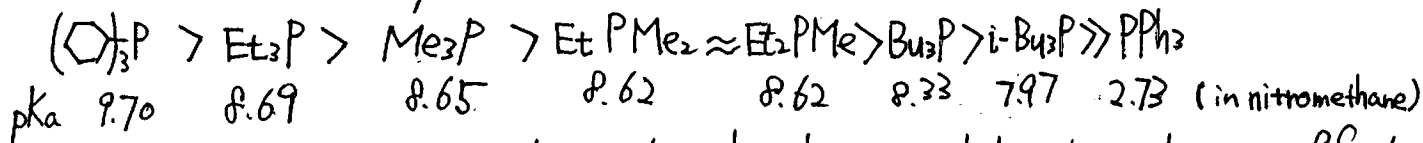


# Nucleophilic Organocatalyst ~ Phosphine Catalyst ~

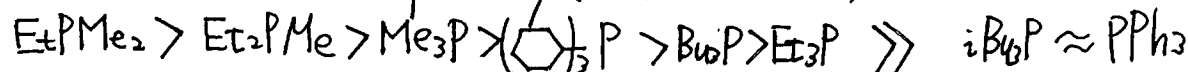
Basicity and nucleophilicity of Phosphines

○ The order of basicity (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1960, 82, 5791)



The basicity of tertiary phosphine is largely determined by the inductive effect.

○ The order of nucleophilicity (J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1960, 82, 5794) against EtI

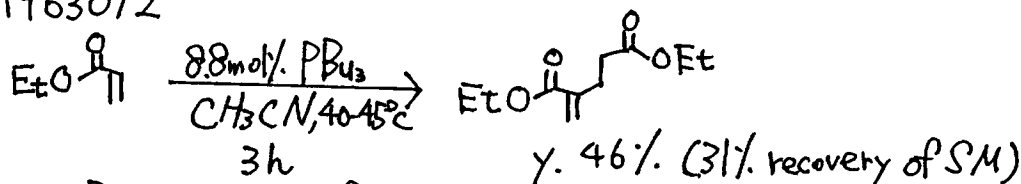


Phosphine containing methyl group increase the nucleophilicity of phosphine. Size effect and hybridization effect.  
Other tertiary phosphines give same tendency with the basicity.

(i-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P is highly sterically crowded, so that one of methyl group is compelled at all time effectively cover the electron pair.

## early examples

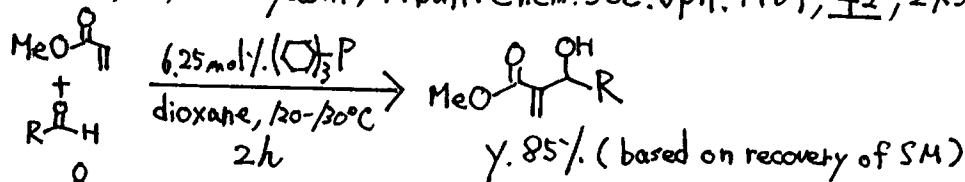
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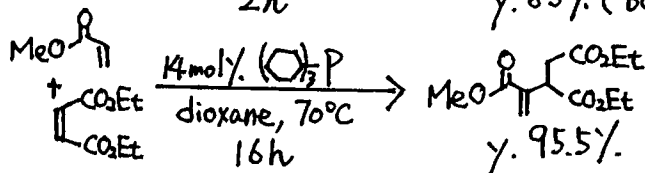
Dimerization of acrylates. Phosphine catalyzed Michael reaction.

2) Morita, K.; Suzuki, Z.; Hirose, H. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1968, 41, 2815.

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First example of Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction.



In 1972, Baylis and Hillman reported same reaction using tertiary amine (eg. DABCO, quinuclidine) as a nucleophilic catalyst. (Baylis, A.B.; Hillman, M.E.P. German Patent 21551/3, 1972.)

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# 1. Reaction of $\gamma$ -carbonyl compounds

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## Internal Redox Catalyzed by Triphenylphosphine

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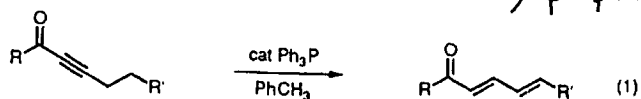
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Table I. Isomerization of  $\gamma$ -Carbonyl to Diene-Carbonyl\*

Entry	Substrate	Time/Temp (h)	Product	Isolated Yield
A. Ketones				
1		80 <sup>a</sup> /4		83%
2		110 <sup>b</sup> /16		83%
3		110 <sup>b</sup> /2		88%
B. Ester				
4 <sup>a</sup>		110 <sup>b</sup> /6		75%
5 <sup>a</sup>		110 <sup>b</sup> /14		83%
C. Amide				
6 <sup>a</sup>		140 <sup>b</sup> /14		84%
D. Polyfunctional				
7 <sup>a</sup>		110 <sup>b</sup> /14		69%
8 <sup>a</sup>		80 <sup>b</sup> /5		79%
9		110 <sup>b</sup> /14		82%
10 <sup>a</sup>		100 <sup>b</sup>		71%

\*All reactions were performed at 0.5-1 M in toluene with 10-40 mol %  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$ . <sup>a</sup>50 mol % of acetic acid added. <sup>b</sup>Reaction performed in xylene. <sup>c</sup>Reaction performed in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  at 100 °C. \*All new compounds have been satisfactorily characterized. <sup>†</sup>See ref 5.

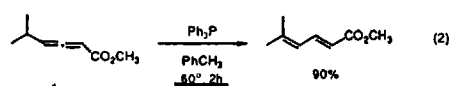
First report of  $\gamma$ -carbonyl isomerization cat. by phosphine



reactivity order

ketone > ester > amide

For ester, amide, addition of AcOH was needed.



Allene would be intermediate.

cat. phosphite - No reaction

cat. HMPA or  $\text{Bu}_3\text{P}$ -oligomer formation.

cat. amine - No reaction.

Nucleophilic phosphine catalyst.

o. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. 1993, 394.

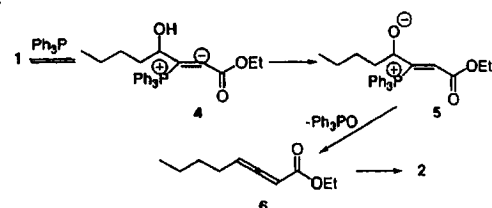
Stoichiometric amount.

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cat. amount of phosphine.

Proposed reaction mechanism

Scheme 5



reaction mixture ... absorption at  $1965\text{ cm}^{-1}$   
existence of allene.

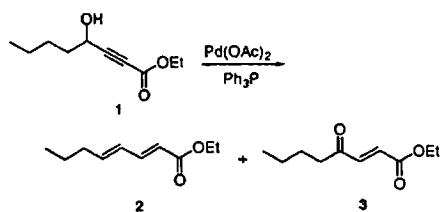
reaction proceeded at room temp.

## A Novel Deoxygenation-Isomerization Reaction of 4-Hydroxy-2-ynoic Esters and $\gamma$ -Hydroxy- $\alpha,\beta$ -ynones

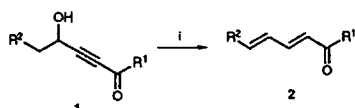
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Scheme 4



Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (mol%)	Ph <sub>3</sub> P (mol%)	2 (%)	3 (%)
2.5	35	33	10
2.5	55	52	11
2.5	100	88	0
0	100	88	0



Yield 2 (%)	
a: R <sup>1</sup> = OEt, R <sup>2</sup> = Et	85
b: R <sup>1</sup> = OEt, R <sup>2</sup> = Pr <sup>n</sup>	86
c: R <sup>1</sup> = Bu <sup>n</sup> , R <sup>2</sup> = Pr <sup>n</sup>	83
d: R <sup>1</sup> = n-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>17</sub> , R <sup>2</sup> = Et	86

Scheme 2 Reagents and conditions: i.  $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  (1 equiv.), benzene, room temp., 8 h

without  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ , reaction proceeded.

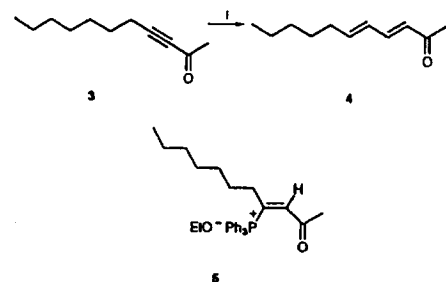
Reinvestigation on the Catalytic Isomerisation of Carbon-Carbon Triple Bonds

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Table 1 Isomerisation of yne-carbonyl Compounds\*

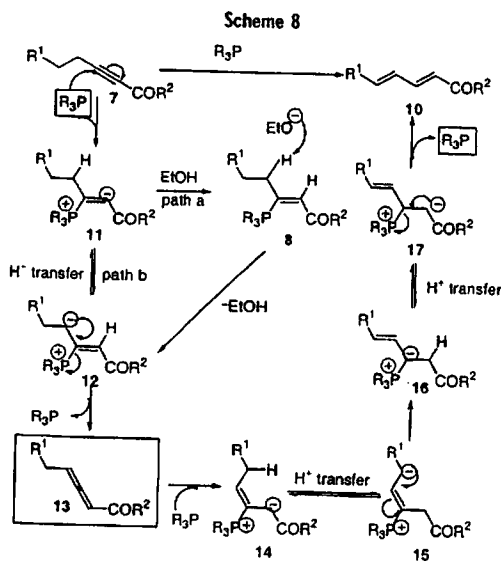
Entry	Substrate	R <sub>3</sub> P (mol %)	Temp (T/°C)/Time (t/h)	Product	Isolated yield (%)
1		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (10)	25/34		84
2		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (10)	25/47		89
3		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (10)	25/47		86
4		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (20)	25/46		83
5		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (100)	110/35		0 <sup>b</sup>
6		Bu <sub>3</sub> P (20)	110/30		89
7		Ph <sub>3</sub> P (100)	25/35		0 <sup>b</sup>
8		Bu <sub>3</sub> P (20)	110/24		82
9		Bu <sub>3</sub> P (20)	25/48		80
10		Bu <sub>3</sub> P (20)	110/24		60

\* All reactions were performed as described in the Experimental section. <sup>b</sup> Starting material was recovered.



Scheme 2 Reagents, conditions and yields: i, Ph<sub>3</sub>P (100 mol%), EtOH (100 mol%), benzene, reflux, 35 h, 72%

reactivity order  
ketone > ester > amide  
For less reactive substrate  
more nucleophilic Bu<sub>3</sub>P gave  
good result.

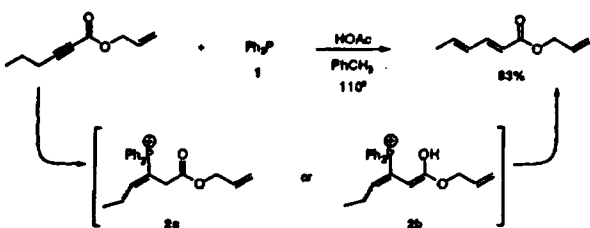


α-addition of yne-carbonyl  
i) carbon nucleophile

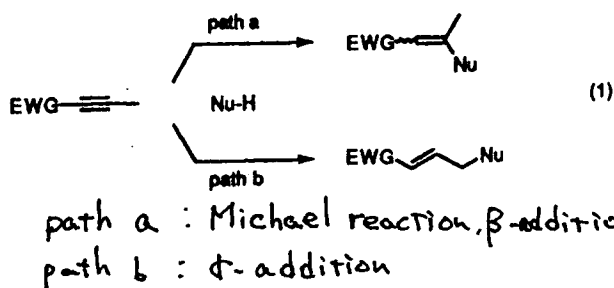
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Novel "Umpolung" in C-C Bond Formation Catalyzed by Triphenylphosphine

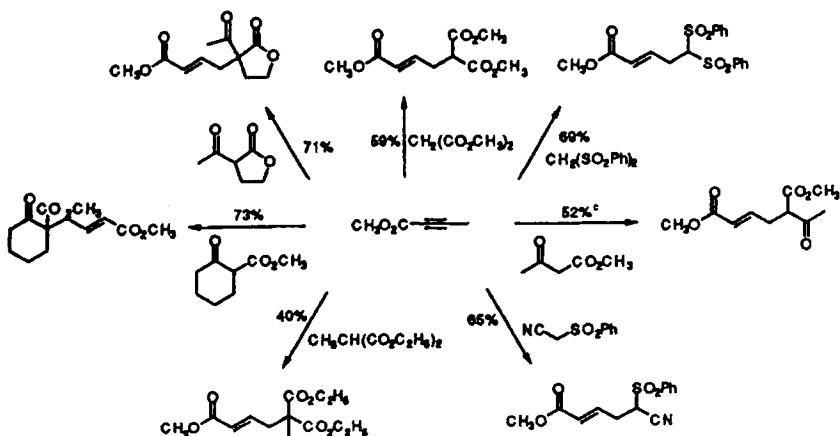
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• Only E olefins were observed.  
• Pronucleophiles for which pKa < 16  
serve satisfactory



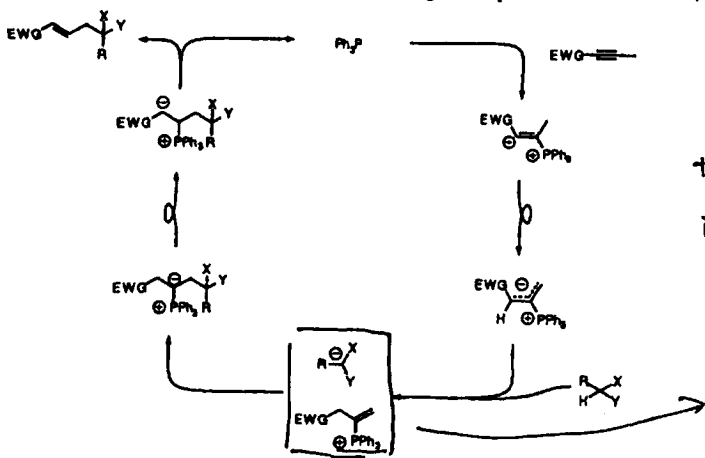
Scheme 1. γ-Addition to an Ynoate by Pronucleophiles<sup>a,b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed using 35 mol % of triphenylphosphine, 50 mol % of acetic acid, and sodium acetate in toluene at 80 or 110 °C unless otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup> For all new products, see ref 5. <sup>c</sup> In this case, 1 equiv of sodium acetate was employed.

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**Scheme 2. Rationale for Nucleophilic  $\gamma$ -Addition to Acetylenes Bearing Electron-Withdrawing Groups**



Aliphatic phosphine .. too nucleophilic and led only to uncharacterized oligomer formation.

the role of triphenylphosphine is proposed as a nucleophilic trigger

Formation of zwitterion intermediate.

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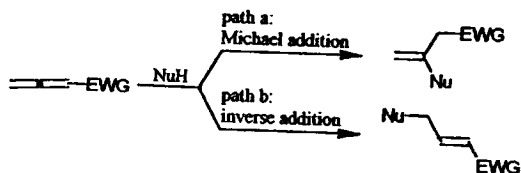
**Umpolung Addition Reaction of Nucleophiles to 2,3-Butadienoates Catalyzed by a Phosphine**

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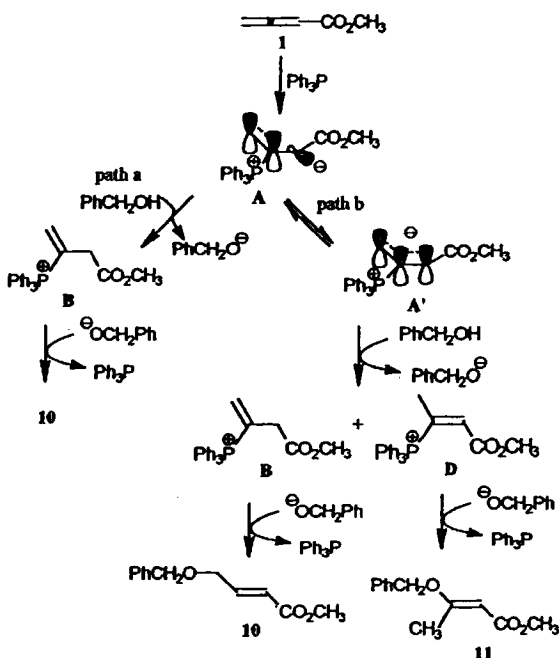
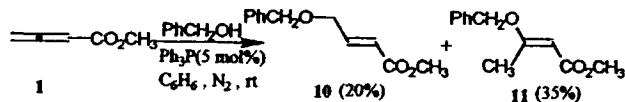
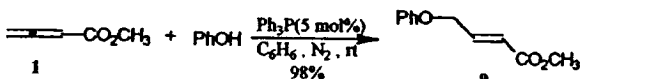
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Scheme 1

Allenoate was used as a substrate.

Higher reactivity was obtained than using  $\gamma$ -carbonyl as a substrate.



Scheme 3

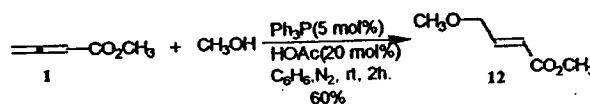
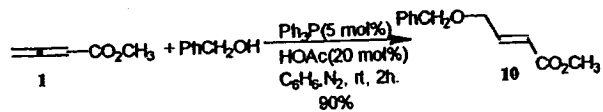
Table 1. The inverse addition of carbon nucleophiles to methyl 2,3-butadienoate.\*

Entry	2	Time (h)	Product 3	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	E/Z <sup>c</sup>
1	2a: E <sup>1</sup> =E <sup>2</sup> =CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	5	3a	65	>97/3
2	2b: E <sup>1</sup> =E <sup>2</sup> =COCH <sub>3</sub>	5	3b	65	>97/3
3	2c: E <sup>1</sup> =CN, E <sup>2</sup> =SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	5	3c	87	>97/3
4	2d: E <sup>1</sup> =COCH <sub>3</sub> , E <sup>2</sup> =CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	5	3d	65	44:56
5 <sup>d</sup>	2d	1	3d	56	>97/3

a. Reactions are normally carried out with 1 (1.0 mmol), 2 (1.0 mmol) and Ph<sub>3</sub>P (0.05 mmol) in benzene (5 mL) at rt under N<sub>2</sub>. b. Isolated yield. c. Determined by 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR. d. The reaction is carried out with Ph<sub>3</sub>P (0.05 mmol), HOAc (0.5 mmol) and NaOAc (1.0 mmol) in benzene at 80°C.

For oxygen pronucleophile, addition of acetic acid was need for regioselectivity.

Lower acidity of benzylalcohol made the reaction sequence to both b. (A→A')



## ii) oxygen nucleophile

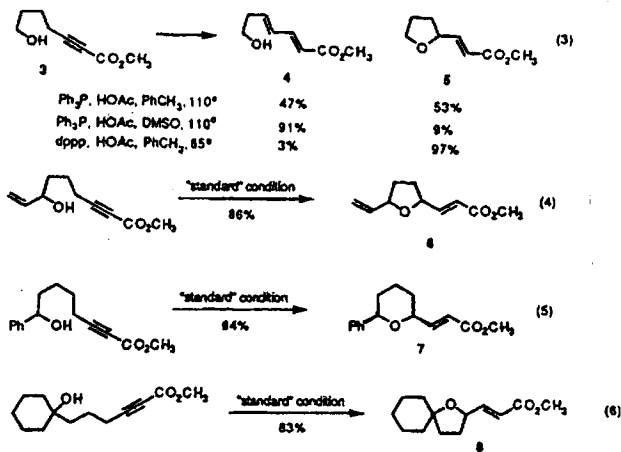
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### Phosphine-Catalyzed Isomerization-Addition of Oxygen Nucleophiles to 2-Alkynoates

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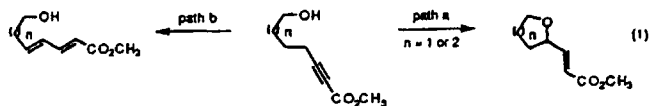
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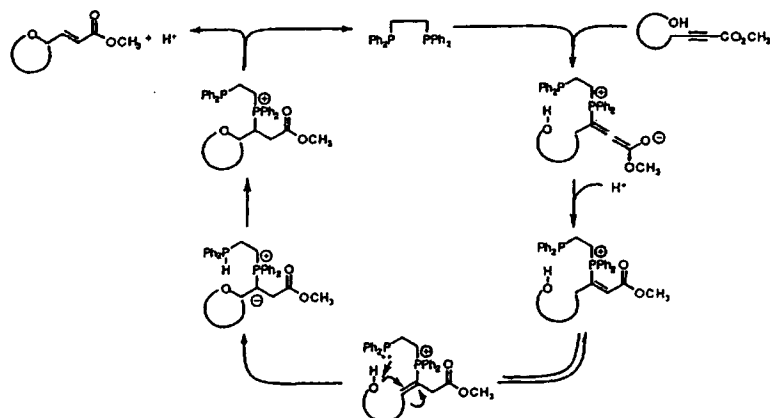
Primary, Secondary and tertiary alcohol could be used as a pronucleophile.

Intramolecular  $\delta$ -addition of oxygen pronucleophile.



Standard condition of C-pronucleophile -- 1:1 mixture  
More polar DMSO -- path b was favored.  
Using a bidentate ligand -- path a was dominant.

Scheme 1. Mechanistic Rationale for Phosphine-Catalyzed Internal Redox



## iii) nitrogen pronucleophile

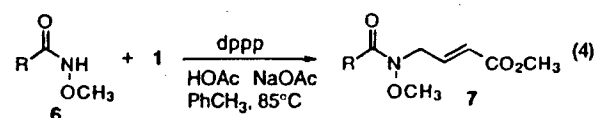
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### Nitrogen Pronucleophiles in the Phosphine-Catalyzed $\gamma$ -Addition Reaction

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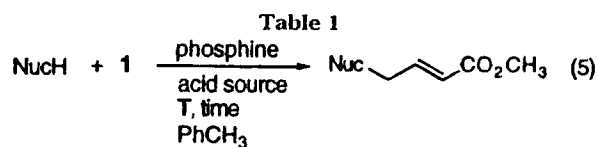
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R = a)  ${}^n\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ , 60% b)  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$ , 33%

c)  $\text{BocHN}-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_2$ , 39%

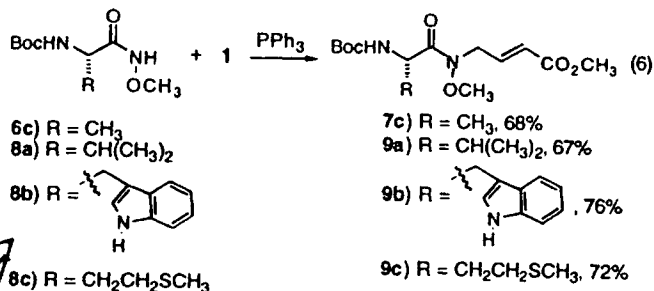


entry	NucH	phosphine <sup>a</sup>	acid source <sup>b</sup>	T (°C)	t (h)	% yield
1	6b	10% dppp	HOAc-NaOAc	90	5.5	35
2	6b	15% dppp	HOAc-NaOAc	90	2	33
3	6b	20% dppp	HOAc-NaOAc	90	2	42
4	6b	10% PPh <sub>3</sub>	HOAc-NaOAc	85	3.5	21
5	6b	10% PPh <sub>3</sub>	HOAc-NaOAc	110	10	61
6	6c	10% dppp	HOAc-NaOAc	85	18	39
7	6c	10% dppp	PhOH	85	18	25
8	6c	10% dppp	PhOH-NaOPh	85	18	14
9	6c	10% dppp	HOAc-TMG	85	18	-
10	6c	10% dppba	HOAc-NaOAc	85	18	-
11	6c	10% PPh <sub>3</sub>	HOAc-NaOAc	110	18	68

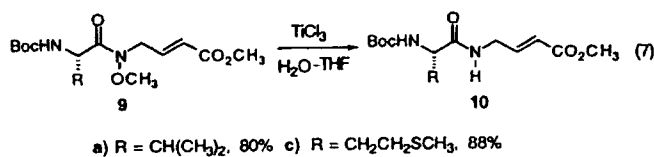
<sup>a</sup> dppba = 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzoic acid. <sup>b</sup> 50 mol % each was used for each reagent. TMG = tetramethylguanidine.

the ability of the second phosphine to function as a general base catalyst made  $\delta$ -addition possible.

No Michael reaction was observed.



Higher temperature and triphenylphosphine gave best result.



Conversion to amino acid derivatives.

# $\alpha$ -Addition

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## Nucleophilic $\alpha$ -Addition to Alkynoates. A Synthesis of Dehydroamino Acids

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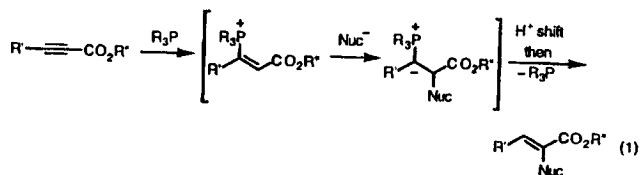
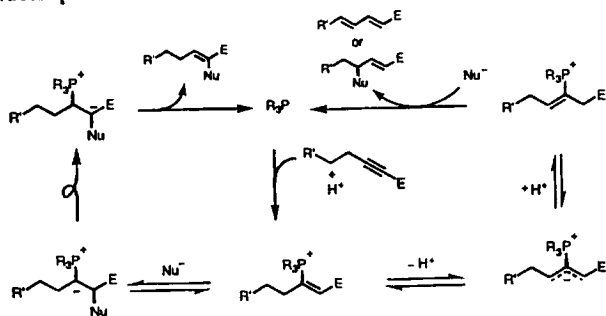
Table 1.  $\alpha$ -Addition of Nitrogen Nucleophiles to Conjugated Alkynoates<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Alkynoate	Nucleophile	Time (h)	Product	Isolated Yield
1	<chem>HC#CCO2C2H5</chem>		18		95%
2	<chem>PhC#CCO2C2H5</chem>		18		82%
3	<chem>PhC#CCO2C2H5</chem>	H <sub>2</sub> NTs	18		82%
4	<chem>PhC#CCO2C2H5</chem>		5		57%
5	<chem>PhC#CCO2C2H5</chem>		18		66%
6			18		66%
7		H <sub>2</sub> NTs	18		56%

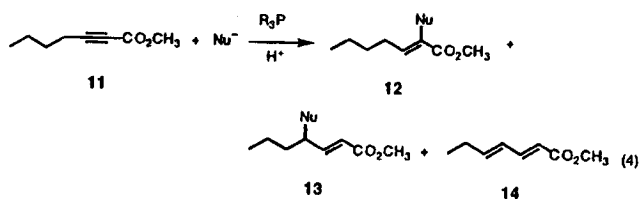
<sup>a</sup> All reactions were run in PhCH<sub>3</sub> at 105 °C with 10 mol % Ph<sub>3</sub>P, 50 mol % HOAc, and 50 mol % NaOAc.

Olefin geometry is all Z-isomer  
Thermodynamically stable

Scheme 1. Competitive Pathways in Phosphine-Catalyzed Nucleophilic Addition



$\alpha$ -addition of nitrogen pronucleophile.  
Alkynoates which have aryl and H at  $\beta$ -position gave  $\alpha$ -adduct.  
Same conditions as  $\beta$ -addition of nitrogen pronucleophile.



11: several possibility.  
 $\alpha$ -addition 12.  
 $\beta$ -addition 13.  
redox isomerization 14.

Table 2. Reactions of Methyl 2-Heptynoate<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Nucleophile	Phosphine	Co-Catalyst	% 12	% 13	% 14	Yield
1	TsNH <sub>2</sub>	Ph <sub>3</sub> P	HOAc/ NaOAc	12%	—	88%	92%
2	TsNH <sub>2</sub>	DPPBA	—	—	—	—	0%
3	TsNH <sub>2</sub>	( <i>i</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> P	HOAc/ NaOAc	—	—	—	0%
4	TsNH <sub>2</sub>	dppp	HOAc	100%	—	—	45%
5	TsNH <sub>2</sub>	dppp	HOAc/ NaOAc	76%	—	24%	82%
6		dppp	HOAc/ NaOAc	—	—	100%	70%
7		dppp	PhOH	45%	—	55%	73%
8		dppp	PhOH	87%	13%	—	67%

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed in toluene at 105 °C.

Bidentate phosphine gave the  $\alpha$ -adduct.  
Phenol gave  $\alpha$ -product mainly.  
To maintain the homogeneous solution.

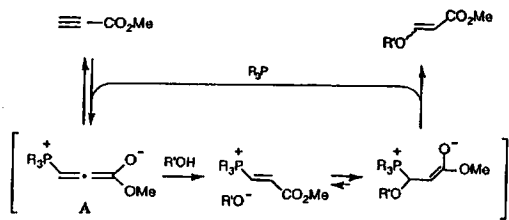
By only changing base (PBus for  $\beta$ -addition vs dppp for  $\alpha$ -addition) regioselectivity is changed.

# β-addition

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Organic Synthesis with Trialkylphosphine Catalysts.  
Conjugate Addition of Alcohols to α,β-Unsaturated Alkynic Acid Esters

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Scheme 1.

Table 1. Examination of Catalysts and Solvents<sup>a)</sup>

Entry	Catalyst <sup>b)</sup>	Solvent	Time	Yield <sup>c)</sup> %	E/Z <sup>c)</sup>
1	PPh <sub>3</sub>	PhH	8 h	86	3/1
2	PPh <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	8 h	85	5/1
3	PPh <sub>3</sub>	THF	8 h	62	3/1
4	PPh <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	8 h	>98	5/1
5	PBu <sub>3</sub>	PhH	10 min	83	E
6	PBu <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	10 min	>98	E
7	PBu <sub>3</sub>	THF	10 min	>98	E
8	PBu <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	10 min	>98	99/1
9	P(c-Hex) <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	2 h	66	7/1
10	P(OMe) <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	8 h	N.R.	

a) The reactions were performed at room temperature. b) The catalyst (0.1 equiv.) was used. c) Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) analysis.

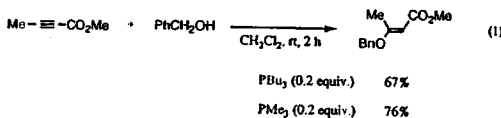
# Michael addition of oxygen pronucleophile.

Table 2. PBu<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Conjugate Addition of Alcohols to Methyl Propiolate<sup>a)</sup>

Entry	ROH	Time / min	Yield <sup>b)</sup> %	E/Z <sup>c)</sup>
1		10	>98	11/1
2		3	91	E
3		5	90	E
4		5	>98	E
5 <sup>d)</sup>		10	96	E
6 <sup>d)</sup>	≡-CH <sub>2</sub> OH	10	95	E
7		30	14	E
8		10	53	E
9		10	96 <sup>e)</sup>	E
10 <sup>c)</sup>	Cholesterol	10	82	E
11	n-C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>37</sub> SH	3	95	E

a) The reactions were carried out at room temperature in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) under argon by using methyl propiolate (0.2 mmol), alcohols (0.2 mmol), and PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.03 mmol) unless otherwise stated. b) Isolated yield. c) Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) analysis. d) PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.2 equiv.) was used. e) PBu<sub>3</sub> (0.5 equiv.) was used.

E isomer was major product  
High nucleophilic  
PBu<sub>3</sub> is best catalyst

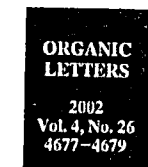
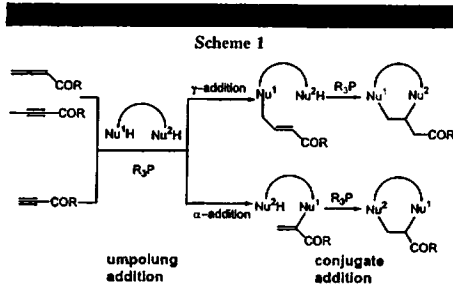


# Tandem addition

## Tandem Reactions to Construct Heterocycles via Phosphine-Catalyzed Umpolung Addition and Intramolecular Conjugate Addition

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2b, 2c >> 2a  
Higher β-addition of ketone than ester  
entry 1-12  
allenlic substrate  
β-addition and α-addition.

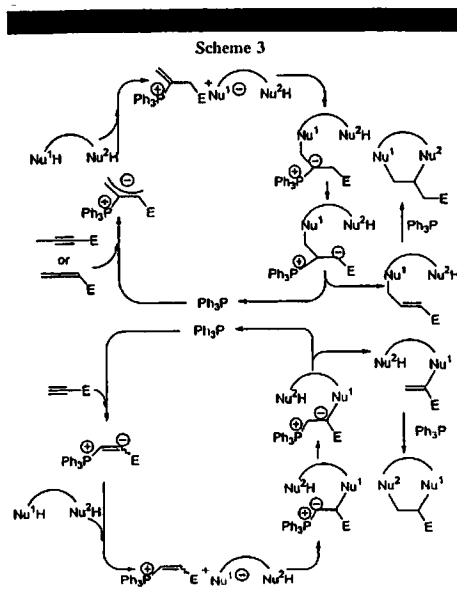


Table 1. Phosphine-Catalyzed Tandem Nucleophilic Additions<sup>a)</sup>

entry	NuH	allenes alkynes	or	T(°C)/T (h)	product	yield (%) <sup>b)</sup>
1			2a	110/24		68
2 <sup>c)</sup>	1a	2b R=Me		70/2		84
3 <sup>c)</sup>	1a	2c R=Ph		70/5		70
4 <sup>c)</sup>		2b		70/5		66 <sup>d)</sup>
5 <sup>c)</sup>	1c	2b		70/5		77 <sup>d)</sup>
6	1a		3d	110/48		71
7	1a	3e R=Cy		110/48		92
8 <sup>c)</sup>		3b R=Me		80/24		93
9 <sup>c)</sup>	1d	3c R=Ph		80/24		81 <sup>e)</sup>
10 <sup>c)</sup>	1d	3e R=Cy		80/24		96
11 <sup>c)</sup>	1e X=O	3b		80/24		66 <sup>f)</sup>
12 <sup>c)</sup>	1e	3e		80/24		66 <sup>f)</sup>
13 <sup>c)</sup>	1d		4a	80/24		86
14 <sup>c)</sup>	1d	4f R=Pr		80/24		83 <sup>c)</sup>
15 <sup>c)</sup>		4a		80/72		88

<sup>a)</sup> Reaction conditions: a solution of bifunctional nucleophile (0.5 mmol), allene or alkyne (0.5 mmol), and Ph<sub>3</sub>P (0.1 mmol) were heated at the indicated temperature. For details of the reaction conditions, see ref 8.  
<sup>b)</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c)</sup> Used 0.025 mmol of Ph<sub>3</sub>P. <sup>d)</sup> Solution of 1 equiv of allene in toluene was added dropwise to the solution of 5 equiv of 1,3-dicarbonyl compound in toluene, and the yields were based on the allene.  
<sup>e)</sup> CH<sub>3</sub>CN was used as solvent. <sup>f)</sup> Toluene-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (v/v = 4/1) was used as a solvent. <sup>g)</sup> Alkyne (1.1 equiv) in toluene or CH<sub>3</sub>CN was added dropwise.

entry 13-15: No β-addition

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As a nucleophile.



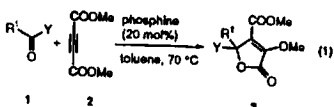
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Synthesis of Highly Functionalized  $\gamma$ -Butyrolactones from Activated Carbonyl Compounds and Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate<sup>1</sup>

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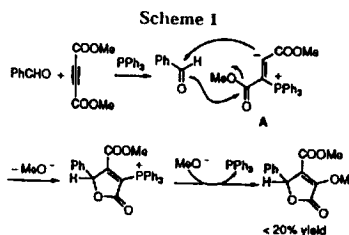


$\alpha$ -keto ester,  $\alpha$ -keto nitrile,  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluoroacetophenone was good substrate.

For  $\alpha$ -keto ester, electron withdrawing  $R_1$  gave good result,

For  $\alpha$ -keto nitrile, electron donating  $R_1$  gave good result.

$\alpha$ -diketone is also good substrate for this reaction, see, J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. I, 1997, 3/29.



A don't protonize, but nucleophile attack to carbonyl compound.

Table 1. Tertiary Phosphine-Catalyzed Lactone Formation from Electron-Deficient Carbonyl Compounds 1 and Dimethyl Acetylenedicarboxylate (2)

run	substrate 1	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	phosphines	time (h)	yield of 3 (%) <sup>a,b</sup>
1	1a	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	COOMe	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	94
2	1b	Ph	COOMe	PPh <sub>3</sub>	8	11 <sup>c</sup>
3	1c	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	COOMe	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	c
4	1d	Ph	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	8	58
5	1e	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	19	58
6	1f	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	19	67
7	1g	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	30 <sup>d</sup>
8	1h	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	<30 <sup>d,e</sup>
9	1i	c-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	38
10	1j	Ph	CH <sub>3</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	22	c
11	1k	Ph	CF <sub>3</sub>	PPh <sub>3</sub>	17	75
12	1a	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	COOMe	(S)-BINAP <sup>f</sup>	49	6 <sup>c</sup> (8)
13	1a	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	COOMe	(R)-MeO-MOP <sup>g</sup>	47	41 <sup>c</sup> (10)
14	1a	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	COOMe	(+)-NMDPP <sup>h</sup>	48	5 <sup>c</sup> (5)

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup> See for 3 are shown in parentheses. The absolute configuration of the major isomer has not been determined. <sup>c</sup> The unreacted starting materials were recovered. <sup>d</sup> A complex mixture was obtained. <sup>e</sup> The product was not obtained in pure form. <sup>f</sup> (S)-BINAP = (S)-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl. <sup>g</sup> (R)-MeO-MOP = (R)-2-(diphenylphosphino)-2'-methoxy-1,1'-binaphthyl. <sup>h</sup> (+)-NMDPP = (1S,2S,5R)-neomenthylidiphenylphosphine.

1,3-dipolarophile - [3+2] addition

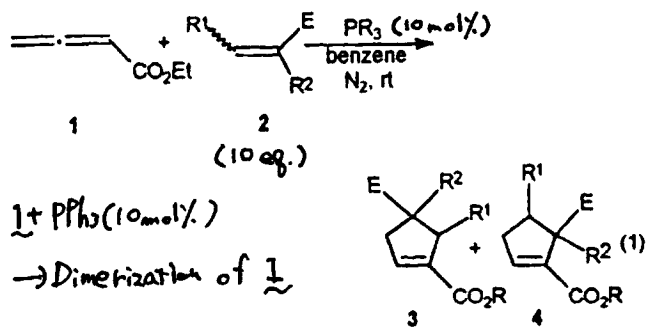
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Phosphine-Catalyzed Cycloaddition of 2,3-Butadienoates or 2-Butynoates with Electron-Deficient Olefins. A Novel [3+2] Annulation Approach to Cyclopentenes

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1 + PPh<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%)  
→ Dimerization of 1

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Imine [3+2]: TL, 1997, 38, 3461.

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Imine + substituted allene or alkyne [3+2]

Construction of spirocycle: JOC, 2002, 67, 8901.  
[3+2] JOC, 2003, 68, 6962.

Table 1. Phosphine-Catalyzed Cycloaddition of 2,3-Butadienoates with Electron-Deficient Olefins

entry	olefin		PR <sub>3</sub>	products	
	2	E		yield (%)	3:4 <sup>a</sup>
1	2a <sup>b</sup>	COOEt	PPh <sub>3</sub>	76	75:25
2	2a	COOEt <sup>c</sup>	PBu <sub>3</sub>	66	75:25
3	2b <sup>b</sup>	COOMe	PPh <sub>3</sub>	81	80:20
4	2b	COOMe <sup>c</sup>	PBu <sub>3</sub>	66	85:15
5	2c <sup>b</sup>	COMe	PPh <sub>3</sub>	55	63:37
6	2d <sup>b</sup>	CN	PPh <sub>3</sub>	79	83:17 <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Ratios were determined by isolation. <sup>b</sup> R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = H. <sup>c</sup> 2 equiv of olefin was used. <sup>d</sup> Ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra.

Electron-deficient olefins gave good results.

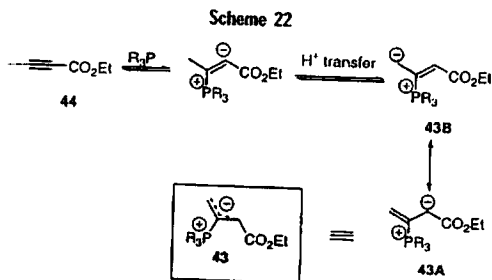
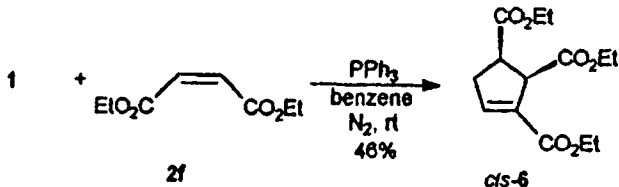
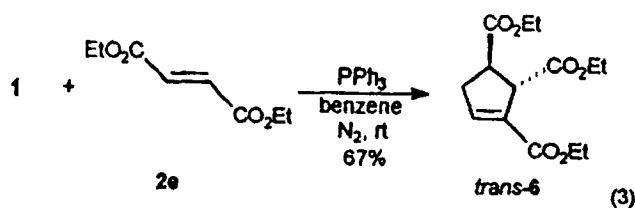
Table 2. Cycloaddition of 2-Butynoates with Electron-Deficient Olefins under the Catalysis of Tributylphosphine

entry	olefin		products	
	11	2	yield (%)	3:4 <sup>a</sup>
1	11a	2a <sup>b</sup>	85	89:11 (3a:4a)
2	11a	2b <sup>b</sup>	78	84:16 (3b:4b)
3	11a	2d <sup>b</sup>	80	93:7 (3d:4d) <sup>f</sup>
4	11a	2e	88	trans-6
5	11a	2f	91	trans-6
6	11b	2b	62	87:13 (3b':4b')
7	11b	2g <sup>d</sup>	46	72:28 (3g:4g)

<sup>a</sup> Ratios were determined by isolation. <sup>b</sup> See Table 1. <sup>c</sup> Ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra. <sup>d</sup> 2g: R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = Me, E = CO<sub>2</sub>Me.

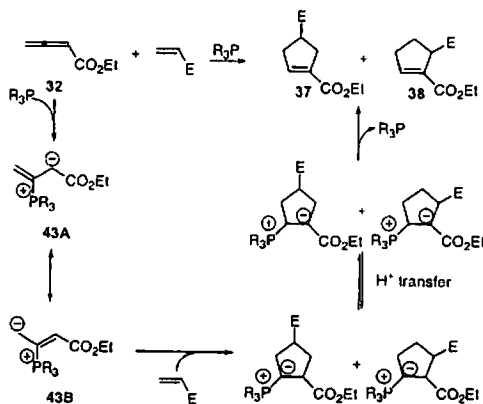
PBu<sub>3</sub> has higher reactivity.





$\text{11} + 2\text{e} \xrightarrow{\text{P}^{\text{Bu}}_3} \text{trans-6}$   
 $\text{11} + 2\text{f} \xrightarrow{\text{P}^{\text{Bu}}_3} \text{trans-6}$   $\Rightarrow$  rapid isomerization of 2f in the presence of  $\text{P}^{\text{Bu}}_3$

Scheme 21



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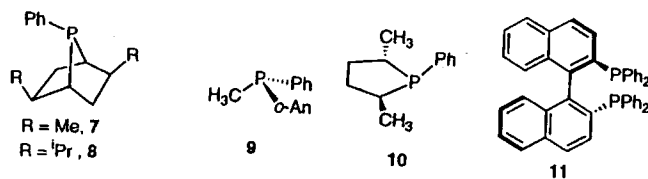
**Asymmetric [3 + 2] Cycloaddition of 2,3-Butadienoates with Electron-Deficient Olefins Catalyzed by Novel Chiral 2,5-Dialkyl-7-phenyl-7-phosphabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes**

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Figure 3.



7 and 8: The rigid, fused bicyclic [2.2.1] structure eliminates the conformational flexibility.

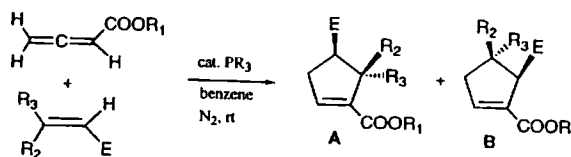


Table 1. Phosphine-Catalyzed Asymmetric [3 + 2] Cycloaddition<sup>a</sup>

entry	phosphine	E	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	solvent	T (°C) <sup>c</sup>	yield (%)	A:B <sup>b</sup>	% ee of A <sup>b</sup>	config <sup>c</sup>
1	7	COOEt	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	66	95:5	81	(-) <i>R</i>
2	8	COOEt	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	76	97:3	81	(-) <i>R</i>
3	9	COOEt	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	80	80:20	56	(+) <i>S</i>
4	10	COOEt	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	83	72:29	6	(+) <i>S</i>
5	11	COOEt	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	33	73:27	12	(-) <i>R</i>
6	7	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	46	100:0	86	(-) <i>R</i>
7	7	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	69	95:5	89	(-) <i>R</i>
8	7	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	42	97:3	93	(-) <i>R</i>
9	8	COOMe	Et	H	H	benzene	0	87	96:4	79	(-) <i>R</i>
10	8	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	92	100:0	88	(-) <i>R</i>
11	8	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	benzene	rt	88	100:0	93	(-) <i>R</i>
12	8	COO <sup>i</sup> Bu	Et	H	H	toluene	0	88	100:0	93	(-) <i>R</i>
13	7	COOEt	<sup>t</sup> Bu	H	H	benzene	rt	75	95:5	88	(-) <i>R</i>
14	8	COOEt	<sup>t</sup> Bu	H	H	benzene	rt	13	97:3	89	(-) <i>R</i>
15 <sup>d</sup>	8	COOEt	Et	COOEt	H	benzene	rt	84	94:6	69	(-) <i>R</i>
16 <sup>d</sup>	8	COOMe	Et	H	COOMe	toluene	0	49		79	(+)
						benzene	rt	84		36	(-)

<sup>a</sup> The reaction was carried out under N<sub>2</sub> with a chiral phosphine (10 mol %), 2,3-butadienoate (100 mol %), and electron deficient olefins (1000 mol %). <sup>b</sup> A:B and % ee were measured by GC with β and γ-DEX columns. <sup>c</sup> The absolute configuration was determined by comparing the optical rotation with the literature value. <sup>d</sup> Olefins (200 mol %) were used. <sup>e</sup> rt = room temperature.

8 gave higher reactivity than 7.

R group of 7 or 8 can effectively block the 'bottom' face of allylic carboanion of 43A/43B

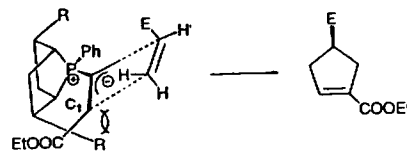


Figure 4.

# 1,4-Dipolarophile - [4+2] addition

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## An Expedient Phosphine-Catalyzed [4 + 2] Annulation: Synthesis of Highly Functionalized Tetrahydropyridines

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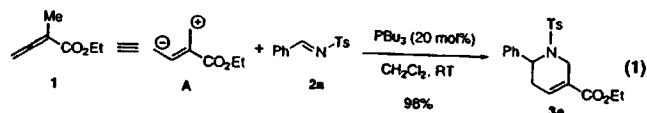


Table 1. Synthesis of Tetrahydropyridines 3 from Ethyl 2-Methyl-2,3-butadienoate and *N*-Tosylaldimines<sup>a</sup>

entry	R	product	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Ph (2a)	3a <sup>c</sup>	98
2	4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2b)	3b	99
3	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2c)	3c	95
4	3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2d)	3d	96
5	2-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2e)	3e	93
6	4-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2f)	3f	95
7	4-CNC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2g)	3g	98
8	2-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2h)	3h	98
9	1-naphthyl (2i)	3i	96
10	2-furyl (2j)	3j	97
11	4-pyridyl (2k)	3k	92 <sup>d</sup>
12	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2l)	3l	86
13	2-OHC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2m)	3m	0
14	2-OTBSC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2n)	3n	93
15	2-pyrrolyl (2o)	3o	0
16	<i>N</i> -Boc-2-pyrrolyl (2p)	3p	99
17	<i>trans</i> -styrenyl (2q)	3q	trace <sup>e</sup>
18	<i>t</i> -butyl (2r)	3r	86 <sup>f</sup>
19	<i>n</i> -propyl (2s)	3s	0 <sup>g</sup>

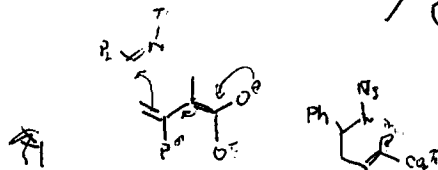
<sup>a</sup> See Supporting Information for a detailed experimental procedure.  
<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> The structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis. <sup>d</sup> 30 mol % PBu<sub>3</sub> was used. <sup>e</sup> The product was inseparable from the starting imine. <sup>f</sup> 3 equiv of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was added. <sup>g</sup> The imine was decomposed to aldehyde and *p*-toulenesulfonamide.

Table 2. Synthesis of Tetrahydropyridines 13 from Ethyl 2-Benzyl-2,3-butadienoates and *N*-Tosylaldimines<sup>a</sup>

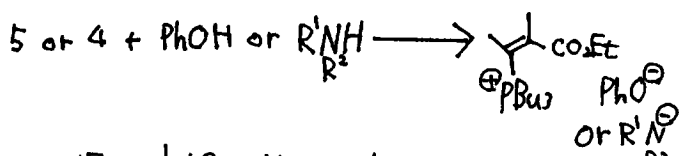
entry	R	R'	product	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	dr <sup>c</sup>
1	Ph (2a)	4-CNC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12a)	13a	99	98:2
2	Ph (2a)	2-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12b)	13b	99	97:3
3	Ph (2a)	3-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12c)	13c	99	98:2
4	Ph (2a)	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12d)	13d	82	88:12
5	Ph (2a)	Ph (12e)	13e <sup>d</sup>	99	98:2
6	4-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2b)	Ph (12e)	13f	99	97:3
7	4-NO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2l)	Ph (12e)	13g	90	95:5
8	3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2d)	4-CNC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12a)	13h	99	98:2
9	2-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2h)	4-CNC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12a)	13i	80	90:10
10	2-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2e)	3-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12c)	13j	96	83:17
11	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (2c)	3-OMeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (12c)	13k	99	98:2

<sup>a</sup> See Supporting Information for a detailed experimental procedure.  
<sup>b</sup> Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup> Diastereomer ratio determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz).  
<sup>d</sup> The structure was confirmed by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

To change the reaction of 1,3-dipolar to 1,4-dipolar, substitution of the hydrogen at the 2-position of 2,3-butadienoates with methyl group.

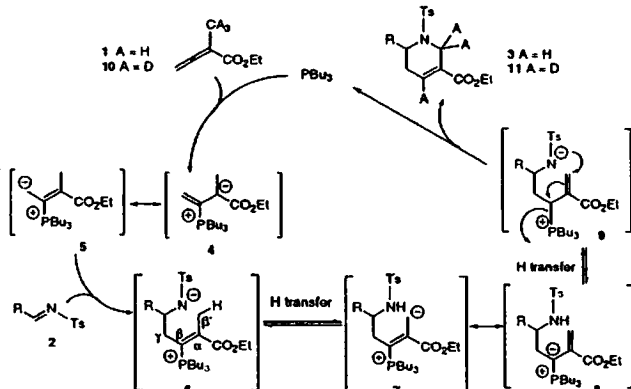


o Entry 13 vs 14 and 15 vs 16: Acidic proton retarded the reaction.



o Entry 17 and 19: No or low reactivity of alkyl imine.

Scheme 1. Mechanistic Rationale for the Formation of 3



o 10 + 2a  $\xrightarrow{PBu_3}$  11, sluggish 31% y.  
 proton transfer process would be rate determining step.  
 o Proton transfer of 6 → 7 is energetically less favorable.

To accelerate this process, they introduced benzyl substituent.

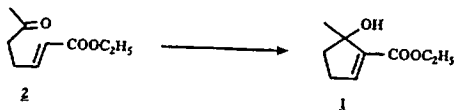
2 + 12 → 13, quantitative yield and high diastereoselectivity.  
 ortho-substituent gave poor results.  
 steric bulk.

# 2. Intramolecular reaction of enone

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## AN INTRAMOLECULAR BAYLIS-HILLMAN REACTION

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Phosphines was useful in this reaction.

Amine bases (ex. DABCO, Quinidine) didn't give the cyclized product.

For asymmetric reaction, (-)-PAMP, (-)-CAMP gave the product with low ee.

First report of intramolecular Morita-Baylis-Hillman reaction.

Table 1 Cyclisation experiments 2 + 1

Entry	Catalyst, Solvent <sup>a)</sup>	Time	Mol% cat.	% 2	% 1	Remarks
1	DABCO	32d	15	81	-	19% cis-2
	DABCO, THF	30d	37	80	-	20% cis-2
2	NaOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, (-30° → rt)	2h	100	10	-	40% 4 <sup>b)</sup>
3	LITMP <sup>c)</sup> , ether (-50° → rt)	1d	3	10	-	a.o. 5 <sup>b)</sup>
4	Quinidine, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH, THF	10d	10	100	-	
5	Li-quinidinate, HMPA	5h	25	0	0	mixture of unidentified products
6	(n-Bu) <sub>3</sub> P	1d	25	25	75(GLC)	isolated 39% 1
7	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )P	1d	25	35	65(GLC)	
8	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	5d	30	70	30(GLC)	
9	(t-Bu) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> P	30d	25	50	50	
10	CH <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> P	40d	25	100	-	
11	(-)-PAMP (6, 78% ee) <sup>a)</sup>	20d	20	100	-	
12	(-)-CAMP (7, 62% ee) <sup>a)</sup>	10d	18	25	75(GLC)	isolated 40% 1 (14% ee) <sup>a)</sup>

a) if not otherwise mentioned, reactions were carried out without solvent at room temperature; b) Lithium-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide; c) NMR, opishift, CH<sub>2</sub>-triplet of the ester group separated, [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> (c=1, EtOH).



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## Assessing the scope of the tandem Michael/intramolecular aldol reaction mediated by secondary amines, thiols and phosphines

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## 5-ring formation

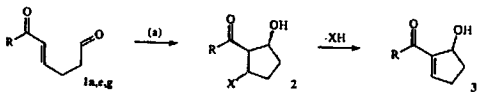


Table 4.

Entry	Substrate	R	Method	X	2 <sup>a)</sup>	3
1	1a	Ph	1.3 equiv. piperidine, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 10 min	Piperidyl	4.90% <sup>b)</sup>	-
2	1a	Ph	0.3 equiv. piperidine, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 144 h	Piperidyl	-	3a, 50%
3	1a	Ph	1.3 equiv. TolSH, CHCl <sub>3</sub> , 16 h	TolS	2aT, 77%	-
4	1a	Ph	0.2 equiv. n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 17 h	-	-	3a, 20%
5	1f	OEt	1.3 equiv. piperidine, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 2 days	Piperidyl	Dec <sup>c)</sup>	-
6	1f	OEt	0.3 equiv. piperidine, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 2 days	Piperidyl	Dec <sup>c)</sup>	-
7	1f	OEt	2 equiv. TolSH, 0.2 TolSNa, Δ, 16 h	TolS	2fT, 72%	-
8	1f	OEt	0.4 equiv. n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P, CDCl <sub>3</sub> , 28 days	-	-	3f, 40%

<sup>a)</sup> P refers to adducts derived from piperidine, T from p-TolSH.

<sup>b)</sup> As observed by NMR of the progress of the reaction.

## 6-ring formation

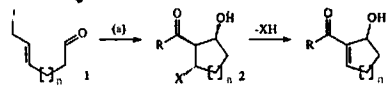


Table 5.

Entry	Substrate	R	n	Method <sup>a)</sup>	X	2 <sup>b)</sup>	3
1	1b	Ph	2	1.3 equiv. piperidine, 10 min	Piperidyl	2bP, 90%	-
2	1b	Ph	2	0.3 equiv. piperidine, 14-28 days	Piperidyl	-	3b, 24-30%
3	1b	Ph	2	1.3 equiv. TolSH, 16 h rt	TolS	2bT, 93%	-
4	1b	Ph	2	0.2 equiv. n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P, 2 h	-	-	3b, 75%
5	E-1g	OEt	2	1.3 equiv. piperidine	Piperidyl	Dec <sup>c)</sup>	-
6	E-1g	OEt	2	0.3 equiv. piperidine	Piperidyl	Dec <sup>c)</sup>	-
7	E-1g	OEt	2	2 equiv. TolSH, 0.2 TolSNa, Δ, 16 h	TolS	2gT, 75%	-
8	E-1g	OEt	2	0.2 equiv. n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P, 24 h	-	-	3g, 50%
9	Z-1g	OEt	2	0.2 equiv. n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P, 24 h	-	-	3g, 70%

<sup>a)</sup> All reactions performed in CHCl<sub>3</sub> or CDCl<sub>3</sub> at rt unless specified.

<sup>b)</sup> P refers to adducts from piperidine, T from p-TolSH.

<sup>c)</sup> As observed by NMR of the progress of the reaction.

<sup>d)</sup> Largely composed of products derived from aldol condensation.

• Piperidine gave 2 quickly, but formation of 2 was slow for both cases  
o-m-BP gave 2 with low reactivity for 5-membered ring and high reactivity for 6-membered ring.

## Tandem Michael/Michael

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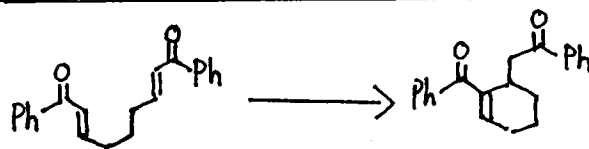
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## Organocatalytic Michael Cycloisomerization of Bis(enones): The Intramolecular Rauhut-Currier Reaction

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Intramolecular tandem Michael/Michael reaction of bis(enones) (2 examples of enone/enolate) 5,6-membered ring formation



high polar solvent gave product quickly with some diastomers.

For highly elec.ophilic bis(enone), EtOAc is solvent, For less electrophilic bis(enone), Acetone is best.

For less reactive substrate, t-BuOH with reflux is solvent of choice.

Table 1. Phosphine-Catalyzed Cycloisomerization of Bis(enones)<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Substrate	Product	T (°C)	Solvent	Isolated Yield (%)
1	1a, R = Ph 3a, R = 2-Furyl	2a 2b	50°C 40°C	EtOAc EtOAc	96 95
	3a, R <sub>1</sub> = R <sub>2</sub> = Ph 4a, R <sub>1</sub> = CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>2</sub> = Ph	3b 4b	50°C 10°C	EtOAc EtOAc	85 81
2	5a, R = phenyl 6a, R = 4-methoxyphenyl 7a, R = 4-ethylphenyl 8a, R = 3-naphthyl	5b 6b 7b 8b	15°C 50°C 15°C 50°C	Acetone Acetone EtOAc EtOAc	82 79 79 98
	9a, X = O 10a, X = NH <sub>2</sub>	9b 10b	15°C 15°C	Acetone EtOAc:Acetone (1:1)	95 90
	11a, X = O 12a, X = S 13a, X = NCH <sub>3</sub>	11b 12b 13b	30°C 15°C 50°C	EtOAc EtOAc Acetone	90 85 88
	14a	14b	30°C	EtOAc	75
7	15a, n = 1 16a, n = 2	15b, 15c, R <sub>1</sub> = Ph, R <sub>2</sub> = CH <sub>3</sub> 15d, 15e, R <sub>1</sub> = CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>2</sub> = Ph 15f, 15g (1:1) 16b, 16c (1:1)	70°C 70°C	EtOAc EtOAc	79 77
	17a	17b	15°C	<sup>t</sup> BuOH	87
	18a, R = CH <sub>3</sub> 19a, R = CH <sub>2</sub> CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	18b 19b	40°C 40°C	<sup>t</sup> BuOH <sup>t</sup> BuOH	41 76
	20a	20b	40°C	<sup>t</sup> BuOH	82
11	21a, R <sub>1</sub> = R <sub>2</sub> = CH <sub>3</sub> 22a, R <sub>1</sub> = CH <sub>3</sub> , R <sub>2</sub> = OEt	21b 21c 22b	40°C 100°C	<sup>t</sup> BuOH <sup>t</sup> AmylOH	81 <sup>c</sup> 71 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Procedure: Tributylphosphine was added to a 0.1 M solution of substrate in the indicated solvent and the reaction was allowed to stir at the indicated temperature until complete. <sup>b</sup> Yield based on recovered starting material. <sup>c</sup> 20 mol % PBu<sub>3</sub> used.

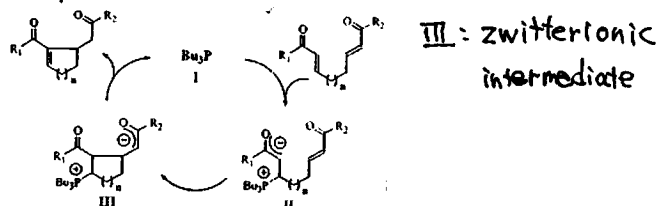
Entry 15 and 16: aromatic and aliphatic bis(enone)

15, 5-membered ring, kinetic phosphine adduct  
16, 6-membered ring, pre-equilibrium phosphine adduct

Entry 17: mono-enone, enoate, single isomer

Entry 18: electronic effect, phosphine addition of more electron deficient olefin.

Entry 3 and 4: steric effect, single isomer.



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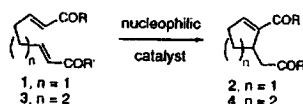
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The Vinylogous Intramolecular Morita–Baylis–Hillman Reaction: Synthesis of Functionalized Cyclopentenes and Cyclohexenes with Trialkylphosphines as Nucleophilic Catalysts

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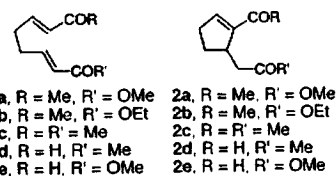
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Intramolecular tandem Michael/Michael of bis(enones), bis(enoates) enone/enal, enoate/enal, bis(enal)

5, 6-membered ring formation



PBu<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN or PMe<sub>3</sub> in *t*-amyl-OH

5-membered ring.

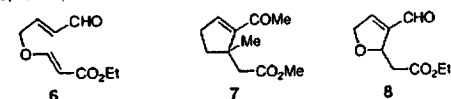


Table 1. Synthesis of Substituted Cyclopentenes via the Intramolecular Vinylogous Morita–Baylis–Hillman Reaction<sup>a</sup>

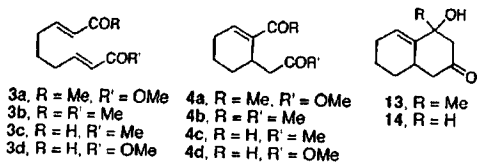
entry	substrate	catalyst (%)	solvent	concn (M)	time (h)	product	yield <sup>b</sup>	regioselectivity <sup>c</sup>	% aldol <sup>d</sup>
1	1a	PBu <sub>3</sub> (10)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.05	24	2a	80	95:5	
2	1a	PBu <sub>3</sub> (10)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.1	8	2a	61	95:5	
3	1a	PBu <sub>3</sub> (10)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.1	11	2a	88	96:4	
4	1a	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.1	4	2a	71	94:6	
5	1a	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.05	3	2a	91	97:3	
6	1a	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.1	1	2a	95	97:3	
7	1a	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	1.0	0.75	2a	81	96:4	
8	1c	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.05	4	2c	54		13
9	1c	PMe <sub>3</sub> (10)	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.05	2	2c	96		0
10	1d	PMe <sub>3</sub> (20)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	0.75	2d	79	89:11	trace
11 <sup>e</sup>	1d	PMe <sub>3</sub> (20)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.1	2	2d	48	93:7	trace
12	1e	PMe <sub>3</sub> (20)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.1	0.25	2e	43	only	-
13	1e	PMe <sub>3</sub> (20)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	4	2e	90	only	-
14	5	PMe <sub>3</sub> (100)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.05	17	7	32	only	-
15	5	PMe <sub>3</sub> (100)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	44	7	51	only	-
16	5	PMe <sub>3</sub> (200)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	44	7	60	only	-
17	6	PMe <sub>3</sub> (50)	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.01	2	8	38	only	-

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed by addition of the phosphine reagent to a solution of substrate in the indicated solvent at 23 °C, unless noted otherwise. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield of product. Compounds 2a and 2d were isolated as mixtures with the regioisomeric cyclopentene product. <sup>c</sup> Regioselectivity refers to the ratio of the two regioisomeric cyclopentenes. <sup>d</sup> Products 2c and 2d underwent aldol cyclization under the reaction conditions (see text). <sup>e</sup> Substrate 1d was added via syringe pump to the phosphine catalyst over 1 h.

entry 8 and 9: CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> suppress aldol cyclization of 2c.

entry 10 ~ 12: low concentration was best to prevent self condensation of 1d. selectivity; Phosphine reacted with the more electrophilic Michael acceptor.

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6-membered ring

For 3d, leg of  $\text{PMe}_3$  was necessary.

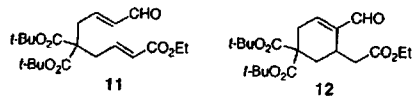


Table 2. Synthesis of Substituted Cyclohexenes via the Intramolecular Vinylogous Morita-Baylis-Hillman Reaction<sup>a</sup>

entry	substrate	catalyst (%)	solvent	concn (M)	time (h)	product	yield <sup>b</sup>	regioselectivity	% aldol
1	3a	$\text{PMe}_3$ (25)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.1	8	4a	83	92:8	
2	3b	$\text{PMe}_3$ (25)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.05	1.5	4b	46		23
3	3b	$\text{PMe}_3$ (25)	$\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	0.05	20	4b	64		20
4	3c	$\text{PBu}_3$ (50)	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	0.06	0.5	4c	55	90:10	
5	3c	$\text{PMe}_3$ (50)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	0.75	4c	45	95:5	11
6	3d	$\text{PMe}_3$ (100)	<i>tert</i> -amyl-OH	0.01	6	4d	47	95:5	
7	3d	$\text{PMe}_3$ (100)	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	0.01	8	4d	67	97:3	
8	11	$\text{PMe}_3$ (50)	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	0.01	22	12	74	97:3	

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed as described in Table 1. <sup>b</sup> All products were isolated as mixtures with the regioisomeric cyclohexenes except for 4b.

Other type of substrate: enoate/thioenoate and enone/thioenoate  
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$\beta$ -addition of hydroxide and alkoxide.

Phosphine-Catalyzed Hydration and Hydroalkoxylation of Activated Olefins: Use of a Strong Nucleophile to Generate a Strong Base

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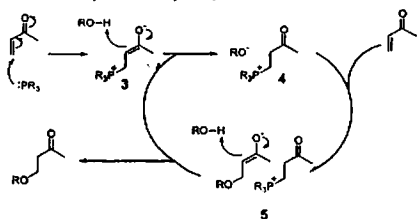
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Table 1. Catalyst Survey<sup>a</sup>

entry	catalyst	time (h)	T (°C)	% conv. <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{PMe}_3$	6	45	95
2	$\text{PBu}_3$	6	45	95
3	Me-BPE <sup>c</sup>	4	45	93
4	$\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{SO}_2\text{N}_4)_3$	20	105	45
5	<i>rac</i> -BINAP <sup>d</sup>	18	75	0
6	Et-DuPhos <sup>e</sup>	22	75	0
7	quinuclidine <sup>f</sup>	48	45	54
8	DABCO <sup>g</sup>	16	45	0
9	$\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ <sup>h</sup>	25	45	0
10	$\text{O}=\text{PMe}_3$ <sup>i</sup>	20	45	0

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: 1 mmol 4-hexen-3-one, 0.05 mmol catalyst in 0.3 mL  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ . <sup>b</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. <sup>c</sup> Me-BPE = 1,2-bis(2,5-dimethylphospholano)ethane. <sup>d</sup> BINAP = 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl. <sup>e</sup> Et-DuPhos = 1,2-bis(2,5-diethylphospholano)benzene. <sup>f</sup> 10 mol % catalyst. <sup>g</sup> DABCO = bicyclo[2.2.2]-1,4-diazaoctane.

Scheme 1. Proposed Catalytic Cycle



3 acts as strong base to deprotonate alcohol

Entry 1~3 vs 4~6: Trialkyl phosphines were more reactive than aryl phosphines.

Entry 7-9: N-nucleophiles were less effective.

Entry 10: Phosphine-oxide was not effective catalyst.

Table 2. Phosphine-Catalyzed Hydration and Hydroalkoxylation<sup>a</sup>

entry	EWG	R'	ROH	time (h)	% yield <sup>b</sup>
1	COEt	Me	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	20	77
2			MeOH	24	85
3 <sup>c</sup>				16	63
4	COMe	H	MeOH	1	56
5 <sup>c</sup>			$\text{Me}_2\text{CHOH}$	1	83
6 <sup>c</sup>			PhOH	16	59
7		Ph	MeOH	72	0
8	$\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$	Me	MeOH	36	71
9	CN	H	MeOH	4	79

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: see ref 9. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield after purification. <sup>c</sup> Run in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

Scope and limitations

Entry 7: highly conjugated substrate was unreactive

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , primary, secondary and aryl alcohol gave product.

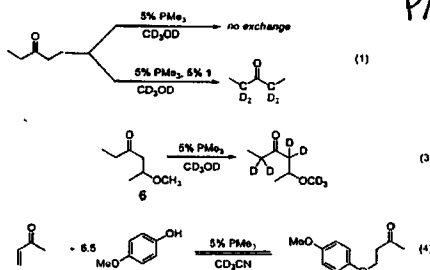
No retro-aldol or ketalization product was observed.

Phosphine don't function as a base, because of no reaction using  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ .

$\text{PMe}_3 + \underline{1}$  generates base.

(3): Check of reversibility.

(4): Variable temperature NMR. product increased by raising temperature.



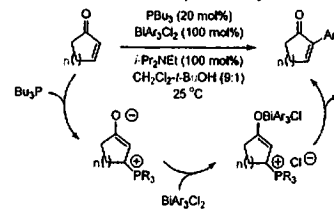
Phosphine Catalyzed  $\alpha$ -Arylation of Enones and Enals Using Hypervalent Bismuth Reagents: Regiospecific Enolate Arylation via Nucleophilic Catalysis

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Scheme 1. Proposed Mechanism for Catalytic Enone  $\alpha$ -Arylation under the Conditions of Nucleophilic Catalysis

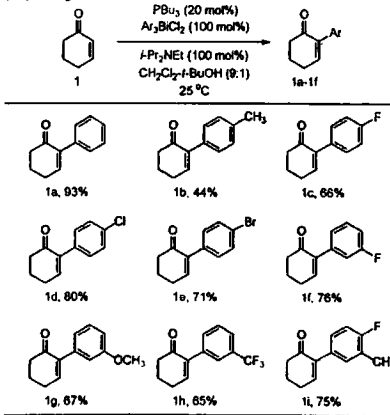


Lewis acid - Lewis base compatible.  
Bi(V)-mediated oxidation is slow compared with arylation.

meta-substituents gave good results.

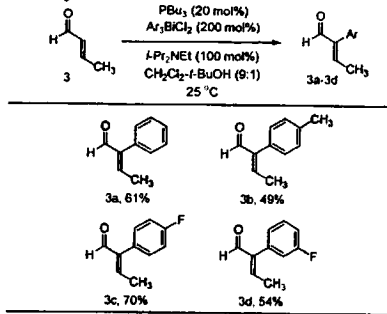
limitation of this reaction  
• Pronucleophile must be substituted at the  $\beta$ -position to prevent competitive anion polymerization.  
• Pronucleophile must readily achieve an *s-trans*-conformation.  
acyclic enone system gave product with low yield.

Table 1. Phosphine Catalyzed Arylation of Cyclohexenone Using BiAr<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> Reagents<sup>a,b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See Supporting Information for a detailed experimental procedure. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields after purification by silica gel chromatography.

Table 3. Phosphine Catalyzed Arylation of Crotonaldehyde Using BiAr<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> Reagents<sup>a,b</sup>



<sup>a</sup> See Supporting Information for a detailed experimental procedure. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yields after purification by silica gel chromatography.

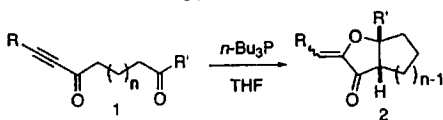
Strong  $\pi$ -donating substituents in the para-position diminish the aryl transfer efficiency.

Novel Phosphine-Catalyzed Zipper Cyclization of Aliphatic Diyne-Dione and Yne-Dione Systems

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Scheme 1



High regioselective and diastereoselective reaction.  
run 4: oligomerization occurred.

Direction of bis(enone) is same

Phosphine-Mediated [4 + 2] Annulation of Bis(enones): A Lewis Base Catalyzed "Mock Diels-Alder" Reaction

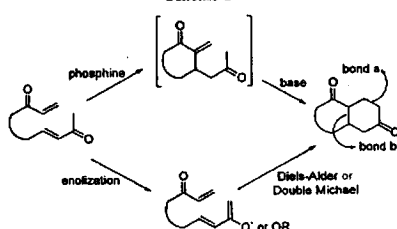
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Phosphine work as a nucleophilic catalyst and as a base to promote Michael reaction.

Scheme 1



<sup>a</sup> Key: (a) Cy<sub>3</sub>P, benzene, rt, 77%; (b) (R,R)-Et-BPE, benzene, rt, 79%, or 60:40; (c) CsF, MeCN, reflux, 50%, or 60:40; (d) CsF, MeCN, reflux, 0%.

3a  $\rightarrow$  2a: Phosphine doesn't have sufficient Lewis basicity to promote the Michael reaction.

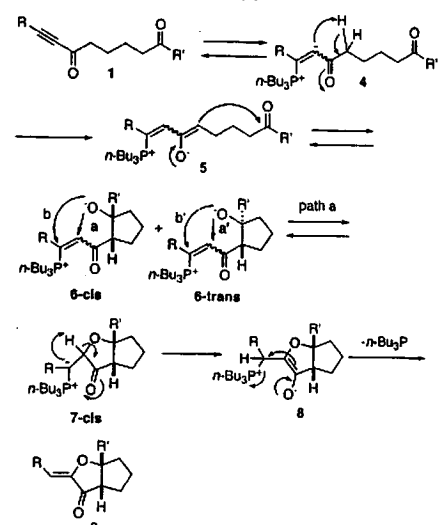
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Table 1. Tri-*n*-butylphosphine-Catalyzed Cyclization of 1<sup>a</sup>

run	R	R'	n	1 and 2	1-2
					yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	<i>n</i> -Bu	<i>n</i> -BuC=C	2	a	59
2	Ph	PhC=C	2	b	63
3	Ph	PhC=C	3	c	73
4	Ph	PhC=C	4	d	0
5	Ph	H	2	e	50
6	<i>n</i> -Bu	CH <sub>3</sub>	3	f	41

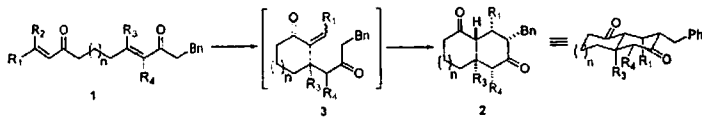
<sup>a</sup> The reaction was carried out at room temperature in THF (0.5 M) in the presence of *n*-Bu<sub>3</sub>P (20 mol %) as a catalyst. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield by SiO<sub>2</sub> column.

Scheme 3



4  $\rightarrow$  5: Nucleophilic attack of enolate  
6cis is more stable than 6-

Table 1. Organocatalytic [4 + 2] Cycloisomerization of Bis(enones)<sup>a</sup>



entry	substrate	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>	R <sub>4</sub>	n	catalyst	solvent	time (h)	major product <sup>b</sup>	yield <sup>c</sup> (%)	Isomeric ratio <sup>d</sup>
1	1a	H	H	H	H	1	Cy <sub>3</sub> P	benzene	1	3a	77	
2	1a	H	H	H	H	1	(R,R)-Me-BPE	benzene	2	3a	79	er 60:40 <sup>e</sup>
3	3a <sup>f</sup>	H	H	H	H	1	CsF	MeCN	1.5	2a	50	er 60:40 <sup>e</sup>
4	1a	H	H	H	H	1	Cy <sub>3</sub> P/CsF	MeCN	10	2a	64	12:1:1
5	1a	H	H	H	H	1	Cy <sub>3</sub> P/H <sub>2</sub> O	MeCN	24	2a	50	12:1:1
6	1a	H	H	H	H	1	n-Bu <sub>3</sub> P	i-PrOH	2	2a	46 <sup>e</sup>	12:1:1
7	1b	H	H	H	H	0	Cy <sub>3</sub> P	MeCN			0	
8	1c	H	H	H	H	2	Cy <sub>3</sub> P/CsF	MeCN	30	2c	58	9:1:1
9	1d	Me	H	H	H	1	Me <sub>3</sub> P/CsF	MeCN	11	2d	71	8:3:2:1
10	1e	H	Me	H	H	1	Me <sub>3</sub> P/CsF	MeCN	8	2d	74	8:3:2:1
11	1f	H	H	H	Me	1	Cy <sub>3</sub> P/CsF	MeCN	15	2f	76	12:2:2:1
12	1g	H	H	Me	H	1	Cy <sub>3</sub> P/Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	2.5	2g	33	6:3:1
13	1h	Me	H	Me	Me	1	Me <sub>3</sub> P/Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	16	2h	75	4:3:2:1

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup> Relative stereochemistry determined by single-crystal X-ray analysis. <sup>c</sup> Isolated yield after purification. <sup>d</sup> Reaction conditions: see ref 11. <sup>e</sup> Reaction performed using 20 mol % of catalyst at 20 °C. <sup>f</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis. <sup>g</sup> er 60:40.

• With a drop of H<sub>2</sub>O also promoted the reaction in the absence of base.

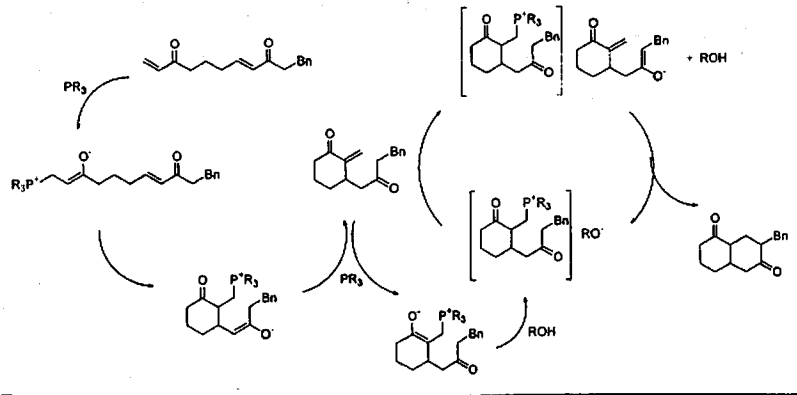
• Enolate work as a base to deprotonate the alcohol.

• In situ generation of base.

3. Catalytic reaction of ylide.

• To check the retro-Michael and Diels-Alder reaction occurrence, 3a was subjected the reaction condition. Er was not changed.  
 • No such a reaction pathway.  
 • Entry 3: Only CsF, no reaction and no Diels-Alder reaction.  
 • Entry 8,9: Terminal substituent. PMe<sub>3</sub> was needed for low reactivity of substrate.

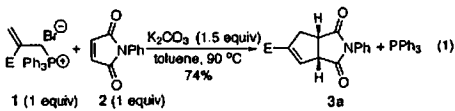
Scheme 3. Proposed Catalytic Cycle in Protic Solvents



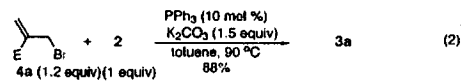
Catalytic C-P Ylide Reaction

A Catalytic Carbon-Phosphorus Ylide Reaction: Phosphane-Catalyzed Annulation of Allylic Compounds with Electron-Deficient Alkenes\*\*

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3a was prepared from 4a + PPh<sub>3</sub> catalytic reaction would be possible



E = CO<sub>2</sub>Et

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Entry 1~7: Aromatic aliphatic substituent gave good results.

Entry 13~15: Allyl acetate also good substrate.

Entry 16: Boc group. in situ generation of base.

Table 1: Phosphane-catalyzed annulation reaction of ylides.<sup>[a]</sup>

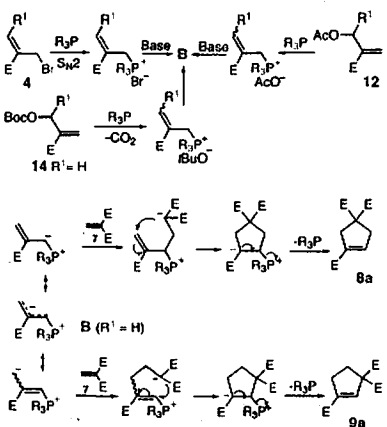
Entry	C <sub>1</sub> component	C <sub>2</sub> component	T [°C]	t [h]	Product	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup>
1 <sup>[d]</sup>	4a: R <sup>1</sup> = H	2	90	12	3a: R <sup>1</sup> = H	88
2 <sup>[d]</sup>	4b: R <sup>1</sup> = Ph	2	110	4	3b: R <sup>1</sup> = Ph	50 <sup>[e]</sup>
3	4b	2	110	4	3b	68 <sup>[d]</sup>
4	4c: R <sup>1</sup> = p-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2	110	4	3c: R <sup>1</sup> = p-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	66 <sup>[d]</sup>
5	4d: R <sup>1</sup> = p-O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2	110	4	3d: R <sup>1</sup> = p-O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	71 <sup>[d]</sup>
6	4e: R <sup>1</sup> = p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	2	110	4	4e: R <sup>1</sup> = p-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	74 <sup>[d]</sup>
7	4f: R <sup>1</sup> = nPr	2	110	4	4f: R <sup>1</sup> = nPr	60 <sup>[d]</sup>
8	4a	5	110	20	6	70 <sup>[d]</sup>
9	4a	7	110	20	8a: R <sup>1</sup> = H; 9a: R <sup>1</sup> = H	61 <sup>[f]</sup>
10	4d	7	110	6	8d: R <sup>1</sup> = p-O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	66
11	4a	10a: X = H	110	20	11a: X = H	72 <sup>[d]</sup>
12	4a	10b: X = MeO	110	20	11b: X = MeO	65
13	12a: R <sup>1</sup> = H	2	70	4	3a	76
14	12b: R <sup>1</sup> = Ph	2	110	4	3b	62 <sup>[d]</sup>
15	12c	2	30	2	13	64
16 <sup>[g]</sup>	14	2	110	2	3a	74

[a] For the typical reaction conditions, see the Experimental Section. E = CO<sub>2</sub>Et, E<sup>1</sup> = COPh. [b] Yield of isolated product. [c] The reaction conditions were similar to those in [a], except without slow addition. [d] *trans*:*cis* > 97:3 (relative stereochemistry of the R<sup>1</sup> group and the other substituents). [e] A minor by-product was also isolated which was not fully characterized. [f] 8a:9a = 90:10. [g] The regioselectivity of the reaction was higher than 97:3. [h] The reaction conditions were similar to those in [a], except without the addition of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl.

Mechanistic proposal.

From 4: S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction gave β.

From 12, 14: S<sub>N</sub>2' reaction gave β.



Scheme 2. Proposed mechanism of the phosphane-catalyzed annulation reaction of ylides.

# Phosphine-Catalyzed Regiospecific Allylic Amination and Dynamic Kinetic Resolution of Morita-Baylis-Hillman Acetates

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Scheme 1. Intermolecular Phosphine-Catalyzed Regioselective Allylic Amination

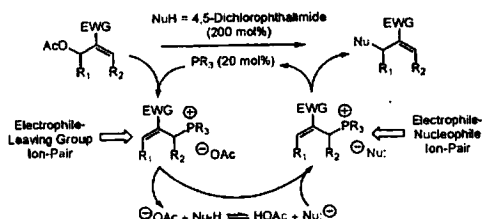
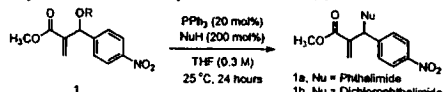


Table 1. Optimization of Phosphine-Catalyzed Allylic Alkylation of Morita-Baylis-Hillman Adducts<sup>a</sup>



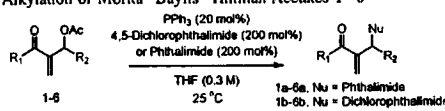
entry	substrate	nucleophile (NuH)	yield (%)
1	R = PO(OEt) <sub>2</sub>	4,5-dichlorophthalimide	3
2	R = BOC	phthalimide	12
3	R = BOC	4,5-dichlorophthalimide	77
4	R = Bz	4,5-dichlorophthalimide	79
5	R = <i>p</i> -NO <sub>2</sub> Bz	4,5-dichlorophthalimide	32
6	R = Ac	phthalimide	8
7	R = Ac	4,5-dichlorophthalimide	90

<sup>a</sup> Procedure: To a reaction vessel charged with 1 (0.5 mmol, 100 mol %), imide (1.0 mmol, 200 mol %), and PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mmol, 20 mol %) was added THF (1.6 mL, 0.3 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature for 24 h, at which point the reaction mixture was evaporated onto silica gel and the product was isolated by silica gel chromatography.

Nitrogen Pronucleophile  
ΔpKa between the conjugated acid of the leaving group and the pronucleophile is crucial to reaction.

Combination of acetate and 4,5-dichlorophthalimide gave the product with high yield.

Table 2. Intermolecular Phosphine-Catalyzed Allylic Alkylation of Morita-Baylis-Hillman Acetates 1-6<sup>a,b</sup>



entry	substrate	nucleophile	yield (%)
1a	X = H	Phthalimide	8%
1b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	90%
2a	X = H	Phthalimide	76% <sup>b</sup>
2b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	95% <sup>b</sup>
3a	X = H	Phthalimide	15% <sup>b</sup>
3b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	73% <sup>b</sup>
4a	X = H	Phthalimide	91%
4b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	92%
5a	X = H	Phthalimide	92%
5b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	95%
6a	X = H	Phthalimide	20%
6b	X = Cl	Dichlorophthalimide	88%

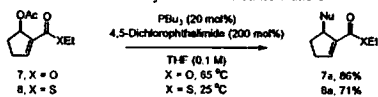
<sup>a</sup> Procedure: as described in Table 1. <sup>b</sup> Reaction performed at 50 °C.

Scope and limitation

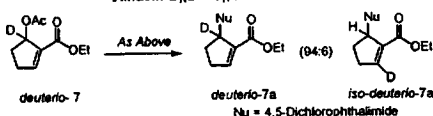
For ester substrate 4,5-dichlorophthalimide gave higher yield.

but for ketone substrate, both nucleophile gave high yield.

Scheme 2. Phosphine-Catalyzed Regioselective Allylic Amination of Cyclic MBH Acetates 7 and 8



Scheme 3. Deuterium Labeling Study Corroborates Proposed Tandem S<sub>N</sub>2'-S<sub>N</sub>2' Mechanism

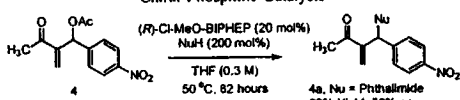


Check the direct substitution

Favor of retention of regiochemistry.

tandem S<sub>N</sub>2'-S<sub>N</sub>2' mechanism.

Scheme 4. Establishing the Feasibility of Deracemization via Chiral Phosphine Catalysts



Dynamic kinetic resolution

was possible using chiral phosphine.