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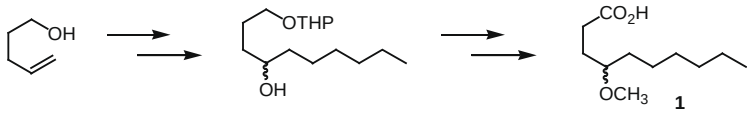
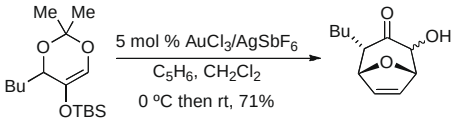
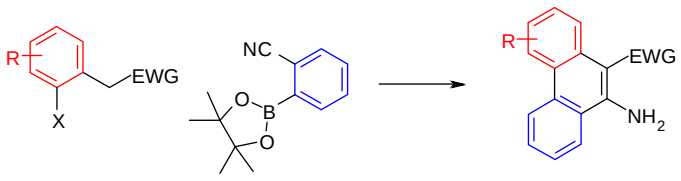


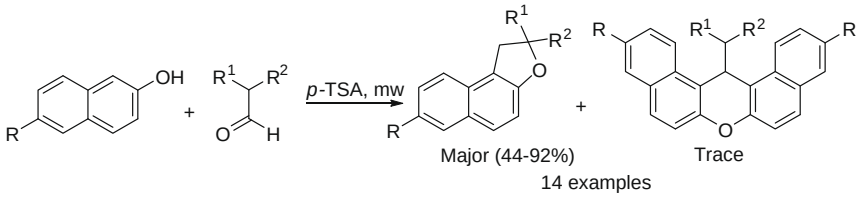
The hitherto unknown (±)-4-methoxydecanoic acid (**1**) was synthesized in six steps and in 25% overall yield starting from 4-penten-1-ol. The title compound demonstrated 17-fold higher antifungal activity (MIC = 1.5 mM) against *Candida albicans* ATCC 60193 and *Cryptococcus neoformans* ATCC 66031 when compared to unsubstituted *n*-decanoic acid. Mid-chain methoxylation appears to be a viable strategy for increasing the fungitoxicity of fatty acids.

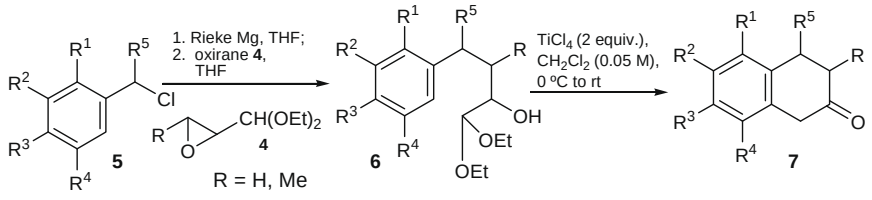


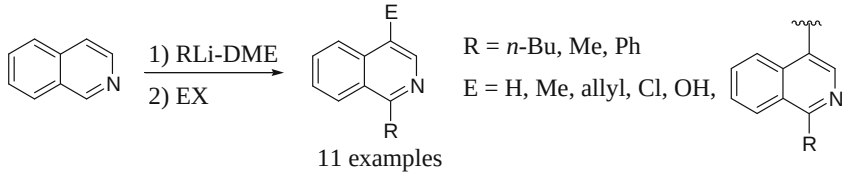
Treatment of 5-silyloxydioxines with 5 mol % $AuCl_3/AgSbF_6$ in the presence of cyclopentadiene or furan resulted in the rapid formation of [4+3]-cycloadducts at room temperature.



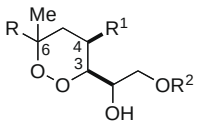
An efficient synthesis of 9,10-disubstituted phenanthrenes is described. These novel useful building blocks were obtained in a one-pot reaction including Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling followed by a Dieckmann–Thorpe ring closure under microwave irradiation.







A one-pot procedure comprising a nucleophilic addition followed by an electrophilic trapping is performed in order to functionalize isoquinoline in 1- and 4-positions.



6a, R = Me, R^1 = Et, R^2 = Ac
6b, R = Me, R^1 = *n*-Pr, R^2 = Ms
(6*S*,*R*)-**6c**, R = Et, R^1 = H, R^2 = Ac
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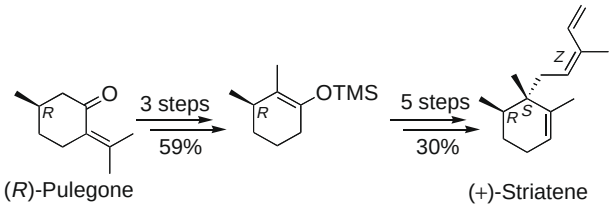
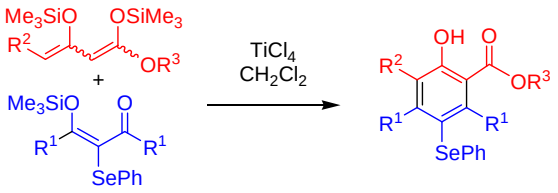
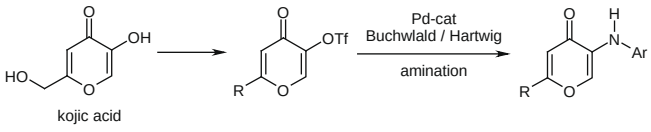
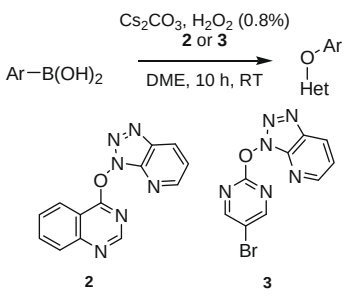
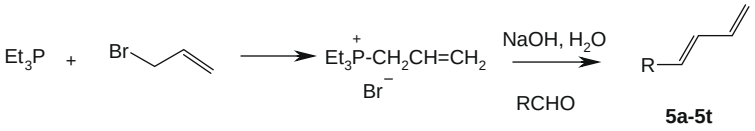


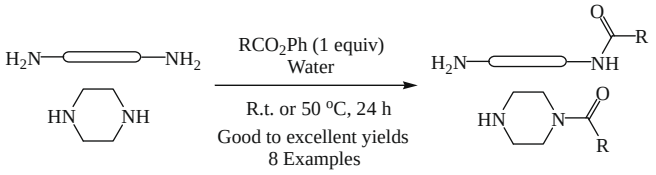


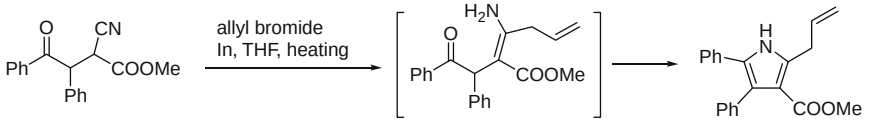


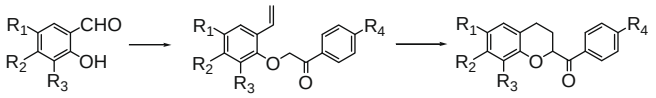
A concise approach to 5-arylamino-4*H*-pyran-4-ones is described via palladium-catalyzed amination reaction.



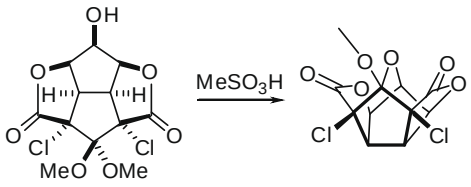




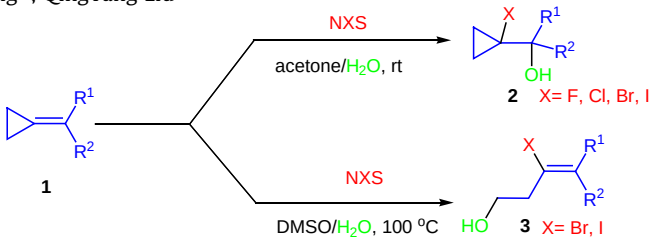




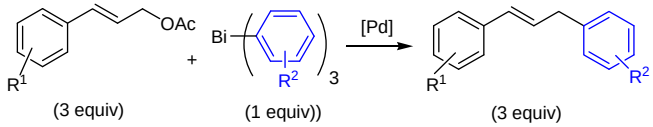
Through a sequence of a Wittig reaction, O-alkylation, and carbanion-olefin intramolecular cyclization, salicylaldehydes were converted into a series of new 2-aroyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-benzopyrans in two steps or in one-pot reaction.

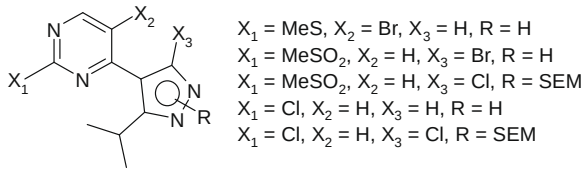


Dichloro bis-γ-lactone readily undergoes acid mediated mixed ketal formation to furnish a 9-oxa-noradamantane derivative. Replacement of chlorines with hydrogens or allyl groups results in the formation of hydrolysis product rather than cyclization.



A variety of halocyclopropyl-methanol and 3-halo-but-3-en-1-ol derivatives were prepared in moderate to excellent yields via the simple halohydroxylation reaction of alkylidenecyclopropanes with convenient and mild sources of electrophilic halogen NXS (X = I, Br, Cl, F) and H_2O. A plausible mechanism for the halohydroxylation has been proposed.





A convenient and selective halogenation of 4-(pyrazol-4-yl)-pyrimidines is described herein. This method allows quick access to a diverse set of pyrazolyl-pyrimidine derivatives.

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