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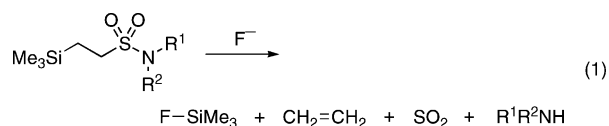
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1. Introduction

Several fields in organic chemistry, such as peptide, nucleoside, or combinatorial synthesis, require easily accessible amine protecting groups which are stable under a broad range of reaction conditions and are both easily and selectively cleavable. Sulfonamides are among the most stable amine protecting groups under a wide range of conditions, but they usually require drastic cleavage conditions which are generally not compatible with highly functionalized, sensitive substrates. In addition to the common Tosyl group, other sulfonamides have been developed with the aim of easy deprotection: nosyl, brosyl, *tert*-butylsulfonyl (Bus), etc. In the same manner, in 1986 Weinreb developed the 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonyl (or 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethylsulfonyl) group, abbreviated as SES.^{1–5} This sulfonyl protection is removed under mild conditions using fluoride ions (eq 1). Indeed, attack of the fluoride ions on the silicon atom leads to a β -elimination which releases the deprotected amine and volatile products: fluorotrimethylsilane, ethylene, and sulfur dioxide.



The SES protecting group is employed as an alternative to a tosyl sulfonamide, which is usually troublesome to deprotect. However, while the SES group was initially used as a simple protection for amines, over the years several reagents or reactions have been developed to introduce directly an amine such as 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamide into a molecule (Scheme 1).

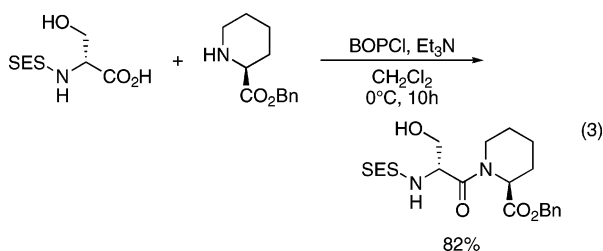
The first part of this review will thus present the introduction of the SES protecting group on a molecule bearing a nitrogen in its structure, whereas the second part details the various methods to introduce directly the 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamide into a substrate. Thereafter, the various uses of 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamides in synthesis will be described, followed by a short presentation of the SES protection limitations. To finish, deprotection of the SES

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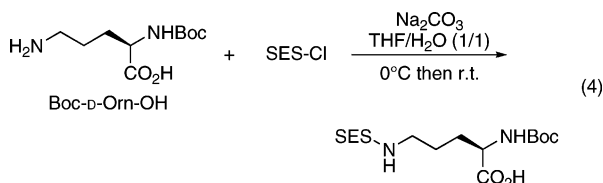


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These SES-protected amino acids were shown to react in peptide synthesis^{11,16,25,27–29} like the usual Boc, Z, or Fmoc amino acids (eq 3). No racemization was found in the formed peptide under the reported coupling conditions.



The amino function of the side chain of ornithine has been protected likewise or directly in aqueous medium^{30,31} without protecting the carboxylic acid function (eq 4). This protected ornithine has been used by Boger and co-workers in the synthesis of Ramoplanin,^{30–33} a lipoglycopeptide with potent antibacterial activity (Scheme 4), and in the synthesis of the Chlorofusin cyclic peptide³⁴ (Scheme 5).



Under the general conditions of amine protection described by Weinreb, an alcohol is transformed into its corresponding sulfonate. This side reaction can be useful to further transform the alcohol function³⁵ or prepare aziridines³⁶ (Scheme 6).

3. Direct Introduction of 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamide in Synthesis

Over the years, a broad range of reagents and reactions were developed to directly introduce the SES-protected amine



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into a substrate. These synthetic possibilities allow the rapid production of a broad range of structures (Scheme 1). This structural diversity will be illustrated below with an emphasis on various types of reactions.

3.1. Conversion of an Alcohol into a SES-Protected Amine

This transformation, described for the first time in 1992 by Hart and co-workers,³⁷ is performed by a Mitsunobu reaction between the alcohol function of the substrate and the diprotected amine SES–NHR, where R is a carbamate-type protecting group (Boc^{37–50} or Z^{40,41}) or another SES protecting group.⁵¹ This second protecting group increases the acidity of the proton on the sulfonamide, which allows the Mitsunobu reaction to take place under very mild

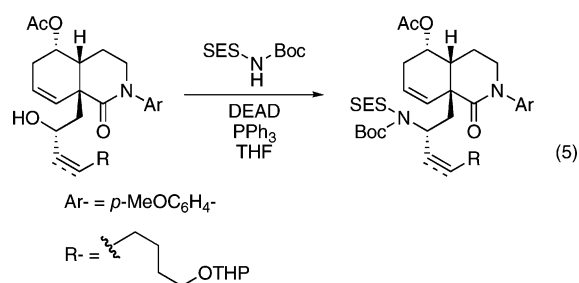
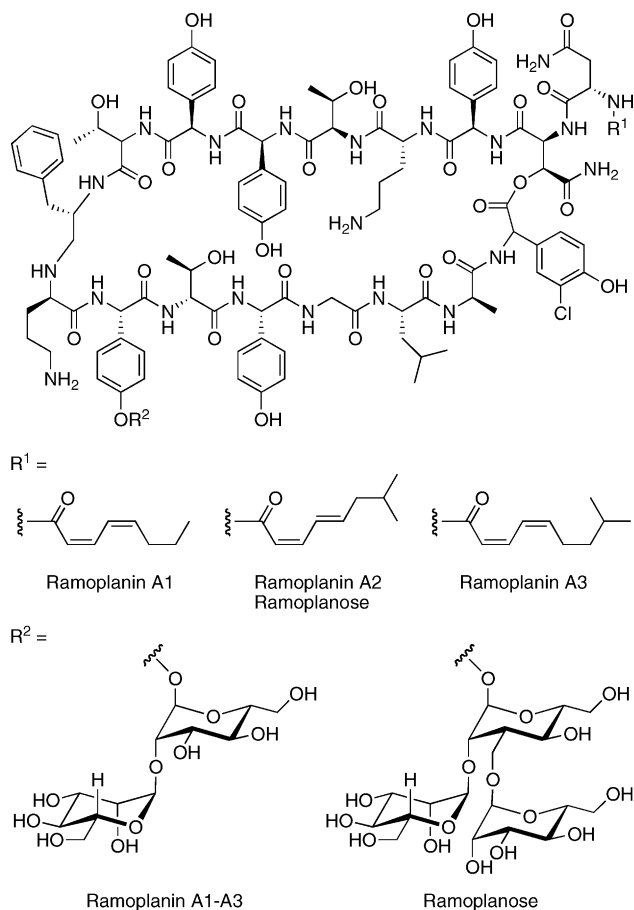
Table 1. Amine Protection^a

Amine	eq. of SES-Cl	Base	Yield (%)	Ref.
	1.1	Et ₃ N	87	8
BocHN(CH ₂) _n NH ₂	2	K ₂ CO ₃	95 (n = 0) 85 (n = 1)	9,10
H-D-Ser-OBn	1	Et ₃ N	85	11
	1.5	Et ₃ N	84	12
H ₂ N(CH ₂) _n NH(CH ₂) _n NH ₂	1.5	Et ₃ N	68 (n = 0) 63 (n = 1)	13
	2	Et ₃ N	97	14
	1.25	Et ₃ N	60	15-17
	1.5	Et ₃ N	92	1
	1.5	NaH	86	1
	1.5	NaH	98	1,18,19
	1	K ₂ CO ₃	39	20
	1.5	Et ₃ N	>83	21
	2.5	NaOH	91	22,23
	1.4	NaH	61	24

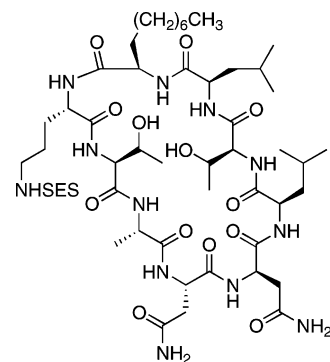
^a Data taken from refs 1, 8–18, and 20–24.

conditions (triphenylphosphine and diethylazodicarboxylate at room temperature), resulting in a quantitative yield.

In the case of a chiral alcohol, the Mitsunobu reaction generally occurs with inversion of configuration, as shown in the synthesis of α -aminonitriles⁴⁶ (Scheme 7). Acidic hydrolysis deprotects both the Boc and SES groups to yield the corresponding amino acids. Retention of the configuration was observed for specific substrates^{37,38} as a result of an adjacent disubstituted amide participation (eq 5).

Scheme 4^a

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Scheme 5^a

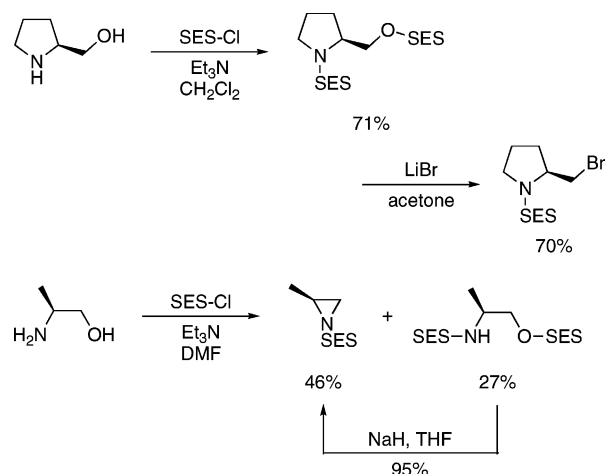
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Selective deprotection of the Boc or Z protecting group in the presence of the SES protecting group is carried out as usual in acidic medium for the Boc group or via palladium hydroxide catalyzed hydrogenolysis for the Z group, yielding a SES amine which can be used further in synthesis (section 4). Elimination of the second SES group will be studied in the general section devoted to removal of this group (section 6.1).

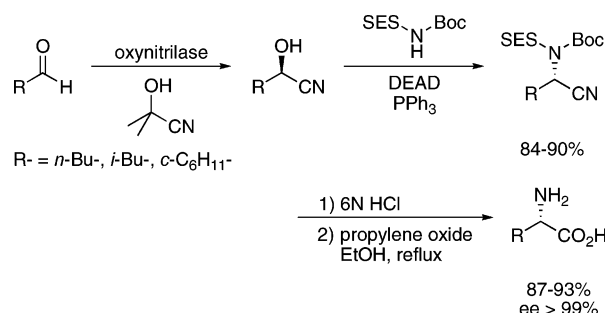
3.2. Reactions on 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonylimines

3.2.1. Formation of 2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonylimines

Several methods are described to form sulfonylimines (see Chemla and co-workers⁵² and references quoted therein).

Scheme 6^a

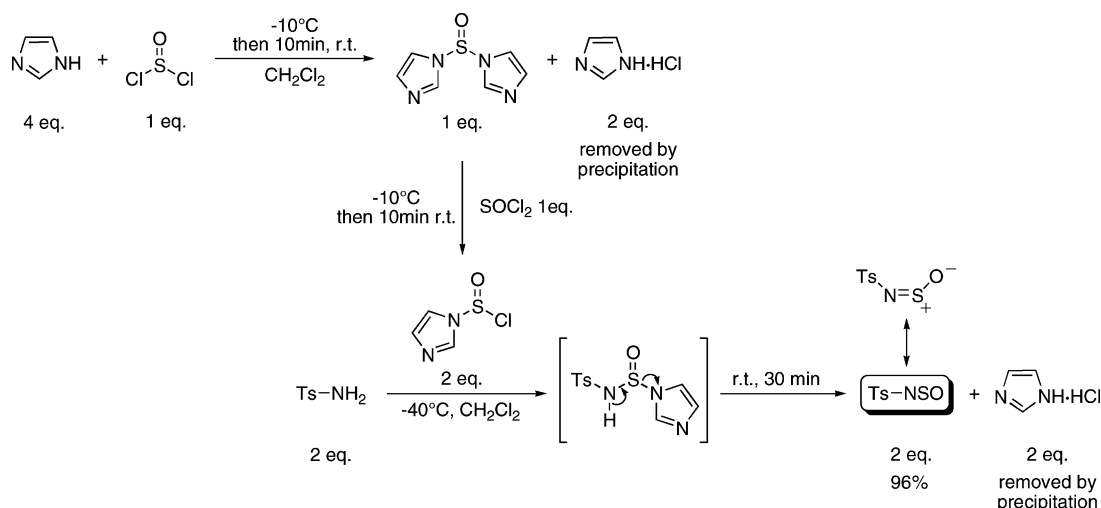
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Scheme 7^a

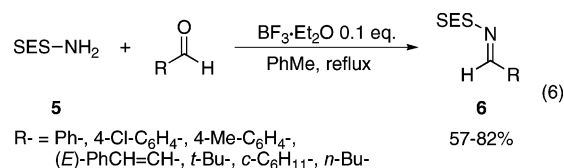
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Some of them were adapted to synthesize SES sulfonylimines.

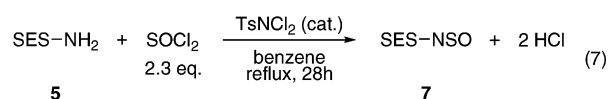
3.2.1.1. By Direct Condensation. The 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonylimines **6** can be obtained by direct condensation between an aldehyde and SES-NH₂ **5** in the presence of a Lewis acid using a Dean–Stark azeotropic distillation apparatus to trap the released water (eq 6). This method, described by Proctor and co-workers for tosylamines,⁵³ was employed by Aggarwal^{54,55} and Lu⁵⁶ to afford aromatic 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonylimines.

Scheme 8^a

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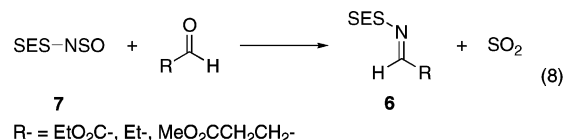


3.2.1.2. By the SES–NSO Intermediate. Sulfonylimines can be produced at room temperature from *N*-sulfinyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamide (SES–NSO **7**) and aromatic or aliphatic aldehydes. Formation of the SES–NSO can be carried out by applying the method of Kresze⁵⁷ to SES–NH₂ **5**.^{58,59} The sulfonamide reacts with thionyl chloride to form the expected product and releases two equivalents of HCl (eq 7). The product is used directly after concentration of the solvent.

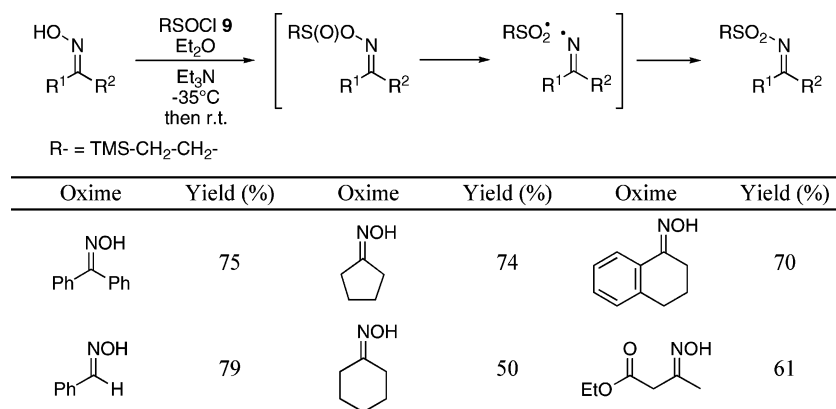
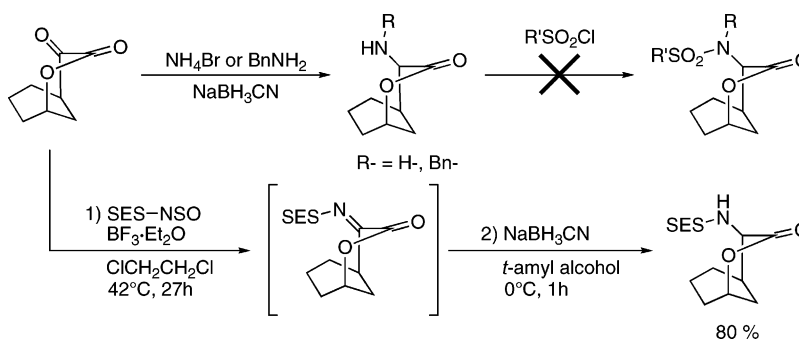


Another method, milder but requiring a longer work up step, involves the use of *N*-(chlorosulfinyl)imidazole, formed from imidazole and thionyl chloride in two steps. Purification is performed at each step by simple precipitation. The process was optimized by the group of Kim⁶⁰ for tosylamine and various amines (Scheme 8) and used to form the SES–NSO **7** by Weinreb and co-workers.^{61,62}

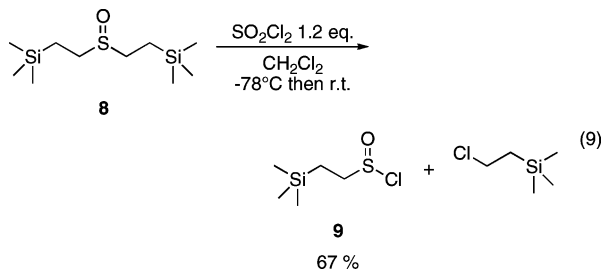
After formation of SES–NSO **7**, the sulfonylimine **6** is quickly and easily obtained,^{58,59,61–63} sulfur dioxide being the only reaction byproduct (eq 8).



3.2.1.3. By Sulfinyl Chloride and the Hudson Reaction. Weinreb and co-workers⁶⁴ also employed the Hudson reaction to provide easily available 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonylimines. This reaction does not require any use of SES–NH₂ **5** as precursor but 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfinyl

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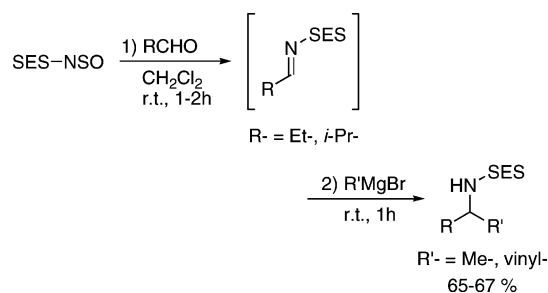
chloride **9**, obtained by fragmentation of the sulfoxide **8**^{65,66} (eq 9).



Treatment of an oxime⁶⁴ with the sulfinyl chloride **9** affords a sulfinic ester intermediate. This product undergoes, at room temperature, a homolytic cleavage followed by a recombination which leads to the expected sulfonylimine (Scheme 9). The reaction provides 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethane-sulfonylimines of diverse structures in good yields, even with oximes formed from ketones.

3.2.2. Reduction

Weinreb and co-workers developed in 1988 the reductive sulfonamidation^{58,63} for the synthesis of two antibiotics, Actinobolin and Bactobolin. Due to steric hindrance, the amine, resulting from the reductive amination of the corresponding α -keto lactone, was unable to undergo the expected sulfonylation (Scheme 10). The reductive sulfonamidation directly provides the protected amine as a sulfonamide by reducing the nonisolated sulfonylimine formed from the α -keto lactone and SES-NSO **7**.

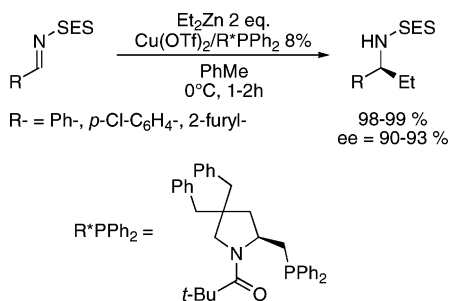
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This method was not used further; however, it is a possible strategy to obtain protected primary amines from the corresponding aldehydes or ketones.

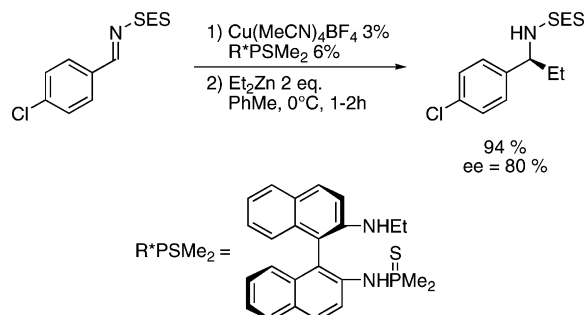
3.2.3. Nucleophilic Addition

The highly electrophilic character of the SES imine allows good reactivity toward many organometallic compounds. In 1990 Weinreb and co-workers⁶² used this property for the first time. The SES imine, formed in situ, reacts with an excess of Grignard reagent to provide protected primary amines in moderate yields (Scheme 11).

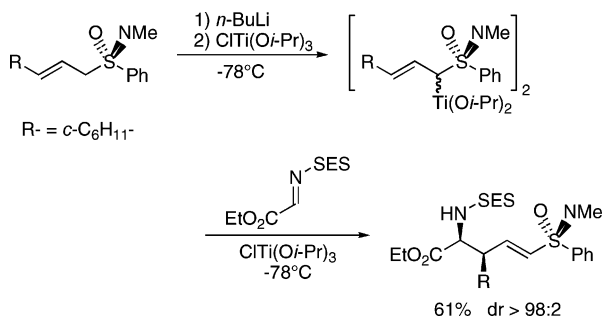
Since the reactivity of this type of electrophile is high, less reactive organometallics were tested to allow a larger variety of functionalities and control of the chirality. Tomioka and co-workers⁶⁷ added organozincs on several SES imines in the presence of a catalytic amount of copper(II) triflate and a chiral amidophosphine to obtain chiral sulfonamides in very good yields and enantiomeric excesses (Scheme 12).

Scheme 12^a

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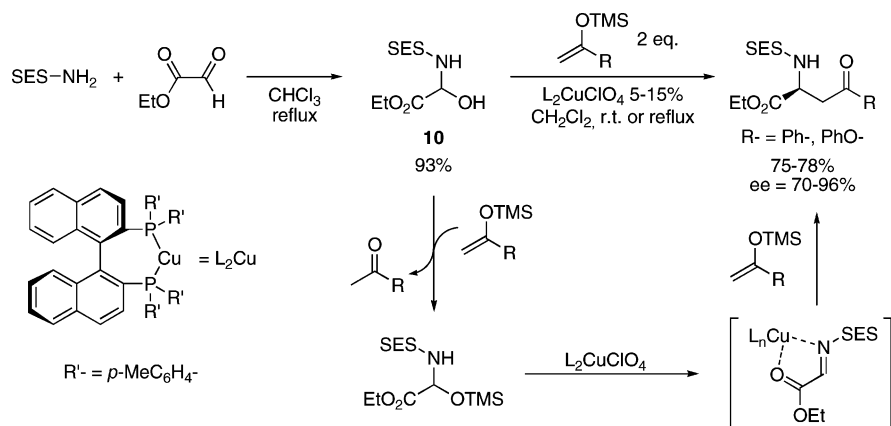
Scheme 13^a

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Scheme 14^a

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The putative mechanism relies on in situ formation of a zinc cuprate–phosphine complex and coordination of zinc or copper with a sulfonyl oxygen, followed by a 1,4-addition-type alkylation. Recently, the same reaction has been performed

Scheme 15^a

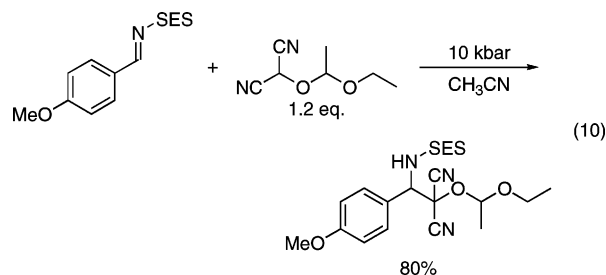
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with a chiral binaphthylthiophosphoramidate–Cu(I) catalyst by Shi and co-workers⁶⁸ with similar results (Scheme 13).

A recent example of addition of organometallic reagents to SES imines was described in 2002 by Gais and co-workers.⁵⁹ They used a chiral, sulfonimidoyl bis(allyl)-titanium complex to form an γ,δ -unsaturated α -aminoester with high regio- and stereoselectivity (Scheme 14). In this case, the stereogenic center was part of the organometallic reagent.

However, regarding the synthesis of functionalized and chiral products, the greatest progress was achieved in 1999 when Lectka^{69,70} developed the first catalytic and enantioselective alkylation of *N,O*-acetals, protected mainly by the SES group, leading to γ -oxo- α -amino acids (Scheme 15). This reaction is particularly interesting as a method to obtain various chiral α -aminoesters from only one precursor, the SES hydroxyglycine **10**, which is easier to form and more stable toward hydrolysis than the corresponding imine. The imine intermediate is formed in situ through the transilylation of the first equivalent of enol silyl ether on the *N,O*-acetal, in the presence of a Lewis acid. Eventually, a second equivalent of silyl enol ether is necessary to perform the alkylation of the Cu(I) SES imine complex.

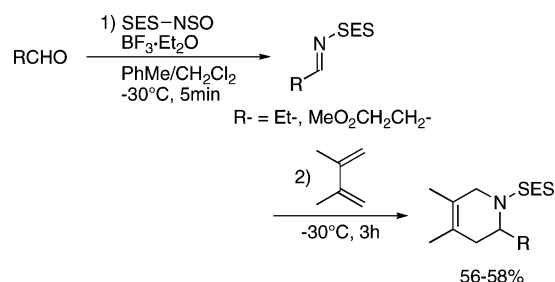
Finally, we can reference the addition of the masked activated formate $\text{ROCH}(\text{CN})_2$ to a SES imine under high pressure in the absence of a base⁷¹ (eq 10).



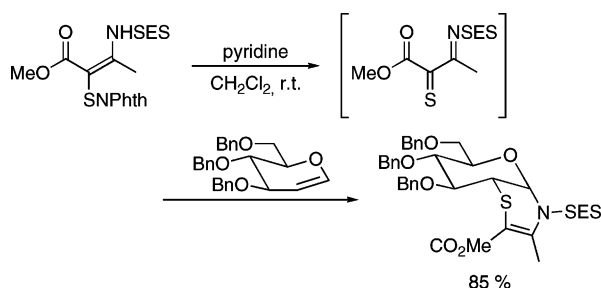
3.2.4. Cycloadditions

This type of reaction leads to heterocyclic compounds. The first cycloaddition⁶¹ on a SES imine was described by Weinreb and co-workers in 1989. *N*-sulfonylimine was trapped by a diene in a [4 + 2] cycloaddition to lead to the imino Diels–Alder product (Scheme 16).

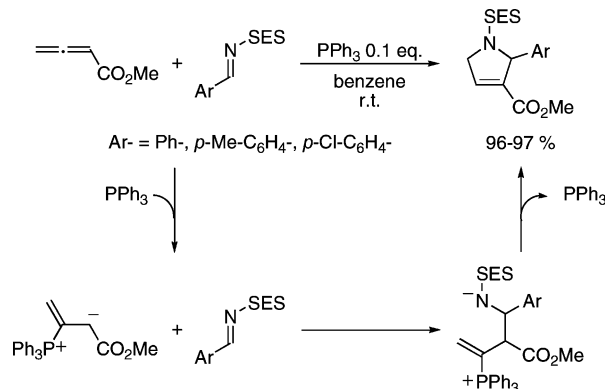
Another reaction, developed by Franck and co-workers,^{72–74} in which the SES imine is part of the heterodiene, also uses a [4 + 2] cycloaddition (Scheme 17). A SES iminothione is formed in situ from the corresponding phthalimidothiosulfone

Scheme 16^a

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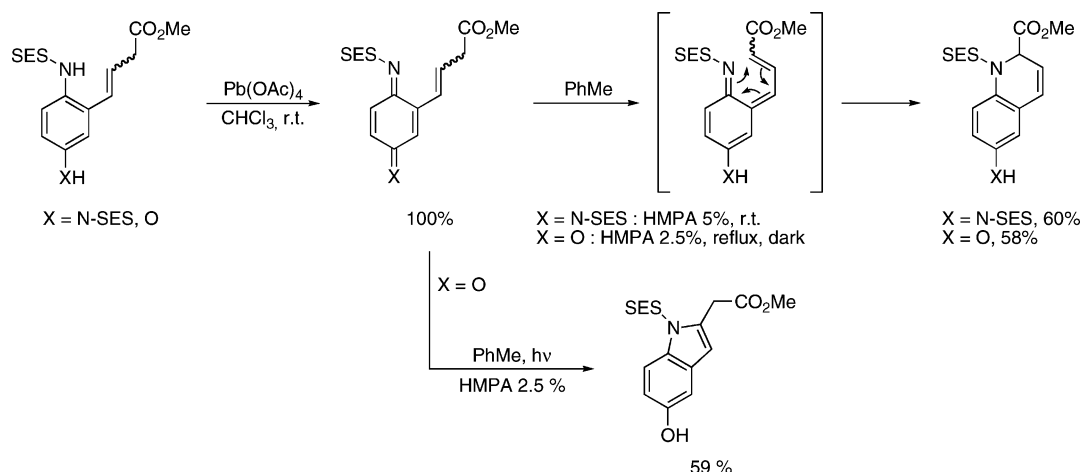
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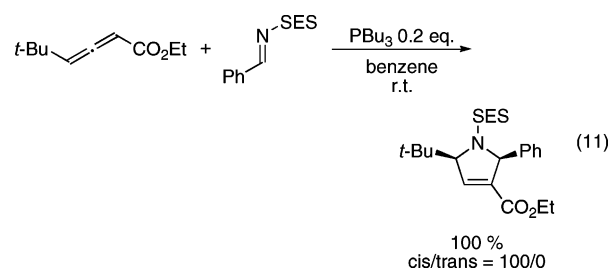
imine and reacts on the double bond of various glycals with a good yield and high regioselectivity. This original synthesis provides carbohydrates functionalized at the C-1 and C-2

Scheme 19^a

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carbons, which can then be used for the synthesis of glycopeptides.

Lu and co-workers⁵⁶ developed the reaction of 2,3-butadienoate with SES imines catalyzed by triphenylphosphine to provide 2,5-dihydropyrrole-3-carboxylates (Scheme 18) in excellent yields and high regioselectivities. Triphenylphosphine reacts with the allene to form an allyl carbanion, which is trapped by the SES imine in a [3 + 2] cycloaddition. Zhu and co-workers⁷⁵ recently adapted this method to the diastereoselective synthesis of 5-alkyl-2-aryl-2,5-dihydropyrrole-3-carboxylates starting from γ -substituted allenates (eq 11).



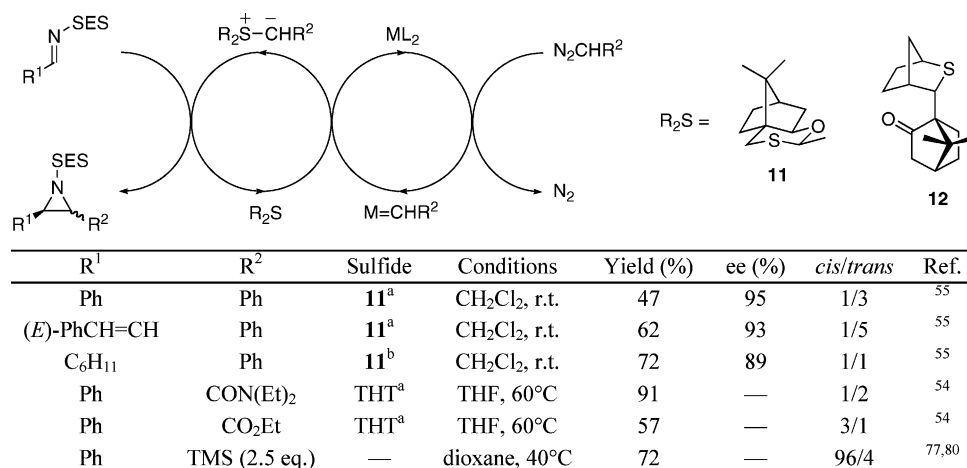
3.2.5. Electrocyclization Reactions

Recently, Parker and co-workers⁷⁶ developed straightforward access to the synthesis of dihydroquinolines (Scheme 19). The vinyl quinone mono- or di-SES imide, accessible by oxidation of the corresponding aminophenol or phenylenediamine, undergoes a thermal 6π -electrocyclization in the presence of a polar aprotic additive. The vinyl quinone monoimide substrate can also provide the protected indole by photochemical cyclization.

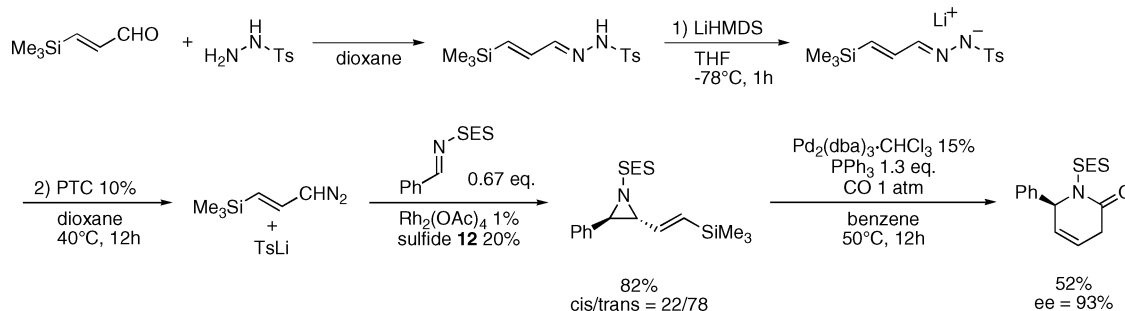
3.2.6. Aziridination Reaction

Aziridines are an important class of organic compounds since they can undergo nucleophilic ring-opening reactions to provide products with a broad range of functionalities. Early in 1996 Aggarwal and co-workers^{54,55,77–81} investigated the catalytic asymmetric synthesis of aziridines protected by various groups, in particular the SES group.

Their strategy involves addition of a catalytic amount of a chiral sulfur ylide to a sulfonylimine. The sulfur ylide is generated by nucleophilic attack of a chiral sulfide on a carbenoid formed from a diazo compound and a metal salt (Scheme 20). Use of an electron-withdrawing group on the

Scheme 20^c

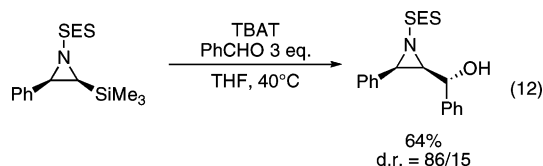
^a 1% Rh₂(OAc)₄, 0.2 sulfide, 1.5 equiv of diazo compound. ^b 1% Rh₂(OAc)₄, 1 equiv of sulfide, 1.5 equiv of diazo compound. ^c Reprinted with permission from refs 54, 55, 77, and 80. Copyright 2001 Royal Society of Chemistry and 1996, 2000, 2002 American Chemical Society.

Scheme 21^a

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imine nitrogen, such as the SES group, disables the non-stereoselective direct reaction between the metalcarbene and the imine but also increases the rate of addition of the sulfur ylide to the imine. The metal salt used is usually Rh₂(OAc)₄, but Cu(acac)₂ can also be used with a slight decrease in both yield and enantiomeric excess.

Yields obtained by this method depend on the substituents, although the enantiomeric excess is always good. Functionalized diazoagents⁵⁴ were tested in the racemic version with good results; however, diazoacetamide and diazoester require higher temperatures to react. Unlike the previous diazo compounds, diazoester gives predominantly the *cis*-aziridine as the major product. The same diastereoselectivity is obtained with commercial and stable trimethylsilyldiazomethane,^{77,80} which reacts directly without any need of a catalyst. Moreover, the formed *C*-silylaziridine can be coupled with an electrophile in the presence of a fluoride source without any cleavage of the SES group (eq 12).

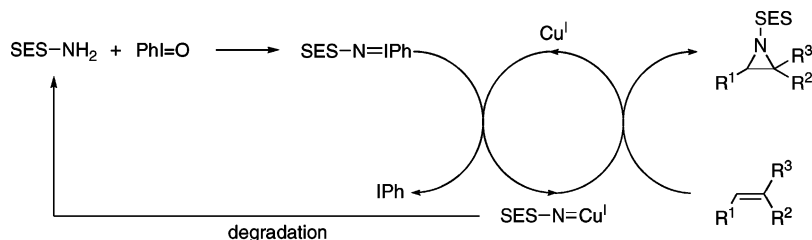


Aggarwal and co-workers were attempting to (i) diversify the source of carbene in order to find safer reaction conditions, compatible with various substrates and easy scale up, and (ii) develop chiral sulfides more stable than **11** (like

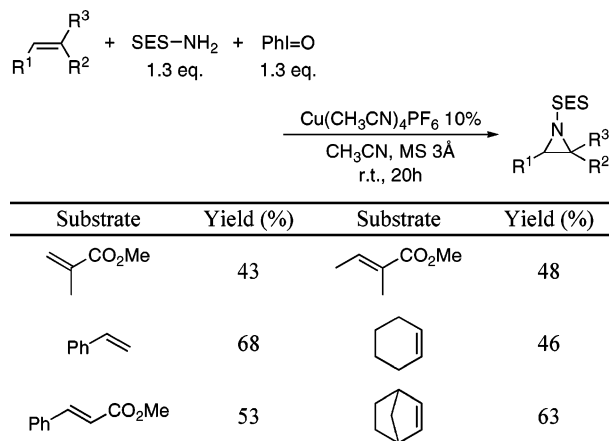
12 for example). This group developed a process using the Simmons–Smith carbenoid⁷⁸ to generate sulfur ylides under neutral conditions, compatible with aliphatic enolizable imines. Another process was developed using the Bamford–Stevens reaction to generate the diazo compounds in situ from the corresponding aldehydes, transformed to the corresponding tosylhydrazones.⁷⁹ This process can be extended to alkenyldiazomethanes, leading to the synthesis of unsaturated aziridines which are known to undergo ring expansion under a variety of conditions to yield β - or δ -lactams (Scheme 21). Recently, Aggarwal and co-workers used their asymmetric sulfur ylide-mediated aziridination process as a key step for the synthesis of the side chain of Taxol.⁸¹

3.2.7. Aza–Baylis–Hillman Reaction

Lamaty and co-workers described the use of SES–NH₂ **5** in the three-component aza–Baylis–Hillman reaction to produce various unsaturated β -aminoesters.⁸² This reaction, which corresponds to coupling of the α -position of methyl acrylate with an activated imine catalyzed by a tertiary amine like DABCO, implies in situ formation of the sulfonylimine before coupling with methyl acrylate (Scheme 22). A similar approach with a soluble polymer-supported sulfonamide, using SES as a linker, is described in section 7. Recently, Shi and co-workers described an asymmetric version of an aza–Baylis–Hillman reaction on preformed SES imines using a chiral tertiary amine derived from (+)-quinidine⁸³ (Scheme 23) or a chiral phosphine⁸⁴ (Scheme 24).

Scheme 26^a

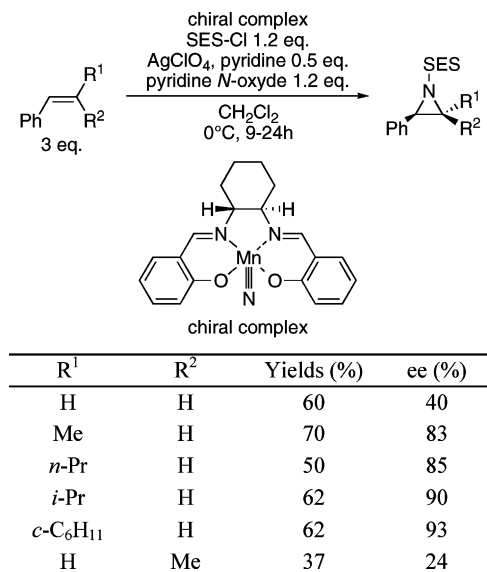
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Scheme 27^a

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(PhI=O) and SES-NH₂ **5** (Scheme 27). Yields are very close to those obtained with iminoiodinane **13** and, despite the presence of PhI=O, which is a powerful oxygen donor, the rate of epoxidation is very low (lower than 10% in the absence of SES-NH₂). This method greatly simplifies the copper-catalyzed aziridination of olefins.

The synthesis of chiral SES aziridines was also performed by Komatsu and co-workers⁹¹ using a chiral nitridomanganese complex activated by silver salt and SES-Cl **3** (Scheme 28). Like for the sulfonyliminoiodinane process, this reaction proceeds through a nitrogen-atom transfer. Although yields

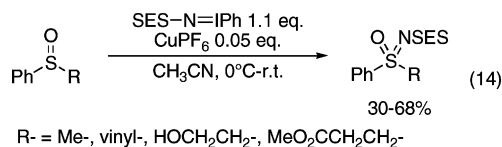
Scheme 28^a

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are comparable with those of the preceding process, the diversity of substrate is lower and the reaction requires an excess of olefin.

3.3.2. Synthesis of SES Sulfoximines

These are synthesized^{92,93} under the conditions described for the preparation of aziridines from the corresponding sulfoxides in the presence of SESN=IPh **13** and a copper catalyst (eq 14).



3.4. Sulfonamidoglycosylation

Two reagents derived from SES-NH₂ **5** were used to introduce a protected nitrogen on a glycal double bond. They both provide 2-α-aminosugars in two steps. Their use depends on the stereochemistry of the glycal substrate.

3.4.1. SES-NH₂/I(sym-coll)₂ClO₄

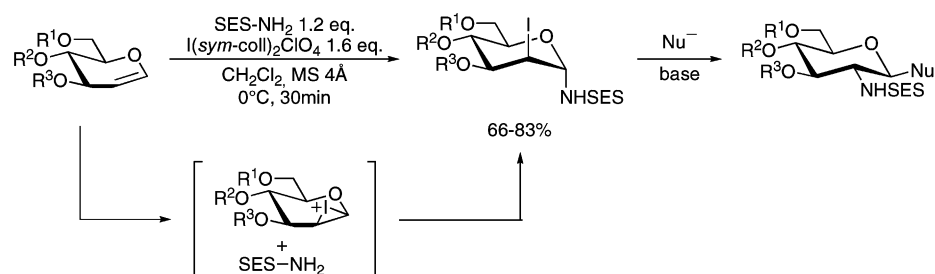
In 1992 Danishefsky's method of iodosulfonamidation was adapted^{94,95} to introduce SES-NH₂ on a glycal (Scheme 29). The use of I(sym-coll)₂ClO₄ leads to a *trans*-diaxial-1,2-iodosulfonamide. Its rearrangement in the presence of a base followed by nucleophilic substitution of this product provides a 2-α-sulfamidyl-2-deoxy derivative with the nucleophile attached to C-1 on the β-face.

This method was used for the total synthesis of amino-saccharides such as the sialyl-Lewis X antigen,^{94,95} the selective Chitinase inhibitor Allosamidin,⁹⁶ an antibiotic analogue of Moenomycin A,^{97,99} and a glycopeptide⁹⁸ carrying full H-type 2 human blood group specificity.

Petillo and co-workers¹⁰⁰ described the epimerization at the C-1 position of *trans*-1,2-iodosulfonamides, depending on the protecting groups of the starting glycal and the reaction and purification conditions. Because the reaction with a nucleophile proceeds via an aziridine intermediate (Scheme 30), the β-epimer is inert to any coupling conditions.

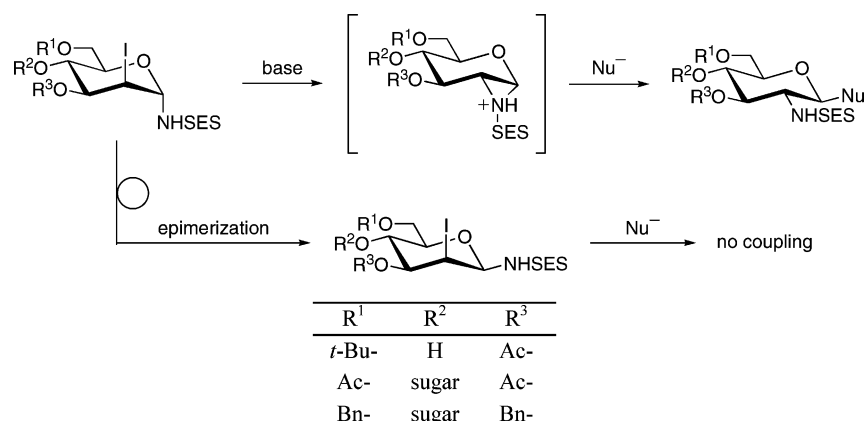
3.4.2. SES-NBr₂

In the case of a glycal with an α-face hindered by an ether function at C-3, the use of SES-NBr₂ **14** allows the introduction in two steps of the protected amine at the C-2 position on the α-face (Scheme 31). SES-NBr₂ **14** is synthesized by bromination of SES-NH₂ **5** with a rather low yield. Like its iodo analogue, this reagent provides a

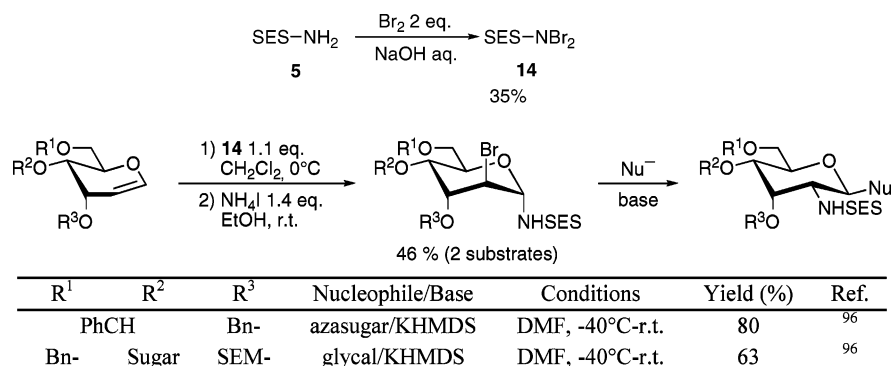
Scheme 29^a

R ¹	R ²	R ³	Yield (%)	Nucleophile/Base	Conditions	Yield (%)	Ref.
TBDPS-	sugar	sugar	82	Bu ₃ SnOBn	AgOTf, THF, -78°C	64	95
Bn-	Bn-	Bn-	78	azasugar/LTMP	AgOTf, THF, -78°C	49	96
Bn-	sugar	Bn-	66	LiOH	THF/H ₂ O, 0°C-r.t.	95	97
Bn-	sugar	Bn-	83	EtSH/LiHMDS	DMF	85	98

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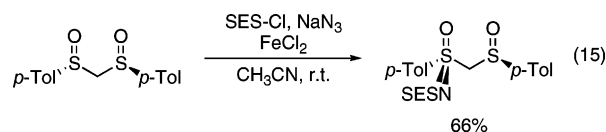
trans-diaxial 1,2-bromosulfonamide that undergoes re-arrangement during glycosylation of the nucleophile.

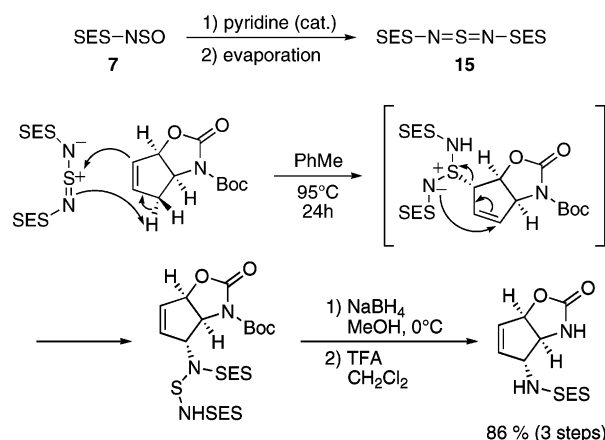
3.5. Di-SES-Sulfodiimide

Dimerization of SES-NSO **7** affords the corresponding sulfodiimide **15**. During the total synthesis of Agelastatin by Weinreb and co-workers,^{101,102} this reagent undergoes a Sharpless/Kresze ene reaction to afford the allylic amination product with very good regio- and stereoselectivity (Scheme 32). Recently, Hale and co-workers^{103,104} described the enantiospecific synthesis of (–)-Agelastatin A from a SES-protected known aziridine via ring-closing metathesis (RCM).

3.6. SESN₃

For the first time Reggelin and co-workers¹⁰⁵ recently described the use of SES-N₃, generated in situ from SES-Cl **3** and NaN₃. This reagent acts as a nitrene precursor in Bach's imination reaction to provide a SES-protected monosulfoximine (eq 15).

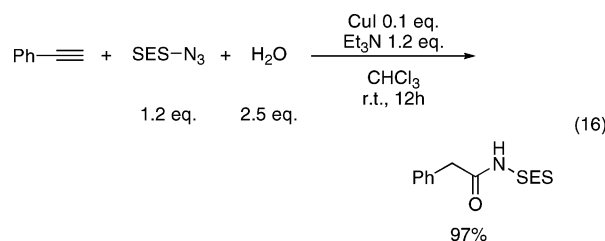


Scheme 32^a

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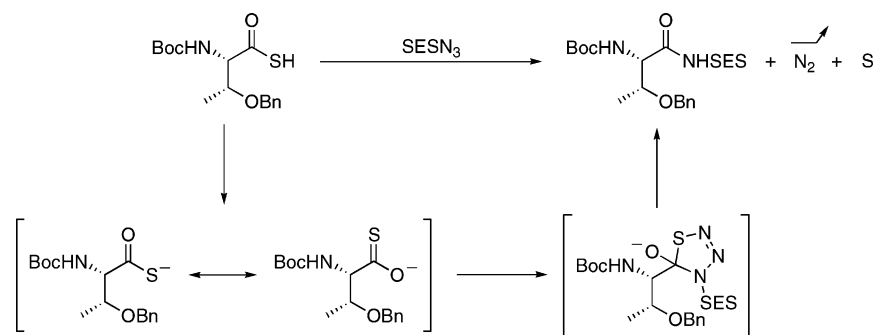
The Williams¹⁰⁶ group described the synthesis of *N*-acyl sulfonamides using thio acid and azide. They adapted this method to SES-N₃ in order to promote the *N*-alkylation of an amide precursor for the synthesis of Epoxomicin. The reaction proceeds via a thiaziazoline intermediate formed by a [2 + 3] cycloaddition or a stepwise diazo transfer-like mechanism. This intermediate then decomposes stepwise or by a retro-[2 + 3] reaction to yield the amide (Scheme 33).

Recently, Chang and co-workers¹⁰⁷ described a copper-catalyzed multicomponent reaction in which sulfonyl azides react with a wide range of alkynes and water to give amides. SES-N₃ reacts efficiently with phenylacetylene in this process to give the desired amide in an excellent yield (eq 16).



4. SES as an Activating Group

The acidity of the sulfonamide proton (Table 2) allows one to carry out alkylation reactions under mild conditions or Mitsunobu reactions.^{49,108} While the acidity has not been measured with SES-NH₂, it can be considered to be similar to the acidity of MeSO₂NH₂.¹⁰⁹

Scheme 33^a

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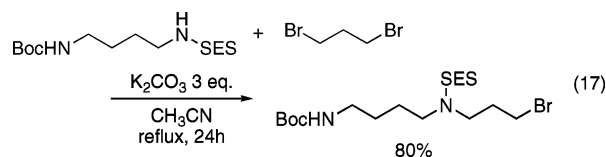
Table 2. Acidity of Several Ammonia Derivatives^a

	pK _a (DMSO)
NH ₃	4.1
PhCO ₂ NH ₂	23.4
F ₃ CCO ₂ NH ₂	17.2
PhSO ₂ NH ₂	16.1
MeSO ₂ NH ₂	17.5

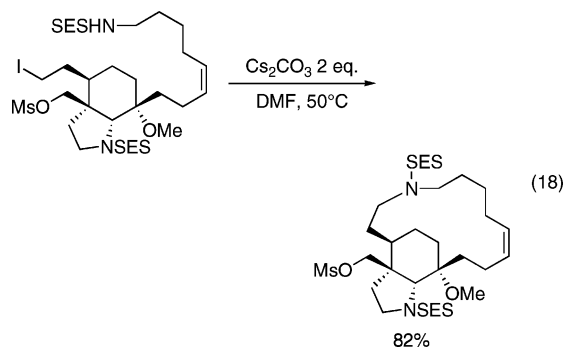
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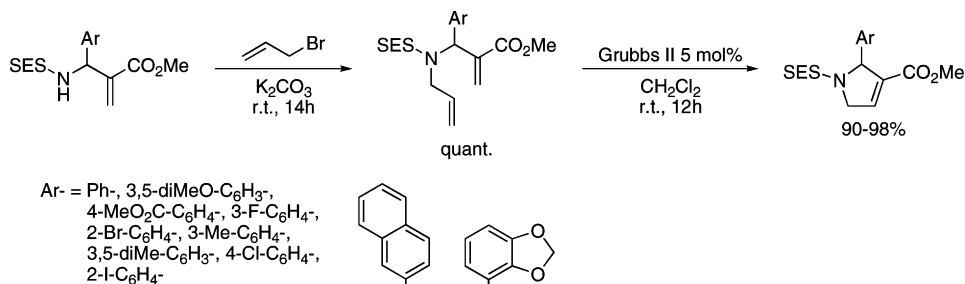
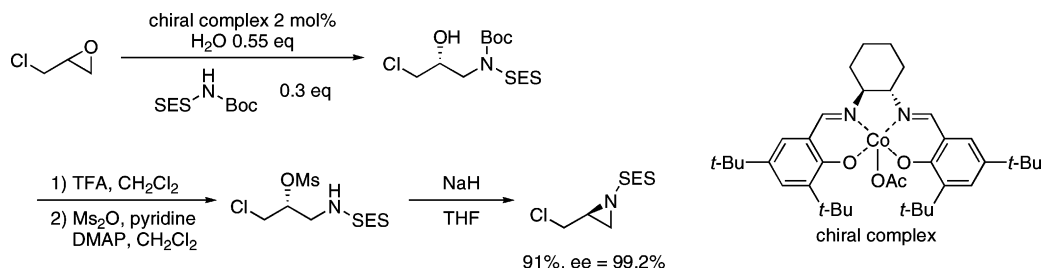
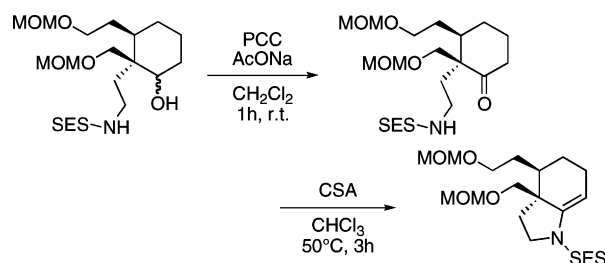
4.1. *N*-Alkylations

Except for the synthesis of an (α)-porphyrine,^{110,111} linear triamines,¹¹² and cyclic triamines using SES-NH₂,¹¹³ the reactions involve primary amines protected by the SES group. The alkylation is efficient in its intermolecular^{10,13,46} and intramolecular versions. The intermolecular alkylation was used in the synthesis of natural polyamines¹⁰ (eq 17) or in the synthesis of cyclic amino acids by ring-closing metathesis¹¹⁴ (a similar approach to these cyclic amino acids anchored on a polymer-supported SES group is described in section 7). This reaction has also been used in the synthesis of pyrrolines starting from unsaturated β-aminoesters⁸² (Scheme 34).



The intramolecular reaction was used in the total synthesis of the pentacyclic structure of Manzamine A,^{37,115,116} aziridines,¹¹⁷ (Scheme 35) and analogues of biological molecules.¹² During the synthesis of the marine alkaloid Manzamine A,^{45,115} a 15-membered macrocycle was formed in a good yield using the usual alkylation conditions (eq 18).

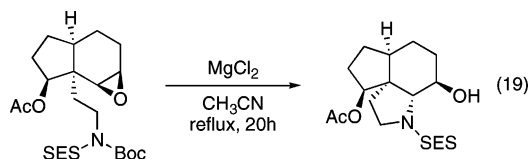


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4.2. Nucleophilic Additions

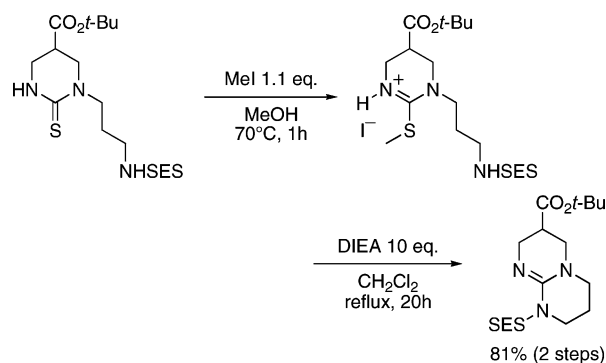
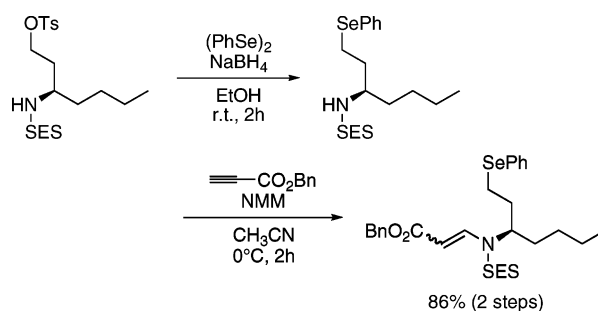
During the synthesis of Manzamine A, Yamamura and co-workers^{43,45} used a dehydration in acidic medium to form a cyclic ene-sulfonamide (Scheme 36).

In the synthesis of Manzamine A,⁴⁴ during Boc deprotection in the presence of a Lewis acid, a spontaneous cyclization occurred due to the attack of the sulfonamide on the epoxide of the sulfonamide (eq 19).



During the synthesis of an analogue of Ptilomycalin A, Hart and co-workers^{40,41} prepared a bicyclic guanidine by formation of a thioimide which was then attacked by the SES sulfonamide in basic medium (Scheme 37).

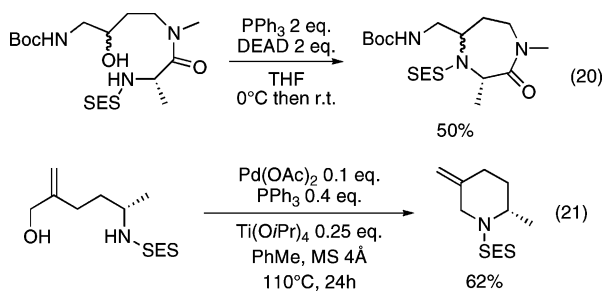
Lee and co-workers⁵⁰ carried out a Michael addition of a SES-protected primary amine on benzyl propiolate to form a β -aminoacrylate that was used for the synthesis of (-)-Indolizidin 223AB (Scheme 38).

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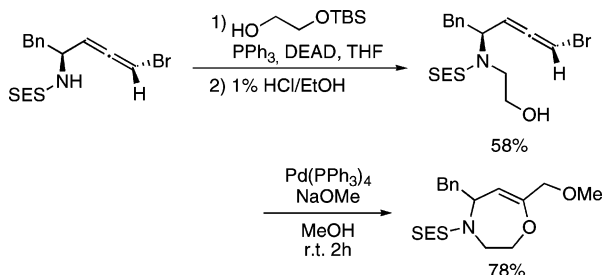
4.3. Mitsunobu Reactions

In the case of SES-protected primary amines, few examples of the Mitsunobu reaction have been described. An intramolecular reaction was described to provide a perhydro-1,4-diazepin-2-one^{25,26} (eq 20) which is a putative mimic of a peptide γ -turn with an ethylene link.

A similar cyclization has been performed in the presence of palladium and titanium catalysts³⁶ (eq 21).



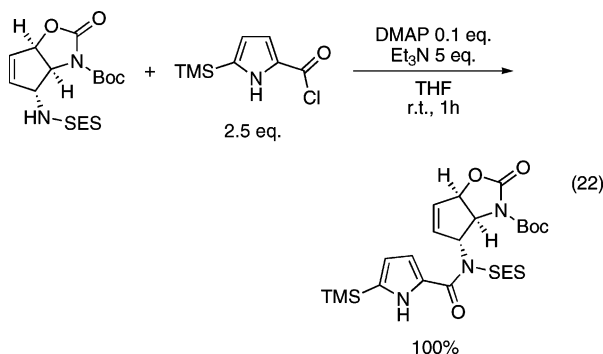
An intermolecular Mitsunobu reaction was used by Ohno and co-workers¹¹⁸ in the synthesis of 1,4-oxazepine (Scheme 39).

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4.4. Acylation Reactions

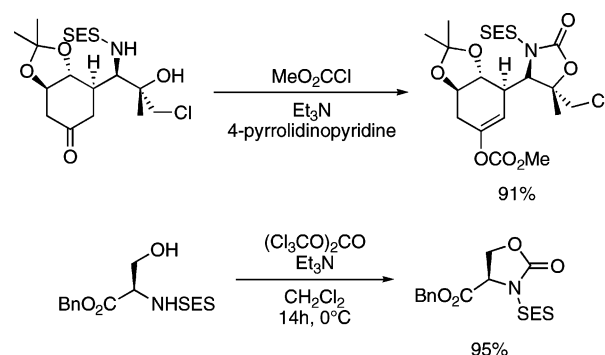
Weinreb and co-workers¹⁰¹ described the acylation of a SES-protected amine during the total synthesis of Agelastatin (eq 22).



Other examples of acylations are related to carbamate formation such as *N*-(Boc)-SES sulfonamide,¹¹⁹ which was formed under mild conditions (Boc_2O , DMAP, Et_3N). Surprisingly, the *N*-(Z)-SES sulfonamide⁴¹ is obtained under more drastic conditions (benzyl chloroformate in the presence of MeLi followed by NaH). Cyclic carbamates were also synthesized from β -aminohydroxides under roughly the same conditions as those for *N*-(Boc)-SES sulfonamide (Scheme 40) and used in the total syntheses of Bactoboline^{58,63,120} and Luzopeptine.¹²¹

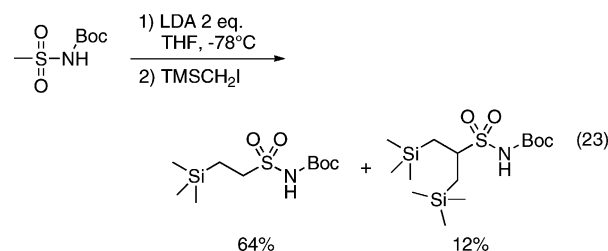
5. Limitations of SES Protection

Whereas the tosylamide group (Ts) is inert against strong bases, the α -protons of 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonamide are sufficiently acidic to be abstracted by *n*-butyllithium or LDA. This feature, problematic in some reactions, can be

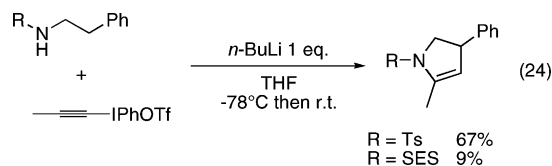
Scheme 40^a

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used for the synthesis of the *tert*-butyl-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanesulfonyl]carbamate or *N*-(Boc)-SES sulfonamide³⁸ (eq 23).



Limits of the SES protection arose during the reaction between phenyl(propynyl)iodonium triflate and the anion obtained by addition of *n*-butyllithium on sulfonamide (eq 24) providing dihydropyrrole.¹²²



To circumvent this problem, a tosyl protection can be used and then replaced by the SES group¹²³ (Scheme 41) provided that its deprotection is compatible with the existing functional groups.

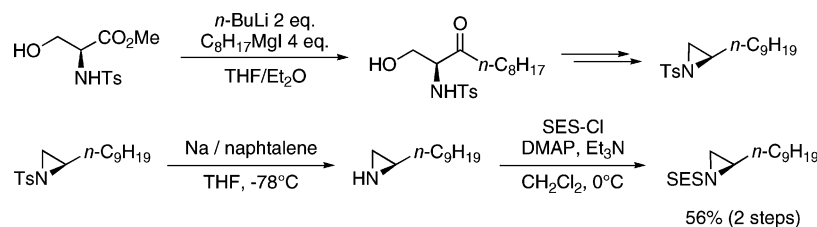
However, at low temperature, LDA can be used to form, for example, the enolate of *N*-SES-Ala-OBn¹²⁴ (Scheme 42).

6. Deprotection of the SES Group

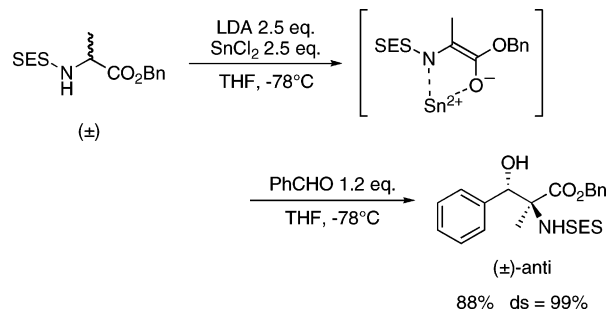
6.1. Fluoride Source/Deprotection Conditions

Various conditions have been developed to deprotect the SES group. Nevertheless, two sources of fluoride are mainly used: cesium fluoride (CsF) in DMF and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in THF.

Other reagents are hydrofluoric acid, used during the final deprotection of depsipeptides by the group of Boger,^{11,31,125–127} and tris(dimethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate ($(\text{Me}_2\text{N})_3\text{S}^+\text{Me}_3\text{SiF}_2^-$, TASF), used during the deprotection of aziridines.^{85,91} TBAT (*n*- $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{Ph}_3\text{SiF}_2^-$), less hygroscopic than TASF, did not allow deprotection of the SES group⁷⁷ (eq 12). Depending on the reagent and the reaction temperature, deprotection of the SES group can take from 15 min at room temperature⁴⁸ to 3 days at 90 °C.⁹⁷ Finally, the

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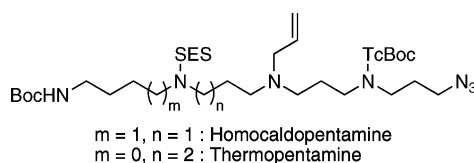
Scheme 42^a

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Decicco group describes the concomitant cleavage of a Boc and a SES group on the same amine in refluxing 6 N HCl.⁴⁶

6.2. Orthogonality

The orthogonality of the SES protecting group has been illustrated for the synthesis of Homocaldopentamine and Thermopentamine by Hesse and co-workers^{9,10,128} when a pentamine having five different protecting groups (Boc, allyl, TcBoc, azide, SES) is selectively deprotected (TFA, Pd(PPh₃)₄/NDBMA, Zn_{dust}/AcOH, PPh₃/H₂O, CsF/DMF, respectively) (Scheme 43). The SES protecting group is also orthogonal to the Z group.

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6.3. Nonorthogonality

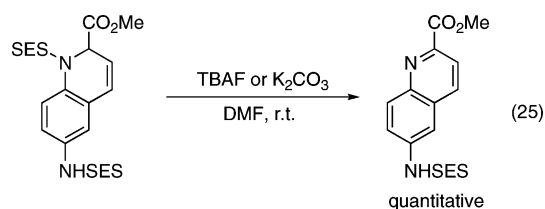
The SES deprotection conditions also cleave silyl ethers such as a TBDPS-protected alcohol in the total synthesis of an oligosaccharide by Danishefsky and co-workers.⁹⁵ This protecting group is also eliminated in the presence of fluoride ions without cleaving the SES group.^{12,115} The Fmoc group must be classified among the SES nonorthogonal protecting groups: Ueki and co-workers^{129,130} showed that the Fmoc group can be cleaved by TBAF under mild conditions. Boger and co-workers^{30–33} adapted this method to remove the Fmoc group in the synthesis of Ramoplanin (TBAF 8 equiv, *i*-PrOH 10 equiv, DMF, room temperature, 1 h, sonication), which leaves no doubt about the Fmoc instability under the more drastic conditions used for the SES group.

6.4. Problems Occurring during the Deprotection

6.4.1. Dehydrodesulfination/Aromatization

Some SES-protected amines, having a SES-amino acid included in a cyclic structure, undergo a secondary reaction during the deprotection step (Scheme 44). In 1996 Bartlett and co-workers¹² reported the first imine resulting from a deprotonation by fluoride ion followed by elimination of the SES group. In this case, Bartlett and co-workers were able to recycle this side product by sodium borohydride reduction to regenerate the chiral center with the same stereochemistry.

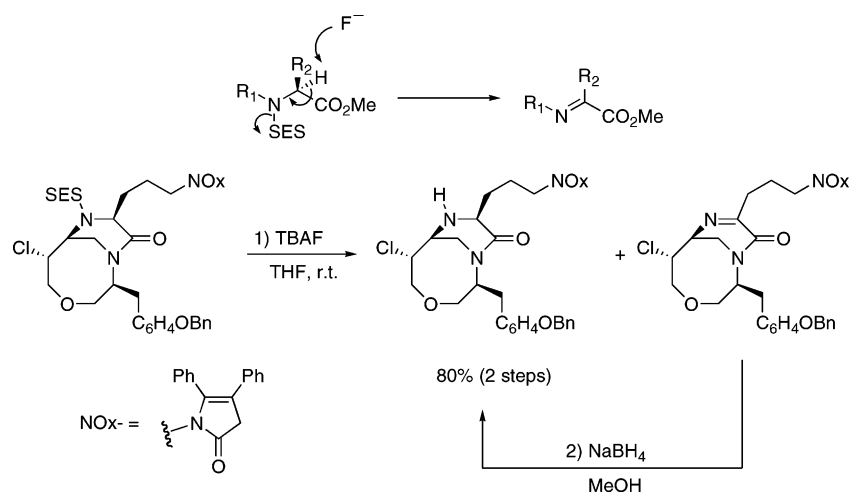
In the three other cases of this type of side reaction the cycle was already unsaturated and the reaction was followed by an aromatization step. In the first example,⁷⁶ aromatization is directly obtained by elimination of the SES group, which can be performed with a weak base as well (eq 25). In the second case,^{56,82} aromatization involves isomerization of the imine intermediate into a pyrrole (Scheme 45). Better yields were obtained using a base. The reaction was also carried out on the same substrate with a Ts protecting group to generate the same product, but in this case the use of NaOMe did not allow elimination of the protecting group. Finally, dihydro derivatives of the pipecolic acid supported on a soluble polymer using a SES linker provided the corresponding pyridines after the dehydrodesulfination/aromatization sequence (Scheme 46).¹³¹



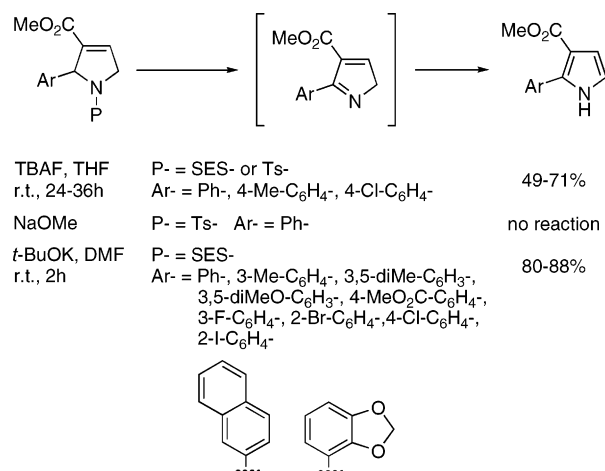
It is worth noting that this reaction can also be applied to tosyl derivatives. The resulting byproduct from this dehydrodesulfination reaction is the *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, the structure of which was confirmed by its conversion into the corresponding benzylic sulfone⁵⁶ (Scheme 47).

6.4.2. Primary Amine

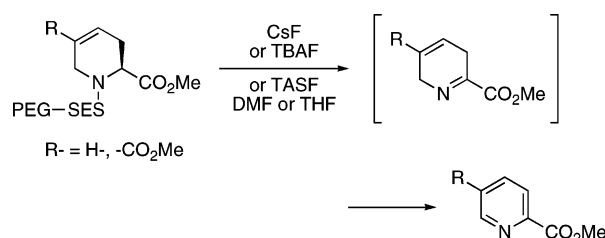
Several publications report on differences of reactivity during the deprotection step between a SES-protected primary amine and the same acylated molecule. Ward and co-workers¹³² synthesized a SES-aminoketone which was used as a model compound in the total synthesis of Actinobolin (Scheme 48). Deprotection of the *N*-acyl derivative is quickly performed under very mild conditions, whereas the monoprotected compound needs harsher conditions to remove the SES group. The same difference in the deprotection occurred during the synthesis of Agelastatin A.¹⁰¹

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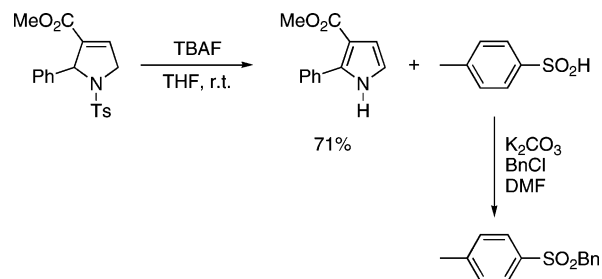
Scheme 46^a

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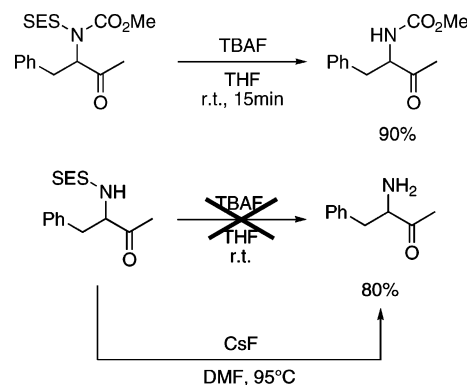
Acylation of the SES-amine can even take place in situ during the deprotection step as described by Boger and co-workers¹¹ (Scheme 49). Instead of trapping the deprotected amine, Boc₂O first acylates the SES-amine and activates its deprotection.

6.5. "One-Pot" Deprotection and Electrophile Addition

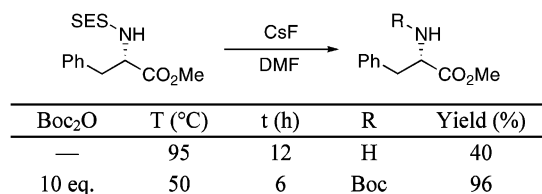
During the SES deprotection the formed amide can attack an electrophile in solution, leading to the corresponding substituted product. This strategy was developed by Hart and co-workers^{35,116} through an intramolecular process for the

Scheme 47^a

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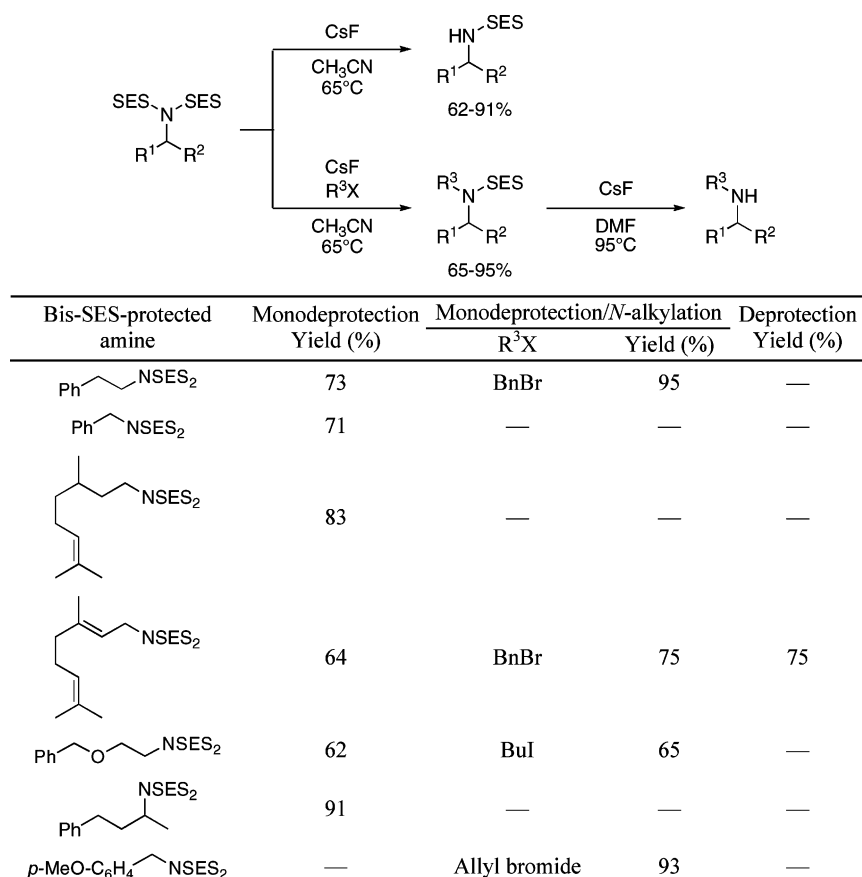
Scheme 48^a

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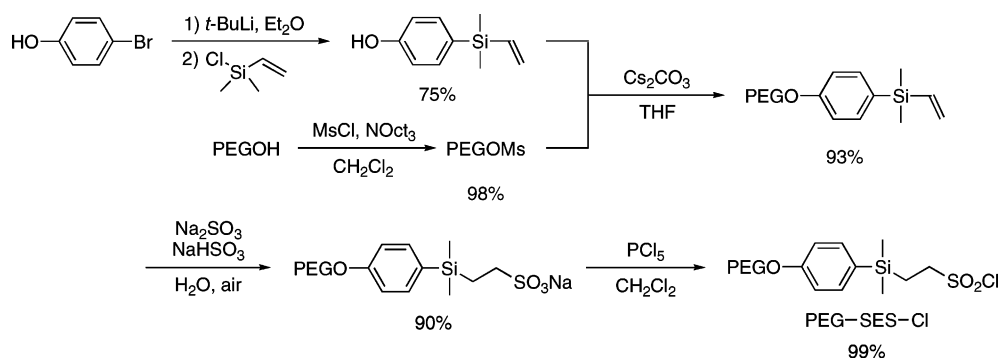
Scheme 49^a

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preparation of a Manzamine A model and intermediate compounds. In this synthesis the amide generated from the SES deprotection attacks the cyclohexadienone to produce the corresponding perhydroindole with a diastereoselectivity depending on the size of the cycle containing

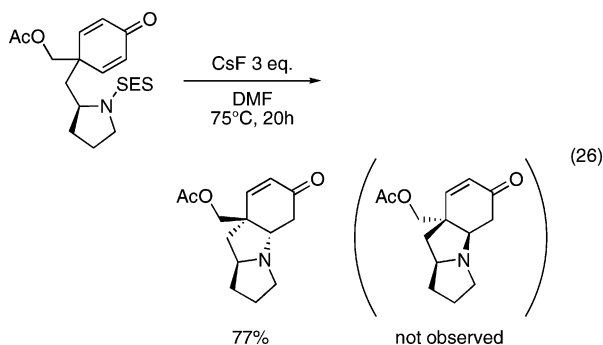
Scheme 50^a

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the initially protected amine (eq 26).



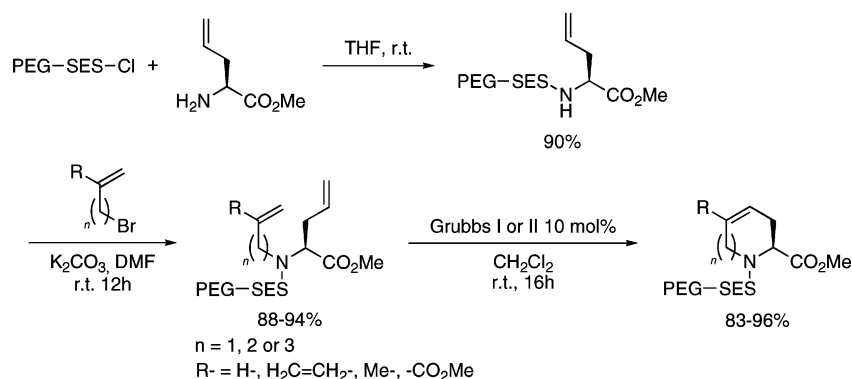
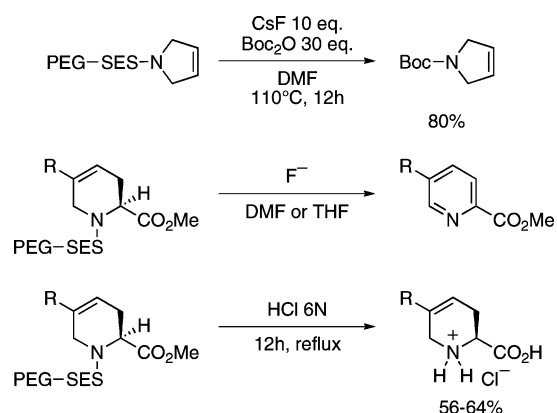
An intermolecular version was described by Weinreb and co-workers⁵¹ with a bis-SSES-protected amine. The one-pot

monodeprotection/*N*-alkylation can directly provide the mono-SSES secondary amine derivative (Scheme 50).

7. SES Protection on Polymeric Support

SES protecting groups supported on a soluble poly(ethylene glycol) polymer have been developed.^{131,133} Synthesis of the PEG-supported SES group has been approached on the basis of the solution chemistry developed by Weinreb. Two types of SES linkers were developed.

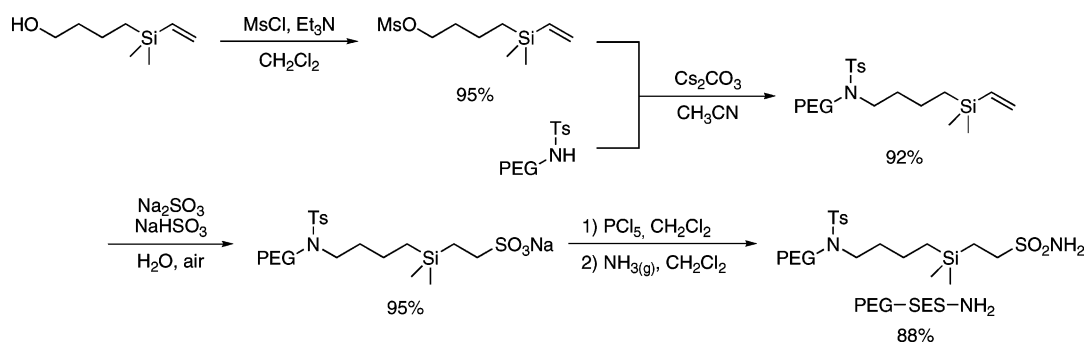
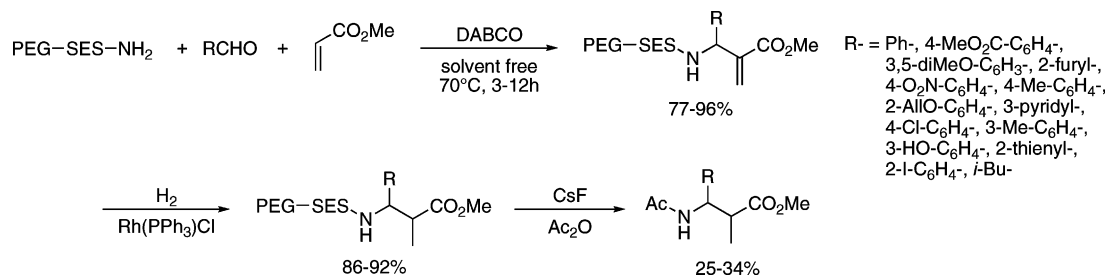
In the first one, a phenyl ring was selected to connect the oxygen of the polymer to the silicon atom¹³¹ (Scheme 51). This supported PEG-SSES linker was used in the synthesis of several cyclic amino acids by ring-closing metathesis (RCM) of various supported *N*-alkylated allylglycines (Scheme 52). The synthesis started by anchoring the L-allylglycine

Scheme 52^a^a Reprinted with permission from ref 131. Copyright 2002 Wiley VCH Verlag.Scheme 53^a^a Reprinted with permission from ref 131. Copyright 2002 Wiley VCH Verlag.

methyl ester to PEG-SES-Cl to provide the corresponding supported sulfonamide. This compound was then substituted with various alkylating agents and subjected to RCM to obtain substituted cyclic amino acids of various ring sizes.

Deprotection of the PEG-SES was first performed on a supported pyrroline, and the resulting cleaved product gave a good yield under the traditional deprotection conditions (Scheme 53). When the dihydro derivatives of pipercolic acid were submitted to the same cleavage conditions, only a small quantity of the expected products was obtained. Only the corresponding pyridines were obtained despite the use of fluoride (CsF, TBAF, TASF). This phenomenon is related to the mechanism of dehydrodesulfination/aromatization described in section 6.4. Even the deprotection of seven- and eight-membered cyclic aminoesters, yet not susceptible to aromatization, provided only complicated mixtures from which no major compounds could be isolated. The supported aminoesters were thus cleaved by hydrolysis in refluxing 6 N HCl to yield the corresponding fully deprotected amino acids.

However, the main drawback of this supported SES protection is its sensitivity to acidic medium. Indeed, some phenyl-silicon-type linkers^{134,135} have already been described for the supported synthesis of aryl compounds, and the aryl-silicon bond is cleaved in acidic medium at the end of the synthesis.

Scheme 54^a^a Reprinted with permission from ref 133. Copyright 2004 American Chemical Society.Scheme 55^a^a Reprinted with permission from ref 133. Copyright 2004 American Chemical Society.

Another PEG-supported SES-type linker has been synthesized and then transformed into the corresponding sulfonamide¹³³ (Scheme 54). This sulfonamide was then used in a supported version of the three-component aza-Baylis-Hilman reaction (see section 3.2.7) to provide PEG-supported β -aminoesters under classical conditions¹³³ or microwave activation.¹³⁶ The PEG-supported β -aminoesters were submitted to a hydrogenation/cleavage sequence.¹³⁶ The hydrogenation reaction was performed with H₂ in the presence of Wilkinson's catalyst to yield the hydrogenated compounds with excellent conversion. Release from the polymer support was performed by action of fluoride ions, followed by trapping with acetic anhydride, to generate the acetylated aminoesters in rather low yields (Scheme 55).

8. Conclusion

The SES group is an amine protecting group already described in several types of synthesis. Beyond the simple amine protection, the reagents derived from SES-NH₂ give access to a large variety of amino compounds by direct introduction of SES-sulfonamide into a substrate. Stability, orthogonality, and mild conditions of deprotection, as well as activating properties, make the use of the SES protecting group in synthesis very attractive, competitive with the tosyl group.

9. Abbreviations

acac	acetylacetone
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl
Boc ₂ O	di- <i>tert</i> -butyl dicarbonate
BOP-Cl	bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride
CSA	10-camphorsulfonic acid
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane
dba	dibenzylideneacetone
DEAD	diethyl azodicarboxylate
DIEA	diisopropylethylamine
DMAP	4-(<i>N,N</i> -dimethylamino)pyridine
Fmoc	9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl
HMPA	hexamethylphosphoramide
KHMDS	potassium hexamethyldisilazide
LDA	lithium diisopropylamide
LiHMDS	lithium hexamethyldisilazide
LTMP	lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine
MOM	methoxymethyl
Ms	mesyl
MS	molecular sieves
NDBMA	<i>N,N'</i> -dimethylbarbituric acid
NMM	<i>N</i> -methylmorpholine
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate
PEG	poly(ethylene glycol)
Phth	phthaloyl
PTC	phase-transfer catalyst
SEM	[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl
sym-coll	2,4,6-trimethylpyridine
TASF	tris(dimethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate
TBAF	tetrabutylammonium fluoride
TBAT	tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate
TBDPS	<i>tert</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl
TcBoc	trichloro- <i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THP	tetrahydropyran
THT	tetrahydrothiophene
TMSCl	trimethylsilyl chloride
Ts	tosyl
Z	benzyloxycarbonyl

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