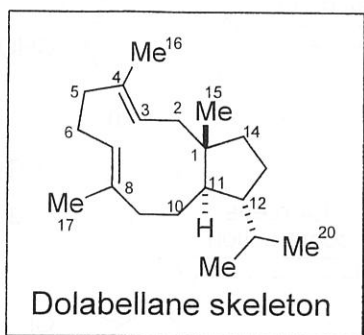


Dolabellane



E. J. Corey *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 1229.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2005**, *127*, 13813.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2006**, *128*, 740.

Dolabellane family

Structural feature

◆ characteristic *trans*-bicyclo[9.3.0]tetradecane core

Isolation

◆ The dolabellanes were originally isolated from the herbivorous sea hare *Dolabella californica*.

Bioactivity

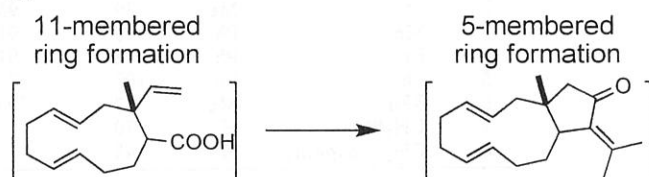
◆ The dolabellanes have exhibited an impressive range of biological properties, including significant cytotoxic, antibacterial, and antiviral activity.

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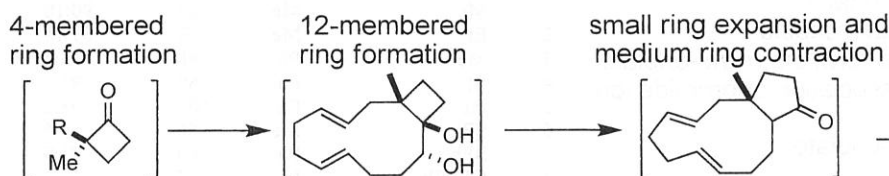
1. Corey`s synthetic strategies
2. Total Syntheses
 - 2-1 First Total Synthesis of Dolabellatrienone
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3. Summary of Syntheses

1. Corey`s synthetic strategies

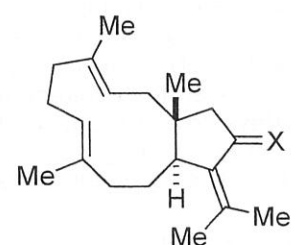
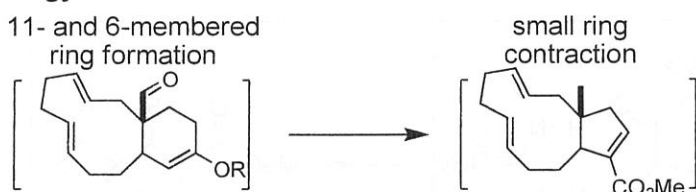
strategy 1.



strategy 2.



strategy 3.



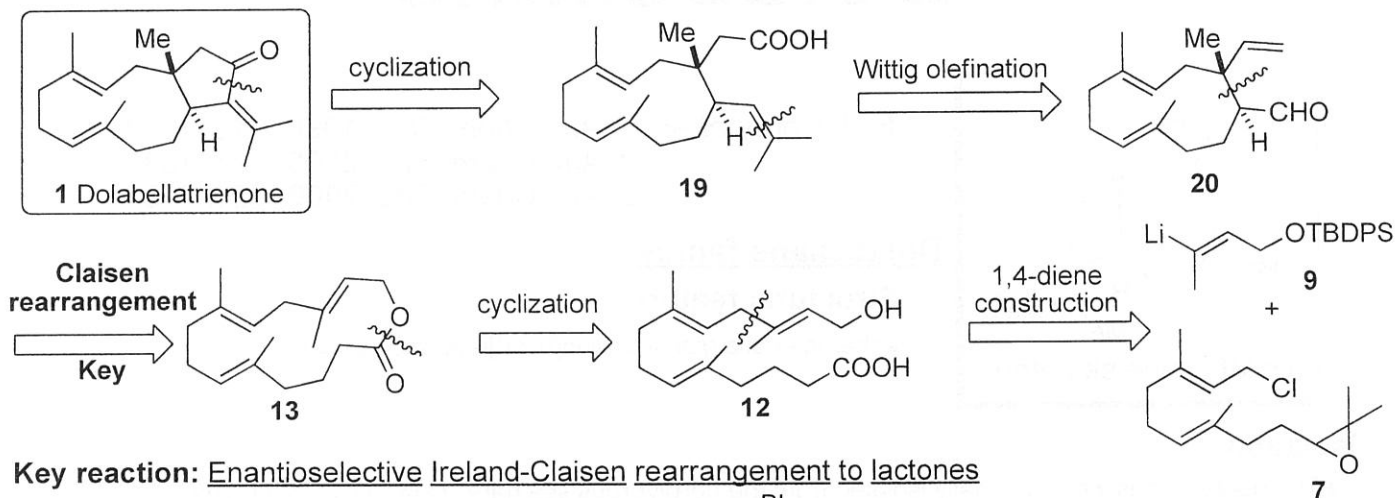
X = H, β -Araneosene
 X = O, Dolabellatrienone

2. Total Syntheses

2-1 First Total Synthesis of Dolabellatrienone

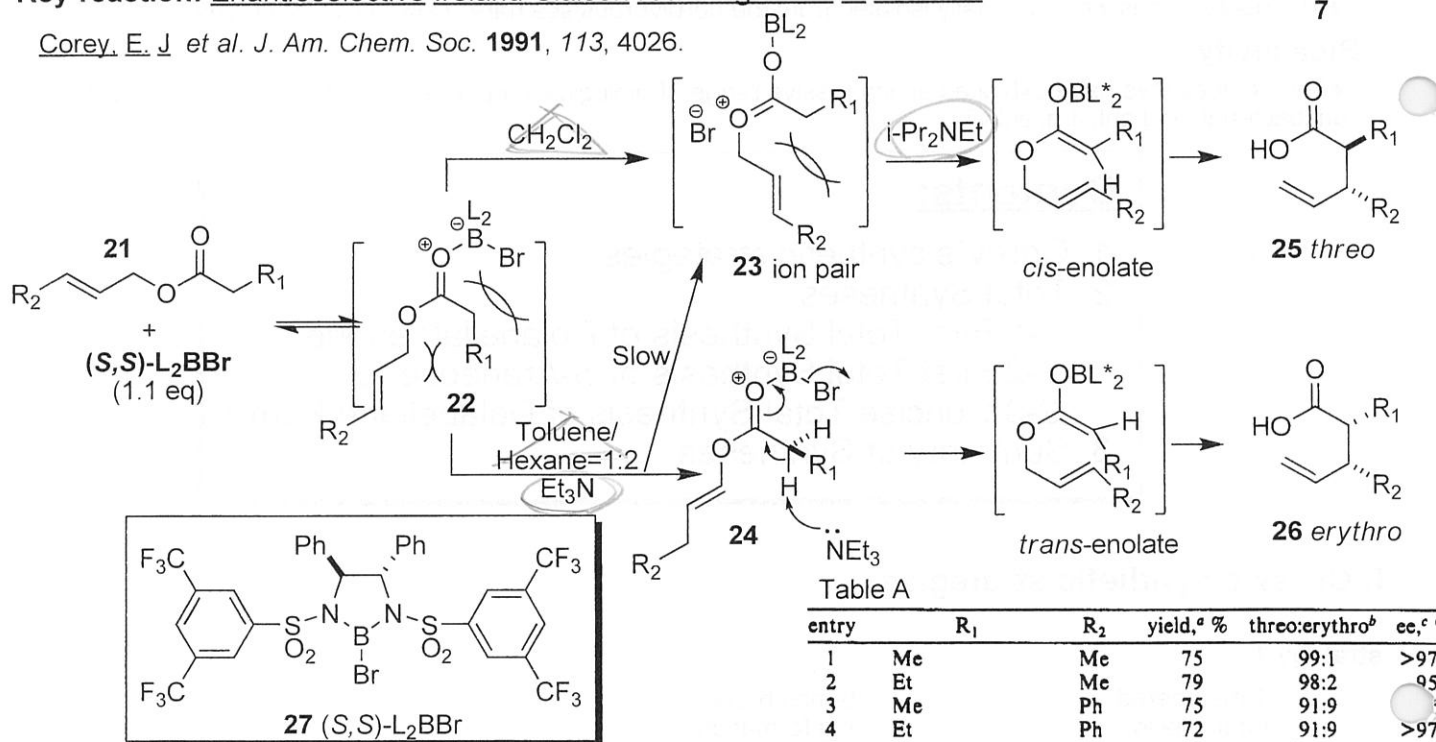
E. J. Corey et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 1229.

Retrosynthesis



Key reaction: Enantioselective Ireland-Claisen rearrangement to lactones

Corey, E. J. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 4026.



Corey, E. J. et al.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1989**, *111*, 5493.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1990**, *112*, 4976.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1995**, *117*, 193.

Table A

entry	R ₁	R ₂	yield, ^a %	threo:erythro ^b	ee, ^c %
1	Me	Me	75	99:1	>97 ^d
2	Et	Me	79	98:2	95 ^d
3	Me	Ph	75	91:9	9 ^d
4	Et	Ph	72	91:9	>97 ^f
5	Ph	Ph	100	23:77	>97 ^f
6	SPh	Me	52	39:61	>97 ^f
7	CH ₂ Ph	H	70		82 ^e
8	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl	H	48		77 ^e

^aReaction times at -20 °C: 14 days for entries 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8; 7 days for entries 3, 4, and 6.

Table B

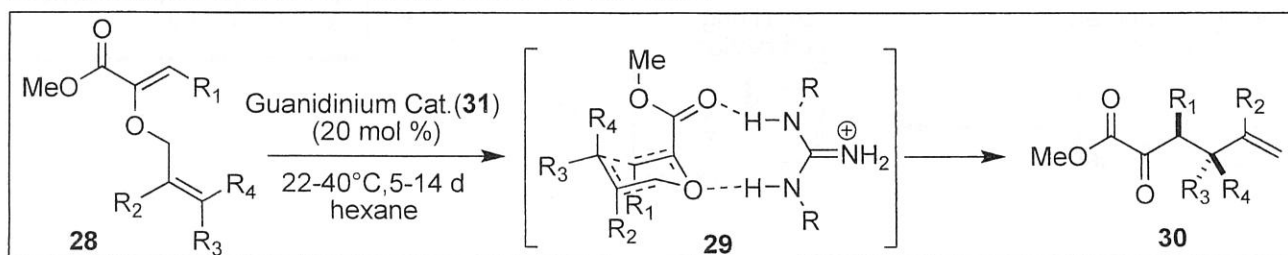
entry	R ₁	R ₂	yield, ^a %	erythro:threo ^b	ee, ^c %
1	Me	Me	65	90:10	96 ^h
2	Et	Me	79	89:11	>97 ^d
3	Me	Ph	88	96:4	>97 ^h
4	Et	Ph	69	95:5	>97 ^h
5	Ph	Ph	100	98:2	>97 ^e
6	SPh	Me	56	95:5	>97 ^f
7	SPh	Ph	45	91:9	>97 ^f
8	CH ₂ Ph	H	57		84 ^e
9	CH ₂ -1-naphthyl	H	63		79 ^e

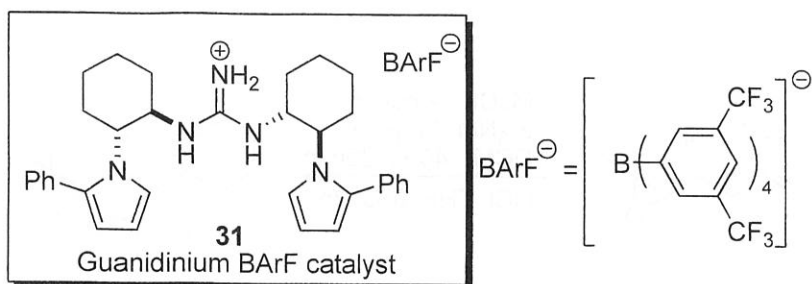
^aReaction times at -20 °C: 14 days for entries 1, 2, 5, and 7-9; 7 days for entries 3, 4, and 6.

- ◆ simply by a change of the solvent and the tertiary amine used for enolate formation.
- ◆ sterically smaller Et₃N (relative to DPEA) should accelerate the direct deprotonation to form the *trans*-enolate.
- ◆ less polar solvent should slow the dissociation of bromide ion to from the ion pair.
- ◆ increasing solvent polarity favors *cis*-enolate.

Recent studies

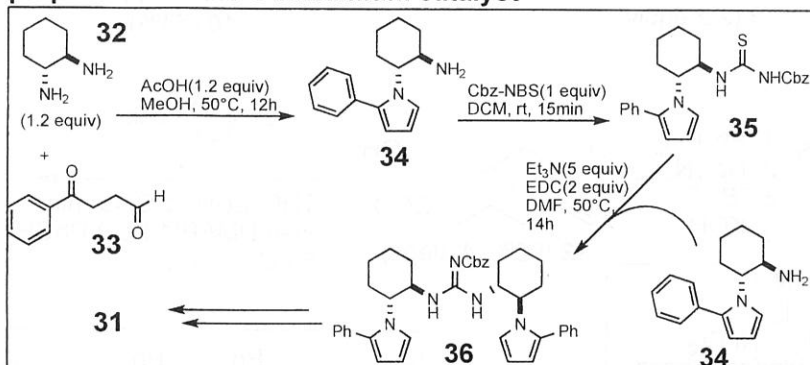
Jacobsen, E. N. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 9228.





- ♦ optimal rates and enantioselectivities were observed in hexanes; catalyst is virtually insoluble in this solvent.
- ♦ only guanidinium ions associated to the non-coordinating BARF counterion were found to be effective.

preparation of the Guanidinium catalyst



Table

entry	substrate	product ^b	yield ^{c,d} (%)	ee ^e (%)
1			80	92
2			86	92
3			92 > 20:1 dr	85
4			91 19:1 dr	81
5			73	96
6			89	81
7			89 > 20:1 dr	82
8			73 > 20:1 dr	84

Reactions run on a 0.1 mmol scale in 2 mL of hexanes.

MacMillan, D. W. C. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 2911.

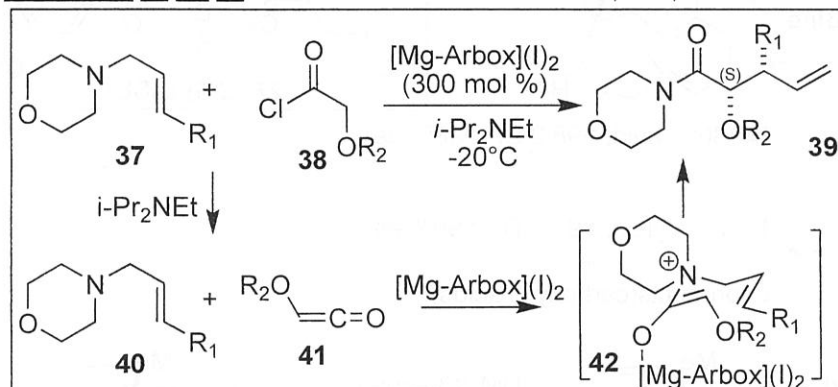


Table A (R₁ = H; R₂ = Bn)

entry	chiral Lewis acid complex		mol % LA	time (h)	% yield	% ee ^a	
	complex	R					X
1	1	—	—	200	24	87	56
2	2a	Ph	H	200	24	88	83
3	2b	Ph	Cl	200	24	65	86
4	2c	<i>p</i> -MeOPh	Cl	50	24	81	42
5	2c	<i>p</i> -MeOPh	Cl	100	24	63	81
6	2c	<i>p</i> -MeOPh	Cl	200	24	80	91
7	—	—	—	—	24	42	—

^a Enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral GLC.

Table B (R₁ = H)

entry	OR ₂	time (h)	% yield	% ee ^a
1	OAc	20	44	37
2	OTBS	20	67	38
3	OPhCl-4	20	59	71
4	OPh	20	48	78
5	OMe	24	28	80
6	OBn	24	80	91

^a Enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral GLC or HPLC.

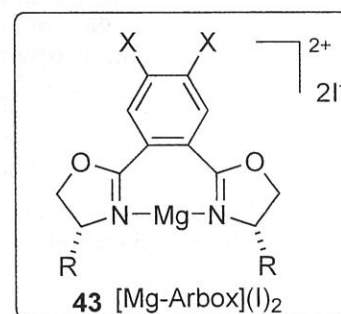
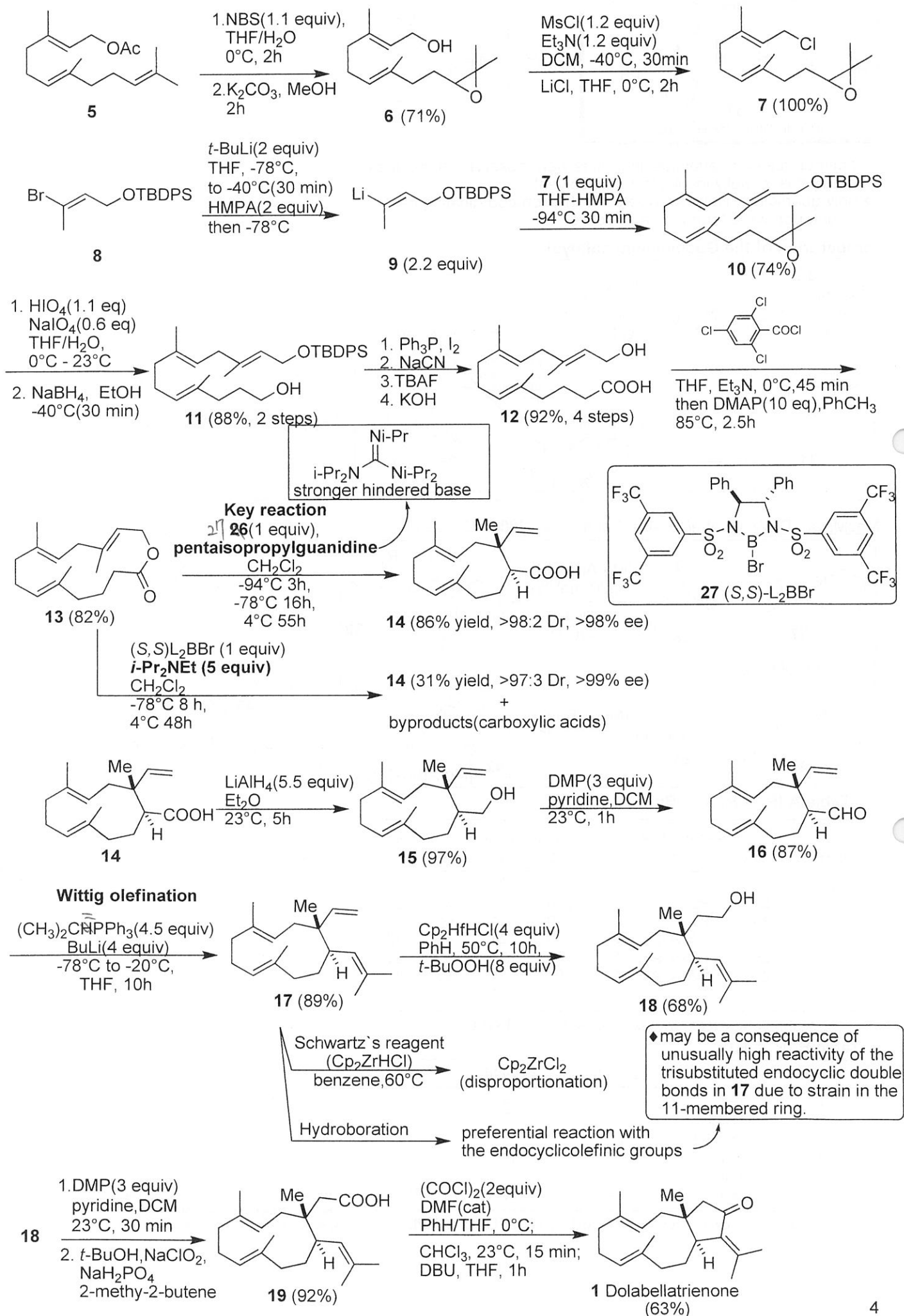


Table C (R₁ = H; R₂ = Bn)

entry	amine ^a	product ^b	% yield	synanti ^b	% ee ^c
1			80	—	91 ^c
2			78	—	91 ^c
3			79	—	90
4			86	92:8	86 ^c
5			82	99:1	97
6			84	97:3	96
7			95	98:2	91
8			74	3:97	91

^a NR₂ = N-morpholine. ^b Ratios determined by chiral GLC or HPLC. Absolute stereochemistry determined by chemical correlation or by analogy. ^c Reaction performed with 200 mol % Cat.

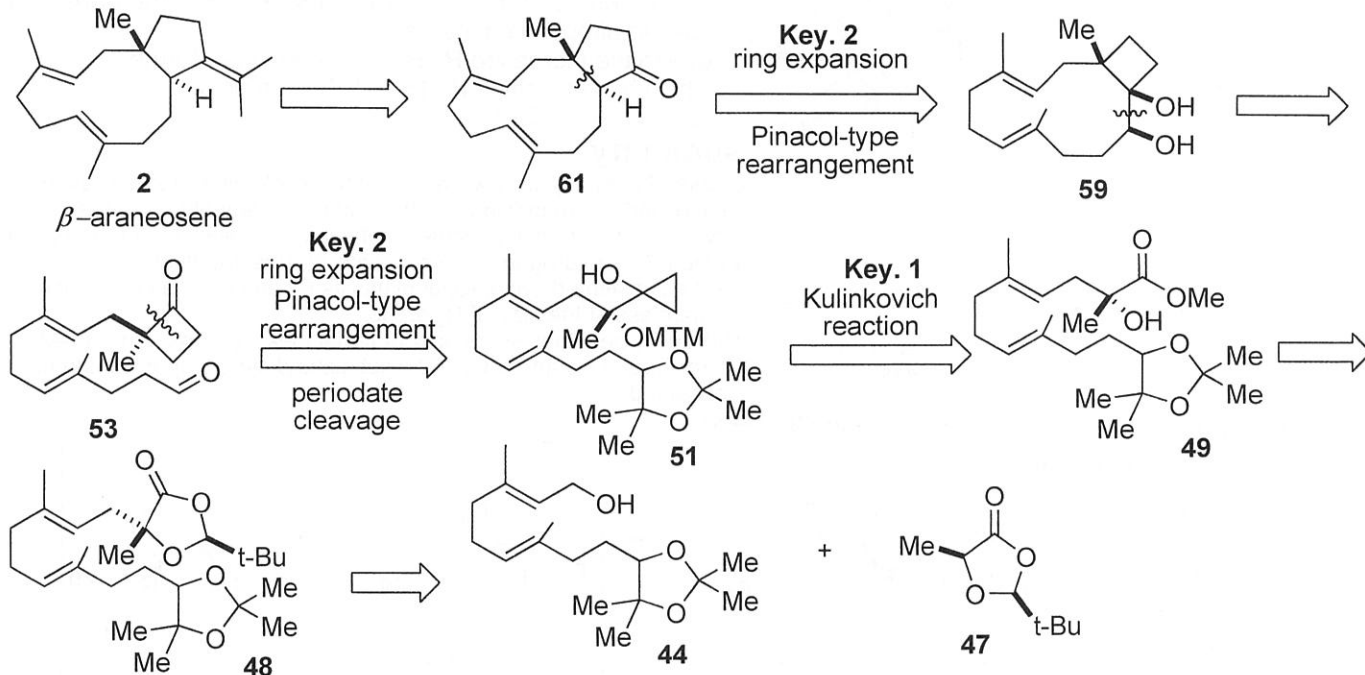
Total synthesis



2-2 First Total Synthesis of β -Araneosene

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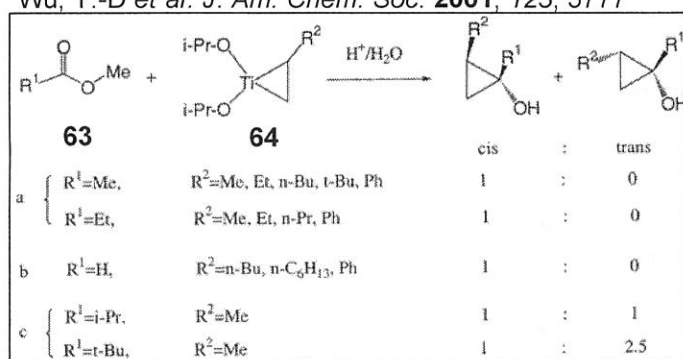
Retrosynthesis



Key reaction:

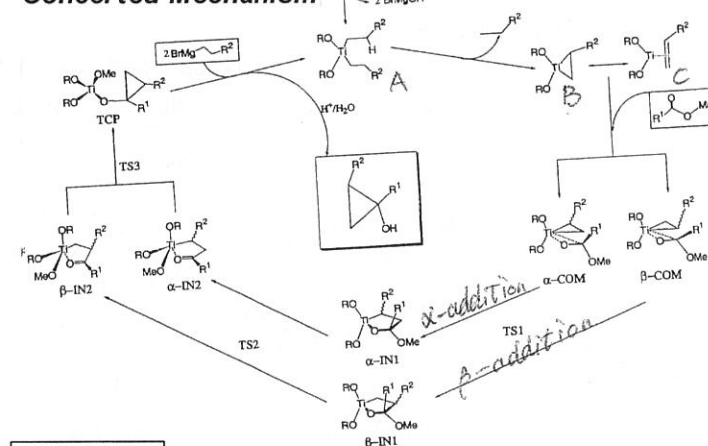
1. Kulinkovich cyclopropanation (49 \rightarrow 51)

Wu, Y.-D et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 5777



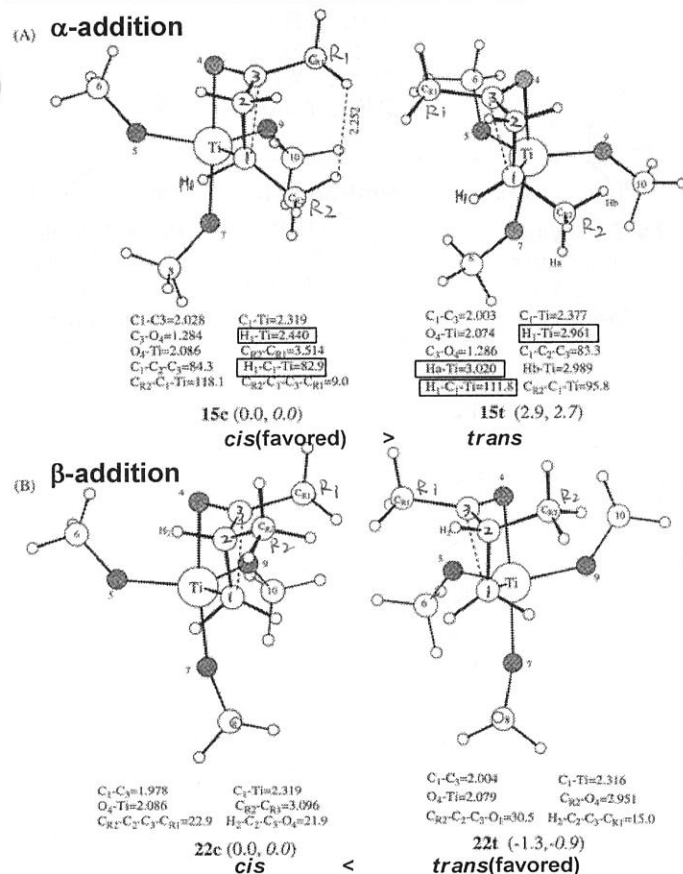
$\text{XTi}(\text{O}-i\text{-Pr})_3$
(X = O-i-Pr, Cl, and Me),

Concerted Mechanism

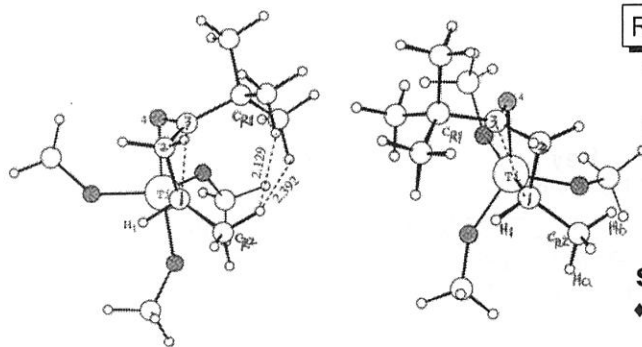


$R_1 = R_2 = \text{Me}$

- α -addition manifold (A) is generally favored.
- If β -addition manifold were the favored pathway, trans- R_1/R_2 cyclopropanol (22c) would be the major product.
 - TS_3 22c: $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3$ bond becomes nearly eclipsed in TS_3 . It is about 1.3 kcal/mol less stable than TS_3 22t.
- This is in contradiction to experimental observations, further supporting the conclusion that the α -addition manifold is the favored pathway.
- α -addition: the cis- R_1/R_2 cyclopropane-forming transition state is stabilized by the $(\text{C}_1)\text{H-Ti}$ agostic interaction^a but destabilized by the $\text{R}_1\text{-R}_2$ repulsion.
- TS_3 15c benefits from an agostic interaction. (denoted as $\text{H}_1\text{-Ti} = 2.440\text{\AA}$, $\text{Ti-C}_1\text{-H}_1 = 83^\circ$).
- The agostic interaction in TS_3 15t is absent ($\text{H}_1\text{-Ti} = 2.961\text{\AA}$, $\text{Ti-C}_1\text{-H}_1 = 112^\circ$).
- R_2 methyl group in 15t suffers from steric interactions with the metal center. ($\text{Ha-Ti} = 3.020\text{\AA}$, $\text{Ti-C}_1\text{-CR}_2 = 96^\circ$)



(a) **Agostic interaction** is a term in organometallic chemistry for the interaction of a coordinately-unsaturated transition metal with a C-H bond, when the two electrons involved in the C-H bond enter the empty d orbital of a transition metal, resulting in a two electron three center bond.



$R_1=t\text{-Bu}$, $R_2=Me$

- ◆ The β -addition should be excluded due to R_2 -ester repulsion in its cycloinsertion TS_1 , larger than TS_3 22t.
- ◆ The preference for the $cis\text{-}R_1/R_2$ TS_3 24c over the $trans\text{-}R_1/R_2$ TS_3 24t almost disappears due to the increased $R_1\text{-}R_2$ repulsion in the former, which has two close (R_1)H—H(R_2) contacts. (2.129Å and 2.392Å)

summary

- ◆ When R_1 and R_2 are alkyl groups, the Kulinkovich reaction favors the α -addition manifold over the β -addition manifold since the cycloinsertion transition states of the latter involves R_2 -ester repulsion.
- ◆ When R_1 is hydrogen or primary alkyl groups, the final 1,2-disubstituted cyclopropanol has its R_1 and R_2 in a cis relationship, regardless of the size of R_2 group.
- ◆ When R_1 becomes secondary or tertiary alkyl groups, and $R_2=Me$, a mixture of cis and $trans$ 1,2-disubstituted cyclopropanols can be observed.

$C_1\text{-}C_3=2.607$ $O_4\text{-}C_3=1.297$
 $H_1\text{-}Ti=2.355$ $C_1\text{-}C_3=2.007$
 $C_1\text{-}Ti=2.351$ $O_4\text{-}Ti=2.035$
 $H_1\text{-}C_1\text{-}Ti=76.7$ $C_{R2}\text{-}C_1\text{-}Ti=122.5$

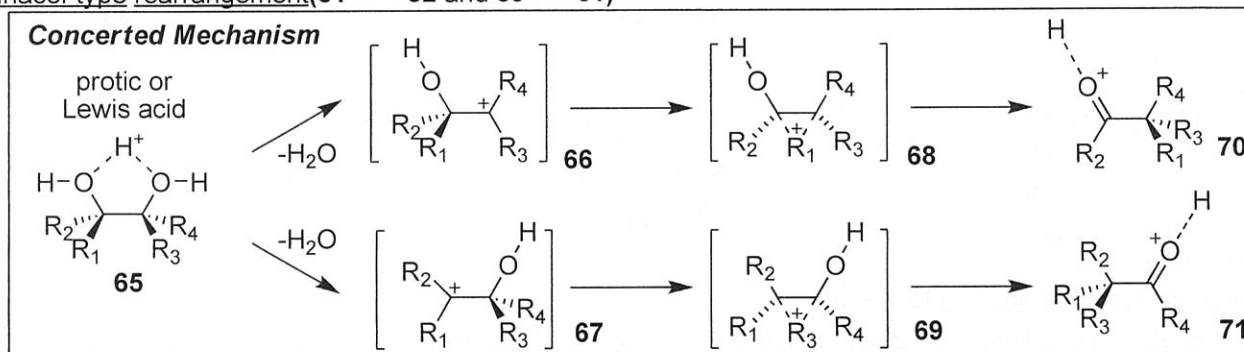
24c (0,0,0,0)
cis

≈

$C_1\text{-}C_3=2.032$ $H_2\text{-}Ti=3.135$
 $C_1\text{-}Ti=2.421$ $H_2\text{-}Ti=3.164$
 $O_4\text{-}Ti=2.040$ $C_3\text{-}O_4=1.290$
 $H_1\text{-}C_1\text{-}Ti=113.3$ $C_{R2}\text{-}C_1\text{-}Ti=99.9$

24t (0.1,0.2)
trans

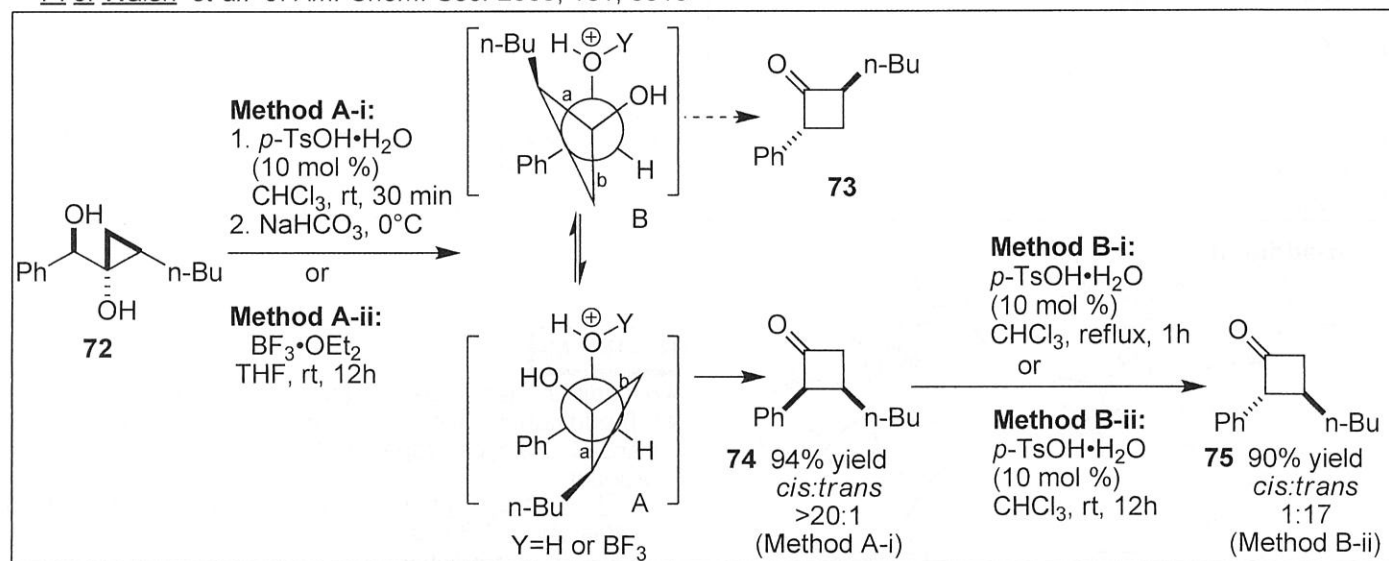
2. Pinacol-type rearrangement (51 → 52 and 59 → 61)



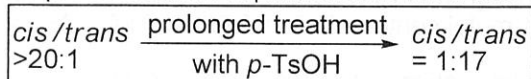
3 → 4 ring formation

Diastereoselective Synthesis of 2,3-Disubstituted Cyclobutanones

P. J. Walsh et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2009**, *131*, 6516



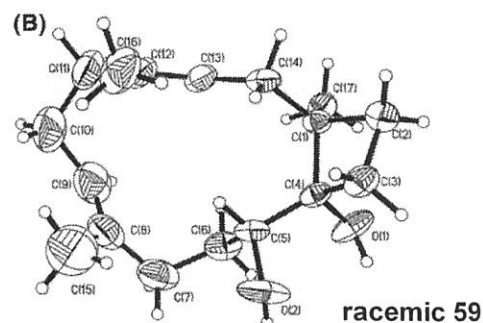
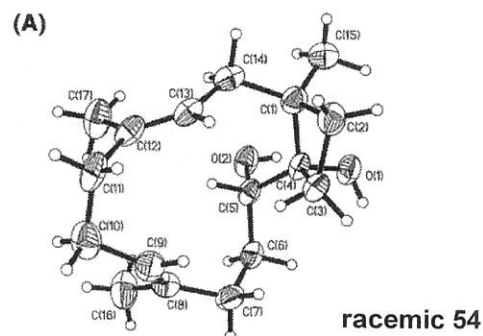
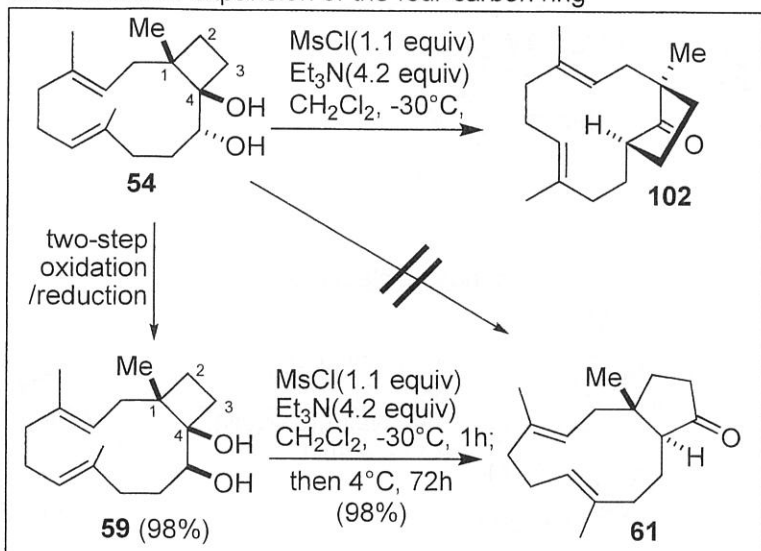
- ◆ conformer A is less hindered
- ◆ migration of the more substituted C-C bond (a) is favorable
- ◆ the cis isomer can be rationalized by the rearrangement of conformer A with breakage of bond (a)
- ◆ the trans isomer can be explained by isomerization of the kinetic cis product to the thermodynamic trans product via enol formation.
- ◆ cis product can be equilibrated to the trans



entry	α -hydroxy cyclopropyl carbinol	cyclobutanones	Method	$cis:trans^a$	isolated yield (%)
1			A-i	>20:1	94
2			B-ii	>1:20	90
3			A-i	>20:1	95
4			B-i	>1:20	80
5			A-i	>20:1	99
6			B-i	1:5	89
7			A-i	>20:1	99
8			A-i	>20:1	99
9			B-i	1:17	90
10			A-i	17:1	99
11			B-i	1:17	85
12			A-i	>20:1	94
13			B-i	1:20	77
14			A-i	>20:1	99
15			B-i	20:1	80

4 → 5 ring formation

bond-selective expansion of the four-carbon ring

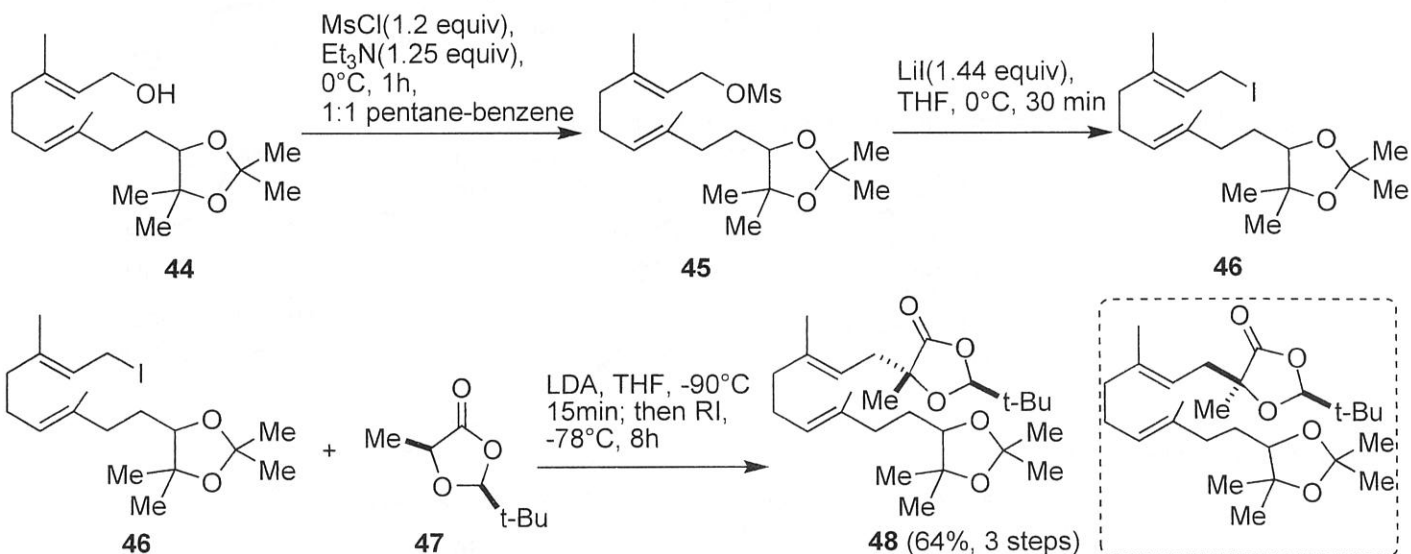


◆ although the trans diol **54** might serve as a direct precursor to key intermediate **61**, it transpired that the exclusive pinacol rearrangement product formed upon activation of the secondary hydroxyl is the bridged 5,12-bicyclopentanone **102**.

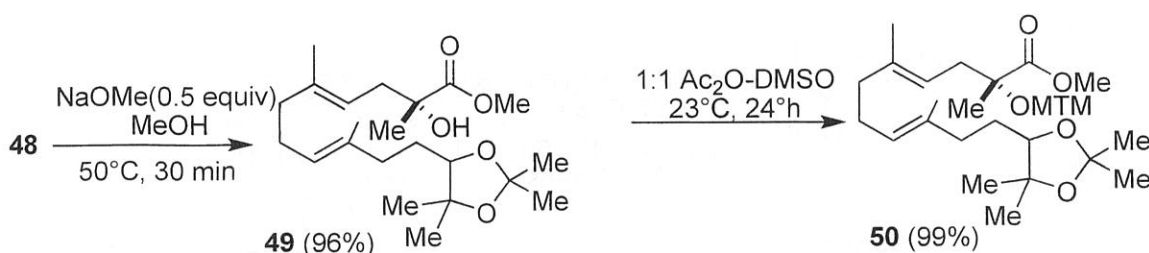
54: conformational rigidity enforced by the 12-membered ring results in a stereoelectronic preference for 1,2-migration of the less substituted, exocyclic cyclobutane bond (C4-C3, bond length 1.543(3) Å), even though the internal σ bond (C1-C4, 1.567(3) Å) is considerably weaker.

59: situates the longer C1-C4 linkage antiperiplanar to the secondary C-O bond.

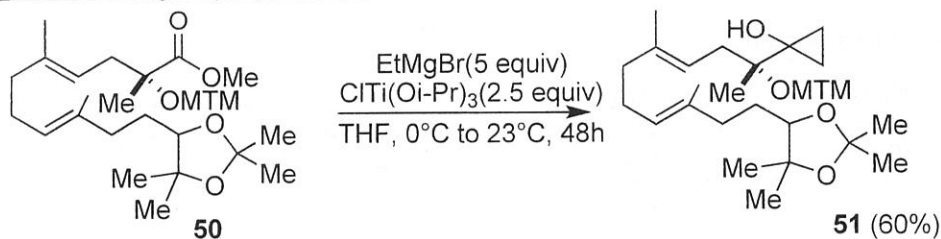
Total synthesis



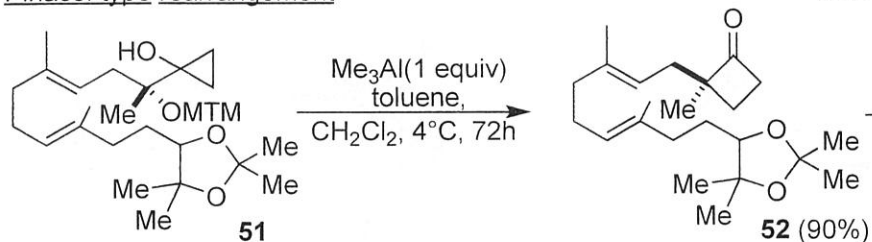
◆ The diastereomer that would result from electrophilic attack at the more screened face of the chiral metal enolate could not be detected in the unpurified reaction mixture.



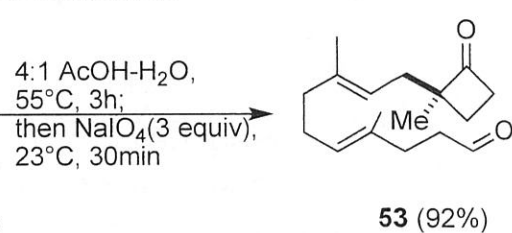
Kulinkovich cyclopropanation



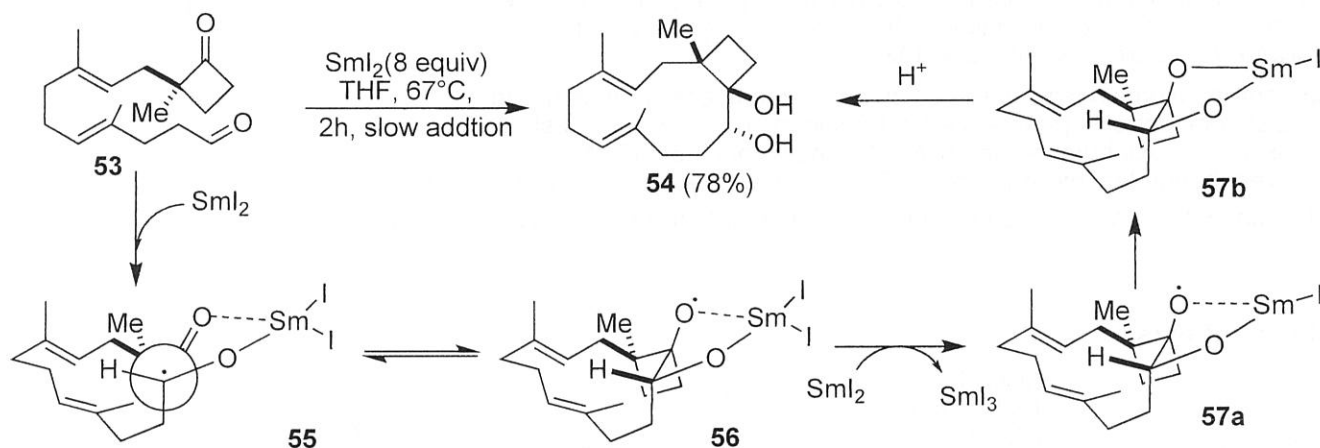
Pinacol-type rearrangement



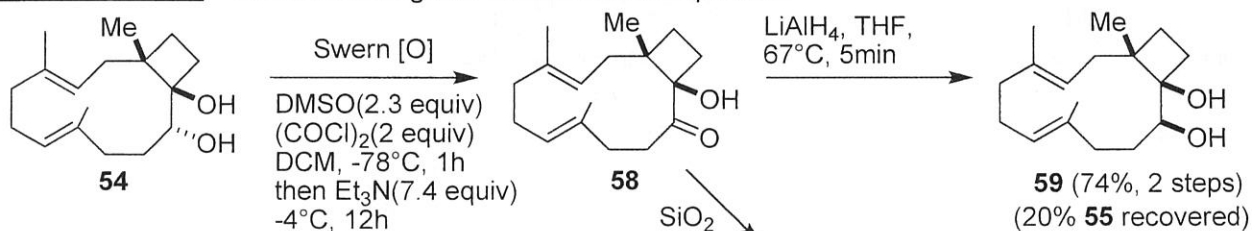
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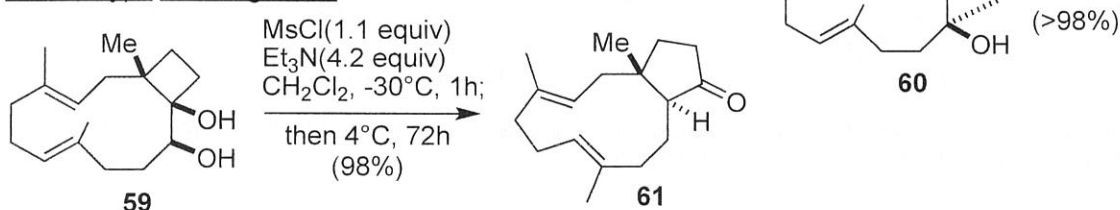
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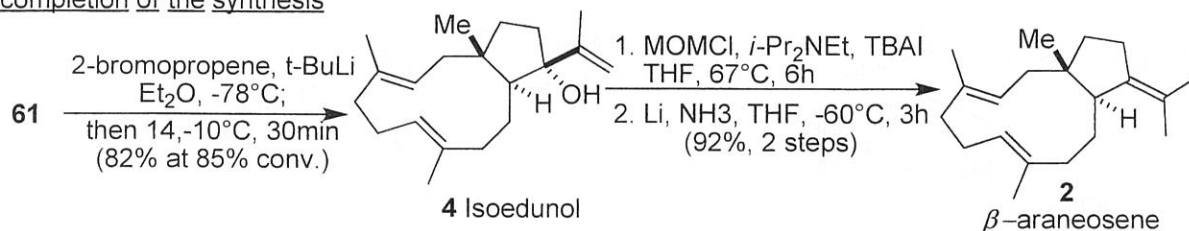
oxidation/reduction—structural change for bond-selective expansion



second Pinacol-type rearrangement



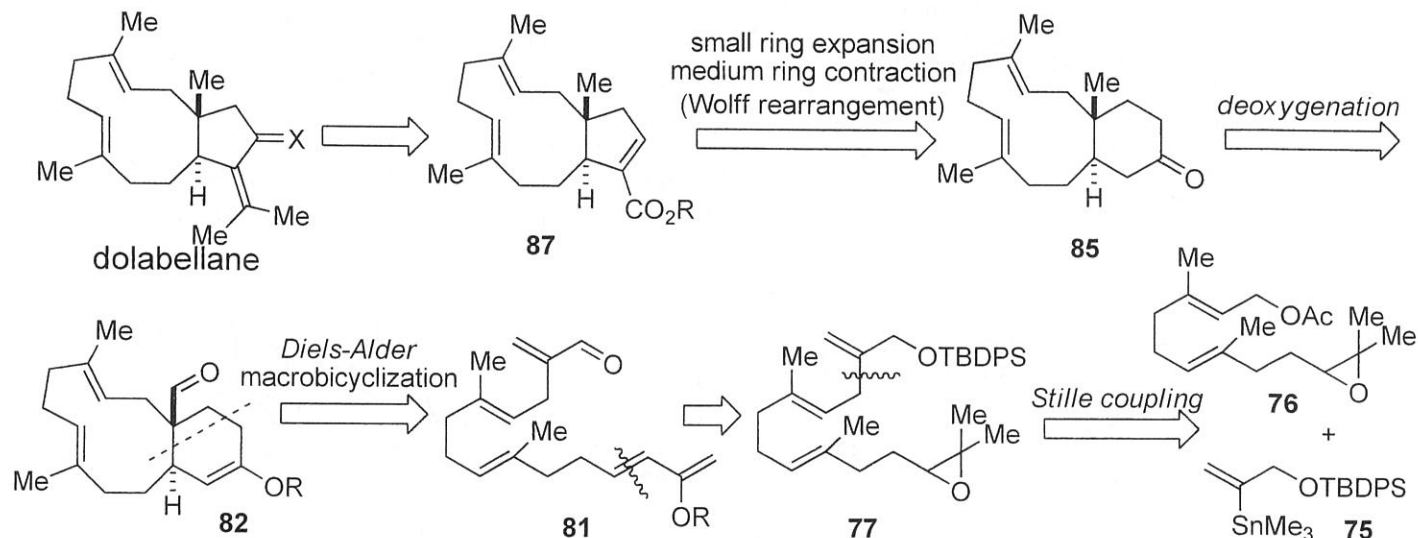
completion of the synthesis



2-3. Concise Total Synthesis of dolabellane family

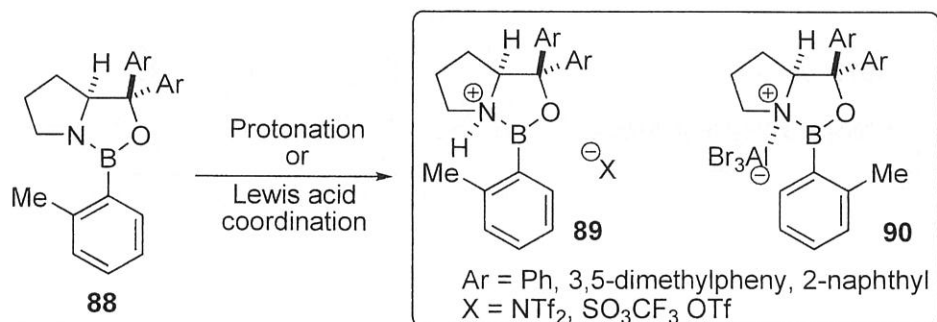
E. J. Corey et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 740.

Retrosynthesis



Key reaction:

1. Enantioselective Diels-Alder Reactions catalyzed by a chiral oxazaborolidinium cation.



Corey, E. J. et al.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, 129, 1499.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2004**, 126, 4800.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2003**, 125, 6388.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2002**, 124, 9992.
J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2002**, 124, 3808.

Oxazaborolidine is quite a weak base, its full protonation can only be achieved using a very strong acid such as HNTf₂, HSO₃CF₃, HOTf or strong Lewis acid AlBr₃.

chiral oxazaborolidinium cation is an extraordinarily useful broad-spectrum catalyst for numerous highly enantioselective Diels-Alder reactions.

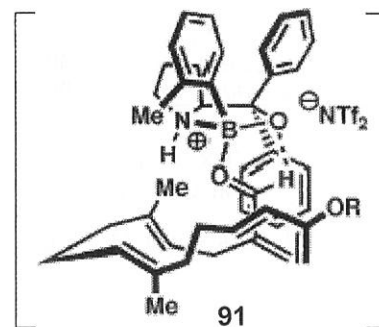
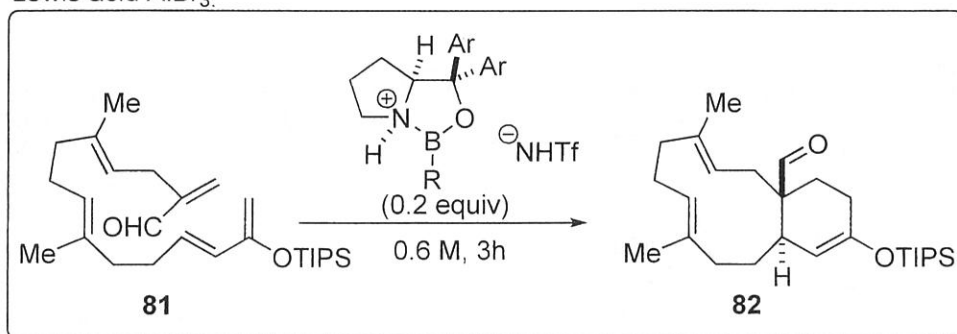


Table. Optimization of the enantioselectivity of the Diels-Alder reaction converting **81** into **82**.

Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	Temp	Ar	R	endo/exo	e.e.
1	(S)	toluene	-78 °C	Ph	2-MePh	20:1	80.3
2	(R)	toluene	-78 °C	Ph	2-MePh	20:1	86.4
3	(S)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78 °C	Ph	2-MePh	20:1	55.8
4	(S)	toluene	-78 °C	Ph	Ph	13:1	87.2
5	(S)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78 °C	Ph	Ph	12:1	69.6
6	(S)	toluene	-93 °C	Mes	Ph	12:1	87.8
7	(S)	toluene	-93 °C	Mes	2-MePh	12:1	87.7
8	(S)	toluene	-93 °C	Ph	2-MePh	20:1	90.4

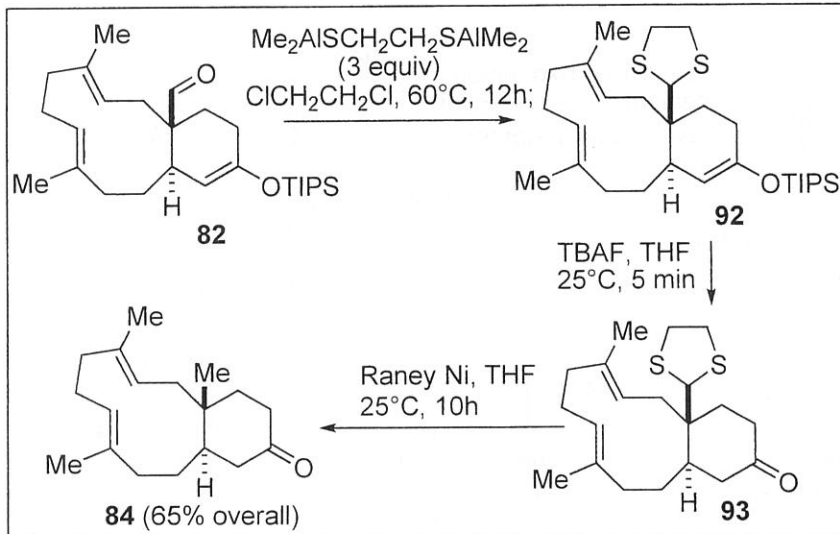
◆ standard achiral initiators:
such as Me₂AlCl, MeAlCl₂, EtAlCl₂, or heat
deprotected and/or polymerized **81**, without
detectable conversion to **82** or any other
Diels-Alder-type product

2. Novel methodology of deoxygenation

Table. Me₂AlSCH₂CH₂SAIME₂-Induced Dithiane Formation

Entry	Starting material	Product	Yield (%)
1			83
2			87
3			79
4			72
5			68

^a With 3 equiv of sulfide reagent at 60°C in 1,2-dichloroethane for 2-12h

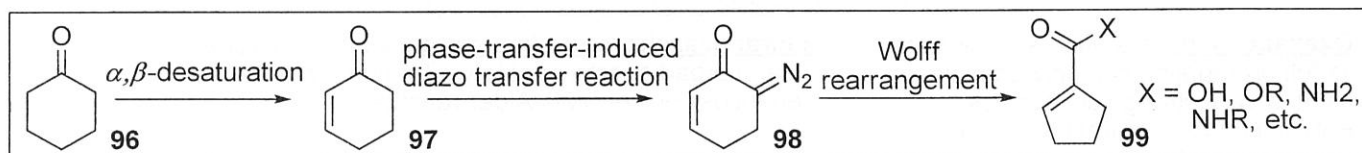


- ◆ many other reagents and methods for *thioacetalization* failed because of vinyl ether cleavage and further reaction.
- ◆ alternative protocols, such as Wolff-Kishner reduction and Barton-McCombie deoxygenation, also failed.

E. J. Corey et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 5829.



3. Ring contraction $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha, \beta\text{-desaturation} \\ \text{Wolff rearrangement} \end{array} \right.$



K. C. Nicolaou et al.
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2002**, *41*, 996
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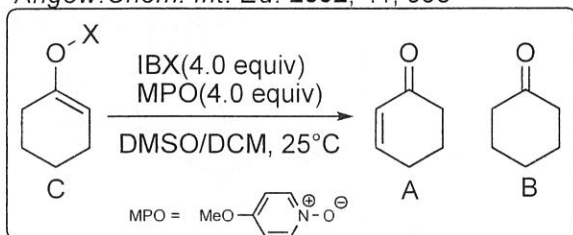


Table. Reactions of various enol ether derivatives of cyclohexanone with IBX·MPO complex.

Enol ether	X	5%	Products ^a	B	Time [h]
a:	TMS	0	0	1	1
b:	TES	0	1	18	8
c:	TBS	1	0	0	12
d:	Ac	8	1	0	12
e:	Me	3	6	1	2
f:	CH ₂ CH=CH ₂	3	8	1	1

[a] see main text for discussion. [h] Ratios determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

- ◆ A diverse set of carbonyl compounds can now be dehydrogenated with ease by the fast oxidation of the corresponding TMS enol ethers.

- ◆ when heteroatom oxide ligands appended to IBX, might provide a unique electronic environment around the iodine center which could enhance the propensity of these reagents to serve as electron sinks.

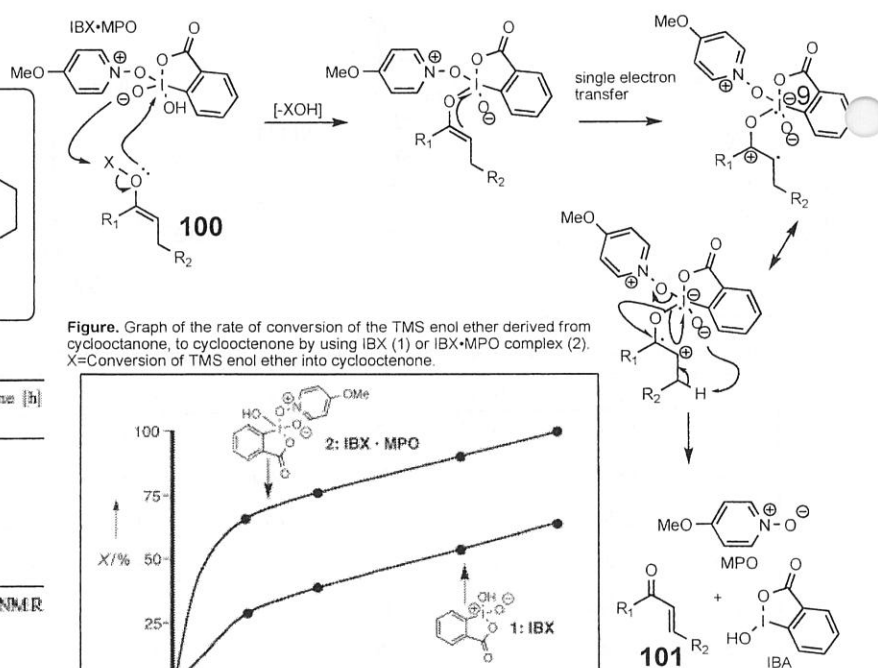
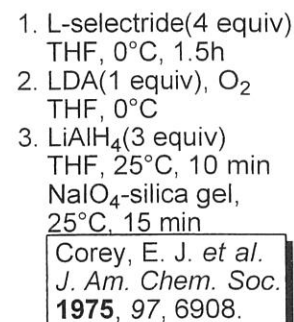
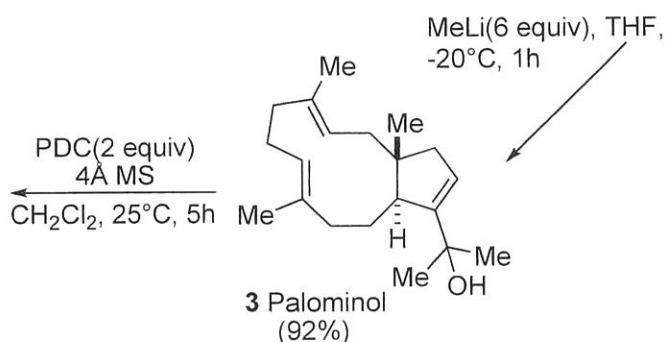
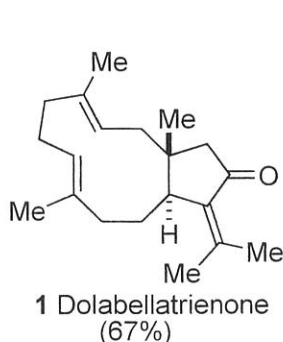
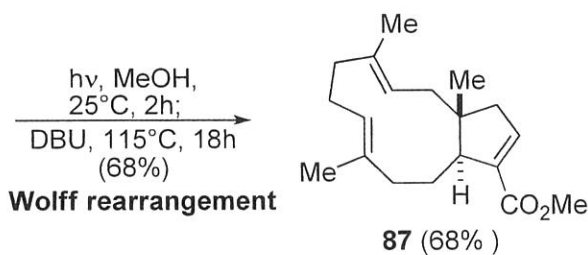
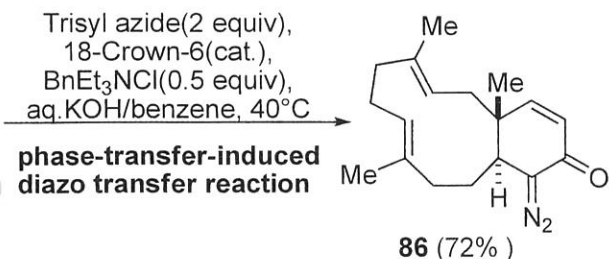
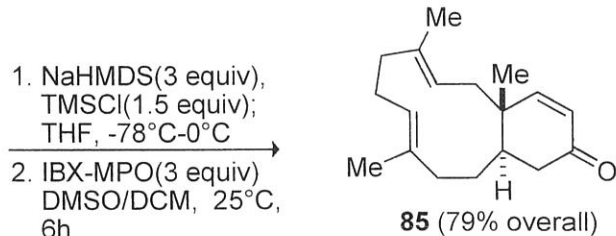
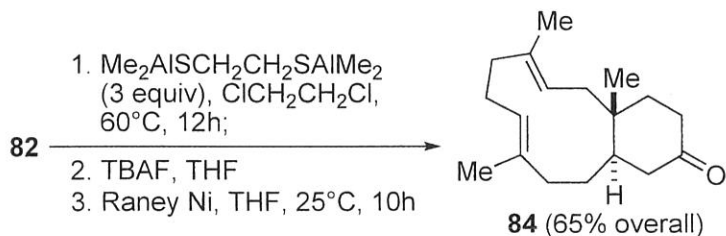
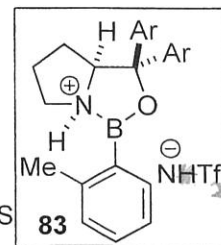
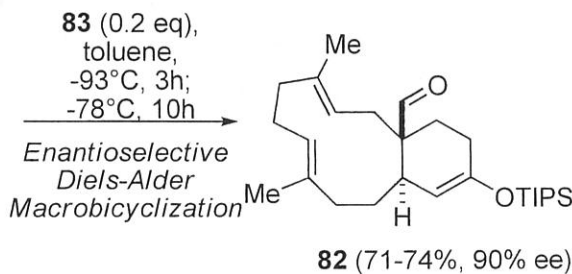
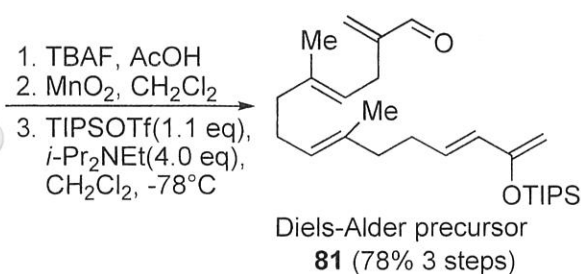
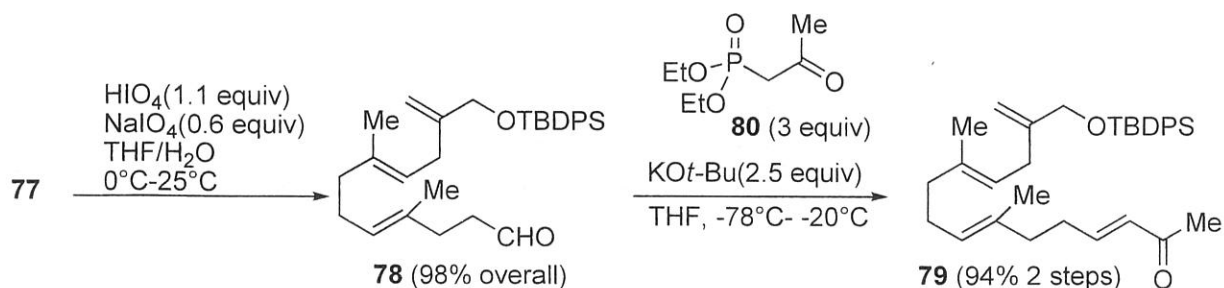
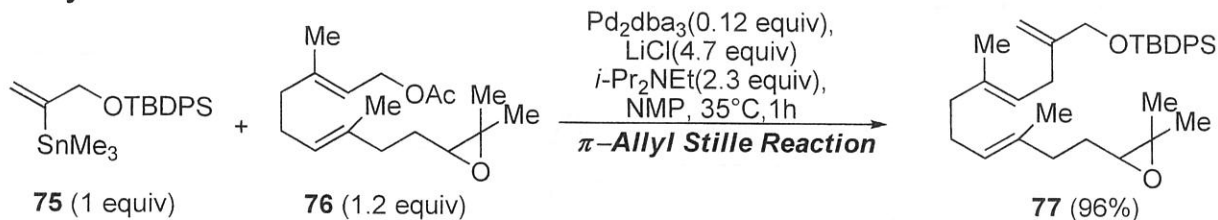
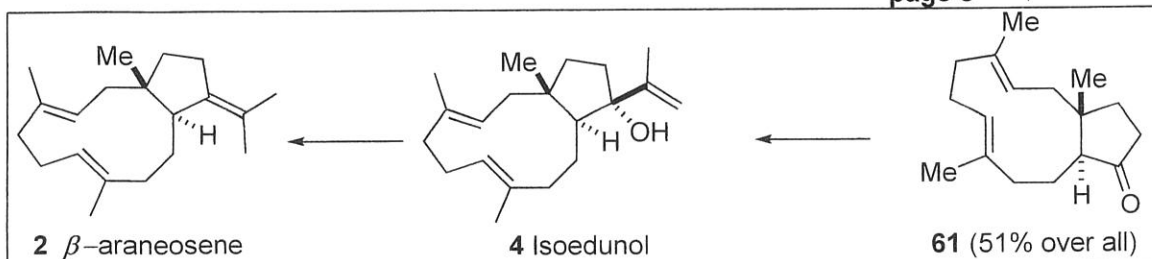


Figure. Graph of the rate of conversion of the TMS enol ether derived from cyclooctanone, to cyclooctenone by using IBX (1) or IBX·MPO complex (2). X=Conversion of TMS enol ether into cyclooctenone.

Total synthesis



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3. Summary of Syntheses

Dolabellane

