

# Synthesis towards *Aconitum* Alkaloids

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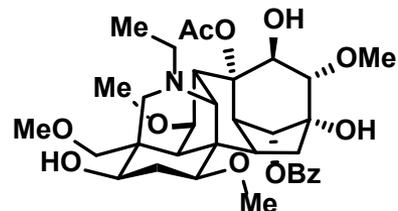
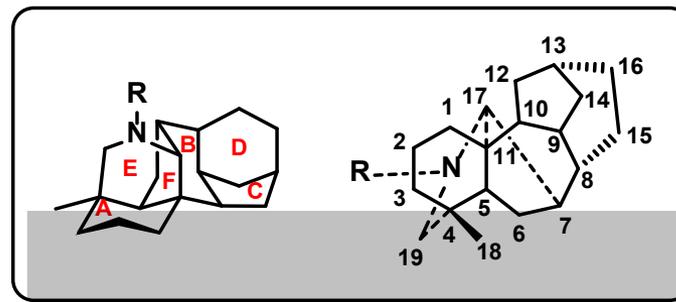
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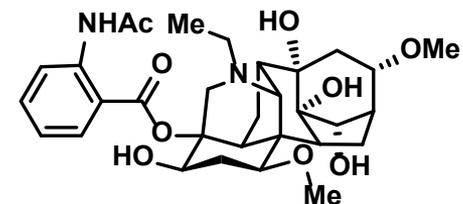
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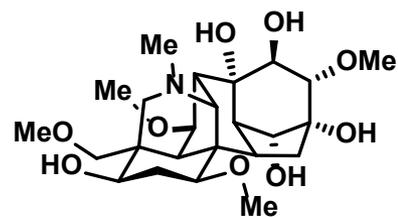
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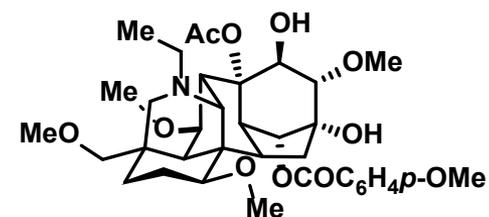
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lappaconitine  
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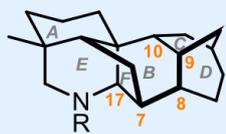


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*cardiotonic*

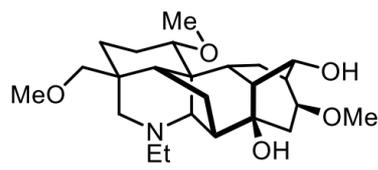


bulleyaconitine A  
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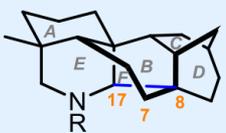
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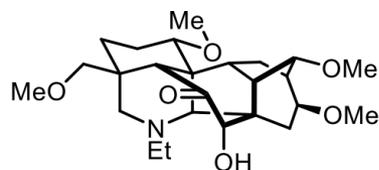
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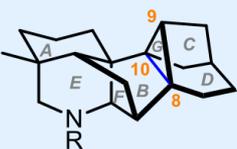
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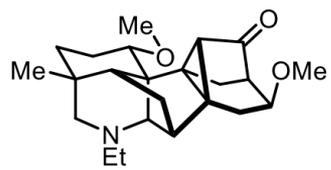
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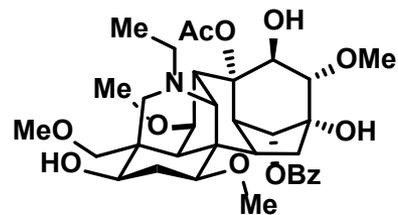
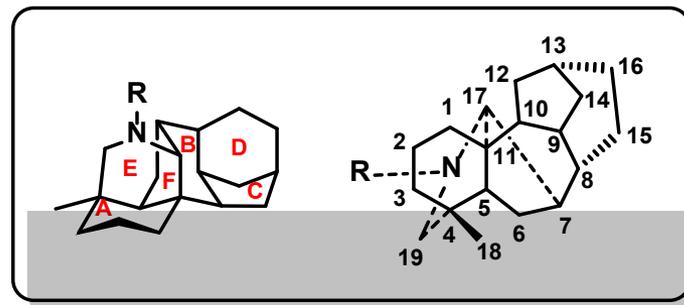
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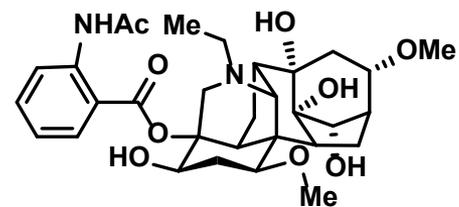
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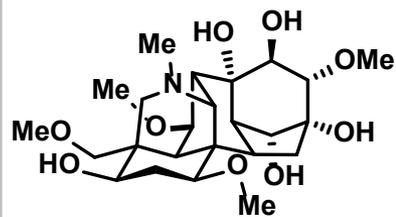
vilmoraconitine



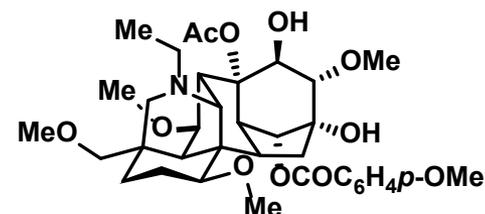
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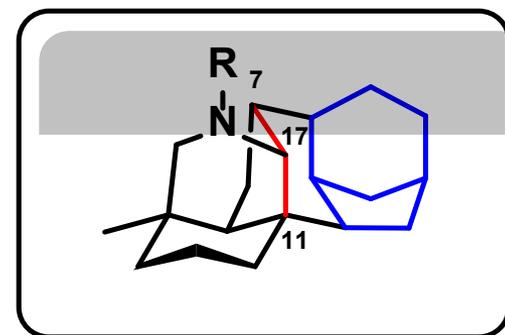
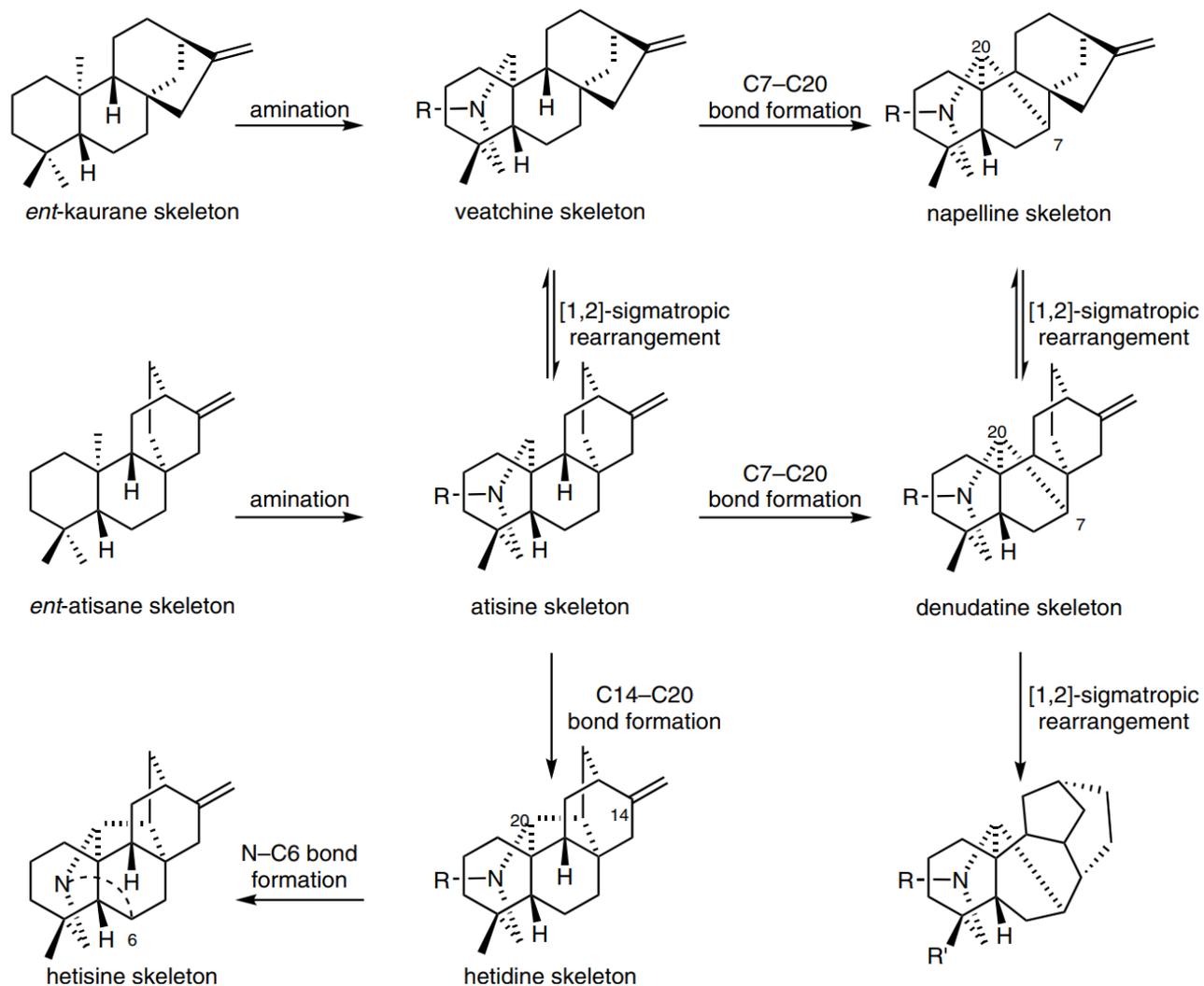


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# Biosynthetic Relationships



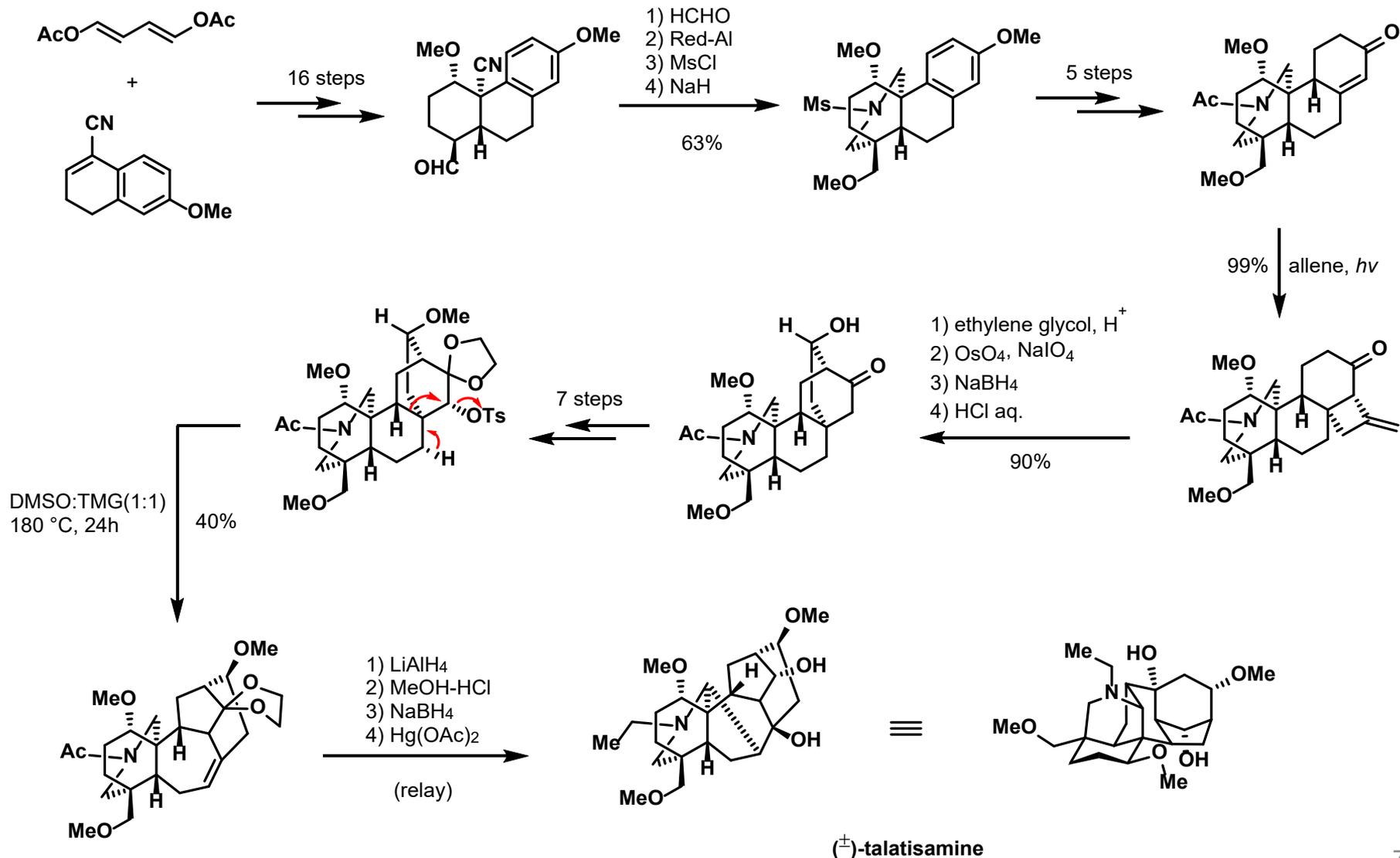
**High-strained bonds**  
**Highly continuous**  
**[3.2.1]-ring system**  
**Oxidation degree**

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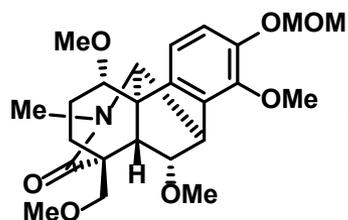
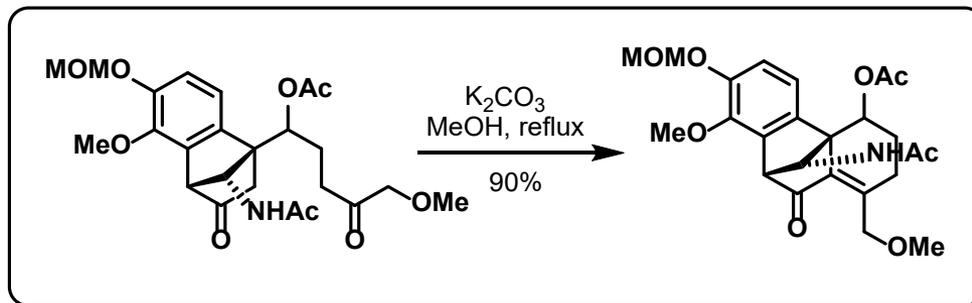
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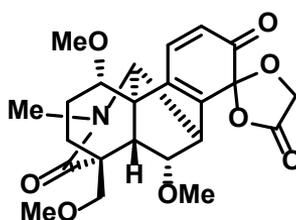
# Wiesner (1974): [2.2.2]-Intermediate



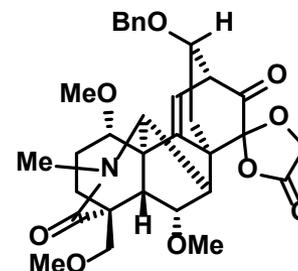
# High Oxidation Degree: Restriction



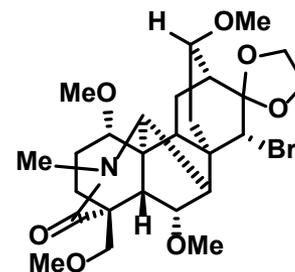
4 steps



46%

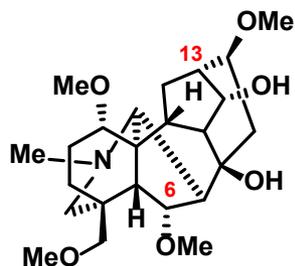
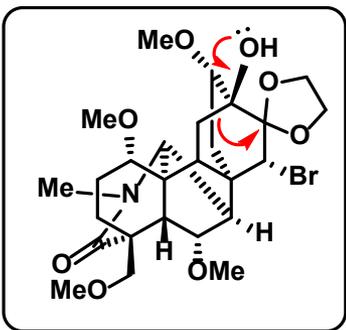


11 steps

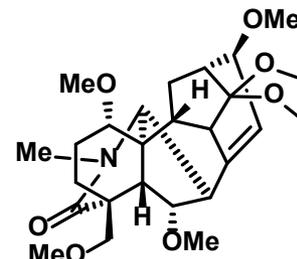


180 °C, DMSO  
o-xylene

89%

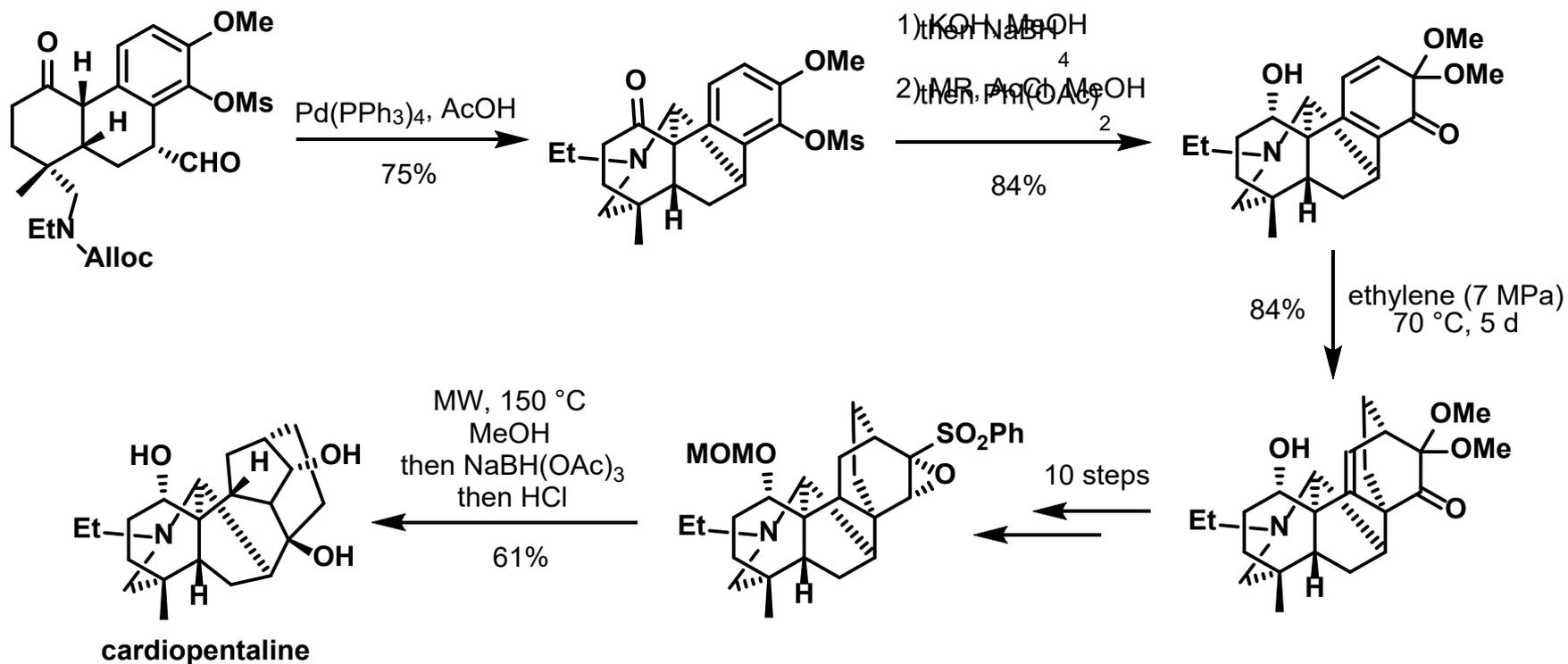


7 steps

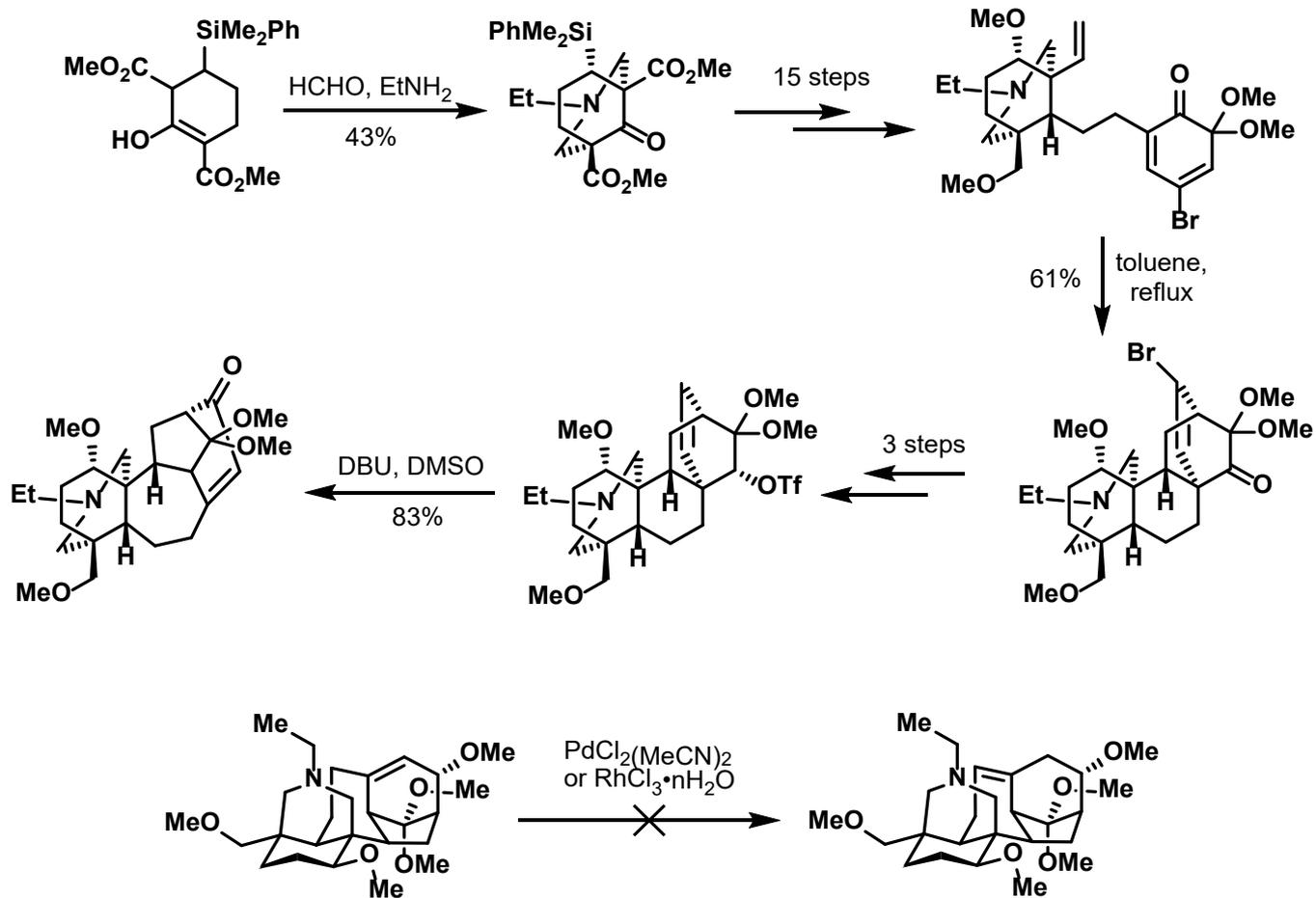


(±)-13 desoxydelphonine

# Fukuyama (2016): Diels-Alder

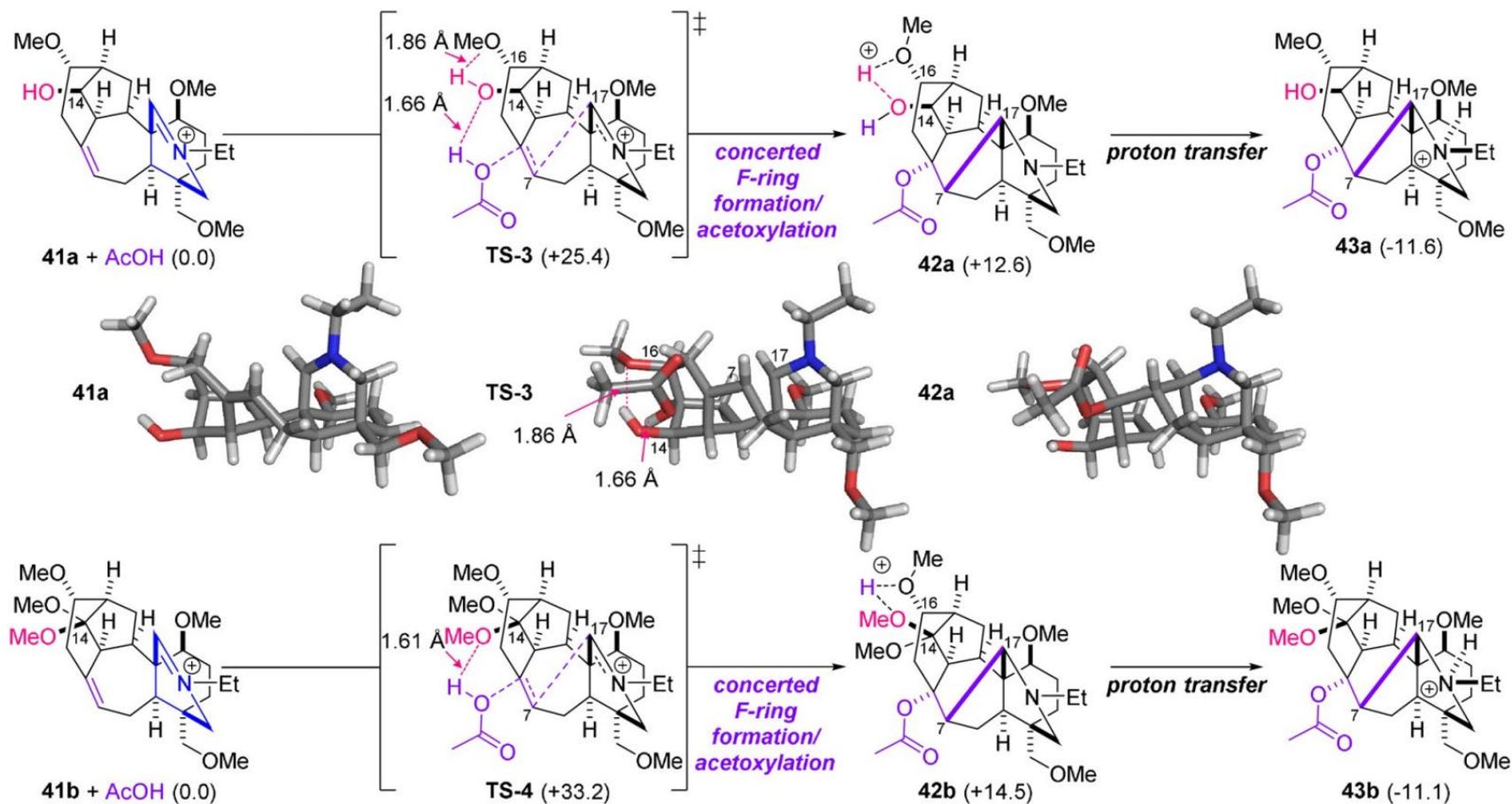


# Inoue (2020): Type-II Diels-Alder

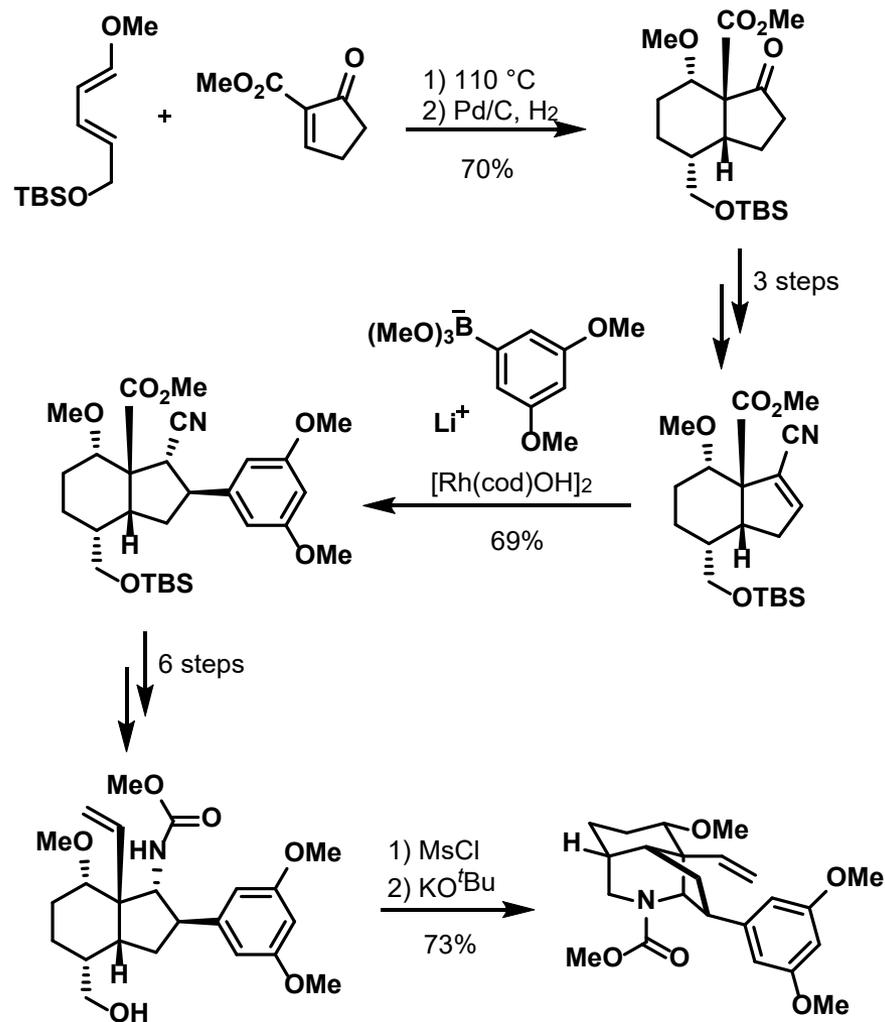
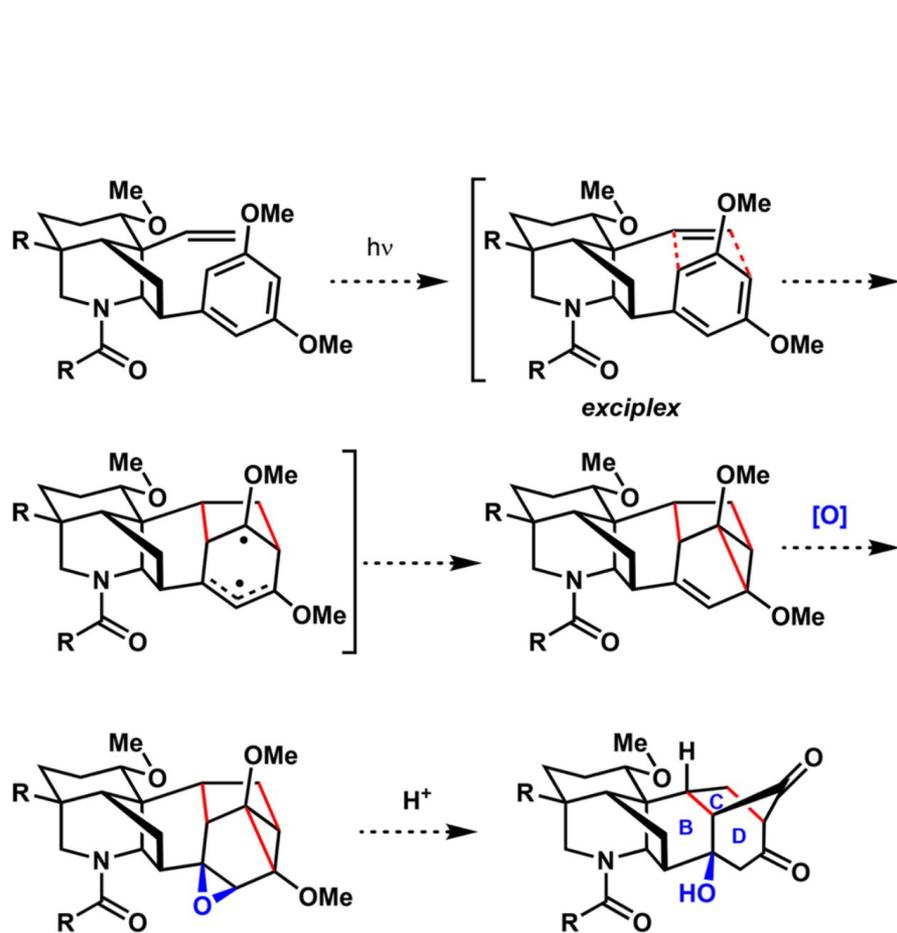




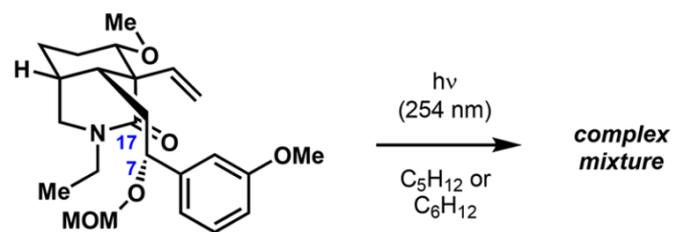
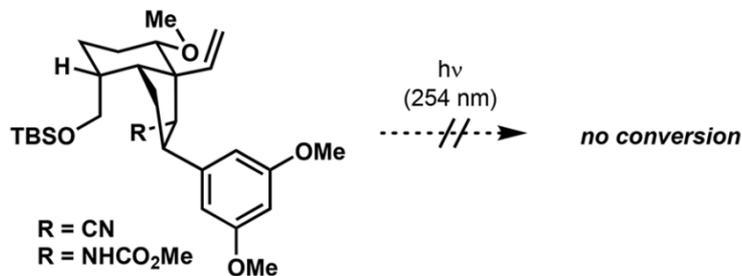
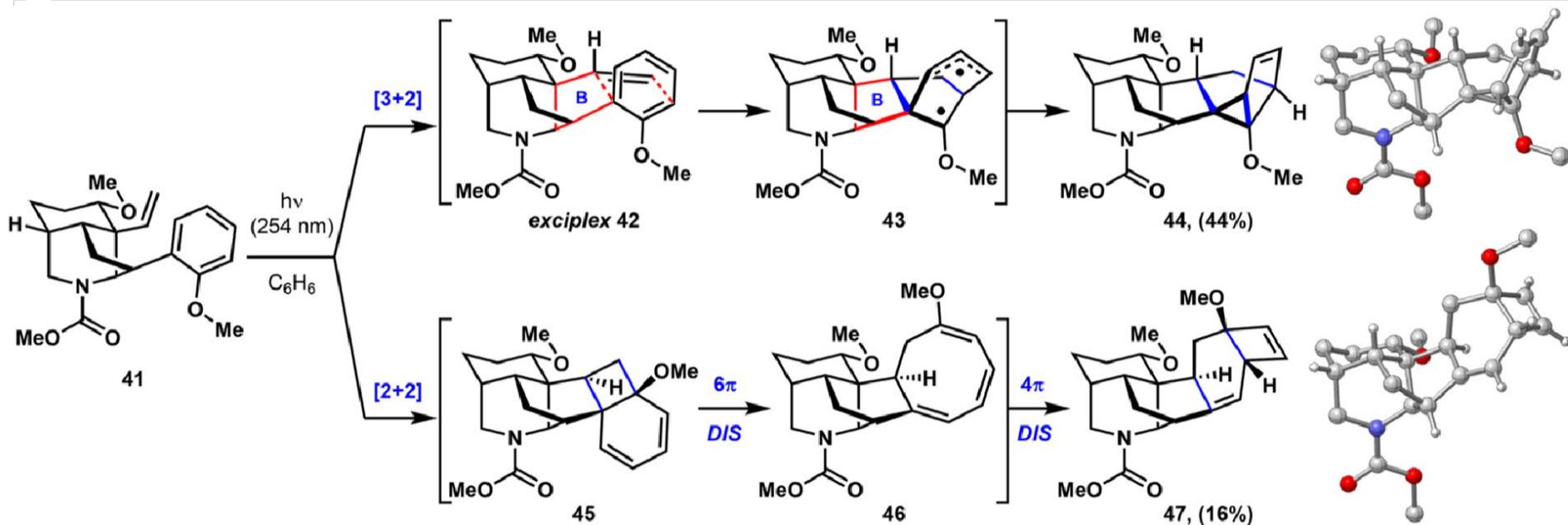
# Hydrogen Bond Acceptor is Important



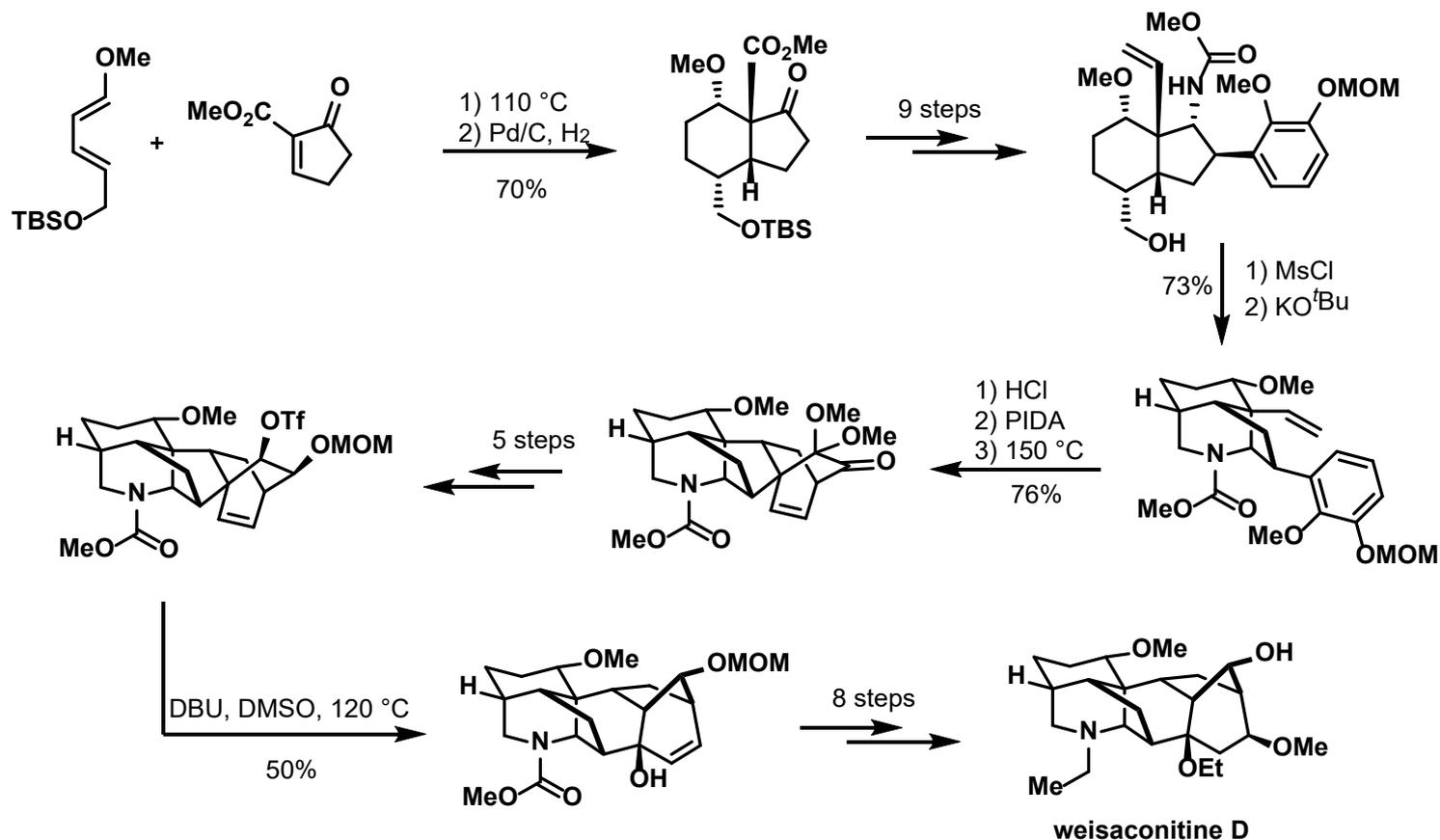
# Sarpong (2015): Arene-[3+2] Attempt



# Bridgehead Double Bond in TS



# Back to [2.2.2]→[3.2.1] Rearrangement

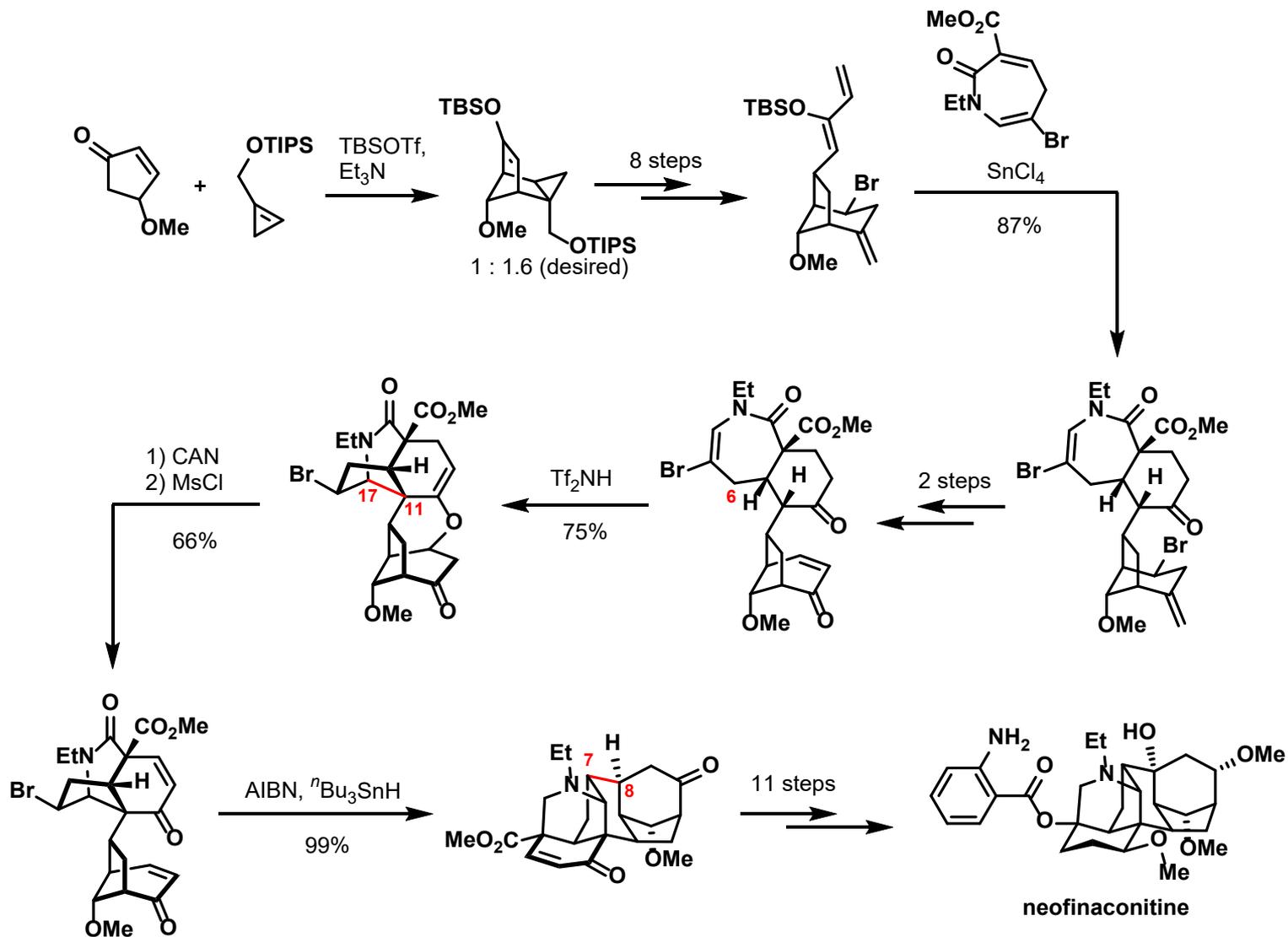


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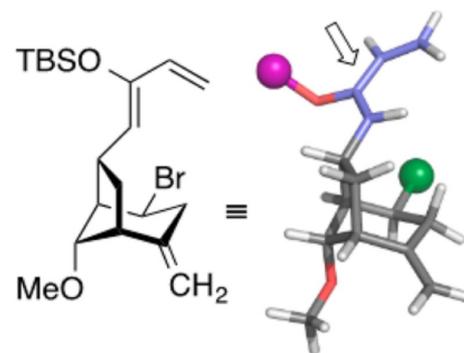
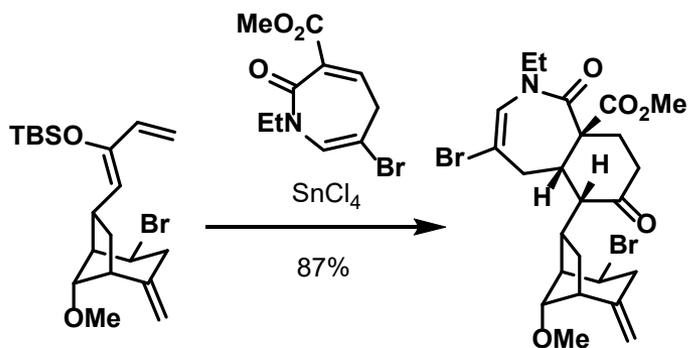
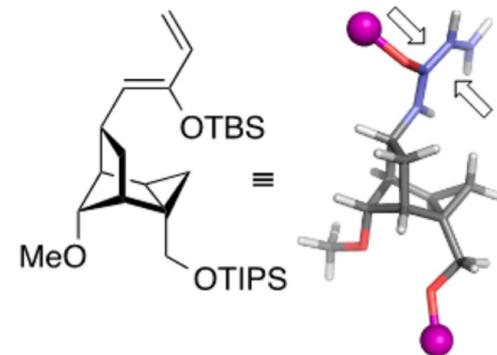
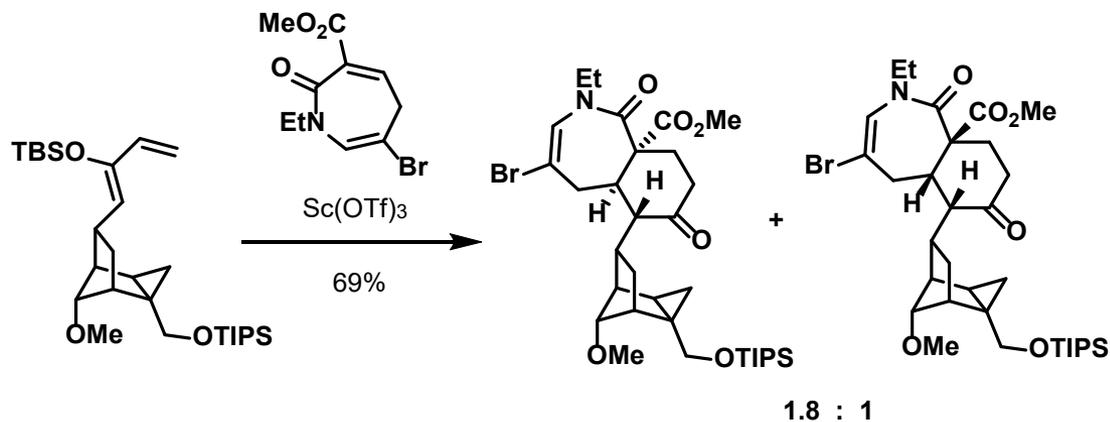
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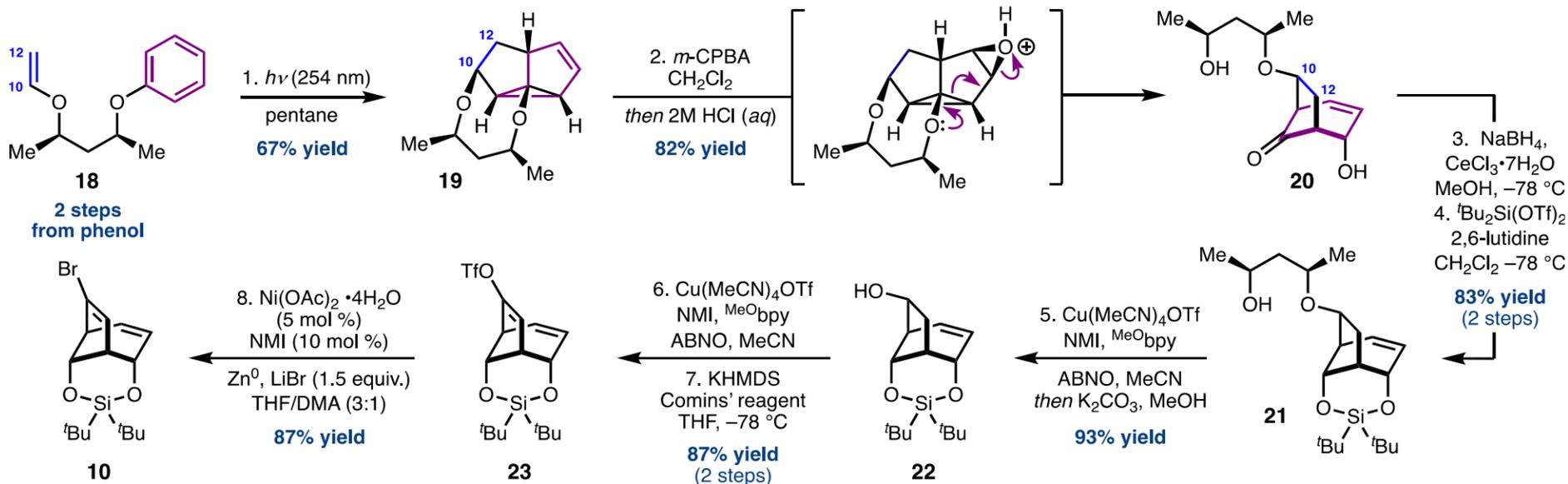
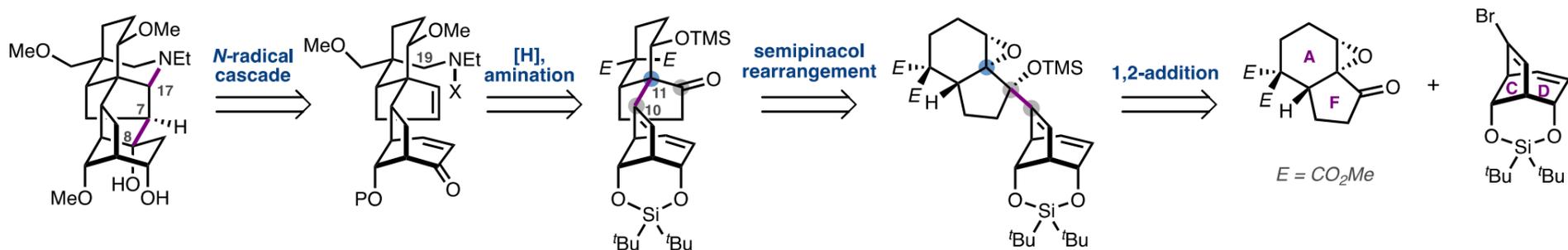
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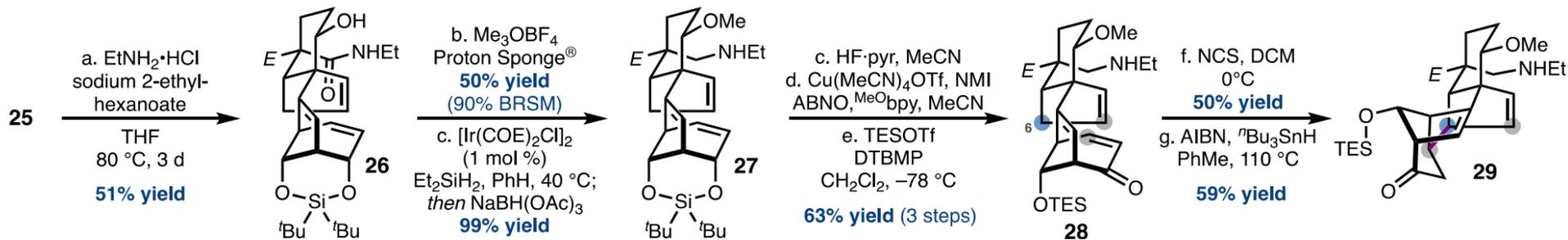
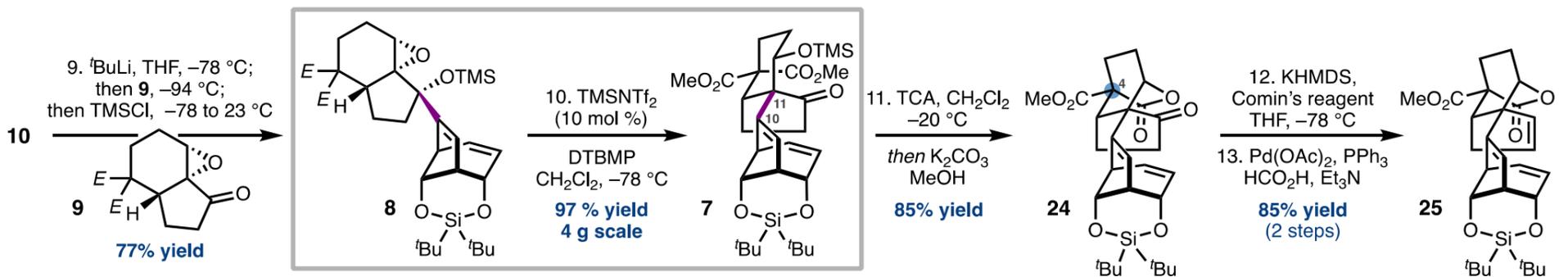
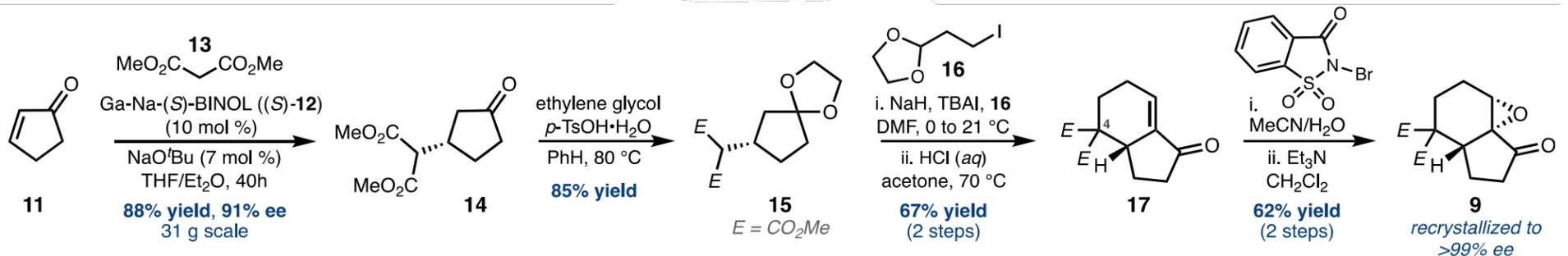
# Stereoselectivity of D-A Reaction



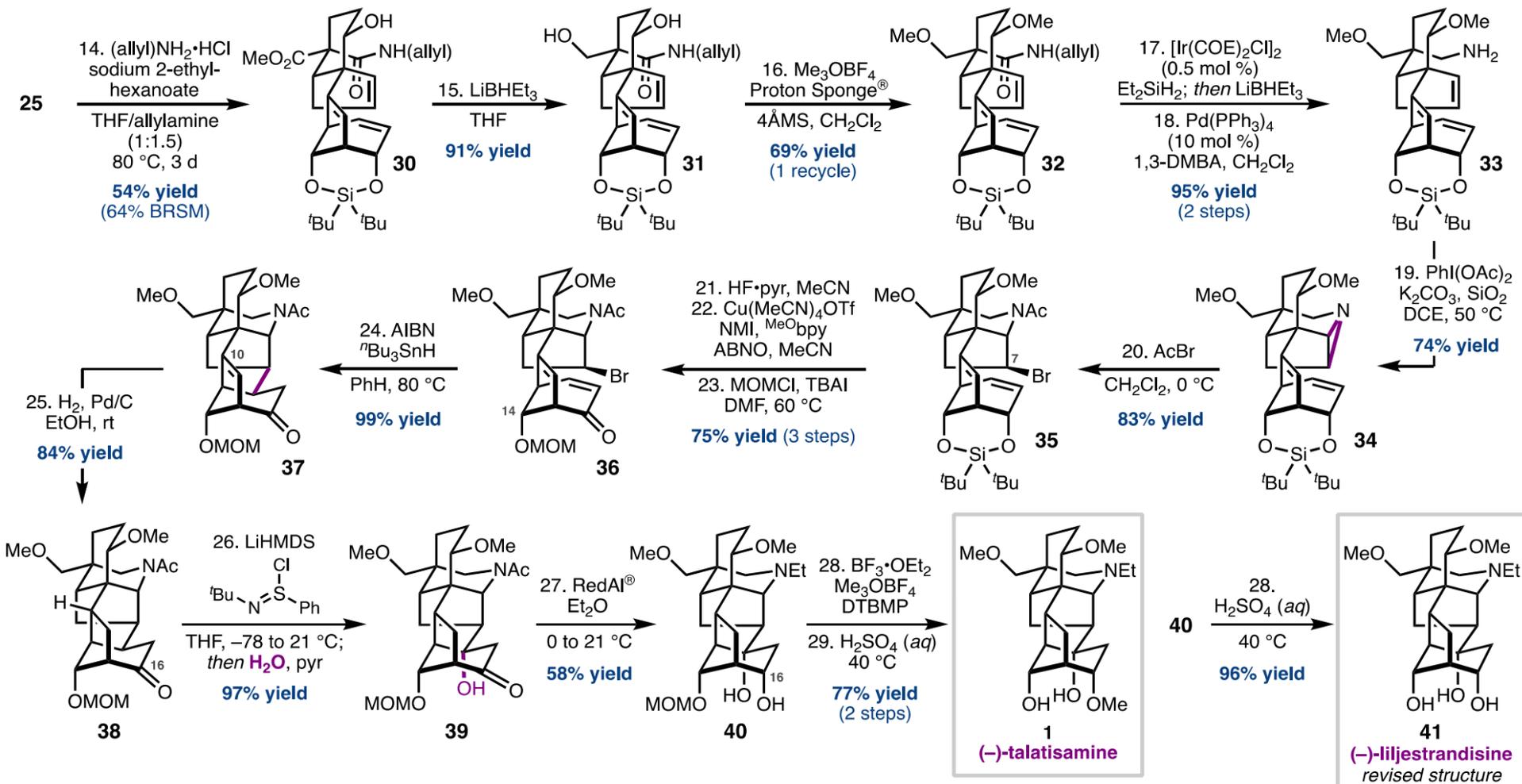
# Reisman (2021): Convergent Synthesis



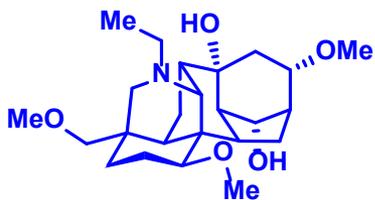
# Unsuccessful *N*-Radical Cascade



# Step-by-Step N-C<sub>17</sub> & C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> Construction



# Completed Works: Restrictions?



talatisamine

Wiesner (1974)  
> 50 steps

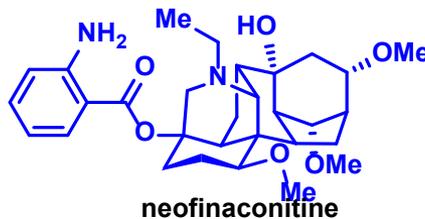
Inoue (2020)  
33 steps

Reisman (2021)  
29 steps



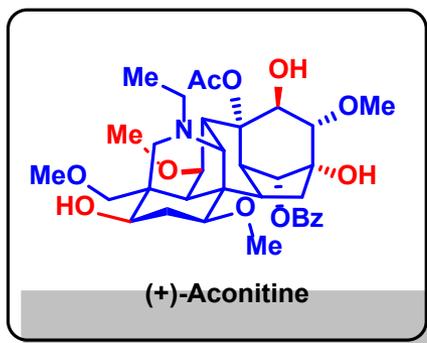
weisaconitine

Sarpong (2015)  
30 steps

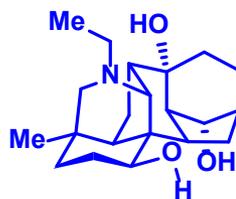


neofinaconitine

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(+)-Aconitine

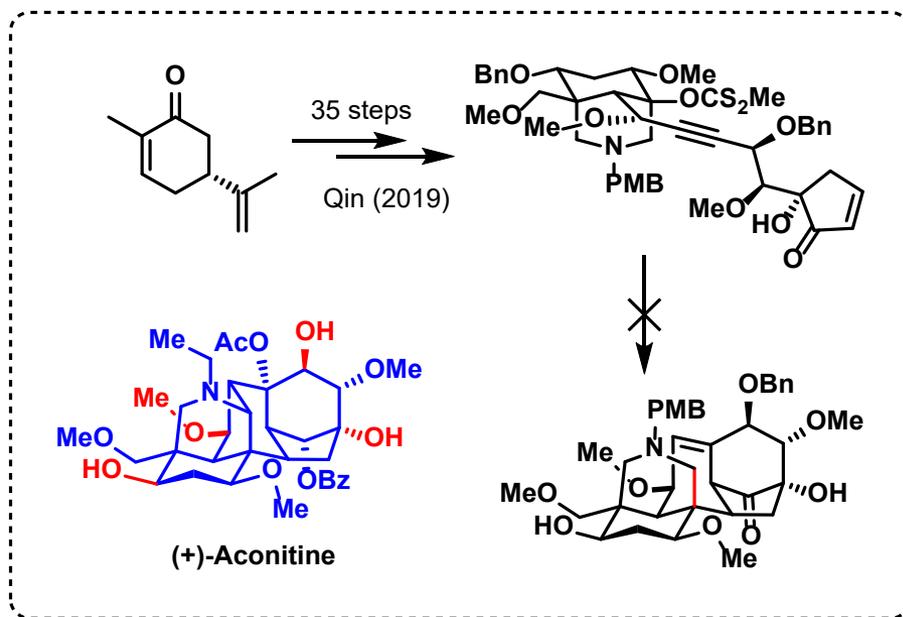


cardiopetaline

Fukuyama (2016)  
35 steps

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- Long synthetic route restricted by **Linear Synthesis**
- Low oxidation degree restricted by **Strain Increasing**
- C/D ring system: **[2.2.2] to [3.2.1] Rearrangement**  
or **Direct Construction**
- Construct [3.2.1]-Ring System **Early & Directly**
- Ready C<sub>18</sub>&C<sub>19</sub> early: avoid the **Lengthy** route
- Strain-increasing conditions: **Functional Tolerance**