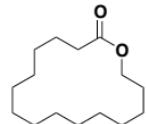
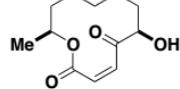


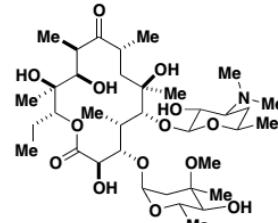
Corey-Nicolaou macrolactonization



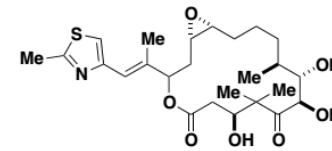
Exaltolide®
(perfume)



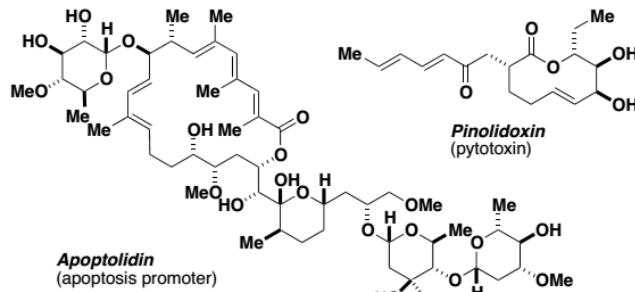
Cladospolide
(antibiotic)



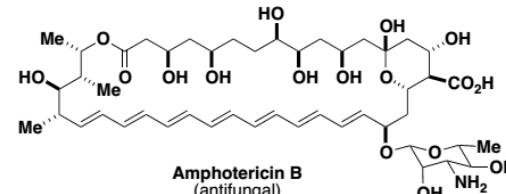
Erythromycin A
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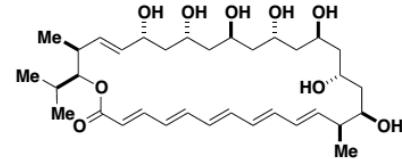
Epothilone A
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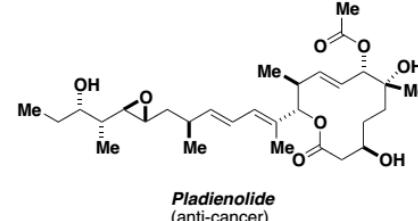
Apoptolidin
(apoptosis promoter)



Amphotericin B
(antifungal)



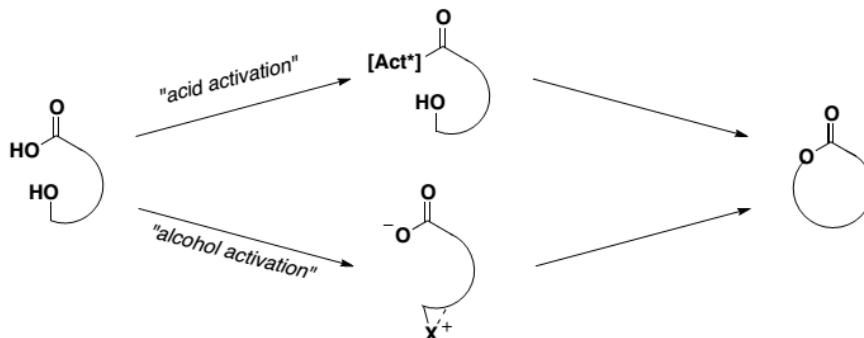
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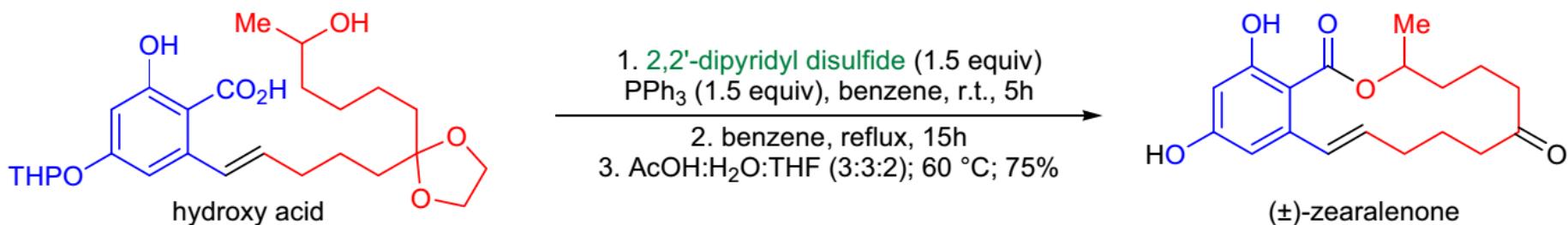
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Modes of Activation

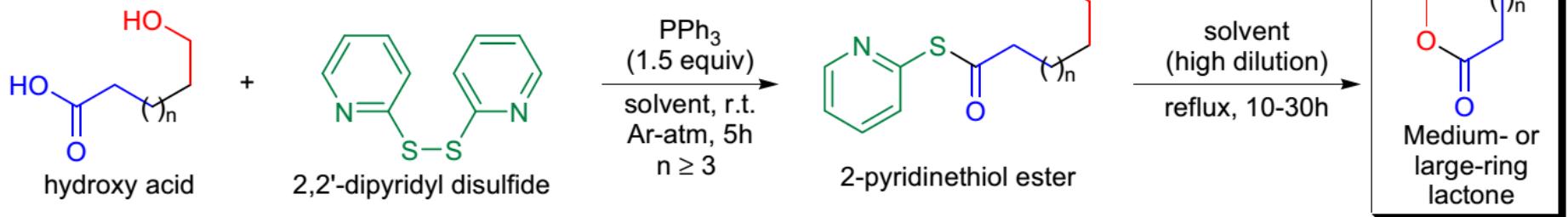
Either the acid (a) or alcohol (b) or both can be activated.
The activation of the acid is the most commonly employed mode.



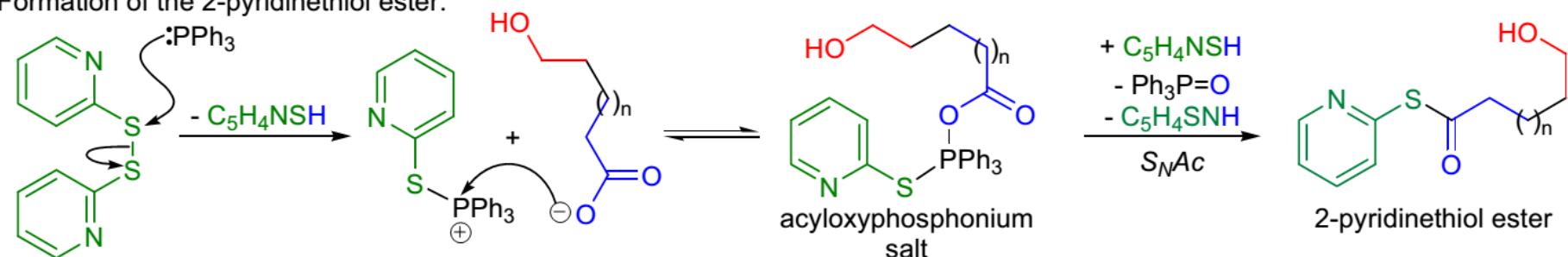
Corey & Nicolaou (1974):



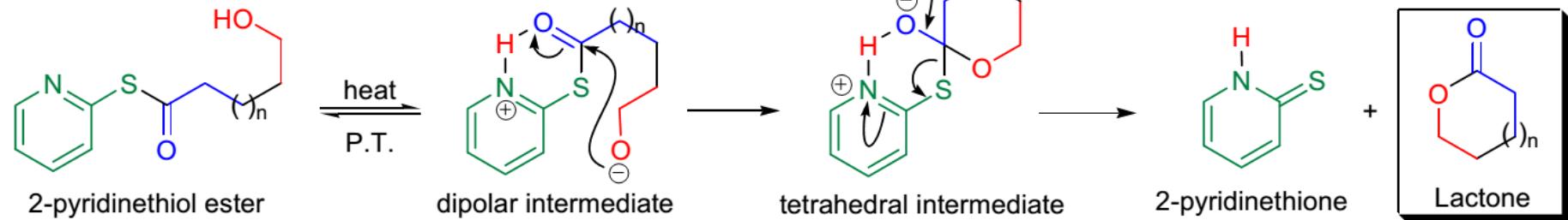
Corey-Nicolaou macrolactonization (double activation):

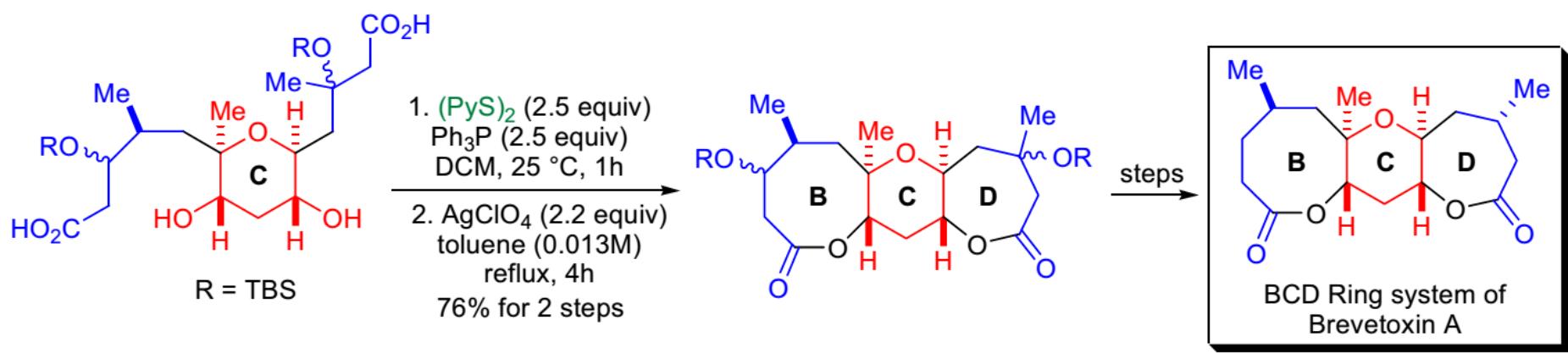


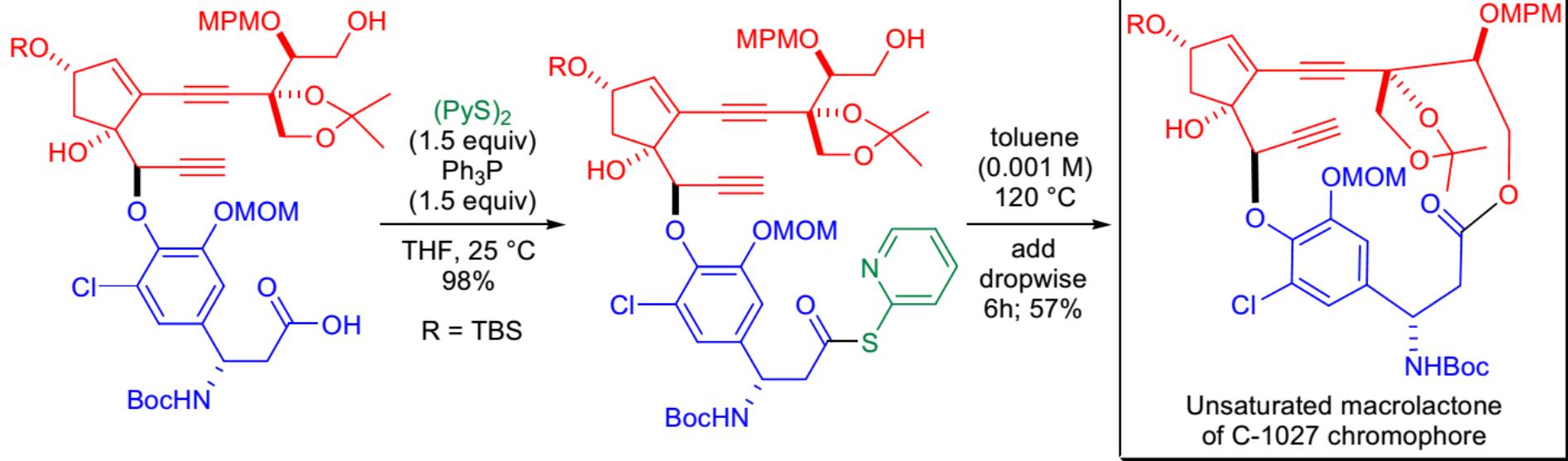
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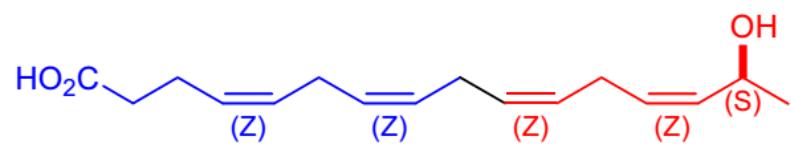


Formation of the lactone by double activation:

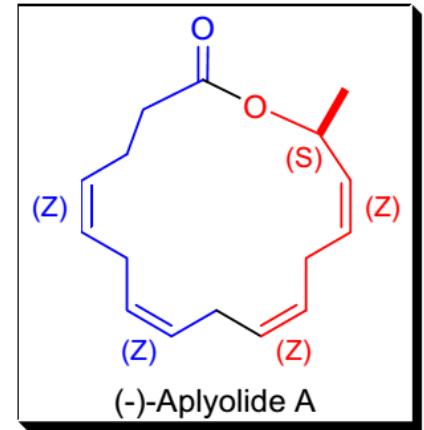


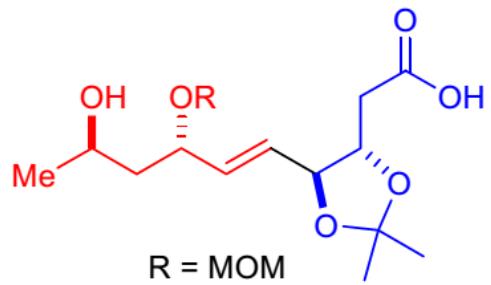




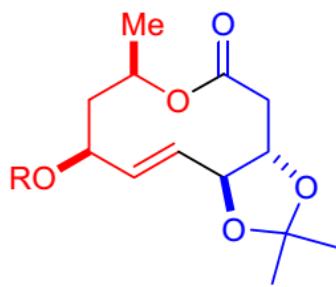


(PyS)₂ (1.5 equiv), Ph₃P (1.5 equiv)
toluene, r.t., 12h
then reflux, 5h
78%

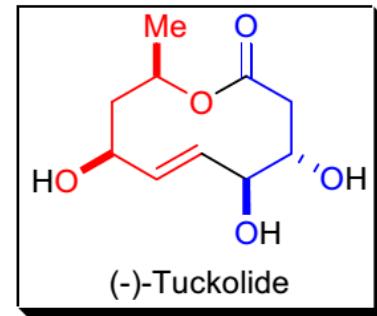




(PyS)₂ (1.5 equiv)
Ph₃P (1.5 equiv)
benzene, 25 °C, 3h
then dilute to 0.0015 M
AgClO₄ (5.2 equiv)
reflux, 12h; 33%



Dowex-50
MeOH
r.t., 4d; 58%



(-)-Tuckolide