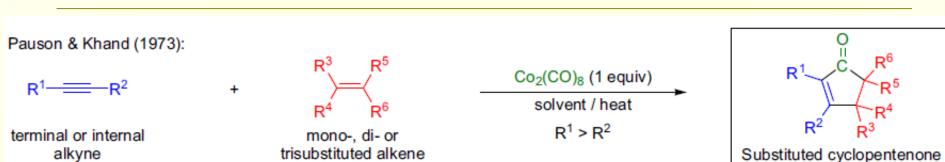
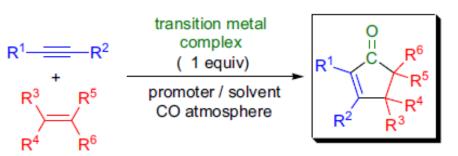
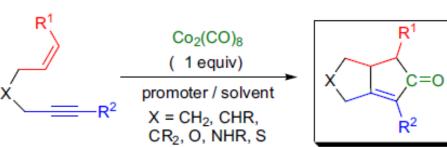
## PAUSON-KHAND REACTION



Modified P-K reaction:



Intramolecular variant:



R<sup>1-6</sup> = H, alkyl, aryl, substituted alkyl and aryl; <u>transition metal complex</u>: Co<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>8</sub>, Fe(CO)<sub>5</sub>, Ru<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>12</sub>, Cp<sub>2</sub>TiR<sub>2</sub>, Ni(COD)<sub>2</sub>, W(CO)<sub>6</sub>, Mo(CO)<sub>6</sub>, [RhCl(CO)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>; <u>promoter</u>: NMO, TMAO, RSCH<sub>3</sub>, high-intensity light/photolysis, "hard" Lewis base

#### **Features**

- 1 the reaction is feasible both inter- and intramolecularly;
- 2 acetylene and terminal as well as internal alkynes are all substrates for the reaction. However, derivatives of propynoic acid do not react;
- 3 the required alkyne-cobalt complexes are easily prepared by reacting alkynes with dicobalt octacarbonyl;
- 4 internal alkynes tend to give lower yields of the product than terminal alkynes;
- 5 a wide range of alkenes are feasible reaction partners and, generally, strained cyclic alkenes react the fastest;
- 6 the order of reactivity is significantly influenced by the substitution pattern of the alkene substrate: strained cyclic alkene > terminal alkene > disubstituted alkene >> trisubstituted alkene, and tetrasubstituted alkenes do not react;
- 7 alkenes with strongly electron-withdrawing groups give poor or no reaction;
- 8 the reaction is highly regioselective: the larger alkyne substituent (R1) ends up next to the carbonyl group in the product, but the regioselectivity with respect to the alkene is less predictable in intermolecular reactions;
- 9 with cyclic alkenes the reaction is highly stereoselective and the *exo* product is formed preferentially;

#### **Features**

10 intramolecular reactions proceed with excellent regio- and stereoselectivity; 11 with the use of chiral auxiliaries the reaction conditions are compatible with a large number of different functional groups. However there are certain functionalities that are only partially tolerated: alkyl and aryl halides, vinyl ethers, and vinyl esters;

12 the reaction can be accelerated by the addition of various promoters (such as tertiary amine oxides, high-intensity light, etc.), which help to open a coordination site at one of the cobalt atoms for the alkene to coordinate;

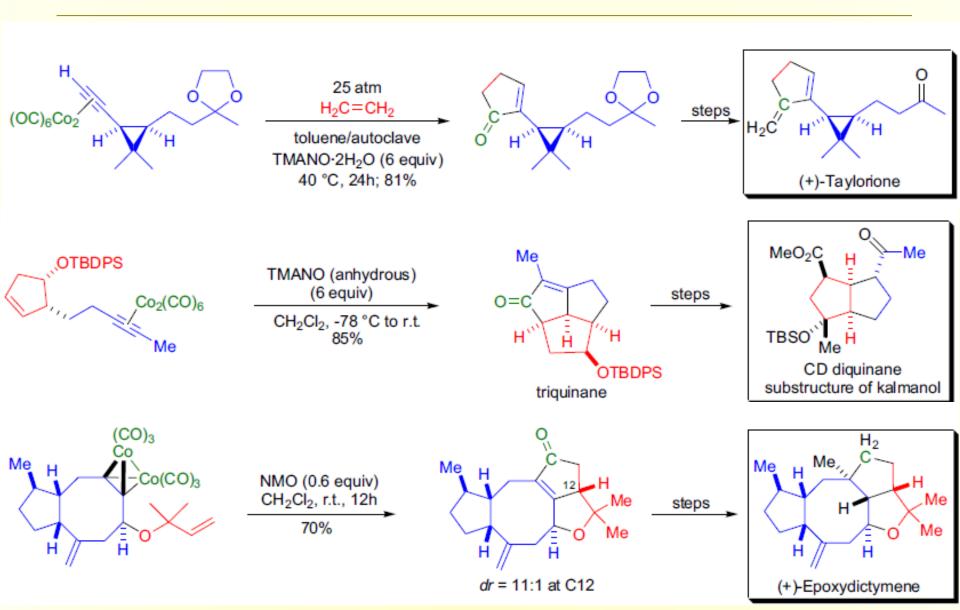
13 it is possible to run the cyclization catalytically but only in the presence of a high pressure atmosphere of CO;

14 besides  $Co_2(CO)_8$ , other transition metal complexes also efficiently catalyze the cyclization (e.g.  $Fe(CO)_5$ ,  $Ru_2(CO)_{12}$ , etc.)

## Mechanism

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