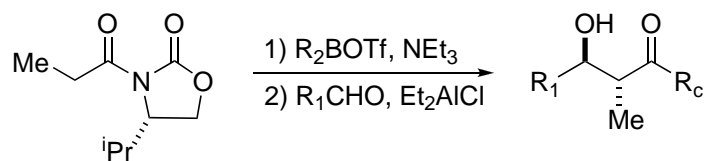


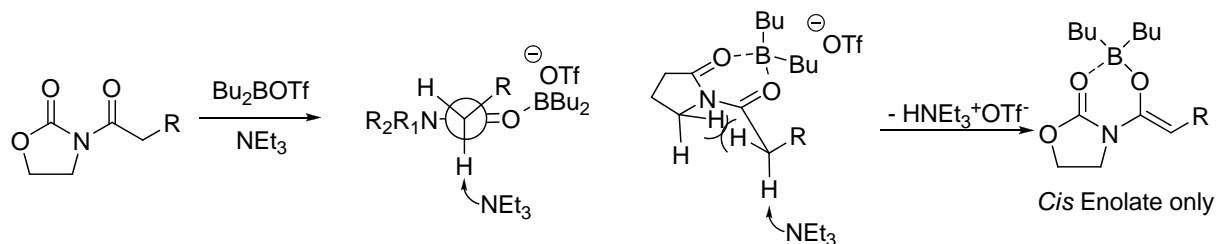
# POW1



Give a mechanism for the reaction and explain the stereoselectivity observed.

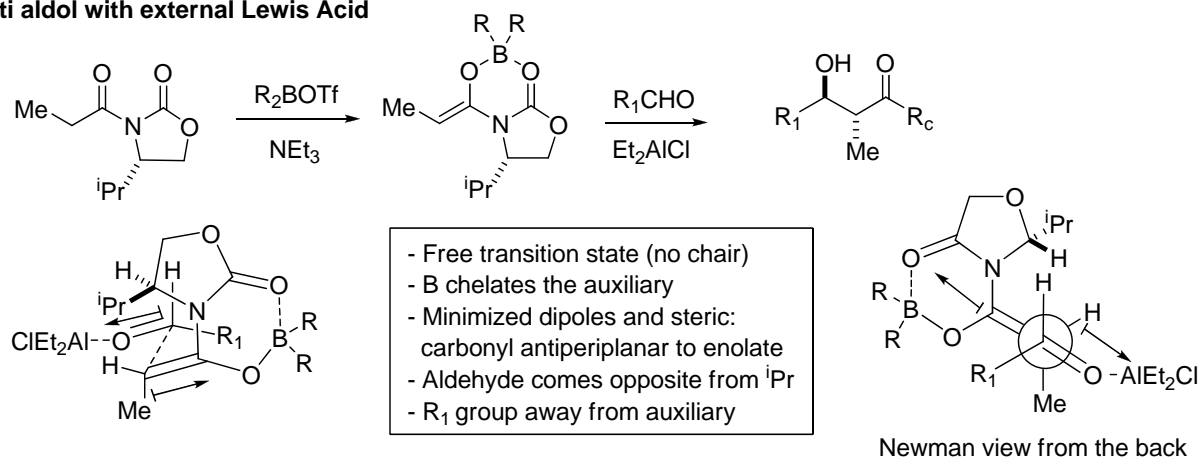
## POW1-Solution

### Deprotonation of Imides with $\text{Bu}_2\text{BOTf}$ and $\text{NEt}_3$ (soft enolization)

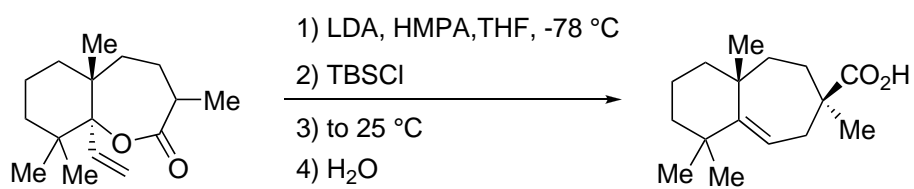


Very strong  $A^{1,3}$  with Imides!

### Anti aldol with external Lewis Acid

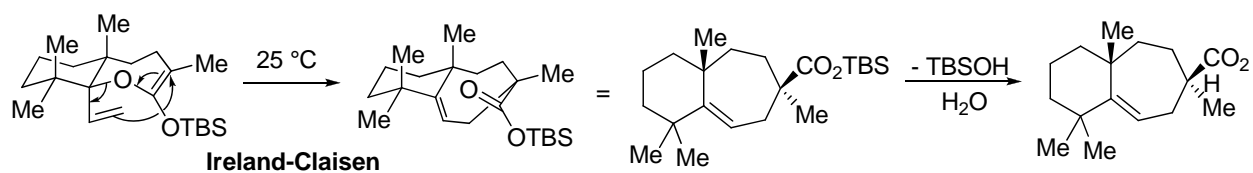
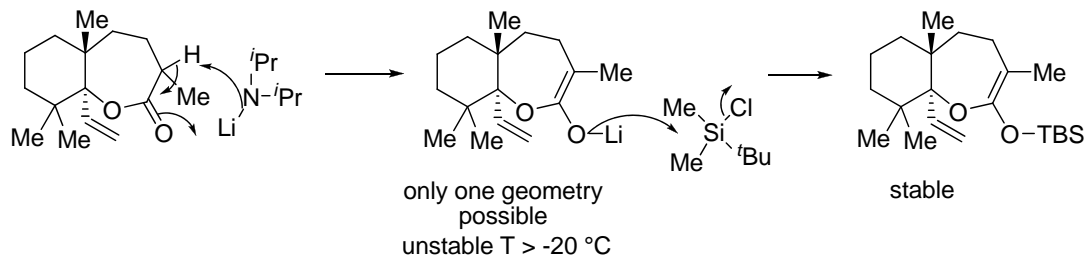
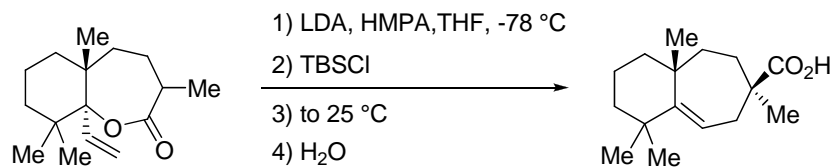


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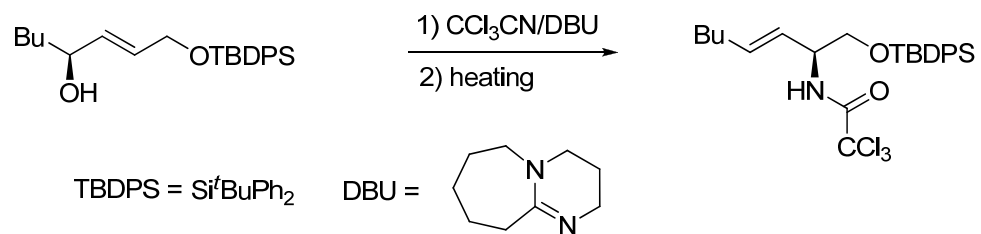


Give a mechanism for the reaction and explain the stereoselectivity observed.

## POW2-Solutions

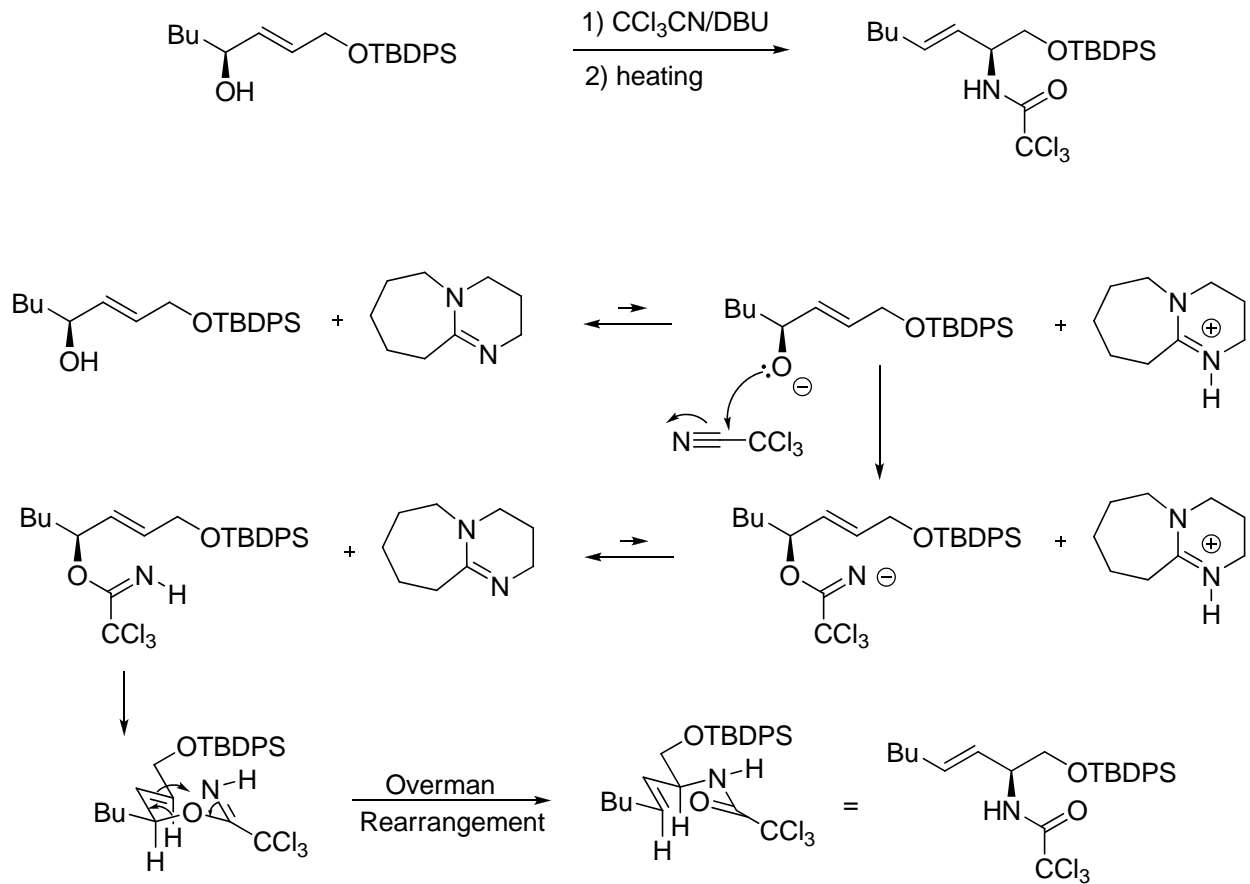


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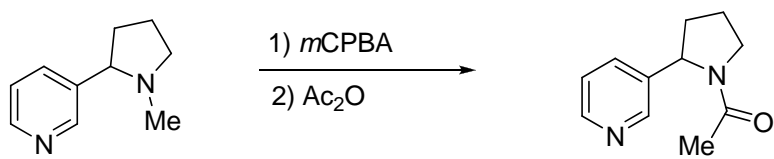


Give a mechanism for the reaction and explain the stereoselectivity observed.

## POW3-Solutions

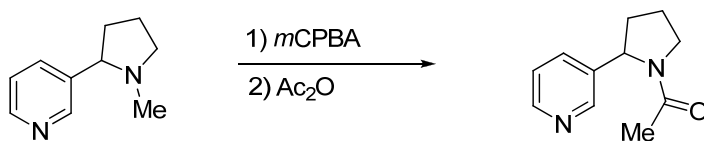


**POW4**

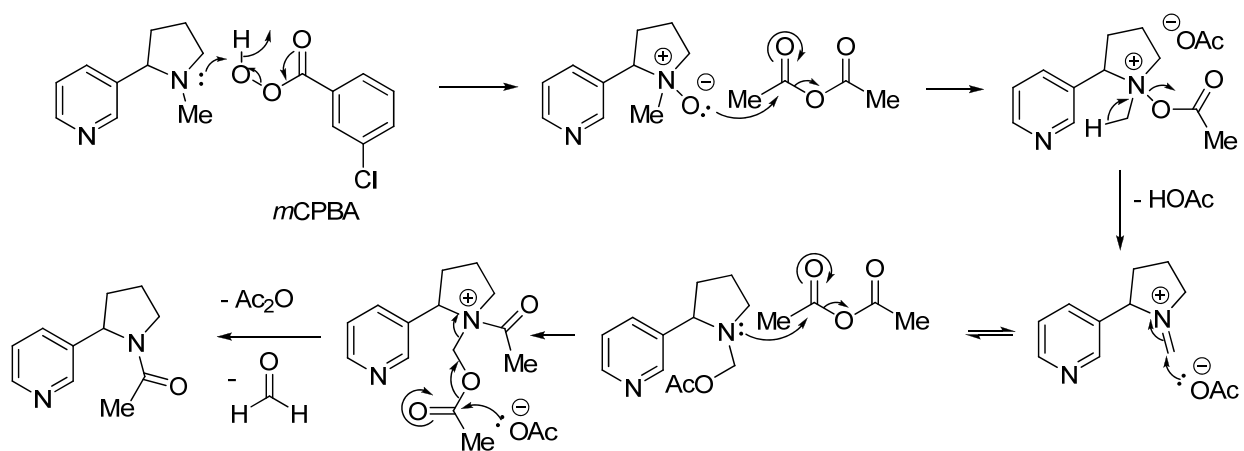


Give a mechanism for the reaction.

# POW4-solution



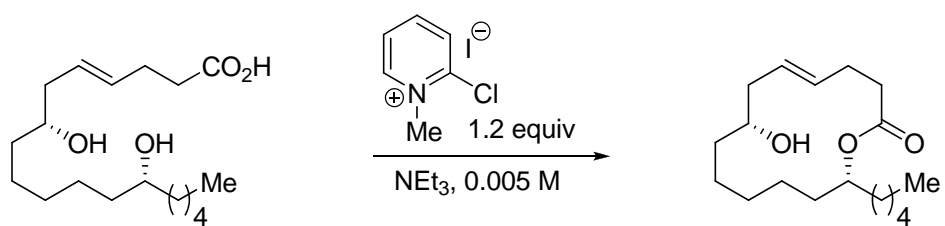
Give a mechanism for the reaction.



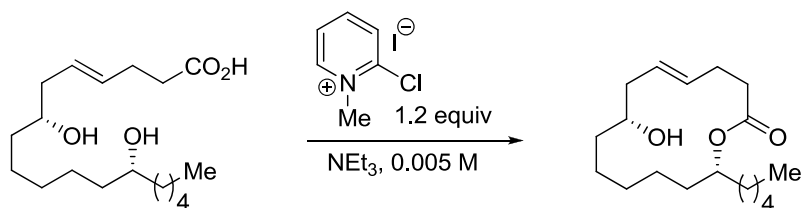
In the first step, the more nucleophilic tertiary amine is oxidized. The second step is a Polonovsky rearrangement (see lecture notes, p. 46)



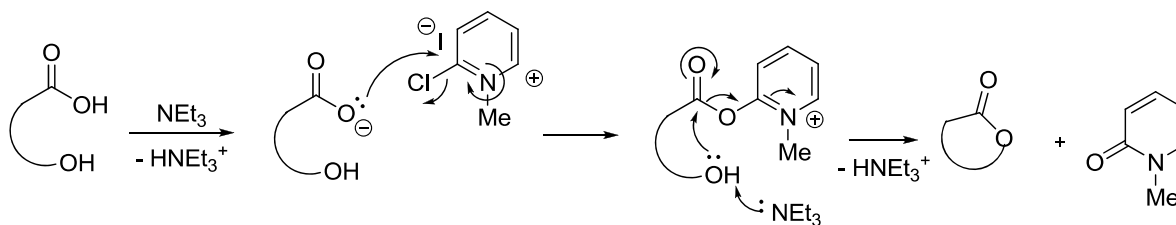
# POW5



## POW5-solution

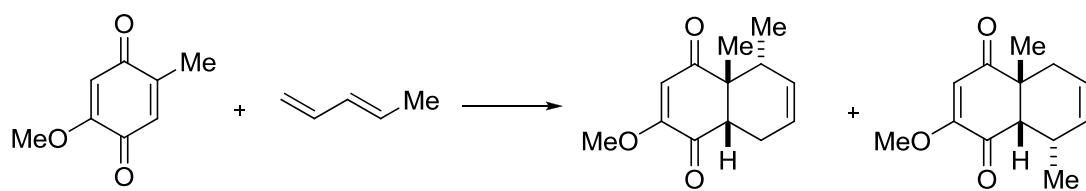


### Mechanism:



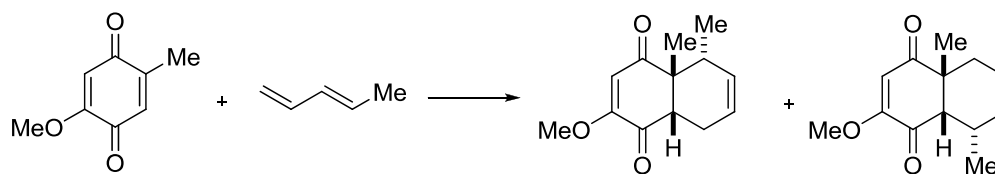
This method, developed by Mukaiyama, uses the high electrophilicity of pyridinium salts. After deprotonation with triethylamine, the carboxylate adds to the pyridinium and chloride is released. The formed mixed anhydride is activated for intramolecular lactonization. Driving force for the reaction is the release of the pyridone product, which is not charged anymore. To favor the desired intramolecular reaction, it is important to run the reaction under high dilution conditions. The more strained 8-membered ring containing a trans double bond is not formed under these conditions.

# POW6

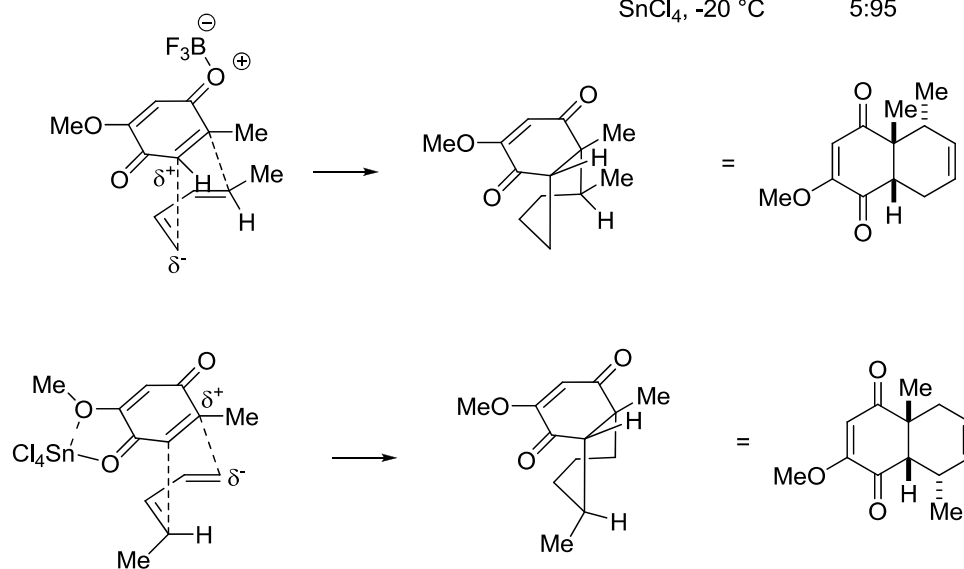


conditions: 100 °C 1:1  
 BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, -20 °C 80:20  
 SnCl<sub>4</sub>, -20 °C 5:95

## POW6-solution

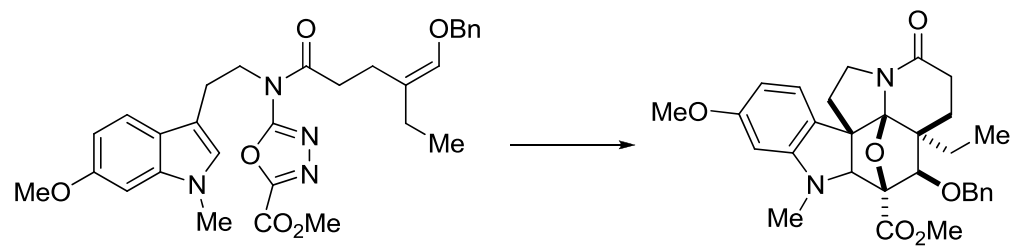


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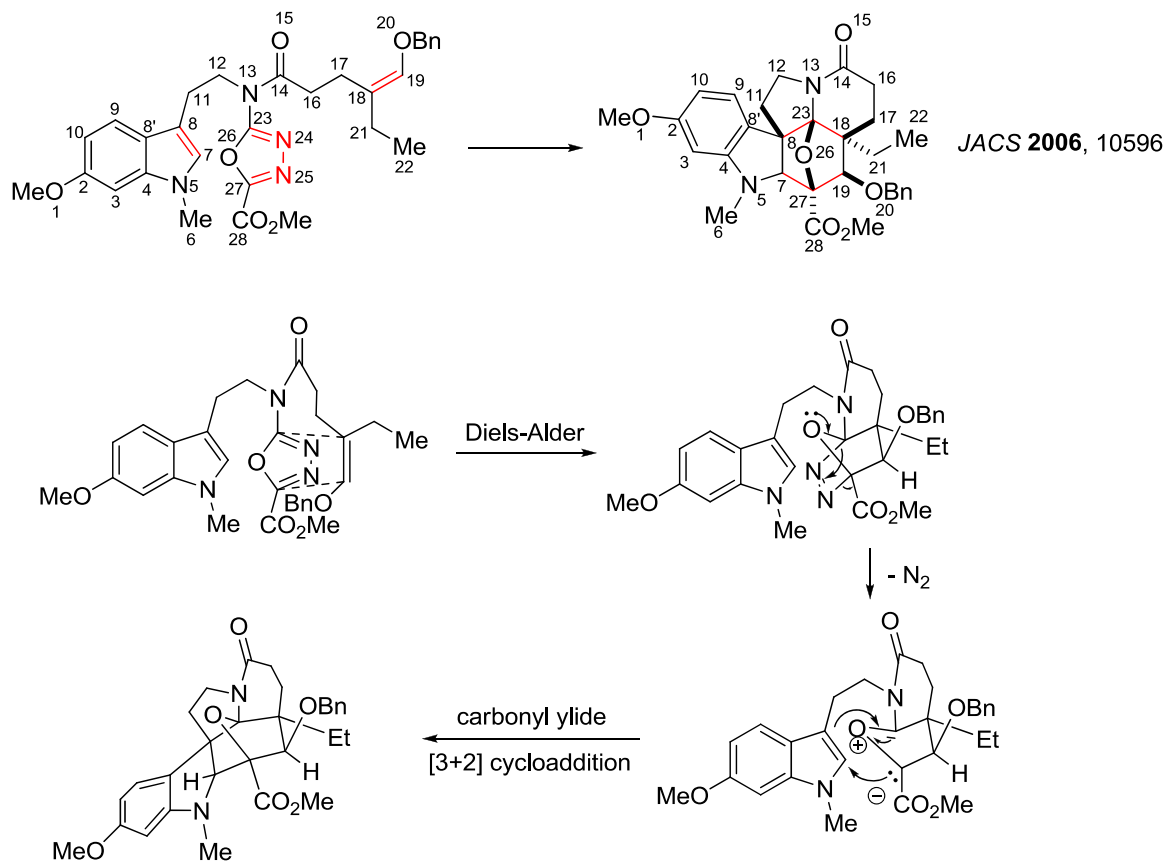


Without any catalyst, the electronic influence is in nearly symmetrical, and no selectivity is observed. BF<sub>3</sub> has only one free site and prefers to coordinate to the ketone without the methoxy group (space is free). SnCl<sub>4</sub> can make a chelate with the methoxy group and favor this coordination. The presence of the Lewis acid makes the corresponding beta position much more electrophilic and determine the regioselectivity.

**POW7**

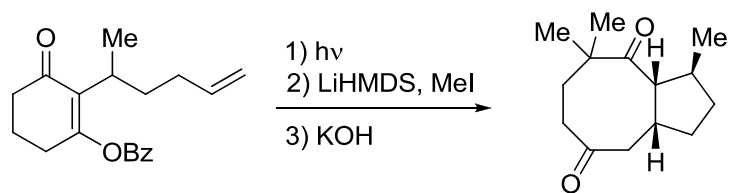


## POW7-solutions

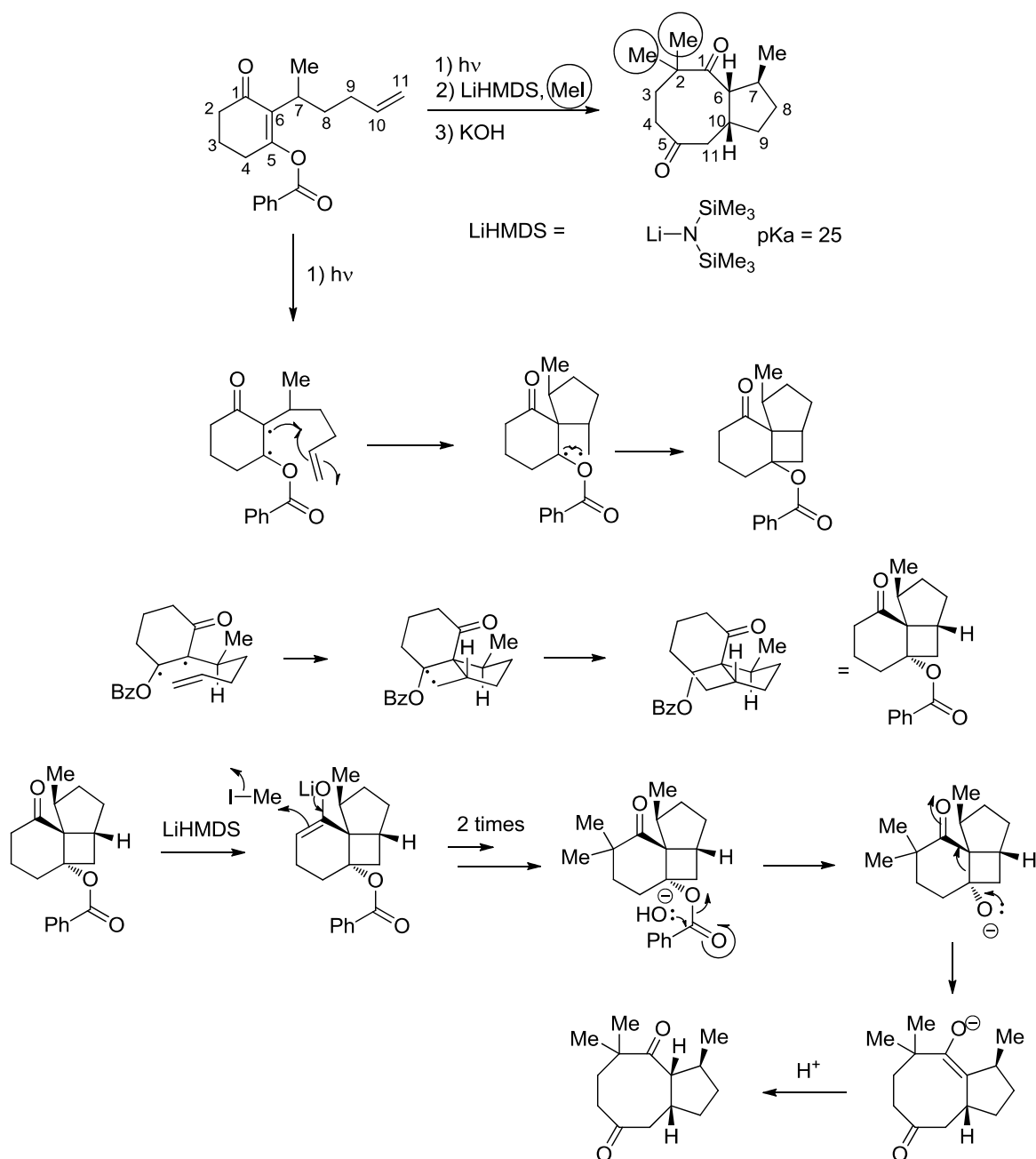


This example is the key step in the total synthesis of vindoline by Boger. In such complex exercises, it is important to begin by numbering the atoms in starting material and product to analyze what is happening. A good start is the methoxyindole part, as it can be easily recognized in starting material and product. The other functional groups then help the numbering. One can see that 4 new bonds need to be formed (8-23, 18-23, 7-27, 19-27) and two adjacent atoms of nitrogen are missing, which is a strong hint for the loss of N<sub>2</sub>. Analysis of the starting material around the formed bond reveals 2 olefins and 1 heterodiene, which indicates a potential Diels-Alder reaction. The double bond of indole is deactivated, as it is part of an aromatic system. Consequently, a Diels-Alder reaction between the enol ether and the diene is a logical start. As the starting material is not chiral, both top or bottom face attack can be considered: they will lead to enantiomeric products. After the Diels-Alder reaction, extrusion of nitrogen gas is easy and leads to a carbonyl ylide, which can then react in a [3+2] cycloaddition with the double bond of the indole. Because the reactions are intramolecular, the possible transition states are limited and high diastereoselectivity is observed. It is however difficult to predict beforehand which exact transition state will be favored.

POW8



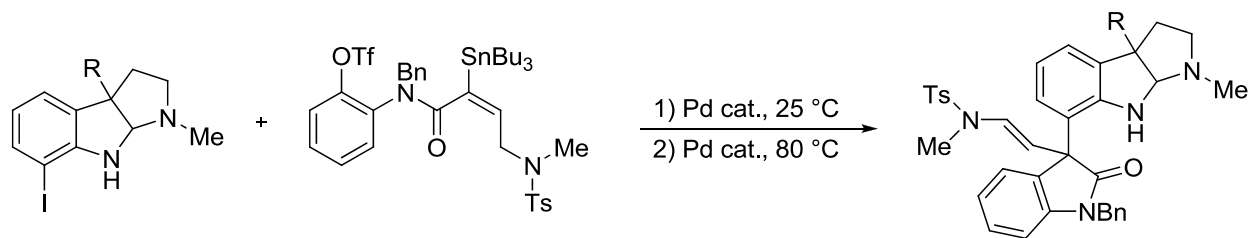
## POW8-solutions



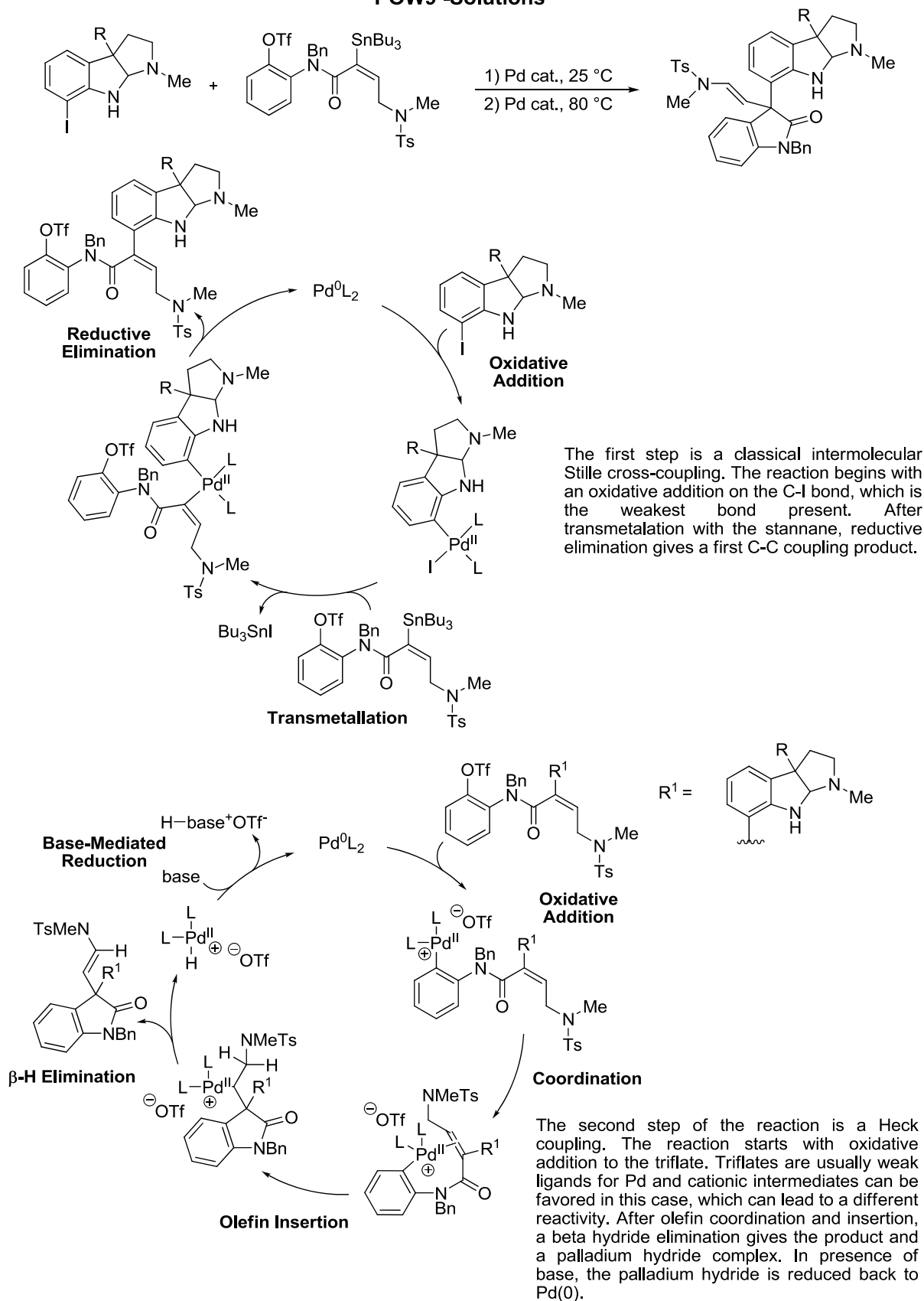
Numbering of starting material and product tell us that several bonds need to be made and broken. The only missing atoms in the starting material are the two methyl groups, which have to come from MeI. The benzyl ester has been removed in the product. In the presence of light, activation of the conjugated system is the most probable reaction. Using the simplified model of a biradical, a fast 5-exo-trig radical cyclization is now possible. The typical chair transition state with the methyl group in equatorial position explains the *cis* relationship between the proton and the methyl group. The relative stereochemistry to the OBz group is given by the geometry of the starting material and the orientation of the enone system to form a four-membered ring directly. The second step is a simple methylation of the  $\alpha$  position of the ketone. The last step begins with a saponification of the ester, followed by a retro-aldol reaction, driven by the release of ring strain. Finally, protonation to give the thermodynamically more stable *trans* 5-membered ring occurs.



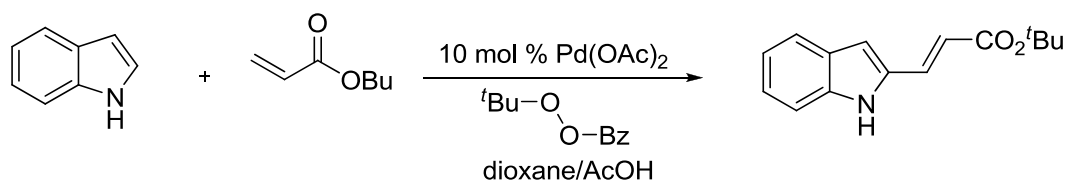
**POW9**



## POW9 -Solutions

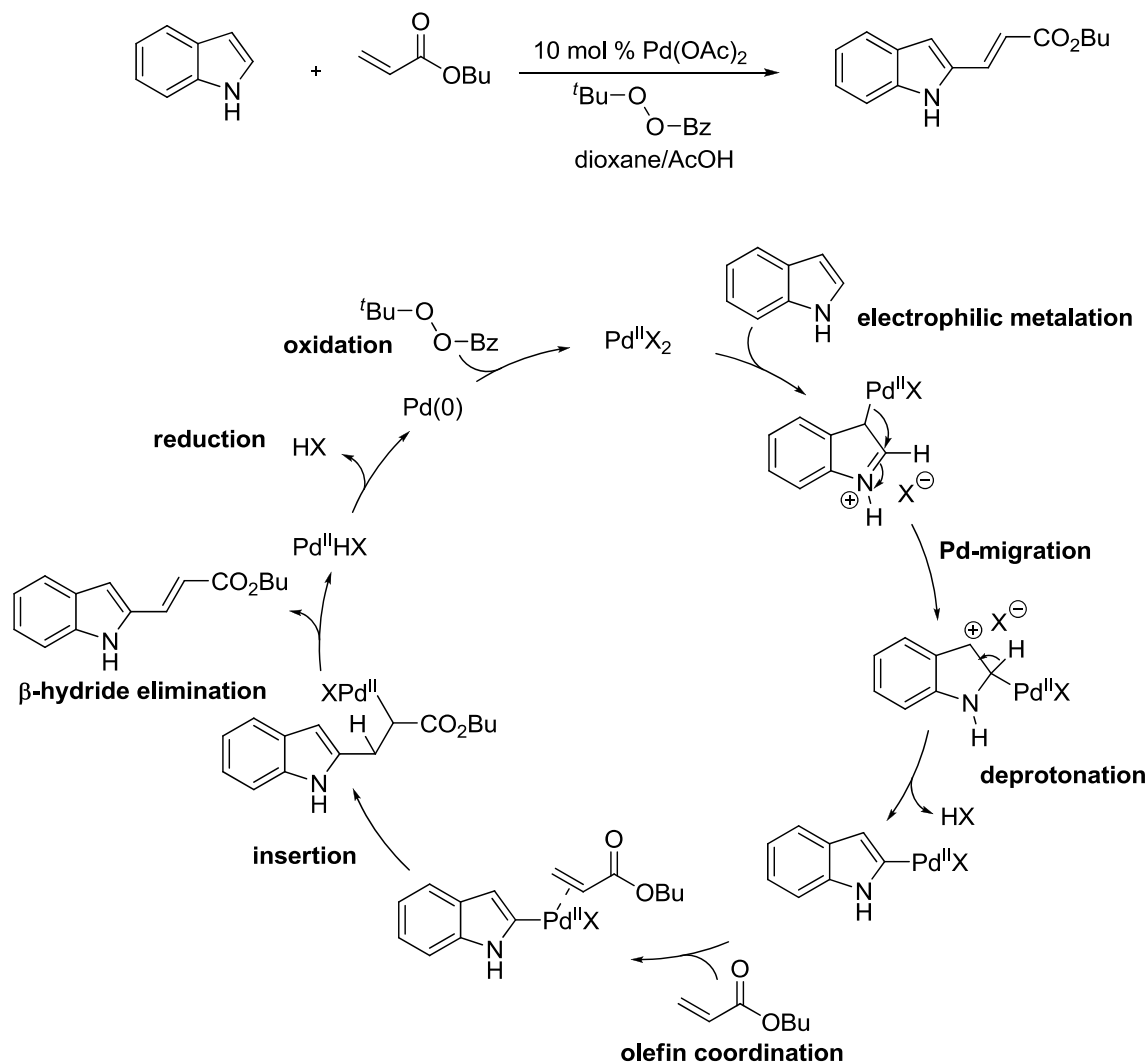


**POW10**



Propose a detailed reaction mechanism for this transformation.

## POW10-solutions



This reaction is a combination of C-H functionalization and oxidative Heck reaction. In the first step, a metalation occurs at the more electron-rich C3 position of indole to give a charged palladium intermediate. Depending on the reaction conditions, Pd migration is now possible to give another carbocationic intermediate. Deprotonation then occurs to give the C2-palladium indole complex. At this stage, the oxidative Heck takes place: olefin coordination, insertion, beta-hydride elimination and reduction to  $\text{Pd}(0)$ . The last step is the reoxidation of  $\text{Pd}(0)$  to  $\text{Pd}(II)$  by the peroxide.