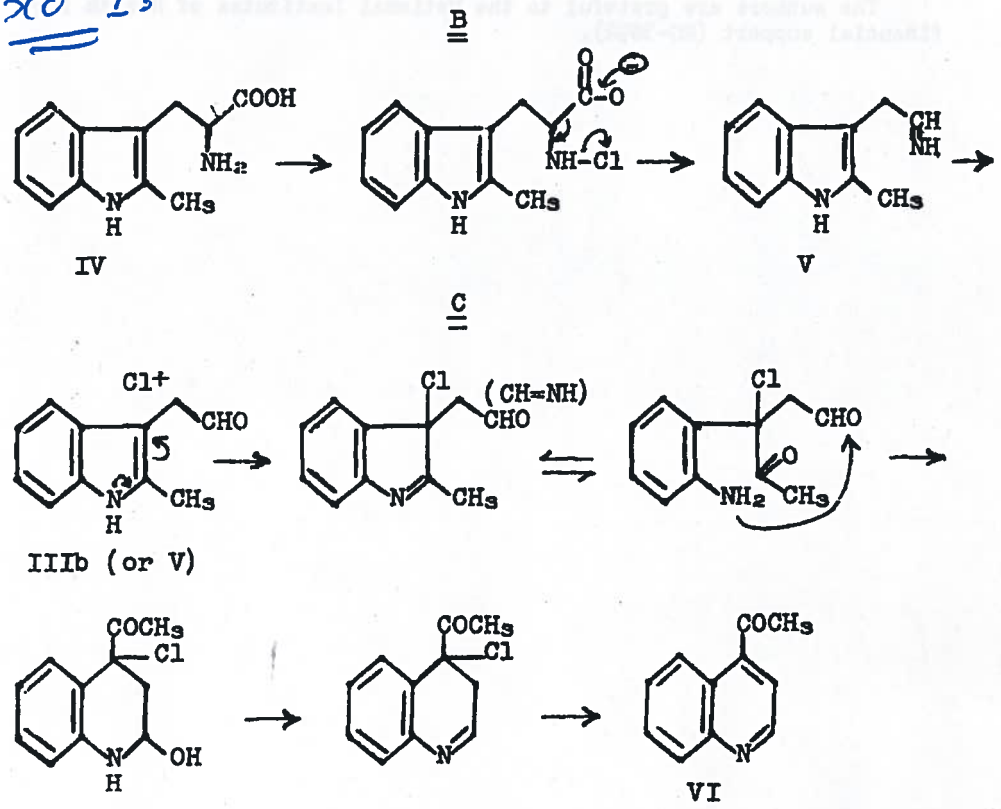
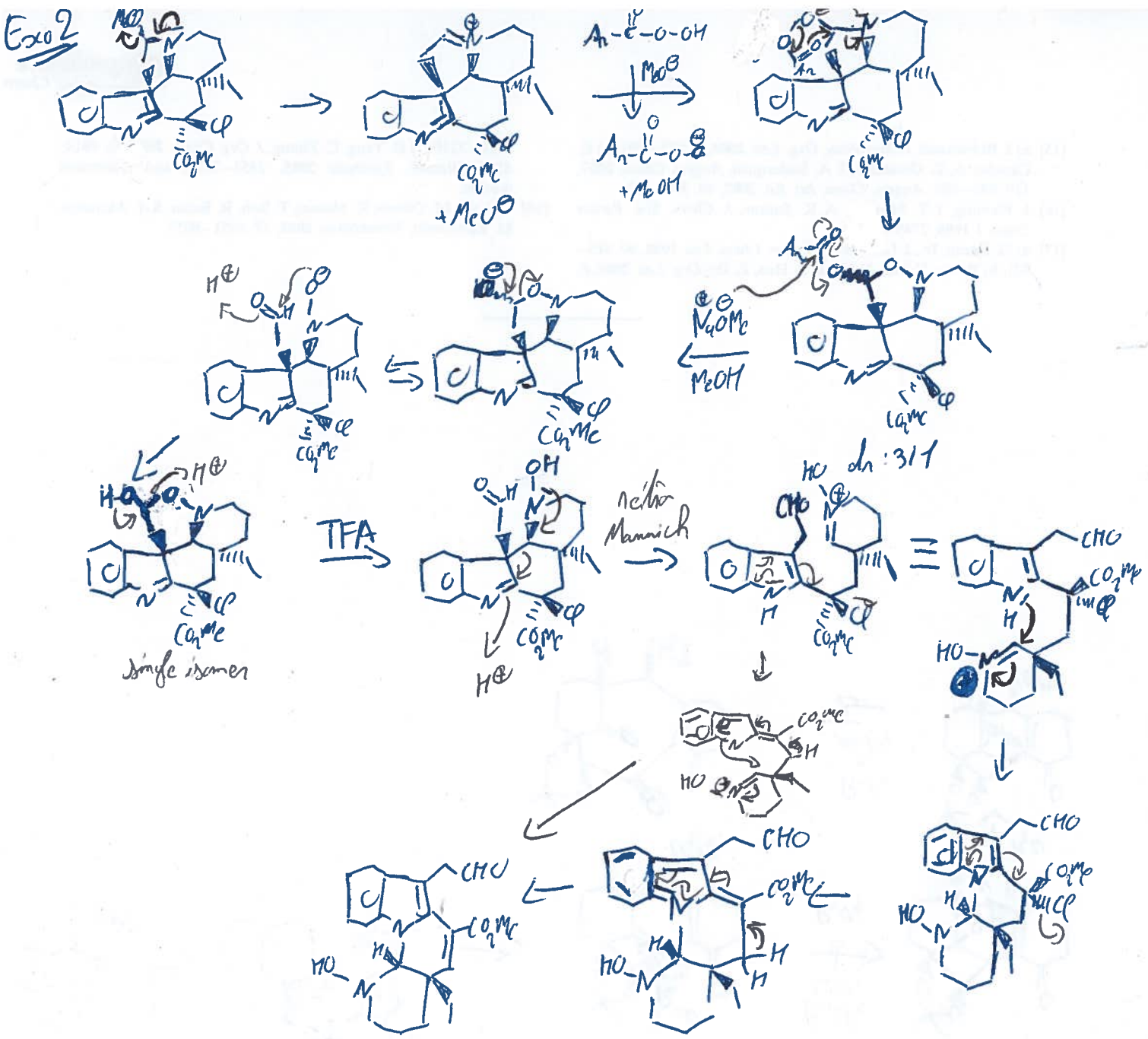
and the method brought to mind the possibility of carrying out, with this same reagent, not only conversion (B), but the sequence (C) as well, a close parallel to the biosynthetic speculation (A). Accordingly, 2-methyltryptophan was warmed (50°) for a short time with two equivalents of alkaline



hypochlorite (supplied as commercially available Chlorox), under which conditions 4-acetylquinoline (VI)[7] was produced in approximately 20% yield. We regard this overall transformation as proceeding through the individual stages just suggested (B and C), in which case the discrete, consecutive

[7] Identified by comparison (I.R., U.V. and m.m.p.'s of picrates and 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazones) with an authentic specimen.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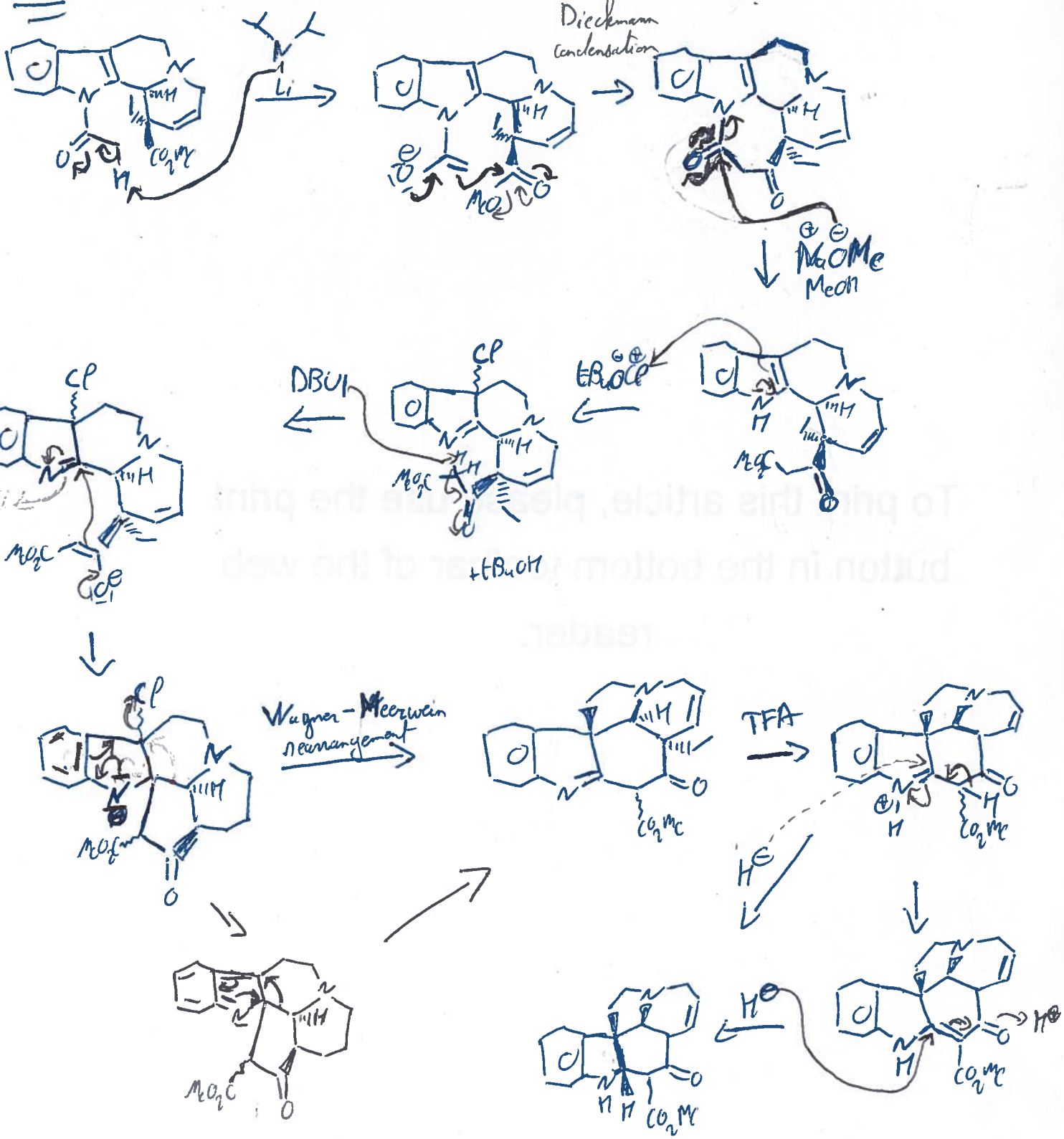
simple isomer

Exo 3:


Dieckmann condensation
NaOMe
MeOH
DBU
+tBuOH
Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement
TFA

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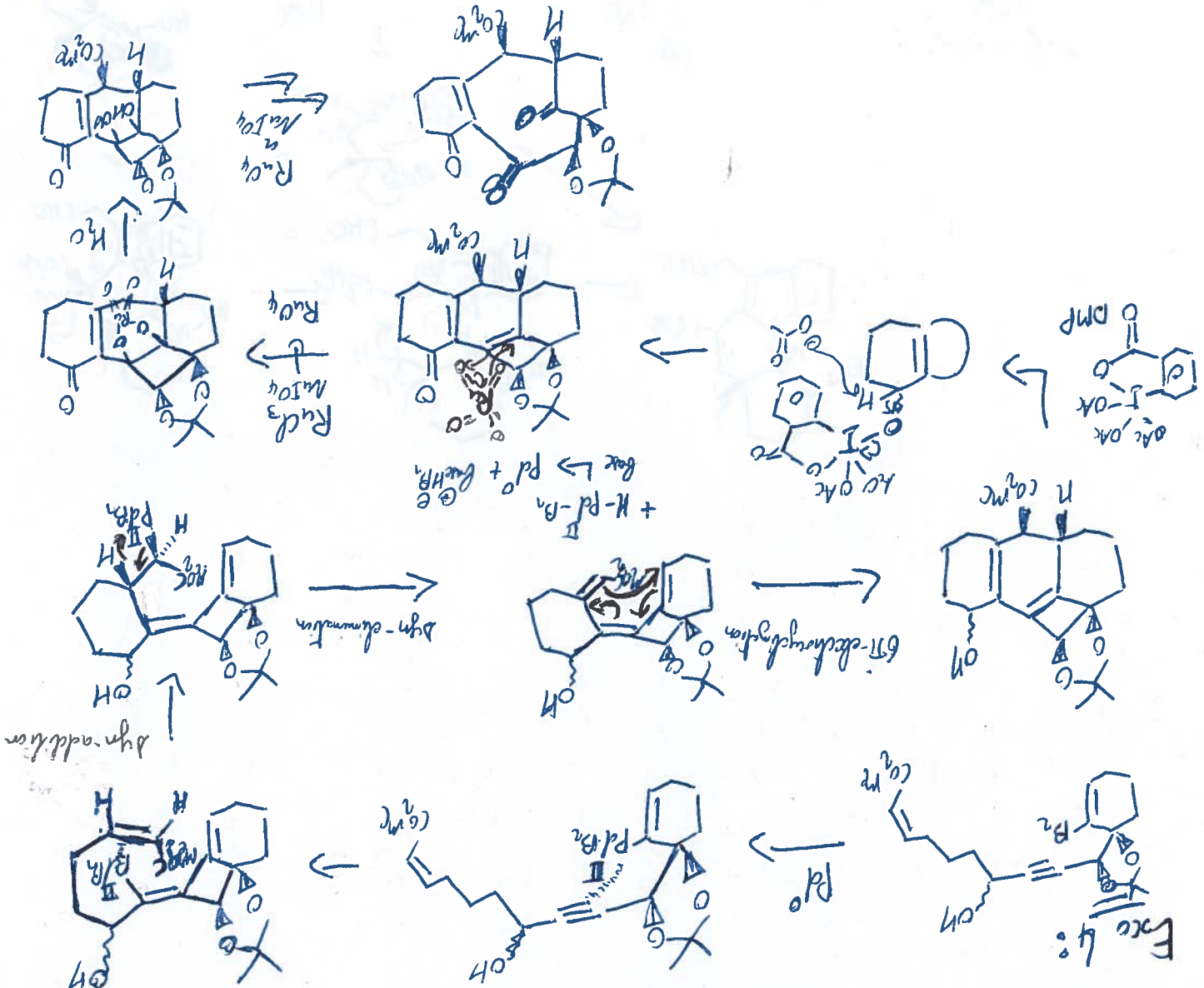

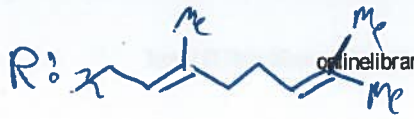

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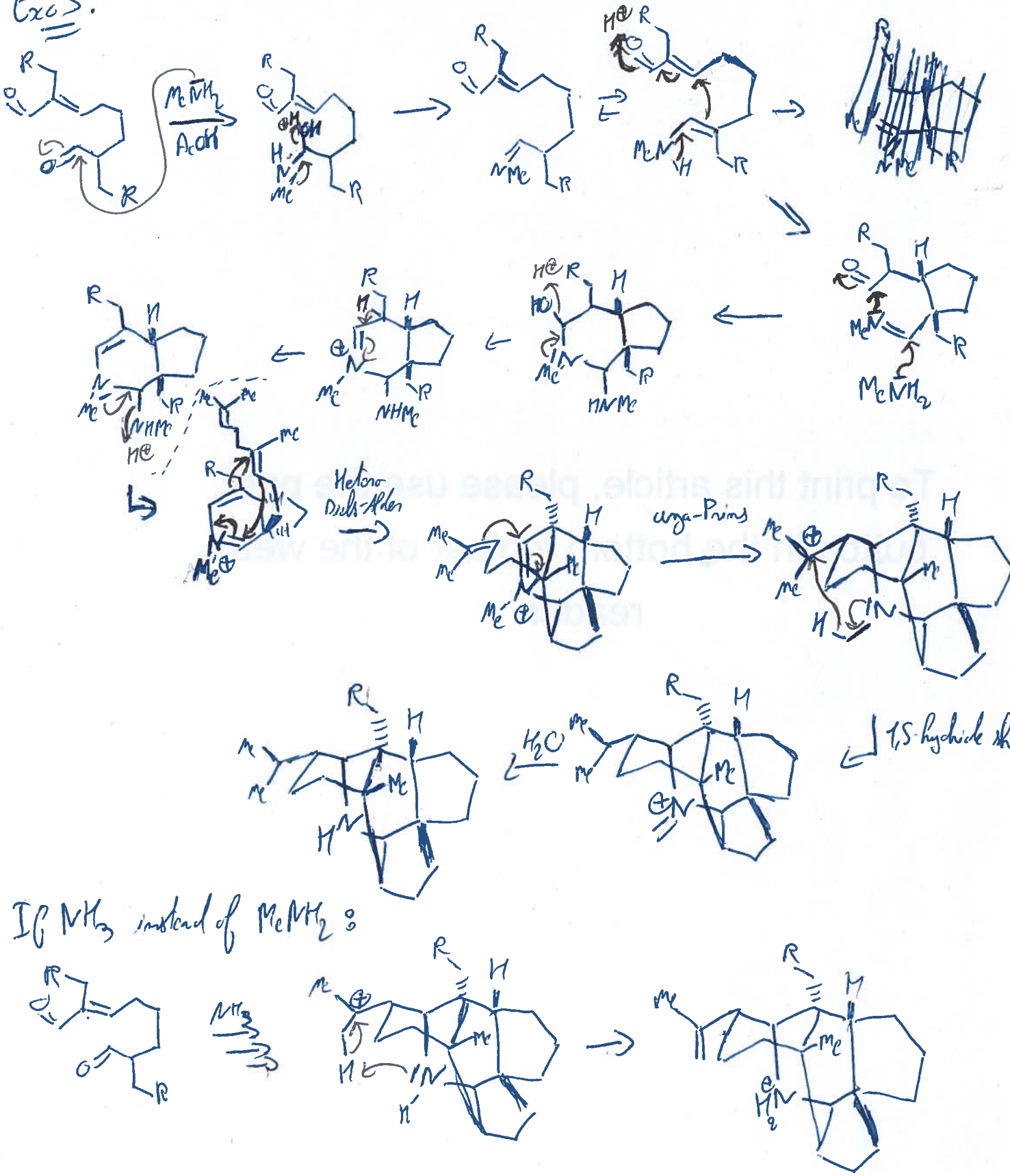

If NH_3 instead of $MeNH_2$: