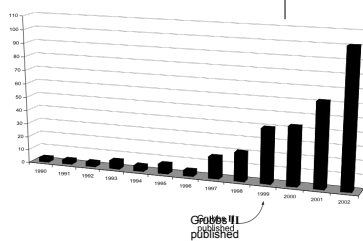
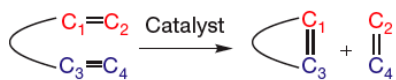


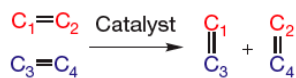
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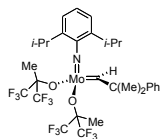
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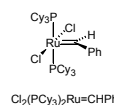


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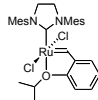
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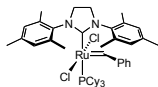
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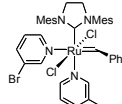
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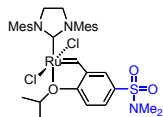
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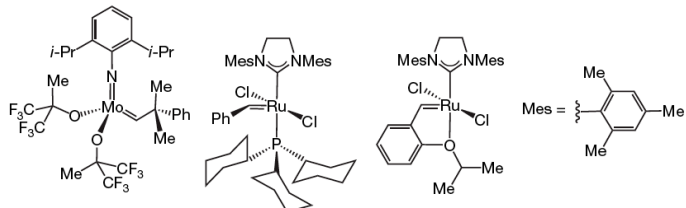
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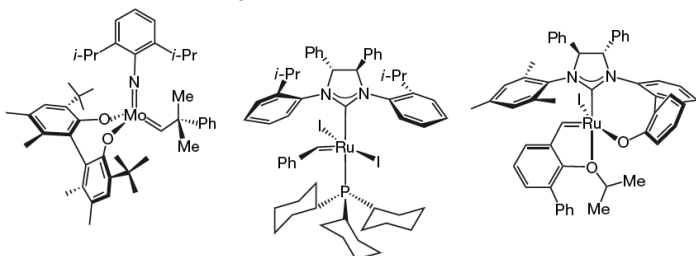
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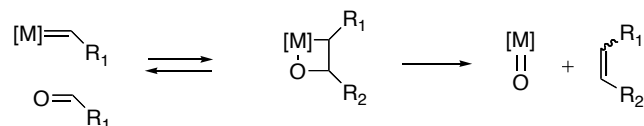
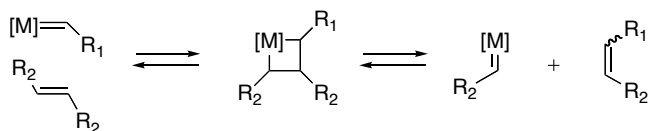
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OLEFIN METATHESIS: BIG-DEAL REACTION

A boon to organic synthetic chemists, olefin metathesis also promises cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient industrial processes

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Important types of metathesis reactions:

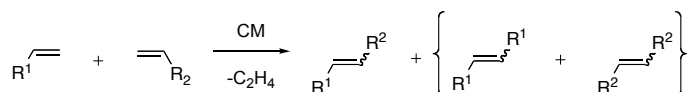
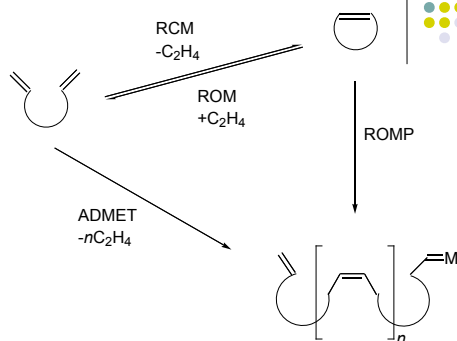
RCM = ring-closing metathesis

ROM = ring-opening metathesis

ROMP = ring-opening metathesis polymerization

ADMET = acyclic diene metathesis polymerization

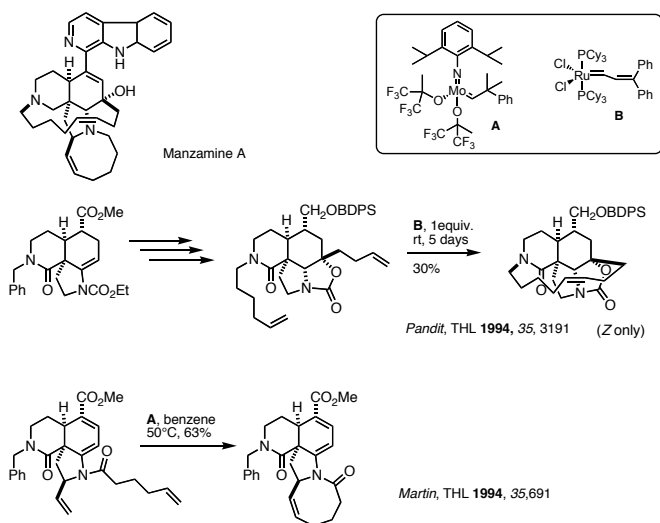
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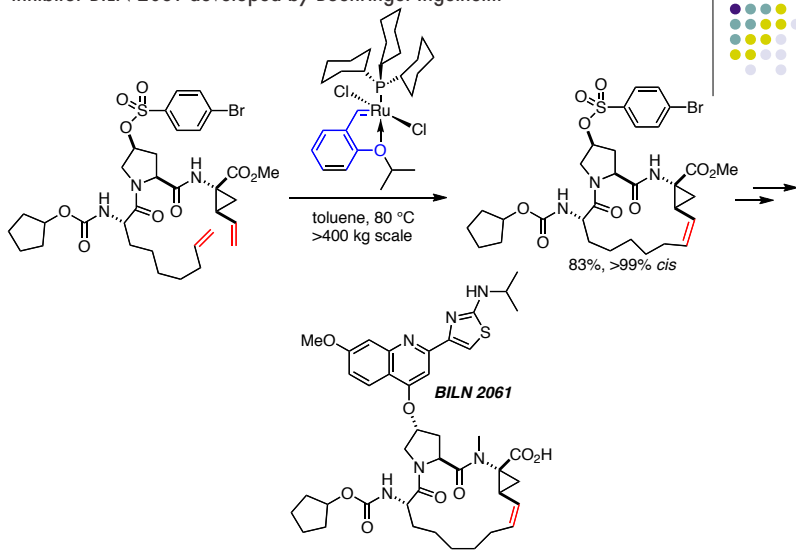
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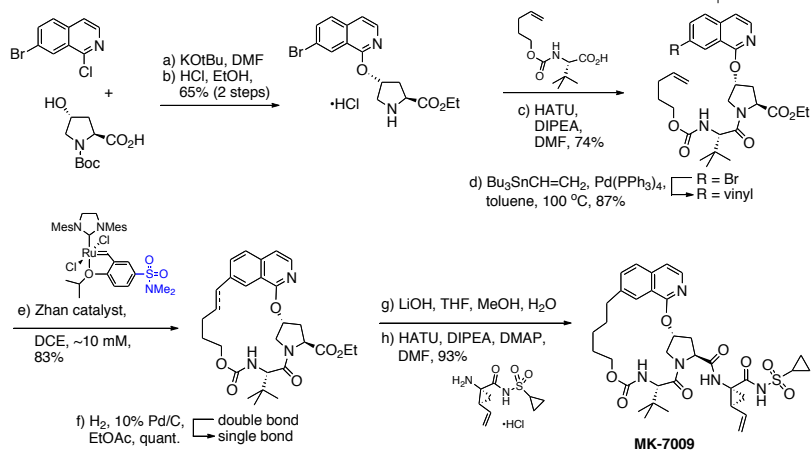
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Ruthenium-Based Olefin Metathesis: Applications



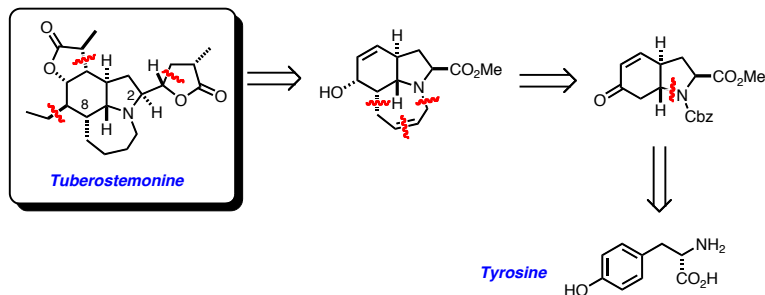
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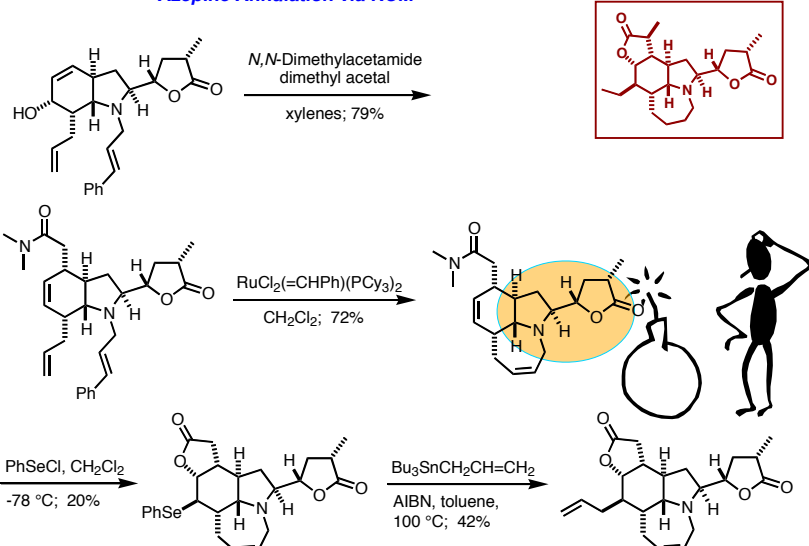


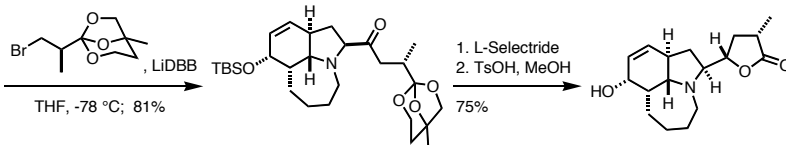
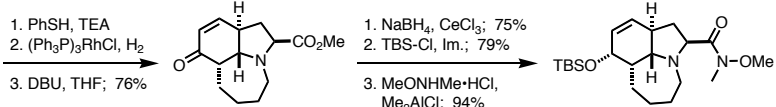
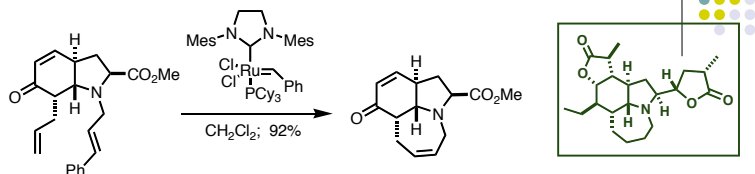
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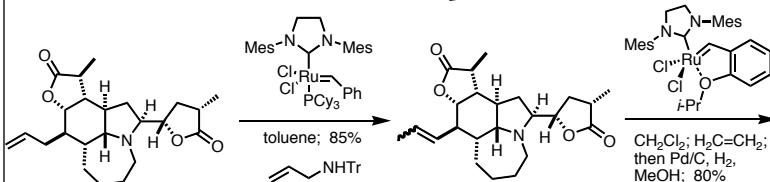
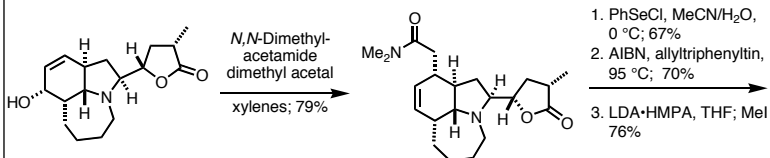


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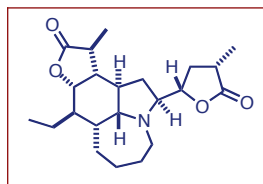


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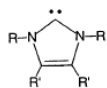
Tuberostemonine!

27 steps/1.1% yield from Cbz-tyrosine



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R = alkyl, aryl, amine, ether

