



Biosynthesis of strychnine


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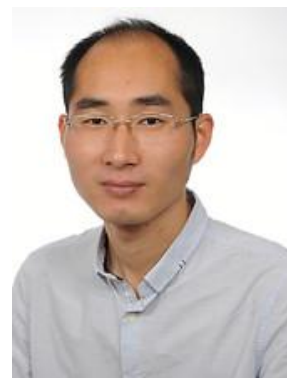
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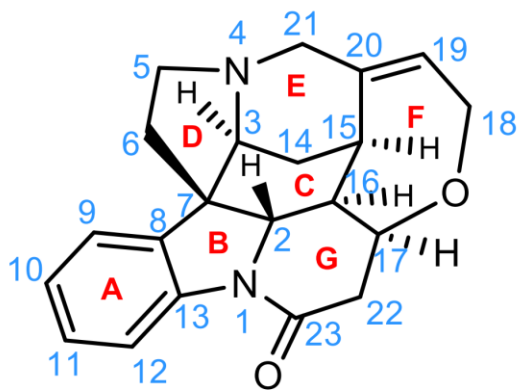


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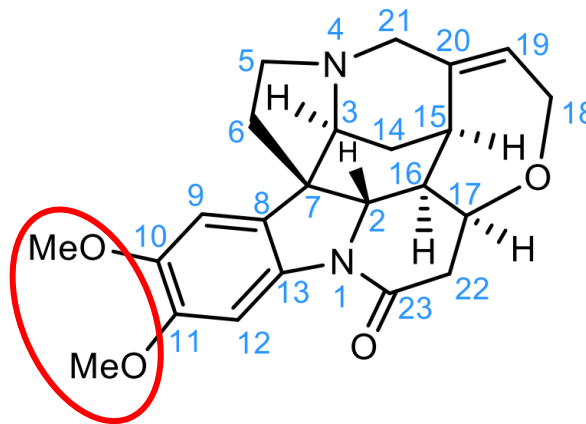
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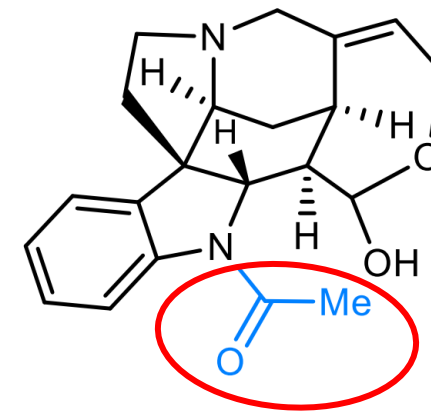
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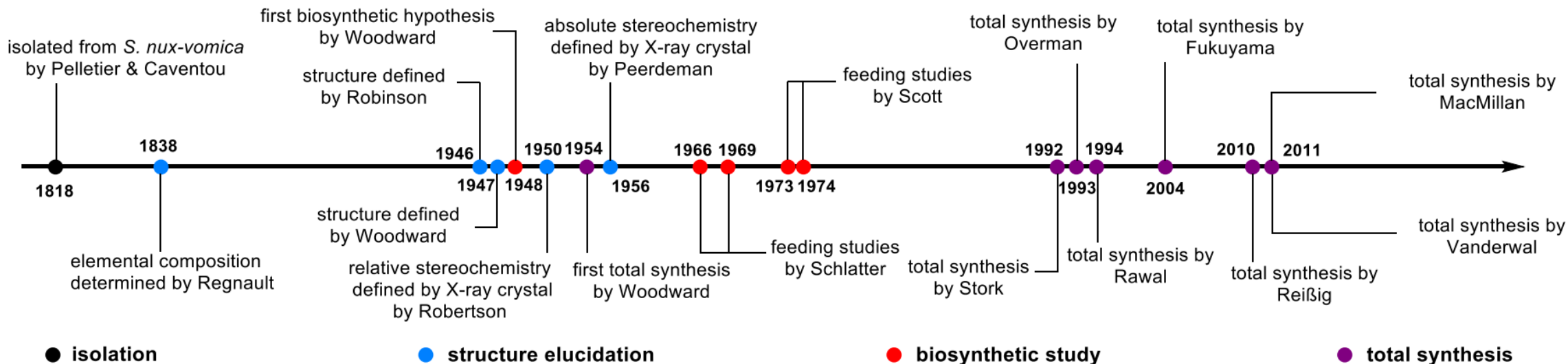
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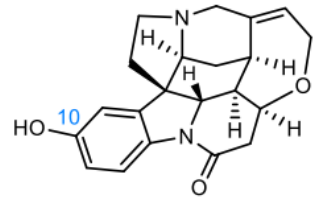


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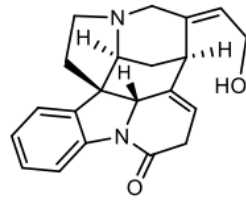


Brief timeline of strychnine research

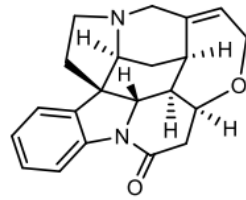
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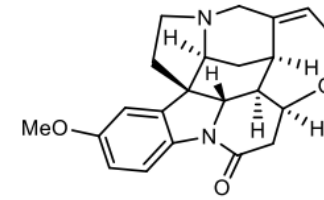
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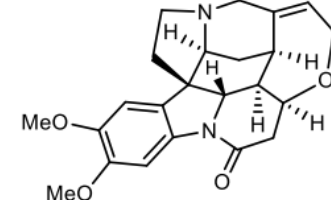
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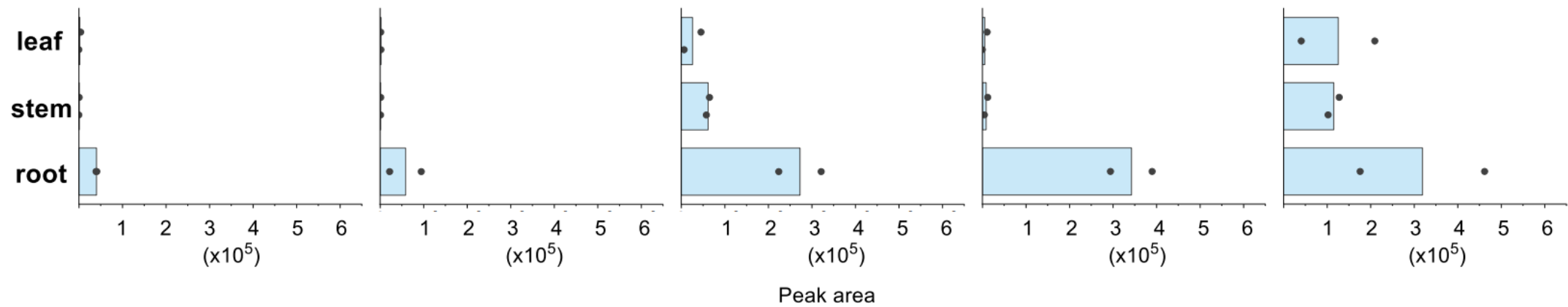
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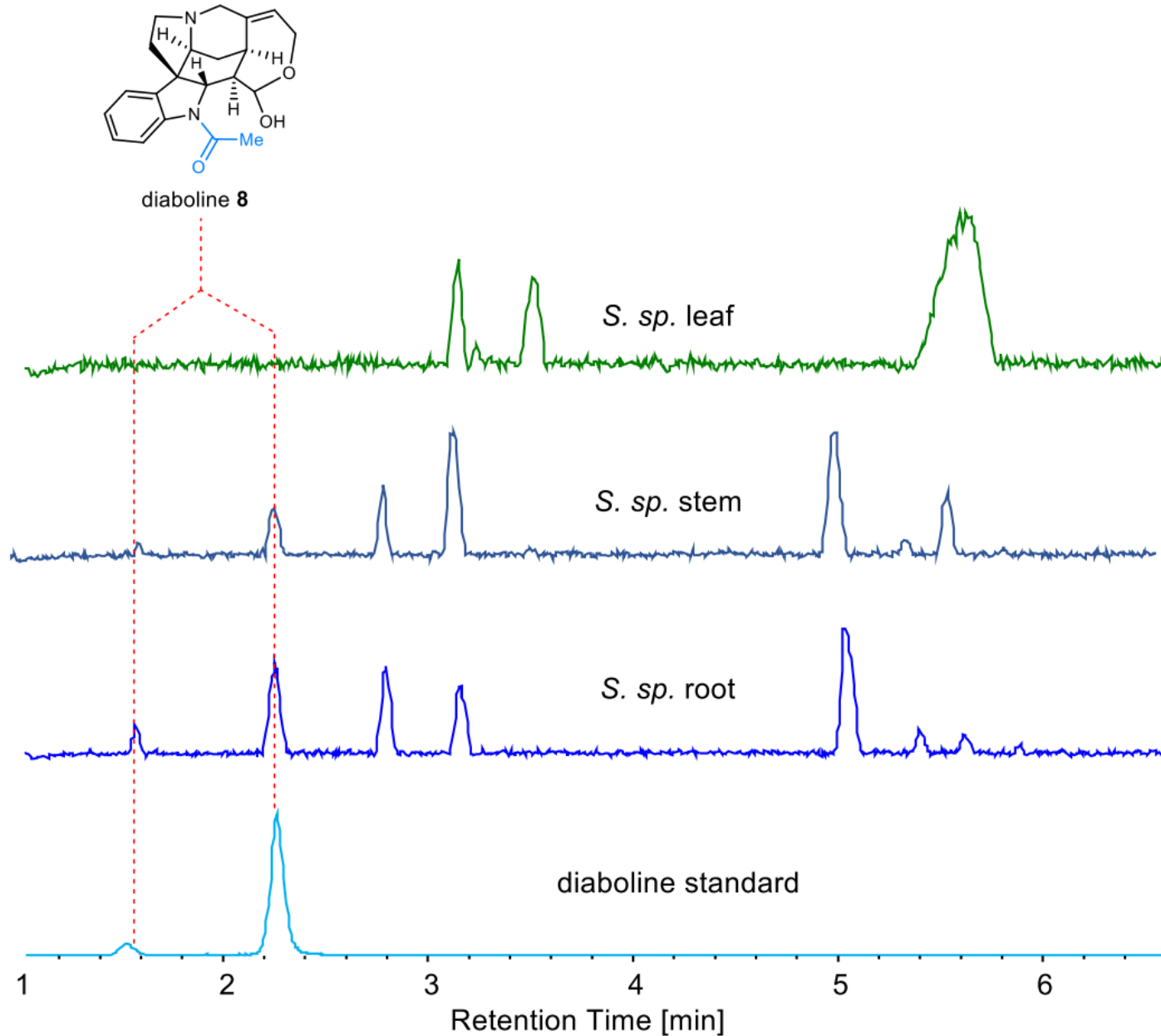
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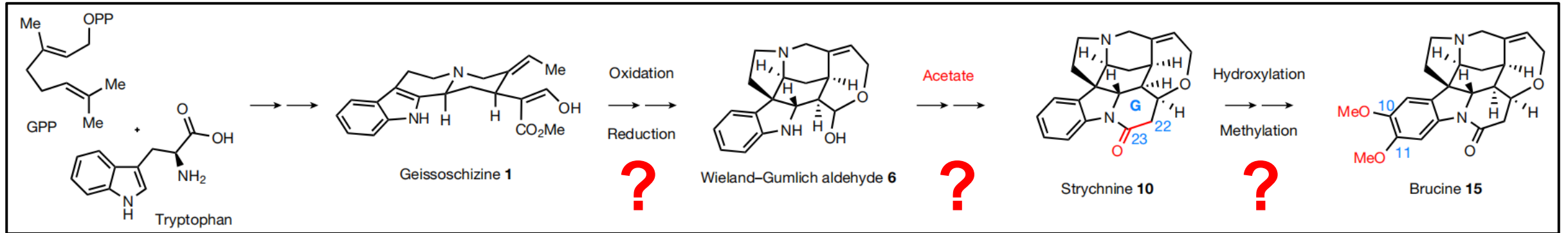
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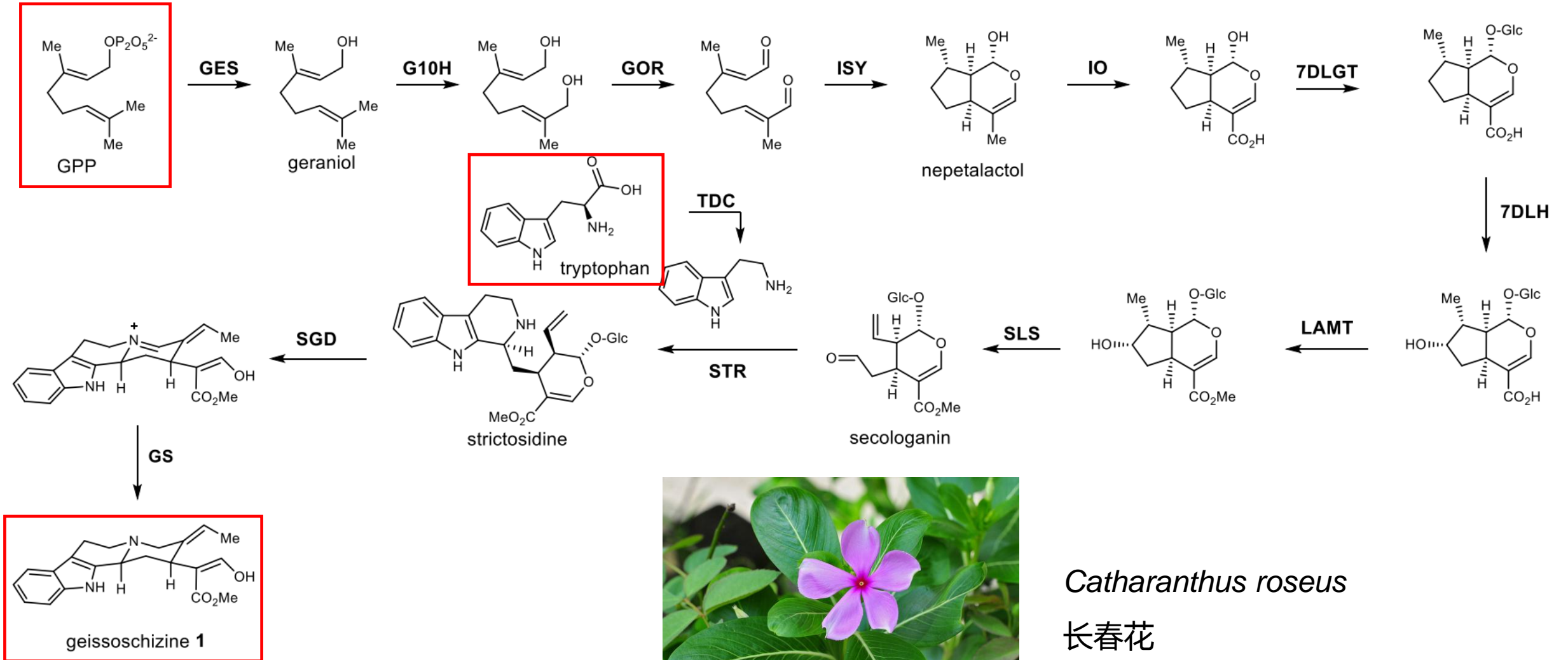
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Previous feeding studies



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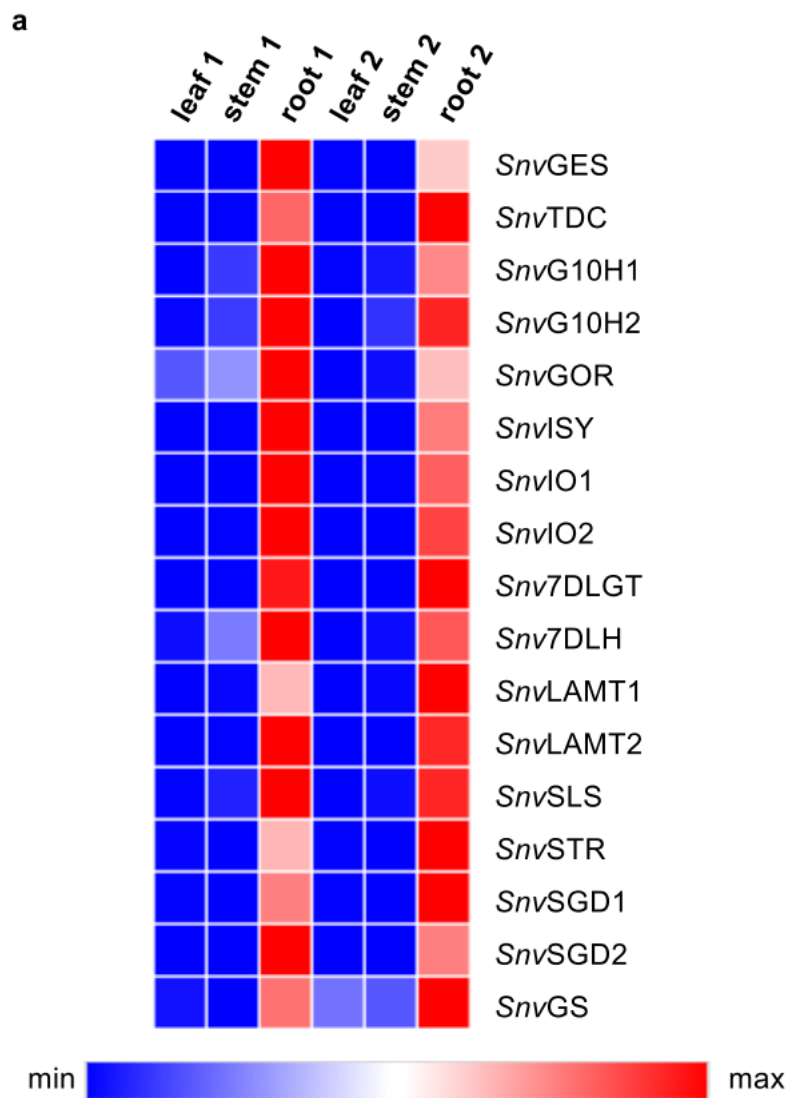


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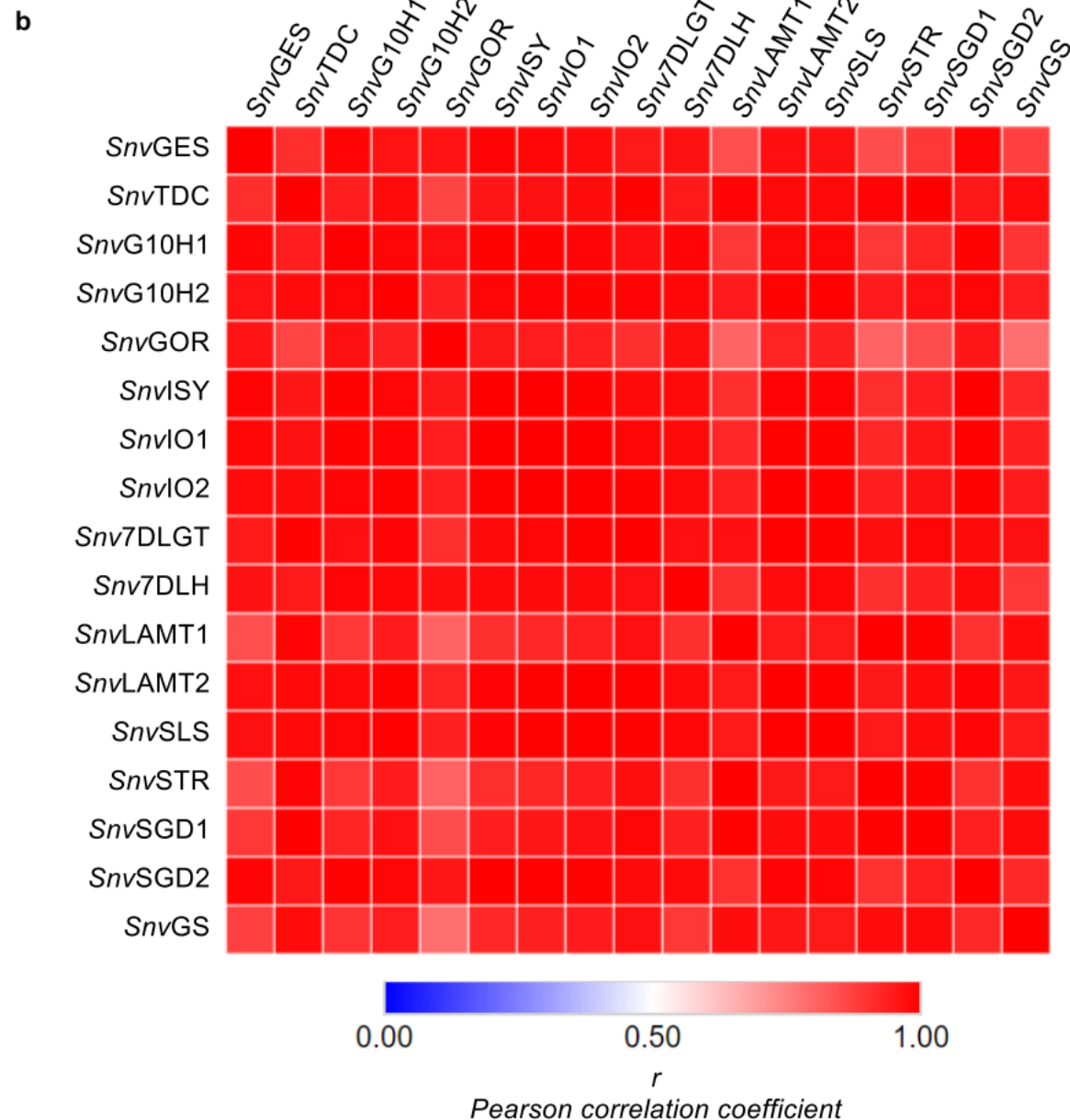
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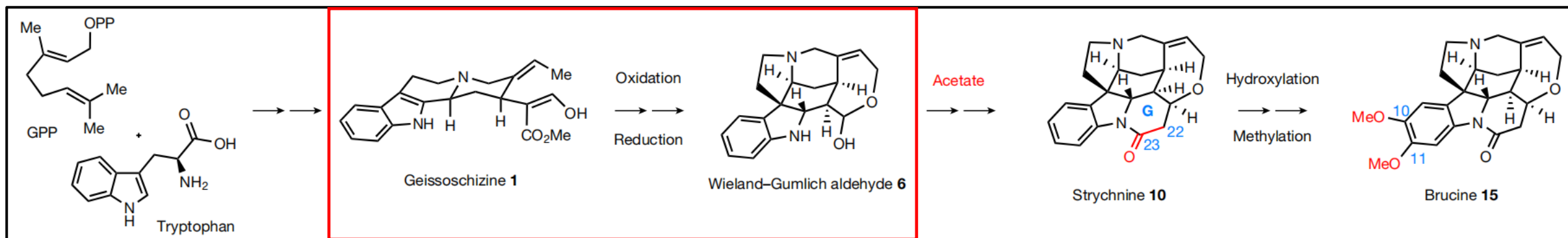
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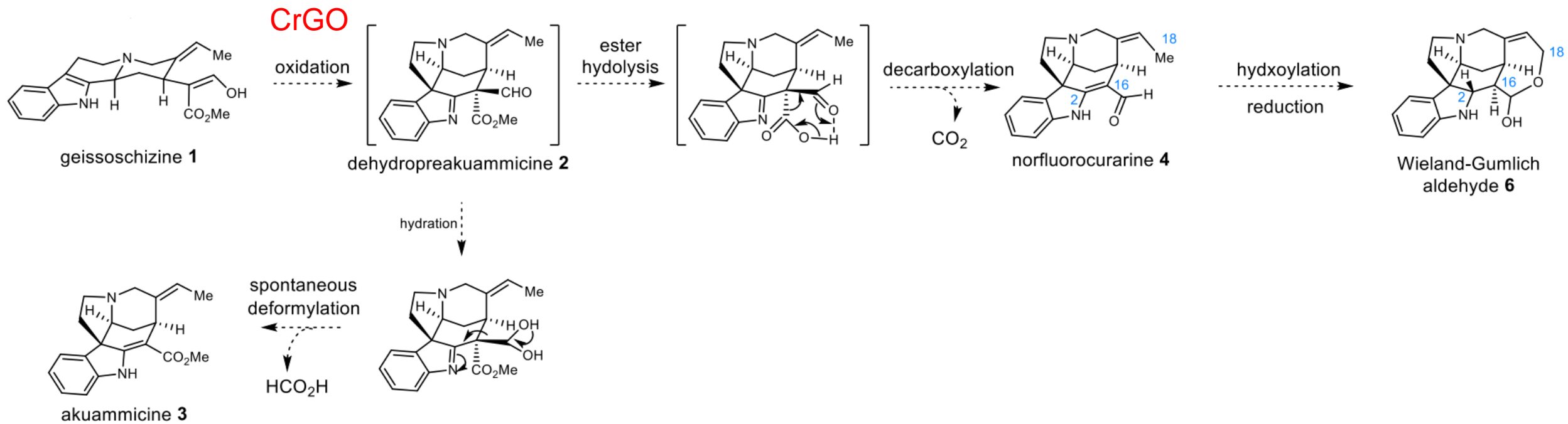
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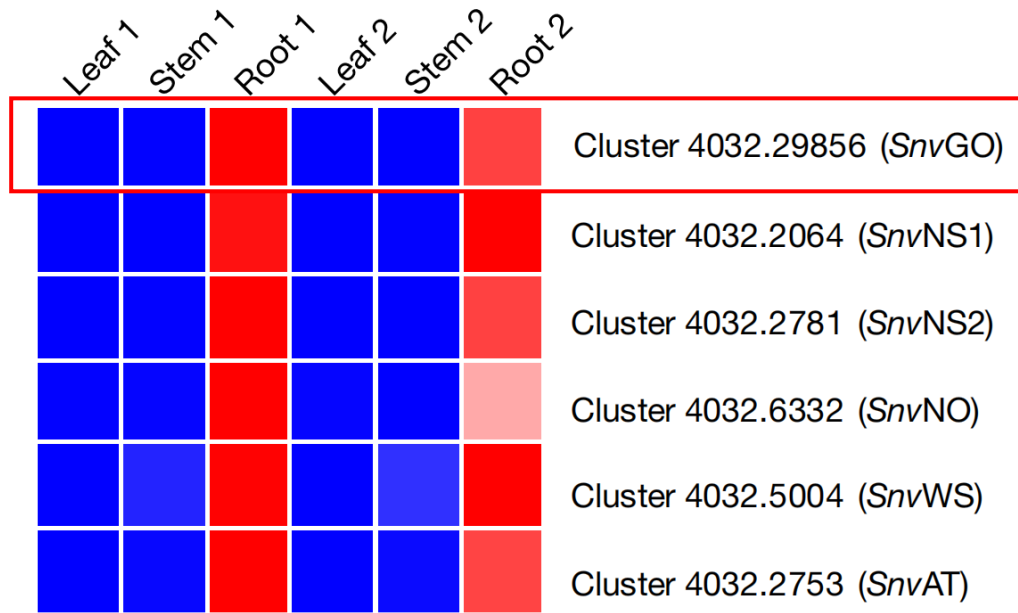
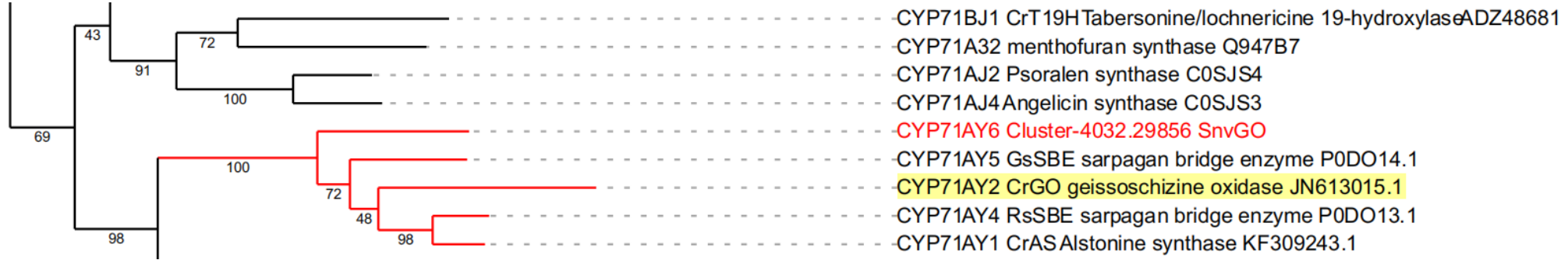
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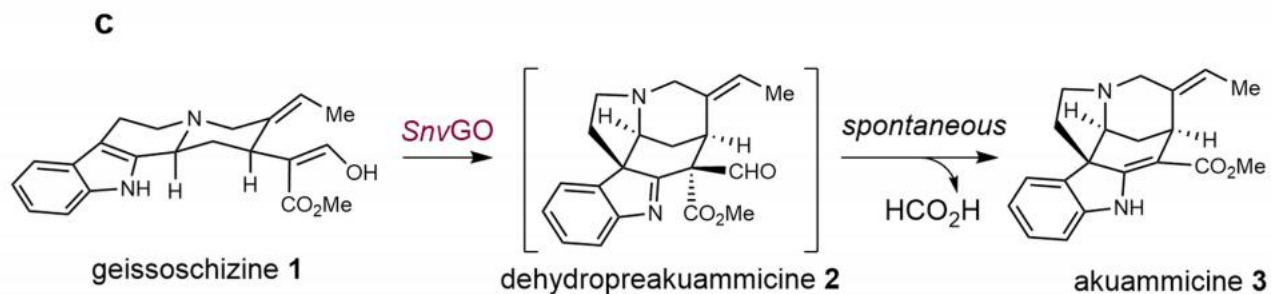
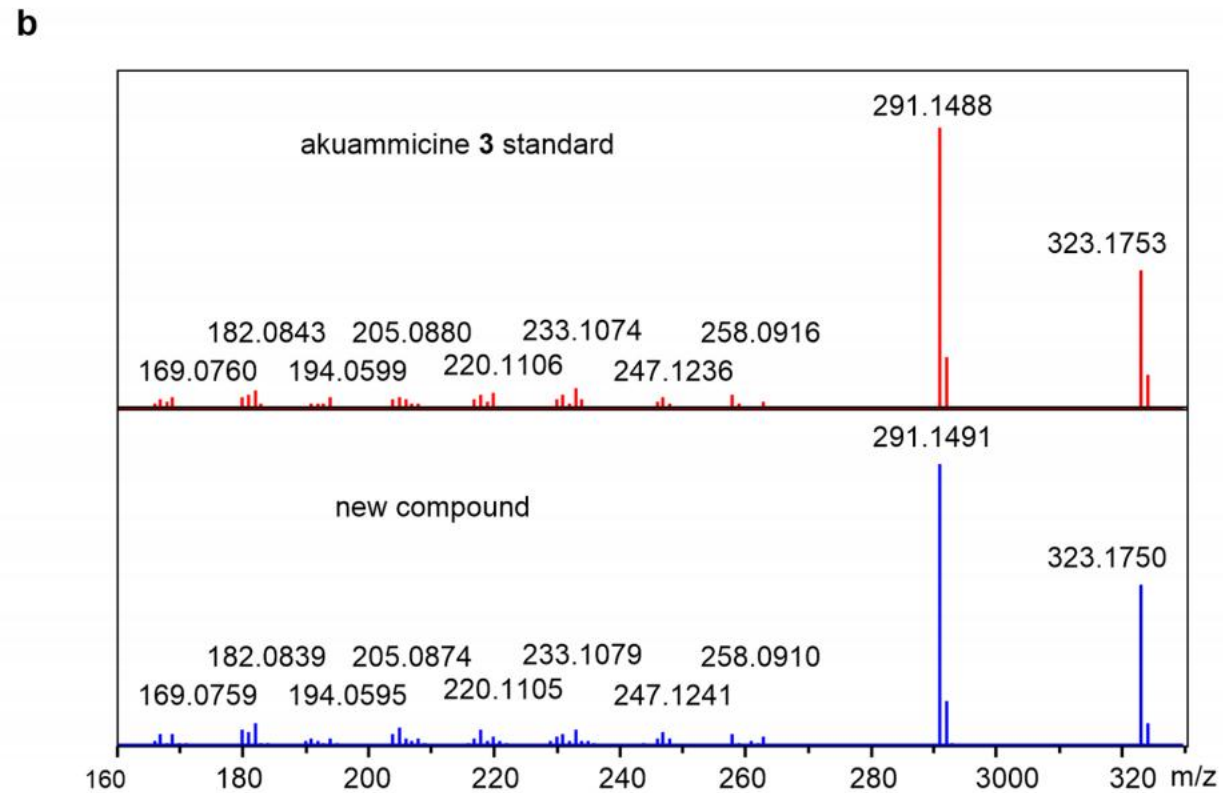
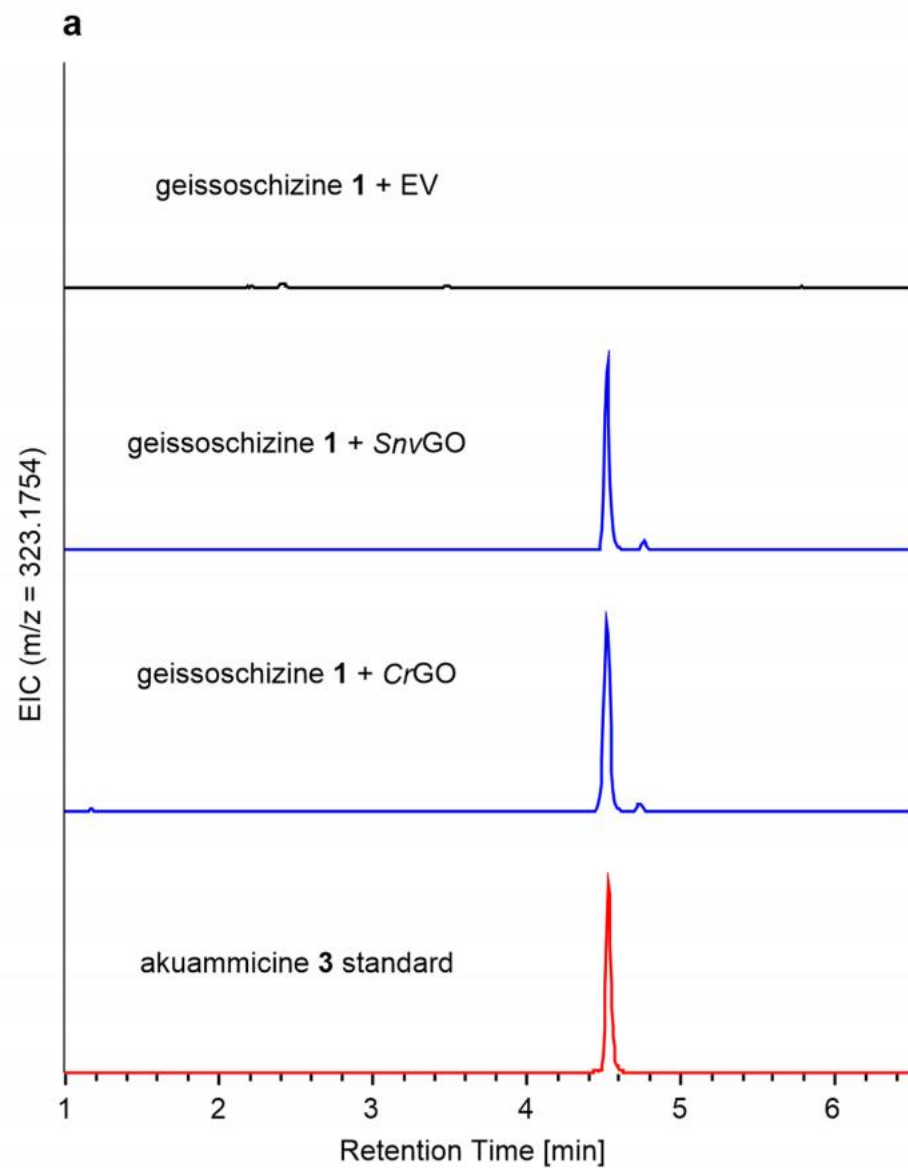


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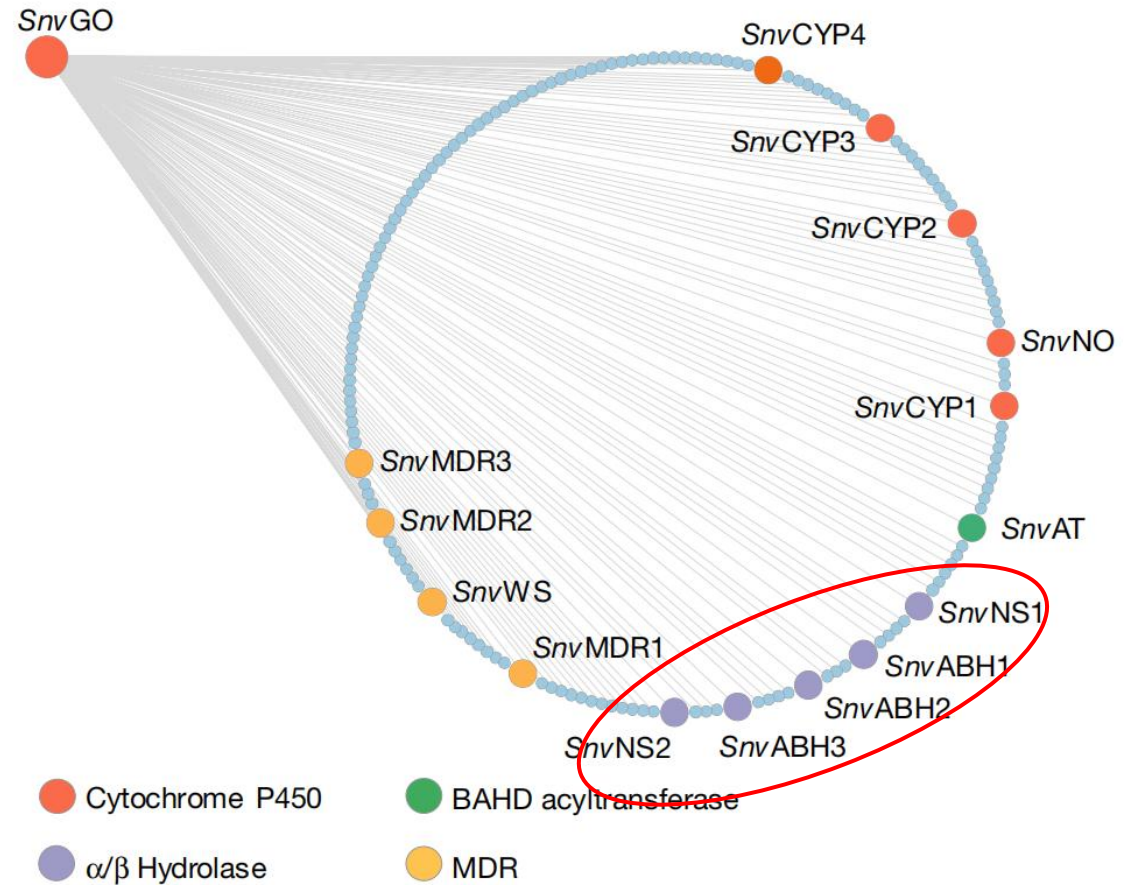
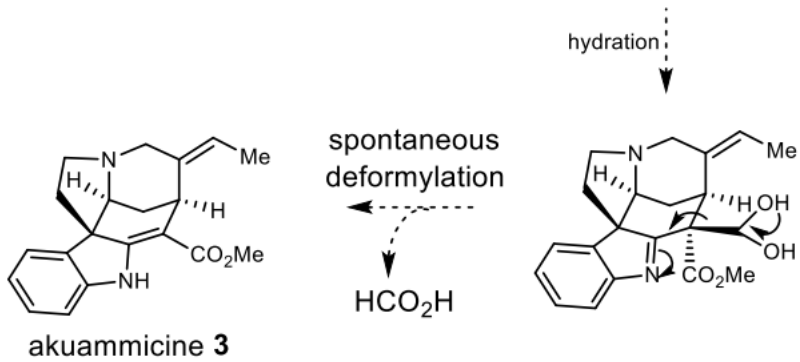
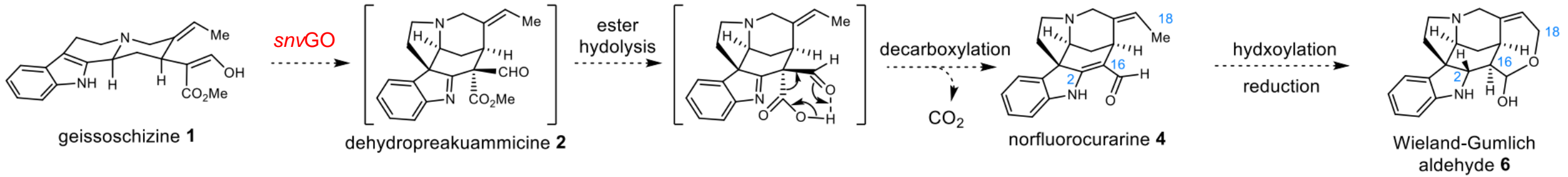


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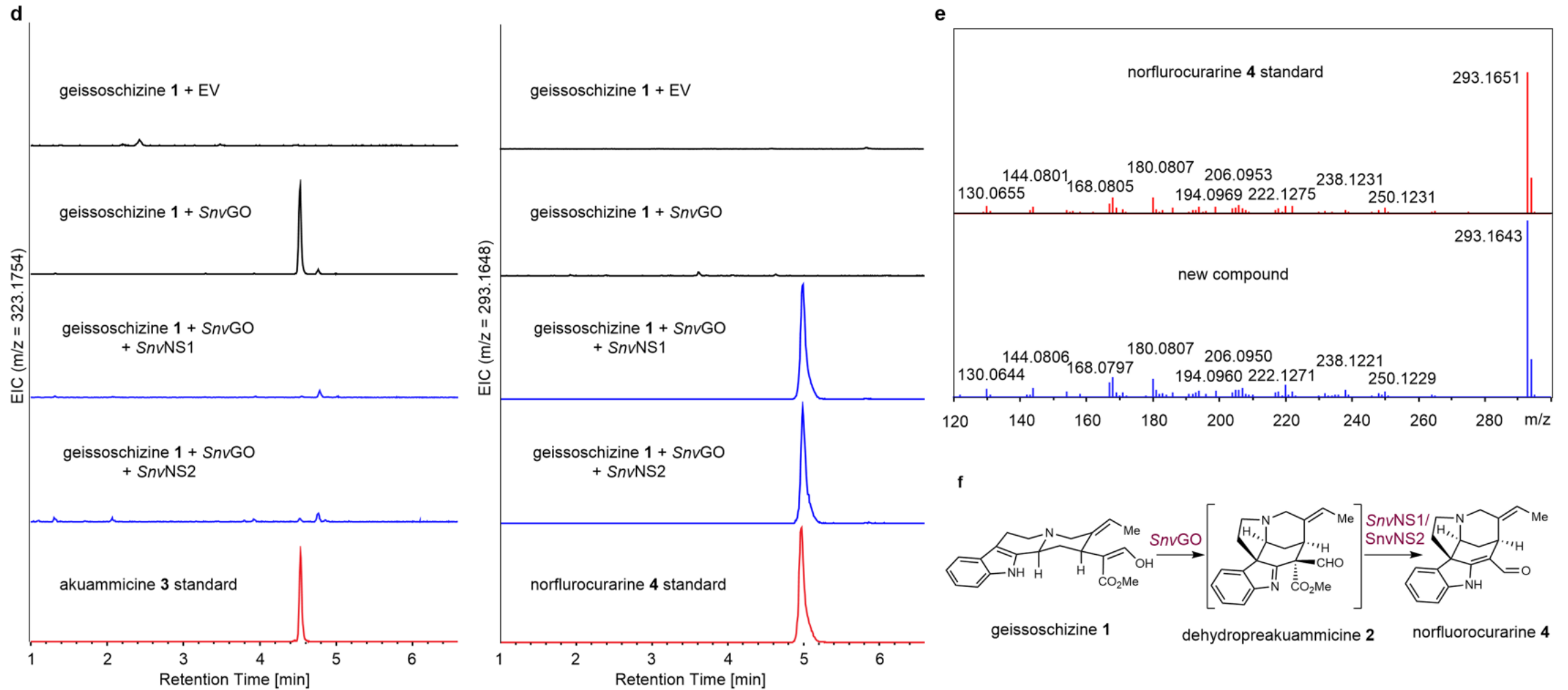
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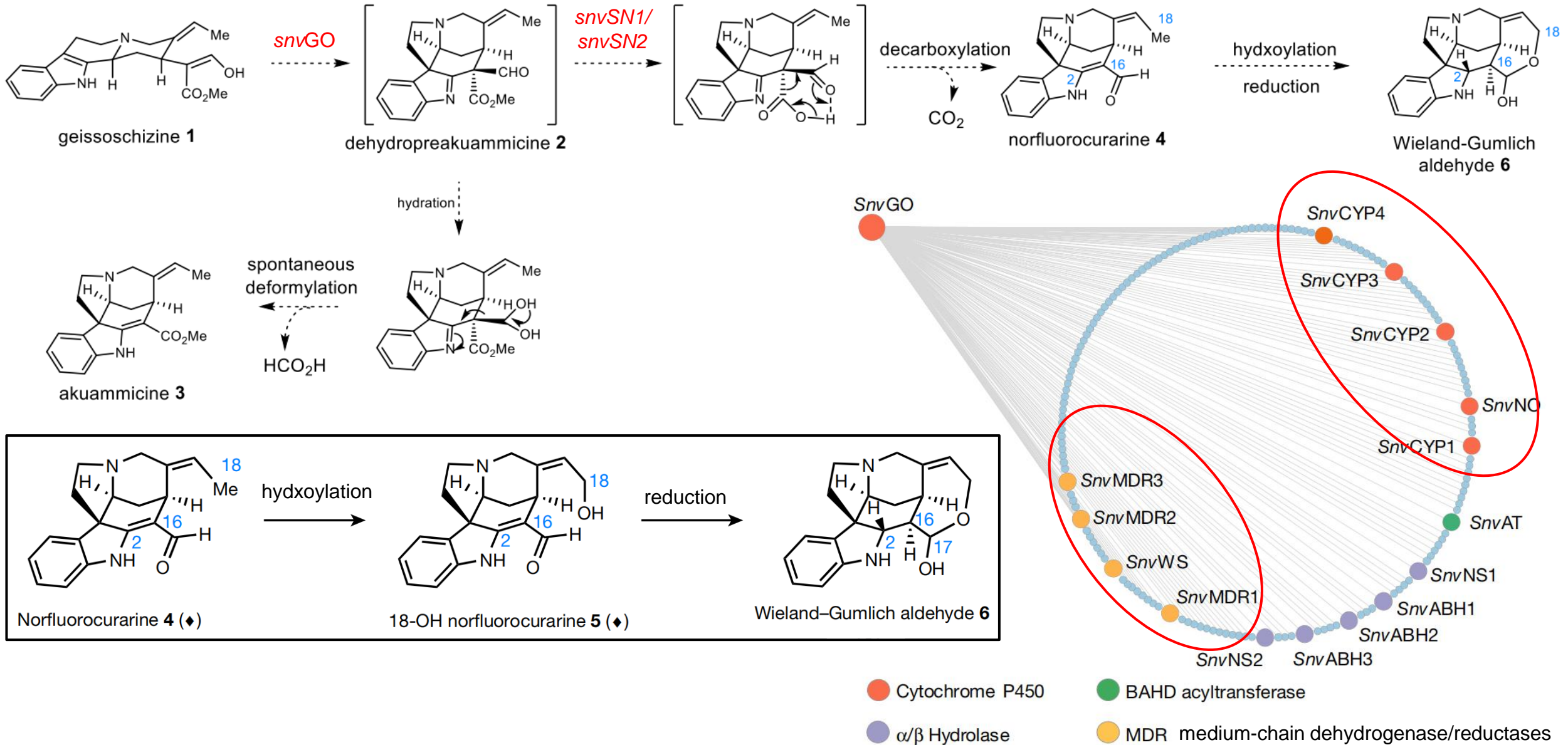


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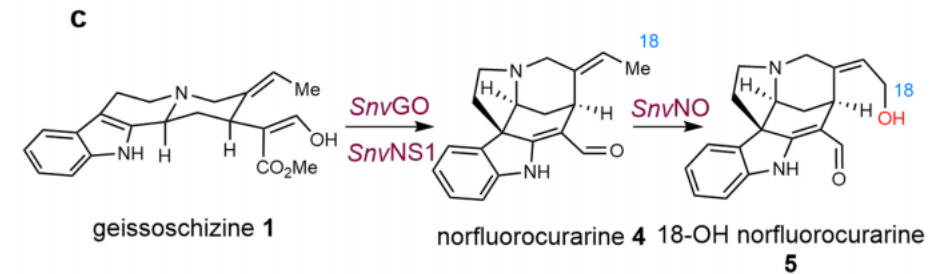
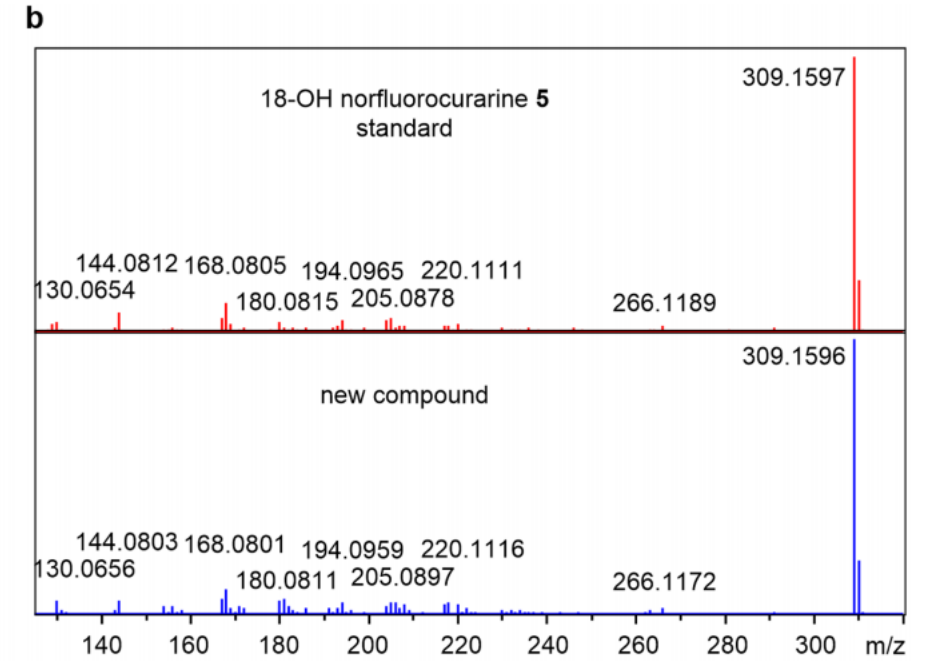
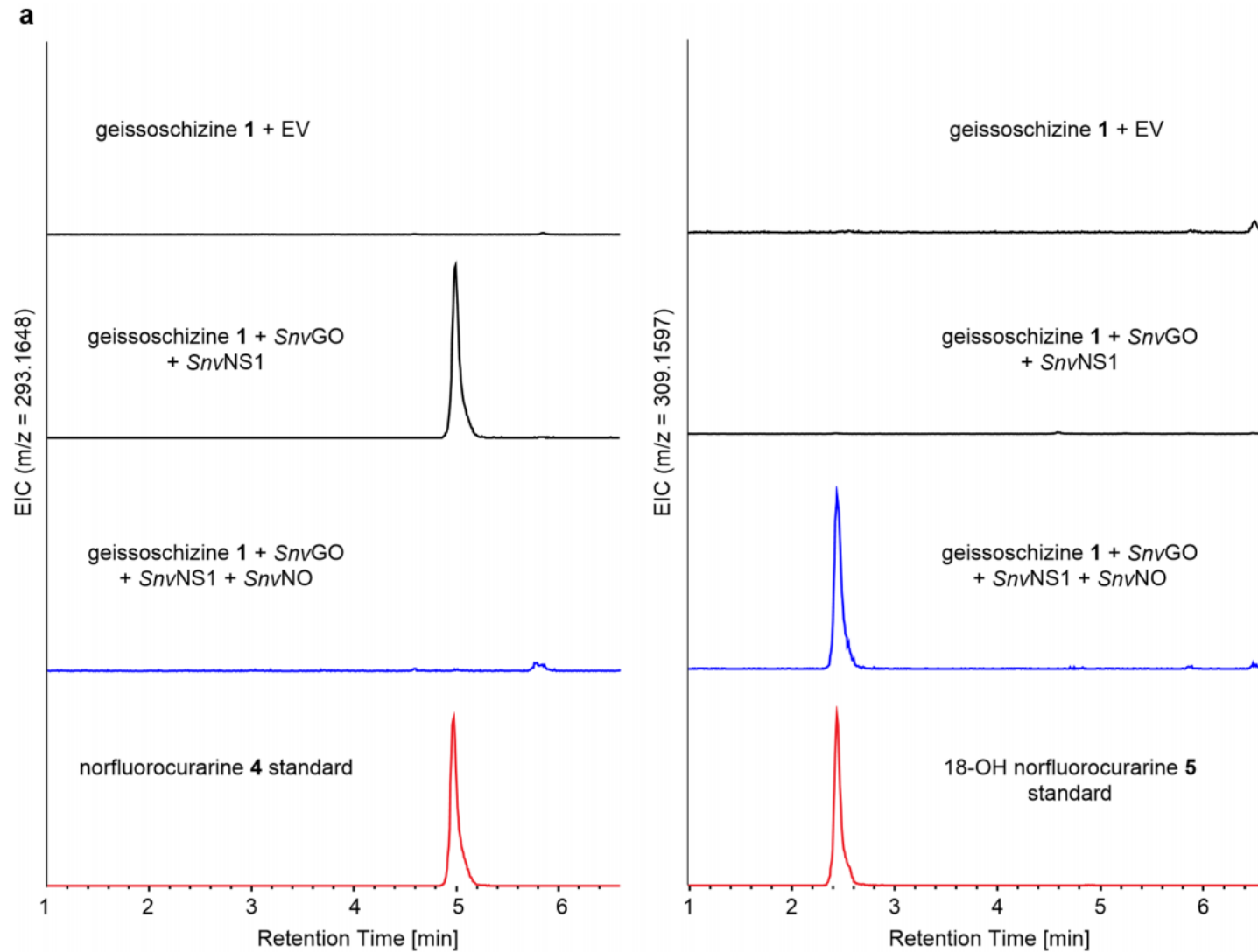


snvNS1 and *snvNS2* led to production of 4 and substantially decreased levels of 3

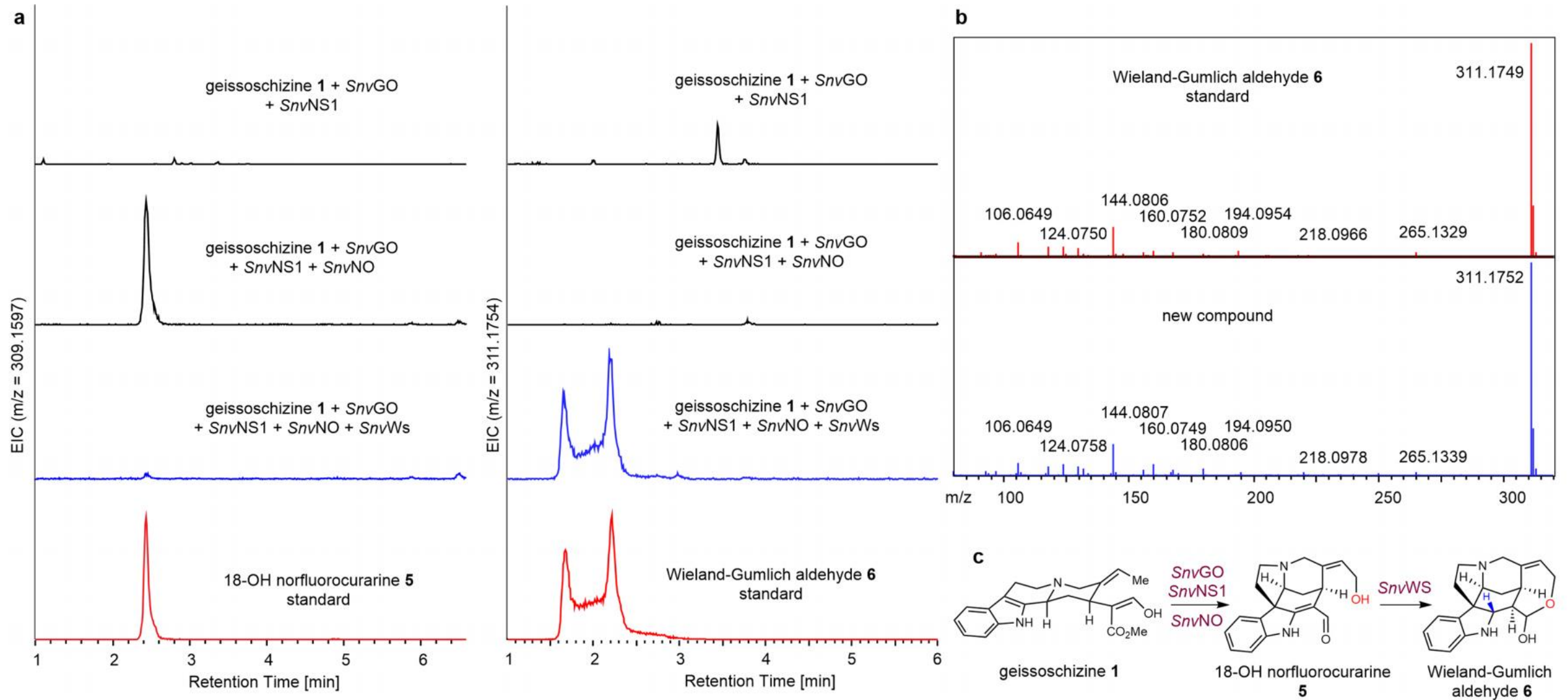
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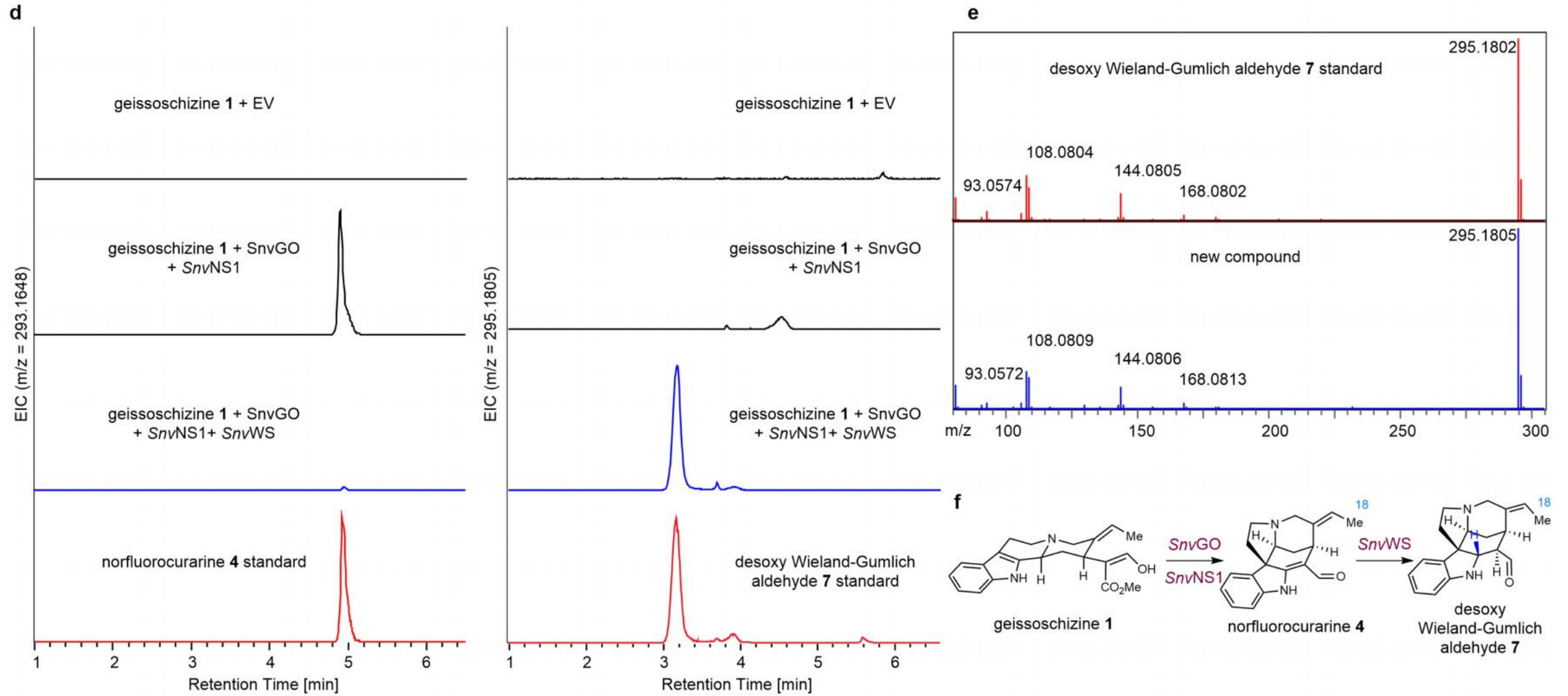
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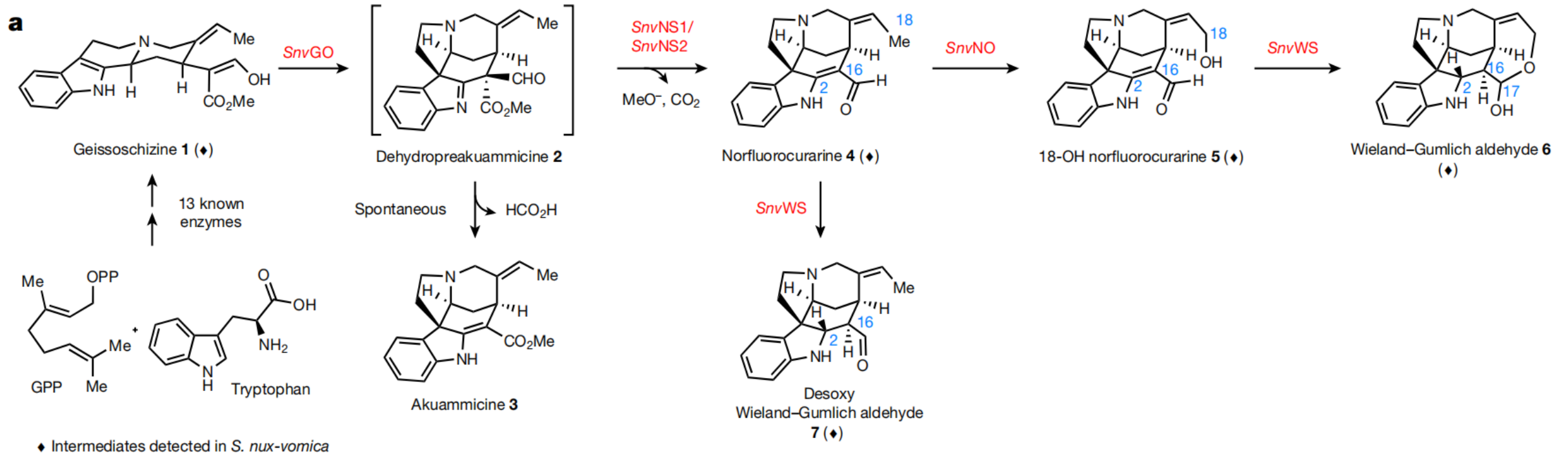
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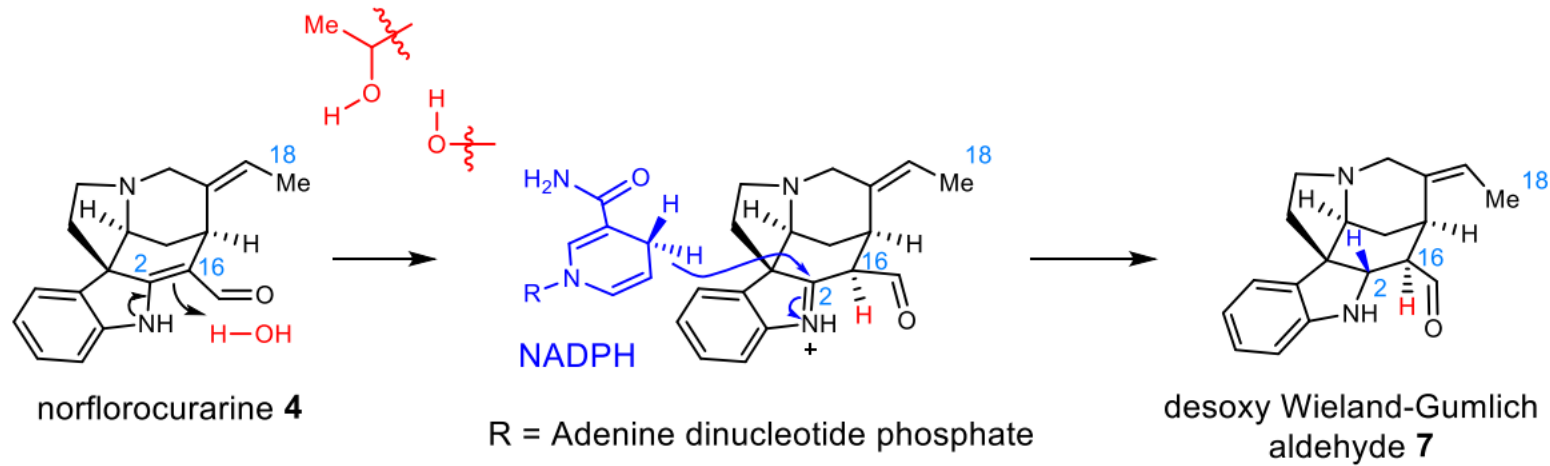
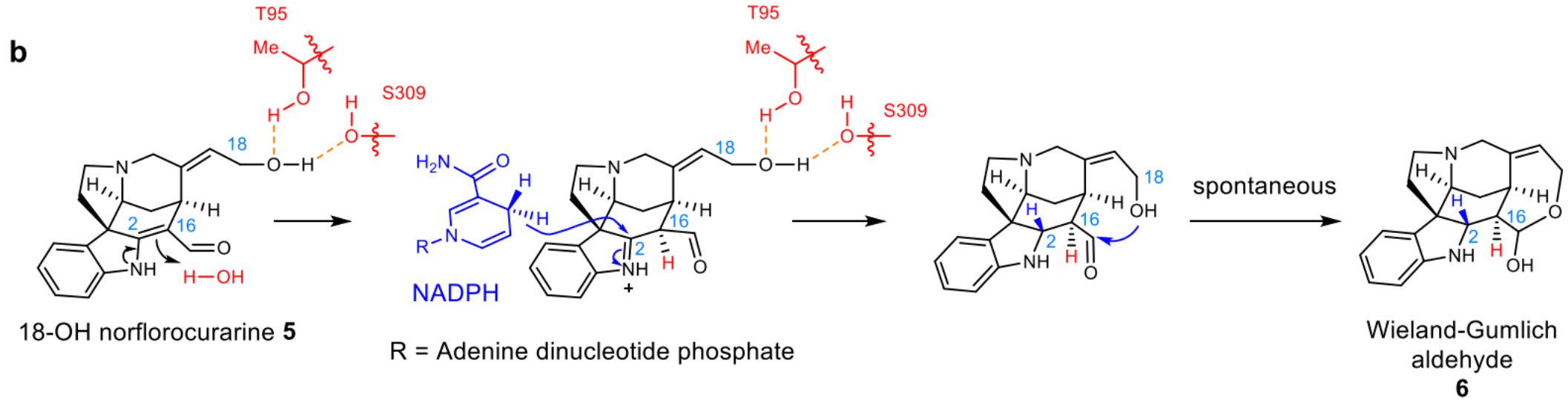


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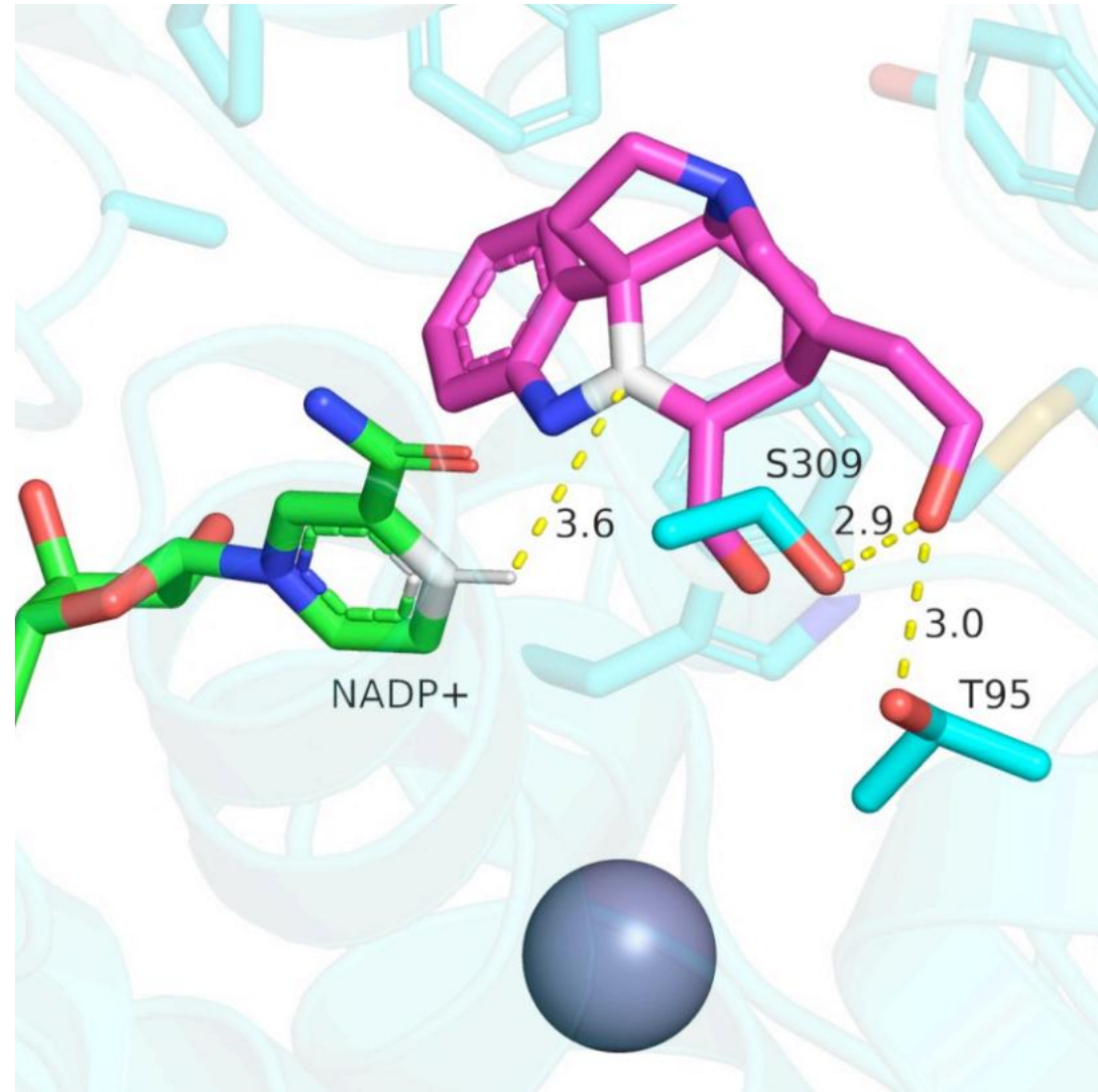
The order of the reactions is first oxidation to form 18-OH norfluorocurarine 5, followed by reduction.

Mechanistic hypothesis for SnvWS



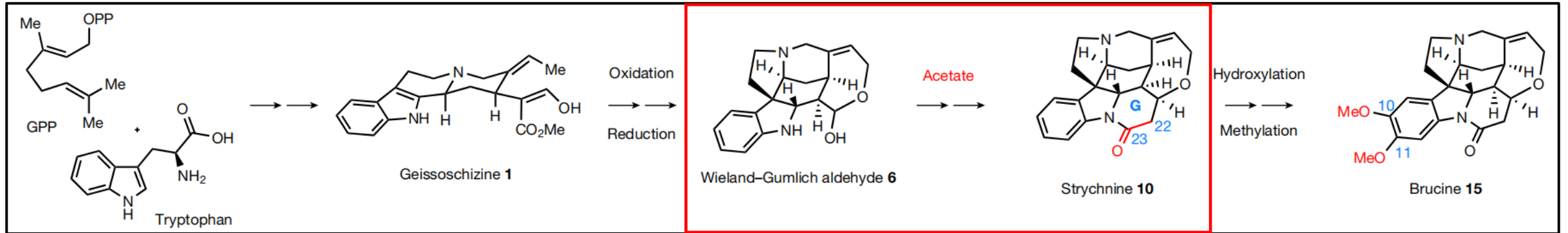
Proposed mechanism for the stereoselective formation of C2 and C16 chiral center in **6** and **7**

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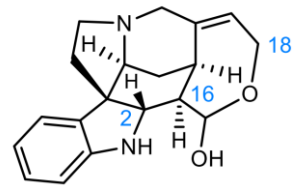


Docking model of *SnvWS* with 18-OH norflurocurarine **5**

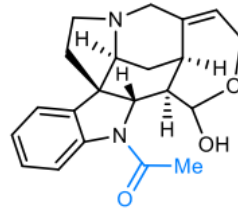
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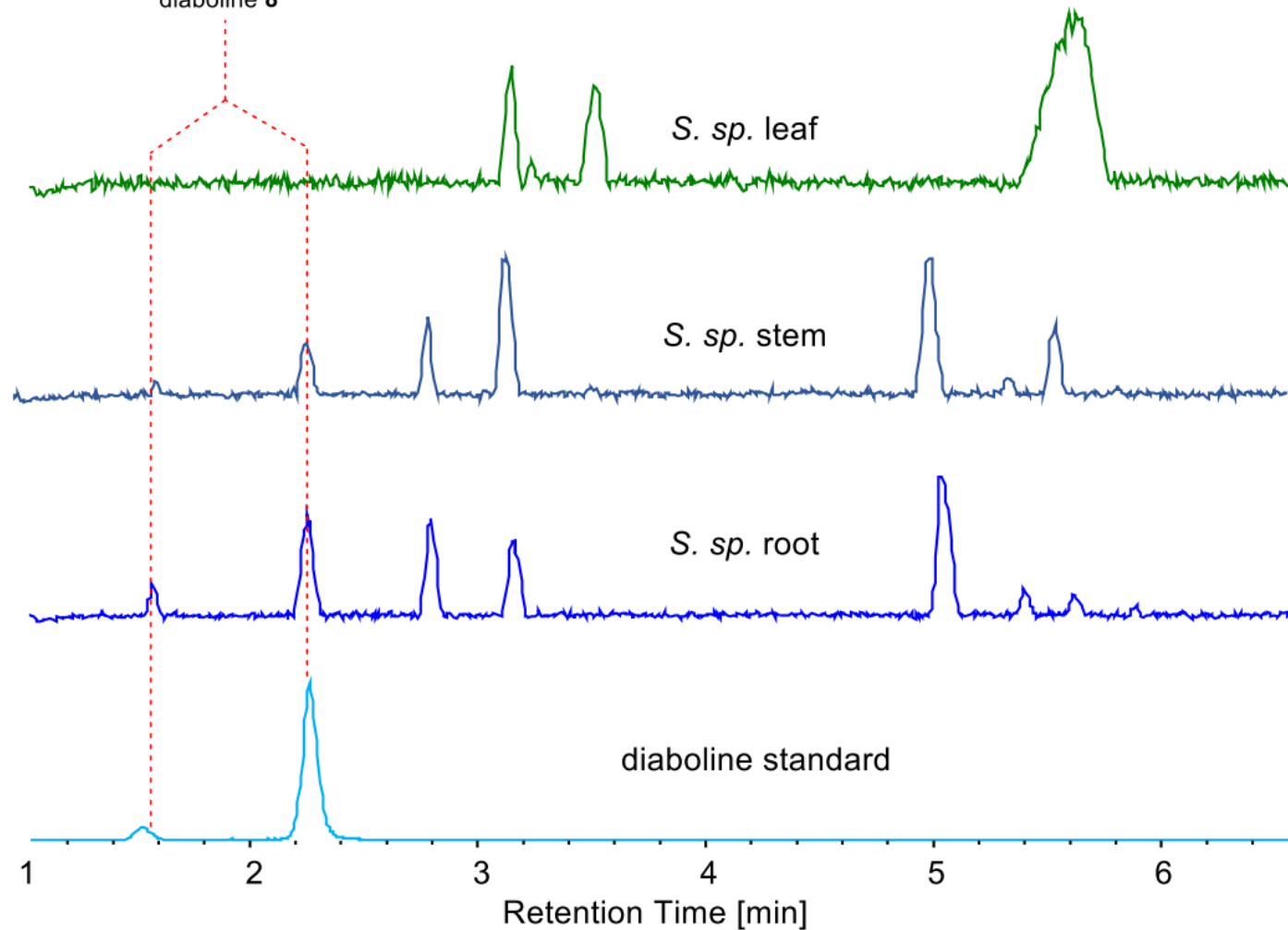
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Wieland-Gumlich
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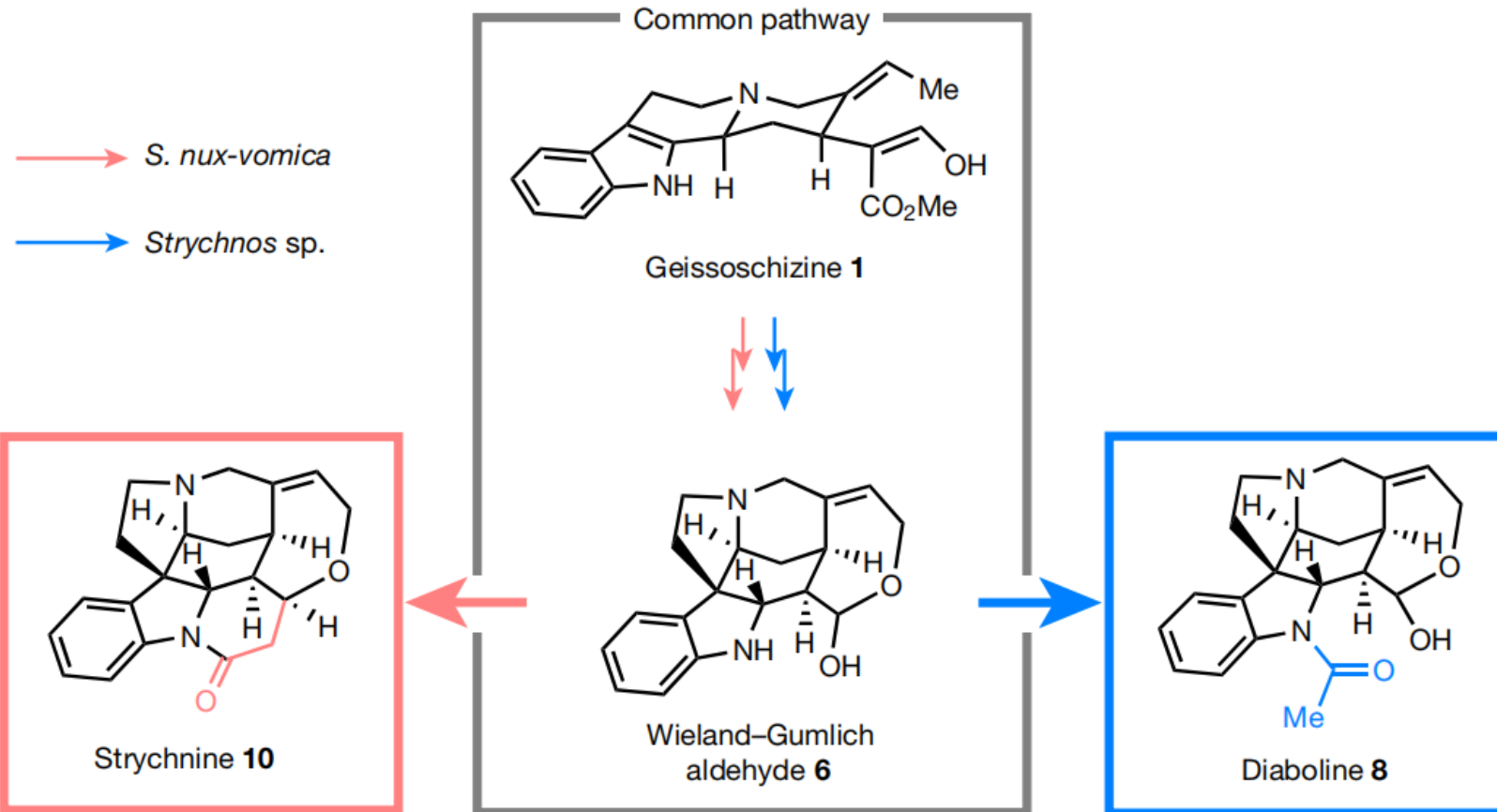


diaboline **8**

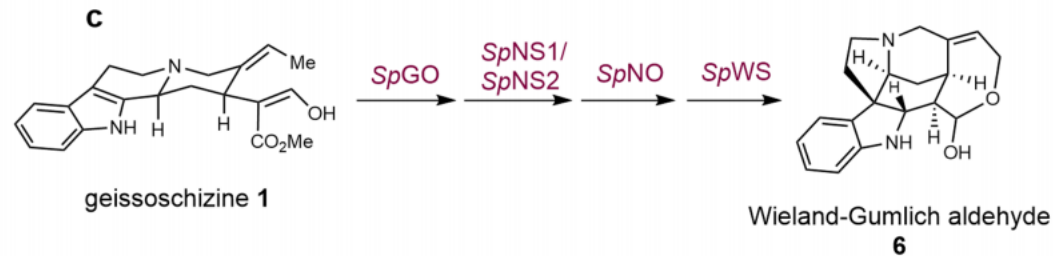
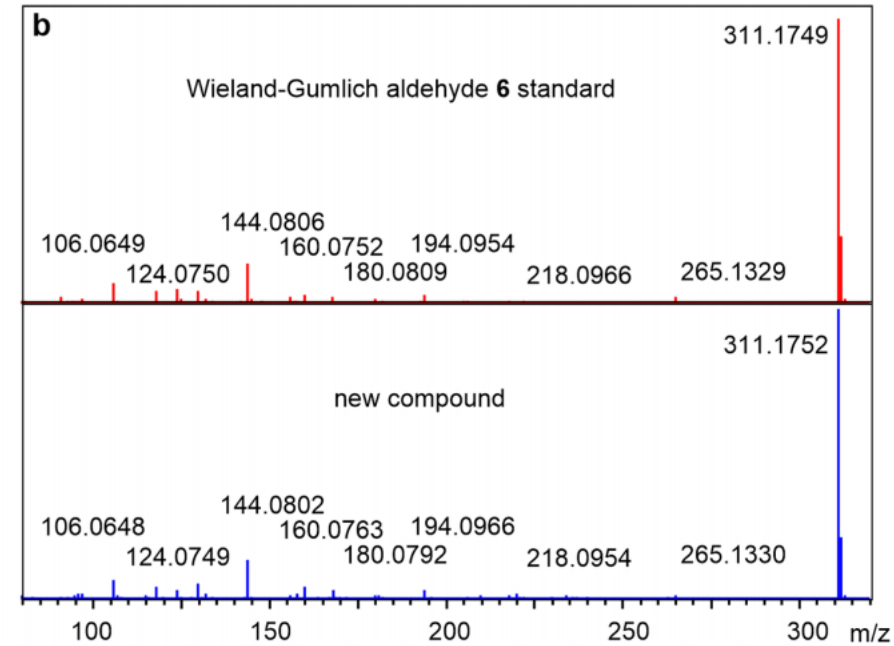
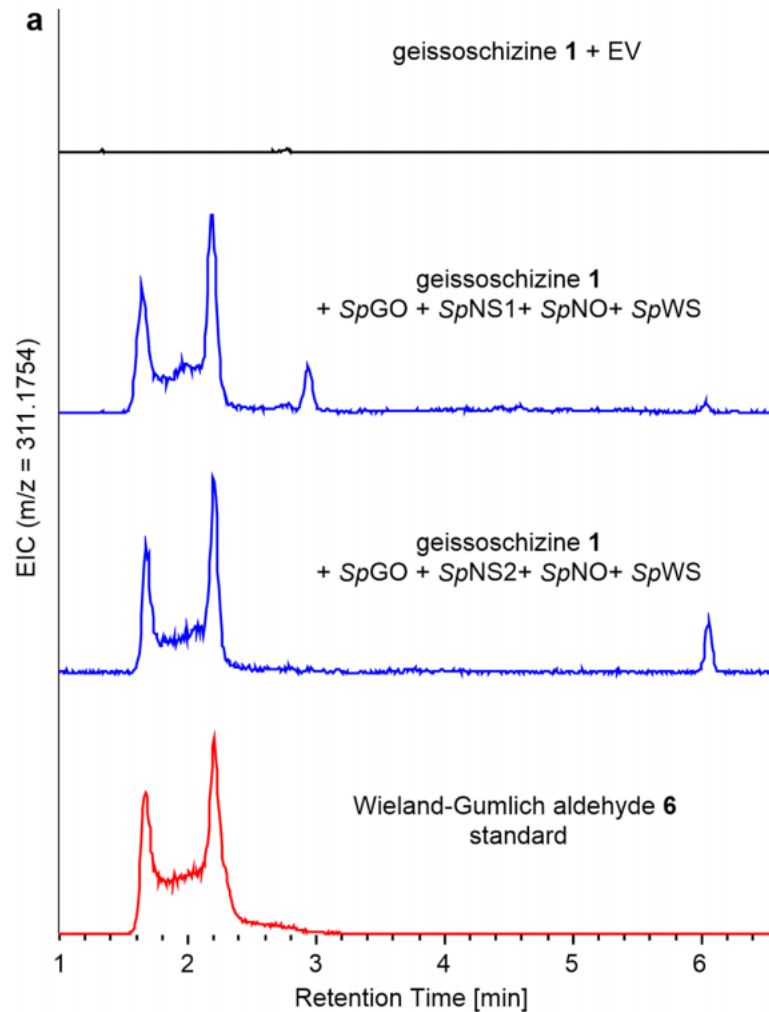


Snv. and *sp.* share a common pathway from 1 to 6

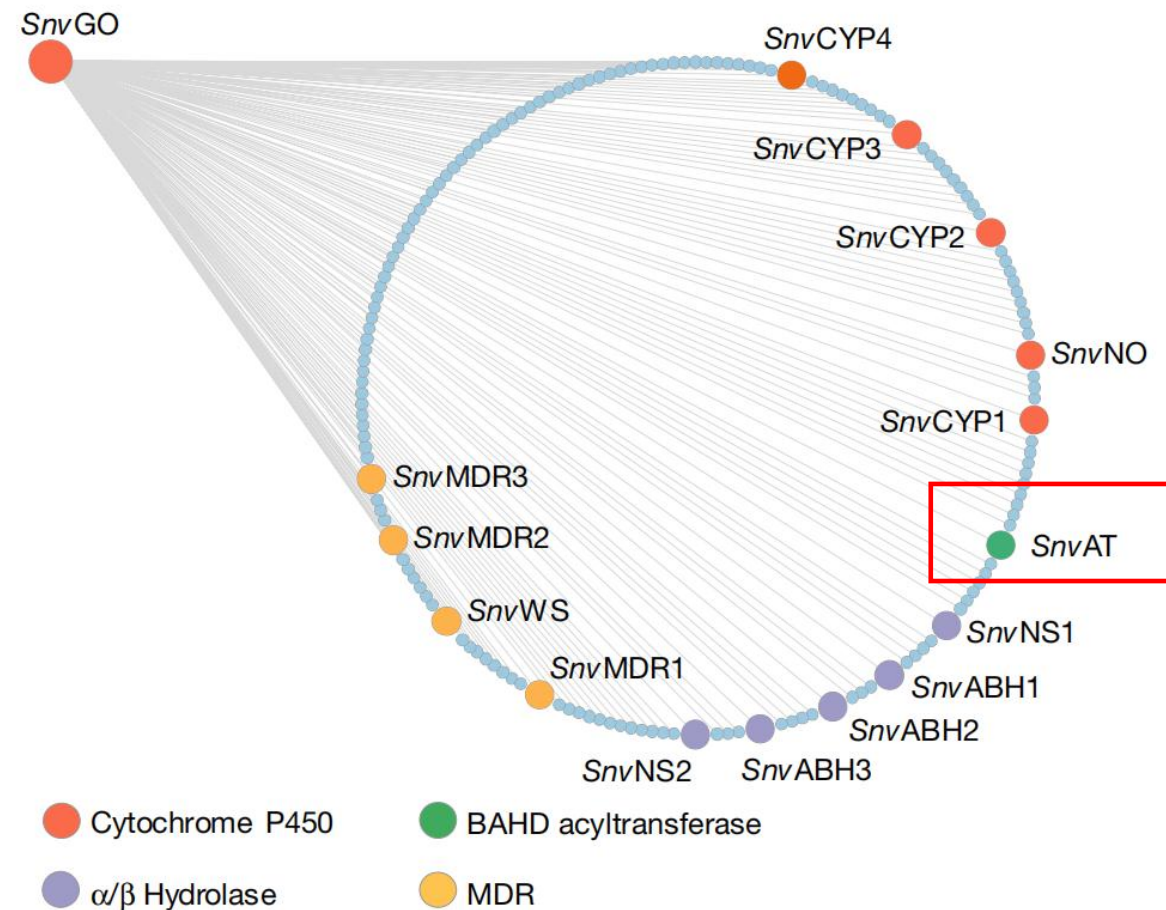
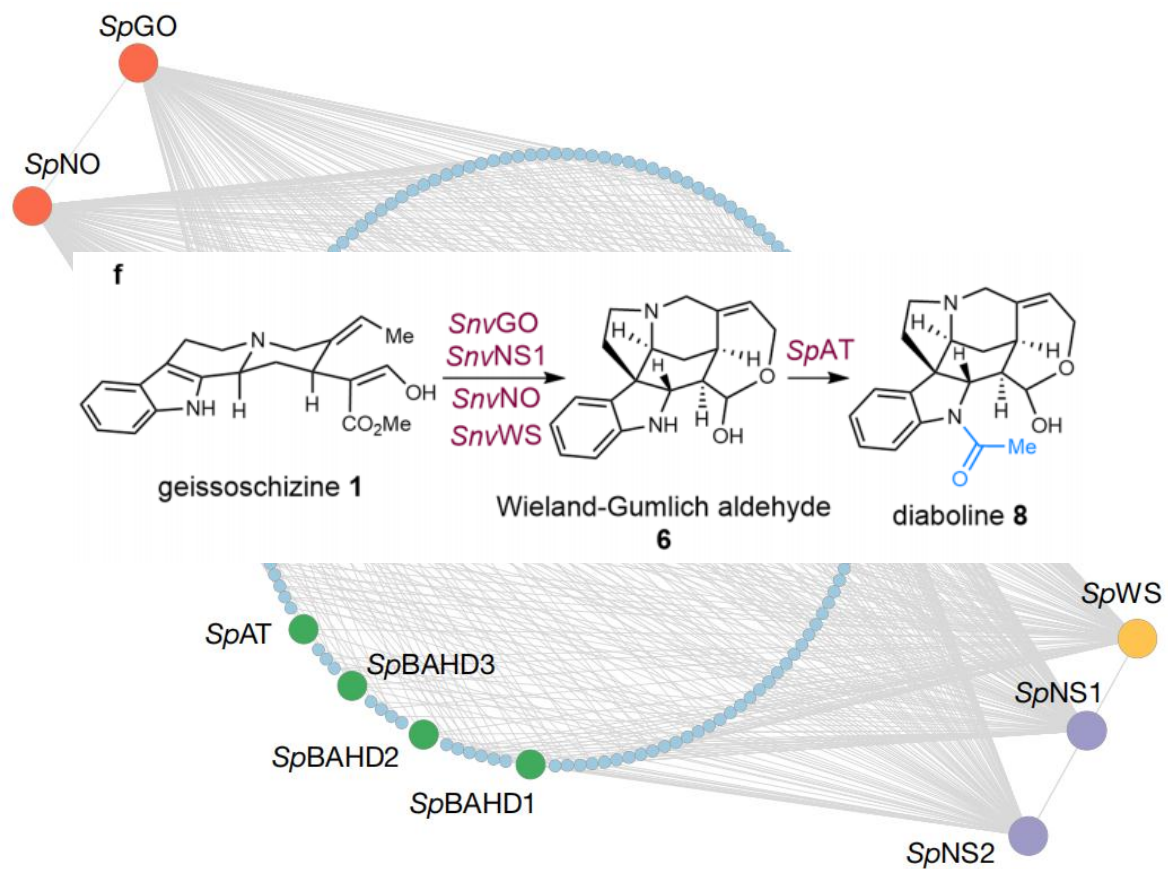
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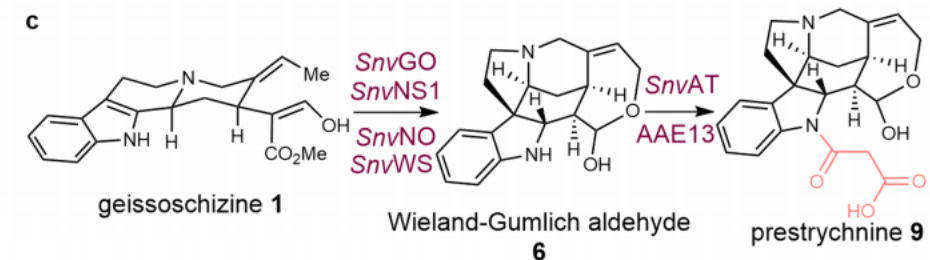
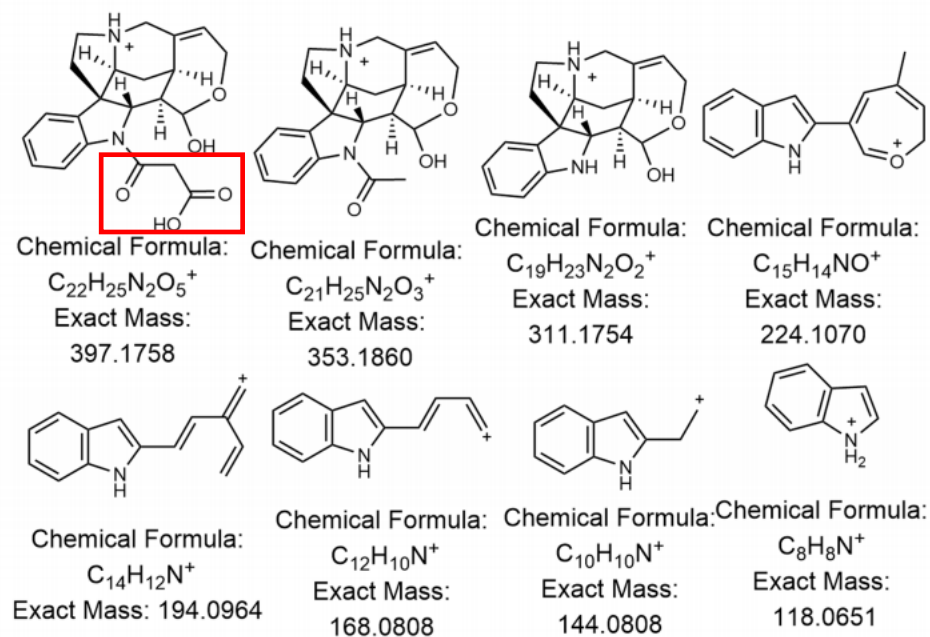
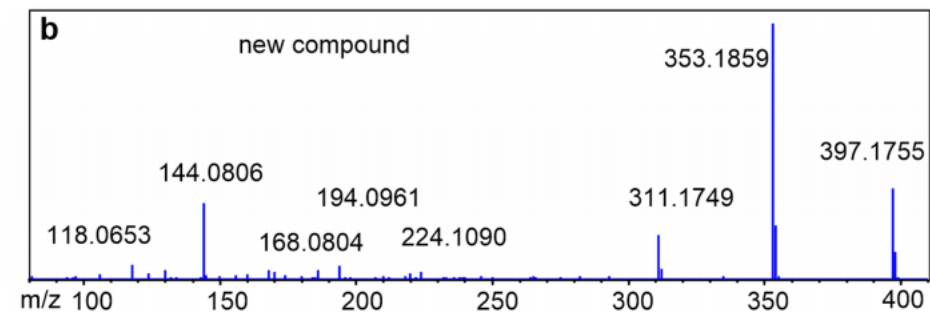
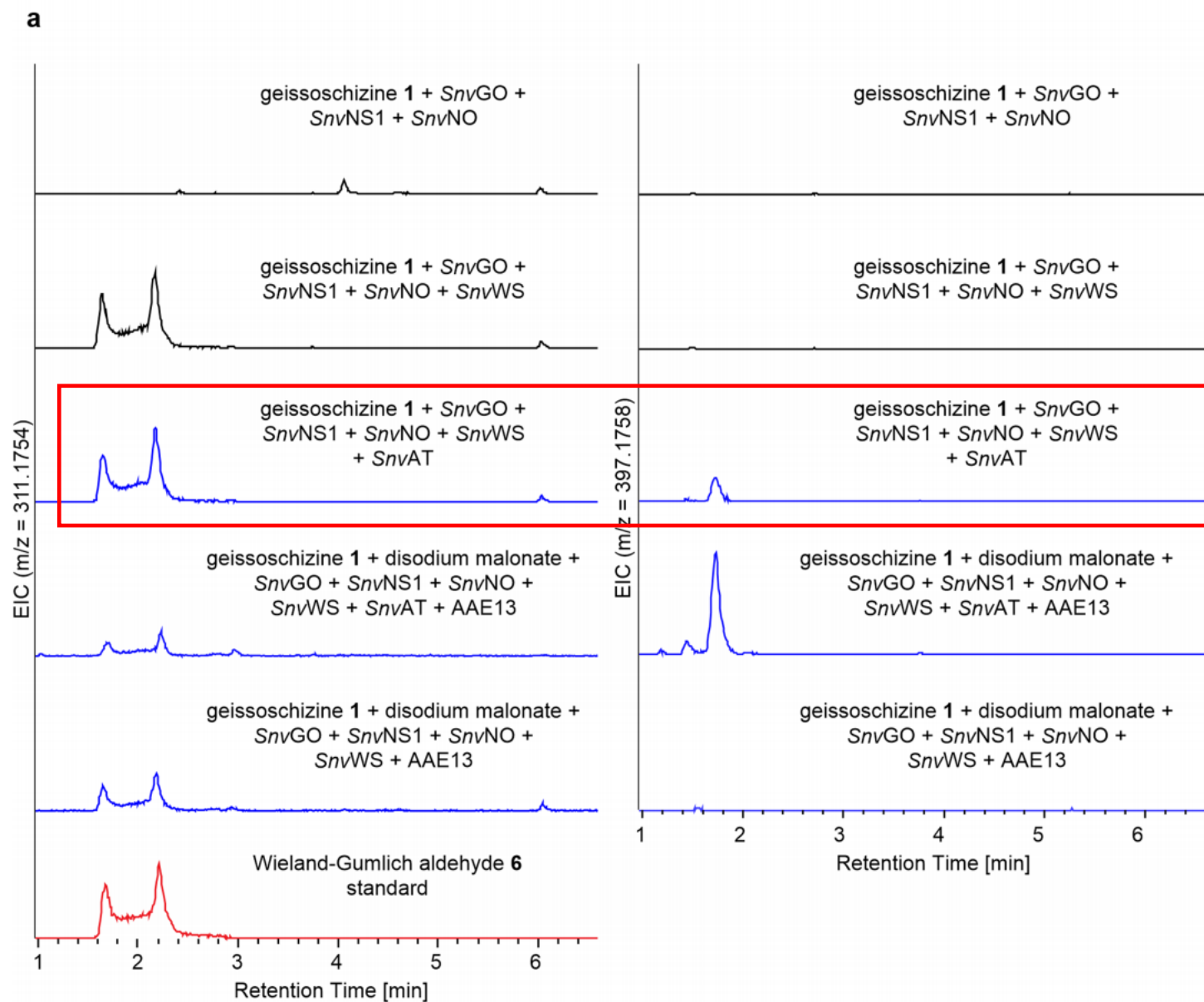
S. nux-vomica and *Strychnos* sp. share the same biosynthesis pathway from 1 to 6



From Wieland-Gumlich aldehyde 6 to diaboline 8

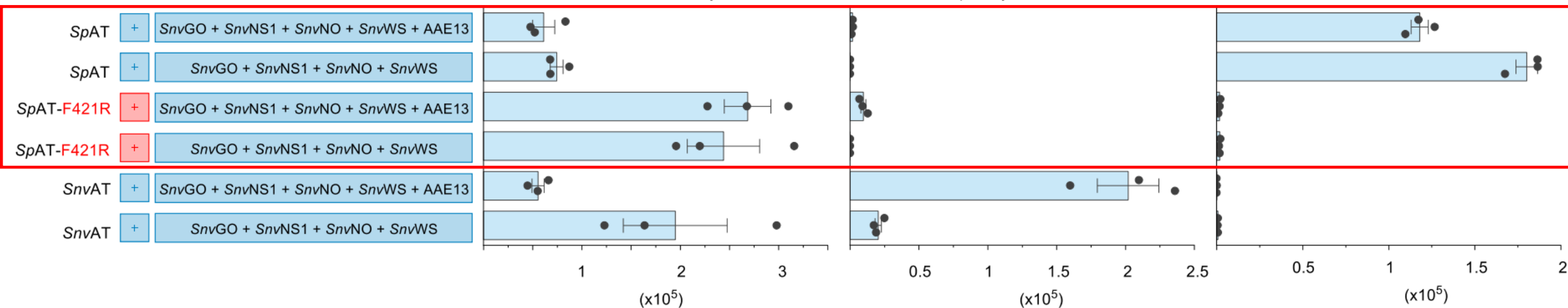


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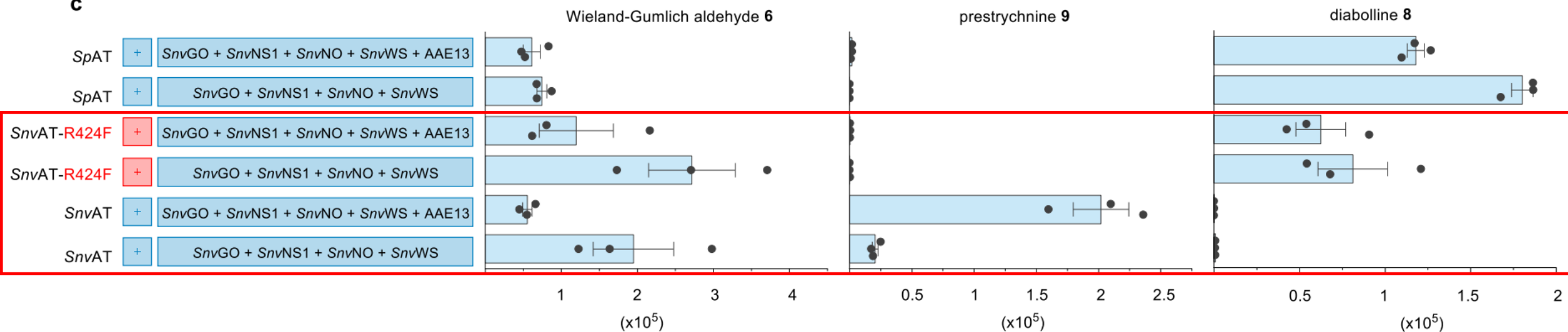


Arginine residue is responsible for the malonyl-CoA selectivity

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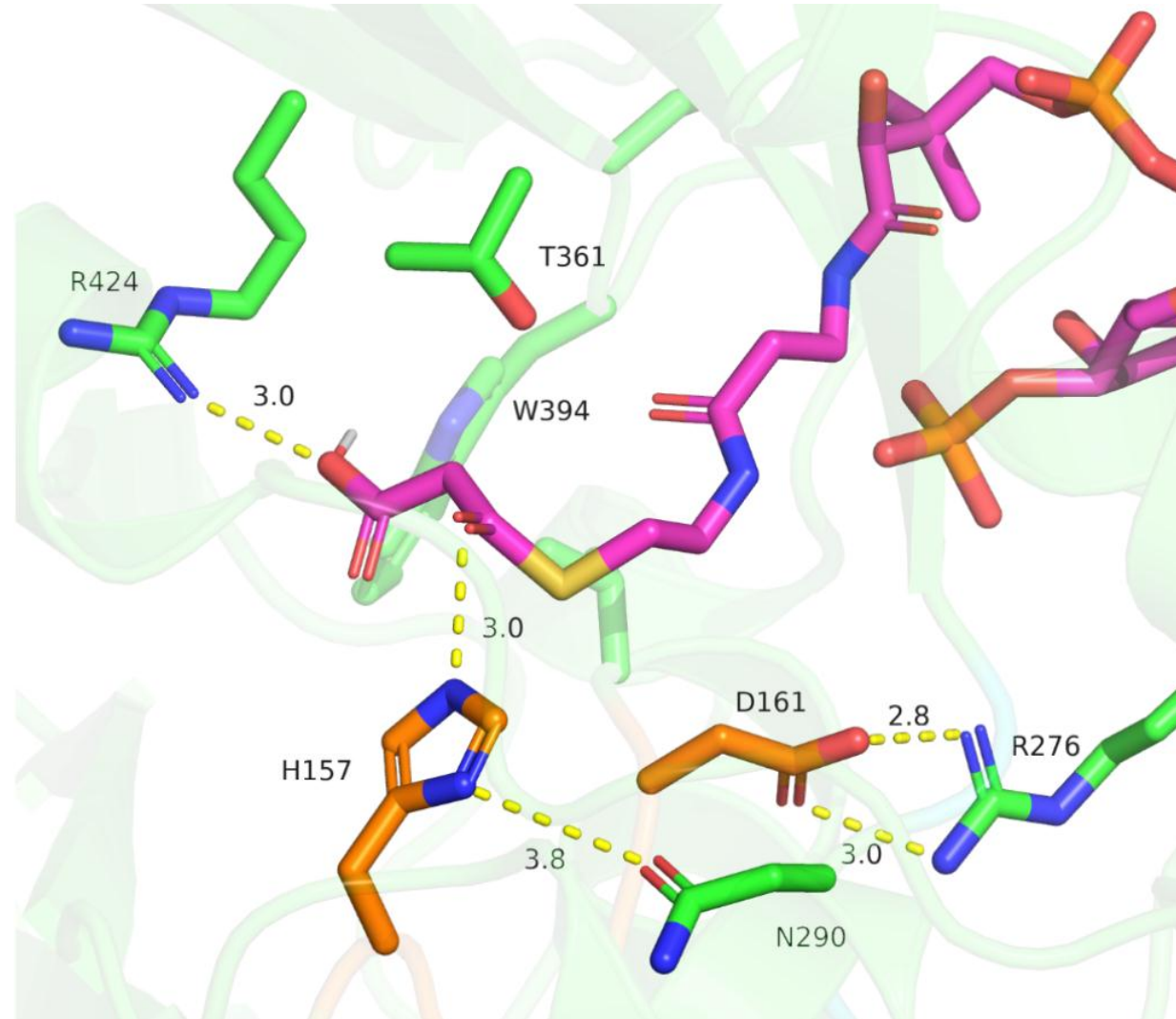


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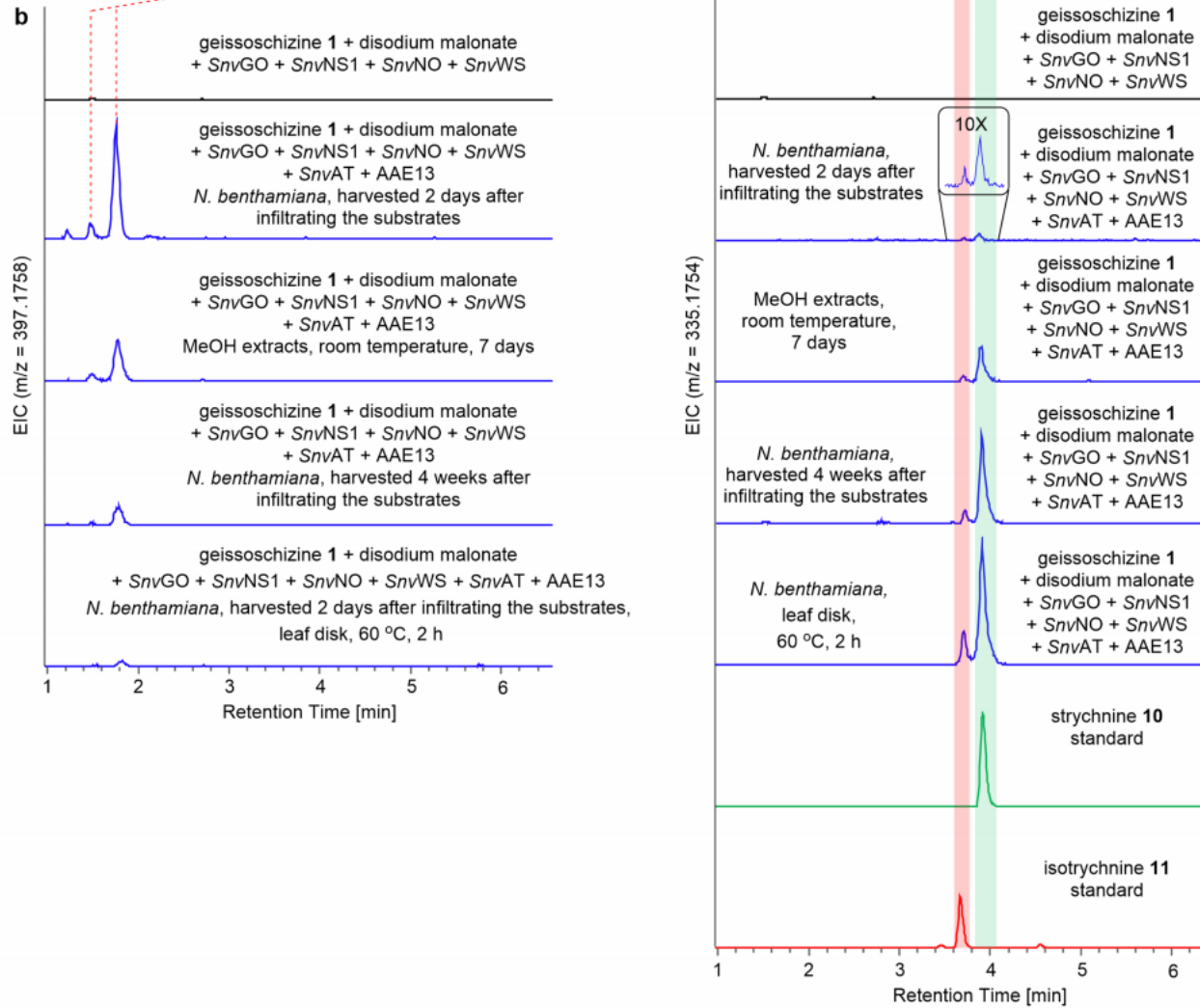
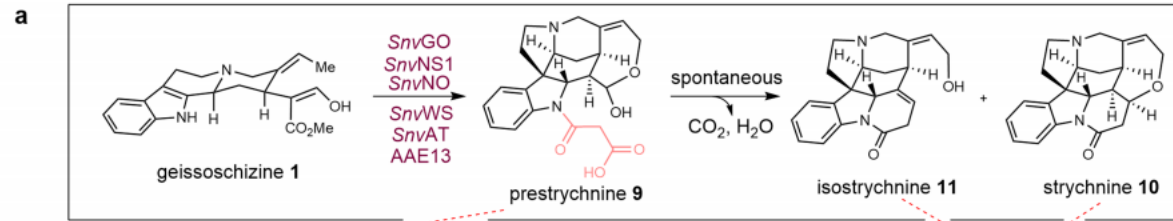
Peak area

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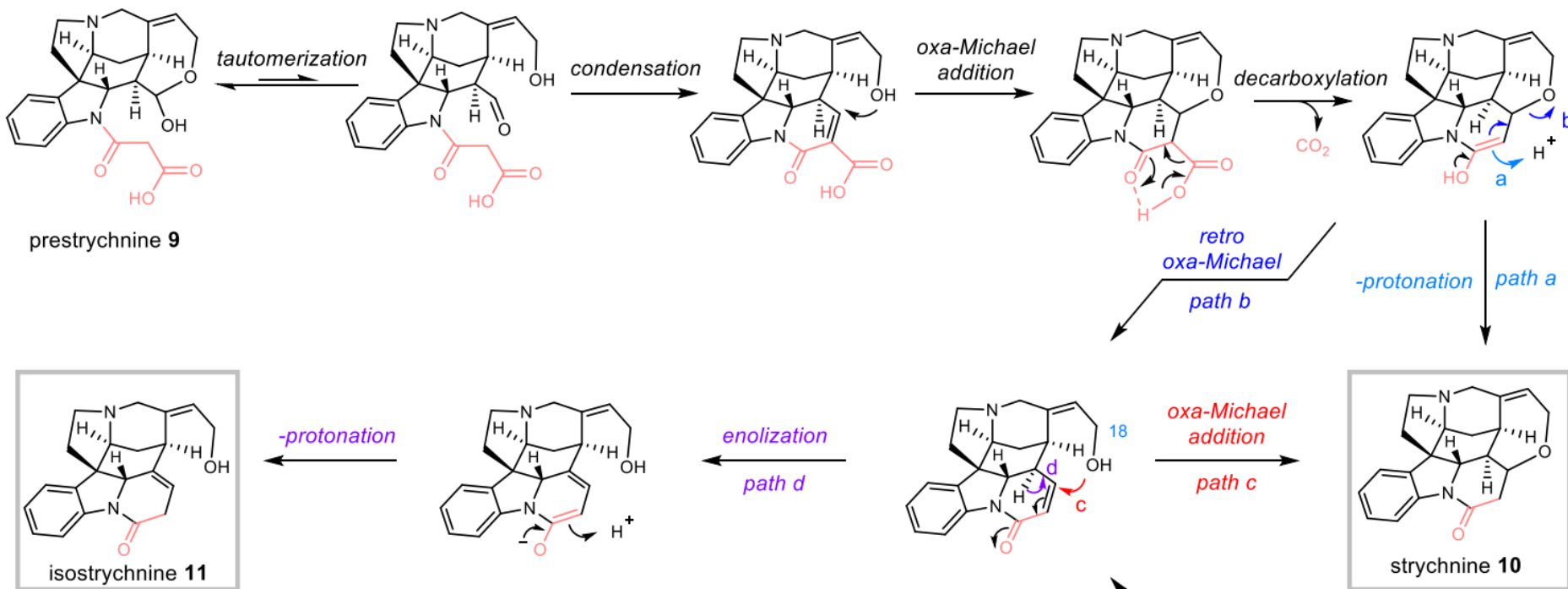
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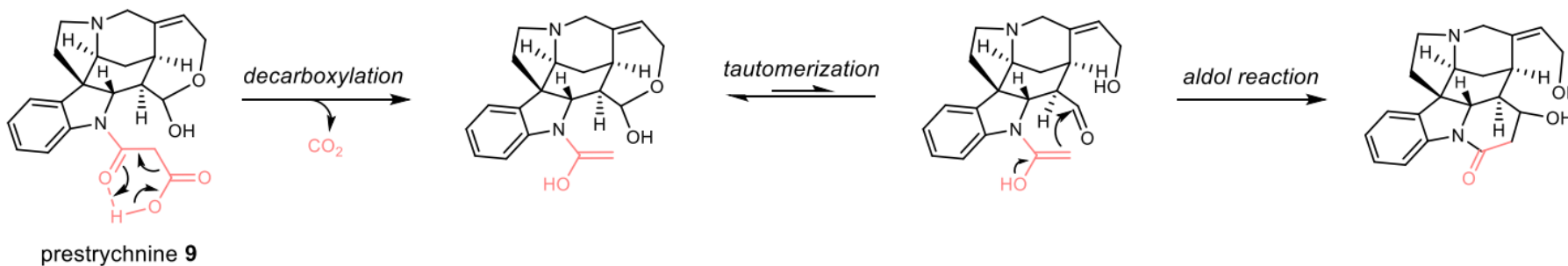


Proposed mechanism for the strychnine 10 and isostrychnine 11 formation

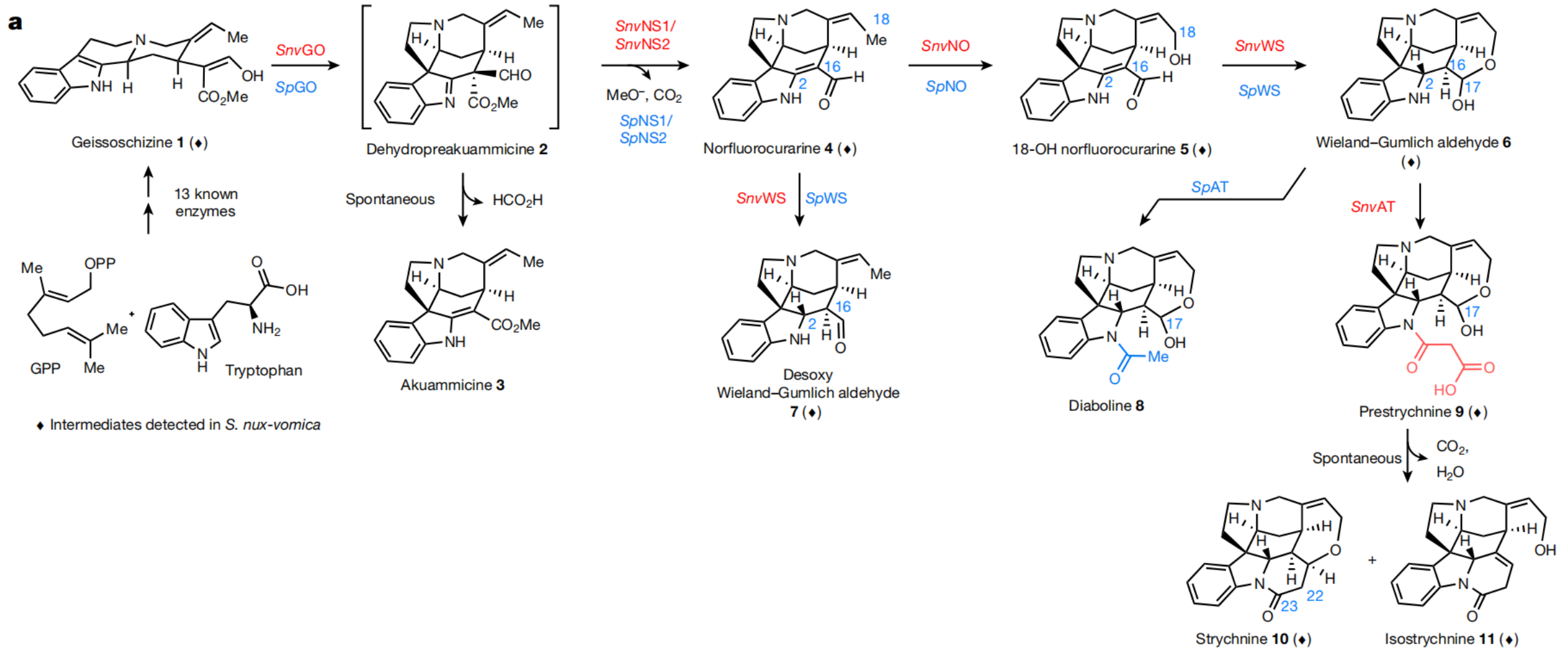
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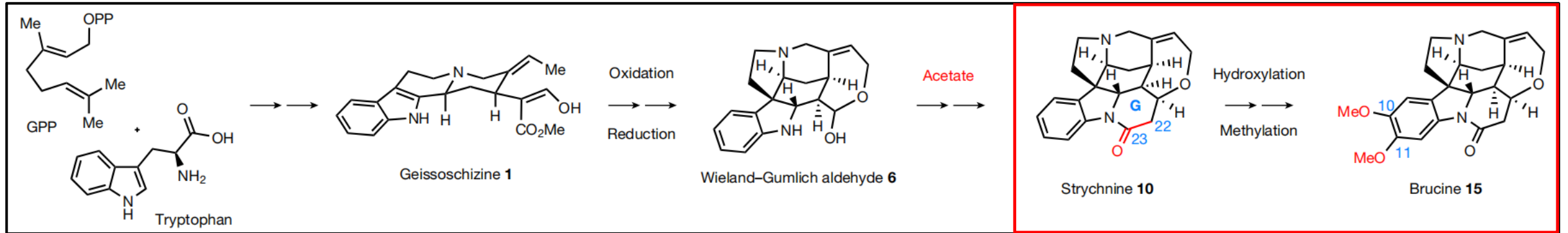
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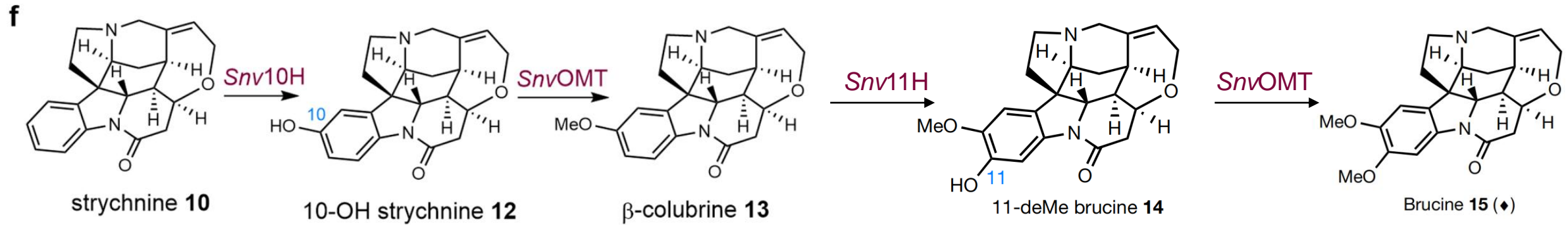
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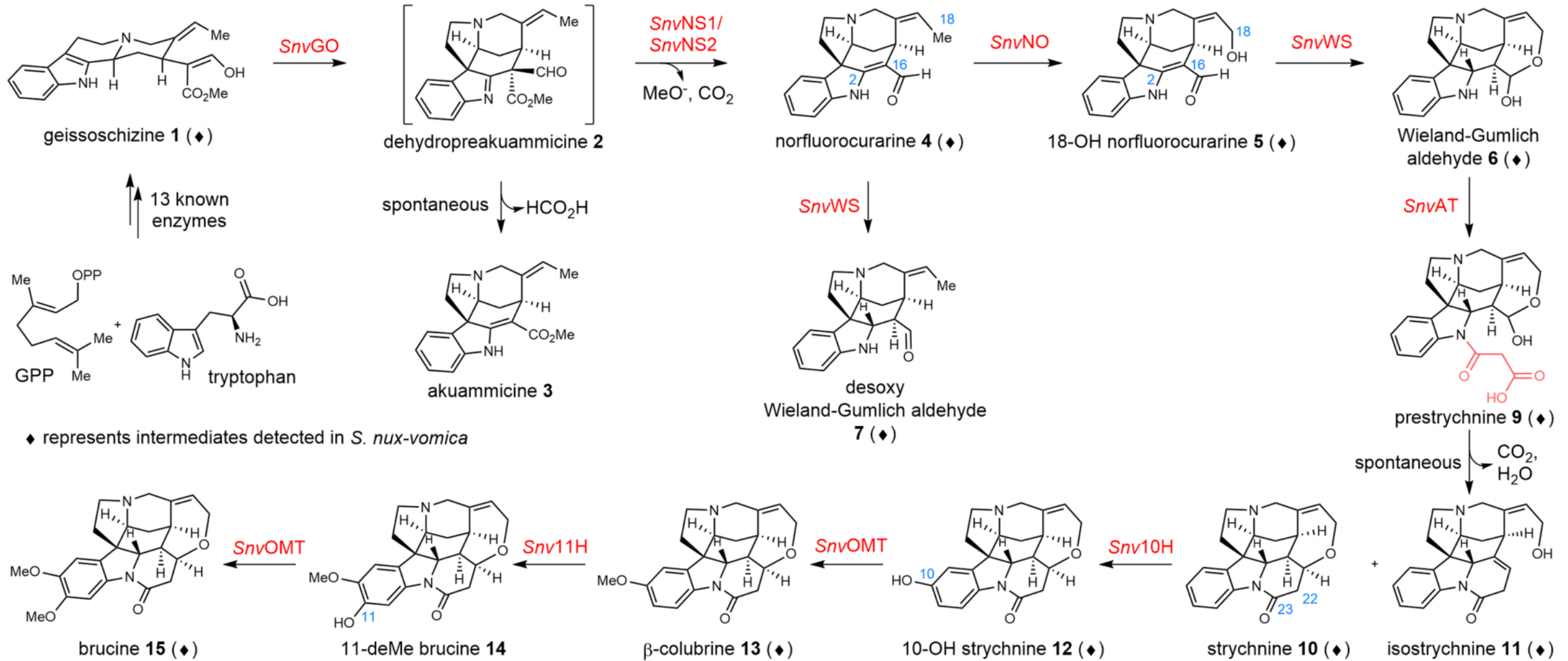


From strychnine 10 to brucine 15

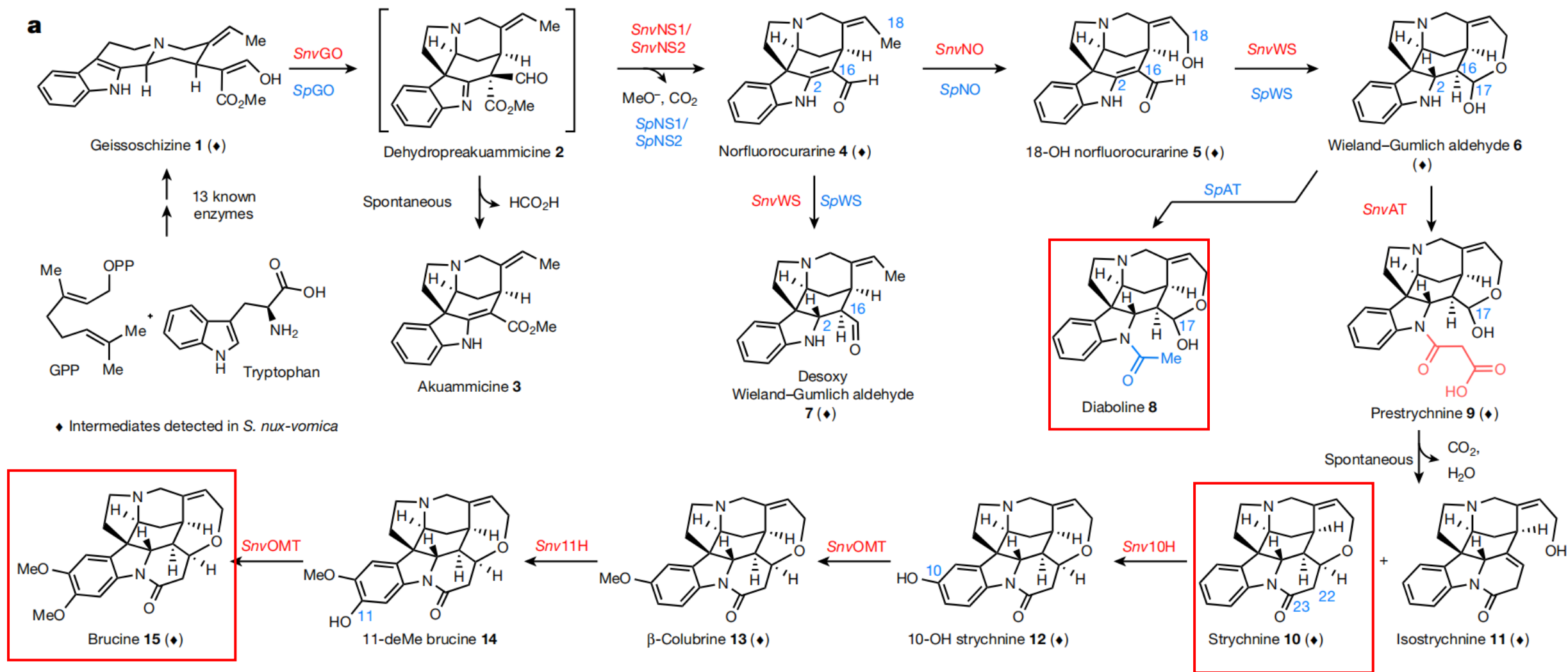


- 12 full-length cytochrome P450 proteins \rightarrow *Snv10H*
- 5 methyltransferases \rightarrow *SnvOMT*
- 3 cytochrome P450 proteins \rightarrow *Snv11H*

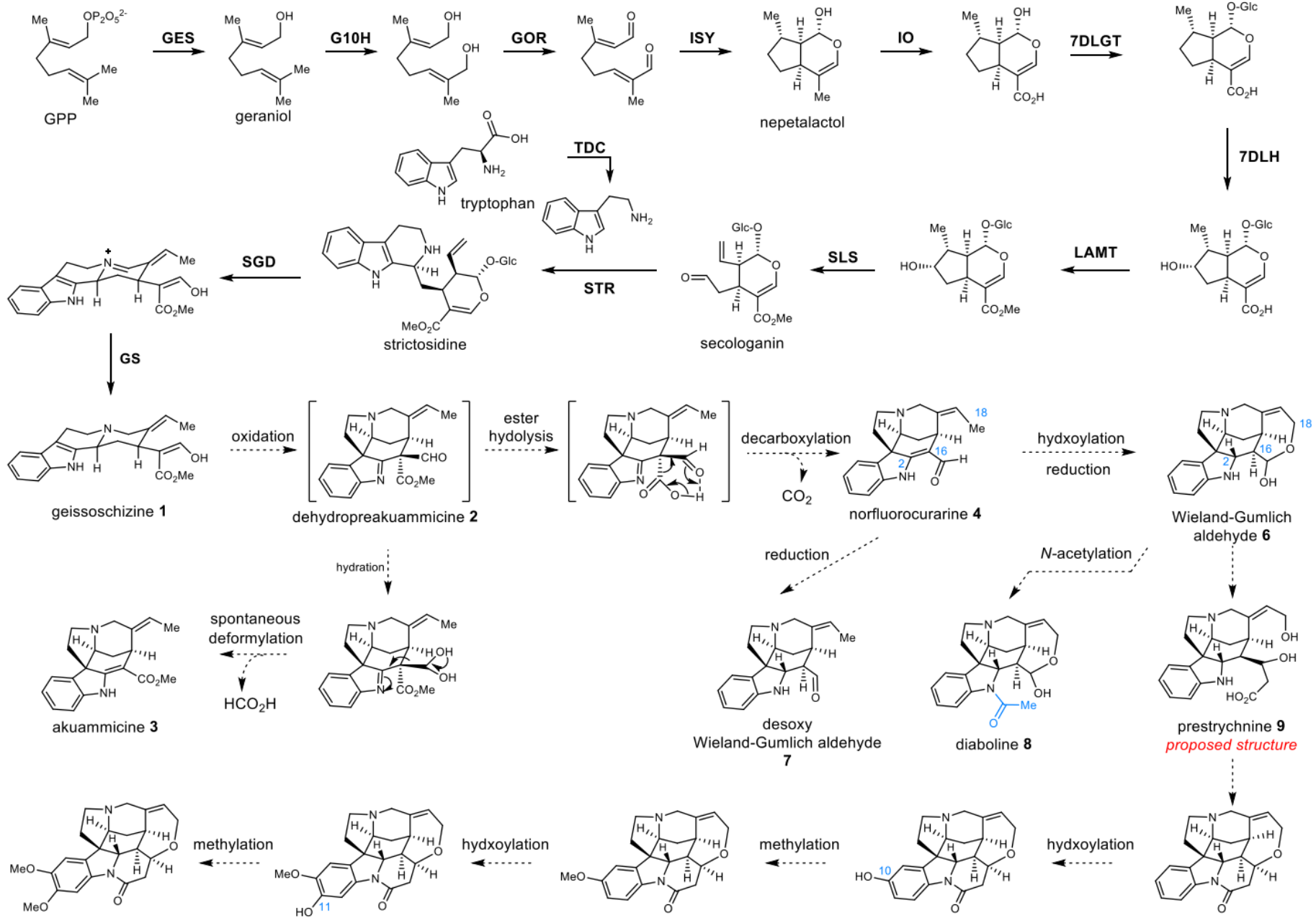
From geissoschizine 1 to strychnine 10 and brucine 15



The complete biosynthetic pathway leading to the production of diaboline **8**, strychnine **10** and brucine **15**



Proposed biosynthetic pathway for diboline 8, strychnine 10, and brucine 15



Thank you!