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The logic of translating chemical knowledge into machine-processable forms: A modern playground for physical-organic chemistry.

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Examples of synthetic predictions by linguistics-based (**Figure S1**) and machine-extracted, rule-based (**Figures S2-S25**) algorithms vs. predictions by Chematica (**Figures S2-S25**) using mechanism-based reaction rules. The examples are chosen to emphasize the difference in rule quality when dealing with even simple targets. For more complex synthetic examples using Chematica, see ref. 7 and the experimentally validated syntheses in ref. 9 in the main text. The examples are based on the versions of the softwares as of late October 2018.

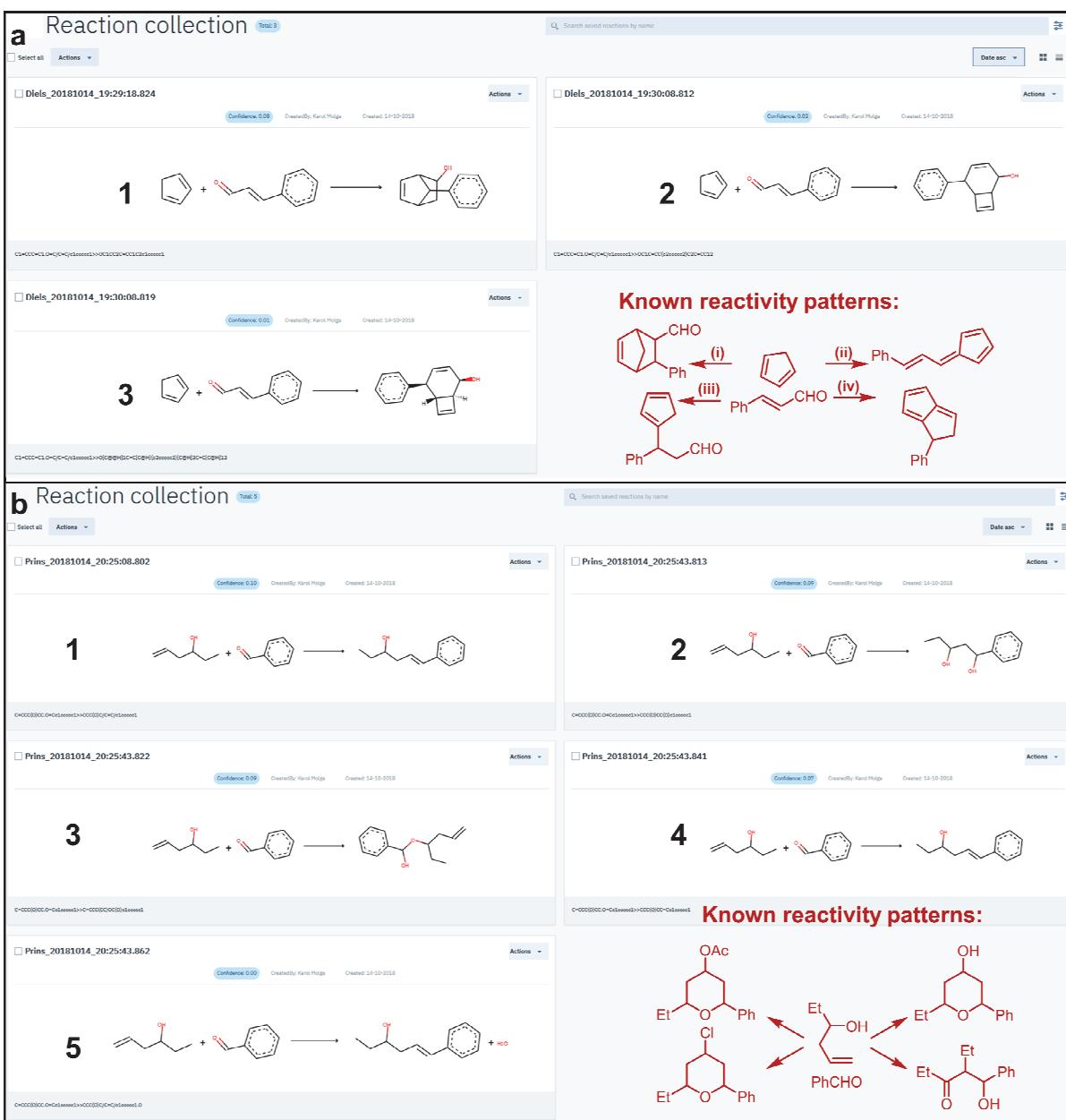


Figure S1. IBM’s tool (<https://rxn.res.ibm.com>) for predicting outcomes of organic reactions using neural sequence-to-sequence models (based on Schwaller *et. al.*, *Chem. Sci.*, **2018**, 9, 6091) fails even for simple examples. **a)** Neural network predictions for the reaction of cinnamaldehyde with cyclopentadiene are far from the known and realistic reactivity patterns. These two compounds are known to participate in Diels-Alder (i), aldol (ii), ene (iii) or tandem ene-aldol (iv) reactions shown in the red inset. None of these reactivity patterns are proposed. Instead, formation of products returned by the neural network requires extrusion of carbon atom from enal (#1) or migration of carbon atom from cyclopentadiene to enal to form 6-4 ring system in #2 and #3. Both processes proposed by the platform would raise an eyebrow (mildly speaking...) of any practicing organic chemist. **b)** Allyl alcohols are well known to react with aldehydes under acidic conditions yielding tetrahydropyrans in Prins reaction or under metal catalysis to deliver reductive aldol adducts

(reactions shown in red in the inset). None of these reactivity patterns are rediscovered by IBM’s neural network. Instead, the proposed products are made via a highly improbable (unknown in chemistry!) coupling of alkene and aldehyde with the extrusion of carbon atoms from the unactivated alkyl chain yielding products with five (#2) and six carbon (#1,#4,#5) chains. (Additionally, #1, #4 and #5 return the same main product with different confidence levels). The only reasonable suggestion (albeit predicted as only third) is the formation of acyclic acetal. For this example, comparison to Chematica is not feasible since Chematica works in the retrosynthetic, not “forward” direction.

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One-step Retrosynthesis

Target molecule: c1cc2[nH]ccc2cl

Target compound: c1cc2[nH]ccc2c1 Draw

Quick settings: Default settings Idea generation settings Results generated in 1.667 seconds

Template prioritization: Apply relevant templates Num. templates: 100 Max. cum. prob.: 0.995

Precursor scoring: Relevance+Heuristic Min. plausibility: 0.75

Rank Precursor(s)

1 O=C(O)c1cc2cccc2[nH]1 (\$2.0/g) → ? FG Removal

2 N#CCc1ccccc1[N+](>O)[O-] (\$4.0/g) → ? Deprotection

3 O=S(>O)(c1ccccc1)n1cc2cccc21 (\$2.0/g) → ? Deprotection

4 O=C1Nc2cccc2Cl=O (\$1.0/g) → ? Deprotection

5 CC(C)(C)OC(>O)n1cc2cccc21 (\$3.0/g) → ? Deprotection

6 Nc1ccccc1 + OCCN(CCOC)CO (\$1.0/g) → ? Deprotection

7 Nc1ccccc1CO (\$6.0/g) → ? Deprotection

8 C=MgBr (\$1.0/g) + O=[N+]([O-])c1ccccc1 (\$1.0/g) → ? Bartoli – o-sub required

9 O=[N+]([O-])C=Cc1ccccc1[N+](>O)[O-] (\$27.0/g) → ? Deprotection

10 CC(=O)n1cc2cccc21 (\$36.0/g) → ? Deprotection

11 OC(=O)n1cc2cccc21 (\$45.0/g) → ? Deprotection

12 C=Cc1ccccc1 (\$50.0/g) → ? Deprotection

13 Nh1cc2cccc21 (\$63.0/g) → ? Deprotection

14 CN(C)/C=C/c1ccccc1[N+](>O)[O-] (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

15 C=Cc1ccccc1[N+](>O)[O-] (cannot buy) → ? Leimgruber–Batcho

16 CCOC(>O)n1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

17 OCn1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

18 O=[N+]([O-])c1ccccc1/C=C/NCCCC1 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

19 O=C(Oc1ccccc1)n1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

20 CClcc(S(=O)(=O)n1cc3cccc32)co1 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

21 CC(C)(C)[Si](C)N(C)n1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

22 C=Cn1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

23 CN(C)C=Cc1ccccc1[N+](>O)[O-] (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

24 CS(=O)(=O)n1cc2cccc21 (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

25 O=C(n1cc2cccc21)(F)F (cannot buy) → ? Deprotection

Bottom panel: A network diagram showing retrosynthetic paths from various precursors to the target molecule. Nodes are labeled with IDs and costs (\$). Some nodes are highlighted in red or yellow. Below the network are several small windows displaying specific synthesis routes:

- Name: Oxidation of indoles to indoles. Calculated yield: good. Typical conditions: DDO or Mn(OAc)3 or PbCl. Illustrative Reference: DOI:10.1016/j.tetlet.2014.07.090 and DOI:10.1016/j.tetlet.2012.09.024
- Name: Decarbonylation of indolecarboxylic acid. Calculated yield: good. Typical conditions: NaOMeOH. Illustrative Reference: DOI:10.1021/acs.joc.200945x
- Name: Hydrogenative dechlorination of arenes. Calculated yield: good. Typical conditions: H2/Pd C. Illustrative Reference: DOI:10.1016/j.tetlet.2014.07.090 and DOI:10.1016/j.tetlet.2007.04.038 and DOI:10.1016/j.bmc.2008.08.084
- Name: Fisher Indole Synthesis. Calculated yield: moderate. Typical conditions: No Reference Found
- Name: Batcho-Lemruber Indole Synthesis. Calculated yield: moderate. Typical conditions: 1-pyridylamine DMF, 110°C 2>H2/Pd/C, MeOH. Illustrative Reference: No Reference Found
- Name: Synthesis of indoles by hydrogen reduction. Calculated yield: moderate. Typical conditions: Pd/C, H2/EtOH. Illustrative Reference: DOI:10.1021/jm00170a007
- Name: Mandelung indole synthesis. Calculated yield: moderate. Typical conditions: BuLi/THF, -78°C. Illustrative Reference: DOI:10.1021/jo00335a038

Figure S2. A chemically trivial retrosynthetic analysis of indole's synthesis in MIT's ASKCOS system. The results obtained are mainly (14/25) deprotections or removals of functional groups, leading to commercially unavailable (8/14) or expensive (>30\$/g, 3/14) predecessors. Additionally,

the program produced two variants (#14 is identical with #23) of the same method – Leimgruber-Batcho cyclisation – with only minute differences in leaving groups (diethylamine vs. pyrrolidine). The proposed Bartoli indole synthesis requires *ortho*-substitution (which is missing in the examined case and in the extracted reaction core, see **Figure S3**) to proceed with any satisfactory yield – we note that such small nuances of chemical reactivity are extremely important as the small difference in structure may cause dramatic change in reactivity and virtually impossible to be covered by any automatic rule extraction system due to insufficient number of reported examples. The program also does not account for the pricing of starting materials and scores higher cyclisation of more expensive (4\$/g) nitrophenylacetonitrile (#2) over similar reaction (#6) using aniline (1\$/g) and tris-etanoloamine (1\$/g) or reduction (#4) of indolinone (1\$/g). Top 25 out of 32 returned results are shown. Top predictions returned by Chematica (bottom) take advantage of inexpensive and commercially available derivatives (indoline, methyl indole-3-carboxylate or chloroindole). Alternatively, the indole skeleton is created from the phenylacetonitrile or in the Fischer, Leimgruber-Batcho, or Mandelung processes.

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233 total references
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[c:6].[c:H;D3;+0:1].[c:4].[nH;D2;+0:2].[cH;D2;+0:1]>>Br-[Mg].[CH;D2;+0:2].O=[N+;H;D3;3](-[O-]).[c:4].[cH;D2;+0:5].[c:6]

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Figure S3. Automatically extracted core of the Bartoli indole synthesis from the ASKCOS software.

The necessary *ortho*-substitution is not taken into account.

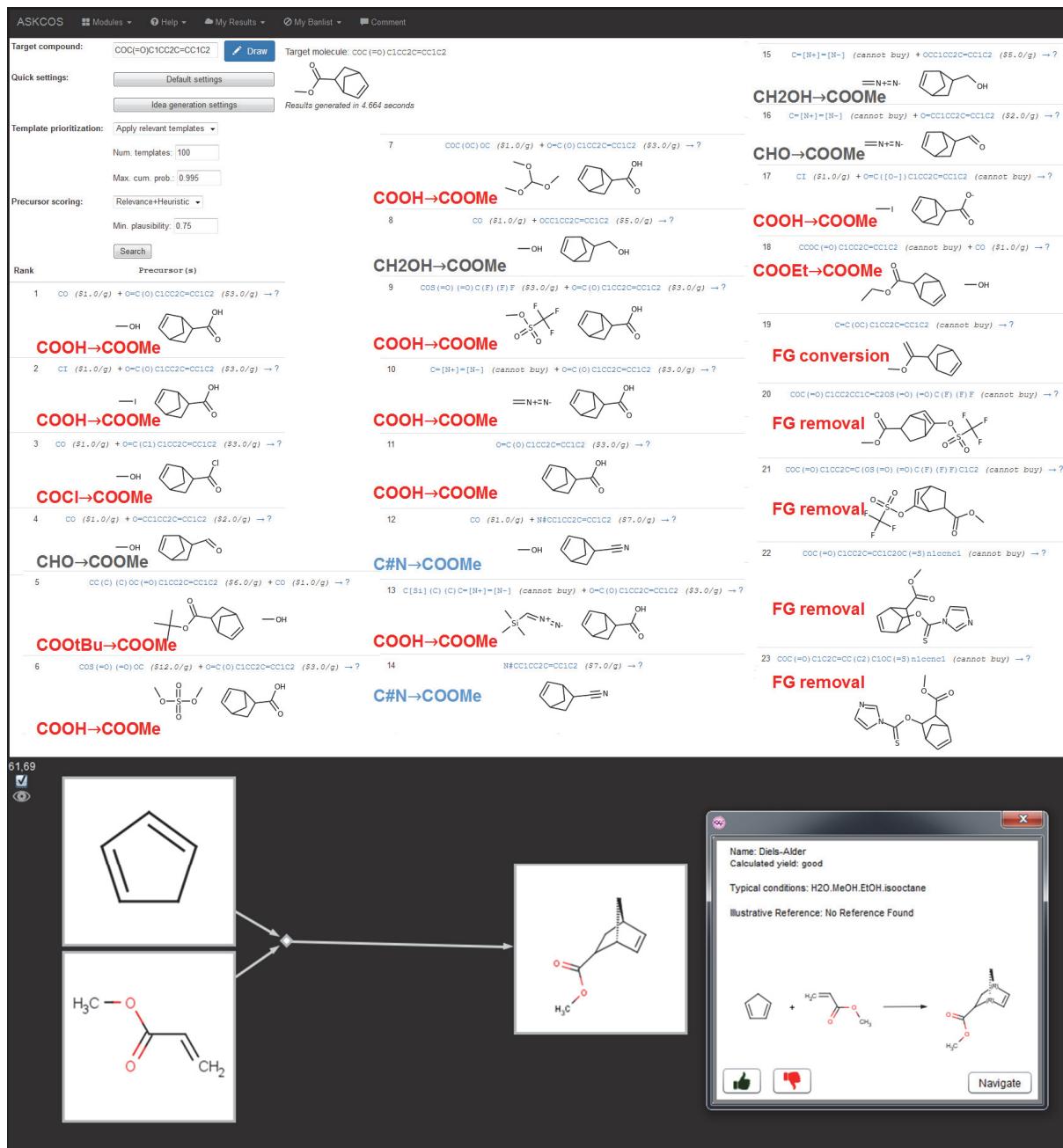


Figure S4. Retrosynthetic planning of methyl bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carboxylate in MIT's ASKCOS system (<http://askcos.mit.edu/retro/>). As a reference, this compound can be prepared in *one* step from commercially available methyl acrylate and cyclopentadiene in the must-know, synthetically powerful Diels-Alder cycloaddition – this approach is easily found by Chematica (screenshot of Chematica's top-scoring solution shown at the bottom, on black background) but was not suggested by the neural network. Instead, several disconnections of the simple methyl ester (hydrolyses, transesterifications and modifications of oxidation states) dominated the top-20 results. Additionally, nonproductive removals of functional groups were suggested. All ASKCOS-proposed results for this target are shown.

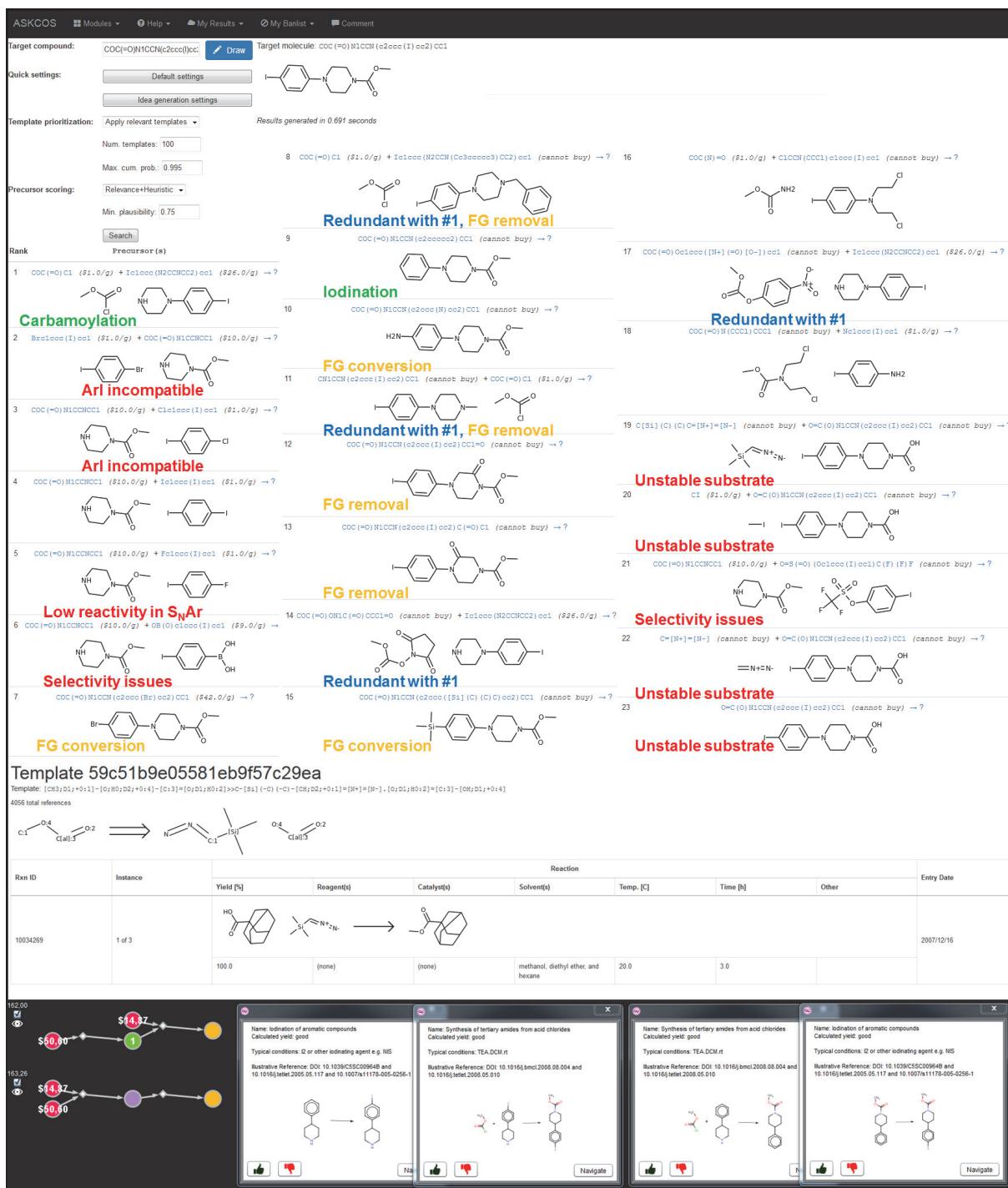


Figure S5. Retrosynthetic planning of methyl 4-(4-iodo-phenyl) piperazine-1-carboxylate in MIT's ASKCOS system. As a reference, the synthesis of this class of compounds is usually finalized by the formation of carbamate or electrophilic aromatic iodination – this approaches are easily found by Chematica (screenshots of the top-scoring solutions at the bottom). Although the formation of carbamate was the top ASKCOS' prediction, the electrophilic aromatic iodination was only its ninth suggestion. In addition, several other suggestions from top20 results raise reactivity concerns. For instance, Buchwald-type amination of an aryl chloride or bromide (reactions ranked #2 and #3) is virtually impossible in the presence of a more reactive aryl iodide (see main text, Figure 6).

Analogous reaction of an aryl fluoride ranked as #5 (occurring via S_NAr mechanism) has marginal chances to succeed due to lack of electron withdrawing groups activating the ring towards the nucleophilic substitution. Additionally, reactions #6 and #21 raise chemoselectivity concerns due to the presence of an aryl iodide. Moreover, ASKCOS proposed (#19,#20,#22,#23) unstable and decarboxylation-prone carbamic acid as a substrate. Inspection of the reaction template responsible for the outcome shown in #19 clearly demonstrates that automatically generated reaction rule cannot distinguish groups (here, unstable carbamic and stable carboxylic acids) of quite different reactivities. All returned results are shown.

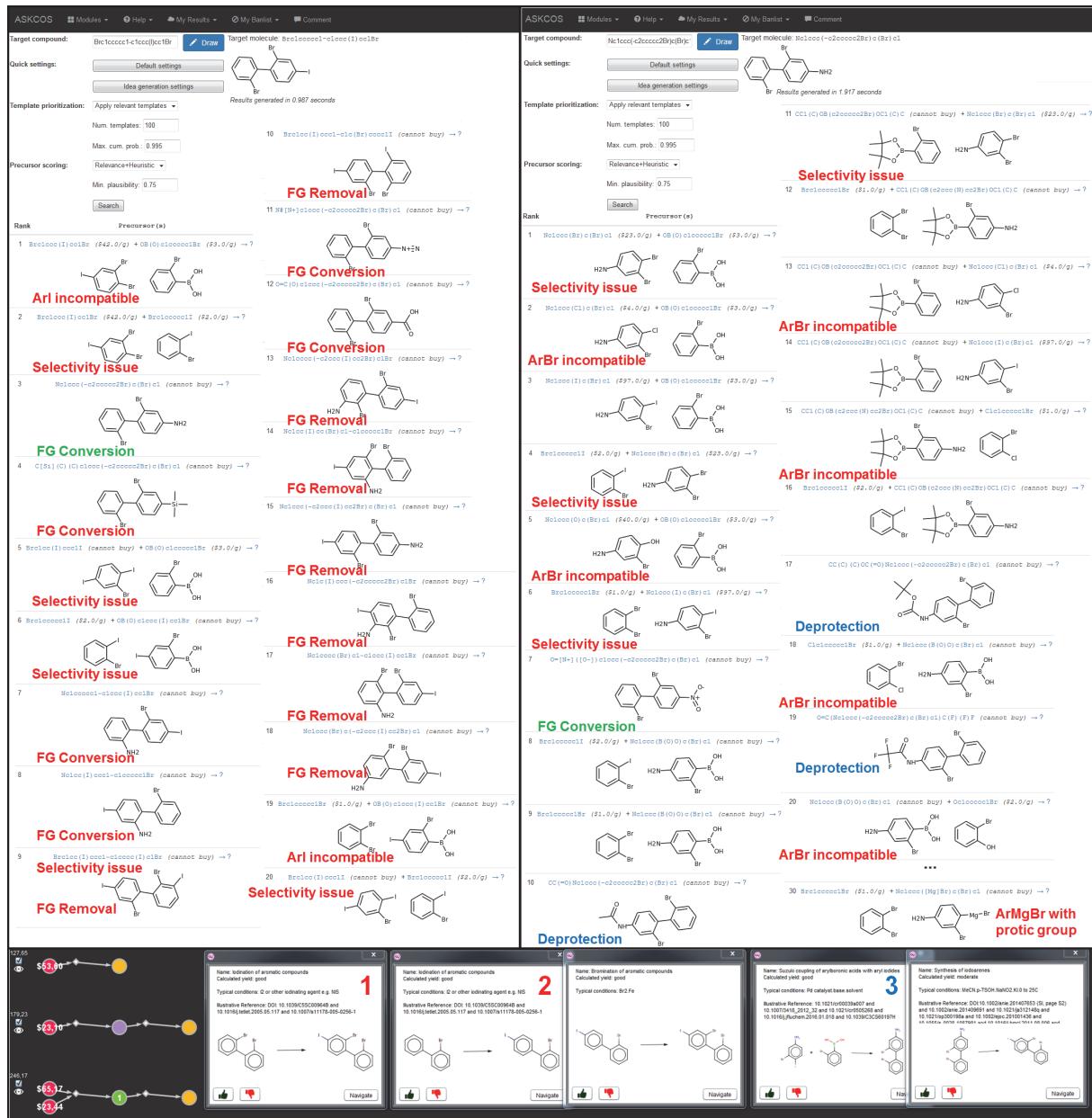


Figure S6. Attempted multistep retrosynthetic planning of 2,2'-dibromo-iodobiphenyl. This class of polyhalogenated building blocks is usually prepared via iodination, Suzuki coupling, and Sandmeyer reaction. ASKCOS suggestions for this compound rise several serious selectivity and cross-reactivity concerns. For example, Suzuki coupling (#1, #19) with aryl bromide will not proceed if a more reactive aryl iodide is present (see main text, Figure 6). Additionally, an aryl halide cross coupling shown in (#2, #20), Suzuki coupling (#5, #6), and selective removal of one of the iodides (#9 and #10) will lead to a mixture of products (due to a presence of multiple nonequivalent groups). As in previous examples, multiple FG removals (here: deaminations) were also present in top20 results. Expanding one of the proposed intermediates – a substrate for Sandmeyer reaction – leads to the set of second-step suggestions (right panel) often suffering from the abovementioned selectivity and reactivity concerns: arylation of an aryl chloride

(#2,#13,#15) or phenol (#5,#20) is proposed in the presence of an incompatible aryl bromide while cross coupling of aryl halides (#4) or Suzuki coupling with dibromoaniline (#1,#11) will lead to a mixture of products. Finally, in #30 arylmagnesium reagent with protic NH₂ group is used as a substrate while these functional groups simply cannot exist together. Left panel: top 20 out of 28 returned results are shown, right panel: top 20 and #30 out of 41 returned results are shown. Full synthetic pathways generated autonomously by Chematica (top 3 shown in the bottom part) rely either on the electrophilic aromatic halogenations (#1, #2) or take advantage of Suzuki coupling and Sandmeyer reaction (#3). This is one example we found where some of Chematica's suggestions raise concerns: namely aromatic substitutions of substrates suggested in #1 and the second step of #2 are known to yield mainly regioisomeric products (here: 2,2'-dibromo-5-iodobiphenyl and 2,5-dibromo-4'-iodobiphenyl). This inaccuracy is due to the Hammett/Hueckel/Proton-affinity based filter evaluating aromatic substitutions (90% correct, the example here is obviously in the 10% of erroneous predictions). However, the third solution returned by Chematica does not rise any reactivity and selectivity concerns.

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Template prioritization: Apply relevant templates Num. templates: 100 Results generated in 0.774 seconds Max. cum. prob.: 0.995

Precursor scoring: Relevance+Heuristic Min. plausibility: 0.75

Rank Precursor(s)

1 O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (\$12.0/g) → ?
FG Conversion

2 C1COCCN1 (\$1.0/g) + Nc1ccc(F)c(Br)c1 (\$2.0/g) → ?
Selectivity issues

3 C1COCCN1 (\$1.0/g) + O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(F)c(F)c1 (\$1.0/g) → ?
2-steps

4 C1COCCN1 (\$1.0/g) + Nc1ccc(Cl)c(F)c1 (\$2.0/g) → ?
Selectivity issues

5 C1COCH1 (\$1.0/g) + Nc1ccc(Cl)c(F)c1 (\$5.0/g) → ?

6 C1COCCN1 (\$1.0/g) + Nc1ccc(I)c(F)c1 (\$23.0/g) → ?

7 O=C(Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1)OCcccccl (\$10.0/g) → ?
Deprotection

8 Feicc(Br)cccc1N1CCOCC1 (\$92.0/g) → ?
FG Conversion

9 O=C(O)c1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (\$45.0/g) → ?
FG Conversion

10 BrCCOCBBr (\$2.0/g) + Nc1ccc(N)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
Selectivity issues

11 C1COCCCC1 (\$1.0/g) + Nc1ccc(N)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
Selectivity issues

12 CC(=O)Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

13 O=Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG Conversion

14 CC(C)(C)C1(C)C(Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1)C(F)F (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

15 O=C(Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1)C(F)F (cannot buy) → ?

16 CC(C)(C)OC(=O)Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

17 Feicc(Cl)cccc1N1CCOCC1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG Conversion

18 O=C(Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1)cccccl (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

19 Feicc((N(Cc2ccccc2)Cc2ccccc2)cccc1N1CCOCC1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

20 Feicc(ccc1N1CCOCC1 (cannot buy) → ?
2-steps

21 Nc1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)cc1Br (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

22 Nc1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)c(Br)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

23 Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1Br (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

24 Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1Cl (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

25 Nc1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)cc1Cl (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

26 Nc1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)c(Cl)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

27 [H-]=[N+]Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG conversion

28 Feicc(NC(c2ccccc2)c2ccccc2)cccc1N1CCOCC1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

29 Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)=O)C(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG conversion

30 H2Nc1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG conversion

31 Nc1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

32 Feicc(Nc2ccccc2)cccc1N1CCOCC1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

33 C(Si)(C)(C)N(c1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1)[Si](C)(C) (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

34 CC(C)(C)OC(=O)N(C(=O)OC(C)(C)c1ccc(N2CCOCC2)c(F)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
Deprotection

35 O=[N+]([O-])c1ccc(F)c(N2CCOCC2)c(Br)c1 (cannot buy) → ?
FG removal

1. Zn: Reduction of iodo group
Calculated yield: good
Typical conditions: Zn, aqu. NH₄, EtOH, iZn HCl
Illustrative Reference: DOI: 10.1002/anie.201102005 and 10.1002/anie.20110481 and 10.3390/molecules1702255 and 10.1021/la053454 (5Page(s)) and 10.1021/la053454 (1Page(s))

2. Name: Amination of aryl bromides
Calculated yield: good
Typical conditions: Zn, aqu. NH₄, EtOH, iZn HCl
Illustrative Reference: DOI: 10.1002/anie.201303484 and 10.1021/cb000617f (Experimental) and 10.1021/cb000617f (Theoretical) and 10.1021/cb000617f (Synthesis)

3. Name: CuI-catalyzed coupling of aryl halides
Calculated yield: good
Typical conditions: CuI DMso, K2CO₃, hydroxylpyrine heat
Illustrative Reference: DOI: 10.1021/pf0007378

4. Name: Hydrolysis of amides
Calculated yield: moderate
Typical conditions: HCl/MeOH
Illustrative Reference: DOI: 10.1021/pf0224557 (p.4936 (ii) Hydrolysis)

5. Name: Coupling of Ammonia with Aryl Halides
Calculated yield: good
Typical conditions: Pd(PPh₃)₄/32% NaHCO₃ dioxane heat
Illustrative Reference: DOI: 10.1021/pf0003625

Figure S7. Retrosynthetic planning of Linezolid's intermediate in MIT's ASKCOS system. The target is of interest since it is found in many patented routes we describe in⁶⁹. Several of ASKCOS' suggestions for this target raise serious concerns of low selectivity and/or insufficient chemical reactivity. Selective functionalization of unsymmetrical diamine (#10,#11) has never been reported and will deliver a mixture of products. Presence of the electron-donating amine group in #4 deactivating the ring towards S_NAr reaction is highly problematic and renders this transformation unfeasible to perform – even more reactive 3,4,5-trifluoroaniline required heating to 180 °C for 36 h in neat morpholine to give the product in moderate yield (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, 7048–7052). Selective substitution of difluoroaniline (#4) is also a currently an unknown process – in fact, the attempted reaction with alcohol (*Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2012**, 7048–7052) led to a 1:1 mixture of products. As in previous examples, several (19/35) unproductive removals of protecting groups (blue) or halogen atoms (grey) were present in top35 results. Additionally, #3 (substitution/reduction) and #20 (nitration/reduction) are overlapping with the top prediction. Top 35 out of 39 returned results are shown. In contrast, synthetic pathways returned by Chematica (bottom) do not suffer from any chemical reactivity issues.

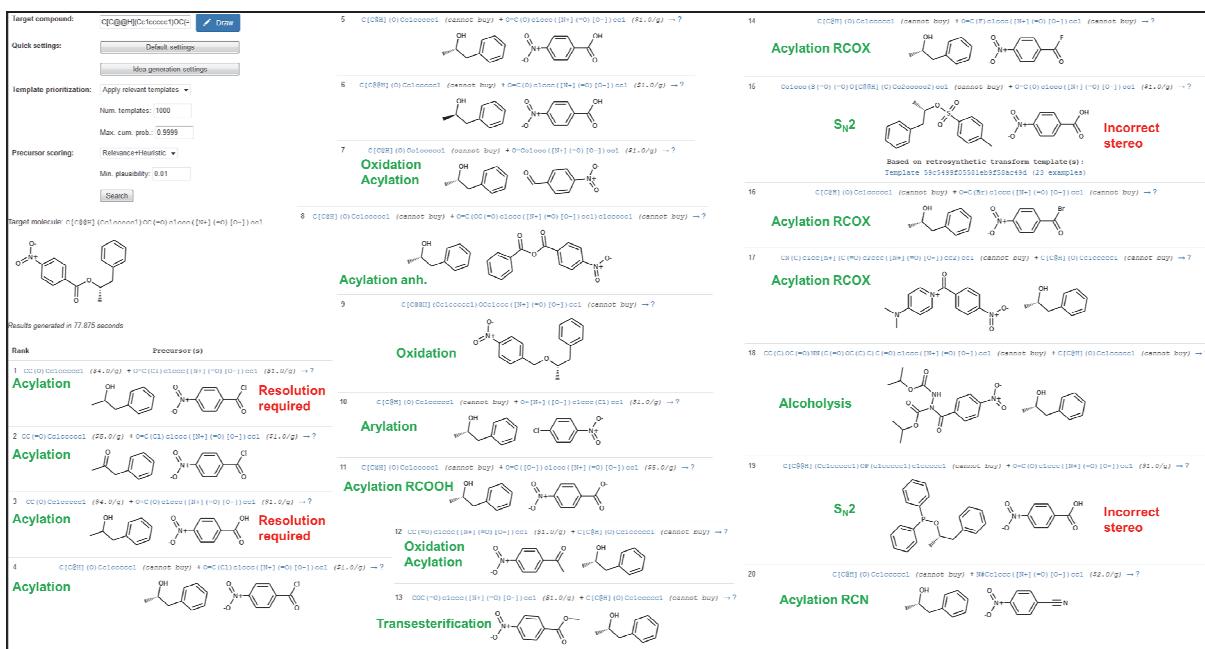


Figure S8. Retrosynthetic planning of a chiral acylated alcohol in the ASKCOS system. Displacement of mesylate (#15) or alkoxydiphenylphosphine (#19) with carboxylic acid occurs with inversion of configuration via S_N2 mechanism. However, the reaction templates for these reactions generate substrates corresponding to a chemically incorrect stereoretentive process. See **Figure S9** for details of ASKCOS' template for #15.

Template 59c5499f05581eb9f58ac49d

Template: $\{C:2\} - \{O; H; D2; +0; 1\} - [C; H; D3; +0; 3] (\{O; D1; H; O; 4\}) - [C; 5] \gg C - c1 : c : c : c (-S(\{O\} (\{O\} - \{O; H; D2; +0; 1\} - [C; 2]) : c : c : 1 . O - \{C; H; D3; +0; 3\} (\{O; D1; H; O; 4\}) - [C; 5]$
23 total references

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Figure S9. Automatically extracted core for the substitution of a mesylate with a carboxylic acid ignores inversion of configuration and generates substrates with improper stereochemistry. The same template is not limited to primary and secondary mesylates and allows for substrates bearing hardly reactive, tertiary mesylates.

Target compound: CC[C@H](Oc1ccccc1)c1ccc

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Template prioritization: Apply relevant templates ▾ Num. templates: 1000 Max. cum. prob.: 0.9999

Precursor scoring: Relevance+Heuristic ▾ Min. plausibility: 0.01

Search

target molecule: CC[C@H](Oc1ccccc1)c1ccc

Results generated in 2.603 seconds

| Rank | Precursor(s) |
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| 2 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>c1ccc([I+]c2ccccc2)cc1</chem> (\$7.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 3 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Fc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 4 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>C[Si](C)(C)c1ccccc1O[=O]C(F)F</chem> (\$9.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 5 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Mitsunobu |
| 6 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>C1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 7 | <chem>Brc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) + <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) → ? Arylation |
| 8 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Ic1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 9 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>F[B-](F)c1ccccc1</chem> (\$7.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 10 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Brc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 11 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>OB(O)c1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 12 | <chem>CC[C@H](OS(=O)(=O)C(F)F)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Incorrect stereo |
| 13 | <chem>CC[C@H](OS(=O)(=O)c1ccccc1)</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? S_N2 |
| 14 | <chem>CC[C@H](O)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>c1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation Database error Lack of DG |
| 15 | <chem>CC[C@H](OS(=O)(=O)c1ccccc1)cc1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? S_N2 |
| 16 | <chem>CC[C@H](Oc1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>C1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? Arylation |
| 17 | <chem>CC[C@H](OS(=O)(=O)c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>[O-]c1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? S_N2 |
| 18 | <chem>CC[C@H](OC(=O)c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) → ? S_N2 |
| 19 | <chem>CC[C@H](OS(=O)(=O)c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? S_N2 |
| 20 | <chem>CC[C@H](OP(c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1)c1ccccc1</chem> (cannot buy) + <chem>Oc1ccccc1</chem> (\$1.0/g) → ? S_N2 |

Figure S10. Retrosynthetic planning of a chiral aryl ether in MIT's ASKCOS system. Several suggestions relying on S_N2 displacements (#1, #12, #13, #15, #17, #19 and #20) use substrates corresponding to chemically incorrect stereoretentive process. Additionally, the oxidative alkoxylation proposed as #14 is feasible only when appropriate metal-coordinating group is present in the substrate to facilitate C-H activation. The reaction template for this transformation (see **Figure S12**) does not take into account this requirement.

Template 59c51ace05581eb9f57ba279

Template: [c:2]-[cm;8;v3;+0:1](-[c:3])-[v;h0;v2;+0:4]-[c:5]>>v-[cm;8;v3;+0:1](-[v;2])- [c:3].[v;h0;v1;+0:4]-[c:5]
21 total references

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Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entity Date |
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| | | Yield [%] | Reagent[s] | Catalyst[s] | Solvent[s] | Temp. [°C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 9778947 | 1 of 1 | 92.0 |  | (none) | benzene | 20.0 | 12.0 | | 2007/12/14 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ecoley@mit.edu.

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template

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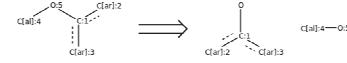
Template 59c511c105581eb9f5756c65

Template: |C:4|-|O;HU;D2;+0:5|-|c;HU;D3;+0:1|(:|c:2|):|c:3>>0|-|c;HU;D3;+0:1|(:|c:2|):|c:3|.|C:4|-|O;D1;+0:5

7054 total references

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| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|---|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | |
| 10345251 | 1 of 1 | 100.0 | triphenylphosphine and diethylzinc/carbonic ester | (none) | tetrahydrofuran and toluene | 20.0 | unk | 2007/12/15 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu.

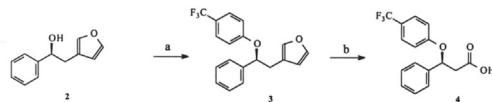
Reaction IDs corresponding to the 600 highest yielding examples of this template

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template

Figure S11. Automatically extracted templates for Mitsunobu displacement with a phenol nucleophile in the ASKCOS software. Top: This reaction occurs with inversion of configuration. Stereoretentive process is feasible only when anchimeric assistance (here, from a tertiary amine present in the specific literature precedent but missing in the extracted reaction transform) is possible. Bottom: The reaction template extracted from a large number of examples (>7000) also does not account for inversion of configuration for secondary alcohols.

Template 59c518c205581eb9f57a55fb

Template: [:C:1]-[:O;HO:D2;+0:2]-[:C;HO:D3;+0:4] (:[:C:3])-[:C:5]>>[:C:1]-[:OH;D1;+0:2]-[:C:3]-[:CH;D2;+0:4] (:[:C:5])
188 total references



Scheme 2. Reaction conditions: (a) NaH, DME, 4-fluorobenzotrifluoride;

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|---|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [°C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 8940496 | 1 of 1 |  92.0 sodium hydride (none) N,N-dimethyl acetamide and N,N-dimethyl acetamide 50 - 55 0.75 | 2007/12/03 | | | | | | |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu.

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template

Figure S12. Automatically extracted core of oxidative alkoxylation in the ASKCOS software. The proposed process is feasible only if appropriate metal-coordinating group (usually pyridine, *N*-heterocycle, or amide) is present in the substrate. Additionally, the literature precedent used to support this reaction template (bottom) was erroneously deposited in the database and misses fluoride atom being substituted in S_NAr process in the original publication (inset in top-right part).

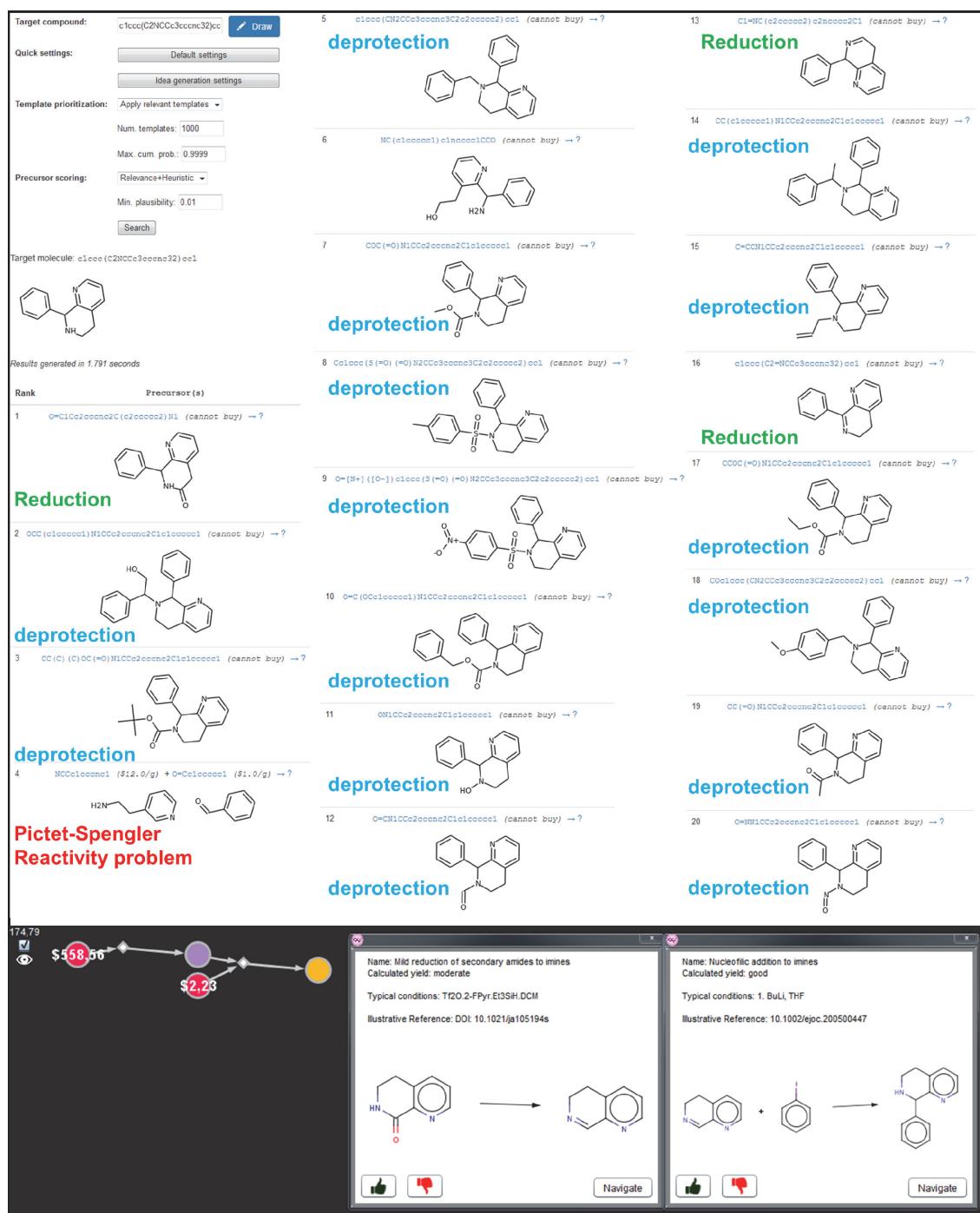


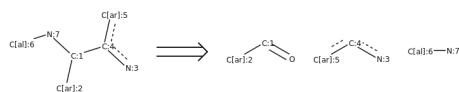
Figure S13. Retrosynthetic planning of tetrahydroisoquinoline in MIT's ASKCOS system. Several of the top-scoring solutions are limited to removals of different protecting groups or reductions of an amide (#1) or cyclic imines (#13,#16). The automatically extracted reaction template (see **Figure S14**) for Pictet-Spengler cyclisation (#4) is too general and lacks information regarding the type of the reacting aromatic system. This reaction is limited to electron-rich arenes and heteroarenes while ASKCOS allows for the annulation of electron-poor pyridine. Bottom: In contrast, Chemistica's top-scoring solution commences with reduction of a commercially available amide to imine and subsequent addition of an organometallic reagent derived from iodobenzene.

Template 59c5199f05581eb9f57ad74b

Template: $\{\#_7;_a:3\}:\{c;R0;D3;+0:4\}(\{-c:5\})-\{CH;D3;+0:1\}(-\{c:2\})-\{NH;D2;+0:7\}-\{c:6\}>>O=[CH;D2;+0:1]-\{c:2\}\cdot\{\#_7;_a:3\}:\{cH;D2;+0:4\}:\{c:5\}\cdot\{c:6\}-[NH2;D1;+0:7]$

66 total references

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| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 38844682 | 1 of 1 | 99.0 | acetic acid | (none) | (none) | 80.0 | 2.0 | Inert atmosphere | 2015/01/07 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact cocleay@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

1564321, 1643674, 1777560, 2689786, 4071528, 408482, 8929453, 8951554, 8959154, 8963266, 9241255, 9960153, 9960763, 9960882, 9961622, 9963717, 9964398, 9964923, 10136799, 10142064, 10414357, 11039429, 11039432, 23575211, 23826411, 23833324, 27821469, 27821470, 28549585, 32260235, 32260236, 33257272, 33257273, 33257307, 33257308, 33257309, 33779506, 33779943, 3673657, 3673661, 36844682, 36844683, 36994960, 41421347, 41421352, 41421408, 41421412, 41421413, 41578911, 42375735

Figure S14. Automatically extracted core of Pictet-Spengler cyclisation from the ASKCOS software incorrectly allowing for the annulation of electron poor heteroarenes (here, pyridine in example from **Figure S13**).

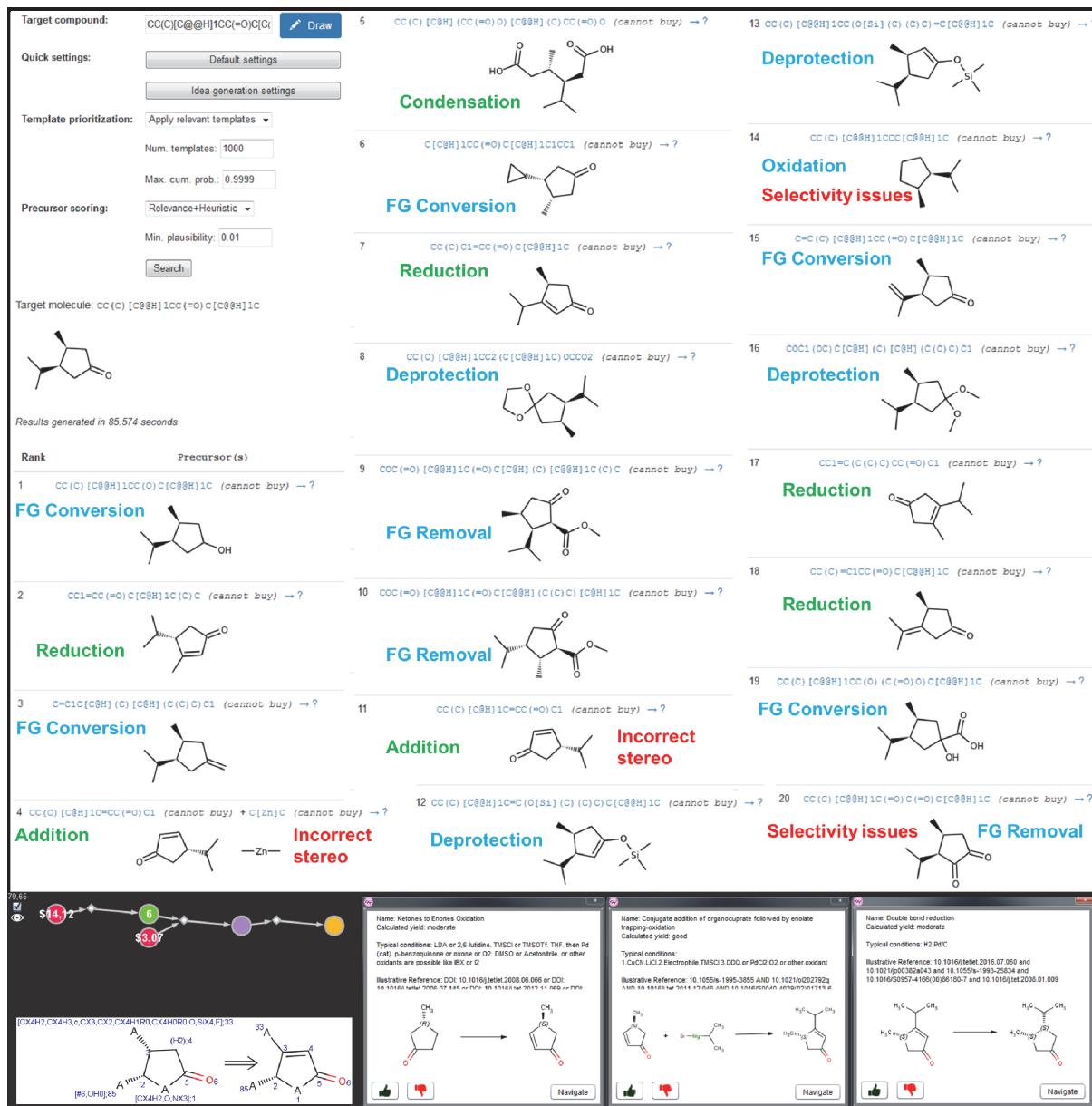


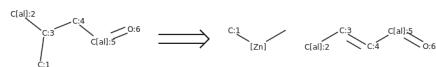
Figure S15. Retrosynthetic planning of chiral *cis* cyclopentanone in MIT’s ASKCOS system. The reaction template (see **Figure S16**) for chiral conjugated addition of an organometallic reagent to an enone (#4) does not account for the presence of mismatched substituents and allows for chemically incorrect *syn*-selective process. None of the 14 reaction templates (see **Figures S18-S22**) for substrate-controlled reductions of alkenes (#2, #7, #17, #18) accounts for the necessary structural features controlling the reaction’s outcome. Bottom: In Chematica’s solution, the desired 1,2-*cis* cyclopentanone is constructed via addition of an organometallic reagent followed by trapping and oxidation of an enolate and substrate-controlled reduction of an alkene. In sharp contrast to automatically extracted rules (cf. **Figures S18-S22**), the expert-coded template (shown in the inset in the bottom-left part of the Figure) accounts for the presence of substituents dictating the stereoselective reaction’s outcome.

Template 59c53d1d05581eb9f5887799

Template: [C:2]-[CH;8;D3;+0;3](-[CH3;D1;+0;1])-([C:5]=[O;D1;H0;6]>>C-[Zn]-[CH3;D1;+0;1].[C:2]-[CH;D2;+0;3]=[C:5]=[O;D1;H0;6]

11 total references

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Note: This template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|-----------|--|-------------|---|-----------|----------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | |
| 8874509 | 1 of 6 | 99.0 | copper acetylacetone, 1-[2-(S)-1-hydroxy- 2-butyl]amino-3-oxopropyl- 3-methylbenzimidazolium iodide, and caesium carbonate | (none) | tetrahydrofuran, hexane, tetrahydrofuran, and hexane | 20.0 | 0.25 | 2012/06/15 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact cogley@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

8874509, 9193652, 9193655, 28323166, 35617502

Figure S16. ASKCOS' automatically extracted core of a chiral-catalyst-controlled conjugated addition allows for mismatched substrates.

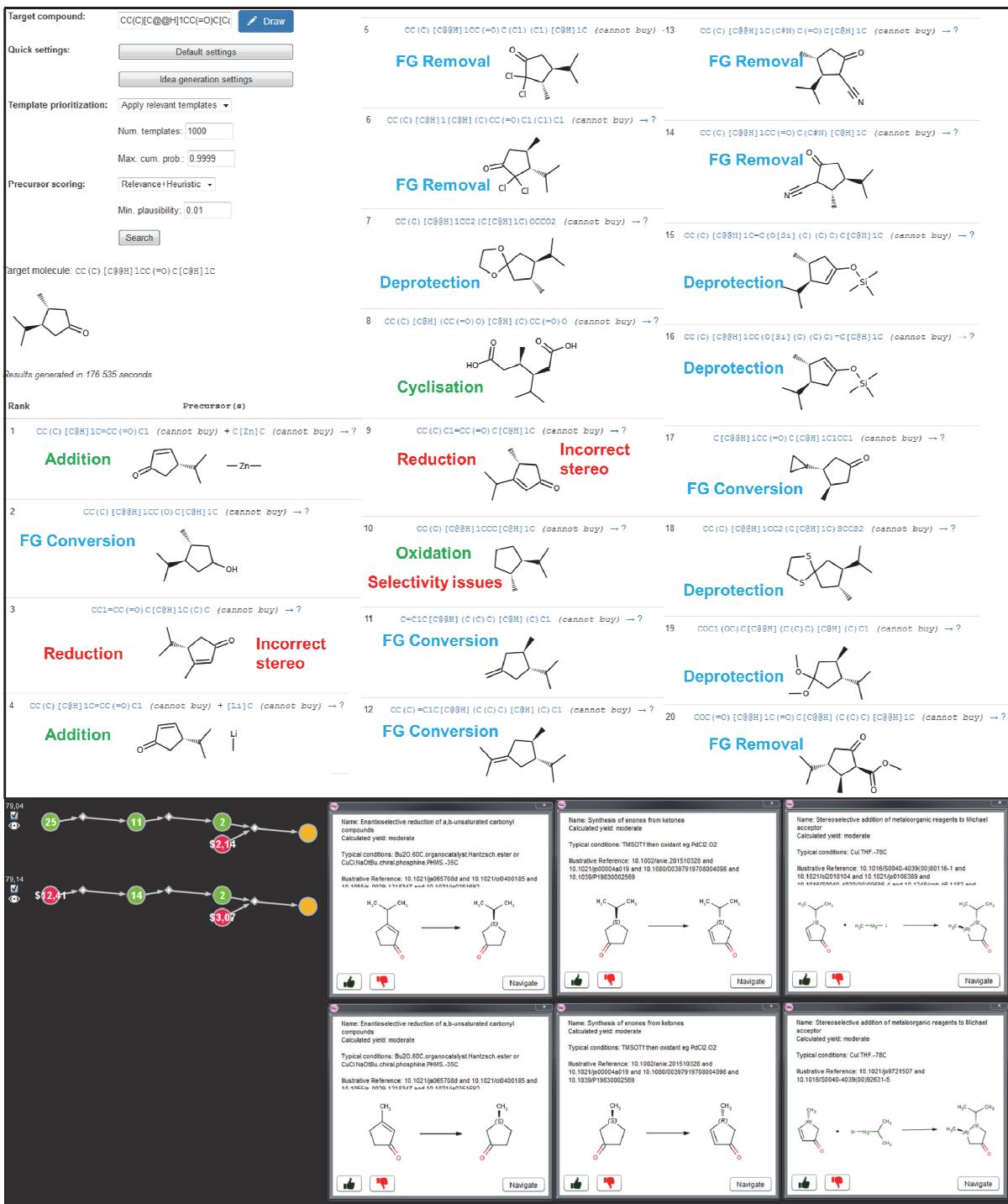
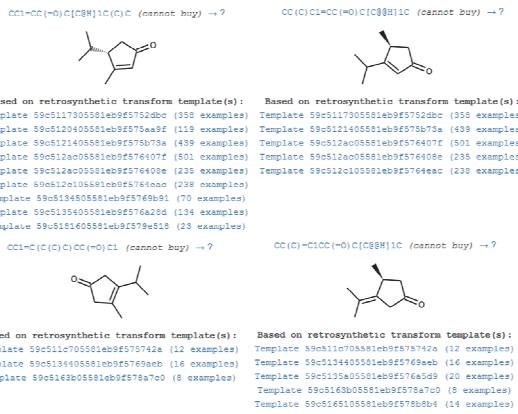


Figure S17. Retrosynthetic planning of chiral *trans*-cyclopentanone in MIT's ASKCOS system. None of the 14 reaction templates (see **Figures S18-S22**) for substrate-controlled reductions of alkenes (#2, #7, #17, #18) accounts for the necessary structural features controlling the reaction's outcome and allows for chemically incorrect process leading to the *trans* product. Bottom: In Chematica's top-scoring suggestions, the desired 1,2-*trans* configuration is achieved enantioselectively via reduction of an enone, subsequent Saegusa type reoxidation, and substrate-controlled addition of an organometallic reagent.



Template 59c512ac05581eb9f576407f

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Template: [C:1]-[CH2@D3+0:2]-([C:3])-([CH2:D2+0:4]-[C:5]=[O:D1;H0:6]>>[C:1]-[CH2:D3+0:2]-([C:3])=[CH:D2+0:4]-[C:5]=[O:D1;H0:6]
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501 total references

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Note: this template should be used for intramolecular reactions only

Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|---|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [°C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 11233196 | 1 of 1 |  | 100.0 | ammonia and lithium | (none) | tetrahydrofuran | -78.0 | 2.0 | 2008/03/17 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu.

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template

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Template: [C:1]-[CH;0;03;+0:2]



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| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 11167655 | 1 of 1 | 100.0 | hydrogen | palladium on activated charcoal | diluted ether | 20.0 | unk | | 2008/02/12 |

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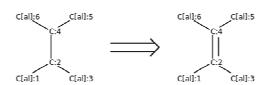
Figure S18. Reaction templates extracted from substrate-controlled reductions of alkenes. None of the 14 templates (with the remaining ones shown in **Figures S19-S22**) used to generate precursors for the chiral cyclopentanone from **Figure S15** accounts for necessary substituents dictating the reaction's stereoselective outcome.

Template 59c5134405581eb9f5769aeb

Template: [C:1]-[Cn;H;D3;+0;2](-[C:3])- [Cn;H;D3;+0;4](-[C:5])-[C:6]>>[C:1]-[Cn;H;D3;+0;2]-[C:5]=[Cn;H;D3;+0;4]-[C:6]

16 total references

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Note: this template should be used for intramolecular reactions only

Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 3610437 | 1 of 2 | 100.0 | hydrogen | platinum(IV) oxide | acetic acid | unk | unk | | 2007/11/22 |

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Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

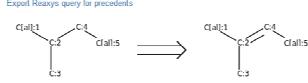
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Template 59c5134505581eb9f5769b91

Template: [C:1]-[CH;H;D3;+0;2](-[C:D1;H3;3])- [CR2;D2;+0;4]-[C:5]>>[C:1]-[C:H;D3;+0;2](-[C:D1;H3;3])=[CH;D2;+0;4]-[C:5]

70 total references

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Note: this template should be used for intramolecular reactions only

Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 11107129 | 1 of 1 | 100.0 | hydrogen | palladium on activated charcoal | methanol | 20.0 | 1.0 | | 2000/03/12 |

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Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

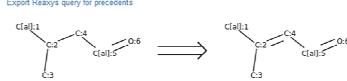
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Template 59c5135405581eb9f576a28d

Template: [C:1]-[CH;H;D3;+0;2](-[C:D1;H3;3])- [CH2;D2;+0;4]-[C:5]>>[C:1]-[C:D1;H3;3]=[CH;D2;+0;4]-[C:5]=[O:D1;H2;6]

134 total references

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Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 2044347 | 1 of 1 | 100.0 | hydrogen | (none) | (none) | unk | unk | | 2007/11/18 |

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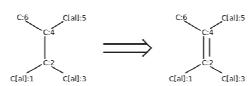
Figure S21. Reaction templates extracted from substrate-controlled reductions of alkenes. None of the 14 templates (with the remaining ones shown in **Figure S22**) used to generate precursors for the chiral cyclopentanone from **Figure S15** accounts for necessary substituents dictating the reaction's stereoselective outcome.

Template 59c5163b05581eb9f578a7c0

Template: [C:1]-[CH:8;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])- [CH:8;D3;+0:4](-[C:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]>>[C:1]-[C:H0;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])=[C:H0;D3;+0:4](-[C:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]

0 total references

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Note: this template should be used for intramolecular reactions only

Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|------------|--|------------|-----------------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 29658041 | 1 of 1 | | 91.0 | (In)cyclohexylphosphine(1,5-cyclooctadiene)pyridineidium(+) hexafluorophosphate and hydrogen | (none) | dichloromethane | 23.0 | 42.0 | 2010/09/12 |

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Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

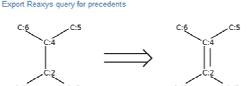
1057404, 2150835, 4220540, 4379569, 8969385, 9903768, 29518786, 29658041

Template 59c5135a05581eb9f576a5d9

Template: [C:1]-[CH:8;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])- [CH:8;D3;+0:4](-[C:D1;H3:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]>>[C:1]-[C:H0;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])=[C:H0;D3;+0:4](-[C:D1;H3:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]

20 total references

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Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 1107582 | 1 of 2 | | 99.0 | hydrogen | platinum(IV) oxide | tetrahydrofuran and acetic acid | unk | unk | 2007/11/13 |

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Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

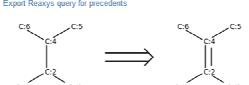
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Template 59c5165105581eb9f578b8b4

Template: [C:1]-[CH:8;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])- [CH:8;D3;+0:4](-[C:D1;H3:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]>>[C:1]-[C:H0;D3;+0:2](-[C:3])=[C:H0;D3;+0:4](-[C:D1;H3:5])- [C:D1;H3:6]

14 total references

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Note: this template should be used for intramolecular reactions only

Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 3998331 | 1 of 1 | | 100.0 | hydrazine | (none) | dichloromethane | -10.0 | unk | 2007/11/22 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is an error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

1072564, 2123394, 2509394, 2847577, 3490123, 3490124, 3998331, 4328117, 4376131, 4052629, 4052630, 7156967, 7156968

Figure S22. Reaction templates extracted from substrate-controlled reductions of alkenes. None of the 14 templates used to generate precursors for the chiral cyclopentanone from **Figure S15** accounts for necessary substituents dictating reaction's stereoselective outcome.

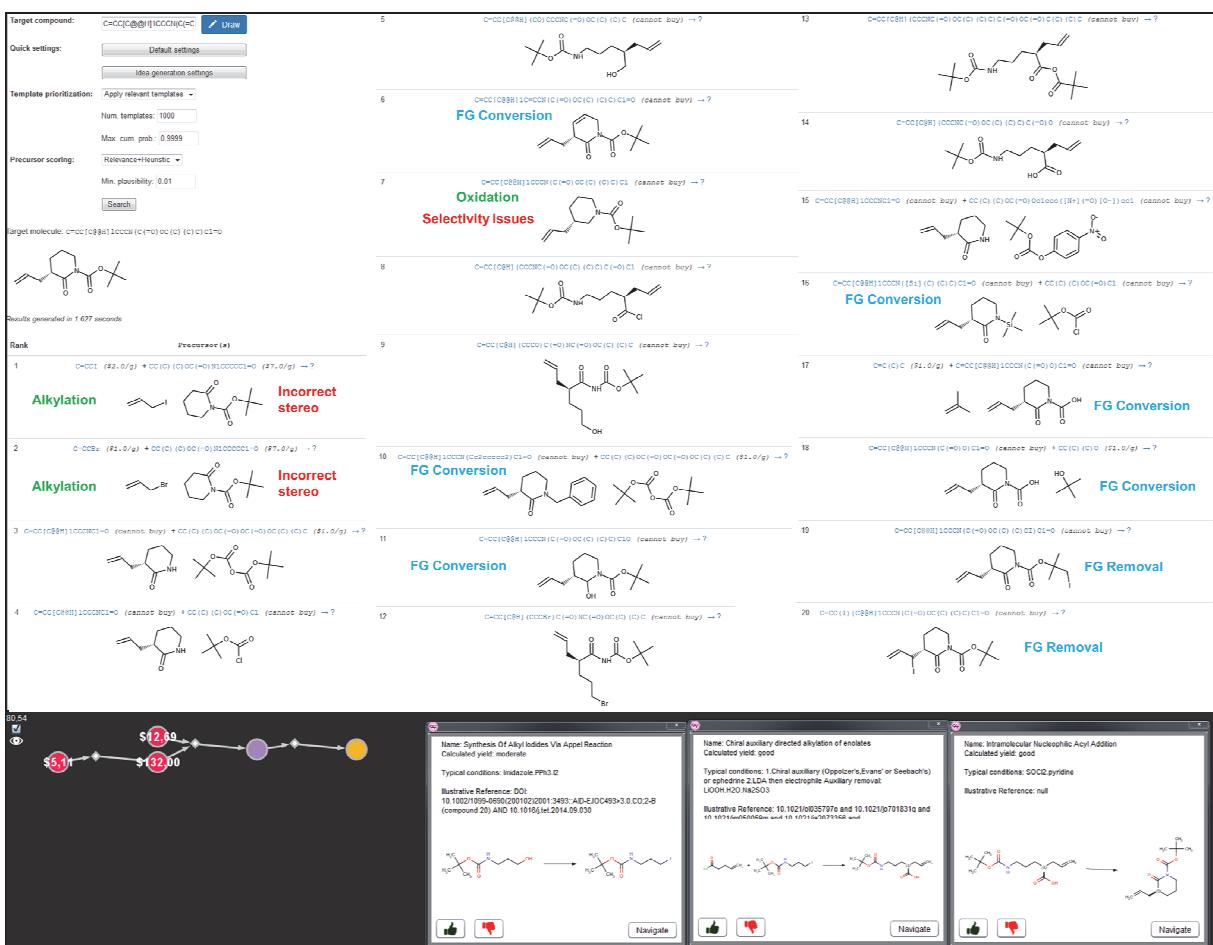


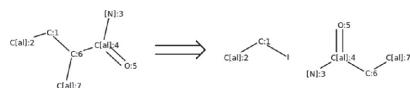
Figure S23. Retrosynthetic planning of a chiral lactam in MIT's ASKCOS system. Templates of stereoselective alkylations of the lactam (see **Figure S24**) do not account for necessary structural features dictating the reaction's stereoselective outcome. Bottom: In contrast, in Chematica's solution, the necessary stereocenter is created in acyclic system via alkylation controlled by a chiral auxiliary (cf. typical conditions for the second step). Subsequent removal of the auxiliary and intramolecular acylation yield the target molecule.

Template 59c51b1005581eb9f57bccaa0

Template: $\{[C:3]-[C:4]([O:D1;H:0:5])-[CH:0;D3+0:6]\}([C:7])-[[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2]>>1-[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2].\{[O:D1;H:0:5]\}-[[CH2;D2+0:6]-[C:7]$

24 total references

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Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|--|-------------|--|-----------|----------|-------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 27850789 | 1 of 1 | 100.0 | n-butyllithium, diisopropylamine, and lithium chloride | (none) | tetrahydrofuran and tetrahydrofuran | -78 - 20 | 1.5 | | 2008/12/07 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

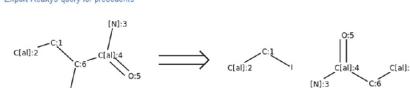
1781832, 1852691, 1916346, 2040489, 2542041, 3951727, 4476765, 4676620, 8541945, 9027255, 9516370, 11277603, 23825867, 27850789, 27938976, 29897068, 33275286, 36189073, 36189074, 36397762

Template 59c51b1005581eb9f57bccac

Template: $\{[C:3]-[C:4]([O:D1;H:0:5])-[CH:0;D3+0:6]\}([C:7])-[[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2]>>1-[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2].\{[O:D1;H:0:5]\}-[[CH2;D2+0:6]-[C:7]$

12 total references

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Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|--|-------------|--|-----------|----------|------------------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 36189076 | 1 of 1 | 96.0 | n-butyllithium, diisopropylamine, and lithium chloride | (none) | tetrahydrofuran, cyclohexane, tetrahydrofuran, and cyclohexane | -20 - 10 | 0.5 | Inert atmosphere | 2013/10/08 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

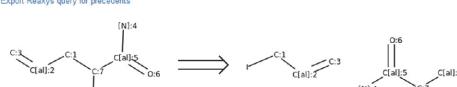
1781895, 1852635, 1852662, 1852663, 9468191, 9516369, 10392413, 11232920, 26020235, 36189073, 36189076

Template 59c51b1005581eb9f57c18a7

Template: $\{[C:4]-[C:5]([O:D1;H:0:6])-[CH:0;D3+0:7]\}([C:8])-[[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2]=[C:D1;H:2:3]>>1-[CH2;D2+0:1]-[C:2].\{[C:5]-[C:6]\}([O:D1;H:0:6])-[[CH2;D2+0:7]-[C:8]$

12 total references

Export Reaxys query for precedents



Note: this template looks like it might contain chiral specifications - tetrahedral chirality is not depicted in the template drawing currently

| Rxn ID | Instance | Reaction | | | | | | | Entry Date |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|-----------|----------|------------------|------------|
| | | Yield [%] | Reagent(s) | Catalyst(s) | Solvent(s) | Temp. [C] | Time [h] | Other | |
| 38042280 | 1 of 1 | 86.0 | sodium hexamethyldisilazane | (none) | tetrahydrofuran and tetrahydrofuran | -78.0 | 1.0 | Inert atmosphere | 2014/07/22 |

Note: You do not have access to view more than a single precedent for this transformation. If you believe this is in error, please contact ccoley@mit.edu

Reaction IDs corresponding to the 500 highest-yielding examples of this template:

1953647, 48964749, 9305522, 10390252, 20397828, 20397831, 20895969, 33157147, 38042280, 38534108, 40996438, 43913882

Figure S24. ASKCOS' automatically extracted cores of substrate-controlled alkylation of imides do not account for the necessary structural features controlling the reaction's outcome.

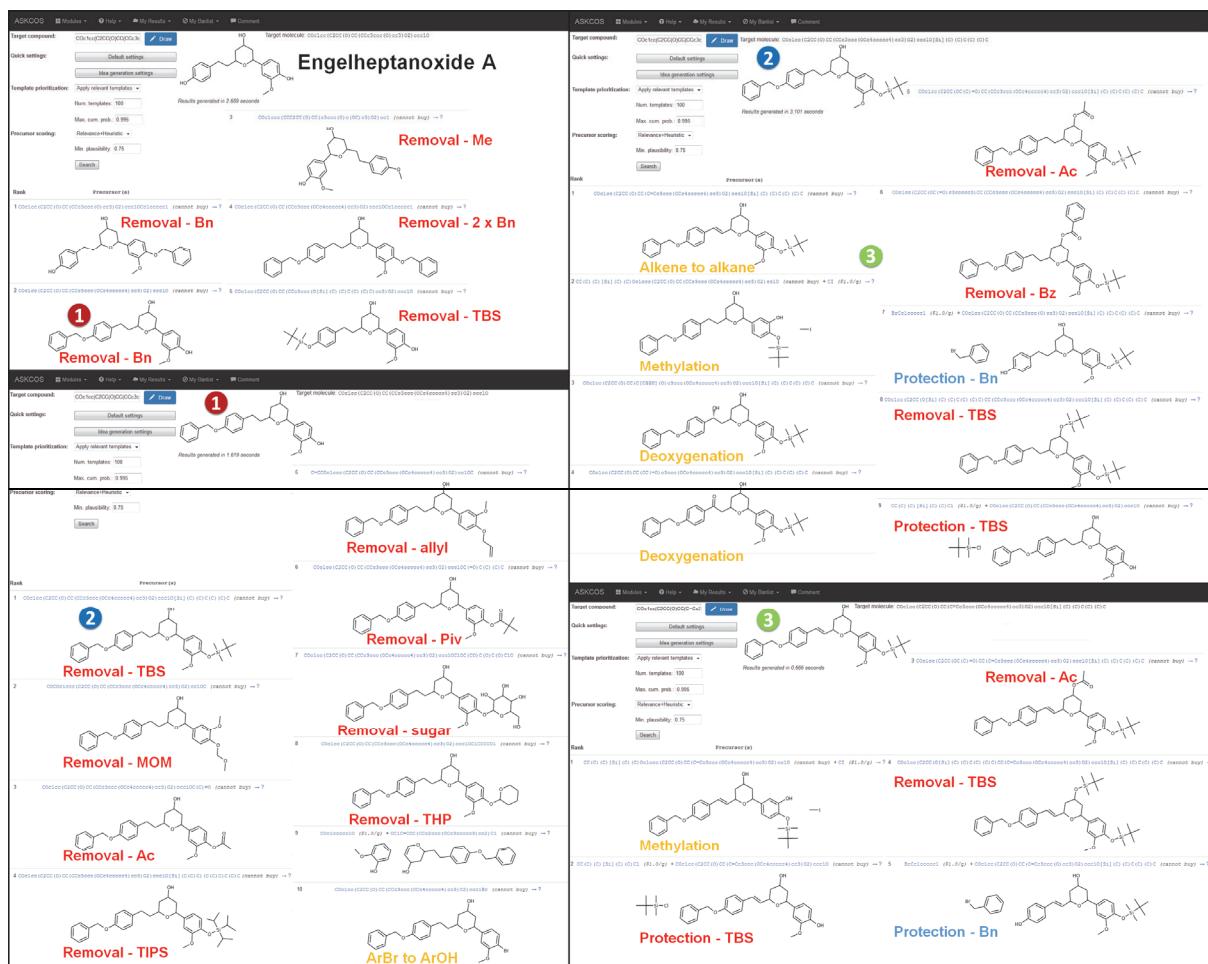


Figure S25. Attempted multistep retrosynthetic planning of Engelheptanoxide A in MIT's ASKCOS system. In this final exercise, we attempted to design a synthetic pathway for Engelheptanoxide A, for which a synthetic plan was previously predicted by the Chematica software and executed experimentally (see *Chem* **4**, 522, 2018). The suggestions obtained from ASKCOS system for this target molecule and a few proposed predecessors are nonproductive and limited to deprotections, protections, and nonproductive functional group interconversions. None of the proposed disconnections allowed for the formation of the key tetrahydropyran fragment – either via Prins cyclisation utilized previously in the synthesis of this class of compounds or even via a must-know S_N2 alkylation of alcohol. Top left: top 10 out of 88 returned results are shown, bottom left: top 10 out of 47 returned results are shown, top right: top 9 of 37 returned results are shown, bottom right: top 5 out of 30 returned results are shown. Note: The statement that no proper reactions were found pertains to the full sets of results (88/47/37/30), not only the top examples shown.