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Preface

As stated in its Preface, the major motivation for our undertaking publication of the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* was "to incorporate into a single work a genuinely authoritative and systematic description of the utility of all reagents used in organic chemistry." By all accounts, this reference compendium has succeeded admirably in attaining this objective. Experts from around the globe contributed many relevant facts that define the various uses characteristic of each reagent. The choice of a masthead format for providing relevant information about each entry, the highlighting of key transformations with illustrative equations, and the incorporation of detailed indexes serve in tandem to facilitate the retrieval of desired information.

Notwithstanding these accomplishments, the editors have since recognized that the large size of this eight-volume work and its cost of purchase have often served to deter the placement of copies of the *Encyclopedia* in or near laboratories where the need for this type of insight is most critically needed. In an effort to meet this demand in a cost-effective manner, the decision was made to cull from the major work that information having the highest probability for repeated consultation and to incorporate same into a set of handbooks. The latter would also be purchasable on a single unit basis.

The ultimate result of these deliberations is the publication of the *Handbook of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* consisting of the following four volumes:

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Each of the volumes contains a complete compilation of those entries from the original *Encyclopedia* that bear on the specific topic. Ample listings can be found to functionally related reagents contained in the original work. For the sake of current awareness, references to recent reviews and monographs have been included, as have relevant new procedures from *Organic Syntheses*.

The end product of this effort by eight of the original editors of the *Encyclopedia* is an affordable, enlightening set of books that should find their way into the laboratories of all practicing synthetic chemists. Every attempt has been made to be of the broadest synthetic relevance and our expectation is that our colleagues will share this opinion.

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Introduction

The combination of reagents included in this volume reflects the fact that protecting groups and activation procedures are often used in combination, one example being in peptide synthesis, where an amino group of one amino acid component must be blocked before its carboxylic acid is activated for coupling with a second amino acid to form the amide bond. There are many other instances in the synthesis of natural and unnatural products, pharmaceuticals, oligosaccharides, and oligonucleotides, etc., where similar tactics must be employed to prevent undesired activation or reaction of functionality, such as hydroxyl, when more than one such group is present, or to prevent reactive functional groups from entering into unwanted reactions with oxidizing agents, reducing agents, or organometallic reagents commonly employed in organic synthesis. Accordingly, the most important reagents used to protect amines, alcohols, carboxyl, carbonyl and other reactive functional groups are included in this volume.

The selection of activating reagents includes both well known and less traditional ones. Thus, typical peptide coupling reagents that activate carboxylic acids, such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, are listed in this volume, in addition to reagents that are not immediately identified as activators. One example of the latter is hexacarbonylchromium, which may be used to activate aromatic substrates toward nucleophilic addition and substitution, via the formation of arene-chromium tricarbonyl complexes. Another example is non-acarbonyldiiron, which can serve multiple purposes in activating alkenes and dienes toward nucleophilic attack, or allowing their conversion to cationic allyl- or dienyl- complexes, as well as protecting the same functionality from reactions such as hydroboration, Diels-Alder cycloadditions, etc. Transition metal systems that perform these types of functions could have formed a separate volume if one includes catalytic processes under the heading of activation. To avoid a volume of unmanageable size, the choice of these reagents has been limited to those that are used sto-

chiometrically, and that are relatively familiar to the organic chemistry community.

Some reagents, such as hexamethylphosphoric triamide (HMPA) and *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) that "activate" enolates and alkylolithium reagents and increase their nucleophilicity, thereby facilitating their reactions, are also included. A number of Lewis acids appear in this volume, including the alkylaluminum halides and the boron halides, as examples of reagents that activate various functional groups by increasing their electrophilicity. The complete entries for all Lewis acids and nucleophilic catalysts (e.g. dimethylaminopyridine) also appear in the volume on Acidic and Basic Reagents.

There are many reagents that may be considered as activating in the broadest sense. The phosphorus halides, for example, can be used to activate hydroxyl groups of alcohols or carboxylic acids by converting them to halide leaving groups for nucleophilic substitution or elimination, while the corresponding sulfonate esters activate alcohols in the more traditional manner. Reagents such as *N,N'*-thiocarbonyldiimidazole and phenyl chlorothionocarbonate, which serve to activate alcohols for subsequent deoxygenation reactions with a trialkyltin hydride reagent, and (methoxycarbonylsulfamoyl)triethylammonium hydroxide, which facilitates the dehydrative elimination of alcohols to alkenes, also qualify as activating reagents in the broadest sense and are included in the present volume. As many examples of activating agents are included in this volume as possible but, again, an effort has been made to produce a work that is not too voluminous in scope.

Finally, there are many reagents that perform functions other than those that are the immediate subject matter of this volume. No attempt has been made to trim the original entries that were prepared for the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*, since we recognize the value of having as much information as possible about each reagent, thus allowing their optimal use in situations where side

reactions might be a problem when limited information is at hand.

In preparing this volume we have been aware of the fact that the original *Encyclopedia* entries were written several years ago, and so may not be completely up to date with regard to literature citations. This is inevitable in a work of this kind, but we have tried to ameliorate the problem as much as possible by including references to relevant articles from *Organic Syntheses*, Volumes 69–75 that either deal with the preparation of a particular reagent or illustrate its application, as well as recent (since 1993) review articles and monographs that focus on various aspects of the subject matter of this particular volume. For this purpose we have included reviews that may not be directly connected with any particular reagent, but that may be useful to the practicing organic chemist in seeking information concerning use

of the various technologies described in the present work. Finally, we have also included expanded lists of “Related Reagents” for each entry which will allow the reader to locate additional information about additional related reagents and methods in the original *Encyclopedia*.

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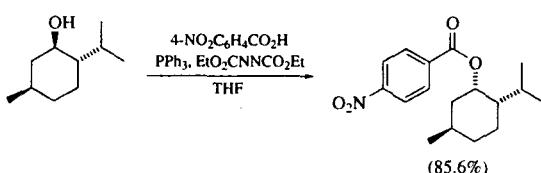
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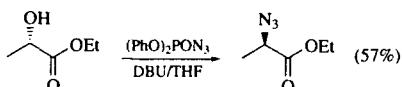
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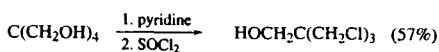
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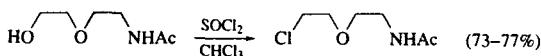
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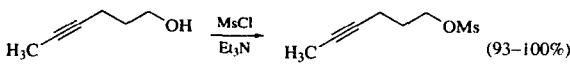
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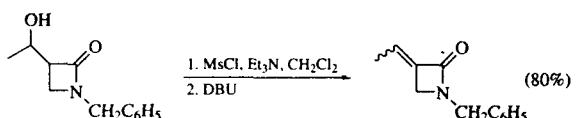
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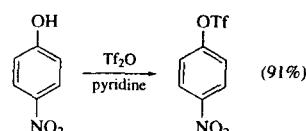
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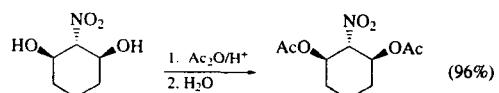
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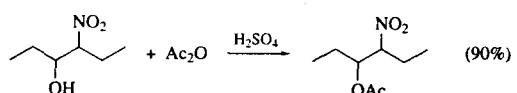
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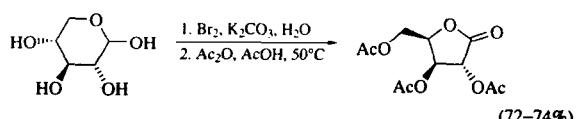
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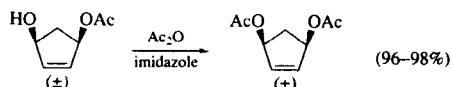
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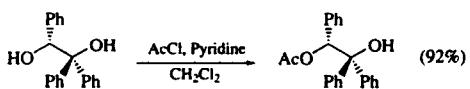


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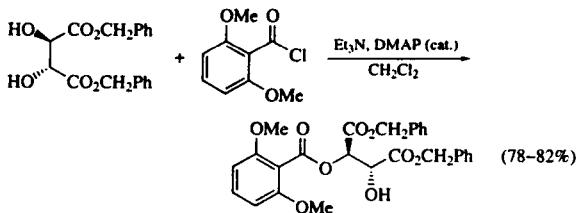


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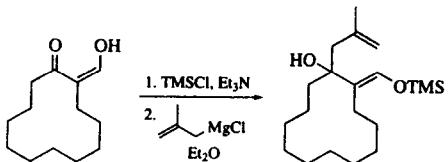


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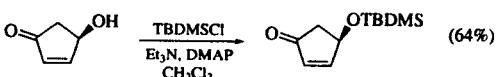


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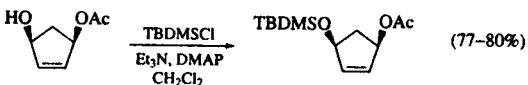
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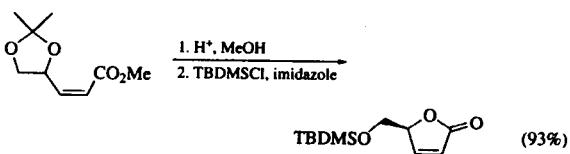
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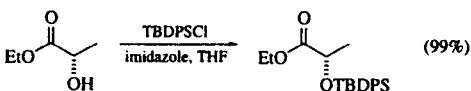
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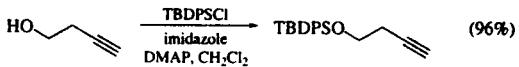
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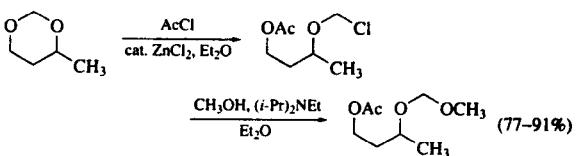


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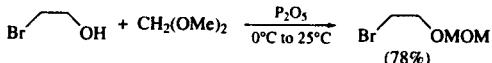


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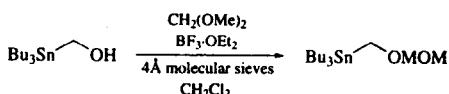
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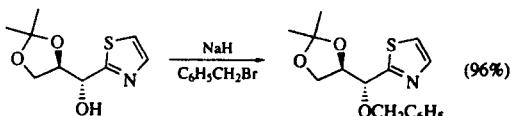
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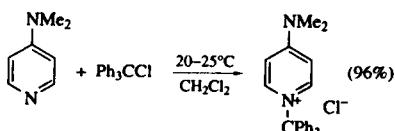
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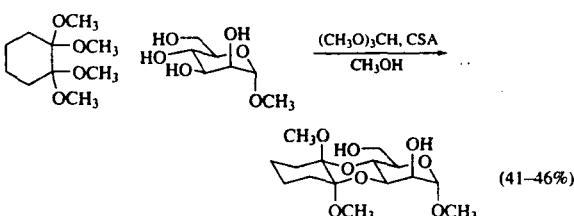


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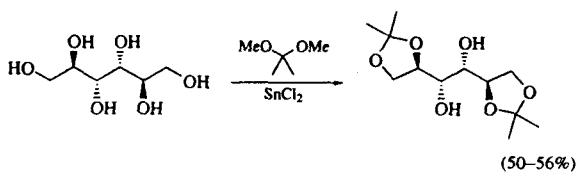


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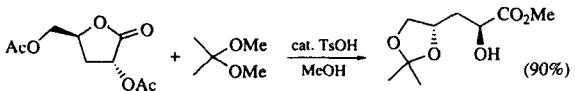
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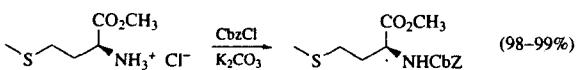
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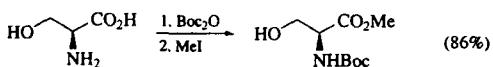
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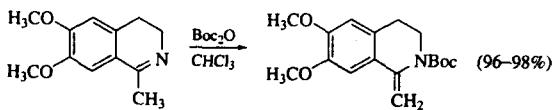
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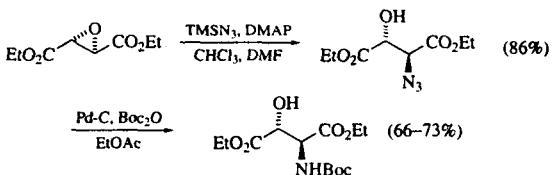
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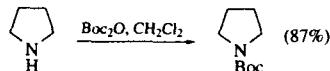
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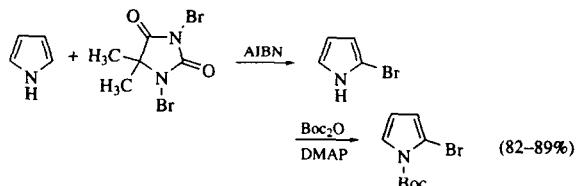
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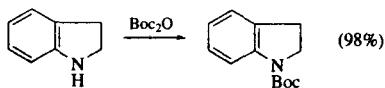
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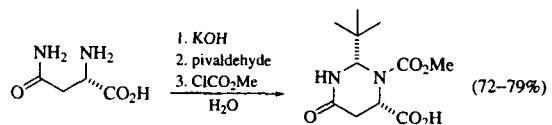
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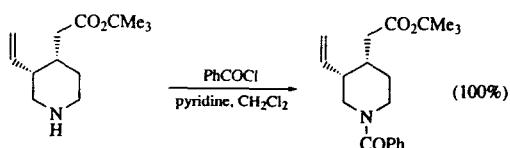
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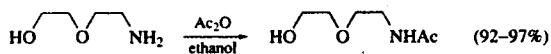


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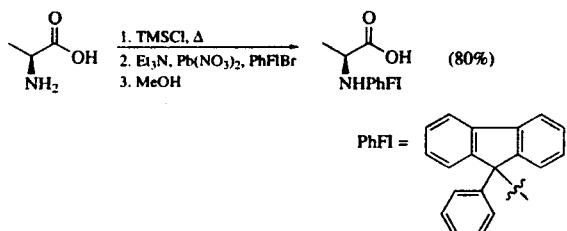


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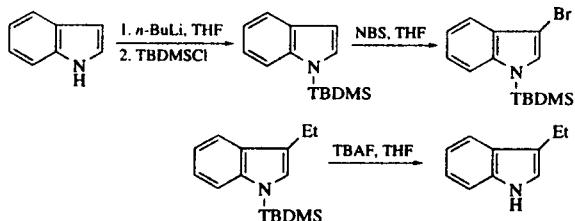
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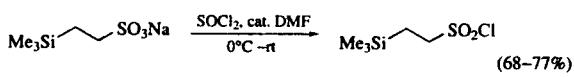
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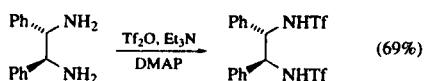
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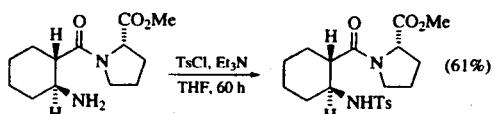
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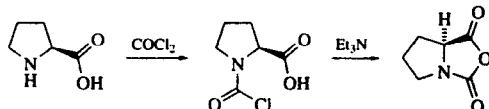


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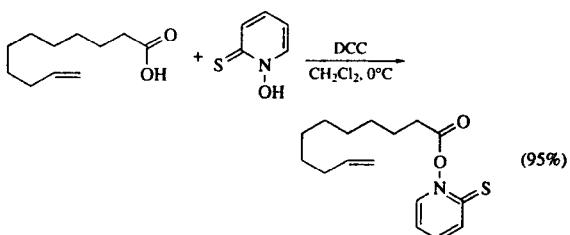


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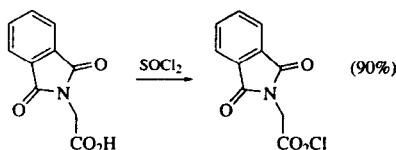
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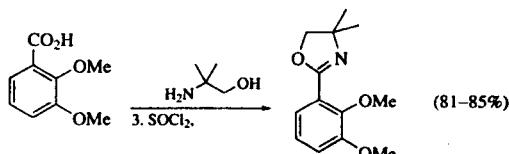
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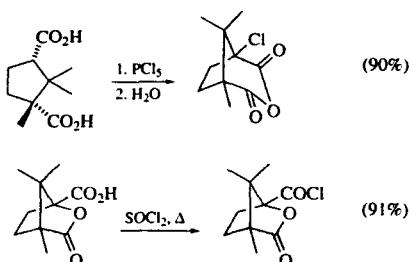
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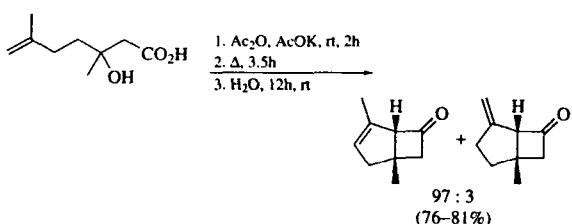
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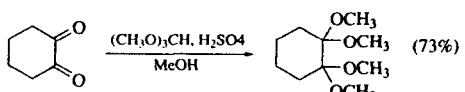


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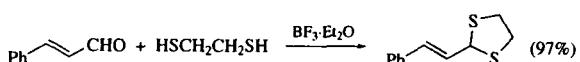


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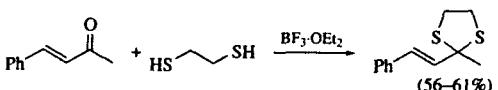
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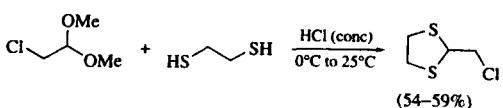
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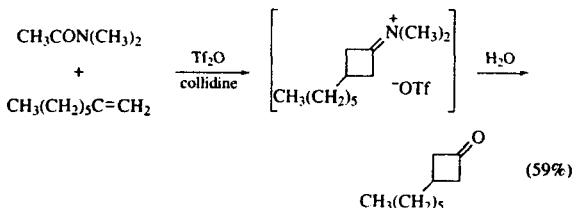


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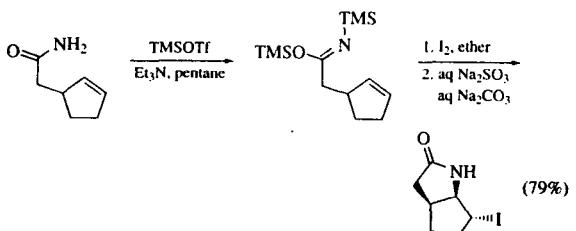


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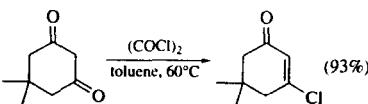
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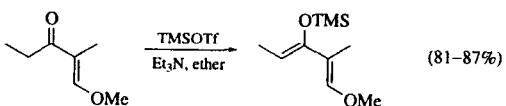
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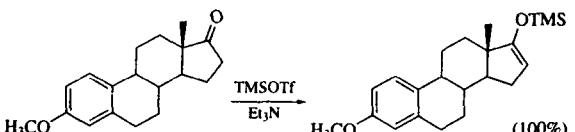
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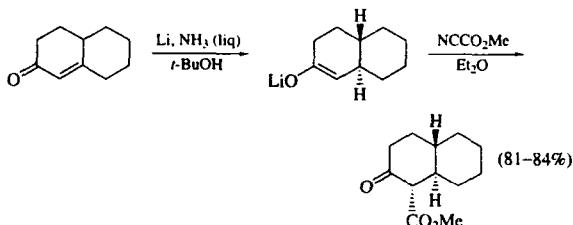


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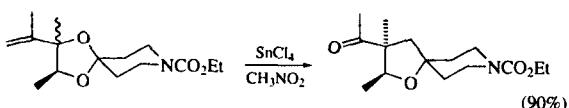


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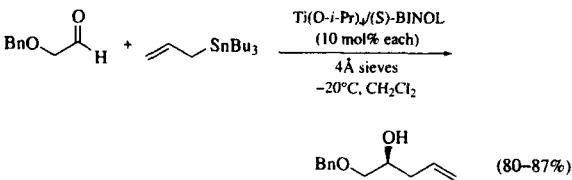


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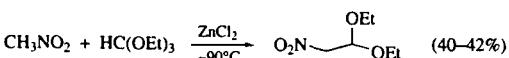
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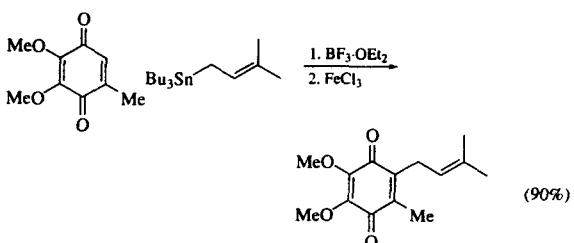
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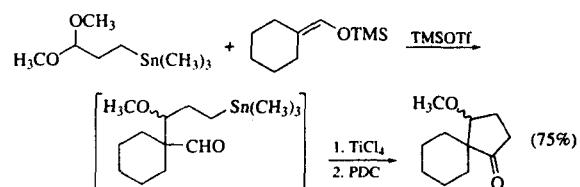
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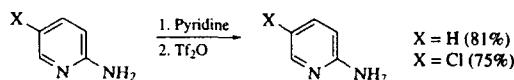


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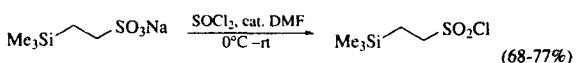


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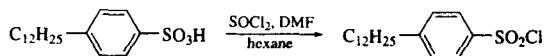
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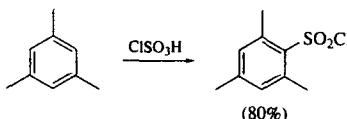
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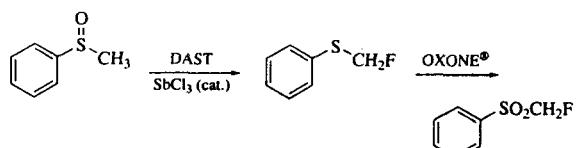


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