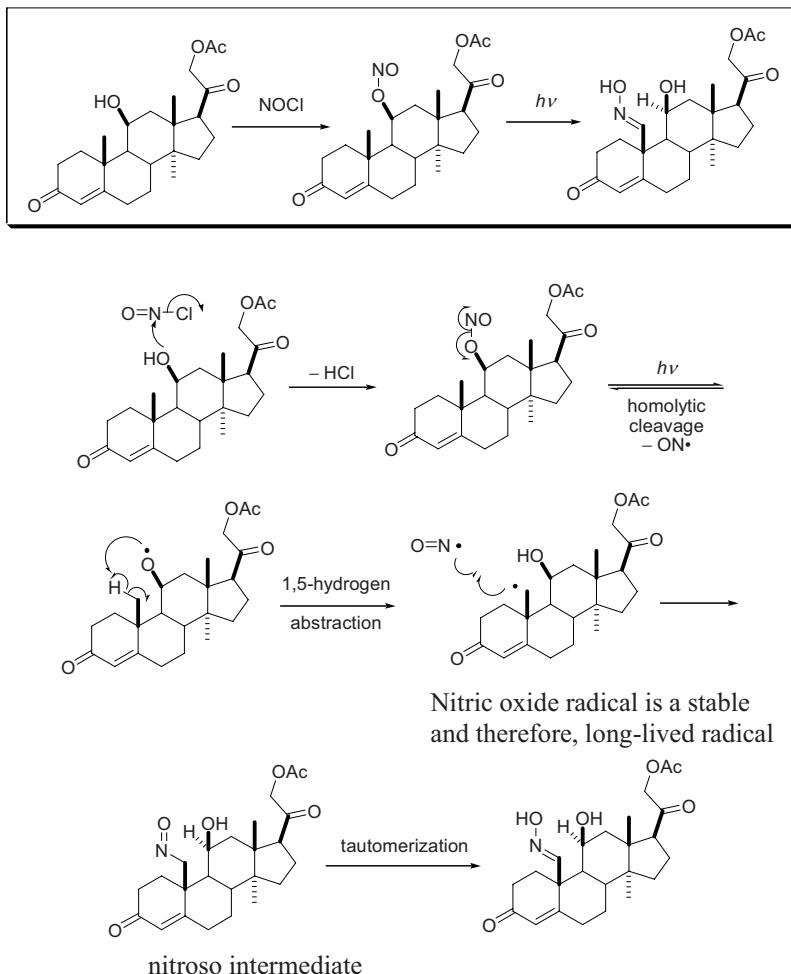
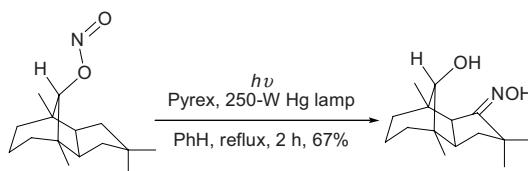


Barton nitrite photolysis

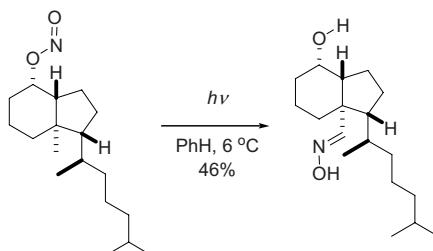
Photolysis of a nitrite ester to a γ -oximino alcohol.



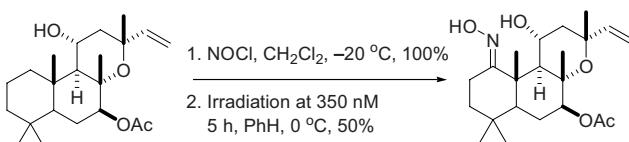
Example 1²



Example 2⁶



Example 3⁷



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