

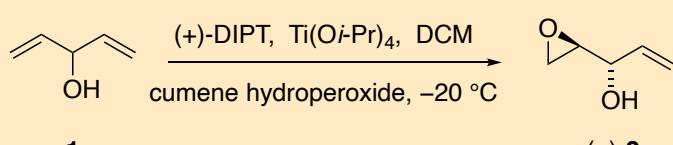
## Sharpless Epoxidation of Divinyl Carbinol

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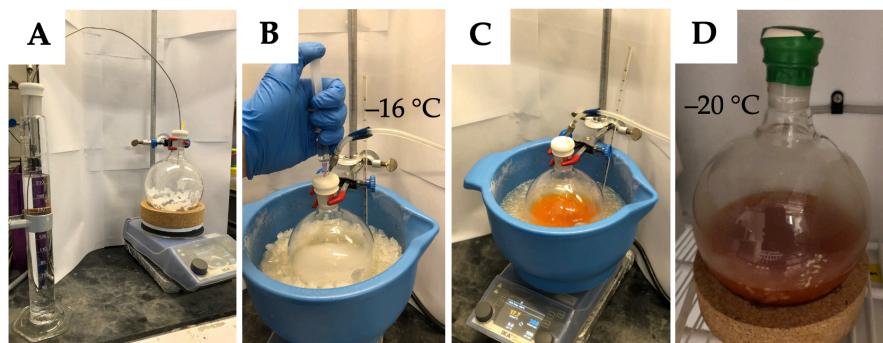
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### Procedure (Note 1)

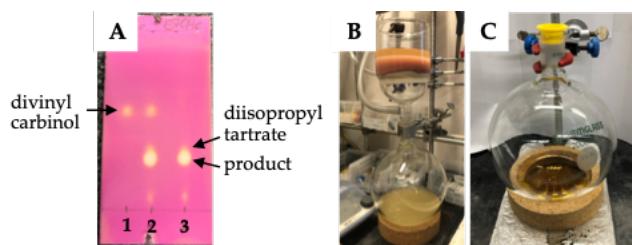
A. (S)-1-((R)-oxiran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (**2**). A 1-L single necked round bottom flask (24/40 joint) is charged with a 4 cm Teflon-coated egg-shaped stir bar and powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (10.0 g) (Note 2). The flask and a 250-mL graduated cylinder containing a 24/40 joint are dried overnight in a 160 °C oven. After 12 hours the flask and graduated cylinder are taken out of the oven and are sealed immediately with a rubber septum. Both systems are connected to high vacuum ( $\leq 0.1$  mbar) by use of a needle adapter, connected to a Schlenk line and are allowed to cool to ambient temperature before refilling with an inert nitrogen atmosphere. Using the graduated cylinder, dichloromethane (240 mL, 0.5 M) (Note 3) is transferred by cannula to the reaction flask (Figure 1A). The round bottom flask containing the resulting white suspension is placed in an ice / salt bath (1:1, 800 g ice + 800 g salt) (Note 4) with an external temperature reading of the resulting slurry of  $-15$  °C to  $-16$  °C (Note 5). While stirring (300 rpm) (+)-diisopropyl L-tartrate (4.53 mL, 5.07g, 21.4 mmol, 0.18 equiv.) (Note 6) is added to the reaction flask (Figure 1B). Then freshly distilled titanium tetraisopropoxide (5.7 mL, 5.40g, 19.0 mmol, 0.16 equiv.) (Note 7) is added and the mixture stirred for 15 minutes followed by the dropwise addition of a cumene hydroperoxide

solution (80wt%, 43.9 mL, 45.2 g, 238 mmol, 2.00 equiv.) (Note 8,9) over the course of 5 minutes. The reaction mixture is stirred for an additional 15 minutes before the neat divinyl carbinol (11.6 mL, 10.0 g, 119 mmol, 1.00 equiv.) (Note 10) is added over the course of 3 minutes, turning the before colorless suspension deep orange (Figure 1C). The needle adapter is removed from the reaction flask, the septum is sealed with electrical tape and the flask is placed in a -20 °C freezer for 5 days (Figure 1D).



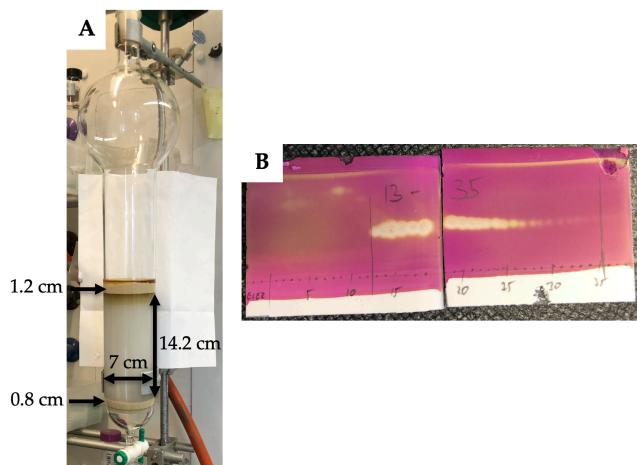
**Figure 1: Reaction setup: A) Transfer of dichloromethane by cannula to the reaction flask, B) placement of reaction flaks into the ice/salt bath and addition of (+)-diisopropyl L-tartrate, C) Reaction mixture after complete addition of divinyl carbinol, D) Sealed septum with electrical tape and placement of the reaction flask in the -20 °C freezer. (photos provided by authors)**

After 5 days the reaction flask is taken out of the freezer and the electrical tape and septum is removed. TLC analysis (Note 11) indicated complete consumption of starting material (Figure 2A). Acetone (200 mL) (Note 12) and a solution of citric acid (2.52 g) (Note 13) in water (20 mL) (Note 14) are added and the mixture is stirred for 1 h (350 rpm), while warming to ambient temperature (21 °C). The reaction mixture is filtered over celite (Note 15) using a 9 cm diameter fritted Büchner funnel (Figure 2B) into a 2-L round bottom flask (Figure 2B). The reaction flask and celite pad are washed with dichloromethane (3 x 60 mL) and the filtrate is concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (100 mbar, 40 °C water bath) (Note 16) affording approximately 70 g of a clear bronze colored crude oil (Figure 2C).



**Figure 2:** A) TLC-plate after staining with permanganate solution. Eluent: 40% ethyl acetate in hexanes. Lane 1: divinyl carbinol starting material. Lane 2: co-spot. Lane 3: reaction mixture. B) Filtration setup. C) Crude product after concentration. (photos provided by authors)

The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (Notes 17, 18, 19 and 20), affording approximately 16 g of the desired product, contaminated with residual copolar diisopropyl tartrate as a colorless oil.



**Figure 3:** A) Dimensions for the column chromatography. B) TLC analysis of collected fractions. Fractions 13–35 were combined. (photos provided by authors)

Further purification can be achieved by fractional distillation. For this, the product obtained from column chromatography is transferred into a 50 mL round bottom flask, using diethyl ether (2 x 10 mL) to wash remaining

material from the larger flask. After concentration by rotary evaporation (100 mbar, 40 °C water bath), a 2 cm Teflon-coated egg-shaped stir bar was added to the round bottom flask and a short-path distillation set-up was assembled (Figure 4) (Note 21). The product is distilled under vacuum and collected in fraction 2 (20 mbar, 70-72 °C) (Note 22) affording the pure epoxide **2** as a clear colorless liquid (7.53 g, 75.2 mmol, 63% yield, 96.9 wt% purity as determined by qNMR) (Figure 4B) (Notes 23, 24, 25, and 26). The enantiomeric excess (ee) was determined by chiral GC analysis and assessed to be >99% ee (Notes 29, 30).

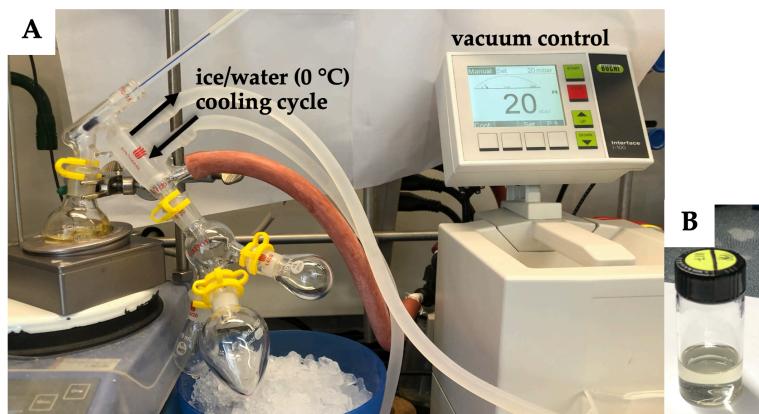


Figure 4: A) Distillation set-up. B) Purified product. (photos provided by authors)

## Notes

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“Identifying and Evaluating Hazards in Research Laboratories” (American Chemical Society, 2015) which is available via the associated website “Hazard Assessment in Research Laboratories” at <https://www.acs.org/about/governance/committees/chemical-safety.html>. In the case of this procedure, the risk assessment should include (but not necessarily be limited to) an evaluation of the potential hazards associated with 1,4-pentadien-3-ol, diisopropyl tartrate, titanium(IV) isopropoxide, *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (5.5 M in decane), 4 Å molecular sieves (powder), dichloromethane, acetone, deionized water, citric acid, celite, silica gel, diethyl ether, hexanes, 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene, chloroform-*d* as well as the proper procedures for solvent evaporation and the application of high vacuum. Reactions and subsequent operations involving peracids and peroxy compounds should be run behind a safety shield. Peroxy compounds should be added to the organic material, never the reverse. New or unfamiliar reactions, particularly those run at elevated temperatures, should be run first on a small scale.

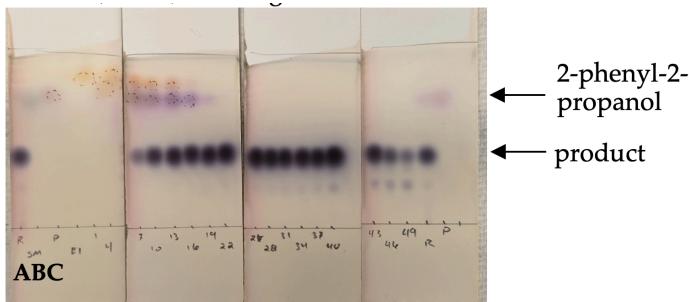
2. Powdered 4 Å Molecular sieves were purchased from Alfa Aesar™ and used as received.
3. Dichloromethane (99.8%, Extra Dry over Molecular Sieves, stabilized, with AcroSeal®) was purchased from Acros Organics™ and used as received.
4. Rock salt for the preparation of -20 °C cooling baths was purchased from Scotwood Industries, Inc. (de-icing salt). The checkers used sodium chloride (ACS Reagent, >99.0%) as received from Sigma Aldrich.
5. The checkers used a PTFE coated needle tip thermocouple and monitored internal temperature at -15 °C to -20 °C.
6. Both enantiomers (+)-diisopropyl L-tartrate (98+%) and (-)-diisopropyl D-tartrate (98+%) were purchased from Alfa Aesar™ and used as received. Due to their high viscosities a 16-gauge needle is recommended for transfers. The checkers used (+)-diisopropyl L-tartrate (98%, optical purity ee: 99%) and (-)-diisopropyl D-tartrate (98%) as received from Sigma Aldrich.
7. Titanium(IV) isopropoxide (98+%) was purchased from Acros Organics™ and freshly distilled using a 10-mL Hickman still head before use. The checkers used fresh titanium(IV) isopropoxide (97%) as received from Sigma Aldrich from single use 25mL bottles.

8. The authors used *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide solution (~5.5 M in decane over 4Å molecular sieves) purchased from Sigma Aldrich and used as received.
9. Due to commercial availability, the checkers used cumene hydroperoxide (technical grade, 80%) as received from Sigma Aldrich and obtained comparable results.
10. 1,4-Pentadien-3-ol (98%, stabilized) was purchased from Acros Organics™ and used as received. The checkers used 1,4-pentadien-3-ol (98%, stabilized with 0.4% hydroquinone) as received from Sigma Aldrich.
11. Glass support silica covered TLC plates (20 x 20 cm, 60G, F<sub>254</sub>) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and were cut into 2.5 x 5 cm or 4 x 5 cm plates using a SiliaPlate TLC Plate Cutter (SiliCycle). A mini-workup refers to the following procedure: 500  $\mu$ L of aqueous saturated ammonium chloride solution and 100  $\mu$ L of diethyl ether were added to a 1 -mL vial. The reaction flask was opened and the tip of a Pasteur pipette was inserted first into the reaction mixture then into the 1 mL vial containing the biphasic mixture. The vial was capped and shaken before the organic layer was spotted on the TLC plate. The eluent used was 40% ethyl acetate in hexanes. The TLC plate was stained by dipping into a potassium permanganate solution (Dissolve 7.5 g of KMnO<sub>4</sub>, 50 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and 6.25 mL 10% NaOH (or 8 mL, 1 M) in 1000 mL water. A typical lifetime for this stain is approximately 3 months.), followed by heating with a heatgun.
12. Reagent grade acetone (ACS) was purchased from Fisher Scientific and was used as received. The checkers used acetone (99.8%) from Sigma Aldrich as received.
13. Citric acid (anhydrous) was purchased from Oakwood Chemical and used as received.
14. Deionized water was obtained and used directly from the university supply.
15. Celite™ 545 was purchased from Acros Organics™ and used as received. Procedure for the filtration over celite: Add 40 g of celite into a 9 cm diameter fritted Buchner funnel, followed by the addition of 150 mL of dichloromethane. The slurry is stirred until homogeneous, then a vacuum is applied to remove DCM. Excess solvent was discarded before filtration of the reaction mixture.
16. The product is volatile. Despite measuring a boiling point of 72 °C at 20 mbar, significant amount of product was detected in the receiving

flask of the rotary evaporator if pressures lower than 100 mbar or water bath temperatures higher than 40 °C were applied. In general, the evaporation time should be kept minimal and carefully monitored. The checkers performed the rotary evaporation at 30 °C.

17. Silica Gel (Geduran® Si 60) for flash column chromatography (0.040–0.063 mm) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Reagent grade diethyl ether (BHT stabilized, ACS) was purchased from Fisher Scientific and used as received. Reagent grade hexanes (ACS, mixture of isomers) was from VWR and used as received. Dimensions of the column: 7 cm diameter, 30 cm height with a 1-L solvent reservoir.
18. When *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide was used in the reaction, the authors used the following column chromatography procedure: 2 L of 10% diethyl ether in hexanes was prepared. The column was packed as follows: 40 g of sand were added, followed by 200 mL of the 10% eluent to ensure an even top layer of sand. Next, the silica was wet-loaded (200 g of silica in 500 mL of the 10% eluent, followed by 2 × 100 mL rinses of the silica containing Erlenmeyer flask). Remaining silica on the inside of the column was washed down with another 100 mL of the 10% eluent. External pressure was created using an air pump. After complete elution of excess solvent another layer of sand (60 g) was added. The crude product was loaded onto the sand layer with 10 mL of the 10% eluent. The product containing round bottom flask was rinsed twice with 25 mL of the 10% eluent each. The remaining 940 mL of the 10% eluent is added and collected as 2 fractions in 500 mL Erlenmeyer flasks. Elution is continued with 2 L of 50% diethyl ether in hexanes and fractions were collected in 50 mL test tubes (38 fractions). TLC analysis (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes, stained with potassium permanganate stain) indicated product in fractions 13–35. Product containing fractions were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (100 mbar, 40 °C water bath).
19. When cumene hydroperoxide was used in the reaction, the checkers used a modified step gradient for the column chromatography as follows: 1 L of 15% EtOAc/hexanes, 1 L of 20% EtOAc/hexanes and 40% EtOAc/hexanes. The initial 500 mL eluate is collected in a 500-mL Erlenmeyer flask, and remaining fractions collected in 50 mL test tubes (49 fractions). TLC analysis (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes, stained with Anisaldehyde stain) indicated product in fractions 10–49. Fractions 10–16 were contaminated with 2-phenyl-2-propanol and were discarded (Figure 5). Product fractions 17–49 were combined and concentrated

under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator (100 mbar, 40 °C water bath) to afford ~16 g of product contaminated with residual copolar diisopropyl tartrate and ethyl acetate. The checkers used ethyl acetate (99.7%) and hexanes (98.5%) from Sigma Aldrich as received.



**Figure 5: A) TLC-plate after staining with anisaldehyde stain. Eluent: 40% ethyl acetate in hexanes. Lane A: Crude reaction. Lane B: divinyl carbinol. Lane C: 2-phenyl-2-propanol. Product fractions 17-49 were combined. (Photo provided by checkers)**

20. This initial silica plug was necessary to separate the *tert*-butanol side product, or 2-phenyl-2-propanol in the case of cumene hydroperoxide, from the crude mixture as it formed azeotropic mixtures with the product in the subsequent distillation step.
21. The distillation set-up was as follows: stir plate with heating block, 50-mL round bottom flask containing the product to be distilled with 2 cm Teflon-coated egg-shaped stir bar, short-path distillation bridge with thermometer for reading of the boiling temperature, the cooling jacket is connected to an ice/water (0 °C) cooling cycle, the distill head to a vacuum pump (Büchi pump with accurate control of vacuum), and a three-way distillation spider connected to two pre-tared 10-mL (positions 1 and 3) and one tared 25-mL (position 2) receiving flasks.
22. Vacuum was applied slowly and at room temperature to prevent bumping of the compound. After vacuum was set to 20 mbar, the hot plate was slowly increased to 120 °C. After 15 minutes, the boiling temperature rose from 21 °C to 72 °C and a forerun of 1 drop was collected. The receiving flask was switched to position 2 (25 mL flask) and the flask was submerged in an ice-bath. After an additional 20–25 minutes condensation ceased and the boiling temperature dropped below 60 °C. The hot plate was slowly increased to 180 °C, resulting in a

rise of boiling temperature back to 72 °C. After collection of a few more drops of product, the boiling temperature kept rising above 72 °C and the receiving flask was switched to position 3. Collection was stopped after the boiling temperature reached 86 °C. Fraction 2 (7.53 g, 75.2 mmol, 63%) contained the pure product. Fraction 3 (393 mg) contained the product contaminated with diisopropyl tartrate impurities.

23. Characterization data for (+)-2:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +66.7^\circ$  (c = 1.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), bp = 70–72 °C at 20 mbar,  $R_f = 0.26$  (40% ethyl acetate in hexanes, stained with  $\text{KMnO}_4$ ),  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 5.85 (ddd,  $J = 17.0, 10.5, 6.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dt,  $J = 17.0, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt,  $J = 10.5, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dt,  $J = 6.3, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dt,  $J = 4.1, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 2.8$  Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd,  $J = 5.0, 4.1$  Hz, 1H), 2.05 (d,  $J = 2.7$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 135.6, 117.9, 70.3, 54.0, 43.6. IR (Diamond-ATR, neat):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3417, 3081, 2996, 2927, 1645, 1427, 1251, 1132, 1104, 1069, 1026, 993, 930, 885, 793$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI): calculated for  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{O}_2$   $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ : 101.0597, found: 101.0597.
24. The purity of product (+)-2 was determined using qNMR on a sample prepared by dissolving 29.2 mg of (+)-2 and 11.9 mg of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (Note 27) in 5 mL of chloroform-*d* (Note 28). The purity was determined to be 96.9 wt%.
25. The authors report that different batches resulted in purities in a range of 96 wt% to 99.8 wt%.
26. In a second run on the same scale, the checkers obtained 6.78g (57% yield, 96.6 wt%) of (+)-2 as a clear, pale yellow oil.
27. The internal NMR-standard 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology (SCBT) and used as received. The checkers used 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (TraceCERT®) from Sigma Aldrich as received with a determined potency of 99.8 wt%.
28. Chloroform-*d* was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and used as received. The checkers used chloroform-*d* (99.8% *d*) from Sigma Aldrich as received.
29. Following the same procedure using (–)-diisopropyl D-tartrate (Note 5), (–)-2 was obtained in 56.7% yield (6.75 g, 99.3 wt%, 99% ee) The optical rotation was determined to be  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -67.6^\circ$  (c = 1.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). Chloroform (>99%) was obtained from Sigma Aldrich and used as received.
30. The enantiomeric excess was determined by chiral gas chromatography (GC) using a Shimadzu GC-2010 Plus, equipped with a chiral BETA DEX™ 325 fused silica capillary column (30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  film

thickness). The temperature gradient used was as follows: 3 minutes of equilibration at 25 °C, followed by linear increase to 70 °C over 90 minutes (0.5 °C/min);  $t_{(+)-2} = 67.6$  min,  $t_{(-)-2} = 69.9$  min. Samples were prepared by dissolving 2  $\mu$ L of neat product in 1.5 mL diethyl ether and an injection volume of 3  $\mu$ L. A scalemic mixture was prepared by dissolving 6.29 mg of (+)-2 and 7.52 mg of (-)-2 in 5 mL diethyl ether.

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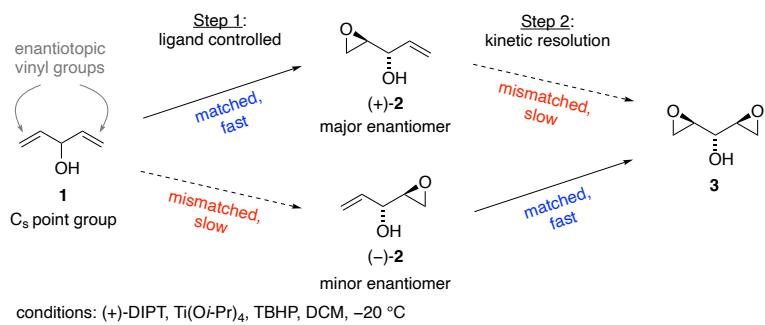
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## Discussion

The fact that face-selective transformations on enantiotopic groups yield a single major product with exceptionally high enantiomeric excesses (ee) was first investigated and described by the Schreiber group in 1987.<sup>3</sup> These types of reactions combine an initial catalyst- or ligand-controlled selectivity for one of the four heterotopic faces with a subsequent kinetic resolution. An example they have already studied in detail in their initial publication is the transformation described in this Organic Syntheses procedure: the Sharpless epoxidation of divinyl carbinol (**1**) (Scheme 1).<sup>3,4</sup> Divinyl carbinol has a mirror plane ( $\sigma$ ), classifying it as an achiral starting material. The molecule has, however, two prochiral, enantiotopic vinyl groups that allow for desymmetrization. Upon exposure to asymmetric Sharpless epoxidation conditions the tartrate derived chirality within the transition state induces a face-selectivity favoring one major enantiomer of **2**.<sup>5</sup> An initial selectivity of 88% ee was observed after only short reaction times. However prolonged exposure to the reaction conditions increased the enantiomeric excess due to a following kinetic resolution step.<sup>4</sup> This can be explained by the unreacted vinyl group of the undesired, minor enantiomer of **2** engaging in a second epoxidation reaction based on Sharpless' "matched" model, affording a bisepoxide of type **3**. The desired enantiomer of **2** instead does not get epoxidized further as its unreacted olefin functionality is "mismatched" for a following second epoxidation. This enantiomer is enriched over time, ultimately affording an enantiopure (>99.9% ee) monoepoxide **2**.



**Scheme 1: The enantiotopos- and diastereoface-selective Sharpless epoxidation of divinyl carbinol (**1**) yields exceptionally high ee due to an initial ligand controlled facial selectivity followed by a kinetic resolution.**

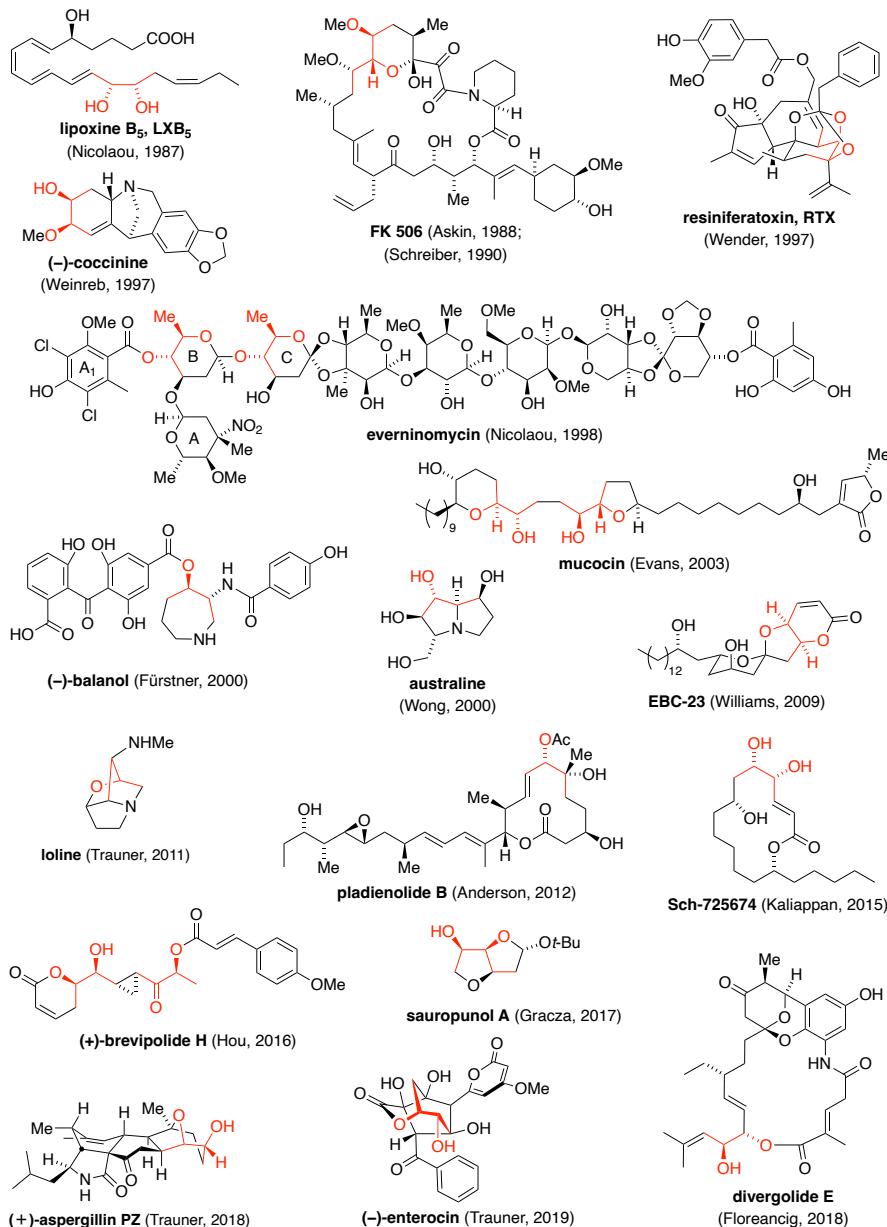
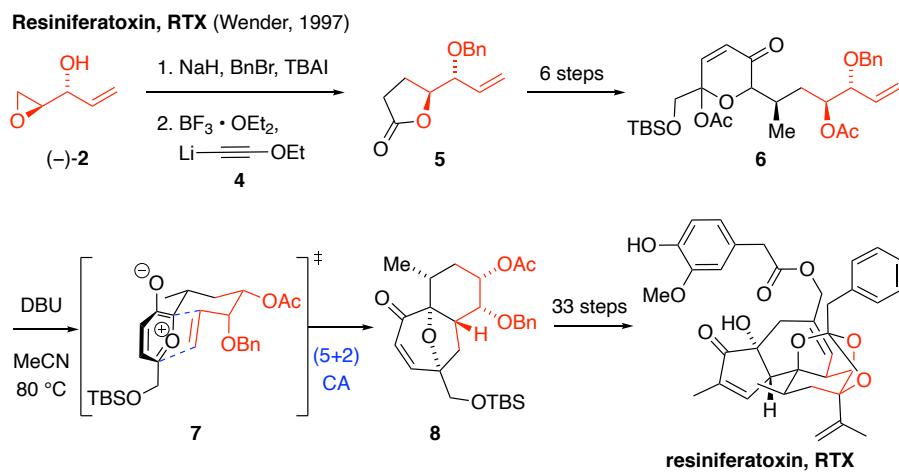


Figure 6. Examples of natural product total syntheses and approaches that utilized either enantiomer of epoxide 2 (highlighted in red)<sup>6-23</sup>

Practicality and versatility of monoepoxide **2** have been demonstrated in the total syntheses of a variety of natural products (Figure 6).<sup>6-23</sup> The different handles for functionalization allowed for the transformation of enantiomerically pure epoxides (+)-**2** or (-)-**2** into or towards a variety of natural products, including fatty acids, terpenes, alkaloids, polyketides, polyethers, oligosaccharides and others. Often the structural motif of **2** is deeply embedded within the natural product and its initial absolute configuration relays and induces selectivity for following transformations at later stages. Two elegant applications are showcased below.

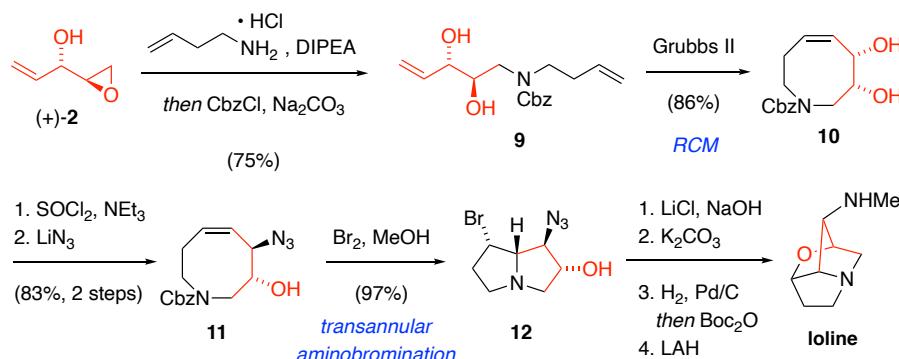
In 1997 the research group of Paul A. Wender reported the total synthesis of resiniferatoxin (RTX) which is a potent TRPV1 agonist.<sup>8,24</sup> Isolated from *euphorbiaceae*, this daphnane diterpene features an orthoester with a 5,7,6-fused tricyclic carbon skeleton.<sup>25</sup> Benzyl protection of the allylic alcohol in (-)-**2** was followed by treatment with Lewis acid and acetylide **4**, affording the nucleophilic opening of the epoxide functionality with concomitant lactone formation (Scheme 2). Lactone **5** was converted to dihydropyranone **6** by use of an Achmatowicz reaction. Treatment of **6** with DBU then initiated the key (5+2) cycloaddition of the oxidopyrylium dipole in **7** with the alkene handle derived from epoxide **2**, constructing the 6/7 bicyclic framework. The natural product was synthesized in a total of 43 steps.



**Scheme 2: Wender and coworker used the alkene functionality of (-)-2 within a (5+2) cycloaddition for the construction of the 6/7 bicyclic framework in the total synthesis of resiniferatoxin (RTX)**

Loline alkaloids are a family of natural products that have been isolated from fescue grasses and show a wide range of biological activities.<sup>26</sup> In 2011 the Trauner group published an efficient access towards this natural product family, starting from epoxide (+)-2 (Scheme 3).<sup>15</sup> Opening of the epoxide with 3-butenylamine was followed by a ring closing metathesis to afford the eight-membered heterocycle 10. The established (Z)-alkene was then functionalized within a transannular aminobromination reaction, creating the pyrrolizidine core of the natural product. Four more steps were required to access loline.

**Loline (Trauner, 2011)**



**Scheme 3: The alkene handle of epoxide (+)-2 was key in constructing the pyrrolizidine core of loline alkaloids in the efficient synthesis developed by Trauner and coworkers**

Besides these two examples, many of the natural products listed in figure 6 show potent biological activities, such as anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, anti-cancer or immunosuppressant by different mechanisms of action.

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**Appendix**  
**Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature (Registry Number)**

4 Å Molecular sieves; 4 Å MS; (70955-01-0)  
Dichloromethane; DCM; (75-09-2)  
(+)-diisopropyl L-tartrate; (+)-DIPT; (2217-15-4)  
(-)-diisopropyl D-tartrate; (-)-DIPT; ( 62961-64-2)  
titanium tetraisopropoxide : titanium(IV) isopropoxide; Ti(O*i*-Pr)<sub>4</sub> (546-68-9)  
*tert*-butyl hydroperoxide solution; TBHP; (75-91-2)  
cumene hydroperoxide solution; (80-15-9)  
divinyl carbinol: 1,4-pentadien-3-ol; (922-65-6)  
citric acid; (77-92-9)



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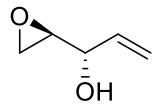
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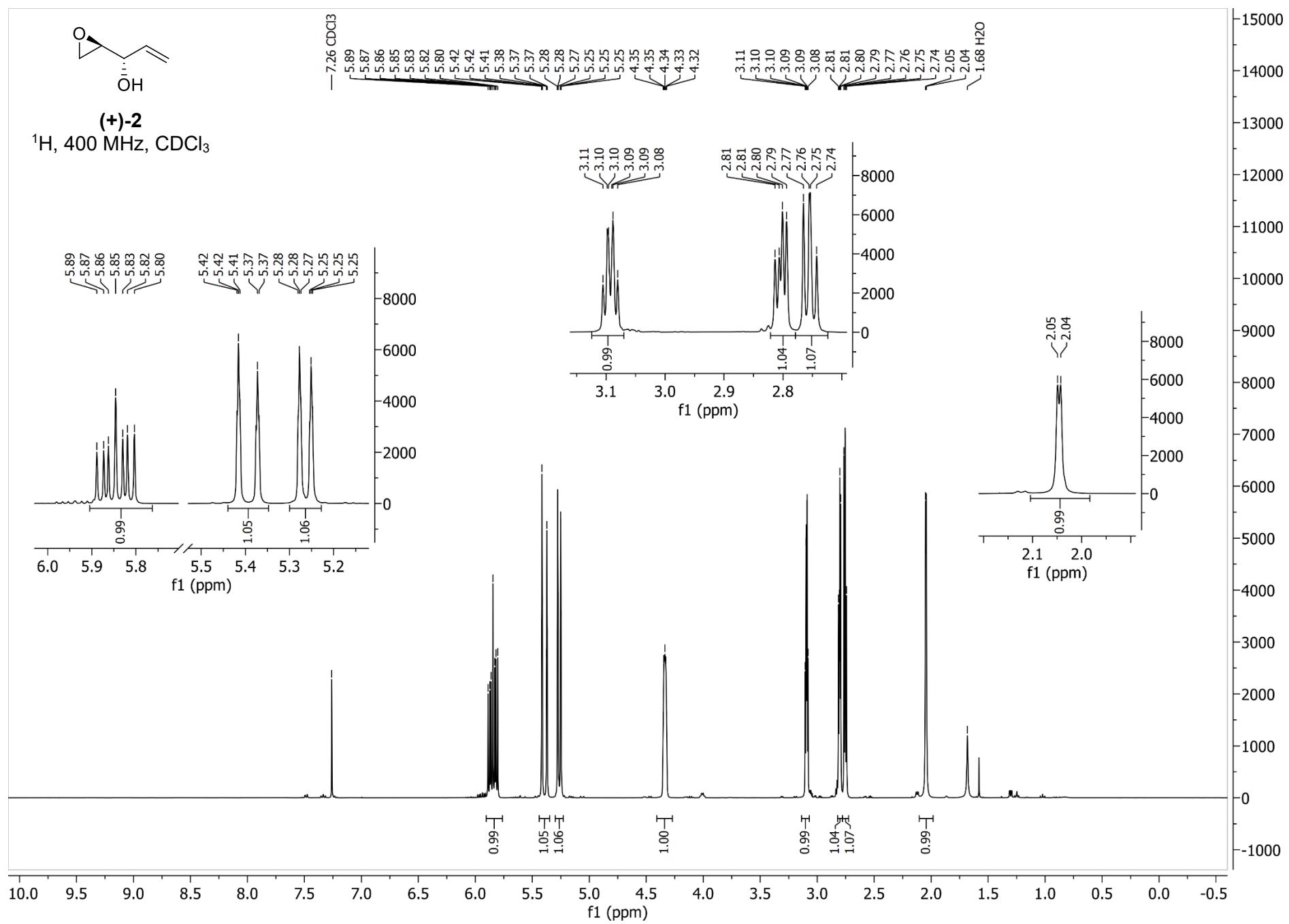
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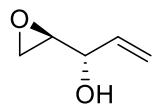


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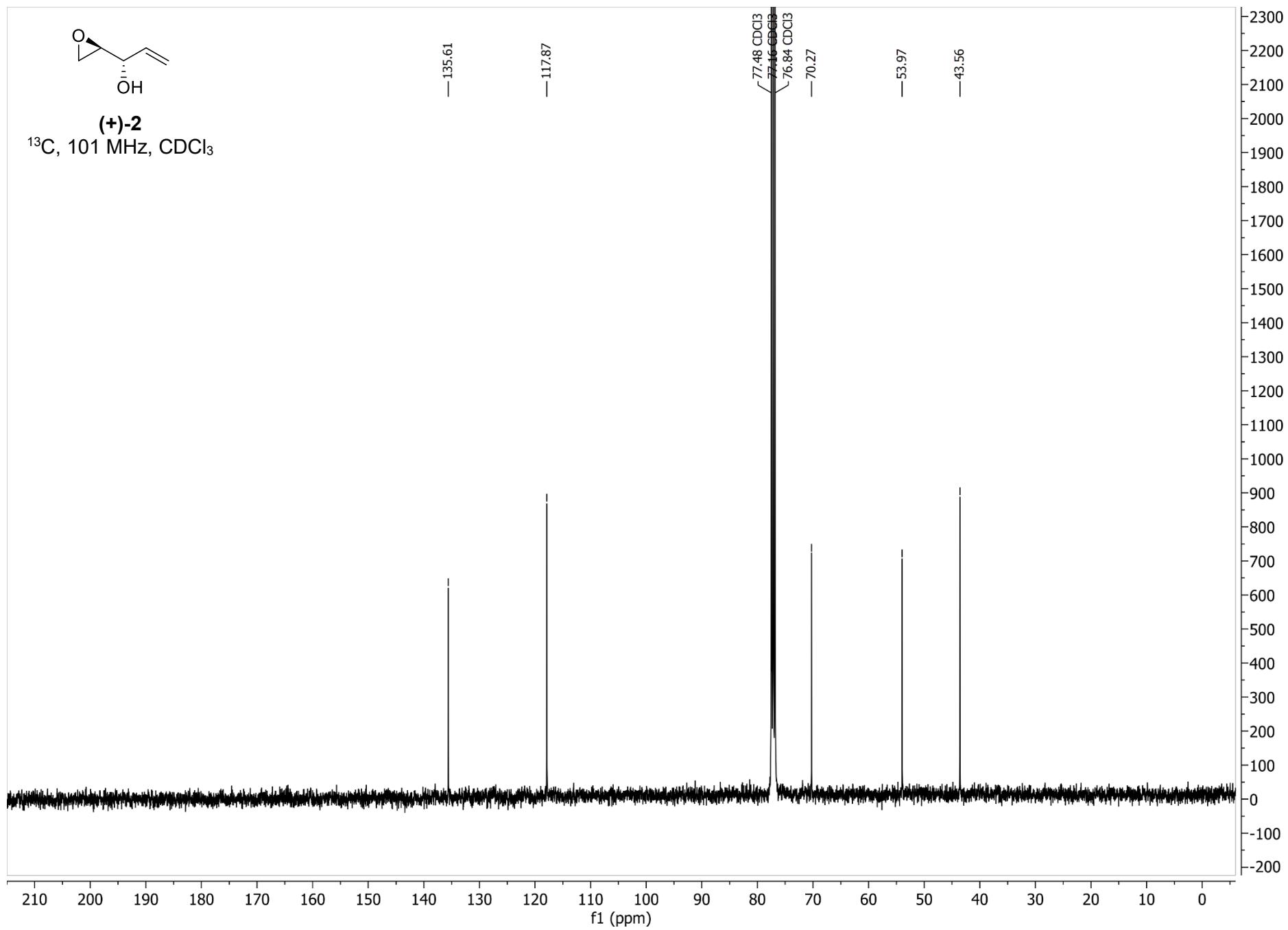


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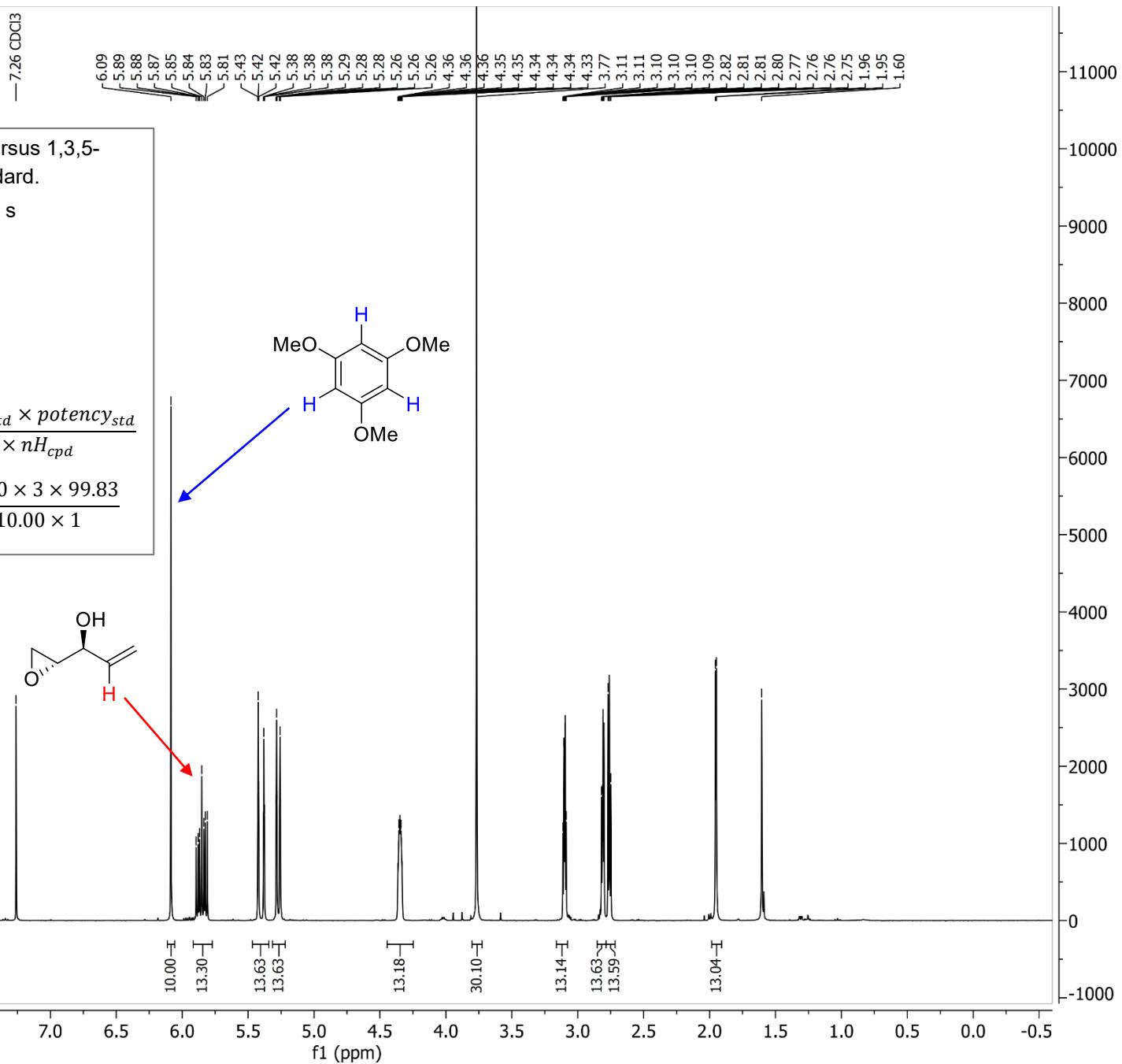


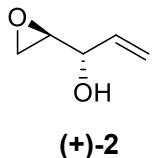


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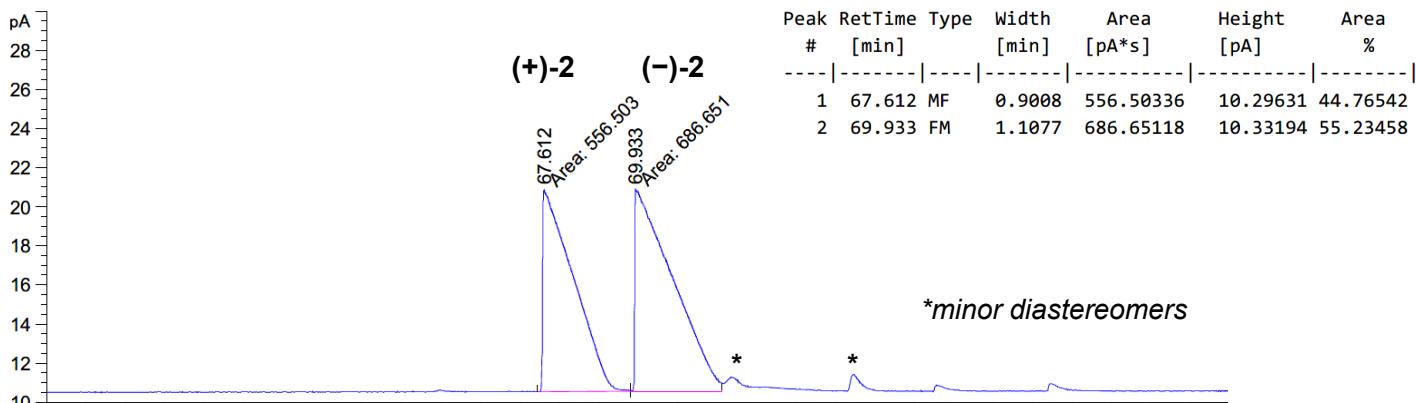




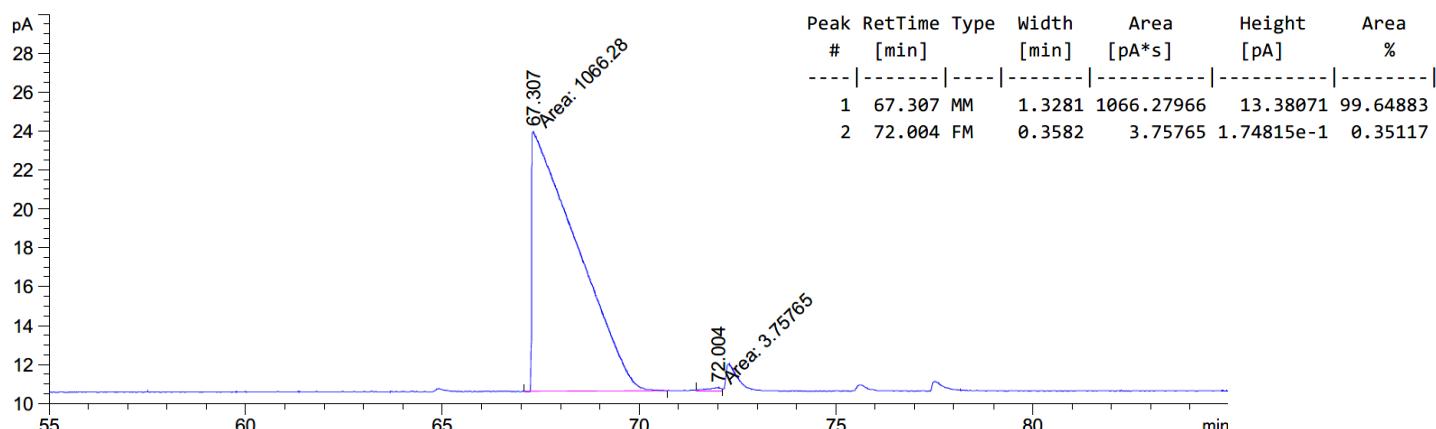
### GC Conditions:

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### Scalemic Mixture



### (+)-2 (S)-1-((R)-oxiran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol



### (-)-2 (R)-1-((S)-oxiran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol

