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Problem Set #11

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Detailed Mechanism Provide a <u>detailed mechanism</u> [i.e., *explicitly* show (using curly arrows) *EVERY* intermediate, formal charge (where relevant), equilibrium, and bond-making and -breaking step] to account for the following transformations:

a) The dehydration of the alcohol 1 to afford the olefin 2.

b) The cyclization of the hydroxylamine 3 to the cyclic oxime 4.

c) The conversion of the alcohol 5 to methylcyclohexane (6).

d) The cyclization of 7 to form 8. (*hints:* one equiv of tributyltin hydride is used; far less than one equiv of Et₃B is used; both are consumed; Et₃B reacts very rapidly with even very low concentrations of O₂.)

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Other Problems

1. <u>Draw</u> the structure 10 that results following the subjection of the anisole derivative 9 to sodium in ammonia followed by a non-acidic workup. Two different enones (11a and 11b) result from the treatment of the intermediate 10 with oxalic acid versus hydrochloric acid. <u>Account mechanistically for</u> why different major products are formed from these two hydrolysis reactions.

Reaxys Database Search

- a) According to the Reaxys database, how many <u>single-step</u> transformations convert benzene to any 1,4-disubstituted benzene derivative?
- **b)** How many of your answers to a) use acetonitrile as the solvent?
- **c**) How many of your answers to a) use iodine as a reagent?