

Topic: Total synthesis by Zhen Yang

0. Introduction

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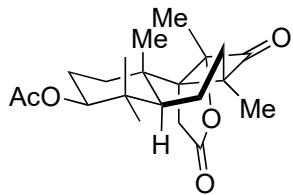
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Research Topic:

1. New Synthetic Methodology
2. Total Synthesis
3. Chemical Genetics

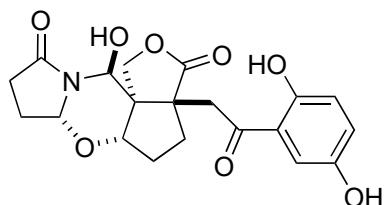
Total Synthesis:

2021: (+)-Cyclobutastellettolide B (**Problem 1**), (\pm)-Cephanolide B, (-)-Spirochensilide A (210731_PS_Lin_Yuanqi),
 2020: (+)-Haperforin G, (+)-Waihoensene, (-)-Guignardones A and B, (\pm)-Norascyronones A and B,
 Pre-scchisanartanin C
 2019: (-)-pavidolide B, hybocarpone
 2018: insulicolide A, lancifodilactone G acetate, (\pm)-5-epi-cyanthiwigin, (\pm)-sinensilactam A (**Problem 2**),
 (-)-pavidolide B

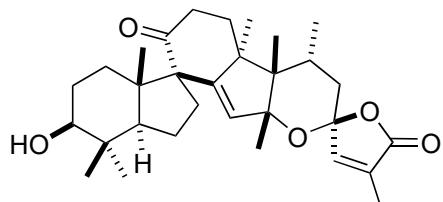


cyclobutastellettolide B
(Problem 1)

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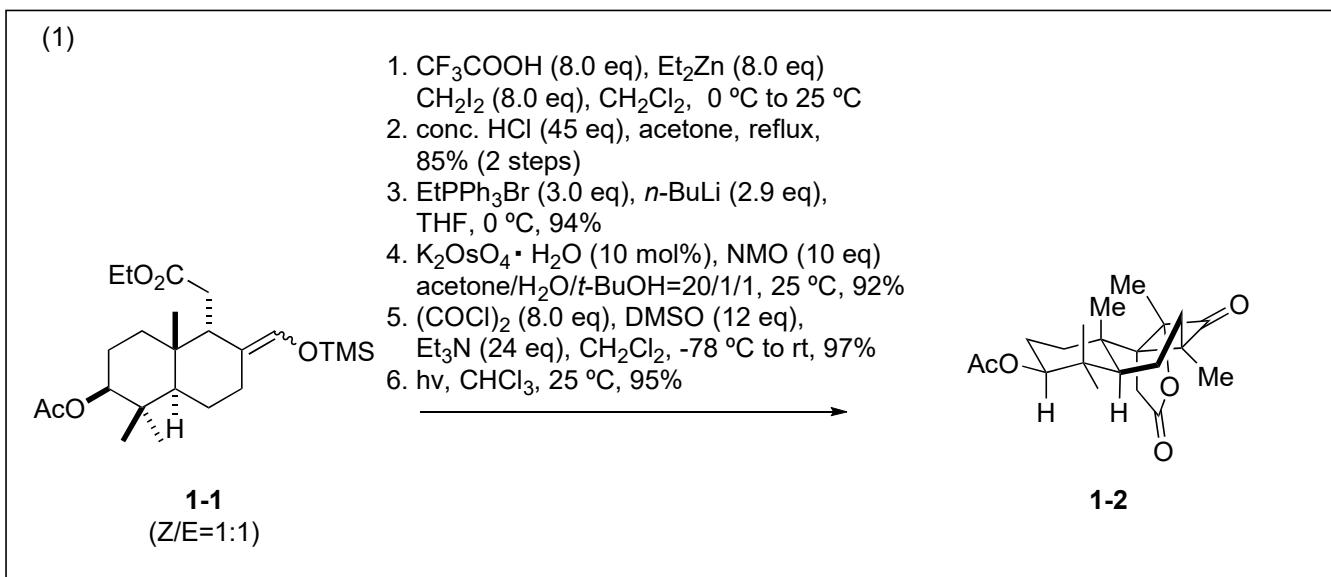


sinensilactam A
(Problem 2)
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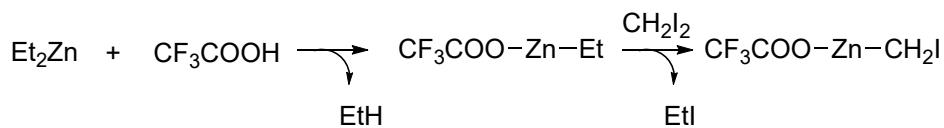


spirochensilide A
 (210731_PS_Lin_Yuanqi)
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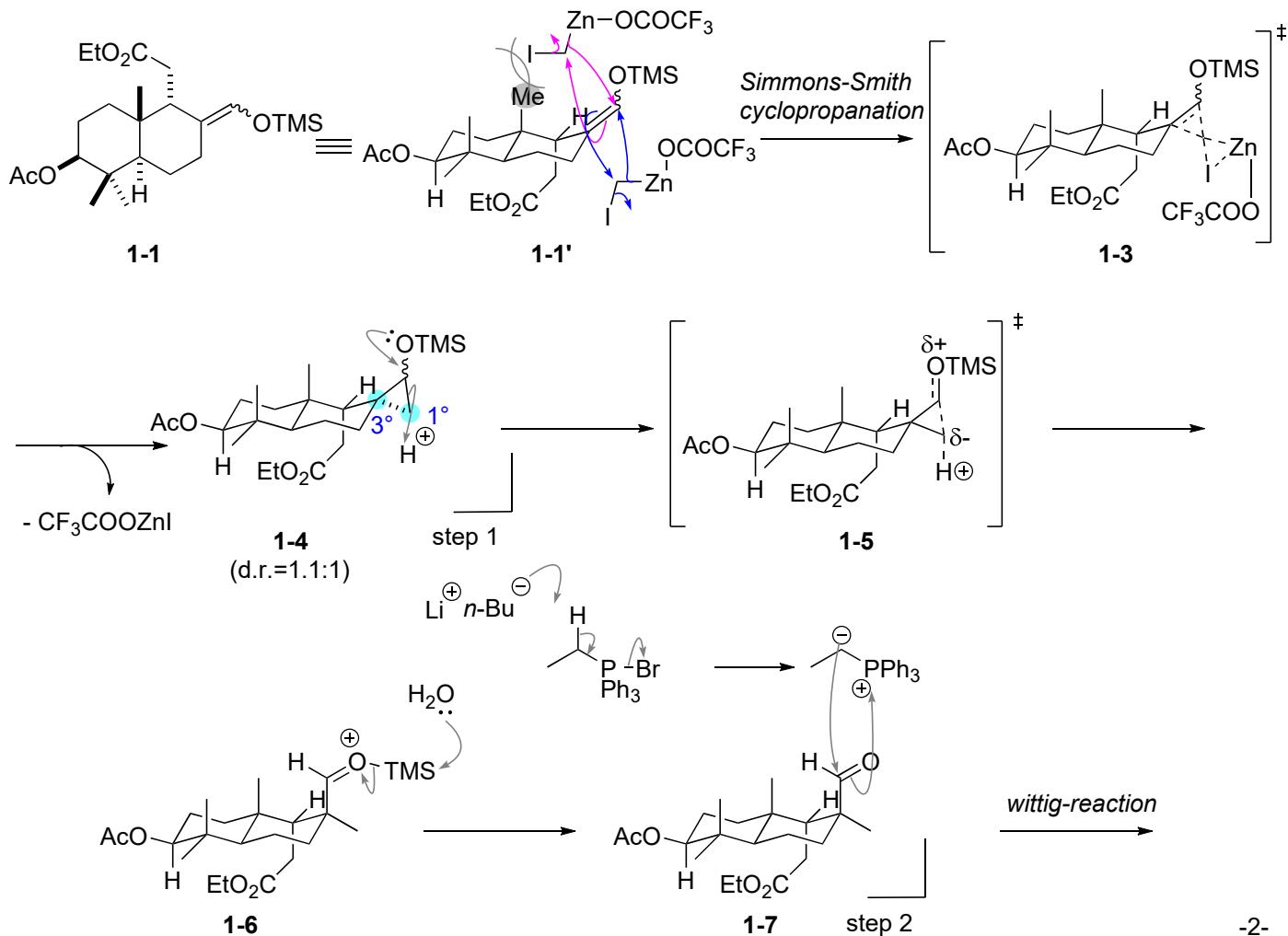
1-1. Reaction mechanism

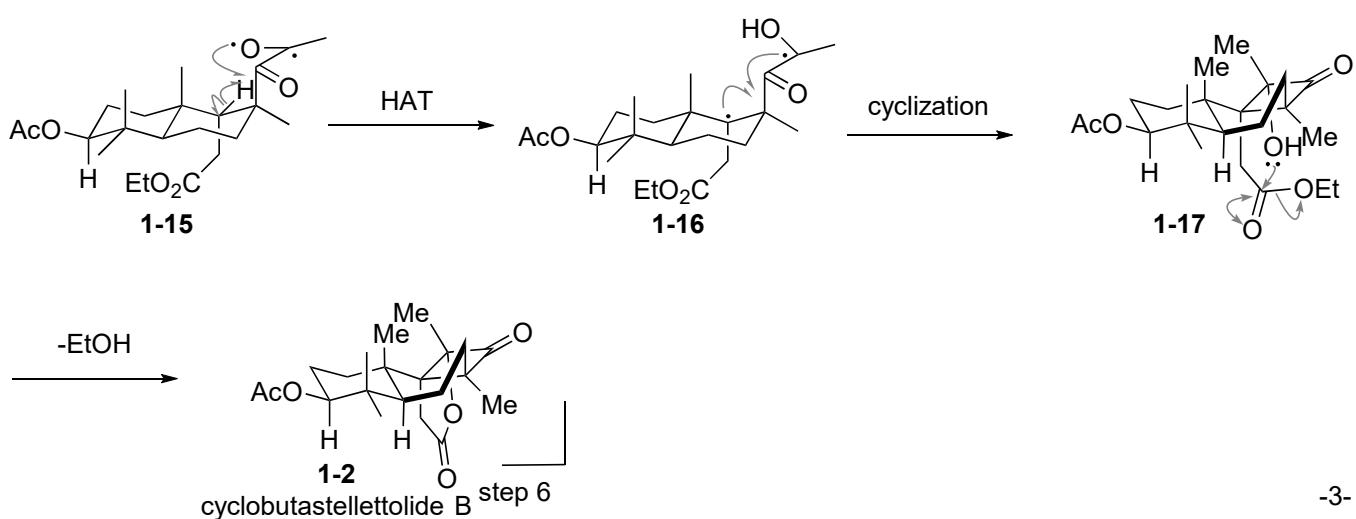
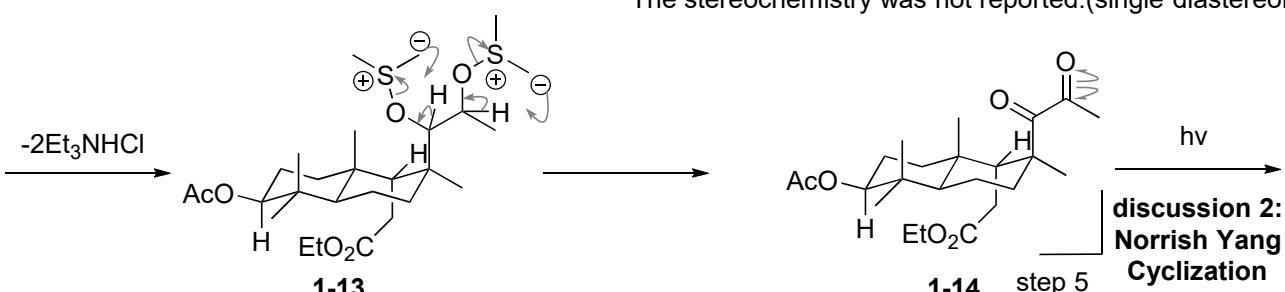
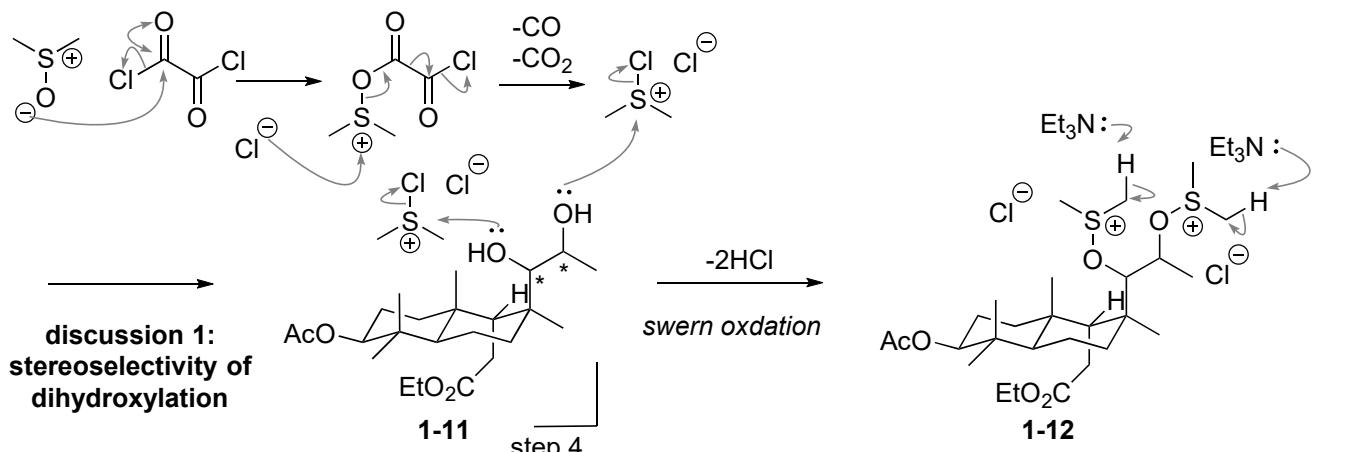
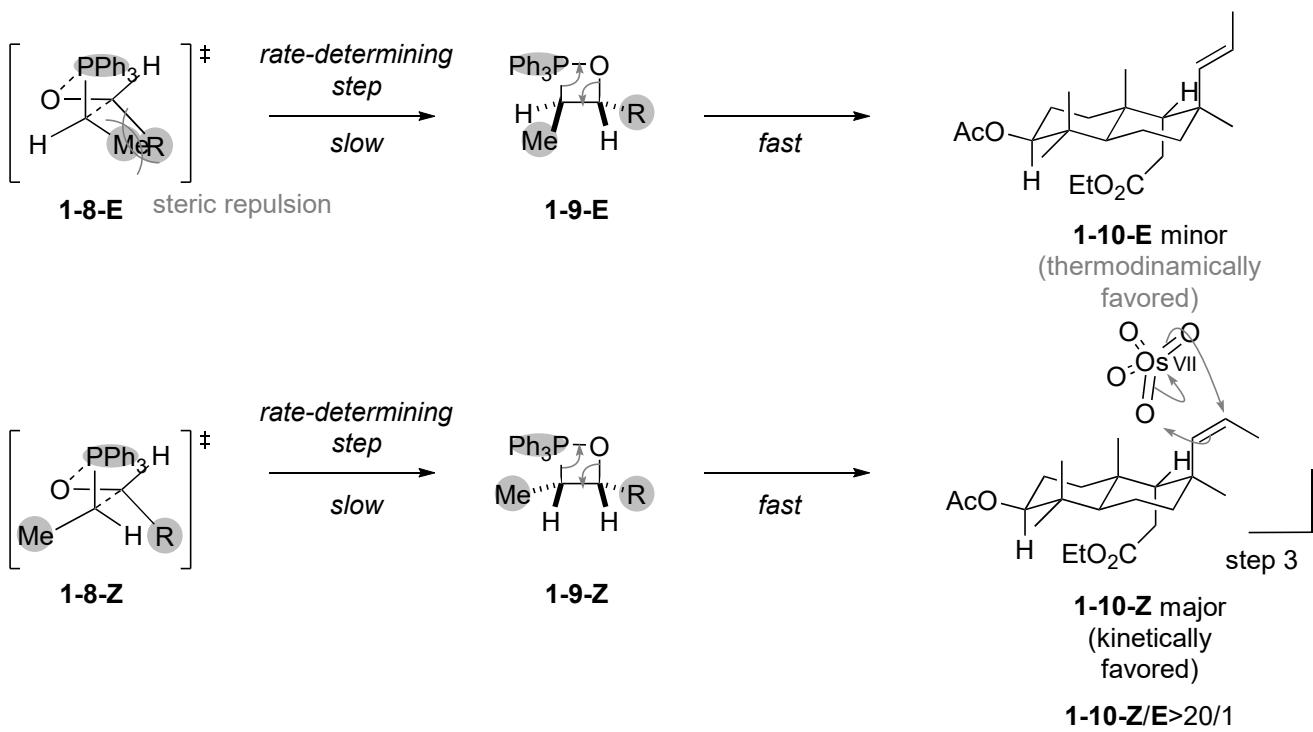


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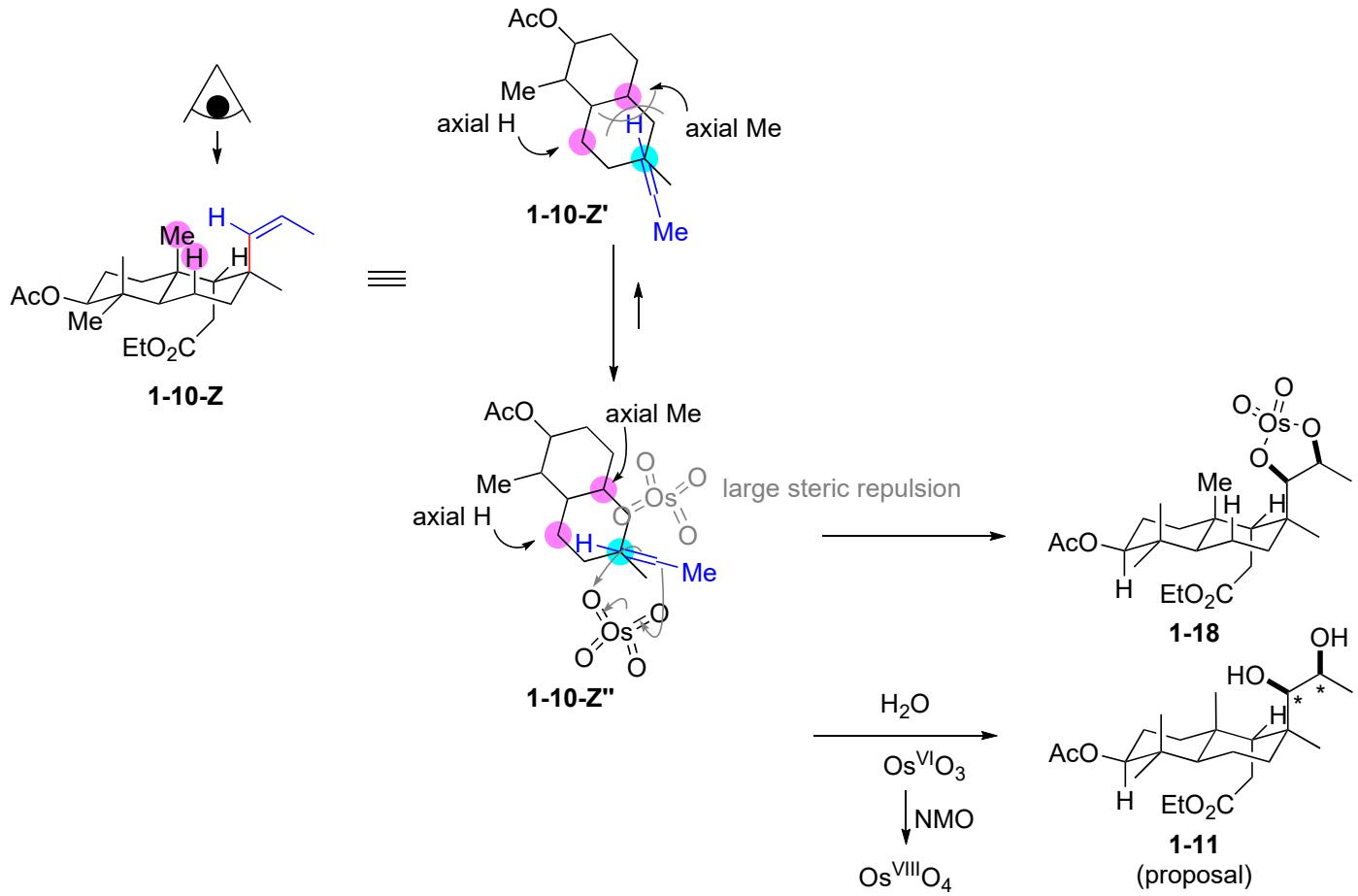


Yang, Z.; Lorenz, J.; Shi, Y. *Tetrahedron*, 1998, 39, 8621.



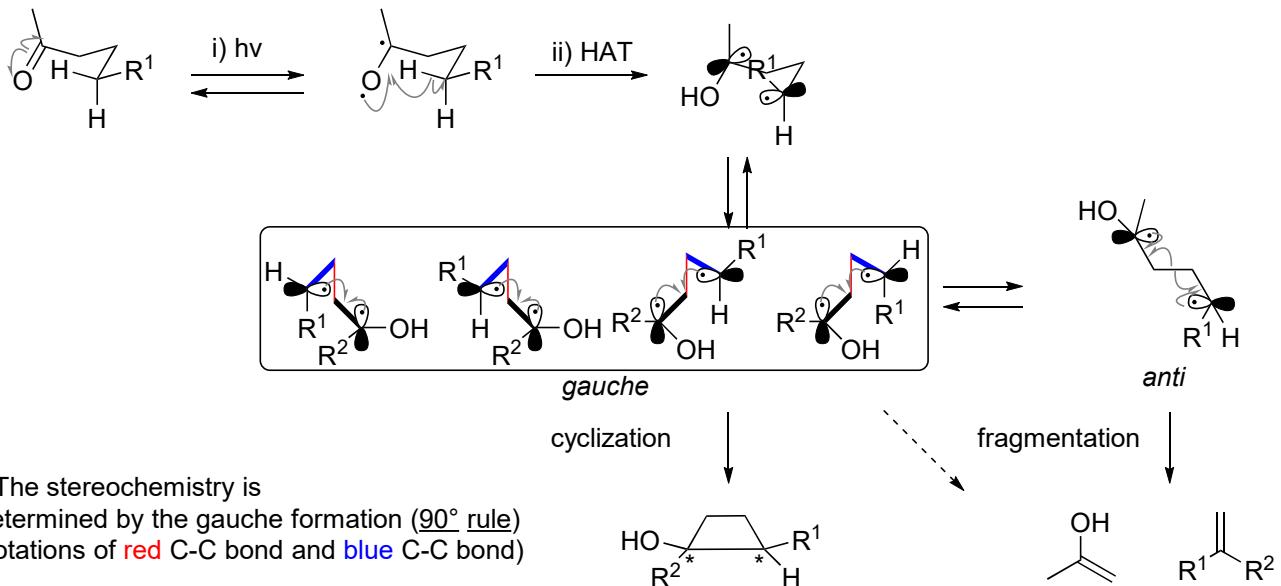


1-2. discussion 1: stereoselectivity of dihydroxylation

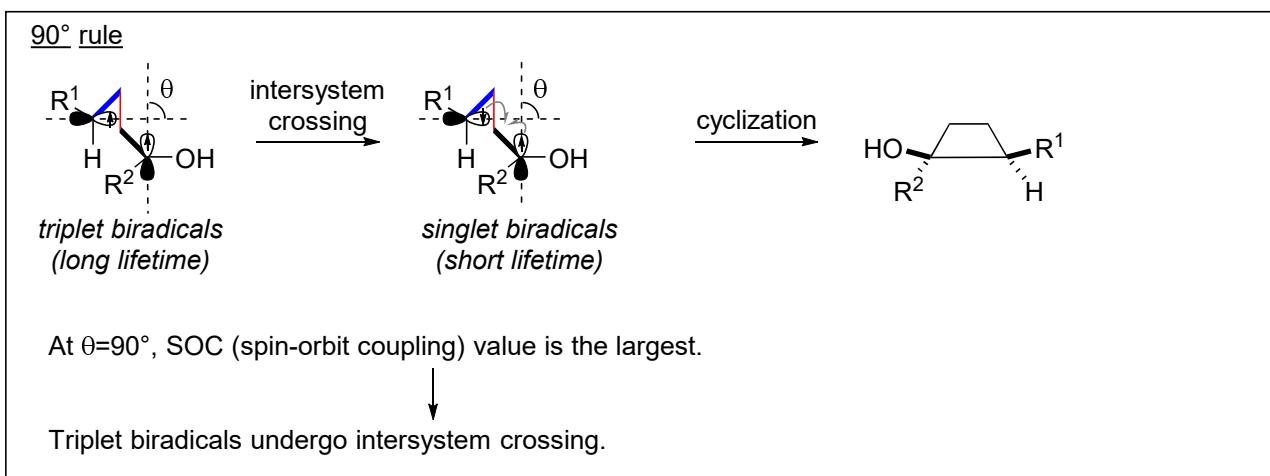


1-3. discussion 2: Norrish-Yang cyclization

1-3-0. introduction



Griesbeck, A.; Heckroth, H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 396.



Carlacci, L.; Doubleday, C.; Furlani, T.; King, H.; McIver, J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, 109, 5323.

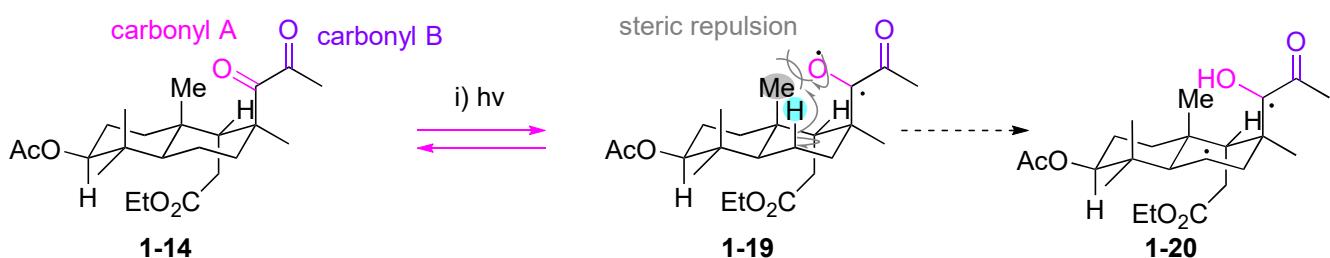
Problems of Norrish Yang cyclization

- i) chemoselectivity of carbonyl
- ii) HAT selectivity
- iii) cyclization or fragmentation
- iv) stereoselectivity

Pathes from 1,4-biradicals depends on the conformations (gauche or anti)

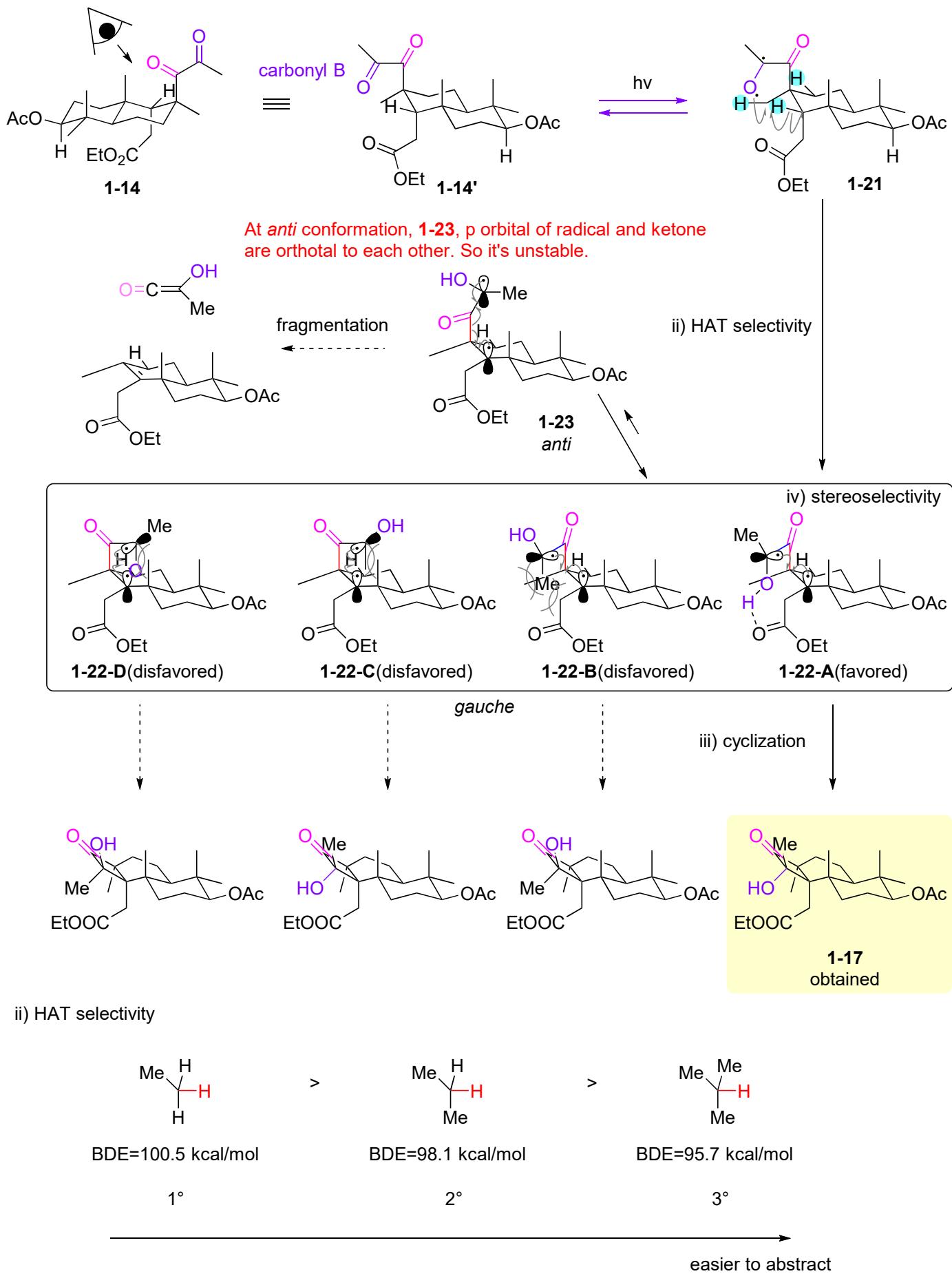
from *gauche*....only cyclization proceeds.
(fragmentation is kinetically disfavored)
from *anti*.....only fragmentation proceeds

1-3-1. Chemoselectivity of carbonyl (pathway from triplet states of carbonyl A)

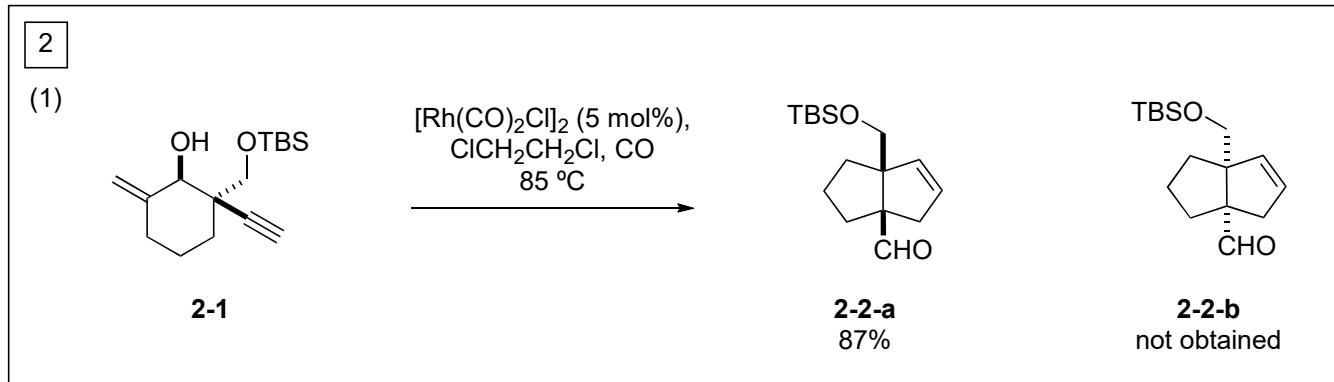


i) chemoselectivity of carbonyl → From the triplet states of carbonyl A, HAT did not proceed.

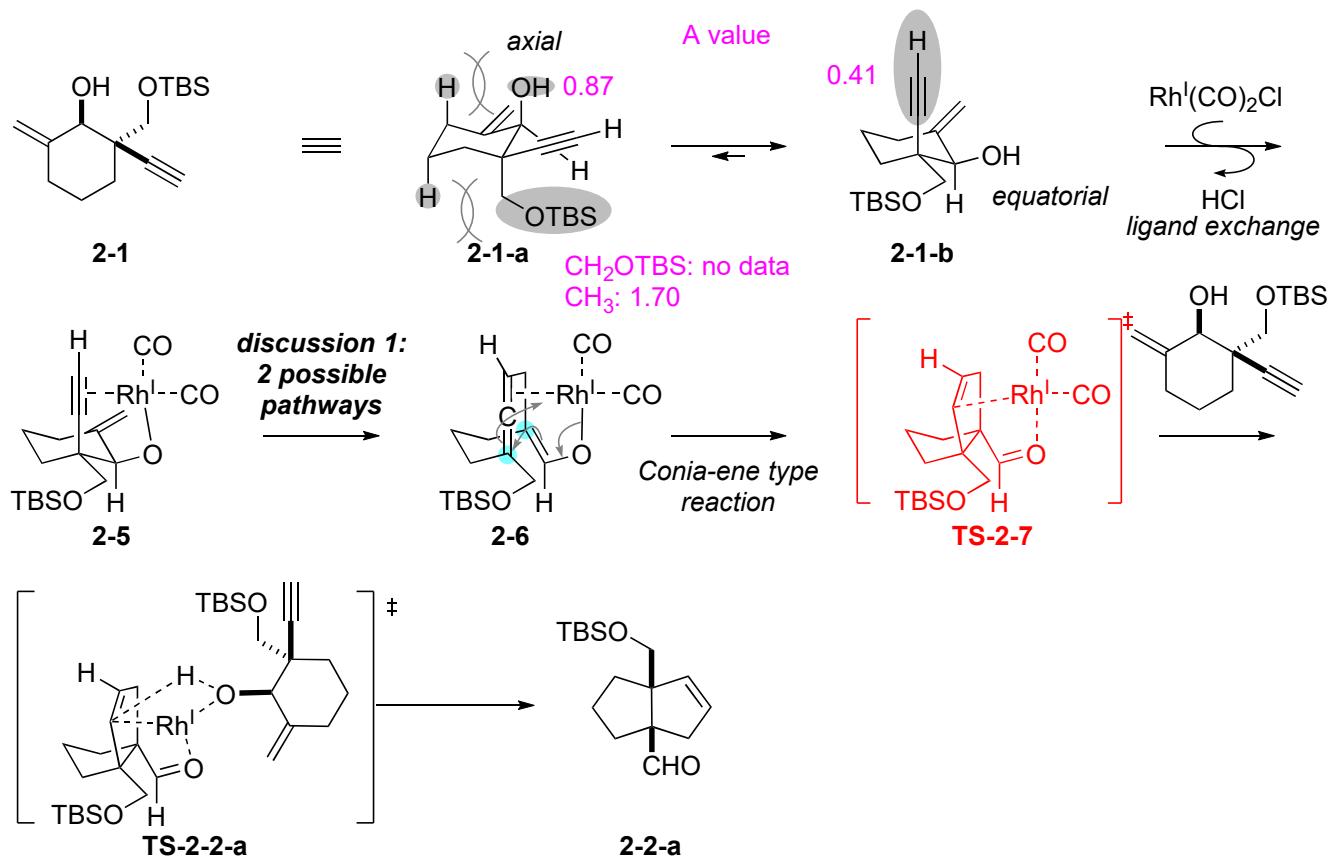
1-3-2. pathway from triplet states of carbonyl B



2-1-1. reaction mechanism

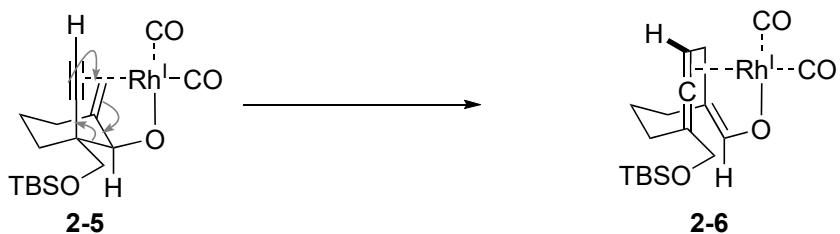


Qi, X.; Liu, S.; Zhang, T.; Long, R.; Huang, J.; Gong, J.; Yang, Z.; Lan, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, *81*, 8306.

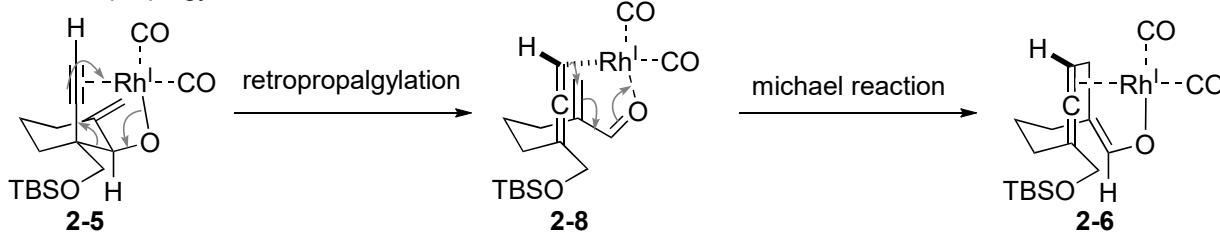


2-1-2. discussion 1: 2 possible pathways ([3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement or retropropargylation, michael reaction)

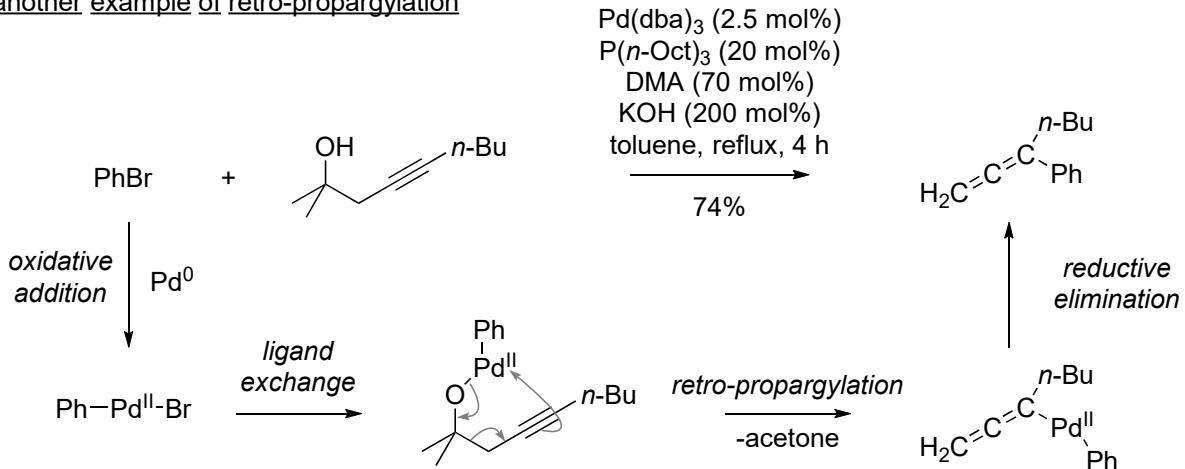
pathway A:[3,3]sigmatropic rearrangement



pathway B:retropropargylation, michael reaction

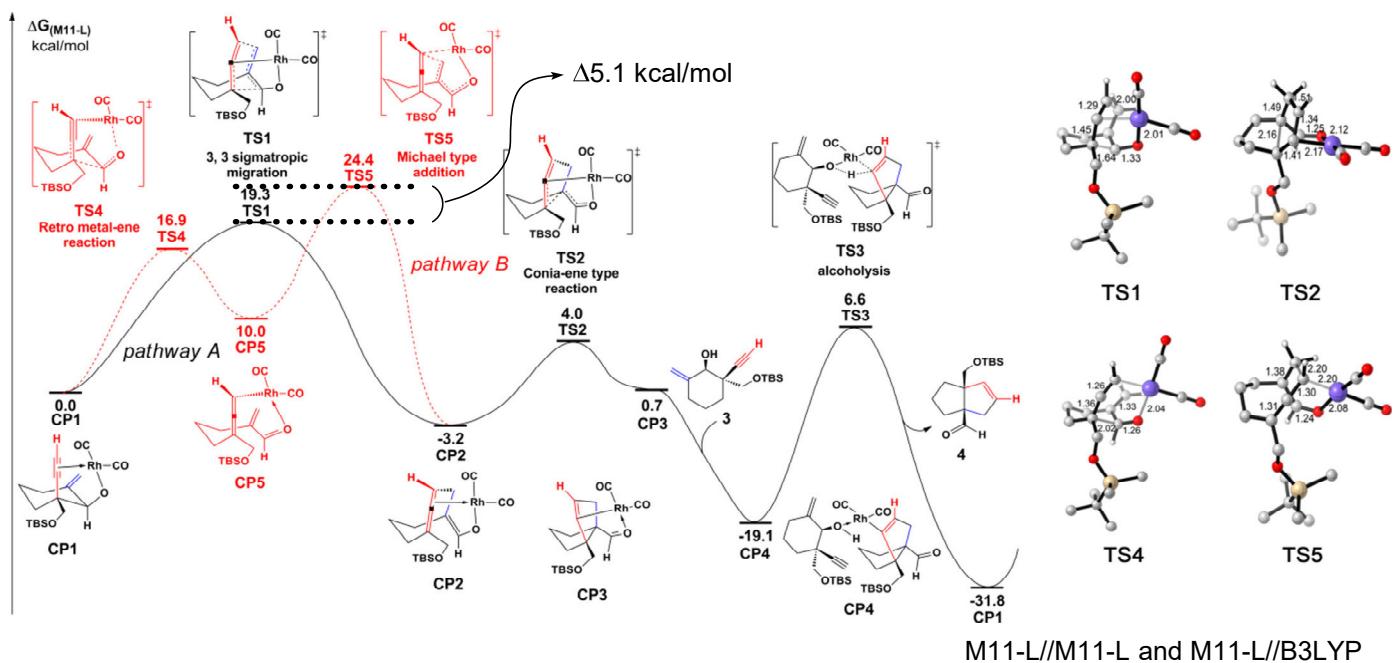


another example of retro-propargylation



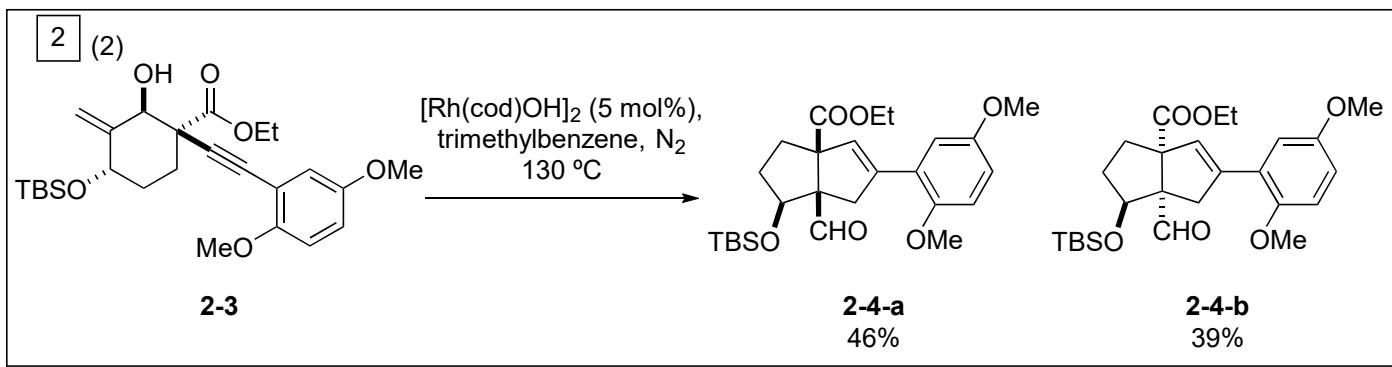
Hayashi, S.; Hirano, K.; Yorimitsu, H.; Oshima, K. *J. Am. Chem. 2008, 130, 5048.*

Calculated TS by author



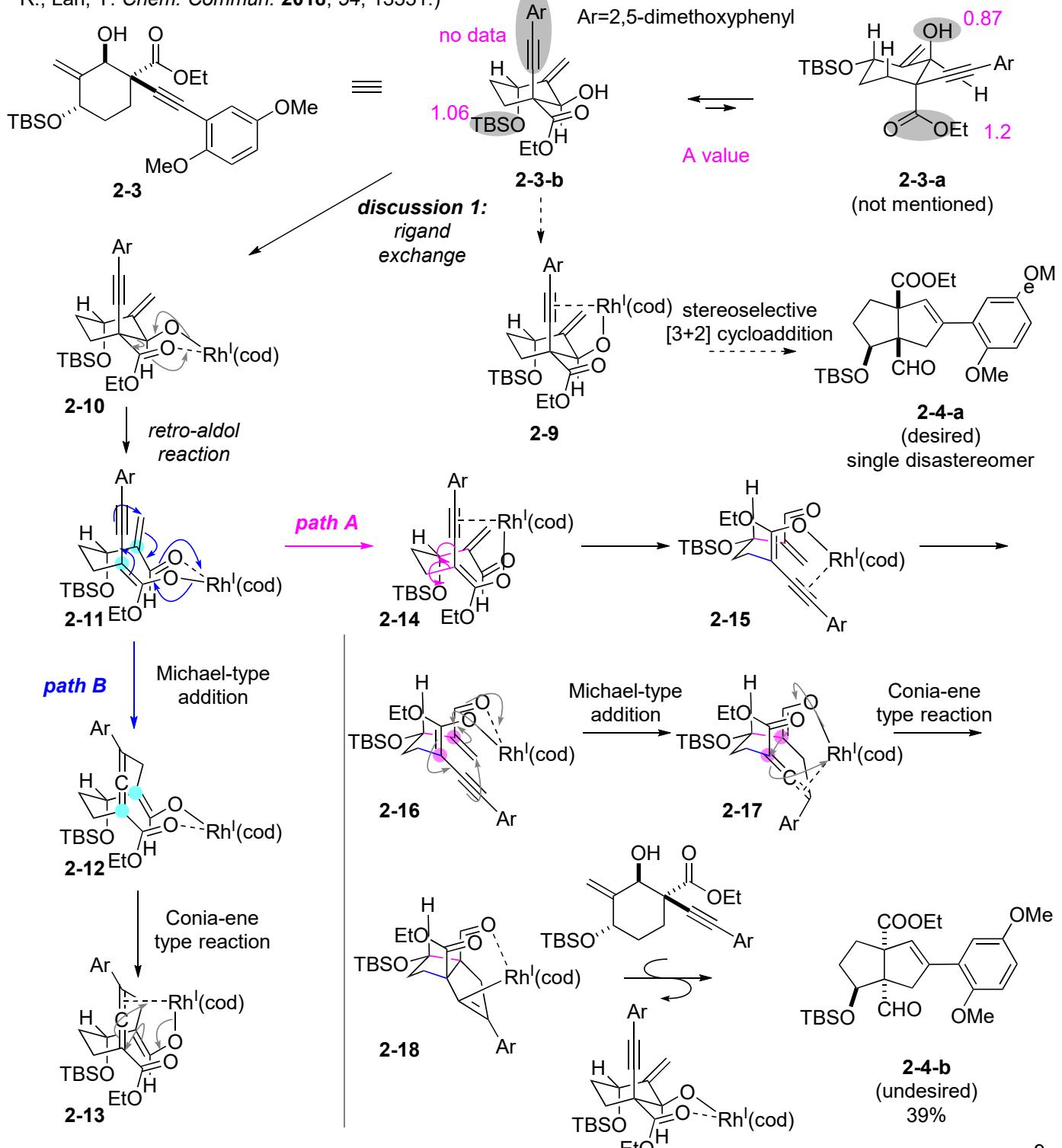
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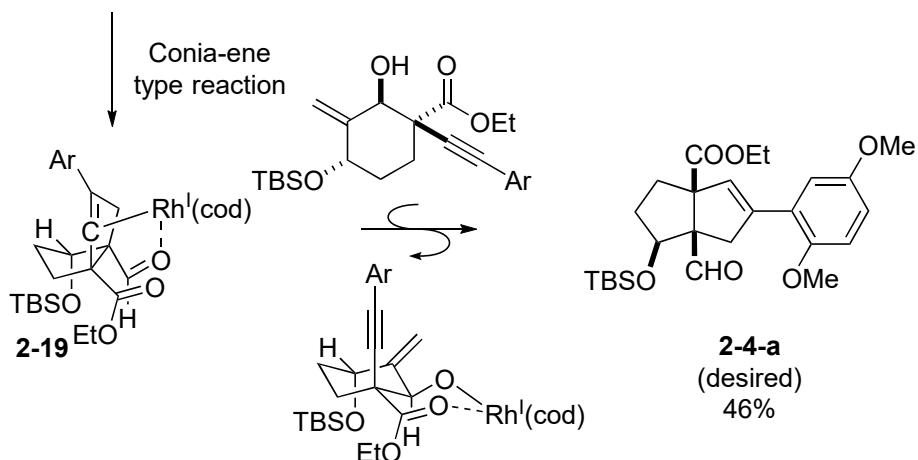
→The mechanism of 3,3-sigmatropic is favorable.



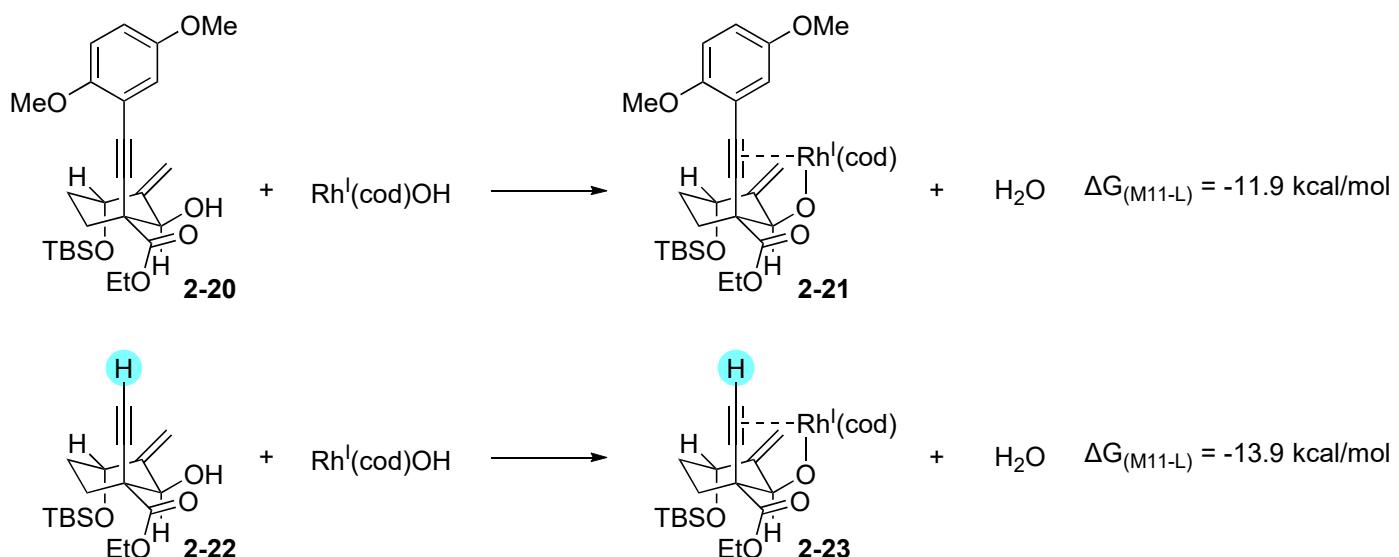
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2-2-1-1. Reaction mechanism proposed by authors (Liu, S.; Zhang, T.; Zhu, L.; Zhong, K.; Gong, J.; Yang, Z.; Bai, R.; Lan, Y. *Chem. Commun.* **2018**, *54*, 13551.)

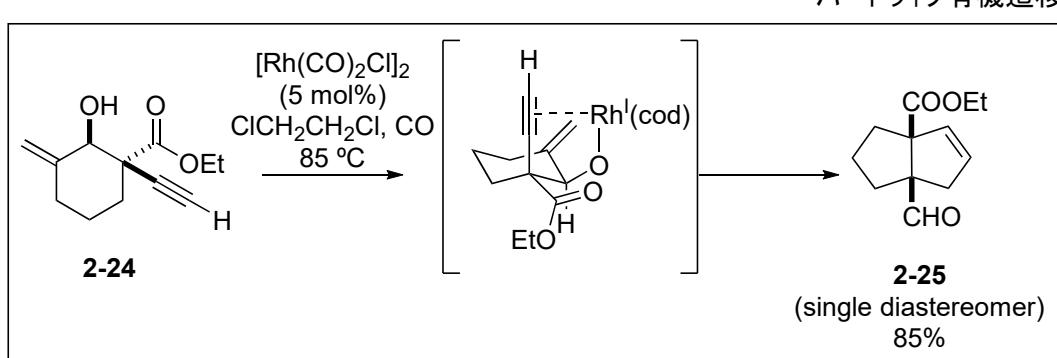
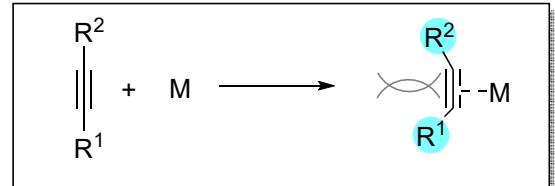




2-2-1-2. discussion 1: rigand exchange



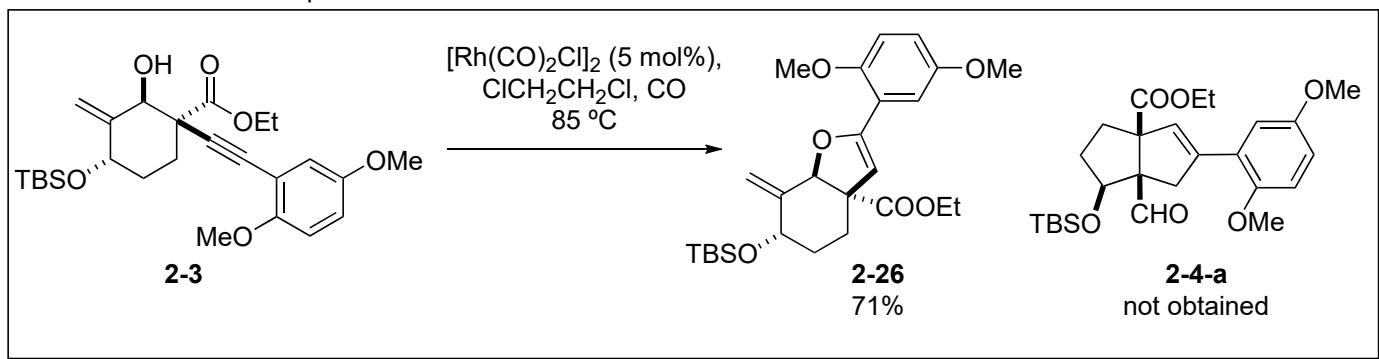
The lower coordination capability of **2-20** is due to the steric repulsion of the alkyne complex.



Long, R.; Huang, J.; Shao, W.; Liu, S.; Lan, Y.; Gong, J.; Yang, Z. *Nat. Commun.* **2014**, *5*, 5707.

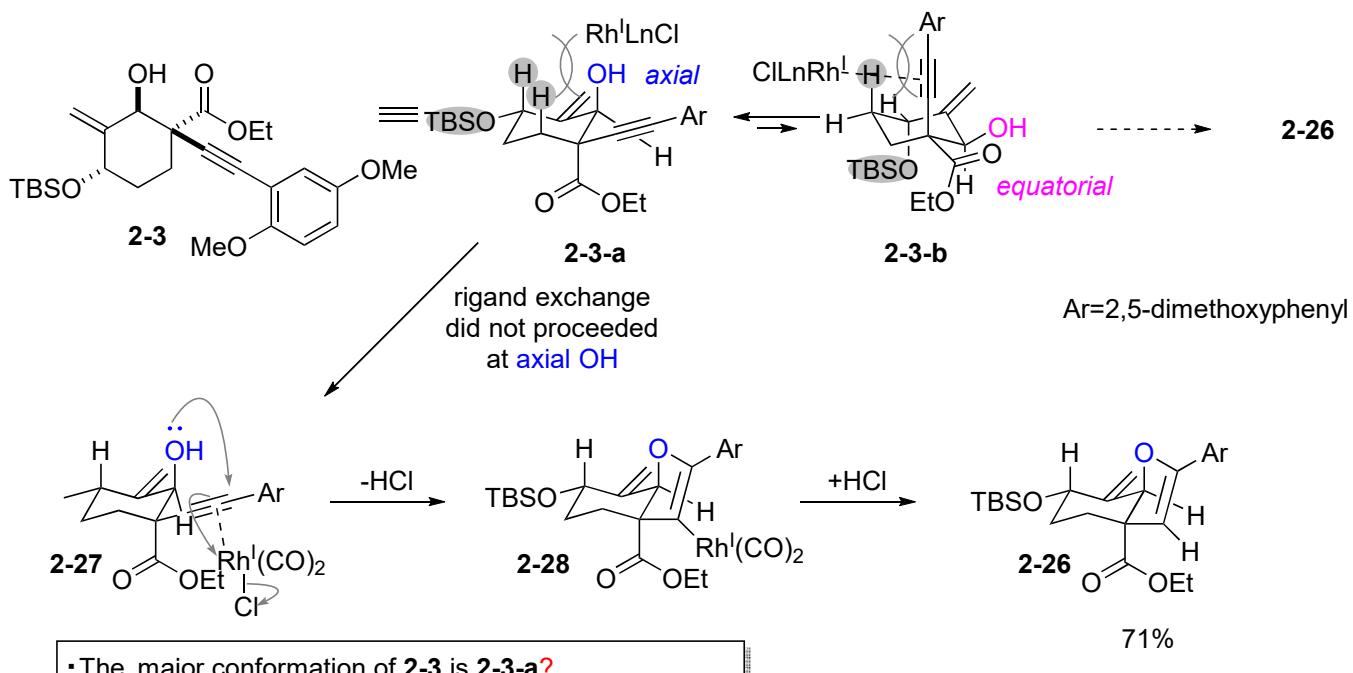
The explanation of the effect of alkyne substituent is plausible and consistent with the above experimental result.

2-2-2. The etherification proceeded.



2-2-2-1. The reaction mechanism.

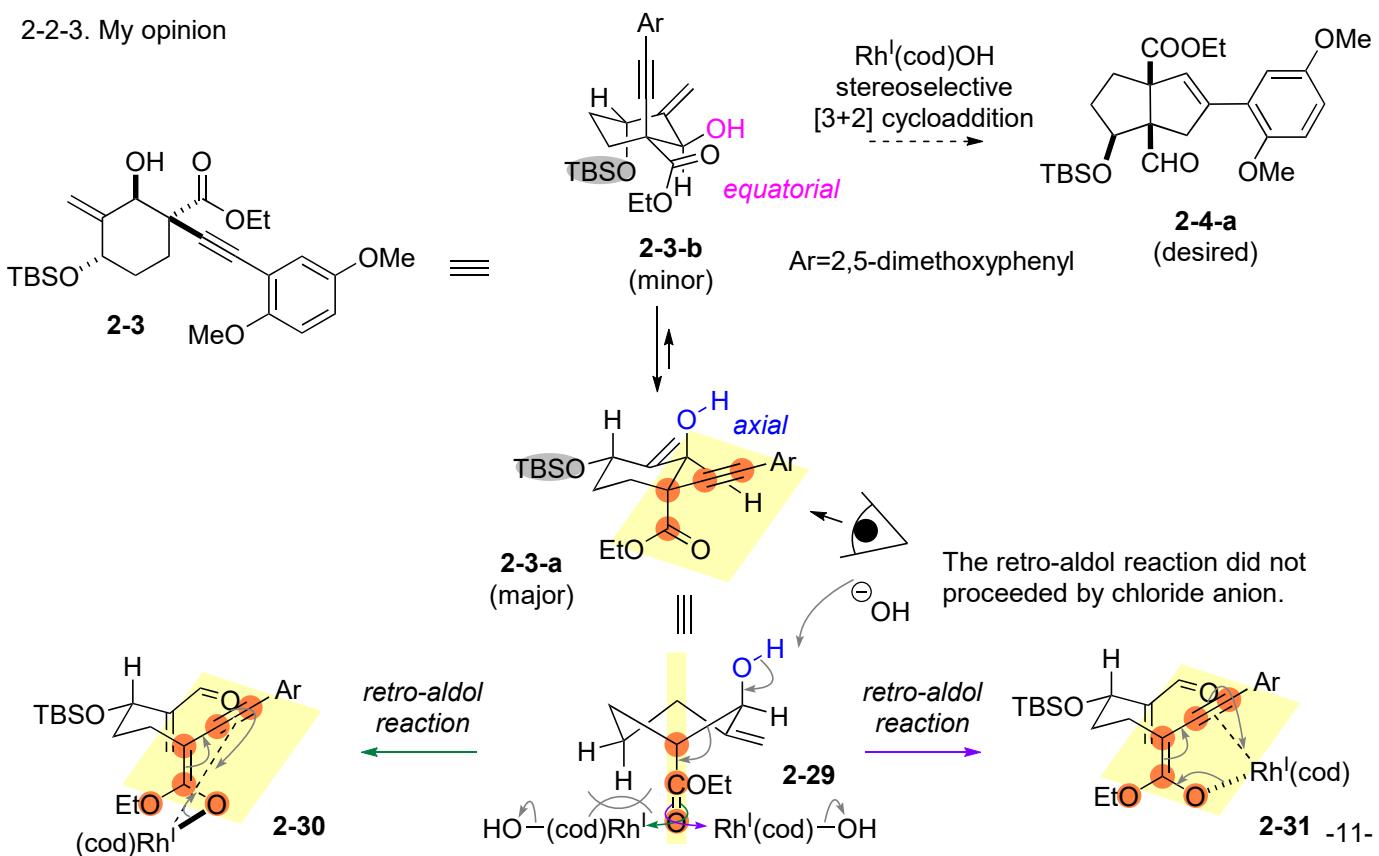
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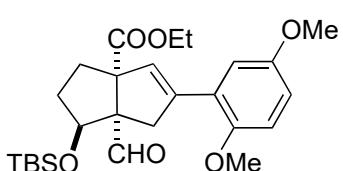
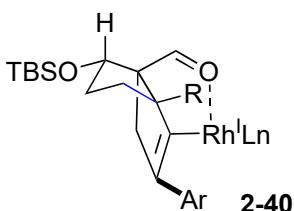
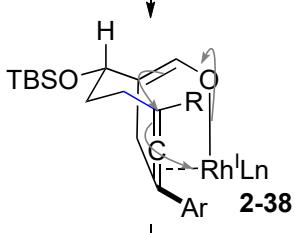
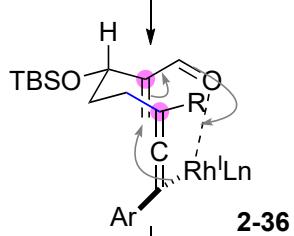
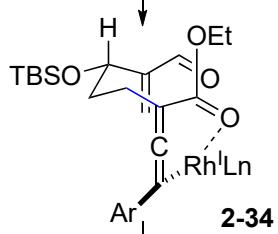
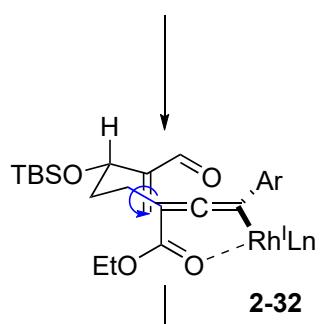


• The major conformation of 2-3 is 2-3-a?

• The rigand exchange did not proceed at axial OH?

2-2-3. My opinion





R=COOEt

Michael reaction

Conia-ene type reaction

