

Catalytic, stereospecific syn-dichlorination of alkenes

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Chlorosulfolipids

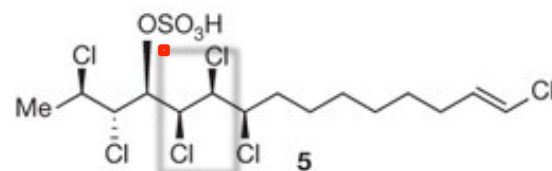
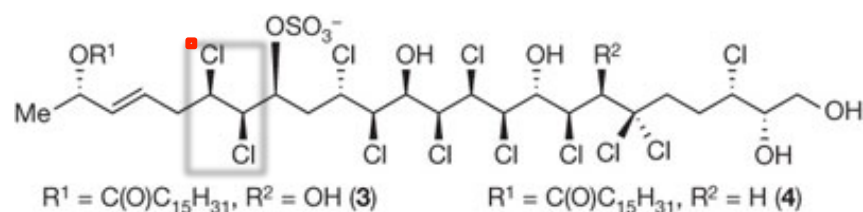
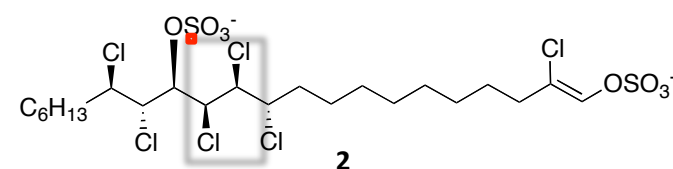
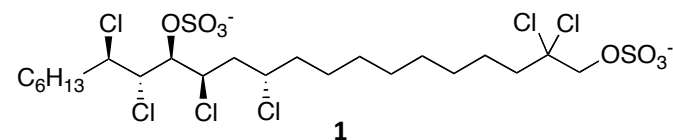
Chlorosulfolipids was first reported in 1969 and ignored by synthetic chemists for the ensuing 40 years.

Danicalipin A (**1**) was isolated by Haines and Block from *Ochromonas danica*. It is a key component of **algal membranes**.¹

Malhamensilipin A (**2**) is isolated in 1994 from alga *O. malhamensis*. It displays activity in **kinase assay**.²

Ciminiello and Fattorusso reported isolation of 3-5 from Adriatic mussels. These lipids were deemed to be the causative agents in **seafood poisoning**.³

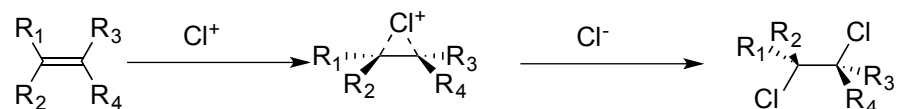
- Heavily chlorinated linear hydrocarbon motifs
- Complicated stereochemical structures
- Toxicity mechanism



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Alkene dichlorination: *syn* vs. *anti*

anti:



Cl⁺ source: Cl₂, SO₂Cl₂, PhICl₂, Et₃NCl₃, NCS-PPh₃

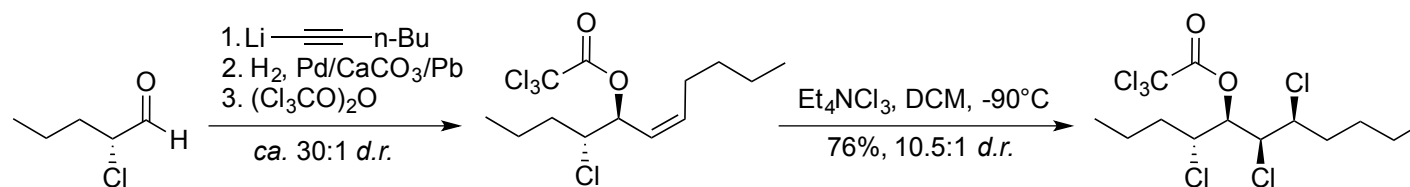
in situ Cl⁺ source: H₂O₂-HCl, KMnO₄-TMSCl-BnEt₃NCl, Oxone-NaCl

syn?:

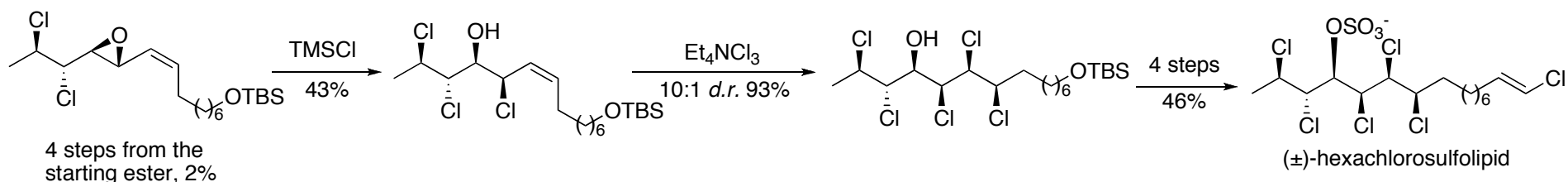
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Alkene *syn* dichlorination

Vanderwal's diastereoselective dichlorination of (*Z*)-allylic trichloroacetates



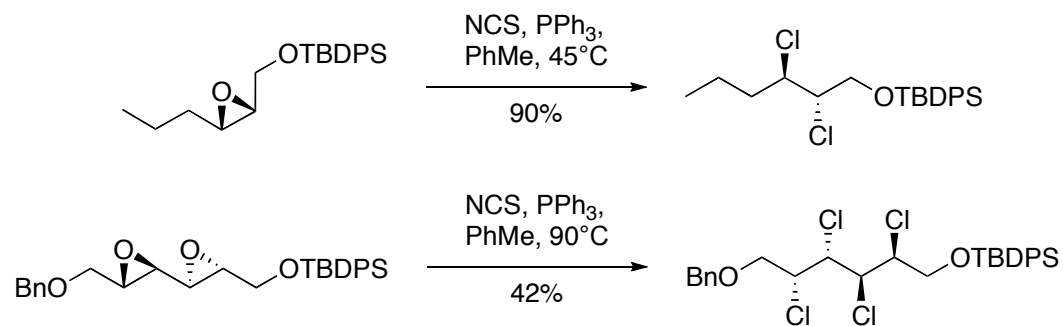
Applied in total synthesis of chlorosulfolipid



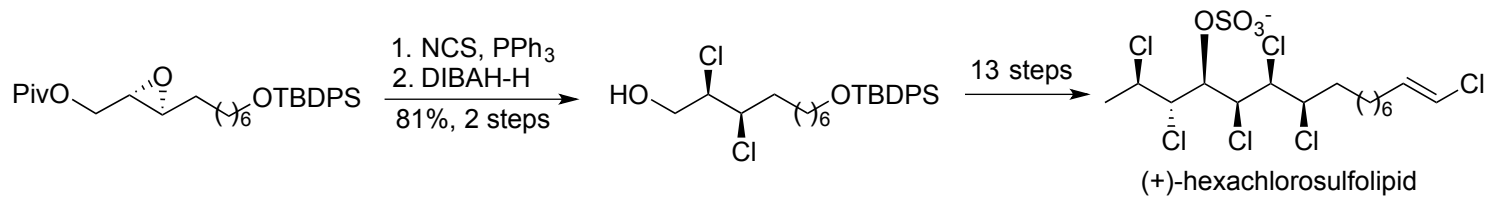
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Alkene *syn* dichlorination

Yoshimitsu's deoxydichlorination of epoxide



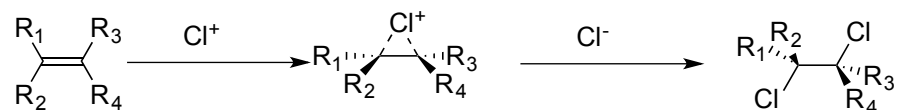
Sharpless enantioselective epoxidation



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Alkene dichlorination: *syn* vs. *anti*

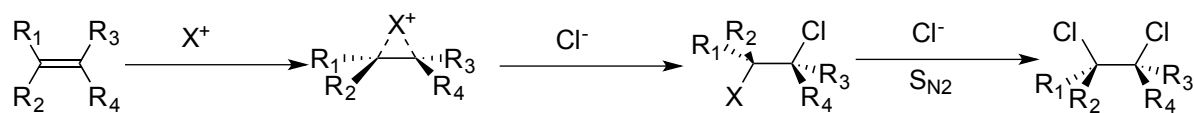
anti:



Cl⁺ source: Cl₂, SO₂Cl₂, PhCl₂, Et₃NCl₃, NCS-PPh₃

in situ Cl⁺ source: H₂O₂-HCl, KMnO₄-TMSCl-BnEt₃NCl, Oxone-NaCl

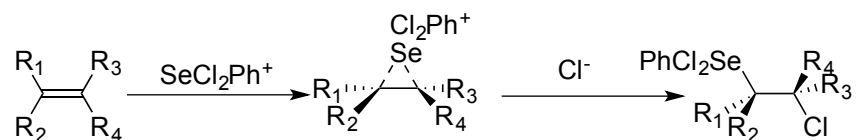
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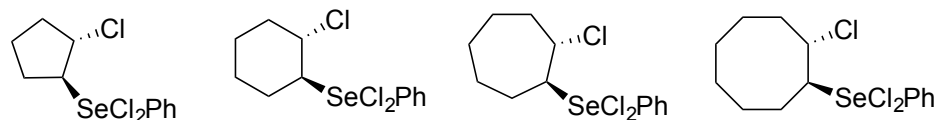
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Phenylselenium trichloride *anti* addition

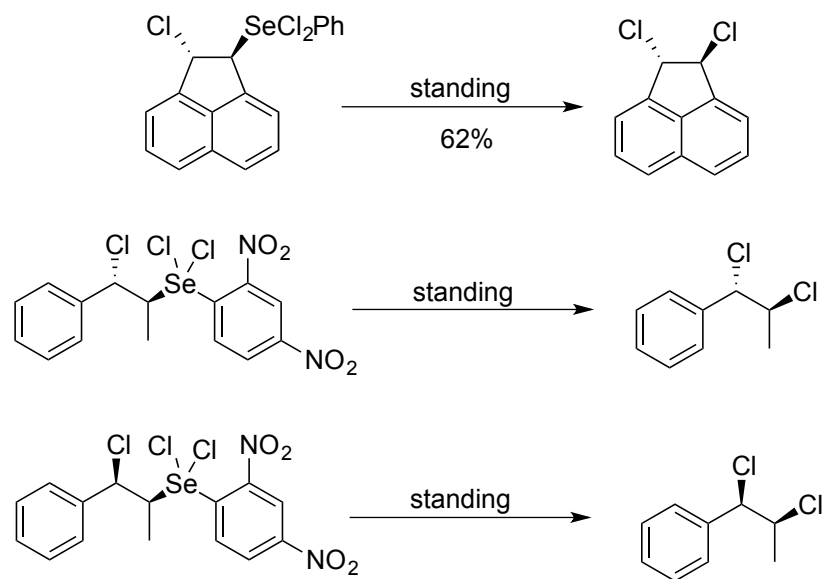
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Quantitative:



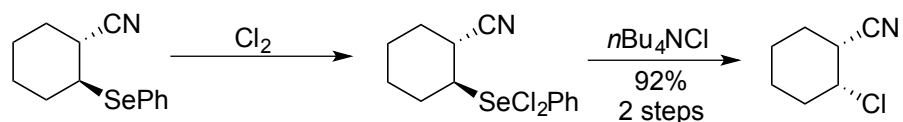
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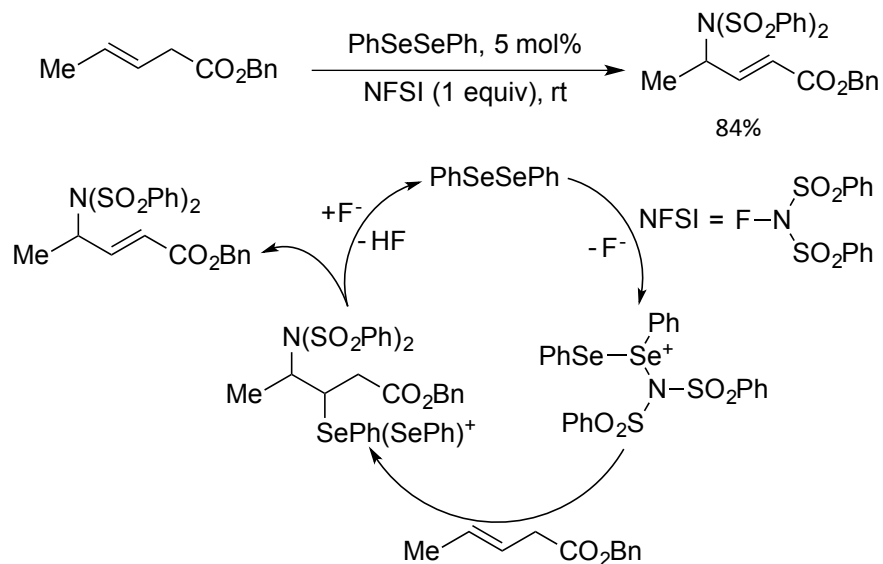
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Nucleophilic substitution phenylselanyl group

Nucleophilic substitution and Se(II) to Se(IV) oxidation:



Catalytic phenylselanyl group:

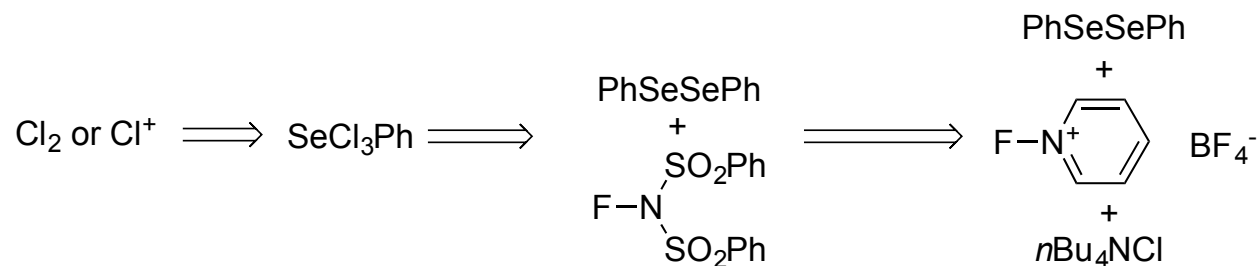


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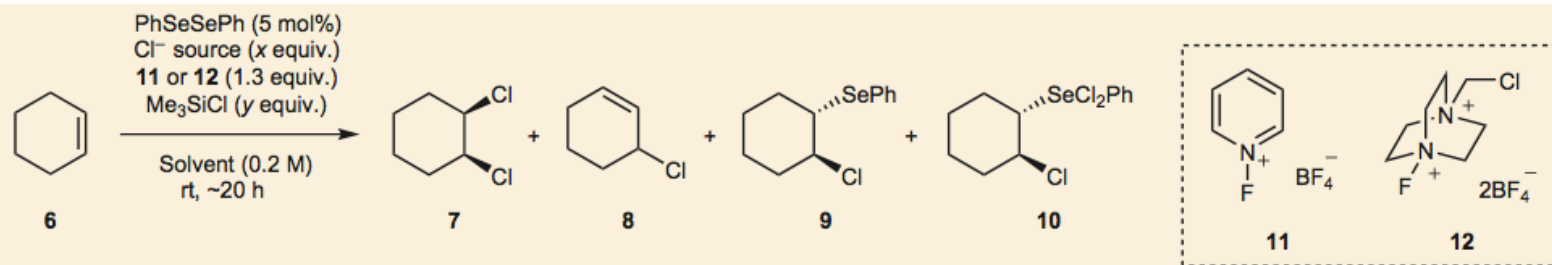
Catalytic cycle design

Oxidant choice :

1. no reaction with alkene by itself
2. no or minimum Cl^+ formation
3. weak nucleophilicity



Reaction Development

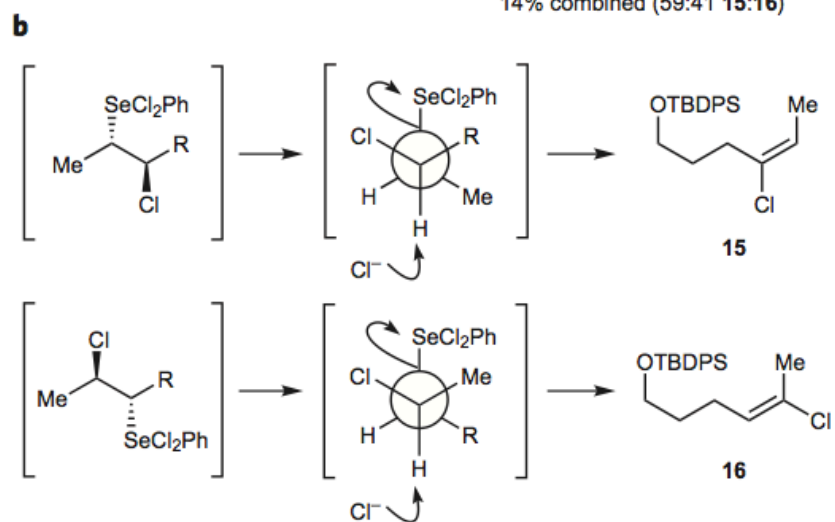
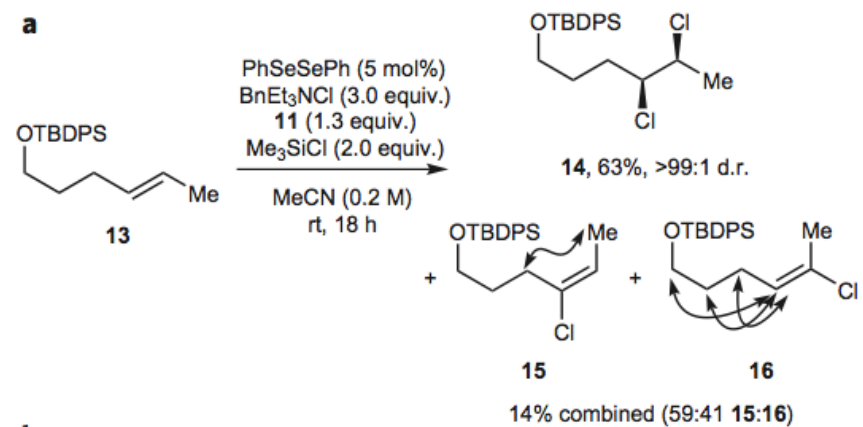


| Entry | Cl ⁻ source (equiv.) | Oxidant | Me ₃ SiCl (equiv.) | Solvent | NMR yield (%) [*] | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| | | | | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 0.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 50 | 19 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| 2 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 1.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 12 | 61 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 3 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 2.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 0 | 81 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 3.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 0 | 81 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (2.5) | 11 | 2.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 0 | 74 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 [†] | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (0.0) | 11 | 2.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 54 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| 7 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 2.0 | CD ₂ Cl ₂ | 0 | 73 | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| 8 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 2.0 | THF- <i>d</i> ₈ | 55 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | <i>n</i> -Bu ₄ NCl (3.0) | 12 | 2.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 0 | 71 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | BnEt ₃ NCl (3.0) | 11 | 2.0 | MeCN- <i>d</i> ₃ | 0 | 83 | 10 | 0 | 0 |

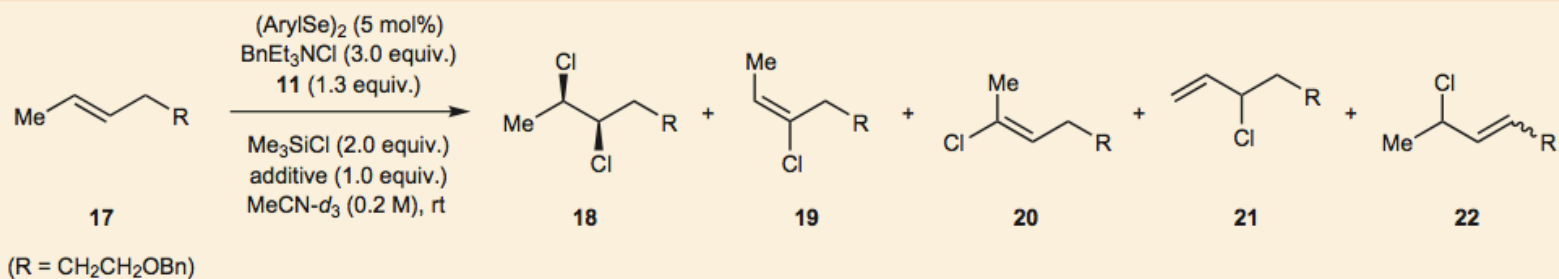
^{*}Measured by ¹H NMR spectroscopy with 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (1.0 equiv.) as an internal standard; [†]11% of an unidentified species was also observed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy.

TMSCl acts as a F⁻ trapper.

E2 elimination or selenoxide *syn*-elimination

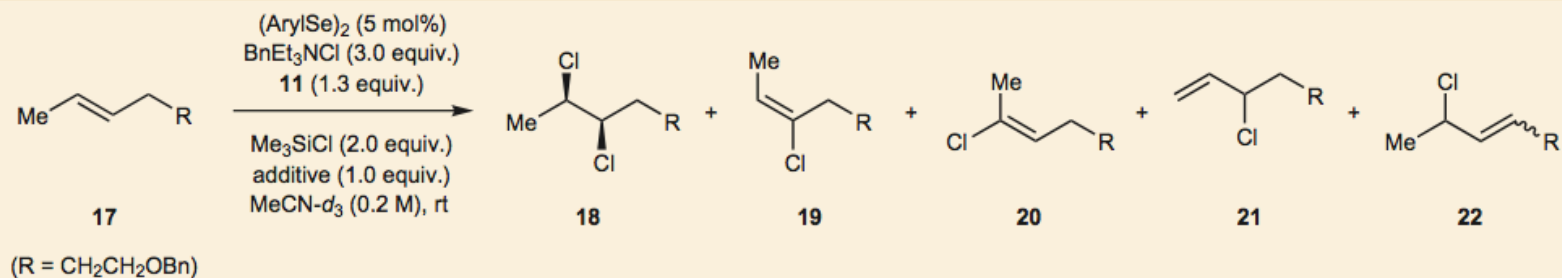


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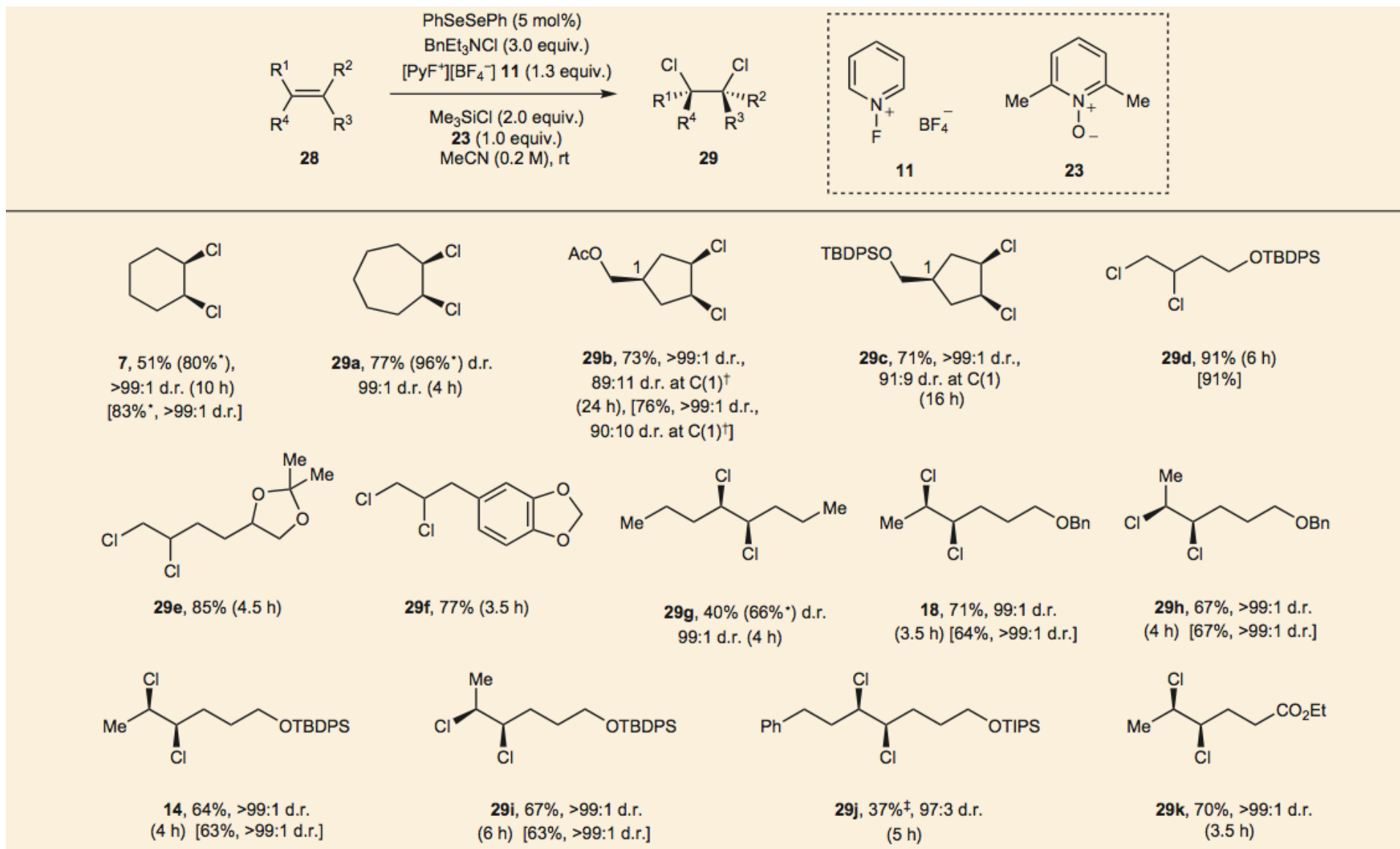
| Entry | (ArylSe) ₂ | Additive | Time (h) | 18:(19 + 20 + 21 + 22)* | 18 d.r.* |
|-------|-----------------------|--|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 | PhSeSePh | - | 6 | 80:20 | 99:1 |
| 2 | PhSeSePh | Sulfolane [†] | 2 | 80:20 | 99:1 |
| 3 | PhSeSePh | HMPA | 3 | 82:18 | 98:2 |
| 4 | PhSeSePh | DMPU | 3.5 | 80:20 | 98:2 |
| 5 | PhSeSePh | DMI | 2.5 | 80:20 | 99:1 |
| 6 | PhSeSePh | Ph ₃ P=O | 3.5 | 80:20 | 98:2 |
| 7 | PhSeSePh | Pyridine <i>N</i> -oxide | 2.5 | 80:20 | 98:2 |
| 8 | PhSeSePh | 2,6-Lutidine <i>N</i> -oxide 23 | 2 | 80:20 | 99:1 |

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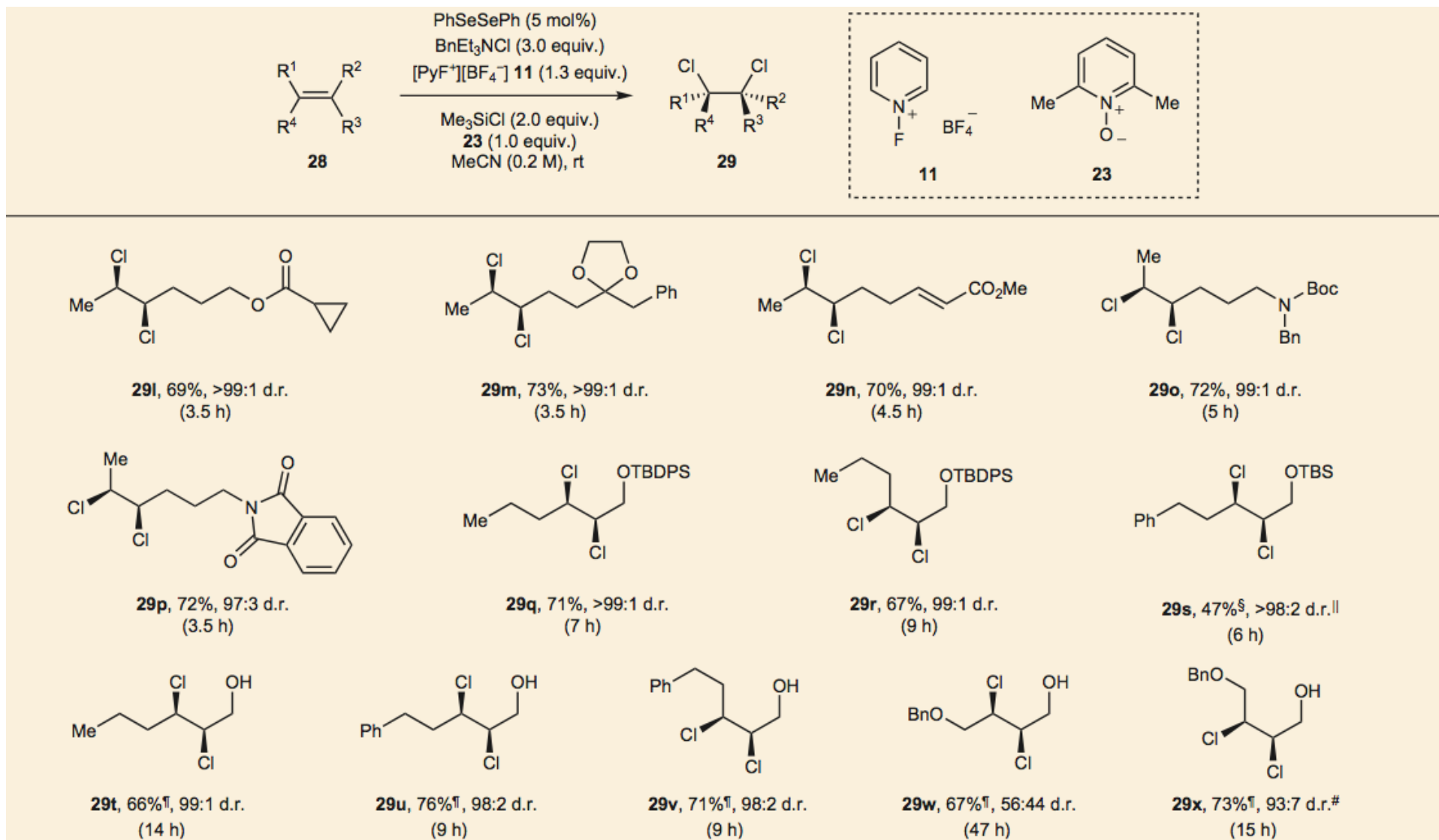


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|-------|-----------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 9 | 24 | - | 10 | 58:42 | 88:18 |
| 10 | 25 | - | 18 | 59:41 | 55:45 |
| 11 | 26 | - | 3.5 | 90:10 | 99:1 |
| 12 | 27 | - | 8 | 83:17 | 98:2 |

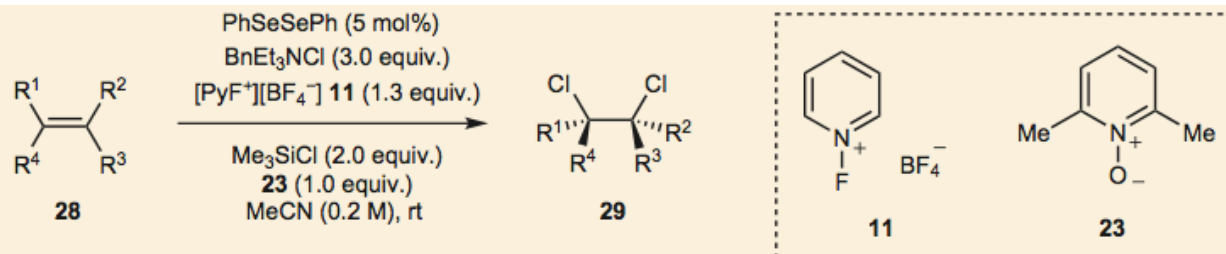
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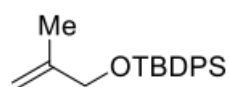
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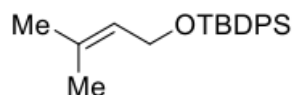
Reaction Scope



1,1-Disubstituted and trisubstituted alkenes

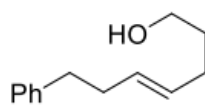


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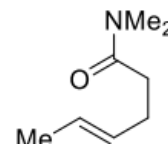


S32 (allylic chloride as major product)

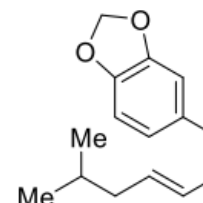
Alkenes bearing pendant nucleophiles



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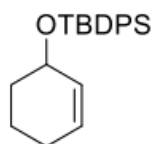


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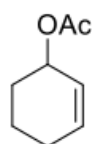


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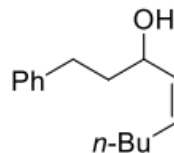
Secondary allylic alcohols and derivatives



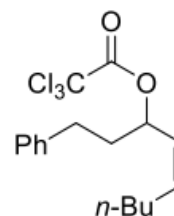
S37



S38 (50:50 *syn:anti*)



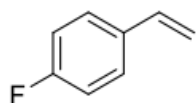
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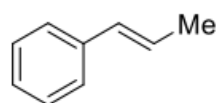
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S41, R = H (75:25 *syn:anti*)

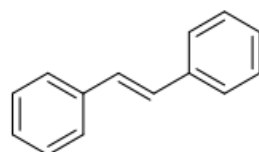
Conjugated alkenes



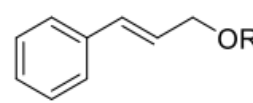
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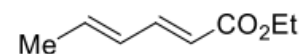


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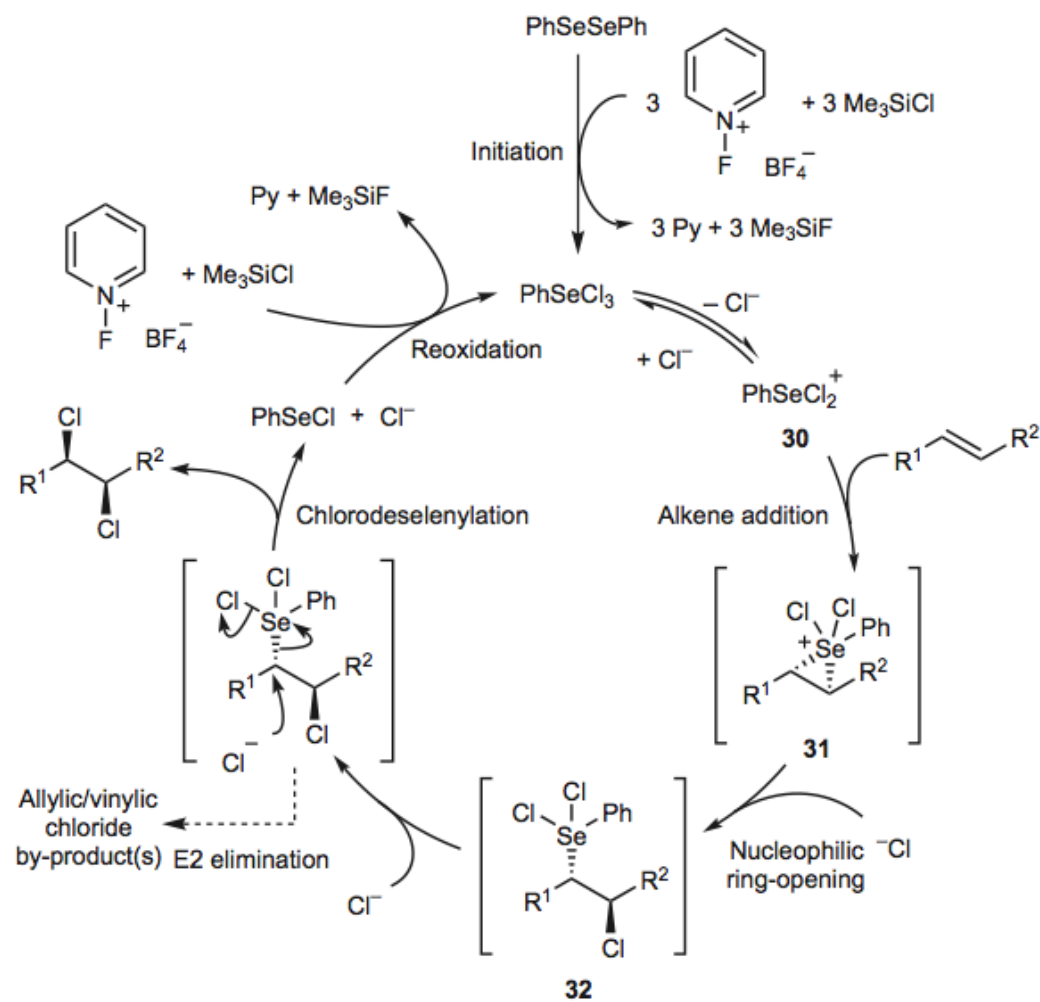
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Mechanism



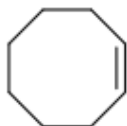
Conclusion

1. Catalytic stereospecific *syn*-dichlorination of alkene.
2. Reaction design and oxidant choice.
3. Chlorination without Cl^+
4. Enantioselective version.
5. Reaction scope & chlorosulfolipid synthesis

Reaction Scope

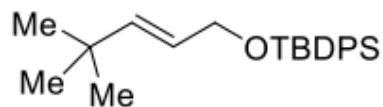
Alkenes giving *anti*-dichlorination

Medium-Ring Cycloalkenes

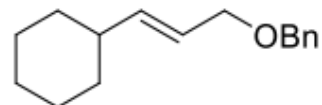


S46 (98:2 *anti:syn*)

Alkenes with branching at the allylic position

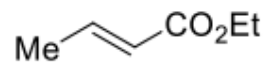


S47, 50% conv.,
80:20 *anti:syn*

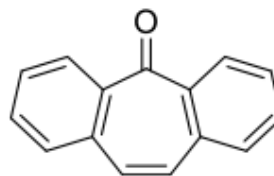


S48, 74% conv.,
86:14 *anti:syn*

Electron-Poor Alkenes



S49 (<99:1 *anti:syn*)



S50 (<99:1 *anti:syn*)