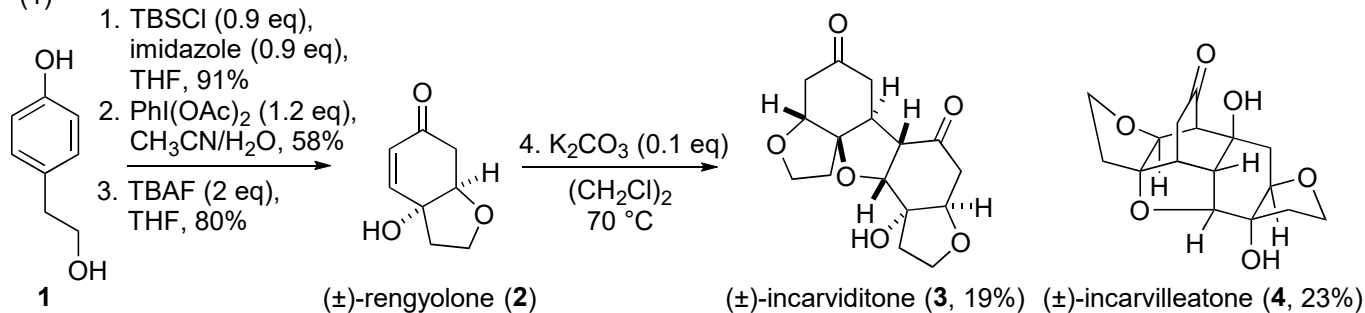
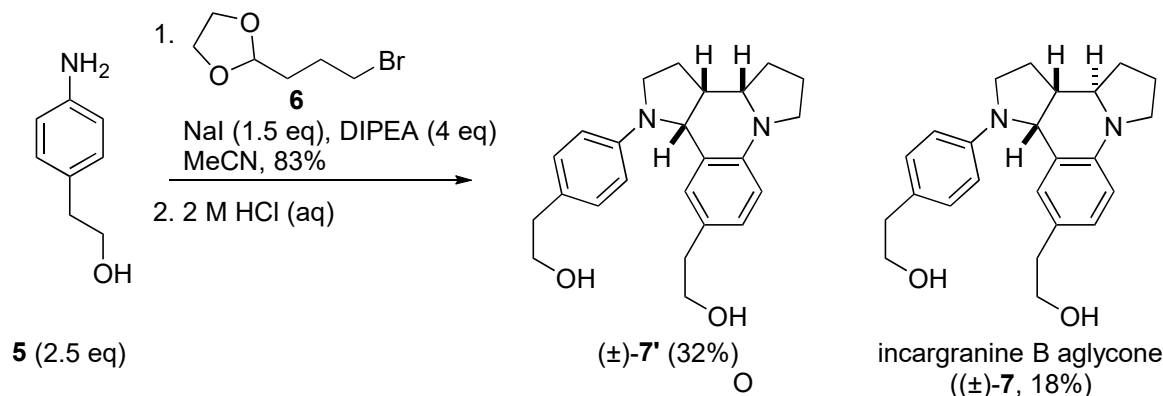


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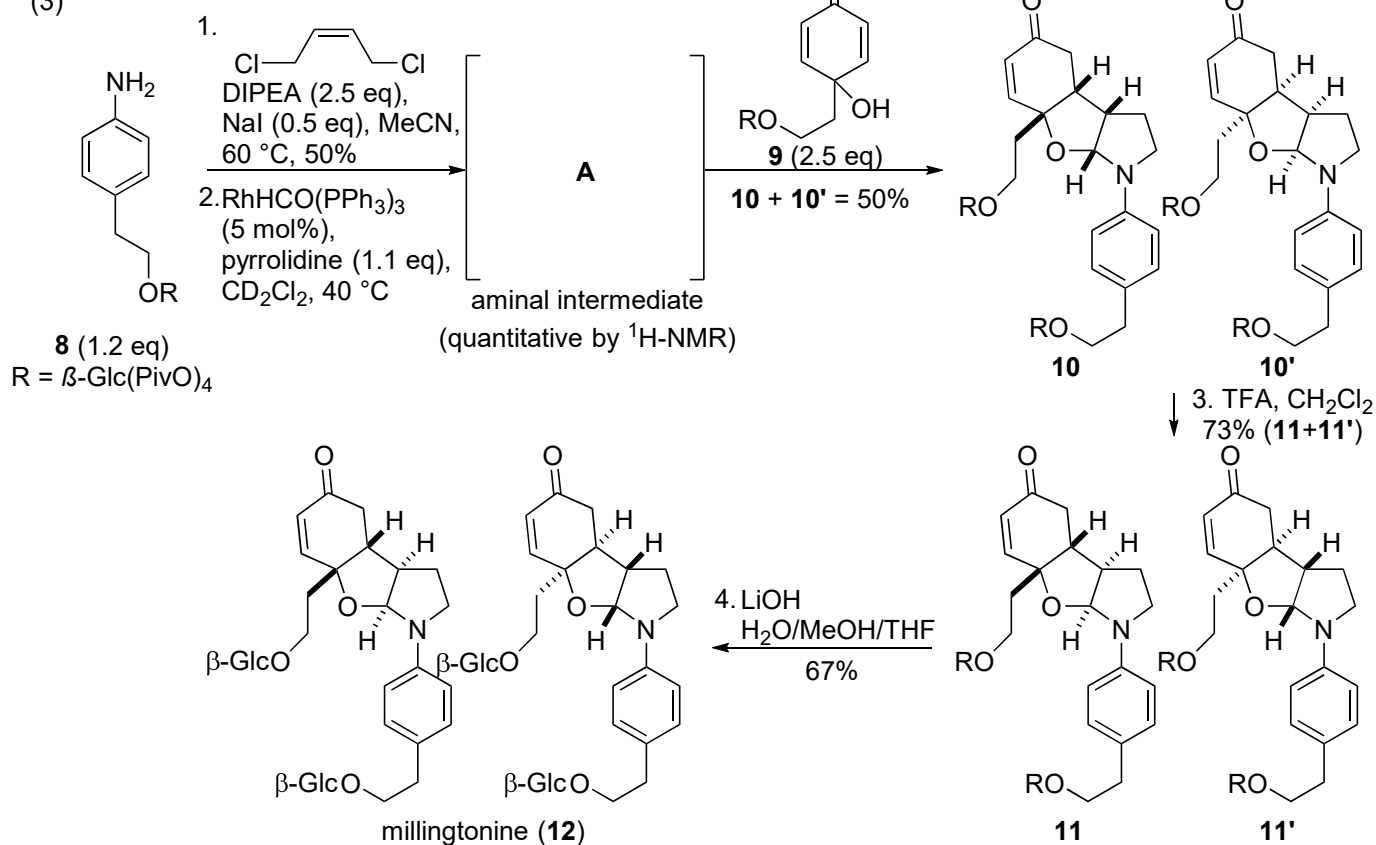
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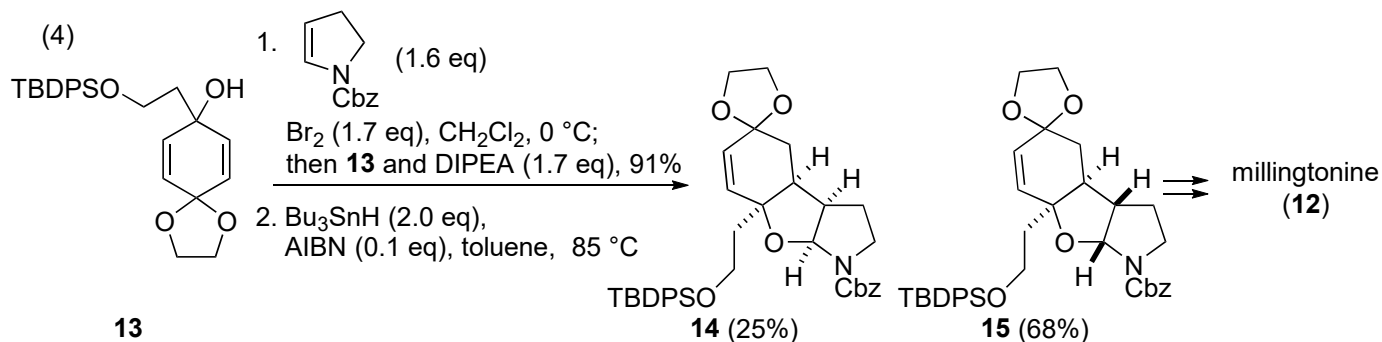
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(3)



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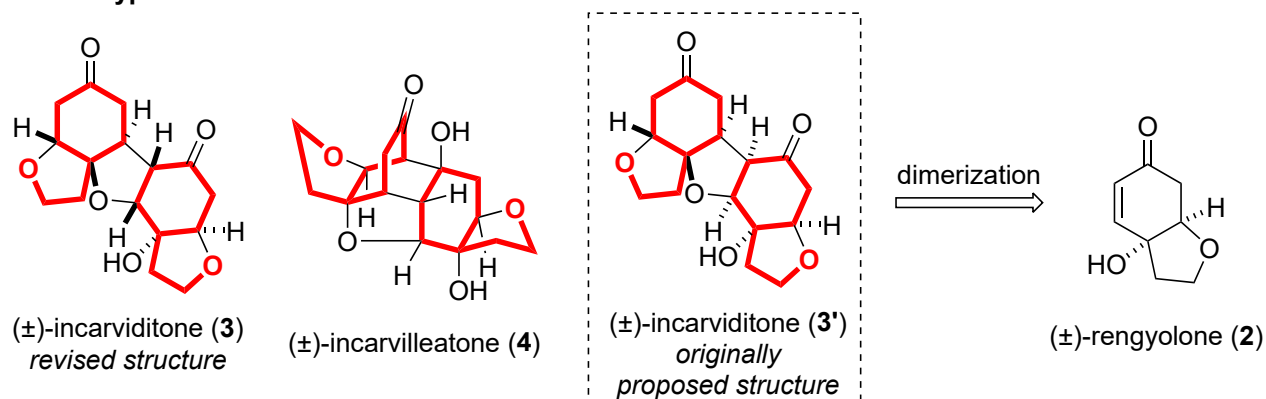


Problem 1. Total Synthesis of Incarvilleatone and Incarviditone

(5. Brown, PD; Willis, AC; Sherburn, MS and Lawrence, AL *Org. Lett.* **2012**, 14, 4537).

1-1. Introduction

Biosynthetic hypothesis:

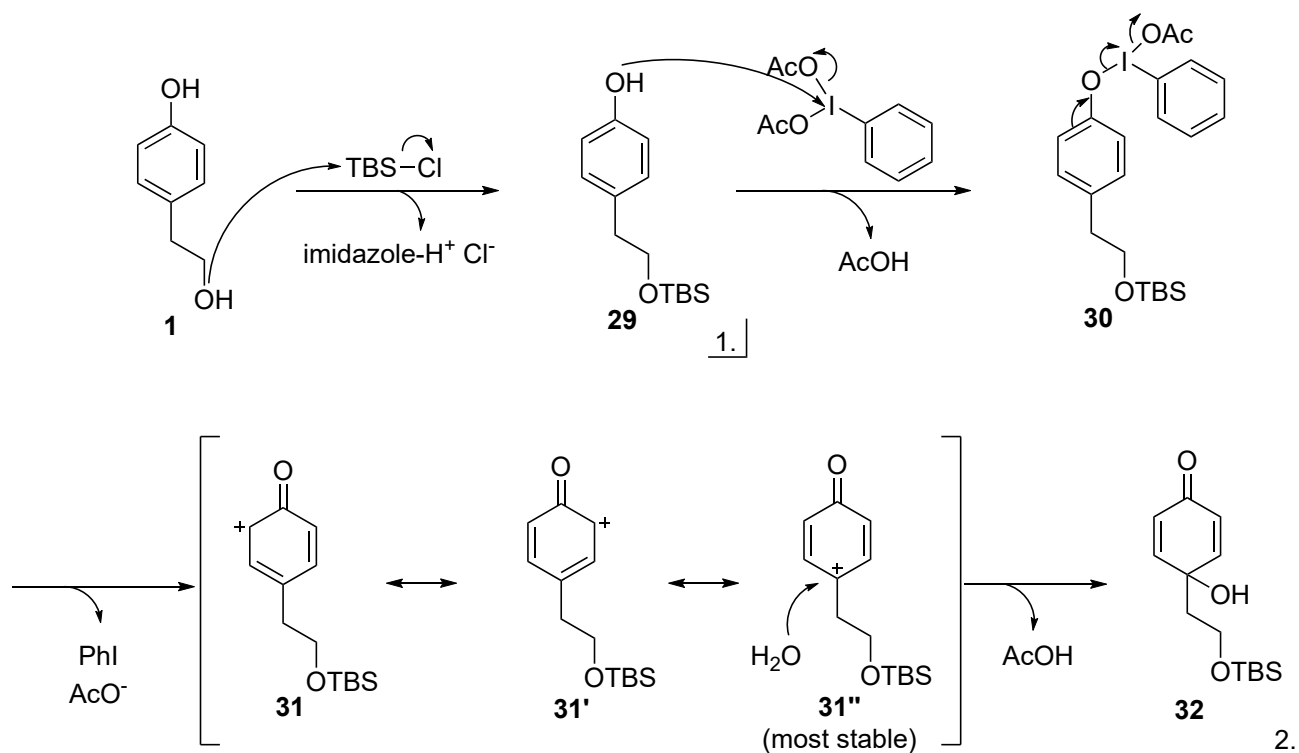
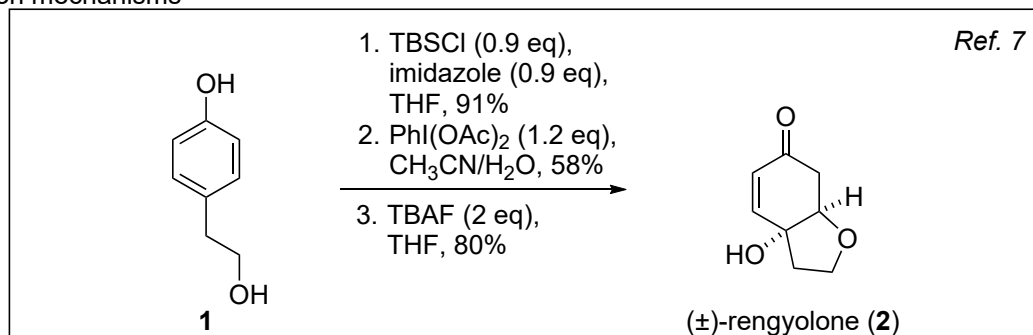


Isolation⁶: In 2009, from chinese plant (*Incarvillea delavayi*), with (±)-rengyolone (2).

Biological Activity⁶: Cytotoxicity against HL-60 and 6T-CEM cell line. (GI₅₀ = 48 μM and 72 μM, respectively).

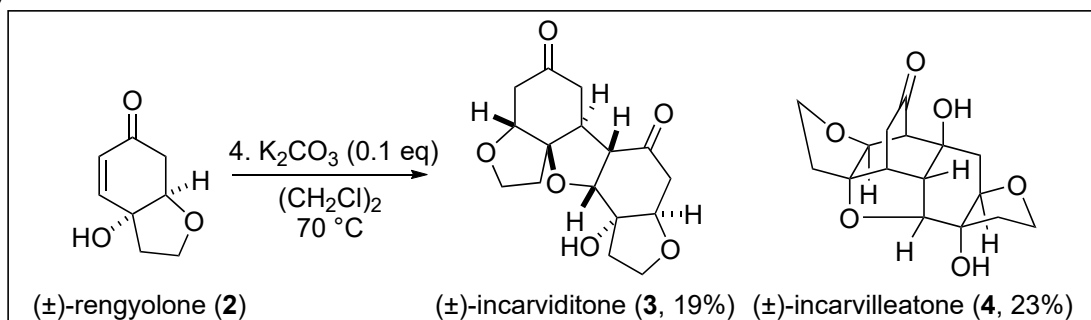
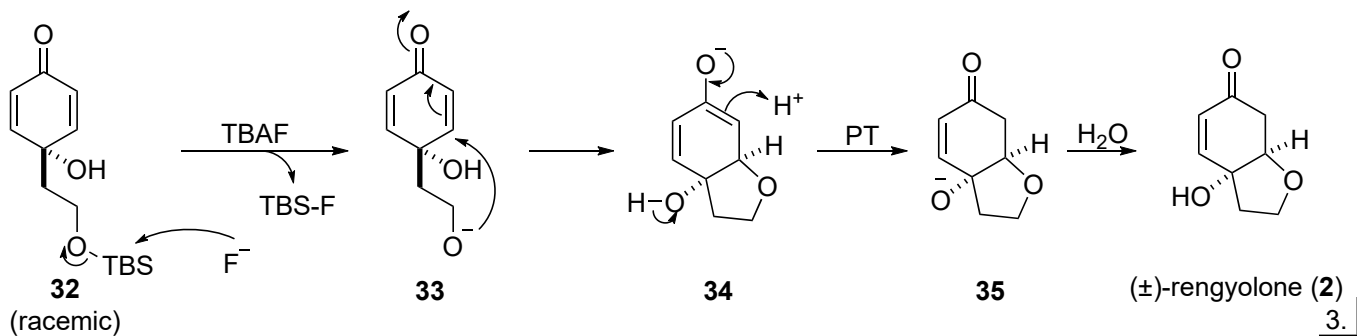
Another total synthesis: By Tang, Y *et al* (Ref. 9 in page 5)

1-2. Reaction mechanisms

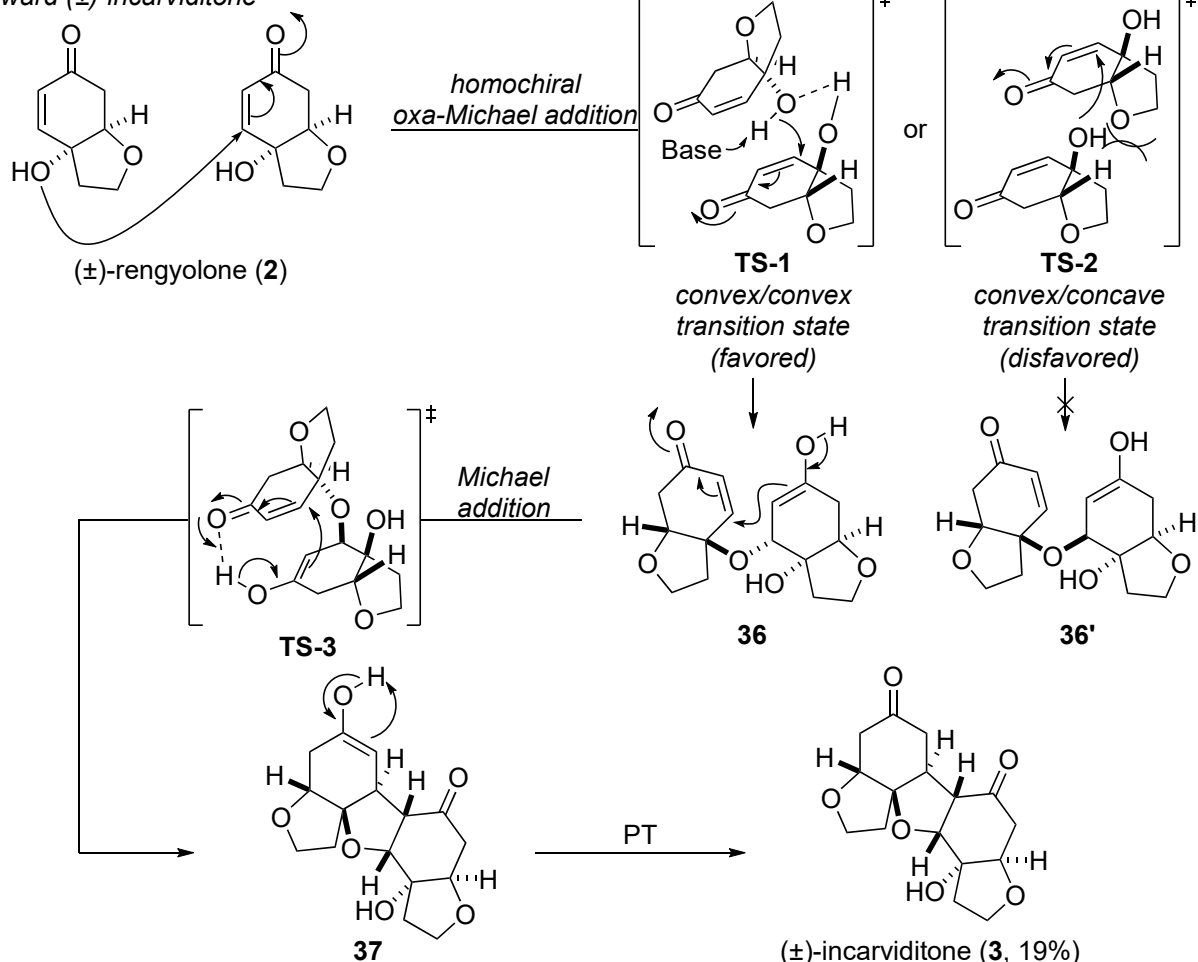


6. Chen, Y-Q; Shen, Y-H; Su, Y-Q; Kong, L-Y and Zhang, W-D *Chem. Biodiversity* **2009**, 6, 779.

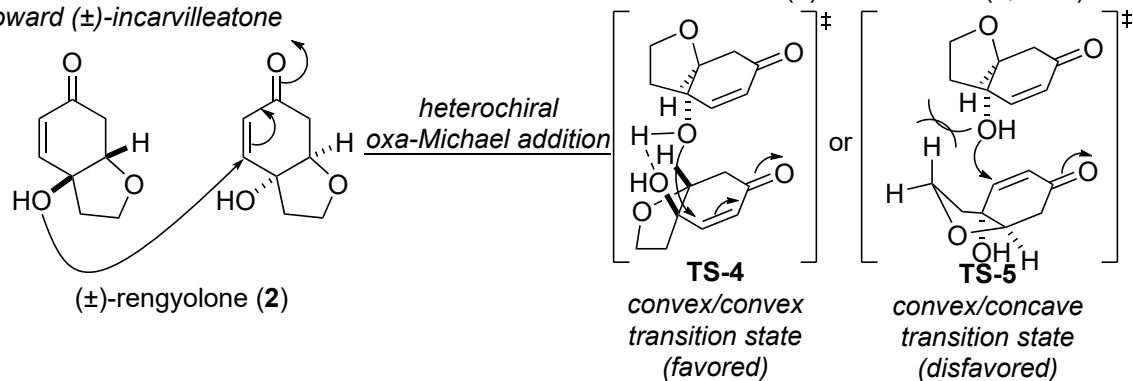
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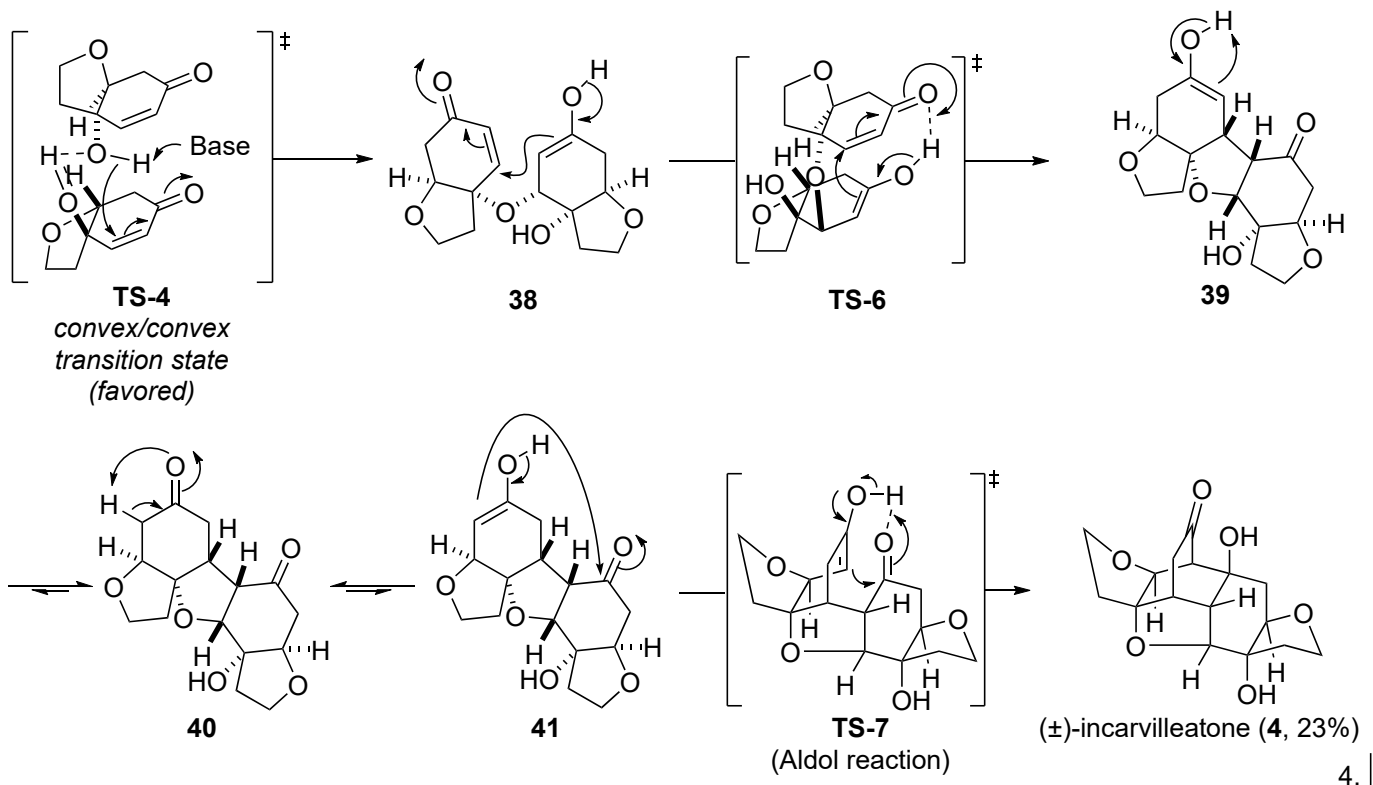


Toward (±)-incarvitone



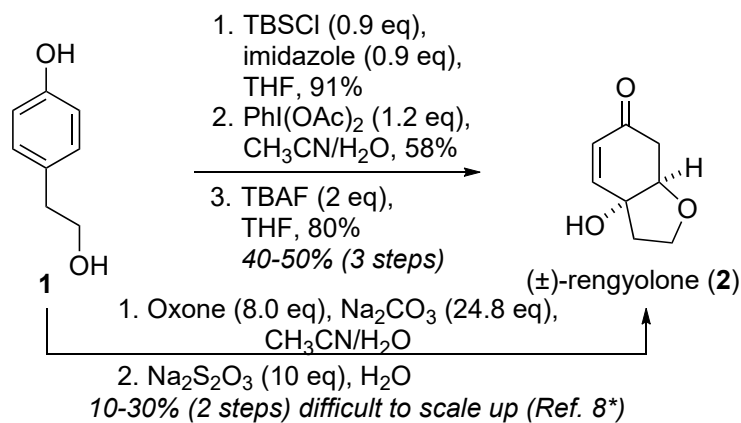
Toward (±)-incarvilleatone



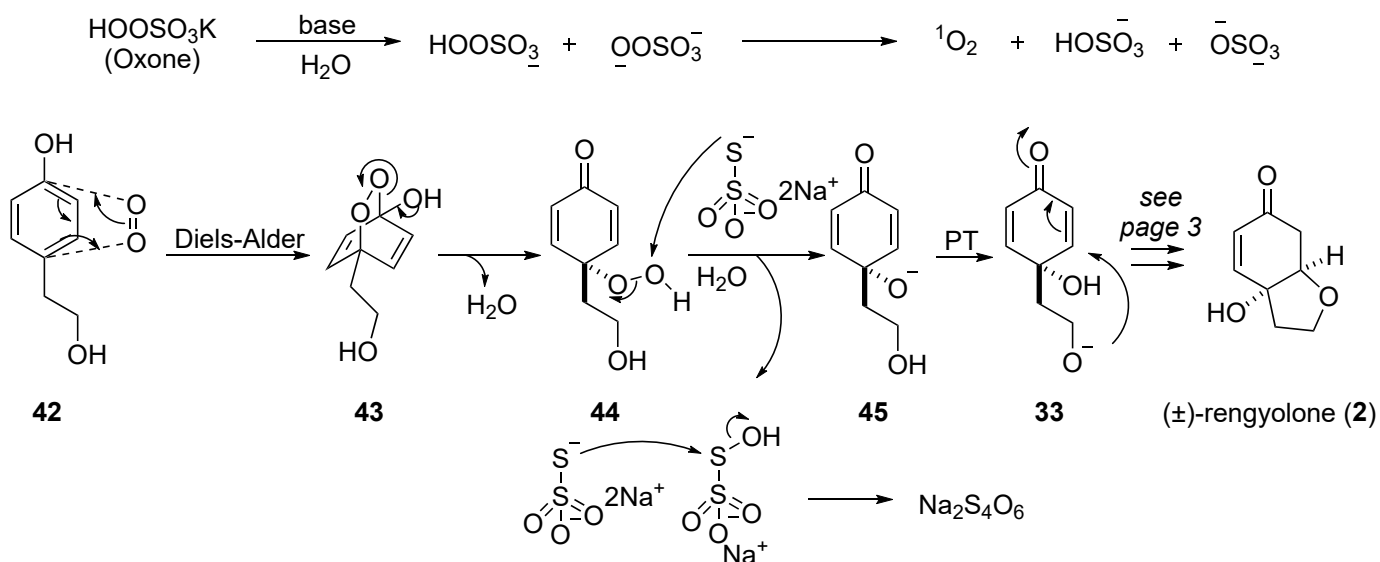


1-3. Discussion

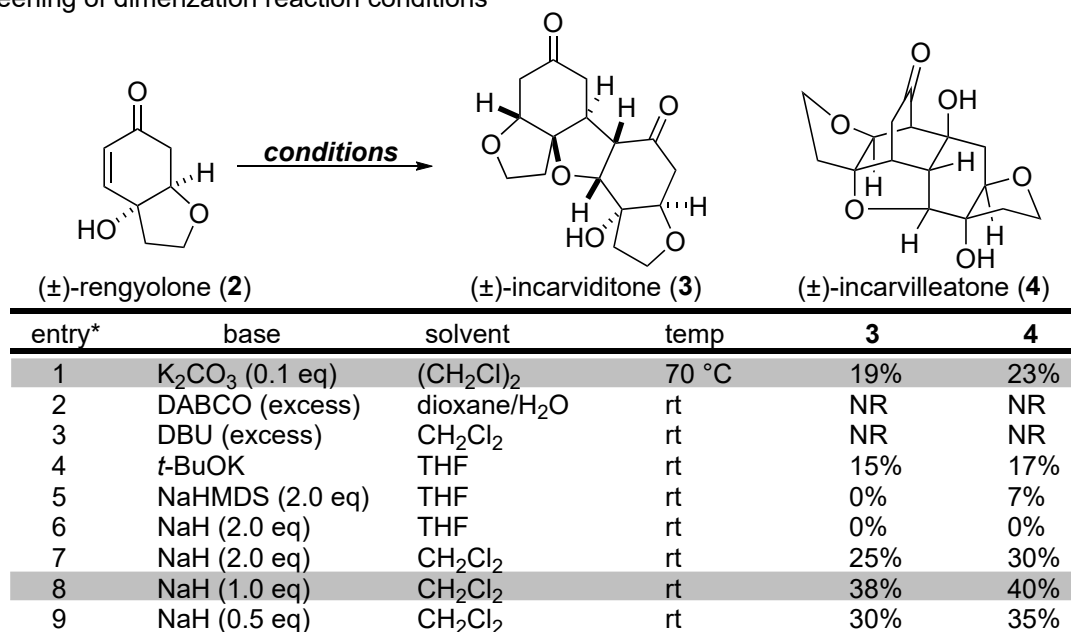
1-3-1. Another method⁸ for preparation of (±)-rengyolone (**2**)



*proposed mechanism



1-3-2. Screening of dimerization reaction conditions



*For entry 1 and 2-9, see Ref. 5 and 9, respectively.

**Dimerizations using acid catalysis were unsuccessful. (data not shown.)

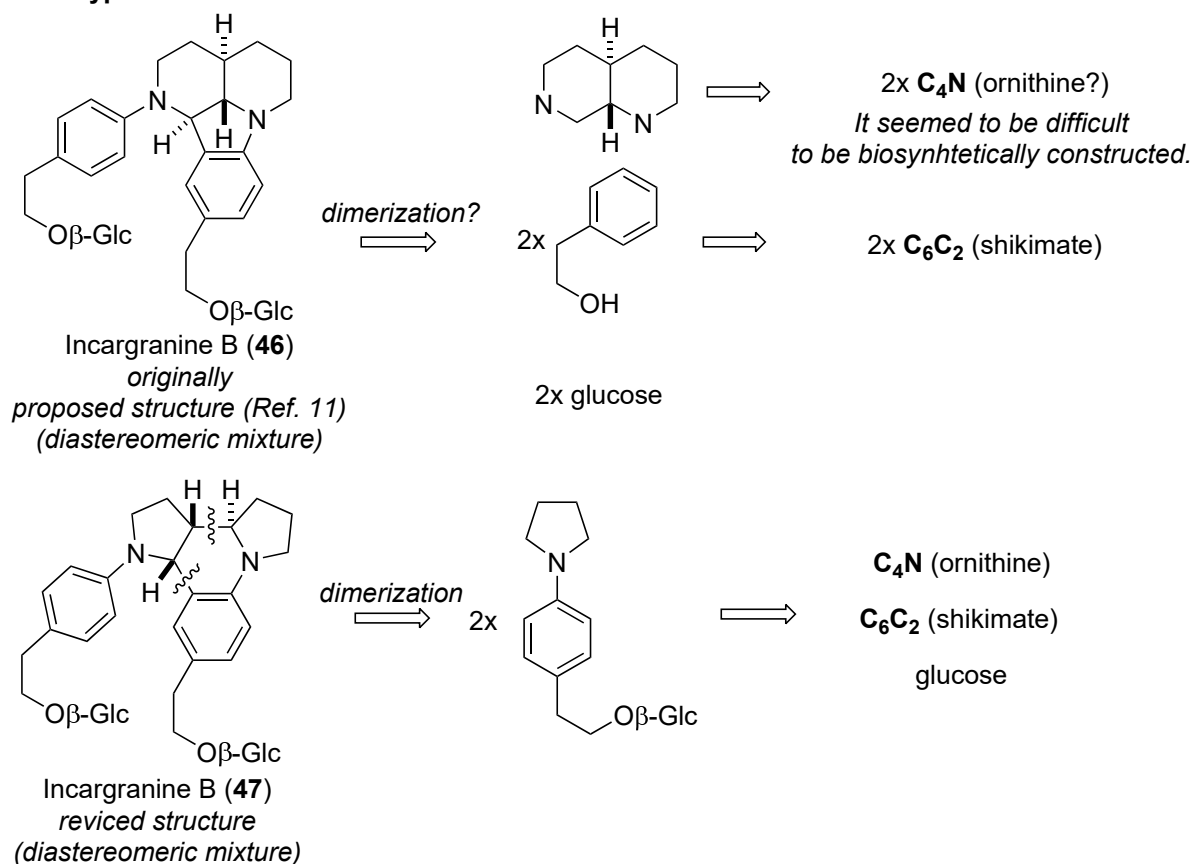
Hydrogen bond or metal chelation seem to be important.

Problem 2. Total Synthesis and Structural Revision of the Alkaloid Incargranine B

(10. Brown, PD; Willis, AC; Sherburn, MS and Lawrence, AL *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2013**, 52, 13273).

2-1. Introduction

Biosynthetic hypothesis:



Isolation¹¹: In 2010, from a chinese plant (*Incarvillea mairei* var. *grandiflora*).

Biological activity: Not reported.

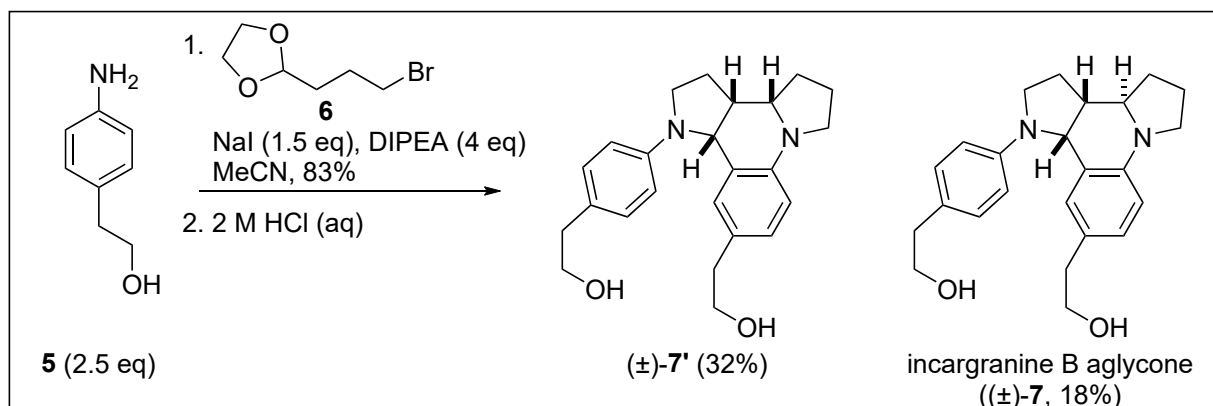
Another total synthesis¹²: By Liu, X-Y *et al* in 2016. (aglycone)

9. Zhao, K; Cheng, G-J; Yang, H; Shang, H; Zhang, X; Wu, Y-D and Tang, Y *Org. Lett* **2012**, 14, 4878.

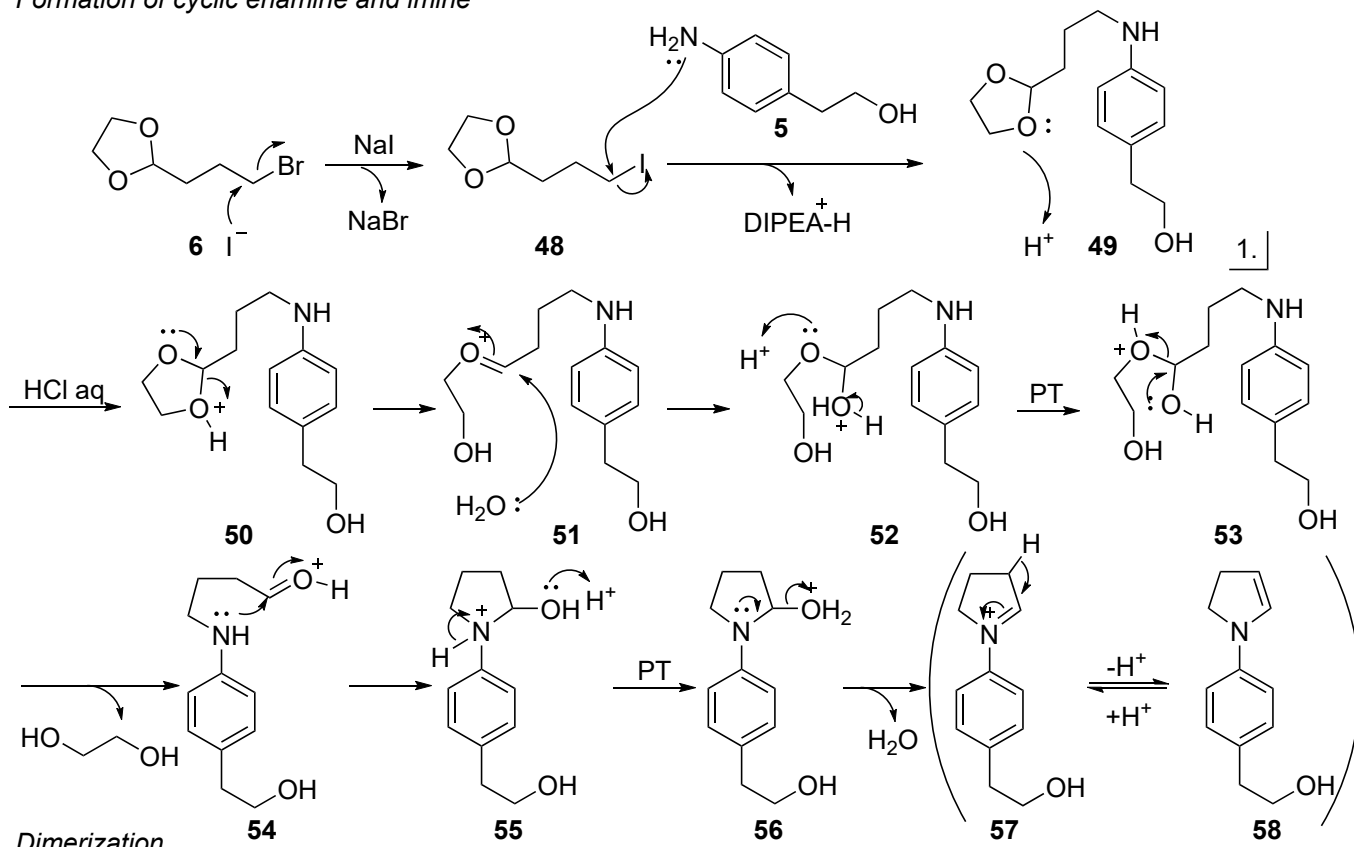
11. Shen, Y-H; Su, Y-Q; Tian, J-M; Lin, S; Li, H-L; Tang, J and Zhang, W-D *Helv. Chim. Acta* **2010**, 93, 2393.

12. Ma, CL; Li, X-H; Yu, X-L; Zhu, X-L; Hu, Y-Z; Dong, X-W; Tan, B; and Liu X-Y *Org. Chem. Front.* **2016**, 3, 324. ⁵

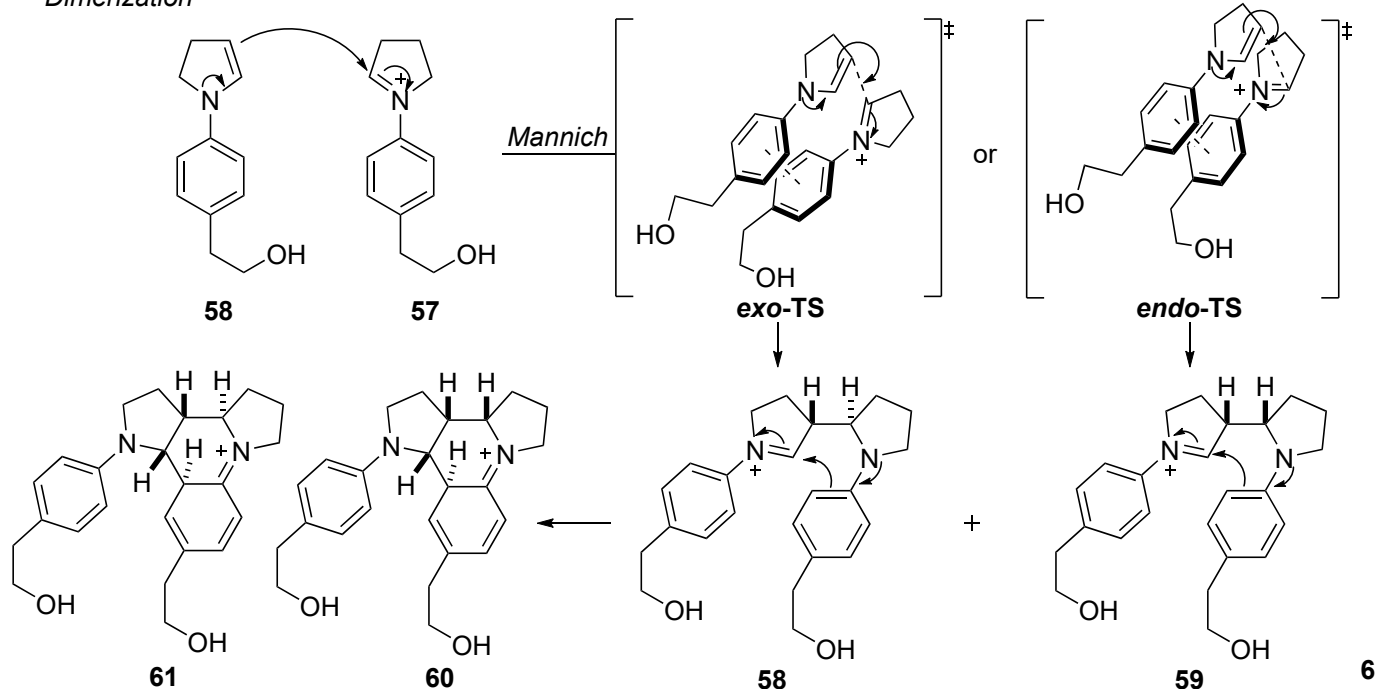
2-2. Reaction mechanisms

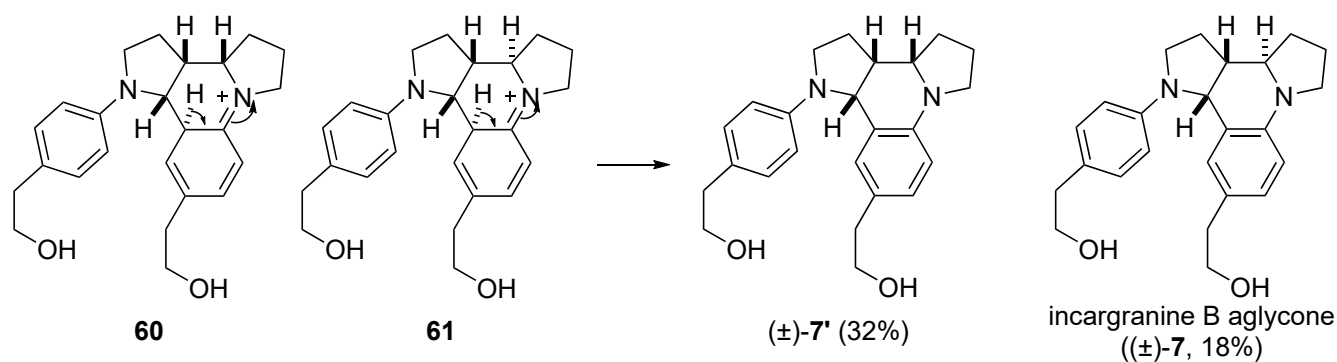


Formation of cyclic enamine and imine



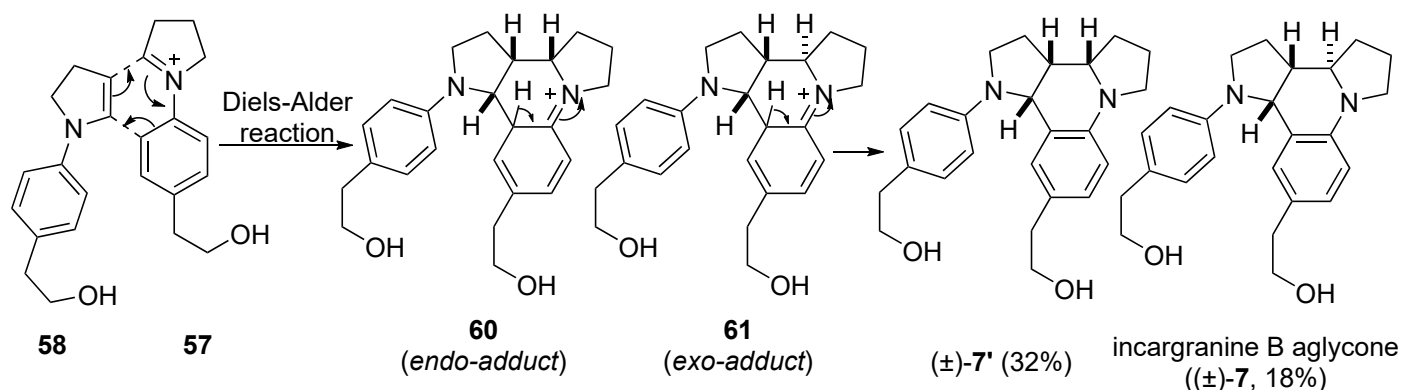
Dimerization





2-3. Discussion

2-3-1. Another possibility of the dimerization mechanism

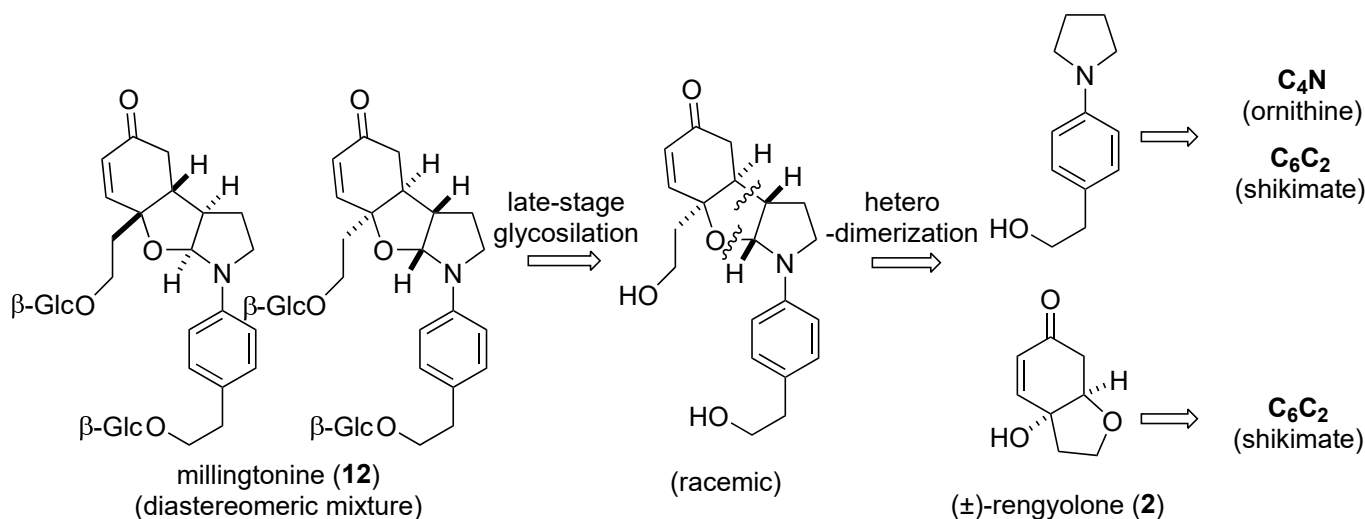


Problem 3. Total Synthesis of Millingtonine

(13. Brown, PD and Lawrence, AL *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2016, Early View)

3-1. Introduction

Biosynthetic hypothesis



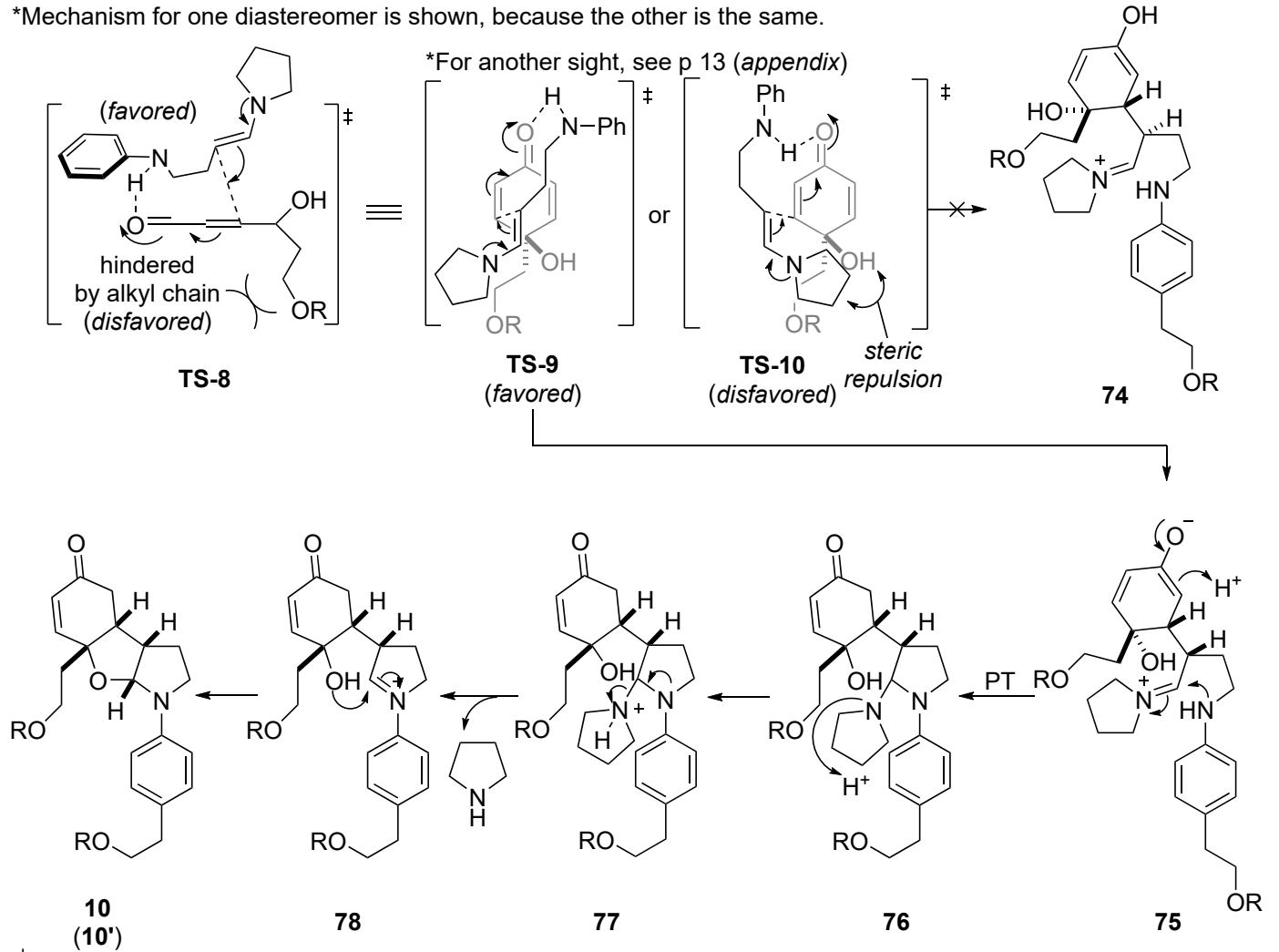
Isolation¹³: In 1996, from indian cork tree (*Millingtonia hortensis*).

Biological activity: Not reported.

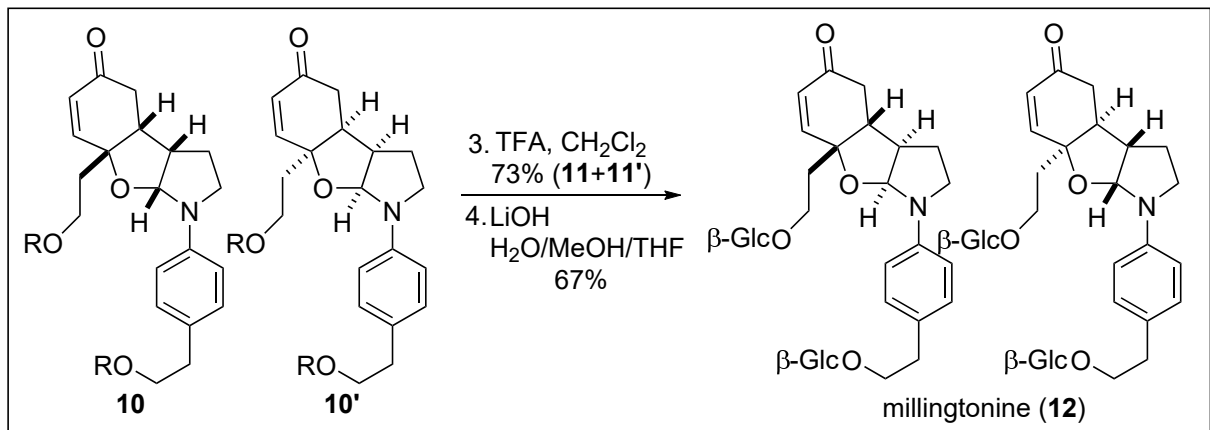
Another total synthesis¹⁵: By Wegner J, Ley SV, Baxendale IR *et al* in 2011. (*Problem 4*, see page 11))

Steps and yield : 7 steps/7% (longest linear, total 10 steps)

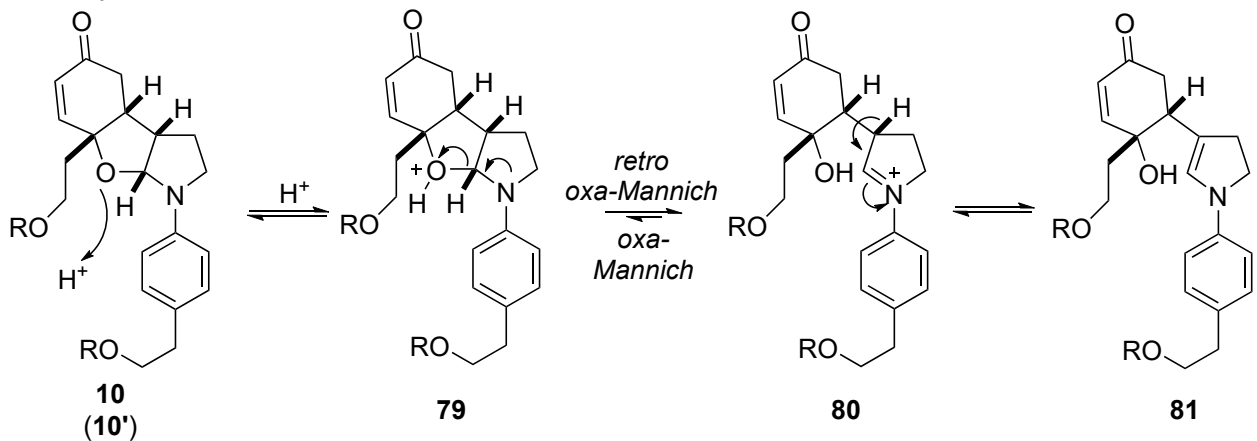
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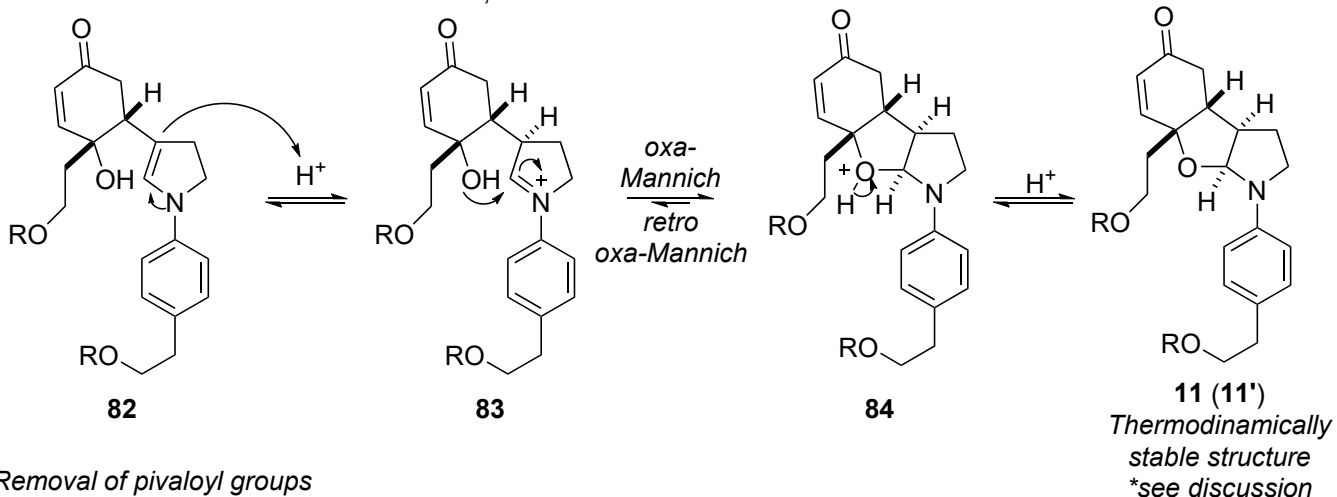
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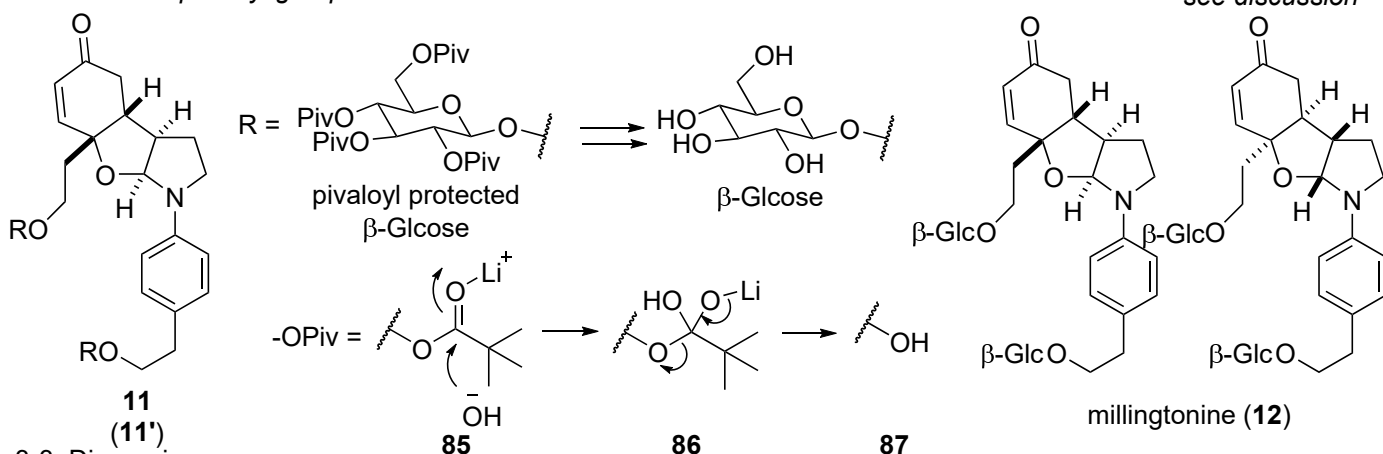
Acid-catalysed isomerization



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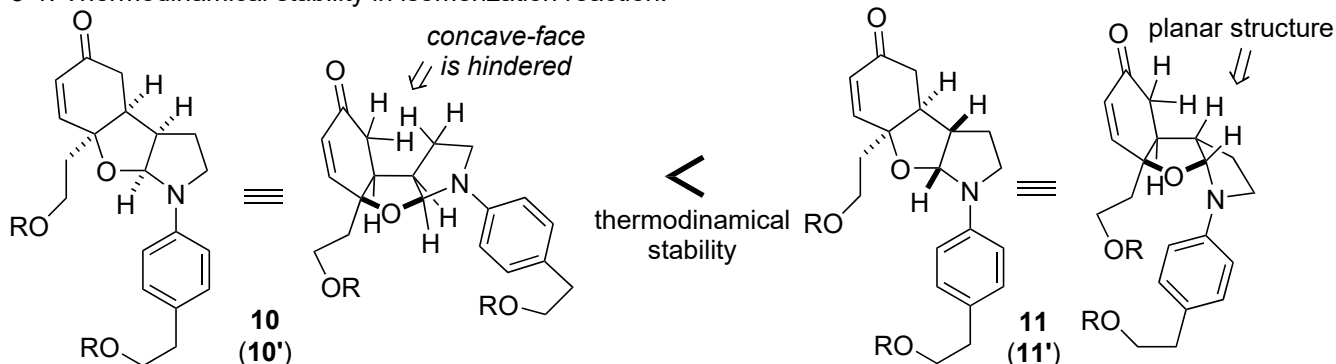


Removal of pivaloyl groups

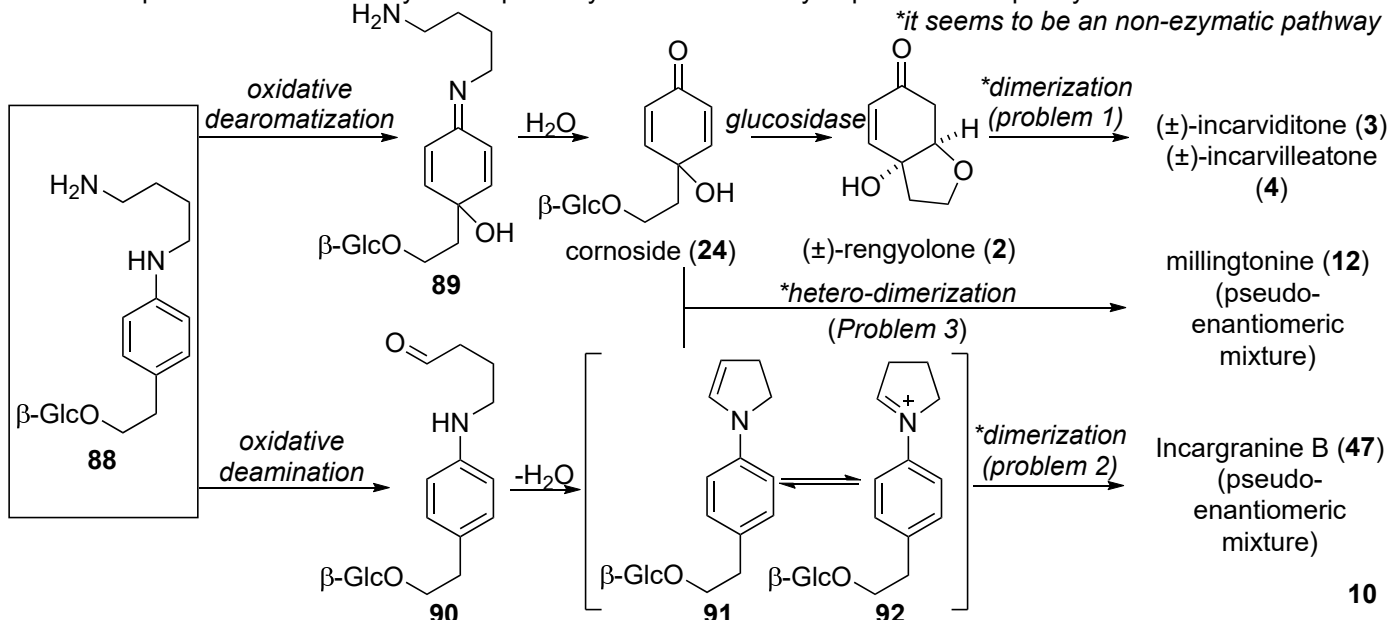


3-3. Discussion

3-3-1. Thermodynamical stability in isomerization reaction.



3-3-2. Proposed network of biosynthetic pathways towards a family of plant derived phenylethanoids.

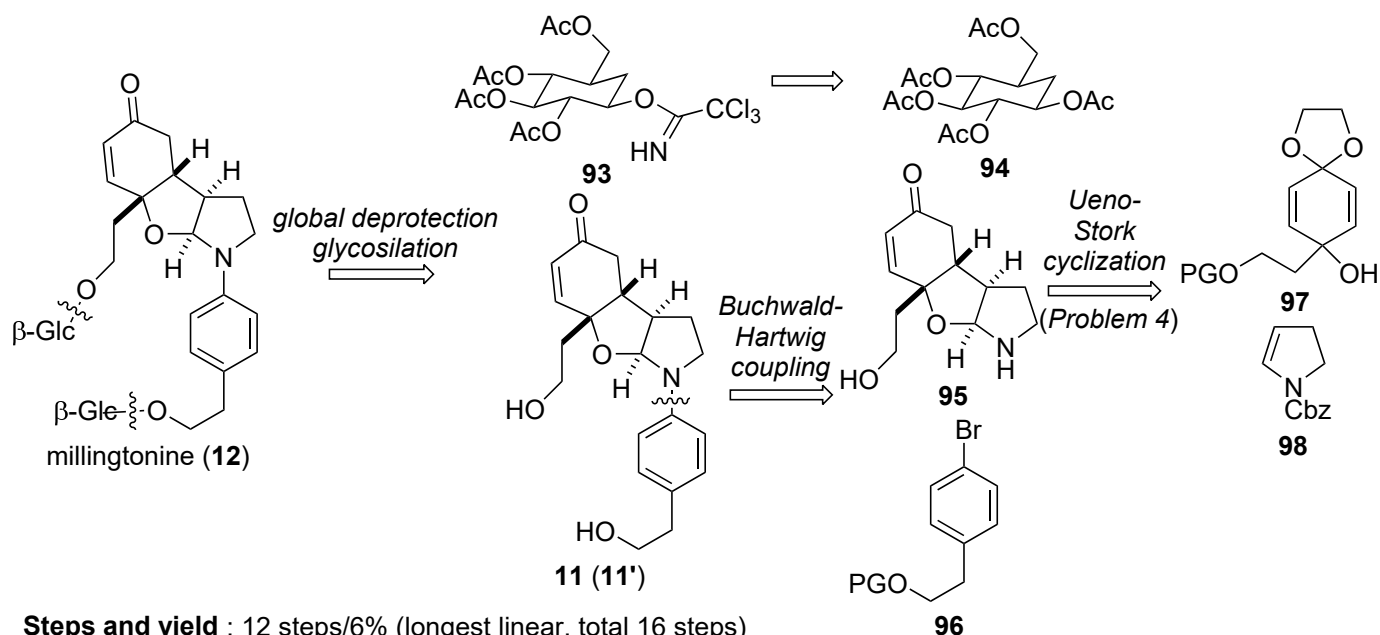


Problem 4. Total Synthesis of Millingtonine

(15. Wegner, J; Ley, SV; Kirschning, A; Hansen, A-L; Garcia, JM and Baxendale, IR *Org.Lett.* **2012**, *14*, 696.)

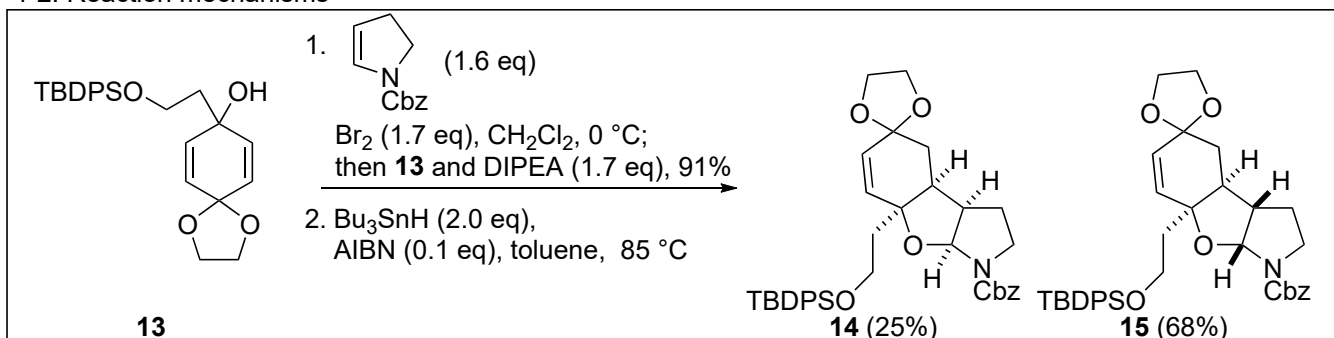
4-1. Introduction (For biosynthesis, isolation and bioactivity, see page 7.)

Retrosynthetic analysis:

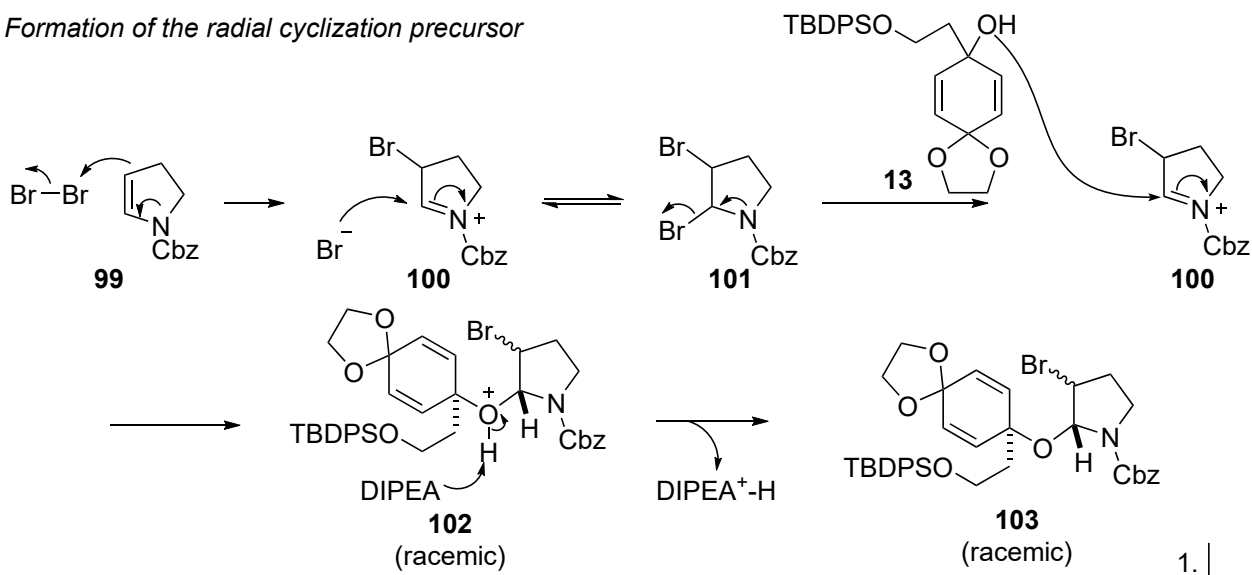


Steps and yield : 12 steps/6% (longest linear, total 16 steps)

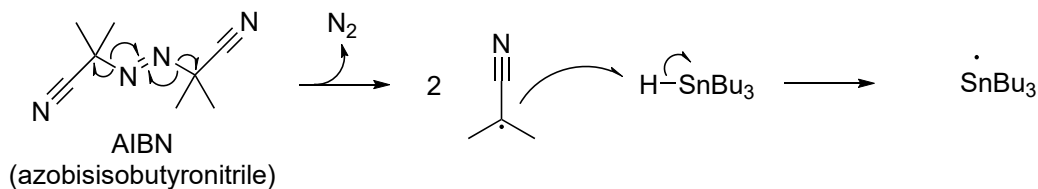
4-2. Reaction mechanisms

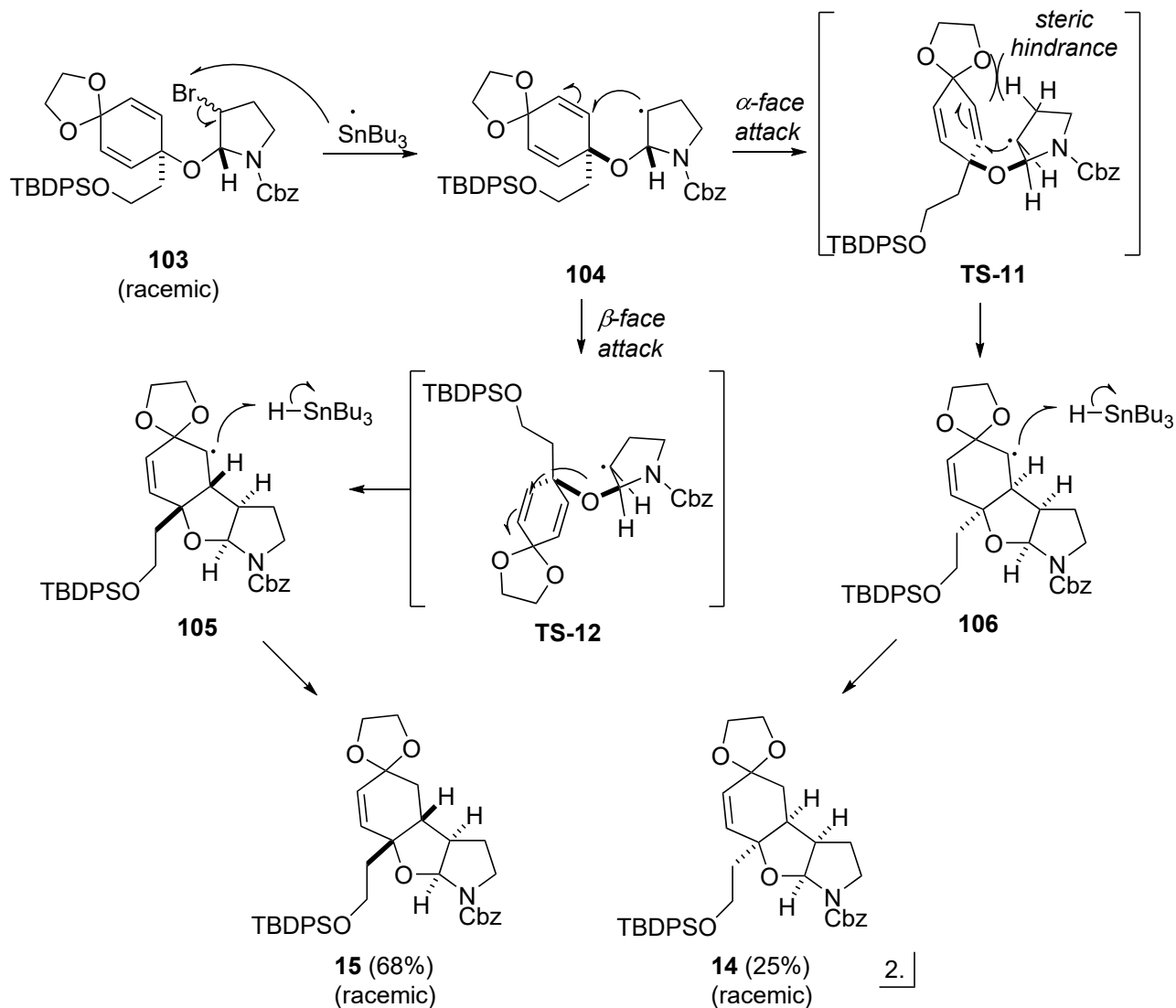


Formation of the radical cyclization precursor



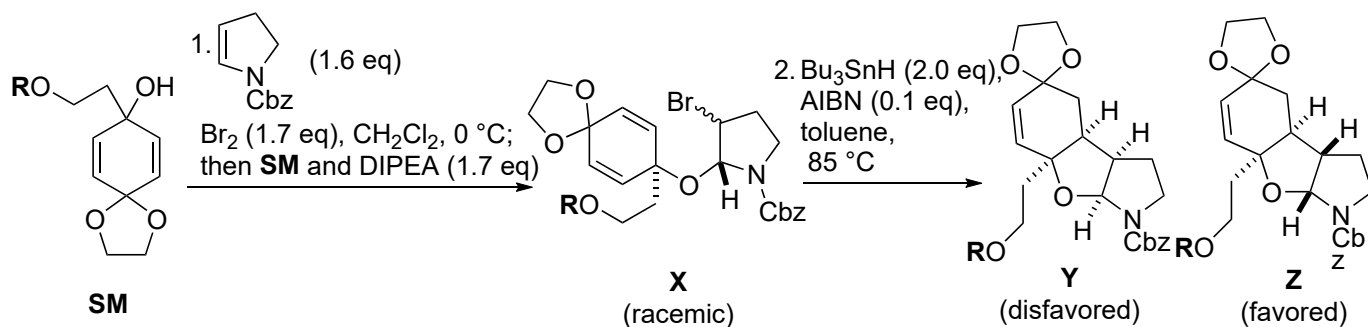
Ueno-Stork cyclization reaction





4-3. Discussion

4-3-1. Effect of protecting group on stereoselectivity of Ueno-Stork cyclization

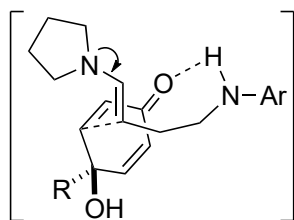


R	X	Y*	Z*	ratio (Y:Z)
TBDPS	91%	25% (27%)	68% (75%)	1:2.7
Trityl	52%	10% (19%)	24% (46%)	1:2.4
TBS	60%	24% (40%)	31% (52%)	1.1.3

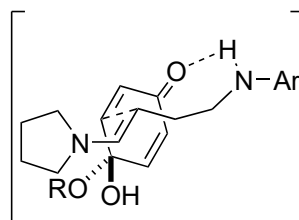
*two step yield (one step yield)

Larger or phenyl-containing protecting group seems to be preferable.

Appendix:



TS-9
(favored)



TS-10
(disfavored)

