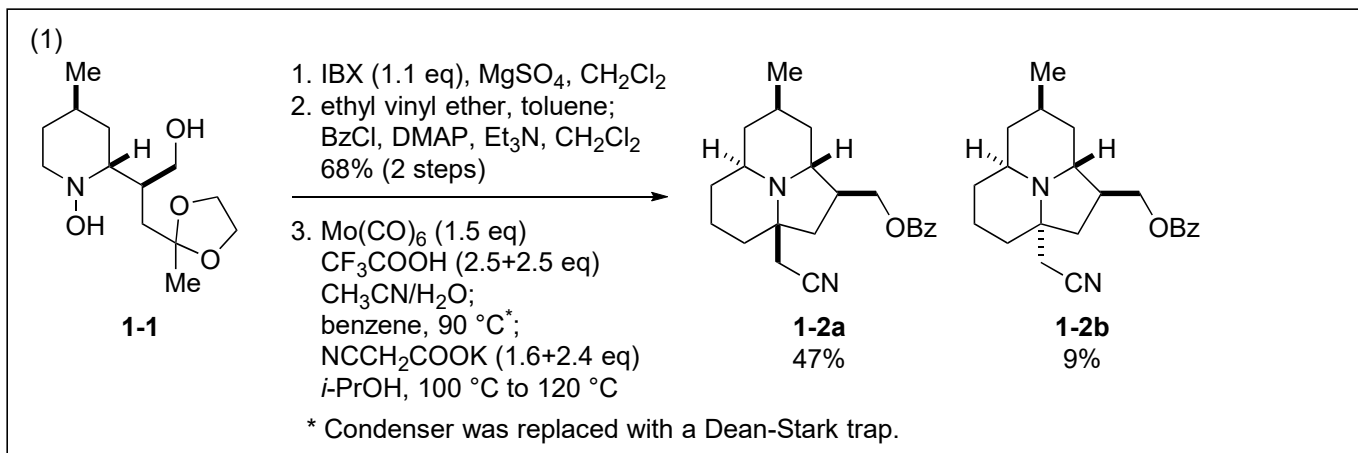


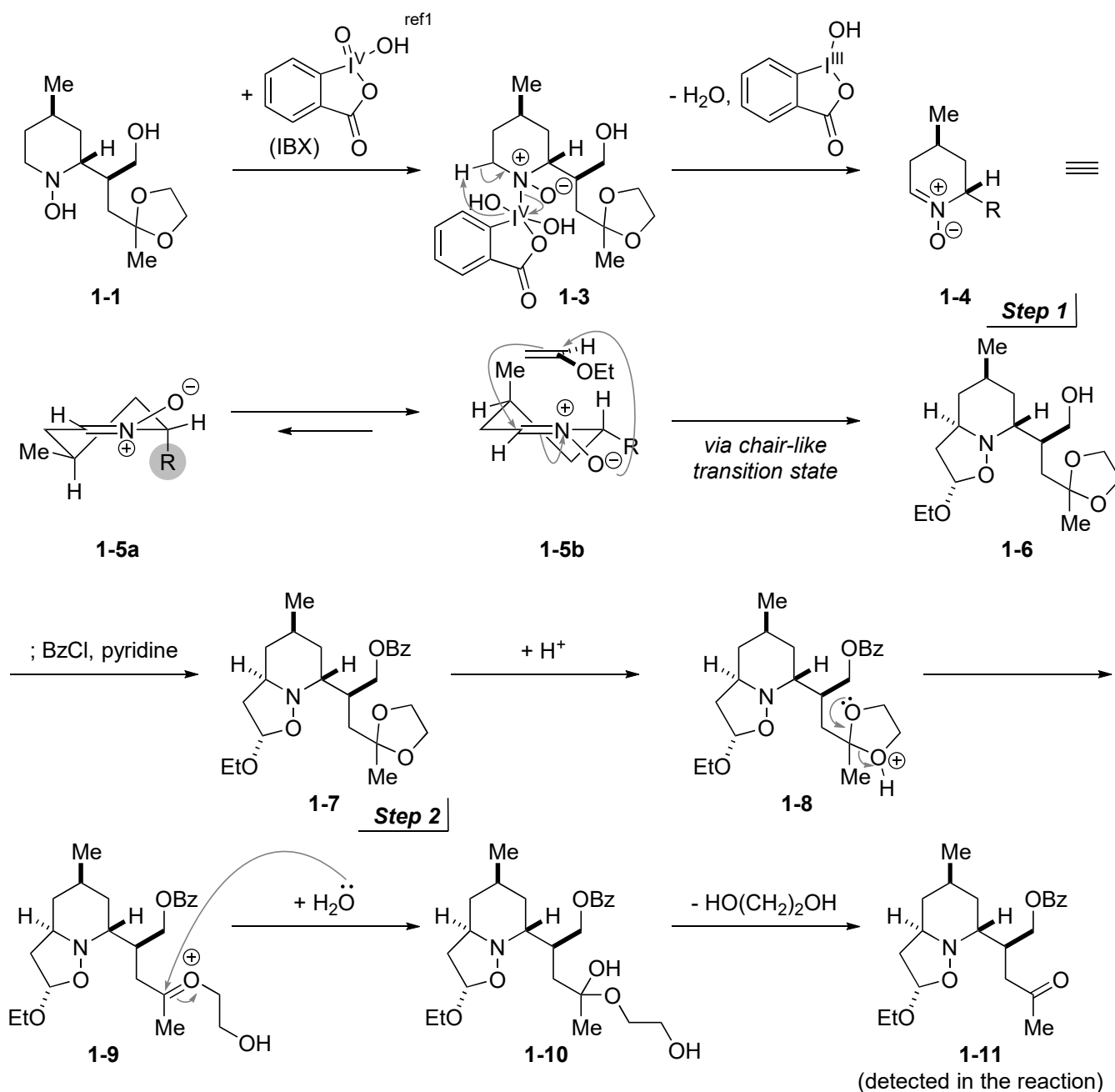
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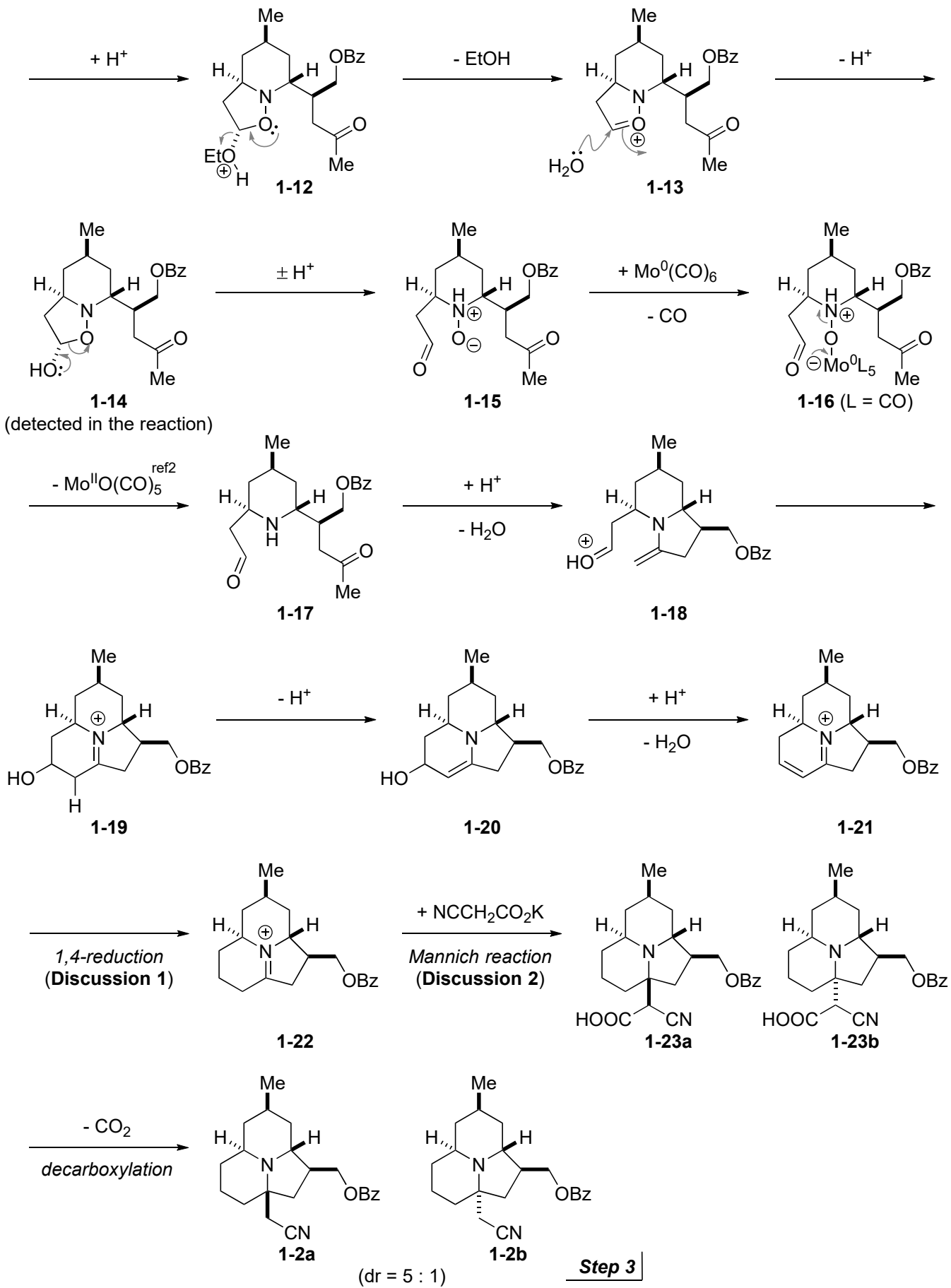
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1-1. Reaction mechanism



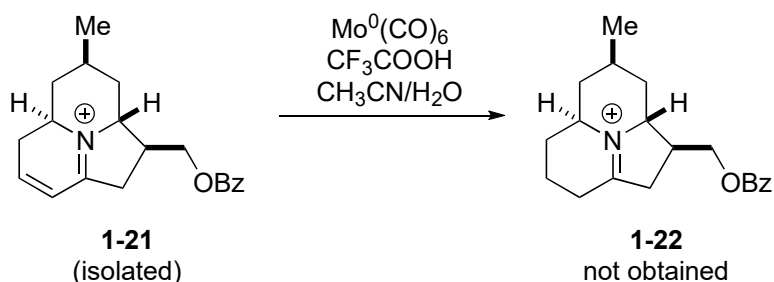
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## 1-2. 1,4-reduction (**Discussion 1**)

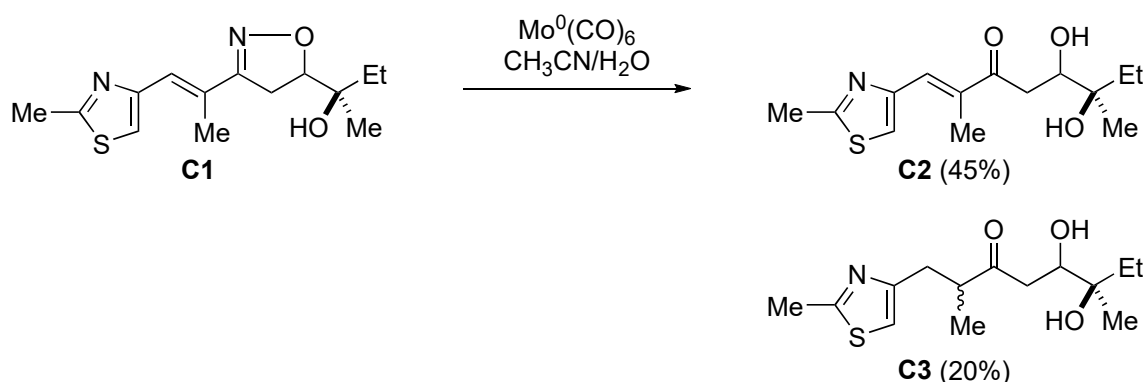
### 1-2-1. Mechanistic study



When **1-21** was subjected to the cascade cyclization conditions with  $\text{Mo}^0(\text{CO})_6$ , no 1,4-reduction occurred. This result rejects one electron reduction to **1-21** from  $\text{Mo}^0(\text{CO})_6$ . Furthermore, when the reaction was carried out in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , full incorporation of deuterium was observed at the  $\beta$ -position.

Smiliar 1,4-reduction was reported by Carreira group.

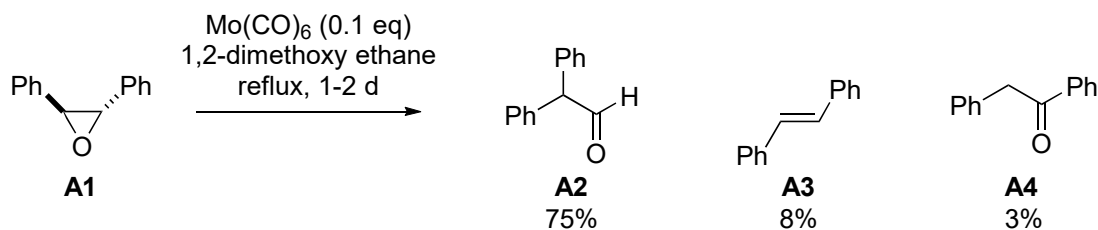
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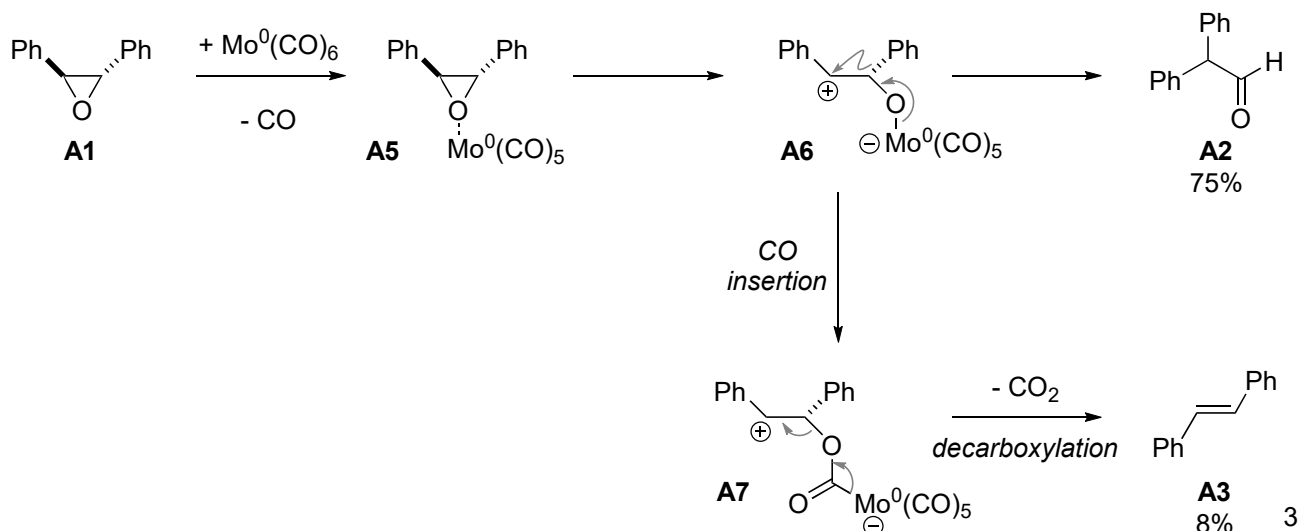
These results suggest that  $\text{Mo}^{\text{II}}$  species, formed as a result the N-O reduction, are responsible for the 1,4-reduction. However, detailed reaction mechanisms were still unknown.

### 1-2-2. $\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$ -catalyzed rearrangement of epoxides

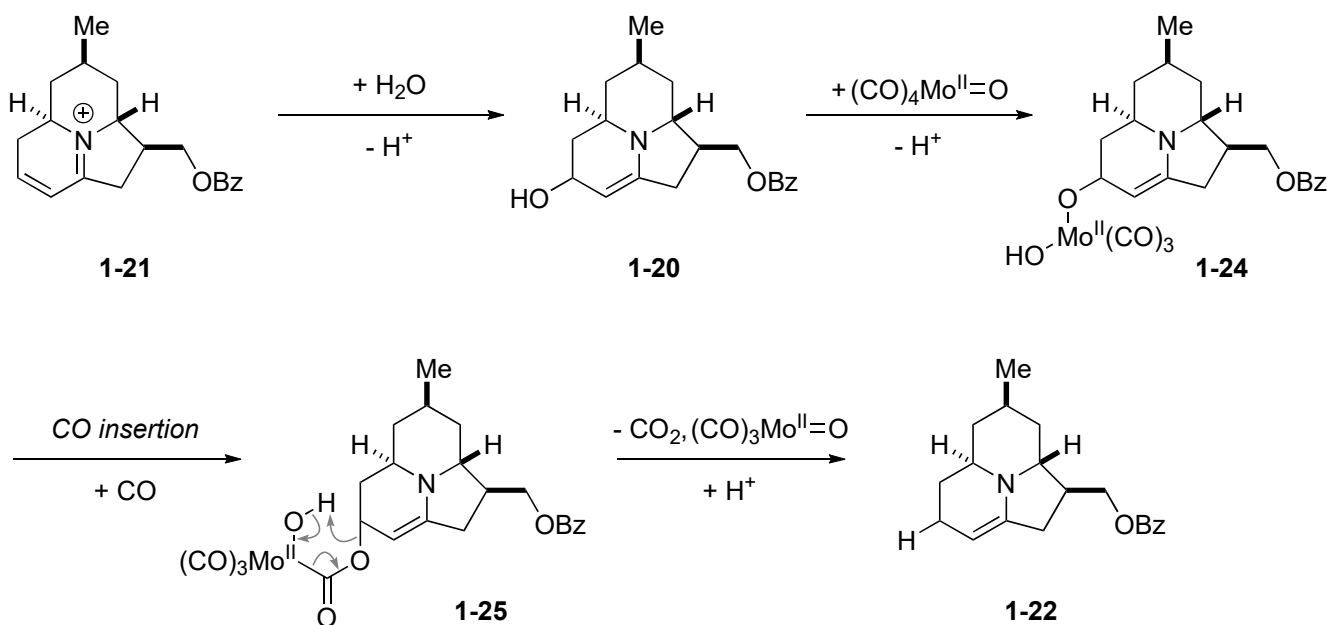
(Alper, H. Roches, D. D.; Durst, T.; Legault, R. *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, 41, 3611.)



#### Proposed mechanism:



### 1-2-3. Proposed mechanism (my proposal)



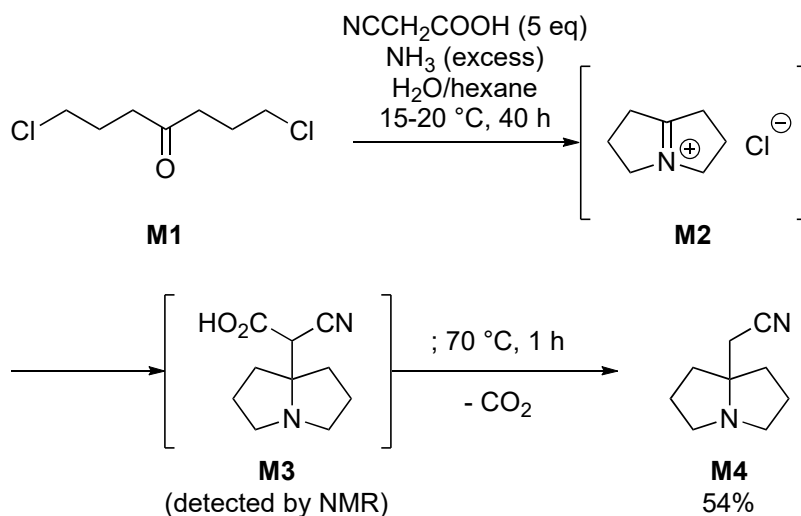
### 1-3. Decarbonylative Mannich reaction (**Discussion 2**)

#### 1-3-1. The order of the reactions

Snyder group reported that the addition preceded decarbonylation on the basis of MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

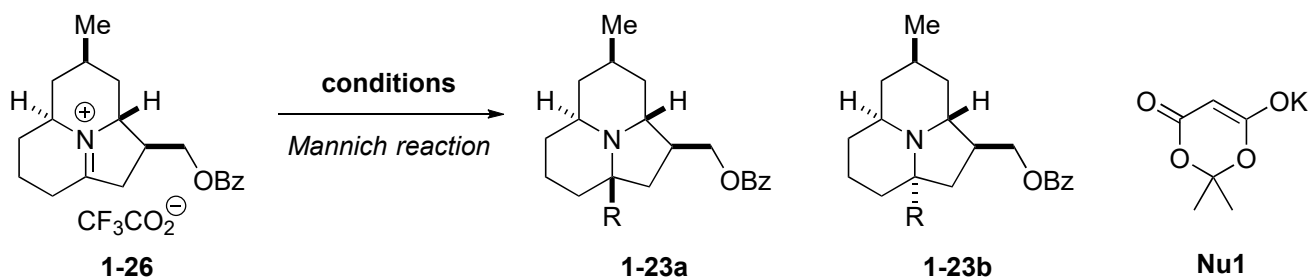
Also, the following reactions support the above hypothesis.

(Oka, M.; Baba, K.; Suzuki, T.; Matsumoto, Y. *Heterocycles* **1997**, *45*, 2317.)



#### 1-3-2. Stereoselectivity

##### 1-3-2-1. Other nucleophiles

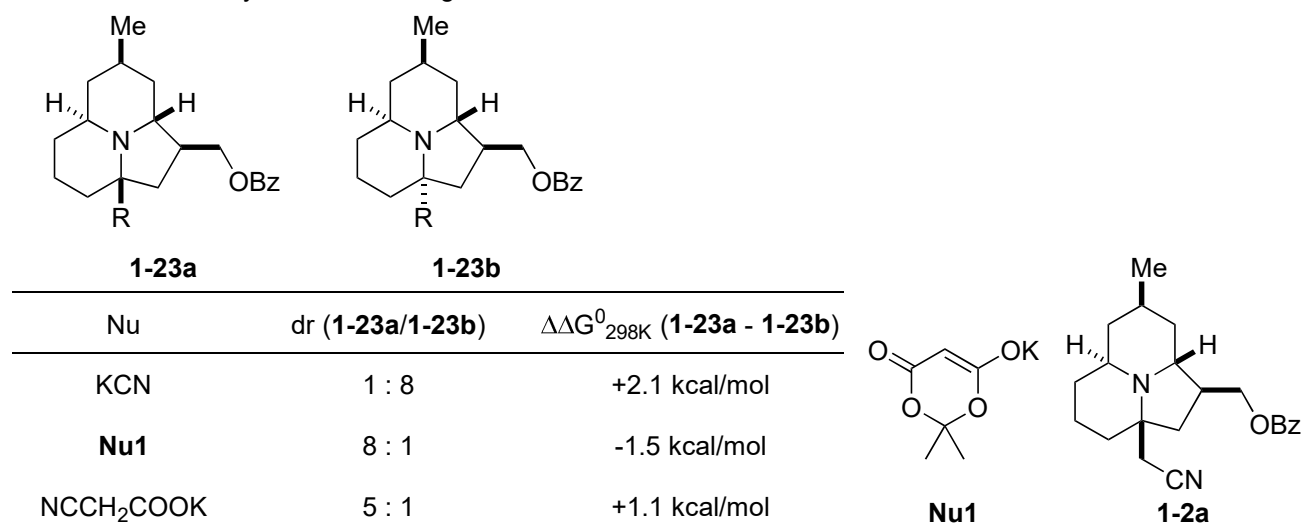


KCN (6 eq), THF, 23 °C, 2h      67% (**1-23a** : **1-23b** = 1 : 5)<sup>a)</sup>

**Nu1** (2.2 eq), MeOH, 23 °C, 2h      54% (**1-23a** : **1-23b** = 8 : 1)

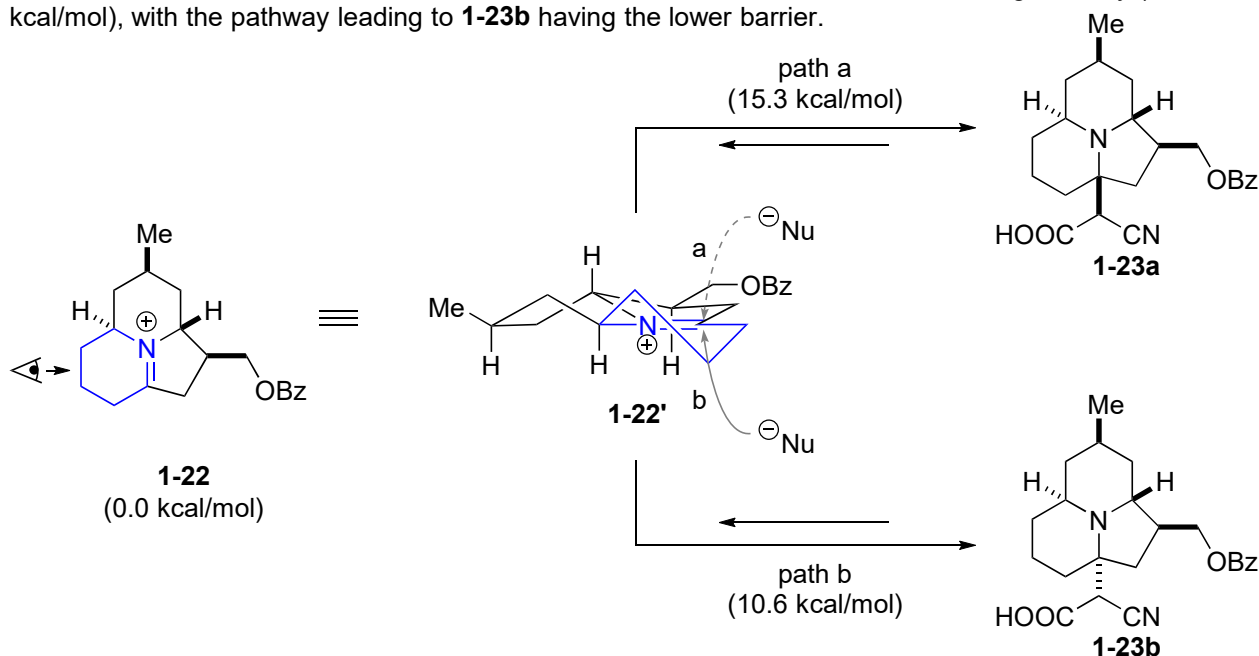
a) Upon storage, the ratio of **1-23a** to **1-23b** changes to 1 : 8.

1-3-2-2. Relative stability calculated using DFT



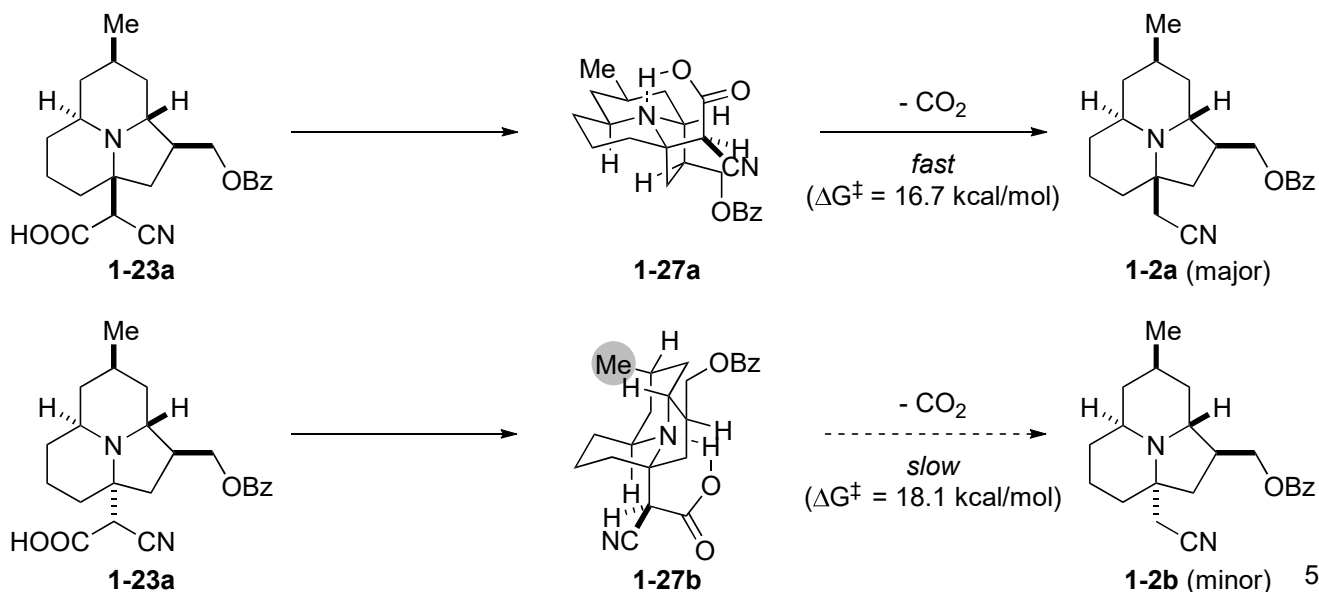
In the case of NCCH<sub>2</sub>COOK, **1-23b** is the thermodynamically favored product, but **1-2a** was obtained as a major product. It suggests that this reaction was kinetically controlled.

However, DFT calculations revealed that the barriers of the Mannich reaction differ significantly ( $\Delta H^\ddagger = 4.7$  kcal/mol), with the pathway leading to **1-23b** having the lower barrier.



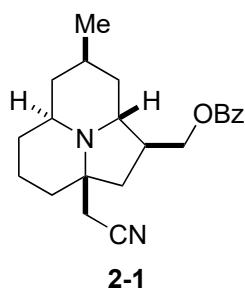
Thus, the selectivity are controlled in the decarboxylation step.

The energy of the decarboxylation transition state that leads to **1-2a** is lower than the transition state that gives **1-2b**.

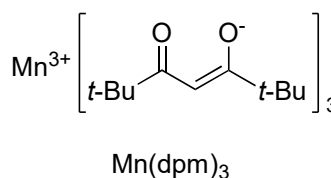
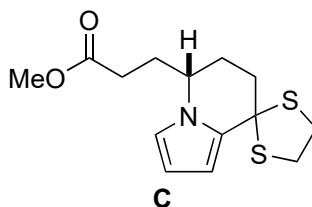
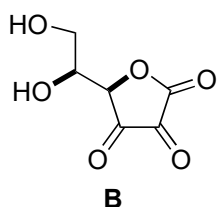
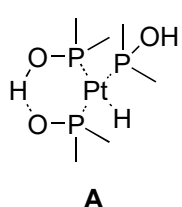
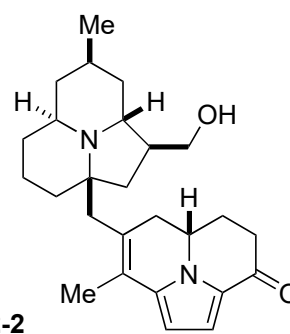


## 2-1. Reaction mechanism

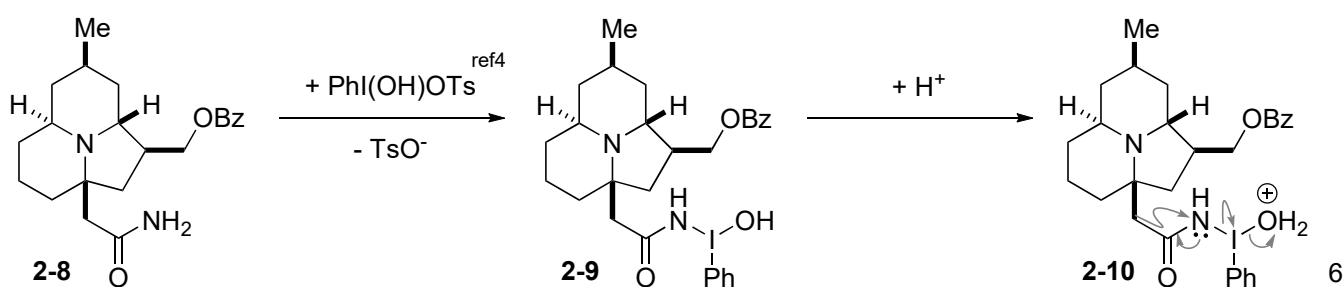
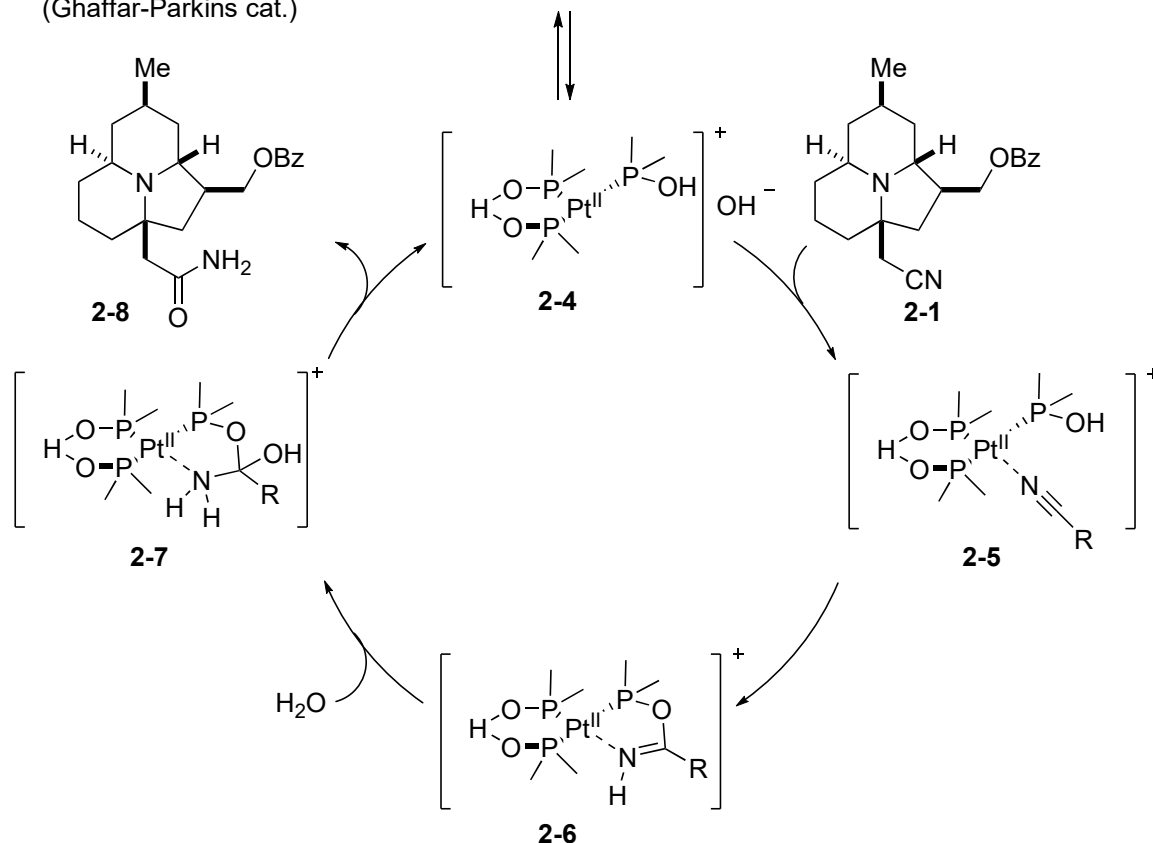
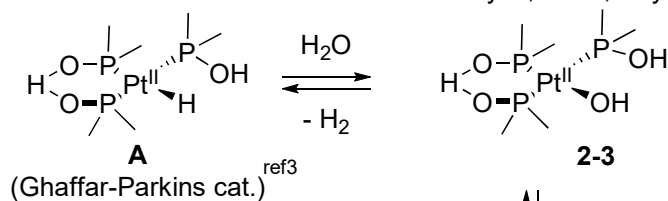
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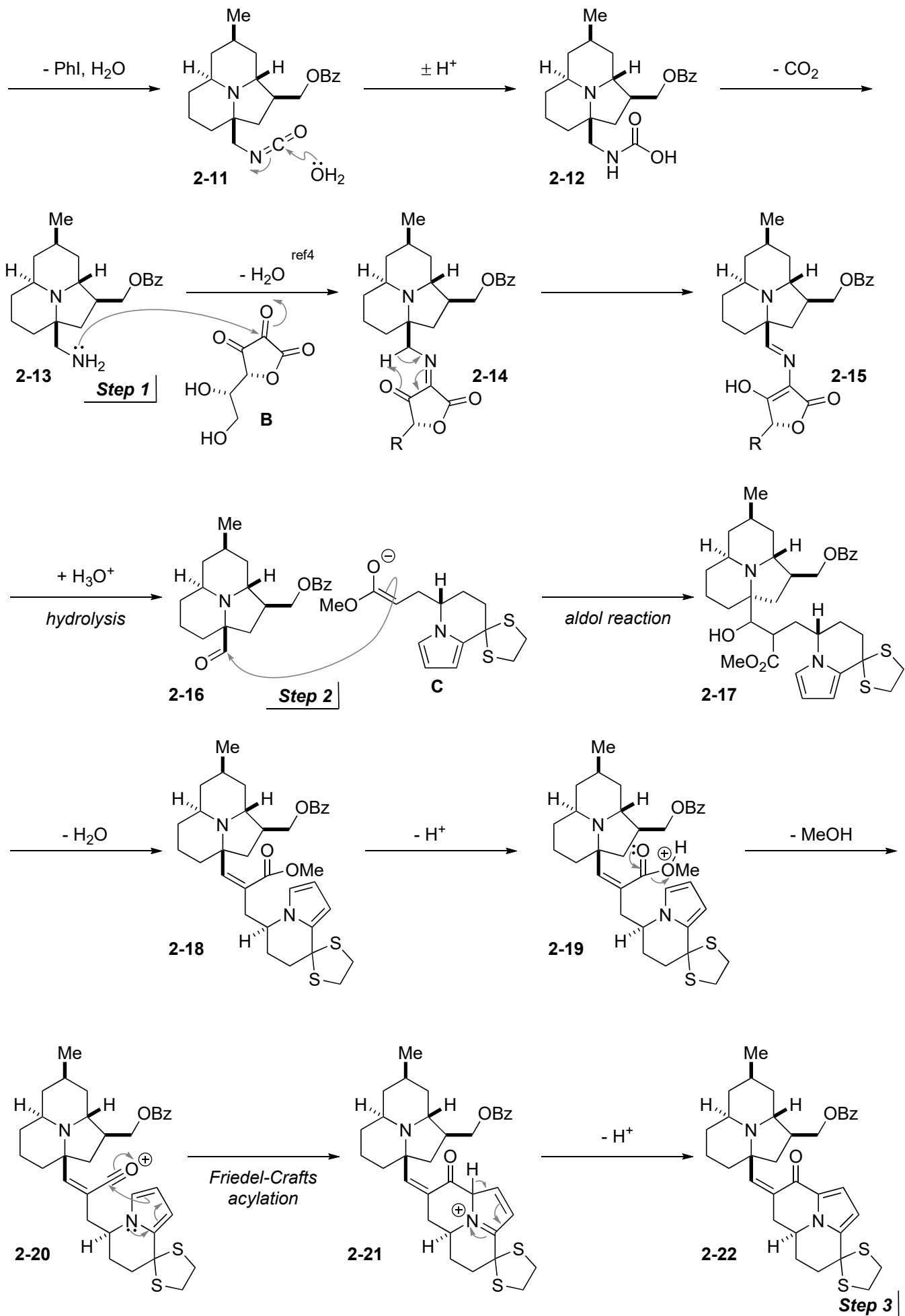


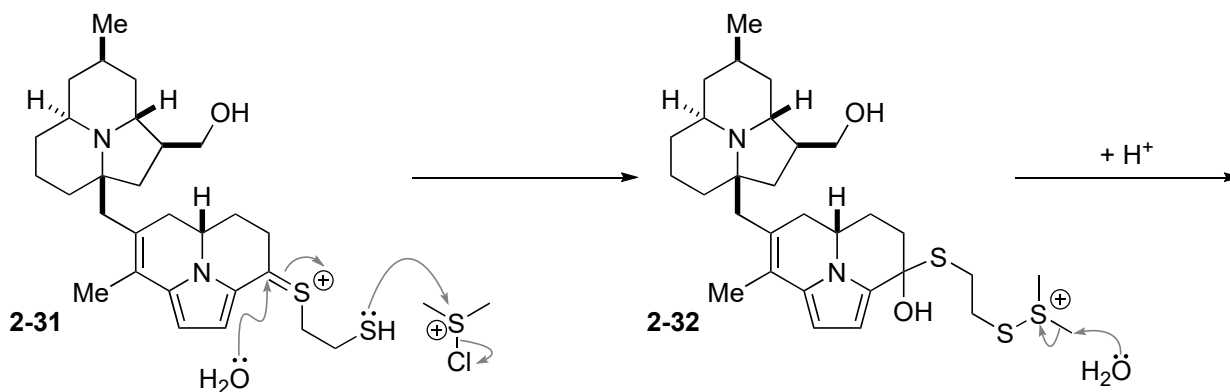
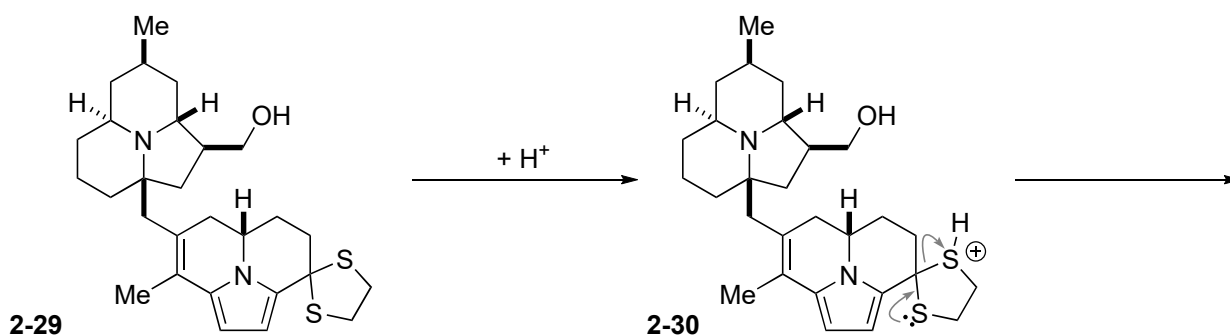
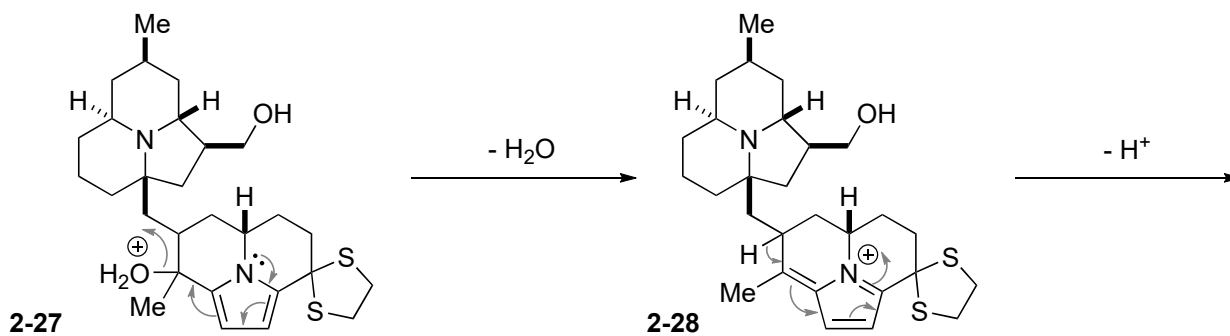
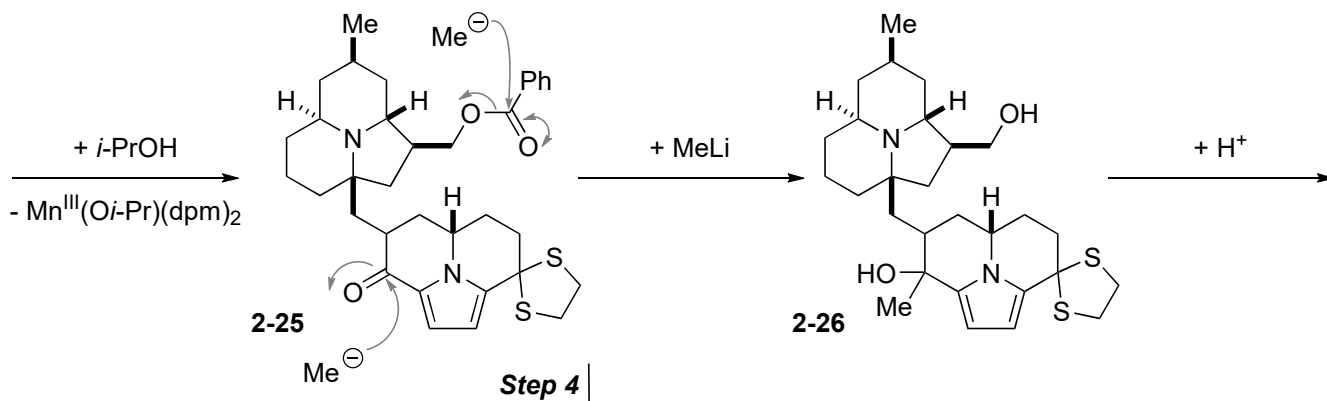
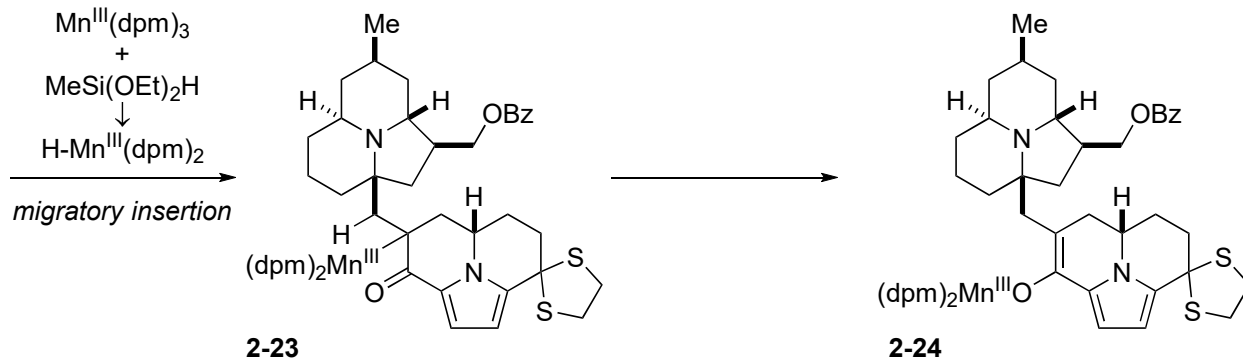
- A**, EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O; PhI(OH)OTs (1.2+0.8 eq)  
*p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O, 65%;
- B** (3.0 eq), DMF; 1 M aq. HCl, 60%
- C** (1.2 eq.), *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NLi (1.5 eq), THF, -78 °C;  
*p*-TsOH (7.0 eq), -78 °C to 23 °C;  
benzene, 50 °C, 60%
- Mn(dpm)<sub>3</sub>, MeSi(OEt)<sub>2</sub>H, *i*-PrOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>
- MeLi (4 eq), THF; *p*-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (10 eq);  
DMSO (10 eq), 6 M aq. HCl  
1,4-dioxane, 42% (2 steps)



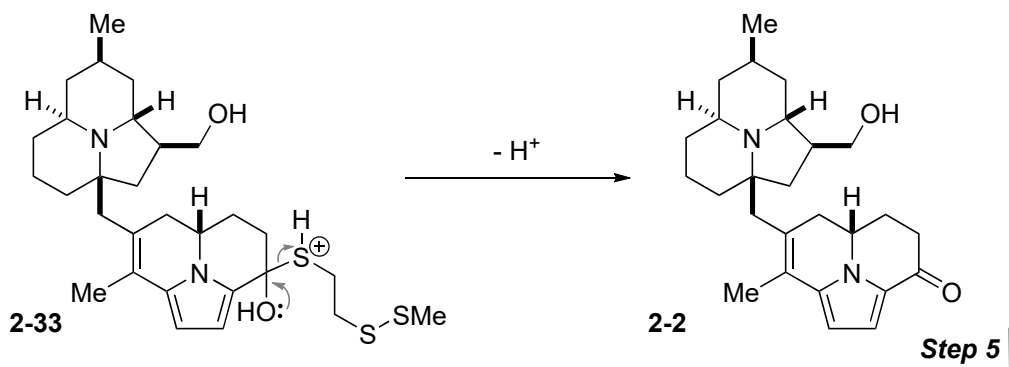
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