

## Masayuki Inoue



- The University of Tokyo, B.S. in Chemistry (1989-1993)
- The University of Tokyo, Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry (1993-1998)  
Research advisor: Professor Kazuo Tachibana
- Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research (1998-2000)  
Research advisor: Professor Samuel J. Danishefsky

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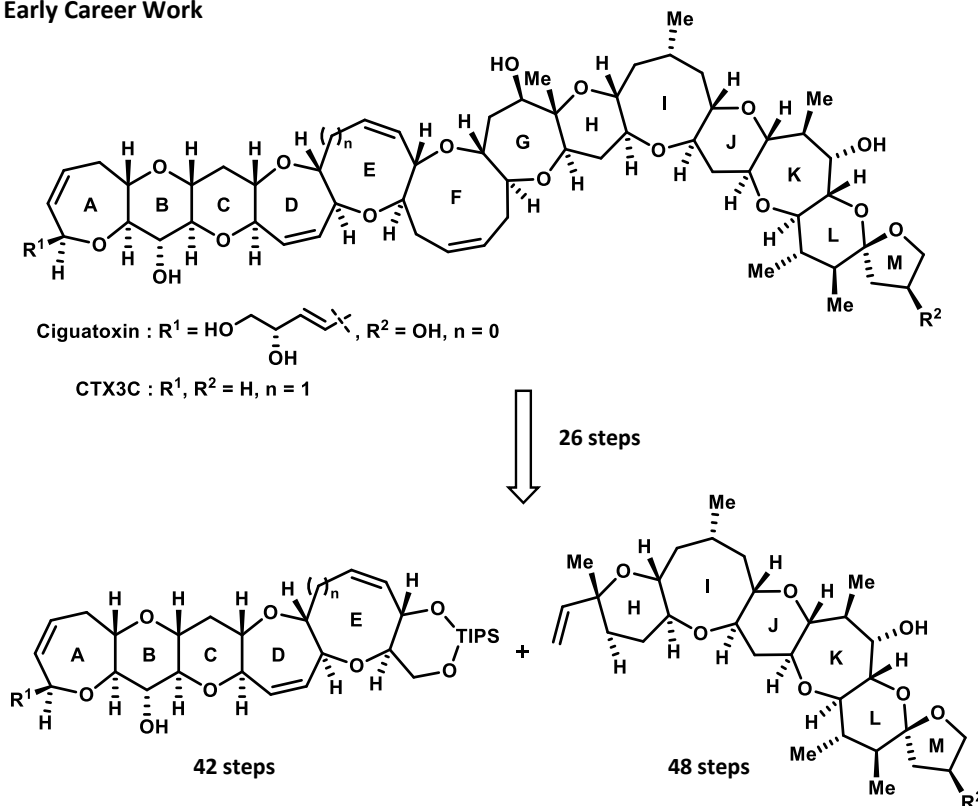
- Assistant Professor (Lab of Professor Masahiro Hirama) (2000)
- Lecturer (2003)
- Associate Professor (2004)

Current: Professor at The University of Tokyo

- 180+ publications
- >20 completed natural product syntheses

• Awards - Young Scientist's Research Award in Natural Product Chemistry (2001), Chugai Award in Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan (2001), Thieme Journal Award 2005, Mukaiyama Award Year 2014, JOC Outstanding Publication of the Year Award Lectureship (2018)

## Early Career Work



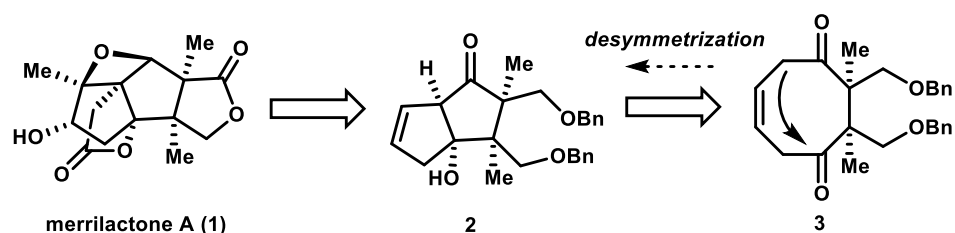
- 116 steps in total
- ~40 publications on ciguatoxin/CTX3C (~20 synthetic studies)

*Science* **2001**, 294 (5548), 1904–1907  
*Tetrahedron* **2002**, 58 (10), 1835–1851  
*Tetrahedron* **2002**, 58 (32), 6493–6512

## Research Interests (non-exhaustive):

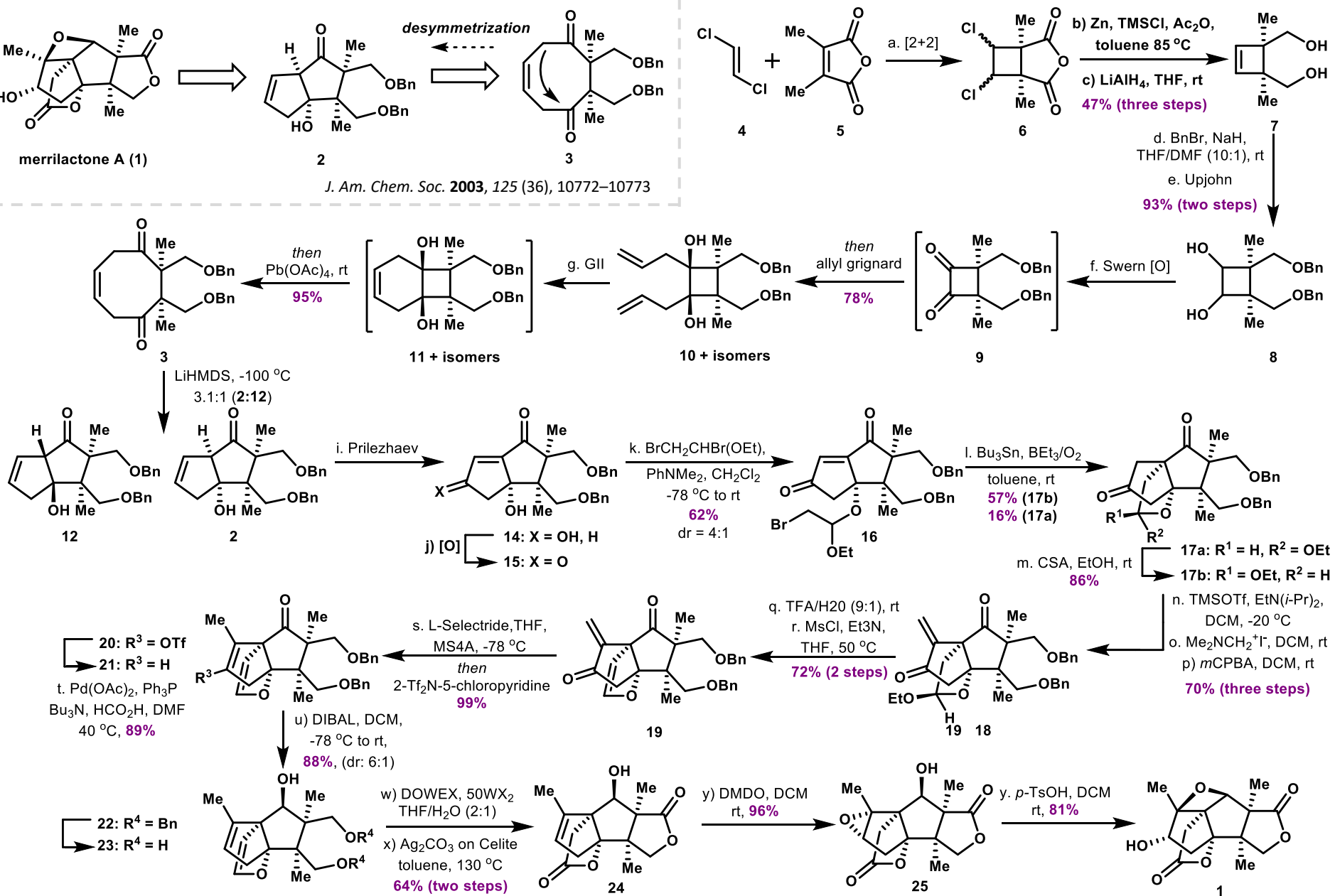
- Synthesis of complex natural products with unresolved bioactivity
- Study of the biological function of prepared natural products
- Development of radical methodologies for use in total synthesis

## Retrosynthesis of Merrilactone A

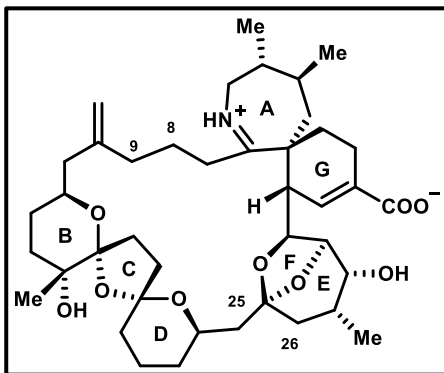


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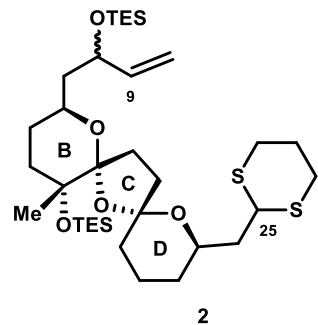
## Forward Synthesis of Merrilactone A



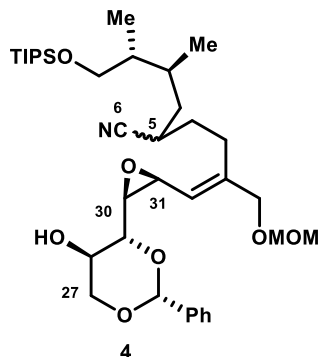
## Retrosynthesis of (+)-Pinnatoxin A



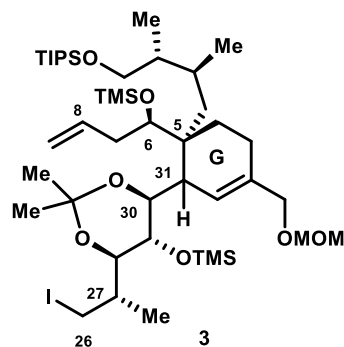
dithiane coupling (C25-26)  
RCM (C8-9)



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intramolecular  
alkylation  
(C5-31)



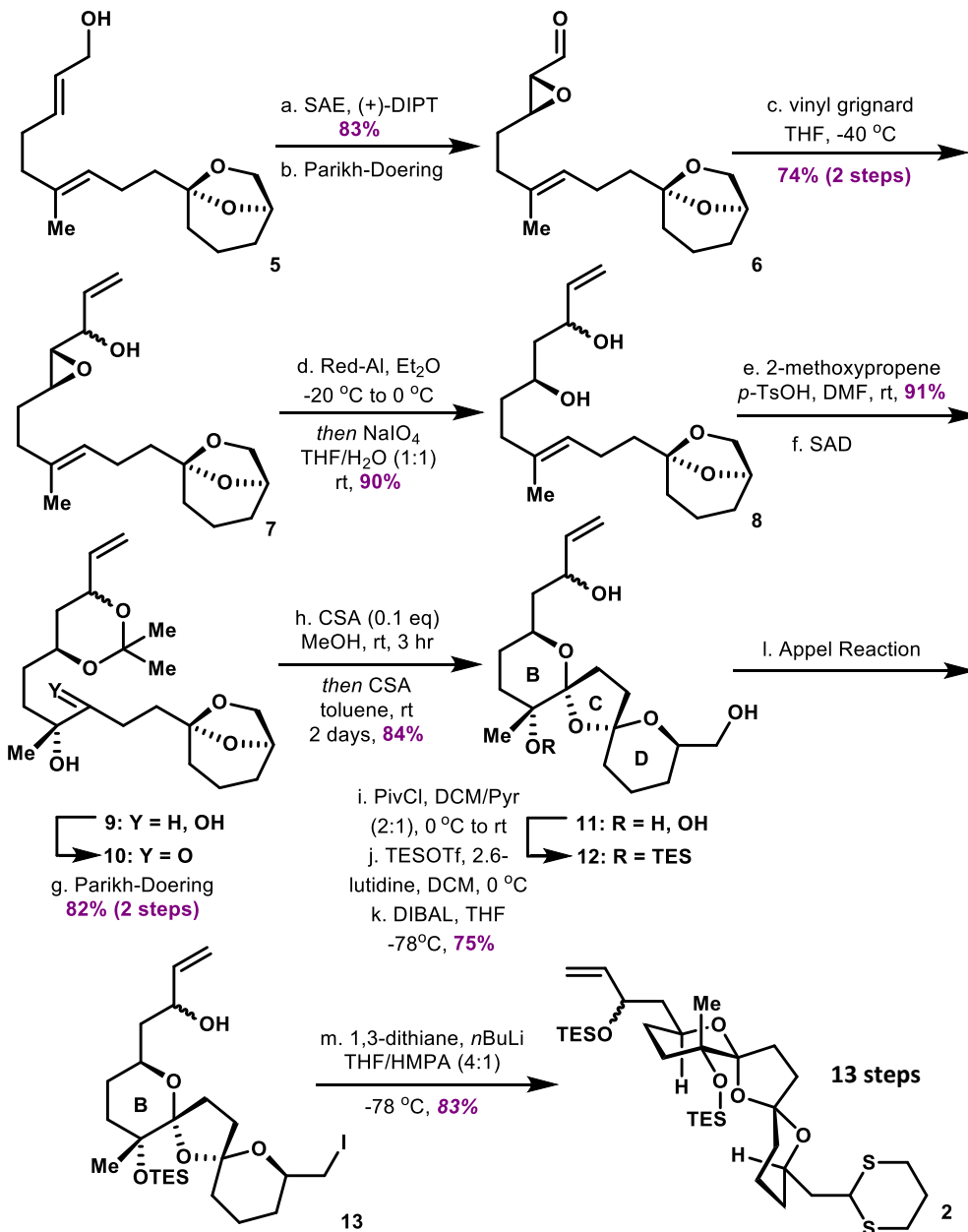
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ACIE 2004, 43 (47), 6505–6510

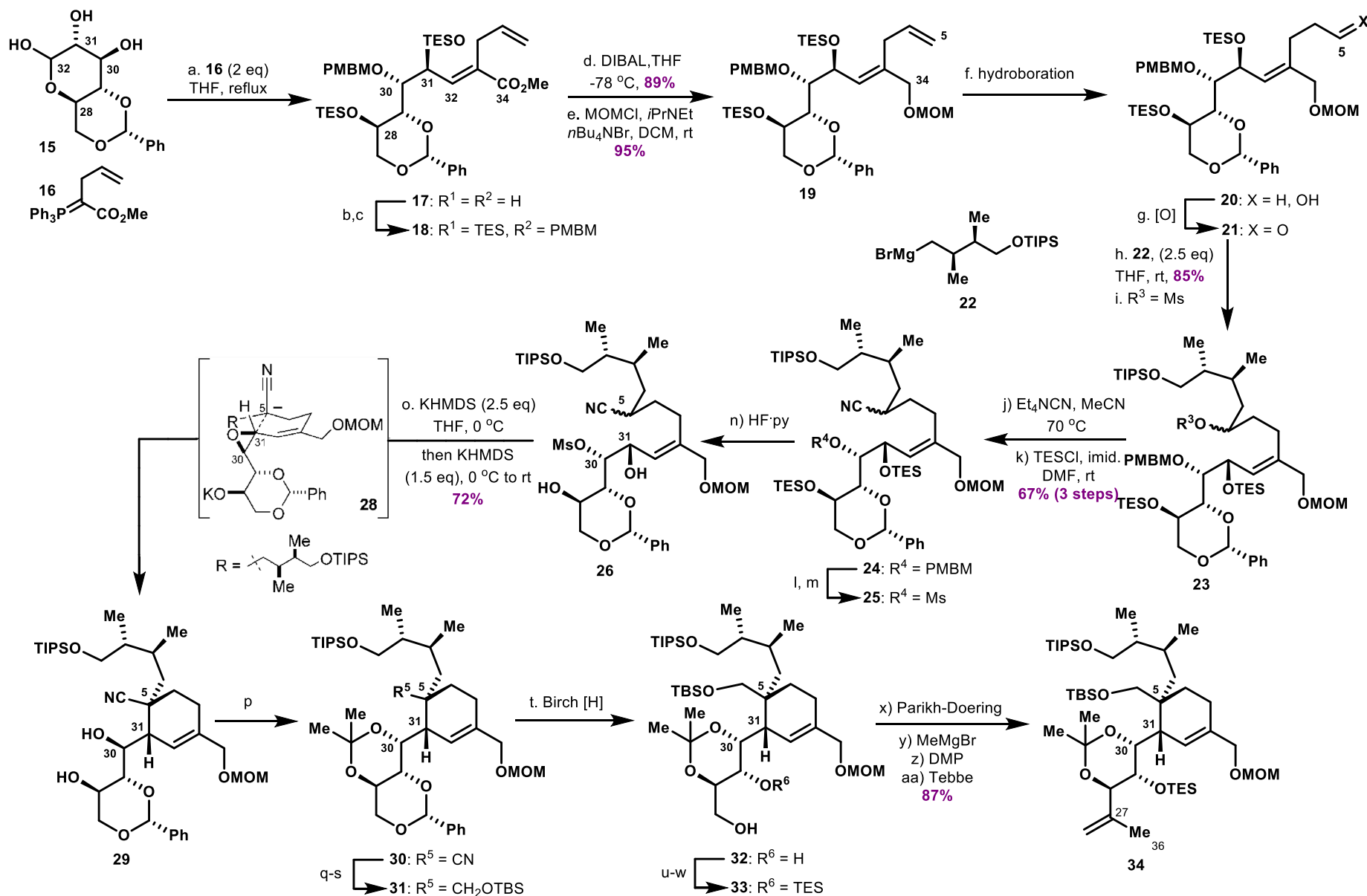
## Quick Facts:

- one of the major toxic principles responsible for outbreaks of Pinna shellfish poisonings in China and Japan
- Precise biological activity is unclarified – suspected to be Ca<sup>2+</sup> ion channel activator
- 70 step synthesis

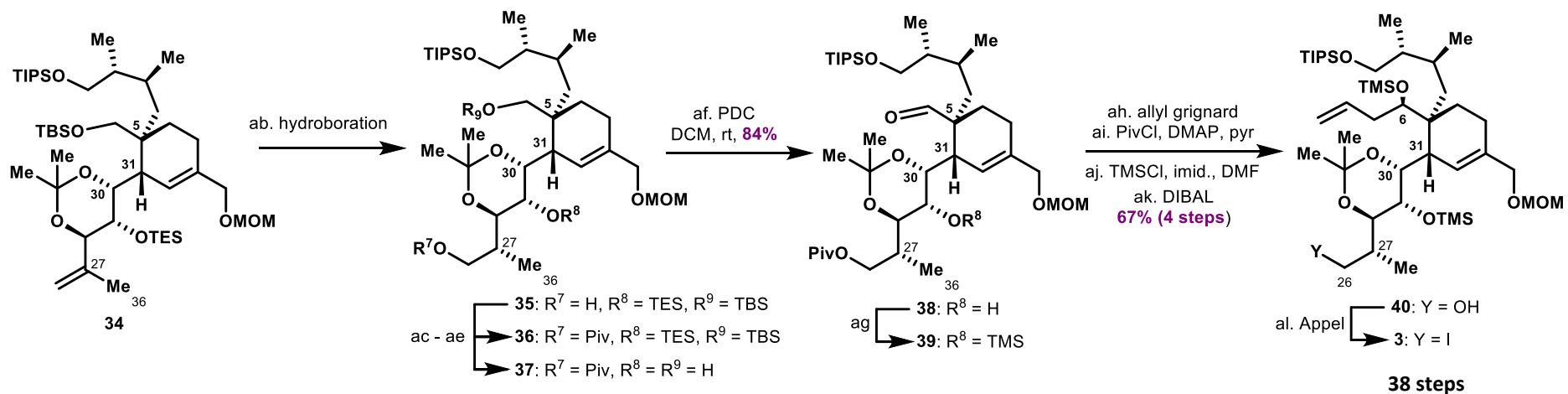
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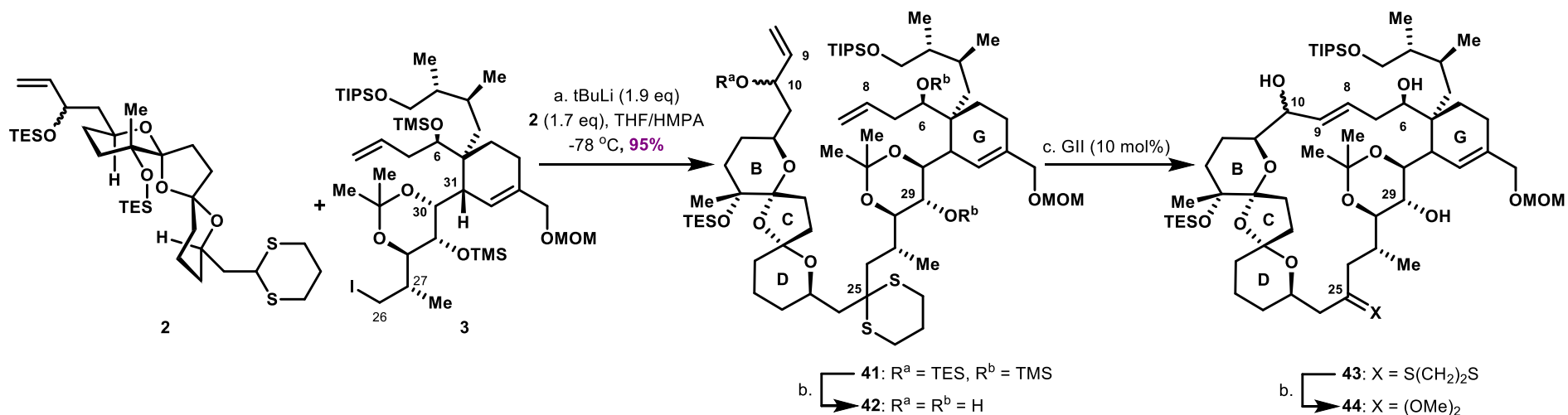
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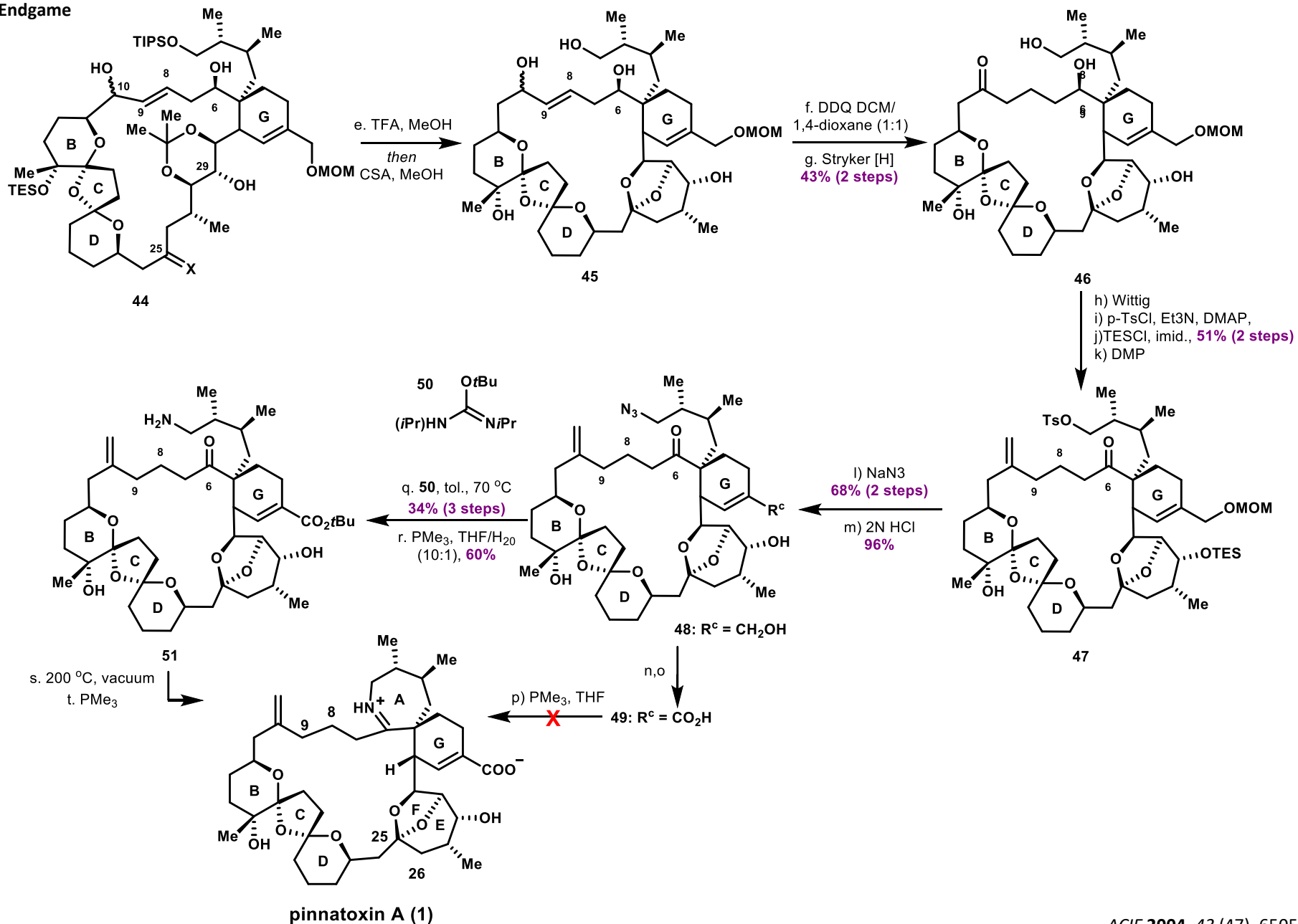
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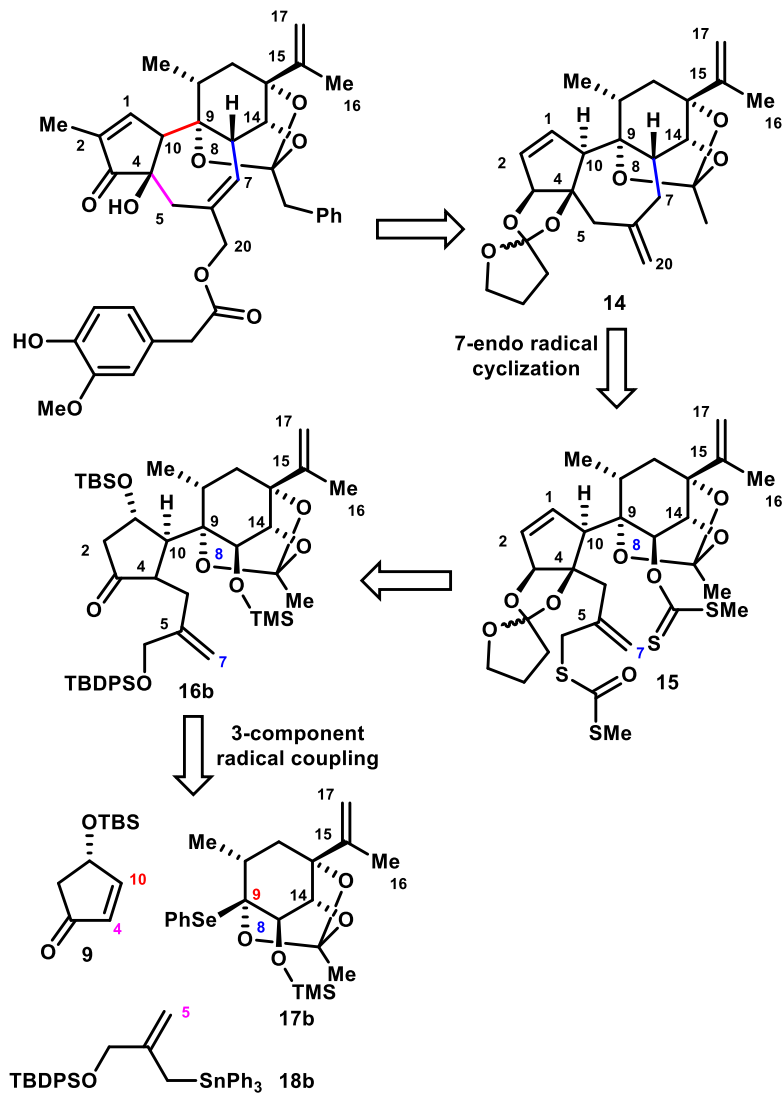
## 19 Step Endgame



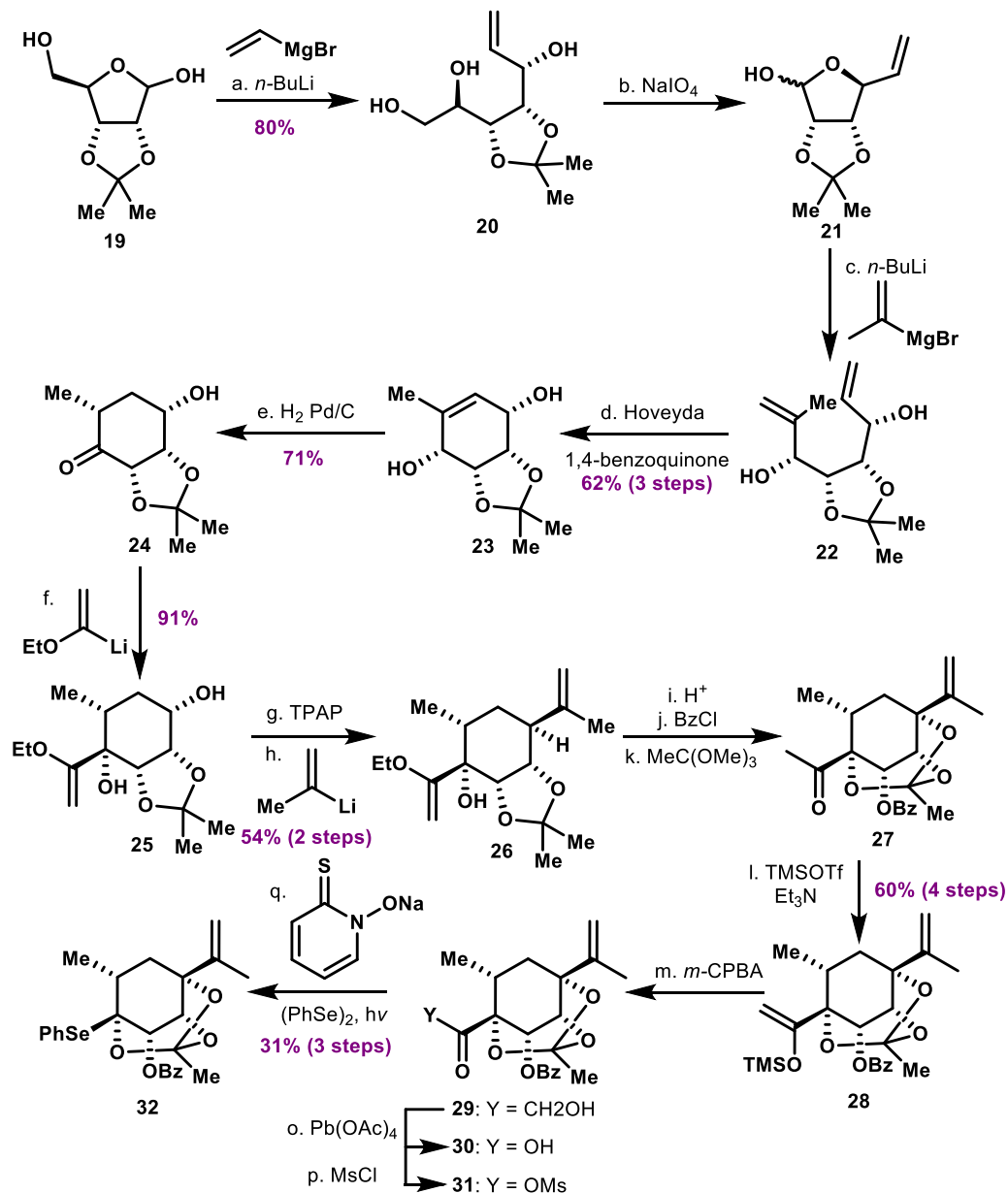
## Endgame



## Retrosynthesis of Resiniferatoxin



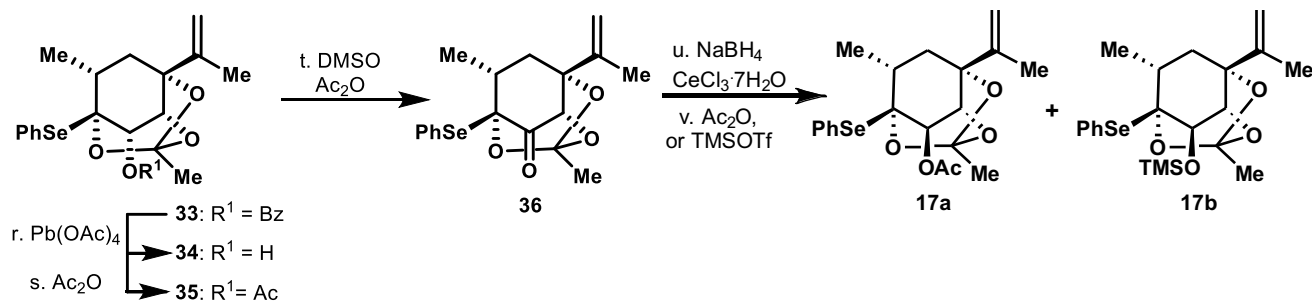
## Forward Synthesis of Resiniferatoxin



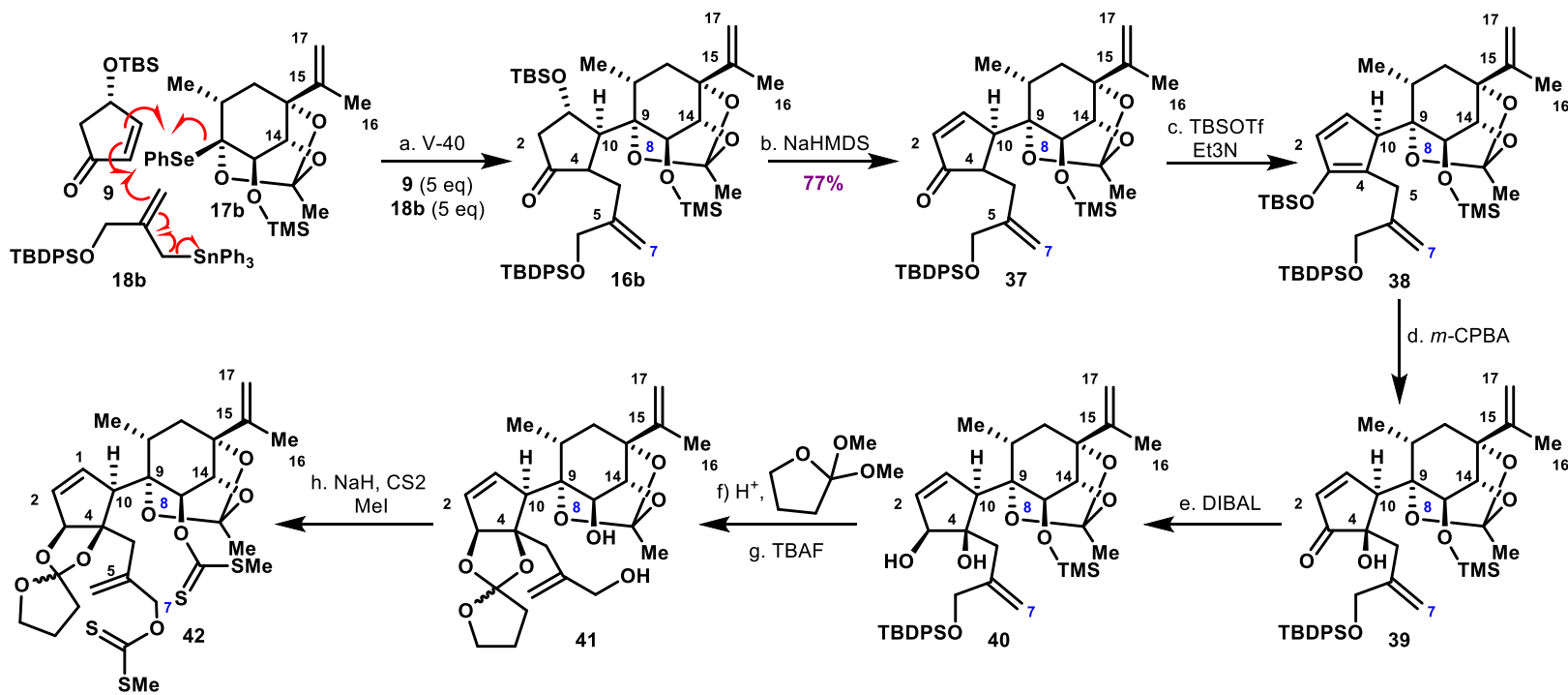
## Quick Facts:

- belongs to daphnane diterpenoid family
- potentially activating transient receptor potential vanilloid 1 (TRPV1)

## Forward Synthesis of Resiniferatoxin

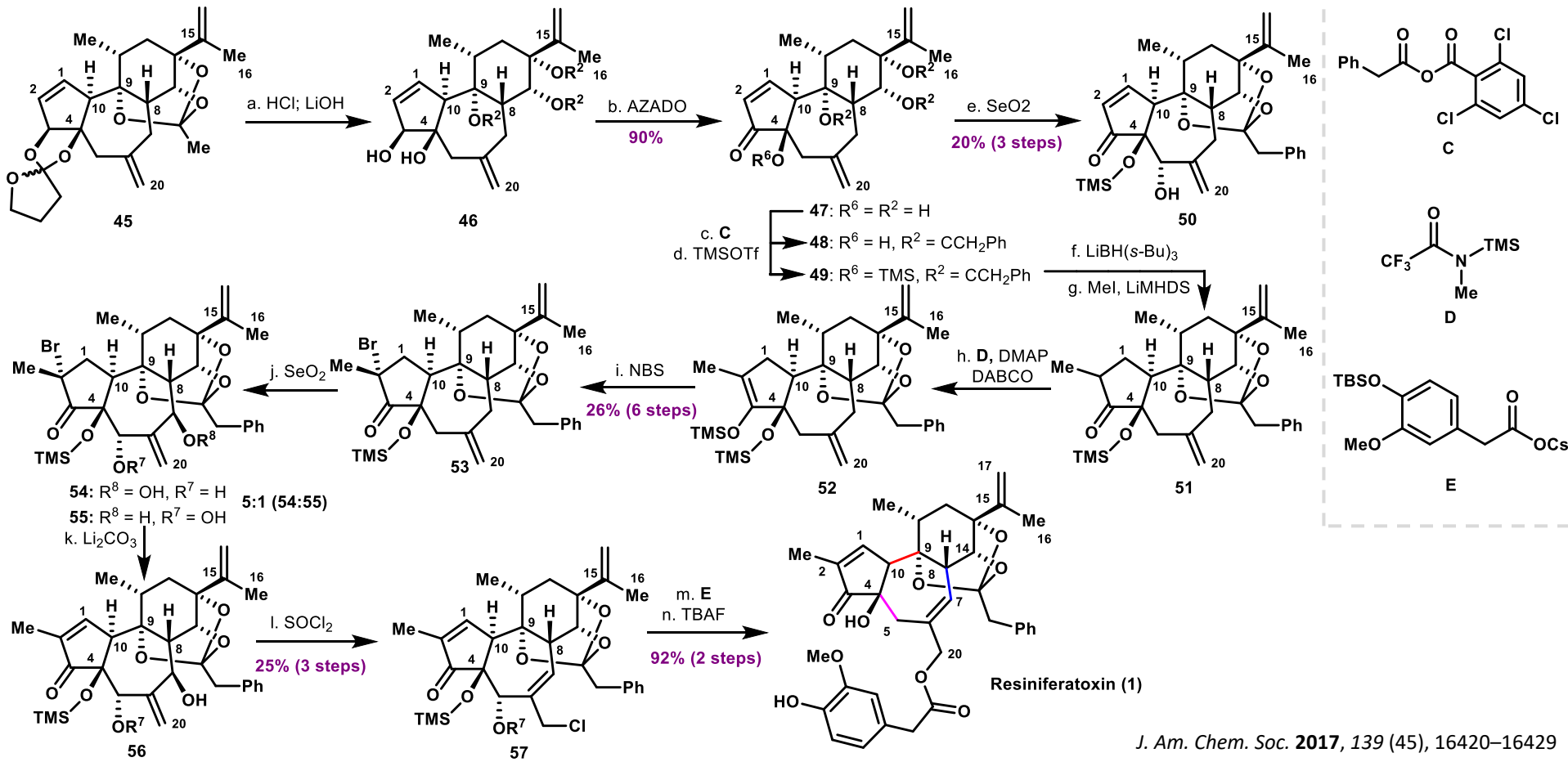
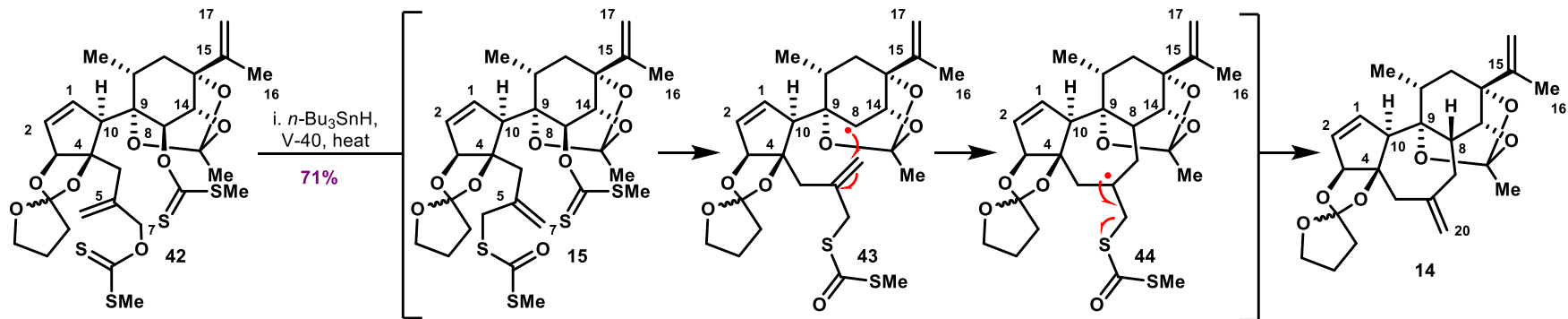


## Tricyclic Framework from Two Radical Reactions

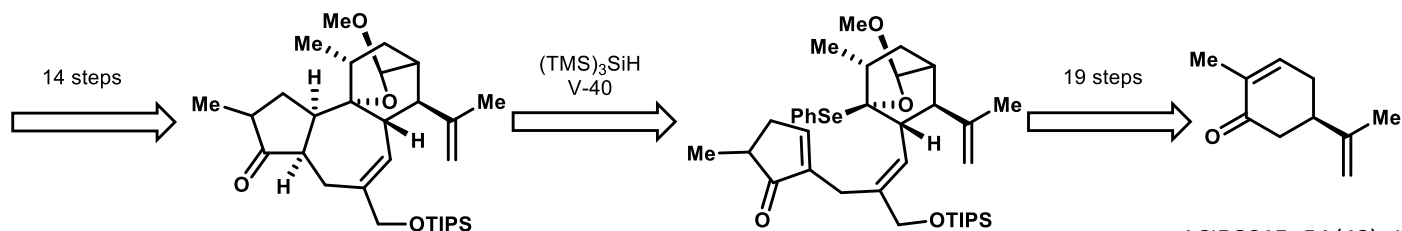
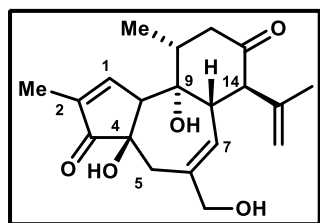




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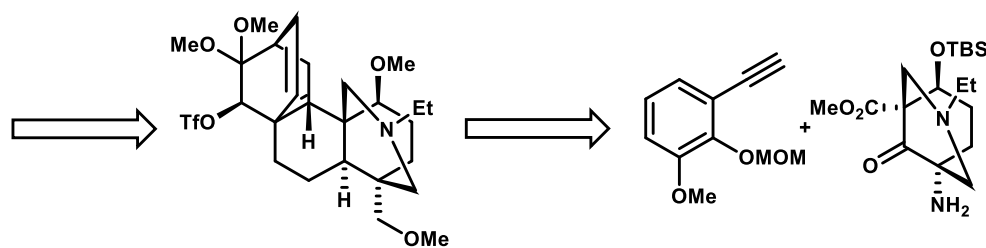
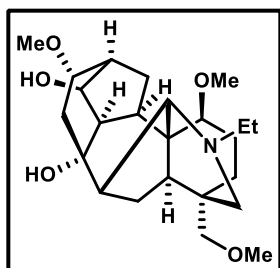


## Crotophorbolone



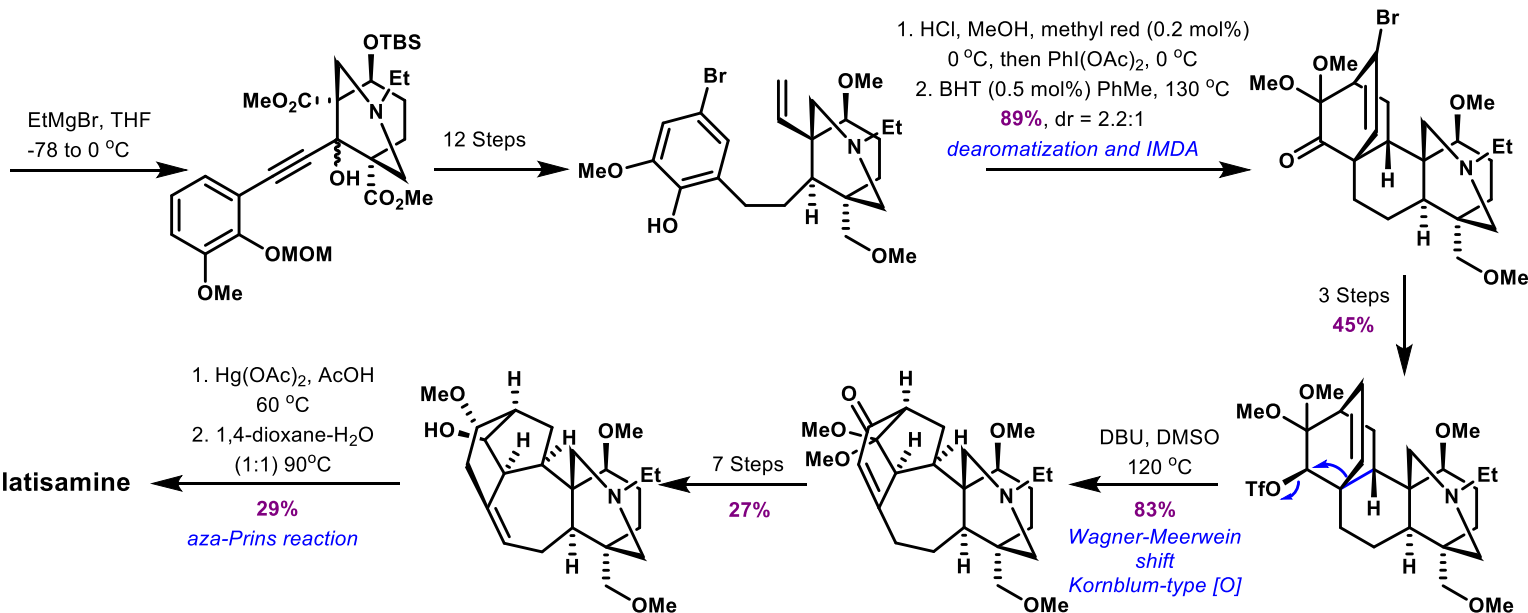
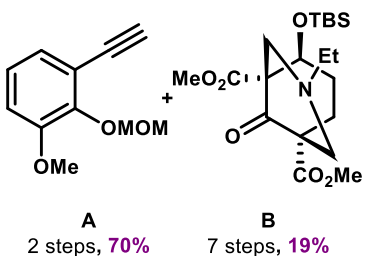
ACIE 2015, 54 (48), 14457–14461

## (±)-Talatisamine



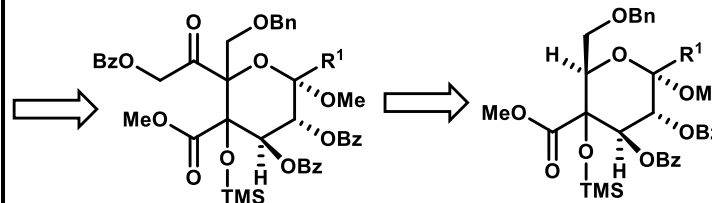
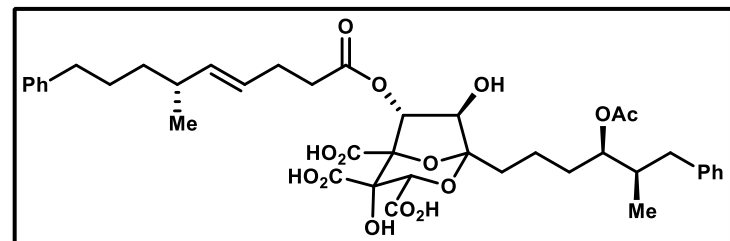
## Quick Facts:

- Diterpenoid alkaloid
- exhibits K<sup>+</sup> channel inhibitory and antiarrhythmic activities



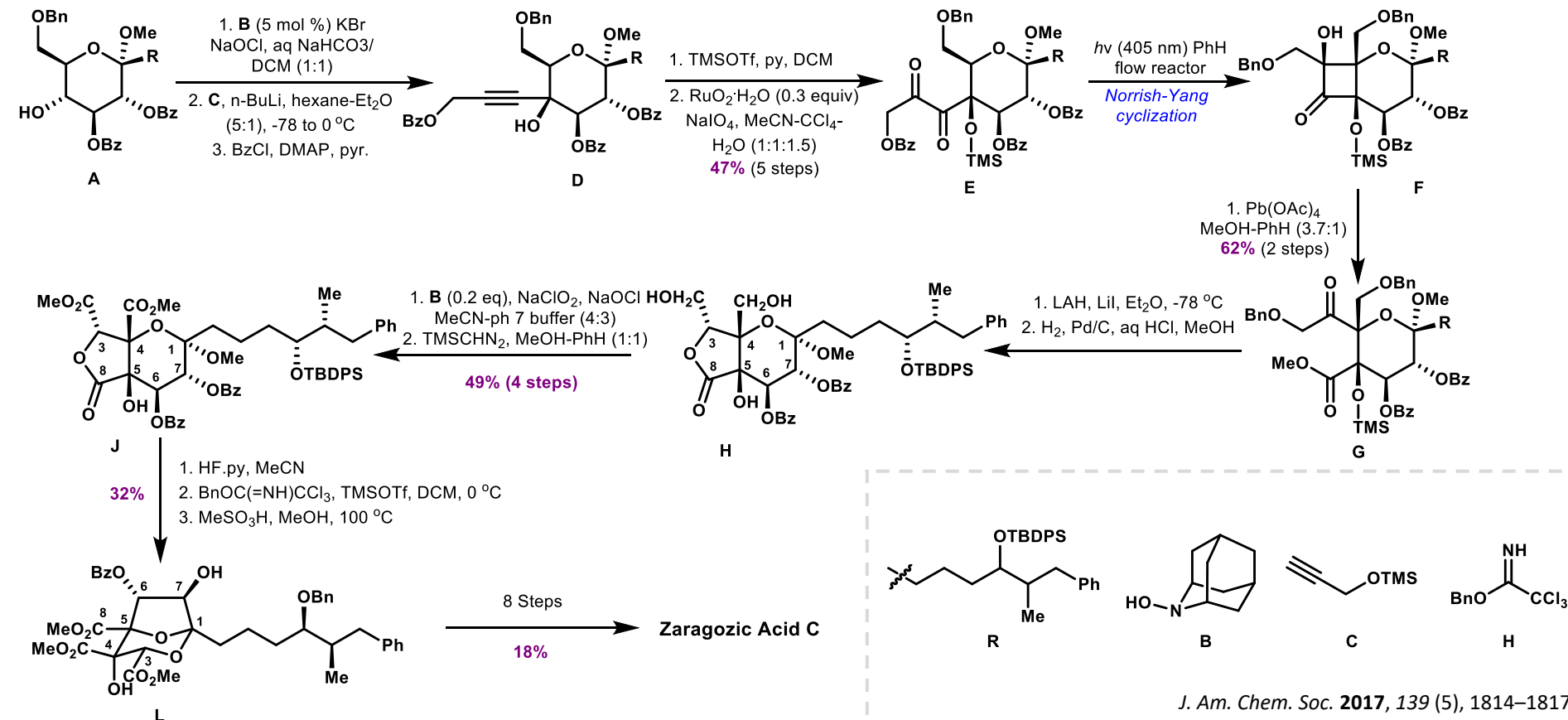
ACIE 2020, 59 (1), 479–486

## Zaragozic Acid C

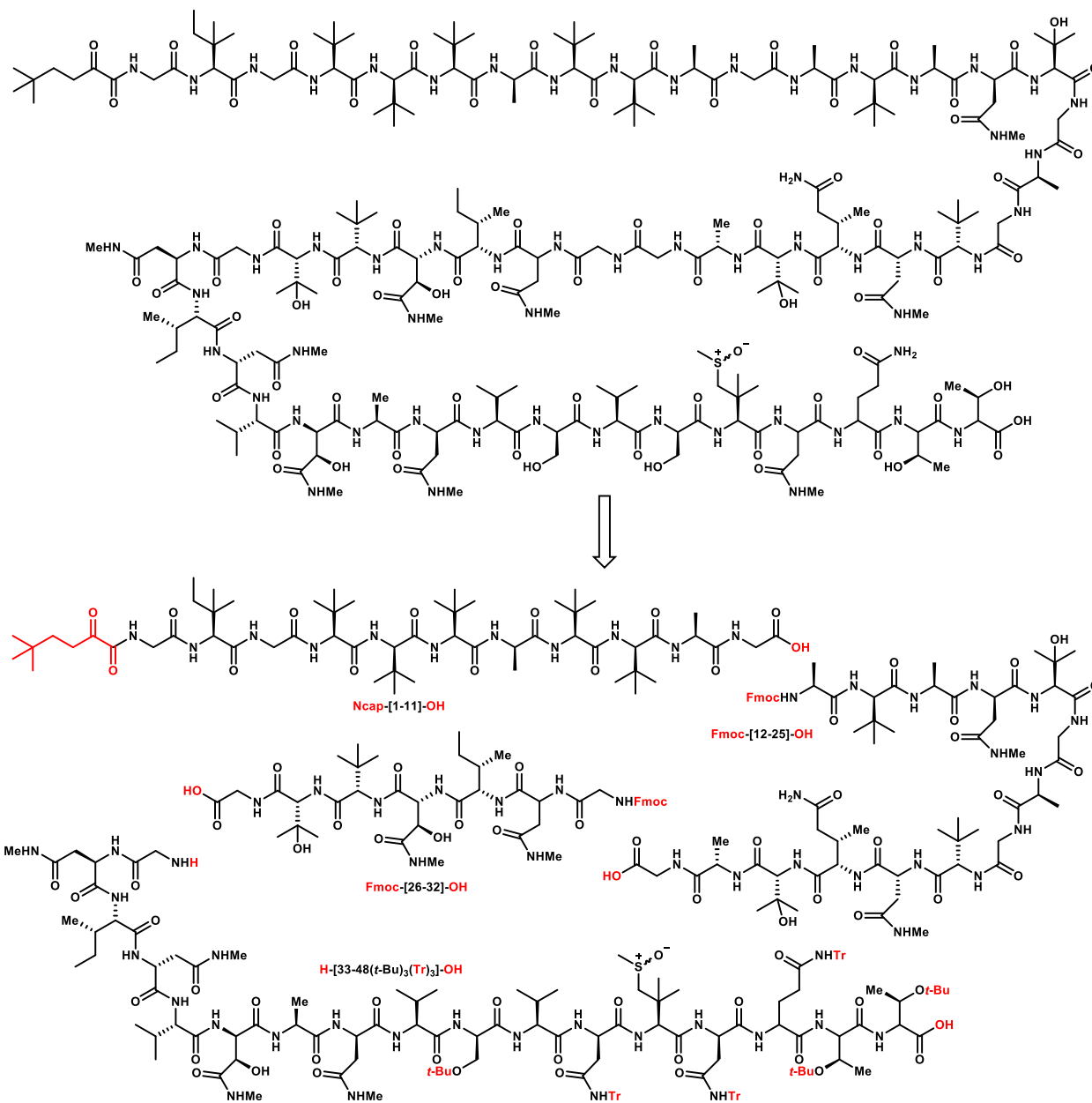


## Quick Facts:

- Member of zaragozic acids and squalastatins natural product families
- potent squalene synthase inhibitor
- Potential as an antitumor agent

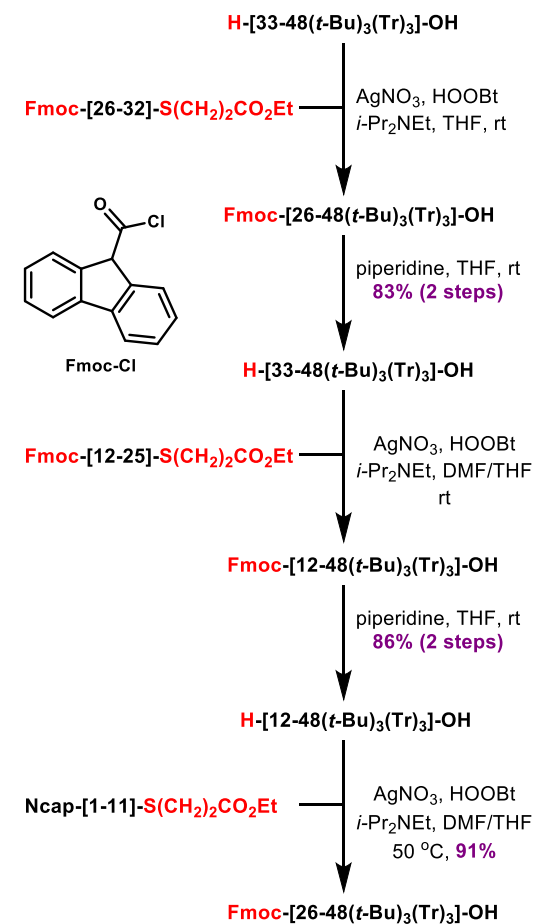


## Polytheonamide

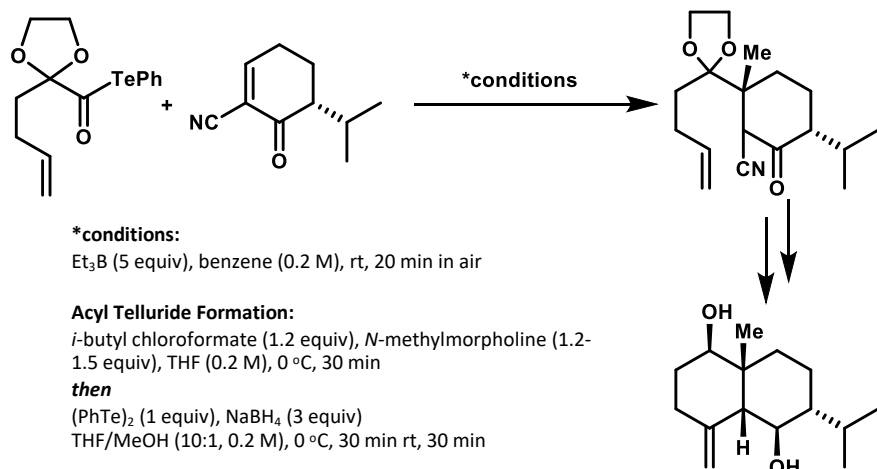


## Quick Facts:

- Longest non-ribosomal peptide known (2010)
- 13 of 19 amino acid types are non-proteinogenic
- Possesses properties of ion channel proteins at 1/20<sup>th</sup> the size – regarded as a minimalist transmembrane channel

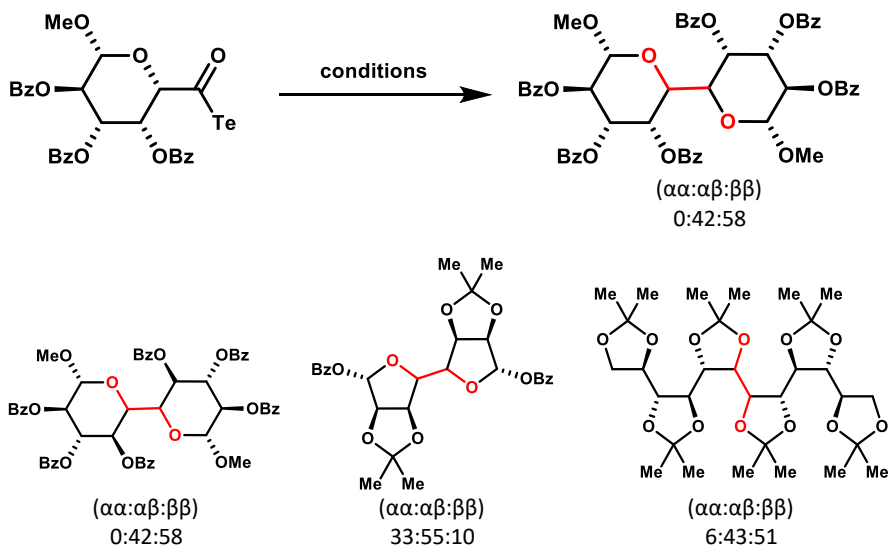


## Decarbonylative Radical-Radical Coupling

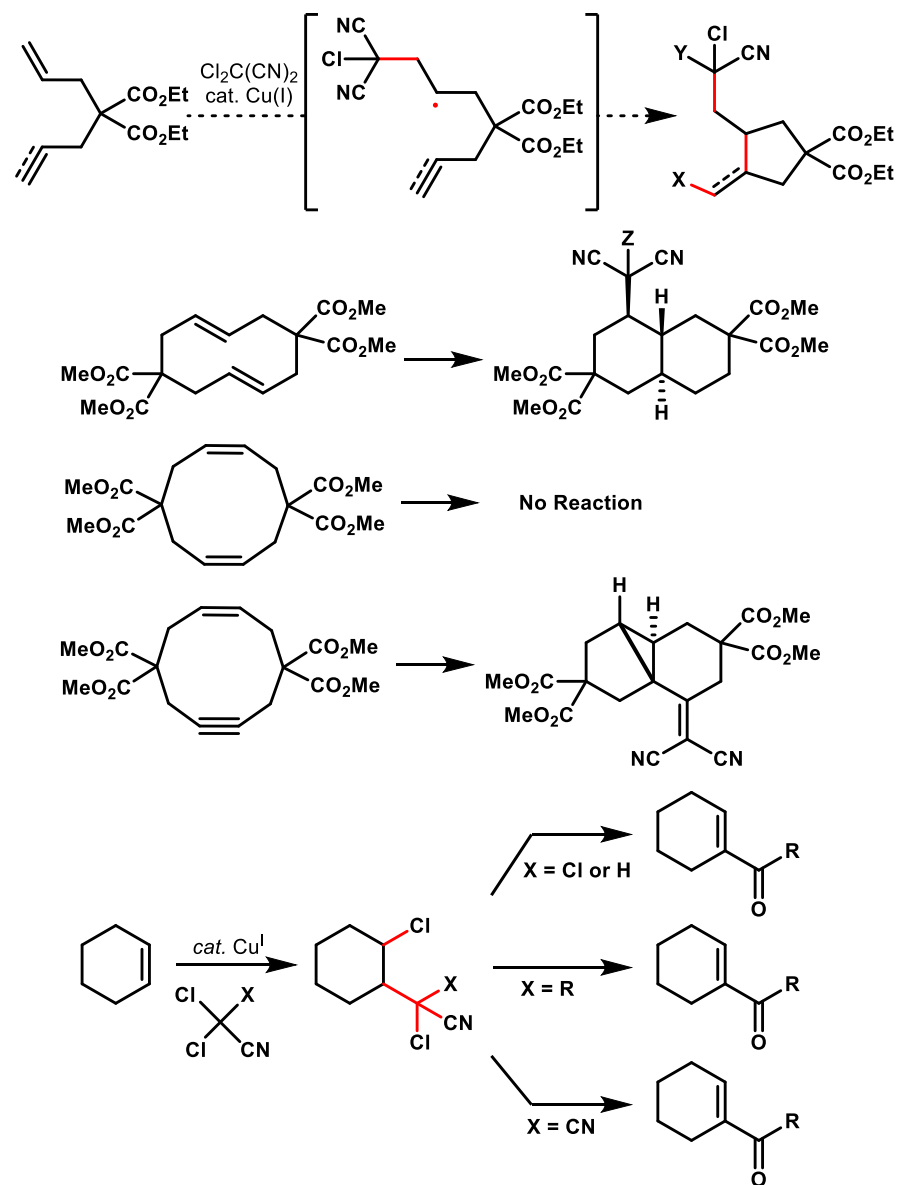


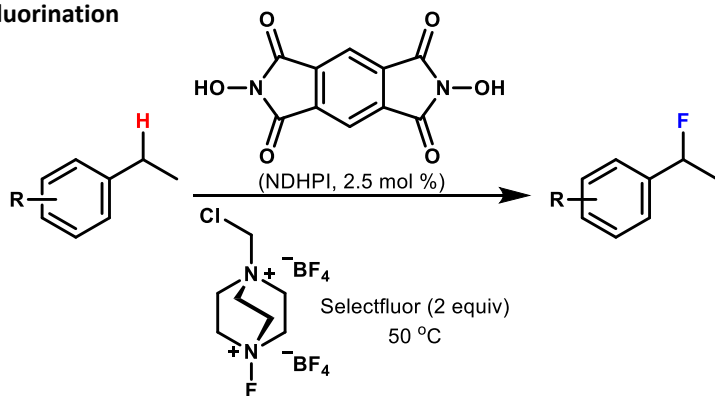
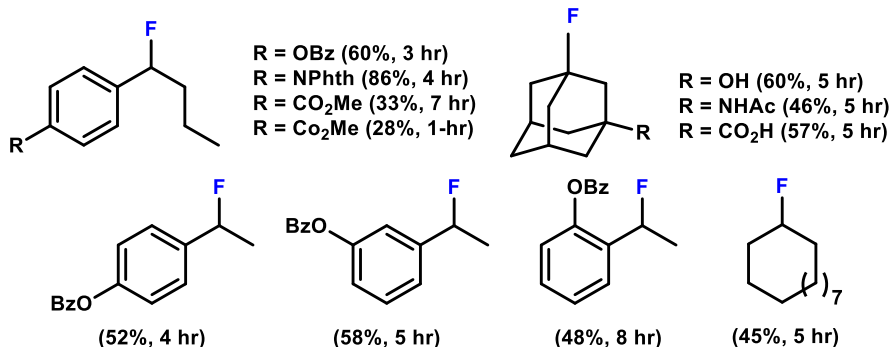
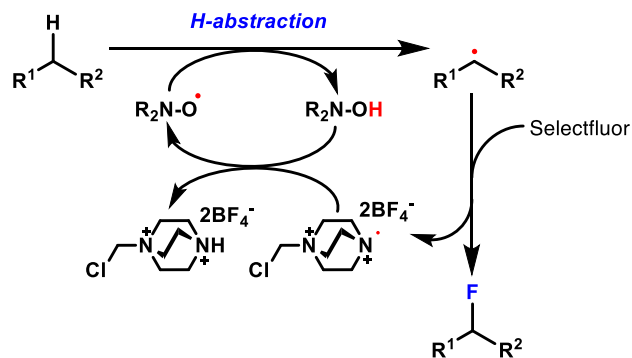
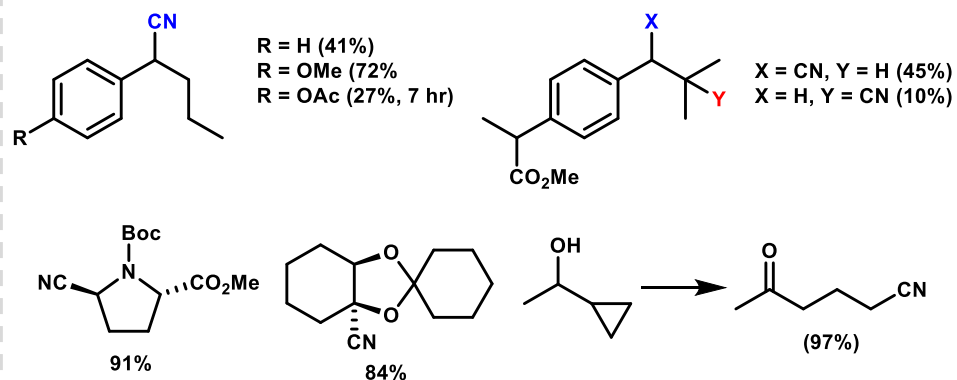
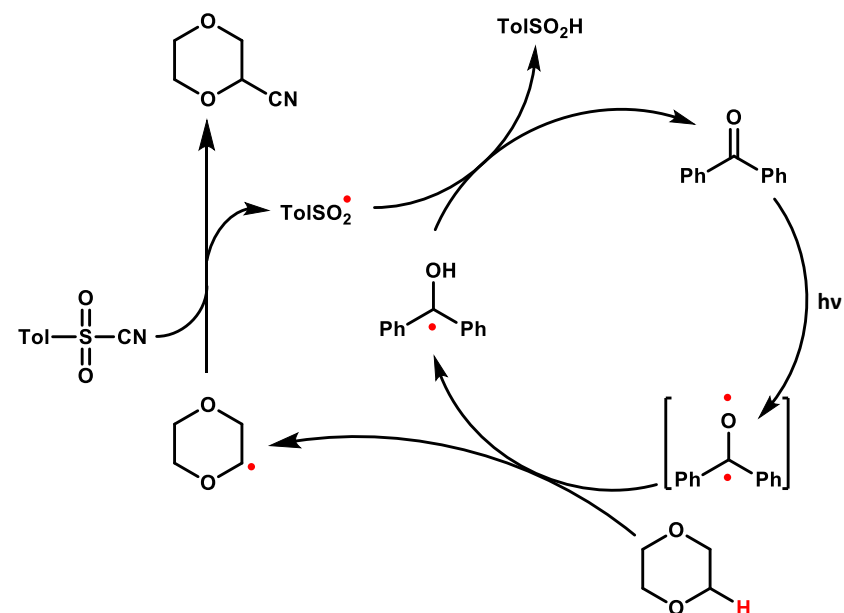
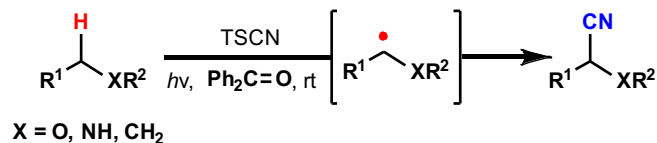
## Homocoupling of pentoses and hexoses

- Easy route to highly oxygenated heterocycles

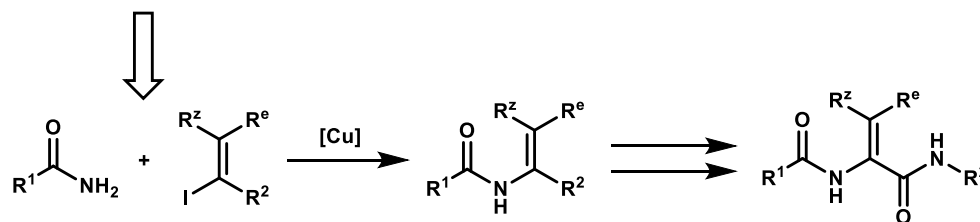
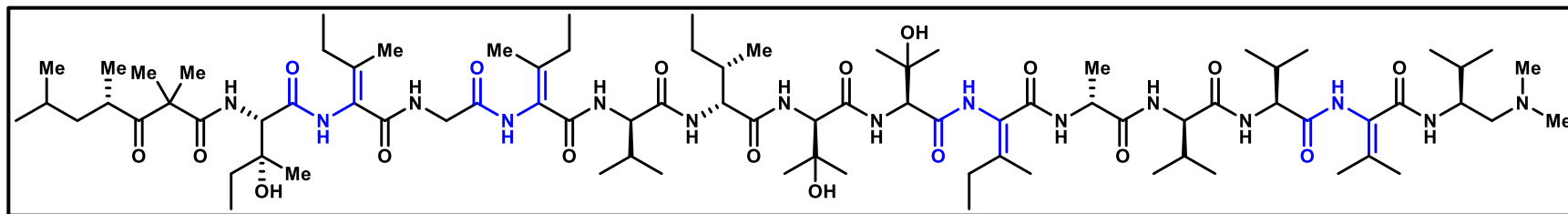
Org. Lett. **2019**, 21 (18), 7619–7623Nature Chem **2017**, 9 (3), 207–212

## Radical Carbocycle Formation

Tetrahedron **2017**, 73 (26), 3596–3605Tetrahedron **2012**, 68 (26), 5290–5296

sp<sup>3</sup> C-H fluorinationfluorination sp<sup>3</sup> C-H bonds with NHPI as catalytic N-oxyl radical sourcesp<sup>3</sup> C-H cyanation

## Yaku'amide A from Enamide Formation



Conditions: CuI (60 mol%)  
 1 (2 eq), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.2 eq)  
 Dioxane (1M) 70 °C, 24 hr

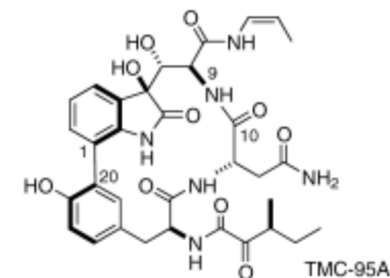
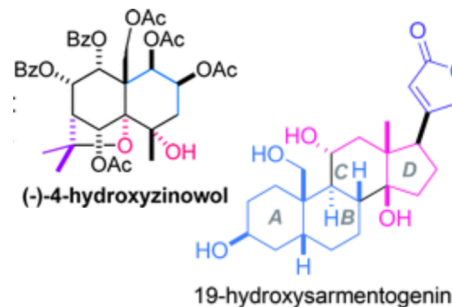
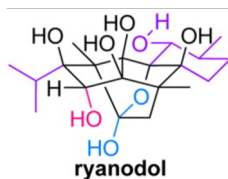
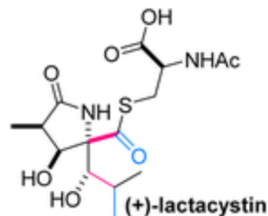
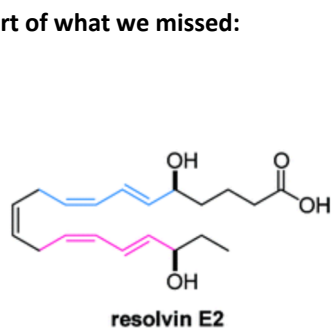
*ACIE* **2015**, 54 (5), 1537–1541

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2013**, 135 (14), 5467–5474

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(Structure Revised)

## Part of what we missed:



→ : traceless Staudinger ligation

