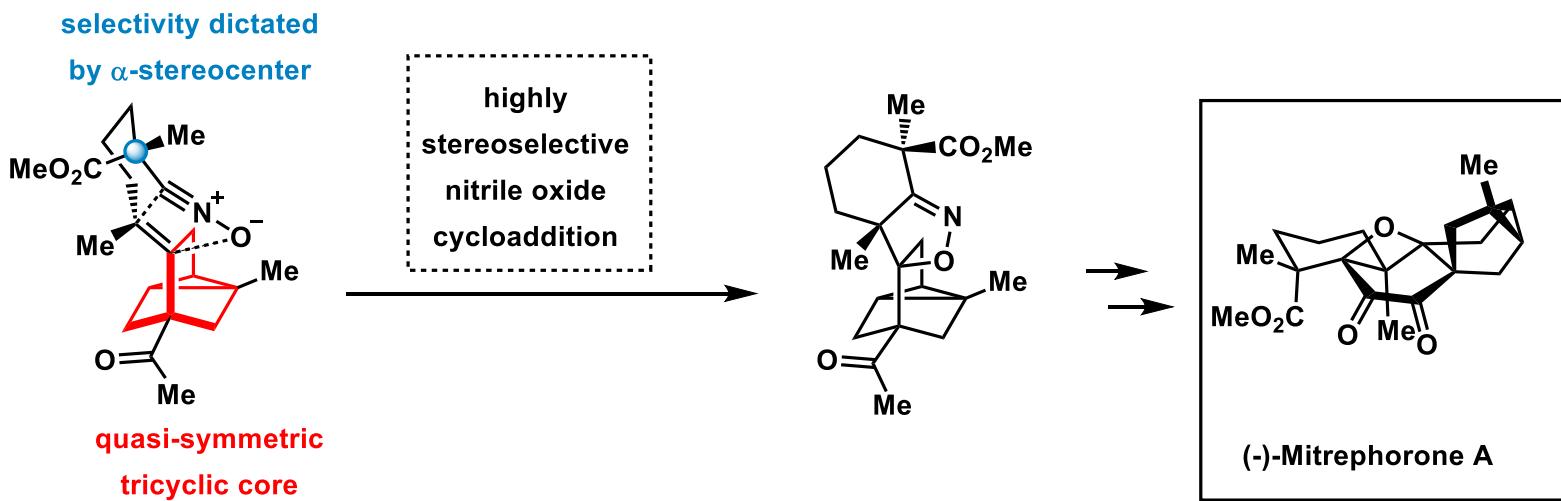


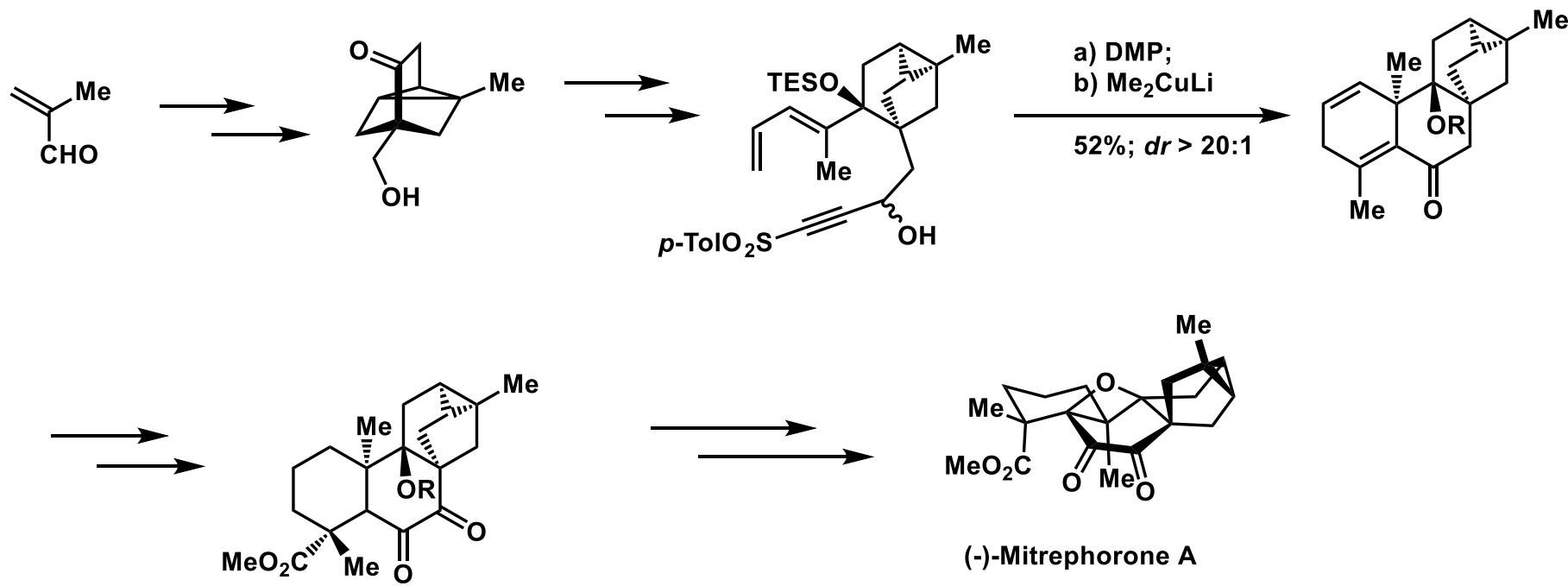
# Total Synthesis of (−)-Mitrephorone A Enabled by Stereoselective Nitrile Oxide Cycloaddition and Tetrasubstituted Olefin Synthesis

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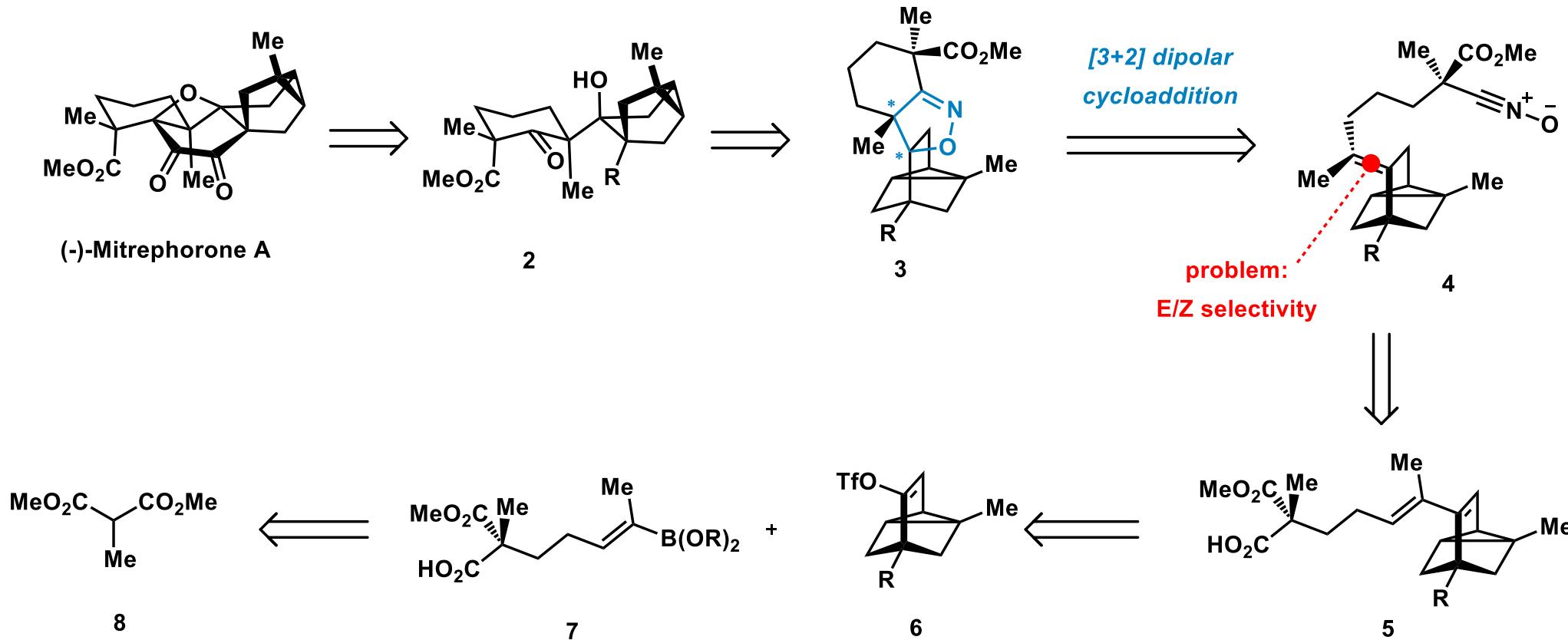


- Tricyclo [3.2.1.0<sup>2,7</sup>]octane
- Embedded oxetane
- 1,2-diketone
- Highly congested hexacycle
- 4 quaternary carbons
- 5 contiguous stereocenters

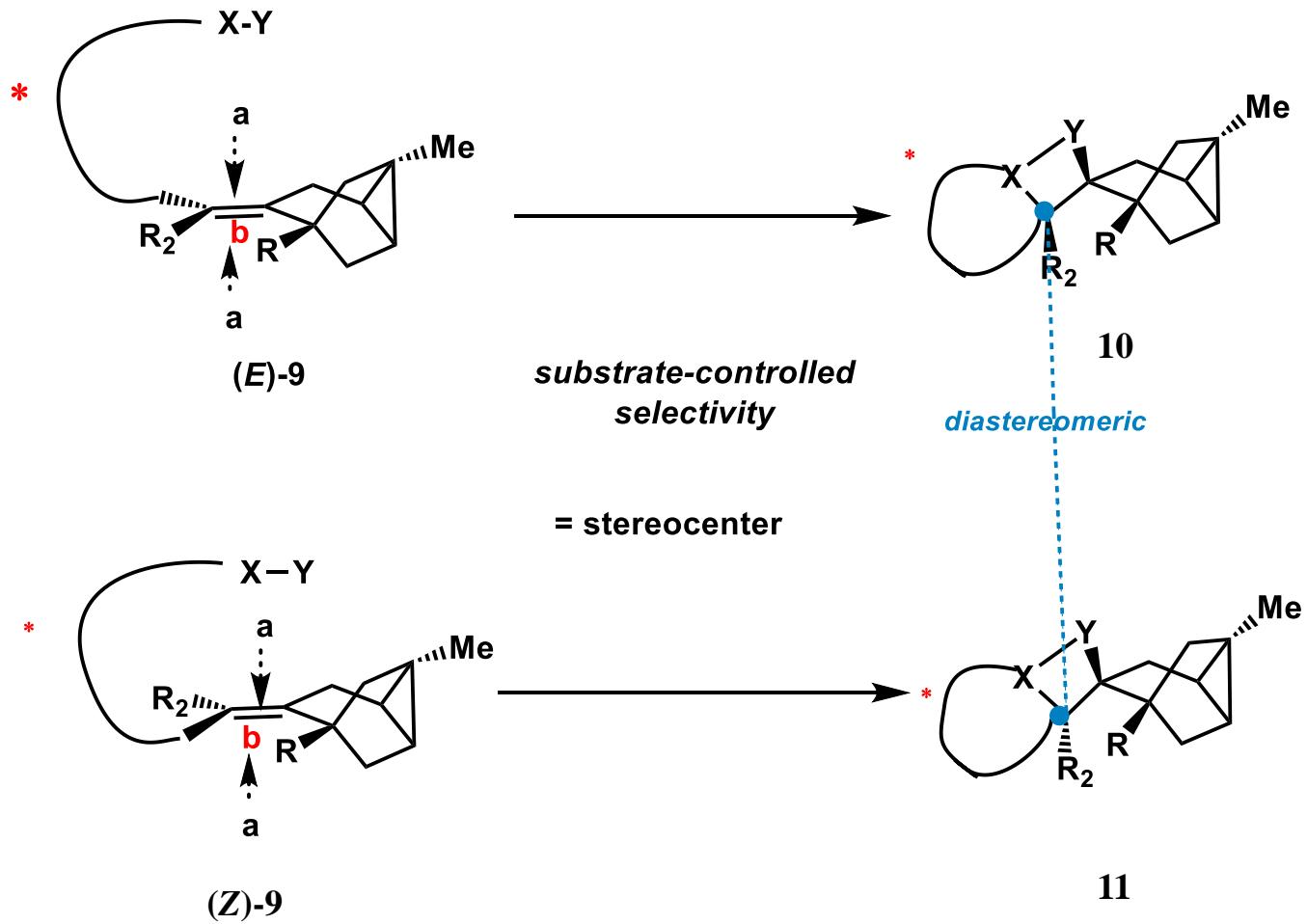
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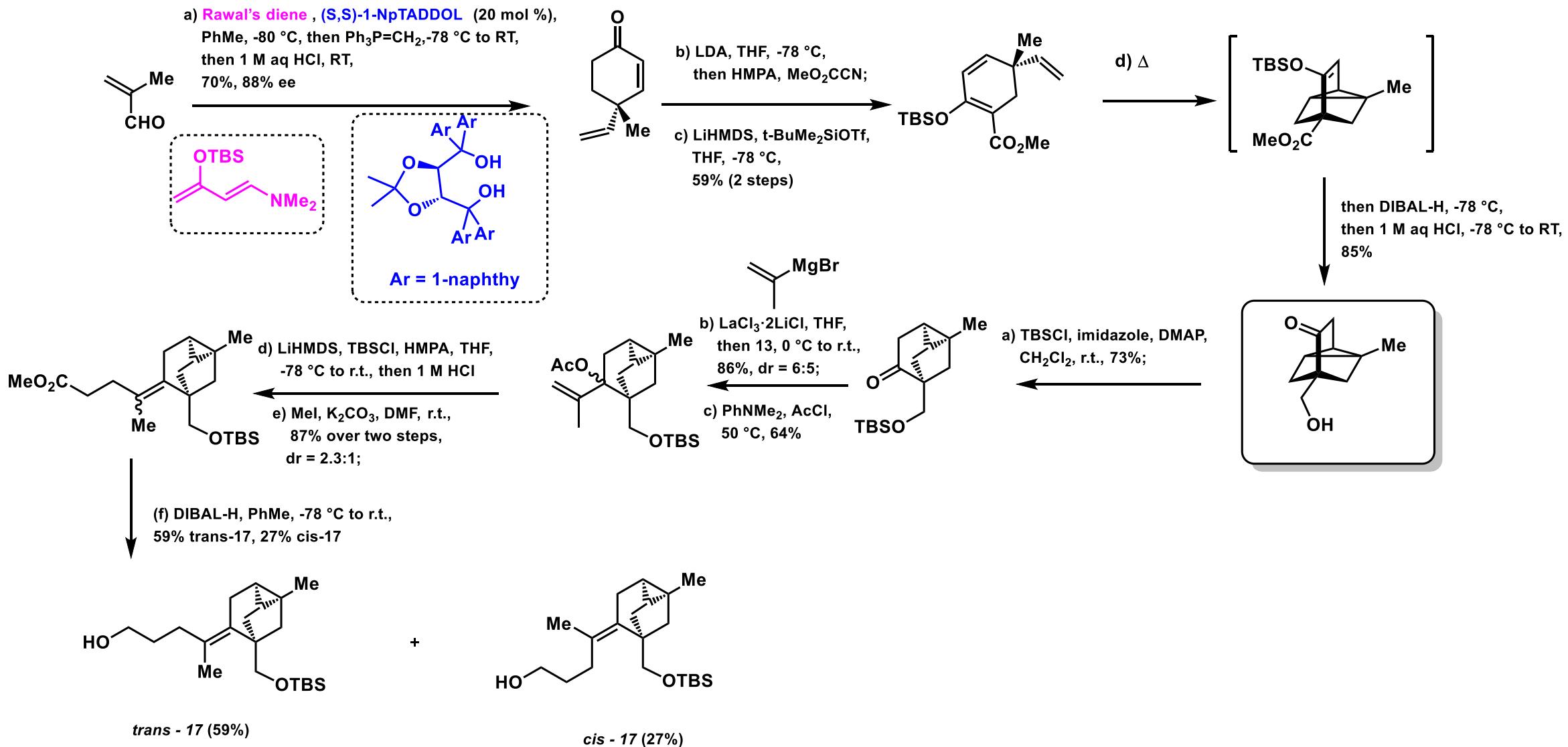
*Scheme 1.* (*-*)-Mitrephorone A (1) and Retrosynthetic Analysis

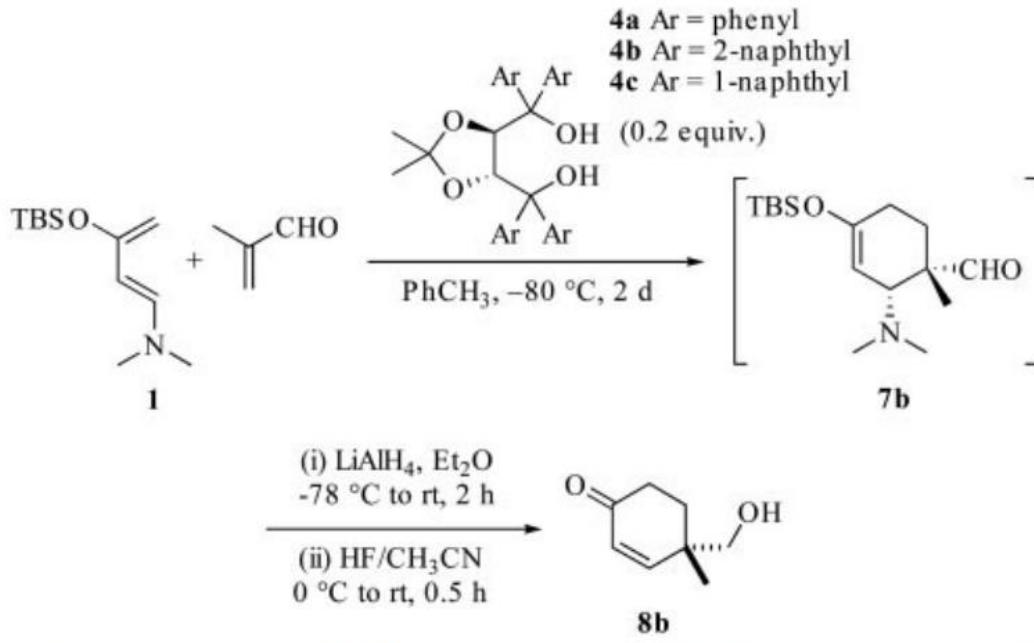


*Scheme 2. Stereochemical Considerations Associated with Olefin Functionalization*

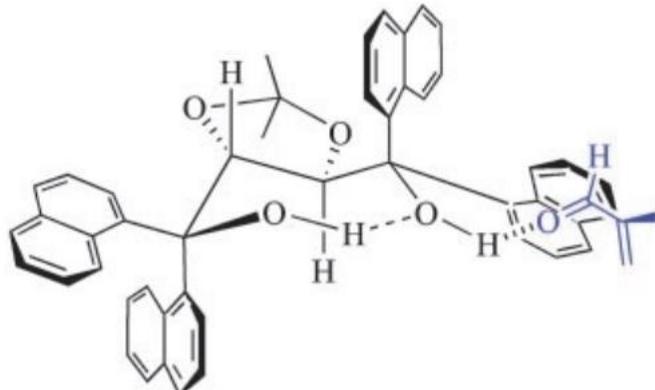
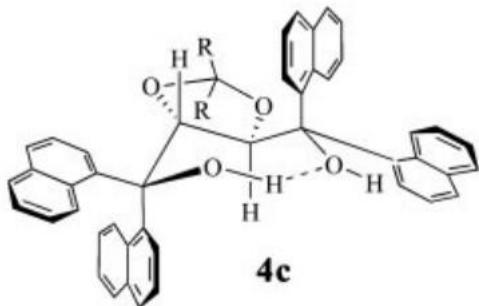


**Scheme 3. Synthesis of Tetrasubstituted Olefin via Ireland–Claisen Rearrangement**



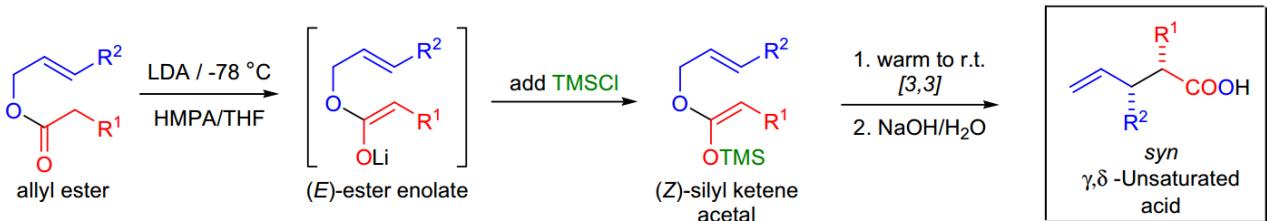
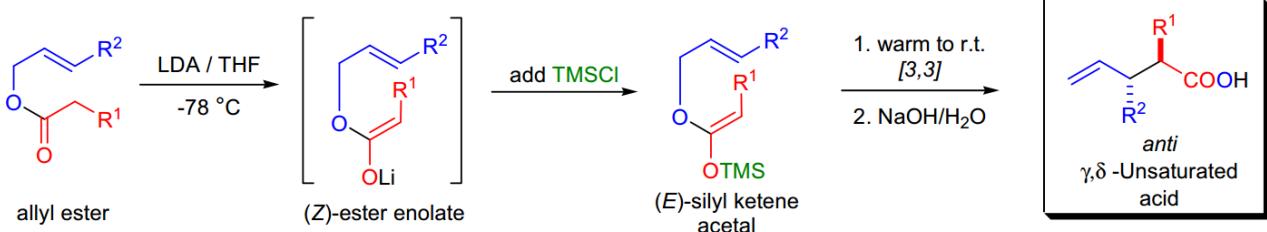


Entry	TADDOL	Yield, %	ee, %
1	<b>4a</b>	30	31
2	<b>4b</b>	45	33
3	<b>4c</b>	83	91

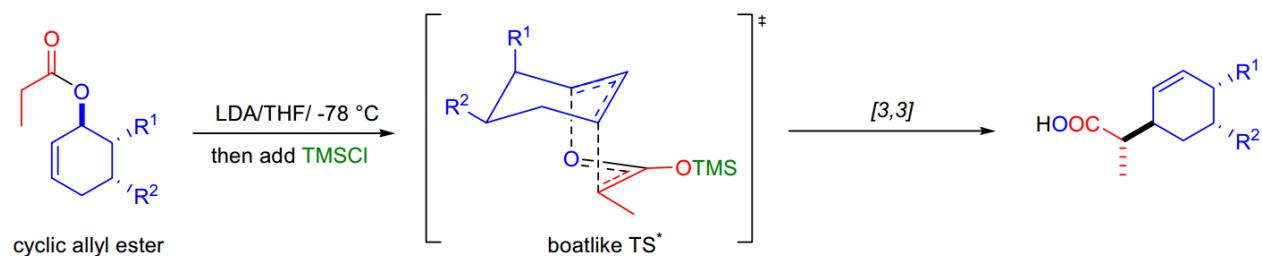
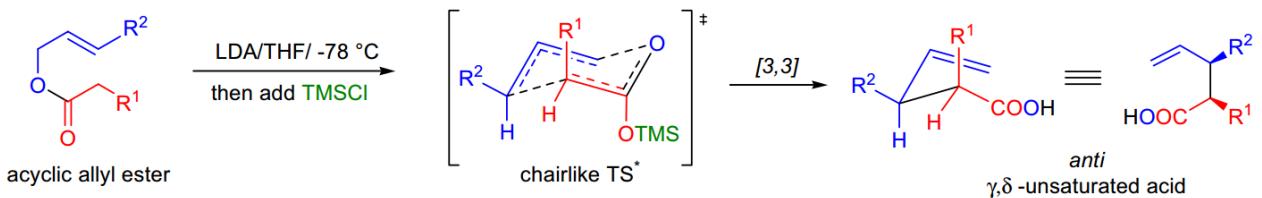


**Fig. 1.** Solid-state structures of TADDOL **4a–c**.

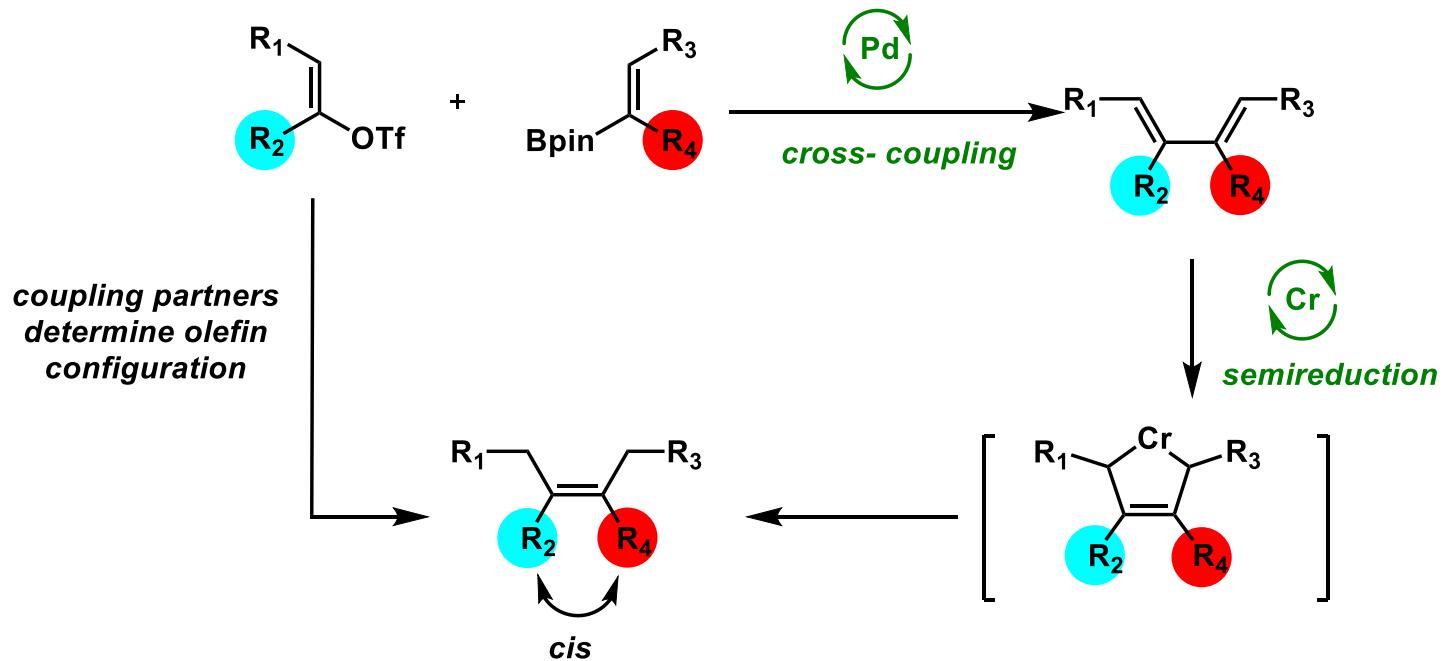
# CLAISEN-IRELAND REARRANGEMENT

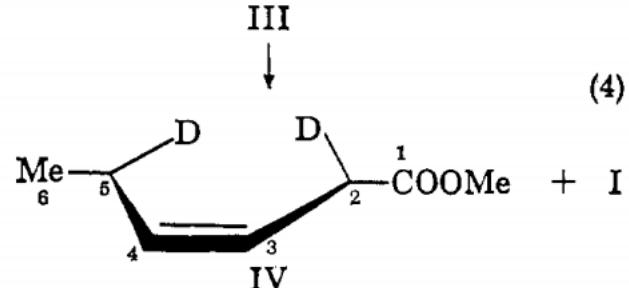
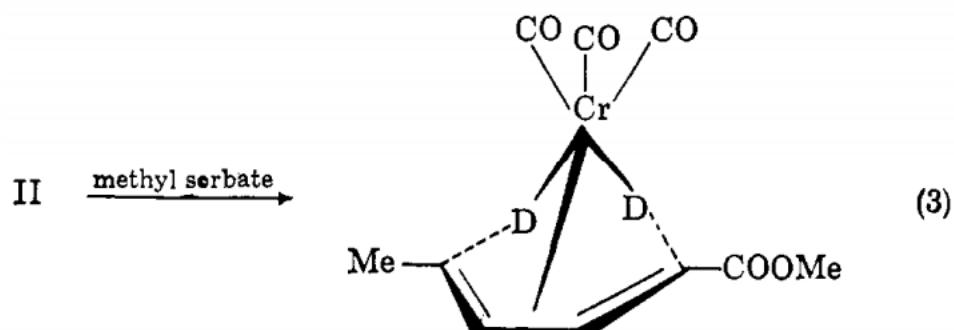
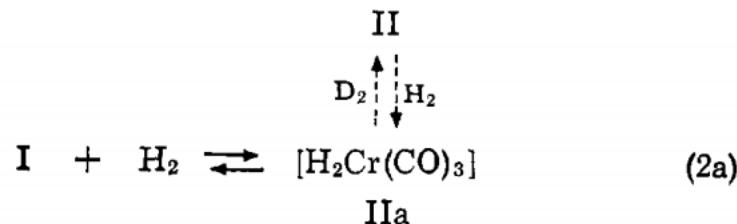
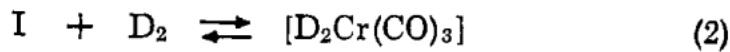
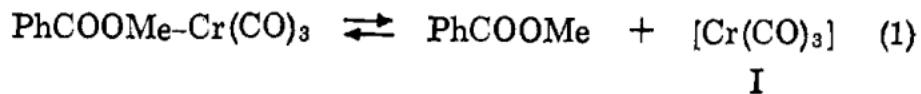


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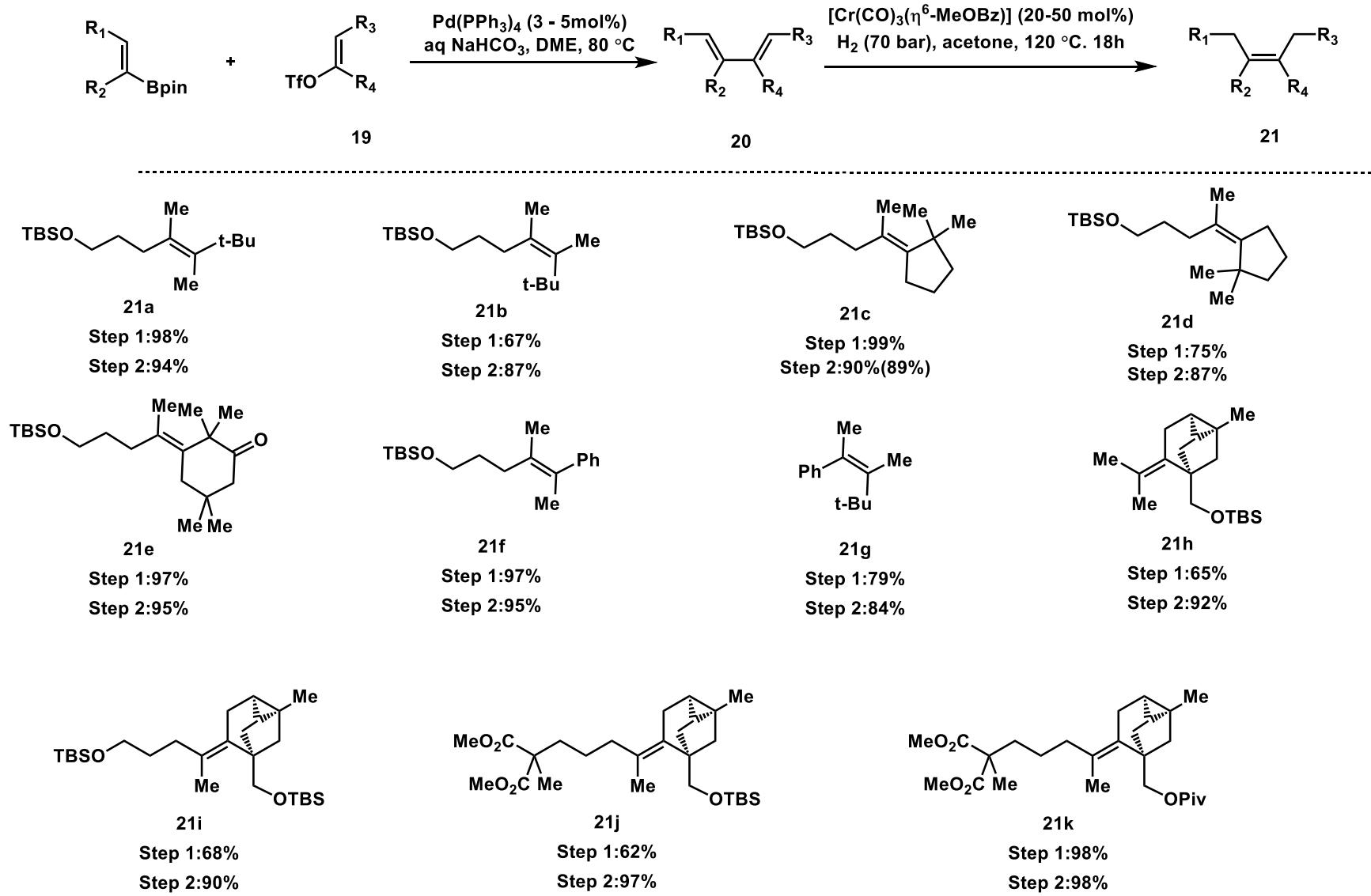


**Scheme 4. Conceptual Approach to Tetrasubstituted Olefin Synthesis via Cross-Coupling and 1,4-Semihydrogenation**

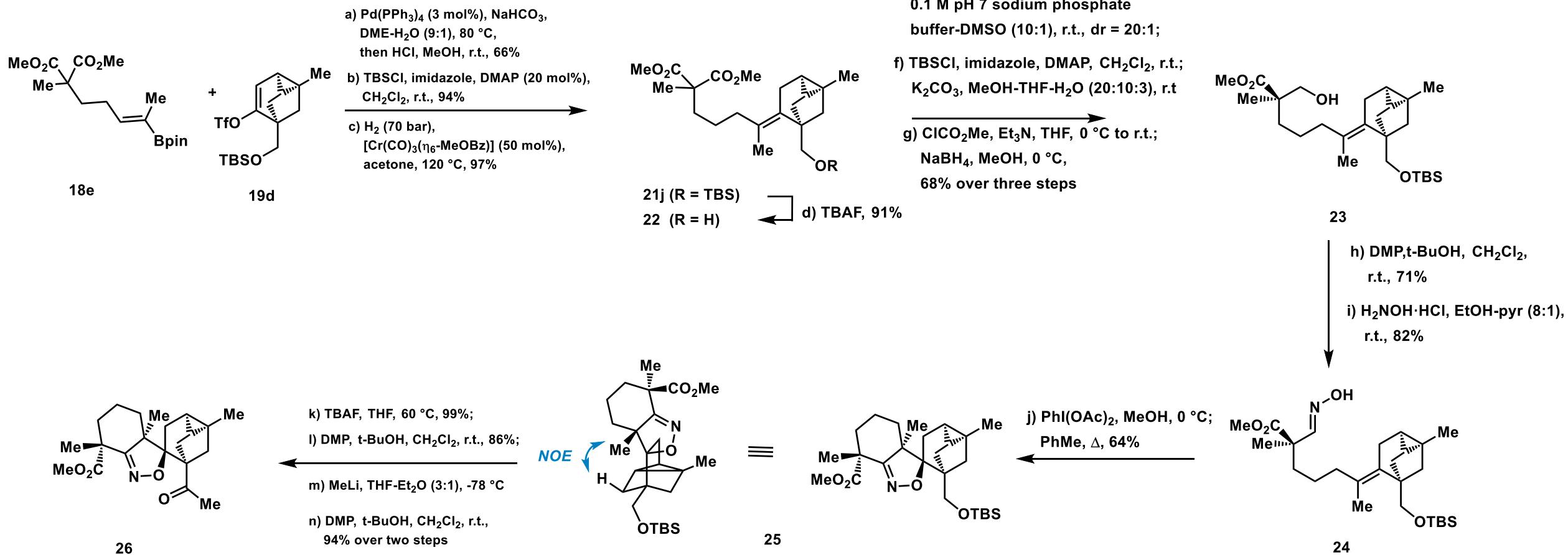


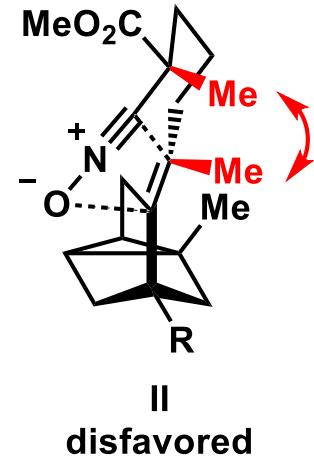


# Synthesis of Tetrasubstituted Olefins via Cross-Coupling and Semihydrogenation



*Scheme 5. Synthesis of Isoxazoline 26 via Nitrile Oxide Cycloaddition*





[3+2] cycloaddition

1,3-diaxial  
interactions

3.7 kcal/mol vs. 2.8 kcal/mol

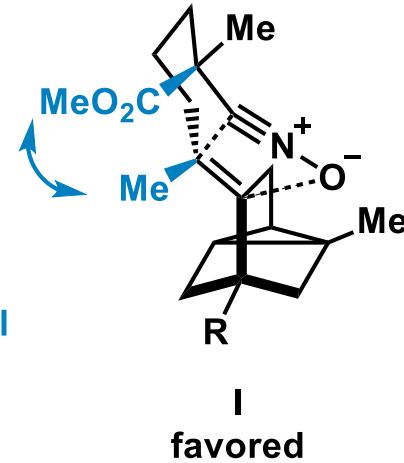
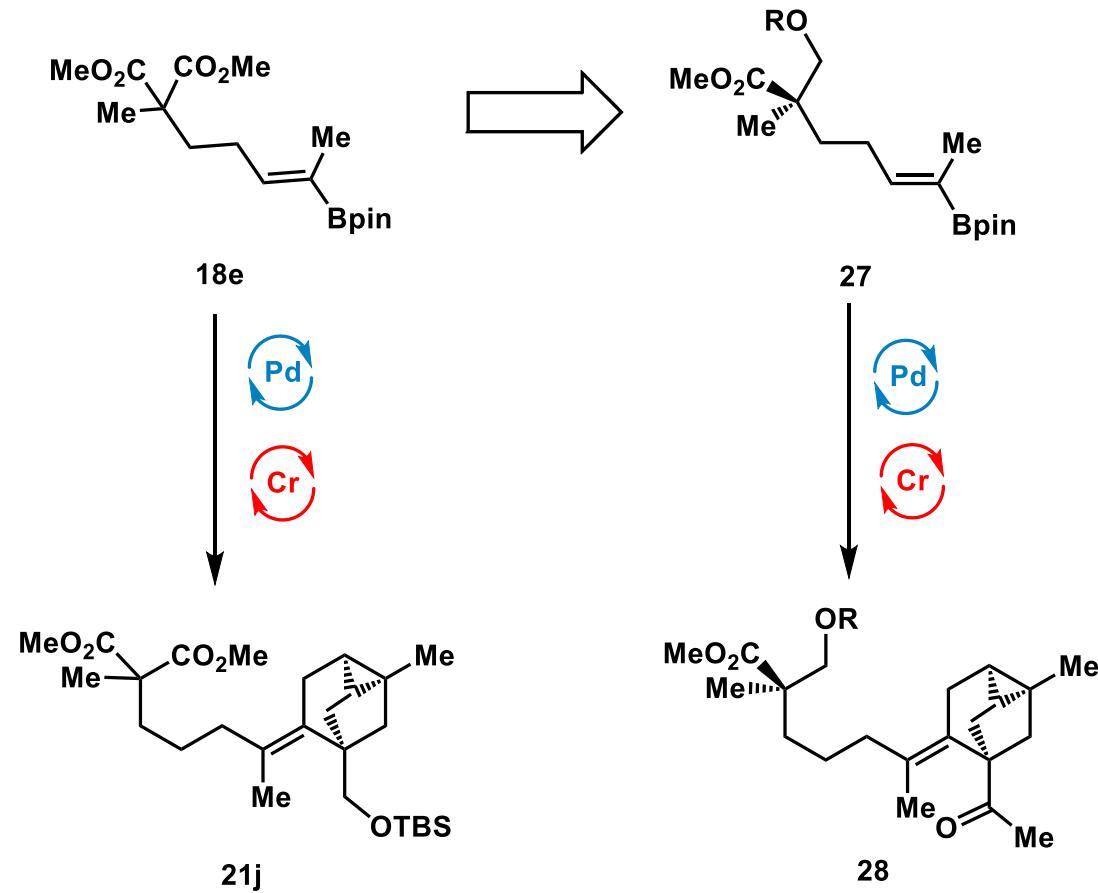
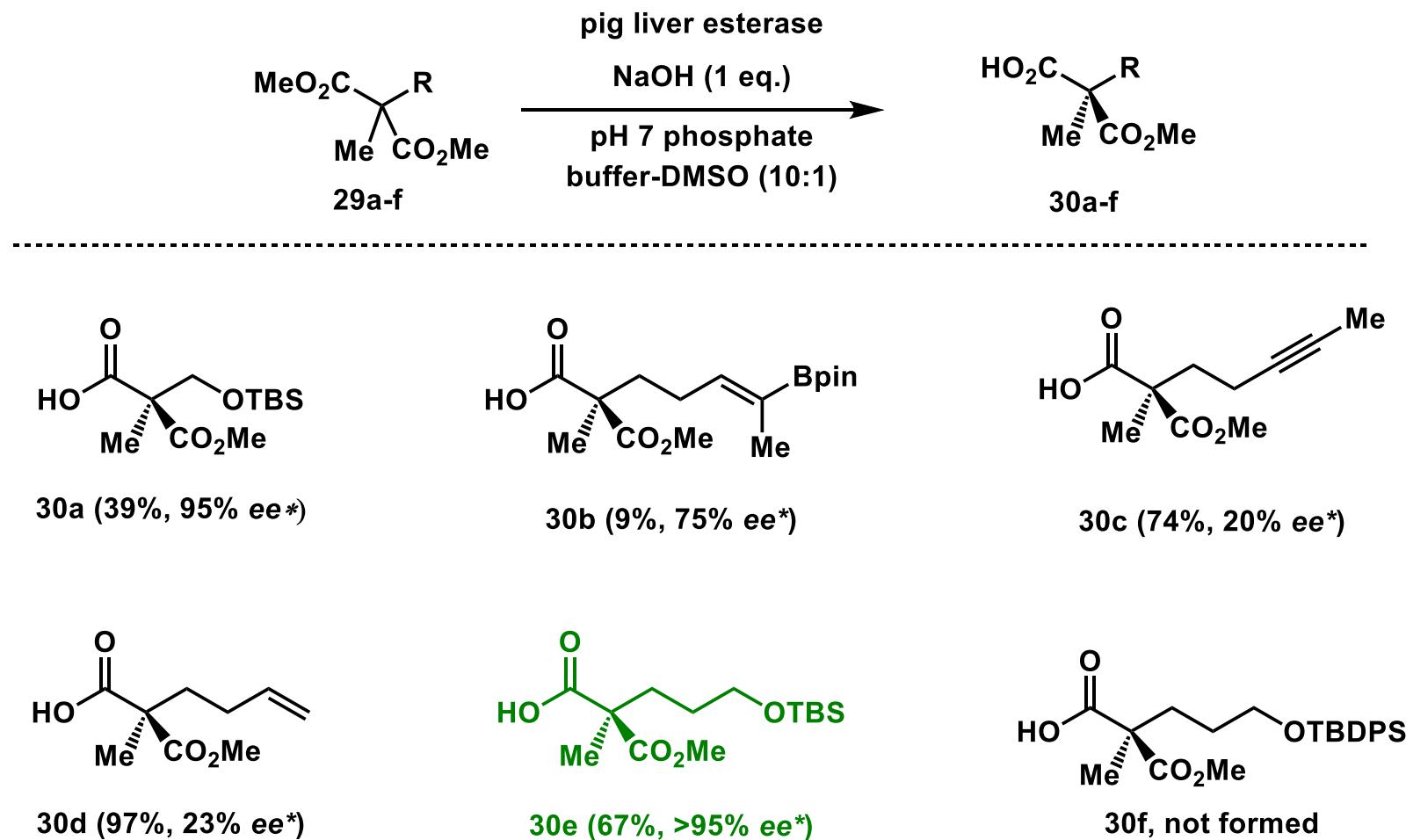


Figure 1. Putative transition states for nitrile oxide cycloaddition

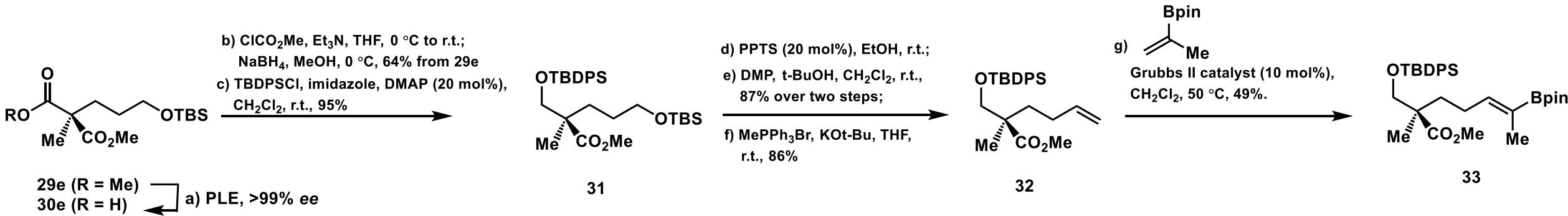
*Scheme 6. Envisioned Optimization of the Route*



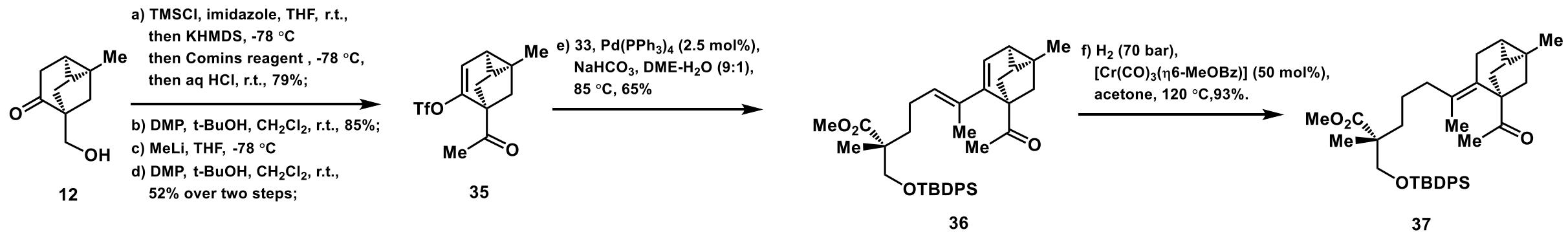
## Enzymatic Desymmetrization of Malonates 29



## Synthesis of Vinyl Boronate 33



## Synthesis of Tetrasubstituted Olefin 37



# Synthesis of (-)-Mitrephorone via Nitrile Oxide Cycloaddition

