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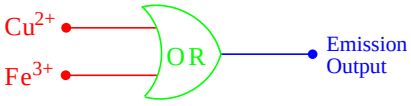
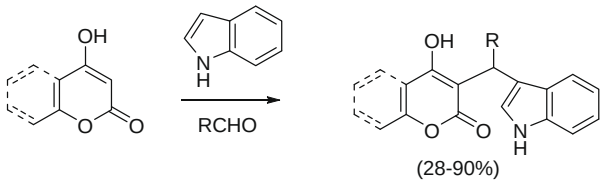
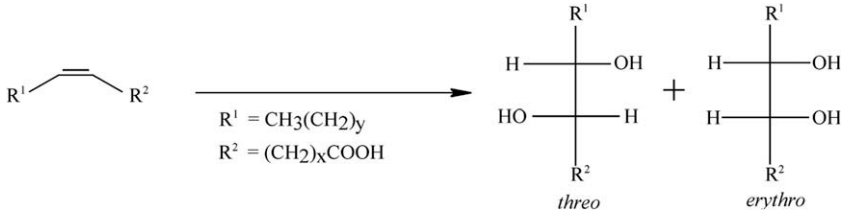
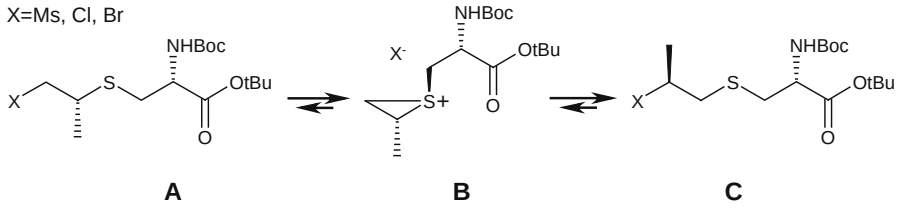


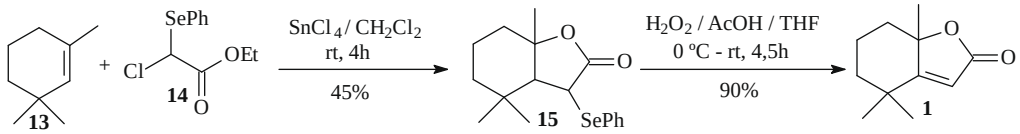


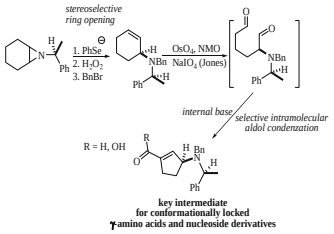


Vicinal diols formed via oxidative degradation of *Z*-monounsaturated alkenoic acids preserved in polymerised forms in pottery vessels provide unique biomarkers for the processing of marine commodities.

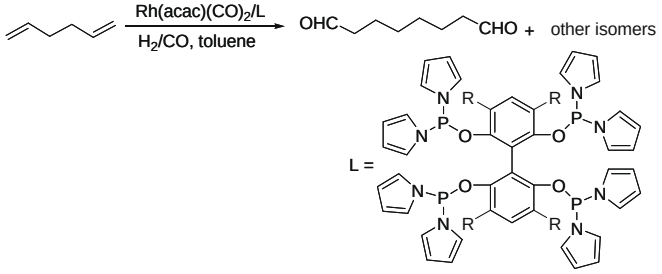


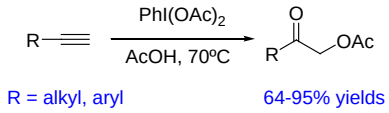
An equilibrium between **A** and **C** exists presumably via thiiranium ion **B**. The dynamics of this equilibrium are dominated by the leaving group ability/nucleophilicity of X and this is exploited in defining a new route to an iNOS (inducible isoform of nitric oxide synthase) inhibitor. A new amidination method is also described.



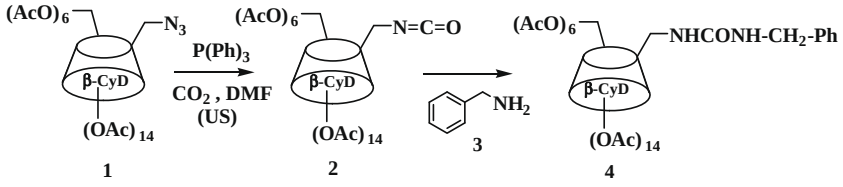


A practical and enantiopure synthesis for the preparation of key intermediates of conformationally locked γ-amino acid and nucleoside analogues is described via an intramolecular selective aldol-condensation catalyzed by an internal base.

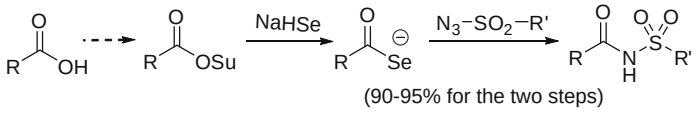




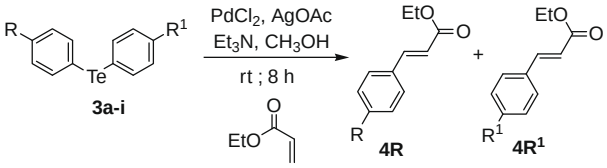
Treatment of terminal alkynes with PhI(OAc)$_2$ in different acids at 70 °C provided the corresponding α-acyloxy ketones in good to excellent yields. A plausible mechanism has been proposed based on the experimental results.

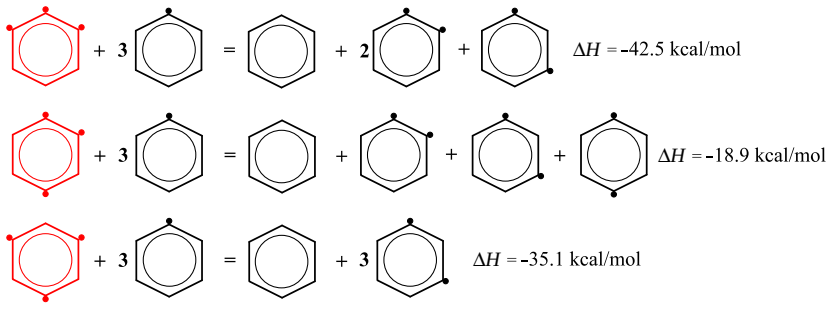


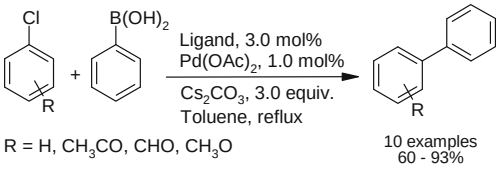
Ultrasound promoted Staudinger-Aza-Wittig tandem reaction.

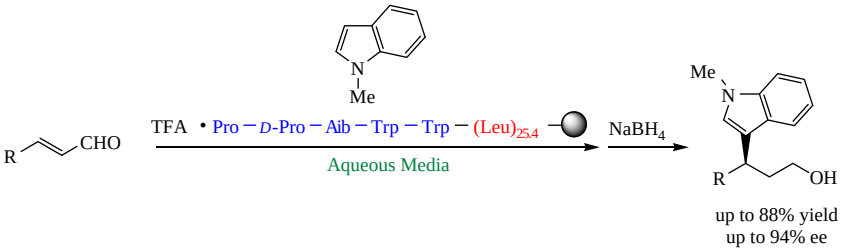


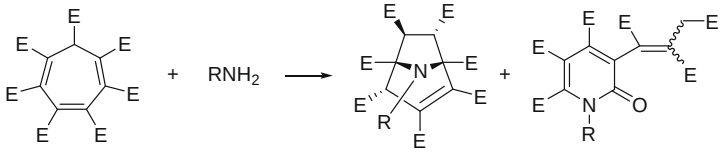
Protected α-amino selenocarboxylates were prepared by reaction of the corresponding amino acid-activated esters with NaHSe and then reacted readily with sulfonyl azide to form *N*-(α-aminoacyl)sulfonamides in high yields.

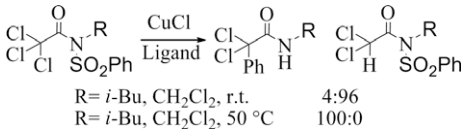




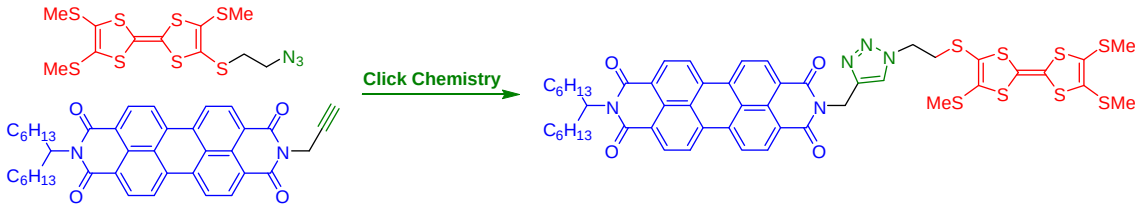




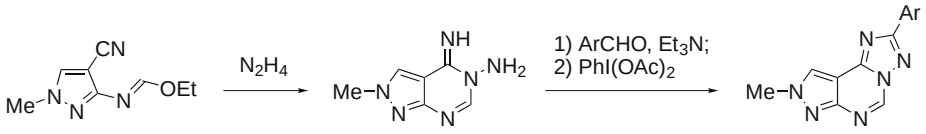


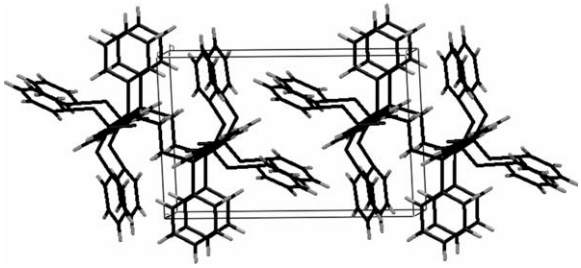


Trichlorosulfonamides undergo reaction with CuCl/amines to furnish either reduced dichlorosulfonamides or amides via a 1,4-aryl shift with loss of SO_2 depending upon the reaction conditions. Along with amide hydrolysis these reactions may compete when carrying out relatively slow atom transfer radical cyclisation reactions.

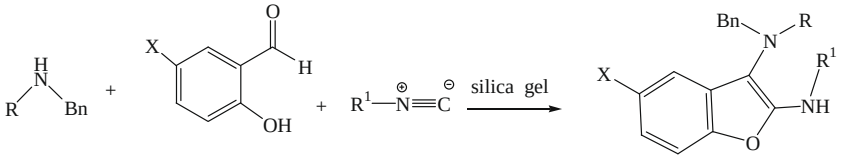


'Click chemistry' provides a method for preparing tetrathiafulvalene (TTF)–perylene diimide (PDI) conjugates.

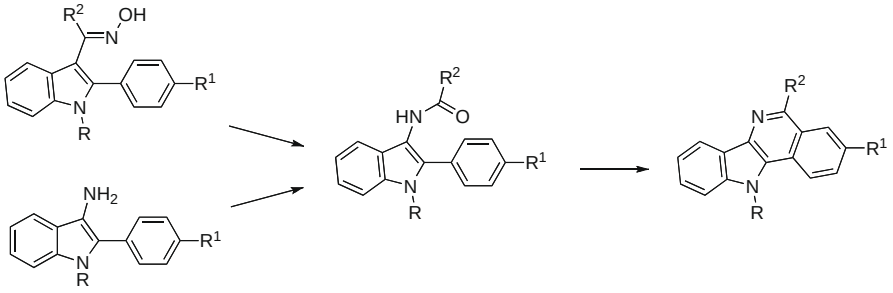


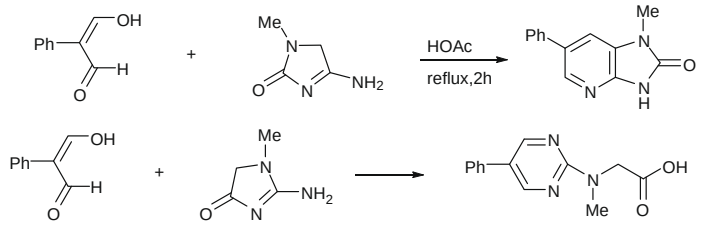


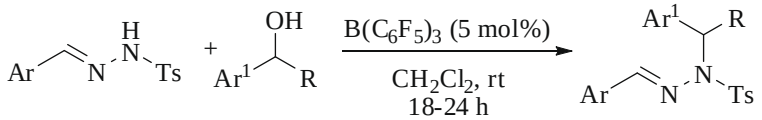
The iminophosphorane $CH_2CH_2[P\{=NP(=O)(OPh)_2\}Ph_2]_2$ is synthesized in high yields (80–97%) via a very convenient procedure using diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) and 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane.



Addition of an isocyanide to an iminium ion intermediate, formed by reaction between an electron-poor 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde derivative and a secondary amine, in the presence of silica gel at room temperature leads to benzo[*b*]furans in high yields.

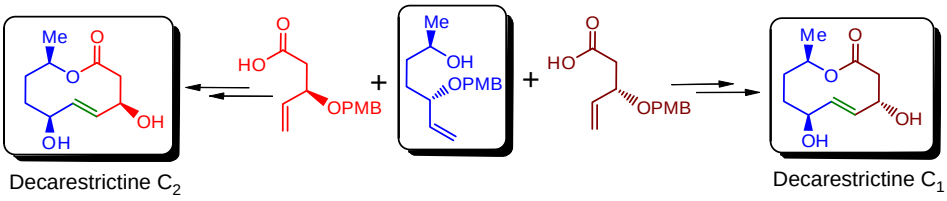


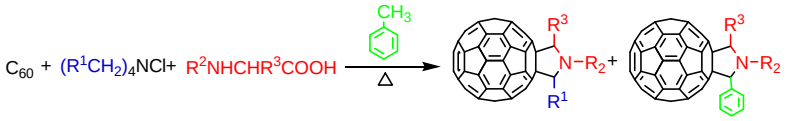


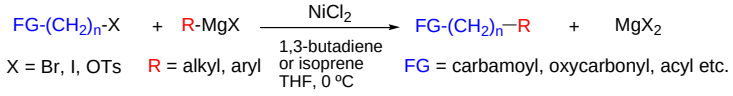


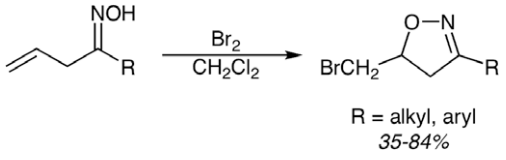
Ar = aryl (**1a**-**1c**)
Ar^1 = aryl; R = aryl, alkyl, H (**2a**-**2d**)

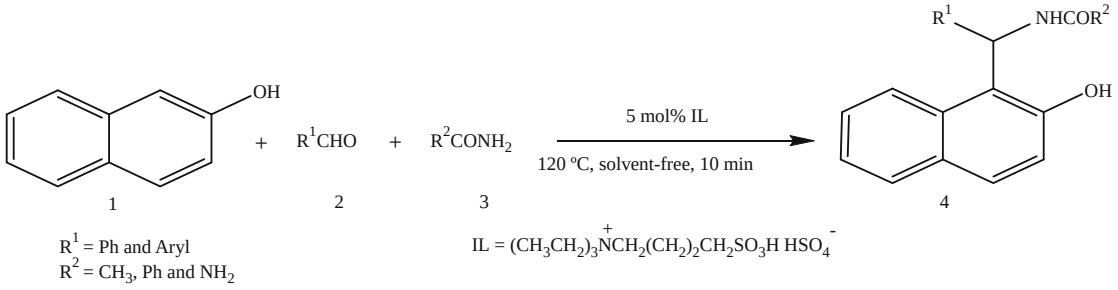
3a-**3m**
87-92% yield

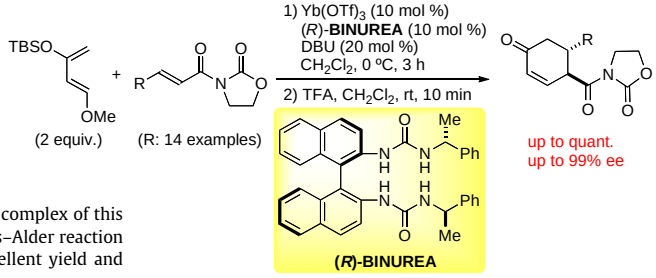




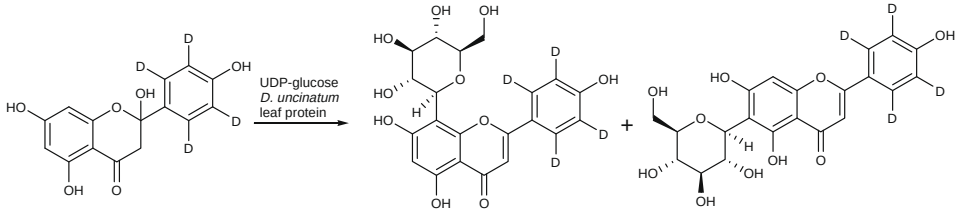




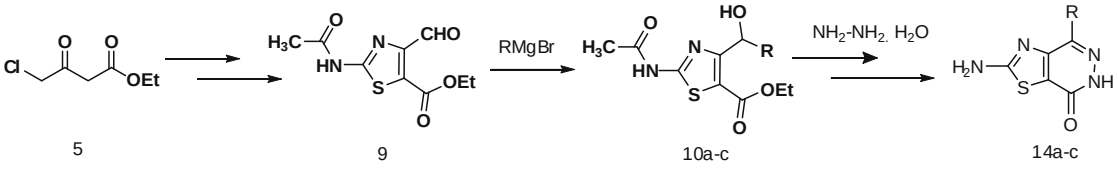


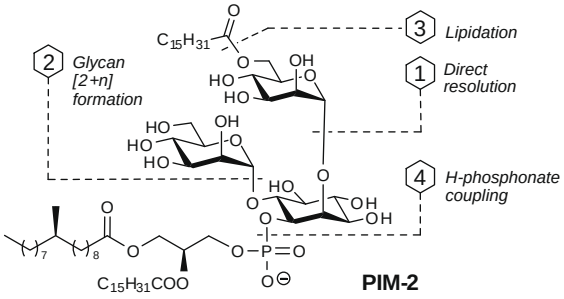


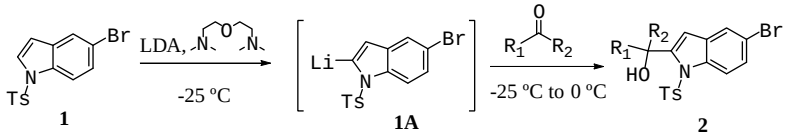
The synthesis and utility of the novel axially chiral bis-urea ligand BINUREA are described. A complex of this urea ligand with ytterbium triflate and DBU can be used in the catalytic enantioselective Diels–Alder reaction of Danishefsky-type diene and electron-deficient olefins to give the adducts in good to excellent yield and enantiomeric excess (ee).



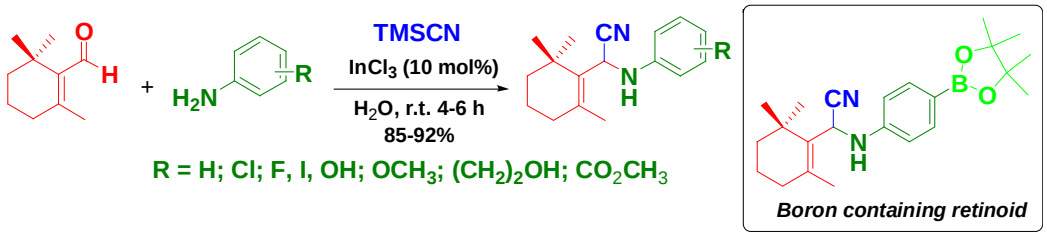
2-Hydroxynaringenin is C-glucosylated by UDP-glucose and a protein extract from *Desmodium uncinatum* leaves to afford vitexin and isovitexin. This is the first committed step to *C*-glucosylflavonoids, a biologically active class of natural compounds.

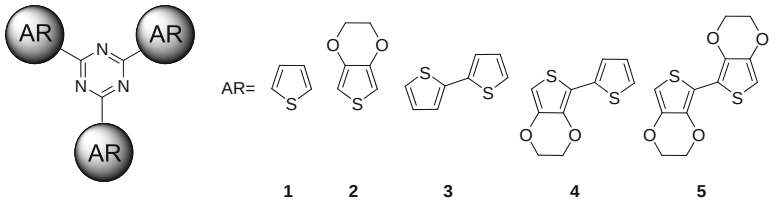




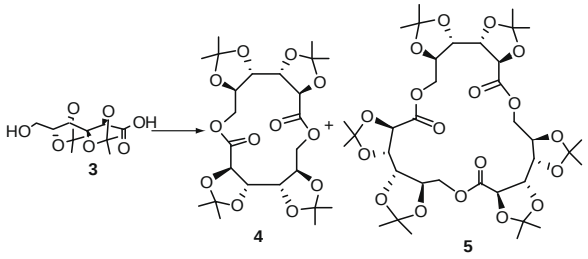


A practical procedure suitable for large scale lithiation of *N*-tosylindoles and subsequent addition to ketones is described. Bis(*N*,*N*′-dimethylaminoethyl) ether was found to stabilize 2-lithio-*N*-tosylindole **1A** at −25 °C [The temperatures cited are internal temperatures unless otherwise stated]. Addition of this reagent allows the lithiation of *N*-tosyl indoles and subsequent addition to ketones to operate at −25 °C, a temperature suitable for large scale reactions.

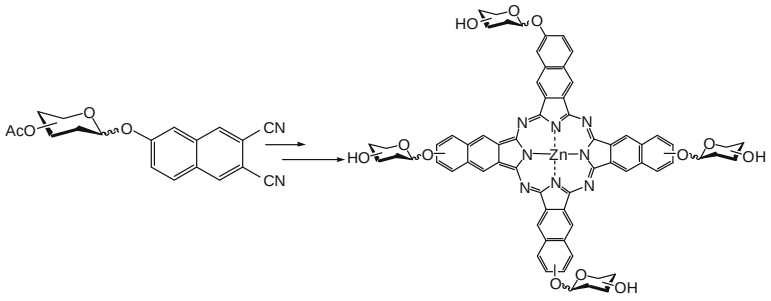


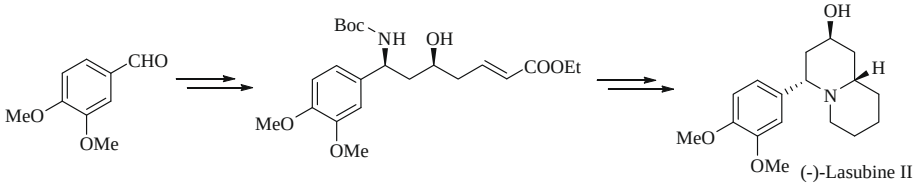


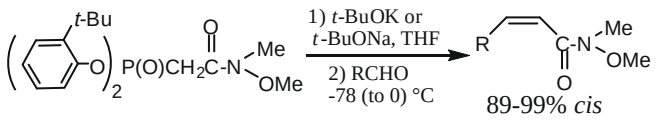
A series of triazine derivatives substituted with thiophenic pendant groups have been synthesized by Stille coupling, their spectroscopic and electrochemical properties are presented and discussed.



Macrocyclic lactones **4** and **5** were prepared by cyclization of the respective dimer and trimer linear precursors obtained by self-condensation of the D-galactonic acid derivative **3**.







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