

# Total Synthesis of *Pepluanol A*

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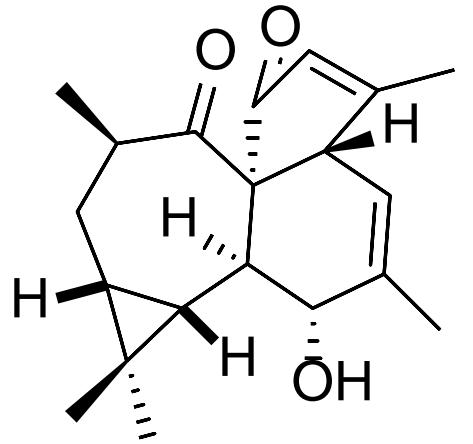
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# Isolation

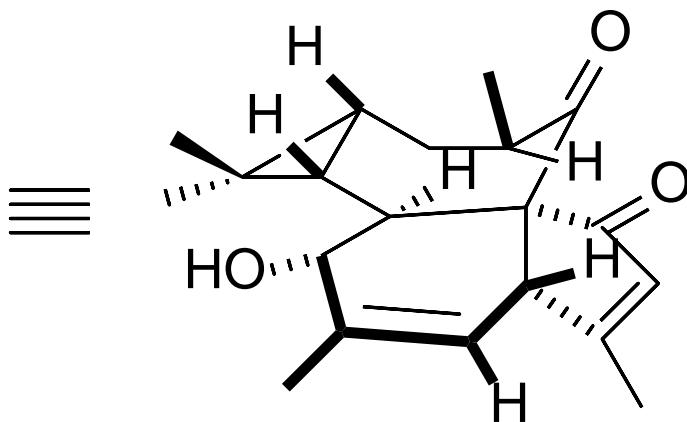


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# Structure

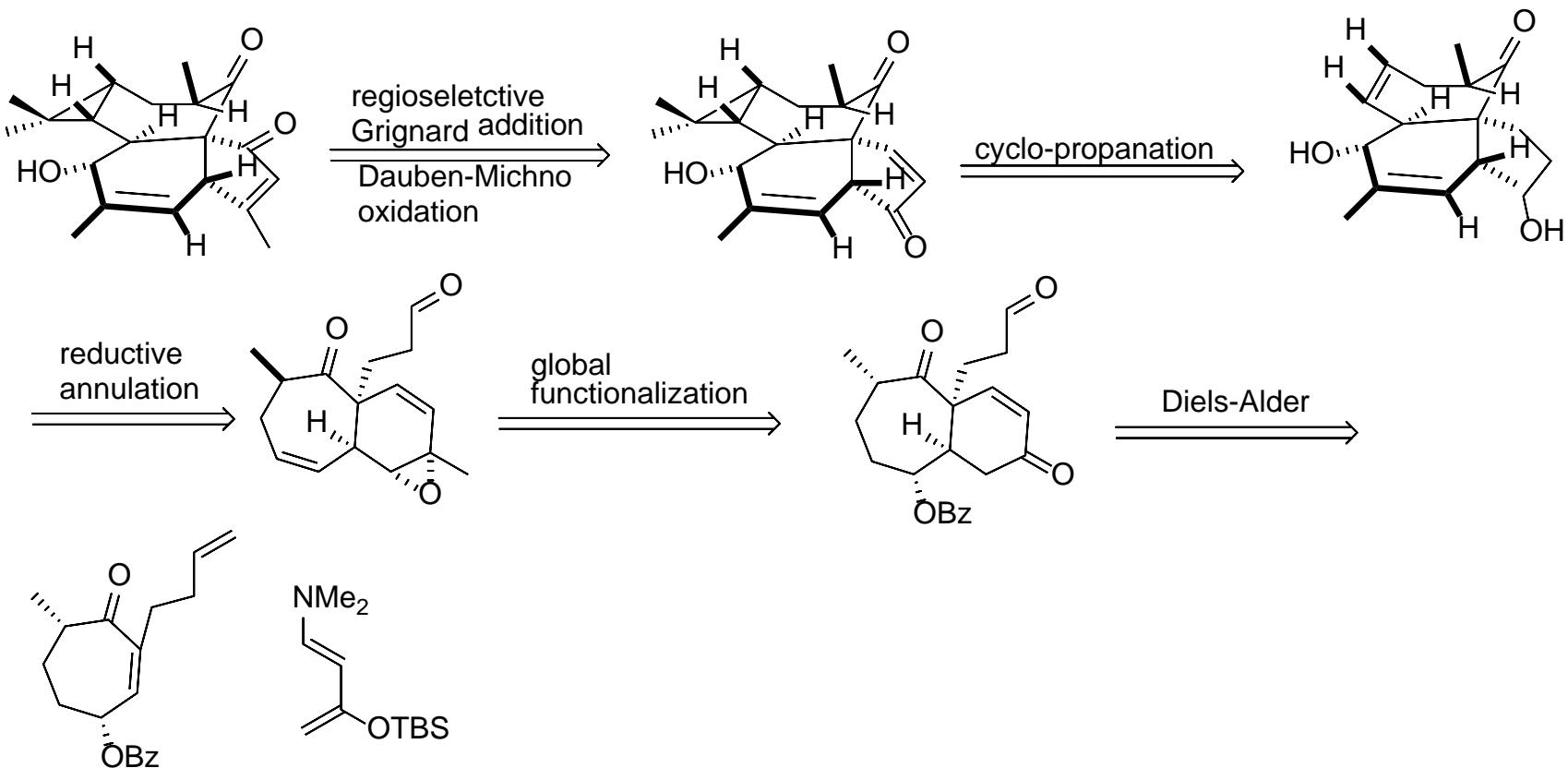


*pepluanol A*

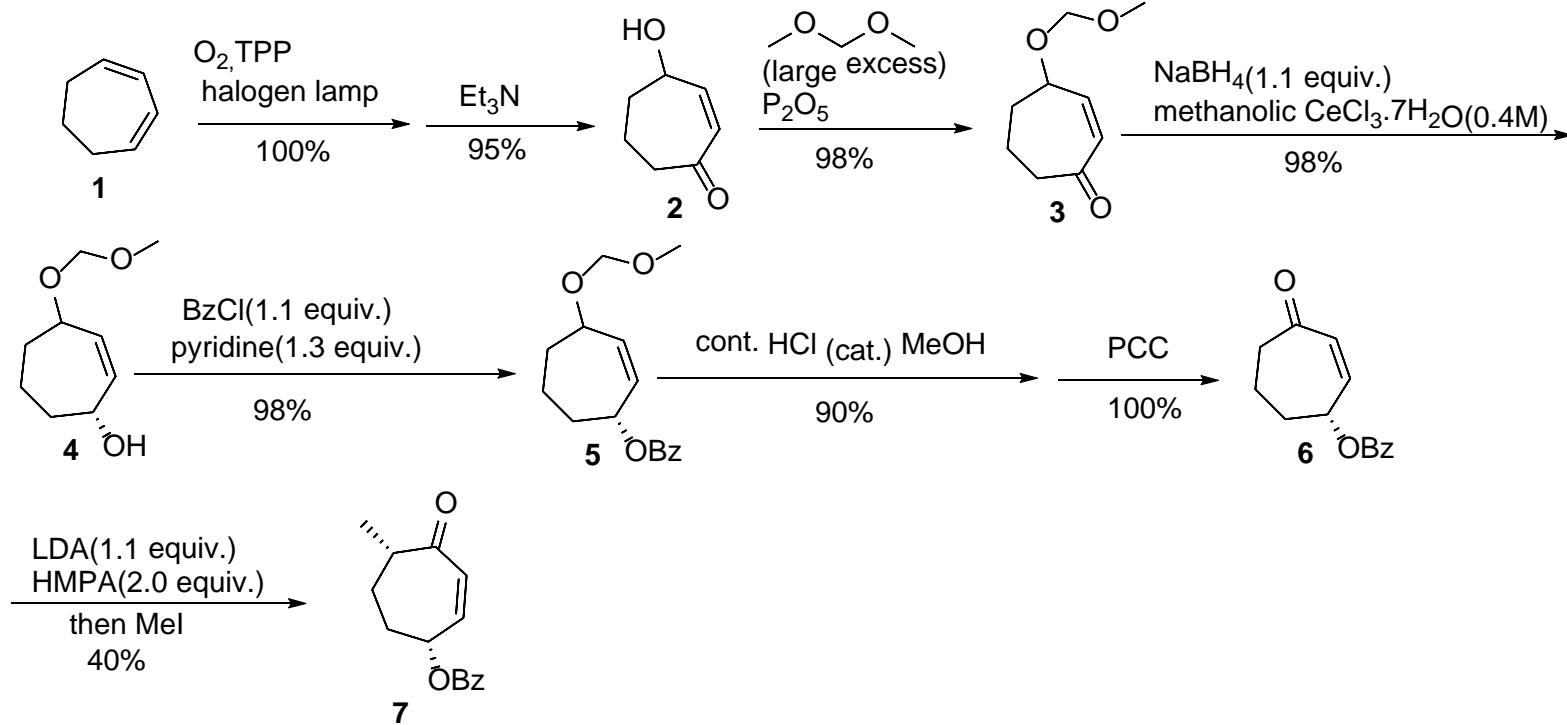
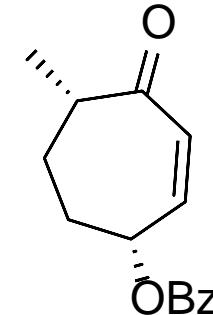


- [3,4,6,7] tertracyclic ring

# Retrosynthesis

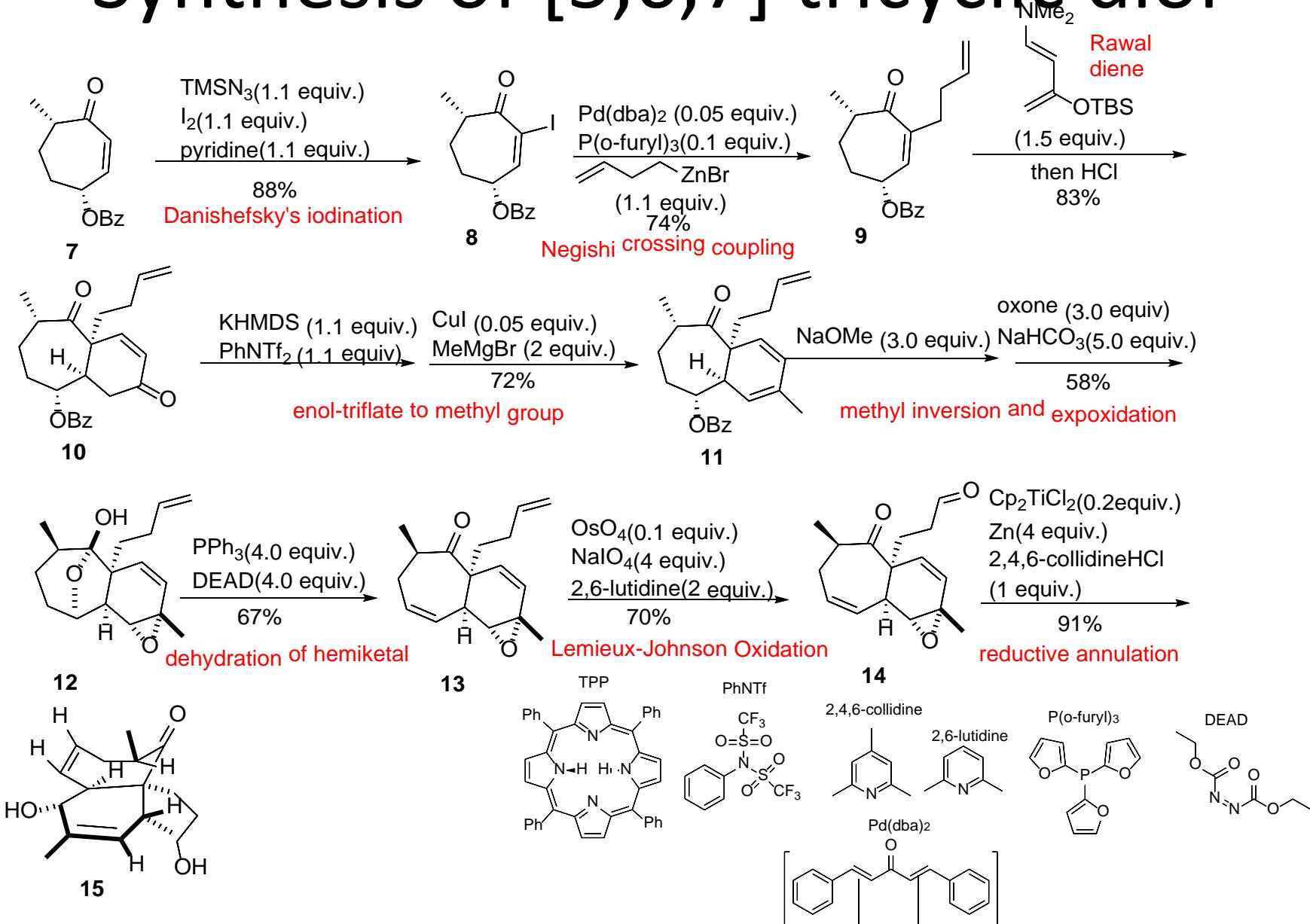


# Synthesis of

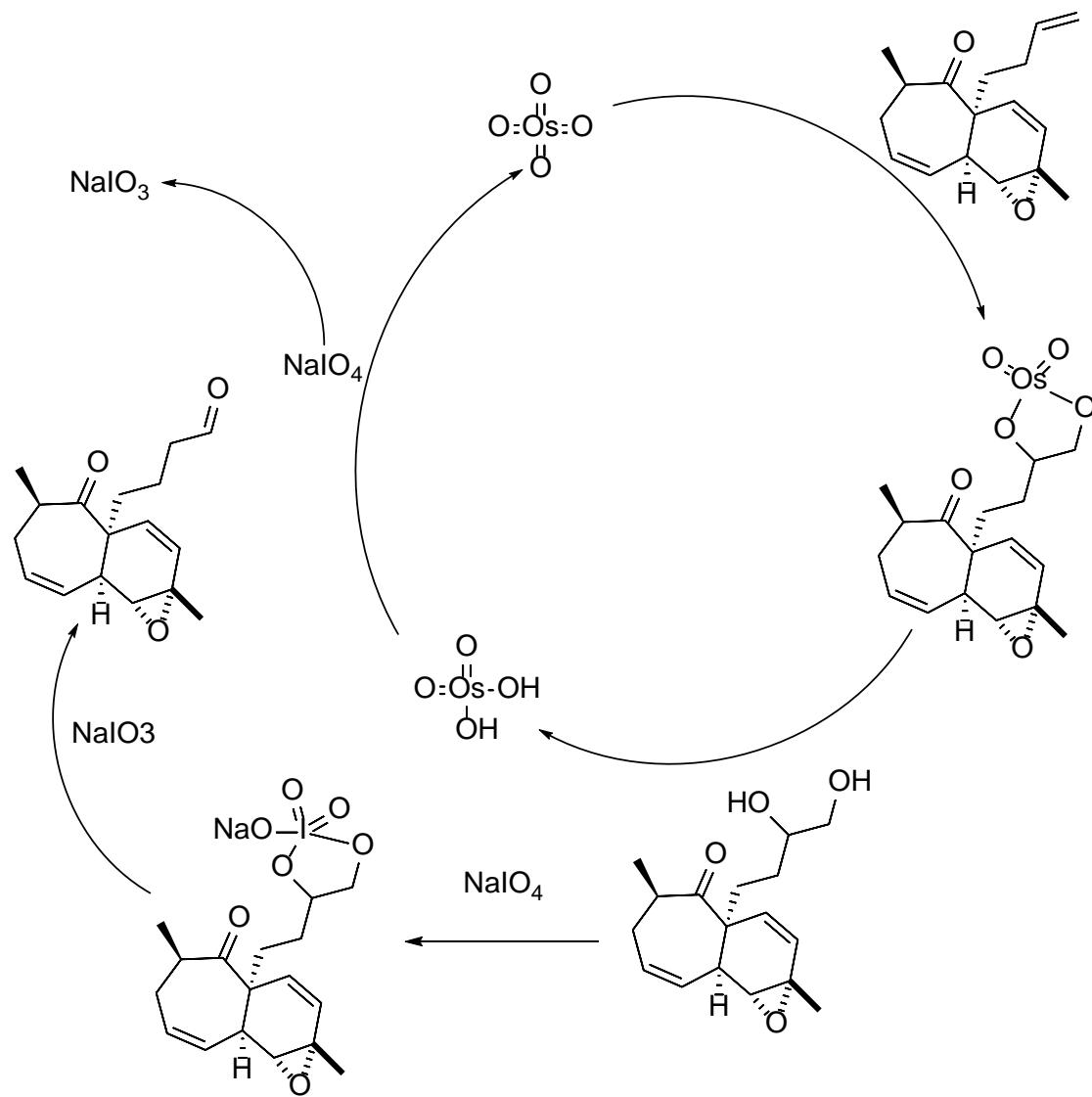


- A. J. Pearson; H. S. Bansal, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, 27, 283.

# Synthesis of [5,6,7] tricyclic diol



# Lemieux-Johnson Oxidation

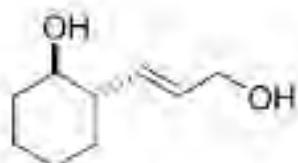


# Optimization of reductive annulation

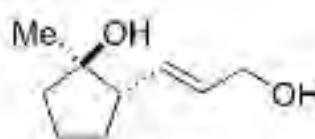
**Table 1:** Optimization on the reductive annulation of a vinyl epoxide-aldehyde.<sup>[1]</sup>

Entry	Reagent	Solvent	T [°C]	Yield [%] <sup>[b]</sup> (d.r.) <sup>[c]</sup>
1	SmI <sub>2</sub> /HMPA	THF	25	52 (> 20:1)
2	nBu <sub>3</sub> SnH/AIBN	benzene	80	33 (1.3:1)
3	nBu <sub>3</sub> SnH/Et <sub>2</sub> B(O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	toluene	25	< 5 (=)
4	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> /SmI <sub>2</sub>	THF	-30	57 (1.2:1)
5	CrCl <sub>3</sub> /LiI	THF	0	12 (1:2)
6	SnCl <sub>4</sub> /TBAB	DMI	25	20 (1.5:1)
7	LiDBB	THF	0	78 (1.6:1)
8	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> /Mn	THF	25	83 (1.5:1)
9	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> /Zn	THF	25	88 (1.5:1)
10	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> /Zn	THF	0	87 (1.5:1)
11	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> /Zn/DIPA	THF	25	85 (1.5:1)
12	Cp <sub>2</sub> TiCl <sub>2</sub> /Zn/2,4,6-collidine·HCl	THF	25	95 (1.5:1)

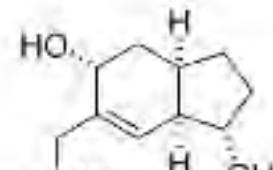
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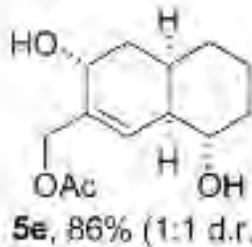
5b, 88% (1.9:1 d.r.)



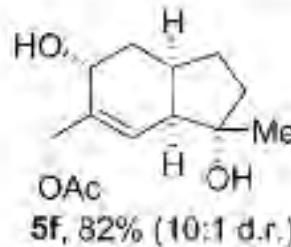
5c, 84% (8:1 d.r.; from (E)-4c)  
83% (8:1 d.r.; from (Z)-4c)



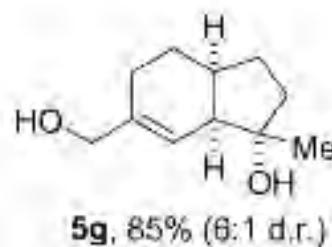
5d, 93% (2:1 d.r.)



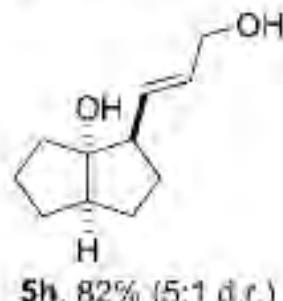
5e, 86% (1:1 d.r.)



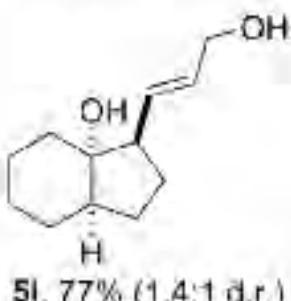
5f, 82% (10:1 d.r.)



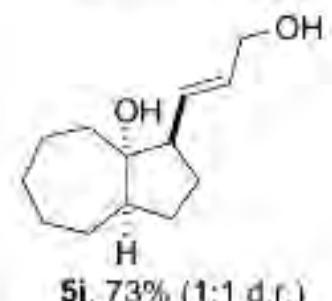
5g, 85% (6:1 d.r.)



5h, 82% (5:1 d.r.)

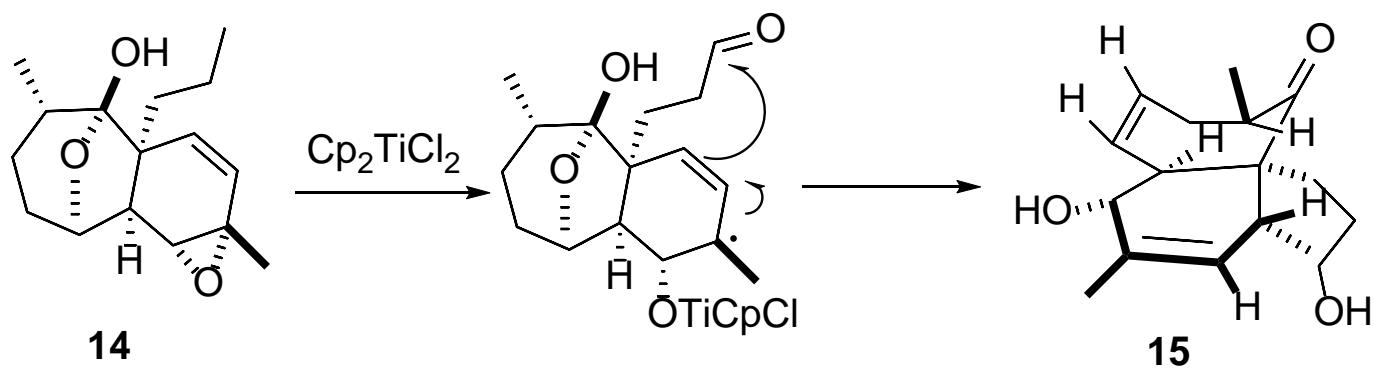


5i, 77% (1.4:1 d.r.)

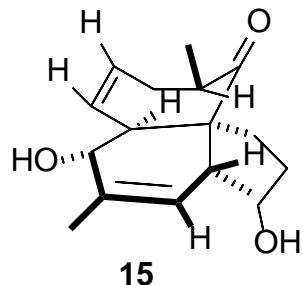


5j, 73% (1:1 d.r.)

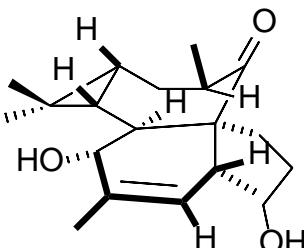
**Scheme 1.** Scope of the titanium(III)-catalyzed reductive annulation.



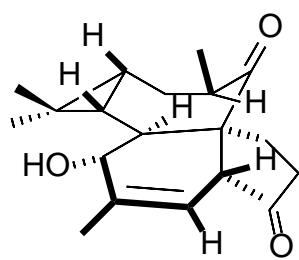
# Final Modification



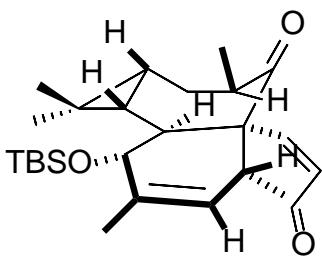
TEBAC (0.1 equiv.)  
NaOH (aq., 50wt%)/CHBr<sub>3</sub>  
then  
Me<sub>2</sub>Cu(SCN)Li<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv)  
HMPA (1.0 equiv)  
MeI (20 equiv)  
44%



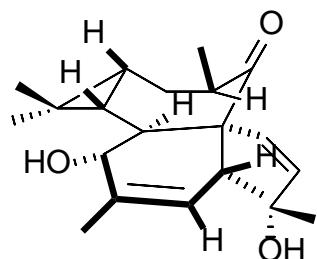
TEMPO (0.1 equiv.)  
TBAC (1.0 equiv.)  
NCS (2.0 equiv.)  
NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5.0 equiv.)  
95%



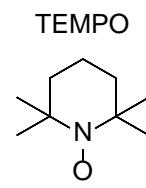
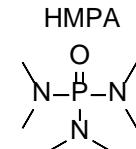
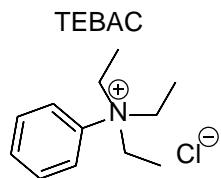
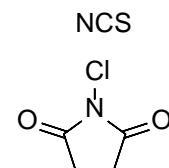
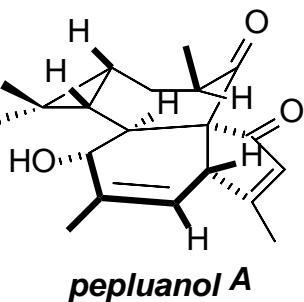
cyclopropanation  
bismethylation  
TMSOTf (4.0 equiv.)  
Et<sub>3</sub>N (10 equiv.)  
then  
Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (2.0 equiv.)  
86%



MeMgBr (2.0 equiv.)



Saegusa Oxidation  
PCC (2.0 equiv)  
NaOAc (2.0 equiv)  
SiO<sub>2</sub>  
then HCl (4.0 equiv.)  
59%



# Conclusion

- 22 steps
- Overall yield: 0.85%

- Thank you!