# Lanthanide Replacement in Organic Synthesis: Luche-Type Reduction of $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -Unsaturated Ketones in the Presence of Calcium triflate

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#### **Materials and Methods**

All reagents and solvents were supplied from commercial sources (SigmaAldrich, ABCR, and ACROS) and used as received unless otherwise stated. For not commercially available substrates and calcium salts see procedures below. THF was distilled from Na/benzophenone. Reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under dry N<sub>2</sub>.

Reactions were monitored by analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) performed on E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates (0.25 mm). TLC plates were visualised using UV light (254 nm) and stain solution (KMnO<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>O). Purification of compounds was achieved by column chromatography using Merck Flash Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh). Solvents were removed by rotary evaporation and compounds further dried under vacuum if necessary.

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$  H) are quoted in ppm (parts per million) and referenced to CDCl<sub>3</sub> residual chloroform signal <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  = 7.26, <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  = 77.0. Regioselectivity of all reaction conditions and substrate screens were detected by Perkin Elmer 8600 gas spectrometer apparatus with manual injector and FID detector.

#### **Experimental procedures**

#### General procedure for 1,2-reduction under Luche conditions (method A)

To [starting material] (0.80 mmol) in MeOH (0.4 M) and internal standard (*n*-decane) was added [calcium salt] (0.80 mmol) and stirred for 5 min. MBH<sub>4</sub> (M = Li, Na, Ca, and NBu<sub>4</sub>) (0.80 mmol) was added in one portion at [temperature] and the resulting white suspension or solution was stirred for [time] at [temperature]. A sample was taken out of the reaction mixture, quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, diluted with MeOH (HPLC grade), and injected into the GC.

#### General procedure for 1,2-reduction under modified conditions (method B)

To a suspension of MBH<sub>4</sub> (M = Na, Ca, and K) (1.0 mmol) in [solvent<sup>1</sup>] (0.33 M) was added in one portion [calcium salt] (0.25 mmol) and [starting material] (0.25 mmol) in [solvent<sup>2</sup>] (solvent<sup>1</sup>/solvent<sup>2</sup> = 12/1). The reaction mixture was stirred for [time] at [temperature]. A sample was taken out, quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O, diluted with MeOH (HPLC grade), and injected into the GC.

# General procedure to determine the substrate scope under Ca(OTf)<sub>2</sub>-based conditions (method C)

To a suspension of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (12.0 mmol) in THF (36 mL) was added in one portion Ca(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mmol) and enone (3.0 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at rt until consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC). The reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica to isolate the desired product.

#### **Calcium salts**

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**Calcium 4-methylbenzenesulfonate:**  $CaCO_3$  (1.0 g, 10 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (3.8 g, 20 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (anhydrous, 50 ml) and stirred at rt. After 10 min a white

solid precipitated. The solvent was removed by filtration and the residue was washed with MeOH (2 × 10 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and dried under high vacuum overnight to obtain a white solid (3.9 g, 10 mmol, 99 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  2.29 (3 H, s, Me), 7.13 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, H<sub>aromat.</sub>), 7.50 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, H<sub>aromat.</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  21.3, 126.0, 128.7, 138.7, 145.4; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 655, 759, 828, 1011, 1091, 1140, 1177, 1252, 1480, 1583; Elemental Analysis found: C, 43.85; H, 3.57 C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CaO<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 43.96; H, 3.69 %.

0 °C. After removing the ice bath the white suspension was stirred at rt for another 3 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the residue was washed with MeOH (2 × 10 mL), Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), and dried under high vacuum overnight obtaining a white solid (2.6 g, 6.0 mmol, 60 %). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>aromat</sub>), 7.61 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>aromat</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  128.0, 128.3, 133.7, 147.2; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 659, 760, 828, 1011, 1062, 1140, 1177, 1480, 1583; Elemental Analysis found: C, 33.91; H, 1.80 C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>CaCl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 34.05; H, 1.90.



mL). C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (1.6 mL, 6.0 mmol) was added dropwise and the white suspension was stirred at rt for 5 h. The suspension was filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The obtained white solid (1.8 g, 2.7 mmol, 66 %) was dried under high vacuum overnight. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -80.2, -114.7, -120.5, -121.5, -121.7, -122.5, -125.8; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 946, 988, 1089, 1146, 1199; Elemental Analysis found: C, 17.36; S, 6.02 C<sub>16</sub>CaF<sub>34</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S<sub>2</sub> requires: C, 18.51; S, 6.18.

Calcium 4-methoxyphenolate:<sup>1</sup> Ca(OMe)<sub>2</sub> (0.31 g, 3.0 mmol) was added to p-methoxyphenol (0.75 g, 6.0 mmol) in THF (anhydrous, 50 mL). The white suspension was stirred at rt

overnight. THF was removed under vacuum and the resulting brownish solid (0.49 g, 3.0 mmol, 100 %) was dried under high vacuum overnight. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ 3.6 (3 H, s, OMe), 6.55 (2 H, m, H<sub>aromat</sub>), 6.62 (2 H, m, H<sub>aromat</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  56.0, 115.0, 117.6; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 733, 824, 1031, 1177, 1220, 1439, 1504, 3395.

 $Ca^{2+} \begin{pmatrix} O & O & O \\ O & S & S & O \\ F & F & F & F & F \end{pmatrix}_{2}$ Calcium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)amide:<sup>2</sup> CaCO<sub>3</sub> (0.20 g, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in dest. H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), then bistriflateamine (1.1 g, 4.0 mmol) was added to the white suspension and the resulting clear solution was stirred at rt overnight. After the solvent was removed under vacuum the white residue was taken up in Et<sub>2</sub>O twice, evaporated and dried under high vacuum overnight. A white crystalline solid was obtained (0.64 g, 2.0 mmol, 100 %). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, MeOD-d<sub>4</sub>) δ 115.1, 118.3, 121.6, 124.7; <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -79.0; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 747, 800, 1048, 1123, 1199, 1323, 1628, 1642.

#### Initial calcium salt screen

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$\frac{1}{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Calcium sait (1.0 equiv.)}}{\text{MeOH, rt, 20 min}} \xrightarrow{\text{Calcium sait (1.0 equiv.)}}{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Calcium sait (1.0 equiv.)}}{1}$					
Entry	Calcium salt	Selectivity			
		2	3		
1	-	0	100		
2	$CaF_2$	5	95		
3	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	48	52		
4	CaBr <sub>2</sub> hydrate	45	55		
5	CaI <sub>2</sub> hydrate	18	82		
6	Ca(OMs) <sub>2</sub>	19	81		
7	Ca(OTs) <sub>2</sub>	10	90		
8	Ca(OPhCl) <sub>2</sub>	19	81		
9	$Ca(BF_4)_2$	10	90		
10	Ca(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> hydrate	25	75		
11	Ca(OCl <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> hydrate	44	56		
12	Ca(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	15	85		
13	$Ca(SO_{3}C_{8}F_{17})_{2}$	29	71		
14	$Ca(NTf_2)_2$	0	100		
15	Ca(OPhOMe) <sub>2</sub>	0	100		
16	Ca(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	30	70		
17	$Ca(OiPr)_2$	0	100		
18	Ca(OMe) <sub>2</sub>	8	92		
19	CaPO₄	0	100		

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## Optimisation of the reaction conditions in the presence of calcium triflate Ratio THF-MeOH



Entry		<b>MeOH (%)</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	Conversion (%)		
	1 HF (%)		2	3	
1	0	100	56	44	
2	50	50	46	54	
3	67	33	59	41	
4	86	14	76	24	
5	92	8	92	8	
6	95	5	85	15	
7	100	0	23	77	

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: cyclopentenone (0.40 mmol) and calcium triflate (0.40 mmol) in MeOH (%, see table) were added to NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.6 mmol) in THF (9.6 mL) and stirred for 15 min at rt. <sup>b</sup> Conversion was determined by GC.



### Equivalents calcium triflate

Entry		Conversion (%)		
	$Ca(O(1)_2)$ (equiv.)	2	3	
1	0.0	13	87	
2	0.1	17	83	
3	0.5	59	41	
4	0.75	87	13	
5	1.0	92	8	
6	1.25	87	13	

<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: cyclopentenone (0.20 mmol) and calcium triflate (equiv., see table) in MeOH (0.20 mL) were added to NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.80 mmol) in THF (2.4 mL) and stirred for 15 min at rt. <sup>b</sup> Conversion was determined by GC.

#### Substrate screen

Cyclopenten-2-ol (2):<sup>3</sup> Following method C 2 was isolated in 75 % yield as a colourless liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.46 (1 H, br s, OH), 1.64-1.74 (1 H, m), 2.20-2.32 (1 H, m), 2.46-2.56 (1 H, m), 4.83-4.90 (1 H, m), 5.81-5.86 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 5.97-6.10 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 30.9, 33.3, 77.7, 133.3, 135.2.

Cyclohexen-2-ol (5a):<sup>4</sup> Following method C 5a was isolated in 96 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.61-2.11 (6 H, m), 5.25 (1 H, m), 5.68 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 5.95 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.8, 21.4, 28.3, 68.1, 125.7, 132.7.

OH (Z)-Cyclohept-2-enol (5b):<sup>5</sup> Following method C 5b was isolated in 77 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.30-2.05 (8 H, m), 2.14-2.21 (1 H, m), 4.39 (1 H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, CH(OH)), 5.70-5.78 (2 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  26.7, 26.8, 28.6, 36.7, 72.1, 130.1, 137.8.

OH (5*R*)-2-Methyl-5-(prop-1-en-2-yl)cyclohex-2-enolenol (5c):<sup>6</sup> Following method C 5c was isolated in 96 % yield as a colourless oil (*d.r.* = 95:5). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.51 (1 H, m), 1.74 (3 H, s, Me), 1.76 (3 H, s, Me), 1.90-1.99 (1 H, m), 2.00-2.10 (1 H, m), 2.12-2.19 (1 H, m), 2.20-2.30 (1 H, m), 4.18 (1 H, m), 4.73 (2 H, s, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 5.50 (1 H, s H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.0, 20.6, 31.0, 38.0, 40.4, 70.9, 109.1, 123.4, 123.5, 136.1, 149.0.

C (Z)-3-Methyl-2-(pent-2-enyl)cyclopent-2-enol (5d):<sup>7</sup> Following method C 5d was isolated in 69 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.98 (3 H, t, J = 6.7 Hz,  $CH_2CH_3$ ), 1.60-1.69 (1 H, m), 1.69 (3 H, s, Me), 2.10-2.25 (4 H, m,), 2.38-2.48 (1 H, m), 2.80-2.95 (2 H, m), 4.65-4.72 (1 H, m), 5.30-5.48 (2 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.5, 14.6, 20.8, 20.9, 21.5, 31.2, 32.0, 34.6, 36.2, 53.8, 132.6.

(*E*)-4-Phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (5e):<sup>8</sup> Following method C 5e was isolated in 99 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.39 (3 H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, CHC*H*<sub>3</sub>), 4.51 (1 H, dq, J = 0.87, 6.34 Hz, C*H*(OH)), 6.28 (1 H, dd, J = 6.4, 16.0 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 6.58 (1 H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 7.24-7.27 (1 H, m, H<sub>aromat</sub>), 7.31-7.36 (2 H, m, H<sub>aromat</sub>), 7.37-7.42 (2 H, m, H<sub>aromat</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  23.4, 69.0, 126.5, 127.7 (2C), 128.6, 129.4 (2C), 132.9, 136.7.

OH Ethyl-4-hydroxy-2-methylcyclohex-2-enecarboxylate (5f):<sup>9</sup> Following method C 5f was isolated in 52 % yield as a colourless oil (*d.r.* could not be determined). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.26 (3 H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.71 (3 H, s, Me), 1.72-1.90 (2 H, m), 1.95-2.05 (1 H, m), 4.14-4.17 (2 H, m), 5.67 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.2, 22.1, 23.5, 29.2, 45.7, 60.7, 65.6, 127.8, 128.1, 134.4.

OH 3-Methylcyclopent-2-enol (5g):<sup>10</sup> Following method C 5g was isolated in 78 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.75 (3 H, s, Me), 2.01-2.40 (4 H, m), 4.57 (1 H, m), 5.44 (1 H, m), 5.99 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 16.4, 34.3, 35.1, 77.7, 127.7, 142.2.

 $(E)-4-(2,6,6-Trimethylcyclohex-1-enyl)but-3-en-2-ol (5h):^{11}$ Following method C 5h was isolated in 93 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.00 (3 H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.04 (3 H, d, J =4.9 Hz, Me), 1.30 (3 H, d, J = 6.3 Hz, Me), 1.47 (2 H, m), 1.63 (2 H, m), 1.70 (3 H, d, J =11.6 Hz, Me), 1.98 (2 H, m), 4.10 (1 H, m, CH(OH)), 5.36 (1 H, ddd, J = 7.6, 16.0, 24.1 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 6.00 (1 H, d, J = 15.9 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  19.2, 21.3, 23.5 (2C), 28.7, 32.6, 33.9, 39.3, 69.5, 127.5, 128.8, 136.6, 137.6.

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(E)-5-Methylhex-3-en-2-ol (5i):<sup>12</sup> Following method C 5i was isolated in 61 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.98 (6 H, d, J = 6.7 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.25 (3 H, d, J = 6.3 Hz, CHCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74 (1 H, br s, OH),
2.21-2.31 (1 H, m), 4.24 (1 H, quintet, J = 6.3 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 5.45 (1 H, dd, J = 6.6 and 15.5 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 5.60 (1 H, dd, J = 6.4 and 15.5 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 22.2 (2C), 23.4, 30.5, 38.0, 69.0, 131.1, 138.1.



(*E*)-1,3-Diphenylprop-2-en-1-ol (5j):<sup>13</sup> Following method C 5j was isolated in 44 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 2.10 (1 H, d, J = 3.5 Hz, OH), 5.43 (1 H, dd, J = 2.8 and 6.3 Hz, CH(OH)), 6.43 (1 H, dd, J = 6.5 and 15.8 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 6.73 (1 H, d, J = 15.7 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>), 7.28-7.49 (10 H, m, H<sub>aromat.</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 75.1, 126.3, 126.6 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.8, 128.5 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 130.5, 131.5, 136.5, 142.7.

OH (1*S*,4*R*)-3-Methylenebicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-ol (5k):<sup>14</sup> Following method C 5k was isolated in 72 % yield as a colorless oil (*d.r.* = 100:0). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.84-0.86 (1 H, m), 1.28-1.42 (6 H, m), 2.38 (1 H, m), 2.72 (1 H, m), 4.36 (1 H, br s, OH), 4.92 (2 H, dd, *J* = 0.9, 6.7 Hz, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.5, 26.2, 31.2, 44.1, 45.2, 66.9, 104.3, 123.5.

OH (1*R*,5*R*)-4,6,6-Trimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-3-en-2-ol (5l):<sup>15</sup> Following method C 5l was isolated in 52 % yield as a colourless oil (*d.r.* = 91.9; m.p.: 60-63 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.07 ( 3H, s, Me), 1.30 (1 H, d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 1.34 (3 H, s, Me), 1.64 (1 H, d, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 1.73 (3 H, s, Me), 1.97 (1 H, dd, *J* = 5.4, 5.4 Hz), 2.29 (1 H, m), 2.44 (1 H, m), 4.45 (1 H, br s, OH), 5.36 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  22.6, 26.9 (2C), 35.6, 39.0, 47.7, 48.2, 73.6, 119.3, 147.2.

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3-Methylcyclohex-2-enol (5m):<sup>16</sup> Following method C 5m was isolated in 79 % yield as a colourless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.46-1.50 (1 H, m), 1.54-1.59 (2 H, m), 1.67 (3 H, s, Me), 1.68-1.94 (4 H, m), 4.17 (1 H, m, CH(OH)), 5.49 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 19.0, 23.6, 30.0, 31.6, 65.8, 124.2, 138.6.



(8*R*,9*S*,10*R*,13*S*,14*S*,17*S*)-10,13-Dimethyl-2,3,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 14,15,16,17-tetradeca-hydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[α]phen-anthrene-3, 17-diol (5n):<sup>17</sup> Following method C 5n was isolated in 86 % yield as a white solid (*d.r.* = 93:7; mp.: 120-124 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.65 (3 H, s, Me), 0.85-2.10 (18 H m), 0.98 (3 H, s, Me).

3.07 (1 H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 3.18-3.22 (1 H, m), 3.92-3.97 (1 H, m), 4.38 (1 H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 4.45 (1 H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 5.17 (1 H, m, H<sub>alkene</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.0, 18.9, 20.6, 23.3, 29.4, 30.4, 32.0, 32.6, 35.4, 36.0, 36.6, 37.4, 42.8, 50.7, 54.4, 67.9, 81.8, 123.5, 147.4.

#### Reduction of (1-benzyl-3-phenylaziridin-2-yl)(phenyl)methanone



Following method C the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -aziridinyl alcohol was isolated in 63 % yield as a colorless, viscous oil (*d.r.* = 95:5, syn:anti). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.62 (br. s, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J = 6.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J =

13.5 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 9H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.51 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  45.9, 52.1, 64.0, 71.2, 125.8, 126.9, 127.0, 127.3, 127.6, 128.0 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 128.3 (6C), 136.8, 138.6, 142.5; IR v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup> 697, 1028, 1067, 1110, 1452, 1495, 3370; HRMS (ES+) for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO: calc. 316.1693; found 316.1688.























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