



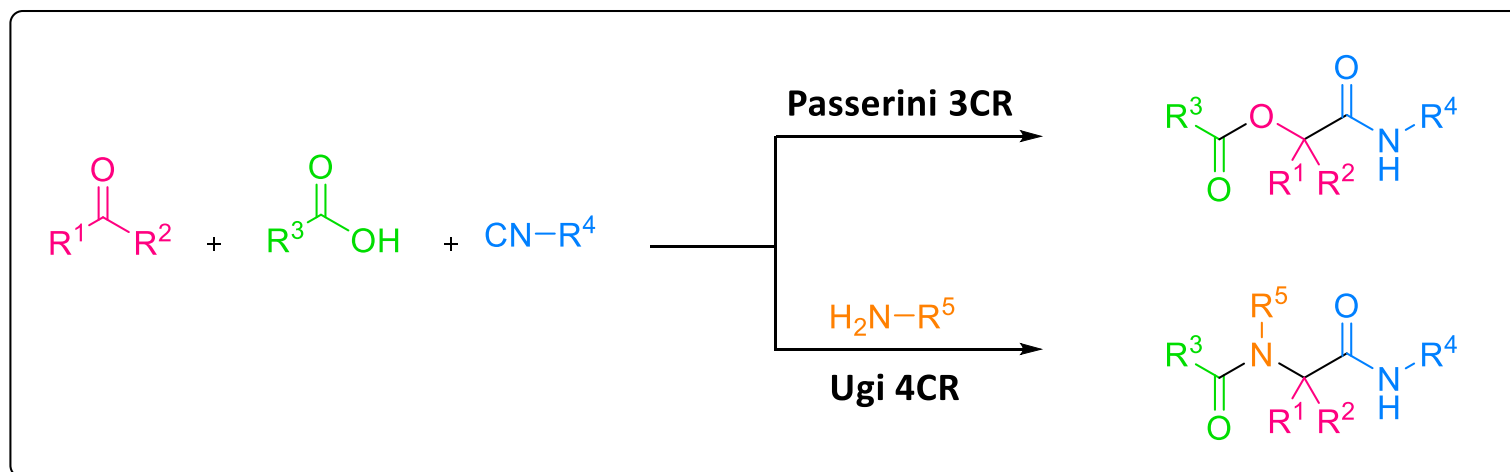
# MULTICOMPONENT REACTIONS AND ORGANOCATALYSIS: A SUITABLE COMBINATION FOR STEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF HIGHLY SUBSTITUTED BENZAZEPINES

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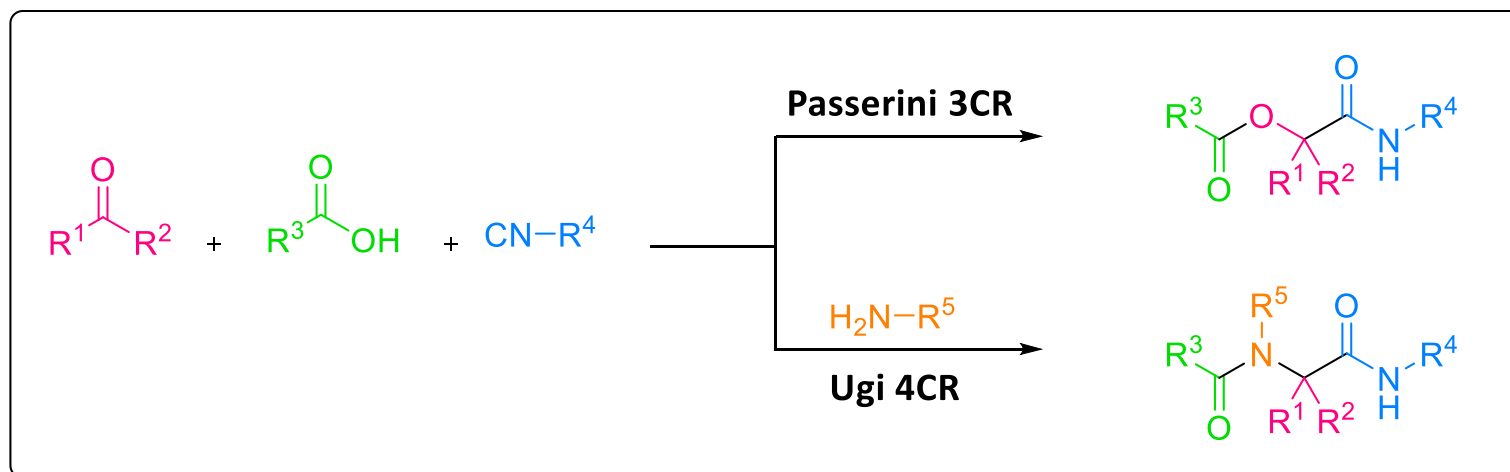
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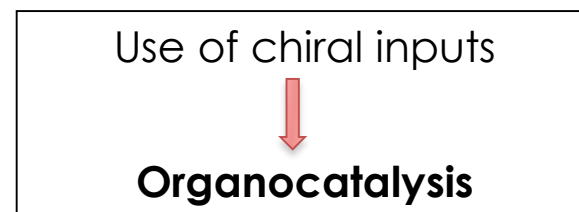
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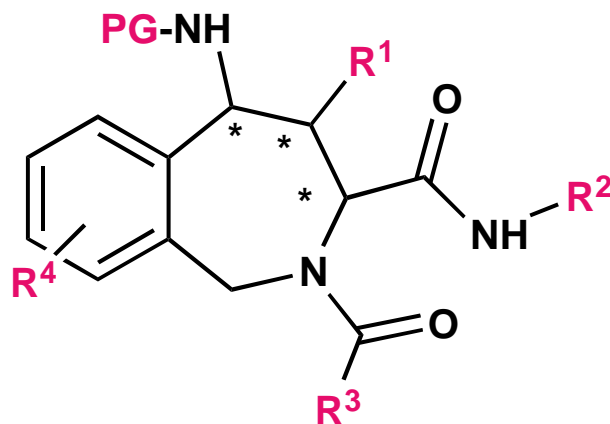
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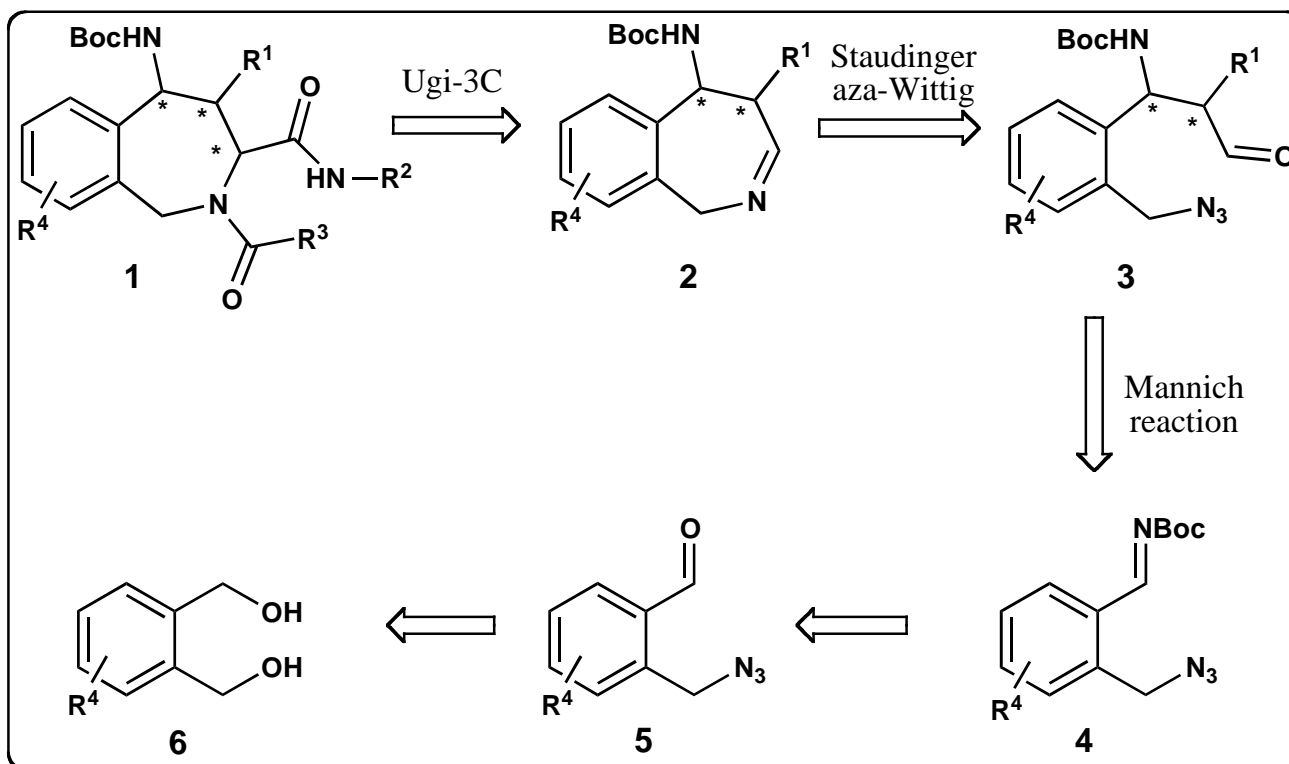
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- ✓ a new family of seven-membered heterocycles
- ✓ 3 new contiguous stereogenic centers
- ✓ 4 possible points of diversity

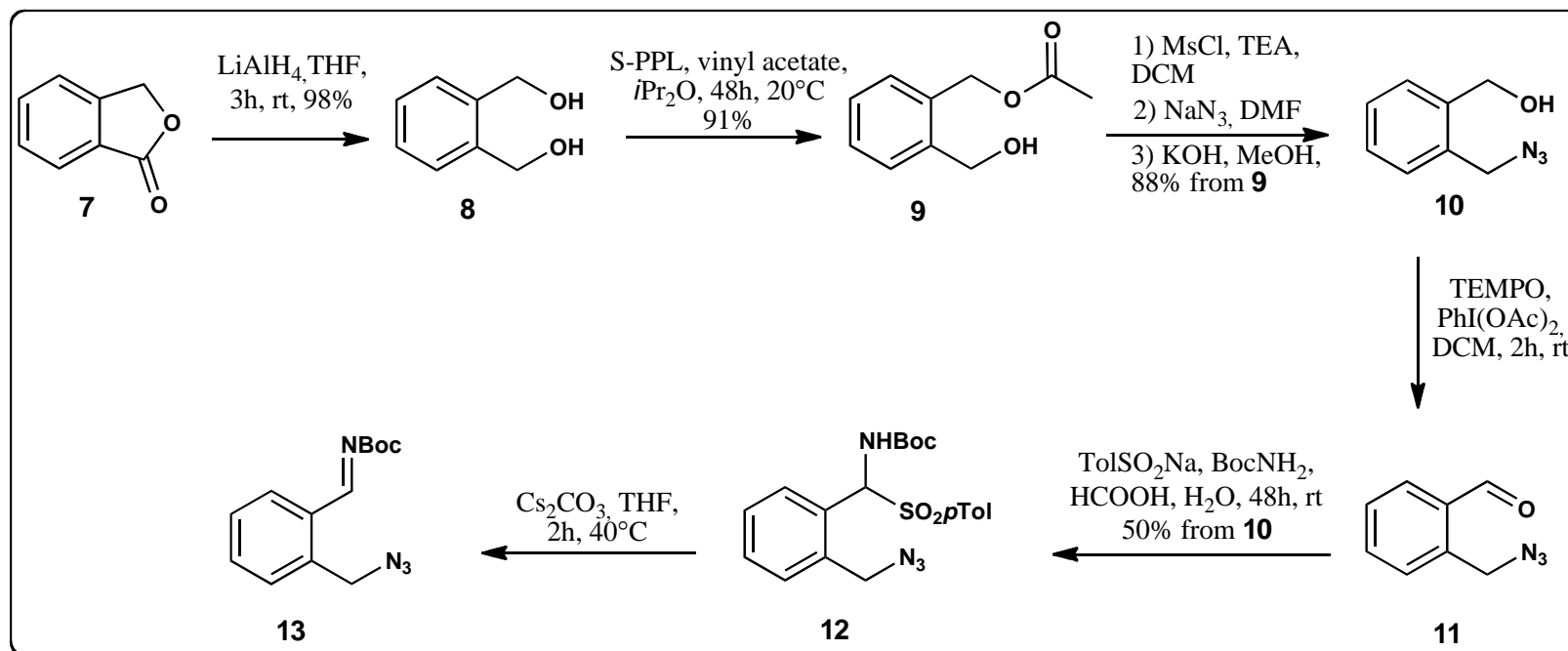
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# Retrosynthetic Analysis



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# Synthesis of Boc-imine

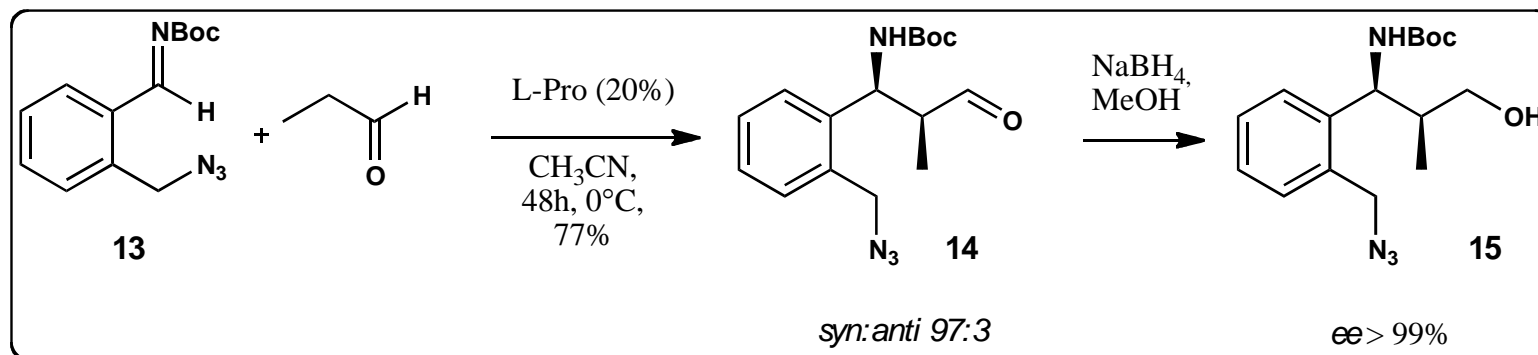


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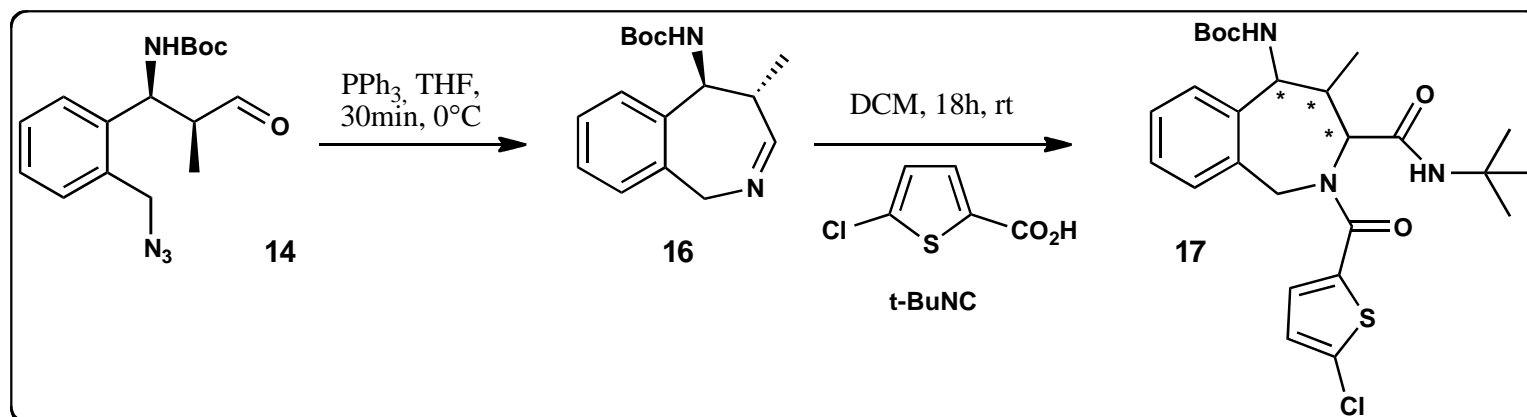
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# Staudinger Aza Wittig/Ugi-Joullié



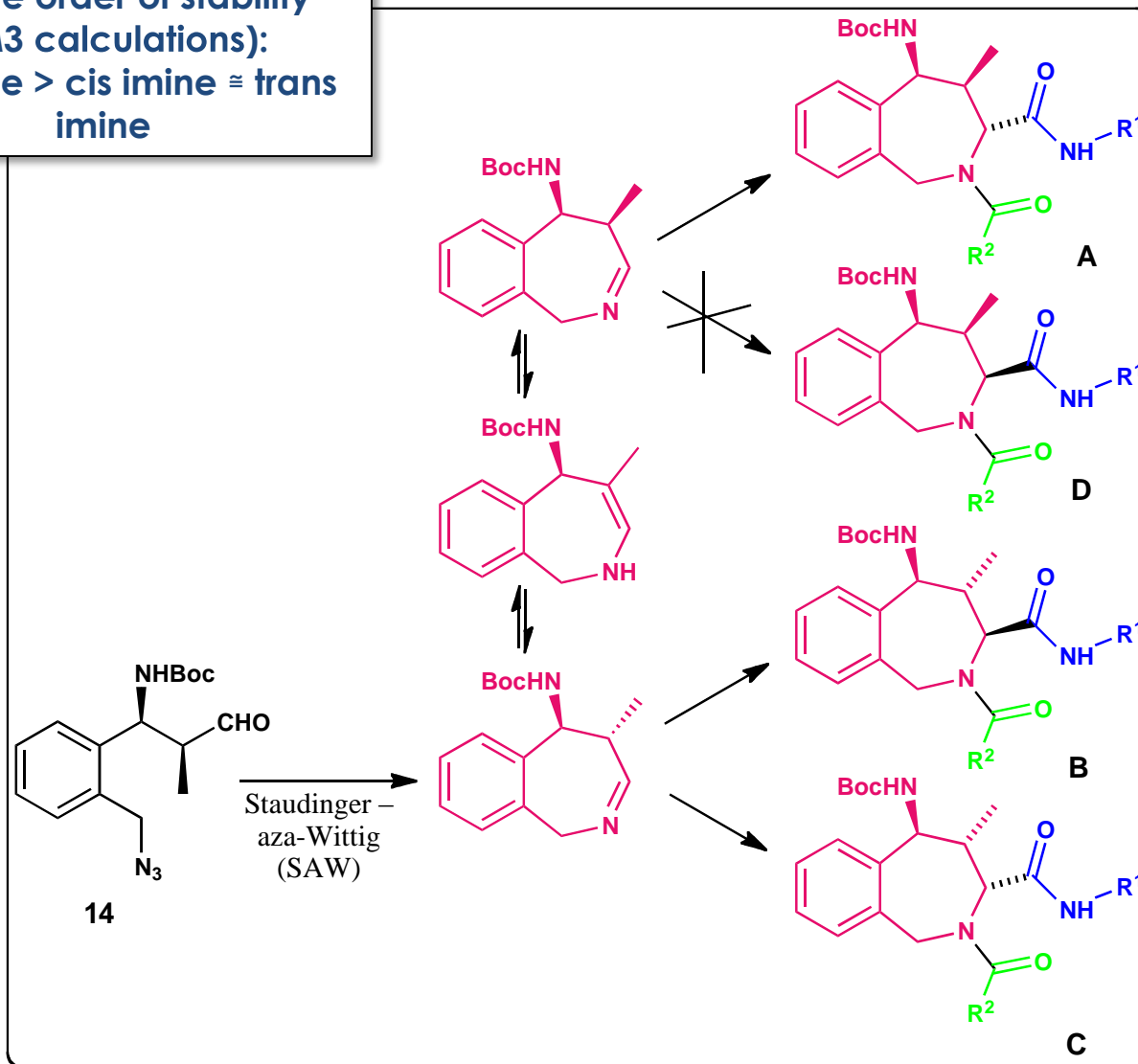
entry	$\text{PR}_3$	temp. (SAW)	solvent (Ugi)	<i>dr</i> (17a: 17b:17c)	yield % (4 steps)
1	$\text{PPh}_3$	rt	MeOH	51.5 : 28.4 : 20.1	19
2	$\text{PPh}_3$	rt	DCM	58.4 : 27.1 : 14.4	18
3	$\text{PPh}_3$	rt	TFE	48.1 : 26.4 : 25.4	13
4	$\text{PPh}_3$	rt	Toluene	53.4 : 30.2 : 16.4	14
5	$\text{PPh}_3$	$0^\circ\text{C}$	DCM	64.0 : 22.4 : 13.6	58
6	$\text{PMe}_3$	$0^\circ\text{C}$	DCM	37.3 : 42.0 : 20.7	26
7	$\text{PBu}_3$	$0^\circ\text{C}$	DCM	43.3 : 37.2 : 19.5	8
8	$\text{PPh}_3$	$0^\circ\text{C}$	DCM	68.6 : 19.9 : 11.5	54

**Yield: 58% (4 steps)**  
**3 diastereomers 64:22:14**



relative order of stability  
 (PM3 calculations):  
 enamine > cis imine  $\cong$  trans  
 imine

major stereoisomer  
 ee > 99%



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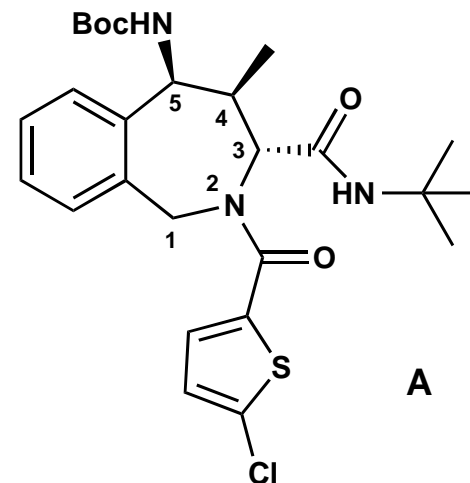
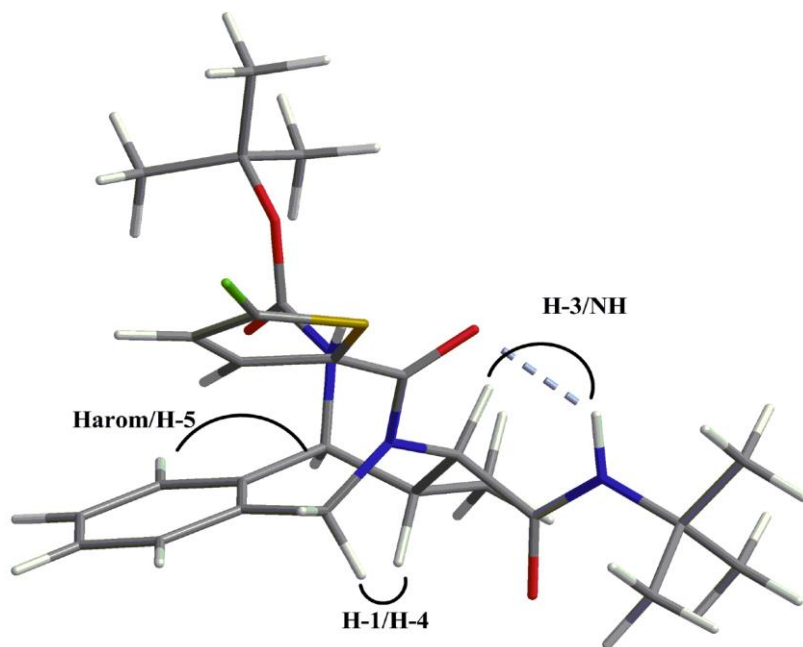


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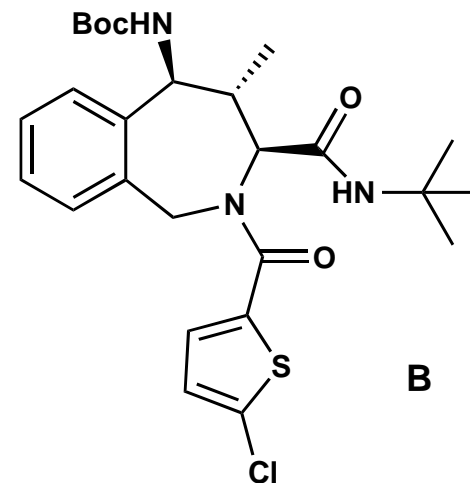
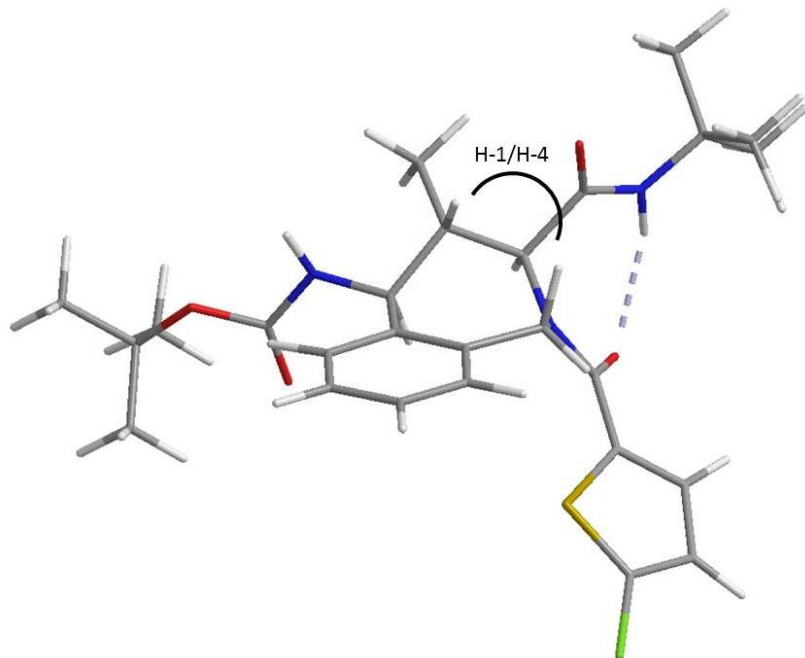


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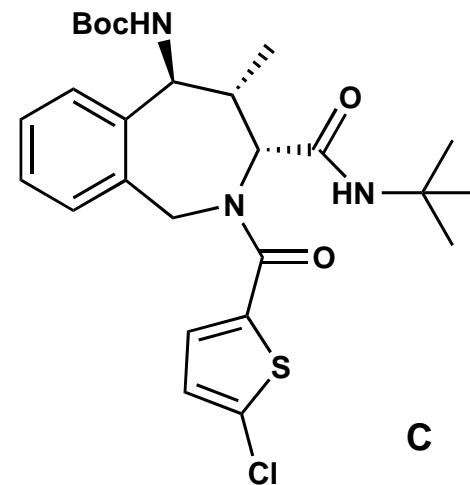
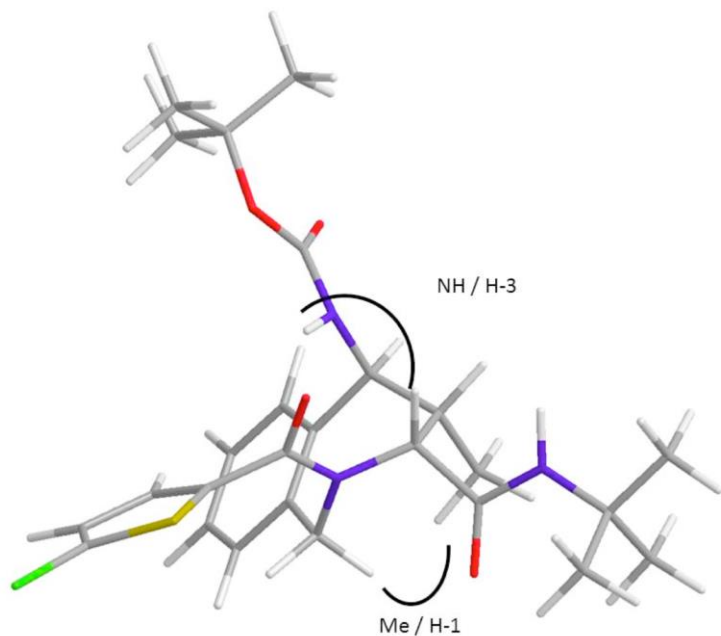
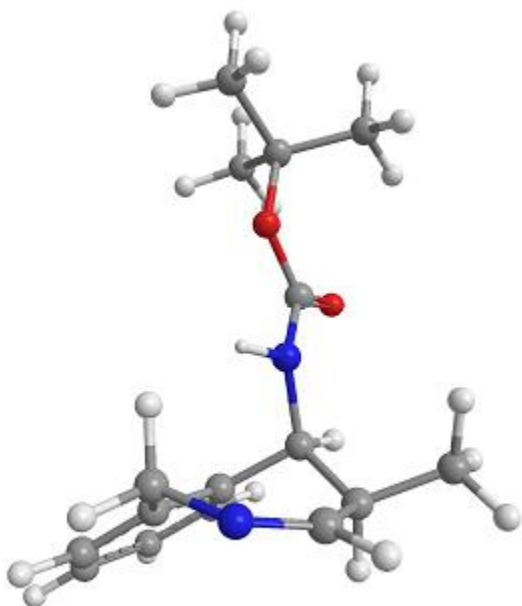


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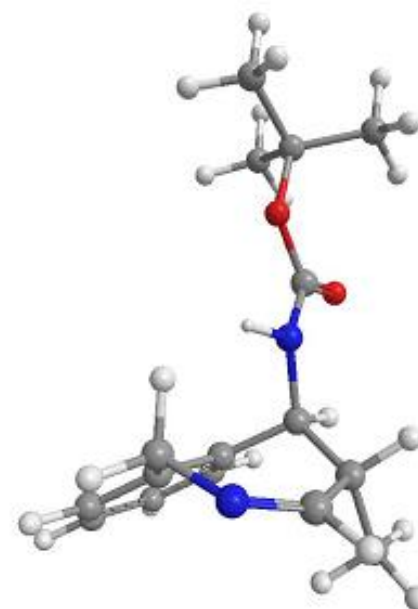
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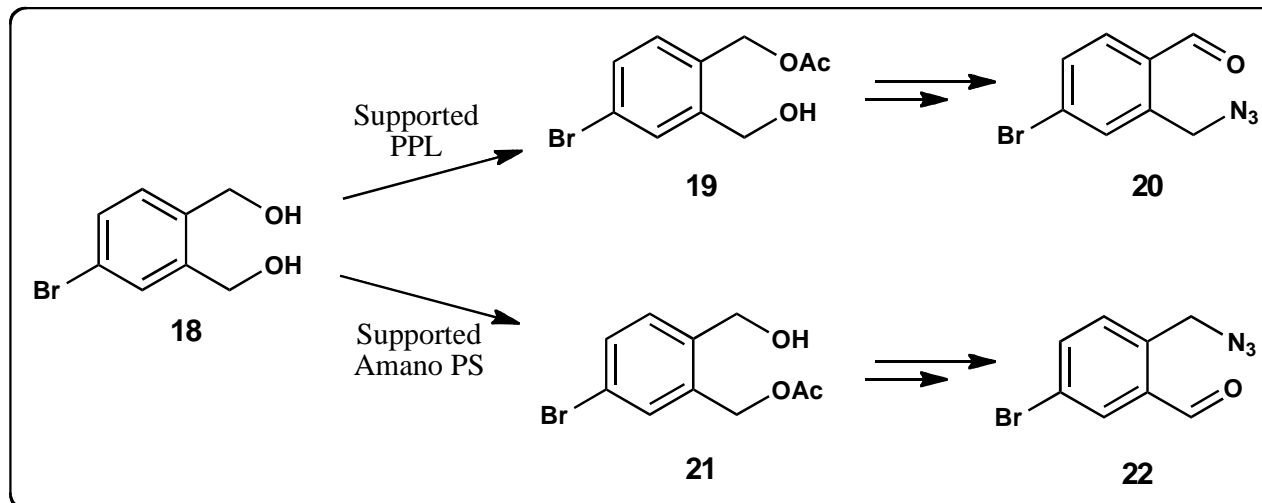


A careful observation of the preferred conformation of cis imine suggests that the bottom face is relatively free and therefore a high diastereoselectivity favouring the product A is expected.



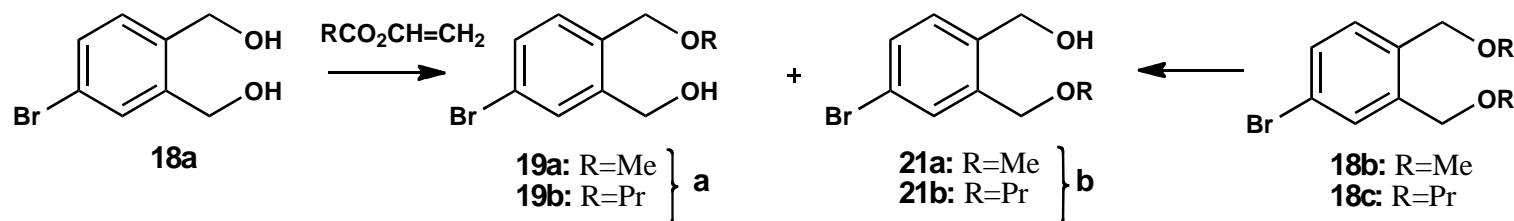
On the other hand, in the preferred conformation of trans imine, the upper face is encumbered by the axial NH(Boc) group, but the lower face is also encumbered, this time by the axial methyl group. Therefore the Ugi-Joullié reaction is expected to be less diastereoselective and slower.

# Study of the scope



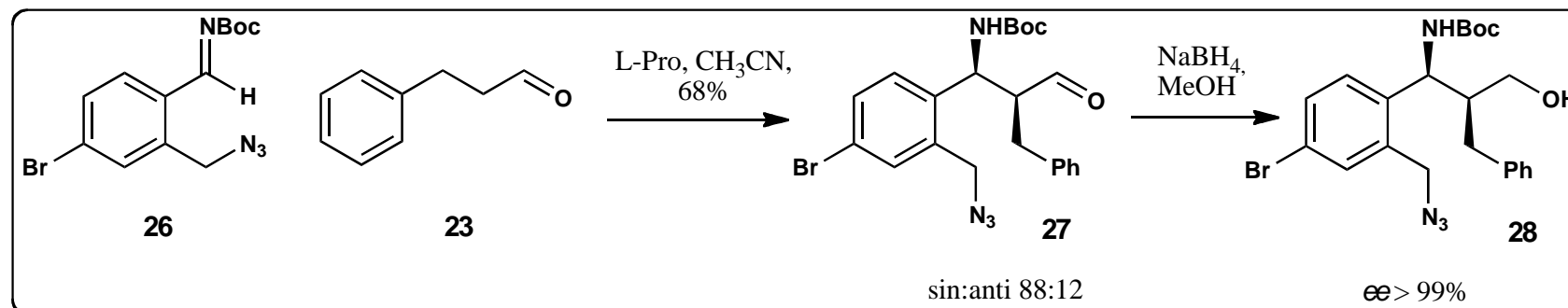
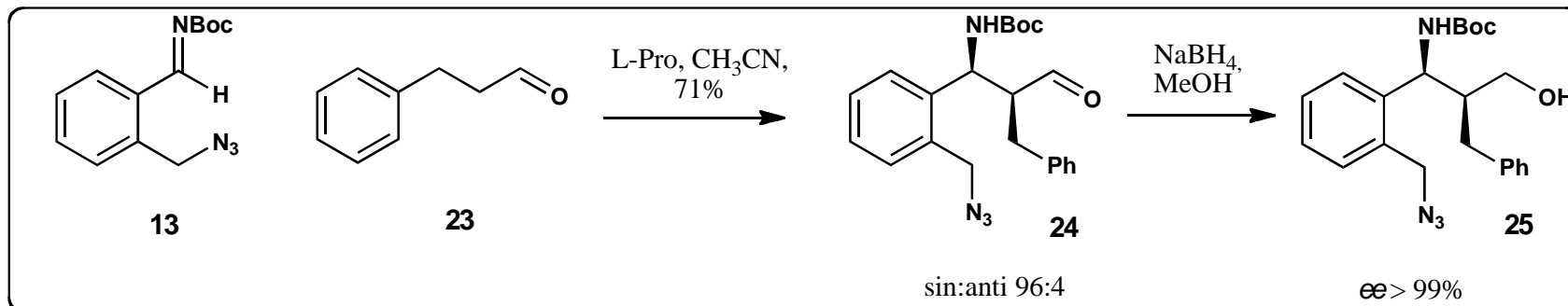
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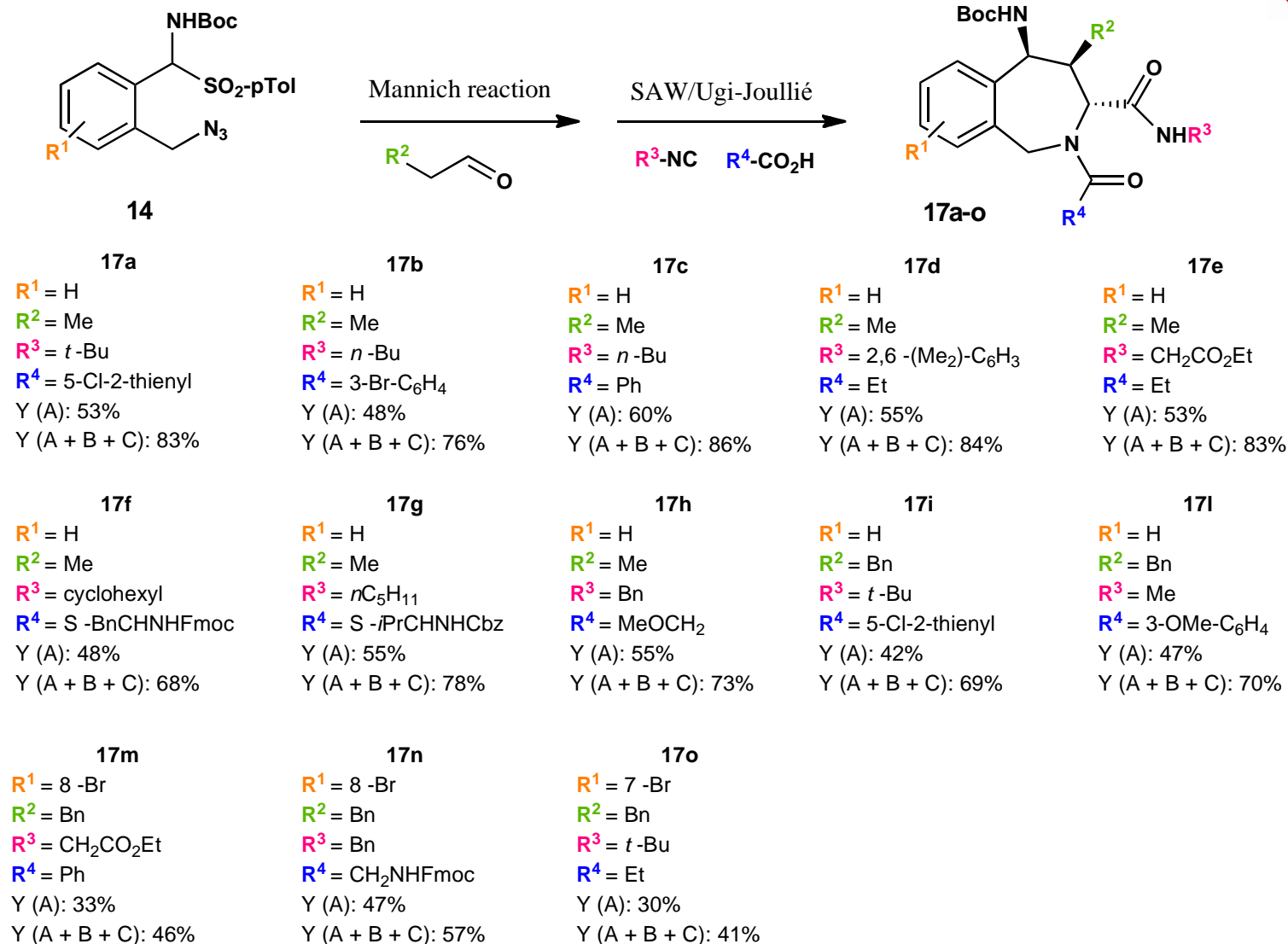


entry	subs	products	lipase	solvent	lipase/substrate (mg/mmol)	temp	time	<b>a : b</b>	yield ( <b>a + b</b> )	conv
1	<b>18a</b>	<b>19a, 21a</b>	S-Amano PS	vinil acetate	22	10 °C	2 h	37:63	77%	60%
2	<b>18a</b>	<b>19a, 21a</b>	S-PPL	vinil acetate	65	20 °C	2 h	75:25	76%	50%
3	<b>18a</b>	<b>19b, 21b</b>	Amano AK	vinil butyrate	22	0 °C	6 h	0:100	40%	80%
4	<b>18a</b>	<b>19b, 21b</b>	S-PPL	vinil butyrate	44	10 °C	24 h	100:0	66%	67%
5	<b>18a</b>	<b>19b, 21b</b>	CAL	vinil butyrate	22	10 °C	6 h	68:32	76%	62%
6	<b>18b</b>	<b>19a, 21a</b>	CAL	buffer/ <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sup>d</sup>	29	20 °C	15 h	21:79	20%	85%
7	<b>18c</b>	<b>19b, 21b</b>	CAL	buffer/ <i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> O <sup>d</sup>	29	10 °C	19 h	12:88	25%	33%

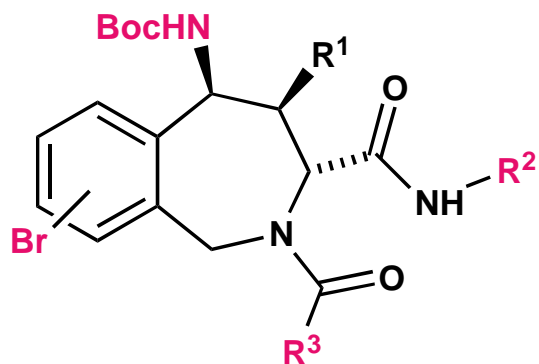
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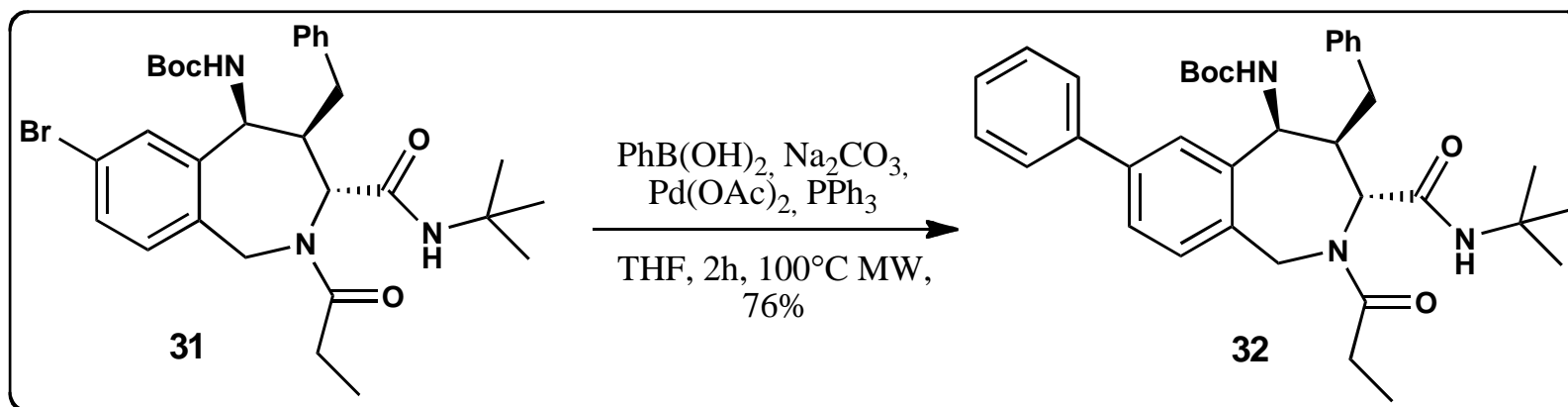




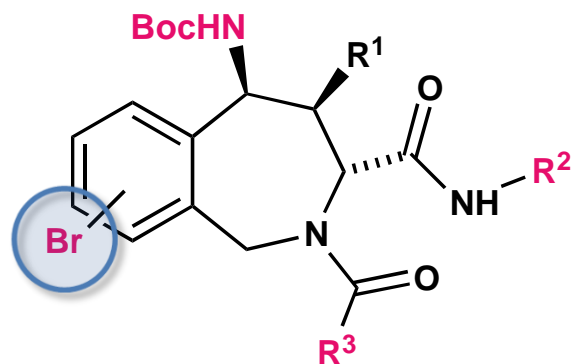
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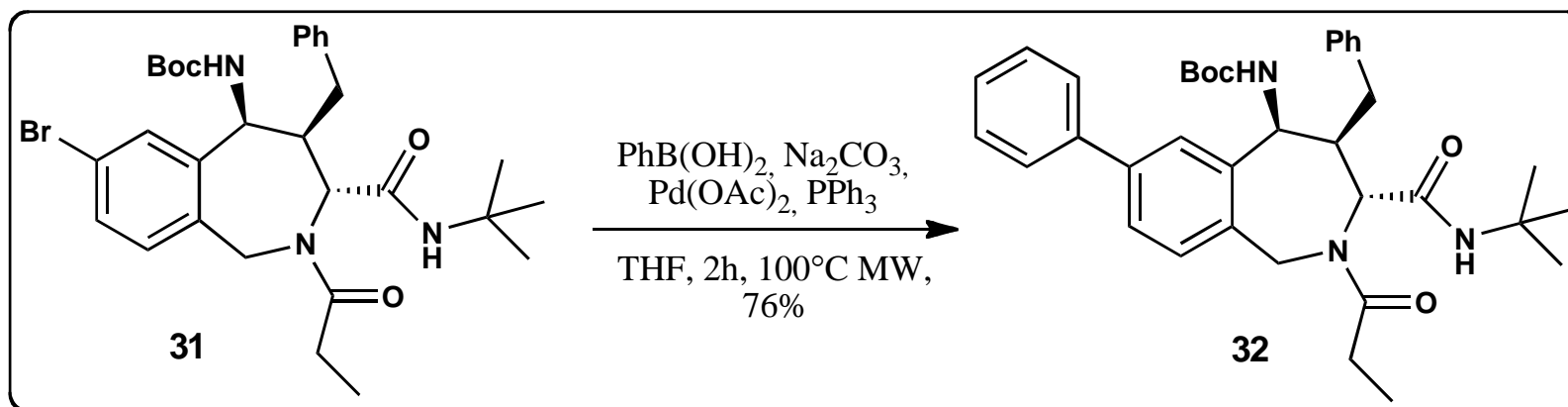
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## Conclusion

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- ✓ New method for fast assembly of a new family of seven-membered heterocycles.
- ✓ Possibility of synthesizing, in high enantiomeric excess, unknown azido aldehydes by an organocatalytic procedure.
- ✓ Isolation in good overall yield of a single stereoisomer (out of eight) of a new heterocyclic structure endowed with three contiguous stereogenic centers.
- ✓ The final products can be further derivatized.

