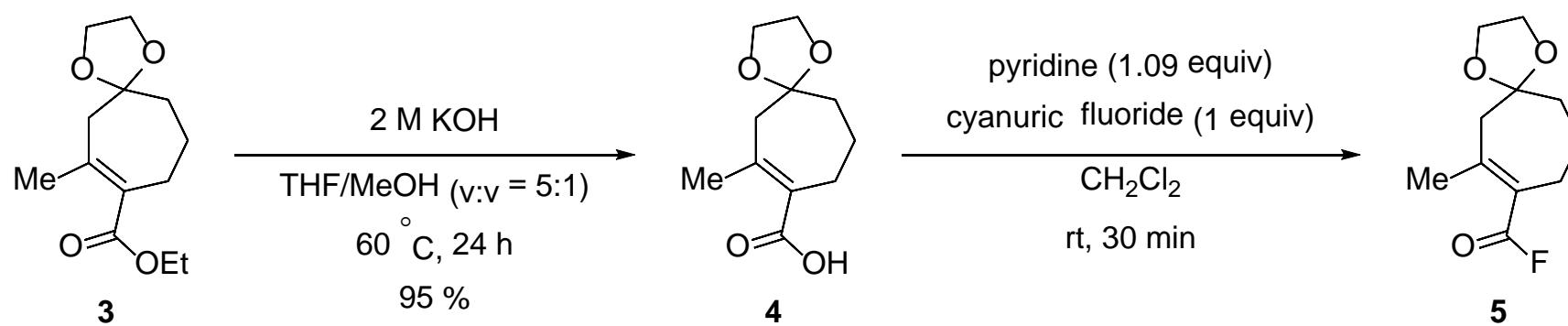
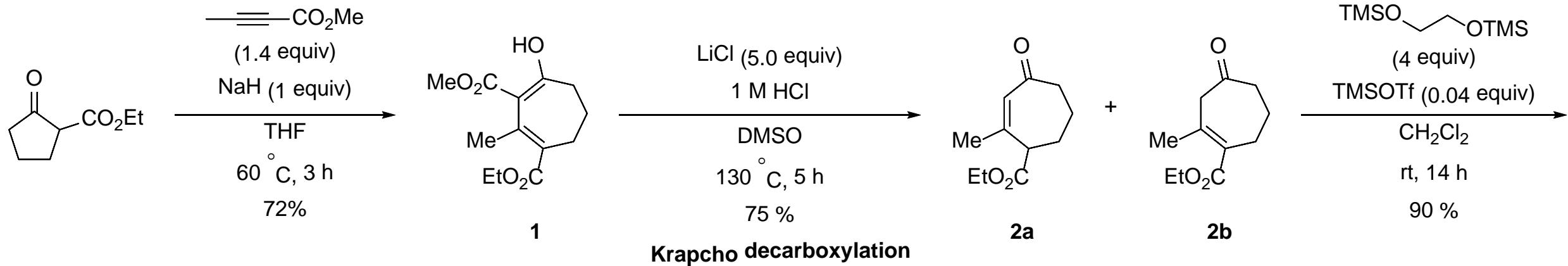


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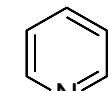
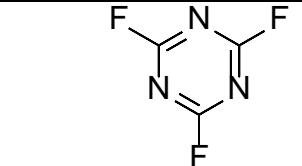
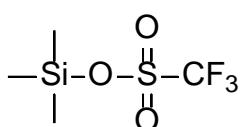
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- 2 disatereoselective hydrogenation
- 3 O<sub>2</sub> mediated C-H oxidation
- 4 chemoselective lactam reduction



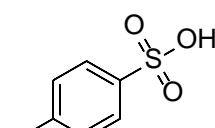
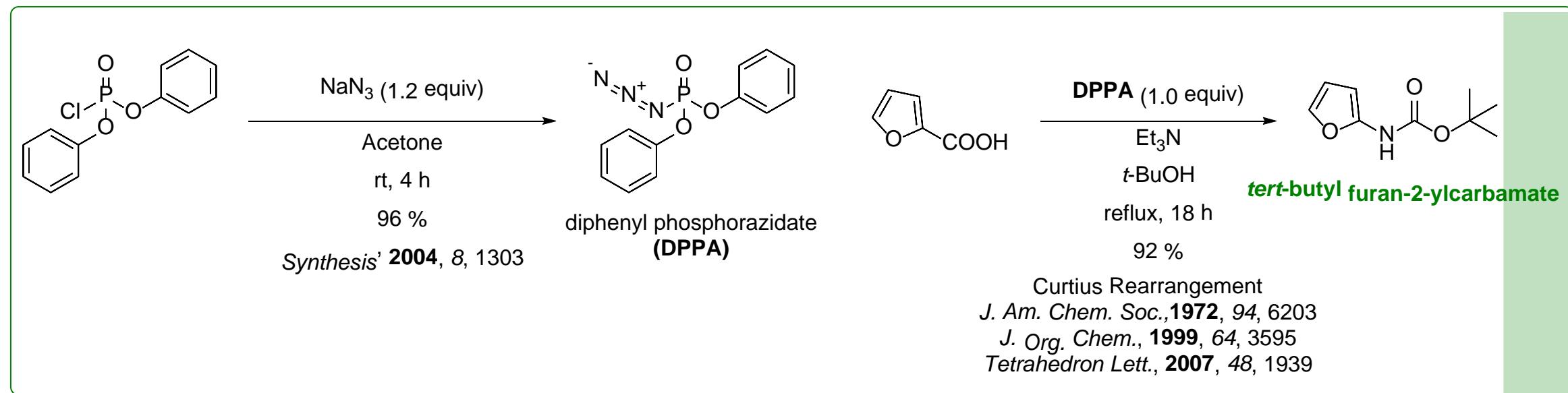
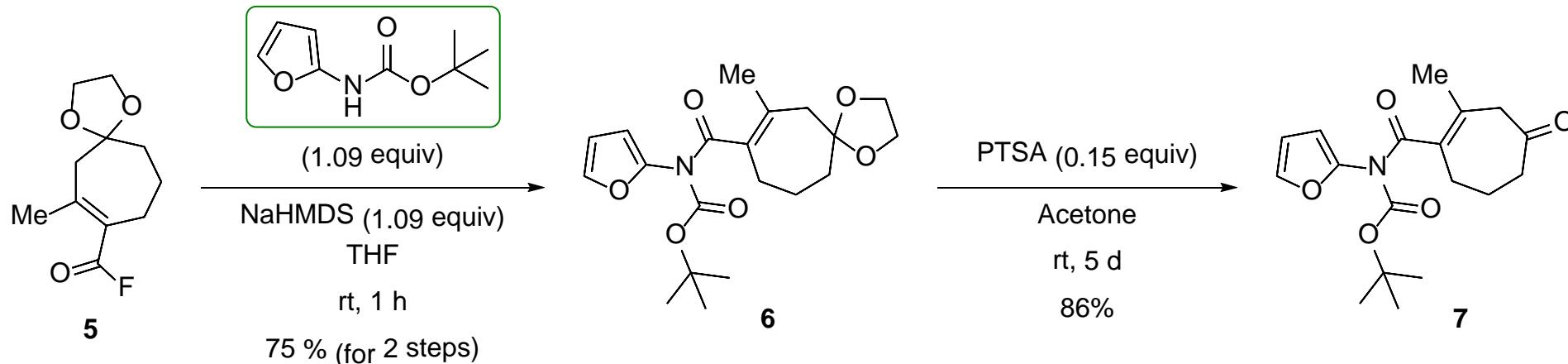
# Synthesis of (5)



Trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TMSOTf)	Trimethylsilyl (TMS)	2,4,6-trifluoro-1,3,5-triazine (Cyanuric fluoride)	pyridine
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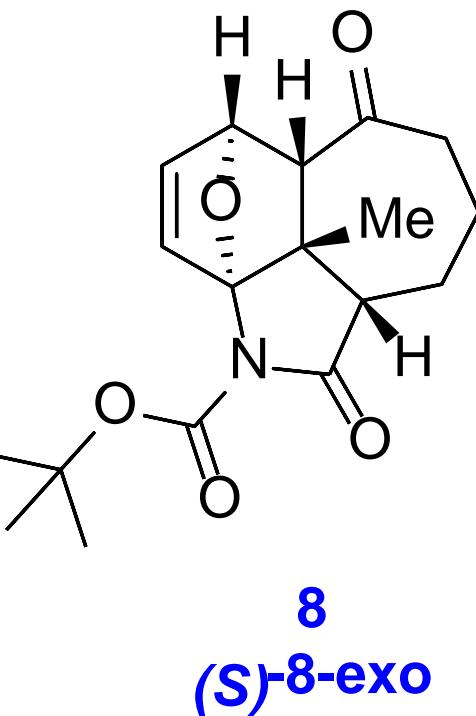
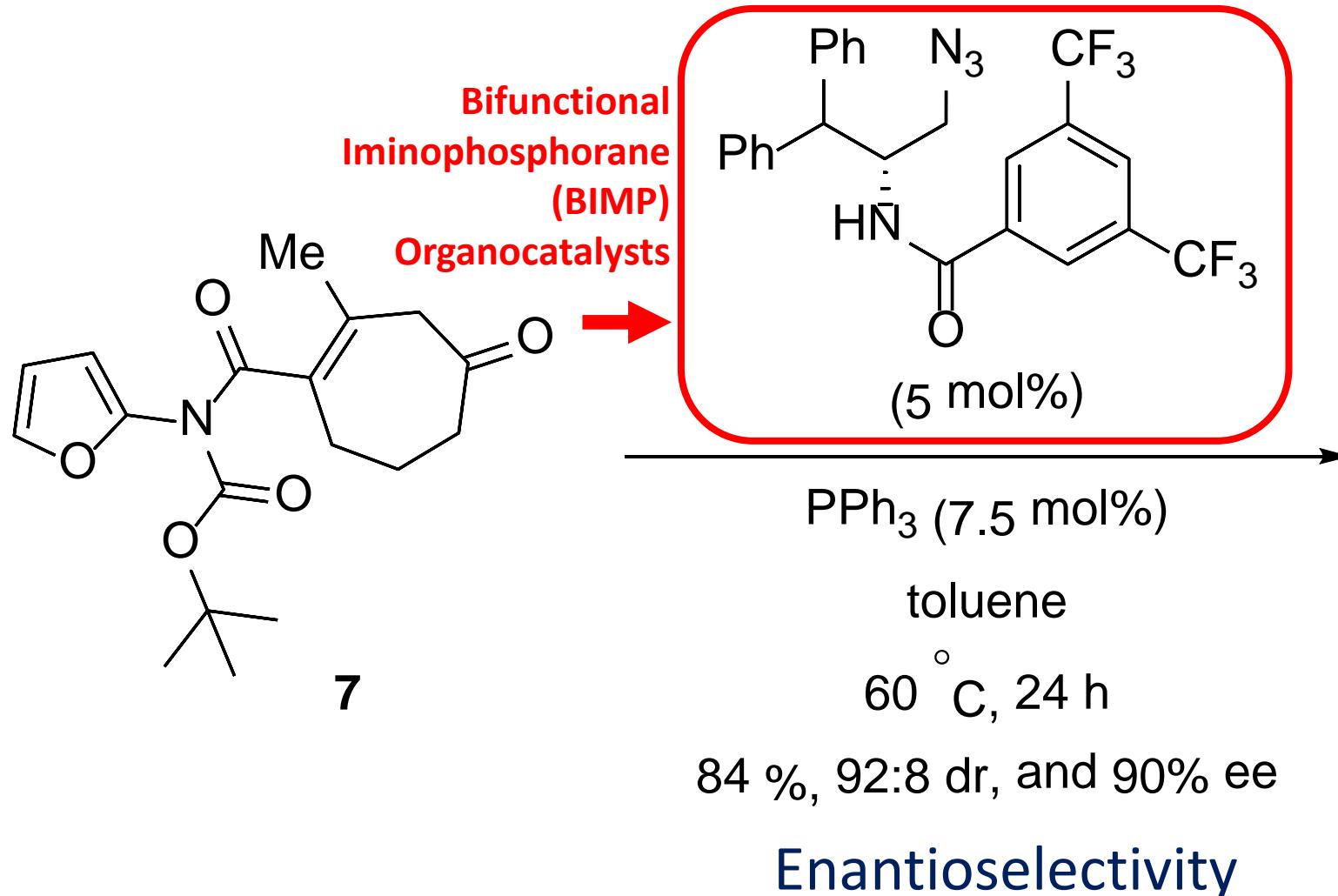


# Synthesis of (7)



# Synthesis of (8)

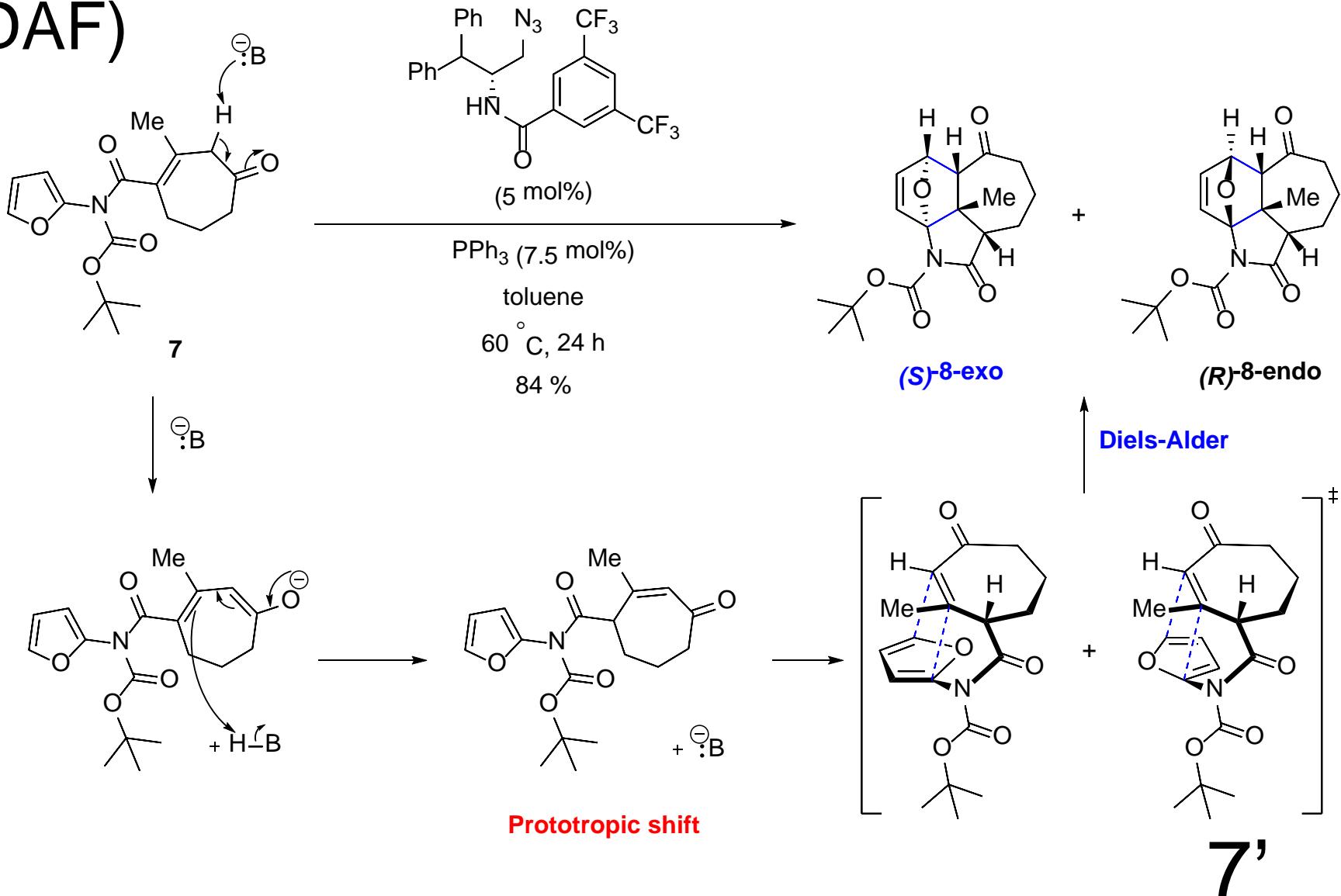
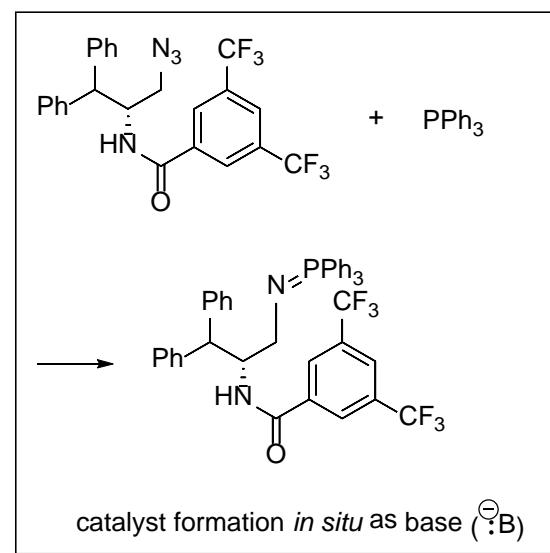
- Intramolecular Diels-Alder furan reaction (IMDAF) core



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# Mechanisms for Step (7) to (8)

- Prototropic shift then Intramolecular Diels-Alder furan reaction (IMDAF)

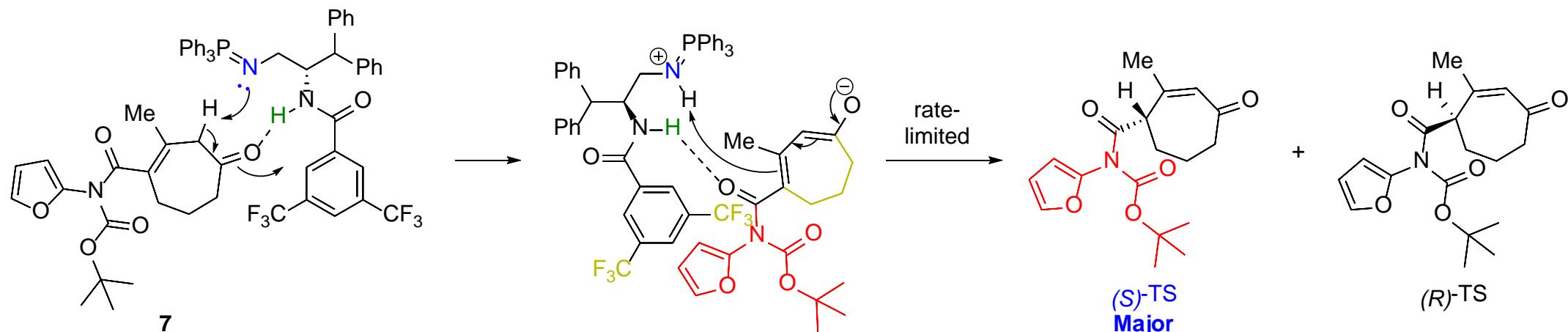
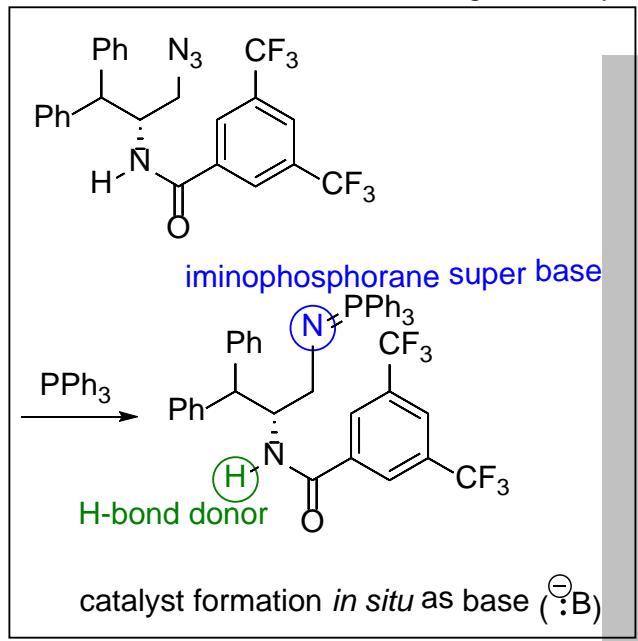


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# More details About Prototropic Shift/BIMP

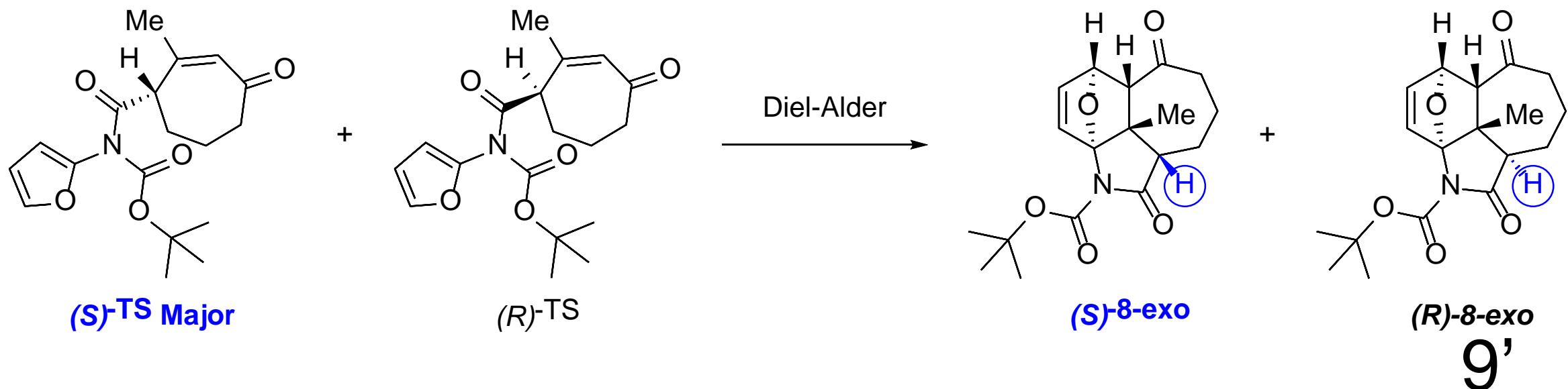
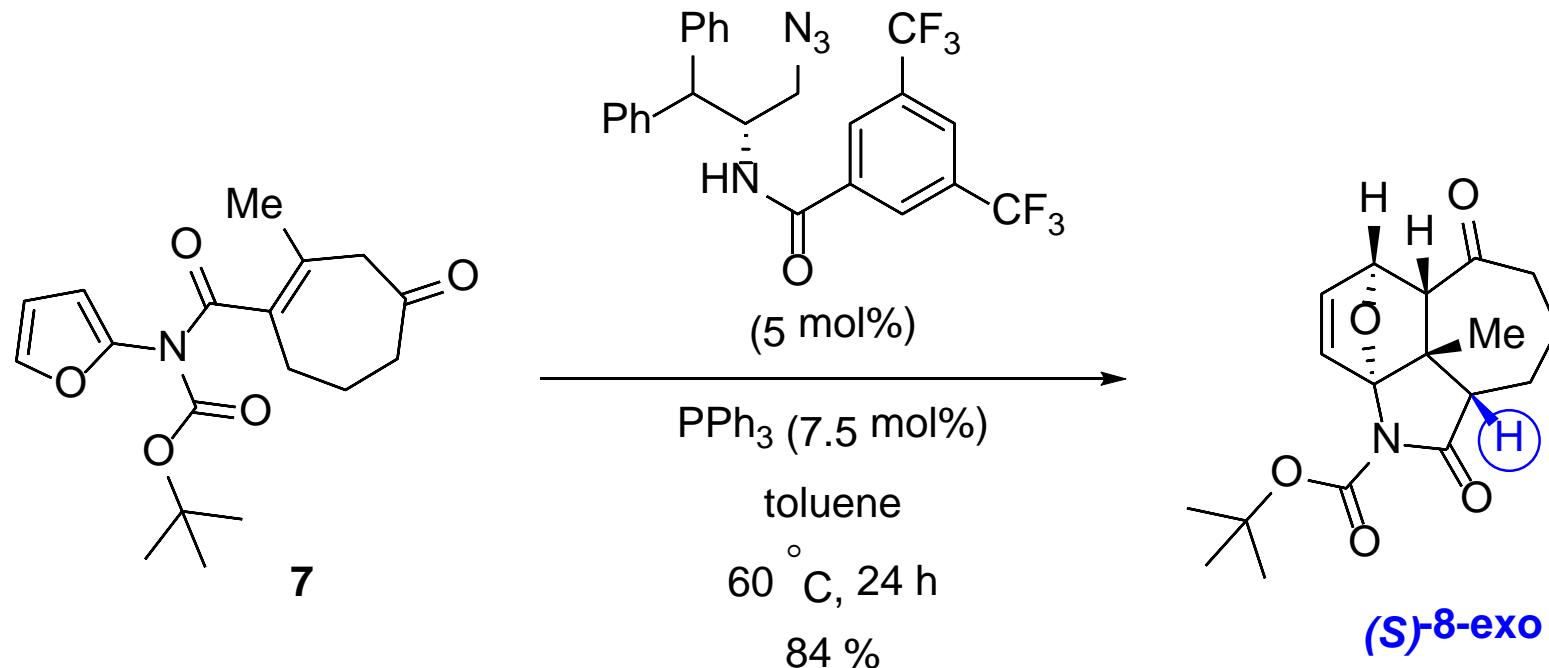
Bifunctional Iminophosphorane Organocatalysts



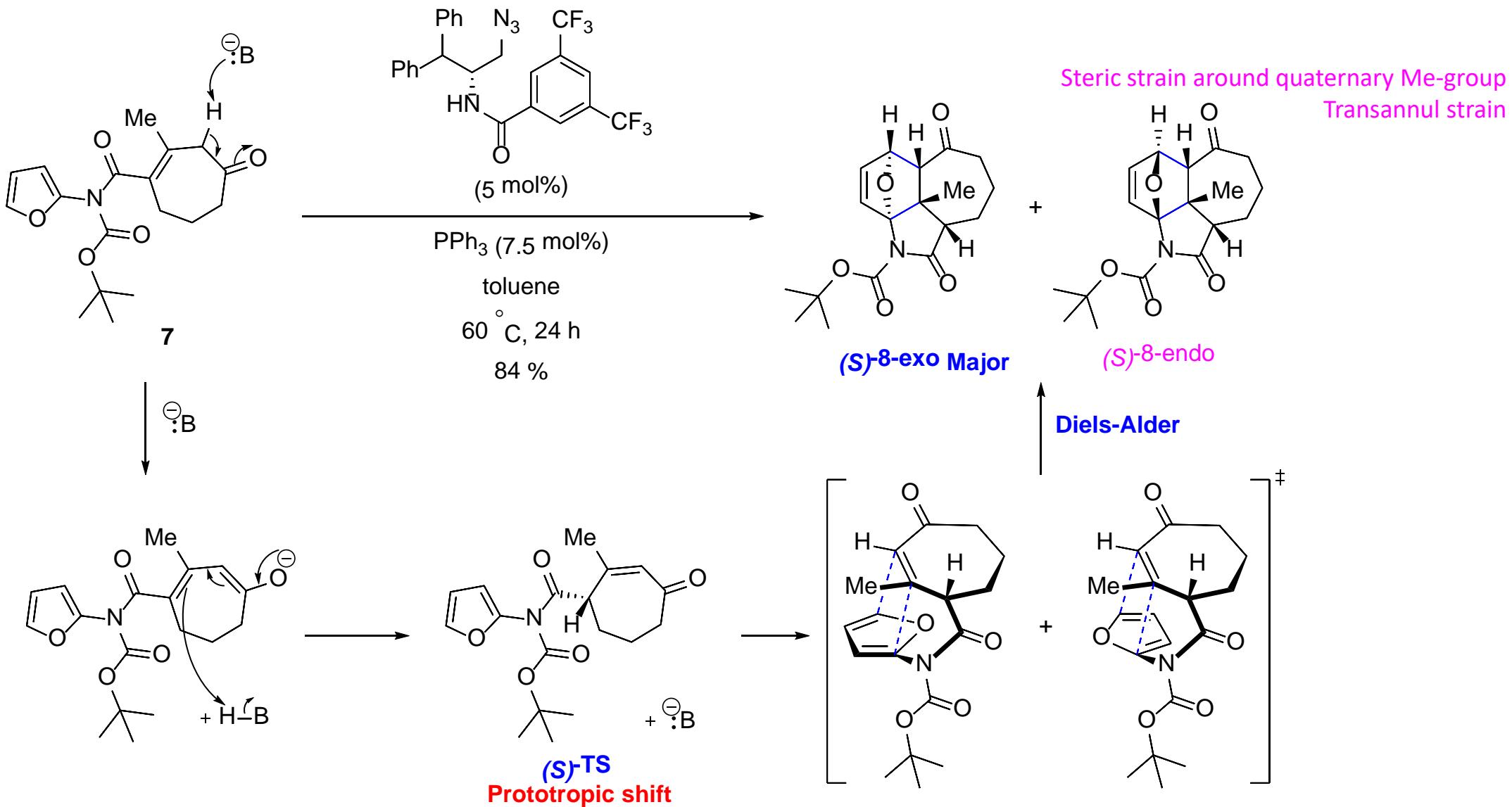
☺ 5 mol%, Good reactivity, Enantioselectivity, Easy and scalable, Metal free

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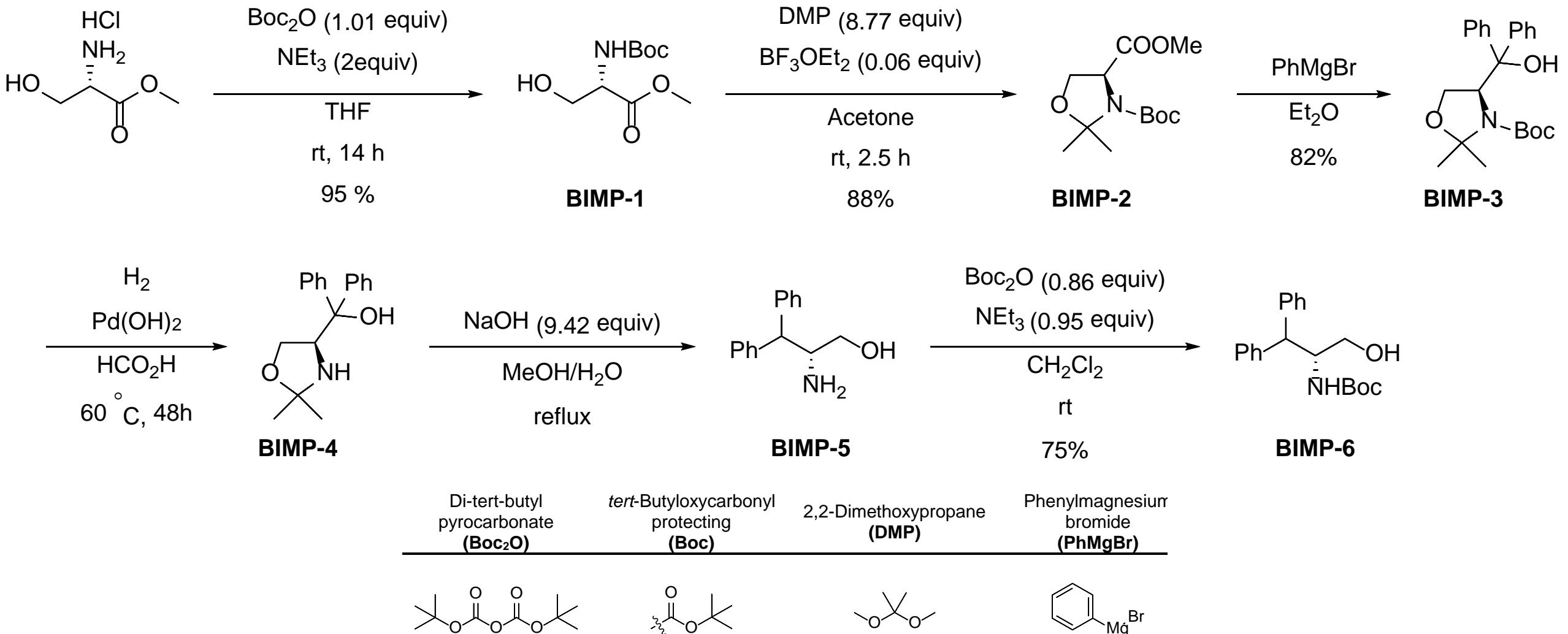


# Intramolecular Diels-Alder furan reaction (IMDAF)



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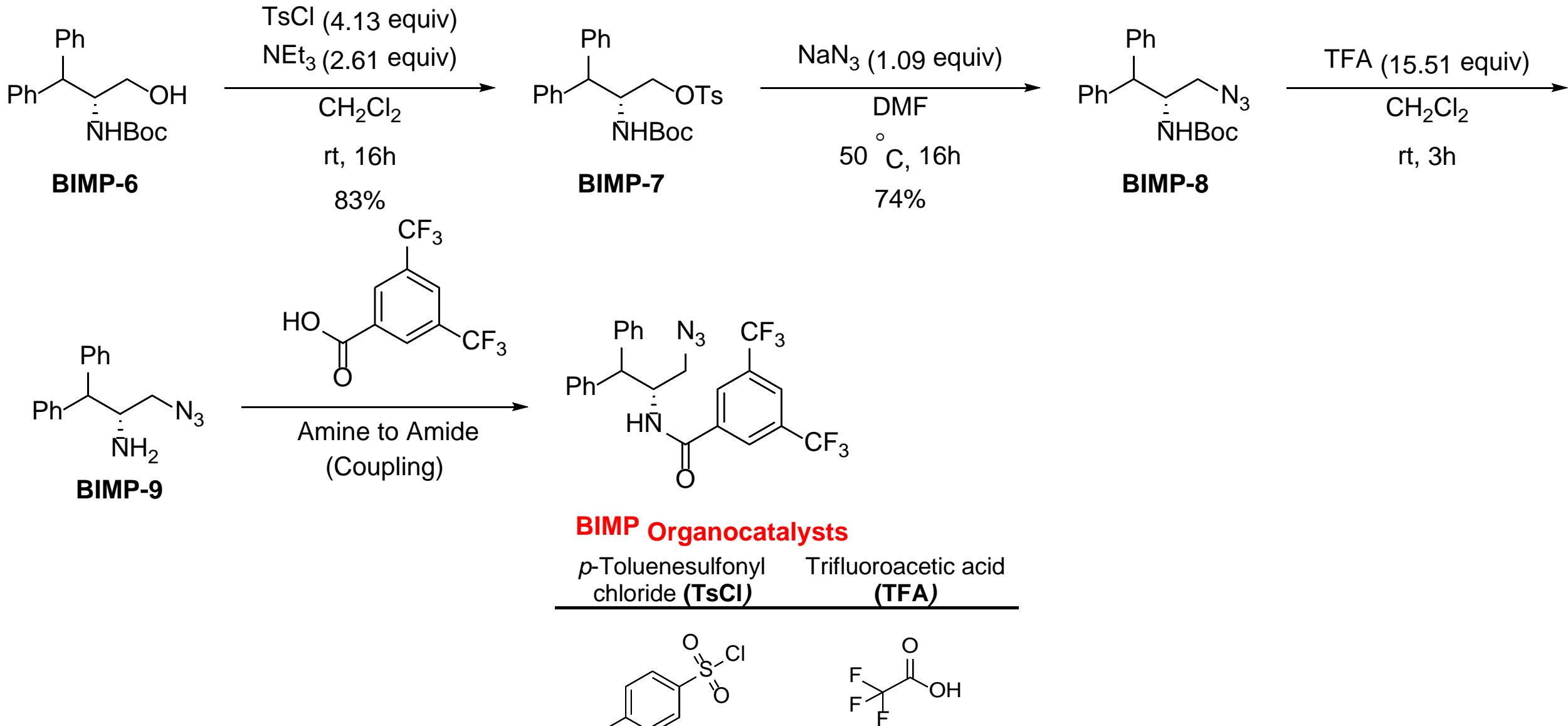
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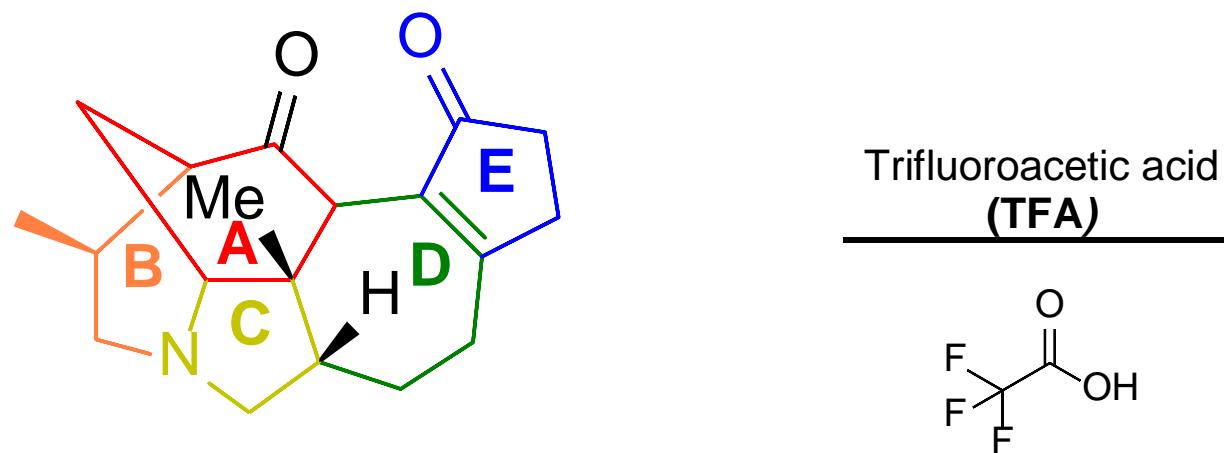
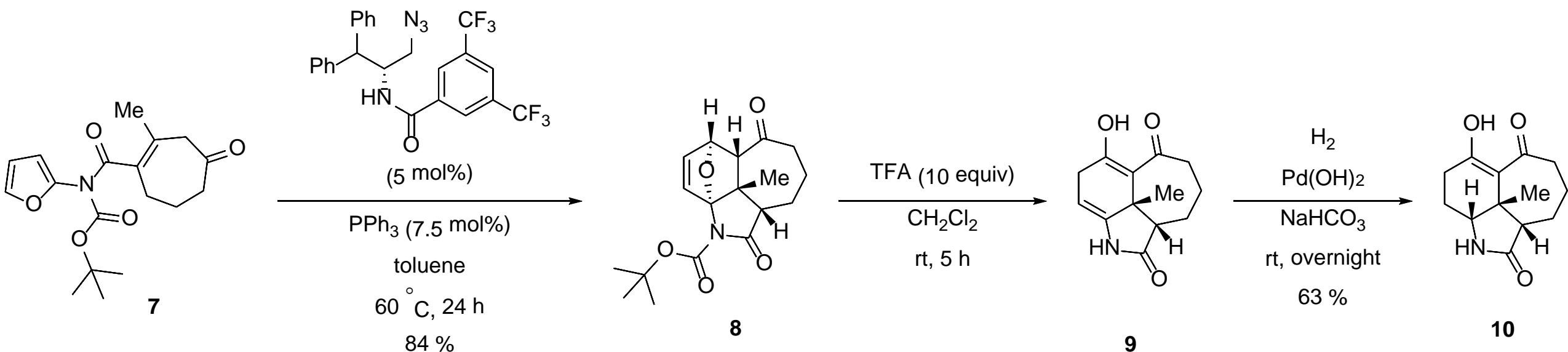
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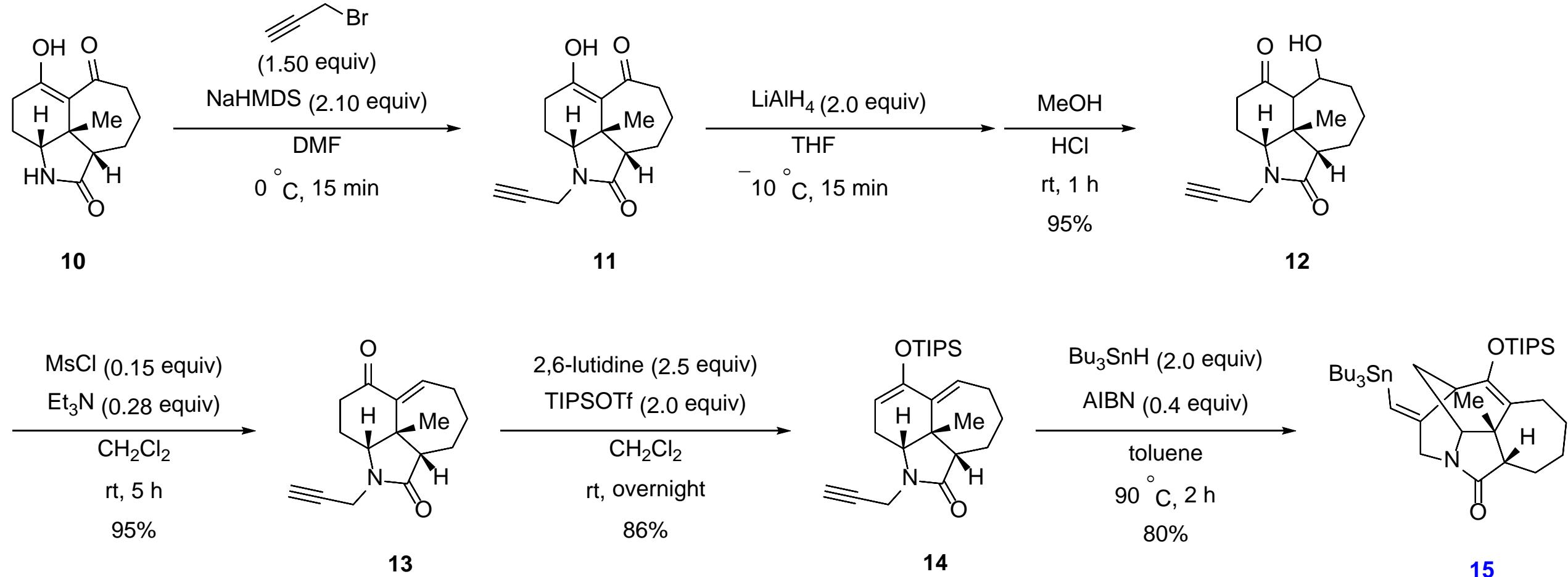


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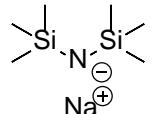


Himalensine A

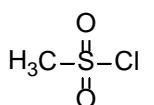
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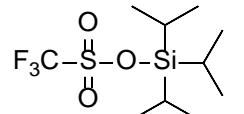
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**(NaHMDS)**



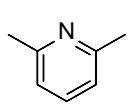
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**(MsCl)**



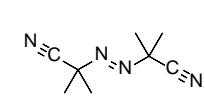
Triisopropylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate  
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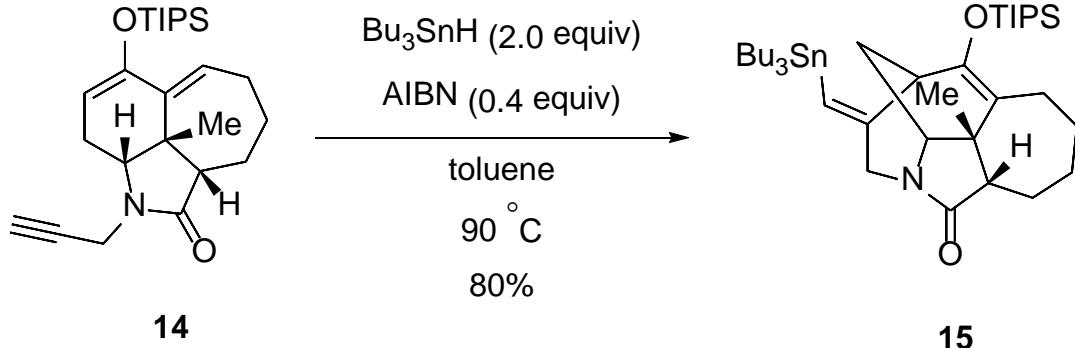
2,6-Lutidine  
**(AIBN)**



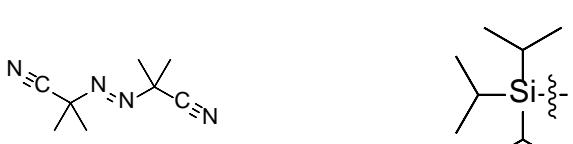
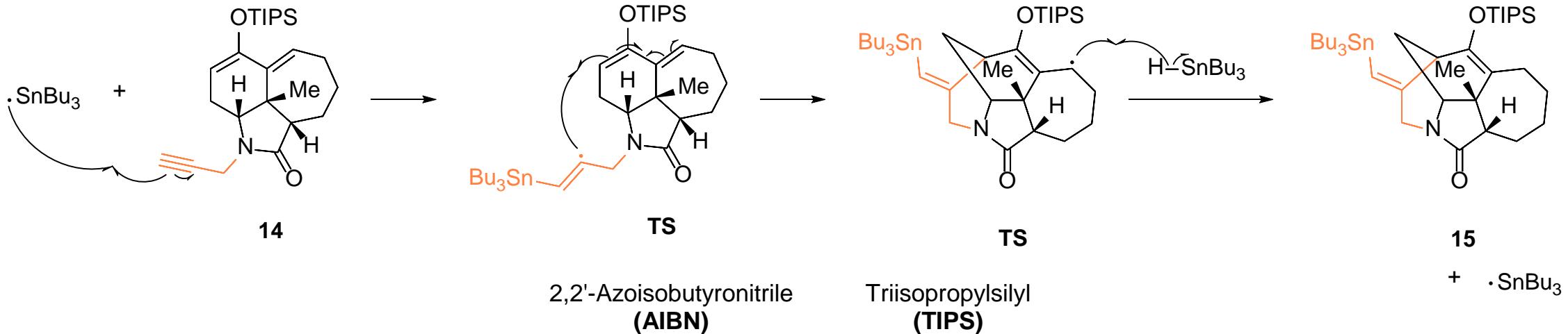
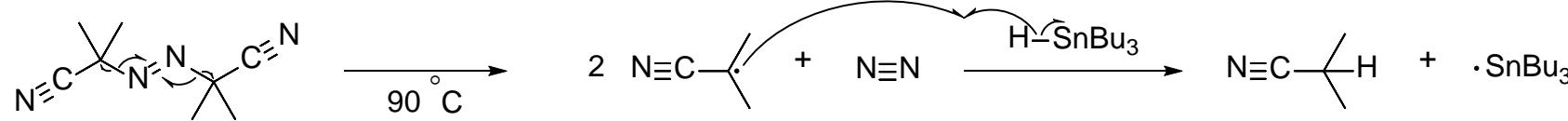
2,2'-Azoisobutyronitrile  
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# Mechanisms for Step (14) to (15)

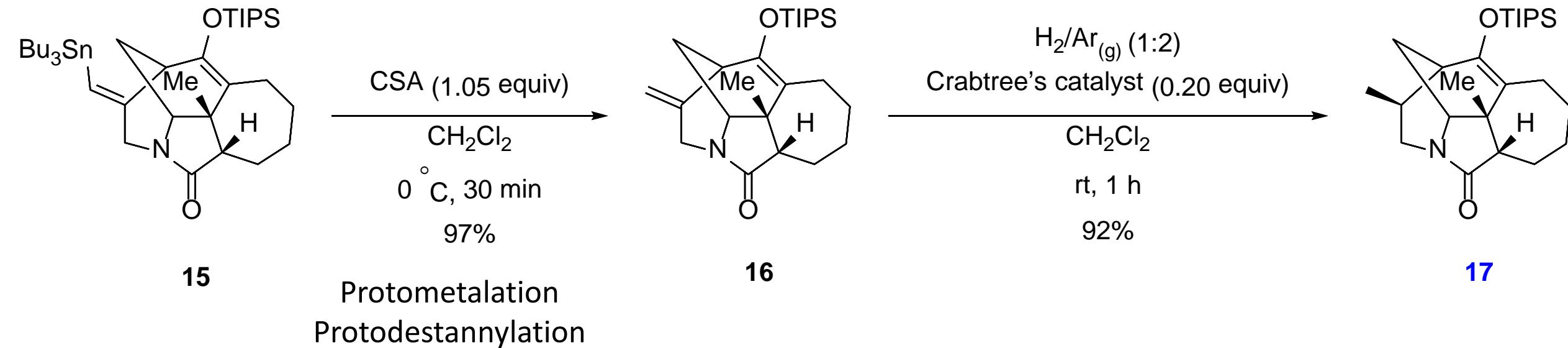


Mechanism:



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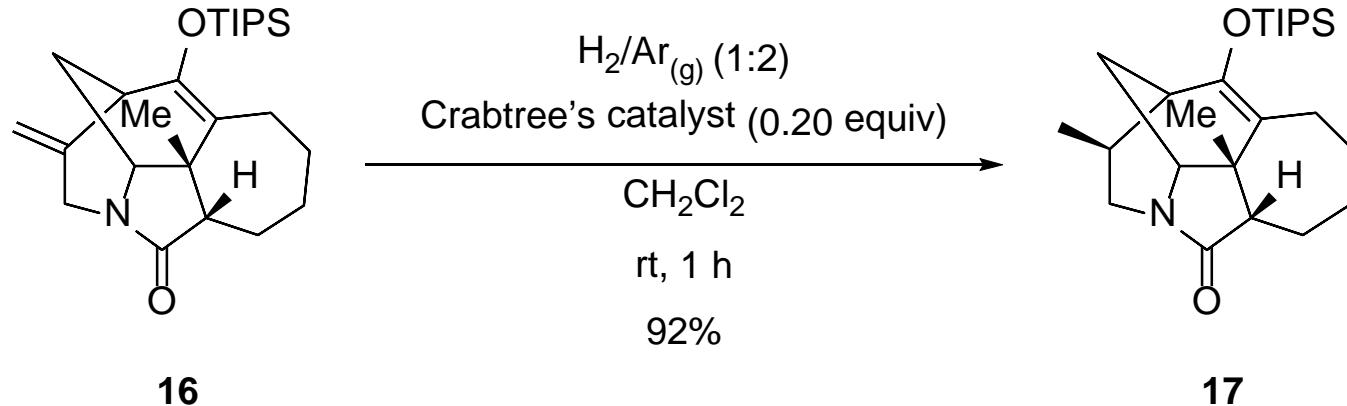
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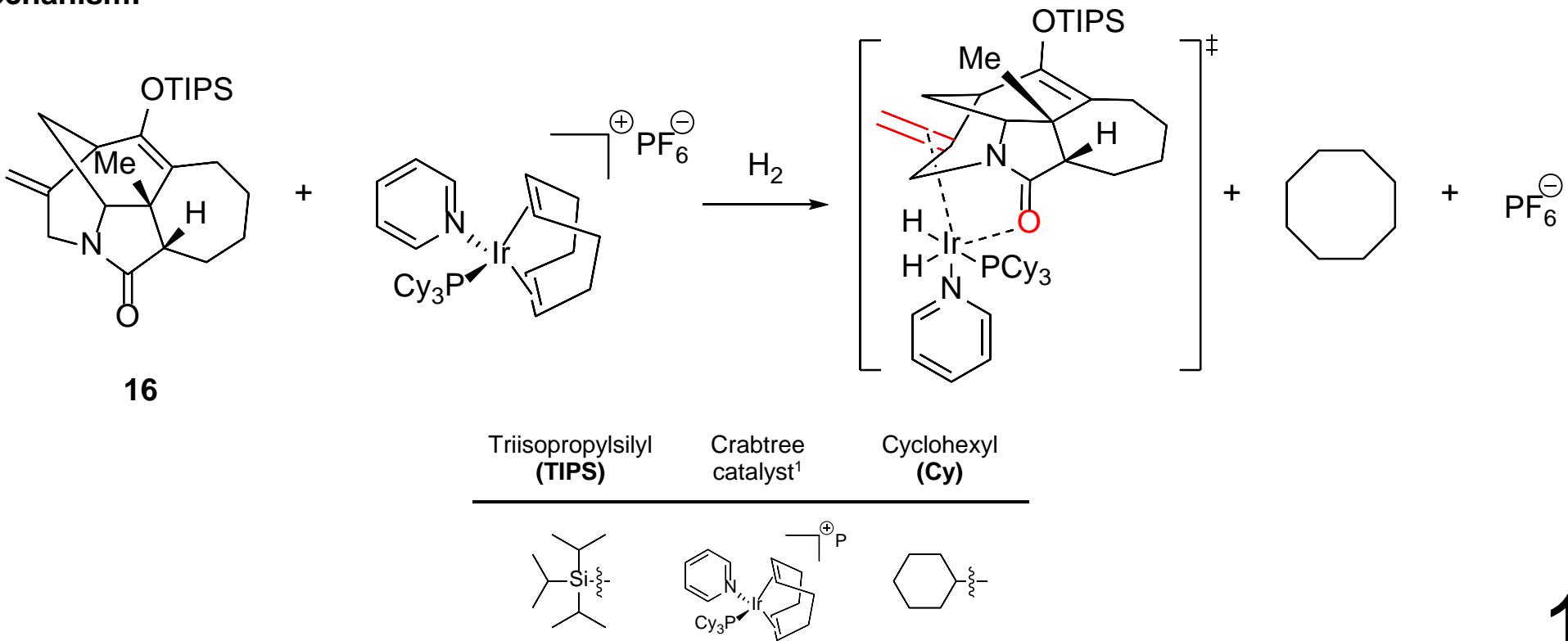
Triisopropylsilyl <b>(TIPS)</b>	Camphor-10-sulfonic acid ( $\beta$ ) <b>(CSA)</b>	Crabtree catalyst <sup>1</sup>	Cyclohexyl <b>(Cy)</b>

1. (1,5-Cyclooctadiene)(pyridine)(tricyclohexylphosphine)-iridium(I) hexafluorophosphate

# Mechanisms for Step (16) to (17)

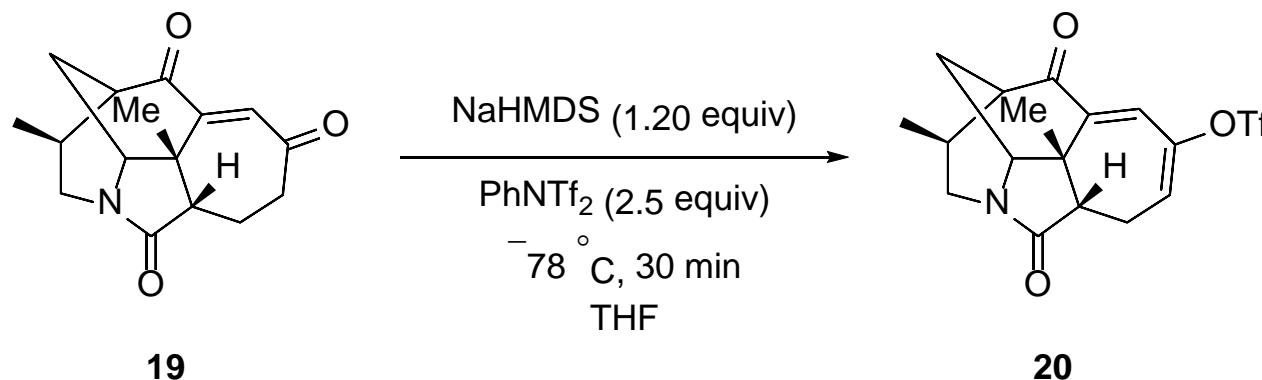
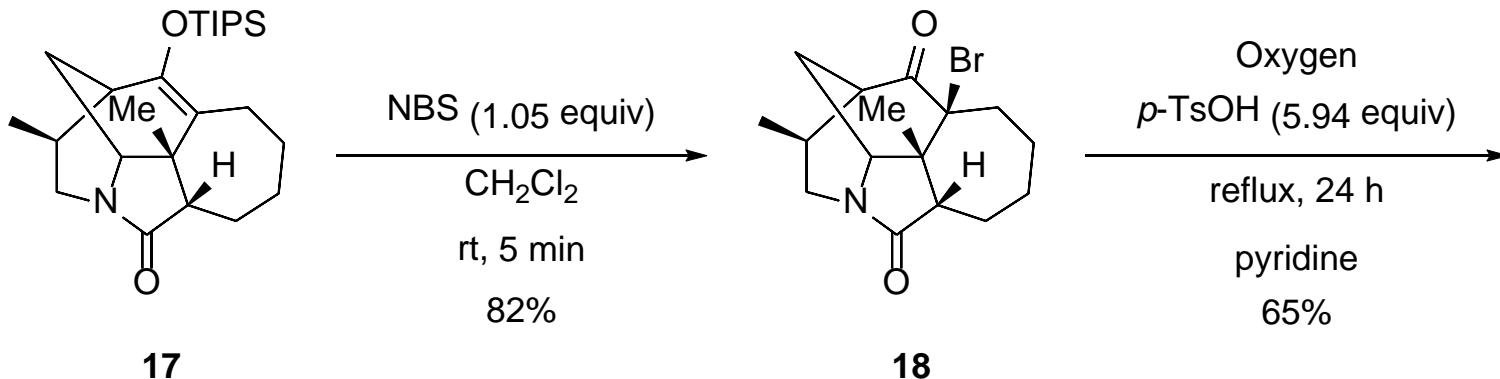


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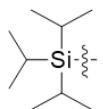


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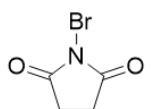
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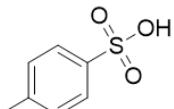
Triisopropylsilyl  
**(TIPS)**



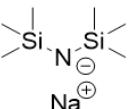
N-Bromosuccinimide  
**(NBS)**



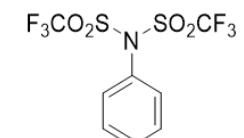
*p*-Toluenesulfonic acid  
**(*p*-TsOH)**



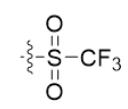
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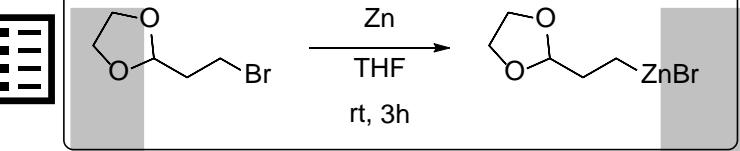
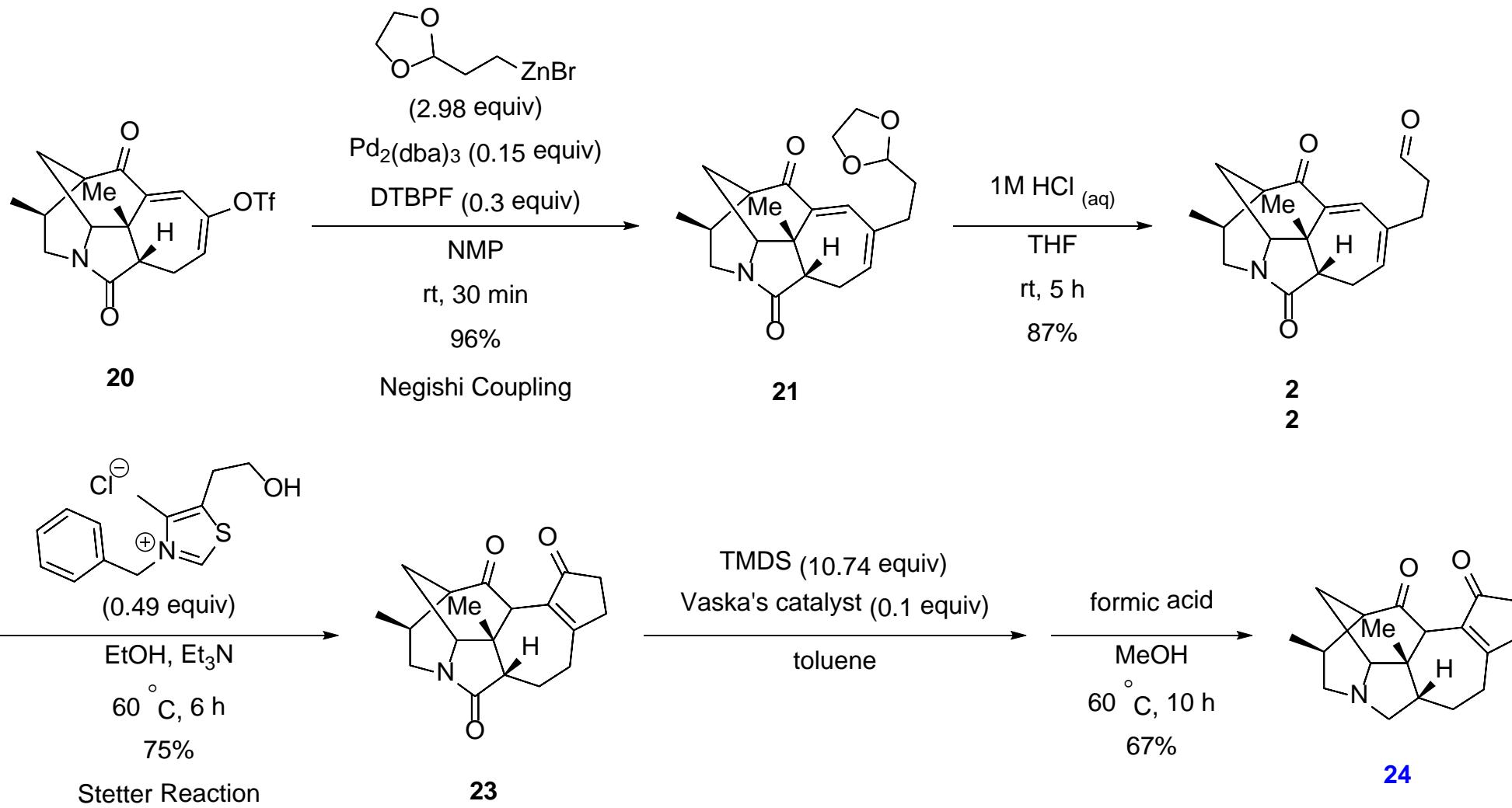
N-Phenyl-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonimide)  
**(PhNTf<sub>2</sub>)**



Trifluoromethylsulfonyl  
**(OTf)**



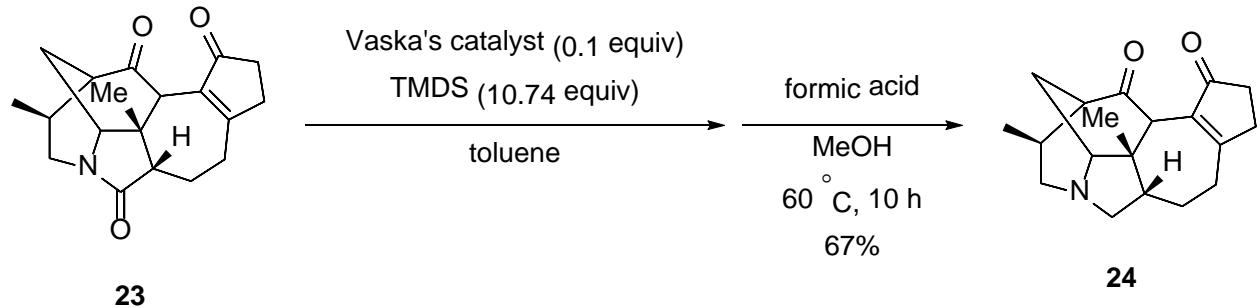
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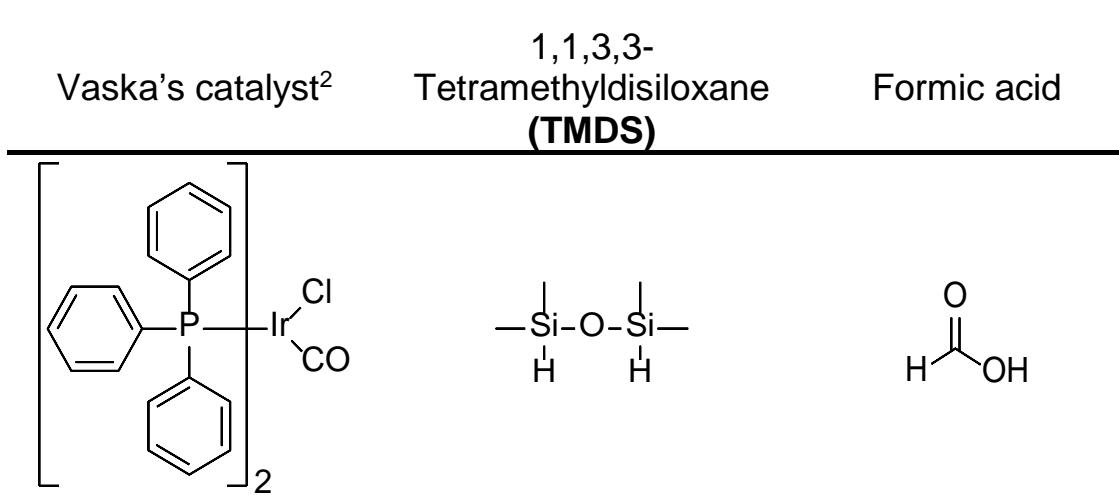
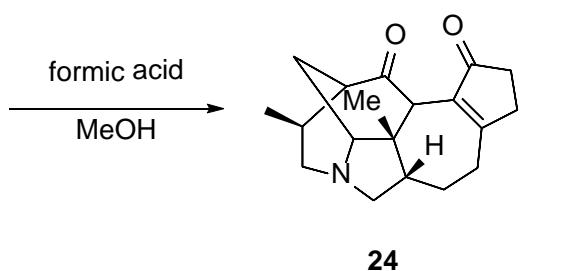
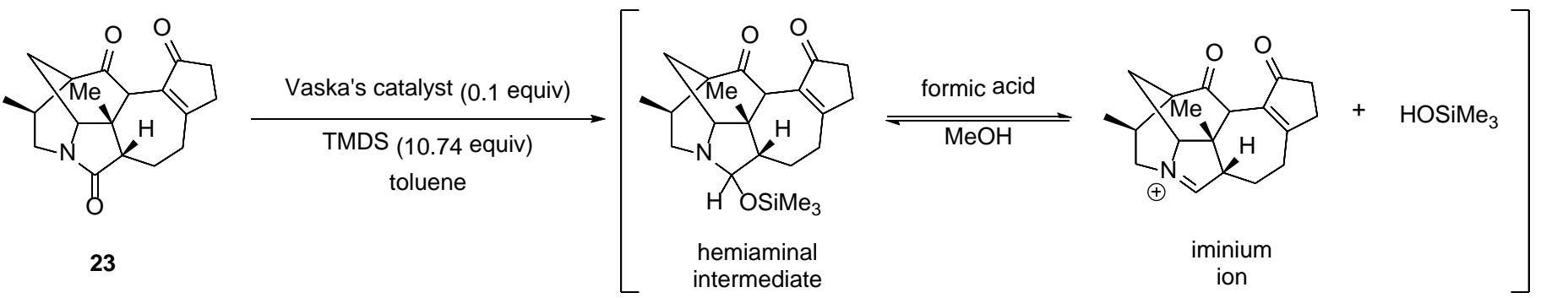
Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) ( $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ )	1,1'-Bis(di-tert-butylphosphino)ferrocene (DTBDF)	tert-butyl ( <i>t</i> -Bu)	N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone (NMP)	Vaska's catalyst <sup>2</sup>	1,1,3,3-Tetramethyldisiloxane (TMDS)	Formic acid

2. Bis(triphenylphosphine)iridium(I) carbonyl chloride

# Mechanisms for Step (23) to (24)

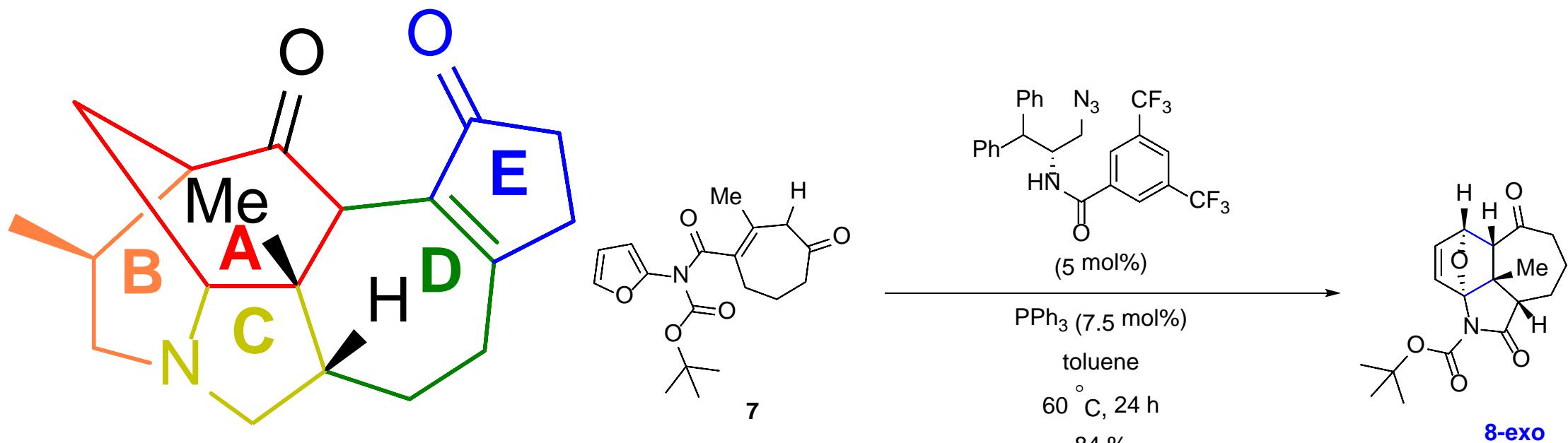


**Mechanism:**



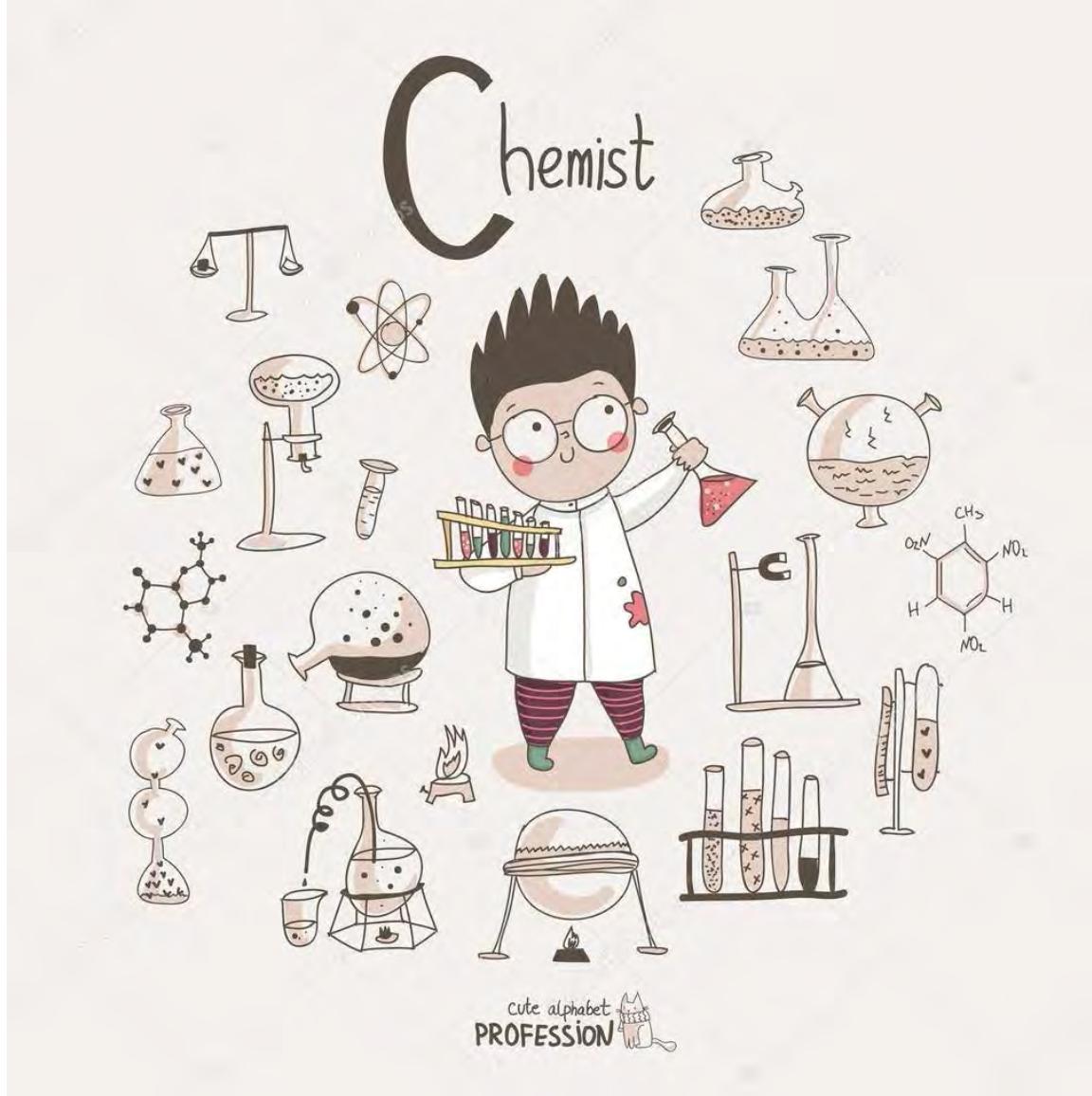
# Conclusion

- First total synthesis of (-)-Himalensine A in 23 steps.  
(Highly efficient and scalable steps)
- First enantioselective IMDAF reaction.



Himalensine A

# Thank You For Listening



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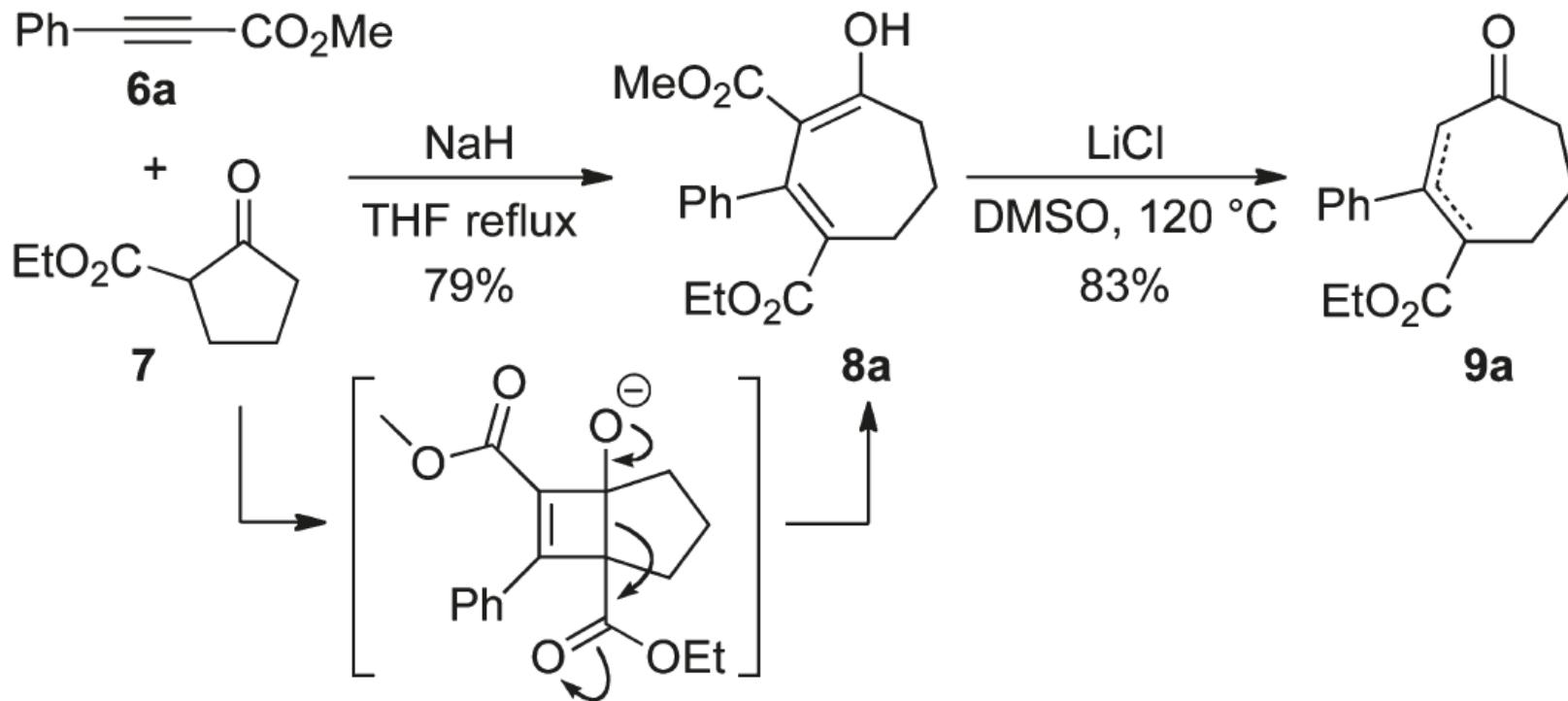
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# Mechanism for (1)

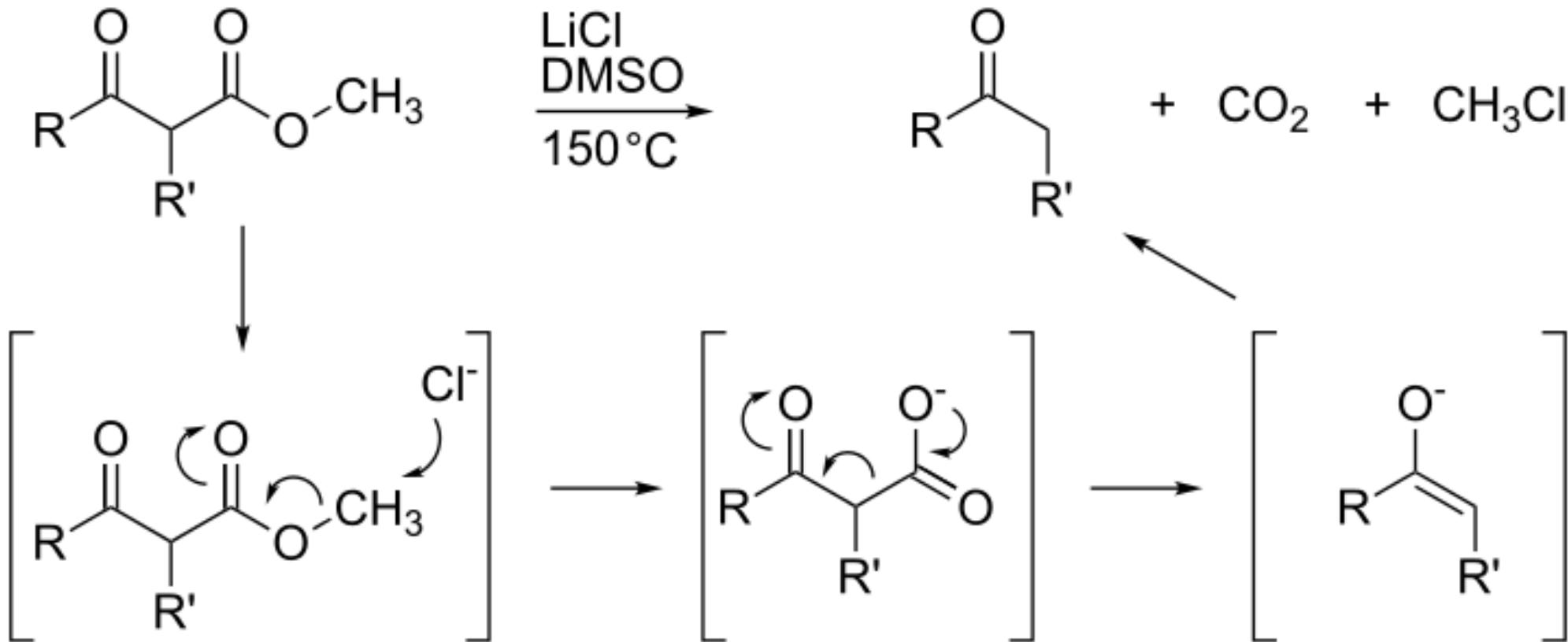
- An acid-catalyzed Dieckmann-type reaction

Scheme 2. Preparation of the Model Substrate **9a**



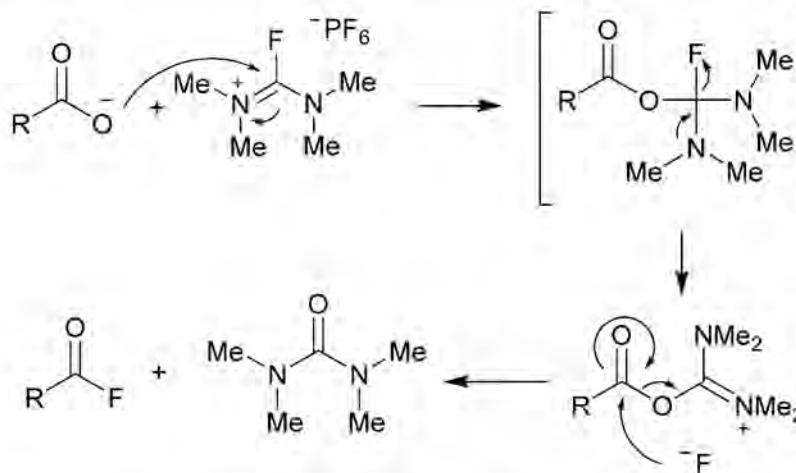
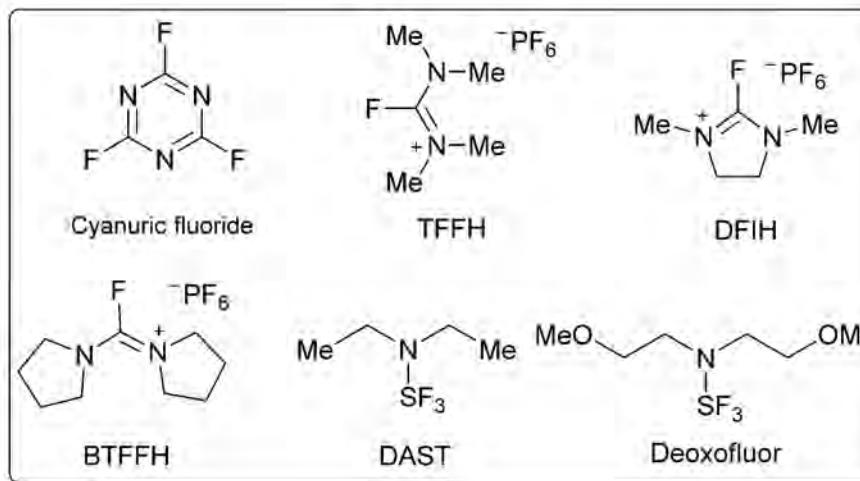
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- Krapcho decarboxylation



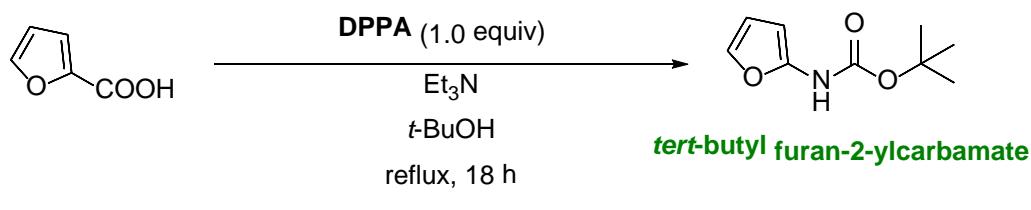
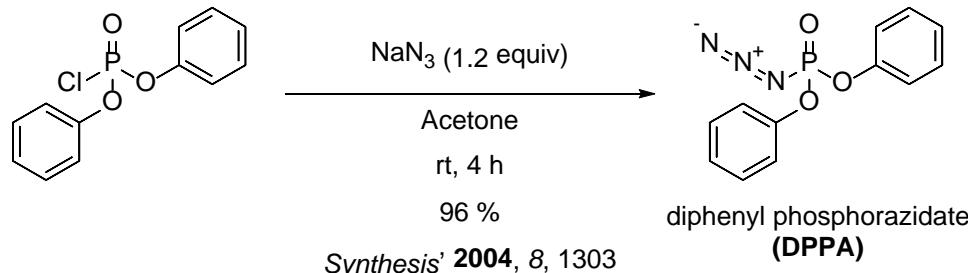
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# Mechanism for (5)



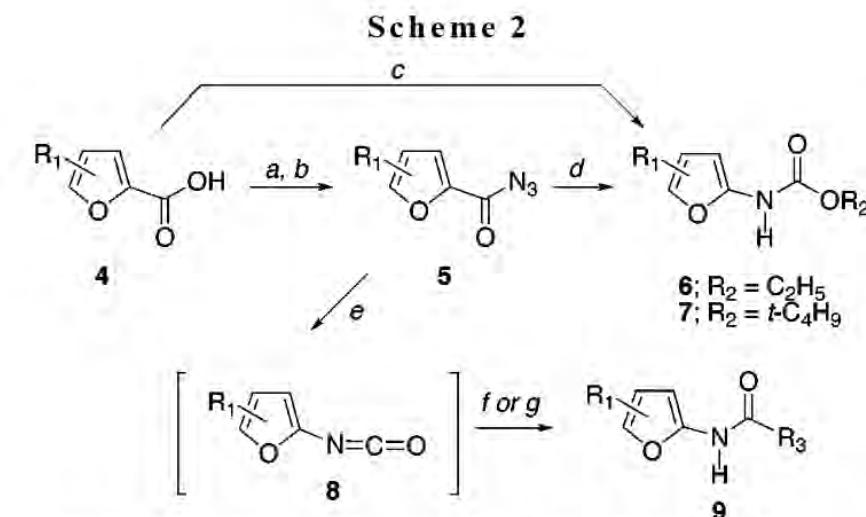
Scheme 6 Fluorinating agents and formation of an acyl fluoride using TFFH.

# DPPA and Curtius Rearrangement

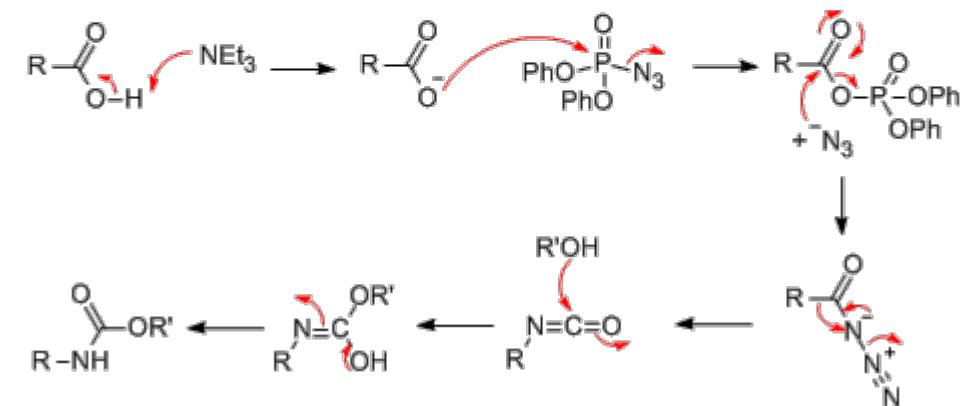


Curtius Rearrangement  
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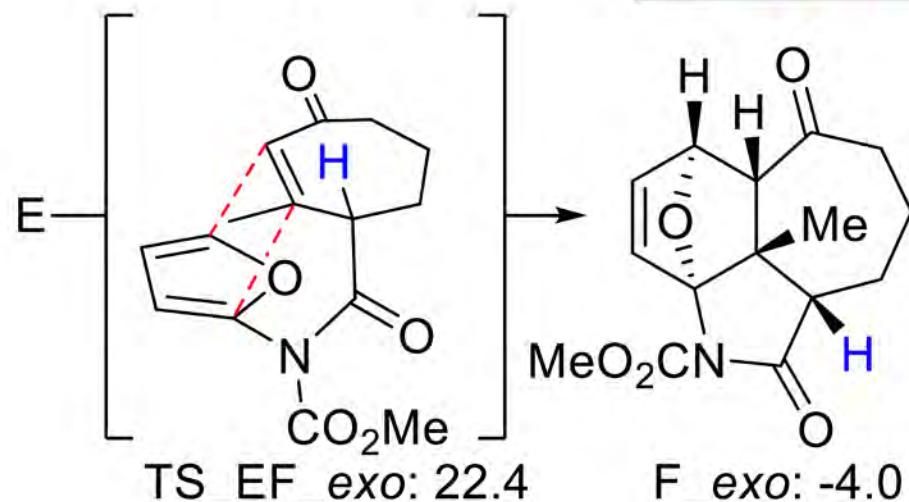
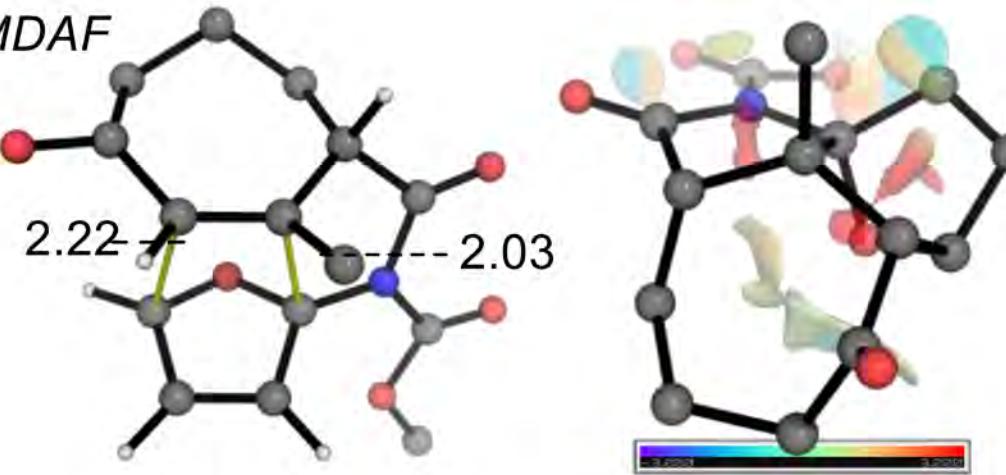


Reagents: (a)  $\text{SOCl}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ; (b)  $\text{NaN}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; (c)  $\text{N}_3\text{PO}(\text{OPh})_2$ ,  $\text{NEt}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\Delta$ ; (d)  $\Delta$ ,  $\text{R}_2\text{OH}$ ; (e)  $\Delta$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ; (f)  $(\text{R}_3)_2\text{Cu}(\text{CN})\text{Li}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ; (g)  $\text{R}_3\text{MgX}$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$

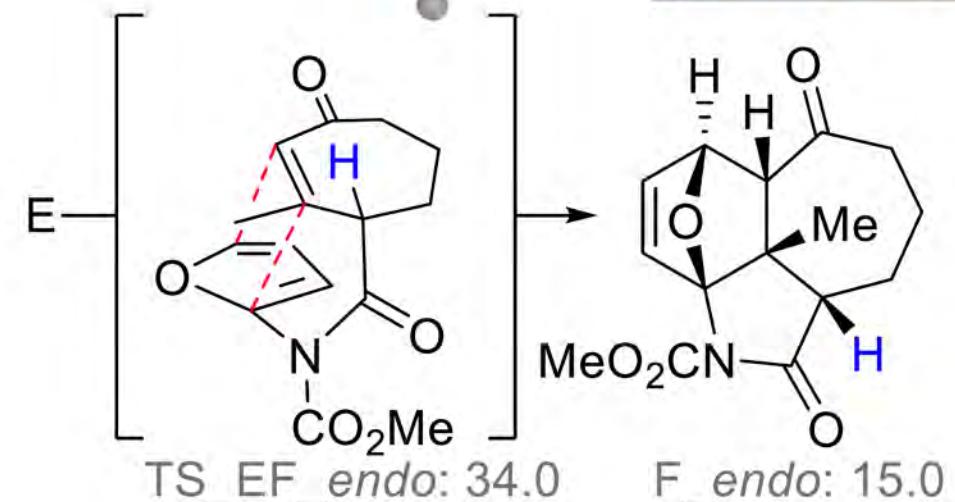
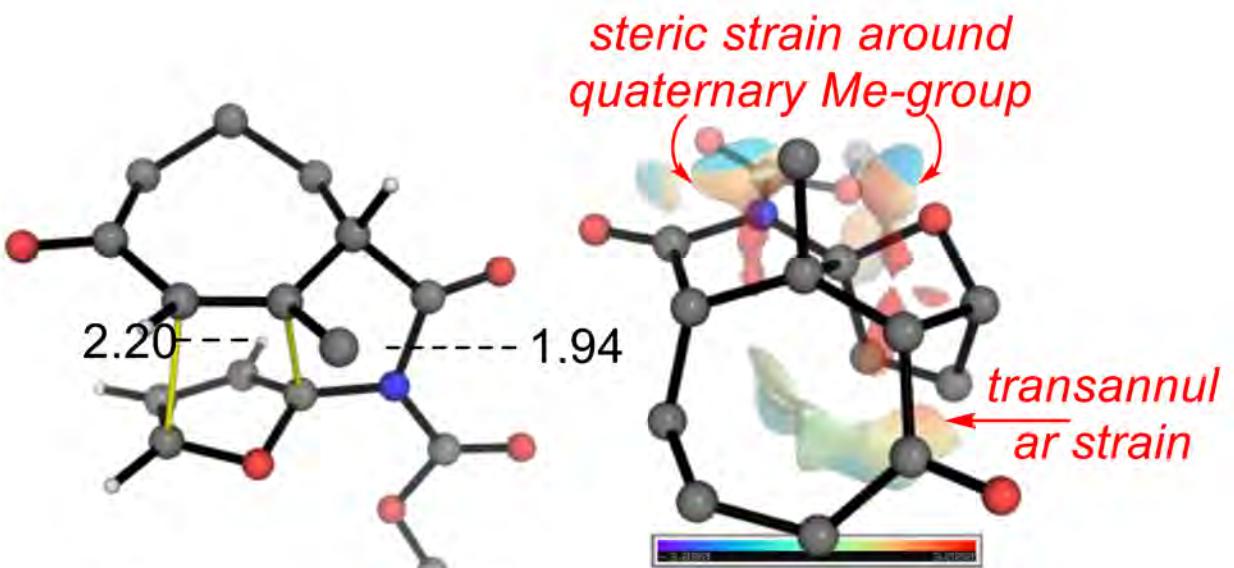


# Details about Mechanisms for Step (7) to (8)

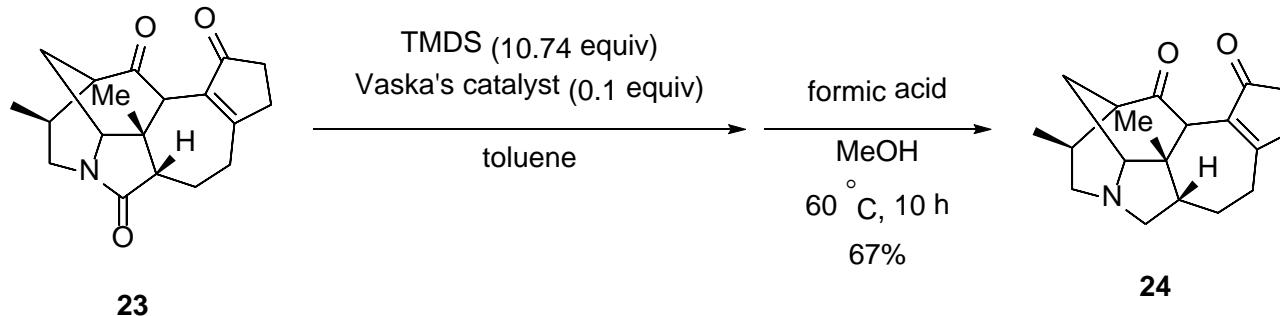
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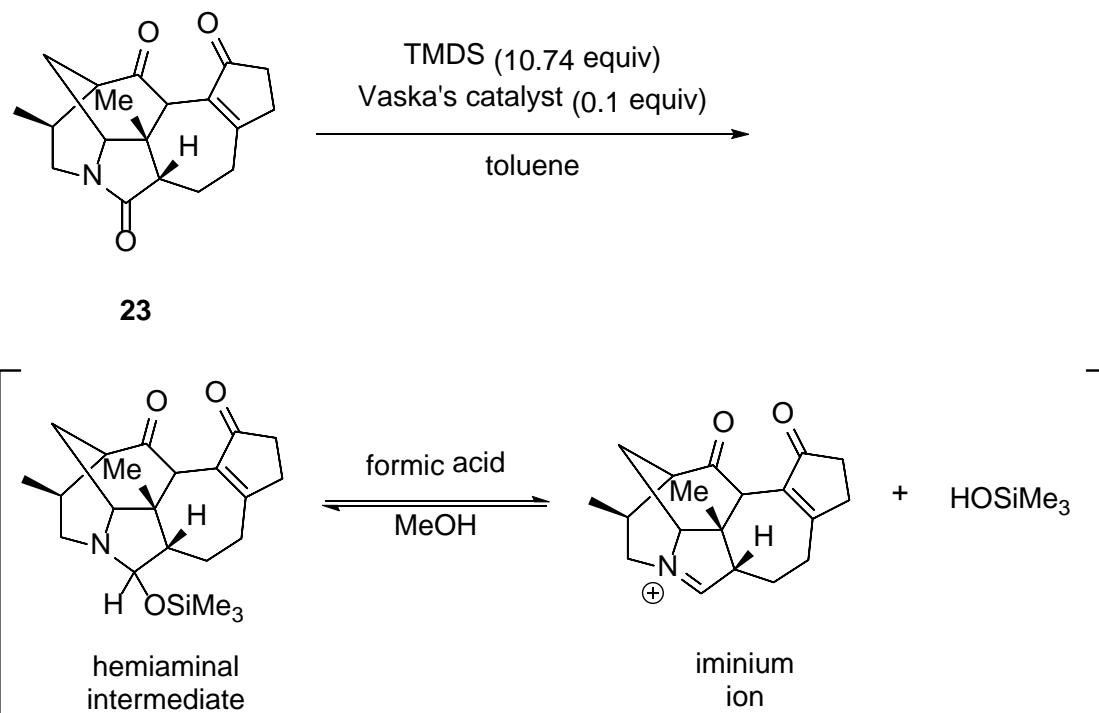
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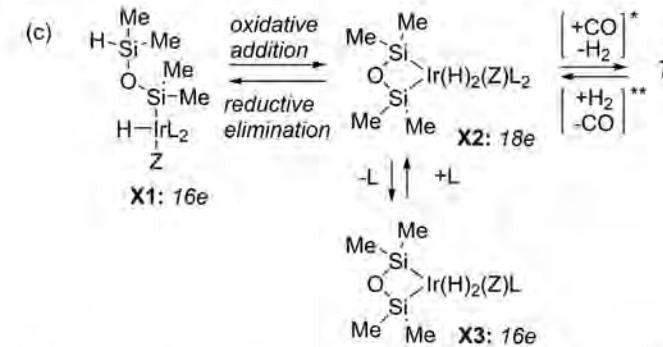
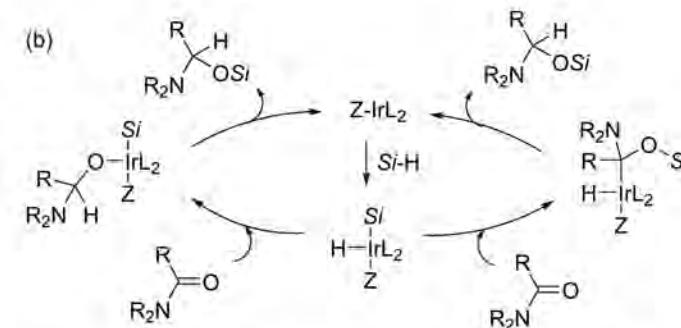
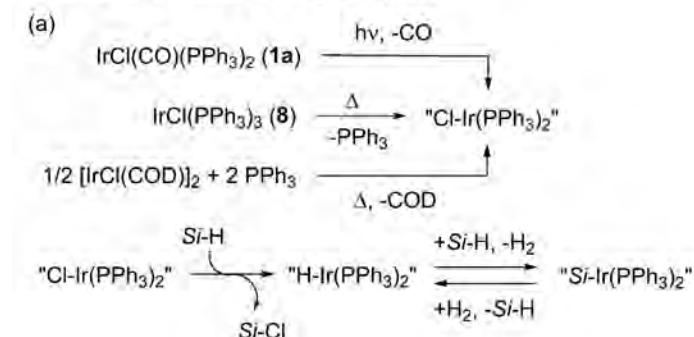
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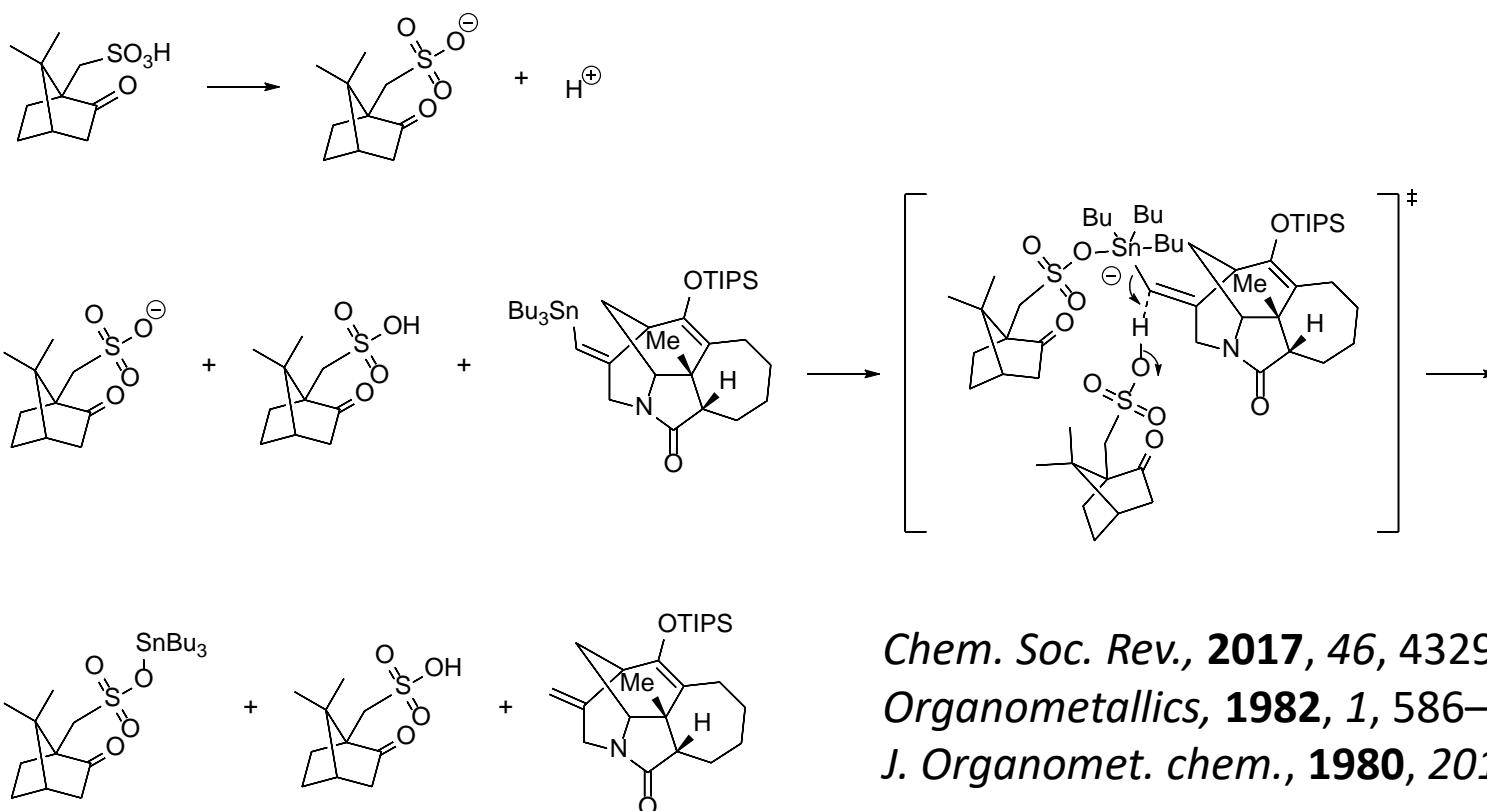
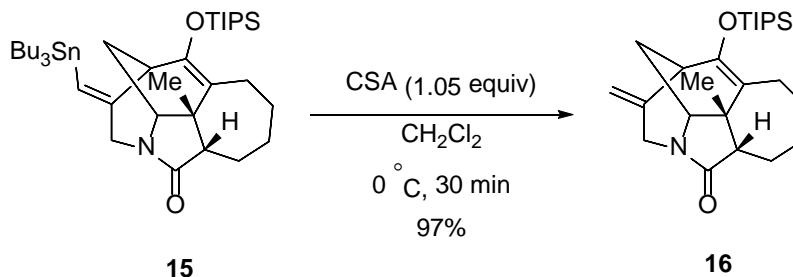


Scheme 3. Possible Catalytic Cycles<sup>a</sup>

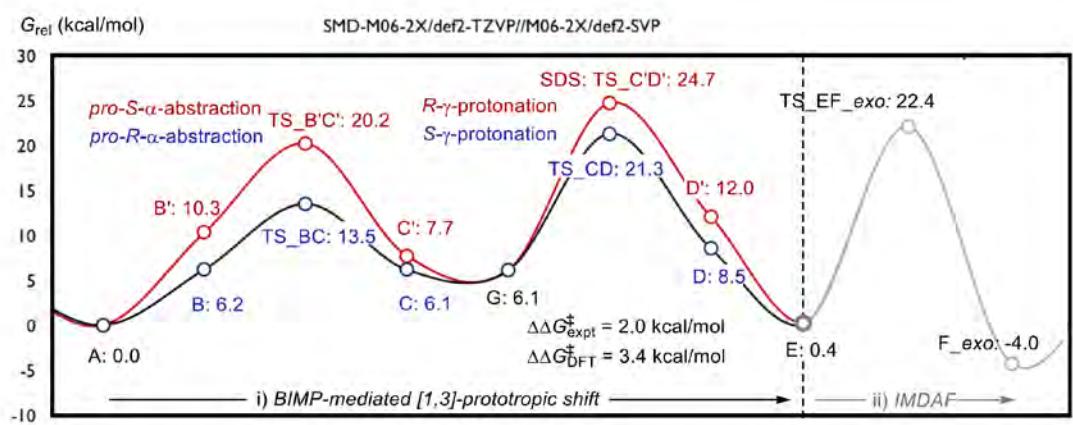
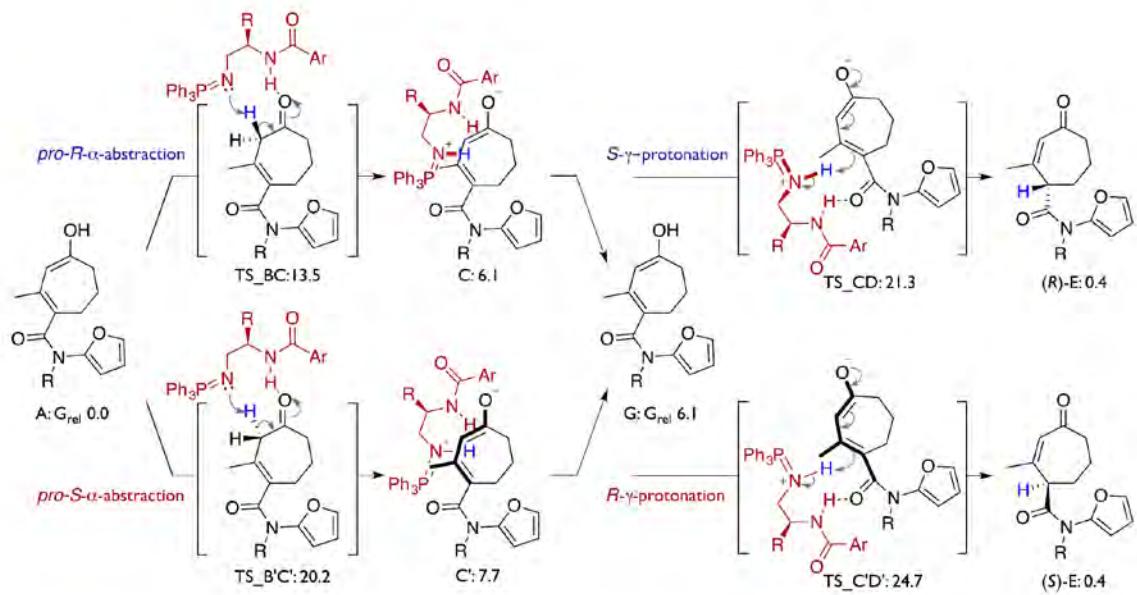


<sup>a</sup>Legend: (\*) deactivation process when **1a** is used as the catalyst;  
 (\*\*) reactivation process from **7** under photoirradiation.

# Protodestannylation

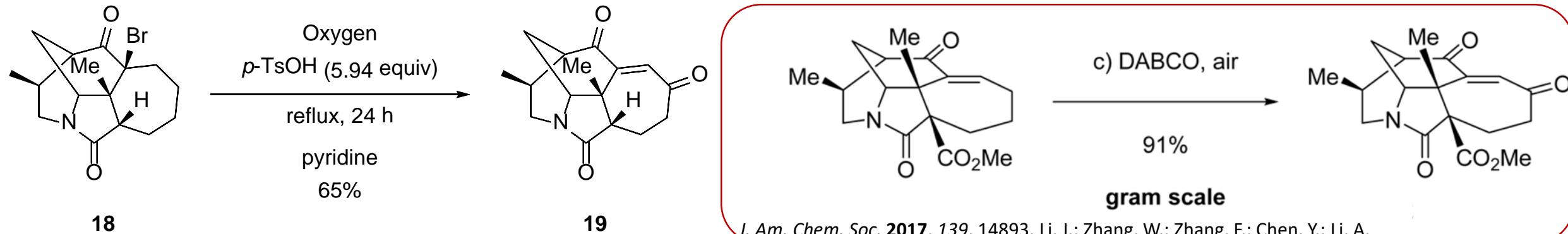


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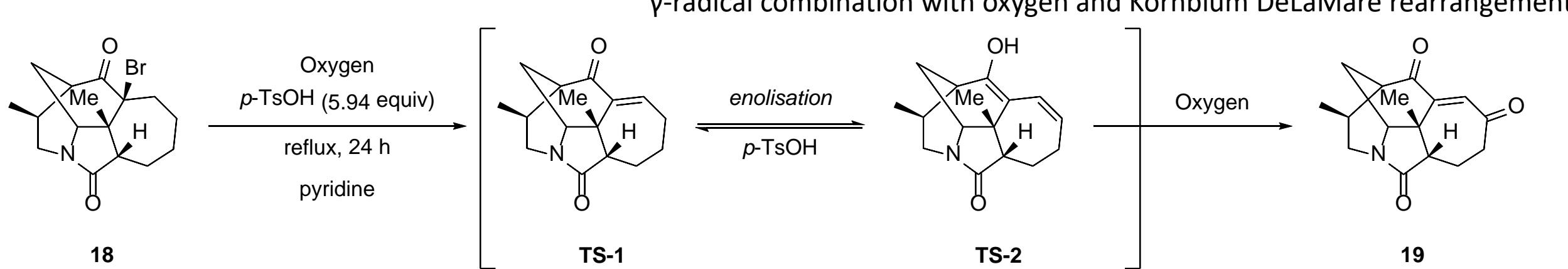


**Figure S6.** BIMP Catalyst **11a**-promoted [1,3]-prototropic shift, followed by the IMDAF cycloaddition. M06-2X/def2-TZVP(SMD=toluene)//M06-2X/def2-SVP quasi-harmonic Gibbs energy profile in kcal/mol.

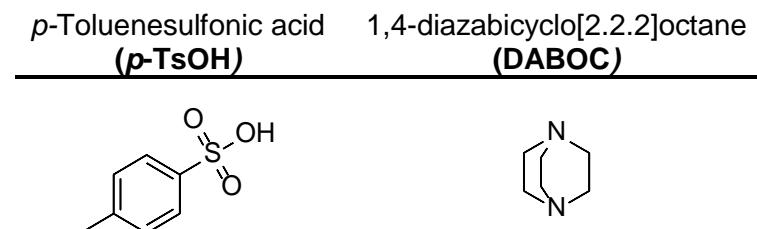
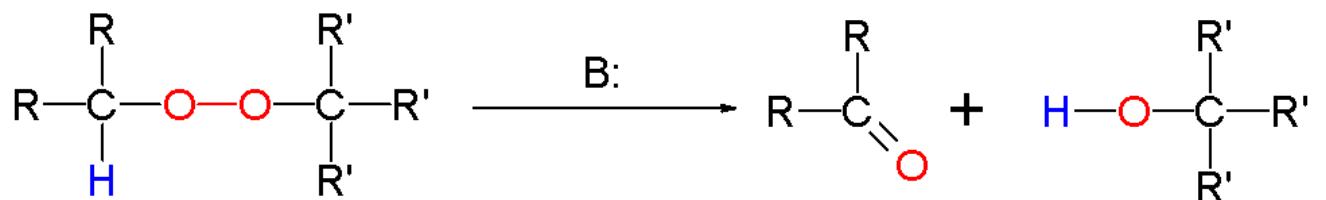
# Mechanisms for Step (18) to (19)



Plausible Mechanism:



DeLaMare rearrangement



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