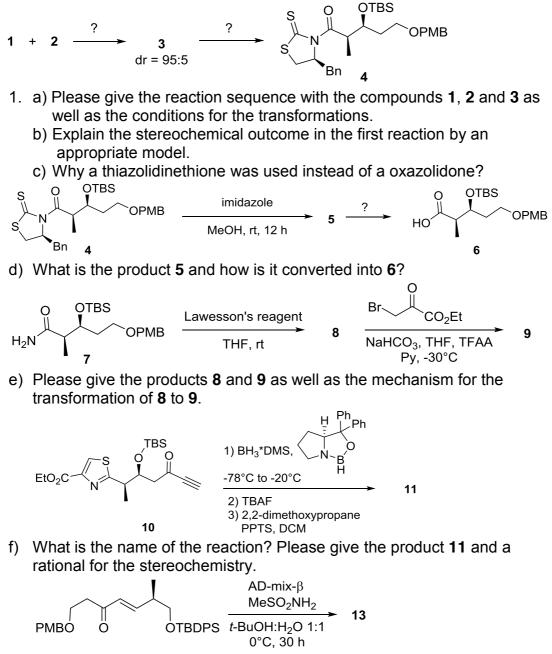
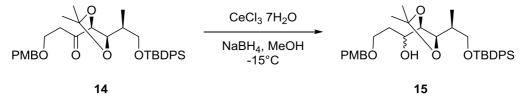
From a total synthesis of a natural product derivative

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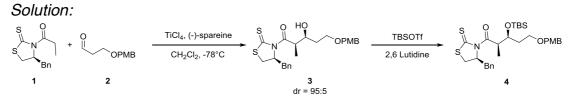




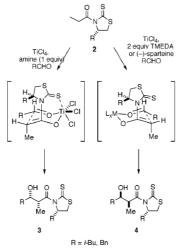
g) What is the product **13** and what is the name of the transformation? Give a mechanism.



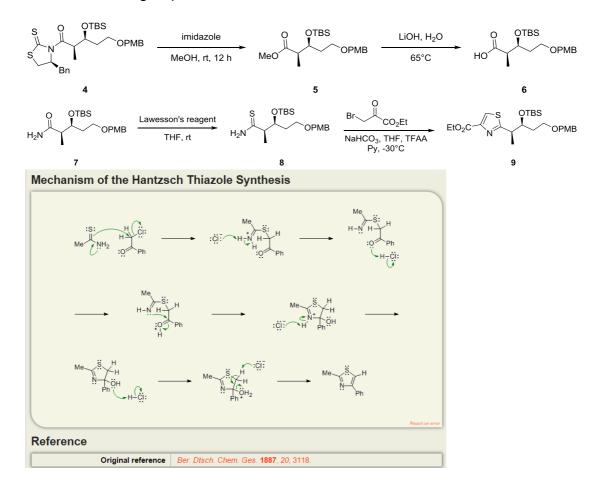
h) Predict the stereochemistry for the reduction by applying an appropriate model. Can you explain why Luche conditions were used for the reduction?

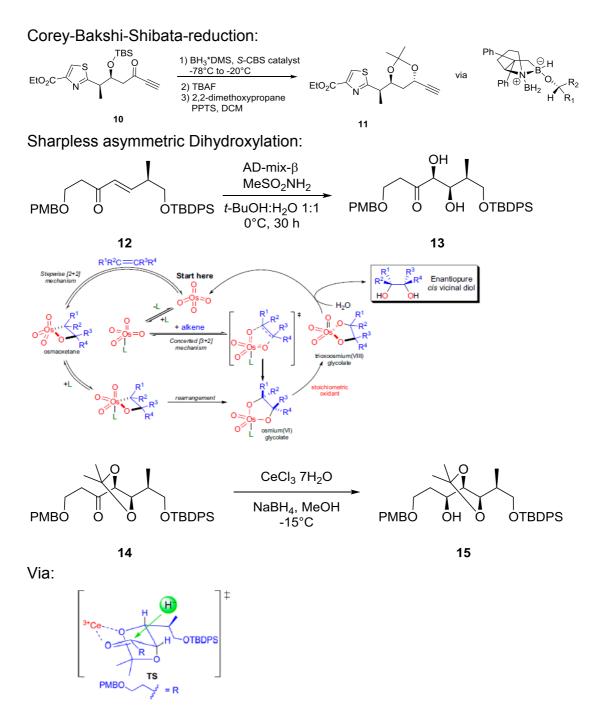


The thiazolidinethione has an increased nucleophilicity which results in the formation of a highly ordered transition state. This leads to the non-Evans syn product. Interestingly the use of 2 equiv. of base leads to the Evans syn product by disfavoring the chelation to the thiocarbonyl by the metal center.



Moreover, the thiazolidinethione are easily removable as well as convertible to other functional groups.





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