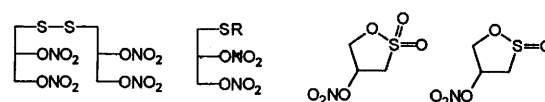


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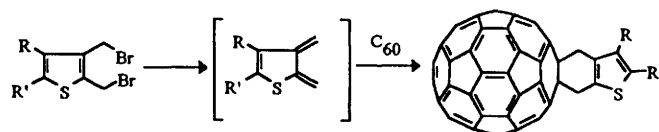
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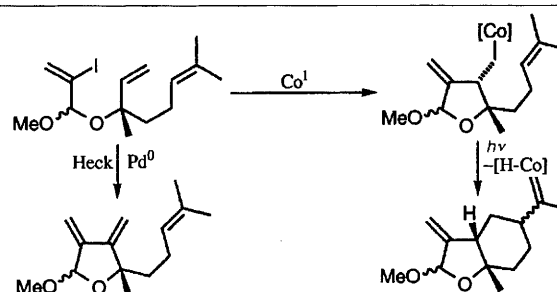
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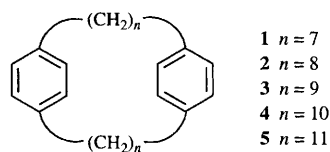

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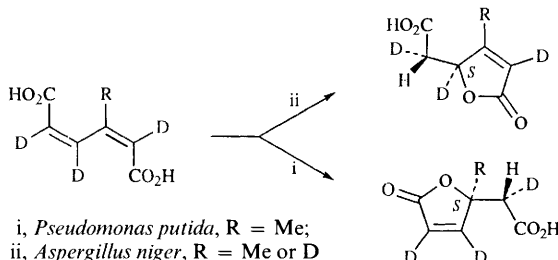
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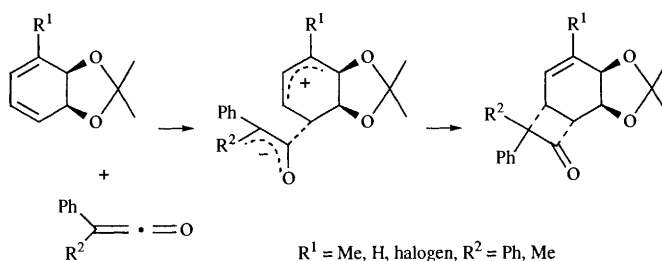
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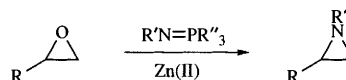
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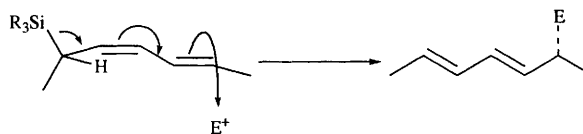
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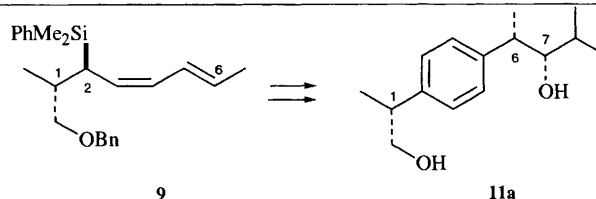
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Chiral penta-2*Z*,4*E*-dienylsilanes react with electrophiles in an S_E2'' reaction stereospecifically *anti*, sometimes, but not always, to a high degree, largely, it appears, because of a steric effect

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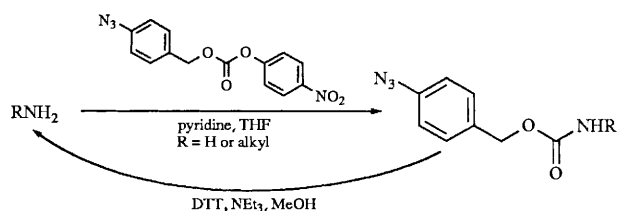
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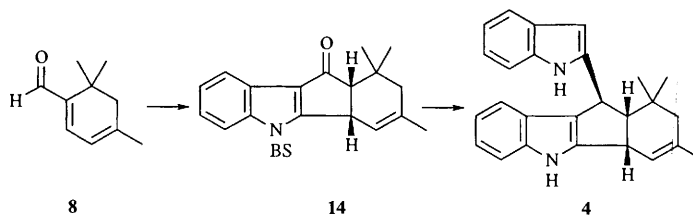
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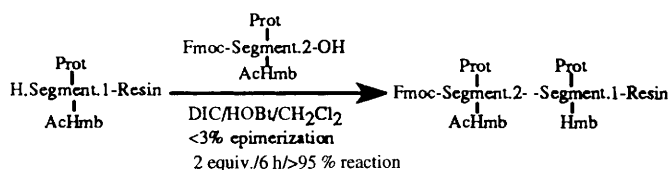
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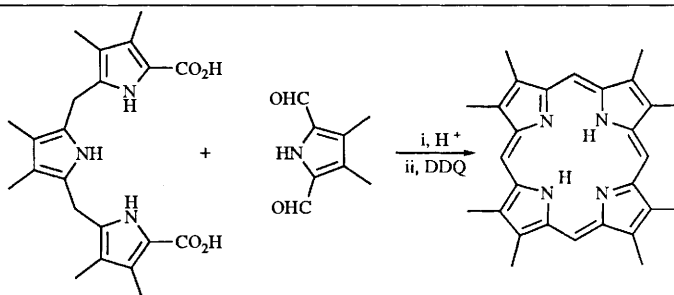
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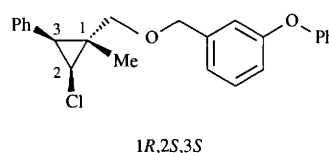
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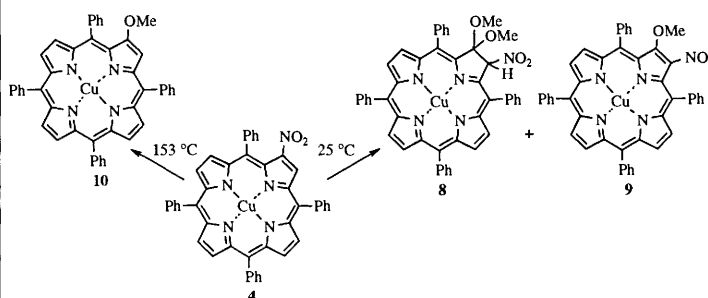
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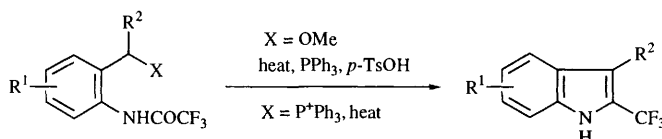
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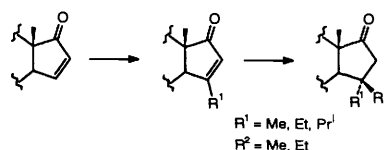
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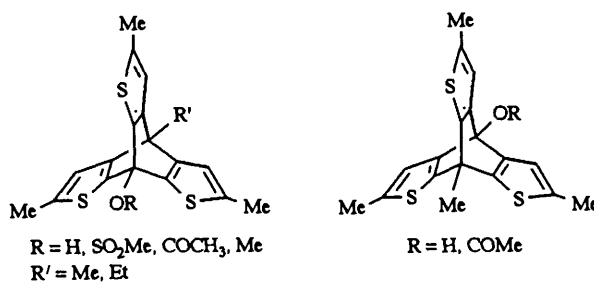
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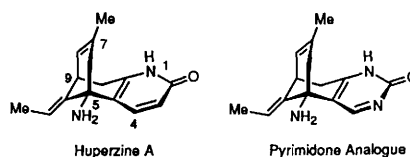
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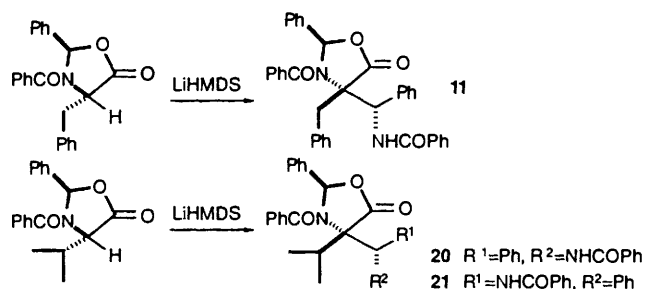
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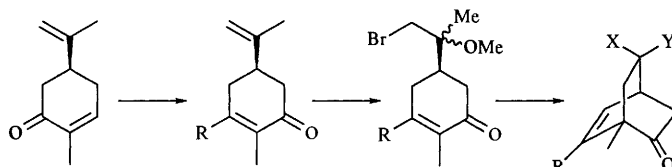
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