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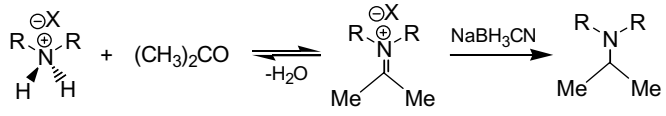

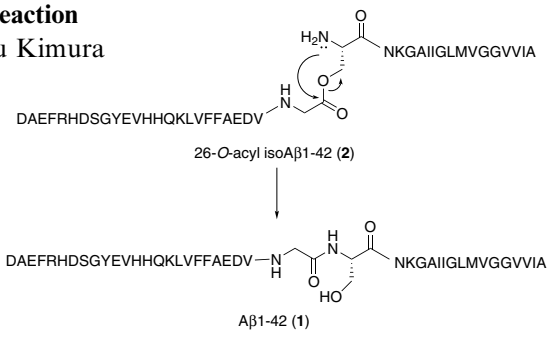

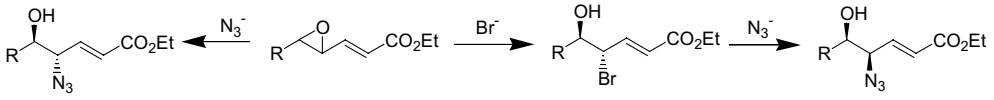

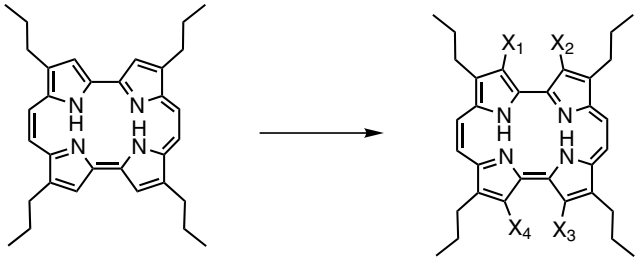

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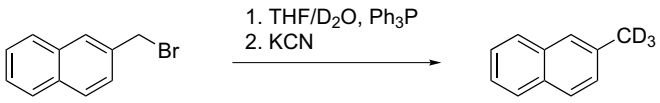
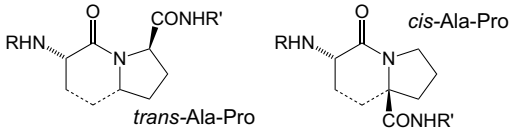
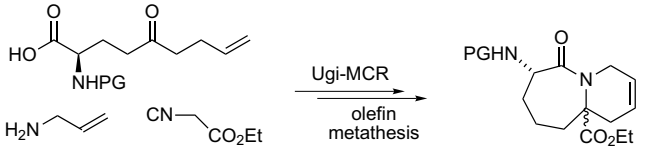
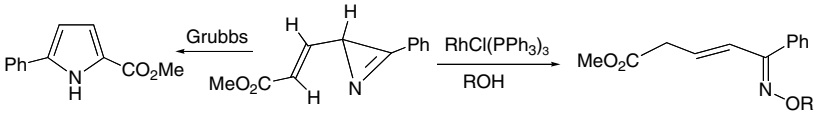
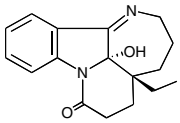


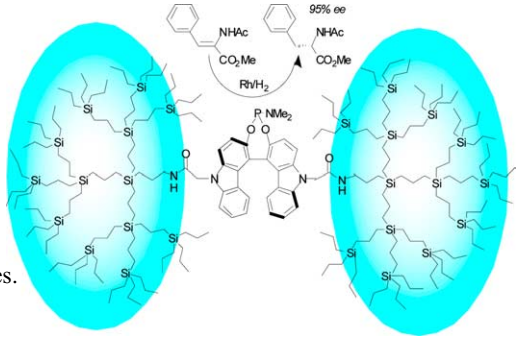




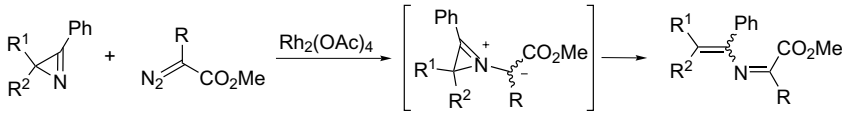


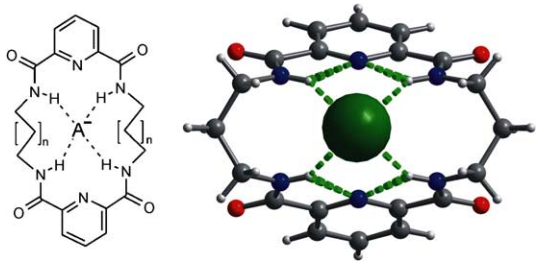


A novel dihydroindole derivative, mersicarpine, incorporating a novel tetracyclic carbon skeleton, containing a seven-membered imine ring, was obtained from a Malayan *Kopsia* species. The structure was established by spectroscopic analysis and a possible biogenetic pathway from a leuconolam precursor is presented.

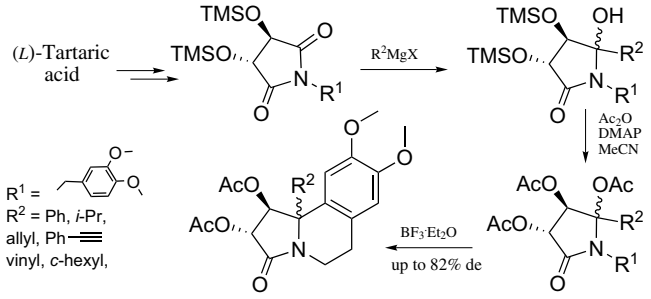


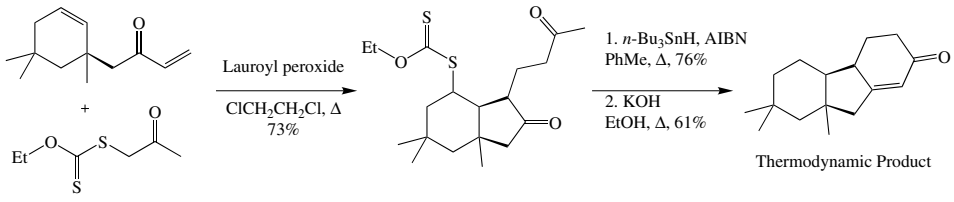
Ee's up to 95% were obtained in the Rh-catalysed hydrogenation of a dehydroamino acid with a BICOL-based phosphoramidite ligand encapsulated in the core of two third generation carbosilane dendritic wedges.

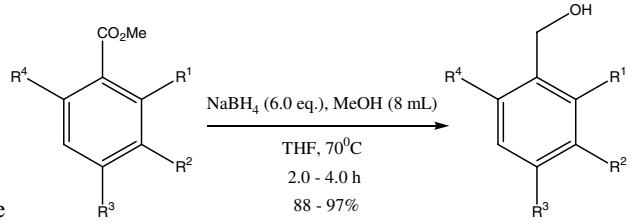




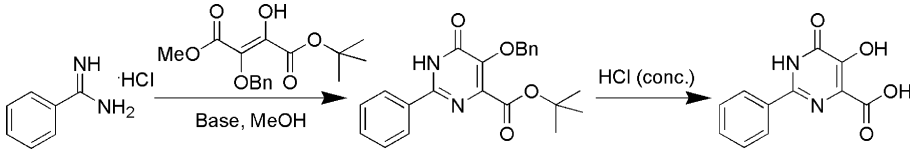
Comparison of the anion binding properties of a series of uncharged macrocyclic tetraamides reveal significant effects of size complementarity between anion and receptor on the strength and selectivity of the corresponding complexes.

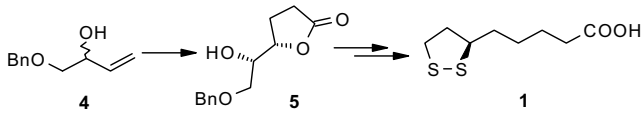




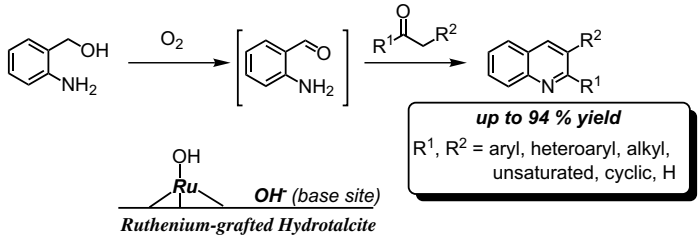


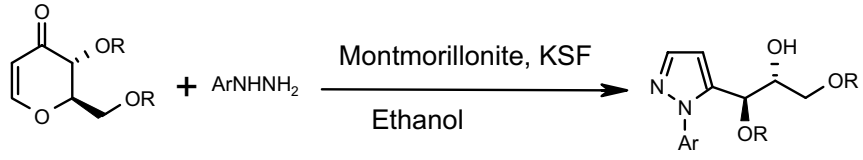
Several aromatic esters were reduced to the corresponding alcohol by using sodium borohydride–methanol system. This methodology is simple, safe, inexpensive, general and the reduction of methyl aromatic esters to the respective alcohol products were isolated after aqueous workup in good yields.

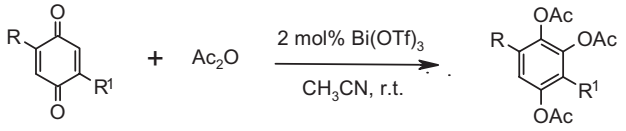


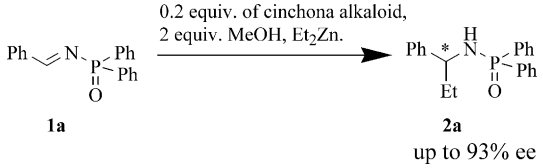


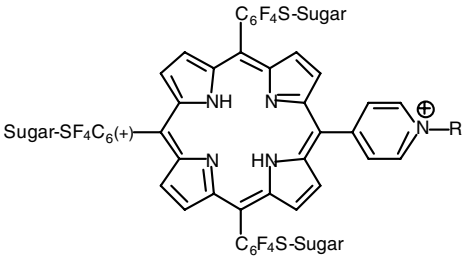
An efficient synthesis of α-lipoic acid from the readily available *cis*-2-butene-1,4-diol employing Claisen orthoester rearrangement and Sharpless asymmetric dihydroxylation as the key steps, is described.

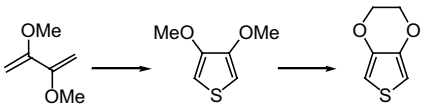




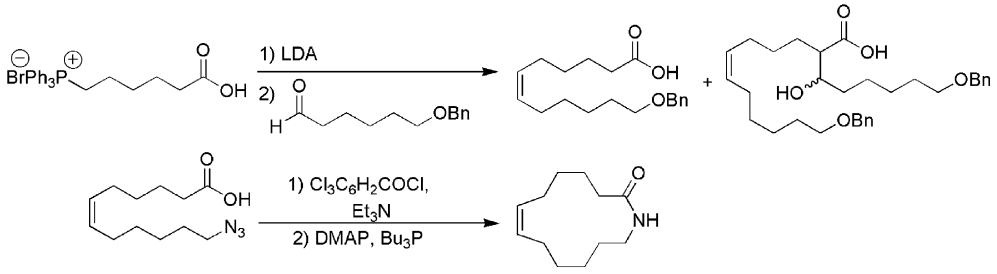


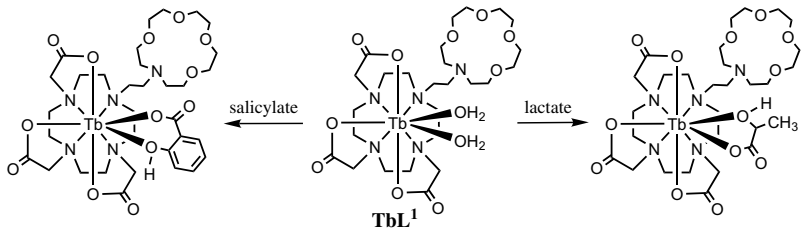


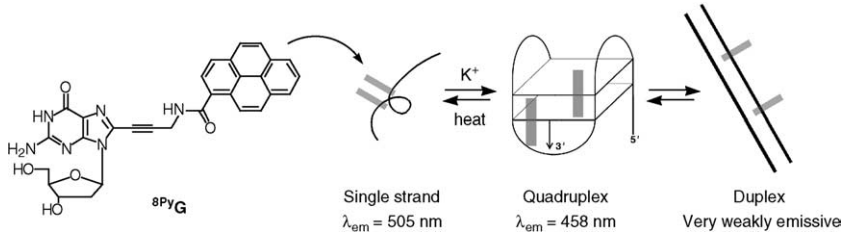


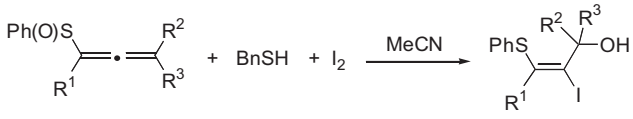


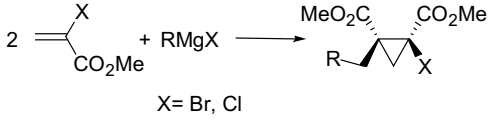
3,4-Dimethoxythiophene was synthesized in one-step from readily available bulk chemicals via a ring closure reaction, and was then *trans*-etherified with ethylene glycol to give 3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene (EDOT).



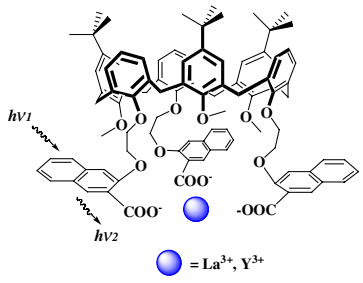


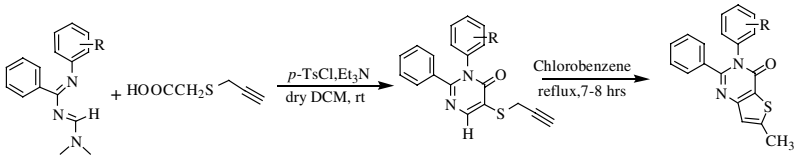




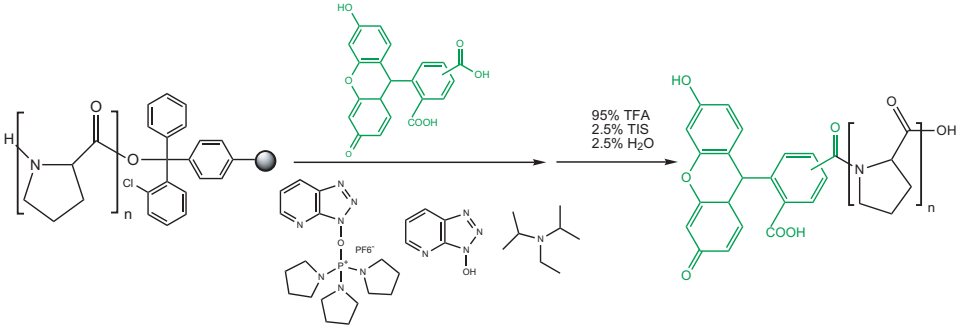


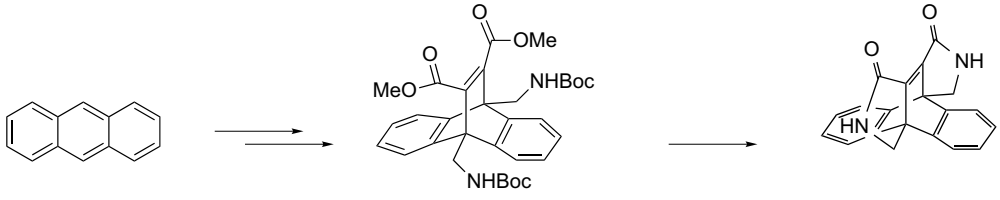
Grignard reagents undergo Michael addition reactions to methyl 2-halogenoacrylate compounds to afford polysubstituted cyclopropane compounds in high yields.





A novel and regioselective approach towards thieno[3,2-*d*]pyrimidin-4-ones by thio-Claisen rearrangement of 3-aryl-2-phenyl-5-prop-2-ynylsulfanyl-3*H*-pyrimidin-4-ones is reported.





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