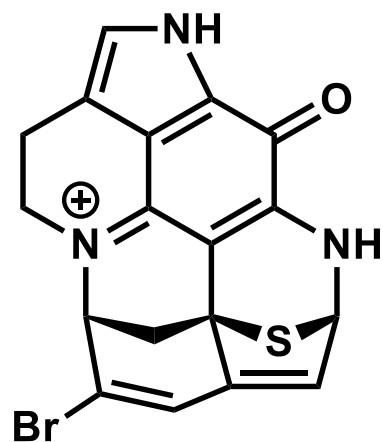


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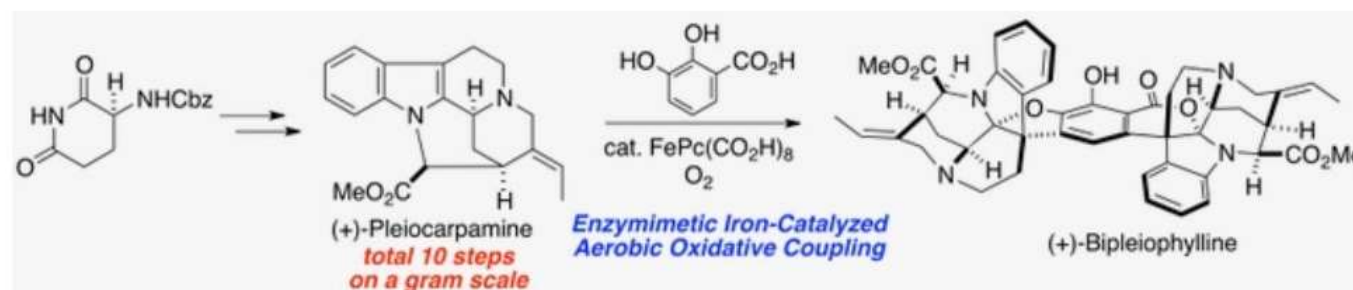
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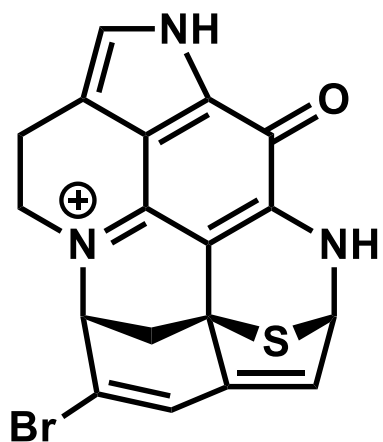
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Bis-Tetrahydroisoquinoline (bis-THIQ) natural products: Alkaloids that display exceptional anticancer activity



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Discovered from *Latrunculia* (*Latrunculia*) *austini* Samaai in 2019

Structural features

a unique heptacyclic ring system which consists of a pyrroloiminoquinone unit,
a bridged azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane ring system substituted with a congested tertiary alkyl sulfide
an alkenyl bromide

another bridging thioaminal linkage

(-)-Aleutianamine



IC50 value

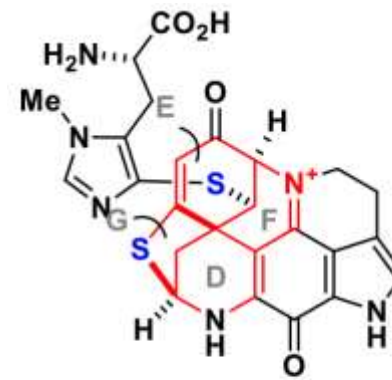
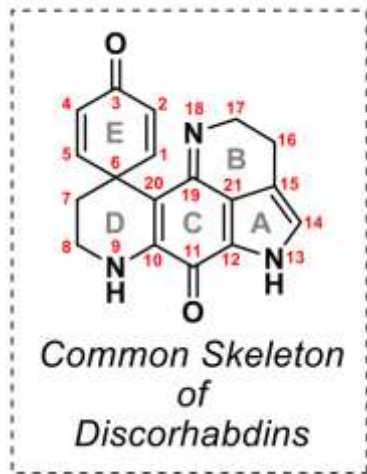
human HCT-116 colon cancer cells was 1 μM

PANC-1 pancreatic cancer cells was 25 nM

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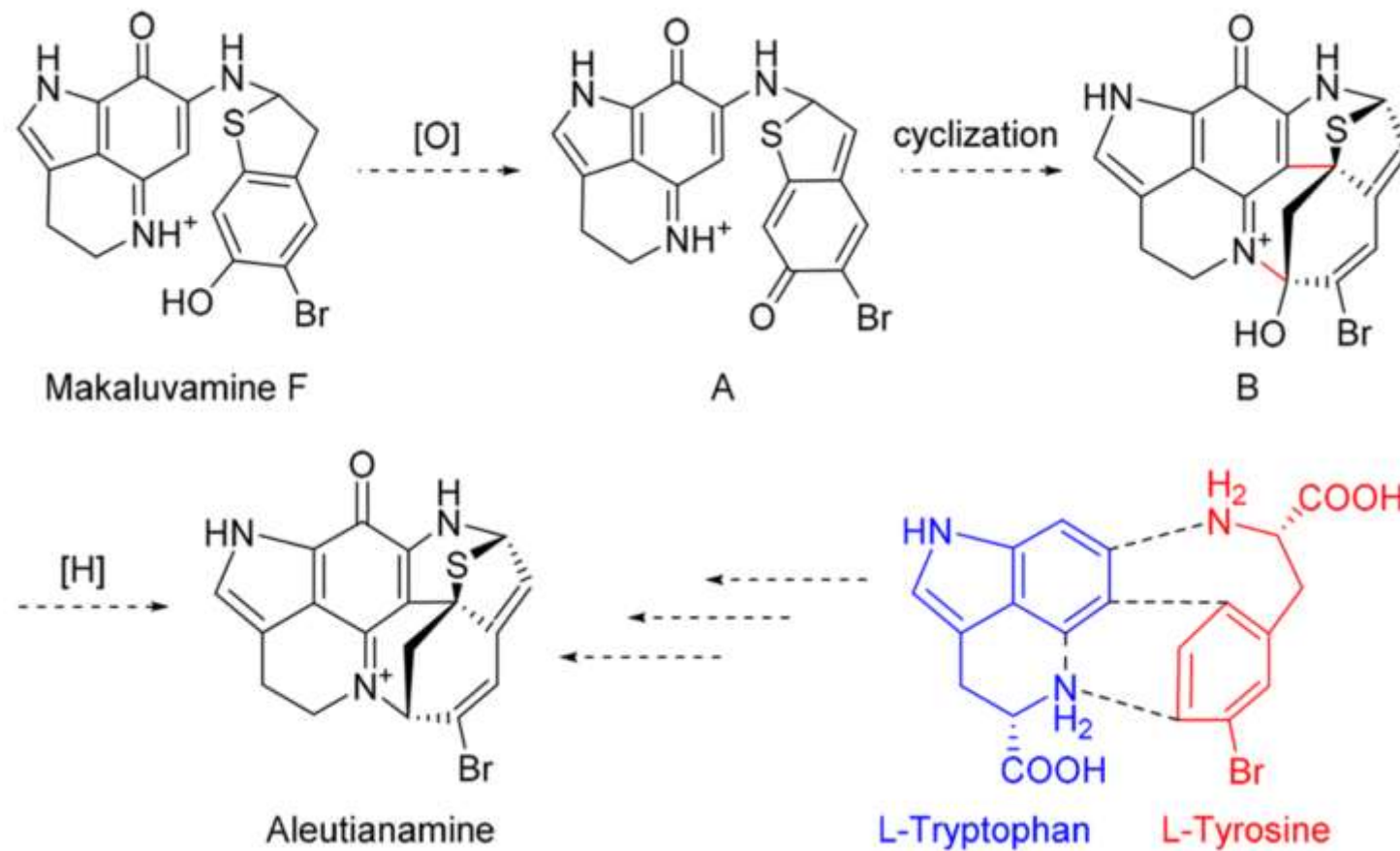
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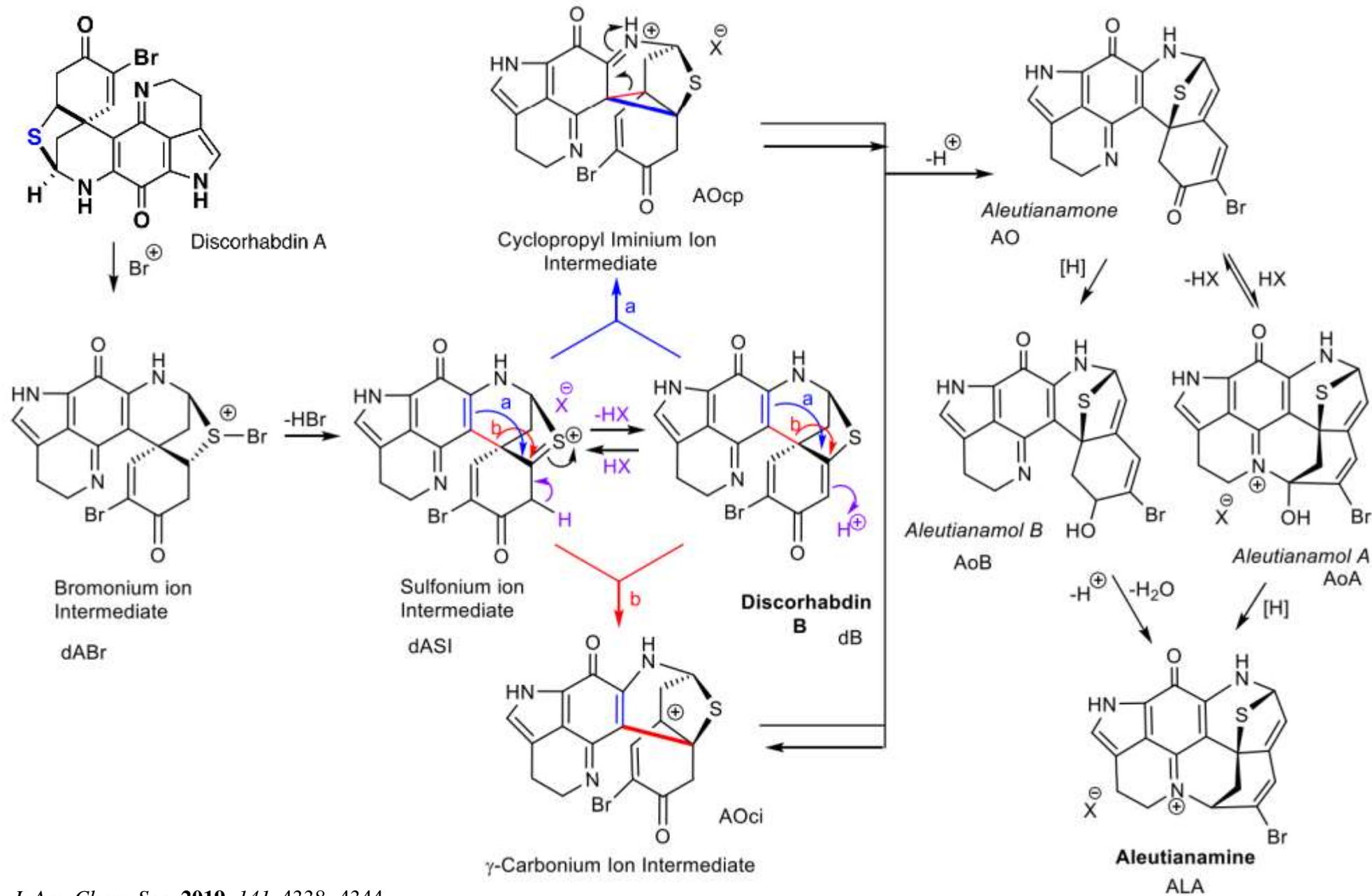


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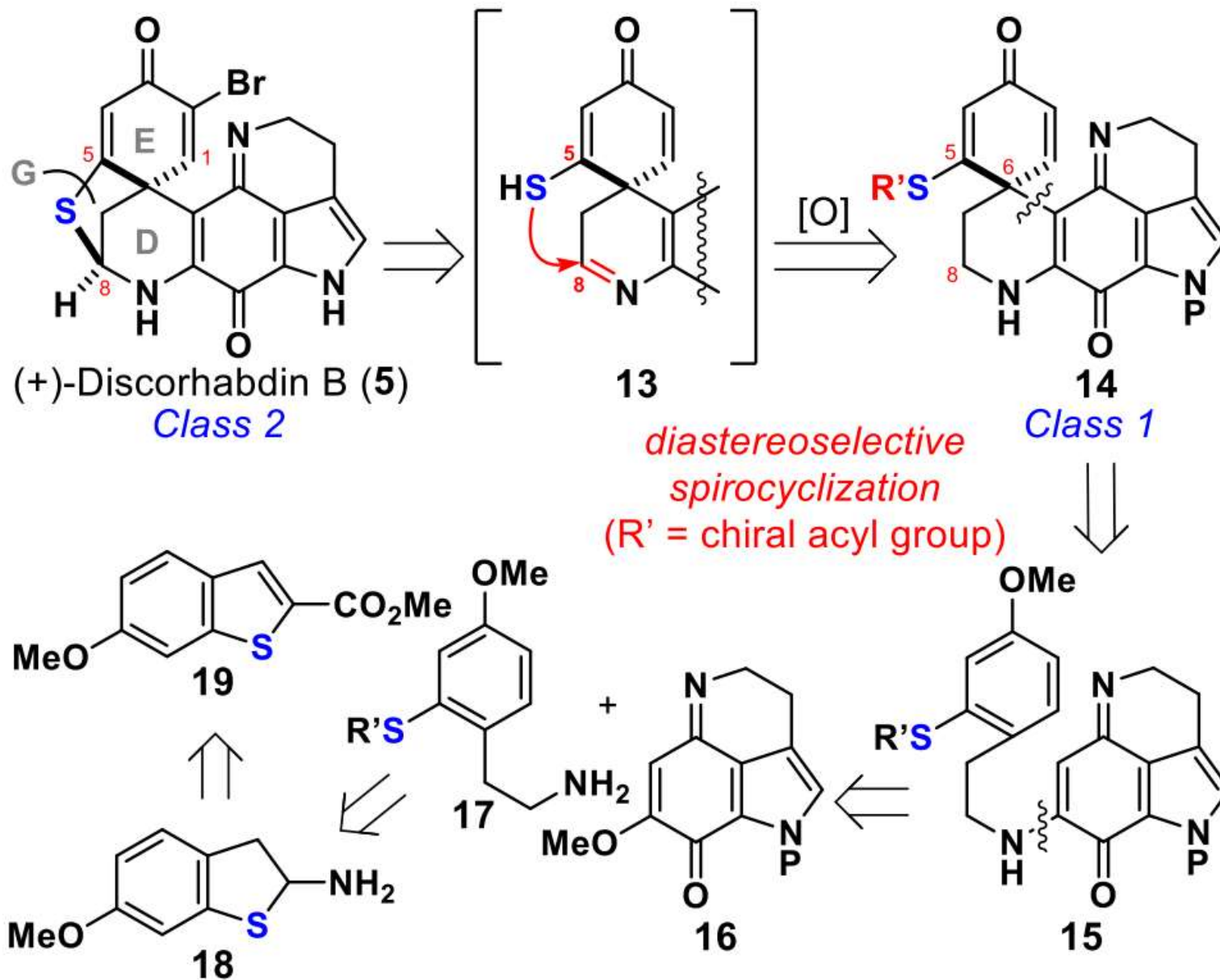
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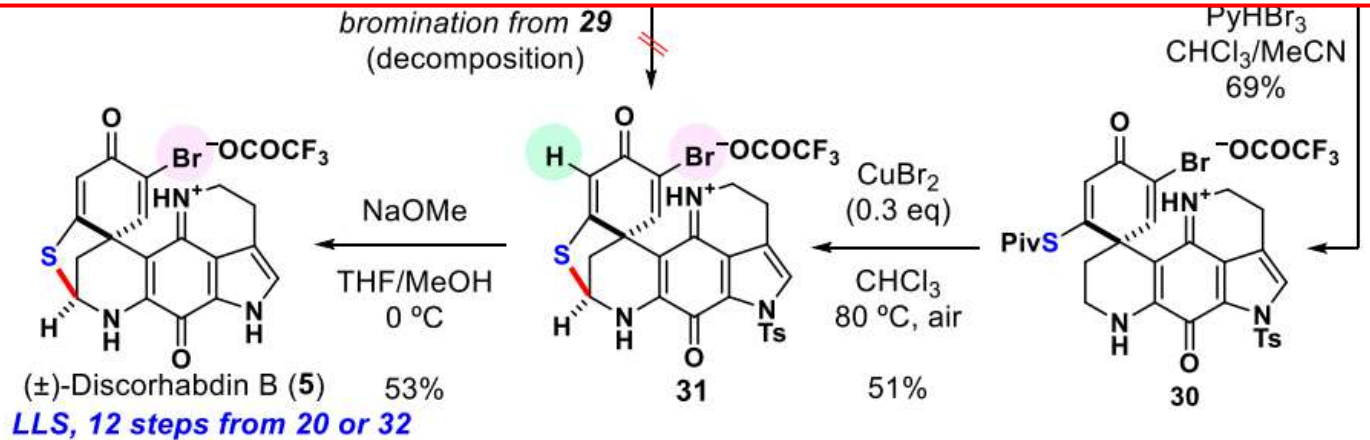
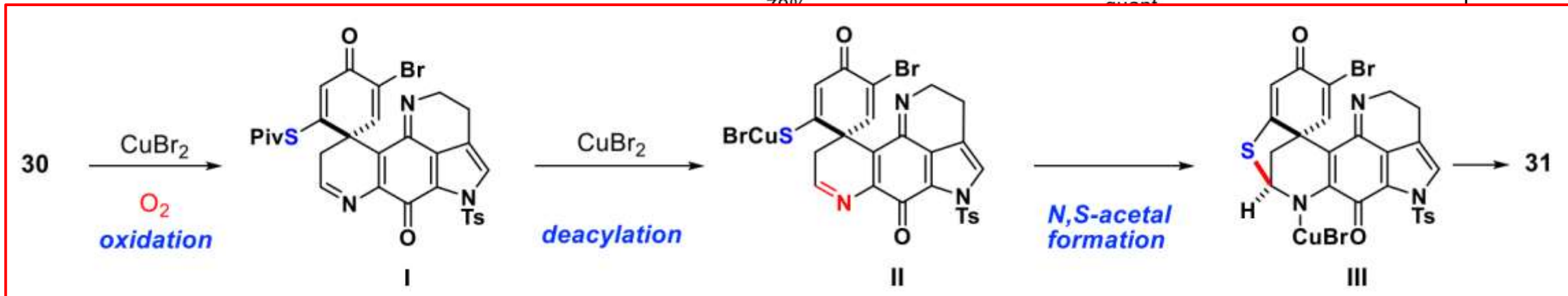
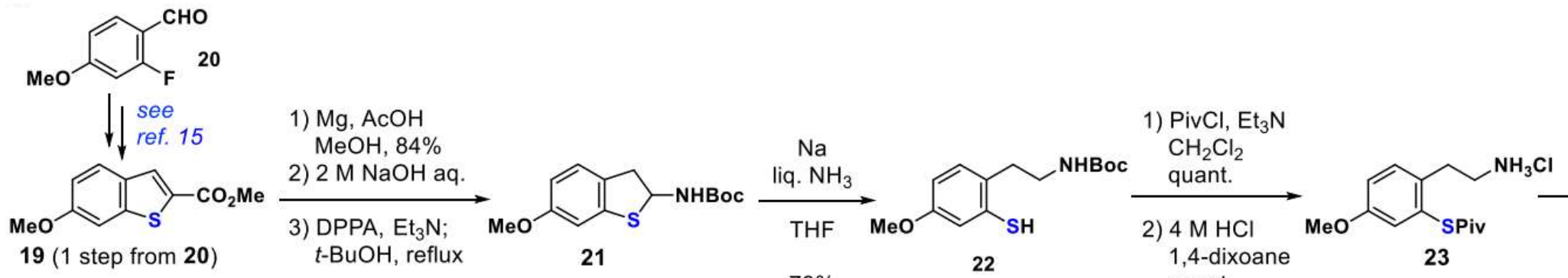
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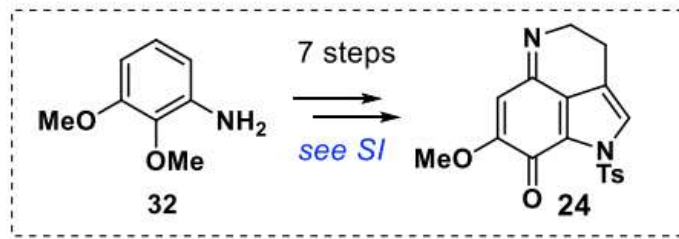
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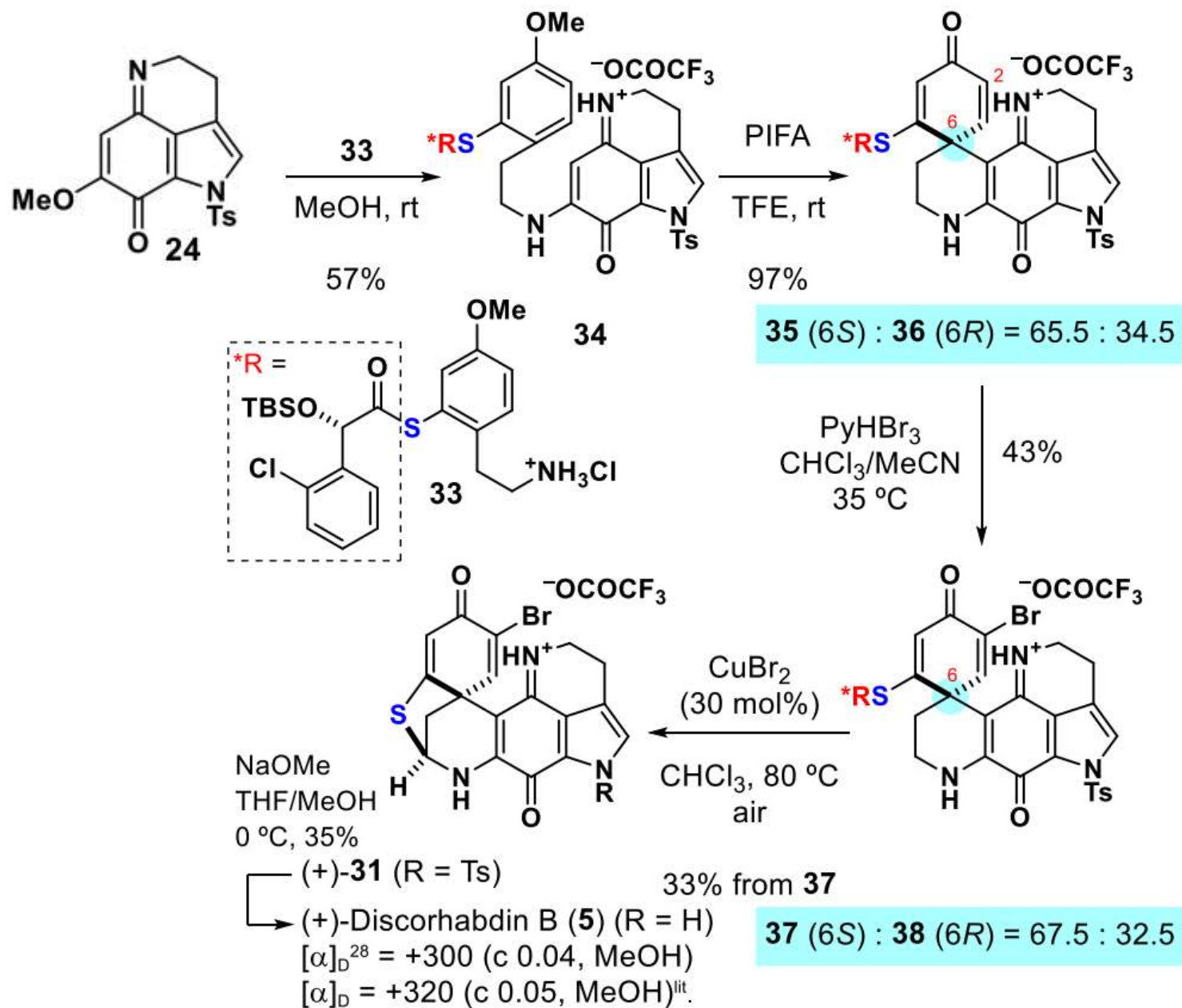
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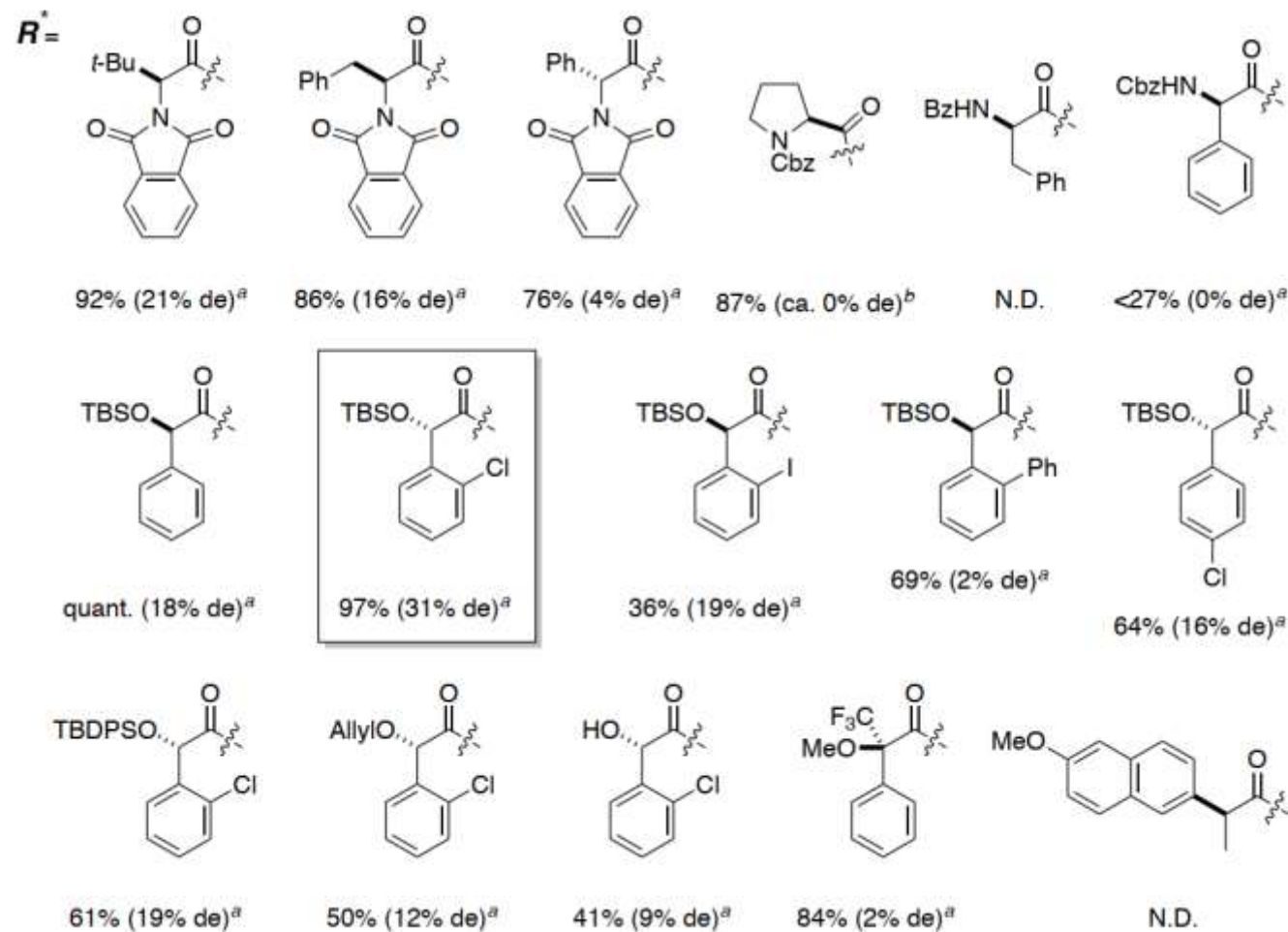
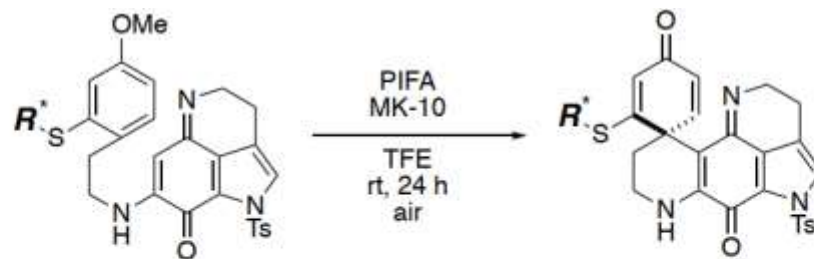
entry	X	solvent	time (h)	28 (%)	29 (%)
1	1	MeCN	14	15	-
2	1	THF	3	-	56
3	0.3 (air)	THF	2	-	52



Total Synthesis of (+)-Discorhabdin B



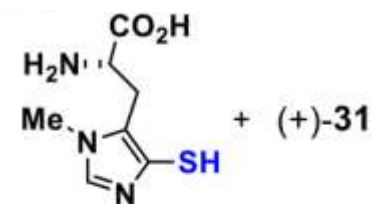
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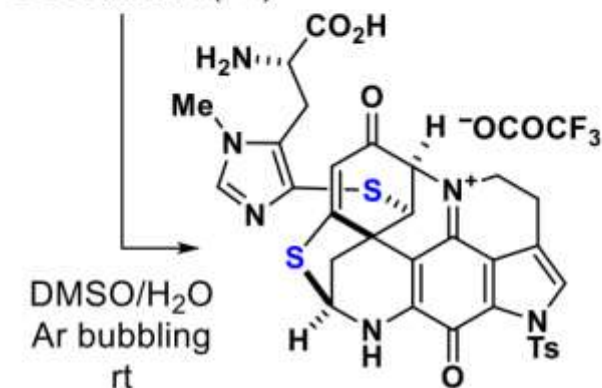
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(+)-31 (R = Ts)



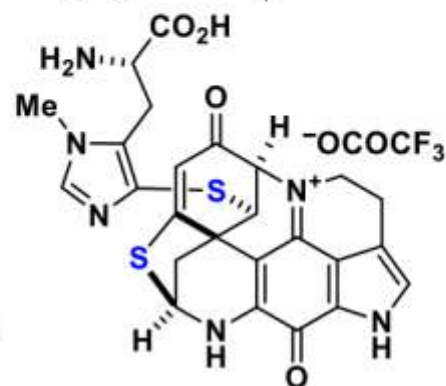
L-ovothiol A (40)



DMSO/H₂O
Ar bubbling
rt

41, 39%

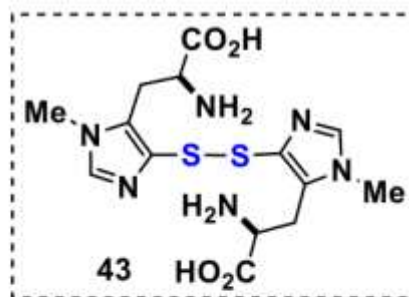
NaOMe
THF/MeOH
0 °C
58%



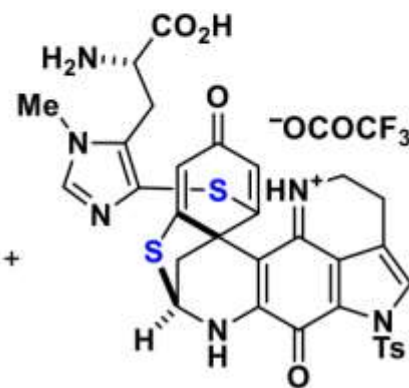
(-)-Discorhabdin H (6)

$[\alpha]_D^{19} = -66$ (c 0.21, MeOH)

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -77$ (c 0.05, MeOH)^{lit.}



43



42, 26%

NaOMe
THF/MeOH
0 °C
37%

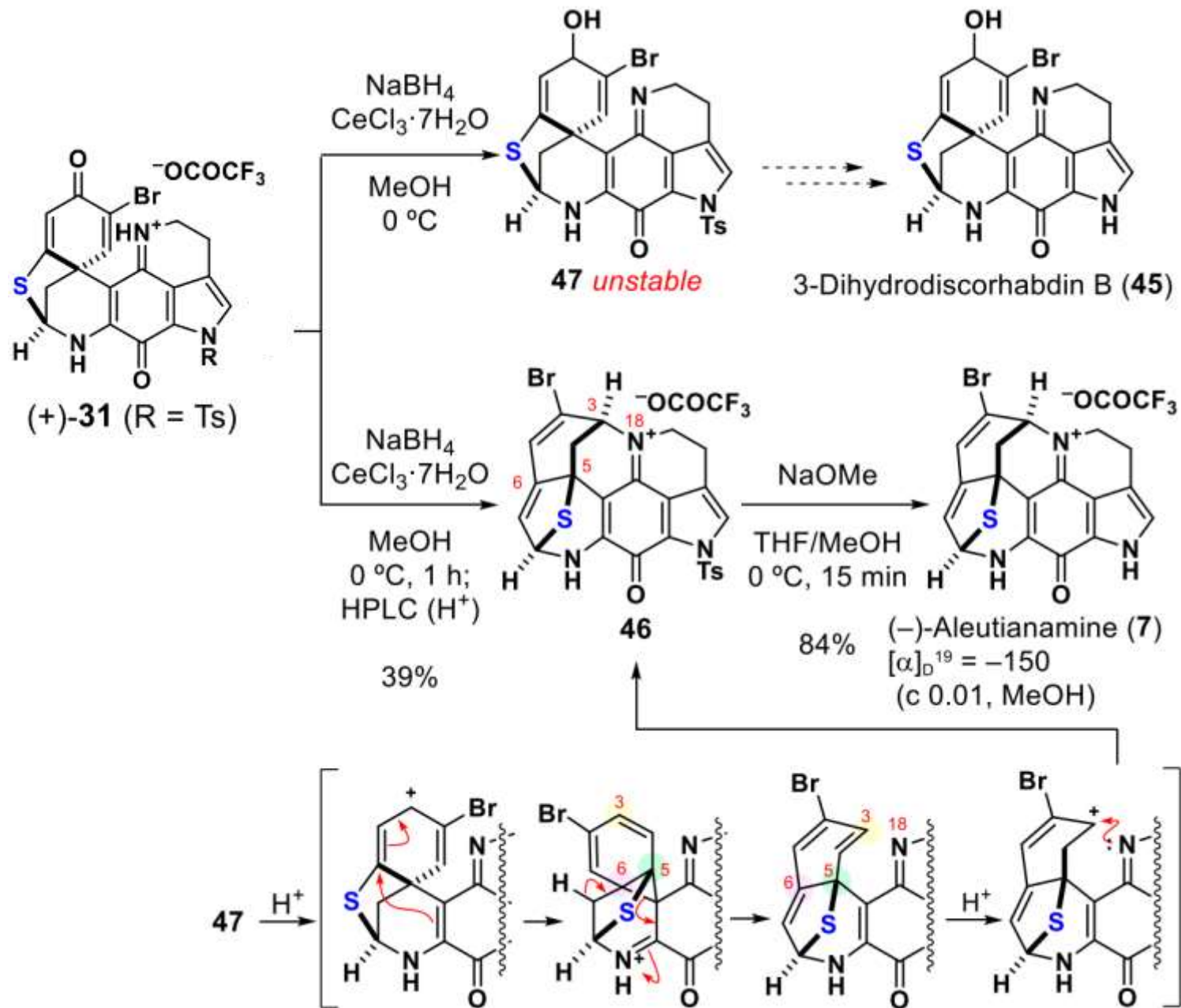


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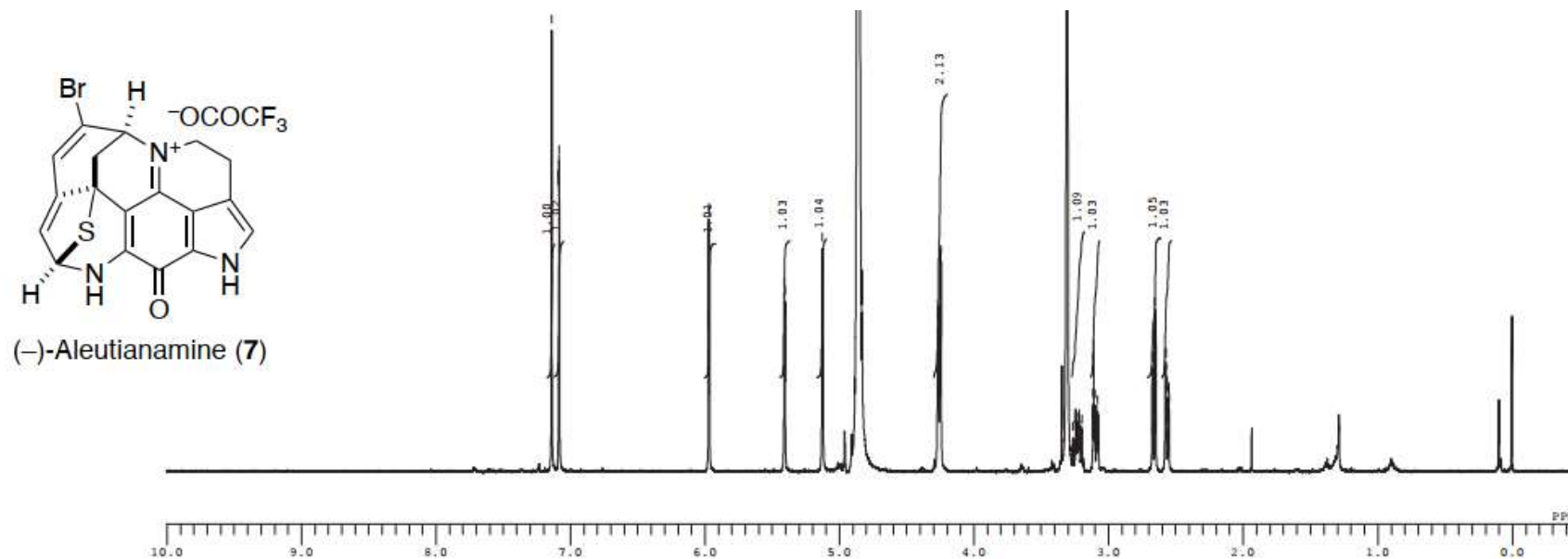
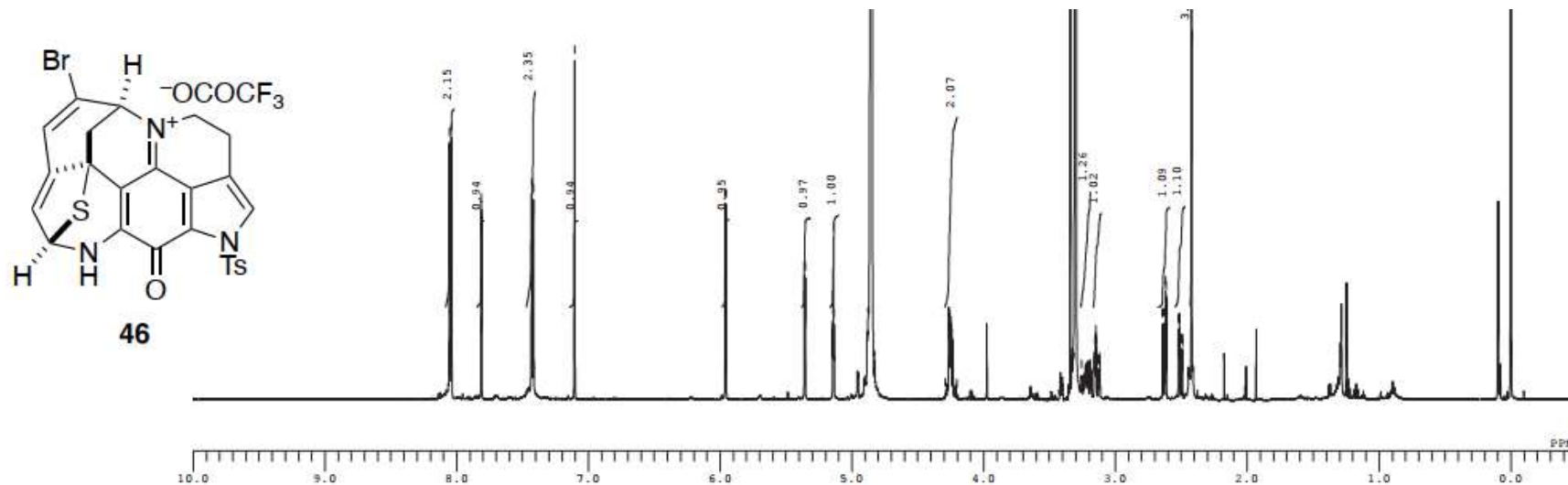
$[\alpha]_D^{21} = +360$ (c 0.02, MeOH)

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +340$ (c 0.05, MeOH)^{lit.}

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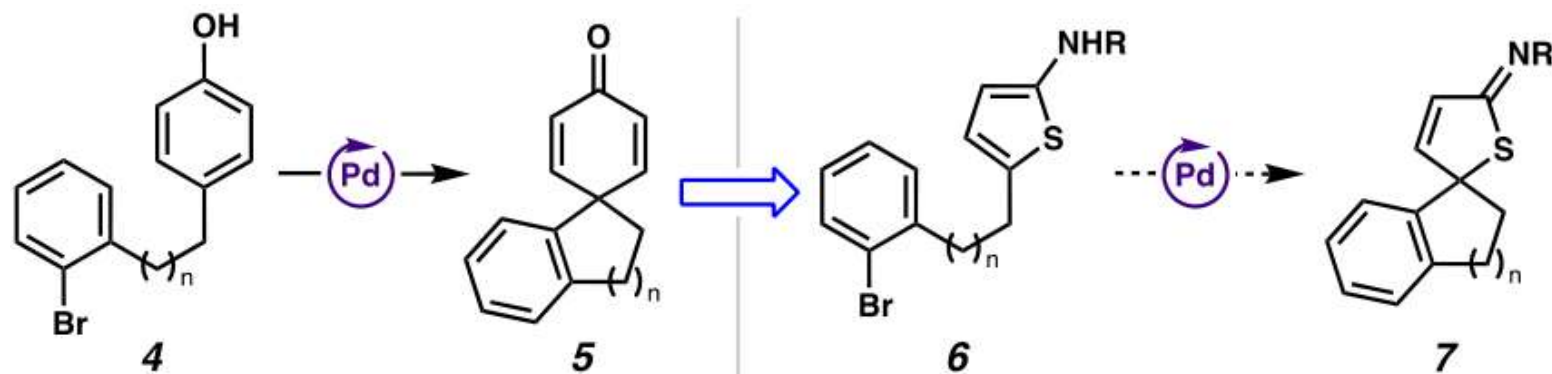
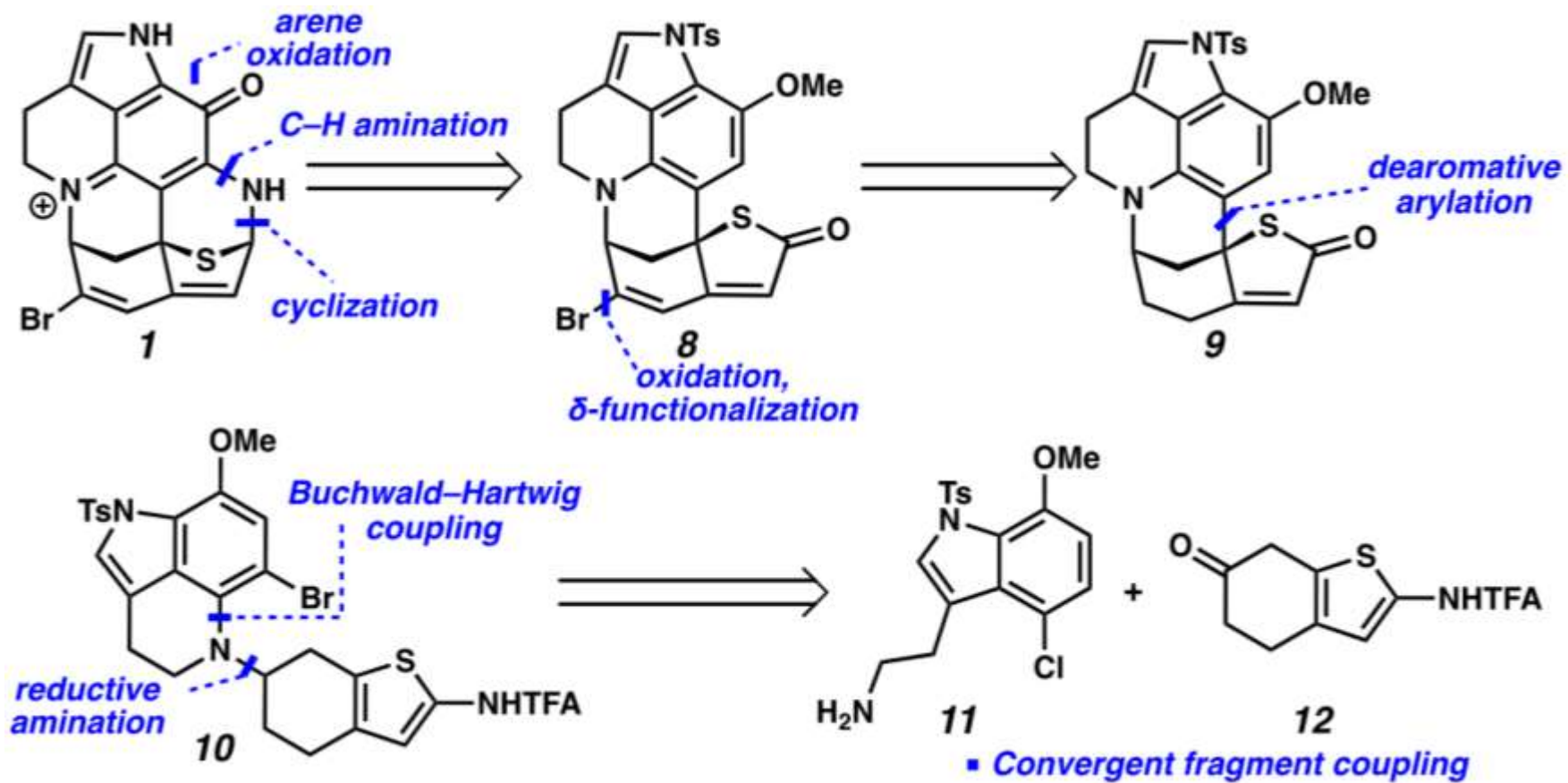
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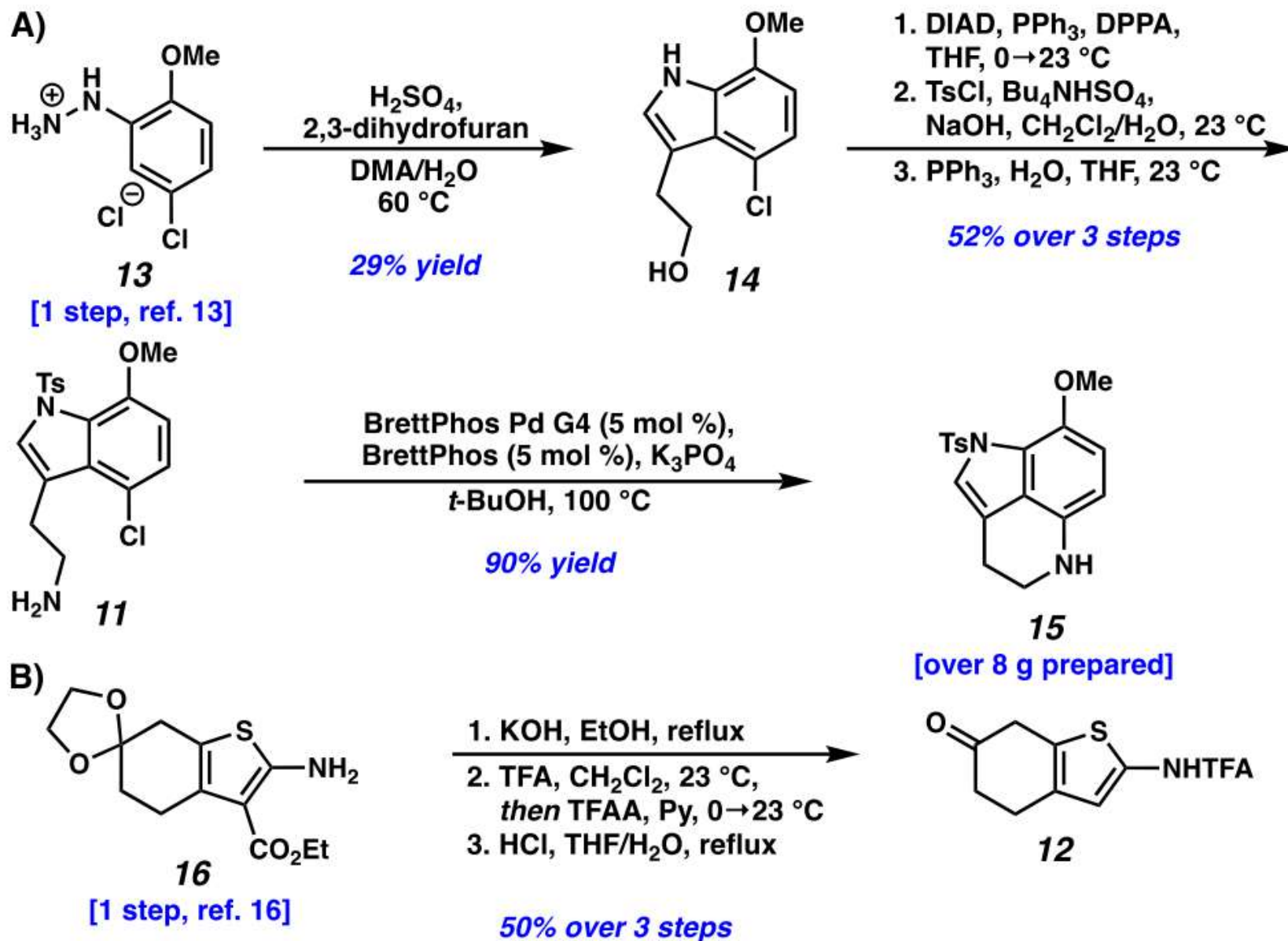
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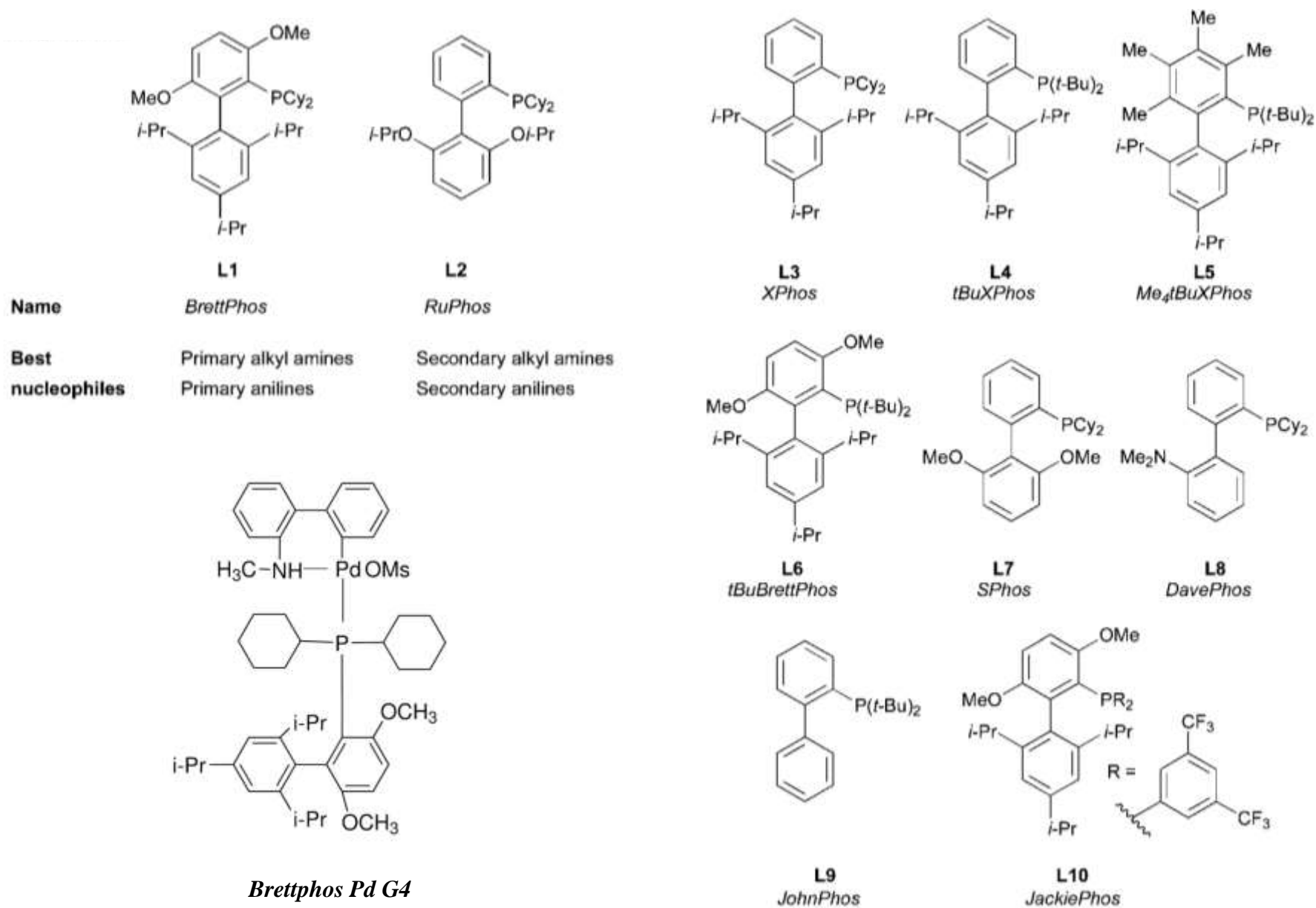
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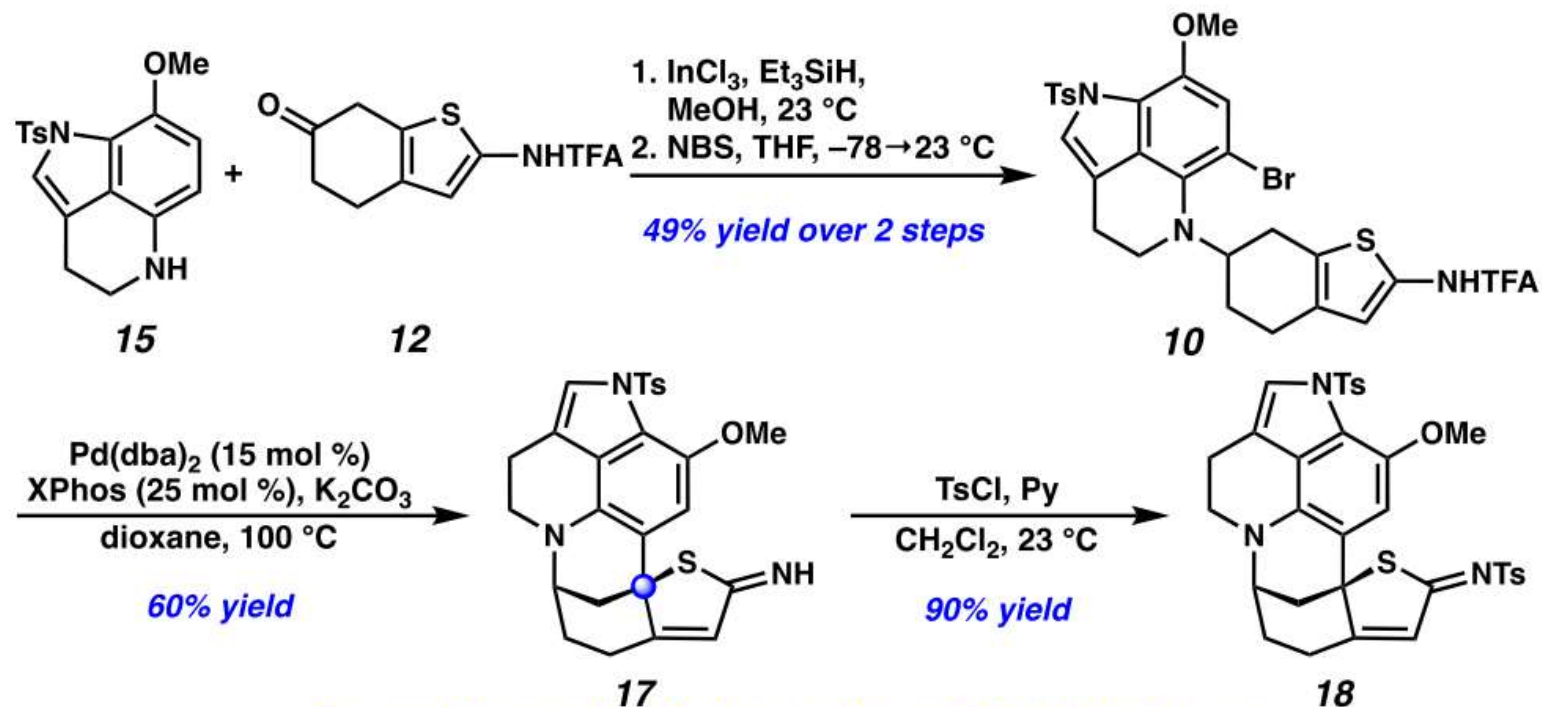
(A) Synthesis of Tricyclic Aniline 15; (B) Synthesis of Aminothiophene 12



Key dialkylbiaryl phosphine ligands for amination

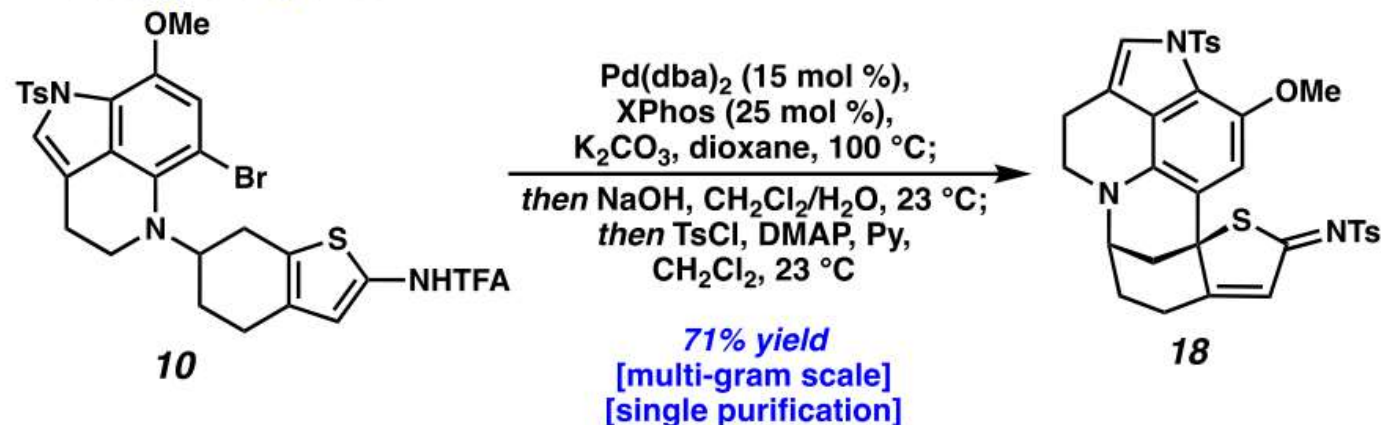


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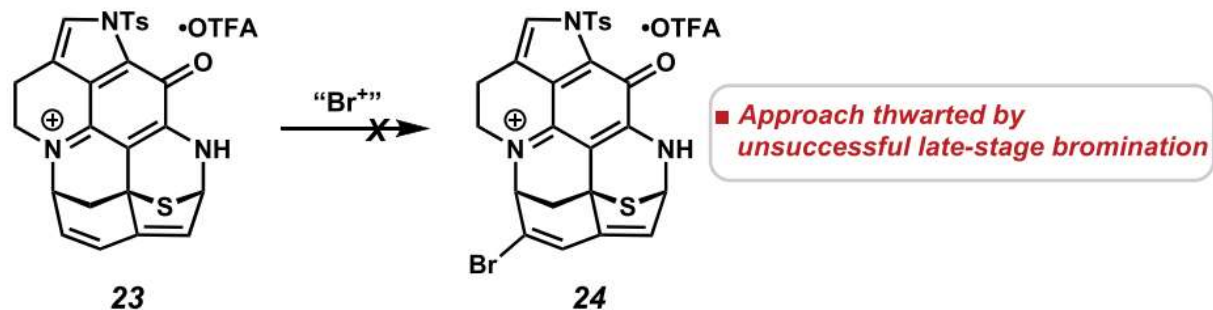
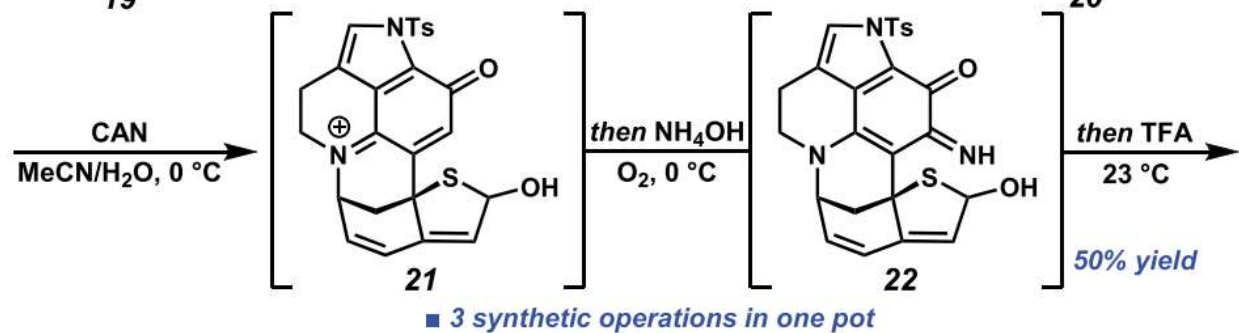
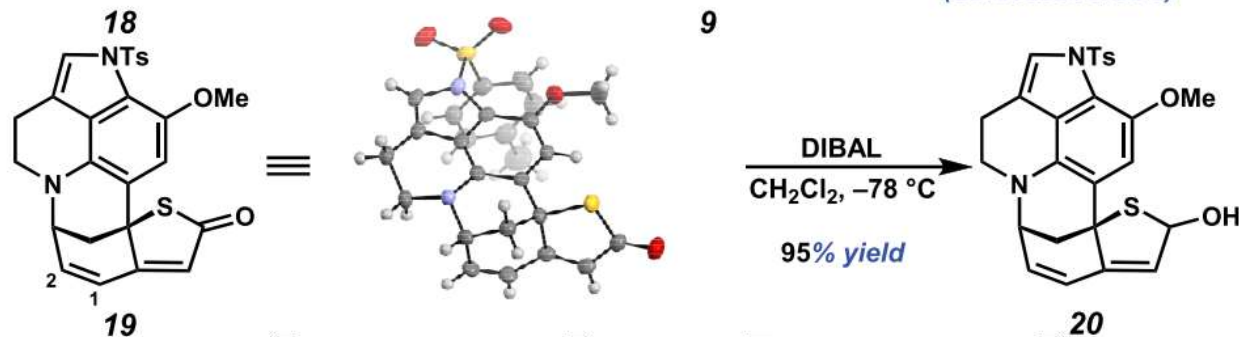
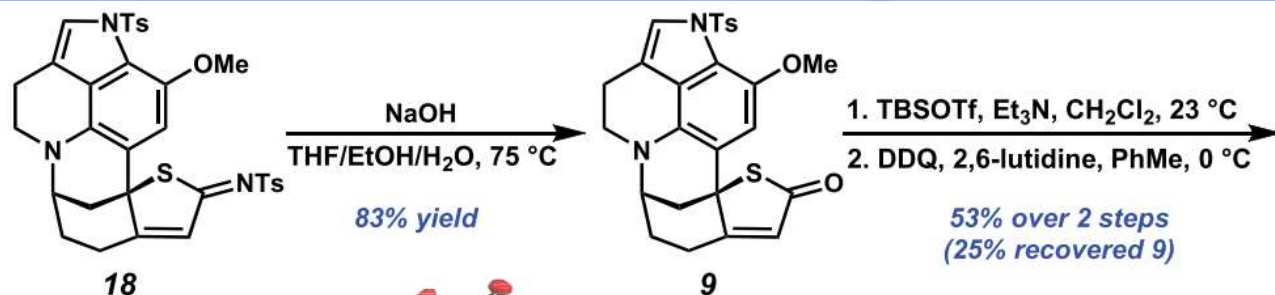


- Successful assembly of tertiary sulfide and [3.3.1] bicyclic core
- Full carbon skeleton of aleutianamine established

Telescoped Sequence

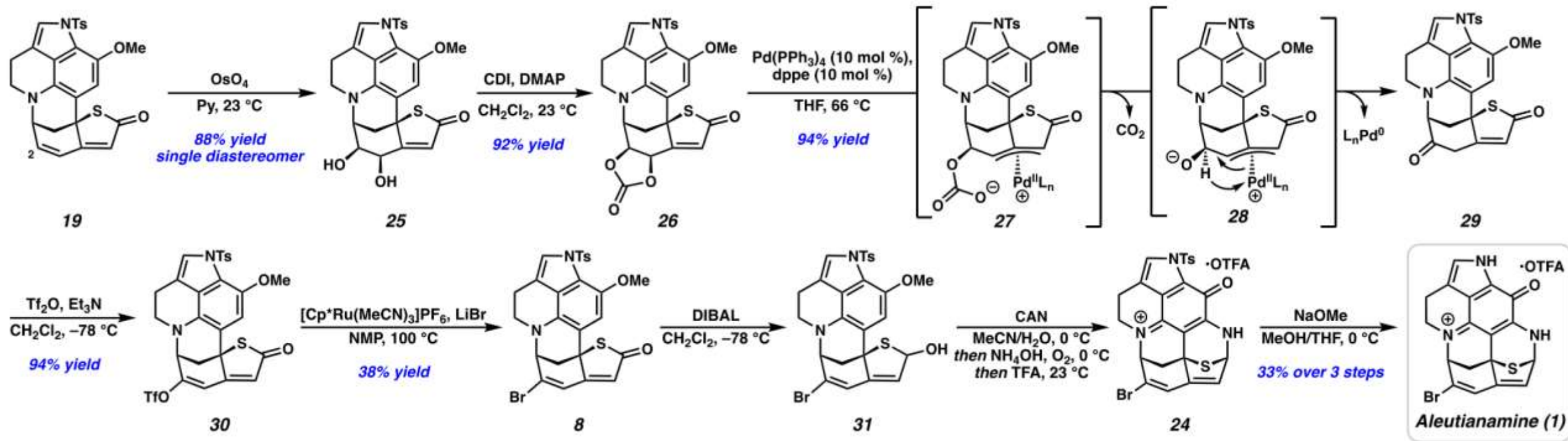


Synthesis of *N*-Tosyl des-Bromoaleutianamine(23) and Failed Late-Stage Bromination Attempts



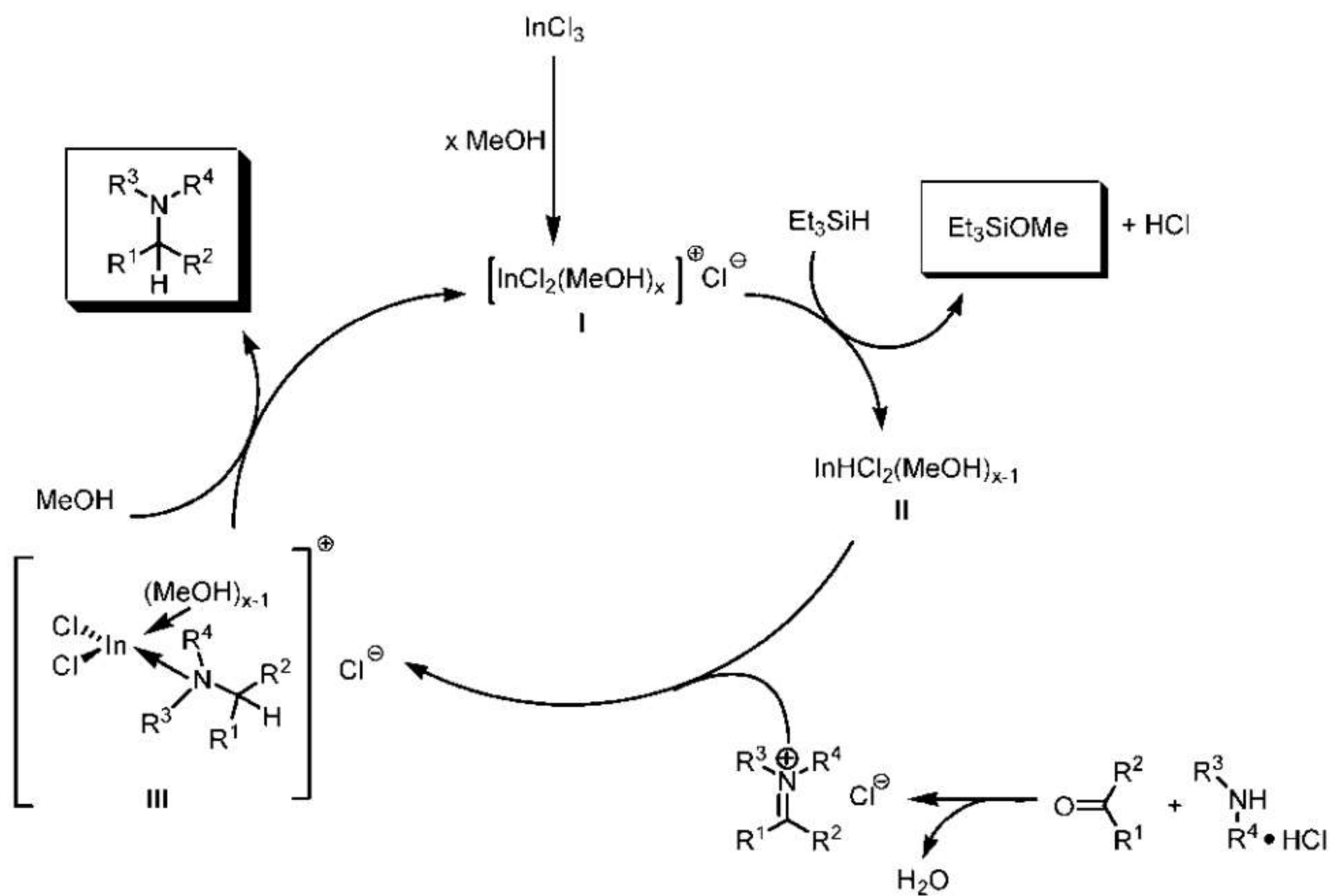
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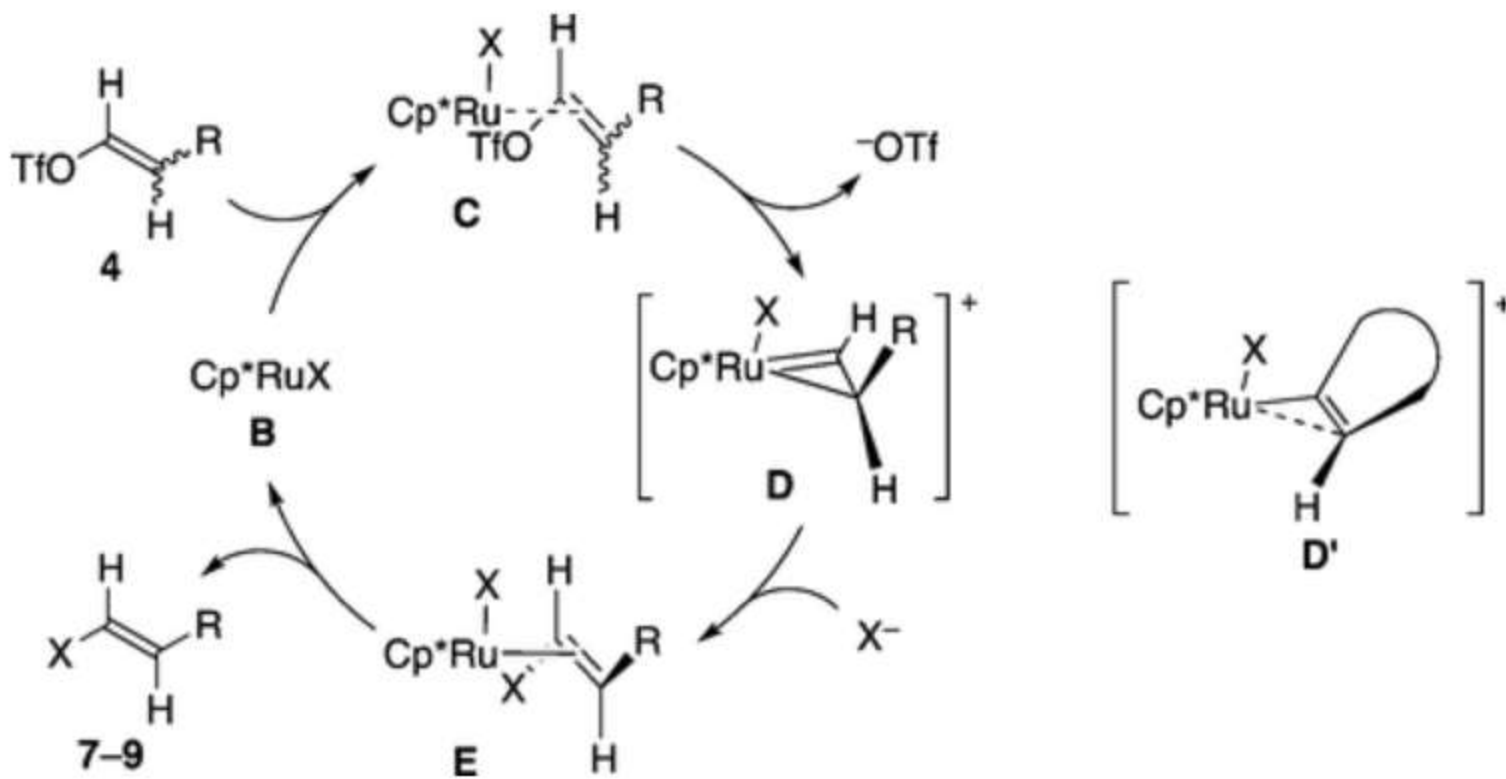
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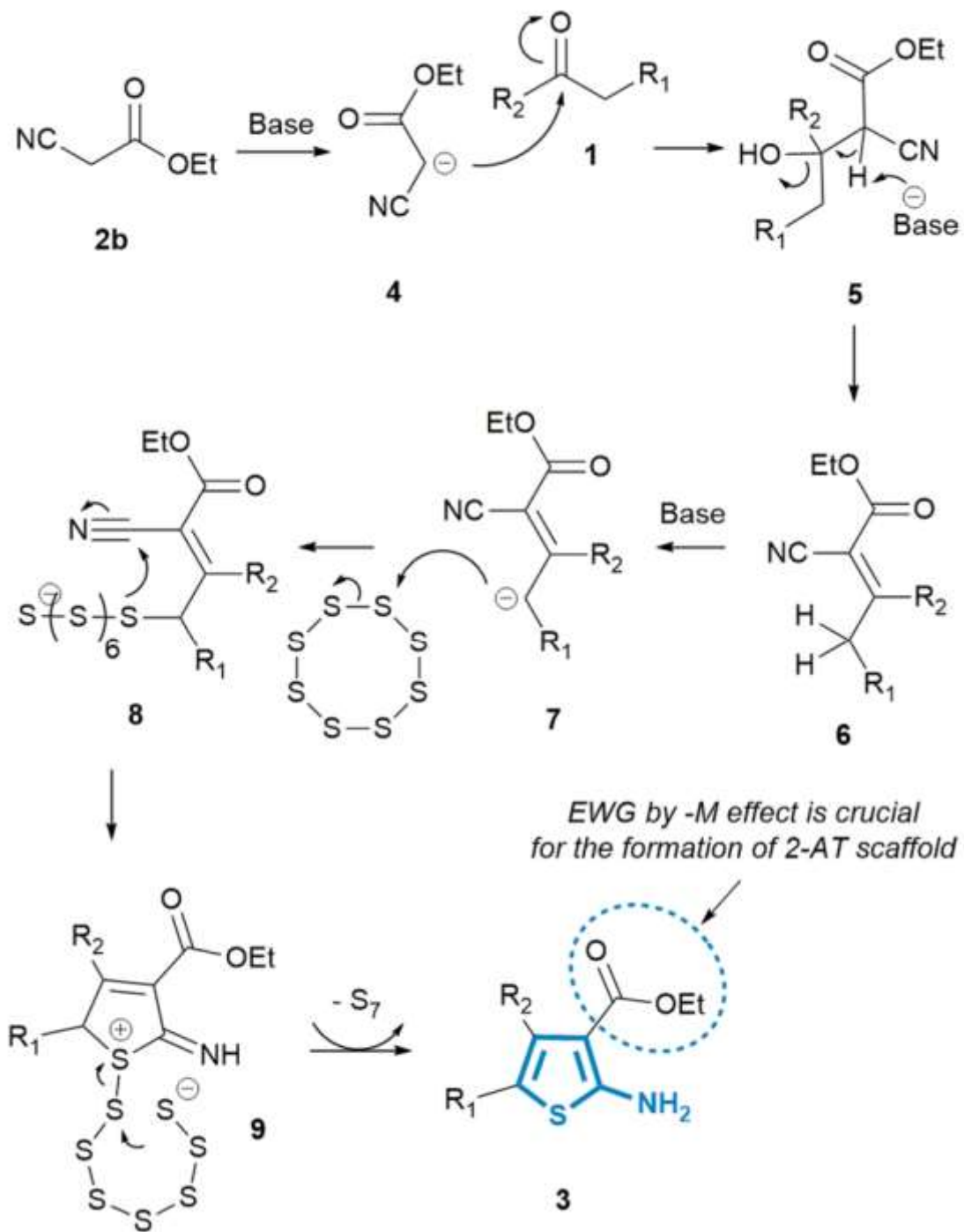
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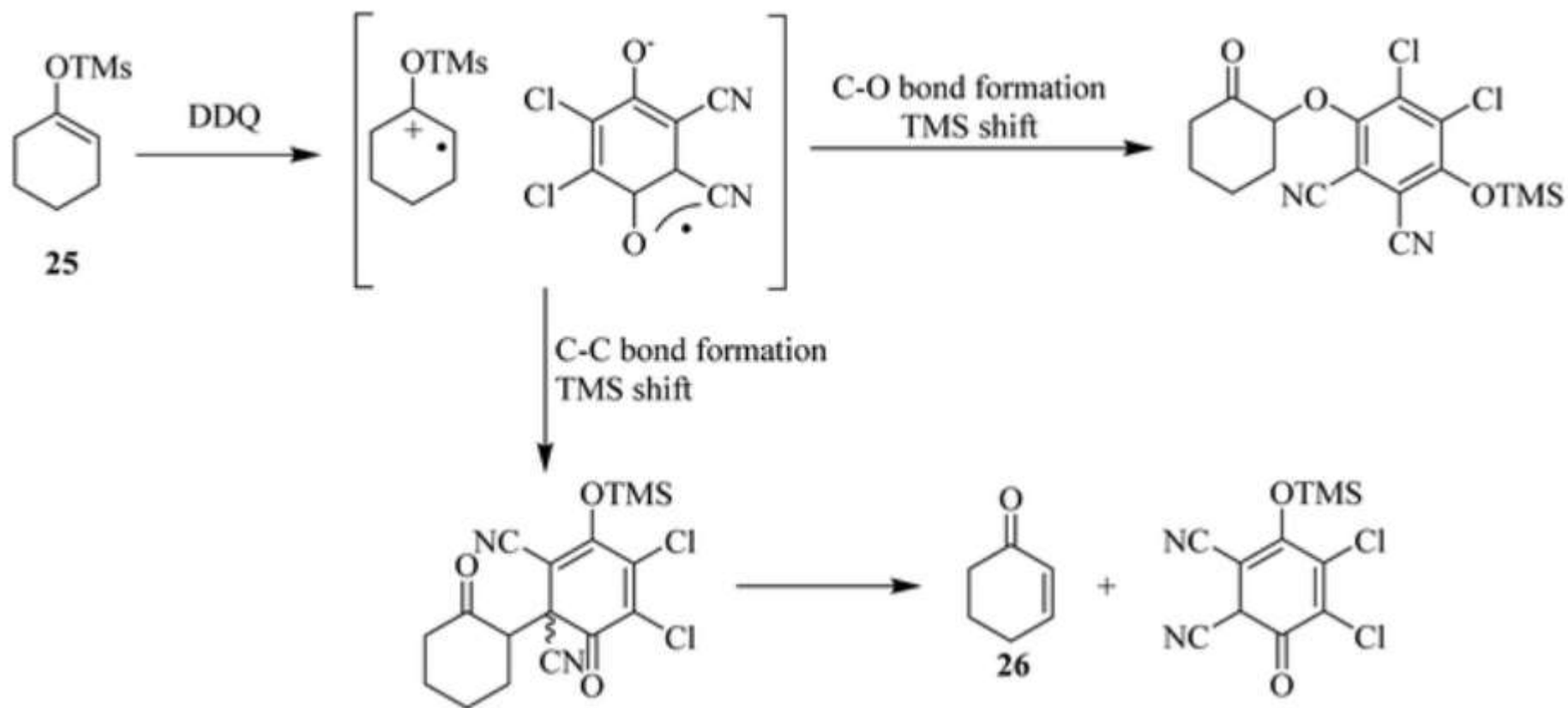
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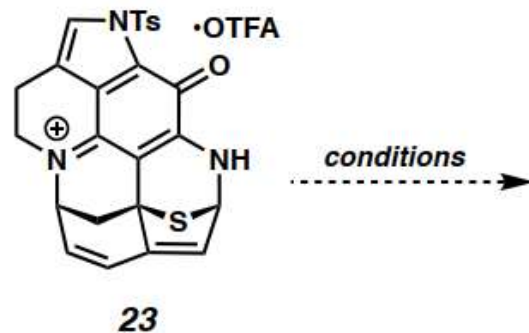
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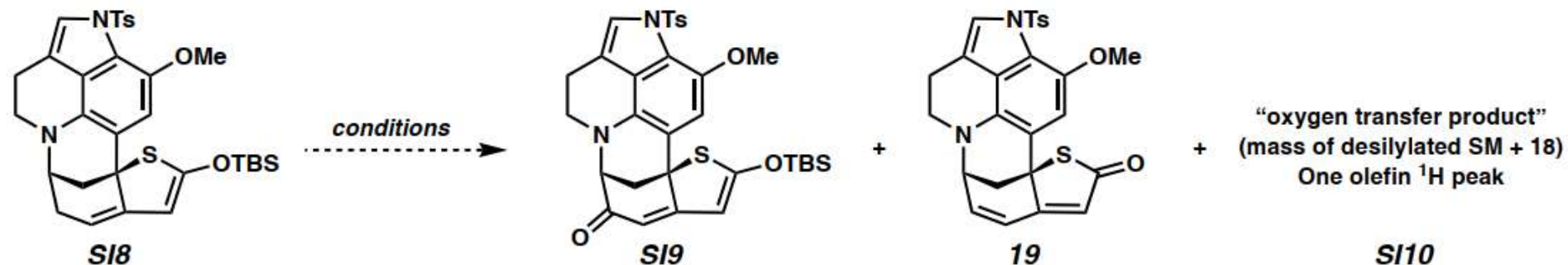
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Table S4: Attempted conditions for bromination of 23

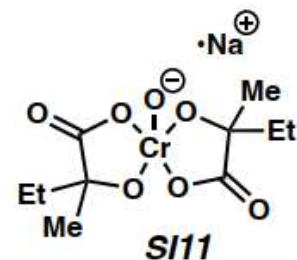


entry	conditions	result
1	NBS , THF, 23 °C	complex mixture
2	NBS, MeCN, 23 °C	unidentified rearrangement product
3	Br ₂ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 23 °C	unidentified rearrangement product
4	PyHBr ₃ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 23 °C	No reaction

Table S3: Attempted conditions for allylic oxidation



entry	conditions	result
1	$\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$, TBHP, Cs_2CO_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	complex mixture, including 19
2	PIDA, TBHP, $\text{Mg}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $n\text{-BuOC}(\text{O})n\text{-Pr}$, $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	complex mixture, few olefin peaks by NMR
3	$\text{Mn}(\text{OAc})_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, TBHP, 4 Å MS, O_2 , EtOAc, $23\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	complex mixture by NMR, trace mass of SI9 by LC-MS
4	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$, TBHP, EtOAc, $23\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	SM + 2–3 new products. Major new product is SI10
5	$\text{Rh}_2(\text{cap})_4$, TBHP, K_2CO_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , $40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	complex mixture; tosyl peaks are visible but no clear olefinic peaks
6	SI10 (10 equiv), MnO_2 (20 equiv), 15-crown-5, DCE, $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 2 d	decomp to baseline
7	SI10 (5 equiv), MnO_2 (10 equiv), 15-crown-5, DCE, $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, 4.5 h	low yield of 19
8	PDC, 4 Å MS, CH_2Cl_2 , $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	SM, many oxidized products



Scheme S1: Failed attempts at C2 functionalization

