

# **Prof. Alois Fürstner Group' work**

**Organometallic Chemistry  
and its application in the nature  
Product synthesis**

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1992 "Habilitation" in Organic Chemistry at the Technical University Graz, Austria

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# Research Interest

PERIODIC TABLE

The periodic table is divided into several blocks:

- s-block:** Elements 1 (H) and 2 (Be) are pink.
- p-block:** Elements 13 (B) through 18 (Ne) are purple.
- d-block:** Elements 3 through 12 (Sc through Zn) are green.
- f-block:** Elements 39 through 57 (La through Lu) are orange.
- Transition Elements (d-block):** Elements 3 through 12 (Sc through Zn) are green.
- Inner Transition Elements (f-block):** Elements 39 through 57 (La through Lu) are orange.
- Noble gases:** Elements 18 (He) and 58 (Ar) are grey.

Elements highlighted in pink include H, Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Fr, Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, and Ra.

Elements highlighted in yellow include Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Br, Kr, In, Sn, Sb, Te, I, Xe, Pt, Au, Hg, Tl, Pb, Bi, Po, At, Rn, W, Ru, Re, Os, Ir, and Mt.

Elements highlighted in green include Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Tc, Rh, Pd, Ag, Cd, and Hf.

Elements highlighted in blue include Al, Si, P, S, Cl, Ar, Sn, Sb, Te, I, and Xe.

Elements highlighted in cyan include Cd, In, Sn, Sb, Te, I, and Po.

Elements highlighted in orange include Pt, Au, Hg, Tl, Pb, Bi, Po, At, Rn, and Lu.

A red arrow points downwards from the bottom of the main table to the f-block table below.

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|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| La | Ce | Pr | N | Pm | Sm | Eu | Gd | Tb | Dy | Ho | Er | Tm | Yb | Lu |
| Ac | Th | Pa | U | Np | Pu | Am | Cm | Bk | Cf | Es | Fm | Md | No | Lr |

Macrocyclic ring synthesis and nature product synthesis

# Outline

## 1. Macrocyclic ring synthesis

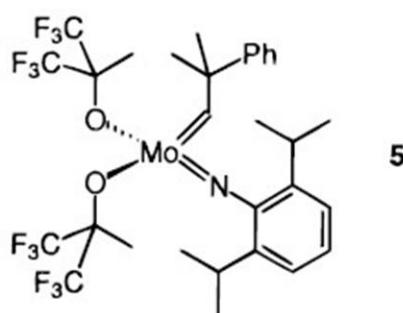
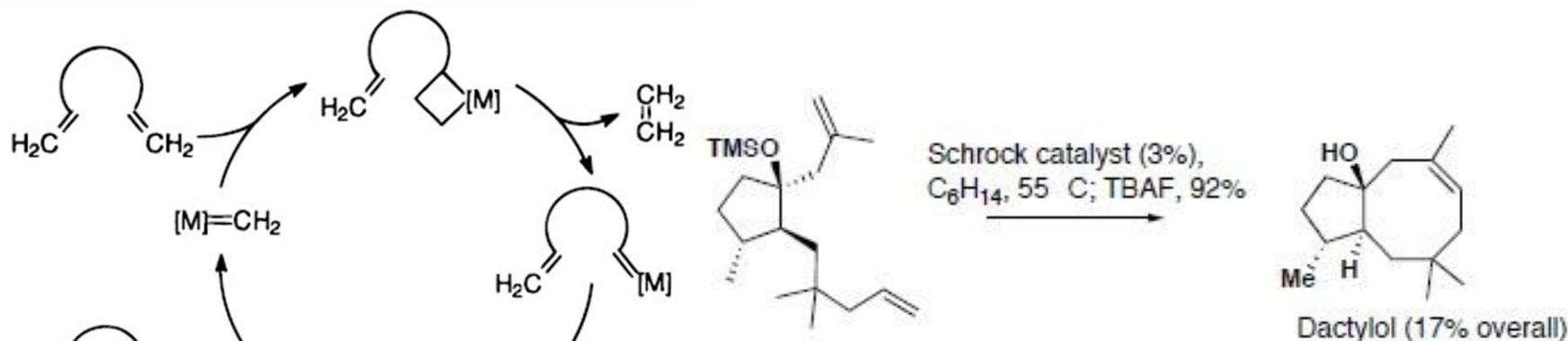
- Alkene Metathesis Ru
- Alkyne Metathesis W/Mo
- RCAM's applications in the complex nature product synthesis

## 2. Poor man's catalyst Fe

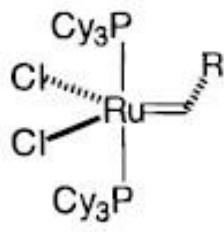
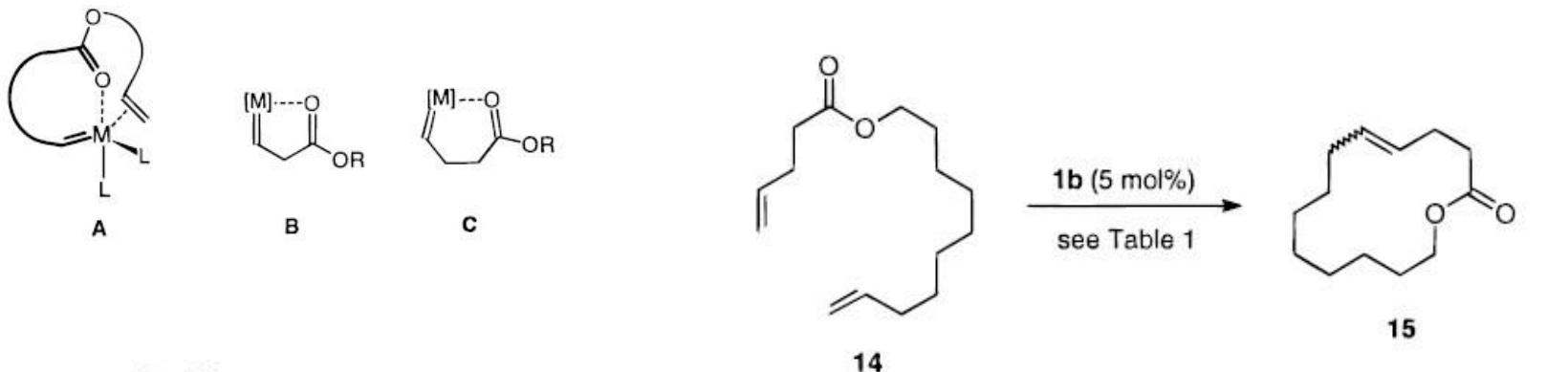
- Fe catalyzed coupling reaction.
- Can Fe catalyst work as a expensive metal?

## 3. Acknowledgement

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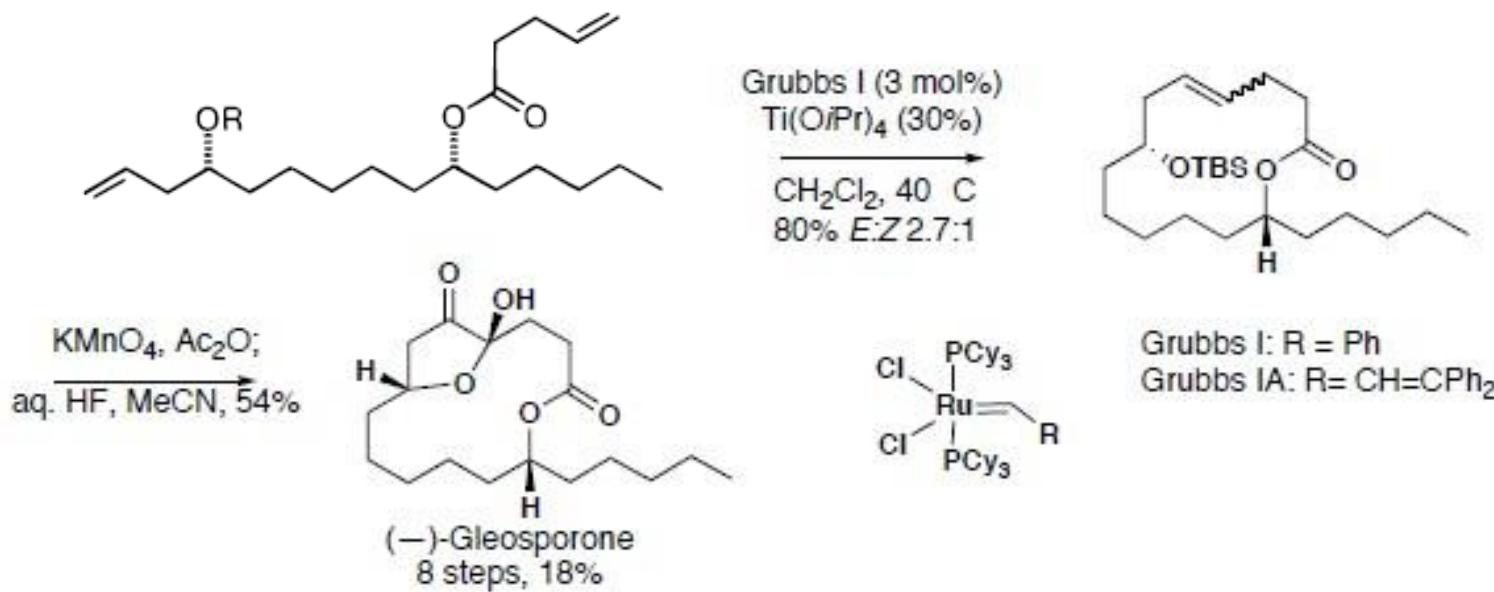
**1a** R = Ph  
**1b** R = CH=CPH<sub>2</sub>

**Table 1.** Cyclization of the 4-Pentenoate **14** in the Presence of Additives

| entry | t (d) | T (°C) | additive                                 | <b>14 (%)<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>15 (%)<sup>a</sup></b> |
|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1     | 3     | 25     |                                          | 67                        | 22                        |
| 2     | 3     | 25     | Ti(O <i>i</i> Pr) <sub>4</sub> (2 equiv) | 49                        | 40                        |
| 3     | 3     | 40     | Ti(O <i>i</i> Pr) <sub>4</sub> (5 mol %) | 7                         | 55                        |
| 4     | 3     | 25     | LiBr (5 equiv)                           | 79                        | 14                        |

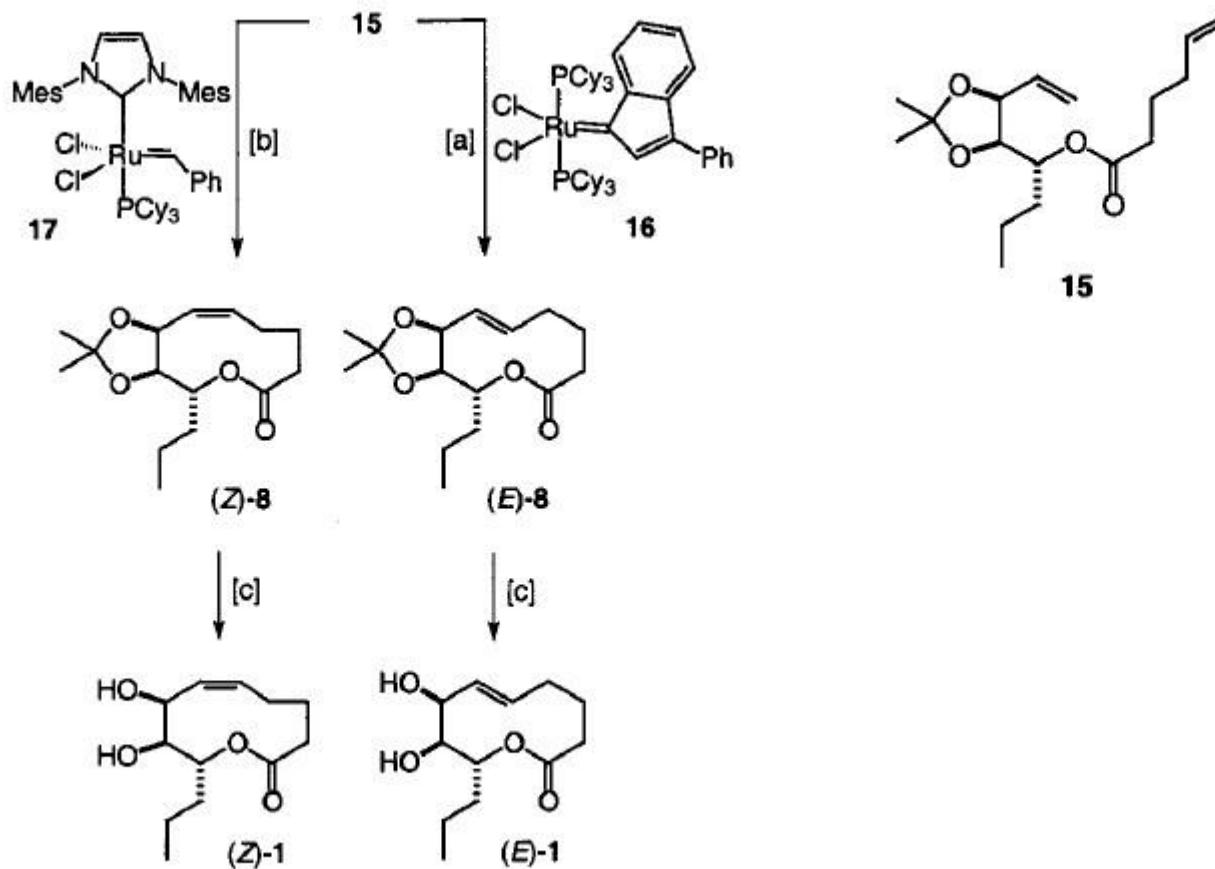
<sup>a</sup> Determined by GC.

# 1.1 Alkene Metathesis:



Alois Furstner *J.Am.Chem.Soc.*, **1997**, 119, 9130-6.

# 1. Alkene Metathesis: Selectivity



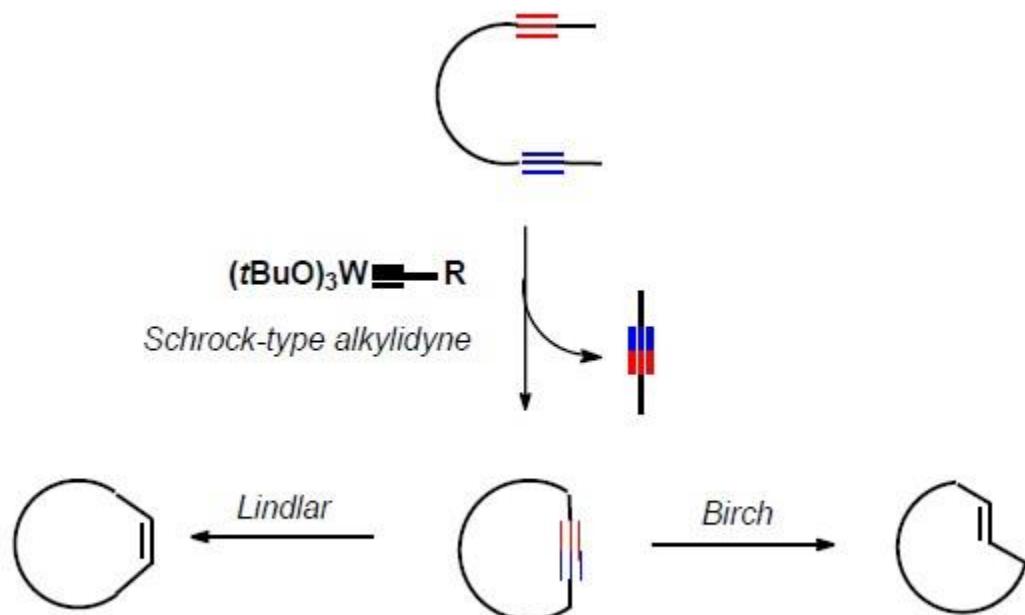
<sup>a</sup> [a] Complex 16 cat., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 69%; [b] complex 17 cat., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 86%; [c] aqueous HCl, THF, 47% ((Z)-1), 90% ((E)-1).

Alois Furstner *J.Am.Chem.Soc.*, **2002**, 124, 7061-9.

# Alkene Synthesis: Selectivity

How to synthesize the double bond by metathesis with high E/Z ratio?  
A big problem combined the reactivity and selectivity  
Useful in the total Synthesis and industry!

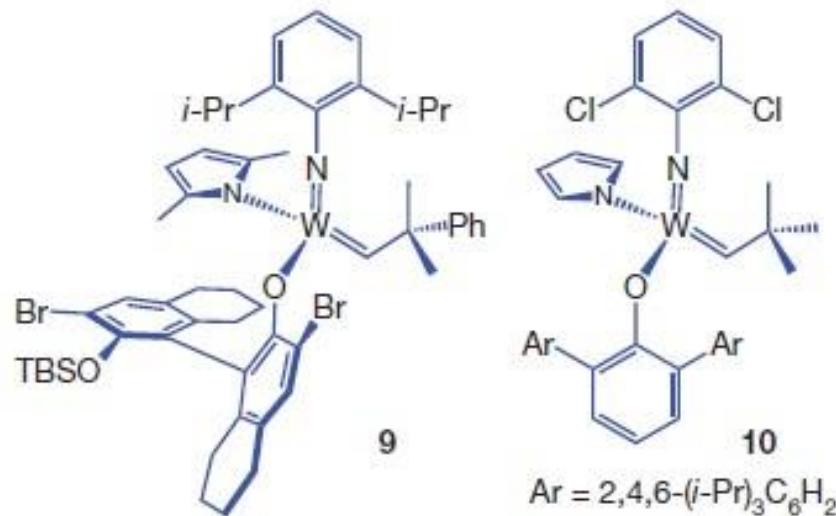
Fürstner's answer:



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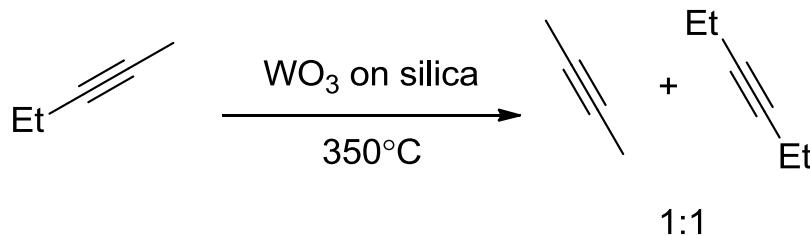
Hoveyda's answer:



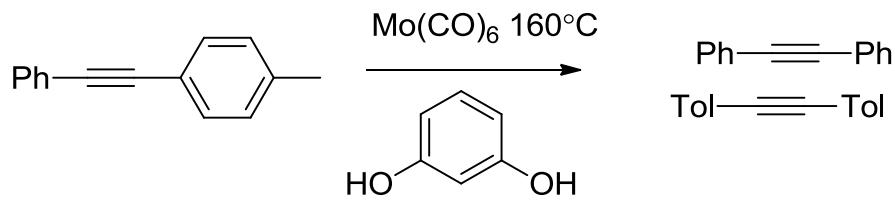
Schrock and Hoveyda *Nature*. **2011**, 479, 88-93

# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis:

The discovery of the Alkyne Metathesis:

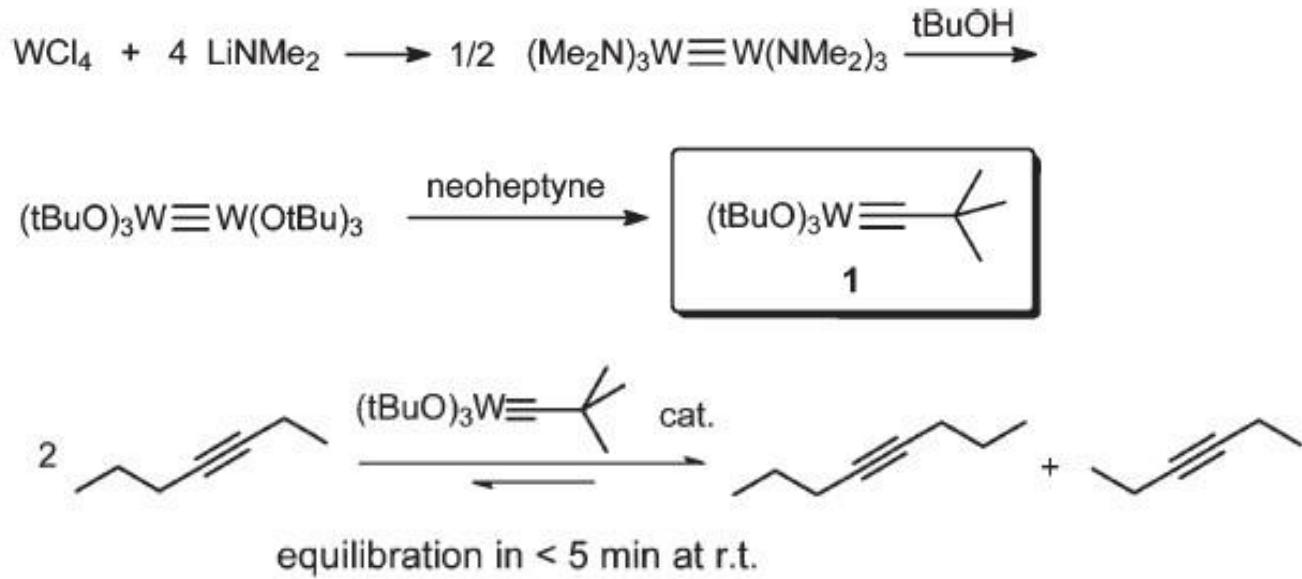


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Mortreux, A.; Blanchard, M. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1974**, 786

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R. R. Schrock et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 3932; *Organometallics* **1984**, *3*, 1563.

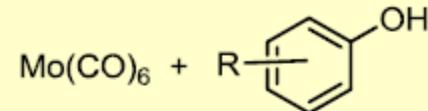
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| Entry | Product               | 1a <sup>a</sup> | [Mo] <sup>b</sup> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
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| 1     |                       | 3               | 73 <sup>c</sup>   | 64                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 2     |                       | 4               | 68                | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 3     |                       | 5               | 62                | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 4     |                       | 6               | 52                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 5     |                       | 7               | 79                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 6     |                       | 8a              | 62 (R = H)        | 0 (R = H)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 7     |                       | 8b              | 72 (R = Me)       | 64 (R = Me)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
| 8     |                       | 9               | 62                | 68                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
|       | R = 9-fluorenylmethyl |                 |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
|       |                       |                 |                   | $\text{WCl}_4 + 4 \text{ LiNMe}_2 \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} (\text{Me}_2\text{N})_3\text{W}\equiv\text{W}(\text{NMe}_2)_3 \xrightarrow{\text{tBuOH}}$ <p style="text-align: center;">(tBuO)<sub>3</sub>W≡W(OtBu)<sub>3</sub> <math>\xrightarrow{\text{neoheptyne}}</math> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">instant=Mo(CO)<sub>6</sub> + <i>p</i>-Cl-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OH</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
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|       | 12                    |                 | 13                | 75 <sup>d,e</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
|       | 14                    |                 | 14                | 64                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 72      |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
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|       | 17                    |                 | 17b               | 90 (X = NH)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |
|       | 18                    |                 | 18                | 53                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 70      |    |  |    |                   |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |    |    |         |  |    |  |    |    |    |  |    |  |     |            |  |  |    |  |     |             |  |  |    |  |    |    |    |

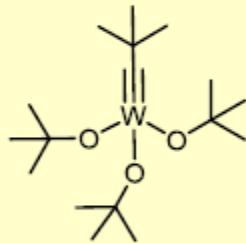
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| cheap         | harsh                 |
| air stable    | slow                  |
| user friendly | limited compatibility |

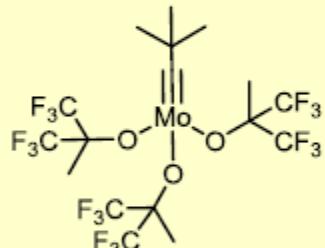
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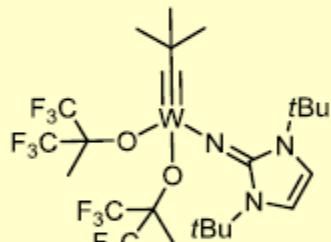
## SCHROCK ALKYLDYNES



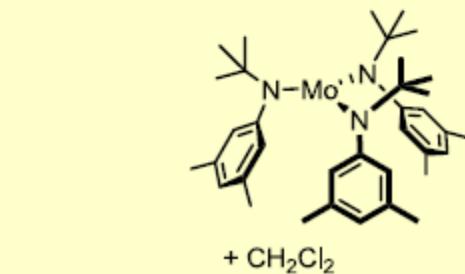
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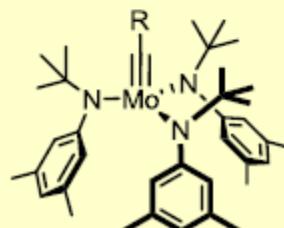
Schrock 1984/1985



Tamm 2007



Fürstner 1999



Moore 2004

expensive

laborious

(highly) sensitive ( $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ )

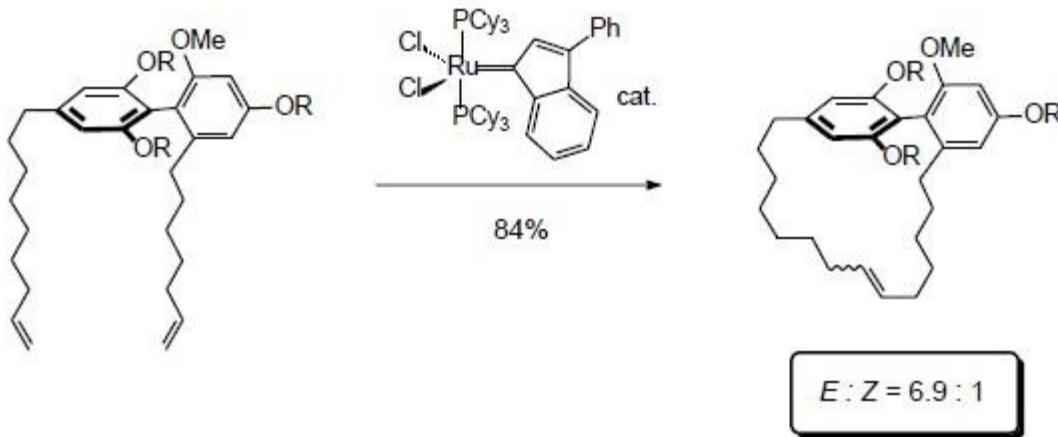
short lifetimes

(highly) active:  $\text{W} > \text{Mo}$

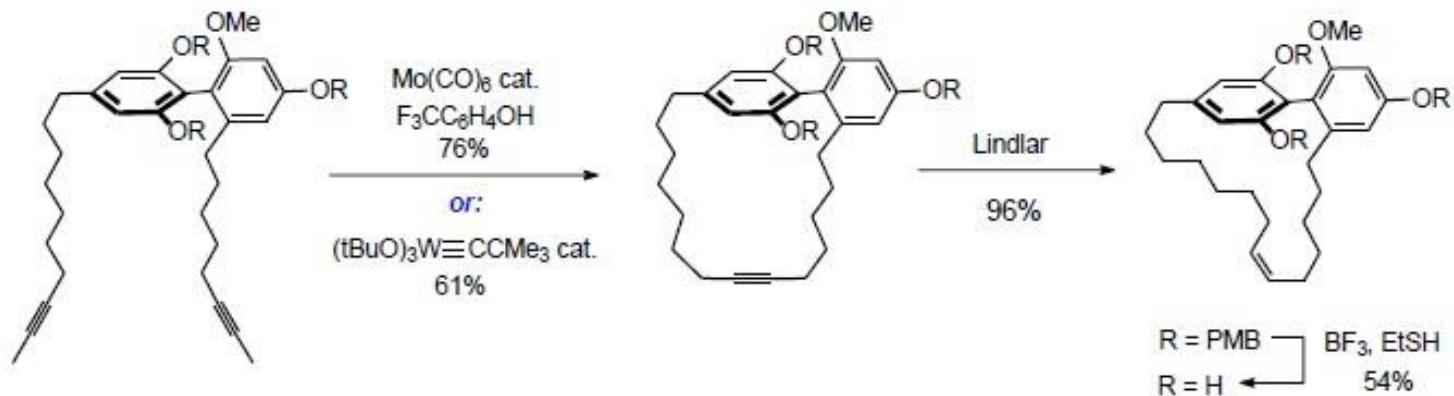
excellent compatibility:  $\text{Mo} > \text{W}$

broad scope

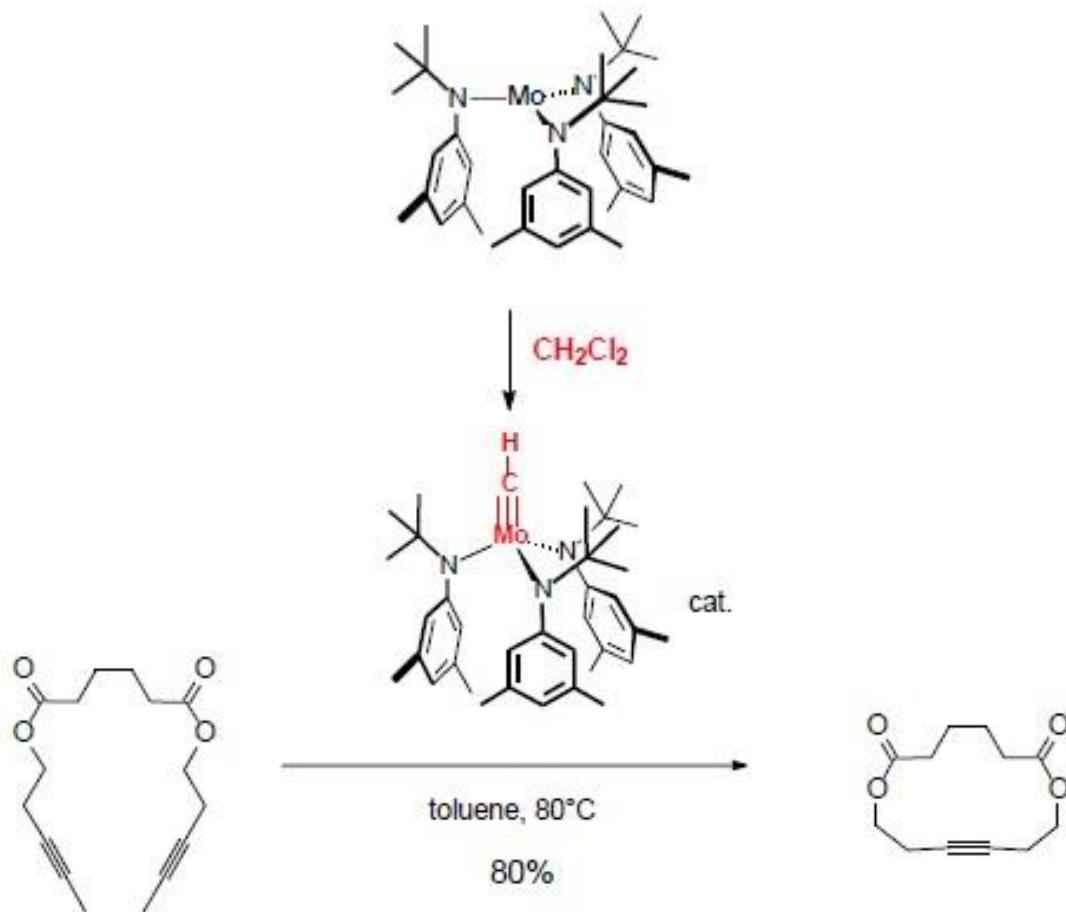
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but the natural product is (*Z*)-configured !

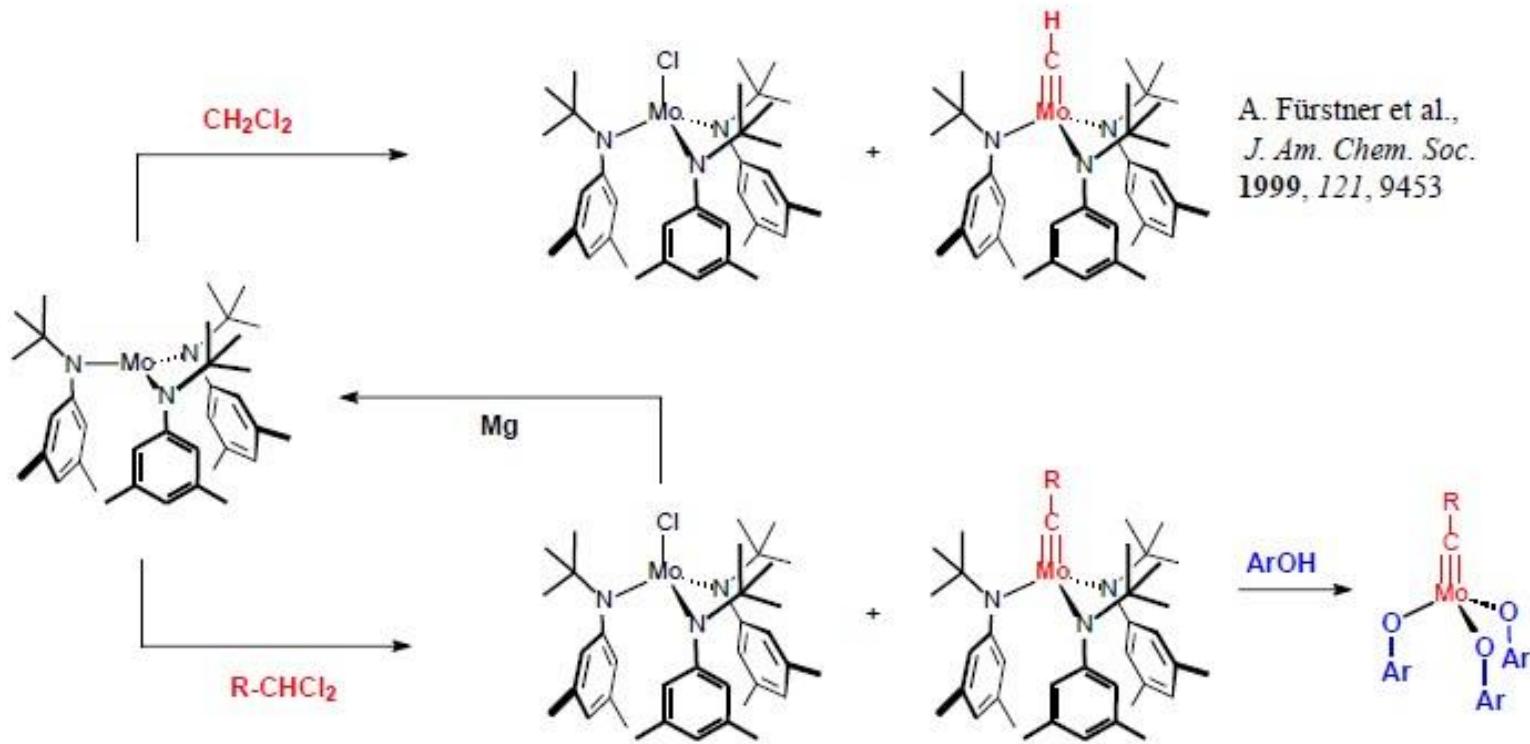


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A. F. with C. Mathes, C. W. Lehmann, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1999, 121, 9453;

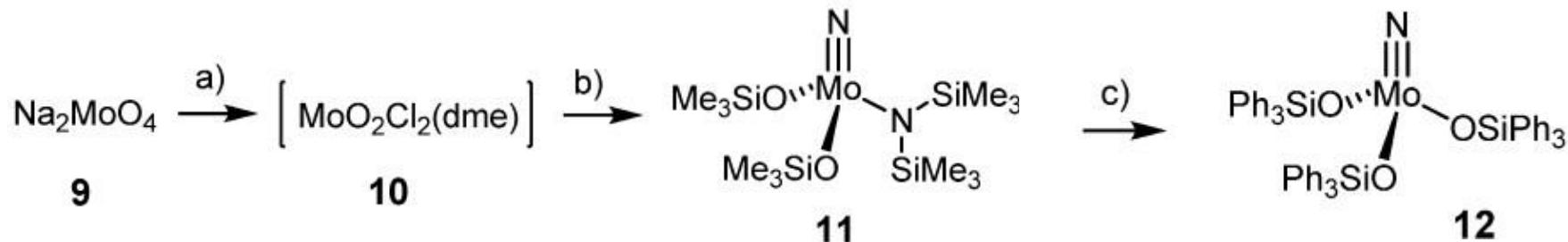
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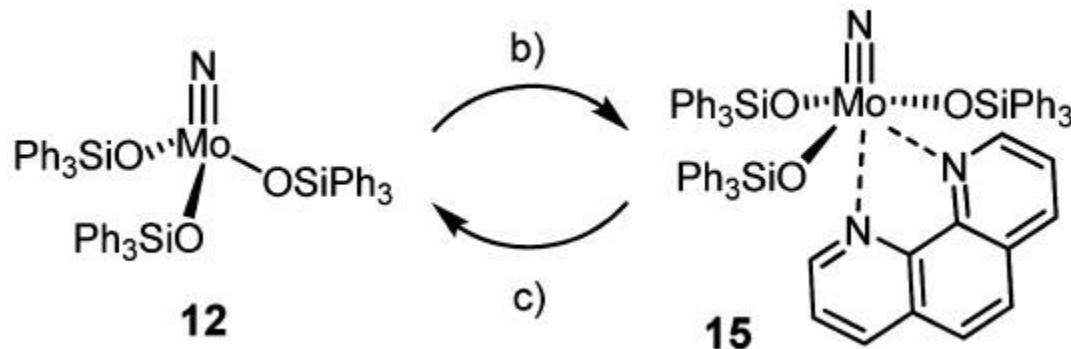
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W. Zhang, S. Kraft, J. S. Moore, *Chem. Commun.* 2003, 832; idem, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2004, 126, 392;  
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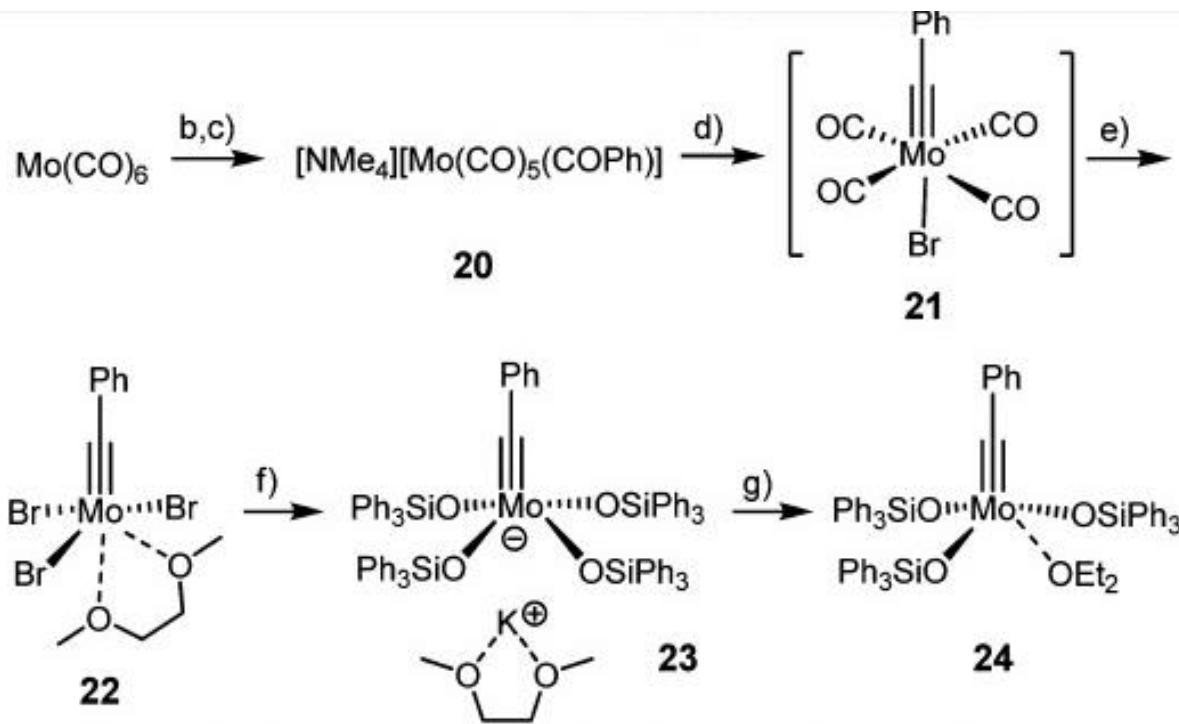


<sup>a</sup> Conditions: (a) TMSCl, 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), reflux; (b) LiHMDS, hexane, 64% (over both steps); (c)  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiOH}$  (3 equiv), toluene,



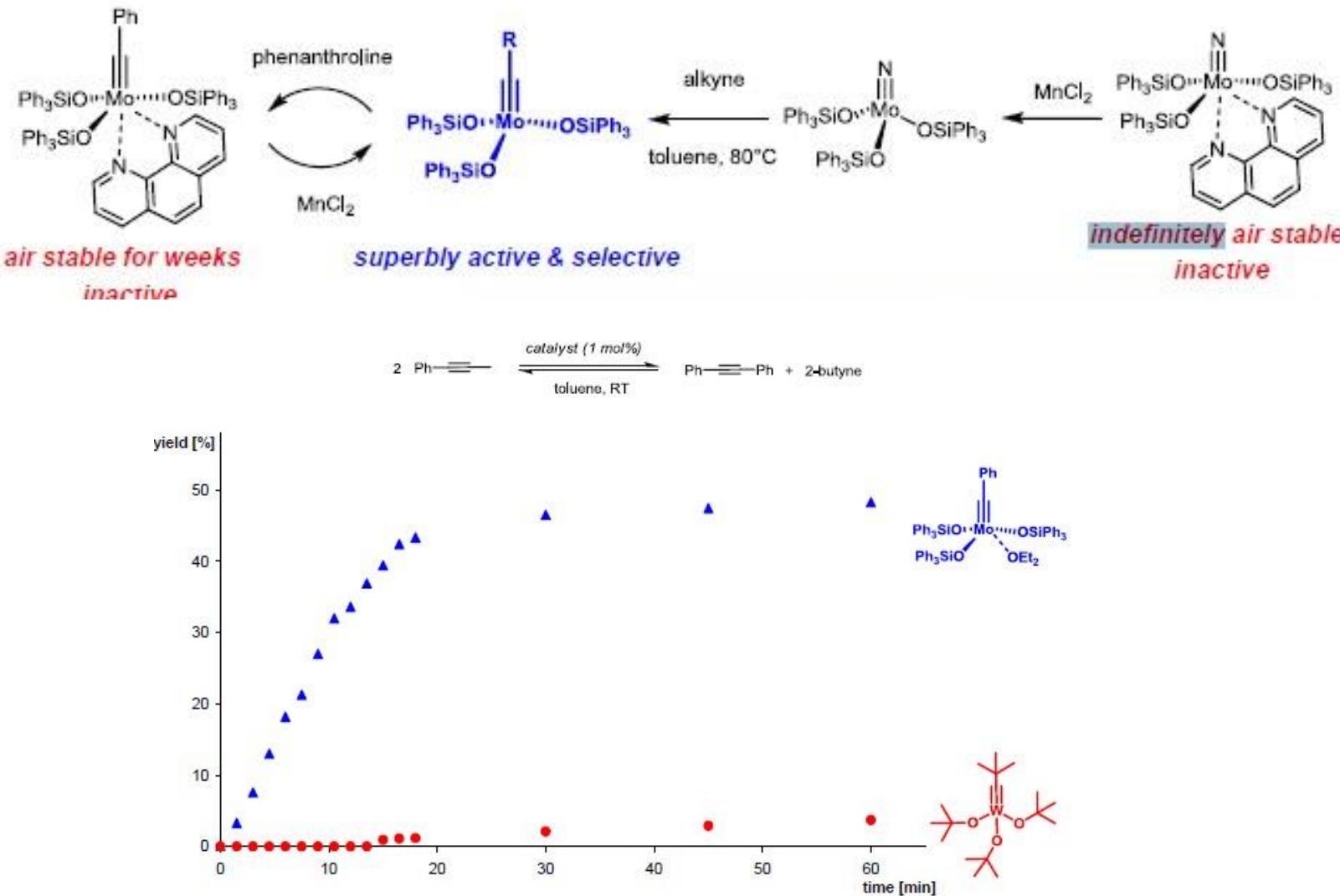
<sup>a</sup> Reactions and conditions: (a)  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiOH}$  (3 equiv), toluene; (b) 1,10-phenanthroline, 82%; (c)  $\text{MnCl}_2$ , toluene, 80–100 °C.

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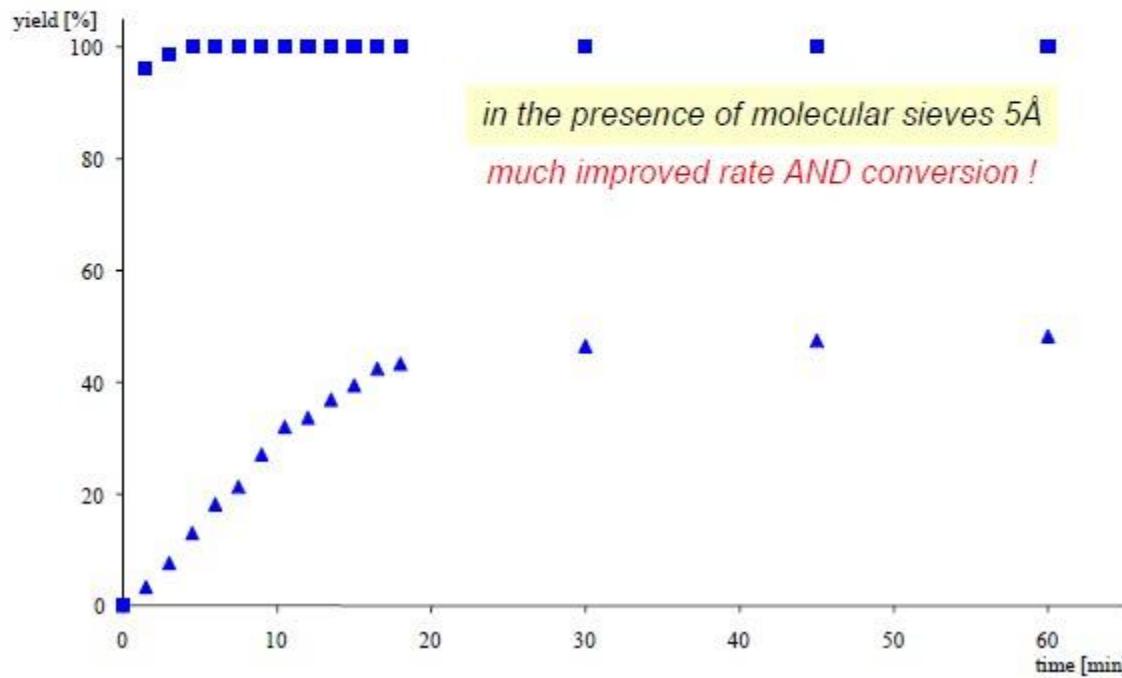
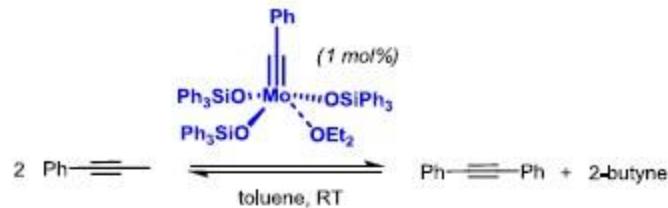


<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a)  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiOLi}$  (3 equiv),  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $-40^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{rt}$ , then  $\text{MeCN}$ , 85%; (b)  $\text{PhLi}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , reflux; (c)  $\text{NMe}_4\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 52% (over both steps); (d) oxalyl bromide,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow -15^\circ\text{C}$ ; (e)  $\text{Br}_2$ , 1,2-dimethoxyethane (dme, 5 equiv),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{rt}$ , 88% (over both steps); (f)  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SiOK}$  (4 equiv), toluene; (g)  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 92%.

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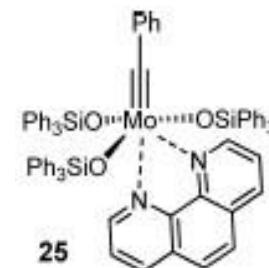
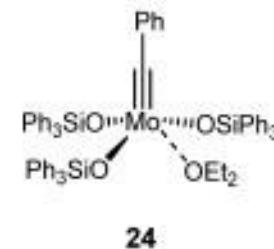
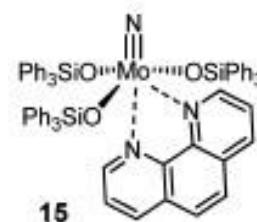
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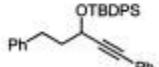
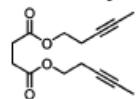
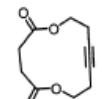
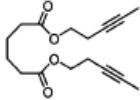
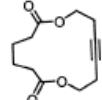
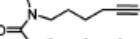
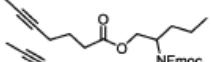
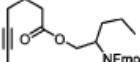
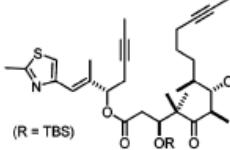
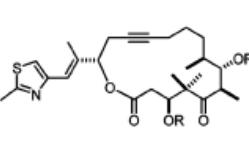
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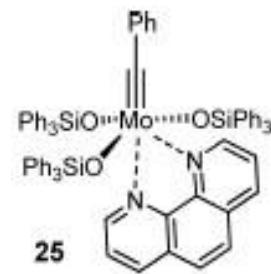
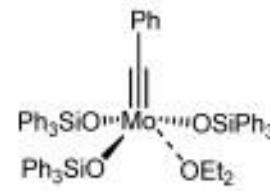
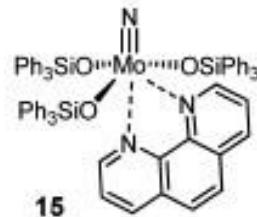
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| Entry | Substrate | Product | 15 <sup>a</sup>               | 24·Et <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b</sup> | 25 <sup>c</sup>  |
|-------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1     |           |         | R = H<br>99%                  | 99%                               | 99%              |
| 2     |           |         | R = OMe<br>96%                | 97%                               | 97%              |
| 3     |           |         | R = SMe<br>87%                | 98% <sup>d</sup>                  | 96% <sup>d</sup> |
| 4     |           |         | R = COOMe<br>72% <sup>e</sup> | 95%                               | 97%              |
| 5     |           |         |                               | 94%                               | 93%              |
| 6     |           |         |                               | NR                                | NR               |
| 7     |           |         |                               | < 40% <sup>e,f</sup>              | 84%              |
| 8     |           |         |                               | 76% <sup>e</sup>                  | 90% <sup>d</sup> |
| 9     |           |         |                               | 86%                               | 88%              |
| 10    |           |         |                               | 95%                               | 92%              |
| 11    |           |         |                               | 85%                               | 89%              |
| 12    |           |         |                               |                                   | 92%<br>88%       |
| 13    |           |         |                               | 81%<br>87%                        | 89%              |



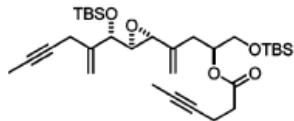
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|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1     | 5-decyne                                                                            |    | 76%             | 65%                               | 72%             |
| 2     | tolane                                                                              |    | 50%             | 65%                               | 62%             |
| 3     | tolane                                                                              |    | d               | 62%                               | 61%             |
| 3     |    |    | 91%             | 73%                               | 78%             |
| 4     |    |    | 85%             | 92%                               | 90%             |
| 5     |    |    | 67%             | 72%                               |                 |
| 6     |   |   |                 | 90%                               |                 |
| 7     |  |  |                 | 91%                               |                 |

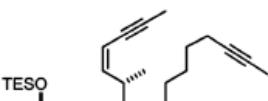


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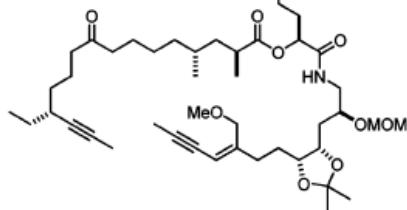
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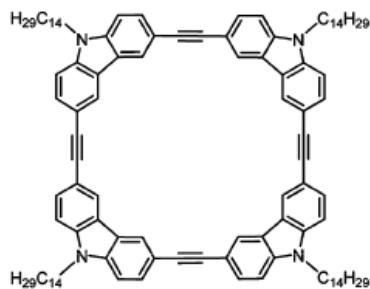
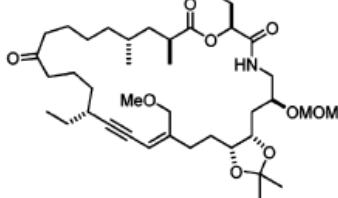
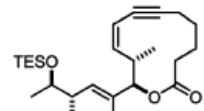
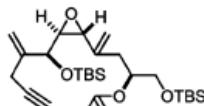
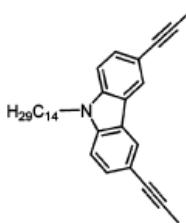
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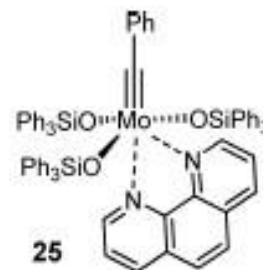
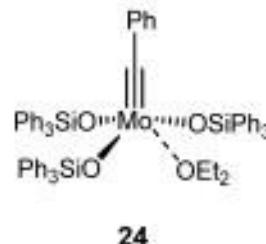
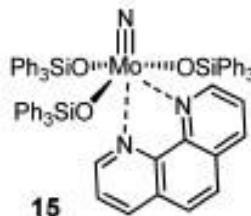
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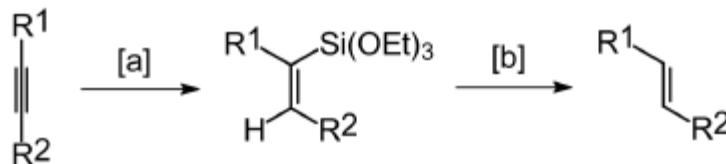
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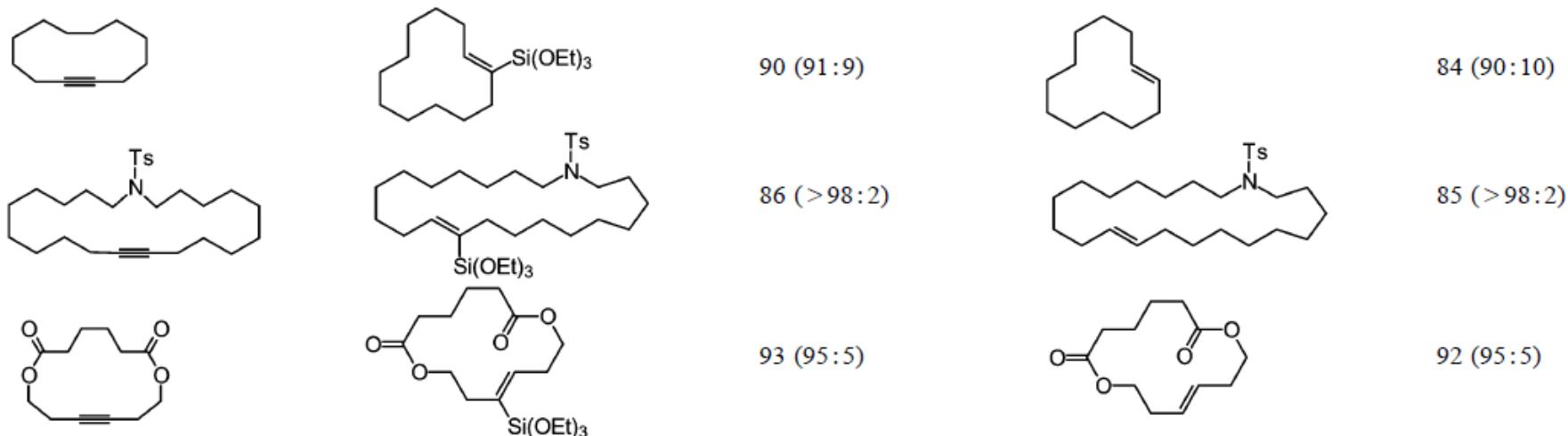
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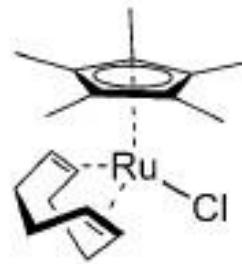
**Scheme 2** Reagents and conditions: [a]  $(\text{EtO})_3\text{SiH}$ ,  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\text{MeCN})_3]\text{PF}_6$  (1 mol%),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , r.t.; [b]  $\text{AgF}$  (2 eq.),  $\text{THF}/\text{aq. MeOH}$ , r.t.



# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis:

Table 2: *trans*-Selective reduction of internal alkynes.<sup>[a]</sup>

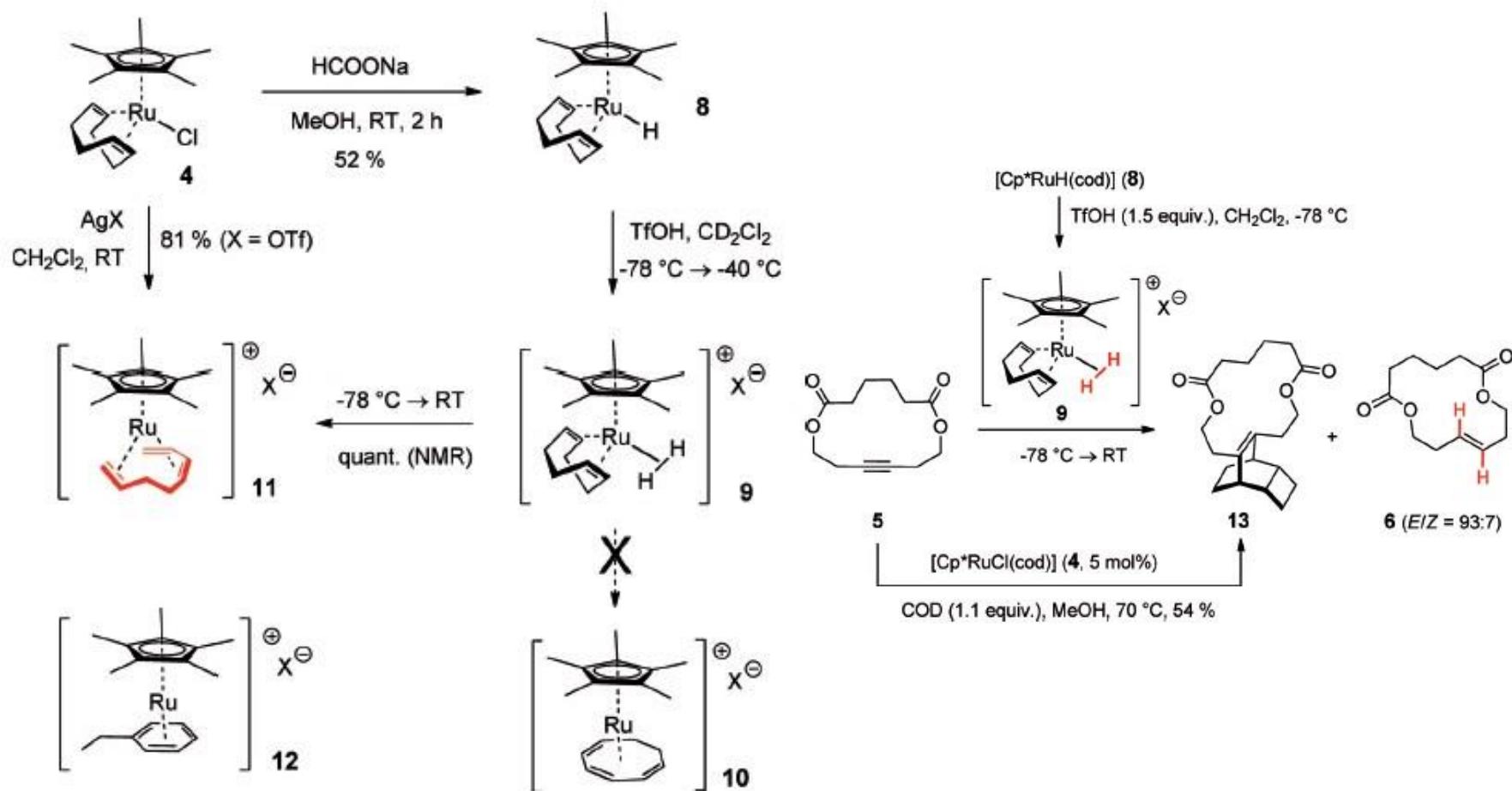
| Entry | Major Product | t [h] | E/Z <sup>[b]</sup> | Yield [%] <sup>[c]</sup> |
|-------|---------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1     |               | 0.5   | 98:2               | 96                       |
| 2     |               | 0.5   | 95:5               | 88                       |
| 3     |               | 4     | 96:4               | 66 <sup>[d]</sup>        |
| 4     |               | 2.5   | 93:7               | 95                       |
| 5     |               | 0.5   | 95:5               | 87                       |
| 6     |               | 0.5   | 97:3               | 60 <sup>[d]</sup>        |
| 7     |               | 4     | 93:7               | 96 (33) <sup>[c,d]</sup> |
| 8     |               | 0.5   | 87:13              | 95 (21) <sup>[c]</sup>   |



+AgOTf+H<sub>2</sub>(10bar)

|    |  |                   |      |                          |
|----|--|-------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 13 |  | 0.5               | 98:2 | 89 <sup>[f]</sup>        |
| 14 |  | 0.5               | 96:4 | 64 (27) <sup>[c,d]</sup> |
| 15 |  | 16 <sup>[g]</sup> | 97:3 | 81 <sup>[d]</sup>        |
| 16 |  | 3                 | 92:8 | 80                       |
| 17 |  | 34 <sup>[g]</sup> | 91:9 | 85                       |
| 18 |  | 1 <sup>[g]</sup>  | 97:3 | 77 (26) <sup>[c,d]</sup> |

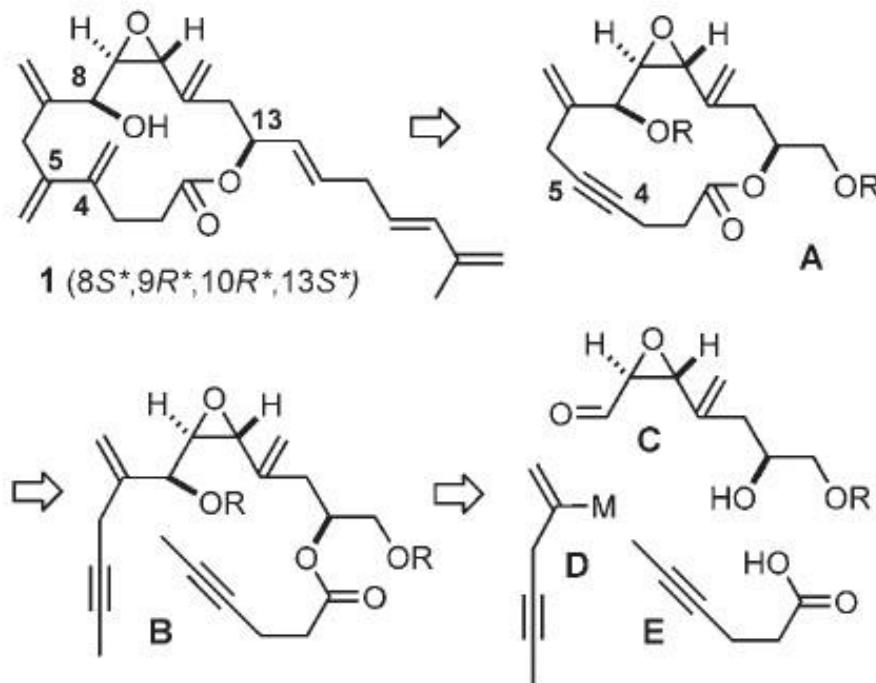
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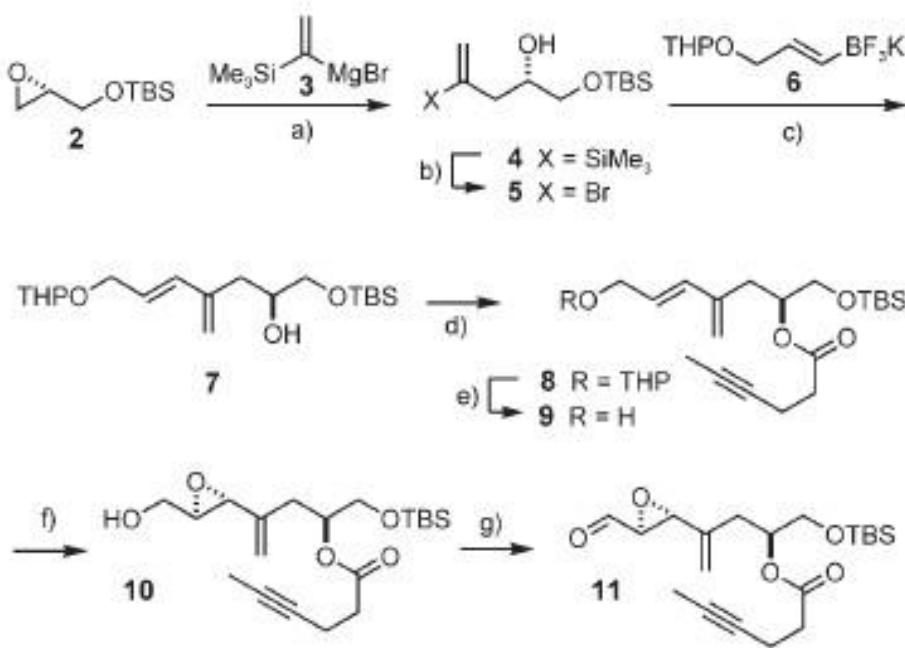
Scheme 3. Fate of the cationic  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ru}(\text{cod})]$  fragment.

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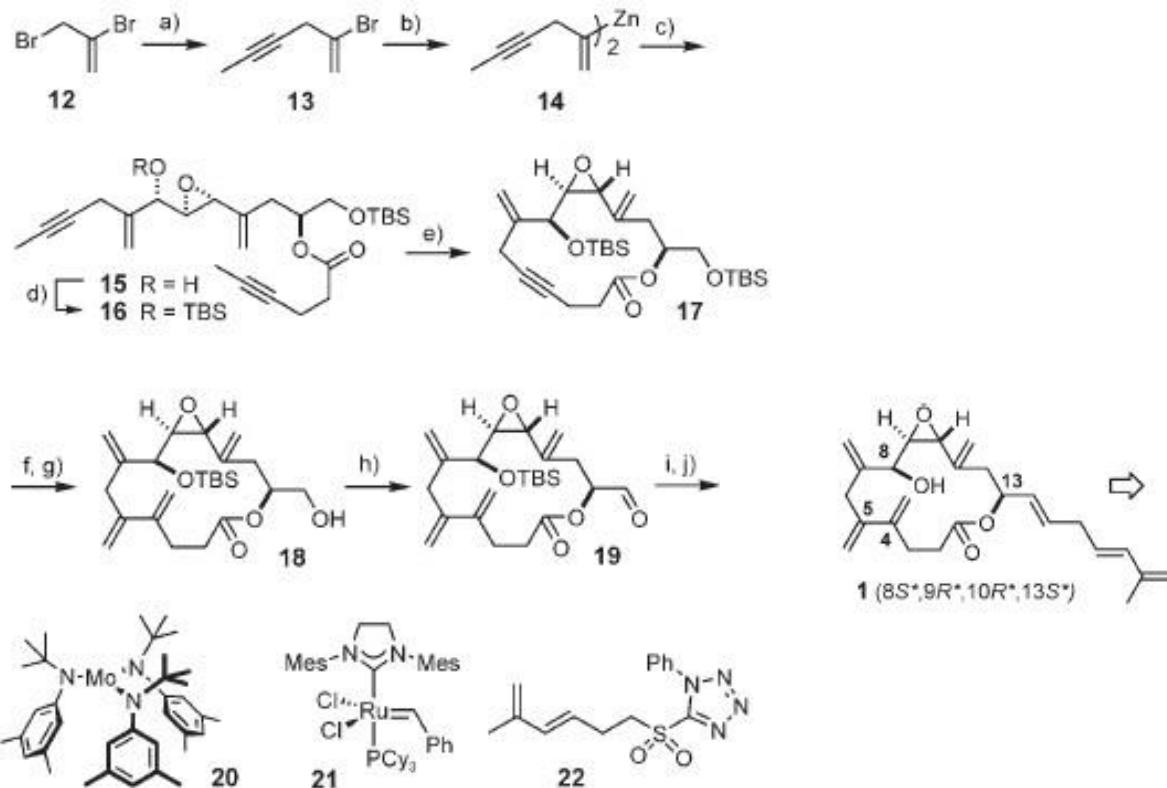


# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis in total synthesis



**Scheme 2.** a)  $\text{CuCN}$  (10%),  $\text{THF}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 99%; b) 1.  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ; 2.  $\text{NaOMe}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ ,  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ ; 3.  $\text{HOAc}$ , 91% (overall); c) 6,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  (10%), dppf (10%),  $t\text{BuNH}_2$ ,  $\text{THF}$ , reflux (sealed tube), 84%; d) 4-hexynoic acid, EDC, 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole,  $(i\text{Pr})_2\text{NEt}$ , DMAP,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{DMF}$  (4:1), 95%; e) PPTS (cat.),  $i\text{PrOH}$ ,  $70^\circ\text{C}$ , 98%; f)  $D(-)\text{-DET}$  (40%),  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}i\text{Pr})_4$  (40%),  $t\text{BuOOH}$ ,  $\text{MS}$  (4 Å),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ , 77%; g) Dess–Martin periodinane,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 90%.  
dppf = 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)ferrocene, EDC = *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethyl-carbodiimide, DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine, PPTS = ovridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate. DET = diethyl tartrate.

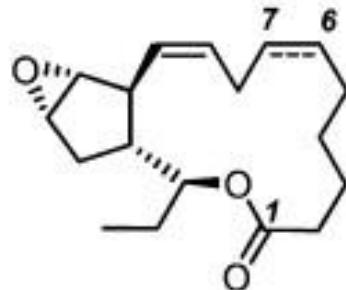
# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis in total synthesis



**Scheme 3.** a)  $\text{MeC}\equiv\text{CMgBr}$ ,  $\text{CuBr}\cdot\text{Me}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ , 99%; b)  $\text{Li}$ ,  $\text{ZnBr}_2$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , ultrasound; c) **11**, toluene, (+)-*N*-methyllephedrine (60%),  $-25^\circ\text{C}$ , 69%; d)  $\text{TBSCl}$ , imidazole,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $10^\circ\text{C}$ , 79%; e) **20** (20%),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /toluene,  $85^\circ\text{C}$ , 66%; f) **21** (2%),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (1.8 atm), toluene,  $45^\circ\text{C}$ , 90%; g) PPTS (cat.),  $\text{MeOH}$ , 62%; h) Dess–Martin periodinane,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; i) **22**,  $\text{KHMDS}$ ,  $\text{DME}/\text{DMPPU}$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 57% (over both steps,  $E:Z \approx 10:1$ ); j)  $\text{TASF}$ ,  $\text{DMF}$ ,  $-5^\circ\text{C}$ , 82%;

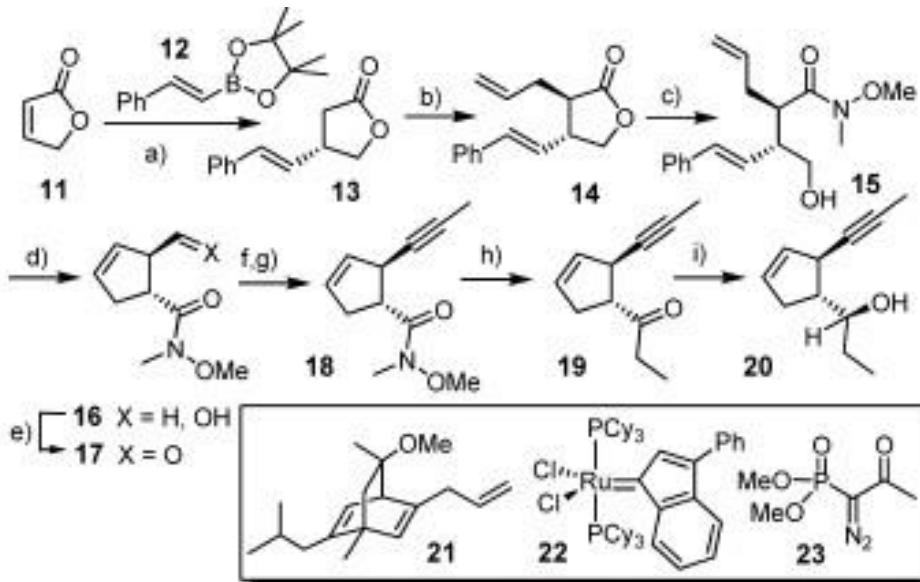
# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis in total synthesis

## Protecting-Group-Free and Catalysis-Based Total Synthesis of the Ecklonialactones



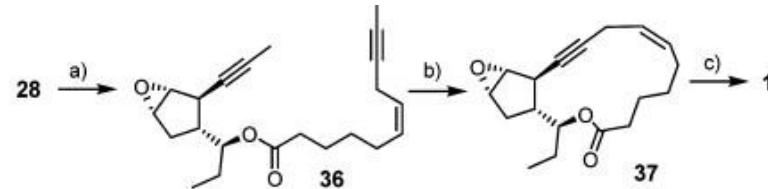
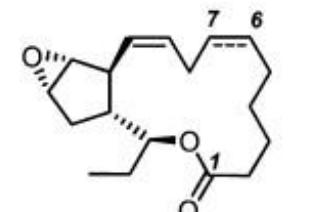
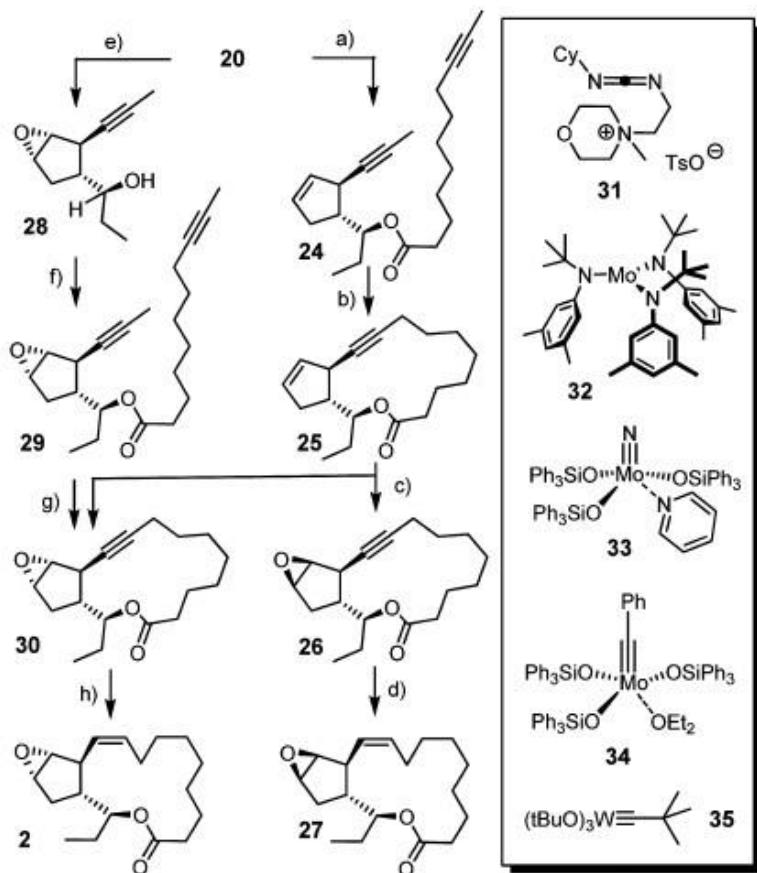
Ecklonialactone A (**1**): Δ<sup>6,7</sup>

Ecklonialactone B (**2**)



<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) [Rh(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mol %), **21** (3.3 mol %), SiO<sub>2</sub> cat., 1,4-dioxane, aq. KOH, 52%, 80% ee (93% ee after recryst.); (b) LDA, THF, -78 °C, then allyl iodide, 87%; (c) HN(OMe)Me·HCl, Me<sub>3</sub>Al, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C → rt; (d) **22** (8 mol %), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 75% (over both steps); (e) Dess–Martin periodinane, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 73%; (f) **23**, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 75%; (g) LiHMDS, MeOTf, THF, -78 °C, 80%; (h) EtMgBr, THF, 0 °C, 93%; (i) LiBH(*s*-Bu)<sub>3</sub>, THF, -78 °C, 69%.

# 1.2. Alkyne Metathesis in total synthesis

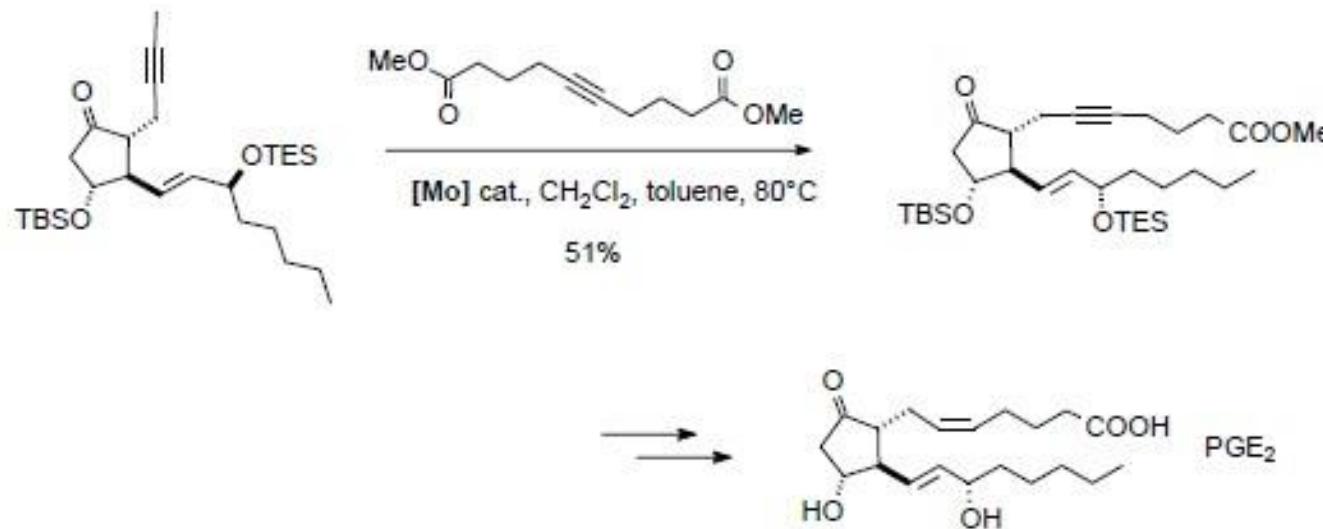


<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) undec-6(Z)-en-9-ynoic acid, 31, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 65%; (b) 34 (5 mol %), MS 5 Å, toluene, 90%; (c) P<sub>2</sub>Ni (25 mol %), H<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, 69%.

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) 9-undecynoyl chloride, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 70%; (b) 32 (20 mol %), toluene/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 80 °C, 71%; (c) dimethyl dioxirane, acetone/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C → rt, 75% (26:30 = 3:1); (d) Lindlar catalyst, H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 80%; (e) VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> (8 mol %), t-BuOOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 94%; (f) 9-undecynoic acid, 31, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 61%; (g) 34 (5 mol %), toluene, MS 5 Å, 80%; (h) Lindlar catalyst, H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 90%.

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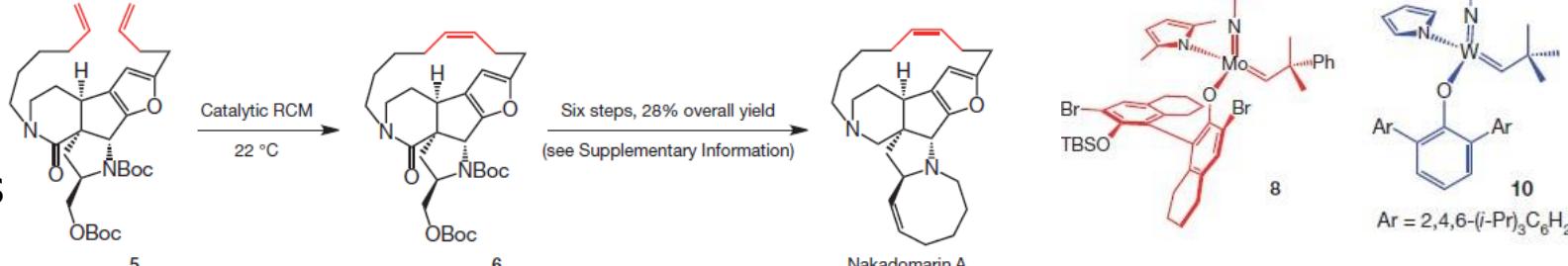
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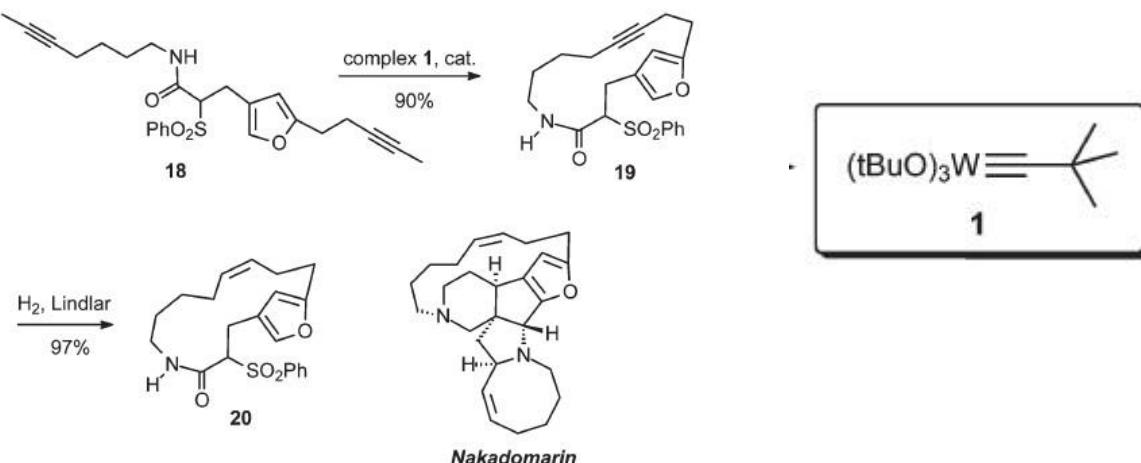
# 1.3. Compare Alkyne metathesis and Alkene in the selectivity

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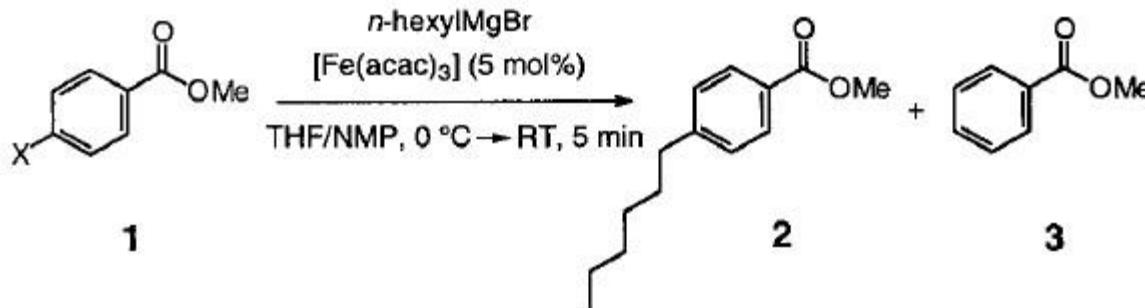


| Entry no. | Complex; loading (mol%) | Pressure; concentration | Time  | Conv.* (%); yield† (%) | Z:E*  |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| 1         | 7b; 5.0                 | 7.0 torr; 5.0 mM        | 2.0 h | 10; ND                 | ND    |
| 2         | 8; 6.0                  | 7.0 torr; 5.0 mM        | 2.0 h | 95; 71                 | 69:31 |
| 3         | 9; 5.0                  | 7.0 torr; 5.0 mM        | 2.0 h | 26; ND                 | ND    |
| 4         | 10; 5.0                 | 7.0 torr; 5.0 mM        | 2.0 h | 98; 90                 | 97:3  |
| 5         | 10; 5.0                 | 7.0 torr; 0.1 M         | 0.5 h | >98; 39                | 90:10 |
| 6         | 10; 5.0                 | Ambient; 0.1 M          | 2.0 h | 95; 52                 | 94:6  |

## Alkyne Metathesis



## 2.1 Fe catalyzed coupling reaction



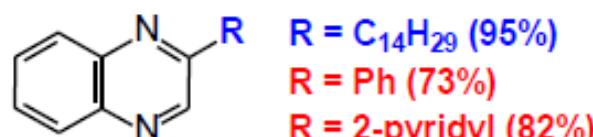
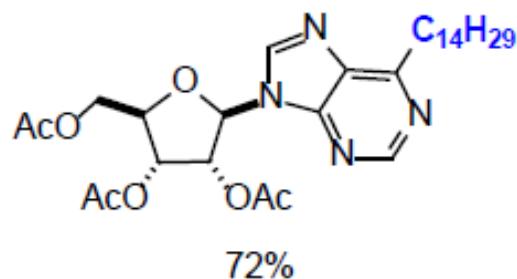
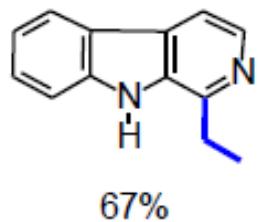
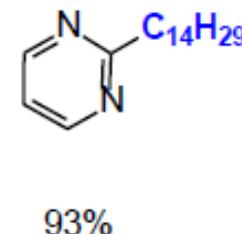
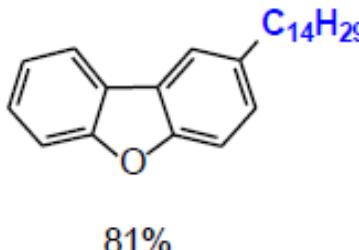
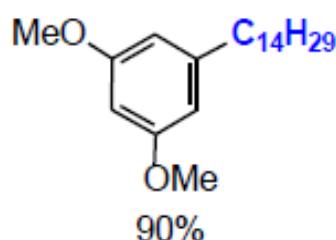
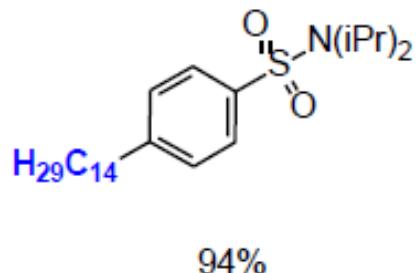
Scheme 3. Optimization of the iron-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of substrate **1**, (see Table 1). NMP = *N*-methylpyrrolidone.

Table 1. Screening of different substrates in the iron catalyzed cross coupling reaction depicted in Scheme 3.

| Entry | X   | Yield [GC, %] |          |
|-------|-----|---------------|----------|
|       |     | <b>2</b>      | <b>3</b> |
| 1     | I   | 27            | 46       |
| 2     | Br  | 38            | 50       |
| 3     | Cl  | >95           | –        |
| 4     | OTf | >95           | –        |
| 5     | OTs | >95           | –        |

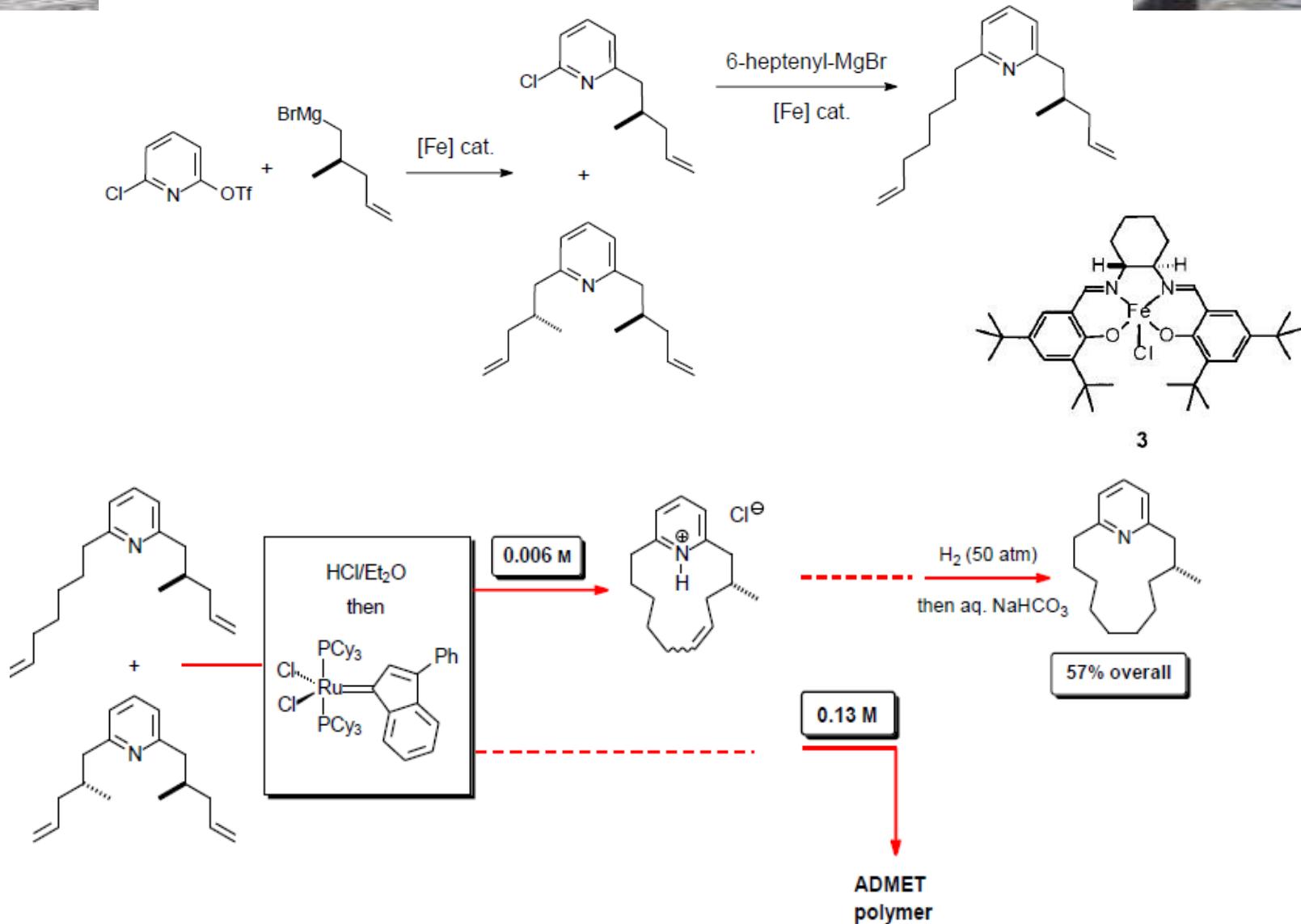
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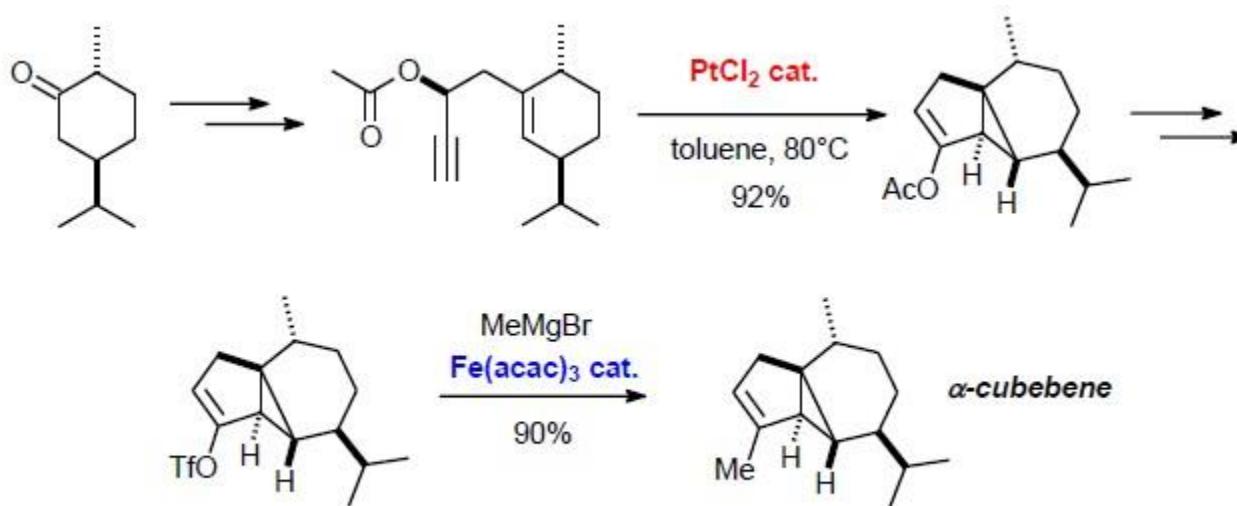


alkyl-MgX >> aryl-MgX (homocoupling)  
the reaction is sensitive to steric hindrance

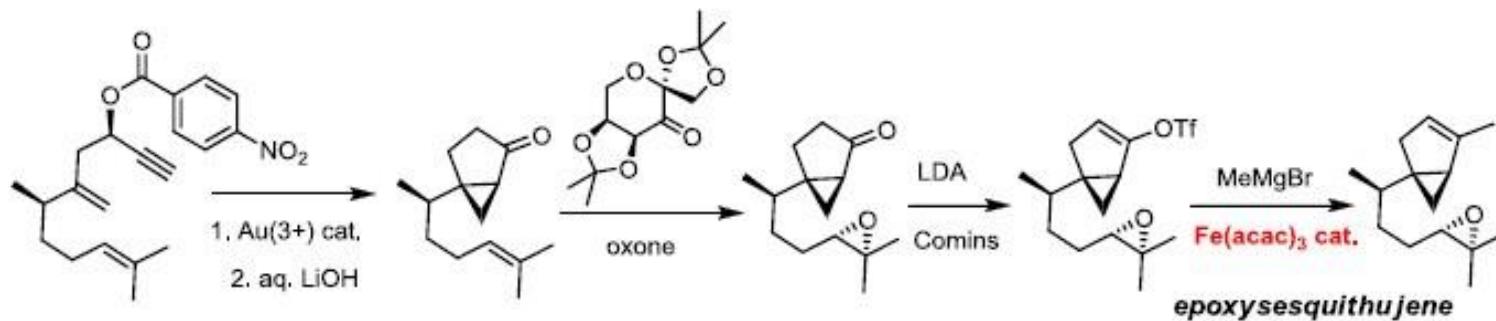
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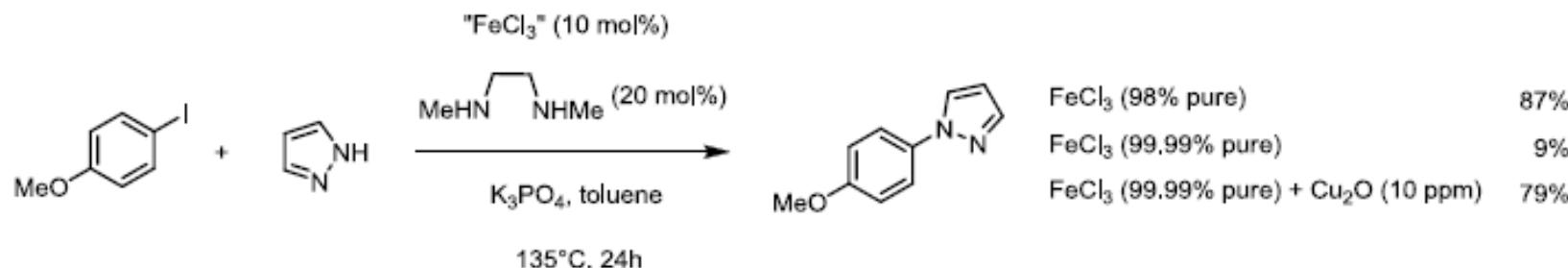


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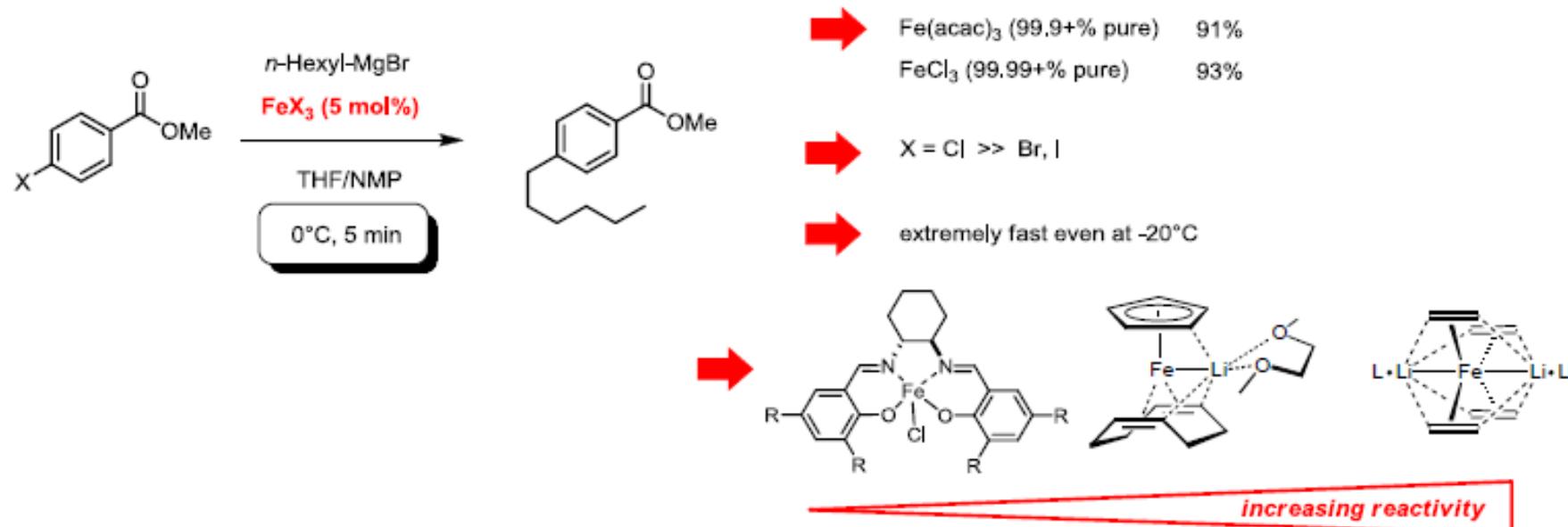
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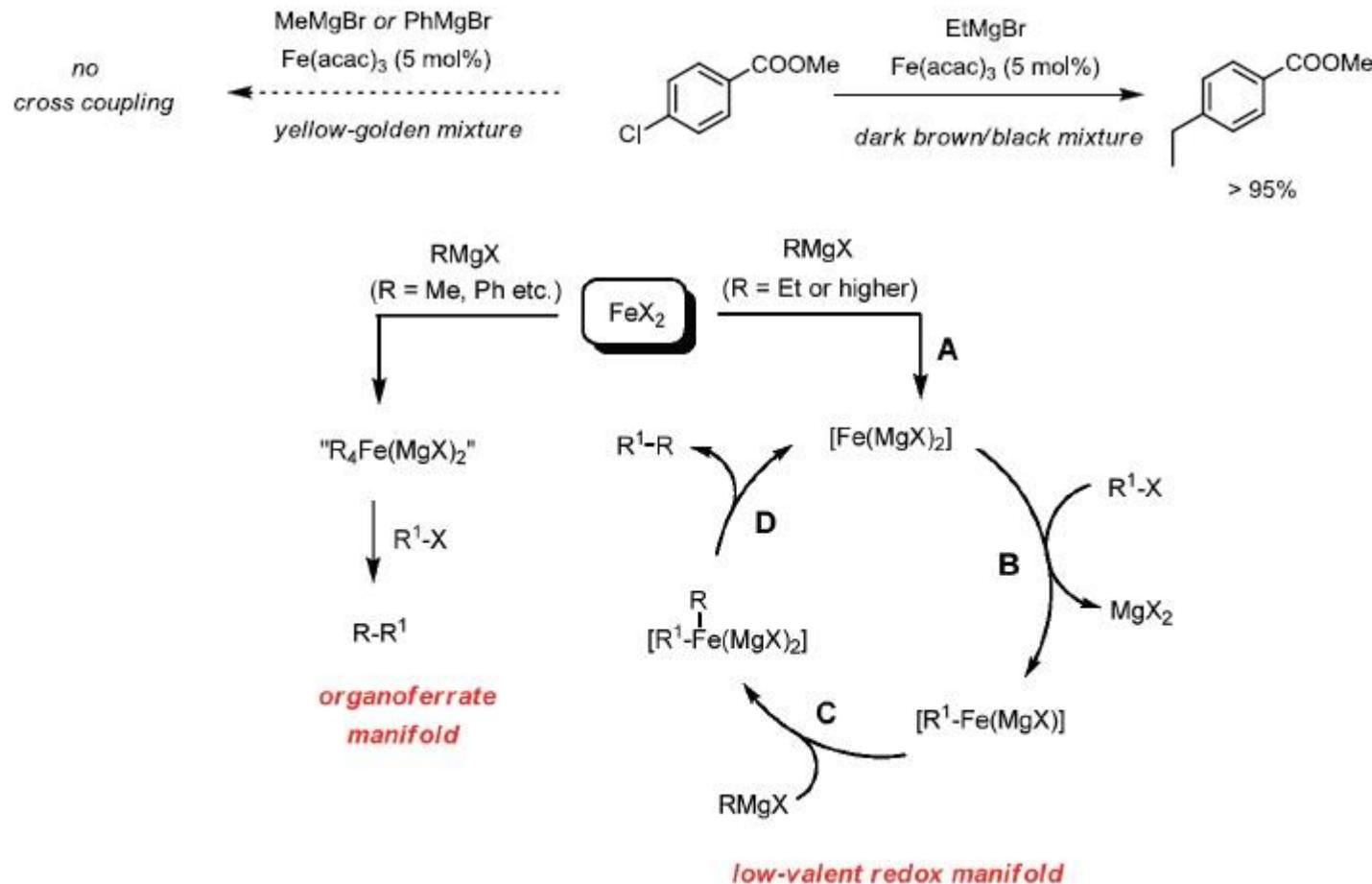


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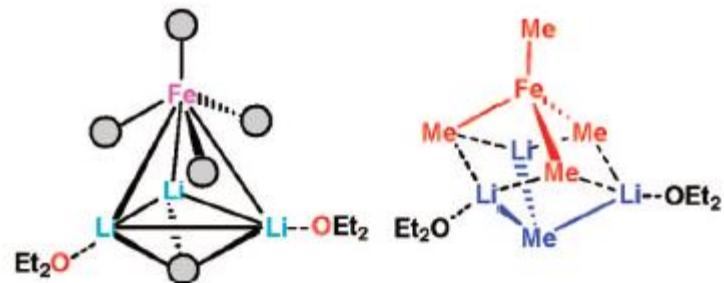


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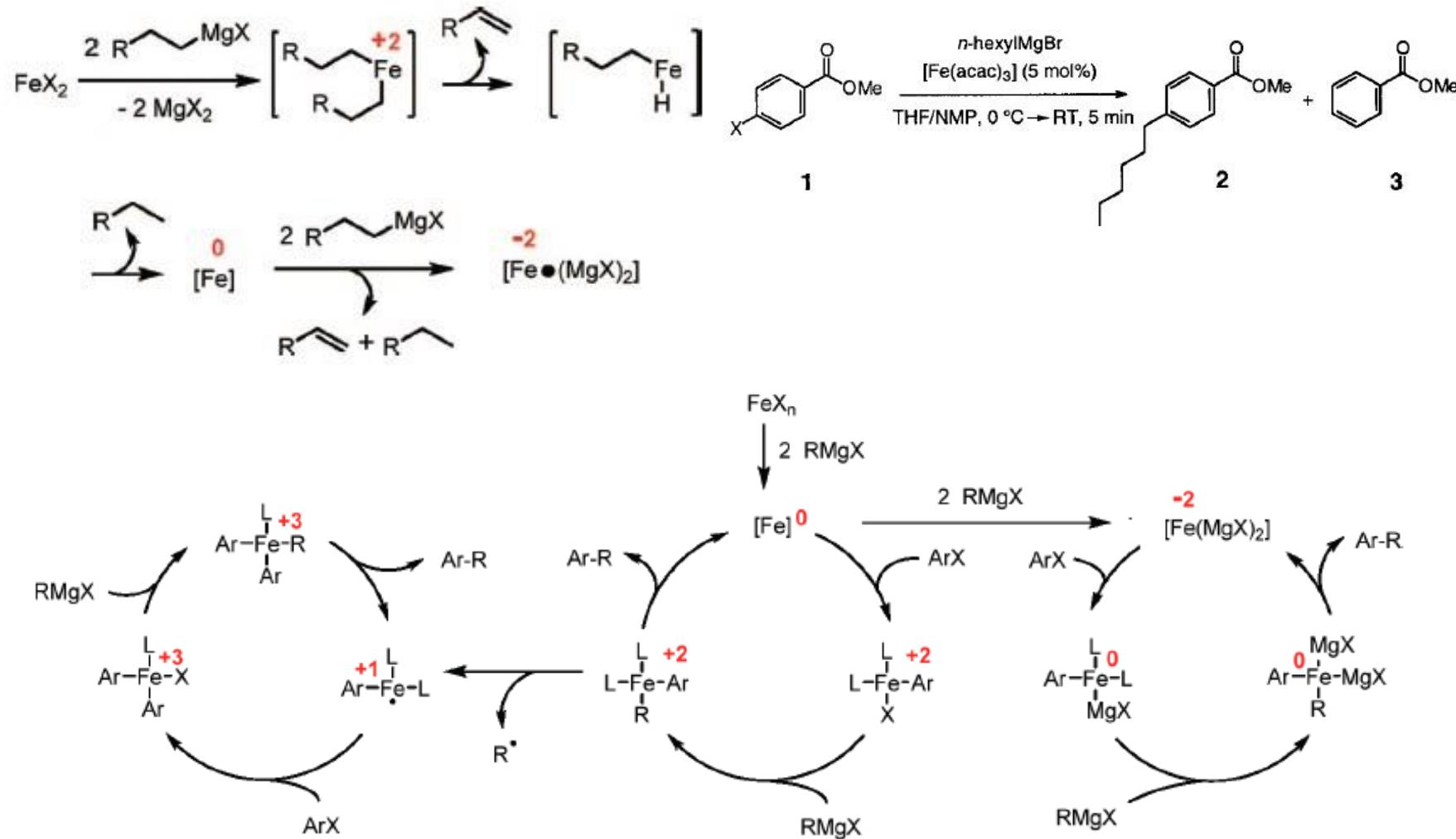
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| Nr | Substrate                                         | Product                                             | Yield              |
|----|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | <chem>Xc1ccccc1C(=O)OC</chem><br>(X = Cl, I)      | <chem>MeCc1ccccc1C(=O)OC</chem>                     | < 20%              |
| 2  | <chem>Clc1ccccc1C(=O)Cl</chem>                    | <chem>Clc1ccccc1C(=O)C</chem>                       | 60%                |
| 3  | <chem>O=C1OC(=O)C1[Trifluoromethyl]</chem>        | <chem>MeC1OC(=O)C1</chem>                           | 70%                |
| 4  | <chem>CC(C)(C)c1ccc(O[Trifluoromethyl])cc1</chem> | <chem>CC(C)(C)c1ccc(C)cc1</chem>                    | 80%                |
| 5  | <chem>Brc1cc2ccccc2n2c1</chem>                    | <chem>c1cc2ccccc2n2</chem>                          | 83%                |
| 6  | <chem>CC(C)(C)c1ccc2c(c1)C(=O)CC2</chem>          | <chem>CC(C)(C)c1ccc2c(c1)C(=O)CC2[Si](C)(C)C</chem> | 45% <sup>b,c</sup> |

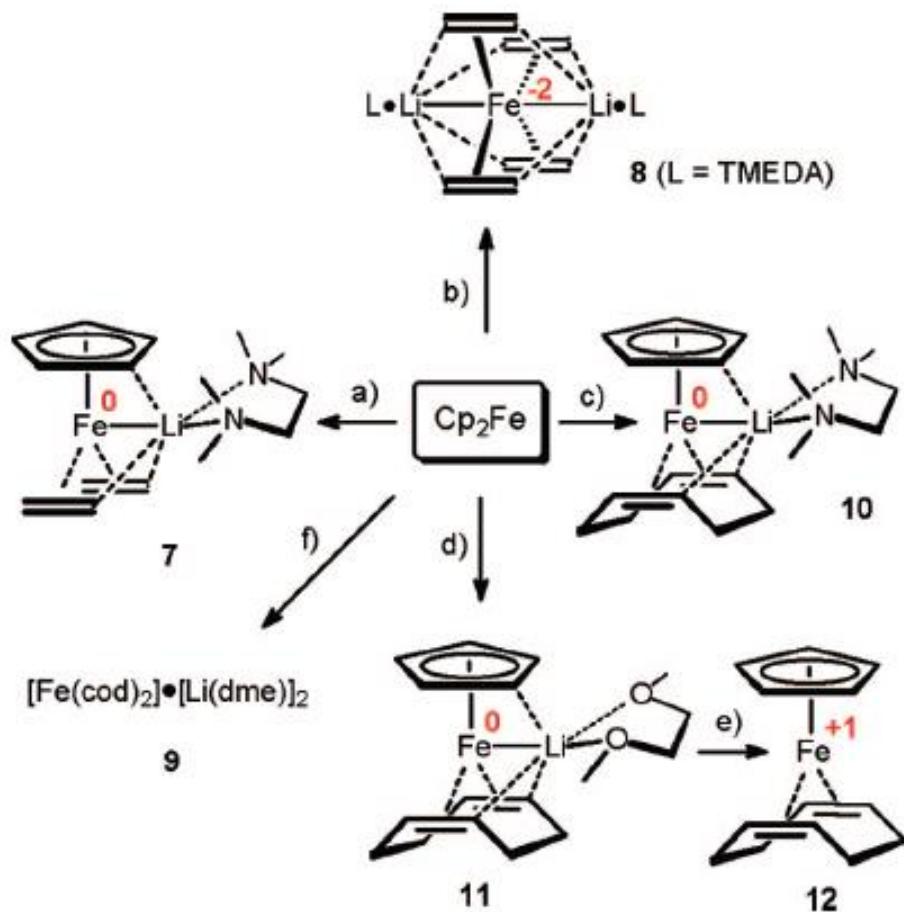
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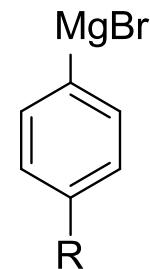
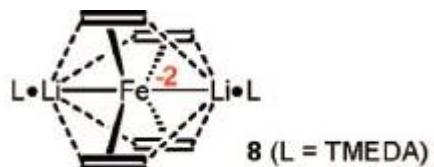
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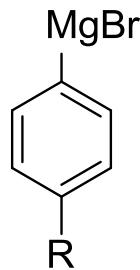
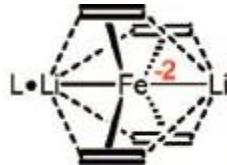
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| Nr | Substrate                          | Product                             | Yield                       |
|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  |                                    |                                     | 95% (X = OMe)               |
| 2  | cyclohexyl-Br                      | cyclohexyl-phenyl-X                 | 67% (X = Cl) <sup>c</sup>   |
| 3  |                                    |                                     | 93% (X = Ph) <sup>c</sup>   |
| 4  |                                    |                                     | 86% (X = NMe <sub>2</sub> ) |
| 5  |                                    | cyclohexyl-thiophenyl               | 77%                         |
| 6  | cyclohexyl-iodide                  | cyclohexyl-phenyl-OMe               | 94%                         |
| 7  | trans-1-bromoheptane               | trans-1-phenylheptane               | 93% <sup>d</sup>            |
| 8  | 2-bromo-2-methylcyclopentyl iodide | 2-phenyl-2-methylcyclopentyl iodide | 58% <sup>e</sup>            |
| 9  | 2-iodo-2-methylpropane             | 2-phenyl-2-methylpropane            | 74%                         |
| 10 | TBSO-heptyl iodide                 | TBSO-heptyl phenyl                  | 84%                         |
| 11 | 2-iodo-2-phenylacetyl iodide       | 2-phenyl-2-phenylacetyl iodide      | 91%                         |

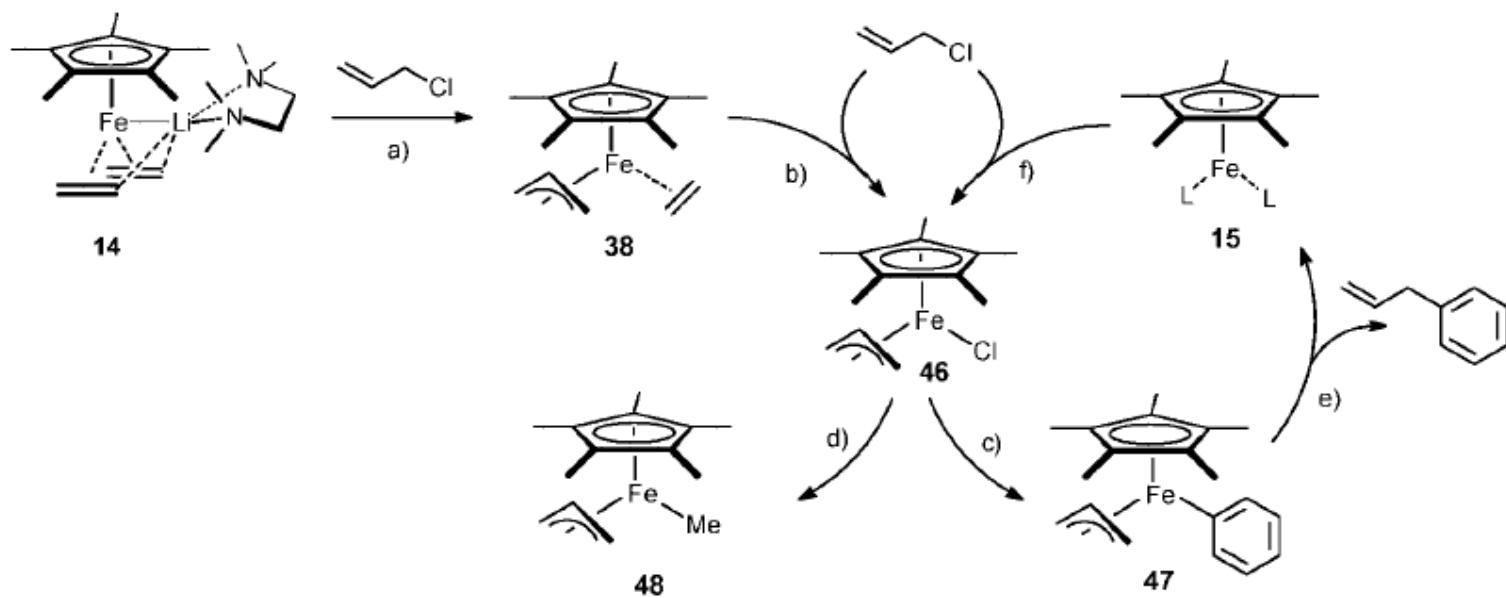
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|    |  |  |                  |
|----|--|--|------------------|
| 14 |  |  | 90%              |
| 15 |  |  | 86%              |
| 16 |  |  | 68%              |
| 17 |  |  | 85% <sup>c</sup> |
| 18 |  |  | 92%              |
| 19 |  |  | 66%              |
| 20 |  |  | 56%              |

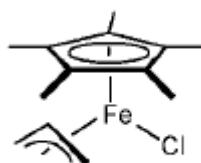
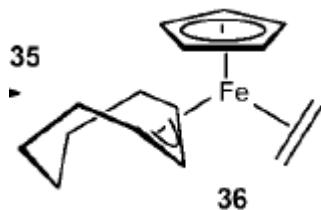
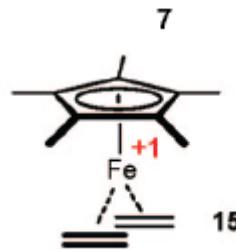
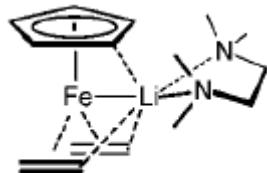
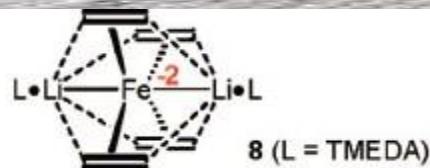
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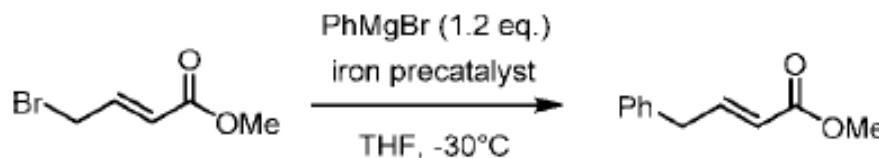


<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) allyl chloride, pentane,  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 16 h, 43%, cf. Scheme 9; (b) allyl chloride,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 24 h, 61%, cf. Scheme 13; (c) PhLi or PhMgBr,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $-35\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 2 h; (d) MeLi, pentane,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow 0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , ca. 70%; (e)  $\text{THF}-d_8$ , ethene (1 atm), ambient temperature, 46% (NMR, allylbenzene), see text; (f) allyl chloride,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 20 h, 58%.

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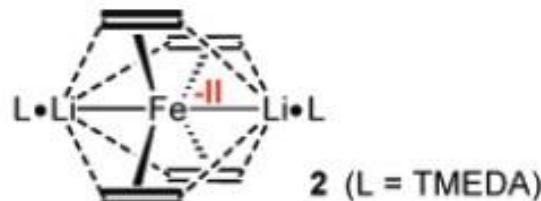
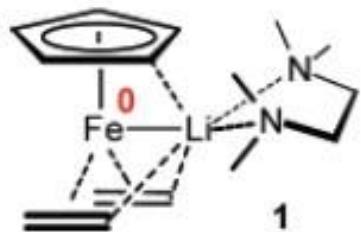
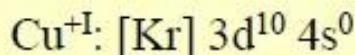
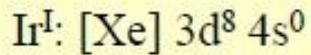
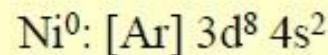
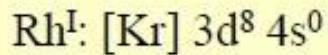
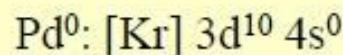
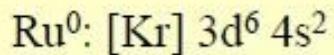
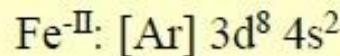
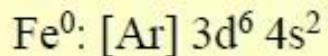
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|-------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1     | 8 (5%)            | -2                     | < 10 min       | 94%                |
| 2     | 7 (5%)            | 0                      | 30 min         | 45%                |
| 3     | 15 (10%)          | +1                     | 30 min         | 50%                |
| 4     | 36 (10%)          | +2                     | 30 min         | 46%                |
| 5     | 46 (10%)          | +3                     | 30 min         | 73%                |

<sup>a</sup> Time necessary to reach complete conversion of the substrate.

<sup>b</sup> Isolated yield of pure product; variable amounts of biphenyl were removed by flash chromatography.

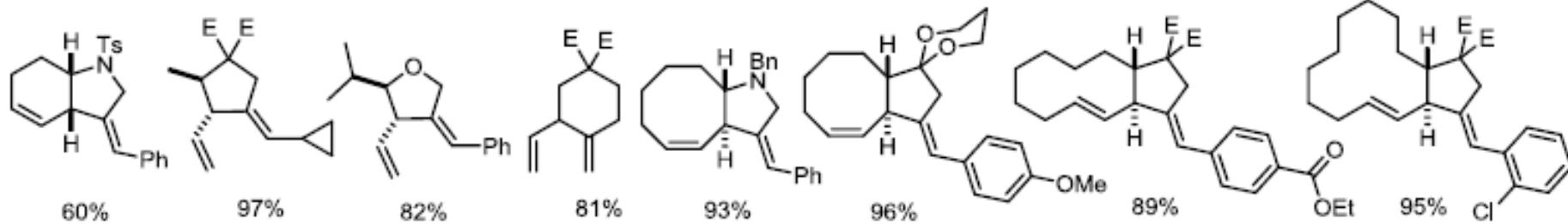
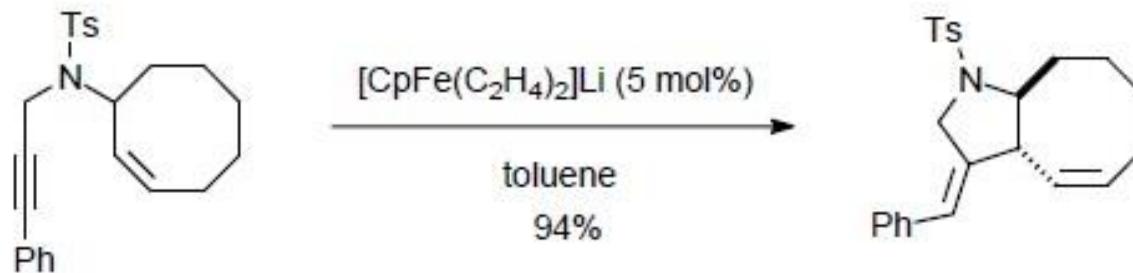
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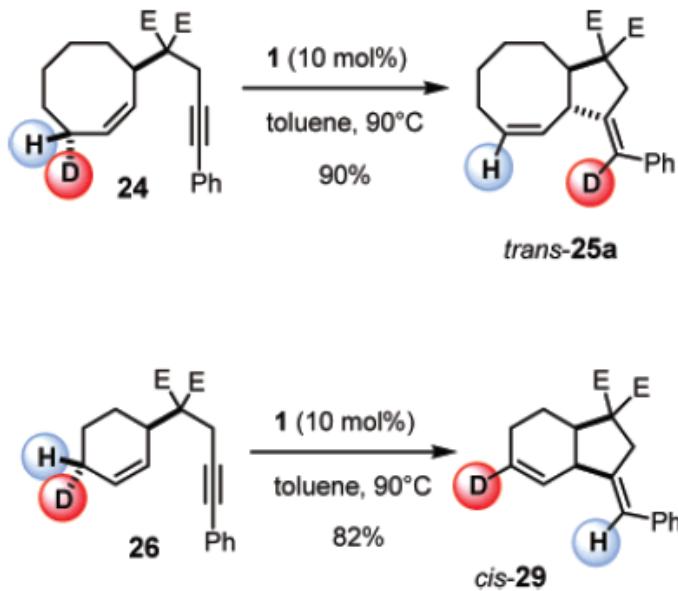
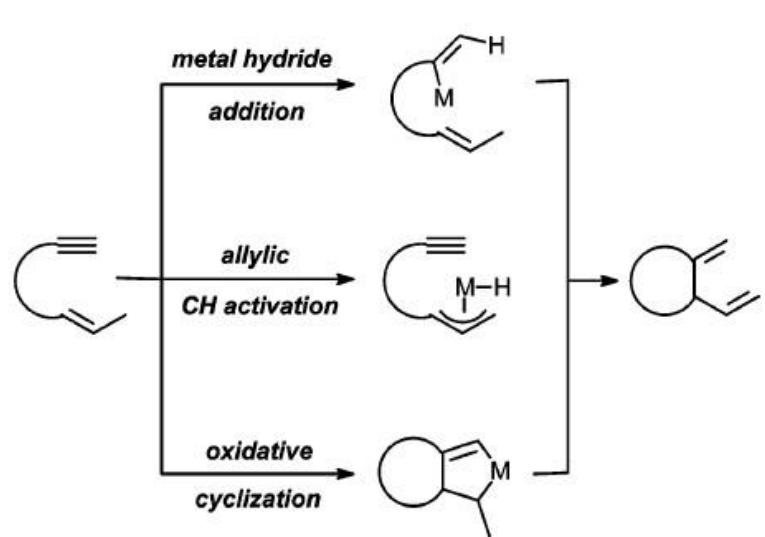
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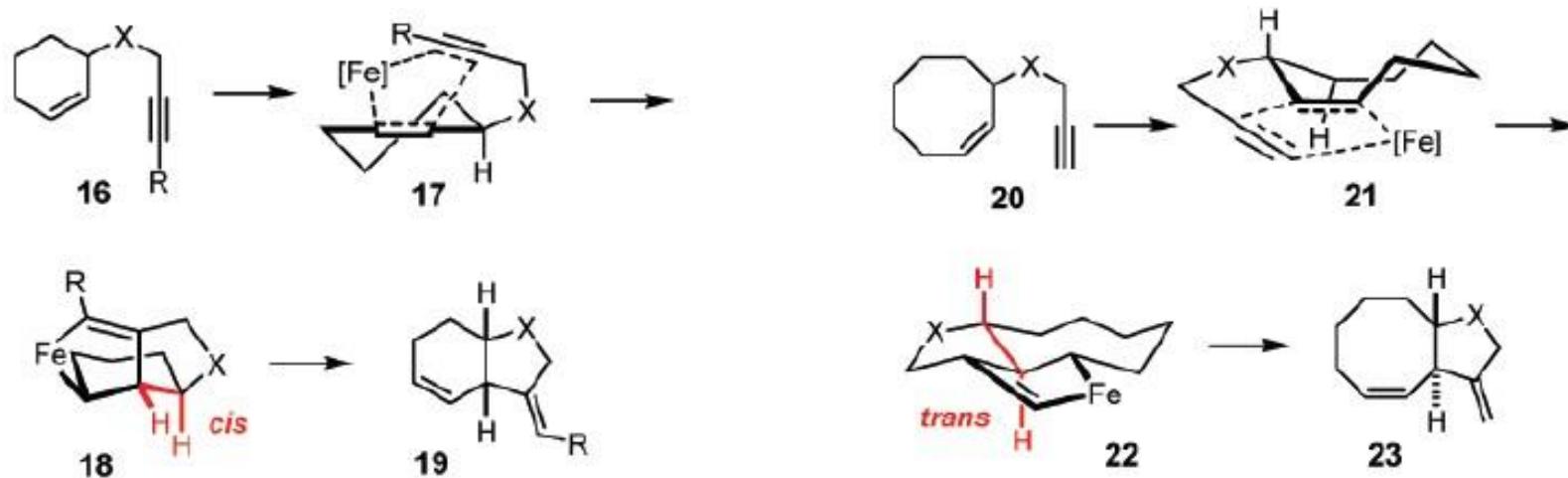
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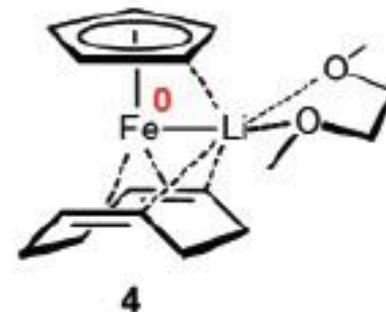
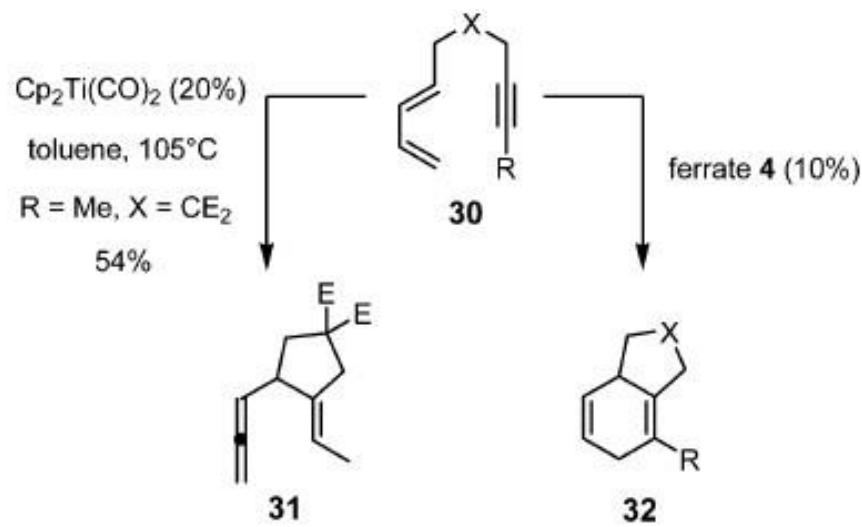


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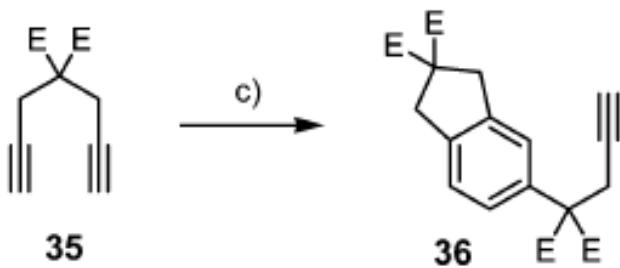
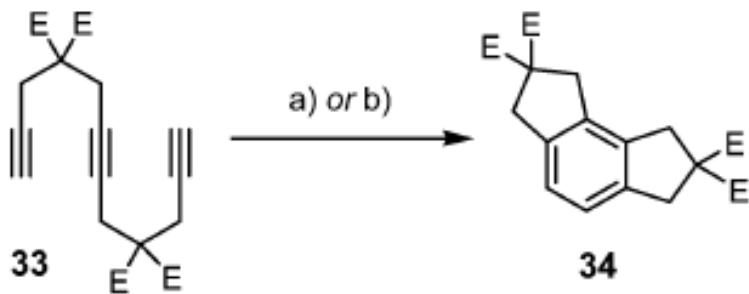


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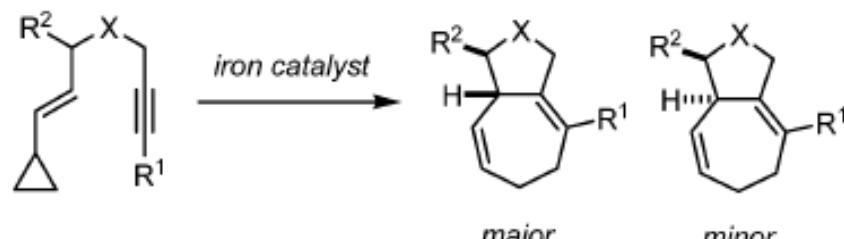
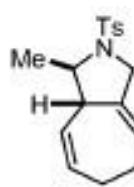
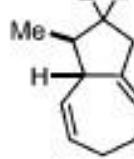
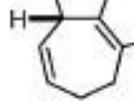
| entry | X               | R                 | catalyst | t (h) | conversion | yield <sup>b</sup> |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|-------|------------|--------------------|
| 1     | NTs             | H                 | —        | 1.5   | 23%        |                    |
| 2     |                 | H                 | 4 (10%)  | 1.5   | >90%       | 54%                |
| 3     | CE <sub>2</sub> | H                 | —        | 7     | 25%        |                    |
| 4     |                 | H                 | 4 (10%)  | 7     | 85%        | 67%                |
| 5     |                 | Me                | —        | 16    | 10%        |                    |
| 6     |                 | Me                | 4 (20%)  | 16    | 100%       | 57%                |
| 7     |                 | SiMe <sub>3</sub> | —        | 6     | 25%        |                    |
| 8     |                 | SiMe <sub>3</sub> | 4 (10%)  | 6     | 100%       | 66%                |

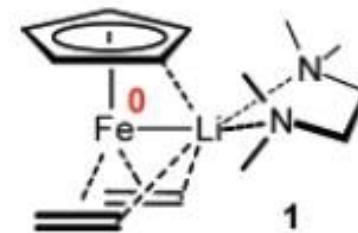
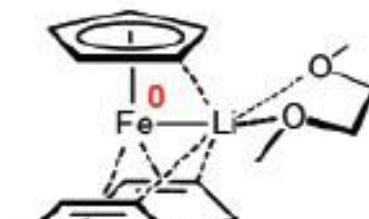
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<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) complex 4 (10 mol %), toluene (0.08 M), reflux, 2 h, 89%; (b) complex 6 (20 mol %), toluene (0.08 M), reflux, 21 h, 80%; (c) complex 4 (5 mol %), toluene (0.1 M), 90 °C, 24 h, 70%; E = COOEt.

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|    |                                                                                    |   |                              |       |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------|
|    |  |   |                              |       |
| 9  |   | A | 56% <sup>d</sup>             | 5.5:1 |
| 10 |   | B | 70%                          | 5.7:1 |
| 11 |   | A | 91% <sup>e</sup>             | 6.7:1 |
| 12 |   | A | 92% (R = Me) <sup>d</sup>    | 9.4:1 |
| 13 |   | A | 76% (R = COOEt) <sup>d</sup> | 2.3:1 |
| 14 |   | A | 99% (R = SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) | 15:1  |
| 15 |  | A | 98% (X = H)                  | 6.2:1 |
| 16 |                                                                                    | A | 98% (X = OMe)                | 7.3:1 |
| 17 |                                                                                    | A | 97% (X = F)                  | 6.6:1 |

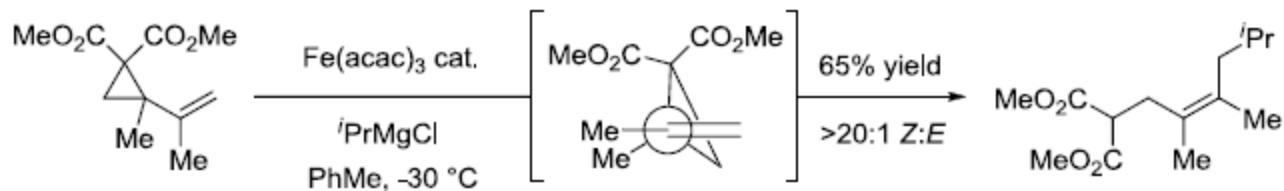


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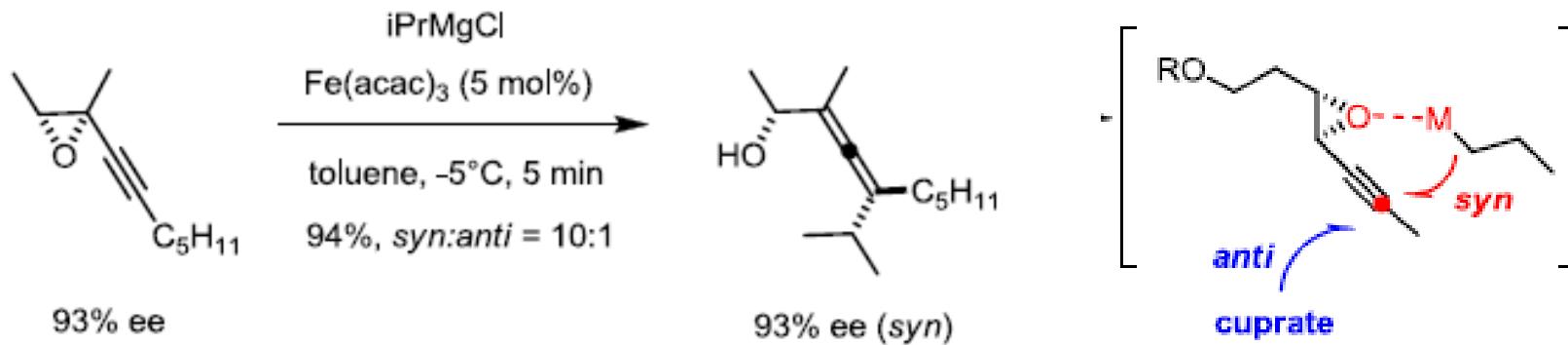
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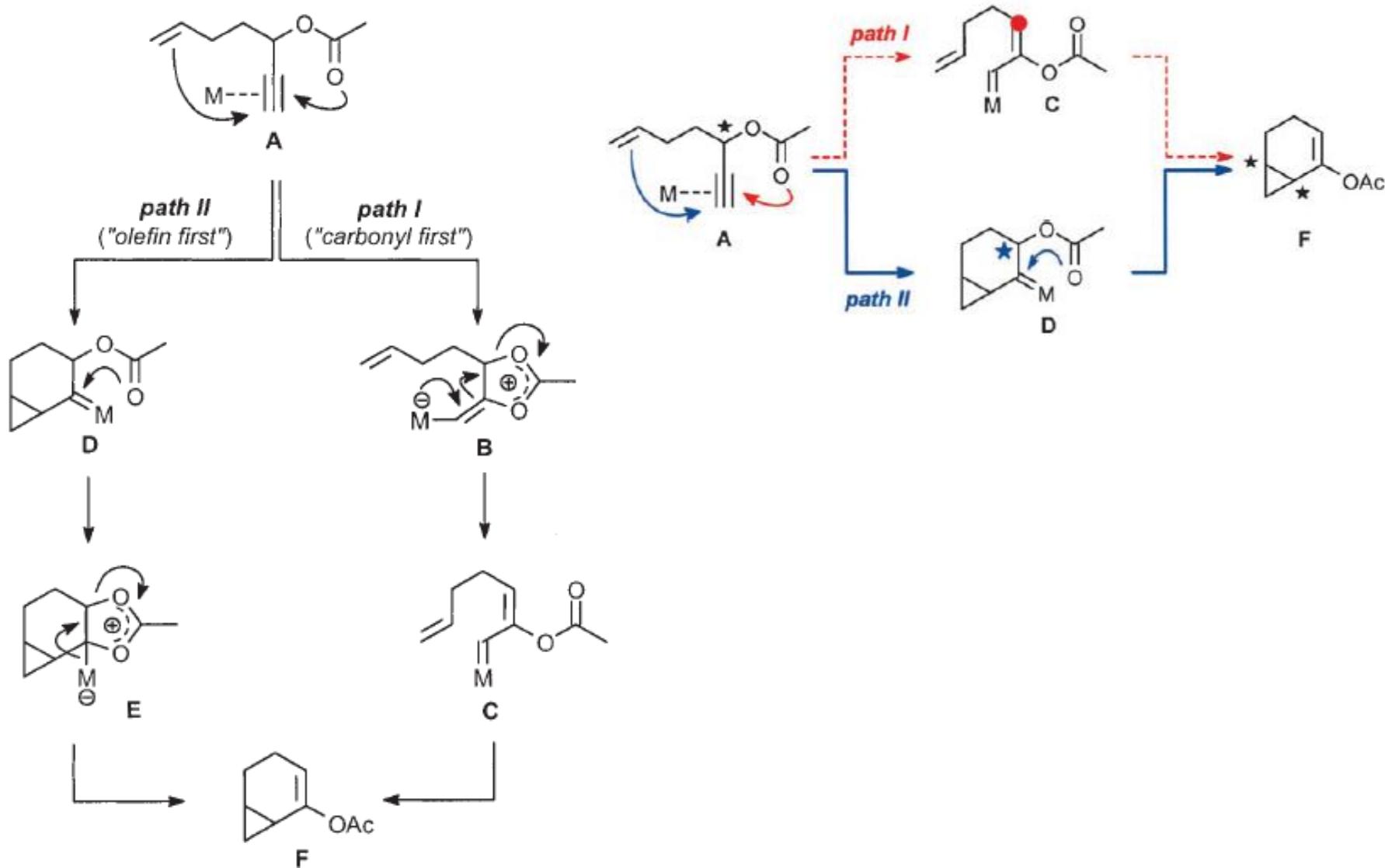


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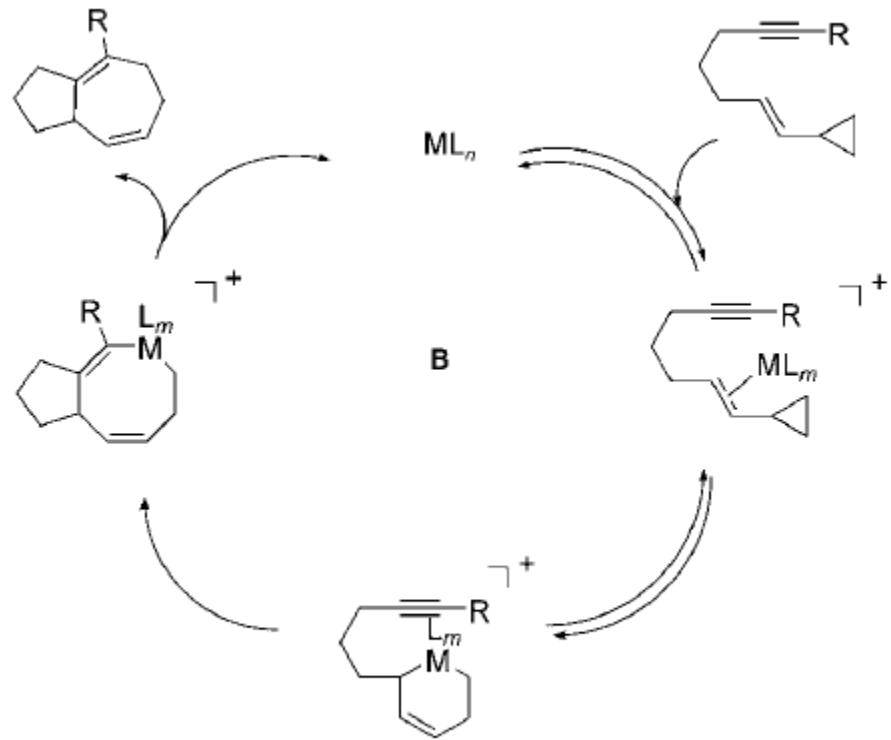


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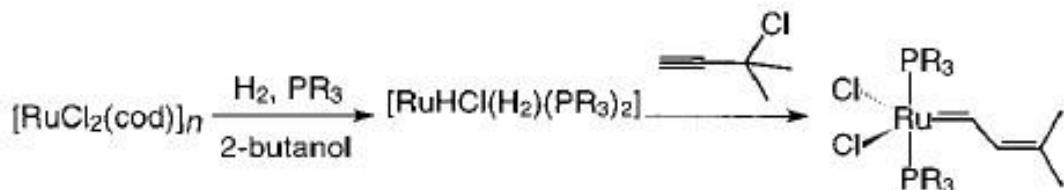
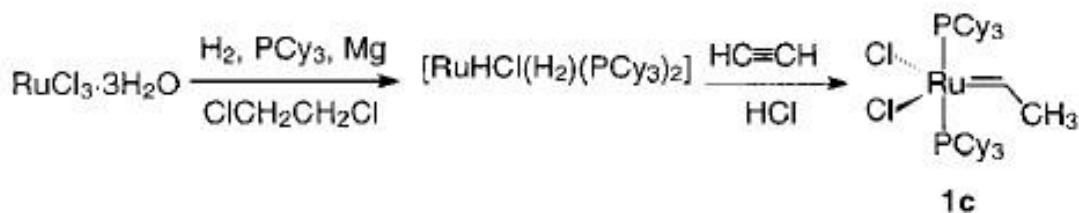
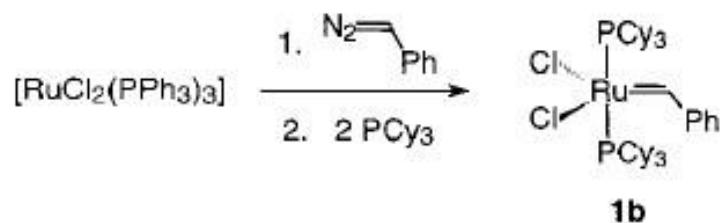
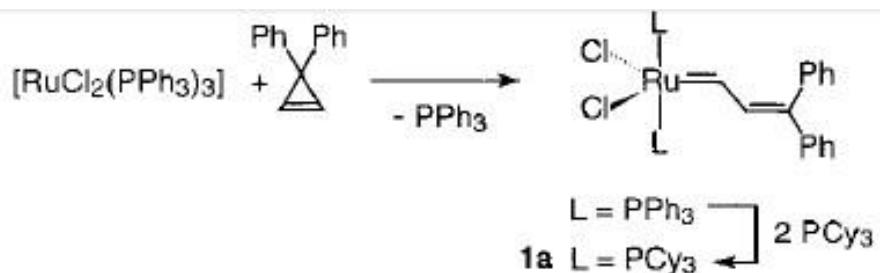


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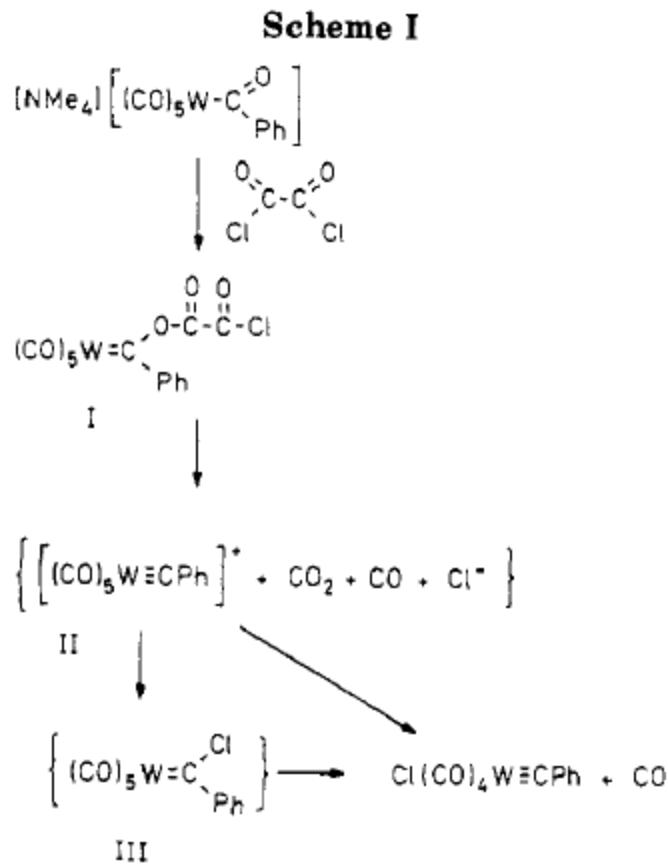
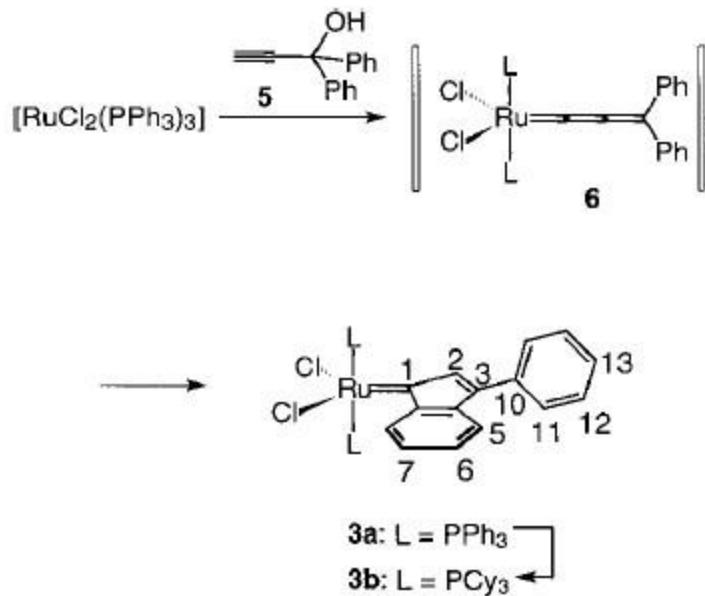


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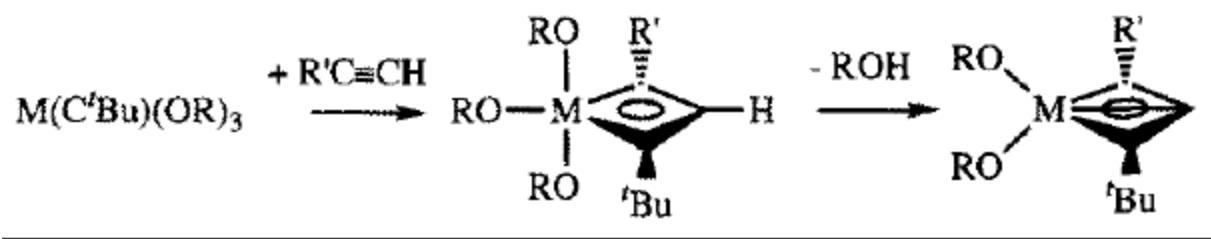


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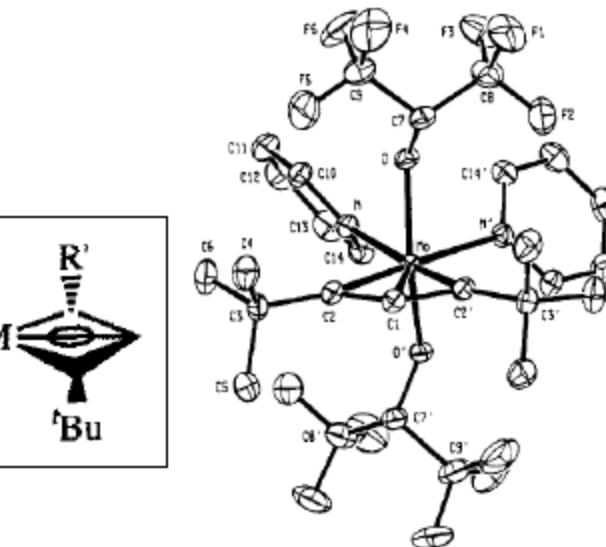


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