

Tandem Rh(I)-Catalyzed [(5+2)+1]
Cycloaddition/Aldol Reaction for the
Construction of Linear Triquinane Skeleton:
Total Syntheses of (±)-Hirsutene and (±)-1-
Desoxyhypnophilin

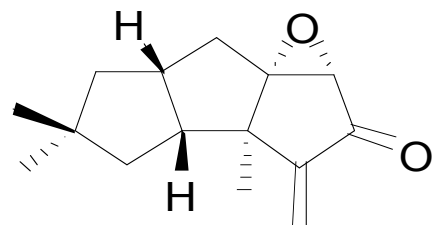
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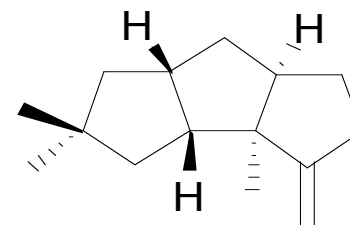
Linear Triquinanes: Target Natural Products



(±)-1-desoxyhypnophilin



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(±)-hirsutene

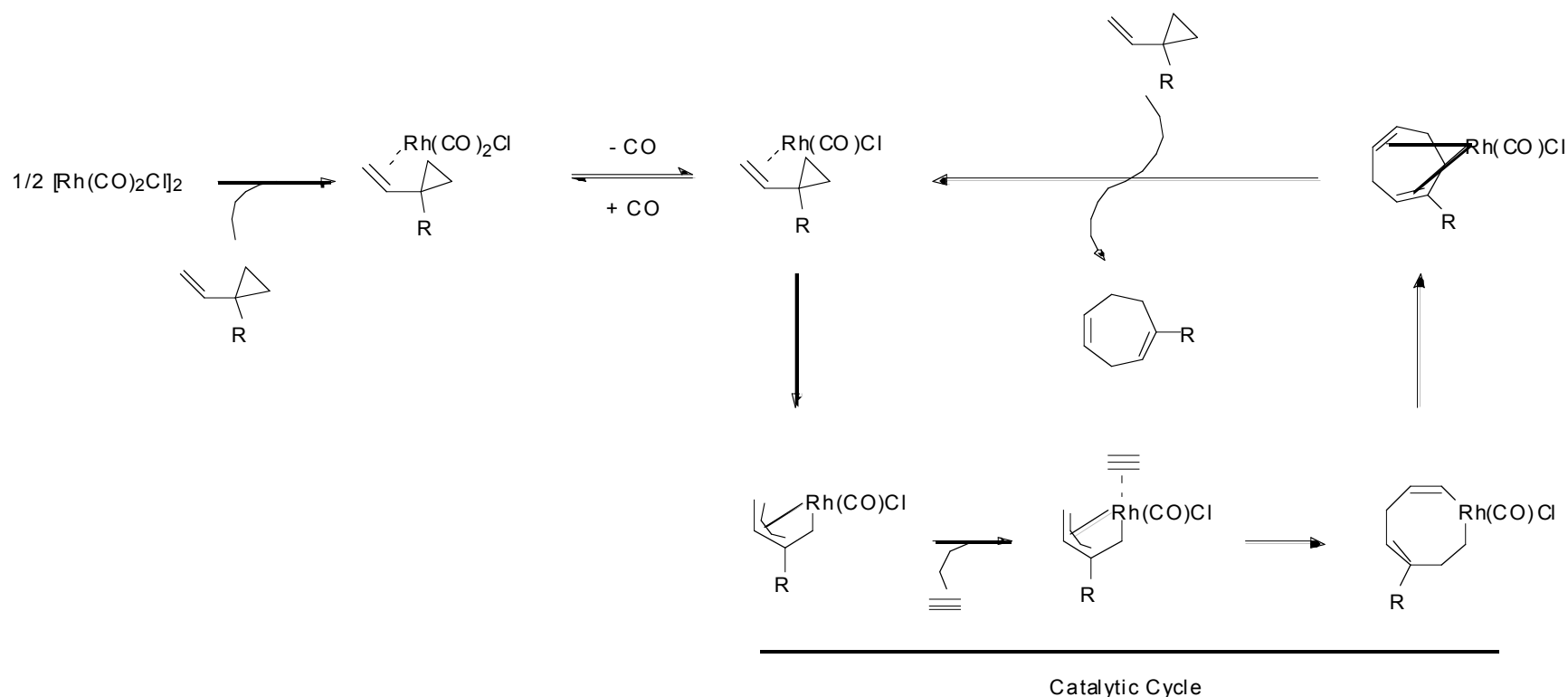
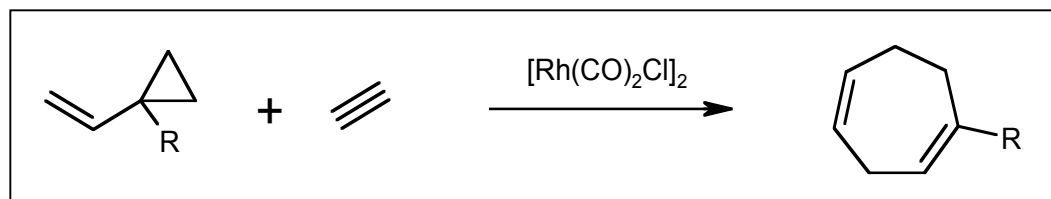


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- Polyquinane natural products were first isolated in 1966.
- Since then over 80 linear triquinane natural products have been isolated from plants, microbes and marine organisms.
- Biological activities of select linear triquinanes include antibiotic and antitumor activity.

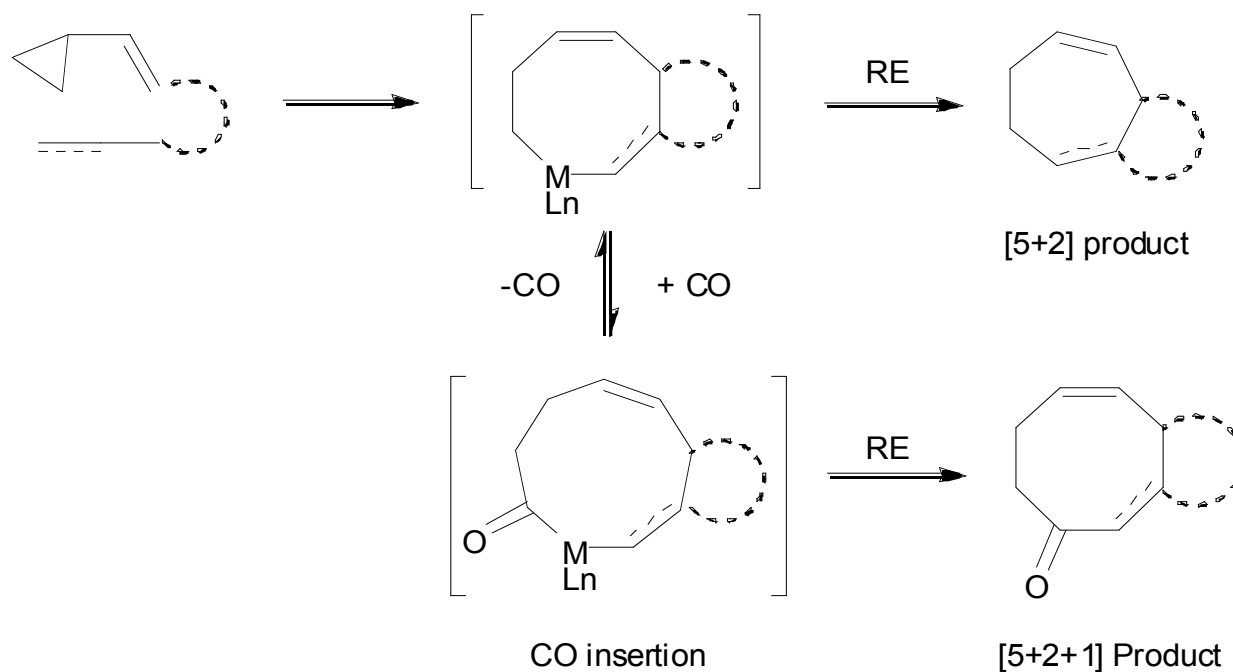
Tetrahedron Letters **2000**, *41*, 8985; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2003**, *42*, 5855.

Background: Theoretically Suggested Mechanism for $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$ Catalyzed Intermolecular (5+2) Reactions between Vinylcyclopropanes and Alkynes



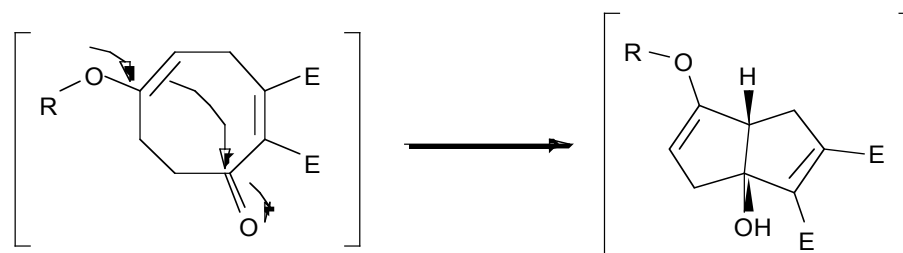
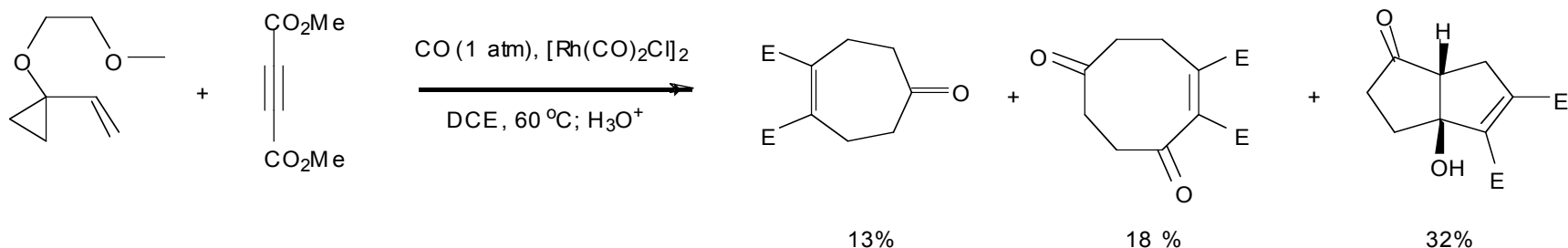
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Could the Intermediate Along the Route to a [5+2] Cycloaddition be intercepted by CO to give a [5+2+1] Cycloadduct

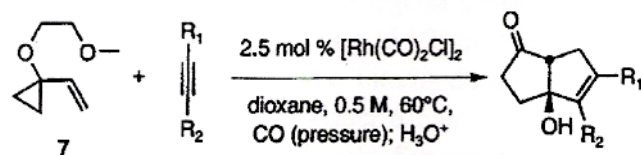


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Yes... With a Surprising Result!



Transannular Aldol condensation gives the corresponding diquinane products



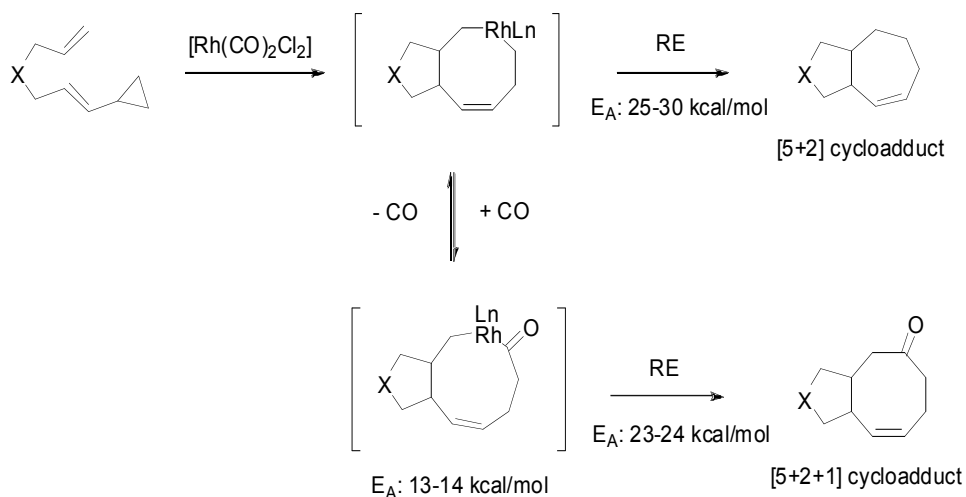
entry	R ₁	R ₂	CO [atm]	t [h]	product	yield ^a [%]
1	-COCH ₃	-Et	2	20	15	97
2	-COCH ₃	-TMS	1	42	16	54
3	-COCH ₃	-Ph	1	26	17	88
4	-CONH ₂	-Ph	1	40	18	96
5	-CHO	-Ph	2	26	19	69 ^b
6	-CO ₂ Et	-Ph	1	24	20	79
7	-CO ₂ Et	-TMS	1	26	21	67 ^c
8	-CO ₂ Et	-Me	1	20	22	85 ^d
9	-CO ₂ Me	-CO ₂ Me	1	30	11	48 ^e

- Good yields of diquinanes with carbonyl activated alkynes
- Highly regio- and diastereoselective

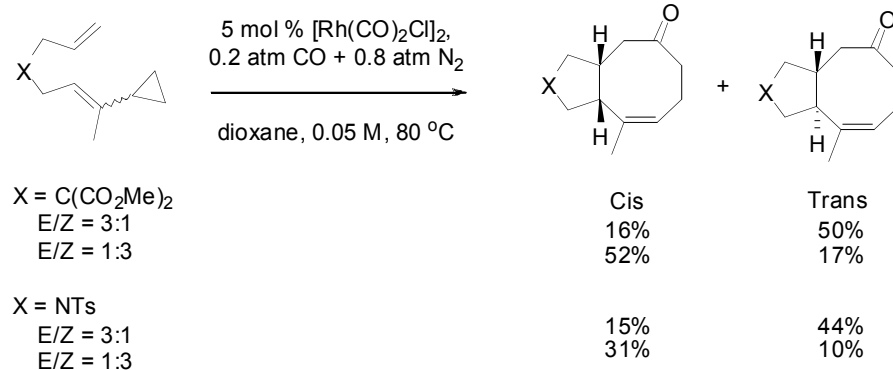
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Background: Rh(I)-Catalyzed Two Component [5+2+1] Cycloaddition of Ene-vinylcyclopropanes and CO

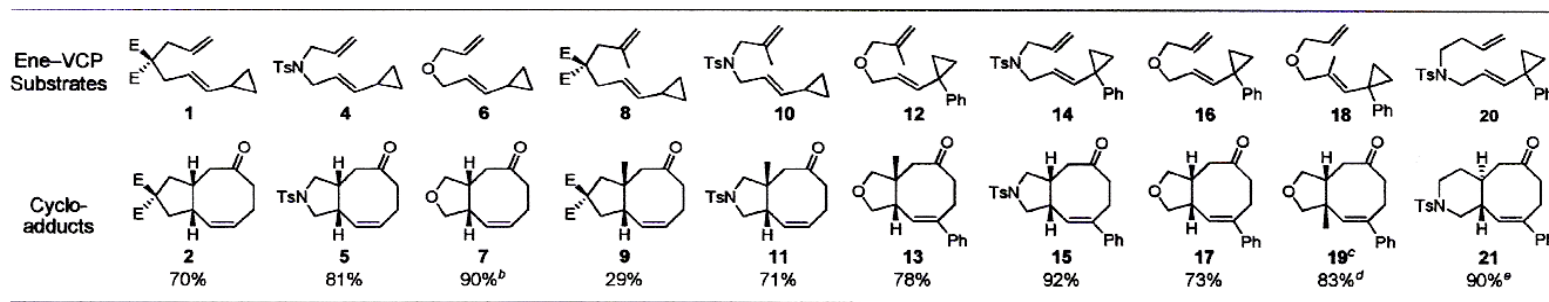
Computational considerations for the $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]_2$ catalyzed cycloaddition reaction



Effect of VCP olefin geometry on the cis/trans stereochemistry of the bicyclic products



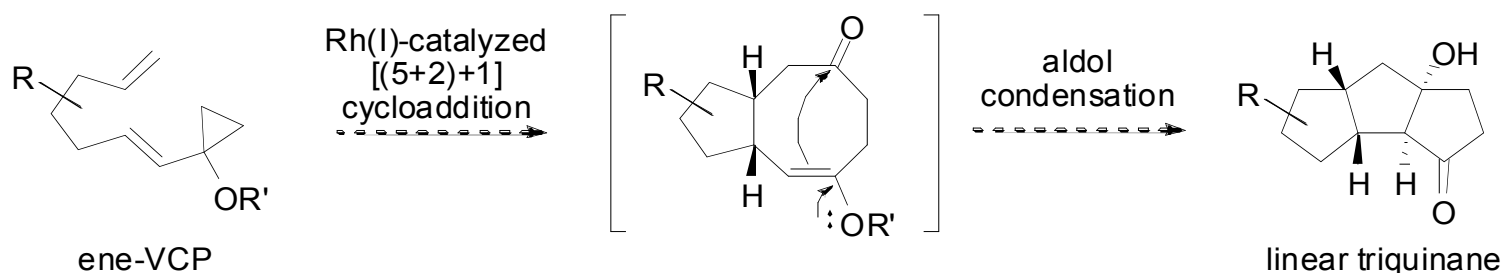
Substrate Scope



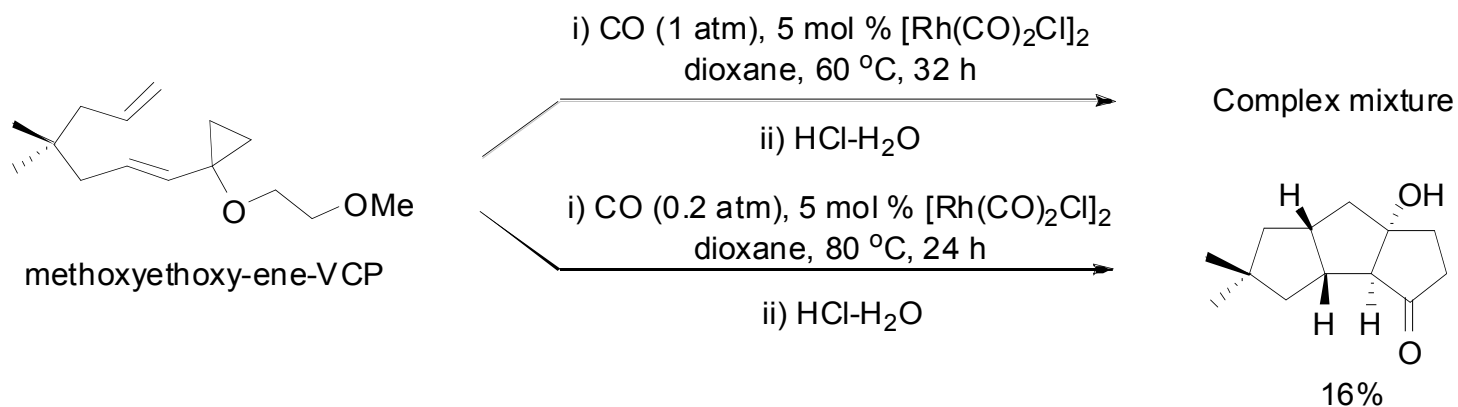
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Combination of Methodologies: Construction of the Linear Triquinane Skeleton

- Key Transformation

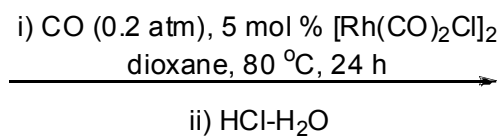
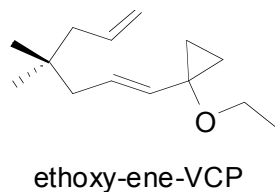


- Initial Attempts

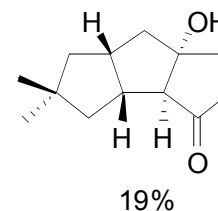
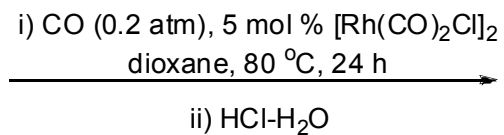
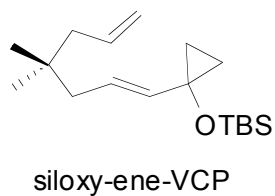


Optimization: Changes at the O-substituent

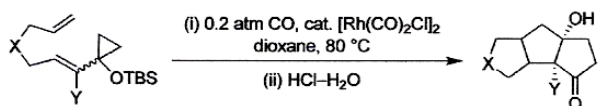
- Ethoxy- and siloxy-ene-VCP



Complex mixture

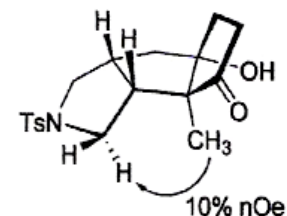


Model Reaction Study on the Tandem Two-Component [(5+2)+1]/Aldol Reactions



entry	substrate	mol % [Rh(CO) ₂ Cl] ₂	time (h)	product	yield ^b
1		6	18		22%
2		5	20		28%
3		10	36		26% ^c
4		8	48		50% ^d
5		11	48		67%
6		9	36		52% ^e
7		6	24		50% ^f

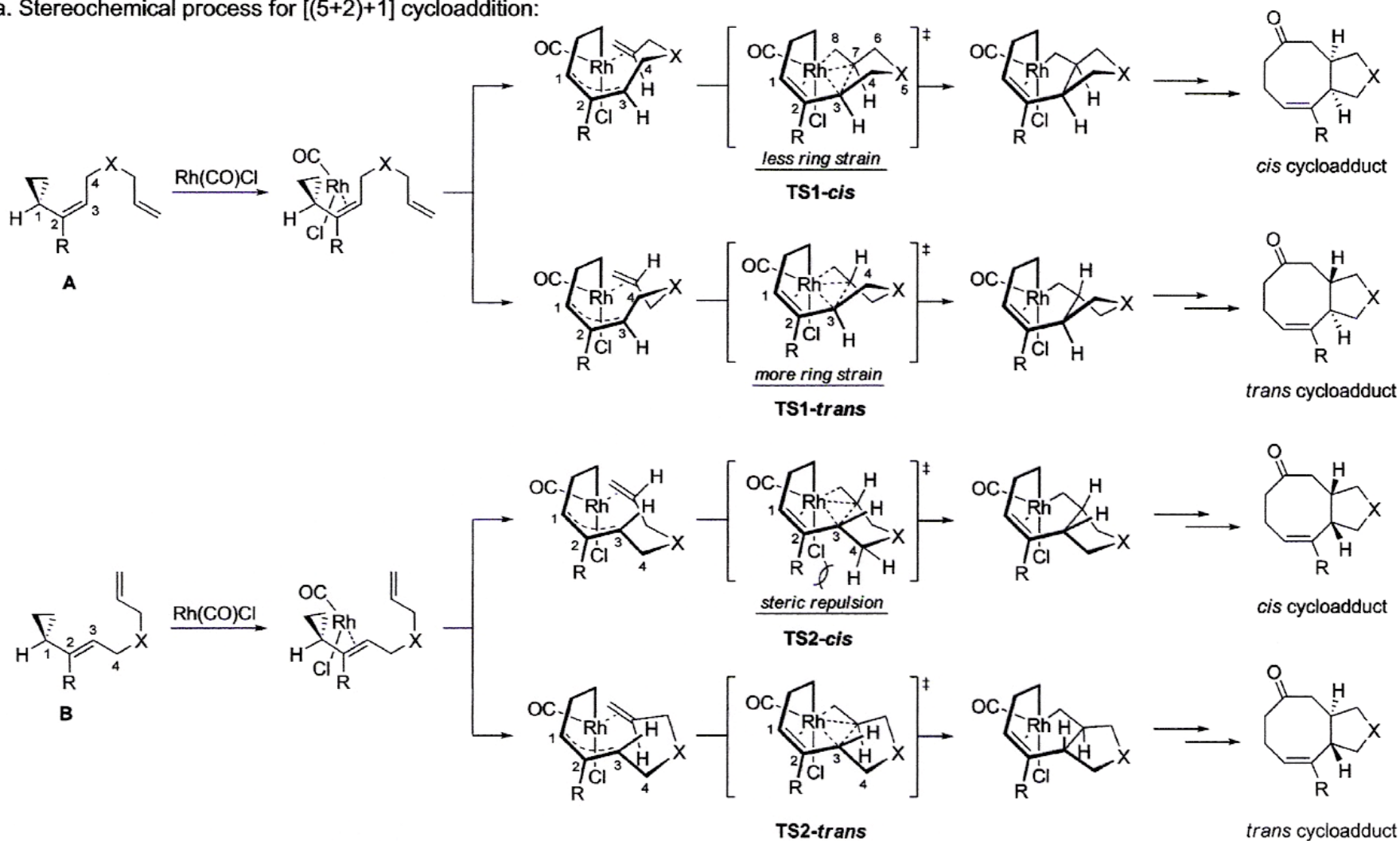
nOe experiment for 15d



- Different tether groups on the siloxy-ene-VCPs have a minor effect on the reaction
- Methyl substituted (*Z*)-siloxy-ene-VCPs produce the correct cis-anti-cis configuration of the linear triquinane core diastereoselectively
- Methyl substituted (*E*)-siloxy-ene-VCPs produce the trans fused 5-8 bicyclic compounds and do not undergo the tandem aldol reaction

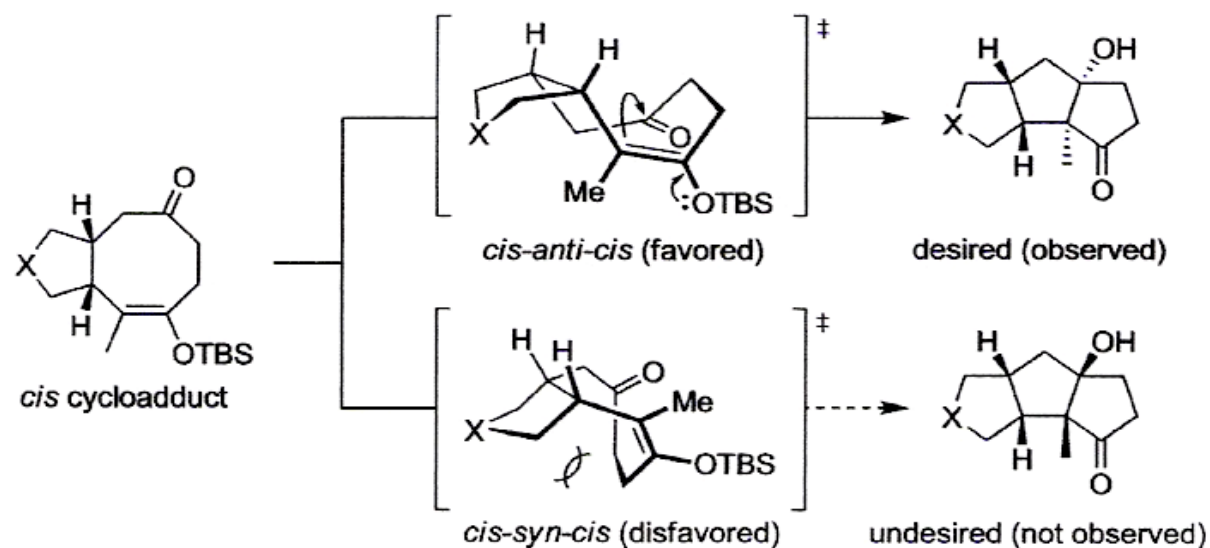
Rational for the Stereochemistry of the [(5+2)+1] Cycloaddition

a. Stereochemical process for [(5+2)+1] cycloaddition:



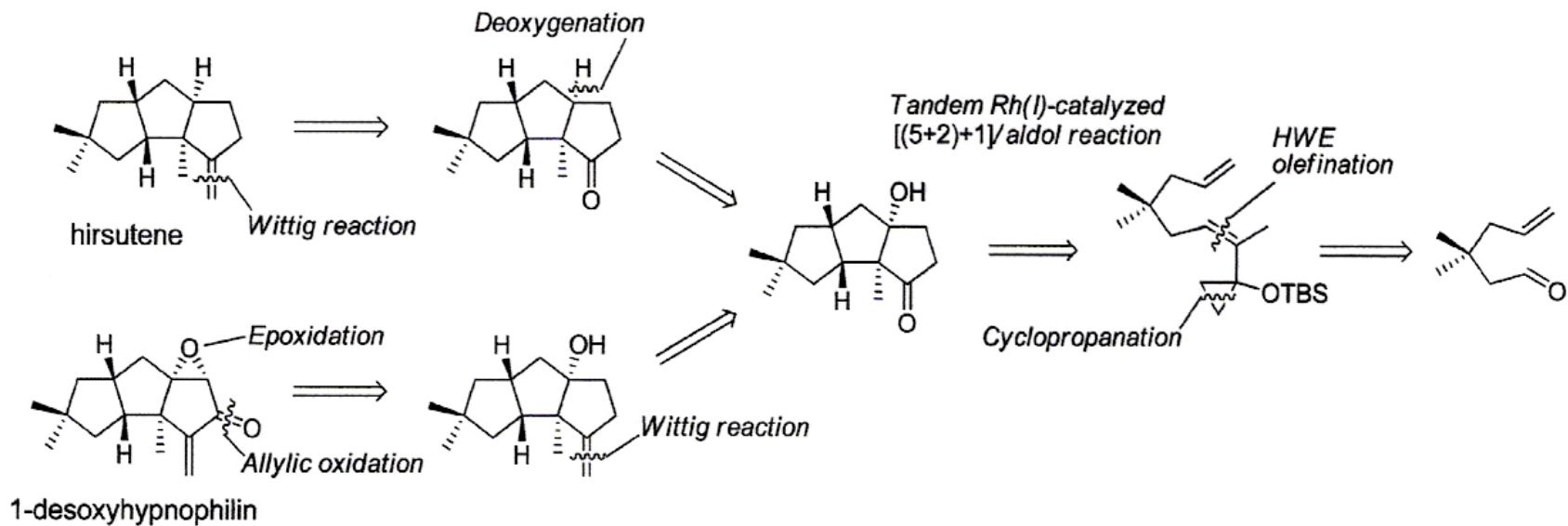
- Mechanism: VCP cleavage, alkene insertion, CO insertion, reductive elimination

Rational for the Stereochemistry of the Aldol Condensation



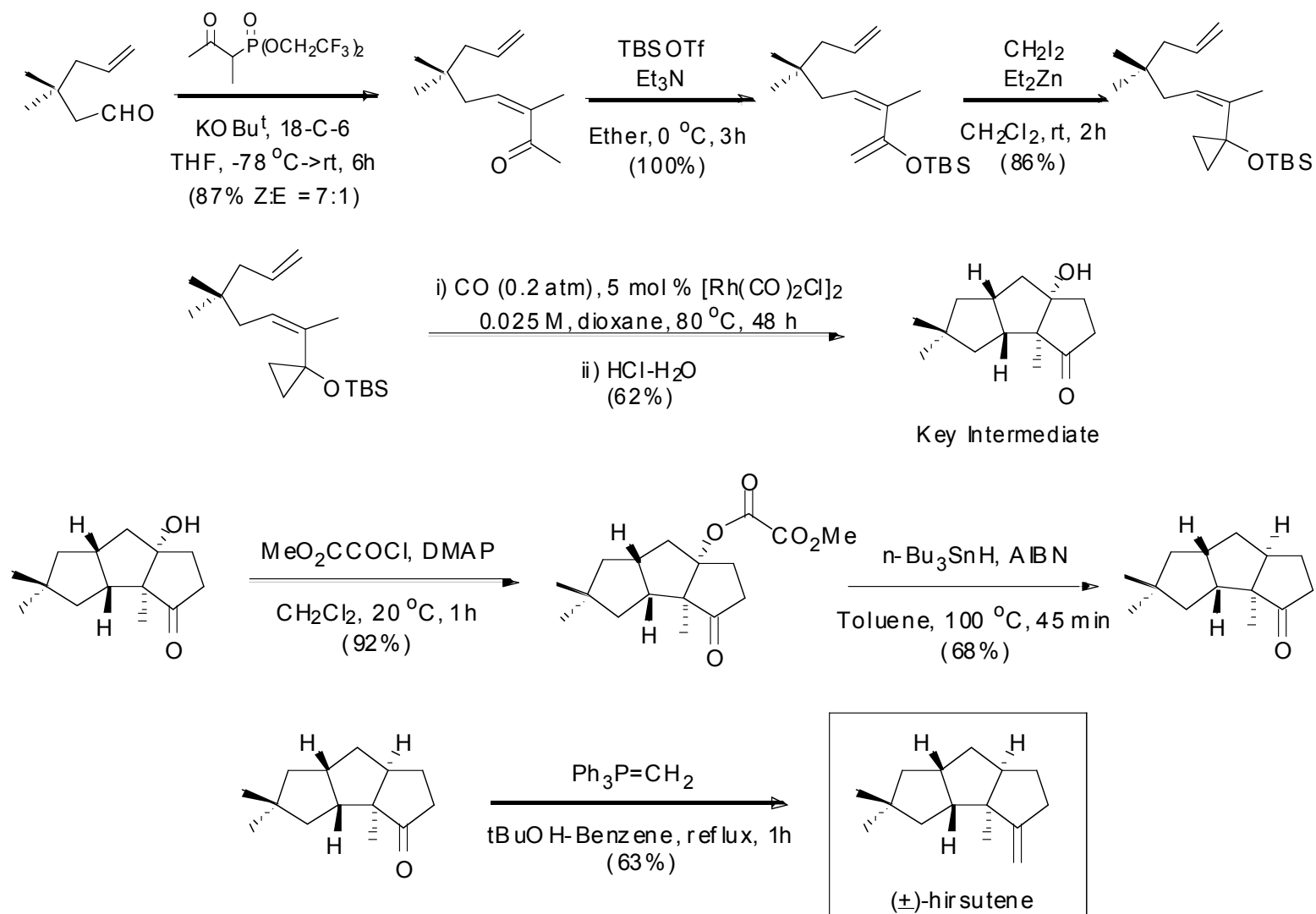
- The stereochemical outcome of the tandem two-component [(5+2)+1]/aldol reaction diastereoselectively sets the tricyclic core of hirsutene and 1-desoxyhypnophilin

Retrosynthetic Analysis for the Natural Products: hirsutene and 1-desoxyhypnophilin



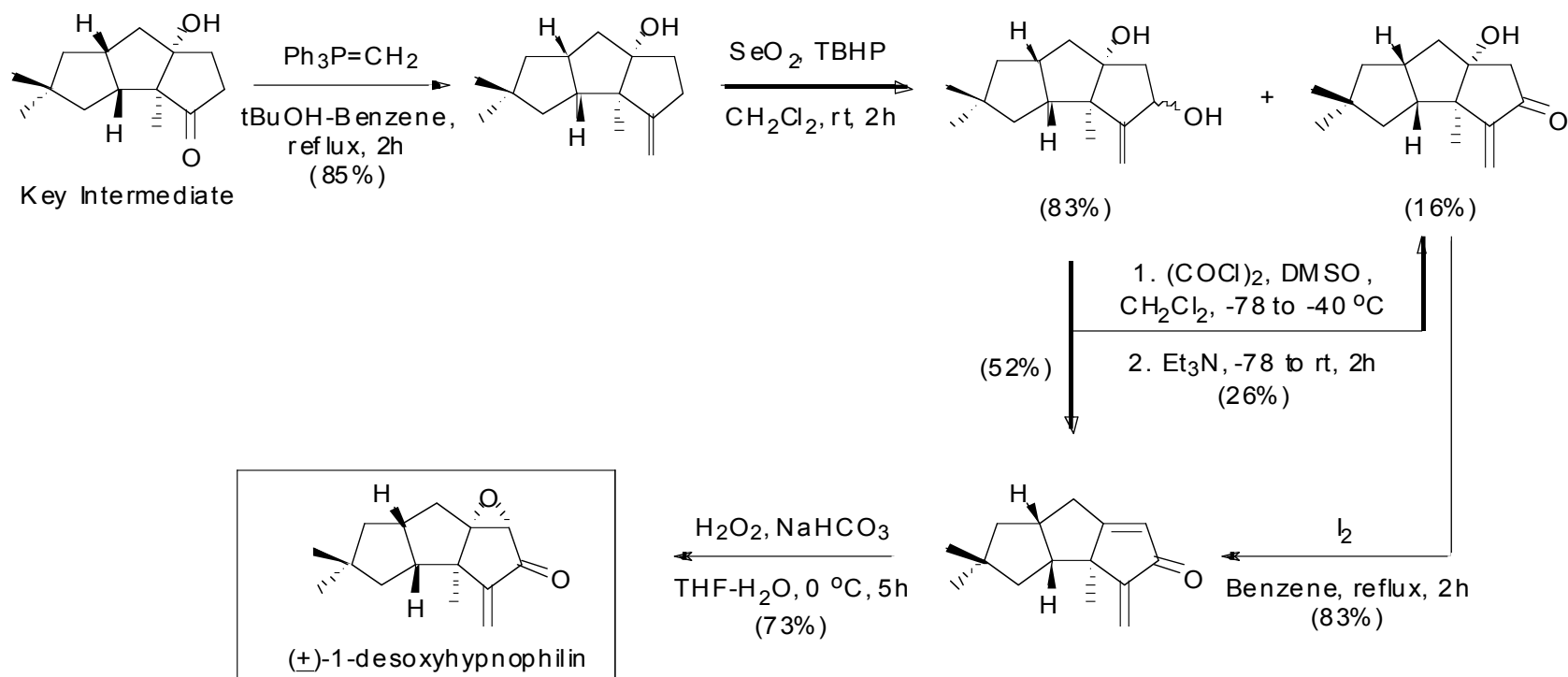
Both natural products can be synthesized by elaboration of the common linear triquinane intermediate resulting from the tandem Rh(I)-catalyzed [(5+2)+1]/aldol reaction methodology.

Synthesis of Key linear triquinane intermediate and (\pm)-Hirsutene



Concise 8 step synthesis of (\pm)-hirsutene with an overall yield of 11%

Synthesis of (\pm)-1-Desoxyhypnophilin



(\pm)-1-desoxyhypnophilin synthesized in 9 steps with 13% overall yield

Conclusions

- The authors have developed an efficient tandem two-component rhodium(I) catalyzed $[(5+2)+1]$ cycloaddition/aldol condensation reaction.
- This methodology was showcased by diastereoselectively establishing, in a single step, the correct placement of all stereocenters, including the two quaternary centers, contained in the core structure of the linear triquinanes: hirsutene and 1-desoxyhypnophilin.
- This paper represents the first application of the Rh(I)-catalyzed $[(5+2)+1]$ methodology in natural product synthesis.

