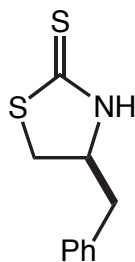
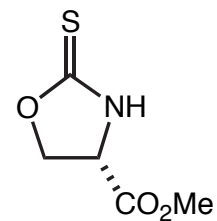
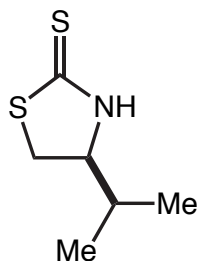
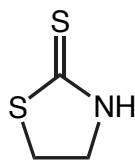


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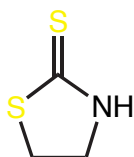


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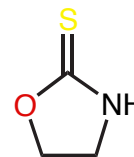
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Friday, March 1, 2002

Thione-Based Auxiliaries in Organic Synthesis



Thiazolidinethione



Oxazolidinethione

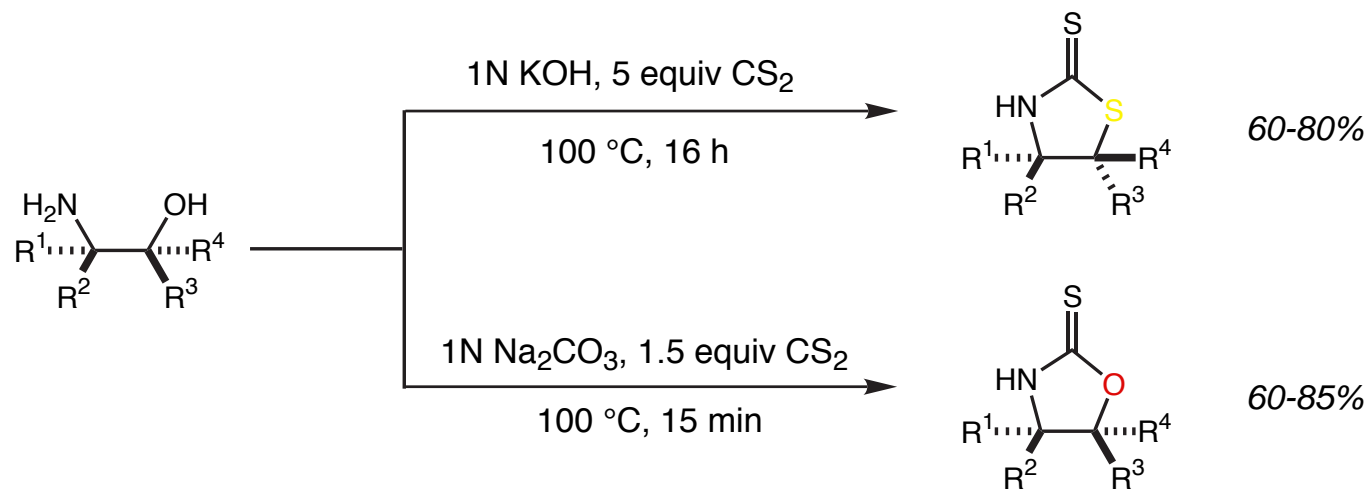
Seminar Scope

1. Auxiliary synthesis
2. Half-reduction
3. Amine acylation
4. Aldol-type reactions
5. Iminium additions
6. Other reactions
 - a. Claisen condensation
 - b. Diels-Alder
 - c. Rearrangements
 - d. Selenylation
 - e. Reductive coupling
 - f. Photochemistry

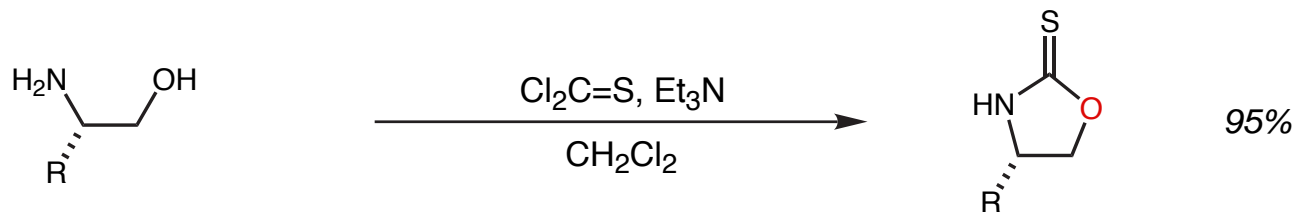
Relevant Reviews:

Fujita, E.; Nagao, Y. *Adv. Heterocycl. Chem.* **1989**, *45*,1-36.
Mukaiyama, T.; Kobayashi, S. *Org. React.* **1994**, *46*, 1-103.

Auxiliary Synthesis



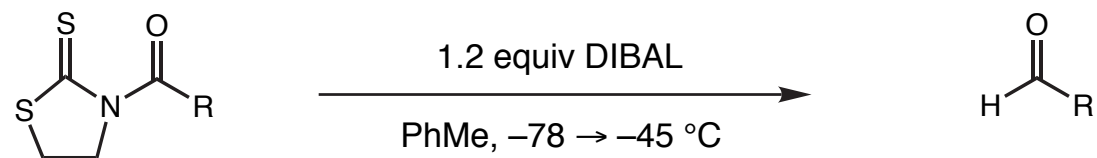
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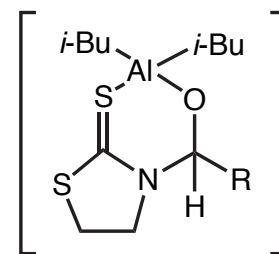
- Thiones were acylated easily with Et₃N and the appropriate acid chloride.

Crimmins, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **2001**, *66*, 894-902.

Half-Reduction: Mukaiyama



R	Yield (%)
PhCH ₂ CH ₂	93
PhCH ₂	64
CH ₃ CH ₂ C(Ph)H	75
PhCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂	90
Br(CH ₂) ₉ CH ₂	88
Ph	49
PhCH=CH ₂	74

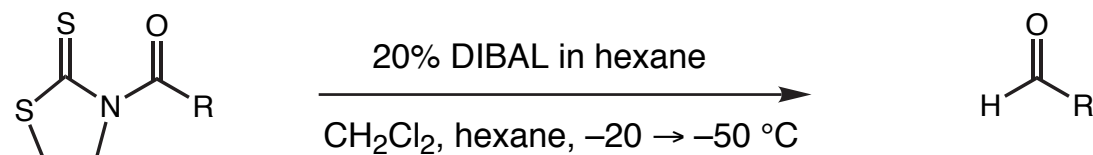


Proposed intermediate

- Comparable yields with tri-*t*-butoxyaluminum hydride

Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1977**, 1443-1446.
Mukaiyama, T. *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **1979**, 52, 555-558.

Half-Reduction: Nagao and Fujita

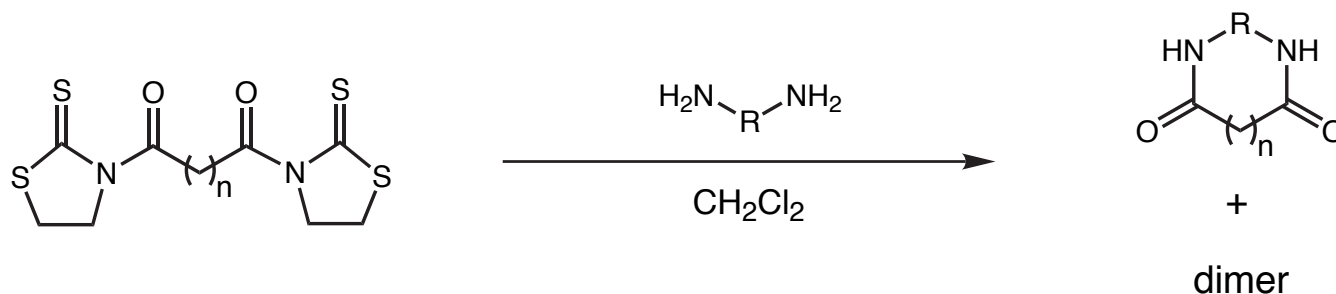


R	Yield (%)
Me(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₂	54
Me(CH ₂) ₇ CH ₂	72
Me(CH ₂) ₁₃ CH ₂	79
Ph	93
PhCH=CH ₂	64

- Yields are comparable to Mukaiyama's.
- DIBAL was "injected dropwise onto a yellow solution . . . until the original yellow colour of the reaction medium vanished."
- Full reduction with NaBH₄ proceeded with >90% yields.

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1978**, 1443-1446.
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 1* **1980**, 2470-2473.

Macrolactamization: Nagao and Fujita



n	R	Monomer Yield (%)	Dimer Yield (%)
2	-(CH ₂) ₂ -	0	84
4	-(CH ₂) ₄ -	0	80
8	-(CH ₂) ₆ -	66	12
12	-(CH ₂) ₆ -	83	8
8	-(CH ₂) ₃ NH(CH ₂) ₄ -	89	0
12	-(CH ₂) ₃ NH(CH ₂) ₄ -	85	5

- This process has been applied to the total synthesis of codonocarpine, lunarine, and lunaridine.

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1980**, 21, 4931-4934.

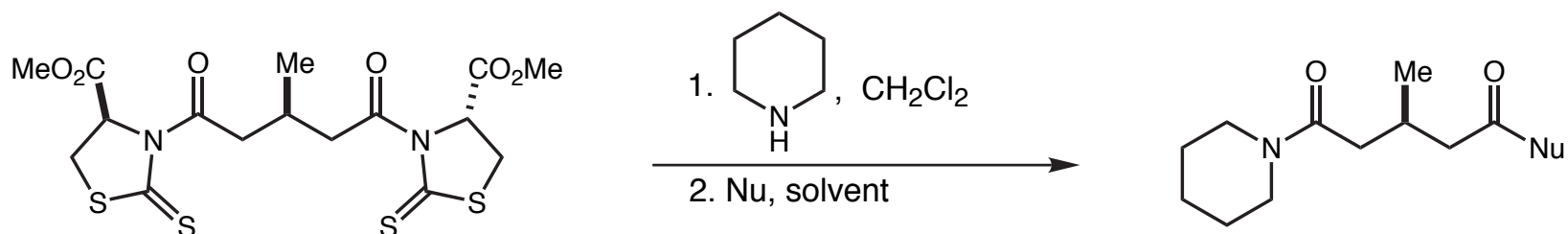
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *Chem. Lett.* **1980**, 159-162.

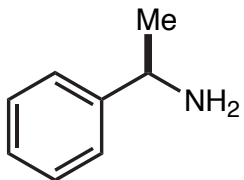

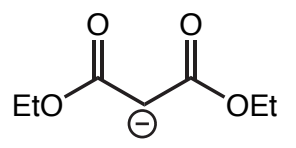
Fujita, E. *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1981**, 53, 1141-1154.

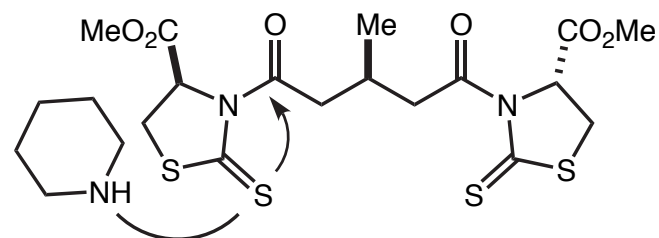
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1981**, 286-287.

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *Heterocycles* **1981**, 15, 1037-1040.

Desymmetrization: Nagao and Fujita



Nu	Solvent	Yield (%)
	CH ₂ Cl ₂	69
	THF	72
<i>t</i> -BuS [⊖]	THF	63
	THF	73



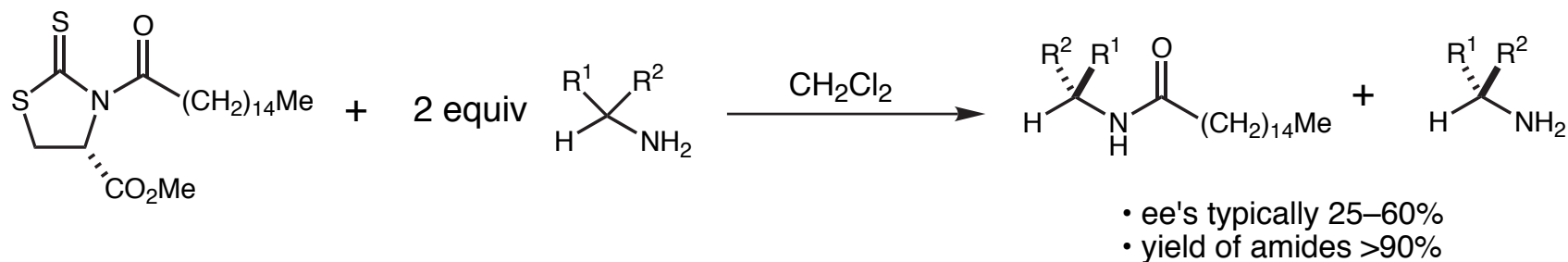
Proposed Model: First nucleophile attacks least favored hindered of four carbonyl faces.

- Dipole-minimized structure supported by crystal structure
- Initial amide product isolable (74% yield, 10:1 dr)

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1982**, *104*, 2079-2081.
 Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Org. Chem.* **1983**, *48*, 132-133.
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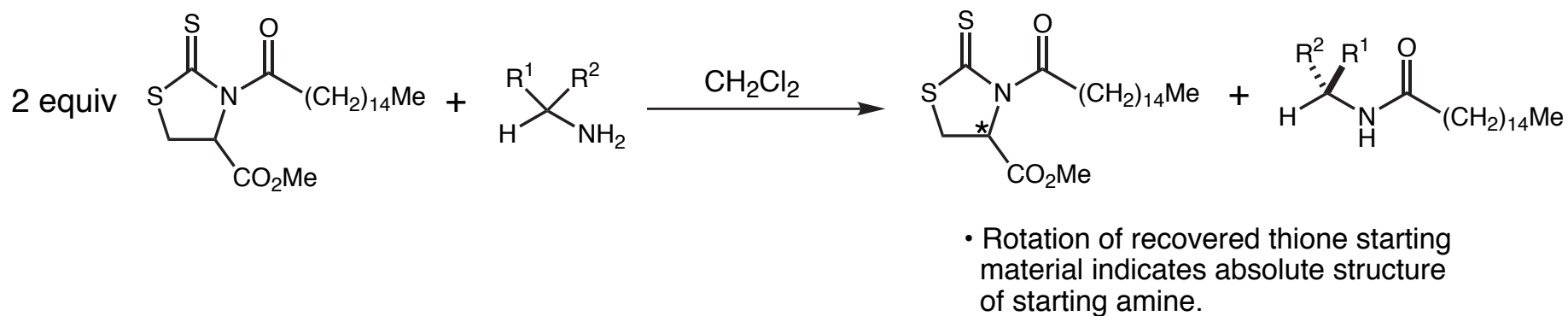
Aminolysis: Nagao and Fujita

Kinetic Resolution of Racemic Amines



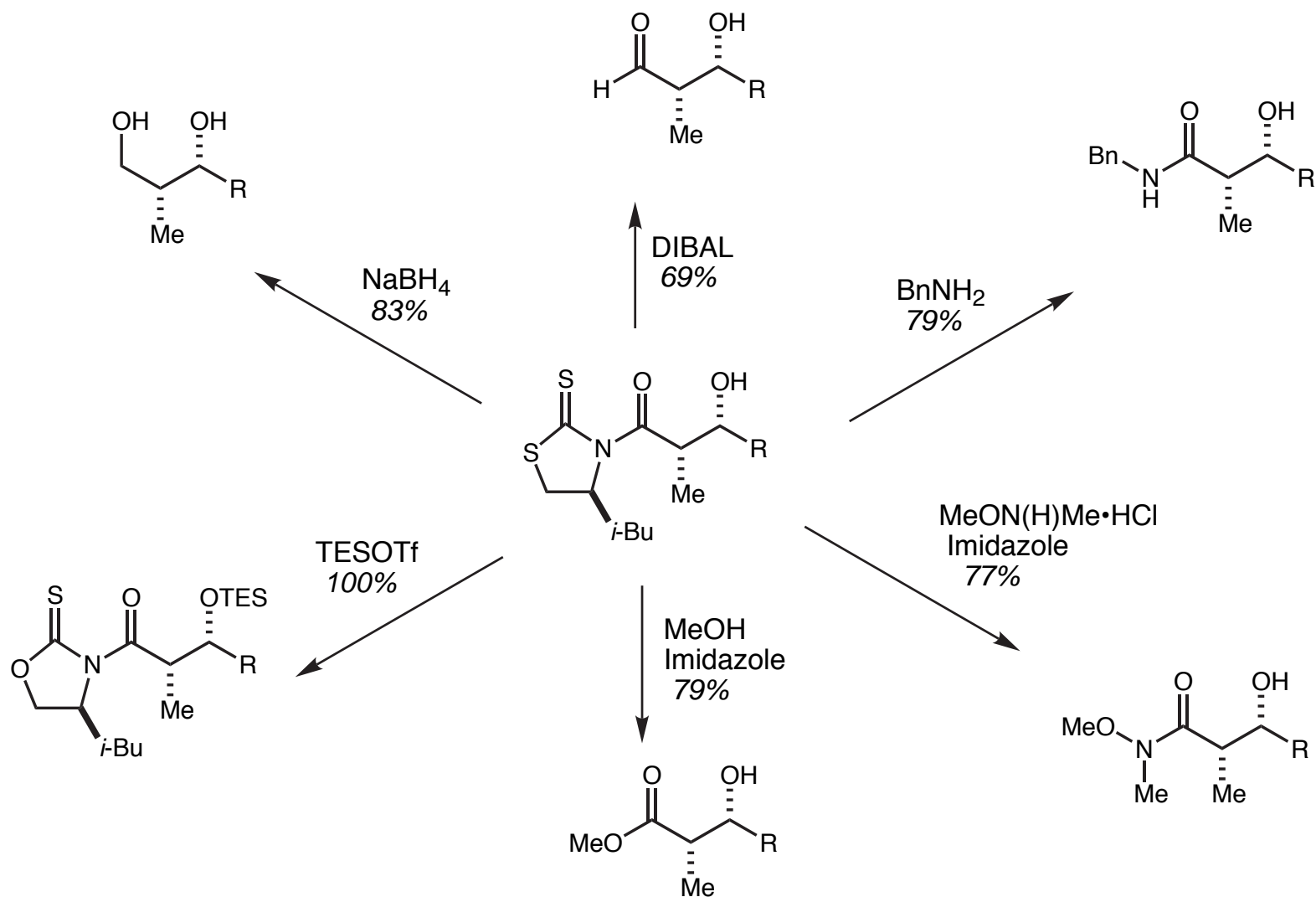
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, 23, 201-204.

Absolute Structure Determination of Amines



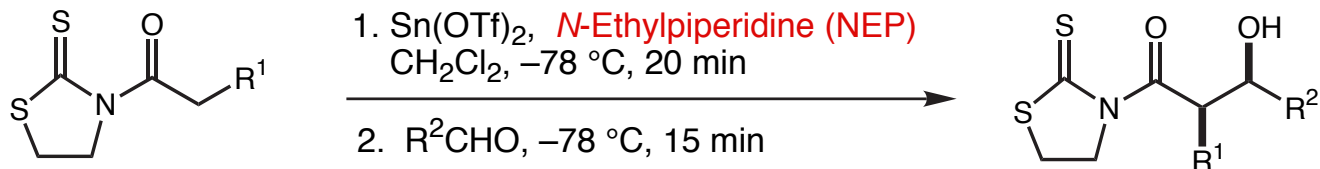
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1982**, 23, 205-208.

Thiazolidinethione Adduct Derivatization



Crimmins, M. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 775-777.

Aldol: Mukaiyama



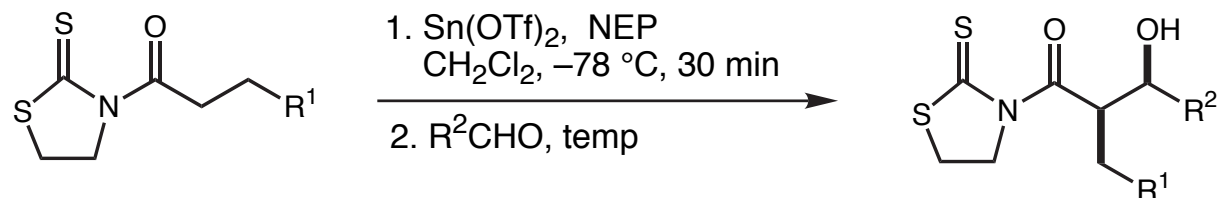
R^1	R^2	Yield (%)	syn:anti
H	Ph	90	—
	BnCH ₂	88	—
	<i>i</i> -Pr	94	—
Me	Ph	94	32:1
	BnCH ₂	91	32:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	95	32:1
BnCH ₂	Ph	88	32:1
	BnCH ₂	95	32:1

- Prior to this report, Mukaiyama had used these enolization conditions extensively for crossed aldols of ketones.

- dr's were determined by ^{13}C NMR.

Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1982**, 1903-1906.

Other Enolates: Mukaiyama

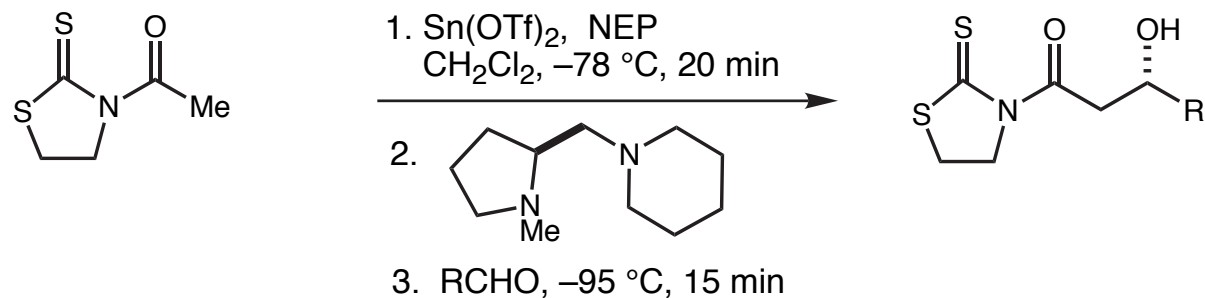


R^1	R^2	Yield (%)	syn:anti
MeO ($-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)	Ph	95	1:3
	BnCH ₂	82	5:1
	PhCH=CH ₂	73	1:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	68	2:1
	Pentyl	77	6:1
Cbz(Bn)N ($-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)	Ph	83	9:1
	BnCH ₂	99	19:1
	Me	97	19:1
	Pentyl	99	19:1
Boc(Bn)N ($-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)	Ph	94	9:1
	BnCH ₂	96	19:1
	Me	99	19:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	82	19:1
	Pentyl	98	19:1

- No elimination products were observed.
- No mention of results with chiral ligand
- This methodology was employed in the total synthesis of (\pm)-thienamycin.

Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1985**, 1045-1048.

Aldol: Mukaiyama

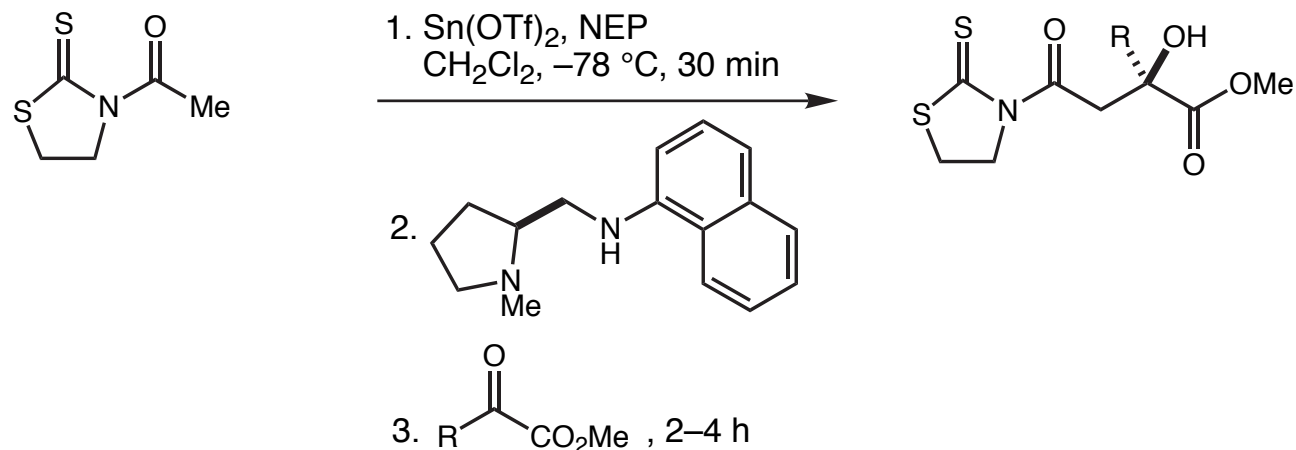


R	Yield (%)	ee (%)
Ph	79	65
BnCH ₂	76	90
Et	70	90
<i>i</i> -Pr	63	90
Pentyl	65	90
Cy	81	88

- Absolute stereochemistry proven only for benzaldehyde adduct
- Prior to this report, the "Mukaiyama Ligand" had been used for enantioselective crossed aldols and ketone homoaldols.

Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1983**, 297-298.

Pyruvate Aldol: Mukaiyama

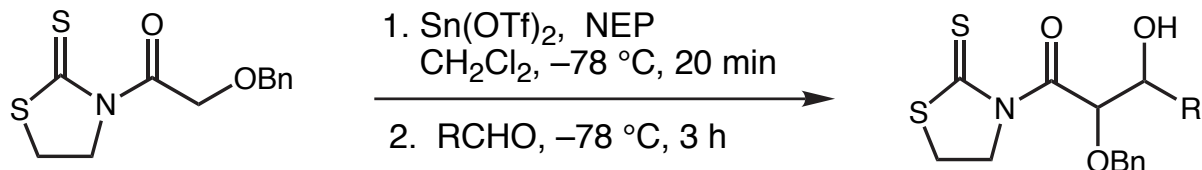


R	Yield (%)	ee (%)
Ph	78	95
Me	74	85
<i>i</i> -Pr	75	95
<i>i</i> -Bu	65	95
$\text{MeO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2$	80	95

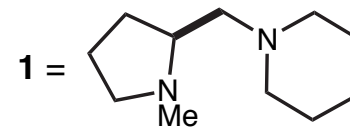
- Previous aldol ligand afforded only 18% ee.
- A scan of ligands showed the 1-naphthyl moiety to be superior to cyclohexyl, phenyl, 2,6-xylyl, and 2-naphthyl.
- ee's determined by use of chiral shift reagent

Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1983**, 1799-1802.

Aldol: Mukaiyama



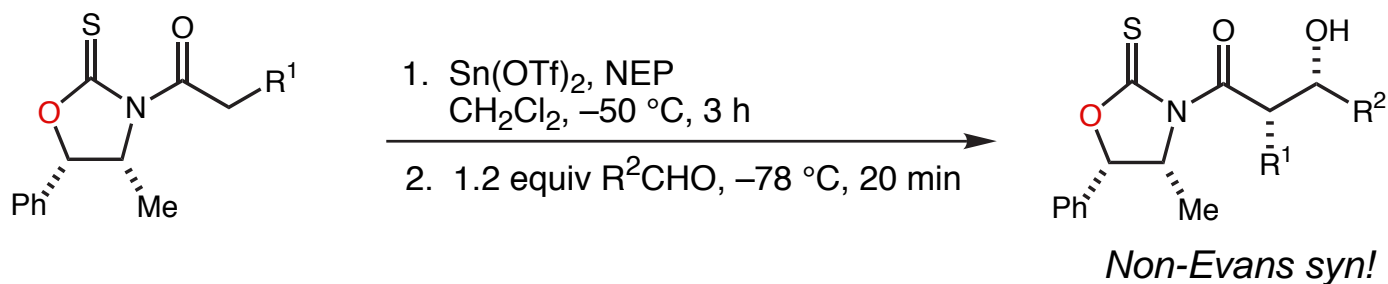
R	L*	Yield (%)	syn:anti	ee (%)
Ph	none	95	1:3	—
BnCH ₂		62	3:1	—
<i>i</i> -Pr		60	1.6:1	—
Pentyl		62	3:1	—
Cy		74	1.3:1	—
Ph	1	93	1:4	90
BnCH ₂		81	1:7	94
<i>i</i> -Pr		70	1:10	87
Pentyl		75	1:4.9	90
Cy		68	1:13	87



- TMEDA as ligand resulted in diastereoselectivity similar to that induced by the chiral ligand.
- Note that even in the absence of ligand, PhCHO is anti selective.

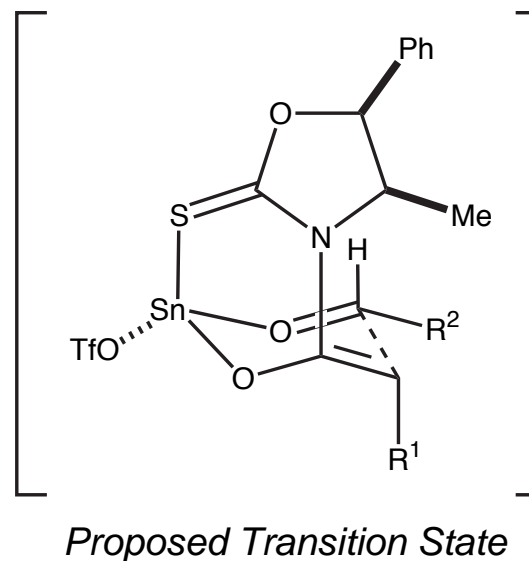
Mukaiyama, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1984**, 753-756.

Aldol: Nagao and Fujita



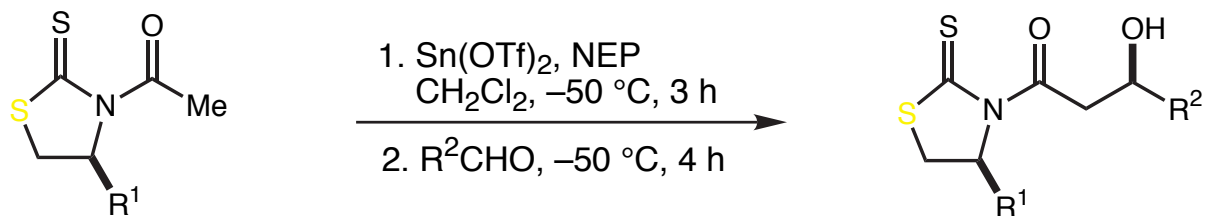
R^1	R^2	dr	Isolated Yield (%)
H	Me	3.2:1	62
H	Pr	4.5:1	64
H	<i>i</i> -Pr	8:1	68
Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	10:1	71
Me	Ph	5:1	65

- Chelated transition-state structure predicts "Non-Evans" selectivity.
- Enolization conditions from Mukaiyama
- Mukaiyama also postulates a chelated transition state for his racemic tin-mediated aldol.



Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1985**, 1418-1419.

Acetate Aldol: Nagao and Fujita

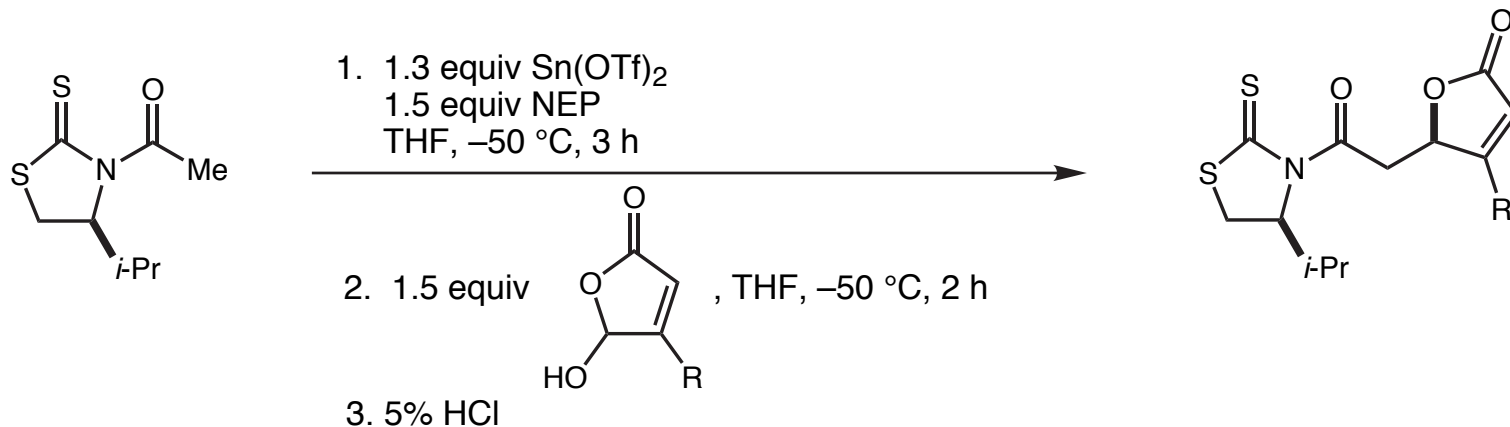


R^1	R^2	dr	Total Yield (%)
Et <i>i</i> -Pr		13:1 33:1	77 81
Et <i>i</i> -Pr		8:1 36:1	72 70
Et		13:1	74

- Note the change to thiazolidinethione auxiliary.
- A footnote suggests that saturated aldehydes are just as selective.
- 1.2 equiv $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$ and 1.2 equiv NEP were optimal. **Excess base led to dehydration products.** Excess $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$ led to lower yields, presumably due to aldehyde polymerization.
- No mention of propionates

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, *51*, 2391-2393.

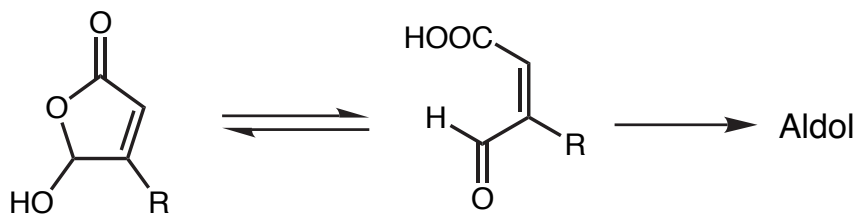
Aldol: Nagao



R	dr	Yield (%)
H	99:1	86
Me	99:1	85
Et	66:1	90
Pr	99:1	85
<i>i</i> -Pr	99:1	93
Ph	99:1	81

• 4-acetoxy lactone is unreactive under the reaction conditions.

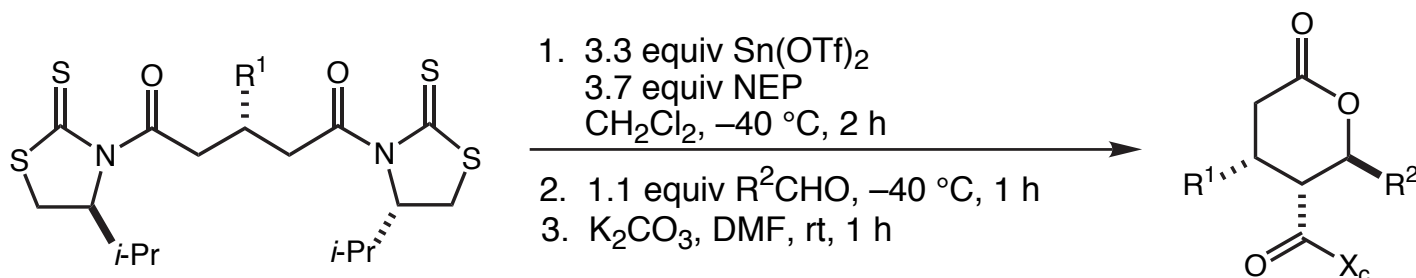
Starting lactone is an aldehyde precursor:



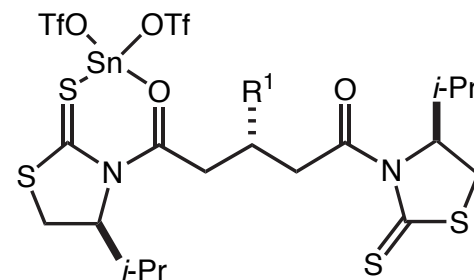
• Lactonization occurs during the acid workup.

Nagao, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 5211-5217.

δ -Lactone: Nagao



R^1	R^2	Yield (%)
Me	Ph	52
Me	Me	23
Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	30
Me	<i>s</i> -Bu	22
Me	Hexyl	30
N(Bn)Cbz	Me	25



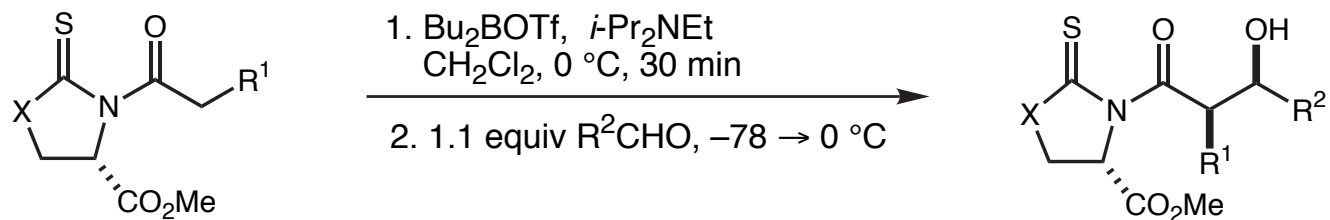
Rationale:

- Initial aldol adduct cyclizes under $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3/\text{DMF}$ conditions.
- All product lactones were "optically pure" by HPLC and ^1H NMR.
- Starting material recovered in 5-32% yield

- In order to avoid steric repulsion between R^1 and the isopropyl group, Sn may coordinate as shown.
- Dipole-minimized conformation based upon crystal structure

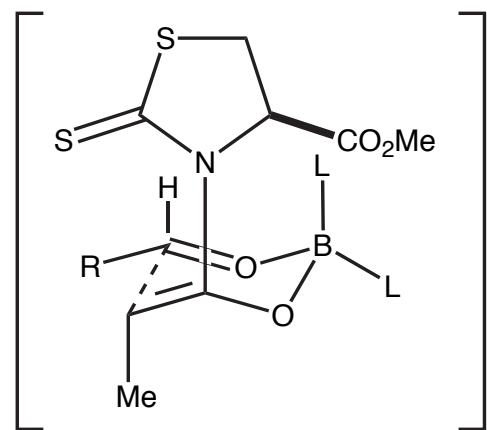
Nagao, Y. *Chem. Lett* **1992**, 335-338.

Aldol: Miller



X	R ¹	R ²	Yield (%)	dr
S	Me	Ph	76	66:1
S	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	87	66:1
S	Et	Ph	90	24:1
S	Et	<i>i</i> -Pr	85	99:1
S	SPh	Pr	87	99:1
O	Me	Ph	89	99:1
O	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	81	99:1

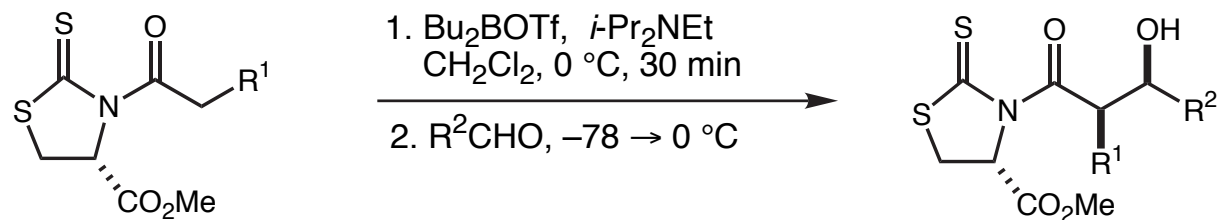
- $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$ afforded "Evans-syn" aldol adducts, unlike the Nagao/Fujita results!
- Absolute stereochemistry was proven by optical rotation of methanolysis products.
- dr is calculated from the ee reported by Miller for the methanolysis products.
- No oxidative workup is required.



Proposed Transition State

Hsiao, C.; Miller, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 4855-4858.
 Hsiao, C.; Miller, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, *52*, 2201-2206.

Aldol: Miller

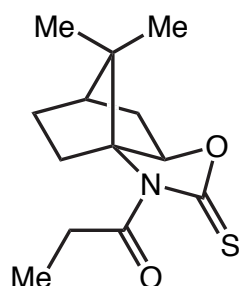


R^1	R^2CHO	Yield (%)	dr
Et		58	99:1
<i>i</i> -Pr		73	ND
$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$	MeCHO	28	ND

- The Miller system appears to be compatible with functionalized aldehydes and enolates.

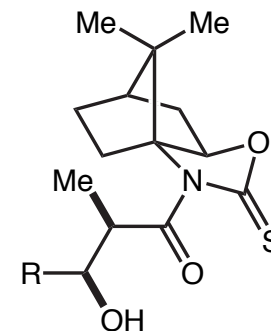
Miller, M., *Tetrahedron* **1990**, *46*, 8067-8074.
 Boyd, S.; Hsiao, C. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, *56*, 438-442.
 Miller, M., *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, *32*, 2577-2580.

Aldol: Yan



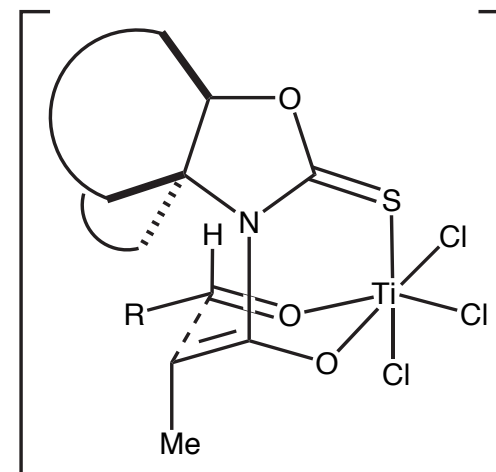
1. TiCl_4 , $i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NEt}$
 CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 20 min

2. 1:1 $\text{TiCl}_4\text{-RCHO}$ (1.5–2 equiv)
 $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 2 h



R	Yield (%)	dr
Ph	84	32:1
Pr	82	99:1
MeCH=CH	83	99:1
<i>i</i> -Pr	88	50:1

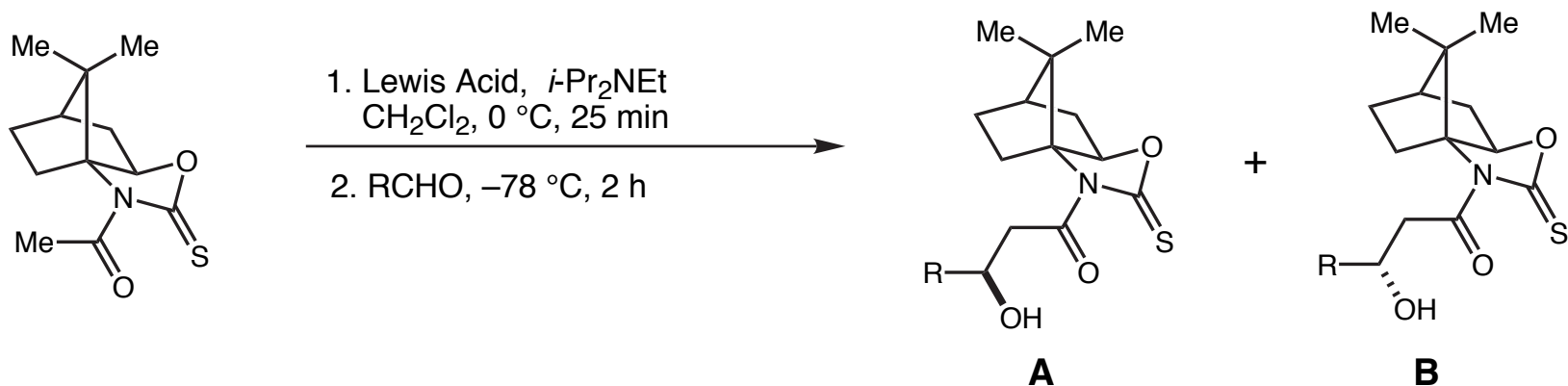
- Corresponding oxazolidinones, under the same conditions, afforded ~1:1 mixture of epimers at the α -carbon.
- Boron enolates yield Evans syn products in high dr. Lithium enolates yield Non-Evans syn products (dr = 2-9:1).
- A subsequent paper showed that aldehyde- TiCl_4 complex was unnecessary for Non-Evans syn selectivity.



Proposed Transition State

Yan, T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, 32, 5563-5566.
 Yan, T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 3559-3562.
 Yan, T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 115, 2613-2621.

Acetate Aldol: Yan

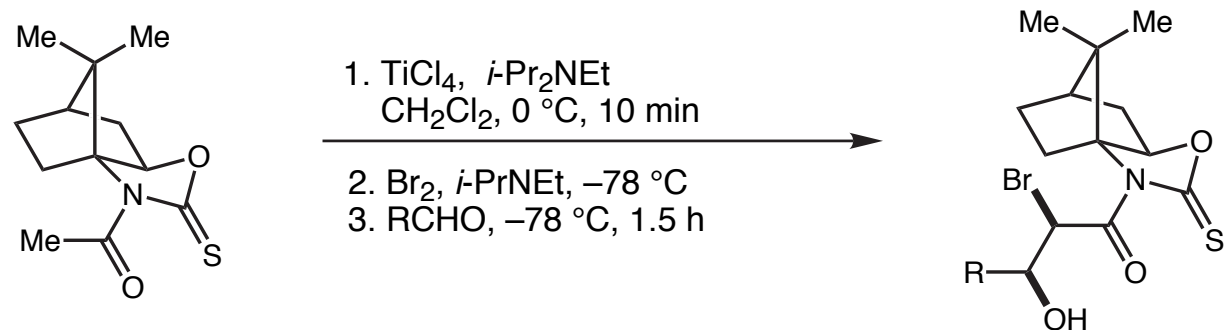


Lewis Acid	R	Yield (%)	A:B
Bu ₂ BOTf	Ph	74	1:3
	Pr	83	1:3
	MeCH=CH	69	1:12
	<i>i</i> -Pr	69	1:3
9-BBN(OTf)	Ph	86	24:1
	Pr	88	7:1
	MeCH=CH	84	99:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	84	6:1
TiCl ₄	Ph	91	10:1
	Pr	85	19:1
	MeCH=CH	86	13:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	86	16:1

- The authors propose that the 9-BBN-mediated aldol proceeds through a boat-like transition state, whereas the Bu₂BOTf reaction occurs via the usual chair.
- The titanium-mediated reaction is believed to proceed *via* a chelated transition state.
- Boron enolates of the corresponding oxazolidinone auxiliary show the same trend: Bu₂BOTf affords Evans syn, and 9-BBN(OTf) affords non-Evans syn, although diastereoselectivity is modest (2-3:1).

Yan, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 8187-8191.
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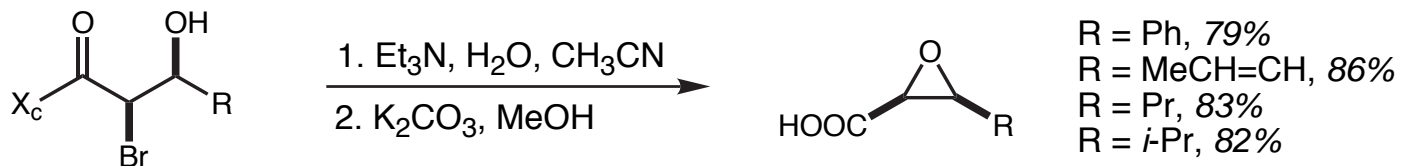
Bromoacetate Aldol: Yan



R	Yield (%)	dr
Ph	94	99:1
MeCH=CH	90	99:1
Pr	91	99:1
<i>i</i> -Pr	91	99:1

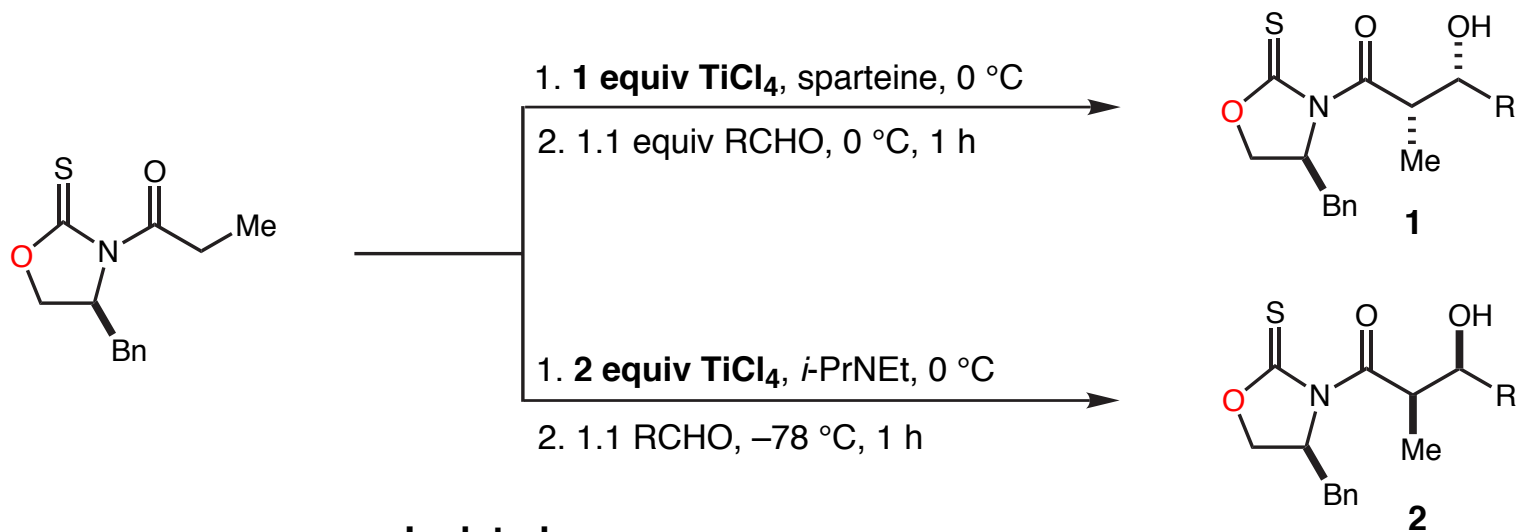
• dr determined by 400 MHz ^1H NMR

Epoxide Formation:



Yan, T. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1999**, 40, 3577-3580.
 Yan, T. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1999**, 10, 3249-3251.

Aldol: Crimmins



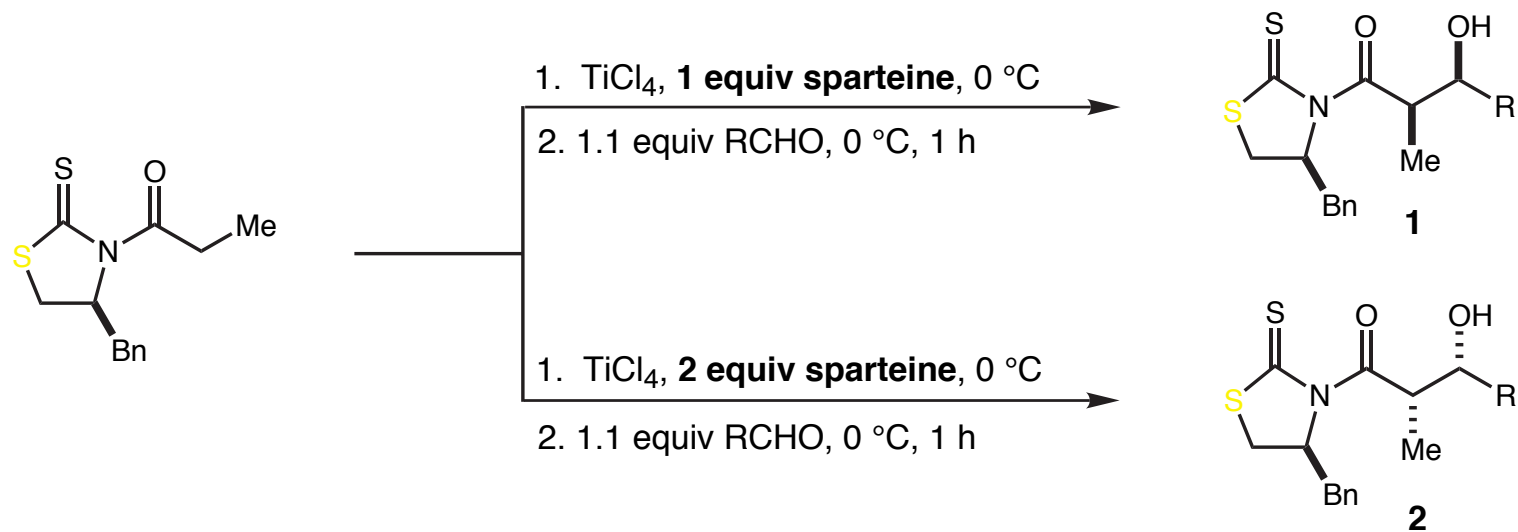
R	TiCl_4	Isolated Yield (%)	1:2
Et	1 equiv	80	44:1
<i>i</i> -Pr		90	32:1
Ph		89	36:1
MeCH=CH		65	37:1
CH ₂ =CH		80	90:1
Et	2 equiv	80	1:22
<i>i</i> -Pr		87	1:19
Ph		88	1:41
MeCH=CH		81	1:18
CH ₂ =CH		44	1:99

a) Reaction at -78 °C

- NMR experiments suggest that a different enolate species forms upon addition of second equivalent of TiCl_4 .
- Hunig's base or TMEDA in the place of sparteine resulted in lower yields (50-60%) but similar selectivity.
- The chirality of sparteine was shown to have no impact on diastereoselectivity.

Crimmins, M.; King, B.; Tabet, E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 7883-7884.

Aldol: Crimmins

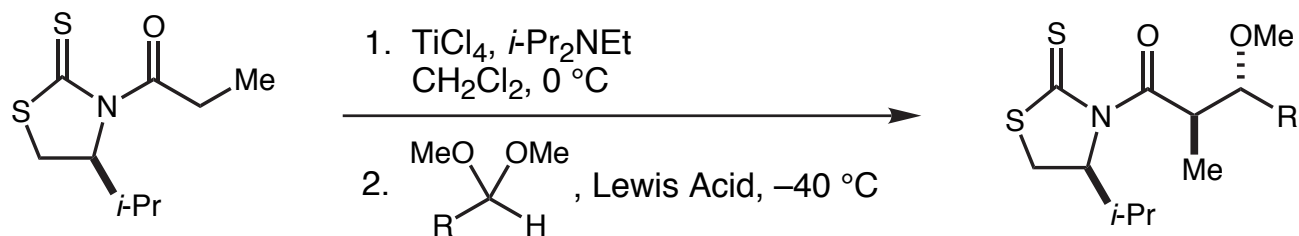


base	R	Yield (%)	1:2
1 equiv	<i>i</i> -Bu	57	22:1
	<i>i</i> -Pr	60	19:1
	Ph	52	41:1
	MeCH=CH	45	18:1
	CH ₂ =CH	49	142:1
2 equiv	<i>i</i> -Bu	71	1:44
	<i>i</i> -Pr	75	1:32
	Ph	62	1:36
	MeCH=CH	64	1:37
	CH ₂ =CH	77	1:90

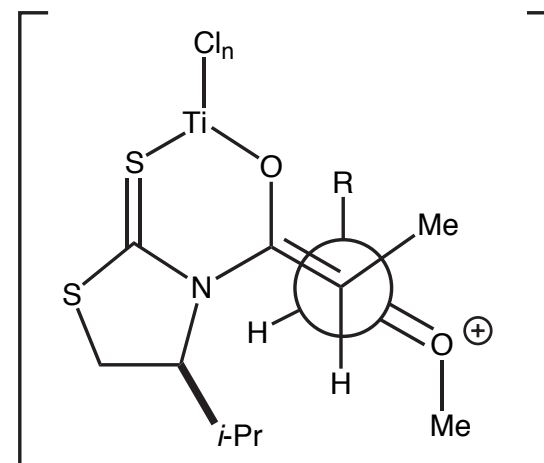
- Use of *i*-Pr₂NEt as base resulted in lower selectivity (typically 10:1).
- Use of TMEDA in the place of sparteine caused no significant change in selectivity, but lowered yields ~10%.
- Changes in Lewis acid stoichiometry had no effect on diastereoselectivity.

Crimmins, M. *Org. Lett.* **2000**, *2*, 775-777.

Acetal Addition: Urpi and Romea



Lewis Acid	T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	R	Isolated Yield (%)	dr
$\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$	-78	Ph	75	6:1
	-78	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	77	4.3:1
	-78	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	81	10:1
SnCl_4	-78	4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	70	6:1
	-50	Pr	64	13:1
	-50	<i>i</i> -Bu	76	12:1
	-20	<i>i</i> -Pr	50	7:1

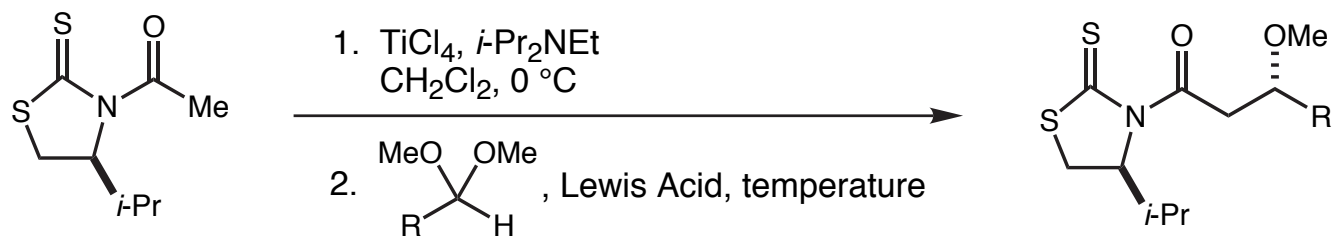


Proposed Transition State

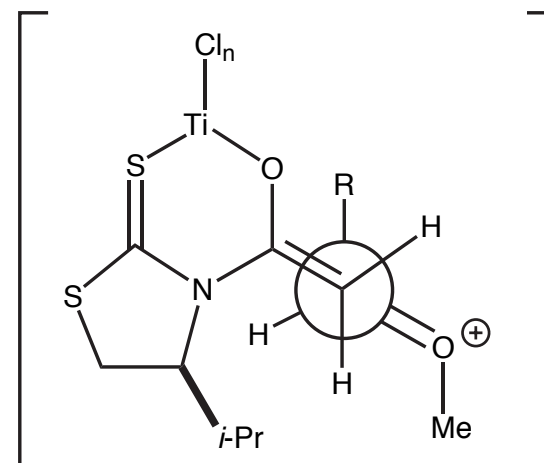
- Second Lewis acid necessary to activate acetal
- **Less reactive aldehydes** require higher temperatures and the stronger SnCl_4 .

Urpi, F.; Romea, P. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 615-617.

Acetal Addition: Urpi and Romea



L.A.	T ($^\circ\text{C}$)	R	Isolated Yield (%)	dr
$\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$	-78	Ph	77	7:1
	-78	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	87	13:1
	-78	4-ClC ₆ H ₄	81	7:1
SnCl_4	-20	Me	57	3:1
	-20	Pr	62	3:1
	-20	<i>i</i> -Bu	70	4:1
	-20	<i>i</i> -Pr	60	2.4:1

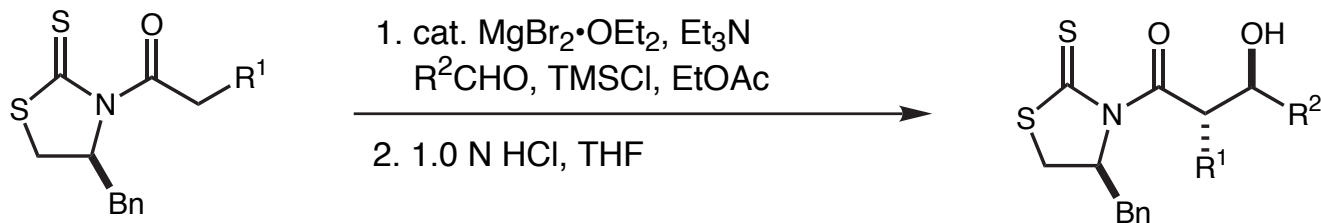


Proposed Transition State

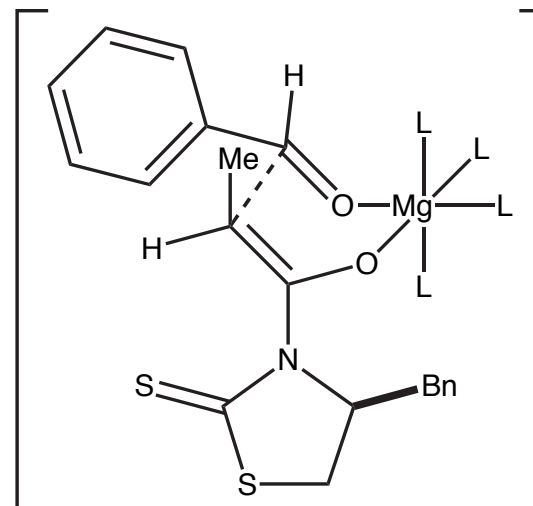
- Yields are very similar to propionate case.
- Compared to the propionate cases, selectivity is similar for BF_3 , worse for SnCl_4 .

Urpi, F.; Romea, P. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, *42*, 4629-4631.

Aldol: Evans



R^1	R^2	Mol % Catalyst	Isolated Yield (%)	dr
Me	Ph	10	85	19:1
Me	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	10	92	19:1
Me	4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	10	91	19:1
Me	PhCH=CH	10	87	10:1
Me	PhCH=C(Me)	10	90	19:1
Me	2-naphthyl	10	84	7:1
Me	CH ₂ =C(Me)	10	56	7:1
Et	Ph	20	88	10:1
Allyl	Ph	10	91	13:1
Bn	Ph	10	84	8:1
<i>i</i> -Bu	Ph	15	93	19:1



Proposed Transition State

- TMSCl is necessary to turn over the catalytic cycle.
- Aliphatic aldehydes are unreactive or self-condense.

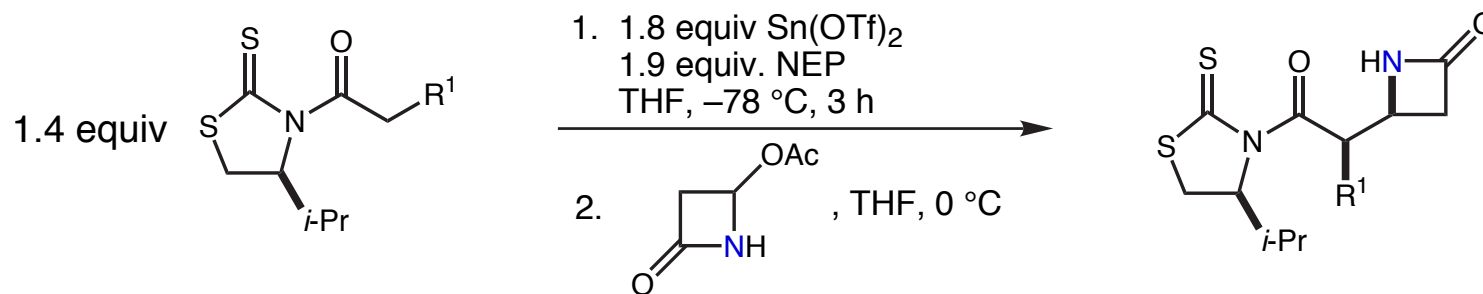
Evans, D.; Downey, C.; Shaw, J.; Tedrow, J. *Org. Lett.*, accepted.

The Aldol Comparison

	Lewis Acid	Base	O/S	Ac?	Yield (%)	dr	Major Diastereomer
Mukaiyama	Sn(OTf) ₂	NEP	S	Only	63-81	~20:1	
Nagao/Fujita	Sn(OTf) ₂	NEP	O	No	65-71	~8:1	Non-Evans syn
			S	Yes	70-81	~25:1	Non-Evans syn
Miller	Bu ₂ BOTf	<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt	both	No	76-90	~20:1	Evans syn
Yan	TiCl ₄ Bu ₂ BOTf 9-BBN(OTf)	<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt	O	Yes	82-88	~50:1	Non-Evans syn
			O	No	78-86	~20:1	Evans syn
			O	Only	84-91	~20:1	
Crimmins	TiCl ₄	sparteine	O	No	65-90	~25:1	Either syn
			S	No	52-77	~25:1	Either syn
			S		50-81	~8:1	
Urpi	TiCl ₄	<i>i</i> -Pr ₂ NEt	S	Yes	56-93	~15:1	Non-Evans anti
Evans	MgBr ₂ •OEt ₂	Et ₃ N	S	No			Evans anti

- Mukaiyama: stoichiometric chiral ligand
- Nagao/Fujita: applied to many syntheses
- Miller: ester substituent on auxiliary
- Yan: camphor-based auxiliary
- Crimmins: either syn diastereomer
- Urpi: anti addition to dimethyl acetals
- Evans: anti selective, mild Lewis acid

Iminium Addition: Nagao and Fujita

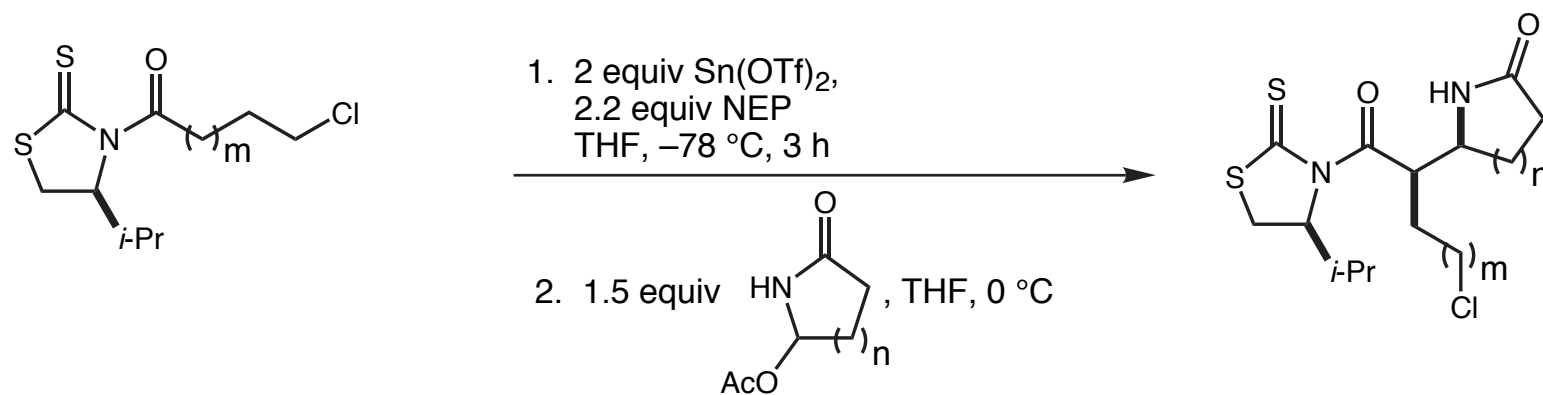


R ¹	dr	Total Yield (%)
H	19:1	82
Me	"10–50:1"	"75-85"
OBn	32:1	79
OMe	32:1	55
SBn	32:1	84
SMe	24:1	72
N(H)Cbz	99:1	52

- Reactions complete within 30 min
- Acetate and propionate nucleophiles were enolized at -50 °C.
- Yield of propionate adducts not specified

Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 4673-4675.
Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1986**, 602-603.

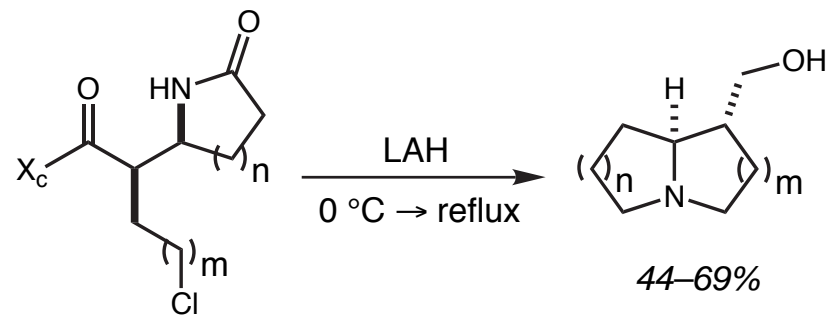
Iminium Addition: Nagao and Fujita



m	n	dr	Total Yield (%)
1	1	66:1	64
2	1	28:1	72
1	2	39:1	57
2	2	28:1	73

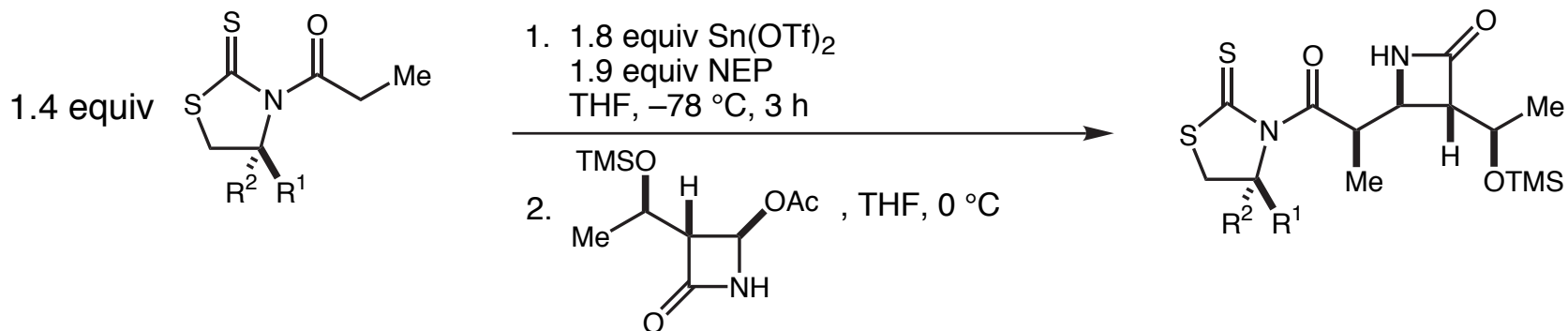
• Reactions complete within 2 h

Further Elaboration: Alkaloids



Nagao, Y.; Fujita, E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 289-291.

Iminium Addition: Nagao

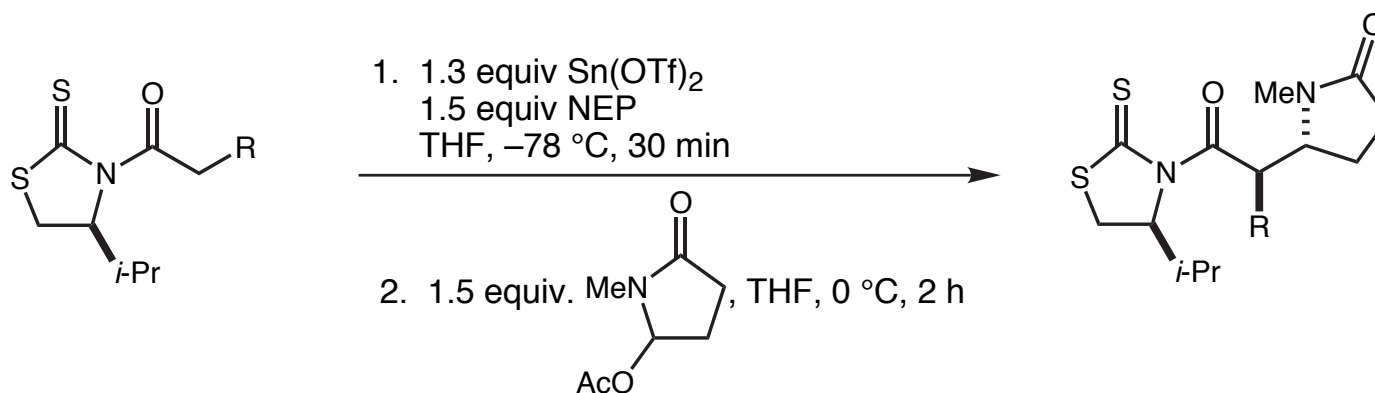


R^1	R^2	dr	Yield (%)
Et	H	9:1	80
<i>i</i> -Pr	H	10:1	74
H	H	4:1	73
Me	Me	6:1	80

- Matched case required for synthetically useful selectivity
- Selectivity much lower than for unsubstituted azetidinones.

Nagao, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, *57*, 4243-4249.

Iminium Addition: Nagao



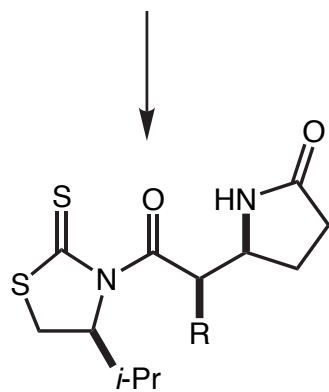
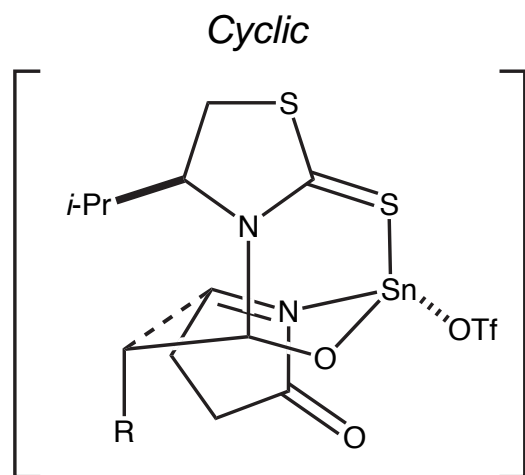
R	dr ^a	Isolated Yield (%)	purified dr ^b
H	1:1	NR	NR
SPh	3.6:1	57	10:1
SC ₆ H ₁₁	1.6:1	46	4.9:1
SBn	1.6:1	57	6:1

a) dr = major : Σ minor b) dr of chromatographically purified product

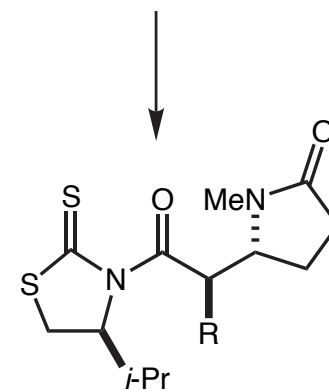
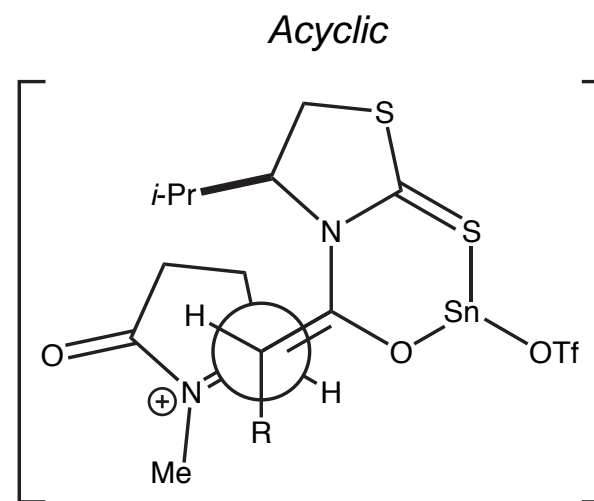
Why this turnover to anti selectivity?

Nagao, Y. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, 47, 6133-6136.

Iminium Addition: Nagao



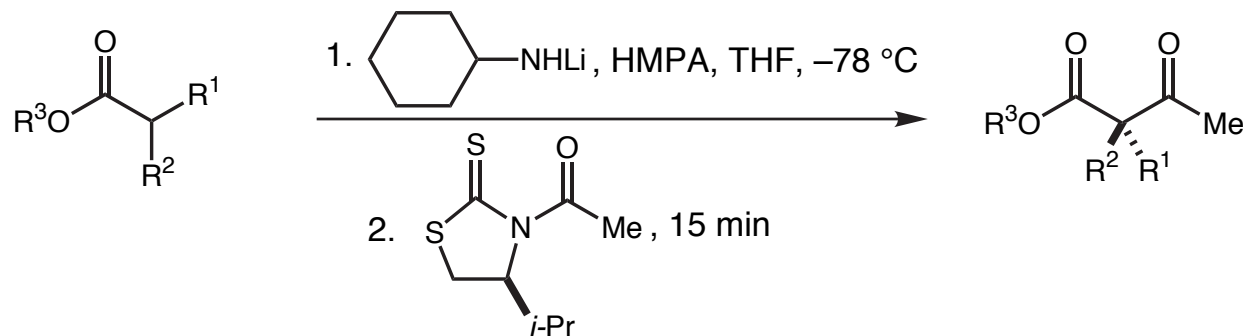
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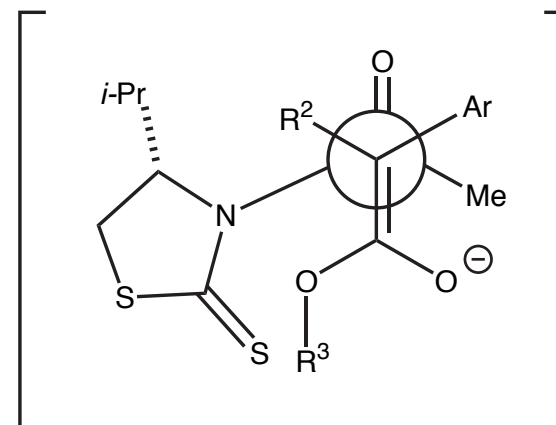
Anti

Nagao, Y. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, 47, 6133-6136.

Crossed Claisen: Nagao



R^1	R^2	R^3	Yield (%)	ee (%)
Ph	Me	<i>t</i> -Bu	77	96
Ph	Me	Me	57	94
Ph	Bu	<i>t</i> -Bu	29	87
4-MeOC ₆ H ₄	Me	<i>t</i> -Bu	72	95
Bu	Me	<i>i</i> -Pr	62	22



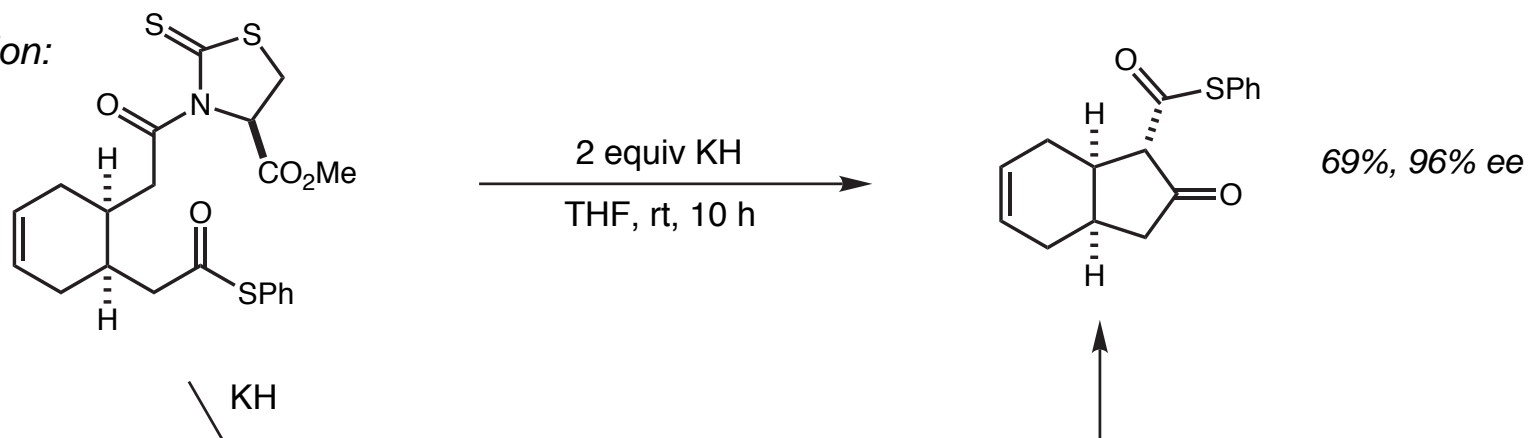
Proposed Transition State

- Isobutyrylthione behaved analogously in both yield and selectivity.
- HMPA, aromatic R^1 appear to be essential for high selectivity.
- Large R^2 led to decreased yields.

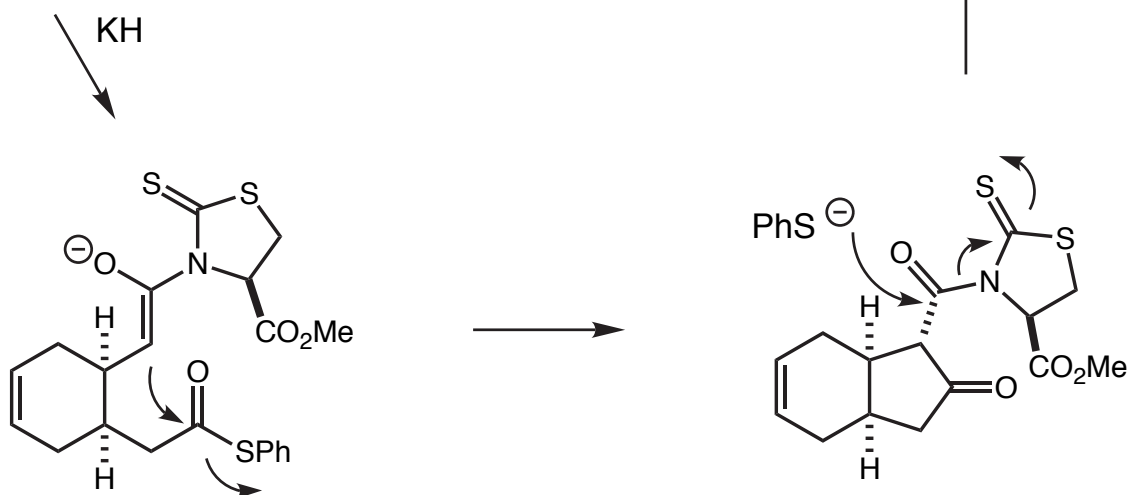
Nagao, Y. *J. Org. Chem.*, **1988**, *53*, 5983-5986.

Dieckmann Annulation: Nagao and Fujita

Initial Observation:



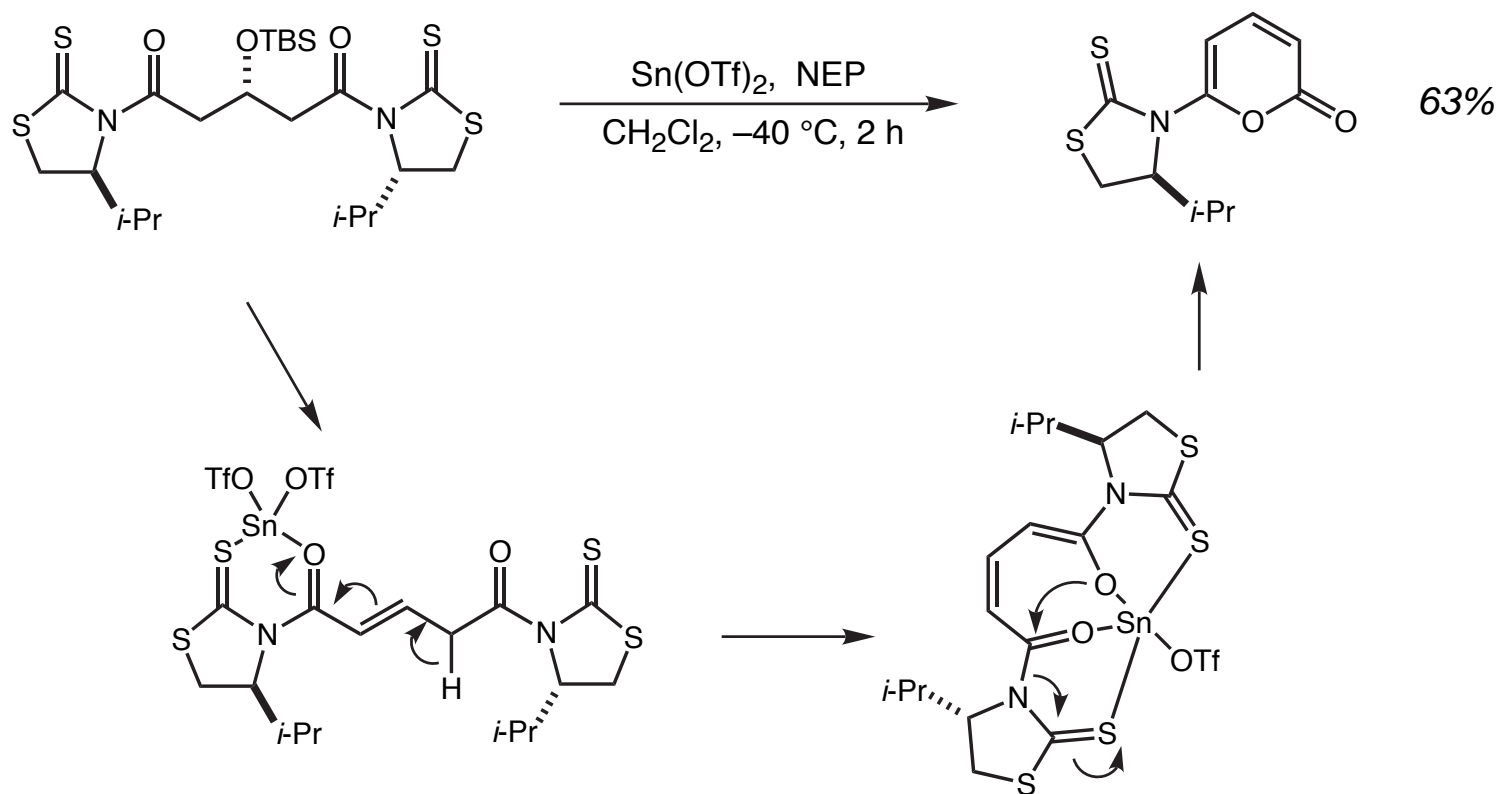
Rationale:



- Reaction was later repeated with a methyl ester in the place of the thioester.

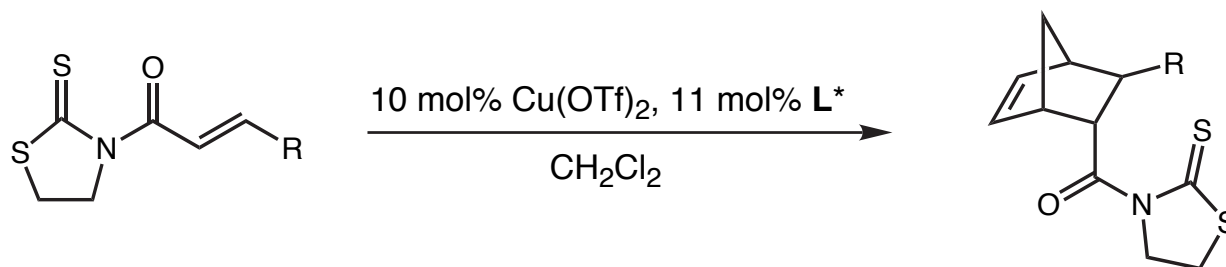
Nagao, Y., Fujita, E. *Chem. Lett.* **1987**, 1861-1864.
Nagao, Y. *J. Org. Chem.*, **1988**, 53, 5983-5986.

Pyrone Synthesis: Nagao



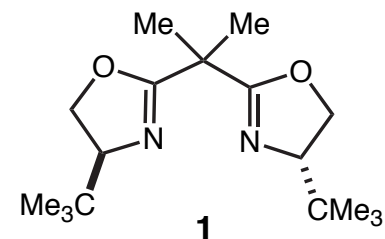
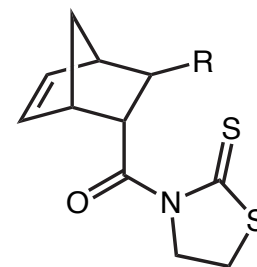
Nagao, Y. *Chem. Lett* **1992**, 2035-2038.

Diels-Alder: Evans

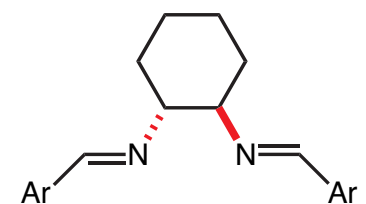


R	L*	Isolated Yield (%)	endo:exo	endo ee (%)
Me	1	82	96:4	94
Ph	1	86	92:8	97
COOEt	1	88	84:16	96
Me	2	86	93:7	-91
Ph	2	84	92:8	-92
COOEt	2	99	90:10	-88

- Thiones react at lower temperatures than oxazolidinones (typically $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ instead of $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$).
- Thiones and oxazolidinones react comparably with Cu(II)box. With the bisimine ligand, however, thiones exhibit much better endo:exo selectivity (done typically 2–4:1).

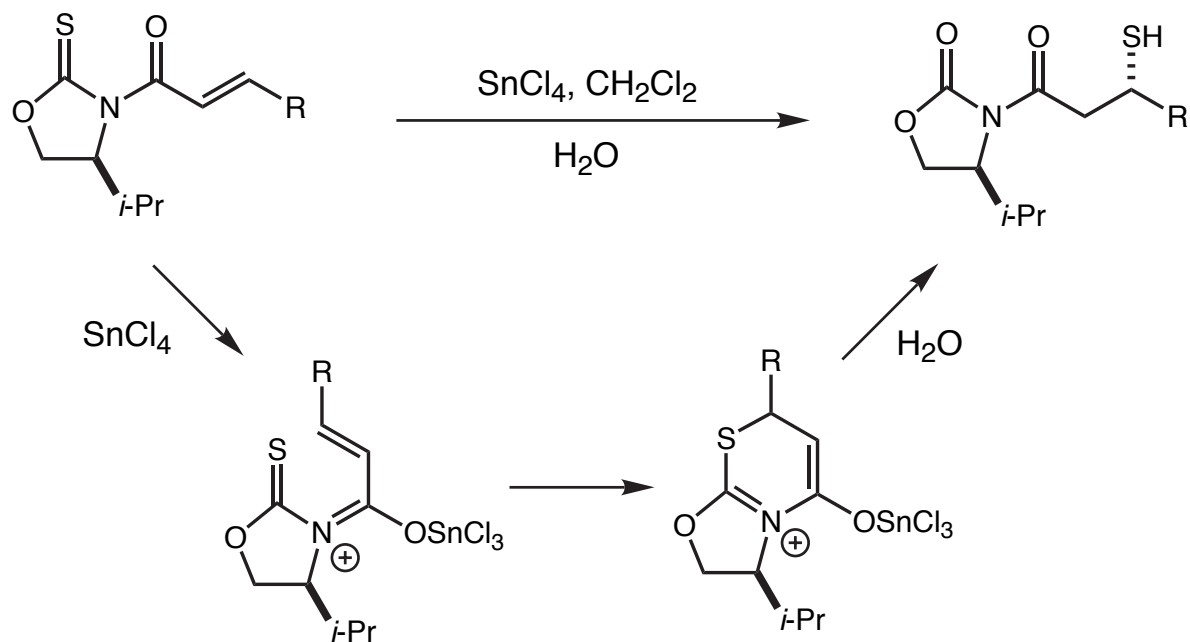


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Evans, D.; Miller, S.; Lectka, T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 6460-6461.
Evans, D.; Lectka, T.; Miller, S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, *34*, 7027-7030.

Thione-Based Rearrangements



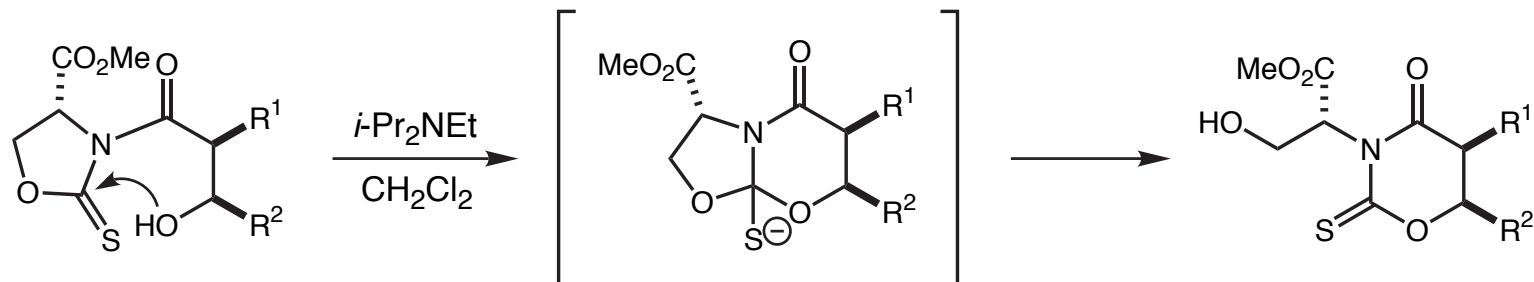
R	Total Yield (%)	dr
Me	72	50:1
Et	67	50:1
<i>i</i> -Pr	70	50:1
Ph	80	7:1
4-ClPh	70	3:1

- Reactions were conducted at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ except for aromatic substrates, which were warmed to room temperature.
- The camphor-based auxiliary was superior in both yield (typically 85%) and selectivity (by $\sim 5\%$) but is more difficult to draw.
- Reactions were 0.01 to 0.05 M in substrate.

Palomo, C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 5602-5603.

Thione-Based Rearrangements

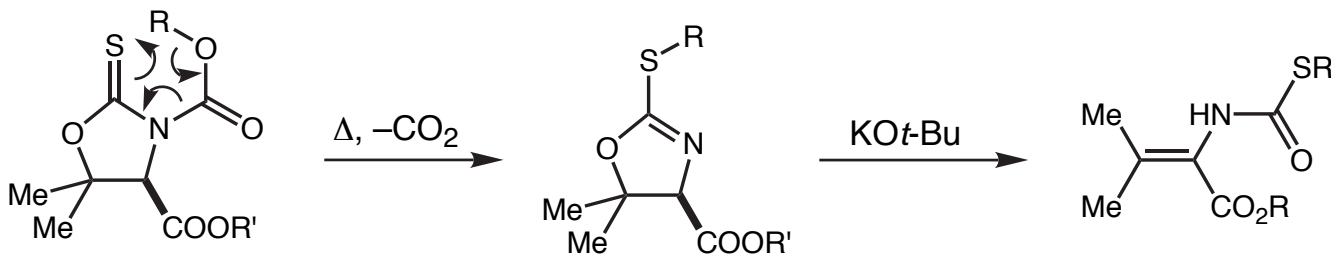
Aldol Product Rearrangement



- Propionates are unreactive.
- Competitive with methanolysis for hindered substrates

Adamczyk, A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1995**, 36, 5303-5306.

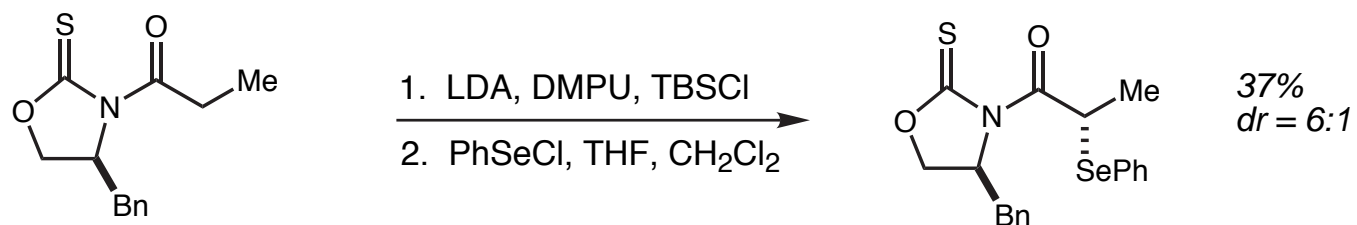
Thermal Carbamate Rearrangement



Hoppe, D. *Chem. Ber.* **1976**, 109, 3062-3078.

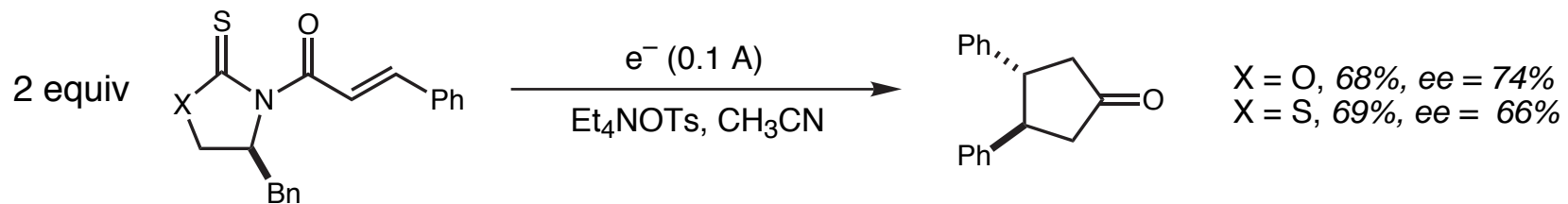
Other Reactions

Selenylation



Holmes, A. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1992**, 3, 1289-1302.

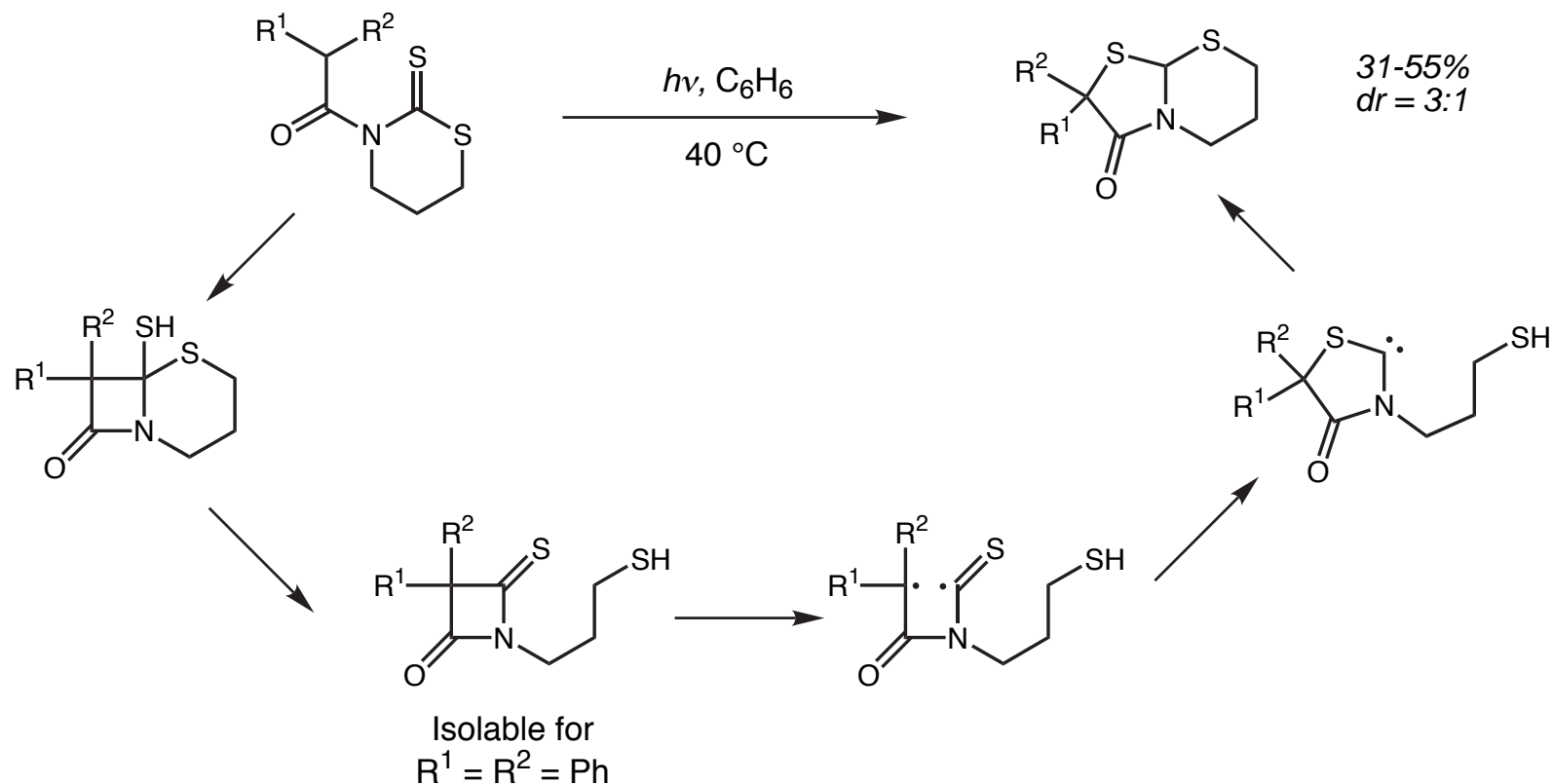
Electroreductive Coupling



- Decarboxylation occurs under the reaction conditions.

Kise, N. *J. Org. Chem.* **1998**, 63, 7931-7938.

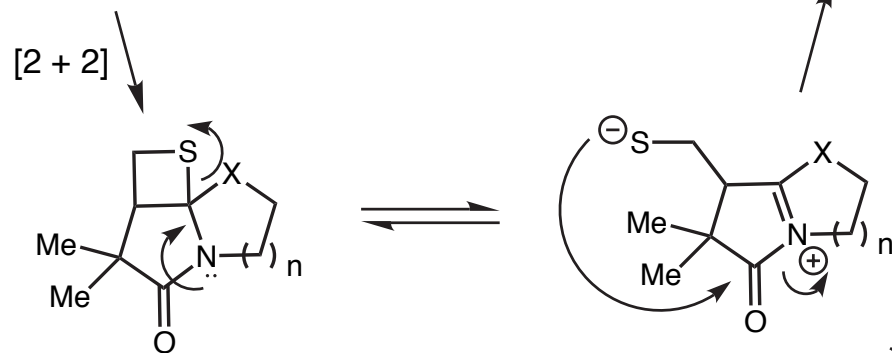
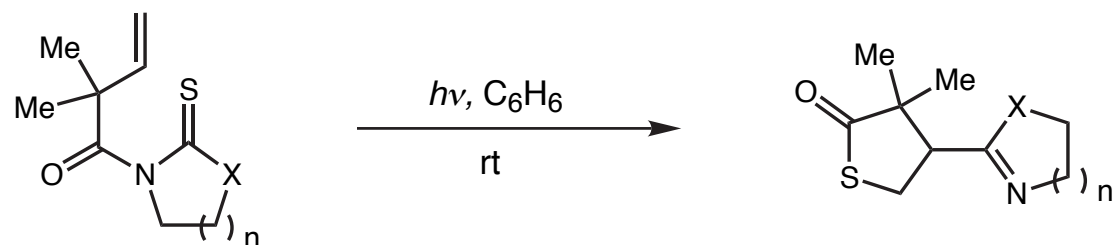
Photochemical Rearrangement: Sakamoto



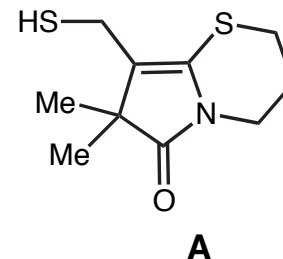
- "Impossible to determine stereochemistry"
- Major byproduct is deacylated thione.
- Endocyclic-oxygen analog gives similar results.
- Thiazolidinethiones and oxazolidinethiones yield solely deacylation products.

Sakamoto, M. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 1* **1991**, 2541-2545.

Photochemical Rearrangement: Sakamoto



X = S, n = 2



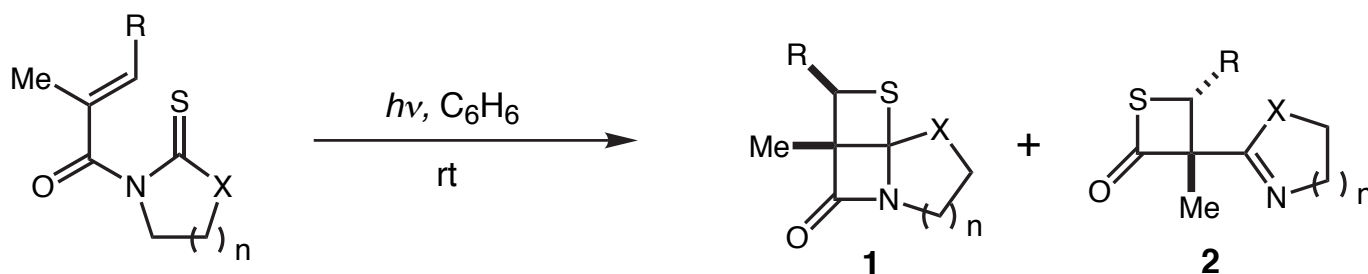
X	n	Yield (%)
S	1	74
S	2	0
O	1	56
O	2	77

- Product structure confirmed by X-ray crystallography

- For X = S, n = 2, product **A** was formed in 64% yield:

Sakamoto, M., Nishio, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **1992**, 57, 3735-3738.

Photochemical Rearrangement: Sakamoto

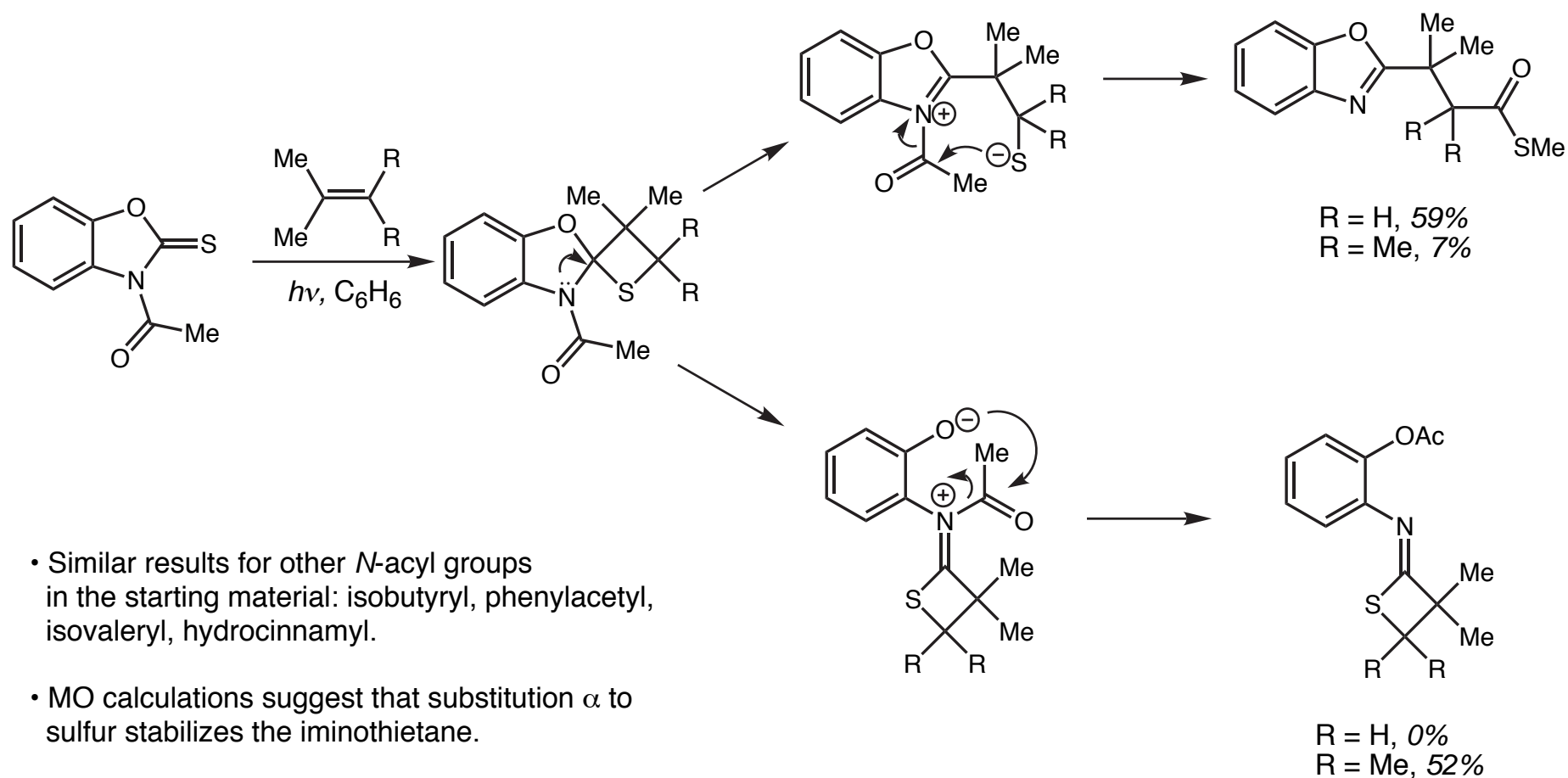


X	n	R	Yield (%)	
			1	2
S	1	H	30	30
S	1	Me	67	0
O	1	H	44	0
O	1	Me	33	0
O	2	H	0	33
O	2	Me	0	66

- Stereochemistry supported by NOE studies
- Proposed mechanism is analogous to previous case.

Sakamoto, M. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 1* **1994**, 2983-2986.

Photochemical [2 + 2]: Nishio



- Similar results for other *N*-acyl groups in the starting material: isobutyryl, phenylacetyl, isovaleryl, hydrocinnamyl.
- MO calculations suggest that substitution α to sulfur stabilizes the iminothietane.
- *E/Z* selectivity of the iminothietane products was not mentioned; in fact, the product in the paper is drawn as *E*, despite the *Z*-configured crystal structure featured in the text.

Nishio, T. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans 1* **2000**, 3039-3046.

Summary

- Thioimides have been used extensively as acylating agents, especially for amide synthesis.
- Half-reduction of thioimides directly to aldehydes is possible.
- By far, the aldol is the most common reaction with thioimide auxiliaries. Yield and selectivity vary, but the best systems are viable options to the venerable oxazolidinones.
- Facile cleavage may be the thioimide's greatest asset.
- Other enolate reactions include Claisen, Dieckmann, iminium addition, and selenylation.
- With few exceptions, soft enolization is essential.
- Thiocarbonyl photochemistry may lead to multiple products. No asymmetric reactions have been reported.
- Rearrangement of aldol products and starting acylthiones is a potential danger.
- More complex enolates and aldehydes have been used in the context of natural product synthesis by the following groups: Crimmins, Horikawa, Huber, Kibayashi, Kocienski, Nagao/Fujita, Paquette, Rizzacasa, Romo, Shiori, Sulikowski, Thomas, and Urpi/Vilarrasa.