

Few Selected Total Synthesis in 2007

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Total Synthesis without Protecting Groups

- Chemoselectivity !!

Solution: Protecting group

BUT.....It adds.....

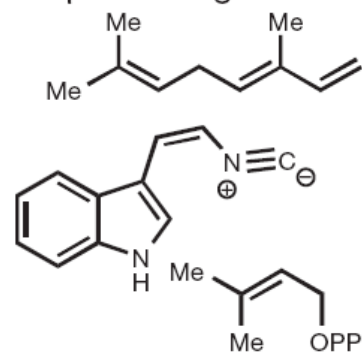
- Cost
- Complexity of synthesis
- At least 2 steps each to a synthetic sequence
- Also, sometimes lowers efficiency and yield
- Difficulty in their removal
- Unintended Side reactions(sometimes)

Sierra, M. A. & de la Torre, M. C. Dead Ends and Detours, Direct Ways to Successful Total Synthesis (Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2004)

Hapalindole, Fischerindole, Welwitindolinone, and Ambiguine alkaloids

cation-olefin cyclization

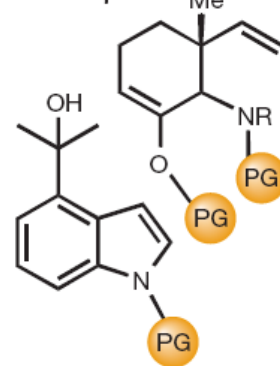
Proposed origin:



- Function-oriented
- No protecting groups
- Enzymes needed to promote/control reactivity (PP = pyrophosphate)

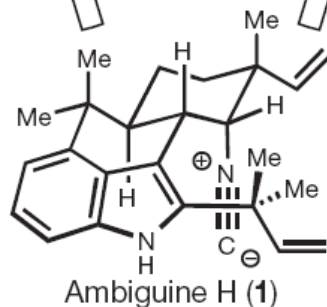
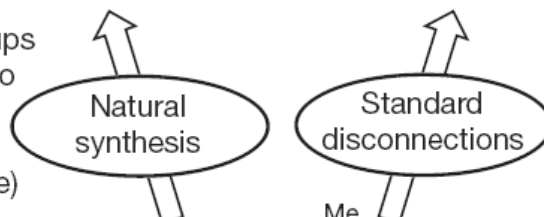
Biological Approach

Example:

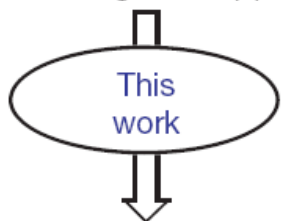
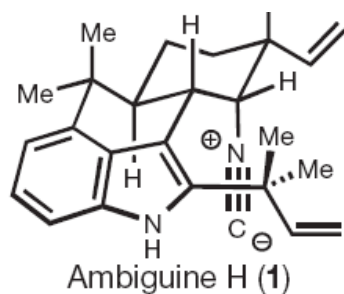


- Target-oriented
- Protecting groups (PG) needed
- Reactivity is 'caged' until appropriate time

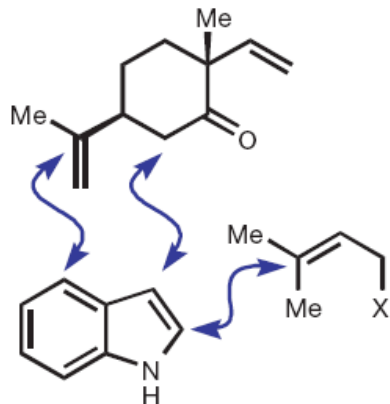
Conventional Approach



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Baran's Approach

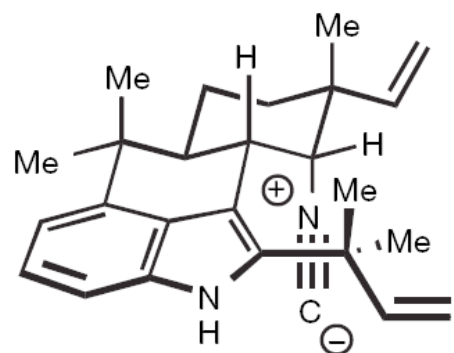


- Target-oriented
- No protecting groups
- No enzymes
- Natural reactivity of functional groups is used constructively

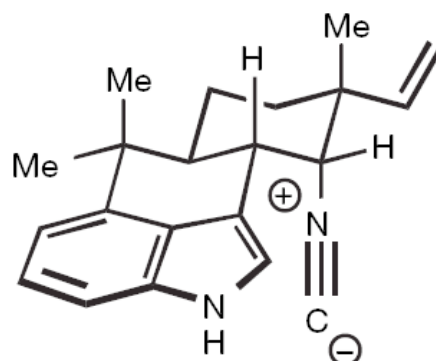
Biological Activity:

- Antifungal, Antibacterial,
- Antimycotic and Anticancer
- Further testing prevented by the paucity of this material (~5 mg).

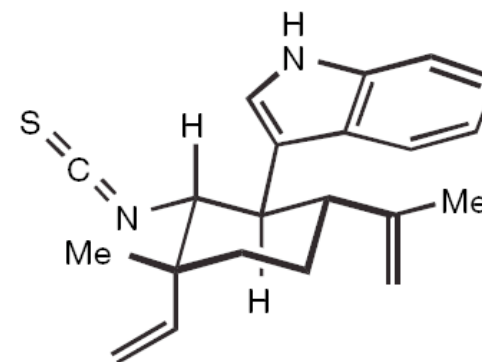
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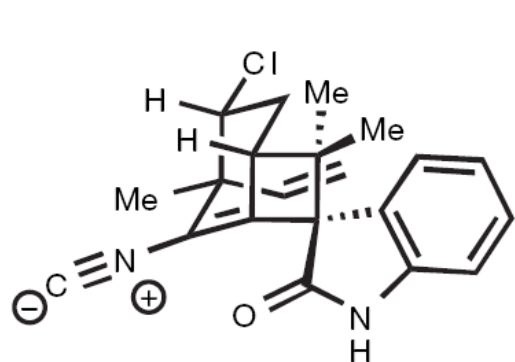
Ambiguine H (1)



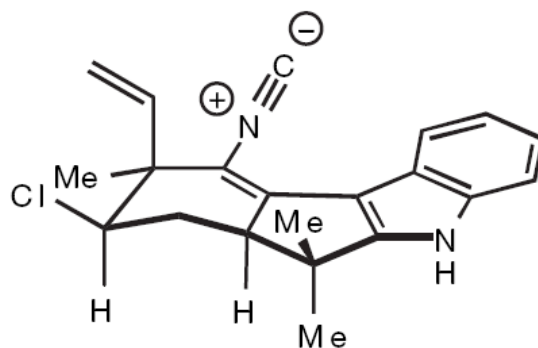
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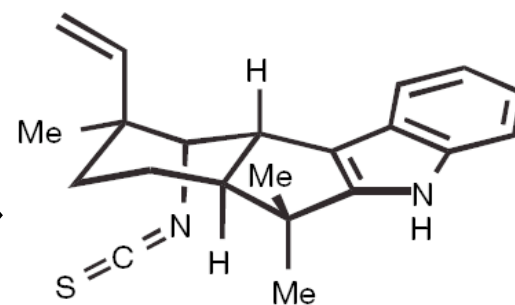
Hapalindole Q (3)



Welwitindolinone A (4)

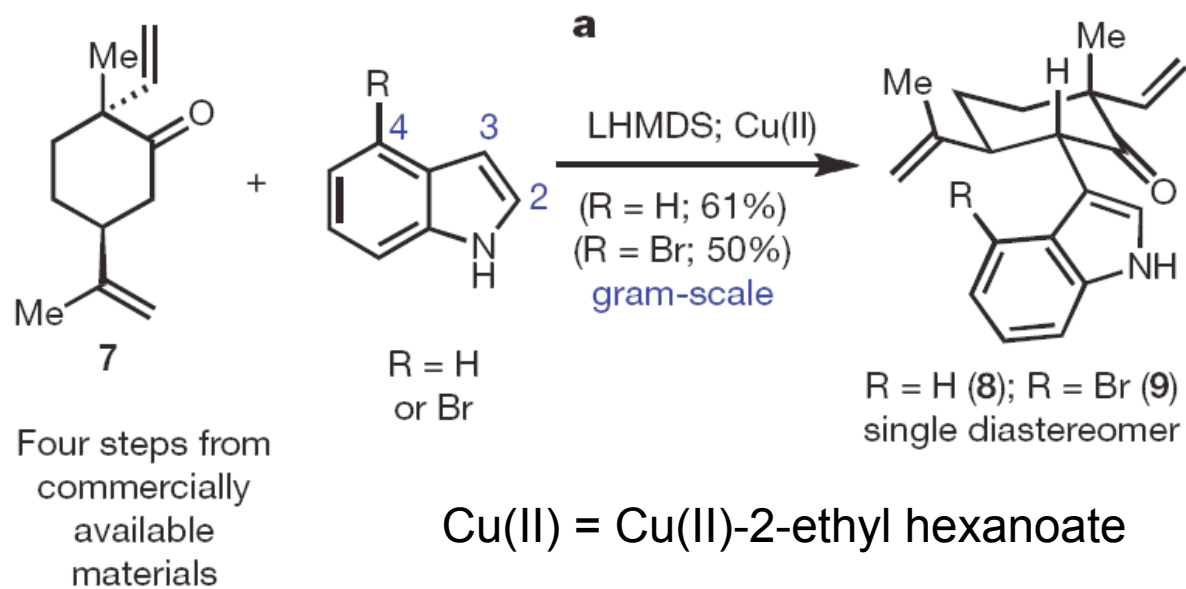
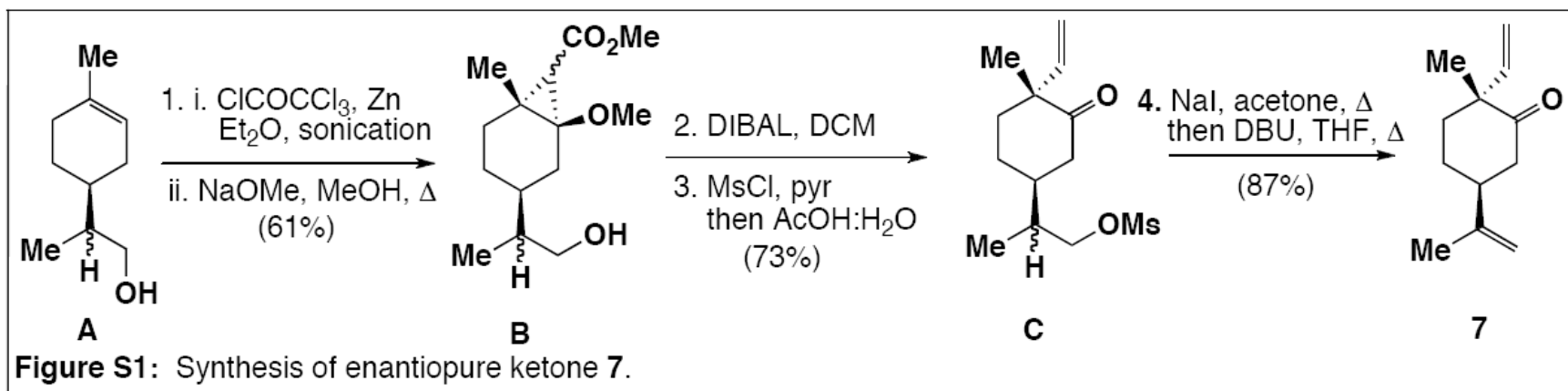


Fischerindole I (5)

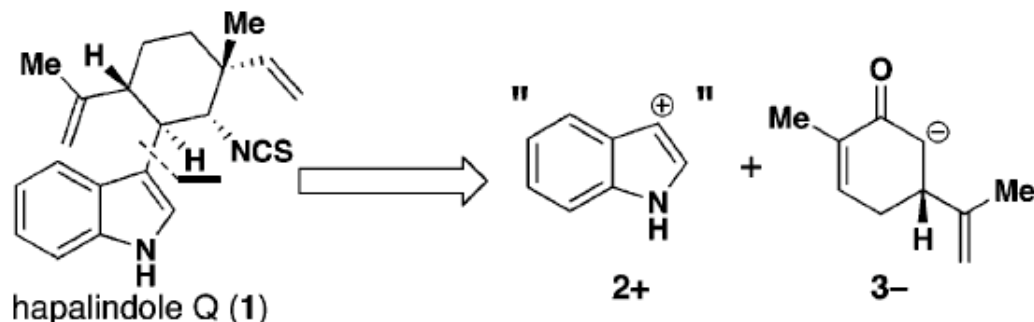


Fischerindole U (6)

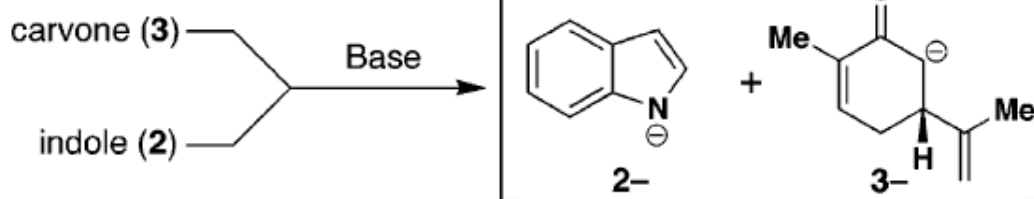
Hapalindole U and Ambiguine H



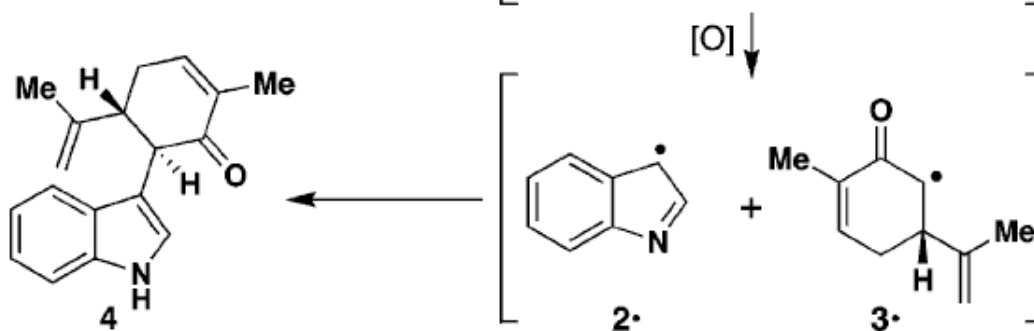
Direct Coupling of Indoles with Carbonyl Compounds



mechanistic blueprint:⁶



Oxidative dimerization of enolates???



Large excess of one of the partners avoids homocoupling

Optimization

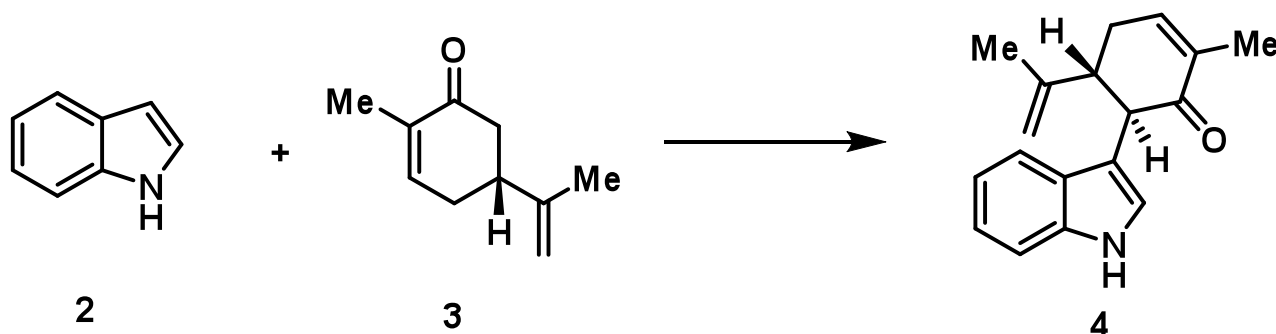
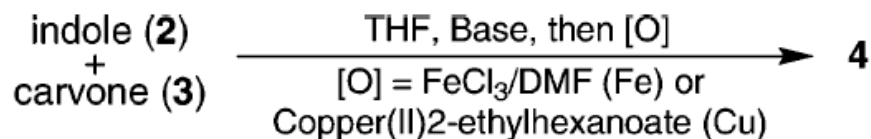


Table 1. Selected Optimization Results of **2** + **3** → **4**



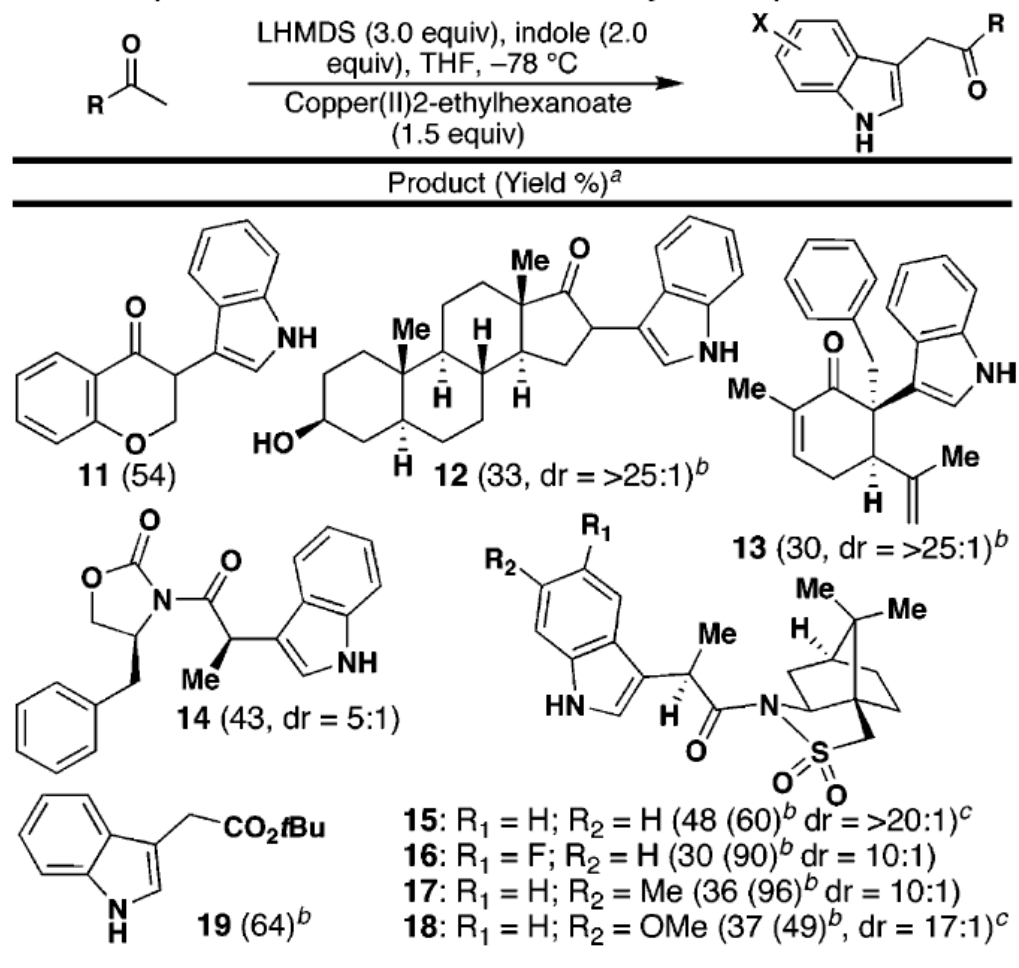
Entry	Conditions	Yield (%) ^a
1	2 (1.0 eq), 3 (3.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Fe (4.0 eq), -78 to 23 °C	ca 15
2	2 (1.0 eq), 3 (3.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Cu (4.0 eq), -78 to 23 °C	24
3	2 (1.0 eq), 3 (1.0 eq), LDA (2.0 eq), Cu (2.0 eq), -78 to 0 °C	24
4	2 (3.0 eq), 3 (1.0 eq), LDA (4.0 eq), Cu (4.0 eq), -78 to 0 °C	32
5	2 (2.0 eq), 3 (1.0 eq), LHMDs (3.0 eq), Cu (1.5 eq), -78 °C	53 (70) ^b

Optimum
Protocol

^a Isolated yield after chromatography. ^b Yield based on recovered sm.

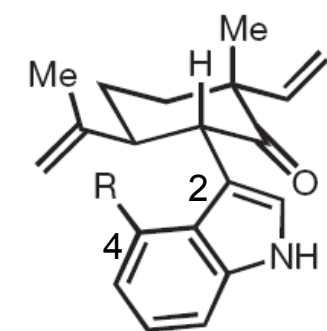
Scope

Table 2. Preparation of α -Indole Carbonyl Compounds



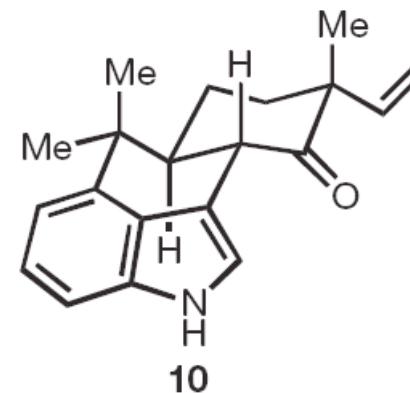
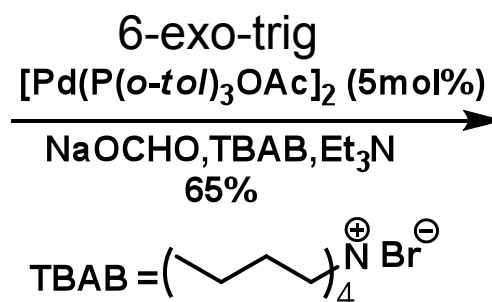
- Free Alcohols
- Hindered Indoles
- Amides
- Functionalized Indoles

Hapalindole U and Ambiguine H *contd....*

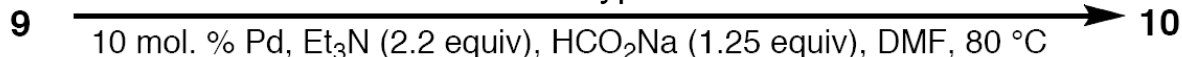


R = H (8); R = Br (9)
single diastereomer

Friedal-Crafts annulation failed!!!
Cyclization at C-2



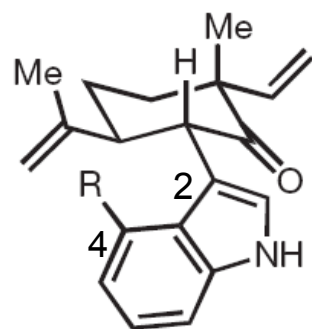
reductive Heck-type annulation



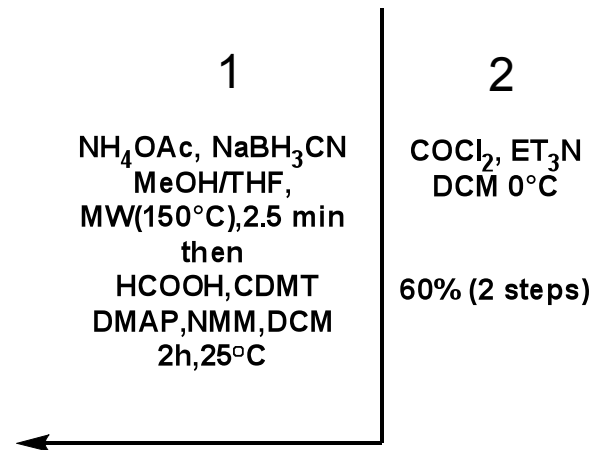
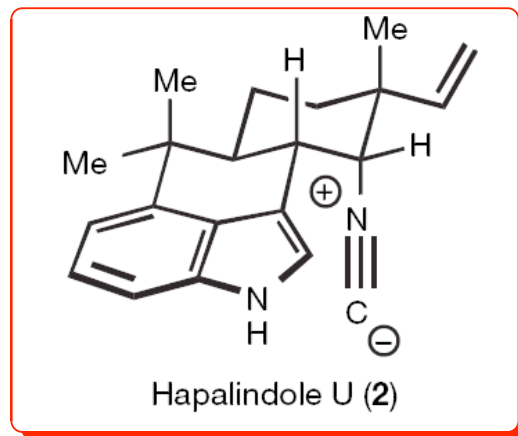
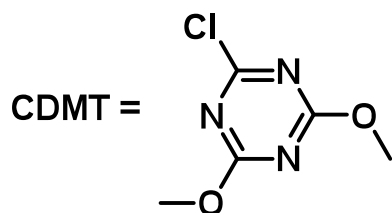
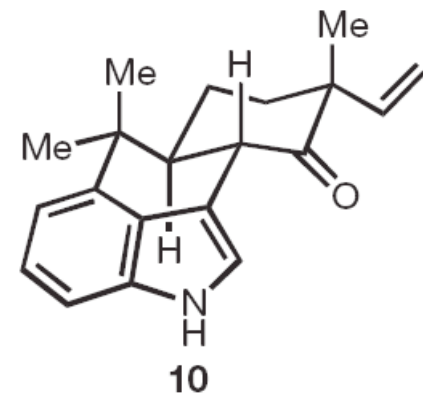
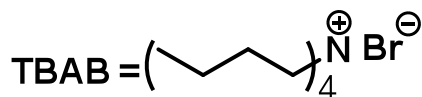
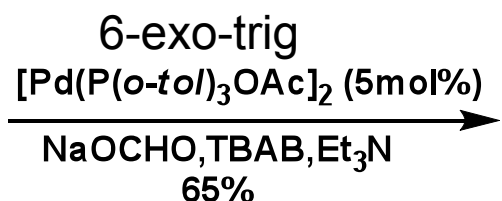
Entry	Pd-source, additives, time	Yield (%) ^a
1	$Pd(OAc)_2$, TBAC (1.0 equiv), Et_3N (2.5 equiv), 15 h	18 ^b
2	$Pd(OAc)_2$, Ph_3P (0.2 equiv), 15 h	39 ^c
3	$Pd_2(dba)_3$, TBAB (2.0 equiv), Et_3N (2.2 equiv), 15 h	22
4	$Pd(PPh_3)_4$, TBAB (2.0 equiv), Et_3N (2.2 equiv), 15 h	42
5	Herrmann's catalyst, TBAB (2.0 equiv), 15 h	50
6	$Pd(OAc)_2$, TBAB (2.0 equiv), Et_3N (2.2 equiv), <i>added over 5 h</i>	<10 ^d
7	Herrmann's catalyst, TBAB (2.0 equiv), Et_3N (2.2 equiv), <i>added over 5 h</i>	65^d

^a isolated yield after chromatography; ^b conditions from ref. 26; ^c conditions from ref. 25; ^d isolated yield after 5 h (syringe pump) addition complete

Hapalindole U and Ambiguine H *contd....*

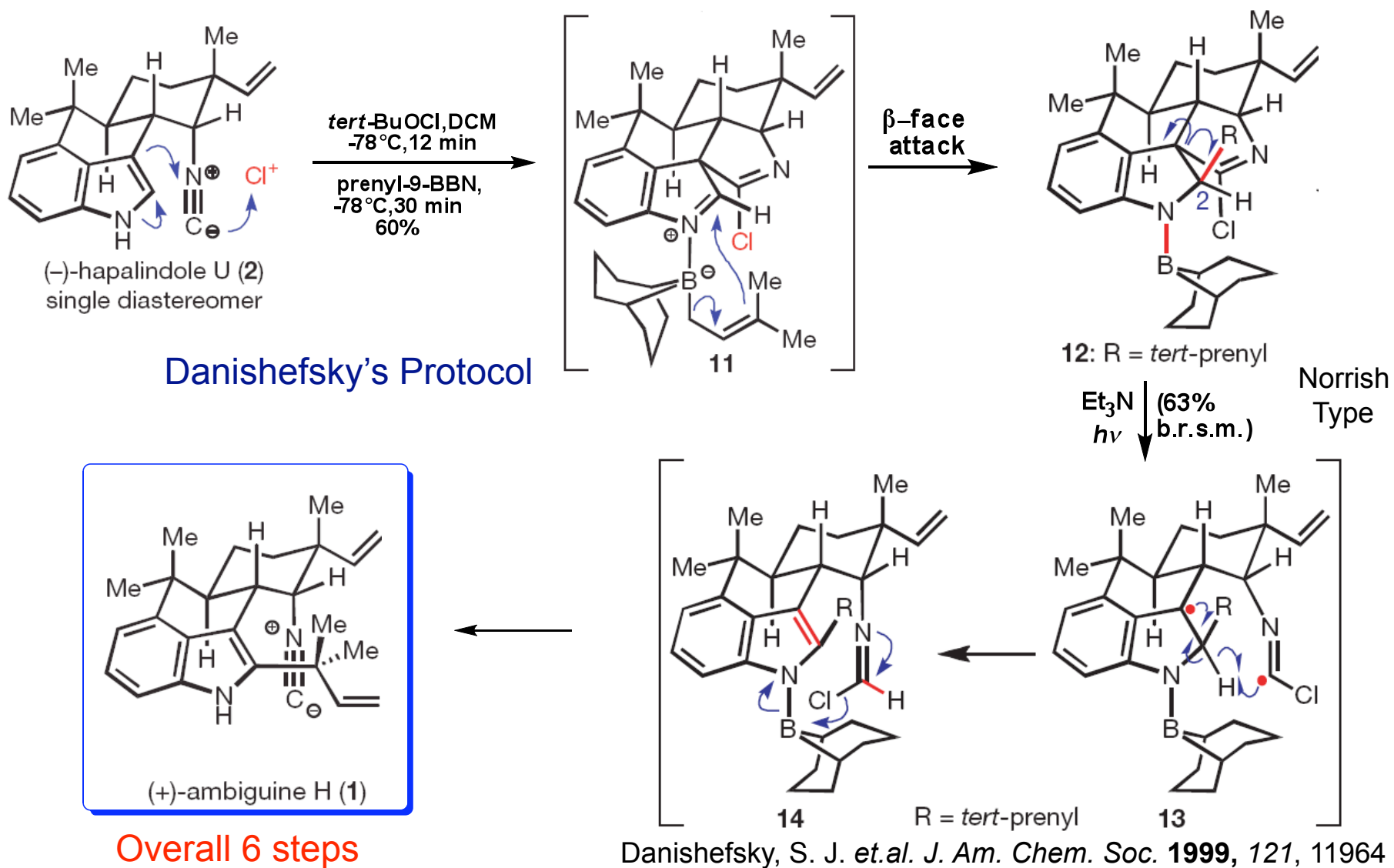


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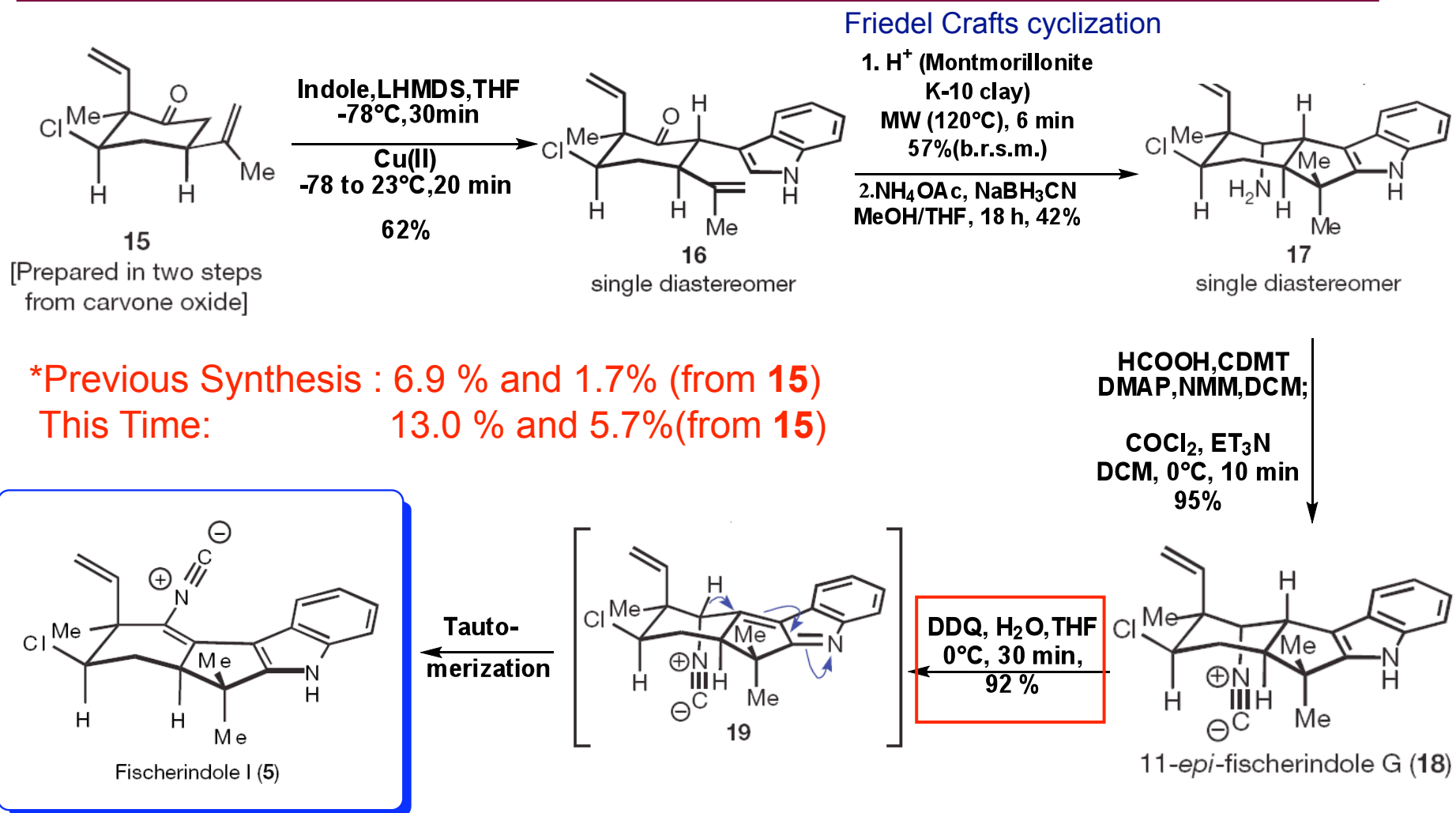


Previous synthesis: racemic, multiple PGs, 20 steps

Hapalindole U and Ambiguine H *contd....*



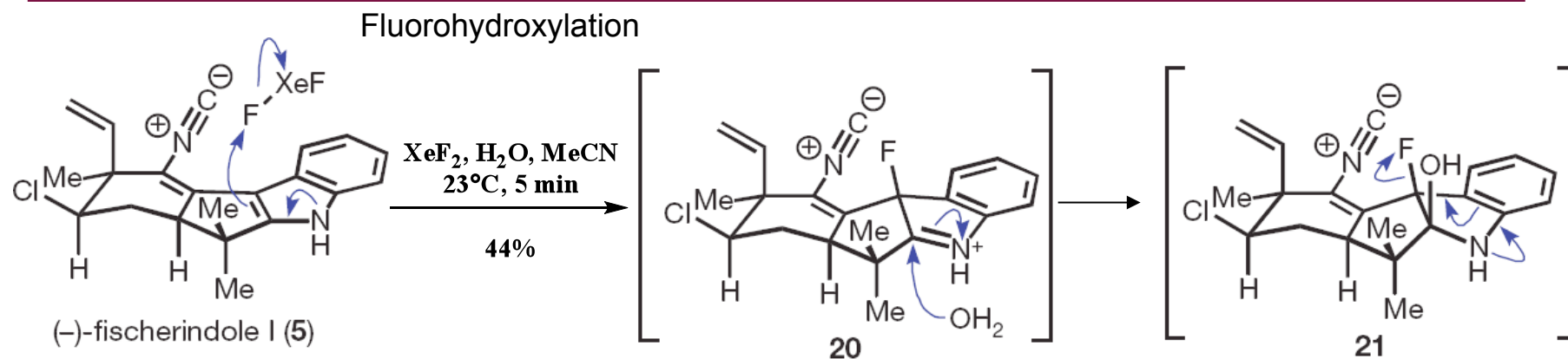
Fischerindole I and Welwitindolinone A (Revised)



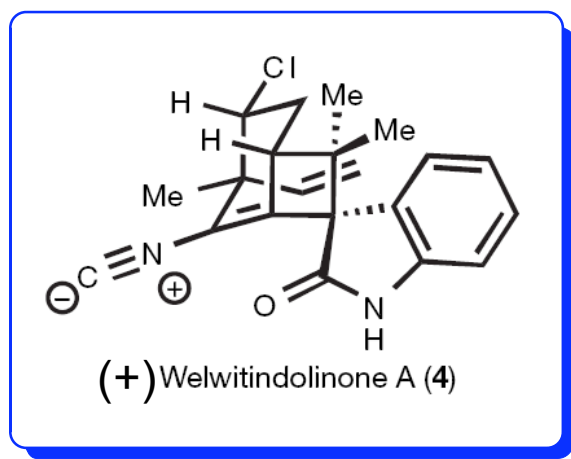
*Previous Synthesis : 6.9 % and 1.7% (from 15)
This Time: 13.0 % and 5.7%(from 15)

*Baran, P. S. *et.al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2005, 127, 15394

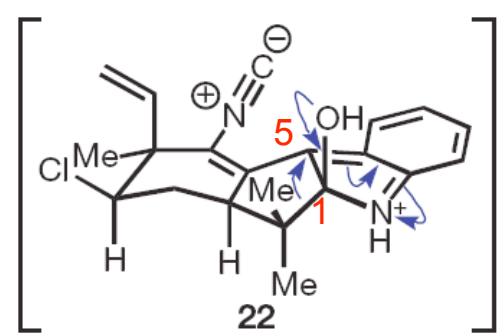
Fischerindole I and Welwitindolinone A



Other reported synthesis: 25 steps
6 PGs, racemic product



[1,5]
sigmatropic shift





Guidelines followed.....

- Redox reactions that do not form C–C bonds should be minimized
- The percentage of C–C bond-forming events within the total number of steps in a synthesis should be maximized
- Disconnections should be made to maximize convergency
- The overall oxidation level of intermediates should linearly escalate during assembly of the molecular framework (except in cases where there is strategic benefit such as an asymmetric reduction)

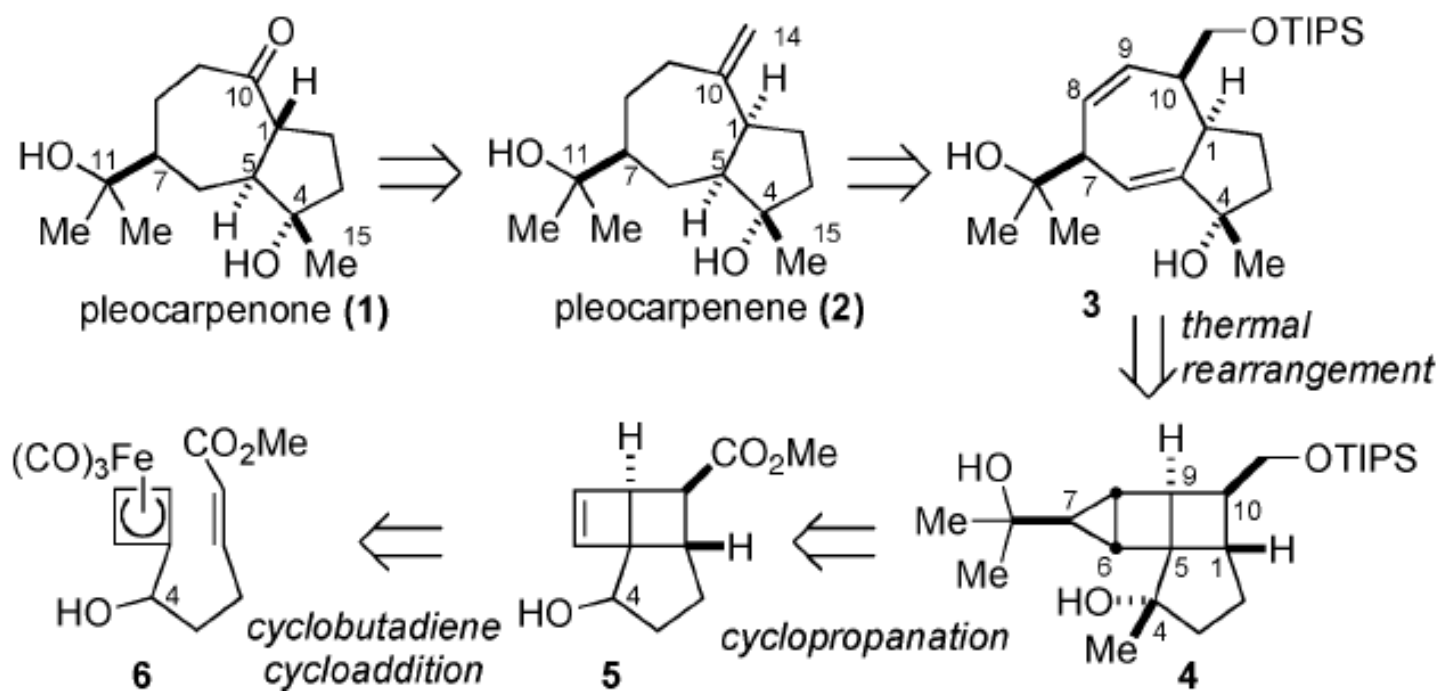


Guidelines followed.....

- Where possible, cascade (tandem) reactions should be designed and incorporated to elicit maximum structural change per step
- The innate reactivity of functional groups should be exploited so as to reduce the number of (or perhaps even eliminate) protecting groups
- Effort should be spent on the invention of new methodology to facilitate the aforementioned criteria and to uncover new aspects of chemical reactivity
- If the target molecule is of natural origin, biomimetic pathways (either known or proposed) should be incorporated to the extent that they aid the above considerations

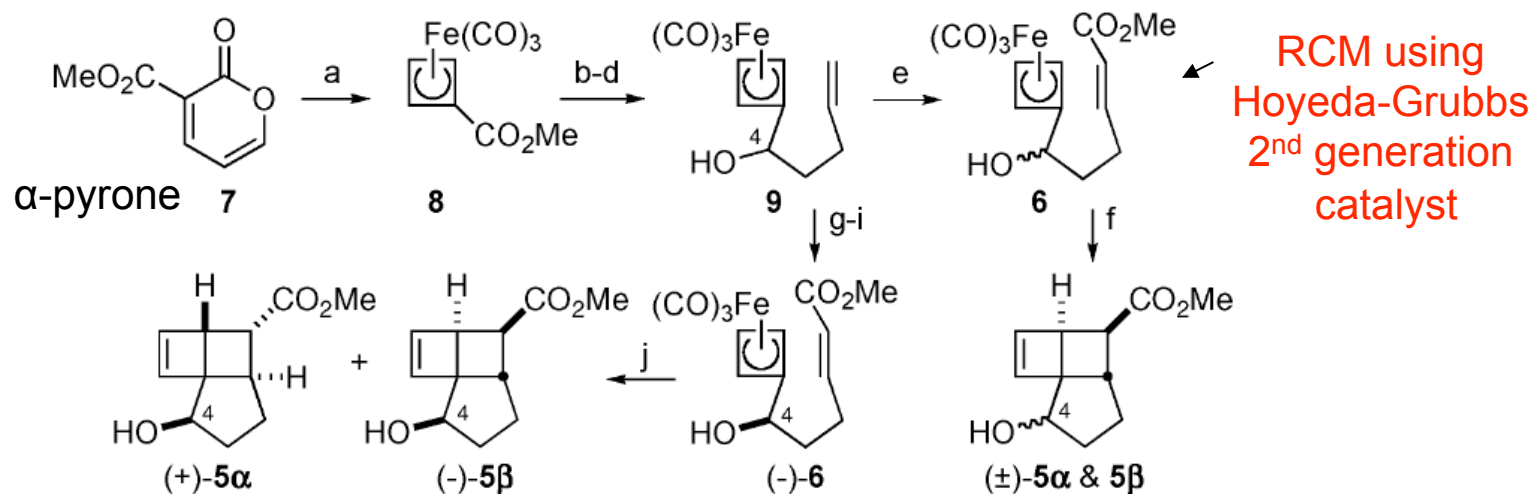
Pleocarpene and Pleocarpenone

Scheme 1. Retrosynthesis of Pleocarpenone and Pleocarpenene



Pleocarpene and Pleocarpenone

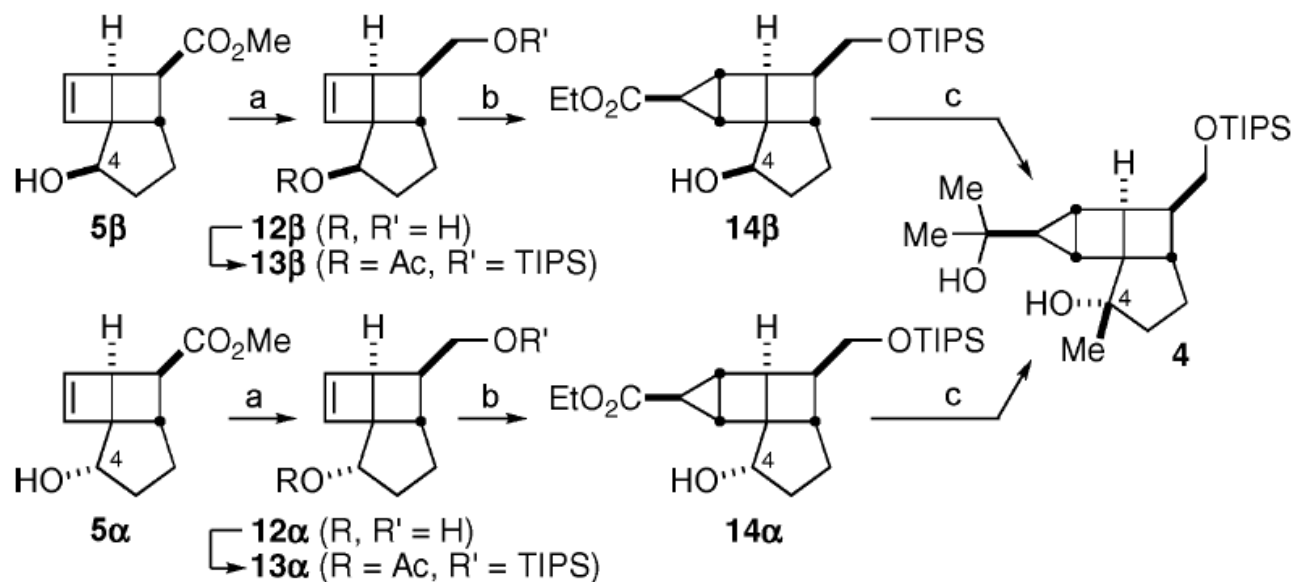
Scheme 2. Preparation of the Cyclobutene **5^a**



^a Reaction conditions: (a) $h\nu$, PhH; $\text{Fe}_2(\text{CO})_9$, 64%; (b) DIBAL, Et_2O , 0 °C to rt, 95%; (c) MnO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , 4 Å MS, 83%; (d) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{MgBr}$, Et_2O , -78 °C, 96%; (e) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCO}_2\text{Me}$ (10 equiv), Grubbs' second cat. (**10**) (2.5 mol %), 60 °C, (94%, 13:1 *E:Z*); (f) CAN, acetone, (91%, 3.3:1 $\beta:\alpha$); (g) MnO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , 4 Å MS (90%); (h) catechol borane, (3*aS*)-tetrahydro-1-methyl-3,3,-diphenyl-1*H*,3*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*][1,3,2]oxazaborole (**11**) (15 mol %), toluene, -78 °C (96%, 92% ee); (i) $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCO}_2\text{Me}$ (10 equiv), **10** (2.5 mol %), 60 °C, (94%, 13:1 *E:Z*); (j) CAN, acetone; separation on 10 wt % AgNO_3 on silica gel (80%, 2.7:1 $\beta:\alpha$).

Pleocarpene and Pleocarpenone

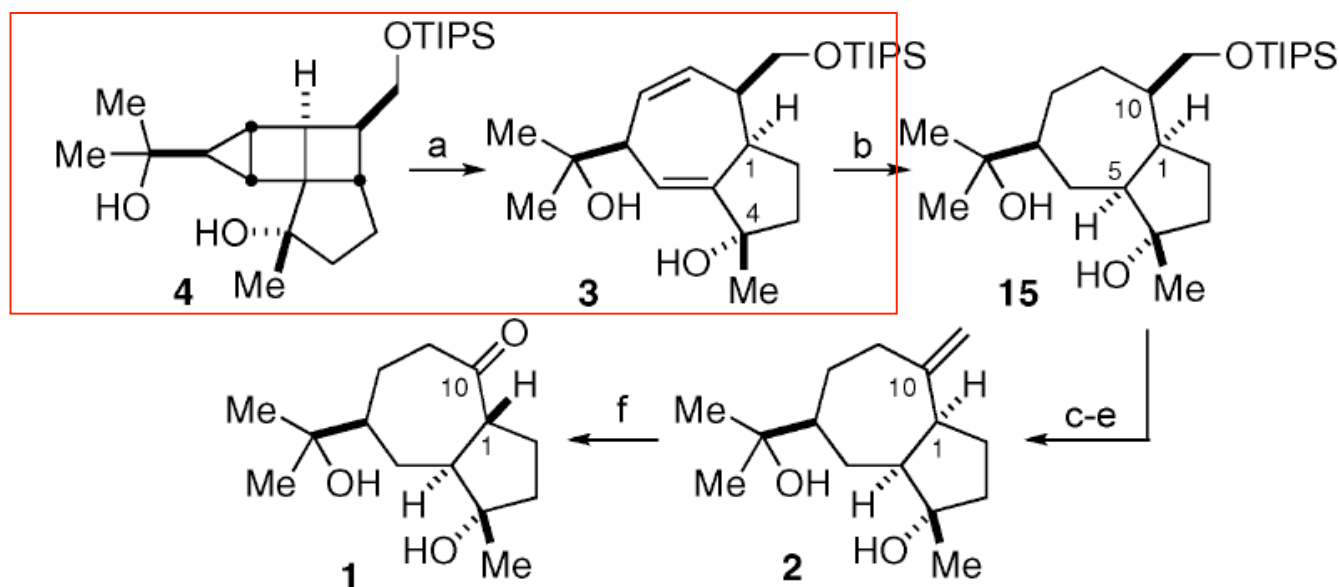
Scheme 3. Cyclopropanation of Cyclobutene **5^a**



^a Data shown for one enantiomeric series. Reaction conditions: (a) (i) LAH, THF, 0 °C to rt; (ii) TIPSCl, DMAP, Et₃N, THF, 4 Å MS; Ac₂O (87–89%); (b) EDA, Cu(acac)₂ (5 mol %), CH₂Cl₂, reflux; EtOH, rt; then NaOEt_(s) (93–95%); (c) (COCl)₂, DMSO, THF, –62 °C; Et₃N, rt; MeMgCl, –78 °C (79–82%).

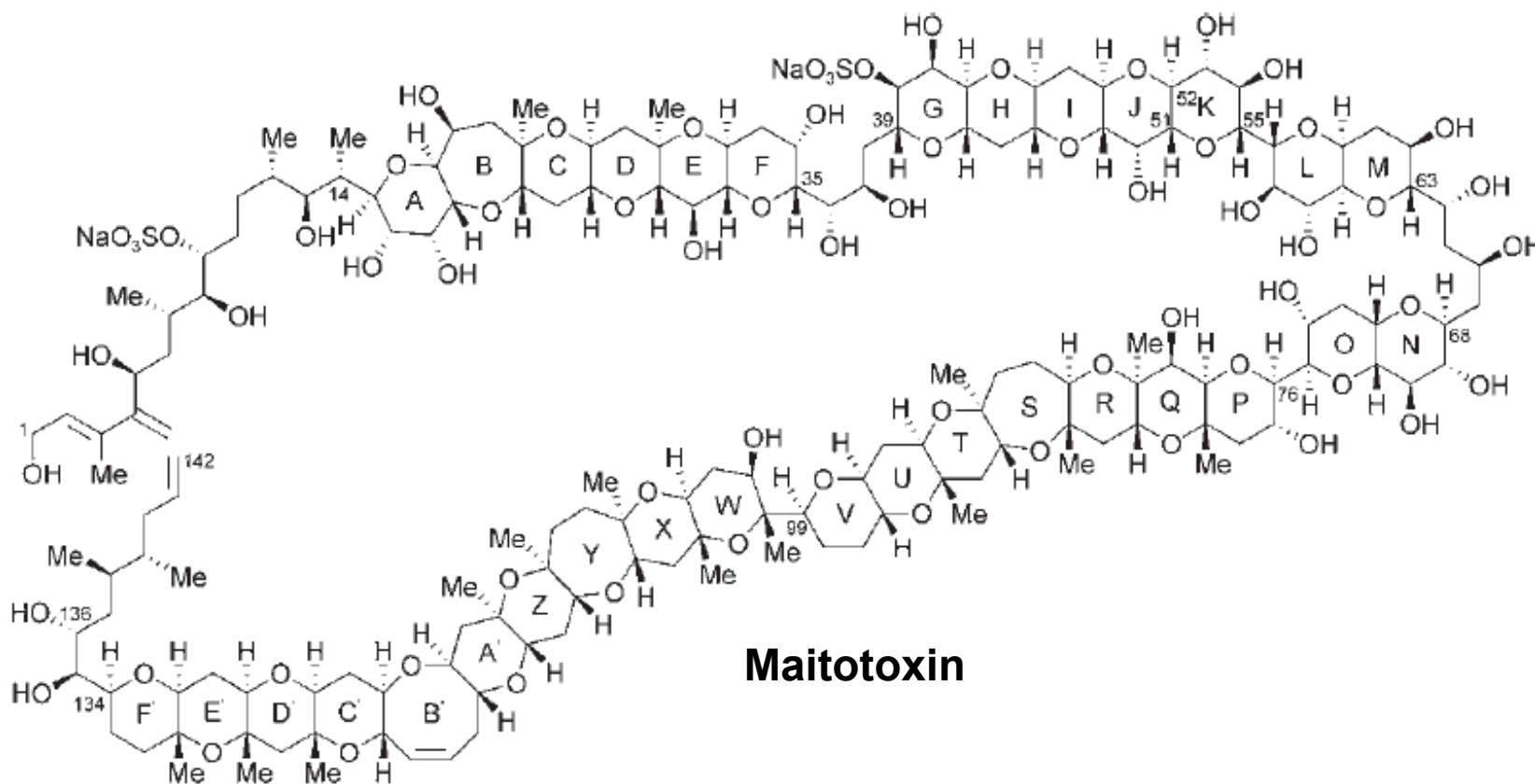
Pleocarpene and Pleocarpenone

Scheme 4. Completion of the Total Synthesis^a



^a Reaction conditions: (a) benzene, 200 °C, DBU (15 mol %) (76%); (b) W.R. Grace 2800 RaNi, H₂ (100 atm), acetone, 63%; (c) TBAF, THF, 99%; (d) TsCl, Et₃N, DMAP, THF, CH₂Cl₂, 99%; (e) NaI, DBU, DMF, 80 °C, 83%; (f) O₃, MeOH, -78 °C; DMS, rt; NaOMe (85%).

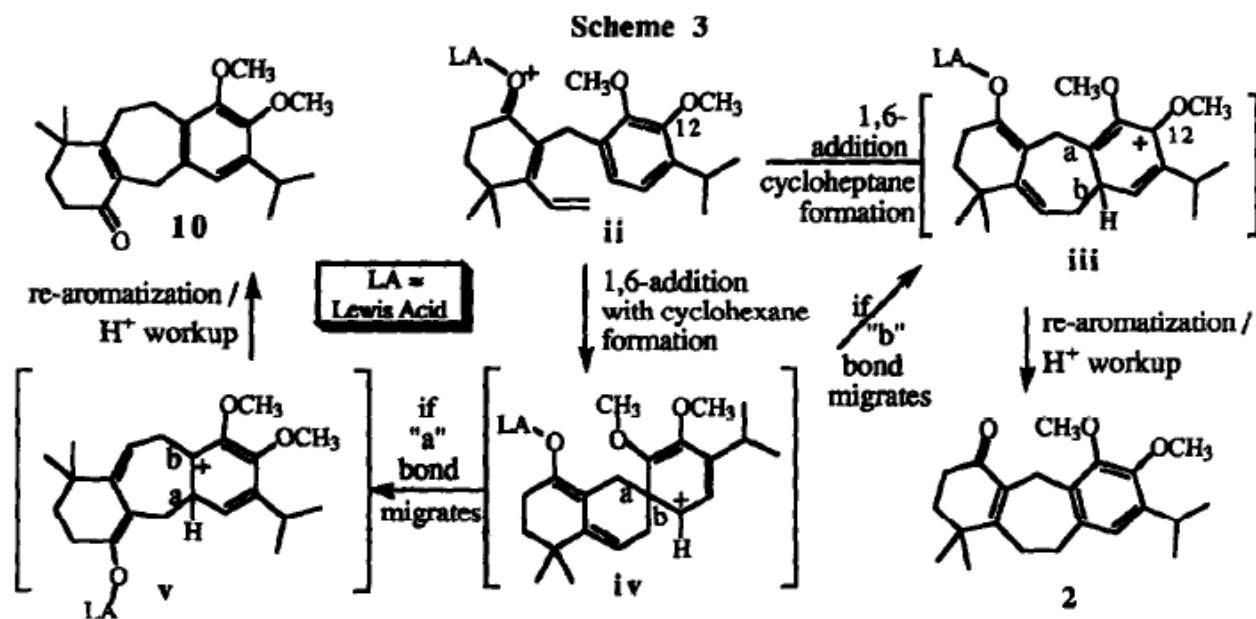
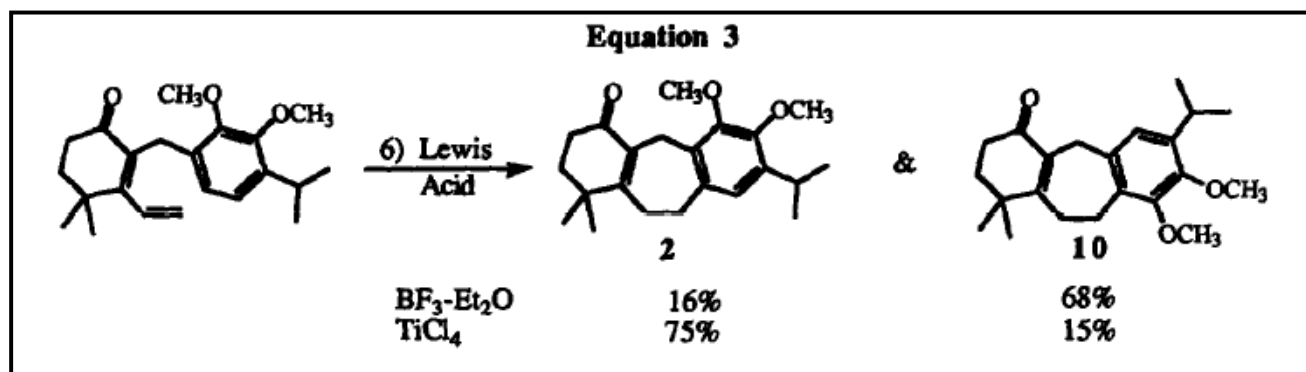
Mother Nature still provides significant synthetic challenges



Maitotoxin

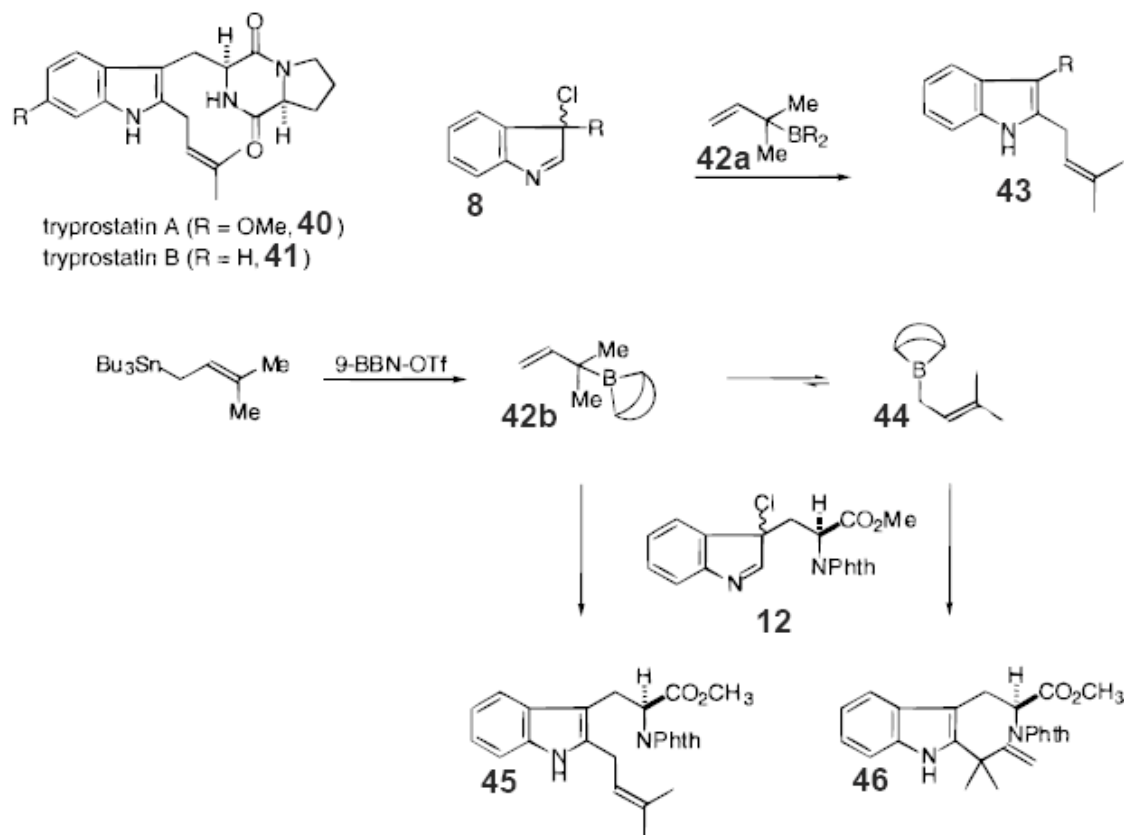
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The Total Synthesis of (\pm)Barbatusol



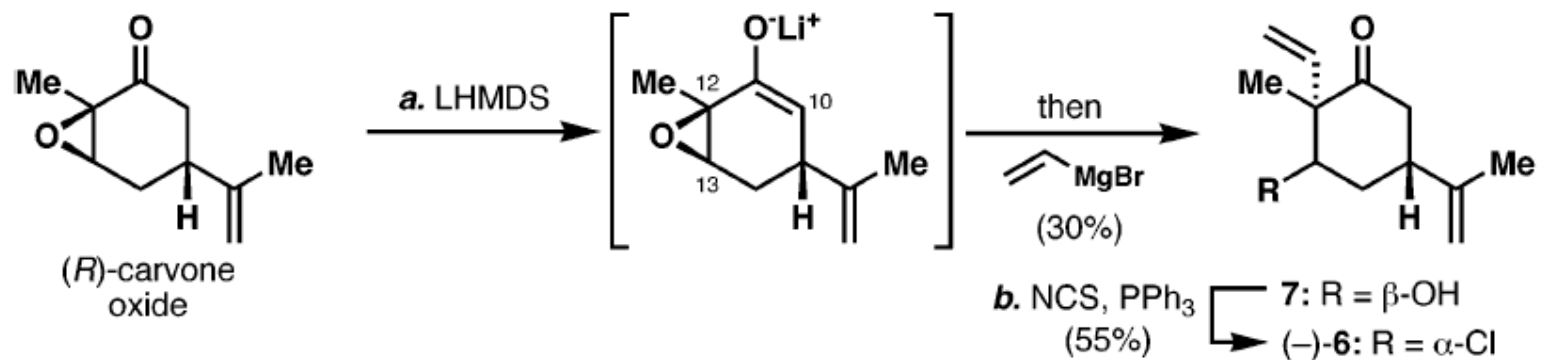
Danishefsky's protocol of prenylation

Scheme 7



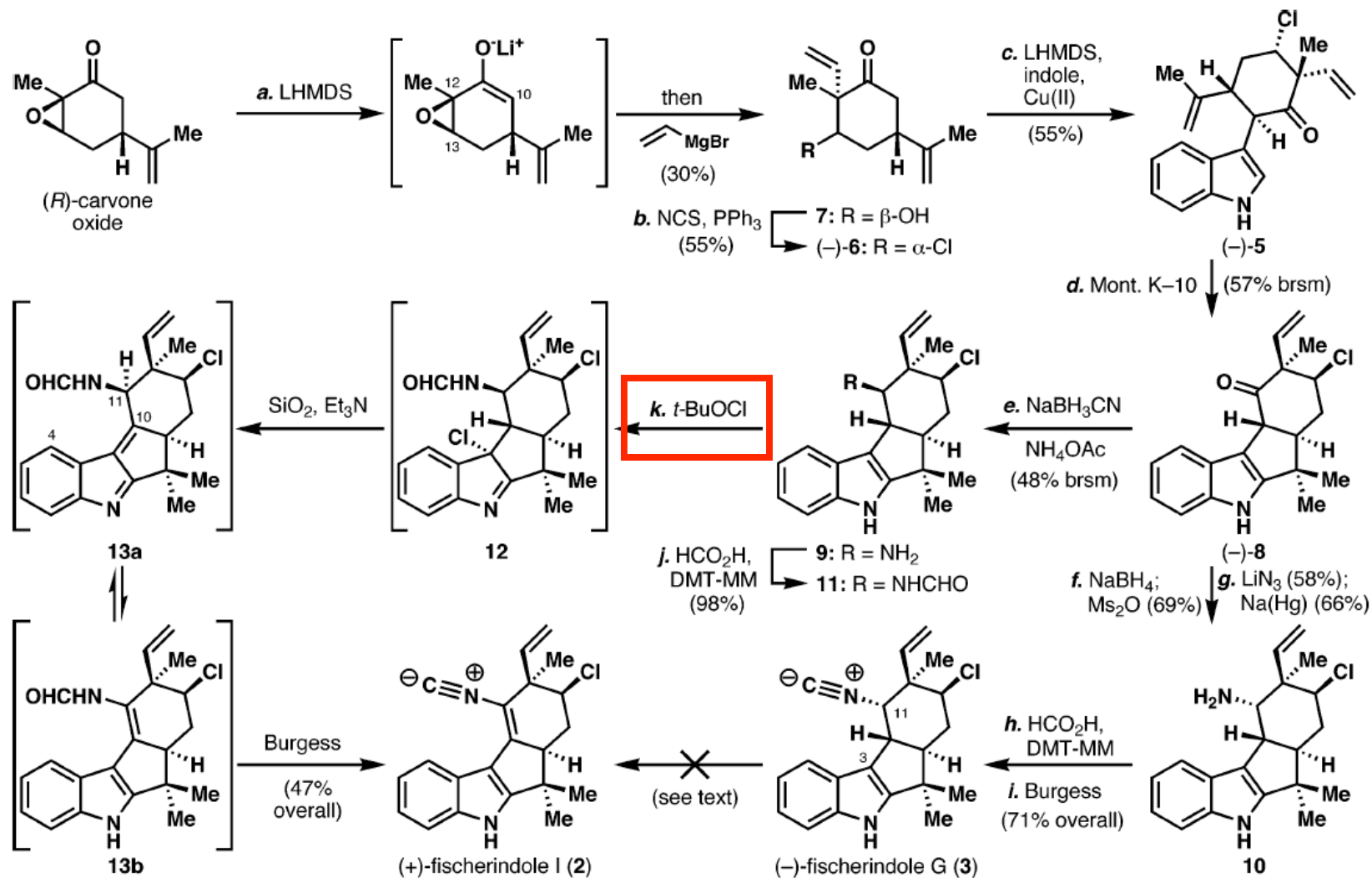
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Preparation of 15

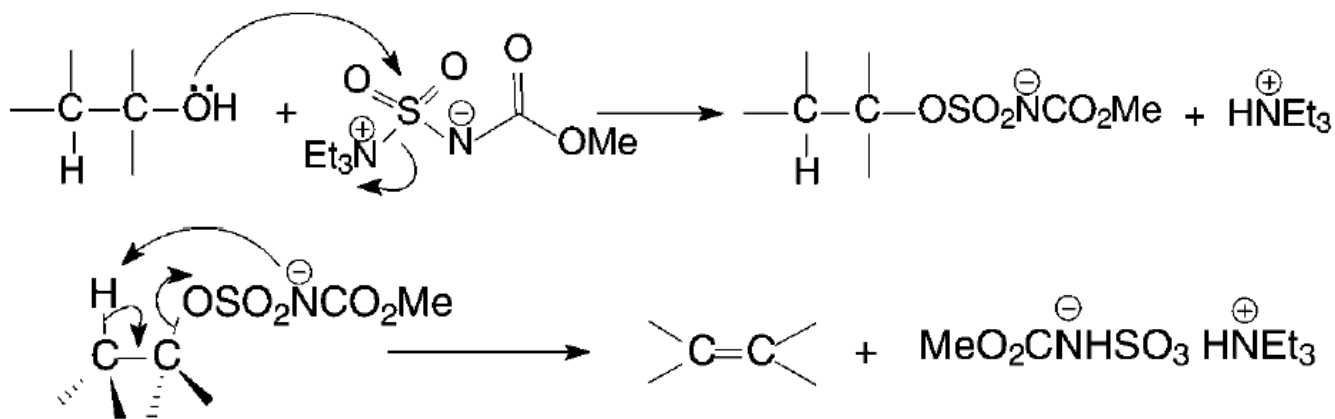
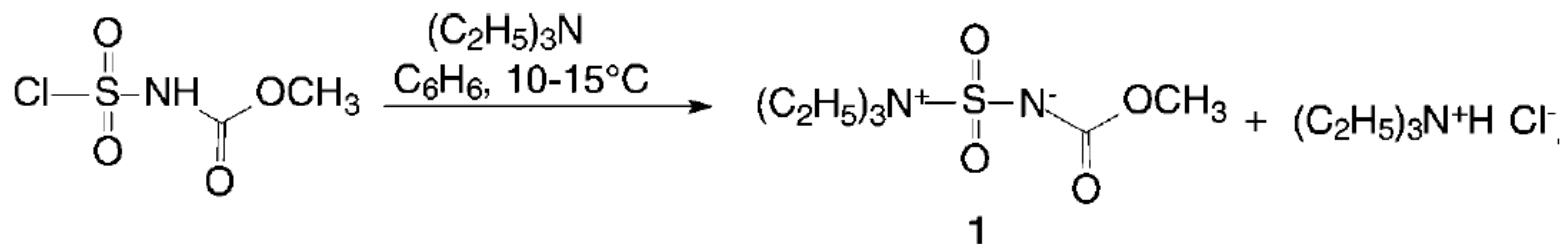
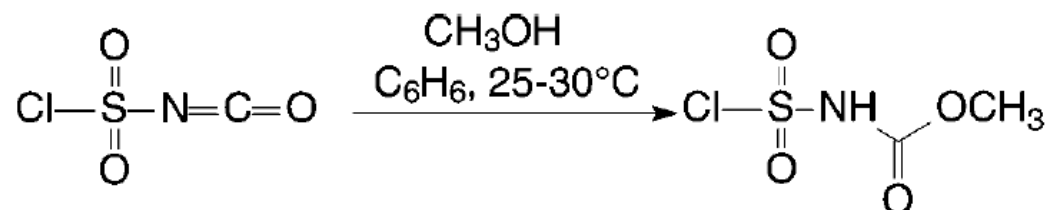


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Fischerindole I and Welwitindolinone A (Previous)



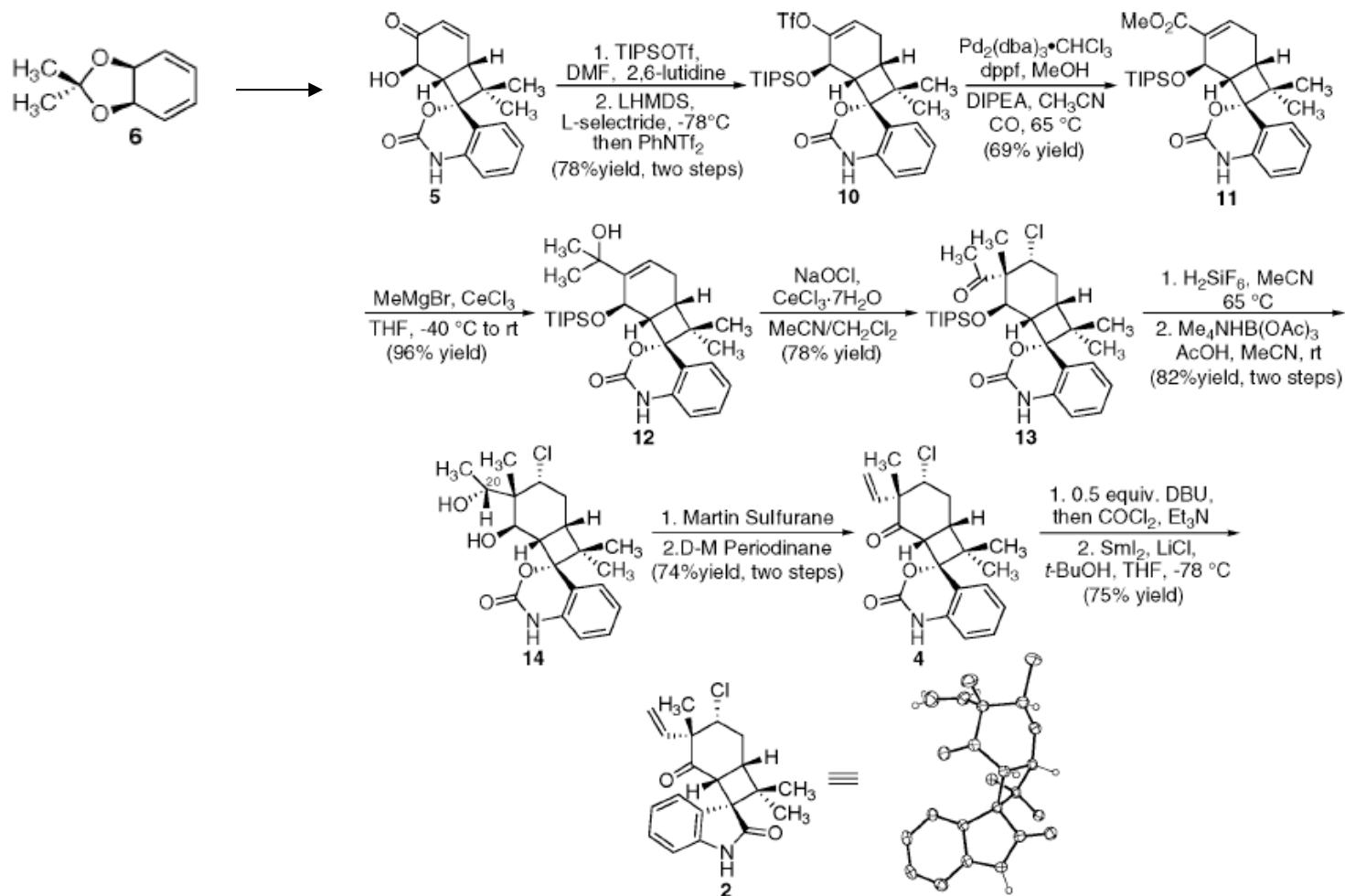
Burgess Reagent



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Total Synthesis of (\pm) Welwitindolinone A

Scheme 3



Total Synthesis of (\pm) Welwitindolinone A

