

SmI₂-Mediated C-C Bond Formation and Application in Natural Product Synthesis

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SmI₂ : Kagan's reagent



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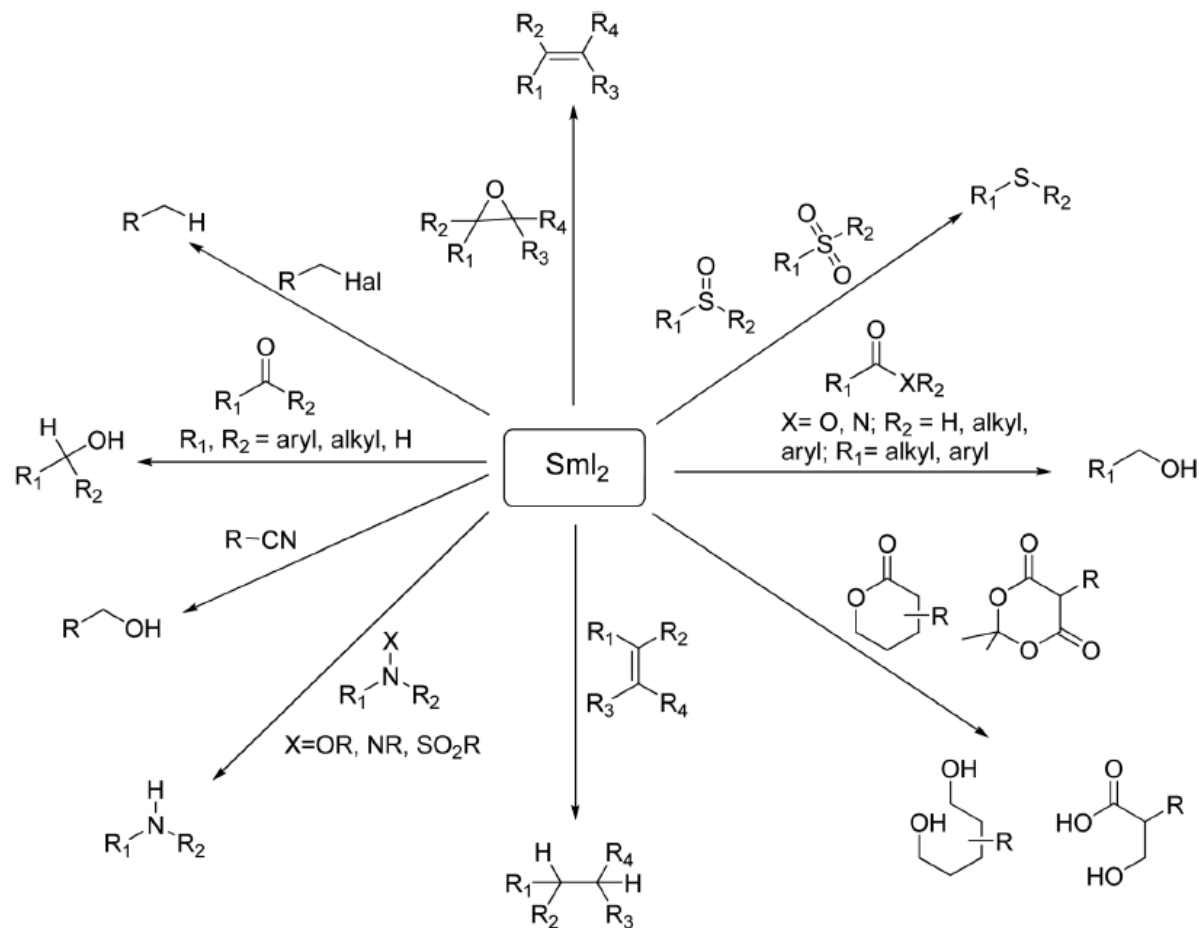
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Outline

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- 2. Influence of Different Additives**
- 3. Preparation of SmI_2**
- 4. SmI_2 Mediated C-C Formation**
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Introduction

■ Selective SmI_2 -mediated functional group transformations

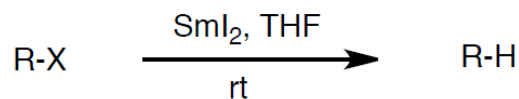


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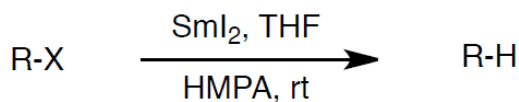
Influence of Different Additives

▪ Influence of HMPA



R	X	time	yield (%)
C ₁₂ H ₂₅	I	6 h	95
C ₁₂ H ₂₅	Br	48 h	82
C ₁₂ H ₂₅	Cl	48 h ^a	no rxn

^a reaction carried out at 60 °C

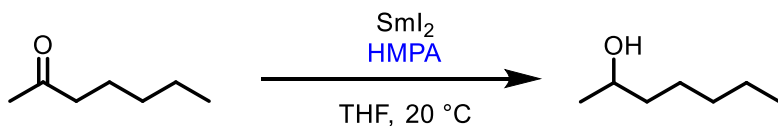
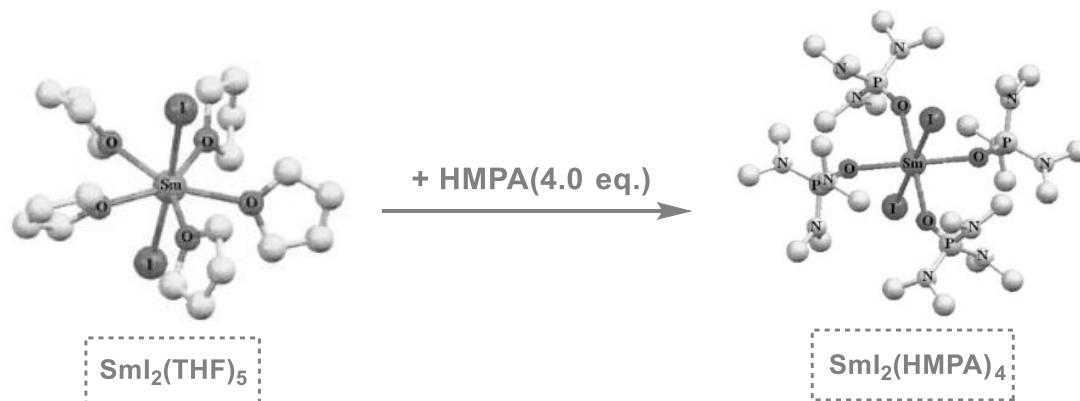


R	X	time	yield (%)
C ₁₀ H ₂₁	I	5 min	96
C ₁₀ H ₂₁	Br	10 min	97
C ₁₀ H ₂₁	Cl	8 h ^a	94

^a reaction carried out at 60 °C

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Influence of HMPA



entry	Additive	time	conversion (%)
1	---	16 days	28%
2	HMPA (1.0 eq)	<1 hour	100%

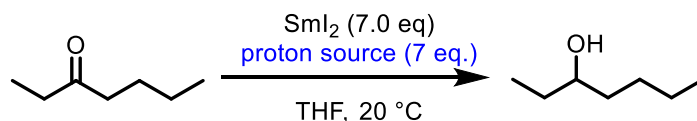
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HMPA (Equiv)	Peak Potential for the Oxidation of SmI_2 (V)
0	-1.33 V
1	-1.43 V
2	-1.46 V
3	-1.95 V
4	-2.05 V
5	-2.05 V

Göran Hilmersson et al. *Eur. J. Inorg. Chem.* **2004**, 3393

Influence of Different Additives

■ Influence of proton source



THF (only)

1.0

Me-OH

3.5

Me-O-CH₂-CH₂-OH
(Methoxy ethanol)

7.1

HO-CH₂-CH₂-OH
ethylene glycol

42

HO-CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-OH
di(ethylene glycol)

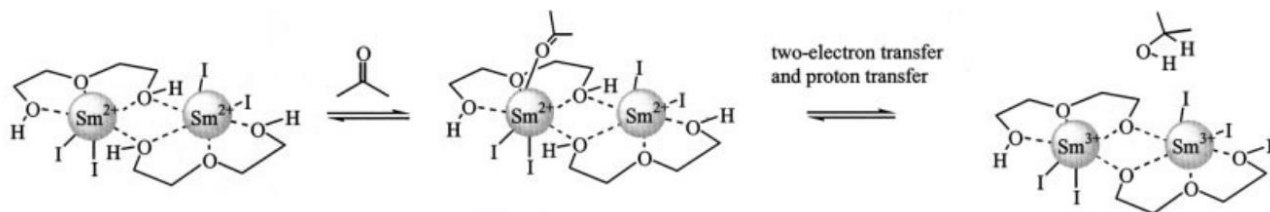
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HO-CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-OH
tri(ethylene glycol)

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tetra(ethylene glycol)

6.9

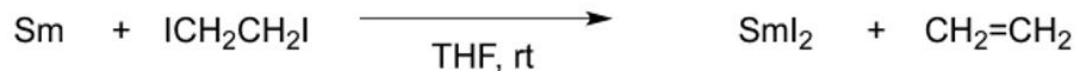


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Preparation of SmI₂

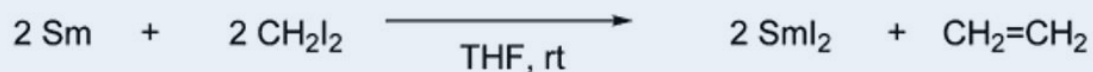
Kagan's method



Imamoto's method



Kagan/Molander



Procedure :

To a slurry of Sm metal powder (11 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in degassed THF (100 mL) under N₂ atmosphere at room temperature was added CH₂I₂ (10 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The resulting solution could be used directly.

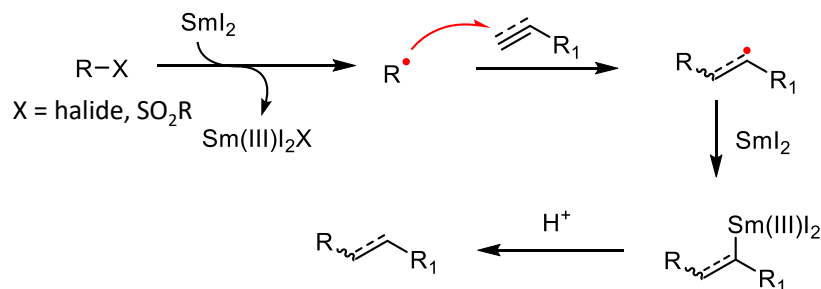
SmI₂ Mediated C-C Formation

SmI₂ Mediated C-C Formation in Natural Products Synthesis

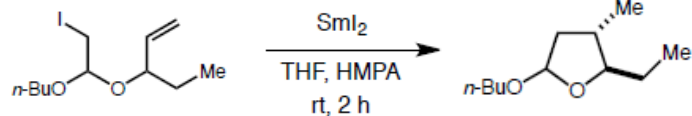
1. **Radical alkene/alkyne coupling**
2. **Barbier and grignard reaction**
3. **Carbonyl-alkene coupling**
4. **Reformatsky / Aldol-type reaction**
5. **Pinacol Coupling**
6. **Fragmentation reaction**
7. **Sequential carbon-carbon bondformation
(cascade reaction)**

SmI₂ Mediated C-C Formation

1. Radical-Alkene/Alkyne Reaction

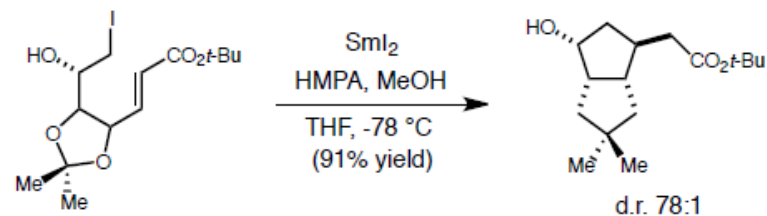


Alkyl radical additions to electron-rich alkene



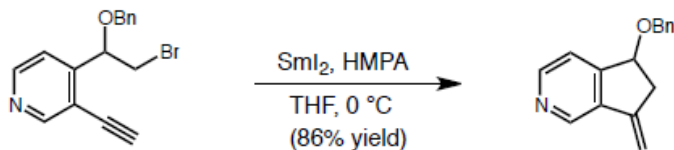
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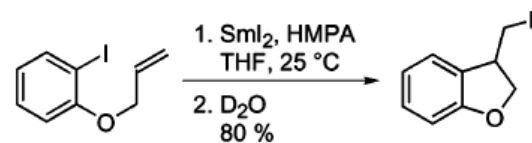
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Alkyl radical additions to alkyne



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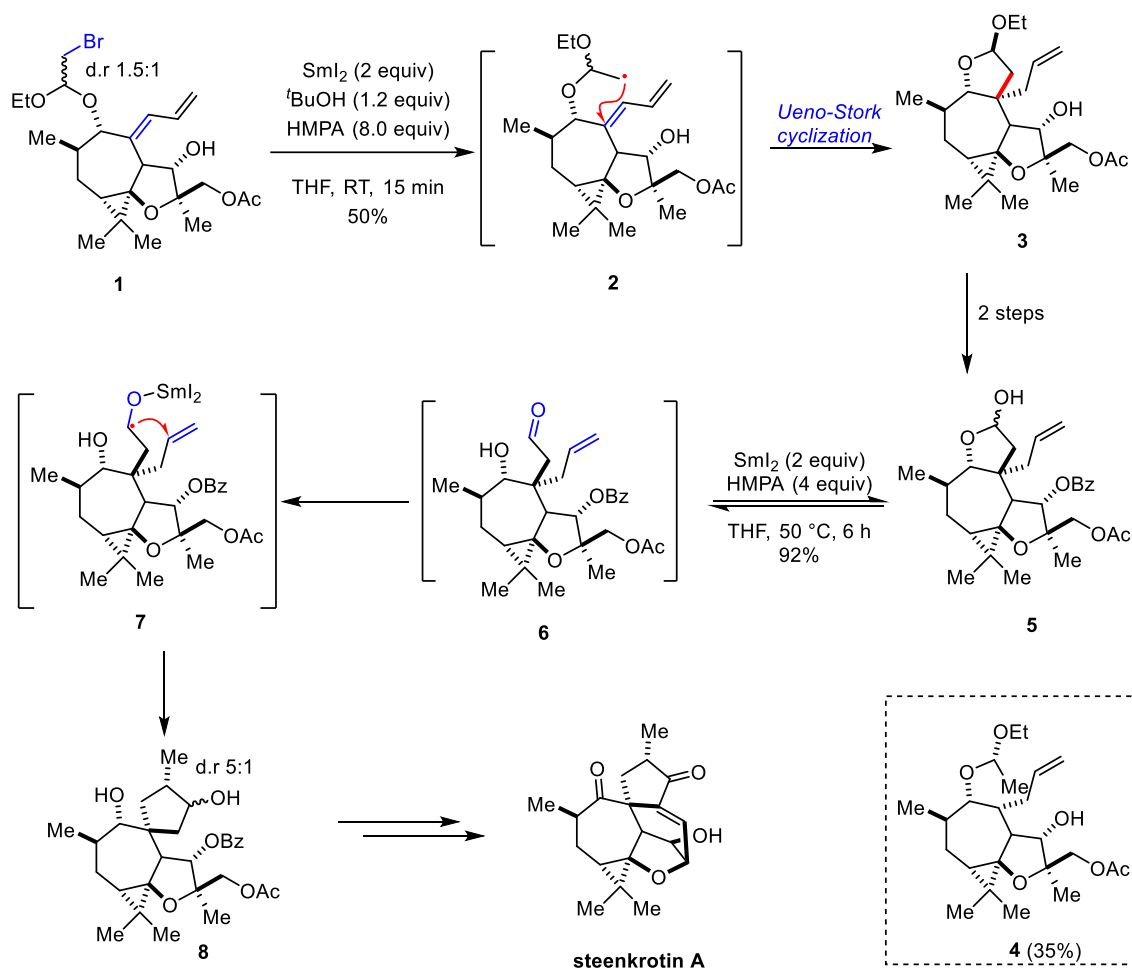
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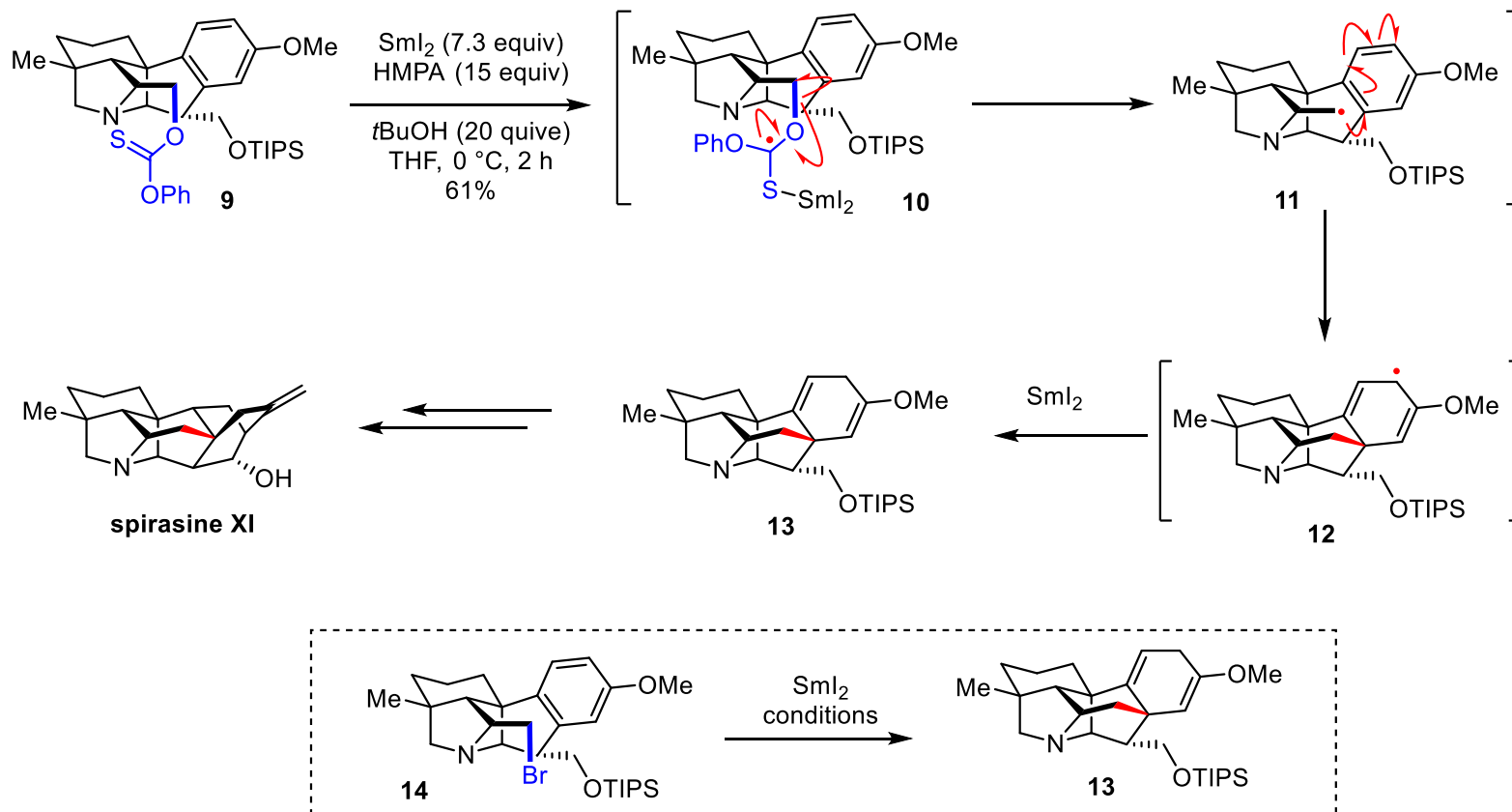
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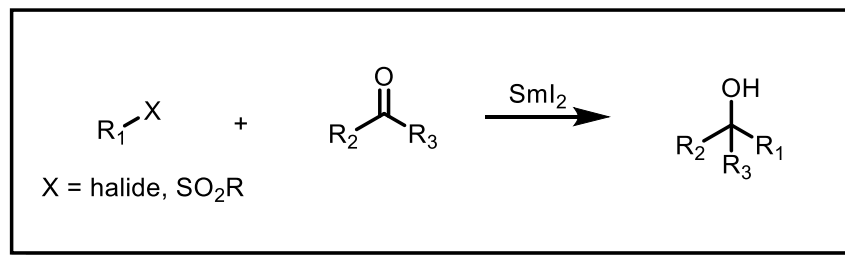


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2. Barbier Reaction

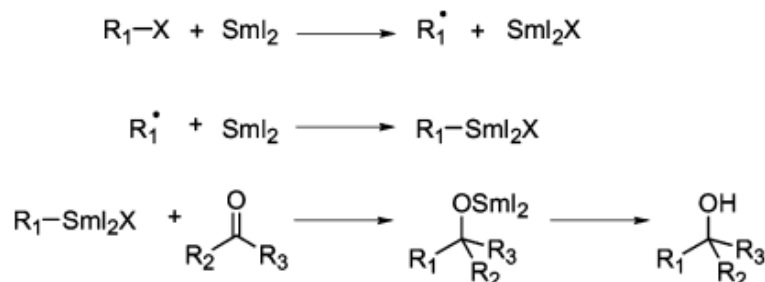
- The Barbier reaction is one of the most commonly employed SmI₂-mediated transformations.
- Popular for the formation of five- to eight membered carbocycles.



Reduction rate: iodides > bromides > chloride

Reduction rate: primary > secondary > tertiary halides

Mechanistic Scenarios



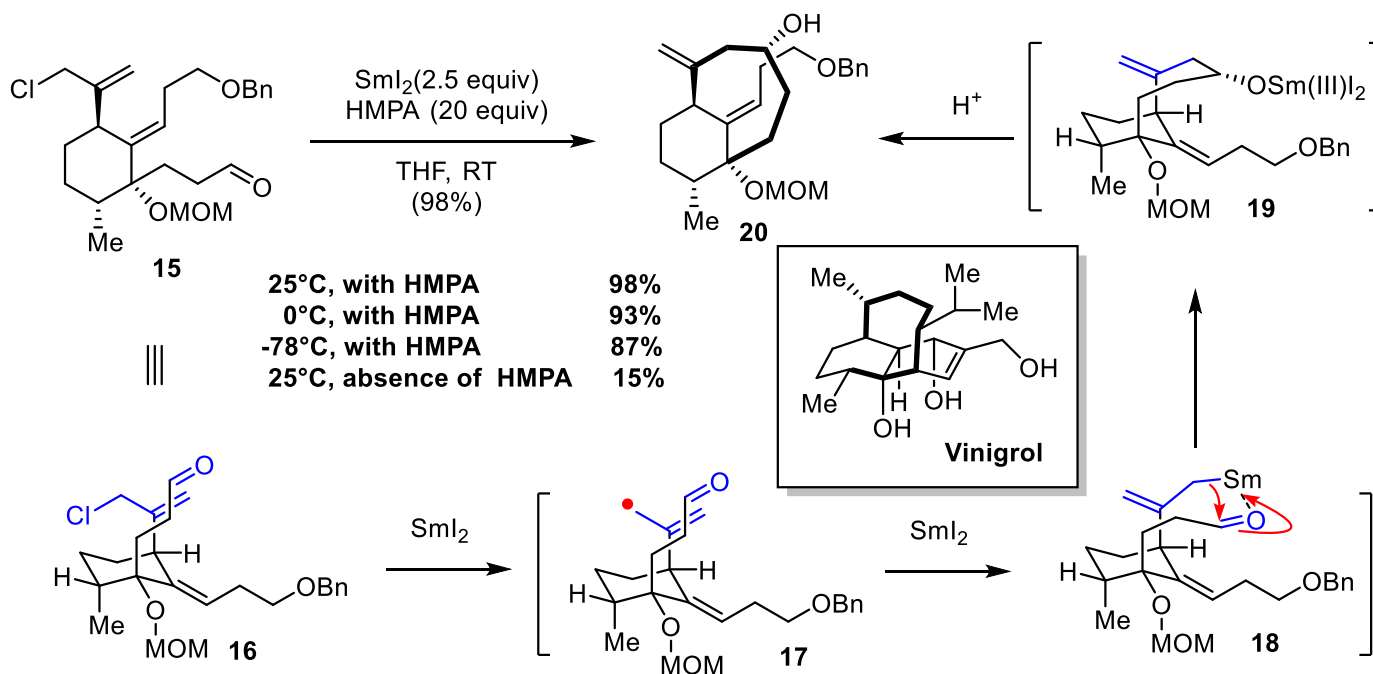
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2. Barbier Reaction

Synthesis Applications



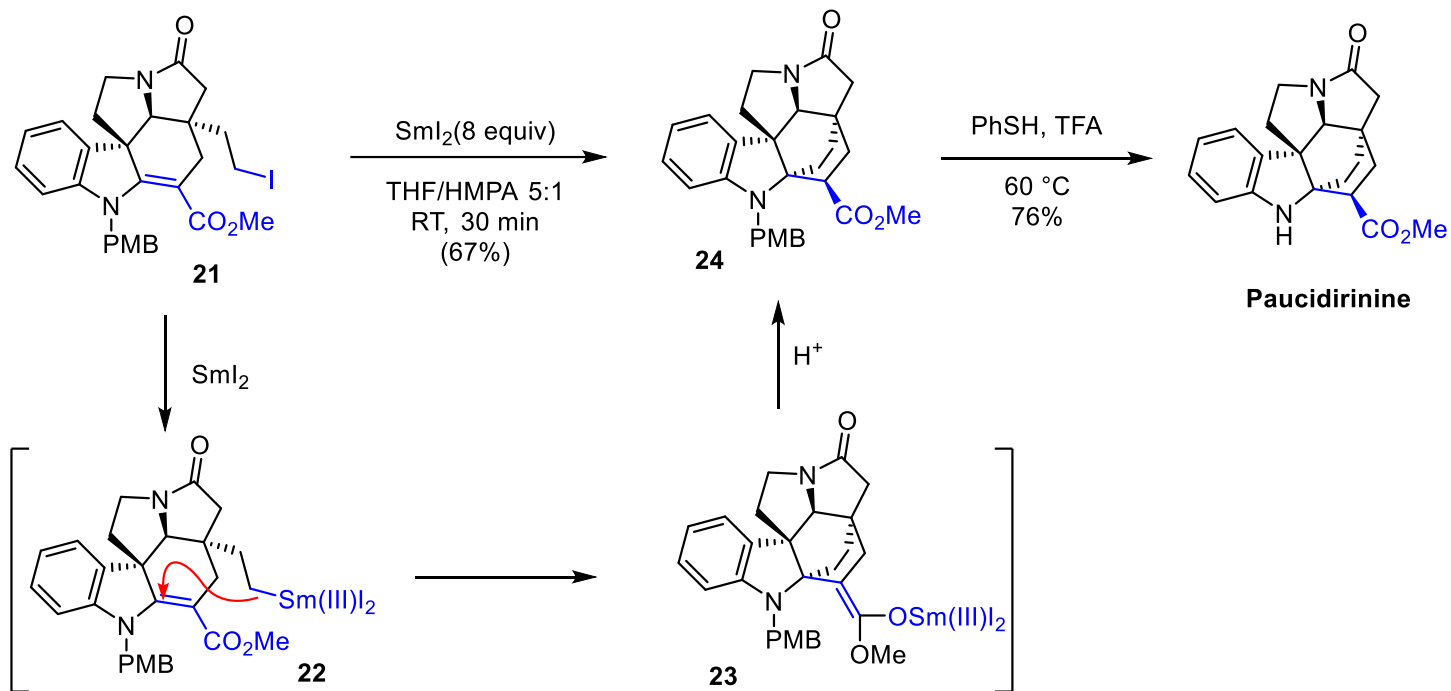
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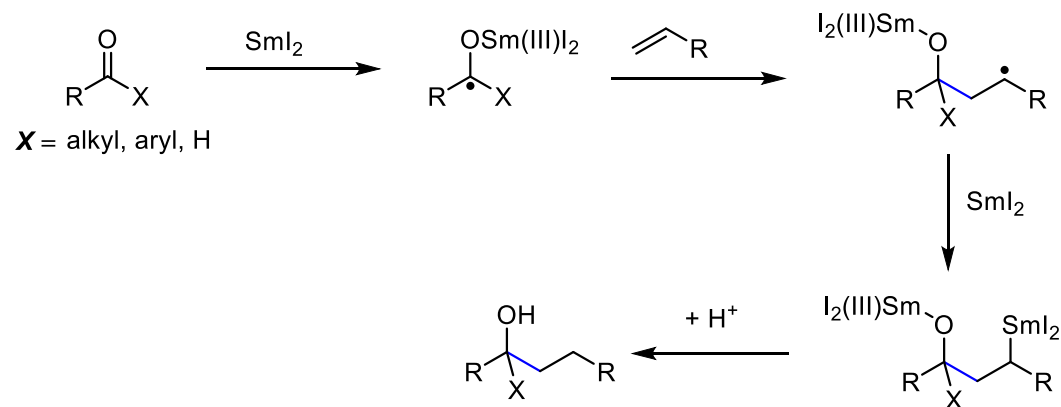
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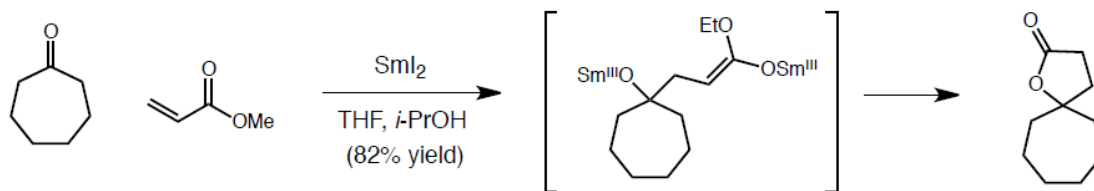
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3. Carbonyl-alkene coupling



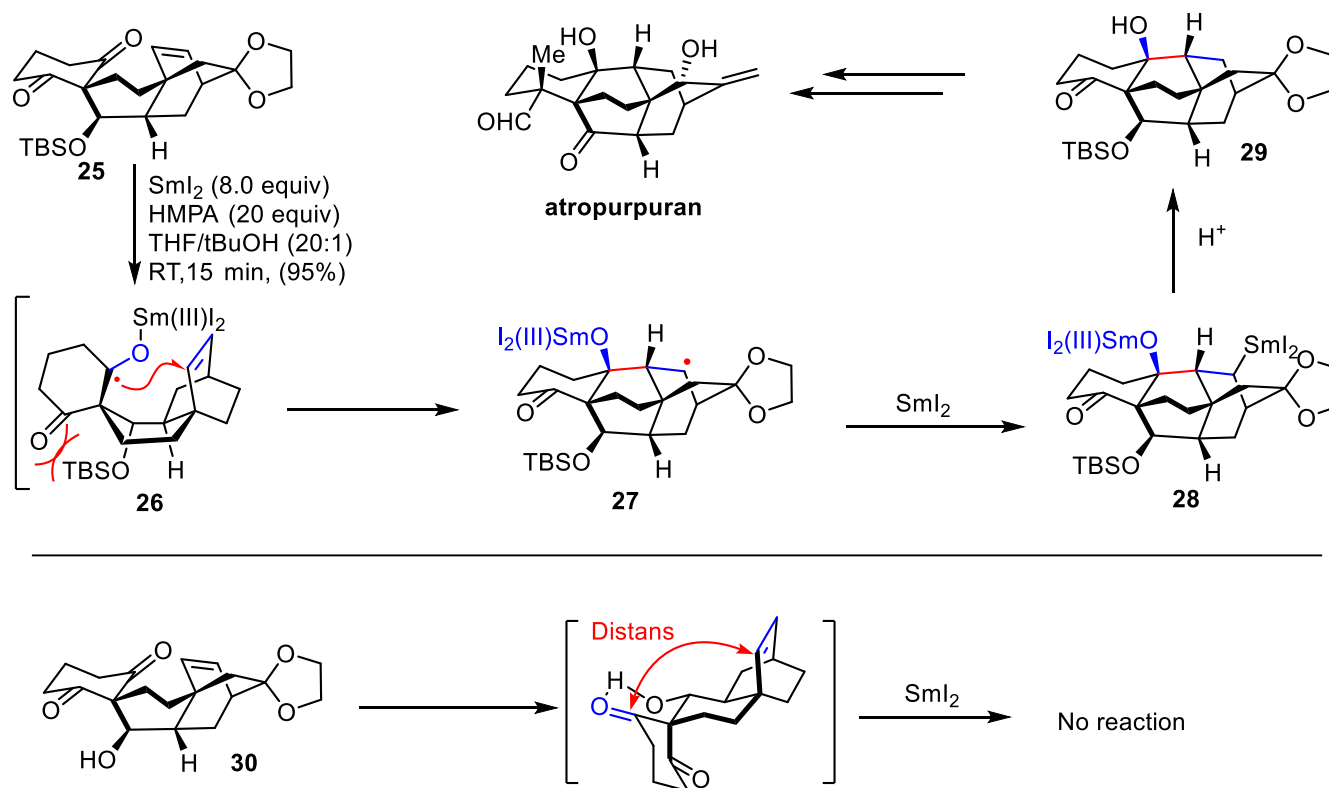
Intermolecular carbonyl-alkene coupling



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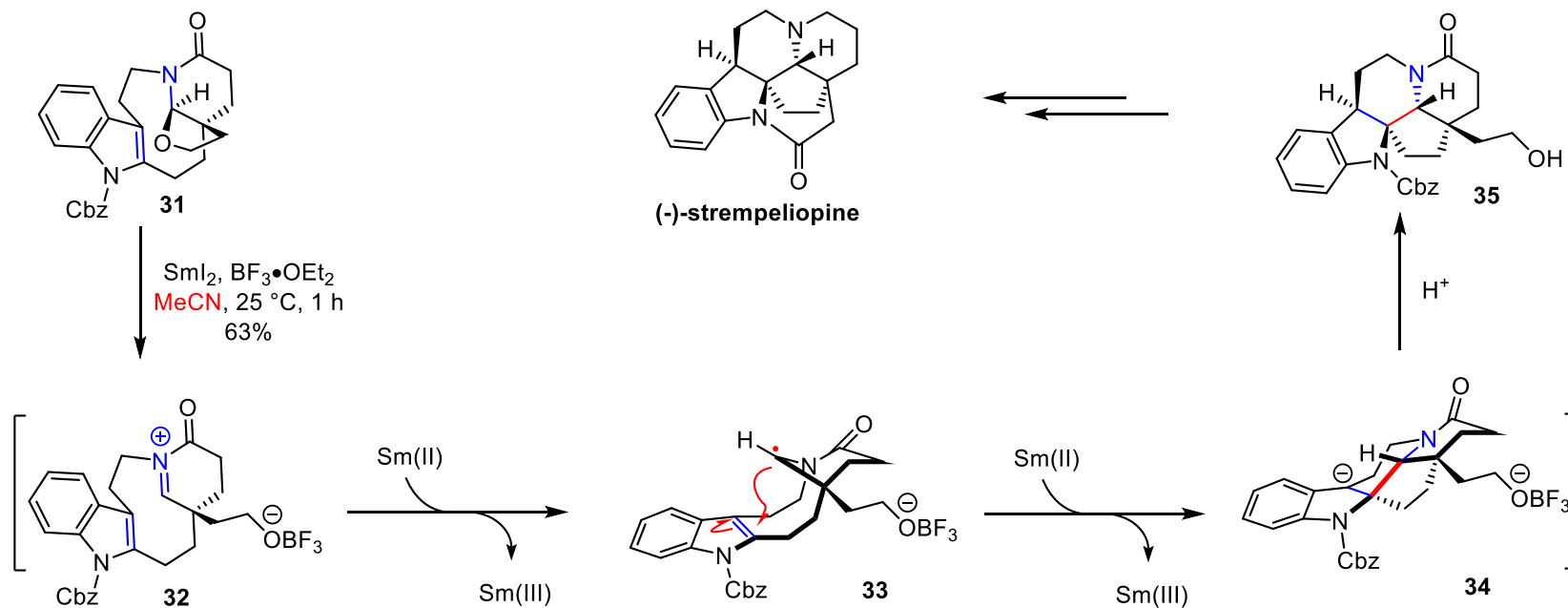
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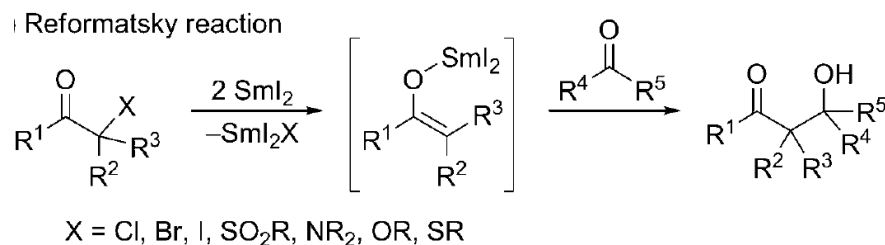


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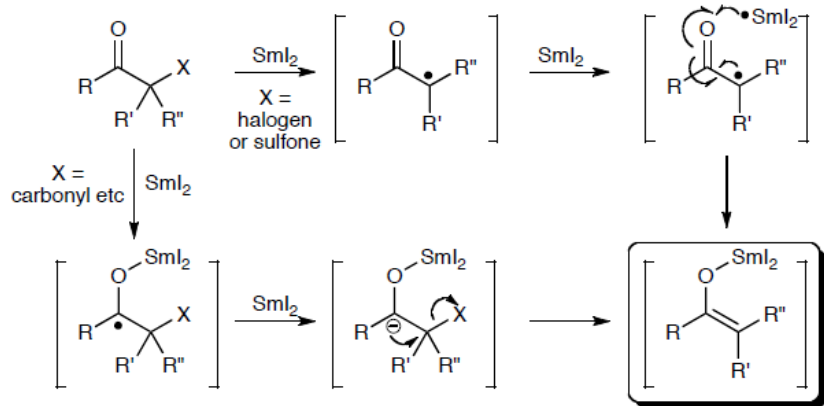
4. Reformatsky / Aldol Type Reaction

SmI₂ mediate Reformatsky / Aldol Type Reaction



- Reductive cleavage of a heteroatom vicinal to carbonyl group.
- Sm^{III} enolate intermediate formation.

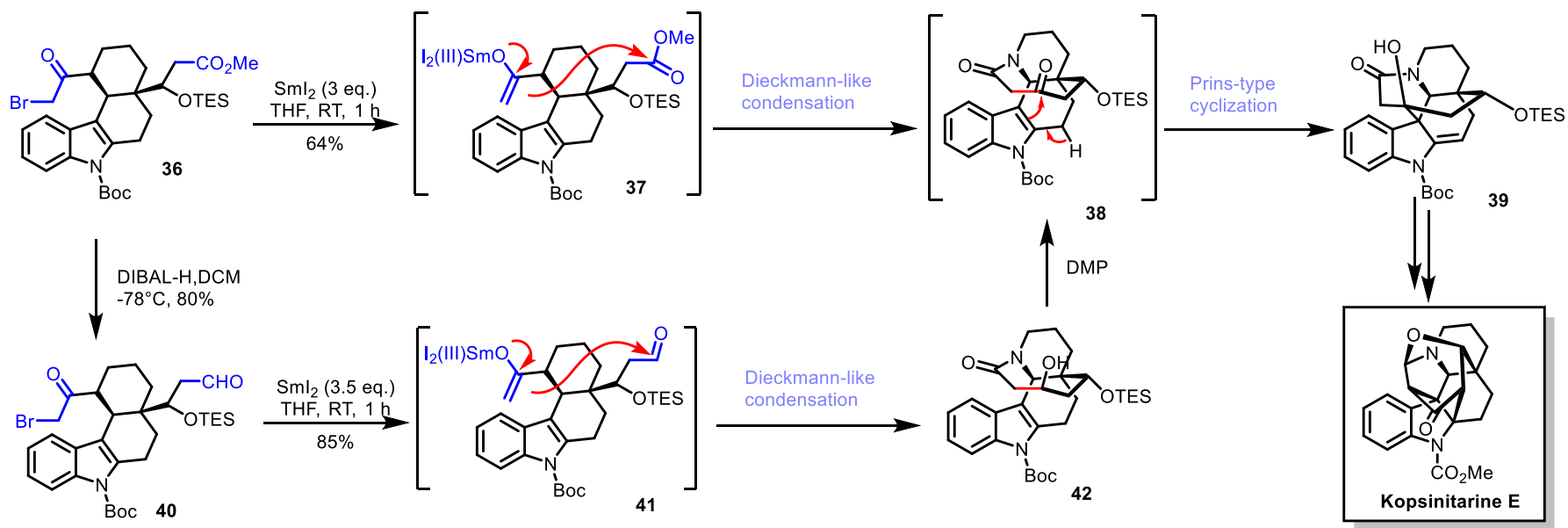
Two possible mechanisms for the formation of the Sm^{III} enolate intermediate



- Single-electron reduction of halide or sulfone to form stabilized radical.
- Initial formation of ketyl radical

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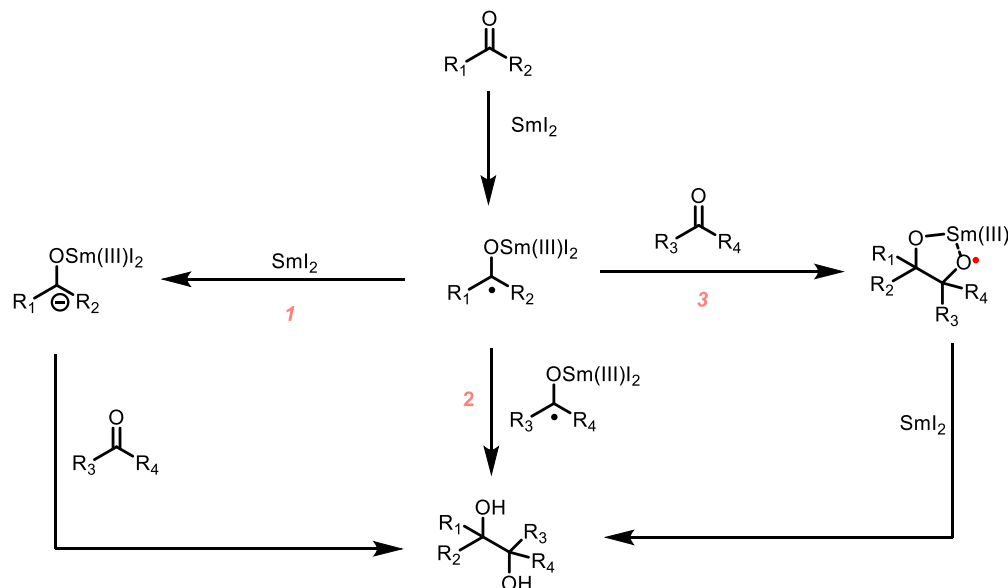


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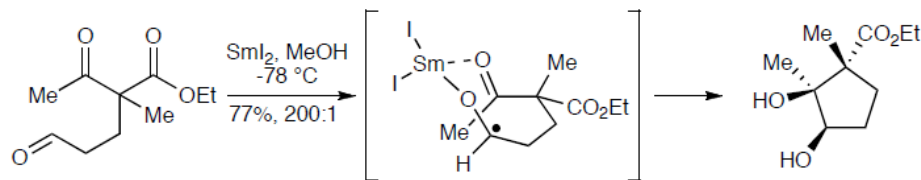
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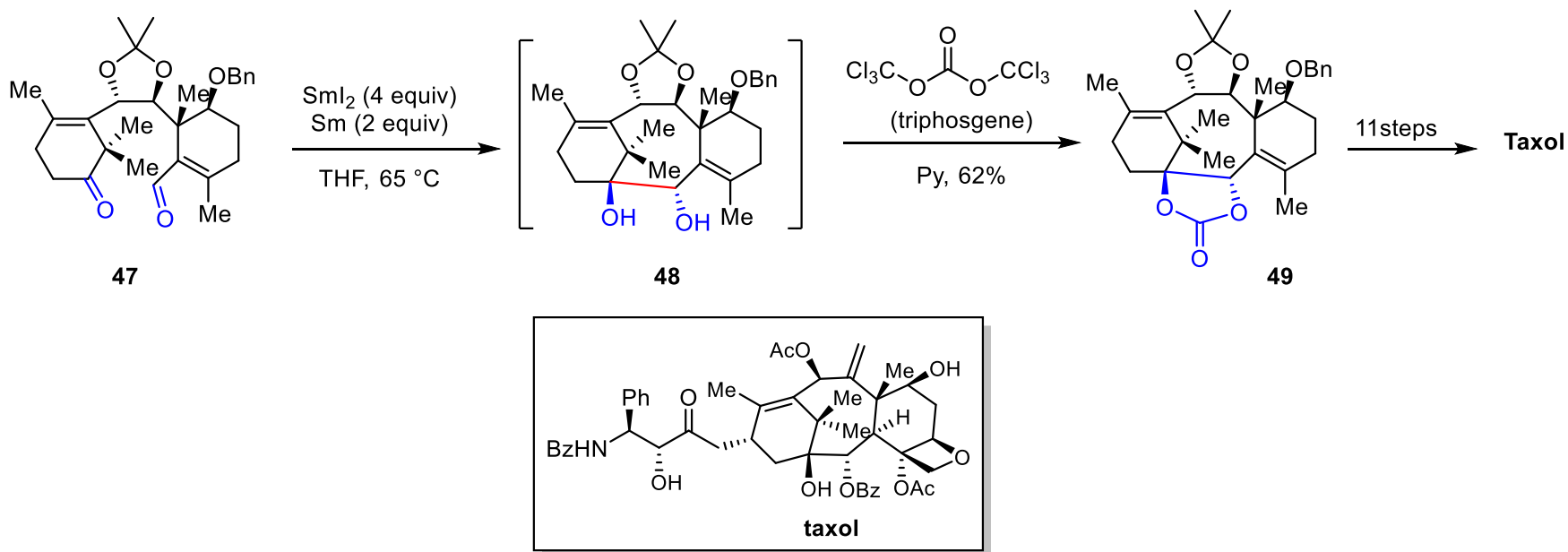


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- High degree of stereoselectivity for intramolecular cyclizations

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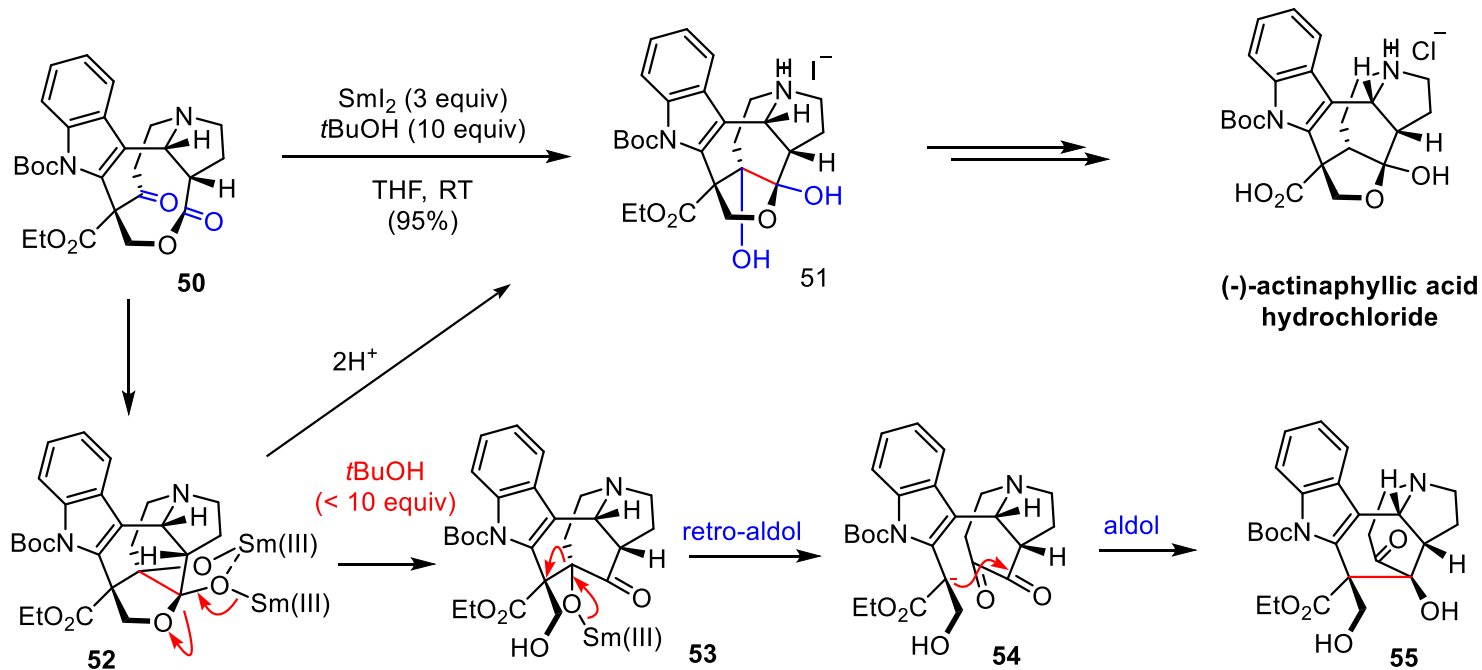
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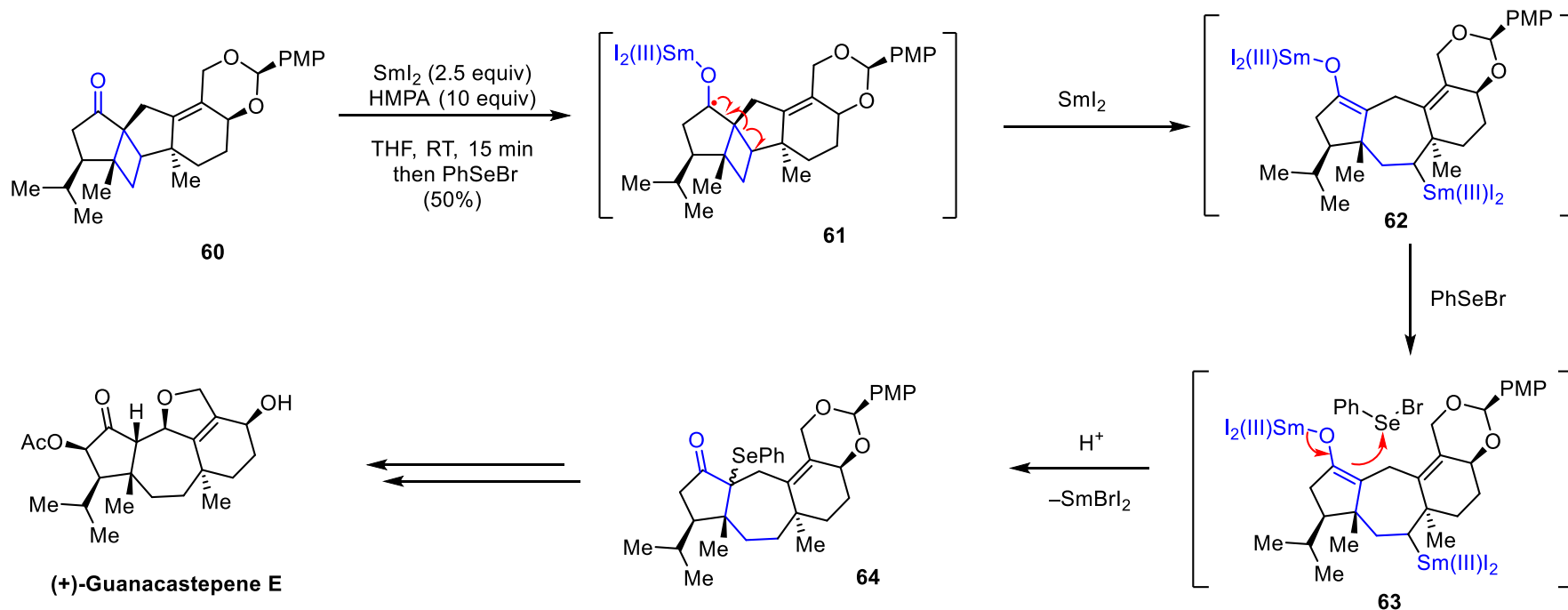


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6. Fragmentation

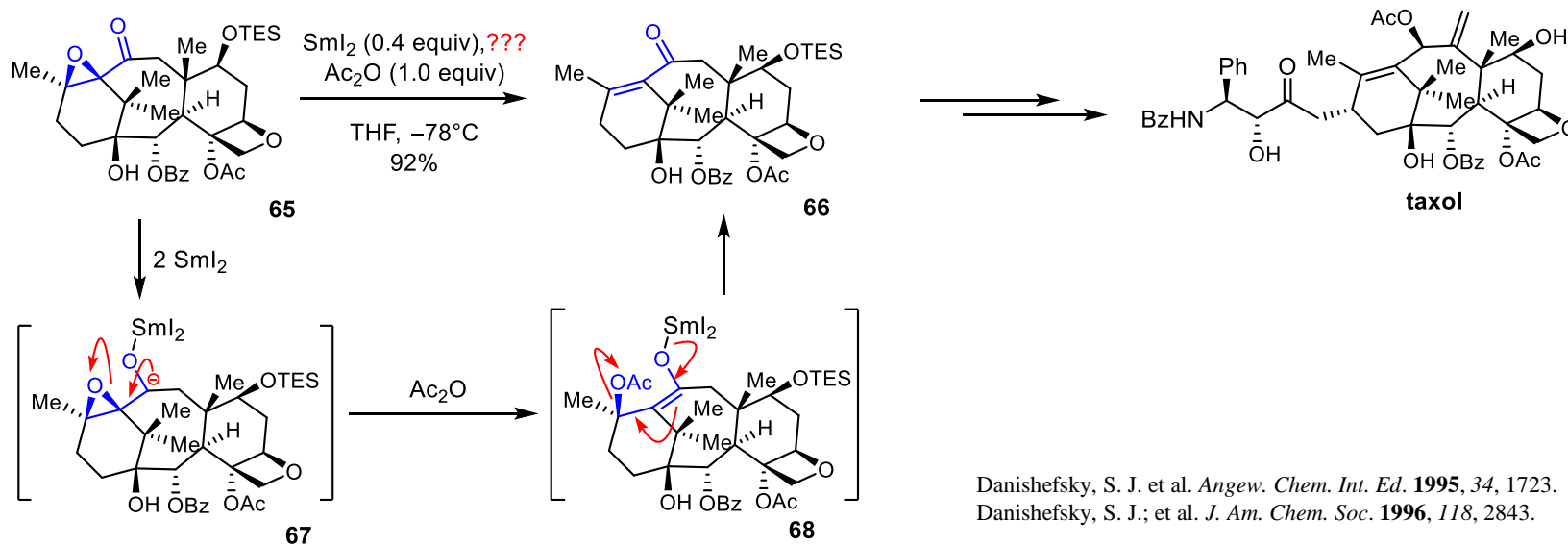
Fragmentation of Cyclobutane



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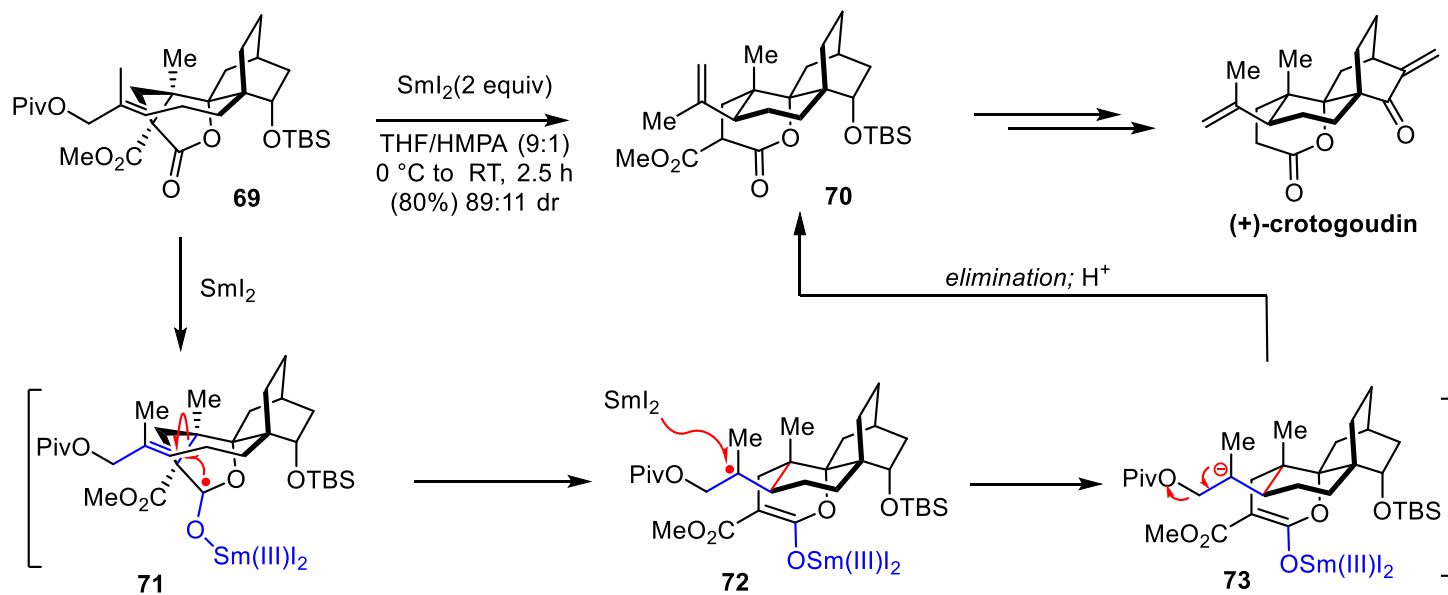


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7. Sequential carbon-carbon bond formation (cascade reaction)

Cyclopropyl opening/6-exo-trig/elimination cascade



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Summary

- **Additives play crucial parts in SmI₂-mediated transformations.**
 - **Many types of intramolecular reaction always provide high stereoselectivity**
 - **SmI₂ has a great successful application in total synthesis of complex natural products.**
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Thanks for your attention !