



# Construction of Axial and Planar Chirality in Vancomycin

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PART ONE

## Background



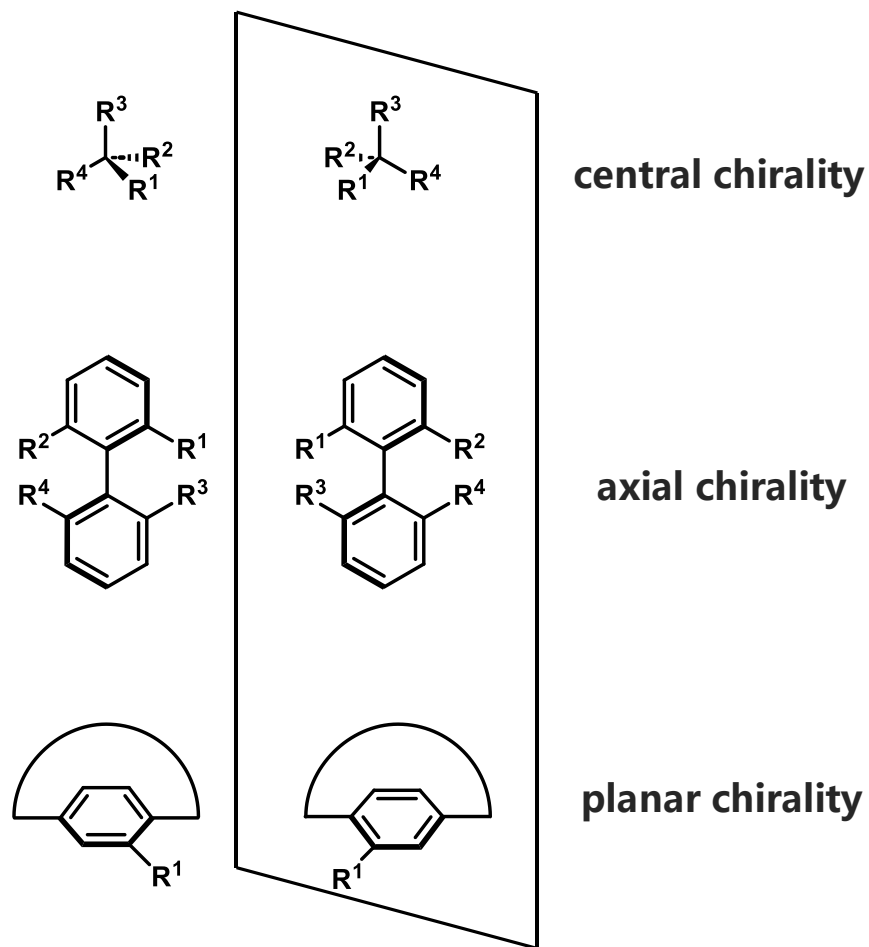
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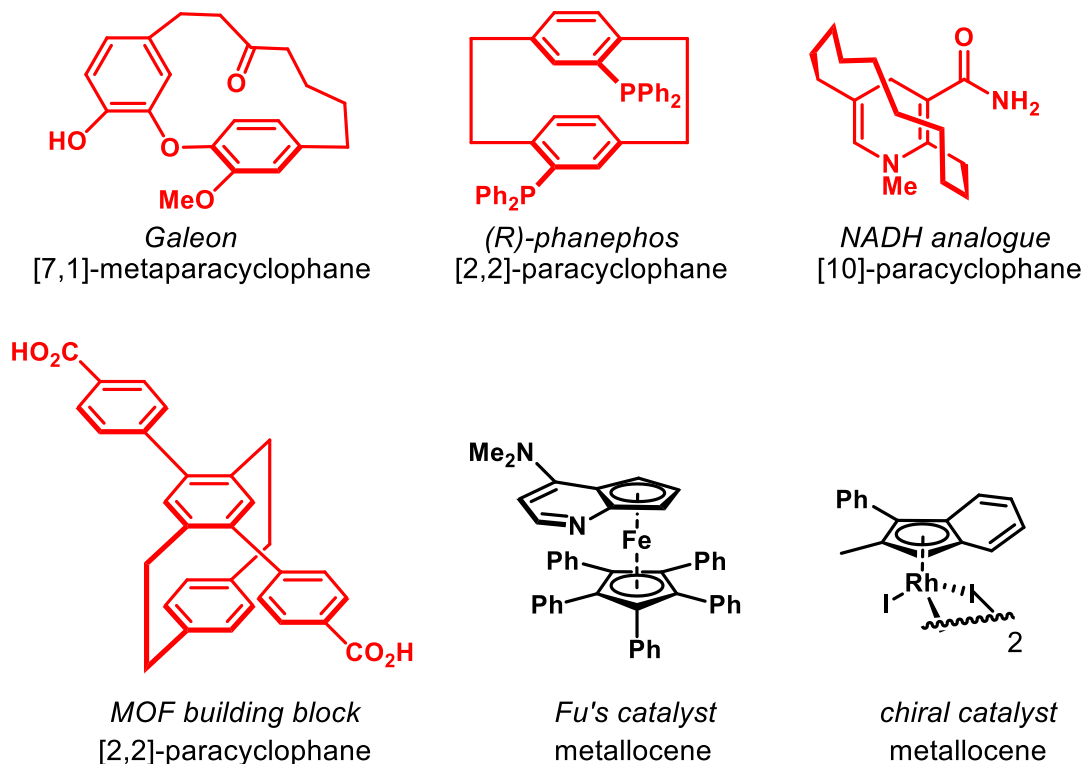


# Axial and Planar Chirality

## Three Types of Chirality



## Molecules with Only Planar Chirality

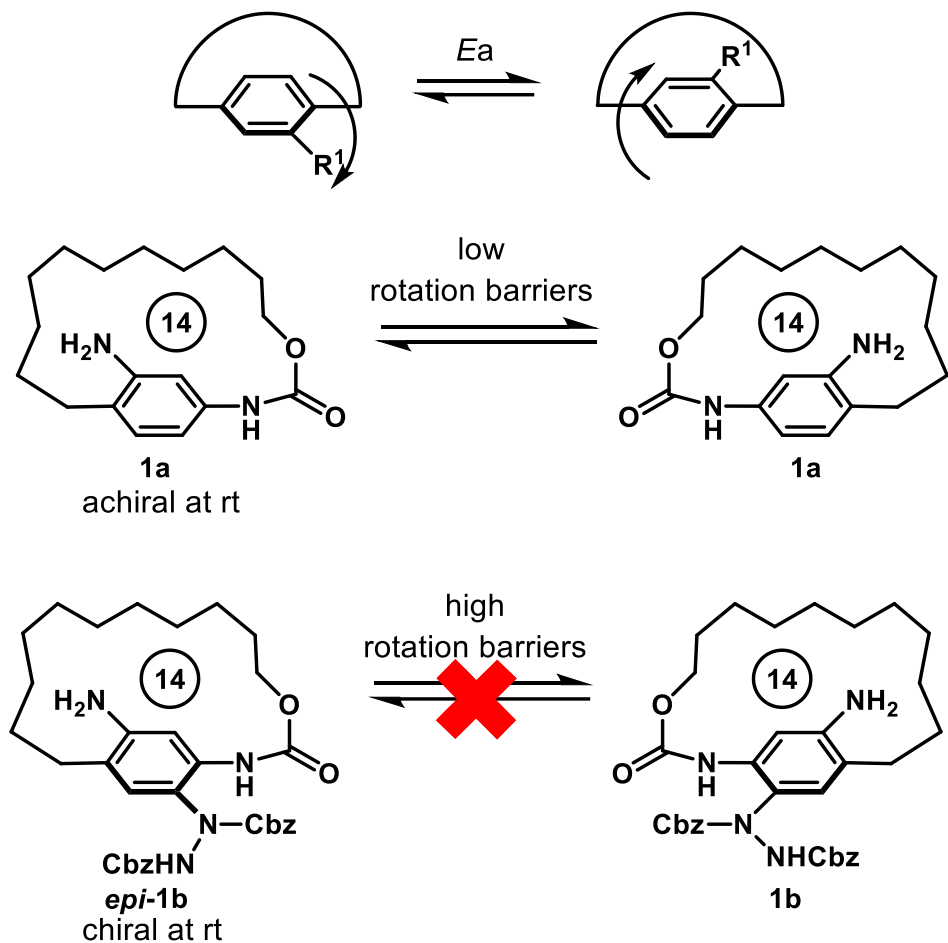


■ Planar chirality were generated by hindered rotation

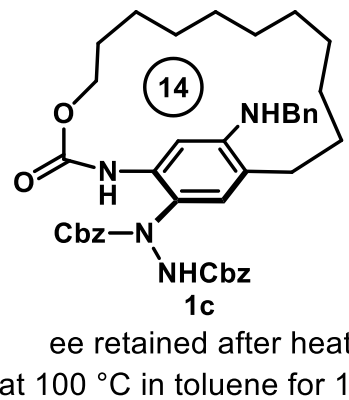
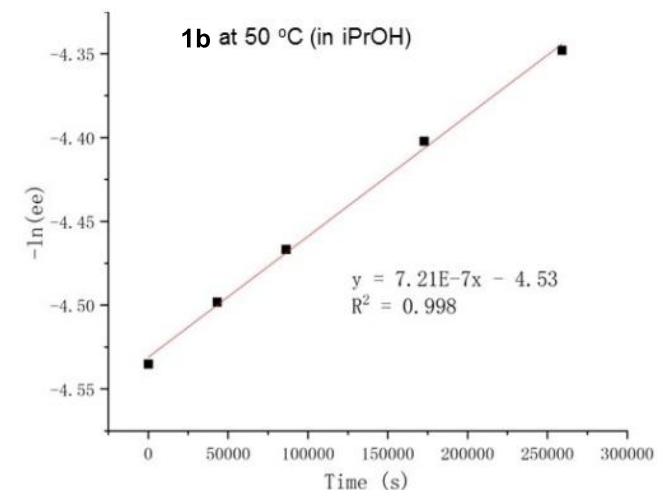
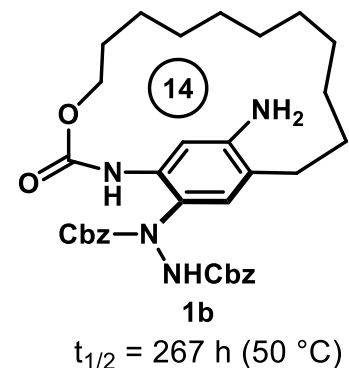


# Planar Chirality

## Cyclophane-Rotation Barrier



## Racemization of Cyclophane

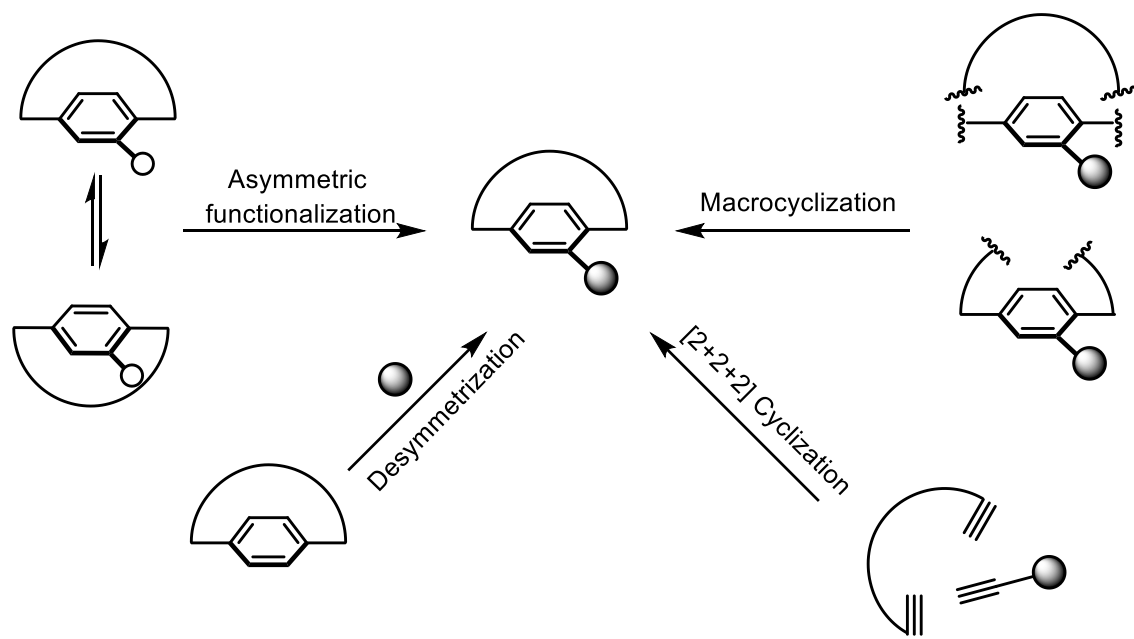


1. Planar chirality of cyclophane was generated by hindered rotation of the benzene ring
2. Cyclophane can racemize at specific temperatures, depending on its rotation barrier.



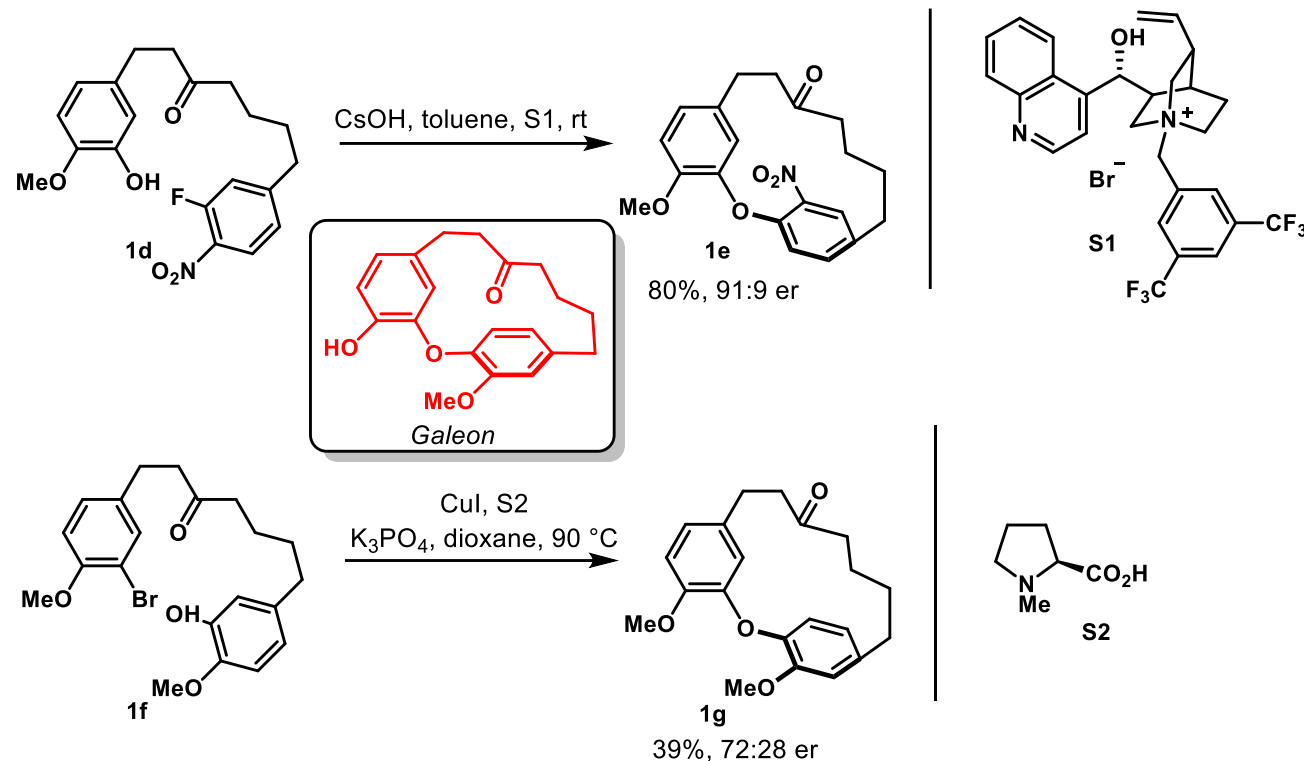
# Construction of Planar chirality

## 1. Asymmetric Catalysis



Four ways to construct planar chirality, which was similar to the construction of axial chirality

## Macrocyclization for synthesis of Nature Products

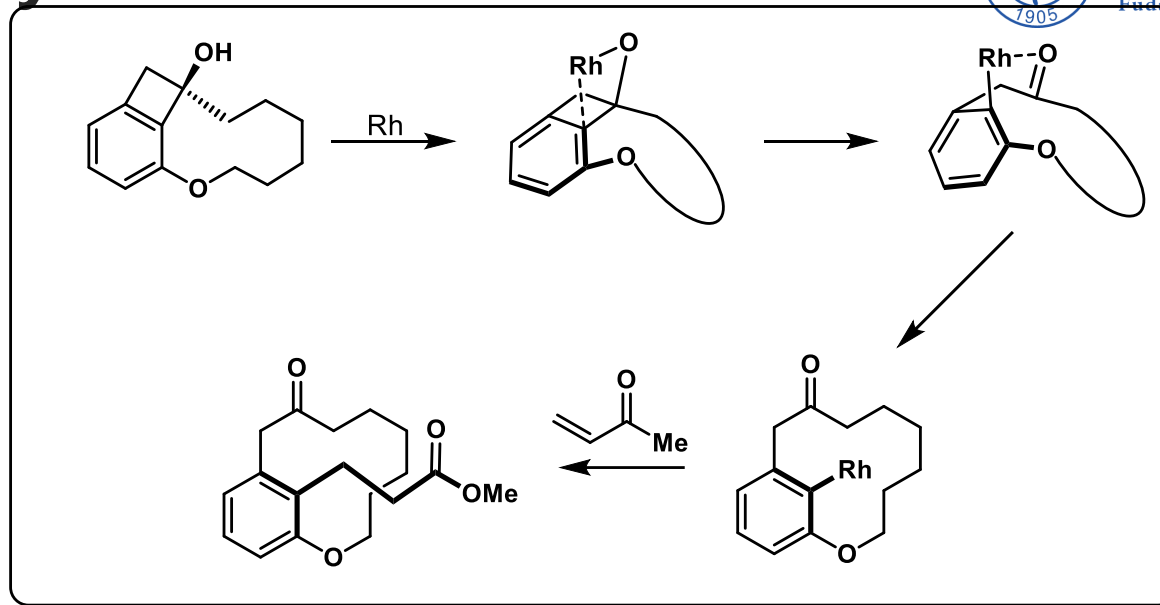
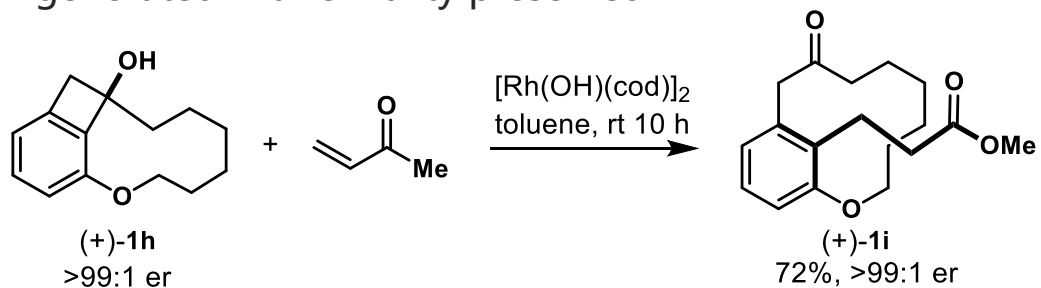


For natural products containing planar chirality, macrocyclization is the most commonly used method

# Construction of Planar chirality

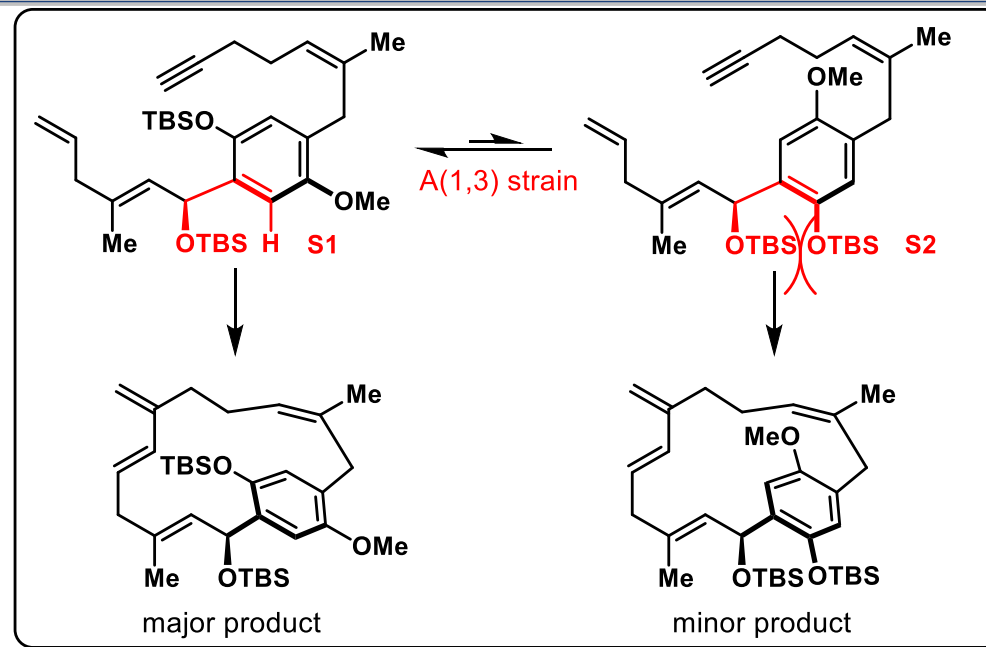
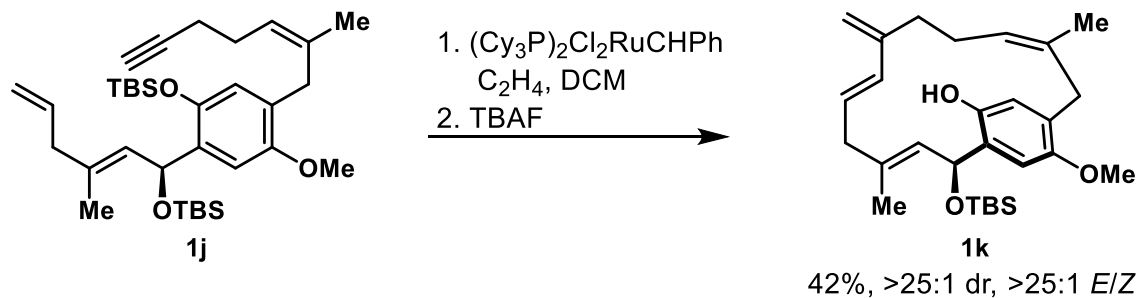
## 2. Point to Planar Chirality Transfer

Chiral centers disappear and new chiral plane generated with chirality preserved



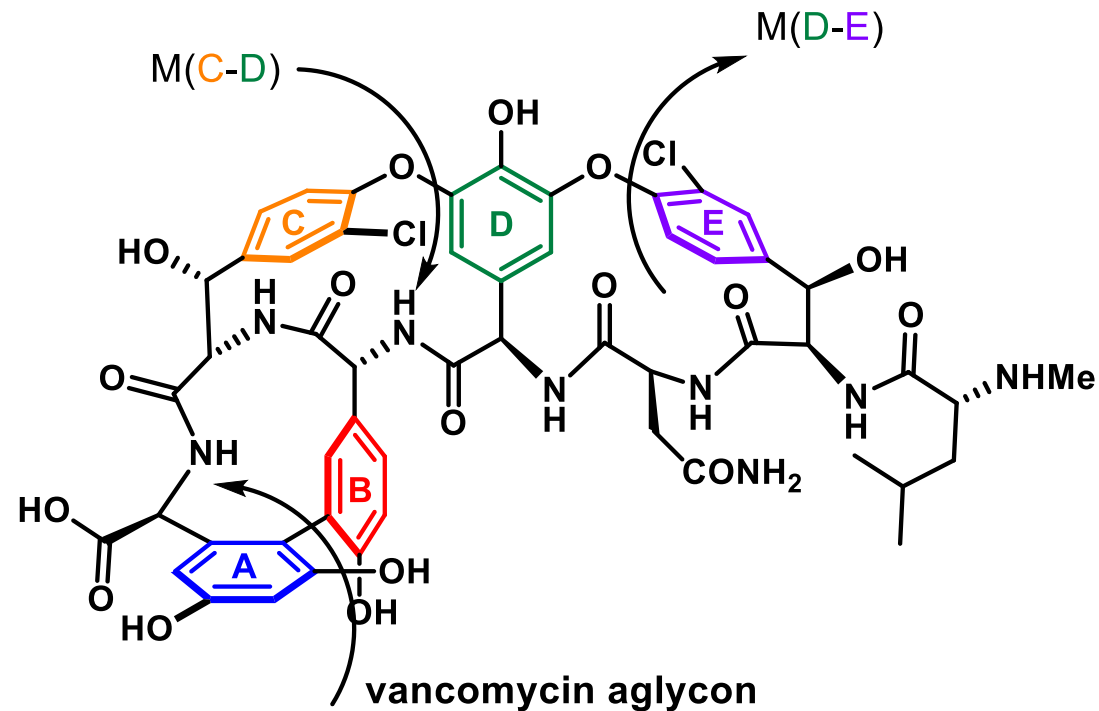
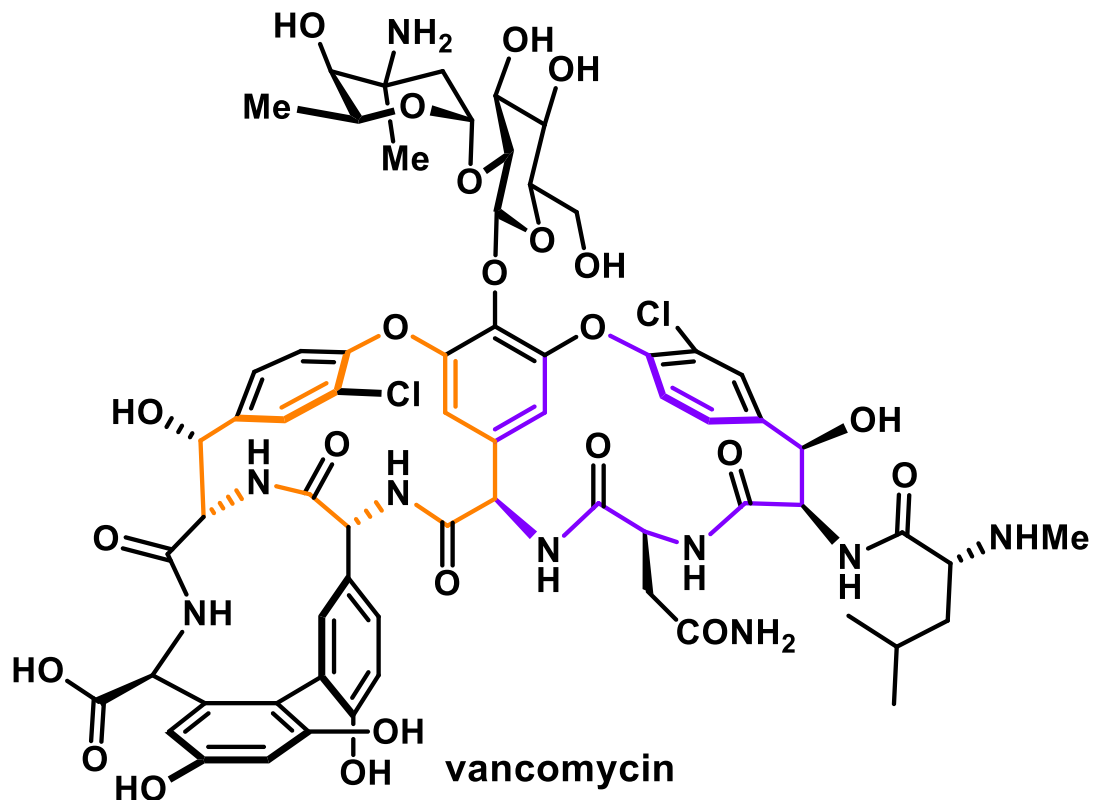
## 3. Chiral induction

Chiral centers are retained, and new chiral plane generated with high diastereoselectivity





# Vancomycin and Vancomycin aglycon



1. Isolated in 1956 from *Streptomyces orientalis*
2. Last resort against infections
3. Two 16-membered diaryl ethers (orange and purple)
4. [12]paracyclophane
5. Arylglycine-rich heptapeptide

M(A-B)

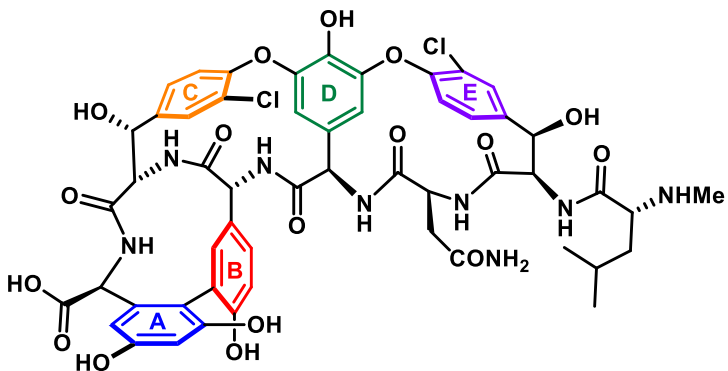
1. M(A-B) axial chirality
2. M(C-D) planar chirality
3. M(D-E) planar chirality



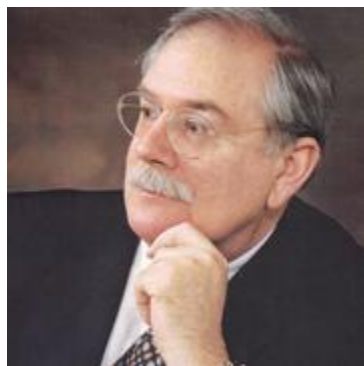


# Total synthesis of Vancomycin and Vancomycin aglycon

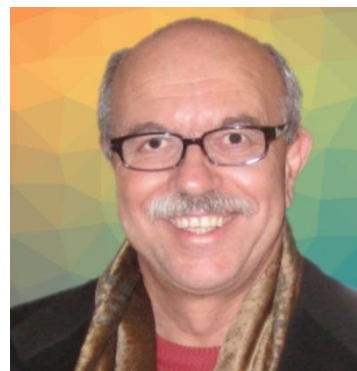
## Vancomycin aglycon



vancomycin aglycon



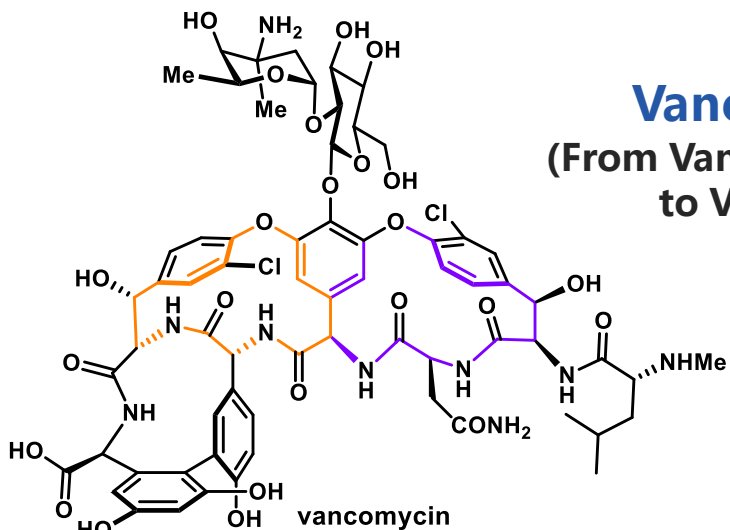
David A. Evans  
1998  
32 LLS  
0.4% overall yield



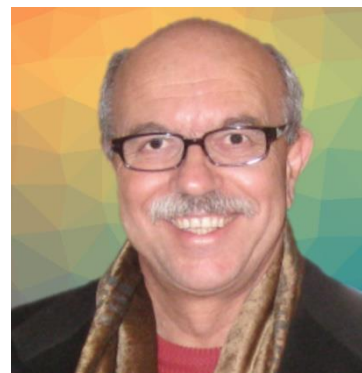
K. C. Nicolaou  
1998  
24 LLS  
0.05% overall yield



Dale L. Boger  
1999  
25 LLS  
0.2% overall yield  
2020  
17 LLS  
5% overall yield



## Vancomycin (From Vancomycin aglycon to Vancomycin)



K. C. Nicolaou  
1998  
11 LLS  
14% overall yield  
chemical method



Dale L. Boger  
2014  
2 LLS  
80% overall yield  
enzymatic method

David A. Evans et al, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1998**, 37, 2700-2704.

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PART TWO

## Construction of Axial and Planar Chirality in Vancomycin



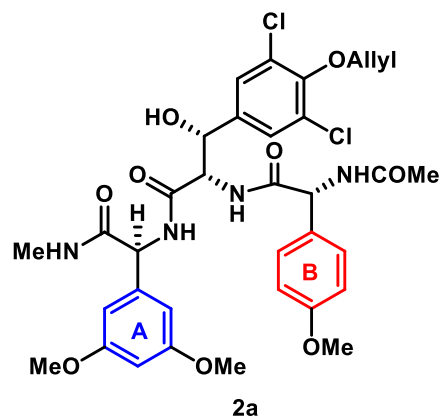
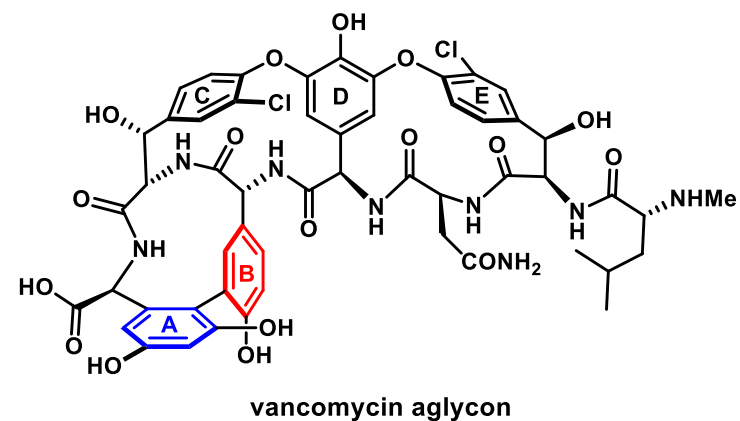
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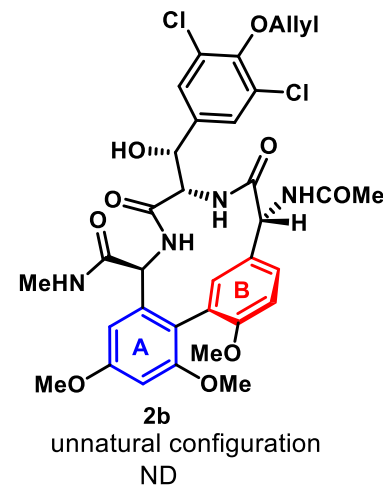
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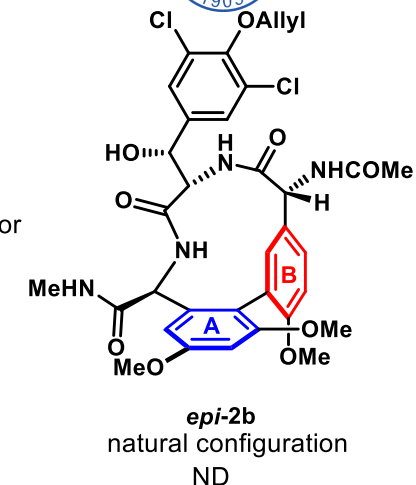
## Vanadium mediated oxidative coupling



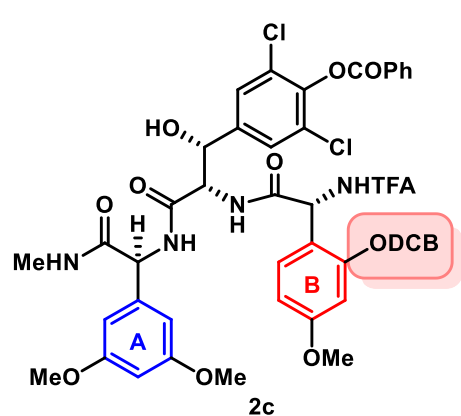
various conditions



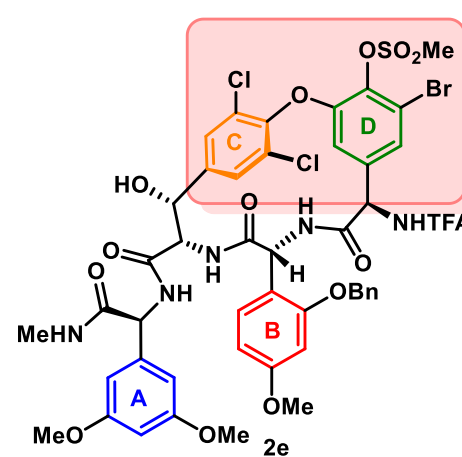
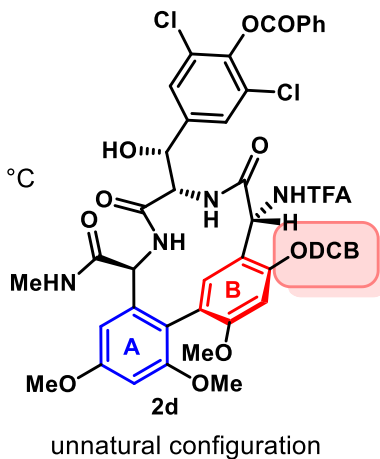
or



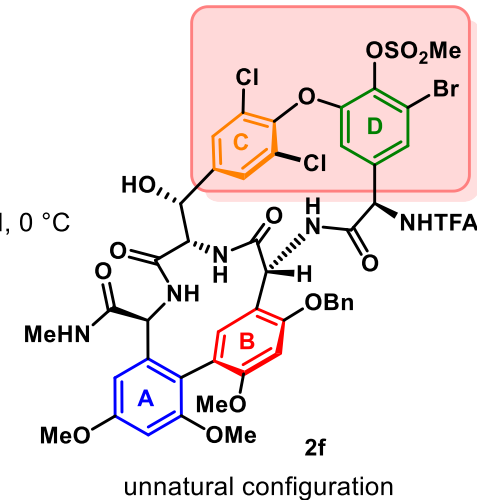
dimeric biaryl coupling resulting from the union of A only product



VOF<sub>3</sub>, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>  
TFAA, TFA, DCM, 0 °C  
then Zn  
58%, >19:1 dr



VOF<sub>3</sub>, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>  
TFAA, TFA, DCM, 0 °C  
then Zn  
72%, >19:1 dr

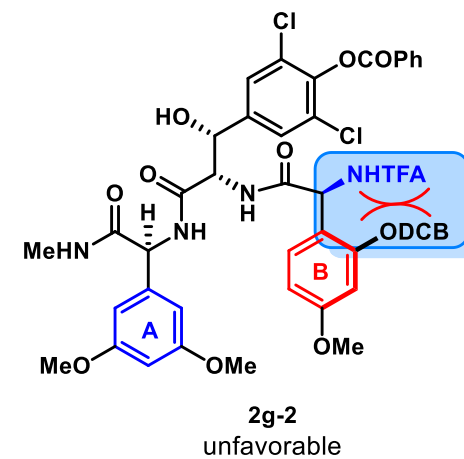
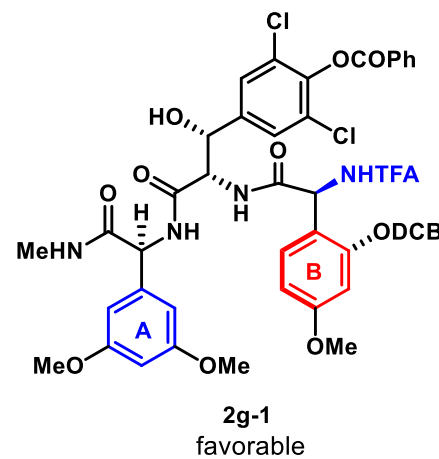
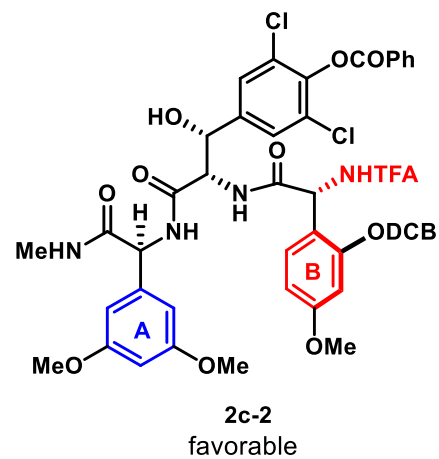
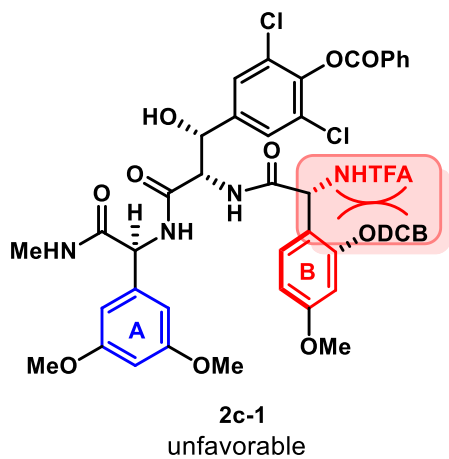
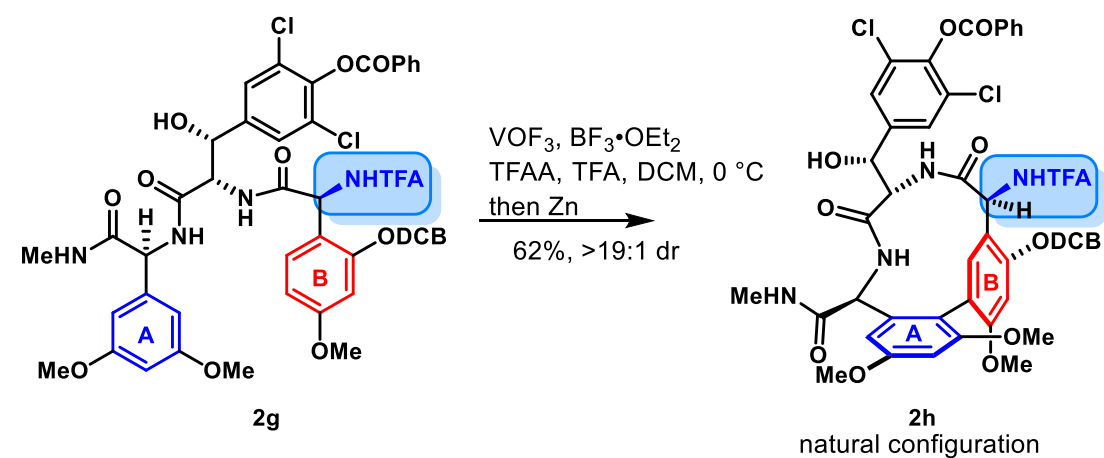
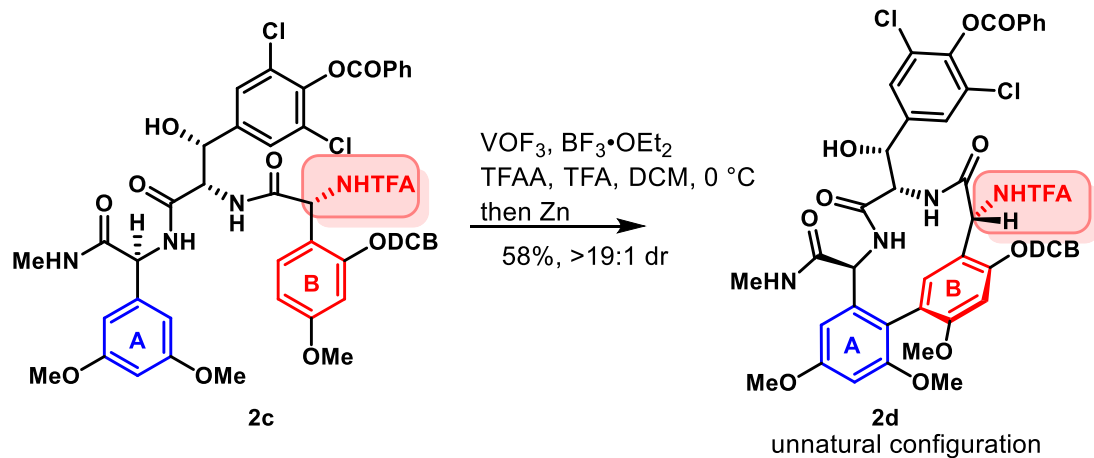




# A-B Axial Chirality

A(1,3) strain  $\rightarrow$  A-B Axial chirality

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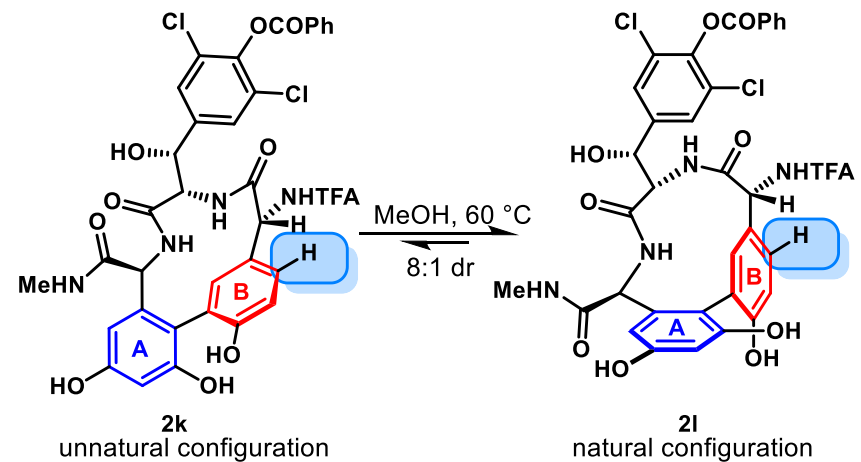
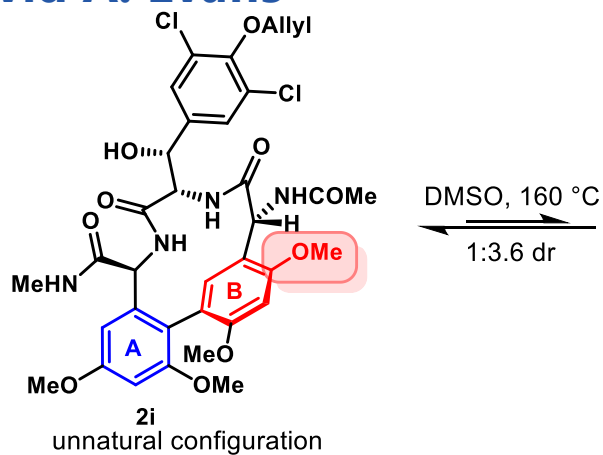


# A-B Axial Chirality

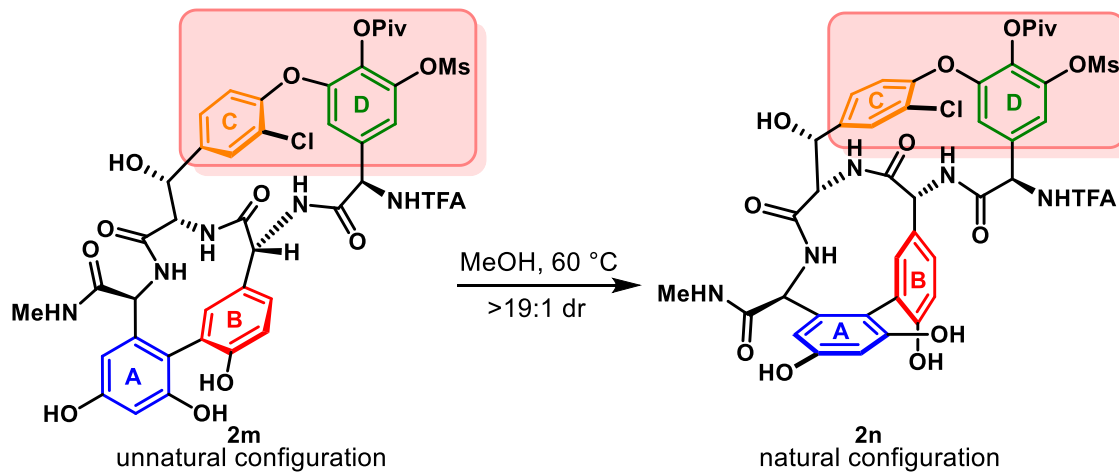
Thermal equilibrium  $\rightleftharpoons$  A-B Axial chirality



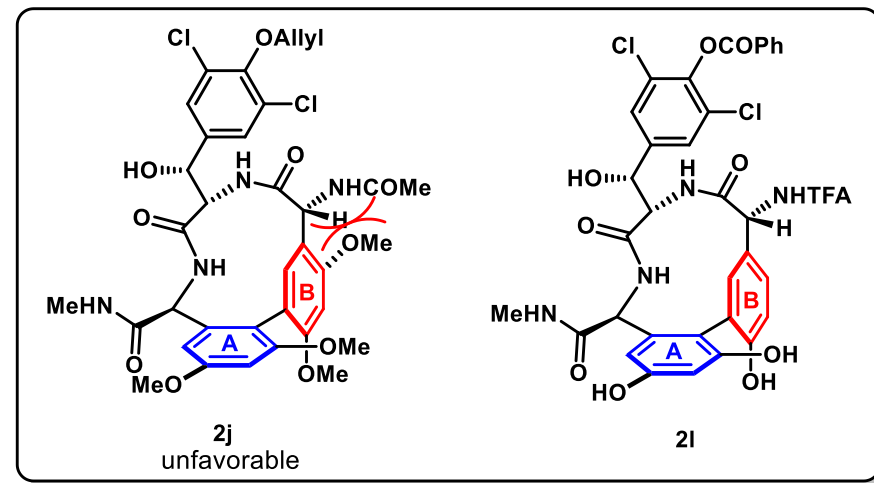
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Removal of intalled methoxy group



Preorganization of **C-D macrocycle**



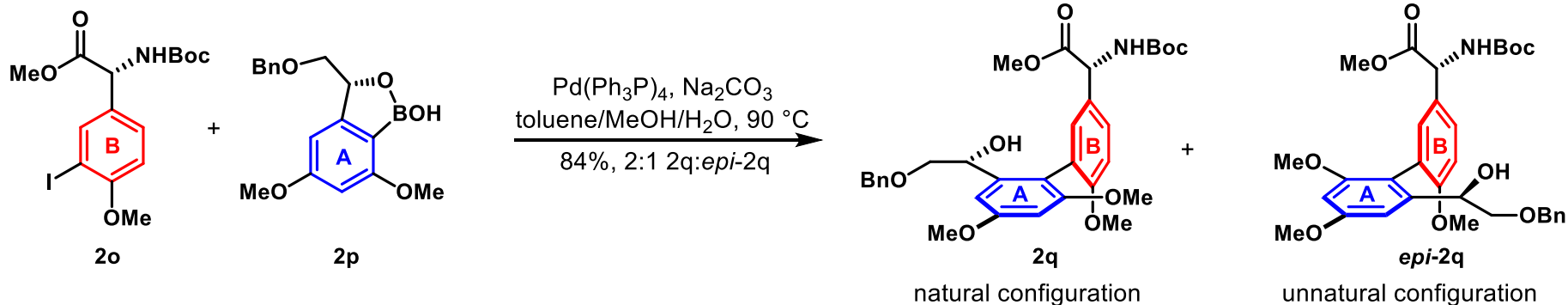
A(1,3) strain



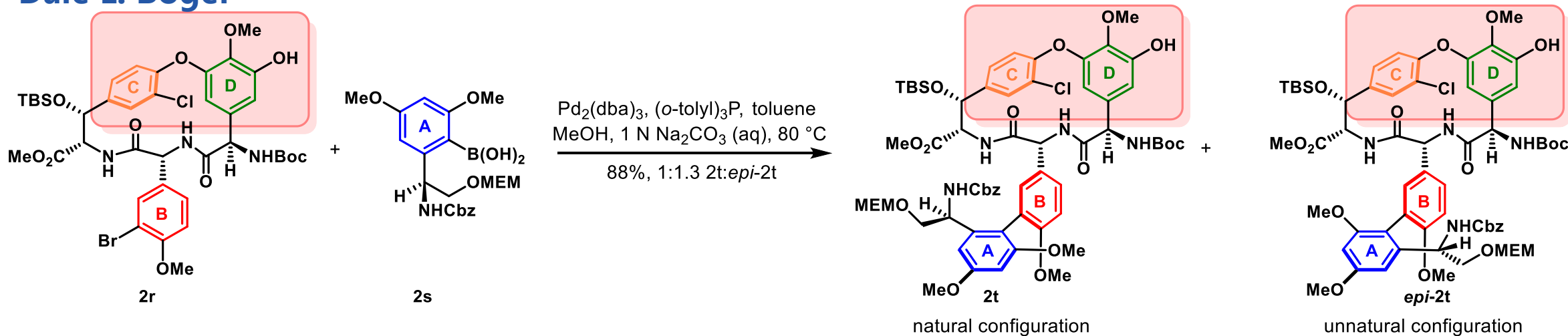
# A-B Axial Chirality

## Suzuki-Mayaura coupling

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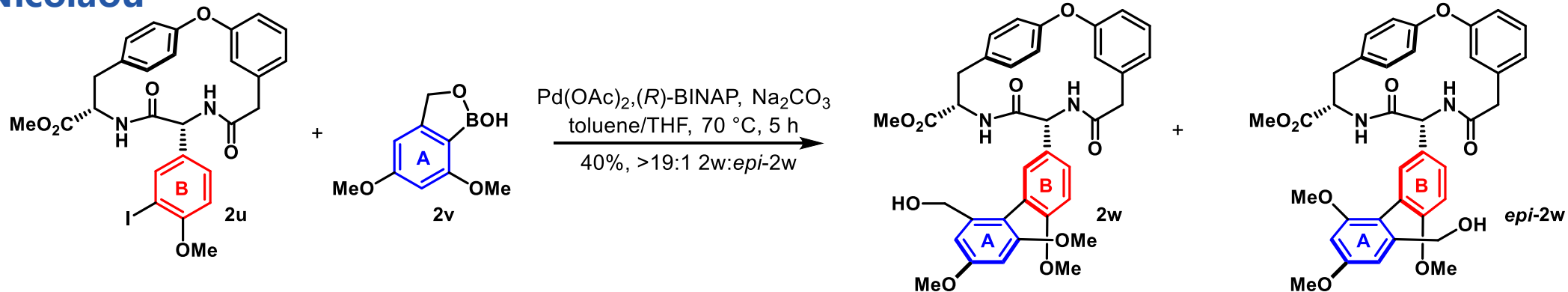




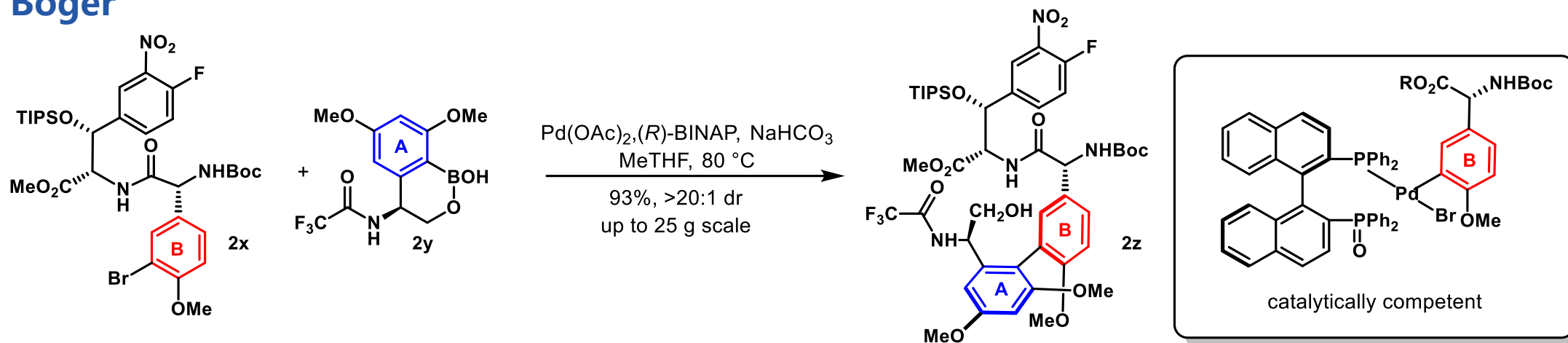
# A-B Axial Chirality

Chiral ligand → A-B Axial chirality

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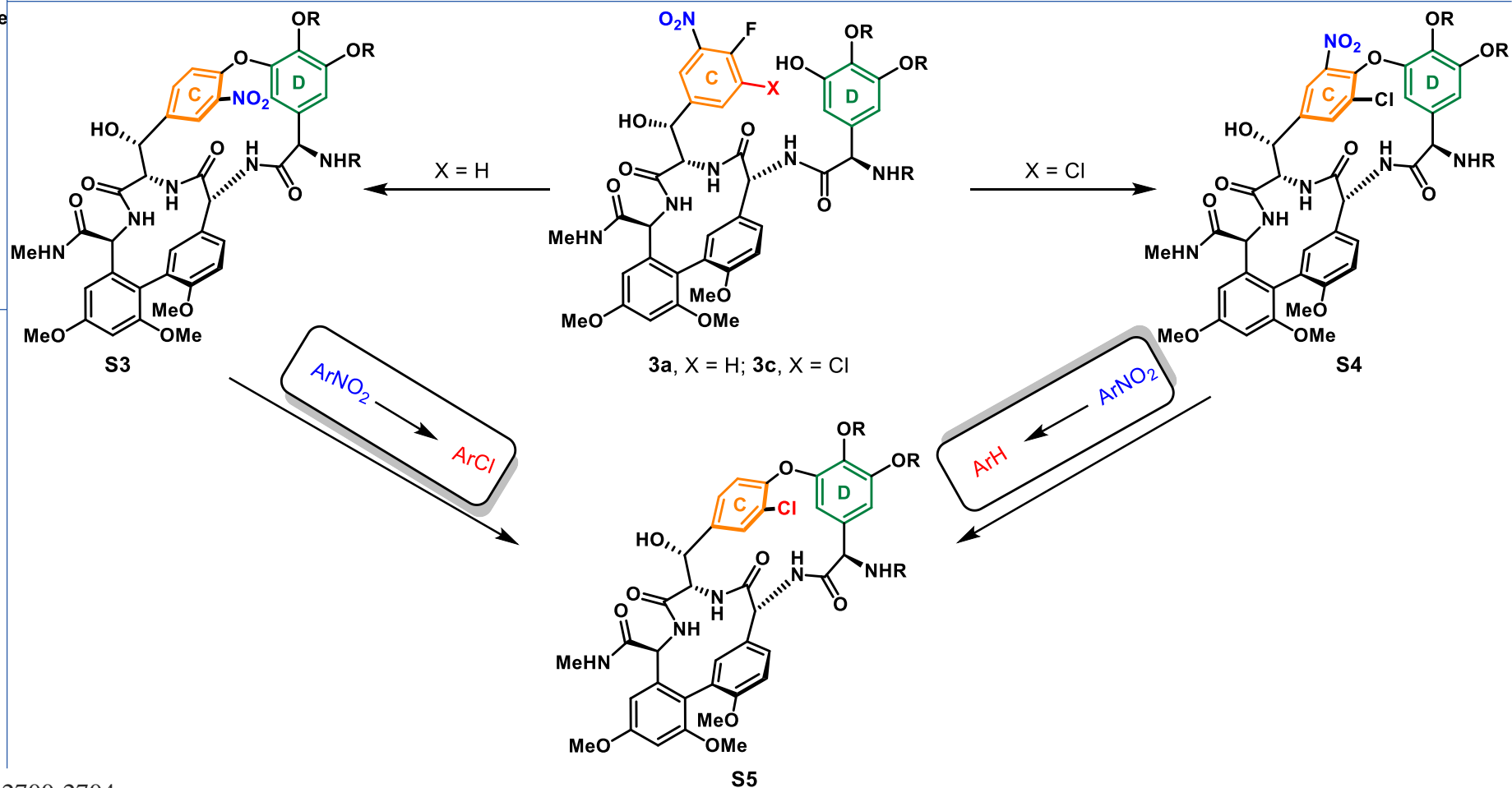
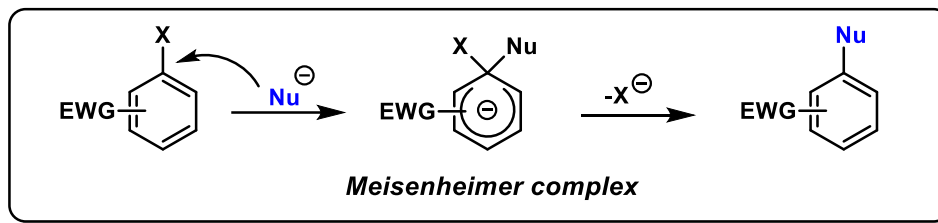
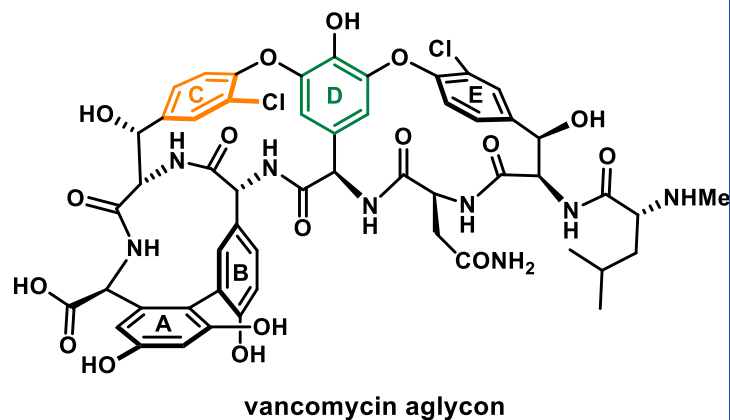


## Dale L. Boger



# C-D planar chirality

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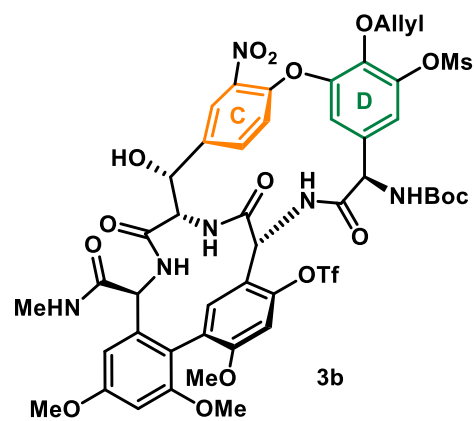
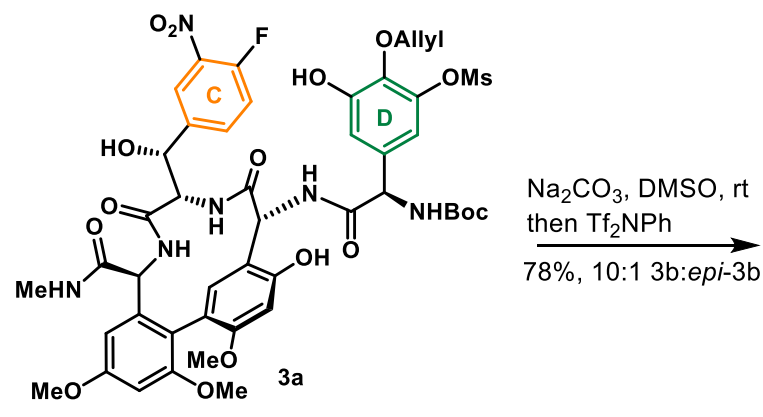


1. Hindered rotation of **benzene C**
2. **C-Cl** facing outward from the paper
3.  $S_NAr$  Reaction followed by Sandmeyer Reaction ( $NO_2$  to Cl or H)

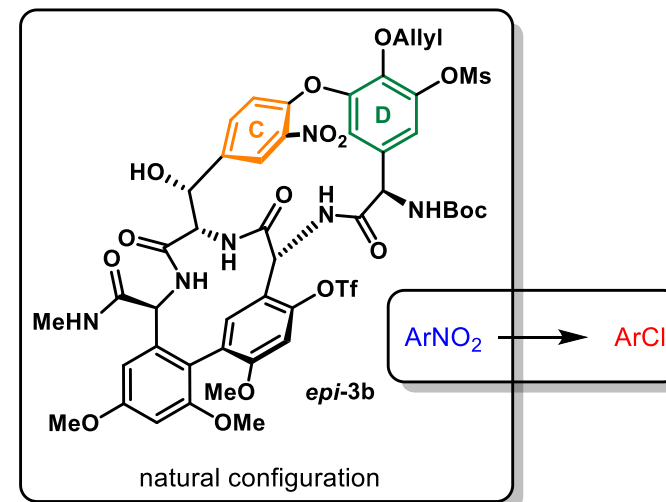


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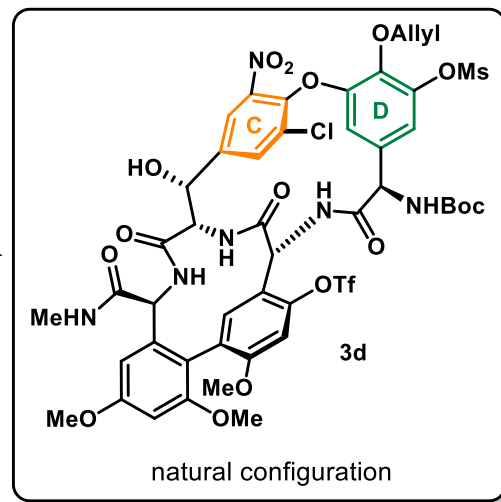
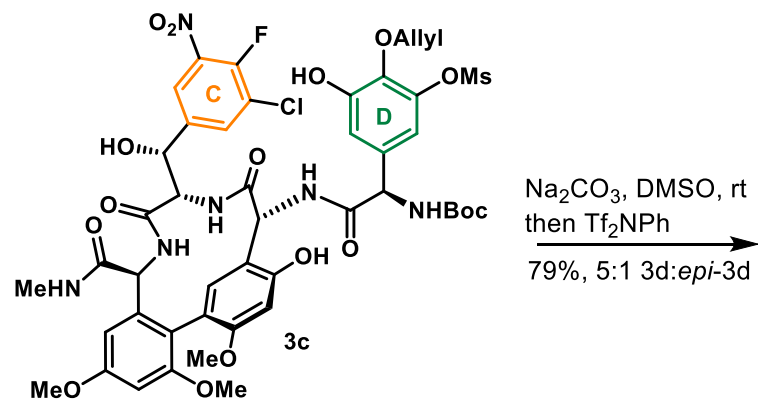
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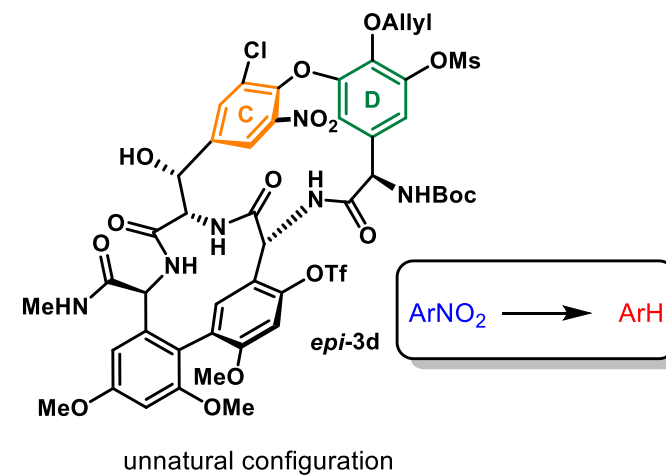
unnatural configuration



natural configuration



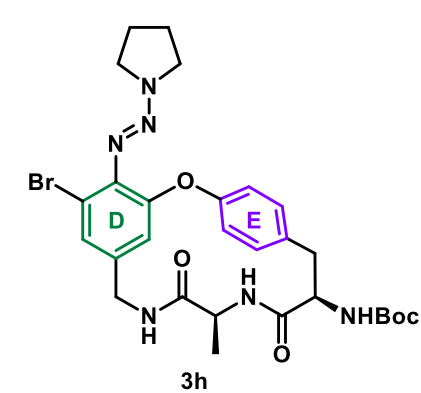
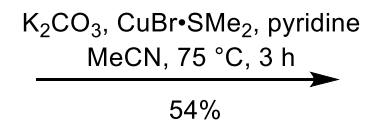
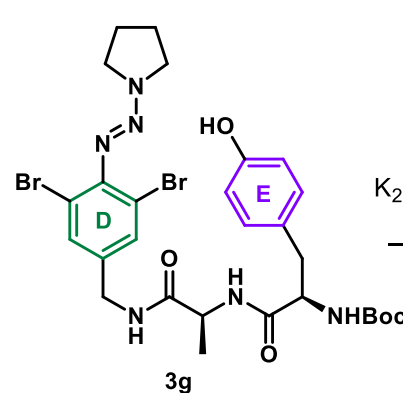
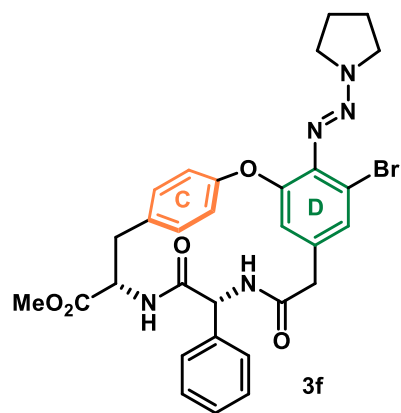
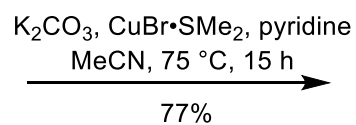
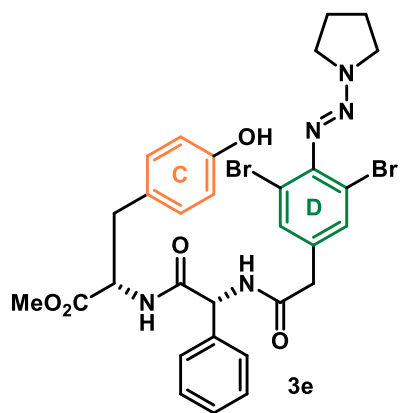
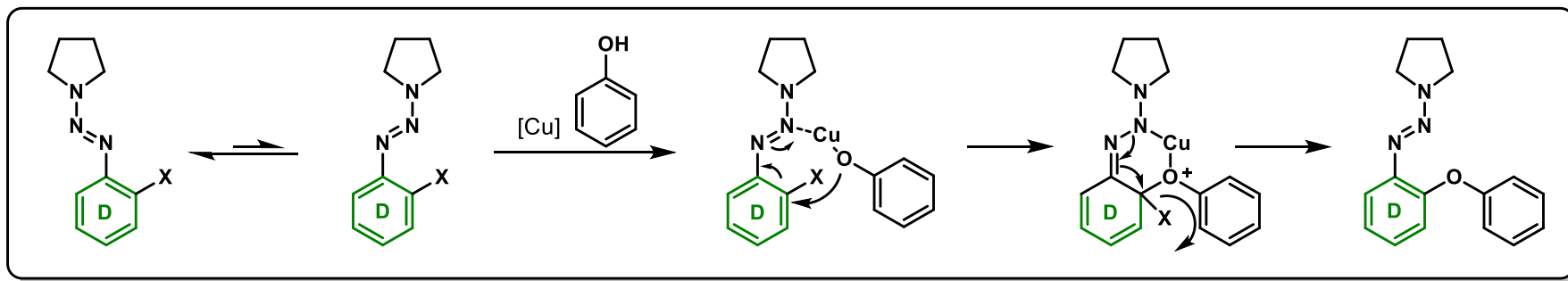
natural configuration



unnatural configuration



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### Triazene unit

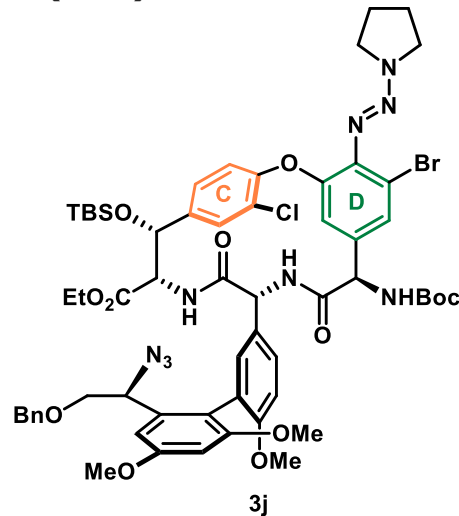
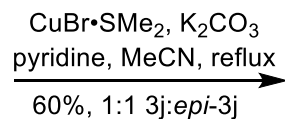
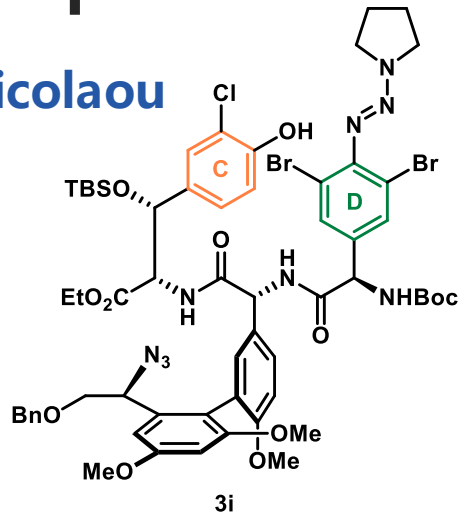
1. Electron sink
2. Attract the Nu<sup>-</sup> through coordination with Cu(I)

The Triazene based Ullmann reaction successfully achieved macrocyclization  
How about the planar chirality control of these two cyclophanes?

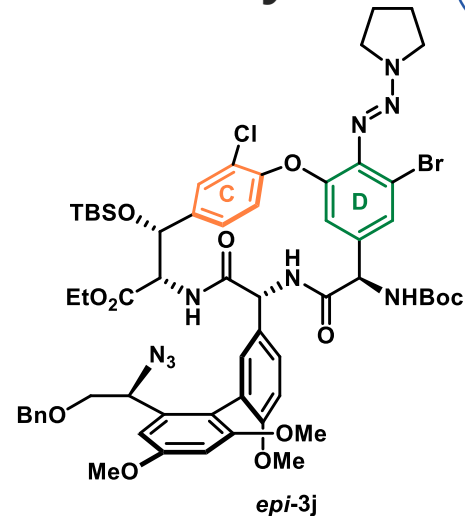


# C-D planar chirality

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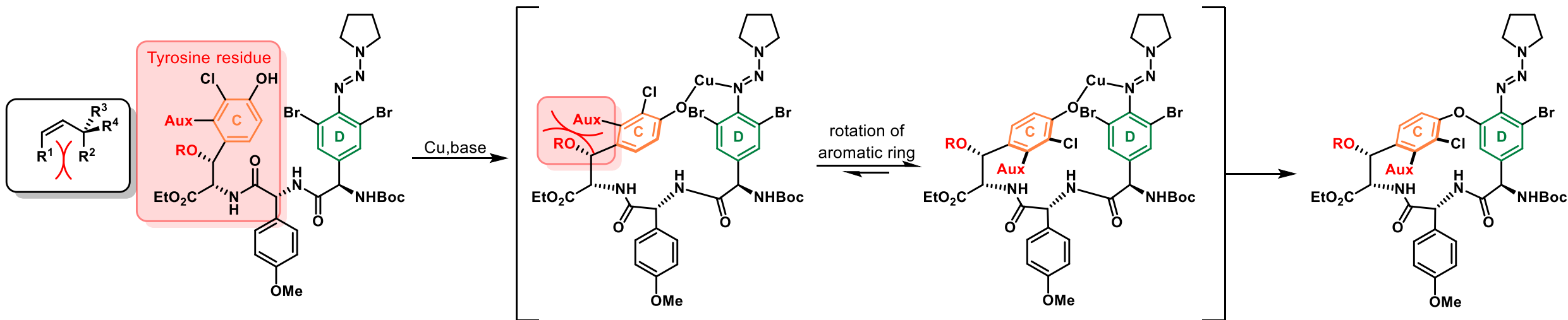
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Design: A(1,3) strain

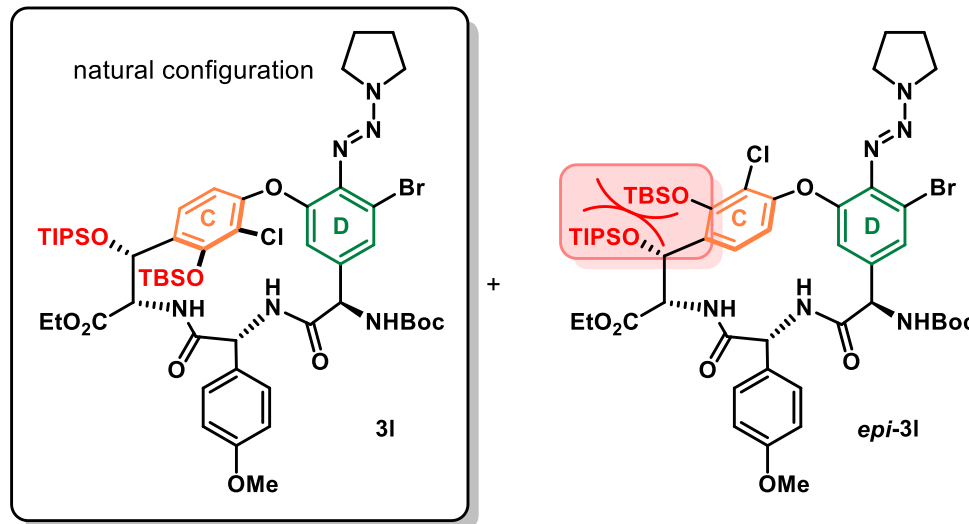
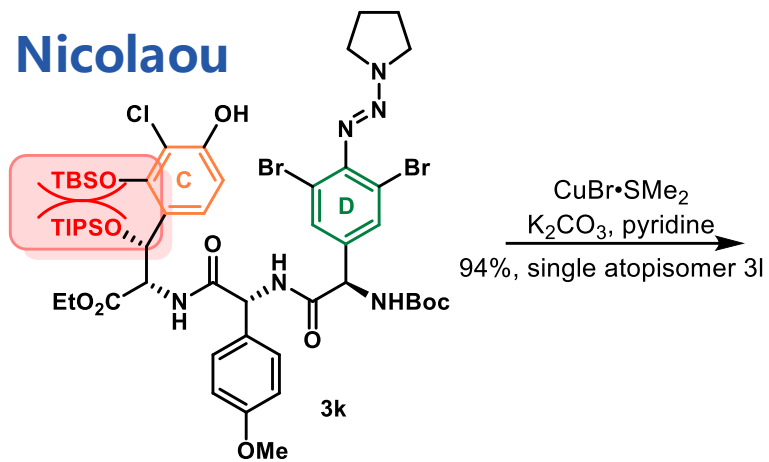
No planar selectivity  
How to make dr higher to a single atropisomer?



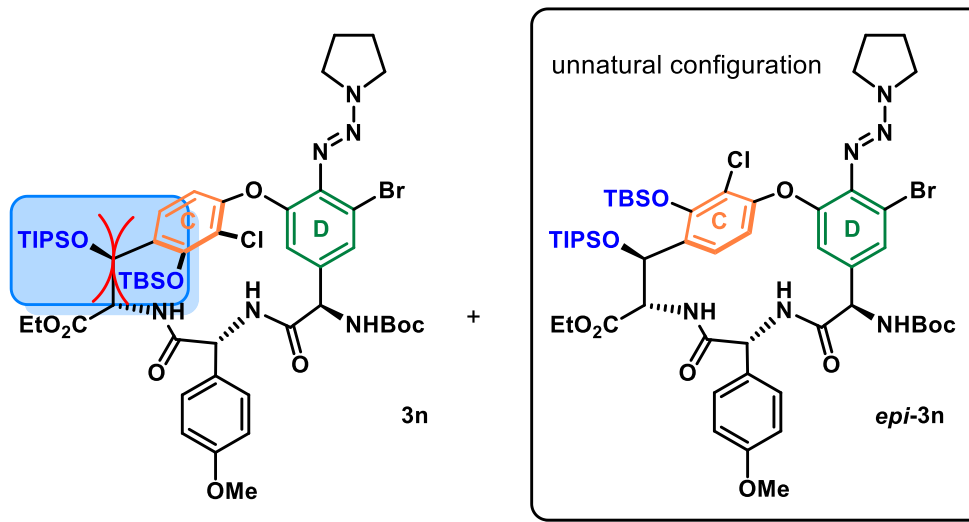
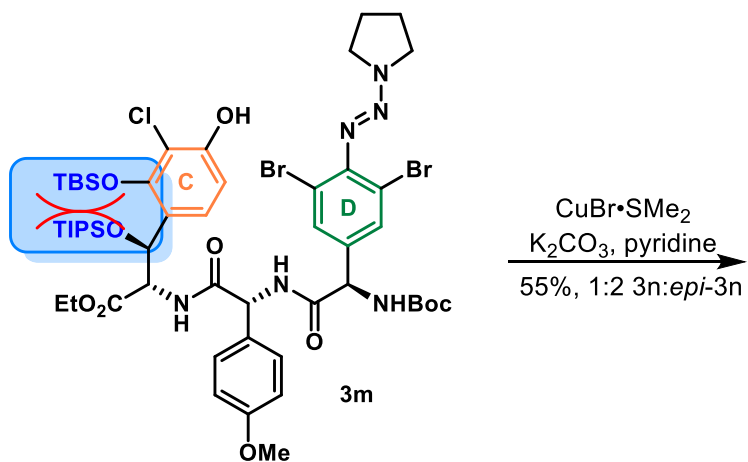
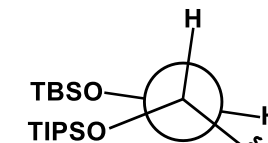
# C-D planar chirality

## A(1,3) strain $\rightarrow$ C-D planar chirality

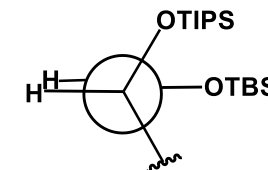
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highly unfavorable eclipsed conformation



moderately unfavorable staggered conformation

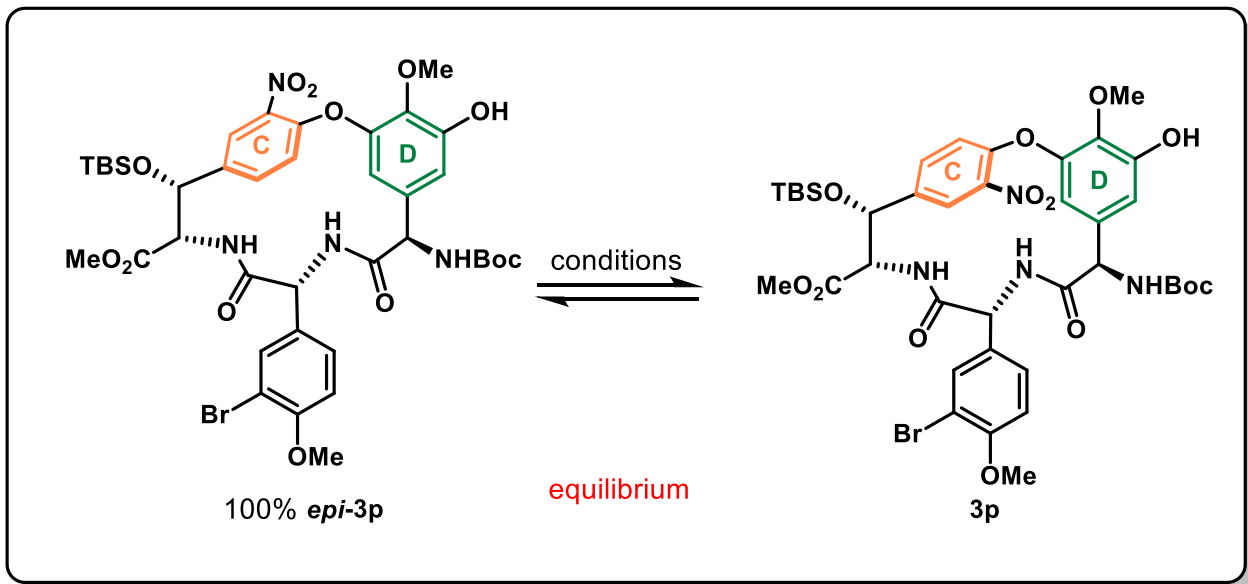
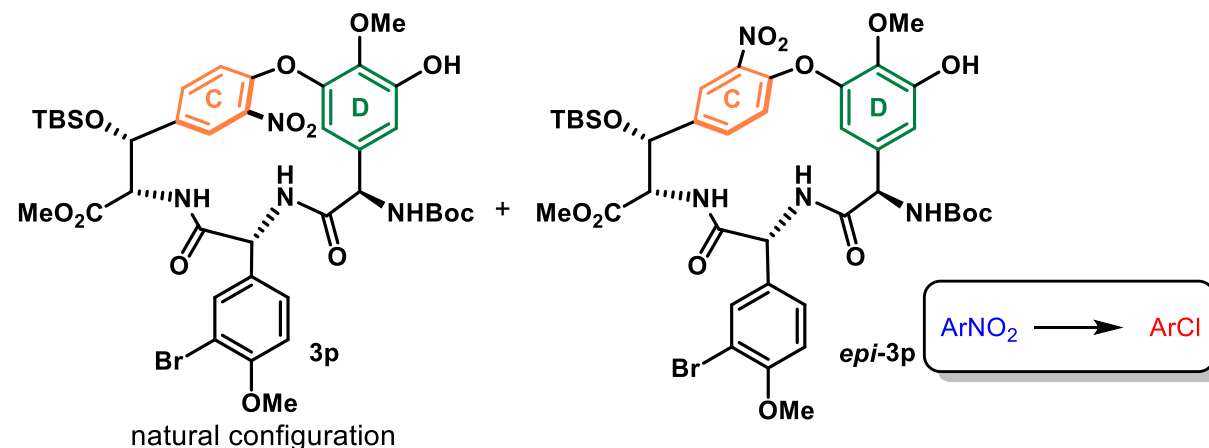
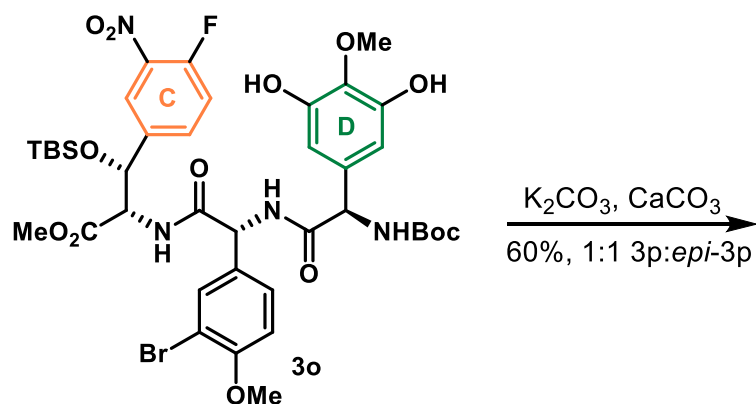




# C-D planar chirality

## Thermal equilibrium $\rightarrow$ C-D planar chirality

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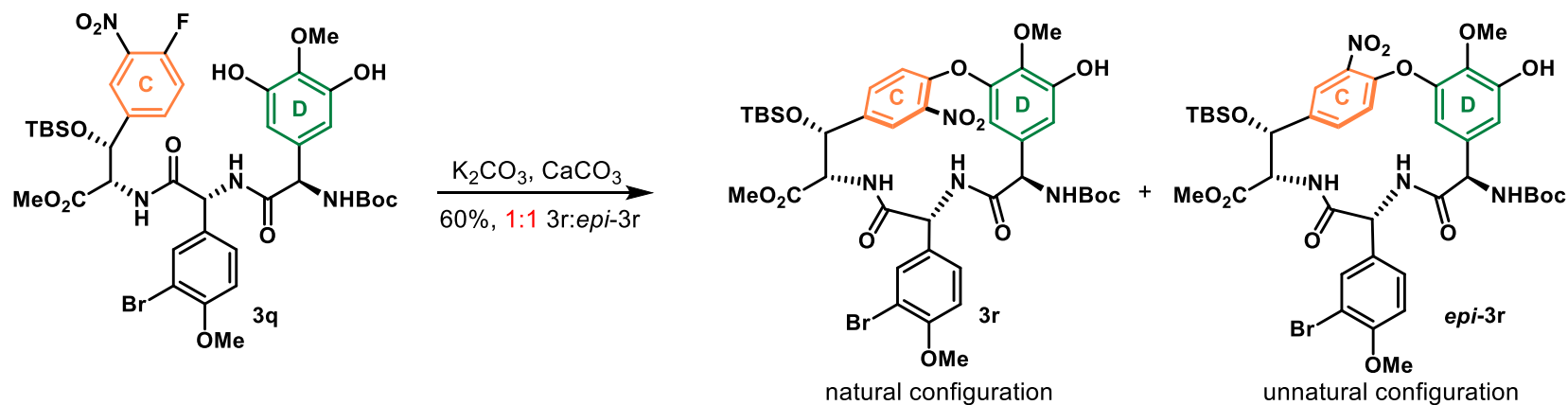
conditions	<i>epi</i> -3p:3p	conditions	<i>epi</i> -3p:3p
DMSO, 120 °C, 1 h	100:0	DMF, 120 °C, 1 h	100:0
DMSO, 155 °C, 1.3 h	2:1	DMF, 155 °C, 0.5 h	1.7:1
DMSO, 155 °C, 4 h	1.7:1 (72%)	DMF, 155 °C, 1.1 h	1.2:1 (57%)
DMSO, 140 °C, 5 min	>20:1	<i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 20 min	>20:1
DMSO, 140 °C, 0.5 h	10:1	<i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 2 h	11:1
DMSO, 140 °C, 1 h	5:1	<i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 3 h	8:1
DMSO, 140 °C, 1.5 h	3.5:1	<i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 16 h	1.6:1
DMSO, 140 °C, 3.5 h	2:1	<i>o</i> -C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 140 °C, 56 h	1.1:1
DMSO, 140 °C, 7 h	1.2:1		



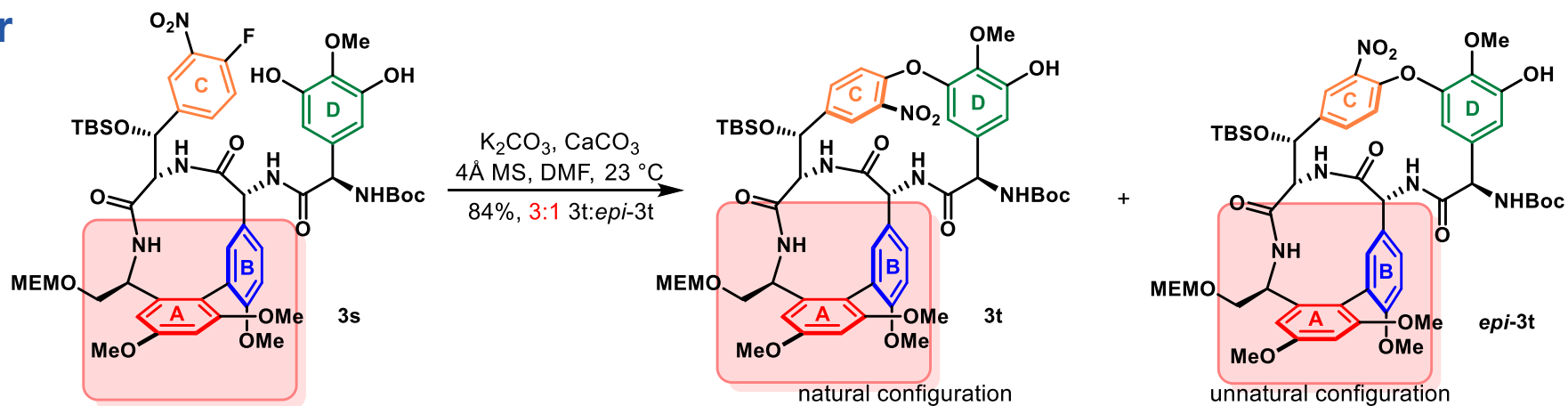
# C-D planar chirality

Intact A-B macrocycle  $\rightarrow$  C-D planar chirality

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natural A-B ring system **improves** C-D atropselectivity

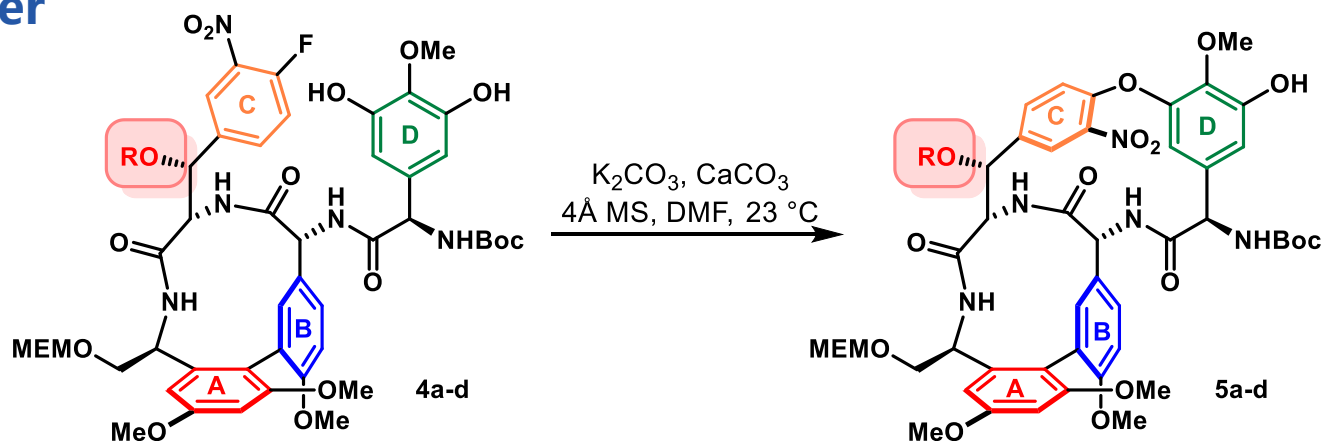


# C-D planar chirality

Steric hindrance → C-D planar chirality

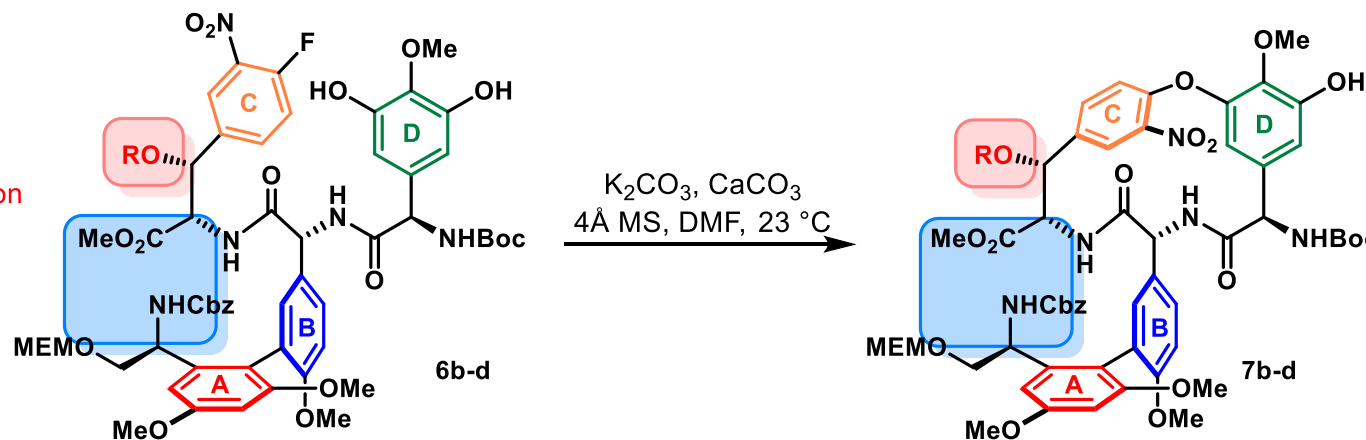
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With preorganization



	R	dr	yield
a	H	2:1	50%
b	TBS	3:1	84%
c	TBDPS	5:1	50%
d	TIPS	7:1	80%

Without preorganization



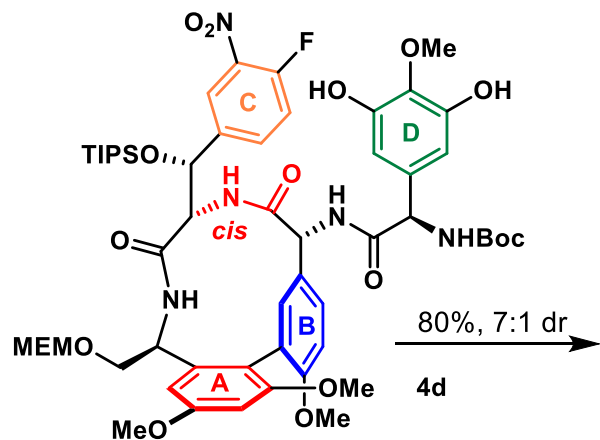
	R	dr	yield
b	TBS	1.2:1	50%
c	TBDPS	2.0:1	67%
d	TIPS	2.6:1	76%

1. Increase in silyl ether protecting group improved diastereoselectivity
2. Substrate with intact A-B ring system affords higher dr

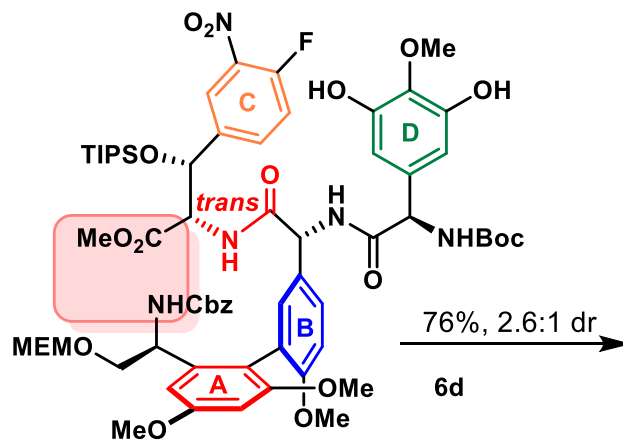


# C-D planar chirality

# Steric hindrance → C-D planar chirality

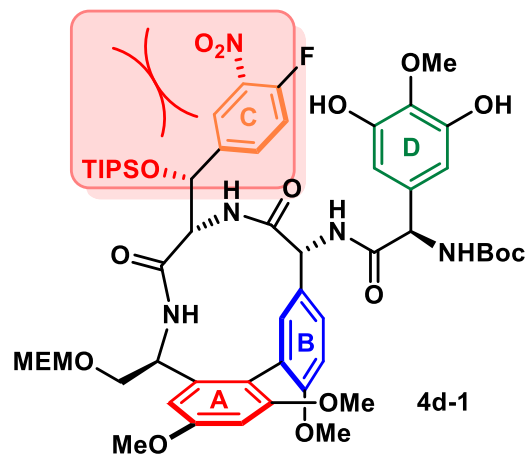


With preorganization  
cis amide conformation

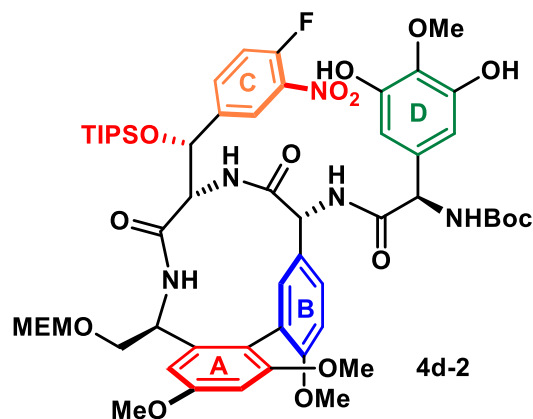


Without preorganization  
trans amide conformation

4d with preorganization of AB ring system  
adopts a **cis amide conformation**



less favorable rotamer



more favorable rotamer

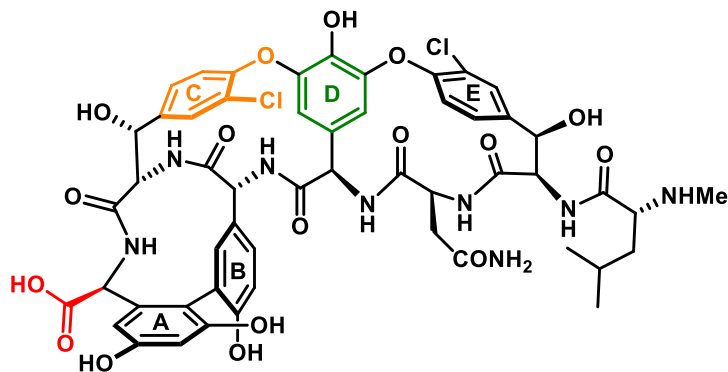
substituent effect that sterically further directs  
the nitro group **distal to the large silyl ether**





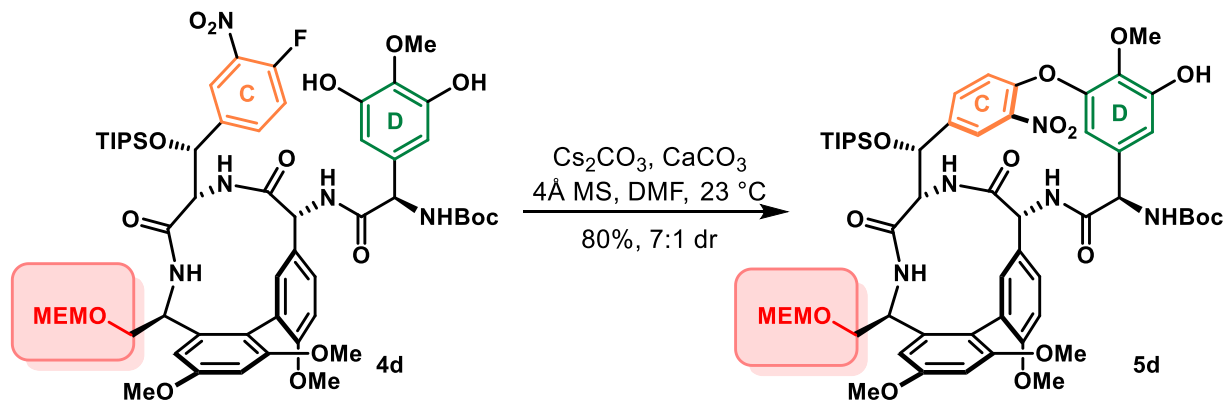
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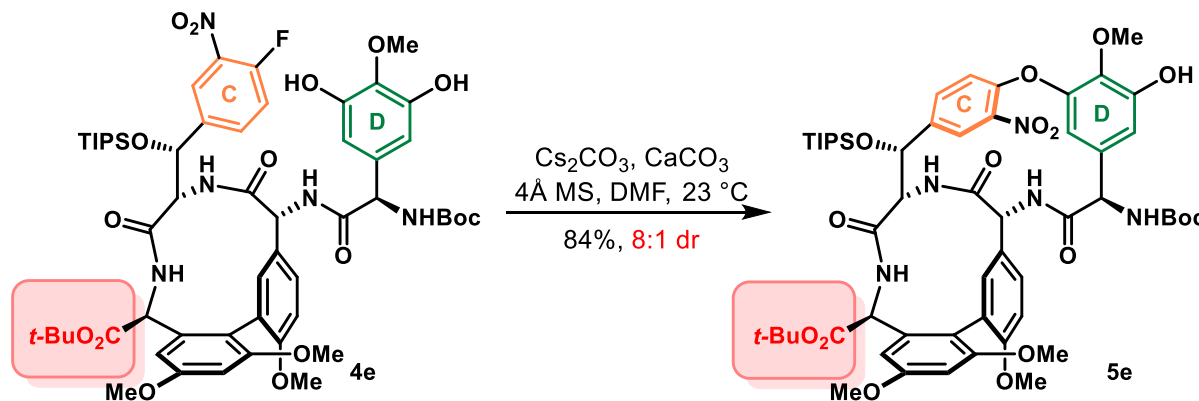


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# Remote ester group → C-D planar chirality



1. **MEM ether** was used to preclude C-terminus epimerization
2. Introduce of MEM ether along with an efficient deprotection-oxidation sequence (**53%, 4 steps**)
3. *tert*-butyl ester with judicious choice of reaction condition **avoid epimerization**
4. *tert*-butyl ester afford a higher dr

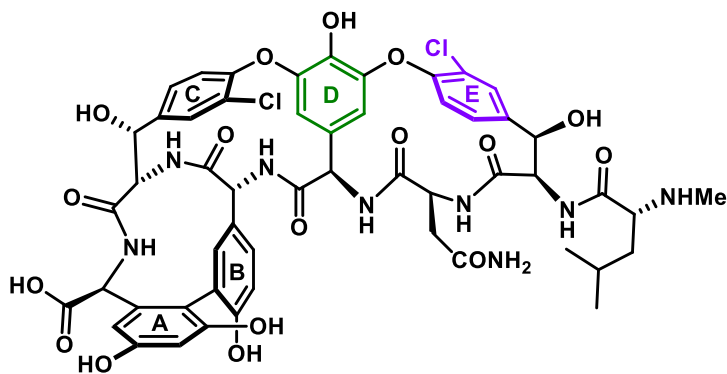


Next-generation total synthesis



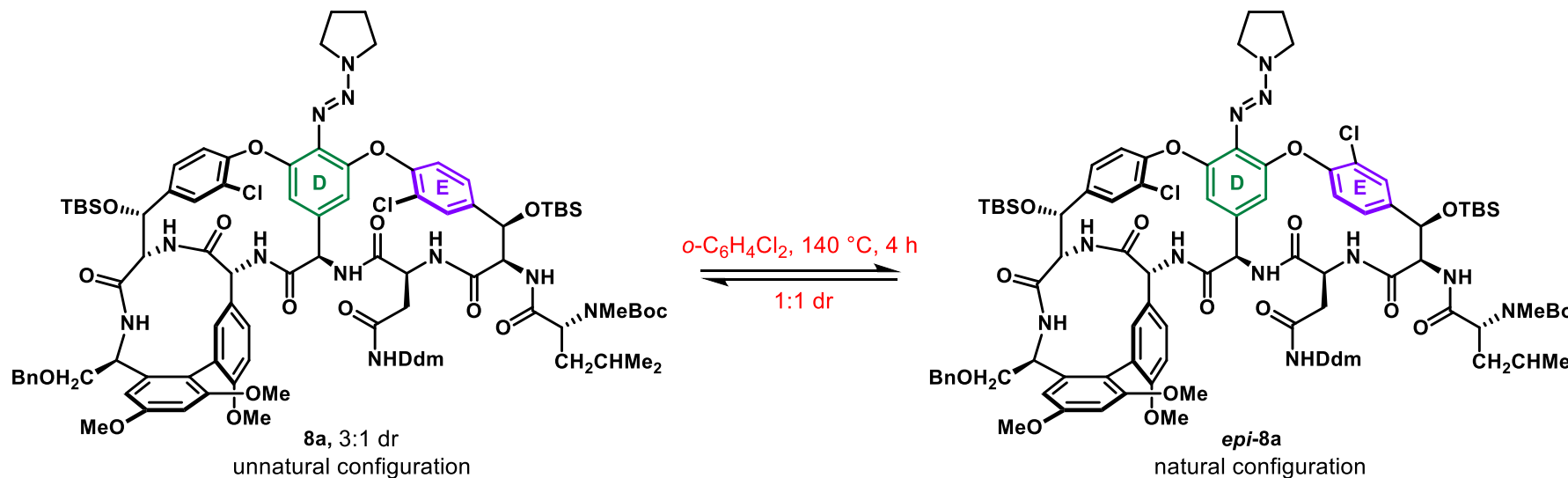
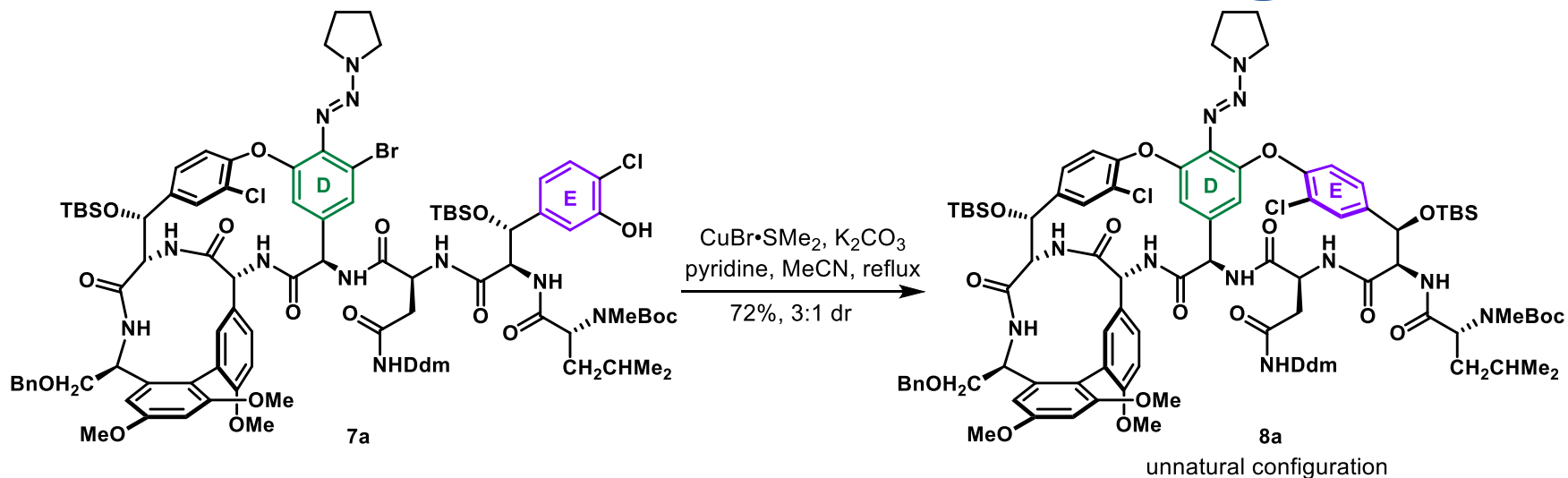
# D-E planar chirality

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# Thermal equilibrium → D-E planar chirality



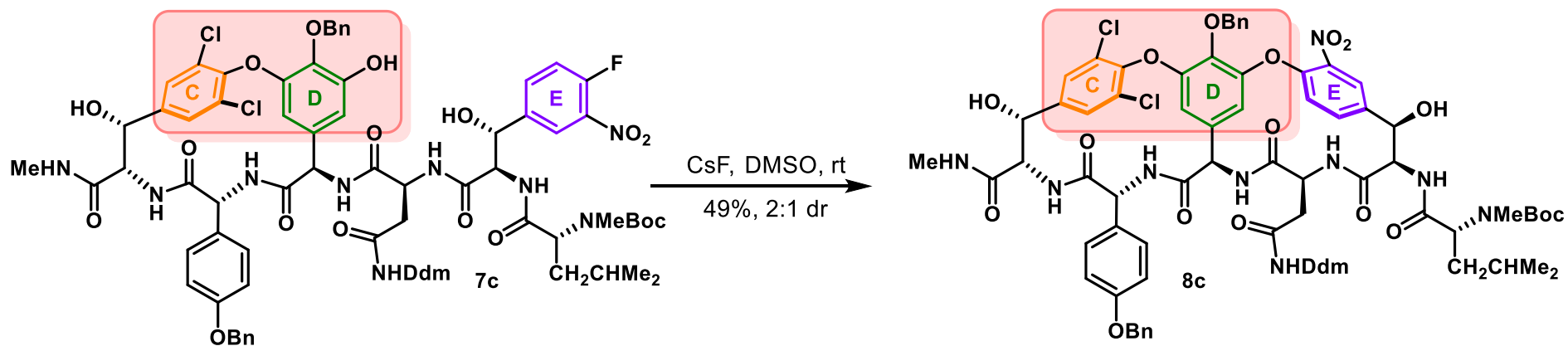
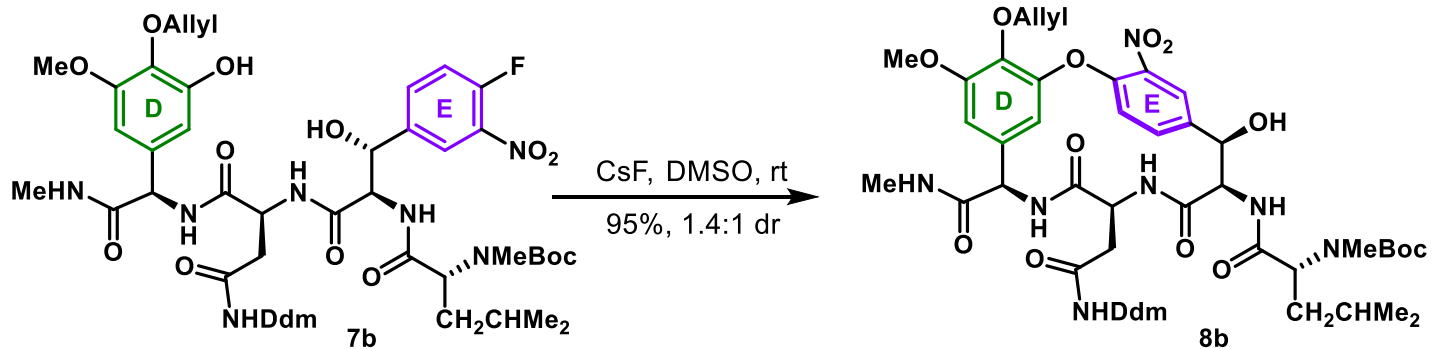
1. C-Cl Facing inside the paper surface
2. Ullmann coupling favors unnatural D-E macrocycle
3. Thermal equilibrium gives a 1:1 dr



# D-E planar chirality

Intact C-D configuration  $\neq$  D-E planar chirality

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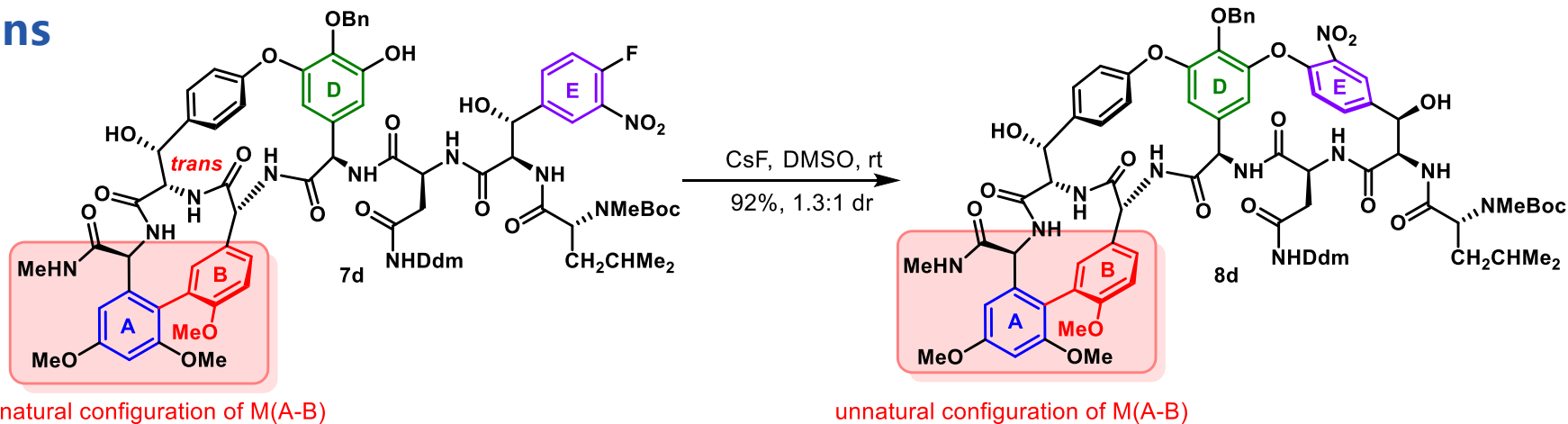




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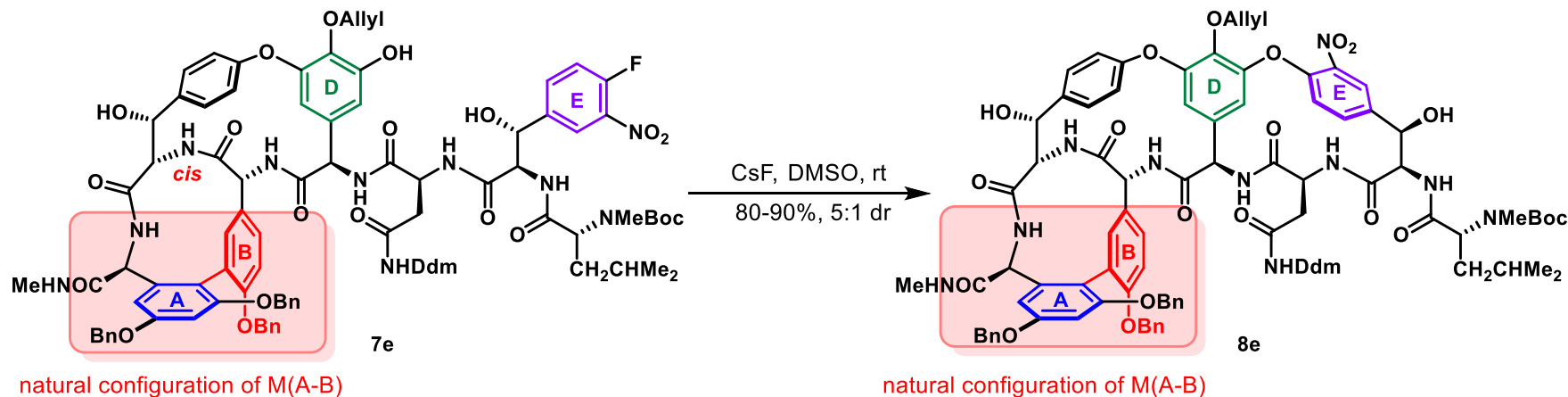
Natural A-B configuration → D-E planar chirality

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unnatural configuration of M(A-B)

unnatural configuration of M(A-B)



natural configuration of M(A-B)

natural configuration of M(A-B)

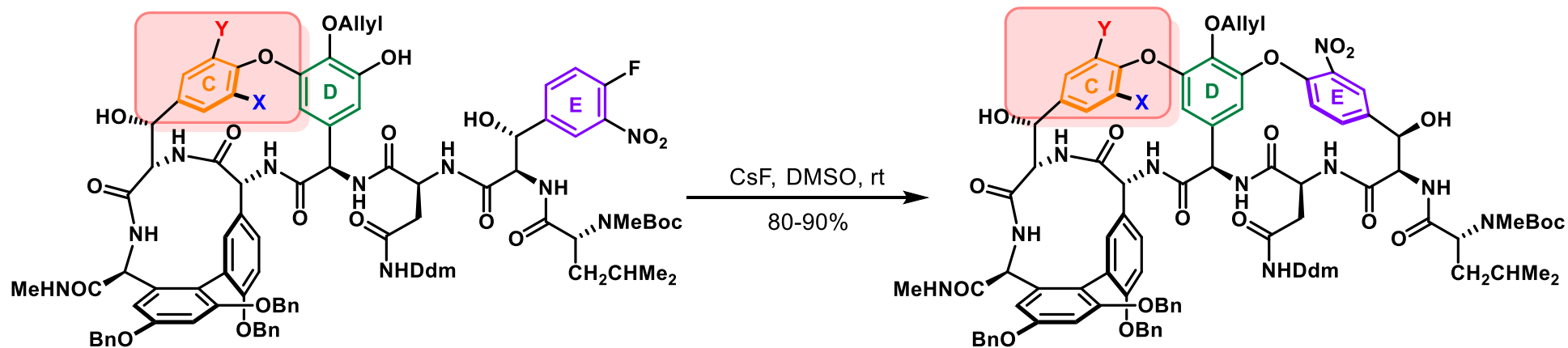
**The cis amide conformation may cause high atropselectivity**



# D-E planar chirality

Natural C-D configuration  $\neq$  D-E planar chirality

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7e X = H, Y = H

7f X = Cl, Y = Cl

Three Correct Natural Atropisomerism 7g X = Cl, Y = H

8e X = H, Y = H

8f X = Cl, Y = Cl

8g X = Cl, Y = H

dr = 5:1

dr = 7:1

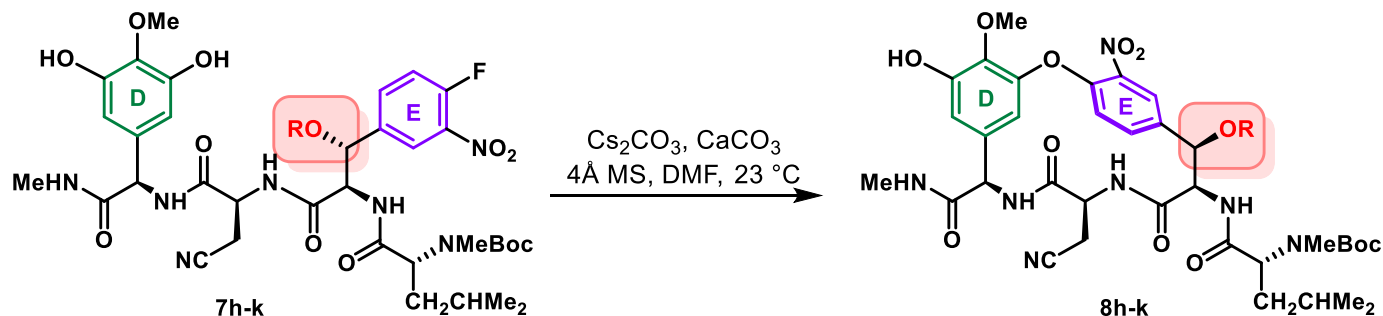
dr = 5:1

Chloro substituent in ring C is **not a dominant stereochemical** determinant

# D-E planar chirality

Steric hindrance → D-E planar chirality

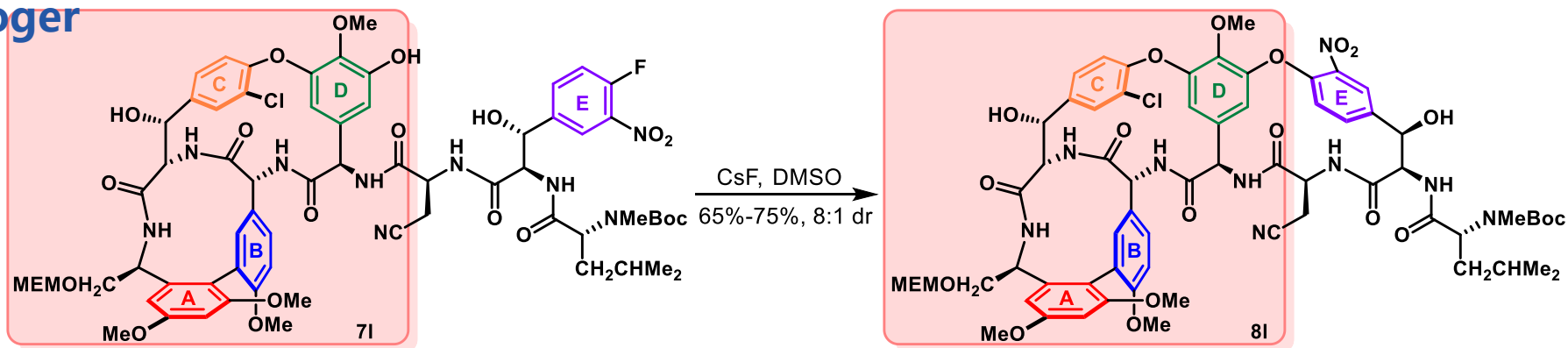
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	R	dr	yield
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k	TIPS	1.1:1	53%

Increase in silyl ether protecting group slightly improved diastereoselectivity

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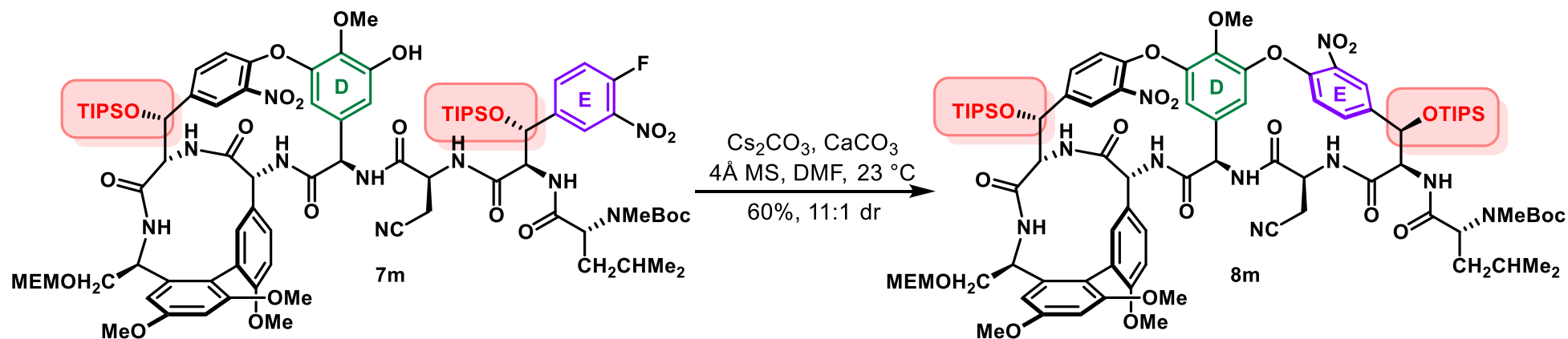
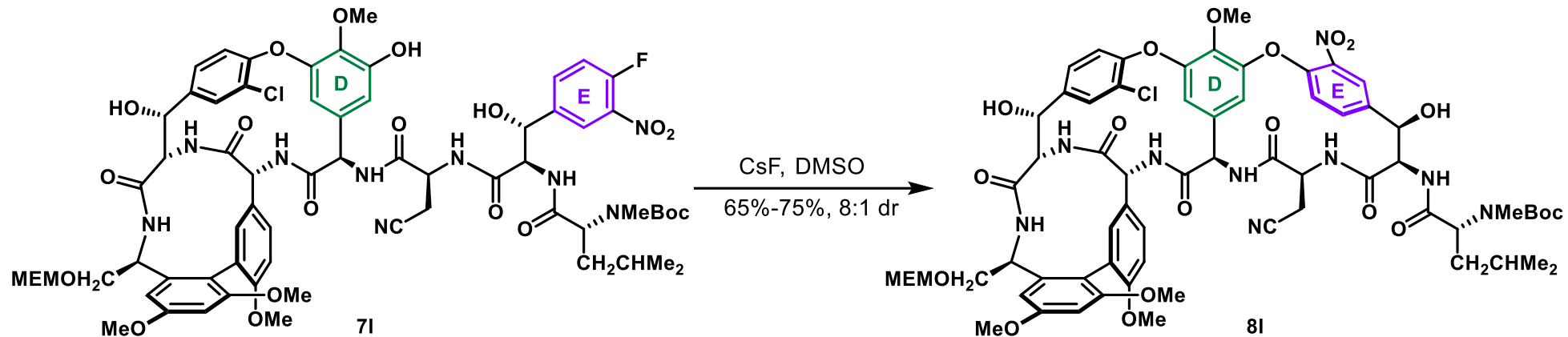
Preorganization of A-B and C-D macrocycle significantly improves dr



# D-E planar chirality

Steric hindrance → D-E planar chirality

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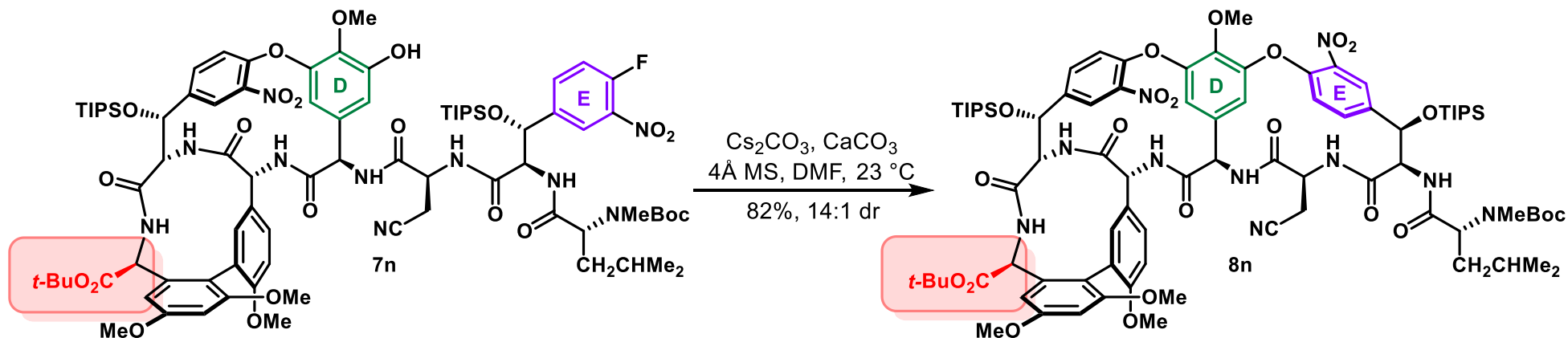
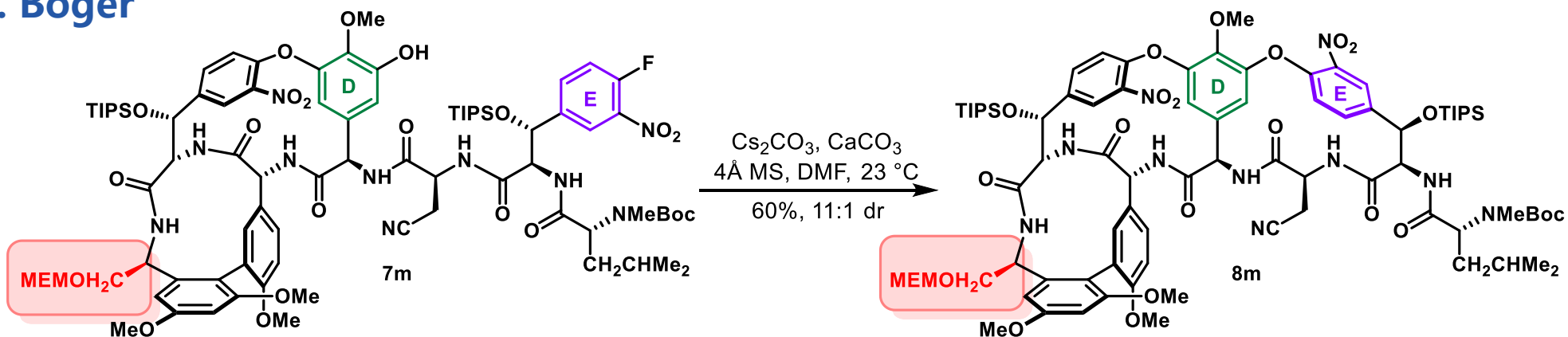




# D-E planar chirality

Remote ester group → D-E planar chirality

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# Summary and Outlook

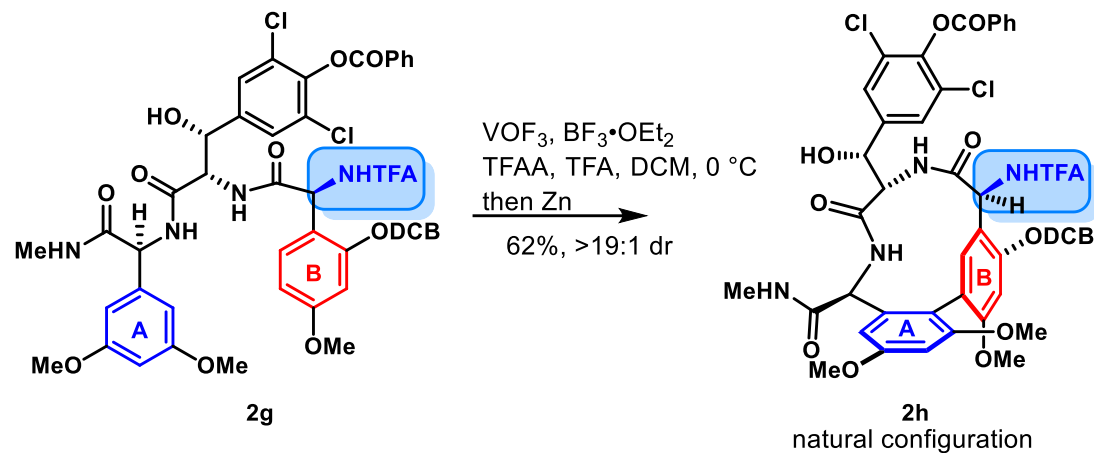


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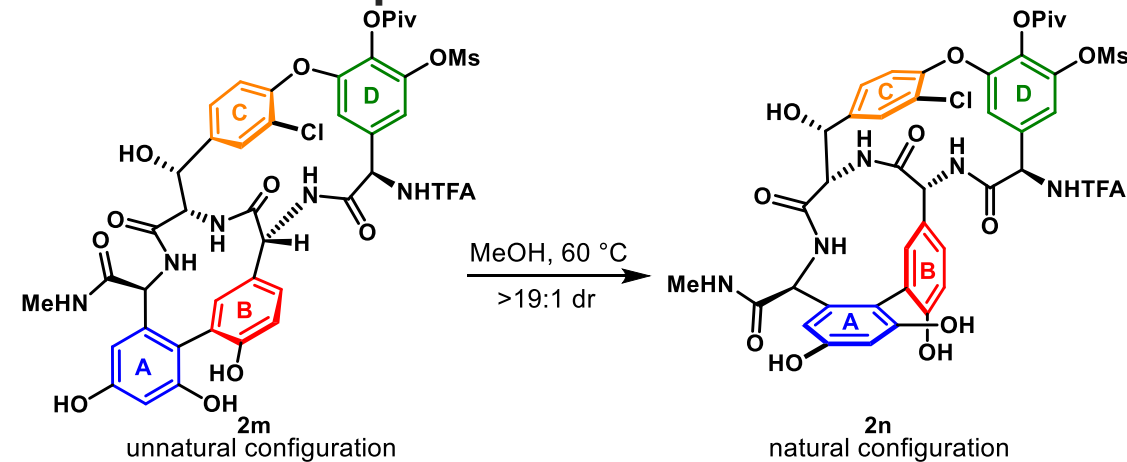
# Summary

## A-B Axial Chirality

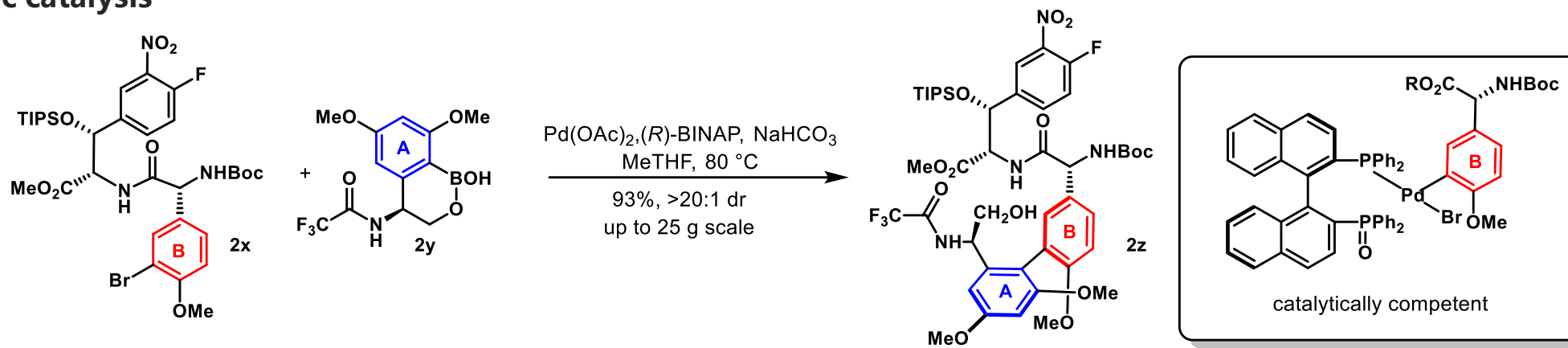
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### 2. Thermal equilibrium



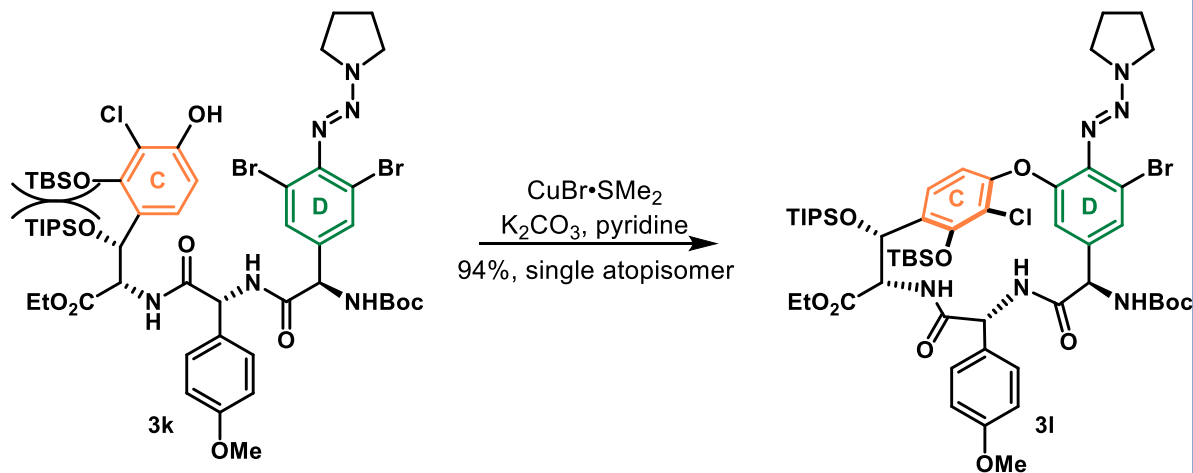
### 3. Asymmetric catalysis



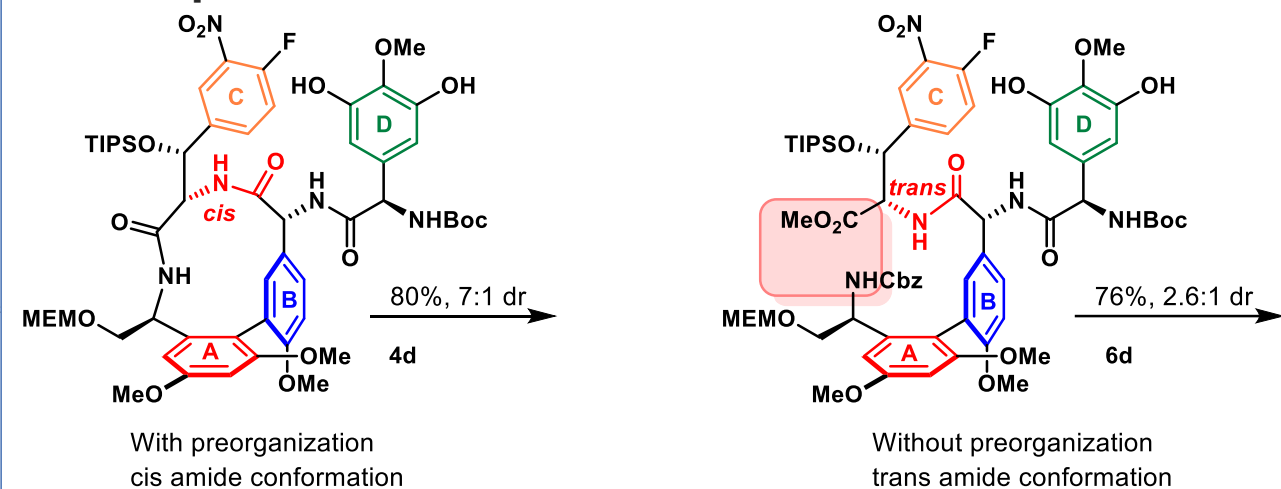
# Summary

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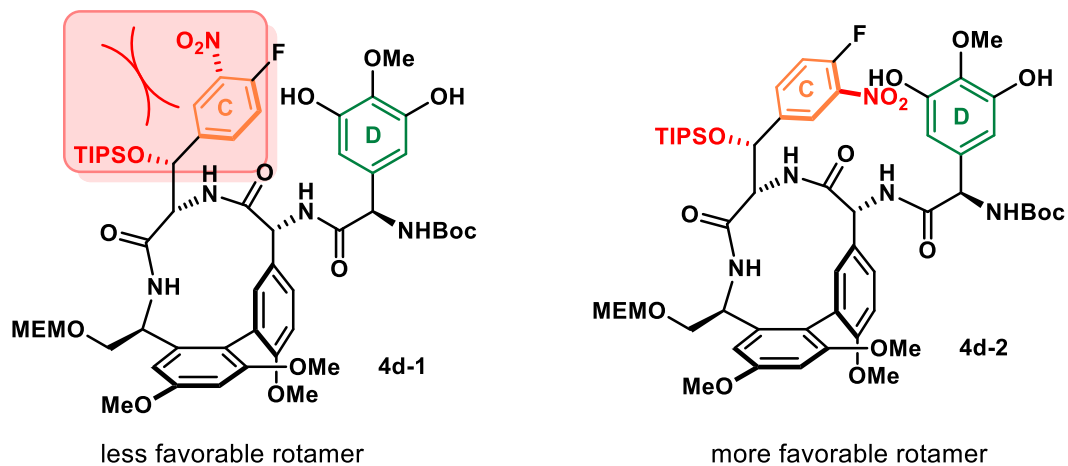
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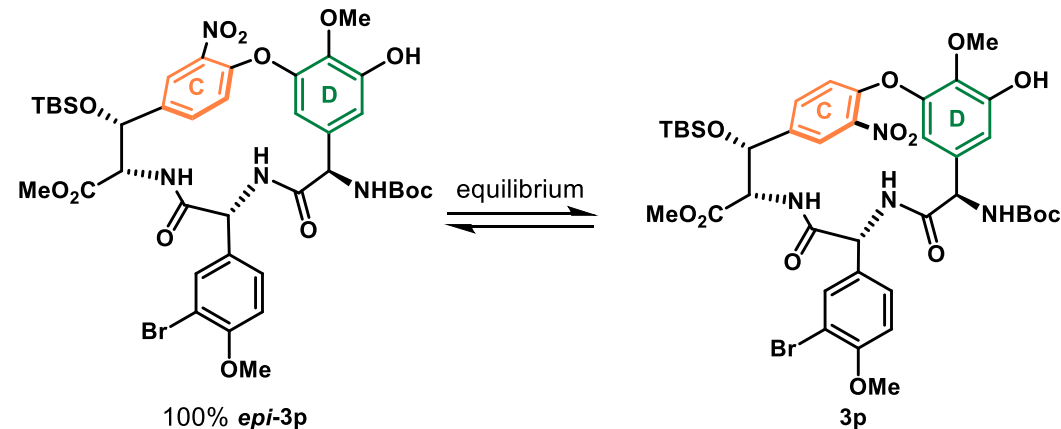
### 2. Sequence



### 3. Steric hindrance



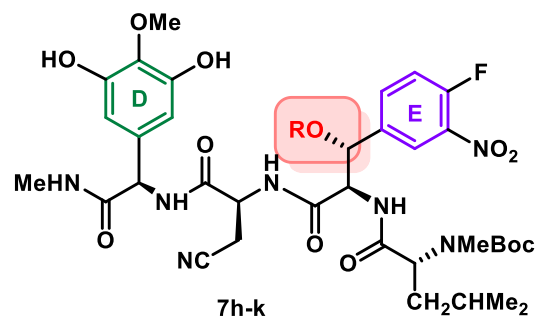
### 4. Thermal equilibrium



# Summary

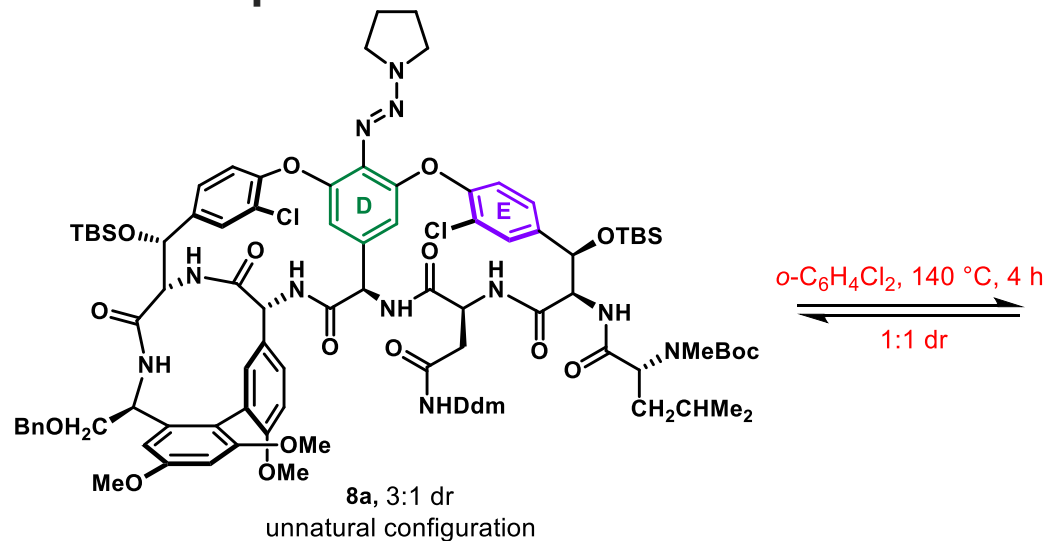
## D-E planar chirality

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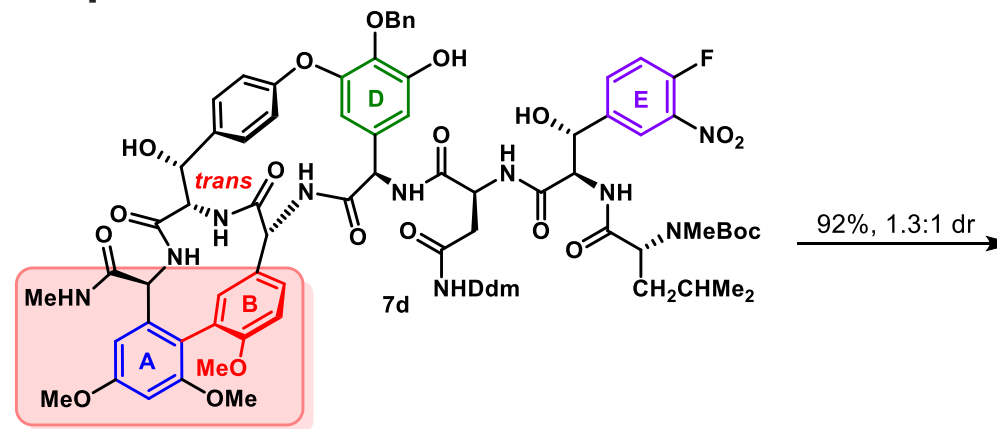


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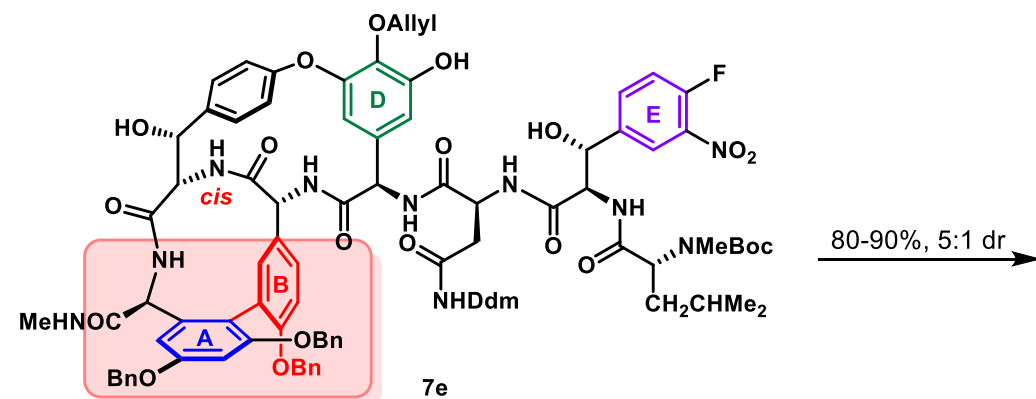
### 3. Thermal equilibrium



### 2. Sequence



unnatural configuration of M(A-B)



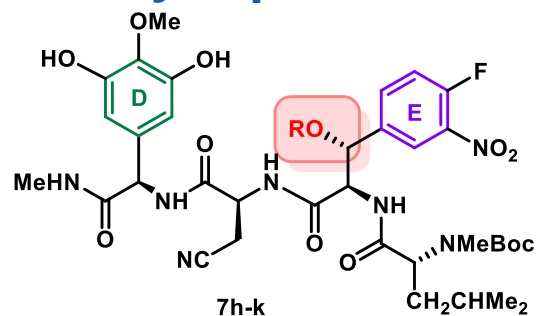
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# Outlook

## Total synthesis of nature products with chiral cyclophane



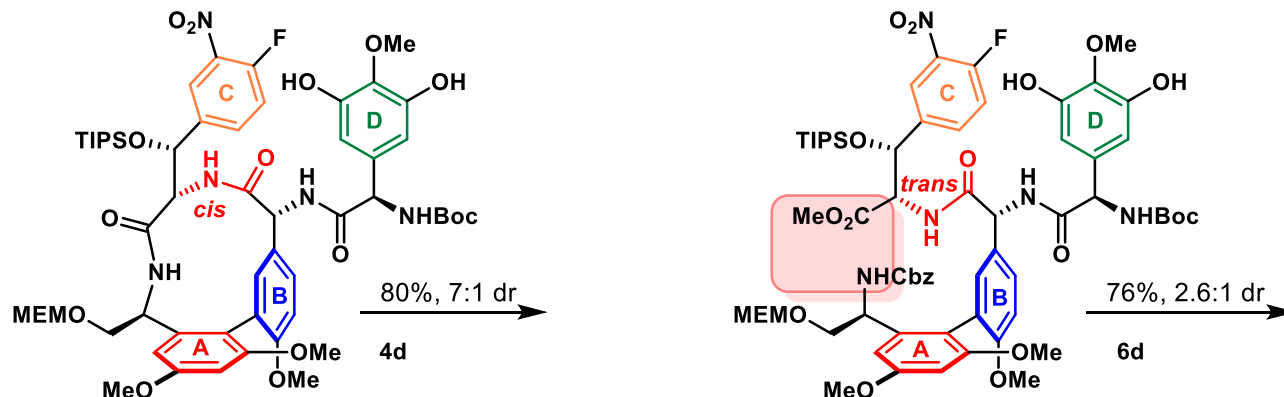
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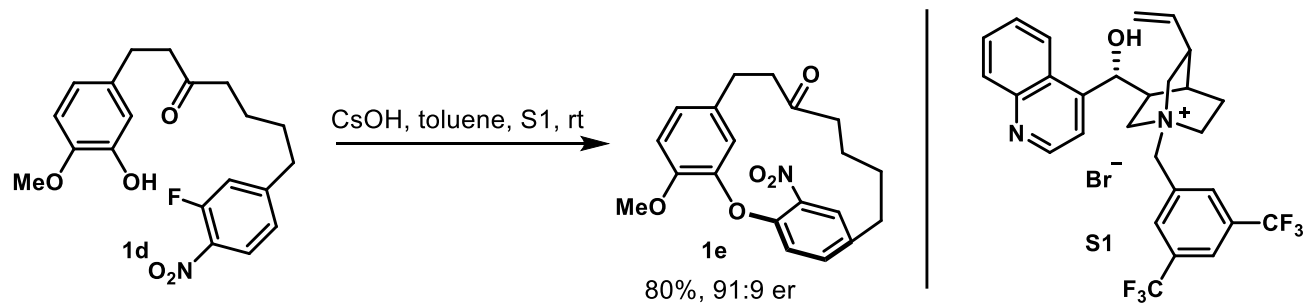
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### Assemble Sequence



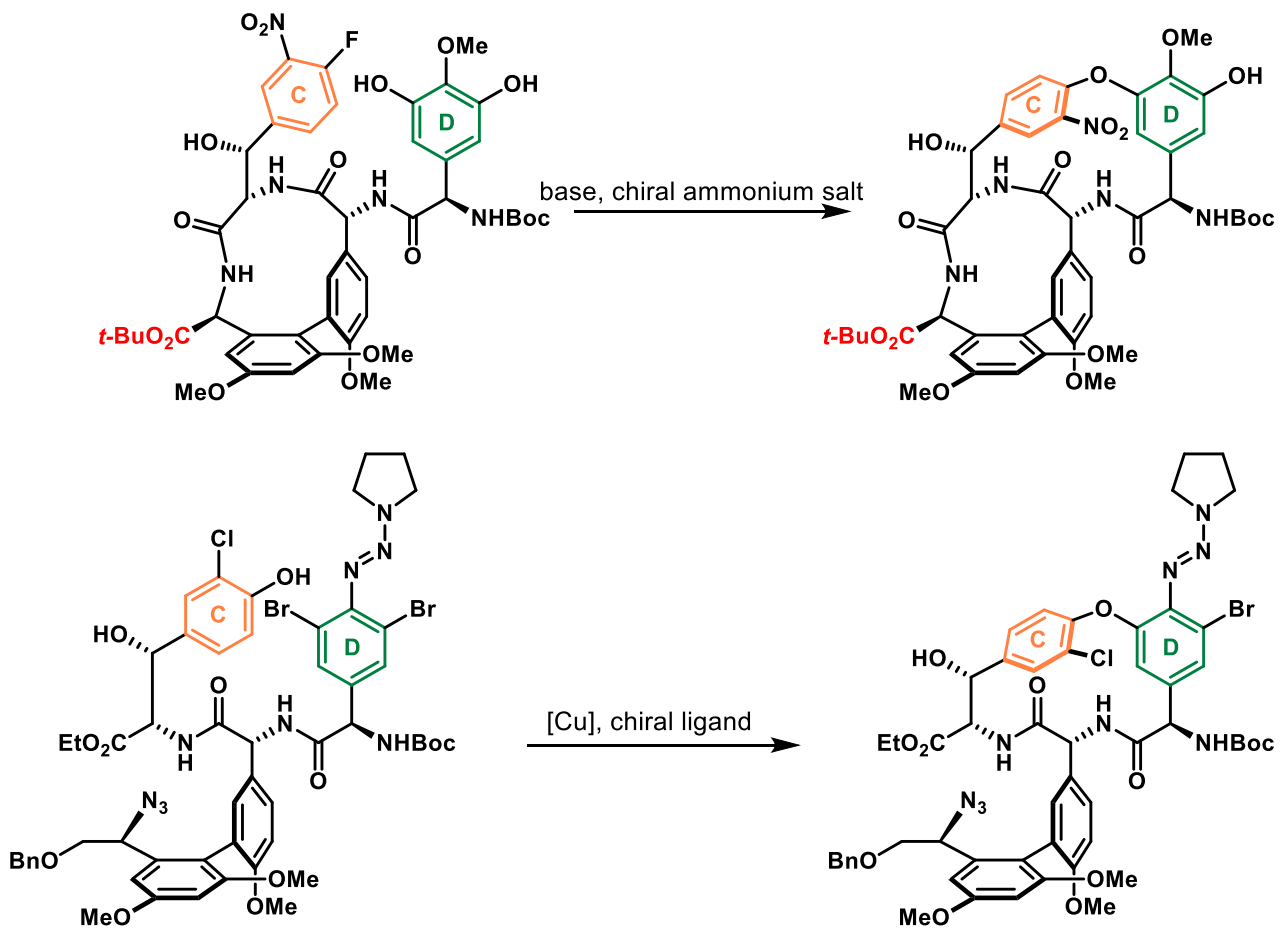
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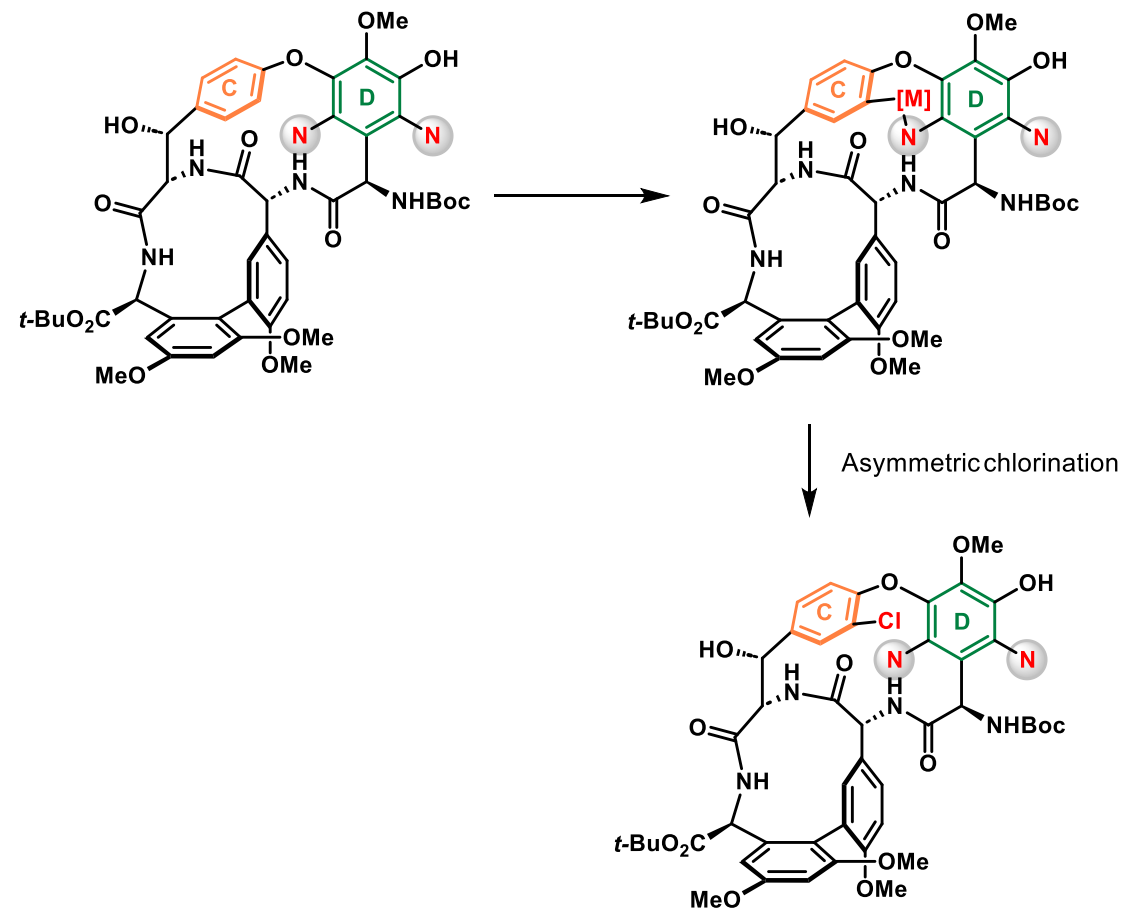


# Outlook

## Asymmetric catalysis



## Desymmetry strategy



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图所示，首先选定导向原子 P：P 原子与手性平面内的氧原子直接相连，但是自身却在平面之外，并且为连接至溴原子路径最短的面外原子；从与 P 直接相连的手性平面上的 a 原子开始，按照原子优先顺序建立趋势线 a→b→c；从导向原子 P 向手性平面观察，趋势线 a→b→c 为逆时针，标记为  $S_p$ 。用同样方法得到图 2 右图的趋势线为顺时针，标记为  $R_p$ 。另外需要注意的是：“手柄”-碳桥的长度要合适，如果过长，碳桥则能够绕着平面自由翻转，那么手柄化合物就会失去平面手性<sup>[5-7]</sup>。以化合物 A 为例，如果  $n$  大于 6，那么碳桥就能够自由翻转，则没有稳定的对映异构体<sup>[6]</sup>。

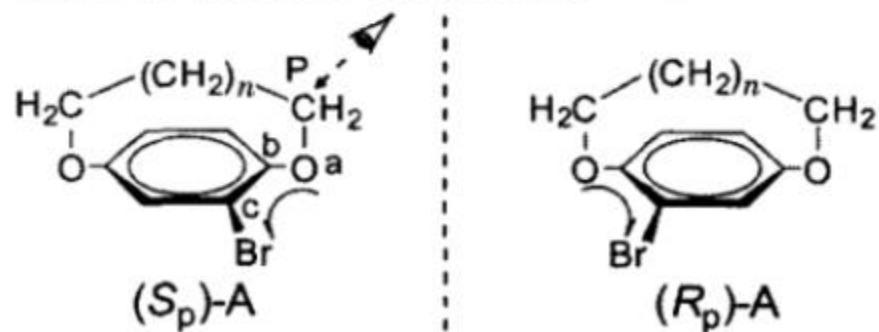


Fig. 2 The absolute configuration of ansa compound A

存在不对称取代时，就会出现对映异构现象。以图 3 化合物 B 为例，选定导向原子 P 后，从属于手性平面上的与 P 直接相连的 a 原子开始，按原子优先顺序建立趋势线 a→b→c，并从导向原子 P 向手性平面观察发现：趋势线为逆时针，标记为  $S_p$ （左图）。图 3 右图与左图互为对映异构体，趋势线为顺时针，标记为  $R_p$ 。和手柄化合物类似，具有平面手性的环蕃化合物需要连接 2 个芳环的链足够短，使芳环不能自由翻转，从而形成稳定的对映异构体<sup>[5]</sup>。

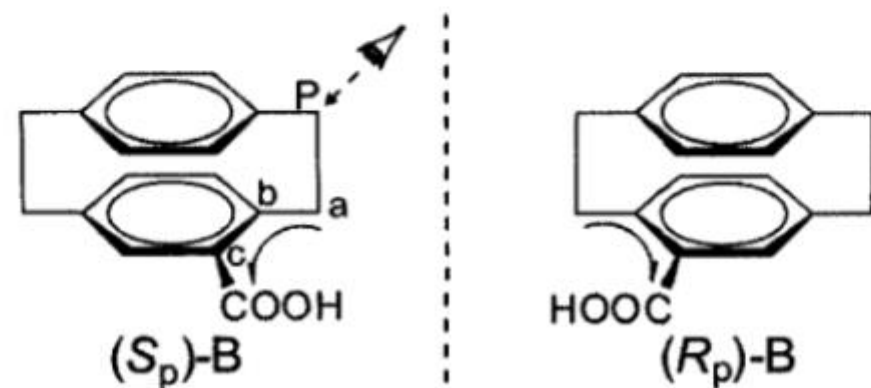


Fig. 3 The absolute configuration of cyclophane compound B