

Master Course  
in Organic Chemistry

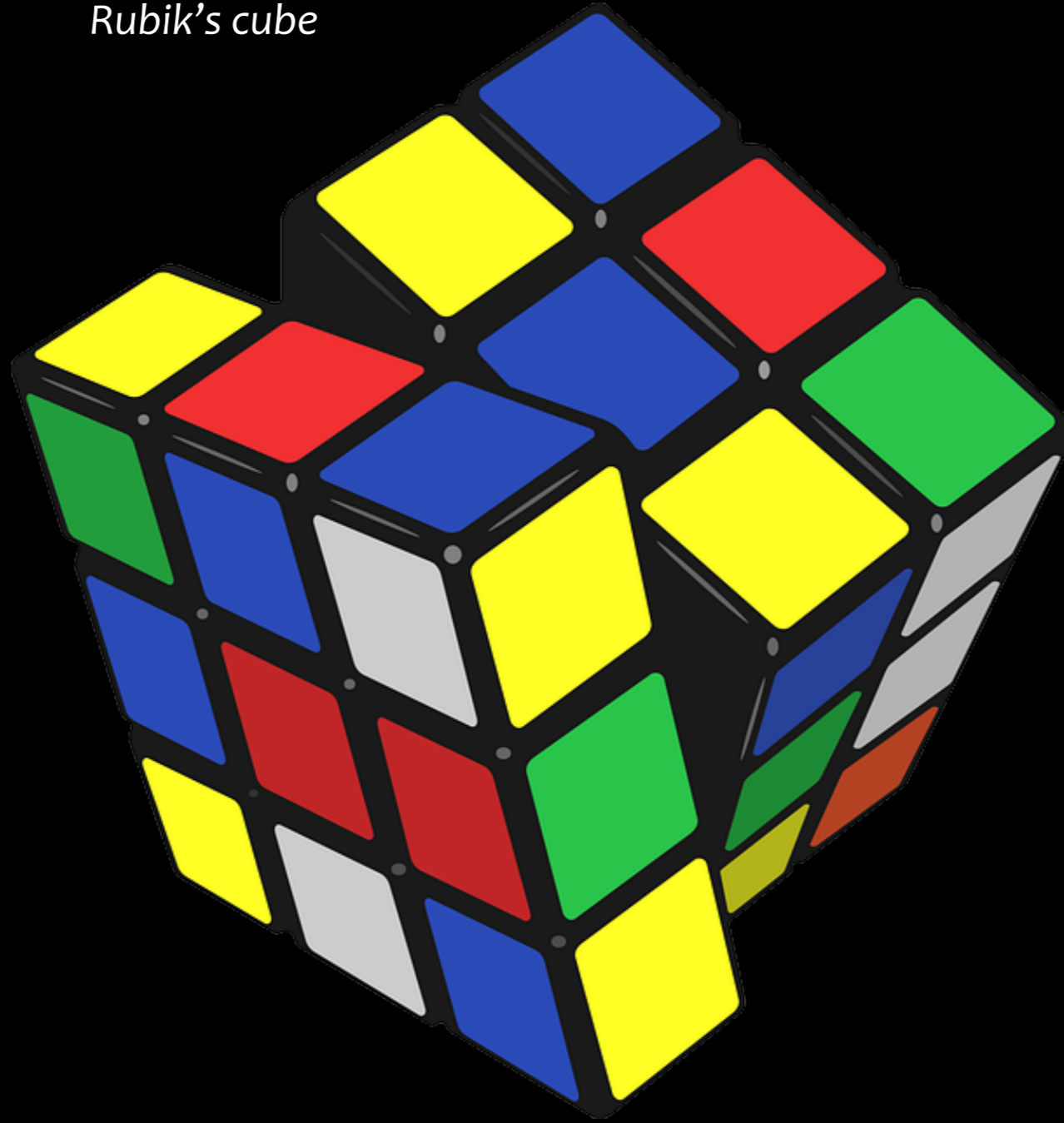
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methods and design  
in organic synthesis



Pere Romea

*Rubik's cube*



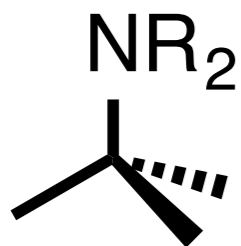
## 4.3. Functional groups

Just ONE functional group

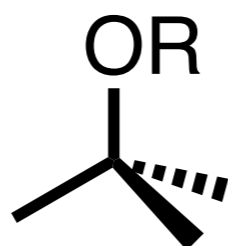
R--X disconnection



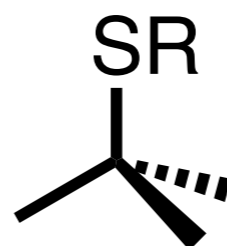
# A single heteroatom bound to the backbone



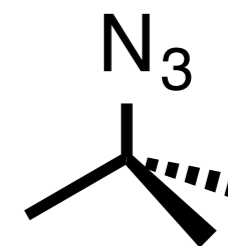
**Amine**



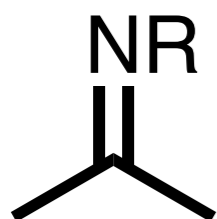
**Alcohol  
Ether**



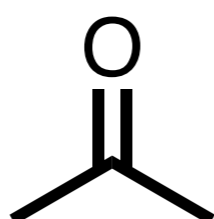
**Thiol  
Thioether**



**Azide**



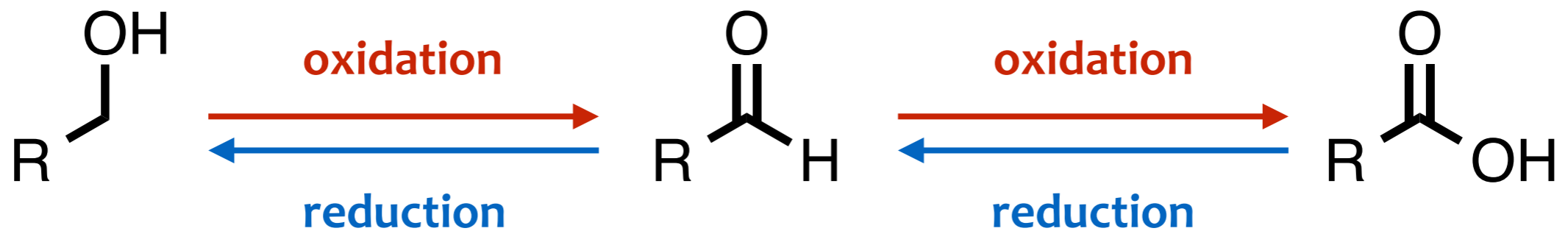
**Imine**



**Aldehyde  
Ketone**



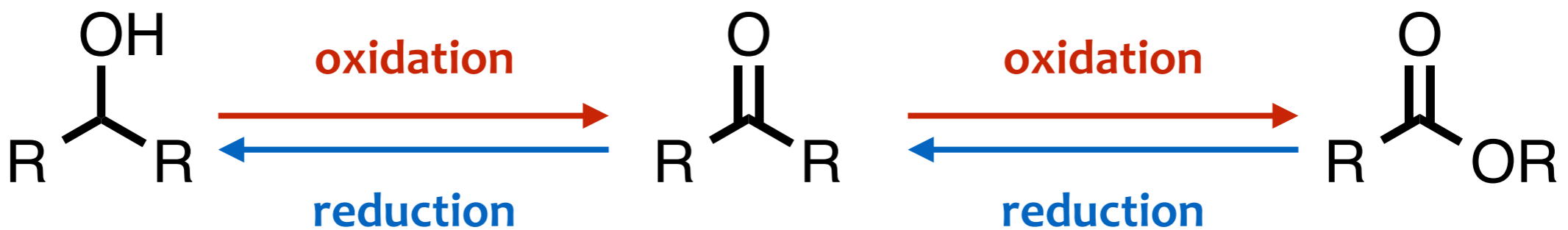
**Nitrile**



primary alcohol

aldehyde

carboxylic acid



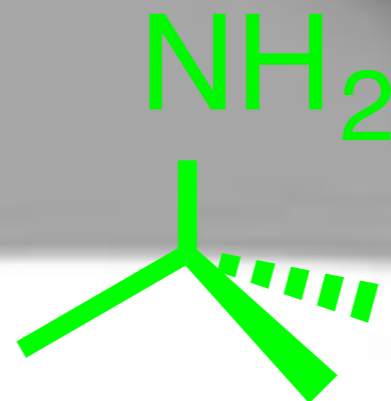
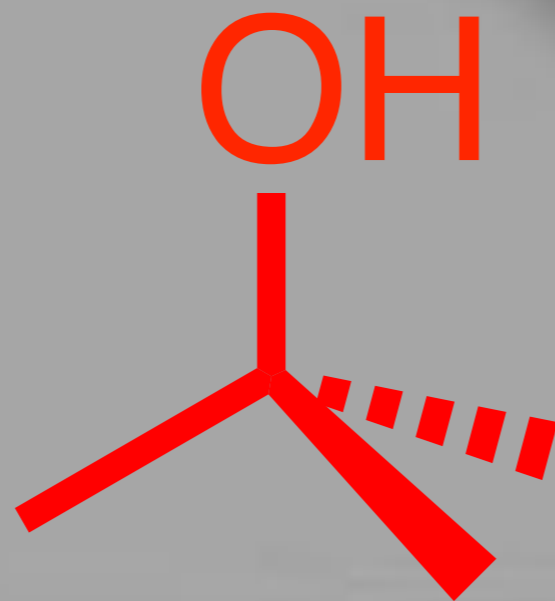
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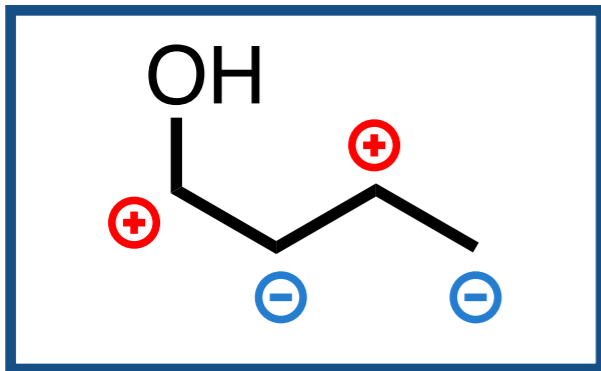
ketone

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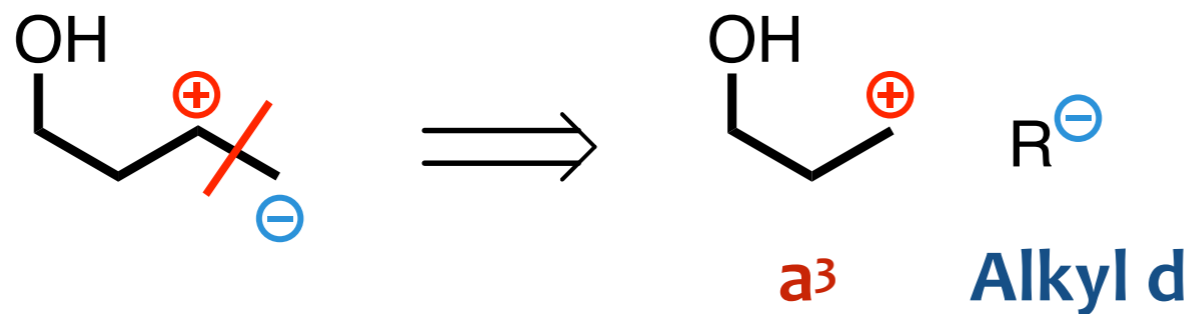
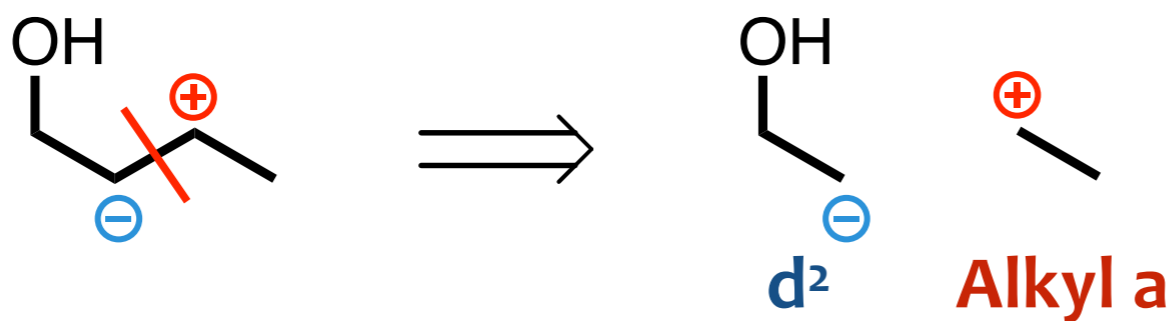
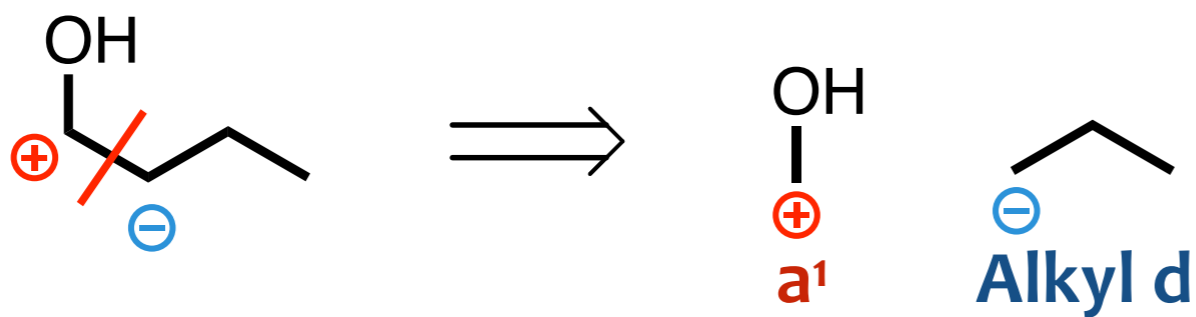
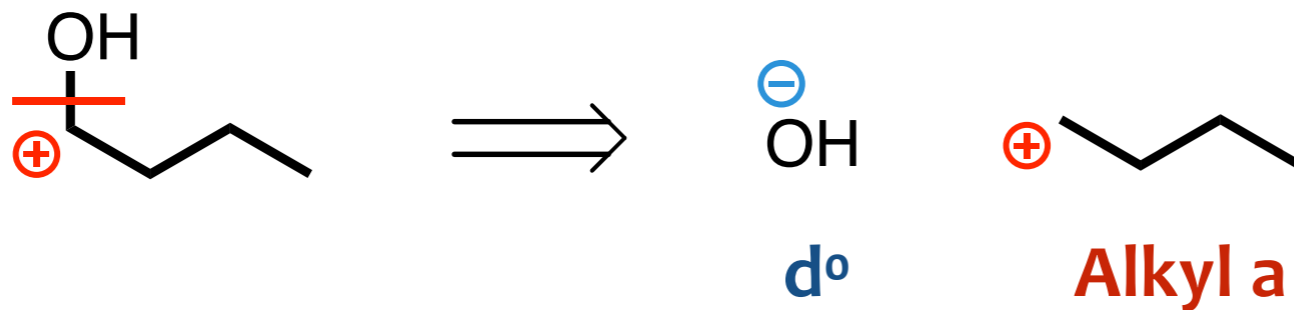
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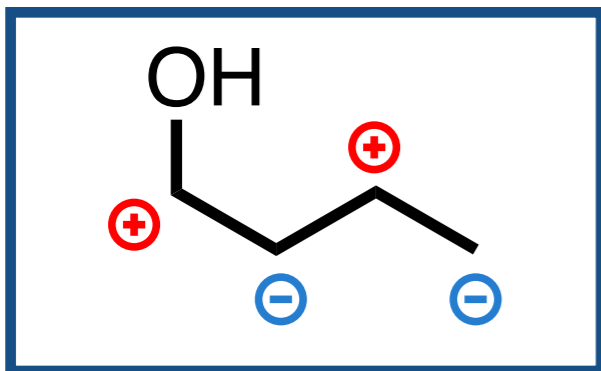
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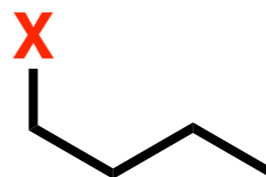
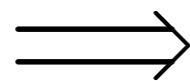
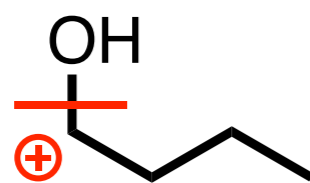


## Natural charge distribution



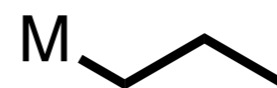
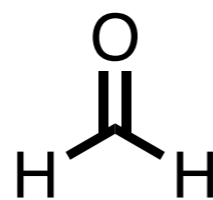
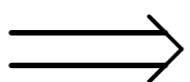
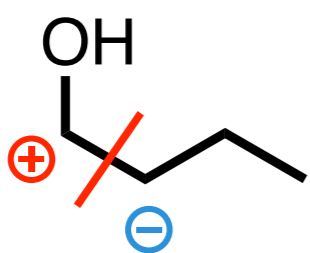


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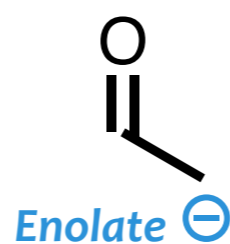
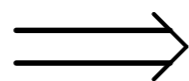
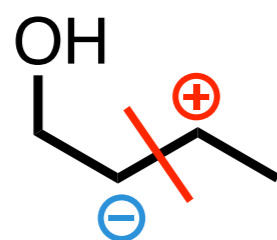
*X: halide, sulfonate*

*S<sub>N</sub>2*



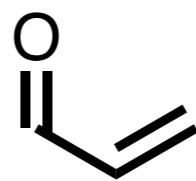
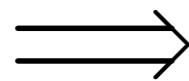
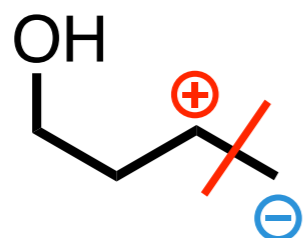
*X: Li, MgCl*

*Ionic Additions  
to Carbonyls*



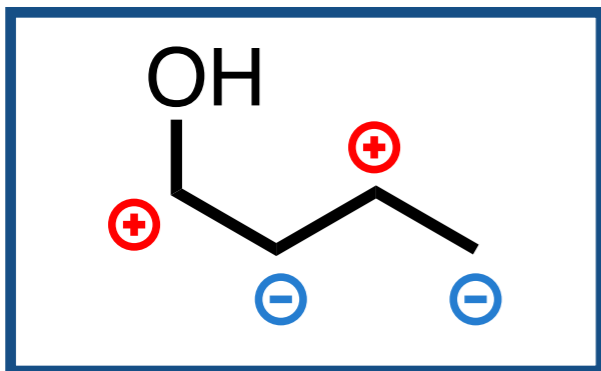
*X: halide*

*Alkylation of  
Enolates (or Enamines)*

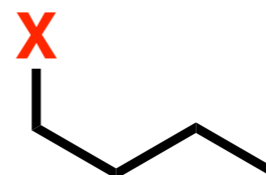
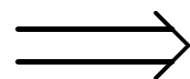
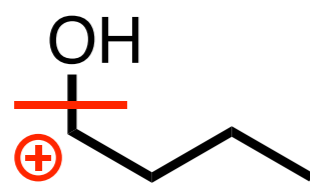


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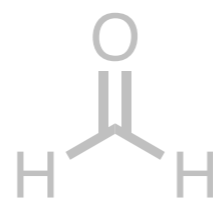
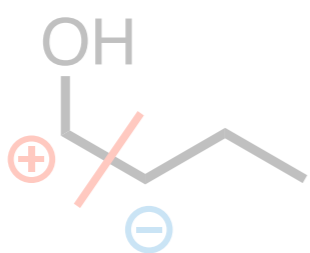


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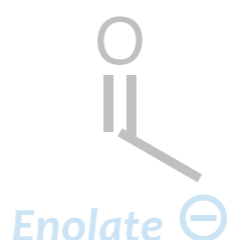
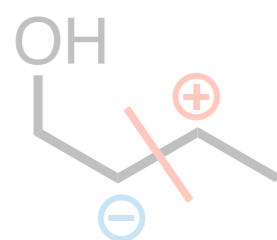
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*S<sub>N</sub>2*



*X: Li, MgCl*

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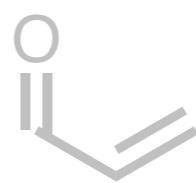
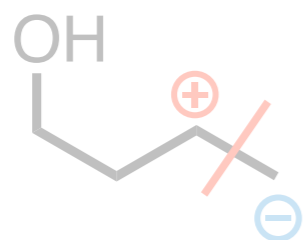


*Enolate*



*X: halide*

*Alkylation of  
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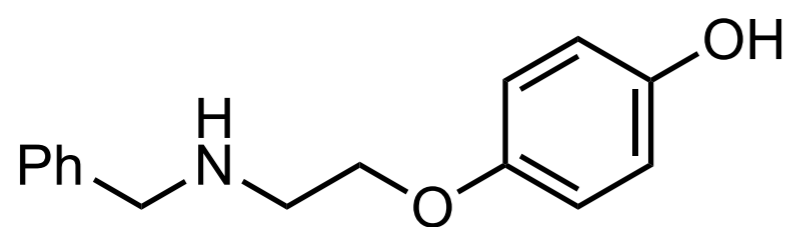
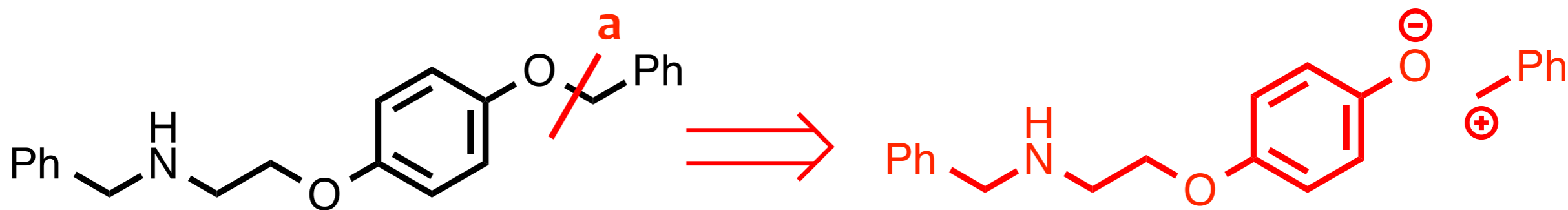


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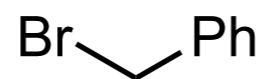
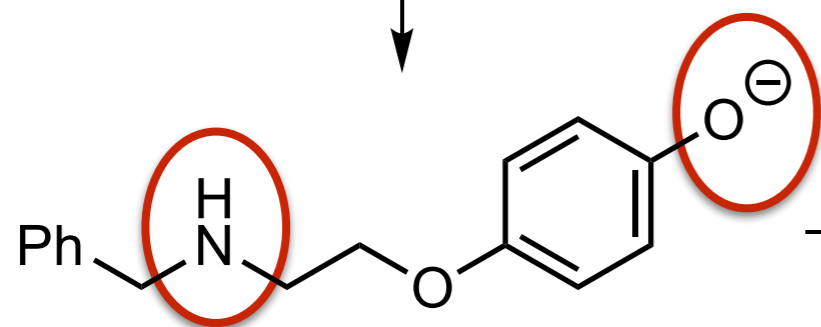
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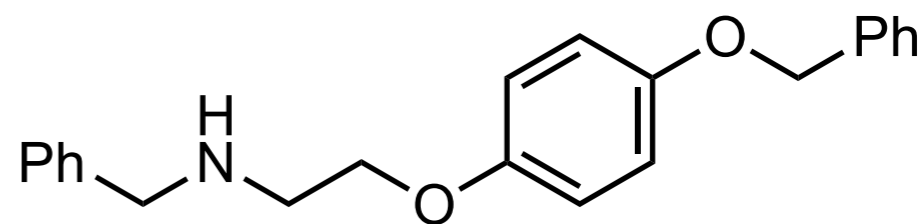
# route A



Base



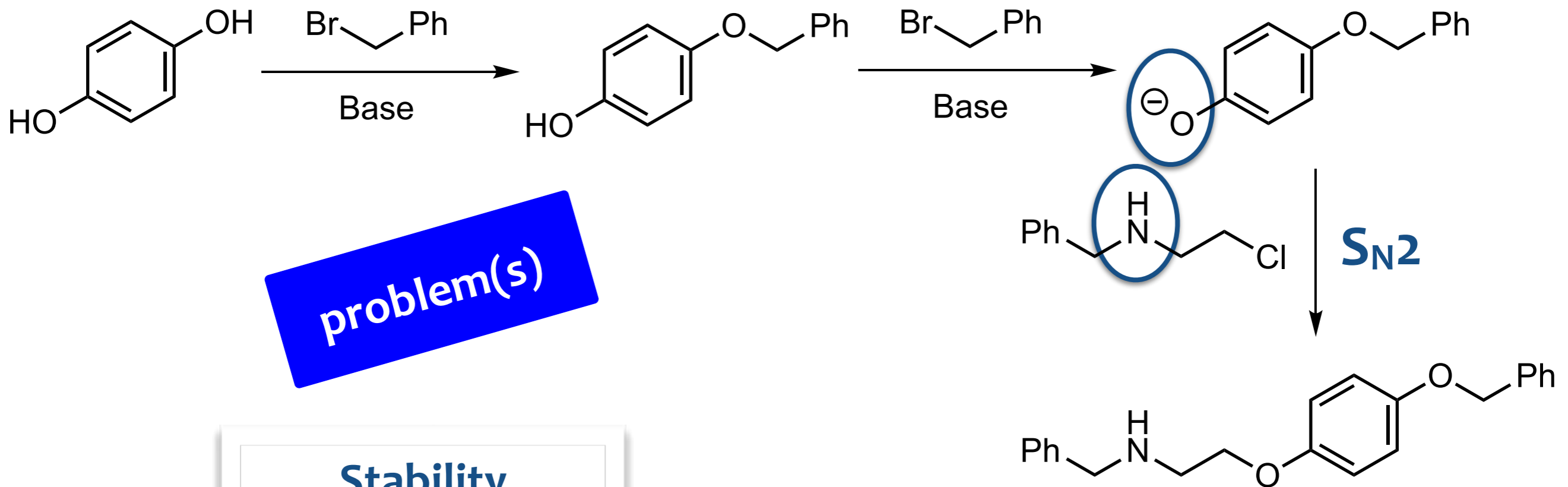
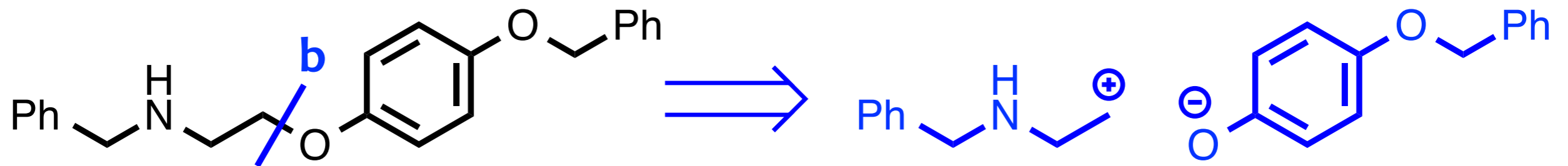
**S<sub>N</sub>2**



**problem**

**Chemoselectivity**

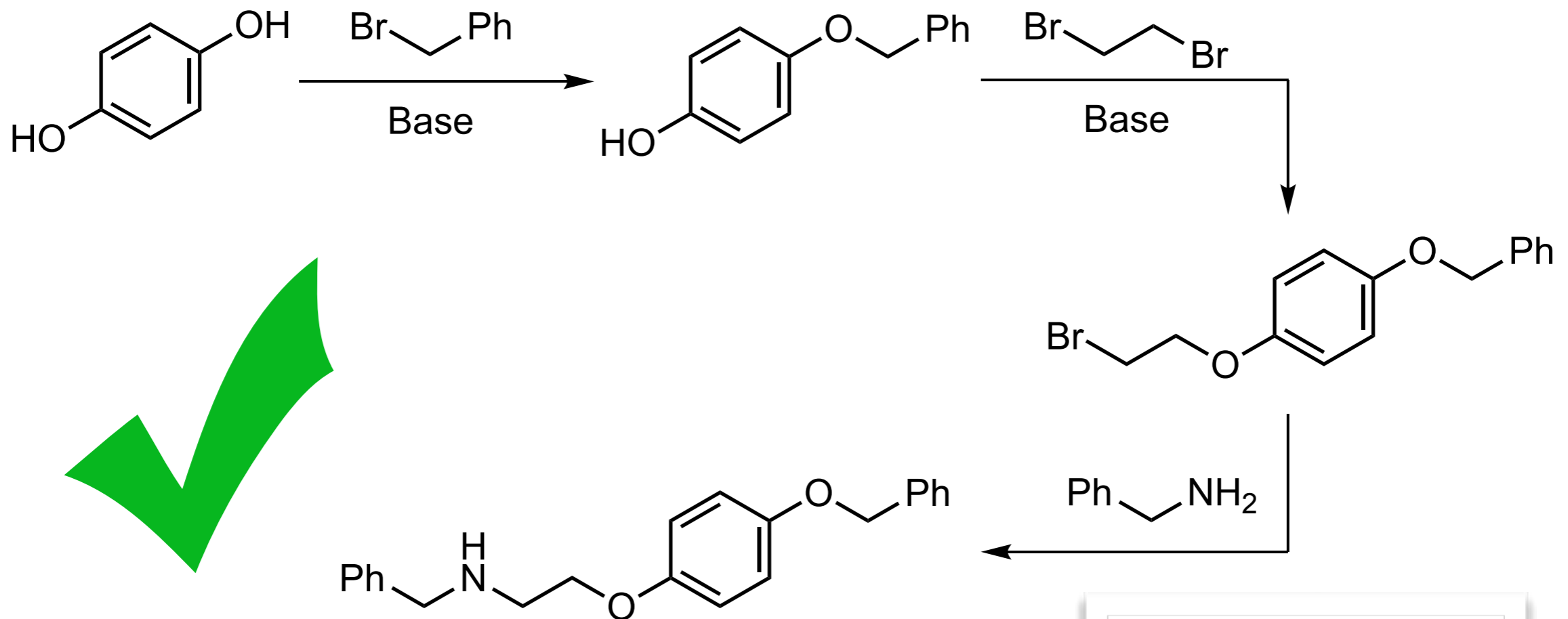
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problem(s)

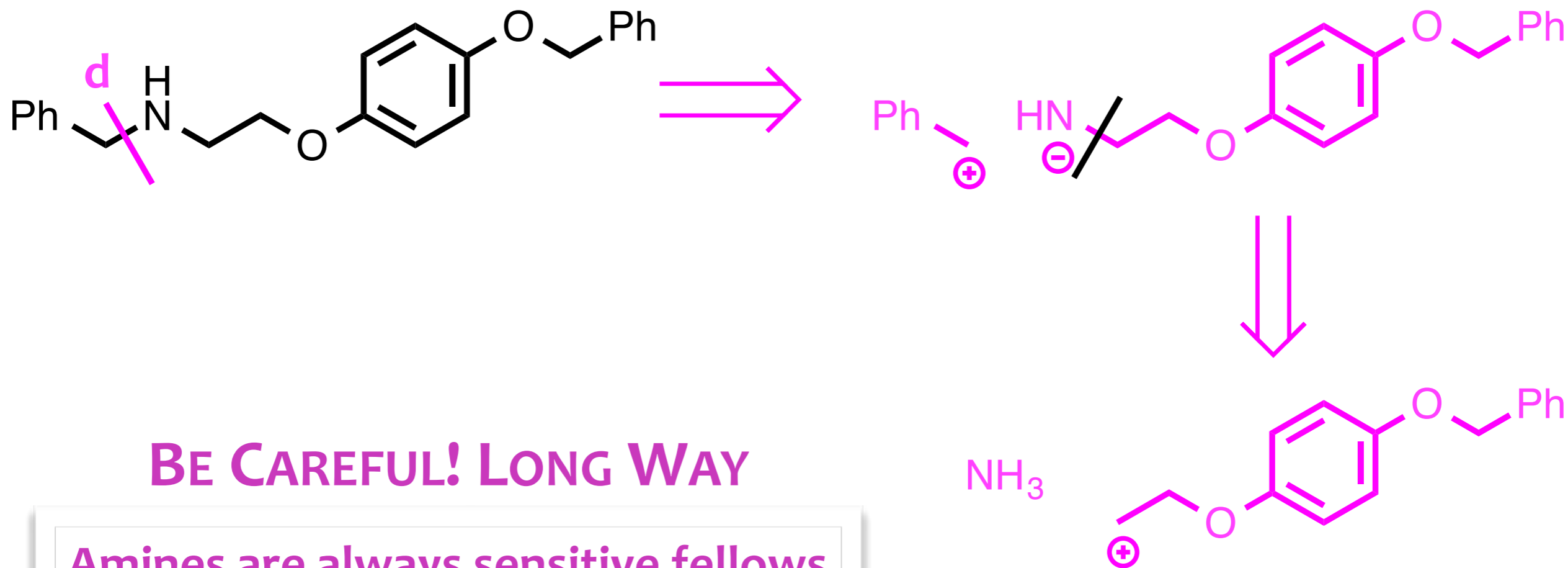
Stability  
Chemoselectivity

# route C



**Polyalkylation ?**

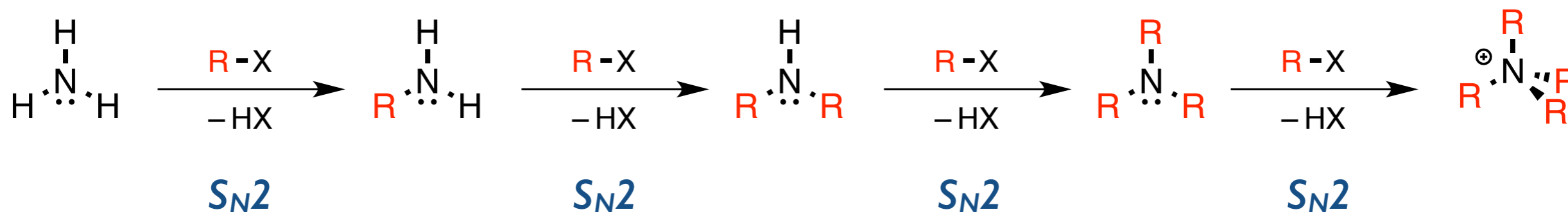
## route D



Apparently, ***S<sub>N</sub>2* MEDIATED ALKYLATION**

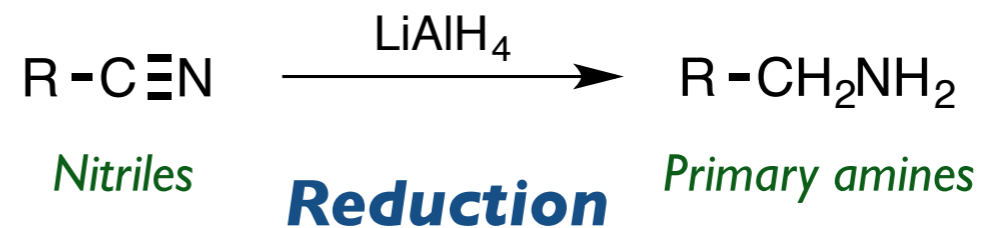
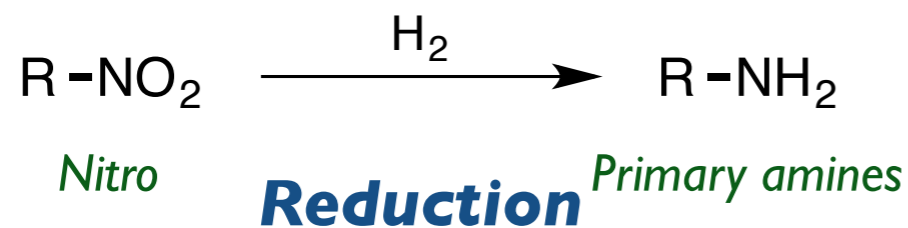
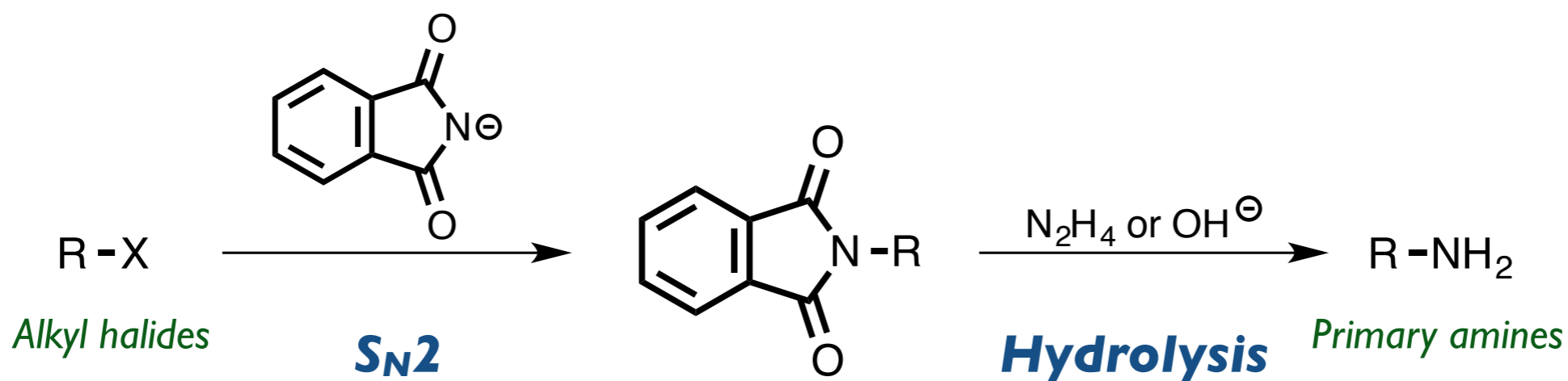
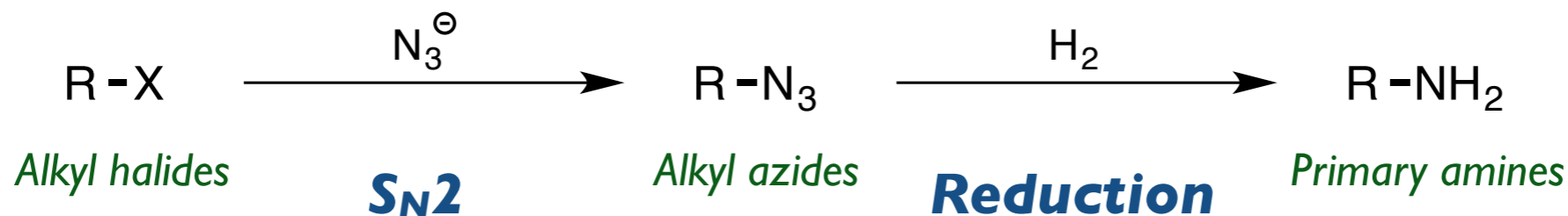
of ammonia, primary, secondary, or tertiary amines  
is the most appropriate way to prepare amines.

**HOWEVER, POLYALKYLATION HAMPERS SUCH AN APPROACH**



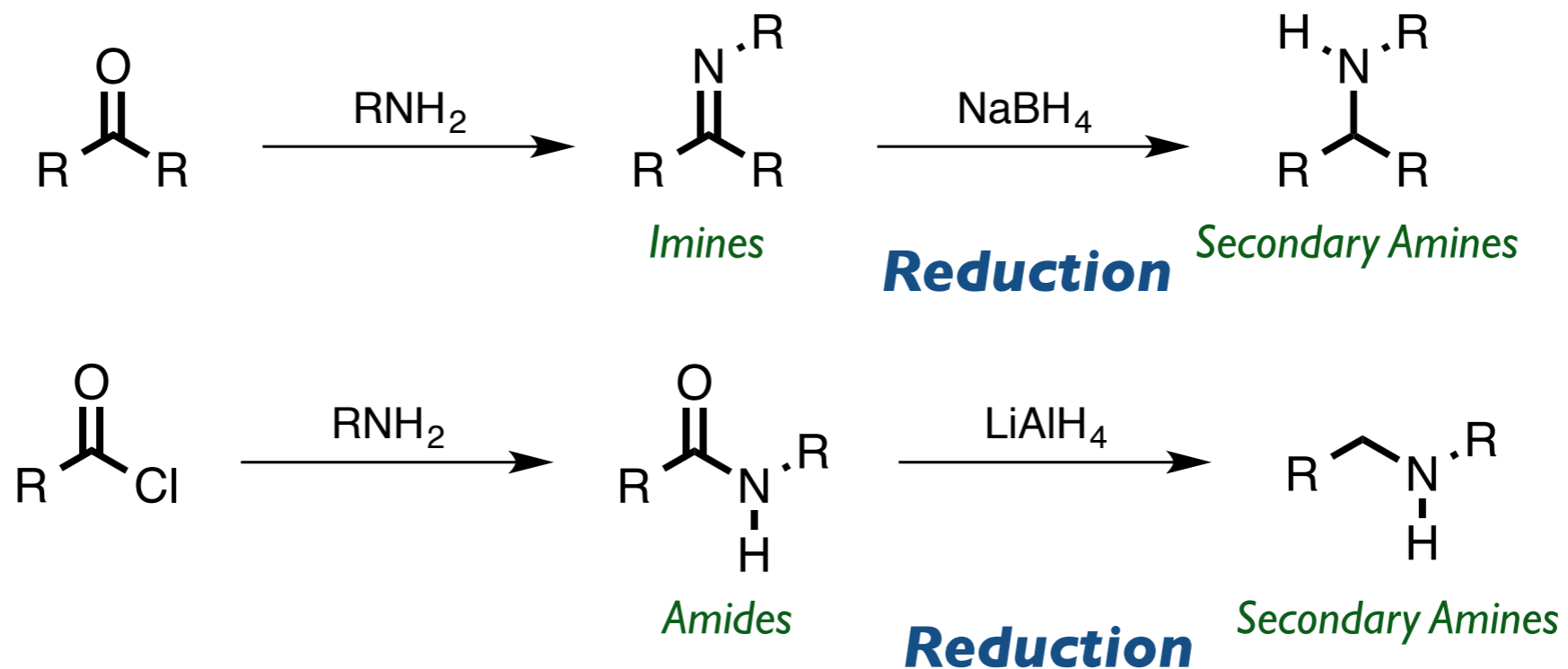
So, keep in mind different options ...

**PRIMARY AMINES**

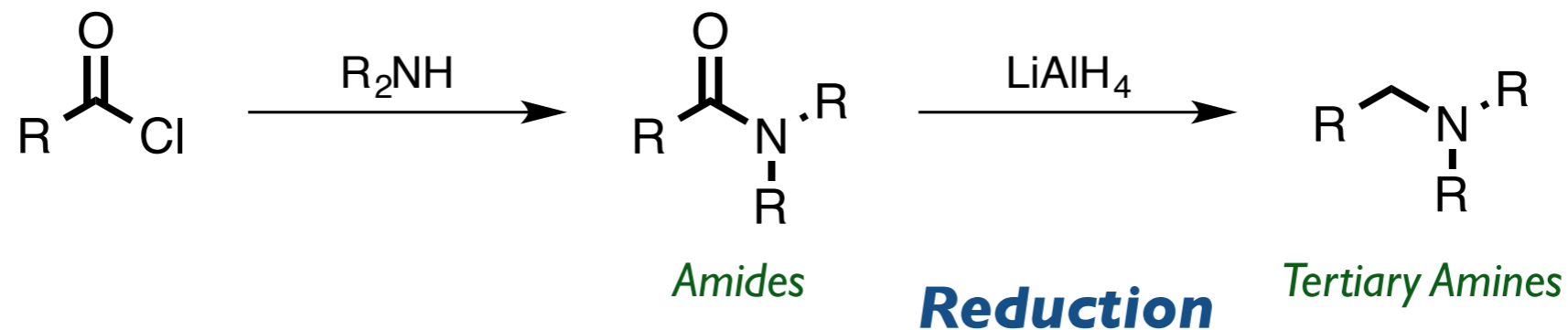


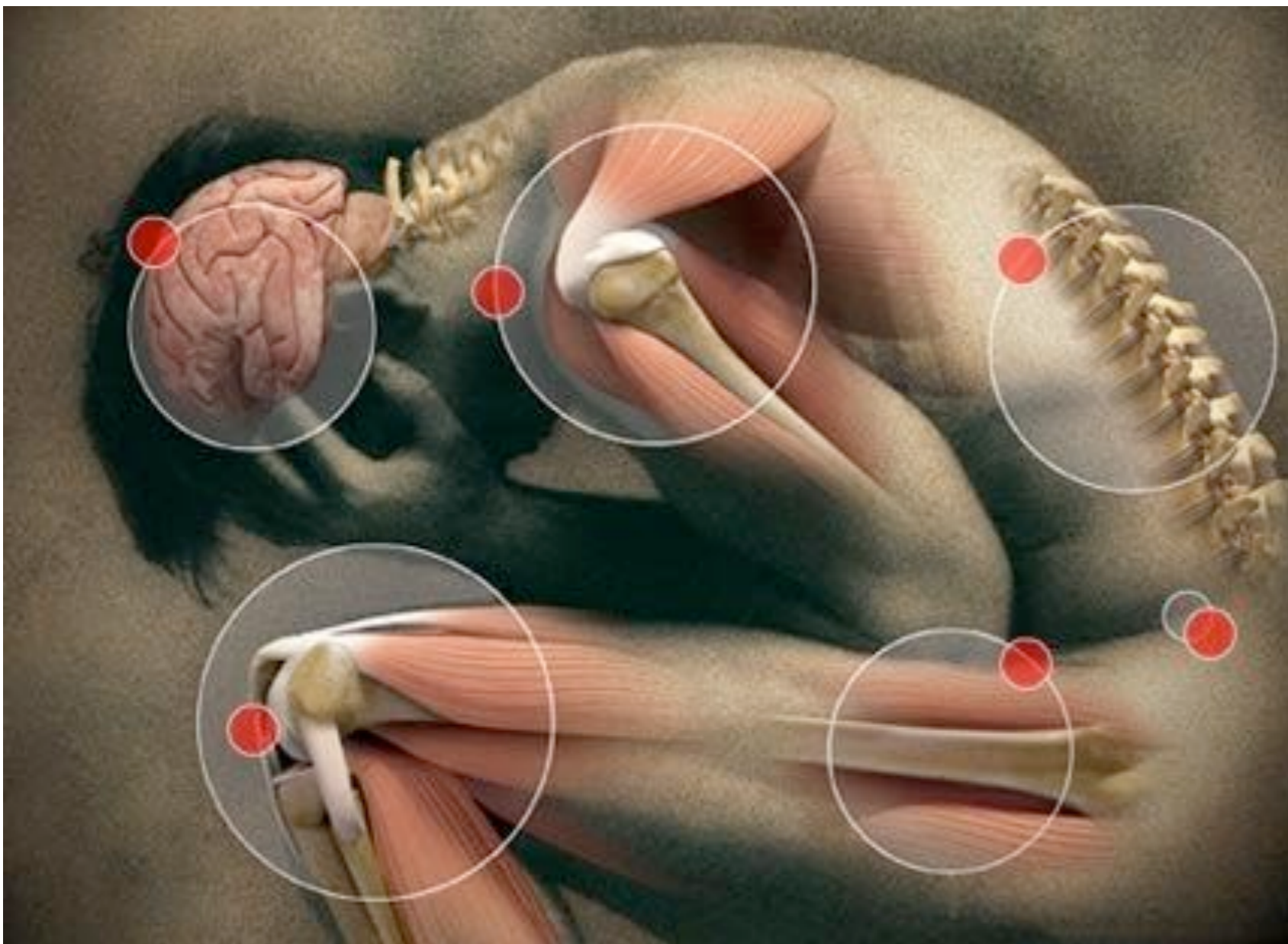


## SECONDARY AMINES

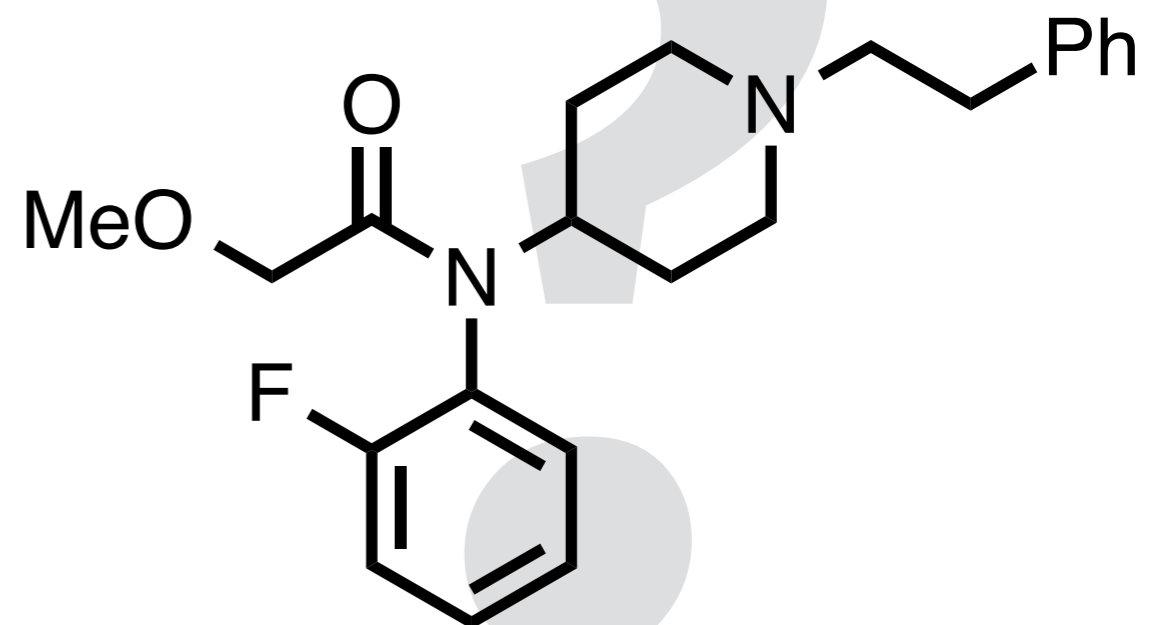


## TERTIARY AMINES

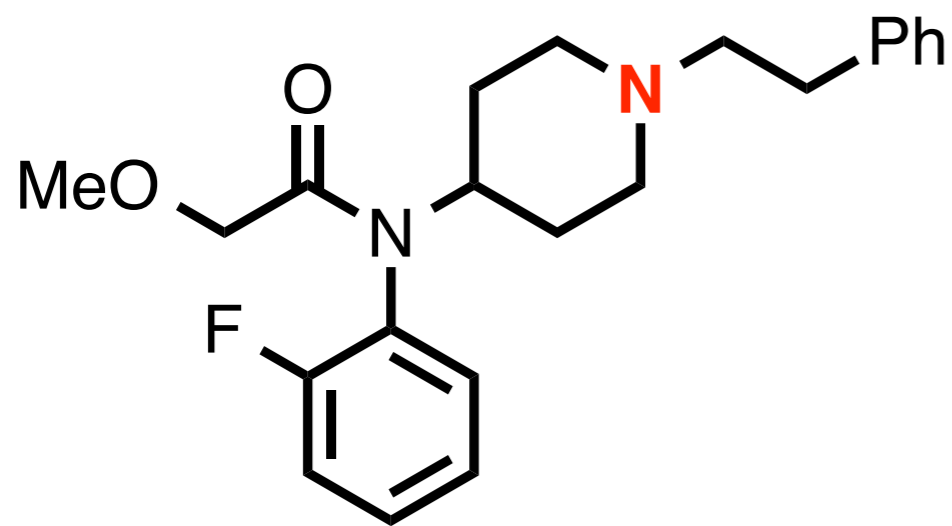




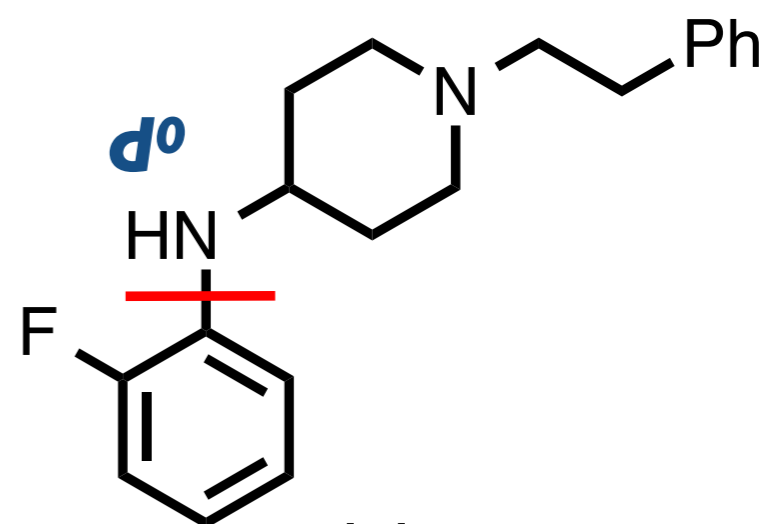
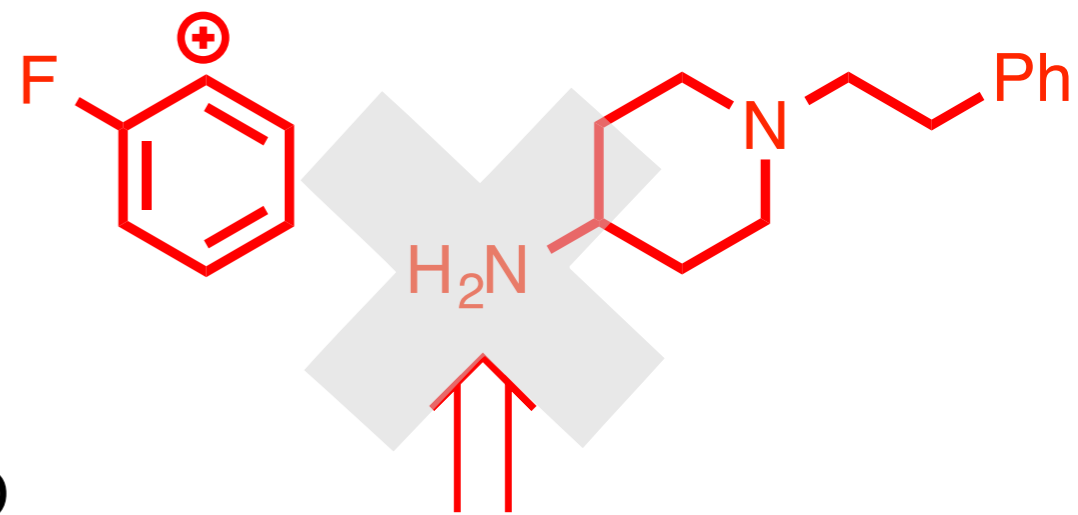
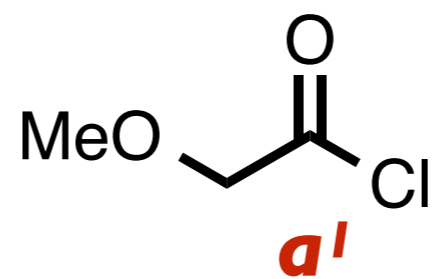
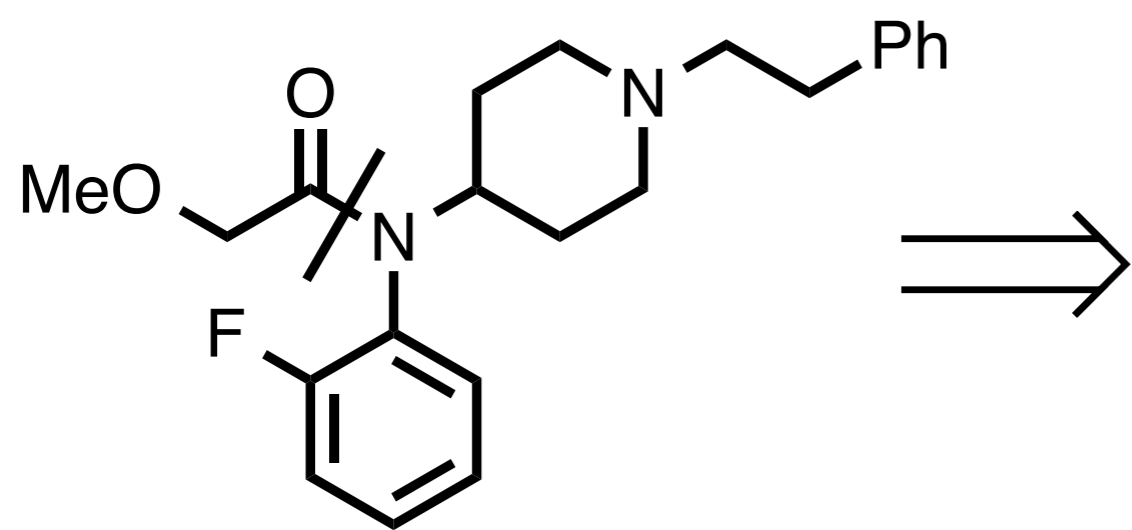
**Ocfentanil (or A-3217)**  
**painkiller**



**Don't disconnect this nitrogen: heterocycle  
BUILDING BLOCK**

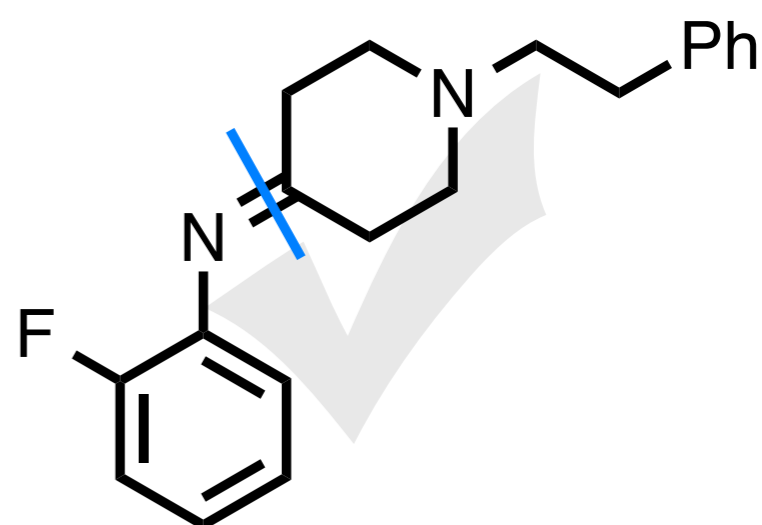
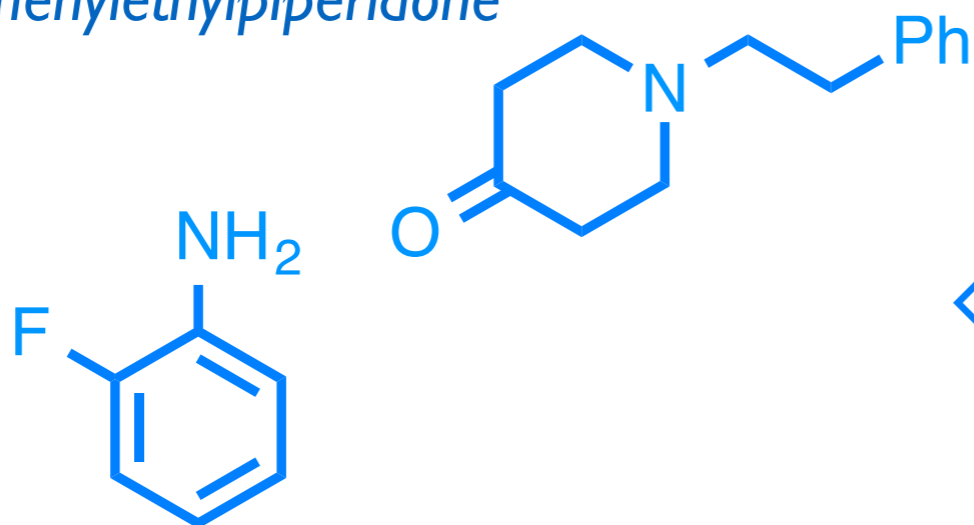


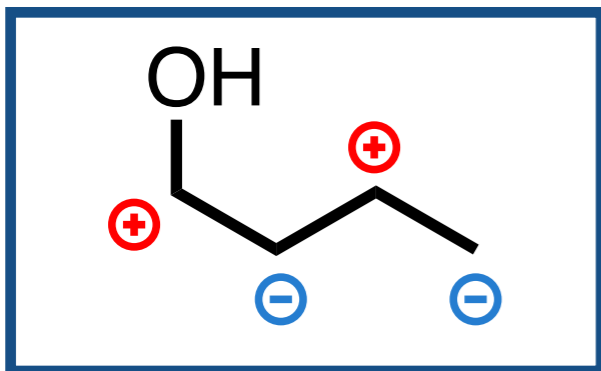
However, pay attention to  
the **Buchwald-Hartwig** reaction



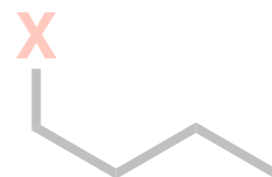
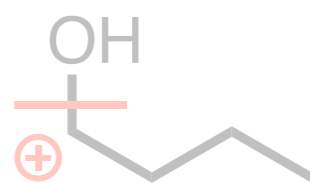
**FGA**

*N*-Phenylethylpiperidone



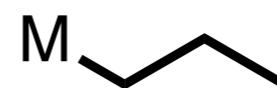
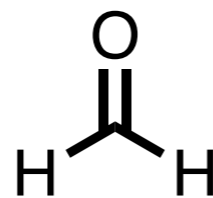
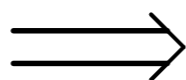
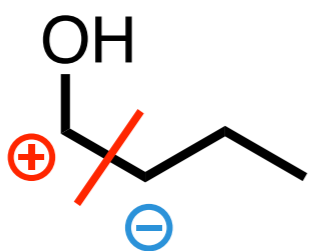


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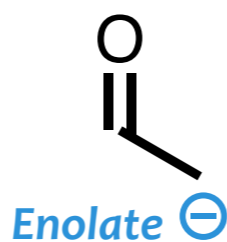
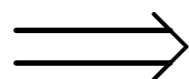
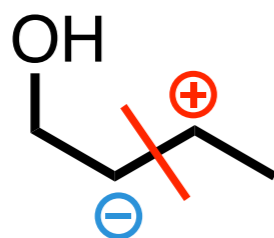
*X: halide, sulfonate*

*S<sub>N</sub>2*



*X: Li, MgCl*

***Ionic Additions  
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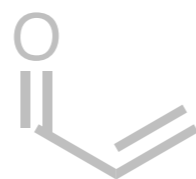
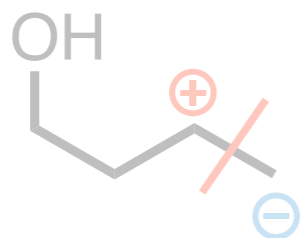


*Enolate*  $\ominus$



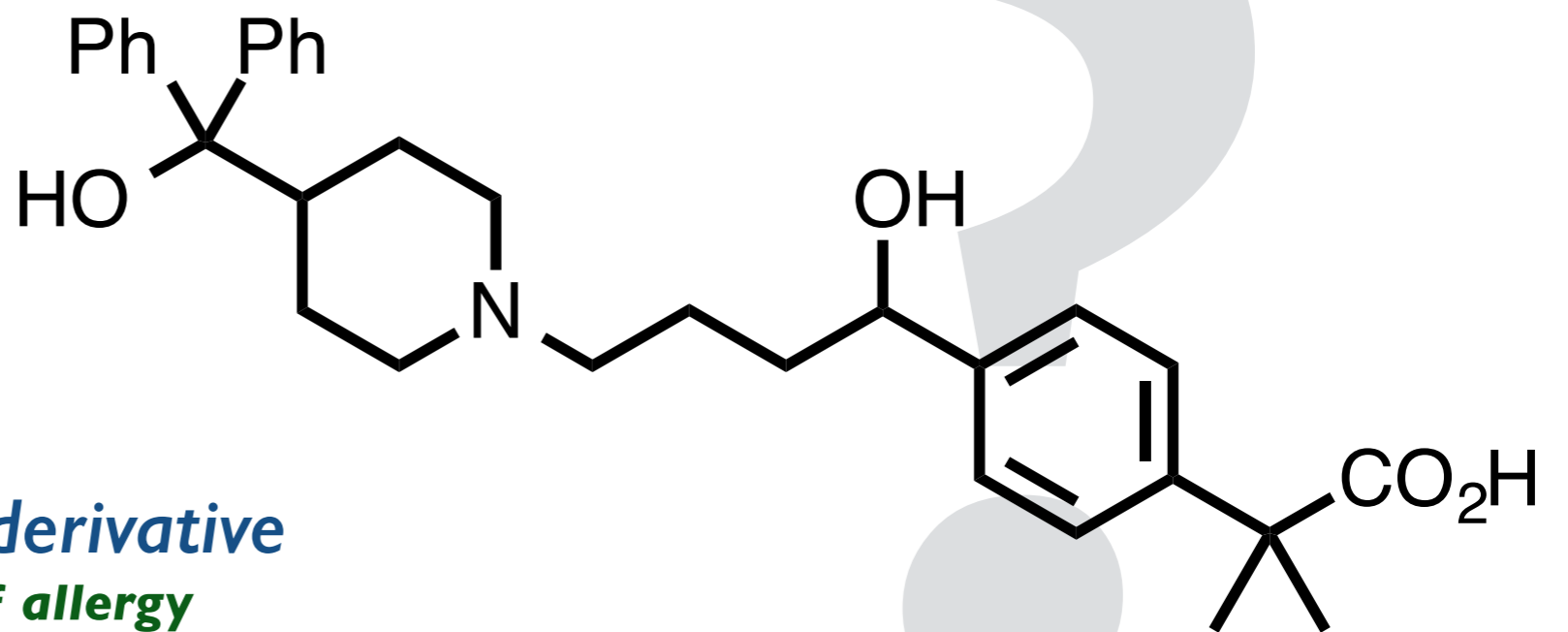
*X: halide*

***Alkylation of  
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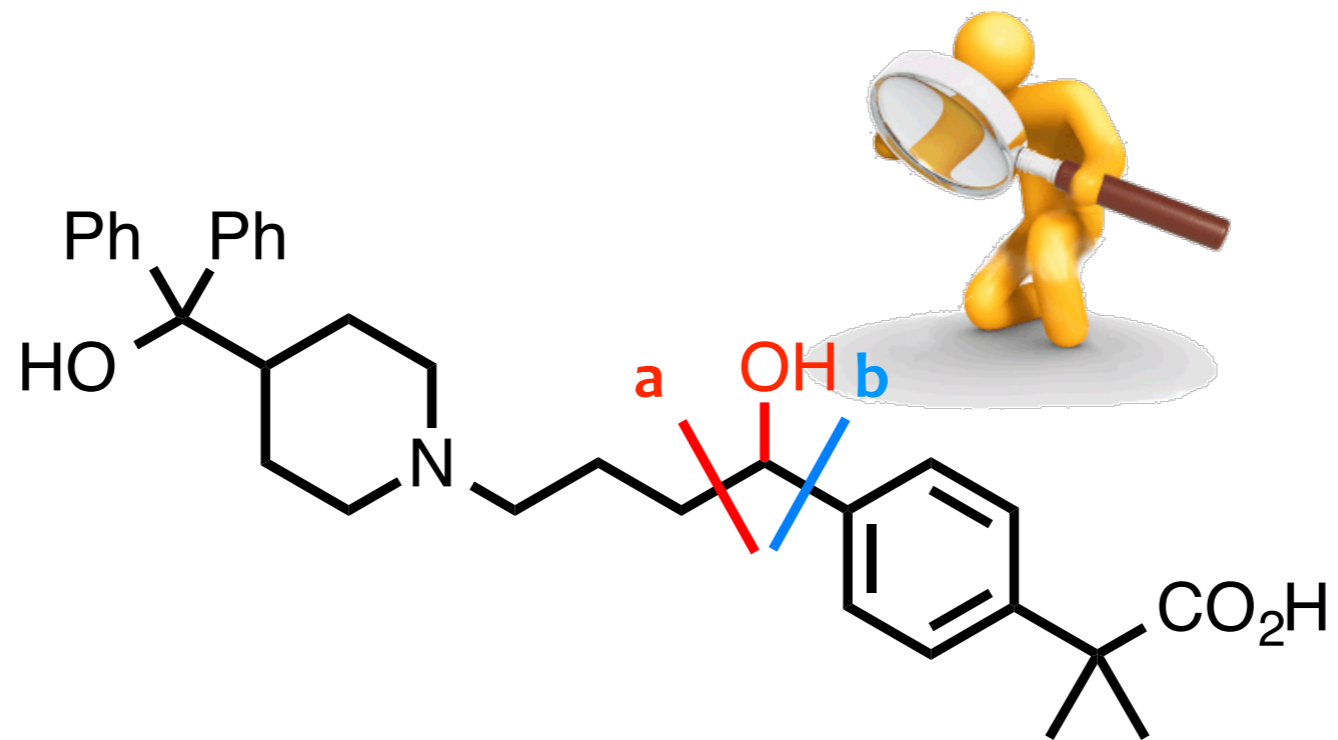
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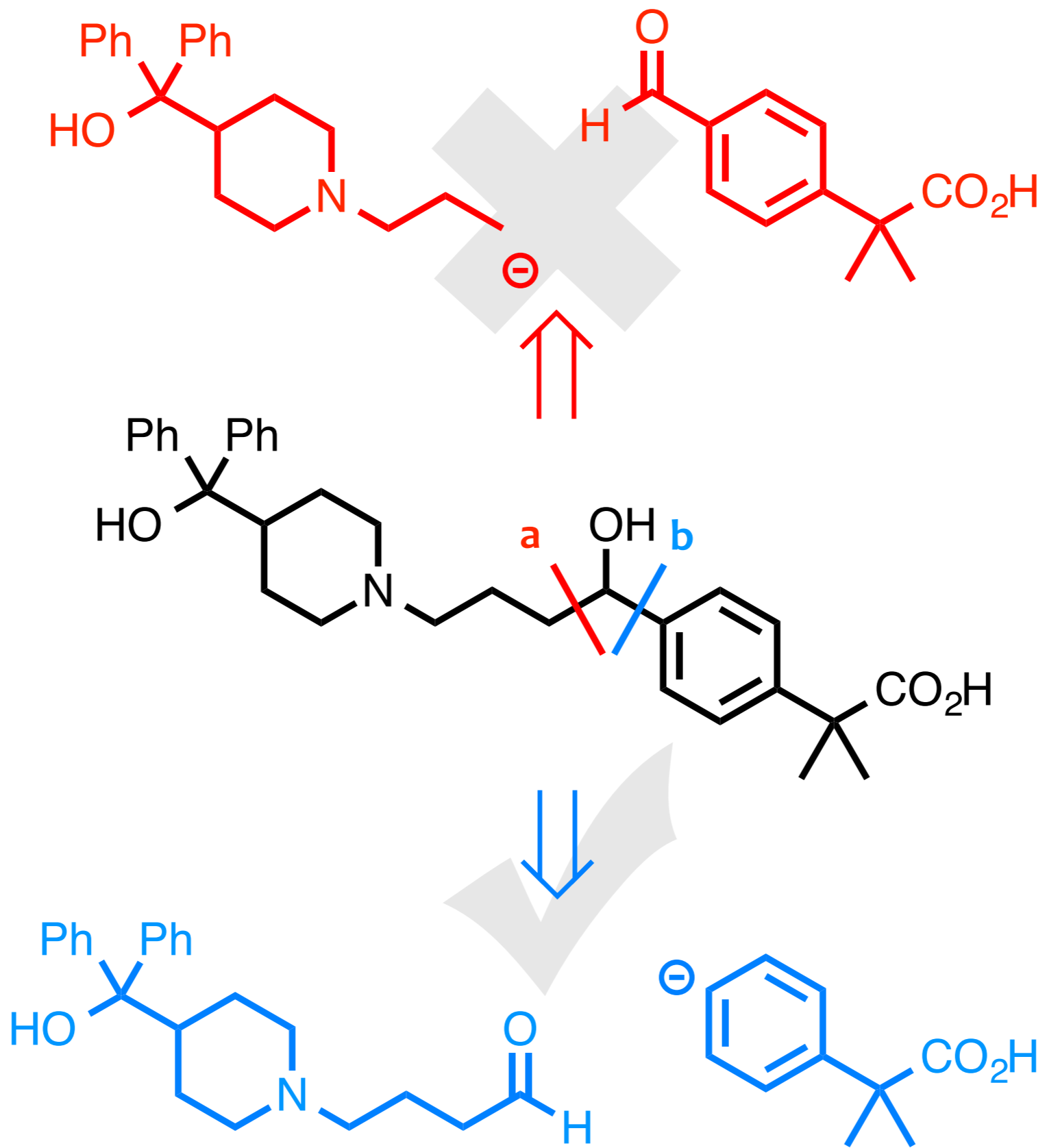
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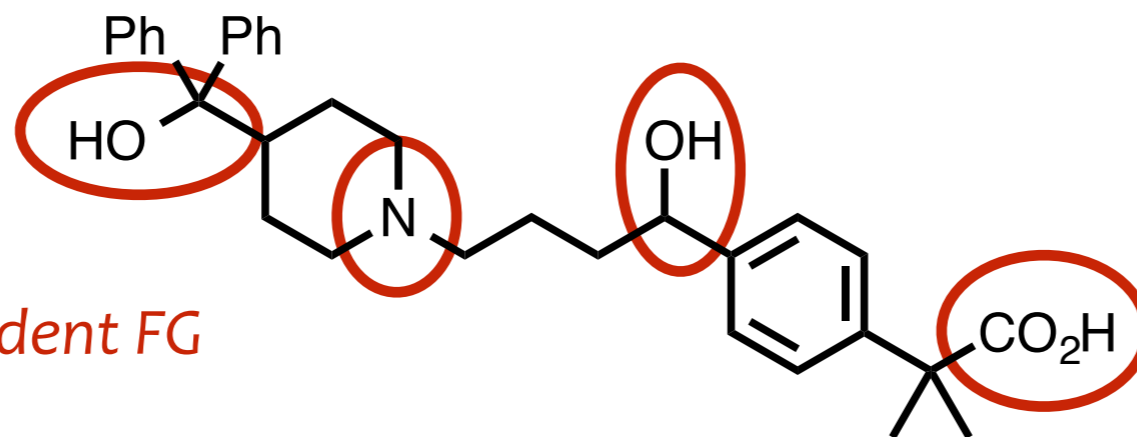
*Terfenadine derivative*  
*treatment of allergy*

The disconnection of this alcohol  
produces two fragments of similar complexity:  
TWO OPTIONS

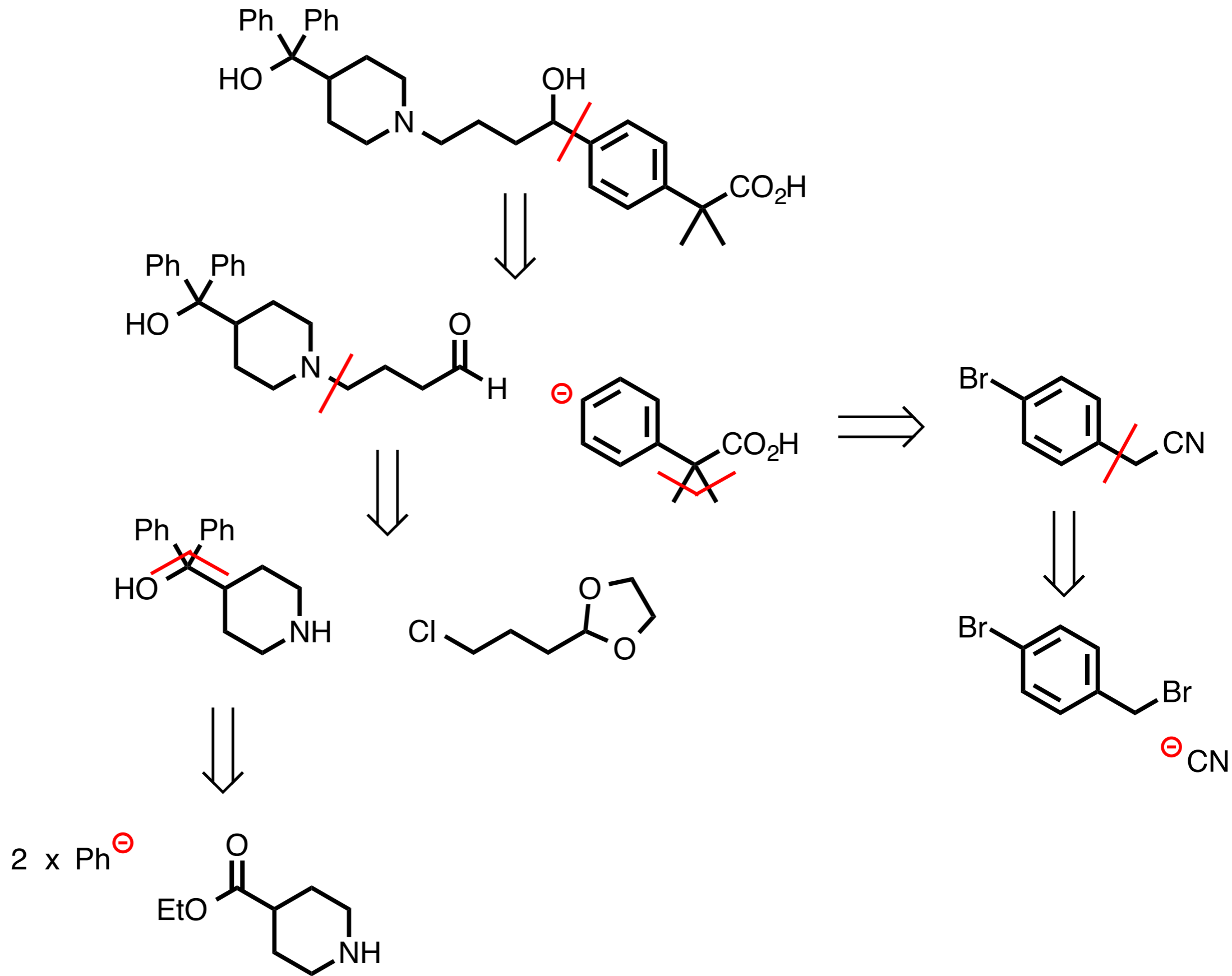


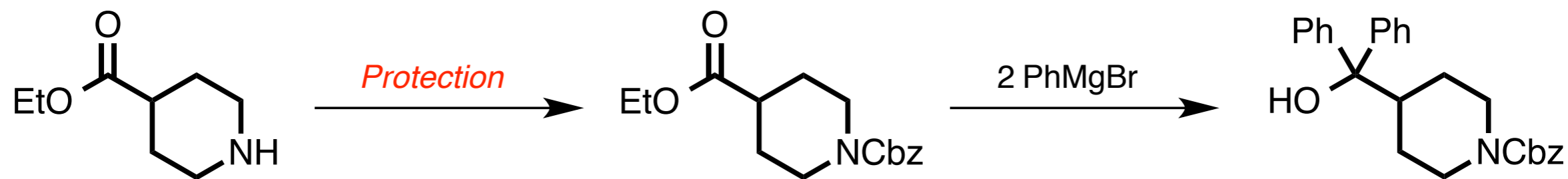
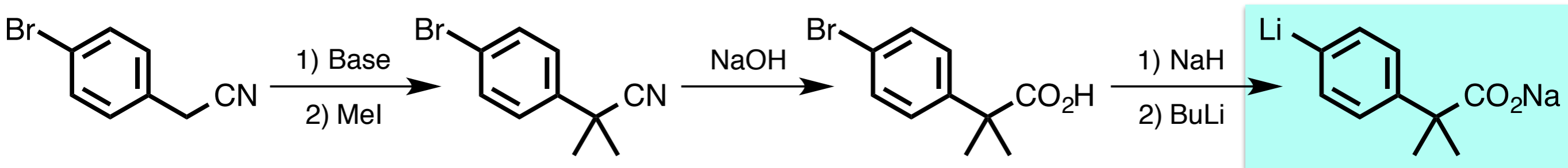




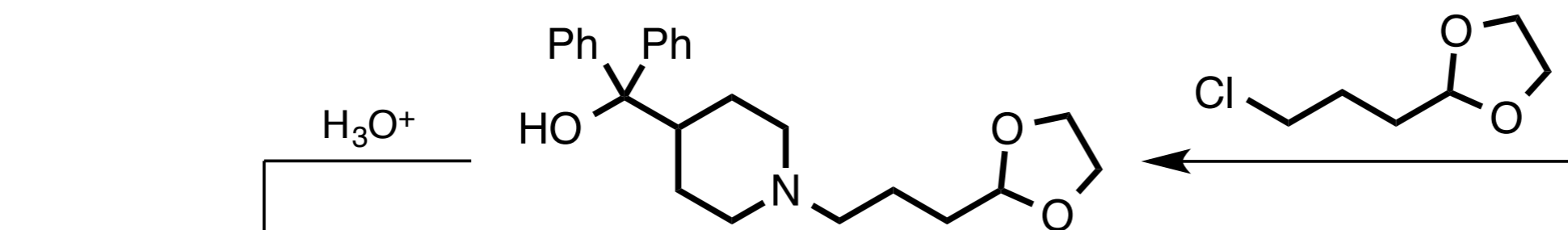
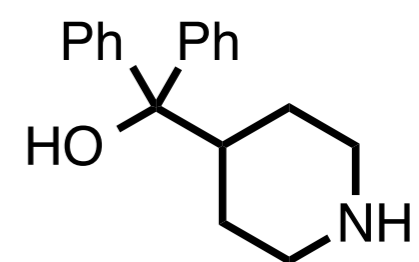


*Four independent FG*

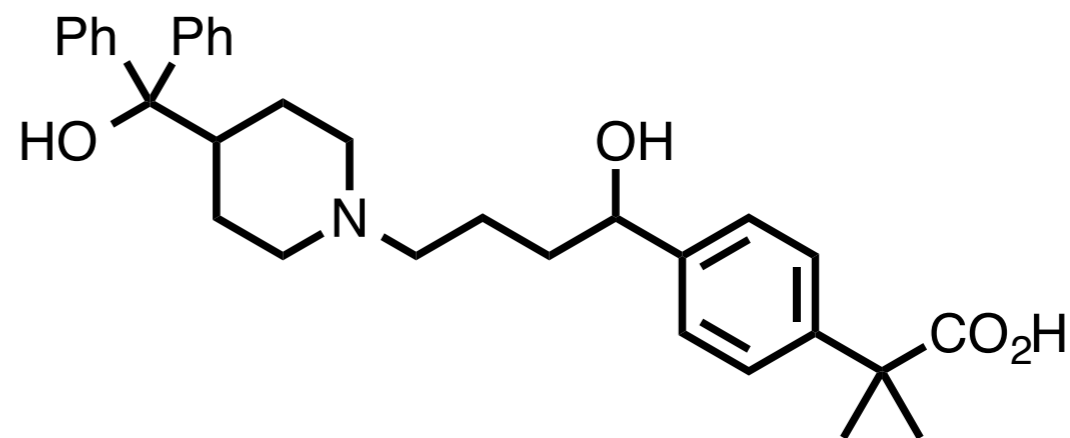
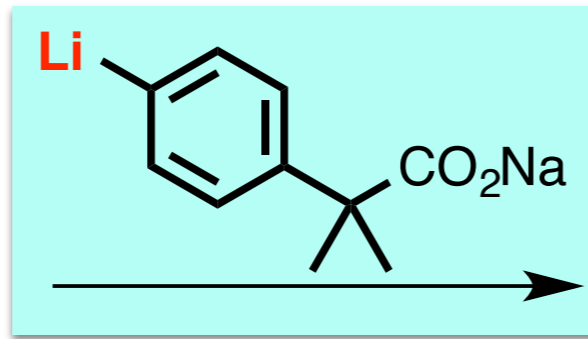
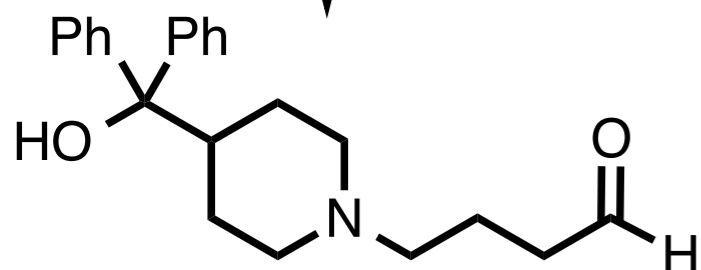


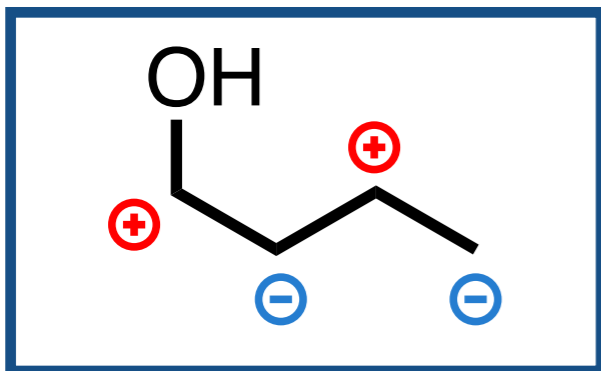


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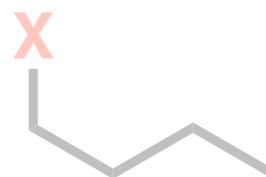
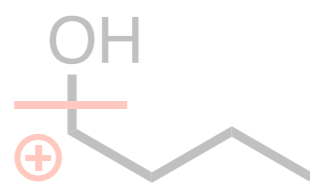


$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$



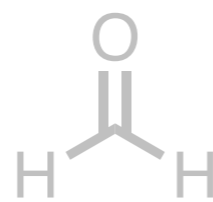
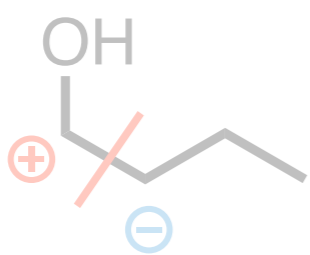


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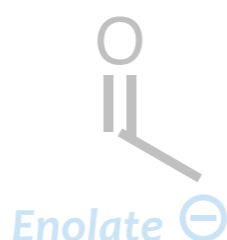
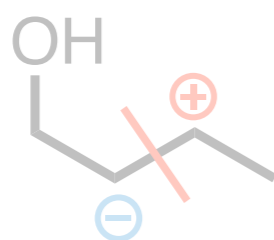
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*S<sub>N</sub>2*



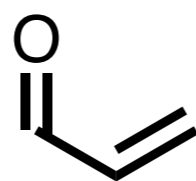
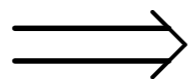
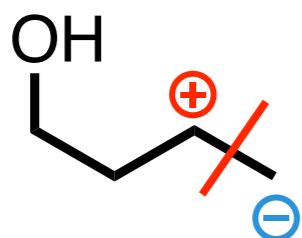
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*Ionic Additions  
to Carbonyls*

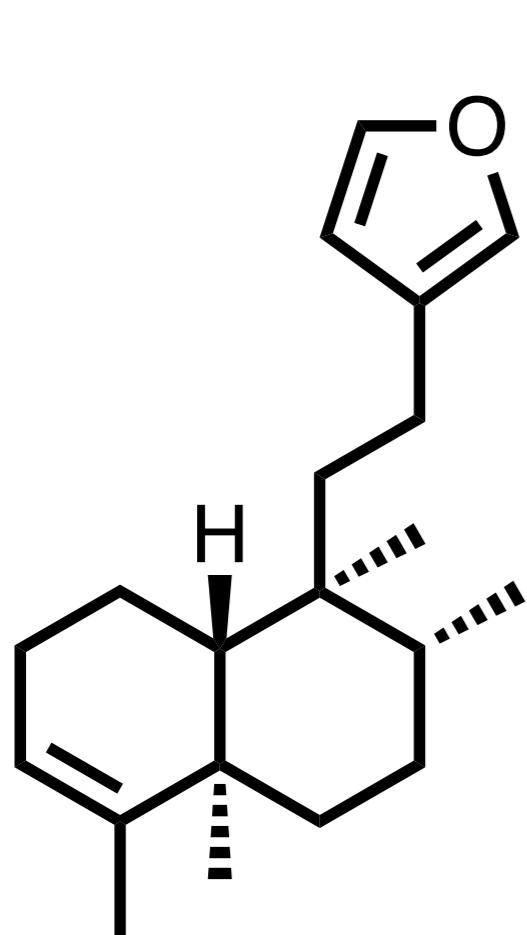


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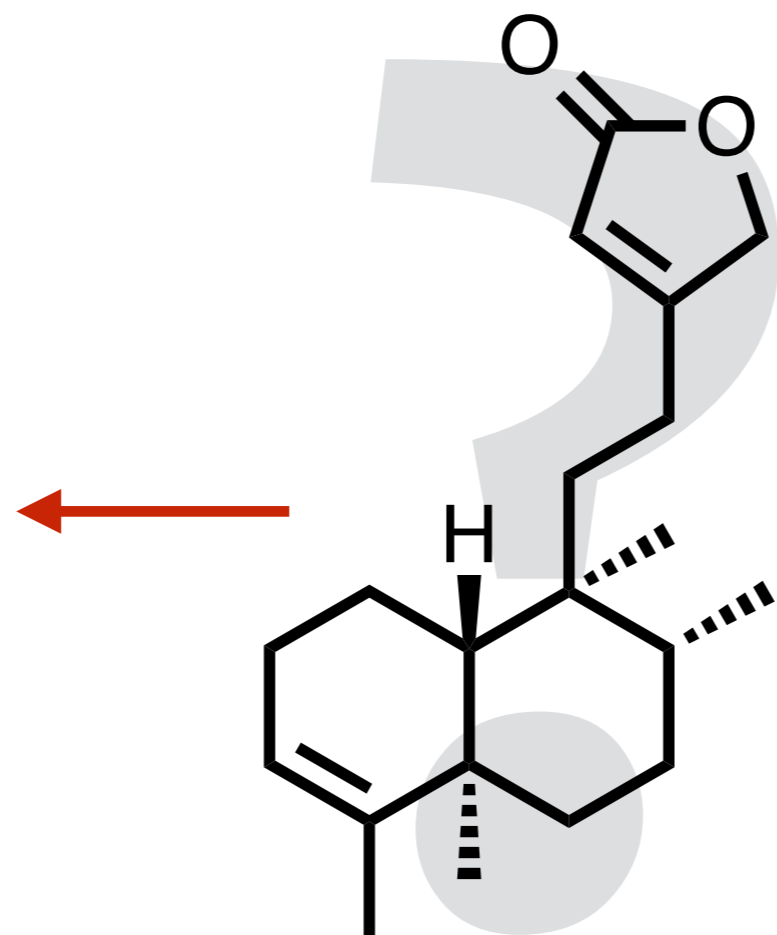
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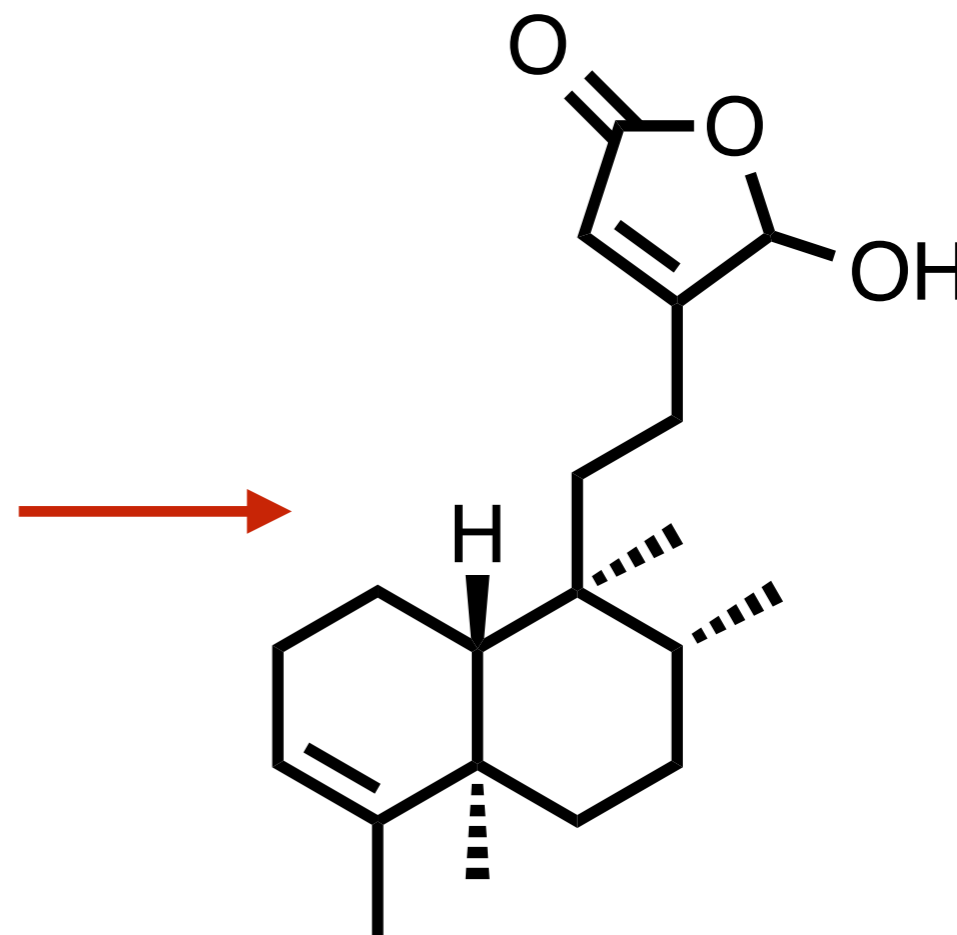
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*Annonene*

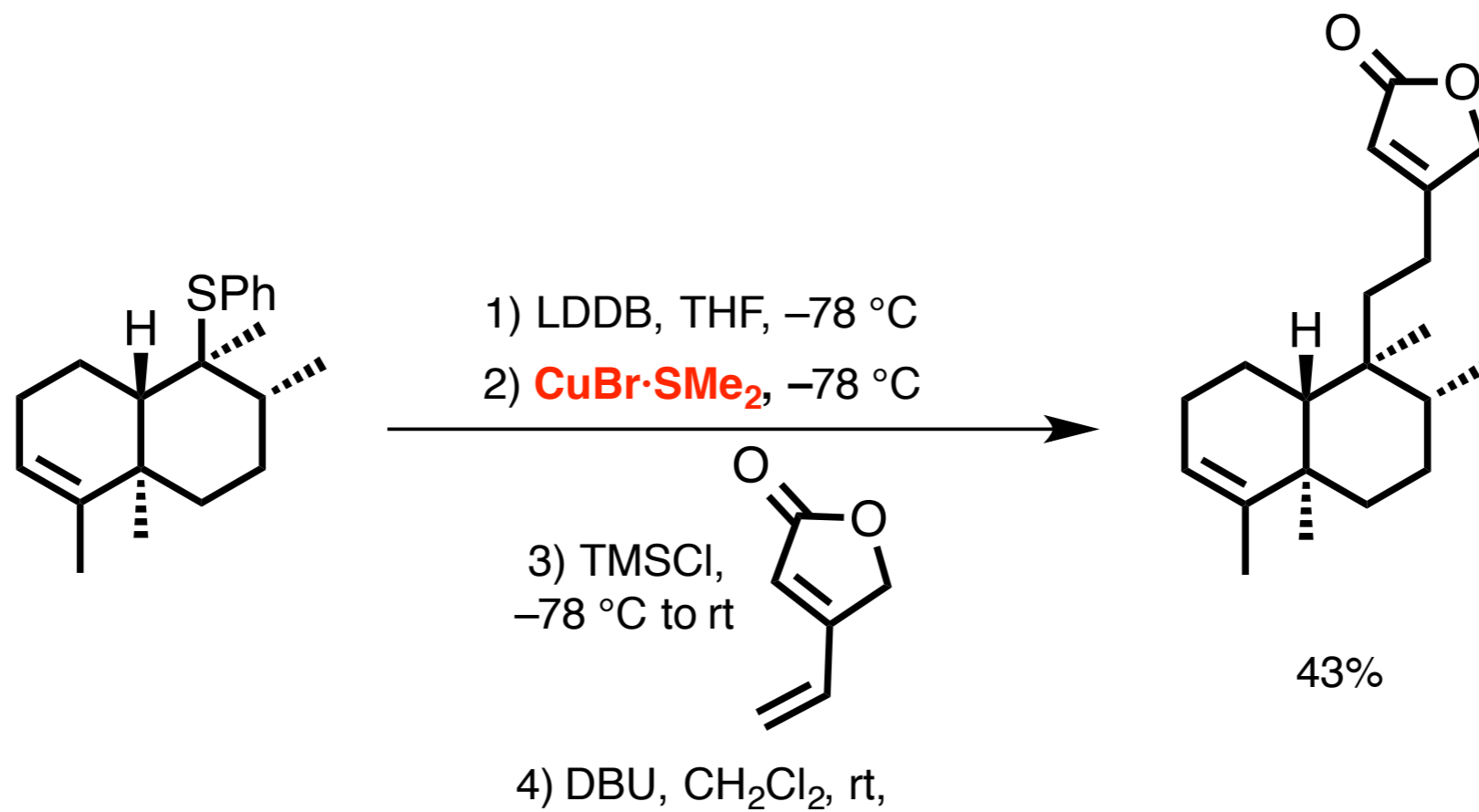
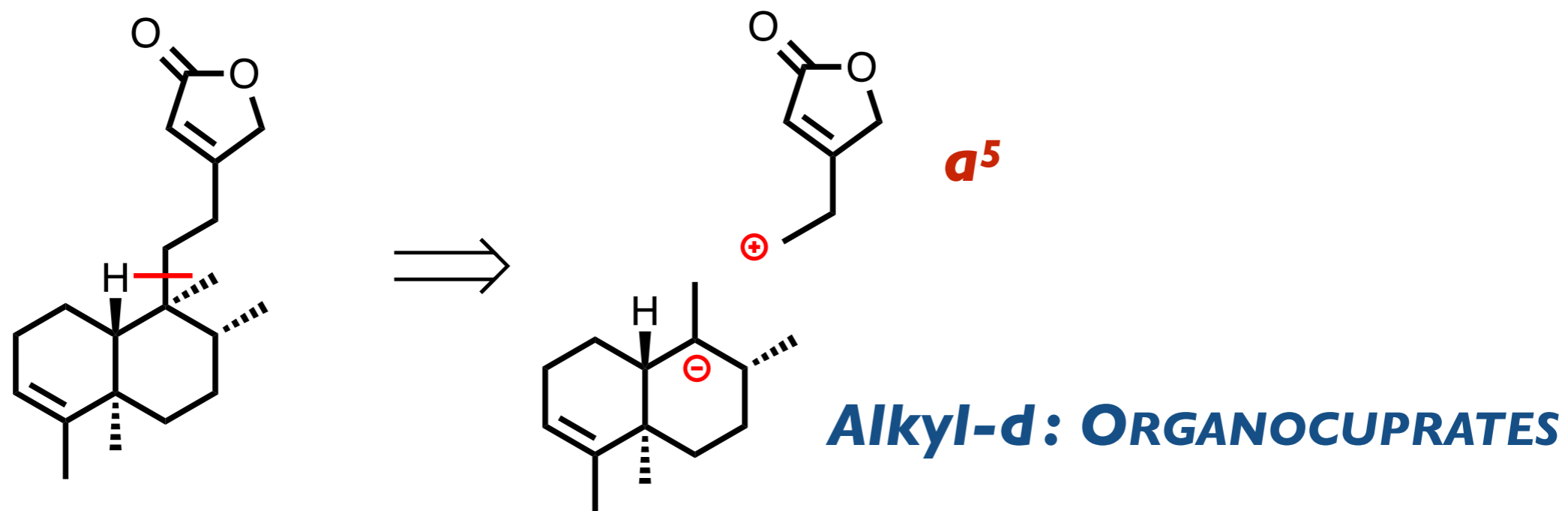


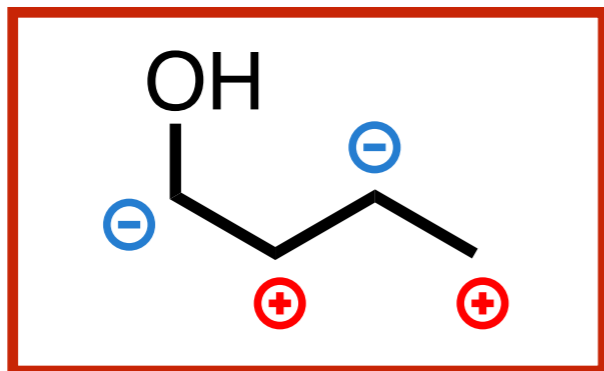
*Solidagolactone*



*PL3*

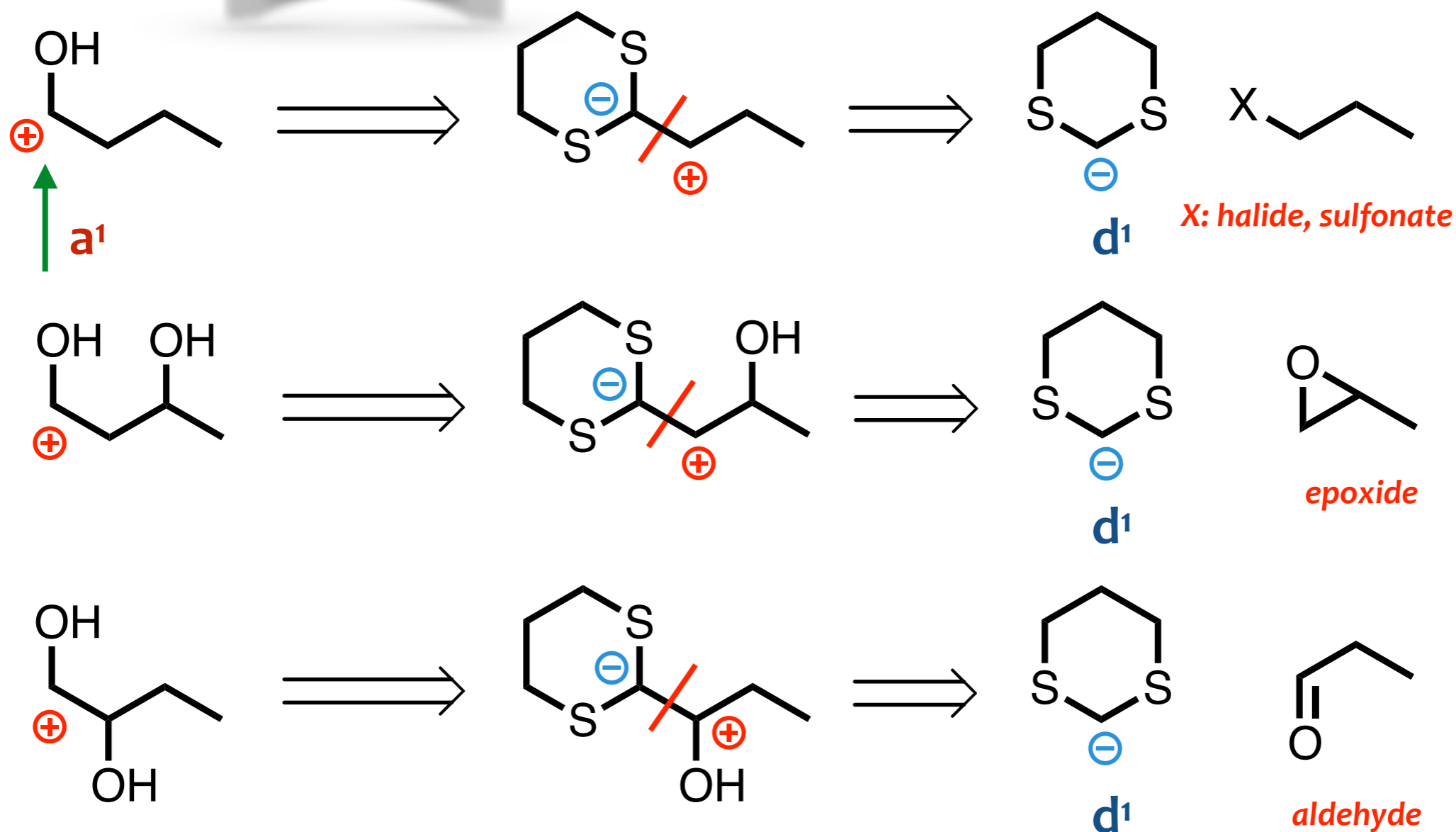
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***antibacterial, antitumor, antifeedant activity***

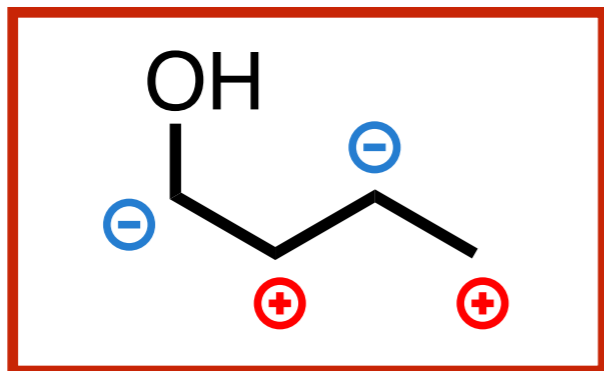




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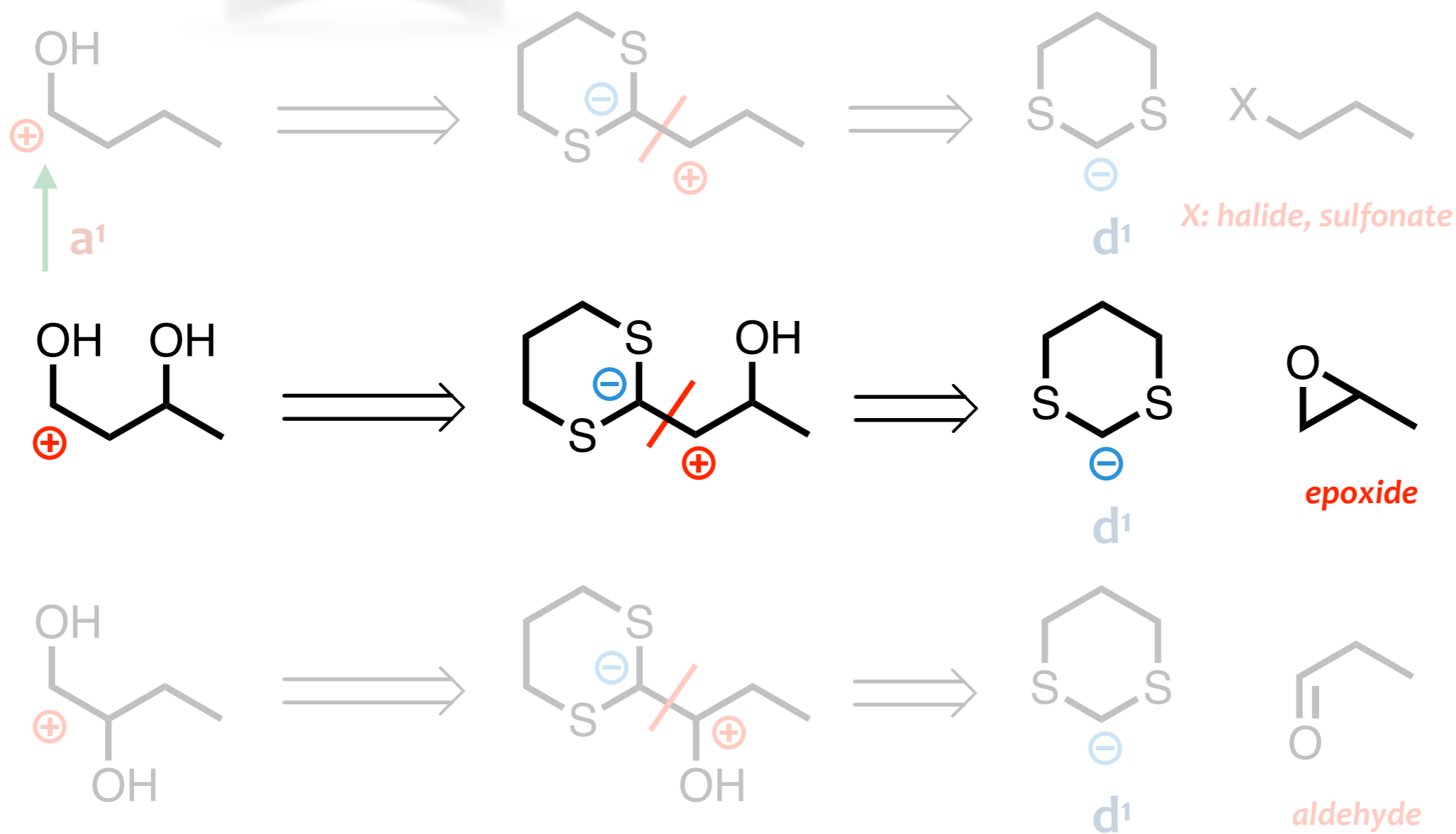
## UMPOLUNG





## Non-Natural charge distribution

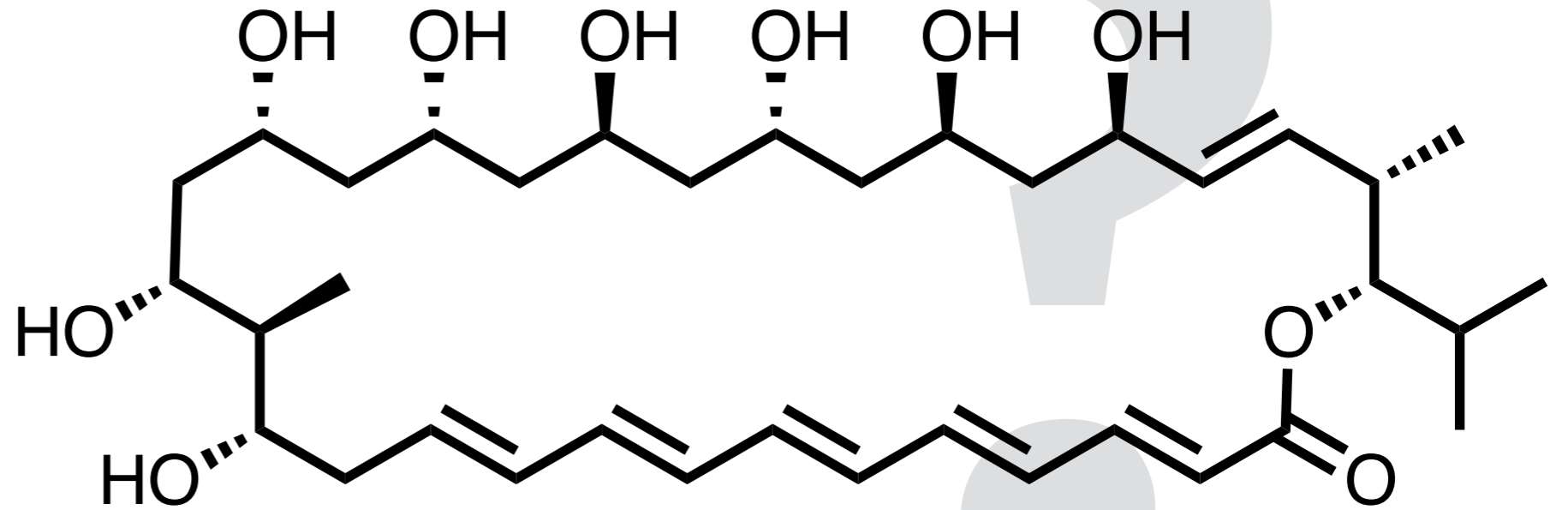
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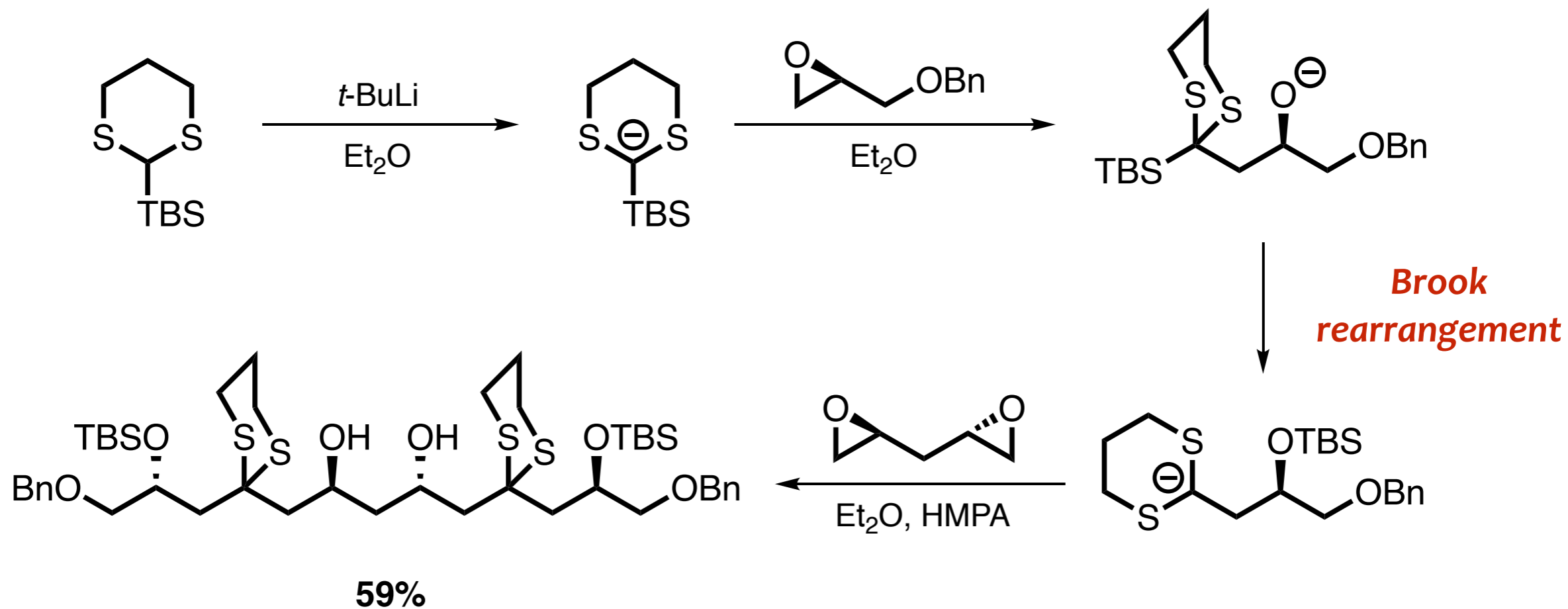


**KINGDOM  
FUNGI**

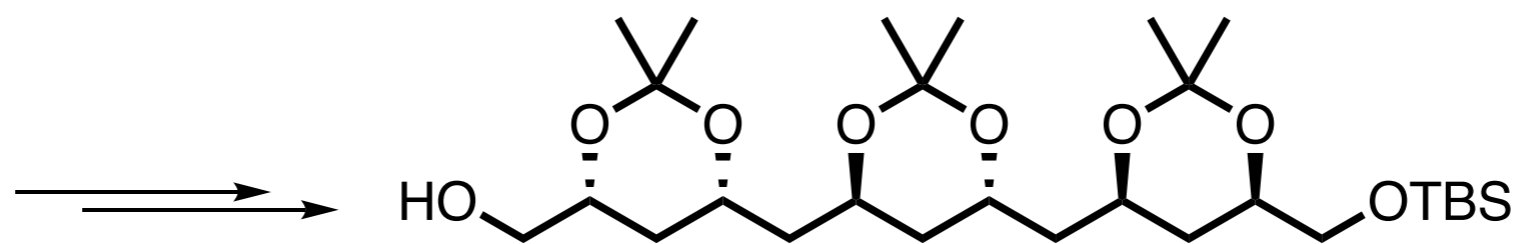


***Mycoticin A***  
***antifungi agent***

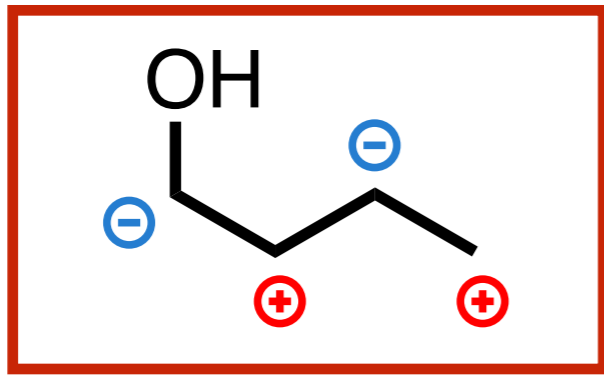




**Four new C–C bonds in one flask**

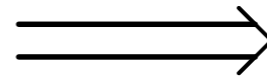
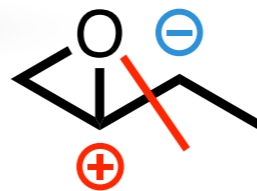
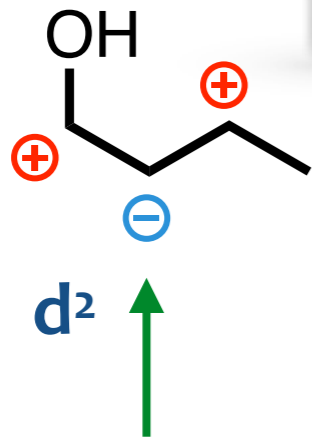


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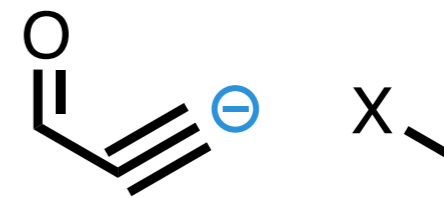
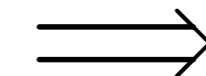
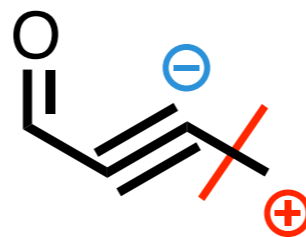
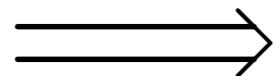
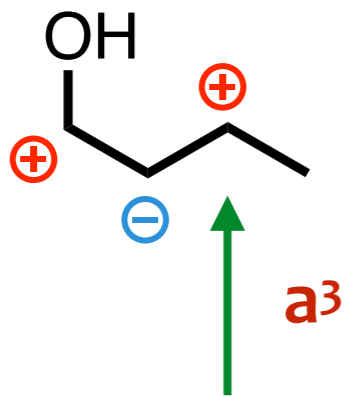


Non-Natural charge distribution

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$a^2$  organocuprate



$d^3$

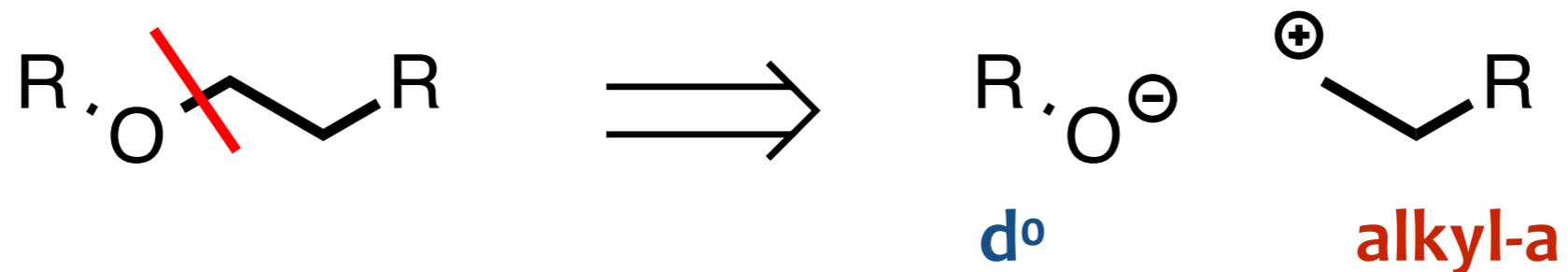
X: halide, sulfonate

**TWO functional groups**

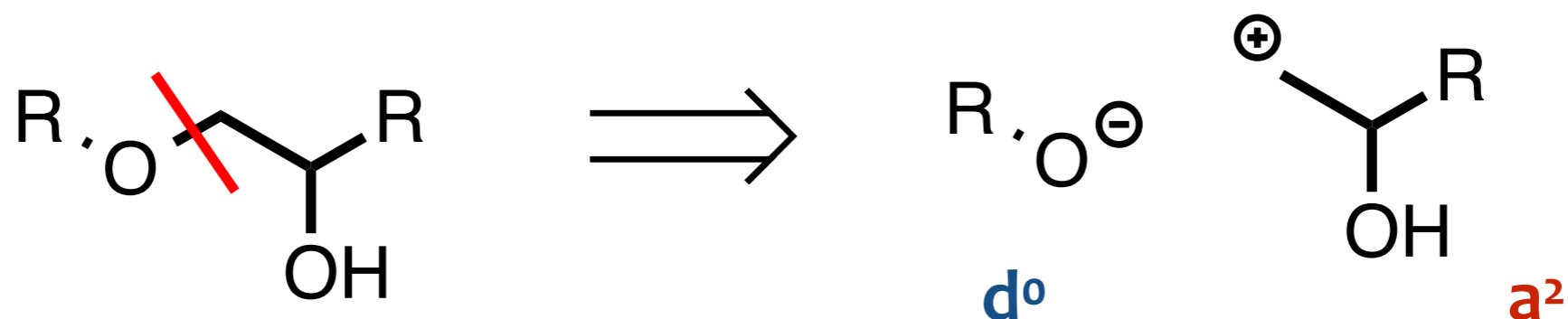
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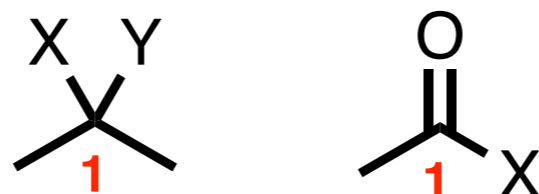


# two-group disconnection

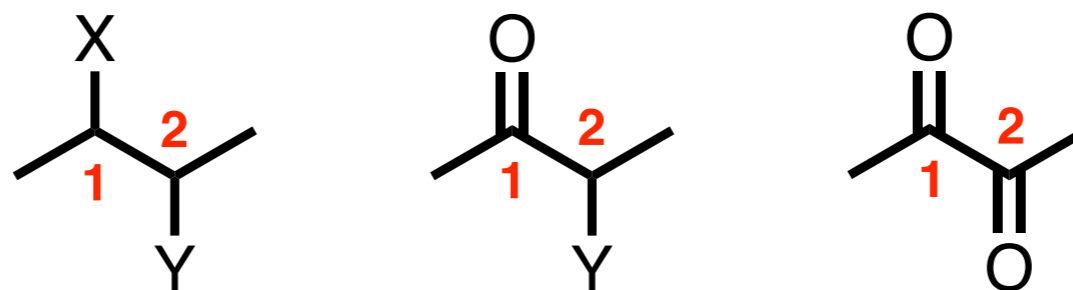


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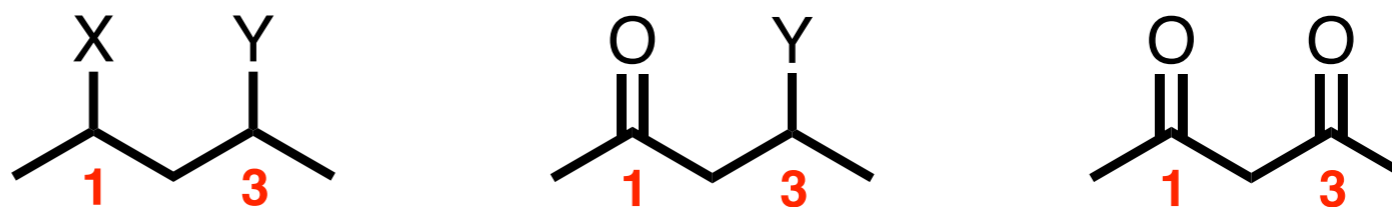
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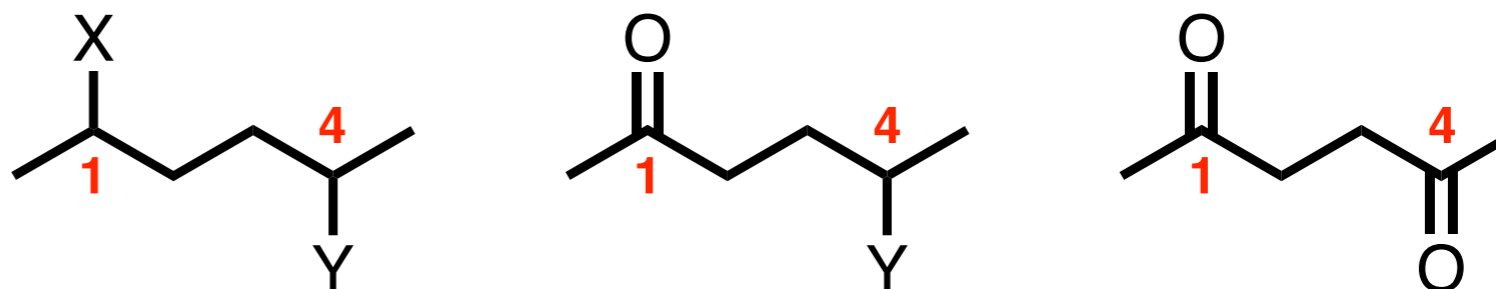
## 1,2-Relationship



## 1,3-Relationship



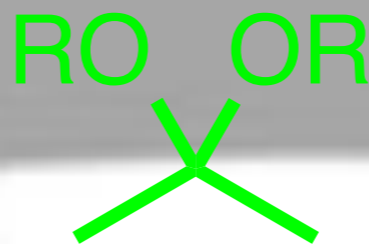
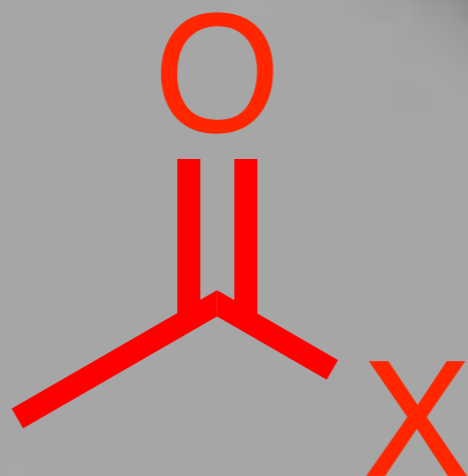
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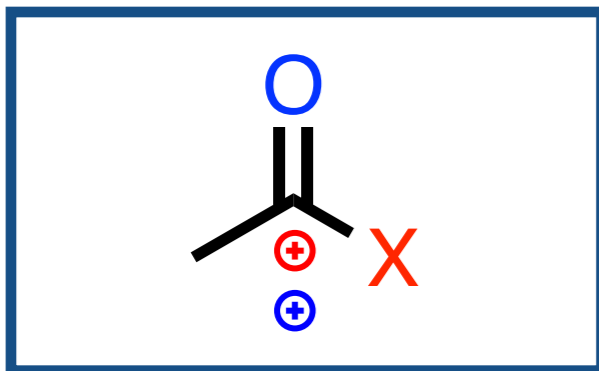
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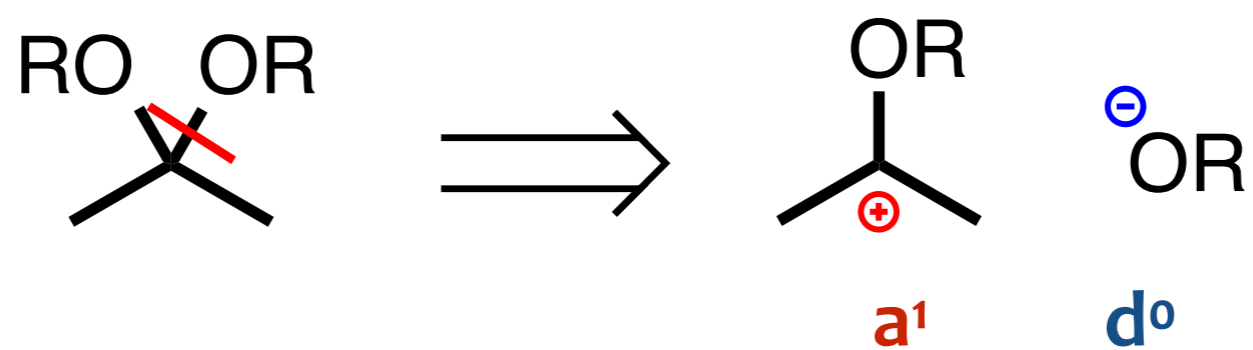
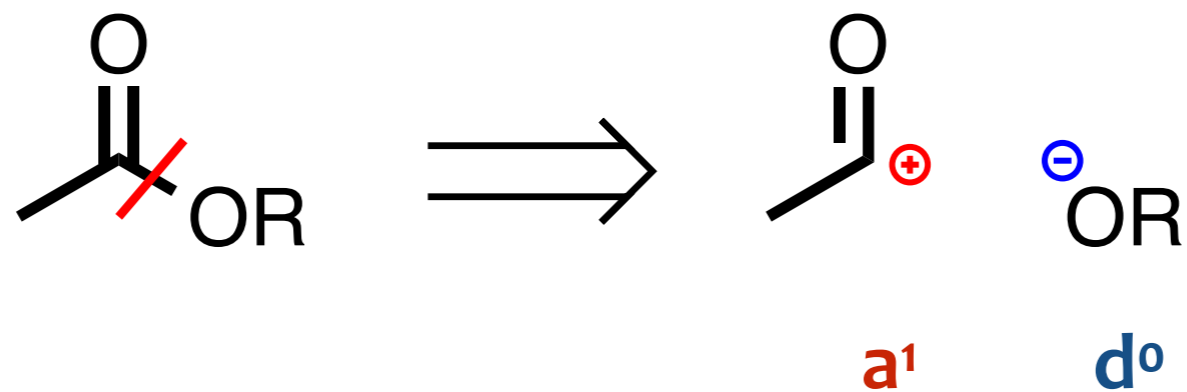


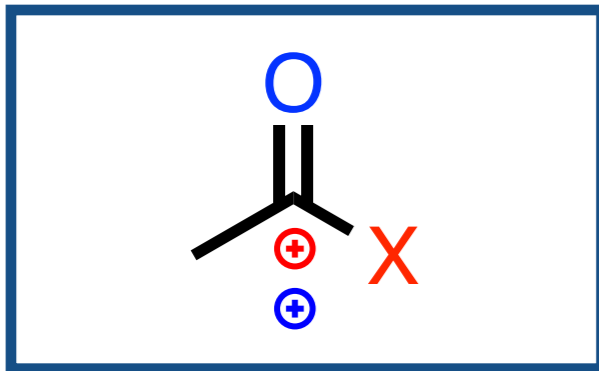




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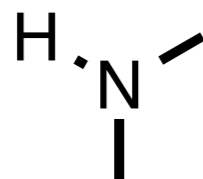
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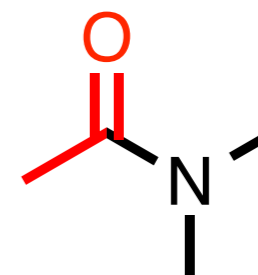
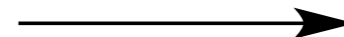
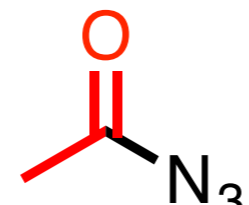
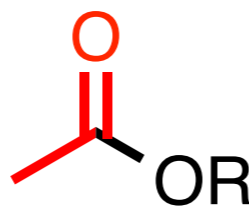
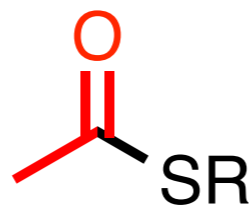
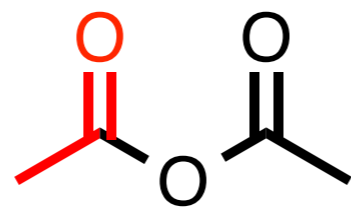
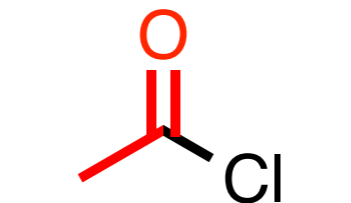


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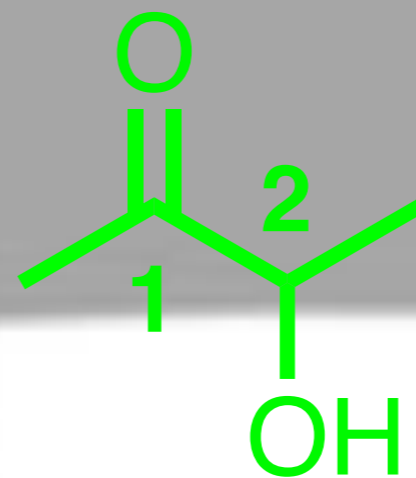
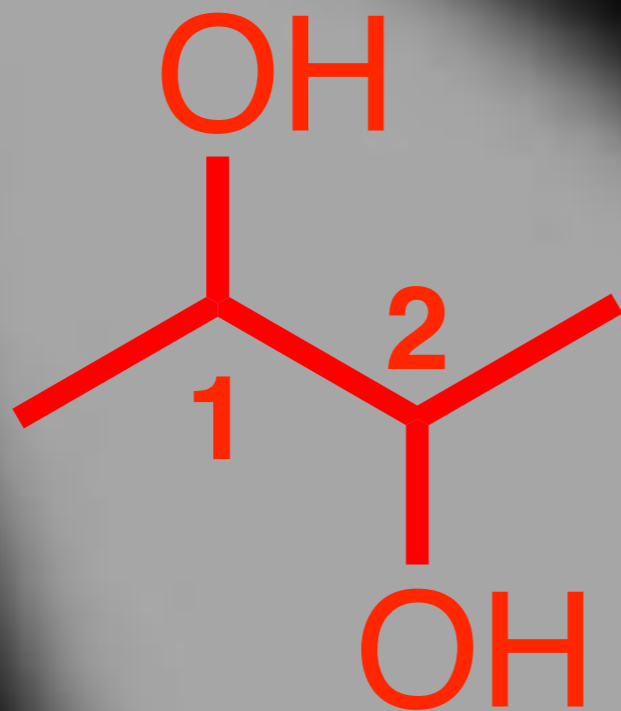
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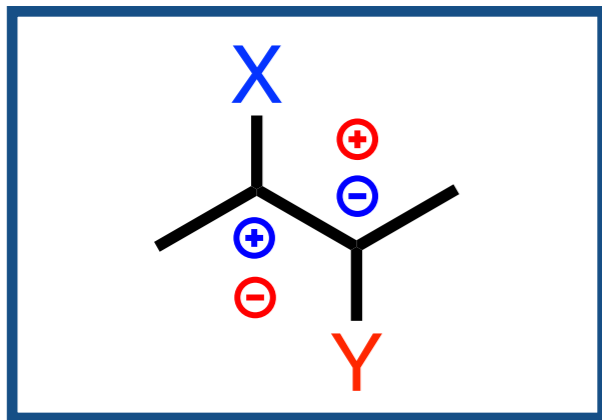


# 1,2-relationship?

1,2-diols?

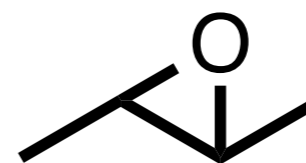
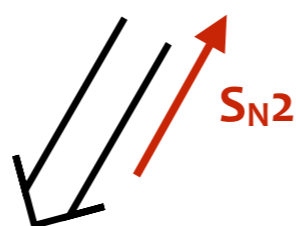
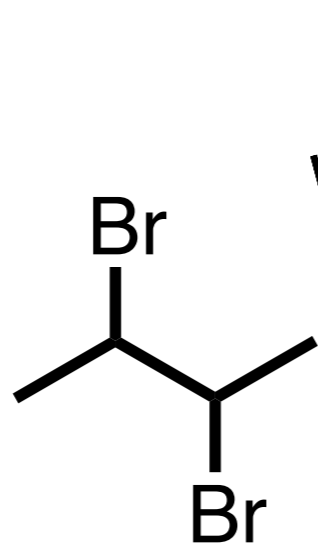
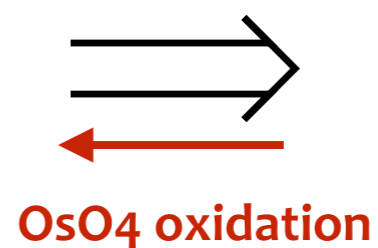
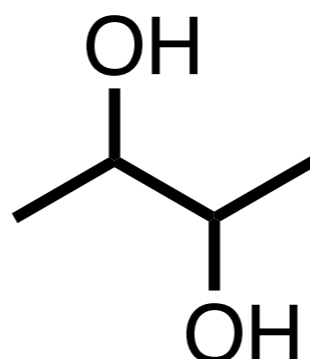
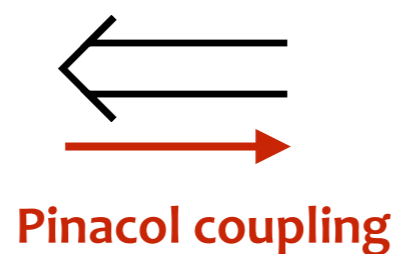
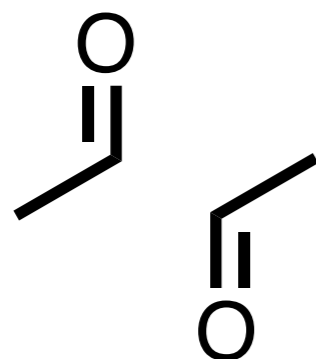
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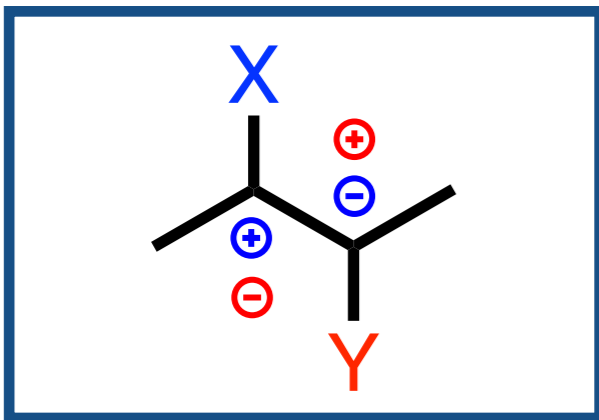


## Dissonant relationship

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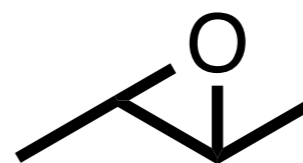
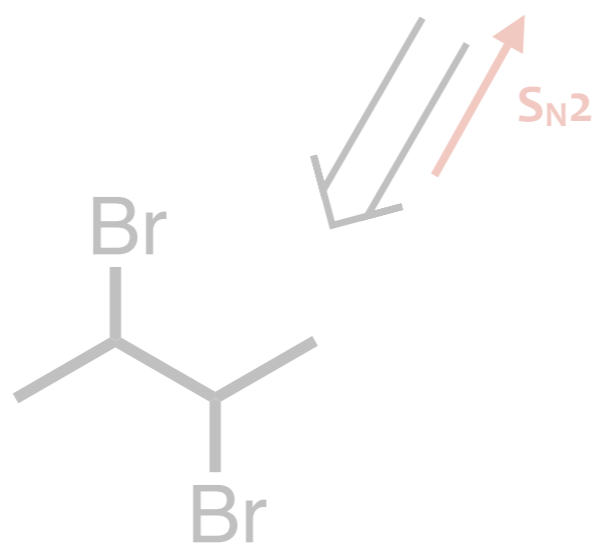
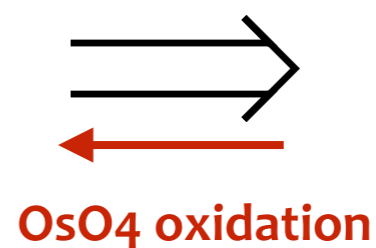
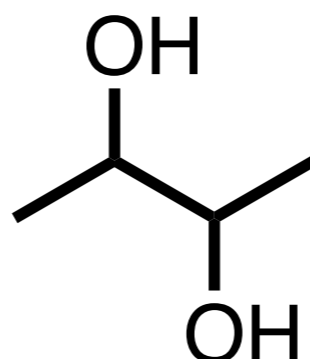
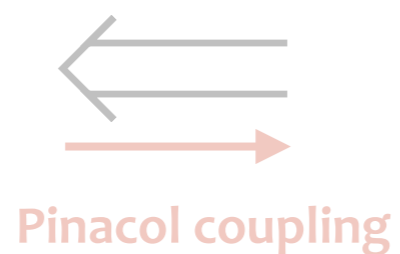
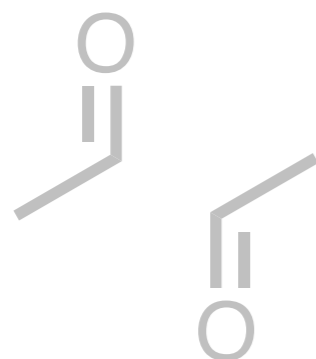


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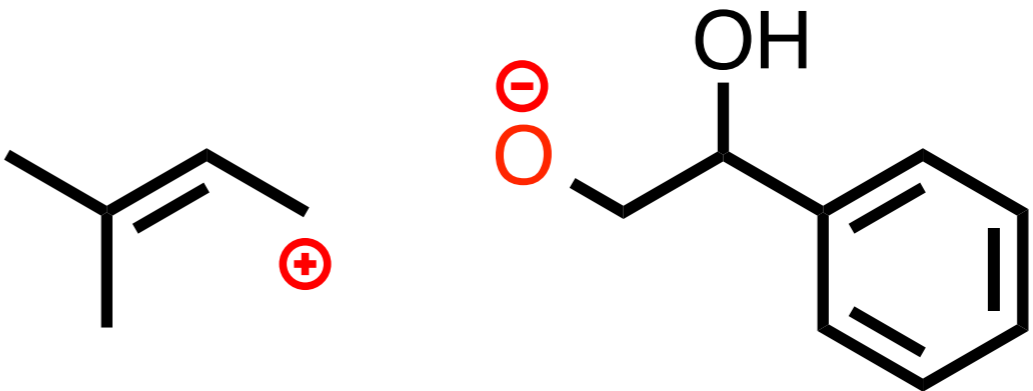
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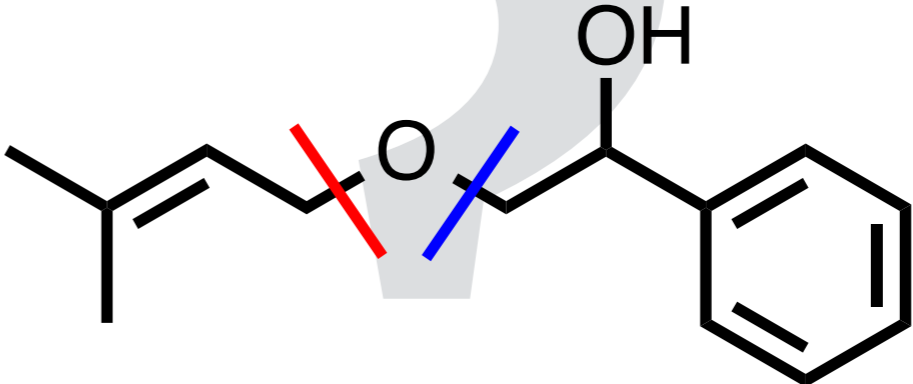
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one-group disconnection

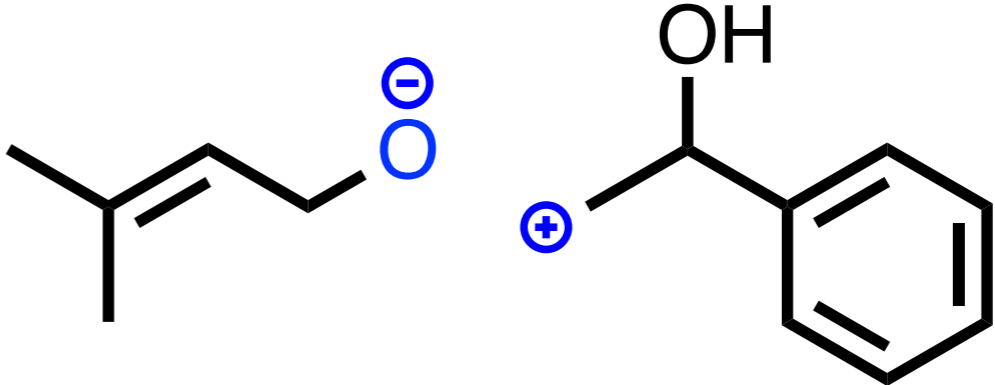
two-group disconnection



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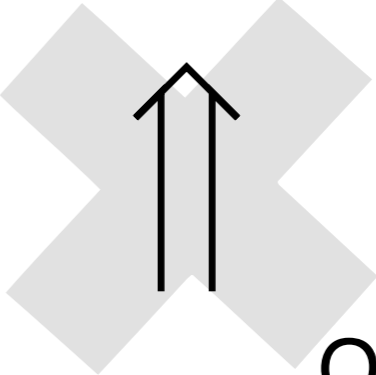
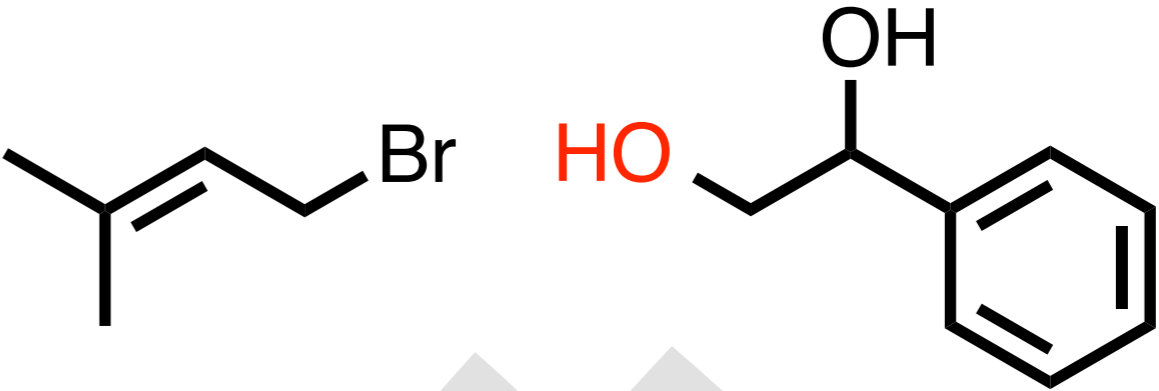
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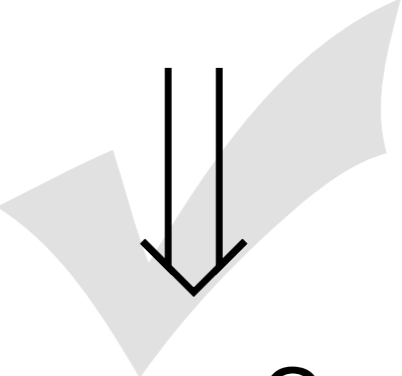
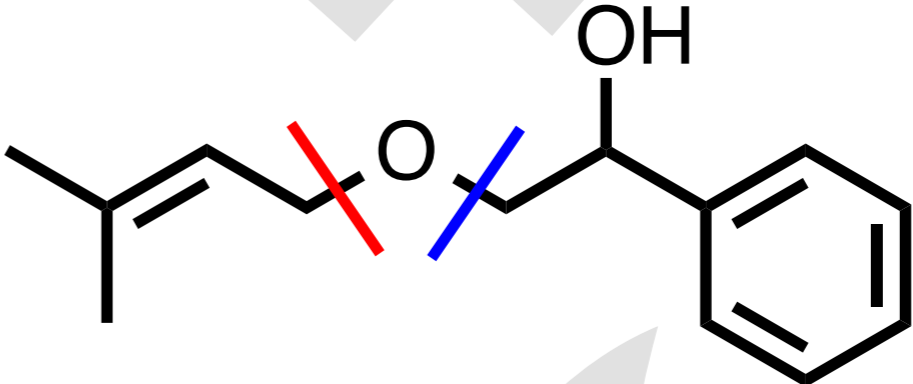
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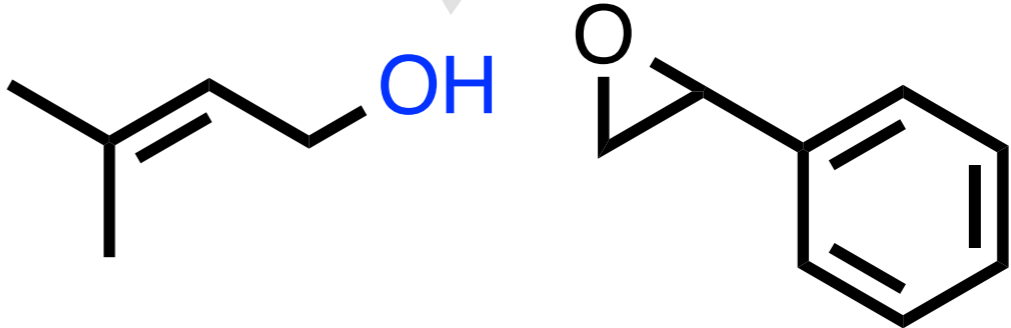
**TACTIC**  
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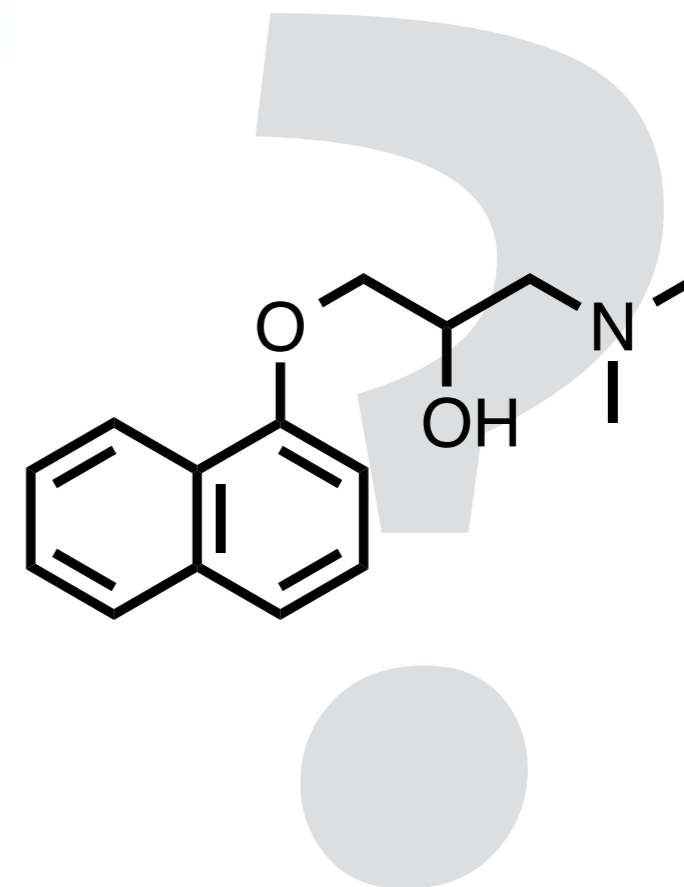


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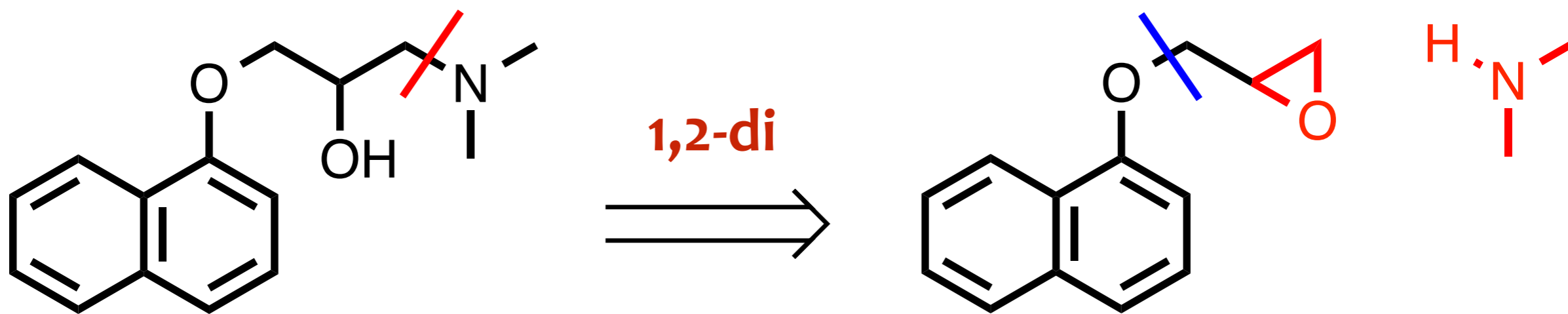




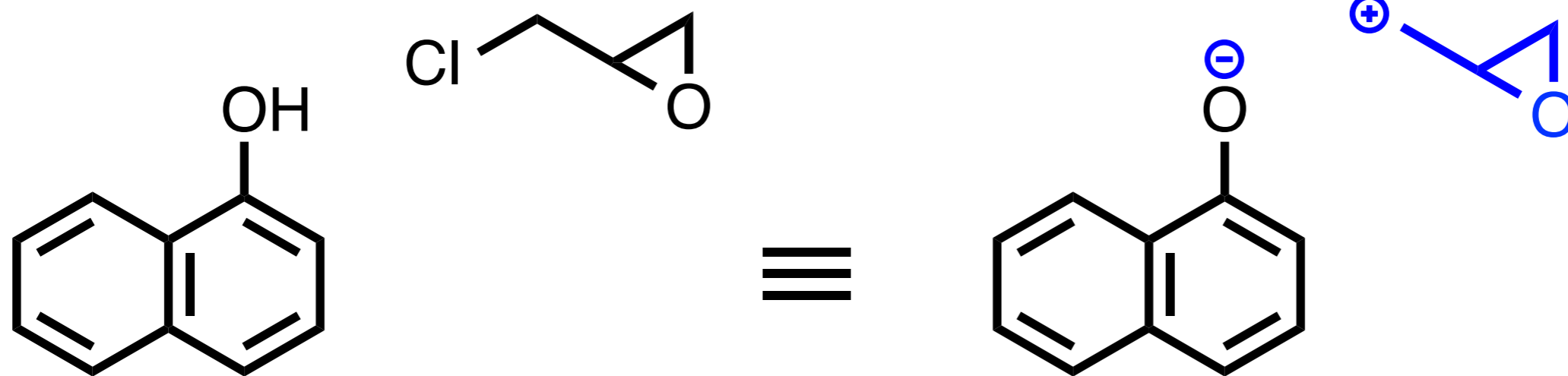
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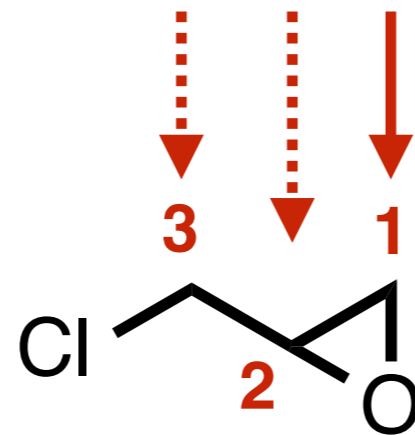




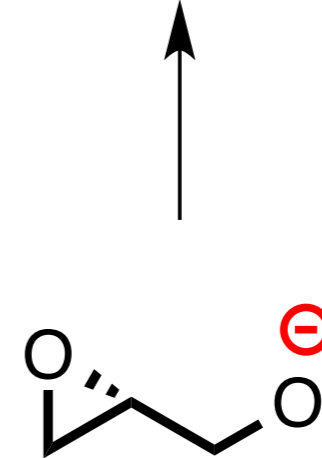
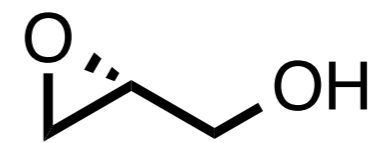
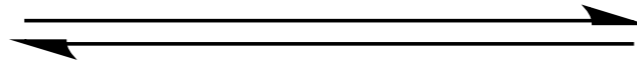
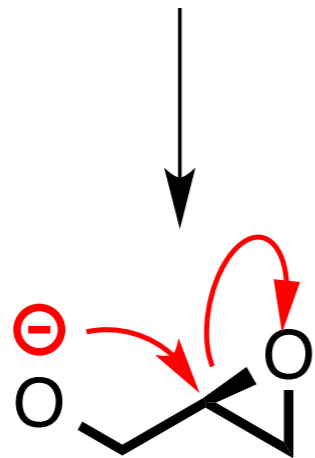
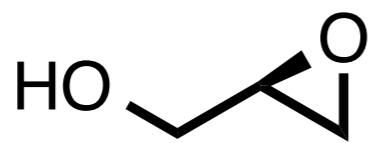
Pay attention to  
this system



## Three electrophilic sites

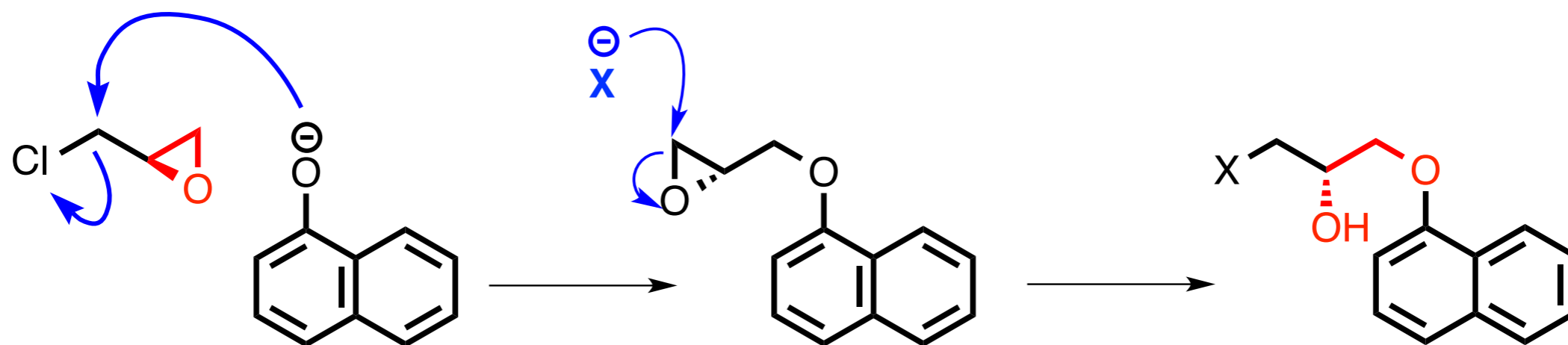
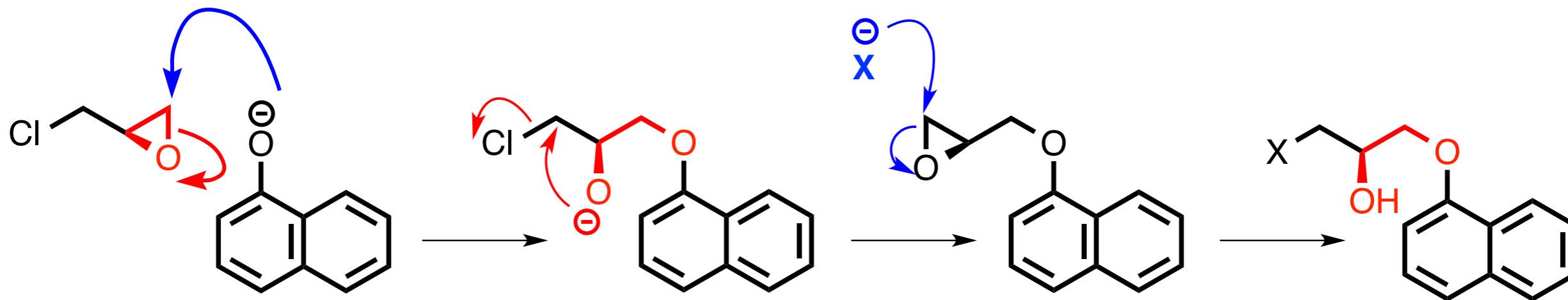


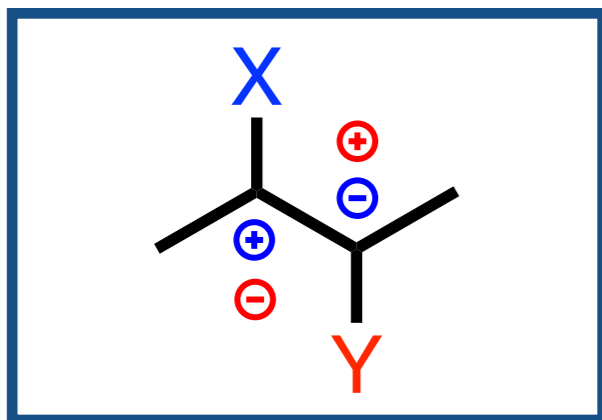
C1 is the most reactive one



**PAYNE REARRANGEMENT**

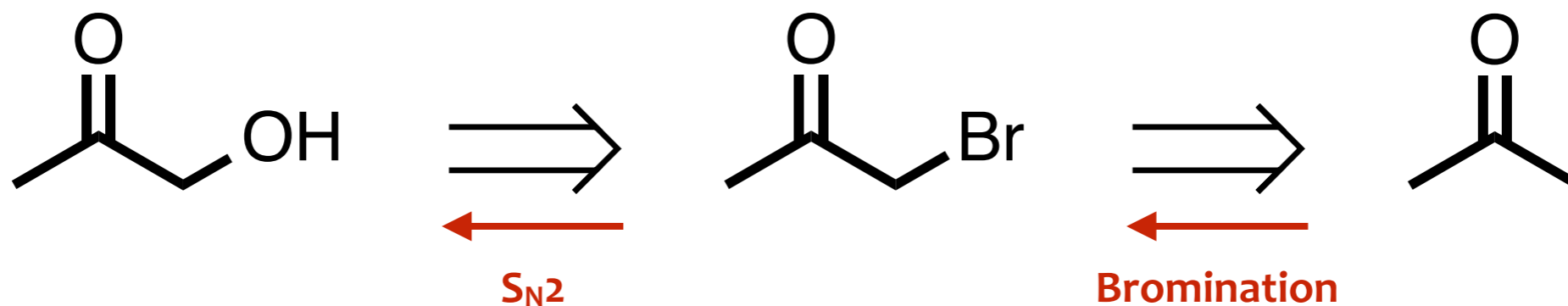
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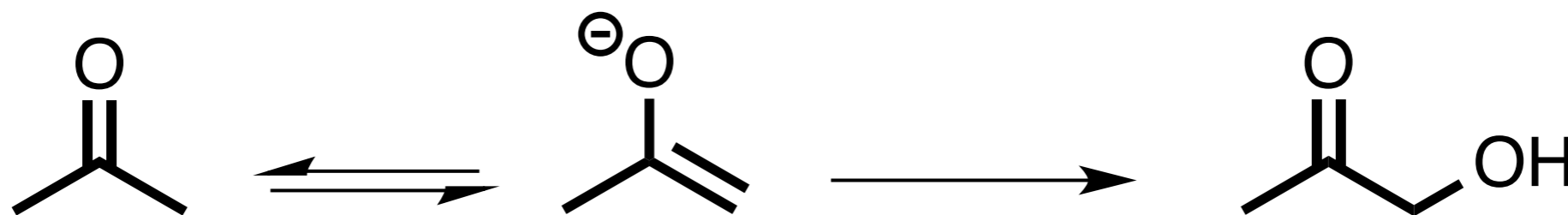


**Dissonant relationship**

X,Y: halide, OR, NR<sub>2</sub>



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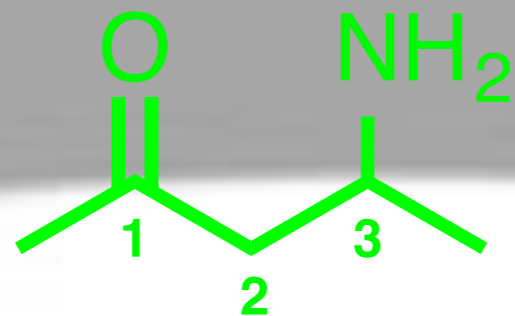
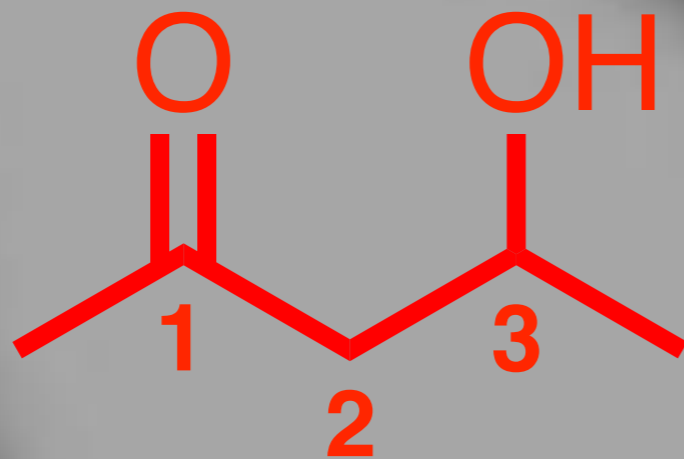


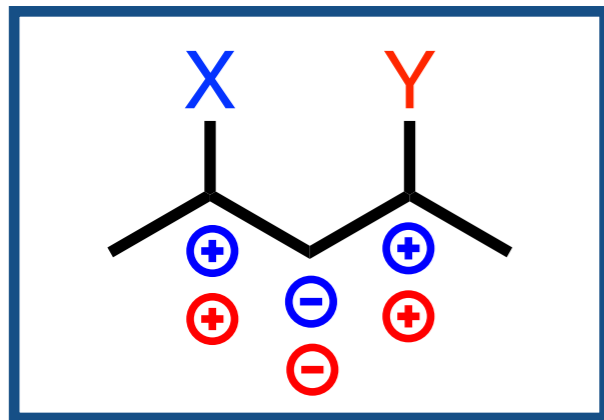
**Oxidation of enolates,  
enols, or enamines**

# 1,3-relationship?

$\beta$ -hydroxy carbonyl?

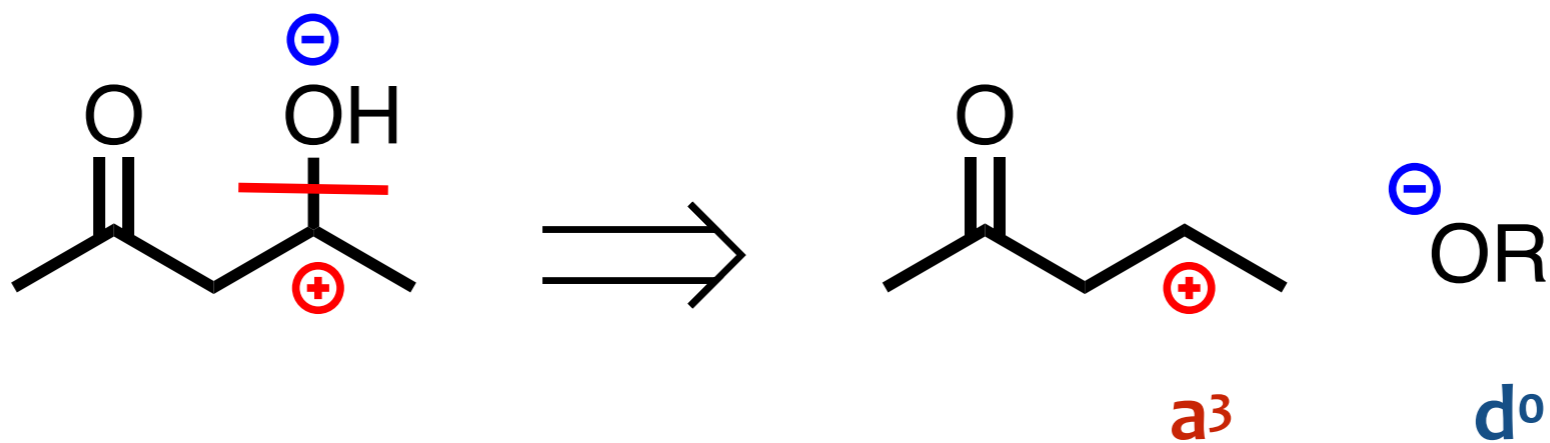
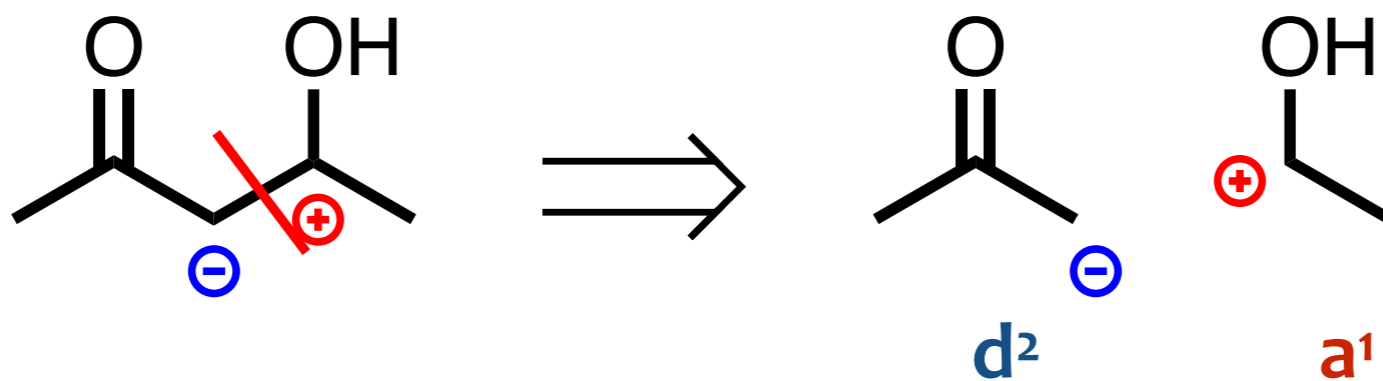
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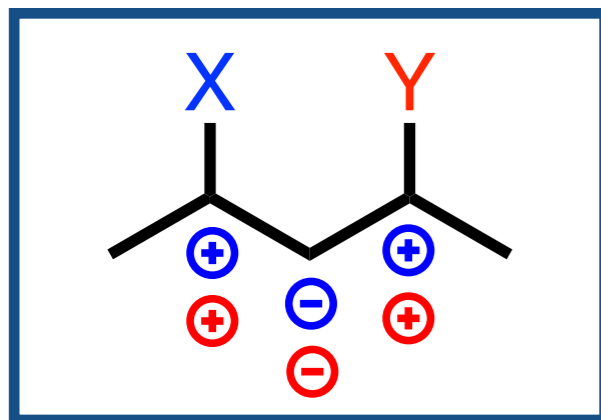




## Consonant relationship

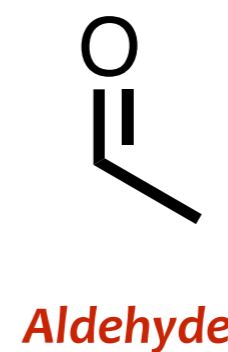
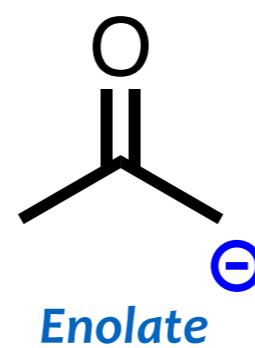
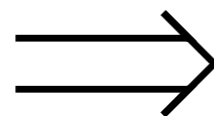
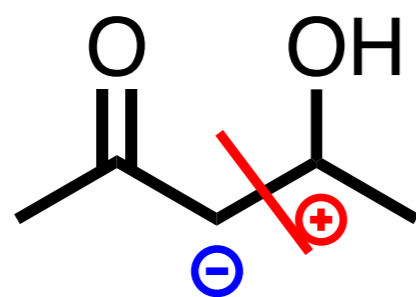
X,Y: O, N



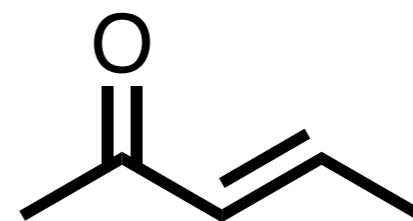
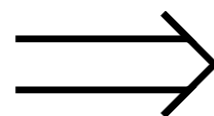
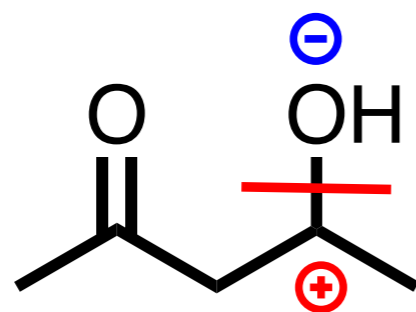


## Consonant relationship

X,Y: O, N

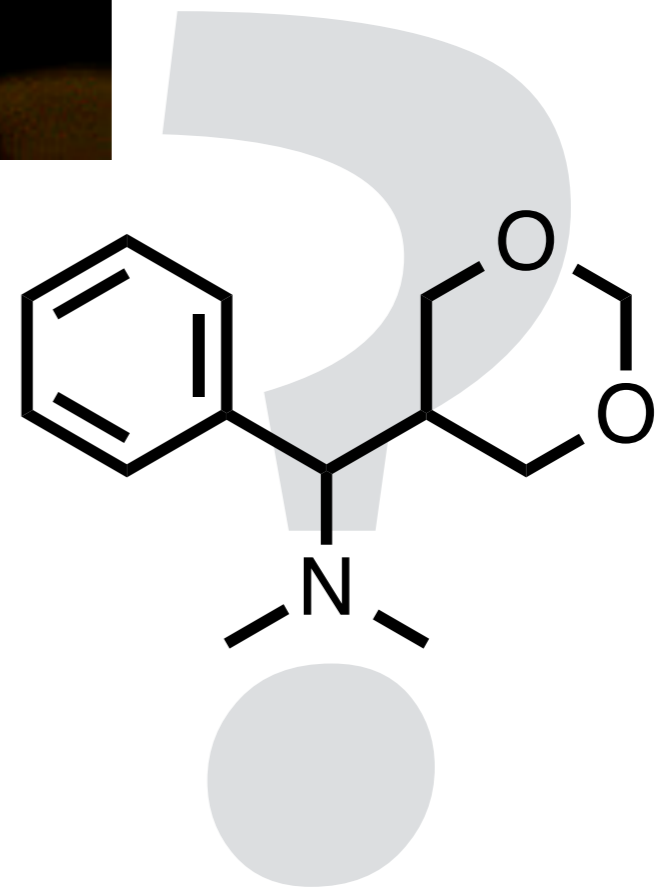


*Aldol*



<sup>-</sup>OR

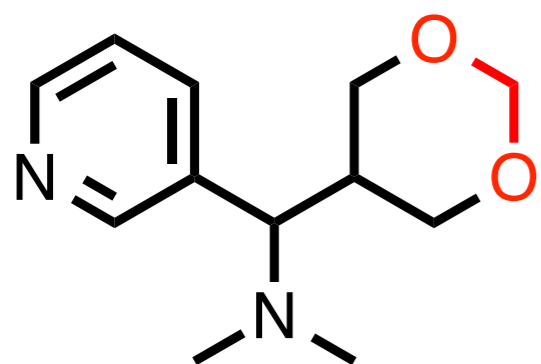
*Oxa-Michael*



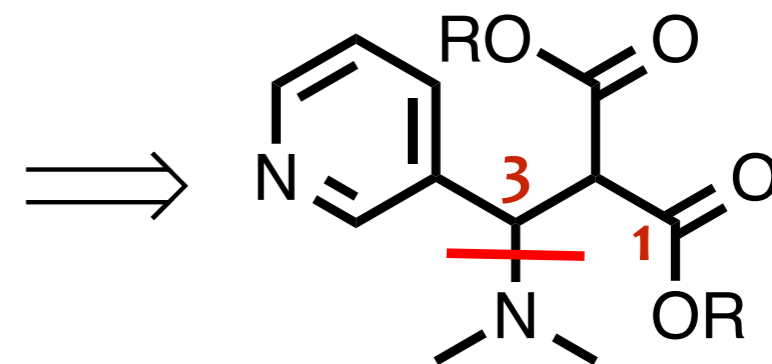
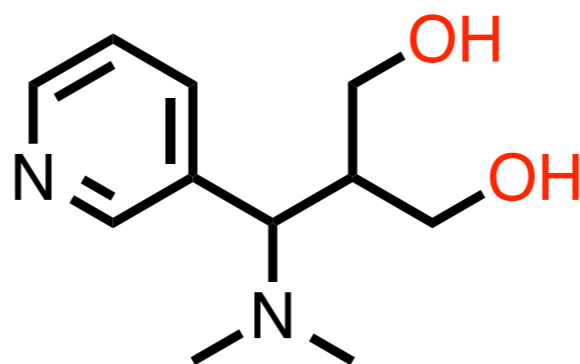
**Doxipicomine**  
**analgesic**



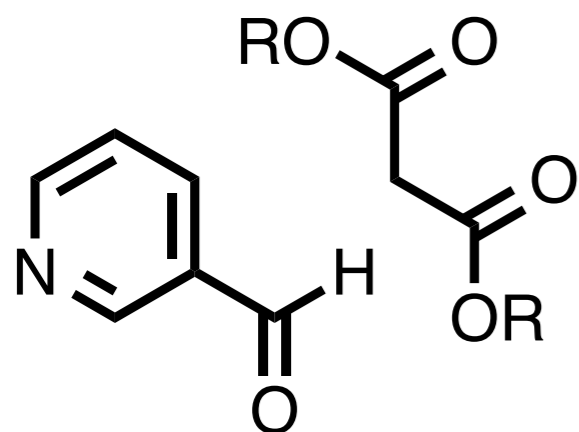
**ACETAL**  
a source of instability



**SYMMETRY**  
take advantage

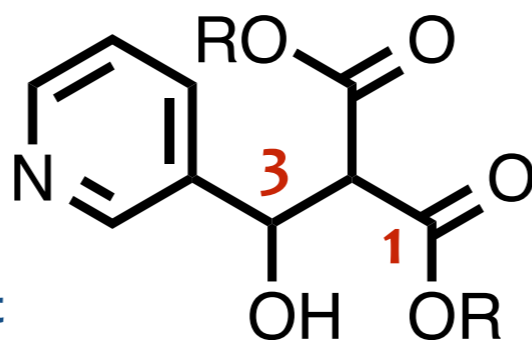


1,3-Consonant **AZA MICHAEL**

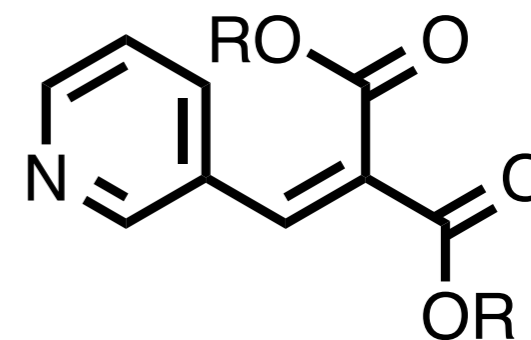


**ALDOL**

1,3-Consonant

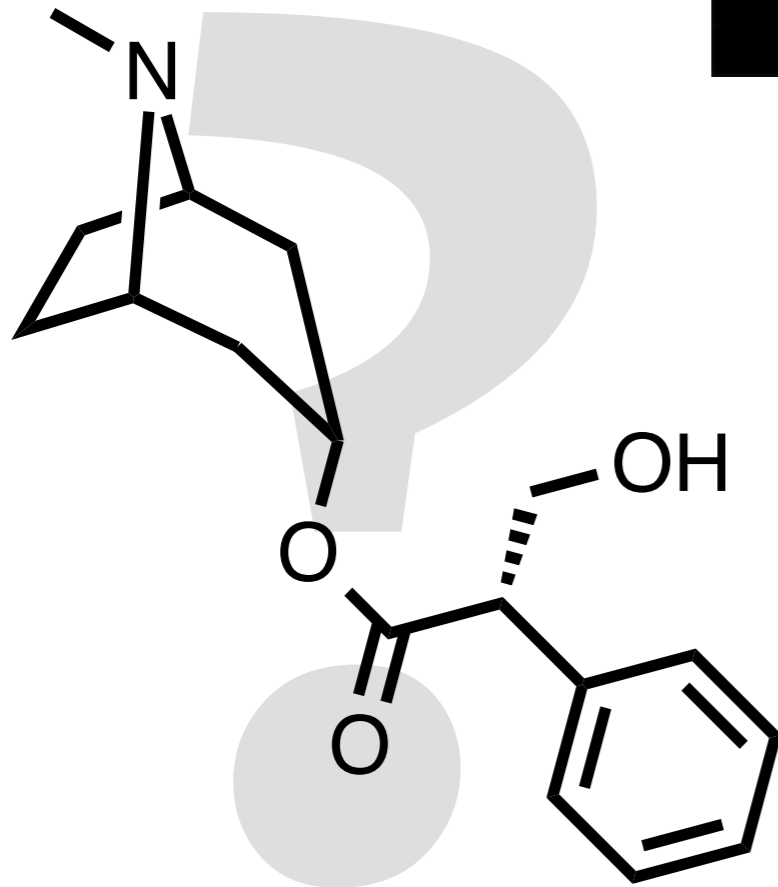


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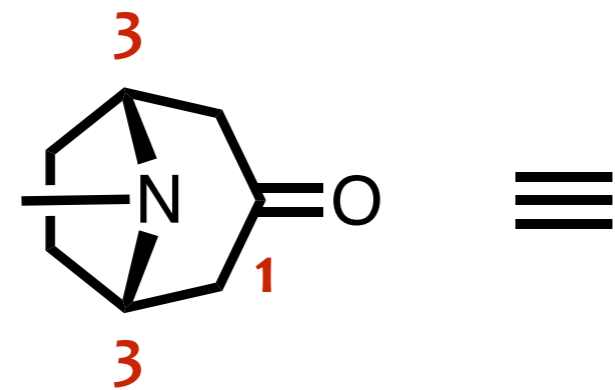
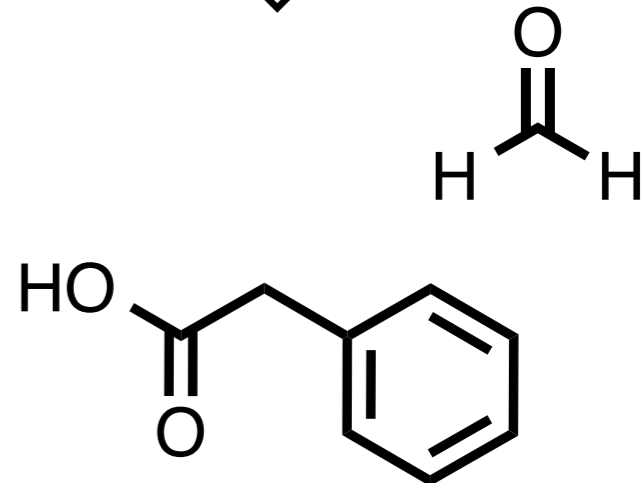
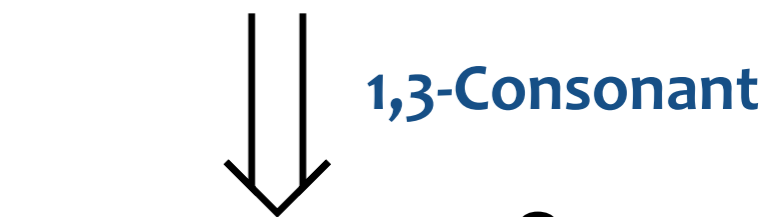
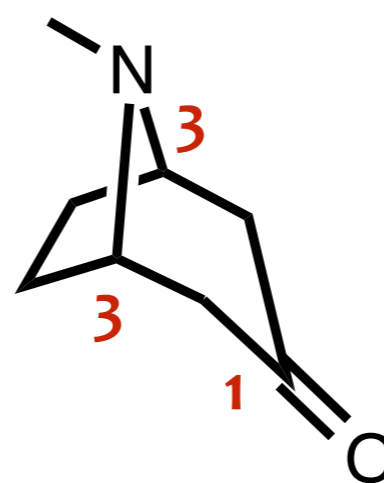
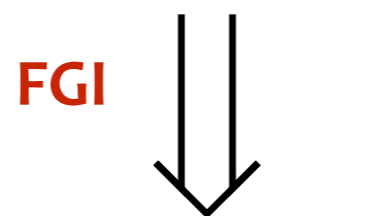
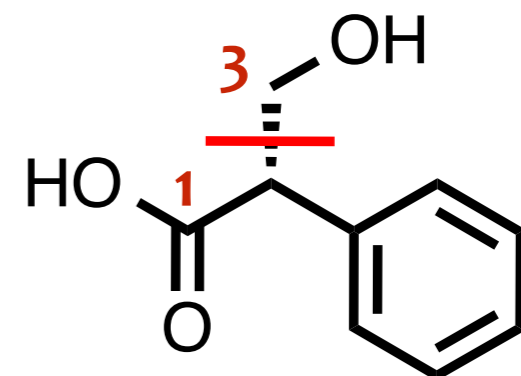
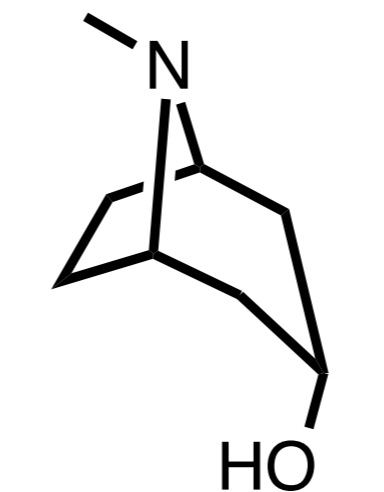
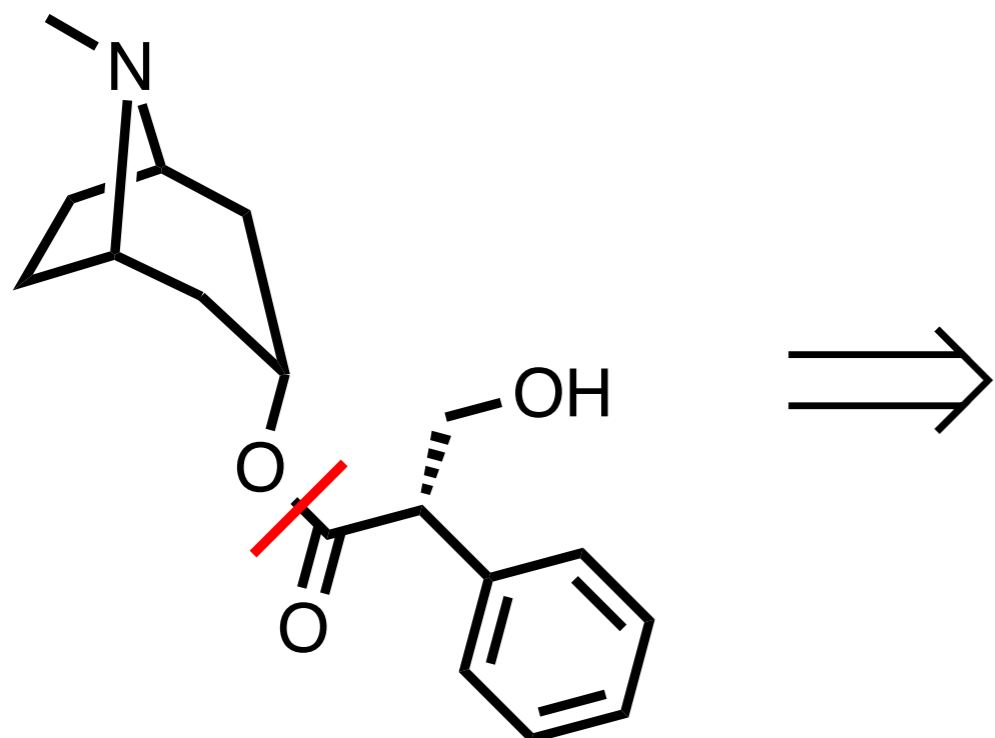
**FGI**

Conversion of an alkene into  
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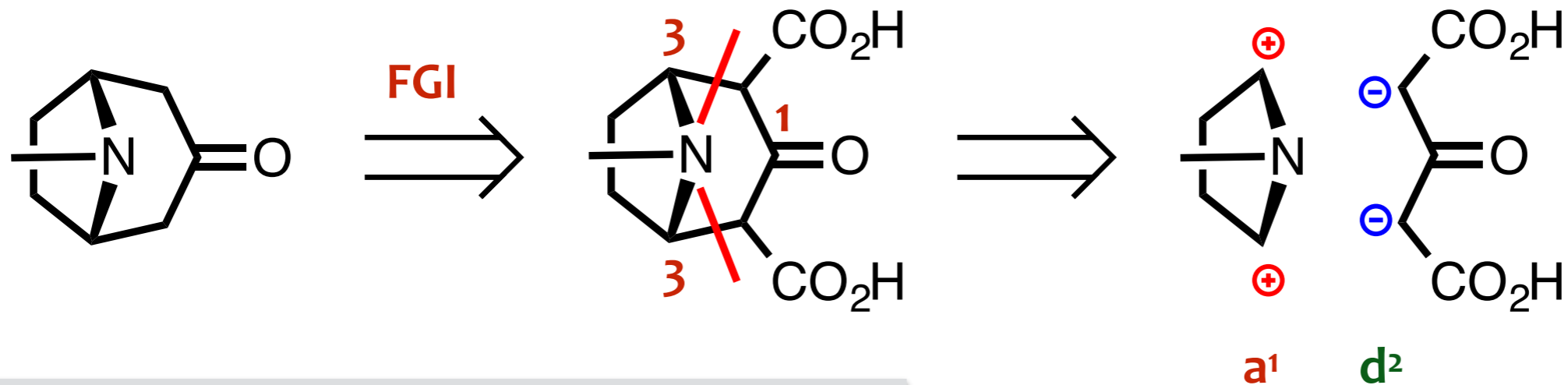
**Atropine**  
**treatment of certain nerve agents**  
**and pesticide poisoning**

## A CHIRAL $\beta$ -HYDROXY ACID



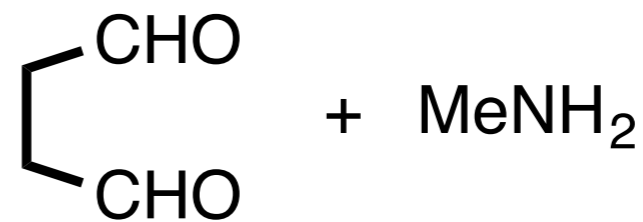
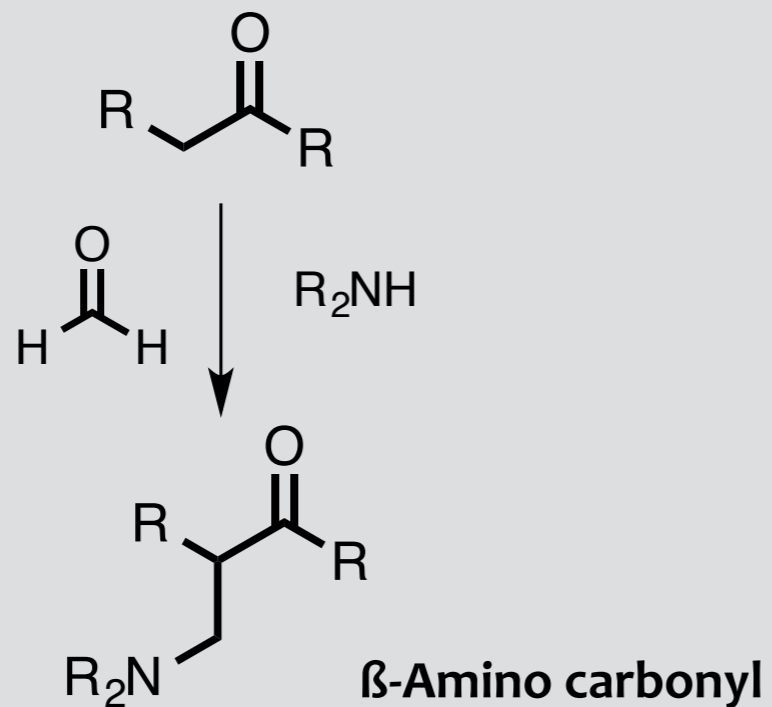
**A HIGHLY SYMMETRICAL  
 $\beta$ -amino ketone**

# Keep in mind bidirectional syntheses

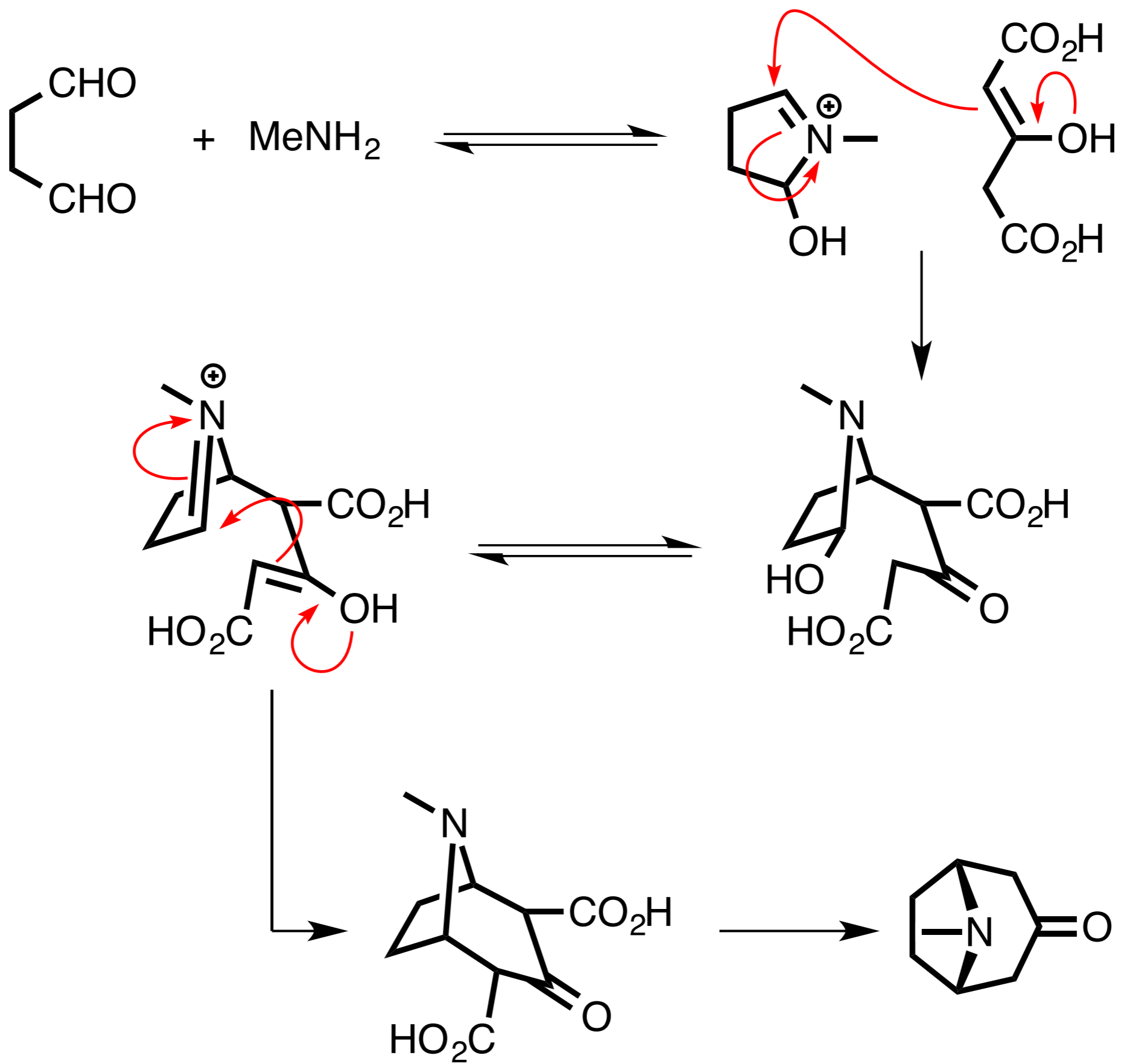


## Mannich reaction

coupling of an enolizable carbonyl with formaldehyde and a 1ary or 2ary amine

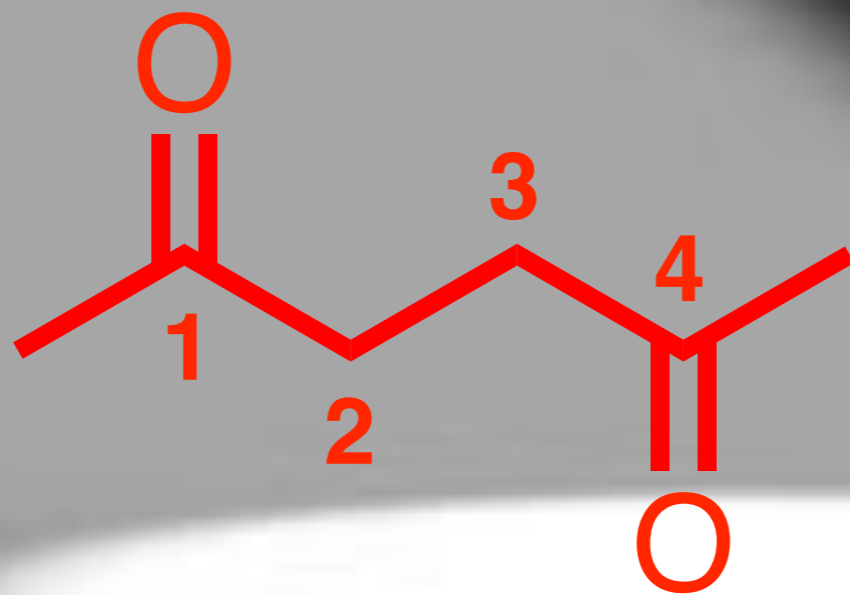


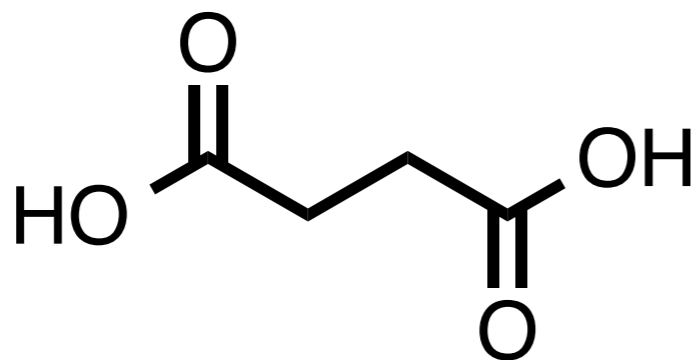
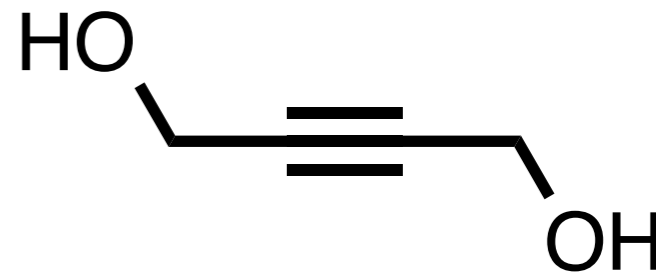
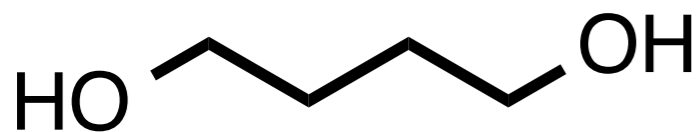
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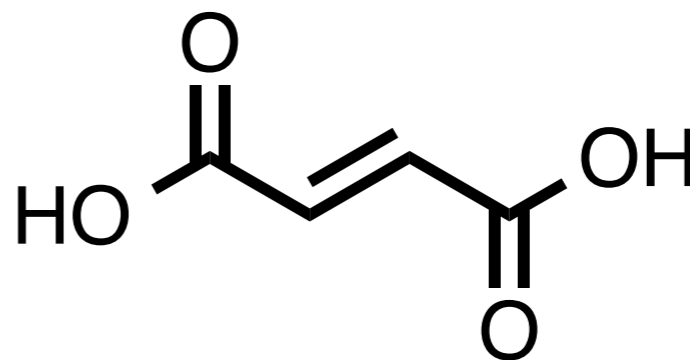
# 1,4-relationship?

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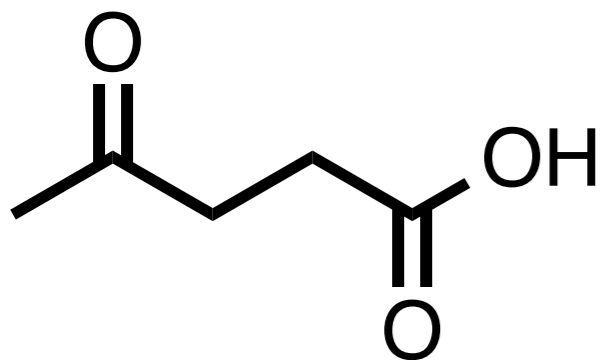




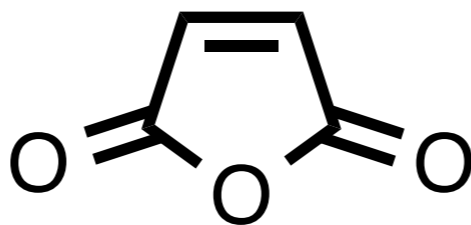
*succinic acid*



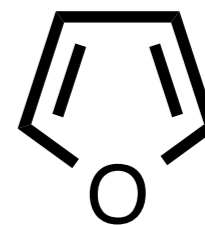
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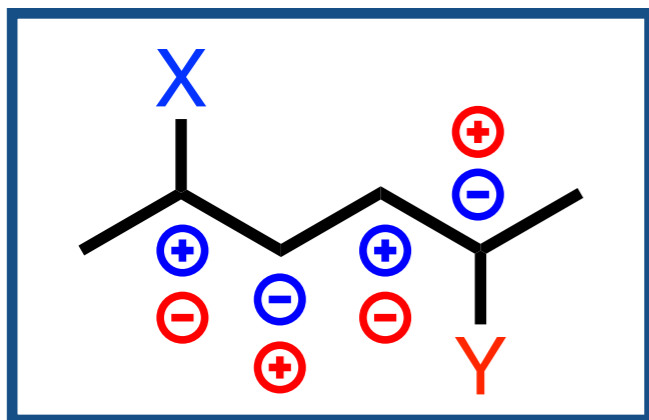
*levulinic acid*



*maleic anhydride*

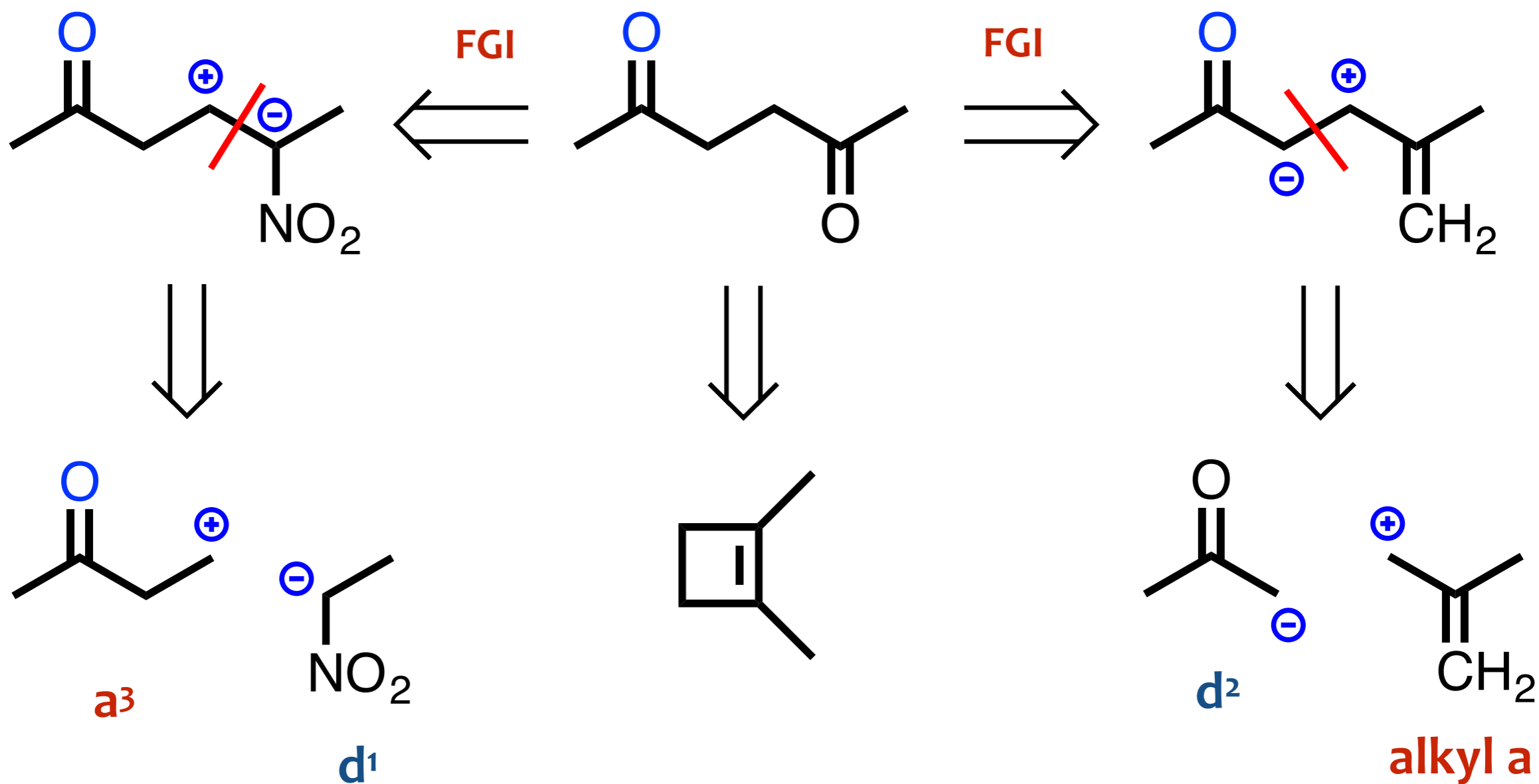


*furan*

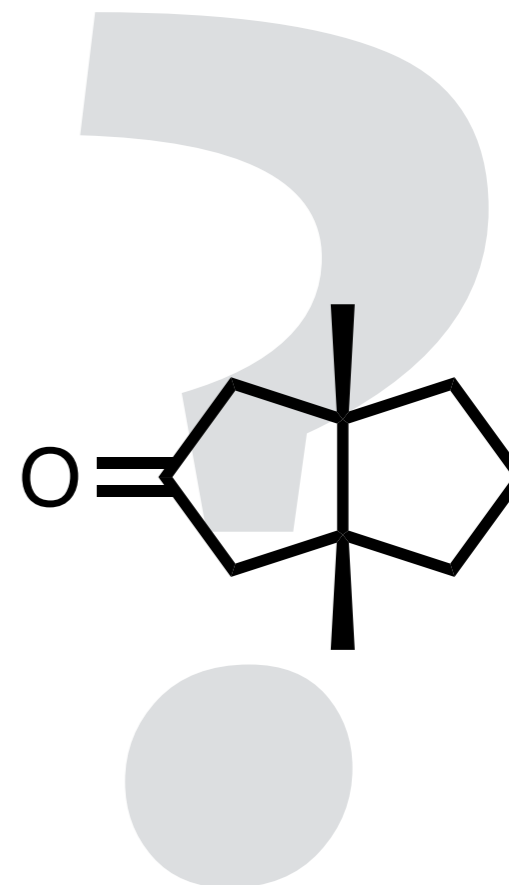
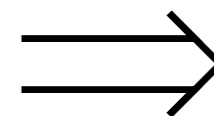
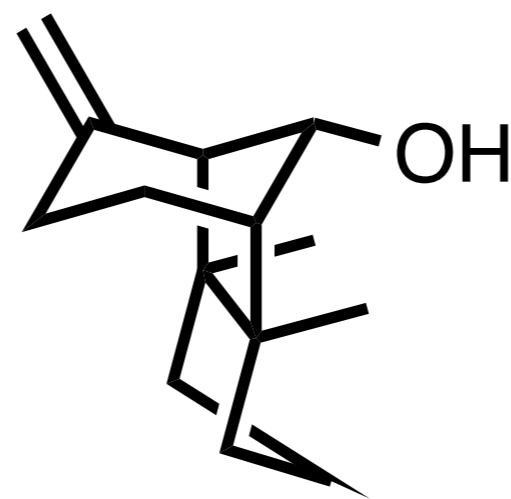


X,Y: O, N

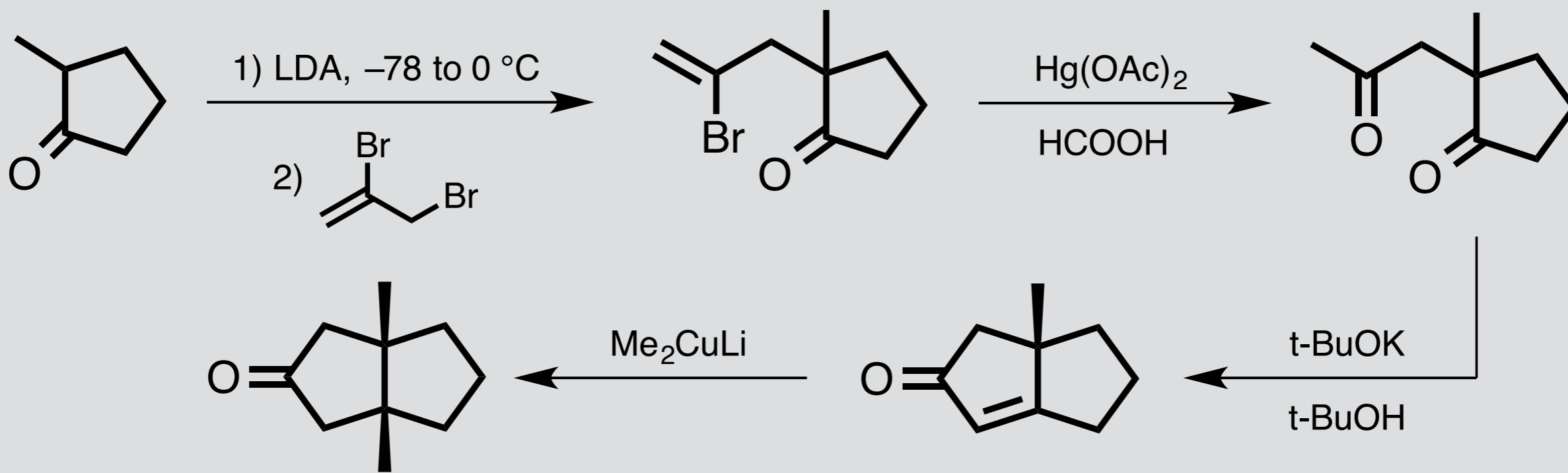
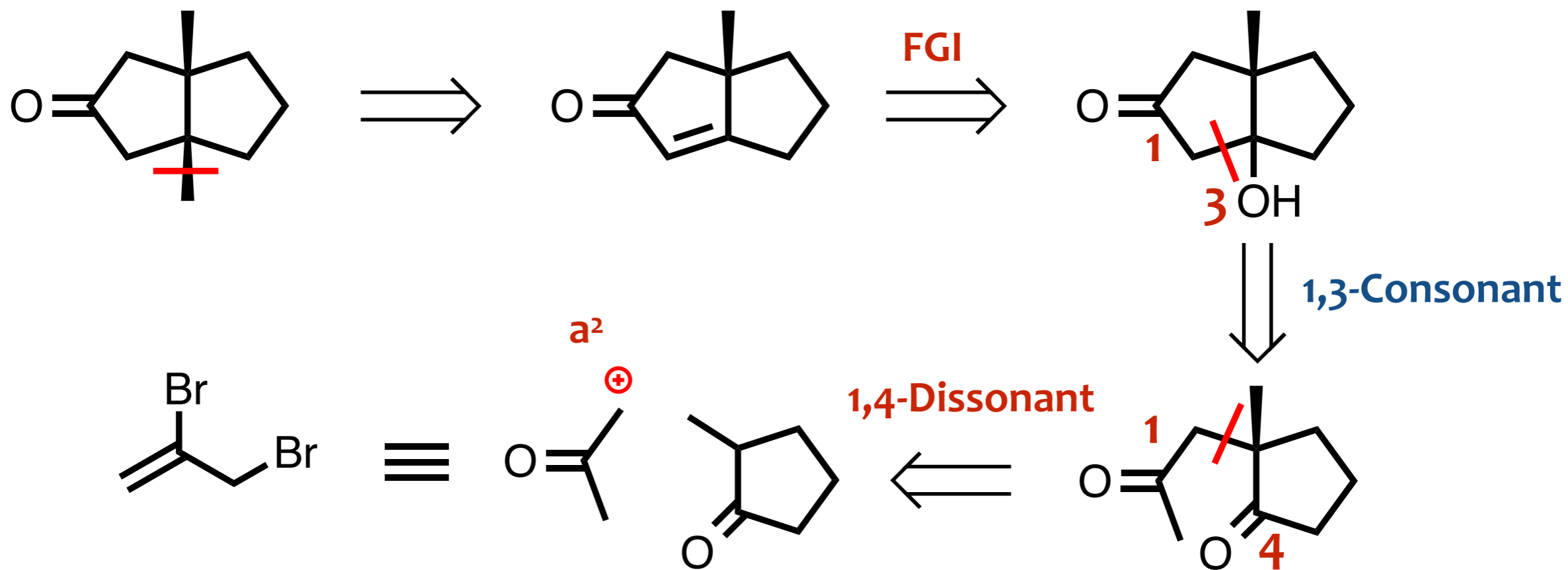
Dissonant relationship





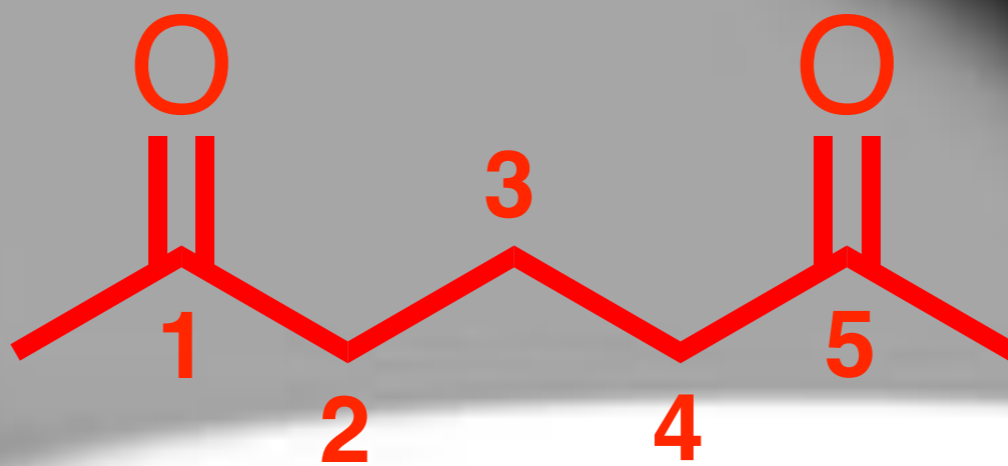


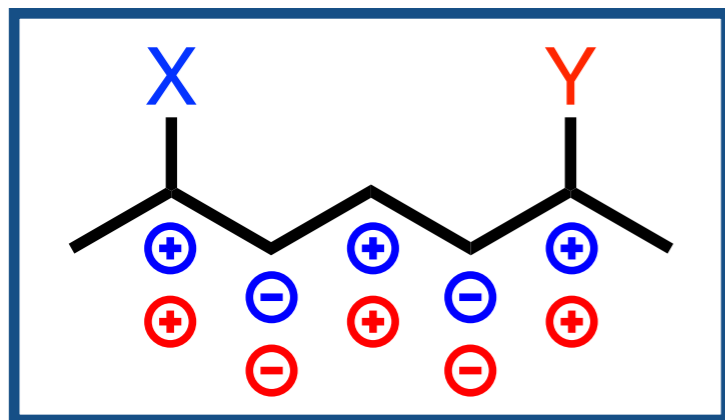
*from Gymnomitrium obtusum*



# 1,5-relationship?

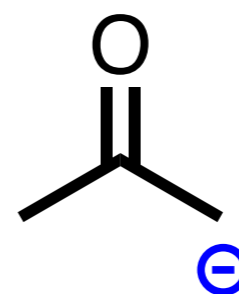
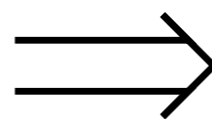
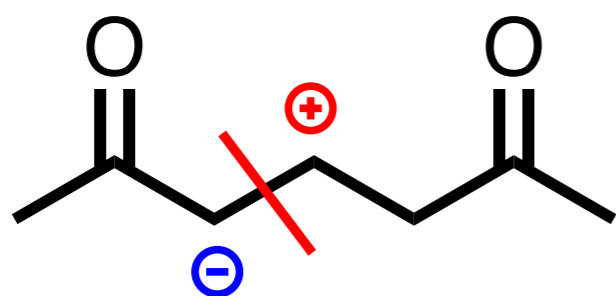
1,5-dicarbonyl compounds?





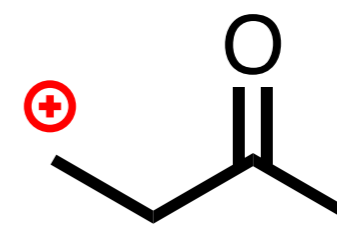
## Consonant relationship

X,Y: O, N

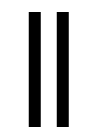


$d^2$

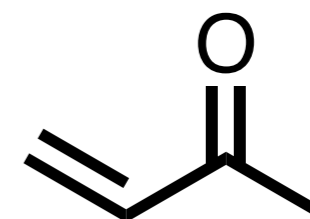
*Enolate*



$a^3$

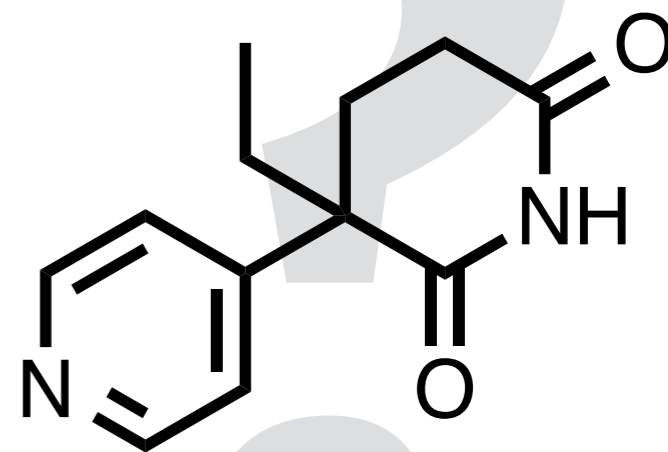


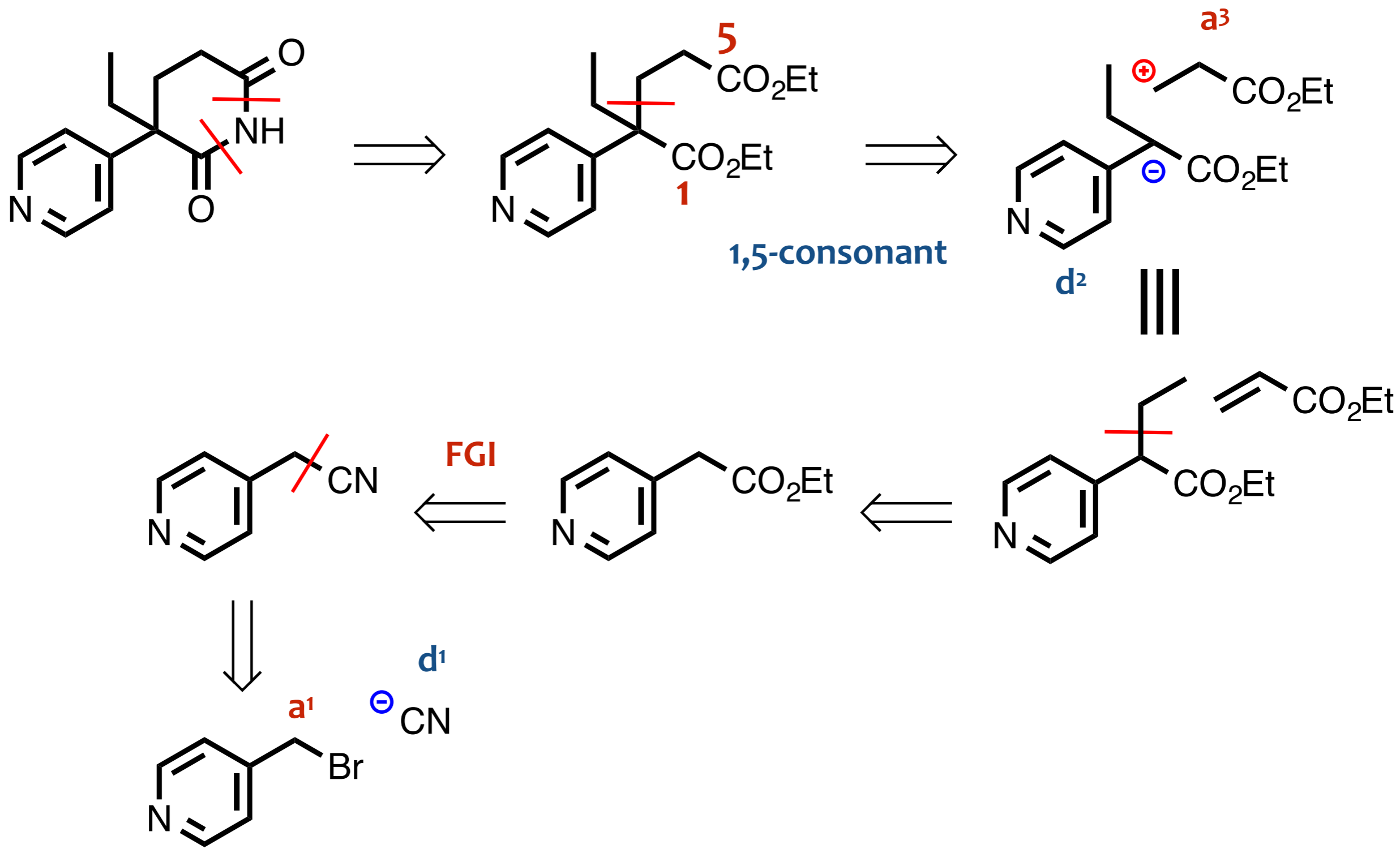
*Michael*

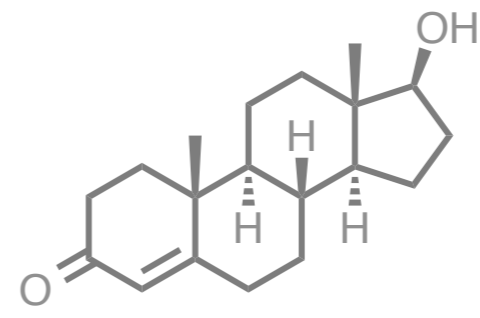




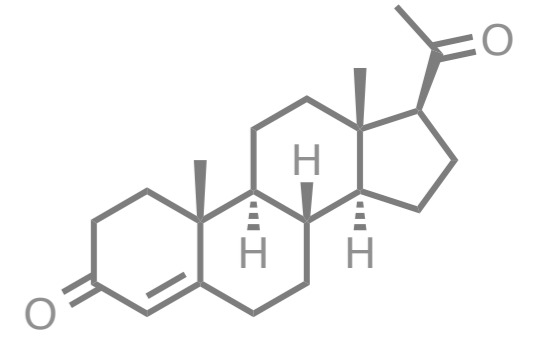
**Rogletimide**  
**sedative**





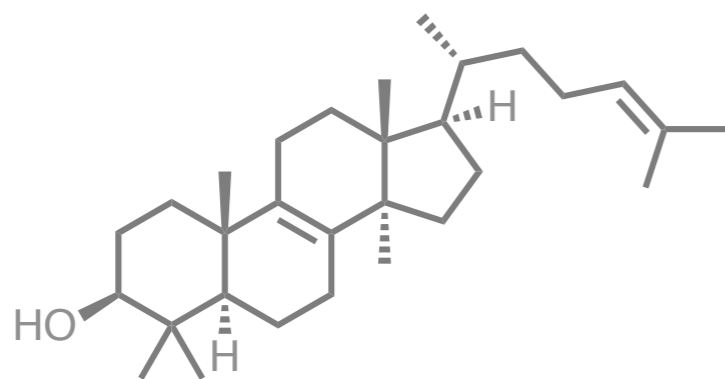
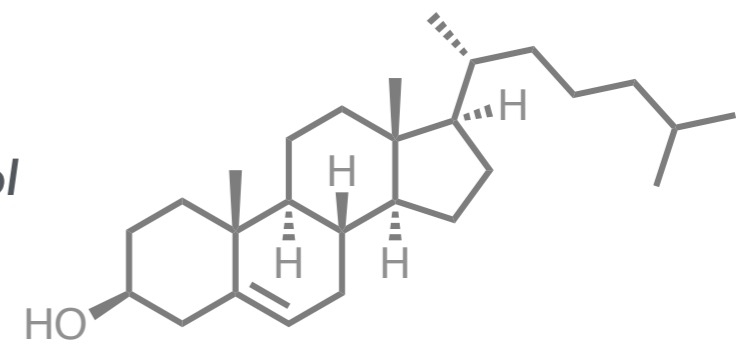


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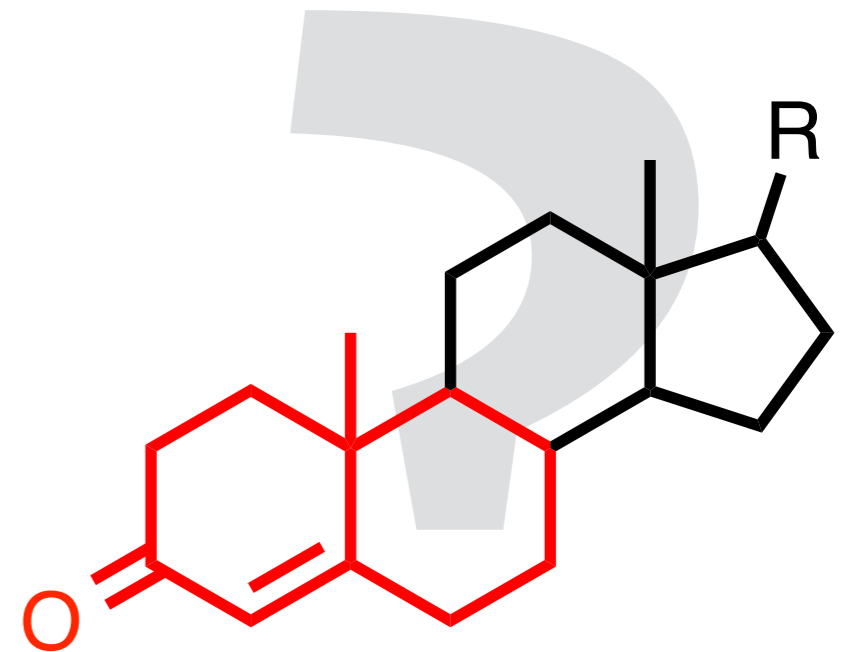


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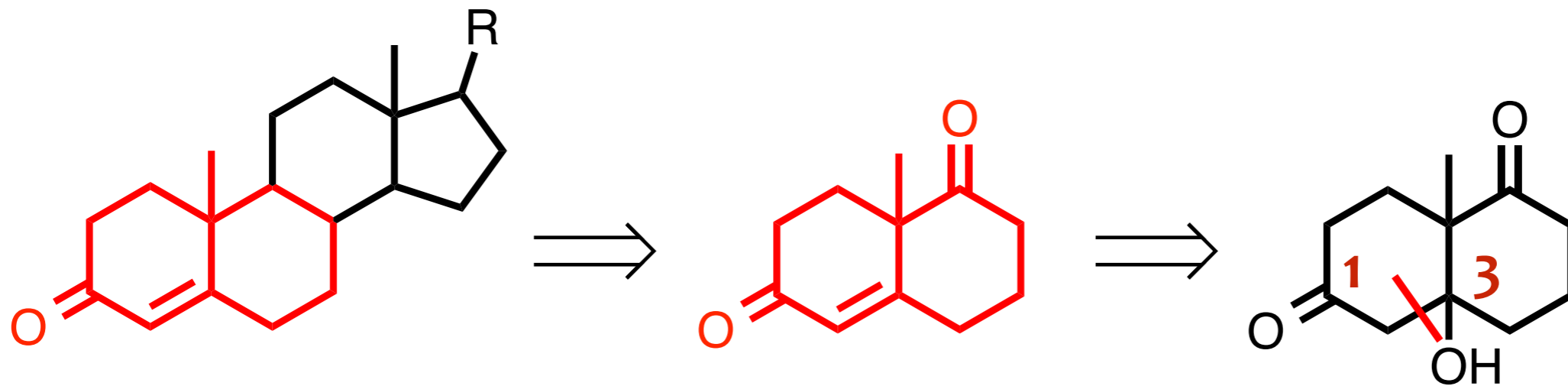
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*lanosterol*

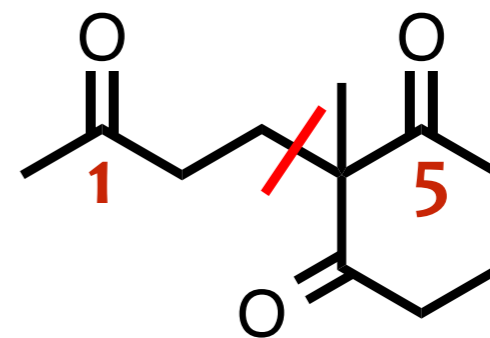


*Steroid skeleton*

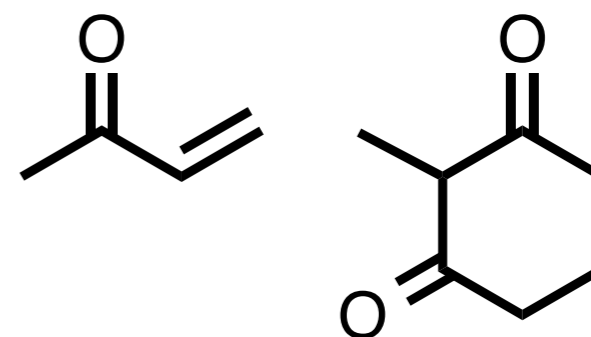


**Wieland-Miescher Ketone**

1,3-consonant



1,5-consonant



## Robinson annulation

Michael addition of a carbonyl to an enone followed by an intramolecular aldol condensation

