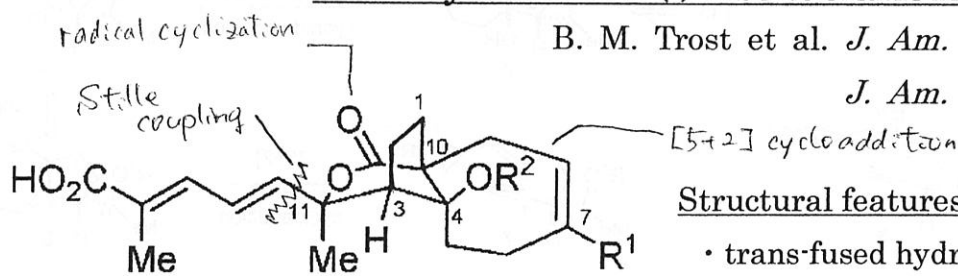


Total Synthesis of (-)-Pseudolaric Acid B

B. M. Trost et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2007, 129, 14556.

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 16425.



Structural features

- trans-fused hydroazulene (bicycle [5, 3, 0])
- acetoxy/hydroxy group is trans to lactone group
- 4 contiguous stereocenters

	R ¹	R ²
Pseudolaric Acid B (1a)	CO ₂ Me	Ac
Pseudolaric Acid A	Me	Ac
Pseudolaric Acid C	CO ₂ Me	H

Bioactivity

- the extract of the root of *Pseudolarix Kaempferi* is Chinese herbal medicine for the treatment of dermatological fungal infections.
- contraceptive effect
- cytotoxic to several cancer cell lines in vitro
- an agonist for transcriptional activation of PPARs
- inhibits angiogenesis by diminishing the secretion of VEGF in tumor cells.
- inhibits the polymerization of tubulin in multidrug-resistant cancer cell lines.

PPARs : peroxisome proliferators-activated receptors

VEGF : vascular endothelial growth factor

Pseudolaric acid A and B were isolated in 1965.

The **first** successful total synthesis is established by P. Chiu et al in 2006. (Pseudolaric Acid A)

(Evans catalytic asymmetric aldol reaction and carbene cyclization cycloaddition cascade reaction)

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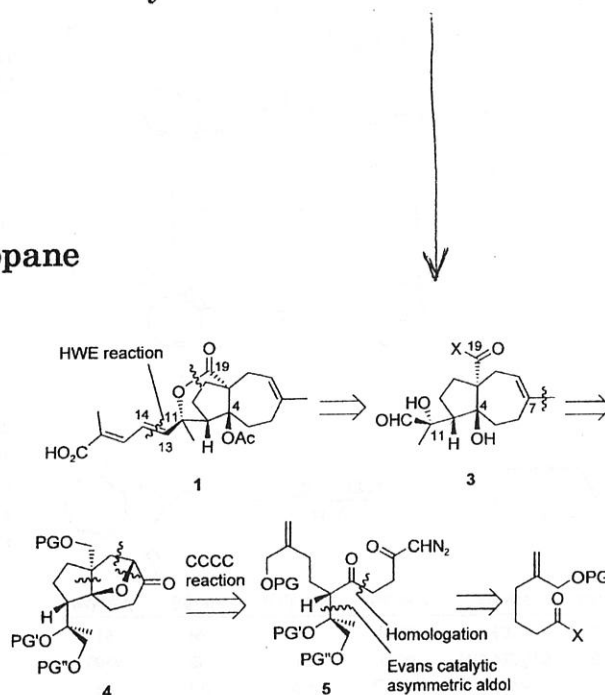
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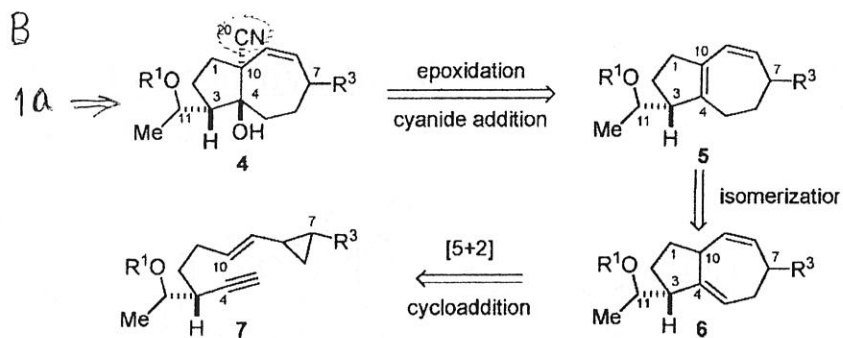
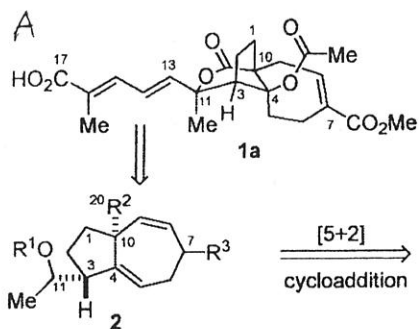
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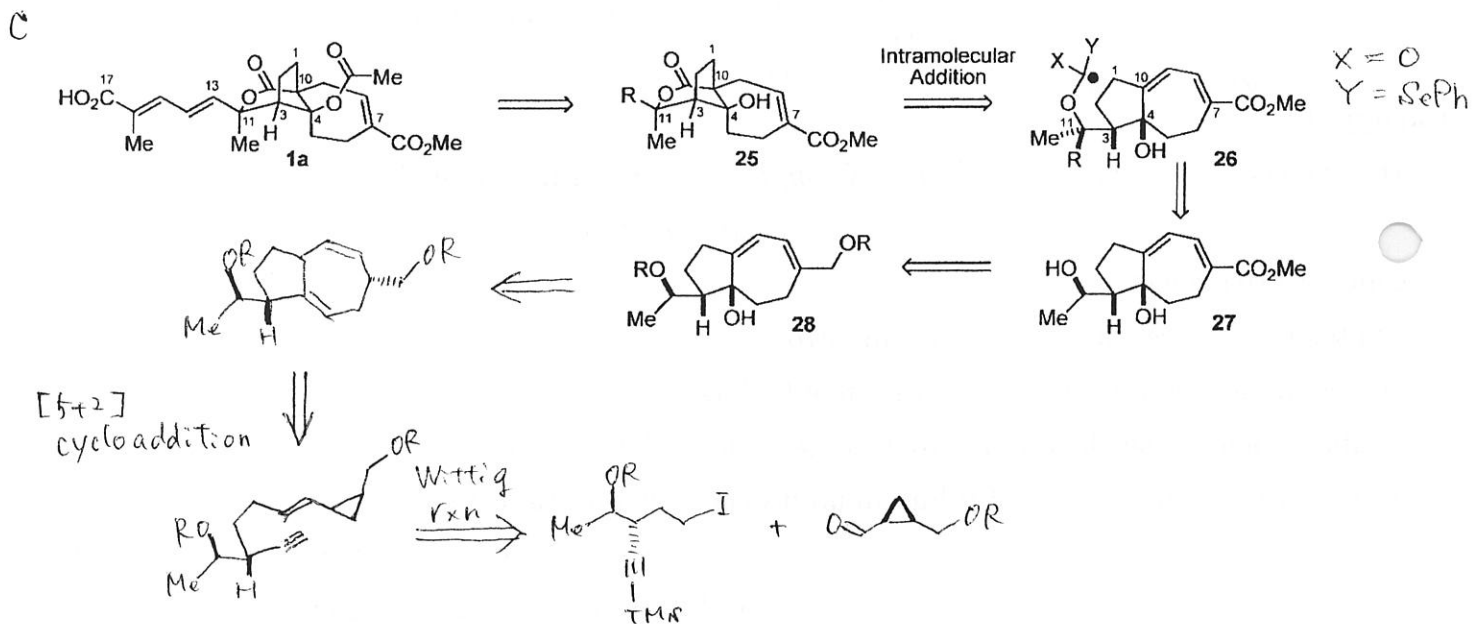
Scheme 2. Retrosynthetic analysis of pseudolaric acid A. HWE = Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons; CCCC = carbene cyclization cycloaddition cascade; PG, PG', PG'' = protecting groups.

1. Retrosynthesis



Ru catalyst : no substitution at C10

cyanide addition turned out to be unsuccessful



2. [5+2] cycloaddition of π -component and vinylcyclopropane

2-1 Rh catalysed [5+2] cycloaddition

(a) intramolecular reaction (π -component : alkyne, alkene, allene)

alkyne

P. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1995, 117, 4720. *Tetrahedron.* 1998, 54, 7203.

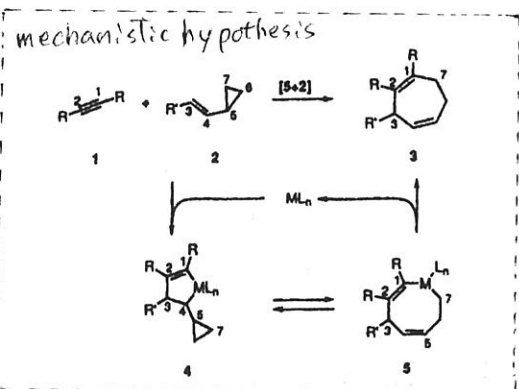


Table 1. Transition Metal Catalyzed Intramolecular [5 + 2] Cycloadditions of Vinylcyclopropanes and Alkynes

Vinylcyclopropane-Alkyne	Cycloadduct(s), Yield	Reaction Conditions, time	10	11	12
1.	7	83%	8.	89% (11:12=3.5:1)	B ^b , 2 d
2.	7	84%	9.	92% (11:12=1:2)	D ^d , 2.5 h
3.	7	88%	10.	82% (only 11)	B ^b , 2d
4.	7	83%	11.	81% (only 11)	B ^b , 16 h
5.	7	74%	12.	71% (only 12)	B ^b , 7 d
6.	7	80%			
7.	7	50% ^e			
13.	14	82%			D ^d , 30 min

^a A = 0.5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 0.5 mol % AgOTf, PhMe, 110 °C
^b B = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, PhMe, 110 °C. ^c C = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, THF, 100 °C. ^d D = 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhMe, 110 °C. ^e E = CO₂Me. / Lower yield in this case due to product volatility.

• entry 8, 9, 12 : isomerization mediated by Rh

(E = CO₂Me)

Table 1. Cycloaddition of Ene-Vinylcyclopropane 1^a

entry	mol % RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	additive ^b	concn ^c (M)	time (h)	yield ^d (%)
1	0.1	AgOTf	1.0	15	90
2 ^e	0.1	AgOTf	1.0	17	86
3	0.1	AgOTf	0.4	17	88
4	1	AgOTf	0.05	5	93
5	5	AgOTf	0.01	2	91
6	10	none	0.005	2.5	91

^a Reactions were run at 110 °C in PhMe. ^b mol % AgOTf = mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃. ^c Concentration of 1. ^d Isolated yield of 2. ^e Reaction run on 1 g scale.

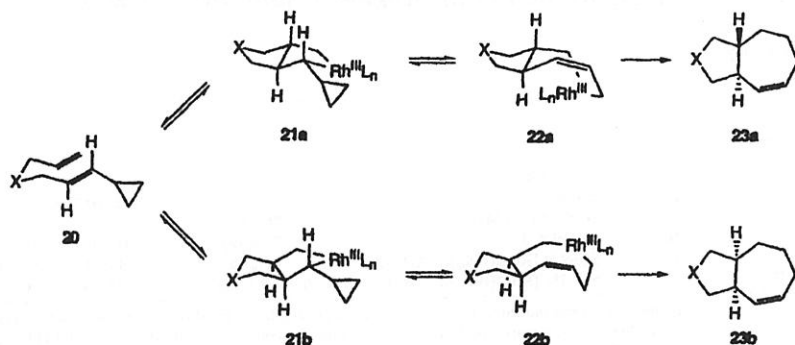
- entry 5 : isomerization ($\tau_{ab} < \tau_c$)
- entry 6 : tether = 4-atom
→ trans-fused product

Table 2. Transition Metal-Catalyzed Intramolecular [5+2] Cycloadditions of Vinylcyclopropanes and Alkenes

Vinylcyclopropane-Alkene ^a	Cycloadduct(s)	Reaction Conditions, Time, Isolated Yield
1	2	A ^b , 17 h 86-93% (see Table 1)
3	4	B ^c , 10 h 70% (94% by GC)
5 (E:Z)	6	C ^d , 1 h 92%
4	8	C ^d , 1 h 94%
7	8	
9 (E:Z)	10	D ^e , 15 h 78%
6	12	E ^f , 5 d 77%
11	12	

^a E = CO₂Me. ^b 0.1 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 0.1 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 110 °C, 1.0 M. ^c 5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, THF, 65 °C, 0.01 M. ^d 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 110 °C, 0.01 M. ^e 5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 110 °C, 0.01 M. ^f 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 110 °C, 0.01 M. / 10 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 10 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 100 °C, 0.02 M.

Scheme 3. Analysis of Stereoselectivity in the [5+2] Cycloaddition

different Rh catalyst : [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂P. A. Wender et al. *J. Org. Chem.* 1998, 63, 4164.Table 1. Performance of [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ vs (PPh₃)₃RhCl in [5+2] Cycloadditions of Substituted Alkyne-Vinylcyclopropanes

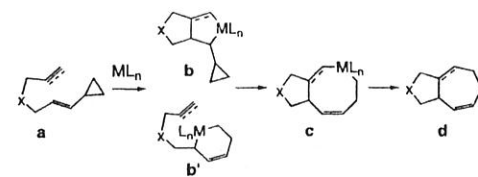
substrate/catalyst	products/yields (%)	conditions ^a
1, (E)/(Z) = 3.3/1 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl/AgOTf	2: 80 3: 0	110 °C, 20 min, 110 °C
4 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	5: 81 6: 0	30 °C, 2 d, CDCl ₃ 110 °C, 7 d. ^c
7, (E)/(Z) = 3.3/1 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl/AgOTf	8: 78 9: 0	110 °C, 20 min
10, (E)/(Z) = 3.3/1 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	11: 65 12: 13	100 °C, 17 h, THF. ^c
10, (E)/(Z) = 3.3/1 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	11: 84 12: 0	2 M, 110 °C, 3 h. ^c 110 °C, 2 d. ^d

^a Unless otherwise noted, toluene is used as solvent. ^b Formation of a complex mixture of products. ^c See ref 2. ^d Slow addition substrate.

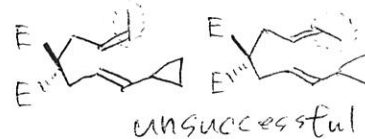
Table 2. Performance of [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ vs (PPh₃)₃RhCl in [5+2] Cycloadditions of Unsubstituted Alkyne-Vinylcyclopropanes

substrate/catalyst	product/yield (%)	conditions ^a
13 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	14: 78 14: 80 14: 80	65 °C, 15 min, CDCl ₃ 30 °C, 14 h, CDCl ₃ 110 °C, 1.5 h. ^b
15 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	16: 78 16: 83	30 °C, 14 h, CDCl ₃ 110 °C, 3.5 h. ^b
17 1% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 0.5% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl/AgOTf 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	18: 89 18: 79 18: 82 18: 83 18: 90-95 18: 84	2 M, 110 °C, 3 h. ^c 30 °C, 16 h, CDCl ₃ 110 °C, 20 min 1 M, 110 °C, 20 min. ^b 65 °C, 19 h, CF ₃ CH ₂ OH. ^d 110 °C, 2 d. ^d
19 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 10% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl	20: 0 20: 50 ^e	30 °C 110 °C, 2 d. ^d
21 5% [RhCl(CO) ₂] ₂ 0.1% (PPh ₃) ₃ RhCl/AgOTf	22: 0 22: 90	110 °C, 48 h 110 °C, 15 h. ^c

^a Unless otherwise noted, toluene is used as solvent. ^b See ref 2. ^c Slow addition of substrate. ^d The low yield is due to product volatility. ^e See ref 3.



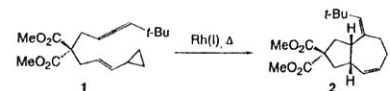
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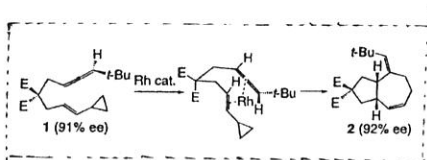
unsuccessful

- more reactive than (PPh₃)₃RhCl
(no isomerization, milder condition)

- substrate 19 : no cycloadduct
← because of terminal alkyne.
- substrate 20 : no reaction
← reductive elimination is difficult

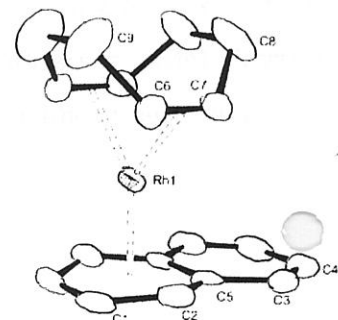
Table 1. Cycloaddition of Allene-Vinylcyclopropane 1


entry	catalyst	mol % Rh	solvent	concn ^a	yield ^b
1	RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	1	PhCH ₃	0.1 M	96%
2	RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	0.2	PhCH ₃	1.0 M	90%
3	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1	DCE ^c	0.1 M	89%

^a Concentration of 1. ^b Isolated yield of 2. ^c DCE = ClCH₂CH₂Cl.**Table 2.** Transition Metal-Catalyzed Intramolecular [5 + 2] Cycloadditions of Vinylcyclopropanes and Allenes

Vinylcyclopropane-Allene ^a	Cycloadduct(s), Yield	Conditions, Time
1.	89-96% (See Table 1)	A, 5 h
2.	68% (4a : 5a = 1.1 : 1)	B, 10 h
3.	83% (4a : 6a = >20 : 1)	C, 3.5 h
4.	92% (4b : 6b = 2 : 1)	D, 1 h
5.	90% (4b : 6b = >10 : 1)	E, 0.75 h
6.	93%	F, 2 h
7.	91%	F, 1 h
8.	88%	D, 1 h
9.	85%	D, 0.5 h
10.	90%	F, 0.75 h
11.	70%	G, 16 h

^a E = CO₂Me. A: 0.2 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, PhCH₃, 100 °C, 1.0 M. B: 5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 100 °C, 0.01 M. C: 5 mol % [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂, DCE, 90 °C, 0.003–0.01 M. D: 5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 0.01 M. E: 10 mol % Rh(CO)₂Cl, PhCH₃, 110 °C, 0.01 M. F: 5 mol % [Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂, PhCH₃, 100 °C, 0.01 M. G: 5 mol % RhCl(PPh₃)₃, 5 mol % AgOTf, PhCH₃, 100 °C, 0.01 M.

Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of [(C₁₀H₈)Rh(cod)]⁺SbF₆⁻ (1). Ellipsoids drawn at 50% probability level.

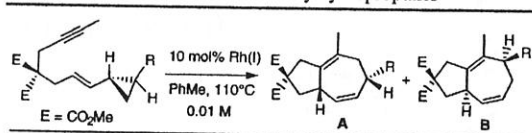
- mono-, di-, tri-substituted allene in good to excellent yields
- ring fusion selectivity can be controlled by changing catalyst (entry 2-5)
- chirality is conserved in reaction

new Rh catalyst: [(C₁₀H₈)Rh(cod)]⁺SbF₆⁻P. A. Wender et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2002, 41, 4550.**Table 1.** Performance of complex 1 with a variety of alkyne vinylcyclopropanes and alkene vinylcyclopropanes.

Entry	Substrate, Catalyst	Cycloadduct, Yield	Conditions ^[d]
1	2 X = C(CO ₂ Me) ₂ 2 mol % 1	3 > 99% ^[b]	15 min, RT, 0.15 M
2	1 mol % [[RhCl(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	89%	PhMe, 3 h, 110 °C, 2.0 M
3	10 mol % [RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃]	90–95%	TFE, ^[c] 19 h, 55 °C, 0.01 M
4	4 X = NTs ^[d] 5 mol % 1 ^[d]	5 90%	65 min, RT, 0.20 M

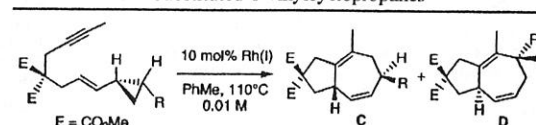
Entry	Substrate, Catalyst	Cycloadduct, Yield	Conditions ^[d]
15	18 X = NTs 5 mol % 1	19 76%	19 h, 60 °C, 0.03 M
16	20 X = C(CO ₂ Me) ₂ 10 mol % 1	21a, 21b 75% (a) 78% (b)	10 h, 70 °C, 0.03 M PhMe, 15 h, 110 °C, 0.01 M
17	5 mol % [RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃], AgOTf	78% (b)	PhMe, 15 h, 110 °C, 0.01 M
18	5 mol % [RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃], AgOTf	67%, 2.3:1 (a:b)	PhMe, 66 h, 85 °C, 0.01 M

[a] Unless otherwise indicated, each reaction was run in a tightly capped vial at the indicated temperature, catalyst load, and concentration in 1,2-dichloroethane. [b] Found 85% with BF₄⁻ anion. [c] TFE = 2,2,2-trifluoroethanol. [d] Catalyst added in four aliquots. [e] 1-g scale, found 96% with BF₄⁻ anion.

stereo- and regioselectivity of cycloadditions of 2-substituted-1-vinylcyclopropanesP. A. Wender et al. *Org. Lett.* 1999, 1, 2089.**Table 1.** *trans*-2-Substituted-1-vinylcyclopropanes


Entry	R	Catalyst ^a	Time	Product	Yield ^b	A : B : (X) ^c
1	CH ₂ OH (3)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	1.5 h	4	96%	1 : 0
2	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	0.5 h	4	86%	2.3 : 1
3	CH ₂ OAc (5)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	2 h	6	92%	1 : 0
4	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1.5 h	6	85%	2.5 : 1
5	CH ₂ OTBS (7)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	1 h	8	95%	1 : 0
6	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1 h	8	86%	3.5 : 1
7	CHO (9)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	16 h	—	decomp.	—
8	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	0.5 h	10	68%	0 : 1 : (1.4)
9 ^d	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	8 h	10	98%	0 : 1
10	CO ₂ H (11)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	2 h	12	69%	4 : 1 : (1)
11	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	2 h	12	73%	1 : 22
12	CO ₂ Me (13)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	1 h	14	81%	20 : 1
13	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1 h	14	93%	1 : 11

^aRh(PPh₃)₃OTf = Rh(PPh₃)₃Cl + AgOTf (1:1). ^bIsolated yields. ^cRatios determined by g.c. analysis, (X) refers to isomerized byproducts. ^dReaction at 55 °C

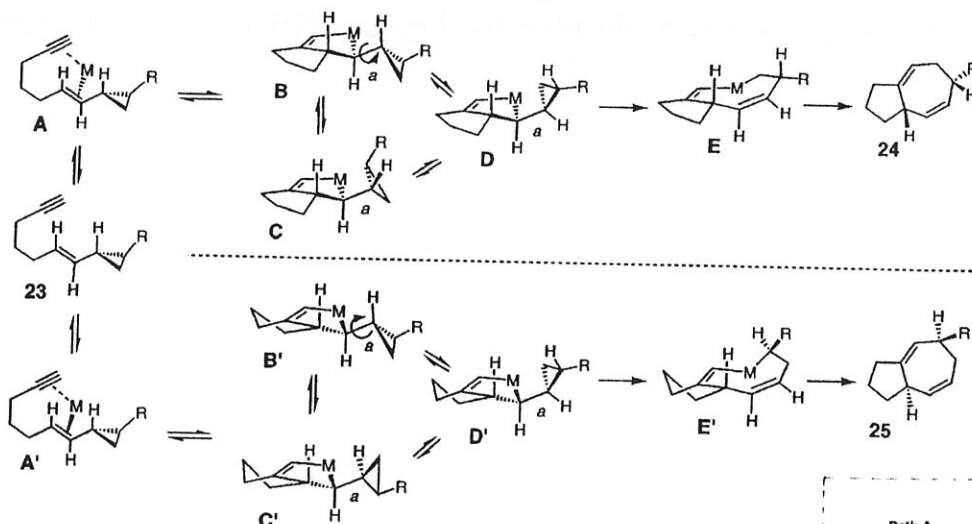
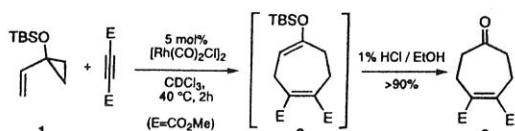
Table 2. *cis*-2-Substituted-1-vinylcyclopropanes


Entry	R	Catalyst ^a	Time	Product	Yield ^b	C : D ^c
1	CH ₂ OH (15)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	1 h	16	84%	3.5 : 1
2	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1 h	16	93%	9.0 : 1
3	CH ₂ OTBS (17)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	2 h	18	81%	1 : 0
4	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	1 h	18	96%	1 : 0
5	CHO (19)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	4 h	—	decomp.	—
6 ^d	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	15 h	20	92%	0 : 1
7	CO ₂ Me (21)	Rh(PPh ₃) ₃ OTf	2 h	22	95%	6.4 : 1
8	•	[Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	2 h	22	98%	1.5 : 1

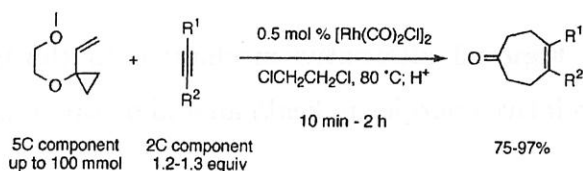
^aRh(PPh₃)₃OTf = Rh(PPh₃)₃Cl + AgOTf (1:1). ^bIsolated yields. ^cRatios determined by g.c. analysis. ^dReaction at 55 °C

Rh(PPh₃)₃OTf : path a
[Rh(CO)₂Cl]₂ : path b

Scheme 3

(b) intermolecular reaction (π -component : alkyne, allene)P. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1998, 120, 10976.

new and practical 5C component

P. A. Wender et al. *Org. Lett.* 2000, 2, 1609.

- no decomposition (temp : 40 to 80 °C)
- 6-fold increase in reaction rate using 10-fold decrease in catalyst loading
- reactive functionality are tolerated, it can be conducted on large scale

further studies for application of this new 5C component

(1) Serial [5+2]/[4+2] cycloadditions

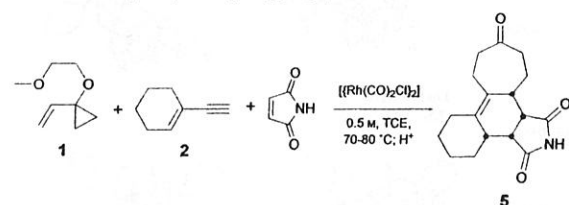
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(2) [5+2] cycloadditions of allene and vinylcyclopropane

P. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2005, 127, 6530.

Table 3. Scale-up study of the [5+2]/[4+2] cycloadditions.



Entry	Mol % Catalyst	t [h]	Scale	Yield [%] ^a
1	2 mol %	1 h	1 mmol	92
2	1 mol %	4 h	1 mmol	90
3	1 mol %	6 h	10 mmol	92
4	1 mol %	6 h	100 mmol	91

a) Yields of isolated products.

Scheme 1. For Details See Tables 1 and 2

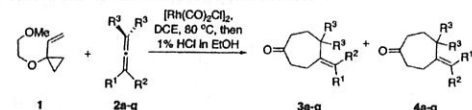


Table 1. Cycloadditions of VCP 1 with Various Alkynyl-Substituted Allenes

Entry	R ¹	R ²	R ³	T/h	Yield(%) ^a
1	≡-TMS	H	Me	1	95 (1:1.8)
2	≡-Ph	H	Me	1	83 (1:1.6)
3	≡-Ph	CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	Me	1	92 (1:2)
4	≡-Ph	C ₄ H ₉	Me	3	80 (2:3) ^b
5	≡-TMS	C ₄ H ₉	Me	1	80 (2:5)
6	≡-CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	C ₄ H ₉	Me	1	65 (1:1.2)
7	≡-CH ₂ OMe	H	Me	5	45 (1:1.3)
8	≡-CH ₂ NBn ₂	C ₄ H ₉	Me	1	22 (1:2.2)
9	≡-H	CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	Me	24	n. r. ^a
10	≡-H	C ₄ H ₉	Me	36	n. r. ^a
11	≡-Ph	H	H	36	n. r. ^a

^a n. r. = no reaction. ^b Diastereomers could not be separated by column chromatography. ^c Isolated yields.

Table 2. Cycloadditions of VCP 1 with Other Functionally Substituted Allenes 2

entry	R ¹	R ²	R ³ , R ^{3'}	t/h	yield (%) ^c
1		H	Me	1	69 (2:1) ^b
2	CO ₂ Et	Me	Me	36	n. r. ^a
3	CN	H	Me	1	99 (2:3)
4	CN	H	H	36	n. r. ^a
5	CN	H		1	99 (5:2)
6	CN	H	H/Me	1	52 (1:2) ^b

^a n. r. = no reaction. ^b Diastereomers could not be separated by column chromatography. ^c Isolated yields.

- additional coordinating group
- not react with alkynyl group

Mechanism of $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$ -catalysed intermolecular [5+2] cycloaddition

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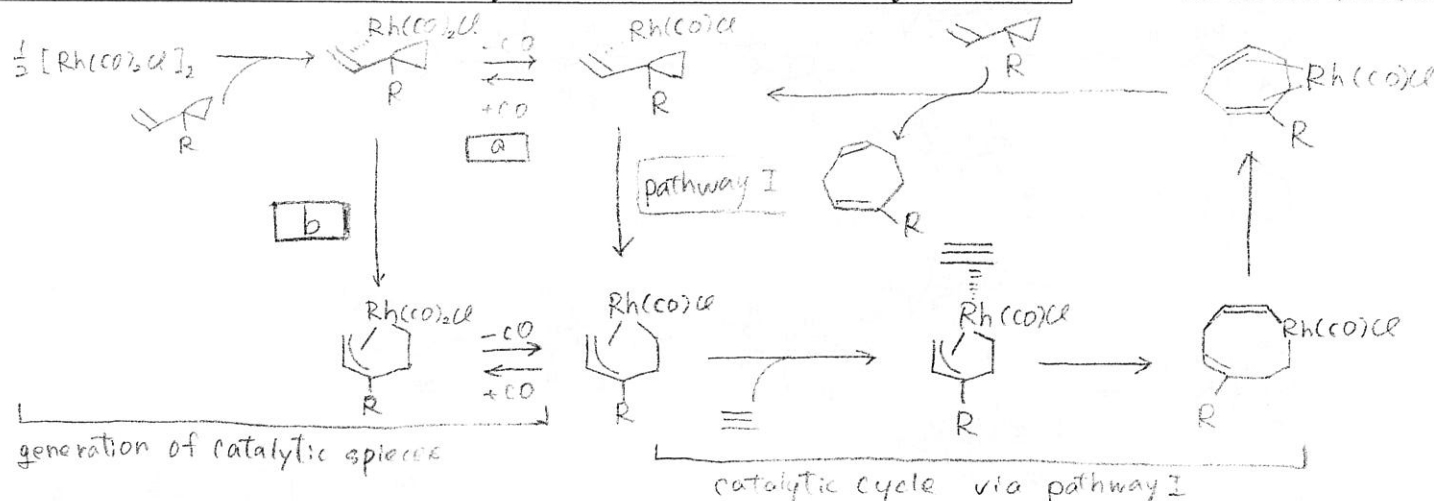
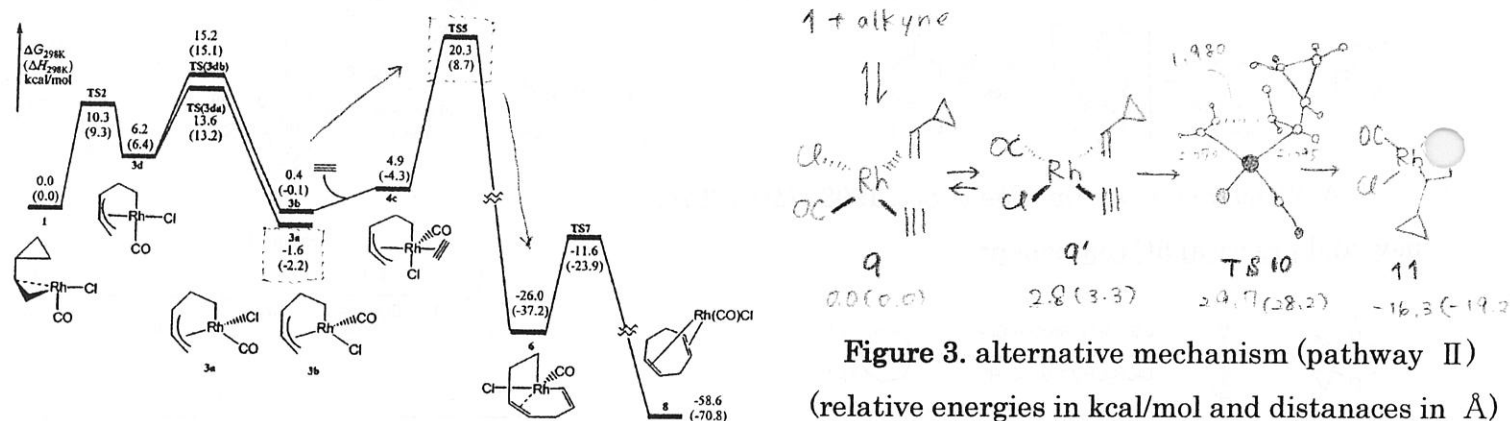


Figure 1. the mechanism of catalyzed intermolecular [5+2] reaction between alkynes and vinylcyclopropane

Figure 2. The energy surface of the catalytic cycle of (5+2) reaction.⁴

activation free energy of oxidative coupling step pathway I 21.9 kcal/mol pathway II 29.7 kcal/mol

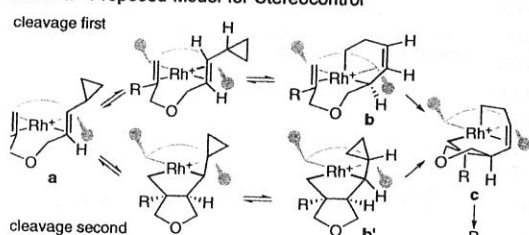
(c) recent development

(i) asymmetric catalysis of [5+2] cycloaddition of vinylcyclopropanes and π -systemsP. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2006, 128, 6302.Table 1. Screening of Ligands^d

entry	substrate, ligand (P-P)	temperature	conversion	ee
1	1, (S,S)-DIOP	rt	80%	28%
2	1, (R,R)-CARBOPHOS	70 °C	>99%	-51% ^a
3	1, (R,R)-Et ₂ DUPHOS	70 °C	>99%	-23% ^a
4	1, (S,S)-BDPP	70 °C	>99%	-44% ^a
5	1, (R)-BINAP ^b	rt	5%	69%
6	1, (R)-BINAP	50 °C	>99% (96%) ^c	60%
7	1, (R)-tol-BINAP ^b	rt	15%	66%

^a Opposite sense of induction. ^b 10 mol % excess ligand was used. ^c renthetical value is GC yield. ^d DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane. Conversion and ee were measured by GC.

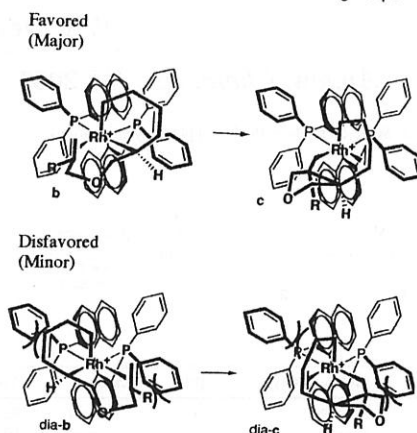
heme 1. Proposed Model for Stereocontrol

Table 2. Asymmetric [5+2] Cycloaddition Reactions^a

entry	substrate	cycloadduct	conditions	yield, ee
1	7 R = Me	8 R = Me	70 °C, 2 d, 0.05 M	72%, >95% ^a
2	9 R = CH ₂ OBN	10 R = CH ₂ OBN	70 °C, 2 d, 0.01 M	80%, >99% ^b
3	11 R = H	12 R = H	50 °C, 1.5 d, 0.03 M	73%, 52% ^c
4	13	14	40-60 °C, 8 d, 0.01 M	90%, 96% ^c
5	15	16	70 °C, 6 d, 0.01 M	92%, 95% ^c
6	17	18 X = TsN	rt, 2 d, 0.01 M	87%, 56% ^b
7	19	20 X = O	70 °C, 2 d, 0.01 M	95%, 22% ^a

^a Determined by GC. ^b Determined by HPLC, i-PrOH/hexane eluent, CHIRALPAK AD column. ^c Determined by GC following treatment with *m*-CPBA. ^d Conversion determined by GC; 10 mol % excess BINAP was used. ^e Conditions: 10 mol % $[\text{Rh}((R)\text{-BINAP})]^+ \text{SbF}_6^-$. E = CO₂Me.

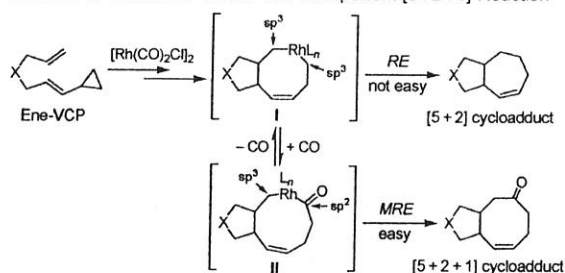
Scheme 2. Stereochemistry-Determining Steps



(ii) computationally designed two component [5+2+1] cycloaddition of ene-vinylcyclopropane and CO

P. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2007, 129, 10060.

Scheme 1. Rationale for the Two-Component [5+2+1] Reaction



computed energy (X = CH₂)

RE (reductive elimination) : 25 ~ 30 kcal/mol

CO insertion step : 13 ~ 14 kcal/mol

MRE (migratory RE) : 23 ~ 24 kcal/mol

Table 1. Optimization Studies of the [5+2+1] Cycloadditions

entry	CO [atm]	catalyst [mol %]	T [°C]	solvent	concn [M]	t [h]	yield [%]
1	0	10% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	110	toluene	0.05	24	10 ^a
2	1	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.05	5	44 ^b
3	4	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.05	24	8
4	0.2 ^c	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.05	5	70 ^d
5	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	60	dioxane	0.05	48	17
6	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	90	dioxane	0.05	5	70
7	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	100	dioxane	0.05	5	61
8	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	DCE	0.05	5	62 ^e
9	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	toluene	0.05	12	14
10	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.01	5	68
11	0.2	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.20	5	34
12	0.2	10% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	80	dioxane	0.05	5	72
13	1	10% RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃	80	dioxane	0.05	17	N.R.
14	1	10% RhCl(PPh ₃) ₃ + 10% AgOTf	80	dioxane	0.05	18	23 ^f
15	1	5% [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂ + 10% AgOTf	80	dioxane	0.05	13	7

^a Accompanied with a [5+2] cycloadduct **3** (59%); see Supporting Information for details. ^b Cis/trans = 5:1. ^c Conditions: 0.2 atm CO + 0.8 atm N₂. ^d Cis/trans > 20:1. ^e Cis/trans = 4:1. ^f Cis/trans = 1:1.

Table 2. Rh(I)-Catalyzed [5+2+1] Cycloaddition Reactions of Ene-vinylcyclopropane Substrates and CO^a

^a E = CO₂Me. Isolated yields were reported unless otherwise indicated. ^b GC yield. Isolated yield is 44% owing to the volatility of the product. ^c Confirmed by X-ray analysis. ^d A [5+2] product was obtained in 11% yield. ^e Combined yield of diastereomers (trans/cis = 5:1).

(iii) origins of differences in reactivities of alkenes, alkynes, and allenes

P. A. Wender et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2008, 130, 2378.

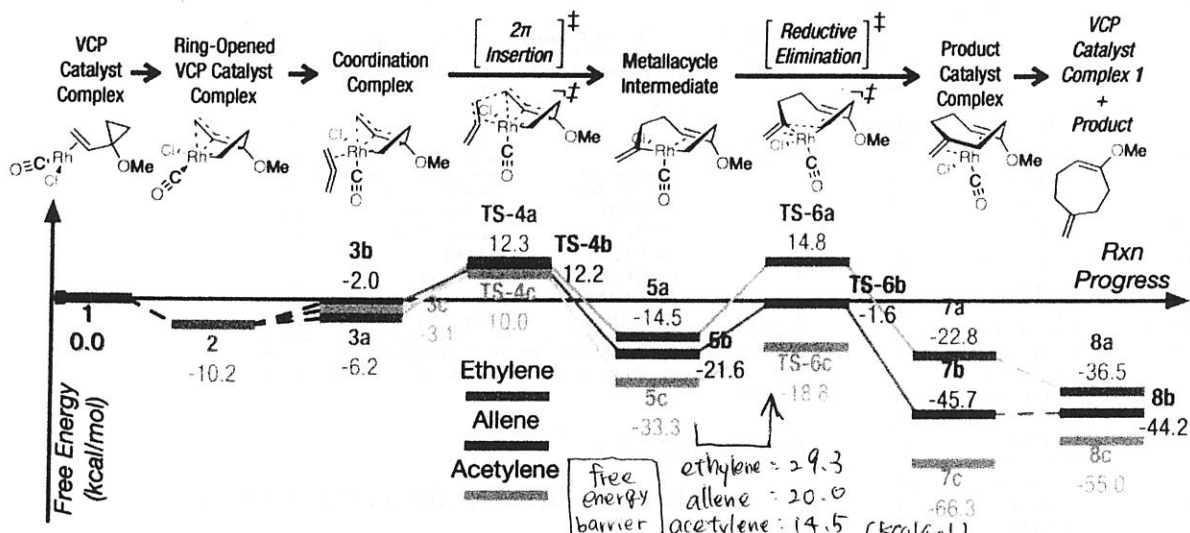


Figure 2. Free energy reaction progress profile for the Rh-dimer-catalyzed intermolecular (5+2) cycloadditions involving acetylene, ethylene, and allene.

• allene and acetylene

RE step was assisted by developing ligand π -Rh coordination.

• ethylene

RE step is unassisted because of the lack of π -system.

• highest energy transition state
allene, acetylene : 2π -insertion
ethylene : reductive elimination

• exergonic at 5 \rightarrow 7

ethylene : 8.3
allene : 24.1
acetylene : 33.0
(kcal/mol)

2-1 Ru catalysed [5+2] cycloaddition

scope and limitation

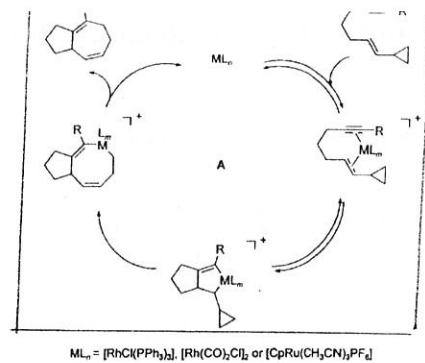
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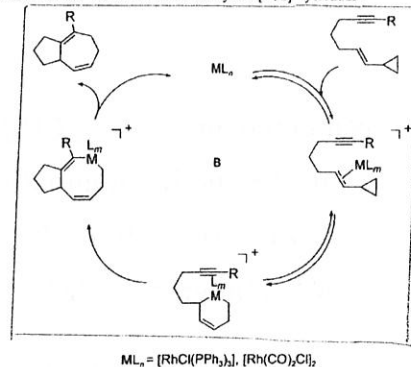
Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield [%]
13			82 (3.7:1)
15			82 (6.2:1)

Table 1. (Continued)

Entry	Substrate	Product	Yield [%]
16			78 (1:14)
18 ^[b]			67



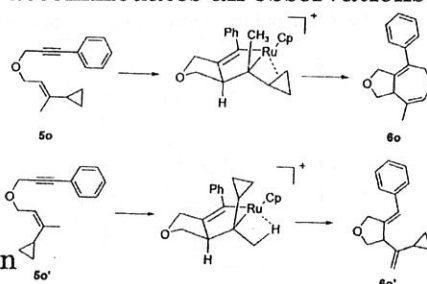
Scheme 2. Mechanism A for transition metal-catalyzed [5+2] cycloadditions.



Scheme 3. Mechanism B for transition metal-catalyzed [5+2] cycloadditions.

this Ru-catalysed reaction most likely proceeds according to mechanism A

- Alder-ene reaction : ruthenacyclopentene accommodates all observations
- observed in entry 13, 15, 16
- β -hydride elimination
- Z-olefine favors β -hydride elimination
- remained cyclopropane moiety
- difference in tether length \rightarrow no reaction (5w ~ 5z)



Scheme 4. Proposed ruthenacyclopentenones derived from *trans*- and *cis*-olefins 5o and 5o'.

stereo- and regioselectivity of cycloadditions of 2-substituted-1-vinylcyclopropanes

Table 3. Regioselectivity of the cycloaddition of *trans* substrates.

Entry ^[a]	R	15a:16 ^[b]	Yield [%]
1	CO ₂ CH ₃ (14a)	15a:16a 1:2	90
2 ^[c]	CO ₂ CH ₃ (14a)	15a:16a 1:2.5	88
3 ^[d]	CO ₂ CH ₃ (14a)	15a:16a 1:2.3	80
4 ^[e]	CO ₂ CH ₃ (14a)	15a:16a 1:2	78
5	COCH ₃ (14b)	15b:16b 2:1	83
6 ^[d]	COCH ₃ (14b)	15b:16b 1:1.2	88
7	COOH (14c)	15c:16c 1:3	78
8 ^[f]	COOH (14c)	NA	0
9	(E)-CH=CH-CHO (14d)	15d:16d 1:1.6	82
10	(E)-CH=CH-CO ₂ Et (14e)	15e:16e 1:2.5	87
11	C≡CH (14f)	15f:16f 1:2.5	85
12	CH ₂ OTBS (14g)	15g:16g 1.5:1	90
13	CH ₂ OTIPS (14h)	15h:16h 3:1	81
14 ^[c]	CH ₂ OTIPS (14h)	15h:16h 2:1	88
15	CH ₂ O-4-Br-Bz (14i)	15i:16i 1.6:1	71
16	CN (14j)	15j:16j 1:1.9	87
17	SO ₂ Ph (14k)	15k:16k 1:1	80
18	CHO (14l)	15l:16l 1:1.5	78

[a] All reactions performed with 10% catalyst by using 0.1–0.2M substrate in acetone unless otherwise noted. [b] Ratio determined by proton NMR. [c] Reaction performed in DMF. [d] Reaction performed in the presence of 10–15% In(OTf)₃. [e] Reaction performed in the presence of 10% HMPA. [f] Reaction performed in the presence of 10% Bu₄NOH.

comparison to Rh catalyst

- aldehyde substrate
- Rh : not same product
- Ru : same product

- siloxy substrate
- Rh : exclusively 15 ((PPh₃)₃RhCl)
- Ru : equimolar mixture of 15,16

- ester substrate
- Rh : effect regioselectivity
- Ru : not effect regioselectivity

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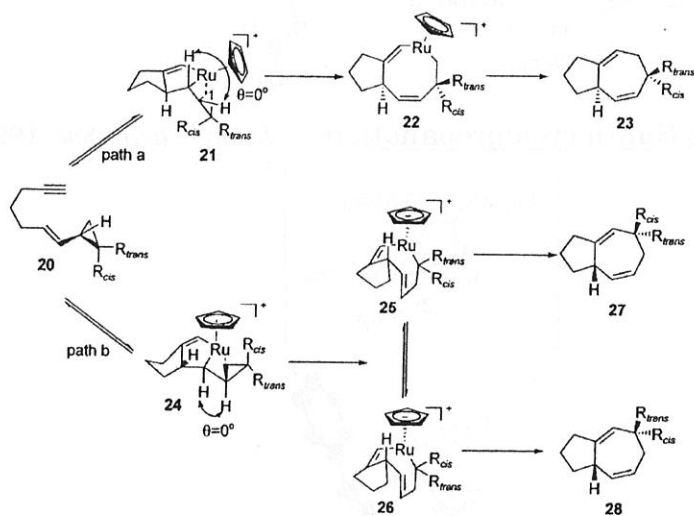
Table 4. Regioselectivity of cycloaddition of *cis* substrates.

Entry ^[a]	R	18:19 ^[b]	Yield [%]
1	CO ₂ CH ₃ (17a)	18a:19a > 20:1	87
2	CN (17b)	18b:19b > 20:1	81
3	CH ₂ OTIPS (17c)	18c:19c > 20:1	85
4	CH ₃ (17d)	18d:19d > 20:1	87
5	COCH ₃ (17e)	18e:19e 2:1	93
6	C≡CH (17f)	NA	NR
7	CHO (17g)	18i:19i ^[c] 1:12	82

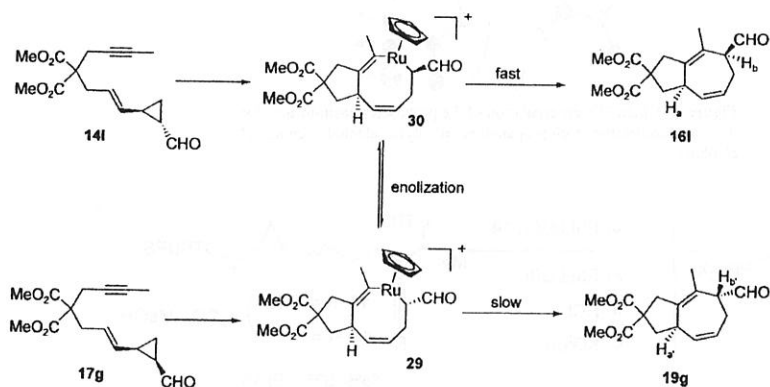
[a] All reactions were performed with 10% catalyst using 0.1–0.2M substrate in acetone. [b] Ratio determined by proton NMR. [c] See Scheme 9.

notable aspects

- aldehyde : different from all the others
- in *trans* : bond energy appears to be important
- in *cis* : steric effects dominates

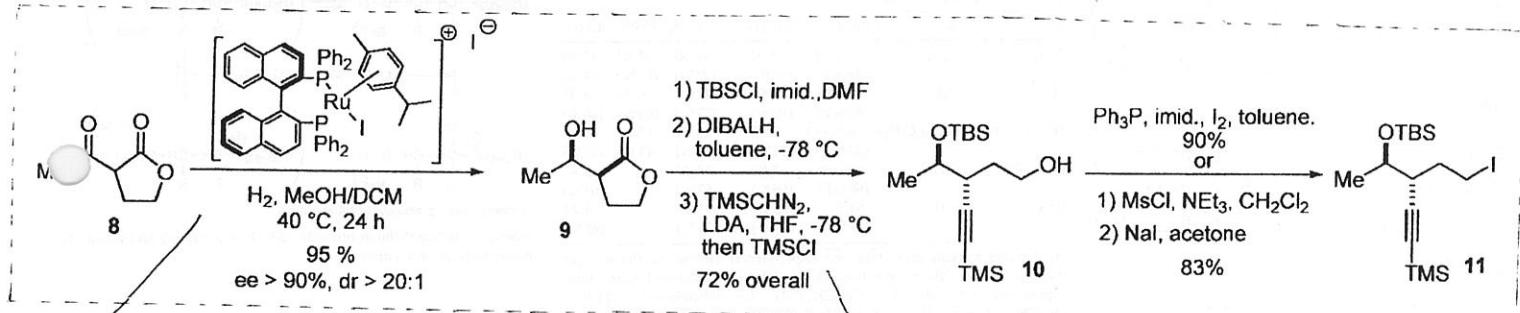


Scheme 8. Proposed mechanistic rationale for the regio- and diastereoselectivity of cyclopropane ring opening for disubstituted cyclopropanes.

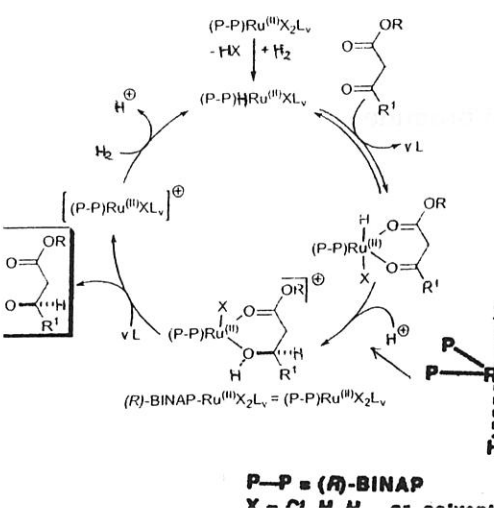
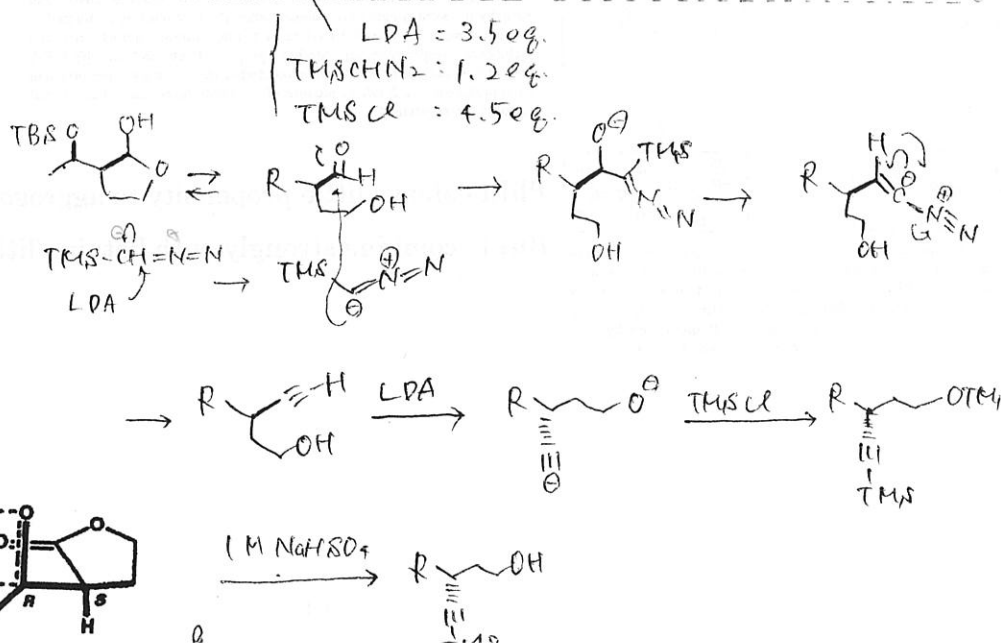


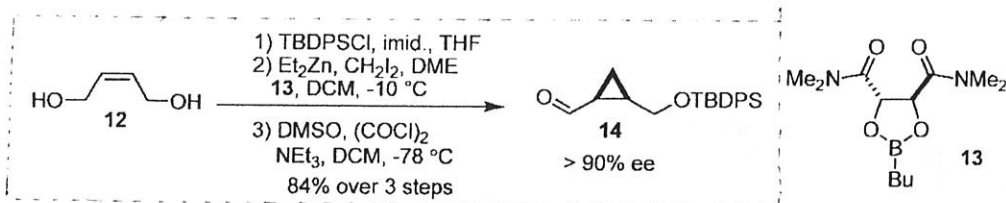
Scheme 10. Proposed mechanism to account for selective formation of 16l.

3. Total synthesis of Pseudolaric Acid B



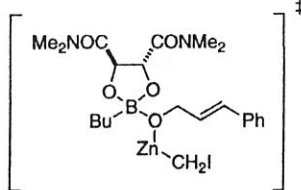
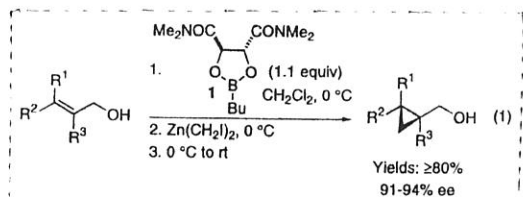
Dynamic kinetic resolution
Tetrahedron asymmetry, 1990, 1, 1





Charette modification of the Simmons-Smith cyclopropanation

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1998, 120, 11943.



Scheme 1

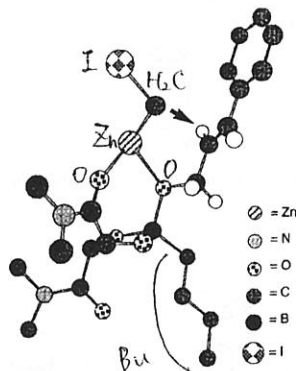
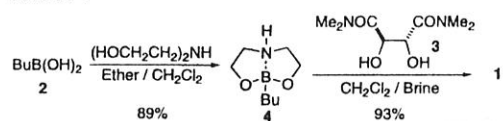
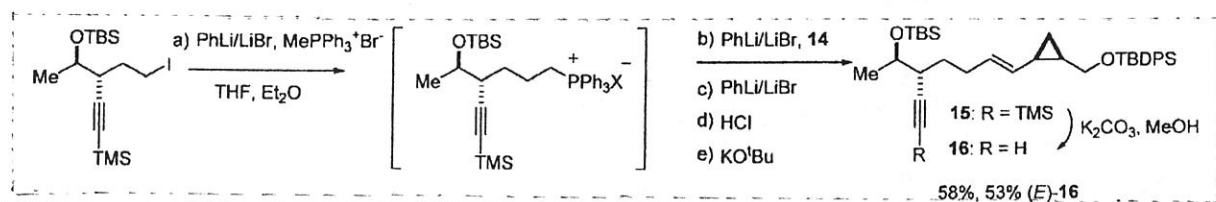


Figure 1. Chem 3D representation of the proposed transition state for the enantioselective cyclopropanation of allylic alcohols (cinnamyl alcohol).



Schlosser modification of the Wittig olefination

Chem. Eur. J. 2003, 9, 570.

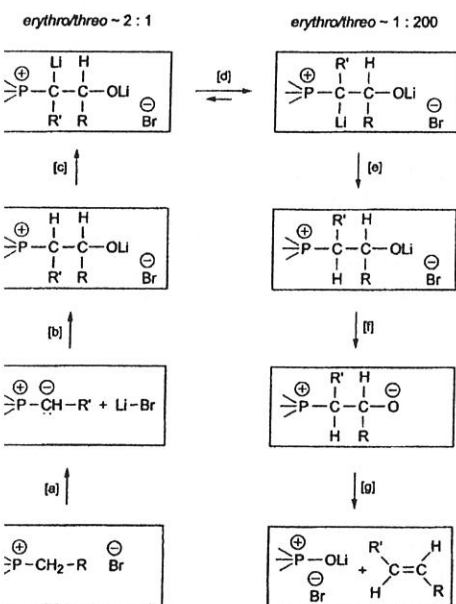
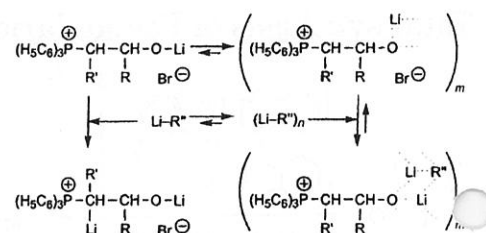


Table 1. *trans*-Selective Wittig reactions involving betaine-ylides prepared from ylides (H₅C₆)₃P⁺CH⁻R⁻ and aldehydes R-CH=O: *Z/E* ratios and, in parentheses, yields of olefins^[a]

R	R'	LiC ₆ H ₅	LiCH ₃	LiC ₄ H ₉	LIS ^[b]	LIT ^[c]
H ₁₁ C ₆	C ₆ H ₅	< 0.5:99.5 (88%) ^[d]	3:97 (87%)	50:50 (92%)	33:67 (86%)	17:83 (84%)
H ₅ C ₆	C ₃ H ₇	< 0.5:99.5 (88%) ^[d]	1.5:98.5 (92%)	12:88 (77%)	6:94 (63%)	23:77 (60%)
H ₂ C=C-CH ₃ ^[e]	(CH ₂) ₂ C ₆ H ₅	< 0.5:99.5 (58%) ^[d]	2:98 (59%)	16:84 (57%)	12:88 (45%)	36:64 (42%)
(H ₃ C) ₂ CH	C ₅ H ₁₁	< 0.5:99.5 (66%) ^[d]	2:98 (59%)	16:84 (57%)	-	13:87 (62%)
(H ₃ C) ₃ C	C ₅ H ₁₁	94:6 (59%)	98:2 (63%)	97:3 (56%)	-	76:24 (42%)

[a] Standard working procedure: see Experimental Section. At the decisive stage of betaine ylide formation, the tetrahydrofuran/diethyl ether ratio approached 1:1. [b] LIS = LiCH(CH₃)C₆H₅ (*sec*-butyllithium). [c] LIT = LiC(CH₃)₃ (*tert*-butyllithium). [d] The same limit of stereoselectivity and virtually the same yields were attained when the reaction was performed in an approximate 7:1:2 (*v/v/v*) mixture of tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, and cyclohexane, respectively. [e] 2-Methyl-2-propenal (methacrolein). [f] A *Z/E* ratio of 3:97 and a yield of 65% were found when the reaction was performed in an approximate 7:1:2 (*v/v/v*) mixture of tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, and cyclohexane, respectively.



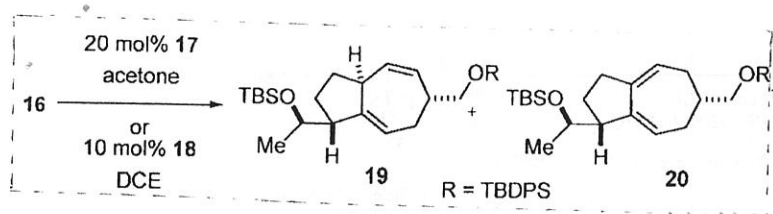
betaine-ylide: precursor to *trans* olefins

Scheme 4. Betaine/lithium bromide adducts sequestering alkyllithium by heteroaggregate formation.

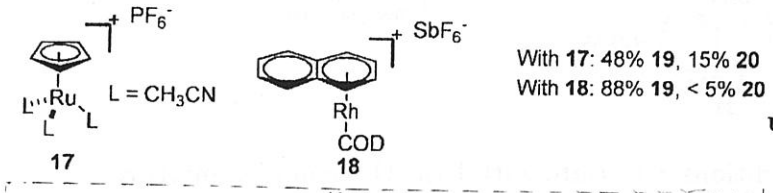
PhLi : shows little propensity to aggregate

BuLi : combine strongly with betaine/lithium bromide

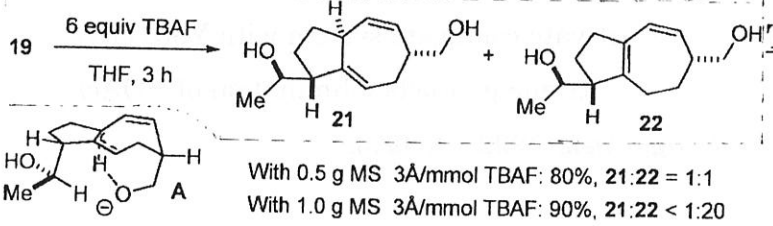
me 2. The multistep, if one-pot protocol for *trans*-selective olefination. a) Lithium bromide containing phenyllithium (or any other nollithium) in THF and diethyl ether. b) Aldehyde R-CH=O. c) Lithium bromide containing phenyllithium in diethyl ether. d) Either 1 min at -75 °C. e) Hydrogen chloride (1.0 equiv) in diethyl ether 75 °C. f) Potassium *tert*-butoxide. g) Some 15 min at -25 °C.



- [5+2] cycloaddition**
- cannot identify additive for modulating selectivity
 - weak ligands : no effect
 - stronger ligands : low turnover numbers

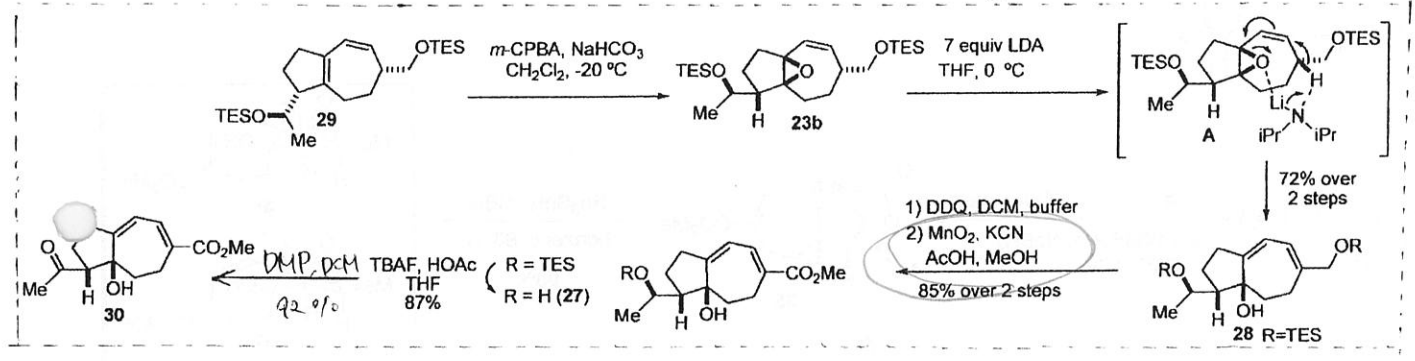
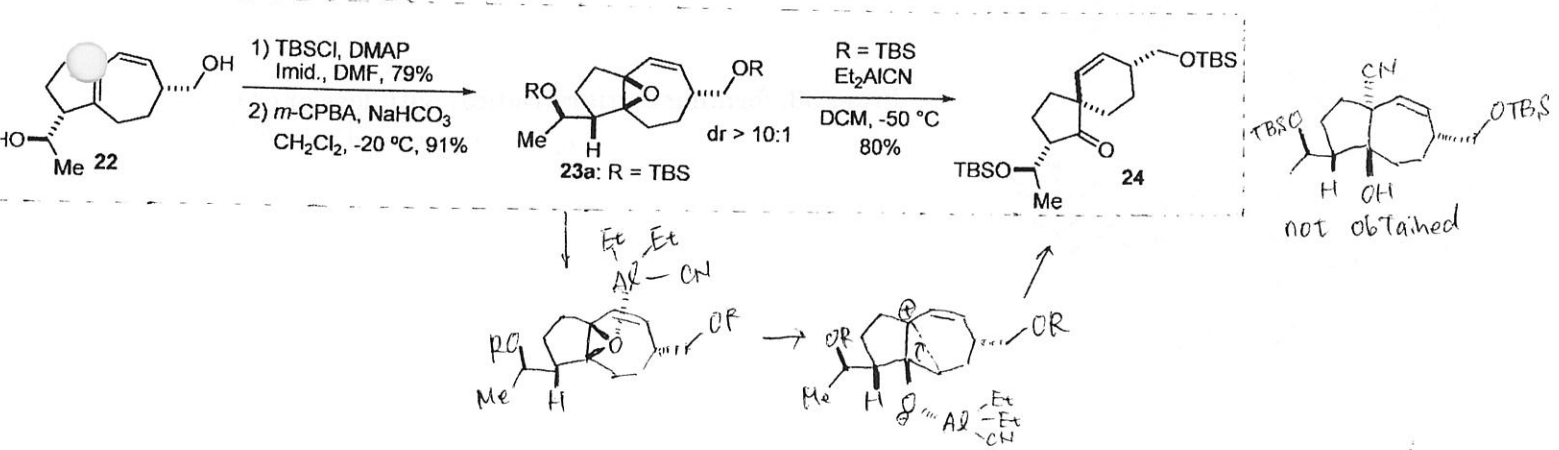


20 comes from C-H activation of Ru using Rh catalyst, 19 was obtained exclusively

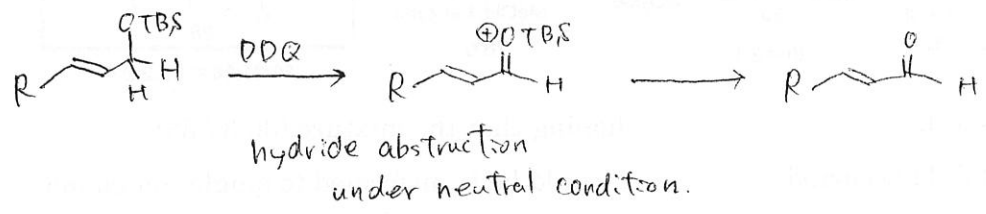


- TBAF mediated isomerization**
- acidic / basic condition : unsuccessful (no reaction or decomposition)
 - activate diene system with Pd : no reaction

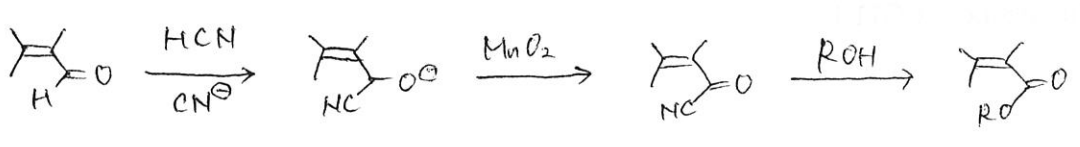
in attempting deprotection of silylether group, isomerization occurred

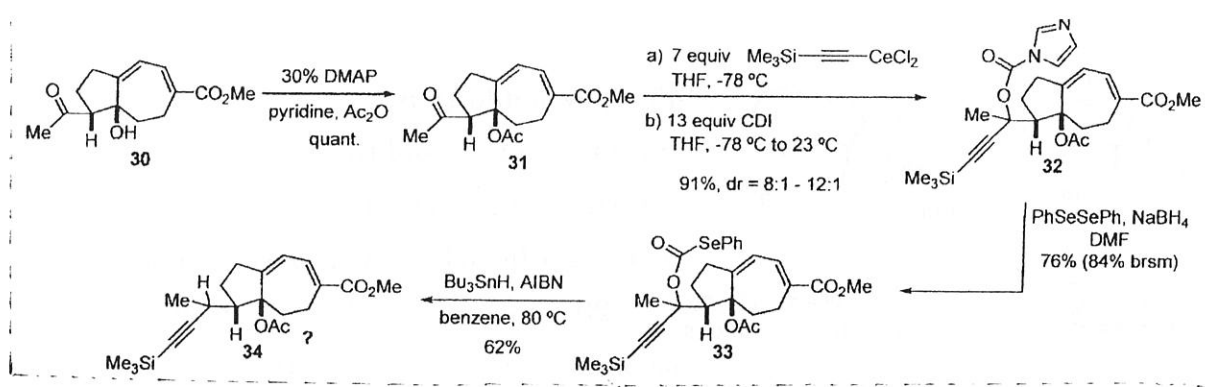


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Oxidation of α, β -unsaturated aldehyde to ester *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1968, 90, 5616.





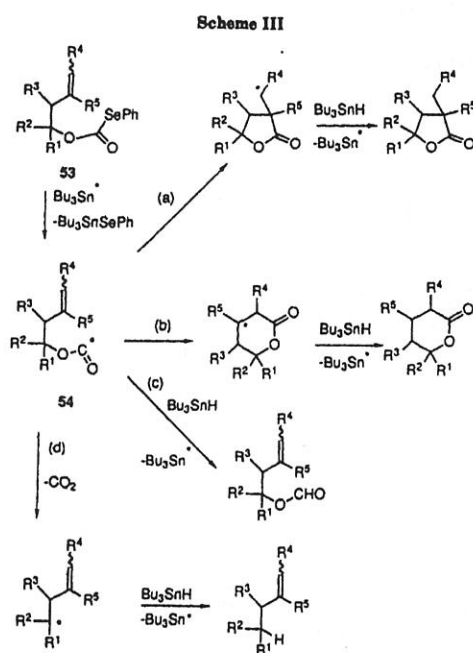
other conditions • initiate with BEt_3/O_2 : complex mixture

• activate conjugate system with $\text{Yb}(\text{OTf})_3$:

triene products (elimination of HOAc)

radical lactonization by *Se*-phenyl selenocarbonate

J. Org. Chem. 1992, 57, 4696.

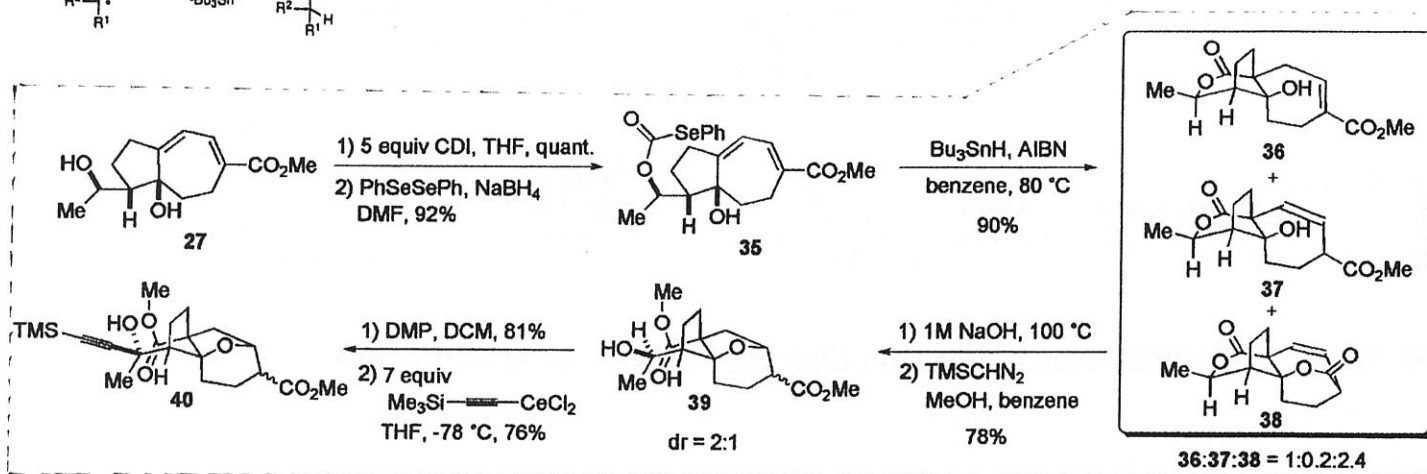


high regioselectivity favoring *exo* addition

(path (a) in scheme III)

From 33, forming tertiary radical with loss of CO

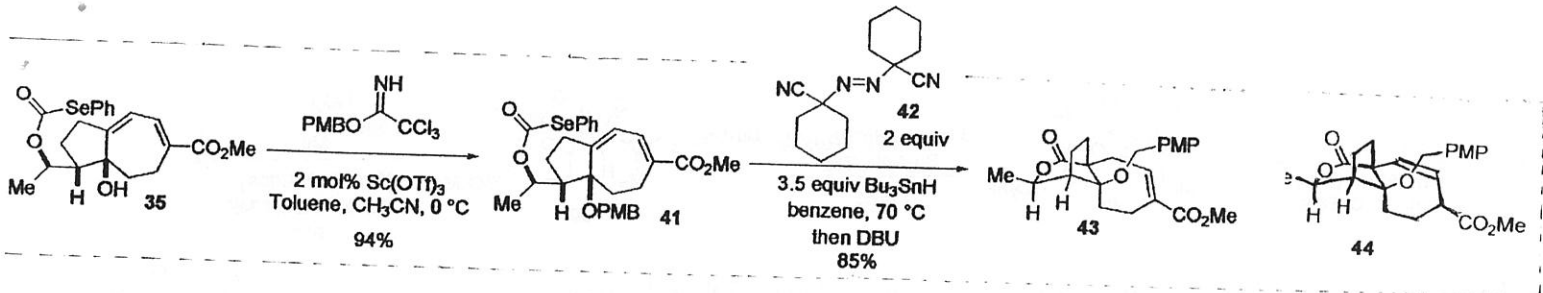
(path (d) in scheme III)



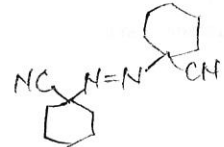
- opening of oxo bridge was unsuccessful.
- lactonization using Otera's catalyst didn't occur.
- (because the formation of oxo bridge pulls away the ester at C10 and the alcohol at C11.)

hoping that the mixture (36,37,38)

could be transformed to single compound



entry	conditions	products
1	2.2 equiv Bu ₃ SnH, 0.6 equiv AIBN, benzene, 80 °C	<20% conversion
2	3 equiv Bu ₃ SnH, 1.2 equiv AIBN, benzene, 80 °C	5–15% 43, 30–50% 44, several impurities
3	3 equiv Bu ₃ SnH, 1.2 equiv AIBN, benzene, 80 °C, then DBU	56% 43, several impurities
4	1.4 equiv Bu ₃ SnH, 0.2 equiv 42, toluene, 110 °C	5–15% 43, 30–50% 44, 20–30% impurity
5	3.5 equiv Bu ₃ SnH, 2.0 equiv 42, benzene, 70 °C, then DBU	85% 43, 92% purity



42 : thermally more stable and cleaner continuous generation of radicals

TABLE IV
RATES OF DECOMPOSITION OF AZO NITRILES IN TOLUENE AT 80.2 °C

R-group	Concn. range, moles/liter	k (sec. ⁻¹ × 10 ⁴) range	No. of runs	Average deviation
CH ₃ ^a	0.137–0.0463	1.72–1.60	3	0.06
C ₂ H ₅	.0274–.0154	0.94–0.80	4	.06
n-C ₃ H ₇	.0181–.0143	1.74–1.65	2	.05
iso-C	.0183–.0135	1.03–1.02	2	.01
n-C ₄ H ₉	.0142	1.58	1	..
iso-C ₄ H ₉	.0193–.0163	7.1	2	.00
C ₆ H ₁₁ ^b	.0165	0.083	1	..

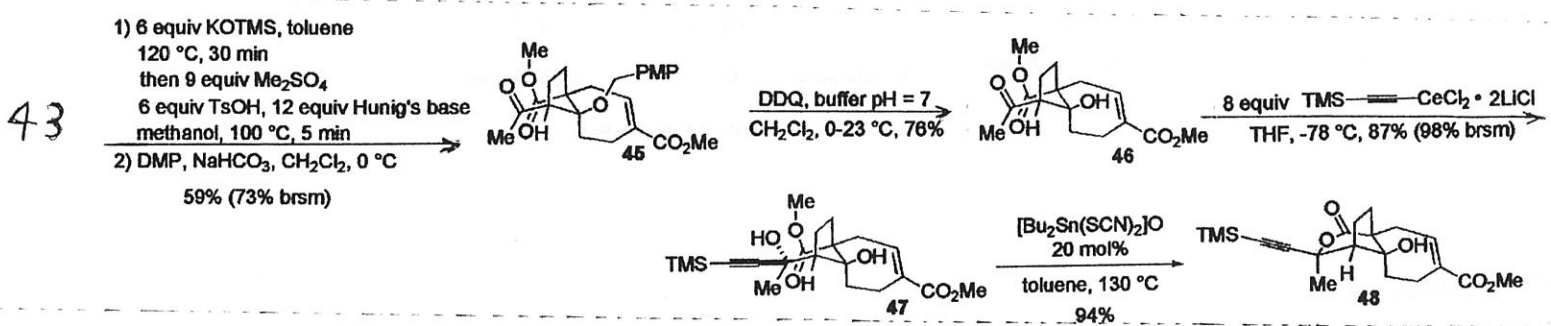
^a Not flushed with nitrogen. ^b Cyclohexanone.

Decomposition rates of cyclo-R(CN)C=N=N-C(CN)P-cyclo

cyclo-R	k (sec. ⁻¹ × 10 ⁴) at 80.0 °C, in toluene
butyl	0.00173
pentyl	0.726
hexyl	0.063
heptyl	12.92
octyl	83.5
decyl	18.42

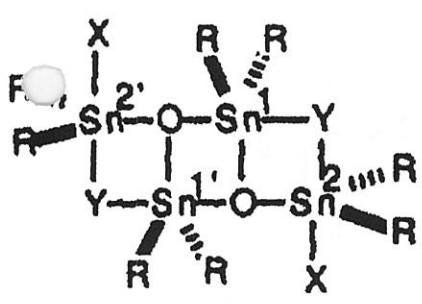
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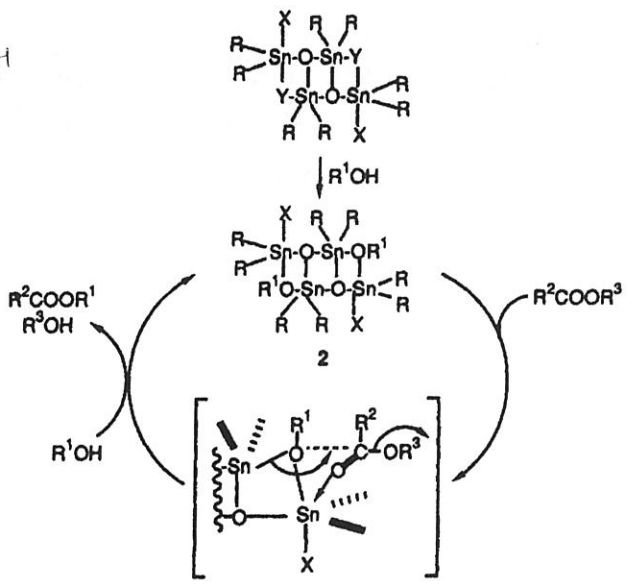
highly efficient transesterification using distannoxane catalyst

J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 5307.



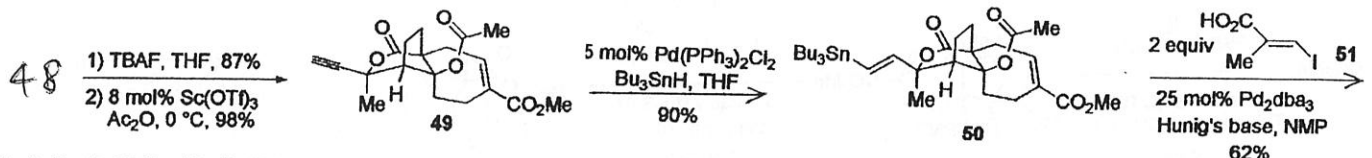
- 1a: R=Bu, X=Y=-NCS
- 1b: R=Bu, X=-NCR, Y=OH
- 1c: R=Bu, X=Y=Cl
- 1d: R=Bu, X=Cl, Y=OH
- 1e: R=Me, X=Y=-NCS

Scheme I

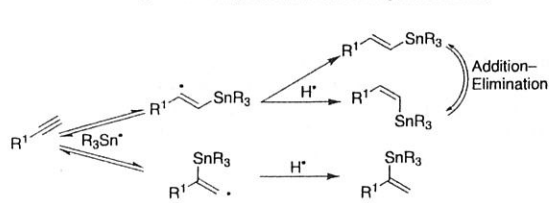


feature of Otera's catalyst

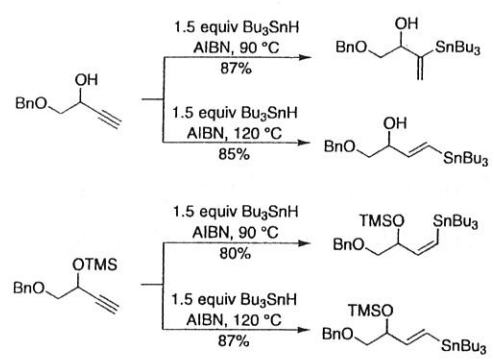
- 2 kind of pentacoordinate tin atom
- high solubility in organic solvent
- various functional groups are unaffected



Pd(0)-catalysed hydrostannylation



Scheme 30 Mechanism of radical alkyne hydrostannylation.

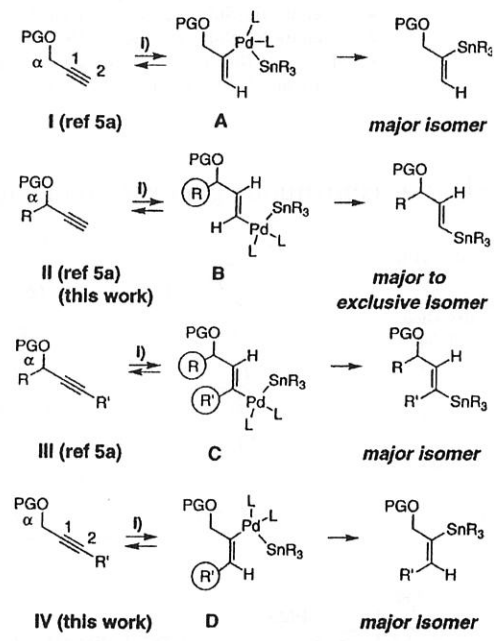


Scheme 31 Altering selectivities for propargylic alcohols and others.

J. Org. Chem. 1997, 62, 7768.

Synthesis, 2005, 6, 853.

Scheme 5



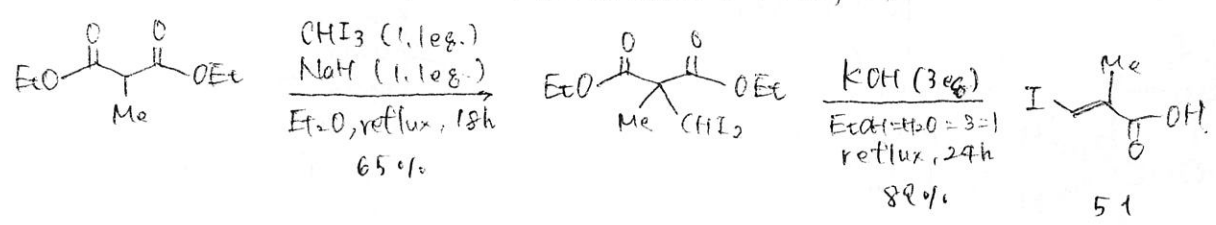
I) Method B: Bu₃SnH/Pd(0)

Stille coupling

• Pd(CH₃CN)Cl₂, Pd(PhCN)₂Cl₂ : low yield (< 30 %) → Pd₂(dba)₃

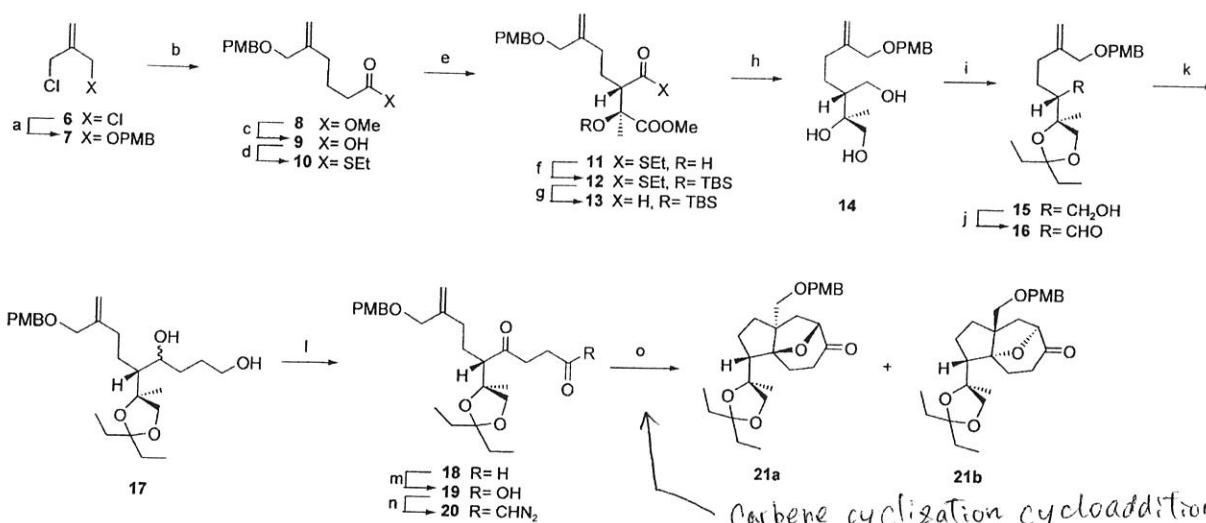
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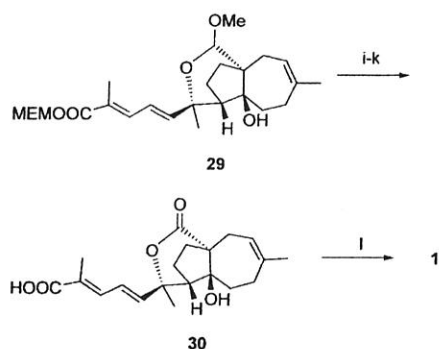
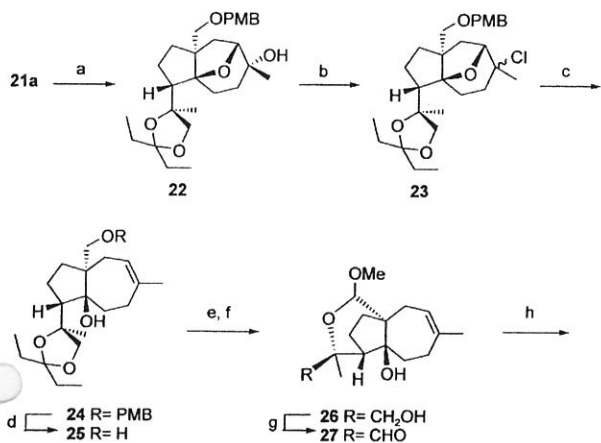


4. Appendix (total synthesis of Pseudolaric Acid A)

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Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: a) NaH, PMBOH, THF, reflux, 61%; b) $\text{ICH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$, Zn(Cu), CuCN, DMA, THF, 60°C, 12 h, 91%; c) 20% NaOH, MeOH, RT, 4 h, 96%; d) EtSH, DCC, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , 3 h, 97%; e) 1. LDA, TESCl, THF, -78°C-RT; 2. $[\text{Cu}\{(\text{S},\text{S})\text{-}i\text{Bu-box}\}][\text{OTf}]_2$, methyl pyruvate, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C, 76%, 88% ee; f) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 97%; g) Et_3SiH , Pd/C, CH_2Cl_2 , 81%; h) 1. LAH, THF, 0°C, 4 h; 2. TBAF, THF, RT, 2 h; i) 3,3-dimethoxypentane, PTSA, RT, 1 h, 66% from 12; j) Dess–Martin periodinane, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 88%; k) $\text{CIMgO}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{MgCl}$, THF, 0°C, 90%; l) Swern oxidation, 90%; m) NaClO_2 , NaH_2PO_4 , $t\text{BuOH}$, 2-methyl-2-butene, RT, 96%; n) 1. $i\text{BuOCOCl}$, Et_3N , THF/ Et_2O , -20°C, 0.5 h; 2. CH_2N_2 , Et_2O , 0°C-RT, 3 h, 71%; o) 3% $[\text{Rh}_2\{(\text{S})\text{-bptv}\}]_4$, PhCF_3 , -40°C, 82% yield (50% **21a**, 32% **21b**). PMB = *p*-methoxybenzyl, DMA = *N,N*-dimethylacetamide, DCC = *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine, LDA = lithium diisopropylamide, TES = triethylsilyl, box = bis(oxazoline), Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonyl, TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl, LAH = lithium aluminum hydride, TBAF = tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride, PTSA = *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, bptv = α -(*tert*-butyl)-1,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-2H-benz[*f*]isoindole-2-acetato.



Scheme 4. Reagents and conditions: a) MeMgCl , THF, 0°C, 96%; b) SOCl_2 , DMPU, 0°C-RT; c) Na, Et_2O , reflux, 78% over 2 steps from **22**; d) DDQ, $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, RT, 86%; e) Dess–Martin periodinane, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 91%; f) MeOH, CSA, RT, 95%; g) Dess–Martin periodinane, CH_2Cl_2 , RT, 93%; h) $(E)\text{-}(\text{EtO})_2\text{POCH}_2\text{CH}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CO}_2\text{MEM}$ **28**, $n\text{BuLi}$, THF, 83%; i) 60% AcOH, 60°C, 1 h; j) Dess–Martin periodinane, CH_2Cl_2 ; k) 3 N HCl/THF, RT, 66% over 3 steps from **29**; l) AcCl, DMAP, 80%. DMPU = 1,3-dimethylhexahydro-2-pyrimidinone, DDQ = 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone, CSA = camphorsulfonic acid, MEM = 2-(methoxyethoxy)methyl.

