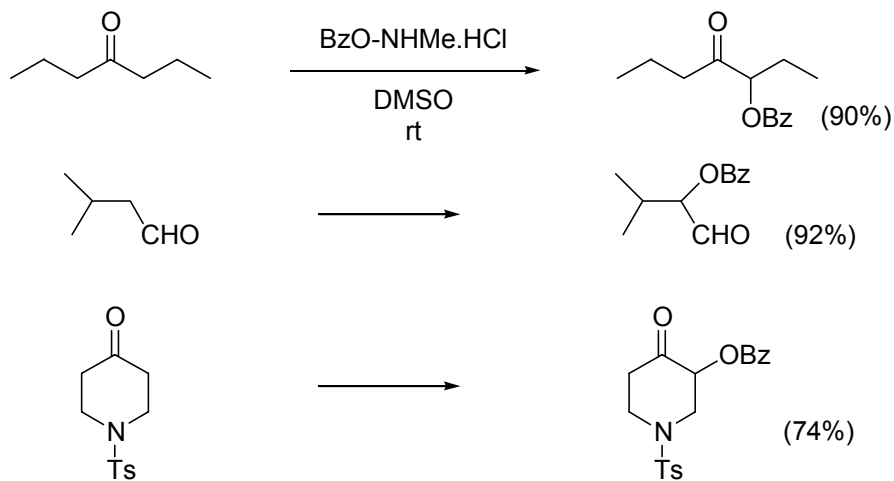


## Direct $\alpha$ -Acyloxylation of Carbonyl Compounds

Use of N-Methyl O-acylhydroxylamine, hydrochloride as acylating agent gives  $\alpha$ -acyloxy aldehydes and ketones in moderate to good yield (C S Beshara, *Org Lett*, **2005**, 7, 5729-5732).



Unfortunately, the reaction does not work at primary centres – e.g. with acetone.