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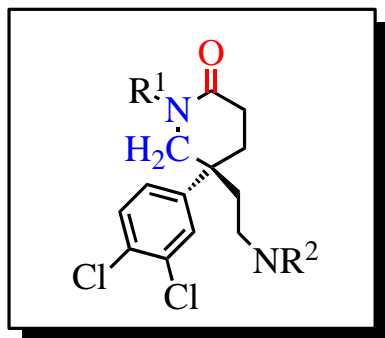
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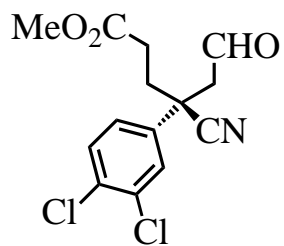
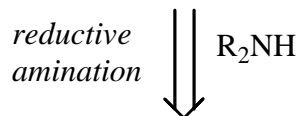
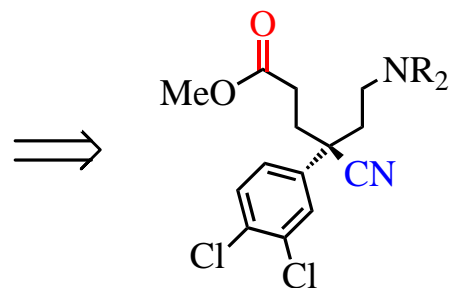
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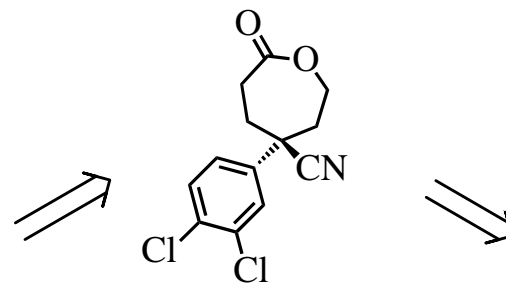
Retrosynthesis of Pfizer NK-2 Antagonists



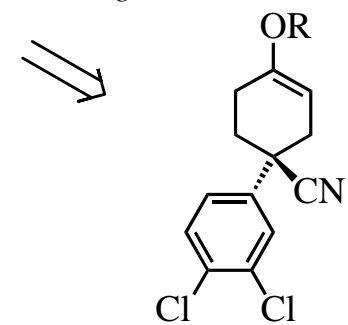
Pfizer NK2 Antagonist



Enzymatic Baeyer Villiger?

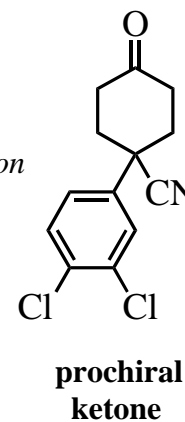


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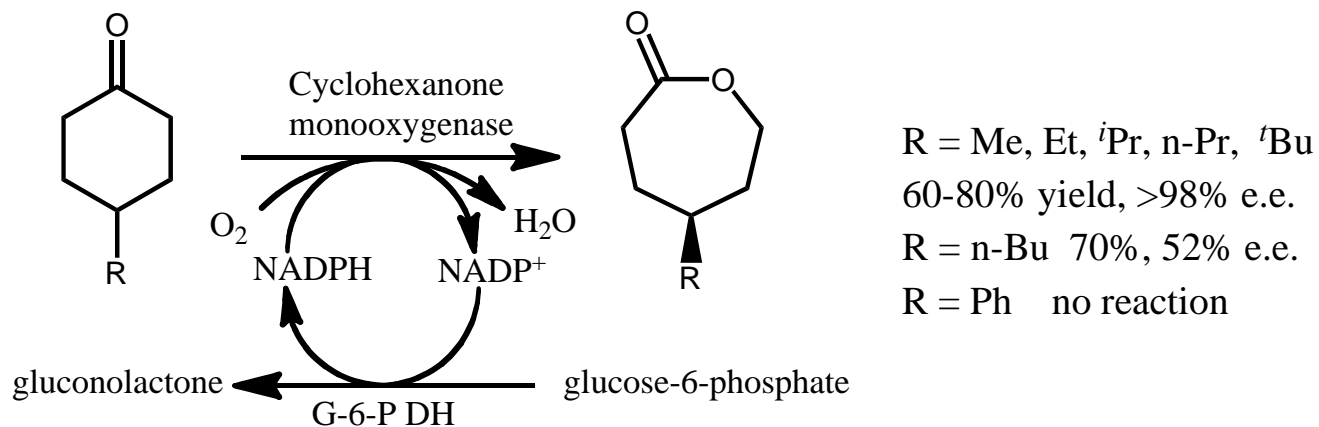


Chiral enolate?

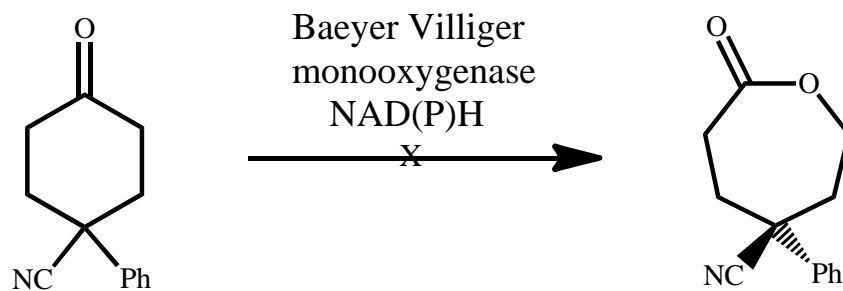
desymmetrization



Baeyer Villiger Monooxygenases

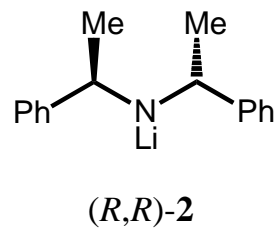
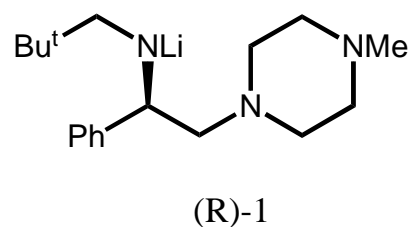
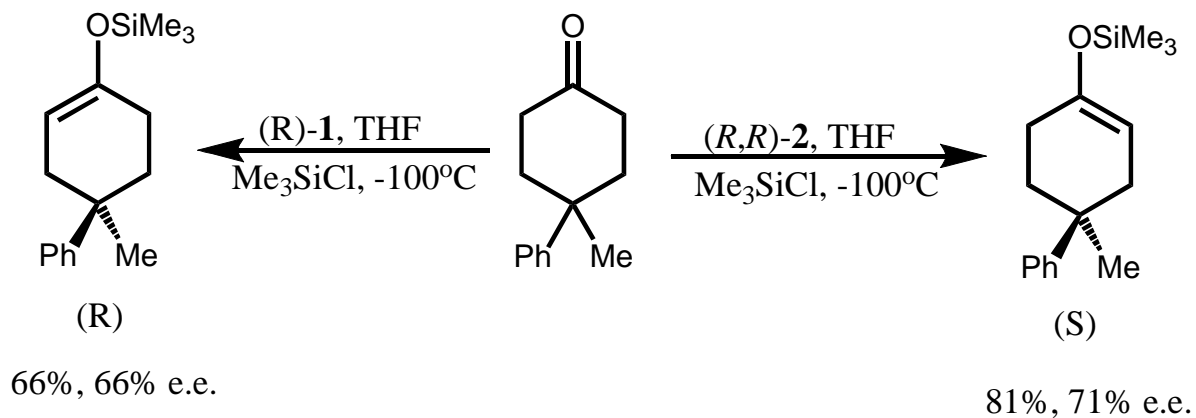


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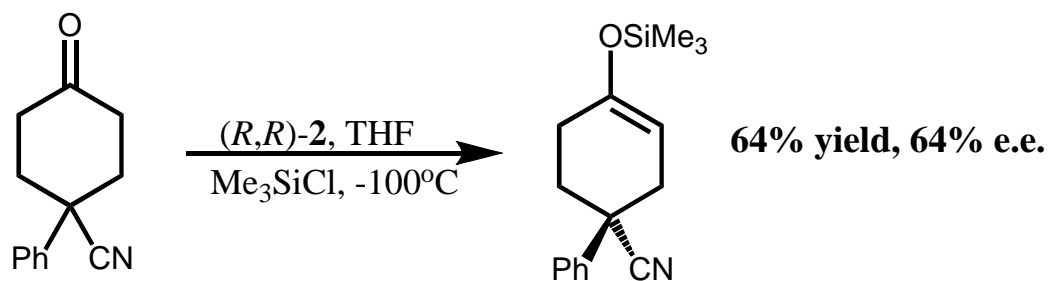


Cyclohexanone Monooxygenase
 Diketocamphane Monooxygenase
 2-oxo- Δ^3 -4,5,5-trimethylcyclopentenylCoA MO

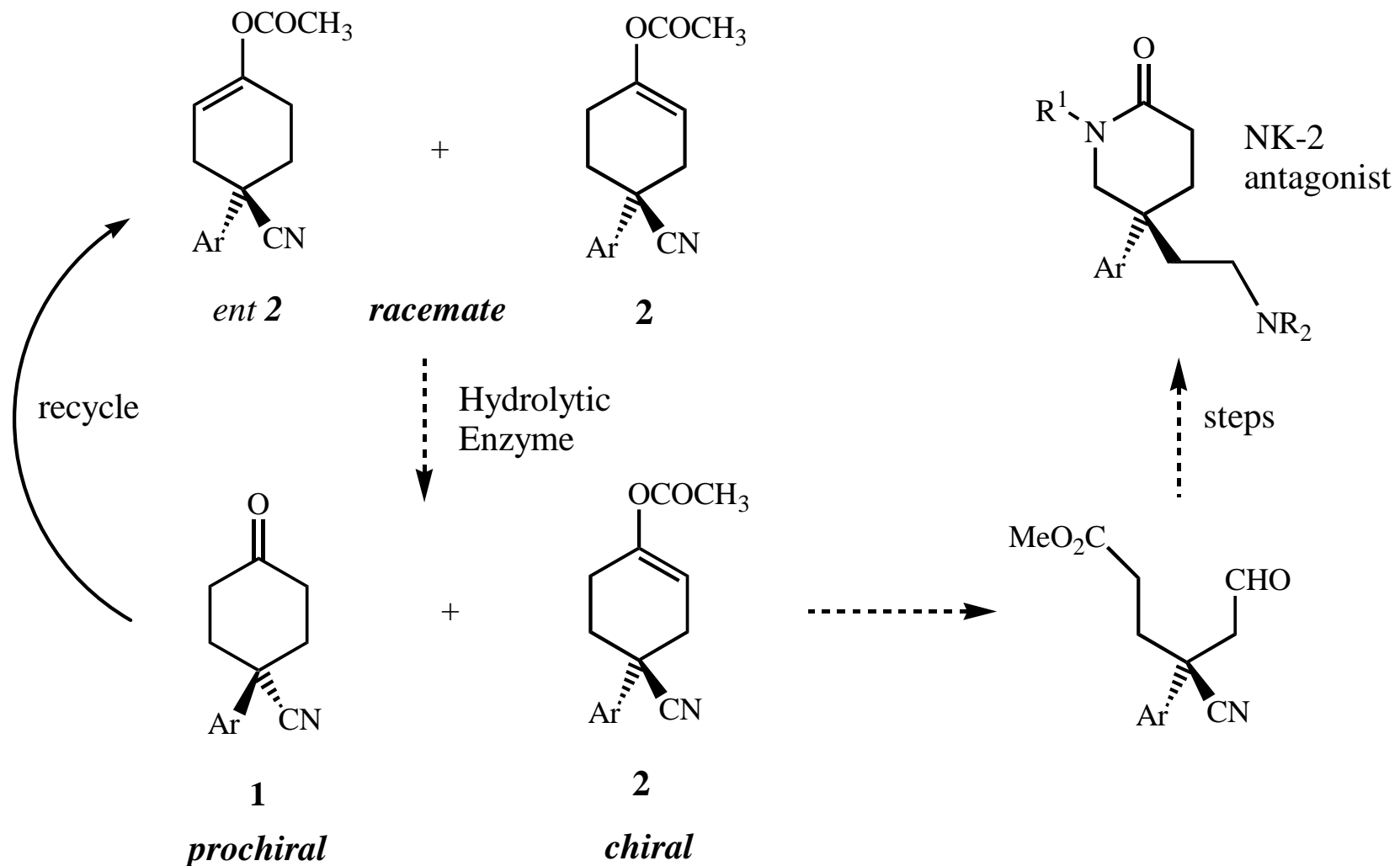
4,4-Disubstituted cyclohexanone with chiral lithium amide



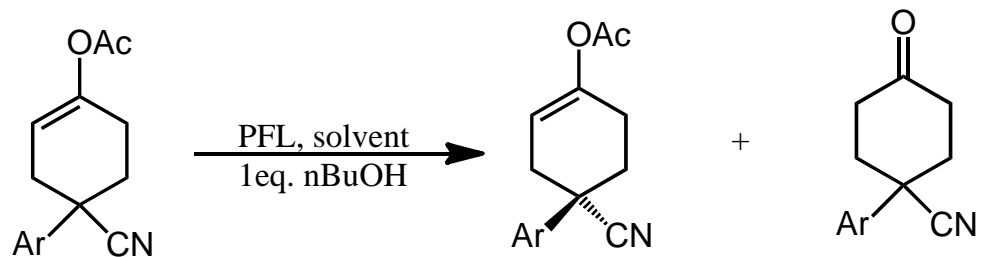
T. Honda, N. Kimura, M. Tsubuki, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, 1993, 4, 21

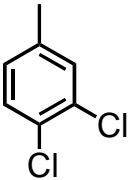
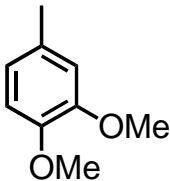
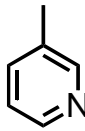


Hydrolytic enzymes to desymmetrise the prochiral ketone

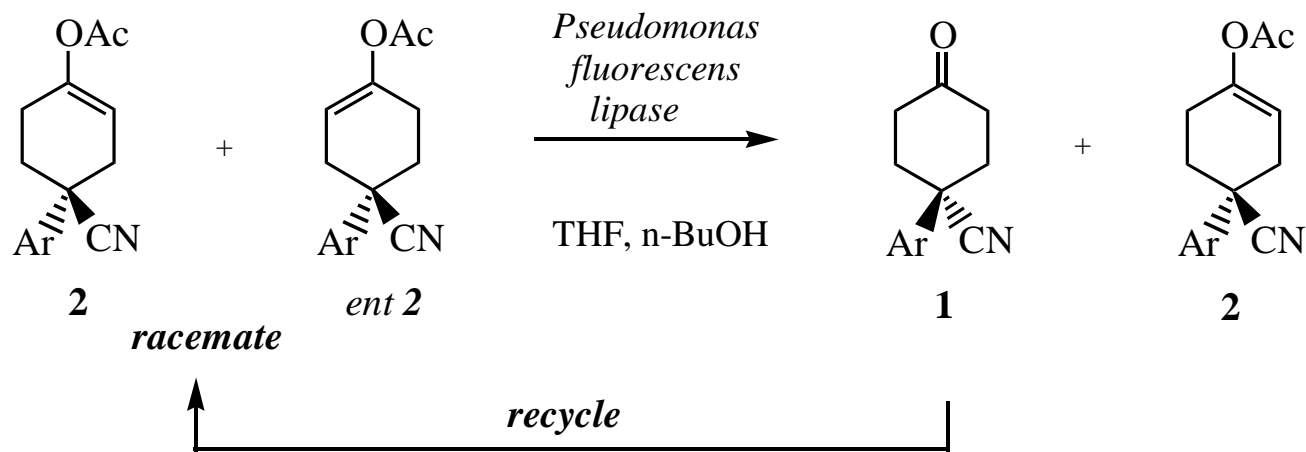


Biotransformation of 4-aryl-4-cyano enol esters



| Ar | solvent time (h) | enol ester yield (%) | enol ester E.e. (%) | ketone (%) |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|
|  | THF, 8.5h | 30% | 100% | 70% |
| | THF, 3.5h | 38% | 100% | 62% |
| | Toluene, 2h | 48% | 61% | 52% |
|  | THF, 22h | 29% | 96% | 71% |
|  | Toluene, 6h | 30% | 94% | 70% |
| | THF, 6h | 38% | 78% | 62% |

Continuous Process for Deracemization without Work-up



Each cycle:

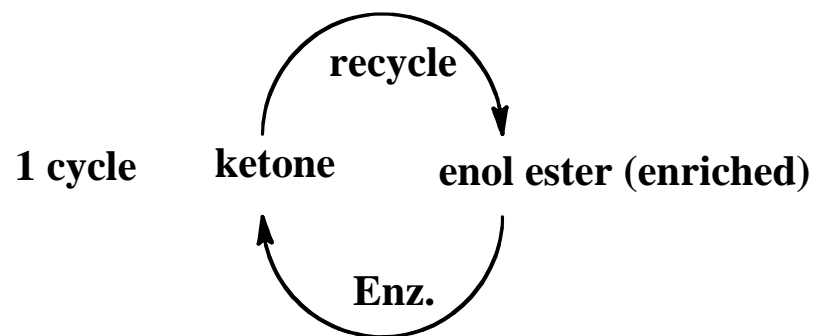
1. remove enzyme
2. *t*BuOK, isopropenyl acetate (3eq.)
3. Stir with Dowex H⁺ resin
4. remove resin
5. add Enzyme + nBuOH

Enzyme tolerates *t*BuOH and acetone

Recycling the ketone

For a kinetic resolution $E = \frac{\ln[(1-c)(1-ee(S))]}{\ln[(1-c)(1+ee(S))]}$ E.e (max) for cyclic reaction = $\frac{(E - 1)}{(E + 1)}$

i.e. for $E = 13$, e.e.(max) = 85.7% for 100% yield

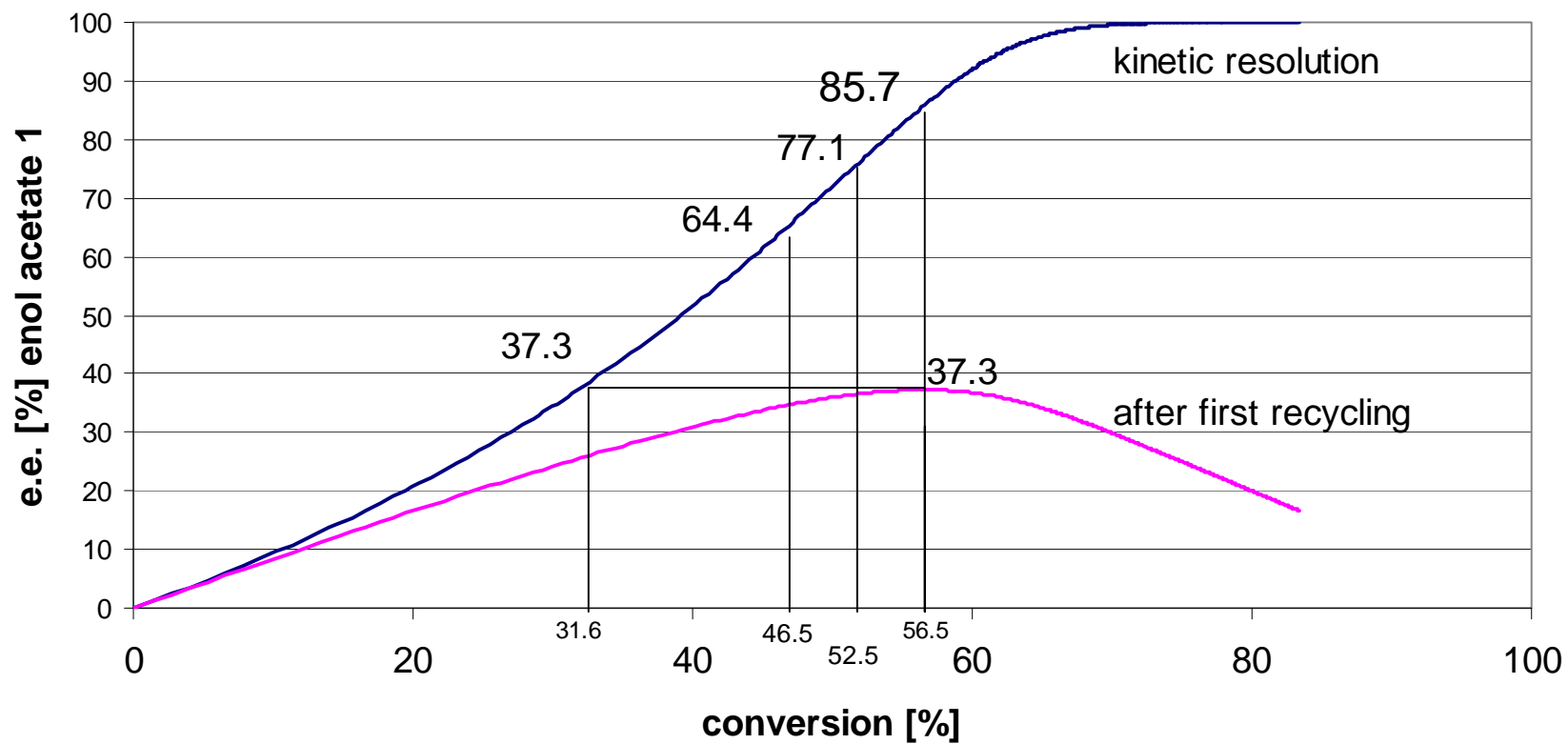


See: W. Kroutil and K. Faber, *Tetrahedron:Asymmetry*, 1998, 9, 2901

Theoretical conversions and e.e.'s for deracemisation
for E = 13

| Cycle | % e.e. 1 (start) | % e.e. 1 (end) | % Conversion to ketone 2 needed |
|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | 0 | 85.7 | 56.5 |
| 2 | 37.3 | 85.7 | 24.9 |
| 3 | 64.3 | 85.7 | 10 |
| 4 | 77.1 | 85.7 | 4 |
| 5 | 82.3 | | |

Enantiomeric excess (e.e.) of enol acetate 1 after recycling of the ketone 2 versus conversion for E=13.

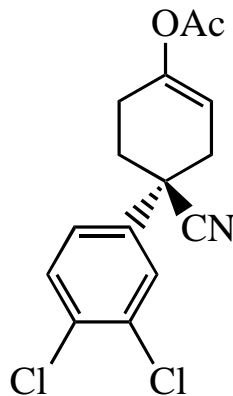


G. Allan, A.J. Carnell and W. Kroutil, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2001, 42, 5959-5962.

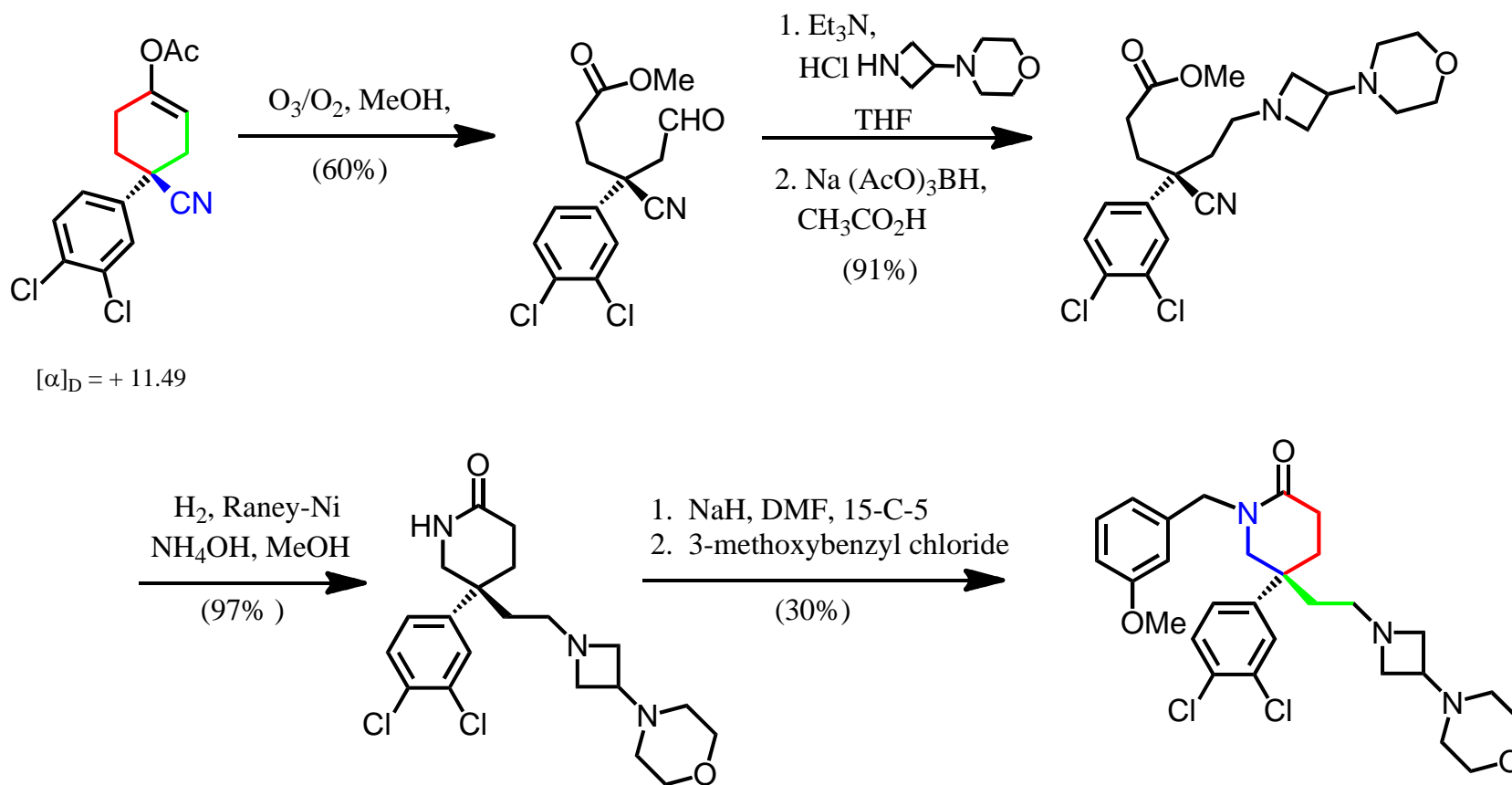
Deracemisation of enol ester **1** over 4 cycles

| Cycle | % e.e. residual enol ester 1 | % conversion to ketone 2 |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 92 | 61 |
| 2 | 86 | 28 |
| 3 | 87 | 16 |
| 4 | >99 | 12 |

Starting from 400 mg of the racemic material over 4 cycles 330 mg (82%) of the enol ester **1** in >99% e.e was isolated.

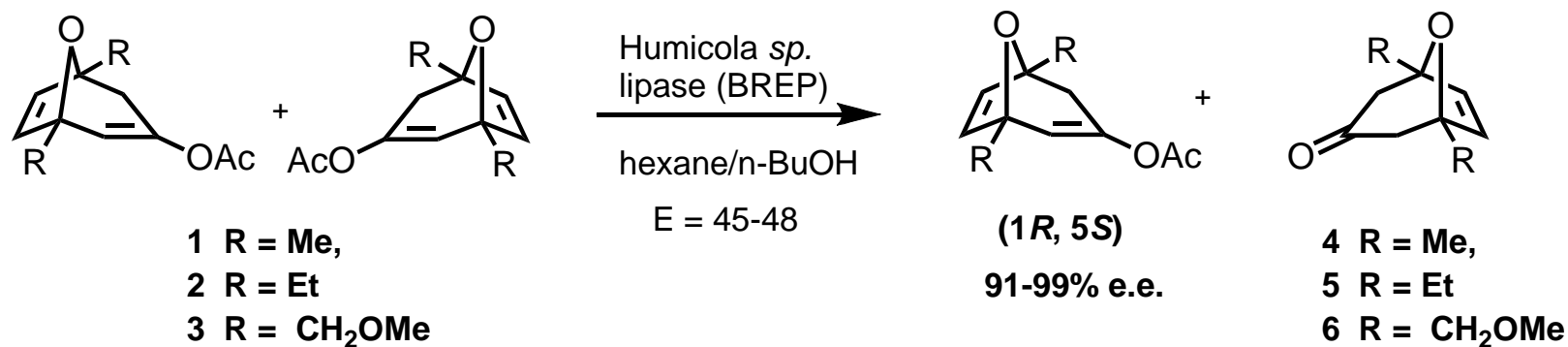


Synthesis of NK-2 antagonists Using Enol Ester



A.J. Carnell, M. L. Escudero Hernandez, A. Pettman and J.F. Bickley, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2000, 41, 6929
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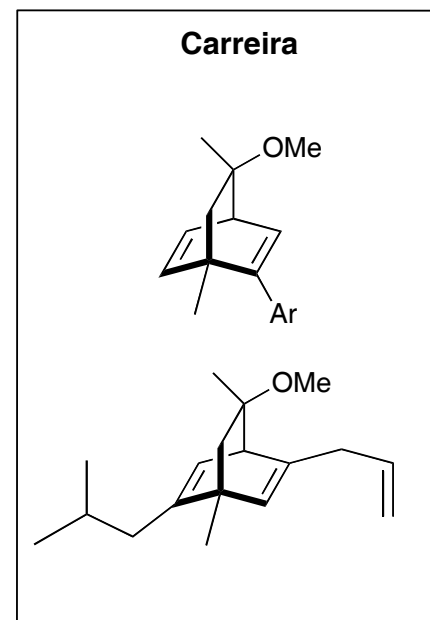
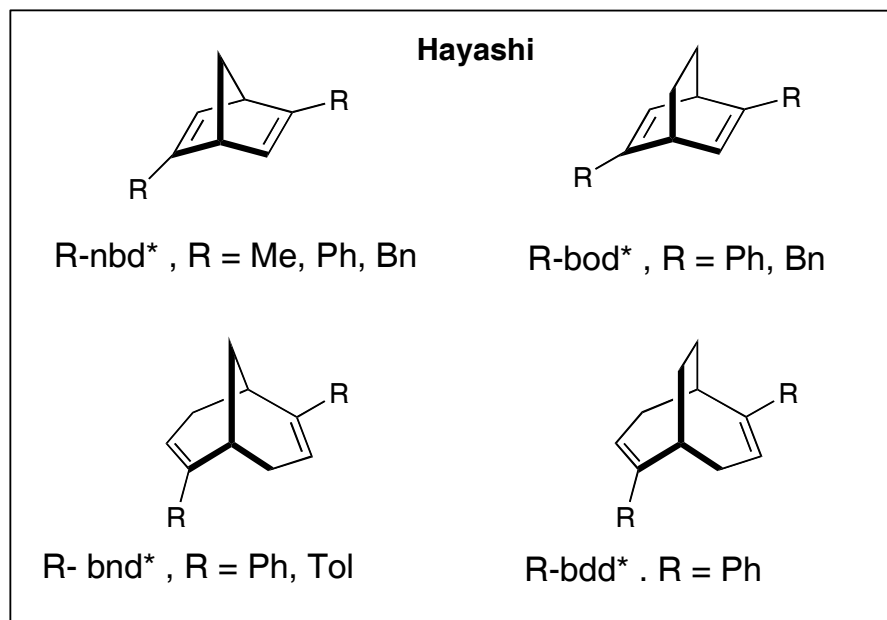
Resolution of 8-oxabicyclic enol esters



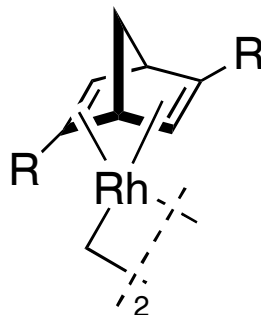
BREP = butanol rinsed enzyme preparation
- see Halling *et al.*, *J.Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.*, 1998, 7, 841

A.J. Carnell, S.A. Swain and J.F. Bickley, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, **1999**, 40, 8633.

Chiral diene ligands for asymmetric catalysis

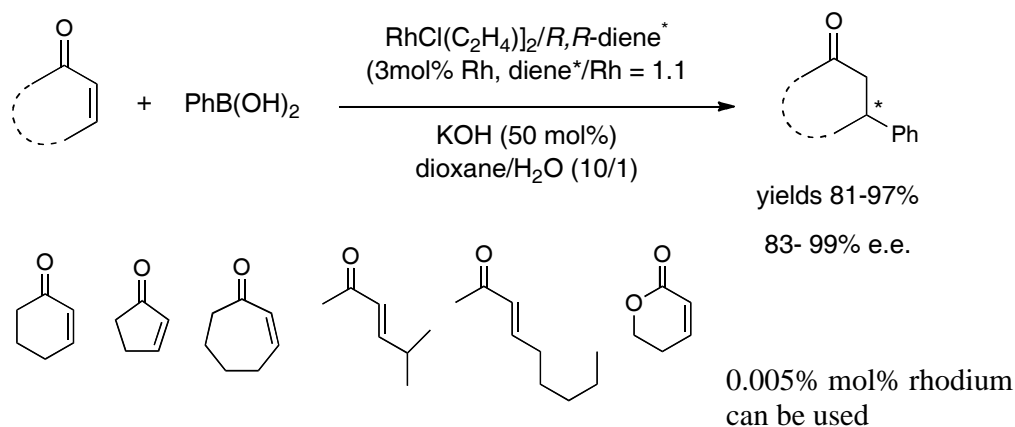


Catalyst:



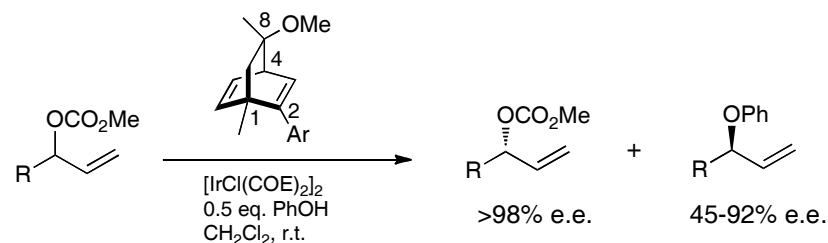
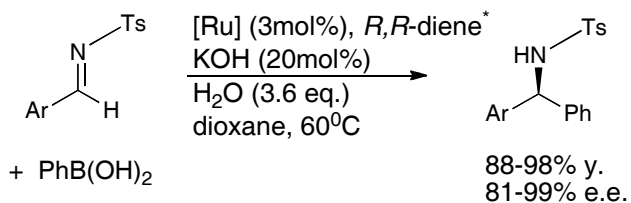
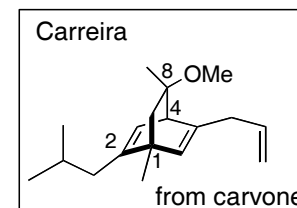
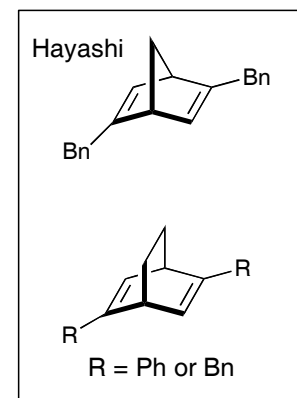
C. Defieber, H. Grutzmacher, E. M. Carreira, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2008, 24, 4482.

Rh-catalysed asymmetric reactions



BINAP or chiral phosphoramidite less effective

Hayashi *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.*, 2005, 70, 2503-2508; *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, 2005, 16, 1673-1679; Guillaume B.-G.; Hayashi, T. *J. Org. Chem.*, 2006, 71, 8957-8960; Carreira E.M *et al.*, *Org. Lett.* 2004, 6, 3873

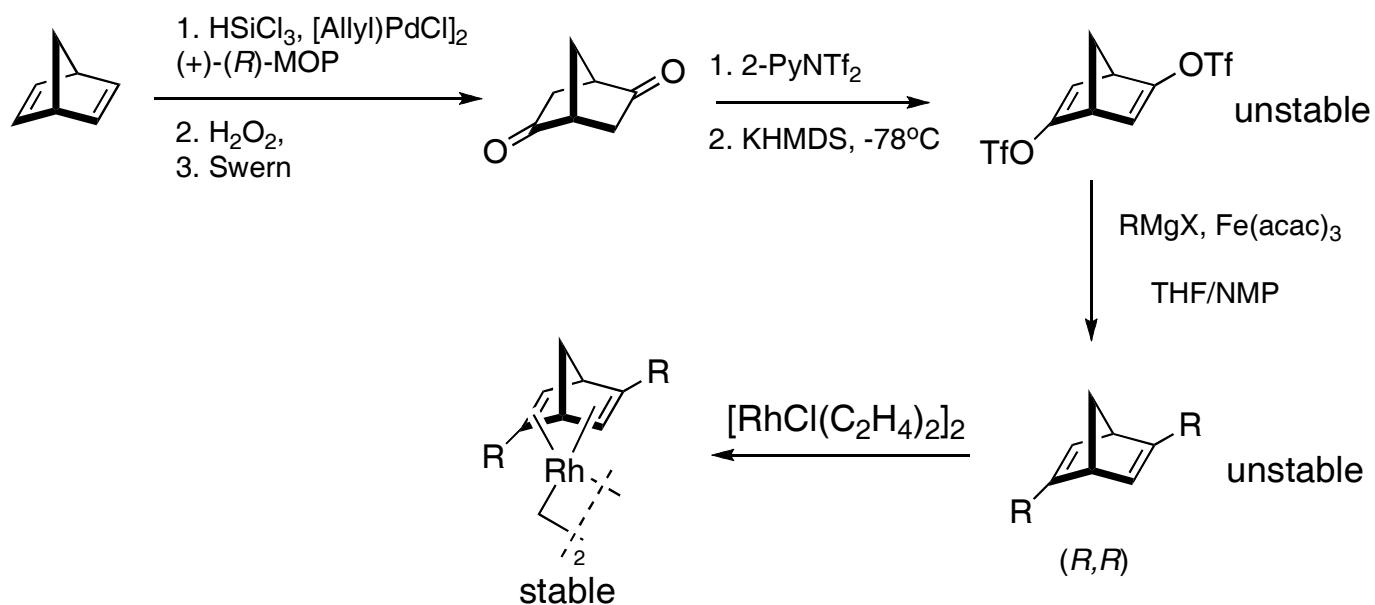


Poor results with C₂-symmetric ligands

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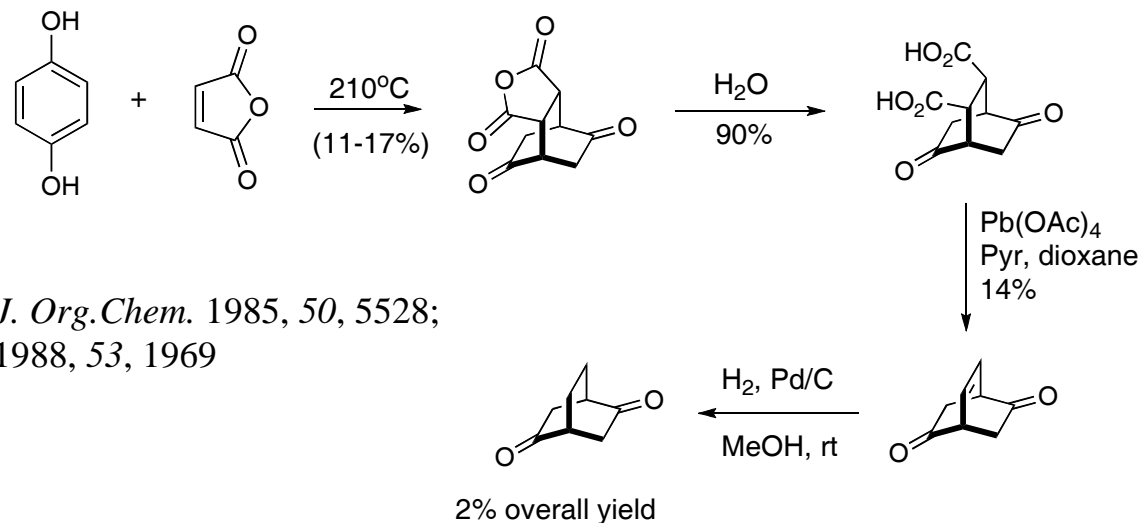
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Chiral Synthesis of [2.2.1] Bicyclic Diene Ligand

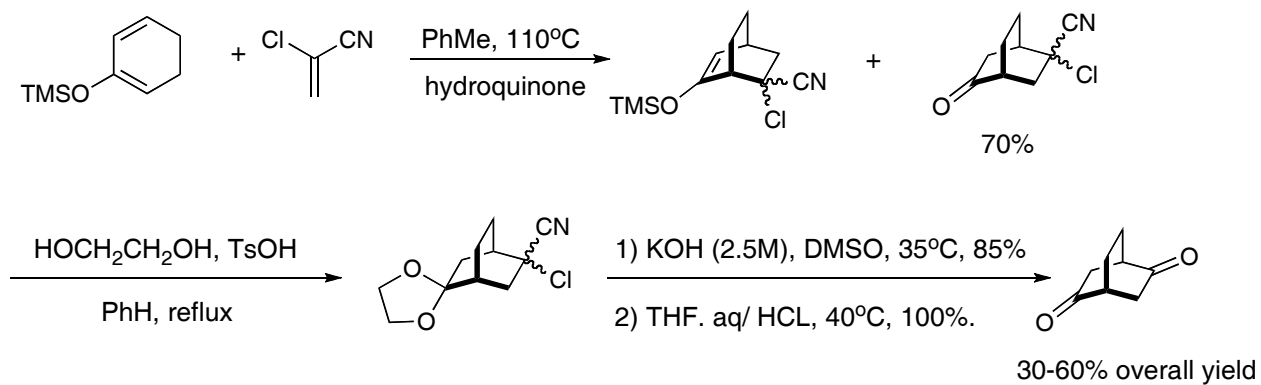


Guillaume B.-G.; Hayashi, T. *J. Org. Chem.*, 2006, 71, 8957.

Synthesis of bicyclic [2.2.2] diketone

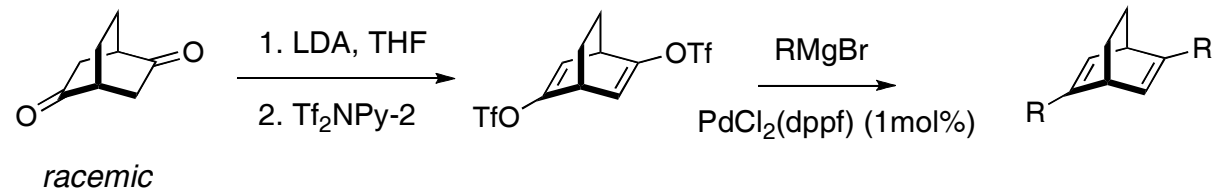
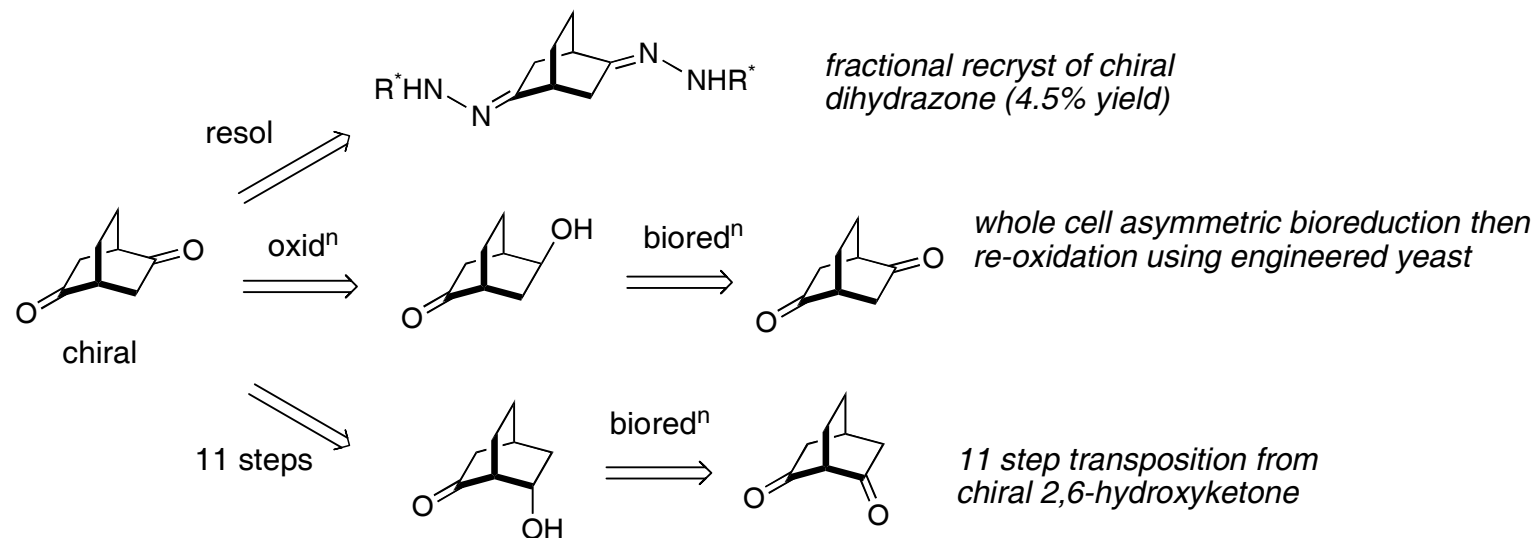


Paquette *et al.* *J. Org. Chem.* 1985, 50, 5528;
J. Org. Chem. 1988, 53, 1969



N. H. Werstiuk *et al.* *Can. J. Chem.* 1992, 70, 974. .

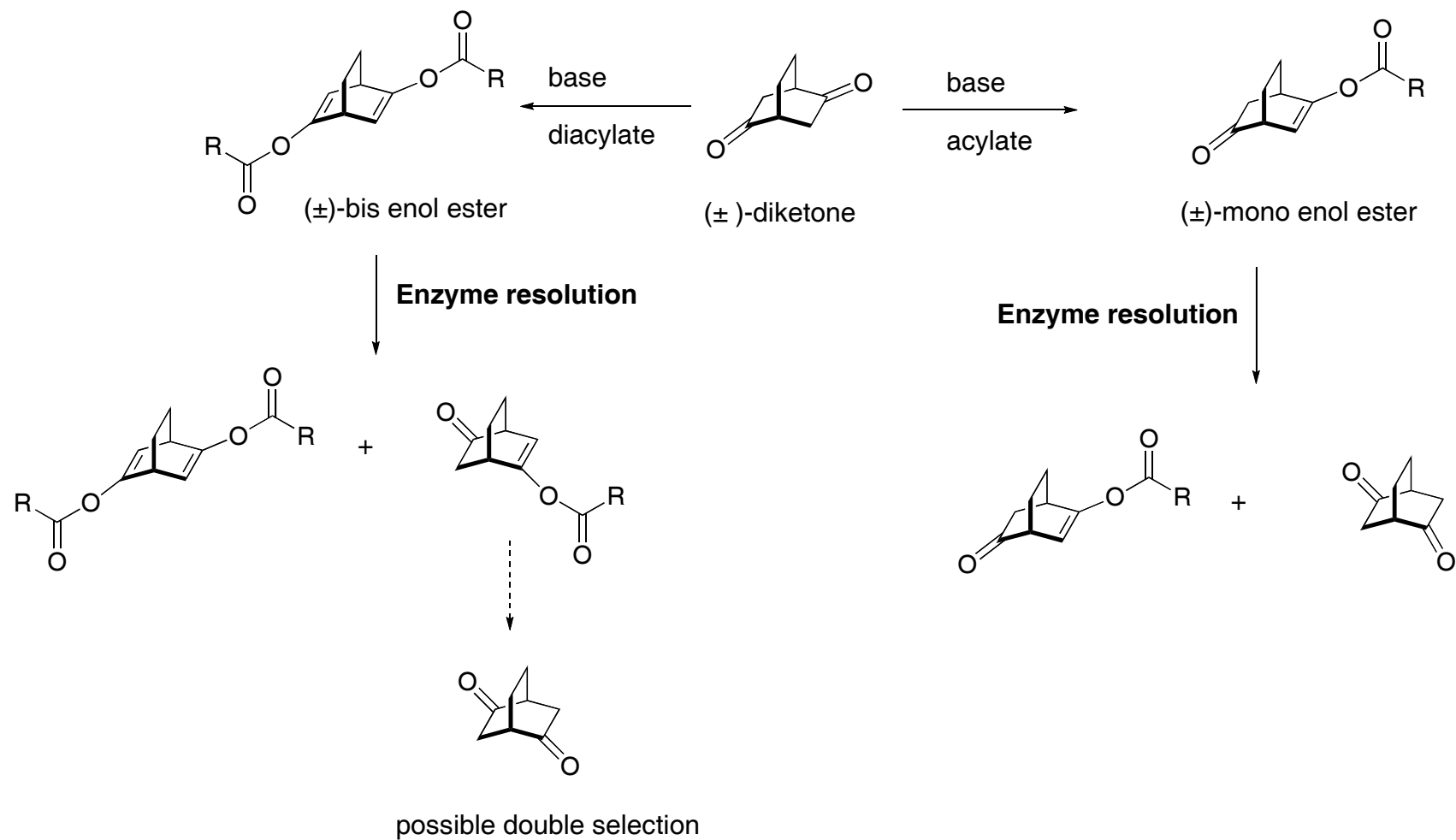
Accessing the Chiral Hayashi [2.2.2] Diene



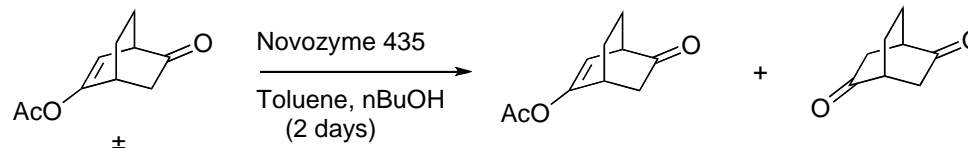
Chiral diene obtained by chiral HPLC of diene or triflate

Otomaru *et al.*, *J. Org. Chem.*, 2005, 70, 2503
 Friberg *et al.*, *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2006, 4, 2304.
 Almqvist *et al.*, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1996, 61, 3794.

Options for enzyme resolution of [2.2.2] bicyclic diketone via enol esters



Enzyme Screening



| Entry | Enzyme | % Conversion | ee% enolester (enolester left%) | E |
|-------|--|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | <i>Canadida Rugosa</i> (Chiralzyme L-3, Europa Lipase AY) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 2 | <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> (PFL, Amano AK30) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 3 | <i>Canadida antartica</i> (CAL-B, Novozyme 435) | 11.8 | 12.4 (88.2) | 17 |
| 4 | <i>Pseudomonas cepacia</i> (PCL, Lipase PS Amano) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 5 | Lipase Amano 10 | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 6 | <i>Penicillium camembertii</i> (Lipase G Amano 50) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 7 | <i>Rhizopus oryzae</i> (Lipase F AP-15) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 8 | <i>Mucor Meihei</i> (Lipase M Amano, Europa lipase 15(RS)) | 0 | -- (100) | |
| 9 | Chirazyme L-2 (Cal-B) | 11.3 | 14.8 (88.7) | 16 |
| 10 | Europa Lipase 20 | 3.5 | 5.0 (98.5) | |

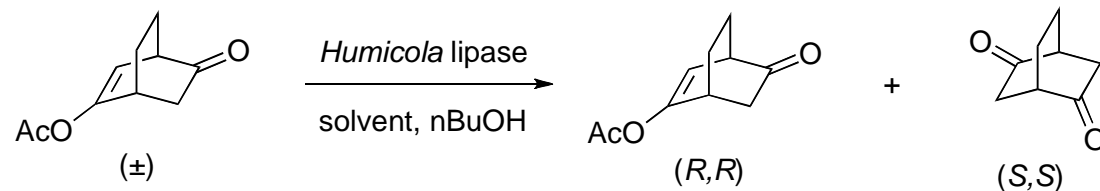
Reactions in Buffer or hexane less selective

Silica-absorbed *Humicola* Lipase Solvent Screen

| entry | Solvents | Conversion | E.E. | E value |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|------|---------|
| 1 | Hexane | 28 | 26 | 6 |
| 2 | Toluene | No reaction | - | - |
| 3 | TBME | 41 | 43 | 6 |
| 4 | Et ₂ O | 27 | 13 | 2 |
| 5 | DME | No reaction | - | - |
| 6 | Acetone | No reaction | - | - |

| entry | Solvents | Conversion | E.E. | E value |
|-------|-------------|------------|------|---------|
| 1 | Hexane | 28 | 26 | 6 |
| 2 | Cyclohexane | 31 | 28 | 5 |
| 3 | Heptane | 29 | 27 | 6 |
| 4 | Pentane | 31 | 37 | 15 |
| 5 | Petroether | 27 | 26 | 5 |

Humicola Lipase - support screening



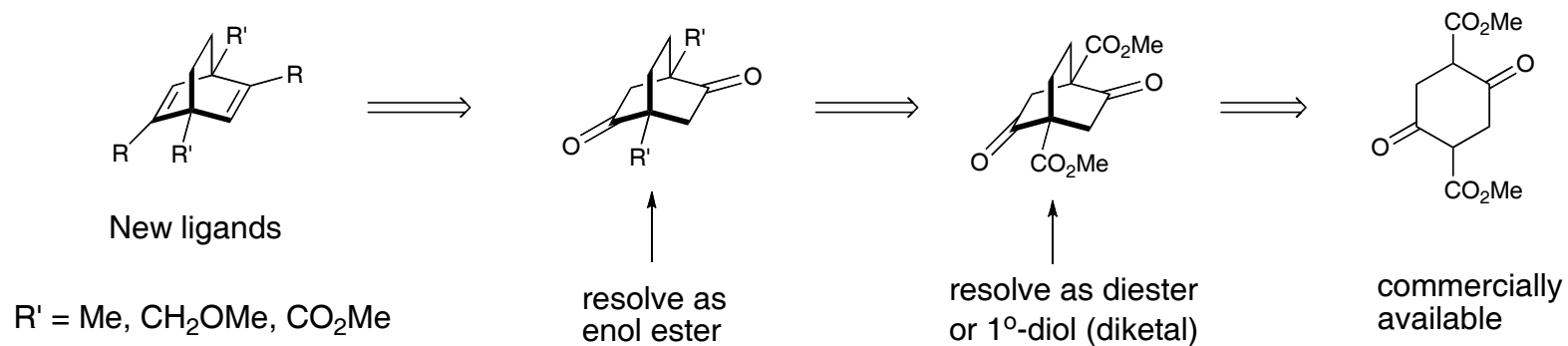
| Entry | Solvent | Enzyme Form | E Value |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | toluene | Silica adsorbed | No reaction |
| 2 | TBME | Silica absorbed | 6 |
| 3 | Et ₂ O | Silica absorbed | 2 |
| 4 | Hexane/cyclohexane/ heptane/petroleum ether | Silica absorbed | 5/6 |
| 5 | Pentane | Silica absorbed | 15 |
| 6 | Pentane | lyophilised | 6 |
| 7 | Pentane | Protein coated microcrystals | 10 |
| 8 | Pentane | Sol gel entrapped | 20 |
| 9 | Pentane | GS01-immobilised | 23 |
| 10 | Pentane | GS02-immobilised | 40* |
| 11 | Pentane | GS03-immobilised | 270 |
| 12 | Pentane | Accurel | 177 |
| 13 | Pentane | Accurel (dried) | 33 |
| 14 | Pentane | Eupergit | 4 |

Increasing
Hydrophobicity
Of GSOX
surface

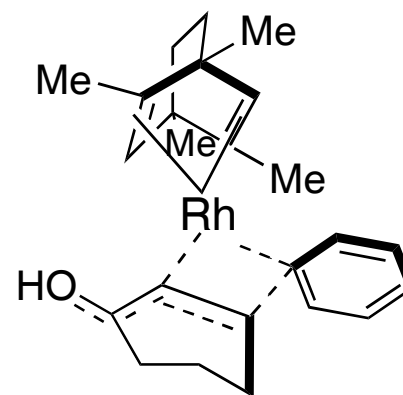
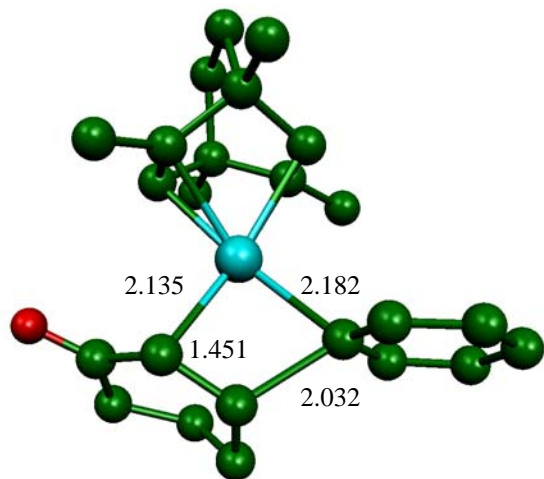
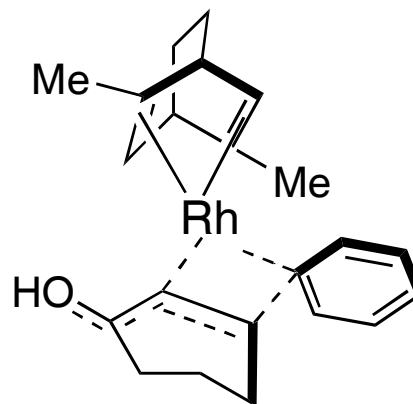
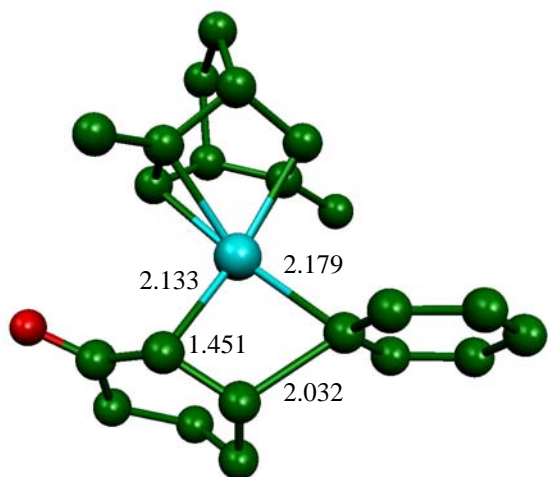
GS0X modified silica supports from PhosponicS Ltd

Luo and Carnell, J. Org. Chem., 2010, 75, 2057-2060

New Range of C_2 -Symmetric Chiral Diene Ligands

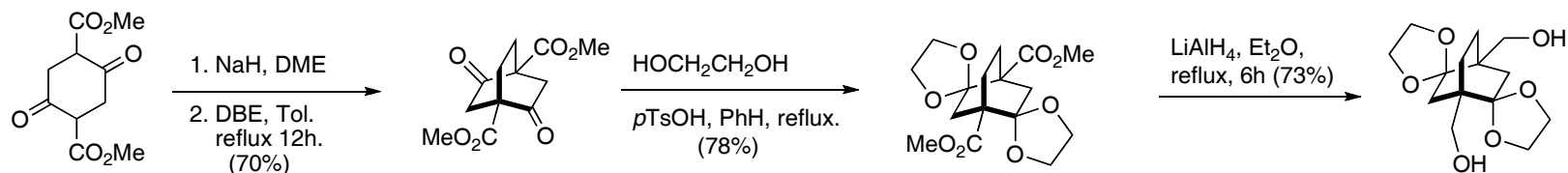


Transition states for conjugate additions

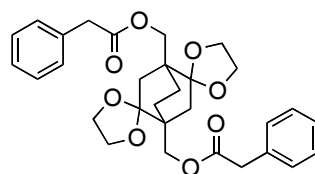


DFT calculations using PCGAMESS predict similar reaction rates and e.e.'s
N. Berry, A. J. Carnell, Y. Luo unpublished results

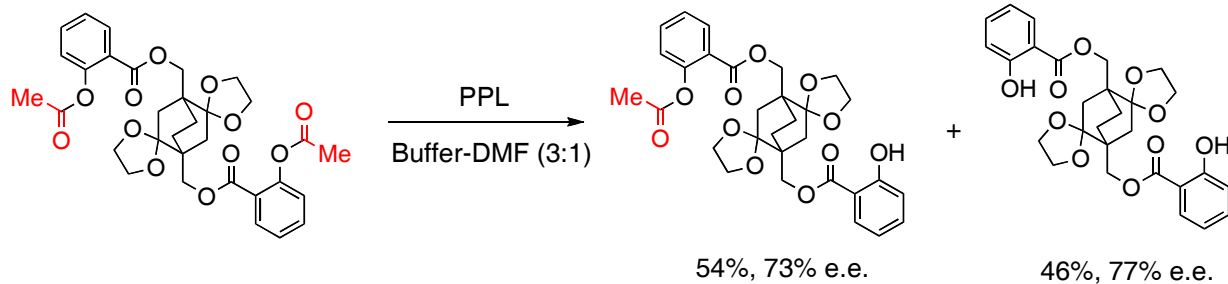
Resolution of Diol Diketal



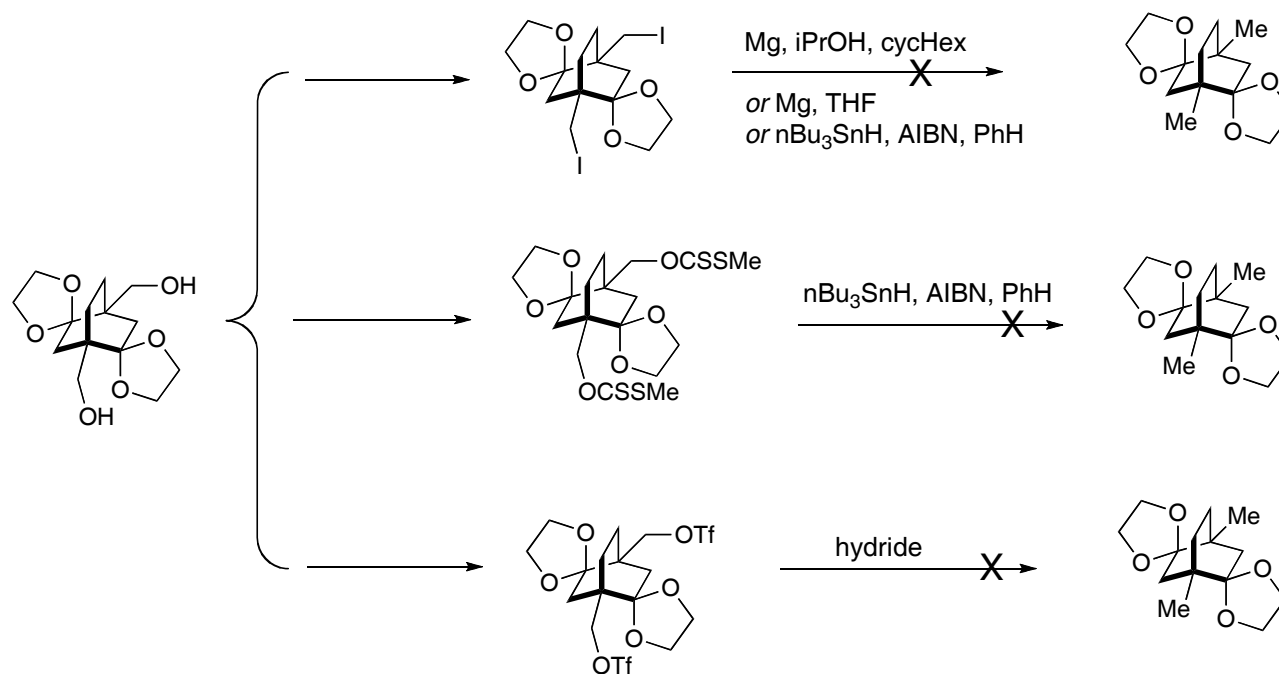
Substrates - Introduction of chromophore into hydrolysable group



Penicillin acylase/buffer - no reaction



Attempted Deoxygenation



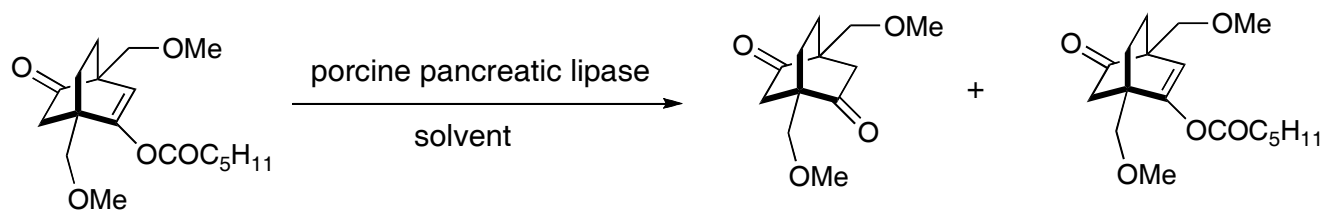
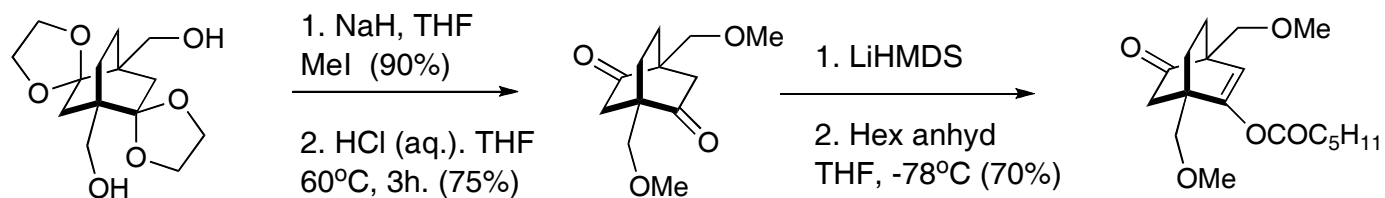
$\text{LiAlH}(\text{OEt})_3$, THF No reaction

NaBH_4 , EtOH, THF No reaction

LiAlH_4 , THF Mixture of starting material and product

LiEt_3HB , THF trace product

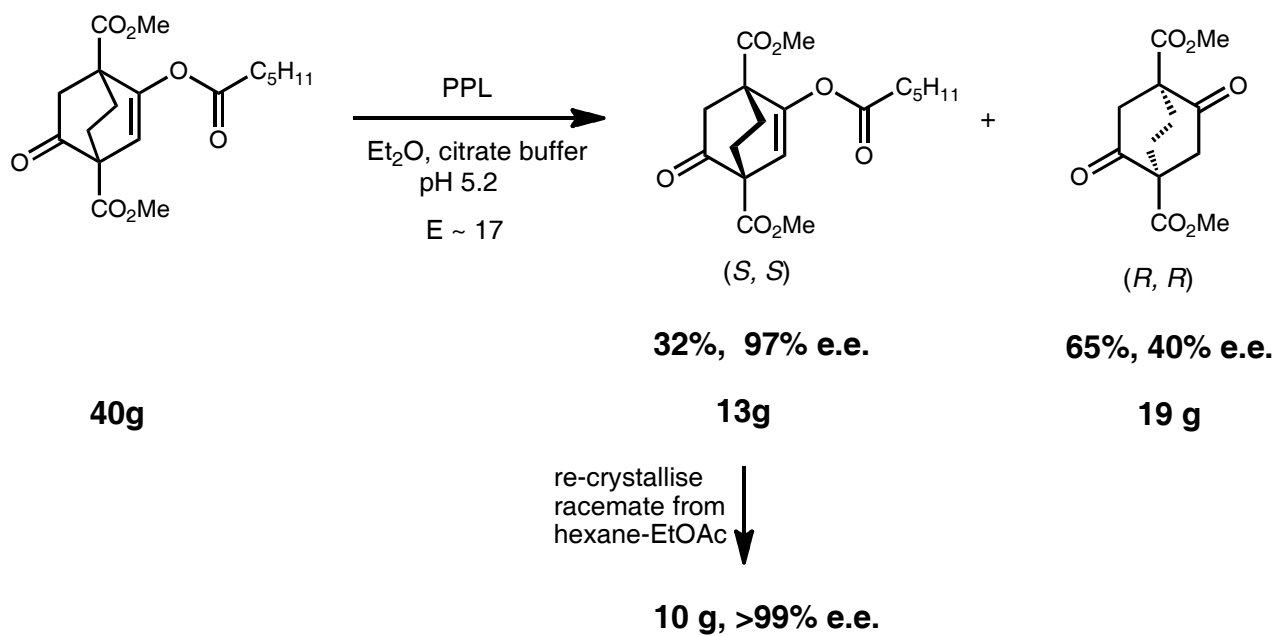
Resolution of Methoxy Ether Enol Hexanoate



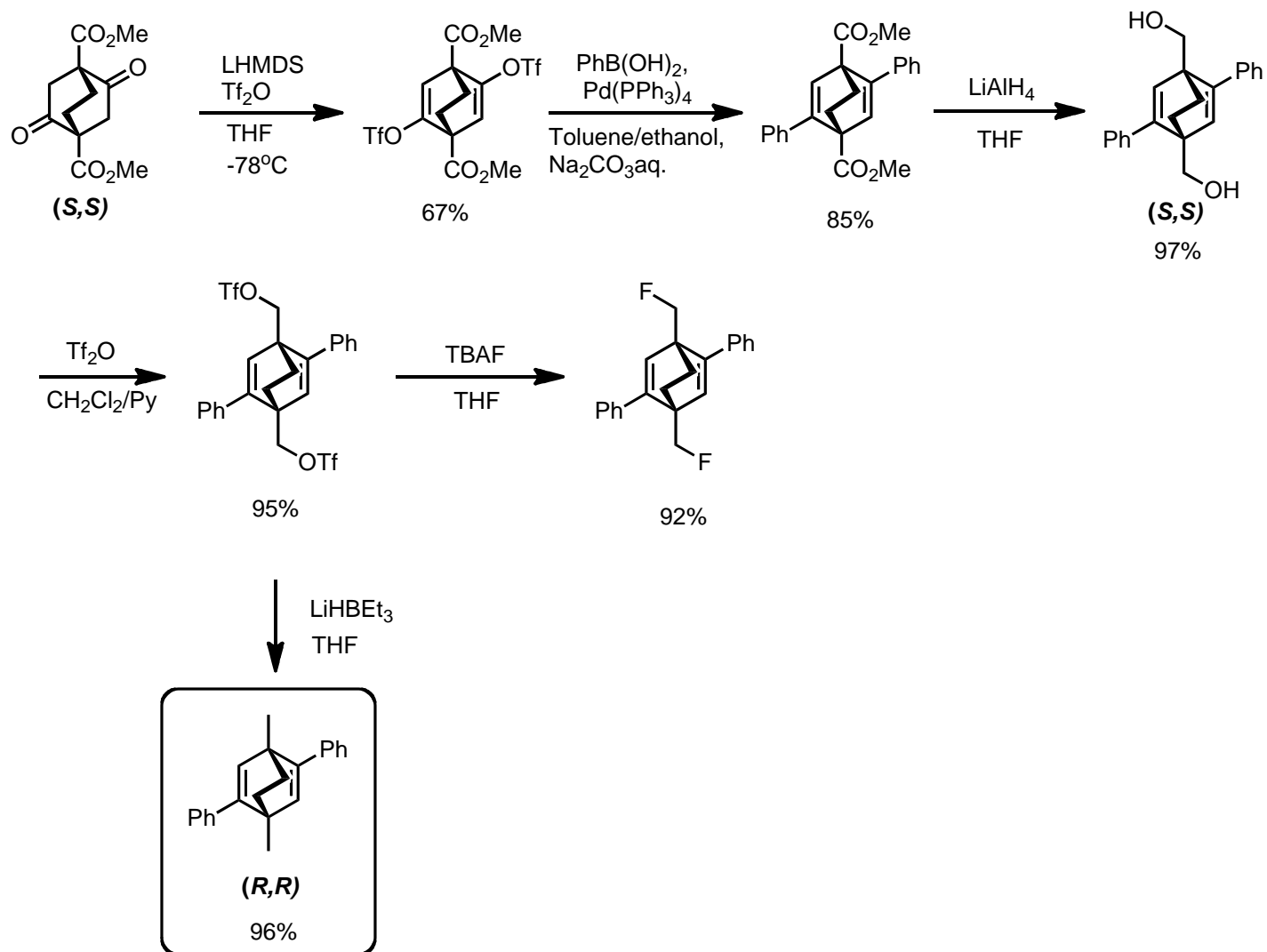
| E value | Solvent | | Buffer-co-solvent (4:1) | | |
|---------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|------|
| | Toluene | Buffer (pH 7.5) | DME | DMF | DMSO |
| nr | | 4-7 | 1 | 25-30 | 2 |

...too many steps!

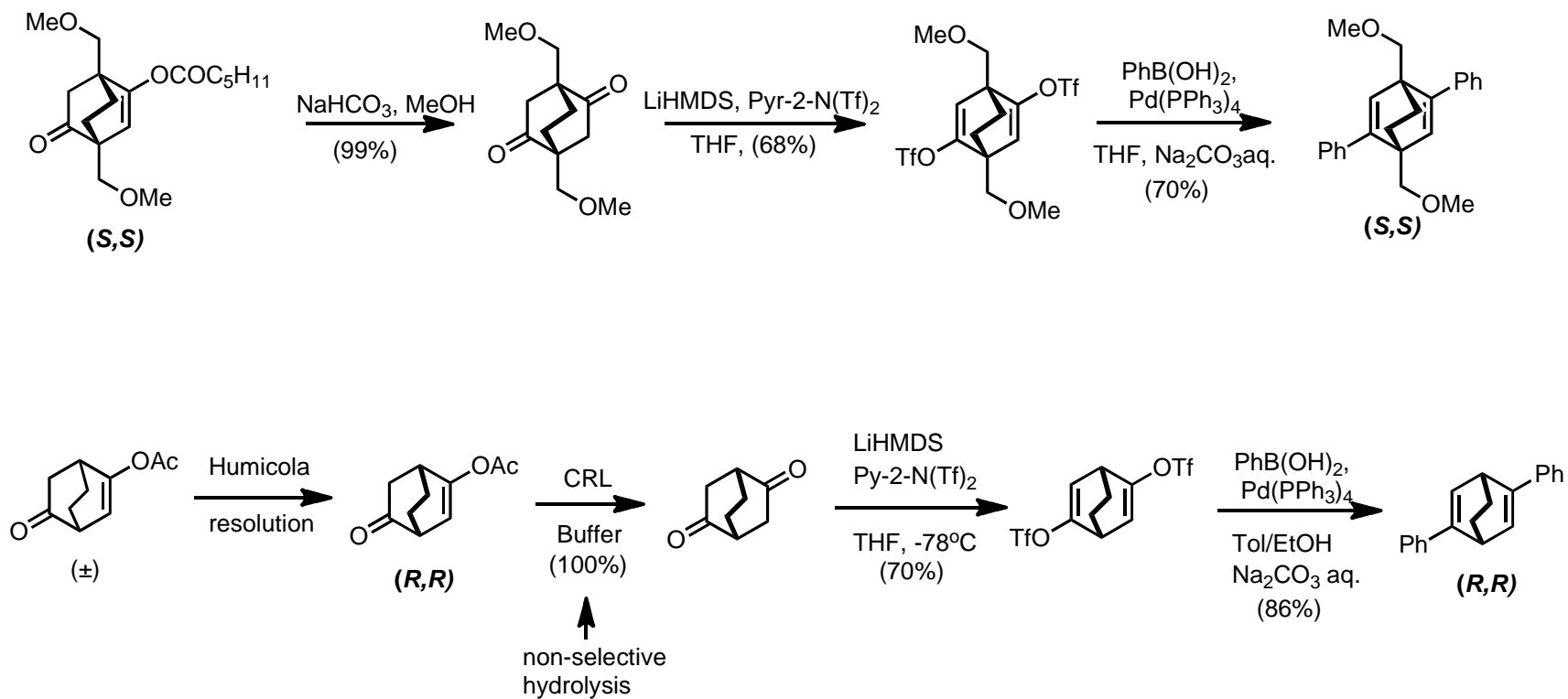
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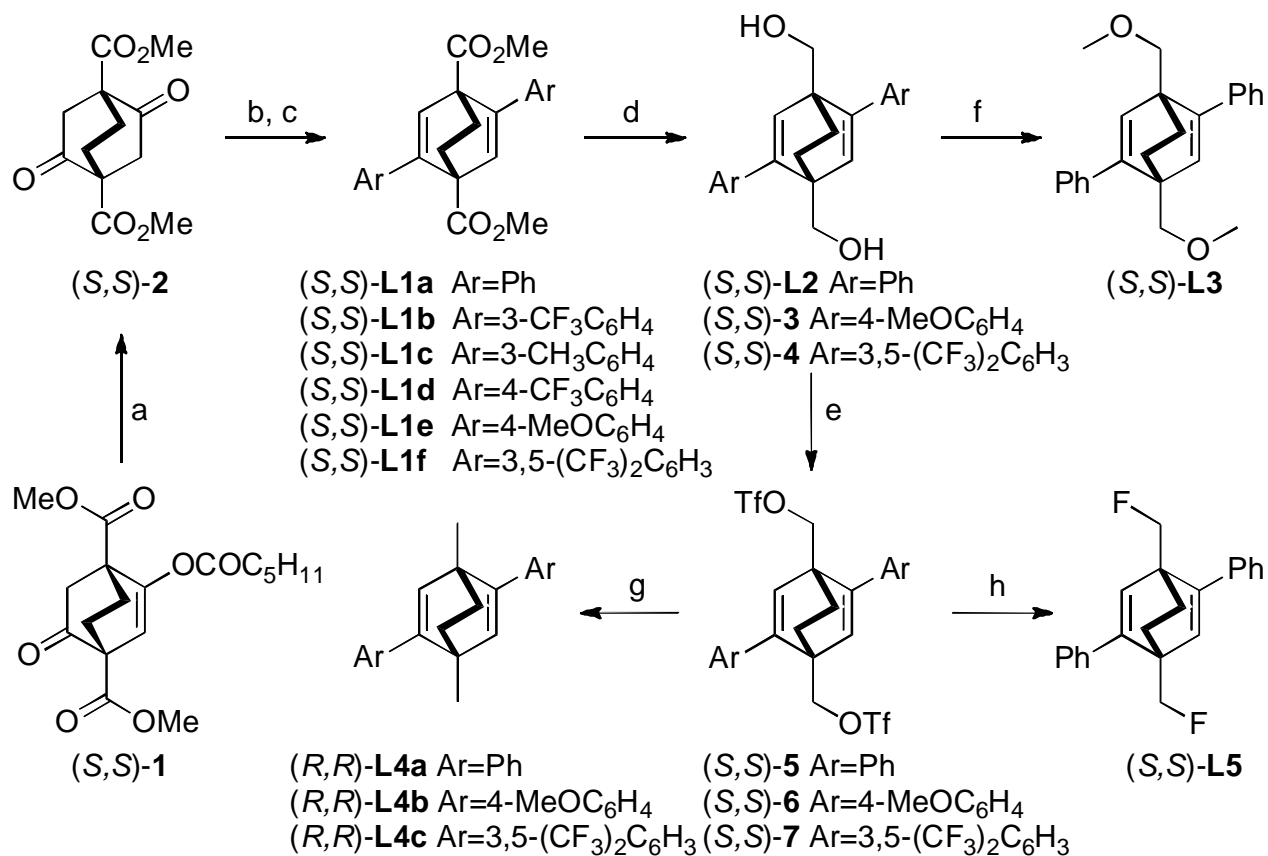
Diene Ligand Synthesis



Further Ligand Synthesis

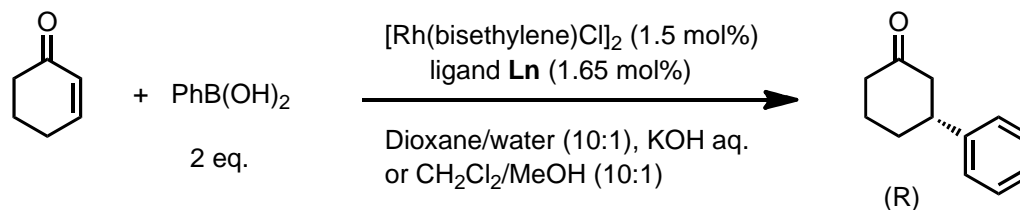


Ligand Synthesis



a) Na₂CO₃, MeOH (99%); b) LHMDS, Tf₂O, THF, -78°C (70%); c) ArB(OH)₂, Pd(PPh₃)₄, Tol/EtOH/aq, Na₂CO₃, rt. (95%)
 d) LiAlH₄, THF, (99%); e) Tf₂O, CH₂Cl₂/Pyr, -78°C – rt (99%); f) NaH, MeI, THF (95%); g) LiHBET₃, THF, rt (99%);
 h) TBAF, THF, 40°C (95%).

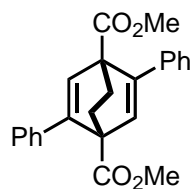
Catalytic Asymmetric Conjugate Addition



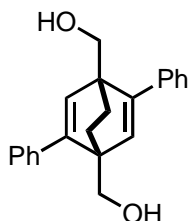
| Entry ^[a] | Ln | Ligand | | Yield (%) | e.e. (%) |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | | 1,4-R | 2,5- Aryl | | |
| 1 | L1a | CO_2Me | Ph | 95 | 89 |
| 2 | L2 | CH_2OH | Ph | 94 | 97 |
| 3 | L3 | CH_2OMe | Ph | 95 | 88 |
| 4 | L4a | Me | Ph | 96 | 98 |
| 5 ^[b] | L4a | Me | Ph | 98 | 99 |
| 6 | L5 | CH_2F | Ph | 96 | 98 |
| 7 ^[c] | L6 | H | Ph | 97 | 96 |

← 1.2 eq. PhB(OH)_2 with **L4a**

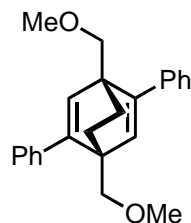
Ligands Ln



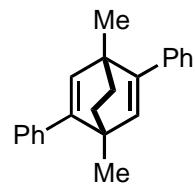
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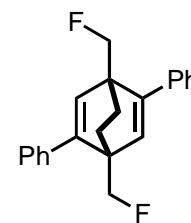
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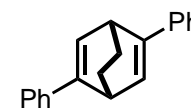
L3



L4a

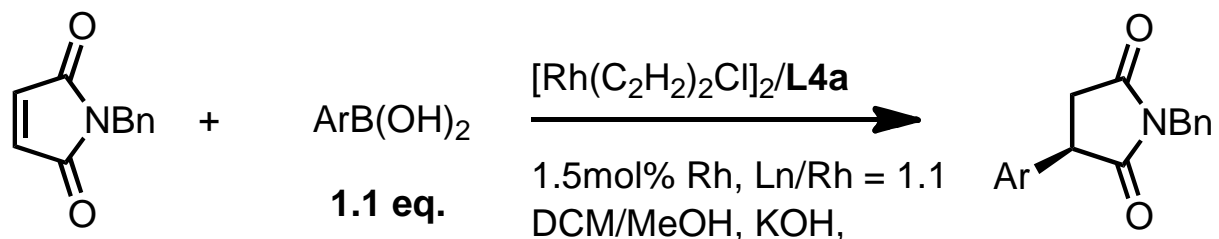


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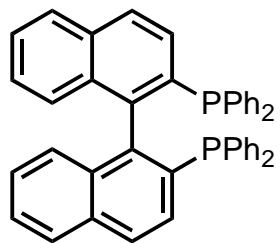


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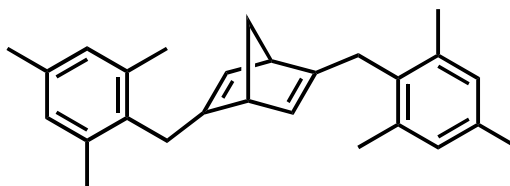
Asymmetric Conjugate Addition to N-benzyl maleimide



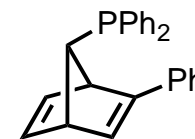
9 examples
92-99% yield
91-99% e.e.



70%, 58% e.e.



88%, 69% e.e.

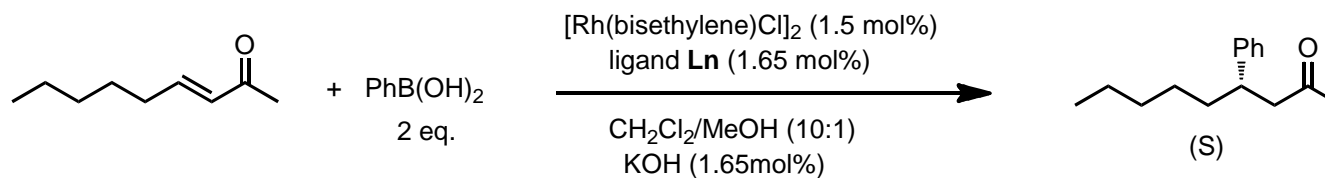


98%, 93% e.e.

all used 3 eq. of PhB(OH)_2

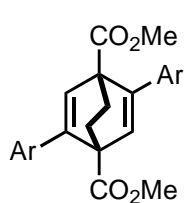
Luo and Carnell, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2010, 49, 2750-2754

Acyclic substrate ligand optimisation



| Entry | Ln | Ligand | | Yield (%) | e.e. (%) |
|-------|------------|-------------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| | | 1,4-R | 2,5-Aryl | | |
| 1 | L4a | Me | Ph | 99 | 52 |
| 2 | L2 | CH_2OH | Ph | 98 | 57 |
| 3 | L3 | CH_2OMe | Ph | 98 | 71 |
| 4 | L5 | CH_2F | Ph | 95 | 67 |
| 5 | L1a | CO_2Me | Ph | 95 | 75 |
| 6 | L1b | CO_2Me | 3- $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ | 93 | 83 |
| 7 | L1c | CO_2Me | 3- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ | 98 | 73 |
| 8 | L1d | CO_2Me | 4- $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ | 95 | 82 |
| 9 | L1e | CO_2Me | 4- MeOC_6H_4 | 99 | 74 |
| 10 | L1f | CO_2Me | 3,5- $(\text{CF}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3$ | 43 | 89 |

← 1.2 eq. PhB(OH)_2
with **L4a**



L1a Ar=Ph

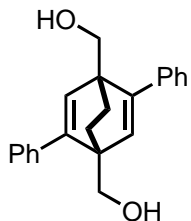
L1b Ar=3- $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$

L1c Ar=3- $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$

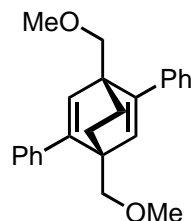
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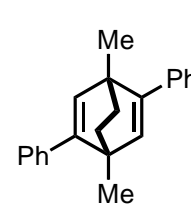
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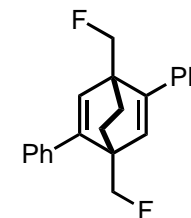
L2



L3

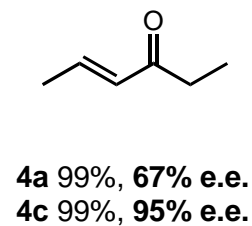
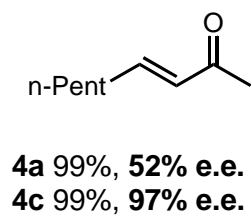
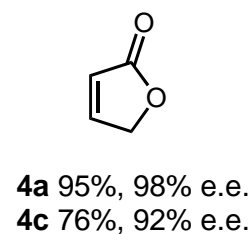
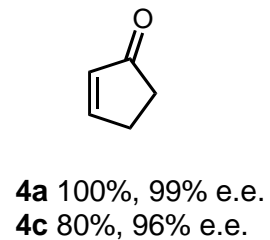
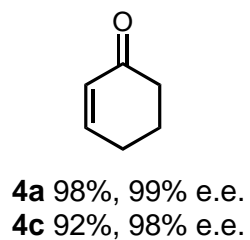
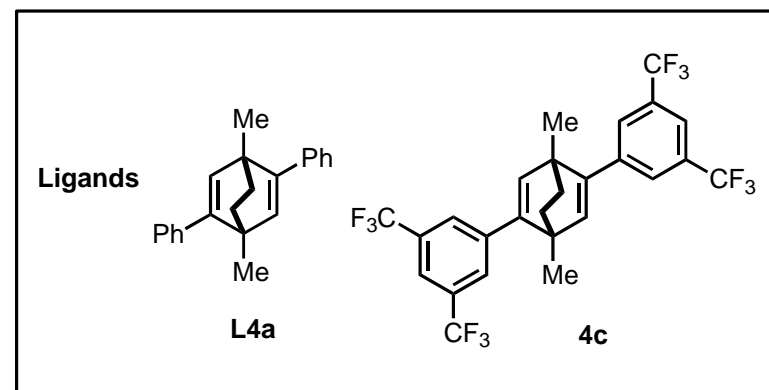
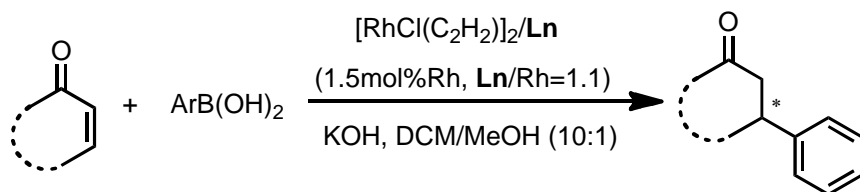


L4a

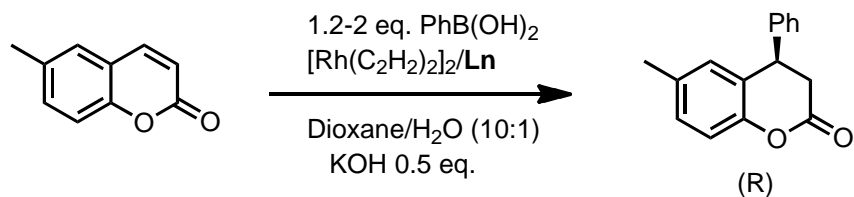


L5

Tuning electron density of diene ligand for acyclic enones



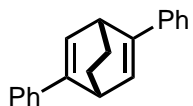
Asymmetric conjugate addition to 6-methylcoumarin



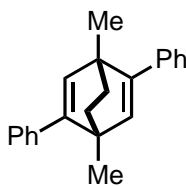
| Entry | Ligand | temp. (°C) | Time (hr) | conv. (%) | Yield (%) | e.e. (%) |
|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | L6 | 30 | 24 | <5 | -- | n.d. |
| 2 | L6 | 50 | 6 | 40 | 32 | 98 |
| 3 | L4a | 30 | 6 | 55 | 50 | 98 |
| 4 | L4a | 50 | 6 | 85 | 72 | 98 |
| 5 | L4b | 30 | 3 | 100 | 95 | 98 |

← 1.2 eq. PhB(OH)₂
25mol% KOH

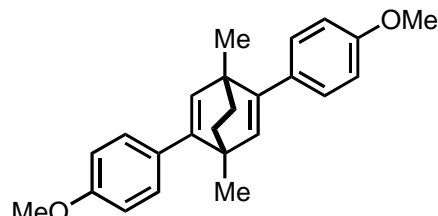
Ligands



L6 Hayashi Ligand

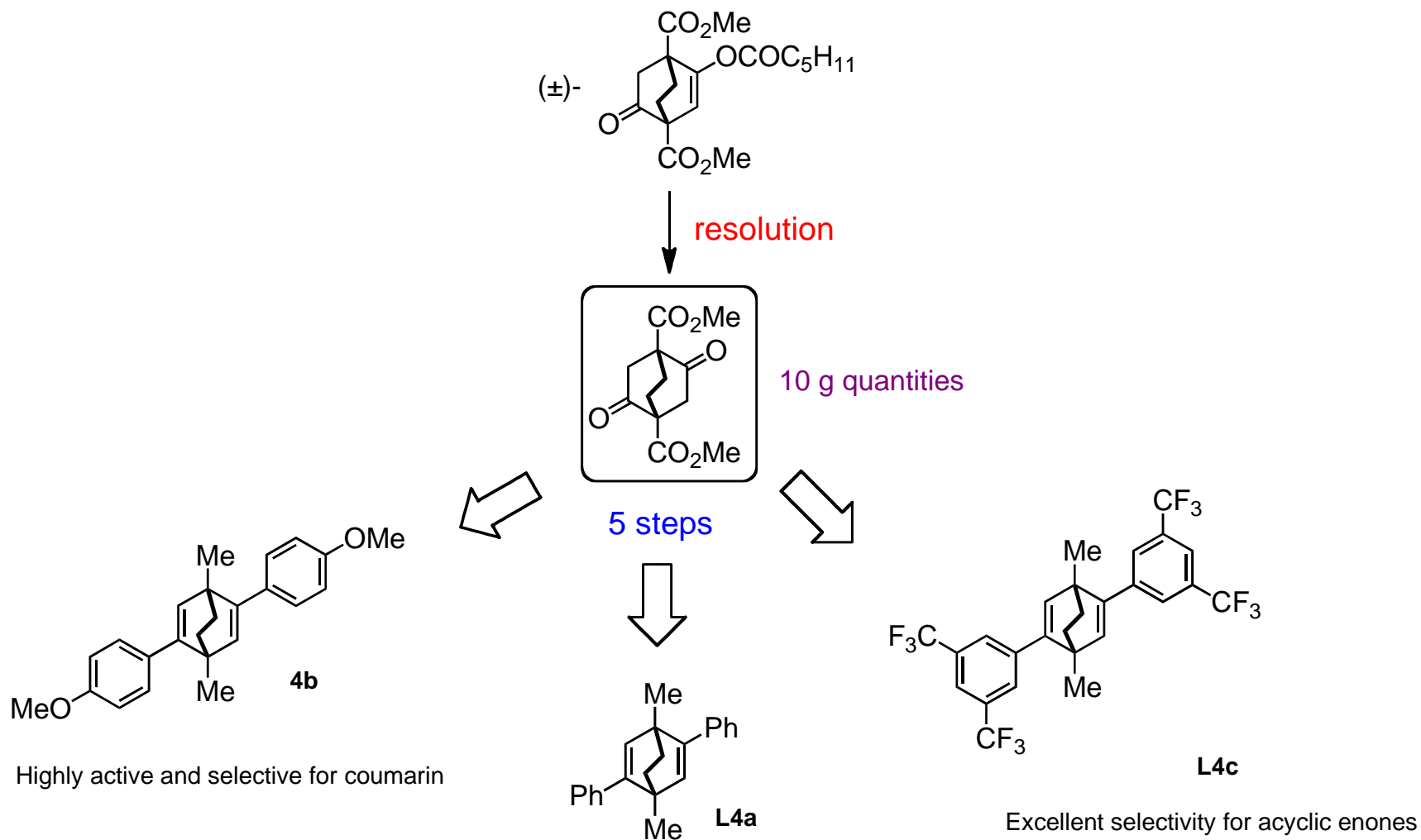


L4a



4b

Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of New Bicyclic Ligands



Faster than Hayashi's
and others (1hr at rt vs 3hrs at 30°C)
minimal deboronation - only 1.2 eq. PhB(OH)₂ required *cf*
2 eq. or more with Hayashi diene

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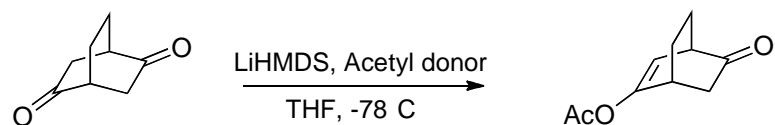
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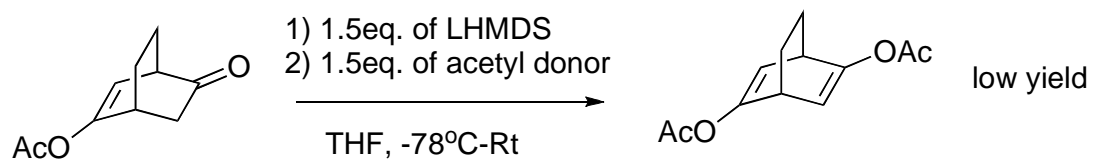
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Synthesis of Enol Ester

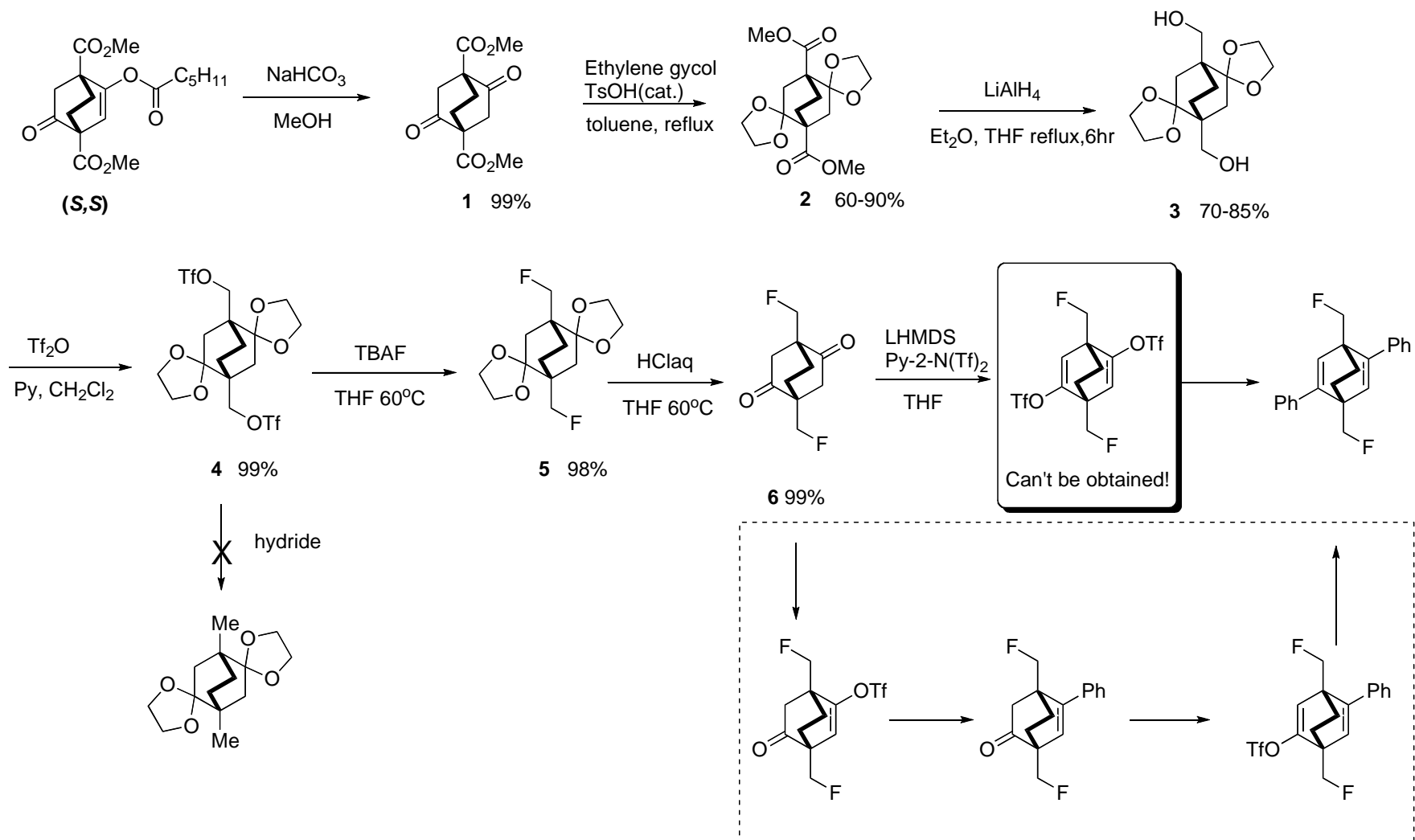


Conditions screening for synthesis of enolacetate

| Base | Quantity | Time | Acetyl donor | yield | Temperature |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| LHMDS | 3eq. | 12hr | Acetyl chloride | 39.7 | -78 |
| LHMDS | 3eq. | 48hr | Acetyl chloride | 42.9 | -78 |
| LDA | 3eq. | 12hr | Acetyl chloride | 7.9 | -78 |
| LHMDS | 3eq. | 48hr | Acetyl chloride | 47.6 | -78 - rt |
| LDA | 3eq. | 48hr | Acetic anhydride | 12.7 | -78 - rt |
| LHMDS | 3eq. | 48hr | Acetic anhydride | 47.6 | -78 - rt |
| LHMDS | 1.5eq. | 48hr | Acetyl chloride | 90 | -78 - rt |
| LHMDS | 1.5eq. | 48hr | Acetic anhydride | 88 | -78 - rt |



Diene Ligand Synthesis



.....too long!!

X-ray Structure of Rh Complex with ligand L4a

