

## Total synthesis of bryostatin 16 using atom-economical and chemoselective approaches

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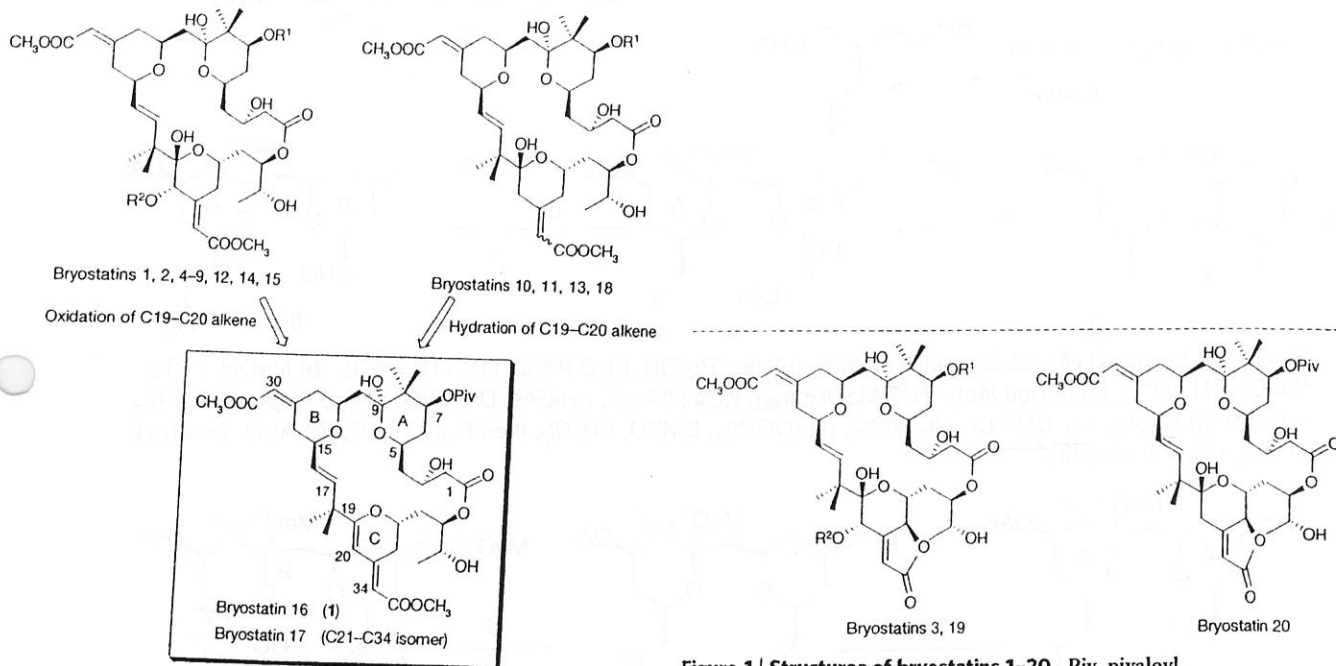
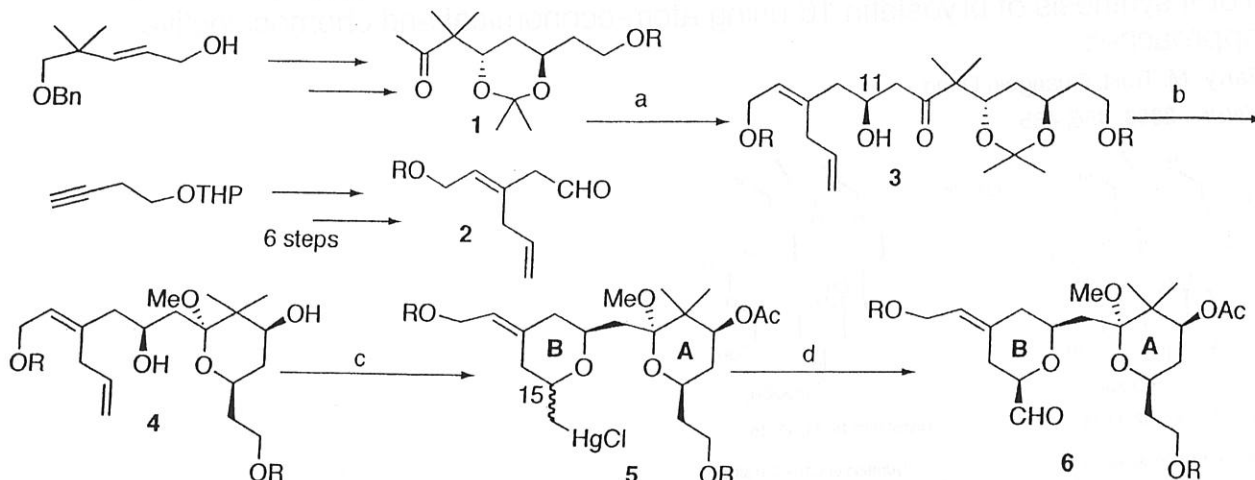
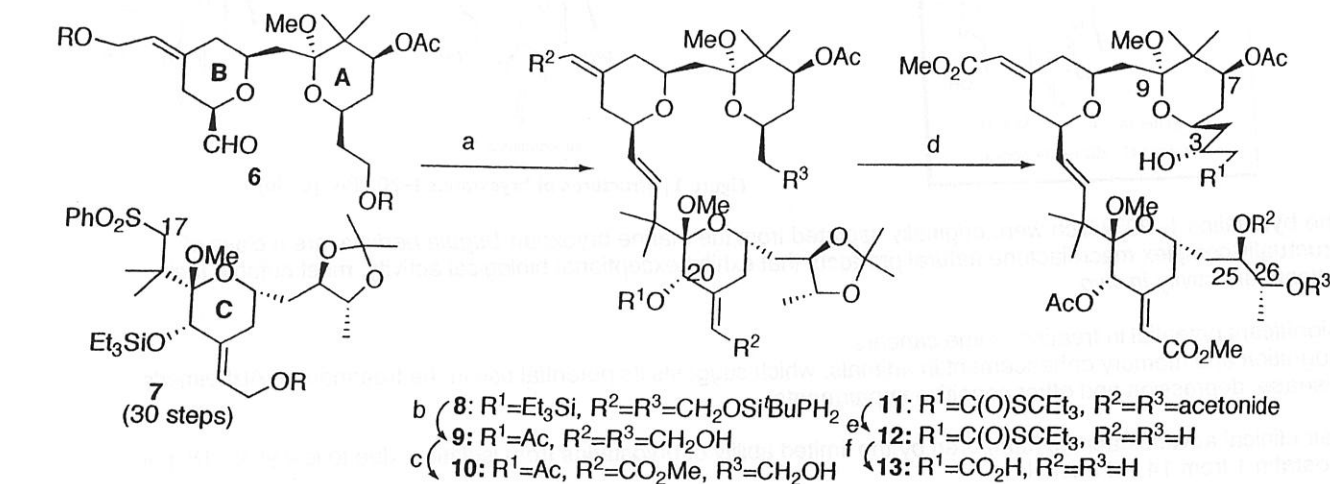


Figure 1 | Structures of bryostatins 1-20. Piv, pivaloyl.

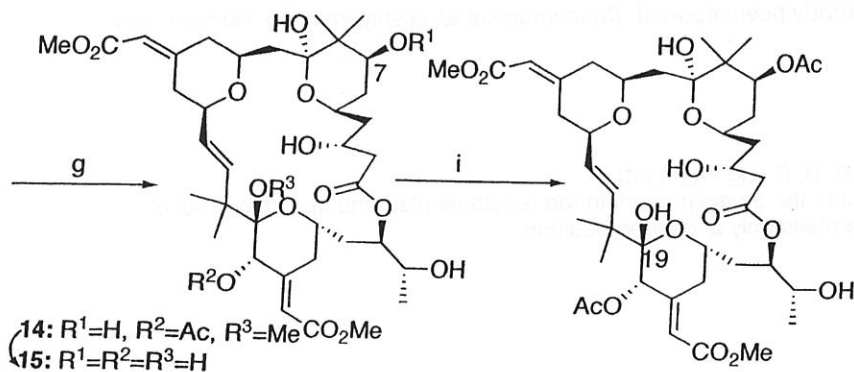
- The bryostatins 1-20, which were originally isolated from the marine bryozoan *Bugula neritina*, are a class of structurally complex macrolactone natural products that exhibit exceptional biological activity, most notable their anticancer activity *in vivo*.
  - significant potential in treating some cancers
  - cognition and memory enhancement in animals, which suggests its potential use in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, depression and other cognitive impairments
- Their clinical advancement is hampered by the limited ability of bryostatins from isolation, due to low yield; 18 g of bryostatin 1 from 14 t of animals.
- 4 synthetic routes to some bryostatins have already been reported. (Masamune et al. Nishiyama and Yamamura et al. Evans et al. Manaviazar et al.)
- Keys to synthesize bryostatin
  - stereoselectivity of exocyclic olefin
  - stereoselectivity of hydroxyran rings
  - efficiency of convergent synthesis (coupling of A, B, C ring fragment)
  - atom economy : the use of routes in which most of the atoms present in the reactants also end up in the product
  - chemoselectivity : the use of reactions that take place only at desired position



R = Si<sup>t</sup>BuPh<sub>2</sub>, (a) (*R,R*) - 2,5-Dimethylborolanyl triflate, <sup>t</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN, Et<sub>2</sub>O (86%, 11S:11R = 8:1); (b) MeOH, PPTS, (MeO)<sub>3</sub>CH (84%); (c) (i) Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, THF-MeOH; then KCl, (ii) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP (93%, two steps, 15S:15R = 1:1); (d) (i) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, DMF-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (77%), (ii) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then Et<sub>3</sub>N, -78°C, (iii) Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (3% H<sub>2</sub>O), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60%, two steps)

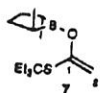


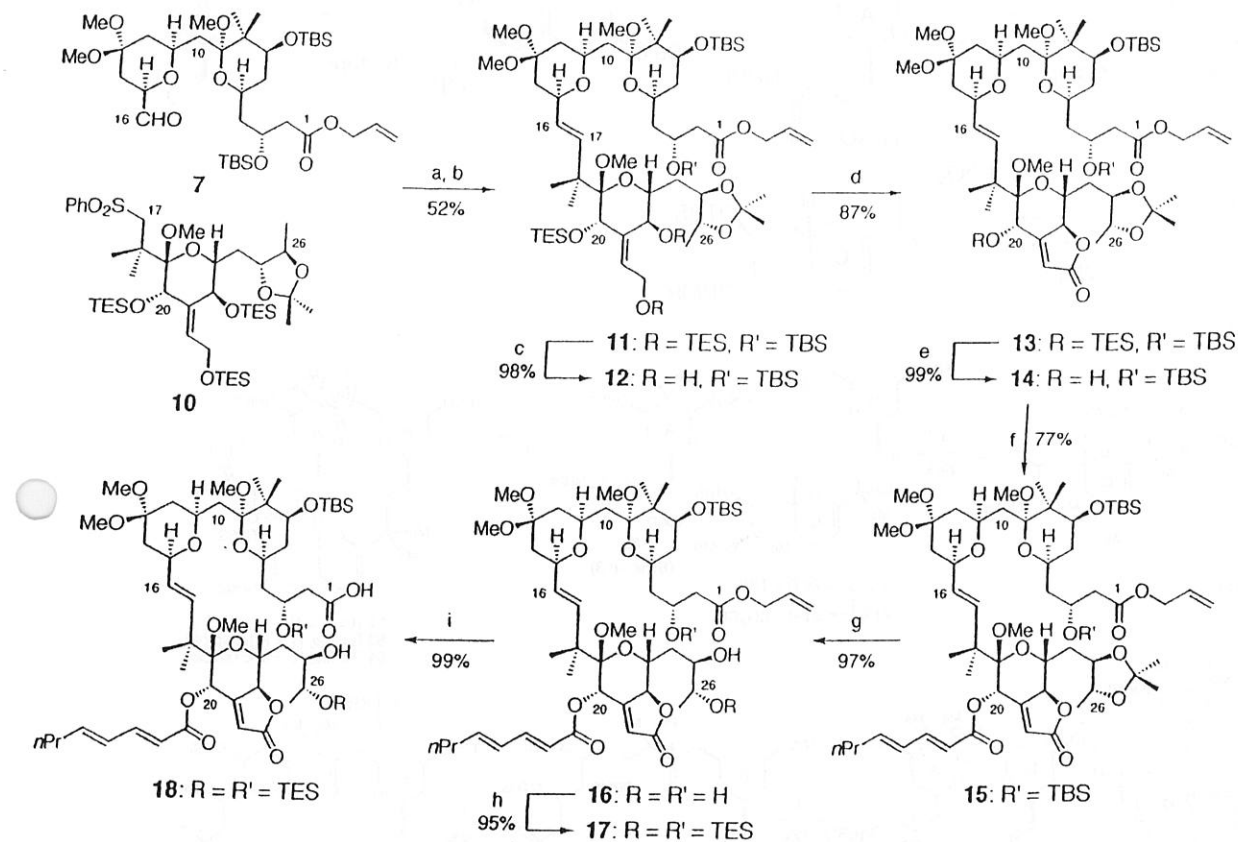
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 d (10: R<sup>1</sup>=Ac, R<sup>2</sup>=CO<sub>2</sub>Me, R<sup>3</sup>=CH<sub>2</sub>OH 13: R<sup>1</sup>=CO<sub>2</sub>H, R<sup>2</sup>=R<sup>3</sup>=H



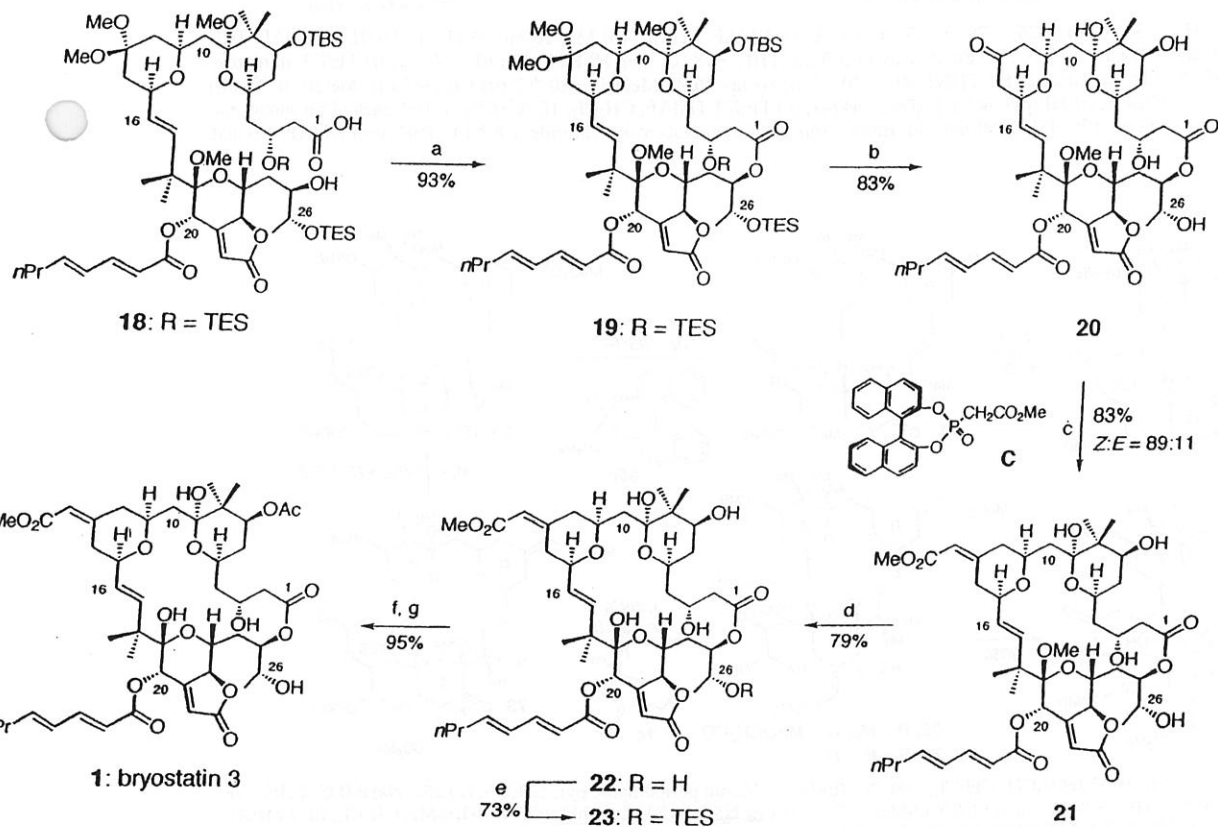
14: R<sup>1</sup>=H, R<sup>2</sup>=Ac, R<sup>3</sup>=MeCO<sub>2</sub>Me  
 15: R<sup>1</sup>=R<sup>2</sup>=R<sup>3</sup>=H

(a) (i) PhLi, THF, -78 °C, then 8, then PhCOCl and DMAP, -78 °C → 25 °C, (ii) Na-Hg, MeOH-EtOAc, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, -20 °C (60%, two steps); (b) (i) <sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, THF, (ii) <sup>t</sup>BuMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl, DMF, imidazole, (iii) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP, (iv) <sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, THF (100%, four steps); (c) MnO<sub>2</sub>, THF, then MeOH, NaCN, and AcOH (61%); (d) (i) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then Et<sub>3</sub>N, -78 °C → 0 °C, (ii) 7, <sup>t</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN, Et<sub>2</sub>O, -100 °C → -78 °C (83%, two steps, 3R:3S = 3:1); (e) CSA, MeOH (40%); (f) (i) Et<sub>3</sub>SiOTf, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, lutidine, 0 °C, (ii) Hg(O<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, THF, (iii) HF-pyridine, THF, -20 °C (64%, three steps); (g) DCC, PPTS, pyridine, ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, reflux (51%); (h) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, then 5% HCl aqueous workup (54%); (i) (i) <sup>t</sup>BuMe<sub>2</sub>SiCl, DMF, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP, (ii) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, (iii) HF-MeCN (40%, two steps); (j) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine.



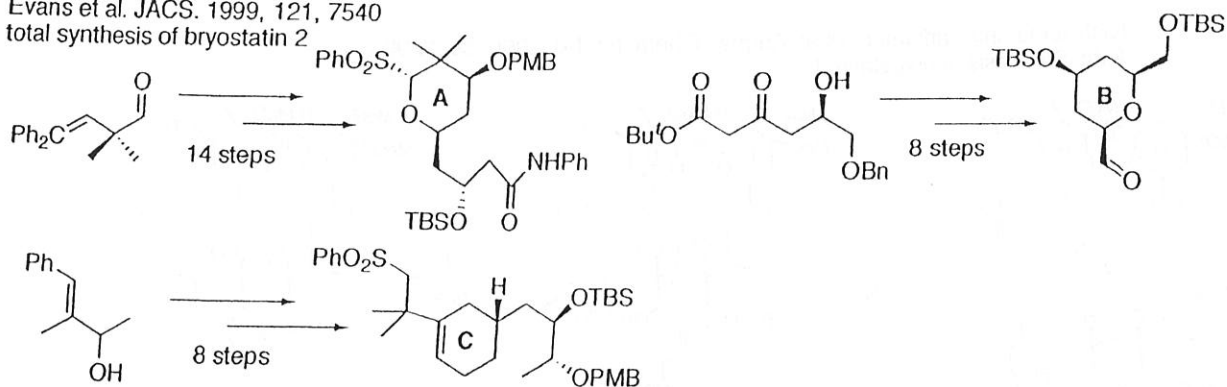


Scheme 4. Synthesis of the seco acid 18. a) 10, PhLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then 7,  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then BzCl, DMAP,  $-78 \rightarrow 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; b) 5% Na/Hg( $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ ), MeOH/EtOAc (2/1),  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; c) TBAF, AcOH, THF,  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; d) TPAP, NMO, 4Å molecular sieves,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; e) TBAF, AcOH, THF,  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; f) (*E,E*)-2,4-octadienoic acid, 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , toluene, then 14, DMAP, toluene; g) CSA, MeOH; h) TESCl,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , DMF,  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; i)  $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$ , morpholine, THF. Bz = benzoyl, CSA = camphorsulfonic acid, DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine, DMF = *N,N*-dimethylformamide, TBAF = tetrabutylammonium fluoride, TES = triethylsilyl.

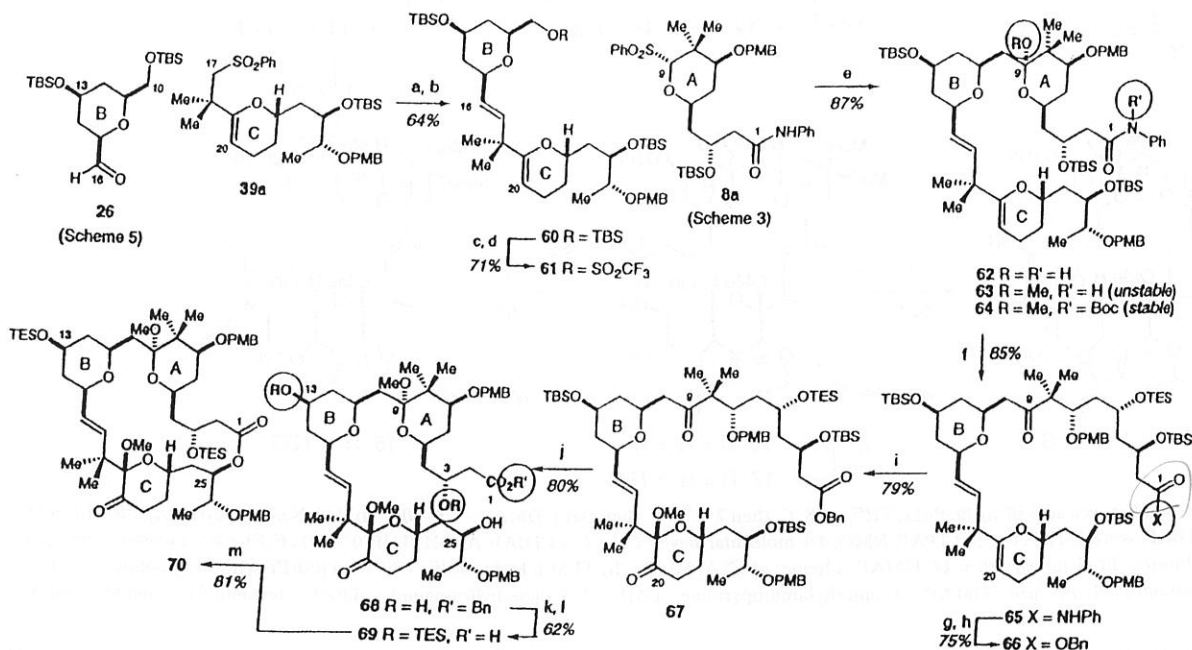


Scheme 5. Total synthesis of brovostatin 3 (1). a) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , toluene, then DMAP, toluene; b) 46% HF (aq.),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ; c) NaH, C, HF,  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , then 20,  $50 \rightarrow -10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; d) TFA,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; e) TESCl, DMAP,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; f)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , pyridine; g) 46% HF (aq.),  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . TFA = fluoroacetic acid.

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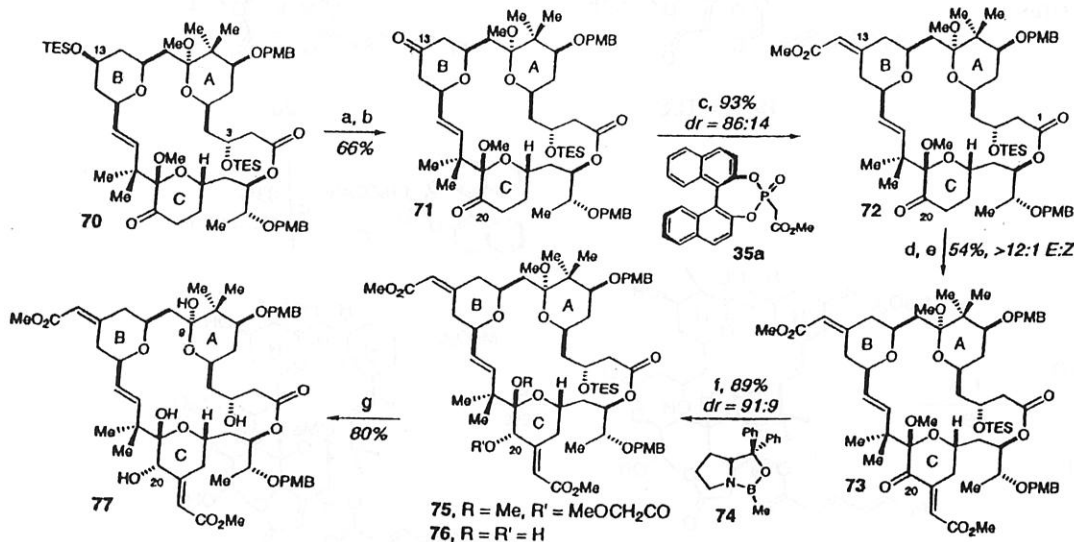


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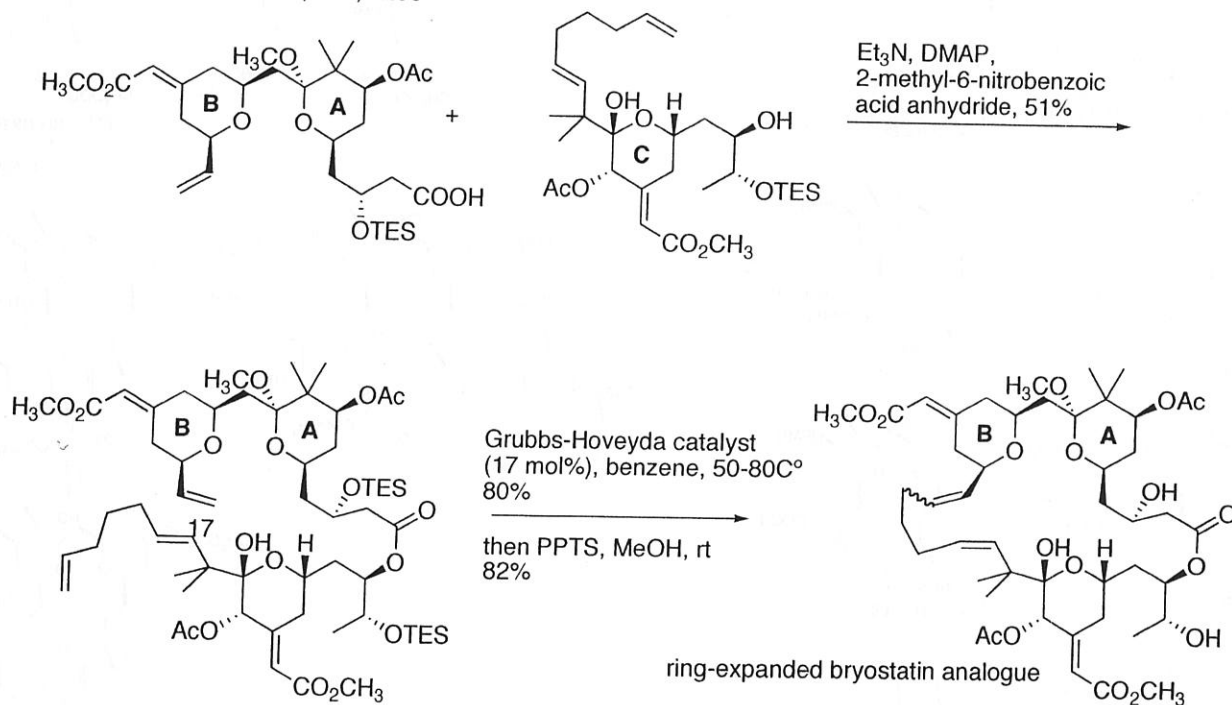
<sup>a</sup> Key: (a) (i) *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C, then **26**, -78 → -50 °C; (ii) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (b) Mg, 20 mol % HgCl<sub>2</sub>, EtOH; (c) TBAF, THF, -15 °C; (d) Ti<sub>2</sub>O, 2,6-lutidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -10 °C; (e) **8a**, 2 equiv of *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C, then HMPA, then **61**, -78 °C; (f) TESCl, imidazole, MeCN; (g) Boc<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, MeCN; (h) BnOLi, 1:1 THF/DMF, -30 °C; (i) (i) *m*-CPBA, MeOH, -20 °C. (ii) ClCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, MeOH, 0 °C. (iii) Dess–Martin periodinane, pyr, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (j) HF·pyr, 4:4:1 THF/MeOH/pyr; (k) TESCl, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 10 °C (65% + 15% each of the mono- and tris-silylether); (l) 1,4-cyclohexadiene, 10% Pd/C (50 mol %), EtOAc; (m) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, *i*-PrNEt<sub>3</sub>, PhH, then DMAP, 1.0 mM PhH.

Scheme 11<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Key: (a) 20 mol % PPTS, 2:1 MeOH/(MeO)<sub>3</sub>CH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -30 °C; (b) Dess–Martin periodinane, pyr, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (c) **35a**, NaHMDS, THF, -78 °C, then **71**, -15 °C; (d) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C, then OHCCO<sub>2</sub>Me, -78 °C; (e) Et<sub>3</sub>NSO<sub>2</sub>NCO<sub>2</sub>Me, PhH; (f) **74**, BH<sub>3</sub>·SMe, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, then MeOH, then MAc<sub>2</sub>O, pyr, DMAP; (g) (i) PPTS, 3:1 THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, (ii) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, (iii) pT<sub>3</sub>OH, 4:1 MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O.

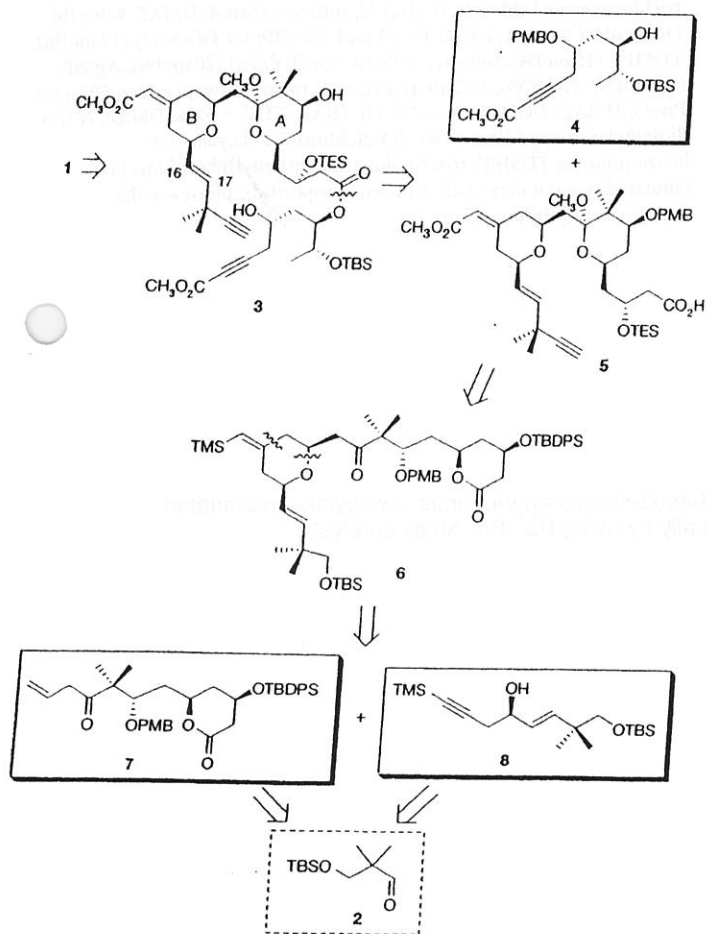
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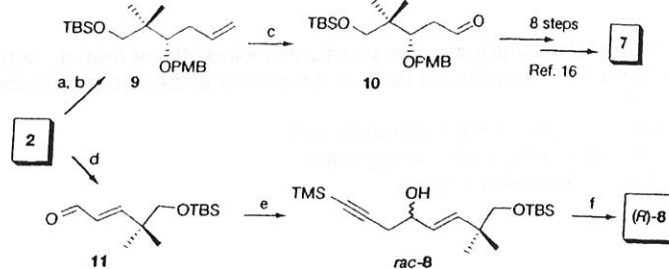
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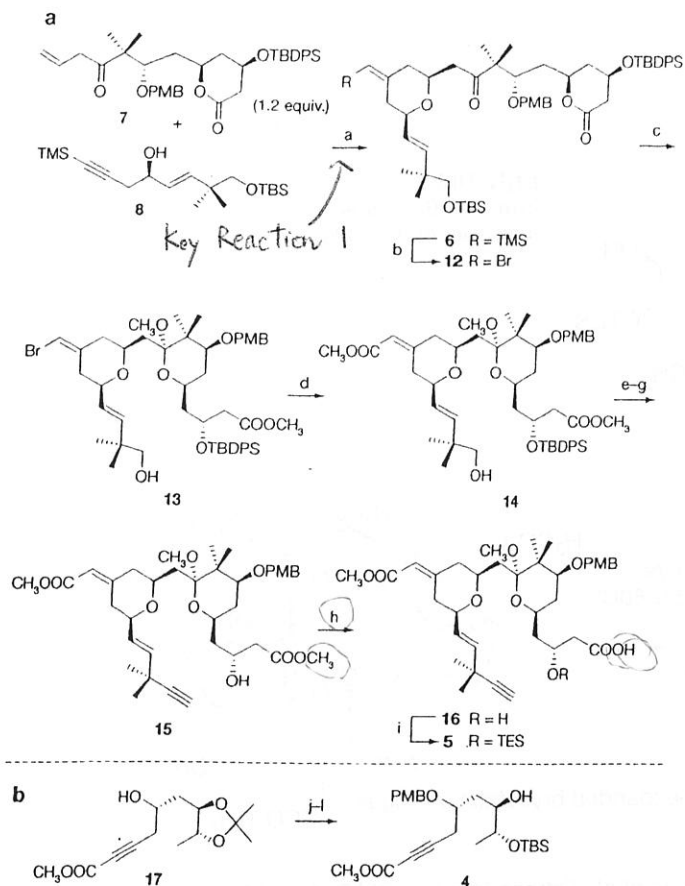
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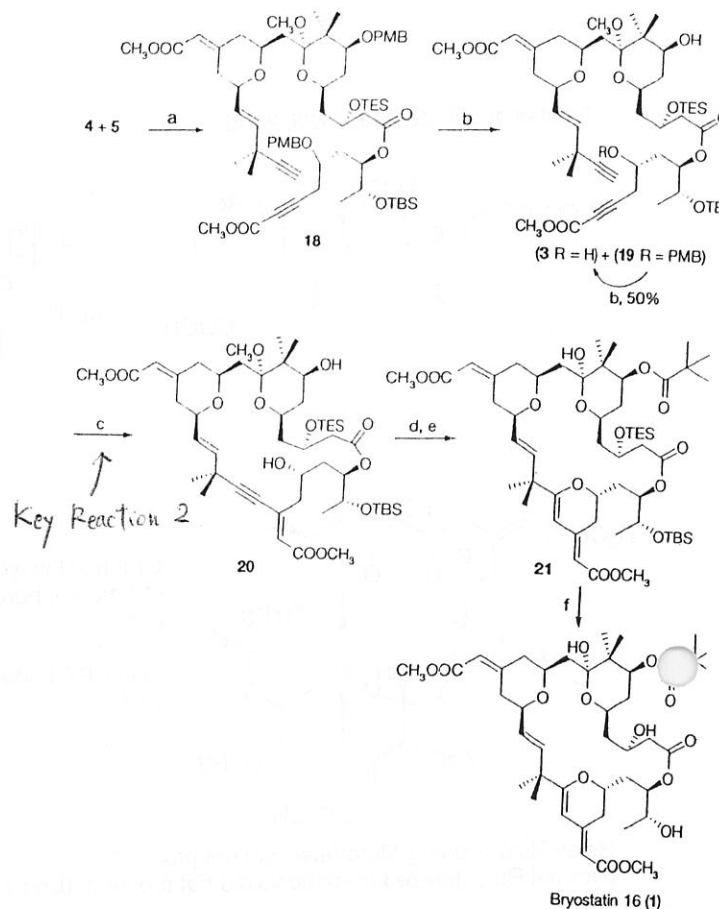
**Figure 2 | Retrosynthetic analysis.** TES, triethylsilyl; TBS, *t*-butyldimethylsilyl; PMB, *p*-methoxybenzyl; TMS, trimethylsilyl; TBDPS, *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl.



**Figure 3 | Synthesis of alkene 7 and alkyne 8.** Reaction conditions: (a) (-)-(Ipc)<sub>2</sub>B(allyl), Et<sub>2</sub>O, -90 °C, 67%, 94% enantiomeric excess (e.e.); (b) PMB-Br, NaH, DMF, 90%; (c) OsO<sub>4</sub> (2 mol%), 2,6-lutidine, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, dioxane/water (3:1), 87%; (d) (*Z*)-1-bromo-2-ethoxyethene, *t*-butyllithium, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Zn, then 2, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, -78 °C; then NaHSO<sub>4</sub>, room temperature (20–25 °C), 97%; (e) (3-bromo-1-propynyl)-trimethylsilane, indium powder, InF<sub>3</sub> (10 mol%), THF, 65 °C, 68%; (f)(i) Dess–Martin periodinane, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, DCM; (f)(ii) (*S*)-2-methyl-CBS-oxazaborolidine (5 mol%), catecholborane, DCM, -78 °C, 90%, 90% e.e. over two steps. Ipc, isopinocampheyl; DMF, *N,N*-dimethylformamide; THF, tetrahydrofuran; DCM, dichloromethane; CBS, Corey–Bakshi–Shibata. For tabulated spectral data of all depicted compounds, please see the Supplementary Information.



**Figure 4 | Synthesis of acid 5 and alcohol 4.** **a**, Synthesis of 5. Reaction conditions: (a) CpRu(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (13 mol%), DCM, 34% (80% b.r.s.m.); (b) NBS, DMF, 98%; (c) CSA (10 mol%), CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 0 °C, 93–96%; (d) PdCl<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), dppf (30 mol%), CO (1 atm), CH<sub>3</sub>OH, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N, DMF, 80 °C, 83% (90% b.r.s.m.); (e) Dess–Martin periodinane, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, DCM, 88%; (f) Ohira–Bestmann reagent, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 97%; (g) TBAF, HOAc, THF, 90% (96% b.r.s.m.); (h) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SnOH, DCE, 80 °C, 84%; (i) TESOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM, –10 °C to 0 °C, 76–79%. **b**, Synthesis of 4. Reaction conditions: (j) Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (3 mol%), PMBOC(NH)Cl<sub>3</sub>, toluene, –10 °C; (k) PPTS, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 93% over two steps; (l) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM, –78 °C, 71%. Cp, cyclopentadienyl; b.r.s.m., based on recovered starting material; NBS, *N*-bromosuccinimide; CSA, camphorsulfonic acid; dppf, 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene; TBAF, tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride; HOAc, acetic acid; DCE, 1,2-dichloroethane; OTf, trifluoromethanesulfonate; PPTS, pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate. For tabulated spectral data of all depicted compounds, please see the Supplementary Information.



**Figure 5 | Synthesis of bryostatins 16.** Reaction conditions: (a) 5, 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N, toluene, then 4, DMAP, 92%; (b) DDQ, pH 7.0 buffer, DCM, 46% 3 and 58% 19; (c) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (12 mol%), TDMPP (15 mol%), toluene, 56%; (d) AuCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>) (20 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (20 mol%), NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 0 °C to room temperature, 73%; (e) Piv<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, DCM, 50 °C, 62%; (f) TBAF, THF, ~52%. DMAP, *N,N*-4-dimethylaminopyridine; DDQ, 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone; TDMPP, tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine. For tabulated spectral data of all depicted compounds, please see the Supplementary Information.

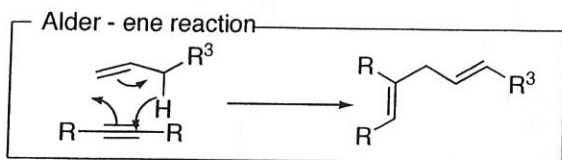
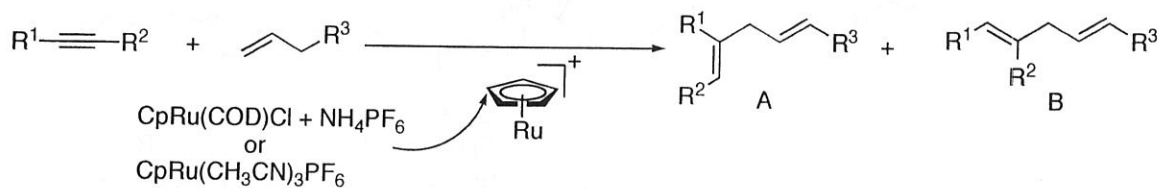
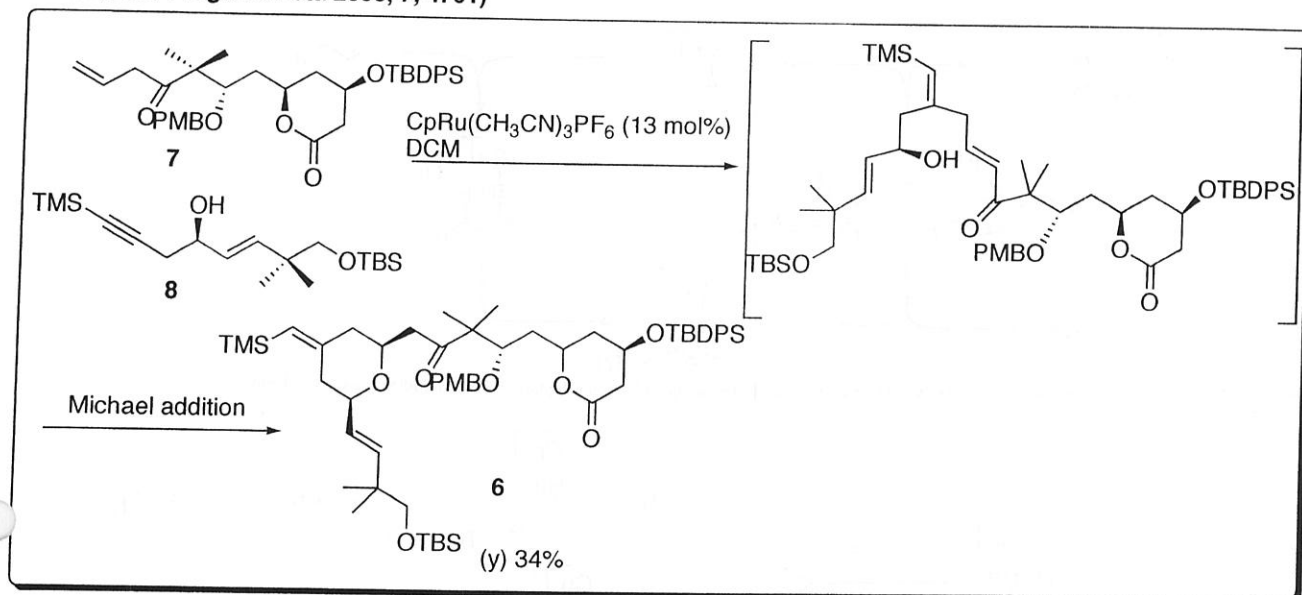
In this total synthesis, the structures include three heavily substituted tetrahydropyran rings, *exo*-cyclic unsaturated esters a 26-membered lactone were synthesized atom economically by using Ru, Pd, Au as catalyst.

There is still room for improvement.

- the use of big protecting groups
- low yield at some steps



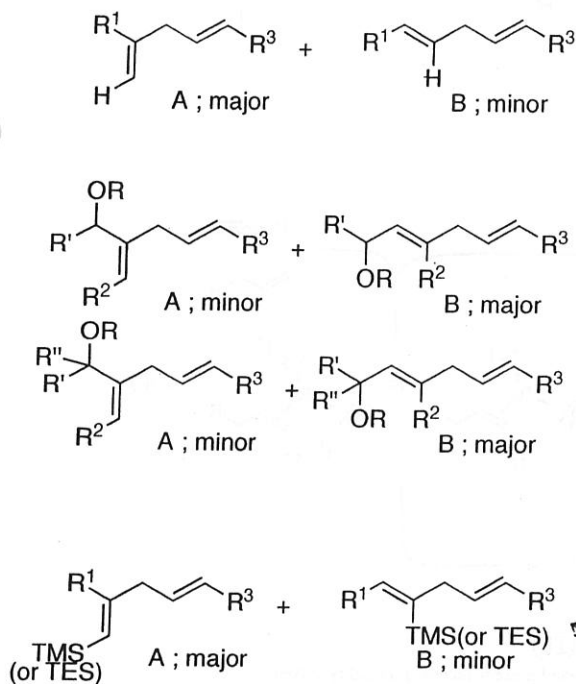
**Key Reaction 1 : Ru-Catalyzed alkene-alkyne coupling** (ref. Trost et al. *JACS.* 1995, 117, 615, *Chem. Rev.* 2001, 101, 2067. *Organic Lett.* 2005, 7, 4761)



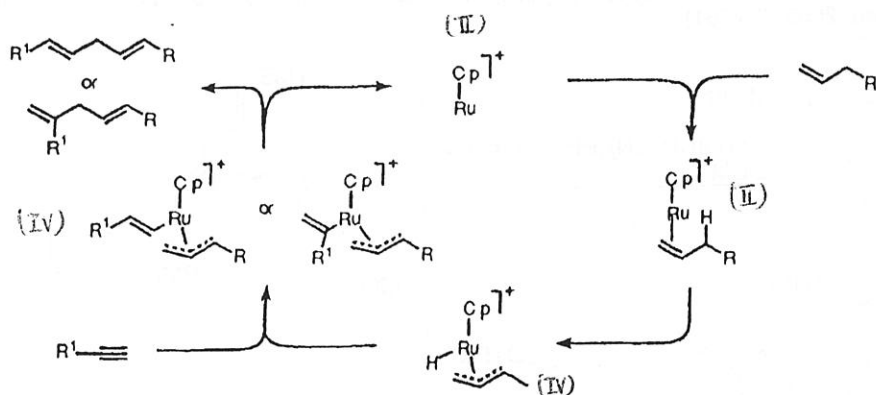
**Table 2. Ruthenium-Catalyzed Alder-ene Reaction<sup>a</sup>**

$\text{R}^1$	$\text{R}^2$	$\text{R}^3$	catalyst	Ratio A:B	Yield
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	5.2:1	56%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{OH}$	<b>1</b>	4:1	57%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-\text{COCH}_3$	<b>1</b>	3.8:1	50%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	3.8:1	71%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}=\text{CH}_2$	<b>1</b>	6.4:1	52%
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	5.6:1	90%
$\text{TBDMSCCH}_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	5.0:1	86%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}=\text{CHCO}_2\text{Et}$	<b>1</b>	5.3:1	46%
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}(\text{OBn})-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	1:2.0	53%
$\text{HOCH}_2-$	$\text{CH}_3$	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	1:2.6	38%
$\text{MOMOCH}_2-$	$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4-$	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>1</b>	1:1.8	54%
$\text{NC}(\text{CH}_2)_3-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	8:1	65%
$\text{PhCH}(\text{NHBOc})(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	>20:1	84%
$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	5:1	86%
$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	10:1	75%
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}(\text{OH})-$	H	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	1:32	91%
$\text{NC}(\text{CH}_2)_3-$	$-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	3.3:1	73%
$\text{PhCH}(\text{NHBOc})(\text{CH}_2)_2-$	$-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	1:5	62%
$\text{TsNHCH}_2\text{CH}_2-$	-TMS	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	>98:2	78%
$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2-$	-TMS	$-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}_3$	<b>2</b>	>98:2	79%
$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2-$	-TMS	$-\text{CH}_2\text{COCH}_3$	<b>2</b>	>98:2	61%
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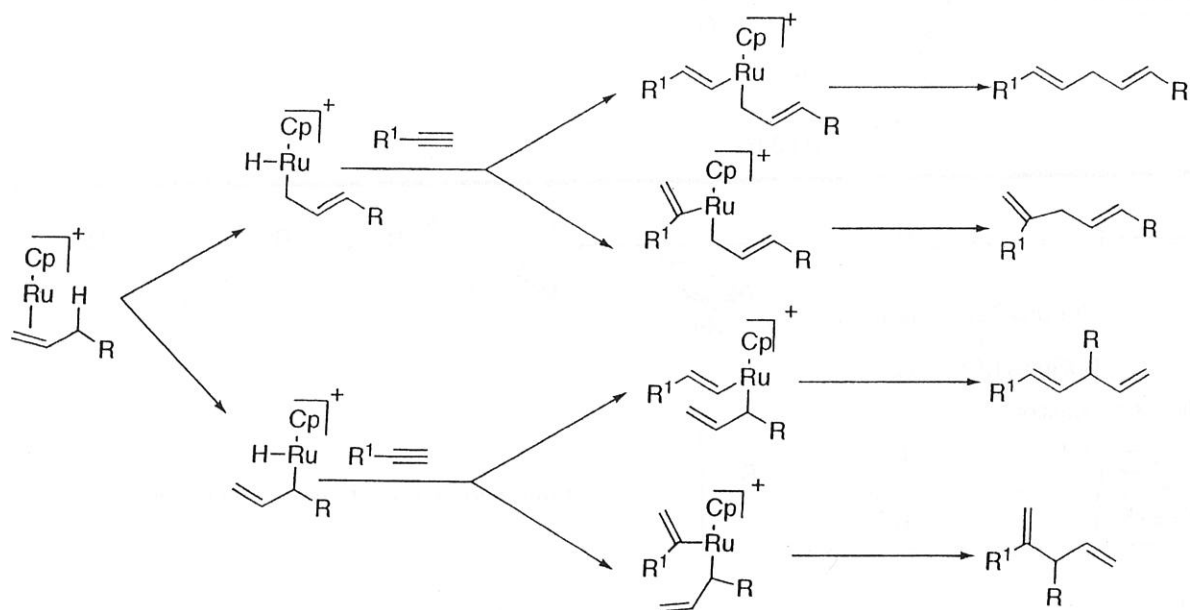
<sup>a</sup> Catalyst: **1** =  $\text{CpRu}(\text{COD})\text{Cl}$ , **2** =  $\text{CpRu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_3\text{PF}_6$ .



Route A

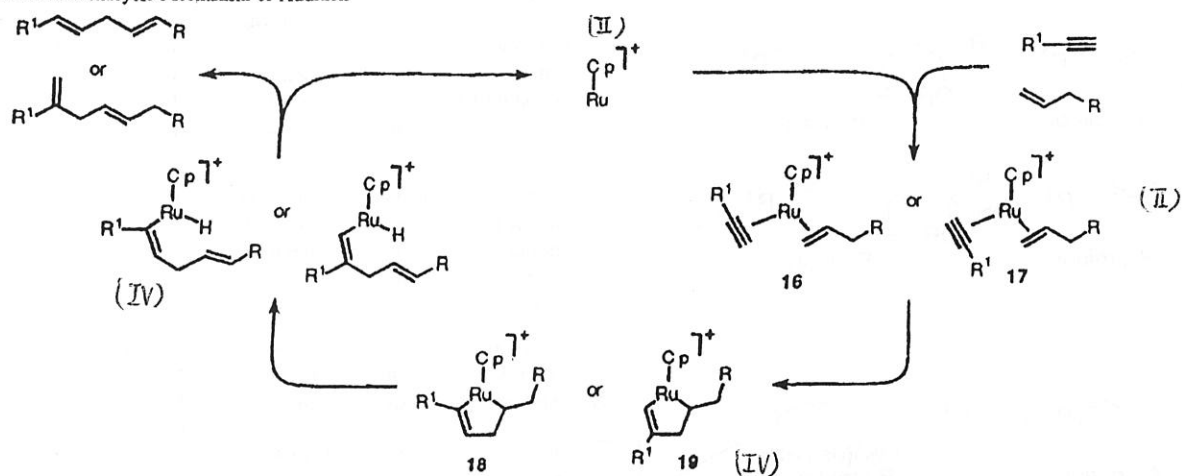


<sup>a</sup> Any open coordination site in these complexes would be anticipated to be occupied by some ligand present including possibly solvent.

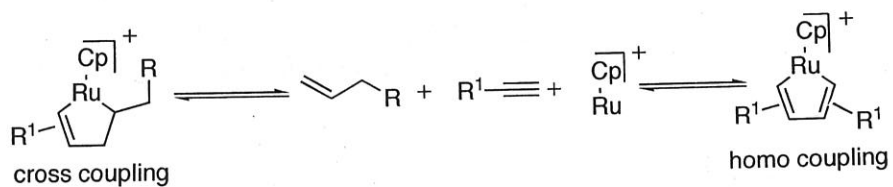


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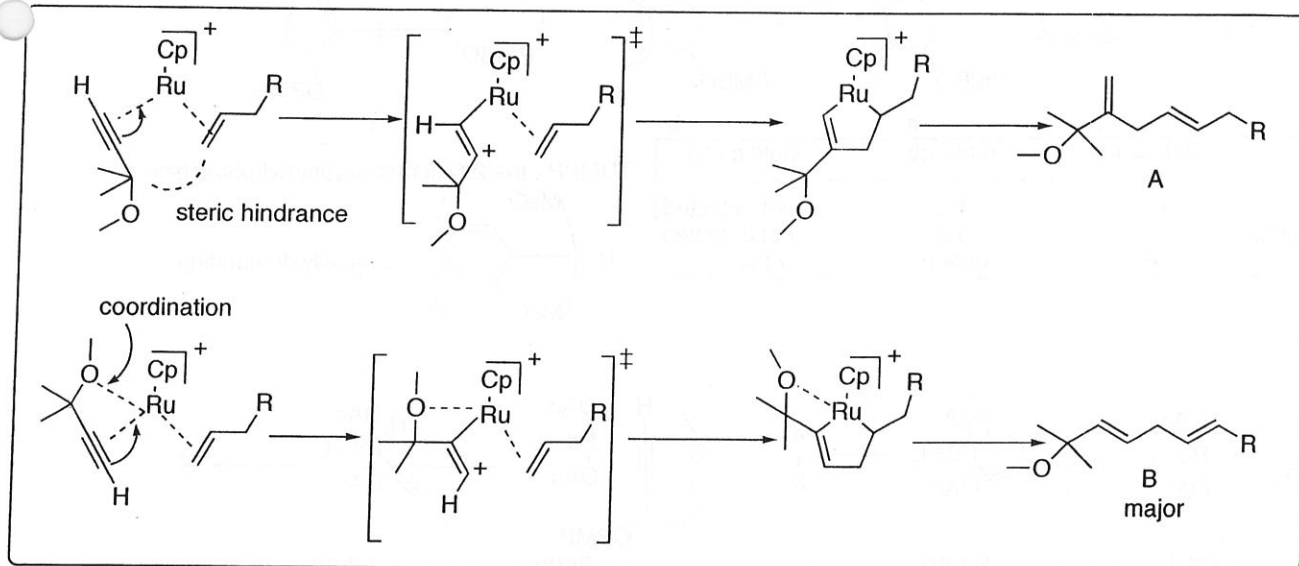
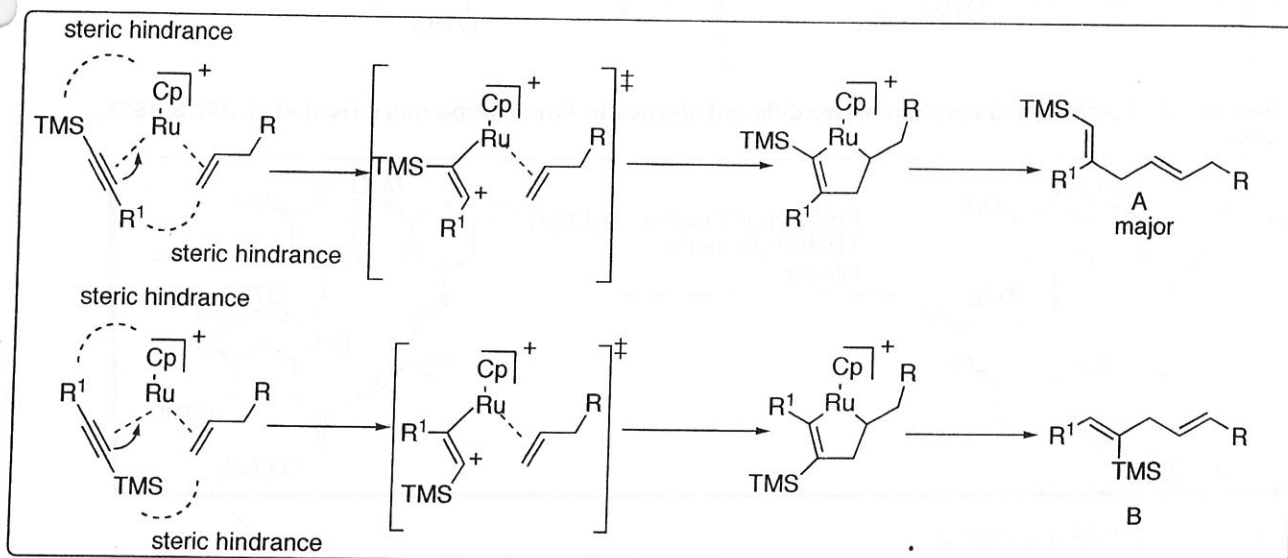
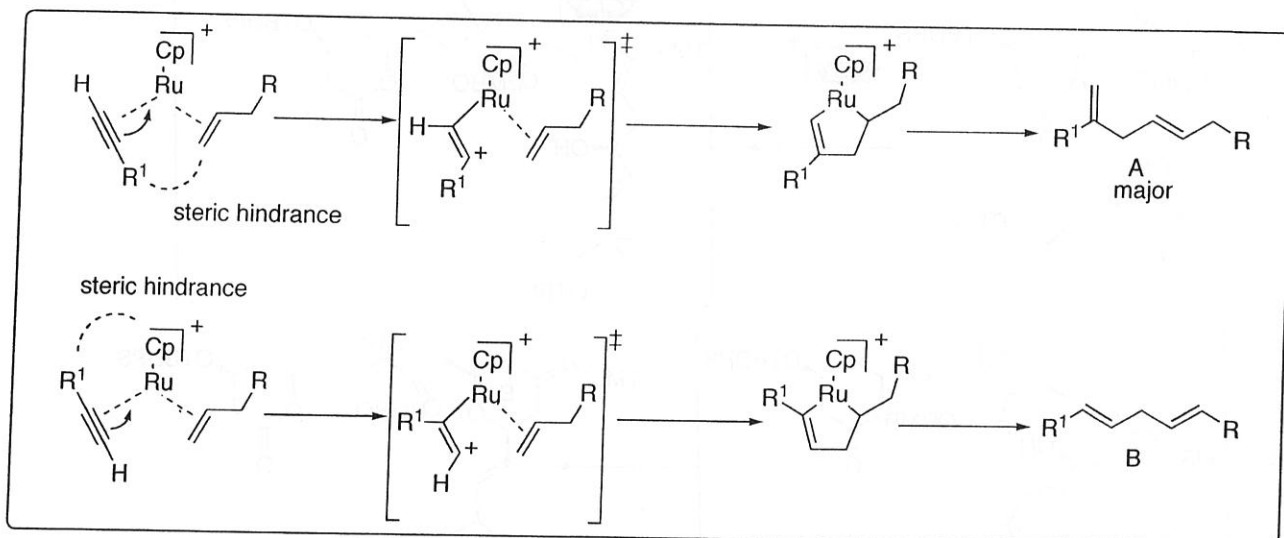
Scheme 2. Ruthenacycle Mechanism of Addition<sup>a</sup>

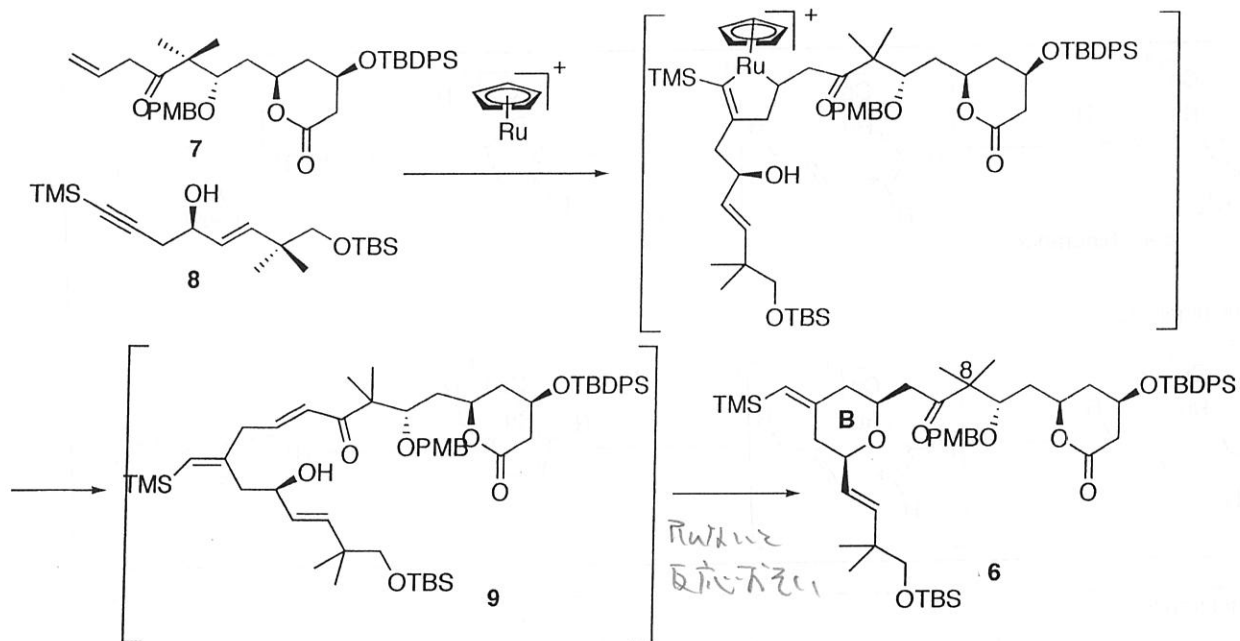


<sup>a</sup> Any open coordination site in these complexes would be anticipated to be occupied by some ligand present including possibly solvent.

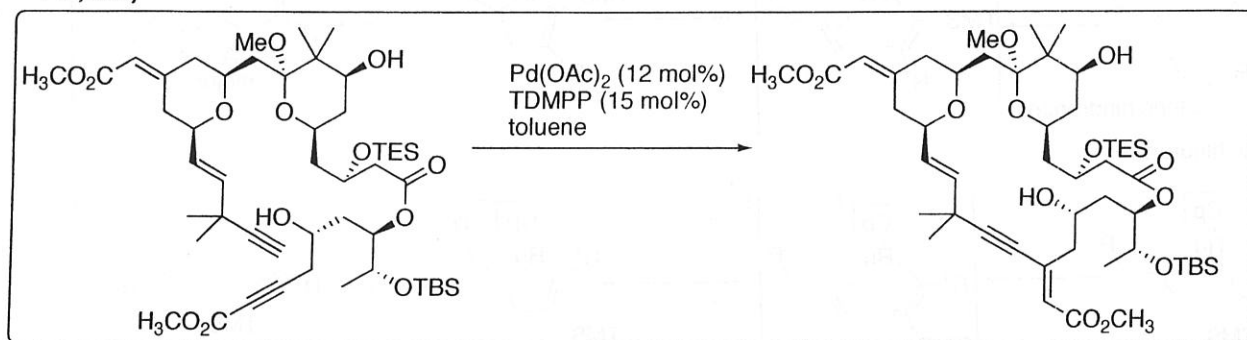




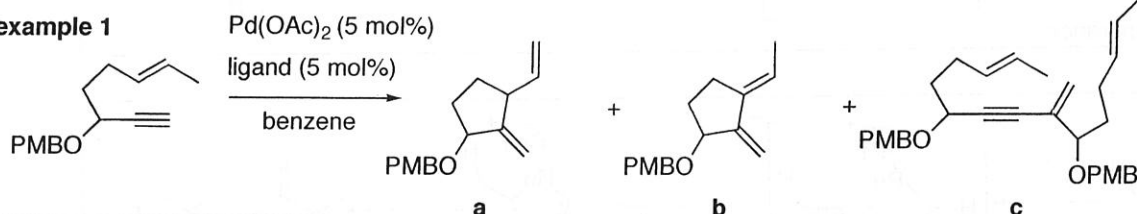




**Key Reaction 2 : Pd-catalysed reaction of two different alkynes to form a large ring ( Trost et al. JACS. 1997, 119, 698)**

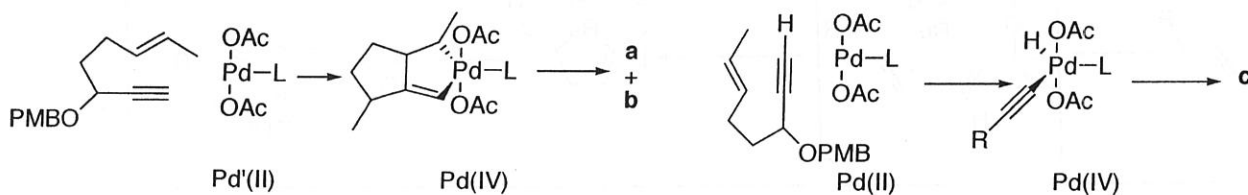
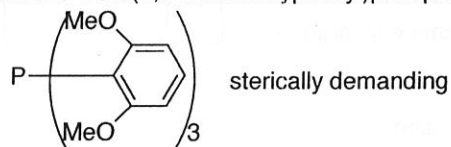


**example 1**



ligand	yield a + b (%)	ratio a:b	yield c (%)
Ph <sub>3</sub> P	41	1:1	not detected
( <i>o</i> -CH <sub>3</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	33	1:2	not detected
TDMPP	4	only b	71%

TDMPP : tris(2,6-dimethoxyphenyl)phosphine

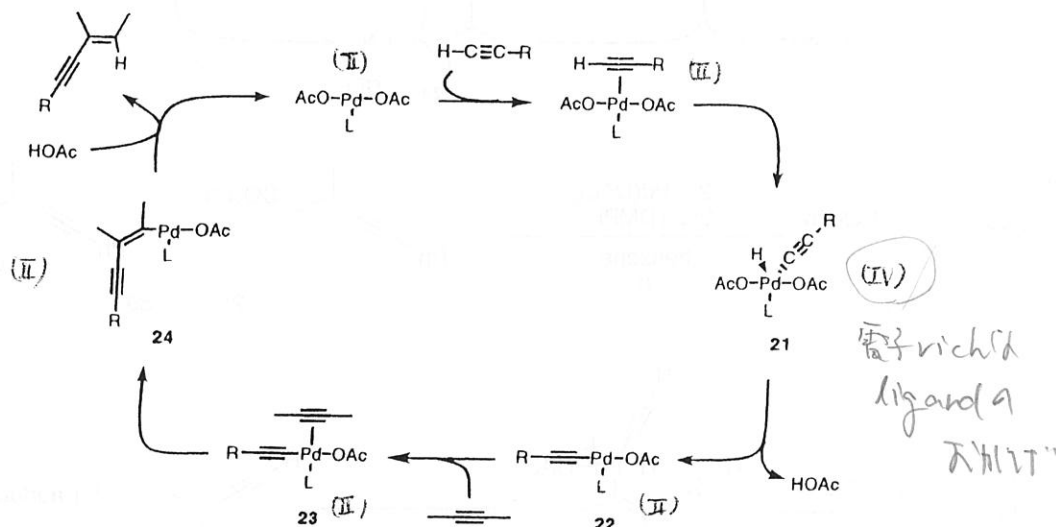


**Table 3.** Cross-Couplings with Alkyl- and Aryl-Substituted Acceptor Alkynes<sup>a</sup>

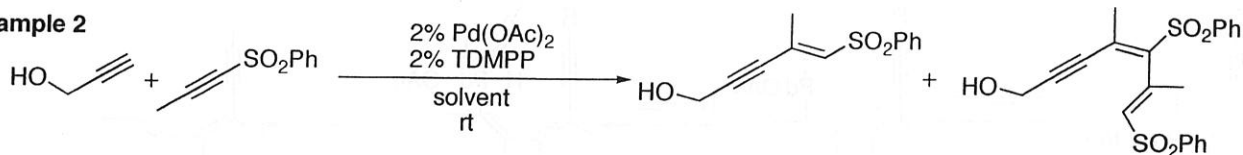
entry	donor alkyne R	acceptor alkyne		isolated yield (%)
		R'	EWG	
1 <sup>b</sup>	TMS	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	95
2	Ph	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	92
3	HOCH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	67
4	(CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> C) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	87
5	PhSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	11
6	OHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	84
7	(PhSO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	90
8	Ph	CH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	91
9	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	68
10	TBDMSOCH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub> Ph	68
11	Ph	Ph	COCH <sub>3</sub>	72
12 <sup>c</sup>	Ph	<i>n</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>13</sub>	COCH <sub>3</sub>	83

<sup>a</sup> All reactions were performed with 2 mol % of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and 2 mol % of TDMPP with approximately a 1:1 ratio of donor and acceptor alkyne in benzene at ambient temperature unless otherwise noted. <sup>b</sup> Reaction performed with 3 mol % of catalyst in THF at ambient temperature. <sup>c</sup> Reaction performed with a 2:1 ratio of donor to acceptor alkyne.

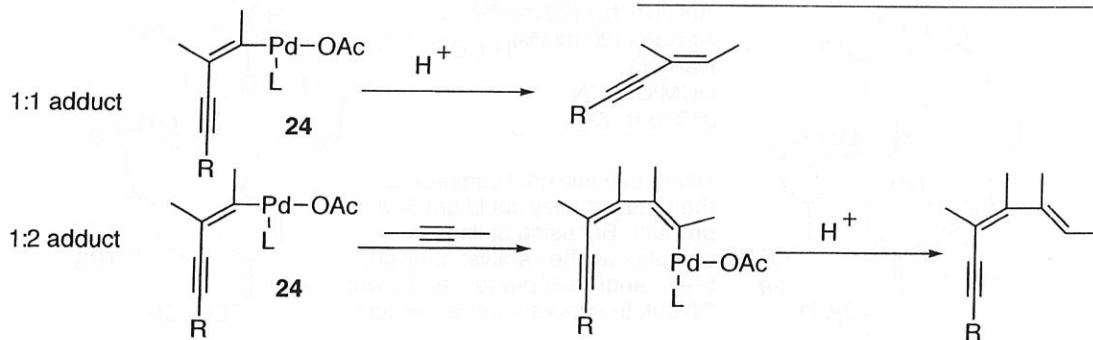
**Scheme 3.** A Working Hypothesis



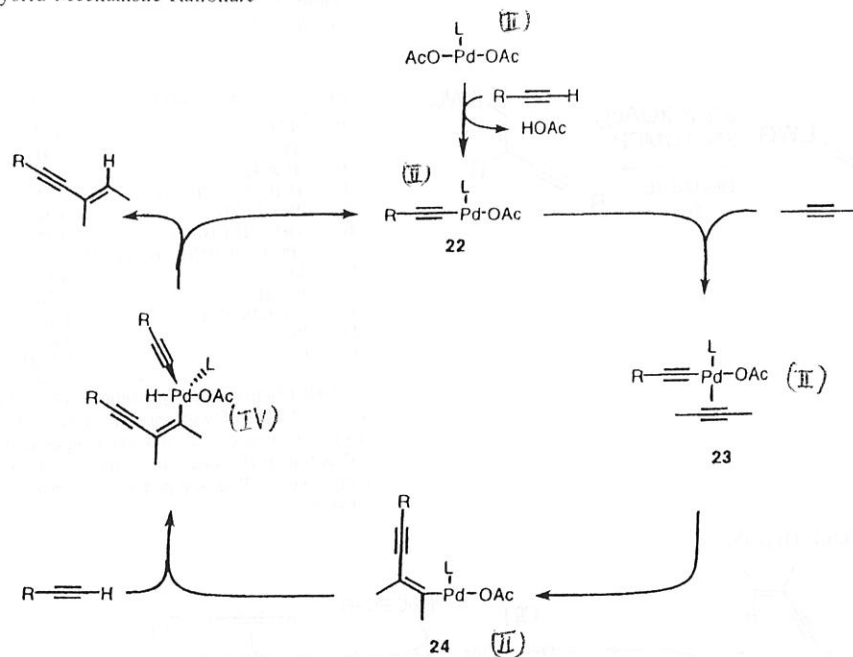
**example 2**



solvent	the ratio 1:1 adduct to 1:2 adduct
benzene	3:5
t-BuOH	1:1



Scheme 5. A Hybrid Mechanistic Rationale



example 3

