



# Problem Session (4) - Answer

Topic: Total synthesis of bilobalide by Shenvi group<sup>ref1</sup>

0. Introduction

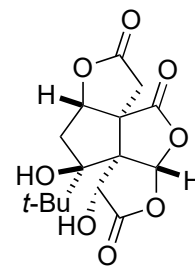
0.1. bilobalide

♣isolation: leaves of *ginkgo biloba*

♣bioactivity: Down syndrome treatment for model mouse (by antagonism of GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors)

♣structural features: • tetra cyclic tri-lactone • bowl-like structure with buried OH

♣syntheses: Corey (1987, racemic), Crimmins (1993, racemic), Corey (1988, asymmetric)

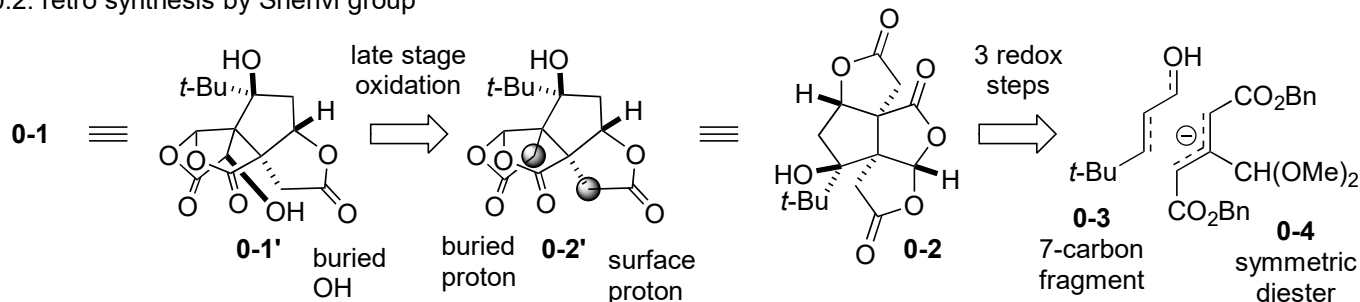


0-1 (bilobalide)

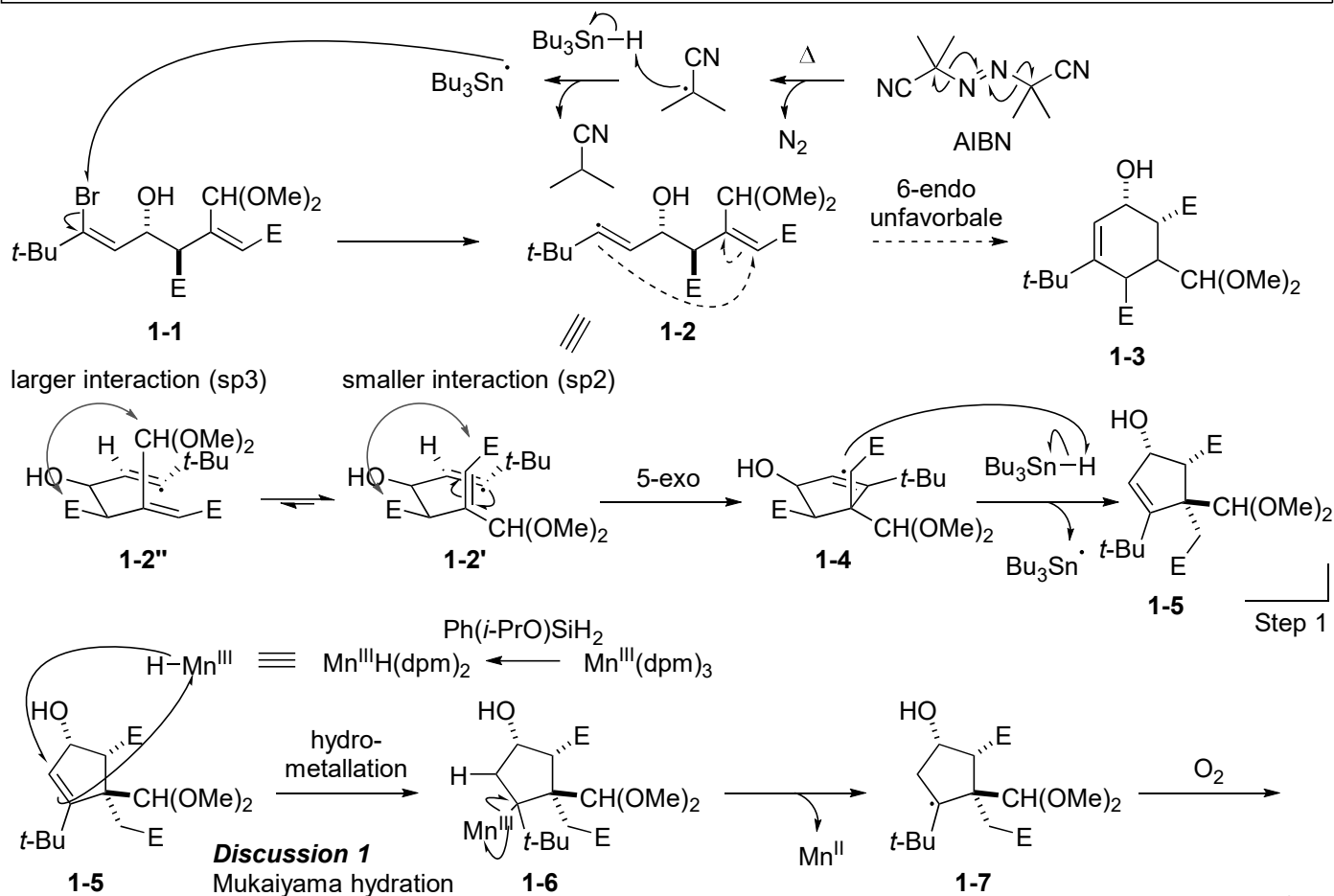
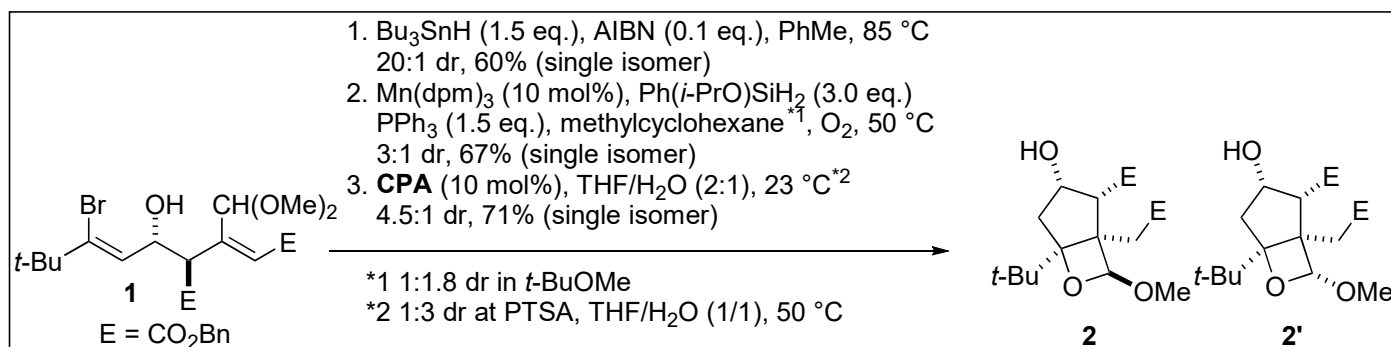
For more detail about bilobalide, please refer to

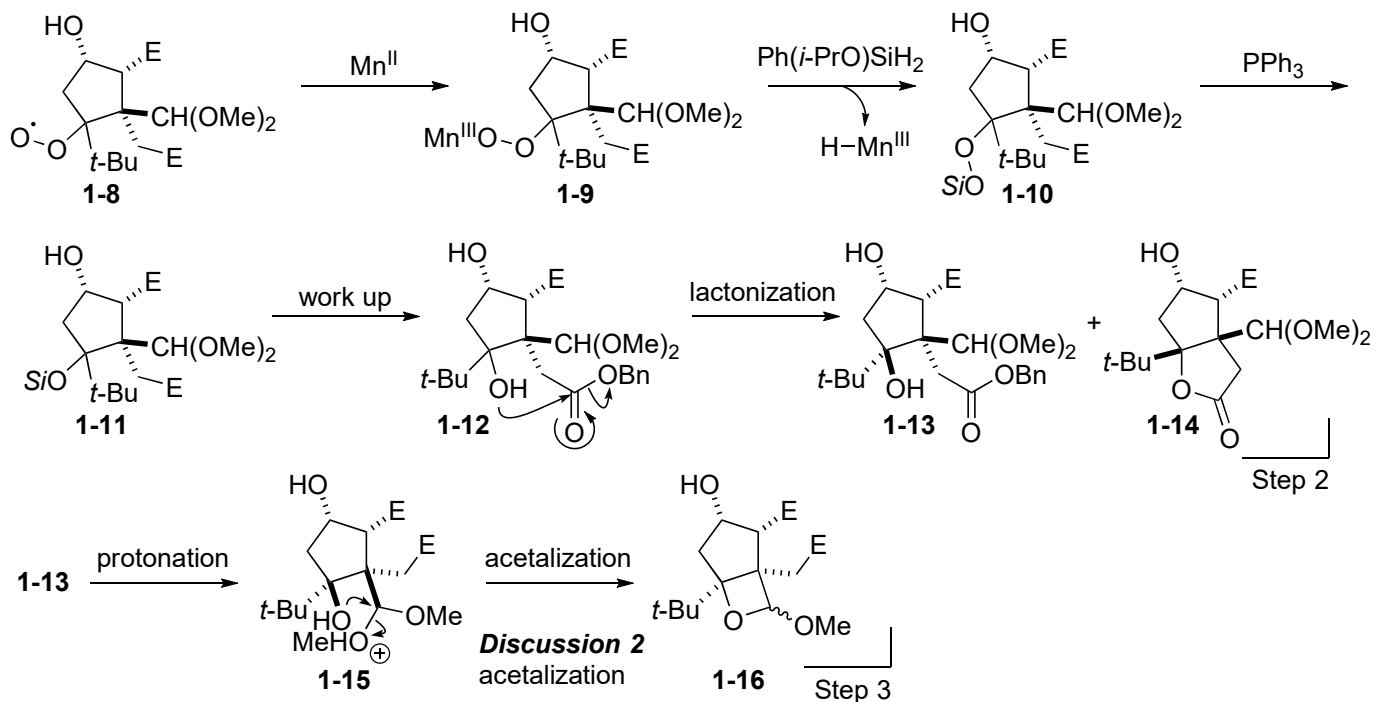
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0.2. retro synthesis by Shenvi group



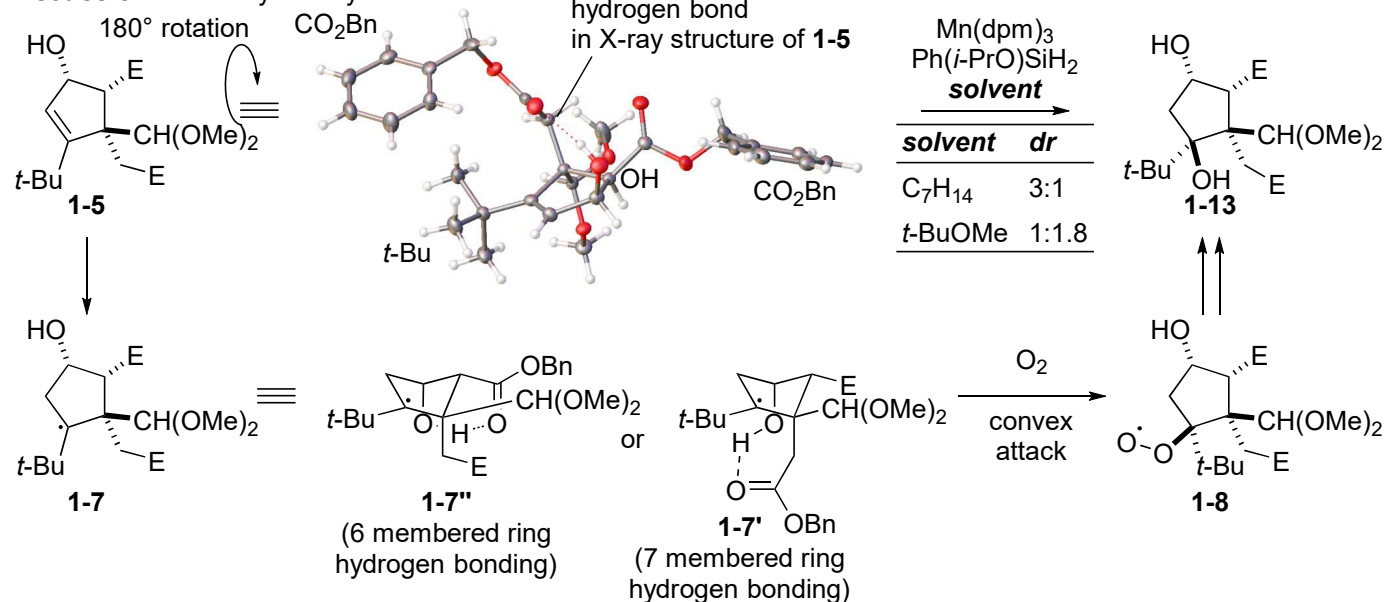
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## 1.2. Discussion

### Discussion 1. Mukaiyama hydration



Hydrogen bonding was observed in crystal structure of 1-5.

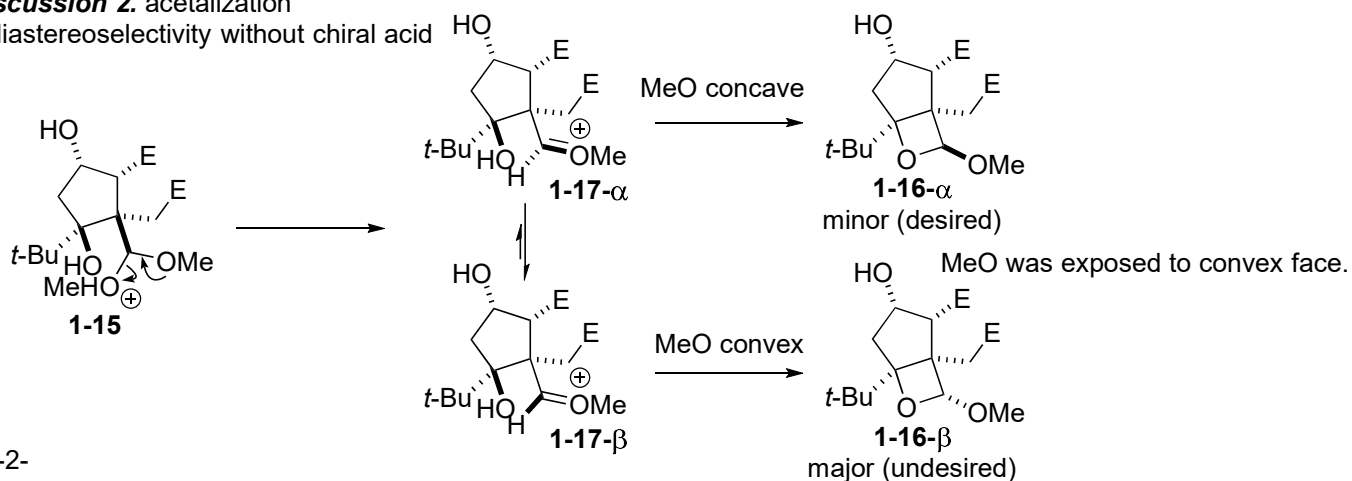
Polar solvent ( $t\text{-BuOMe}$ ) decreased diastereomeric ratio.

It is because hydrogen bonding was weakened.

The reverse selectivity arose from adjacent tetrasubstituted carbon. ( $\text{CH}(\text{OMe})_2 > \text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{Bn}$ ?)

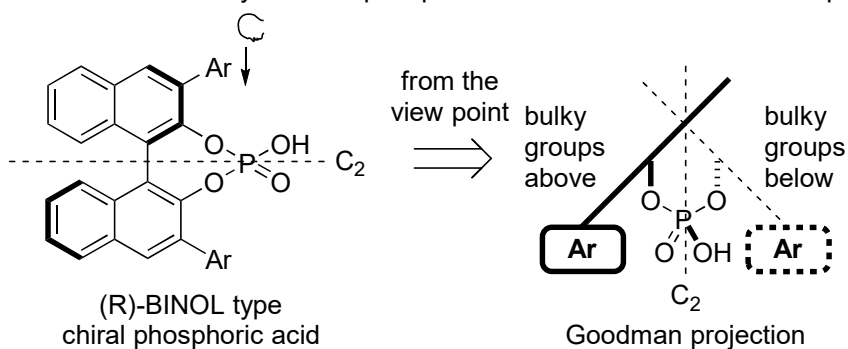
### Discussion 2. acetalization

i) diastereoselectivity without chiral acid

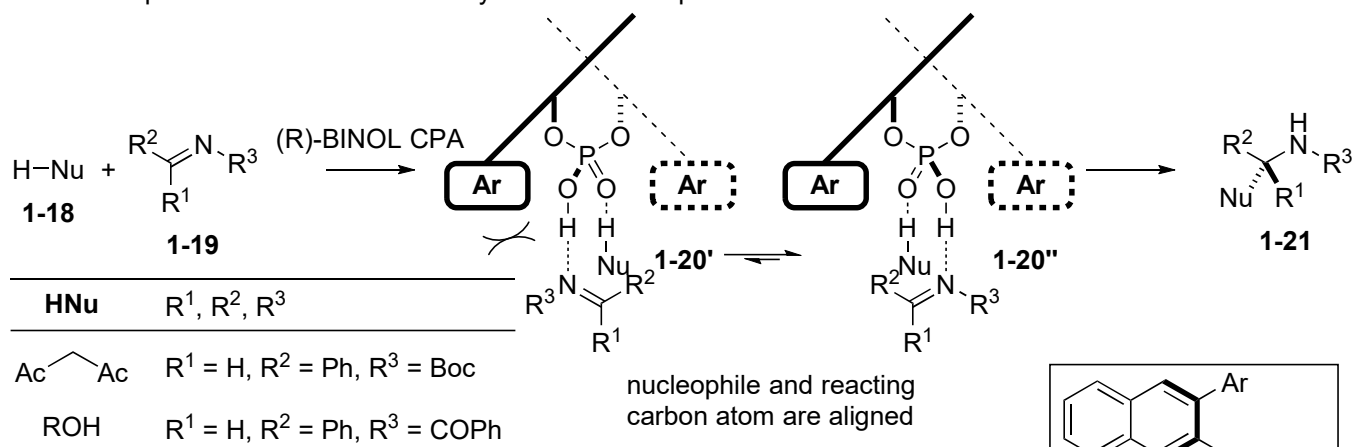


ii) Goodman projection<sup>ref2</sup>

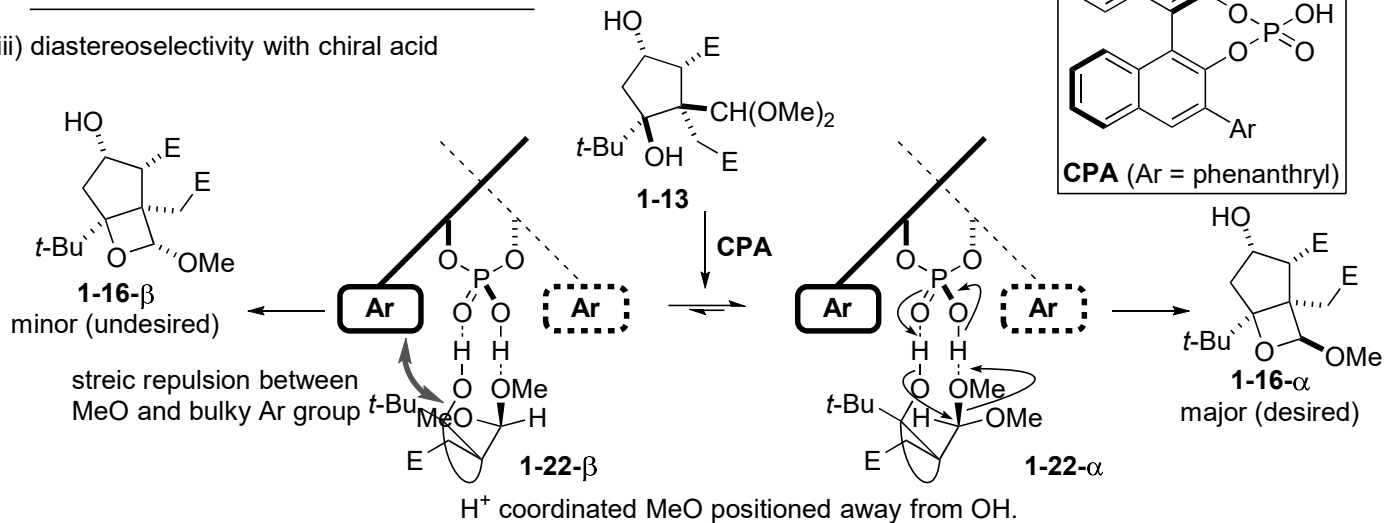
- ◆ prediction of enantioselectivity of chiral phosphoric acid mediated imine-nucleophile reaction



- ◆ General explanation of enantioselectivity in imine nucleophile reaction



iii) diastereoselectivity with chiral acid

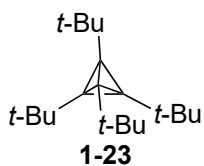


In this explanation, S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction is assumed in acetalization.<sup>ref3</sup>

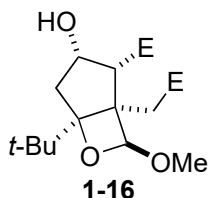
It is because, reaction positions were pre-coordinated by chiral phosphoric acid and "corset effect".

The speed of the reaction can also be confirmed by the fact that the methyl acetal didn't hydrolyzed even in the presenece of H<sub>2</sub>O as solvent.

iv) corset effect<sup>ref4</sup>

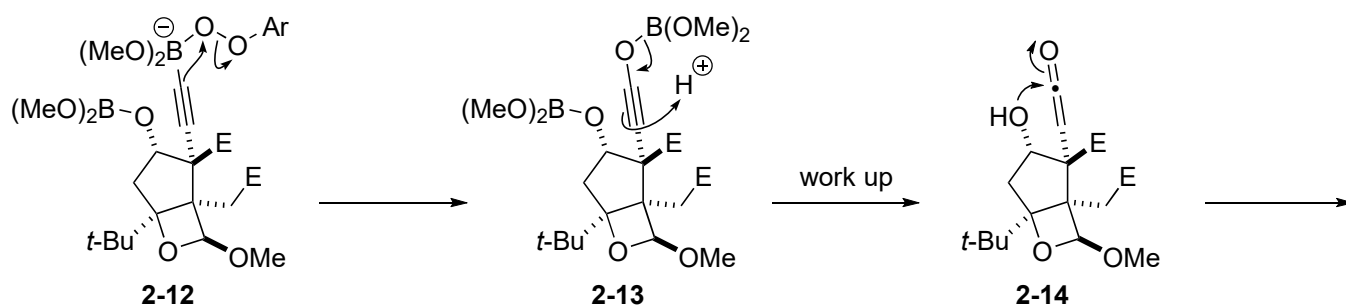
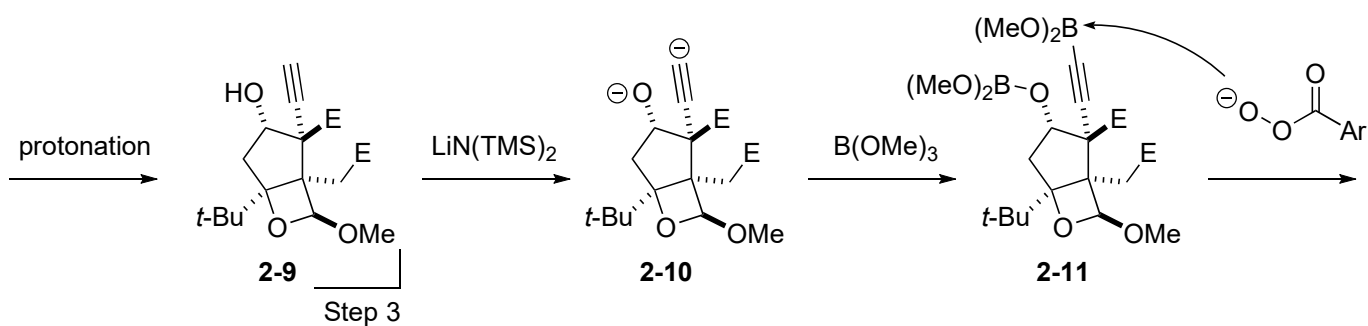
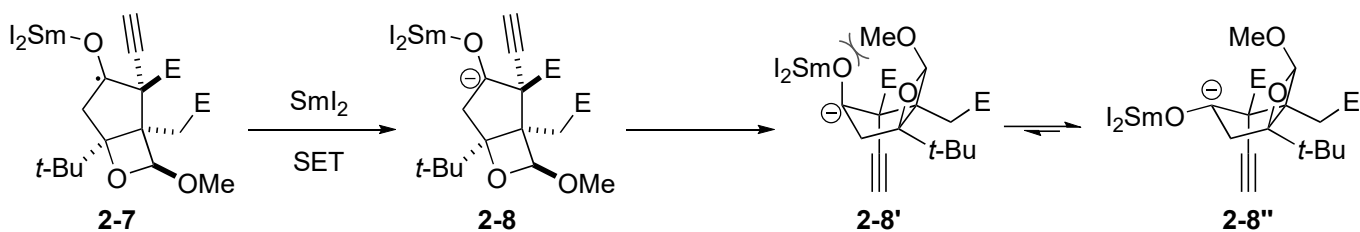
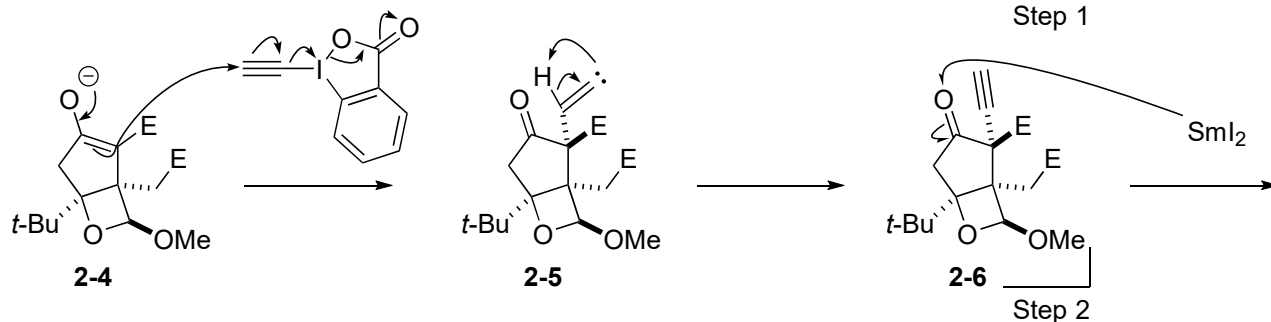
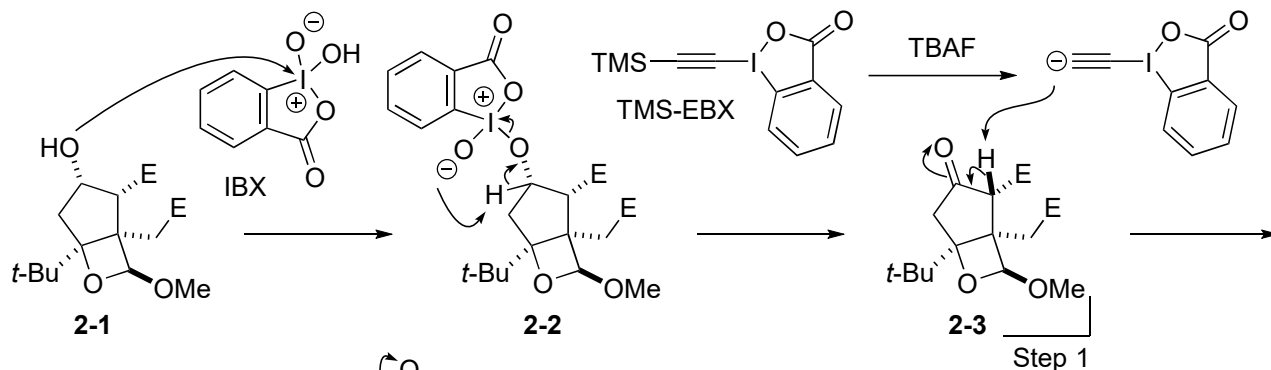
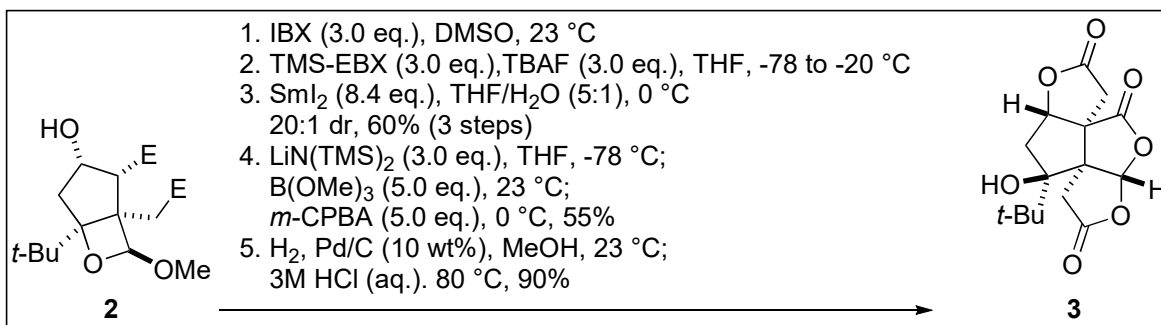


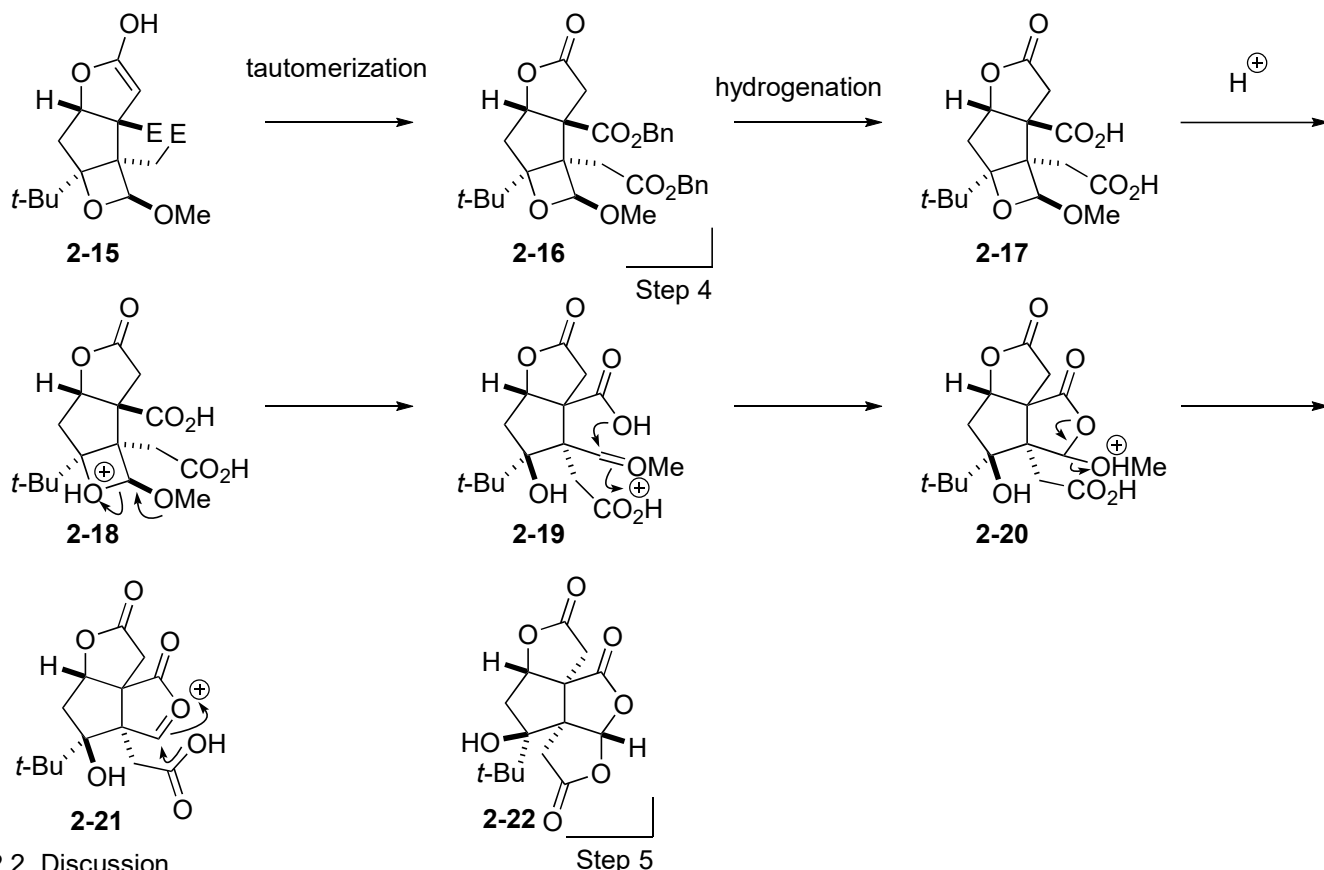
Tetrahydrene is highly strained compound and many chemist have tried to synthesize it. Its drivertive, tetra-*tert*-butyl-tetrahydrene (1-20) are synthesized by Maier G. in 1978. The compound is unexpectedly stable. They assumed the reason is that fully substituted bulky *t*-Bu group pushed back together and inside core became more rigid. -> "corset effect"



Oxetane acetal of 1-15 is assumed to be unstable. However, the structure is stabilized by poly-substitution.

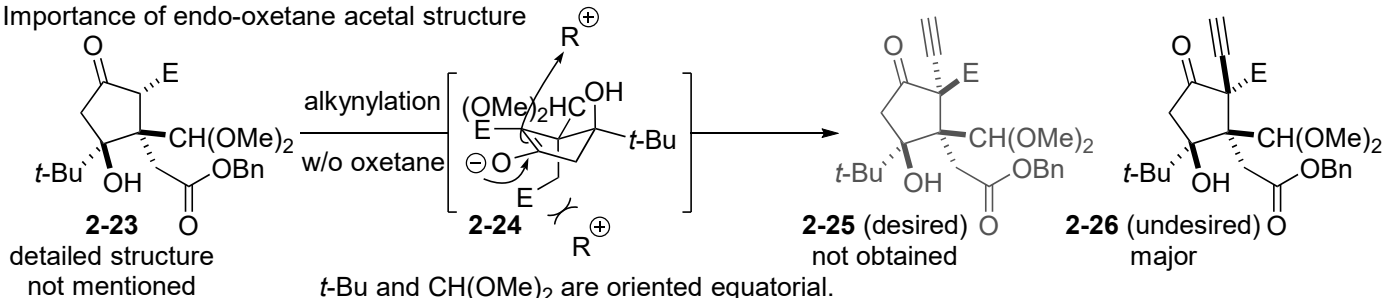
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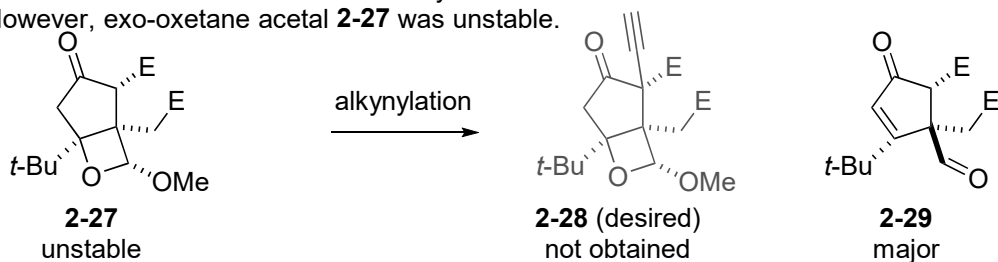
## 2.2. Discussion

### Importance of endo-oxetane acetal structure

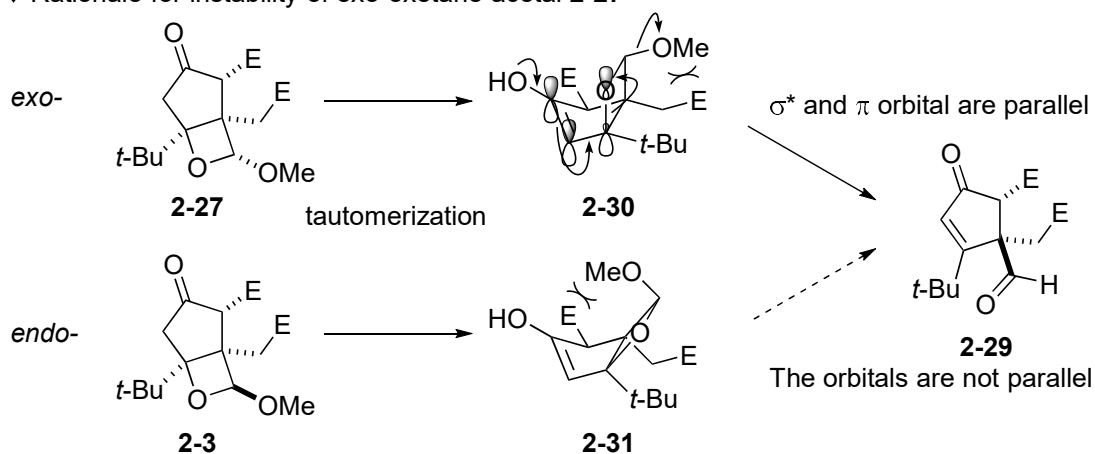


-> Definition of concave/convex face by acetal formation is needed.

However, exo-oxetane acetal **2-27** was unstable.

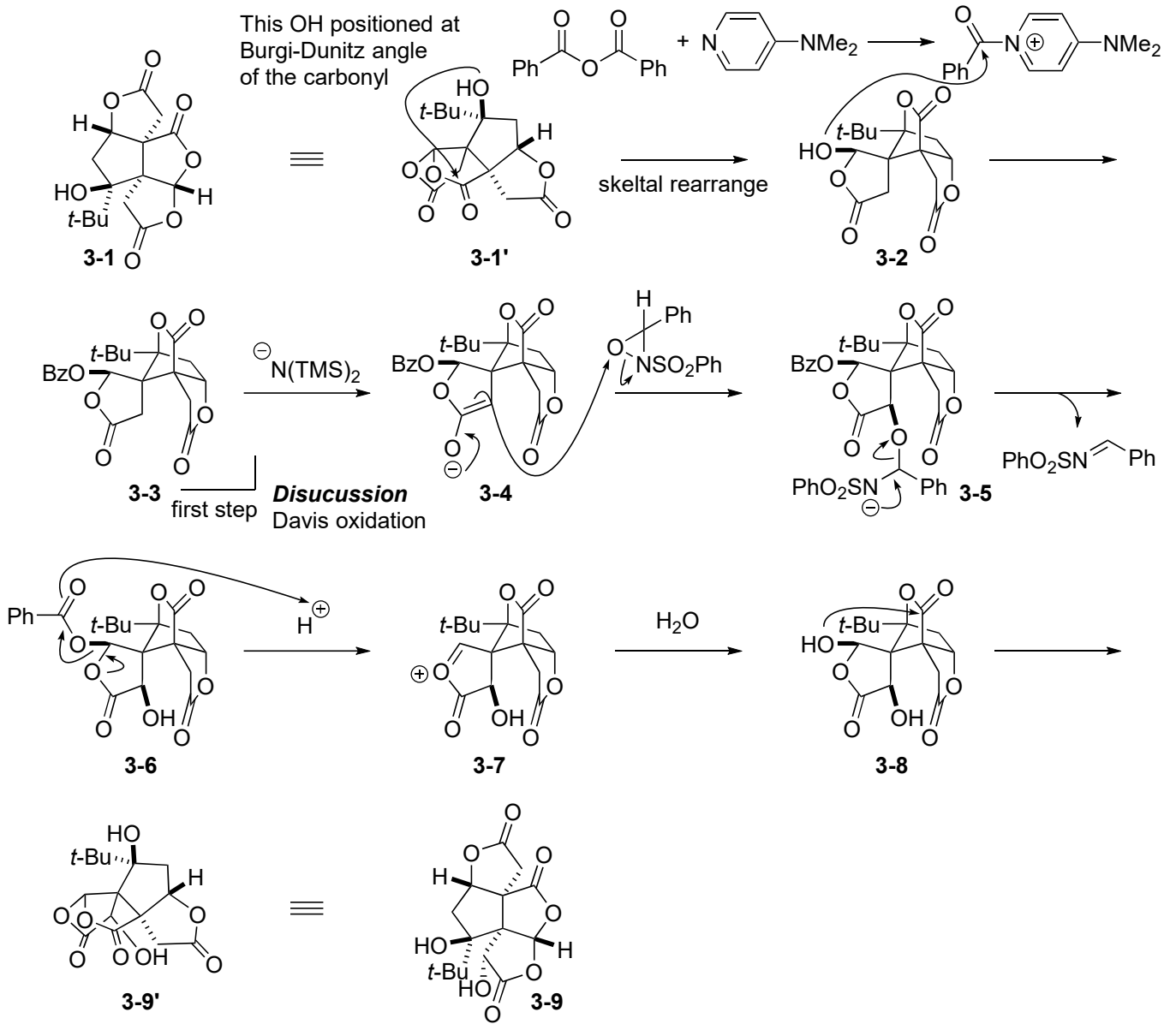
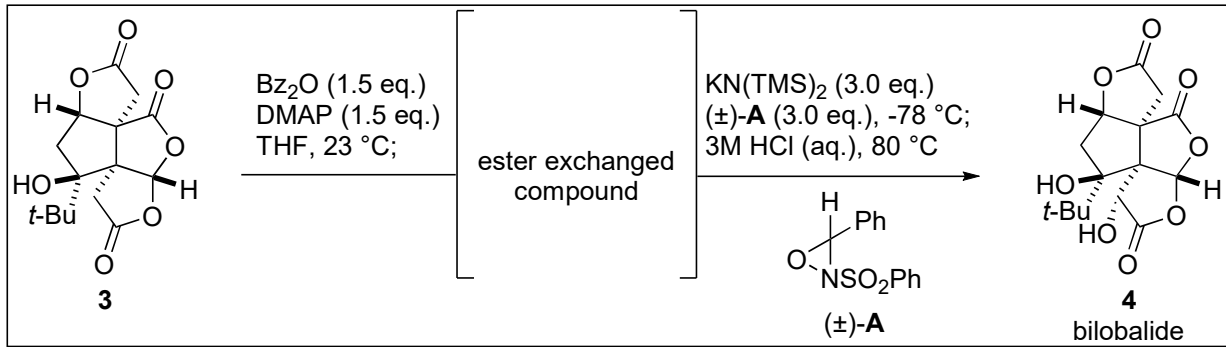


### ◆ Rationale for instability of exo-oxetane acetal **2-27**

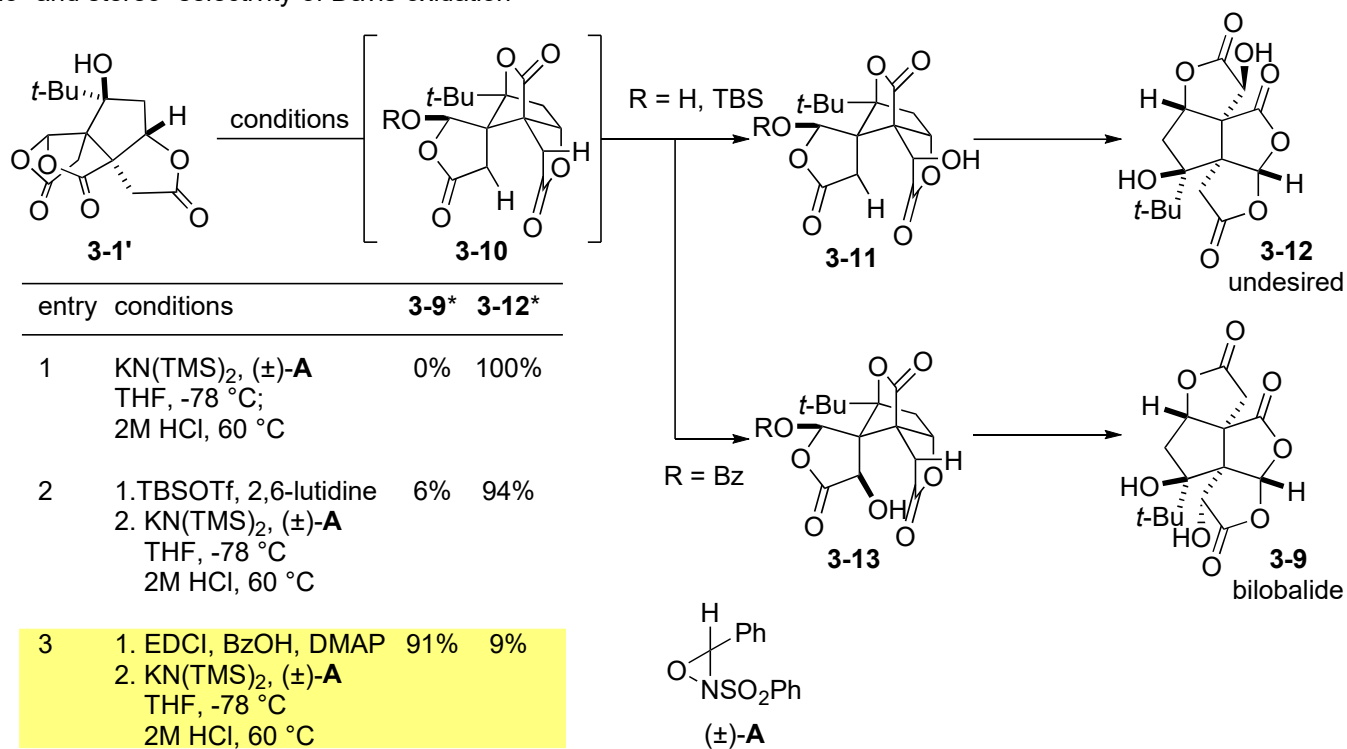


Diastereoselective acetal formation was conducted.

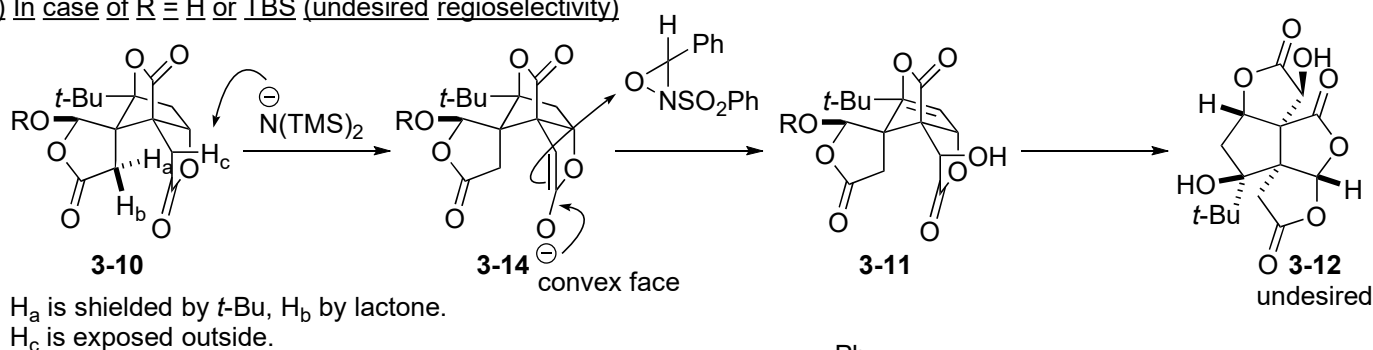
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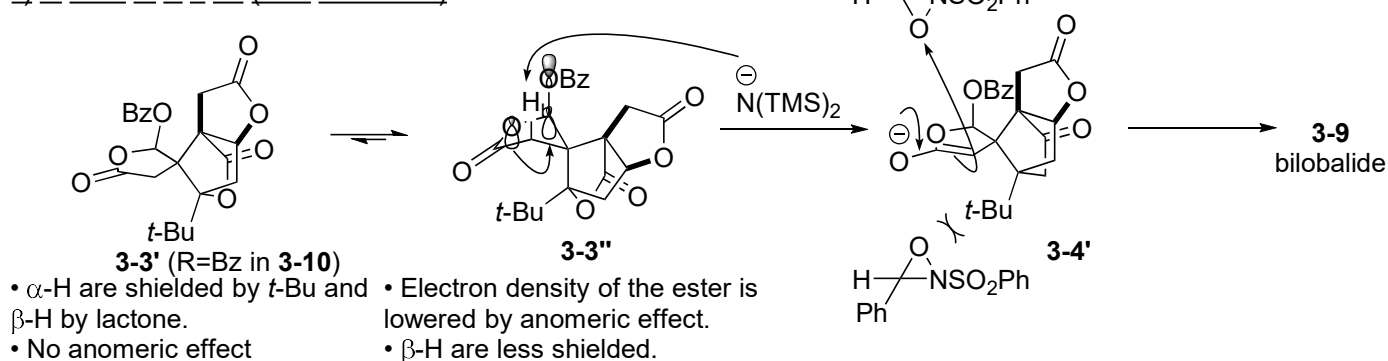
### 3.2. Discussion regio- and stereo- selectivity of Davis oxidation



#### i) In case of R = H or TBS (undesired regioselectivity)



#### ii) In case of R = Bz (best conditions)



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