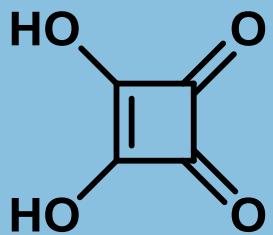
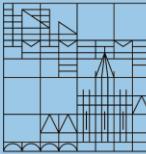


# Squaric acid derivatives – synthetic targets for ring expansion reactions

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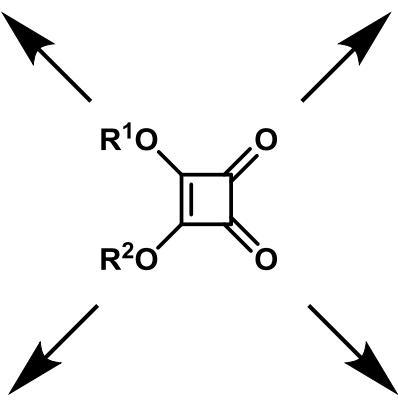


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## BIOLOGY / MEDICINE

- Antitumor properties
- Protein inhibitors
- Treatment of warts



## PHOTOCHEMISTRY

- Energy conversion in solar cells
- Squaraine dyes as photosensitizers

## MATERIALS SCIENCE

- Conjugated polymers with low HOMO-LUMO gap

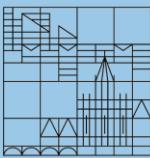
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- Ring expansions
- Total synthesis
- Methodology

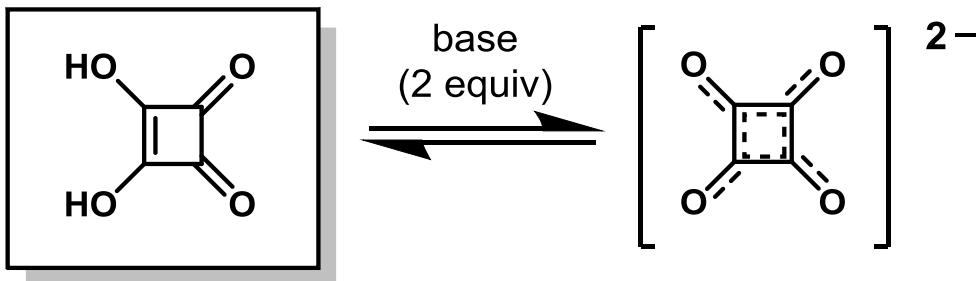
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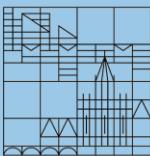
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# General background

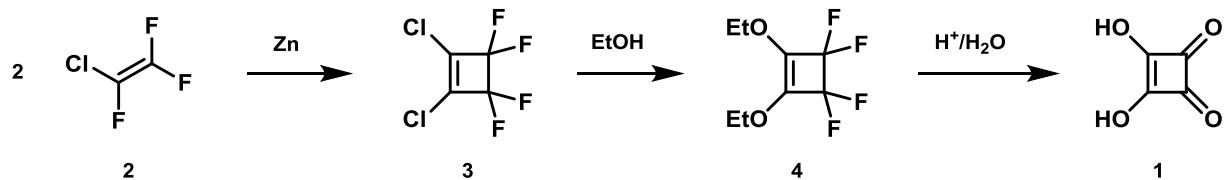


- symmetrical aromatic dianion
- $pK_{a1} \sim 1.0$  and  $pK_{a2} = 2.2$
- double vinylogous carboxylic acid
- C<sub>4</sub> synthon

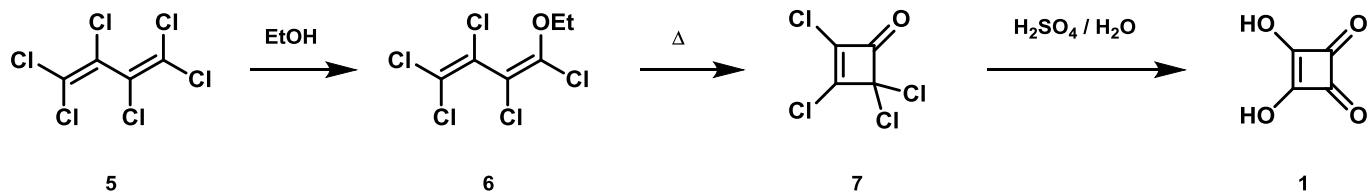


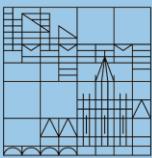
# Synthesis

- First prepared by Cohen in 1959

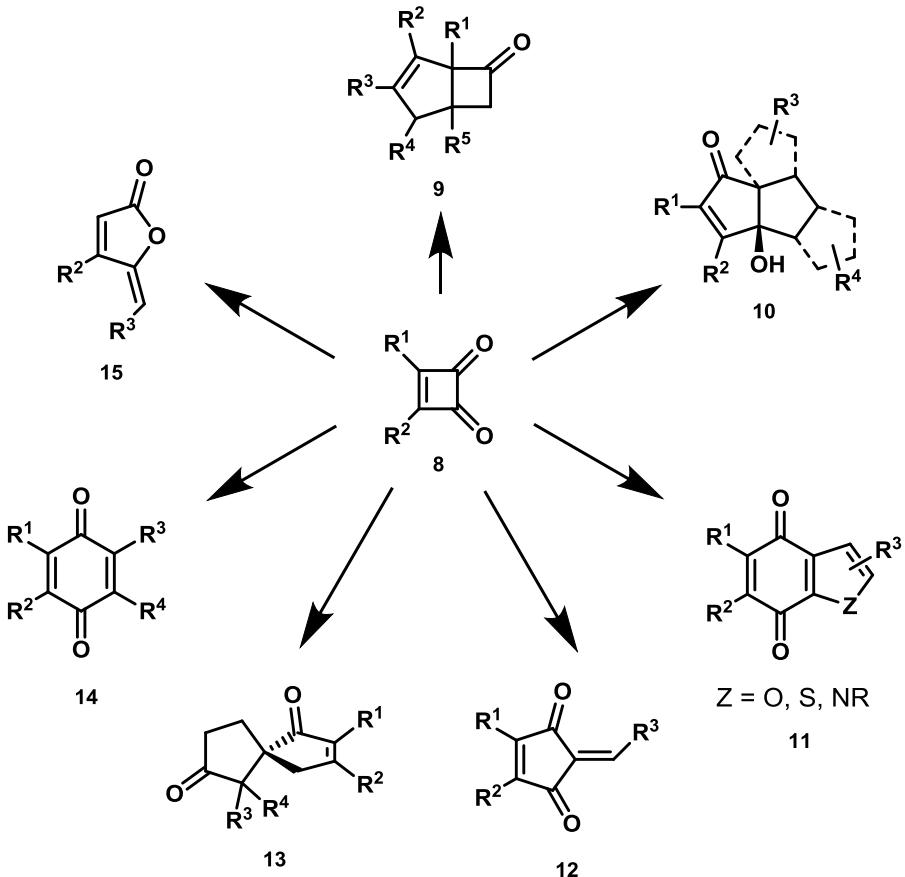


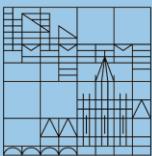
- Industrial synthesis nowadays



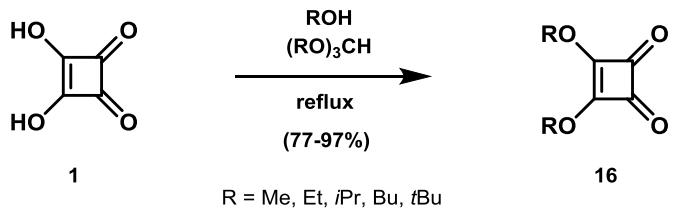


# Scope of ring expansions

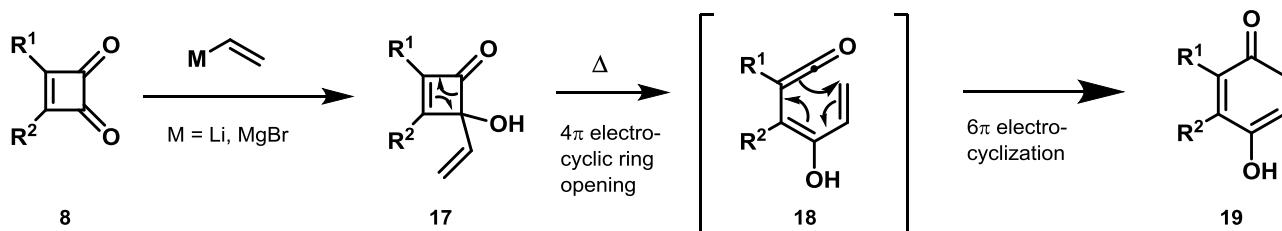


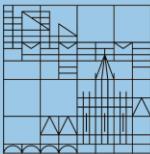


# Dialkyl squarates

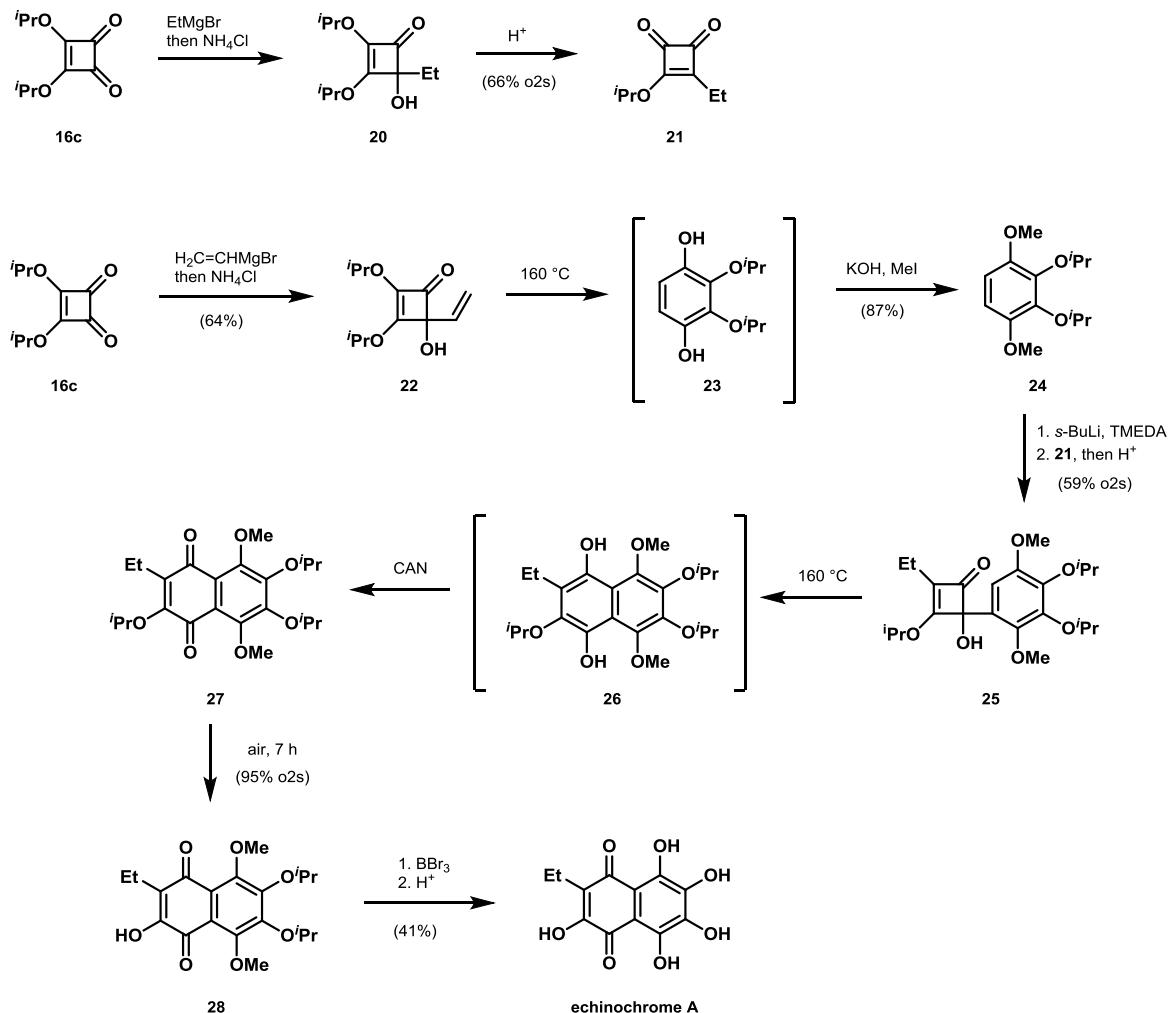


- Squarate esters are highly strained
- Electrophilic reagents: 1,2- and 1,4 addition
- Good solubility in most organic solvents
- Highly oxygenated building blocks



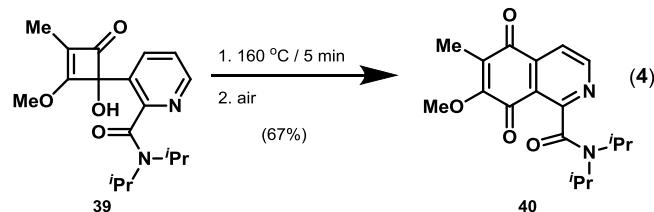
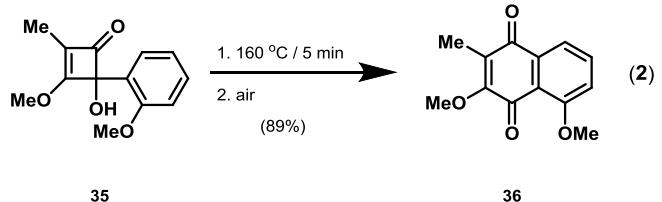
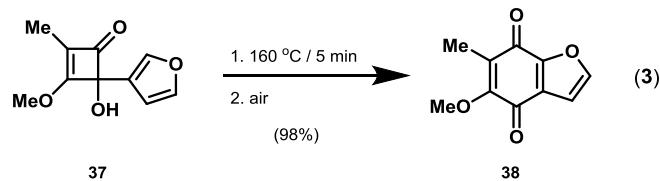
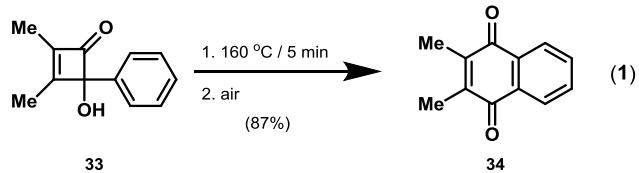
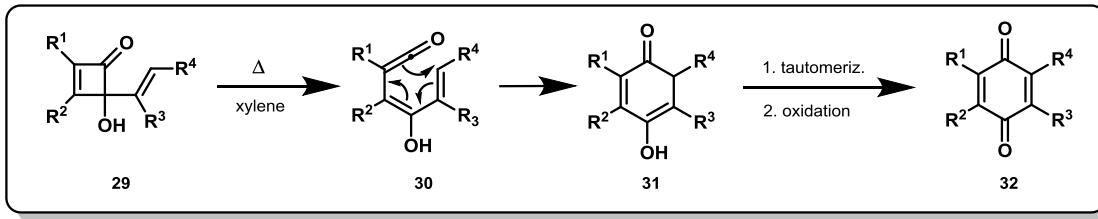


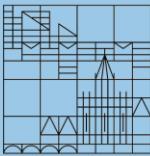
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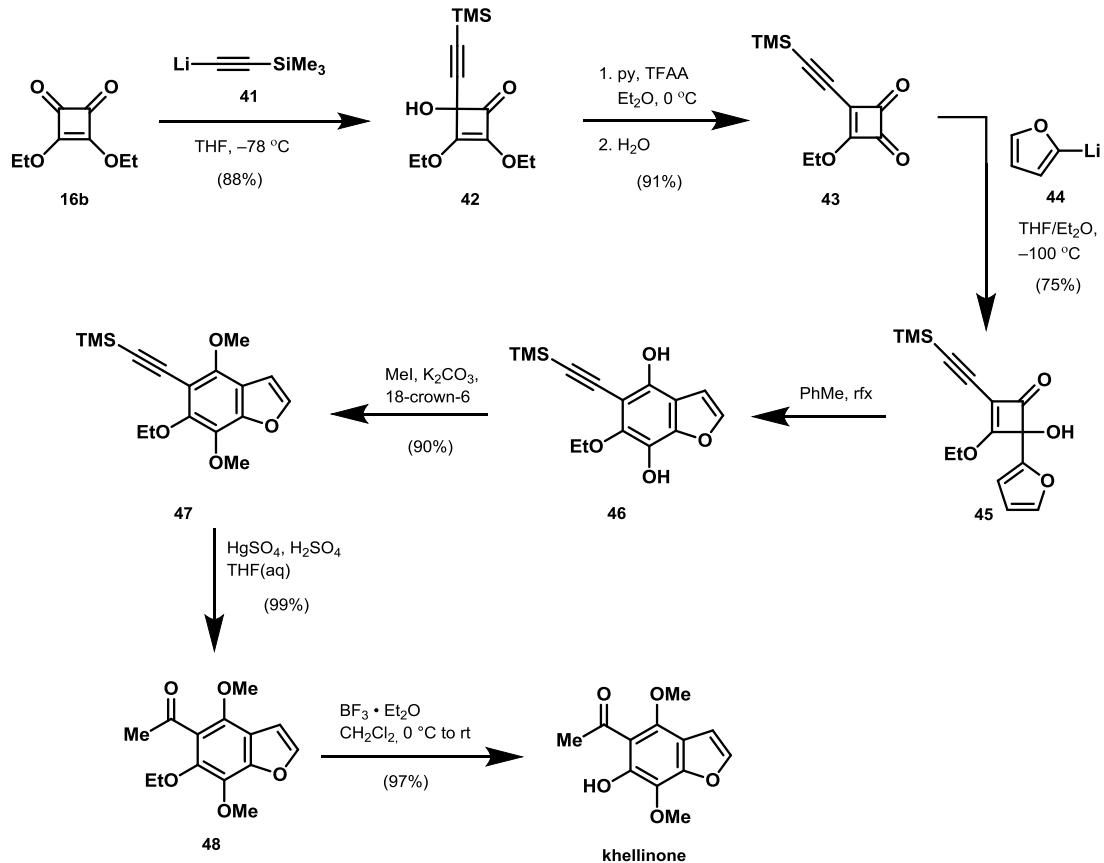


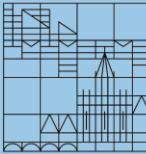
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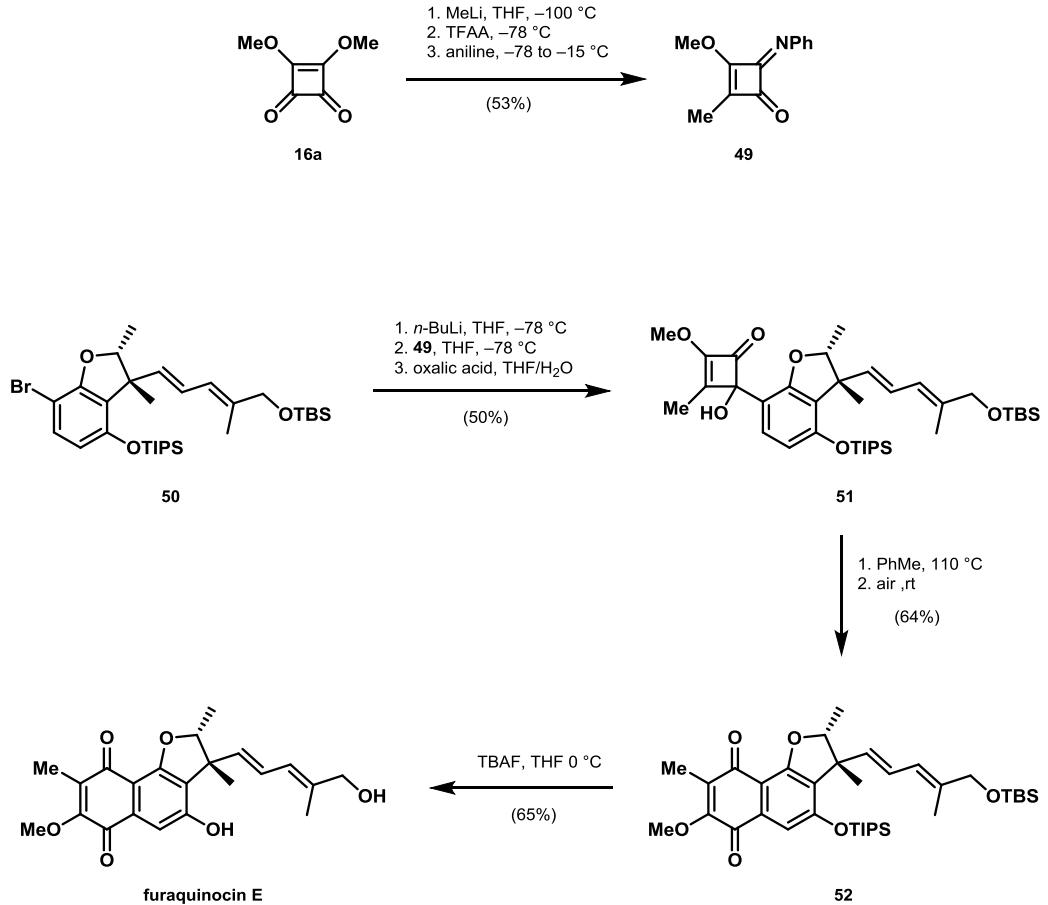


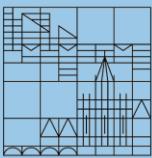
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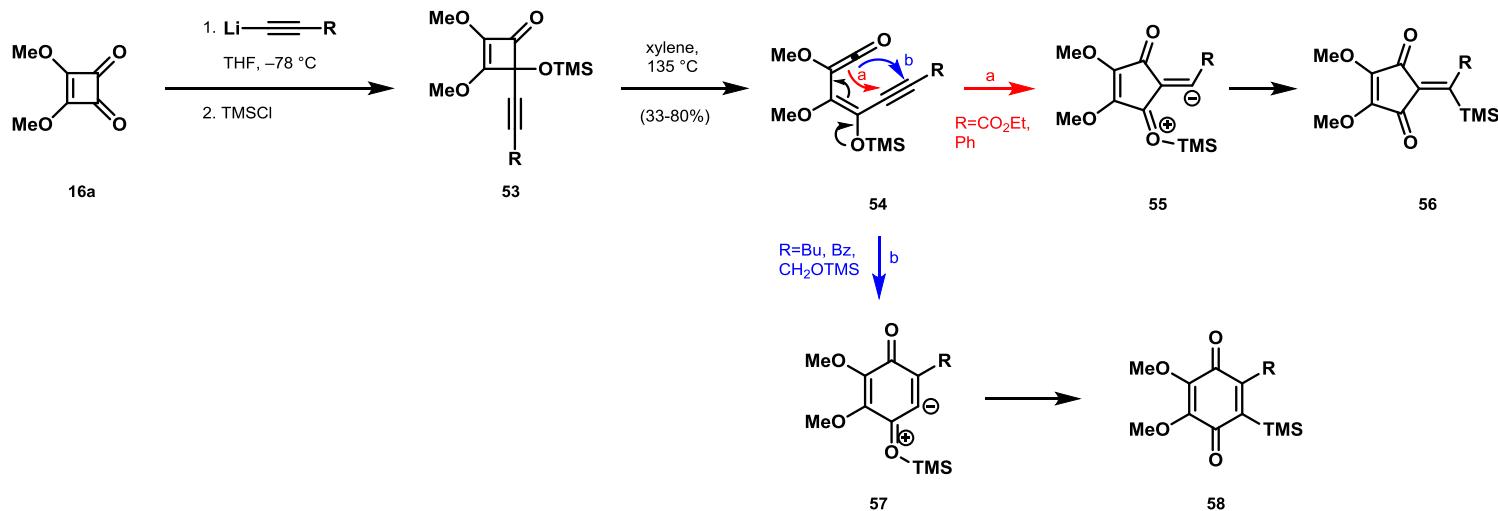


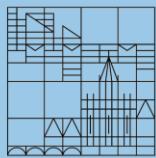
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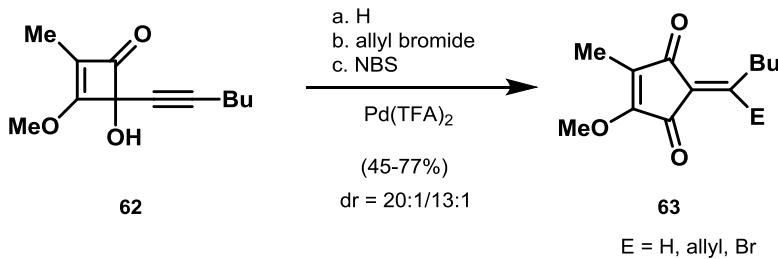
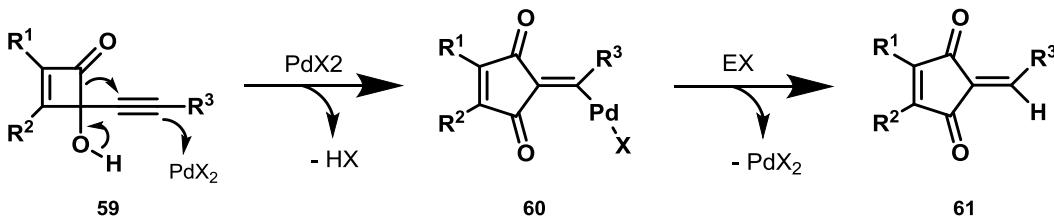


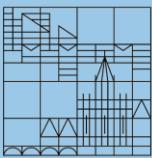
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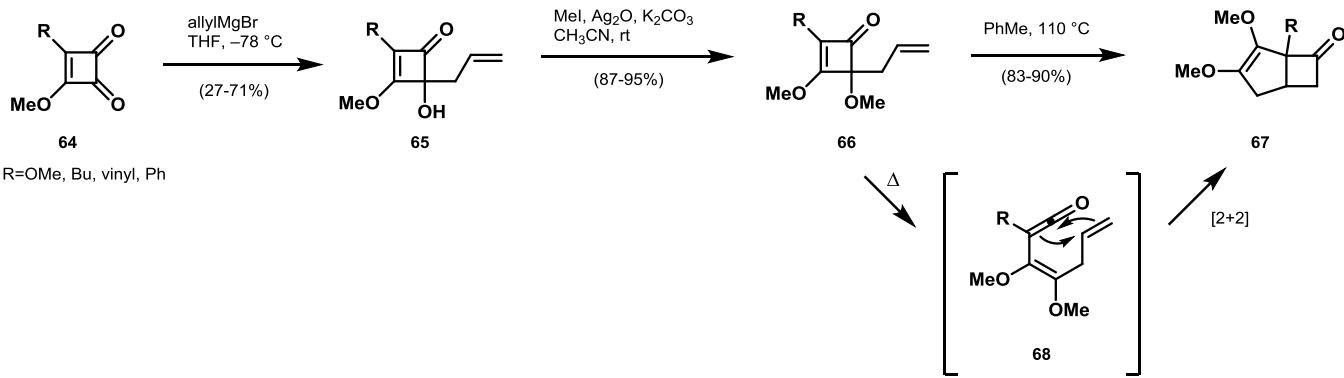


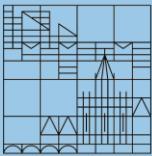
# Cyclopentenediones via Pd(II) catalysis



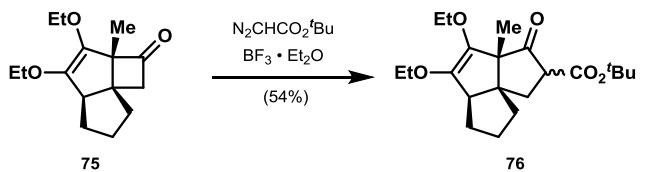
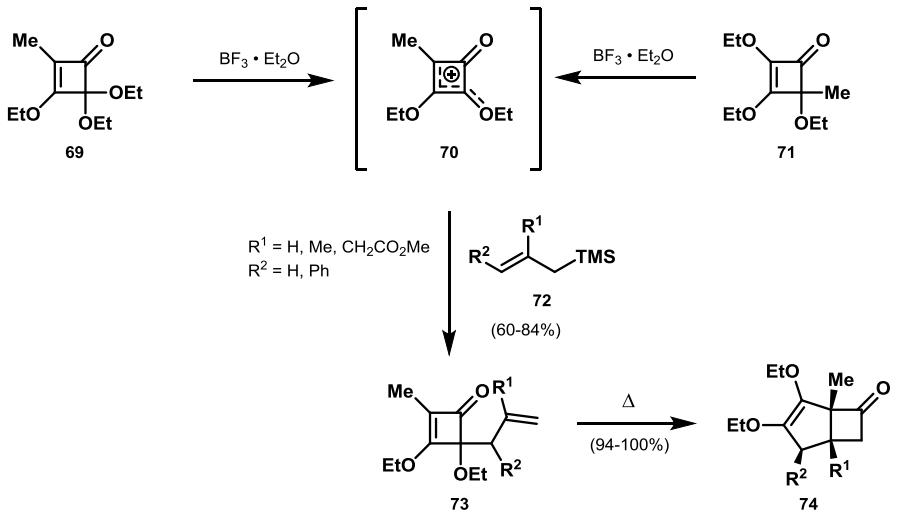


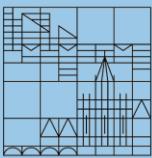
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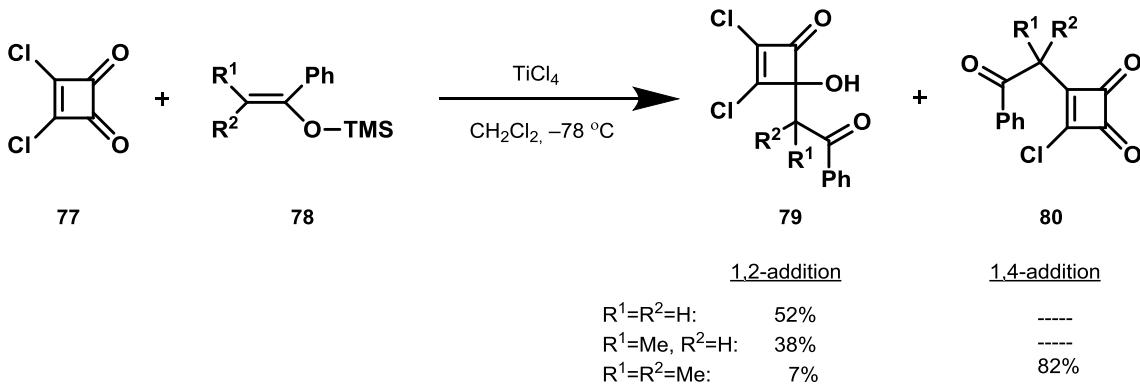


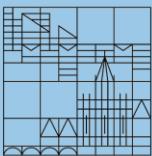
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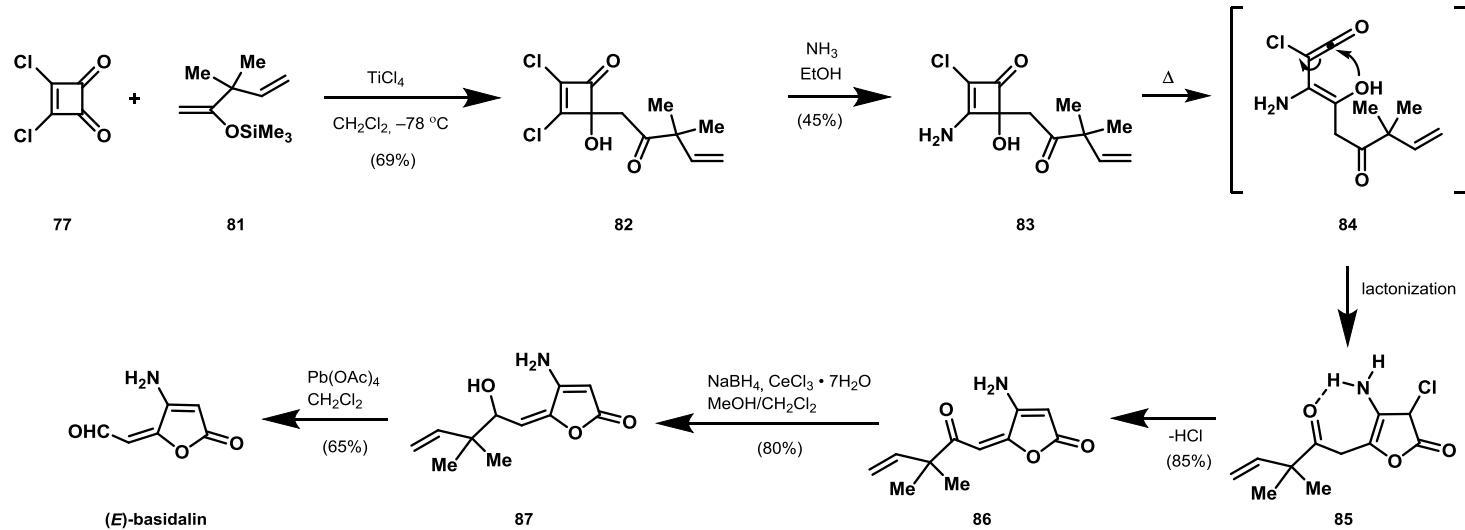


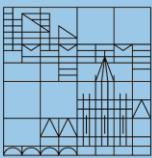
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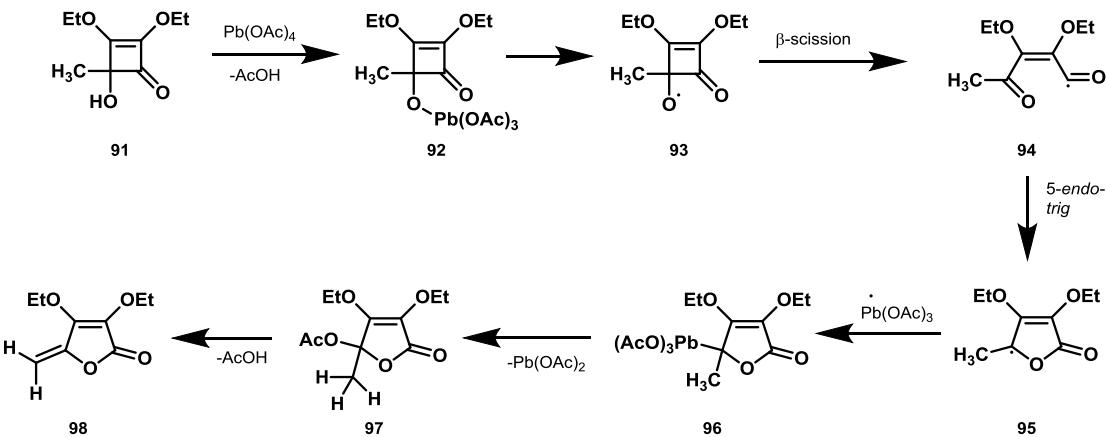
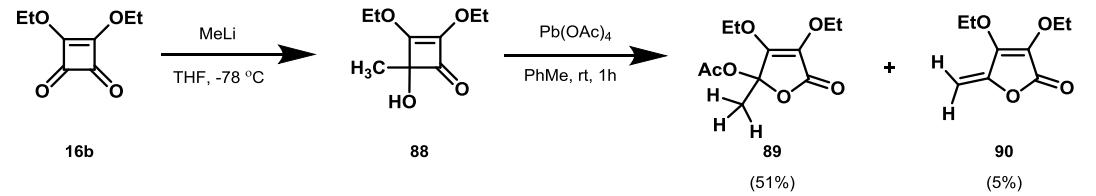


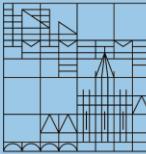
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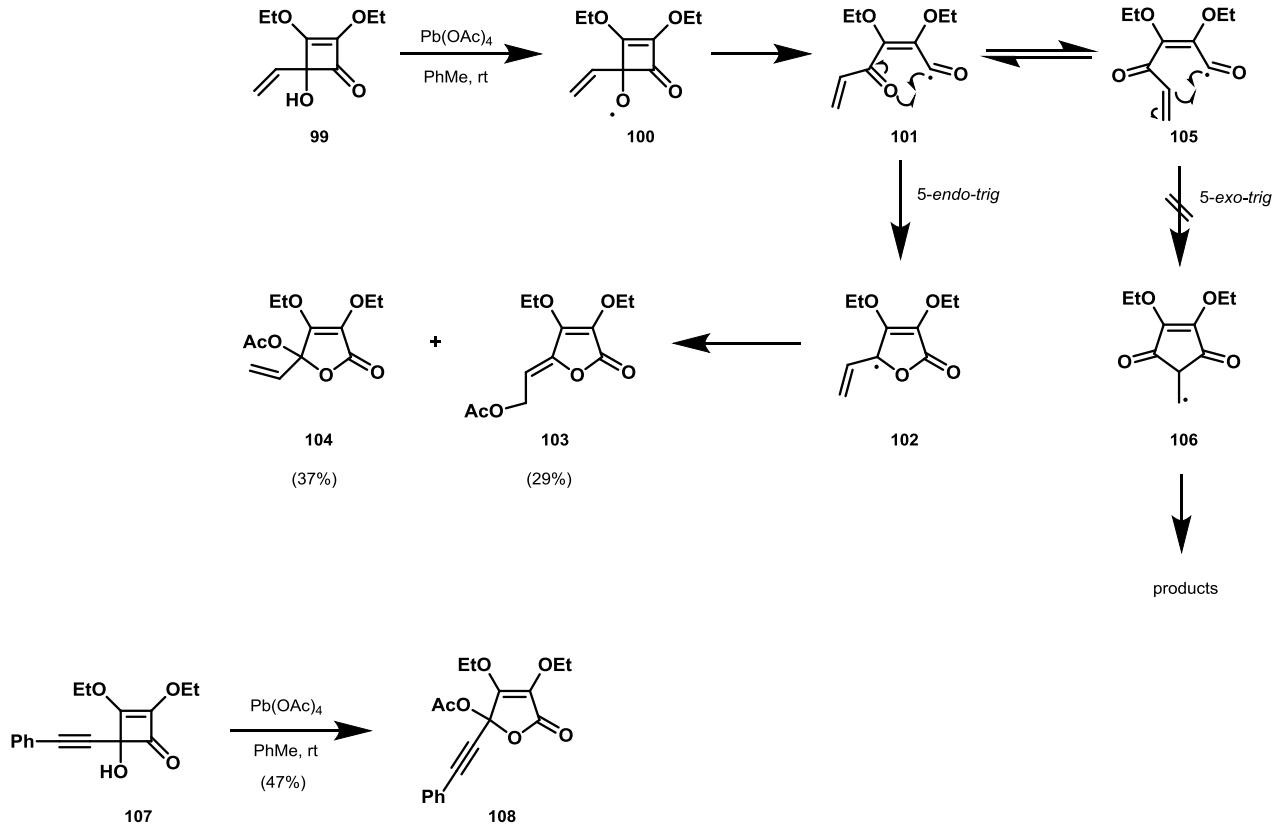
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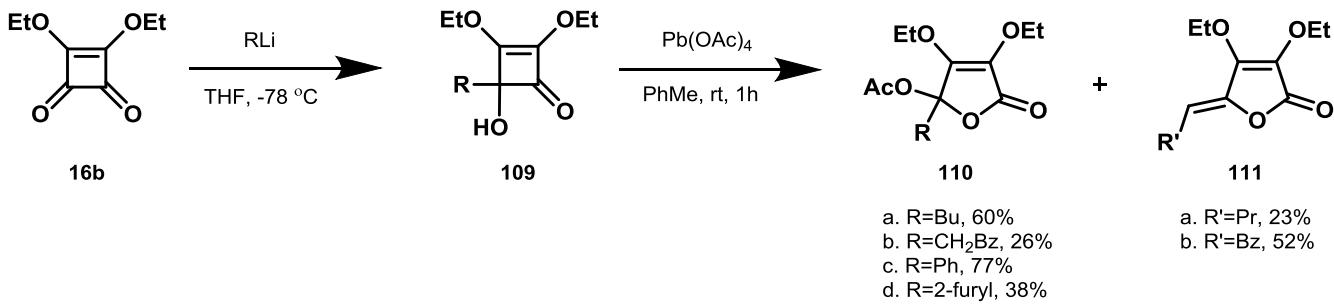
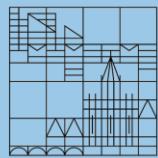
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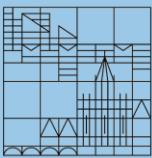
- 5-endo-trig (disfavored) vs. 5-exo-trig (favored):



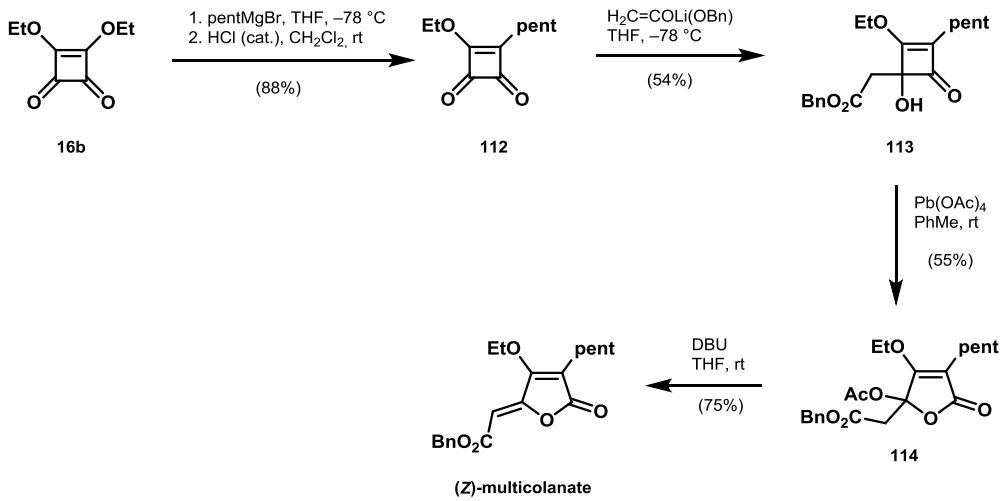
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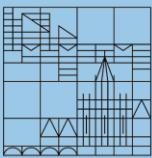
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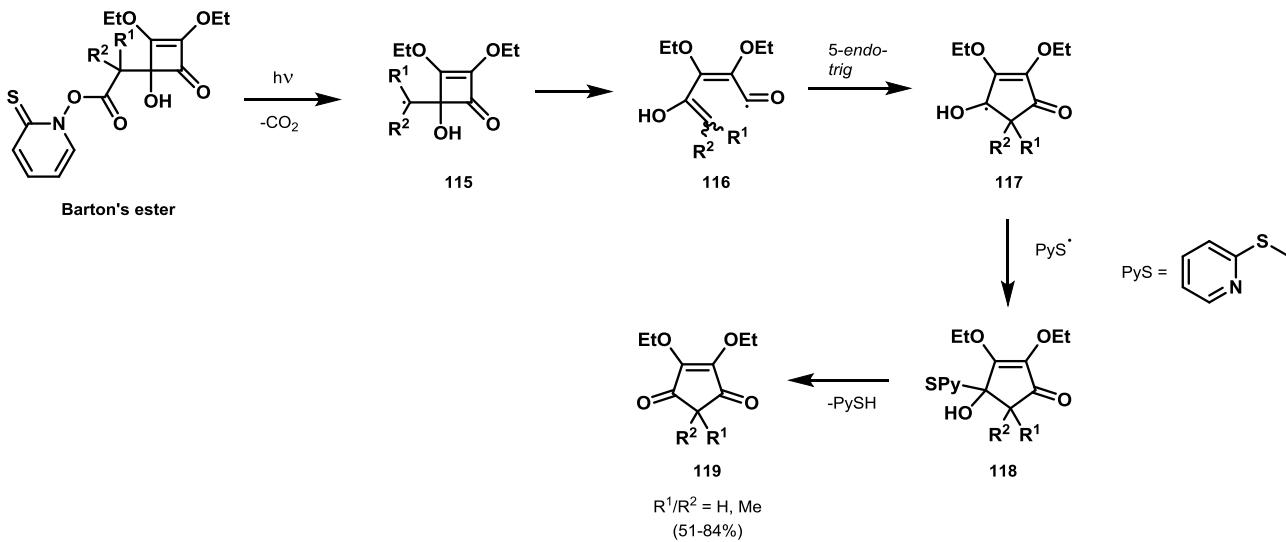


## (Z)-multicolanate

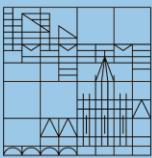




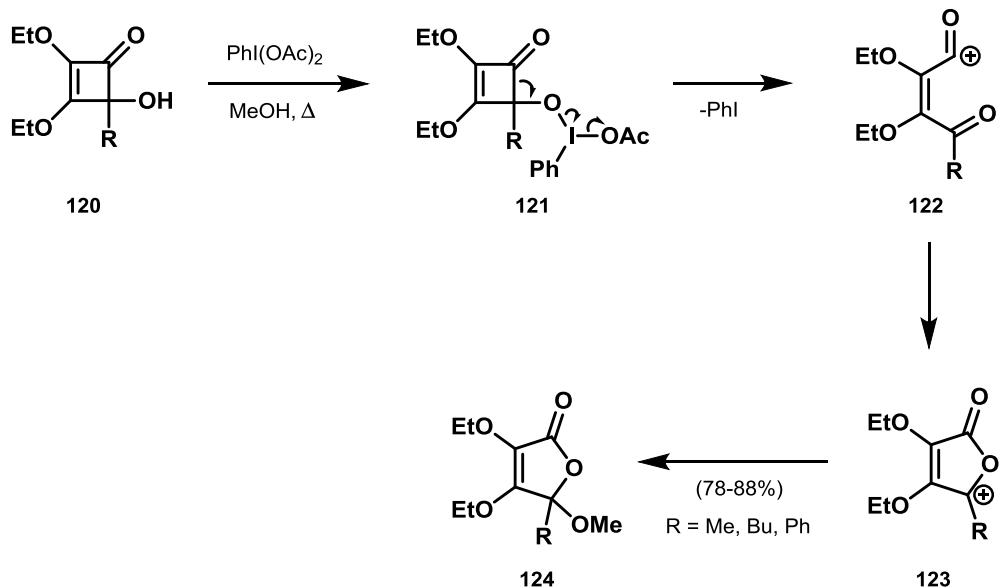
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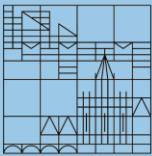


- Cyclization before keto-enol tautomerization

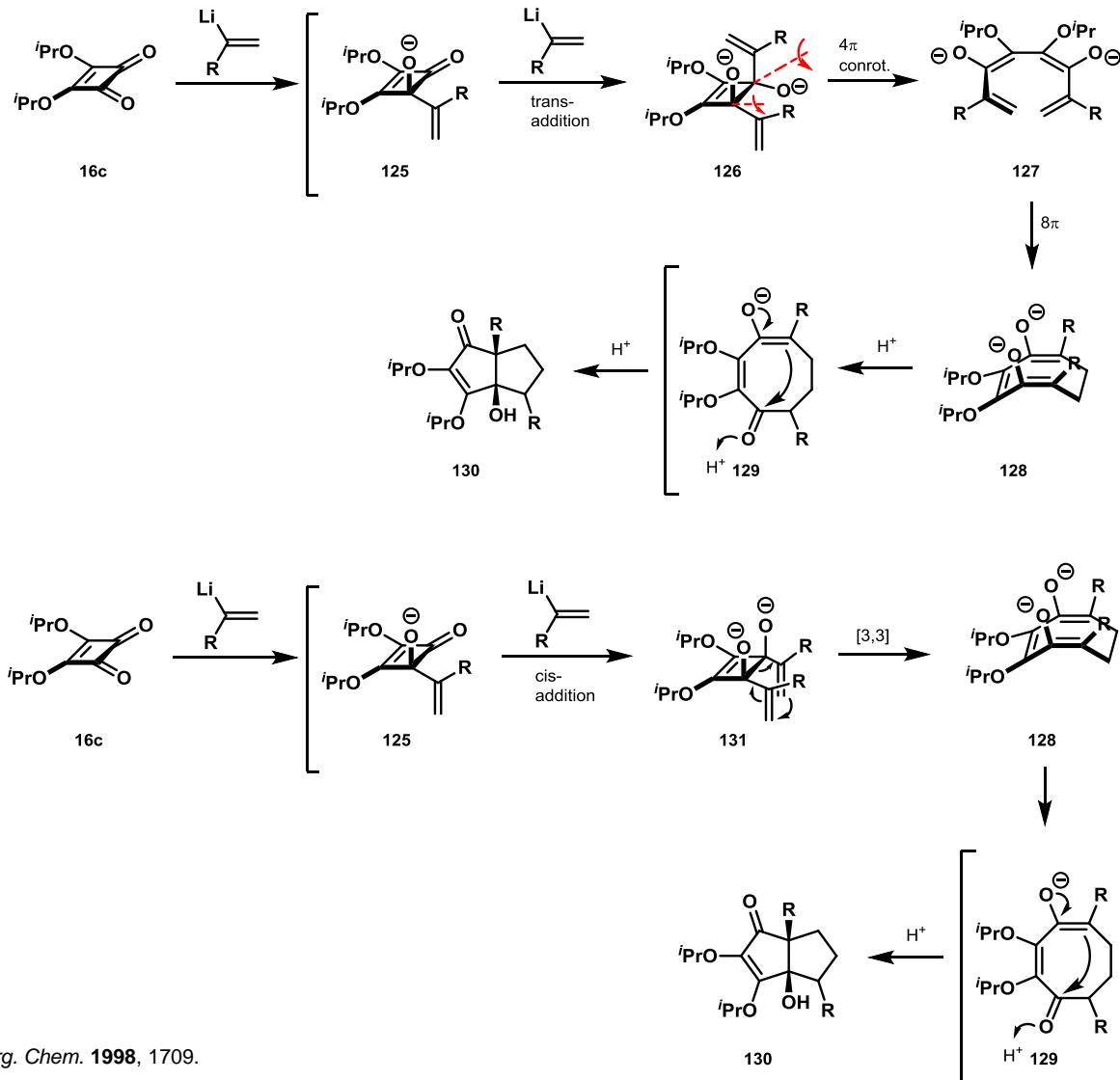


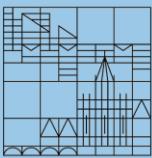
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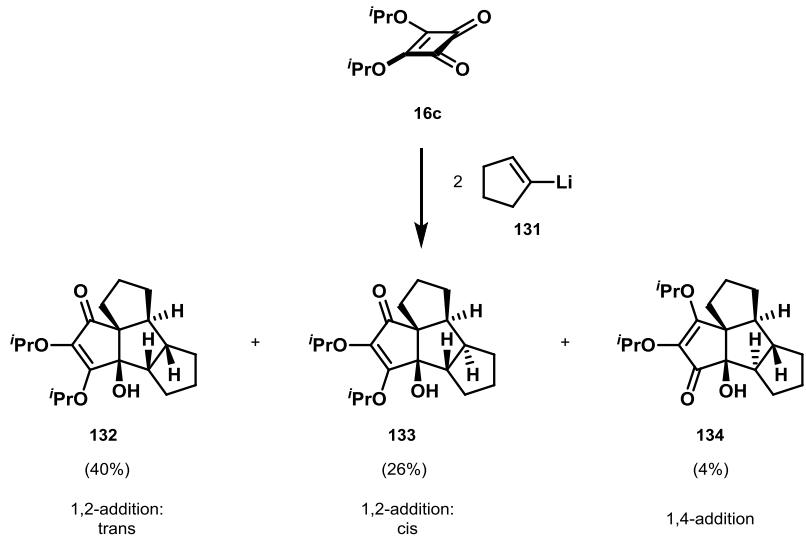


# Double addition of vinyl-lithium

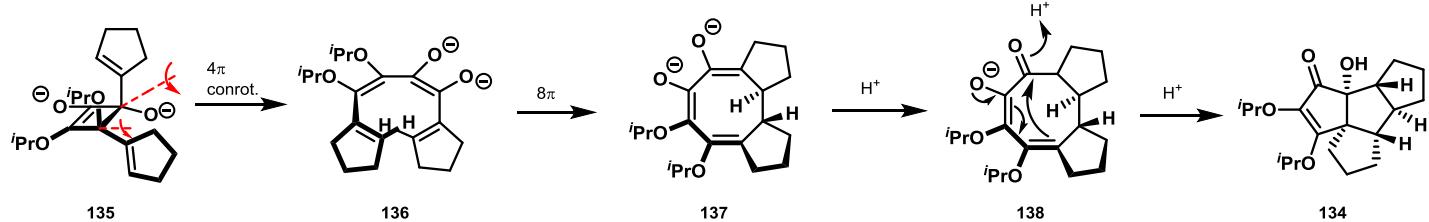


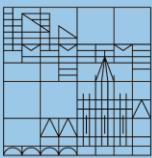


# Polyquinanes

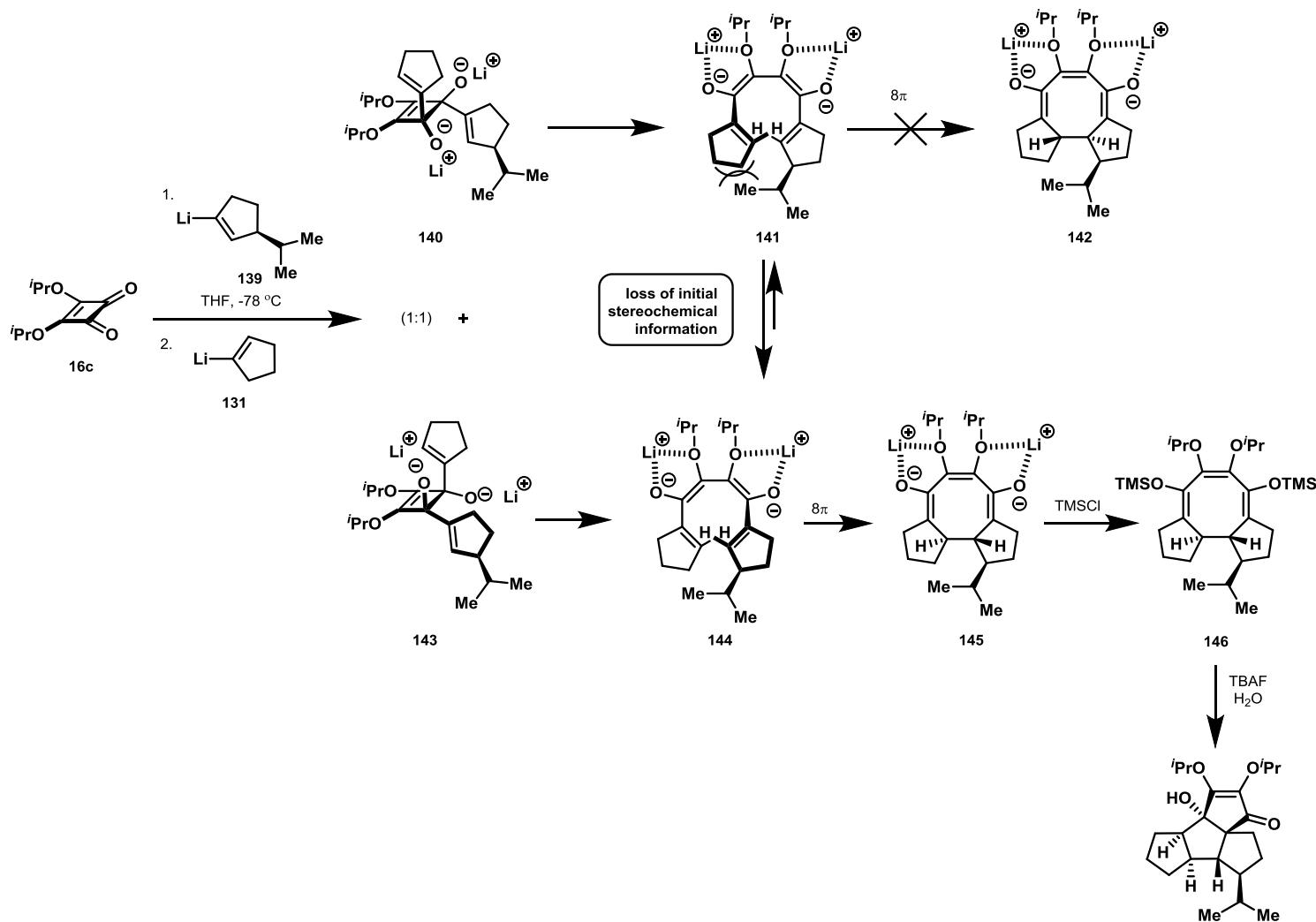


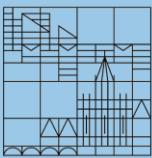
### 1,4-addition:



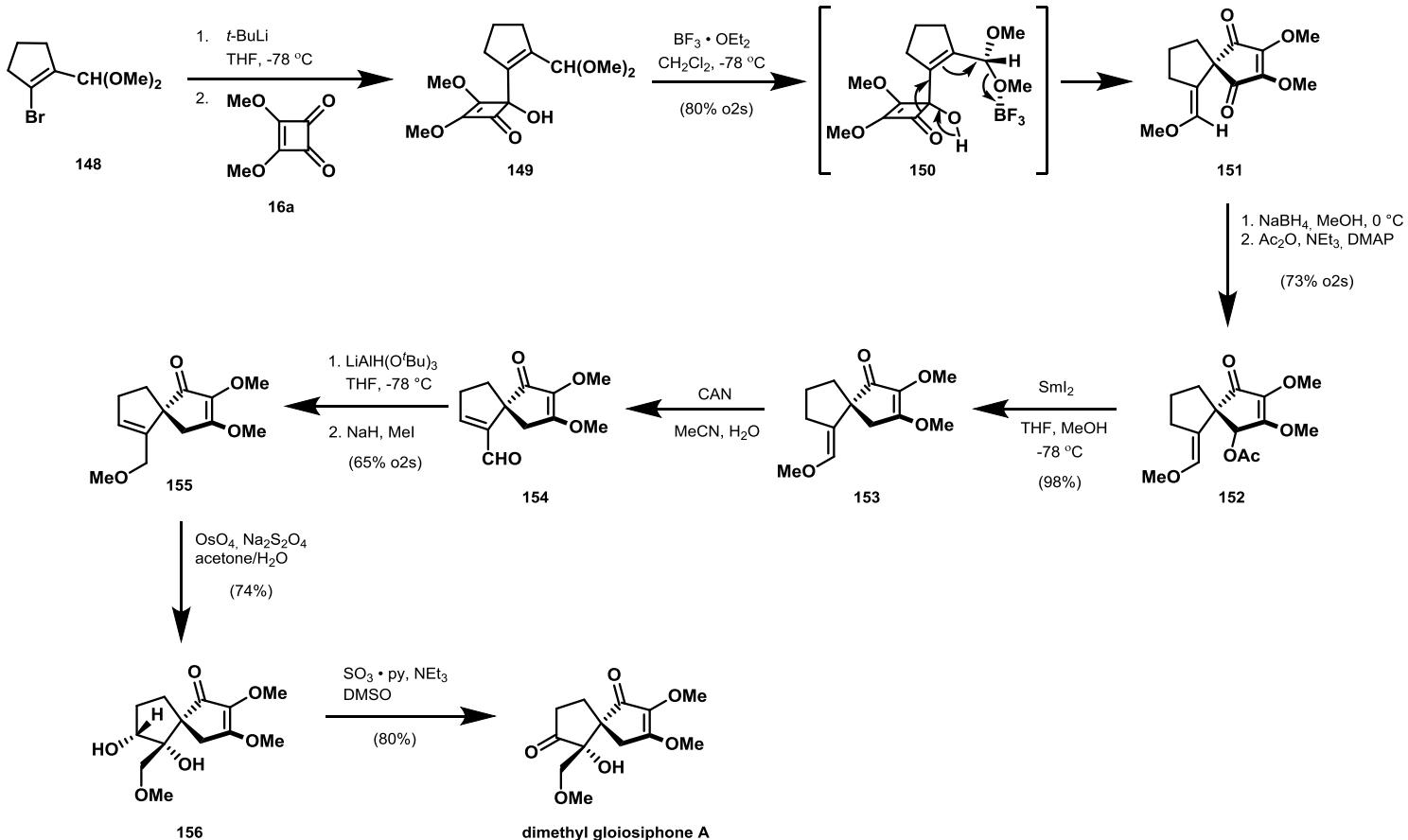


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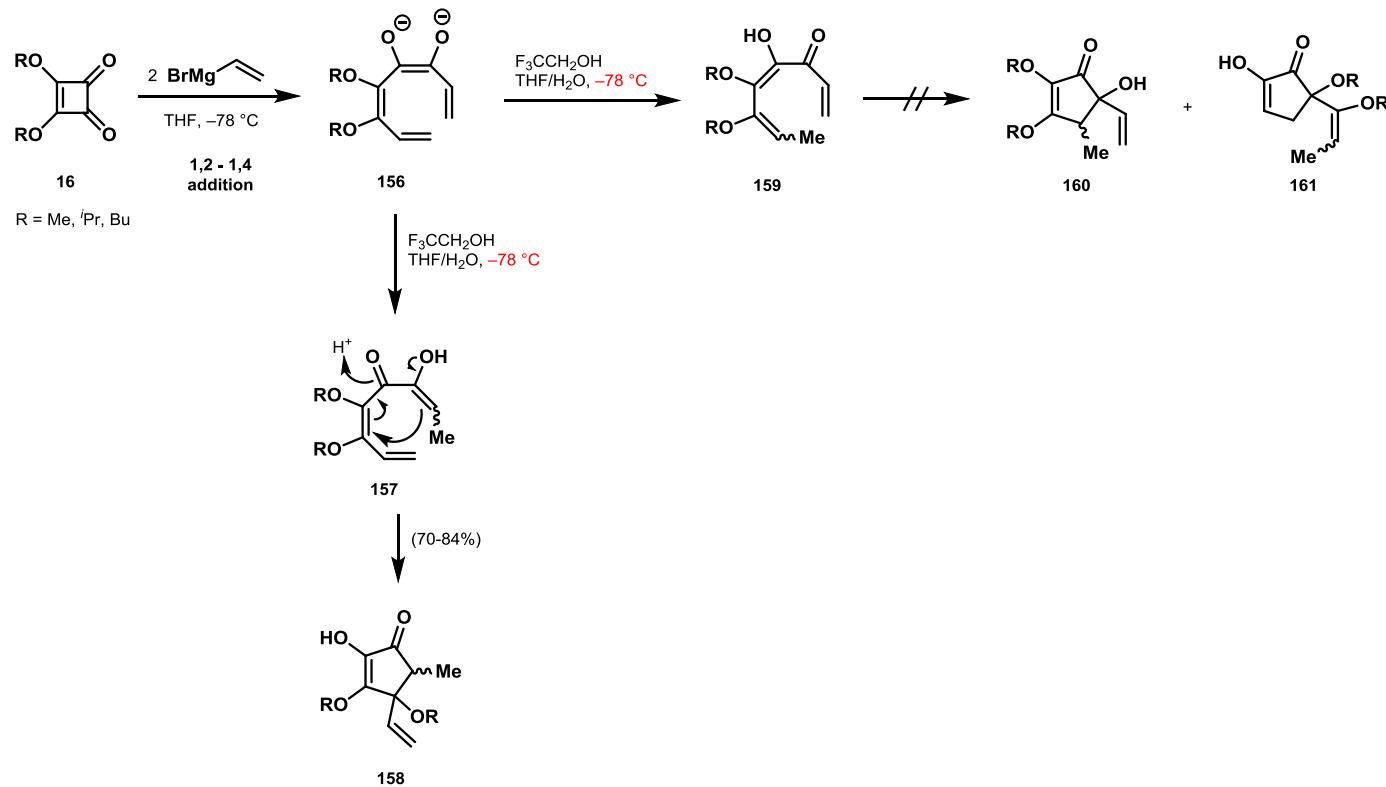
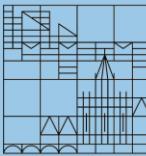




# Dimethyl Gloiosiphone A



# Highly functionalized cyclopentenones



- Protonation of octatetraene **156** at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  to prevent  $8\pi$ -electrocyclization