

# Asymmetric Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Substituted Allyl Boranes and Their Application in the Synthesis of Iso-agatharesinol

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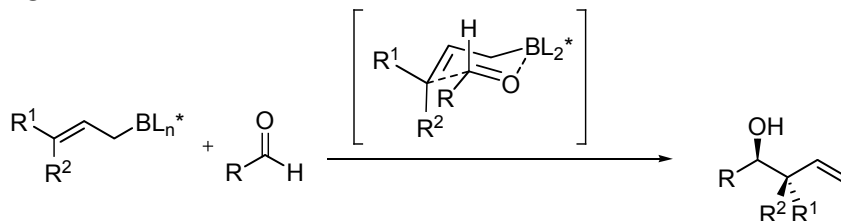
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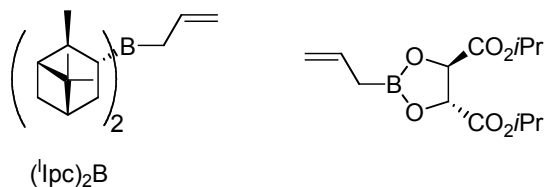
## Introduction

### Allyl boron reagents

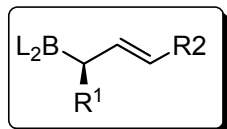
- Important tool in the synthesis of natural products
- Allyl addition of organoboron reagents to carbonyl compounds are highly diastereoselective



- A number of reagents for enantioselective allylation were developed with chiral ligands at the boron center



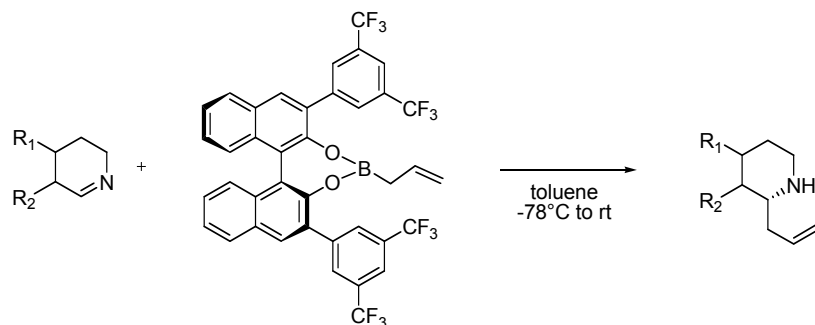
- Few protocols were developed in which the chiral center is a structural component of the allylic unit



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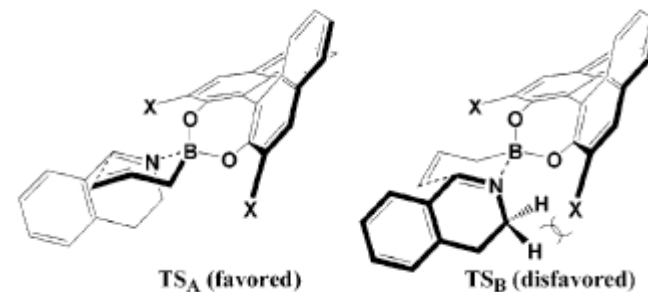
## Allylboration of Imines

- Enantioselective allylation of cyclic imines



entry	imine	product	yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	<b>1a</b> (R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = H)	<b>3a</b>	92 <sup>b</sup>	95
2	<b>1b</b> (R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = OMe)	<b>3b</b>	78	98
3	<b>1c</b> (R <sup>1</sup> , R <sup>2</sup> = OCH <sub>2</sub> O)	<b>3c</b>	86	98
4	<b>1d</b> (R <sup>1</sup> = R <sup>2</sup> = Cl)	<b>3d</b>	88	95 <sup>d</sup>
5	<b>1e</b> (R <sup>1</sup> = H, R <sup>2</sup> = NO <sub>2</sub> )	<b>3e</b>	90	99
6	<b>1f</b> (R = H)	<b>3f</b>	80	94
7	<b>1g</b> (R = Ts)	<b>3g</b>	84	94
8			65 <sup>e</sup>	91
9			71 <sup>e</sup>	92

Proposed transition state

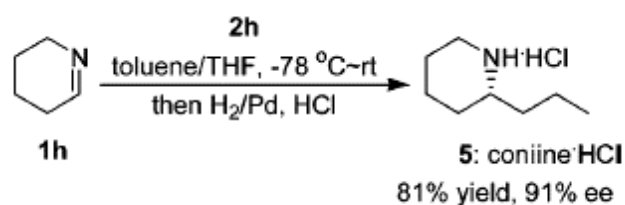


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## Application: Synthesis of Alkaloids

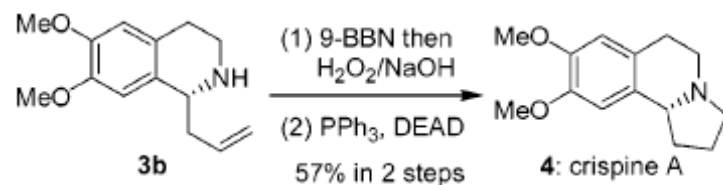
- Coniine

Neurotoxin found in poison hemlock

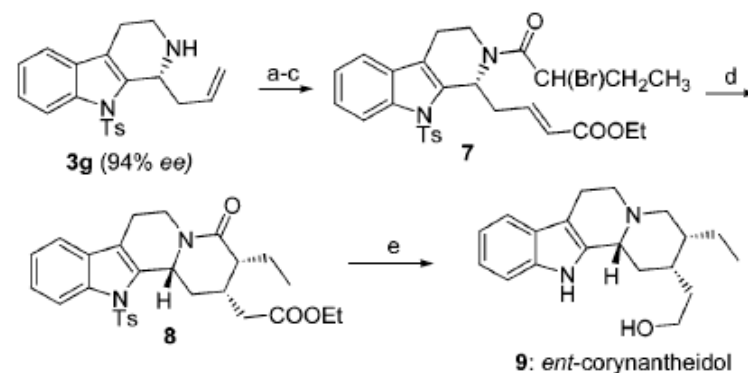


- Crispine A

Alkaloid with antitumor activity



- *ent*-Corynantheidol

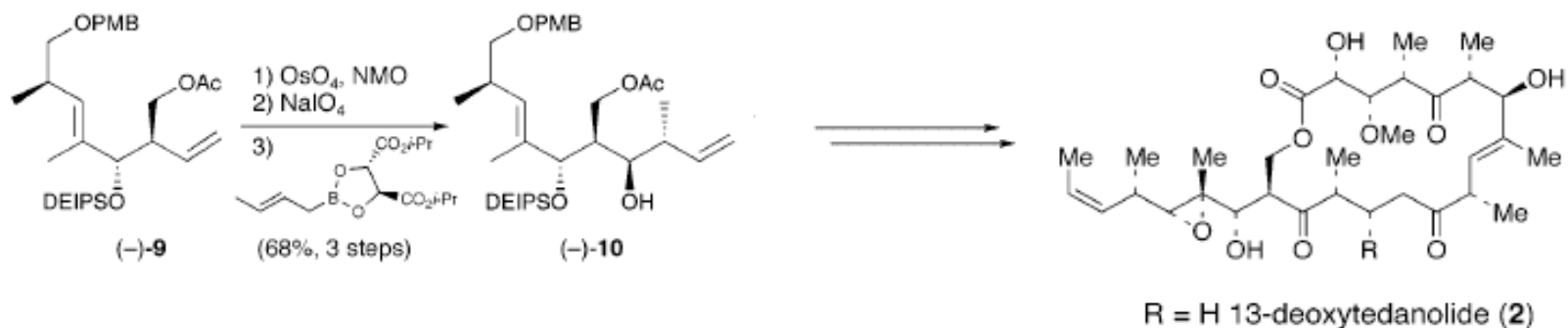


<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: (a) (±)-HO<sub>2</sub>CCH(Br)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, DCC, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; (b) OsO<sub>4</sub>, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, 2,6-lutidine, 1,4-dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O; (c) Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCOOEt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 82% for 3 steps; (d) *n*-BuLi (1.2 equiv), THF, 63%; (e) LAH (15 equiv), THF, 79%.

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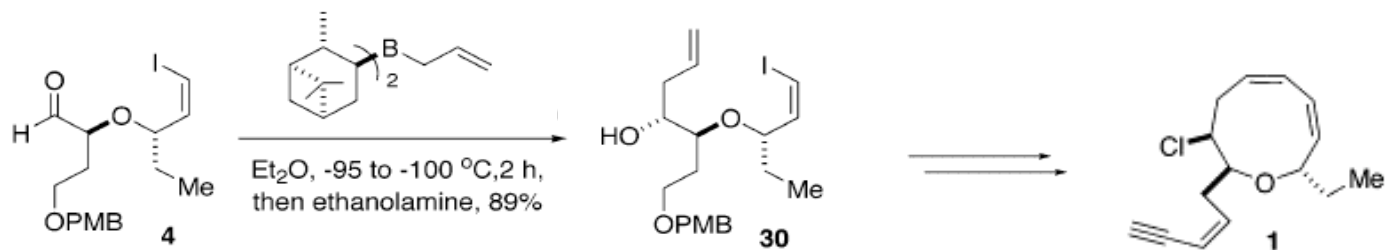
## Examples for Enantioselective Allylboration in total synthesis

### - (+)-13-Deoxytedanolide



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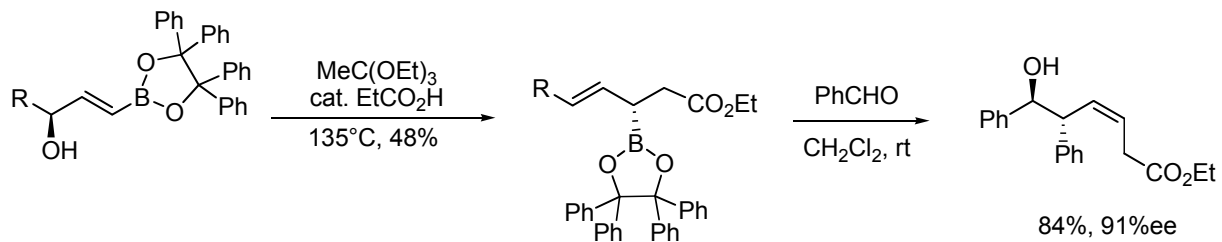
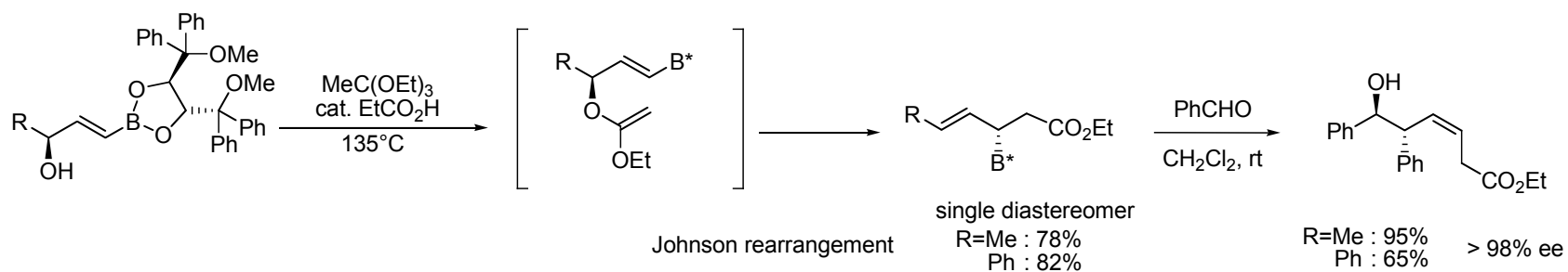
### - (+)-Brasilenyne



S. E. Denmark, S.-M. Yang, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, 126, 12432-12440

## 1,3-Disubstituted Allylboronate

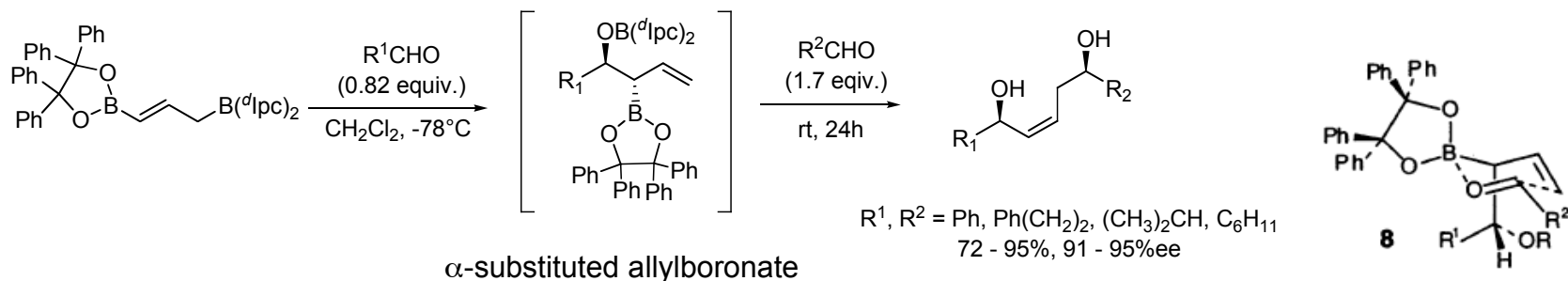
Aldol addition to chiral  $\alpha$ -substituted allyl boronate compounds



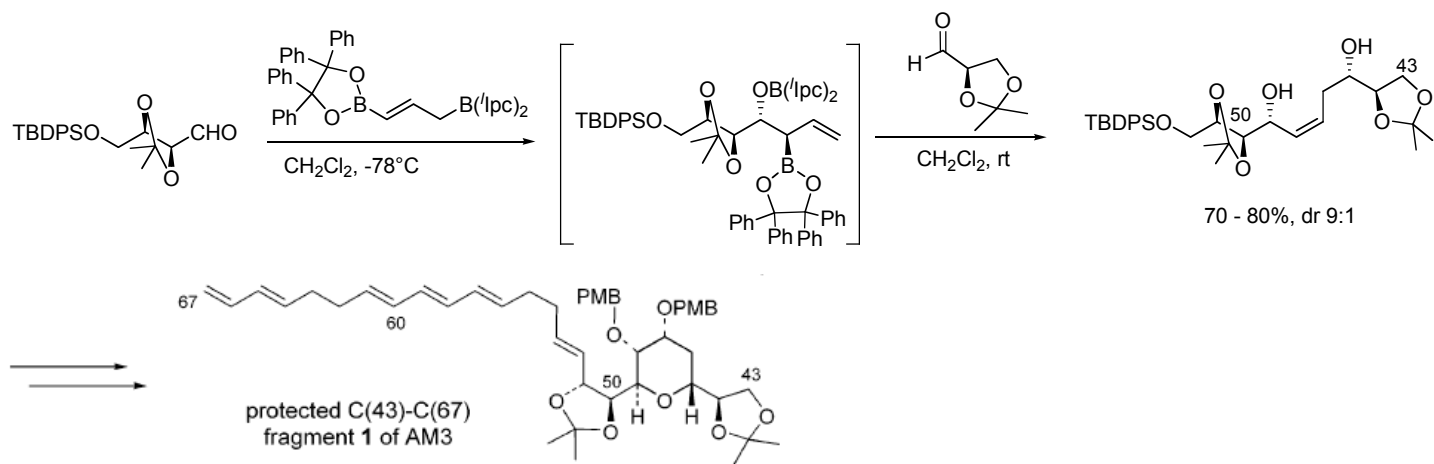
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## $\alpha$ -Substituted Allylboronates

- One-pot double allylboration with a 1,3-bifunctionalized boron reagent for the diastereo- and enantioselective synthesis of anti-1,5-diols



- Application: Synthesis of C(43)-C(67) fragment of Amphidinol 3

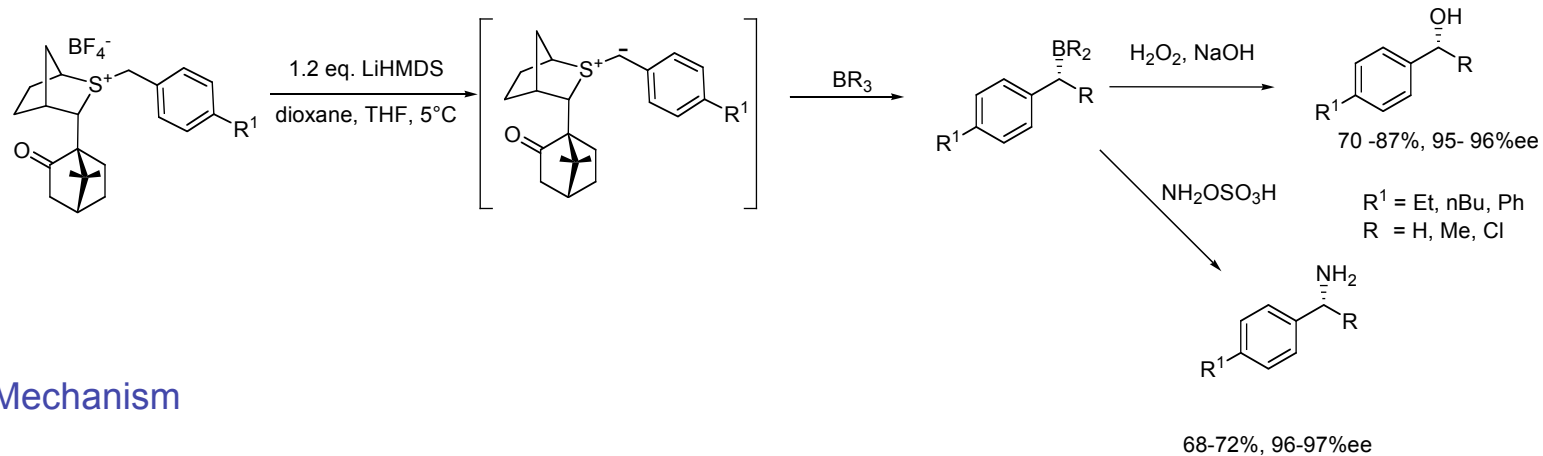


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## Aggarwal: Preliminary work

- Enantioselective synthesis of secondary alcohols and amines using chiral organoboranes generated from sulfonium ylides



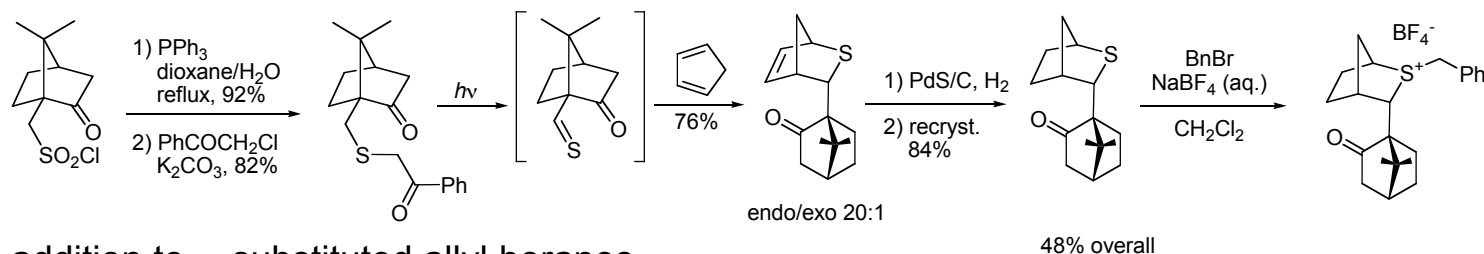
### Mechanism



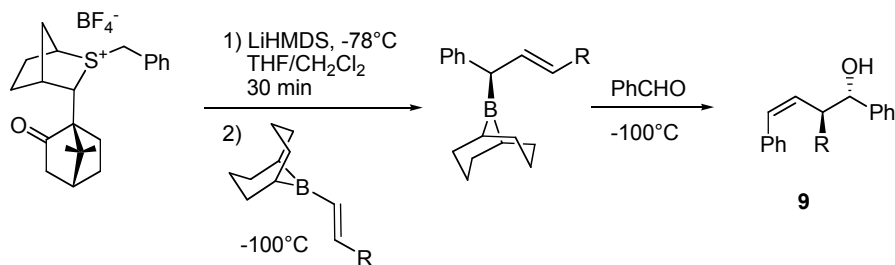


## Main article: Synthesis and application of $\alpha$ -substituted allyl boranes

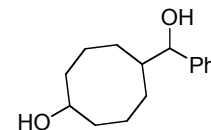
### - Synthesis of the sulfonium salt



### - Aldol addition to $\alpha$ -substituted allyl boranes



- Excellent enantio- and diastereoselectivity
- High Z selectivity
- Chiral sulfide recovered (>90%)
- Side reaction (< 20%):

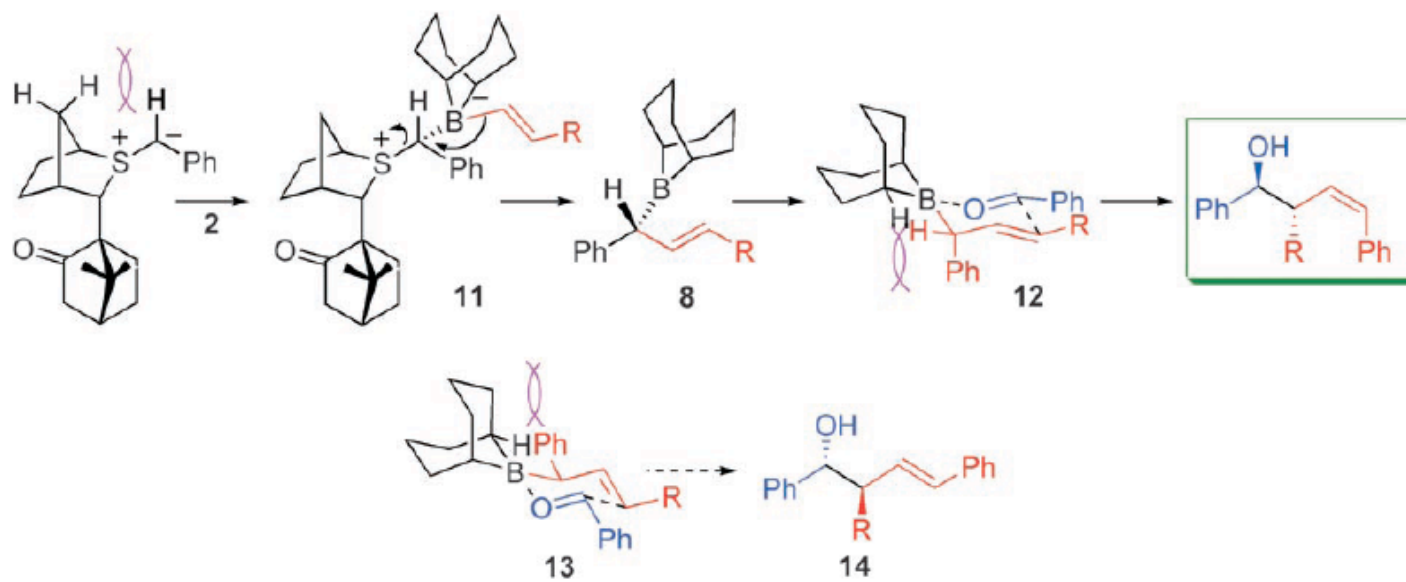


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1	<i>n</i> Bu <b>a</b>	79	15:1	>95	>99
2	Me <b>b</b>	81	40:1	>95	>99
3	H <b>c</b>	61 <sup>[d]</sup>	>40:1	>95	>99
4	TMSOCH <sub>2</sub> <sup>[e]</sup> <b>d</b>	61 <sup>[f,g]</sup>	>40:1	>95	>99
5	AcOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> <b>e</b>	72 <sup>[h]</sup>	>40:1	>95	>99

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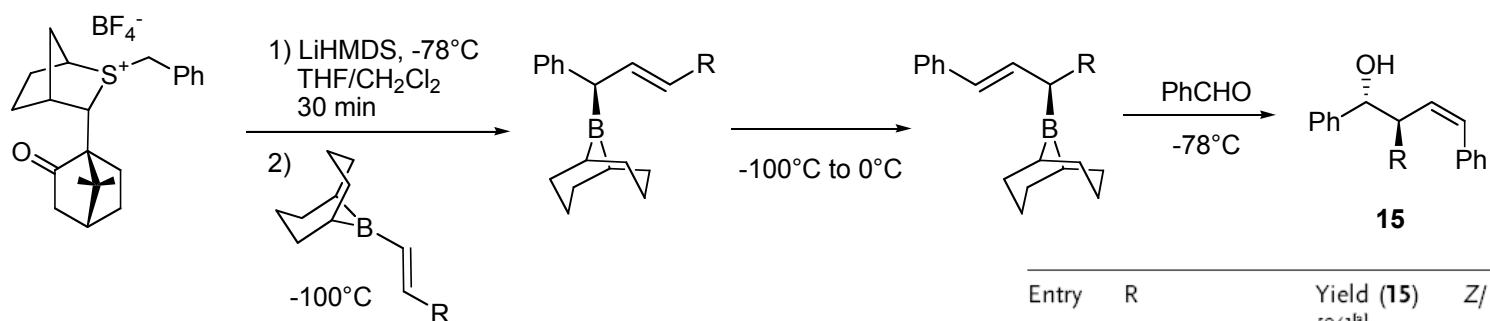
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## Mechanism



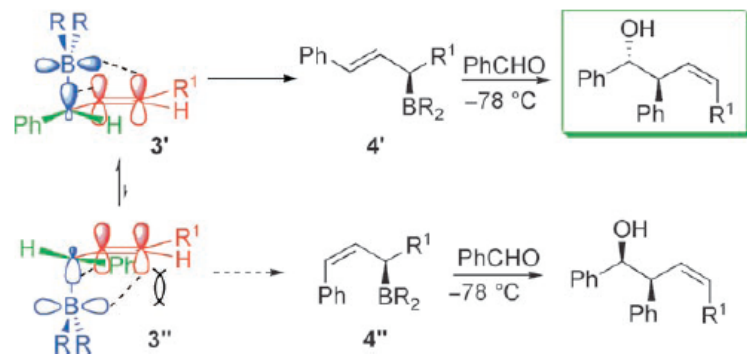
## Expansion of Methodology

- Other enantiomer accessible via borane-isomerisation/aldol sequence



Entry	R	Yield ( <b>15</b> ) [%] <sup>[e]</sup>	Z/E <sup>[b]</sup>	d.r. [%] <sup>[b,c]</sup>	ee [%] <sup>[d]</sup>
1	<i>n</i> Bu <b>a</b>	81	10:1	> 95	> 99
2	Me <b>b</b>	76	30:1	> 95	> 99
3	TMSOCH <sub>2</sub> <b>d</b>	49 <sup>[d,e]</sup>	> 30:1	> 95	> 99
4	AcOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> <b>e</b>	56 <sup>[f]</sup>	13:1	> 95	> 99

1,3 borotropic rearrangement:

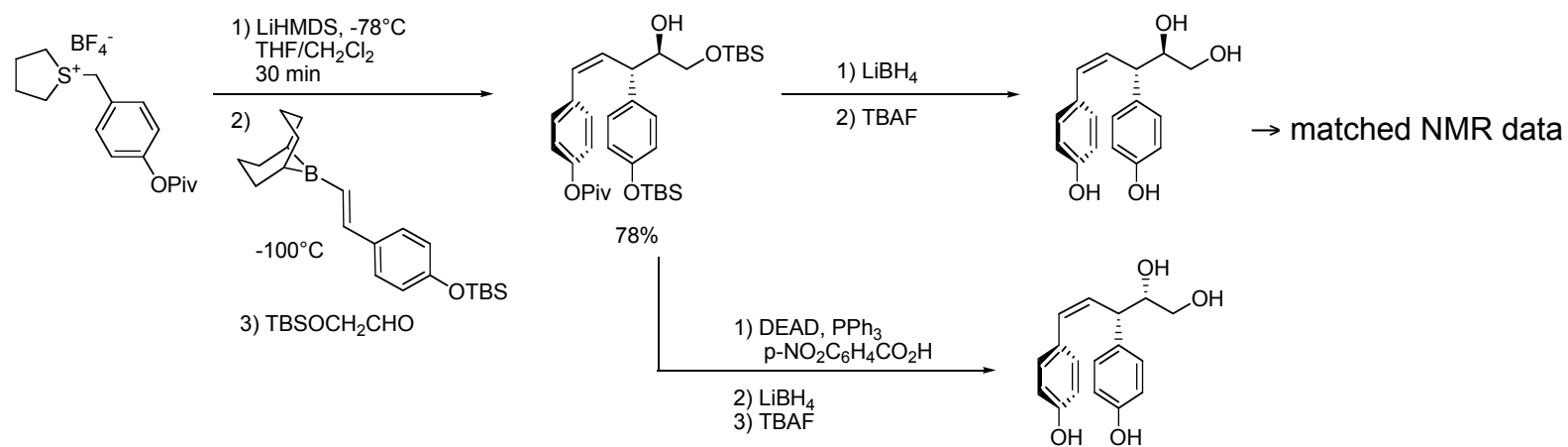


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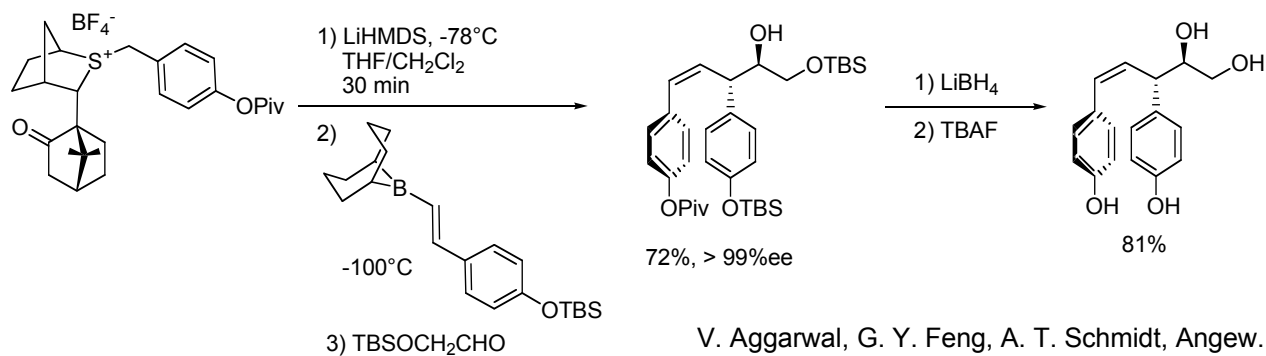
## Application: Total synthesis and structural confirmation of (+)-iso-agatharesinol

(+)-Iso-agatharesinol: Nor-lignane, isolated from *asparagus gobicus* (2004)

Confirmation of relative stereochemistry (racemic)



Asymmetric total synthesis



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## Conclusion

- A stereocontrolled synthesis of  $\alpha$ -substituted allyl boranes was developed
- Subsequent aldol reaction yielded Z-configured homoallylic alcohols in excellent enantio- and stereoselectivity
- The methodology was expanded via 1,3-borotropic rearrangement and subsequent aldol reaction
- Applied to the first total synthesis of (+)-iso-agatharesinol