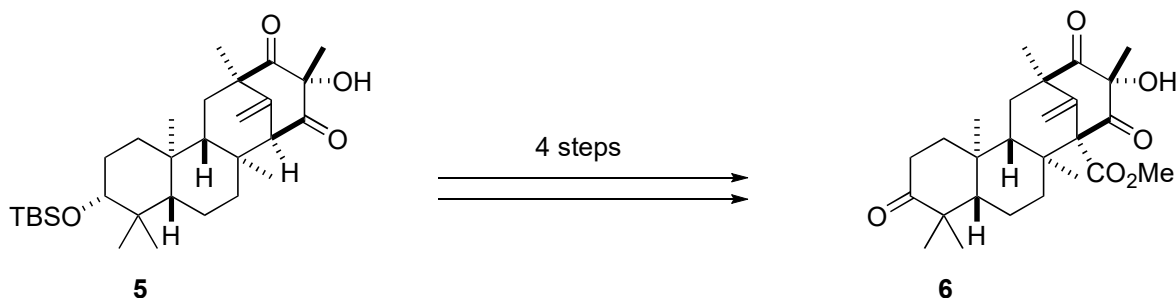
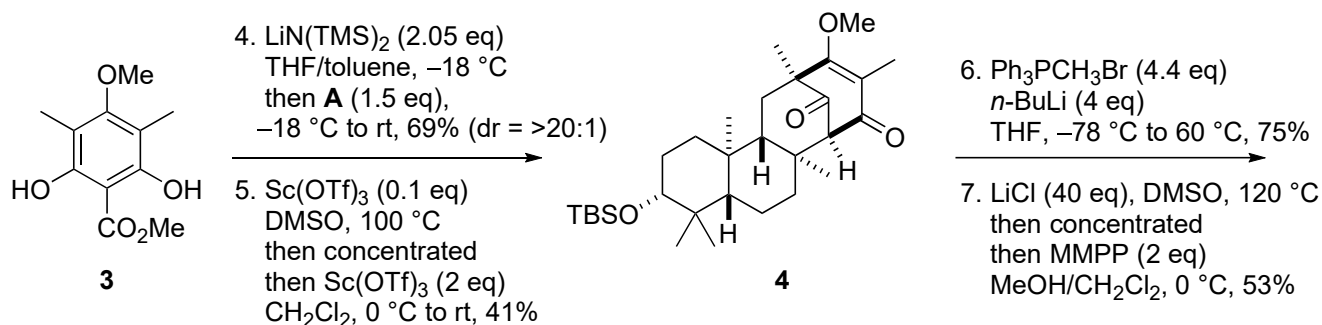
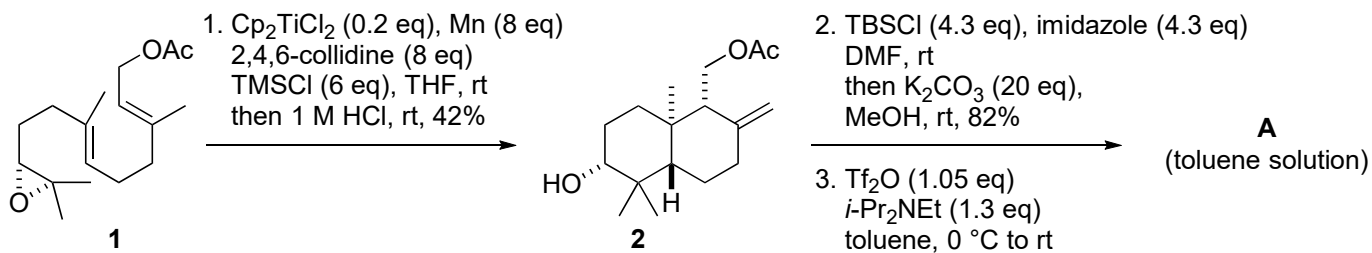


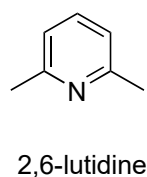
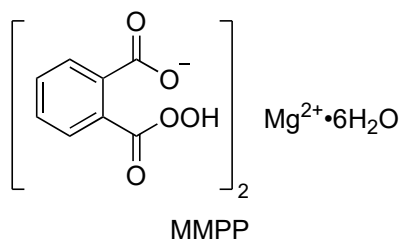
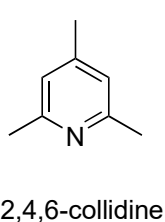
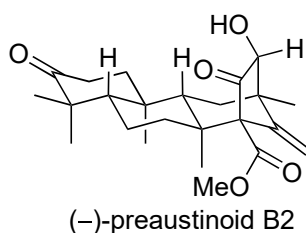
Problem Session (6)

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Please provide each reaction mechanisms and explain the stereoselectivities.



8. $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (5 eq)
MeCN, rt, 86%
9. 2% aq. NaOH (2 eq)
EtOH, rt, 95%



Problem Session (6)-Answer

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topic: Total synthesis of preaustinoids by Houhua Li's group

(Zhang, Y.; Ji, Y.; Franzoni, I.; Guo, C.; Jia, H.; Hong, B.; Li, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 14869.)

(-)-berkeleyone A

biological activity: anti-inflammatory

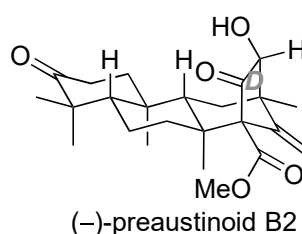
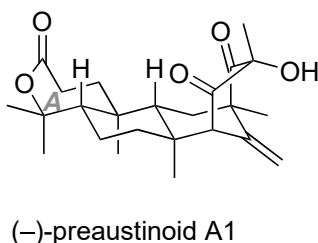
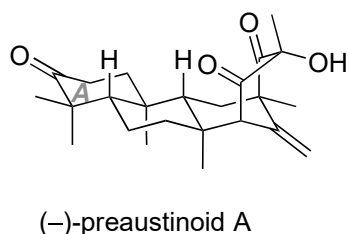
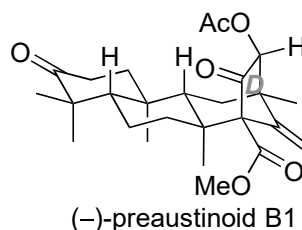
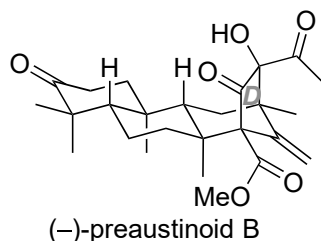
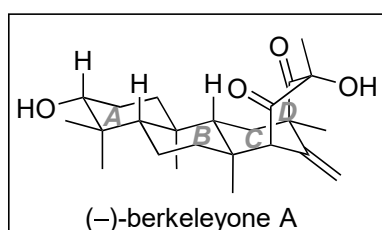
structural features: tetracyclic framework including bicyclo [3.3.1] nonane core (C and D-ring)

Diversification of A or D-ring -> preaustinoids (shown below)

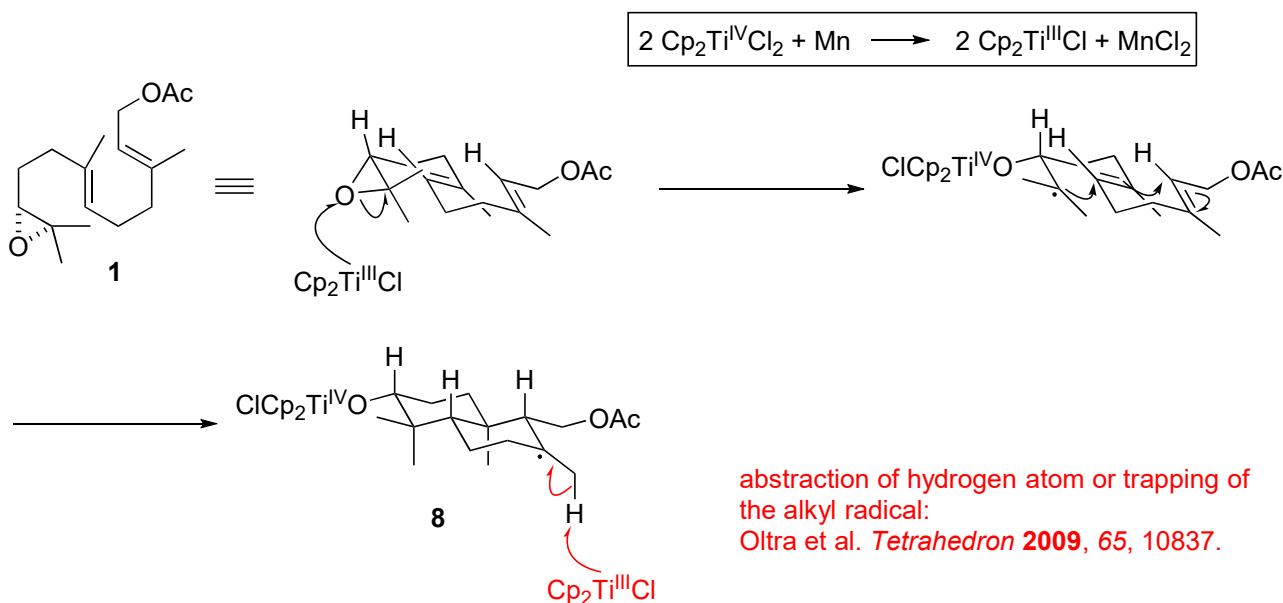
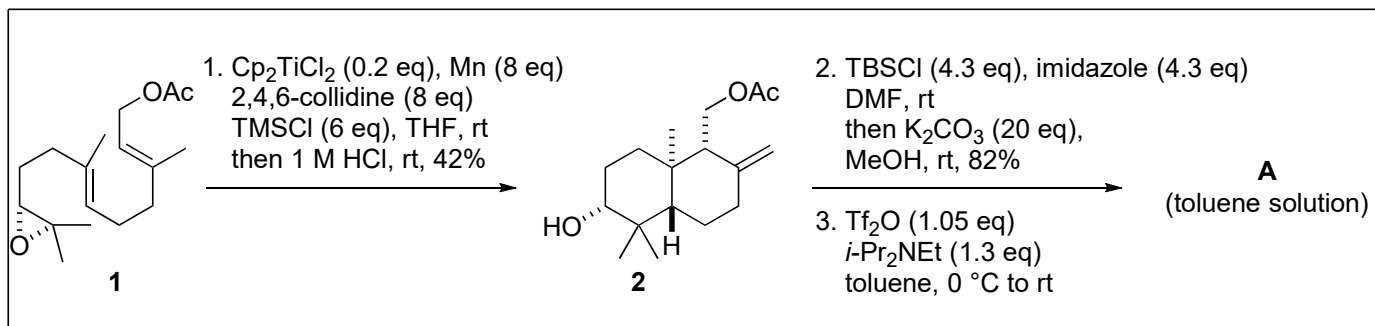
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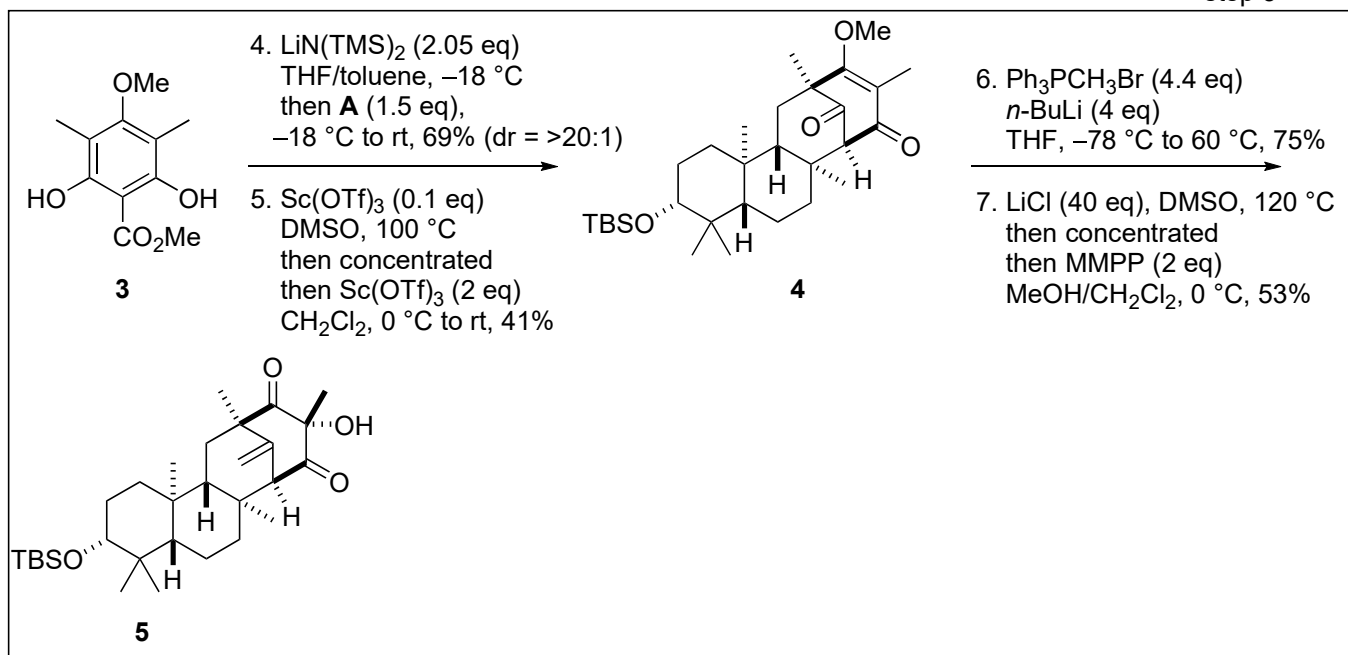
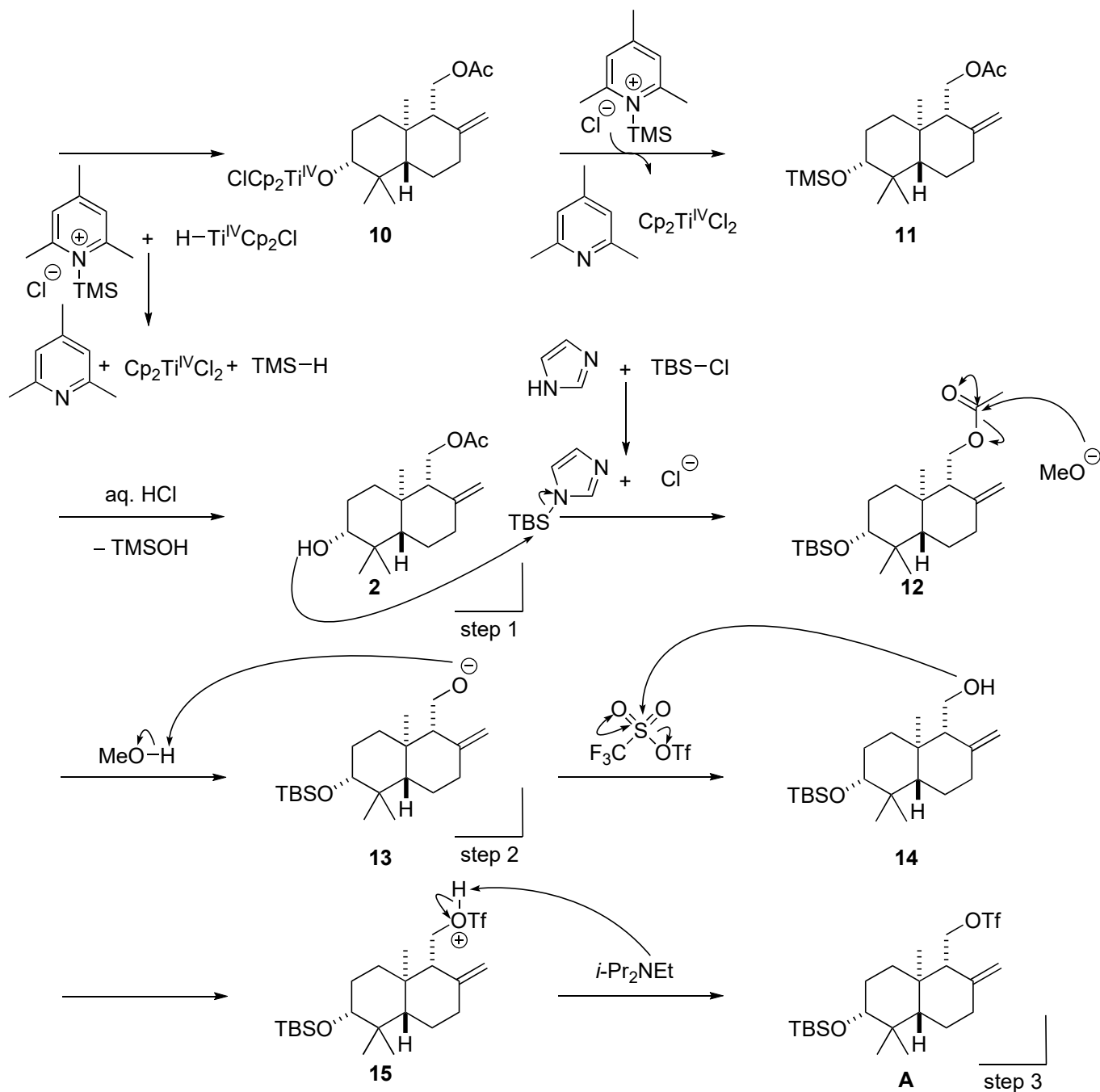
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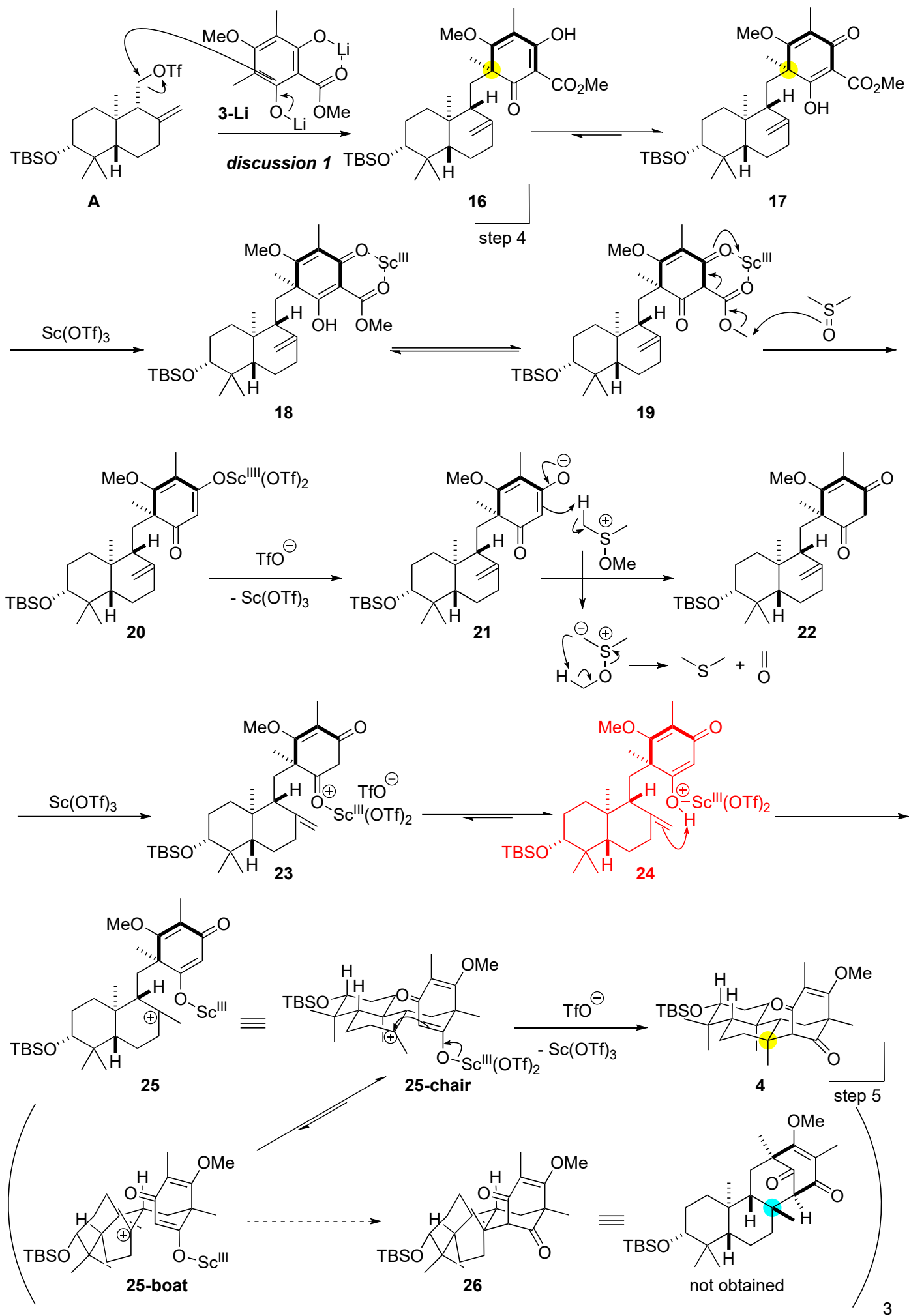
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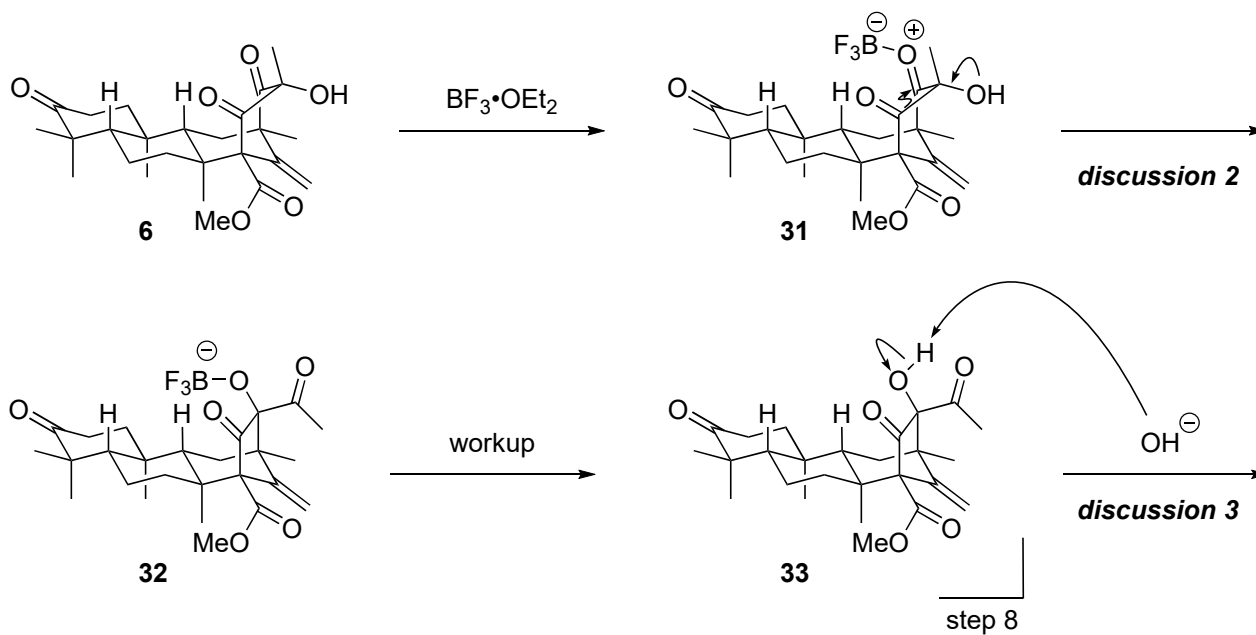
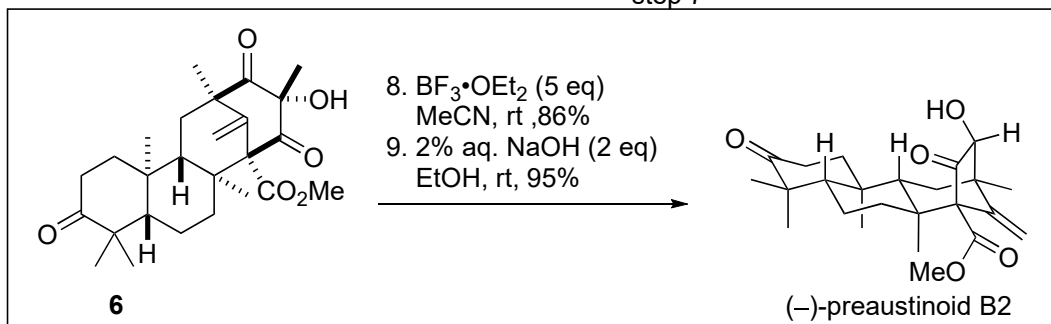
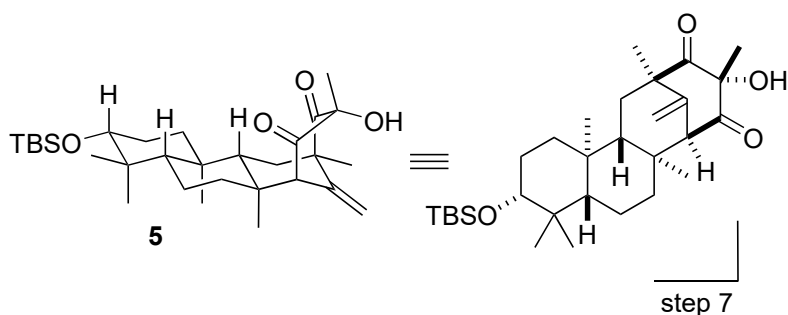
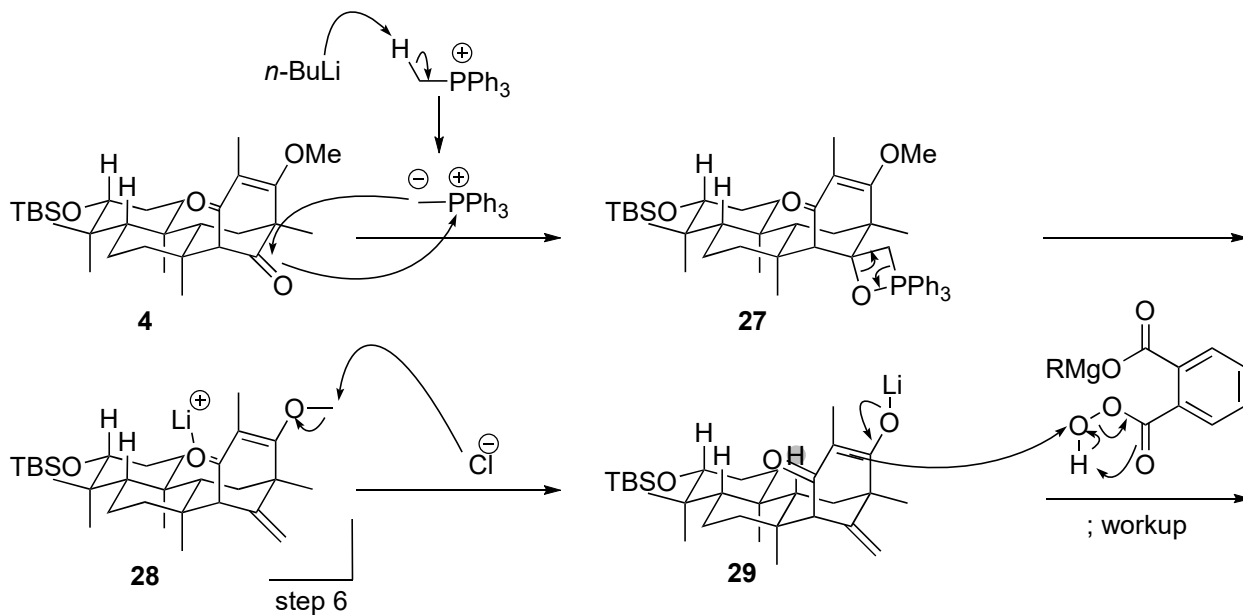


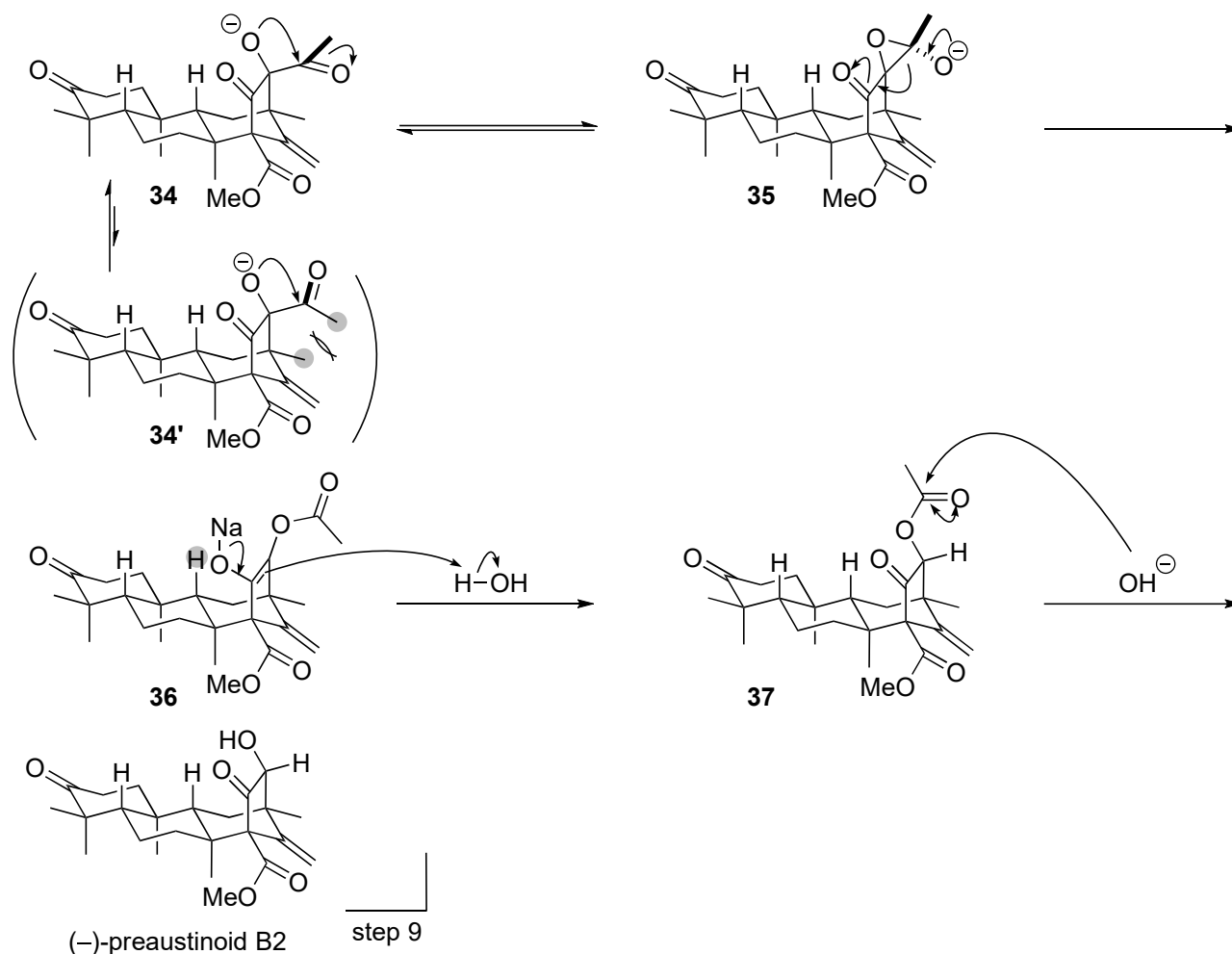
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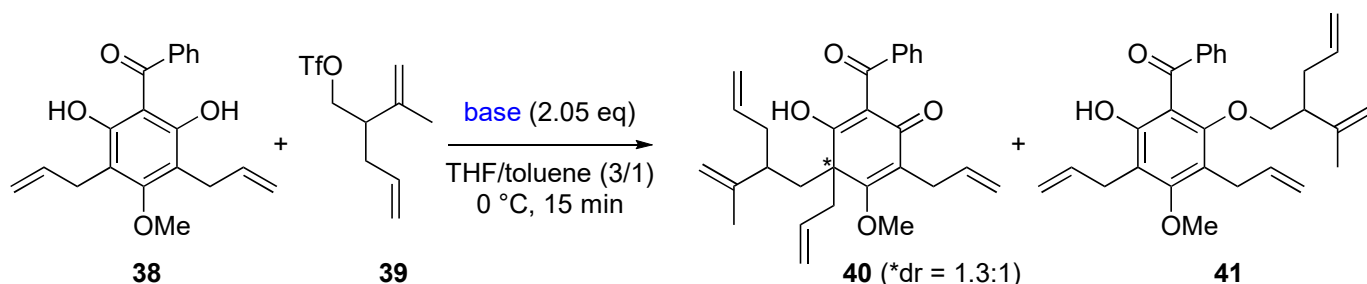






Discussion 1: dearomative alkylation

1-1. Counter cation



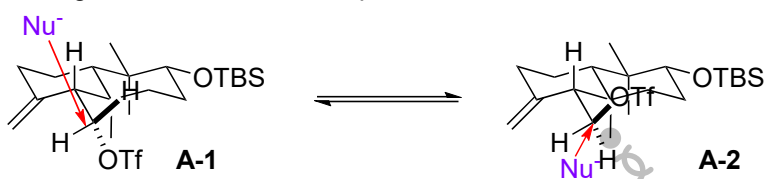
entry	base	yield (%)	
		40	41
1	KN(TMS) ₂	0	53
2	NaN(TMS) ₂	47	31
3	LiN(TMS) ₂	73	6

Boyce, J.; Porko, J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2014**, *53*, 7832.

Lithium counter cation can bind to phenolate oxygen more tightly than Na⁺ and K⁺, so that it prevents O-alkylation.

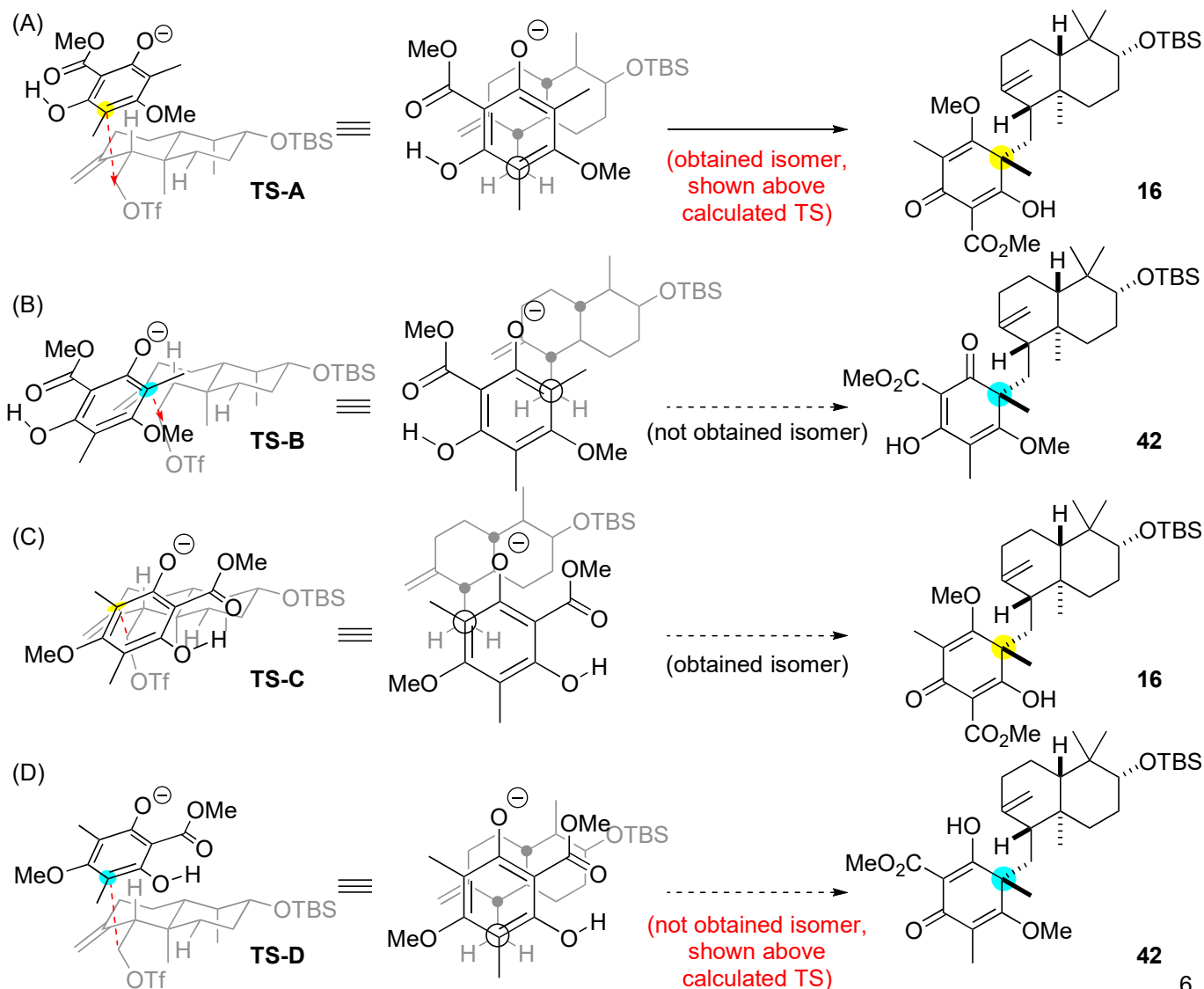
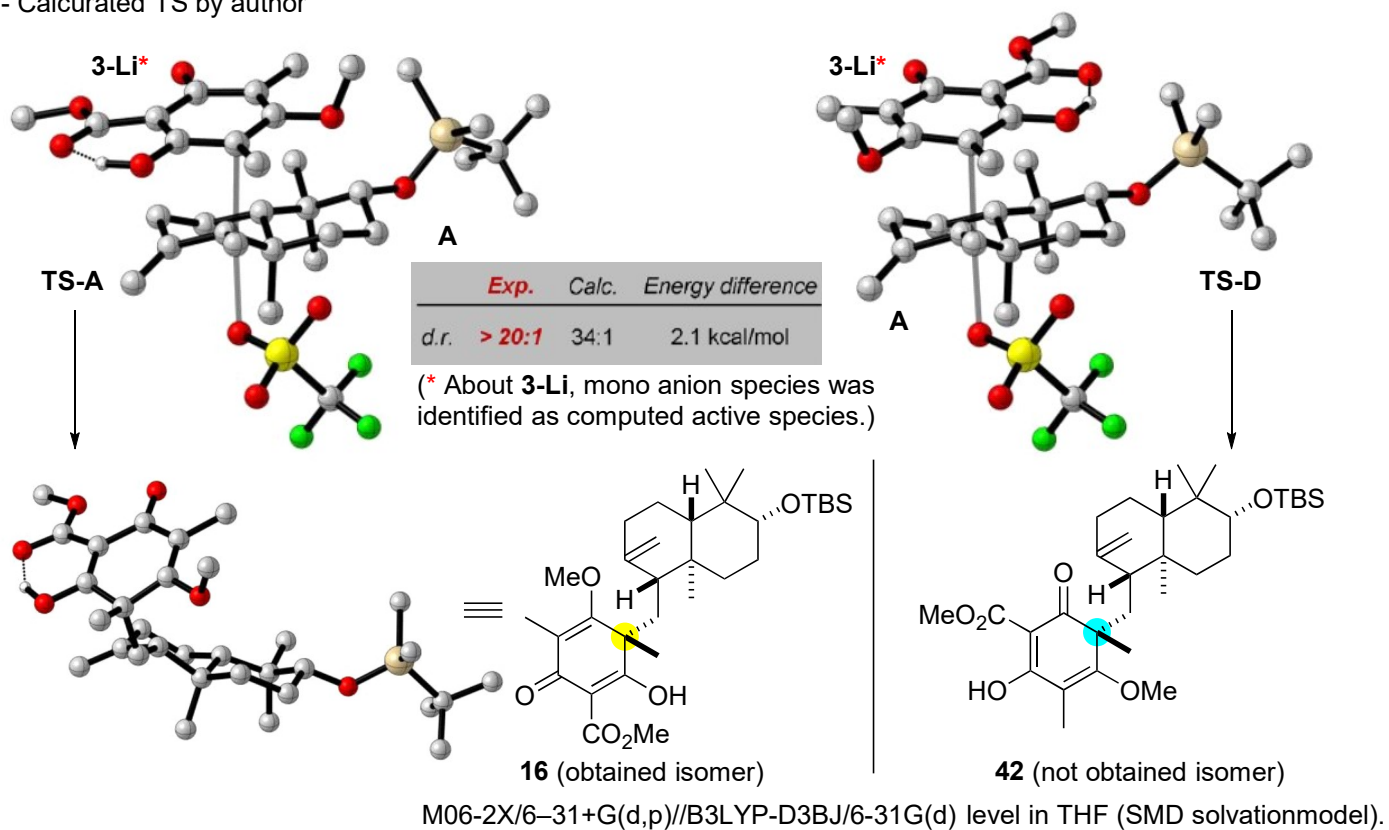
1-2. Stereoselectivity

- Attacking direction of the nucleophile



Considering the allylic strain, two conformations, **A-1** and **A-2** can be drawn. In **A-2**, steric repulsion between the nucleophile and highlighted methyl group will be generated. Therefore, we can consider the reaction from **A-1**.

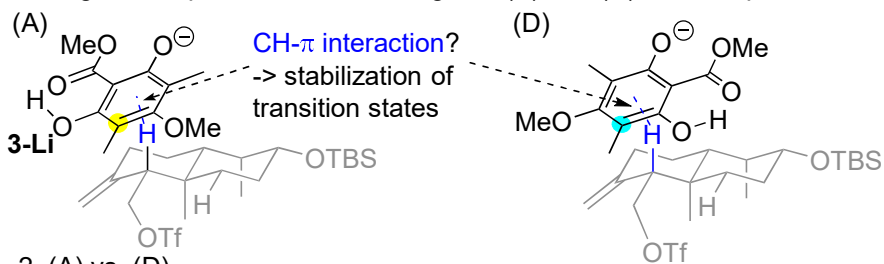
- How to approach the nucleophile
- Calculated TS by author



1. (A) vs. (C) and (B) vs. (D):

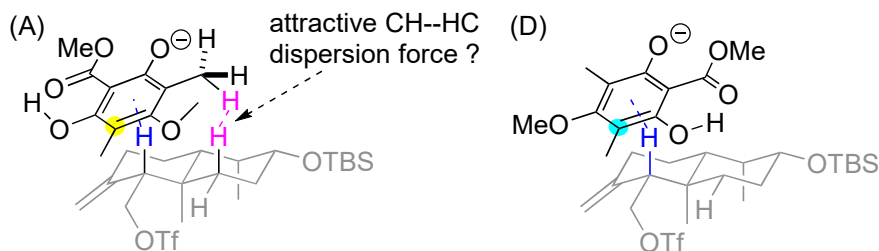
Contribution of CH- π interaction will be larger in (A) and (D) than (C) and (B), respectively.

Though overlap of **A** and **3-Li** is larger in (A) and (D), steric repulsion will not be so large for the planarity of **3-Li**.

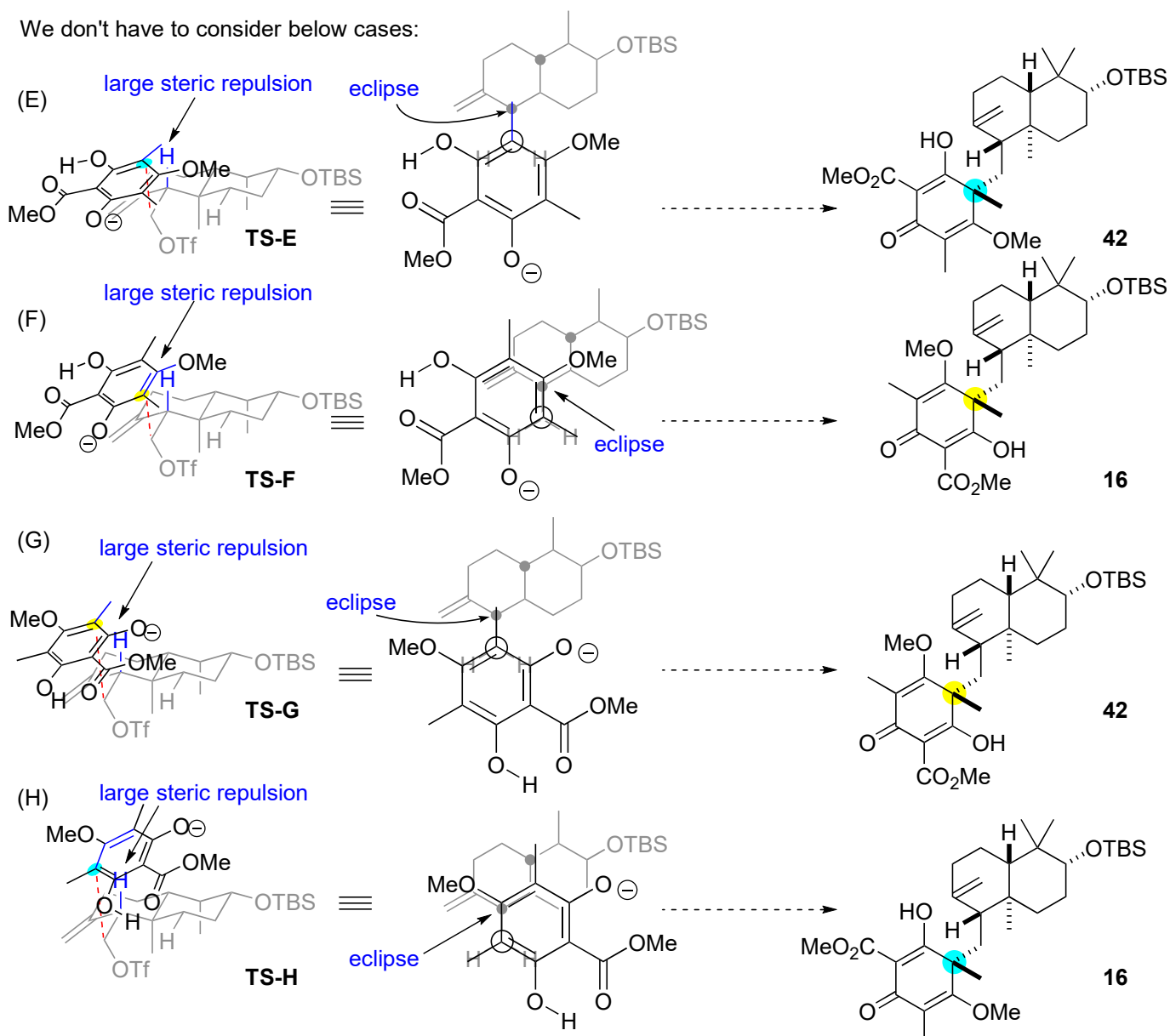


2. (A) vs. (D)

Preference factor for (A) is not so clear, but one possibility is two **Hydrogens** (shown in (A)) are at the right distance and the attractive dispersion force is working. Dispersion force is one of the van der Waals force, and its energy is proportionate to $1/r^6$ (r: range). Though it is weak, it influences the stability of molecules.

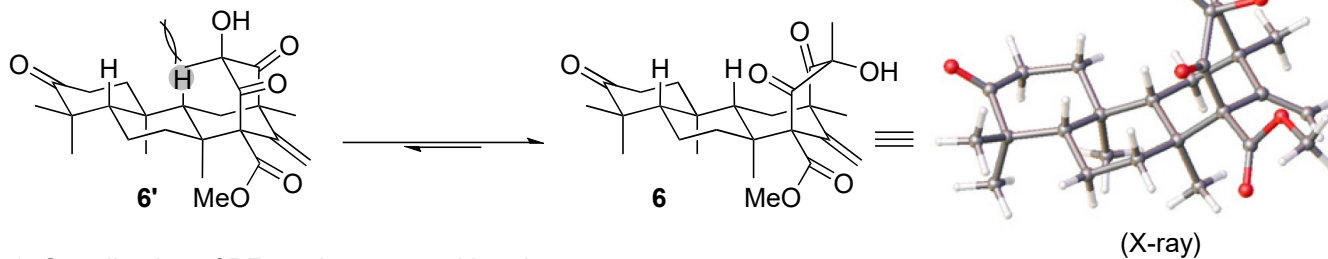


We don't have to consider below cases:

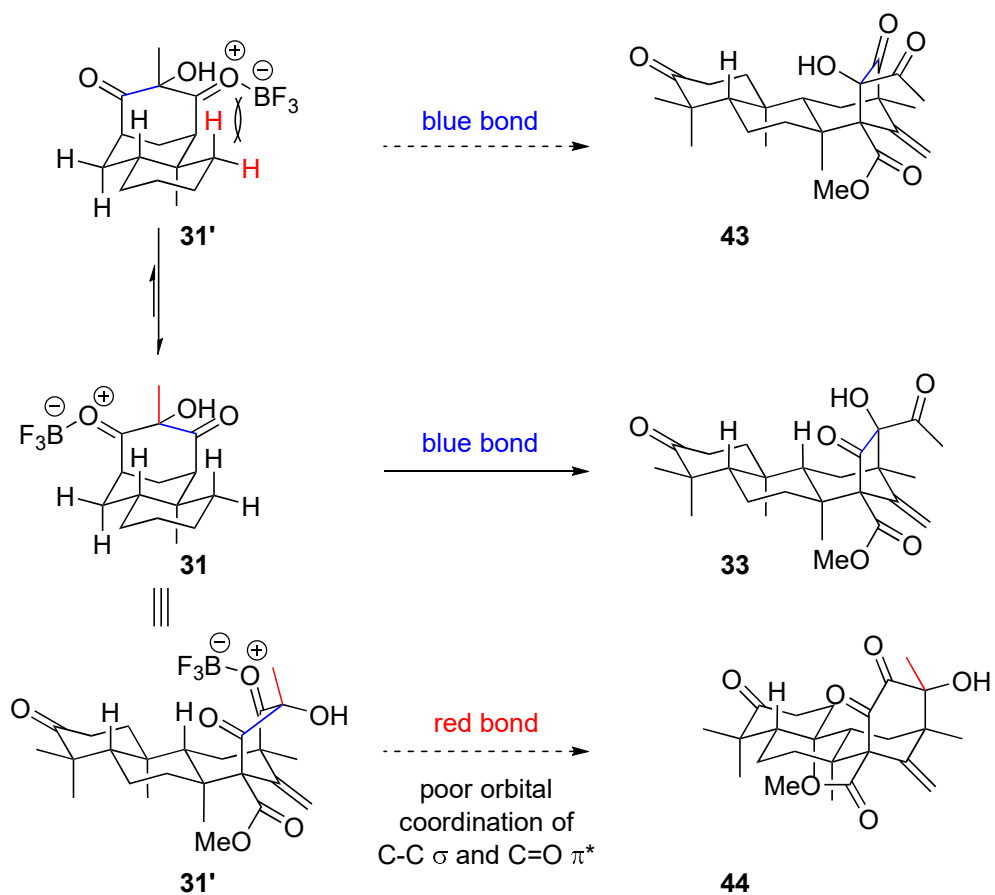


Discussion 3: Regioselectivity for acyloin rearrangement

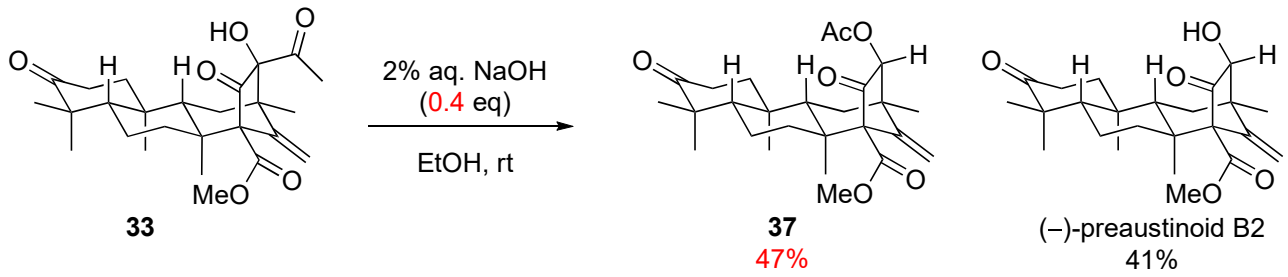
3-1. Conformation



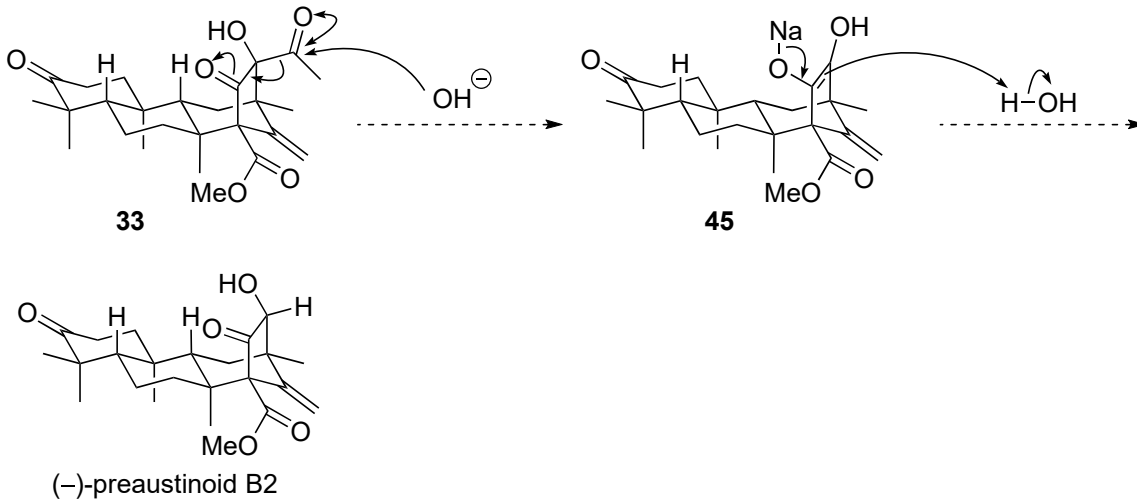
3-1. Coordination of BF_3 and rearranged bond



Discussion 4: path for **33** to (-)-preaustinoid B2



33 can reach (-)-preaustinoid B2 via below retro-aldol path, but in this case, the path in page 5 will be more suitable judging from above results.



- Abundance ratio of **46** will be small due to the high strain, so **48** was not obtained.

