

# Literature Seminar

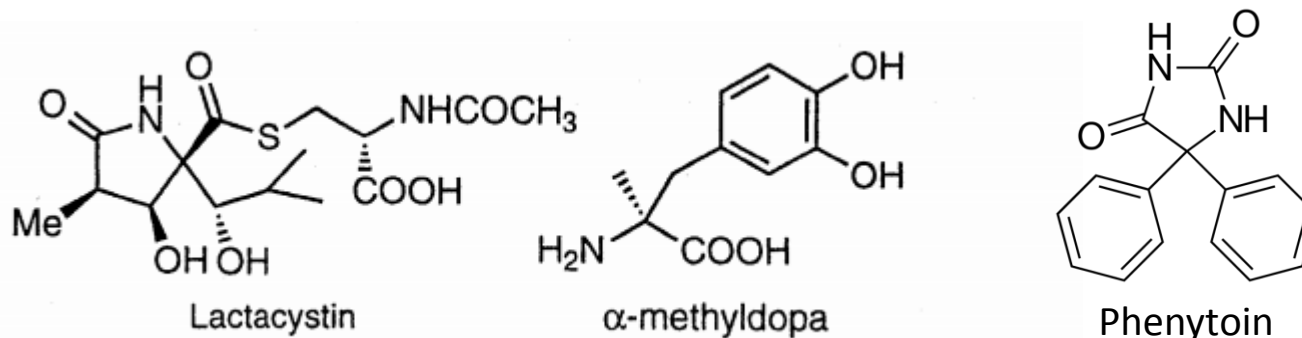
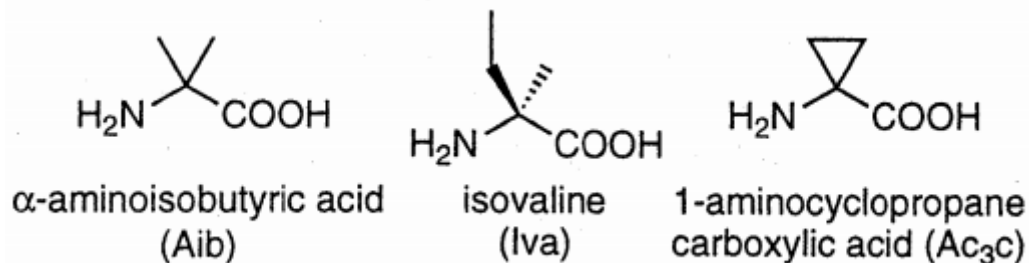
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**2018. 11. 15.**

— **〈Topic〉** —

**Stereoselective Synthesis of  
 $\alpha,\alpha$ -Disubstituted- $\alpha$ -amino Acids**

1. Introduction of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -Disubstituted amino acids
2. Synthesis of chiral  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acids
3. Introduction of quaternary  $\alpha$ -aryl amino acids
- 4. Enantioselective introduction of an aryl substituent at the  $\alpha$ -carbon**
5. Summary



### Alamethicin F-30:

Ac-Aib-Pro-Aib-Ala-Aib-Ala-Gln-Aib-Val-Aib-Gly-Leu-Aib-Pro-Val-Aib-Aib-Glu-Gln-Phl.

### Antiamoebin I:

Ac-Phe-Aib-Aib-Aib-D-Iva-Gly-Leu-Aib-Aib-Hyp-Gln-D-Iva-Hyp-Aib-Pro-Phl.

(Hyp: hydroxyproline; Phl: L-phenylalaninol)

## Characteristics of $\alpha,\alpha$ -di-substituted amino acids

- (1) Chemical stability.
- (2) Increase in lipid solubility.
- (3) Restriction on side chain conformation.
- (4) Restriction of the conformation of the peptide containing it.
- (5) Stabilization of the peptide containing it in vivo.

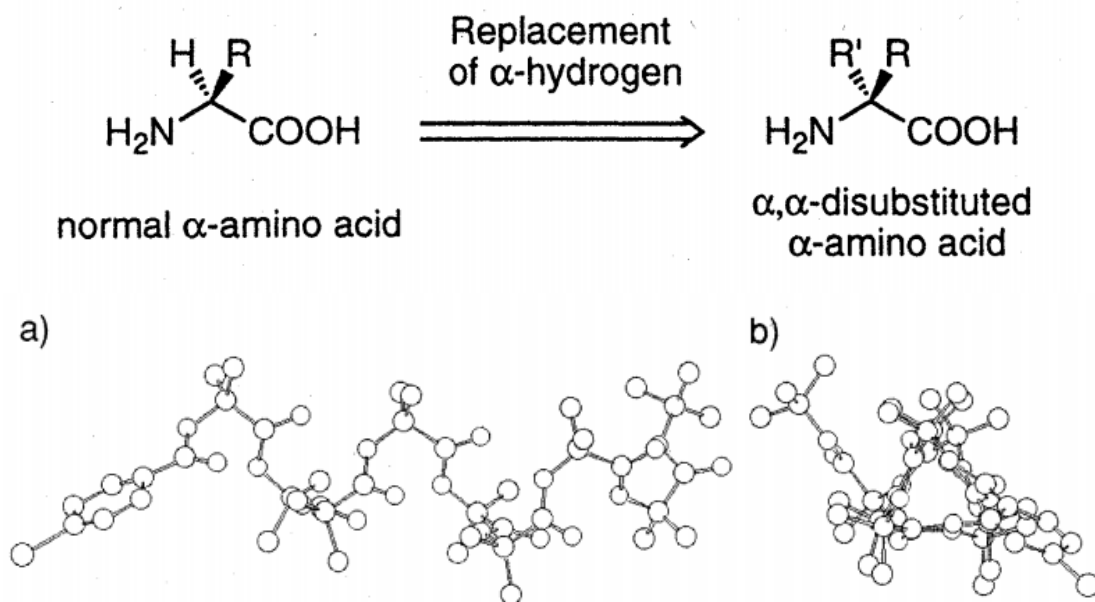


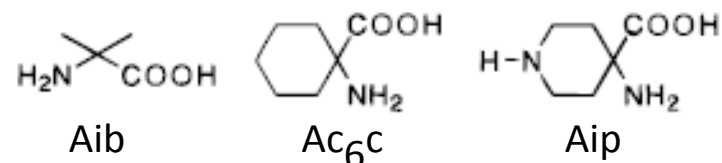
Fig. 6  $3_{10}$ -Helical structure of Aib homopeptide: BrBz- (Aib)<sub>8</sub>-O-*t*-Bu.

a) Perpendicularly to the helix axis; b) Along to the helix axis

# Application of $\alpha,\alpha$ -Disubstituted amino acids

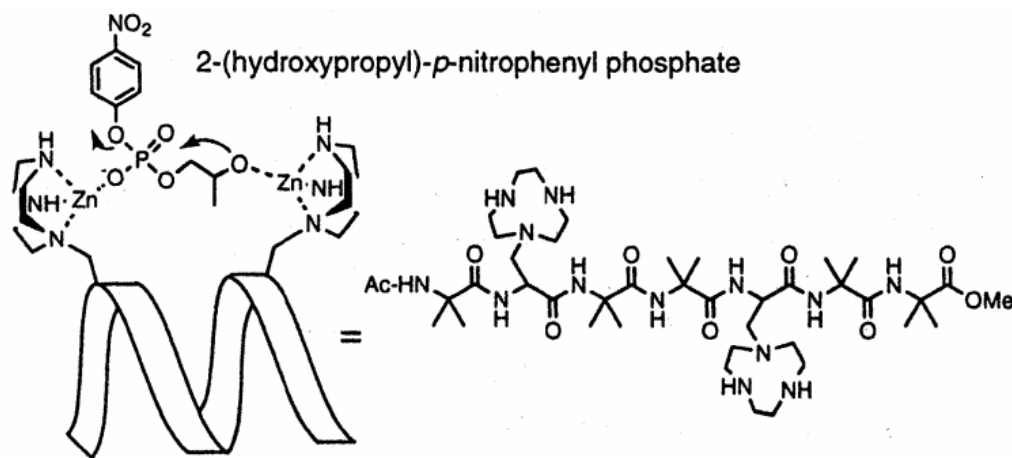
**Table 4** Peptide antibacterial activity (MIC,  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and percent helicity.

Peptide (helicity)	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>
LysAibAibLysLysAibAibLysAibAibLysLys- AibAib-NH <sub>2</sub> (42 % helicity)	5.5	11
LysLysAibAibLysAibAibLysLys-AibAib-NH <sub>2</sub> (35 % helicity)	55	>220
LysAc <sub>6</sub> CAc <sub>6</sub> CLysLysAc <sub>6</sub> CAC <sub>6</sub> CLysAc <sub>6</sub> CAC <sub>6</sub> C- LysLysAc <sub>6</sub> C-NH <sub>2</sub> (61 % helicity)	4.5	2.2
AibAibAipLysAibAibAipLysAibAib-NH <sub>2</sub> (43 % helicity)	7.7	123



The higher the helicity is, the higher the antibacterial activity is.

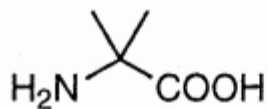
M. L. McLaughlin et. al., *J. Med. Chem.*, 39, 3603



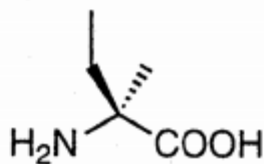
They use a helical structure to bring functional groups closer together.

**Fig. 16** Helical peptide as a transphosphorylation catalyst.

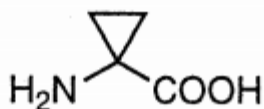
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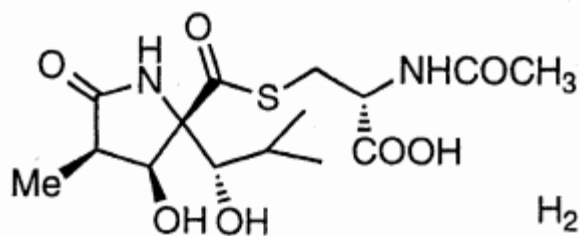
$\alpha$ -aminoisobutyric acid  
(Aib)



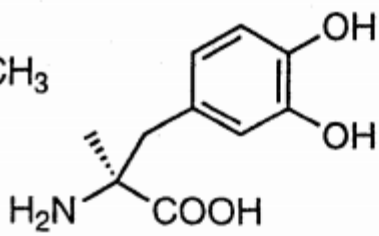
isovaline  
(Iva)



1-aminocyclopropane  
carboxylic acid (Ac<sub>3</sub>C)

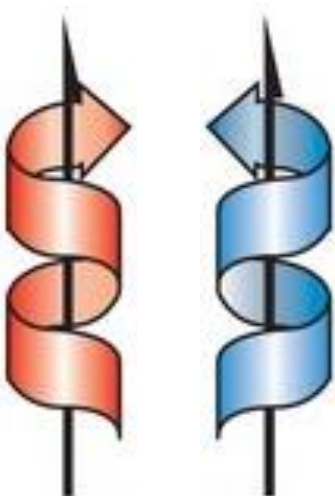


Lactacystin



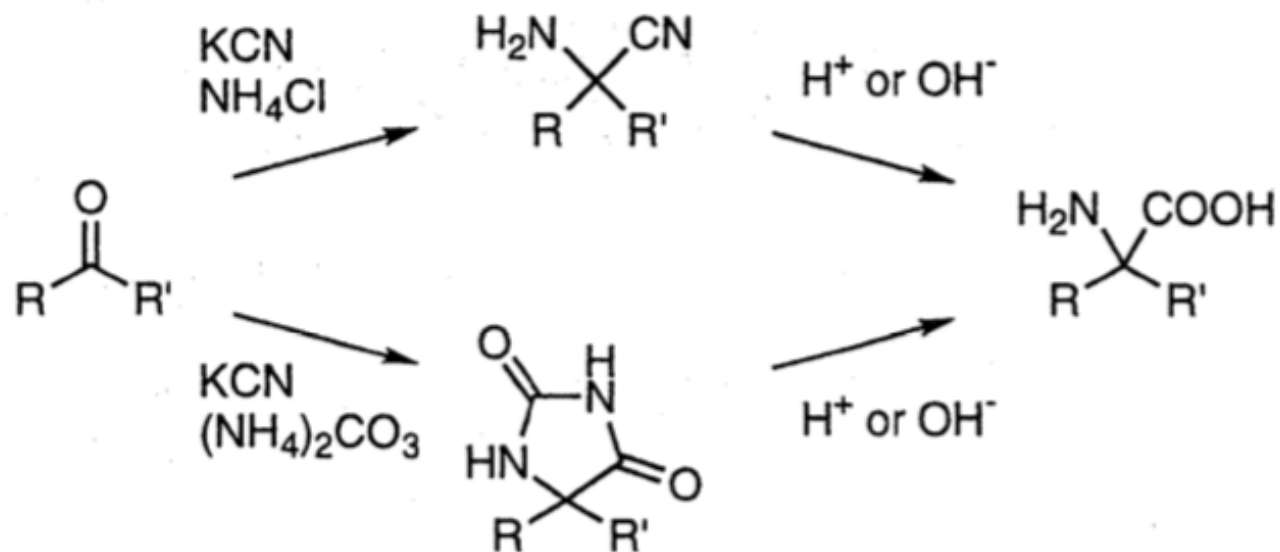
$\alpha$ -methyldopa

Chiral  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acids are contained in various physiologically active natural products.



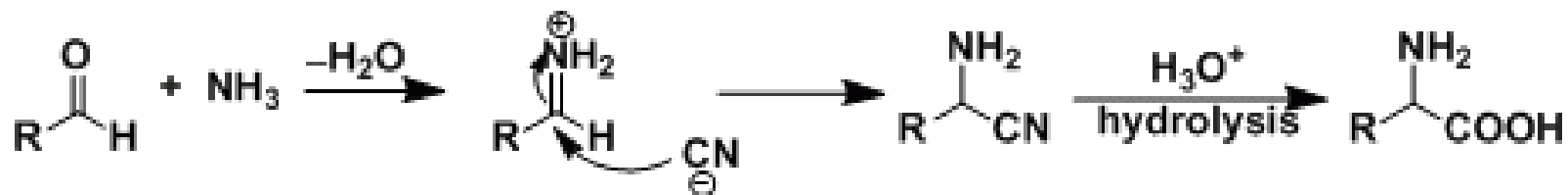
The direction of the helical structure of the peptide can be controlled by using Chiral  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acids.

## i) Strecker methods

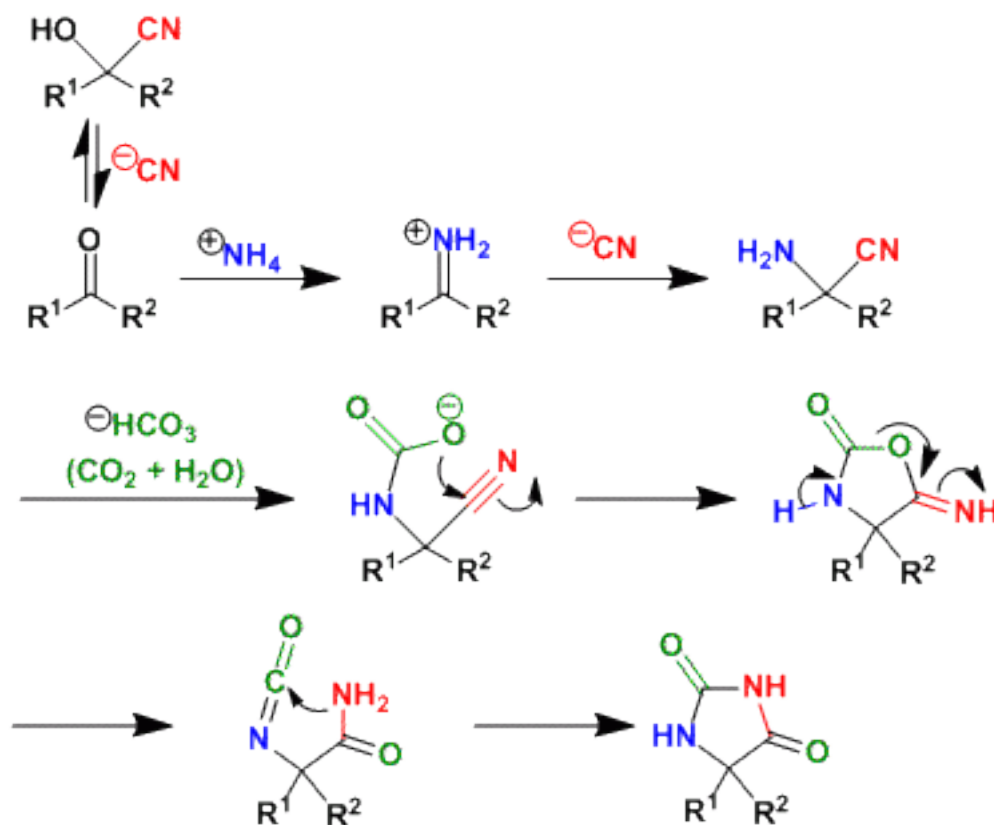


## ii) Bucherer-Bergs methods

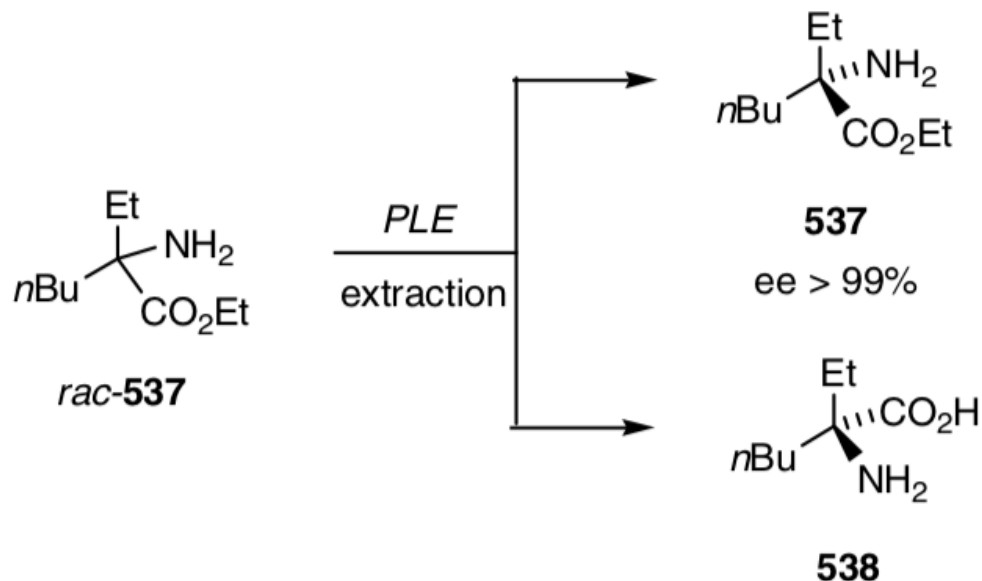
## Strecker methods



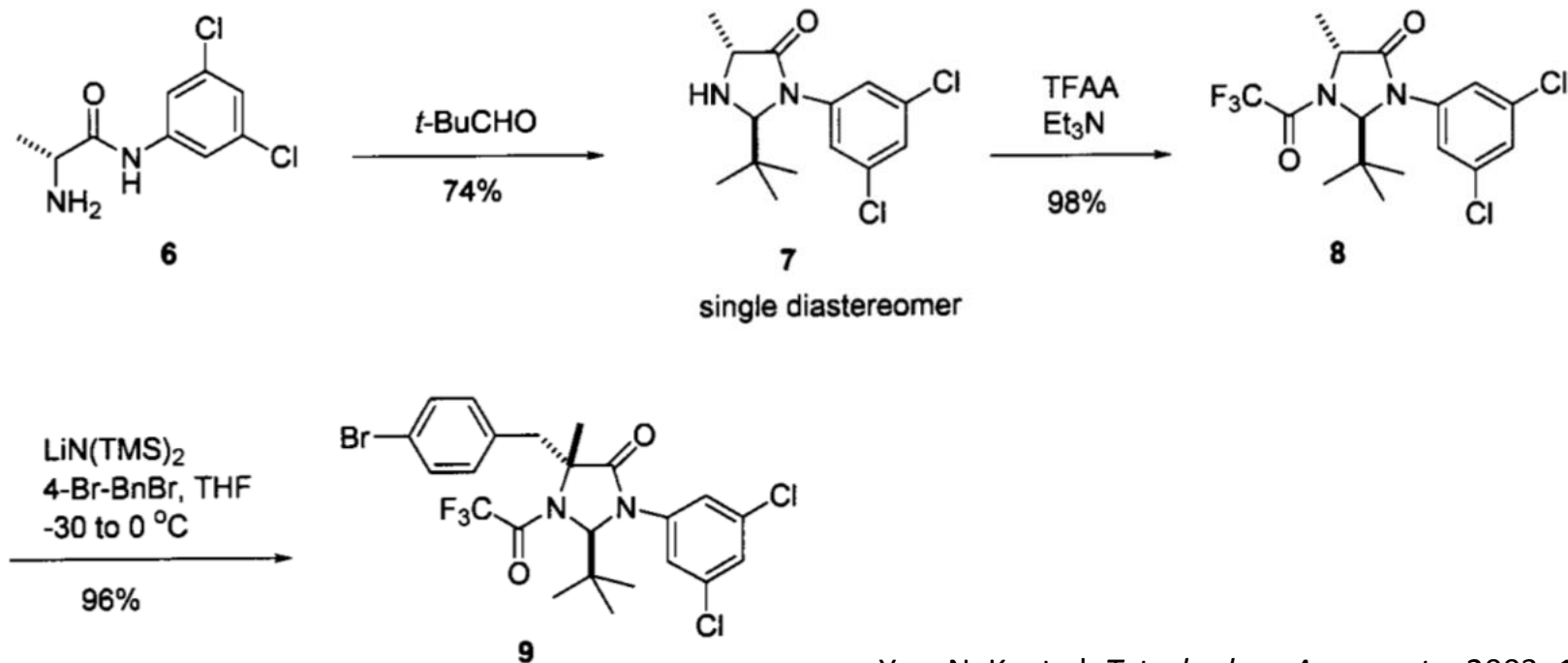
## Bucherer-Bergs methods







The synthesis of racemic butylethylglycine (Beg) from butyl ethyl ketone by Strecker synthesis and subsequent resolution using pig liver esterase. The unreacted enantiomerically pure (S)-amino ester was recovered in 31% yield.

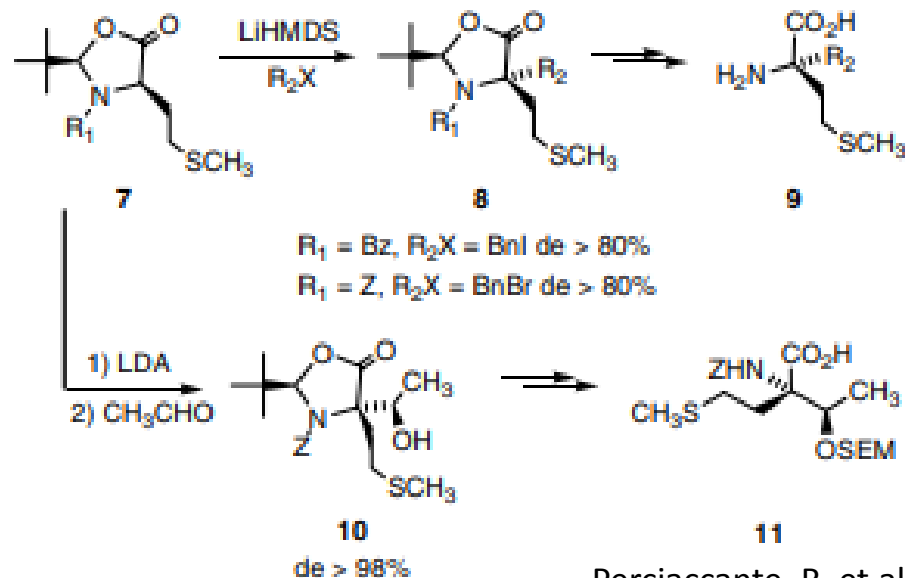
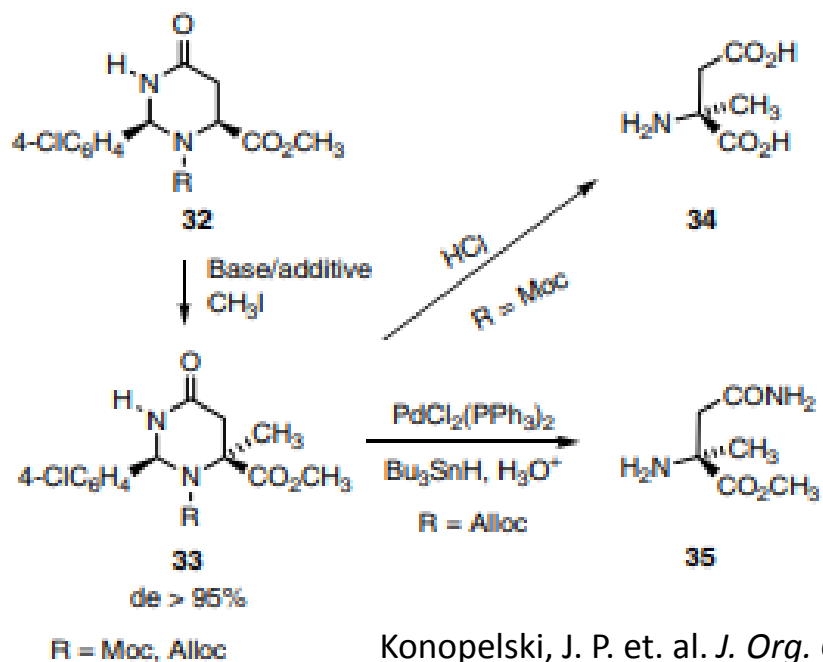


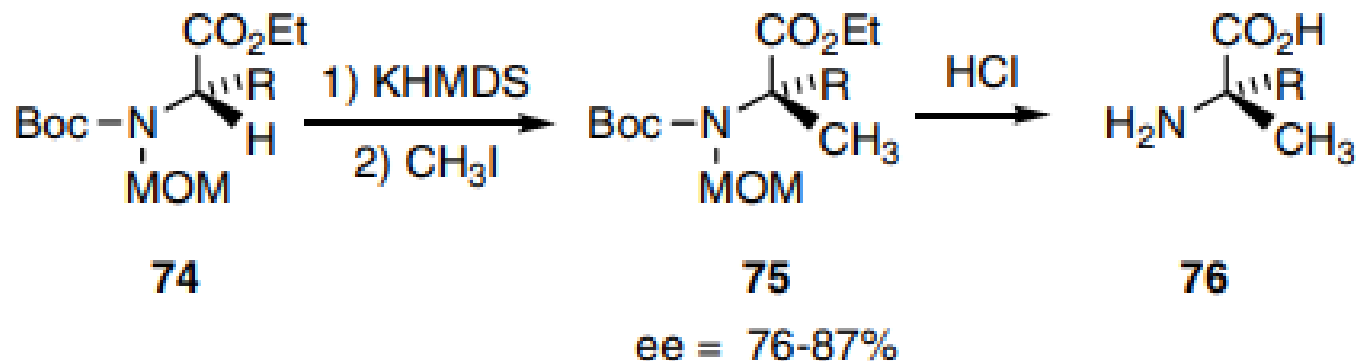
Yee, N. K. et al. *Tetrahedron Asymmetry* 2003, 14, 3495.

### The principle of 'self-regeneration of stereocentres'

『in which the stereogenic centre of a chiral molecule generates a temporary centre of chirality, which in turn is used to introduce diastereoselectively a new ligand at the original stereogenic centre』 has been applied to the synthesis of various acyclic quaternary amino acids.

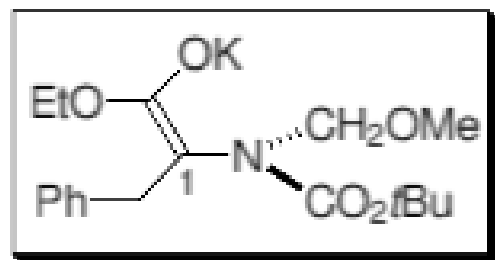
via oxazolidinones

Perciaccante, R. et.al. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2003, 1, 2853via tetrahydropyrimidinones  
(Asparagine, Asparagic acid)Konopelski, J. P. et. al. *J. Org. Chem.* 1999, 64, 7885



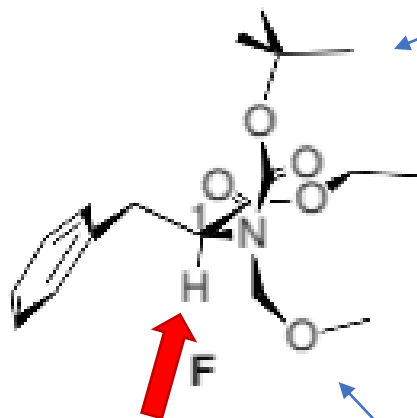
R = Bn, 1-Boc-4-imidazolylmethyl, 4-MOMOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>,  
3,4-(CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, 1-MOM-3-indolylmethyl, <sup>i</sup>Pr, <sup>t</sup>Bu

Memory of chirality is a phenomenon that occurs in processes where an initial stereogenic centre is destroyed during the generation of the corresponding reactive intermediate, but this intermediate is able to 'remember' the configuration of its precursor to transfer the chirality to the final compound without using any external chiral source.



E

Base &amp; alkylation reagent

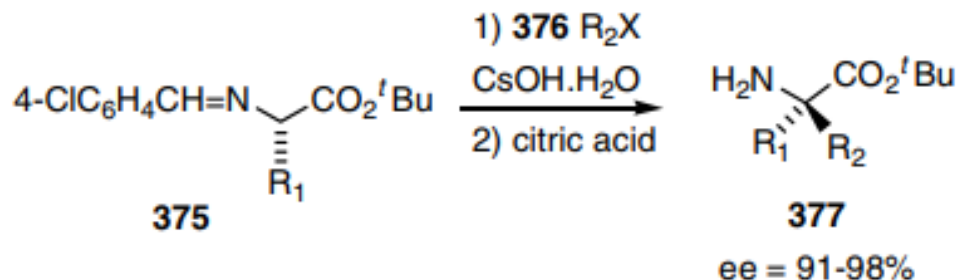
**Steric hinderance**

Base can approach H only when H and Boc are anti parallel. And alkylation reagent approaches from opposite side.

**Chelate effect**

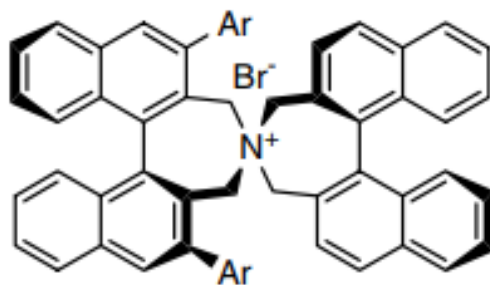
The yield is low without MOM. MOM is bringing the base close to H by chelating effect. This promotes the base coming from the opposite side of Boc.

When the Bn part is small, the rotation barrier of C-N in E is small, and epimerization occurs.



$\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3, \text{Bn}, ^t\text{Bu}$

$\text{R}_2 = \text{BnBr}, \text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{Br}, \text{EtI}, ^t\text{BuO}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{Br}, 1\text{-Boc-}3\text{-indolylmethylBr}$



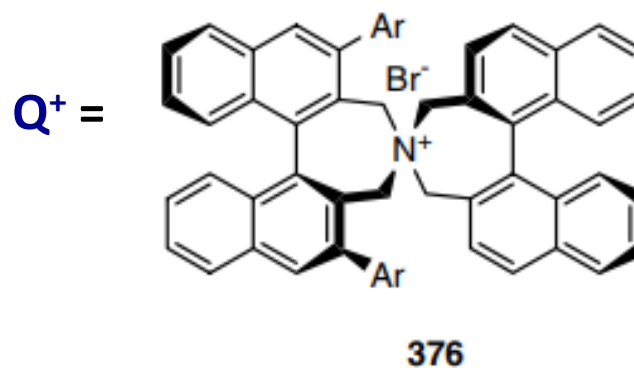
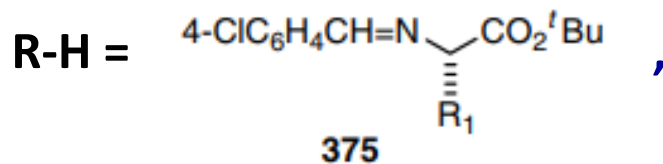
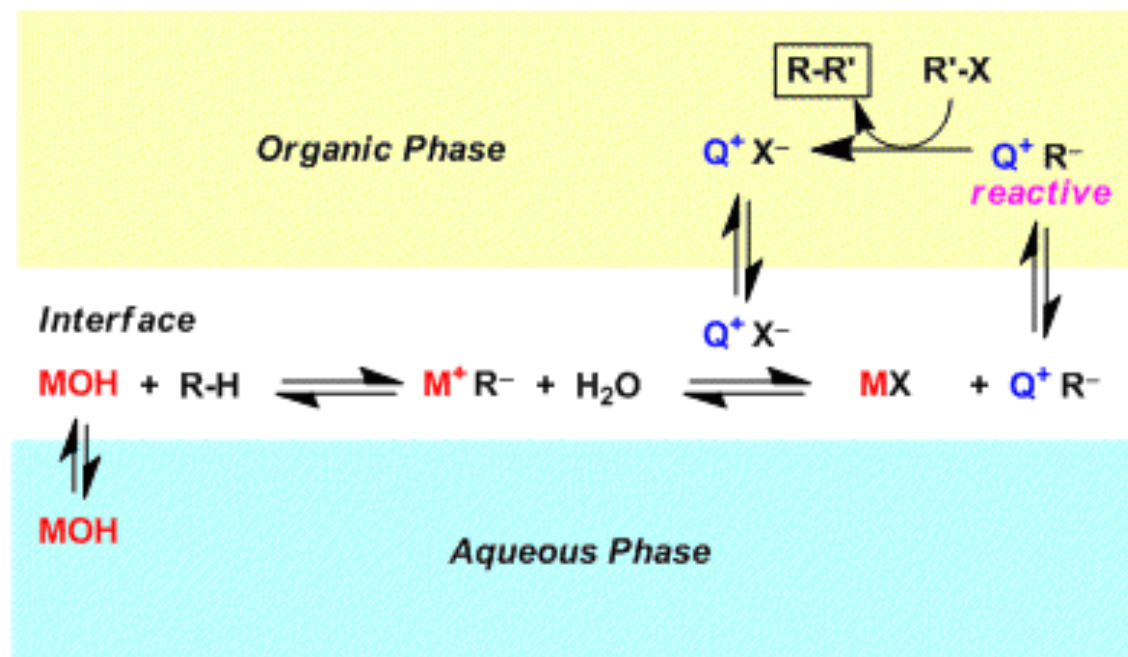
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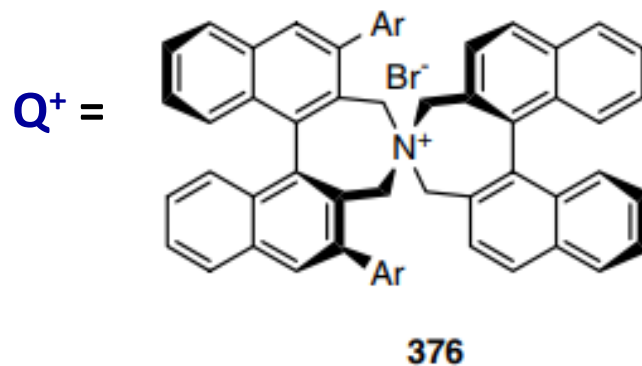
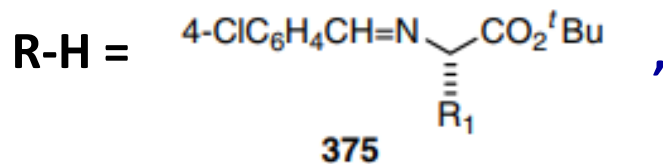
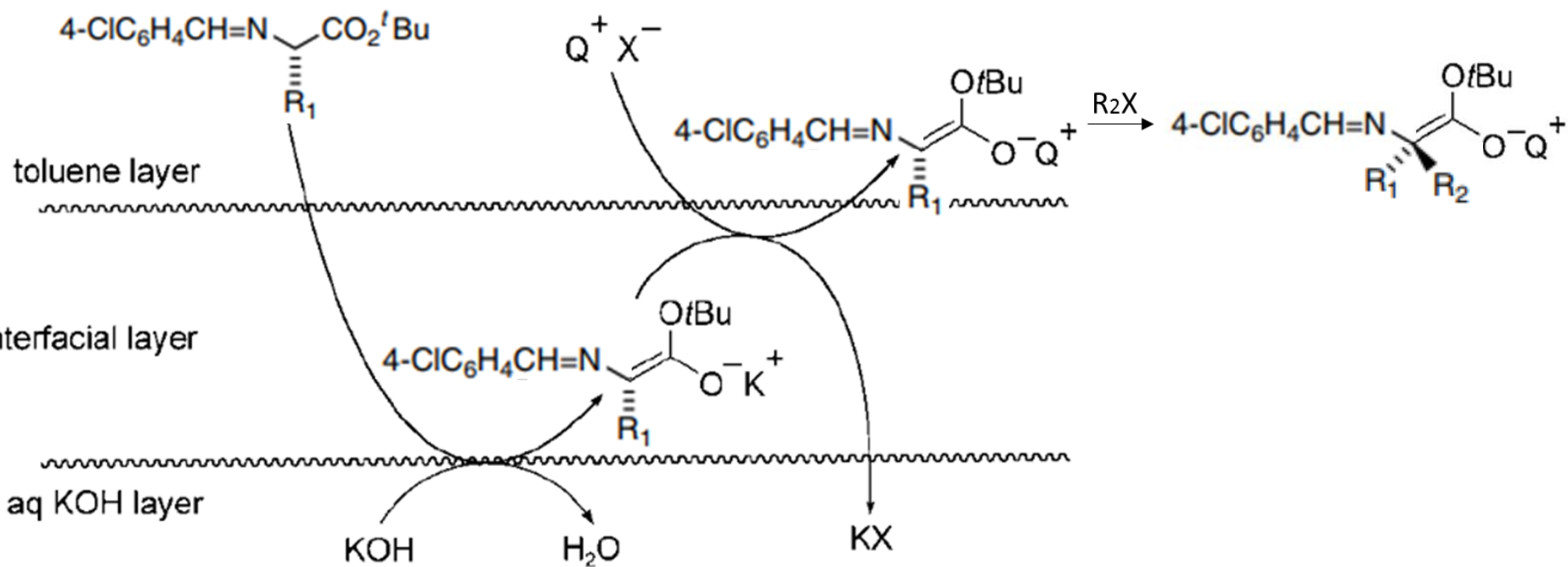
$\text{Ar} = 3,4,5\text{-F}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2$

Maruoka, K. et. al. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2005, 44, 1549.

Suitable chiral catalysts to perform the asymmetric synthesis of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acids under phase-transfer conditions have been described.

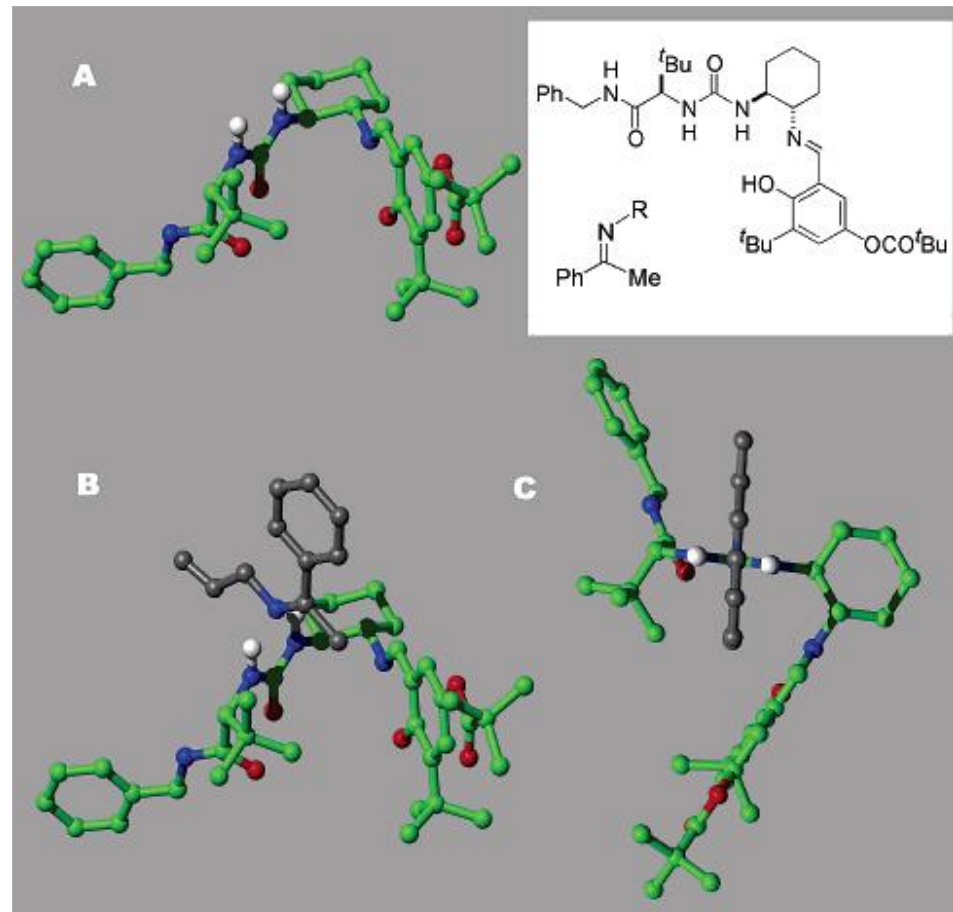
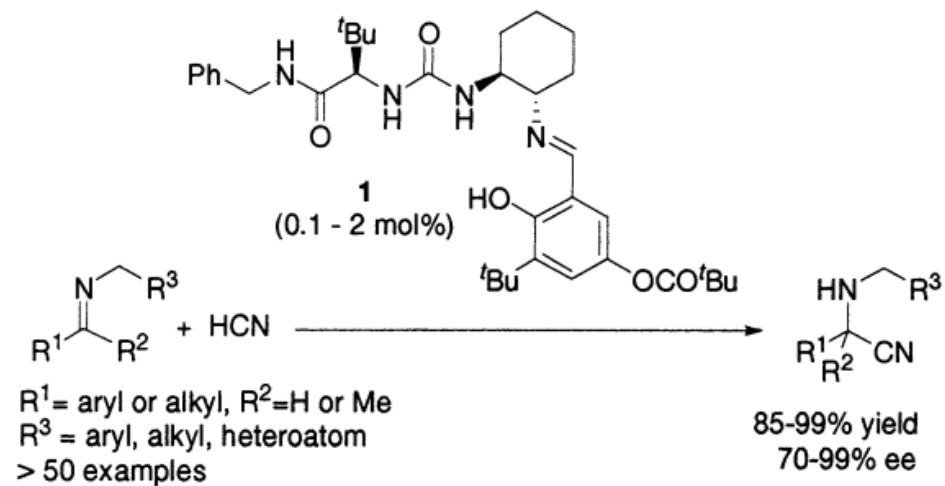
## &lt;Makosza Interfacial Mechanism&gt;



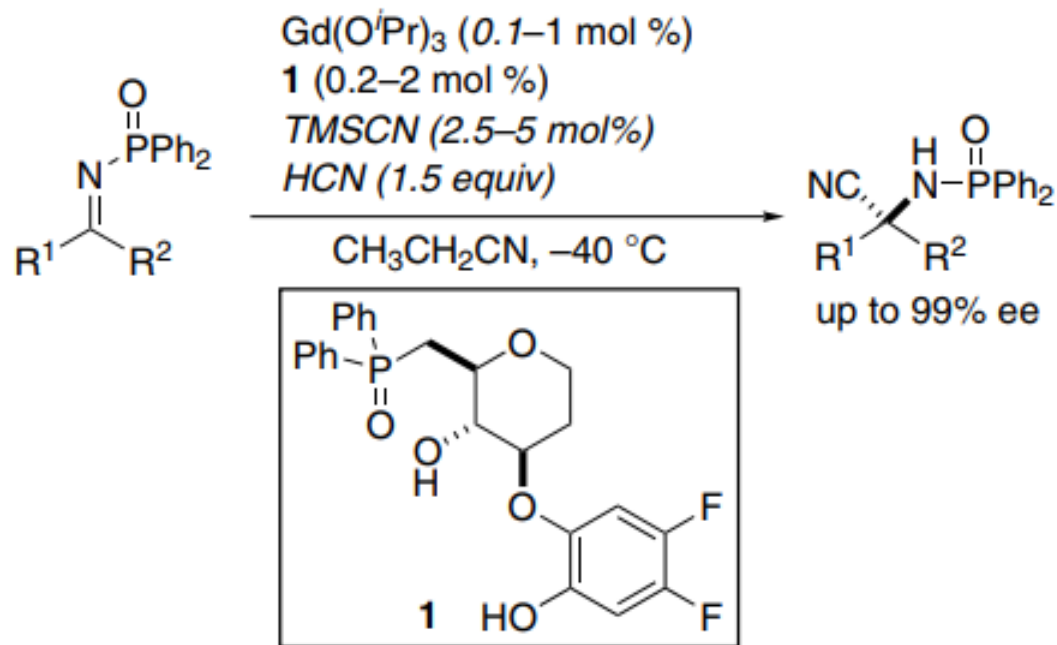




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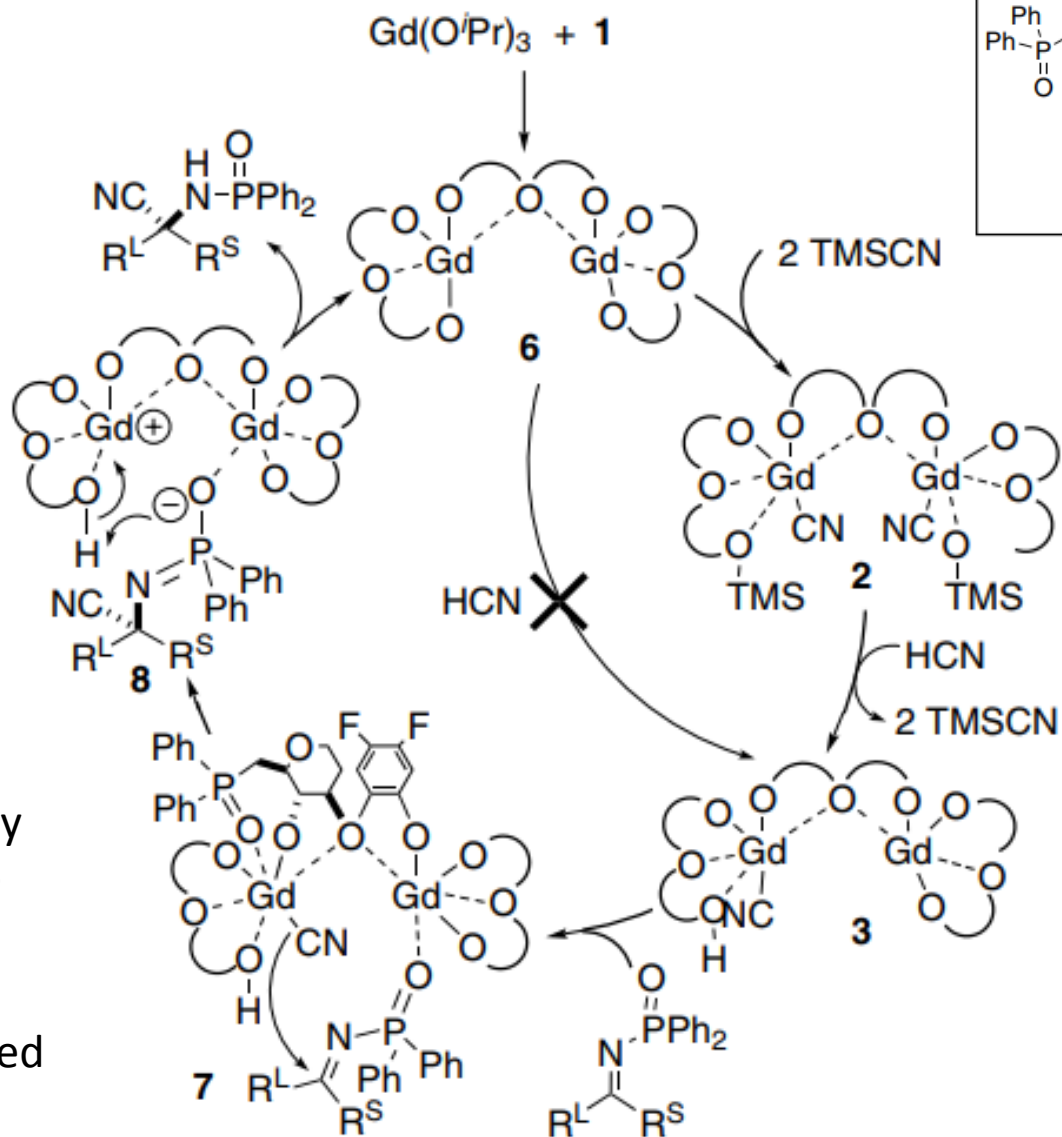


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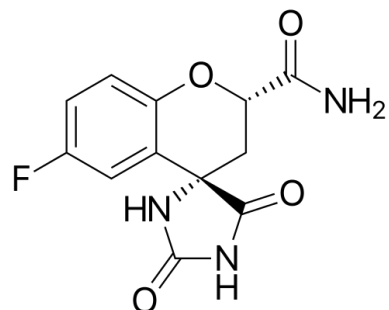
N. Kato, M. Suzuki, M. Kanai, and M. Shibasaki, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 45, 3153.

## Proposed catalytic cycle

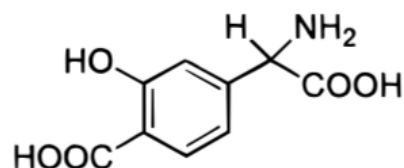


Lack of reactivity using only HCN is important from the mechanistic point of view, that is, the pre-catalyst **6** cannot be directly converted to the active catalyst **3**.

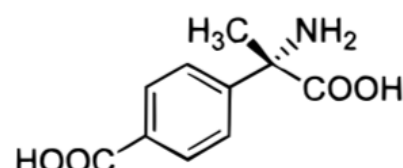
$\alpha$ -aryl amino acids and their derivatives are valuable precursors to bioactive molecules.



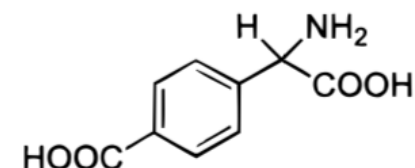
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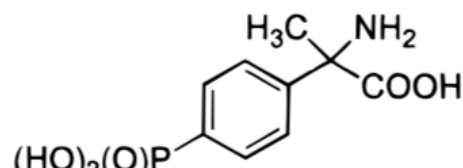
**4C3HPG**



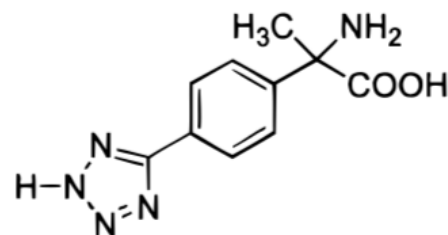
**(+)-(S)- $\alpha$ M4CPG**



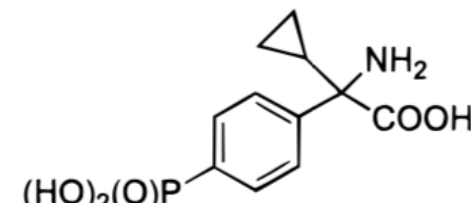
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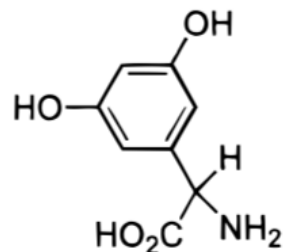
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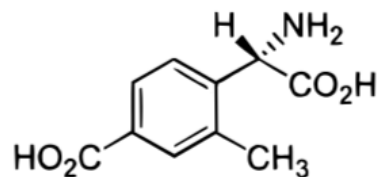
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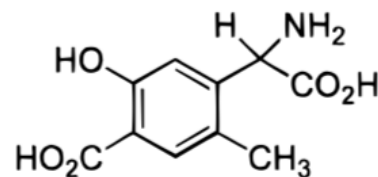
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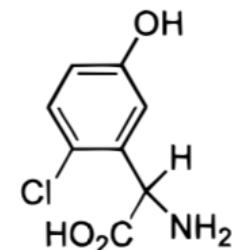
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**6**




**CHPG**


**FIG. 7.** Structures of phenylglycine analogues.



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# Asymmetric $\alpha$ -arylation of amino acids

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## Biography

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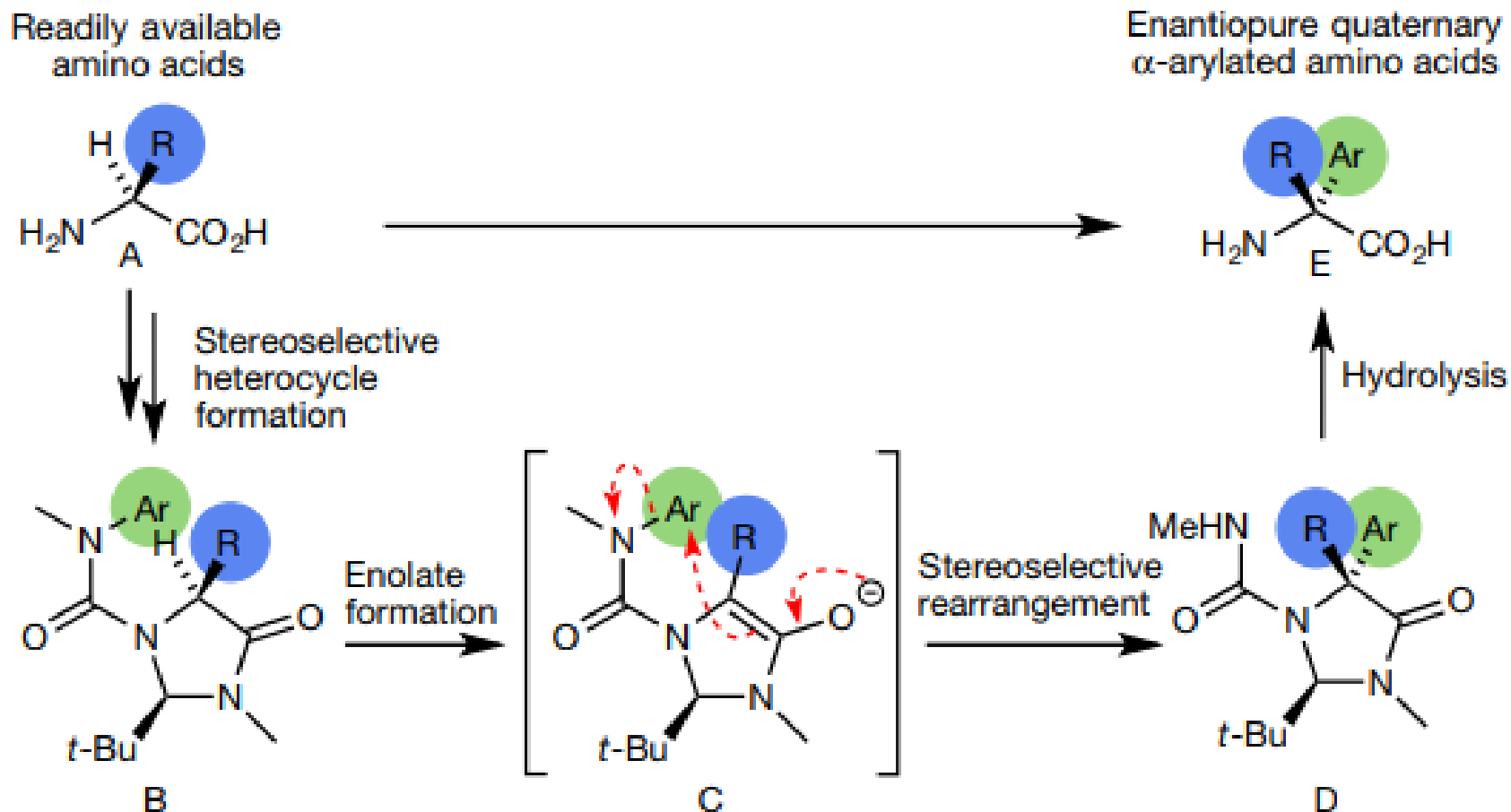
1994-2000: Lecturer in Chemistry, University of Manchester

1992-1994: Royal Society Western European Research Fellow and Post-doc with Prof Marc Julia at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris on transition metal catalysed reactions of sulfones, and carbenoid chemistry

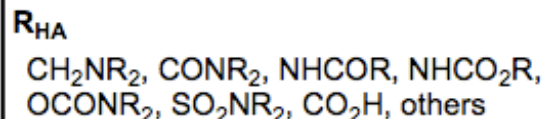
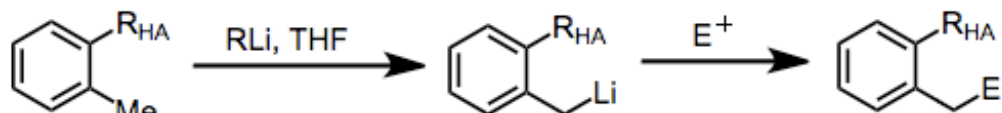
1989-1992: PhD at University of Cambridge with Dr Stuart Warren on asymmetric synthesis using phosphine oxide chemistry

1986-1989: BA (Natural Sciences) at Churchill College, University of Cambridge

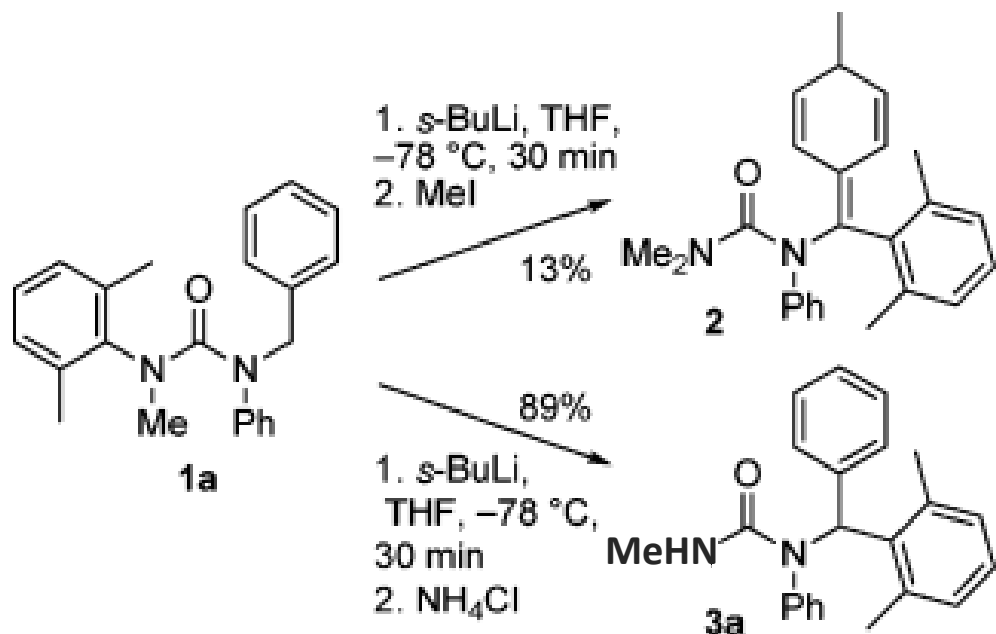
1968: Born: Kampala, Uganda



An amino acid (A) is converted diastereoselectively into an imidazolidinone (B) carrying a pendent urea function. Treatment with base forms an enolate (C) in which the aromatic substituent (Ar) of the urea migrates to the rear face of the imidazolidinone, directed by the bulky tert-butyl group, as indicated by the red dotted arrows. Hydrolysis of the product (D) provides the quaternary  $\alpha$ -aryl amino acid (E).

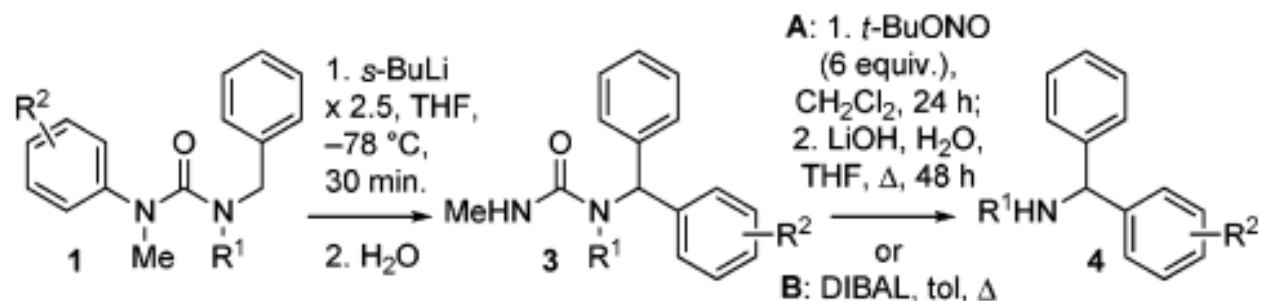


**Heteroatom-promoted lateral lithiation** is the site-selective replacement of a benzylic hydrogen atom for lithium for the purpose of further functionalization.



← **The origin of Clayden rearrangement**

By replacing the final methylation with an aqueous quench, the rearranged product  $3a$  was obtained in a satisfying 89% yield.

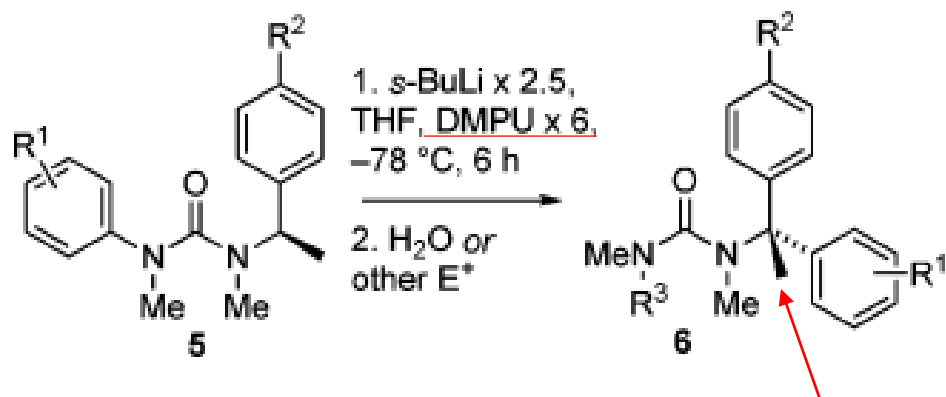


**Table 1.** Aryl Transfers in Lithiated *N*-Benzyl Ureas

entry	1	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	3, yield % (remaining 1, %)	yield of 4, % (method)
1	<b>1a</b>	Ph	2,6-diMe	<b>3a</b> , 89	
2	<b>1b</b>	Ph	4-Me	<b>3b</b> , 85	
3	<b>1c</b>	<i>p</i> -Tol	H	<b>3c</b> , 85	
4	<b>1d</b>	Me	H	<b>3d</b> , 78 (8)	84 (B)
5	<b>1e</b>	Me	2-Me	<b>3e</b> , 76 (15)	72 (A)
6	<b>1f</b>	Me	<u>2-OMe</u>	<b>3f</b> , 75 (21)	78 (A)
7	<b>1g</b>	Me	2,6-di-Me	<b>3g</b> , 82 (14)	84 (A)
8	<b>1h</b>	Me	4-Cl	<b>3h</b> , 69 (4) <sup>a</sup>	
9	<b>1i</b>	Me	<u>4-OMe</u>	<b>3i</b> , 76 (4) <sup>a</sup>	

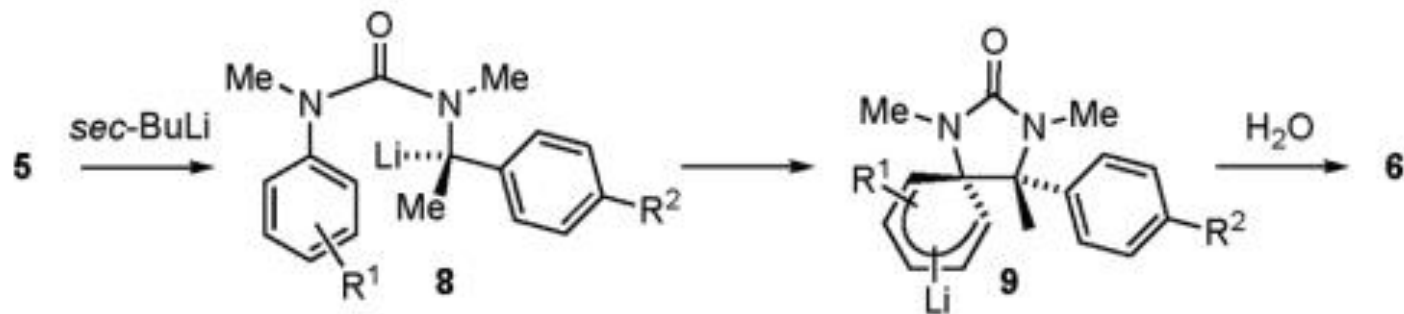
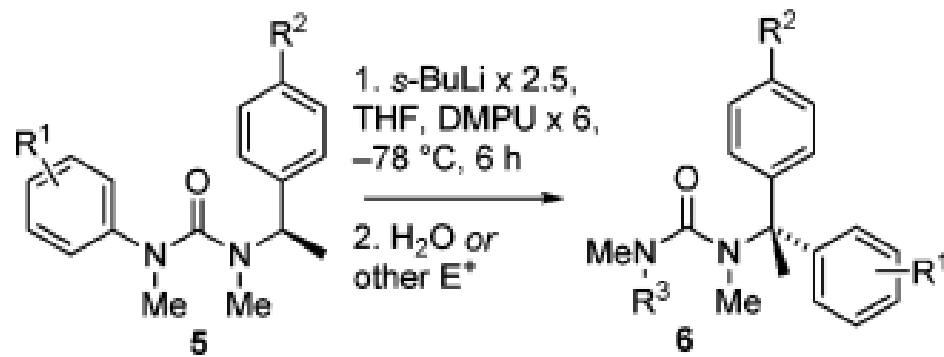
This method could be applied to electron rich Ar.



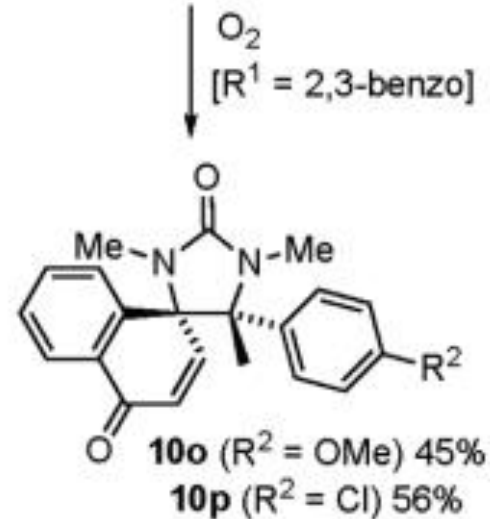


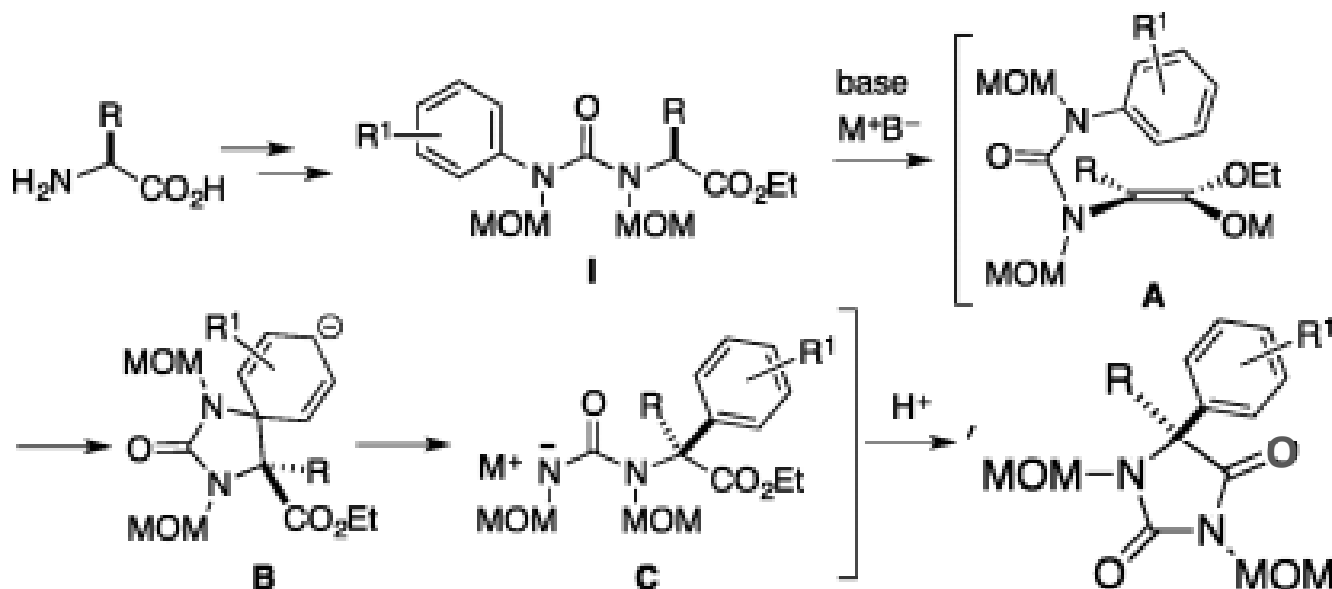
DMPU was added to increase the reactivity of the resulting organolithium.

Stereochemically retentive rearrangement.



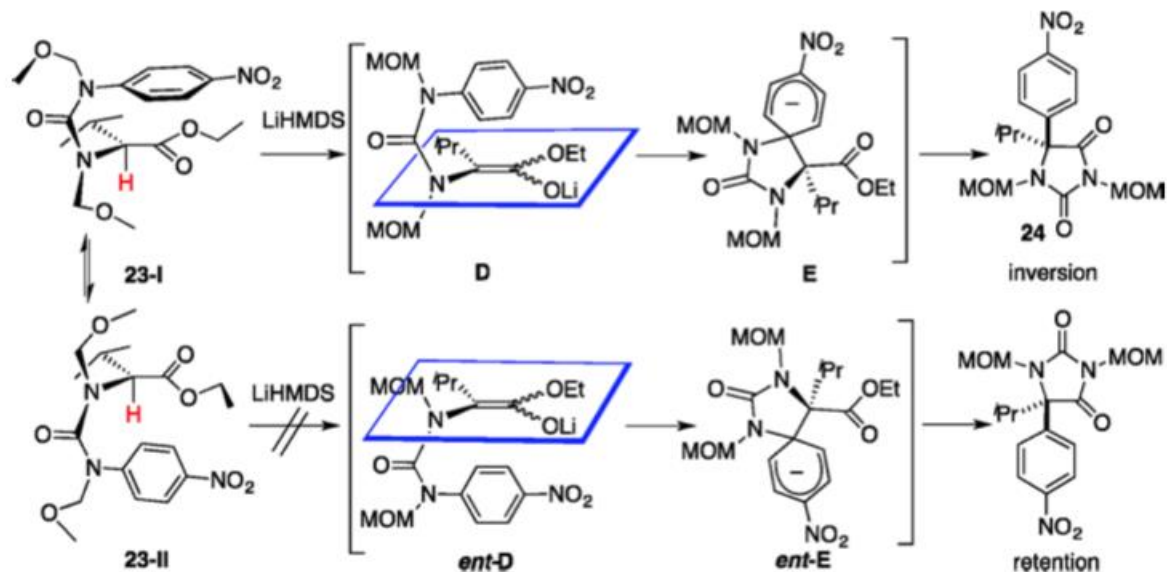
X-ray crystal structure of 10p





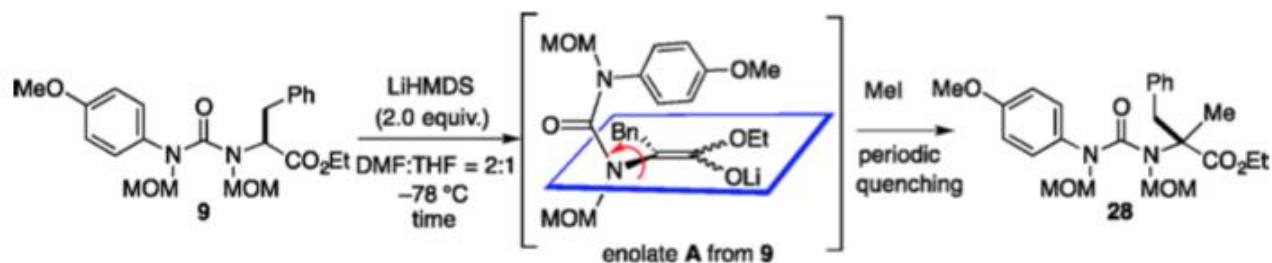
- **Stereochemically invertive** rearrangement.
- This method is applied to urea derivatives derived from L-phenylalanine, L-valine and L-methionine.

Kawabata, T. et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 135, 13294 (2013).



It is deprotonated when the proton faces in a sterically empty direction.

Then, the anion reacts with the aromatic ring immediately and the stereochemistry reverses.



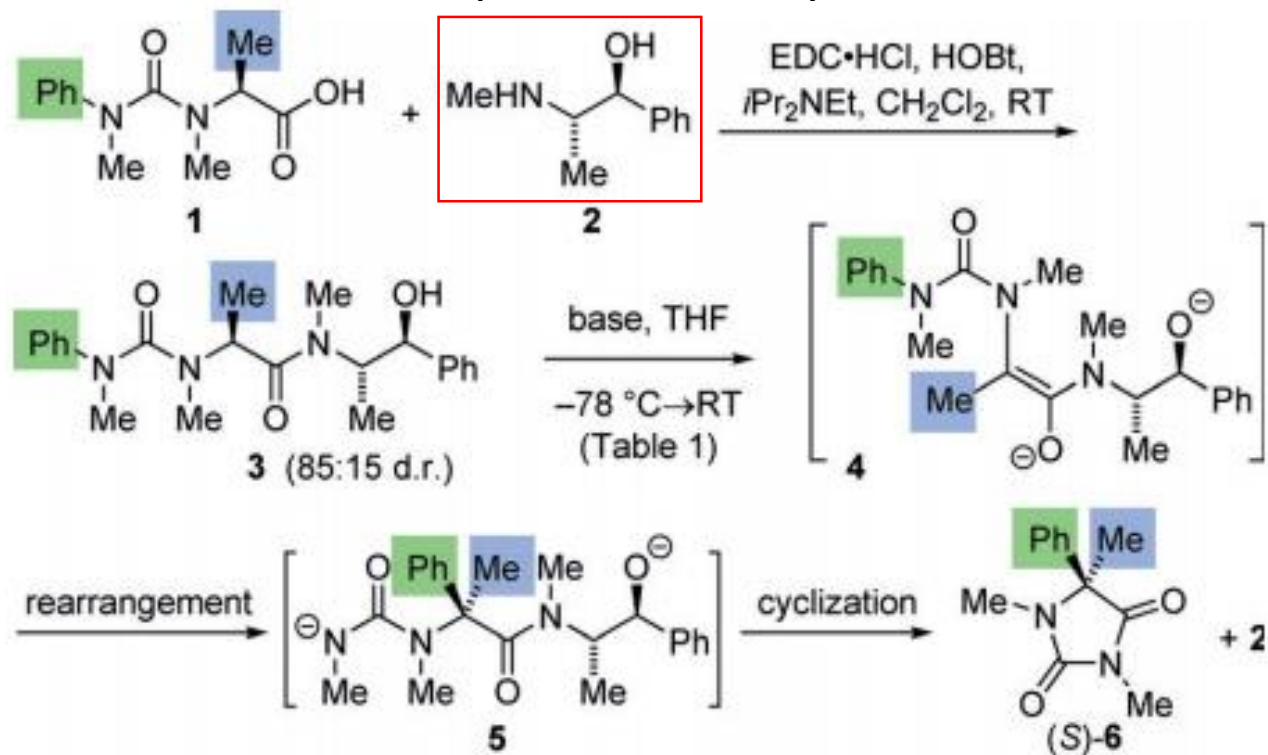
$t_{1/2}$  (racemization at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) = 2.6 h (experimentally measured)

$\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  (racemization at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) = 15.2 kcal/mol (calculated from  $t_{1/2}$ )

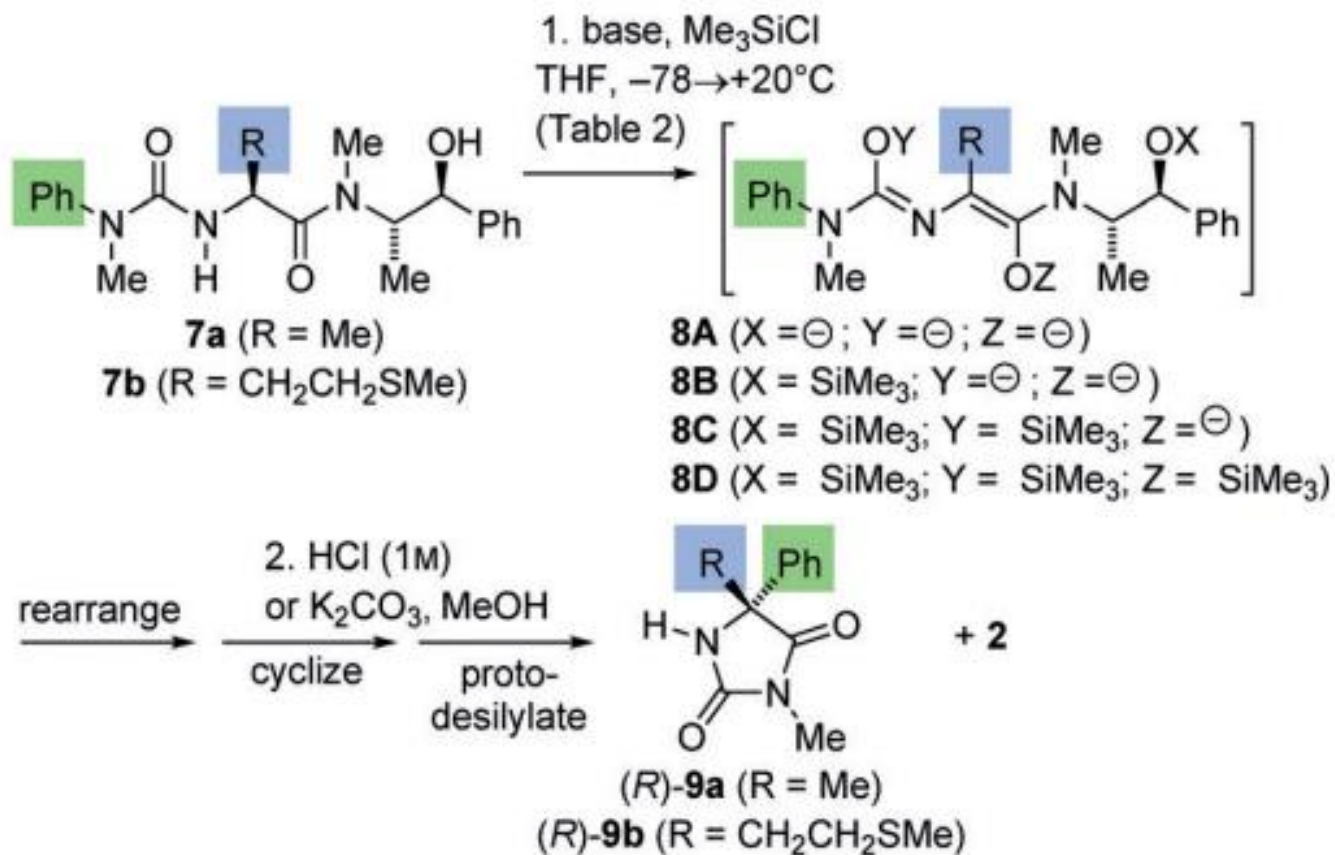
$t_{1/2}$  (racemization at  $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) = 5 min (roughly estimated from  $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

When the Bn part is small, the rotation barrier is small, and epimerization occurs.

## Pseudoephedrine auxiliary

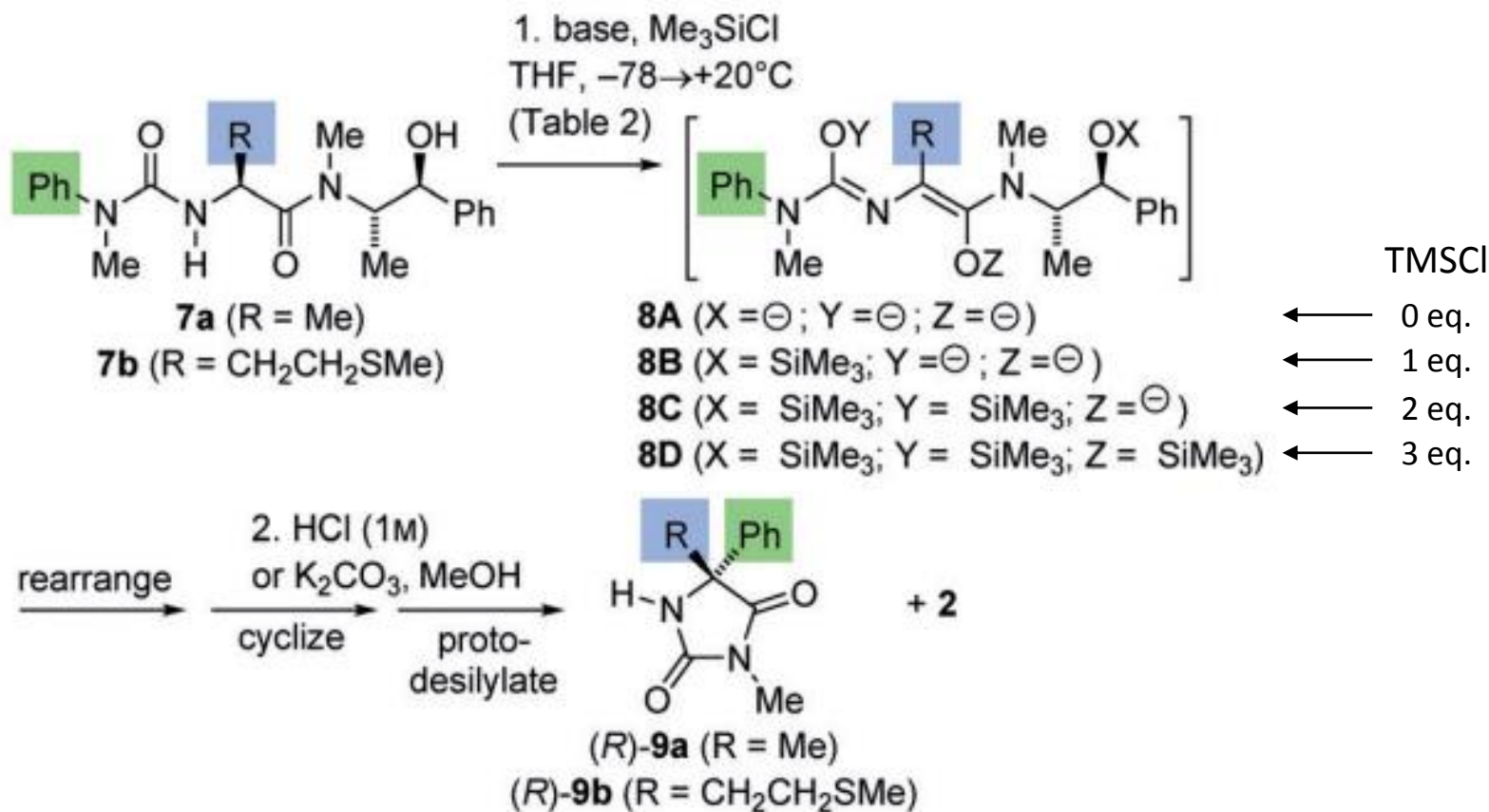


- This method can be applied to urea derivatives derived from amino acids which **have small side chain**.
- **However**, The doubly N-methylated hydantoin product **6** proved extremely resistant to hydrolysis to the corresponding quaternary N-methylated amino acid.

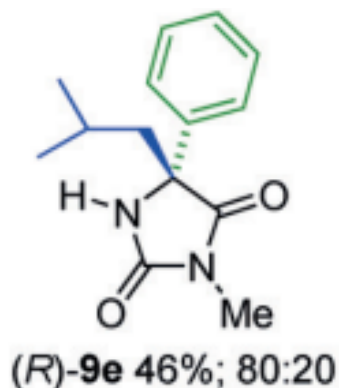
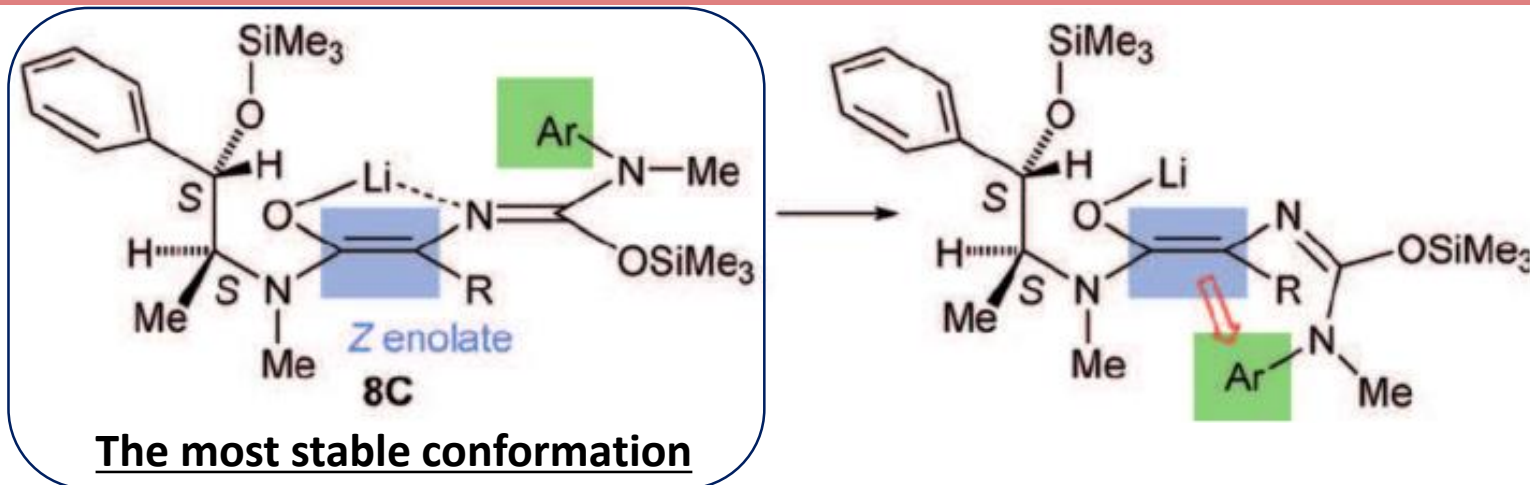


So they modified the substrates **3** with the aim of rearranging their N-unsubstituted analogues **7**.

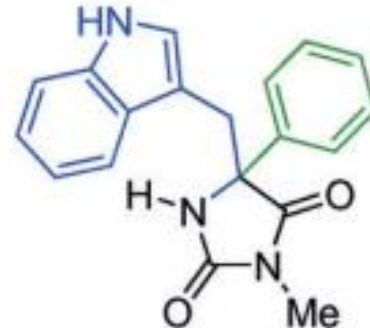
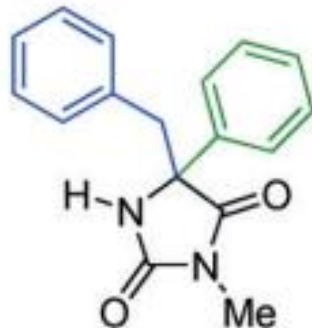
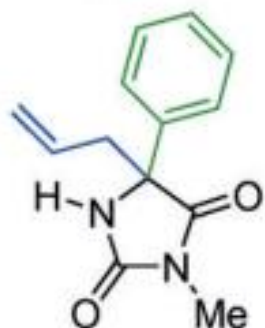
Singly N-methylated hydantoin product **9** is easily hydrolyzed to the corresponding quaternary N-methylated amino acid.



Entry	SM	Base (equiv)	equiv of LiCl	equiv of $\text{Me}_3\text{SiCl}$	(R)-9, Yield <sup>[a]</sup> [%]	e.r. of 9 (R:S)
1	<b>7a</b>	LDA (4)	7	0	<b>9a</b> , 54	50:50
2	<b>7a</b>	LiTMP (4)	7	0	<b>9a</b> , 43	55:45
3	<b>7a</b>	LDA (4)	7	1	<b>9a</b> , 60	75:25
4	<b>7a</b>	LDA (4)	7	2 <sup>[b]</sup>	<b>9a</b> , 65 <sup>[b]</sup>	92:8
5	<b>7a</b>	LDA (4)	7	3 or 4	0	— <sup>[c]</sup>

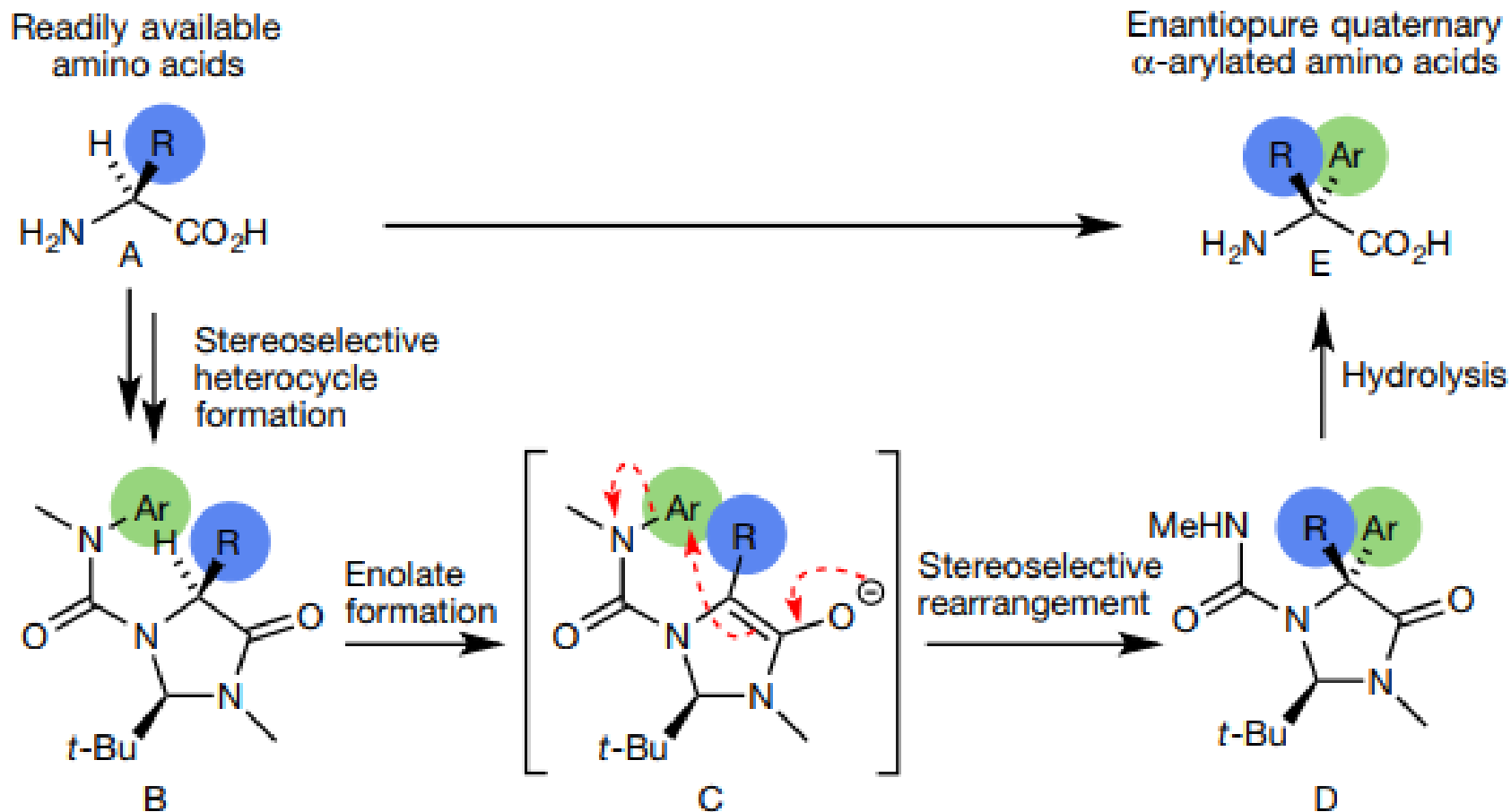


Rearrangement of the more hindered leucine was less clean (and all attempted rearrangements of valine- or phenylglycine-derived ureas failed), suggesting that leucine lies at the limit of the method's tolerance to steric hindrance.

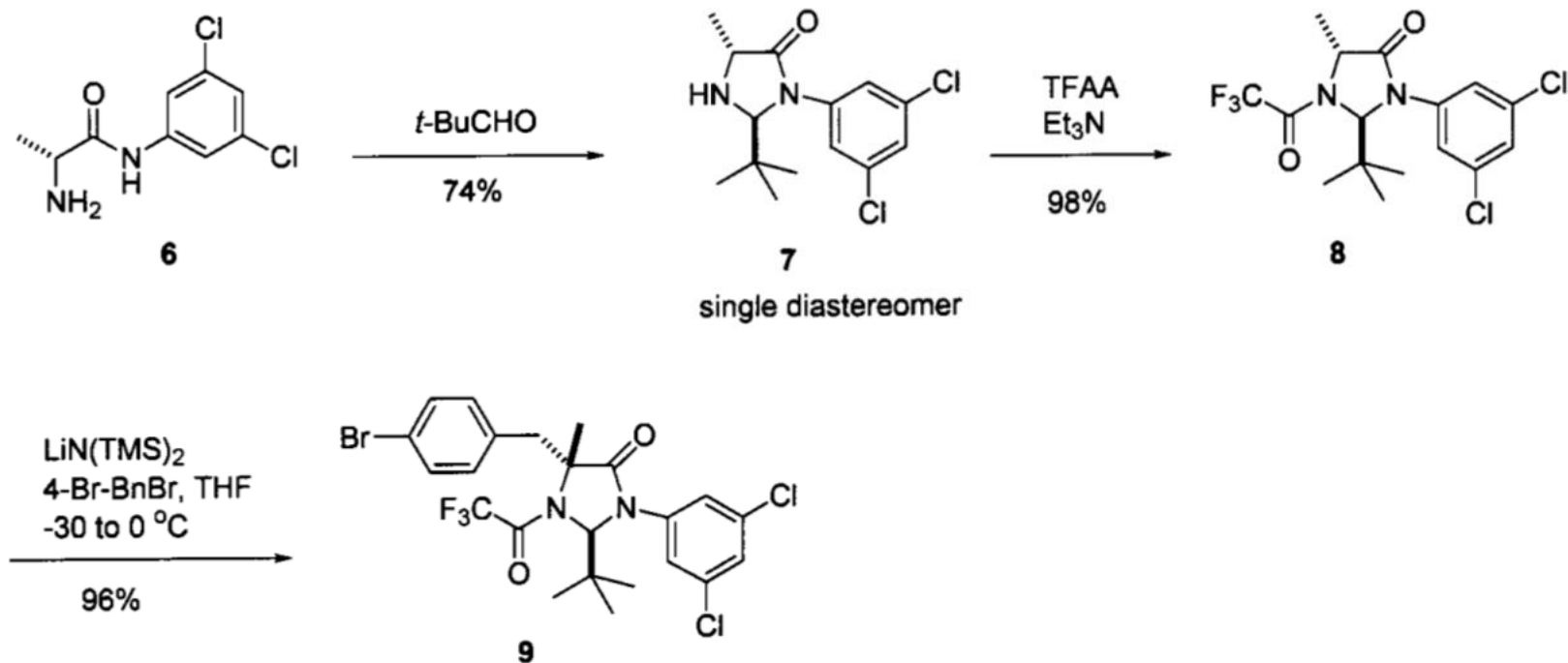


Some substrates (generally those with acidic protons in the  $\beta$  position) failed to rearrange cleanly.





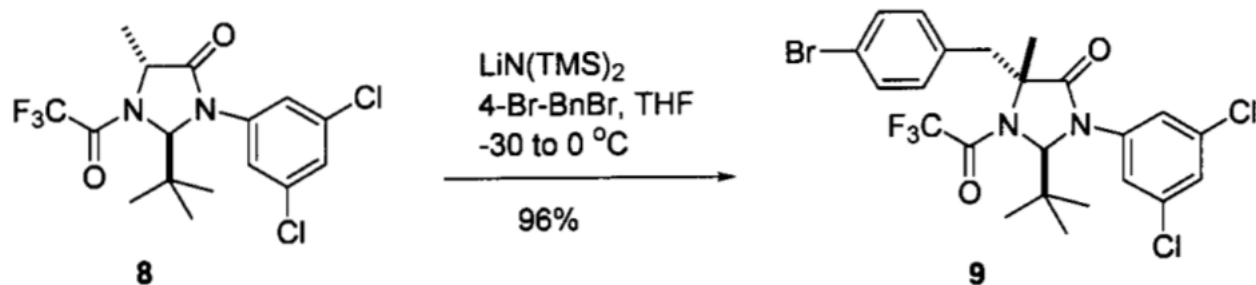
An amino acid (A) is converted diastereoselectively into an imidazolidinone (B) carrying a pendent urea function. Treatment with base forms an enolate (C) in which the aromatic substituent (Ar) of the urea migrates to the rear face of the imidazolidinone, directed by the bulky tert-butyl group, as indicated by the red dotted arrows. Hydrolysis of the product (D) provides the quaternary  $\alpha$ -aryl amino acid (E).



### The principle of 'self-regeneration of stereocentres'

『in which the stereogenic centre of a chiral molecule generates a temporary centre of chirality, which in turn is used to introduce diastereoselectively a new ligand at the original stereogenic centre』 has been applied to the synthesis of various acyclic quaternary amino acids.

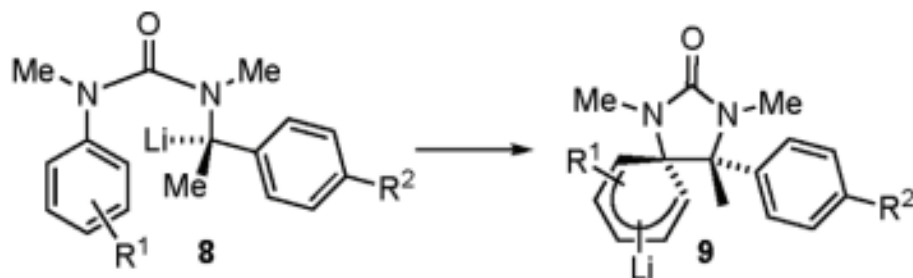
## Self-regeneration of stereocentres



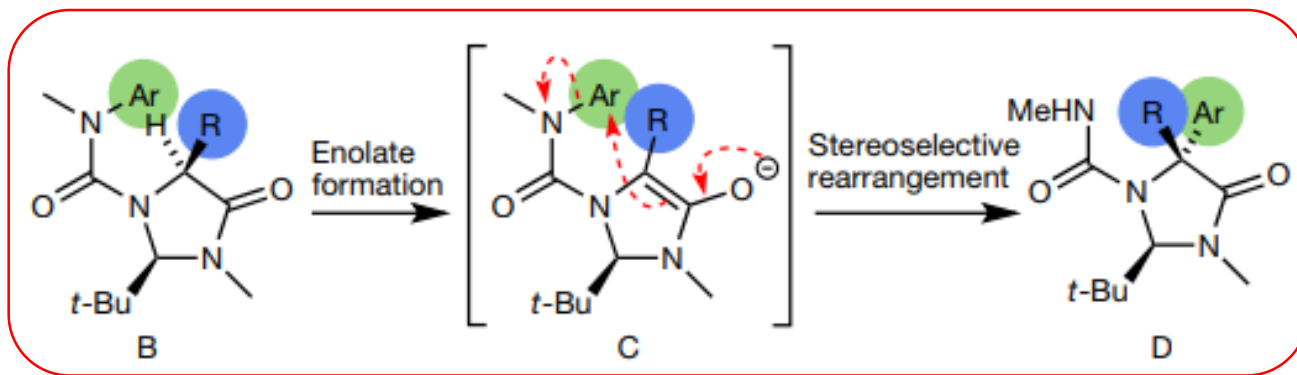
Stereoselective introduction of alkyl group to  $\alpha$ -position of amino acid.

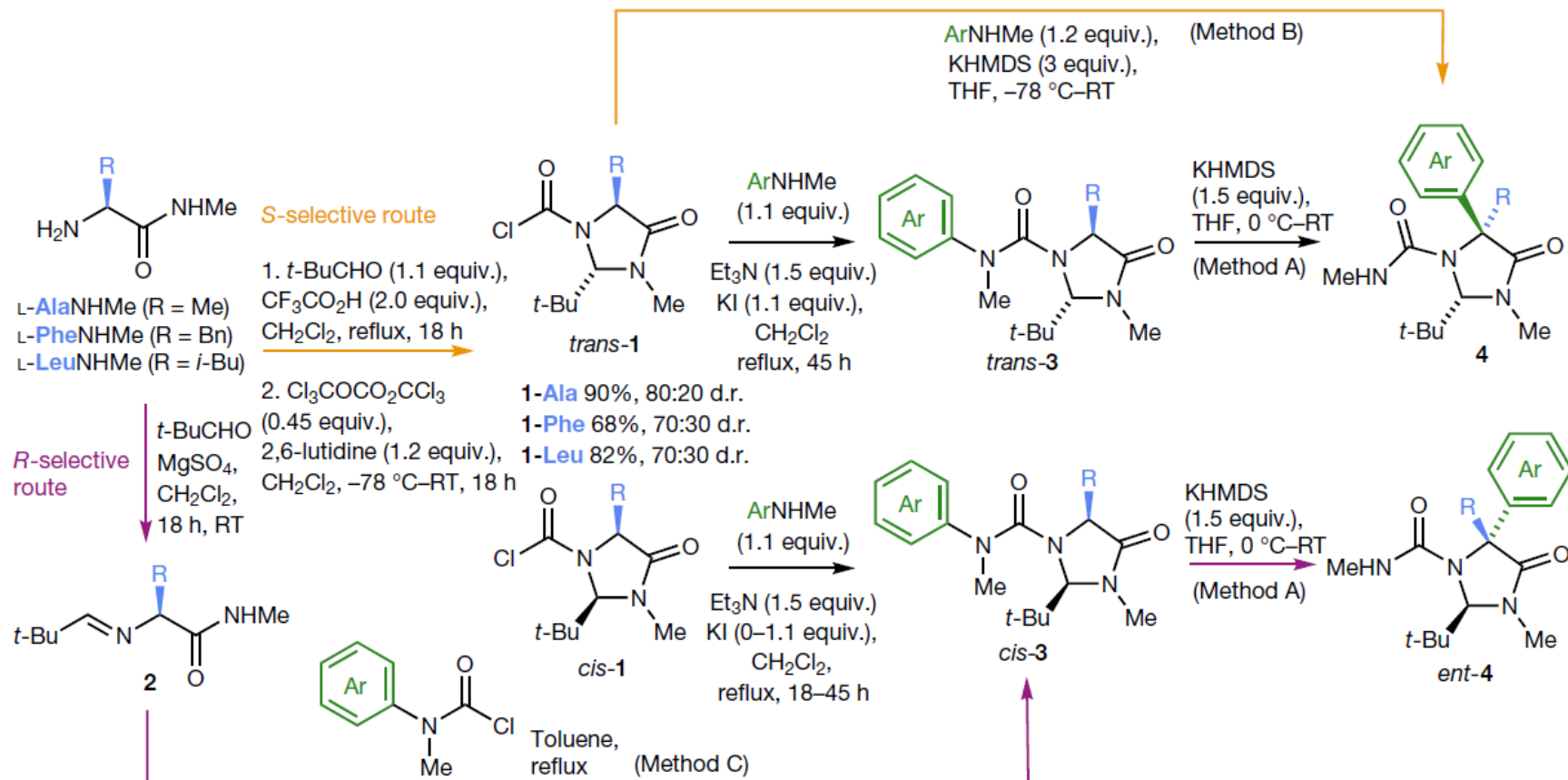
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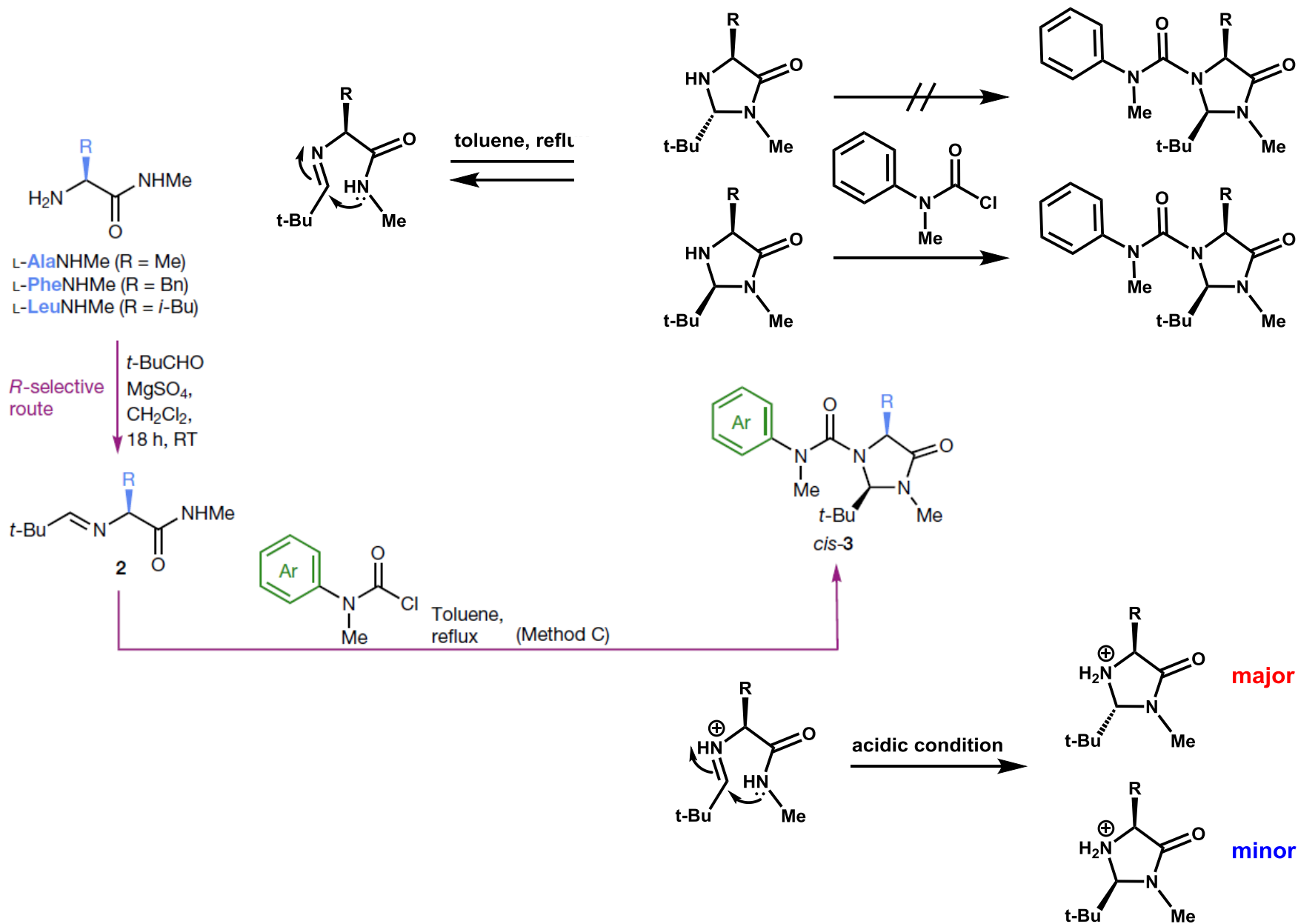
## Clayden rearrangement

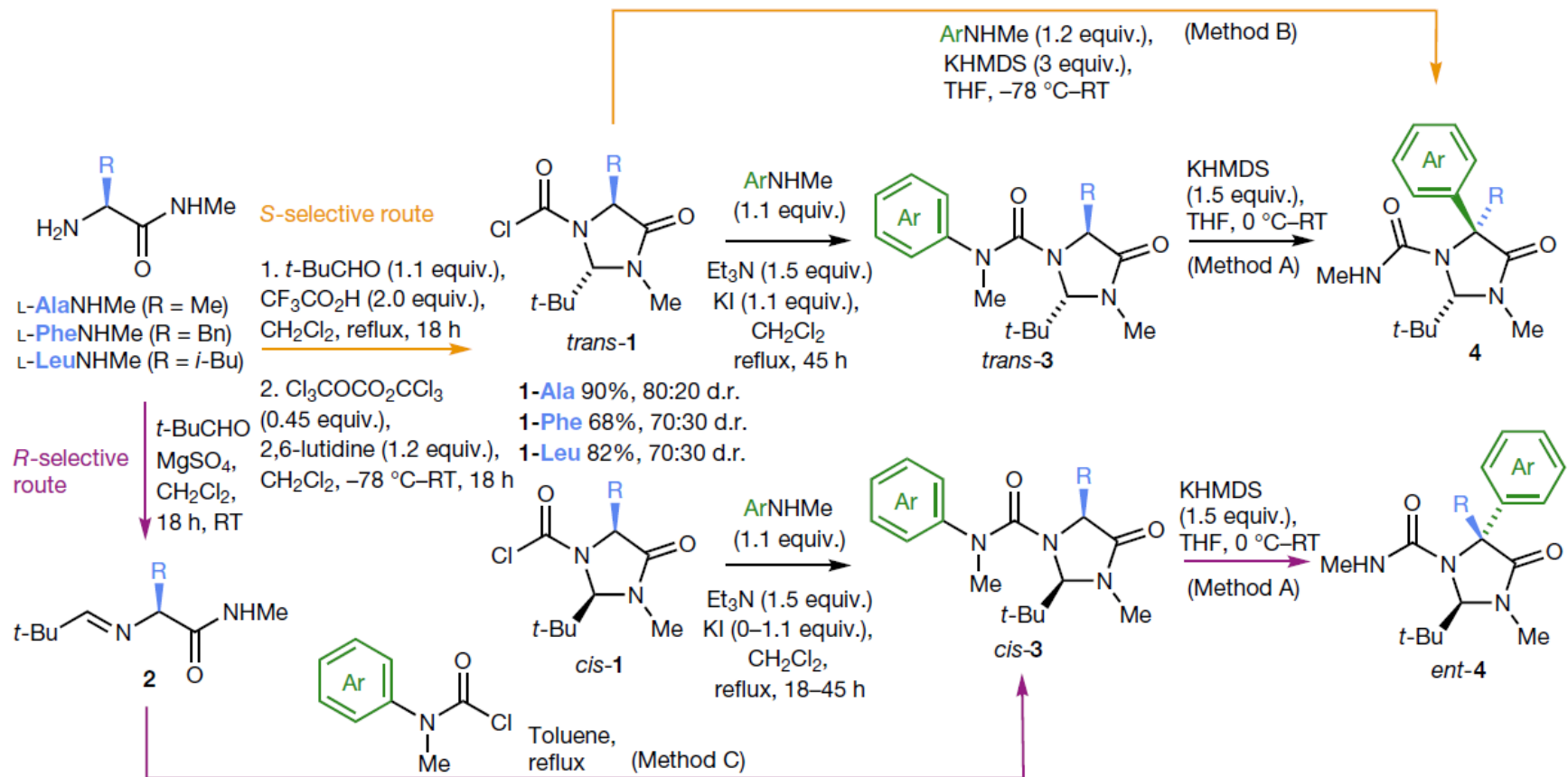


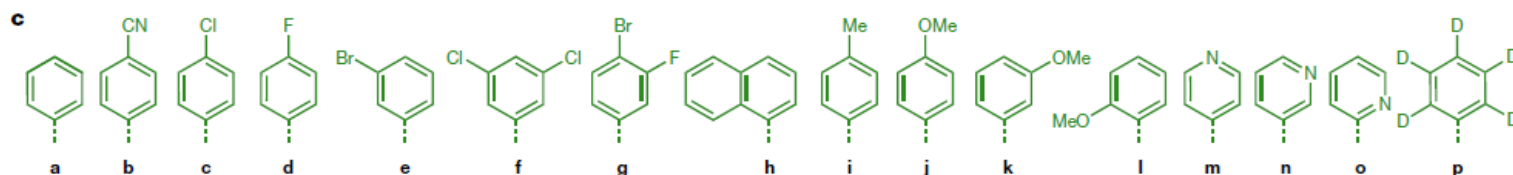
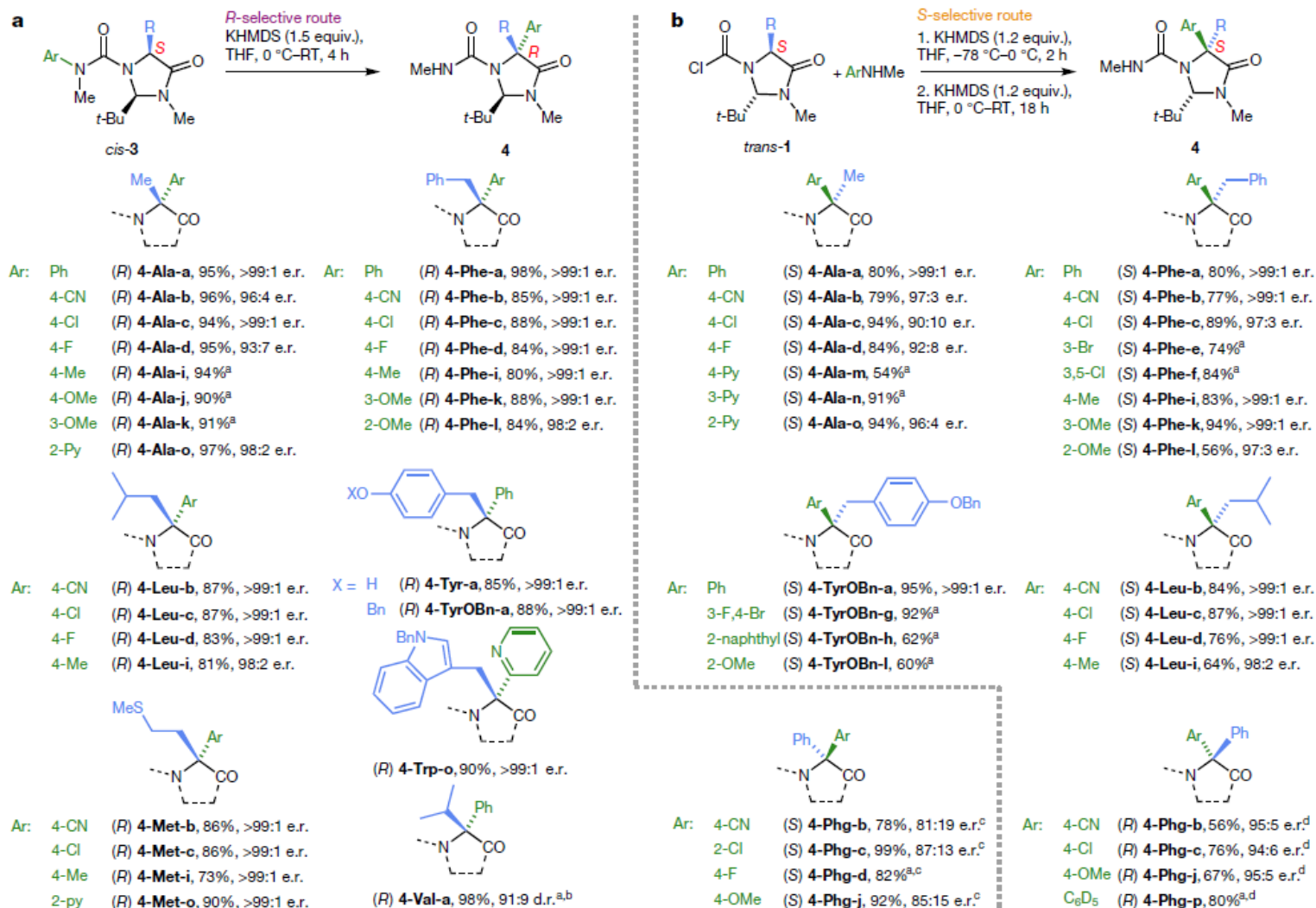
Intramolecular reaction using urea allows transposition of aryl.

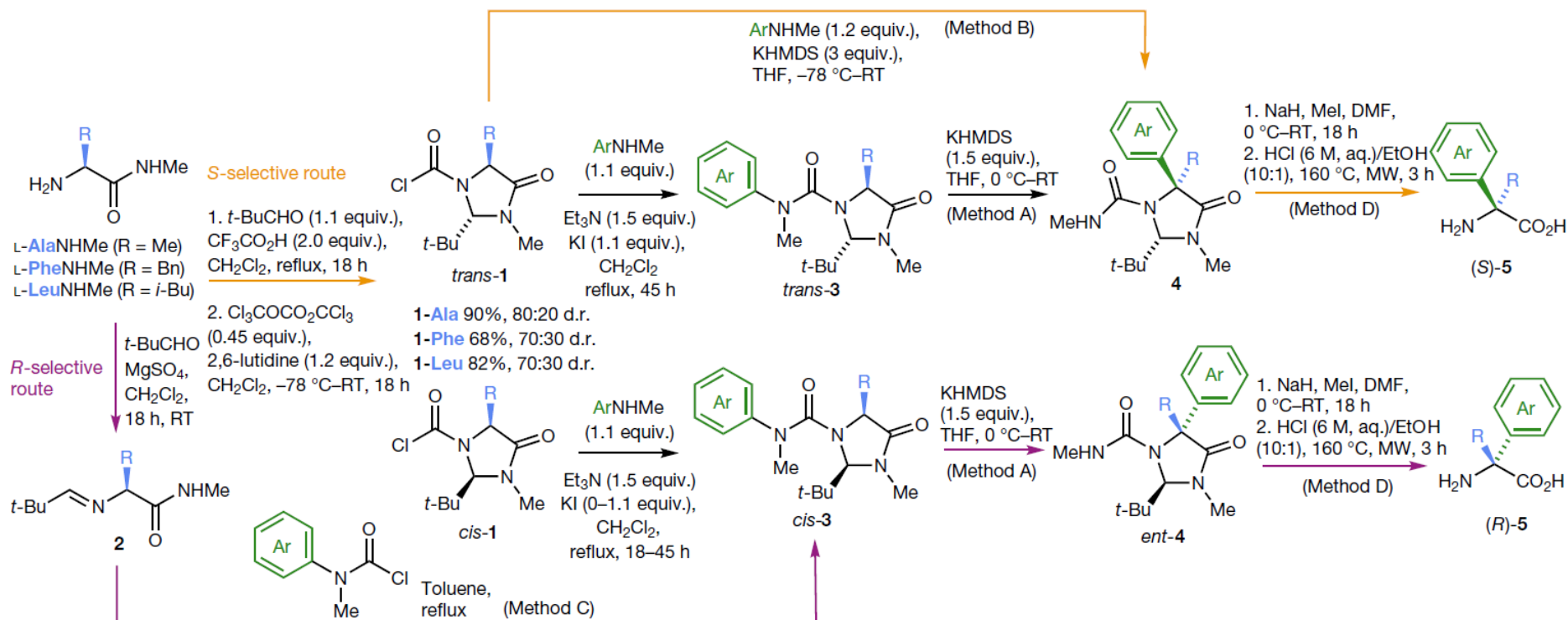






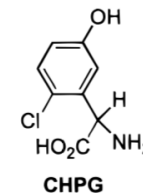
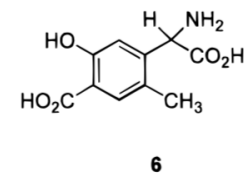
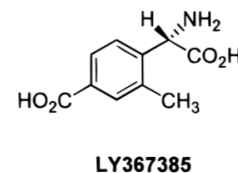
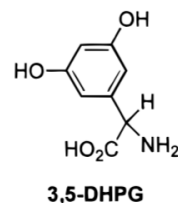
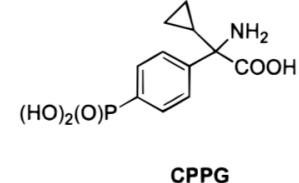
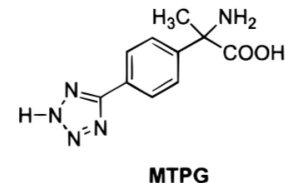
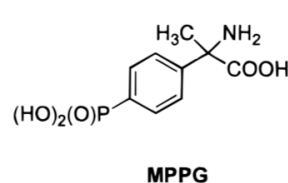
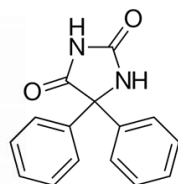
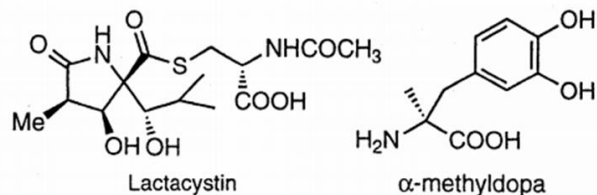
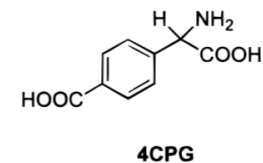
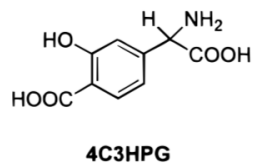
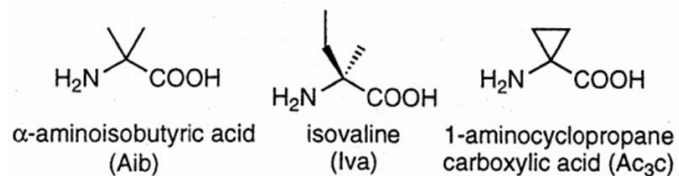






- It avoids the use of **valuable transition metals**.
- It enables arylation with electron-rich, electron-poor and heterocyclic substituents.
- **Either enantiomer** of the product can be formed from a **single** amino acid precursor.
- The method is practical and scalable, and provides the opportunity to produce  $\alpha$ -arylated quaternary amino acids in multi-gram quantities.





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