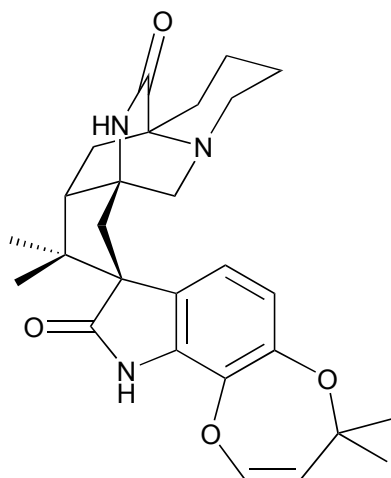


# Total Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Marcfortine B

## $\pi$ -Allylpalladium for the assembly of complex cyclic structure



Marcfortine B (1)

**Isolation:** *Penicillium roqueforti*

**Structural Elucidation:**

J. Polonsky et. al. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1980**, 601.

**Bioactivity:** Potent anthelmintic activity

**Total Synthesis:** B. M. Trost et. al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, 3086.

Total synthesis of related alkaloids

Paraherquamide A, B R. M. Williams et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2003**, 125, 12172.

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 557.

Stephacidine A, B P. S. Baran et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 8678.

Marcfortine C R. M. Williams et al. *Tetrahedron* **2007**, 63, 6124

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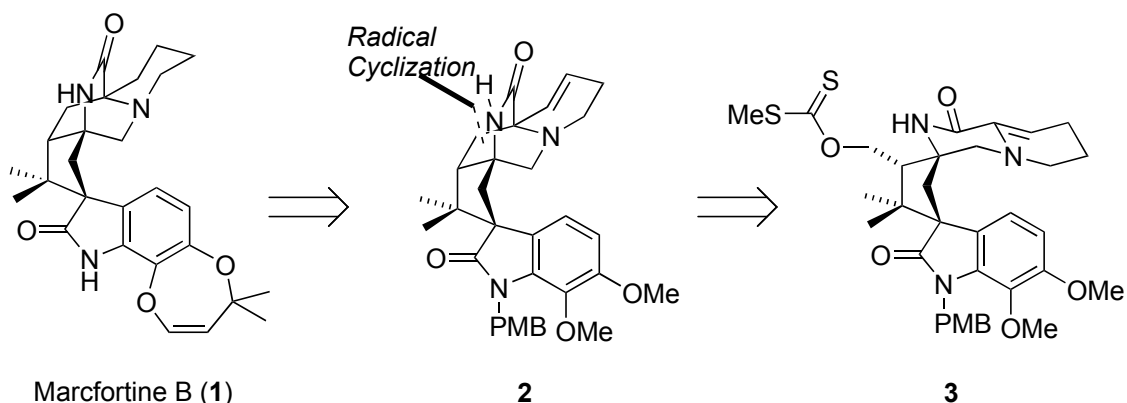
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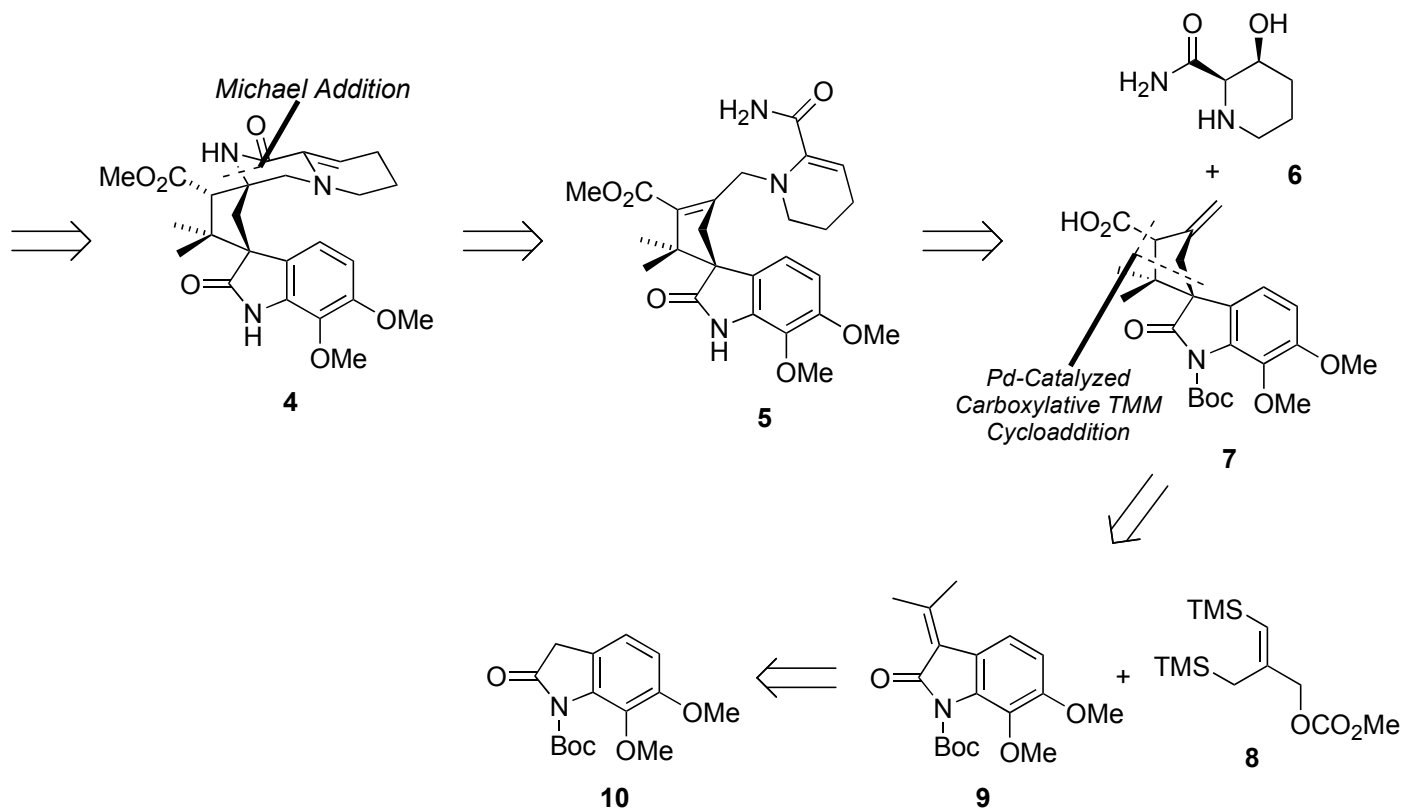
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### 1. Strategy of Total Synthesis





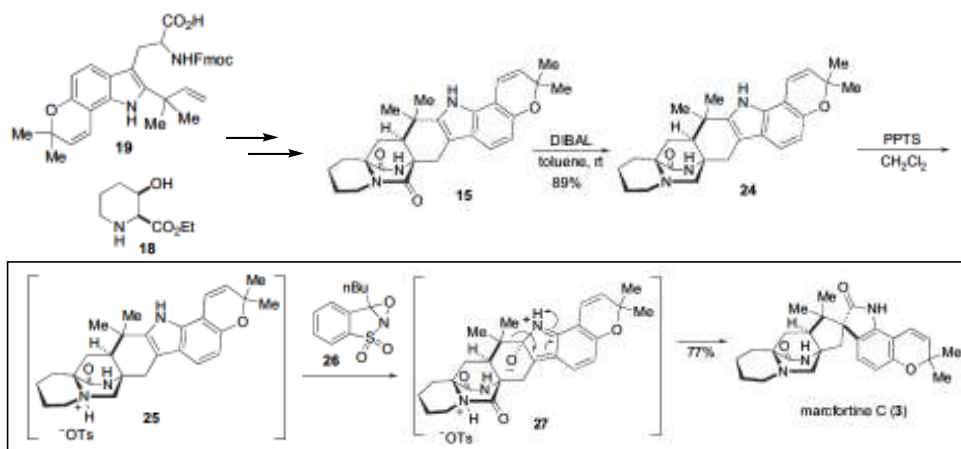
### Advantages of Pd-catalyzed carboxylative [3 + 2] TMM cycloaddition

Compared to other *spiro*-oxindole forming reactions

- Oxidative rearrangement (Figure 1.), Intramolecular Heck-rxn., etc.

- Construction of a heavily substituted spirocyclic cyclopentane ring at the early stage from simple compounds
  - Short and efficient synthetic route
  - Easy to establish the remaining stereogenic center by using the asymmetry of spirocycle
- Introduction of the requisite carboxylic acid functionality at the same time

Figure 1. Stereoselective oxidation/pinacol rearrangement for another method to construct *spiro*-oxindole moiety (Total synthesis of Marcfortine C)

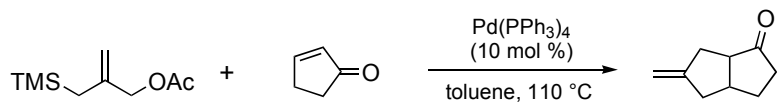


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(cf. Appendix)

## 2. $\pi$ -Allylpalladium-Mediated Cycloaddition Reaction

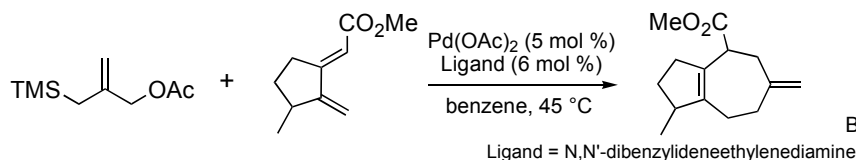
### 2-1. General Methodology - [3 + 2n] Cycloaddition

[3 + 2] cycloaddition (n = 1)



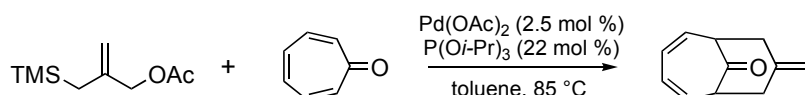
B. M. Trost et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1983**, *105*, 2315.  
B. M. Trost et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1985**, *107*, 721.

[3 + 4] cycloaddition (n = 2)



B. M. Trost et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1987**, *109*, 3483.

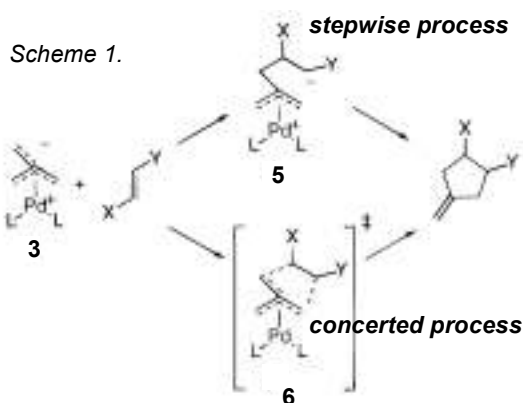
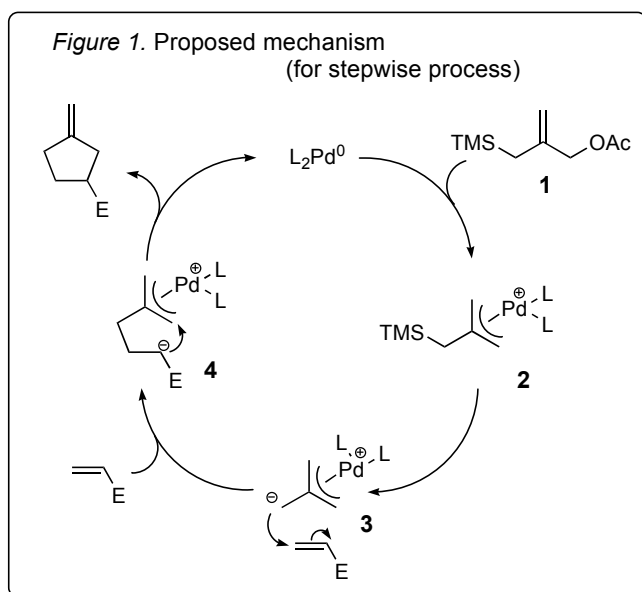
[3 + 6] cycloaddition (n = 3)



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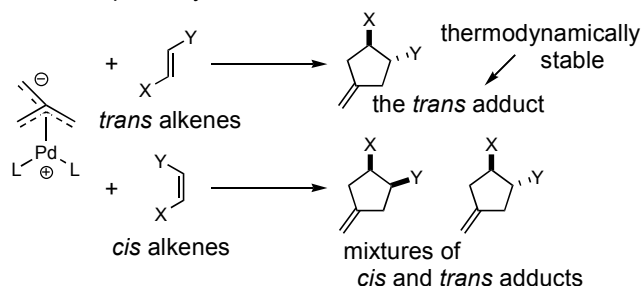
### 2-2. Possible Mechanism

○ Concerted mechanism or stepwise mechanism? (Scheme 1.)



#### Stepwise Mechanism

- Alkene activation by electron-withdrawing group is necessary.
- No stereospecificity is observed with some substrates.



Diastereomeric ratio from *cis* alkene and *trans* alkene is not completely same.



Even if stepwise mechanism is operative, life time of **5** (in Scheme 1.) is not so long for the bond rotation.

#### Concerted Mechanism

- Some reactions do exhibit near or complete stereospecificity.
- For certain substrates, several evidences were shown that support for concerted mechanism.

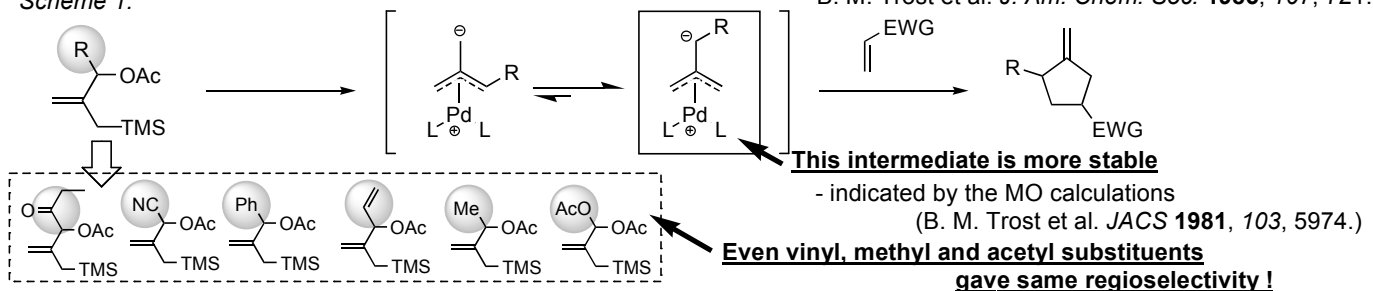
(D. A. Singleton et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 9313.)

For now, there is no explanation that can definitively say which process is the most plausible. (It depends on reaction type and substrates.)

## 2-3. Substituents Effect of Trimethylenemethanes

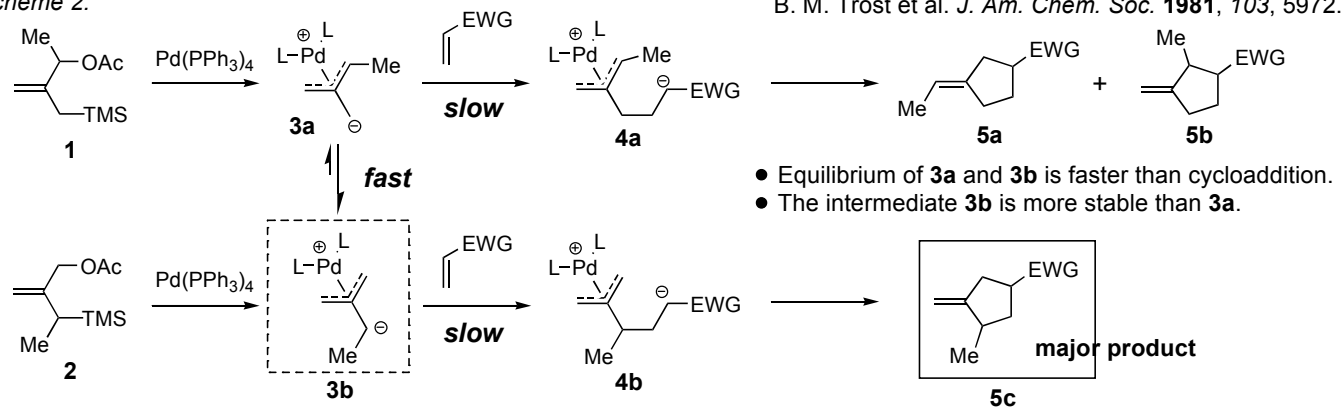
- Various kinds of substituents are possible, and **all reactions afford the same regioselectivity**.

Scheme 1.



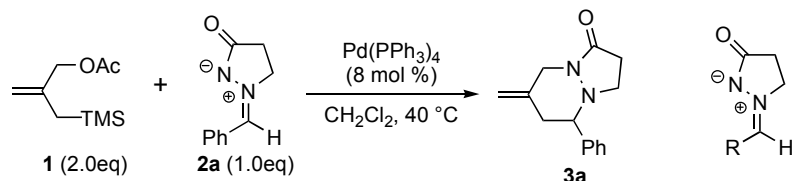
- For methyl substituent, two different precursors (**1** and **2**) produce the most stable TMM complex (**3b**) selectively.

Scheme 2.



## 2-4. Recent Development of $\pi$ -Allylpalladium-Mediated Cycloaddition Reaction

### (1) Pd-Catalyzed [3 + 3] Cycloaddition of Trimethylenemethane with Azomethine Imines



T. Hayashi et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 6330.

#### 1-Alkylidene-3-oxopyrazolidin-1-ium-2-ides

- Isolable and stable azomethine imines
- Derived from pyrazolidin-3-ones and aldehydes
- 1,3-Dipoles in the context of [3 + 3] cycloadditions

#### Scope of azomethine imine

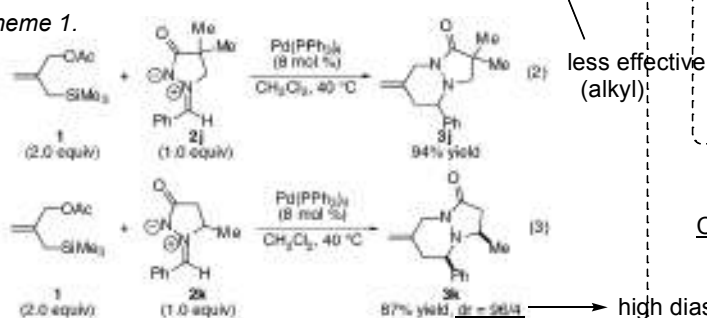
Table 2.

entry	R	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>
1	Ph ( <b>2a</b> )	<b>3a</b>	81
2	4-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2b</b> )	<b>3b</b>	74
3	4-CF <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2c</b> )	<b>3c</b>	92
4	3-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2d</b> )	<b>3d</b>	90
5	2-FC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2e</b> )	<b>3e</b>	88
6	2-MeC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ( <b>2f</b> )	<b>3f</b>	70
7	3-pyridyl ( <b>2g</b> )	<b>3g</b>	75
8	1-cyclohexenyl ( <b>2h</b> )	<b>3h</b>	71
9	<i>t</i> -Bu ( <b>2i</b> )	<b>3i</b>	20

high yield (aryl, heteroaryl, alkenyl)

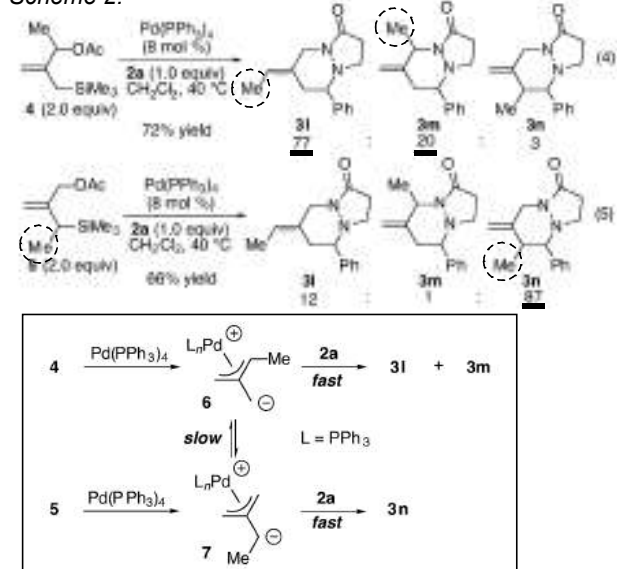
less effective (alkyl)

Scheme 1.



#### The effect of substituents on TMM precursor

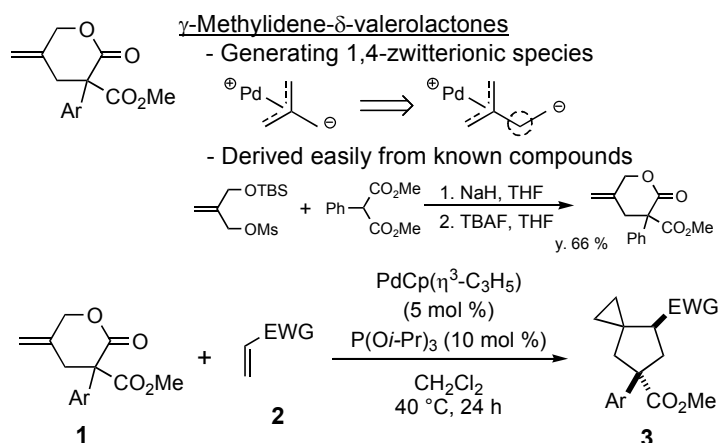
Scheme 2.



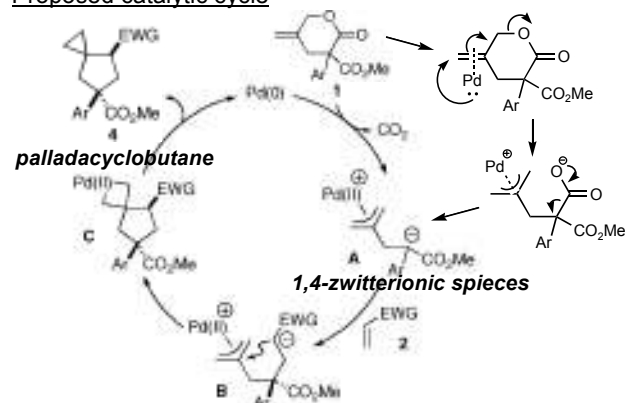
Cycloaddition step is faster than equilibrium between **6** and **7** (striking contrast to [3 + 2] cycloaddition Trost reported - cf. 2-3.)

## (2) Synthesis of Spiro[2.4]heptanes via $\pi$ -Allylpalladium Intermediate (Extension of Pd-Catalyzed [4 + 2] Cycloaddition)

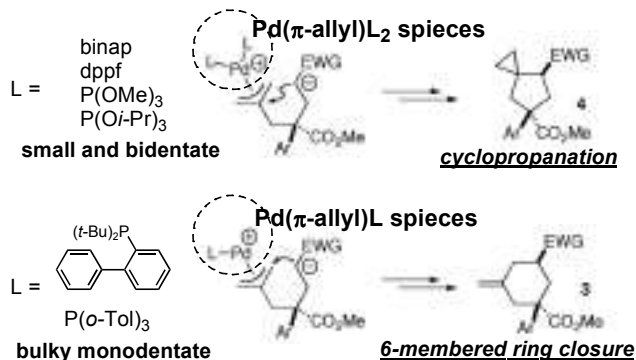
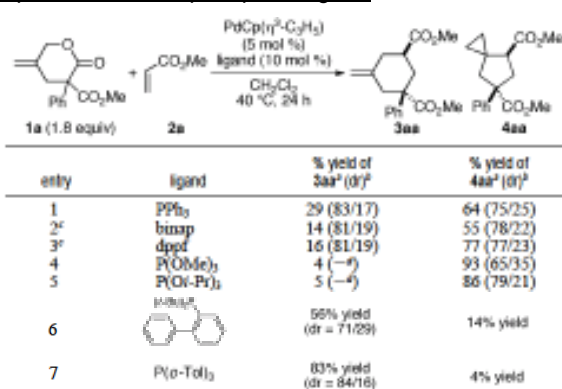
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### Proposed catalytic cycle



### Important effect of phosphine ligand



## (3) Pd-Catalyzed Asymmetric [3 + 2] Trimethylenemethane Cycloaddition

B. M. Trost et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 13328

Table 2. Reaction with aryl- and alkylidene tetralones

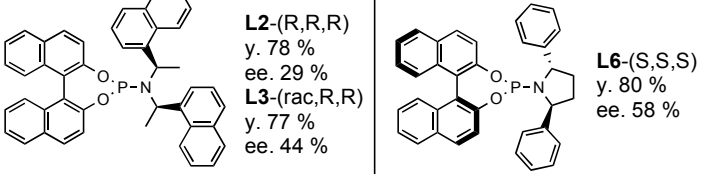
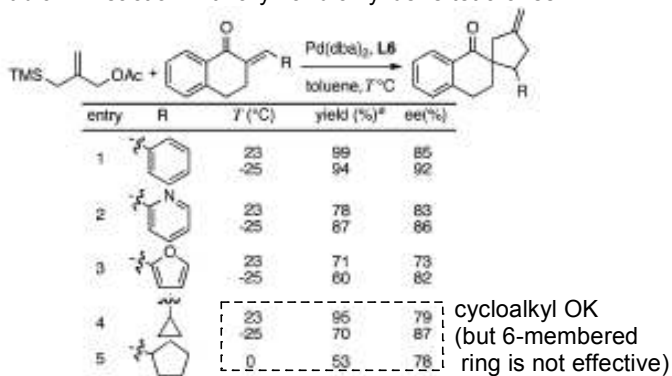
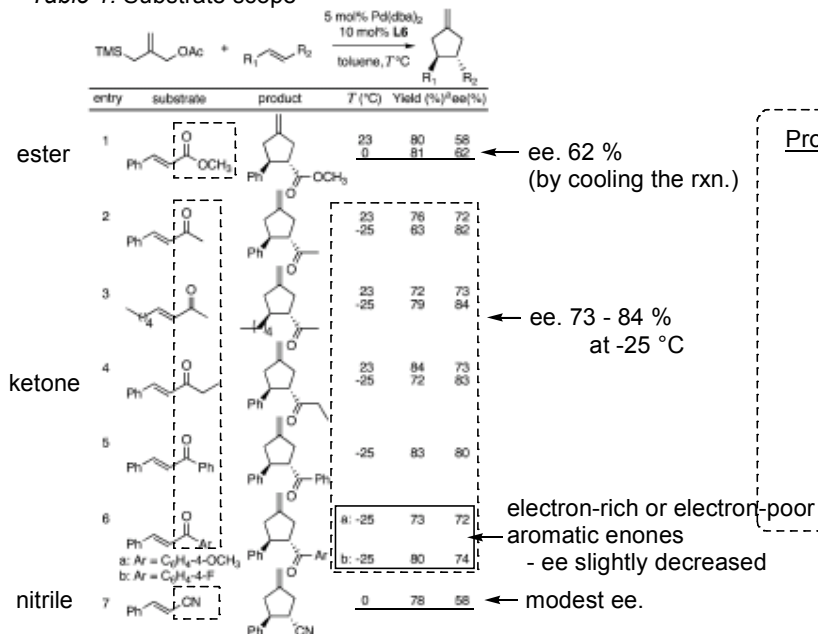
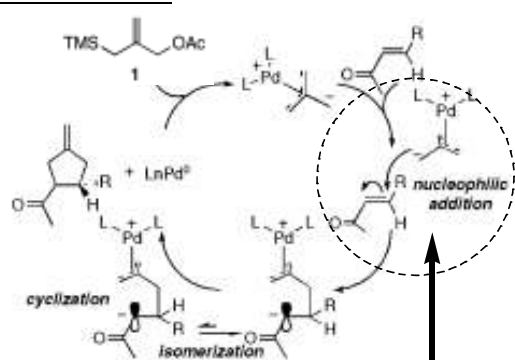


Table 1. Substrate scope



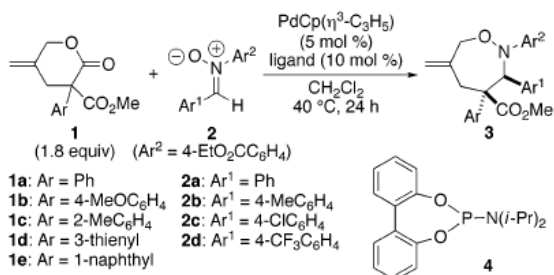
### Proposed mechanism



### Enantiodetermining step

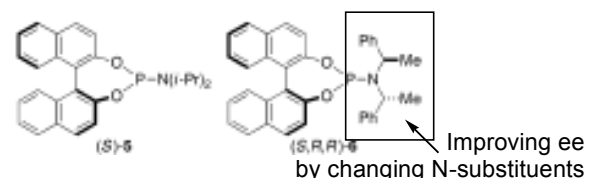
Difficulty: Large distance between chiral ligands and the asymmetric bond-forming point

#### (4) Pd-Catalyzed Asymmetric [4 + 3] Cycloaddition with Nitrones

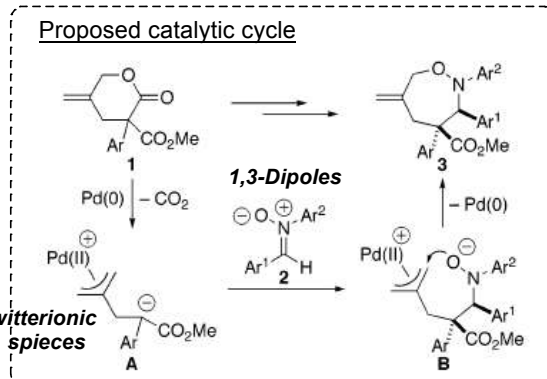


entry	1	2	ligand	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	dr <sup>b</sup>
1	1a	2a	PPh <sub>3</sub>	3aa	95	72/28
2	1a	2a	P( <i>Oi</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub>	3aa	97	78/22
3	1a	2a	<b>4</b>	3aa	99	90/10
4	1b	2a	<b>4</b>	3ba	95	93/7
5	1c	2a	<b>4</b>	3ca	62	87/13
6	1d	2a	<b>4</b>	3da	92	91/9
7	1e	2a	<b>4</b>	3ea	96	94/6
8	1e	2b	<b>4</b>	3eb	77	92/8
9	1e	2c	<b>4</b>	3ec	98	93/7
10	1e	2d	<b>4</b>	3ed	98	94/6

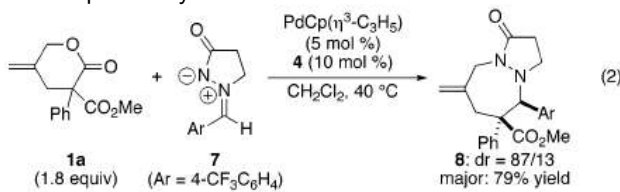
T. Hayashi et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 12356.



entry	1	2	ligand	product	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	dr <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	1a	2d	( <i>S</i> )- <b>5</b>	3ad	98	85/15	71
2	1a	2d	( <i>S,R,R</i> )- <b>6</b>	3ad	98	81/19	83
3	1b	2d	( <i>S,R,R</i> )- <b>6</b>	3bd	99	86/14	84
4	1e	2d	( <i>S,R,R</i> )- <b>6</b>	3ed	98	80/20	96
5 <sup>d</sup>	1e	2b	( <i>S,R,R</i> )- <b>6</b>	3eb	99	70/30	89 <sup>e</sup>
6	1e	2c	( <i>S,R,R</i> )- <b>6</b>	3ec	89	72/28	88 <sup>f</sup>



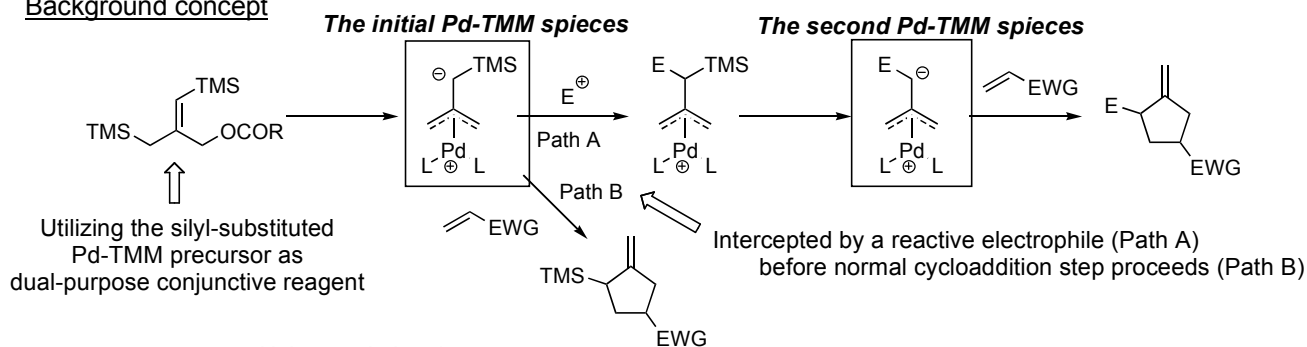
Another possibility - azomethine imine



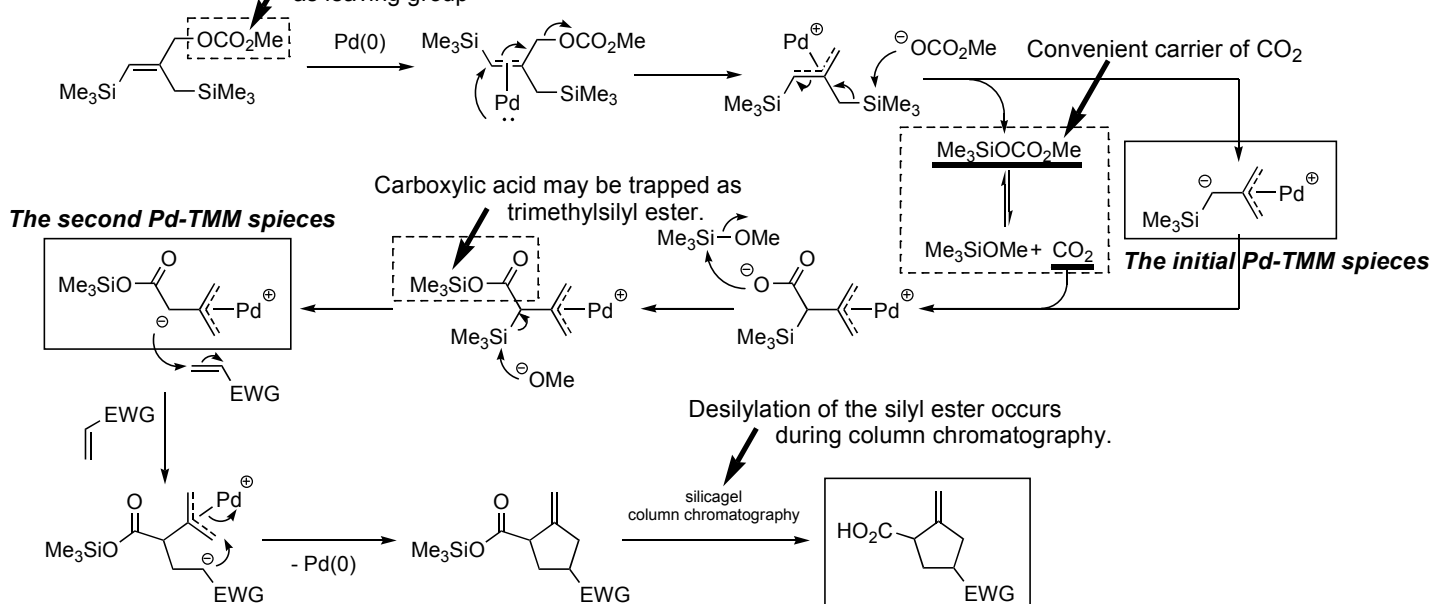
#### 2-5. Pd-Catalyzed Carboxylative Trimethylenemethane [3 + 2] Cycloaddition

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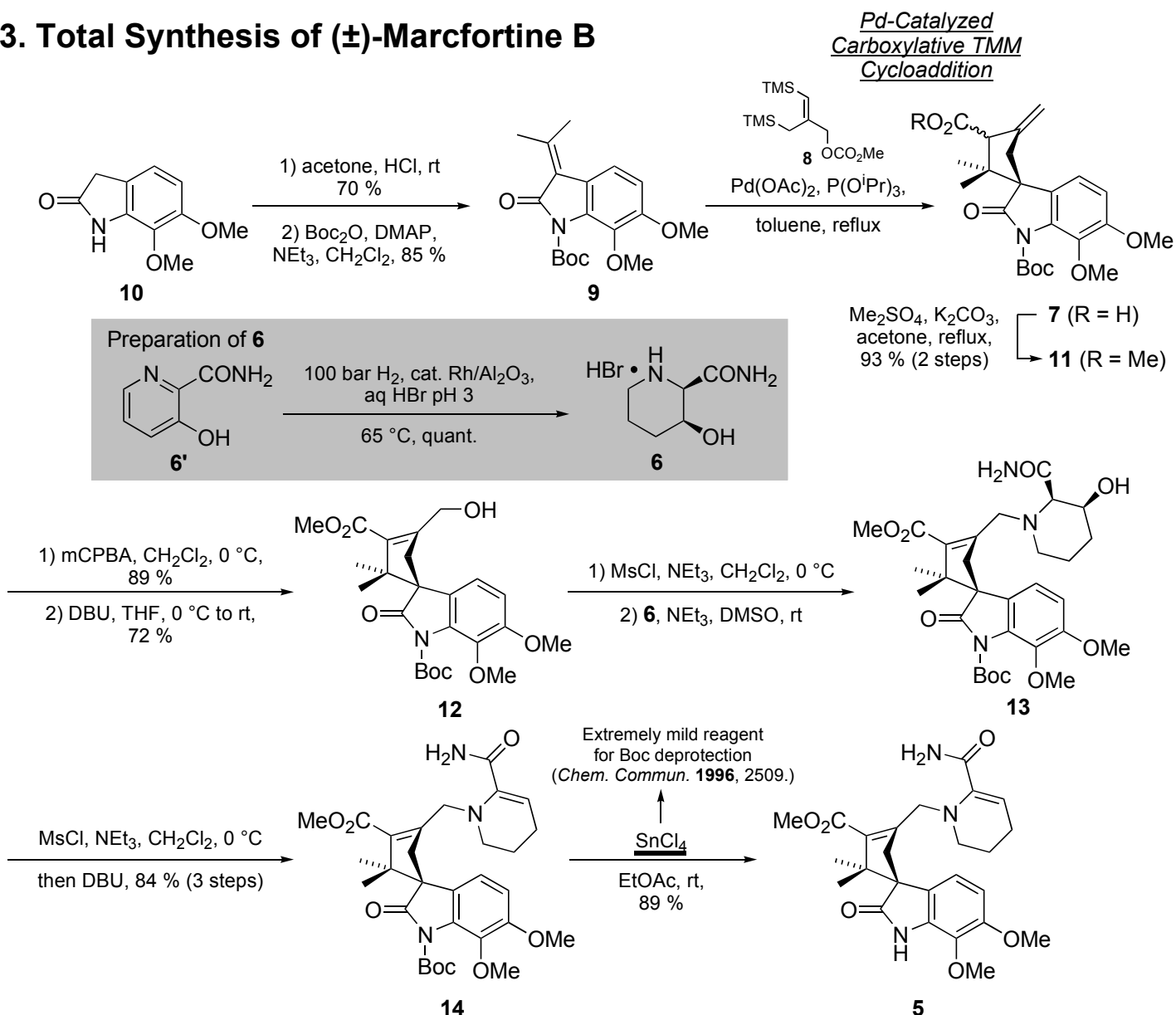
Background concept



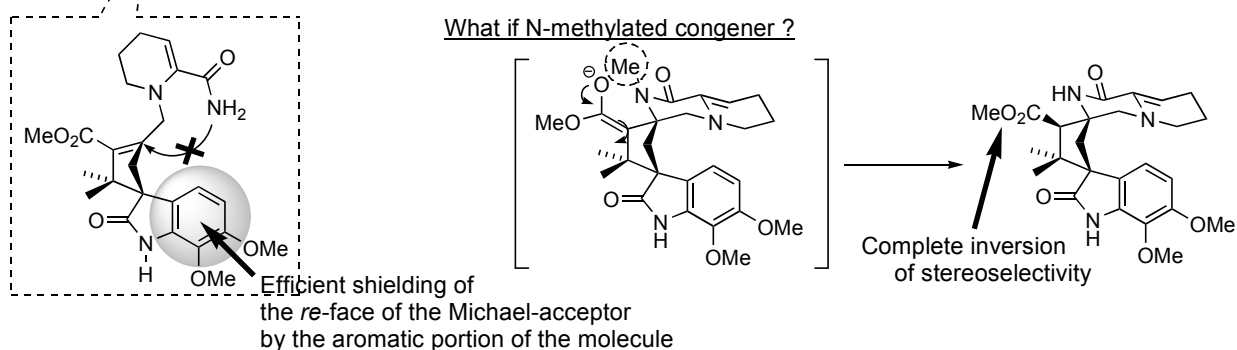
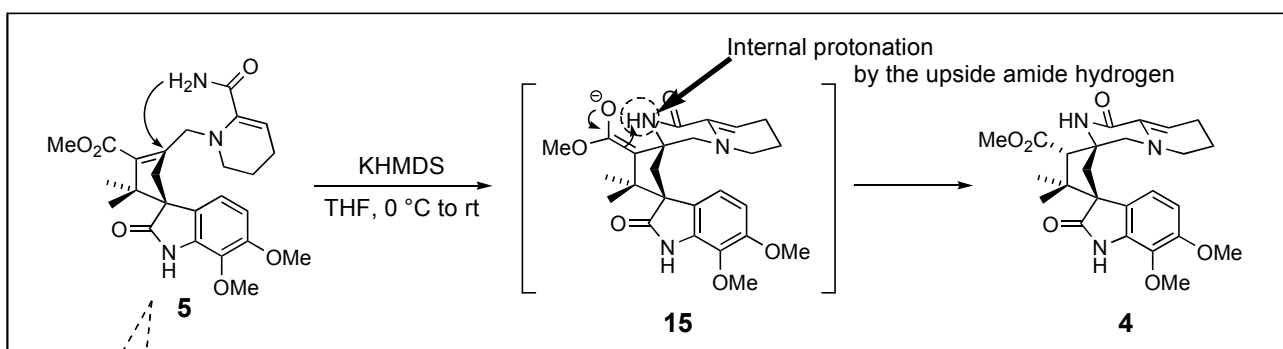
Scheme 1. Using methyl carbonate as leaving group

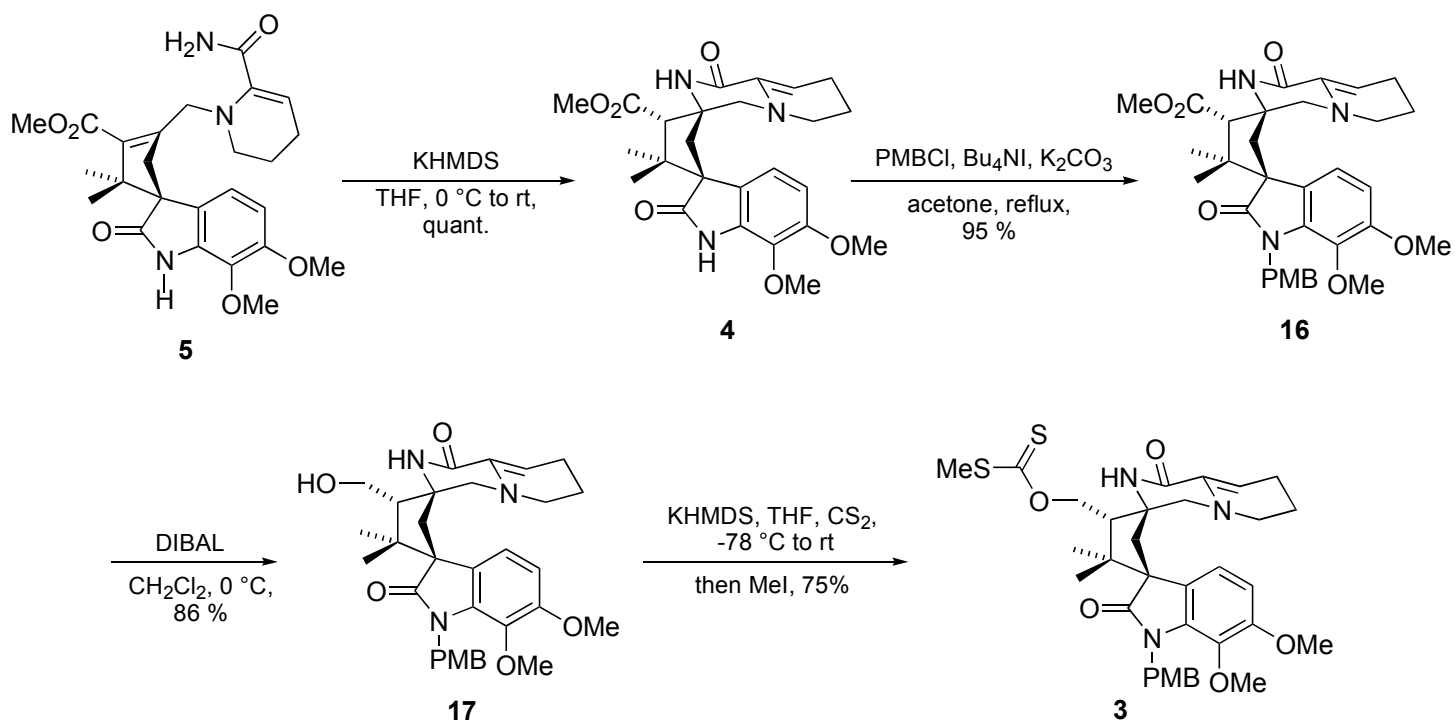


### 3. Total Synthesis of (±)-Marcfortine B

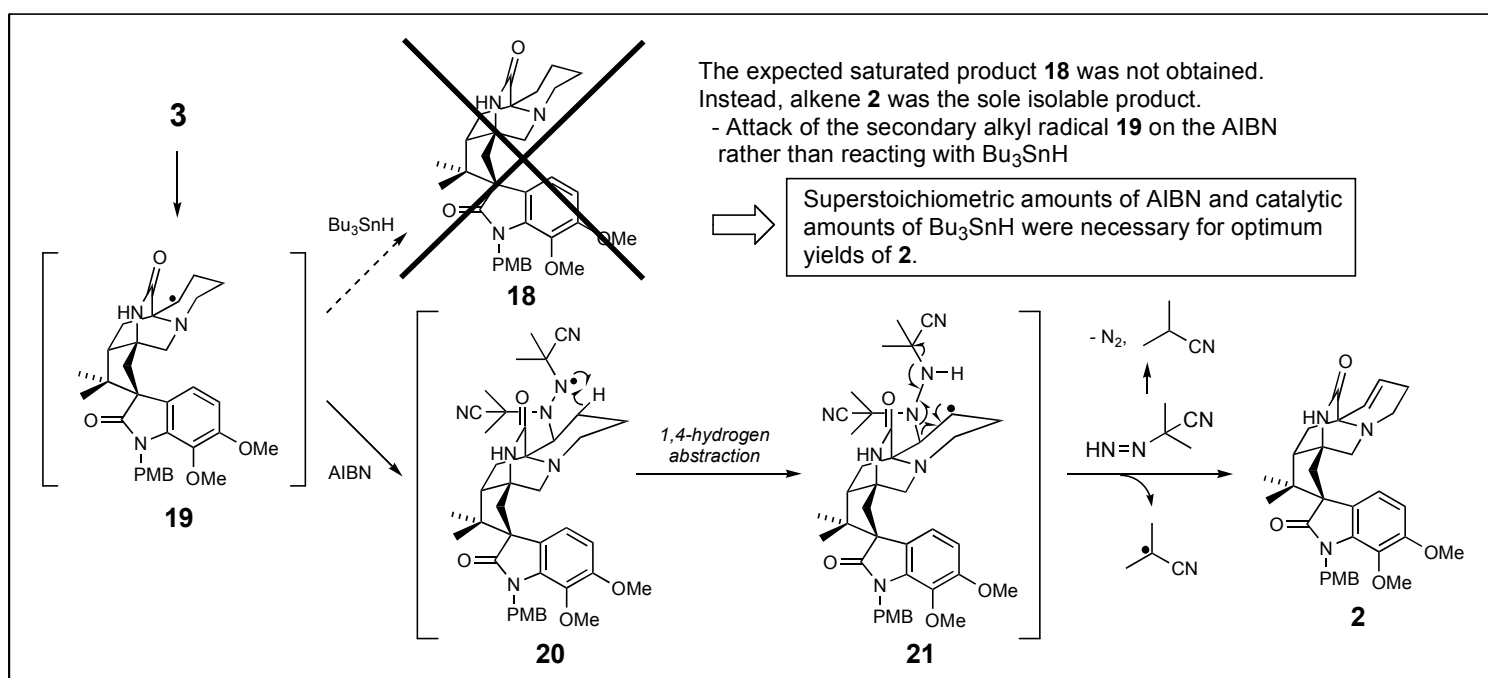
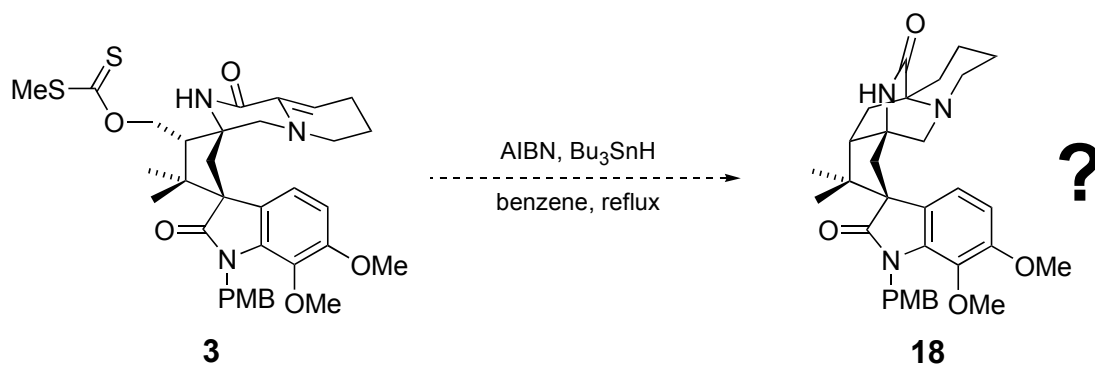


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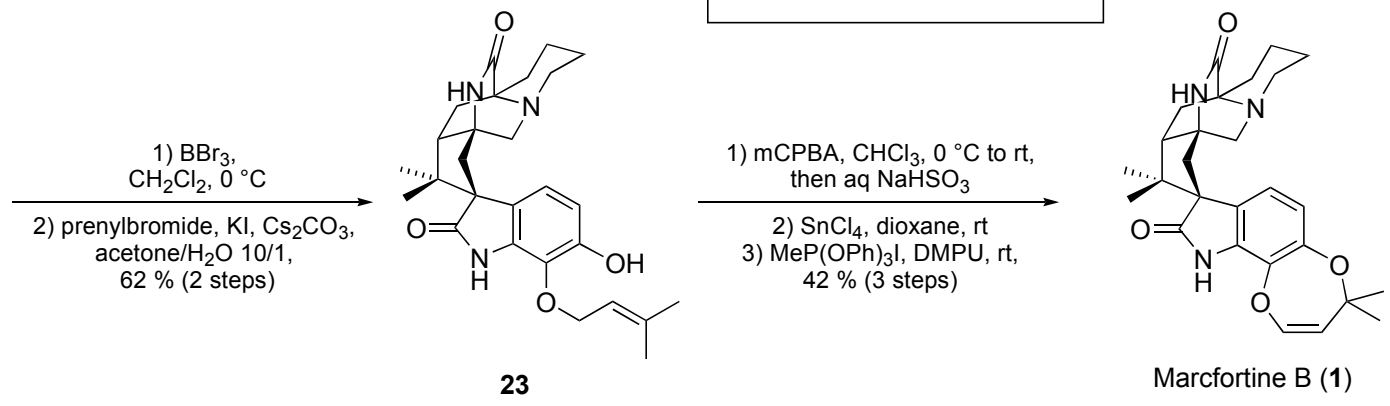
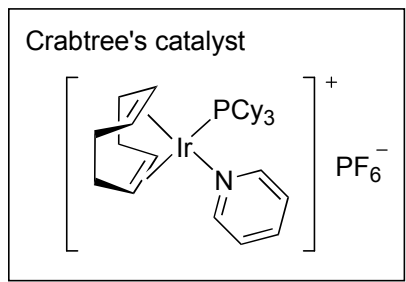
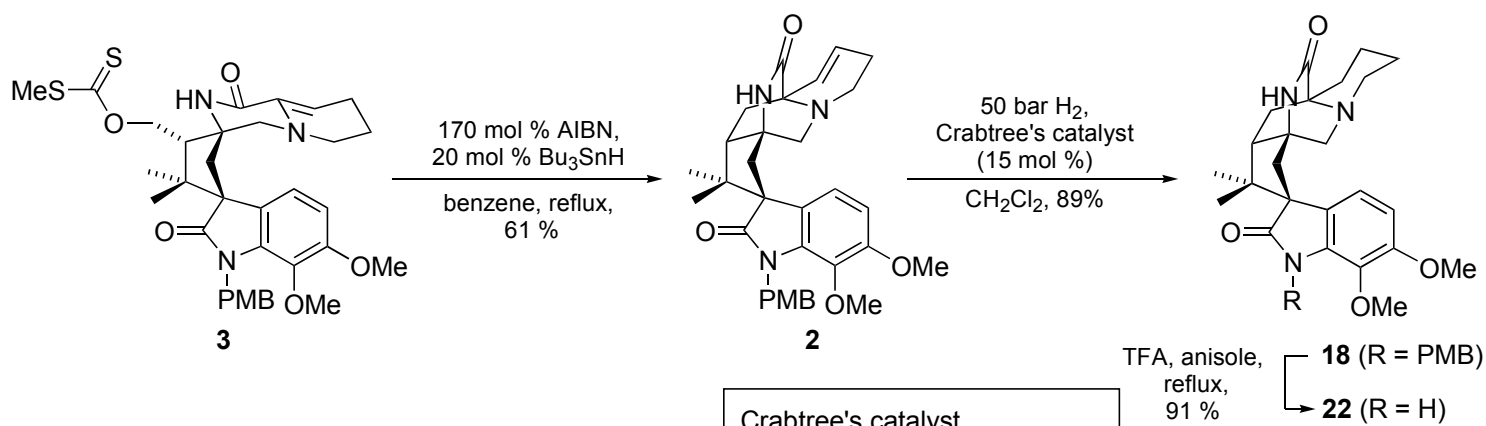




● Radical Cyclization

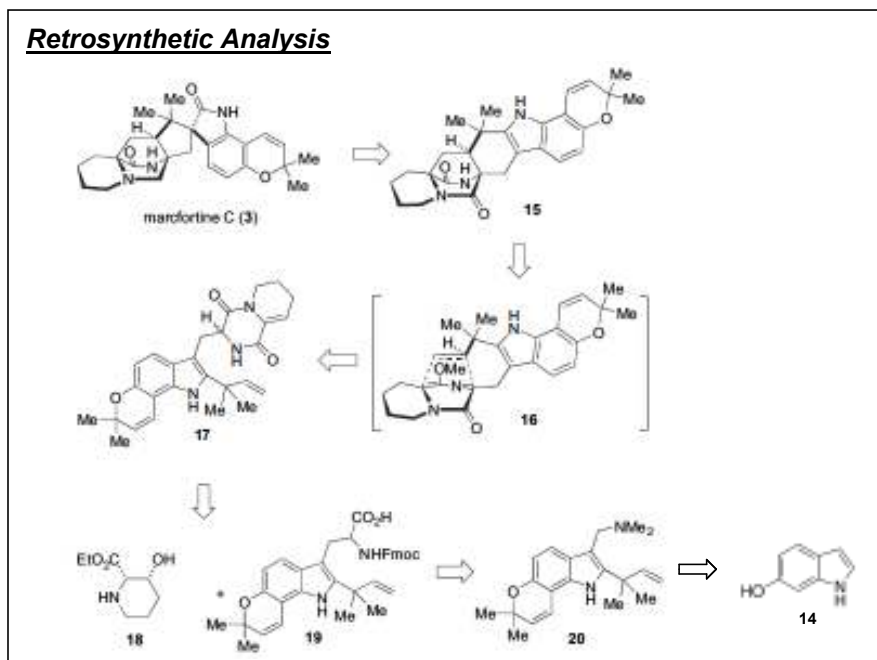






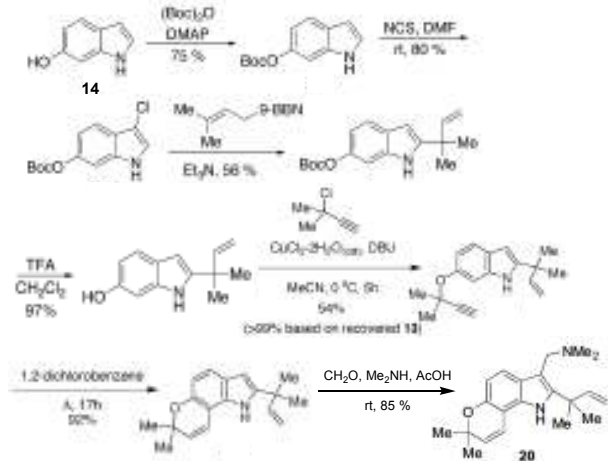
## 4. Appendix (Total Synthesis of (±)-Marcfortine C)

### Retrosynthetic Analysis

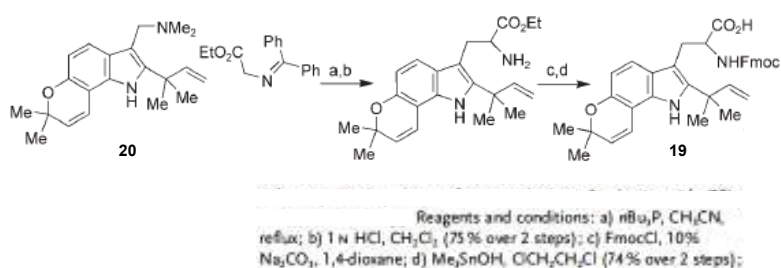


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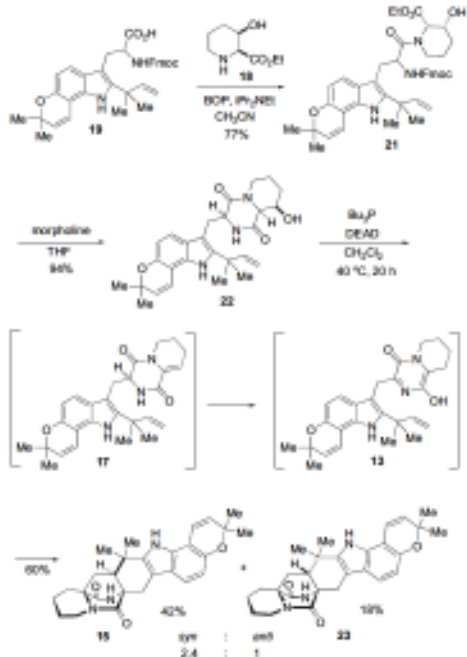
### ● 14 → 20



### ● 20 → 19



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### ● 15 → Marcfortine C(3)

