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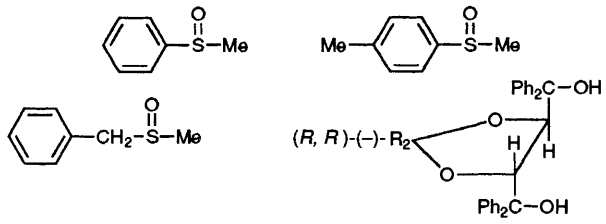
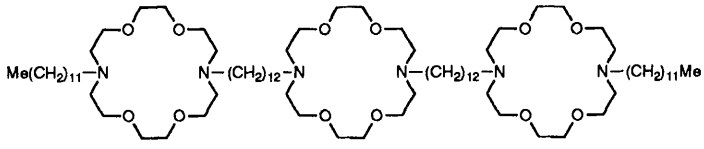
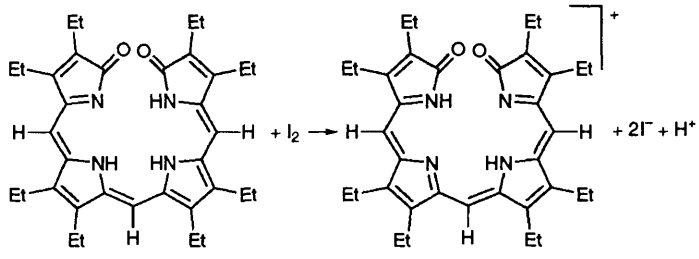
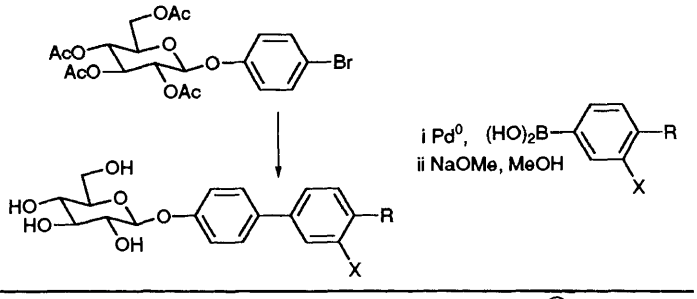
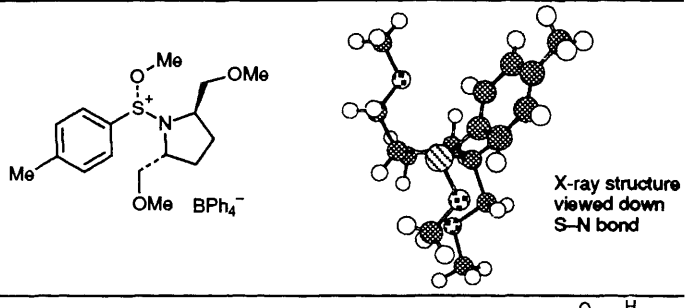
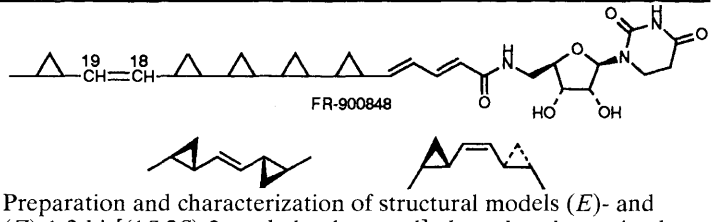




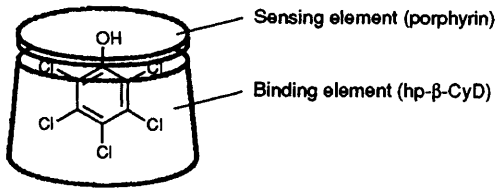


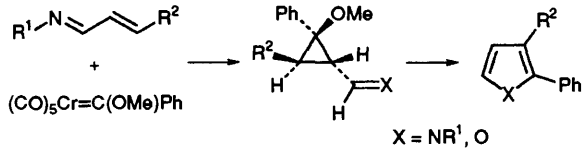


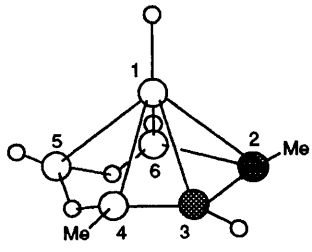




Preparation and characterization of structural models (*E*)- and (*Z*)-1,2-bis[(1*S*,2*S*)-2-methylcyclopropyl]ethene has determined that the geometry of the dicyclopropylethene unit of FR-900848 is *trans*.

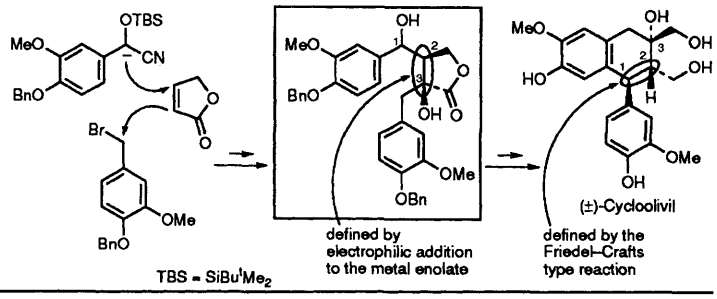


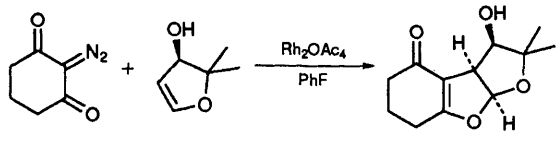


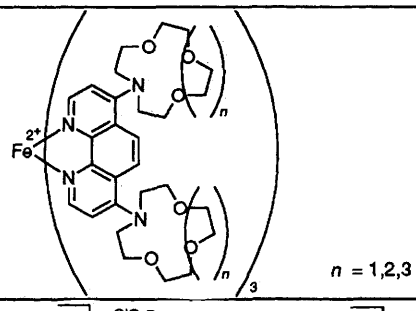


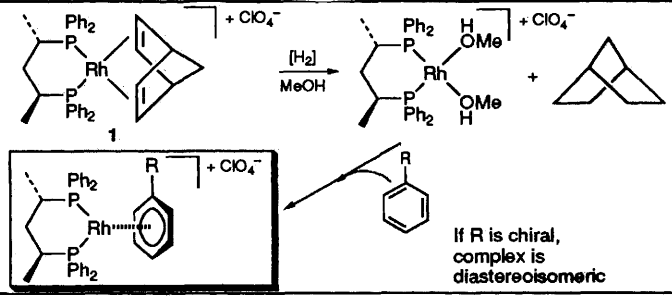
Compounds previously thought to be tricarbahexaborane(7) derivatives, *e.g.* 2,3-Me_2-2,3,4-$C_3B_3H_5$, are now shown to be new dicarbahexaborane(8) derivatives, *e.g.* 2,4-Me_2-2,3-$C_2B_4H_6$ (left). Only one *nido*-2,3,4-tricarbahexaborane species, 2-Me-2,3,4-$C_3B_3H_6$ has in fact been well characterised.

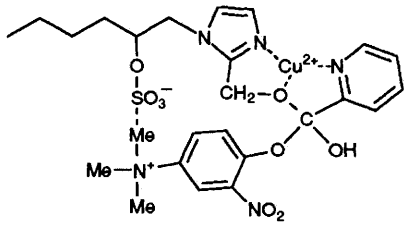
Fmoc amino acid fluorides are highly efficient reagents for peptide assembly in the absence of tertiary bases, the presence of which may cause a variety of side reactions.

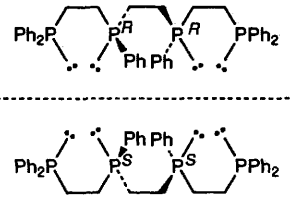


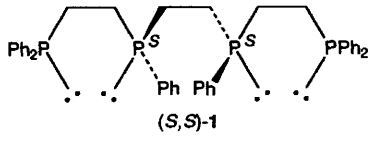


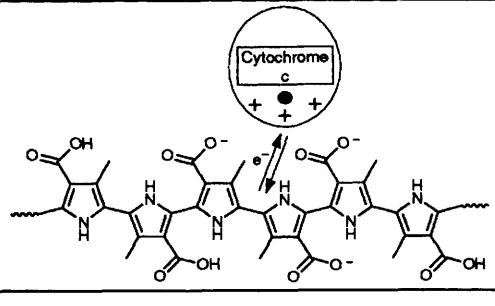












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