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## Review Paper

### DIENONES AND ENYNONES IN THE SYNTHESIS OF DRUGS AND THEIR INTERMEDIATES

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## 1. Introduction

Eynones and dienones have been envisaged in recent years as intermediates for the synthesis of cytotoxic, antibiotic and other potential pharmacologically active compounds such as Panaxytriol<sup>46</sup>, Phomactin<sup>52</sup>, Juncusol<sup>41</sup>, Methylene Cyclopentenones<sup>40</sup>, Spirocyclic Methylene Cyclopentenones<sup>39</sup>, 14- $\beta$ -hydroxy-androst-15-en-17-ones<sup>53</sup>, 4-substituted-4-hydroxy-cyclohexa-2,5-dien-1-ones<sup>54</sup> and Androst-5-en-7-ones<sup>50</sup>.

The present review describes the various synthetic routes to Dienones and Enynones and their application in the synthesis of useful drugs, their intermediates and pharmacologically active compounds.

## 2. SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO DIENONES

### 2.1 From Phenol and its Derivatives

#### 2.1.1 By Ipso-fluorination of 4-Alkylphenol

4-Fluorocyclohexa-2,5-dienones **2** have been synthesized from 4-substituted phenols **1** by hypervalent iodine reagent, phenyliodine bis (trifluoroacetate) [PIFA] and pyridiniumpolyhydrogenfluoride [PPHF] according to the procedure reported by Karam et al<sup>1</sup> (**Scheme1**).

The proposed mechanism shown in **Figure 1** employs reaction of the reagent PIFA with the phenolic OH of **1** resulting in the formation of intermediate **3**. The intermediate **3** is trapped by a nucleophile fluoride (F<sup>-</sup>) resulting in elimination of trifluoroacetic acid and iodobenzene to yield **2**.

It was observed by Karam et al<sup>1</sup> that Pummerer ketone **4** was obtained as a bi-product when *p*-cresol was used as starting material **1**. The formation of **4** has been

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accounted for an oxidative dimerization process shown in **Figure 2**.

### 2.1.2 By Ipso-Chlorination of 4-Alkylphenol Ethers

Mono and polycyclic 4-chloro-2,5-cyclohexadienones **6** were synthesized by ionic chlorination of methylethers of *p*-substituted phenols and related compounds **5** using  $\text{SbF}_5/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{CHCl}_3, \text{CCl}_4)$  at low temperature according to **Scheme 2**<sup>2</sup>.

The proposed mechanism of Ipso chlorination exhibited in **Scheme 2** implies that chloromethyl cations liberate  $\text{Cl}^\oplus$  ion and eliminate a carbene ( $:\text{CH}_2$ ,  $:\text{CHCl}$ ,  $:\text{CCl}_2$ , from  $(\text{ClCH}_2)_2\text{Cl}^\oplus$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_2^\oplus$  or  $\text{CCl}_3$ , respectively) which is trapped by HCl or HF under acidic conditions (**Figure 3**)

Previous method for synthesis of 4-chloro-2,5-cyclohexadienones by chlorination of *p*-alkylated phenols have employed chlorine<sup>3-11</sup>, allyl hypochlorites<sup>6,12,13</sup>, sulfurylchloride<sup>8</sup>,  $\text{SbCl}_5$ <sup>14</sup>, *N*-chloro succinimide<sup>15,16</sup> and trichloroisocyanuric acid<sup>16,17</sup>. However, these methods lead to very low yield or formation of polychlorinated dienones as the major products and hence are unuseful.

### 2.1.3 By Nitration of 4-Halophenols:

Nitration of *p*-chlorophenol **7** with trifluoroacetyl nitrate in ether led to formation of 4-chloro-4-nitrocyclohexa-2,5 dienone **8**. Similar reaction of *p*-chlorophenylacetate **9** with nitric acid in trifluoroacetic anhydride and acetic anhydride at  $-60^\circ\text{C}$  gave 70% yield of **8** (**Scheme 3**)<sup>18</sup>.

Ipso nitration to the halogen in *p*-halophenol and *p*-halophenylacetate occurs readily and in significant yield. The dienones have to be isolated at less than  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  since the dienones rearranged to nitrophenols at room temperature as exhibited in **Scheme 4**<sup>18</sup>.

### 2.1.4 Synthesis of Thiophenyl Substituted Cyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-one from 2,6-Xylenol:

The synthesis of various cyclohexa-2,4-dien-1-ones have earlier have been reported by Barton et.al.<sup>19-21</sup>. New cyclohexa 2,5-dienones having disulfide group **14** were prepared from commercially available 2,6-xylenol **10**. **10** on reaction with HCHO in NaOH solution gave **11** in 64% yield. **11** on treatment with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  gave 4-chloromethyl 2,6-dimethyl phenol **12** in quantitative yield. Reaction of **12** with thiophenol in KOH gave thiophenyl substituted product **13**. **13** on further treatment with *N*-chlorosuccinimide and  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{S}$  in presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  gave **14** (**Scheme 5**)<sup>22</sup>.

### 2.1.5 By Oxidative Dearomatization of Resorcinol Derivatives:

Mono protected resorcinol derivative **17** was subjected to oxidation by a variety of oxidants to yield cyclohexa-2,5-dienone **18**. **17** was synthesized from 2,4-hydroxy acetophenone **15** according to **Scheme 6**<sup>23</sup>.

The best yield of **18** was obtained by use of  $\text{PhI}(\text{OCOCF}_3)$  (Phenylidodiacetate) as an oxidant.

### 2.1.6 By Reaction of Cresols, Xylenols and 2-Naphthol With $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ :

Reaction of *o*-cresol **19** with  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  gave 6-methyl-6-nitro-cyclohexa dien-2,4-one-1 **20** alongwith a mixture of 2-methyl-6-nitrophenol and 2-methyl 4-nitrophenol<sup>24</sup> (**Scheme 7**). The reaction of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  with 2,3-dimethylphenol **22** resulted in the formation of 2,3-dimethyl 4-nitrocyclohexa dien-2,4-one-1 **21** as one of the major products **Scheme 7**<sup>24</sup>.

### 2.1.7 Synthesis of 4-Diazocyclohexa-2,5-Dienones from *p*-Nitrophenol:

4-Diazocyclohexa-2,5-dienones **29** have been used as photoaffinity reagents for proteins in recent years. The synthesis of **29** was accomplished by Kessler et.al.<sup>25</sup>

from 2-hydroxy-5-nitro-benzylbromide **23**. **23** was converted into 2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzylcyanide **24** with LiCN. **24** was reduced with  $\text{BH}_3\text{-THF}$  complex to furnish 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-nitro)-phenylethylamine hydrochloride **25**. Reductive amination of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  by **25** and  $\text{NaBH}_3\text{CN}$  yielded *N,N*-diethyl-2-(2'-hydroxy-5-nitro)-phenylethylamine hydrochloride **26**. Nitro of **26** was reduced by  $\text{Pd-C/H}_2$ . The resulting amine **27** was protected with  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COCO}$  group resulting in the formation of *N,N*-diethyl-2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-*t*-butyloxycarbamate)-phenylethylamine hydrochloride **28**. Diazotization of **28** in  $\text{HBF}_4$  afforded the protonated 2-(2'-*N,N*-diethylaminoethyl)-diazocyclohexa-2,5-dienone **29** (Scheme 8)<sup>25</sup>.

## 2.2 CYCLOHEXENONE DERIVATIVES

### 2.2.1 From 2-(Acetoxymethyl)-cyclohex-2-en-1-one:

2-(Acetoxymethyl)-cyclohex-2-en-1-one **30** on nucleophilic substitution reaction with 1,3 diketones in presence of  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  and  $\text{EtOH}$  results in formation of triketone **31**. **31** on further treatment with  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{EtOH}$  under refluxing condition resulted in the formation of 2-(3-oxoalkyl)cyclohexenones **32**. **32** is further cyclized by Robinson annulation procedure to form bicyclic dienone **33** (Scheme 9)<sup>26</sup>.

### 2.2.2 By Oxidation With $\text{CrO}_3/3,5$ -Dimethylpyrazole Reagent:

Enol diphenylphosphate ester **35** derived from 3-substituted-2,4,4-trimethylcyclohex-2-en-1-one **34** on oxidation by the  $\text{CrO}_3/3,5$ -dimethylpyrazole reagent resulted in high yield of cross-conjugated dienone **36**. **36** was also obtained by oxidation of safranal derivative **37** by the reaction of  $\text{CrO}_3/3,5$ -dimethylpyrazole reagent (Scheme 10)<sup>27</sup>.

### 2.1.3 Organotin And Organomercury Reagents in the Synthesis of Dienones:

Conjugate addition of trimethyltinlithium to cyclohex-2-enone **38** followed by aq.

workup afforded 3-trimethylstannyl cyclohexanone **39**. Treatment of the enolate with Grignard reagent resulted in the formation of 2-alkyl-3-stannylcyclohexanol derivative **40**. **40** on oxidation with  $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$  in benzene leads to fragmentation of cyclohexane ring which is triggered by trimethylstannyl leading to formation of dienone **41** (Scheme 11)<sup>28</sup>.

### 2.3 By Diels Alder Reaction of 2-Bromo-2-Cycloalkenones:

2-Bromo-2-cycloalkenones **42** on Diels Alder reaction with dienes using stannicchloride as a catalyst gave high yields of cycloadducts **43**. Subsequent reaction of cycloadducts **43** with DBU gave the corresponding doubly cisoid fully conjugated dienones **44** and **45** (Scheme 12)<sup>29</sup>.

### 2.4 Synthesis of Dienones By Knoevnagel Reaction:

2*E*, 4*E*- $\alpha,\beta$  :  $\gamma, \delta$ -dienones **48** were prepared in good to excellent yields by the condensation of unsaturated aldehydes **46** with ketones **47** and ester lithiomenolate in the presence of trimethylchlorosilane<sup>30</sup> (Scheme 13).

### 2.5 By Grignard Reaction:

The dienone **52** was prepared by McClure et.al.<sup>31</sup> from *E*-hexadecenal **50**, which in turn was prepared from dioxalane **49**. Addition of vinylmagnesiumbromide on **50** led to the formation of dienol **51**. Further oxidation of **51** gave dienone **52** (Scheme 14)<sup>31</sup>.

### 2.6 By Peterson Olefination Reaction:

The cross conjugated dienone **56** has been synthesized in two steps via a one-pot conjugate addition-Peterson Olefination Reaction using *exo*-2-trimethylsilyl-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-4-7-methanoinden-1-one **53** followed by a retero-diels Alder Reaction (Scheme 15)<sup>32</sup>.

### 2.7 From Biphenyls:

2-Methylbiphenyl **57** on anodic methoxylation under constant current intensity led to side chain substituted products **58** and **59**. In addition to these products the nuclear addition compound **60** was obtained. On acid hydrolysis of **59** and **60**, the cyclohexadienone **61** was obtained in quantitative yield (Scheme 16)<sup>33</sup>. Better yields of cyclohexadienones were obtained by using 4,4-di-*tert*-Butylbiphenyl **62** which on anodic methoxylation resulted in the formation of dienone derivative **63** (Scheme 16)<sup>33</sup>.

### 2.8 From 1,4-Quinones:

1,4-Quinones **64** react with allyl indium halide to produce 4-allyl-4-hydroxycyclohexa-2,5-dienone derivatives **65** (Scheme 17)<sup>34</sup>. Thus 1,2-dihydroxy-9,10-anthraquinone **66** (alizarine) on treatment with allyl indium iodide generated *in situ* by reaction with indium metal and allyl bromide in the presence of NaI and DMF furnished 10-allyl-3,4,10-trihydroxy-10H-anthracen-9-one **67** (Scheme 17)<sup>34</sup>.

The yields of cyclohexadienone derivatives were good at low temperature ( $\cong -23^\circ\text{C}$ ). However, in some cases hydroquinone derivatives were obtained by reaction of 1,4-benzoquinones with allyl indium iodide. Thus 2,5-dimethyl-1,4-benzoquinone **68** under identical conditions produced hydroquinone derivative **69** at room temperature. The formation of **69** can be explain via rearrangement of **70** into **69** as shown in Figure 4<sup>34</sup>.

## 3. SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO EN-YNE-ONES

### 3.1 R-Carvone:

During the synthesis of both enantiomers of  $1\alpha$ , 25-dihydroxy Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> one of the precursor used was en-yne-one **74**. En-yne-one **74** was synthesized from *R*-Carvone **72**. **72** on sonochemical

irradiation with H-C $\equiv$ C-Li-ethylenediamine complex in THF yielded the *tert*. alcohol **73**. **73** on oxidation with PCC (Pyridinium Chlorochromate) and silica gel in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave en-yne-one **74** (Scheme 18)<sup>35</sup>.

### 3.2 From Crotonaldehyde:

Enynone **79** was required during the synthesis of pumiliotoxins isolated from skin secretions of Dendrobatid frogs<sup>36</sup>. Enynone **79** was synthesized from crotonaldehyde **75** by f.I.R.st reaction with CBr<sub>4</sub> and Ph<sub>3</sub>P according to the procedure of Corey-Fuchs. The dibromoolefin **76** thus obtained was reacted with chiral ketone **77** in presence of *n*-BuLi and HMPA leading to the formation of enyne **78**. The diastereomeric mixture of alcohols **78** on oxidation under Swern condition gave Enynone **79** in 70% yield (Scheme 19)<sup>36</sup>.

### 3.3 From Acetamide Derivatives:

During the synthesis of Amythiamicin, a thiopeptide belonging to a group of thiopeptide antibiotics, enynone **85** was needed as starting material. The synthesis of enynone **85** was carried out in five steps according to Scheme 20 from 2,2-diethoxyacetamide **80**. Thionation of **80** was carried out with P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>5</sub> to give thione **81**. Hantzsh thiazole synthesis of **81** with ethyl bromo pyruvate in EtOH was carried out in presence of 4Å molecular sieves to give thiazole derivative **82**. Deprotection of acetal in **82** was carried out in presence of acid to give aldehyde **83**. Addition of ethynylmagnesiumbromide on **83** resulted in the formation of Propargylic alcohol **84**. **84** on oxidation with MnO<sub>2</sub> afforded enynone [1-(2-thiazoyl)propyn-1-one] **85** in more than 98% yield (Scheme 20)<sup>37</sup>.

### 3.4 From Bromomethylethyl Ketone:

During the total synthesis of 3-Deoxy-3-thio- $1\alpha$ , 25-dihydroxy Vitamin D<sub>3</sub> for its biological evaluation, the synthesis of ring fragment containing sulfur atom was desired. The synthesis of ring fragment

containing sulfur atom was accomplished by coupling of bromomethylethyl ketone **86** with thioglycolate **87** to afford ketoester **88** in 94% yield (Scheme 21)<sup>38</sup>. **88** underwent an intramolecular cyclization by using NaH to produce enolate **89**. Treatment of **89** with Ph<sub>3</sub>P, I<sub>2</sub> and Et<sub>3</sub>N produced Iodoenone **90**. **90** on further coupling with Me<sub>3</sub>Si≡-H using (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>4</sub>Pd [0], CuI and *n*-butylamine gave enynone **91** (Scheme 21)<sup>38</sup>.

### 3.5 From bis-Acetylenic Alcohols

Spirocyclic Methylenecyclopentenones have been known to possess anticancer activity. Enynone **95-Z** were required as starting material for synthesis of Spirocyclic methylenecyclopentenones. Bis-acetylenic alcohols **94** were synthesized by the reaction of 2-cycloalkenyl carboxylates **92** with lithium acetylides **93**. Bis-acetylenic alcohols **94** gave mixture of enynones **95 (E)** and **95 (Z)** on heating by oxy-Cope rearrangement (Scheme 22)<sup>39</sup>. Enynone **95 (Z)** on further electrocyclic ring closure gave Spirocyclic ethylenecyclopentenones.

## 4. APPLICATION OF ENYNONES AND DIENONES IN THE SYNTHESIS OF DRUGS AND THEIR INTERMEDIATES

### 4.1 $\alpha$ -Tocopherol (Vitamin E) - Catalyzed Cyclization of Enynones to Methylenecyclopentenones

Enynones **96** on reaction with  $\alpha$ -Tocopherol (1.10 eq.) alongwith 5eq. quantities of 1,2-epoxyoctane (as Scavenger) resulted in the formation of  $\alpha$ -methylenecyclopentenones **97** (Scheme 23)<sup>40</sup>.

### 4.2 Synthesis of cyclopentenone derivatives:

The acid catalyzed pyrolysis of Enynones **98** leads to two different pathways. The ring-closure according to Path A leads to 5-*exo* reaction leading to the formation of  $\alpha$ -methylenecyclopentenones **100**. The

Pathway B of ring closing reaction is 6-*endo* ring closing reaction resulting in the formation of phenolic derivative **101** (Scheme 24)<sup>41</sup>.

### 4.3 Addition of Organocopper Reagents to Enynones:

Enynone **102** undergoes facile 1,6-addition of organocopper reagents to yield allenyl enols **103**. **103** isomerises stereoselectively to *Z*-dienones **104** (Scheme 25)<sup>42</sup>.

### 4.4 Enynones in the Synthesis of Antibiotic Juncusol:

Antibiotic Juncusol **110a** has been synthesized by electrocyclization of enynones **109**. The starting material for the synthesis of **110a** was the  $\beta$ -tetralone derivative **105**. Monoalkylation of **105** with allylbromide through intermediate pyrrolidine enamine formation afforded the mono alkylated product **106**. **106** was directly converted to the unsaturated amide **108** by reaction with the Wittig reagent **107**<sup>43</sup> by employing the general condition of Masamune et.al.<sup>44</sup> Pure *endo* amide **108a** afforded *endo* enynone **109** on condensation with Lithium acetylide. The reaction of pure *exo* amide **108b** also gave predominantly *endo* enynone **109a** under identical conditions. Furthermore both *endo* and *exo* enynone **109** undergo electrocyclization to give the product Juncusol **110a** (Scheme 26)<sup>45</sup>.

### 4.5 Synthesis of Panaxytriol: The Active Component of Red Ginseng

Total synthesis of (3*R*, 9*R*, 10*R*)-Panaxytriol **120** was achieved enantioselectively from enynone **111** by Danishefsky et.al.<sup>46</sup> Out of the two fragments of retero synthetic pathways of Panaxytriol **120**, one of the building block **113** was synthesized from enynone **111**. **111** on reduction by commercially available (*R*)-Me-CBS reducing agent afforded **112** with high enantioselectivity. **112** on deprotection of C-silyl function and bromination of terminal alkyne using

NBS and AgNO<sub>3</sub> gave building block **113** in excellent yield (**Scheme 27**)<sup>46</sup>.

The synthetic route to other building block containing the vicinal diol **119** commenced with the commercially available *trans*-2-decen-1-ol **114**. **114** on protection with TBSCl gave the protected *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl ether **115**. Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation of **115** with AD-mix- $\beta$  afforded **116** in excellent yield. Diol **116** was protected as isopropylidene derivative **117**. Acid induced cleavage followed by treatment of diol bromide with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> afforded **118**. The building block **119** was obtained by the epoxide cleavage with Lithium acetylide (**Scheme 28**)<sup>46</sup>.

Cadiot-Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction between key building block **113** and **119** resulted in the formation of Panaxytriol **120** in overall 40% yield (**Scheme 29**)<sup>46</sup>.

#### 4.6 Synthesis of Methyleneomycin B from Enynones:

Methyleneomycin B **127** has been synthesized in 55% yield by single electron transfer catalyzed cyclization (SET) of enynone **125** according to **Scheme 30**<sup>47</sup>. The synthesis of enynone **125** was carried out from the ketone **121** by Wittig reaction with the commercially available Wittig reagent **122**. The crotonate ester **123** thus obtained was converted to the corresponding aldehyde **124** by a two-step sequence involving LAH reduction and oxidation of resulting allylic alcohol with Swern's reagent. Condensation of **124** with lithio acetylde followed by oxidation with MnO<sub>2</sub> afforded enynone **125**. **125** on heating with vitamin E at 200°C under conditions of SET or by photolysis in the presence of 4-*tert*-butylcatechol (TBC) afforded Methyleneomycin B **127** via intermediate formation of dienynol **126** (**Scheme 30**)<sup>47</sup>.

#### 4.7 Synthesis of (±) - Gunacastepene A, A Novel Diterpine Antibiotic Used As Antibacterial Drug:

(±)-Gunacastepene **136** was synthesized by B. B. Snider et.al.<sup>48</sup> from 2-methylcyclopentenone **128** in 17 steps in 4% overall yield. The key intermediates have been shown in (**Scheme 31**)<sup>48</sup>.

#### 4.8 Synthesis of (±) - Epoxysorbicillinol From Cyclohexa-2,5-Dienone Derivative:

(±) -Epoxysorbicillinol **144**, a natural product has a wide range of biological activities. It has been synthesized from dienone derivative **138** according to **Scheme 32**<sup>49</sup>.

#### 4.9 The Synthesis of Androsta-3,5-dien-7-ones as Aromatase Inhibitors in Human Placental Microsomes:

Androsta-3,5-dien-7-ones **149** has been synthesized from 3 $\beta$ , 19-dihydroxy-5-ene-7,17-dione derivative **145** which has a tosyl group at C-3 and a *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS) group at C-19. **145** on treatment with *N*-methylpyrrolidone at 80°C gave 19-hydroxy-3,5-dien-7,17-dione **147** alongwith 19-TBDMS derivative **146**. **146** was also converted into **147** by treatment with (*n*-Bu)<sub>4</sub>NF. The 19-ol **147** was converted into 19-al **148** by oxidation with pyridiniumdichromate (PDC) oxidation. Treatment of steroid **148** with KOH in aq. MeOH gave 19-nor-3,5-dien-7-one **149** as outlined in **Scheme 33**<sup>50</sup>.

#### 4.9.1 Application of Cyclohexadienones in the Synthesis of NF- $\kappa$ B Inhibitors, (-)-Cycloepoxydon:

NF- $\kappa$ B, an inducible transcription factor that regulates the expression of various cellular genes is involved in immune and inflammatory responses. The natural product Cycloepoxydon **160** has been shown to inhibit activation of NF- $\kappa$ B. The total synthesis of (-)-Cycloepoxydon **160** was accomplished from phenol derivative

**150.** **150** on hypervalent iodine oxidation afforded dimethoxy ketal **151**. Transketalization of **151** with 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propane diol afforded 1,3-dioxane **152**. Epoxidation of **152** was accomplished by treatment with Ph<sub>3</sub>COOH, (L)-Dipt and toluene to provide monoepoxide **153** (68% e.e.). Using similar epoxidation condition for the epoxidation of **152** at -50°C resulted in the formation of *opposite* enantiomer **154** (96% e.e.). The absolute configuration of **154** was assigned by correlation of compound produced by epoxidation of chiral quinone monoketal. Stille coupling of **154** with (E)-tributyl-1-pentenylstannane afforded **155**. **155** on reduction with DIBAL-H in THF gave *anti*-epoxy alcohol **156**. **156** on further reaction with HF in CH<sub>3</sub>CN resulted in acetyl hydrolysis to provide epoxy quinol **157** (Scheme 34)<sup>51</sup>.

Epoxy quinol **157** on treatment with *m*-CPBA afforded γ, δ-epoxynone **158**. **158** on treatment with HF in acetonitrile resulted in *endo*-epoxide ring opening to give (-)-cycloepoxydon **160** along with *exo*-epoxide ring opening product **159** (Scheme 35)<sup>51</sup>.

#### 4.9.2 Application of TosMIC in the synthesis of precursors of sex Pheromones

Both disodio- and dilitho- TosMIC<sup>55-57</sup> react with pyridine *N*-Oxide to form an unstable product **161**, which could not be

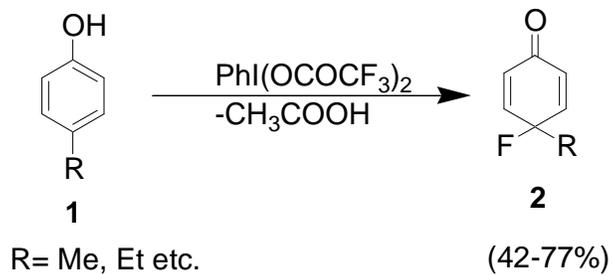
isolated<sup>55</sup>. The stable dialkylated TosMIC derivative **162** was obtained by reaction of benzyl bromide with disodio or dilitho salt of TosMIC and pyridine *N*-oxide. **162** on dehydration with Tosyl chloride in pyridine at 0°C yields 1-cyano-5-isocyano-6-phenyl-5-tosylhexadiene-1,3 **163**. **163** on hydrolysis with aq. HCl in THF resulted in the formation of 1-cyano-6-phenyl-4-tosylhex-ene-1-one-5 **164**. **164** on rapid filtration through neutral Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> gave dienone **165**<sup>58</sup> (Scheme 36).

Analogous reaction of dilitho and disodio salt of TosMIC with pyridazine *N*-Oxide in presence of benzyl bromide and further hydrolysis led to formation of diazonium hydroxide **166**. Diazonium hydroxide **166** on prolonged standing at room temperature or heating forms enyne **167**. **167** on hydrolysis with aq. HCl and further chromatography over Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> yielded enone **168**<sup>58</sup> (Scheme 37).

Monosodium and disodium salts of TosMIC have been used for the synthesis of sex pheromones of common housefly<sup>59</sup>.

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion several significant routes have been described for the synthesis of dienones and enynones which are useful intermediates for the synthesis of several drug intermediates and pharmaceutically useful agents.



Scheme 1

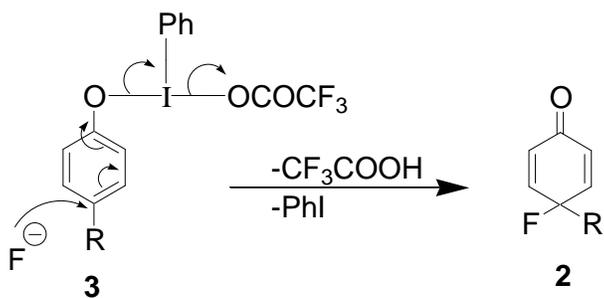


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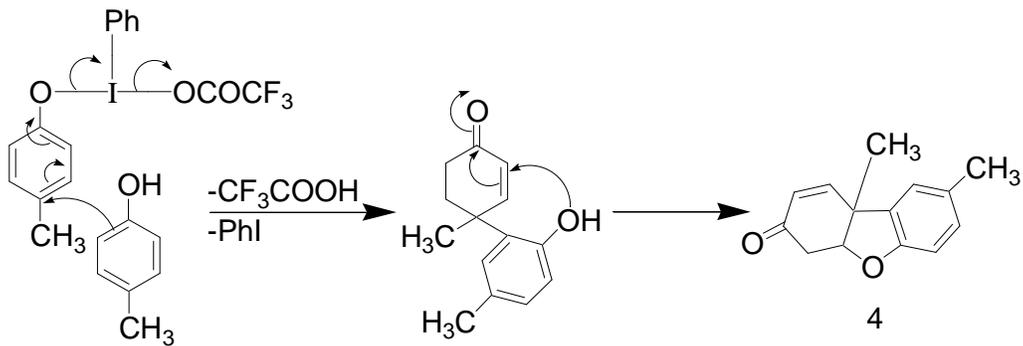
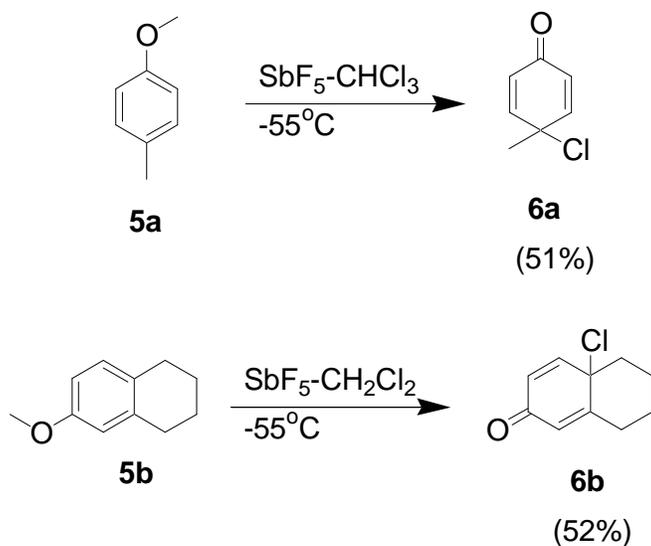


Figure 2



Scheme 2

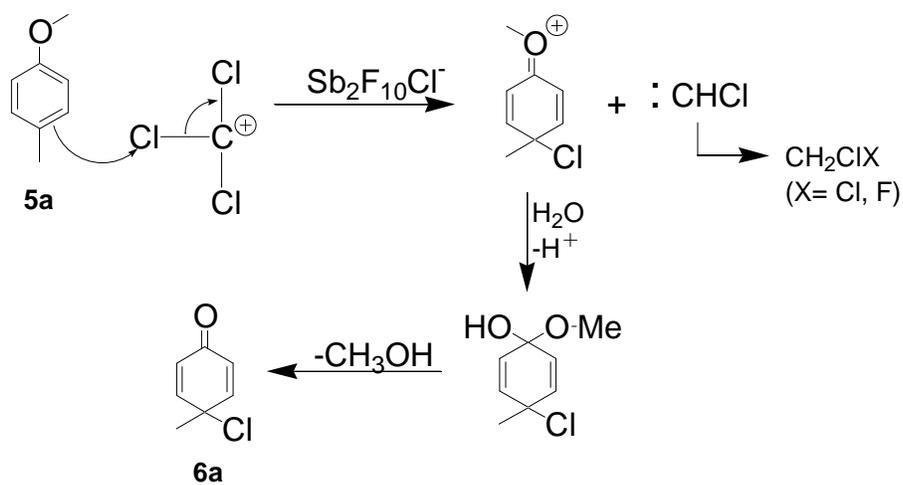
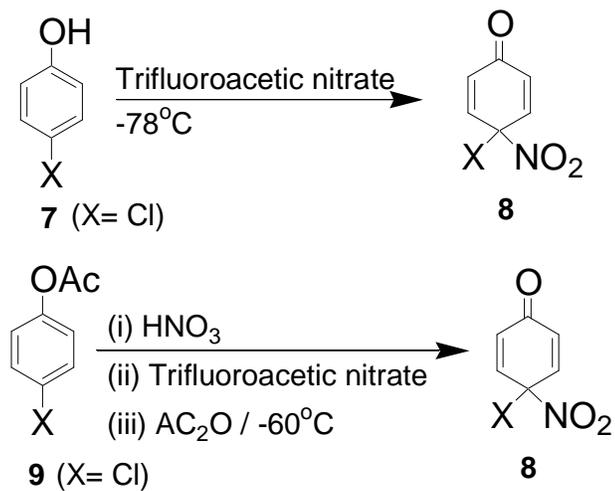
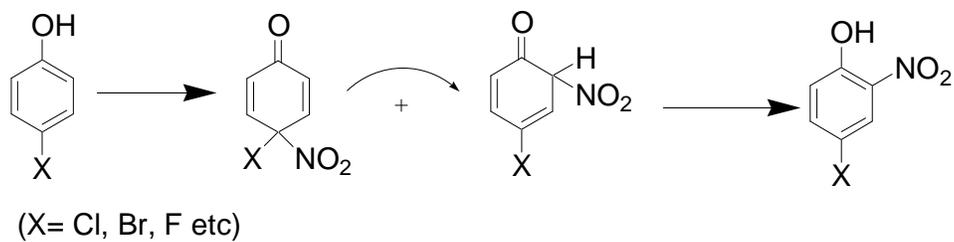


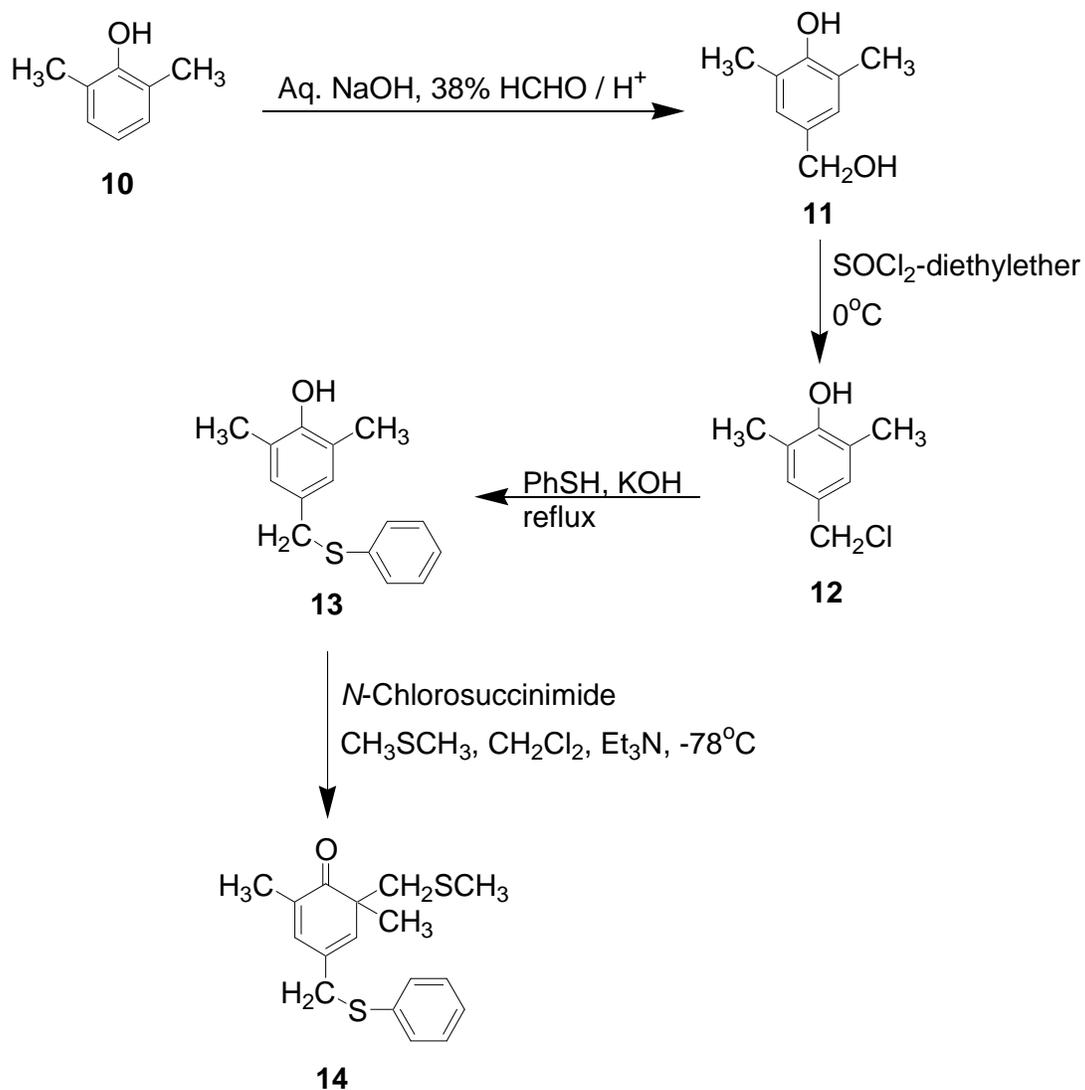
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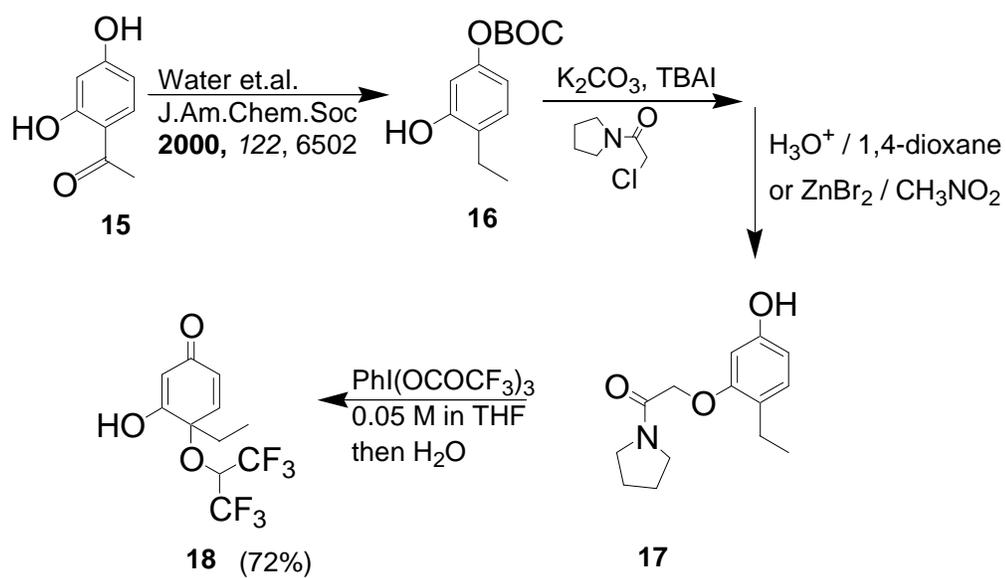
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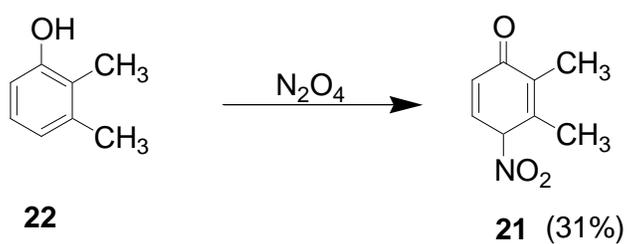
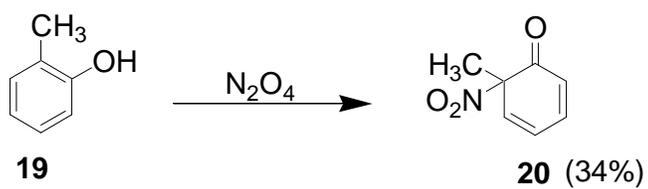
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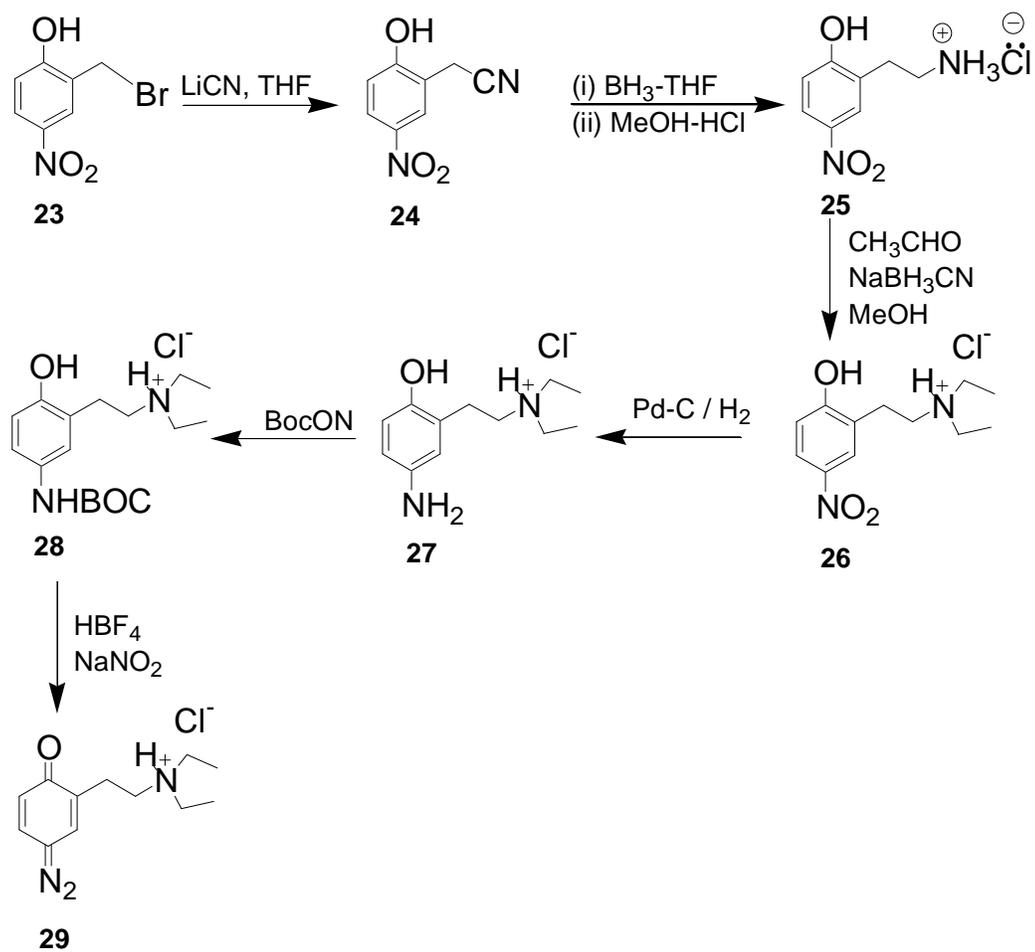
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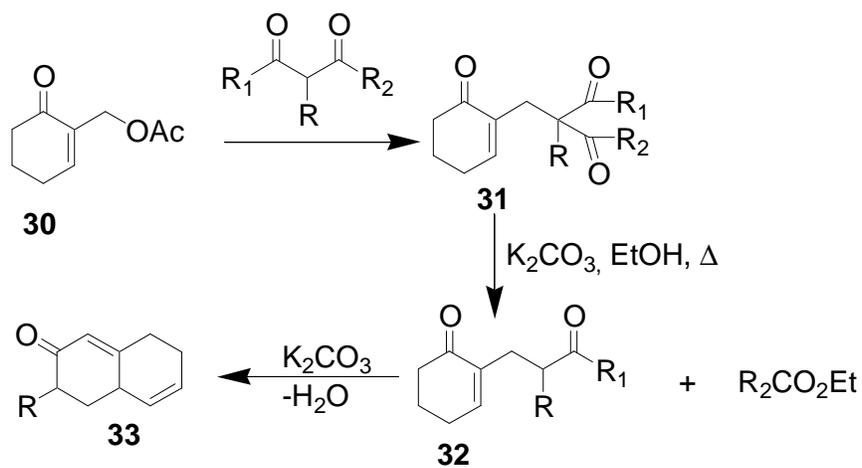
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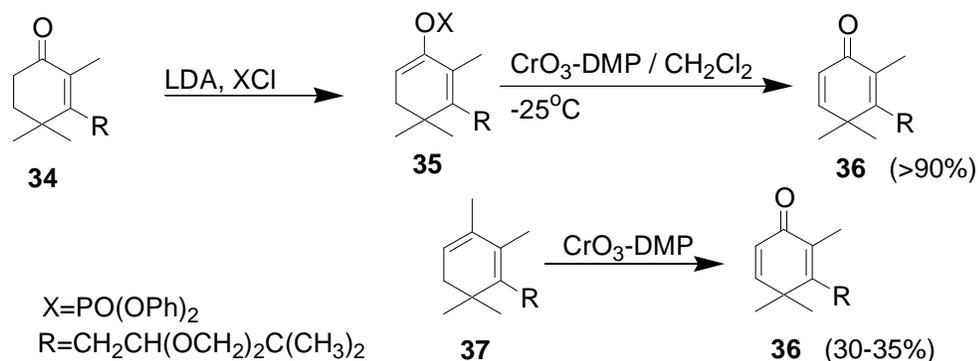
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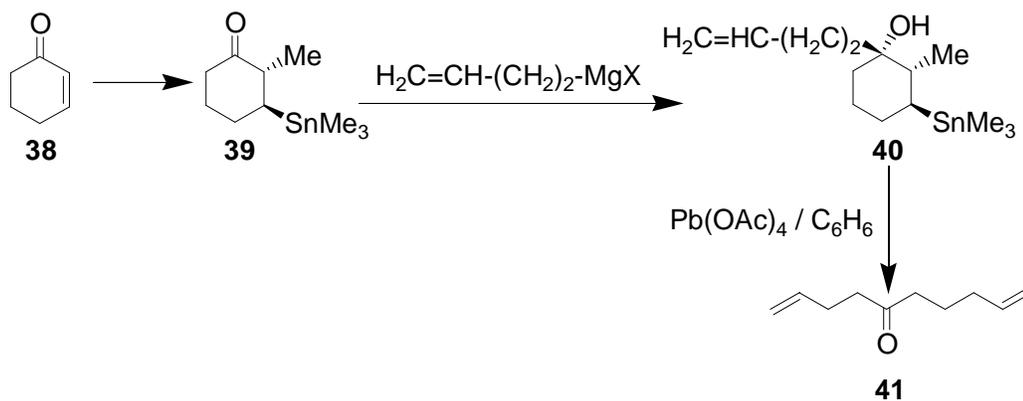
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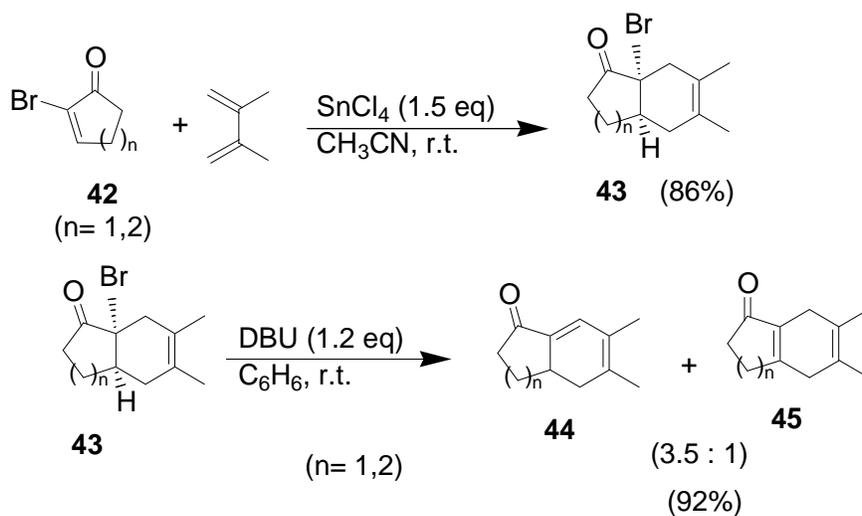
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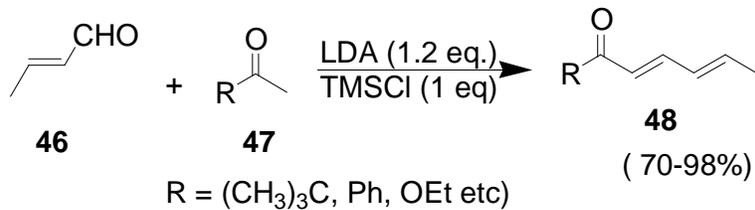
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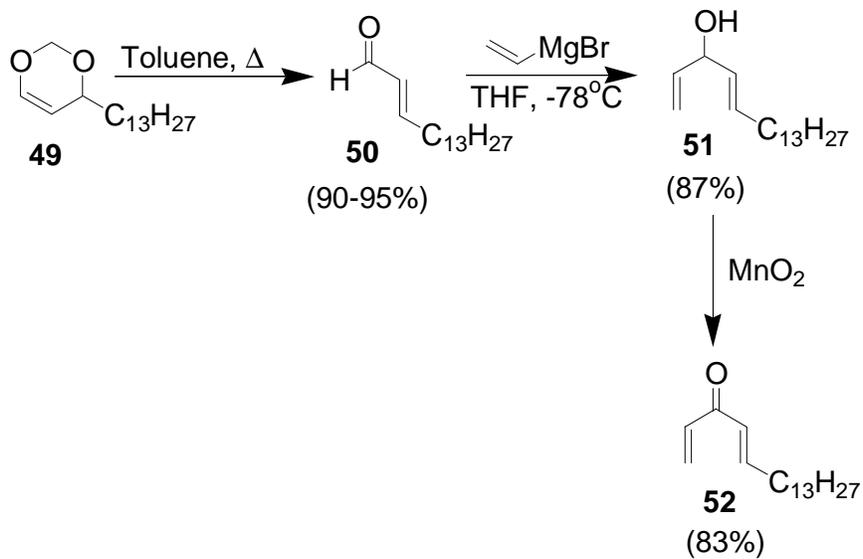
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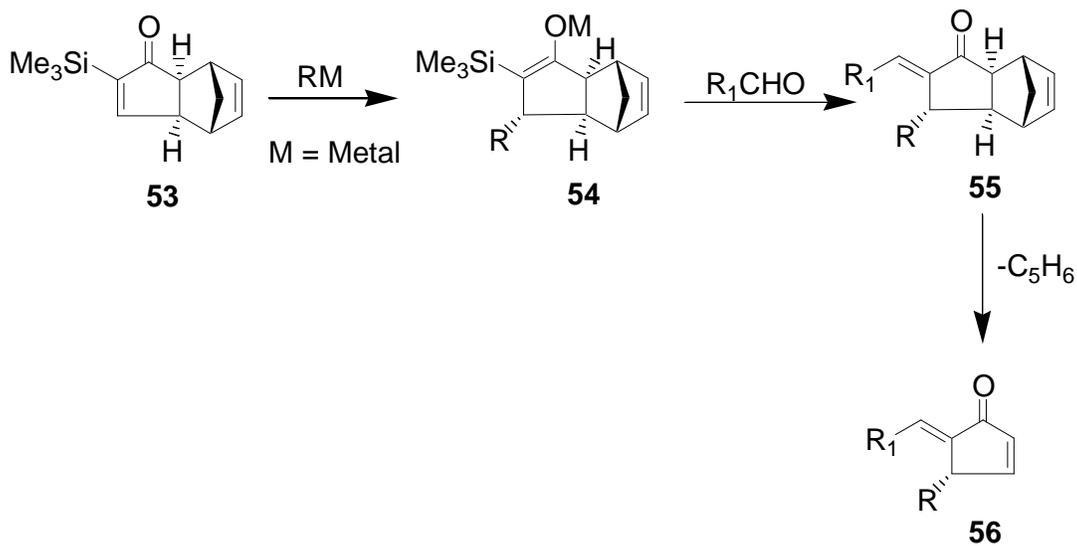
Scheme 12



Scheme 13



Scheme 14



Scheme 15



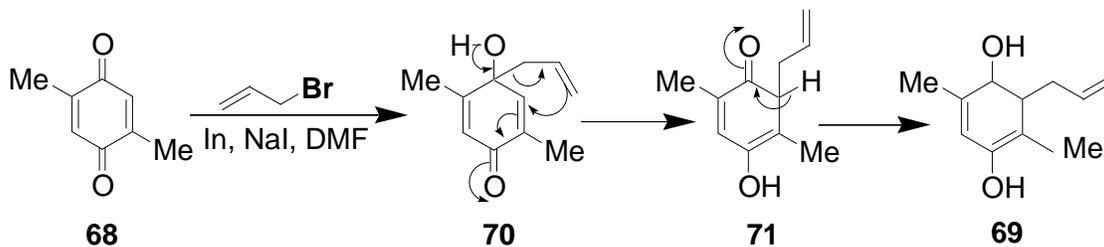
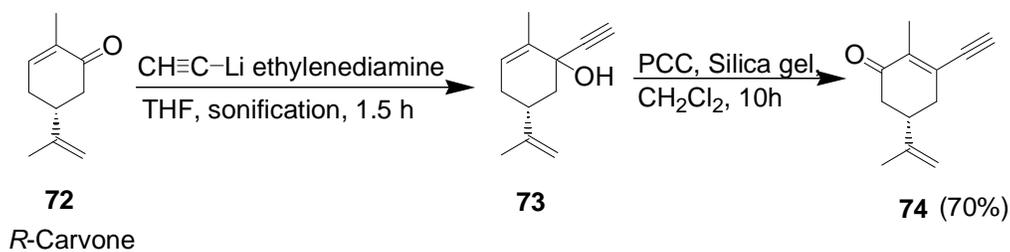
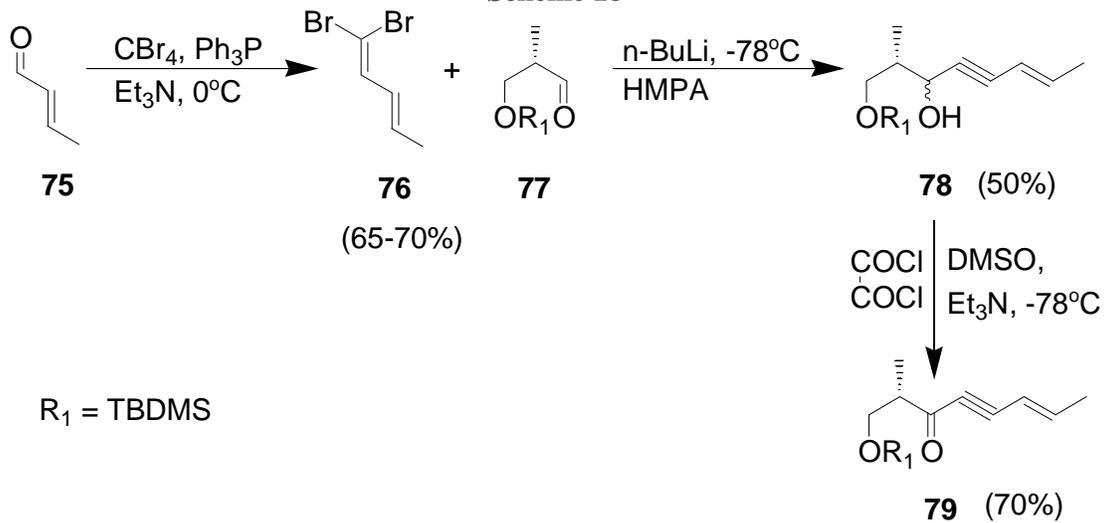


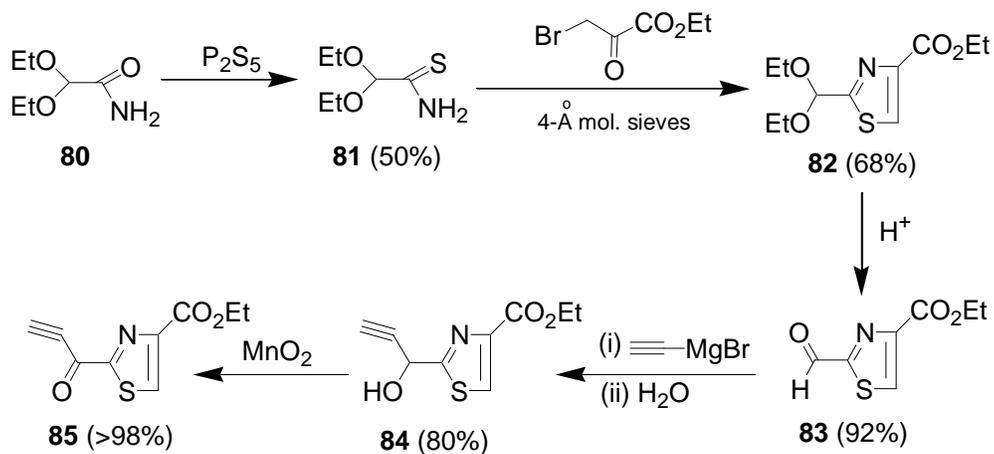
Figure 4



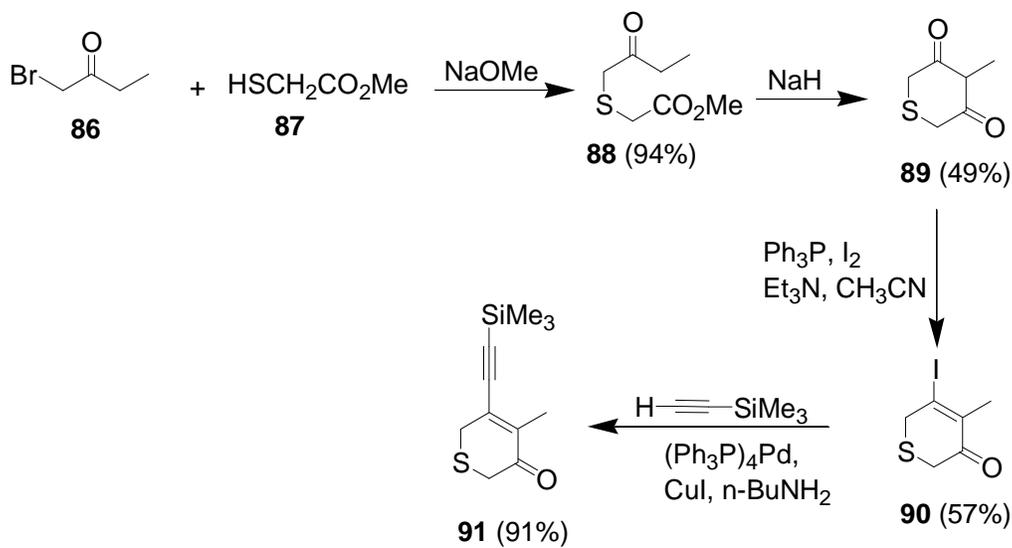
Scheme 18



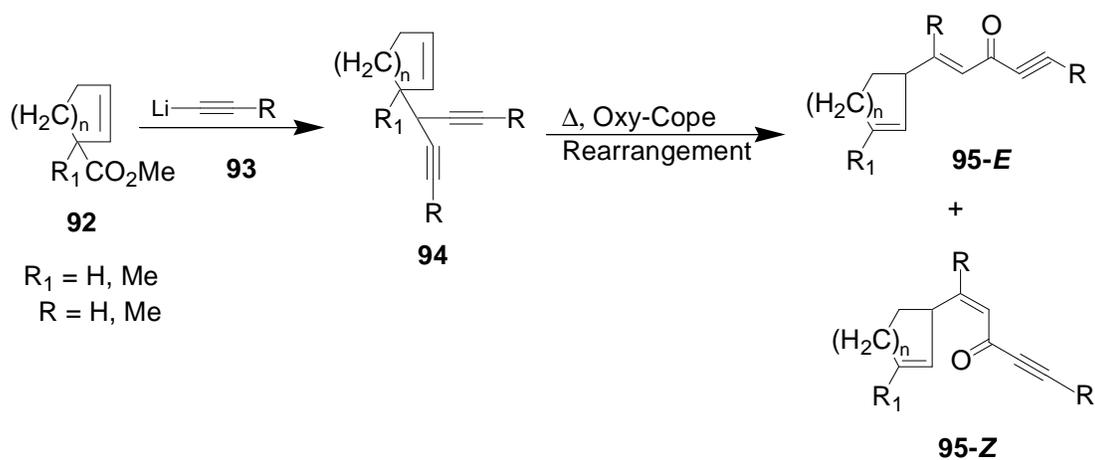
Scheme 19



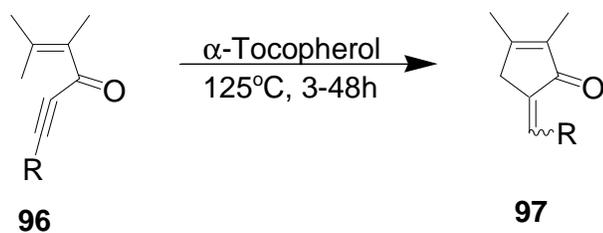
Scheme 20



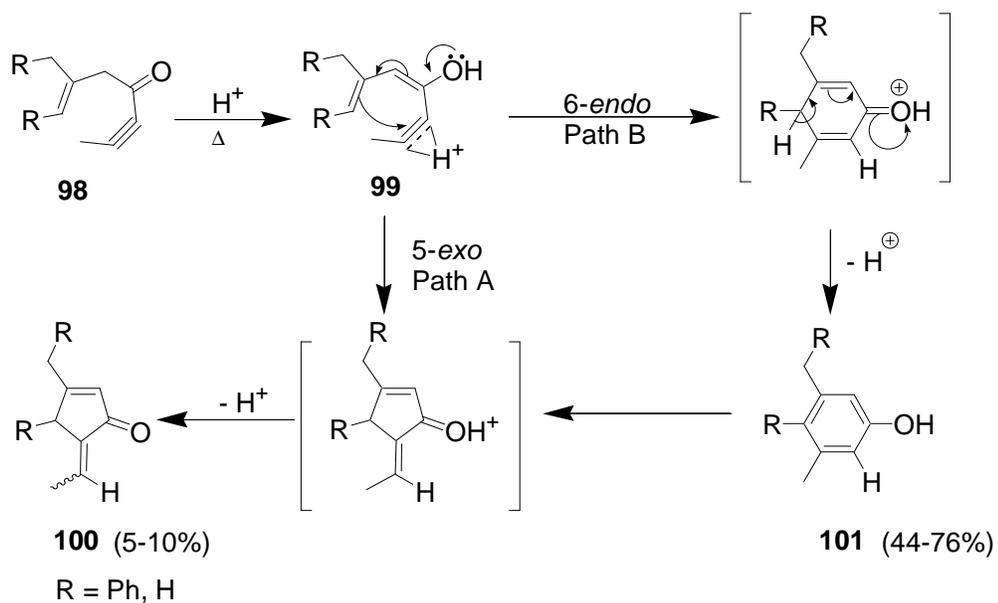
Scheme 21



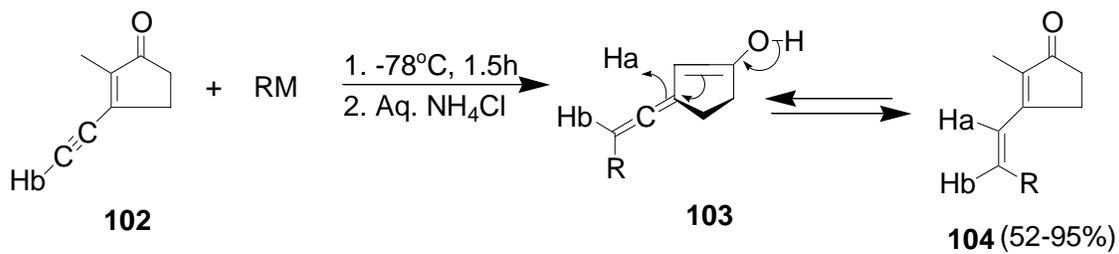
Scheme 22



$R = Ph, p\text{-MeOH}, p\text{-NO}_2Ph, SPh,$   
 $OMe, TMS, CO_2Et, CO_2^t\text{-Bu}$   
 Scheme 23



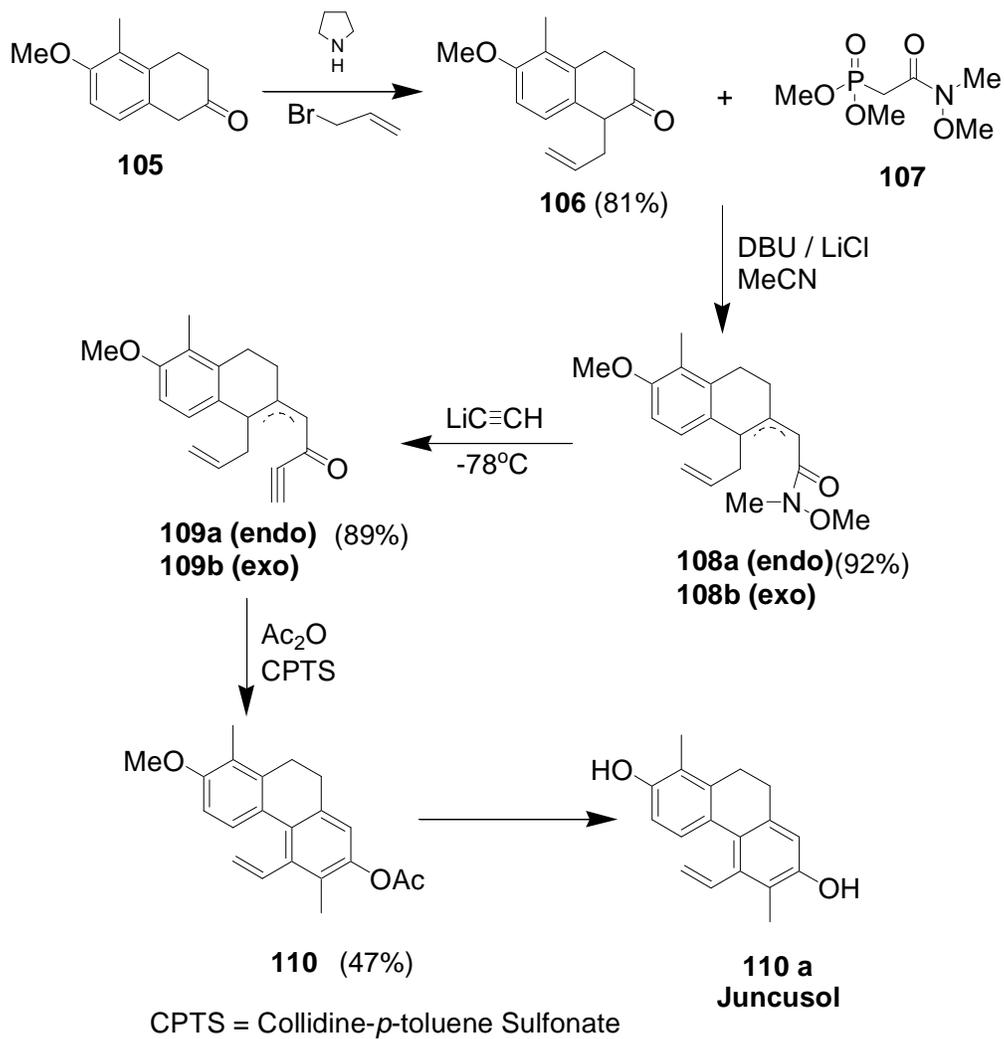
Scheme 24



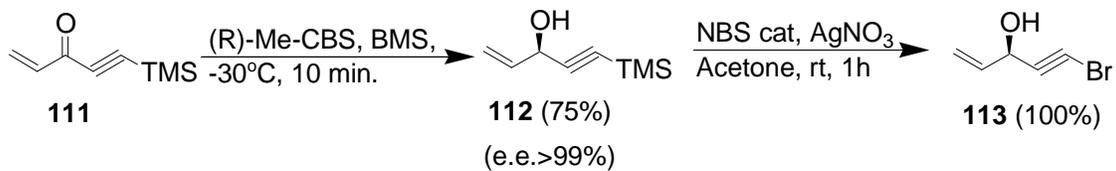
RM =  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CuLi}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cu}(\text{CN})\text{Li}$ ,  $(i\text{-Pr})_2\text{Cu}(\text{CN})(\text{MgCl}_2)$ ,  $\text{PhSLi}$

R =  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $i\text{-Pr}$ ,  $\text{PhS}$

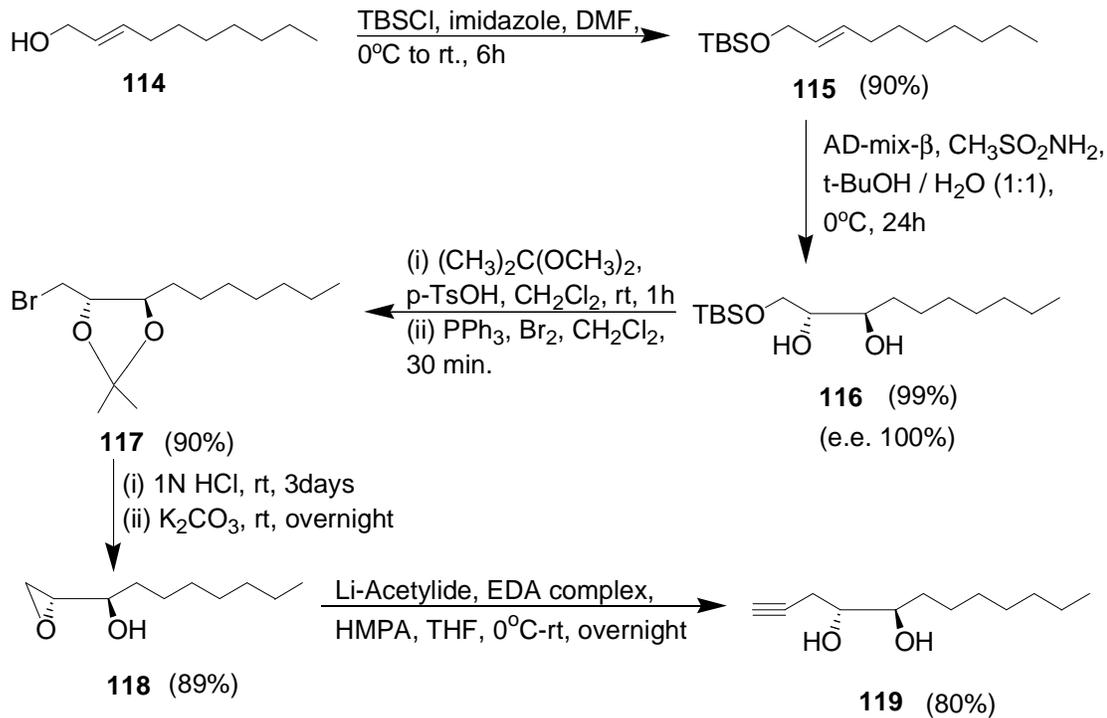
Scheme 25



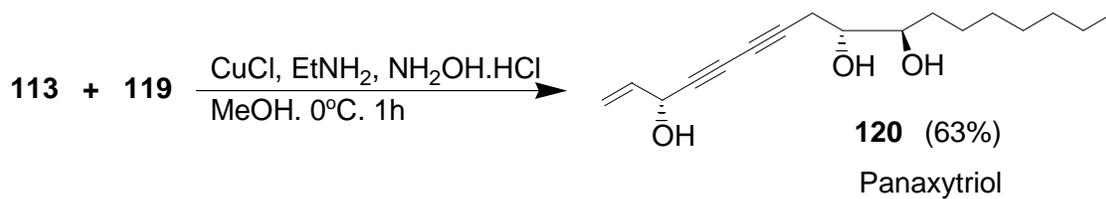
Scheme 26



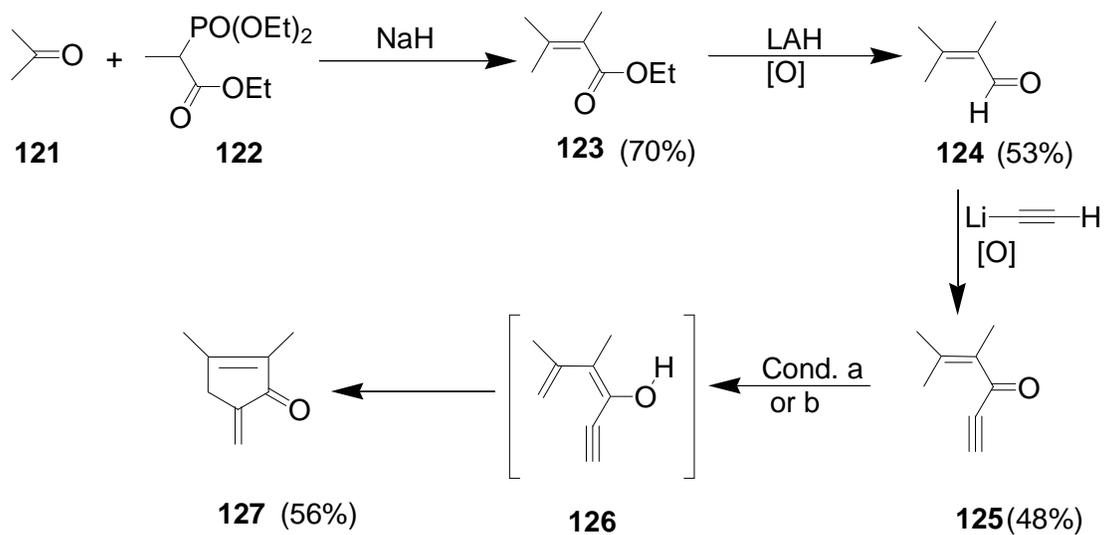
Scheme 27



Scheme 28



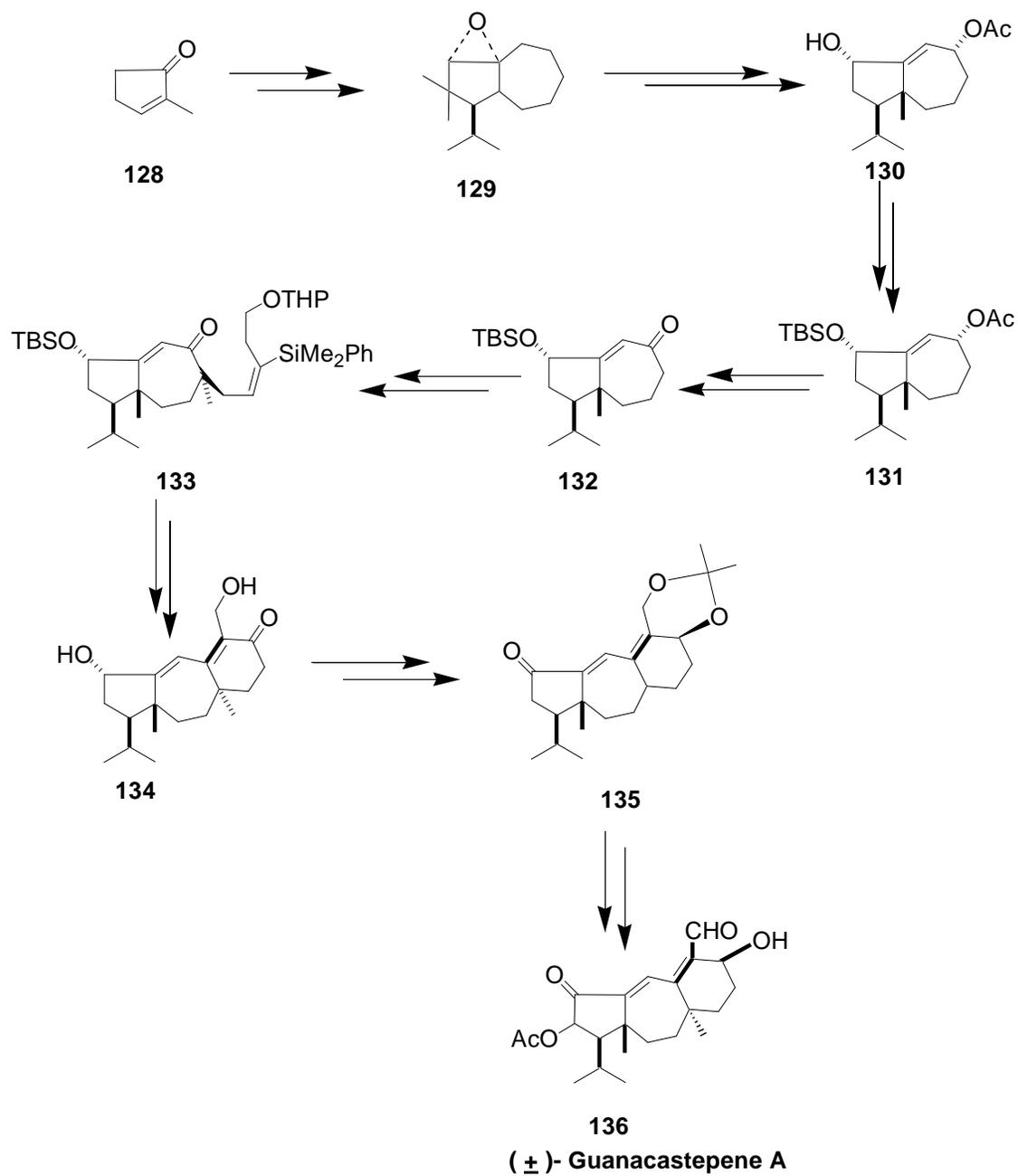
Scheme 29



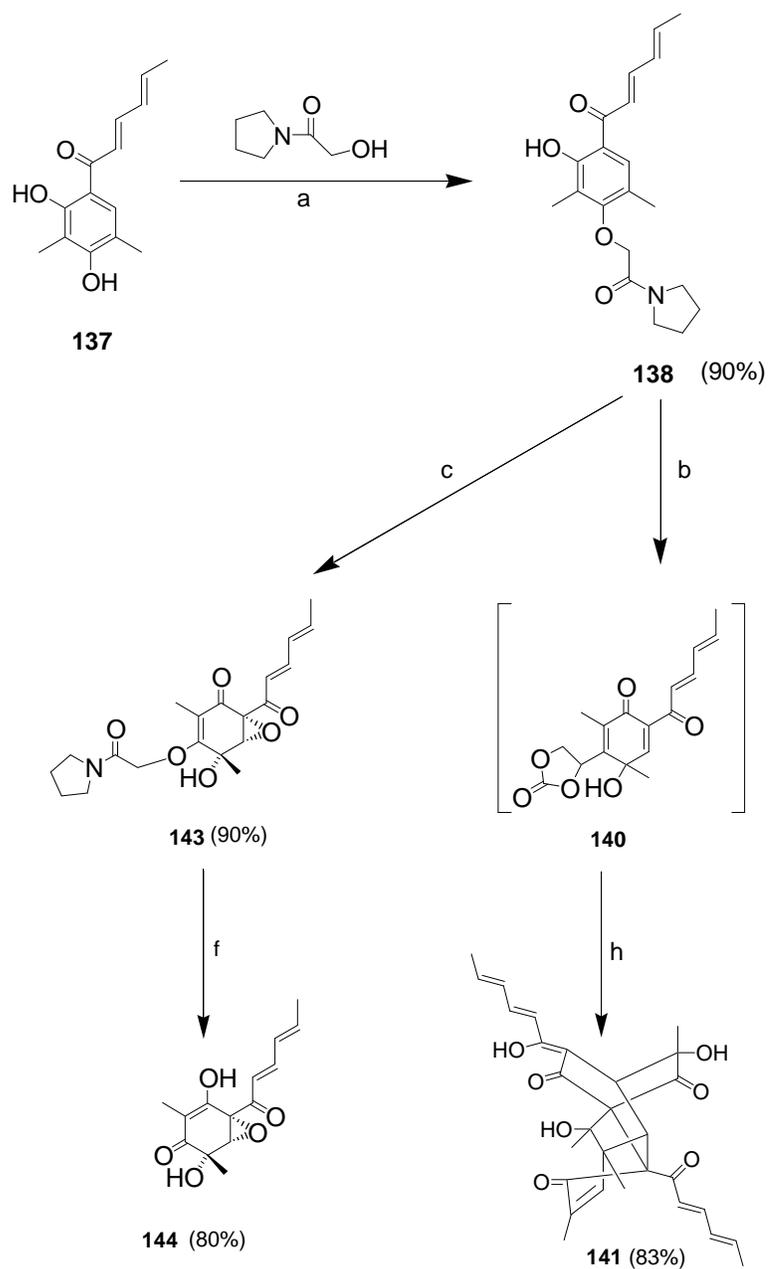
Cond. a: 1.1 eq. vitamin E, 1,2-epoxyoctane, 1,2-dichlorohexane, 200°C, 12h.

b: 1.1 eq. TBC, hv(300nm) 1,2-epoxyoctane, 1,2-dichlorohexane, 200°C, 12h.

**Scheme 30**



Scheme 31



**a:** DEAD,  $\text{PPh}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

**b:** 1.0 eq. of  $\text{PhI}(\text{OCOCF}_3)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 / \text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  (3:1)

**c:** 2.2 eq. of  $\text{PhI}(\text{OCOCF}_3)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 / \text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2$  (3:1)

**d:** 1.1 eq. of  $\text{PhI}(\text{OCOCF}_3)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

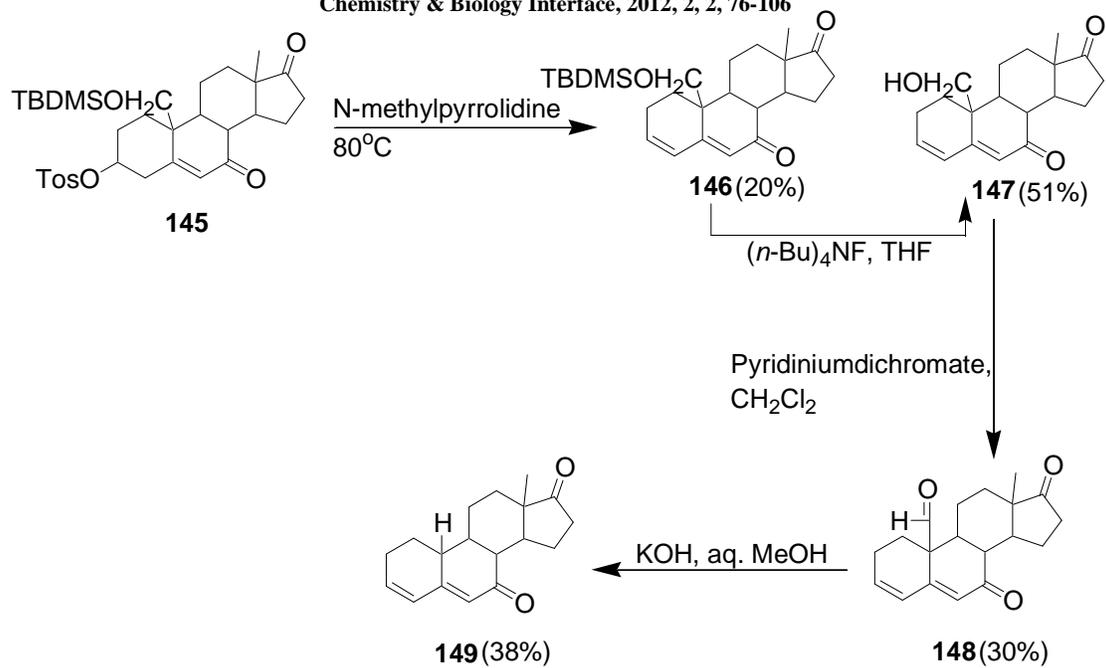
**e:** Di methyl aluminium amide,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

**f:**  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

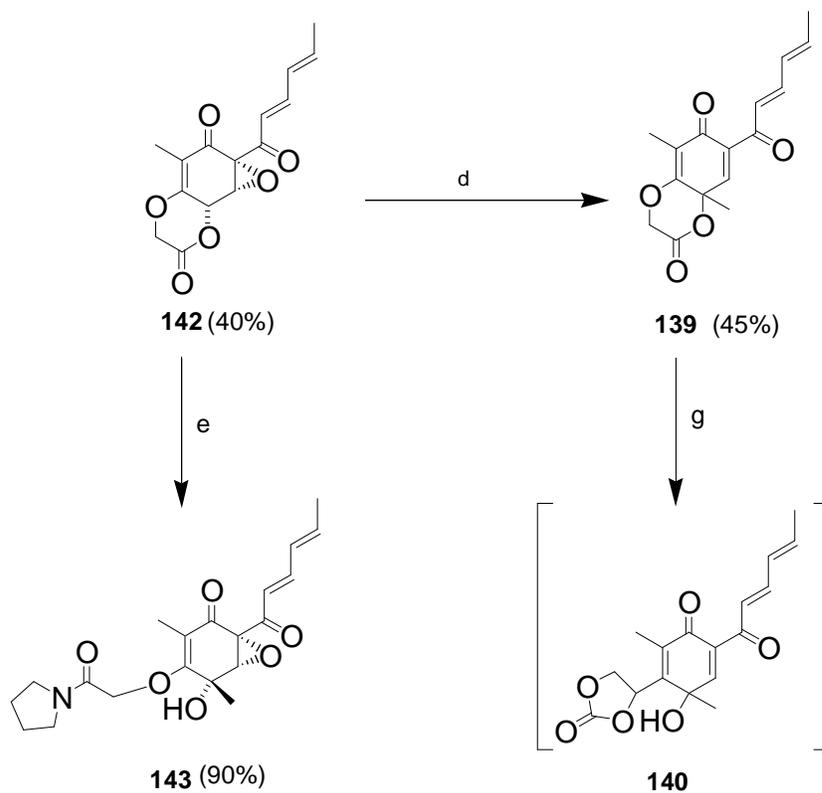
**g:** 8.0 eq. of Conc. HCl in THF

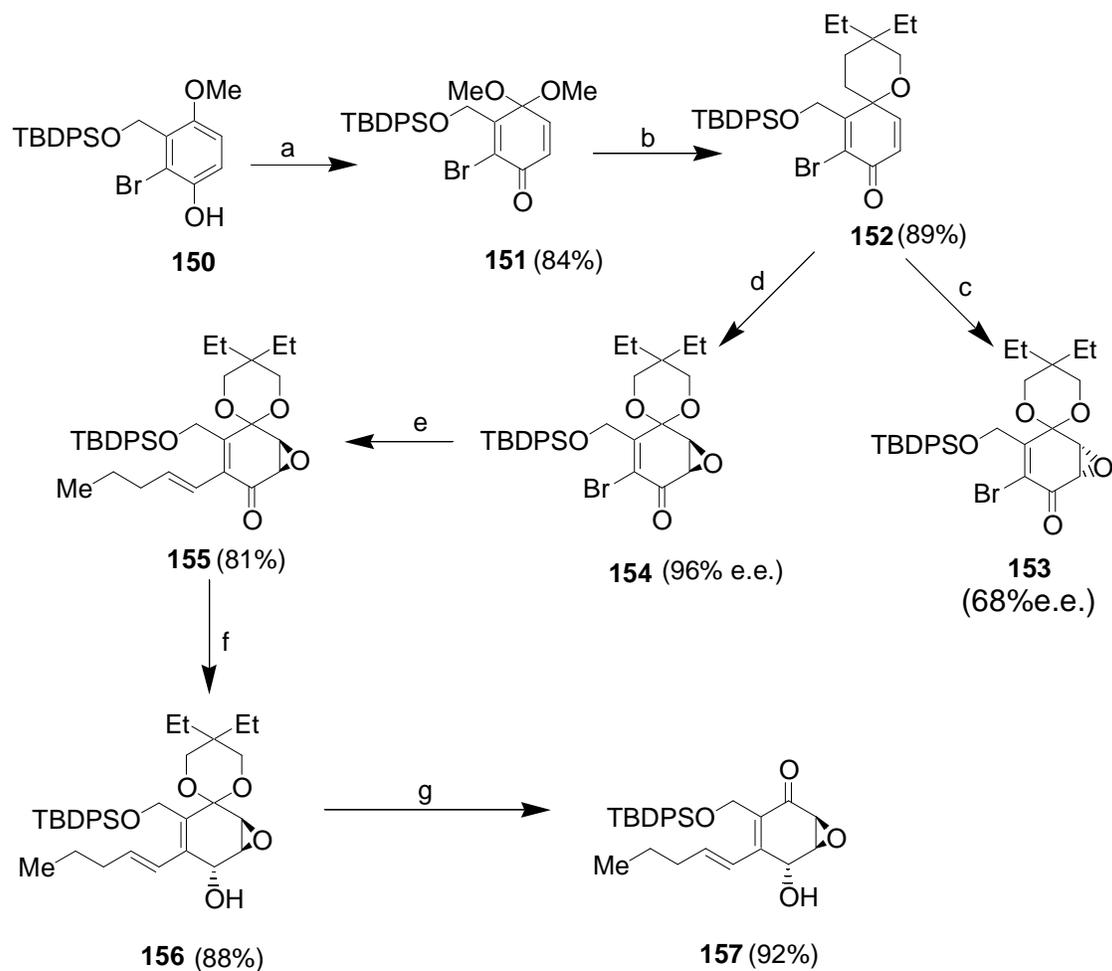
**h:** 1.5 eq. of KOH in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Scheme 32**



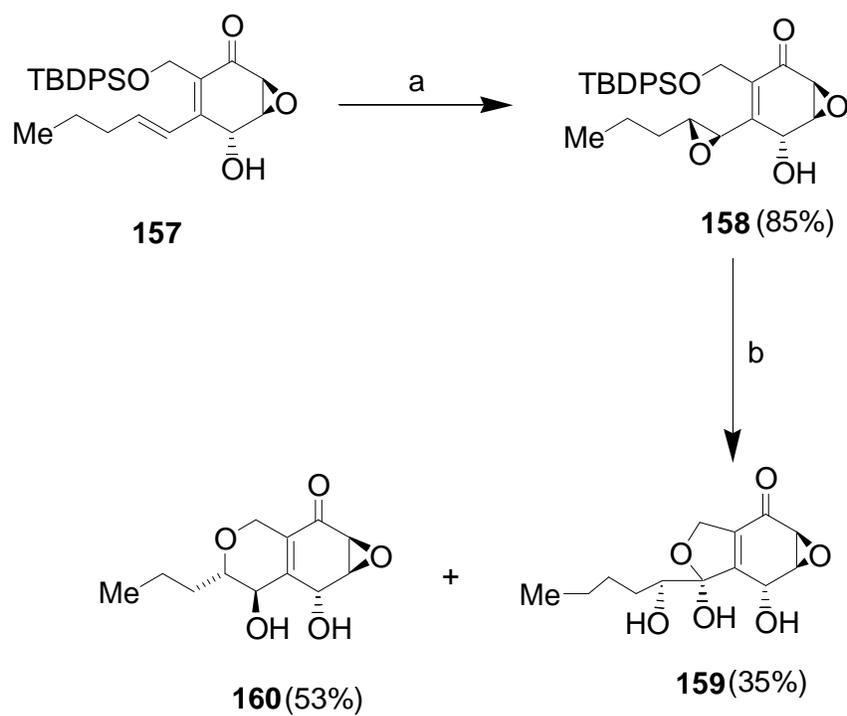
Scheme 33





(a);  $\text{PhI}(\text{OAc})_2$ , MeOH, rt, 30min (b); 2,2-diethyl-1,3-propanediol, PPTS, benzene, 70°C, 80min (c); *n*-BuLi, L-DIPT,  $\text{Ph}_3\text{CO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ , rt, 24h (d); NaHMDS, L-DIPT,  $\text{Ph}_3\text{CO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{PhCH}_3$ (20% THF), -50°C, 30h (e); (*E*)-tributyl-1-pentenyl-stannane,  $\text{Pd}_2\text{dba}_3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ , 60°C, 40h (f); DIBAL-H, THF, 78°C, 15min (g): 48% HF,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , 0°C, 5min

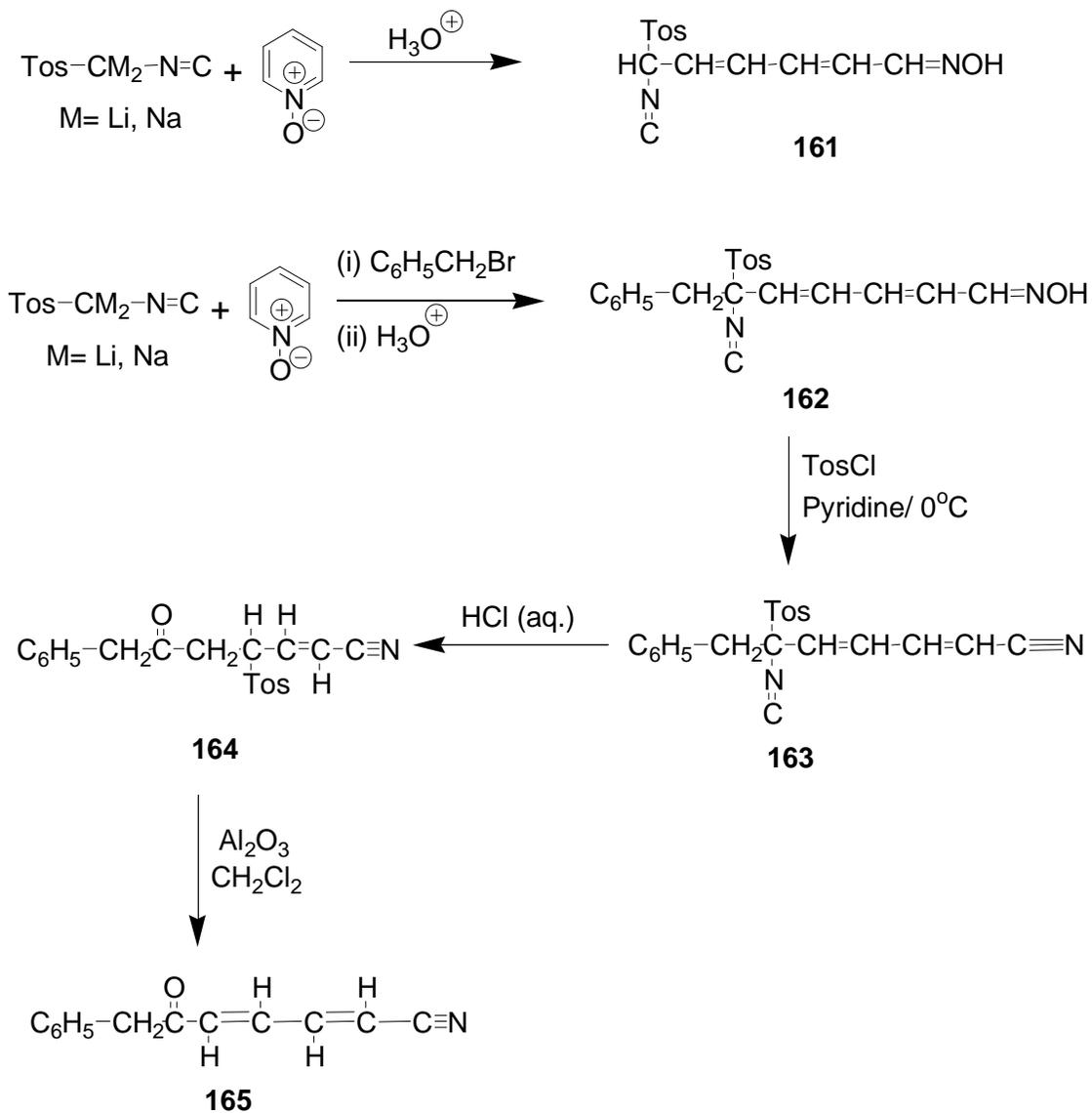
Scheme 34



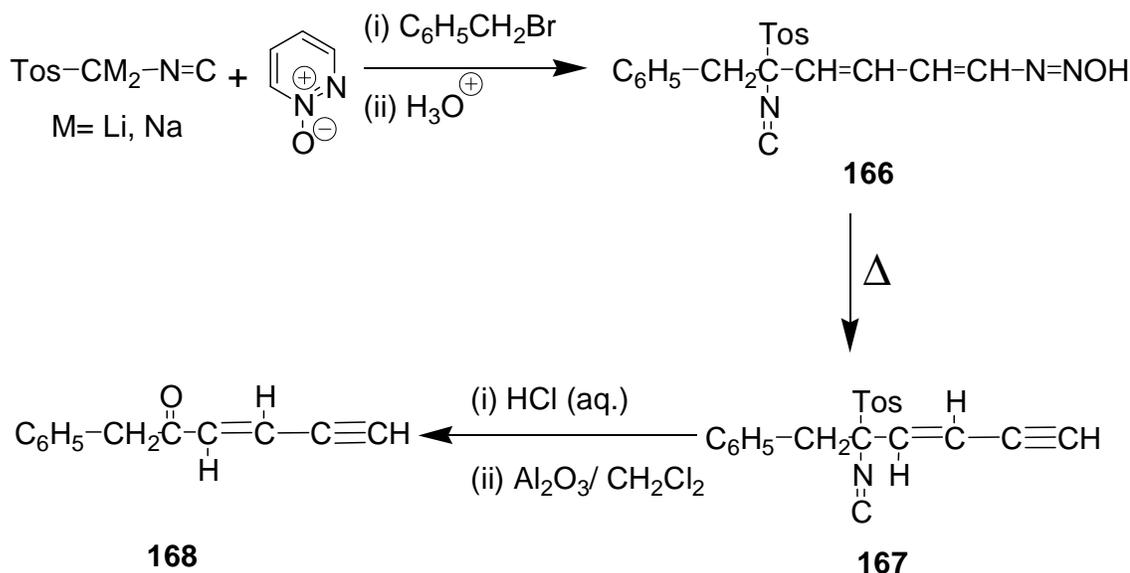
(a): *m*-CPBA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 4h

(b): 48% HF, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, rt, 2h

**Scheme 35**



Scheme 36



Scheme 37

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