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Summary of Research Projects

FOD in Natural Product Synthesis and Methodology Development

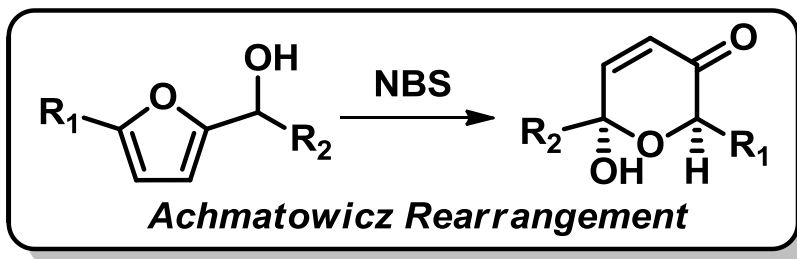
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April 19th, 2016

Furan Oxidative Dearomatization (FOD, Achmatowicz Rearrangement.)

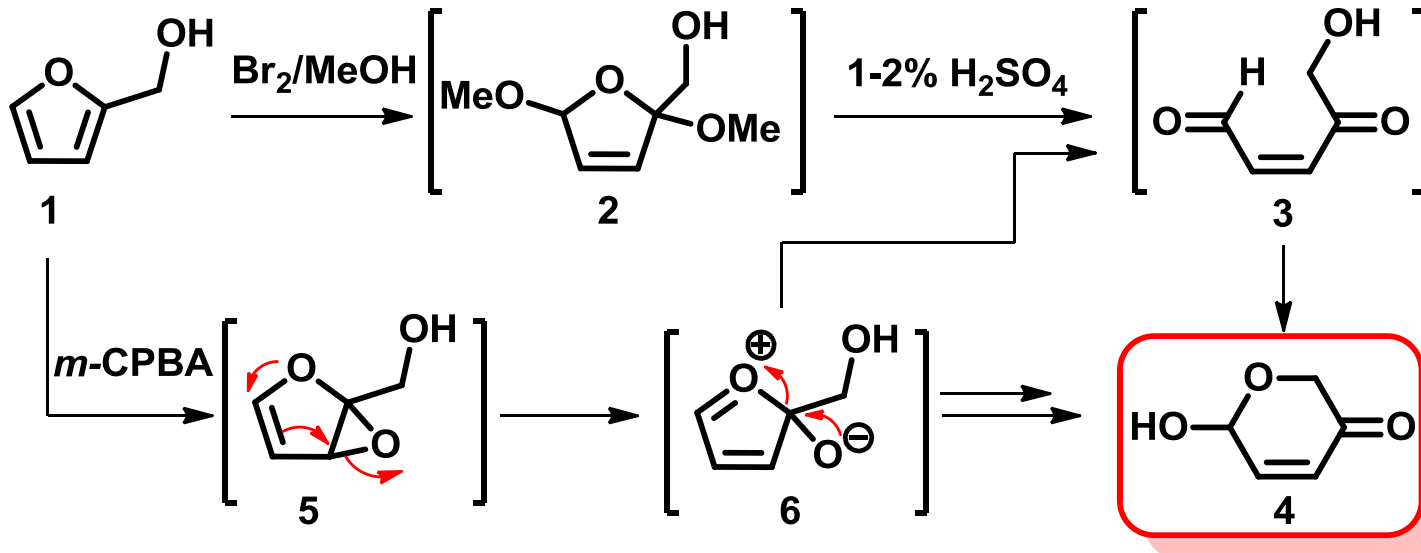
FOD

Furan Oxidative Dearomatization (FOD)

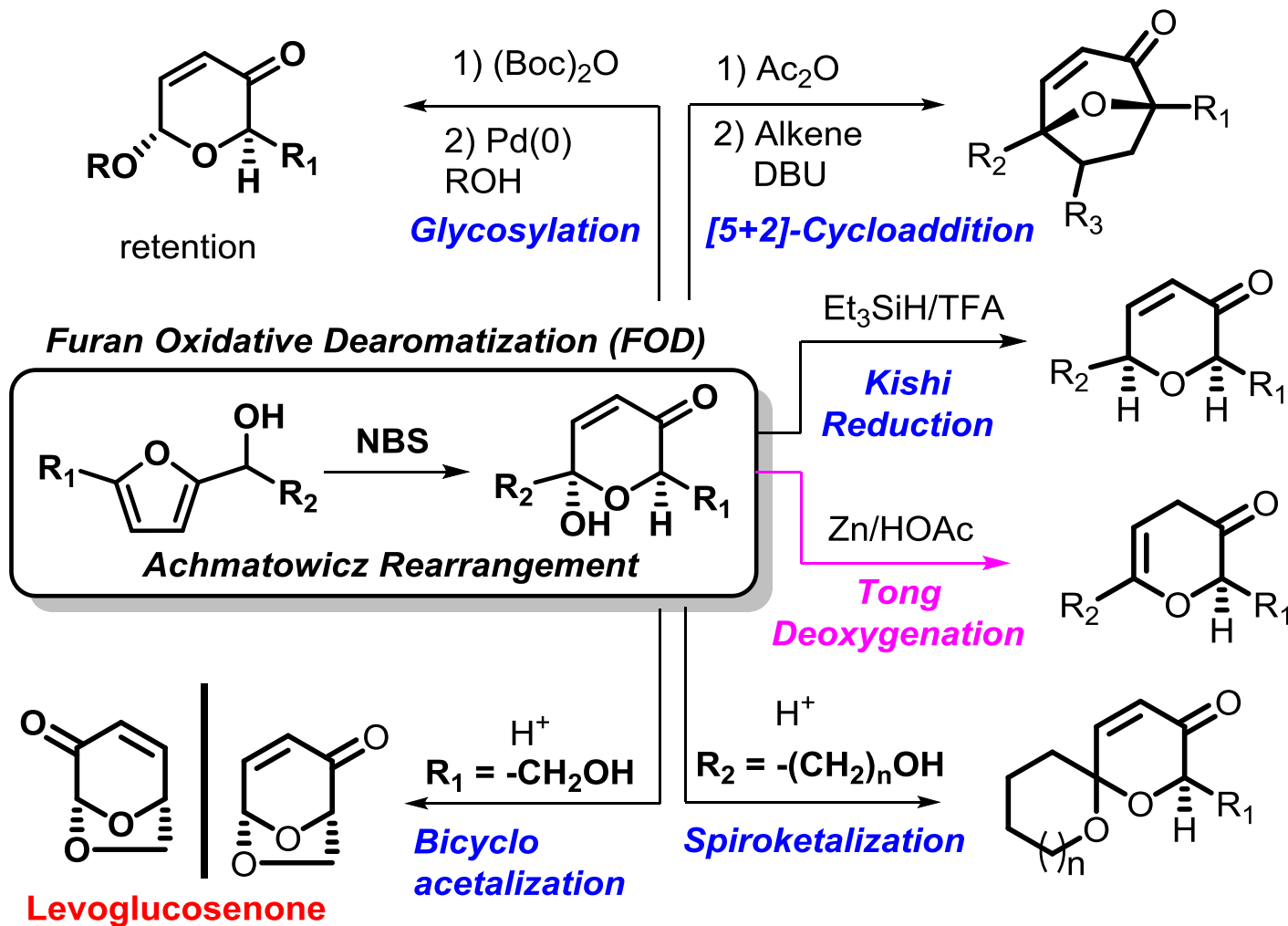


PCC
Oxone
PhI(OAc)₂
VO(acac)₂, *t*-BuOOH
Sharpless AE

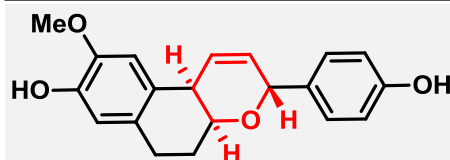
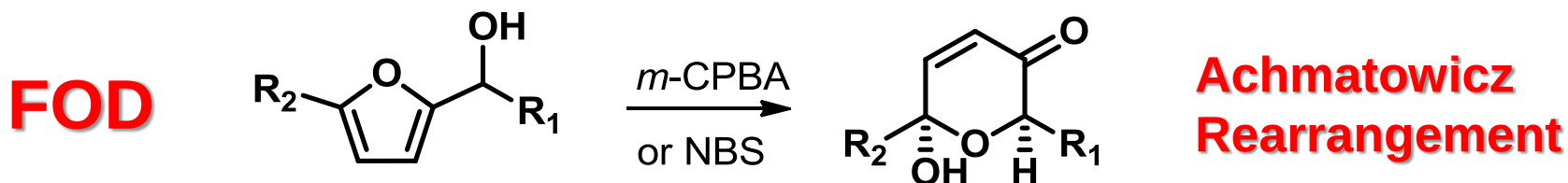
Scheme 1. Mechanisms of Achmatowicz Rearrangement



Synthetic Applications of FOD



FOD in Natural Product Synthesis (2011–2016)

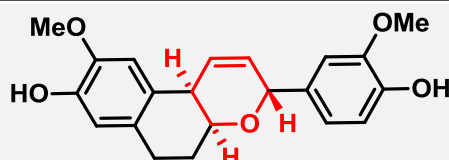


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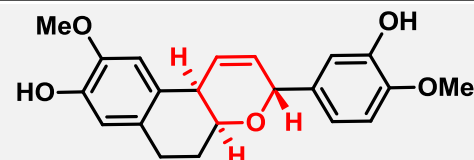


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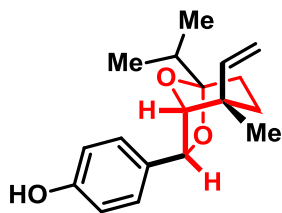


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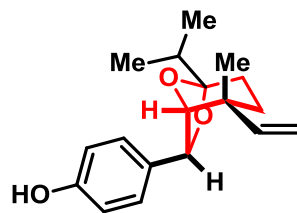
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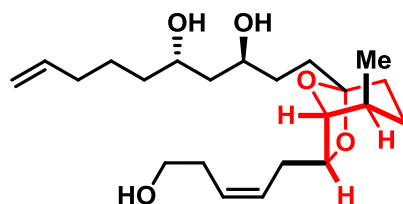
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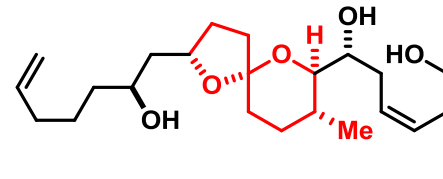
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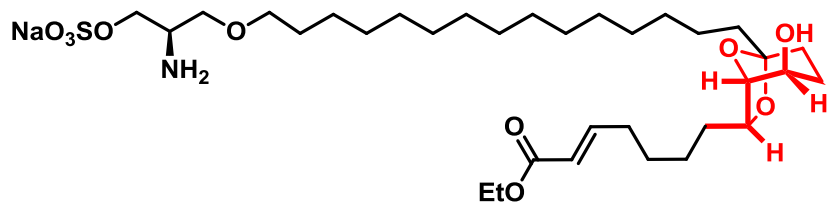
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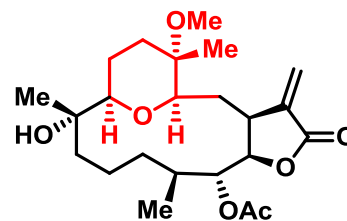
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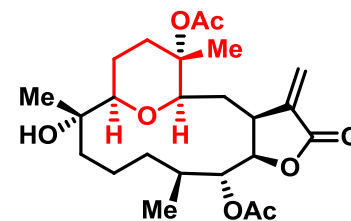
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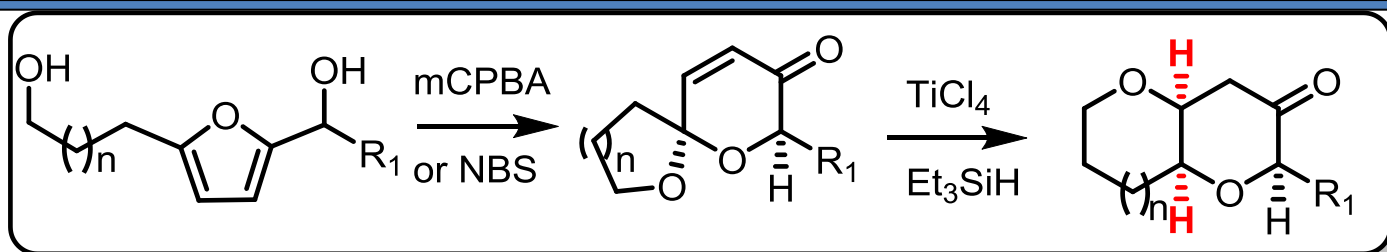
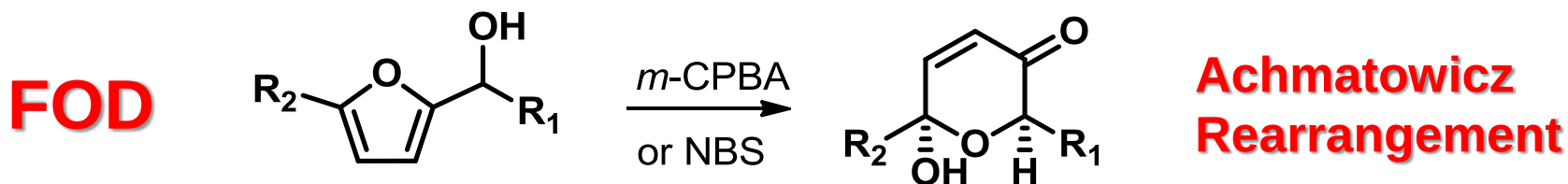
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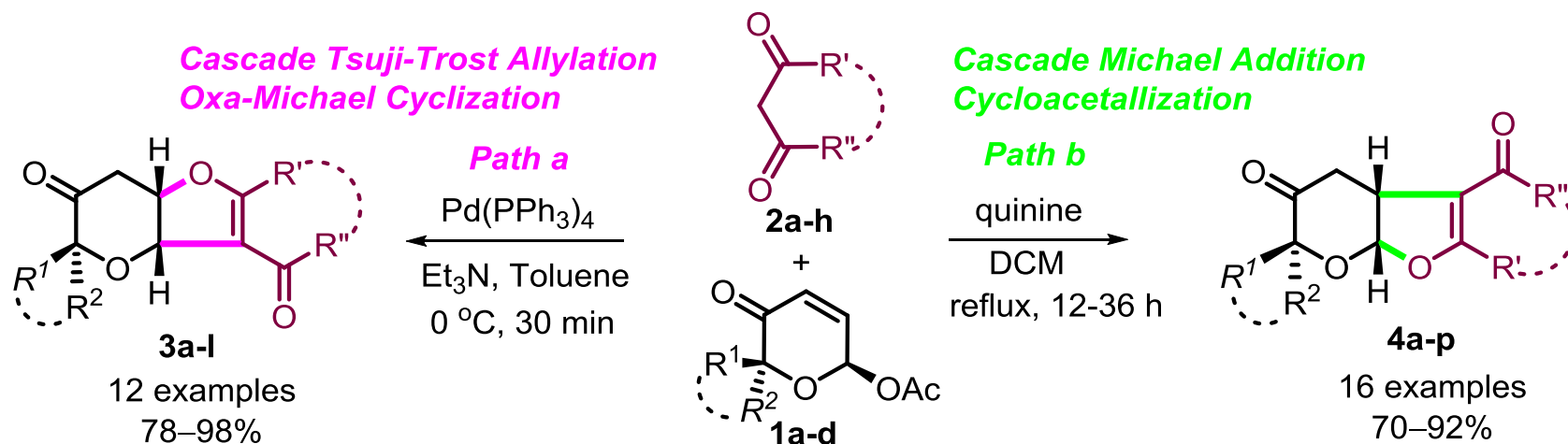
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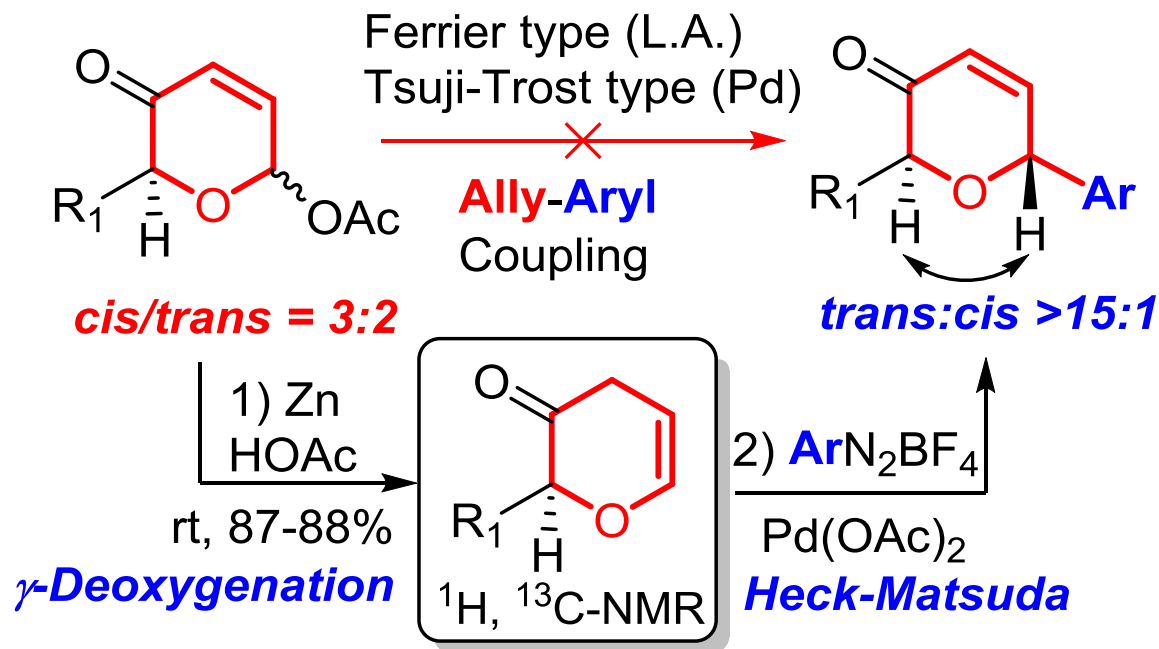
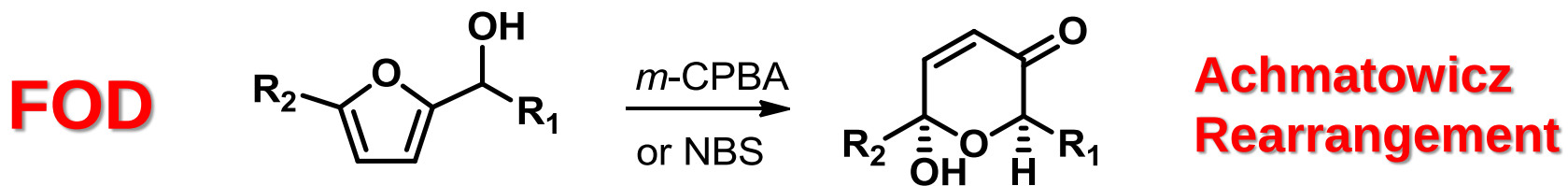


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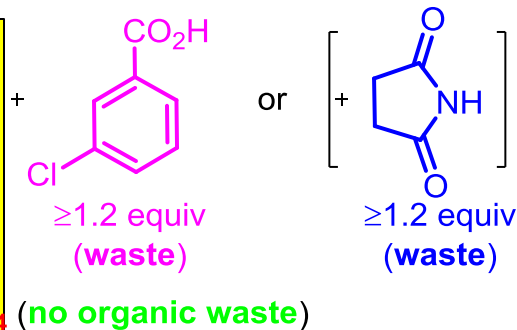
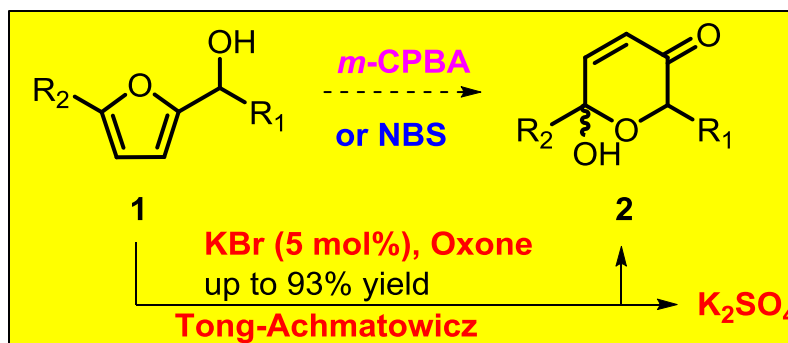
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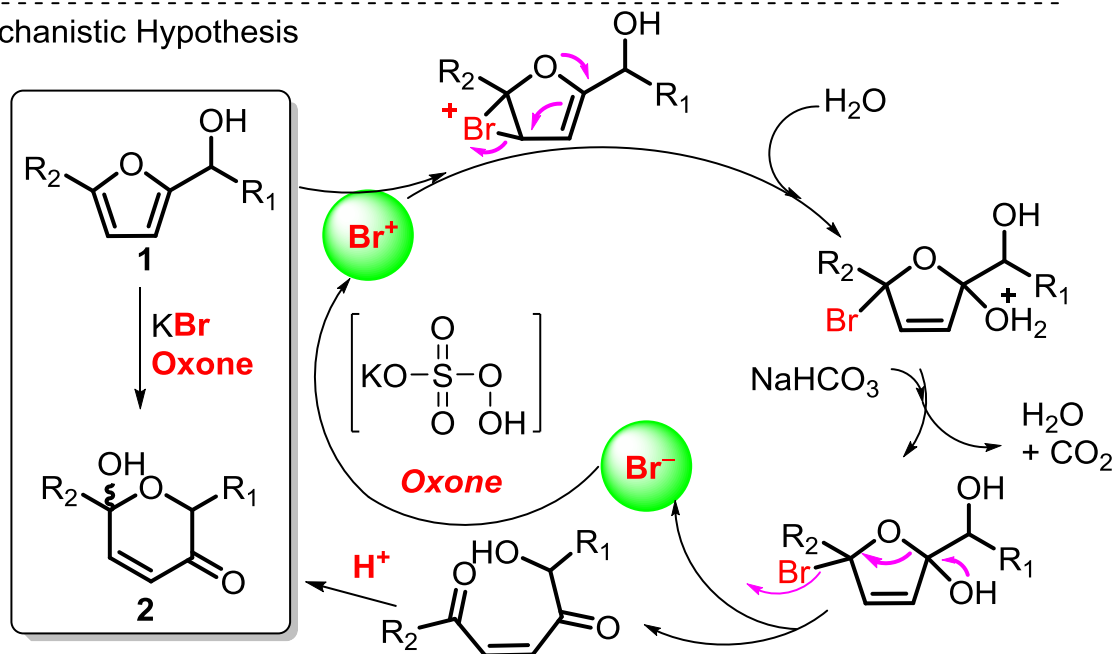
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New Protocol for FOD: Tong Modification (Achmatowicz Rearrangement)



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PhI(OAc)₂
VO(acac)₂, *t*-BuOOH
Sharpless AE

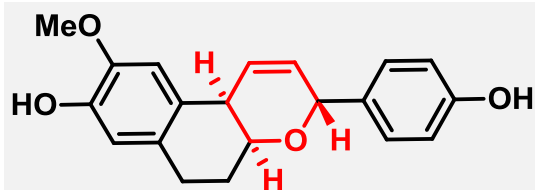
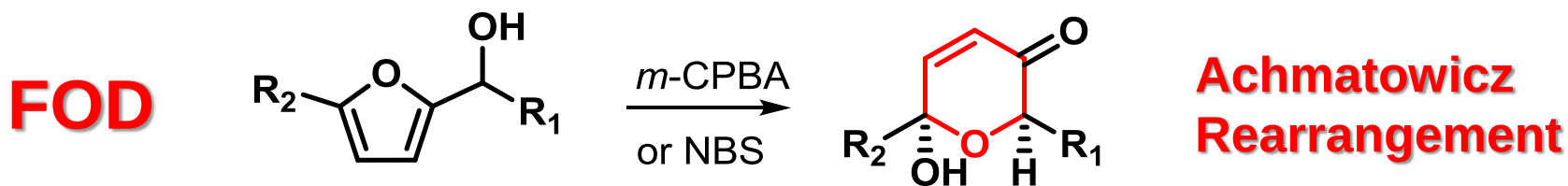
Mechanistic Hypothesis



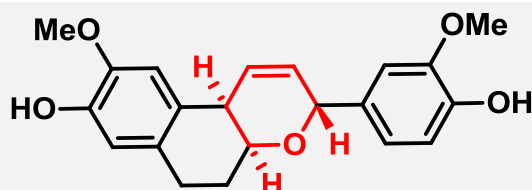
******* No TS Metals**
******* No Organic Waste**
***** No Column**
***** Tolerance of FGs**
*** Tolerance of H₂O/Air**
**** Higher Yield**
**** Short Rx Time**
***** Wide Scope**

Li, Z.; **Tong***, R. Catalytic Environmentally Friendly Protocol for Achmatowicz Rearrangement. *J. Org. Chem.* **2016**, (Accepted).

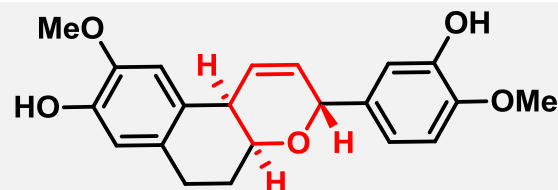
FOD in Total Synthesis of Musellarins



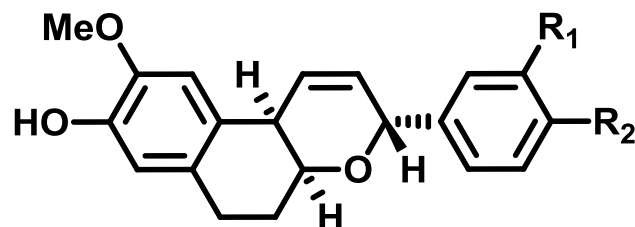
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Musellarin C: $R_1=OH$, $R_2=OCH_3$

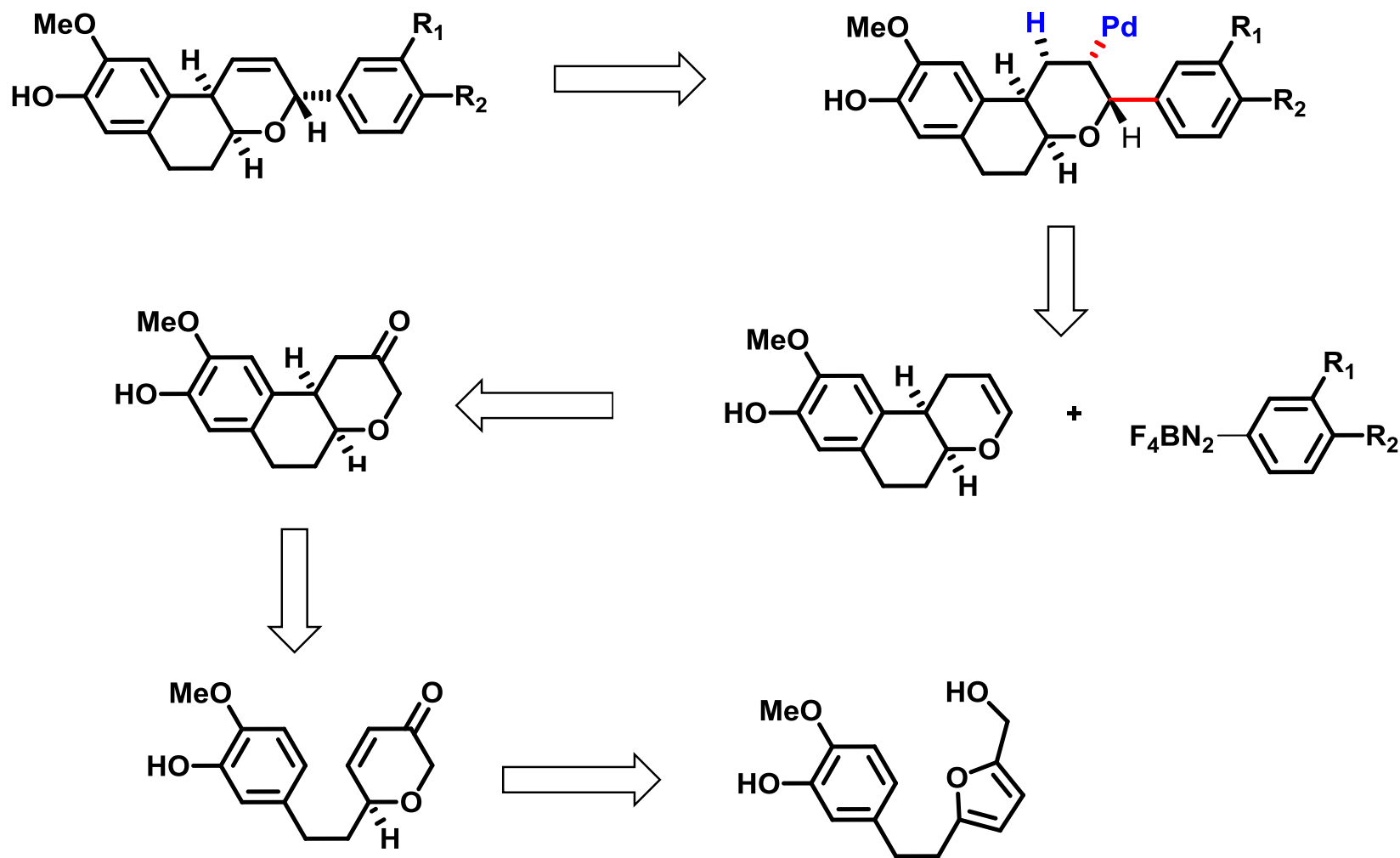


	CD ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	IC ₅₀ ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	CD is concentration required to double QR (Quinone Reductase, phase II enzyme for detoxication) activity				
Musellarin A	9.3	>20					
Musellarin B	no significant bioactivity						
	IC ₅₀ / μM						
	HL-60	SMMC-7721	A-549	MCF-7	SW480		
Musellarin C	21.3	26.7	25.1	> 40	> 40		

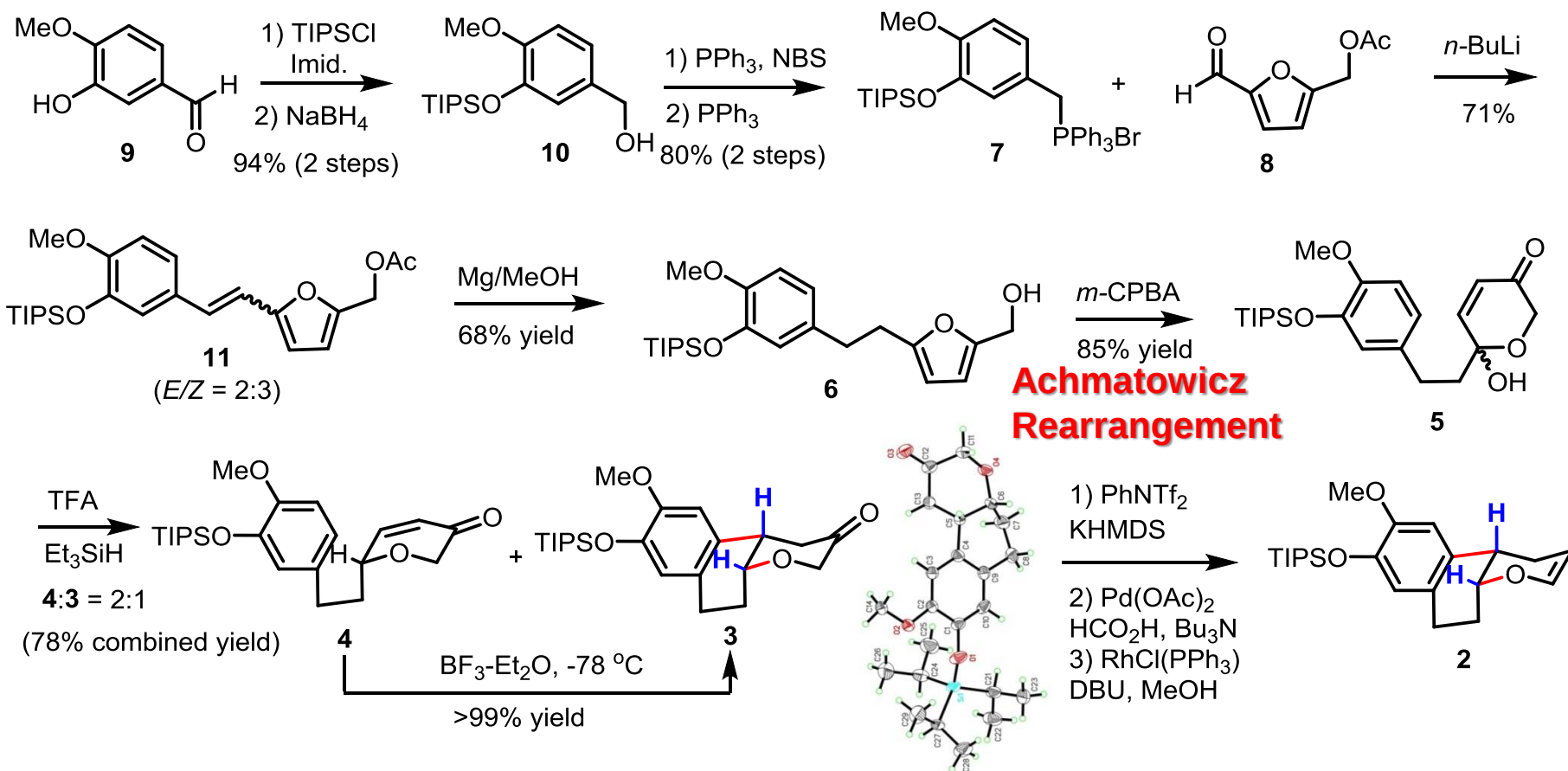
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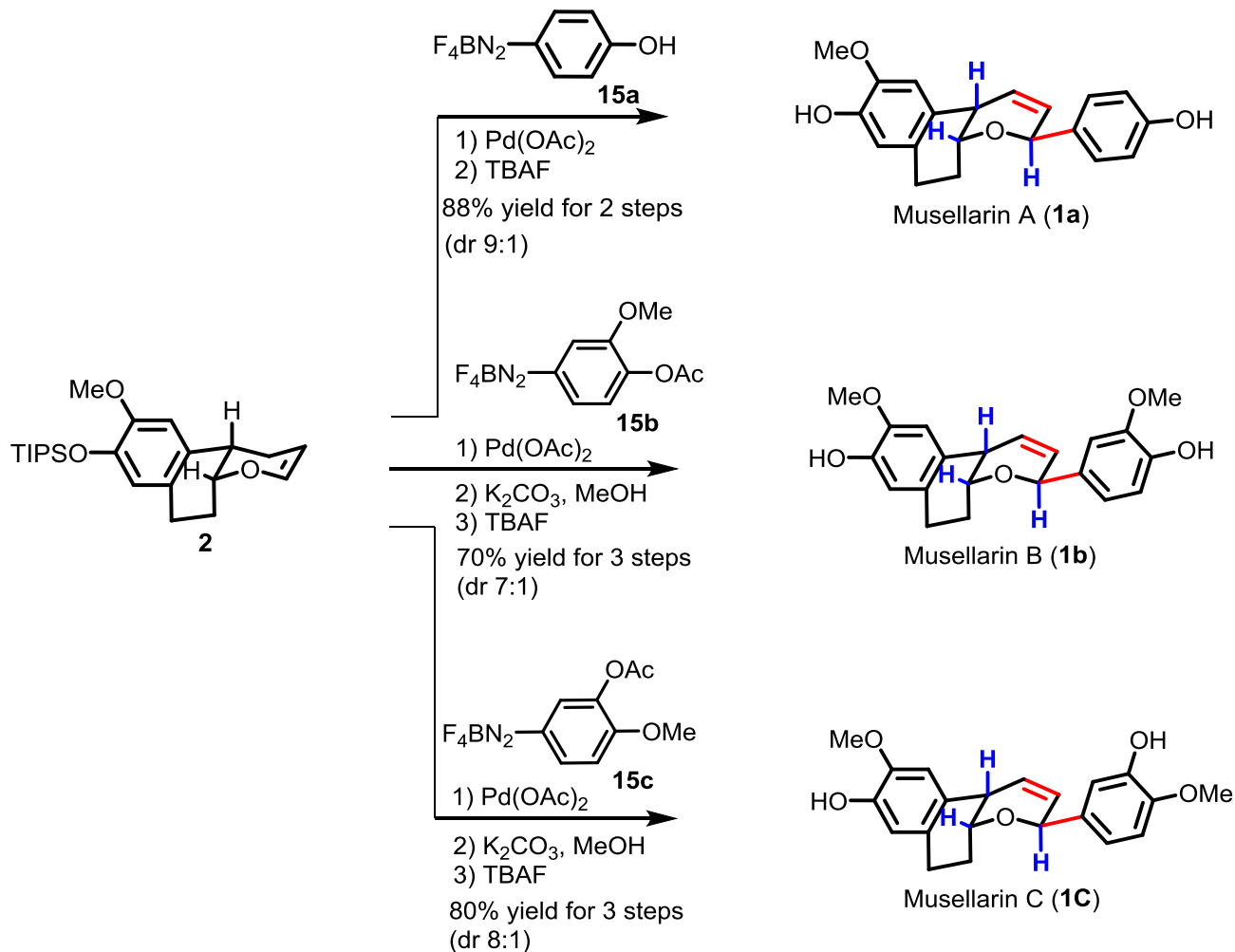
Synthetic Plan of ($\pm$)-Musellarins A-C



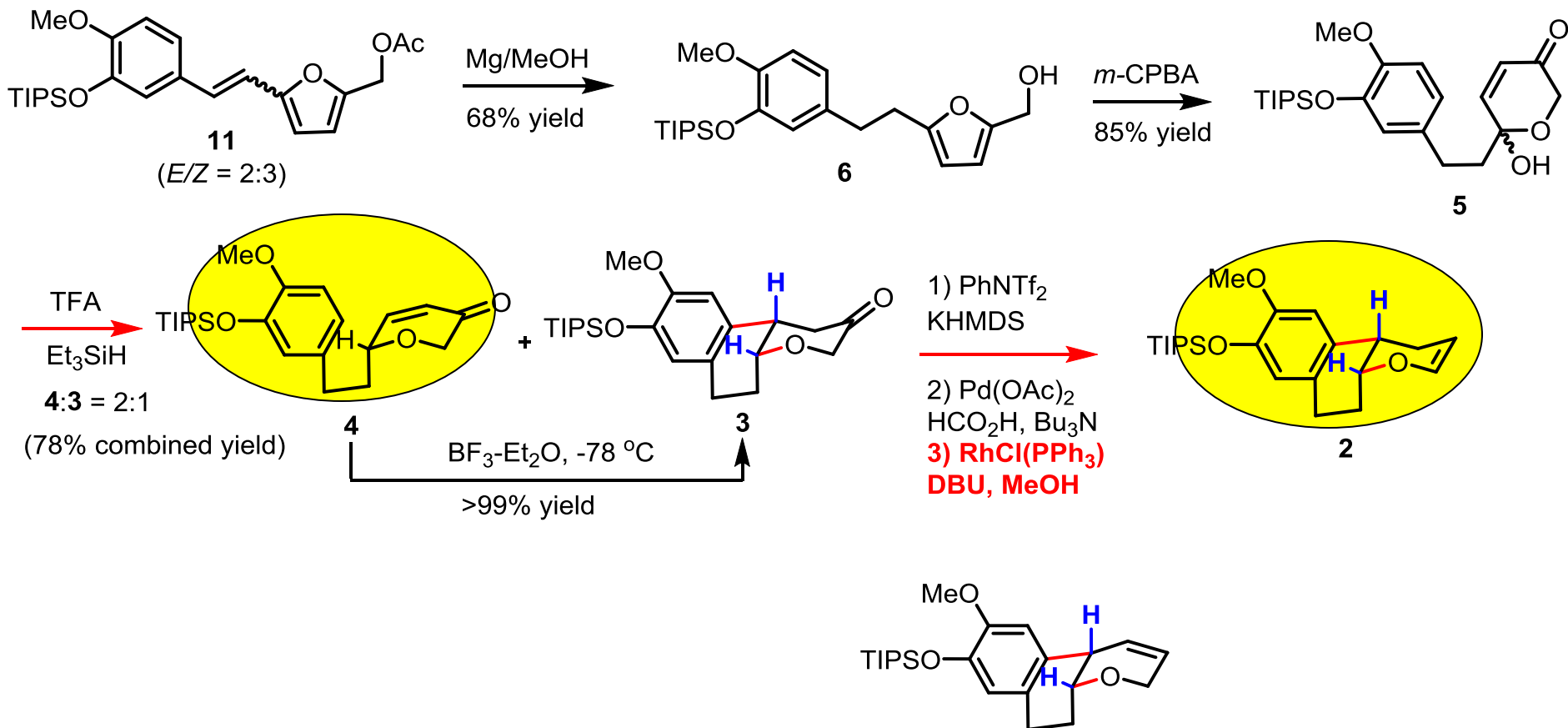
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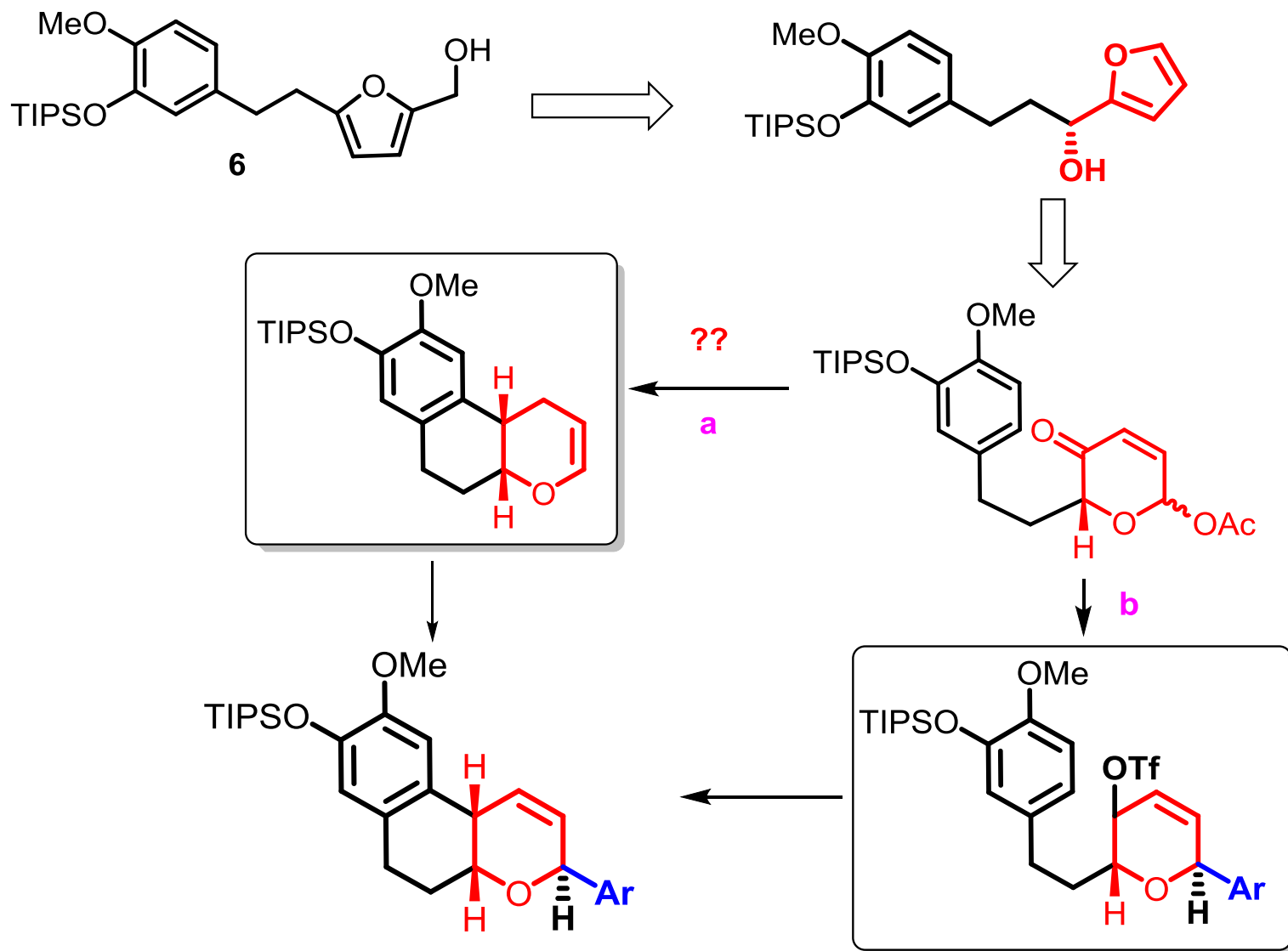
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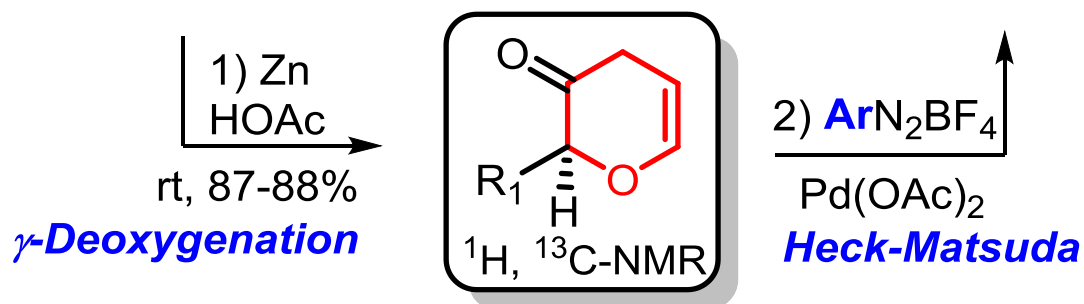
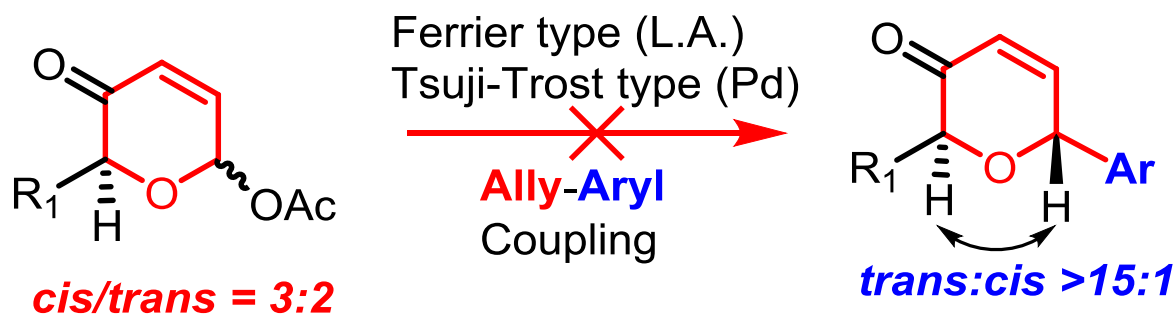
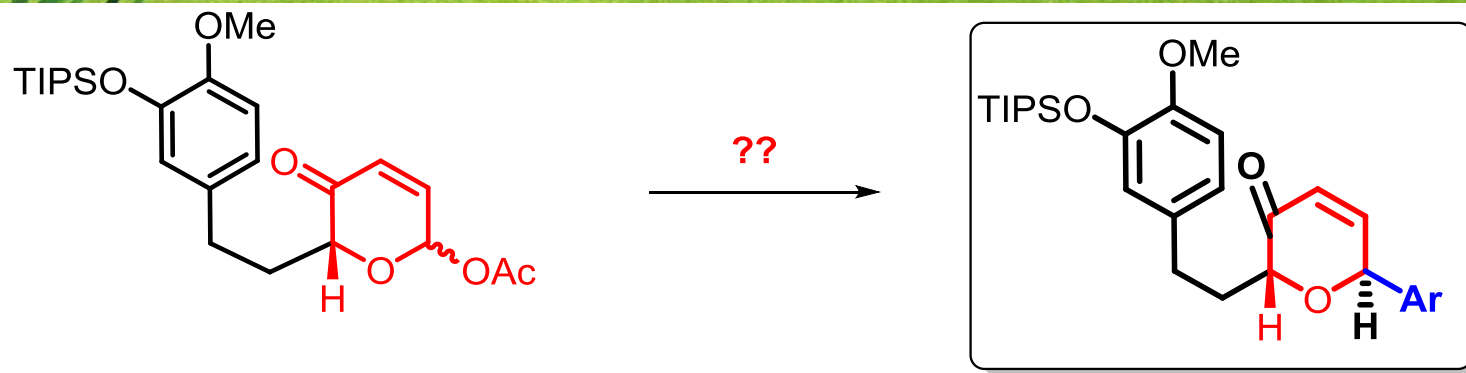
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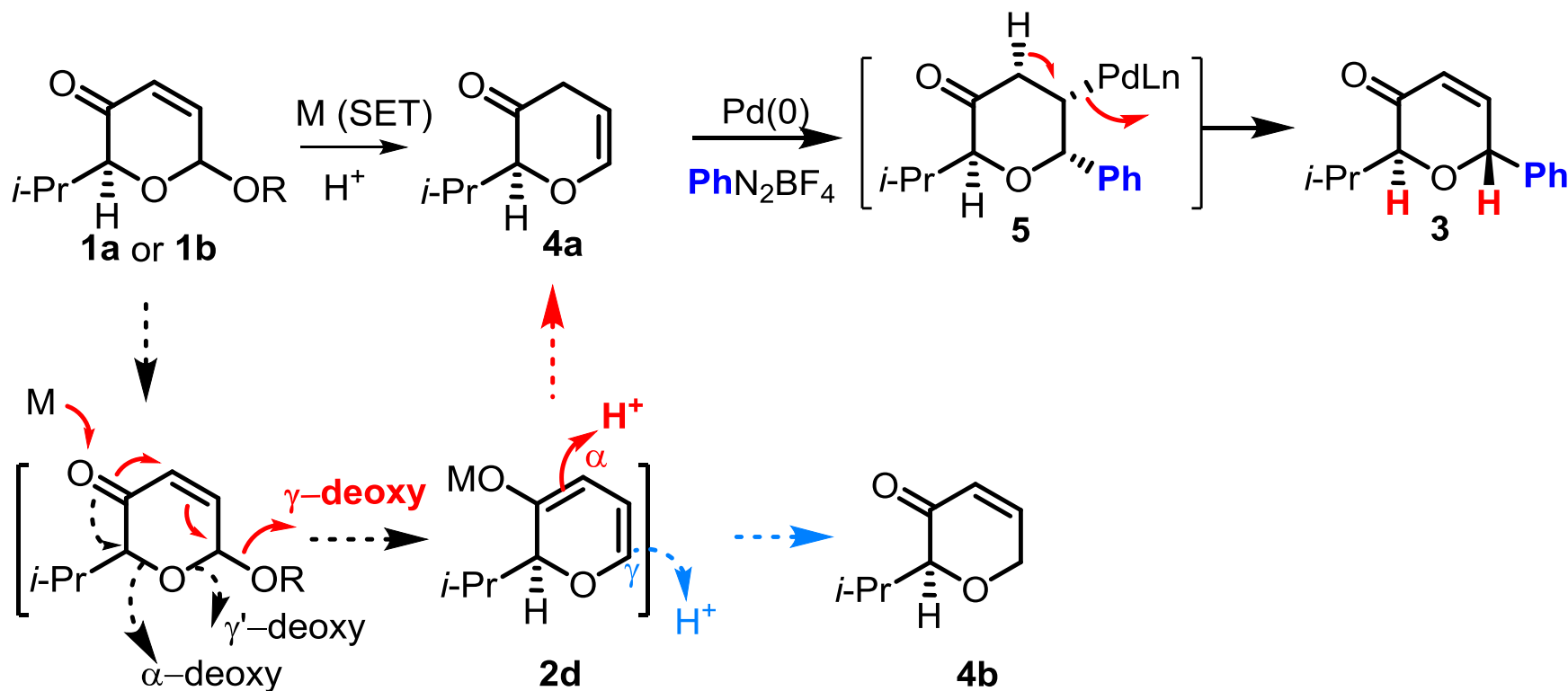
Asymmetric Version of Musellarins A-C



No Precedent for Such Transformation

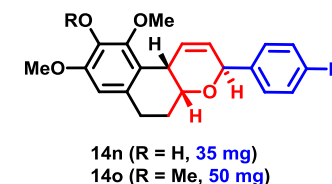
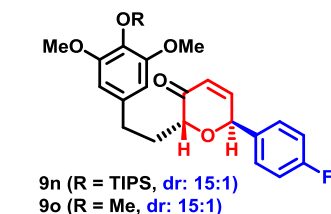
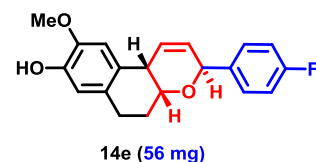
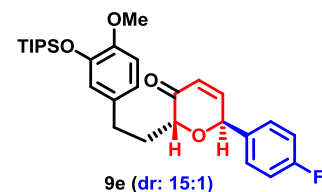
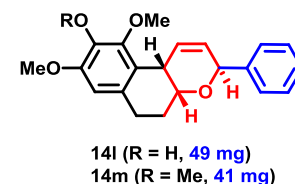
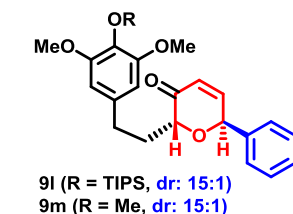
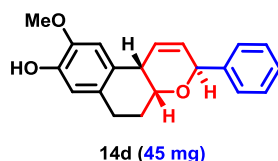
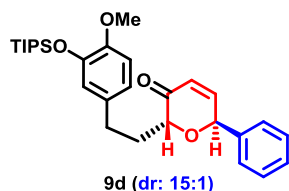
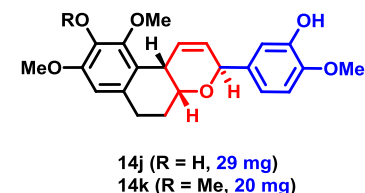
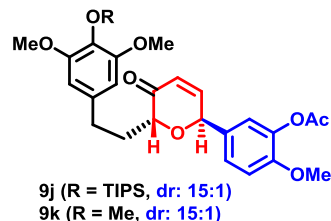
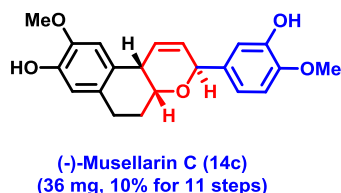
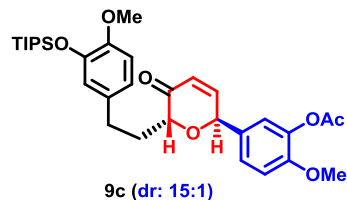
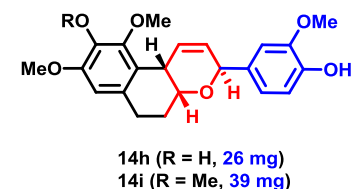
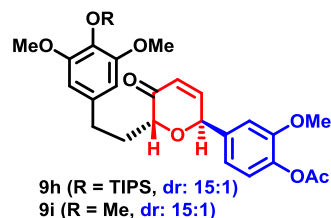
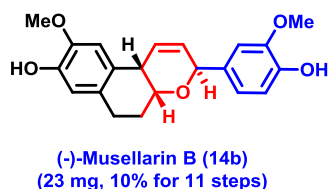
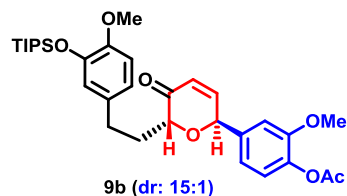
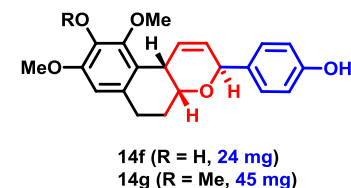
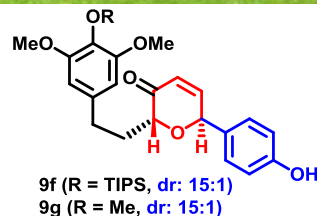
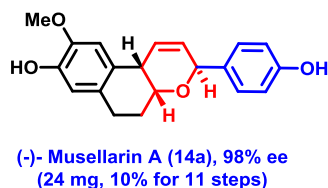
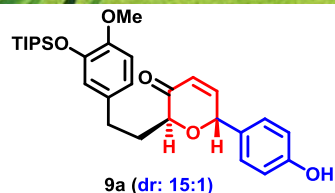


Mechanistic Hypothesis of Deoxygenation



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Asymmetric Synthesis of Musellarin Analogues



Cytotoxicity of Musellarin Analogues

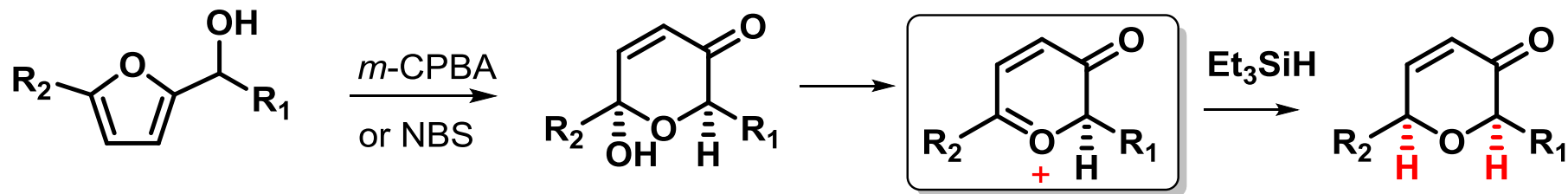


compound	PCN ^[b] IC ₅₀ (μM)	HL60 IC ₅₀ (μM)	HepG2 IC ₅₀ (μM)	MCF7 IC ₅₀ (μM)
14a (Musellarin A)	23.8	9.7	44.1	>50
14b (Musellarin B)	65.3	25.9	>50	>50
14c (Musellarin C)	>50	22.0	>50	>50
14d	23.6	7.4	>50	>50
14e	33.1	11.9	>50	>50
14i	29.6	10.8	>50	>50
14j	>50	23.1	46.1	>50
14k	17.7	3.9	40.4	>50
Oxaliplatin ^[c]	NA	1.56	5.28	12.99

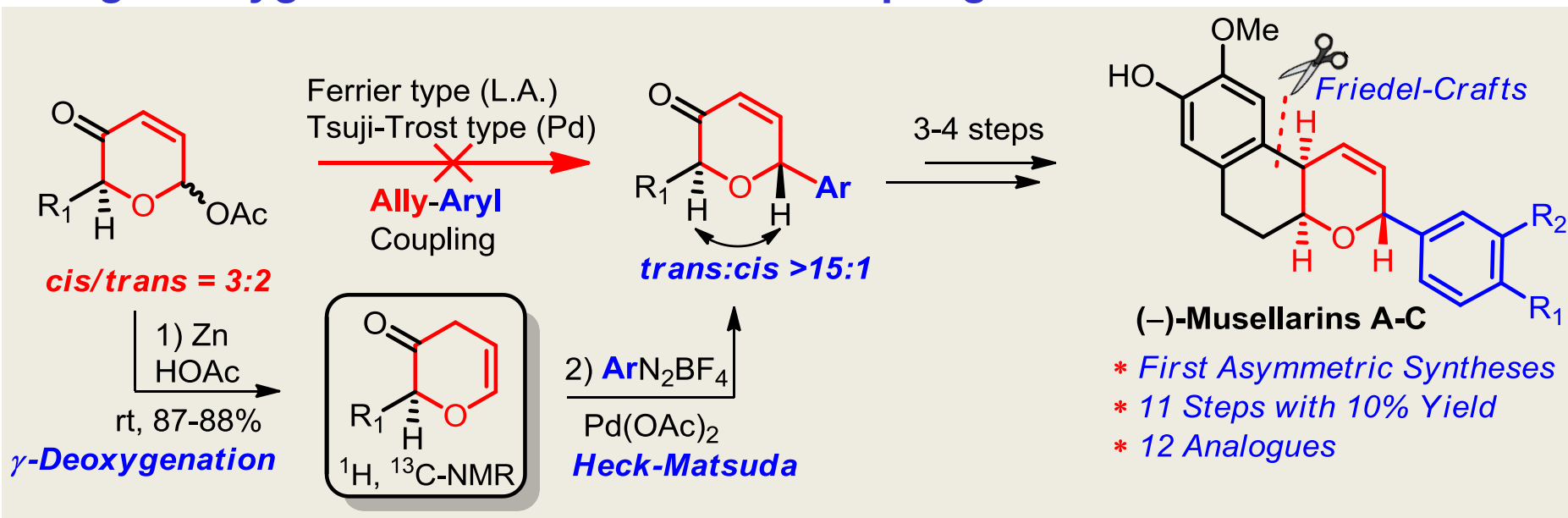
Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Musellarins A-C



Kishi Reduction



Tong Deoxygenation/Heck-Matsuda Coupling

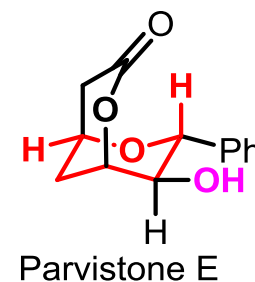
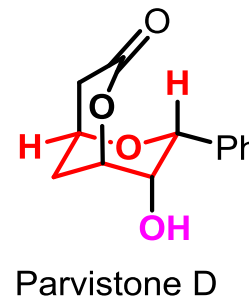
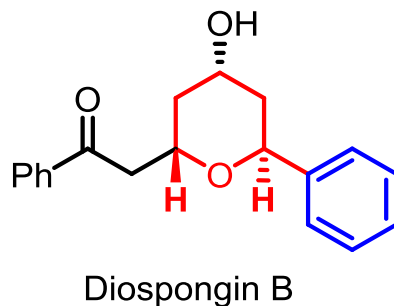
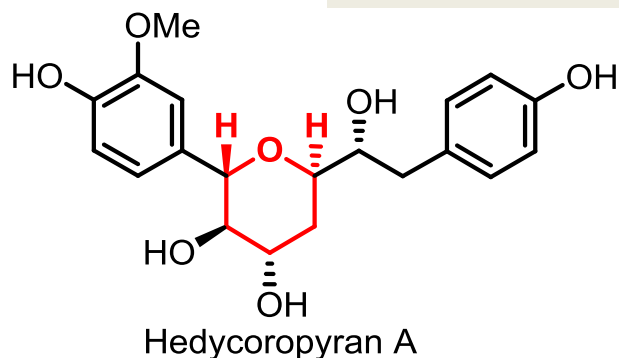
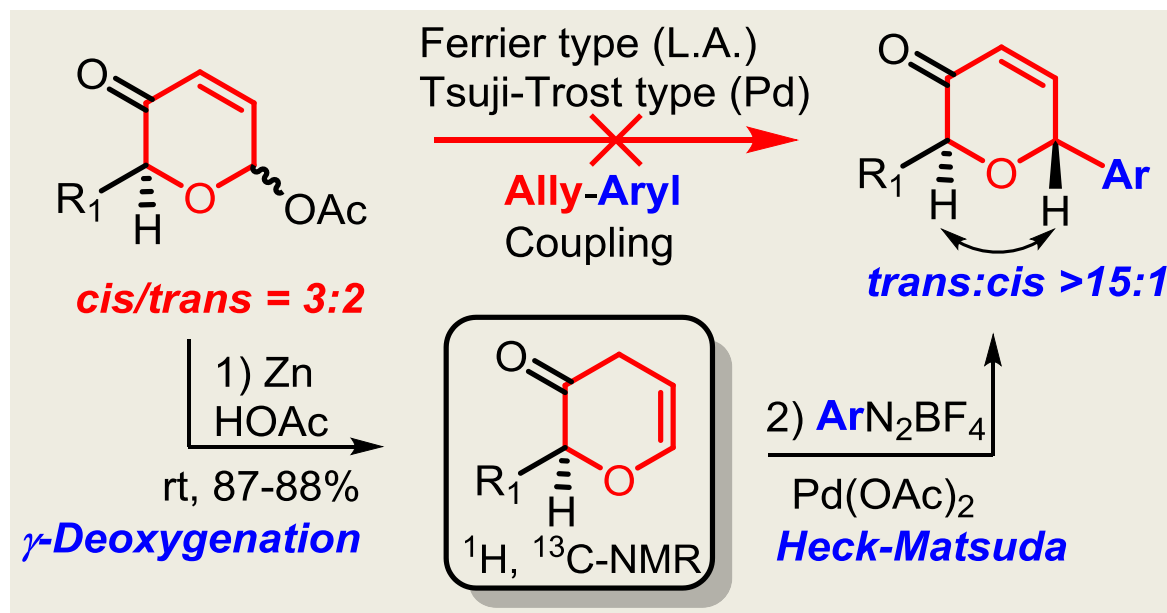


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Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Diospongin B and Parvistones D/E

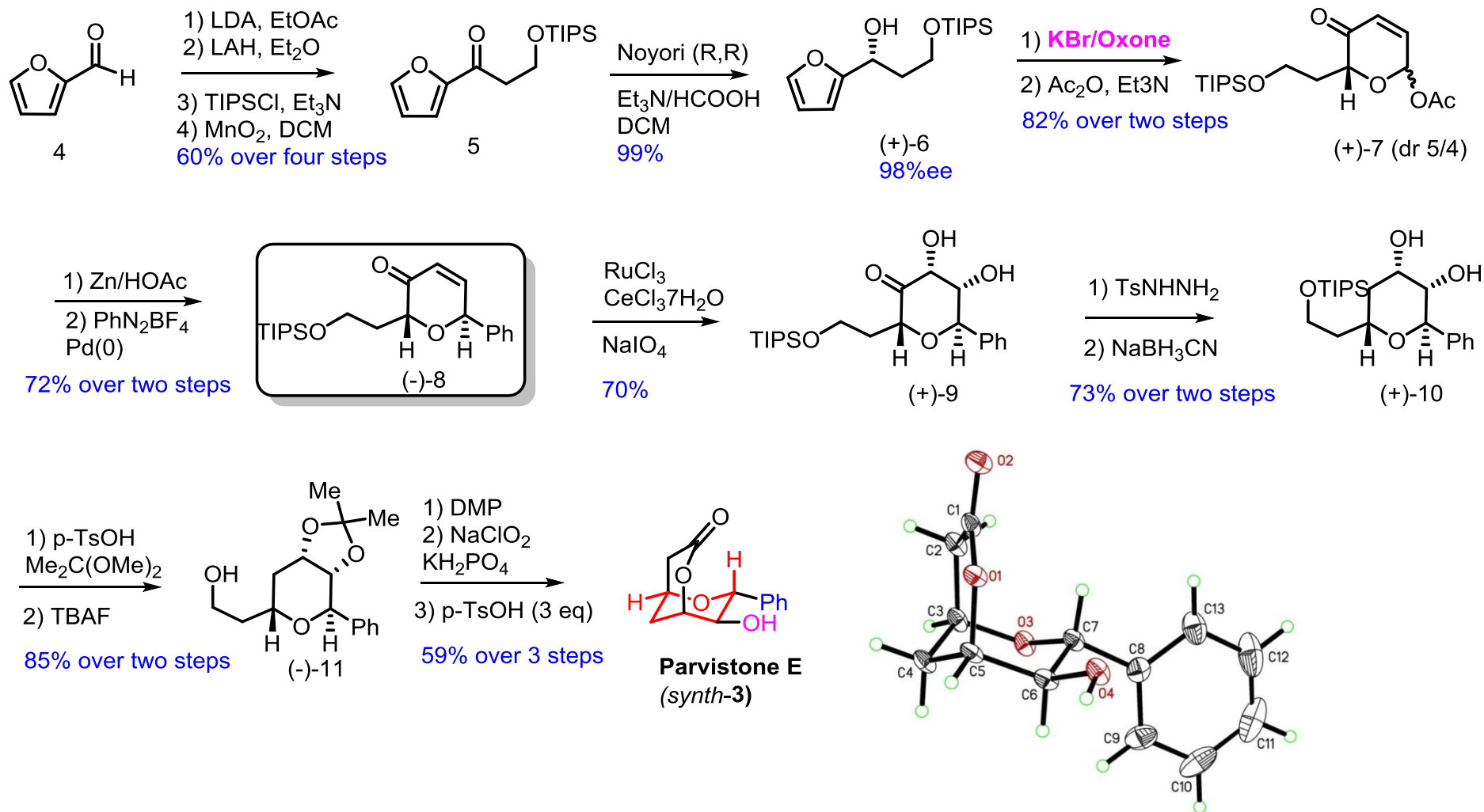


Tong Deoxygenation/Heck-Matsuda Coupling

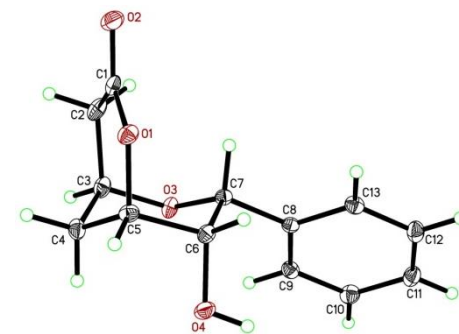
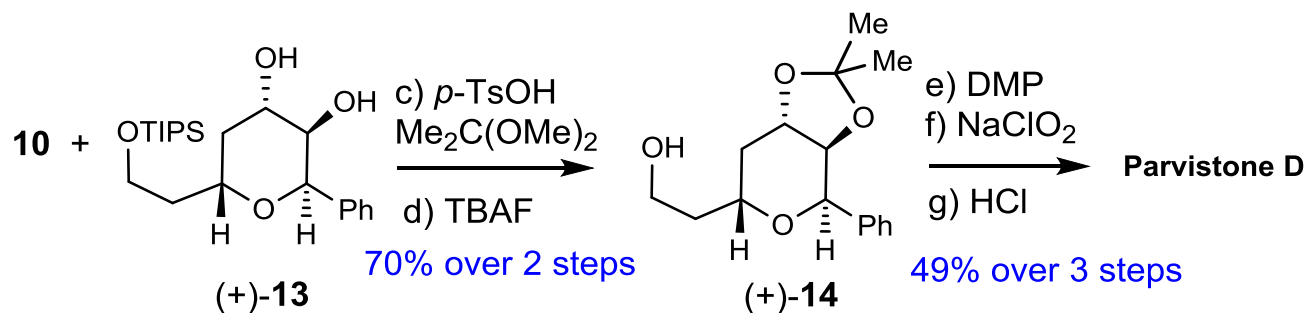
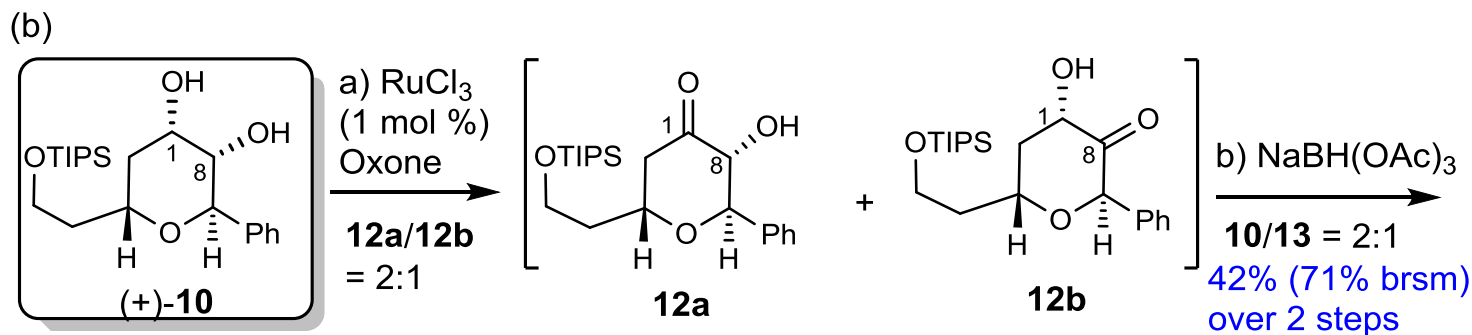
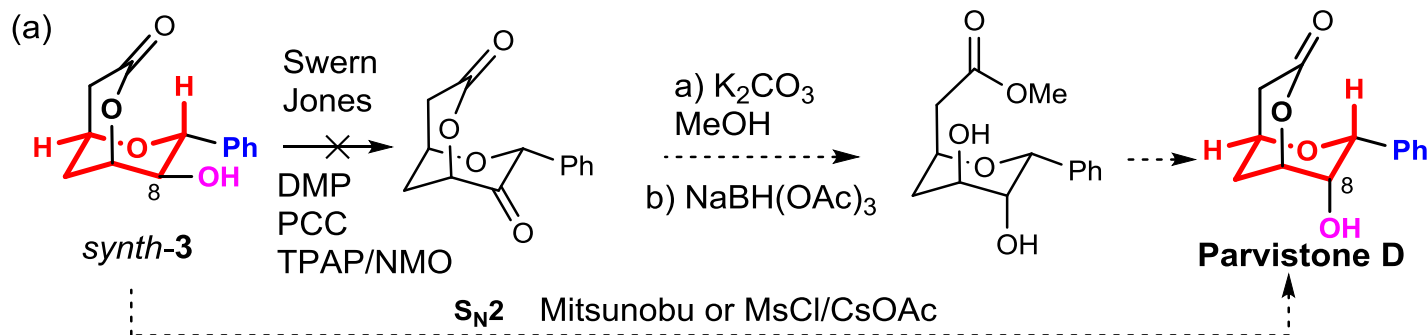


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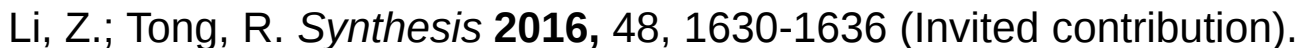
Asymmetric Synthesis of Parvistone E



Asymmetric Synthesis of Parvistone D

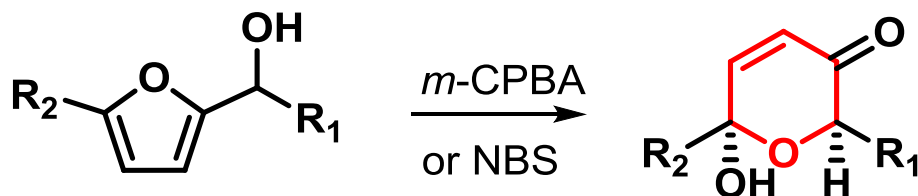


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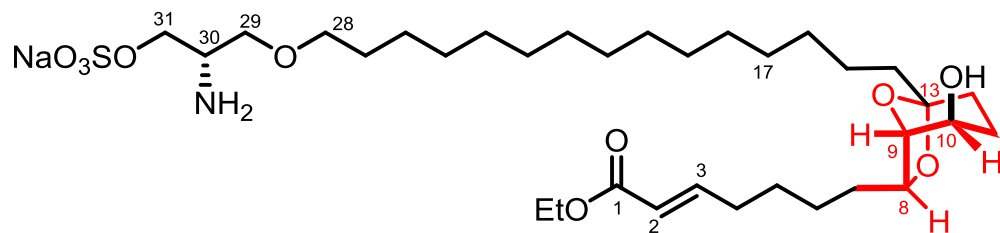


FOD in Total Synthesis of DOBCO

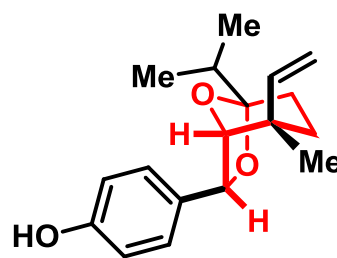
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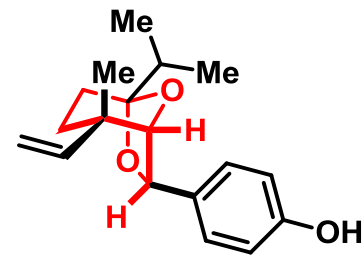
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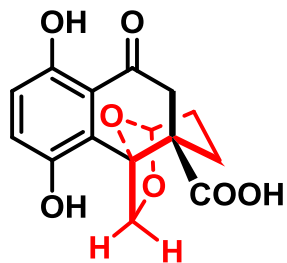
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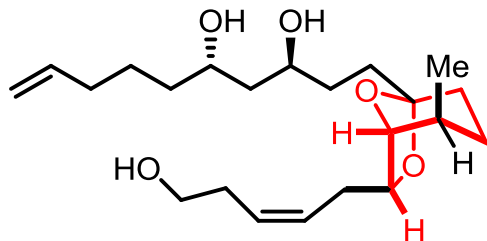
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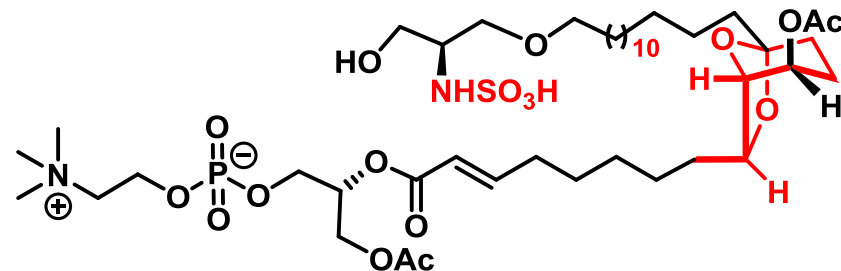
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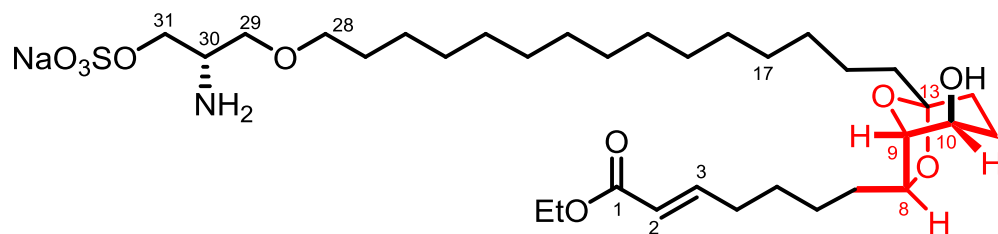
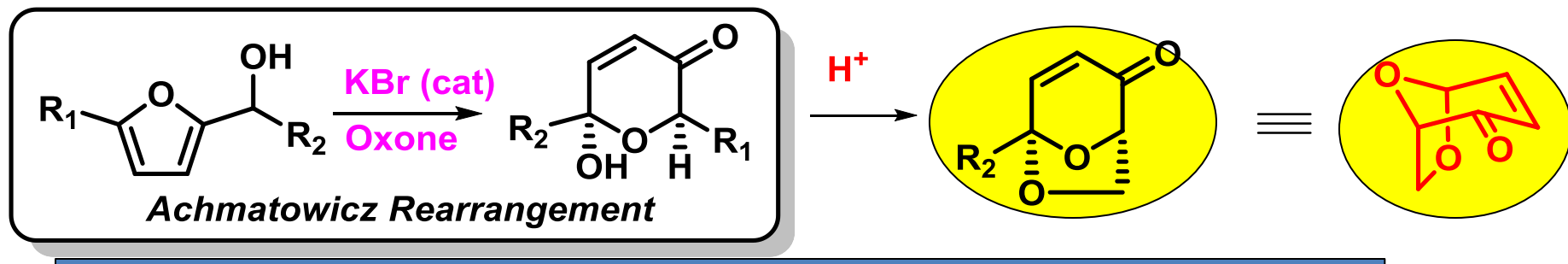
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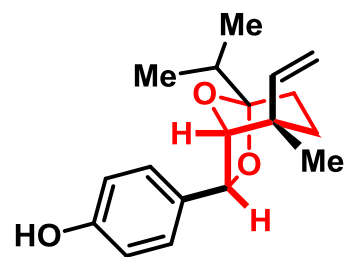
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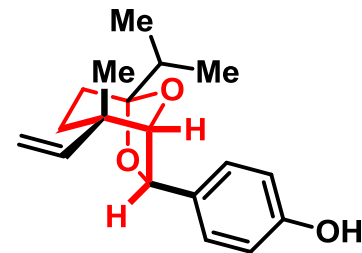
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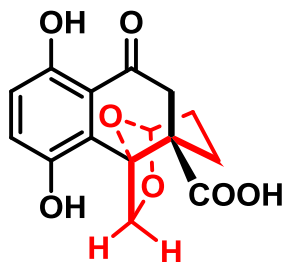
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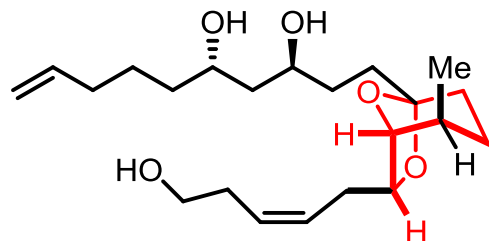
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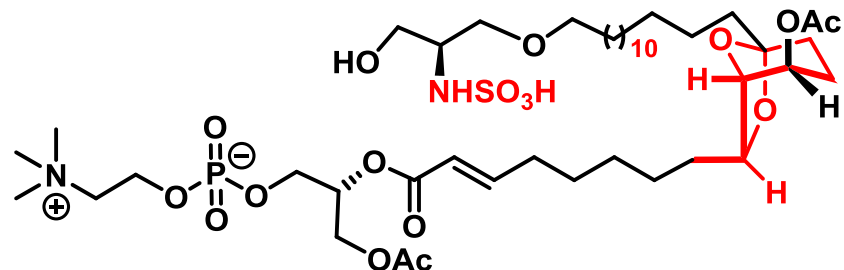
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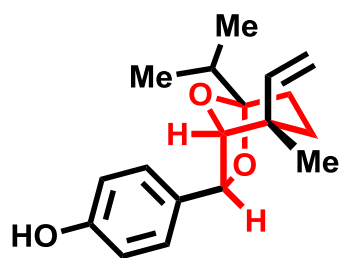


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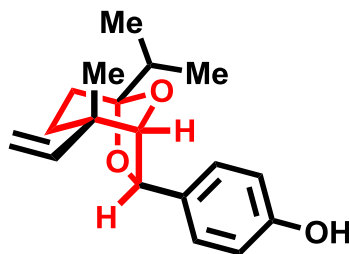


Siladenoserinol A

Psoracorylifol B and *ent*-Psoracorylifol C



Psoracorylifol B
MIC = 12.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$



Psoracorylifol C
MIC = 12.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$



Psoralea corylifolia L

First isolated from the seeds of *Psoralea corylifolia* L. in 2006. In 2007, Yoshikawa and co-workers independently isolated psoracorylifols B and C again from the same source.

They showed significant antimicrobial activity *in vitro* as potent inhibitors against two strains of *Helicobacter pylori* with MICs of 12.5-25 $\mu\text{g/mL}$.

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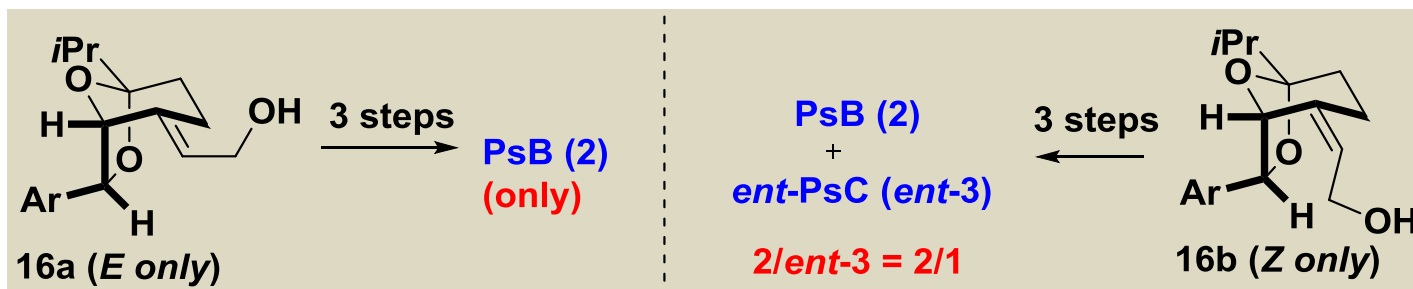
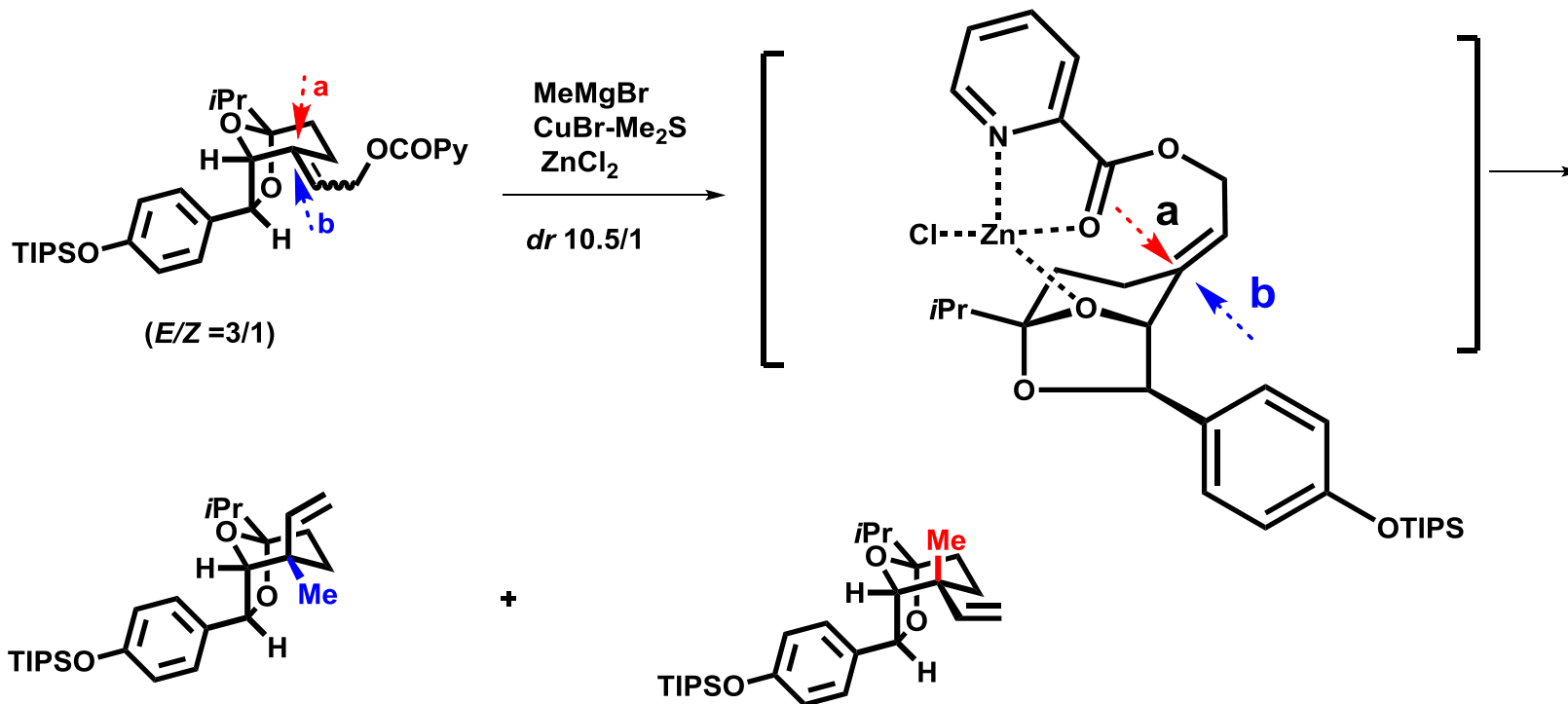
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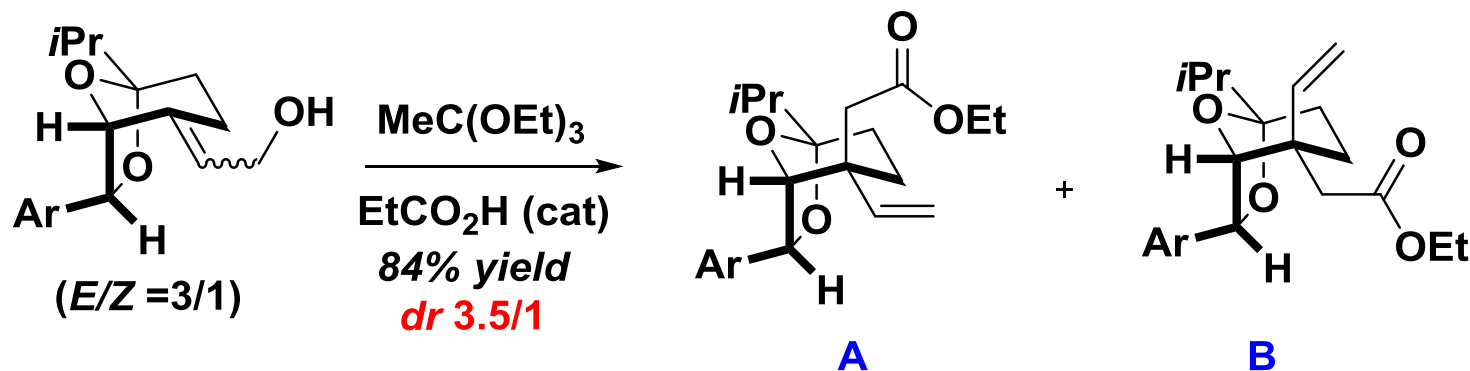


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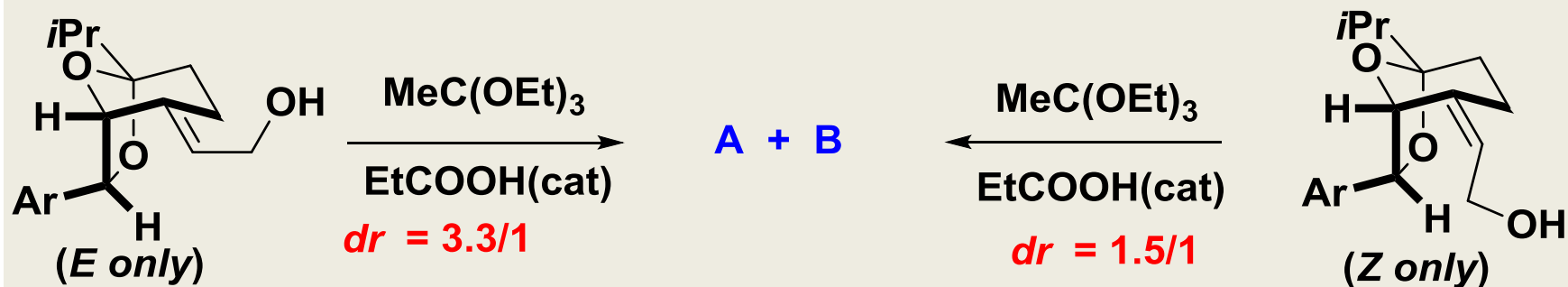
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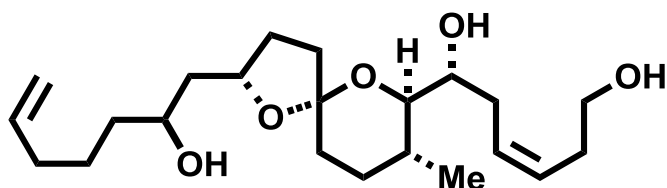
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Non-Stereospecific Johnson-Claisen Rearrangement

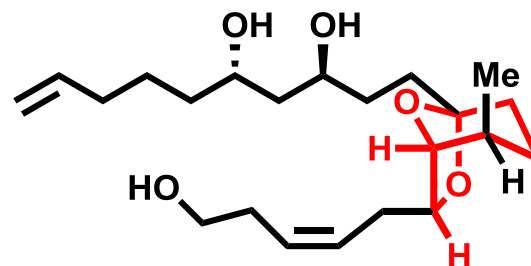


Attenols A and B



(-)-Attenol A

IC₅₀ = 24 µg/mL



(+)-Attenol B

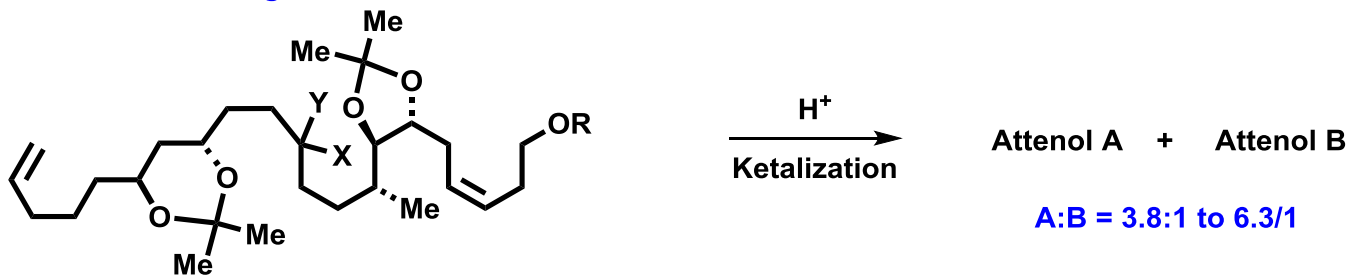
IC₅₀ = 12 µg/mL



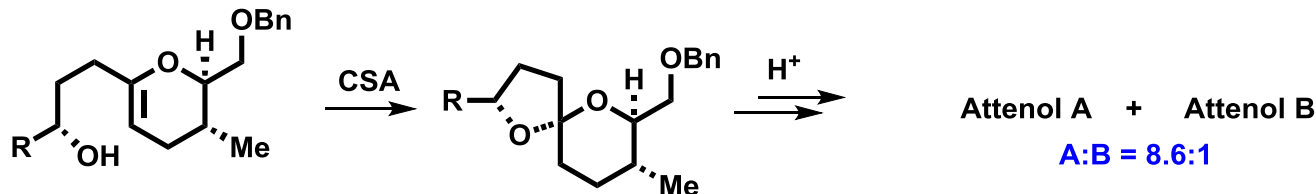
Isolated from the Chinese bivalve *Pinna attenuata* in 1999, exhibited cytotoxicity against P388 cells (IC₅₀ values of 24 and 12 µg/mL, respectively).

Previous Methods to Attenols A and B

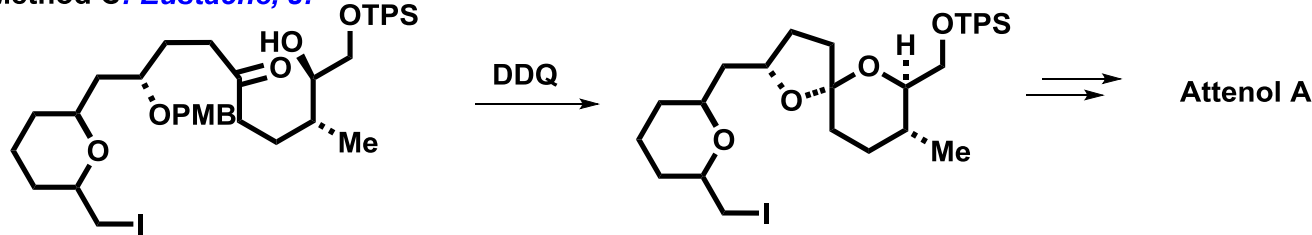
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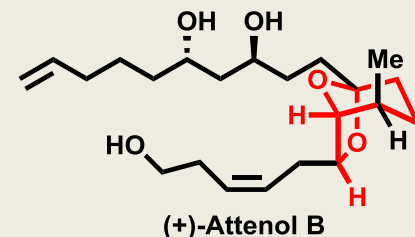
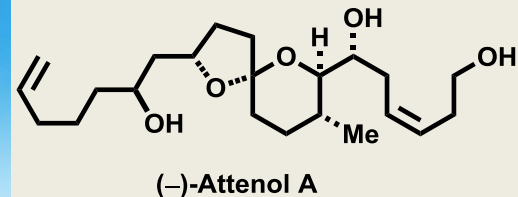
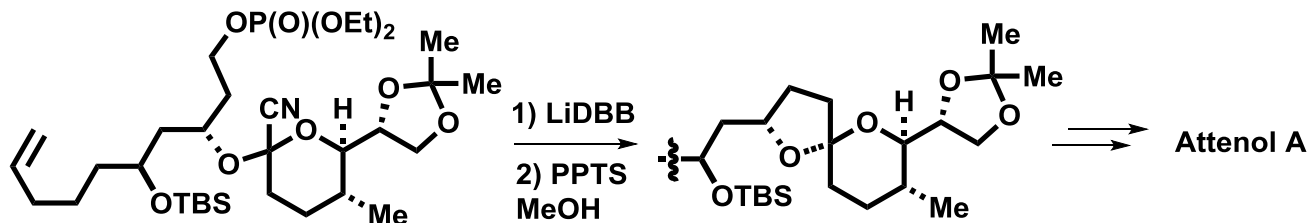
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Method C: [Eustache, J.](#)



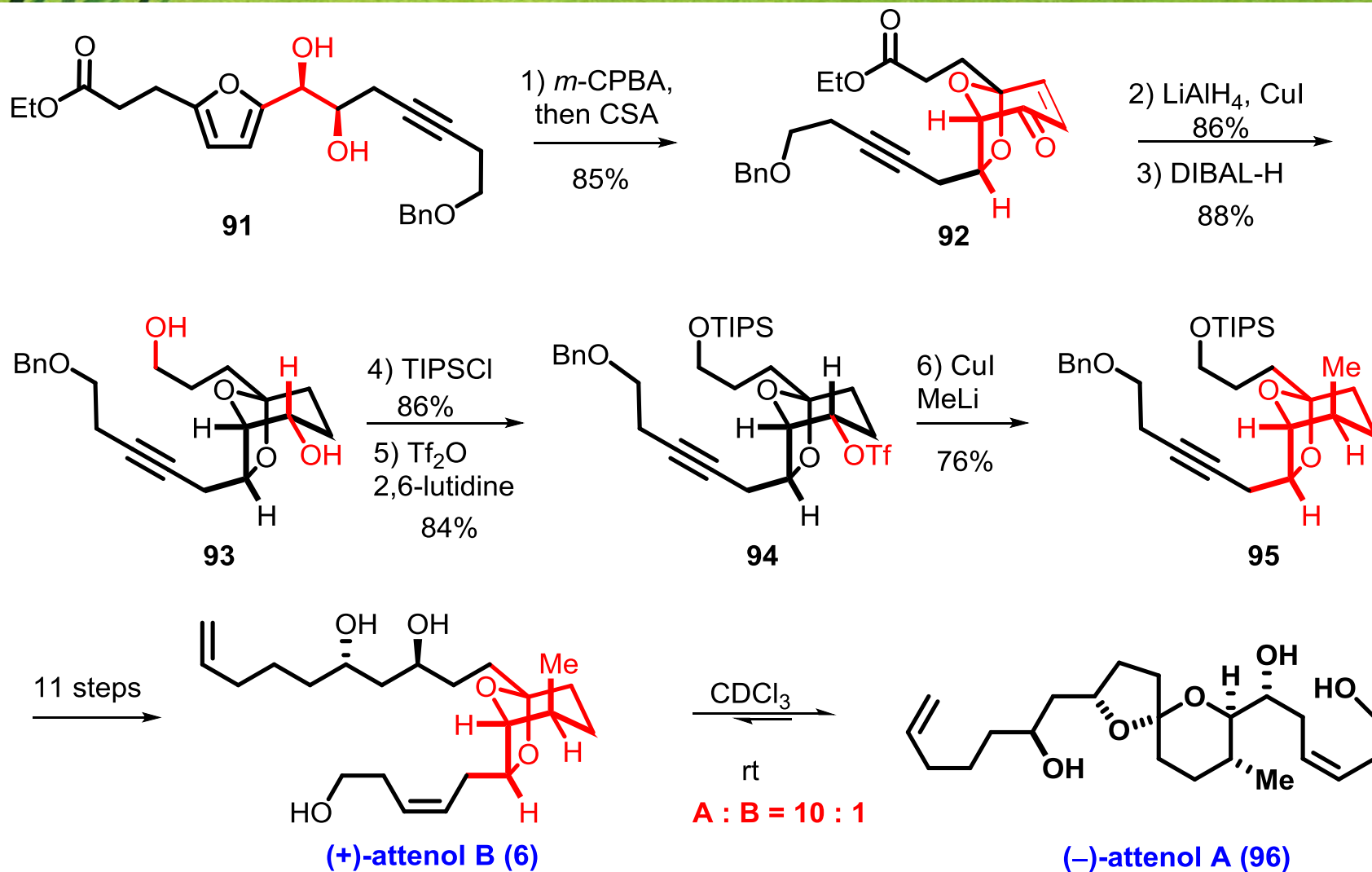
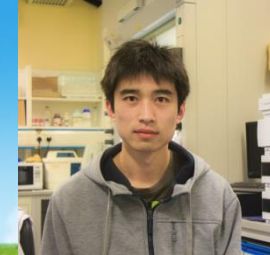
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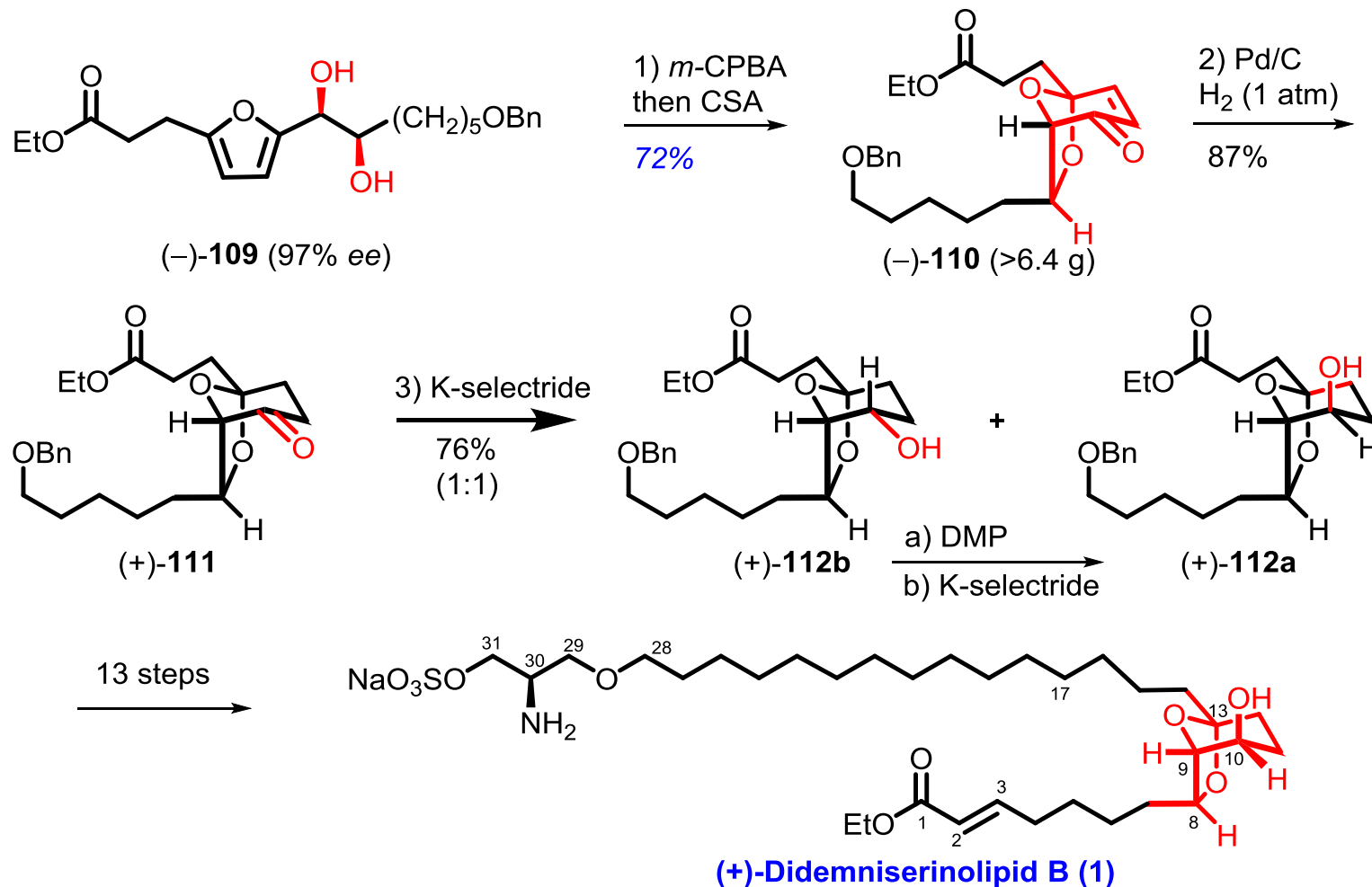
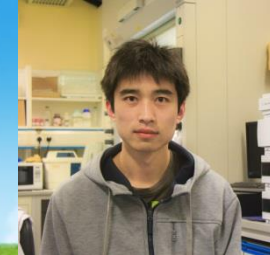
7 total Synthesis of Attenols A and B

2 Total Synthesis of Attenol A

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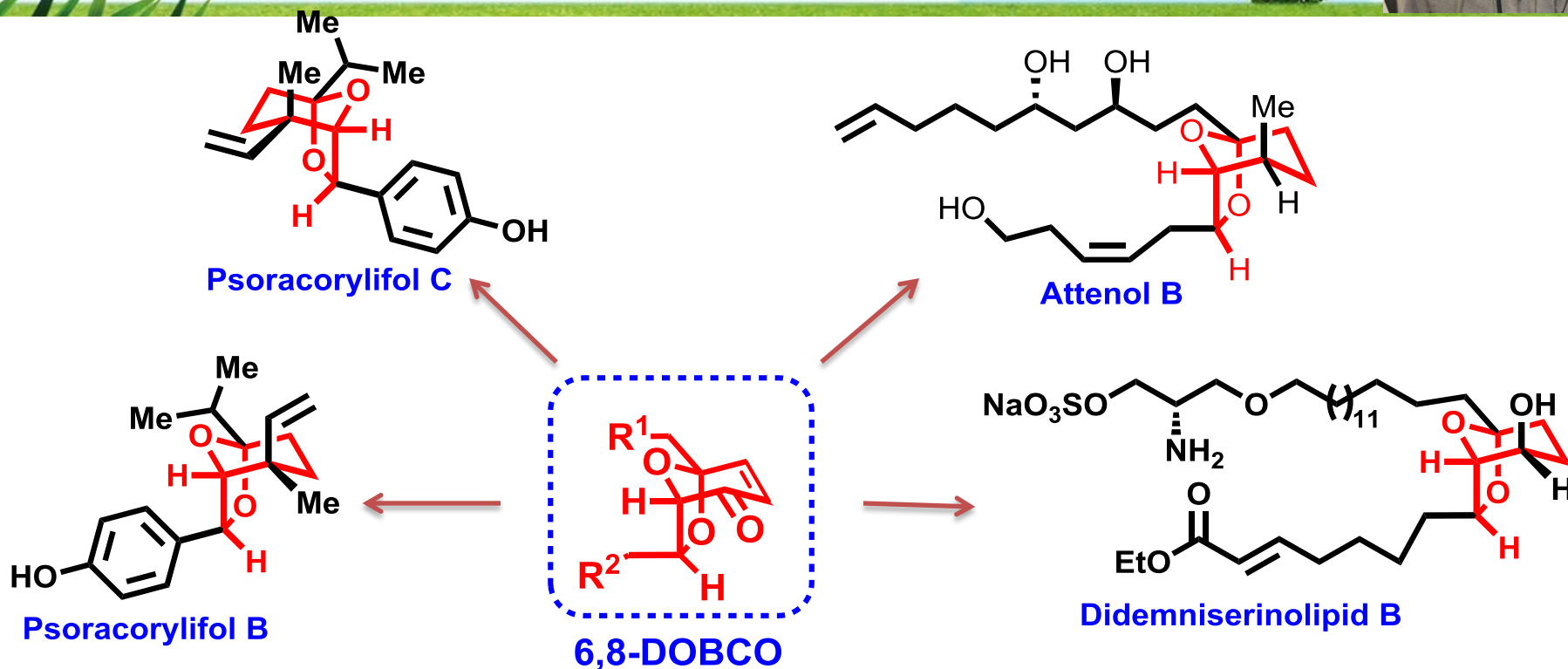
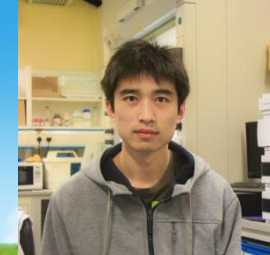


Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Didemniserinolipid B



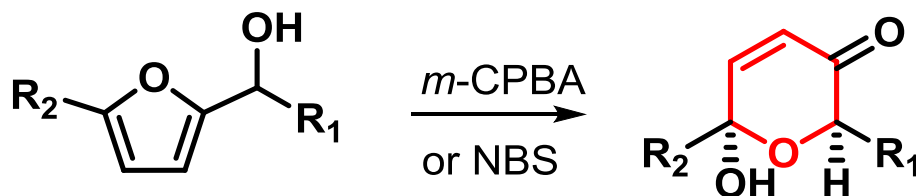
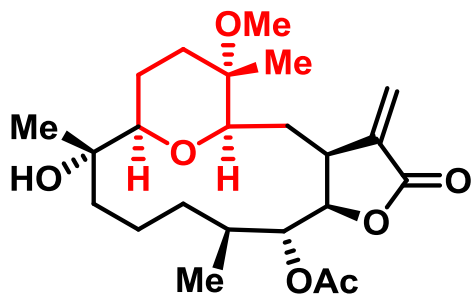
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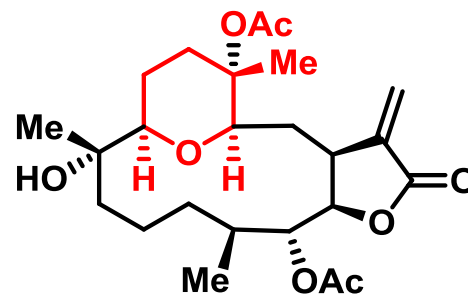


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FOD in Total Synthesis of Uprolides

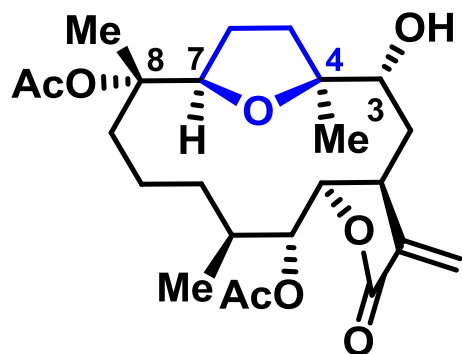
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Uprolide G Acetate (**B5**)
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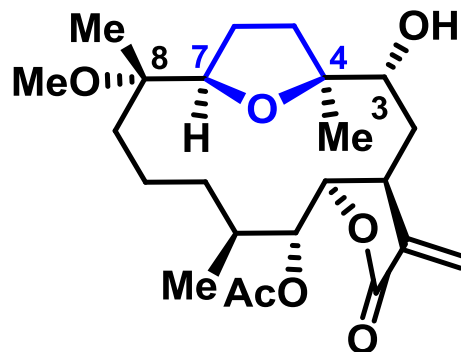


Uprolide F Diacetate (**B7**)
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Isolation and Bioactivity



Uprolide F Diacetate
(UFD)



Uprolide G Acetate
(UGA)

Isolated from **sea coral** *Eunicea mammosa* by **Rodríguez** and coworkers in **1995**.

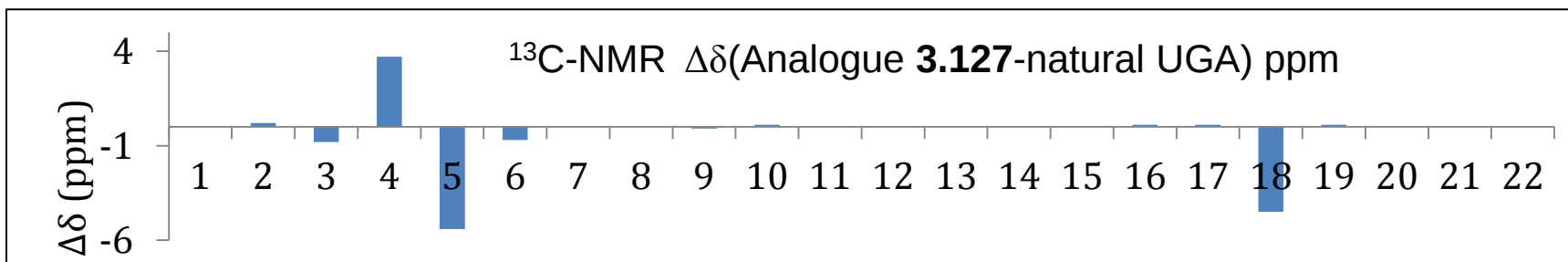
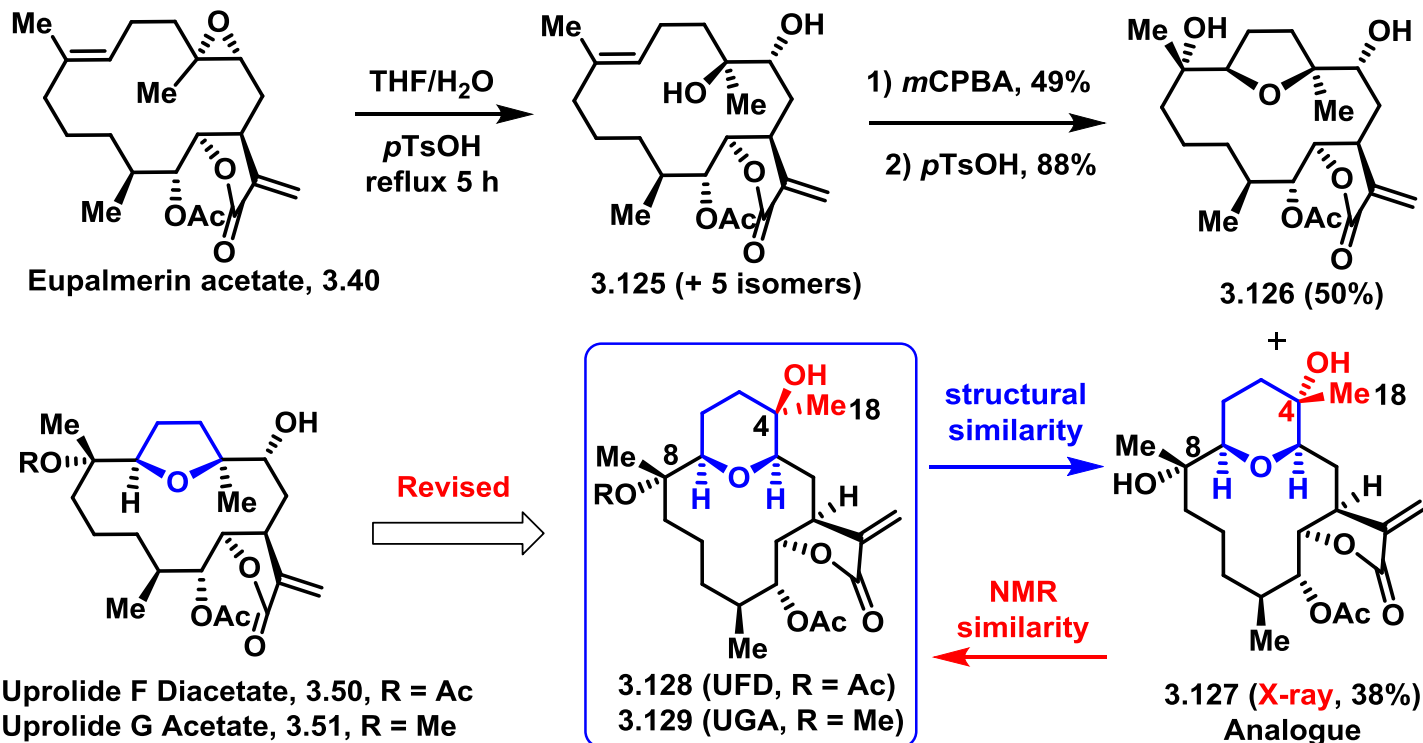
They were **cytotoxic** and showed some anti-cancer properties.



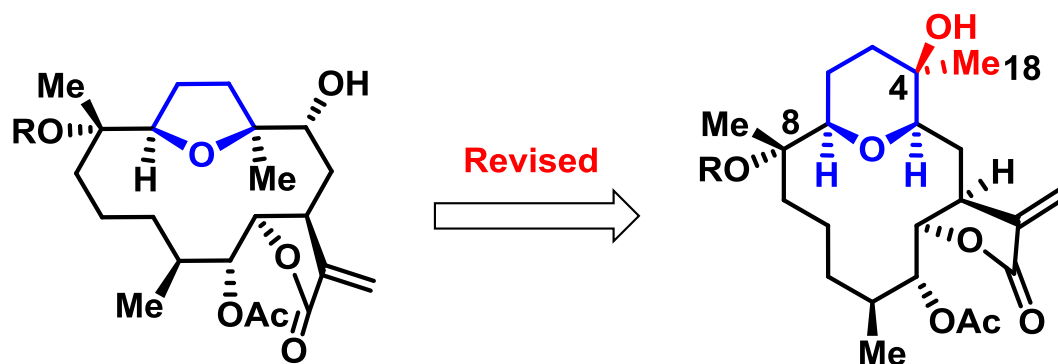
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Structural Revision by Rodríguez



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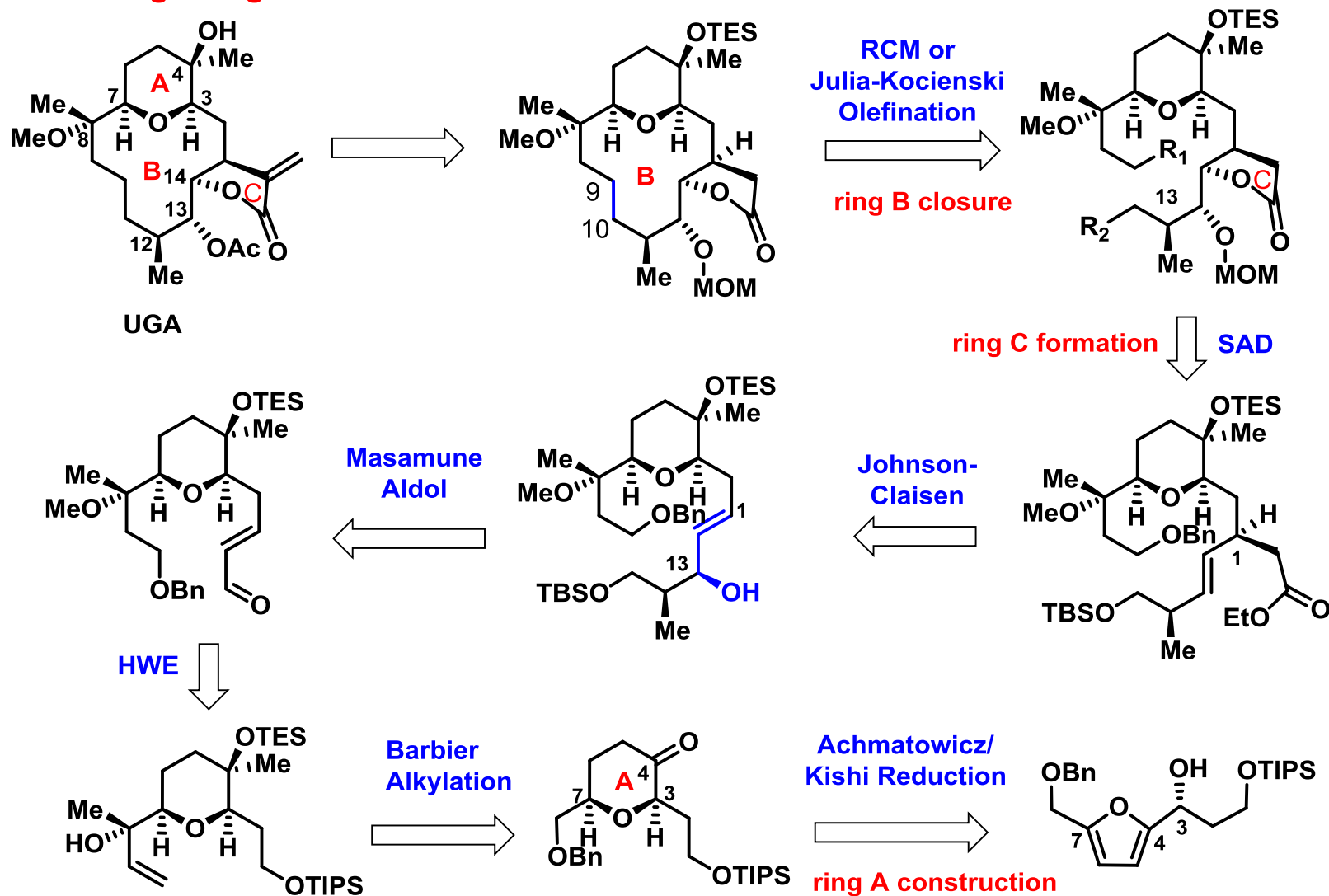
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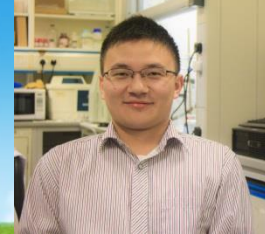
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To confirm the structural revision by Rodríguez

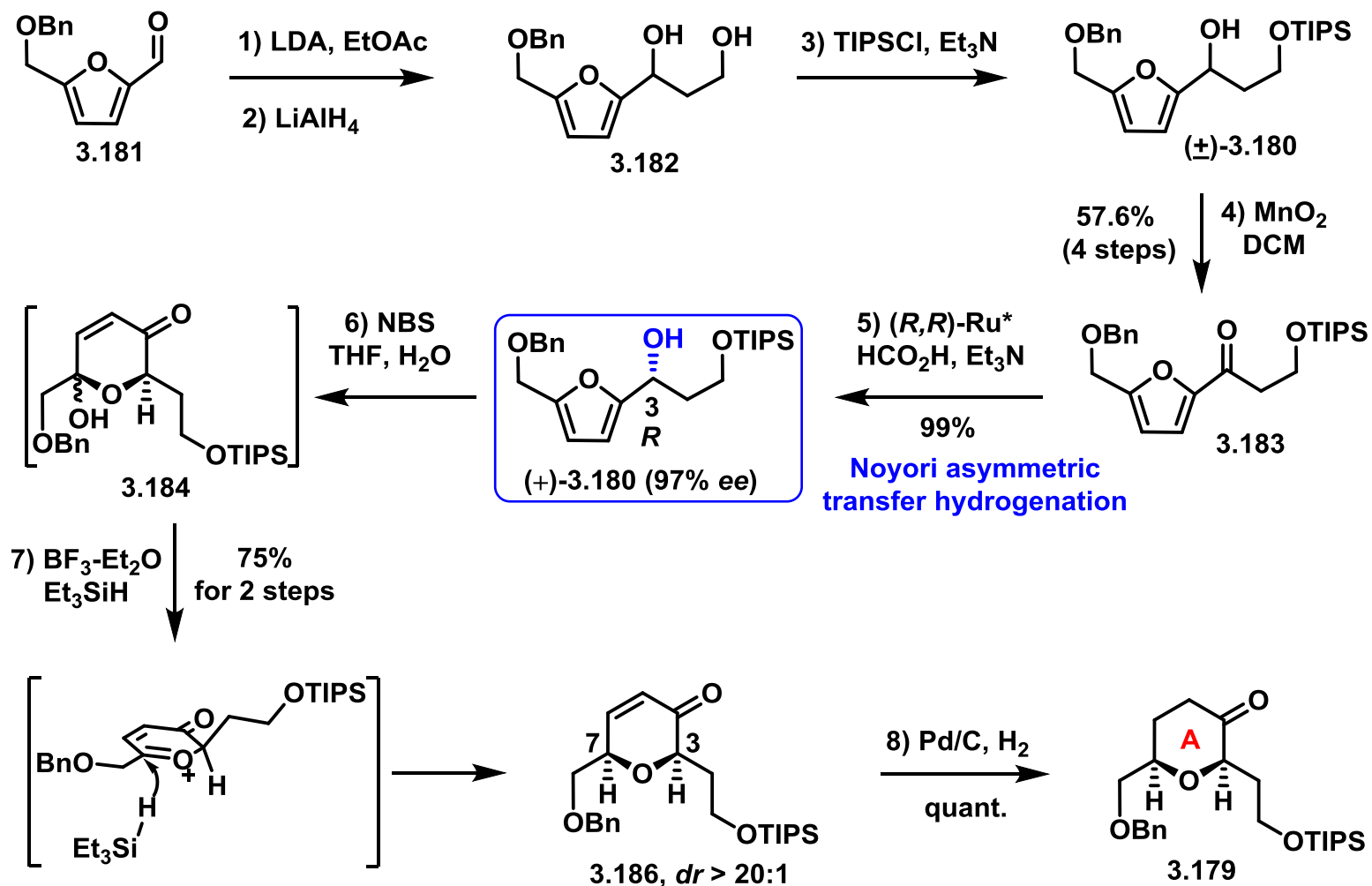
To provide a flexible and robust synthetic strategy

Strategic ring construction: $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$





Ring A Construction

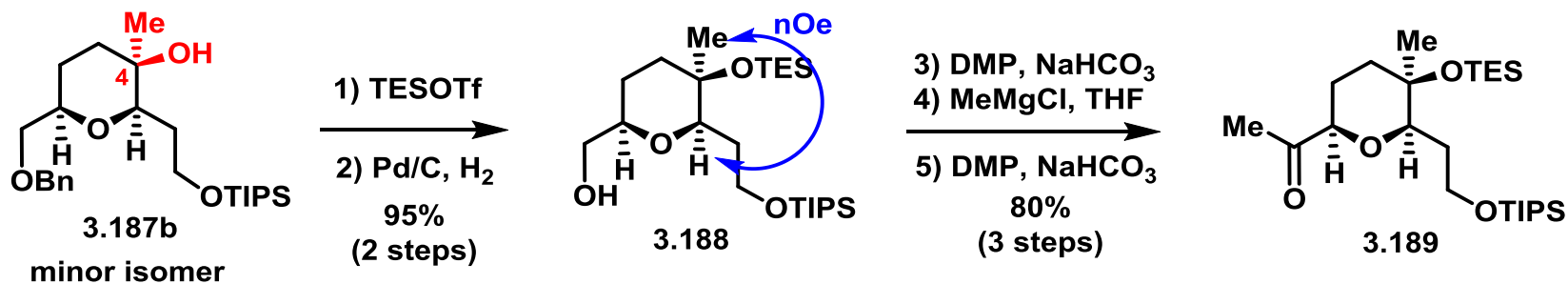
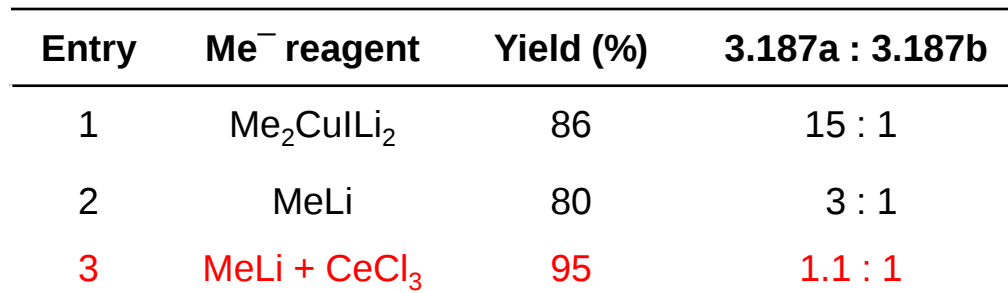


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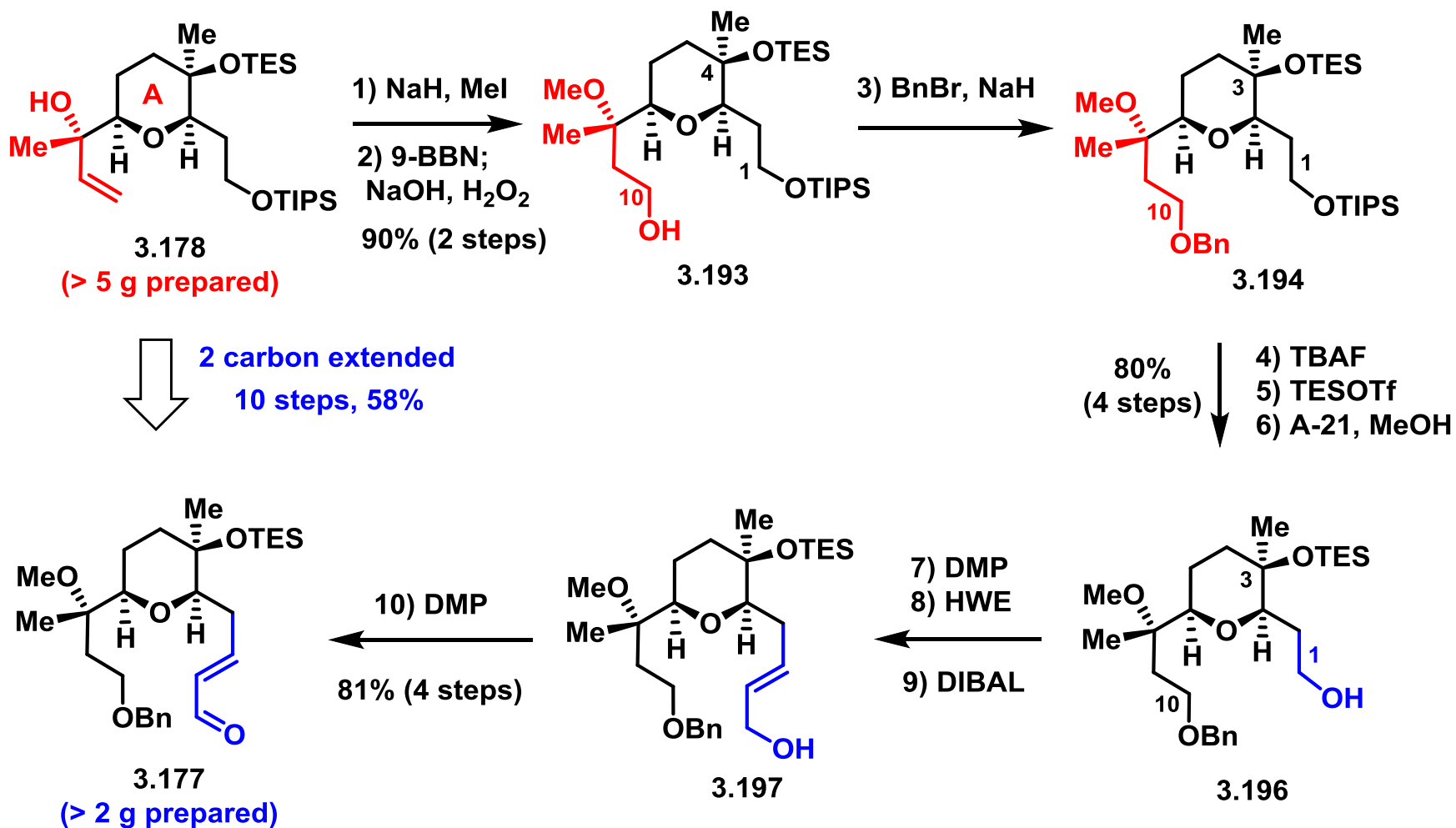
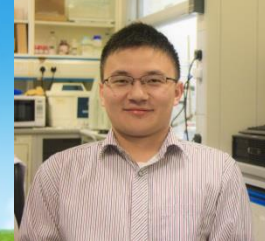
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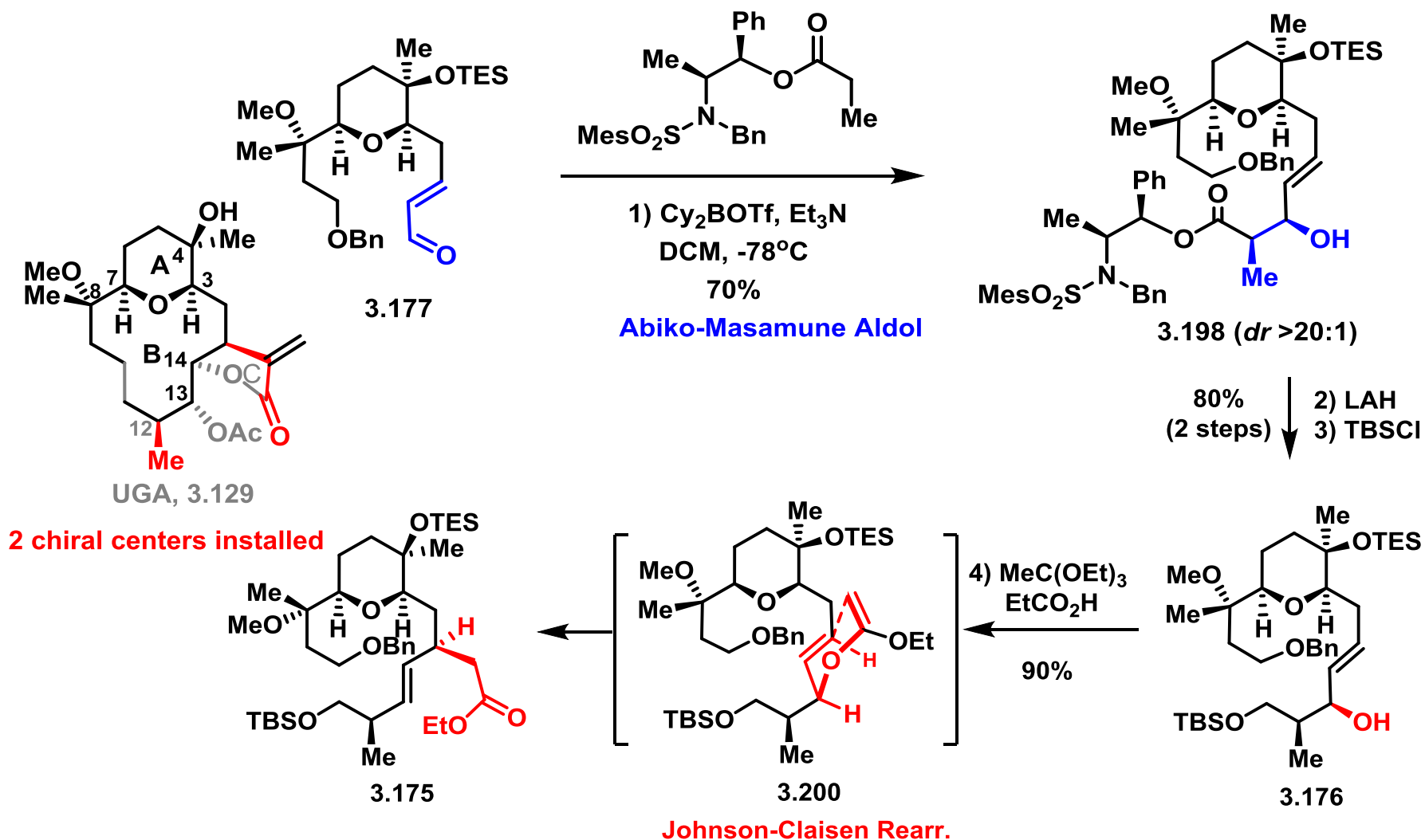
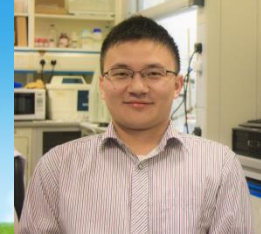
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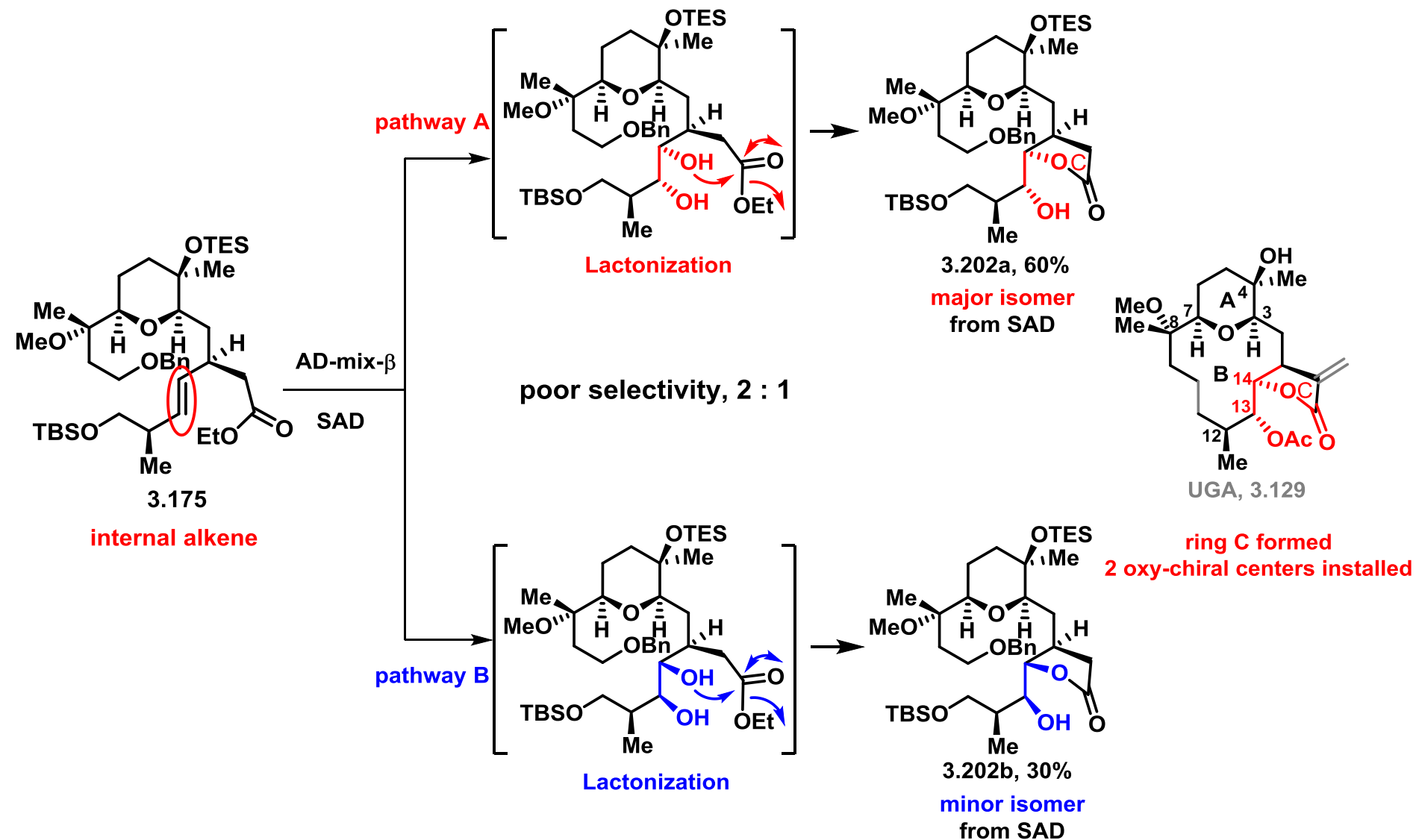
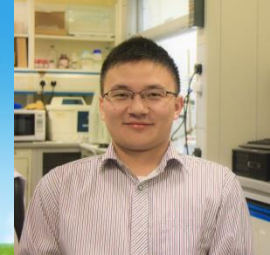
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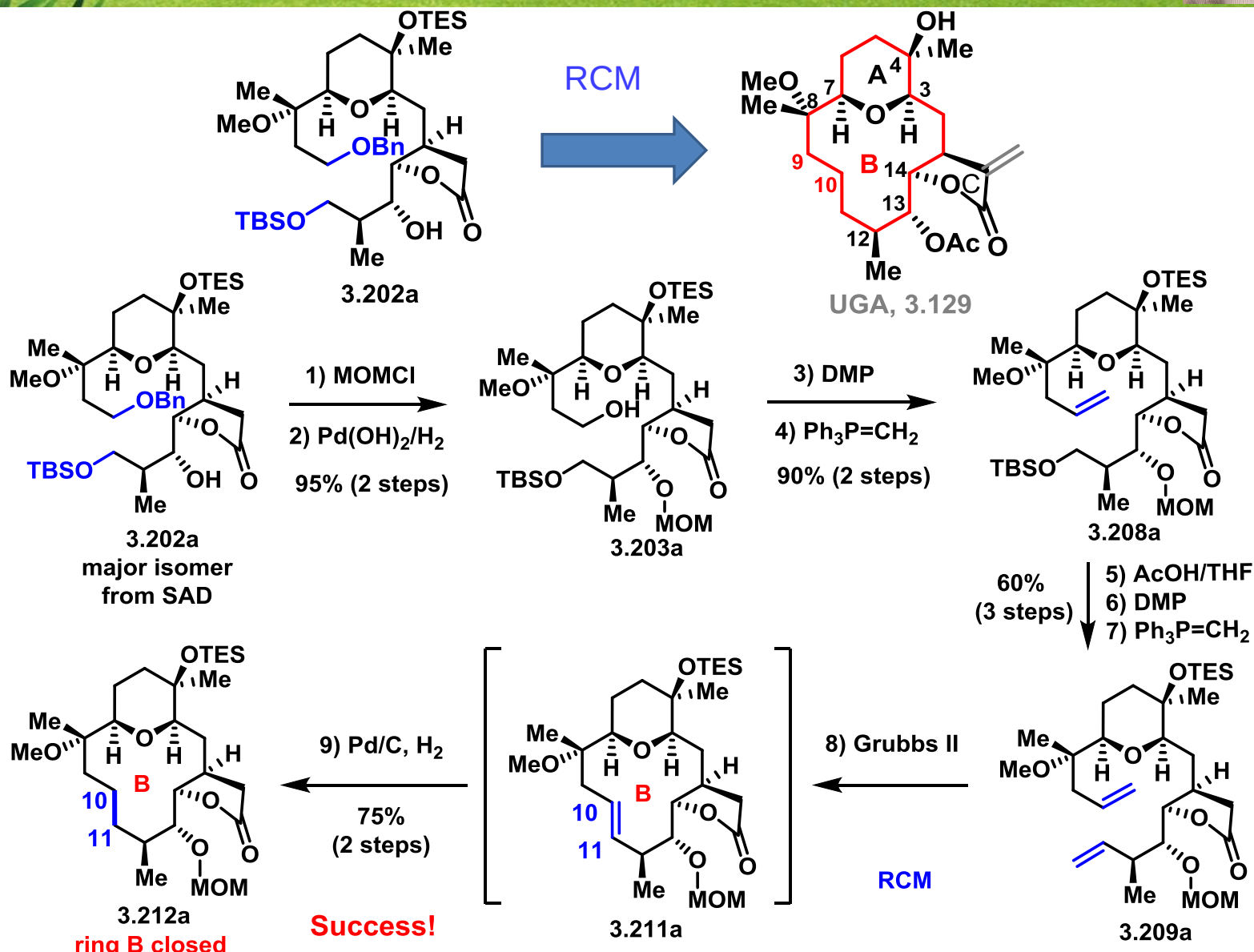


Installation of 2 Chiral Centers & Ring C Formation

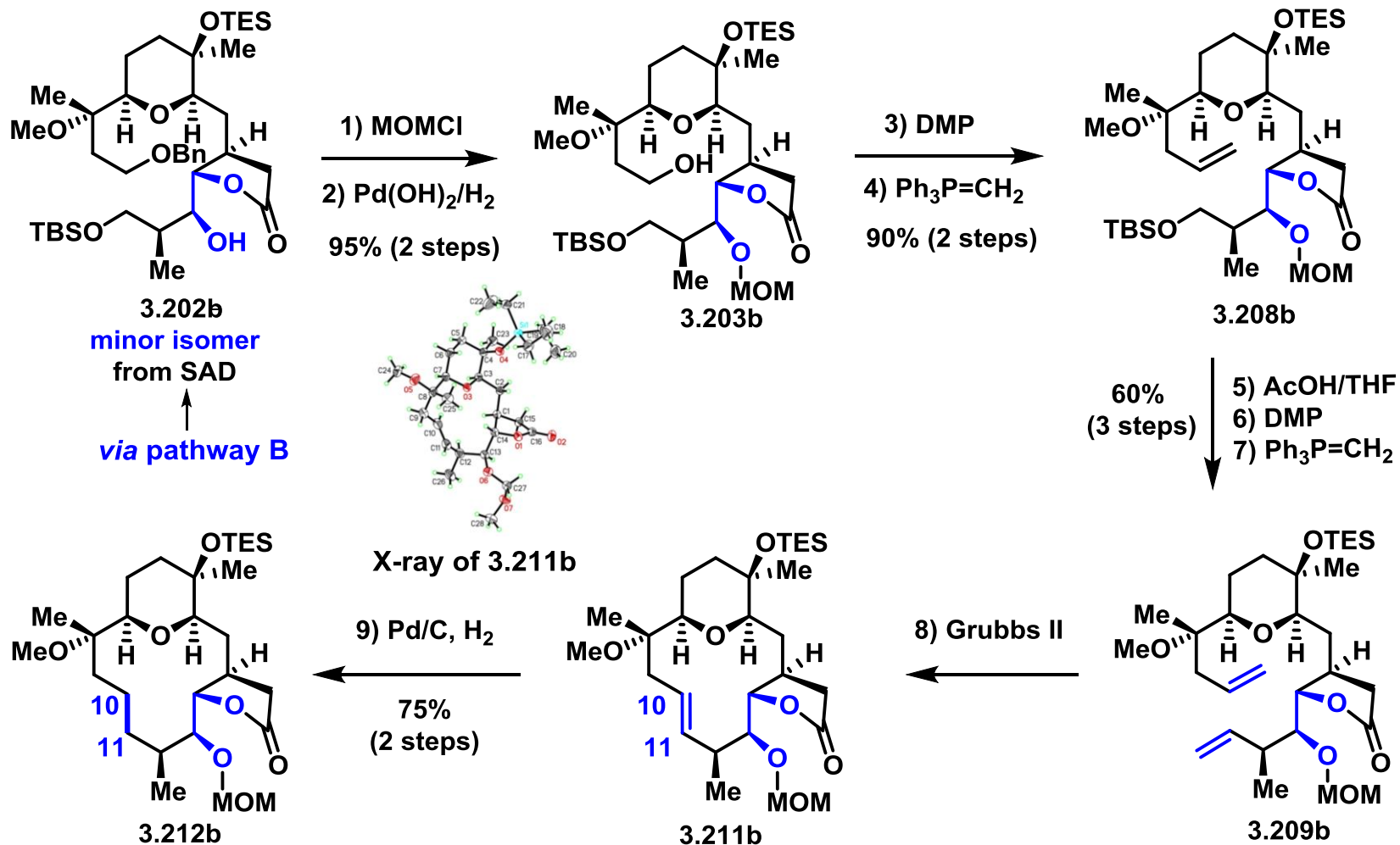
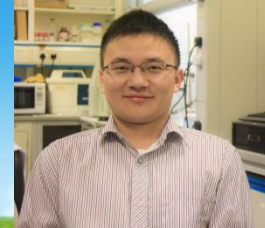




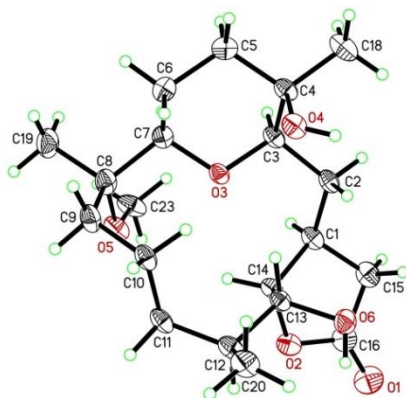
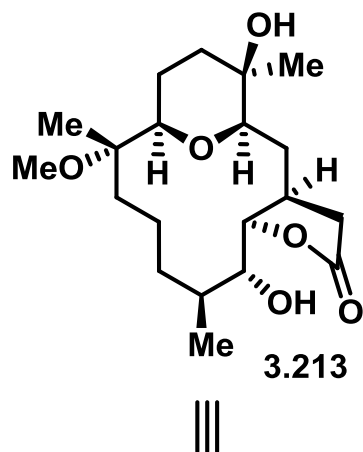
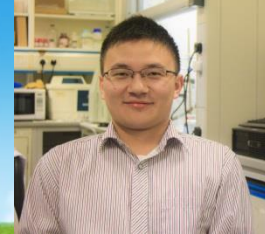
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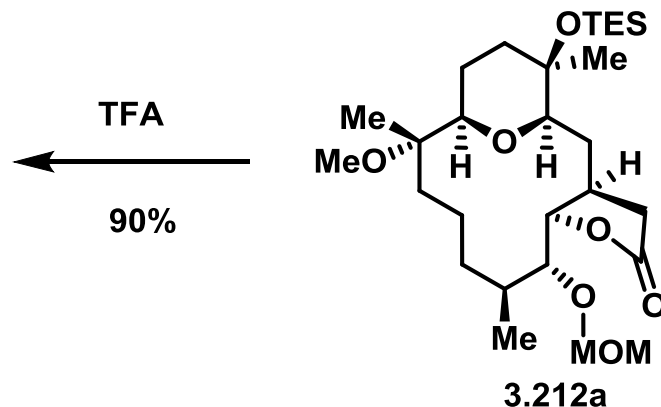
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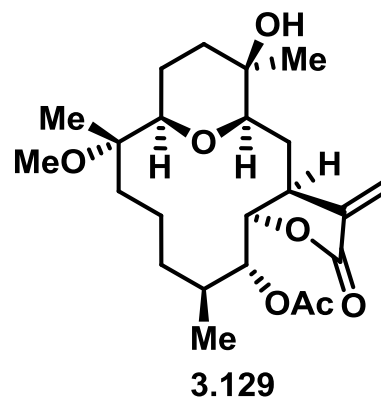
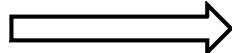
Completion of Proposed UGA



X-ray of 3.213



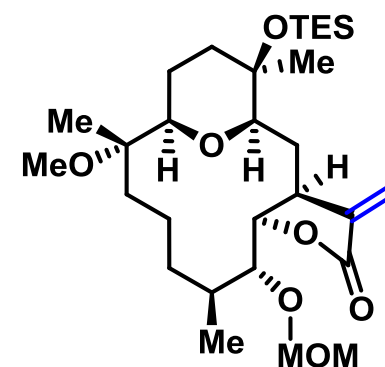
stereochemistry
confirmation



Proposed UGA

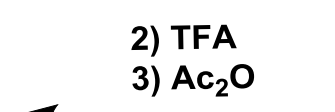
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then, MsCl; DBU

50%

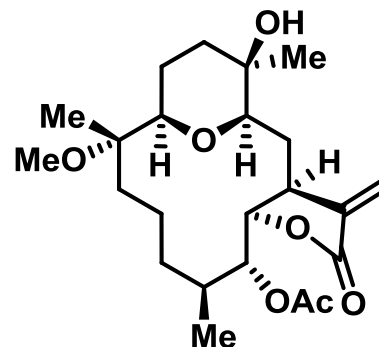
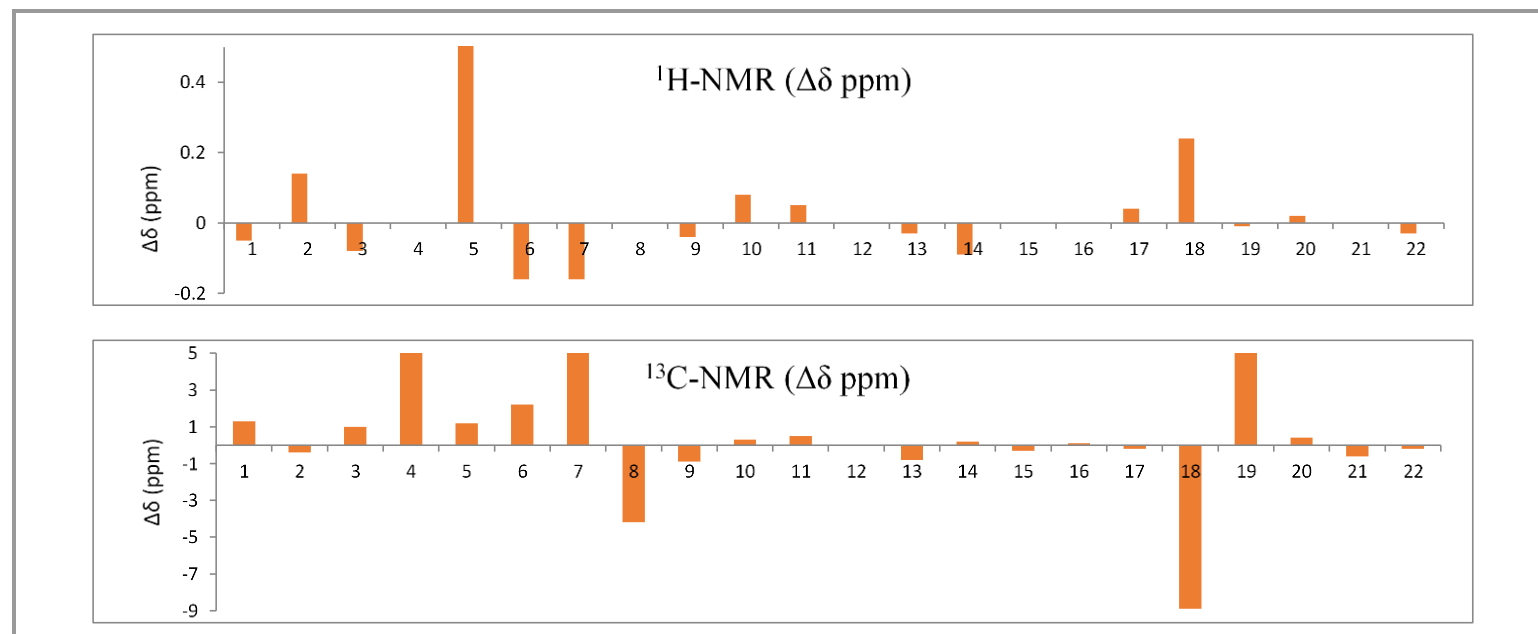
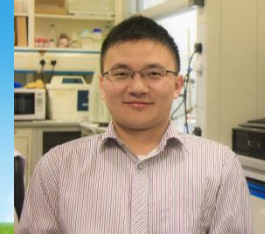


2) TFA
3) Ac₂O

60% (2 steps)



Data Comparison (Proposed UGA and natural UGA)

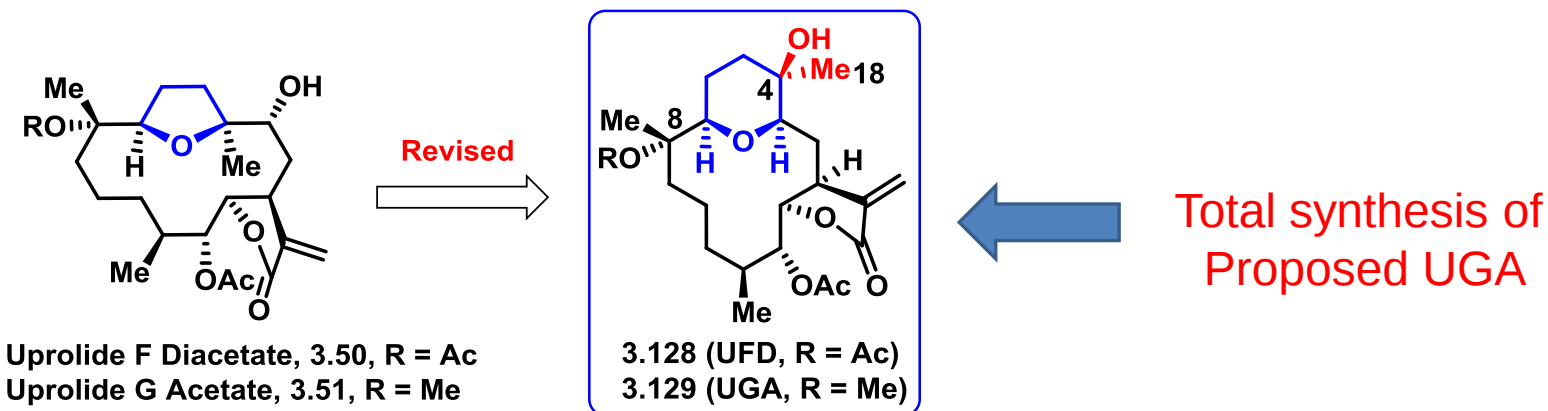
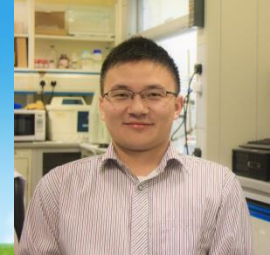


3.129

Proposed UGA

not correct for
natural UGA

Structural Revision by Rodríguez

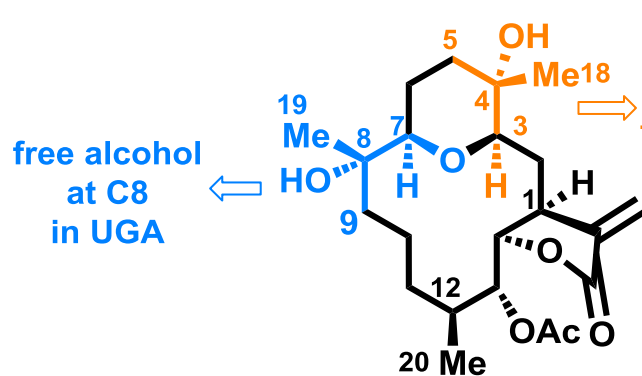
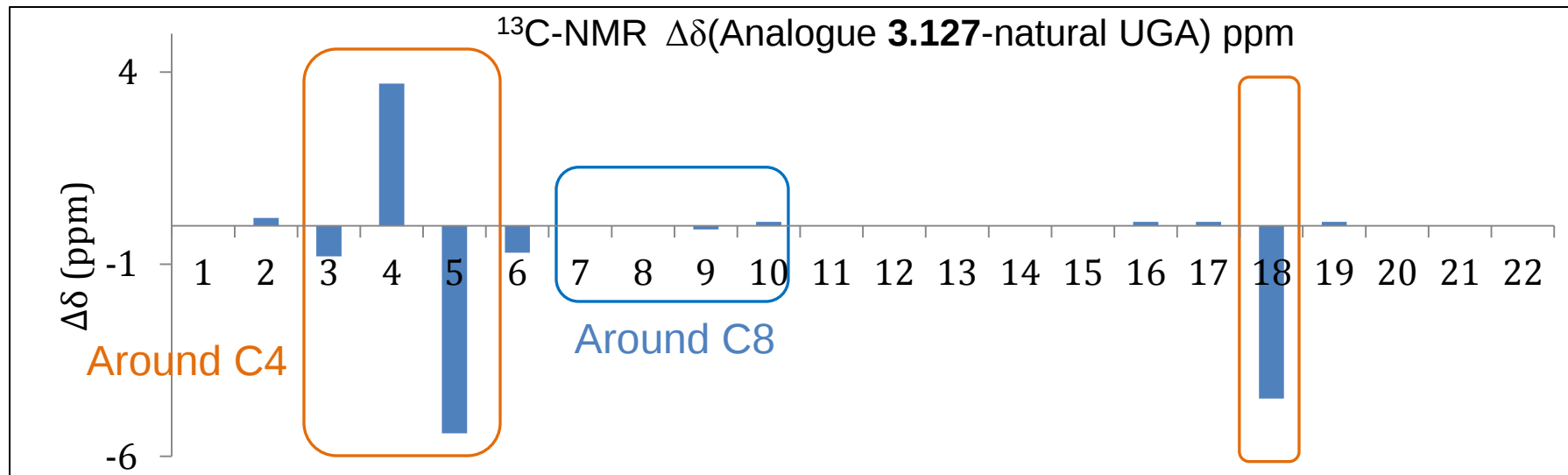
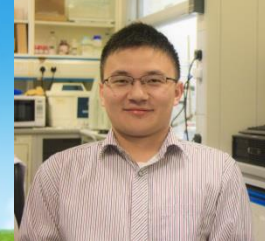


Goals: To confirm the structural revision by Rodríguez
To provide a flexible and robust synthetic strategy

Achieved: Disproved the structural revision of UGA by Rodríguez
Developed a robust synthetic strategy

What is the true structure for natural UGA?

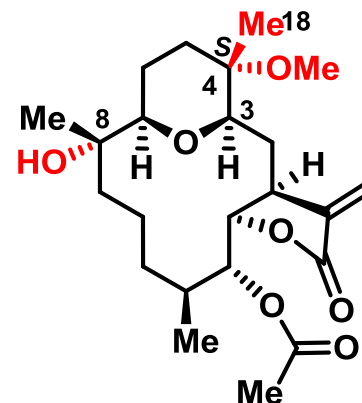
Structural Revision by us



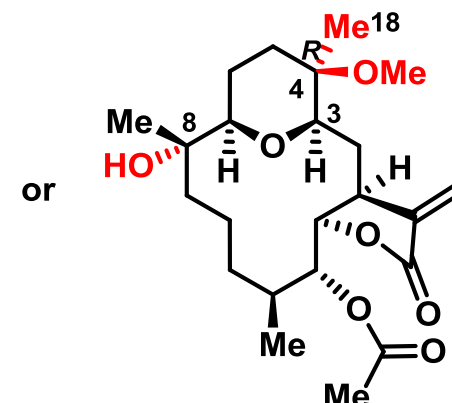
3.127 (X-Ray)

Analogue derived from
natural Eupalmerin Acetate
Rodriguez, 2000

methyl ether with
the same or inverted
stereochemistry
at C4
in UGA



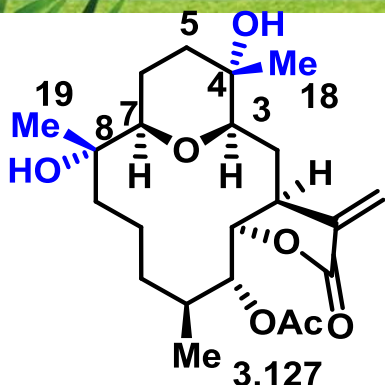
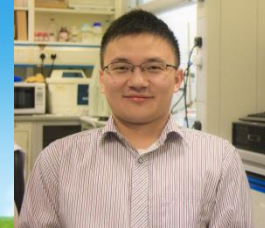
3.215a



3.215b

**revised UGA
by us**

a or b: which is more likely?

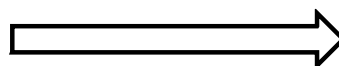


Analogue derived from
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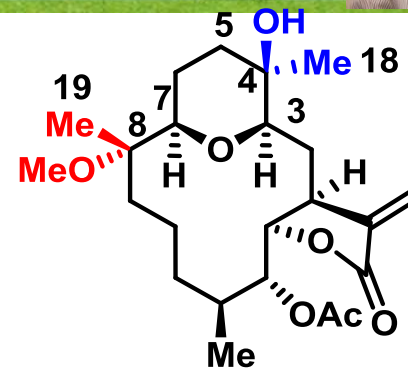
S effect (3.129-3.127)

β (8): +4.2

γ (7, 19): -5.1, -6.1



Rule: β effect: positive +
 γ effect: negative -

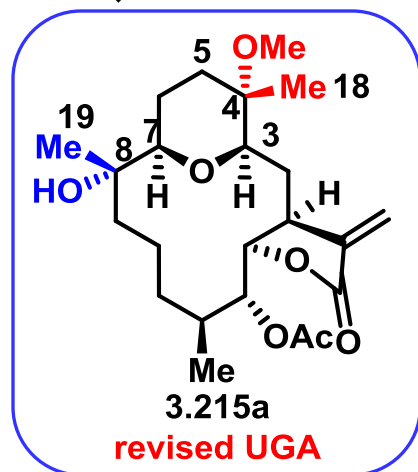


proposed UGA

If UGA = 3.215a
S effect (UGA-3.127)
 β (4): +3.7
 γ (3, 5, 18): -0.8, -5.4, -4.5

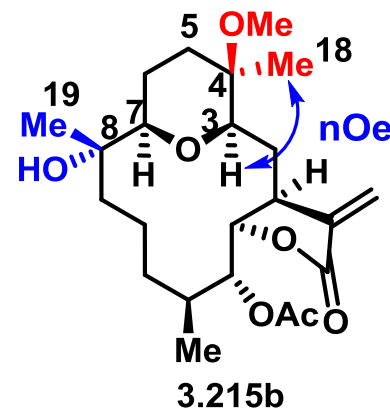
Substituent Effect of O-Me
on ^{13}C NMR

If UGA = 3.215b
S effect (UGA-3.129)
 β (4): +5.5; β (8): +4.2
 γ (3, 5, 18): +1.0, +1.2, 8.9
 γ (7, 9): -5.1, -6.2



normal

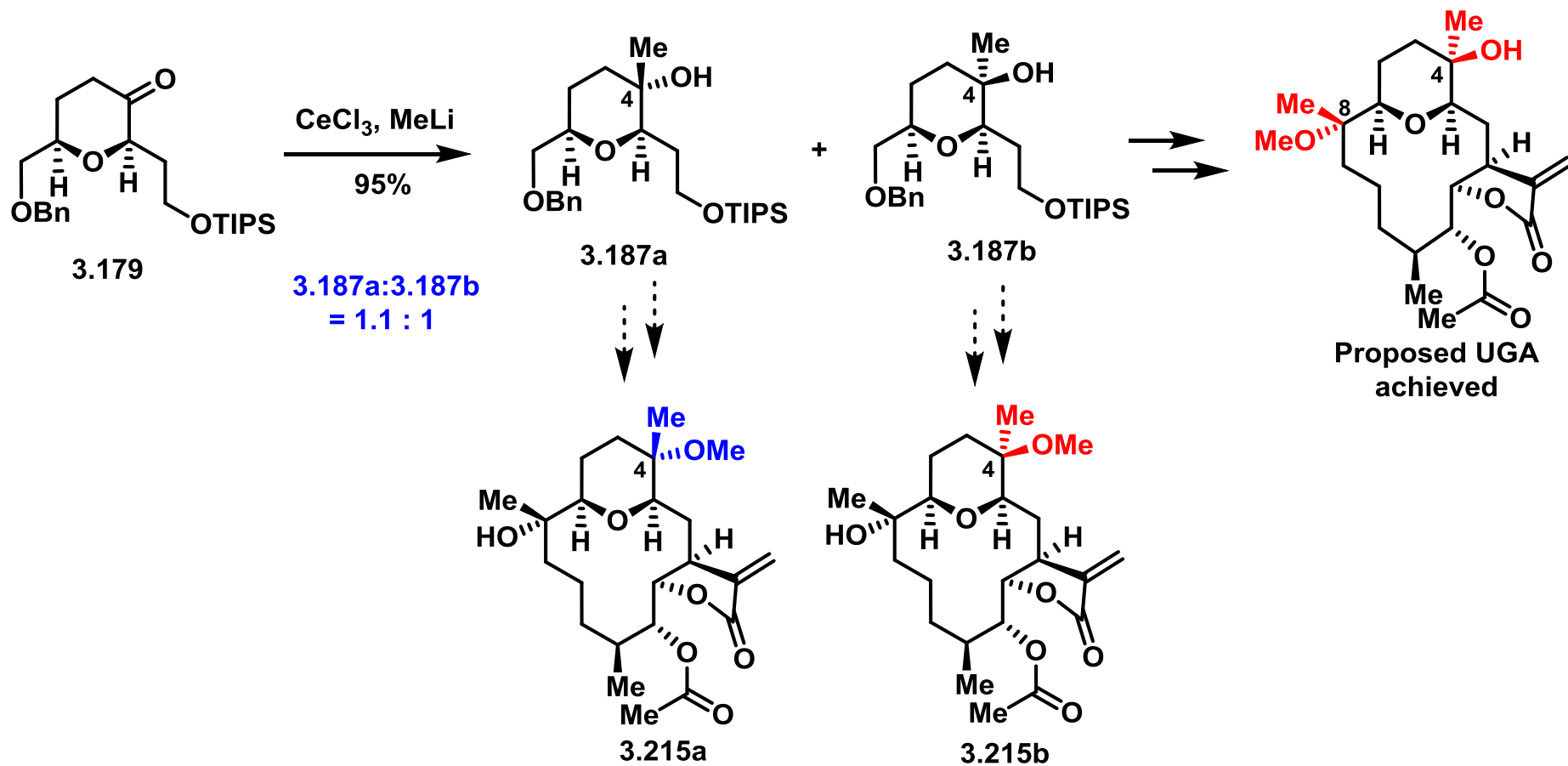
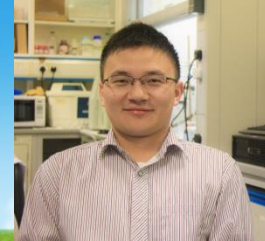
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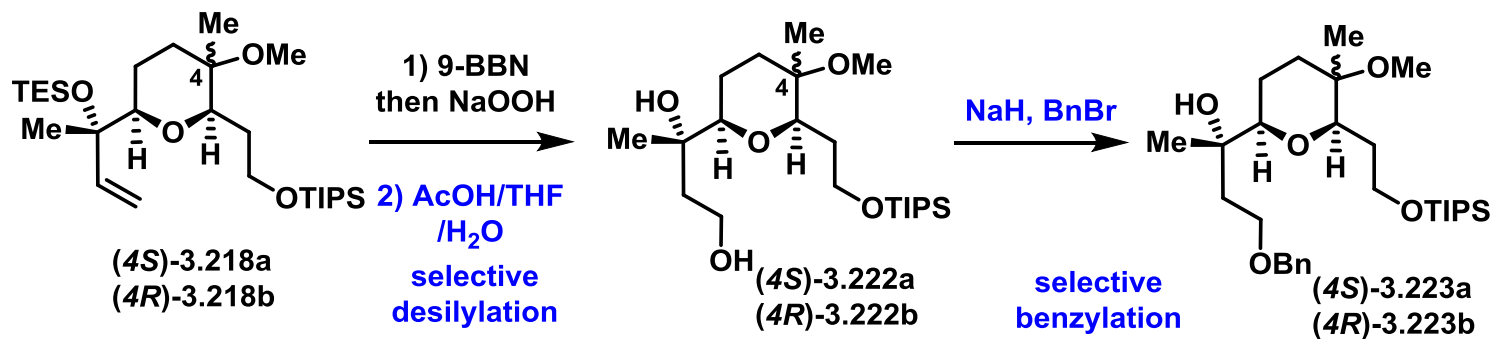
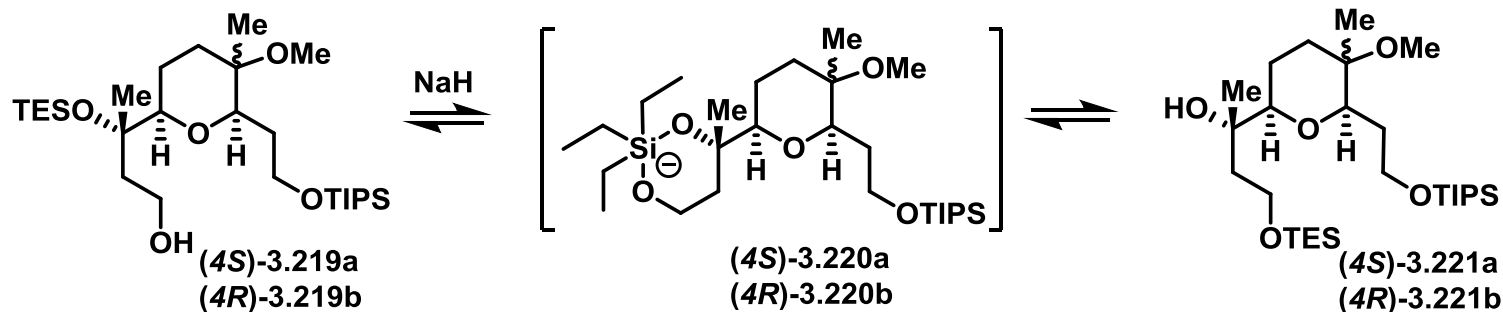
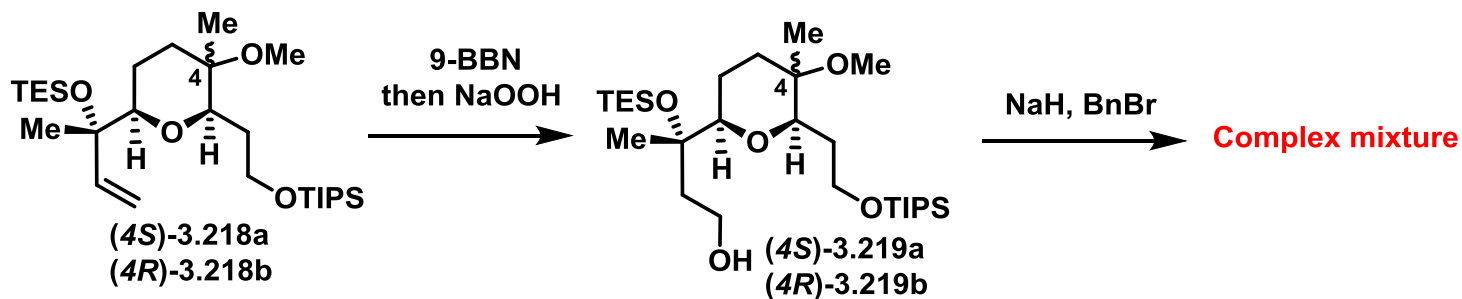
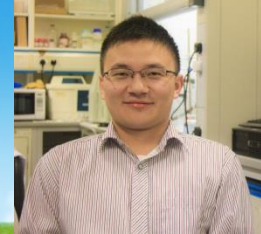
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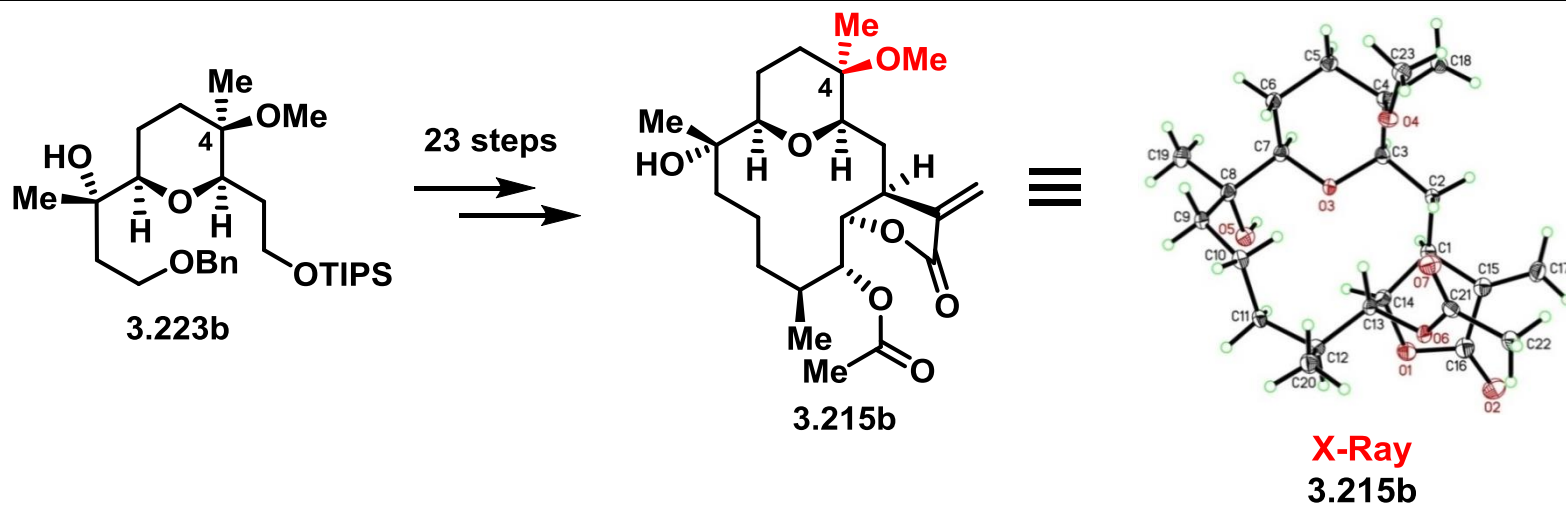
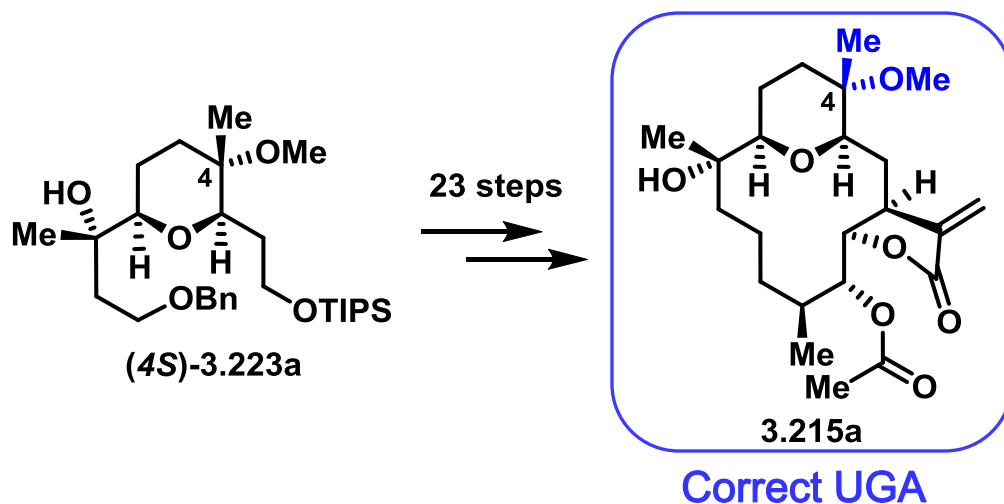
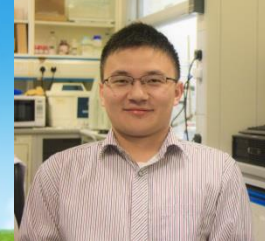


Straightforward Synthesis!

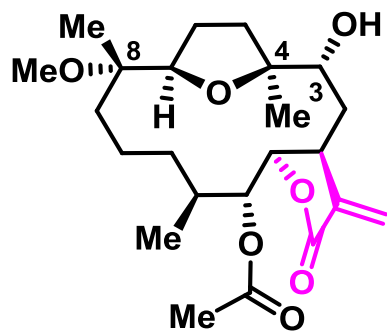
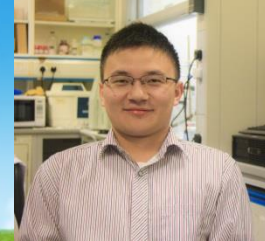
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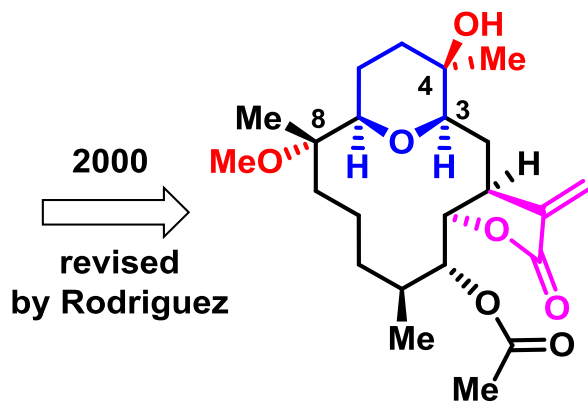
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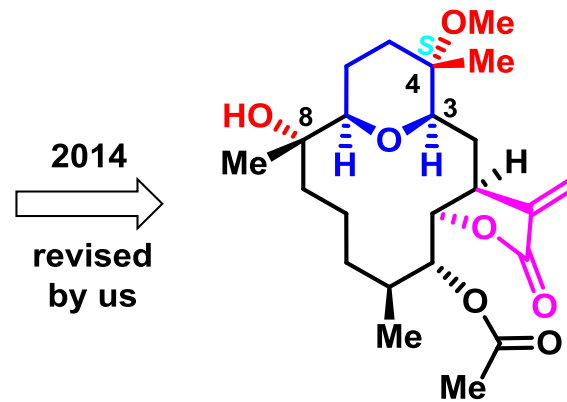
Structural Revision for Uprolide G Acetate



Uprolide G Acetate, 3.51
(UGA, 1995)

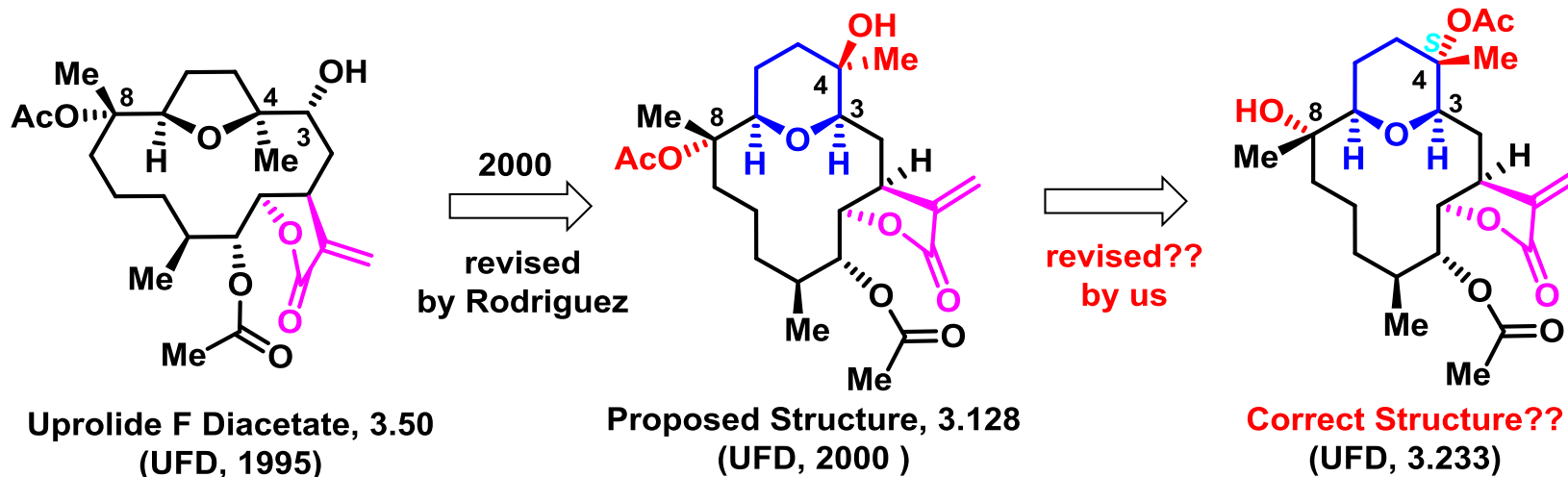
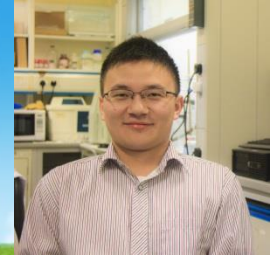


Proposed Structure, 3.129
(UGA, 2000)

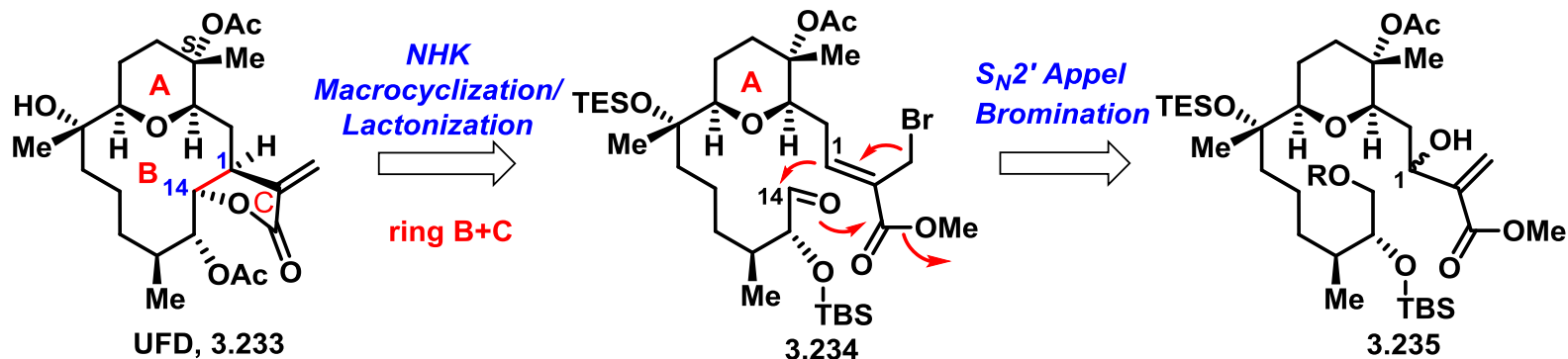
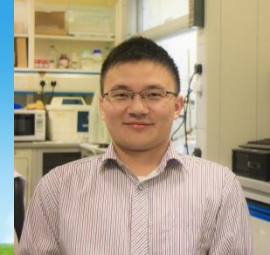


Correct Structure, 3.215a
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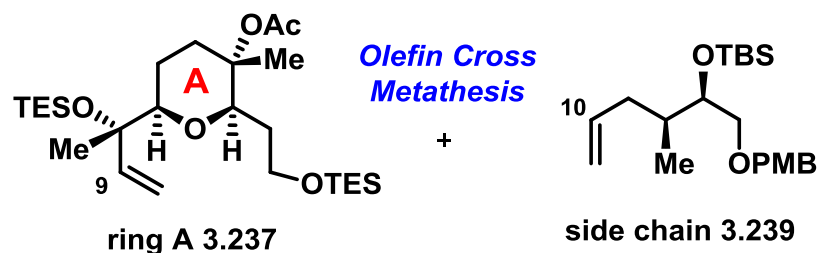
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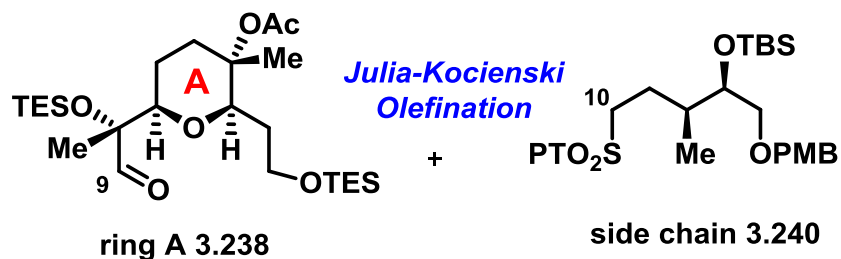


Strategical ring construction: A $\rightarrow$ (B+C)

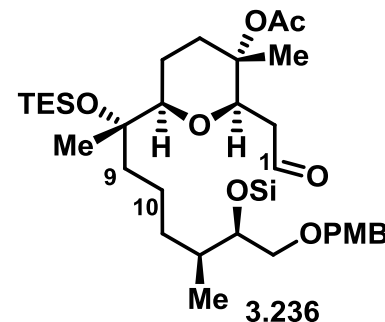


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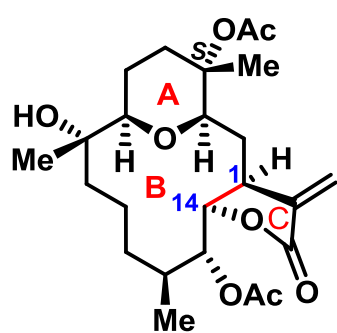
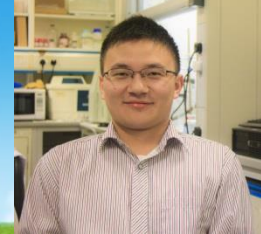
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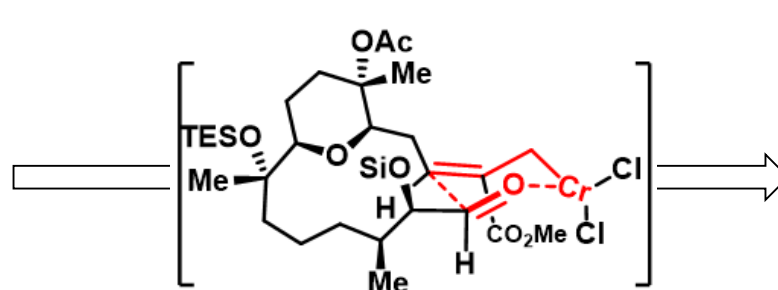
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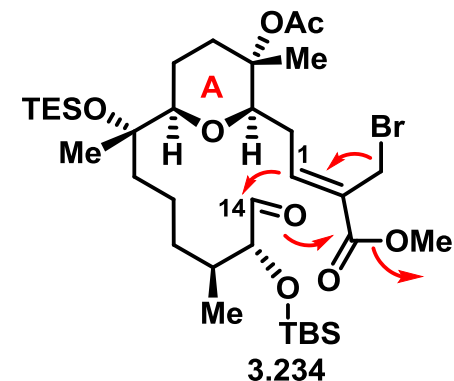
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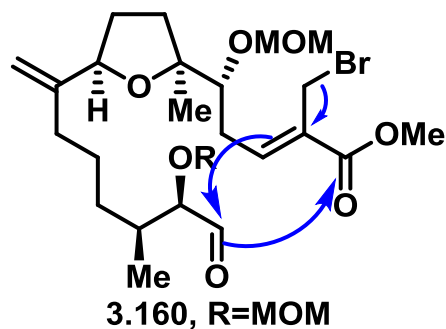
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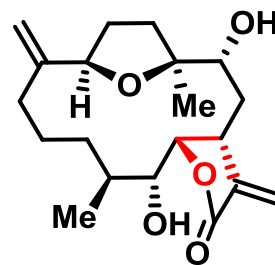
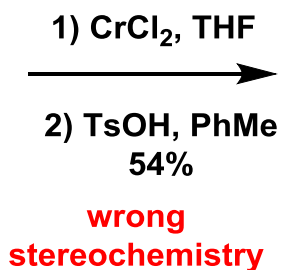
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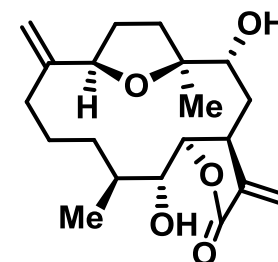
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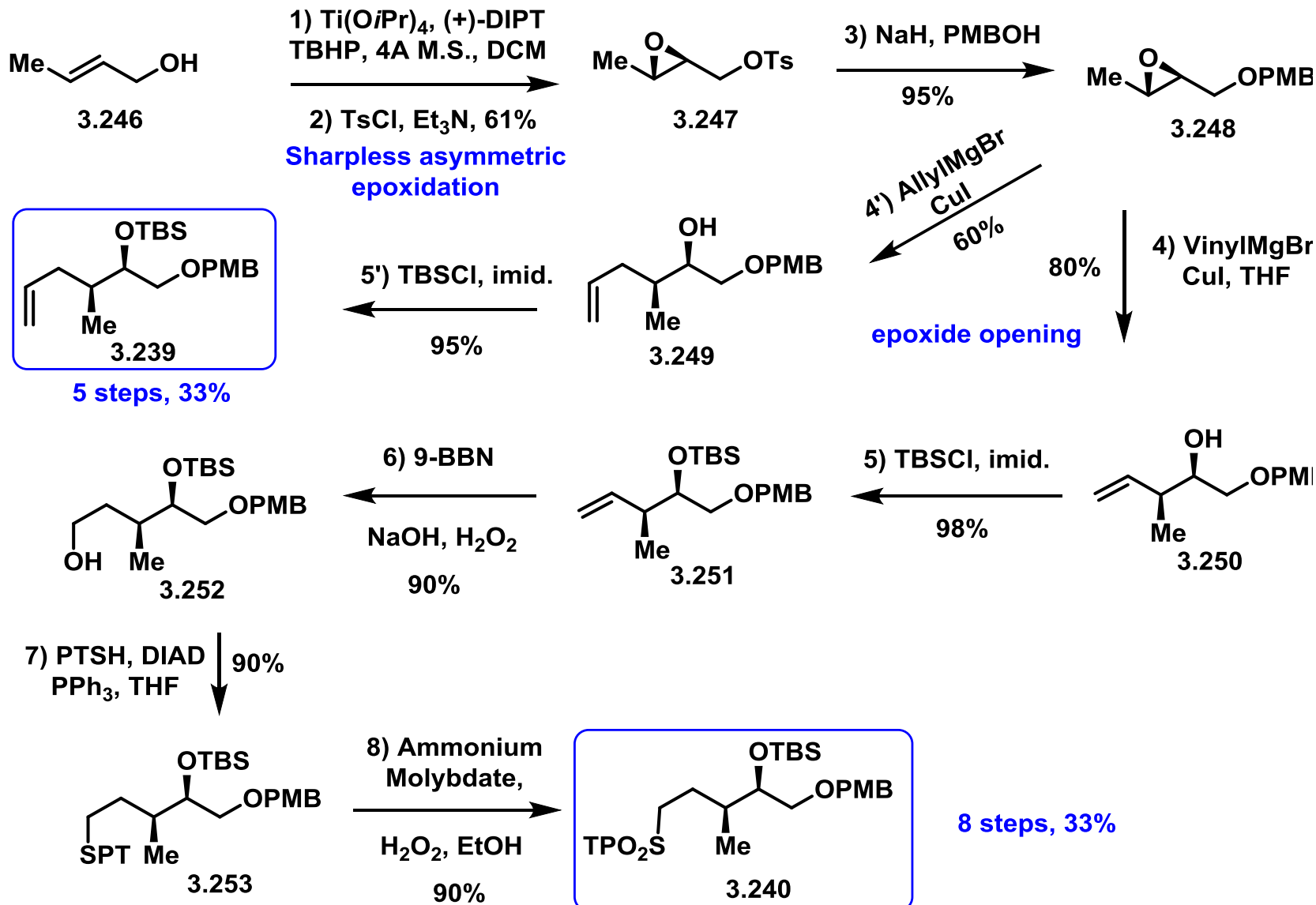
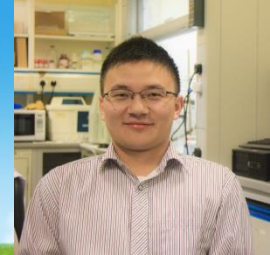


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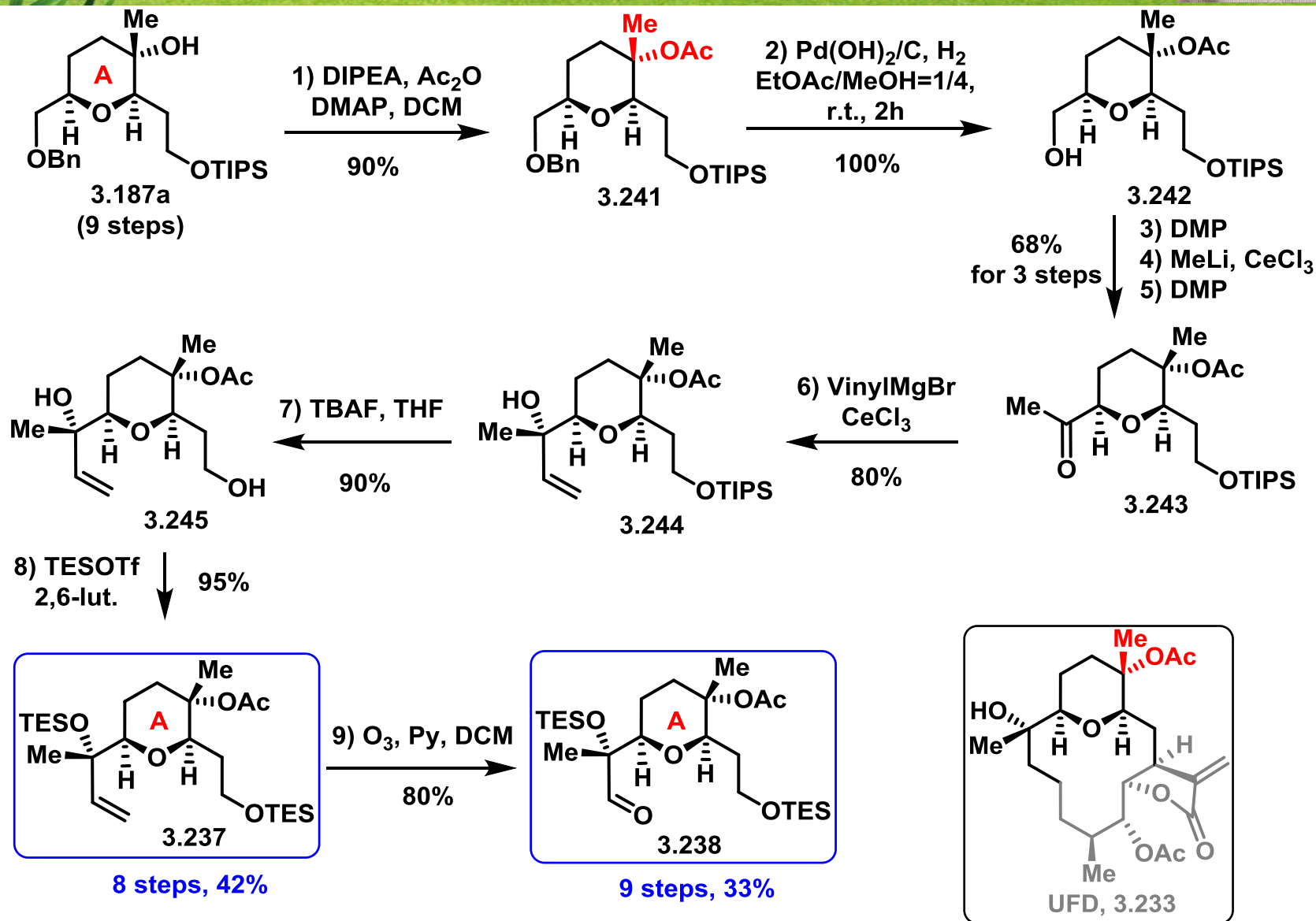
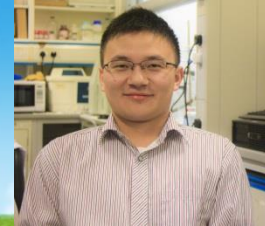


Uprolide D, 3.46

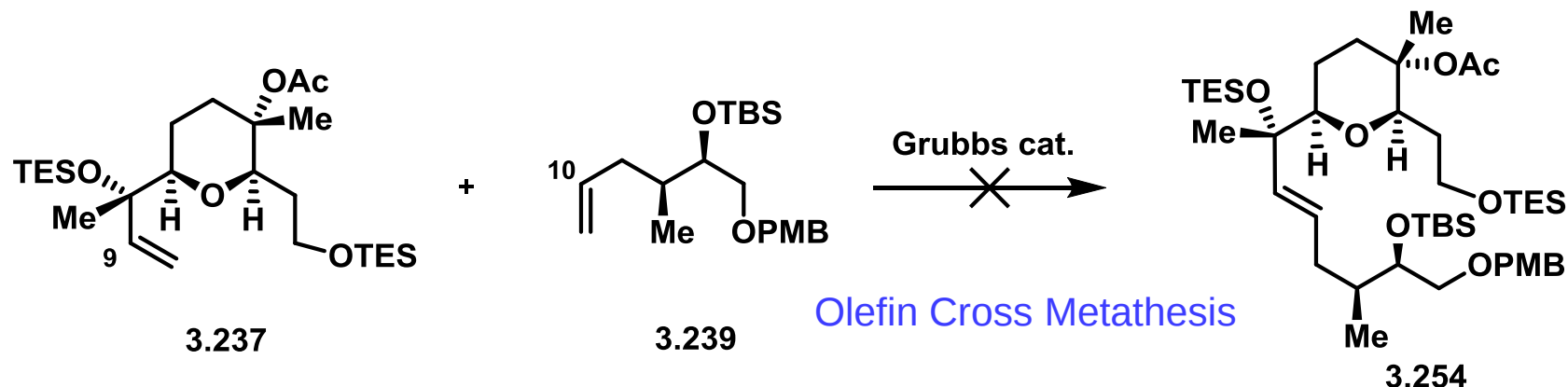
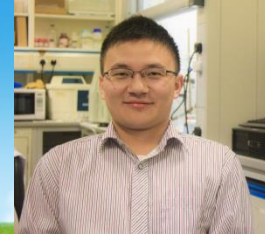
Synthesis of Side Chains



Synthesis of Functionalized Ring A

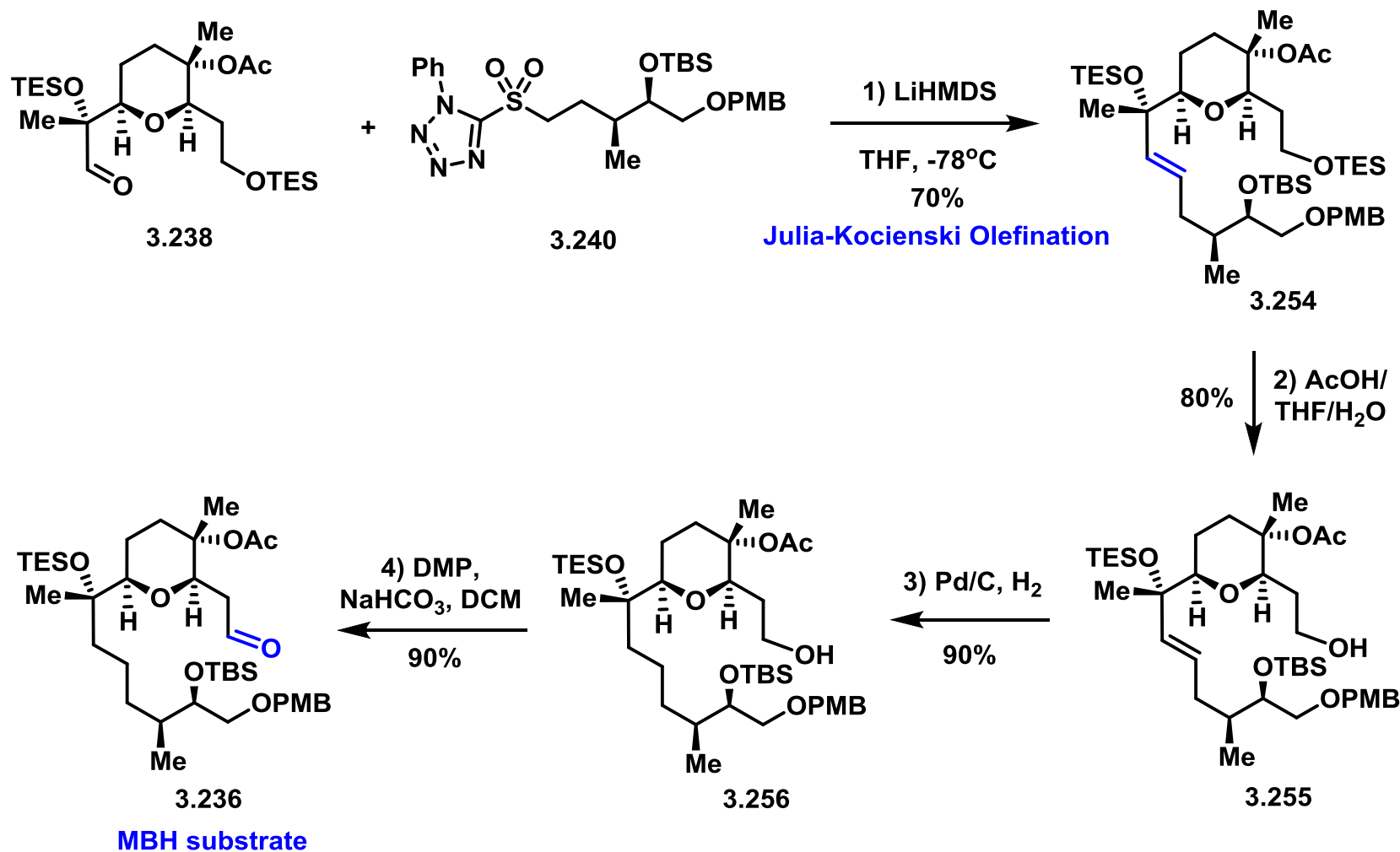
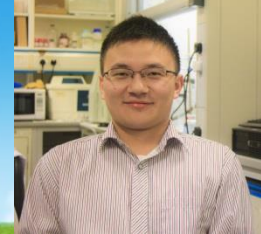


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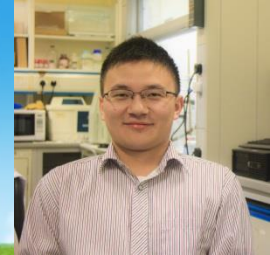


Entry	Reaction condition	Results
1	Grubbs II, DCM, reflux, 12 h	total recovery of 3.237
2	Grubbs II, DCM, reflux, 36 h	The same as above
3	Grubbs II, PhMe , reflux, 12 h	The same as above
4	Hoveyda-Grubbs II , PhMe, reflux, 12 h	The same as above

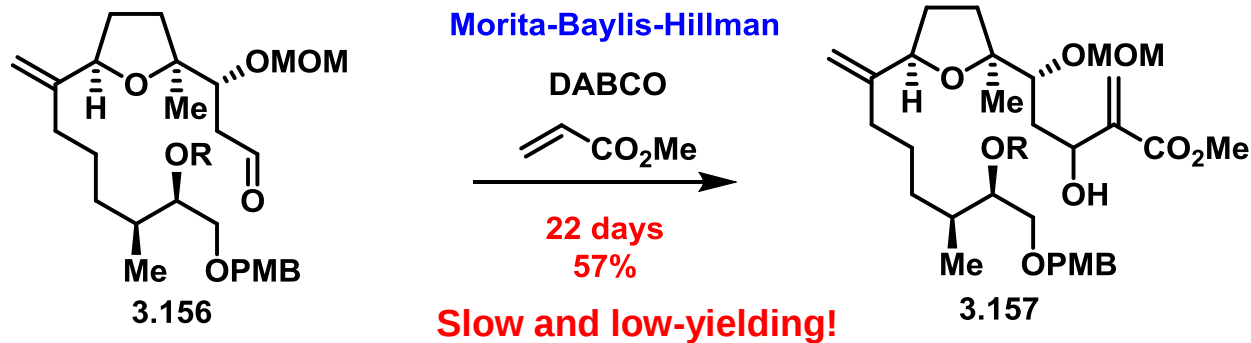
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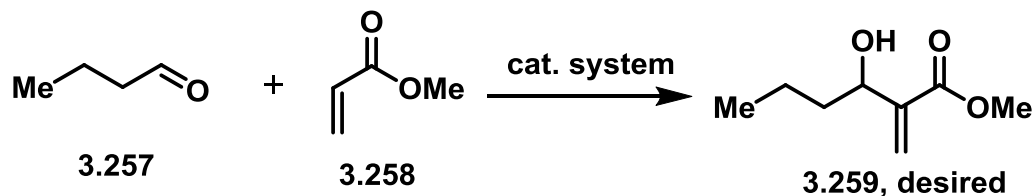
Right Side Chain Extension



Literature example

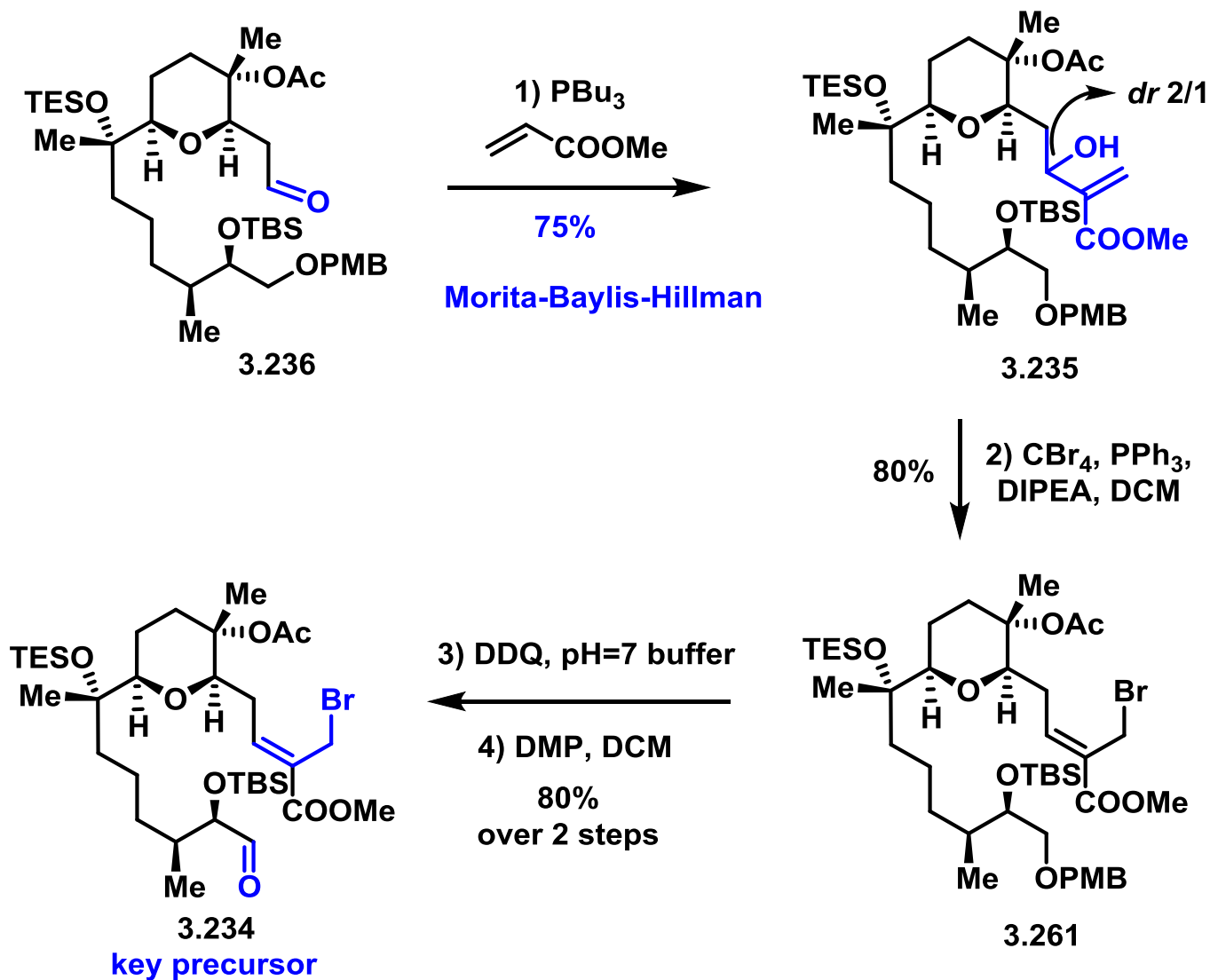
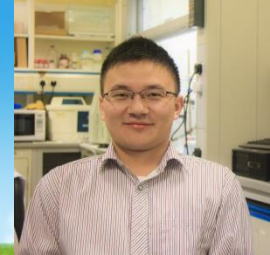


Model study

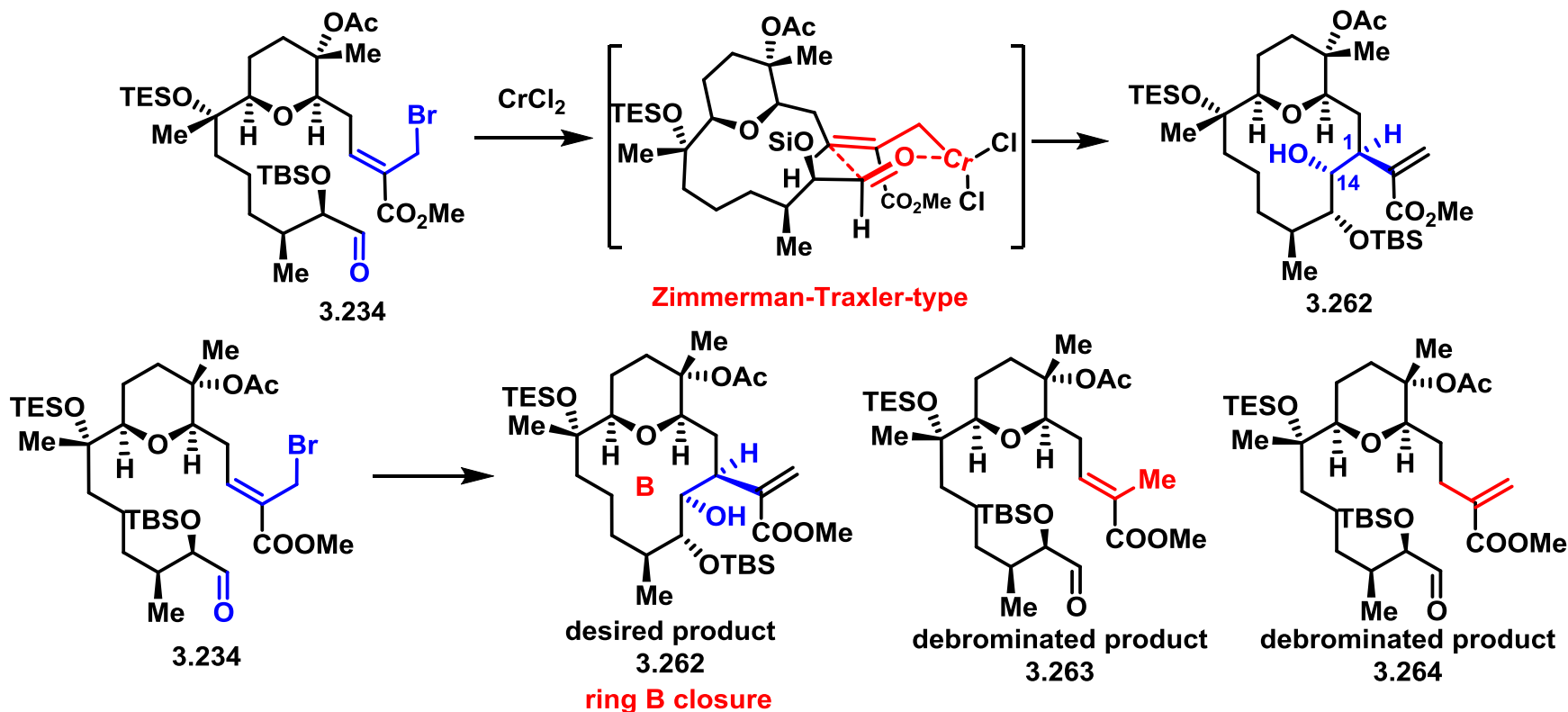
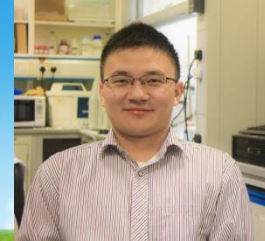


Entry	Conditions	Time/h	Yield%
1	DABCO, dioxane, 0°C	12	10
2	DABCO, dioxane, r.t.	24	50
3	PhSeLi, THF; <i>m</i> CPBA, Na ₂ CO ₃	12	40
4	PhSeLi, THF; BnBr, TBAI	12	30~40
5	PBu ₃ , BINOL, THF, r.t.	4	40
6	PBu ₃ , THF, r.t.	4	60

Right Side Chain Extension

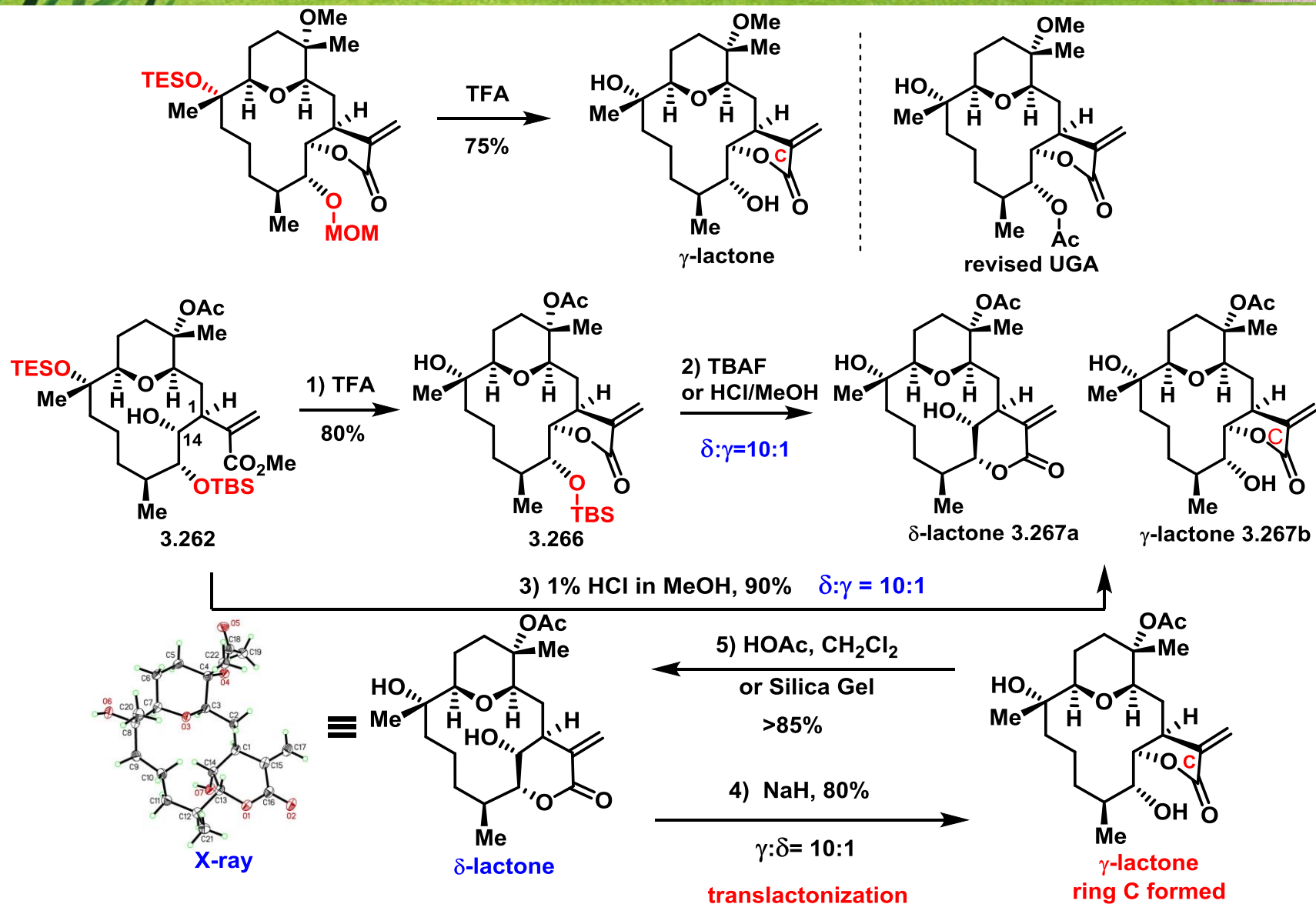
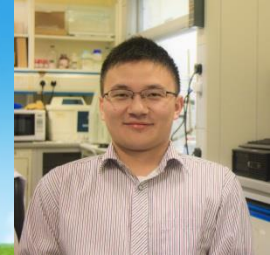


Ring B Closure

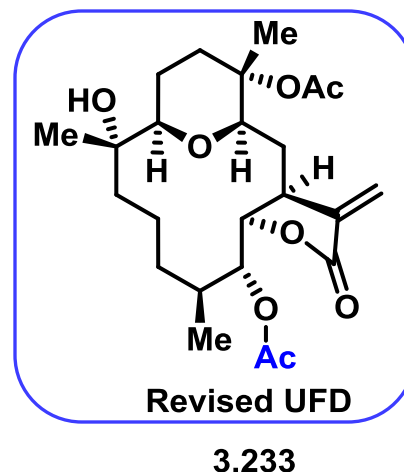
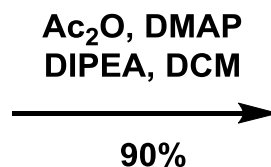
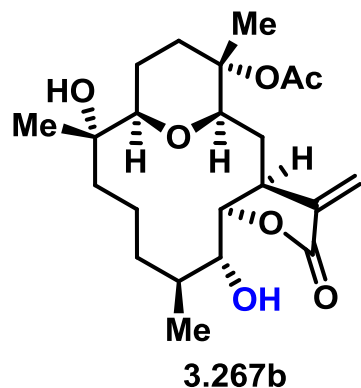
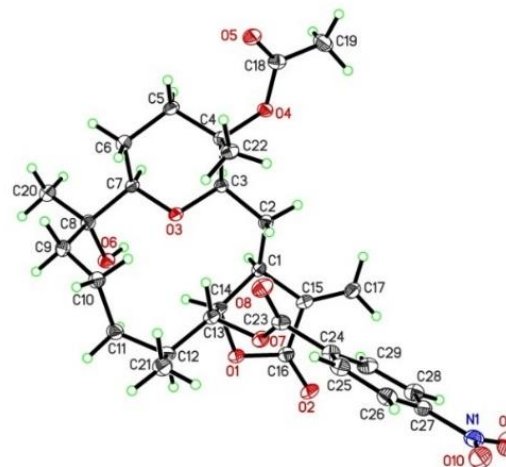
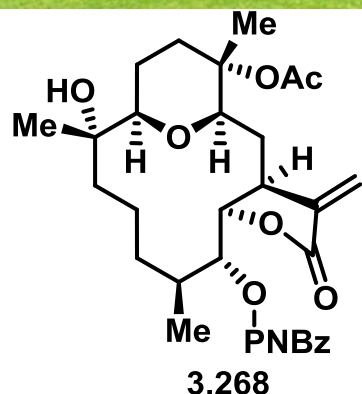
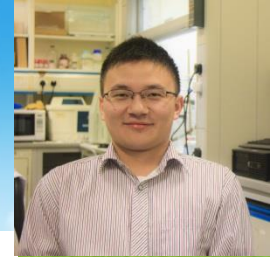


Entry	Conditions	Conv.%	Yield%
1	In, THF/H ₂ O, r.t.	0	0
2	Zn, THF, r.t.	100	90% 3.263/3.264~1/1
3	Sml ₂ , THF, 0°C	100	90% 3.263
4	CrCl_2 , 4 Å M. S., THF, r.t.	100	95% 3.262

Ring C Formation



Completion of UFD

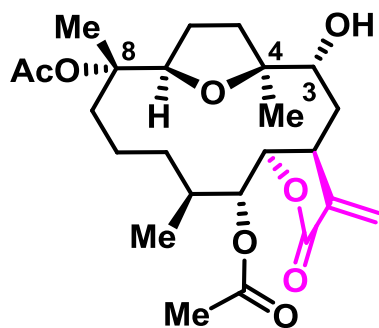
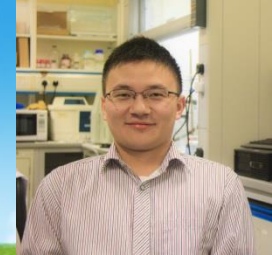


Correct UFD

NMR
¹H, Δδ ≤ 0.02 ppm
¹³C, Δδ ≤ 0.1 ppm

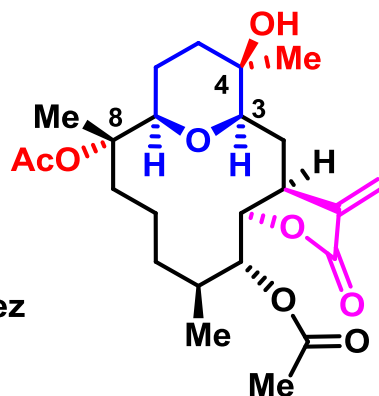
[α]_D
natural +145.7 C=0.88
synthetic +135.9 C= 0.10

Structural Revision for Uprolide F Diacetate



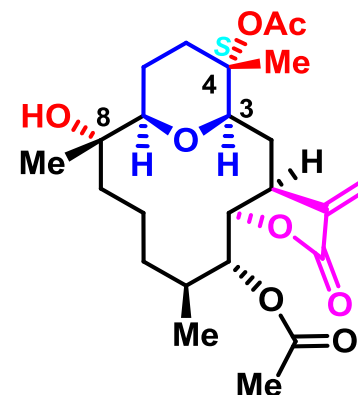
Uprolide F Diacetate, 3.50
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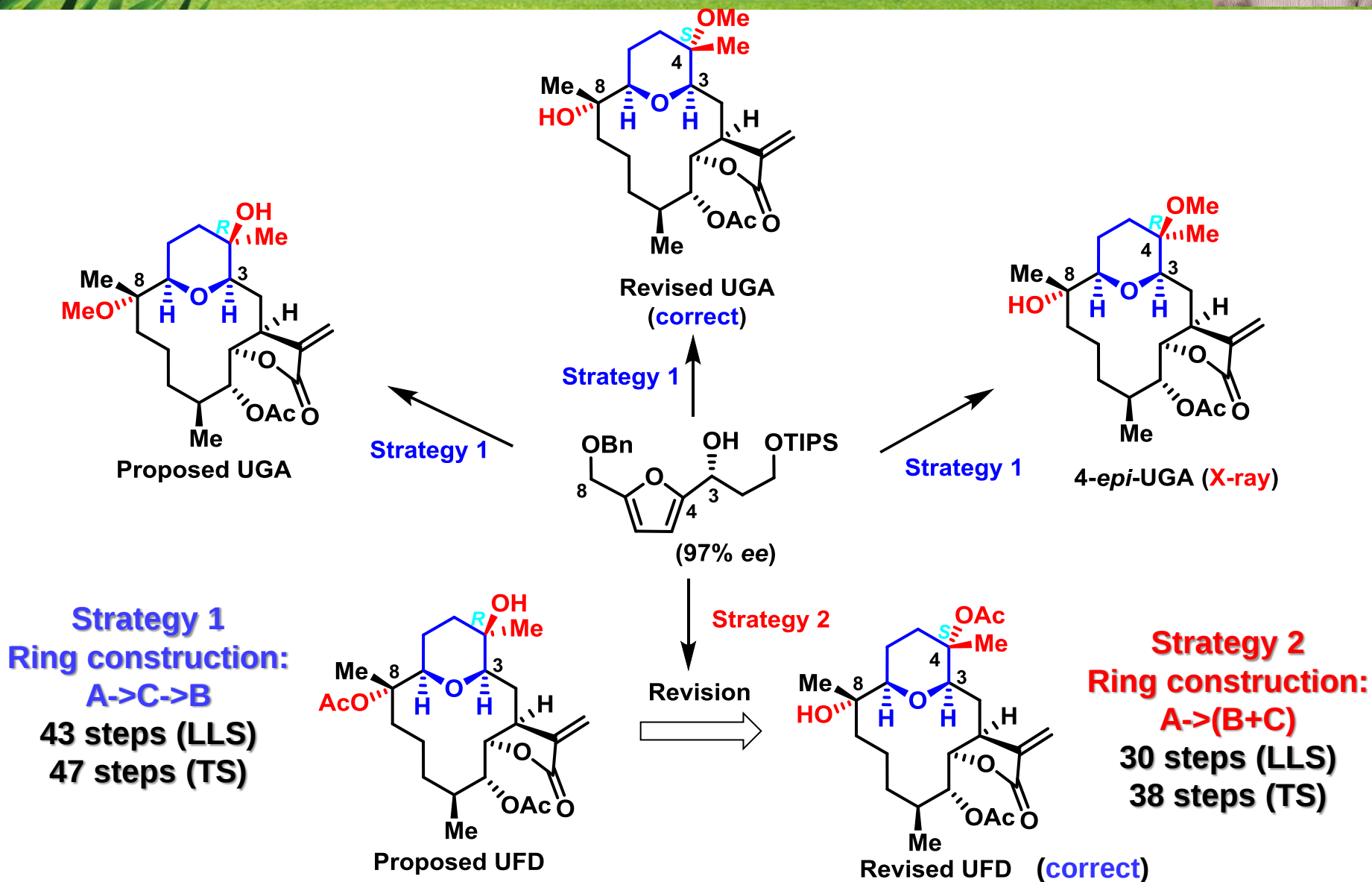
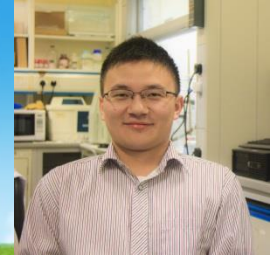
Proposed Structure, 3.128
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Correct Structure!!
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