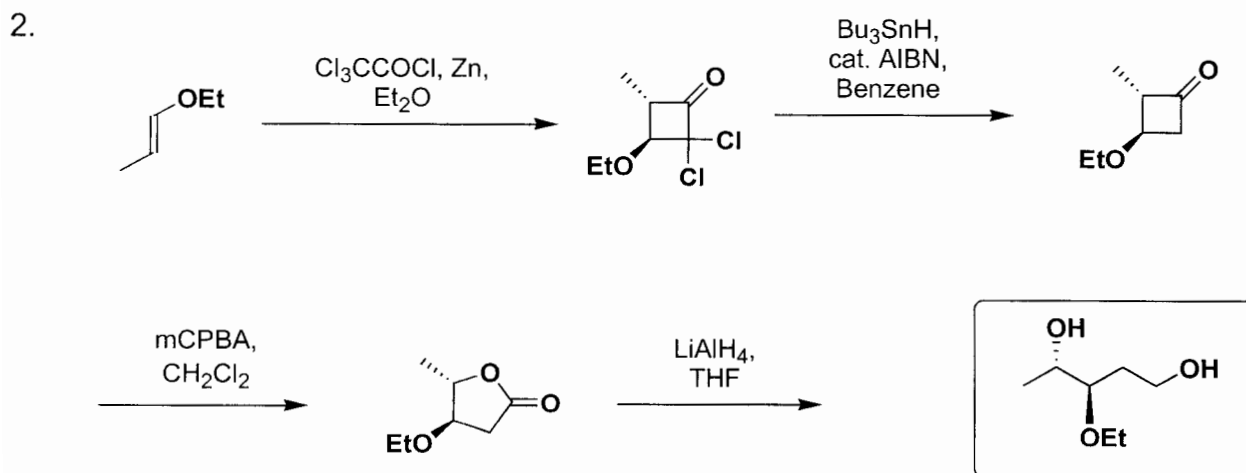
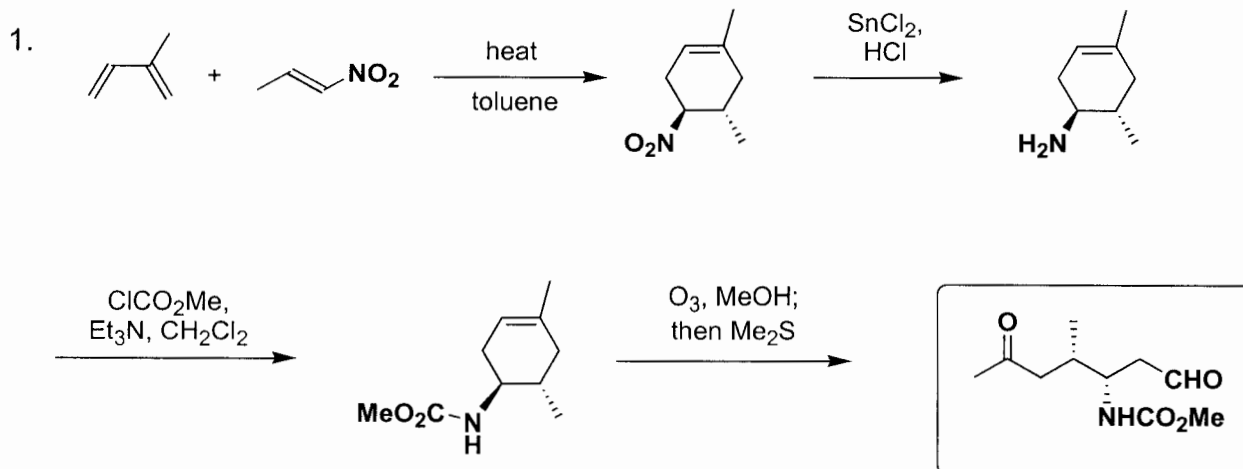
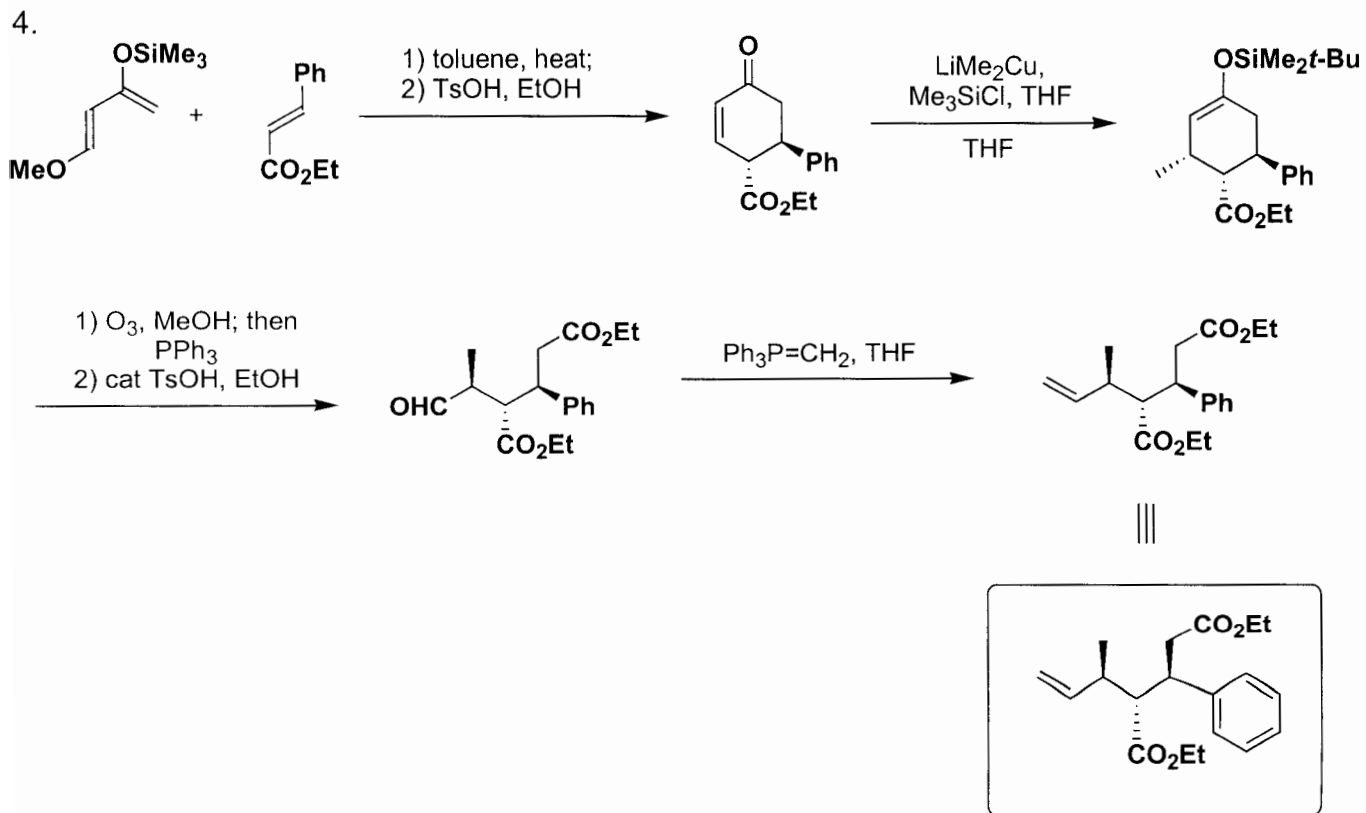
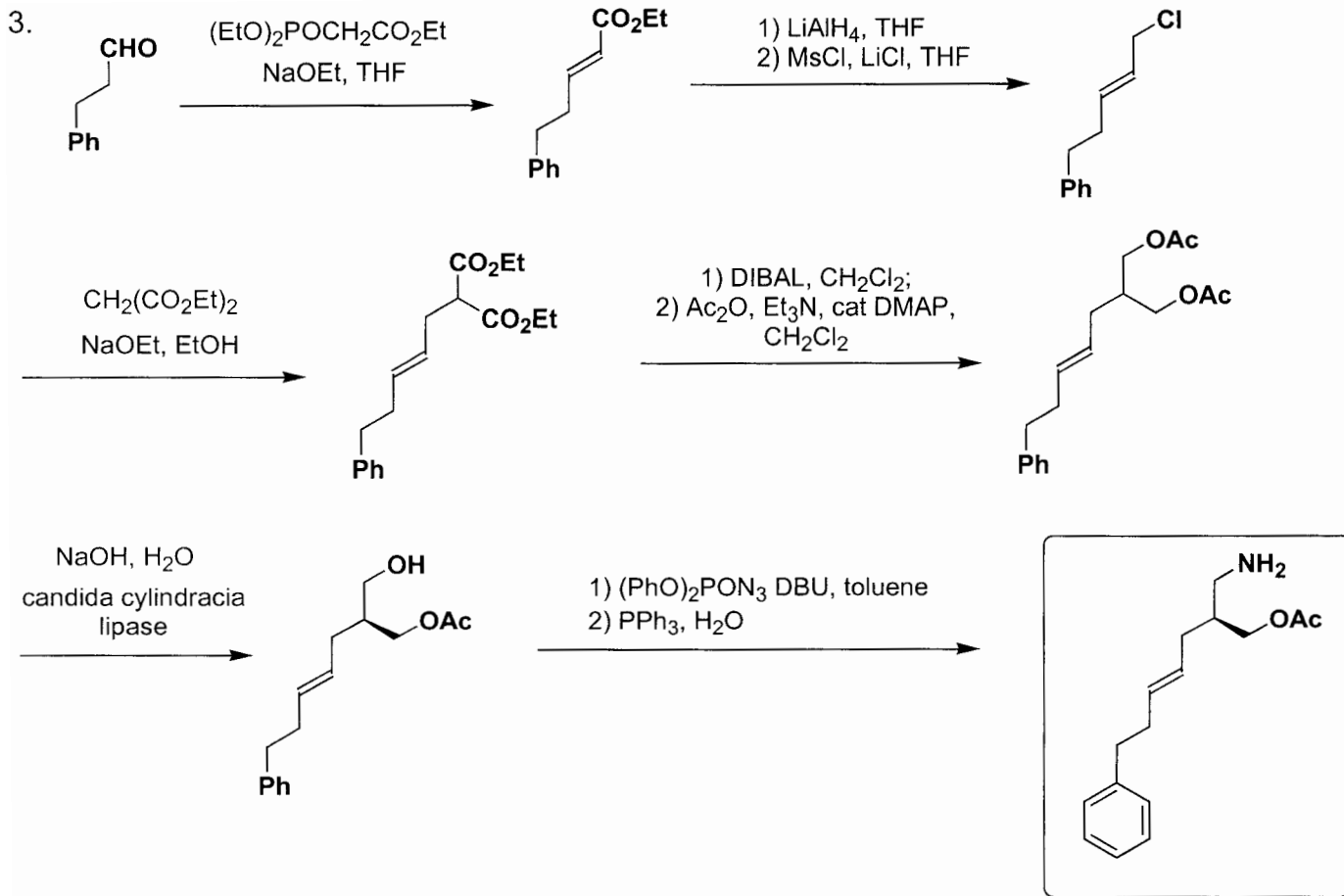


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- II. The creation of a mixture of products favoring one enantiomer over another from a racemic mixture in the absence of chiral reactants is impossible. In the case of the "asymmetric synthesis" of santonin from 2-methyl-2-formylcyclohexanone, the optical rotation is likely due to the presence of impurities in the sample.

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