

# A Comparative Analysis of the Syntheses of Reserpine

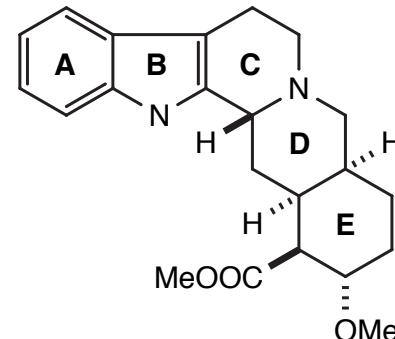
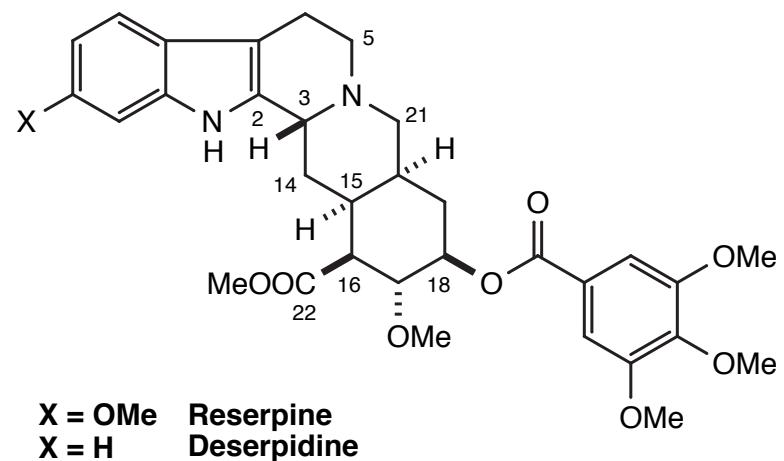
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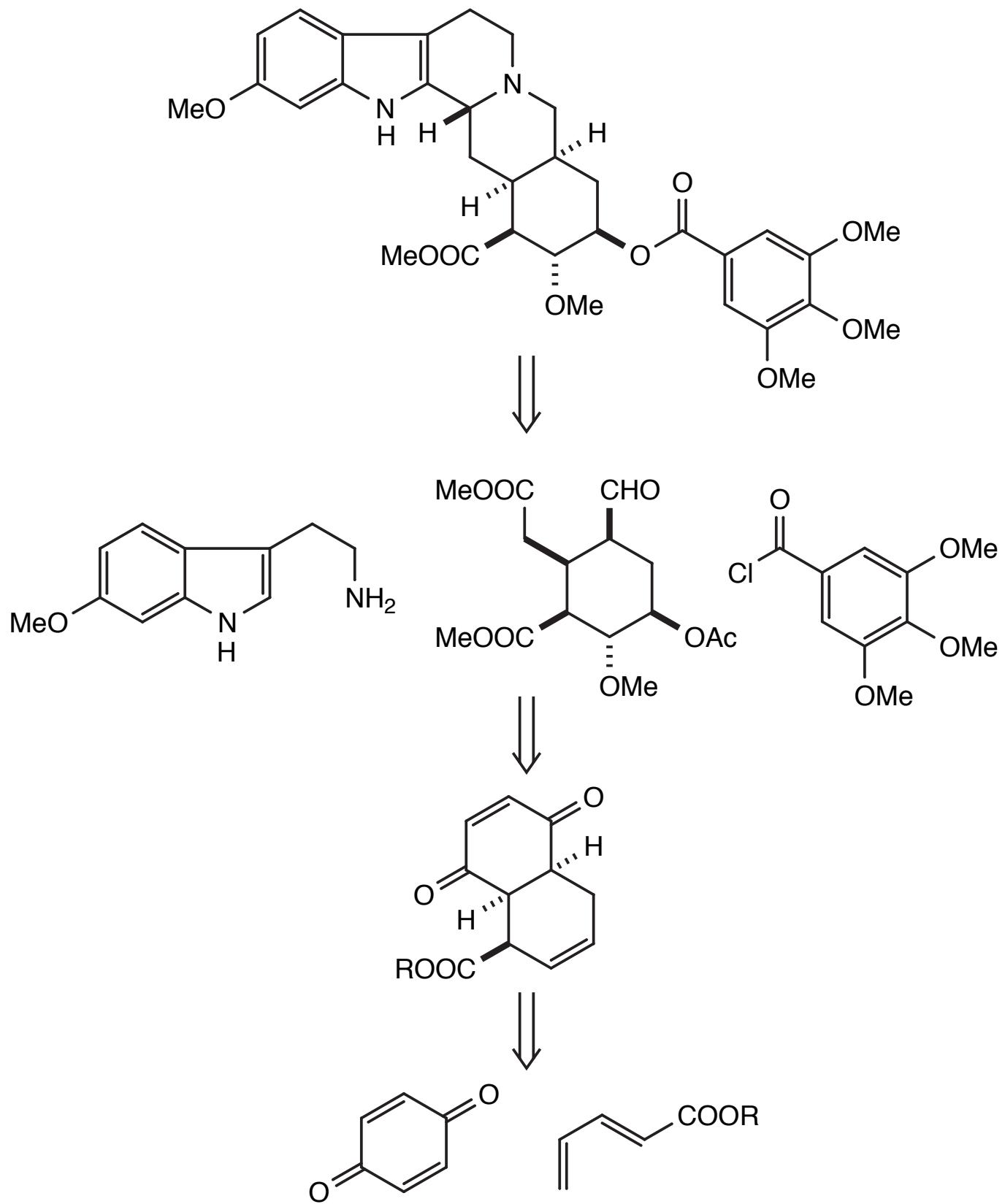
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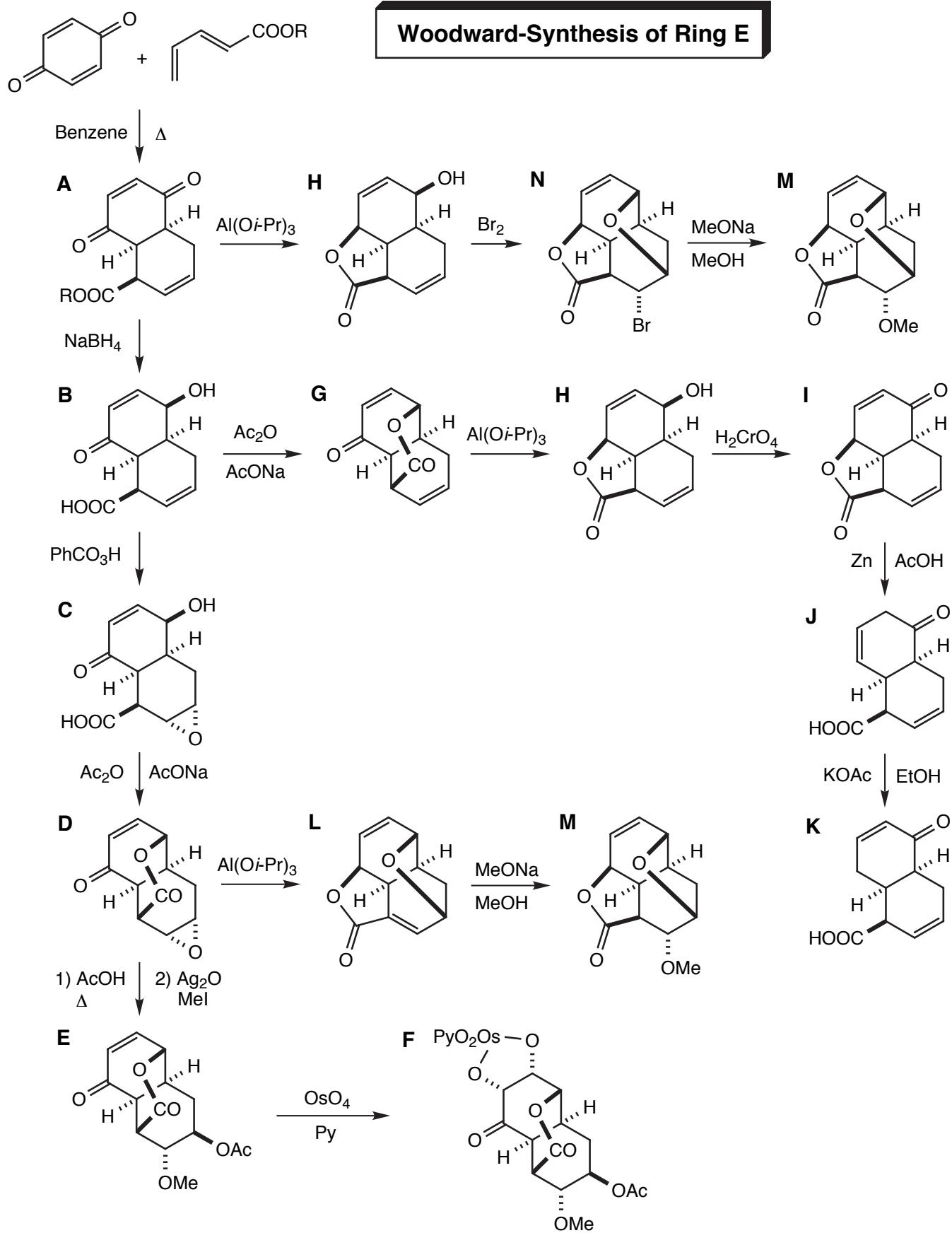


**Yohimbine**

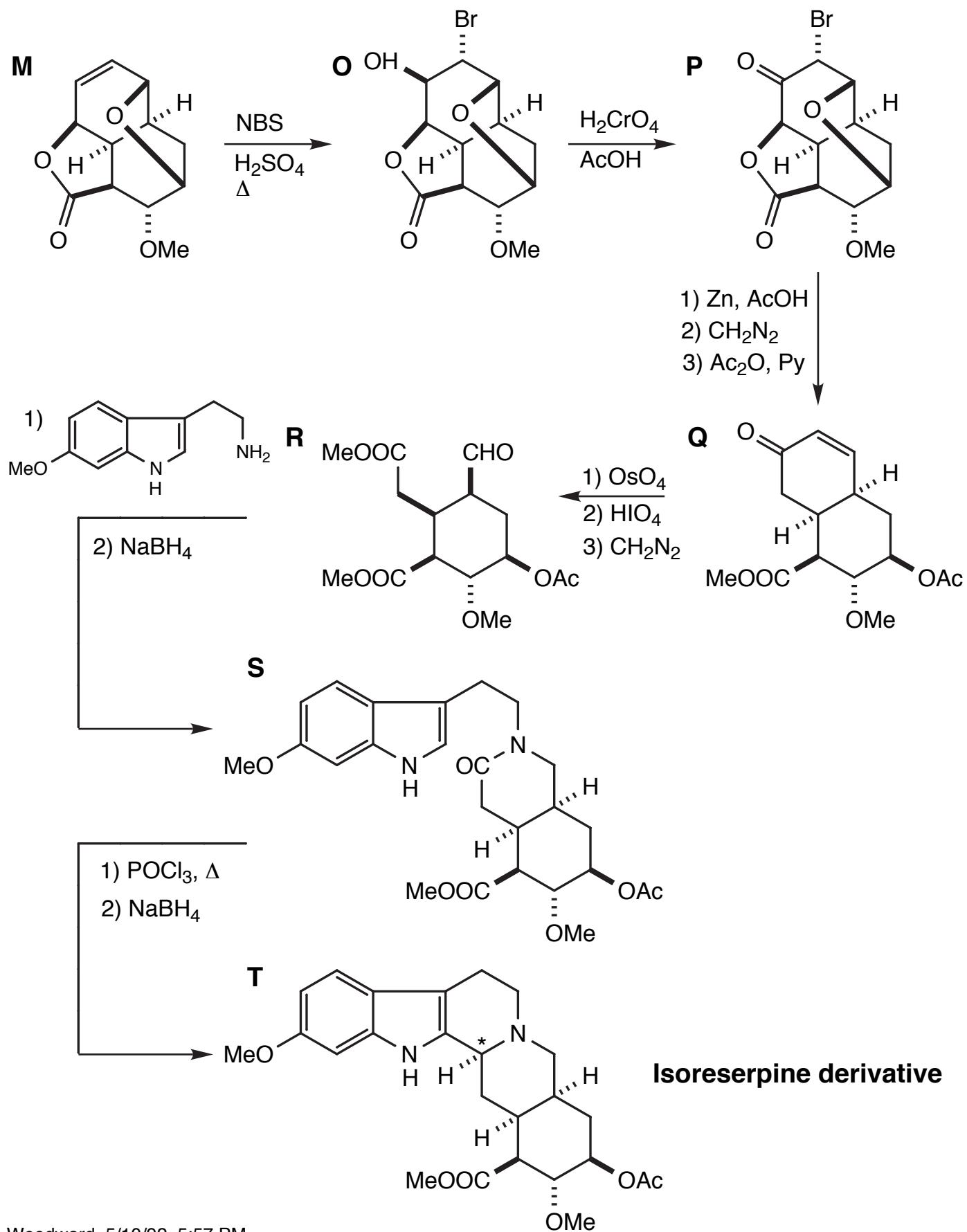
Reserpine was isolated in 1952 from the Indian snake root  
*Rauvolfia serpentina*

## Woodward-Retrosynthesis

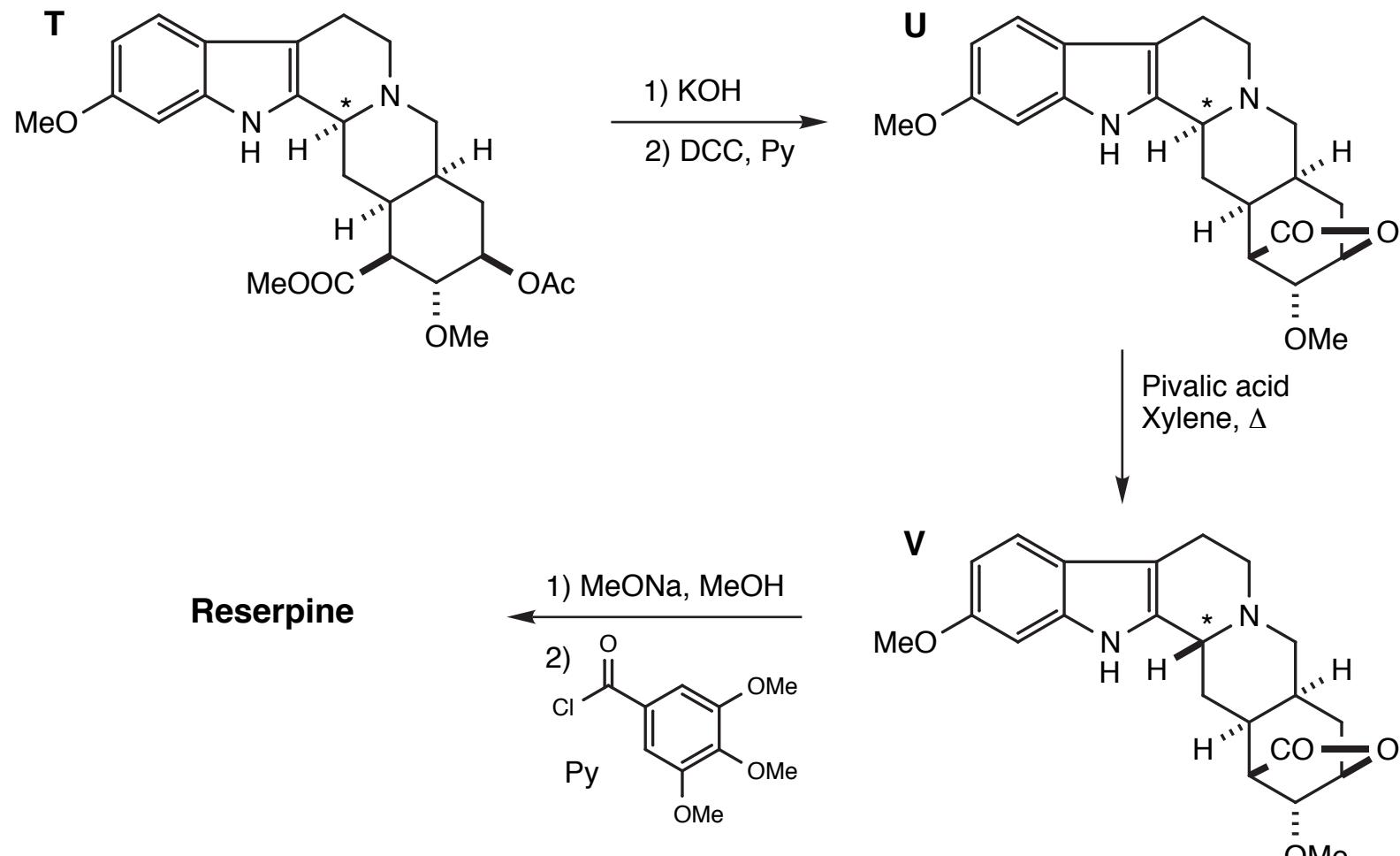




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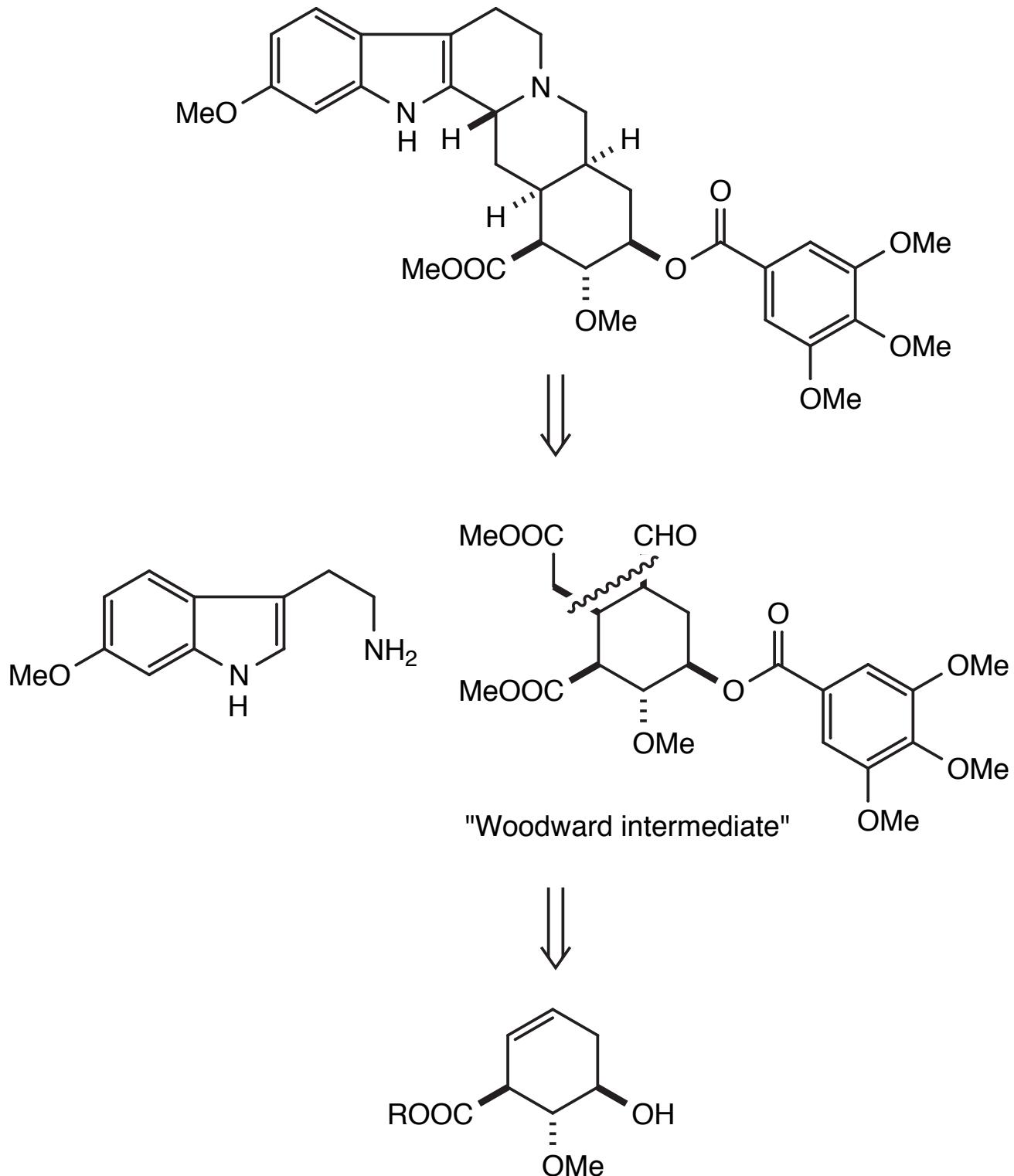


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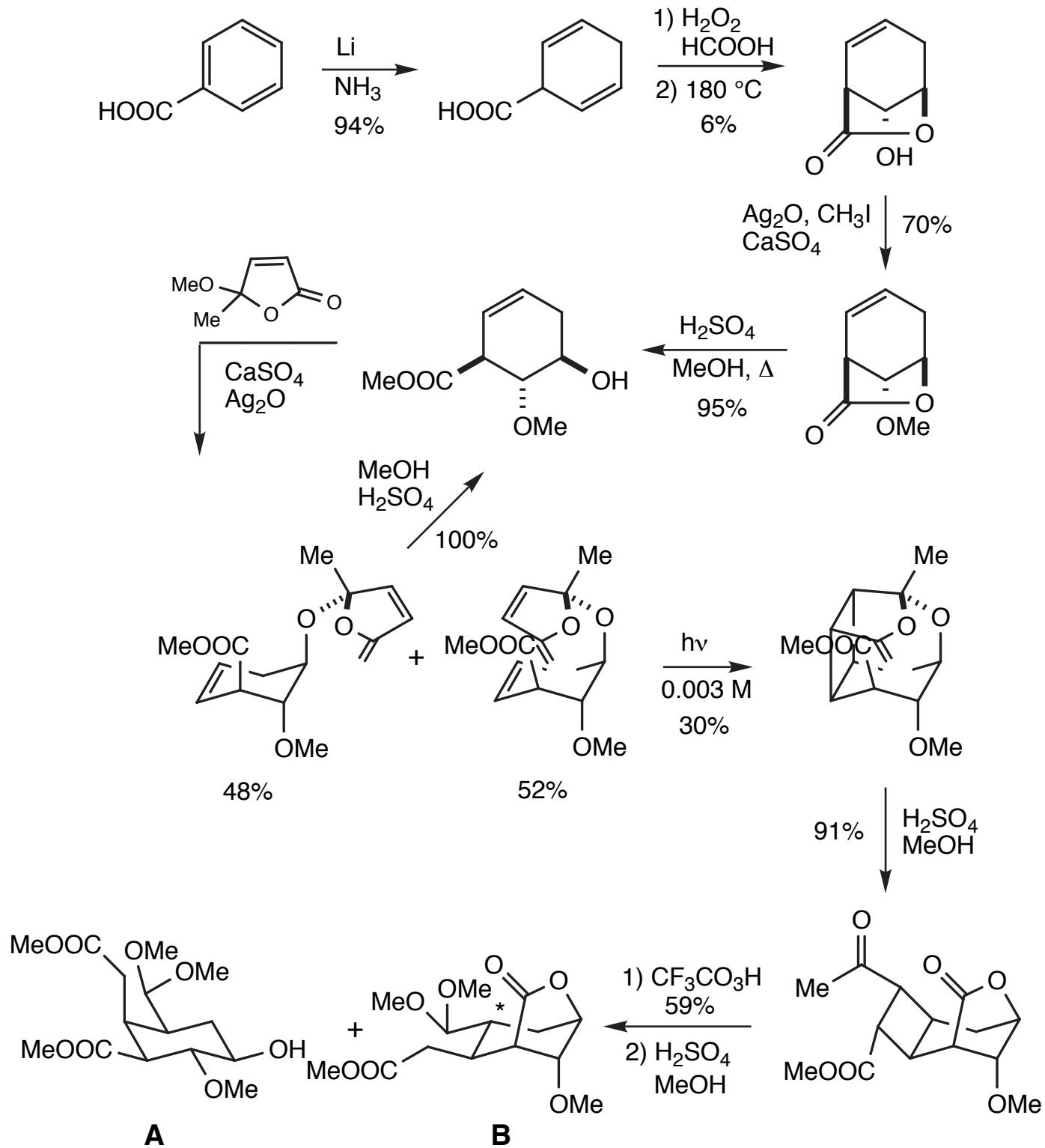


Resolution of (l)reserpine-(d)camphor sulfonate gives (-)-Reserpine

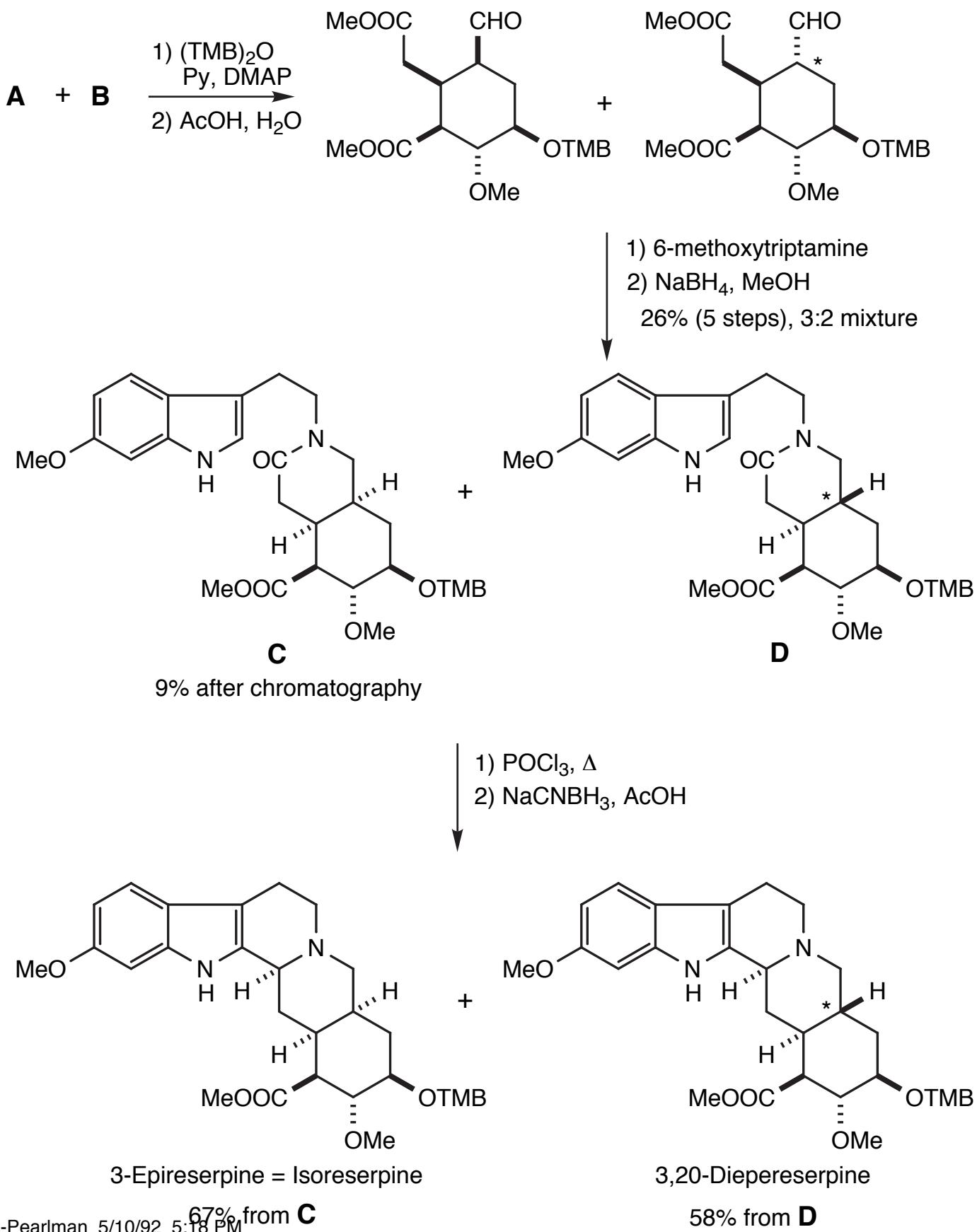
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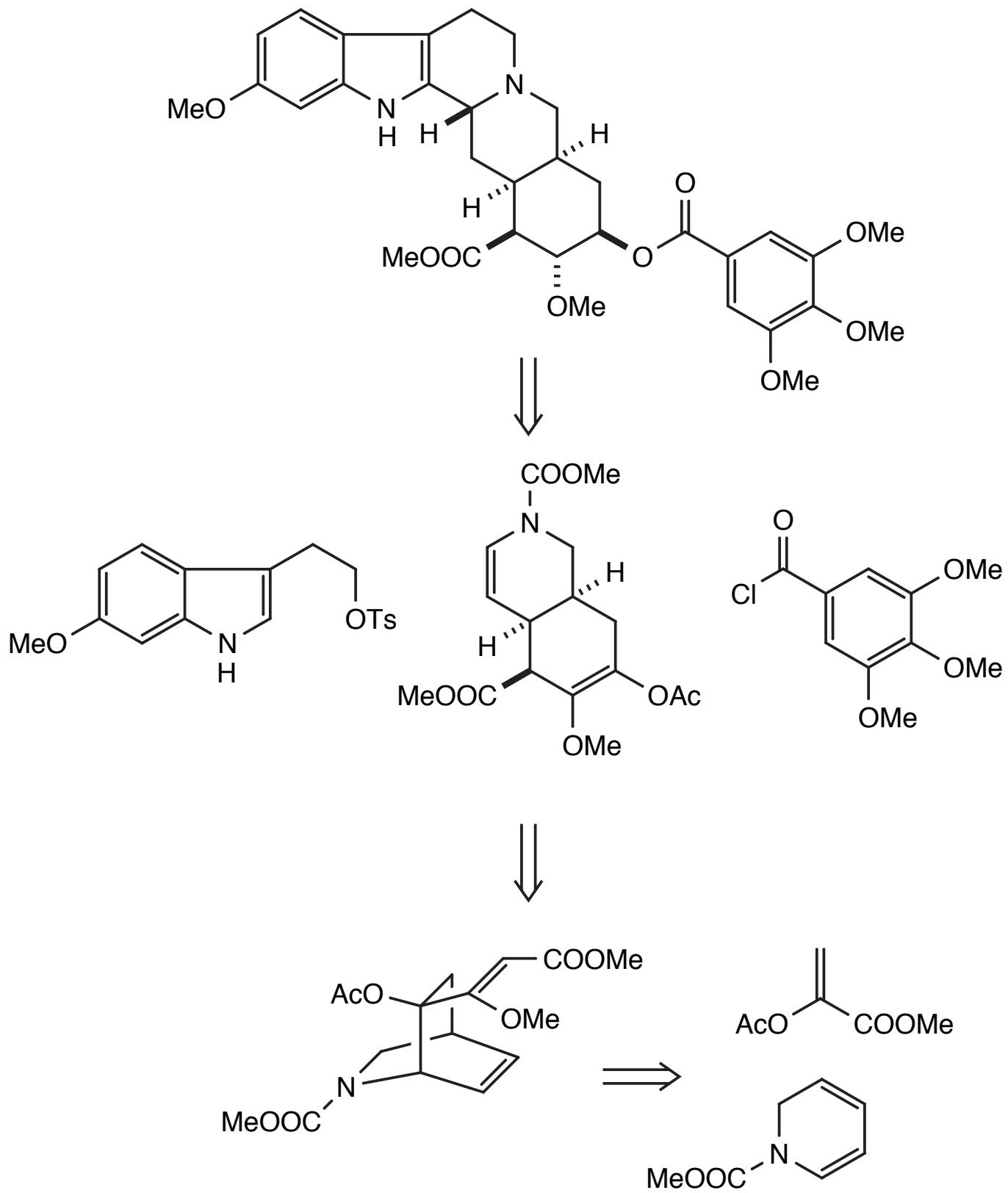
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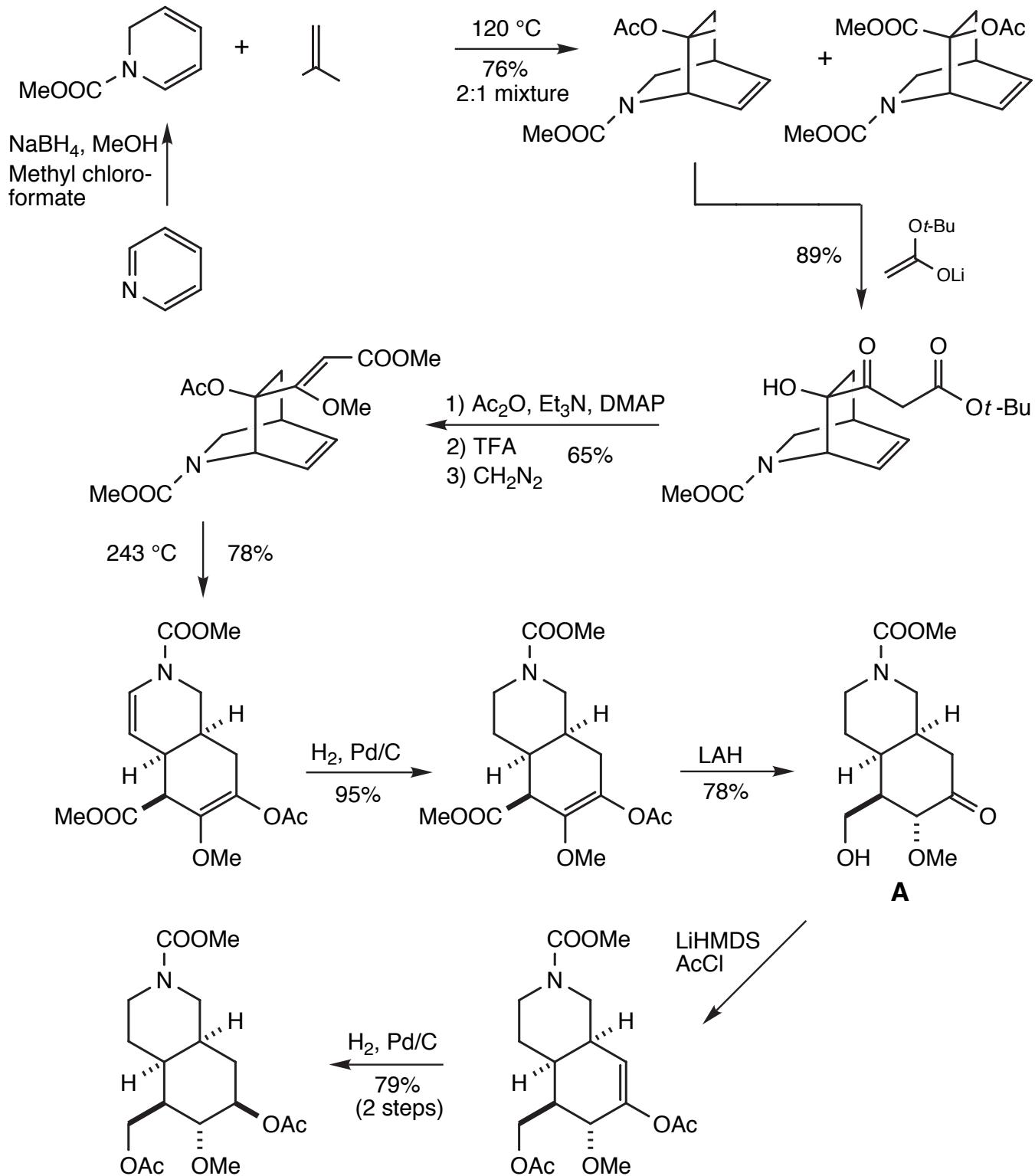
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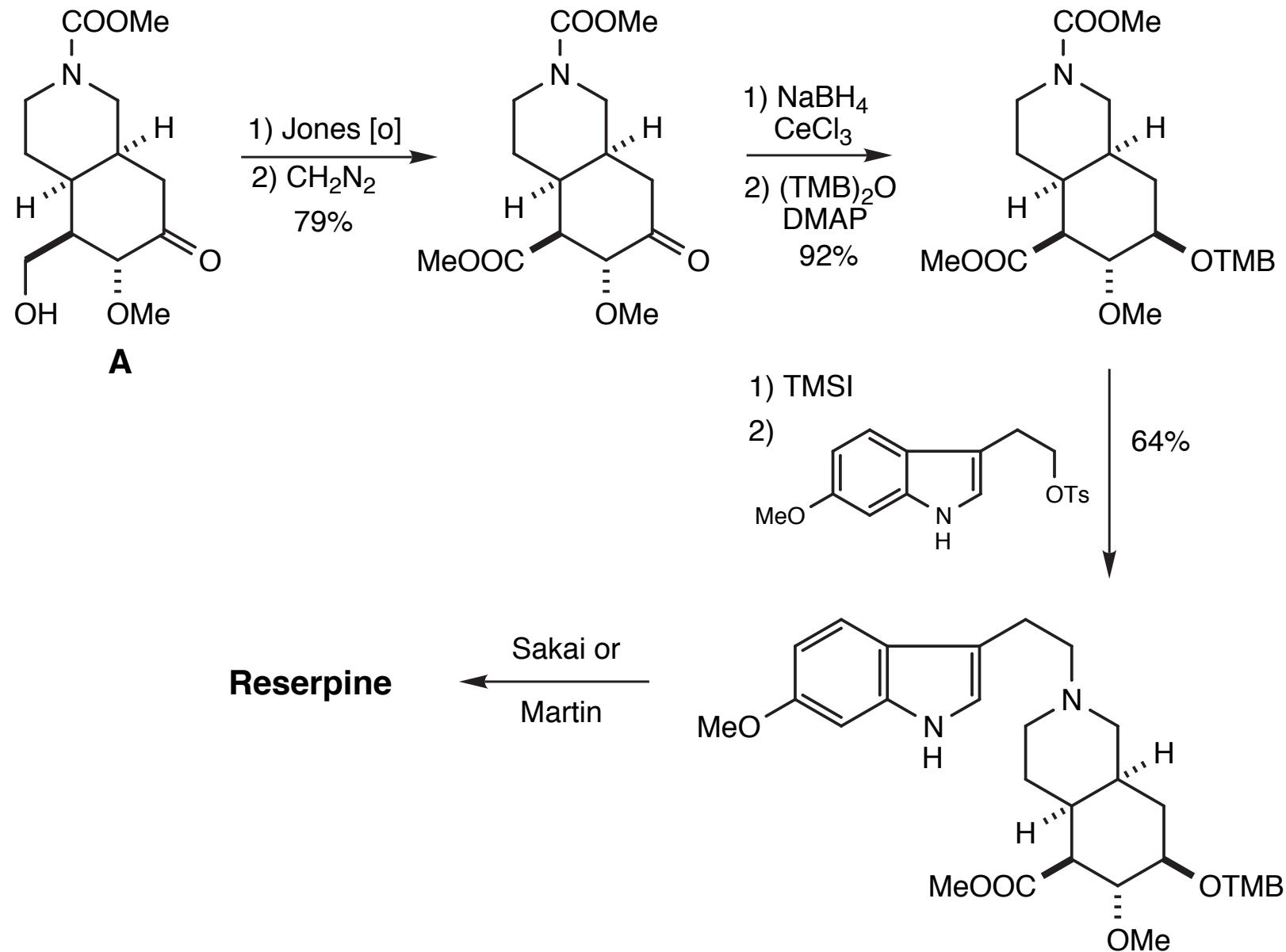
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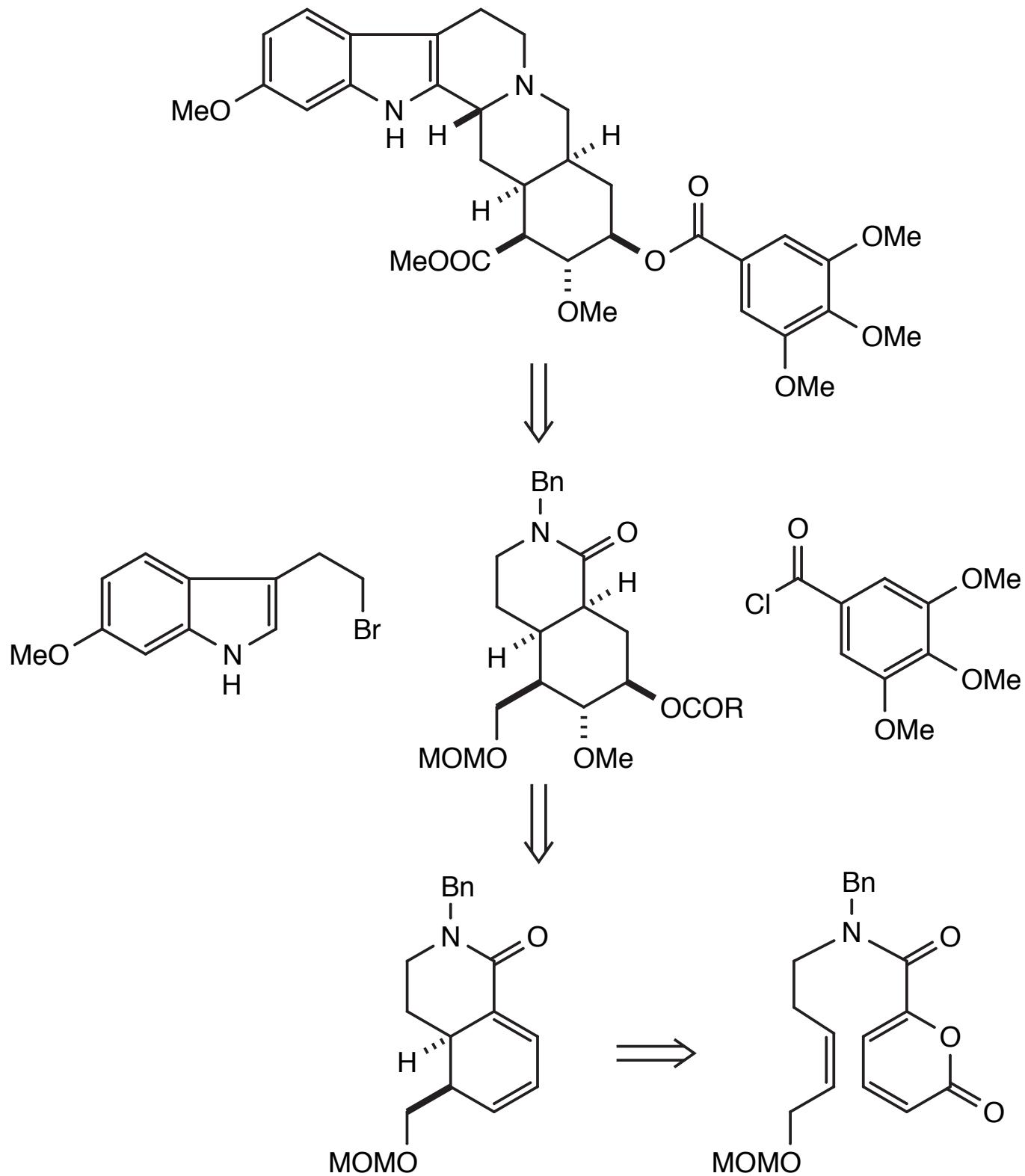
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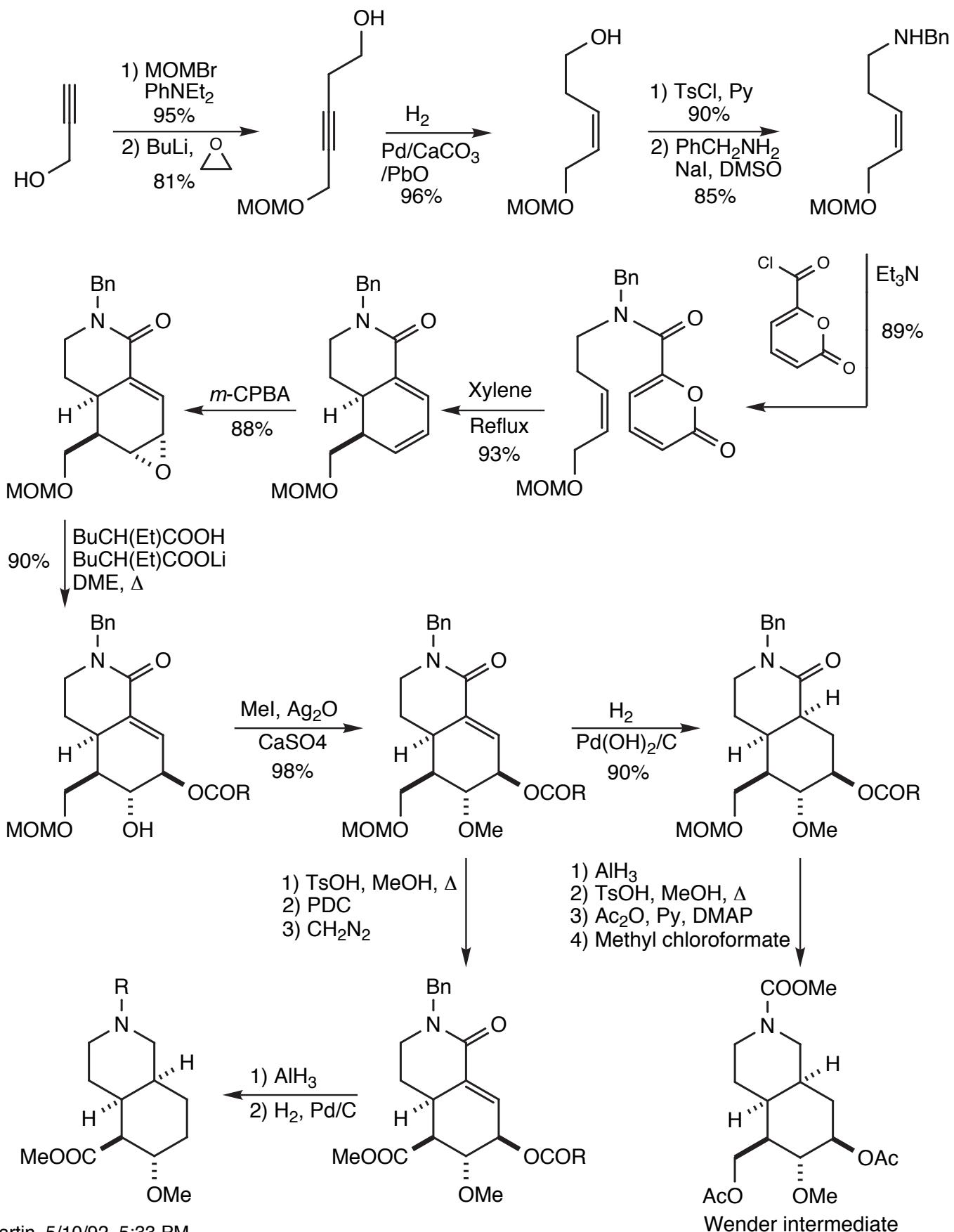
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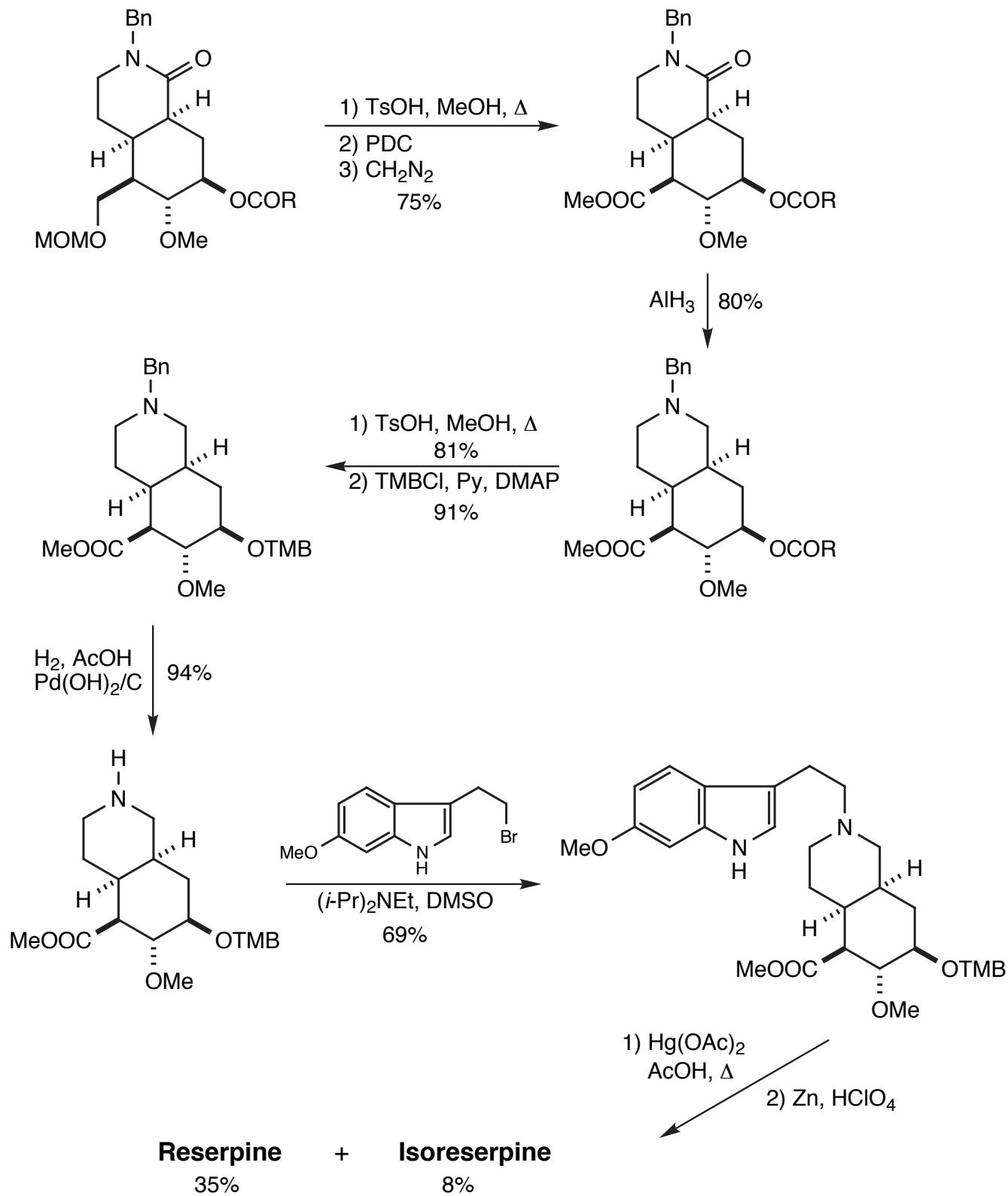
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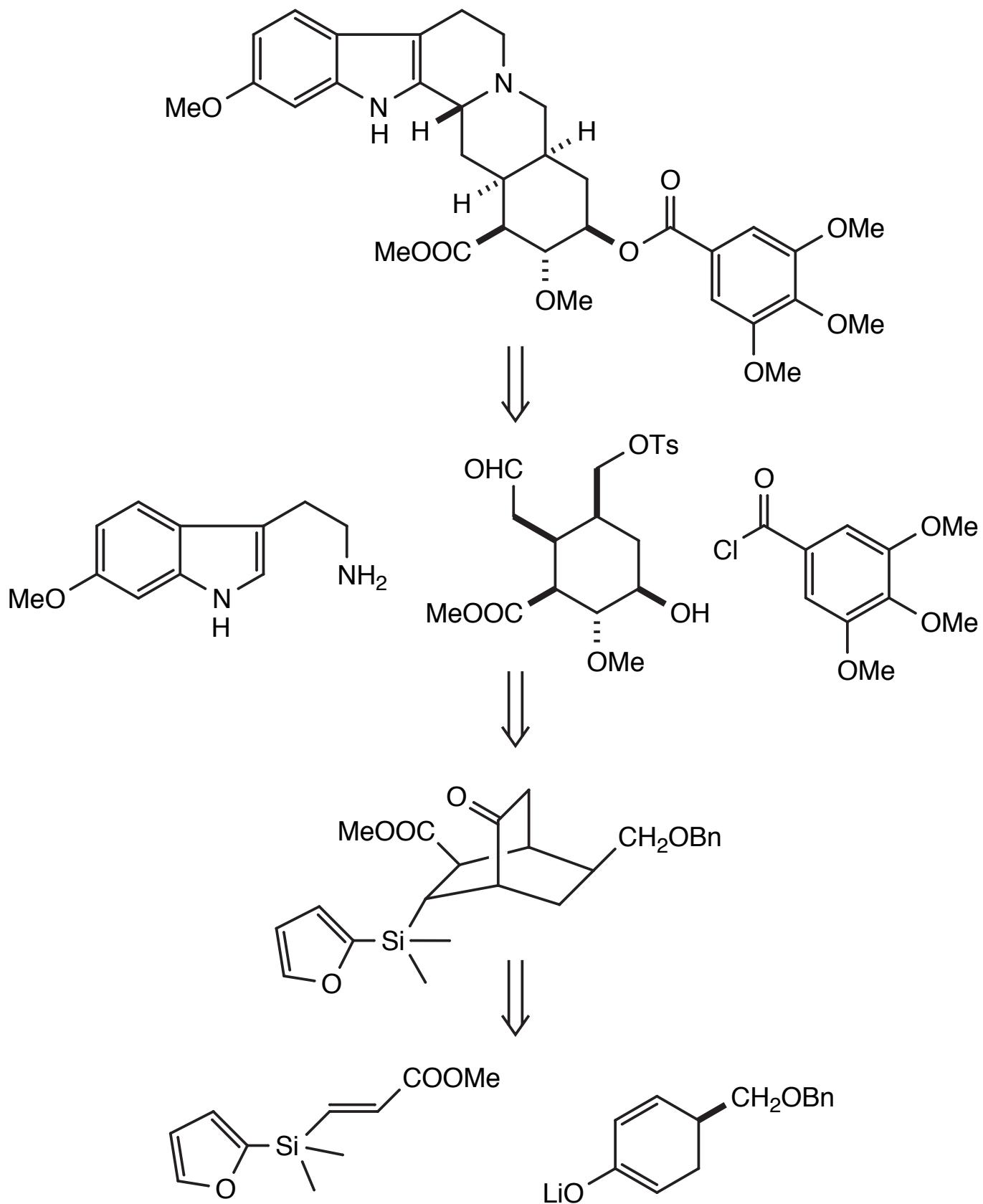
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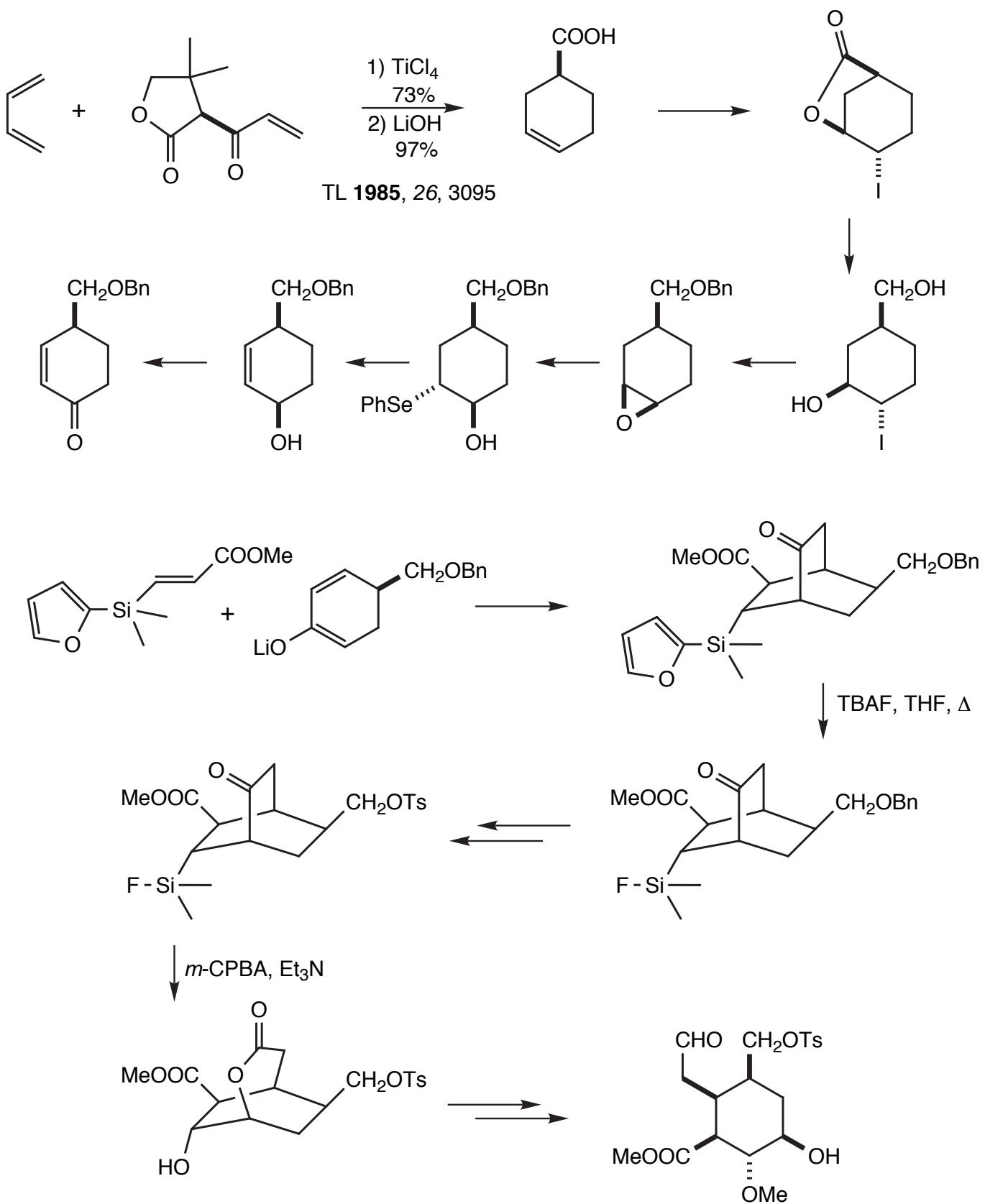
## Martin-Synthesis of Reserpine



## Stork-Retrosynthesis



## Stork-Synthesis of Ring E



## Stork-Synthesis of Reserpine

