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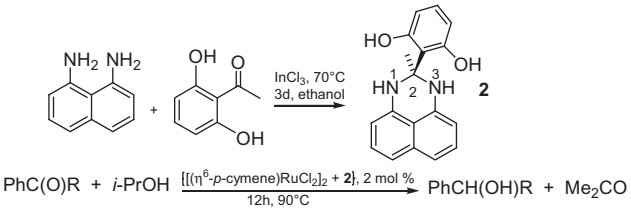
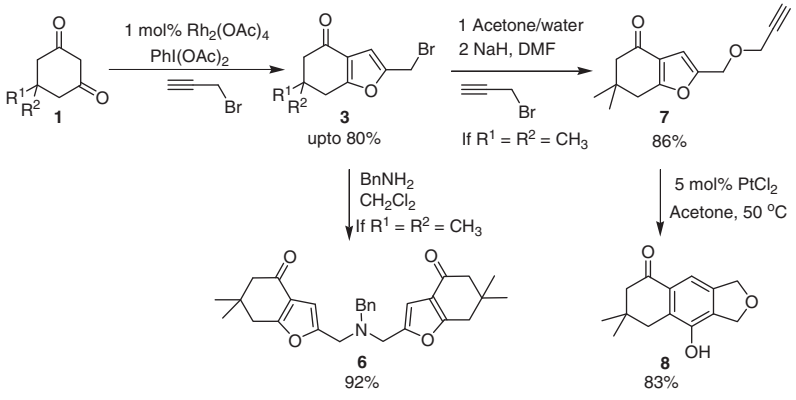
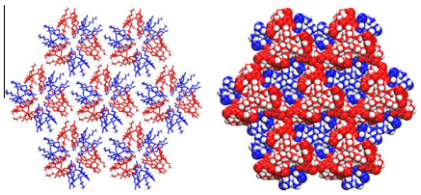
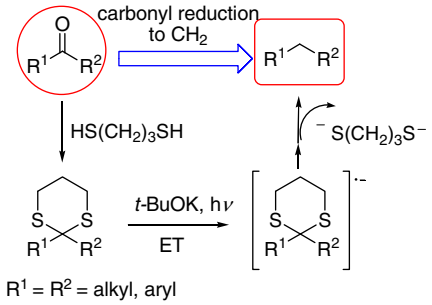
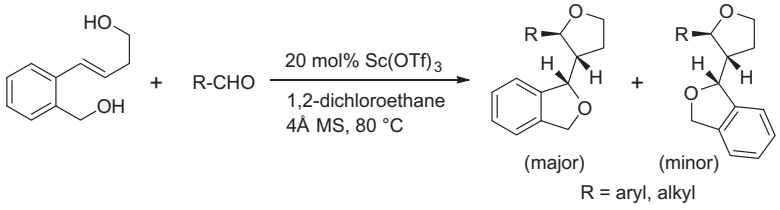
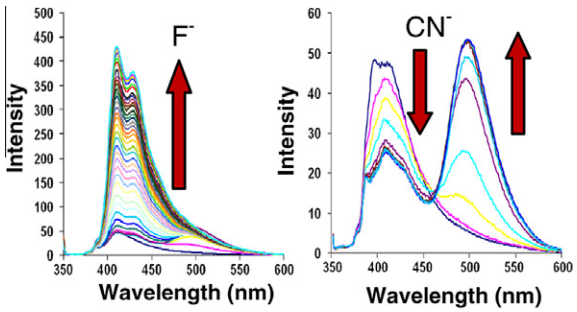




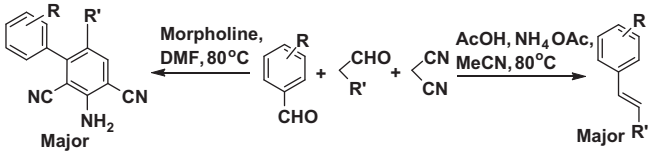








Thiacalix[4]arene based pyrene-appended fluorescent chemosensors **4** and **5** bearing thiourea moieties have been synthesized which show high selectivity towards fluoride and cyanide ions with different recognition behaviour. The addition of fluoride ions leads to enhancement in fluorescence emission of chemosensors **4** and **5**. However, addition of cyanide ions results in ratiometric response with quenching in monomer emission and formation of excimer emission.



A conceptually new one-step reaction affording unexpected aryl olefinic product from aromatic aldehyde, aliphatic aldehyde and malononitrile in the presence of acetic acid-ammonium acetate under mild reaction conditions without using any metal catalyst is reported. This novel reaction was used to prepare a number of substituted aryl olefins including new molecules.