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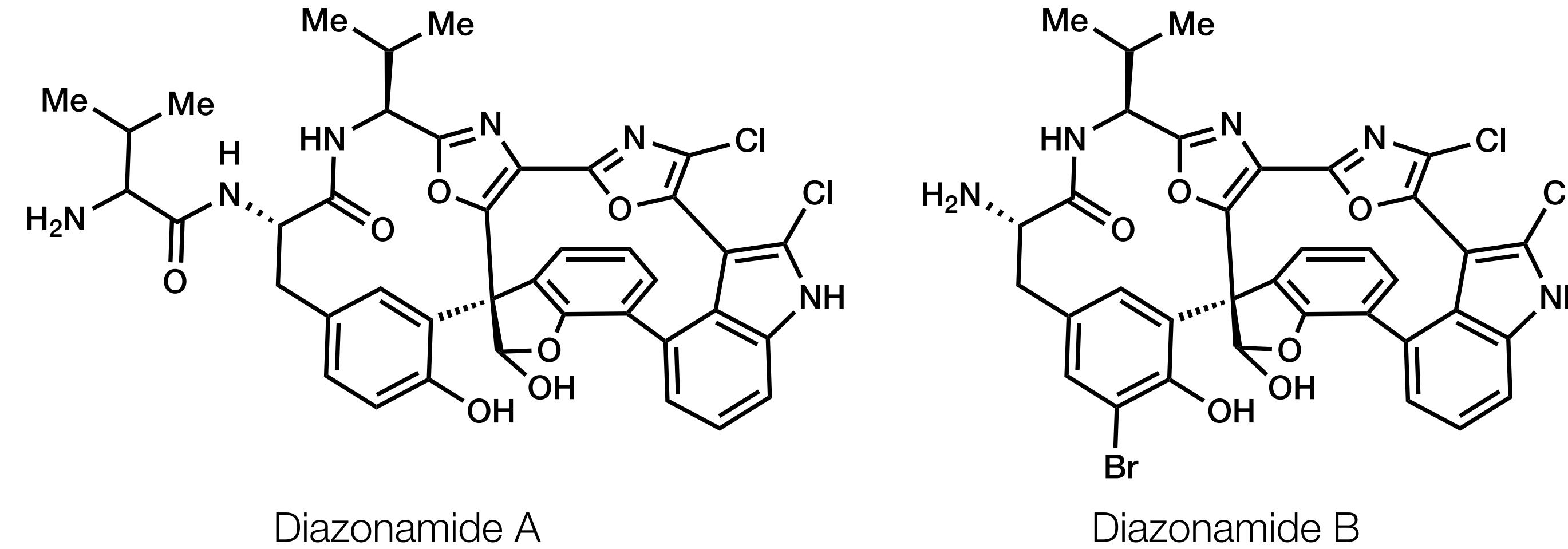
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# PhD Work - Diazonamide A

## Synthesis and Structural Revision/Confirmation

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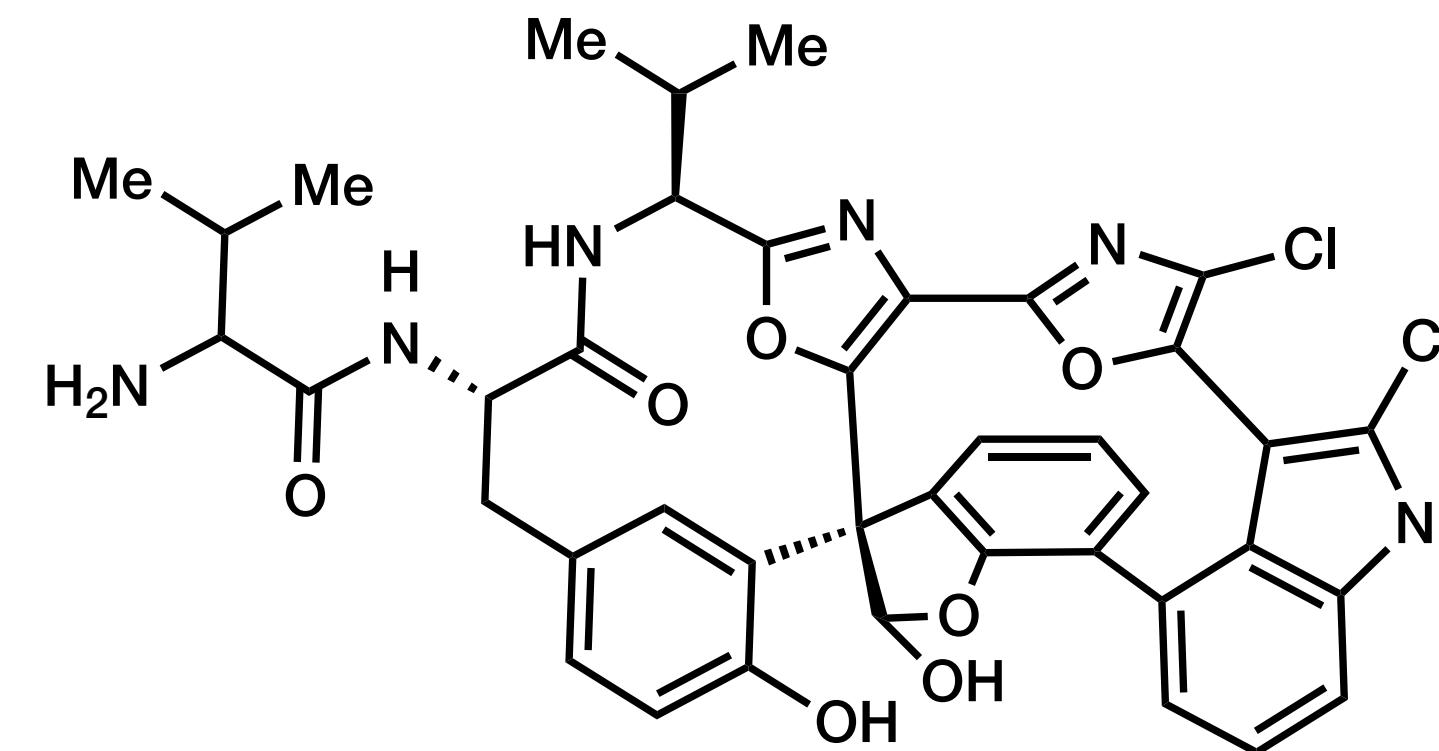
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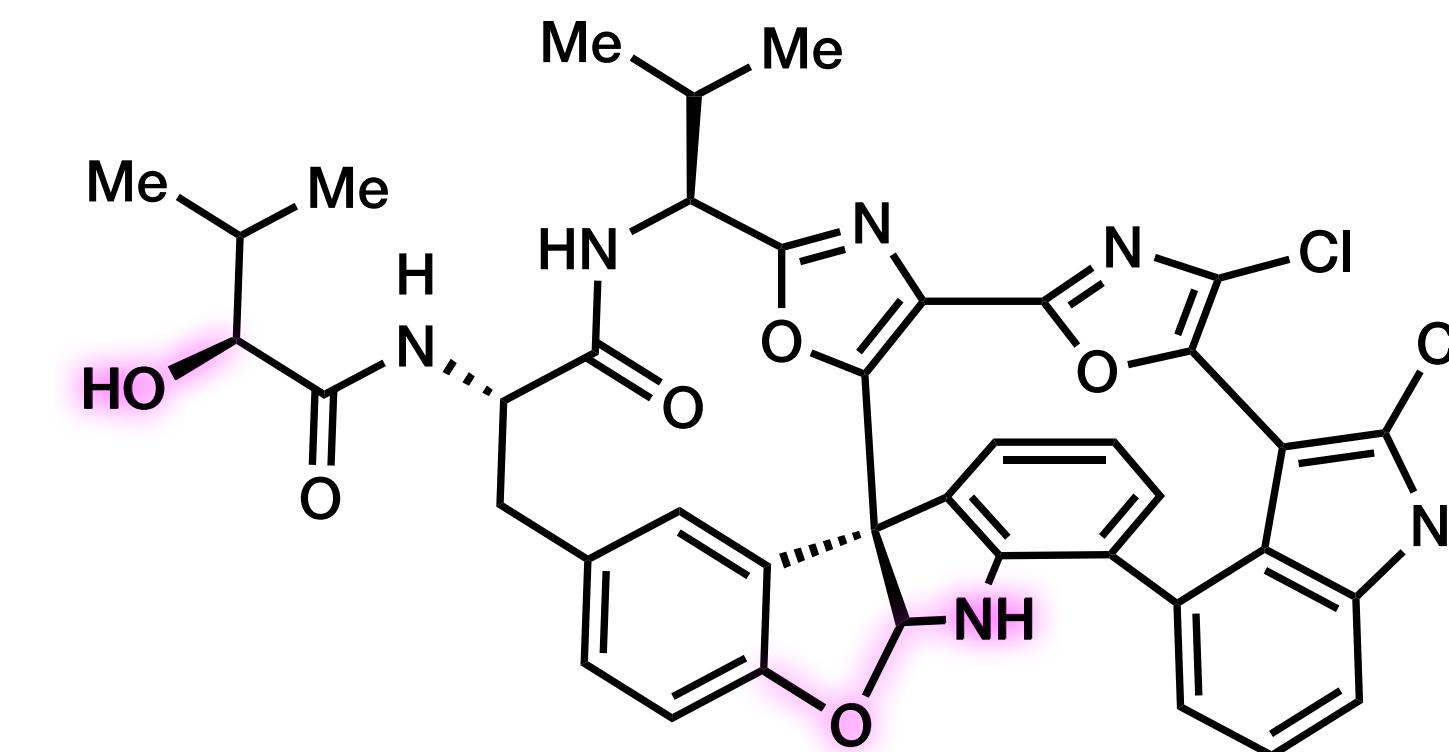
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## Structures of Diazonamide A and B

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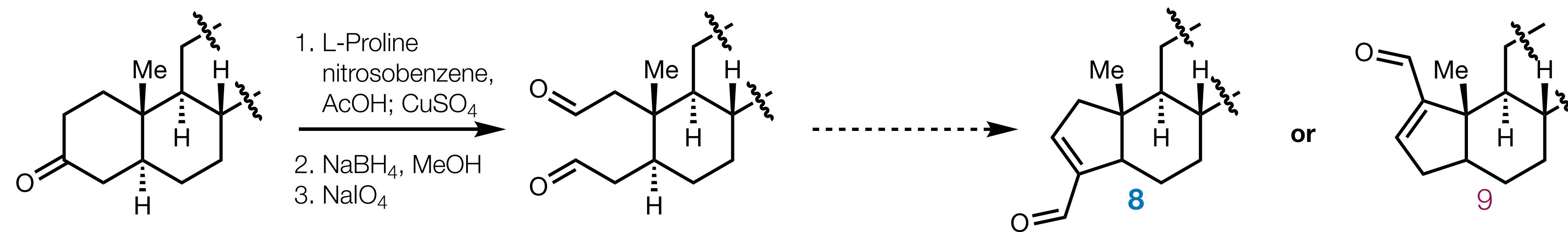


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# Post Doctoral Work - Regioselective Aldol

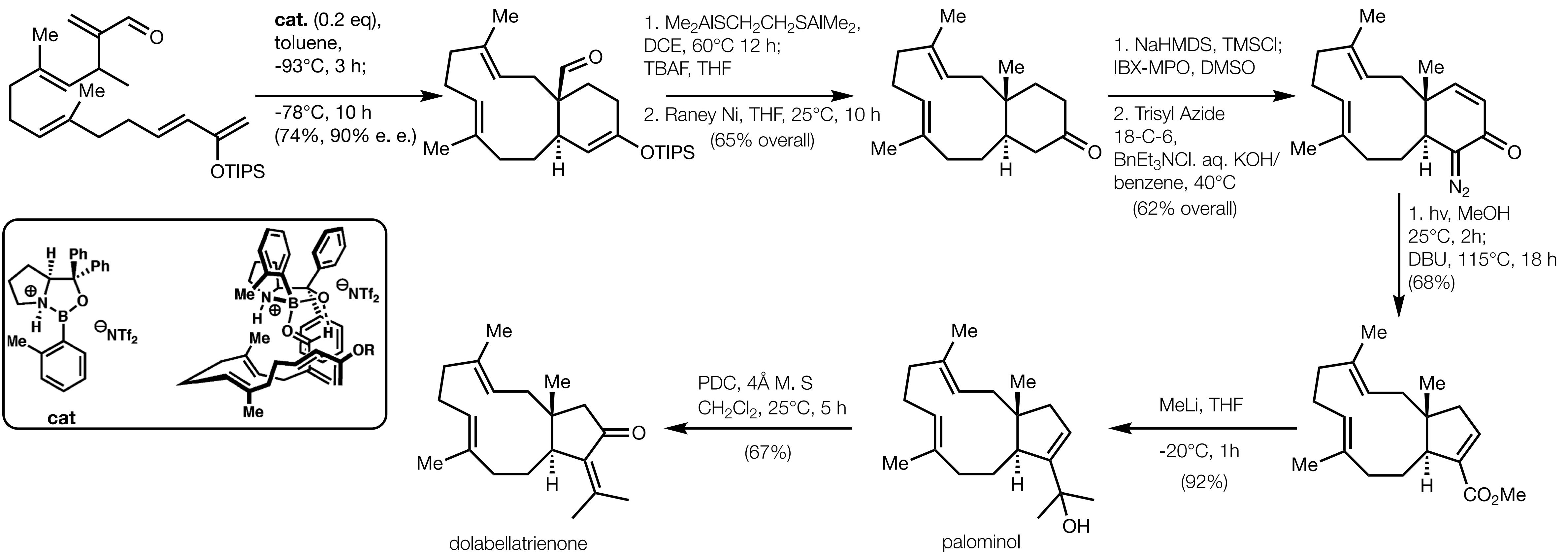
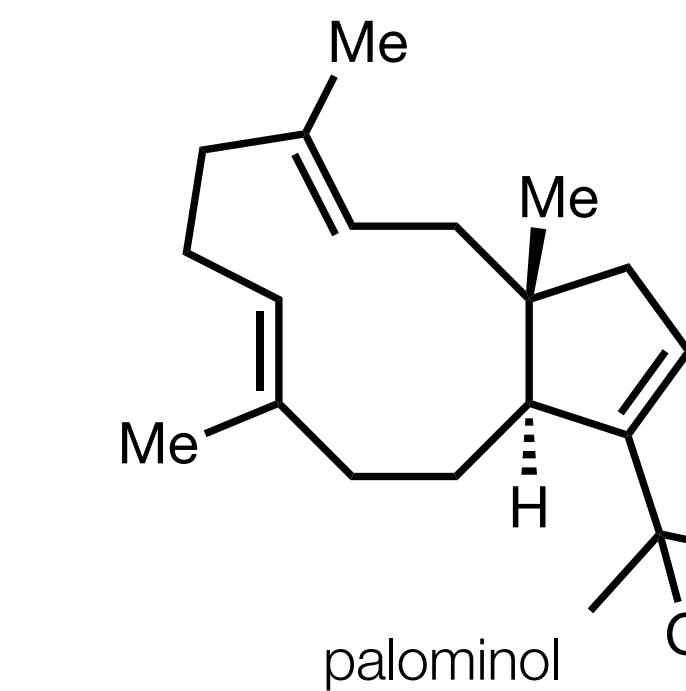
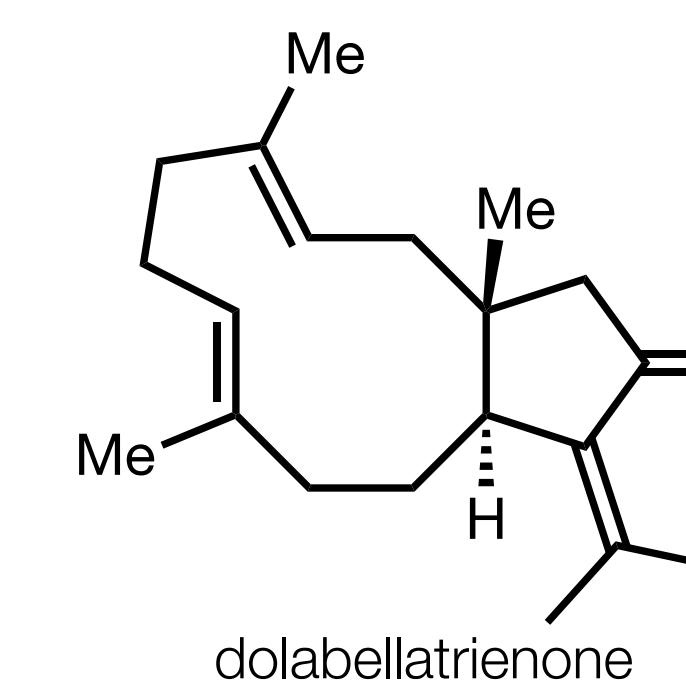
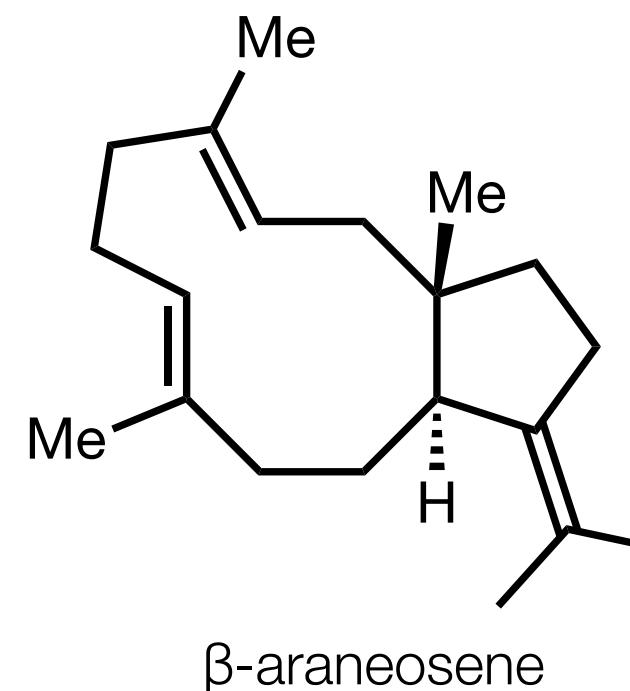


**Table 1.** Aldol cyclization/dehydration reactions of dialdehyde **7**<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Conditions	Ratio of <b>8:9</b>	Yield (%)
1	Piperidine (cat.), AcOH (cat.), benzene, 25 °C, 15 min; 55 °C, 75 min	4:1	61
2	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), benzene, 25 °C, 12 h	6:1	68
3	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , 25 °C, 12 h	4:1	57
4	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), DME, 25 °C, 12 h	3:1	59
5	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), THF, 25 °C, 12 h	2:1	59
6	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), DME/HMPA (1:1), 25 °C, 12 h	2:1	66
7	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), THF/HMPA (1:1), 25 °C, 12 h	2:1	62
8	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), HMPA, 25 °C, 12 h	1.3:1	59
9	Bn <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (3.0 equiv), DMSO, 25 °C, 12 h	1.1:1	60
10	PhBnNH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (5.0 equiv), benzene, 25 °C, 30 min; 50 °C, 1 h	5:1	56
11	(Cyclohexyl) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> -OCOCF <sub>3</sub> (5.0 equiv), benzene, 25 °C, 30 min; 50 °C, 5 h	2:1	24
12	Morpholine (6.0 equiv), octanoic acid (7.0 equiv), HMPA (1.5 equiv), Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0 °C, 20 h	50:1	44
13	D-Proline (5.0 equiv), DMSO, 25 °C, 10 h	1:2	48
14	L-Proline (5.0 equiv), DMSO, 25 °C, 10 h	1:2	52
15	(S)-Indoline-2-carboxylic acid (5.0 equiv), MeCN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (1:1), 25 °C, 10 h	1:50	47
16	D-Proline (5.0 equiv), MeCN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (1:1), 25 °C, 10 h	8:1	17
17	L-Proline (5.0 equiv), MeCN/CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> (1:1), 25 °C, 10 h	1:2	16

<sup>a</sup> Substrate concentration was 0.01–0.02 M in each case.

# Post Doctoral Work - Dolabellane Diterpenoids



# Independent Career

## Outline of Presentation

### 1. Nature: An Inspiration, but not the Answer Key

#### a) Phenylpropanoid/Polyketide Synthesis

### 2. Efficient and Controlled Skeleton Formation

#### a) Polyene Cyclizations

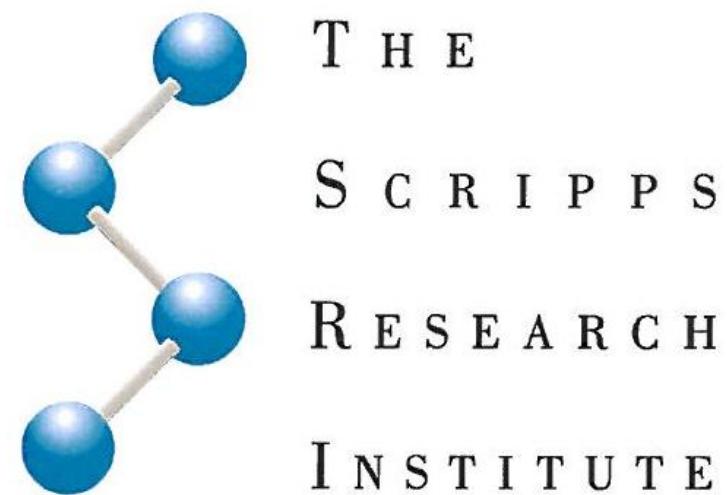
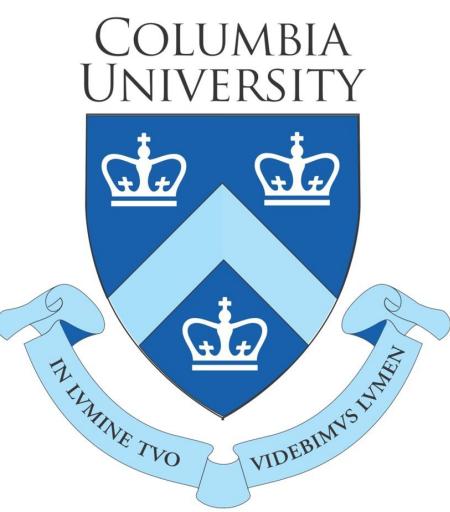
#### b) Akuamalline Alkaloids

#### c) Metal and LA Catalysed Cyclizations

### 3. Quaternary Center Guided Synthesis Design

#### a) Terpene/Terpenoid Synthesis

"Natural Products: Divine Inspiration for Chemistry"



Synthetic Methods



Target-Driven Discovery

Chemical Biology

Synthetic Strategies and Tactics

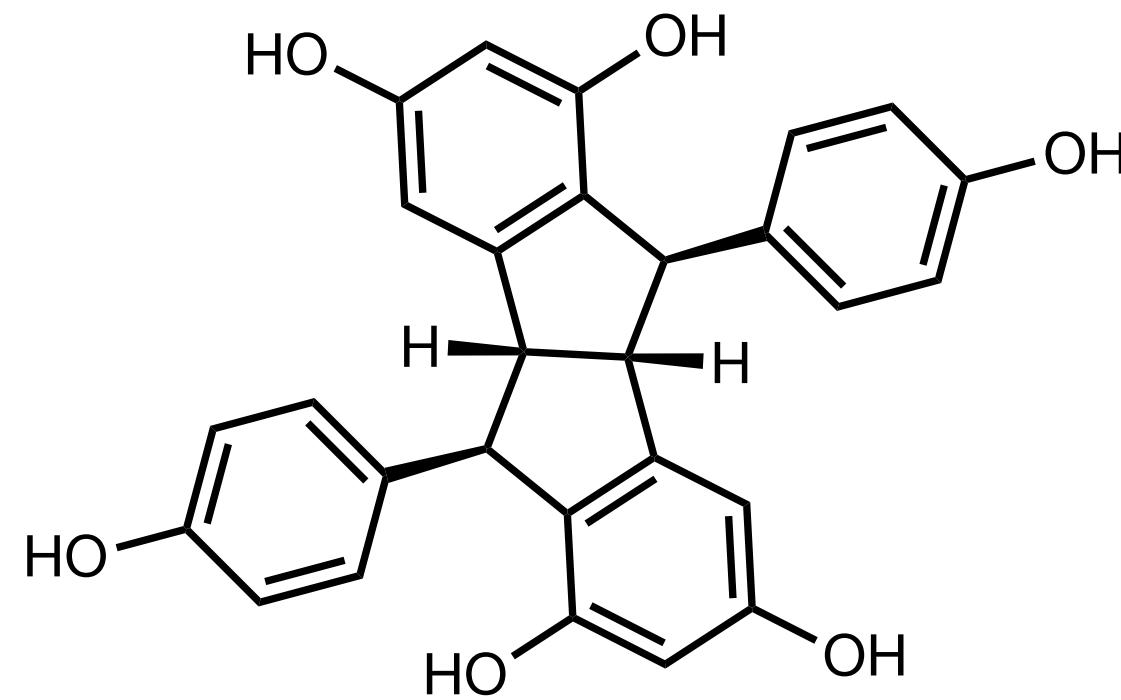


Cascade Sequences

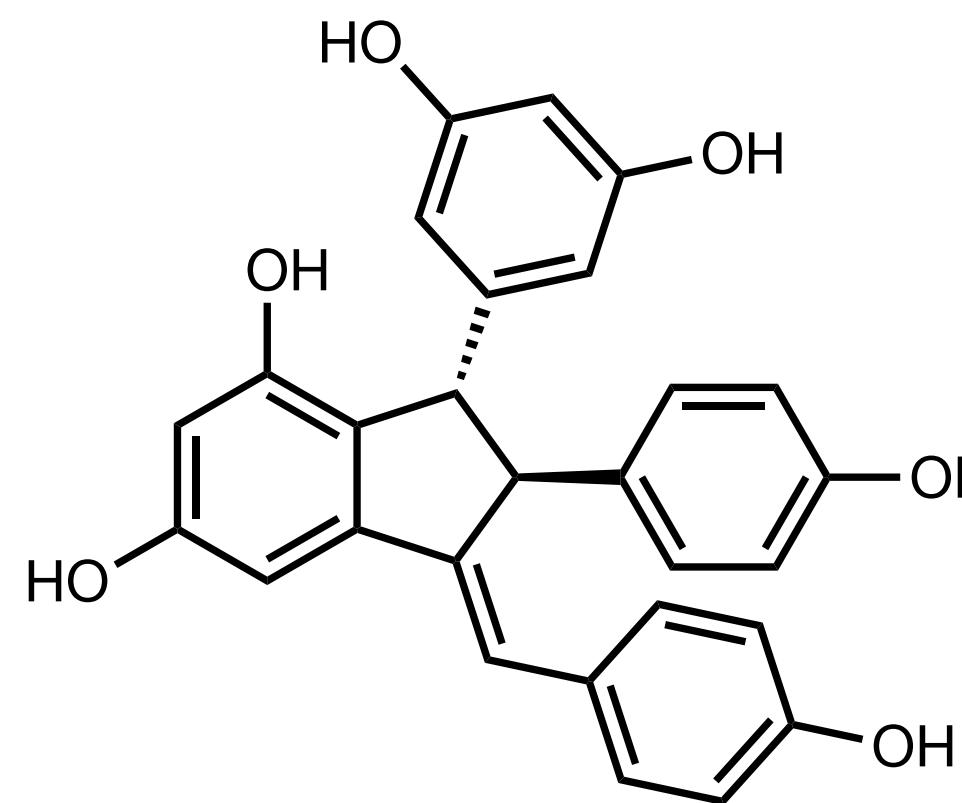


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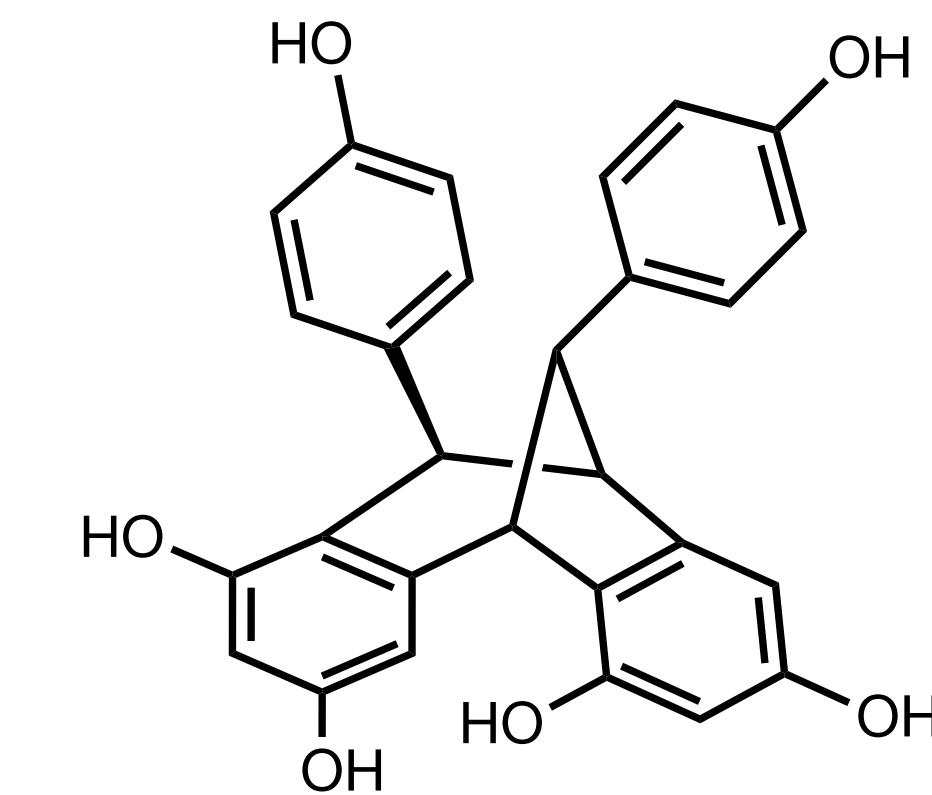
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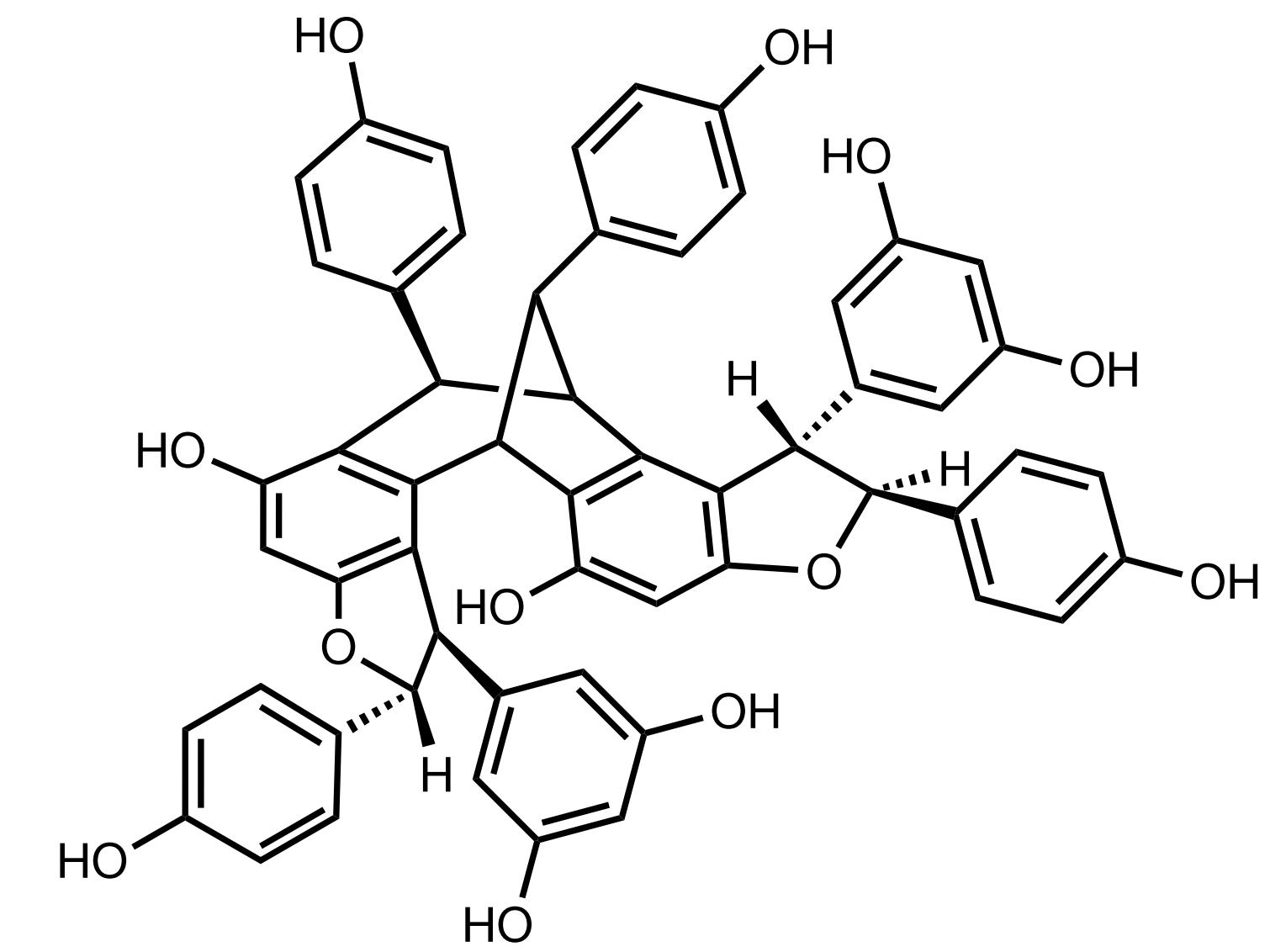
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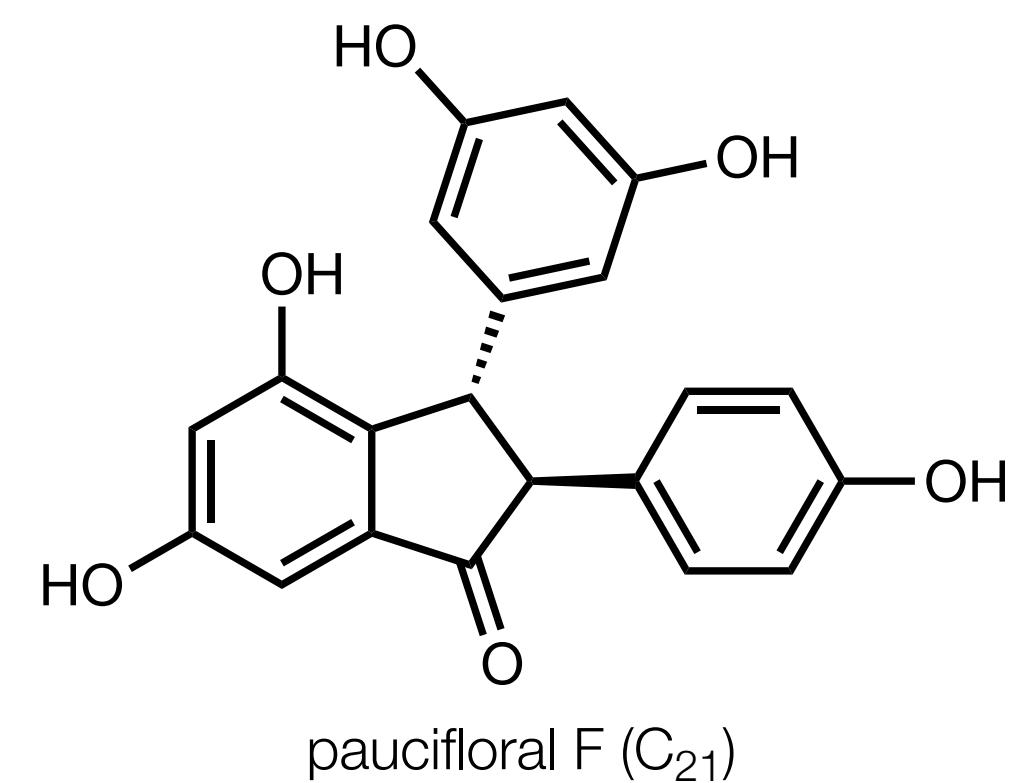
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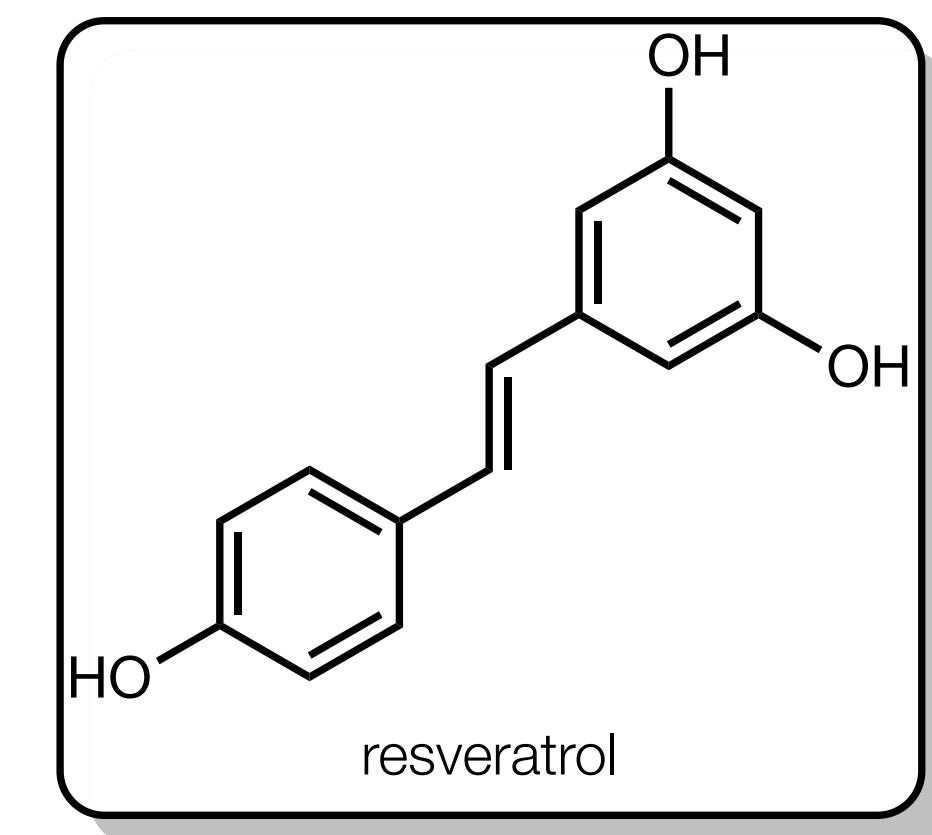
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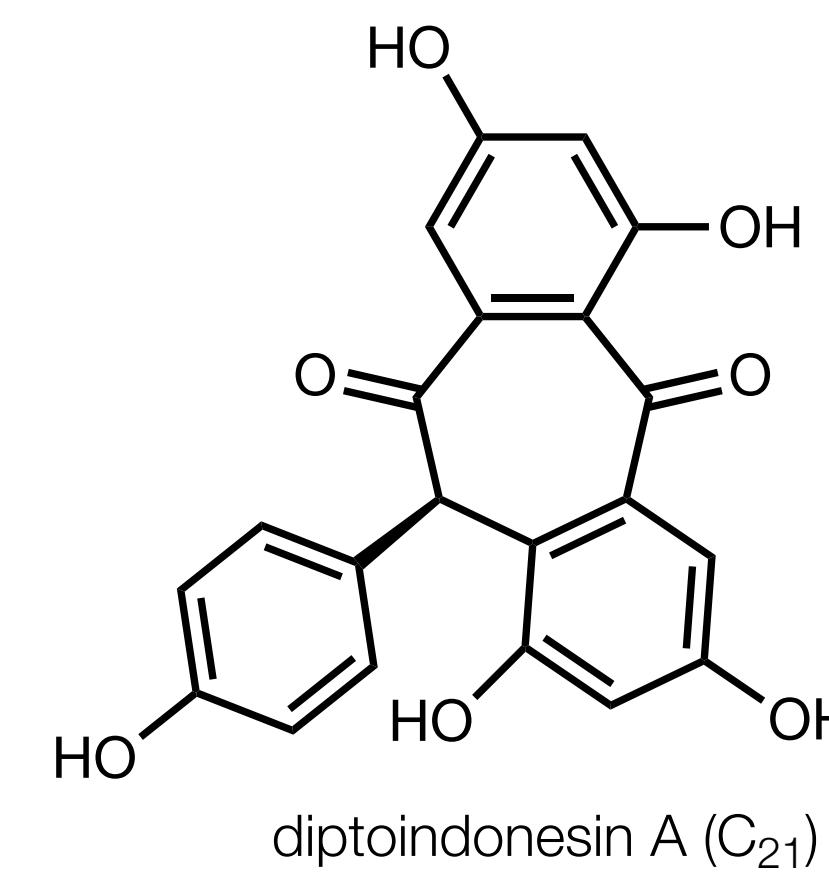
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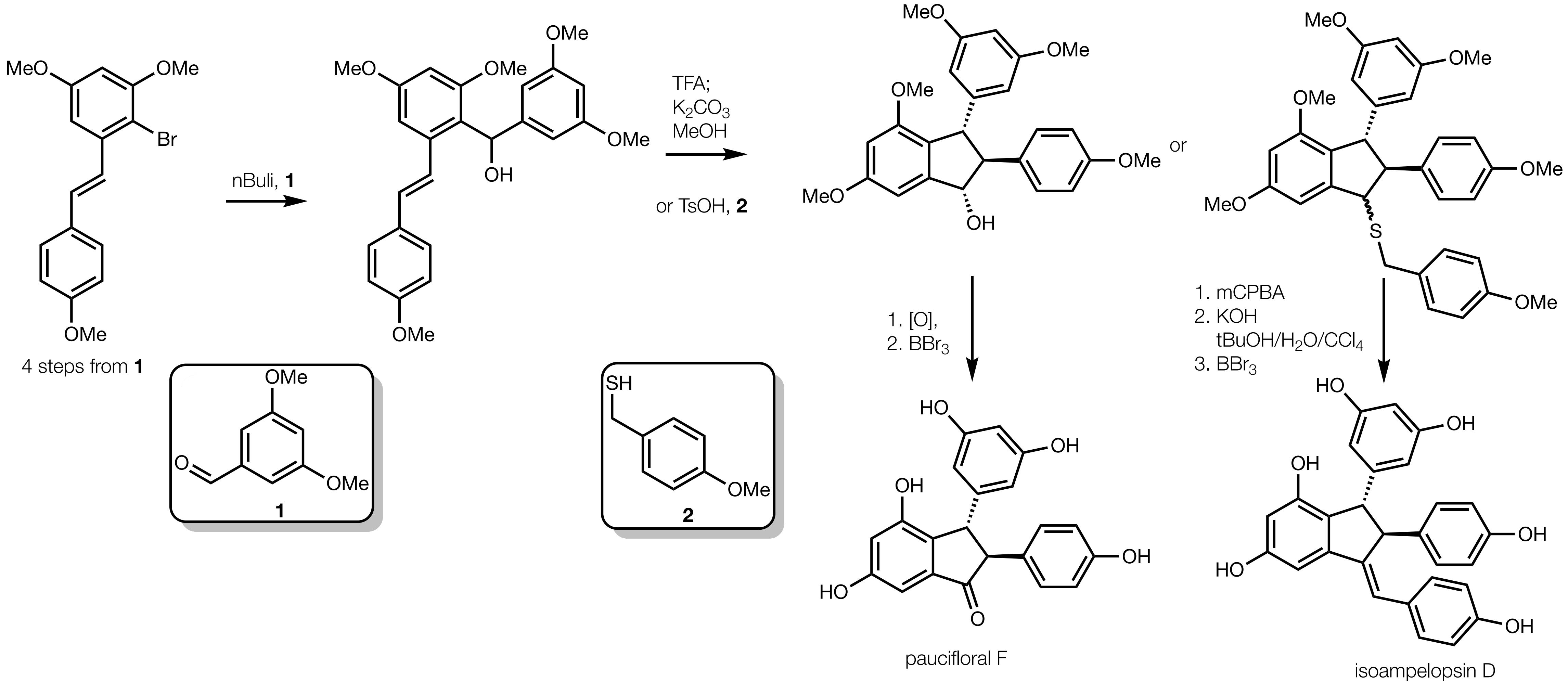


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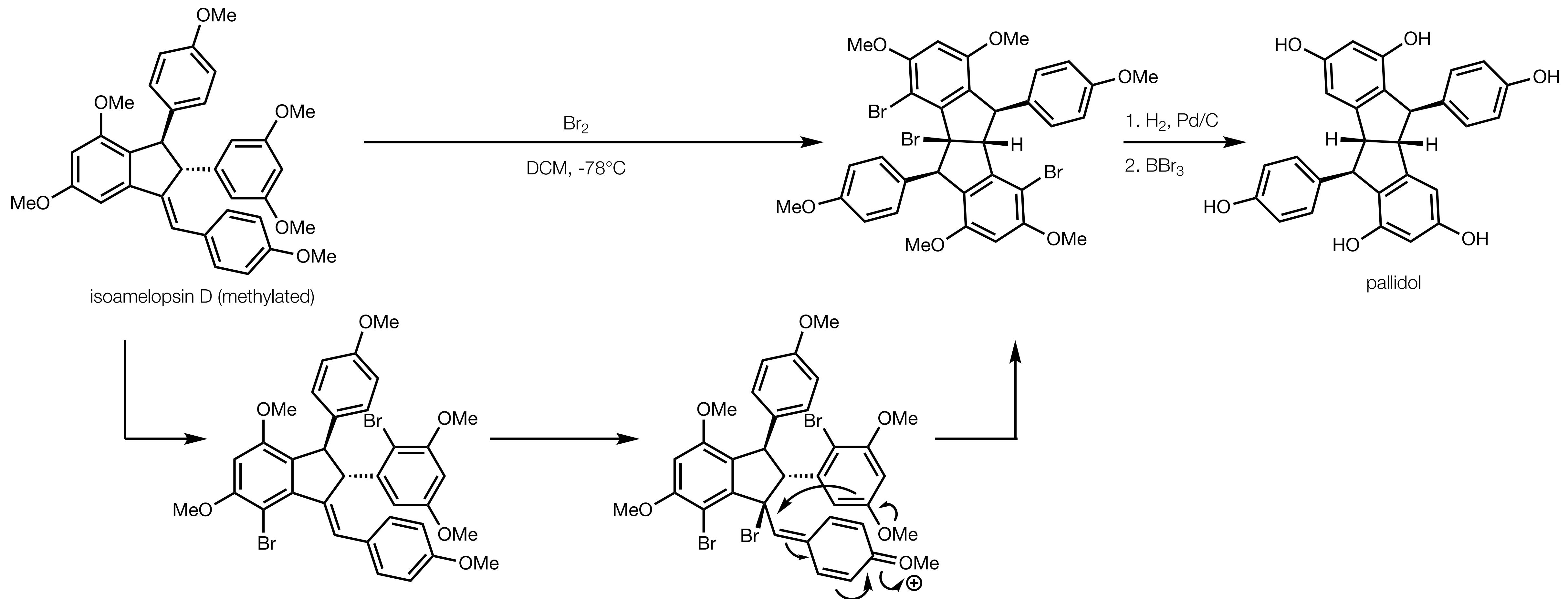


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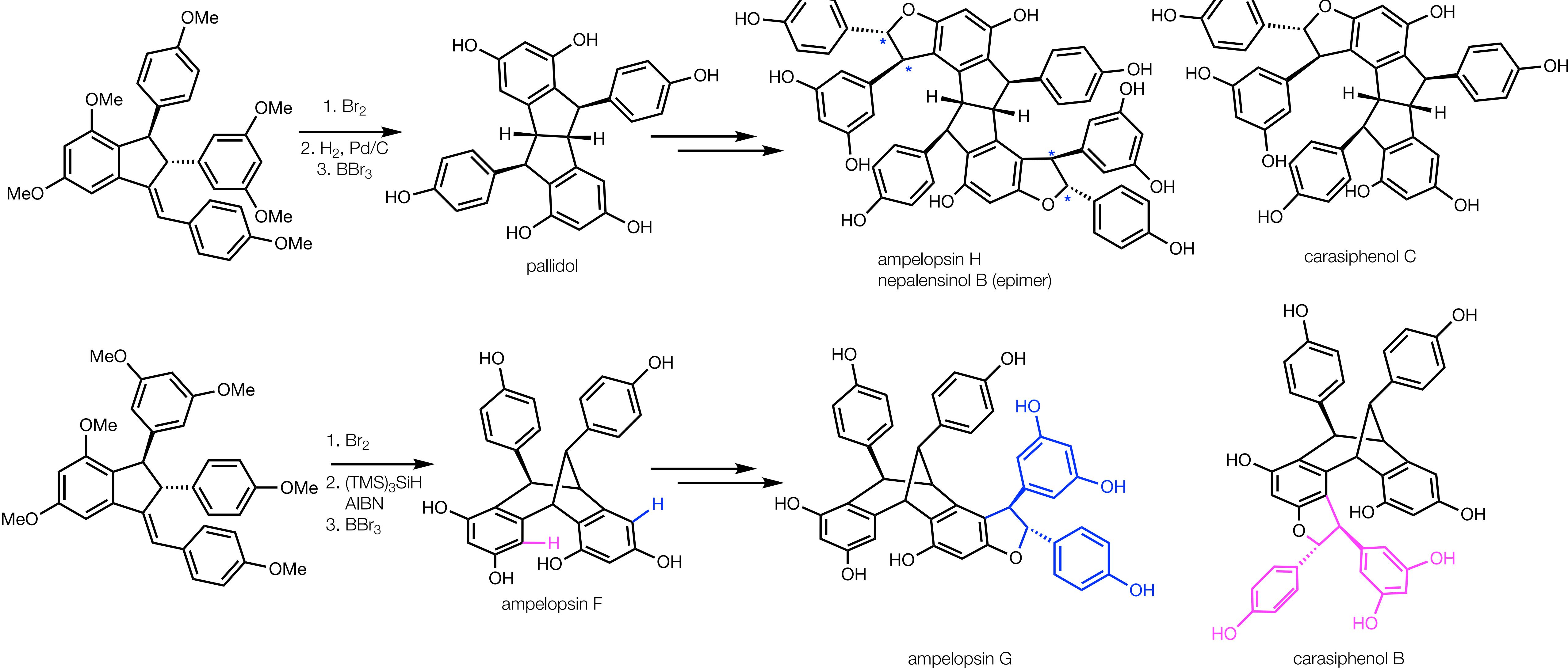
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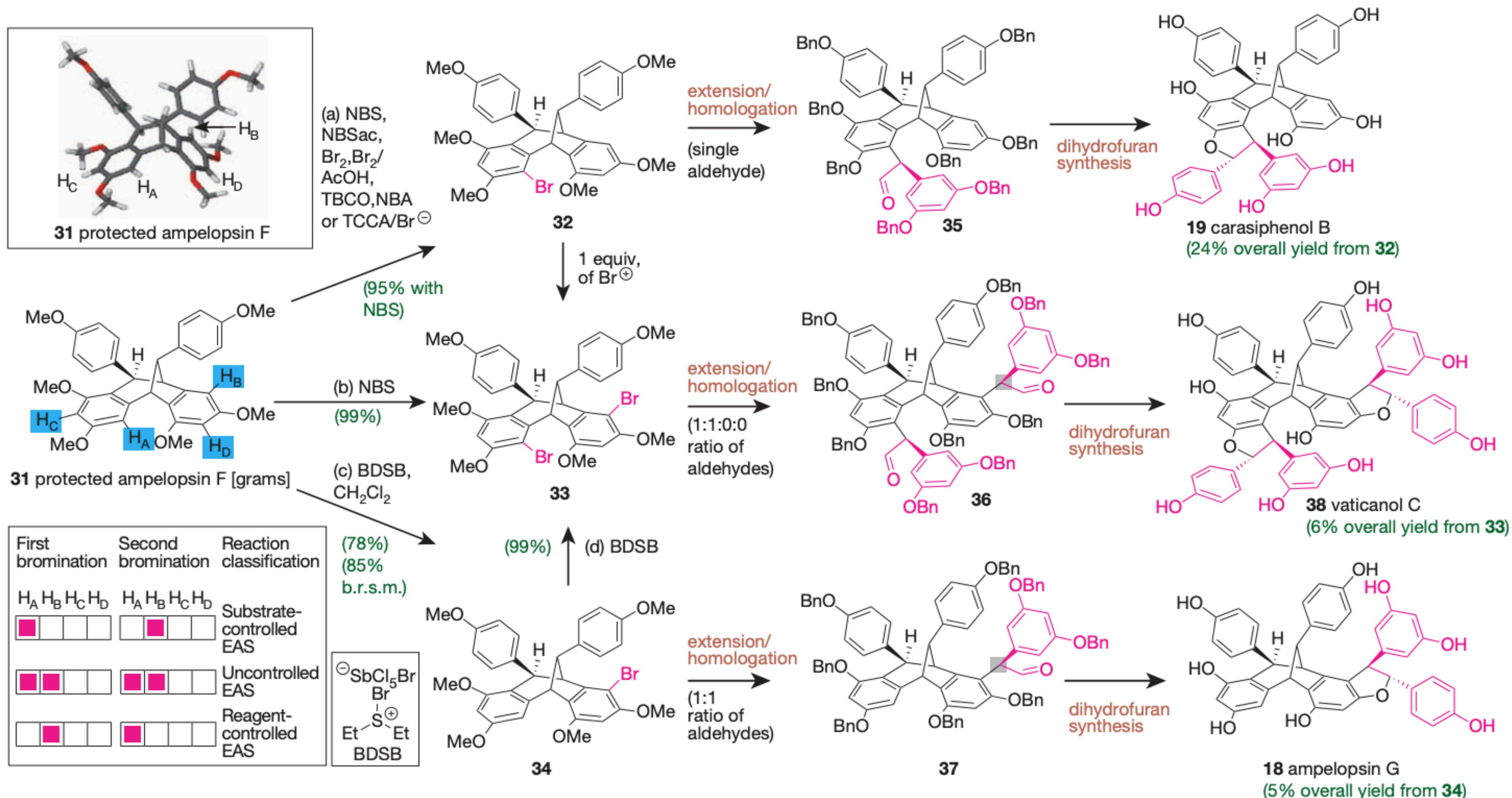
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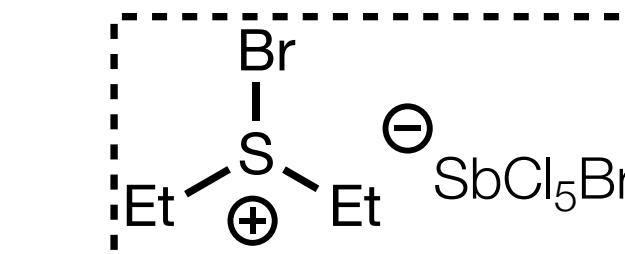
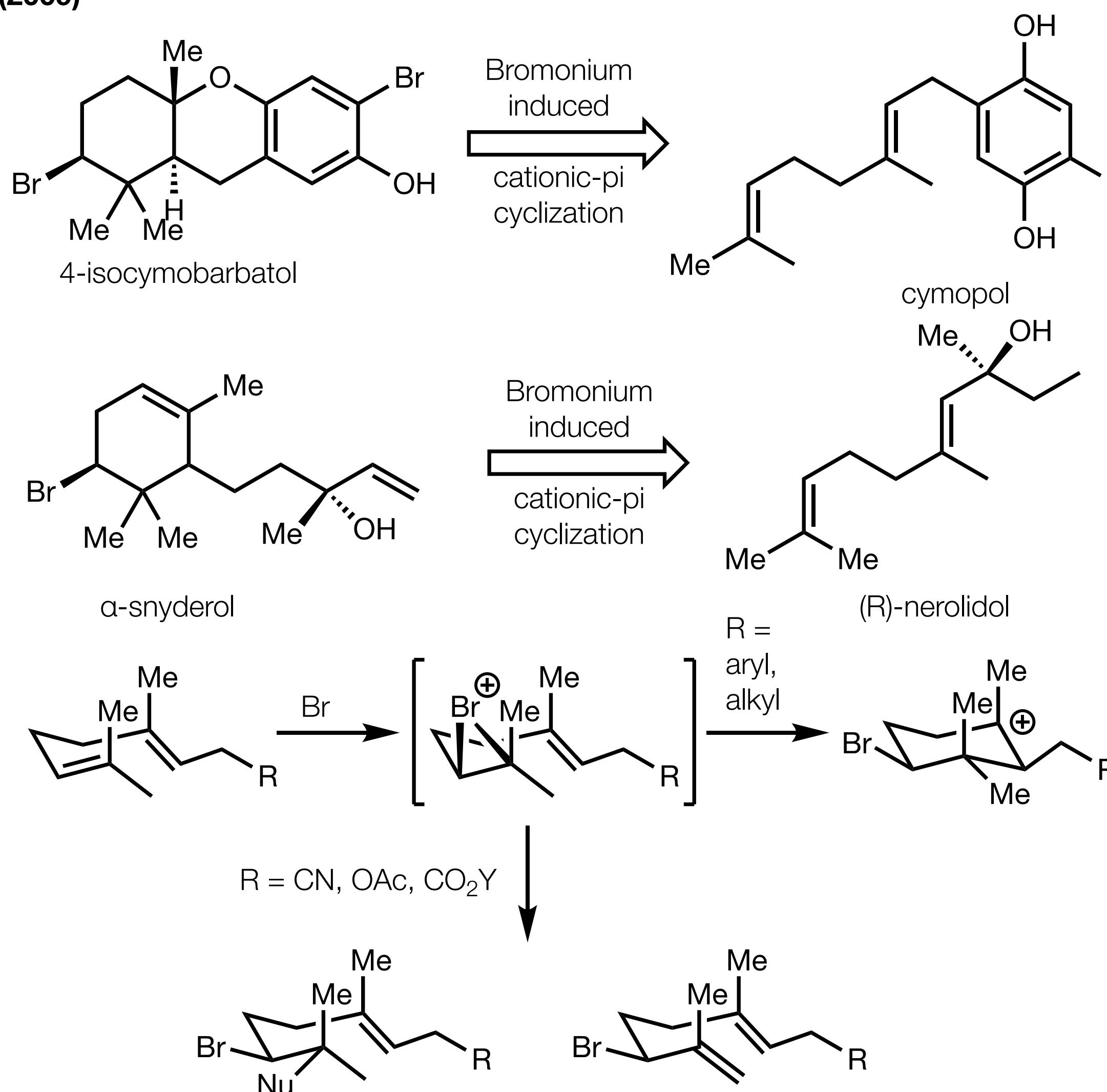
# Controlled Bromination to Access Additional Congeners



# Efficient and Controlled Skeleton Formation: BDSB

# BDSB - Polyene Cyclization

BDSB (2009)



Bromodiethylsulfoniumbromopentachloroantimonate(V)

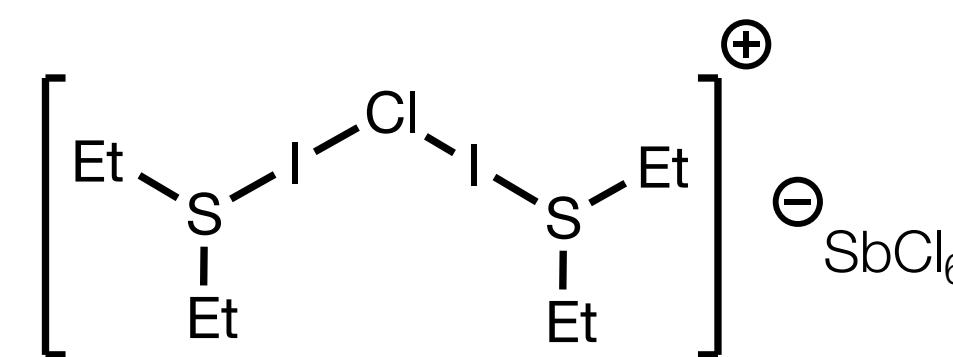
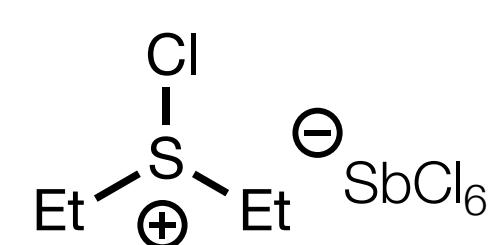
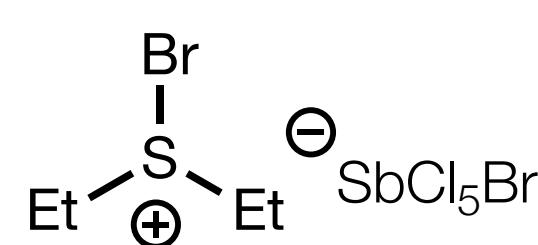
Halogen source (1.0-1.2 equiv), solvent (~0.1 M)

optimized conditions for each substrate and reagent

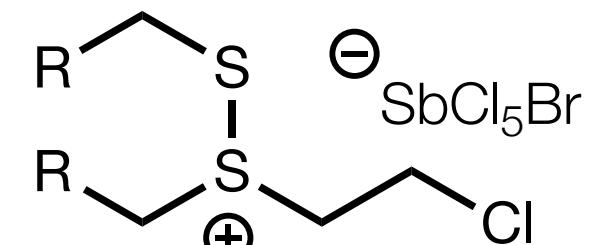
Starting material	Product	Yield [%] (reaction temperature) (time)			
		13	Br <sub>2</sub> /AgBF <sub>4</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	TBCO, CH <sub>3</sub> CN	NBS/Ph <sub>3</sub> P, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
1 14	15	73 <sup>[a]</sup> (25 °C) (5 min)	8 <sup>[b]</sup> (25 °C) (5 min)	< 5 <sup>[b]</sup> (25 °C) (15 min)	< 5 <sup>[b]</sup> (-40 °C) (6 h)
2 16	17	80 <sup>[c]</sup> (0 °C) (5 min)	22 (0 °C) (5 min)	< 5 (0 °C) (15 min)	< 5 (-40 °C) (6 h)
3 18	19	56 <sup>[a]</sup> (25 °C) (5 min)	< 5 (25 °C) (5 min)	< 5 (25 °C) (15 min)	< 5 (-40 °C) (6 h)

# BDSB... and friends

## XDSX Reagents

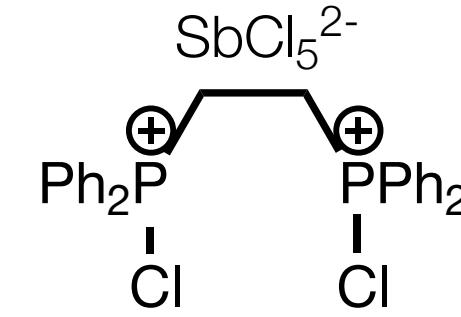


BDSB



Electrophilic Sulfur

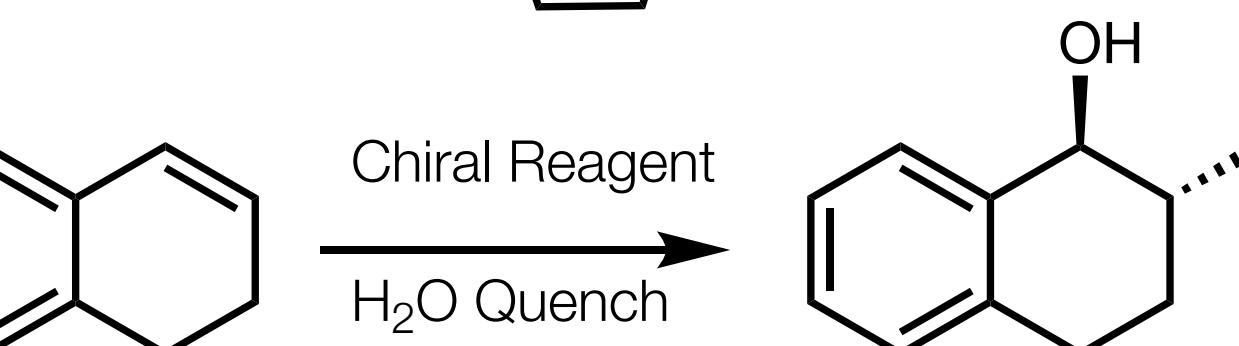
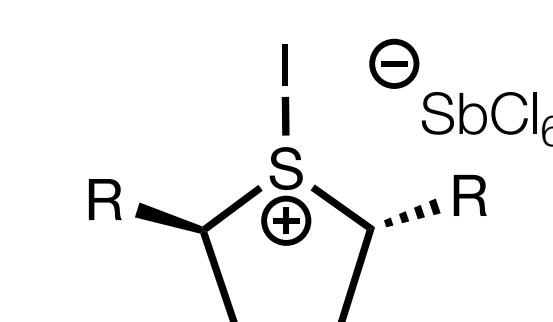
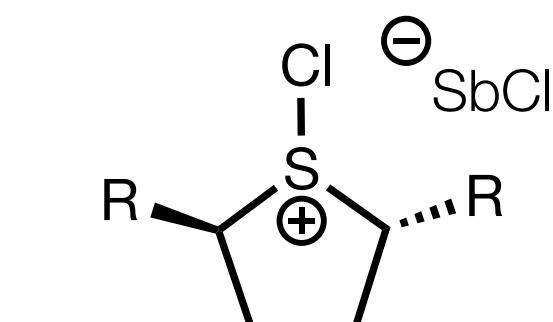
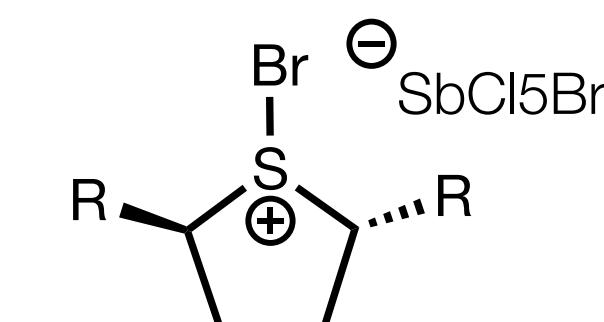
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Hydrohalogenating Reagent

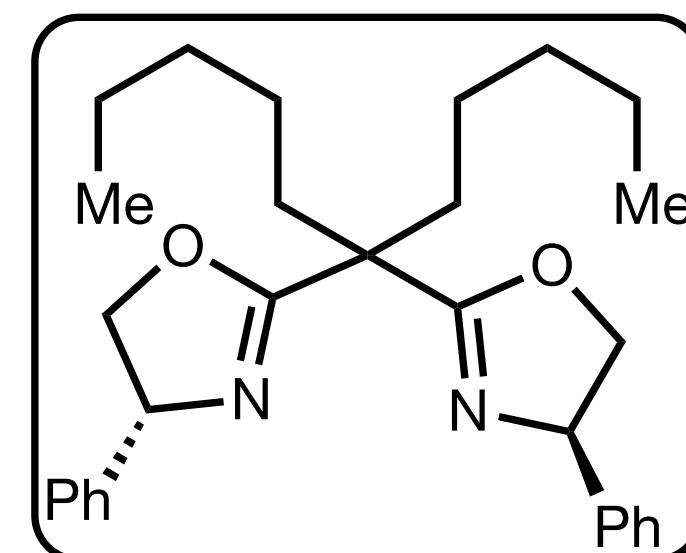
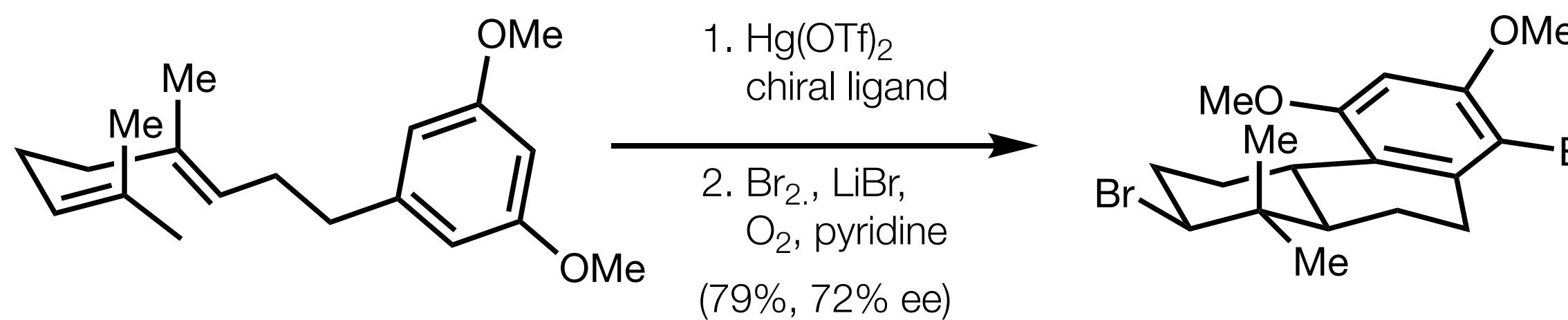
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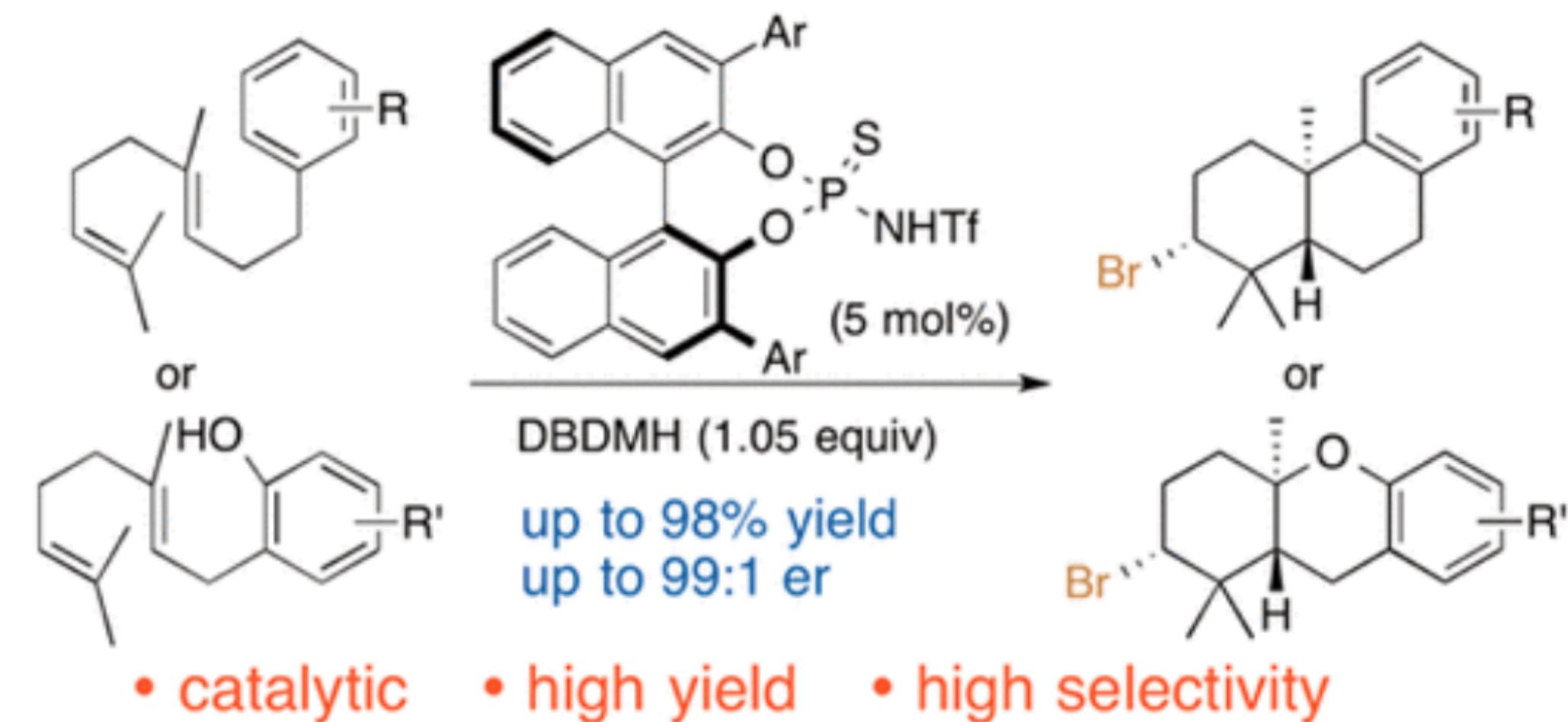


Best result: R = Et (67%, 63% ee)

## Asymmetric Polyene Cyclization

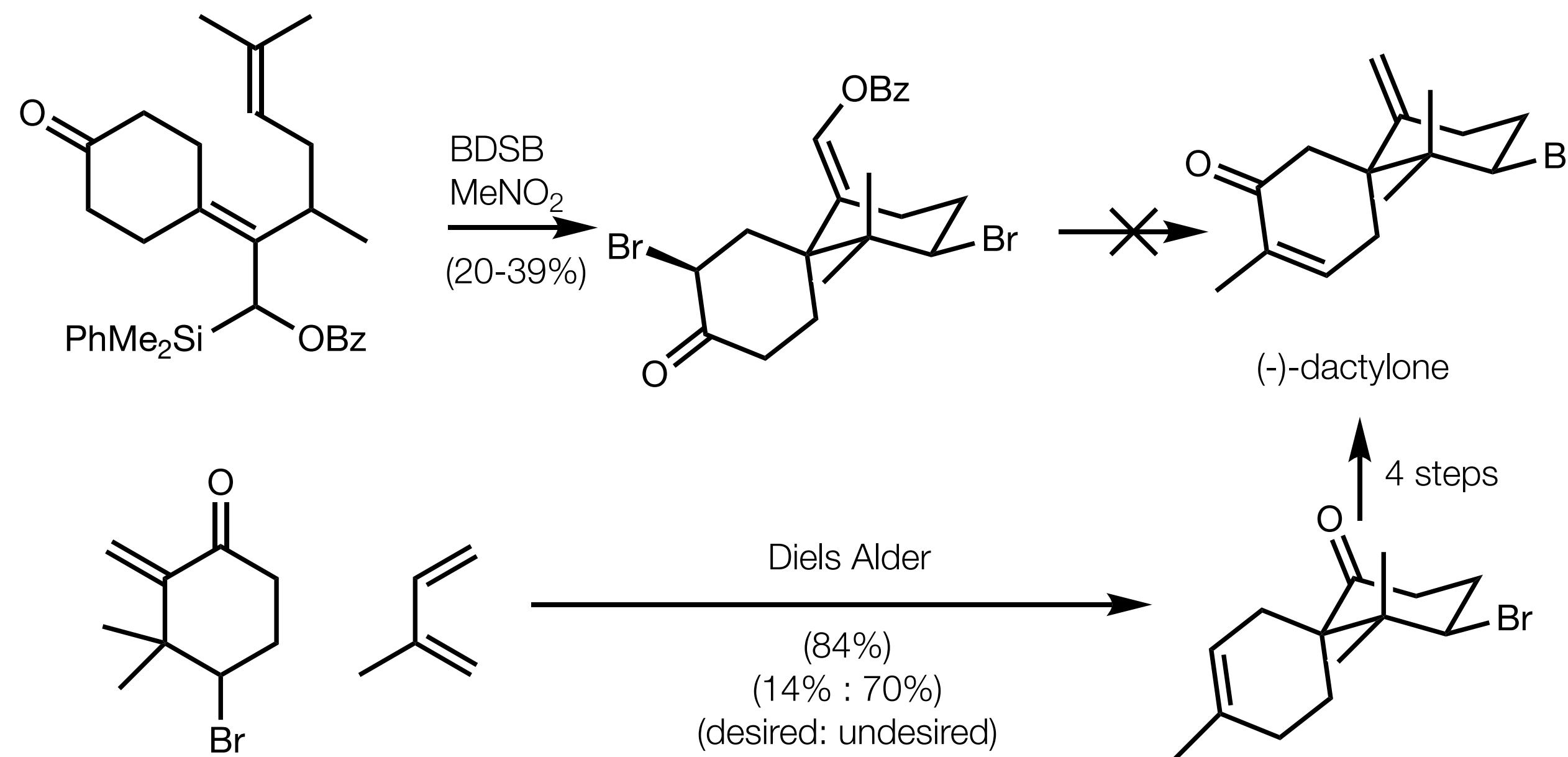


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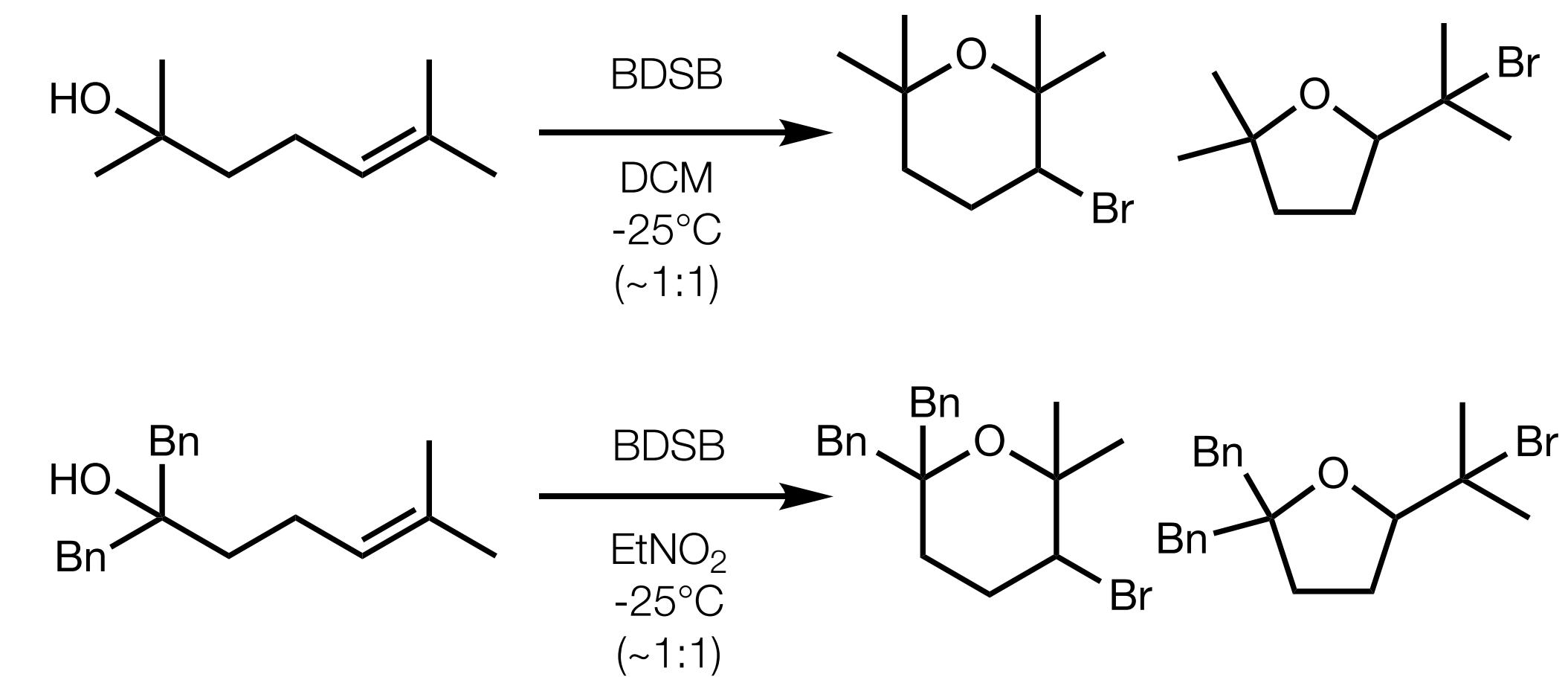


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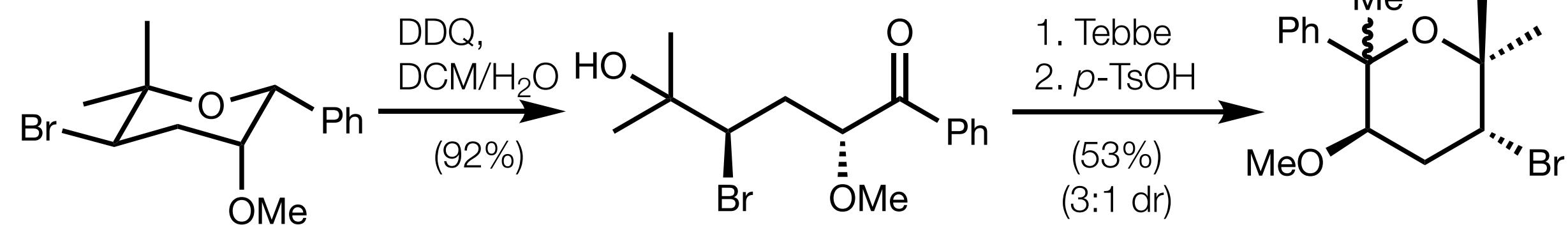
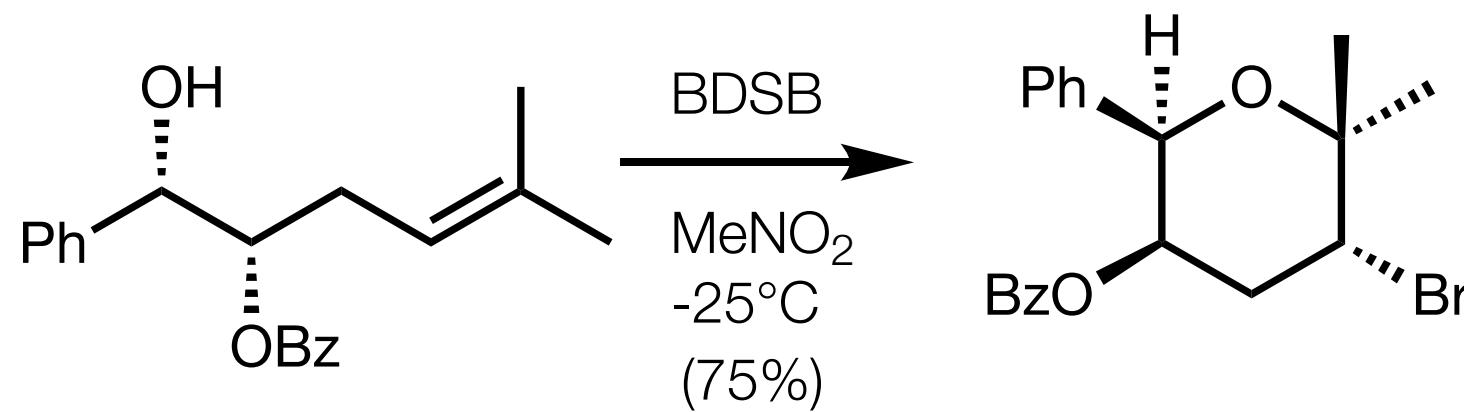
## Bromo-Chamigrenes



## Initial Attempts at 6-endo cyclization

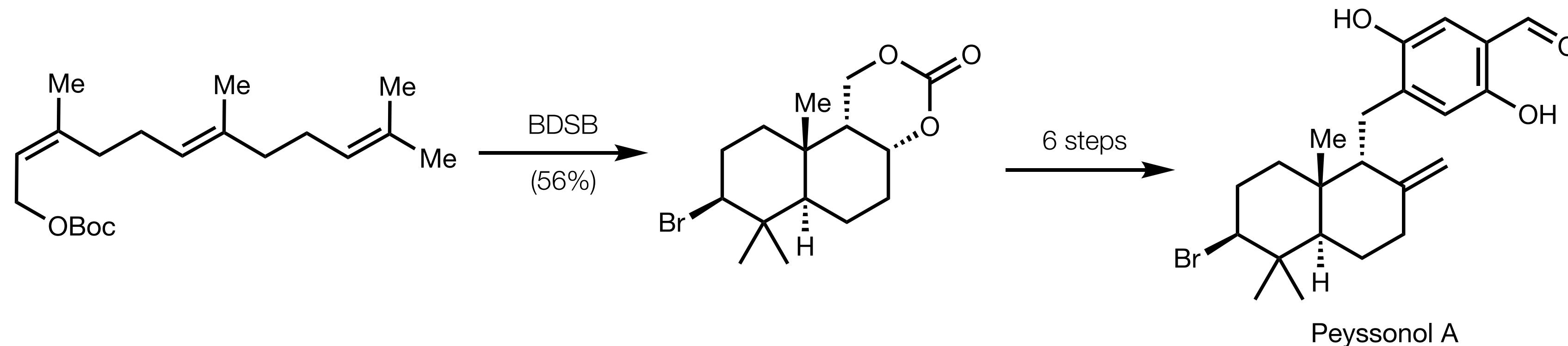


## Secondary Alcohols (removal of A<sub>1,3</sub>-strain)

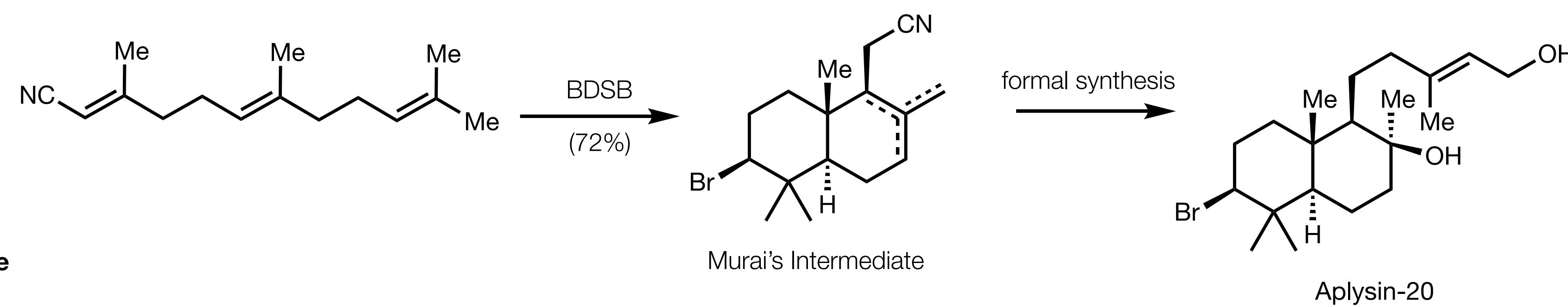


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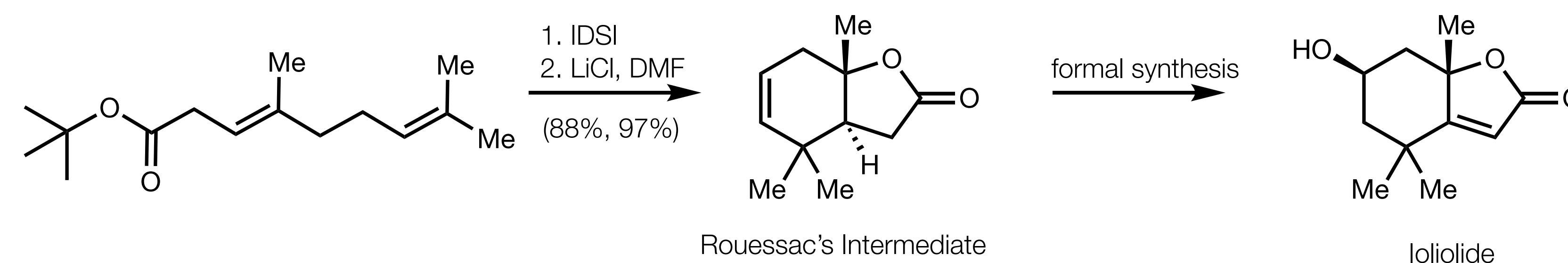
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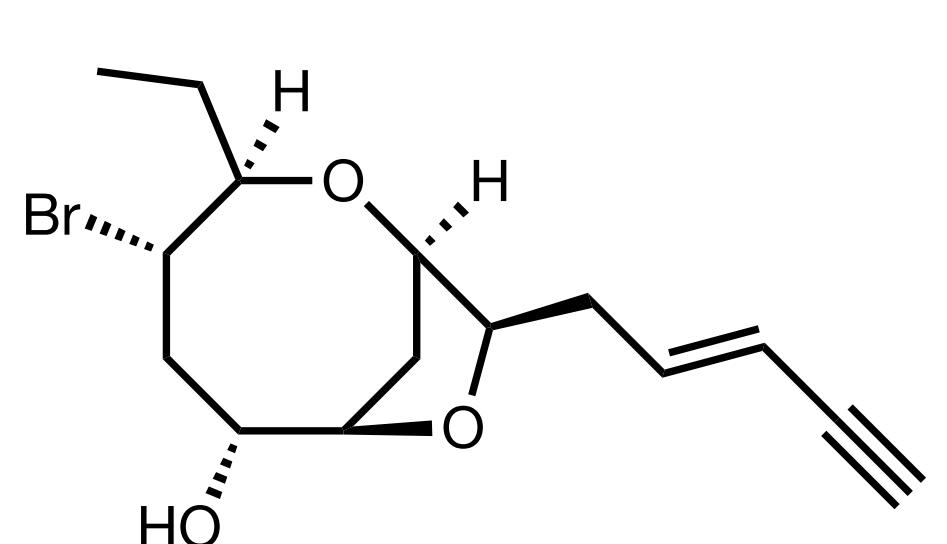
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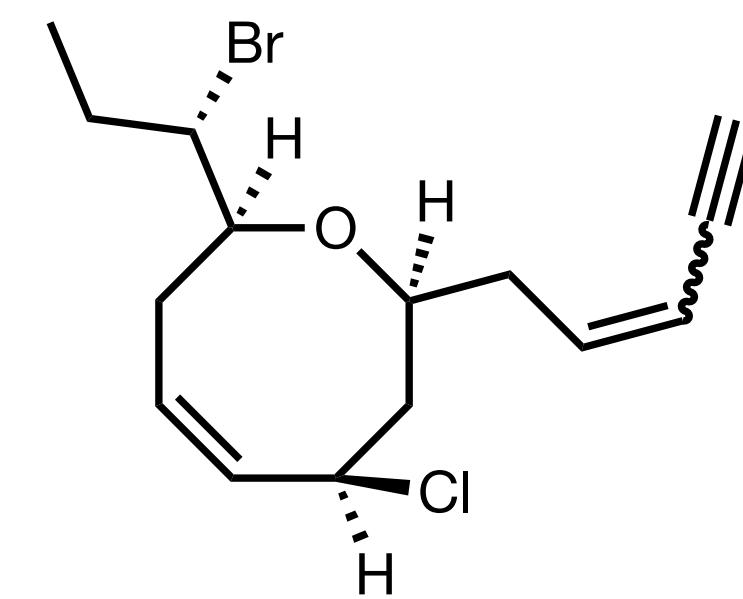
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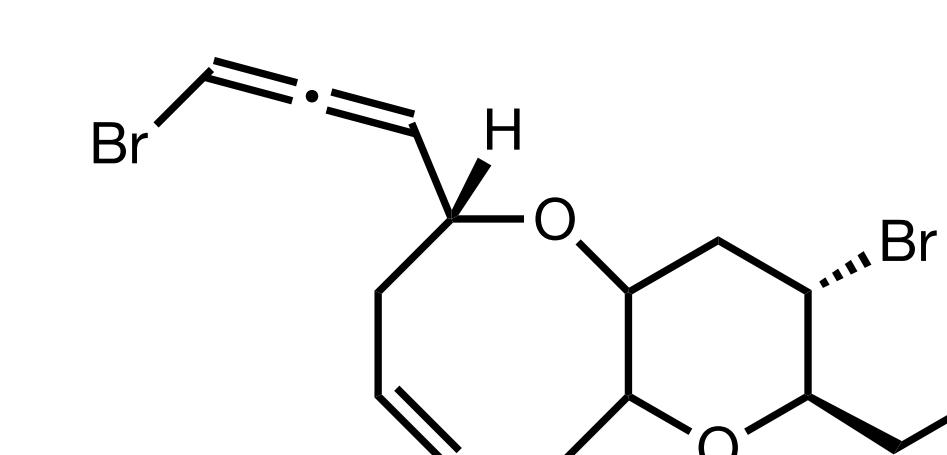
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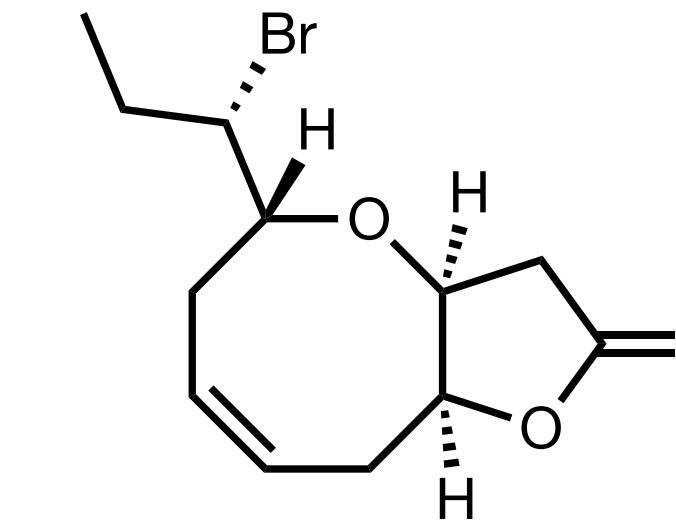
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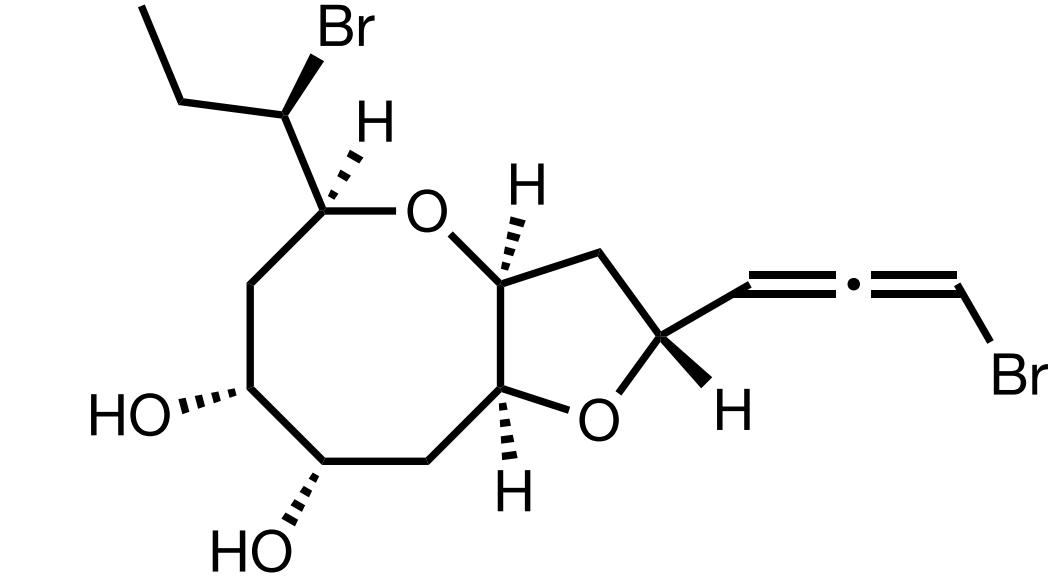
E/Z - pinnatifidenyne



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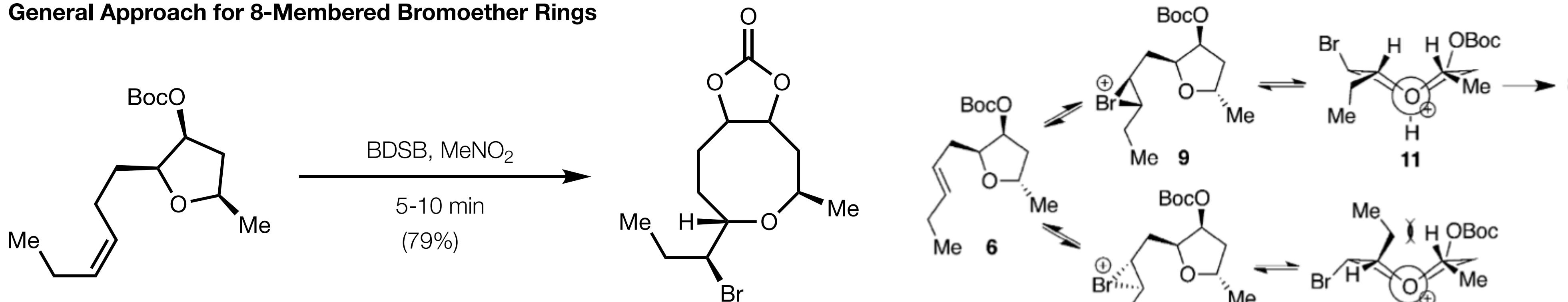


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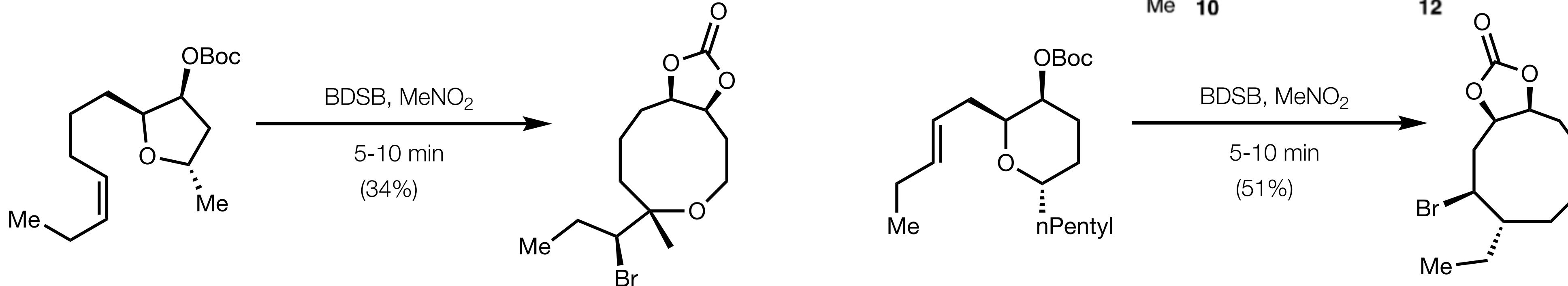


laurendecumallene B

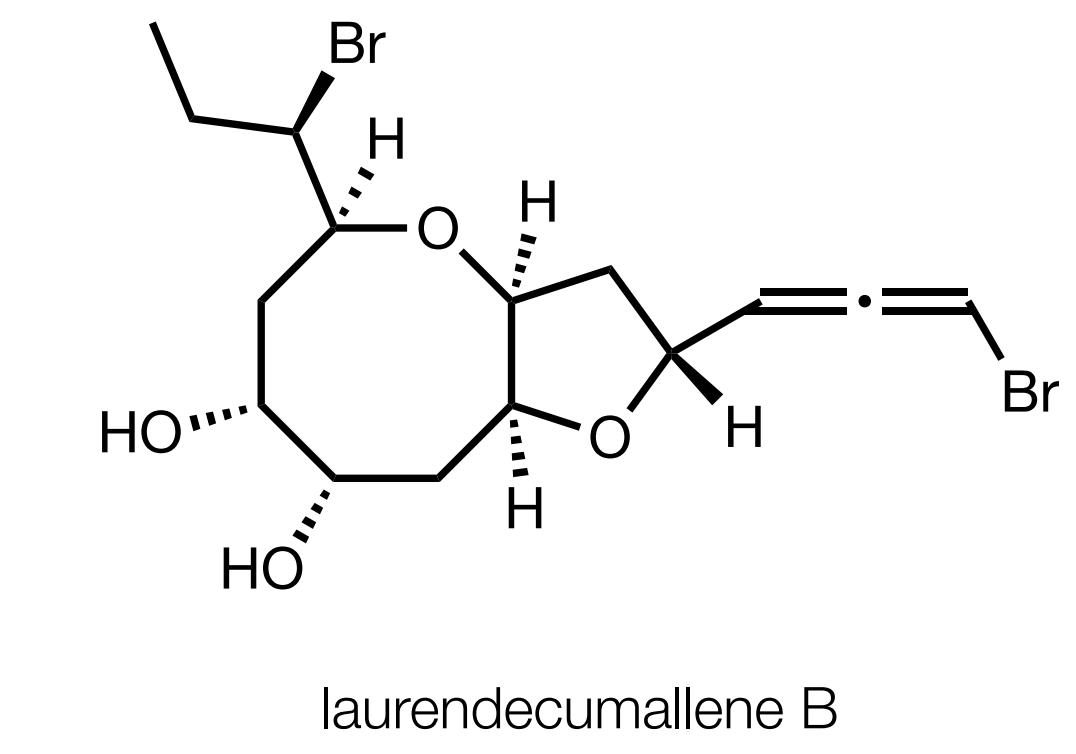
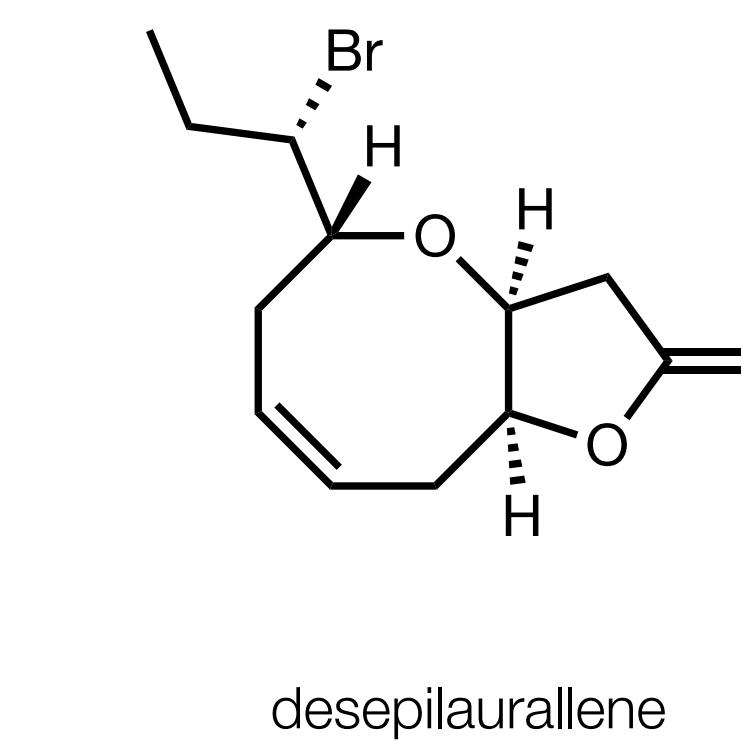
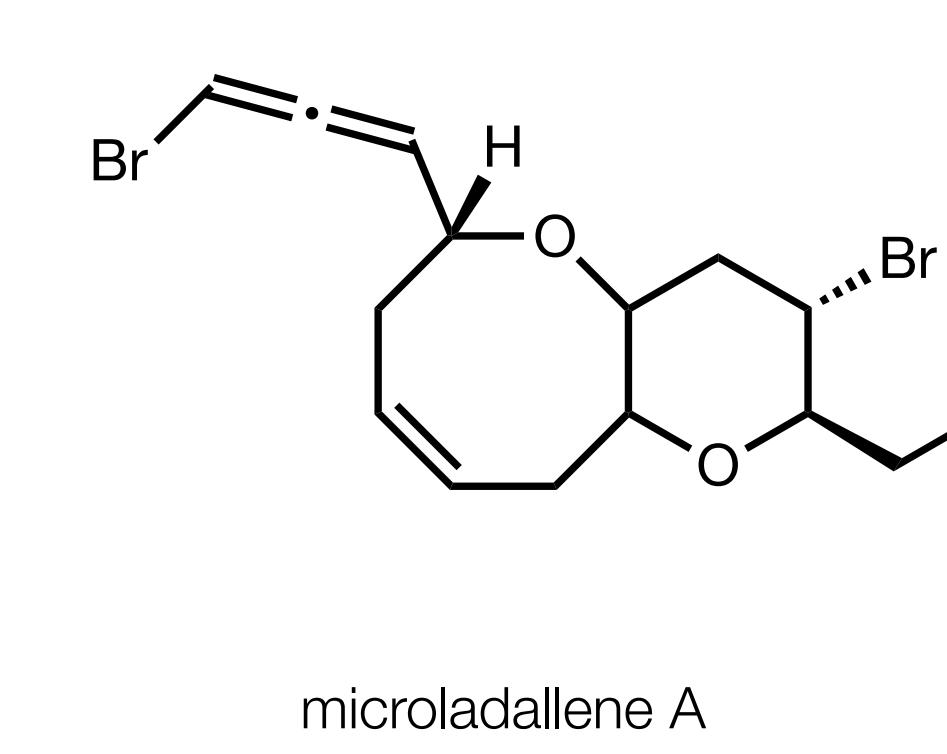
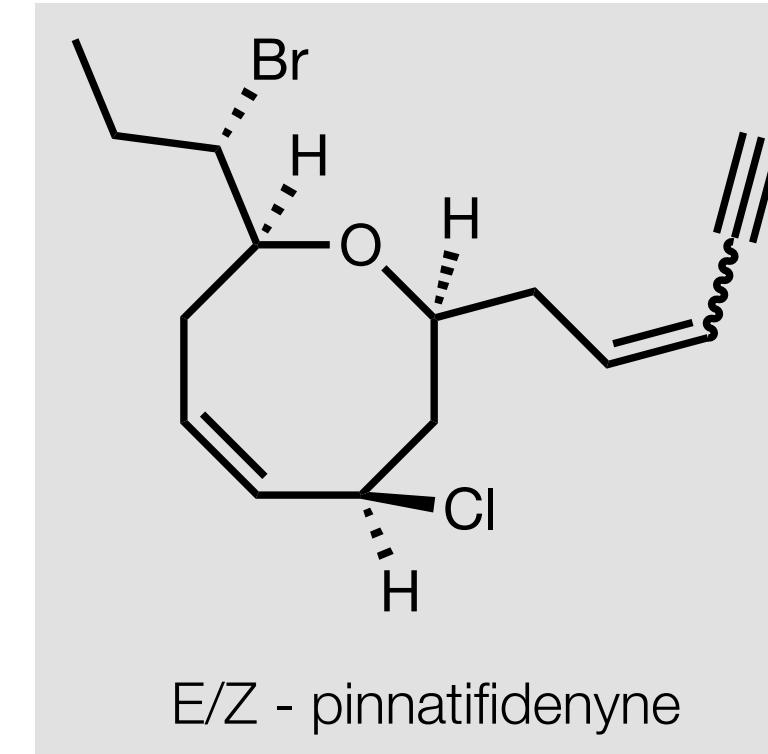
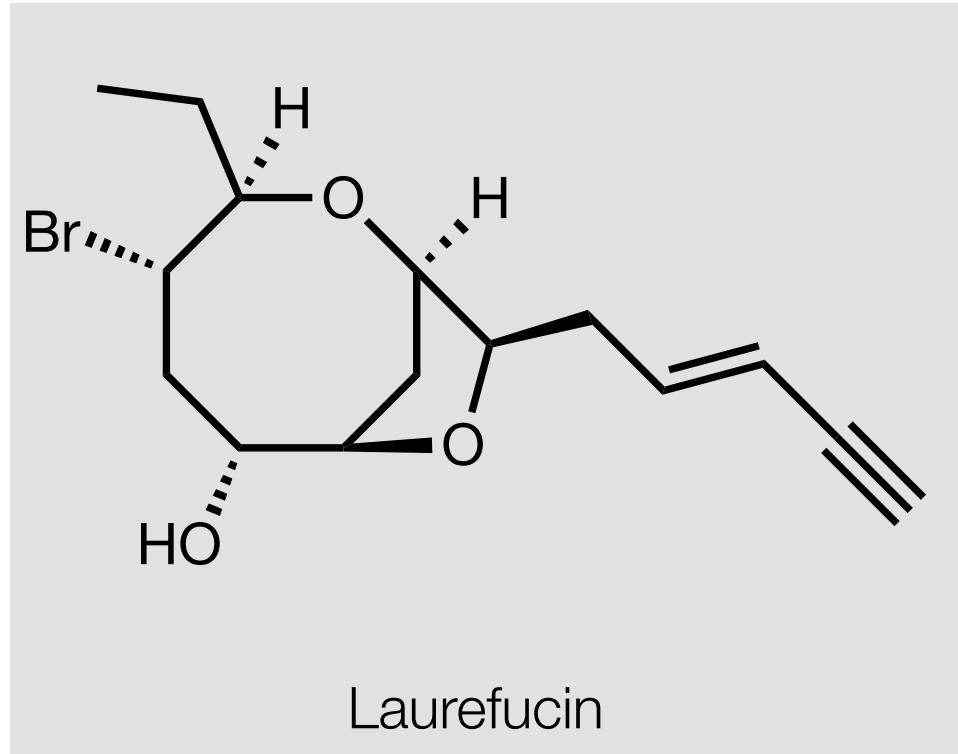
## General Approach for 8-Membered Bromoether Rings



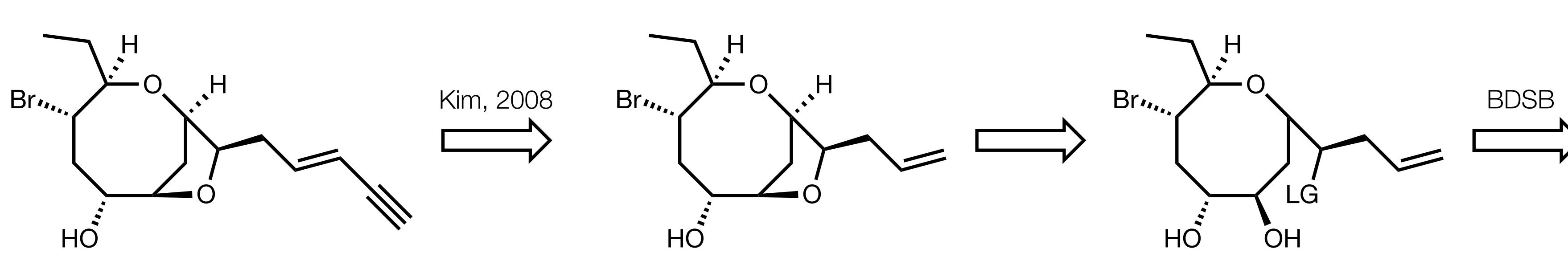
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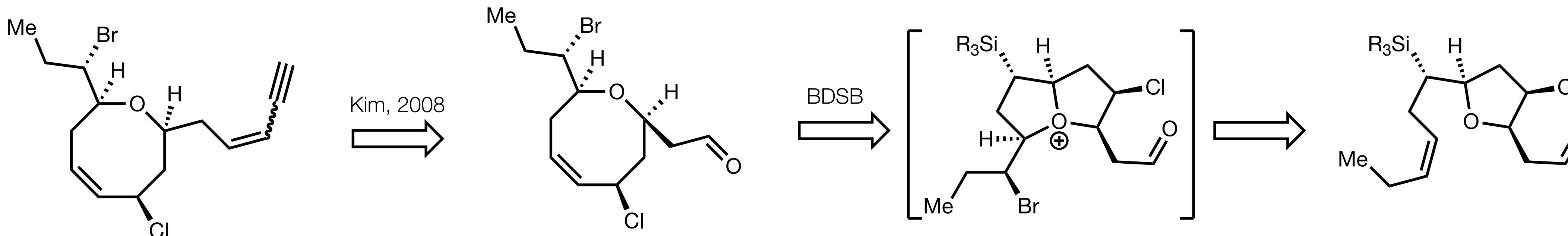
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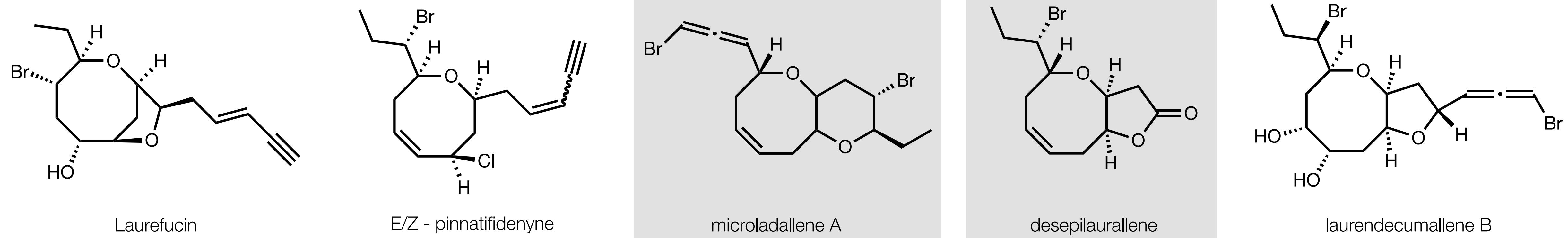
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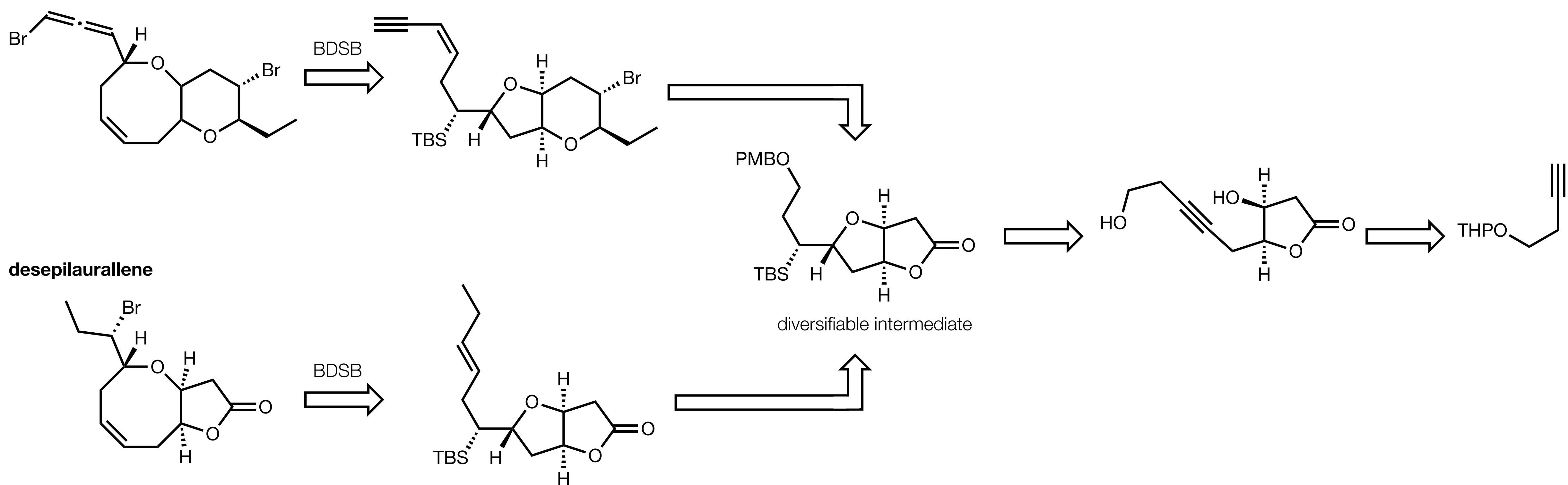
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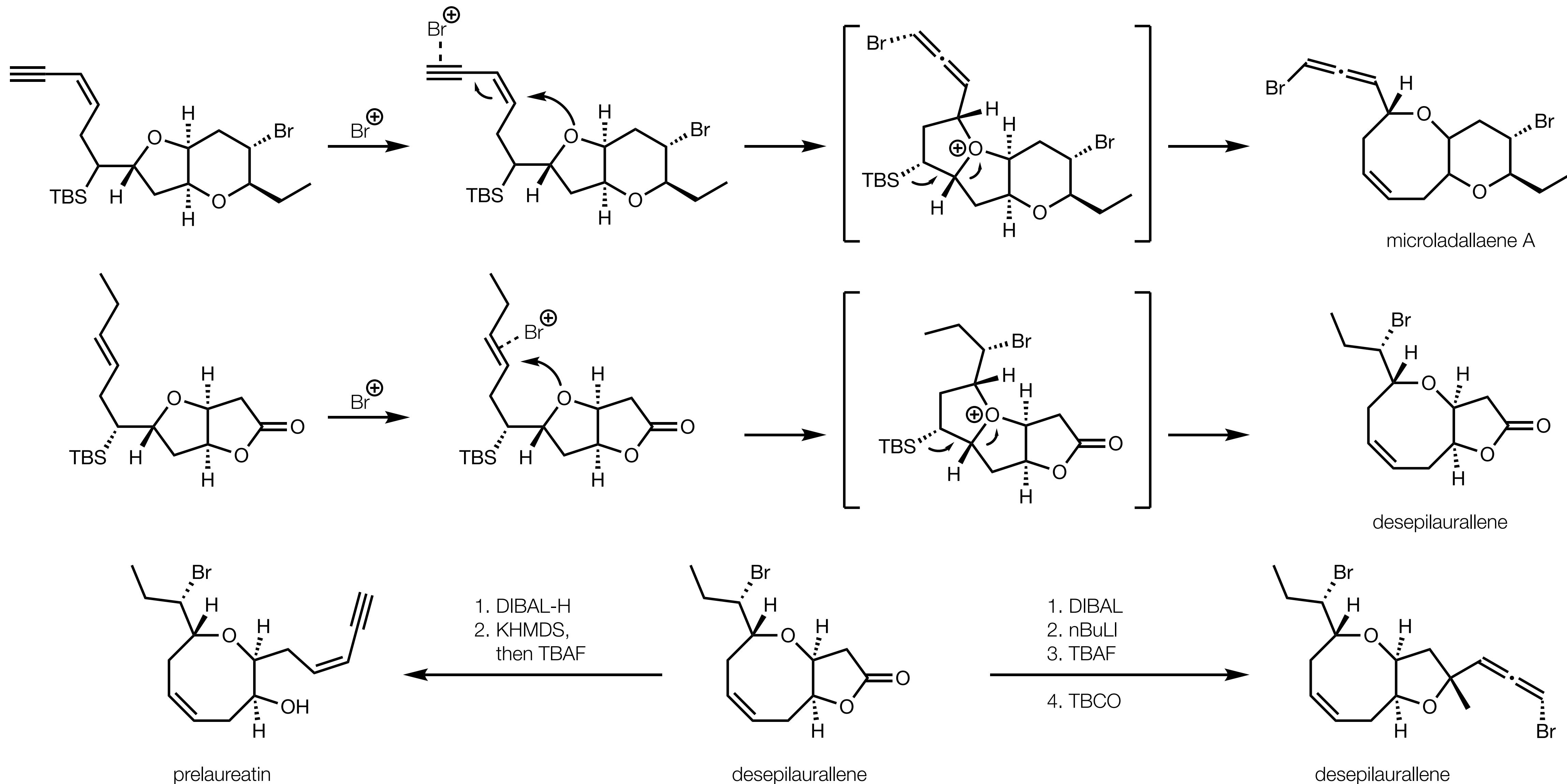
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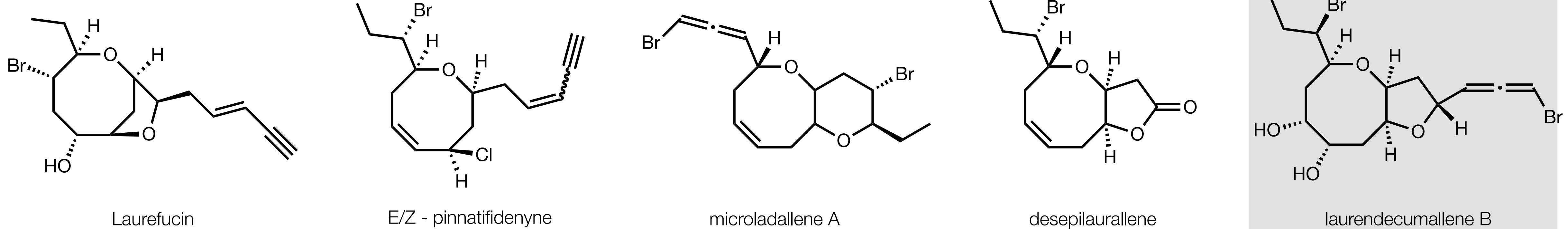
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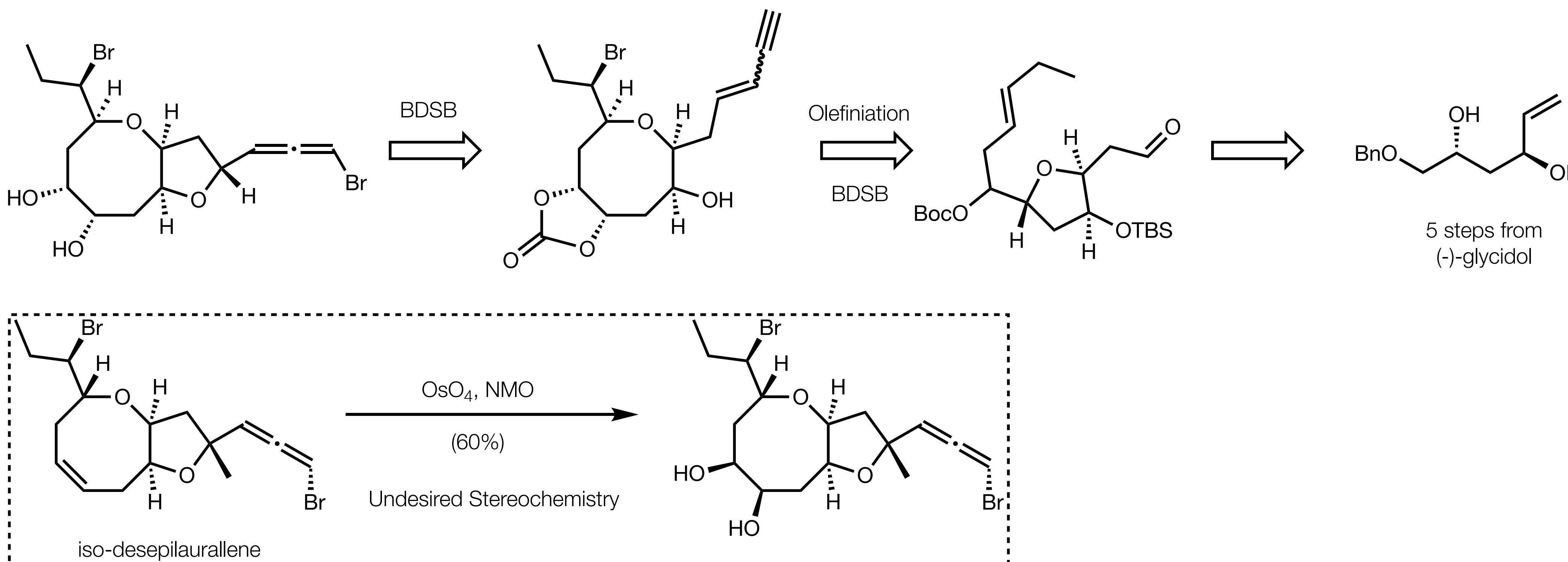
# Microdallene A and Desepilaurallene: Modified Strategy



# Laurendecumallene B: Double Bromonium Induced Cyclization



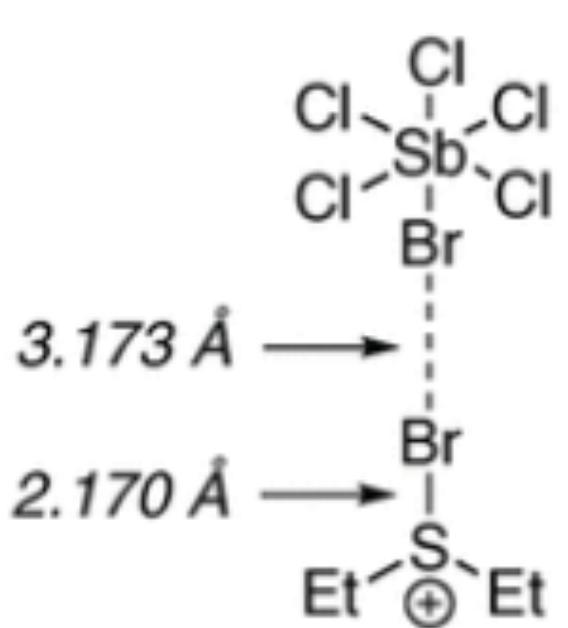
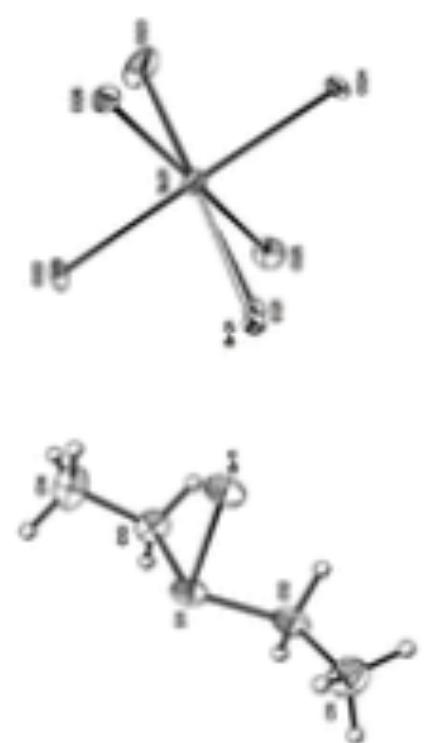
## laurendecumallene B



Highly electrophilic bromonium (and others!) source

Has been employed in:

1. *Controlled* Bromonium-induced polyene cyclizations
2. *Controlled* Electrophilic bromination of aromatic rings
3. Bromoetherification

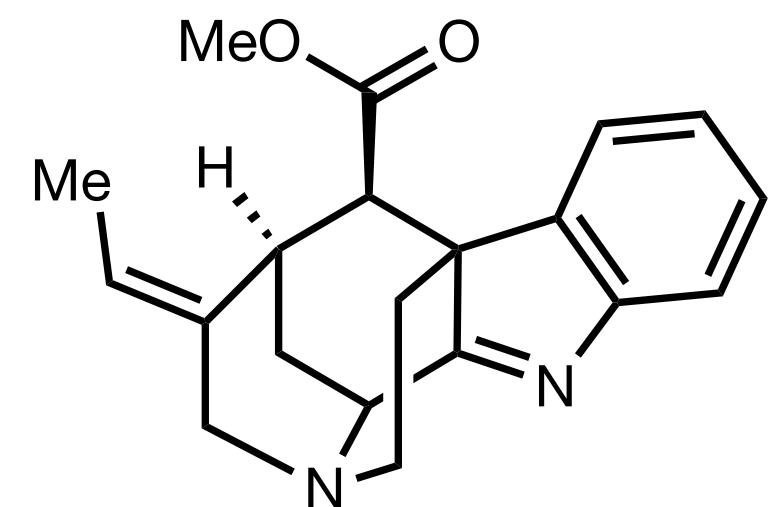


Overall, a good alternative to consider for electrophilic bromination

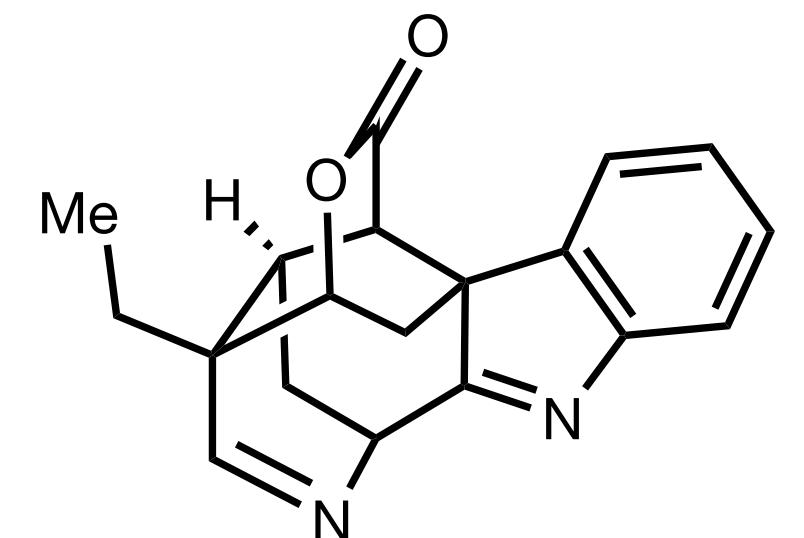


# Efficient and Controlled Skeleton Formation: Akuammiline Alkaloids

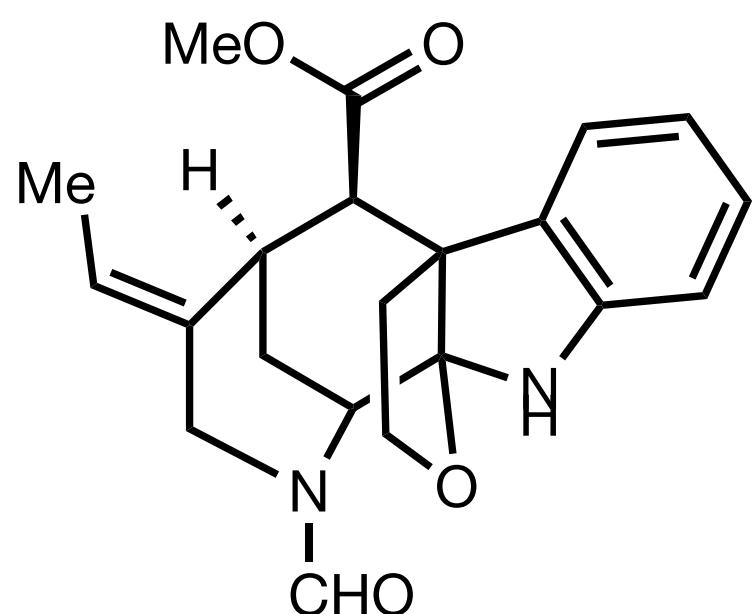
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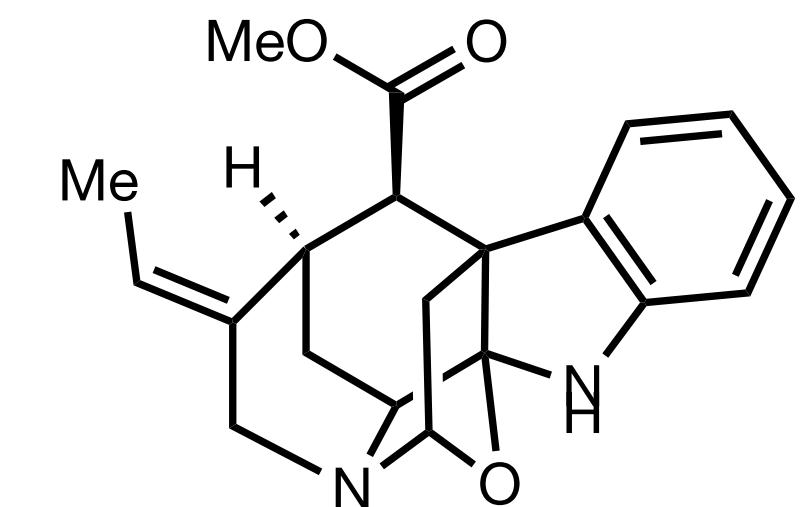
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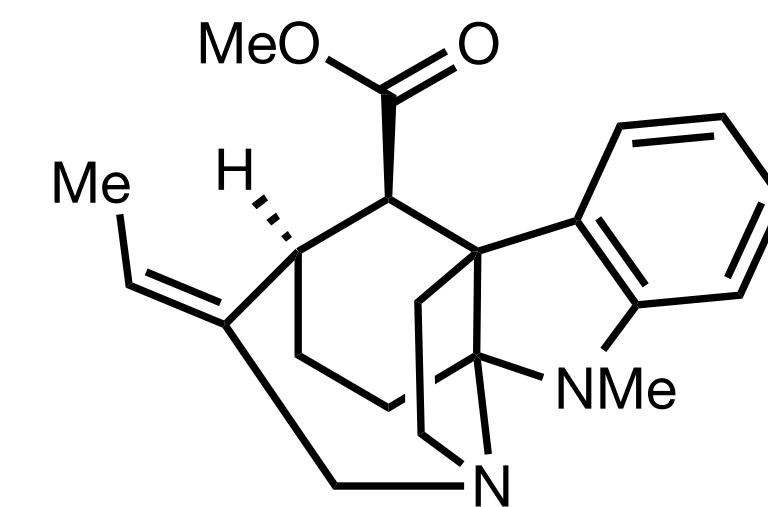
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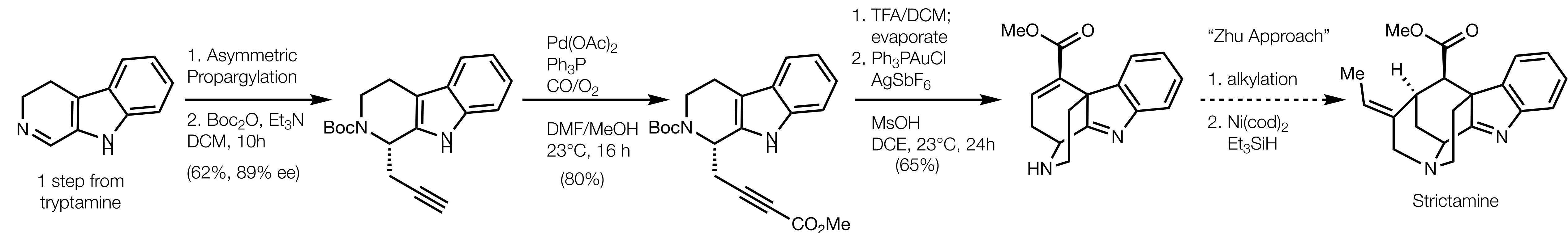


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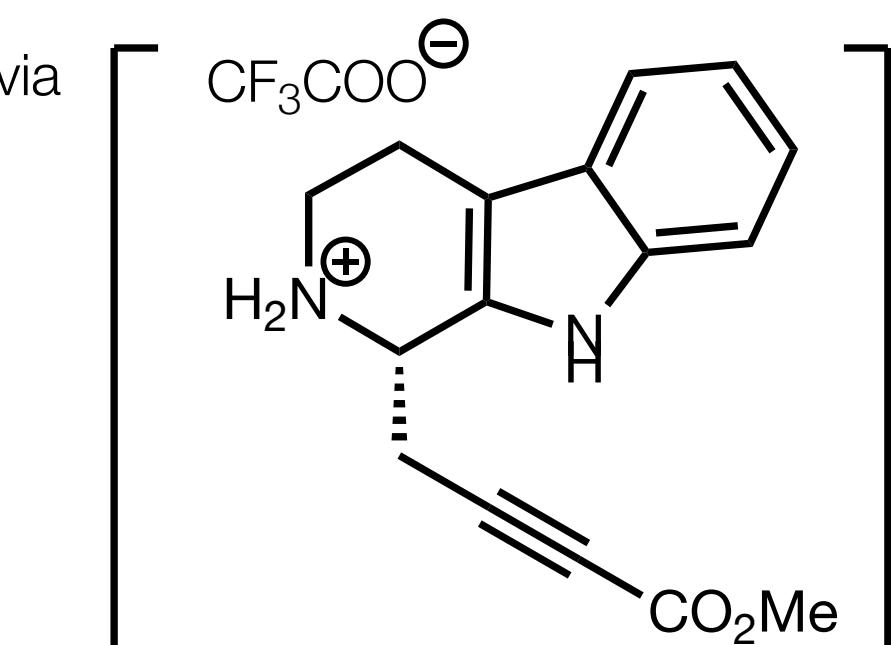
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## Strictamine (2017)



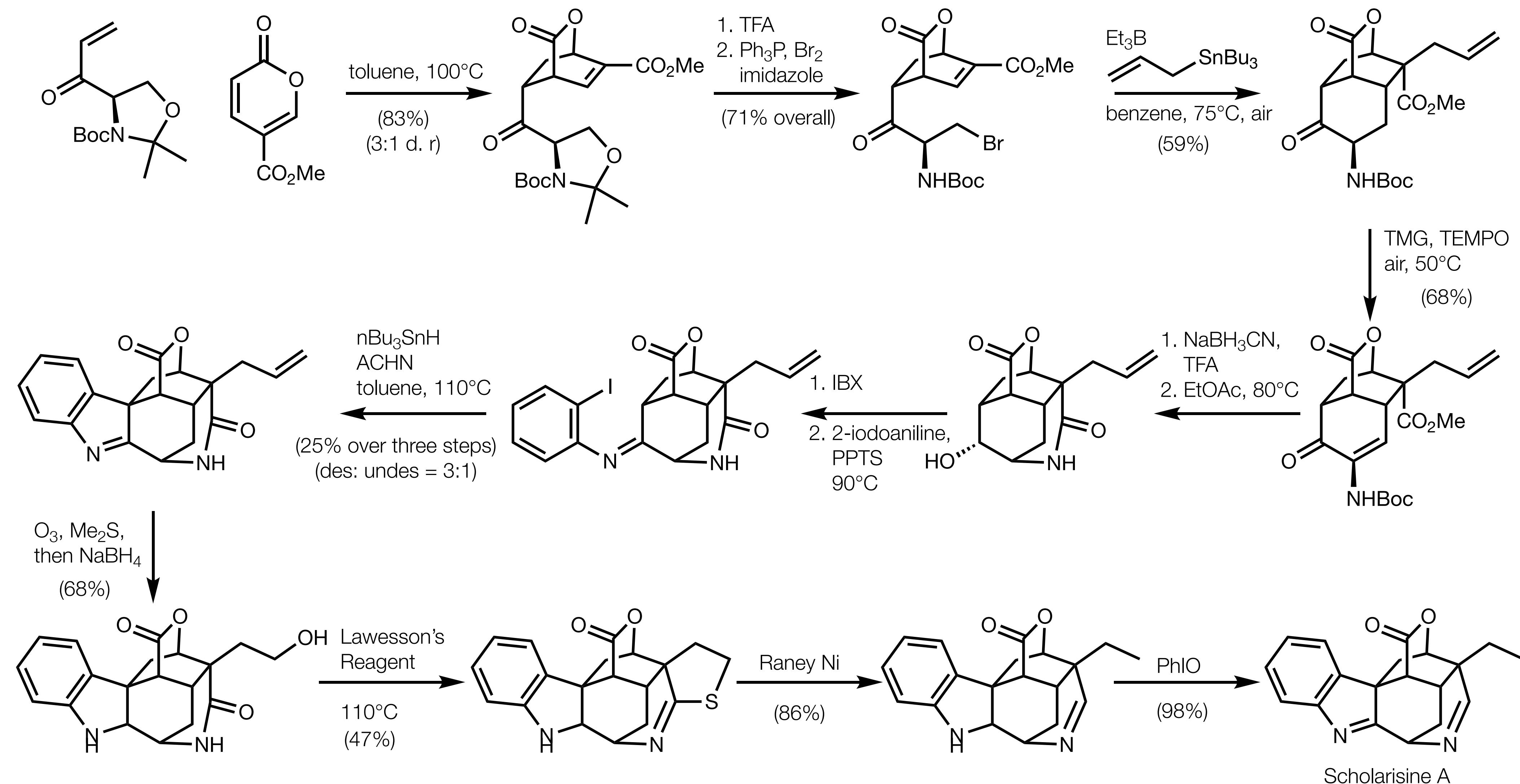
Asymmetric Propargylation Conditions:

(R)-DTBM-SEGPHOS  
CuCl  
tBuONa  
  
THF/MeOH, -78°C to 30°C, 48h



# Akuammiline Alkaloids

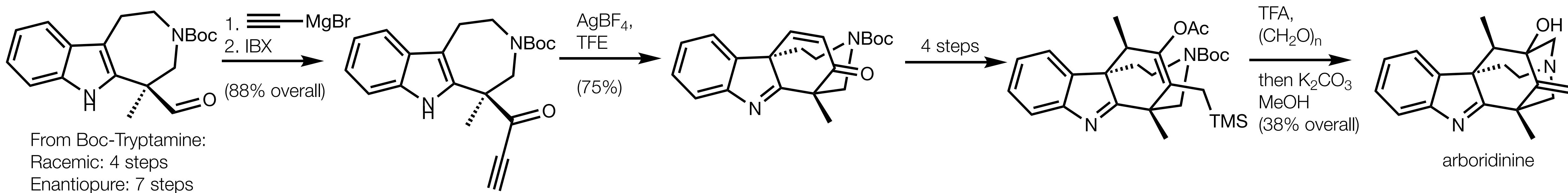
## Scholarisine A (2013)



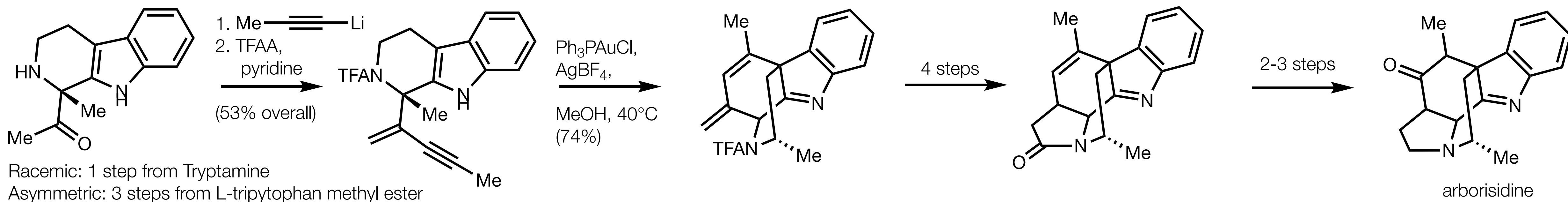
# Efficient and Controlled Skeleton Formation: Metal and LA Catalysed Cyclizations

# Rapid Skeletal Building

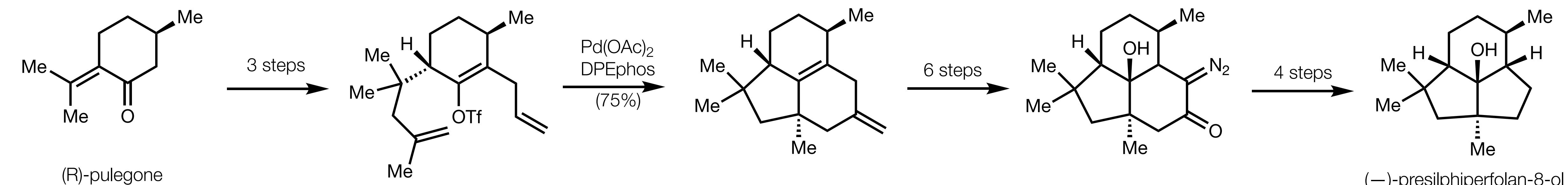
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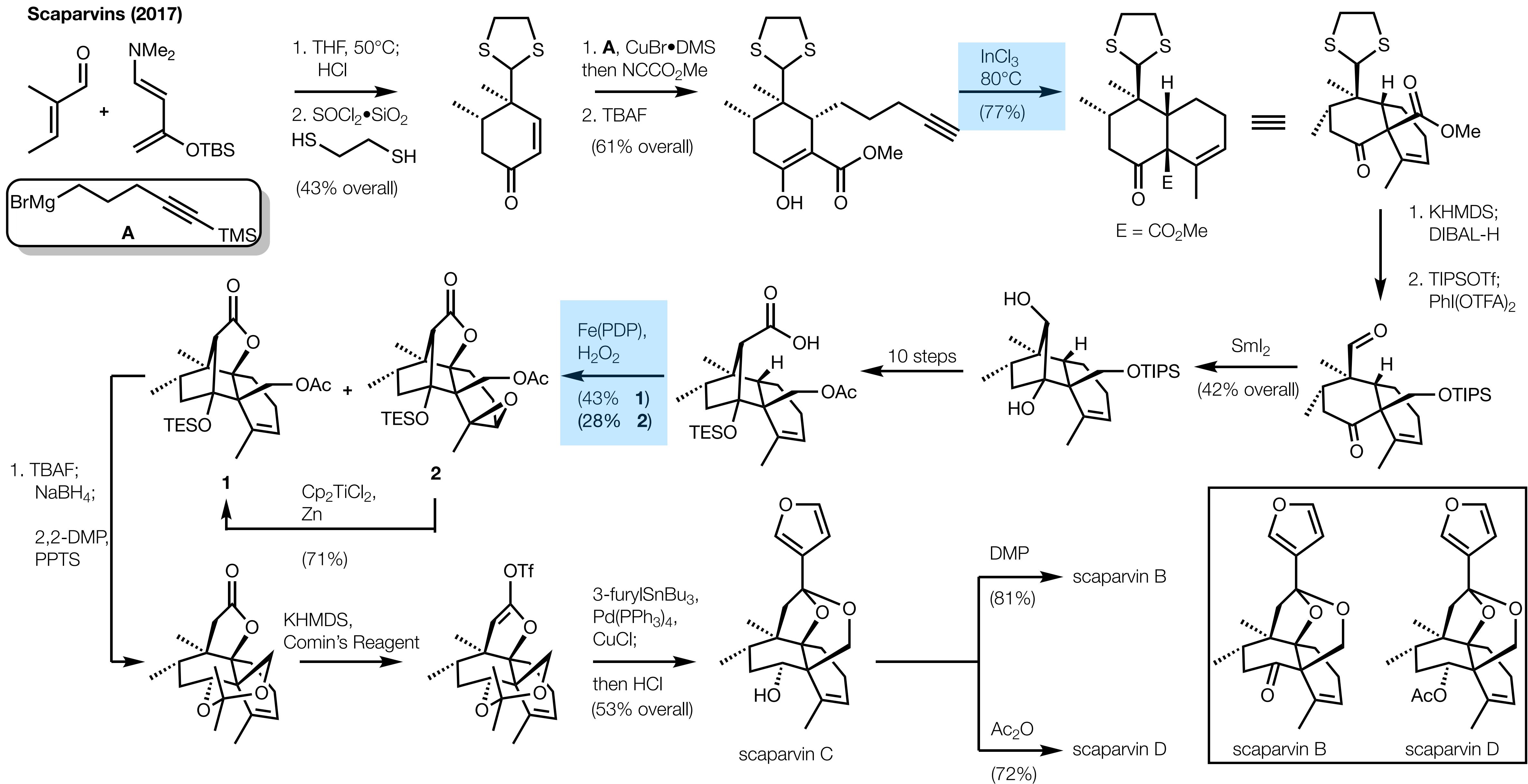
## Aborisidine (2019)



## (*-*)-presilphiperfolan-8-ol (2017)

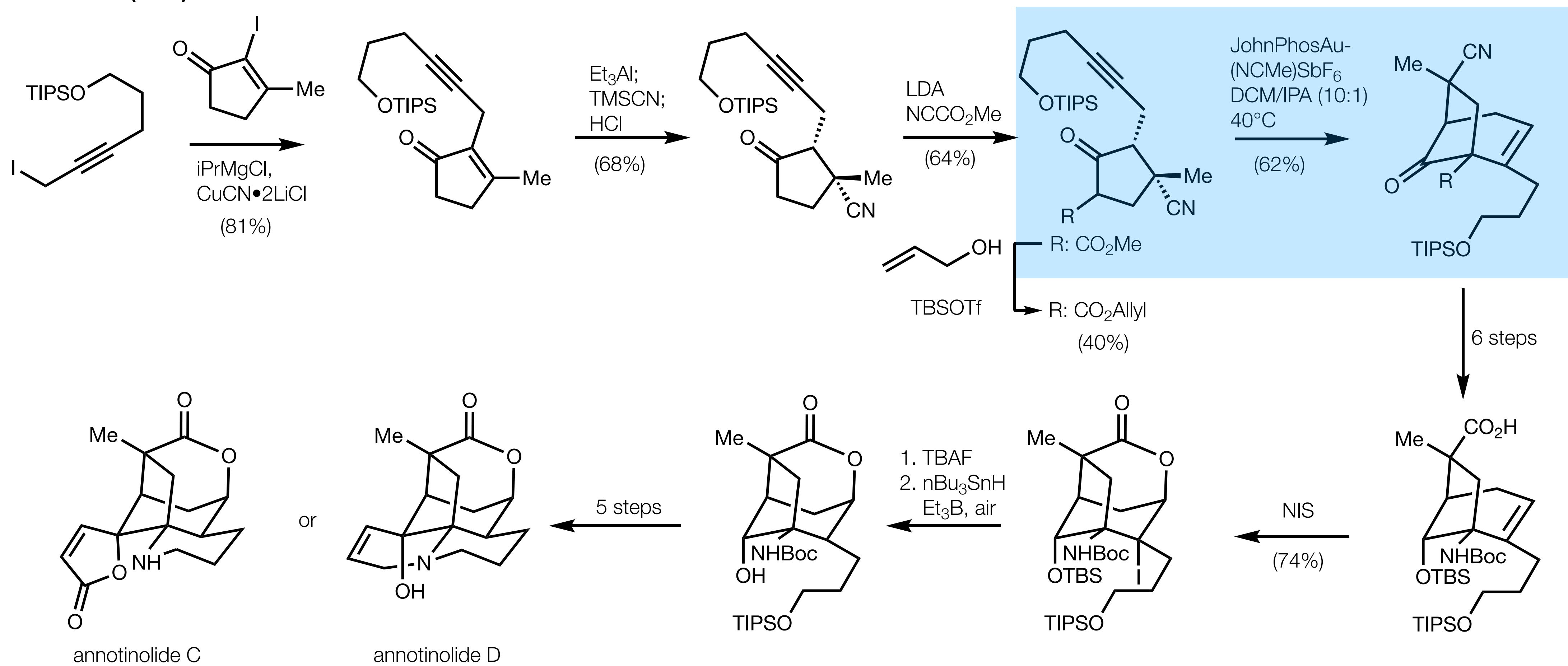


# Harnessing Conia-ene: Scaparvins



# Harnessing Conia-ene: Annotinolides

## Annotinolides (2021)



Quaternary Center Guided Synthesis Design

# Quaternary-Center-Guided Synthesis

Goal: Identifying the optimal order of quaternary-center construction

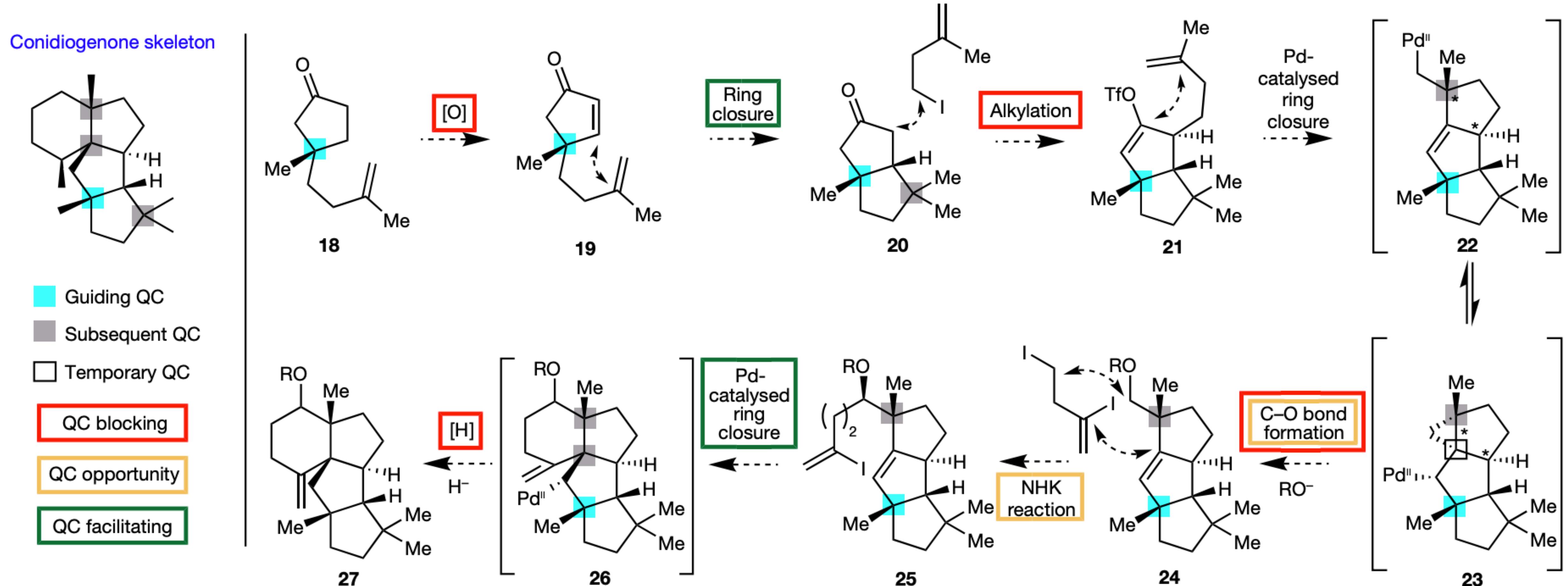
Method: Individually evaluate the “benefits” of each quaternary carbon as the initial guiding quaternary carbon

“Benefits”

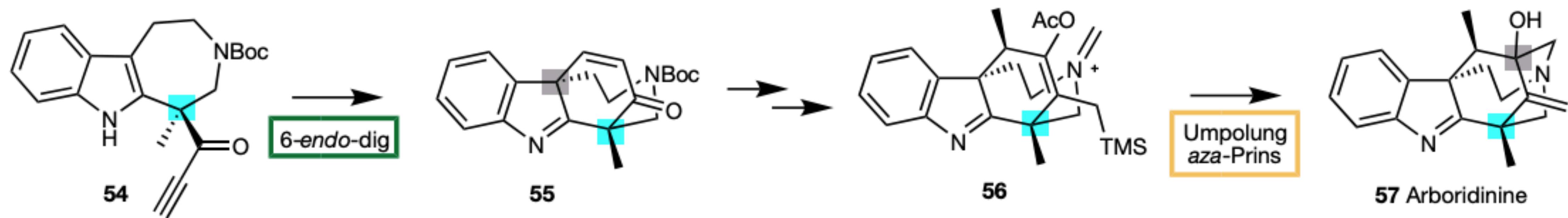
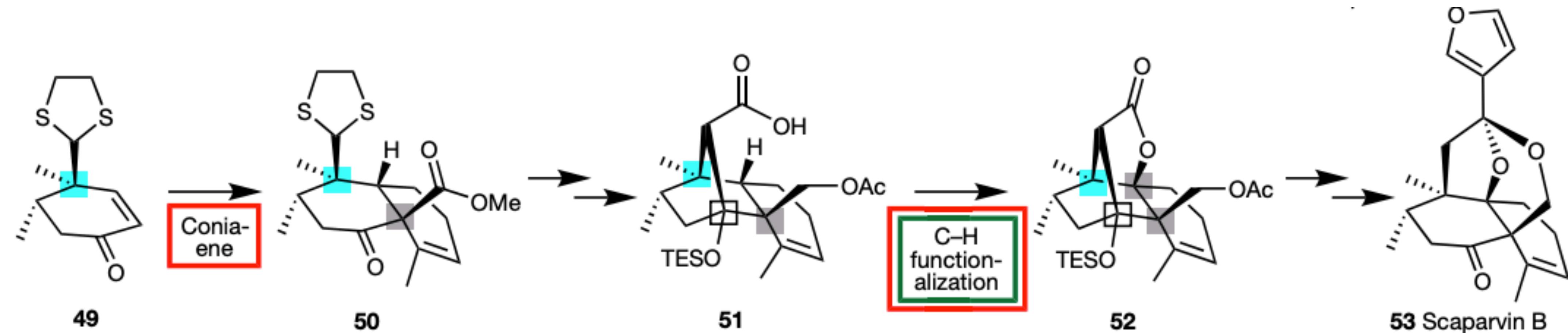
- 1) **QC Blocking** - Blocking undesired reactivity and/or enforcing site selectivity
- 2) **QC Facilitating** - Facilitating a reaction through rate acceleration
- 3) **QC Opportunity** - An opportunity for reaction development

In other words, design a synthesis that sets quaternary carbon or stereocenter (preferably enantioselectively) early on, then utilizing substrate control to set the remaining quaternary carbons or stereocenters.

# Quaternary-Center-Guided Synthesis

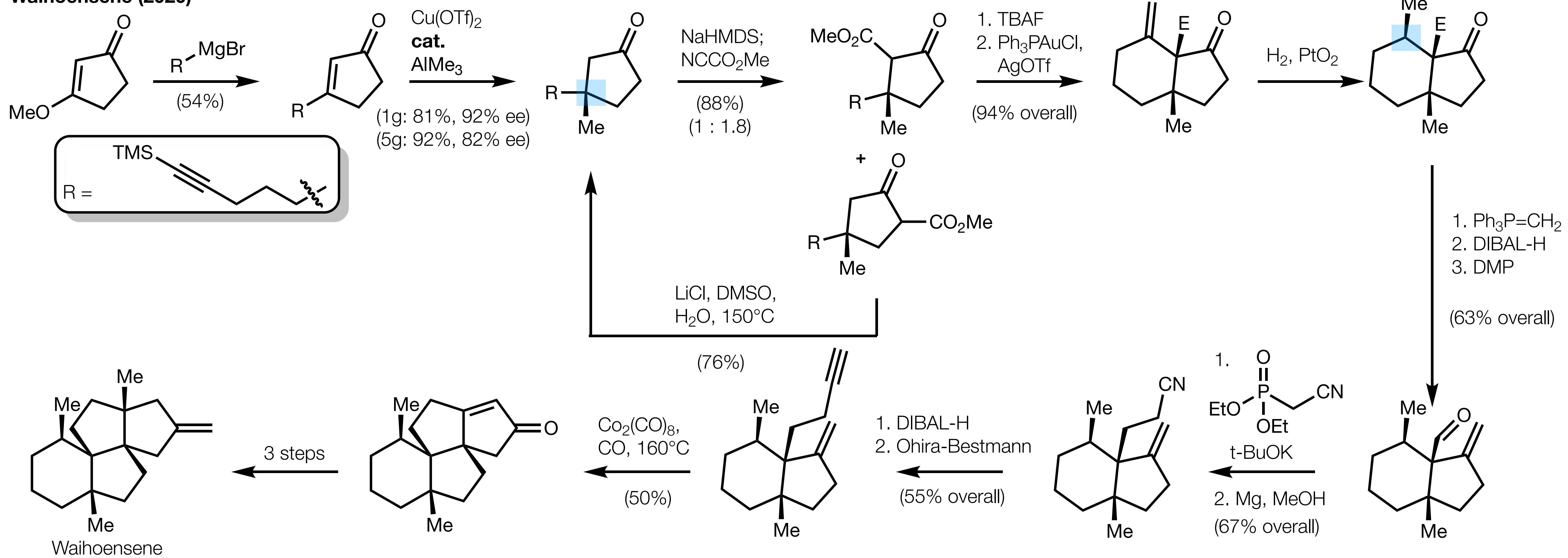


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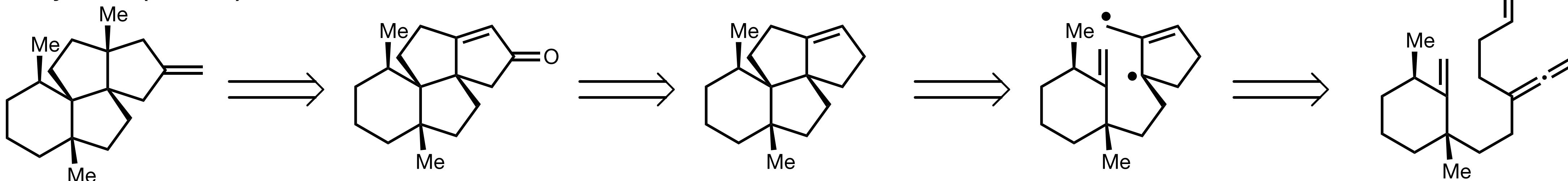


# QS Guided Synthesis Case Study: Waihoensene

## Waihoensene (2020)



## Prior Synthesis (Lee 2017)



# Scott Snyder - Conclusion

- **Notable contributions towards:**

- Phenylpropanoid synthesis
- Bromonium Induced Cationic Polyene Cyclisation
- Bromo ether ring expansion
- Complex terpene and alkaloid synthesis

- **General strategy in synthesis:**

- Nature as a source of inspiration
- Facile formation of natural product core
  - Cascades
- Quaternary Center Guided Analysis
- Total synthesis is an opportunity to identify, develop, optimize unprecedented reactions



\*\* Only a selection of work was represented in this presentation

\*\* Scott also has made enormous contributions towards mentorship and chemical education at UChicago and beyond

\*\* Excellent mentor, PI, scientist and person!

Thank you for your attention!