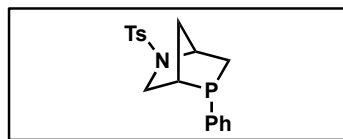
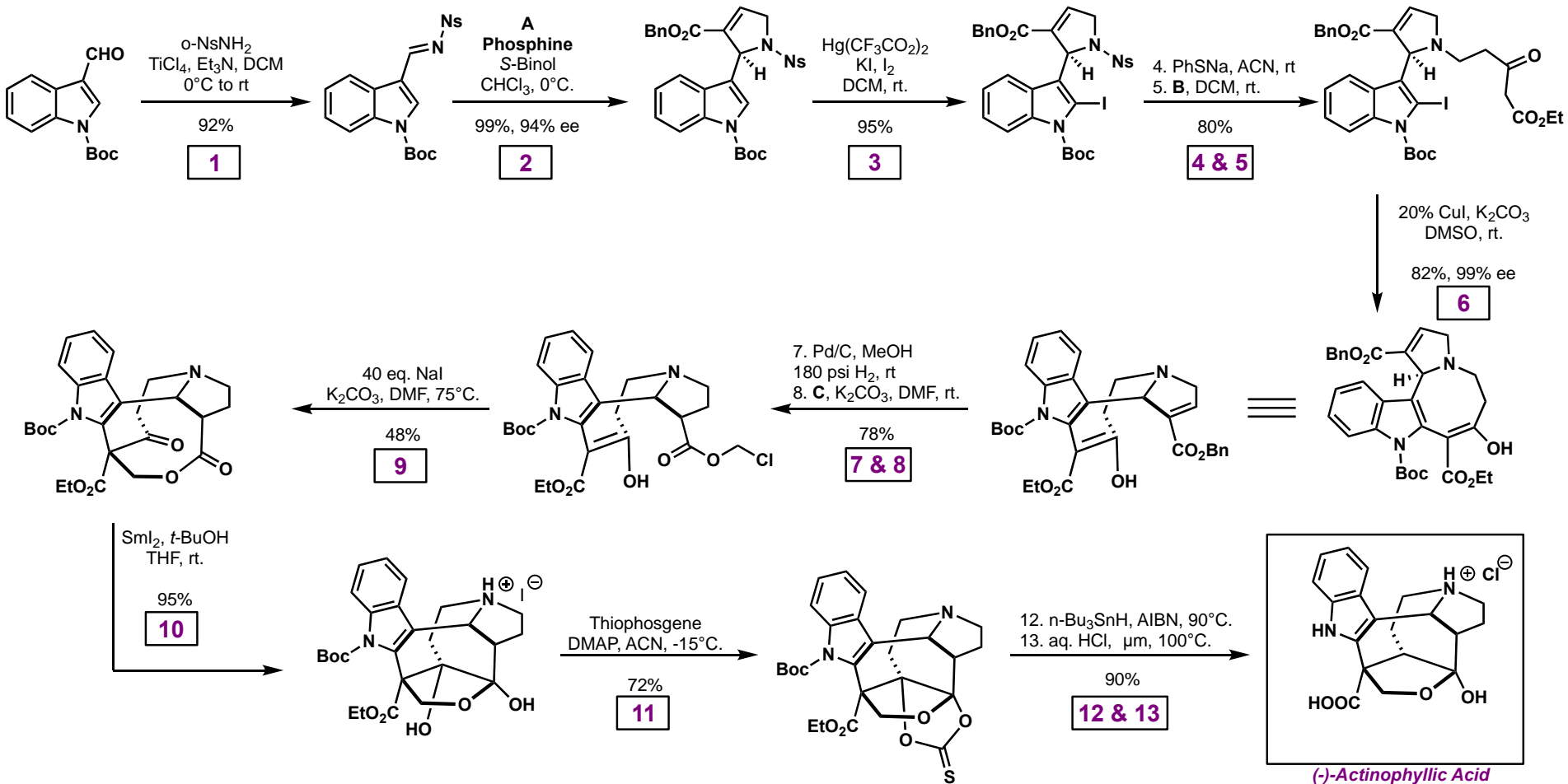
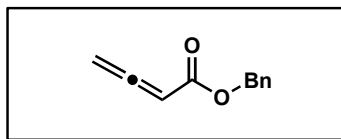


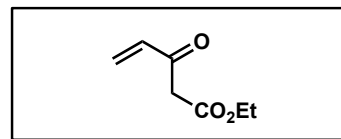
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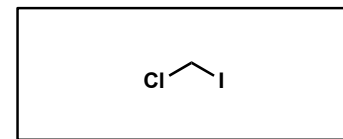
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Compound A



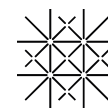
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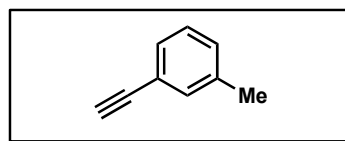
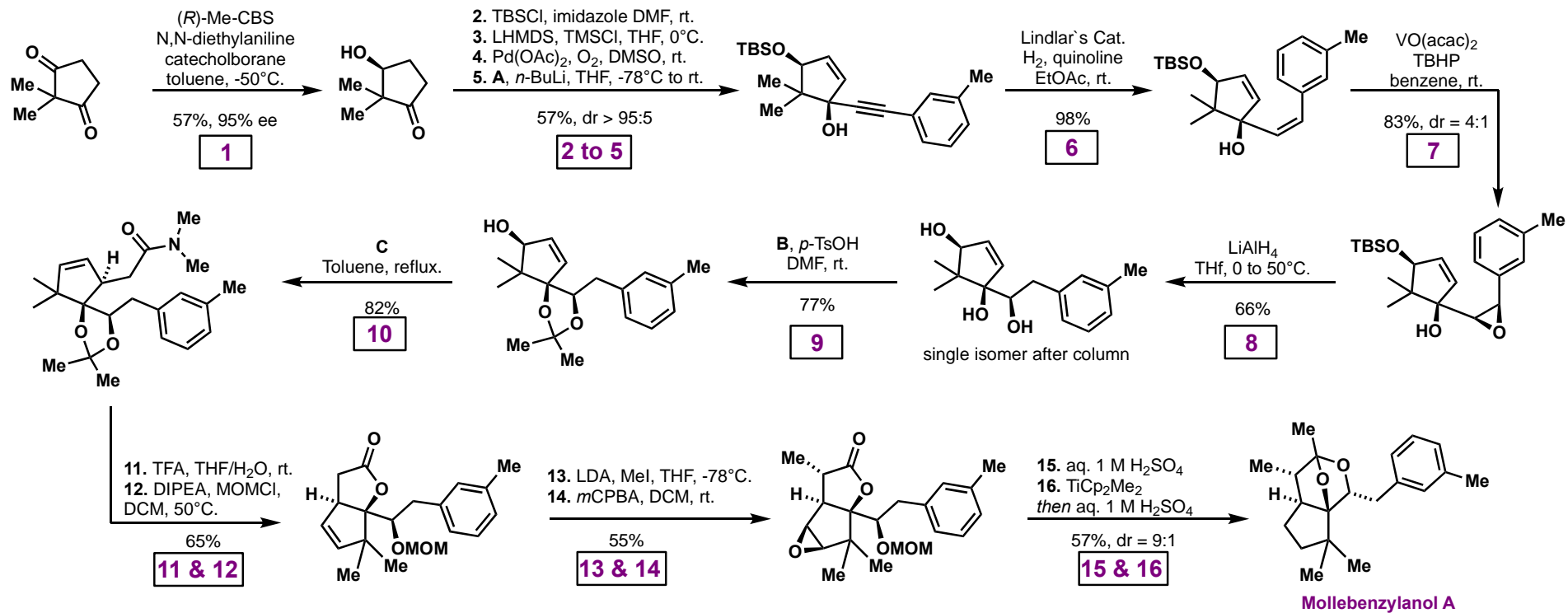
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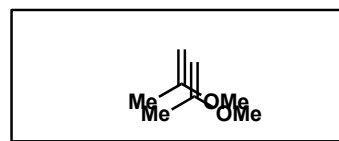
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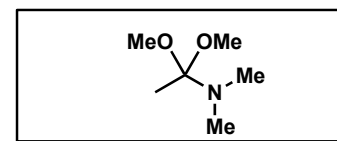
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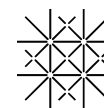
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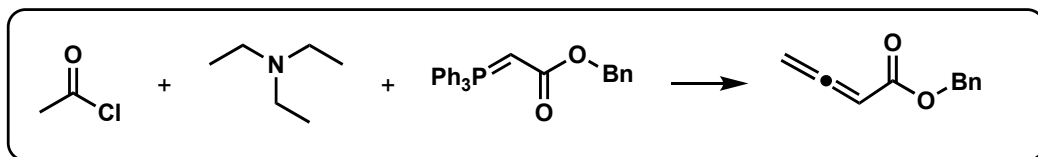
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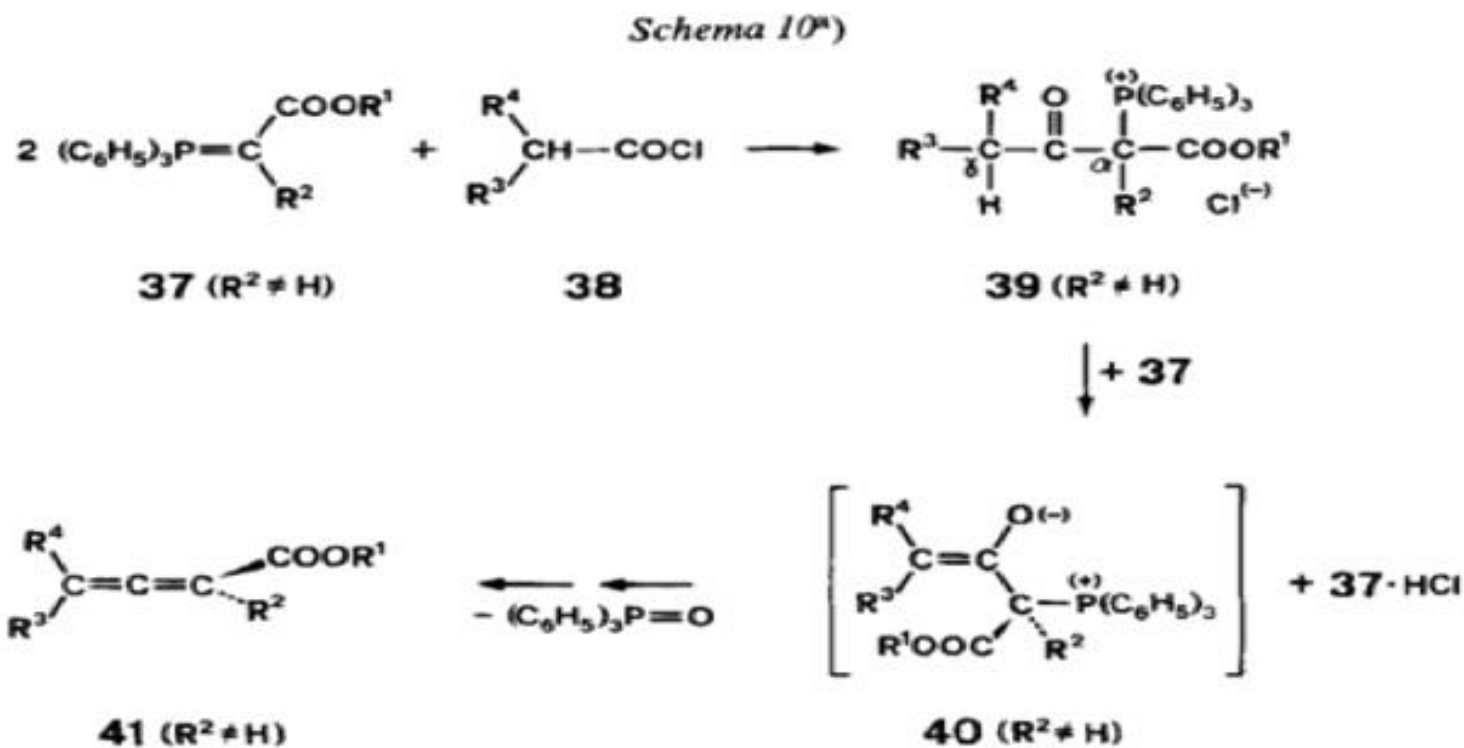


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Compound A - How would you synthesize it?

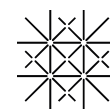


Compound A - Mechanism



^{a)} Die gezeichneten Formeln drücken keine bevorzugte Stereoselektivität aus.

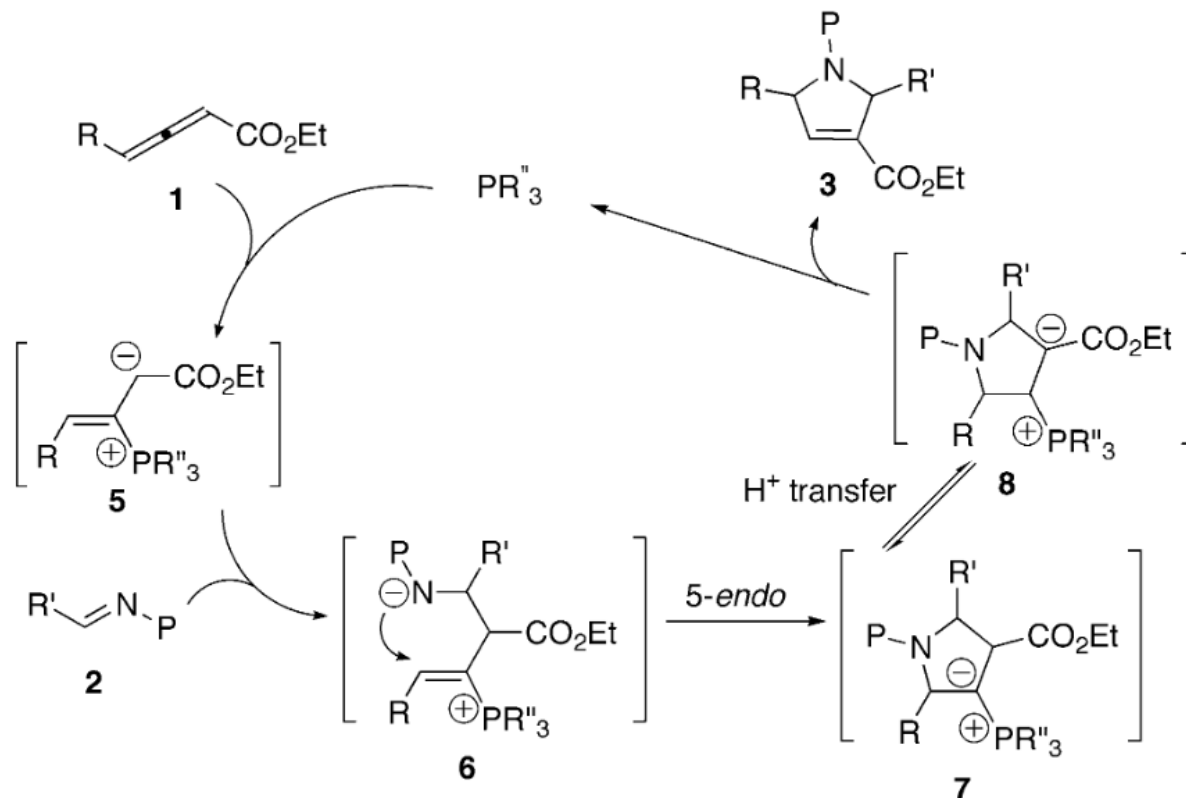
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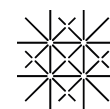
Step 2 - Mechanism

- Lu's [3+2] reaction
- zwitterionic intermediate **5** adds to imine **2**
- Intramolecular amide anion (**6**) addition to vinyl phosphonium
- Ylide **7** undergoes proton transfer, yielding intermediate **8**
- dissociation into 3-pyrroline **3** and phosphine catalyst



Scheme 1. Mechanistic rationale for the formation of pyrroline **3**.

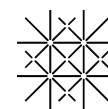
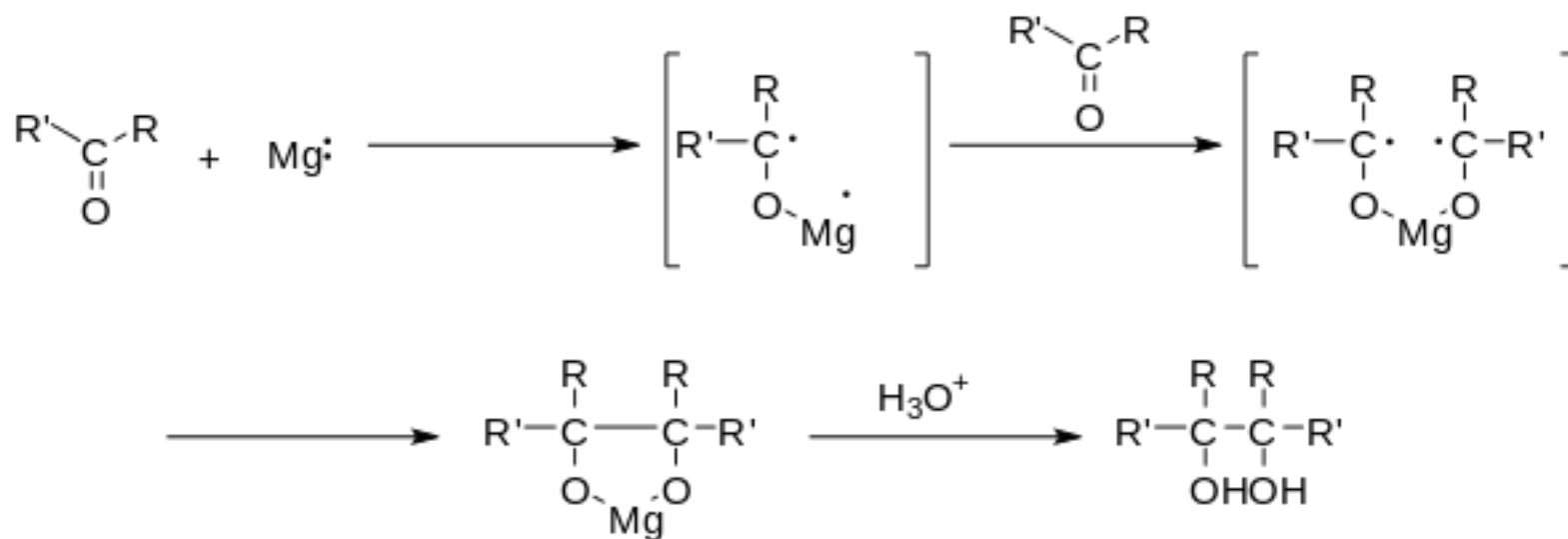
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Step 10 - Mechanism

- Sm mediated Pinacol coupling
- one electron reduction of the carbonyl to Ketyl radical anion
- Two ketyl groups react in a coupling reaction
- Metal usually assists with coordination to form a 5-membered cyclic compound
- cleavage of intermediate with water / acid



Step 7 - Stereochemistry

- Transition state **B** is more favorable than **A**
- avoiding steric repulsion (benzene \longleftrightarrow dimethyl group)
- $\text{VO}(\text{acac})_2$ - TBHP complex approaches from the a face as the alcohol
- Regioselectivity : TBS is shielding the cyclopentene ring

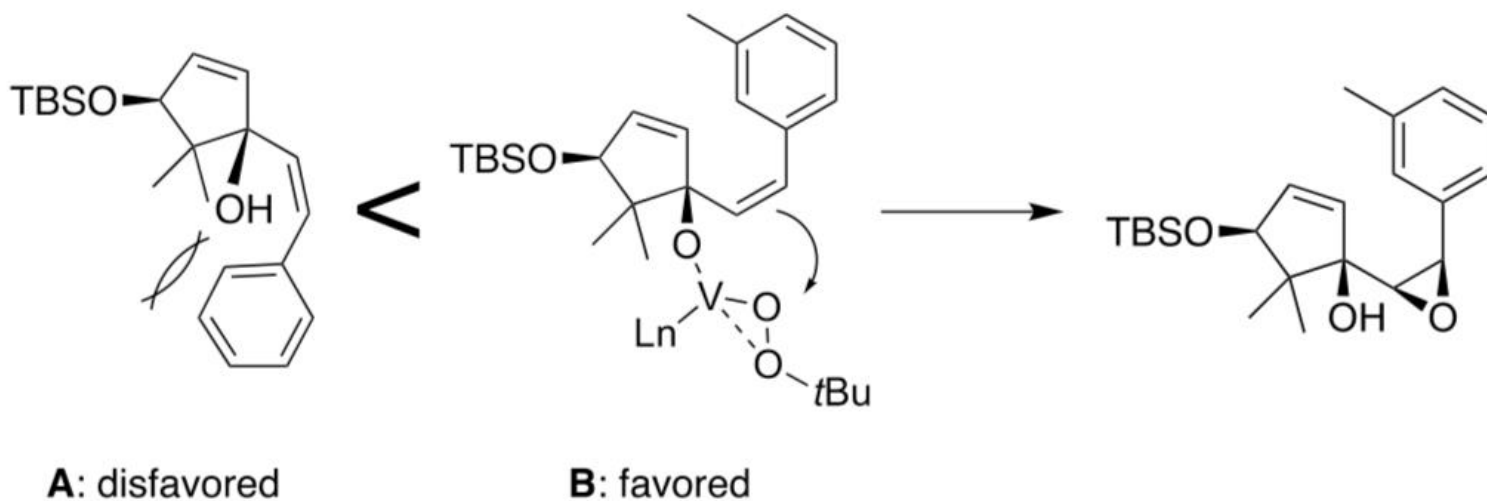


Figure 2. Selectivity of epoxidation.

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Step 10 - Mechanism

- Eschenmoser - Claisen rearrangement
- see schemes

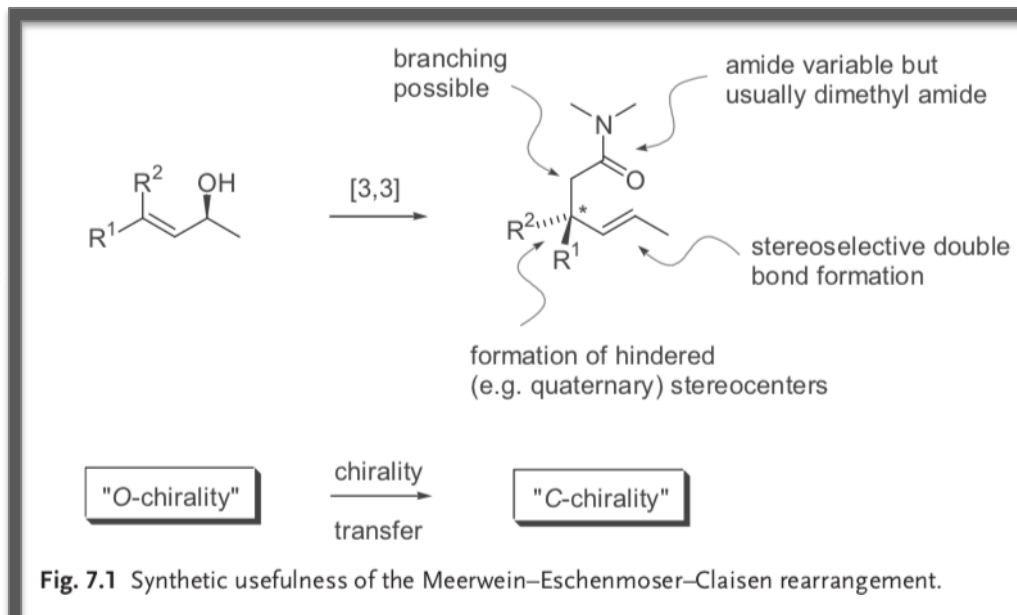
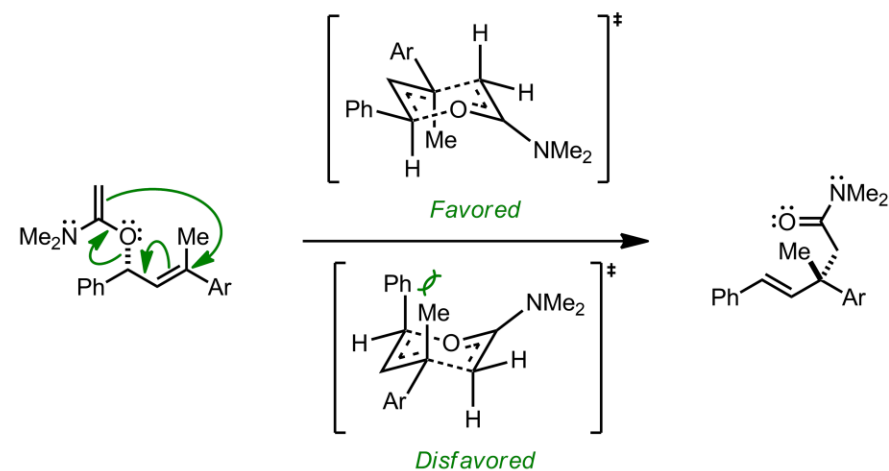
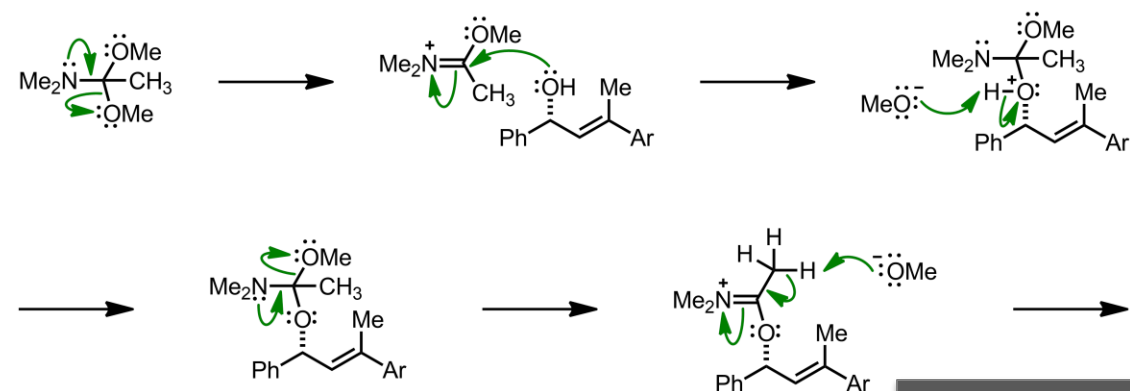
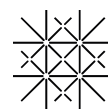


Fig. 7.1 Synthetic usefulness of the Meerwein–Eschenmoser–Claisen rearrangement.

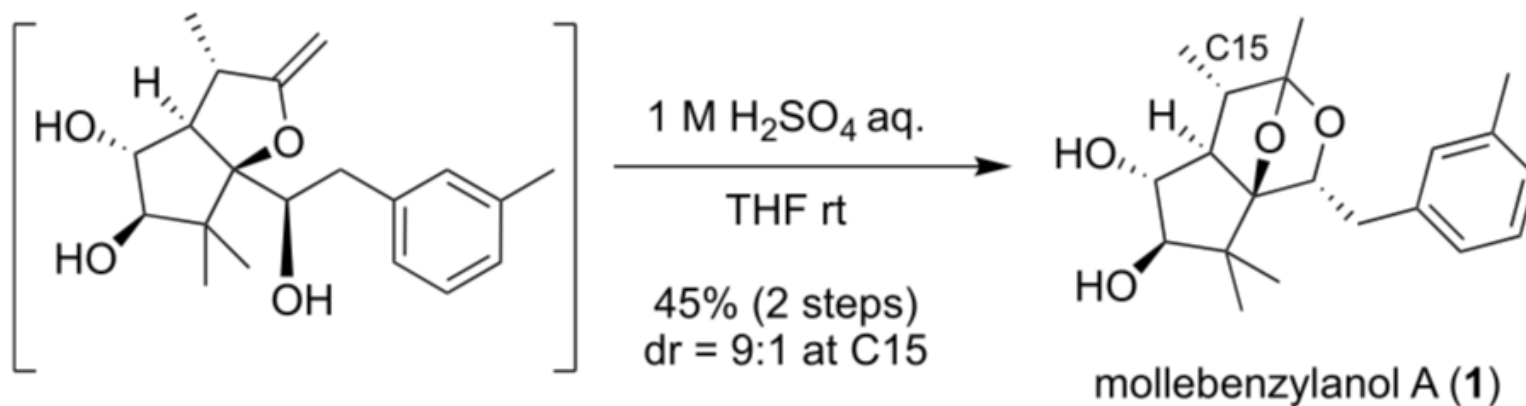
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Step 16 - Intermediate & Mechanism

- Petasis reaction
- followed by acetalization
- Protonation of alkene followed by nucleophilic attack at carbocation



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