

# Total Synthesis of Amphidinolide

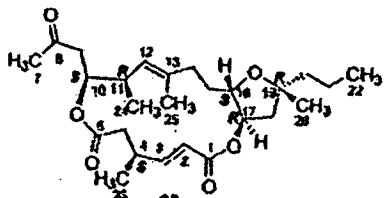
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## Introduction

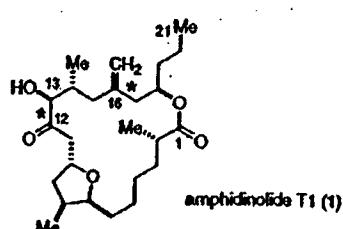
- Amphidinolides are secondary metabolites from symbiotic marine dinoflagellates *Amphidinium* sp., which were separated from inside cells of Okinawan marine flatworms. Up to now, 35 kinds of Amphidinolide have been isolated and investigated about bioactivity. The results show that Amphidinolides have cytotoxicity.

Rather complicated macrocyclic structure of these compounds is a good synthetic target, and many total syntheses have been achieved. I will introduce especially interesting ones, which are total synthesis of Amphidinolide X and T1.



X

- isolation and structure determination  
→ Kobayashi, J. et. al. J. Org. Chem. 2003, 68, 5339
- cytotoxicity  
→ IC<sub>50</sub> 0.6 µg/ml (Murine lymphoma cell, L1210)  
7.5 µg/ml (Human epidermoid carcinoma cells, KB)
- total synthesis  
@ Fürstner, A. et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 15970



T1

- isolation and structure determination  
→ Kobayashi, J. et. al. J. Org. Chem. 2000, 65, 1349
- cytotoxicity  
→ IC<sub>50</sub> 18 µg/ml (Murine lymphoma cell, L1210)  
>20 µg/ml (Human epidermoid carcinoma cells, KB)
- total synthesis  
Ghosh, A. K. et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 2374  
Fürstner, A. et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 15512  
@ Jamison, T. F. et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 998

Review: Kobayashi, J. et. al. Nat. Prod. Rep. 2004, 21, 77

# Amphidinolide X

## Total Synthesis of Amphidinolide X

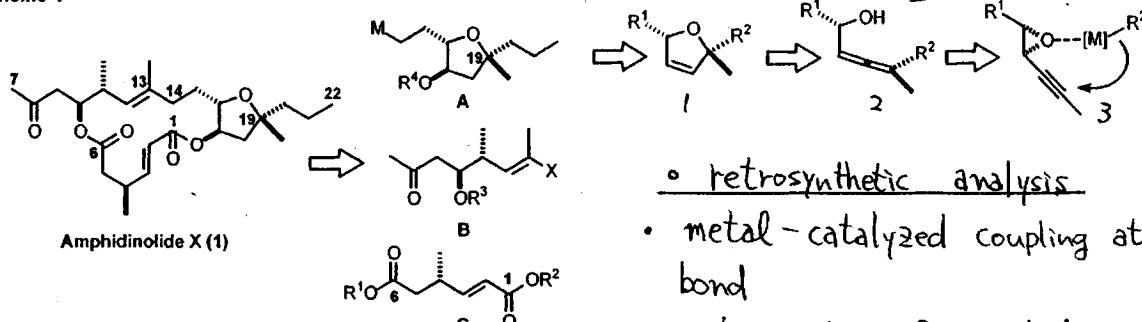
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Scheme 1



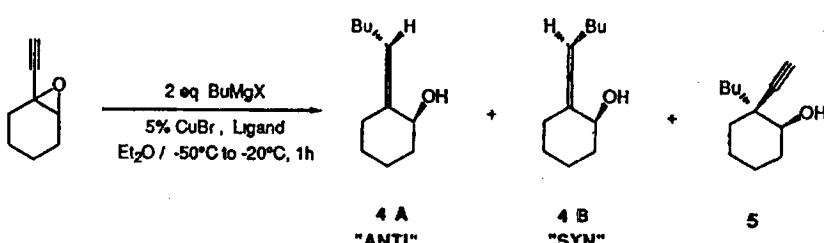
### retrosynthetic analysis

- metal-catalyzed coupling at the C13-C14 bond
- esterification of C and A, C and B
- A is an important fragment, which is retrosynthesized to epoxide 3
- epoxide opening have to be syn process for the desired stereochemistry
- dihydrofuran derivative 1 can be synthesized by transition metal-catalyzed cyclization of 2

### allene formation

epoxide opening via syn process is required

Table I: Optimization of the anti process



- anti product is major when Cu reagent is used

Entry	RMgX	Ligand	Anti / Syn <sup>a</sup>	yield <sup>b</sup> %	By-products
1	BuMgBr	2P(OEt) <sub>3</sub>	46/54	95%	
2	BuMgBr	P(NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	99/1	52%	5 (30%)
3	BuMgBr	2P(NMe <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	100/0	75%	5 (10%) + 2 (5%)
4	BuMgBr	PBu <sub>3</sub>	88/12	50%	5 (25%) + 2 (10%)
5	BuMgBr	2PBu <sub>3</sub>	100/0	74%	5 (18%)
6	BuMgCl	2PBu <sub>3</sub>	94/6	45%	several
7	BuMgl	2PBu <sub>3</sub>	90/10	31%	several

a) the syn/anti ratio was determined by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. It is also possible to distinguish the two corresponding acetates on capillary glass GC (OV 101 column, 25 m)

b) Yield of isolated material, by column chromatography on SiO<sub>2</sub>

Alexakis, A. et al  
Tetrahedron 1991, 47, 1677

Iron-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reactions:  
Efficient Synthesis of 2,3-Allenol Derivatives\*\*

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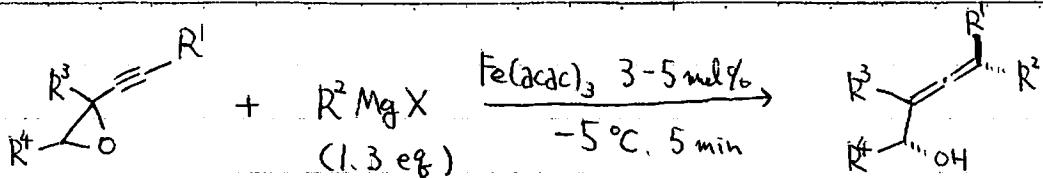
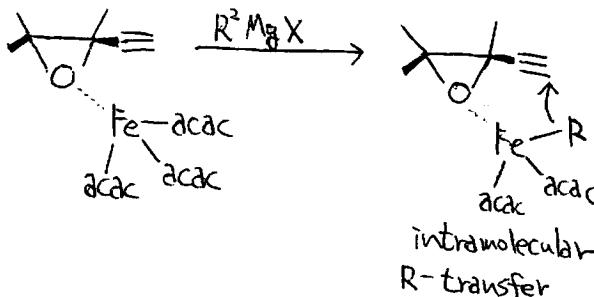
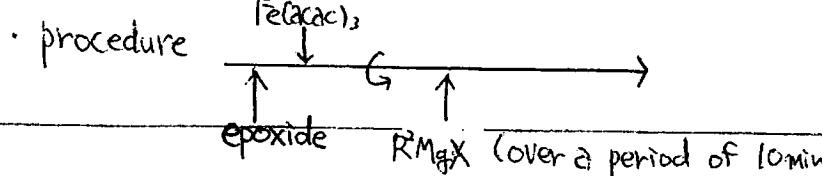


Table 1: Iron-catalyzed synthesis of 2,3-allenols from propargyl epoxides.<sup>[a]</sup>

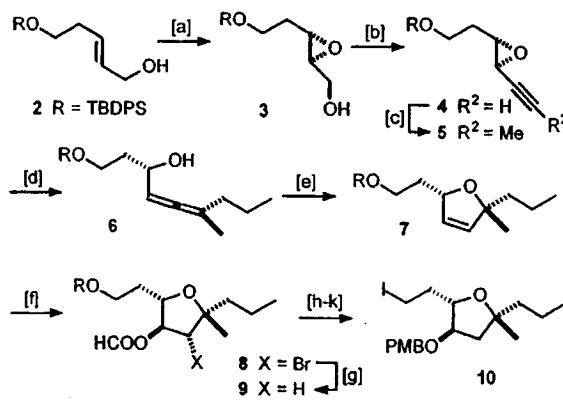
Entry	Substrate	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> MgX	Major product	Solvent	syn/anti	Yield [%]
1		H	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		toluene	78:22	72 <sup>[b]</sup>
2		H	PhMgBr		toluene	75:25	83
3		H	MeMgBr		toluene	55:45	71
4		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	86:14	93
5		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	78:22	75 <sup>[b]</sup>
6		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	50:50	54 <sup>[d]</sup>
7		Me	iPrMgCl		Et <sub>2</sub> O	84:16	79
8		Me	iPrMgCl		toluene	90:10	70
9		Me	PhMgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	66:34	98
10		Ph	MeMgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	65:35	69
11		CH <sub>2</sub> OH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	92:8	65 <sup>[b]</sup>
12		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		toluene	80:20	73
13		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		toluene	88:12	80
14		Me	iPrMgCl		toluene	84:16	79
15		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		toluene	92:8	62
16		Me	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> MgBr		Et <sub>2</sub> O	75:25	90
17		Me	iPrMgCl		toluene	86:14	75 <sup>[b]</sup>
18		Me	iPrMgCl		Et <sub>2</sub> O	60:40	89
19		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	iPrMgCl iPrMgCl		toluene	91:9	94
20		C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	iPrMgCl iPrMgCl		Et <sub>2</sub> O	75:5	64
21	Ph	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	EtMgBr		toluene	82:18	55 <sup>[e]</sup>

[a] The reactions were carried out at -5°C in the presence of [Fe(acac)<sub>3</sub>] (3-5 mol%) precatalyst and Grignard reagent (1.3 equiv), unless stated otherwise. [b] Fe-salen precatalyst. [c] -30°C. [d] -60°C. [e] Grignard reagent (2.3 equiv). [f] A by-product (9%) was isolated that is formed by direct attack of the Grignard at the epoxide ring of the substrate. [g] In addition to the allenol, approximately 15% of by-products were formed from direct attack of the Grignard reagent at the epoxide ring of the substrate.

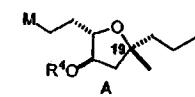
- syn process is realized
- toluene is better solvent than Et<sub>2</sub>O in the light of syn/anti selectivity
- chemical yield varies depending on the solvent, but which is better is not consistent
- diastereoselectivity decreases when reaction temperature is lowered, but the reason is not clear



- mechanism has not been confirmed
- judging from procedure and stereoselectivity the mechanism is like the scheme written in left side (just my opinion)

Scheme 3<sup>a</sup>

### construction of fragment A



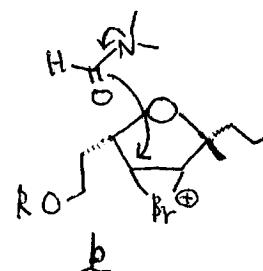
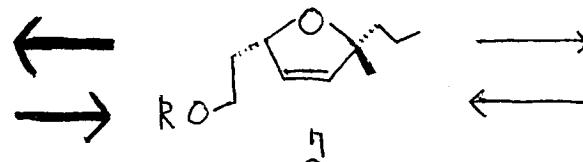
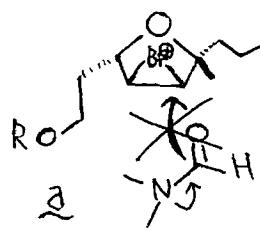
### 5 $\rightarrow$ 6

iron-catalyzed allene formation, already described method

### 6 $\rightarrow$ 7

6 and diastereomer of 6 were not readily separable, mixture was treated with  $\text{AgNO}_3 / \text{CaCO}_3$  in aqueous acetone

### 7 $\rightarrow$ 8 (bromo-esterification)



downside is sterically crowded

- bromination of 7 is equilibrium step, 2 is more favorable
- it's hard for DMF to attack 2
- DMF attacks b from less crowded side, avoiding the quaternary carbon's side

- $\underline{8} \rightarrow \underline{9}$  (cleavage of Br) Chatgilialoglu, C. Acc. Chem. Res. 1992, 25, 188

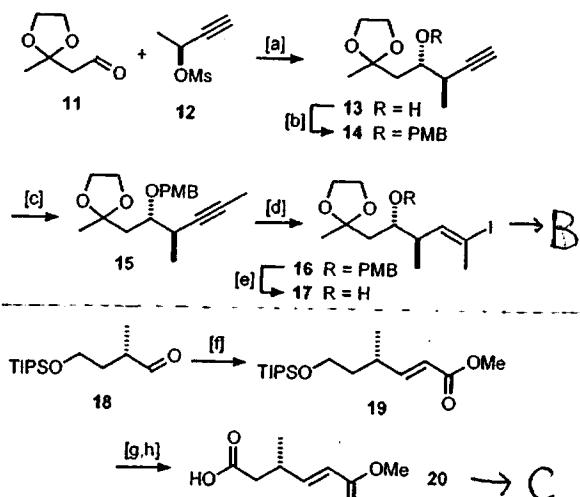
(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>3</sub>SiH (Tris(trimethylsilyl)silane) is rather expensive reagent, but it's less toxic than Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH, which is often used in radicalic reaction.

(Me<sub>3</sub>Si)<sub>3</sub>SiH ¥13100/5g

Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH ¥3000/10g (Aldrich)

### ◦ construction of fragment B and C

Scheme 4<sup>a</sup>



- $\underline{11} + \underline{12} \rightarrow \underline{13}$

Pd-catalyzed Et<sub>2</sub>Zn-mediated addition of mesylate 12 to aldehyde 11

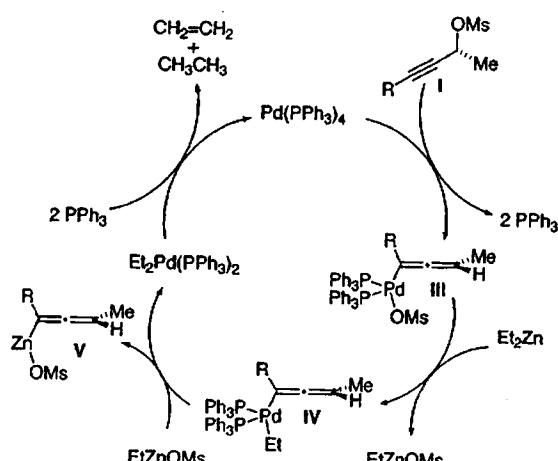
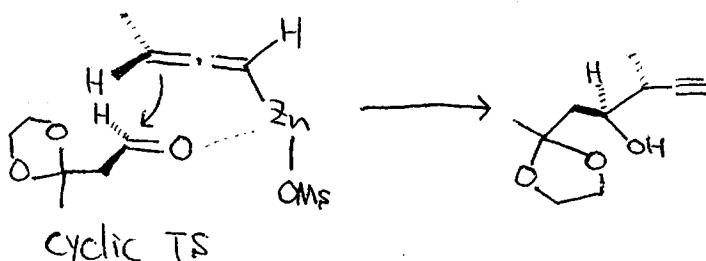


Figure 1. Possible catalytic cycle for Pd(0) catalyzed zirconation of propargylic mesylates.

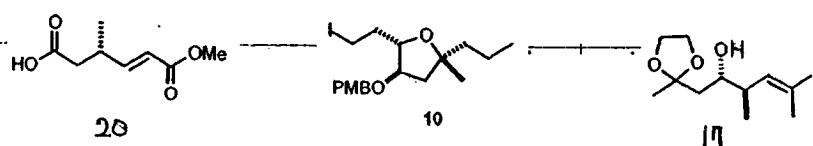
Marshall, J.A. et.al. J. Org. Chem. 1999, 64, 5201

- Pd(0) attacks from anti side (S<sub>N</sub>2')
- after transmetalation, allenylzinc species generate.

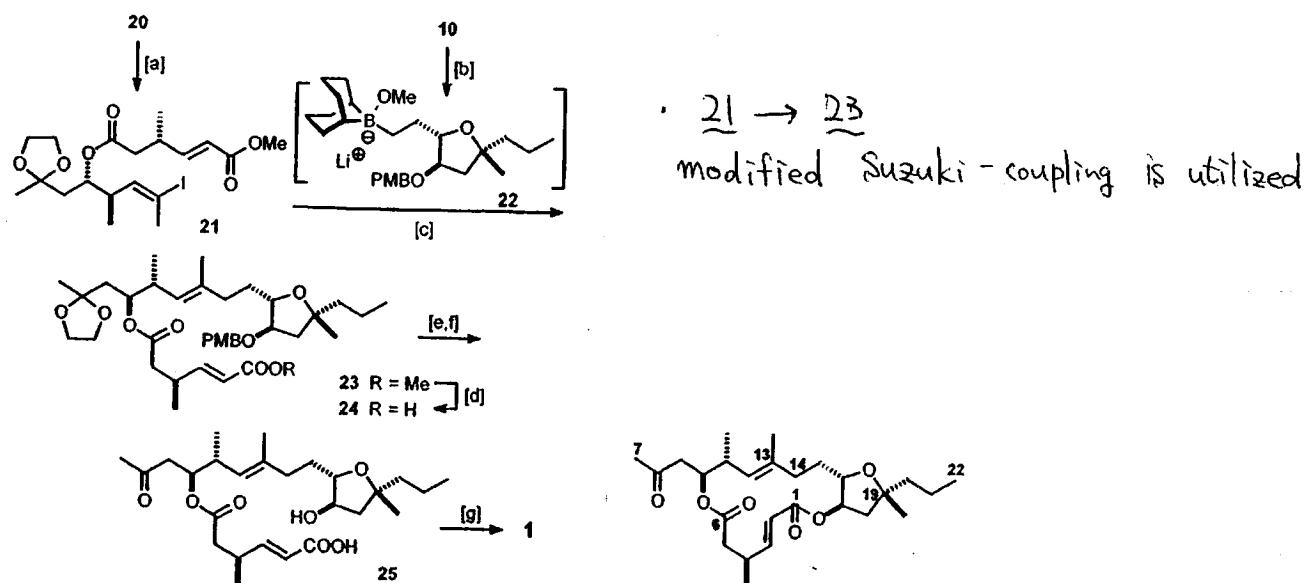


- enantiopure mesylate 12 gave 93% ee 13
- dr = 4.5 / 1

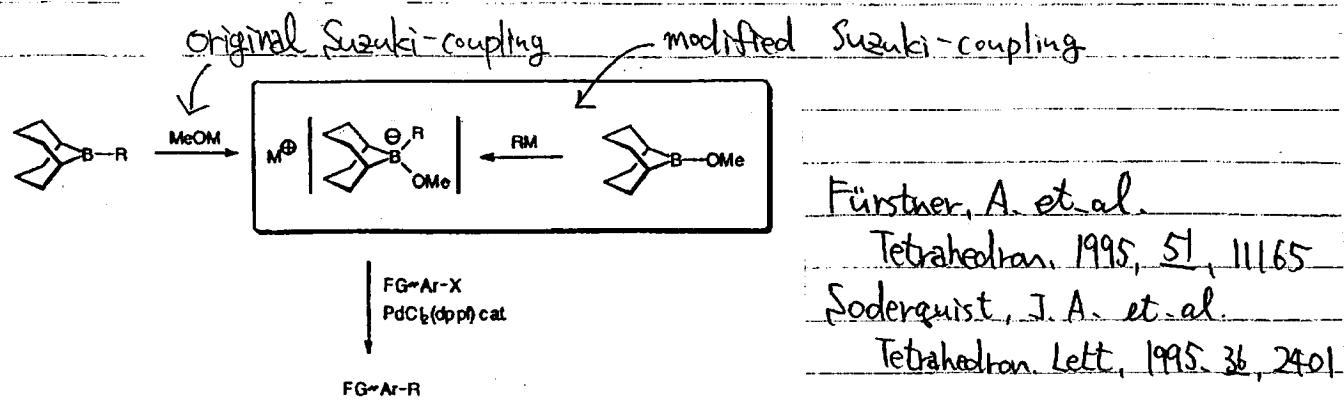
o linking the fragments



Scheme 5\*



\* Conditions: [a] 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, toluene; then 17, DMAP, 96%; [b] tBuLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O/THF; then 9-MeO-9-BBN; [c] (dpf)PdCl<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>As, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, aqueous DMF, 74%; [d] LiI, pyridine, 125 °C; [e] aqueous HOAc, 53% (over both steps); [f] DDQ, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7 buffer, 84%; [g] 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF; then DMAP, toluene, 62%.



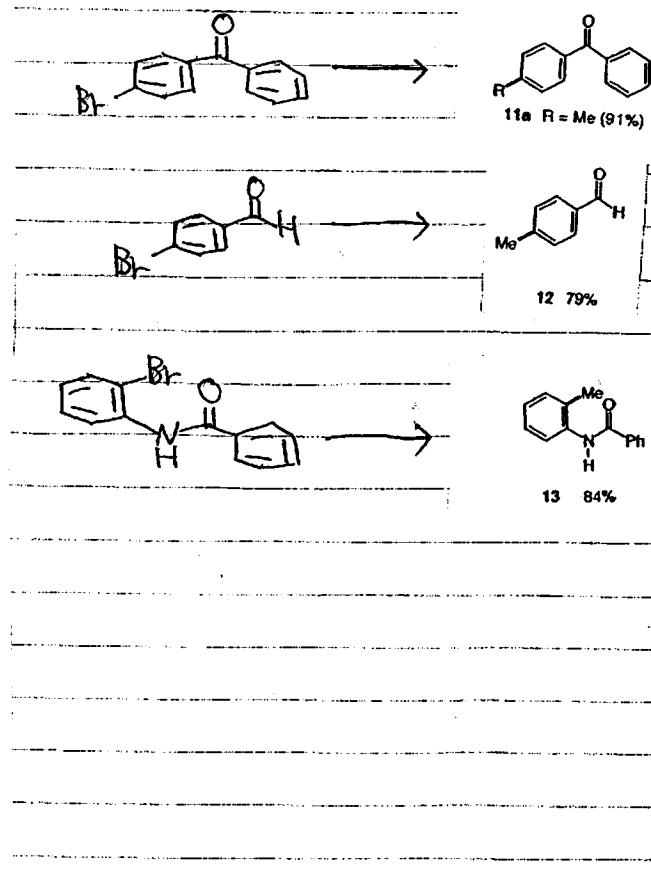
Scheme 1. Two complementary ways for performing Suzuki reactions; FG = functional group

advantage of

modified Suzuki-coupling → (reagent preparation doesn't depend on hydroboration  
applicable to alkynyl, methyl group)

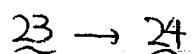
Table 1. Palladium-catalyzed arylations of alkynyl metal reagents mediated by 9-OMe-9-BBN.<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Substrate	RM	Product	Yield(%)
1	4-bromobenzophenone	PhC≡CK	1a R = Ph	89
2		MeC≡CNa	1b R = Me	89
3	4-bromobenzaldehyde	MeC≡CNa	2a R = Me	67
4		PhC≡CK	2b R = Ph	77
5	ethyl 4-bromobenzoate	MeC≡CNa	3	86
6	methyl 2-bromobenzoate	MeC≡CNa	4	87
7	4-bromobenzonitrile	PhC≡CK	5	83
8	2-bromopyridine	PhC≡CK	6	82
9	1,2-dibromobenzene	PhC≡CK	7	87
10	9,10-dibromoanthracene	PhC≡CK	8	85b
11	9,10-dibromoanthracene	PhC≡CLi		84b

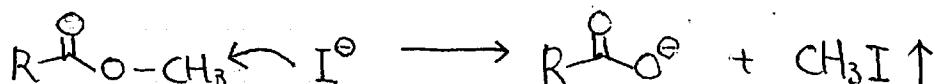


<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: ArBr (1 equiv.), 9-OMe-9-BBN (1.2 equiv.), RM (1.2 equiv.), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dpf) (3 mol%), THF, reflux unless stated otherwise. <sup>b</sup> with 6 mol% of PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dpf).

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selective cleavage of methyl ester (LiI, pyridine, 125 °C)



Org. React. 1976, 24, 187

## Amphidinolide T1

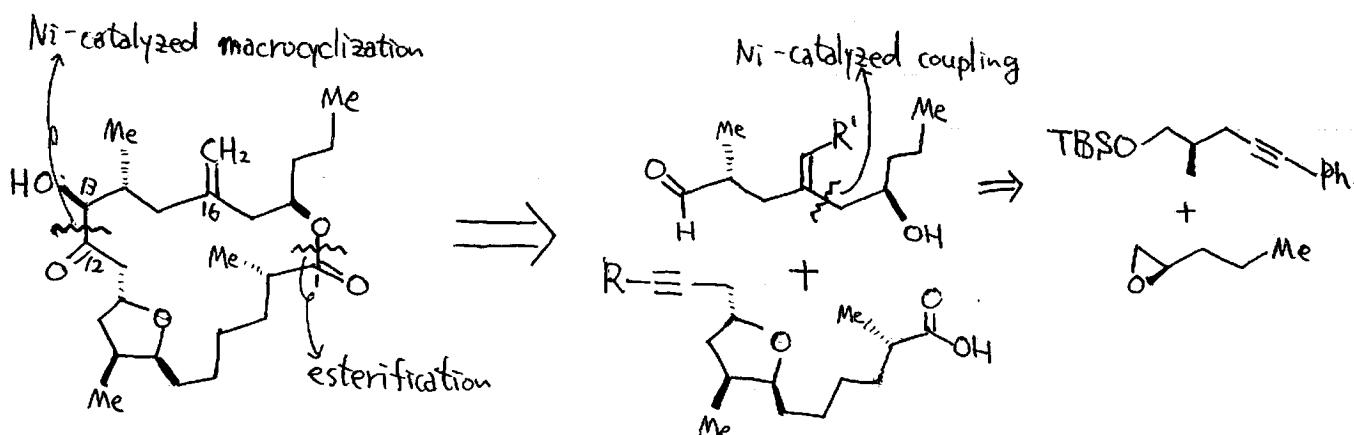
### Synthesis of Amphidinolide T1 via Catalytic, Stereoselective Macrocyclization

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#### Retrosynthetic analysis



Amphidinolide T1

#### Ni-catalyzed coupling of alkyne with various electrophiles

Prof. Montgomery, Prof. Mori, Prof. Tamari, and others have developed Ni-catalyzed junction of two  $\pi$ -electron systems such as alkyne-aldehyde, alkyne-enone, 1,3-diene-aldehyde and other combinations. (Review: Tamari, Y. J. Organomet. Chem. 1999, 576, 215, Montgomery, J. Acc. Chem. Res. 2000, 33, 467, Houpis, I. N. et al. Tetrahedron 2000, 56, 817) When alkyne is used, it is regarded as vinylanion synthon.

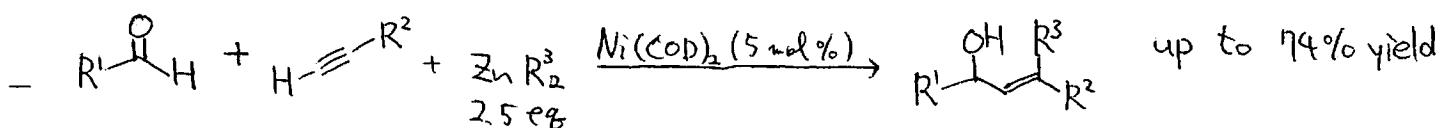
#### • example (alkyne-aldehyde coupling)

### A New Stereoselective Method for the Preparation of Allylic Alcohols

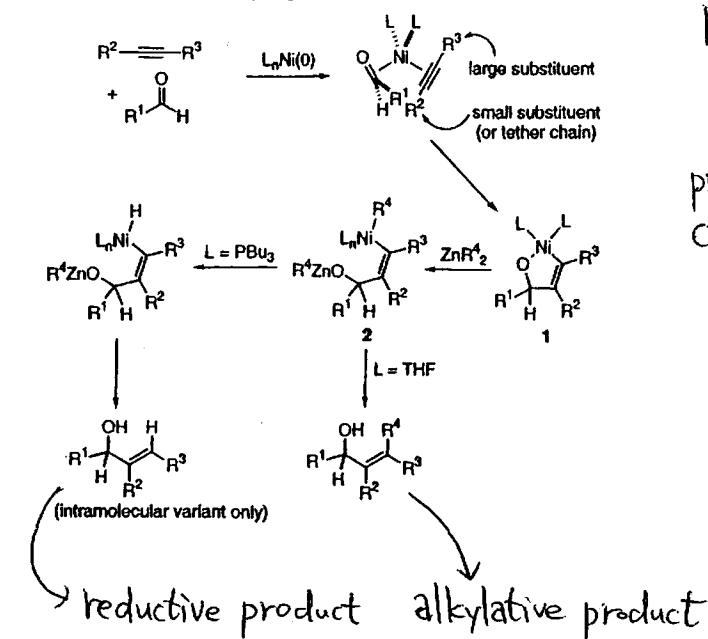
Eric Oblinger and John Montgomery\*

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Detroit, Michigan 48202-3489

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 9065



**Scheme 1.** Proposed Mechanism for Ynal Cyclizations and Three-Component Couplings



proposed mechanism is show in left side

when phosphine ligand is added, reductive product is obtained only in intramolecular case

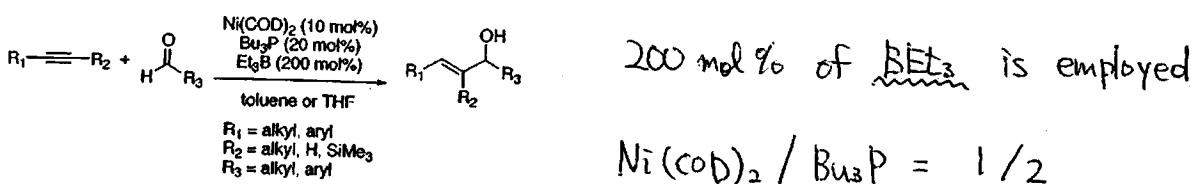
## Highly Selective Catalytic Intermolecular Reductive Coupling of Alkynes and Aldehydes

Org. Lett. 2000, 2, 4221

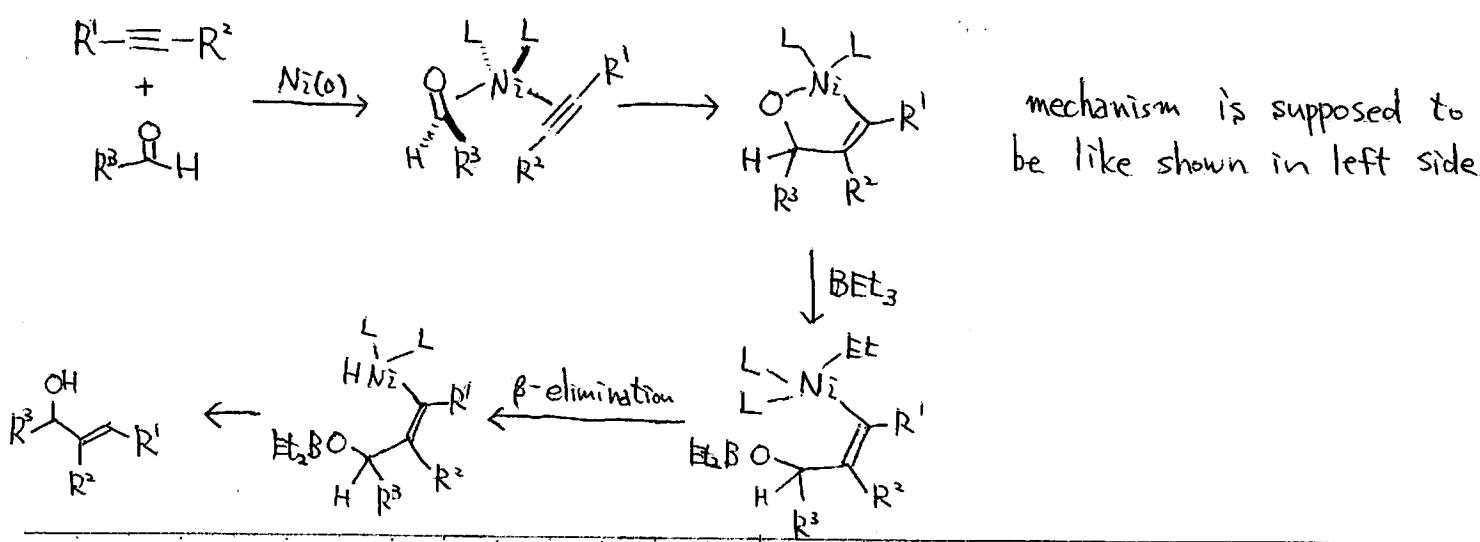
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Jamison's group studied related reaction intensively and achieved first catalytic and intermolecular reductive coupling of alkyne and aldehyde.



$$\text{Ni}(\text{COD})_2 / \text{Bu}_3\text{P} = 1/2$$



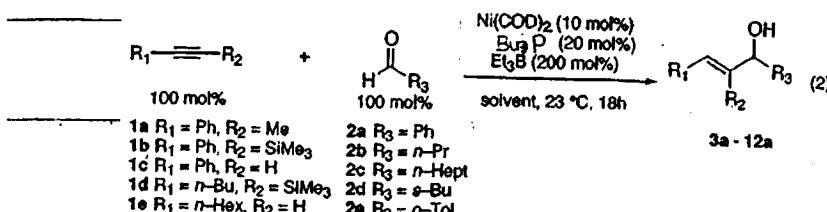


Table 2. Intermolecular Catalytic Reductive Couplings of Internal and Terminal Alkynes with Aromatic and Aliphatic Aldehydes<sup>a</sup>

entry	alkyne	aldehyde	major product	yield, <sup>b</sup> regioselectivity <sup>c</sup>
1 <sup>d</sup>	1a	2a		77% (92:8)
2	1a	2b <sup>e</sup>		85% (92:8)
3 <sup>d,f</sup>	1b <sup>e</sup>	2a		49% (>98:2)
4	1b	2c		89% (>98:2)
5 <sup>g</sup>	1c <sup>e</sup>	2c		45% (>98:2)
6	1d	2c		58% (>98:2)
7 <sup>d</sup>	1e <sup>e</sup>	2a		76% (96:4)
8 <sup>f</sup>	1a	2d		41% (94.6) (66:34 dr)
9 <sup>f</sup>	1b	2d		31% (>98:2) (58:42 dr)
10	1a	2e		83% (93:7)

<sup>a</sup> Except where noted, all reactions were conducted using the conditions indicated in eq 2 (1 mmol of alkyne, 1 mmol of aldehyde, toluene, Ar atmosphere).

<sup>b</sup> Combined isolated yield of regioisomers. <sup>c</sup> Minor regioisomers (3b-12b) not shown. Regioselectivity (a:b) was determined either by separation of regioisomers (silica gel chromatography) or with a <sup>1</sup>H NMR

spectrum of the product mixture. <sup>d</sup> THF used as solvent. <sup>e</sup> 200 mol % used.

<sup>f</sup> Reaction conducted under reflux. <sup>g</sup> Reaction conducted at 0 °C.

• two isomer can generate



• regioselectivity is up to >98/2

• yield is up to 89%

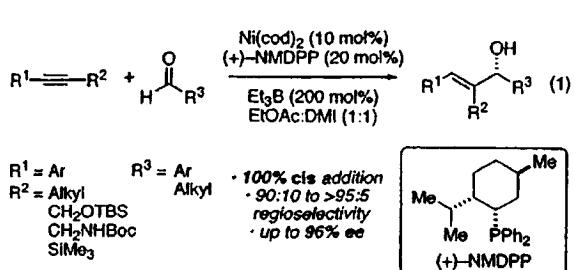
• adopted in total synthesis of Amphidinolide T1

### Catalytic Asymmetric Reductive Coupling of Alkynes and Aldehydes: Enantioselective Synthesis of Allylic Alcohols and $\alpha$ -Hydroxy Ketones

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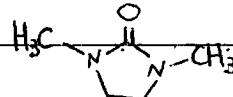
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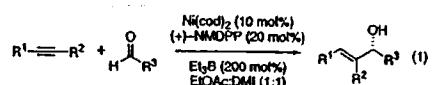
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Jamison succeeded in asymmetric reaction, utilizing chiral phosphine ligand.

DMI : 1,3-dimethylimidazolidinone

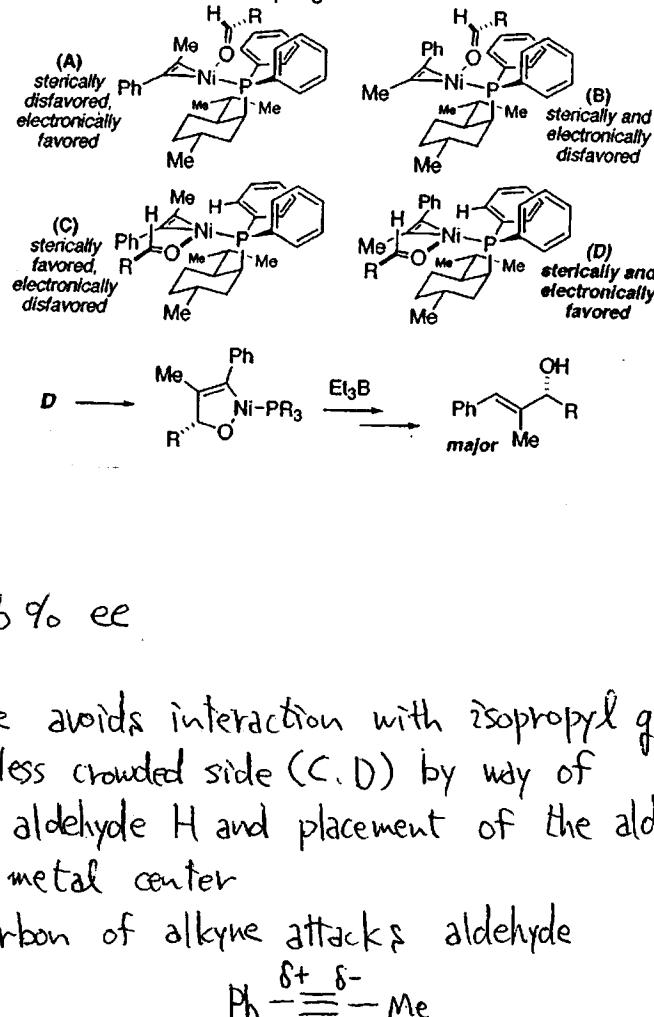




entry/ product	$\text{R}^1\equiv\text{R}^2$	$\text{R}^3$	$\text{R}^1\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{R}^2$	yield (%), regioselectivity	ee (%)
1	Ph	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	95 (>95.5)	90
2	Ph	Me	c-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	97 (>95.5)	90
3	Ph	Me	Ph	79 (91.9)	73
4	Ph	Me	<i>n</i> -Pr	82 (>95.5)	65
5	( <i>p</i> -MeO)Ph	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	80 (>95.5)	88
6	( <i>p</i> -Cl)Ph	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	75 (>95.5)	83
7	1-naphthyl	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	93 (>95.5)	90
8	Ph	Et	<i>i</i> -Pr	81 (>95.5)	93
9 <sup>b</sup>	Ph	Et	c-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub>	78 (>95.5)	89
10	Ph	<i>n</i> -Pr	<i>i</i> -Pr	74 (>95.5)	92
11	Ph	<i>i</i> -Pr	<i>i</i> -Pr	58 (>95.5)	92
12	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub> OTBS	<i>i</i> -Pr	59 (>95.5)	85
13	Ph	CH <sub>2</sub> NHBoc	<i>i</i> -Pr	60 (>95.5)	96
14	Ph	SiMe <sub>3</sub>	<i>n</i> -Pr	43 (>95.5)	92
15	<i>n</i> -Pr	<i>n</i> -Pr	<i>i</i> -Pr	35 <sup>c</sup> (-)	42

<sup>a</sup> See eq 1. Experimental procedure (see Supporting Information): A solution of Ni(cod)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol), (+)-NMDPP (0.10 mmol), and Et<sub>3</sub>B (1.0 mmol) in EtOAc/DMF (1:1, total volume 0.50 mL) was cooled to -25 °C. An alkyne (0.50 mmol) was added via syringe, and then an aldehyde (1.0 mmol) was added via syringe over 8 h. The solution was allowed to stir 36 h, and silica gel chromatography afforded allylic alcohols 1-15. Regioselectivity was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR; enantioselectivity was determined by chiral GC or HPLC analysis. <sup>b</sup> Performed on 5.0 mmol scale. <sup>c</sup> Some alkylative coupling was observed (transfer of Et group (instead of H) from Et<sub>3</sub>B).

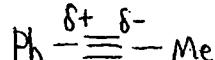
Scheme 1. Proposed Steric and Electronic Control in Catalytic Asymmetric Reductive Couplings



- up to 97% yield, up to 96% ee
- proposed TS (Scheme 1)

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- phenyl ring of phosphine avoids interaction with isopropyl group
- aldehyde coordinates to less crowded side (C, D) by way of the electron pair cis to aldehyde H and placement of the aldehyde R group away from the metal center
- more electron-rich carbon of alkyne attacks aldehyde

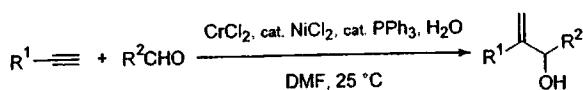


- $\text{R}^1 = \text{R}^2 = \text{n-Pr}$  (entry 15) → bad result

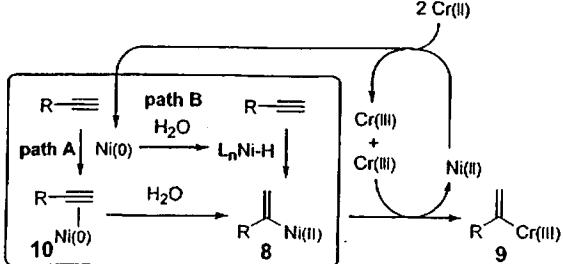
## Regioselective Reductive Coupling of Alkynes and Aldehydes Leading to Allylic Alcohols

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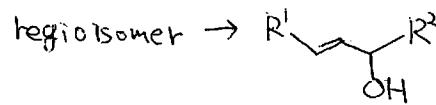
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Scheme 4



- reductive coupling using CrCl<sub>2</sub> and NiCl<sub>2</sub> gave opposite regioselectivity (up to >99 / <1)

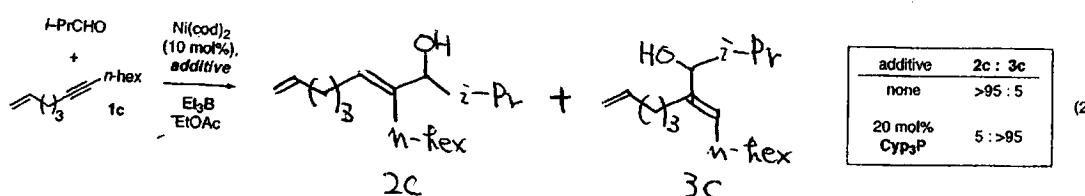


## Ligand-Switchable Directing Effects of Tethered Alkenes in Nickel-Catalyzed Additions to Alkynes

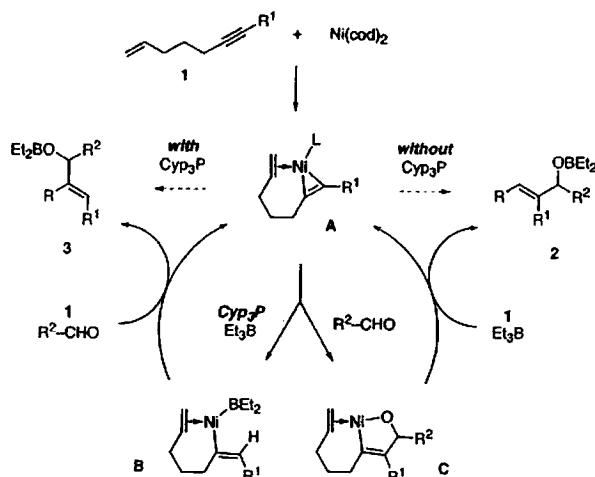
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Scheme 1



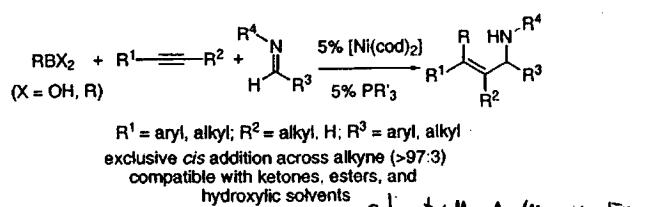
- remote C=C dictates regioselectivity
- regioselectivity is reversed with Cyp<sub>3</sub>P
- in the absence of Cyp<sub>3</sub>P, C-C bond formation is prior to alkenyl H introduction
- in the presence of Cyp<sub>3</sub>P, installation of alkenyl H is prior to C-C bond formation

## Catalytic Three-Component Coupling of Alkynes, Imines, and Organoboron Reagents\*\*

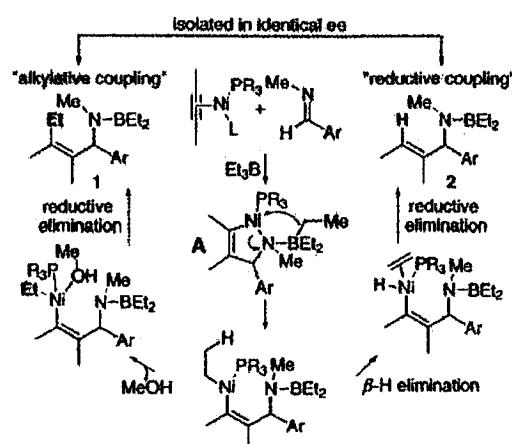
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Sejal J. Patel and Timothy F. Jamison\*

Jamison also developed catalytic coupling of alkyne, imines, and organoboron



Scheme 1. Catalytic assembly of allylic amines from alkynes, imines, and organoboron reagents.



- alkylative reaction
- CH<sub>3</sub>OH occupies coordination site required for β-H elimination
- 1 and 2 were isolated in identical ee, which support that enantioselectivity and diastereoselectivity are determined in the same step and before a common intermediate A divide into two pathways to lead to either 1 or 2.

Ni<sup>2+</sup>-catalyzed reaction which combines π-system and epoxide

**Nickel-Catalyzed Reductive Coupling of Alkynes and Epoxides!**

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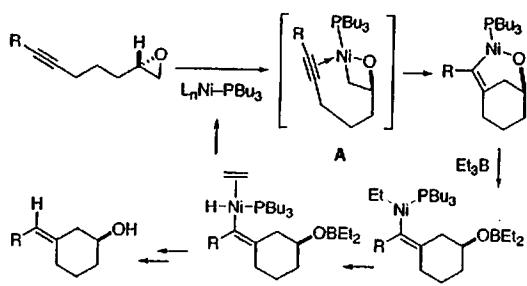
**Table 1.** Intermolecular Reductive Coupling of Alkynes and Epoxides<sup>a</sup>

entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> , 24 h		yield (%)	regioselectivity	
				Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%)	Bu <sub>3</sub> P (20 mol%)		alkyne	epoxide
1 <sup>b</sup>	Ph	Me	Me	Et <sub>3</sub> P	1a	0	>95:5	>95:5
2 <sup>b</sup>	Ph	Me	Me	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1a	36	>95:5	>95:5
3 <sup>b</sup>	Ph	Me	Me	(n-Oct) <sub>3</sub> P	1a	35	>95:5	>95:5
4 <sup>c</sup>	Ph	Me	Me	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1a	25	>95:5	>95:5
5 <sup>d</sup>	Ph	Me	Me	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1a	34	>95:5	>95:5
6	Ph	Me	Me	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1a	71	>95:5	>95:5
7	Ph	Me	n-Hex	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1b	68	>95:5	>95:5
8	Ph	Me	Ph	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1c	50 <sup>e</sup>	88:12	83:17
9	n-Pr	n-Pr	Et	Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1d	35 <sup>e</sup>	na	>95:5

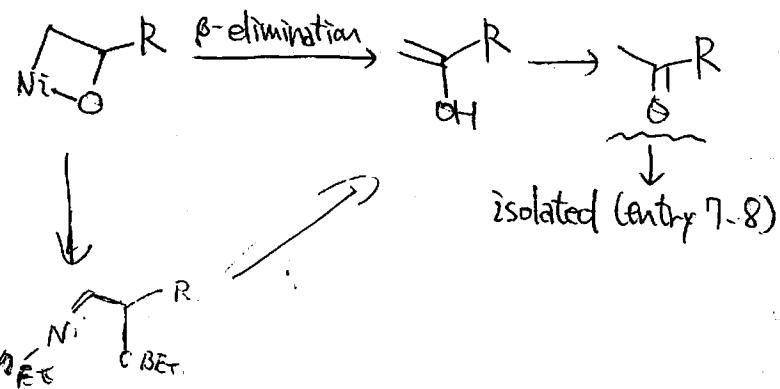
<sup>a</sup> See eq 1, ref 9, and Supporting Information. <sup>b</sup> Ether used as solvent.

<sup>c</sup> Toluene used as solvent. <sup>d</sup> Ethyl acetate used as solvent. <sup>e</sup> Overall yield after conversion to TBDPS ether.

**Scheme 1.** Reductive Cyclization via a Proposed Nickella(II)oxetane

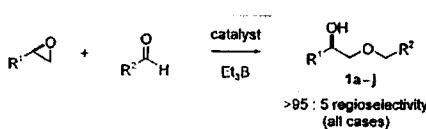


- epoxide has no multiple bond
- regioselectivity is high.
- reductive product
- support for Nickella(II) oxetane structure if the isolation of epoxide's isomer



**Catalytic Reductive Coupling of Epoxides and Aldehydes: Epoxide-Ring Opening Precedes Carbonyl Reduction\*\***

Carmela Molinaro and Timothy F. Jamison\*

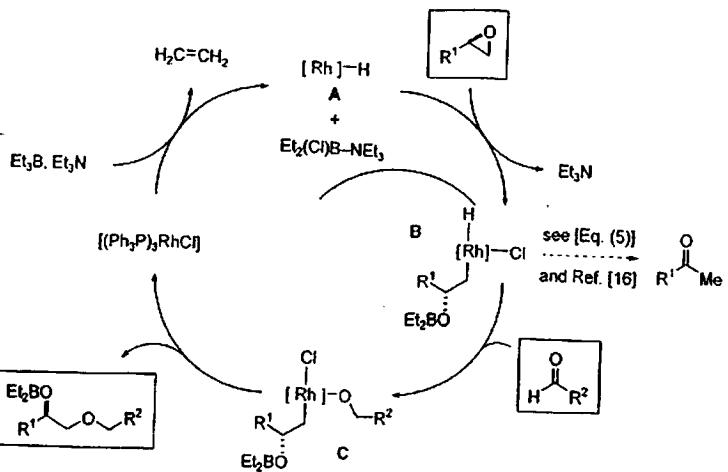


Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	Catalyst	Product	Yield [%]
1	Et	Ph	[Ni(cod) <sub>2</sub> ], Bu <sub>3</sub> P	1a	64
2	Et	Ph	[(Bu <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> NiCl] <sub>2</sub>	1a	62
3	Et	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub>	1a	90
4	Ph	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub>	1b	74
5	iPr	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub>	1c	26
6	tBu	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub>	1d	12
7	iPr	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1c	96
8	tBu	Ph	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1d	90
9	Et	2-naphthyl	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1e	70
10	n-hexyl	p-anisyl	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1f	67
11	n-hexyl	2-furyl	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1g	57
12	n-hexyl	iPr	[(Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>2</sub> RhCl] <sub>2</sub> , Et <sub>3</sub> N	1h	15

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- C-O bond forming reaction
- catalyst: 1.6 ~ 4.0 mol%
- aliphatic aldehyde gives low yield
- Et<sub>3</sub>N improves chemical yield
- proposed mechanism is shown in next page

[a] Standard procedure: To the catalyst specified and, where indicated, Et<sub>3</sub>N (20 mol%) at room temperature were added the epoxide, aldehyde, Et<sub>3</sub>B (200 mol%, dropwise). The mixture was stirred for 16 h and purified by silica-gel chromatography. See Supporting Information for details. cod = cycloocta-1,5-diene.



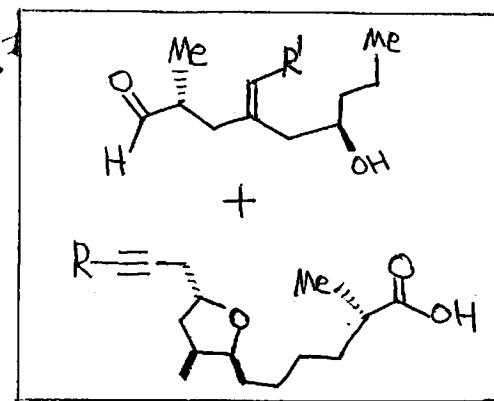
**Scheme 1.** Proposed mechanism for the catalytic reductive coupling of epoxides and aldehydes.

$$[(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{Rh}(\ell)]$$

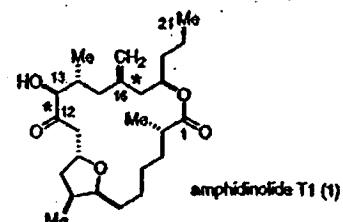
- A  $\downarrow$  transmetalation,  $\beta$ -elimination
- B  $\downarrow$  epoxide opening
- C  $\downarrow$  insertion
- D  $\downarrow$  reductive elimination

$$[(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_3\text{Rh}(\text{O})]$$

required fragment

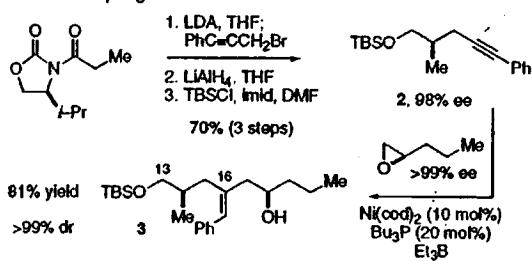


target compound  
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## Synthesis of fragment 3

**Scheme 1.** Enantioselective Synthesis of the C13–C21 (3) Fragment of **1** Using a Nickel-Catalyzed Alkyne–Epoxide Reductive Coupling



$$\cdot \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow \frac{3}{5}$$

epoxide preparation → Jacobsen's kinetic resolution

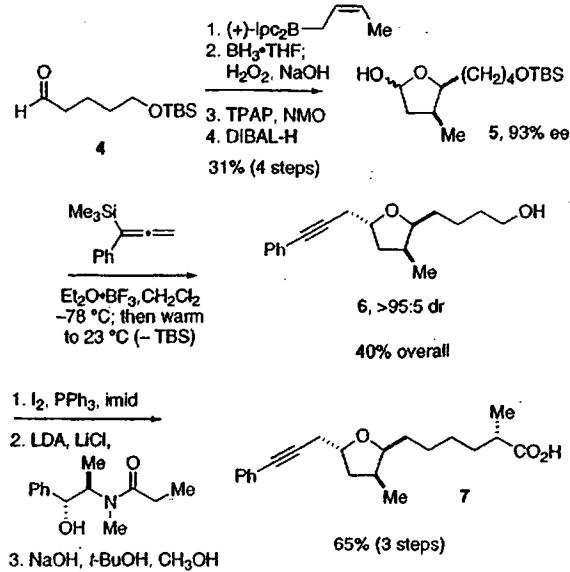
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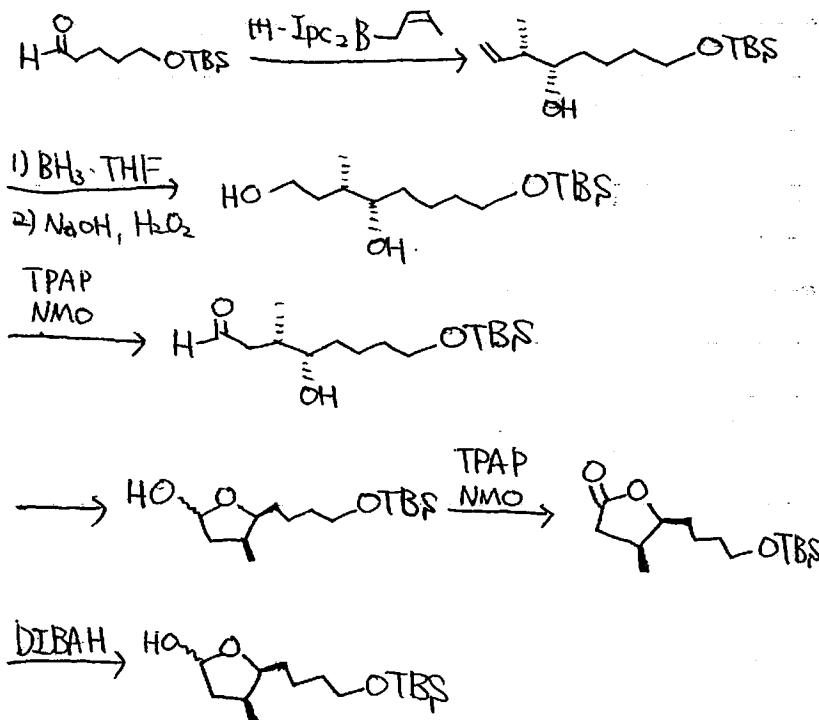
## Ni-catalyzed alkyne-epoxide coupling

◦ synthesis of fragment 7

Scheme 2. Synthesis of the C1–C12 Fragment (7) of Amphidinolide T1



4 → 5



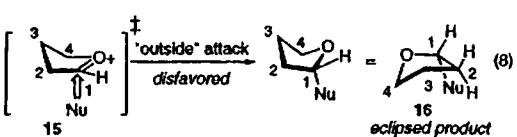
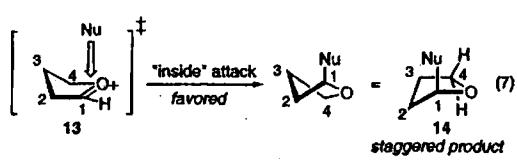
◦ stereoselective allenylsilane addition to oxocarbenium ion

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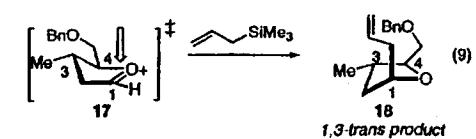
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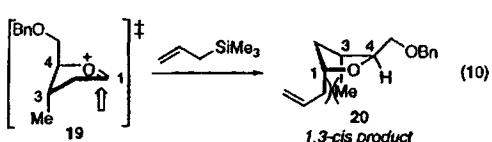
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transition state for staggered product is favored

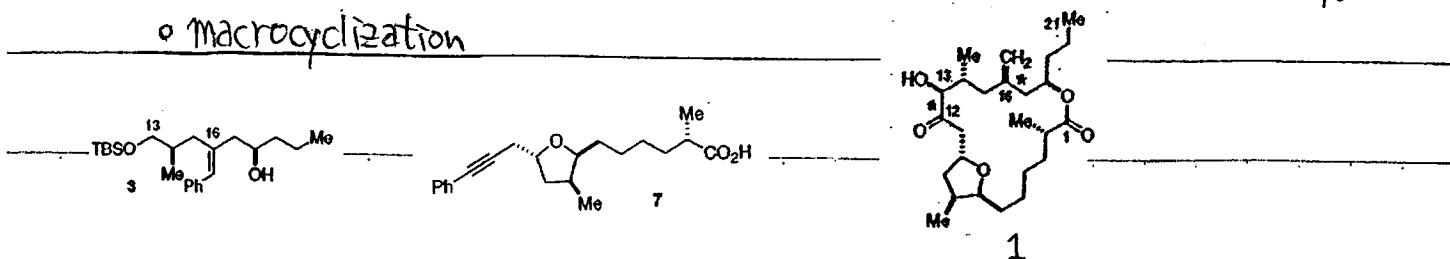


nucleophile approaches from inside of the ring and generate 1,3-trans product

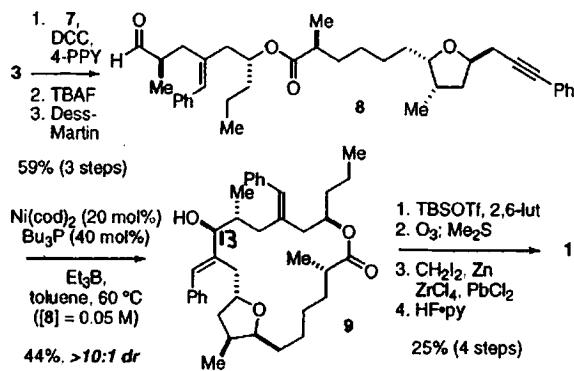


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## • Macrocyclization



**Scheme 3.** Synthesis of Amphidinolide T1 (**1**) via Stereoselective Macrocyclization: Intramolecular, Nickel-Catalyzed Alkyne–Aldehyde Reductive Coupling



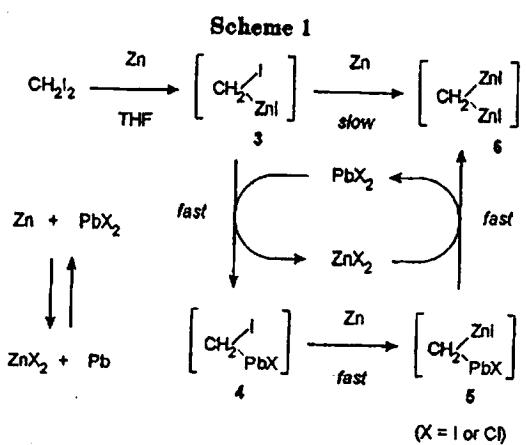
• 8 → q

## intramolecular Ni-catalyzed macrocyclization

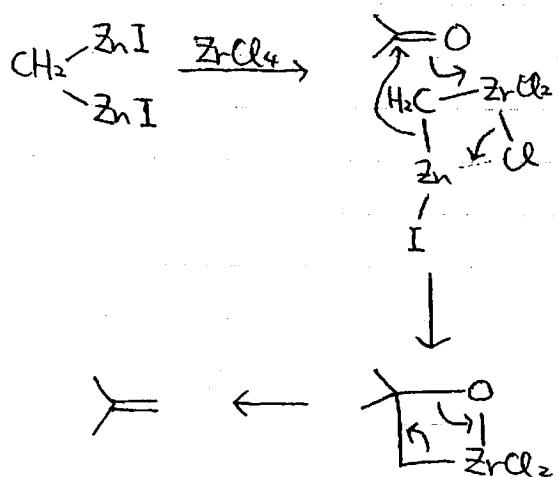
Stereochemistry at C13 is explained by Houk-model, however intermolecular coupling of closely related compound were nearly nonstereoselective (1.5/1)

→ Stereoselectivity ( $>10:1$  dr) is largely due to the stereochemistry of 8

◦ Selective methylation at C16



catalytic amount of lead promotes geminal  
dizinc compound formation



- chemical yield is low (25%, 4 steps)
  - carbonyl group near -OTBS group is less reactive