Group Meeting - July 6, 2010

1. Predict the structure of intermediate **A** obtained from the Pt (II)-catalyzed reaction, which upon silica gel gives rise to the final product shown. In addition, please propose a mechanism for this transformation.

Hint: CO does not participate directly in this transformation.

2. Propose a mechanism for the following transformation and propose a transition state to rationalize the stereochemical outcome.

OMe Sc(OTf)₃
$$Bu_4NPF_6$$
 CH_3NO_2 MeO Ph OMe Ph