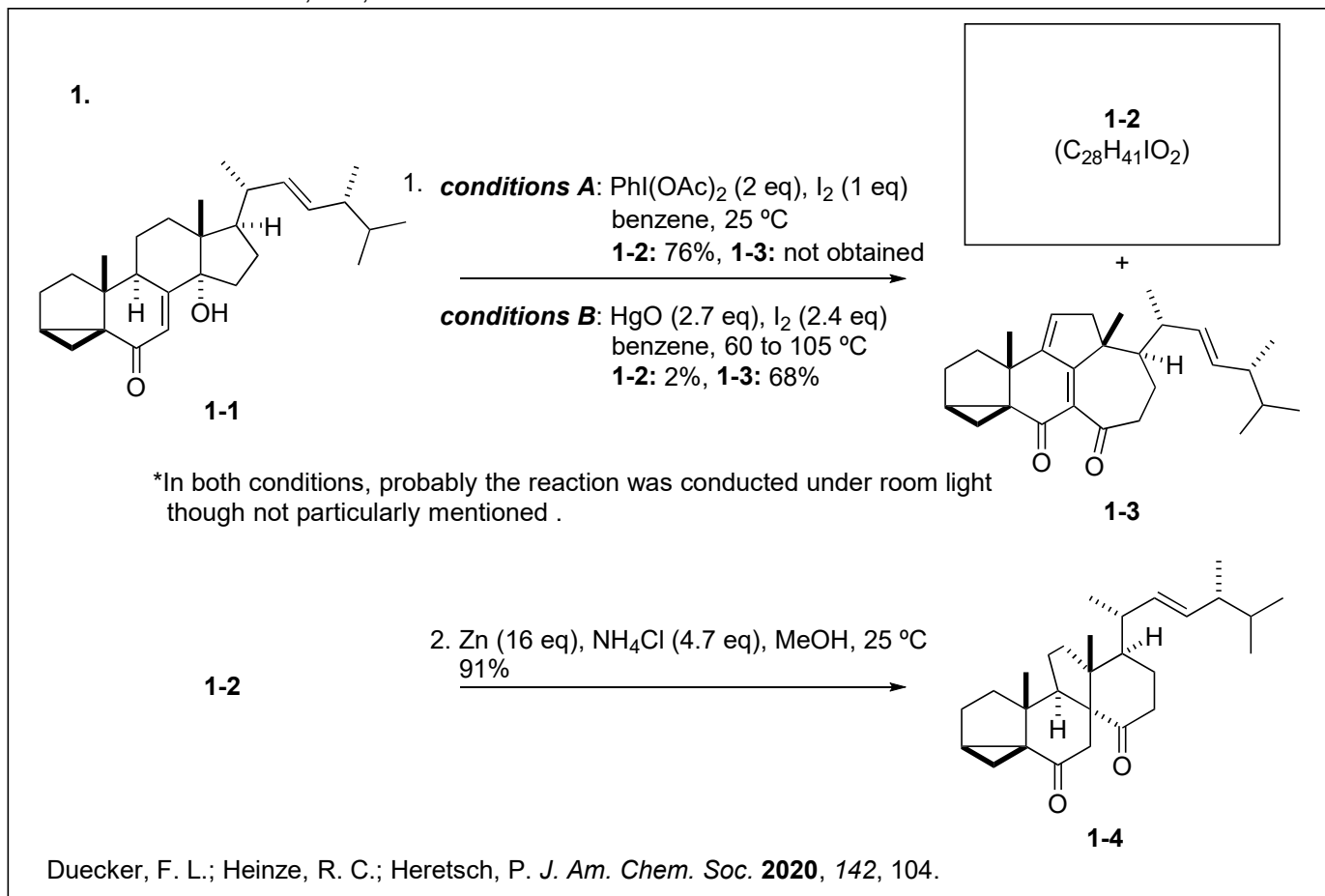
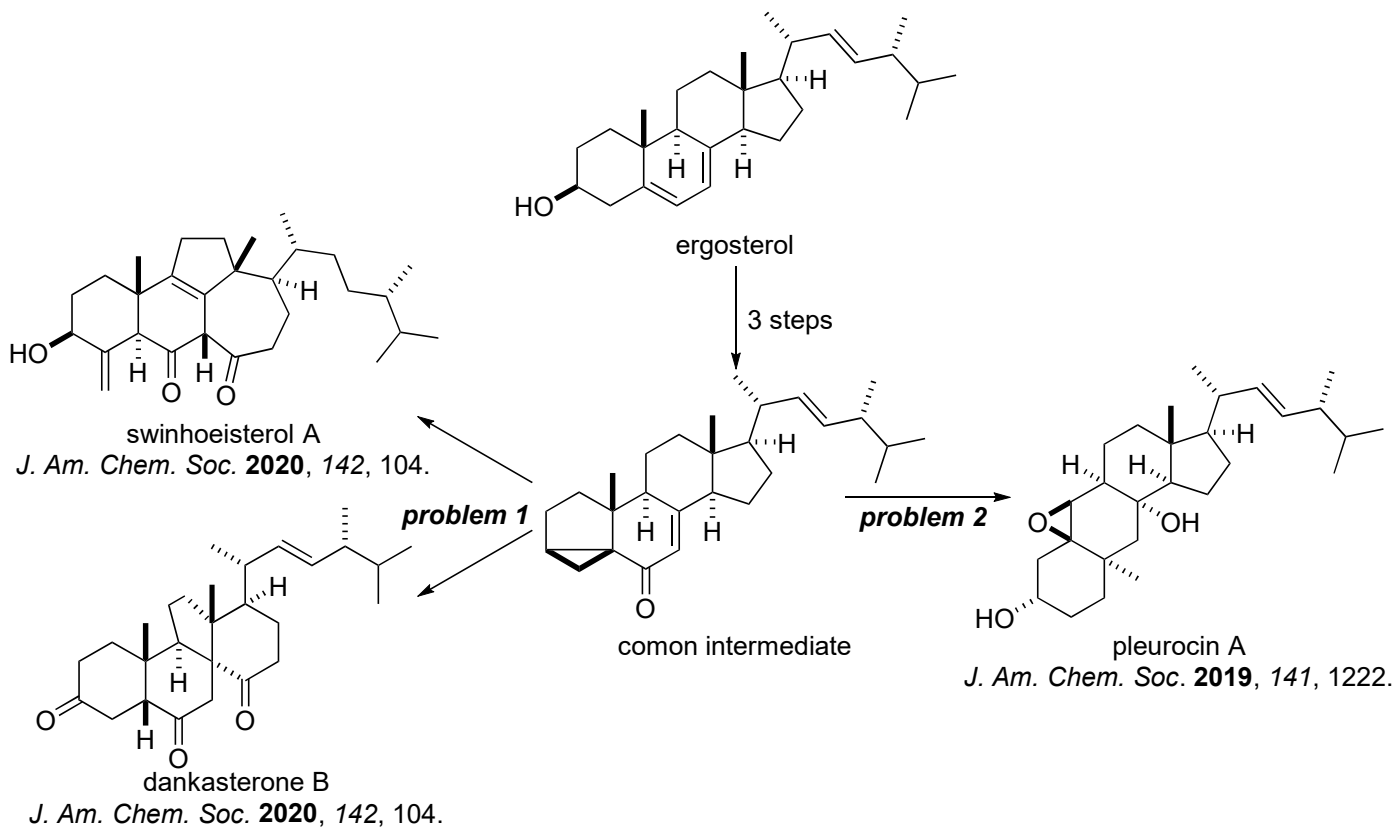


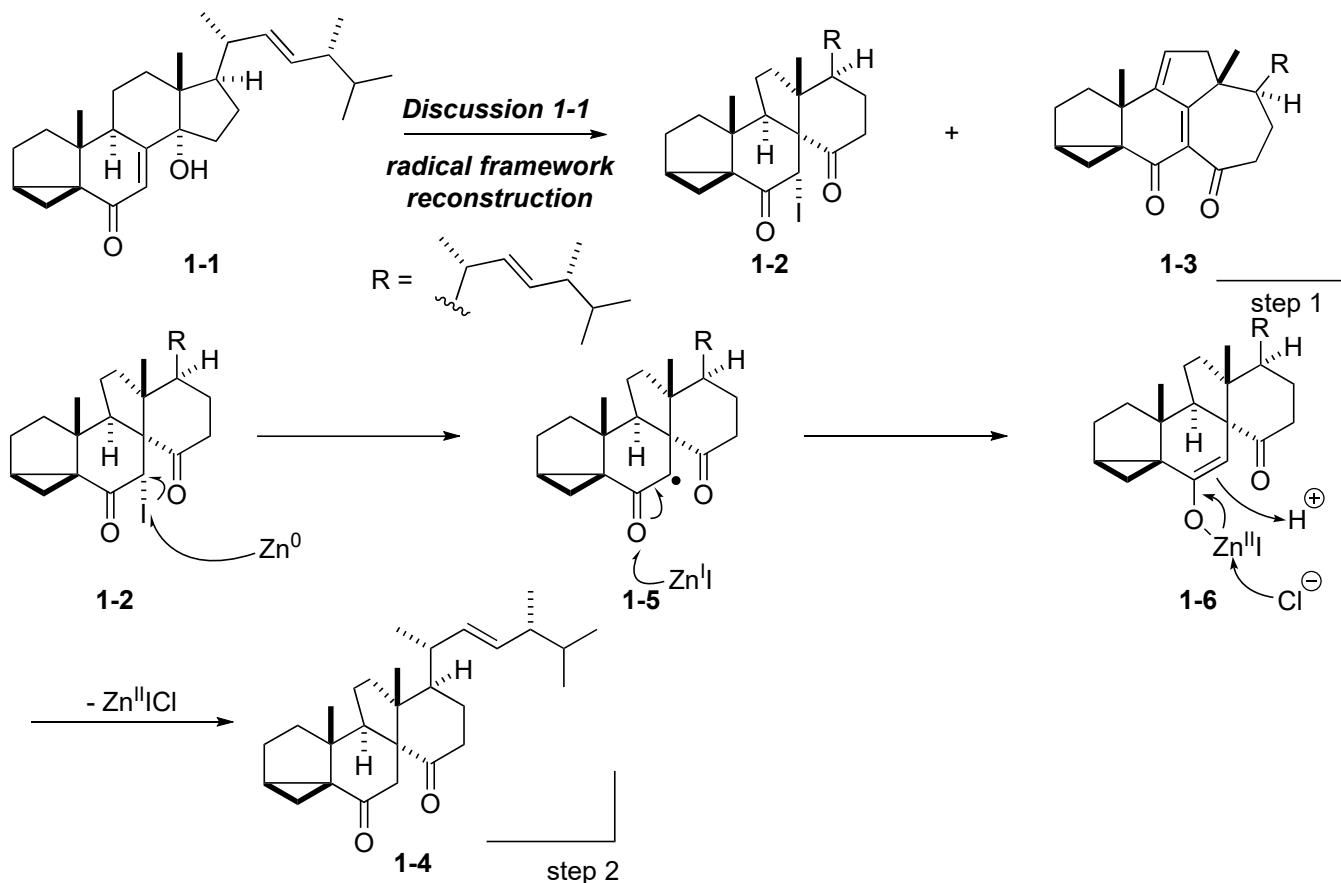
# Problem Session (3) -Answer-

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Topic: Construction of abeo- and diabeo-steroid framework from ergosterol

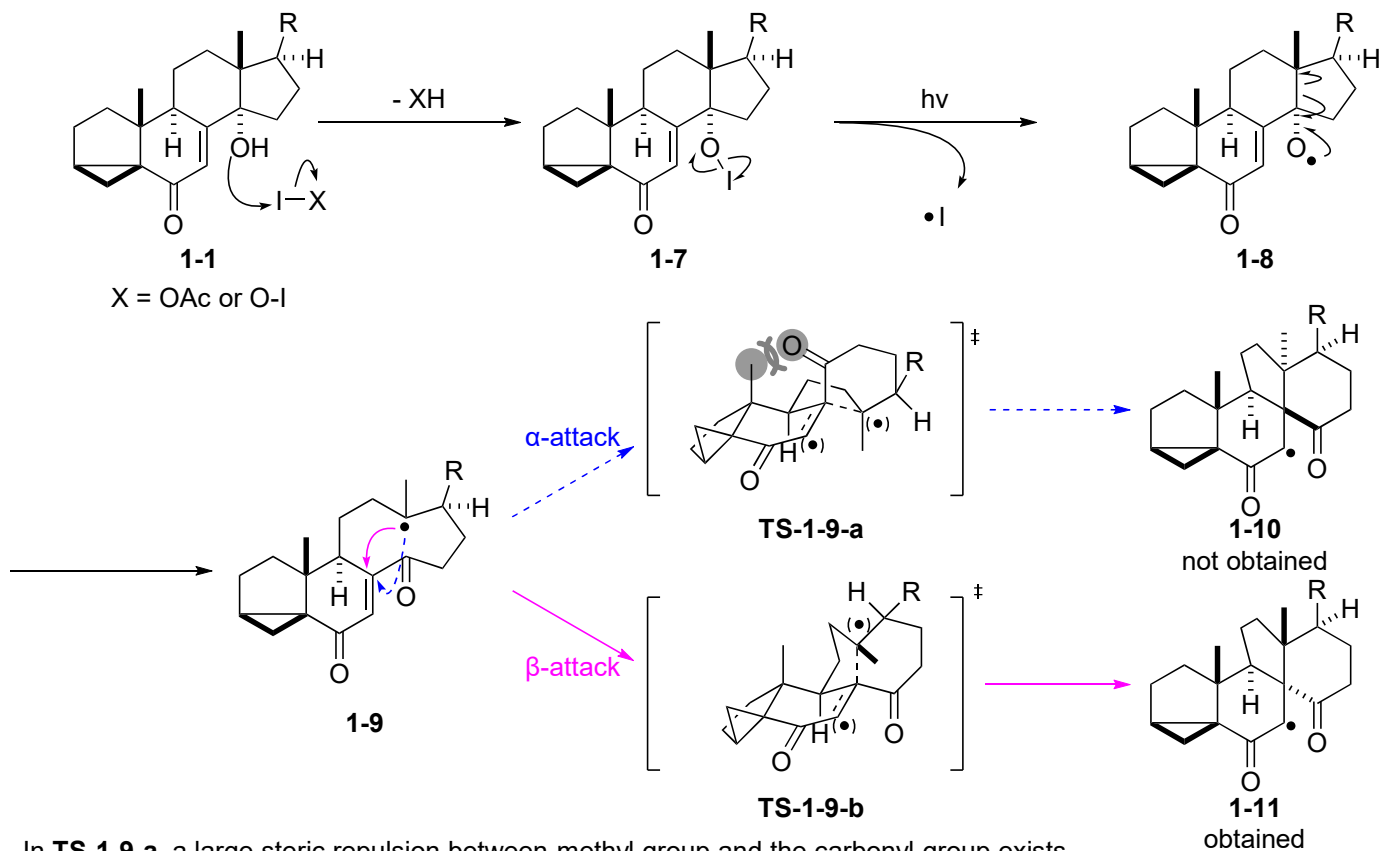


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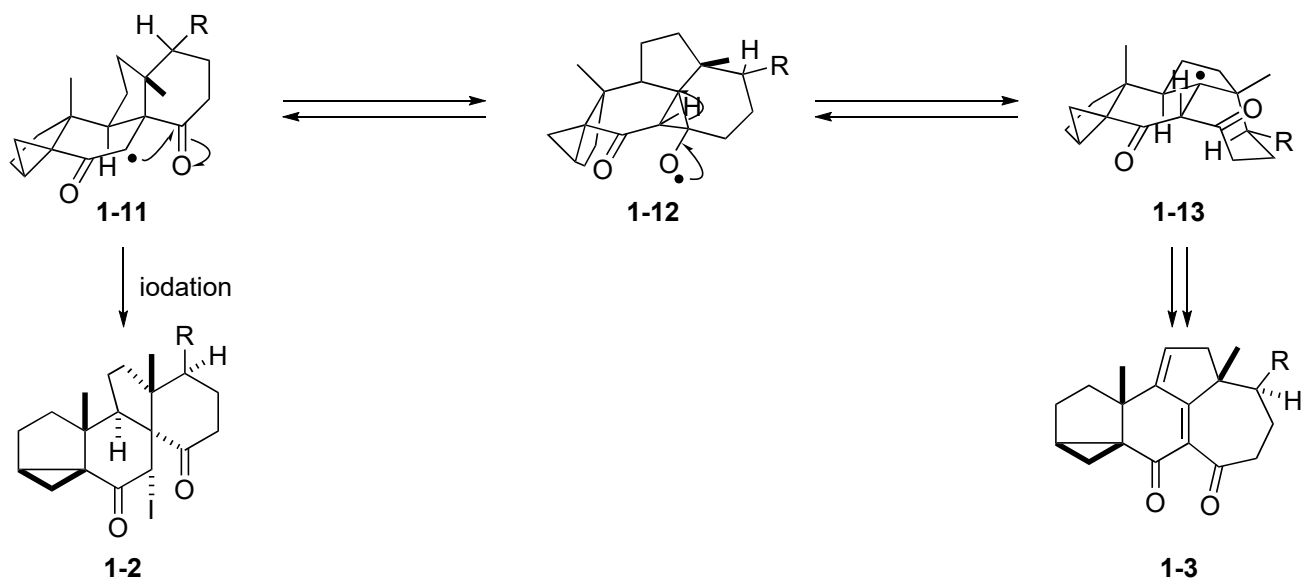


**Discussion 1-1: Radical framework reconstruction**

1. Reaction overview



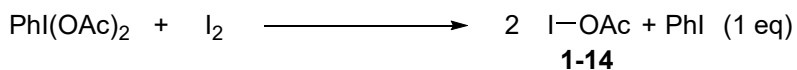
In **TS-1-9-a**, a large steric repulsion between methyl group and the carbonyl group exists. So radical addition to enone occurs from β-face.



From **1-11**, Dowd-Beckwith type rearrangement could occur.  
 Direct iodation from **1-11** gives **1-2**, while transformation from **1-13** gives **1-3**.

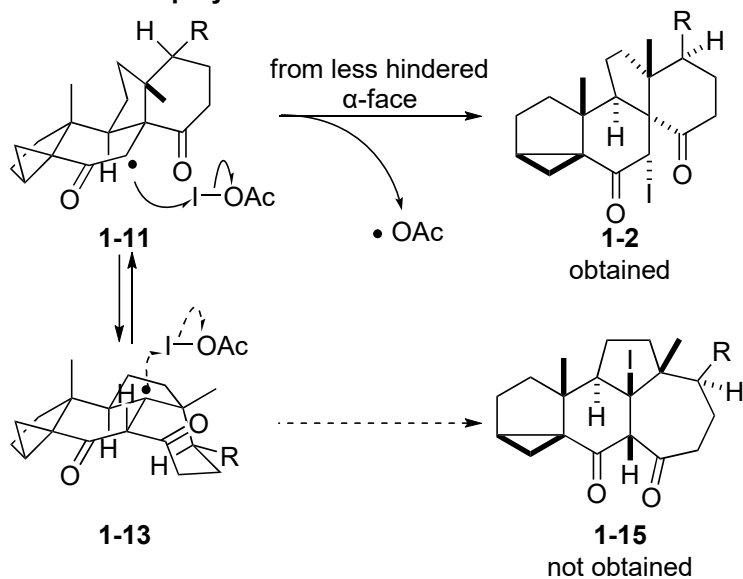
## 2. Conditions A

### 2-1. Iodation reagent

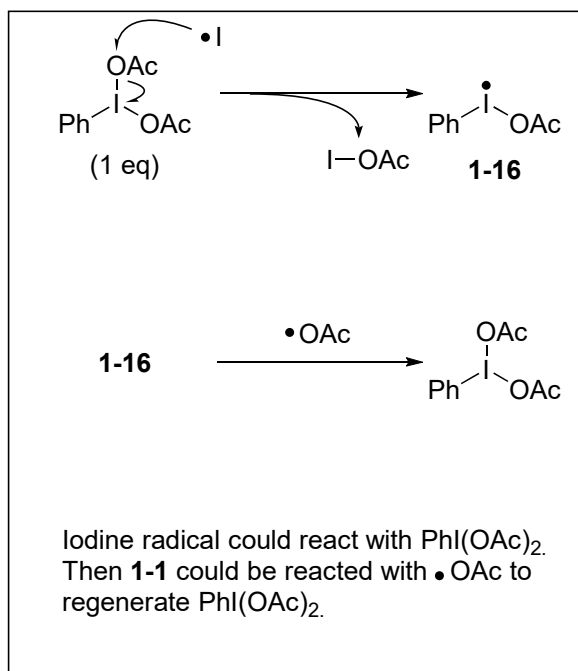


1 eq. of AcOH is generated after the formation of **1-7**.

### 2-2. Radical trap by iodine

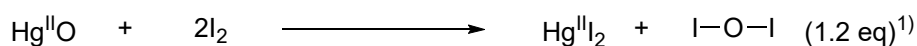


tertiary radical of **1-13** is too clouded for iodation.



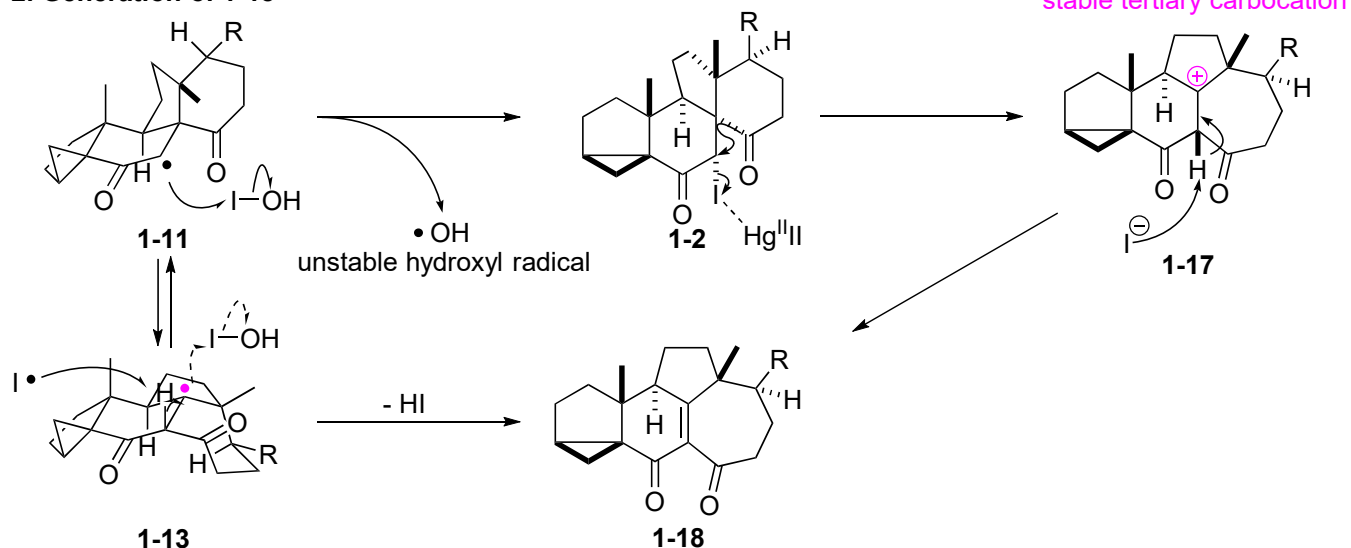
## 3. Conditions B

### 3-1. Iodation reagent



1 eq. of HIO is generated after the formation of **1-7**.

### 3-2. Generation of 1-18

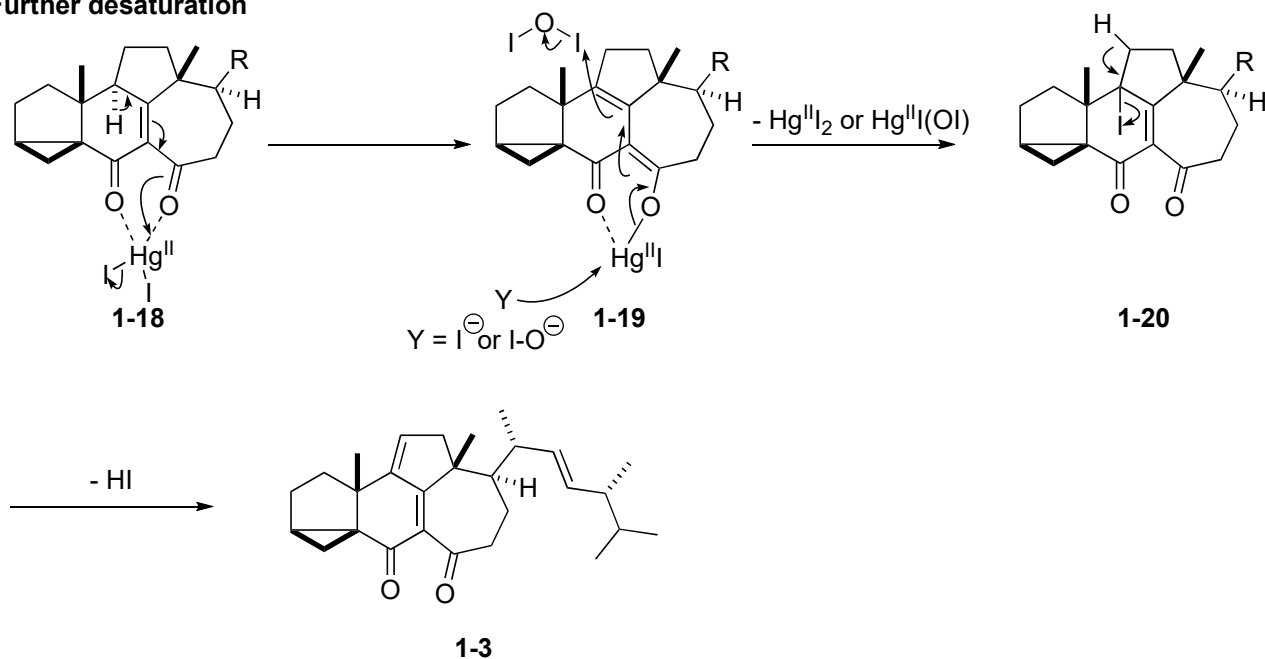


As hydroxyl radical is unstable, radical trap with iodine is slow.

As result, hydrogen abstract from 1-13 occurs.

Also, in the presence of  $\text{Hg}^{\text{II}}$ , rearrangement from 1-2 to 1-17 occurs to give 1-18.

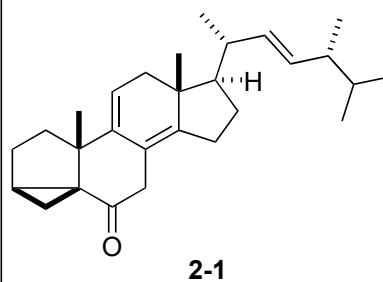
### 3-3. Further desaturation



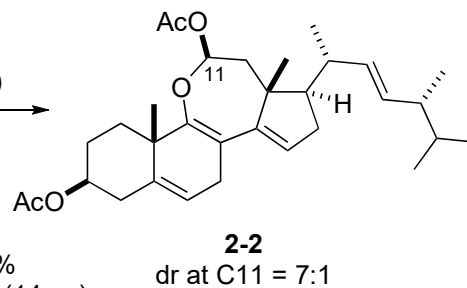
In the presence of  $\text{Hg}^{\text{II}}$  which has Lewis acidity, introduction of iodine via enolate form with highly reactive  $\text{I}_2\text{O}$  reagent and subsequent E2 elimination occurs.

As a result, 1-3 is obtained.

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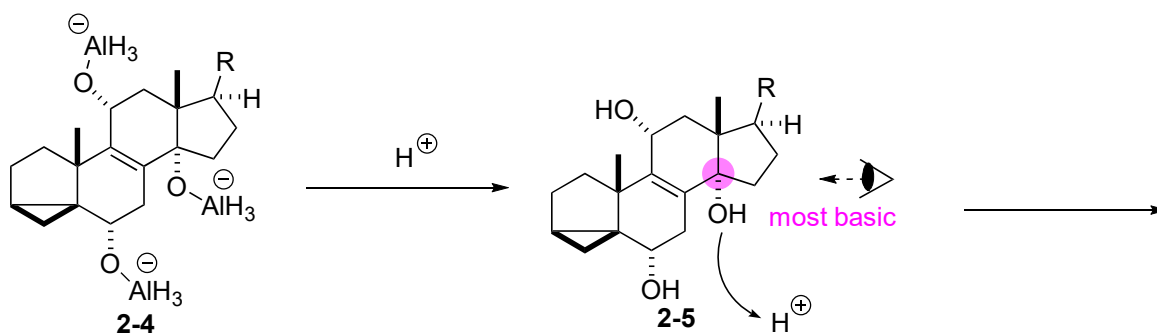
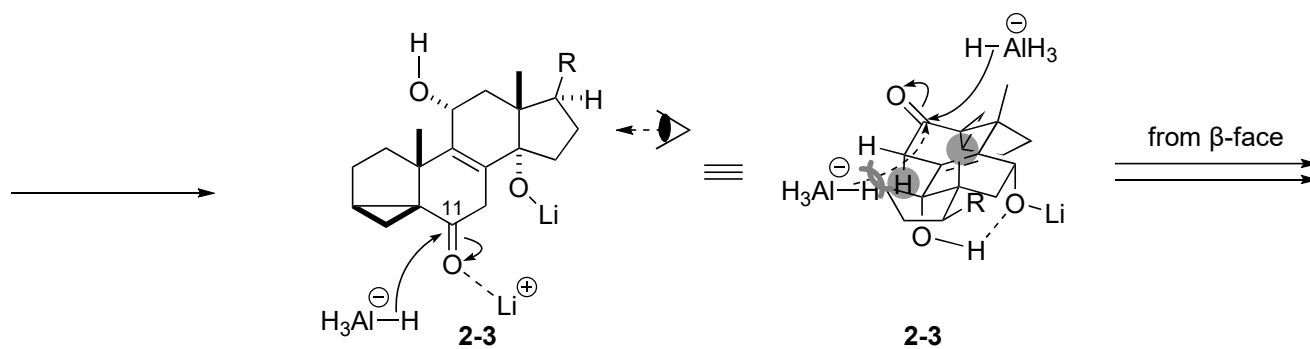
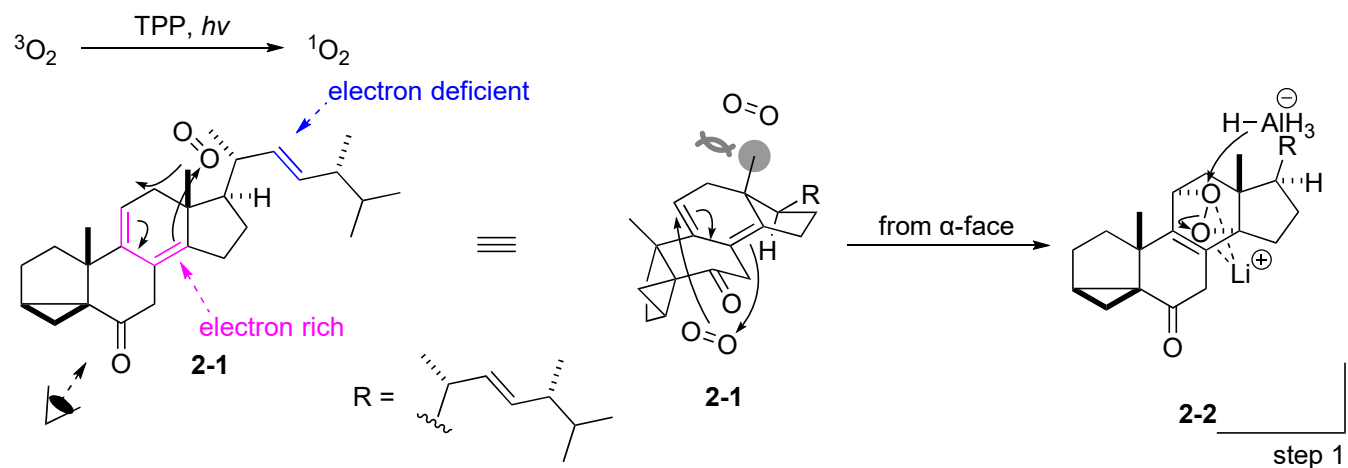


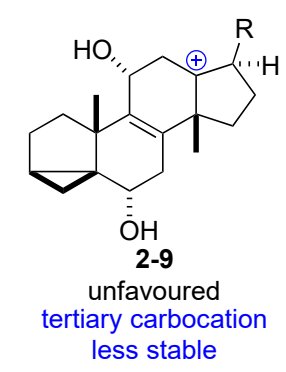
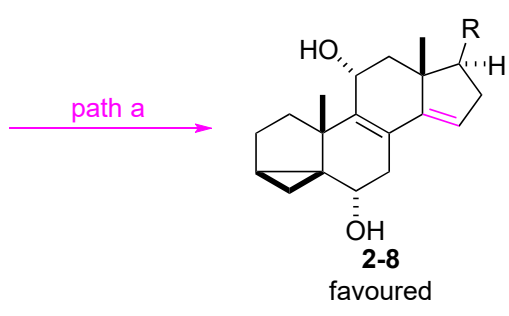
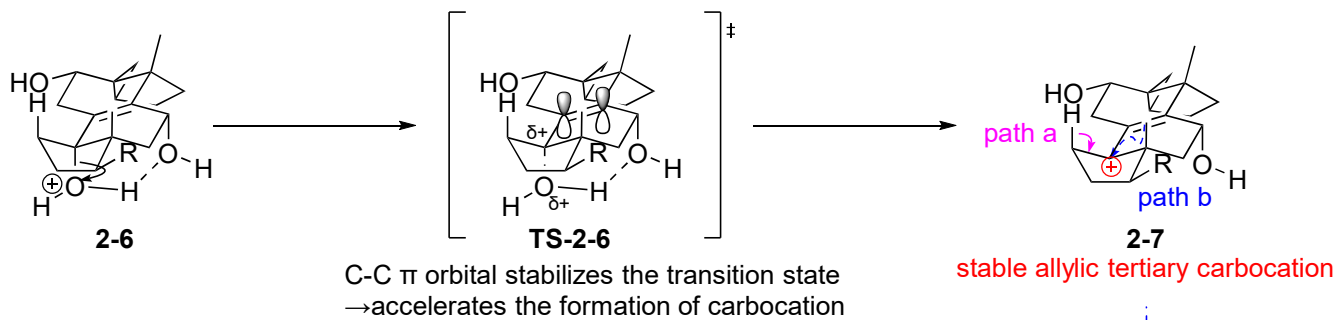
1. TPP (1.5 mol%), O<sub>2</sub> (bubbling)  
pyridine, hv (white light), 0 °C
2. LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (3.3 eq), THF, 0 to 25 °C;  
2.5 M aq. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 25 °C  
54% (3 steps from the former reaction)
3. VO(acac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), TBHP (1.2 eq)  
benzene, 25 °C;  
Raney Ni, EtOH, H<sub>2</sub> (bubbling);  
45 °C, 57%
4. PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.2 eq), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C, 94%
5. Ac<sub>2</sub>O (13 eq), BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (8 eq), AcOH (14 eq)  
Et<sub>2</sub>O, 10 °C, crude was used in the next reaction



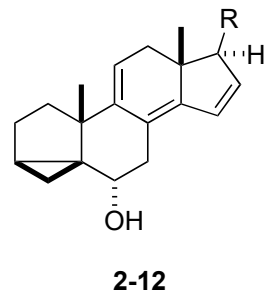
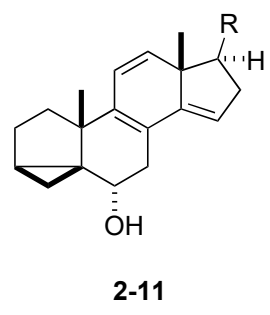
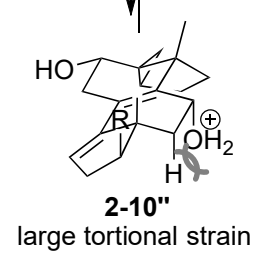
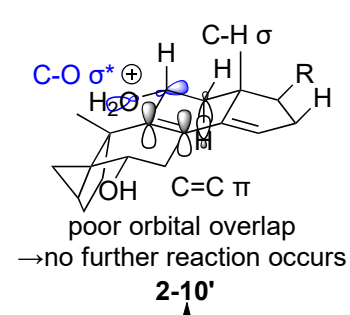
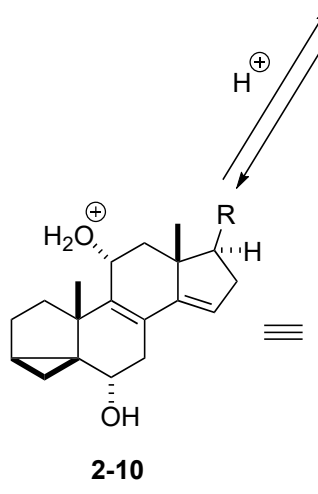
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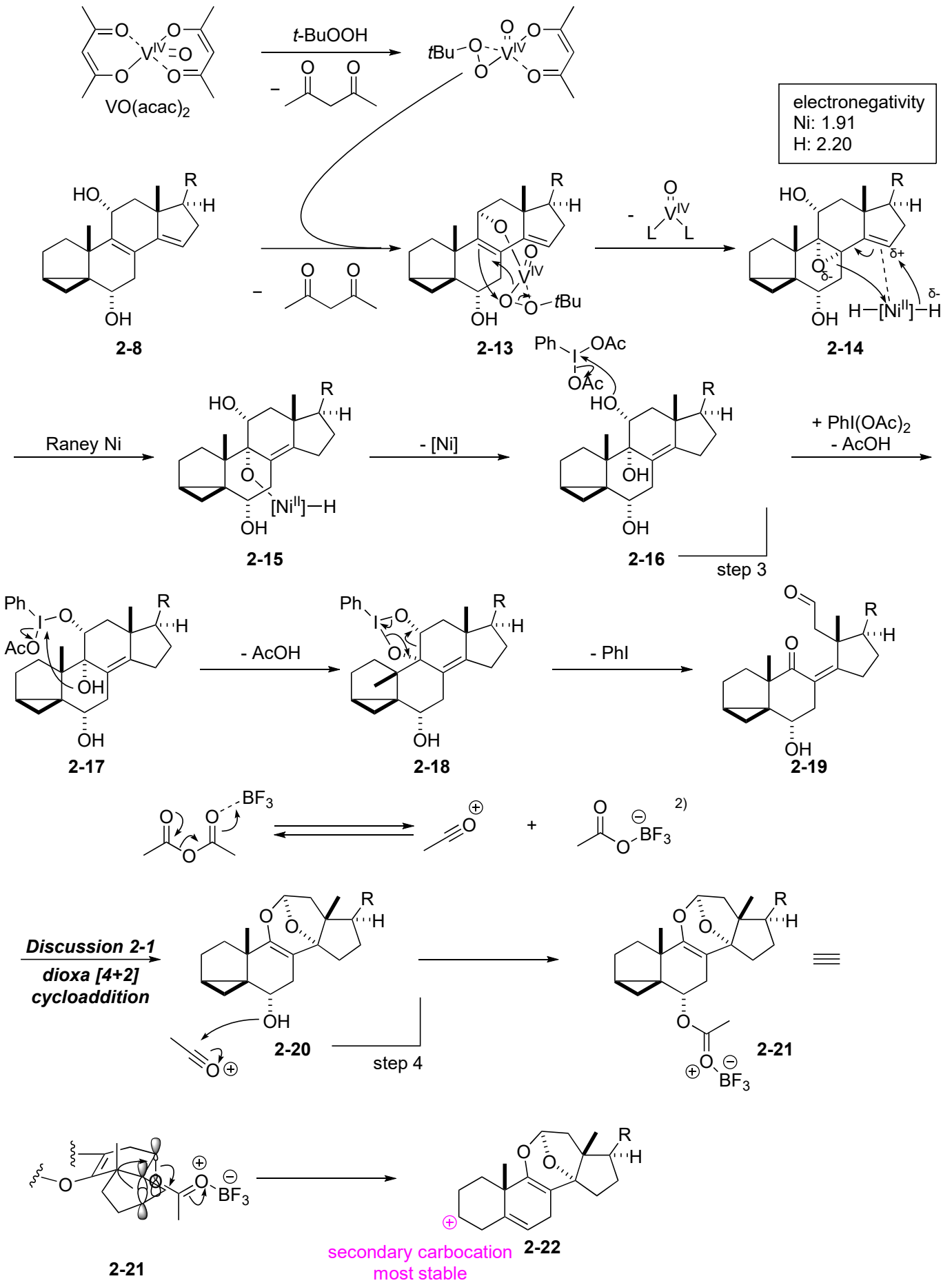
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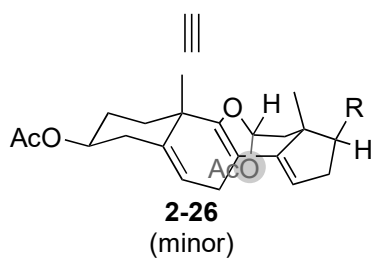
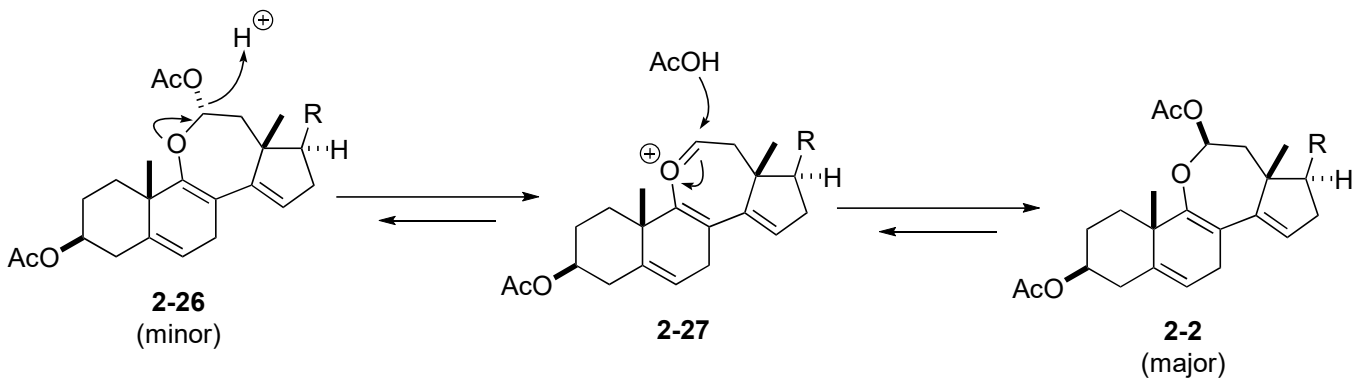
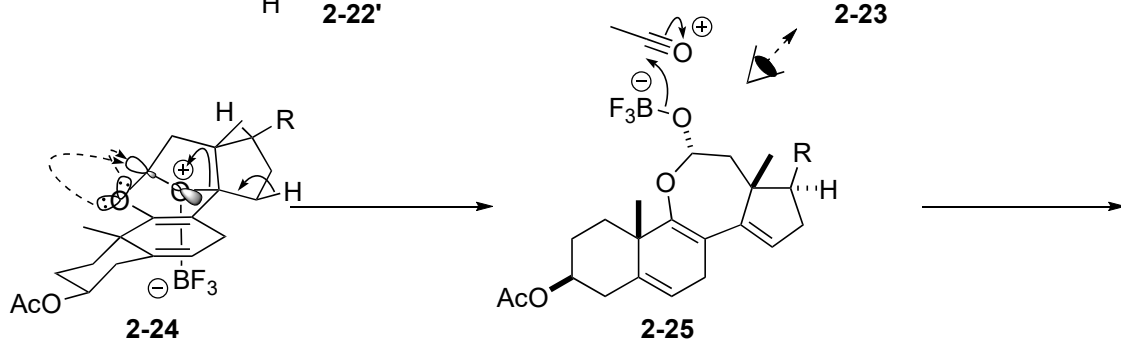
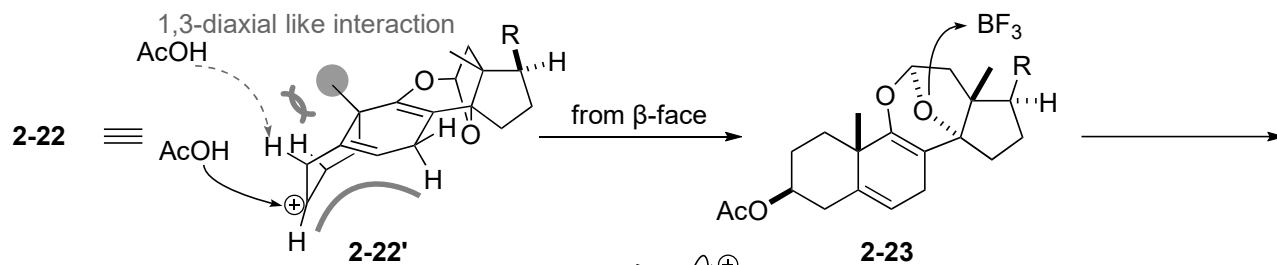




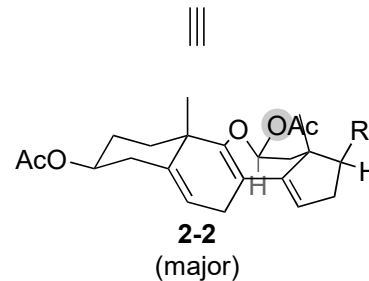
step 2







large OAc group  
is facing axial



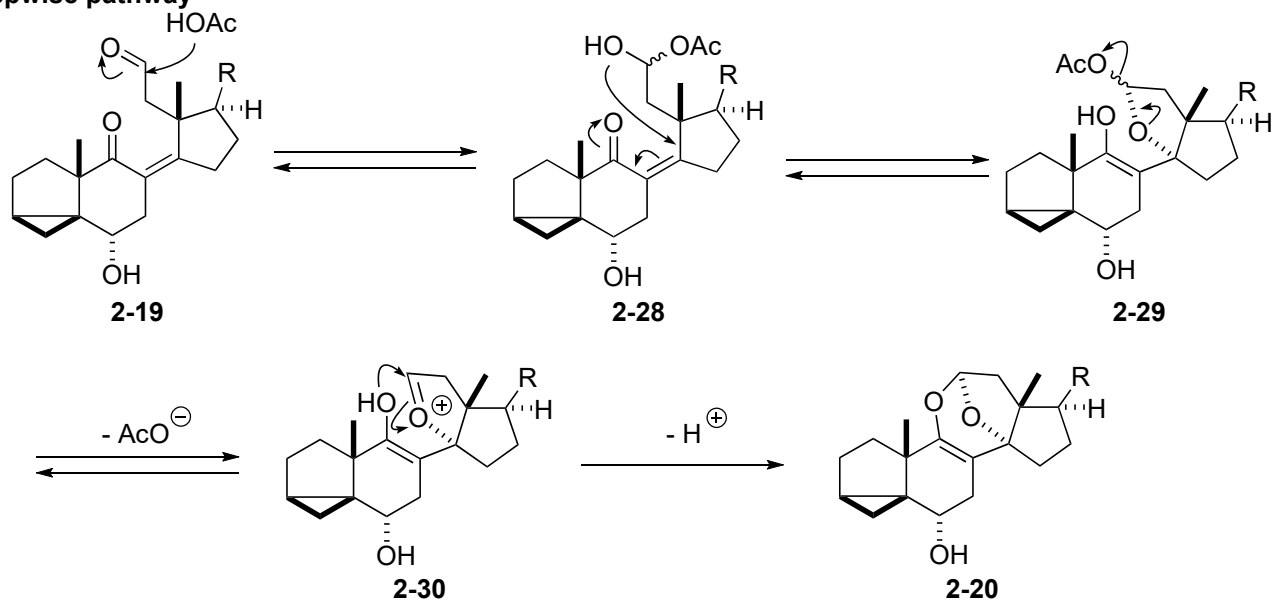
large OAc group is  
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step 5

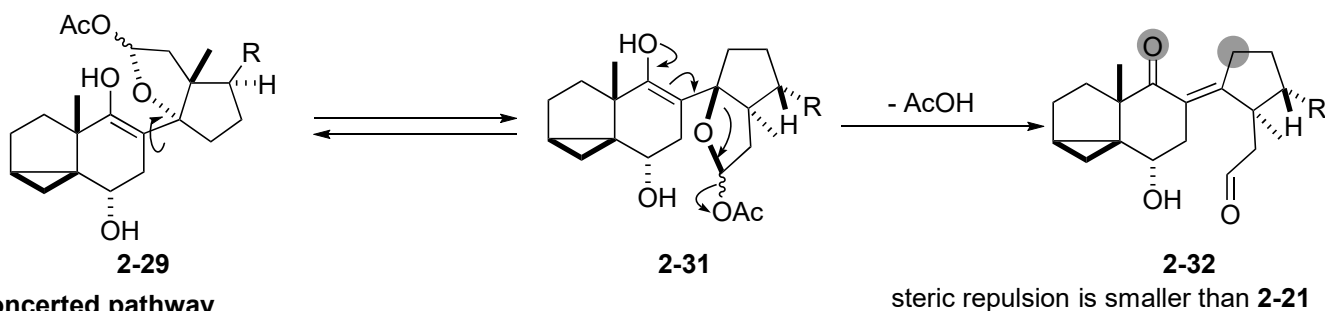


## Discussion 2-1: dioxo [4+2] cycloaddition

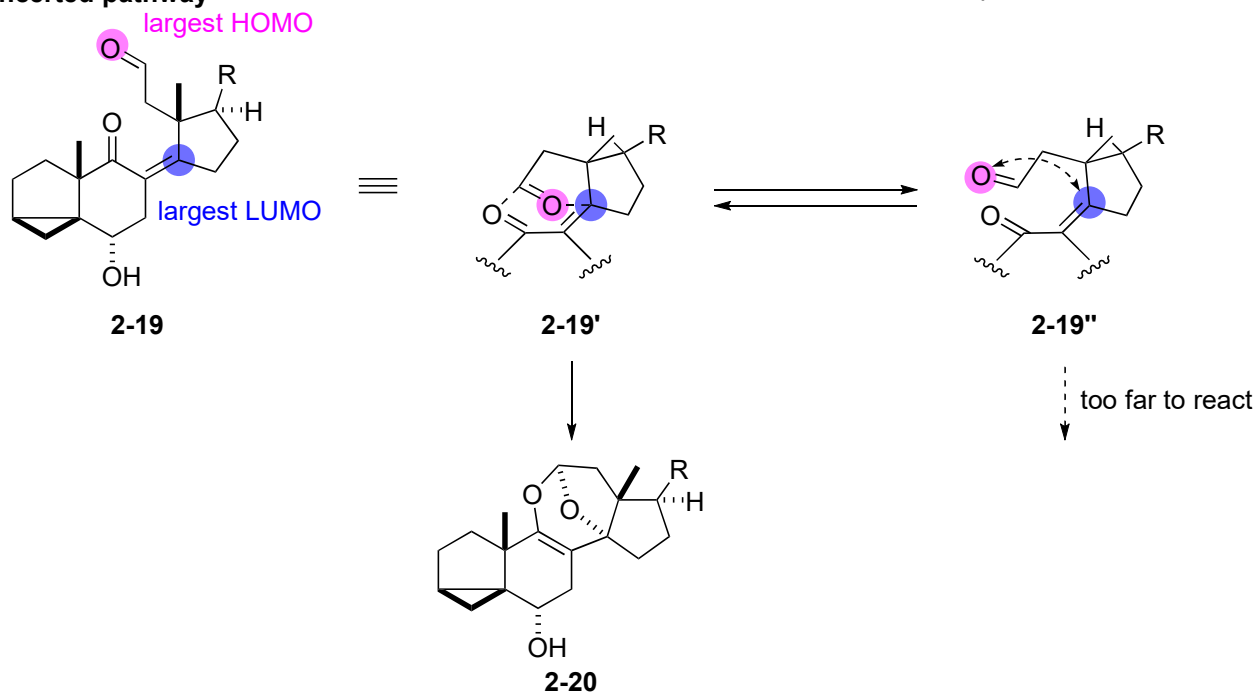
### 1. Stepwise pathway



• Possible side reaction<sup>3)</sup>



### 2. Concerted pathway



The author says both pathway could be reasonable.

However, concerted pathway seems to be more reasonable because geometrical isomerization of olefin could occur in the stepwise pathway.

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