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[ISHC Senior Award in Heterocyclic Chemistry](#) (2003)

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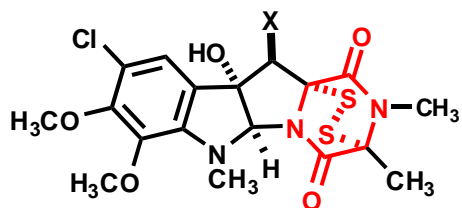
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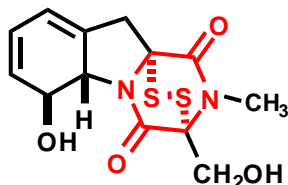
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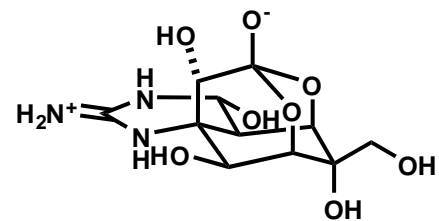
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Gliotoxin



Tetrodotoxin

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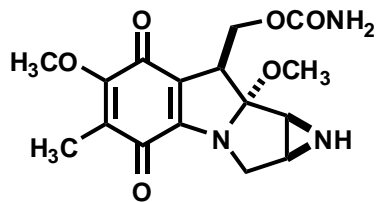
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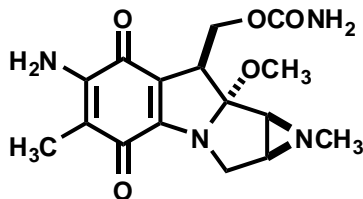
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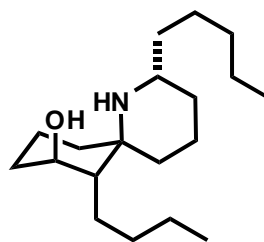
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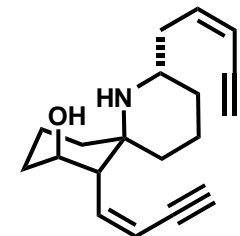
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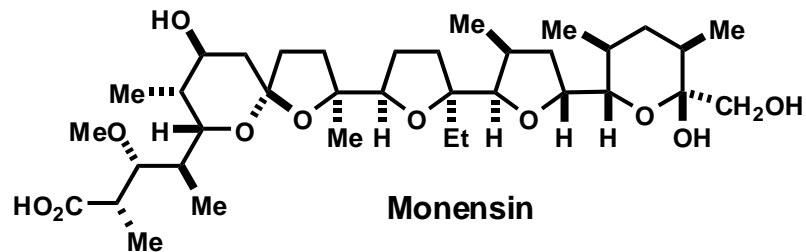


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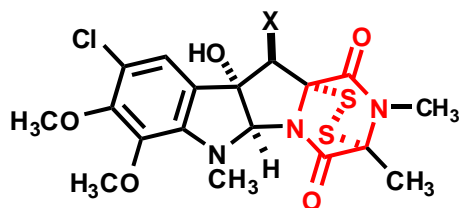
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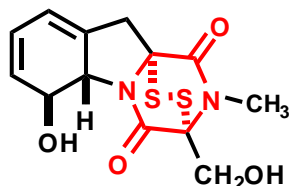
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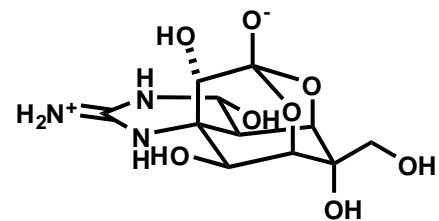
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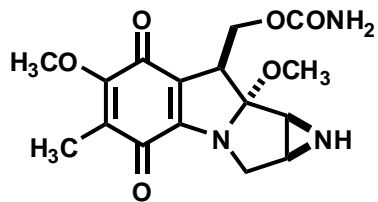
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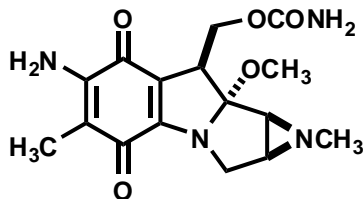
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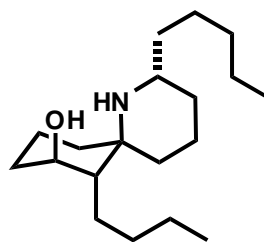


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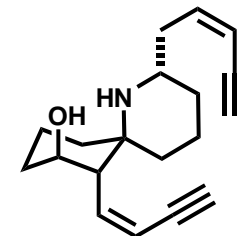
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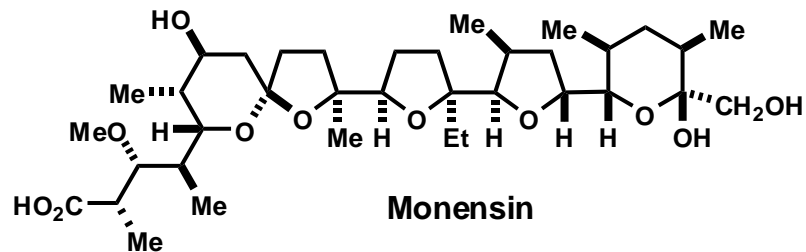


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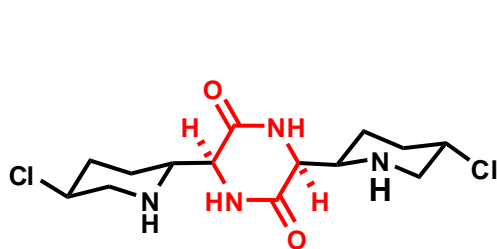
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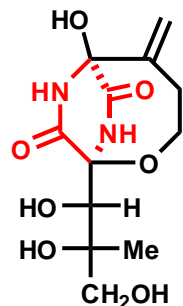
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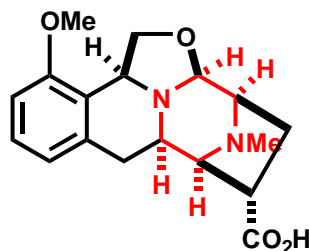
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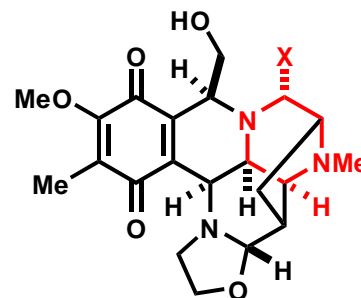
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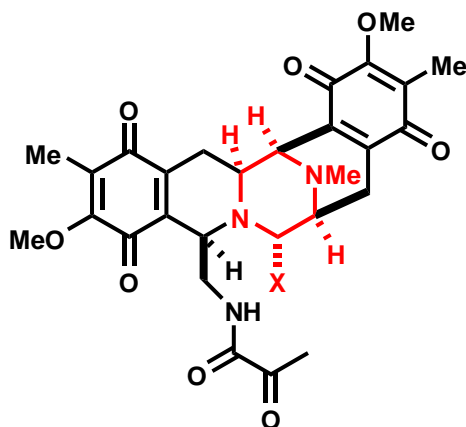
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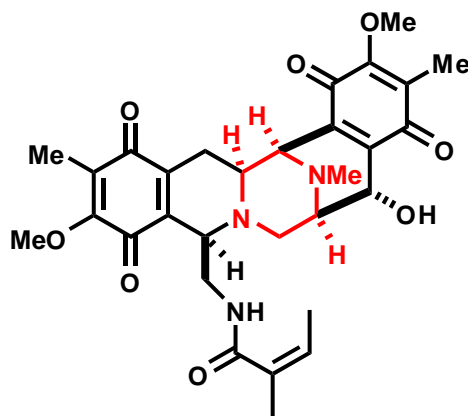
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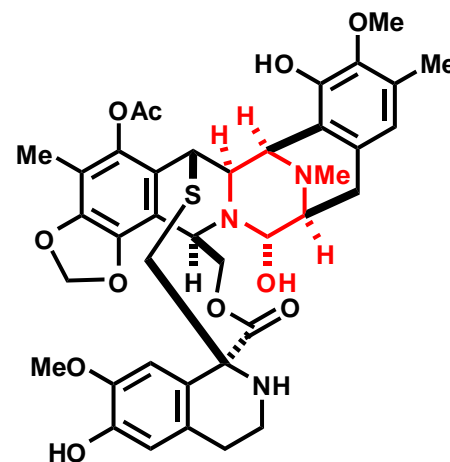
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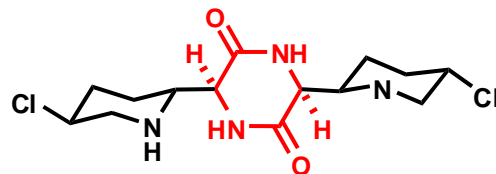


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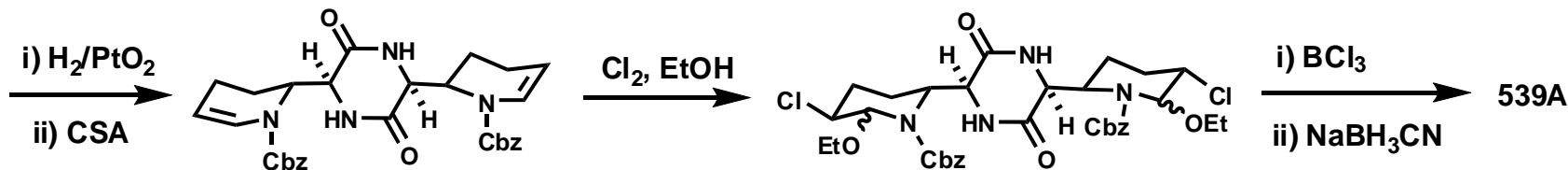
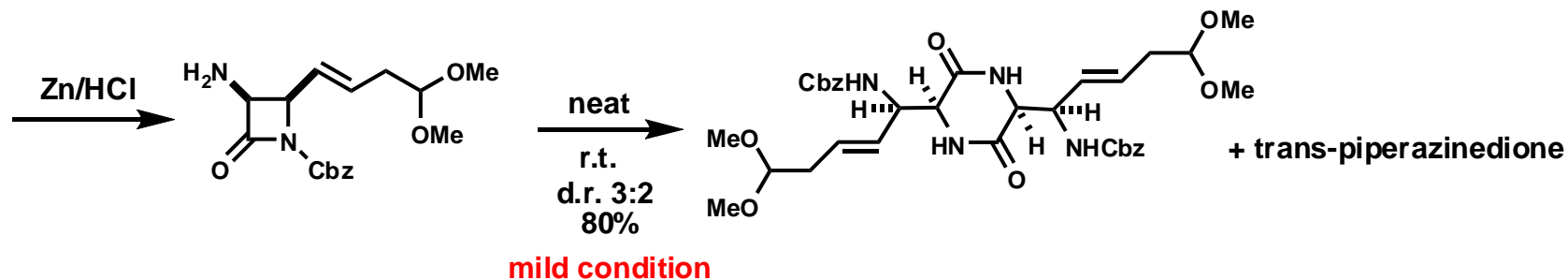
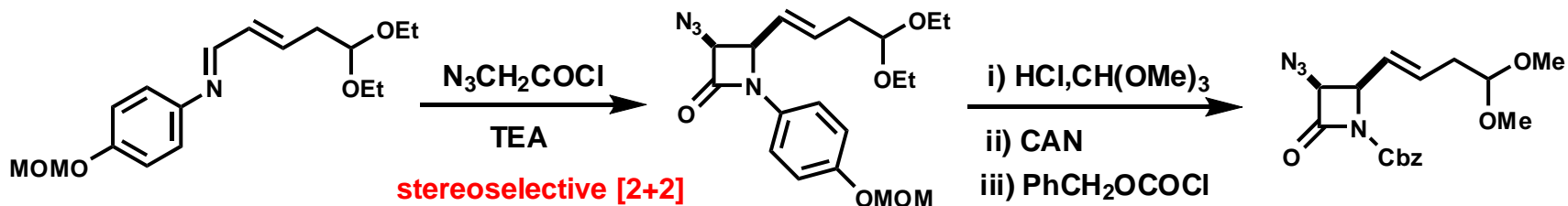


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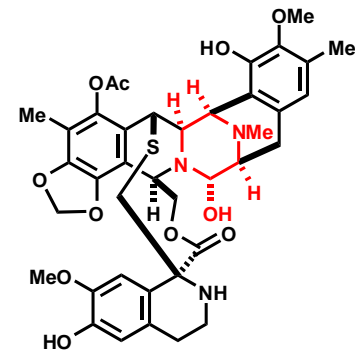
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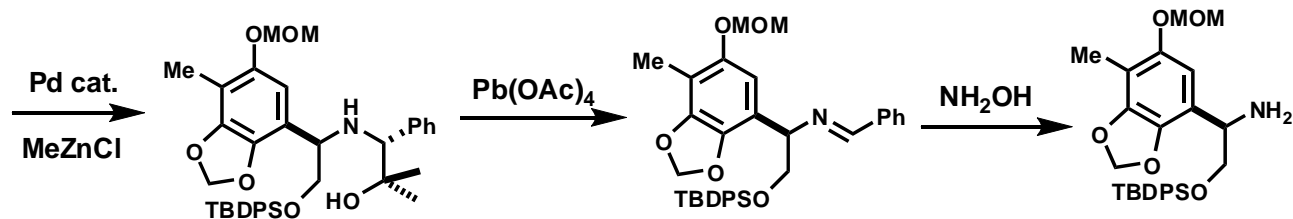
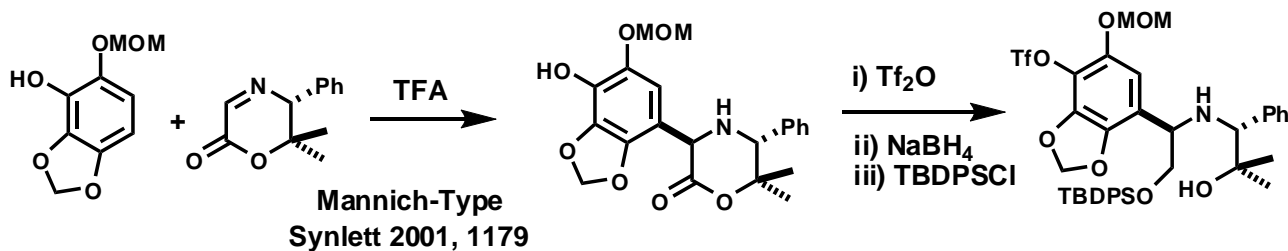
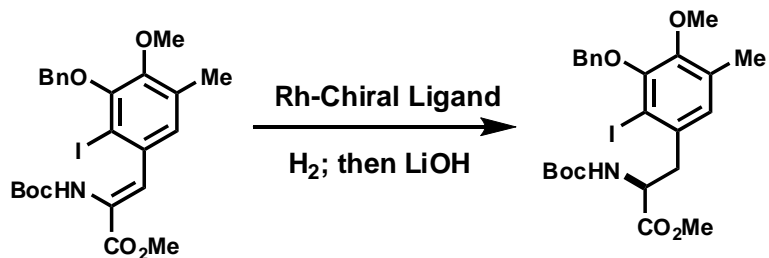
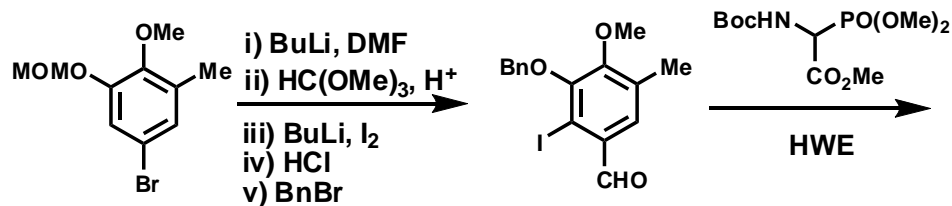
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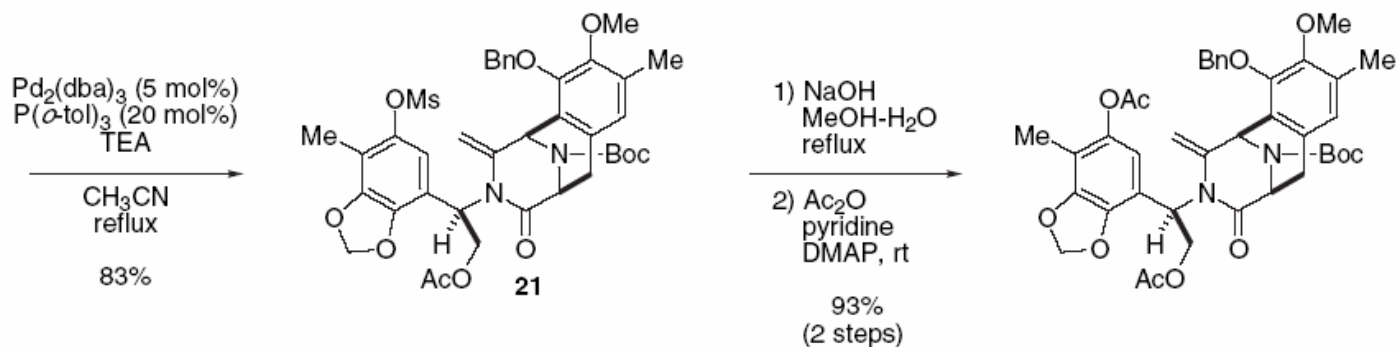
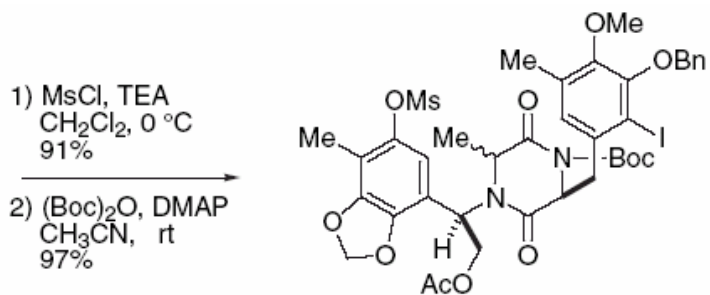
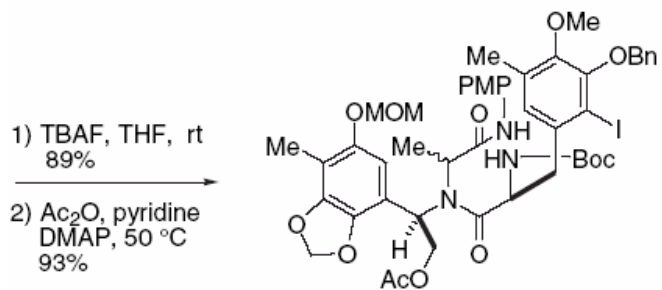
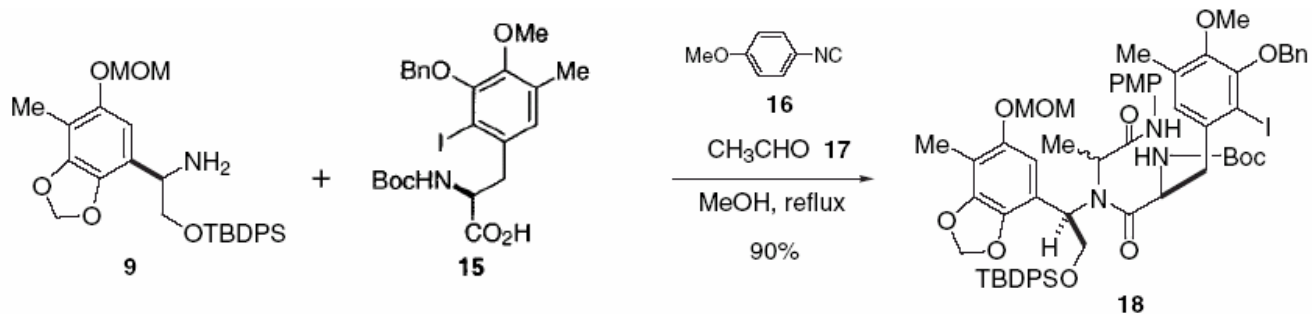


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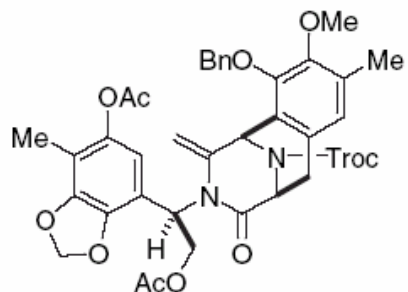


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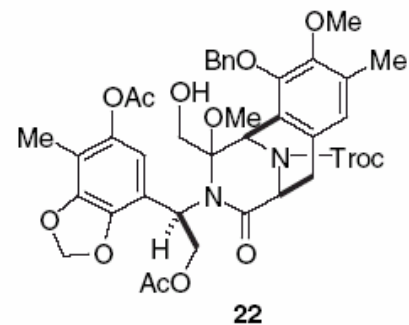




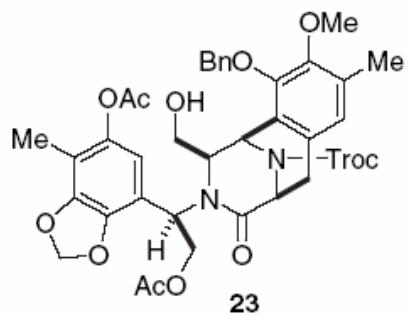
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CH₂Cl₂, rt
2) TrocCl
sat. NaHCO₃
CH₂Cl₂, rt
74%
(2 steps)



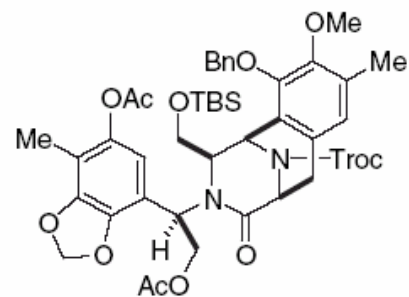
dimethyldioxirane;
cat. CSA
MeOH-acetone
0 °C
90%



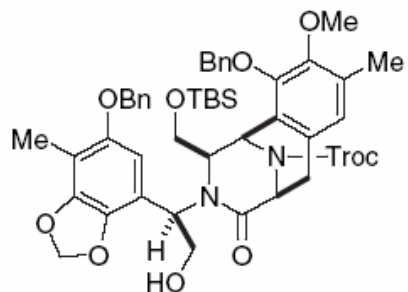
NaBH₃CN
TFA-THF, 0 °C
94%



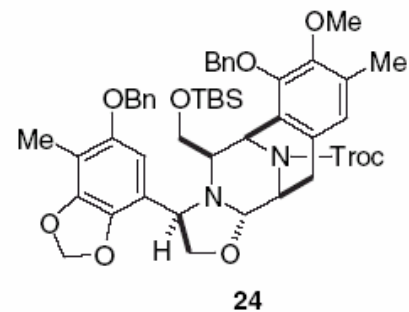
TBSCl
imidazole
DMF, rt
92%

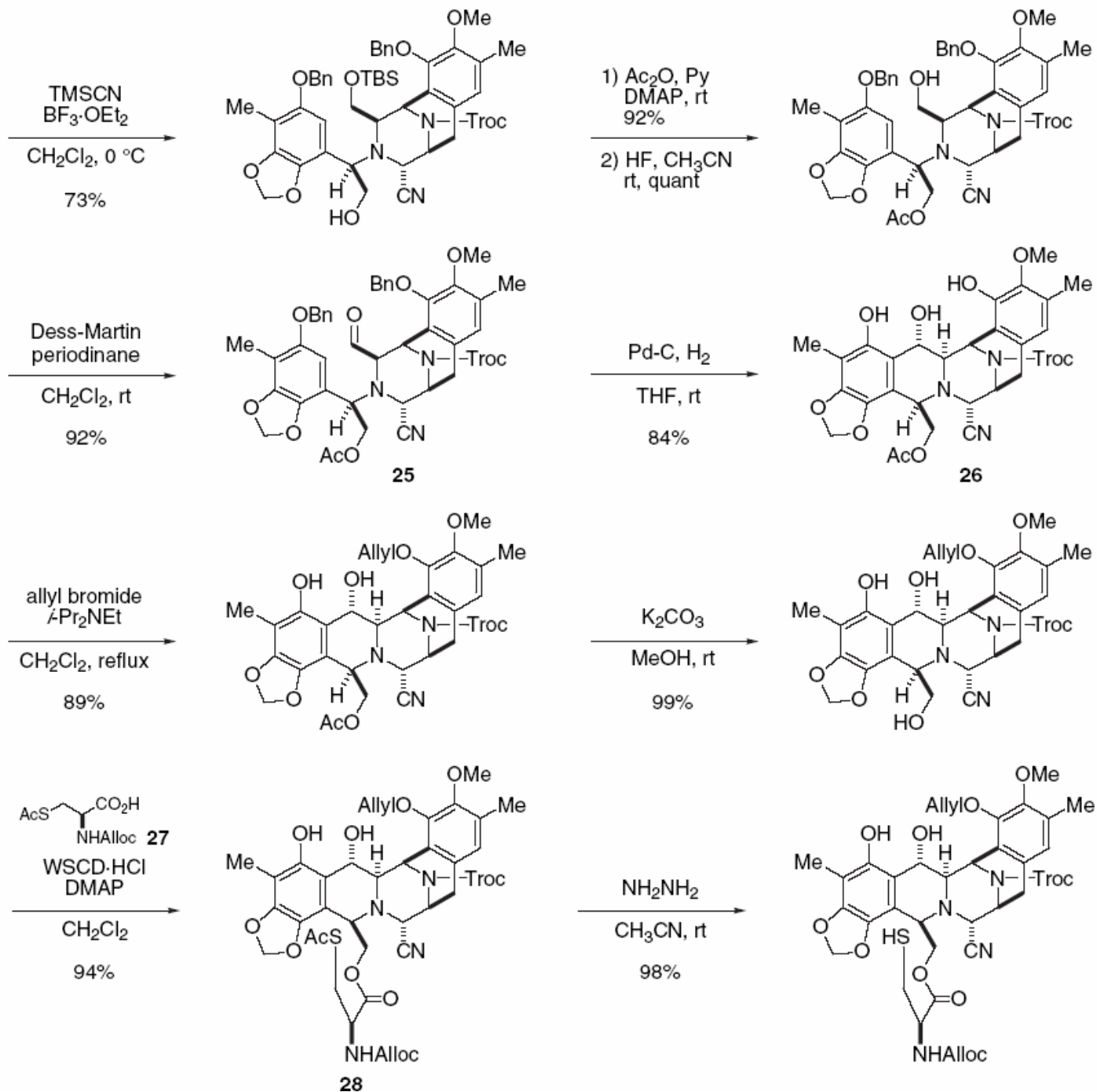


1) guanidinium nitrate
NaOMe
MeOH-CH₂Cl₂
40 °C, 85%
2) BnBr, K₂CO₃
CH₃CN, reflux
91%

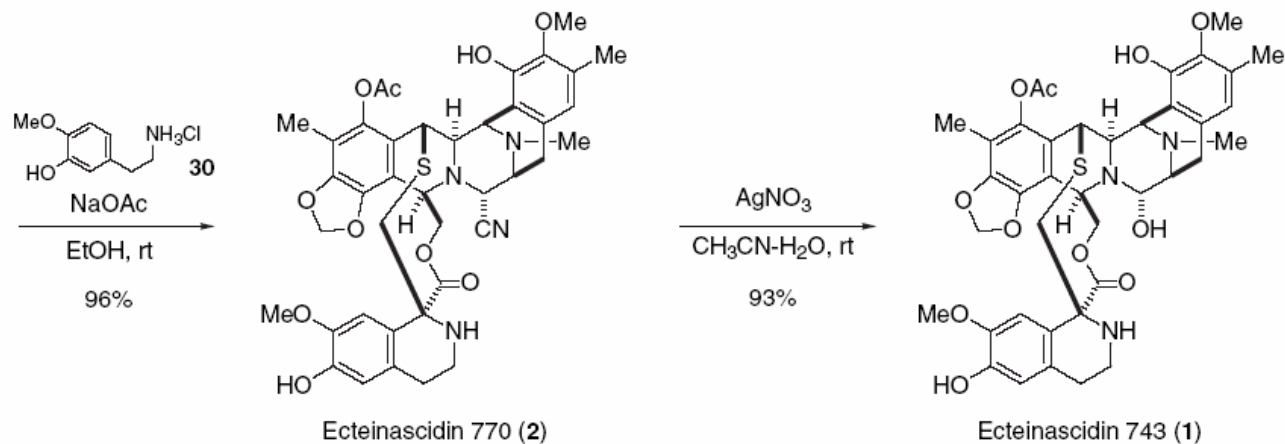
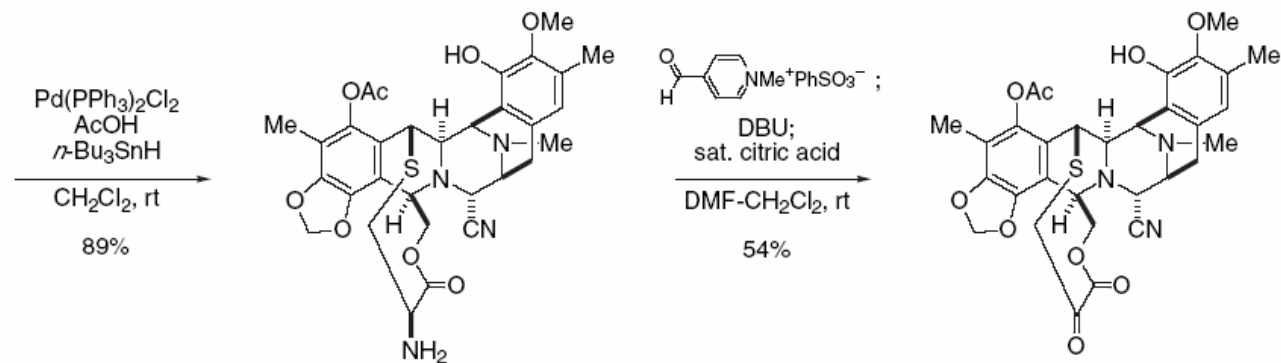
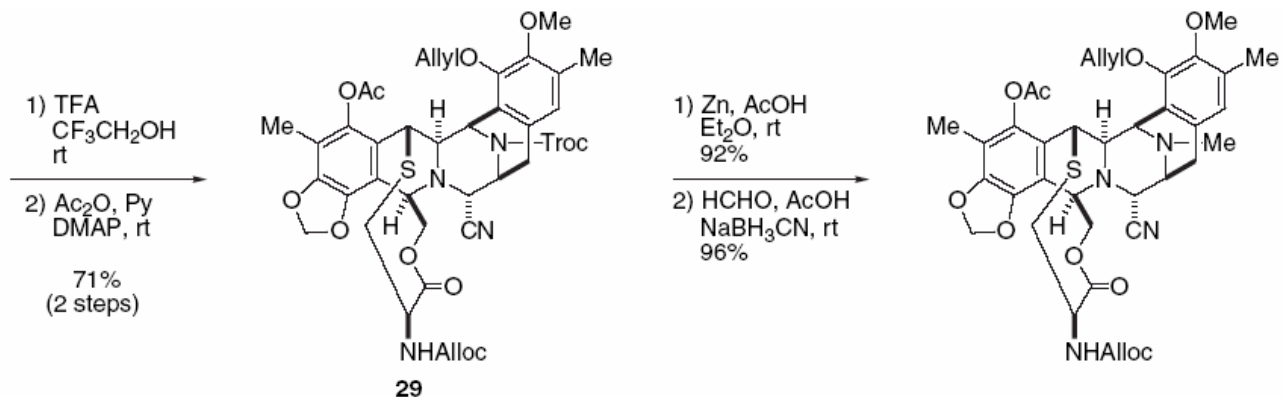


Red-Al
THF, 0 °C
82%





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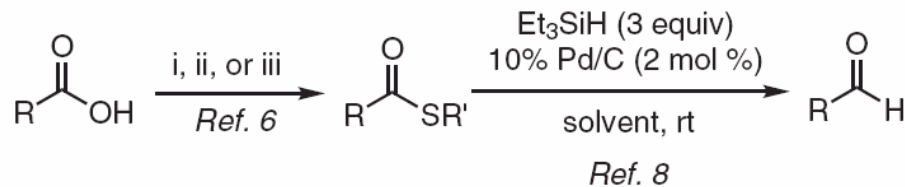
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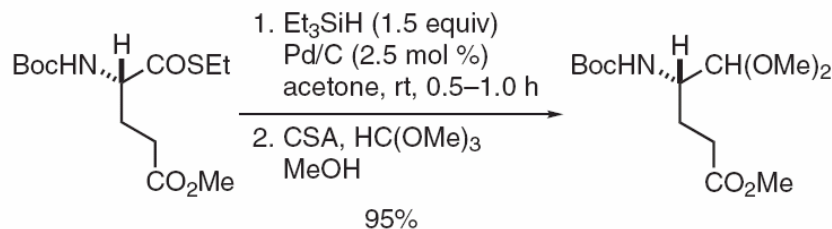
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- (i) ClCO_2Et , Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 ; $\text{R}'\text{SH}$, cat. DMAP.
- (ii) DCC, $\text{R}'\text{SH}$, cat. DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 .
- (iii) SOCl_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , cat. DMF; $\text{R}'\text{SH}$, Et_3N , Et_2O .

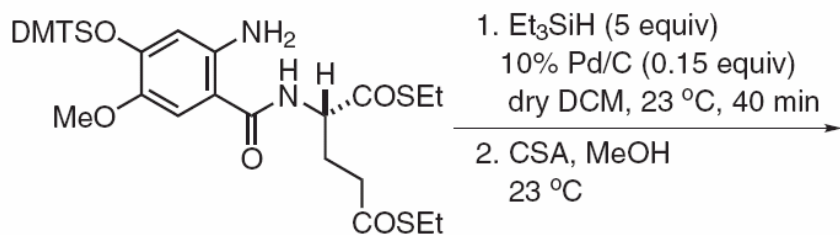
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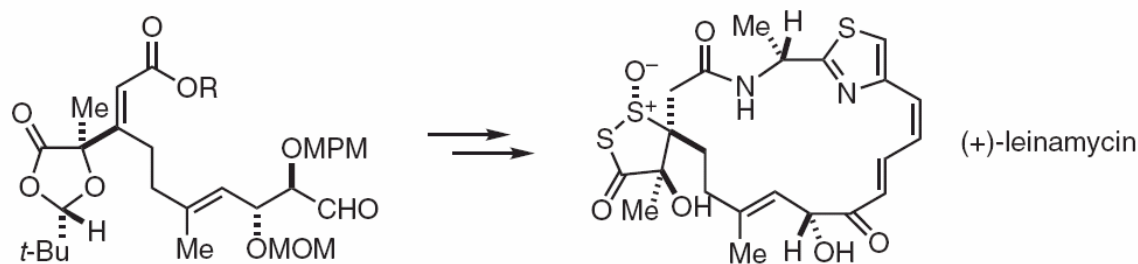
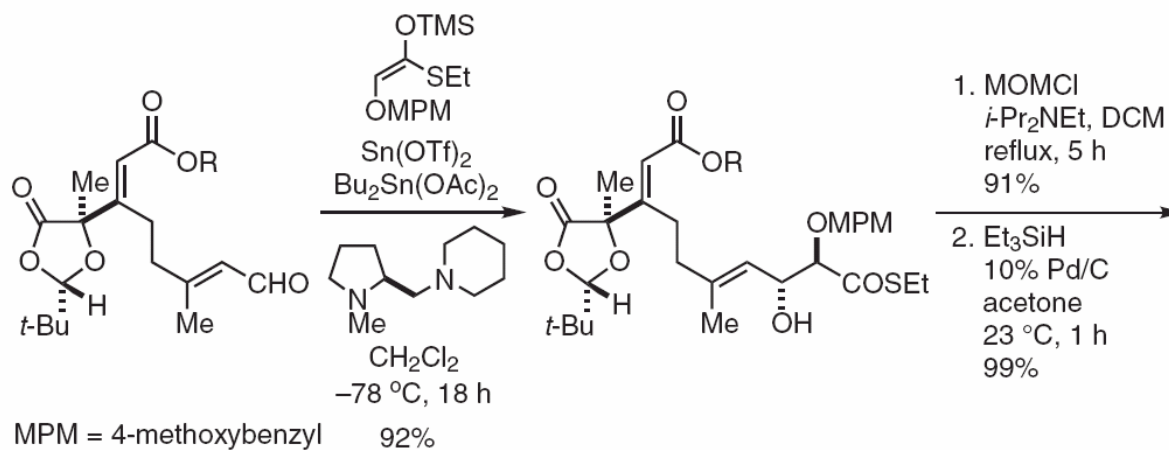
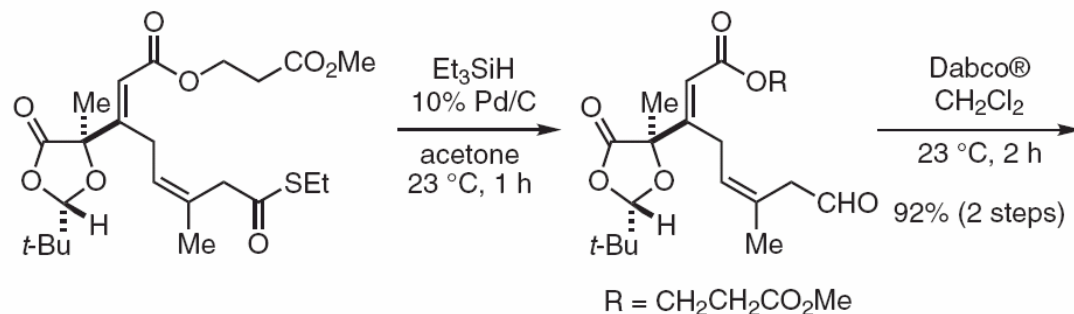
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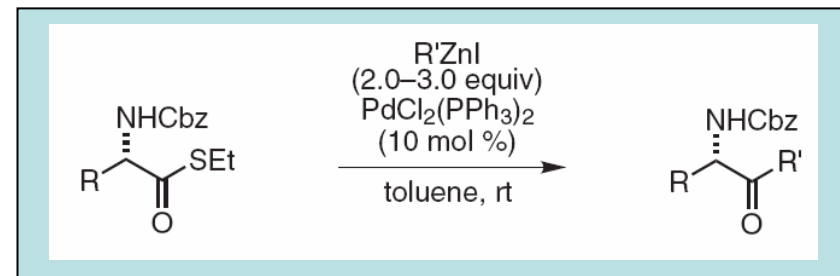
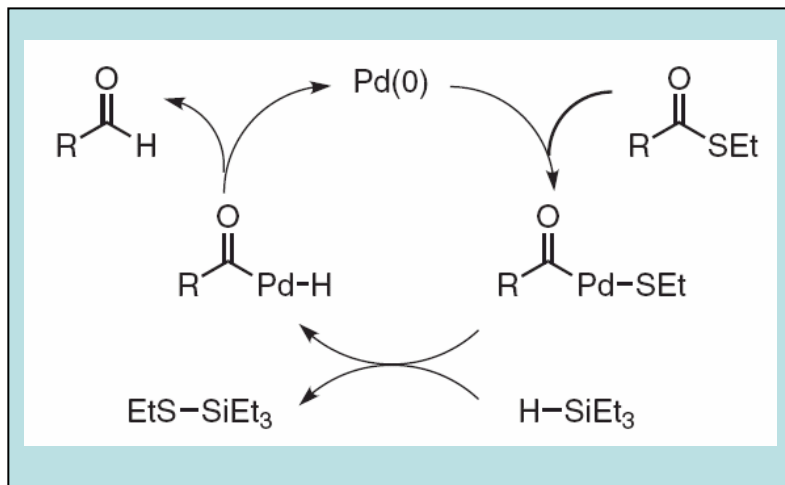


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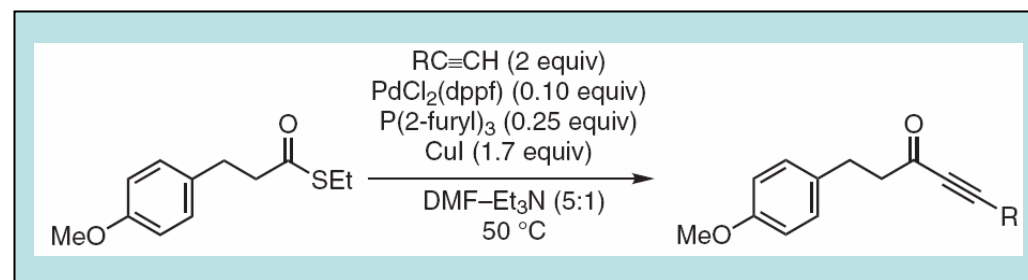
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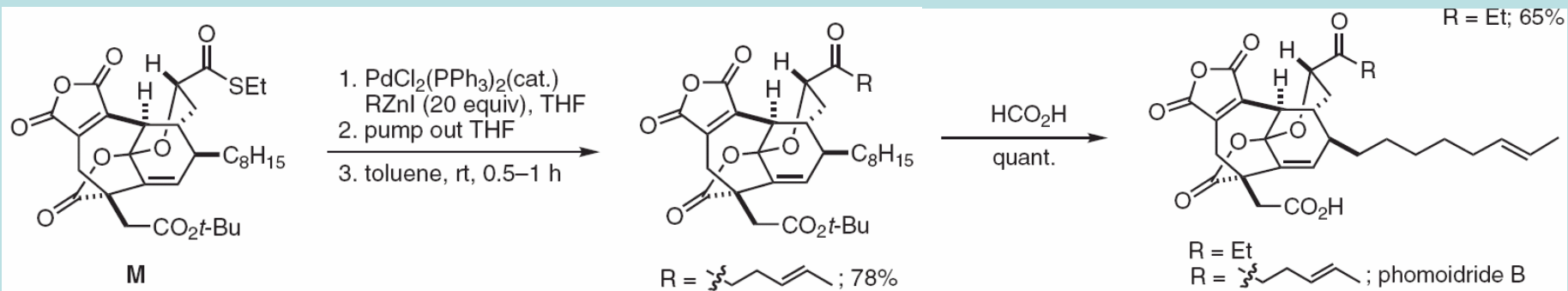
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TL 1998, 3189



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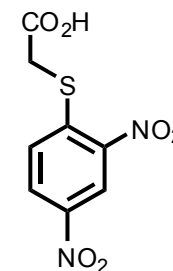
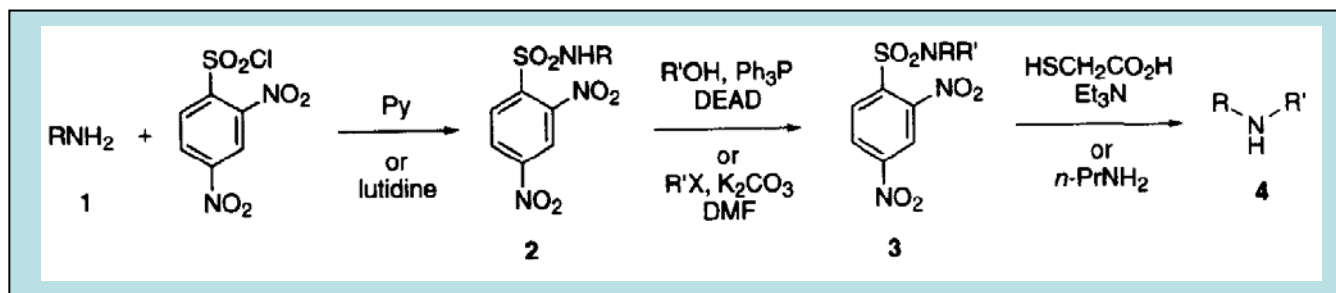
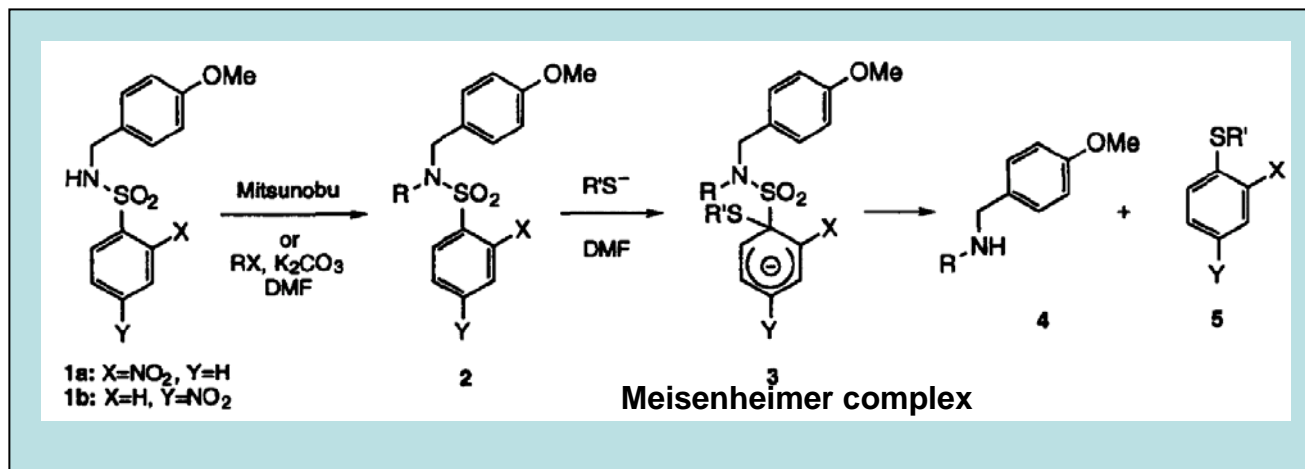
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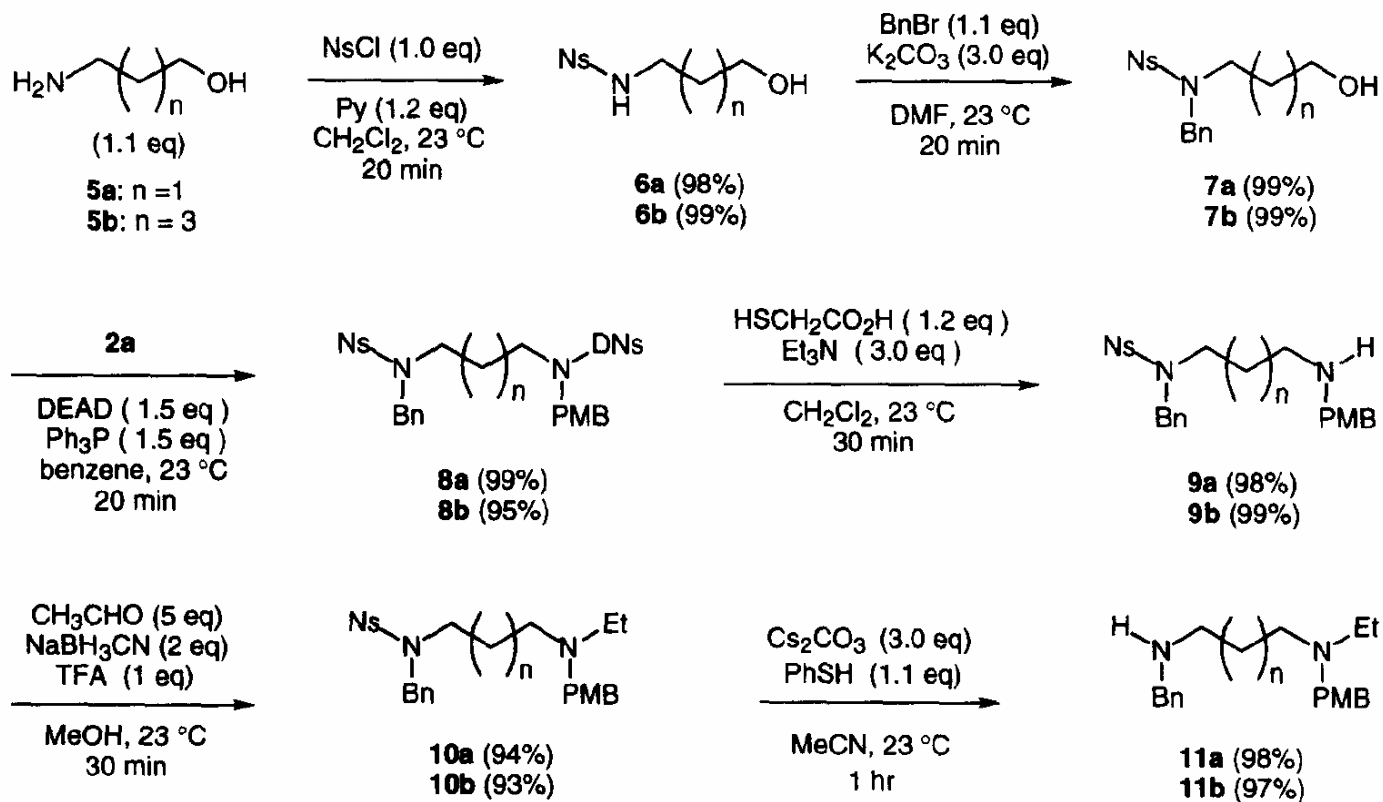
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TL 1995, 36, 6373; TL 1997, 38, 583; Synlett 1999, 1301



wash away by NaHCO₃(aq.)

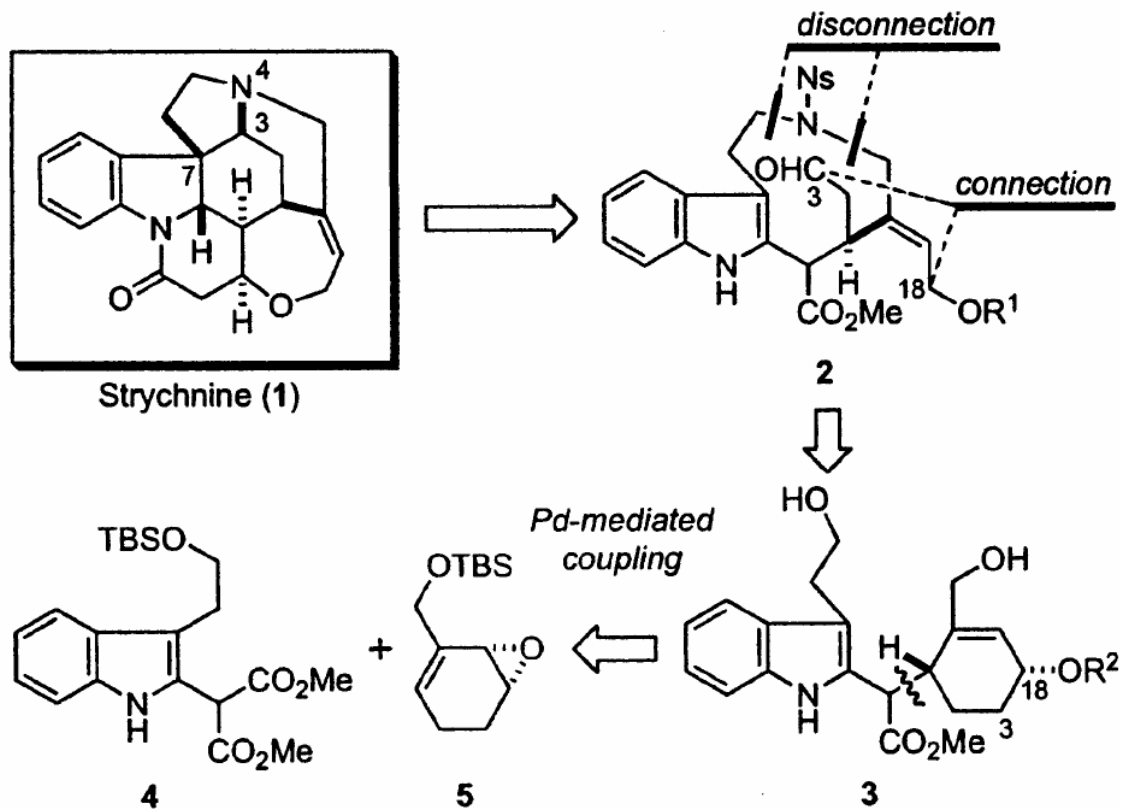
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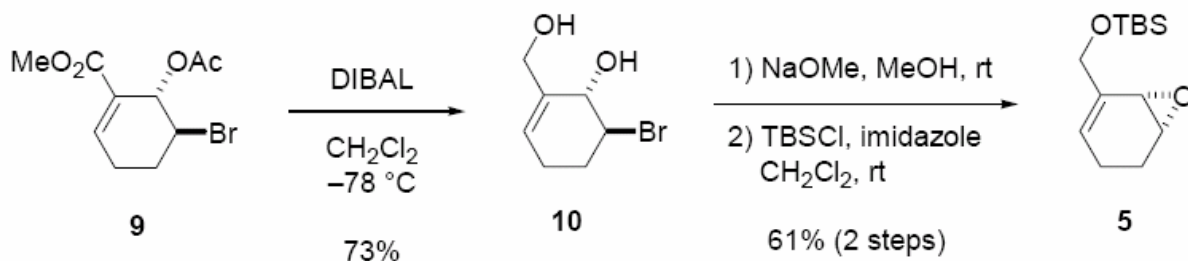
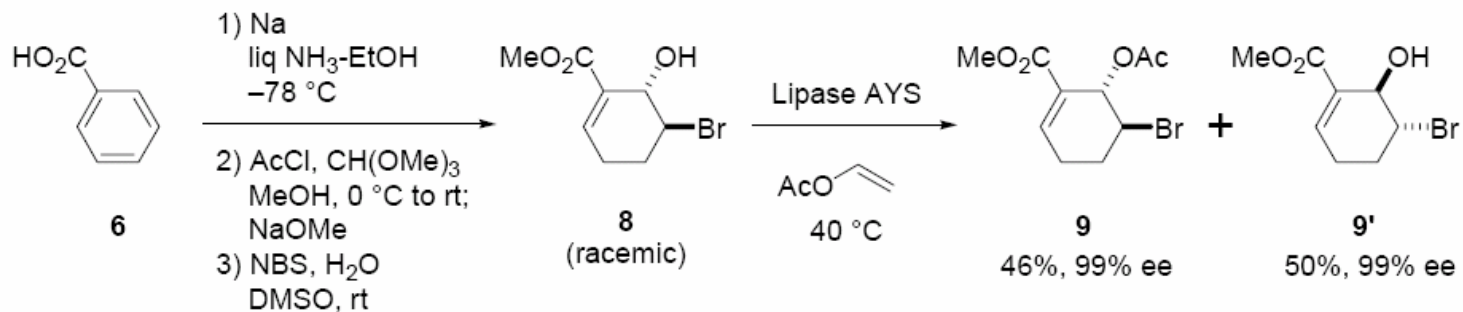
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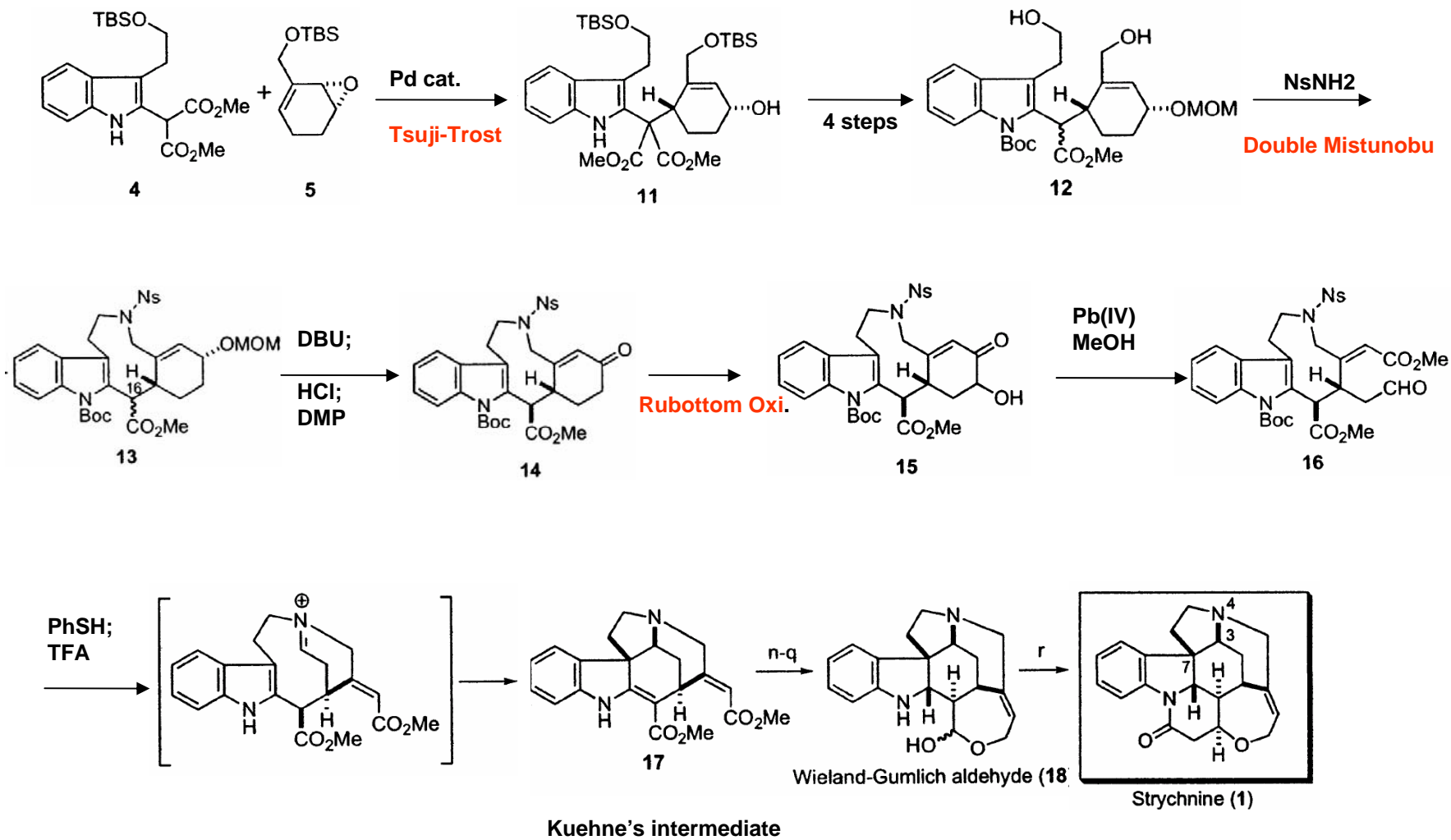


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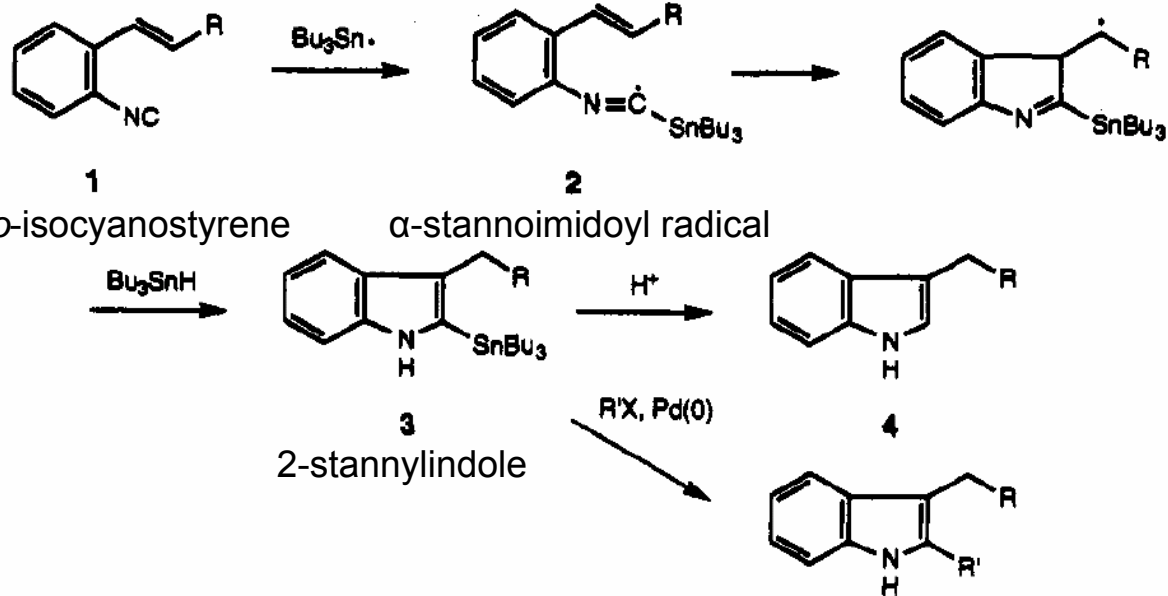
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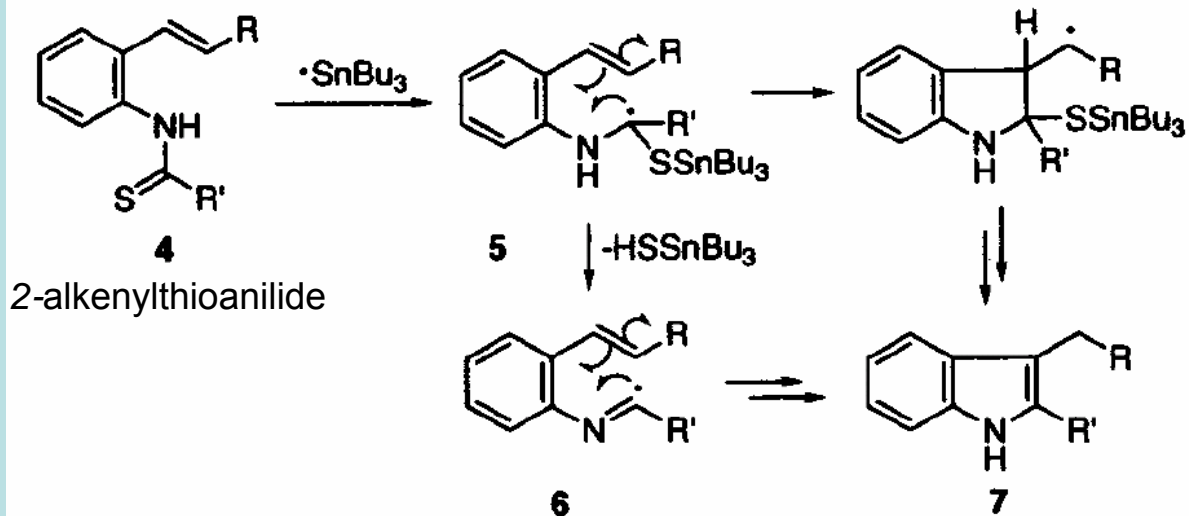
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JACS 1994, 116, 3127

3-substituted indole

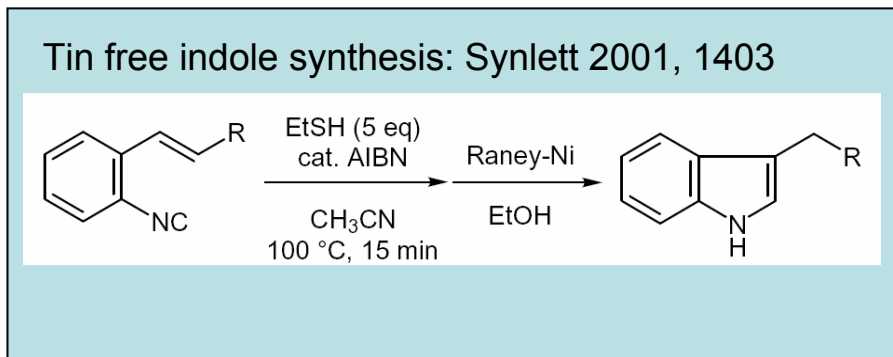
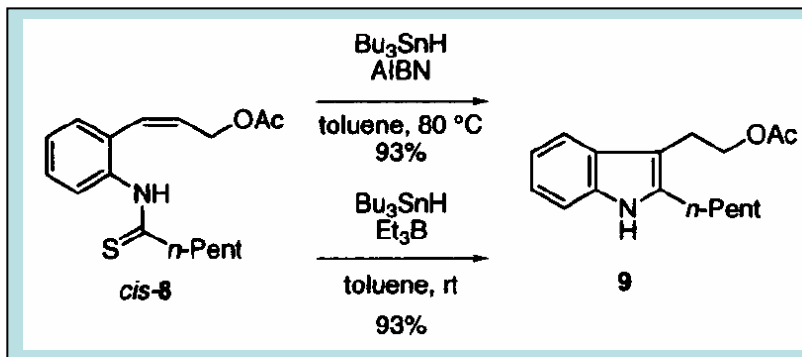
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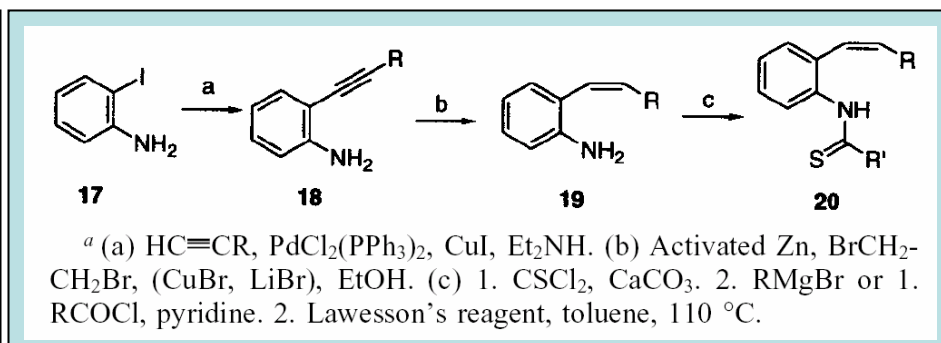
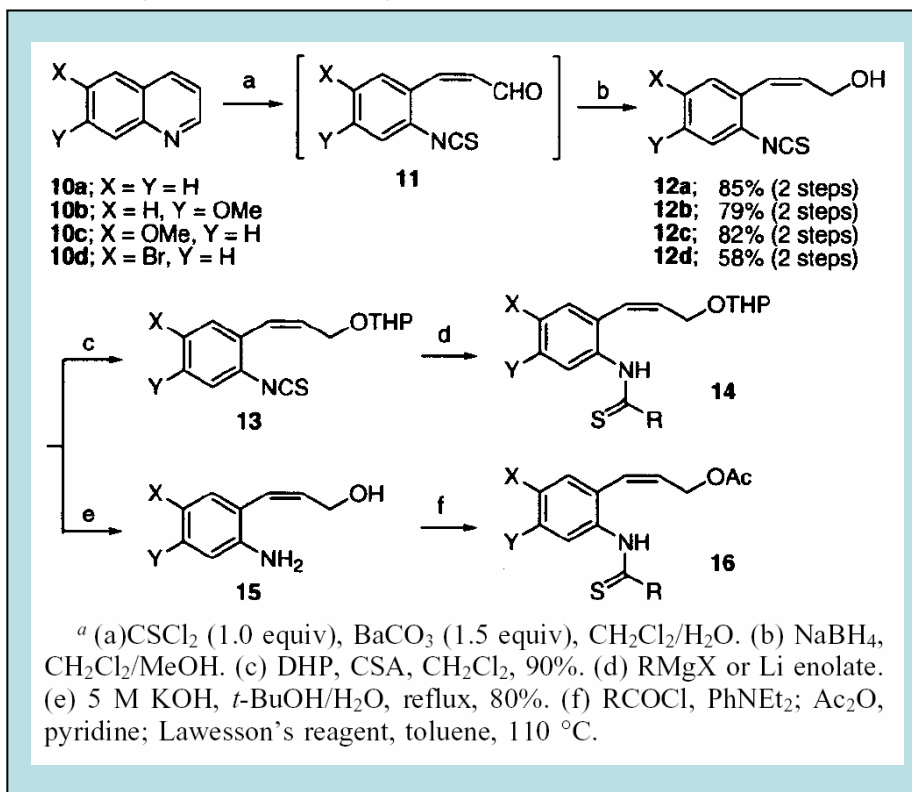
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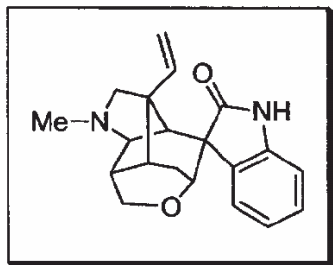
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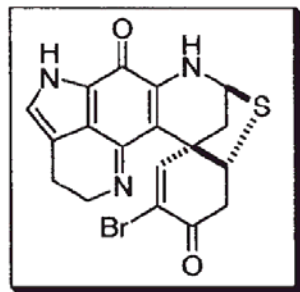
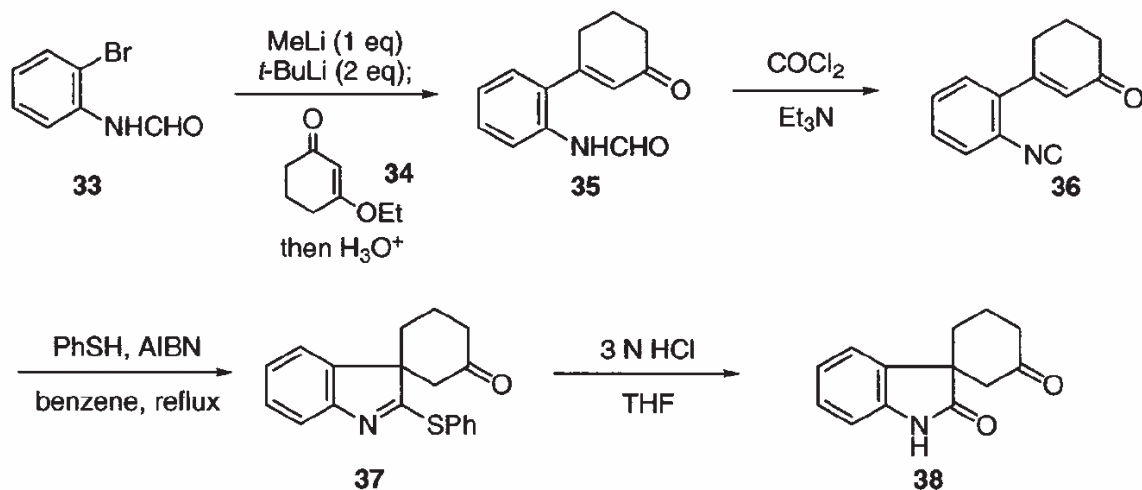
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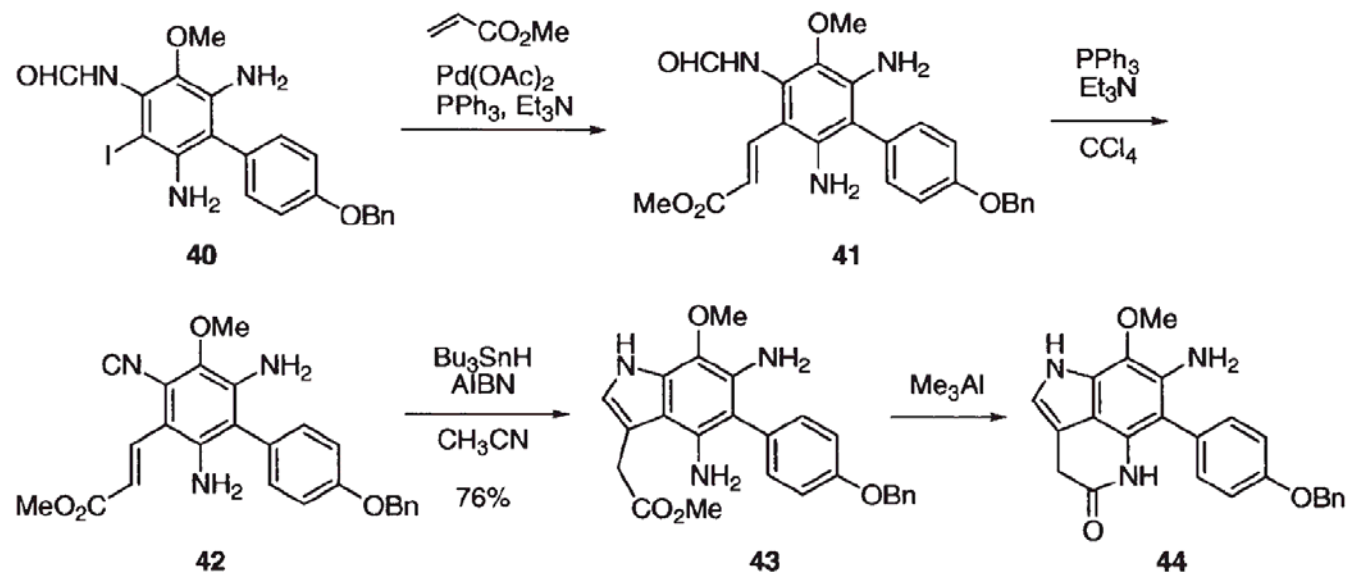
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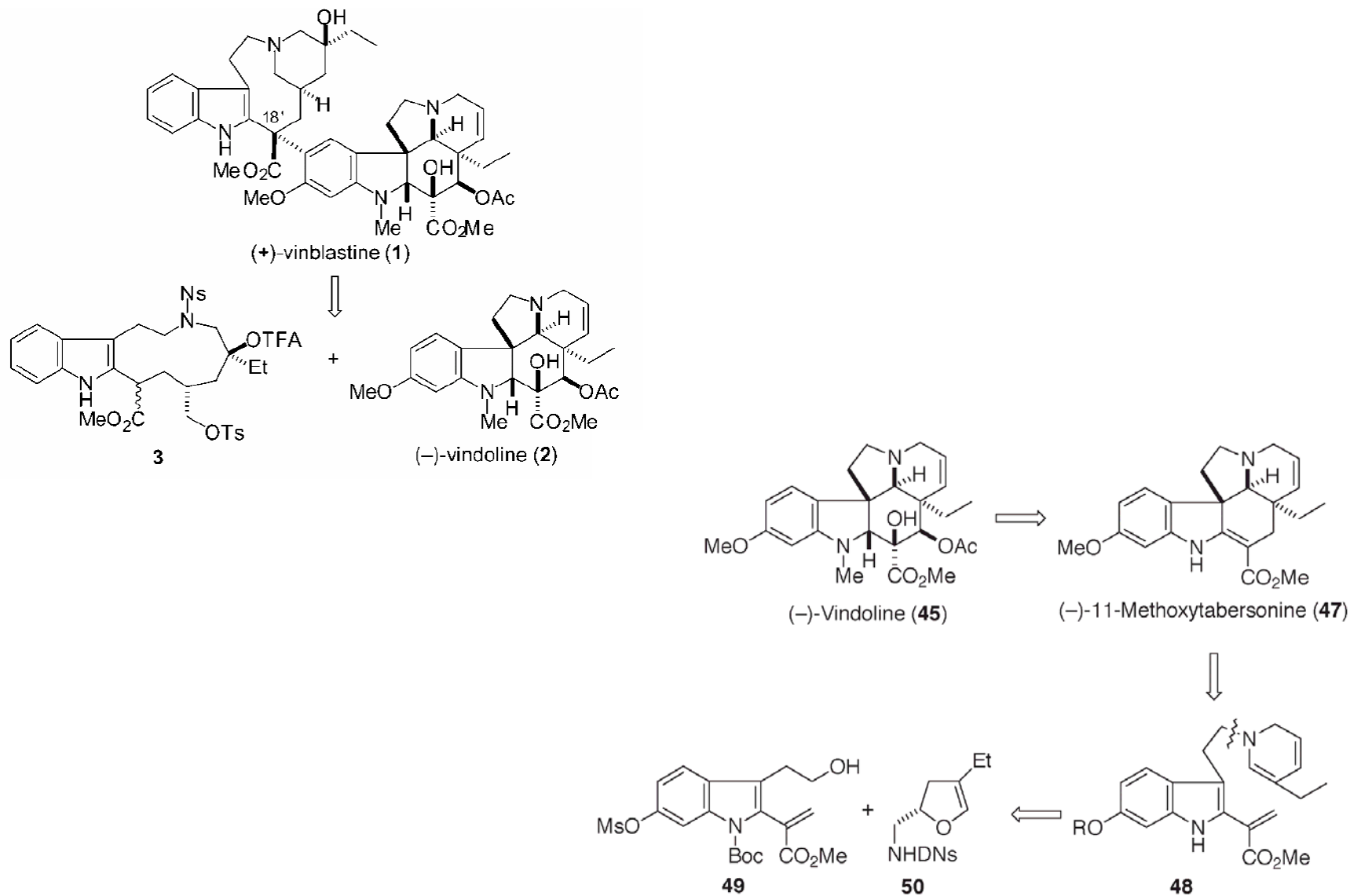
Gelsemine (**32**)
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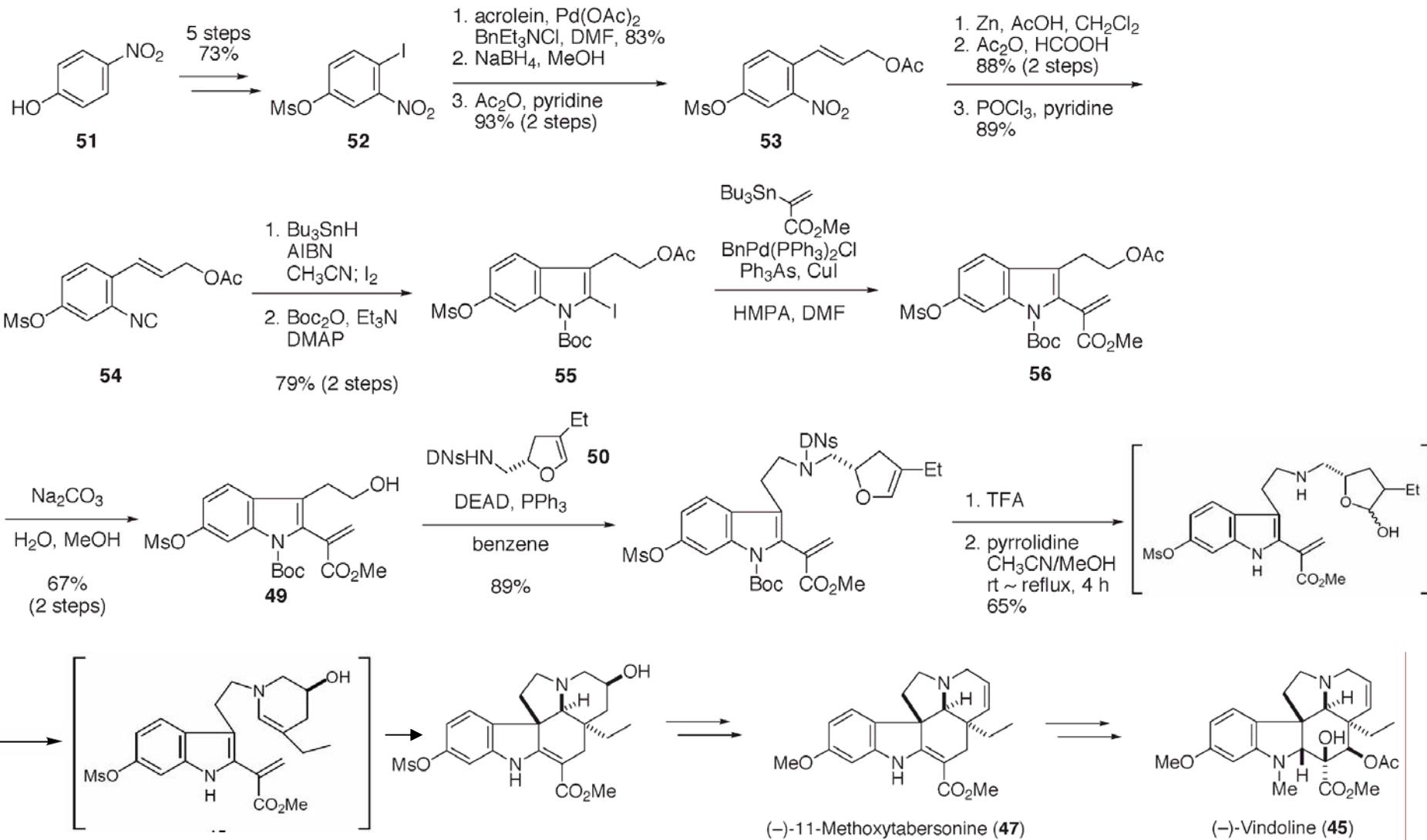
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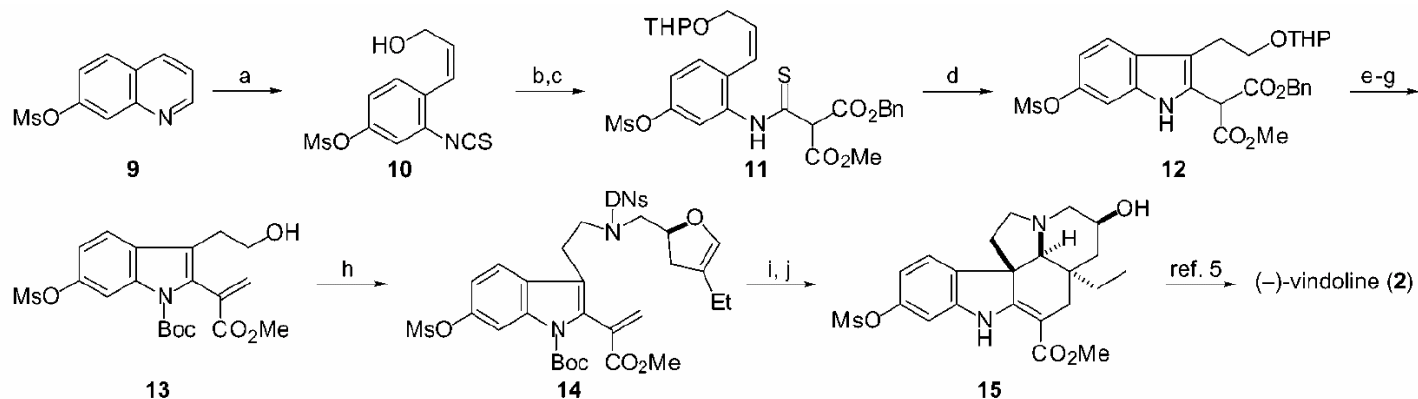
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Part IV: Indole Synthesis—Application in Vindoline synthesis

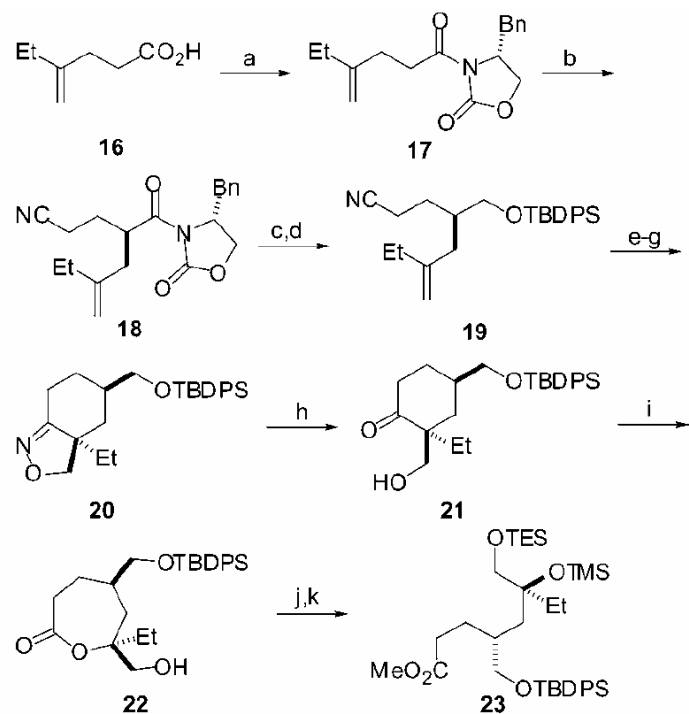


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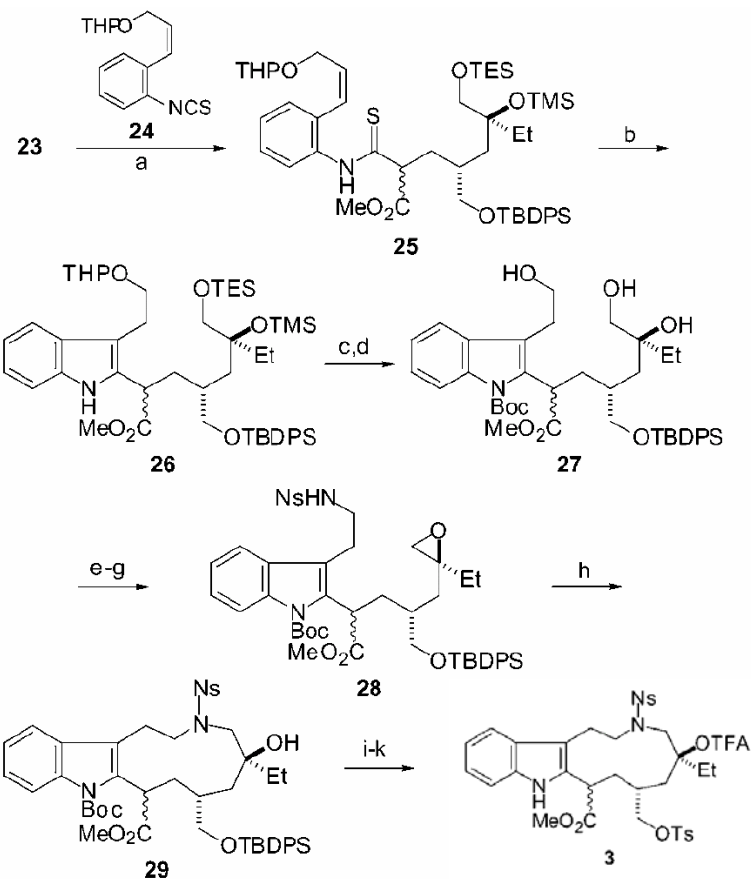


^a Reagents and conditions: (a) thiophosgene, Na_2CO_3 , THF– H_2O , 0 °C; NaBH_4 , MeOH, 0 °C; (b) DHP, CSA, CH_2Cl_2 , room temperature, 65% (2 steps); (c) benzyl methyl malonate, NaH, THF, 0 °C; (d) AIBN, Bu_3SnH , toluene, 110 °C; (e) Boc_2O , Et_3N , DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , room temperature, 60% (3 steps); (f) H_2 , Pd/C, EtOH, room temperature; $\text{Me}_2\text{NH}\cdot\text{HCl}$, HCHO, AcONa, AcOH–EtOH, room temperature, 72% (2 steps); (g) CSA, MeOH, room temperature, 99%; (h) **8**, DEAD, Ph_3P , benzene, 79%; (i) TFA, Me_2S , CH_2Cl_2 , room temperature; (j) pyrrolidine, MeOH– CH_3CN , 0 °C to 50 °C, 73% (2 steps).

Part IV: Indole Synthesis—Application in Vinblastine synthesis

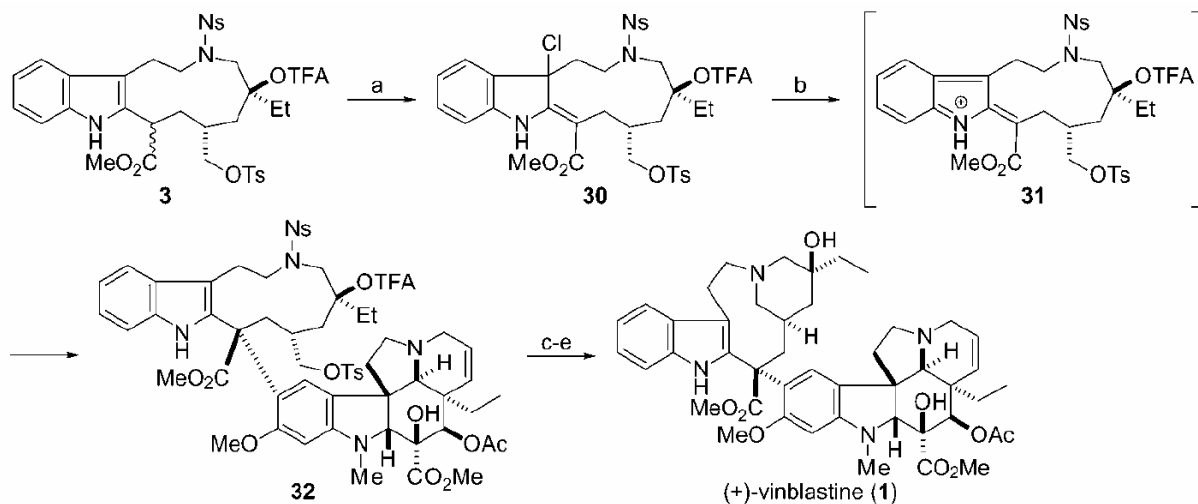


^a Reagents and conditions: (a) PivCl, Et₃N, Et₂O, 0 °C; *n*-BuLi, (*R*)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone, THF, -78 °C, 89%; (b) (*i*-PrO)TiCl₃, *i*-Pr₂NEt, acrylonitrile, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 82%; (c) NaBH₄, THF-H₂O, room temperature, 92%; (d) TBDPSCl, imidazole, DMF, room temperature, 92%; (e) DIBAL, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C; (f) H₂NOH·HCl, NaOAc, EtOH, room temperature; (g) NaClO aqueous, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 59% (3 steps); (h) Zn, AcOH, 66%; (i) *m*CPBA, AcOH, room temperature; (j) K₂CO₃, MeOH, room temperature, 80% (2 steps); (k) TESCl, imidazole, DMF, room temperature; TMSCl, room temperature, 92%.

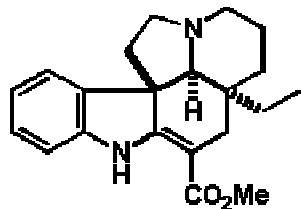


^a Reagents and conditions: (a) LDA, THF, -78 °C; 24, -78 to 0 °C, 76%; (b) Bu₃SnH, Et₃B, THF, room temperature, 67%; (c) Boc₂O, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 87%; (d) AcOH-H₂O (95:5), 80 °C, 71%; (e) TsCl, Bu₂SnO, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 84%; (f) NaHCO₃, DMF, 80 °C, 90%; (g) NsNH₂, DEAD, Ph₃P, toluene, room temperature, 88%; (h) K₂CO₃, DMF, 90 °C, 82%; (i) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 85%; (j) TsCl, Me₂N(CH₂)₃NMe₂, CH₃CN-toluene, room temperature, 88%; (k) TFAA, pyridine, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 90%.

Part IV: Indole Synthesis—Application in Vinblastine synthesis

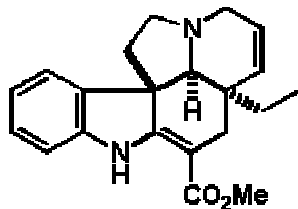


^a Reagents and conditions: (a) *t*-BuOCl, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C; (b) (-)-vindoline (2), TFA, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to room temperature, 97%; (c) Et₃N, MeOH, room temperature, quantitative; (d) HSCH₂CH₂OH, DBU, CH₃CN, room temperature, 76%; (e) NaHCO₃, *i*-PrOH-H₂O, room temperature, 66%.

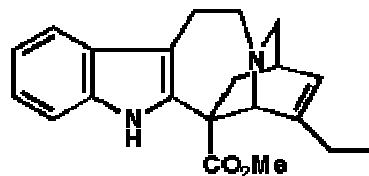


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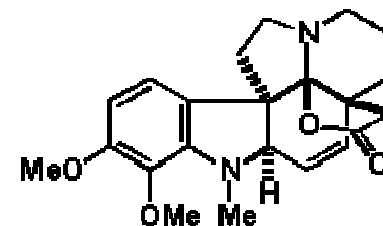


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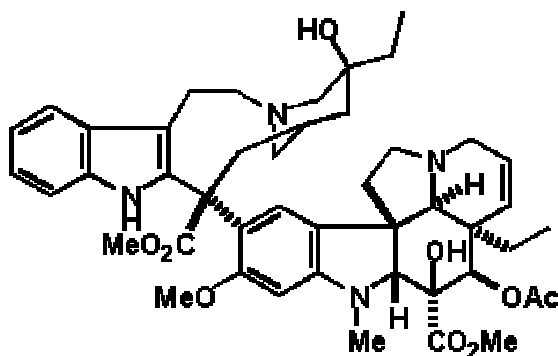
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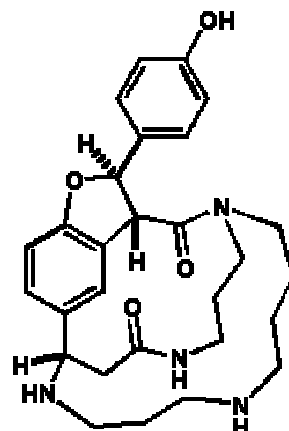
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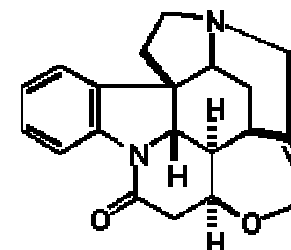
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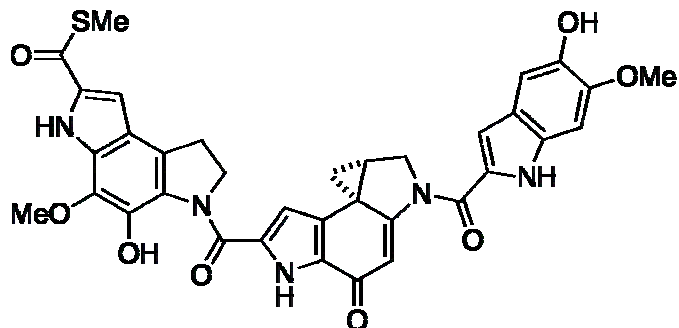
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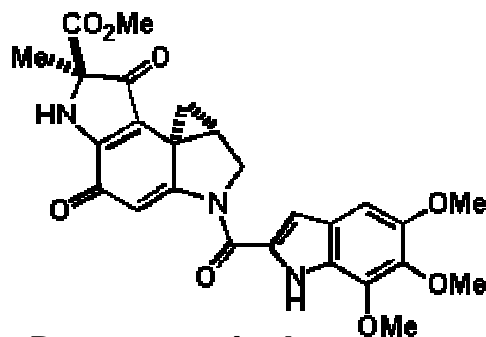
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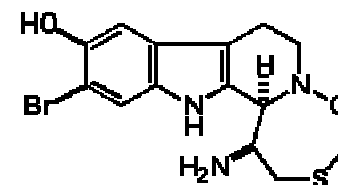
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Duocarmycin A

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Eudistomin C

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*Part II: Pd-catalyzed Synthesis of Aldehydes and Ketones
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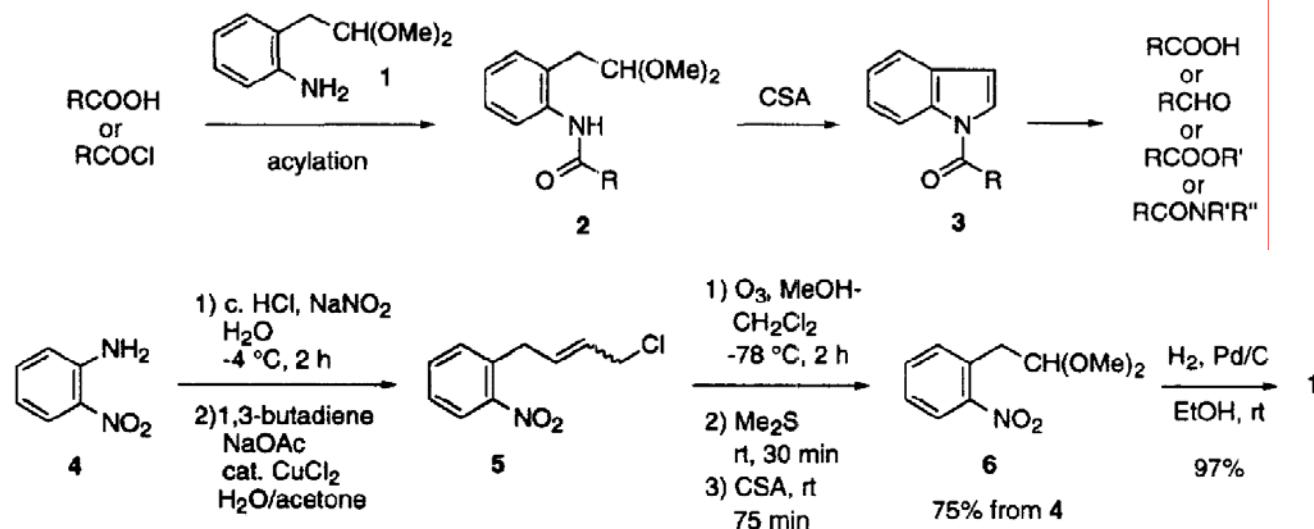
Part III: Nitrobenzensulfonamides Chemistry

Part IV: Fukuyama Indole Synthesis

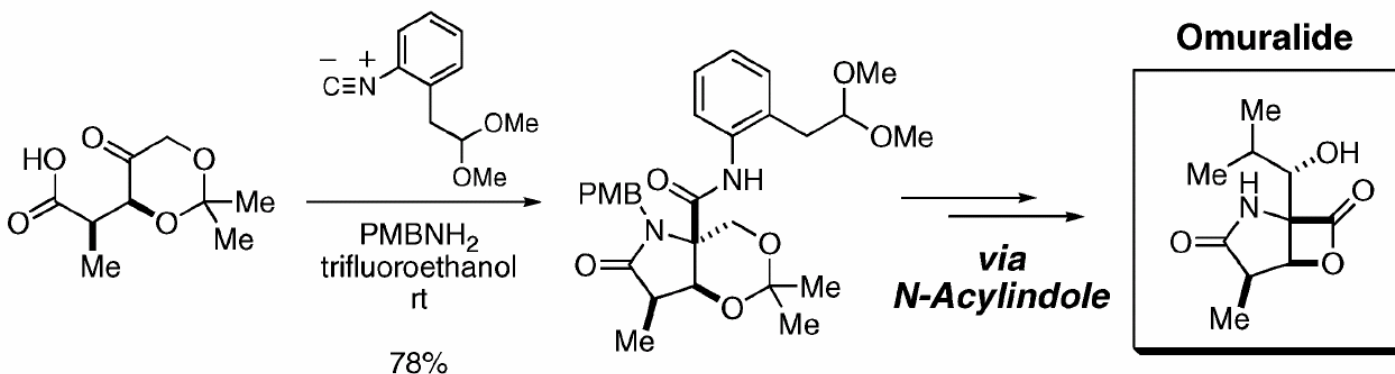
Part V: Others

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Protection of Carboxylic acids TL 1998, 39, 71

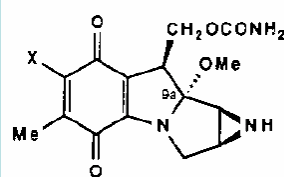


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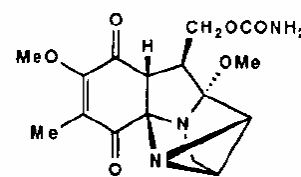
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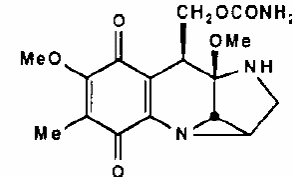


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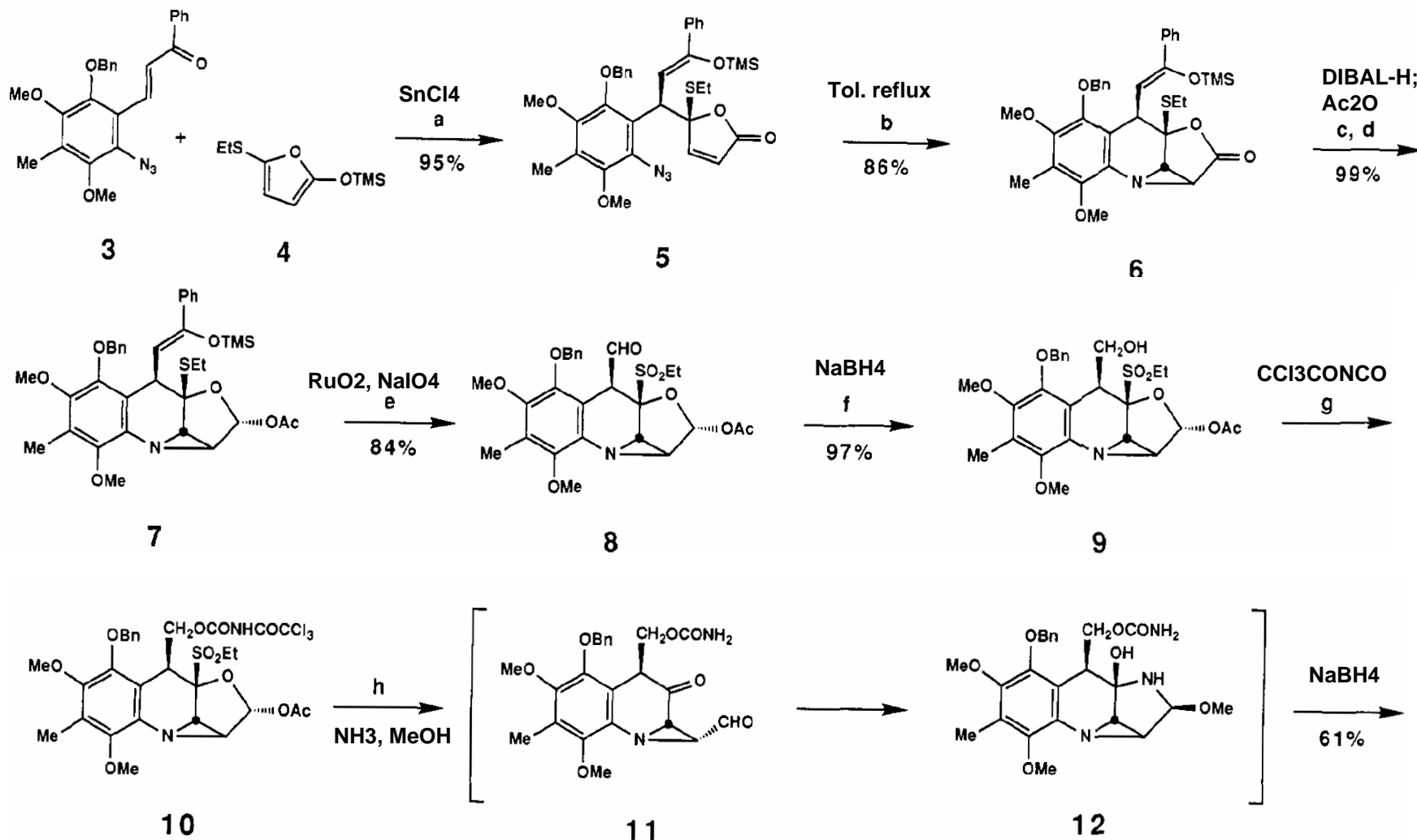
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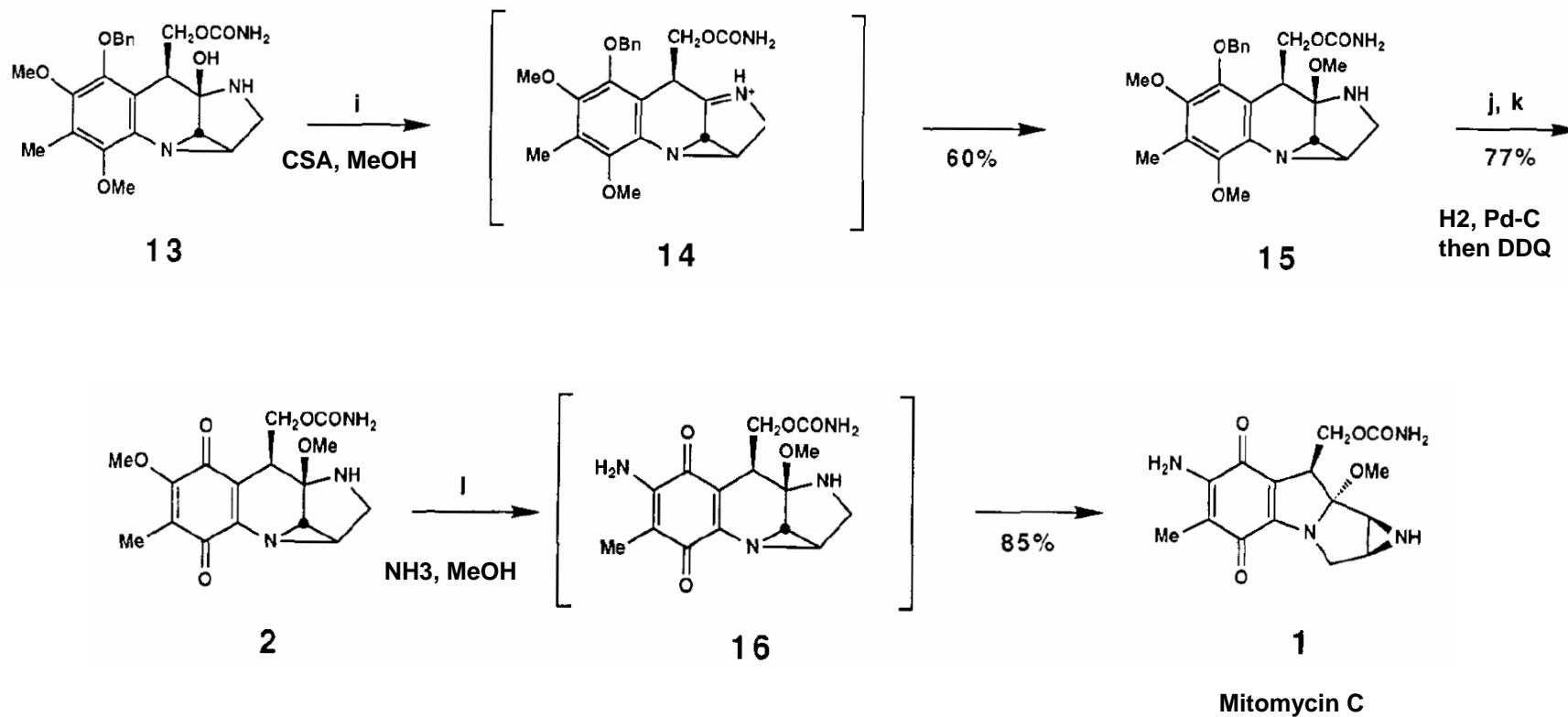
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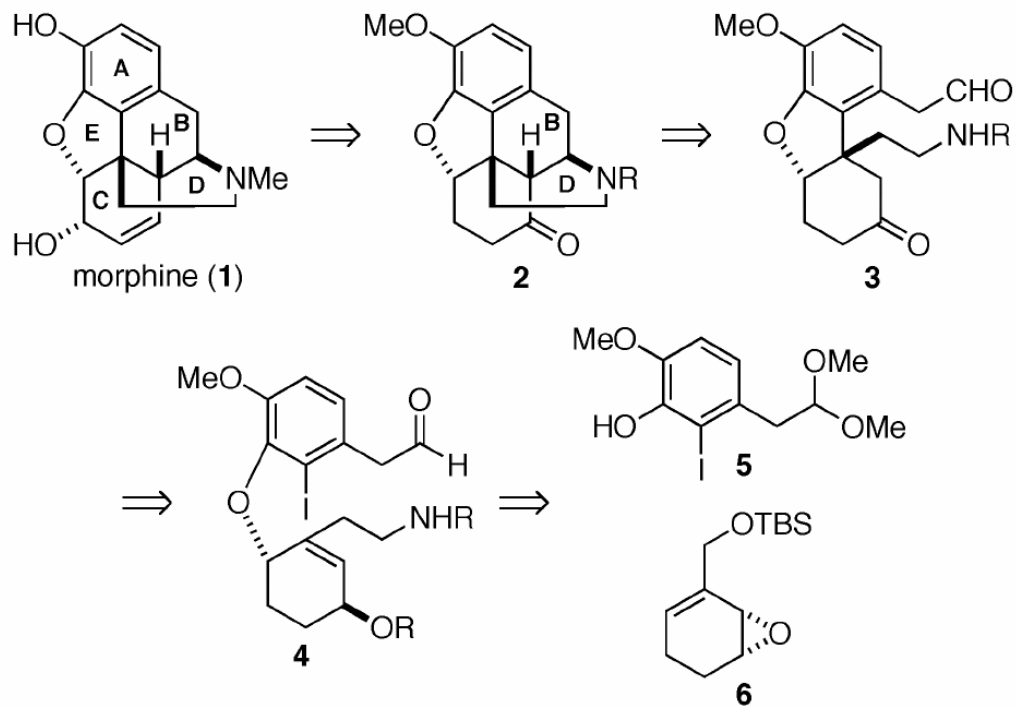


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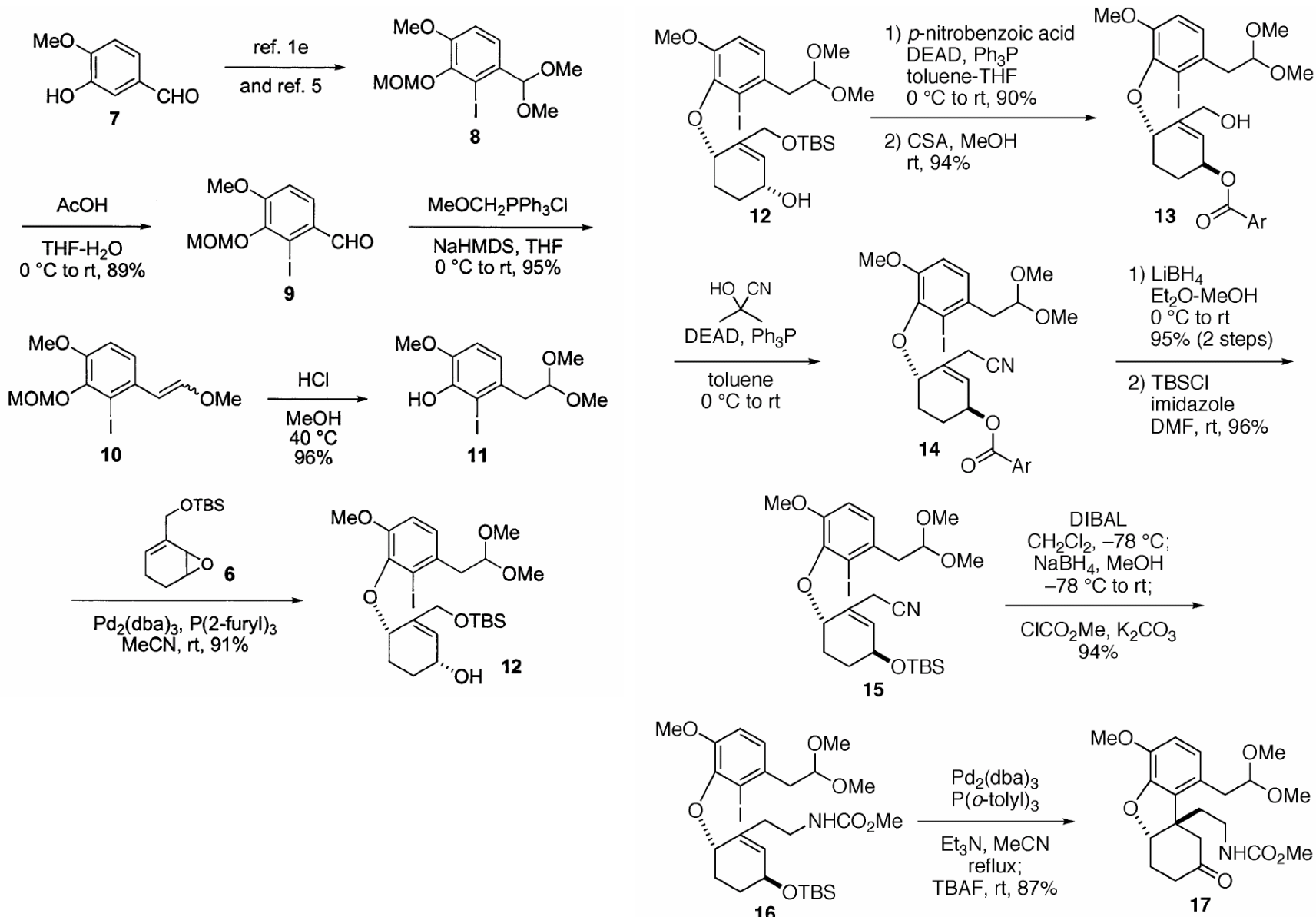


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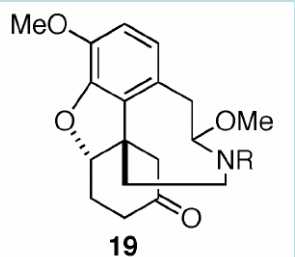
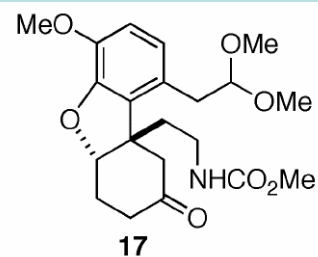
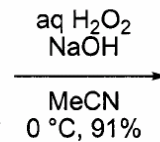
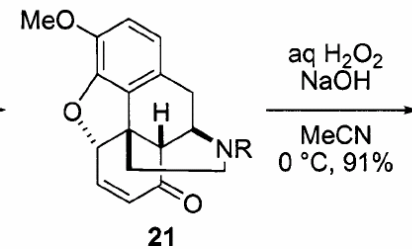
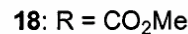
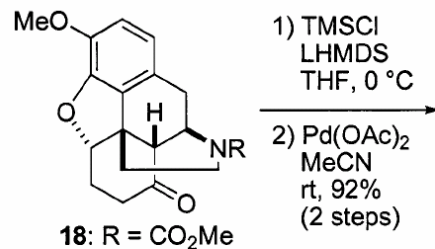
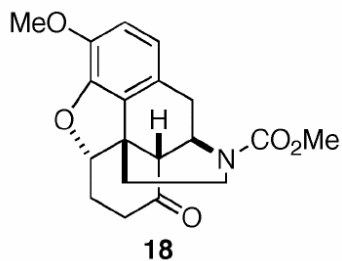
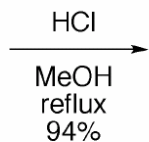
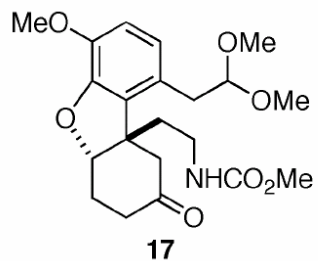
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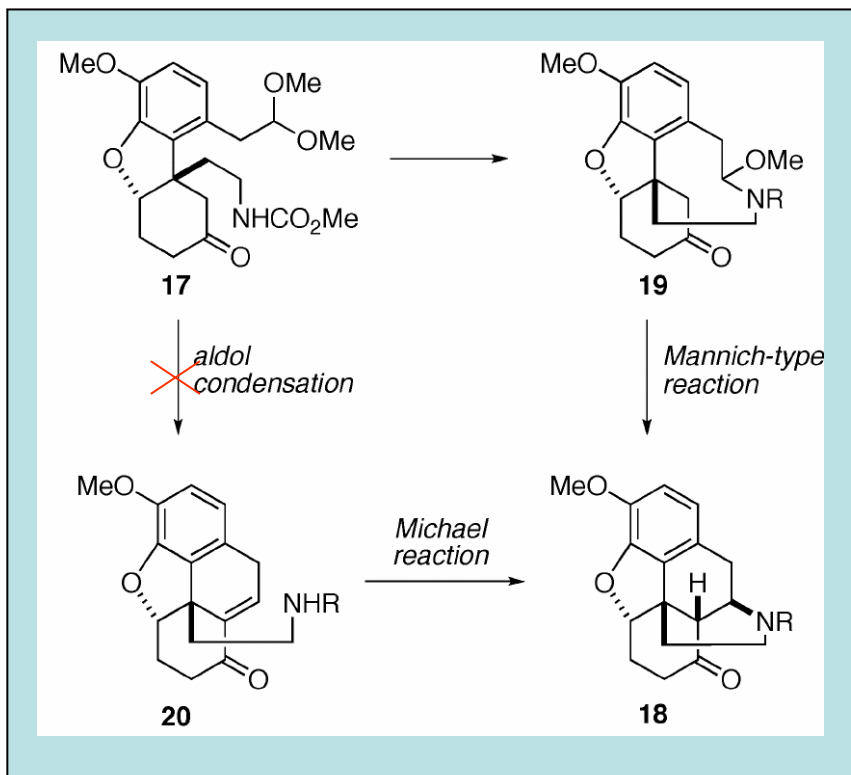
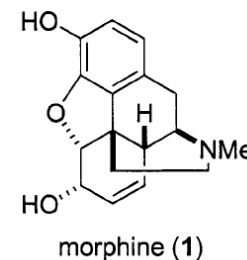
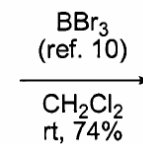
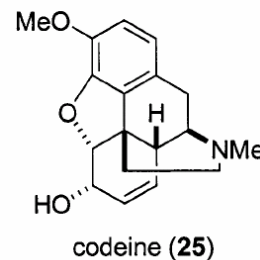
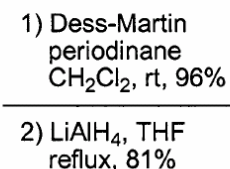
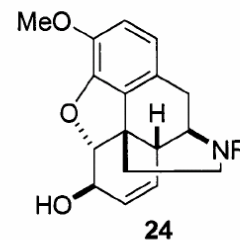
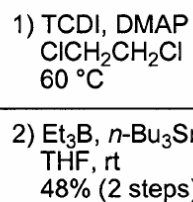
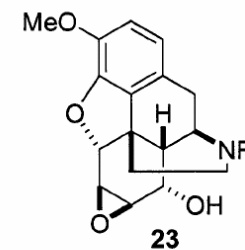
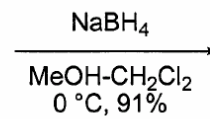
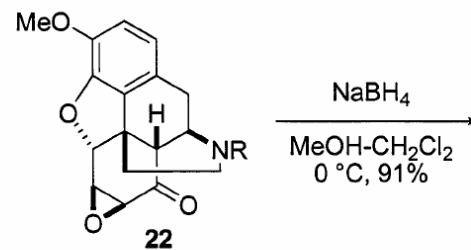
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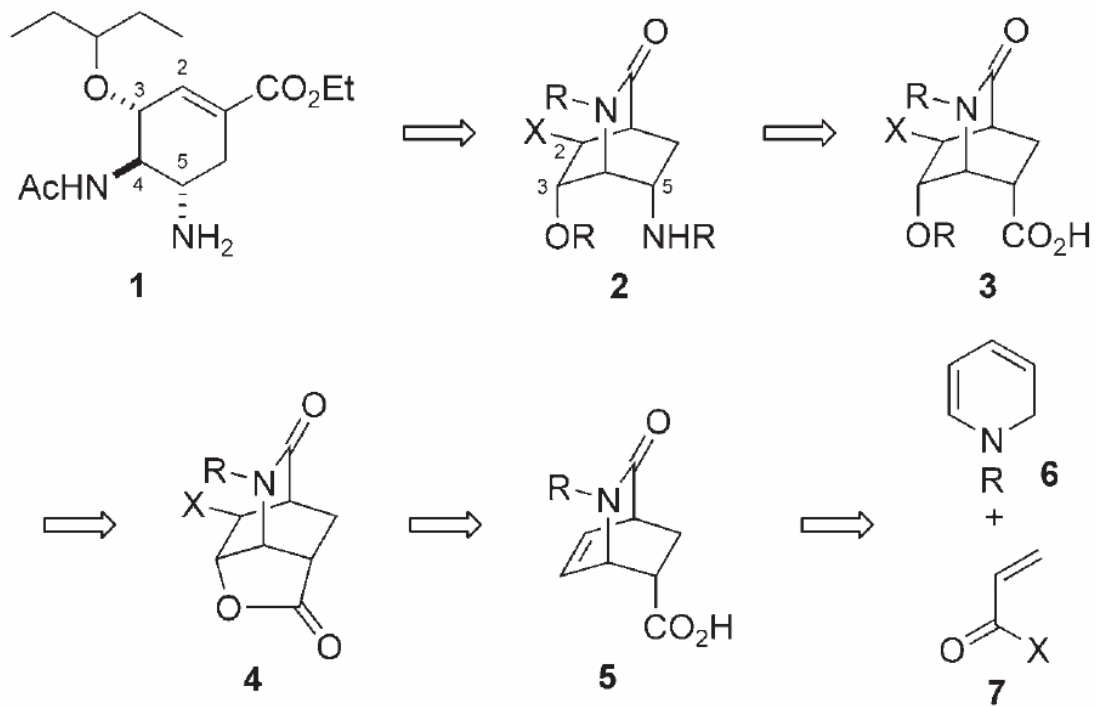


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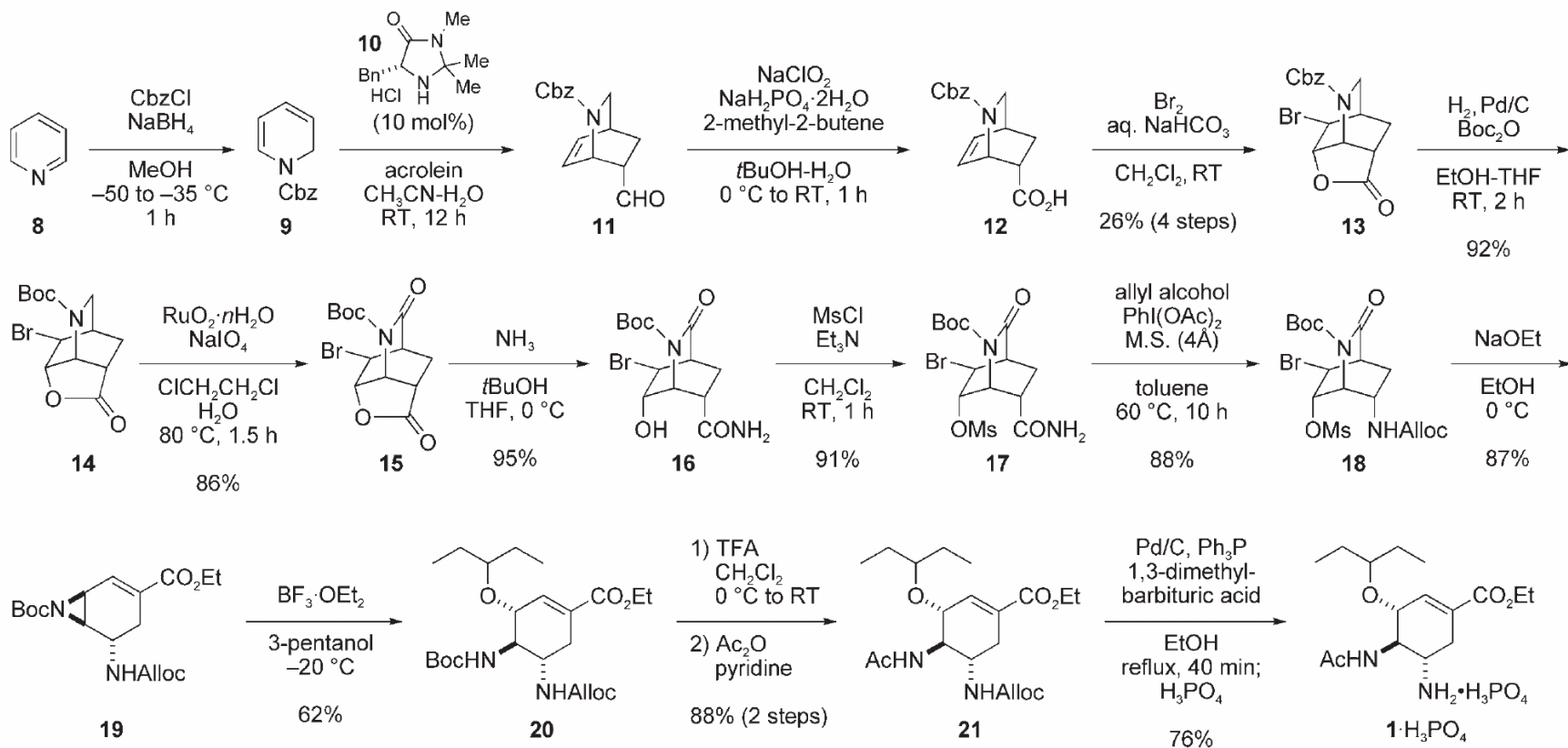


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Scheme 2. Synthesis of oseltamivir phosphate (**1**· H_3PO_4). Alloc = allyloxycarbonyl, Bn = benzyl, Boc = *tert*-butoxycarbonyl, Cbz = benzyloxycarbonyl, Ms = methanesulfonyl, M.S. = molecular sieves, TFA = trifluoroacetic acid.

