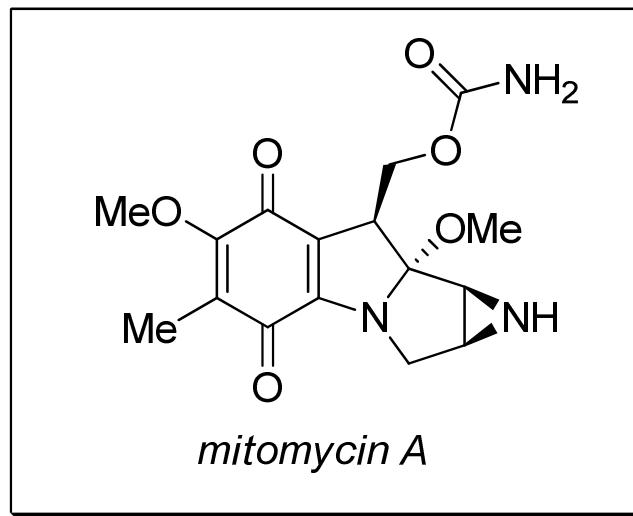


# Mitomycin



## Molecule in Review

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September 4, 2009

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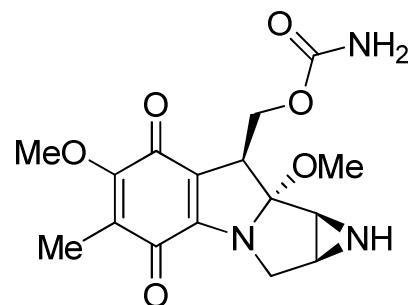
# *Mytomycins – A Brief History*

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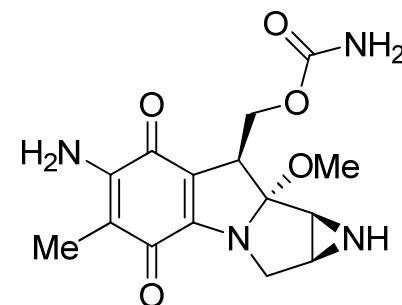
- Mitomycin A isolated from *streptomyces caespitosus* in 1956 – structure elucidated in 1962
- Currently 17 mitomycins known
- Sixteen of the known mitomycins exhibit biological activity – mostly antibiotic and antitumor
- Mitomycin C, aka *Mutamycin*, marketed by Bristol-Myers Squibb for the treatment of stomach and pancreatic cancer
- No commercial synthesis (isolated from the bacteria) and enantioselective route has never been completed

# *The Mitomycin Family*

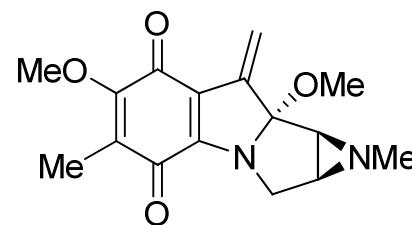
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*mitomycin A*



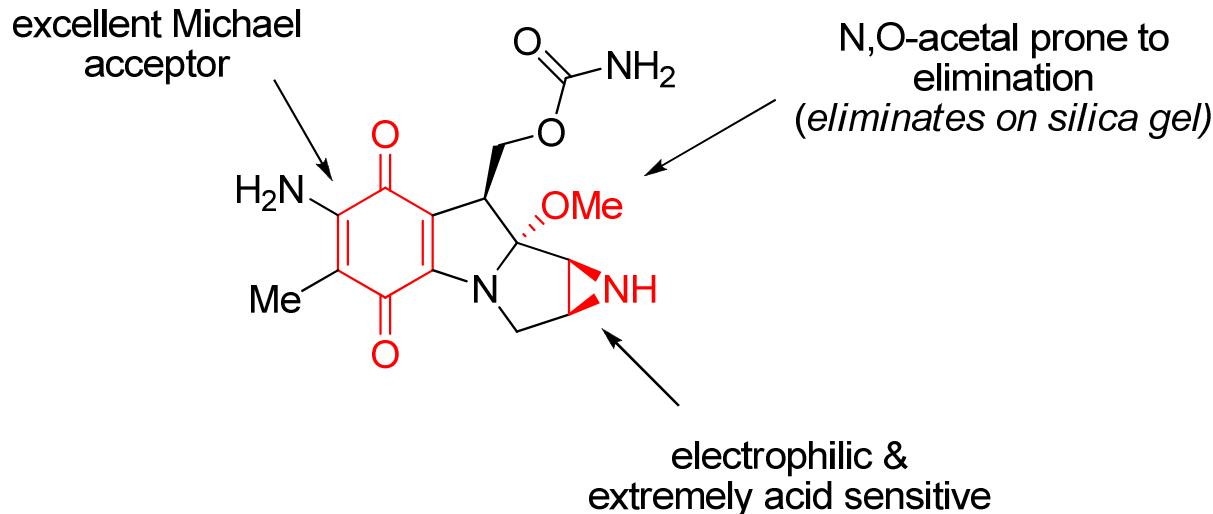
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*mitomycin K*

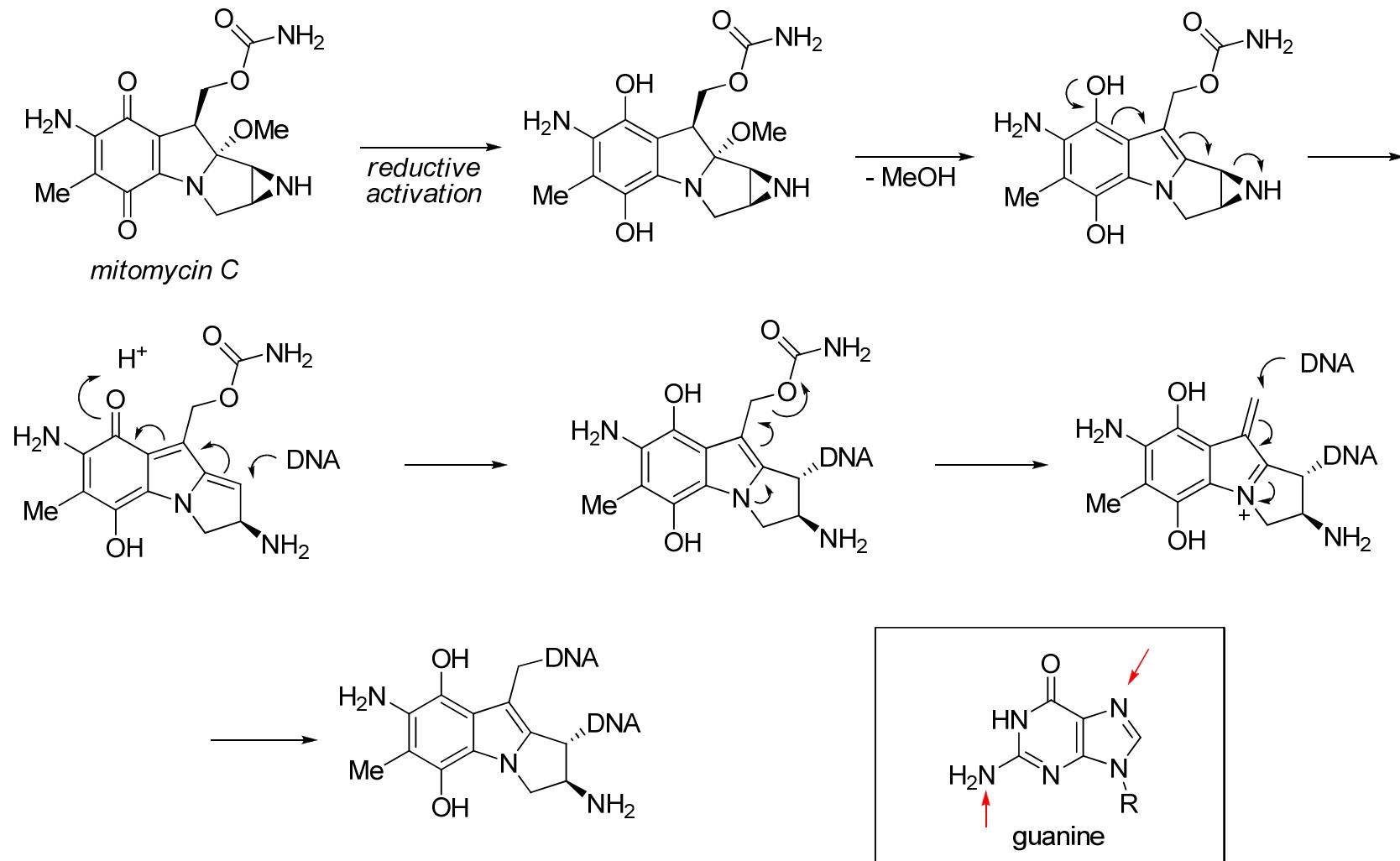
# *Synthetic Difficulties*

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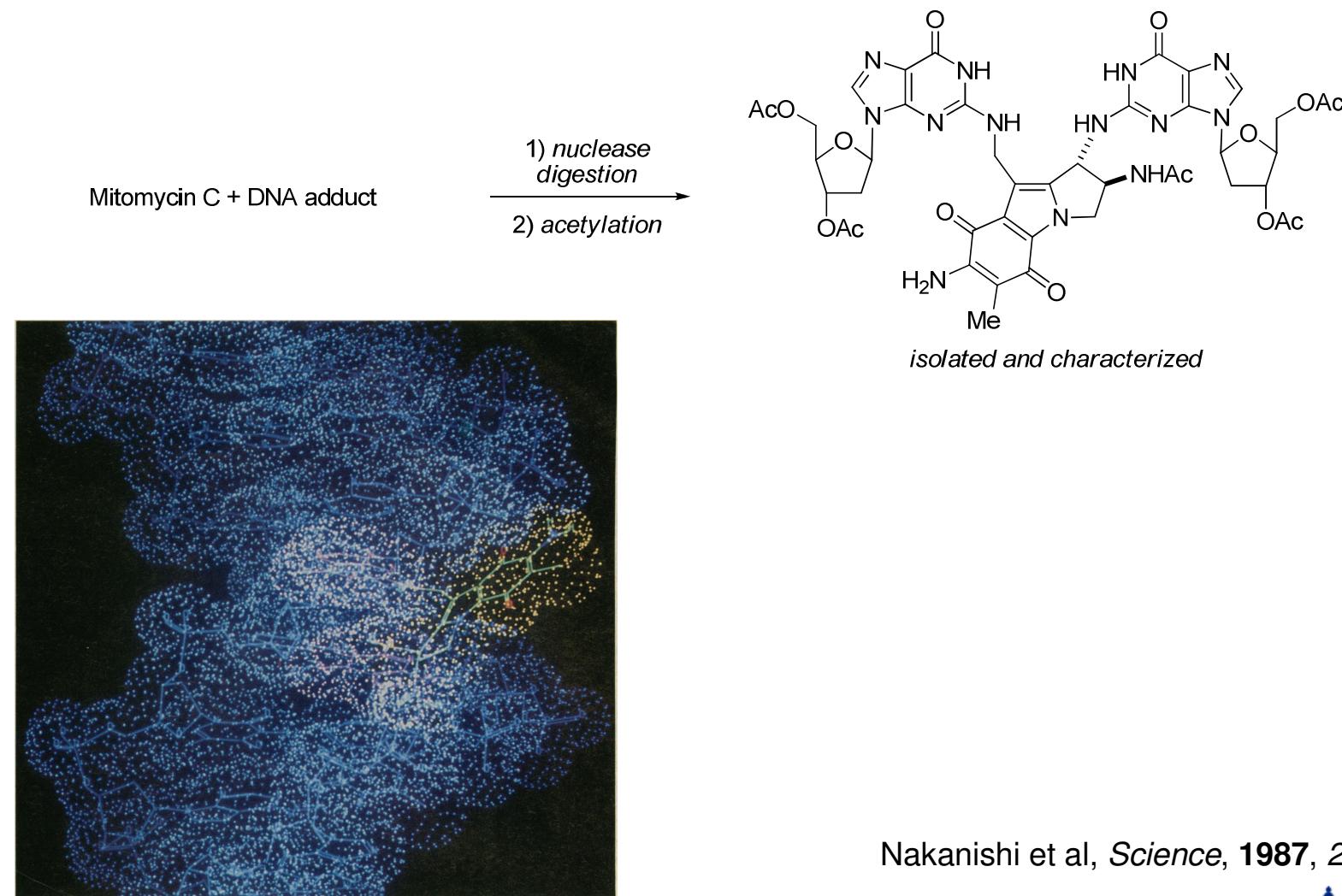
*"The synthesis of a mitomycin is the chemical equivalent of walking on egg shells"*  
-S. J. Danishefsky

# Mode of Action



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# *Mode of Action – A Koji Contribution*



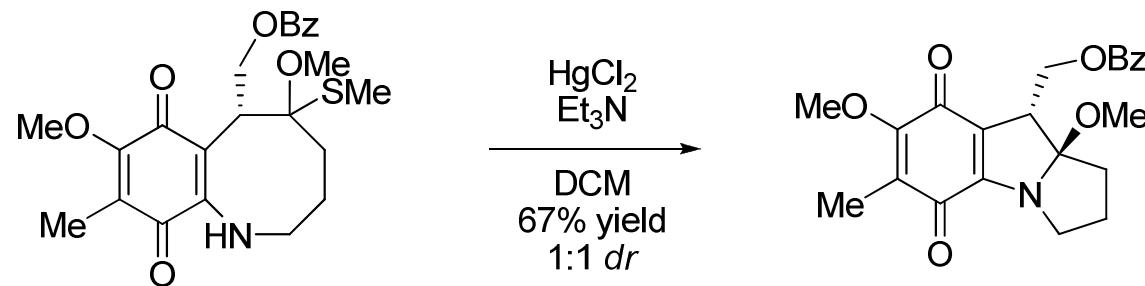
# *Total Syntheses*

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- Kishi – Mitomycins A & C, 1977
  - 45 & 46 steps, respectively
  - 0.05% overall yield (but 84% average yield!)
- Fukuyama – Mitomycins A & C, 1987
  - 29 & 30 steps, respectively
  - 7% overall yield
- Danishefsky – Mitomycin K, 1992
  - 12 steps
  - 0.3% overall yield
- Jimenez – Mitomycin K, 1996
  - 13 steps
  - 1.4% overall yield

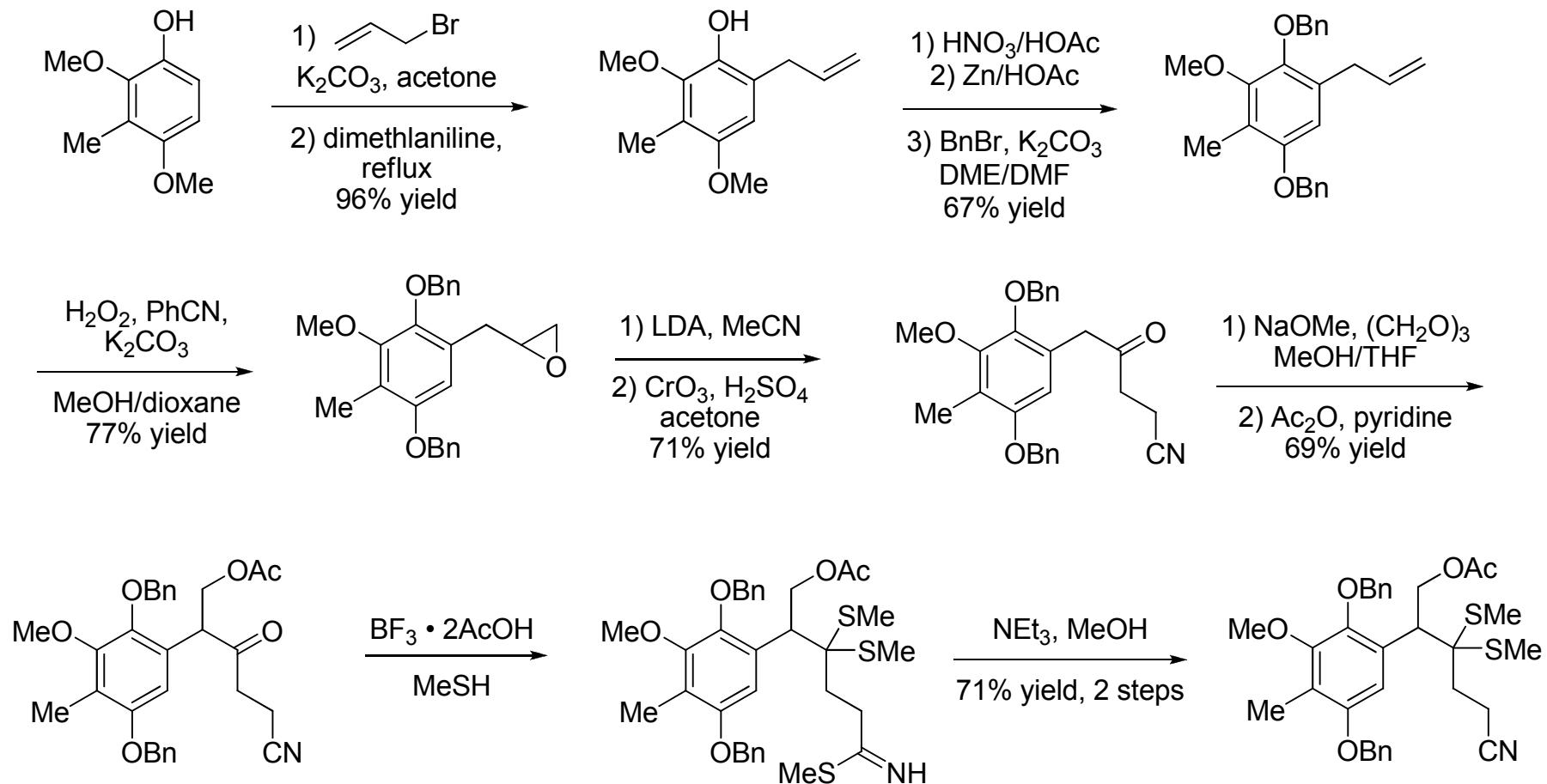
# *Kishi Synthesis – Early Investigations*

- Trans-annular cyclization approach



Kishi et al, JACS, 1977, 99, 4835

# Kishi Synthesis

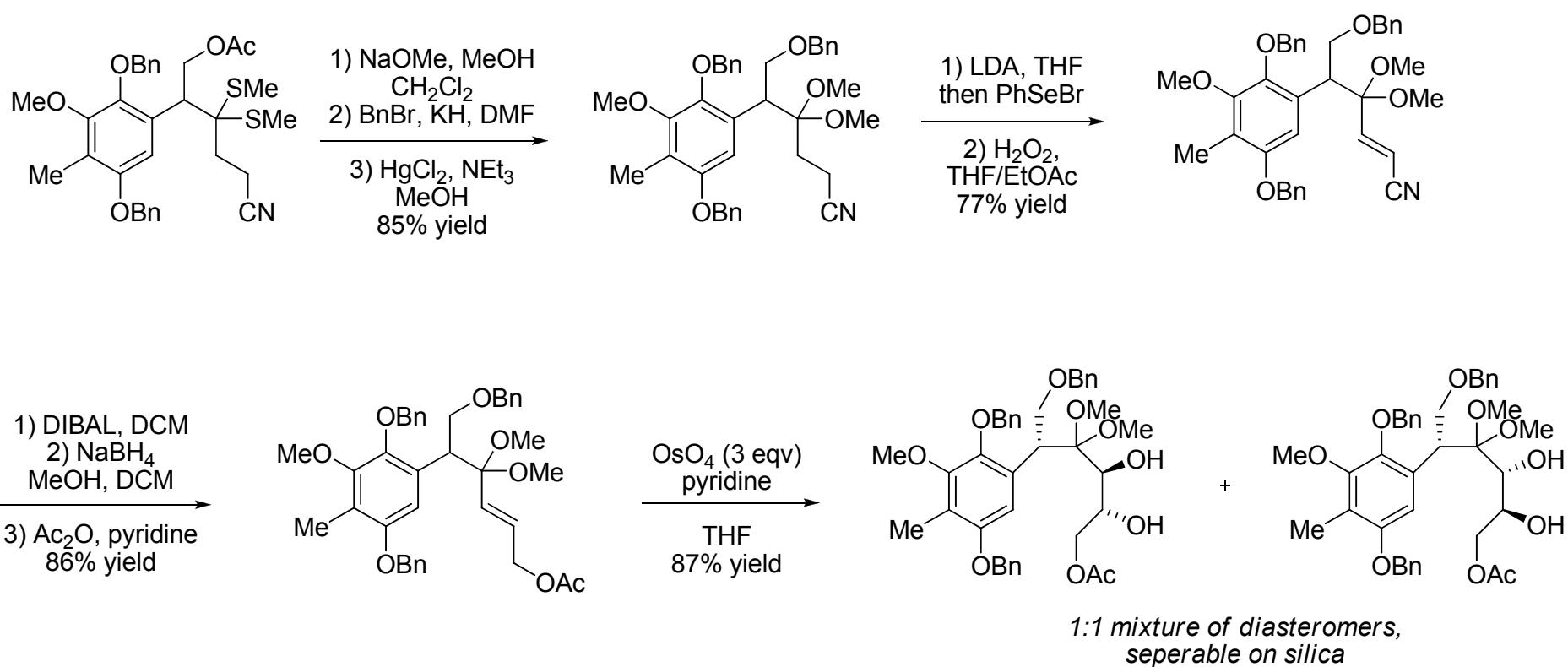


*attempts to form simple acetals caused elimination of the acetoxy (or hydroxy) group*

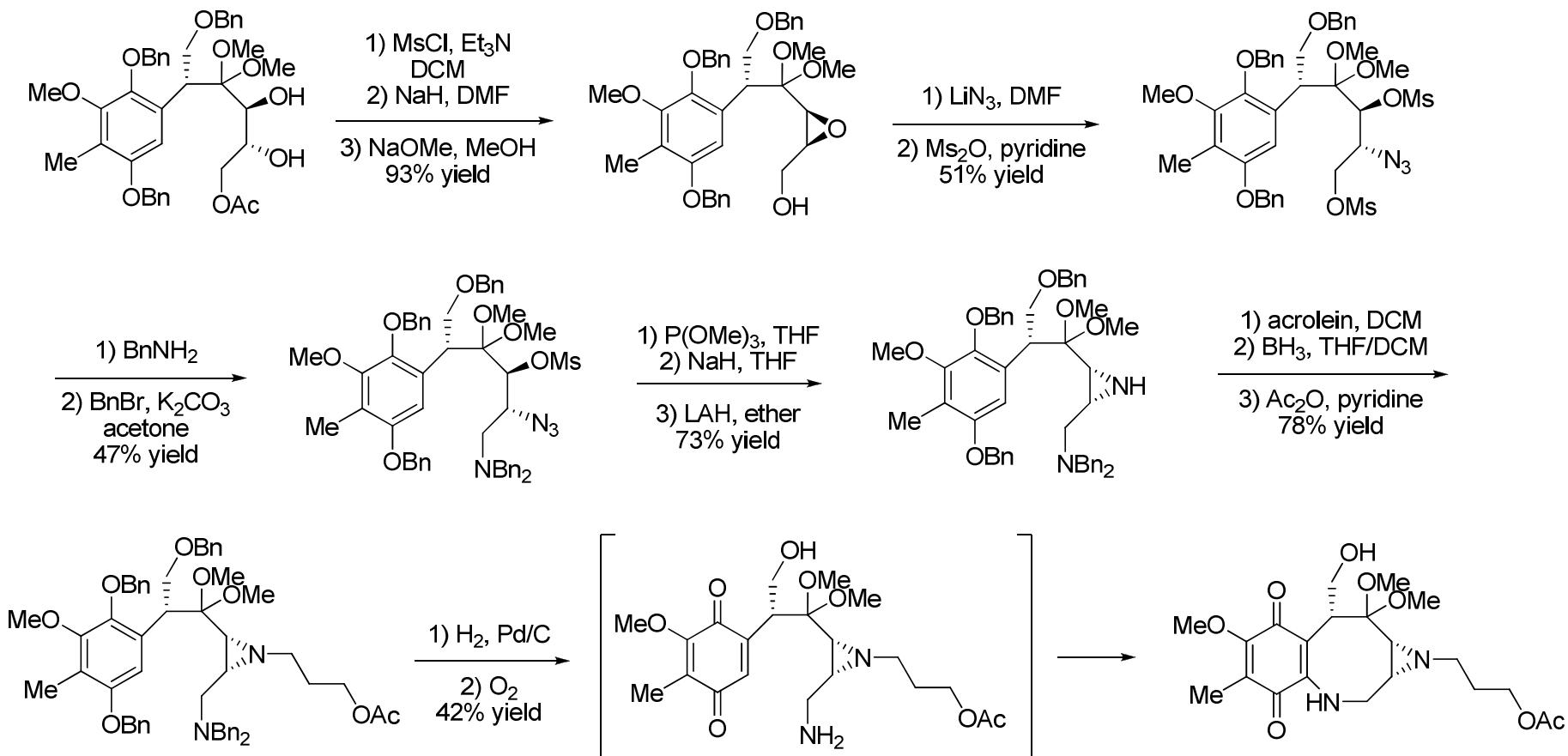
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# Kishi Synthesis – Getting Closer

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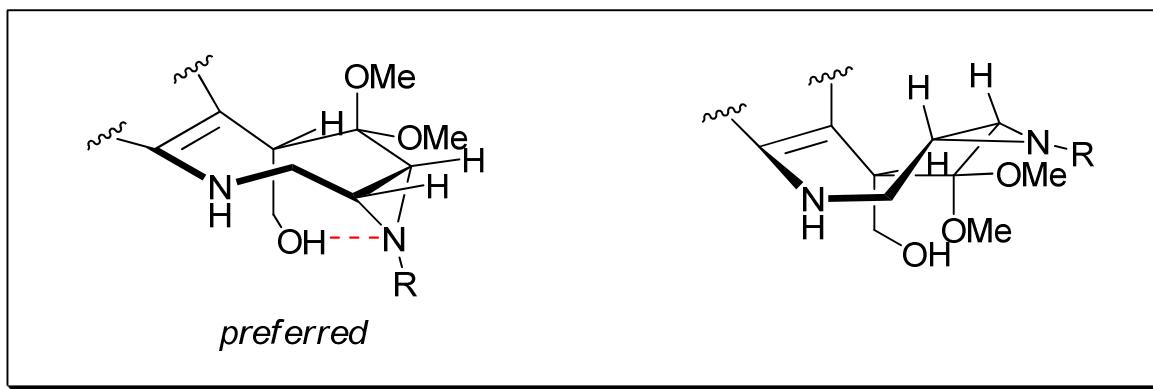
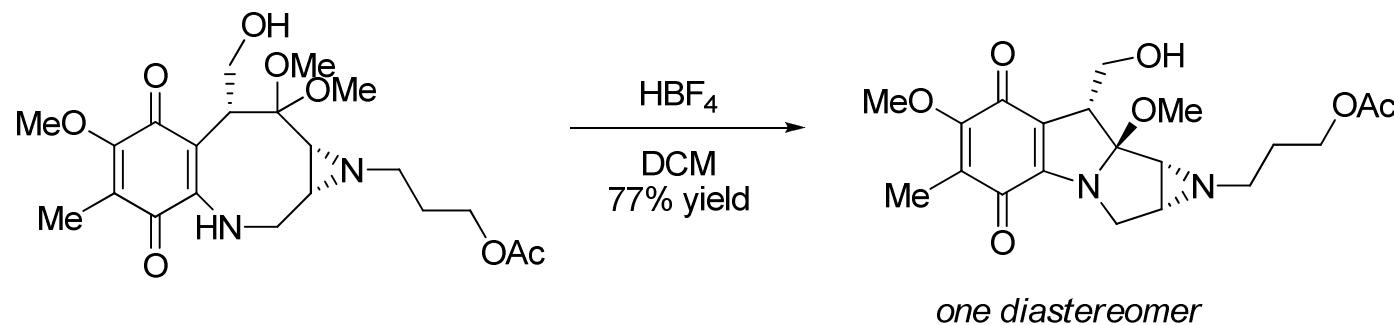


# Kishi Synthesis - Macrocyclization

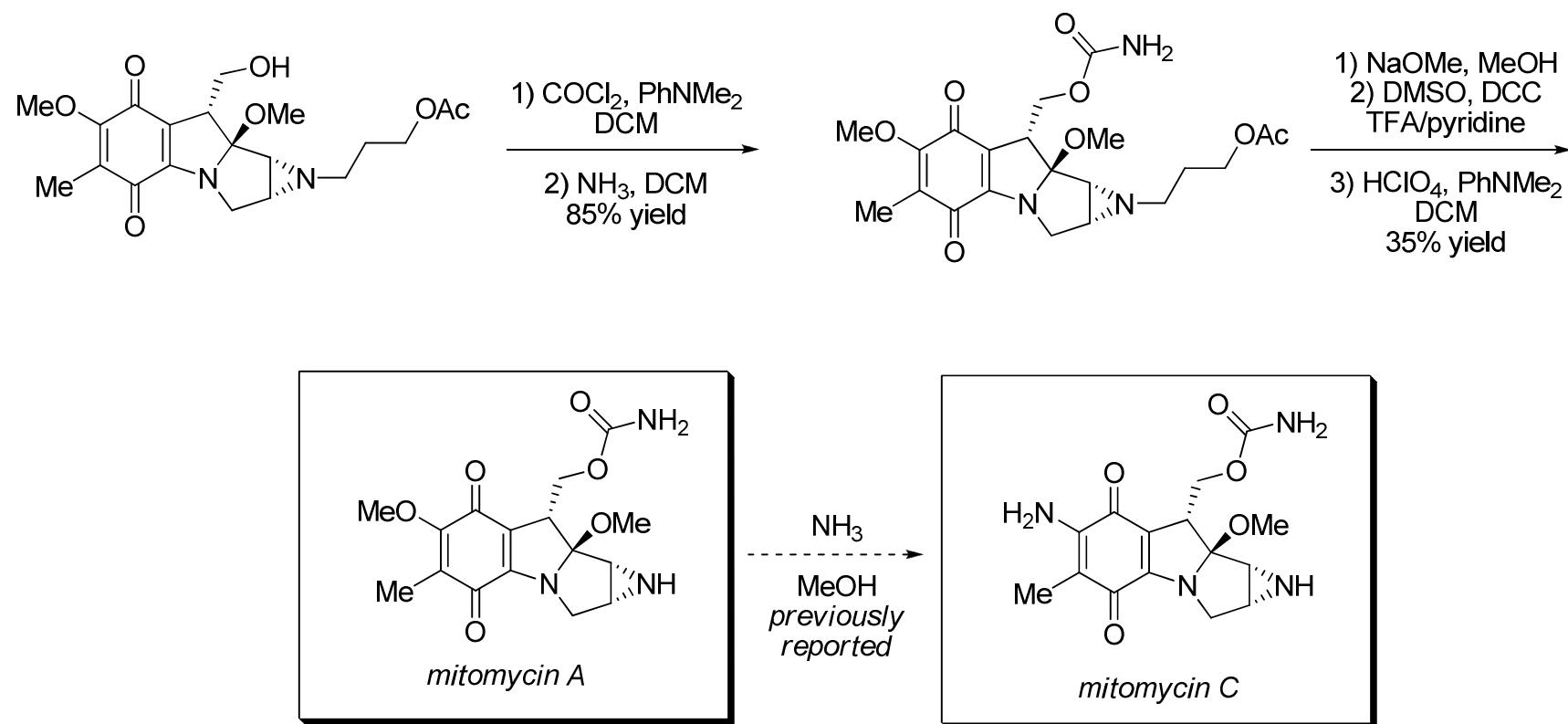


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# Kishi Synthesis – Key Step!



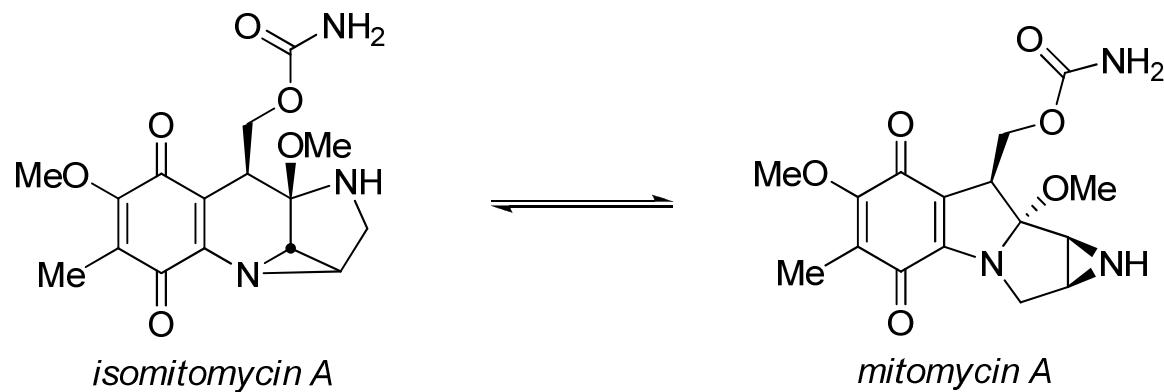
# Kishi Synthesis – End Game



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# *An Interesting Equilibrium*

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Mechanism?

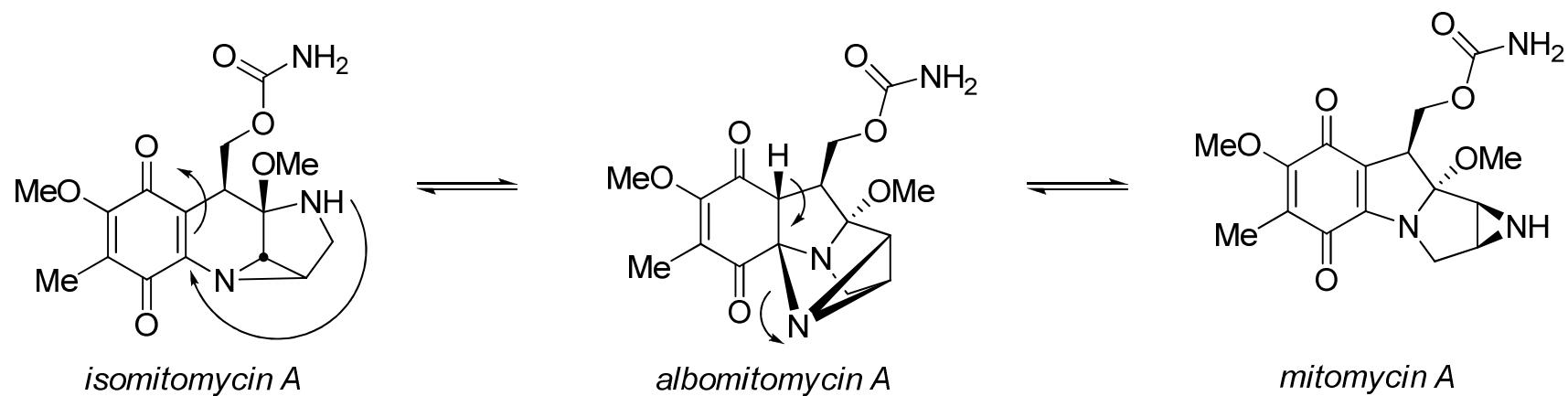
Kono et al, JACS, 1987, 109, 7224

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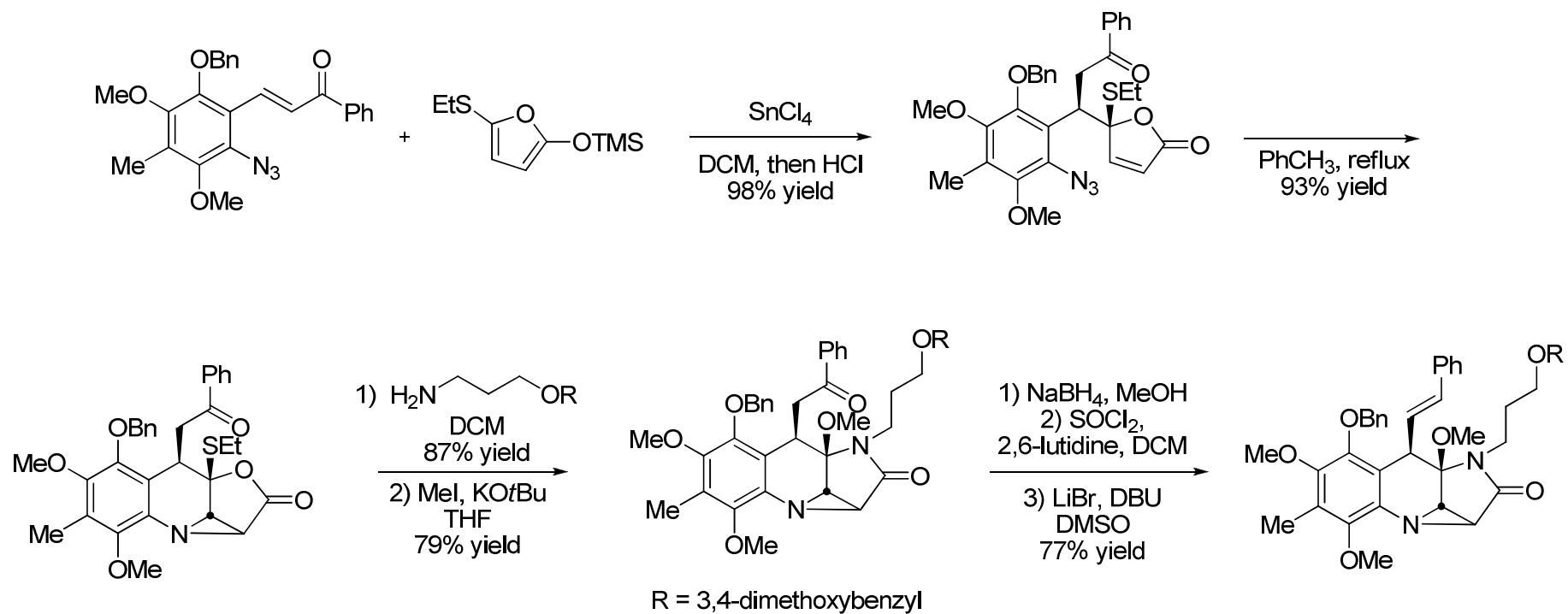


# Mechanism: Answer

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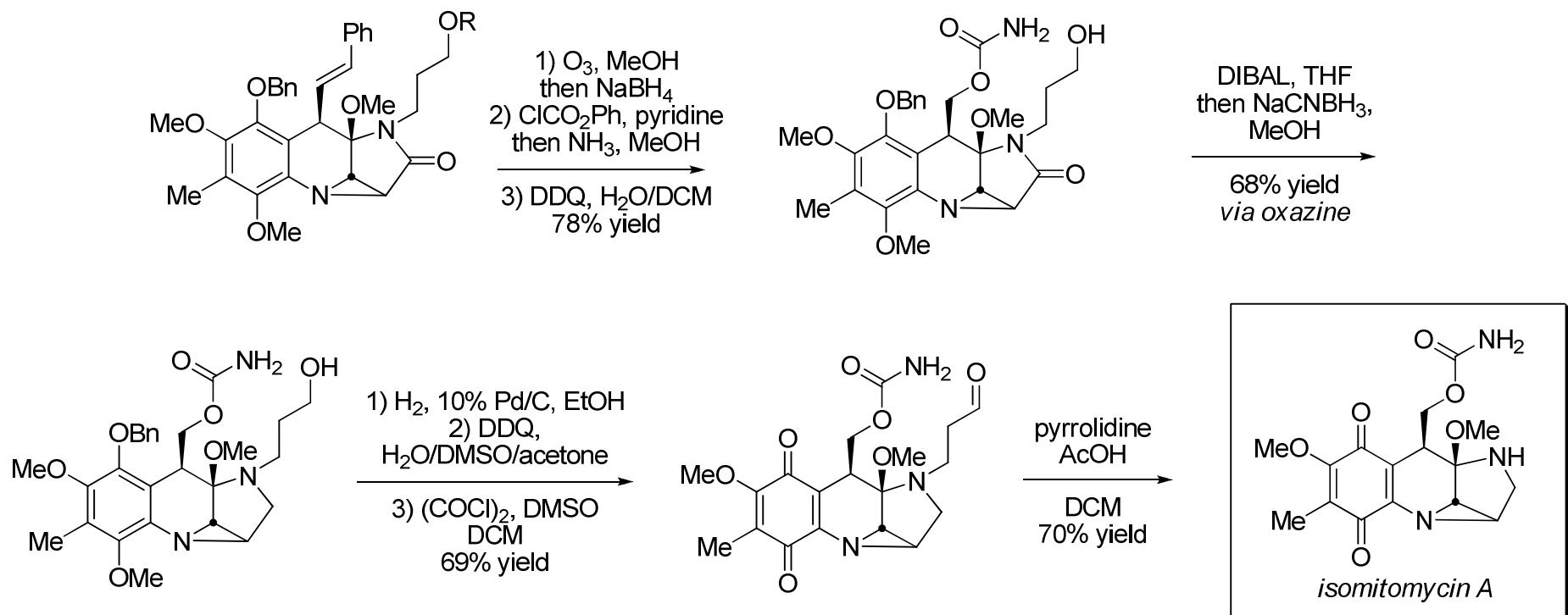
# Fukuyama Synthesis



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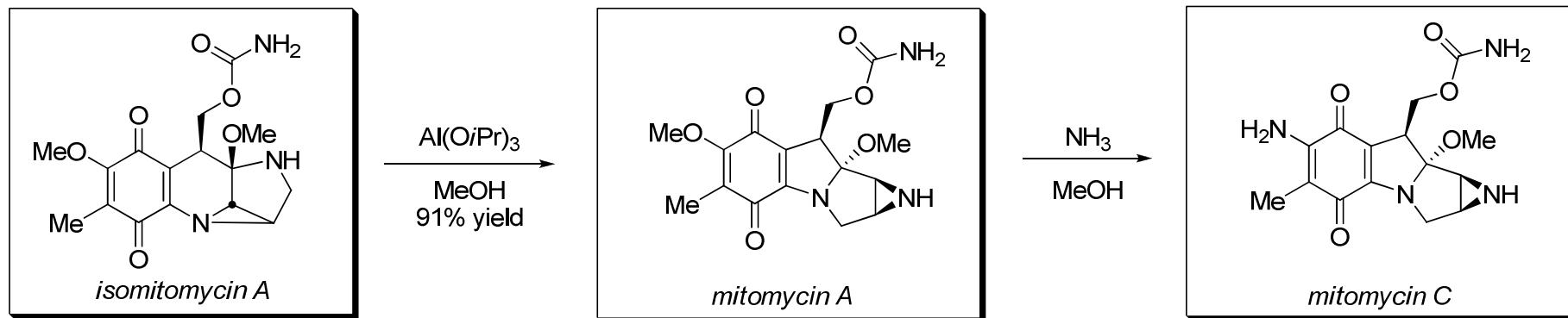
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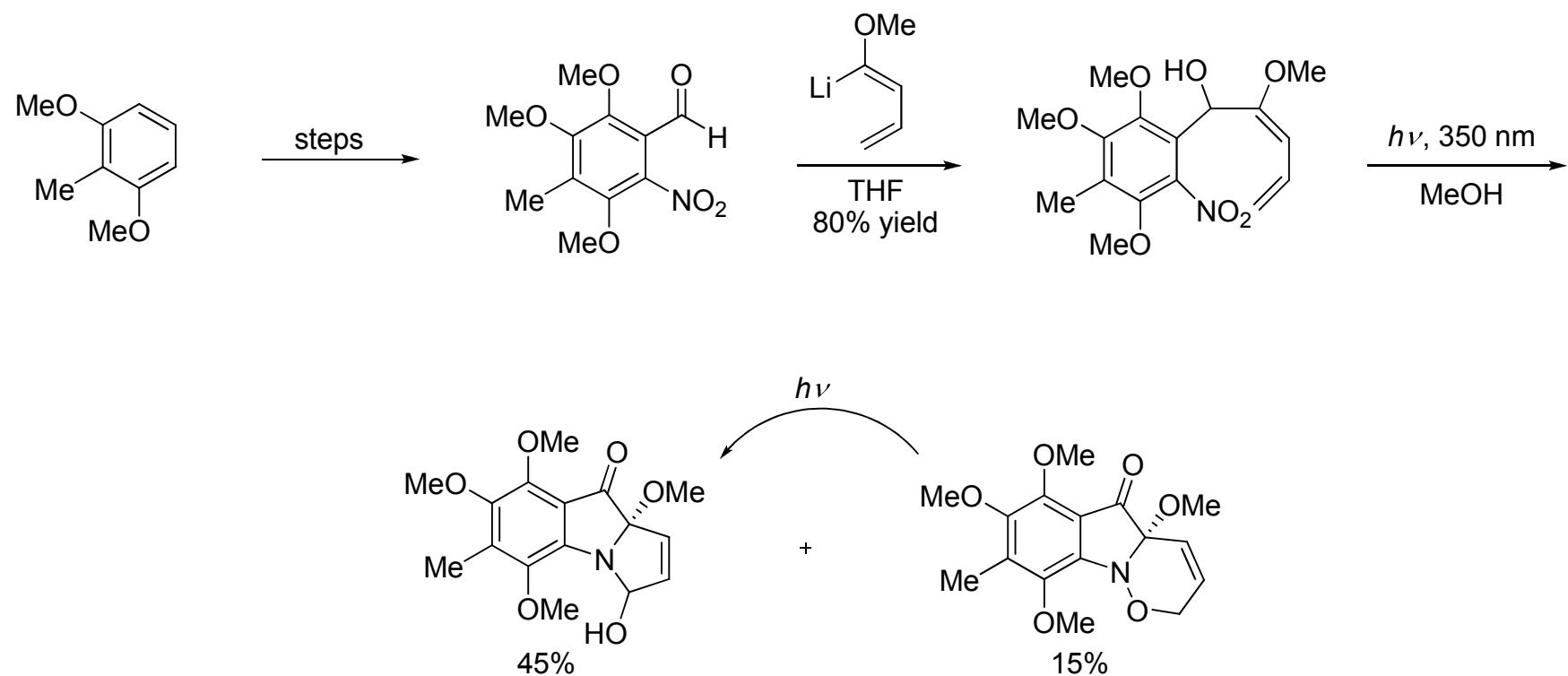
# Fukuyama End Game

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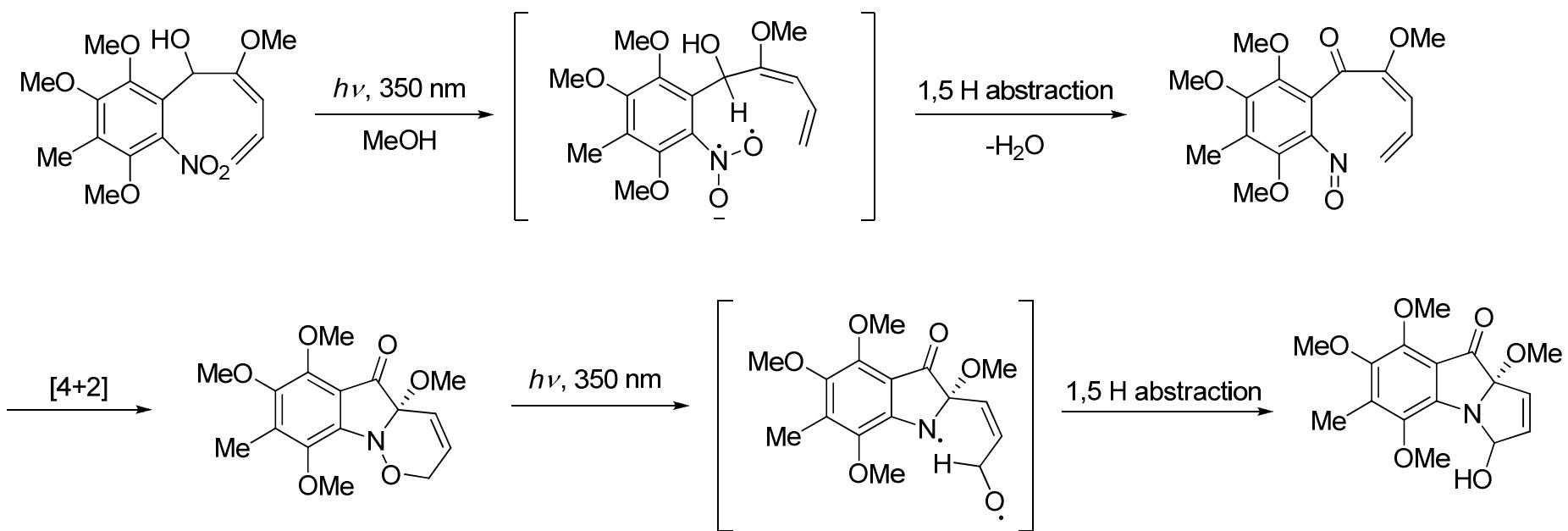
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# Danishefsky Synthesis



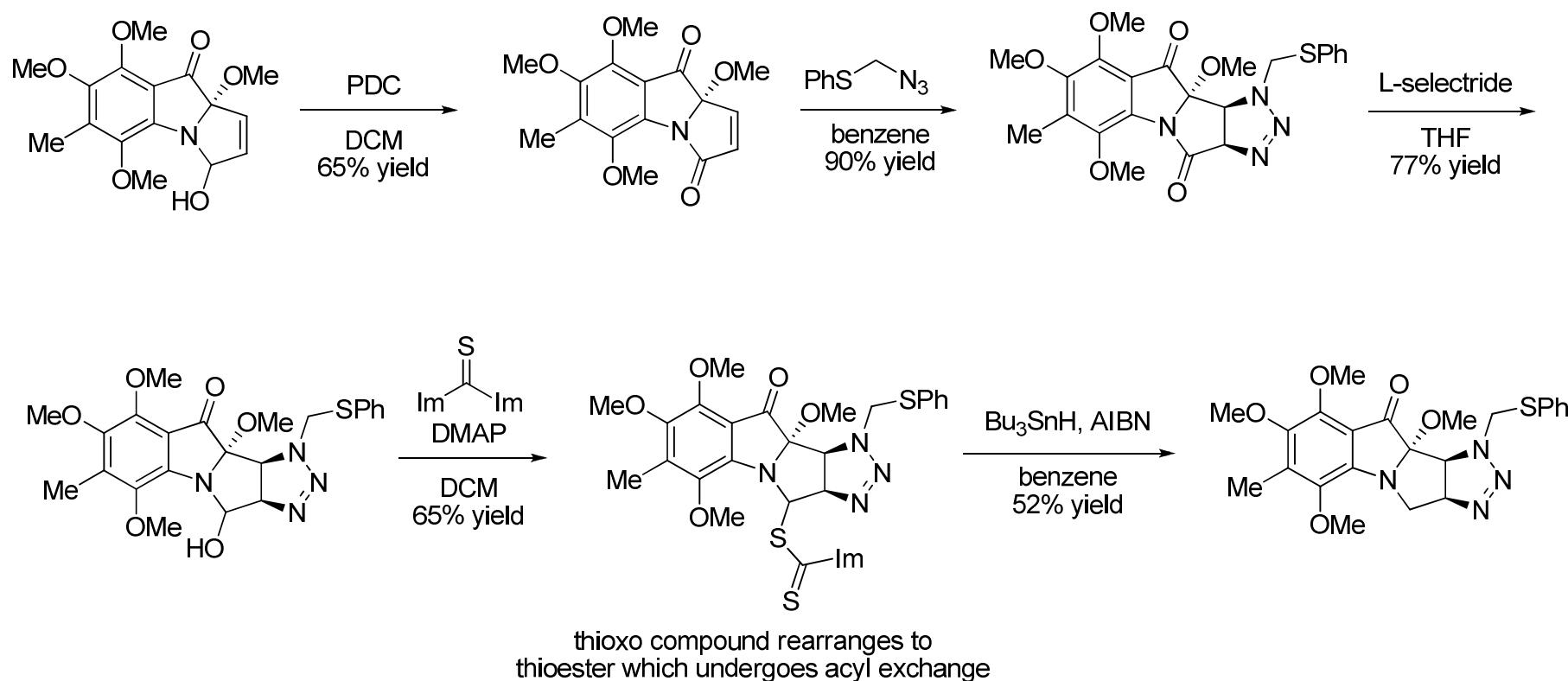
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# Radical Cyclization Mechanism



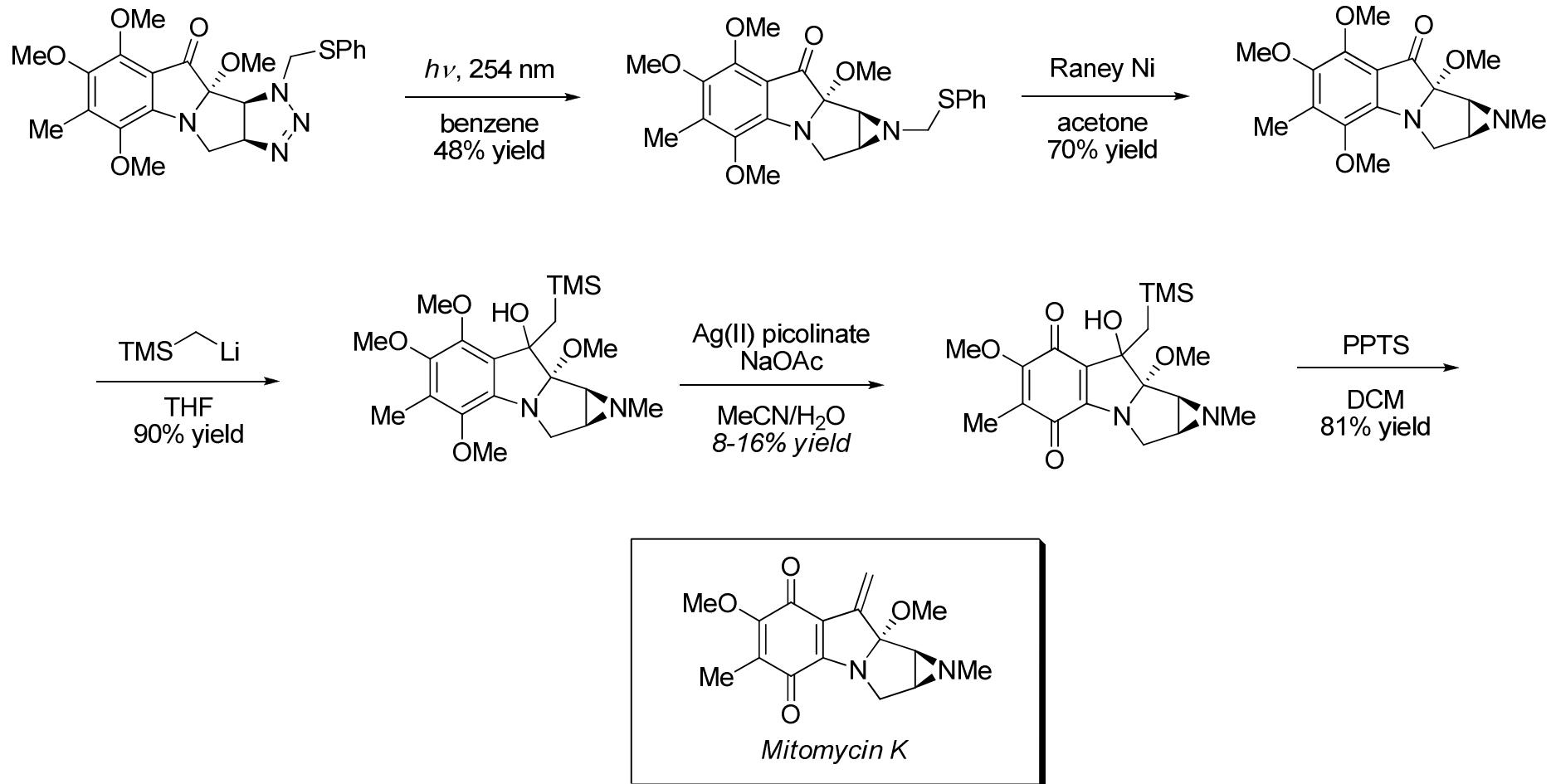
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# Danishefsky Synthesis



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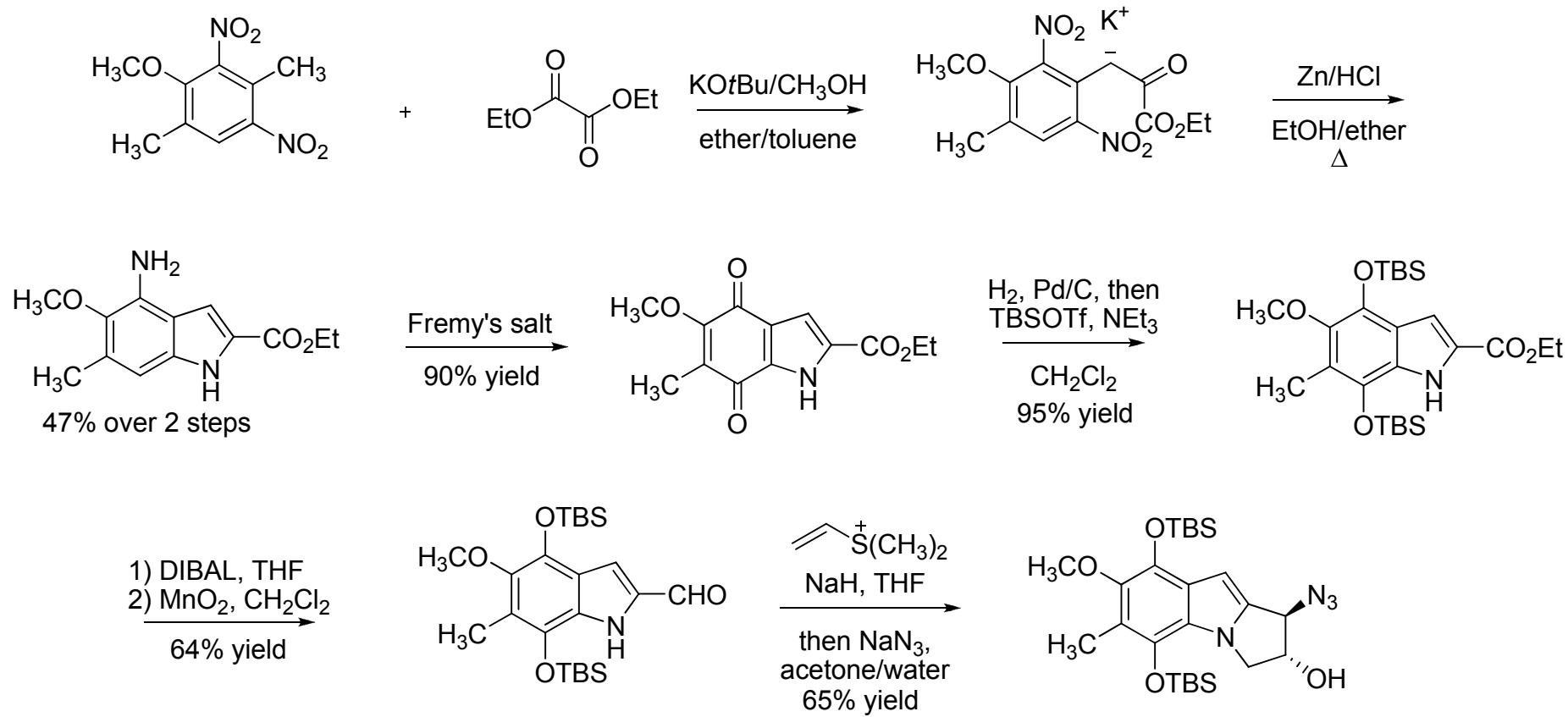
# Danishefsky End Game



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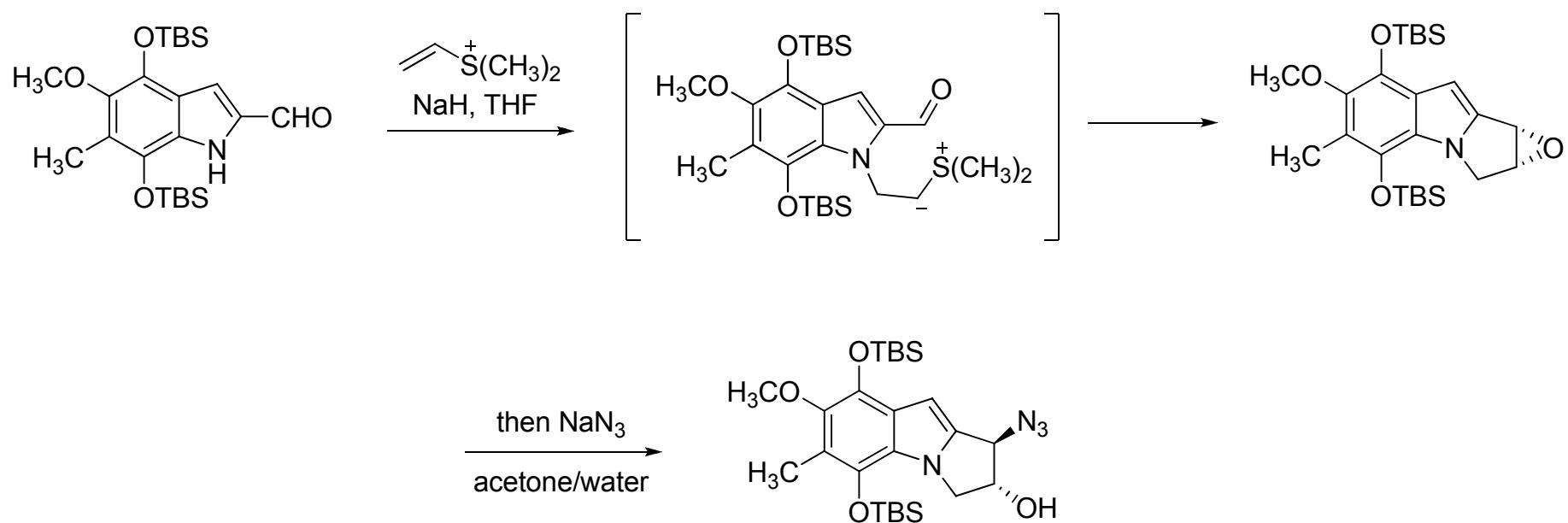
# Jimenez Approach

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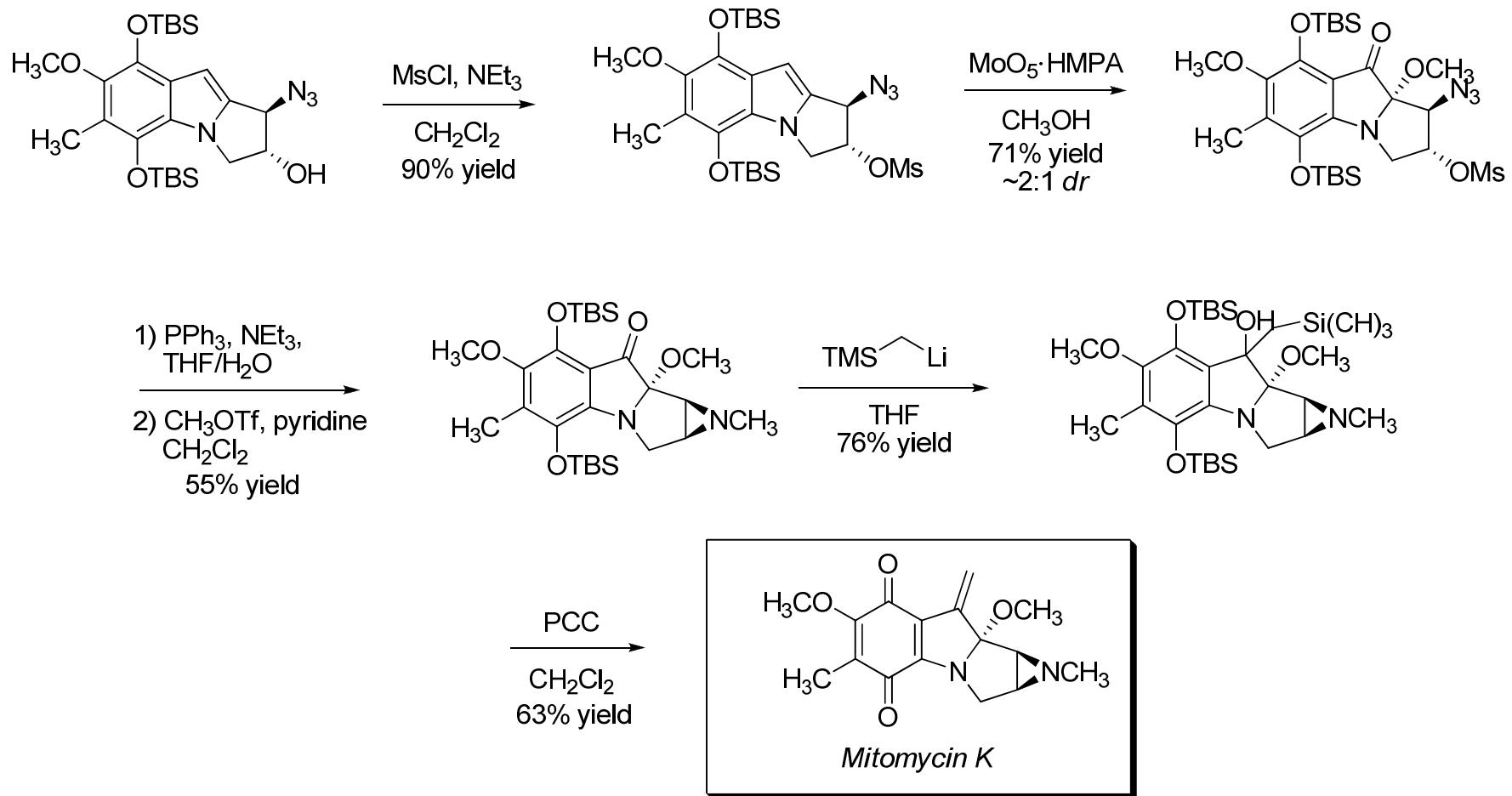
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# Sulfonium Ylide Cyclization



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# Jimenez Synthesis



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# *Summary of Syntheses*

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- Kishi – Mitomycins A & C (1977)
  - OMG steps! But first synthesis by over 10 years!
  - Trans-annular cyclization key step
- Fukuyama – Mitomycins A & C (1987)
  - Reasonably efficient
  - Isomitomycin A / Mitomycin isomerization
- Danishefsky – Mitomycin K (1992)
  - Photolysis – cycloaddition – fragmentation – recombination sequence
- Jimenez – Mitomycin K (1996)
  - Novel sulfonium ylide cyclization

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