

**Total Synthesis of  
(+)-Euphorikanin A  
Via an Astropospecific Cascade  
By Prof. Carreira's group**

*Literature Seminar*

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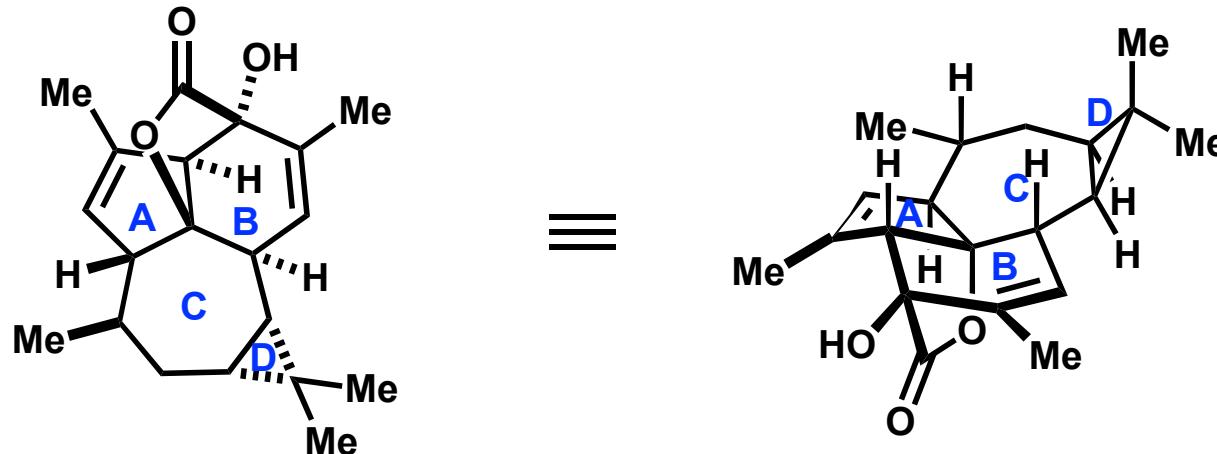
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# (+)-Euphorikanin A



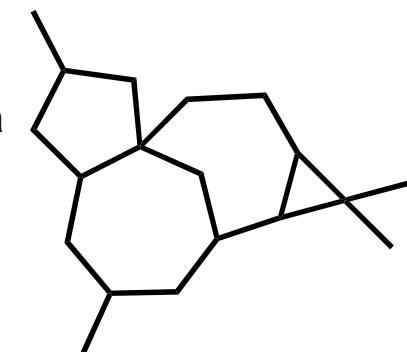
**Isolation:** the roots of *Euphorbia kansui* in 2016 by Zhang<sup>1</sup>

**Biological activity:** cytotoxicity against human tumor cell (NCI-446 and HeLa)

**Structural features:** unprecedented 5/6/7/3-fused tetracyclic skelton and lactone bridge, contiguous eight stereocenters, most likely a rearranged ingenane diterpenoids

**Total synthesis:** Carreira (2021)<sup>2</sup> (2023)<sup>3</sup> and Jia (2022)<sup>4</sup>

For detail, please see also 220430\_PS\_Hiromu\_Kakizawa



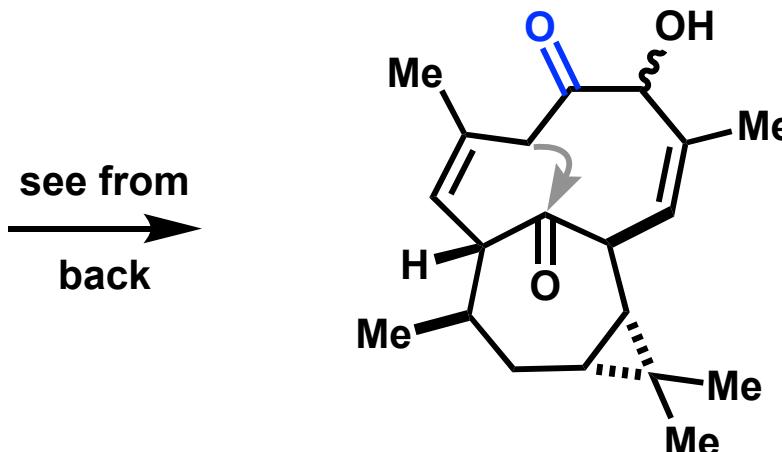
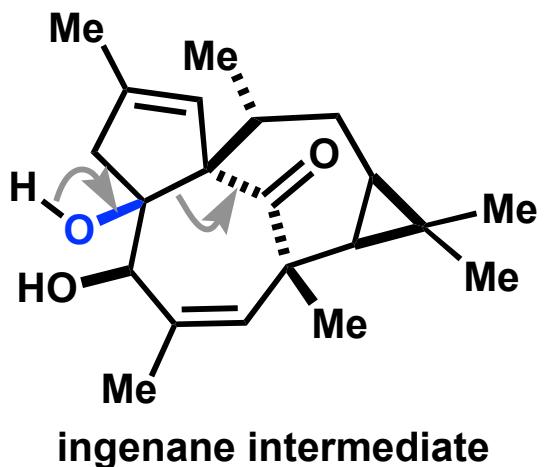
ingenane skeleton

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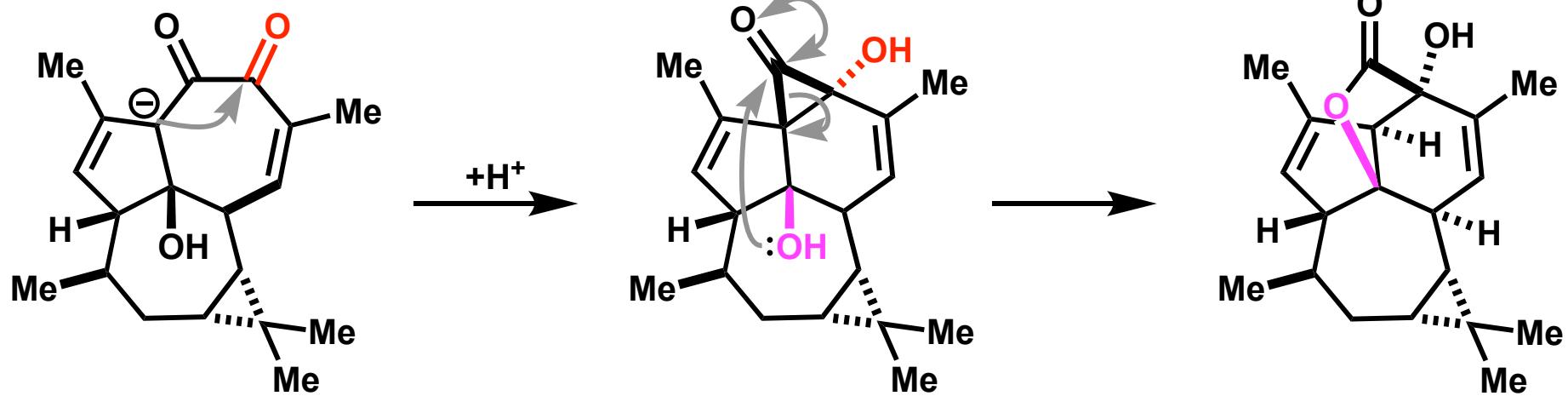
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# Proposed Biosynthetic Pathway by Zhang



transannular  
cyclization  
 $[\text{O}]; -\text{H}^+$



$(+)$ -Euphorikanin A

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# **Introduction of Prof. Erick M. Carreira**



## Education & Academic Career:

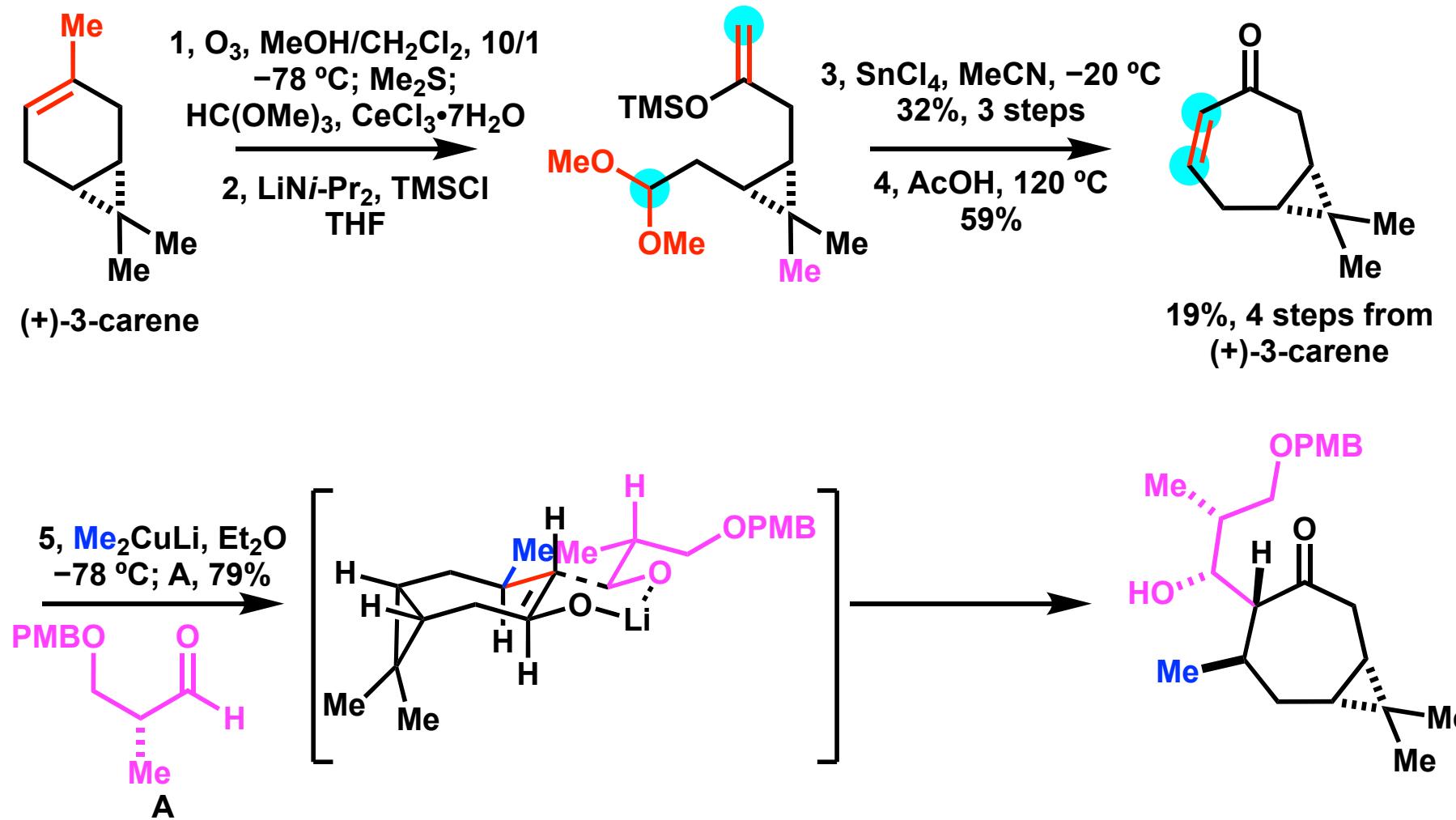
**1984 B.S., @ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Prof. Denmark)**  
**1990 Ph.D., @ Harvard University (Prof. Evans)**  
**1990- Postdoctoral fellow @ California Institute of Technology (Prof. Dervan)**  
**1992- Assistant Professor @ California Institute of Technology**  
**1996- Associate Professor @ California Institute of Technology**  
**1997- Professor @ California Institute of Technology**  
**1998- Professor @ ETH Zürich**

**Research topic: Asymmetric synthesis of biologically active, stereo-chemically complex, natural product**

**Recent PS and LS:** [\*\*231115\\_PS\\_Manaka\\_Matsumoto\*\*](#)  
[\*\*230623\\_PS\\_Junhao\\_Fu\*\*](#)  
[\*\*220430\\_PS\\_Hiromu\\_Kakizawa\*\*](#)  
[\*\*221029\\_LS\\_Manaka\\_Matsumoto\*\*](#)

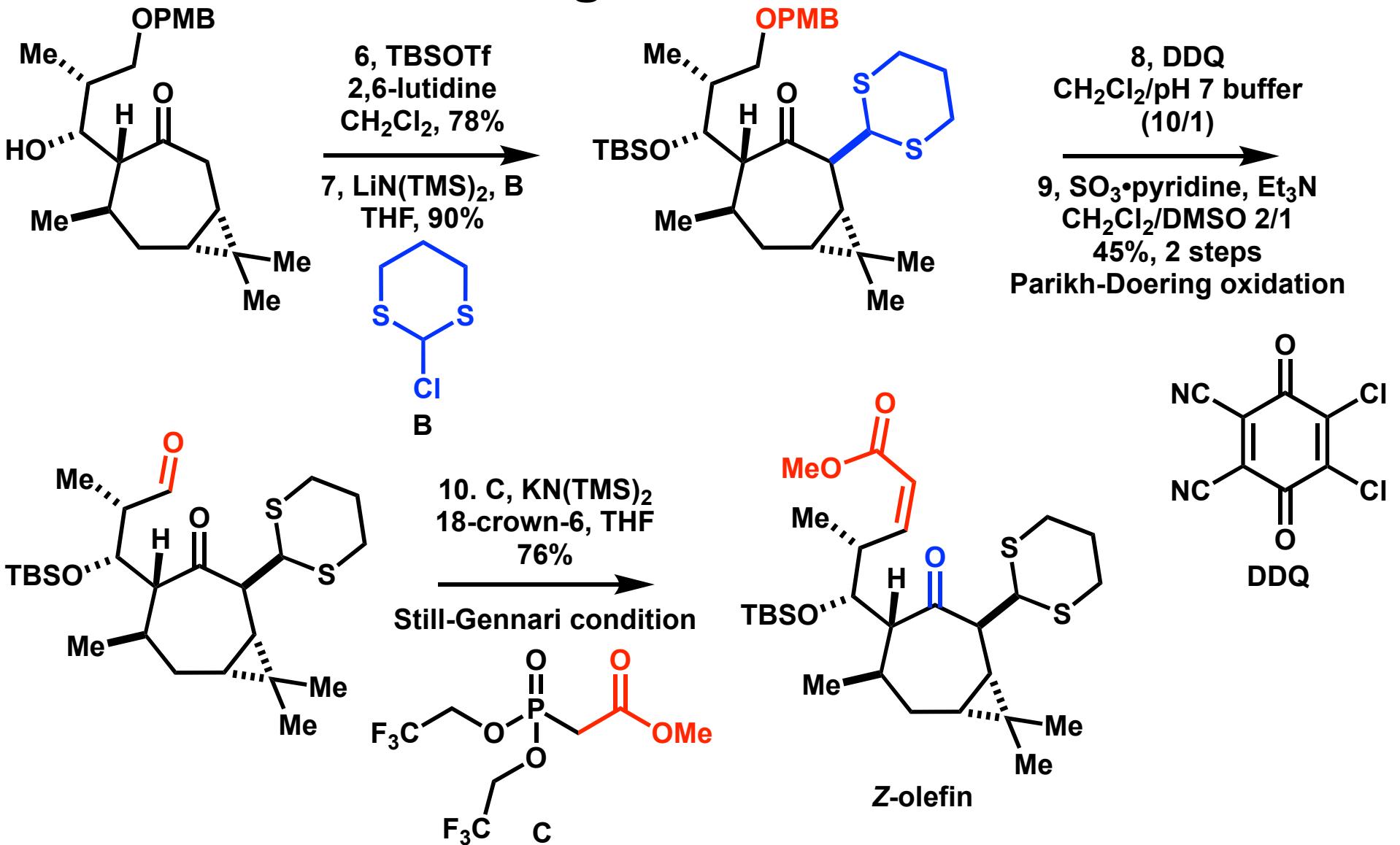
# C-ring Functionalization

Carreira (2021): 19 steps, 0.12 %



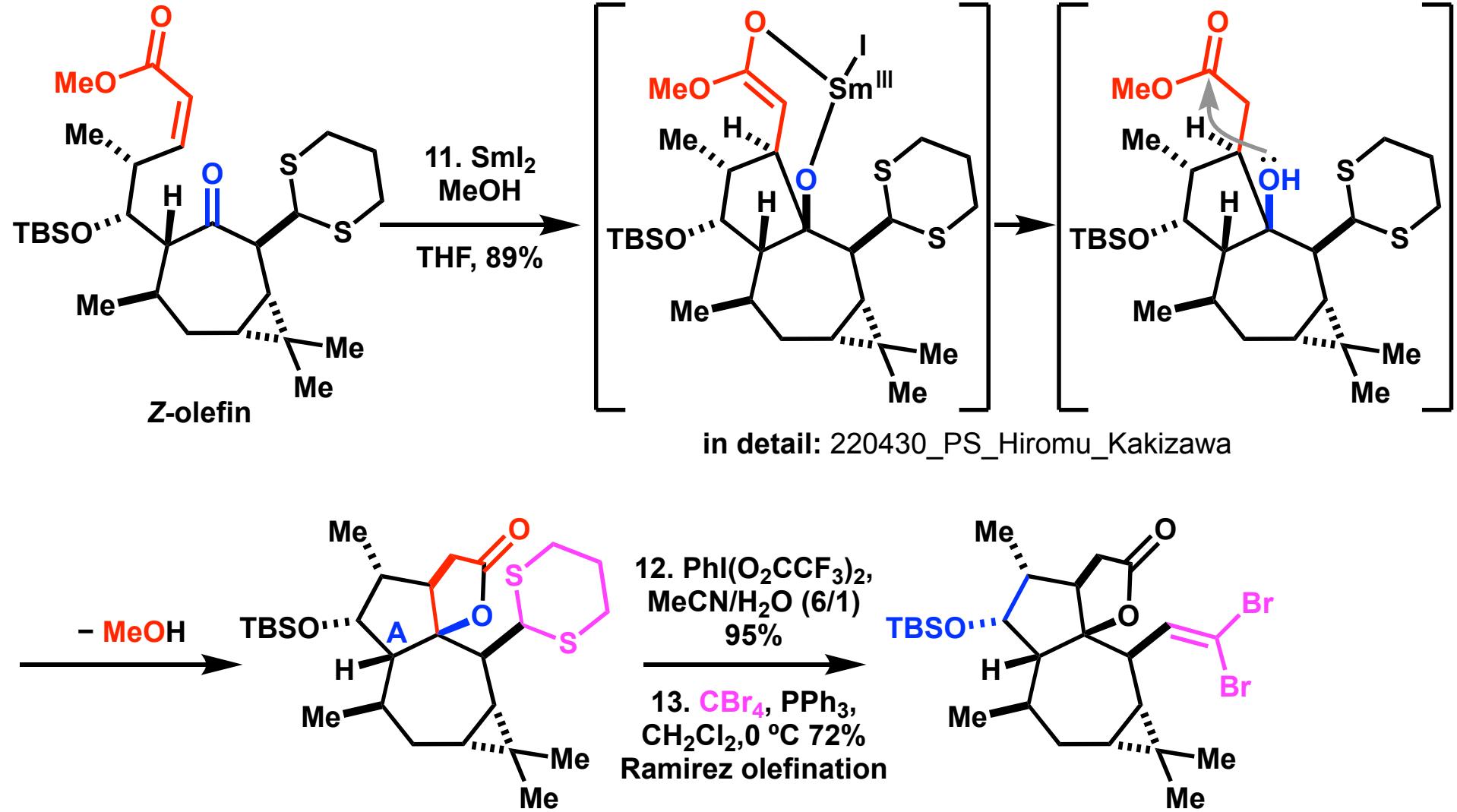
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# A-ring Construction



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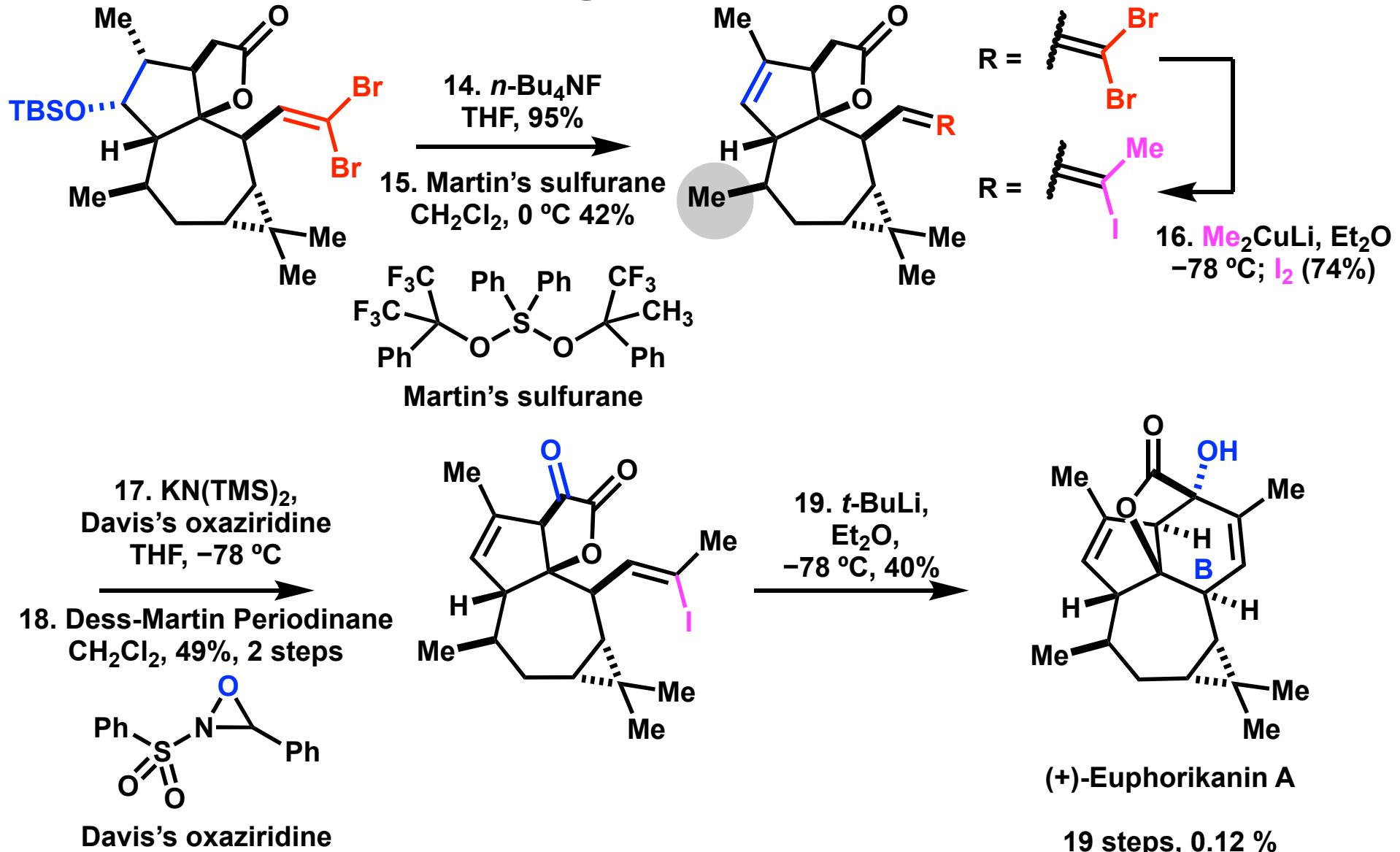


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# B-ring Construction



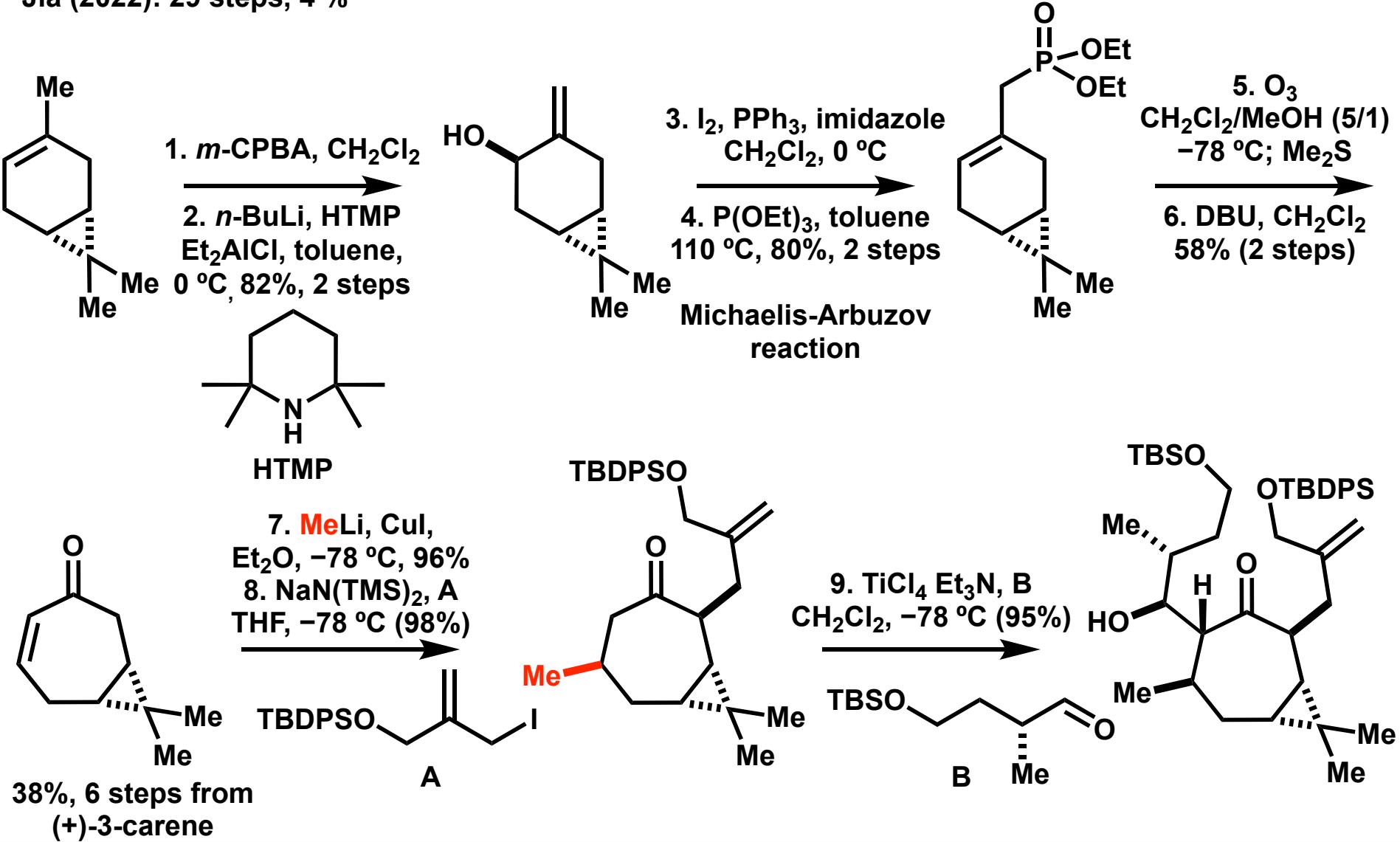
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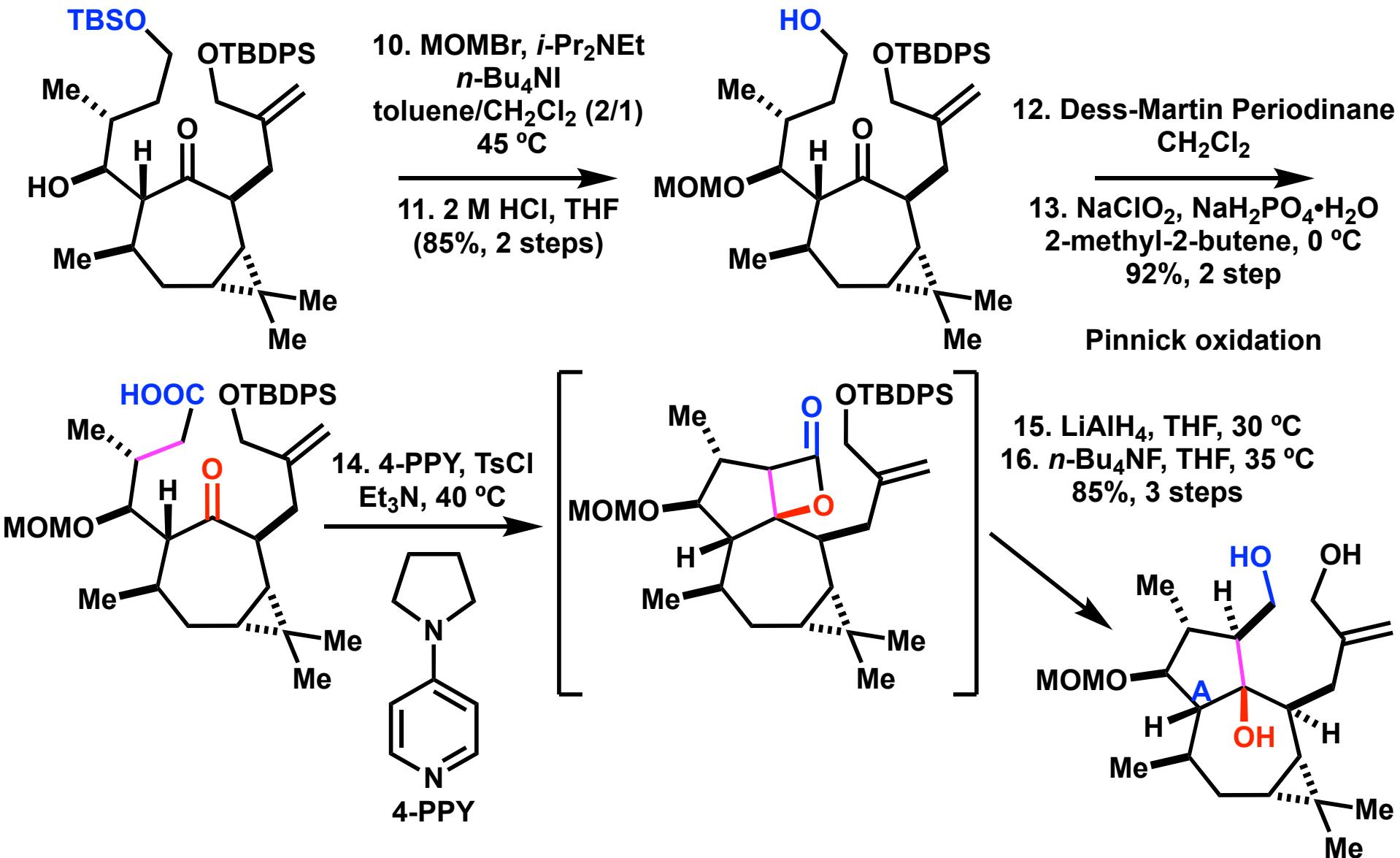
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# C-ring Functionalization

Jia (2022): 29 steps, 4 %



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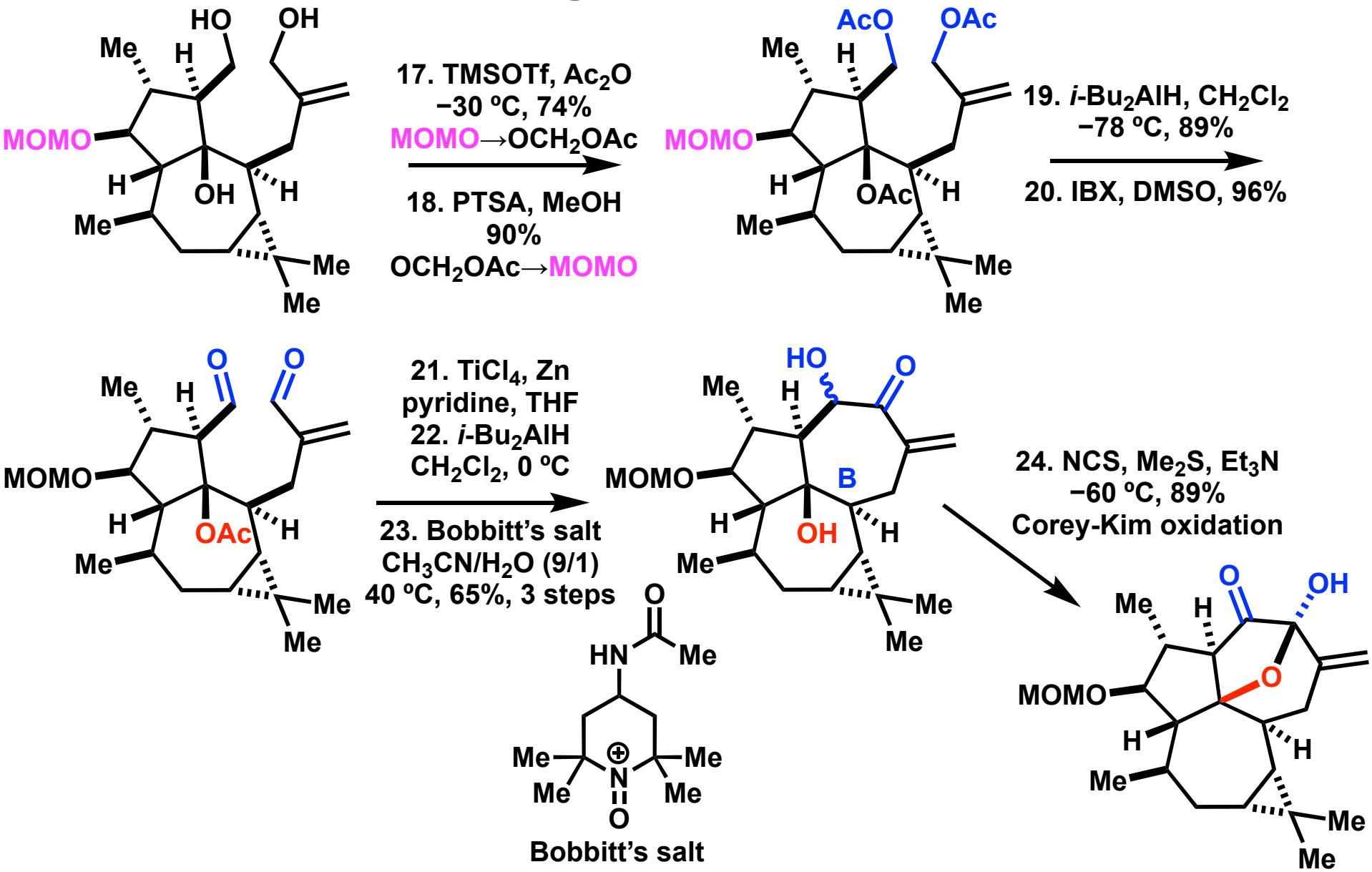


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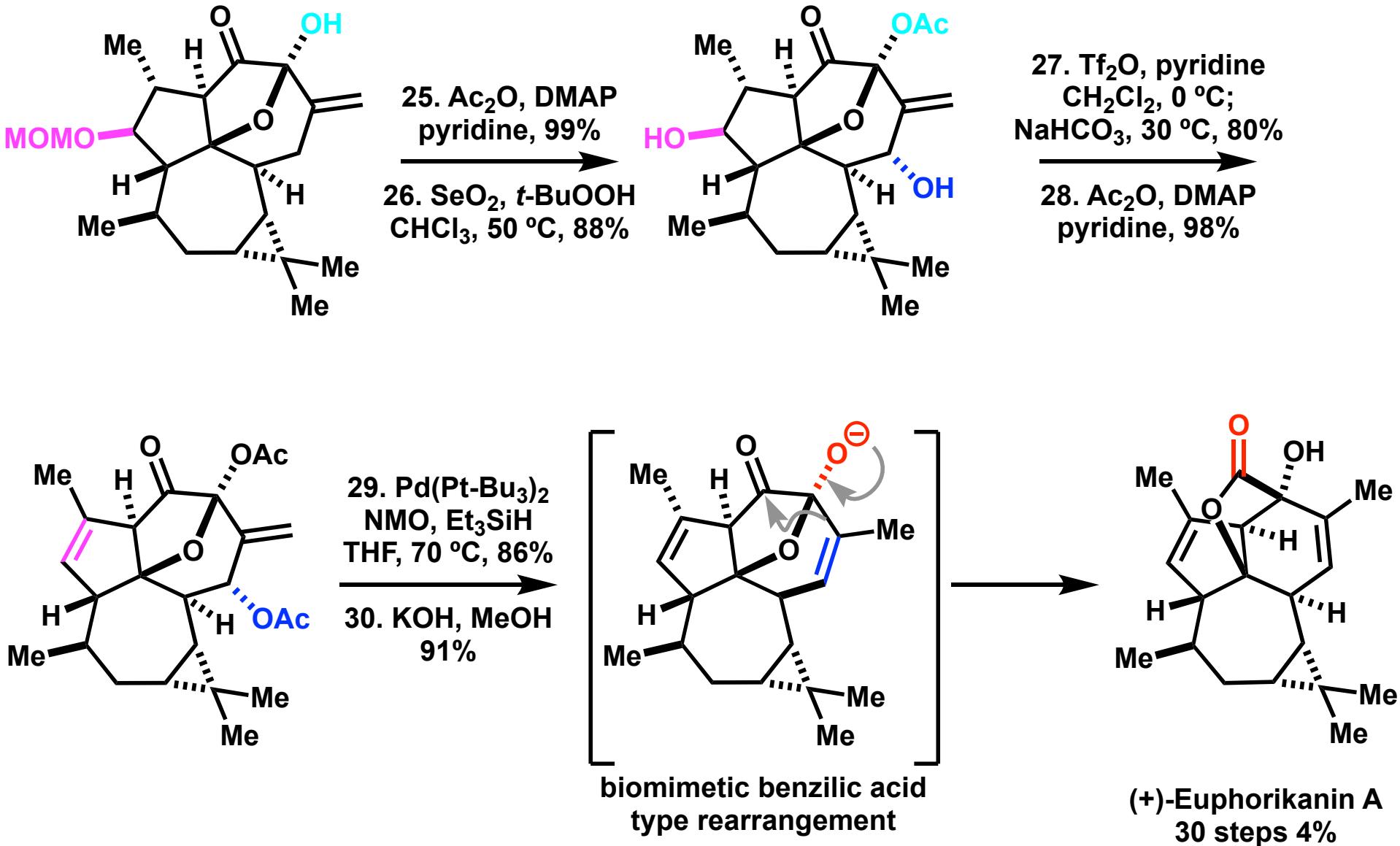
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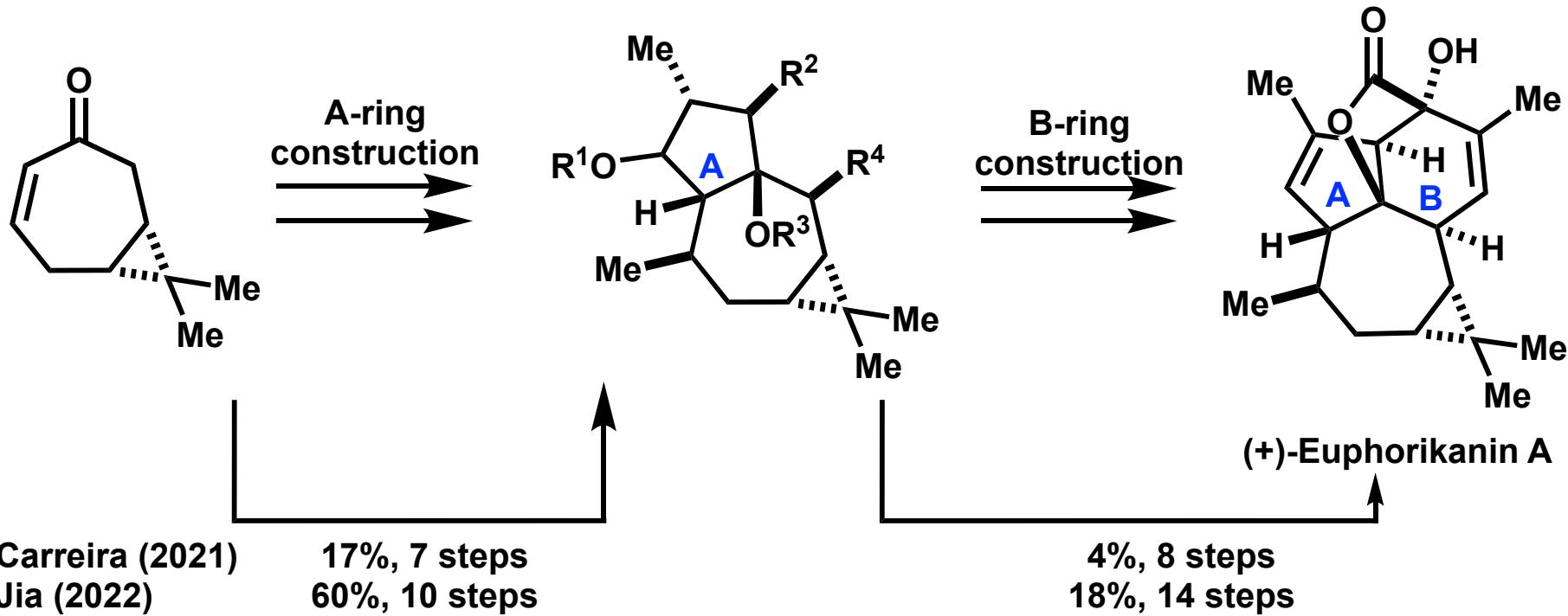
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# Previous Approach's Problem

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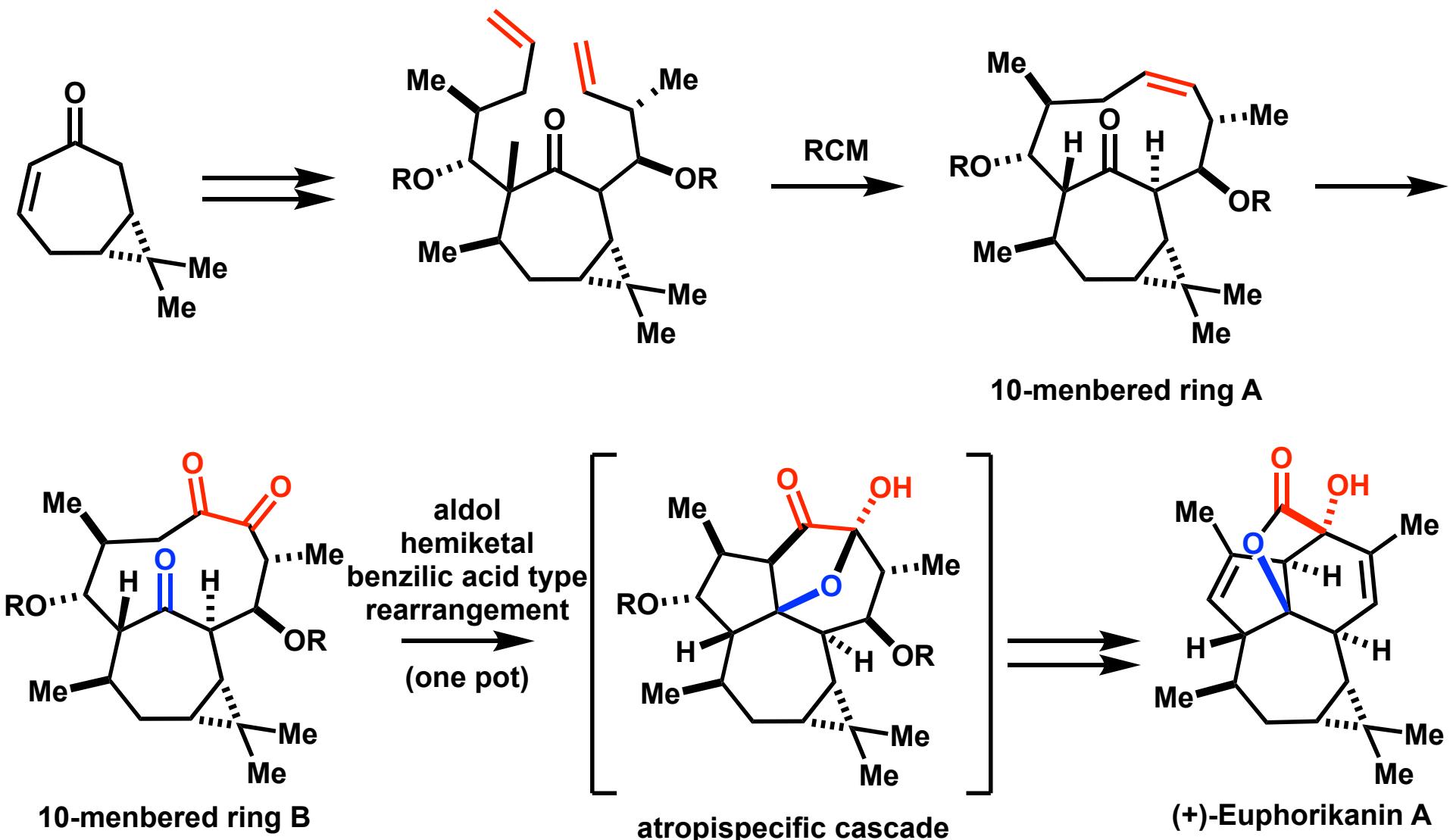


the assembly of the A ring and B ring in a sequential manner in common.

problems: low yield, step count

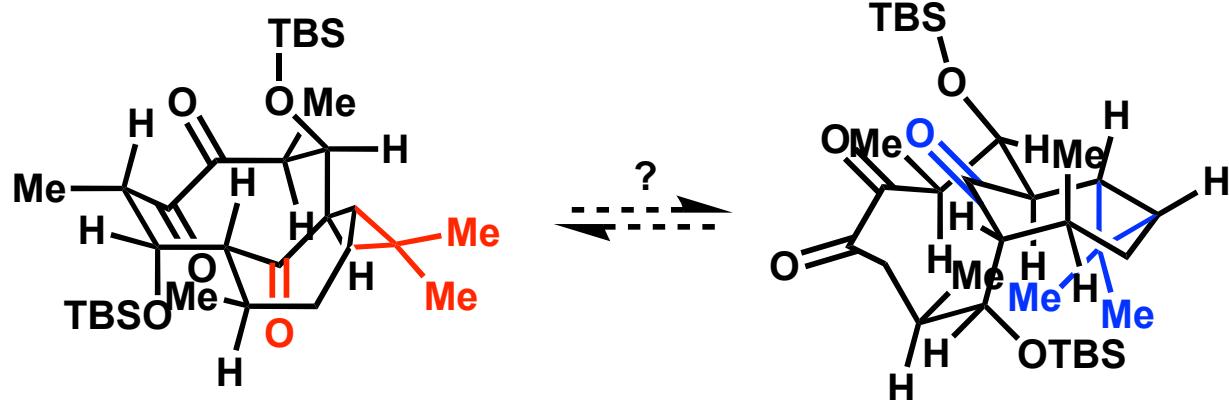
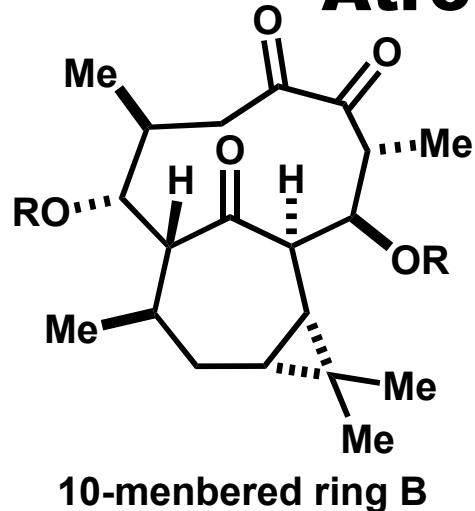
# Carreira's New Approach

Carreira's new approach:



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# Atropisomeric 10-membered Ring

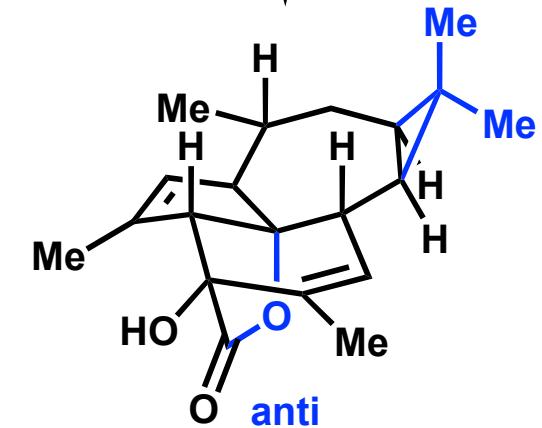


key question

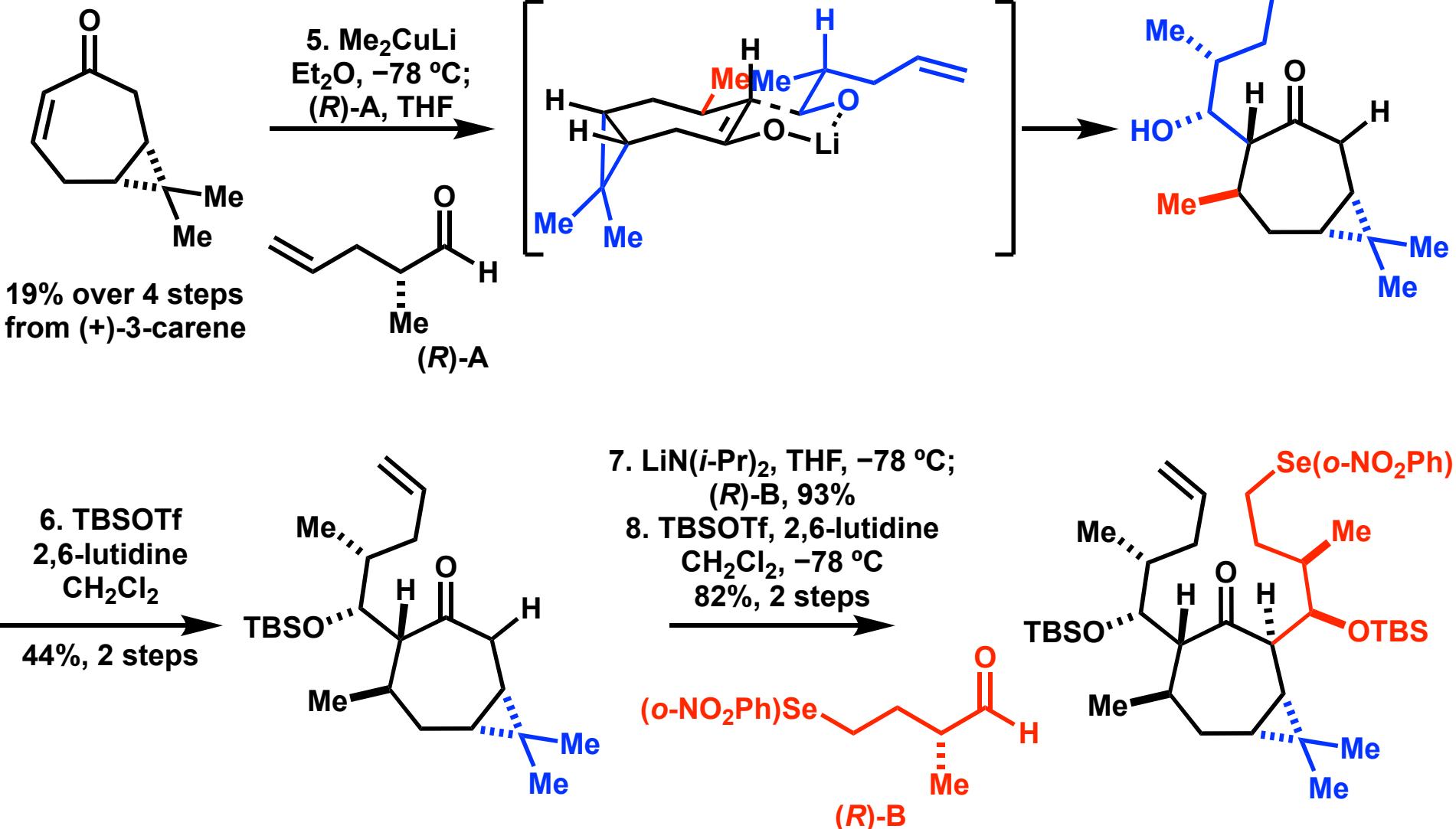
RCM → bicyclo[7.4.1]?

atropisomerism: syn vs anti?

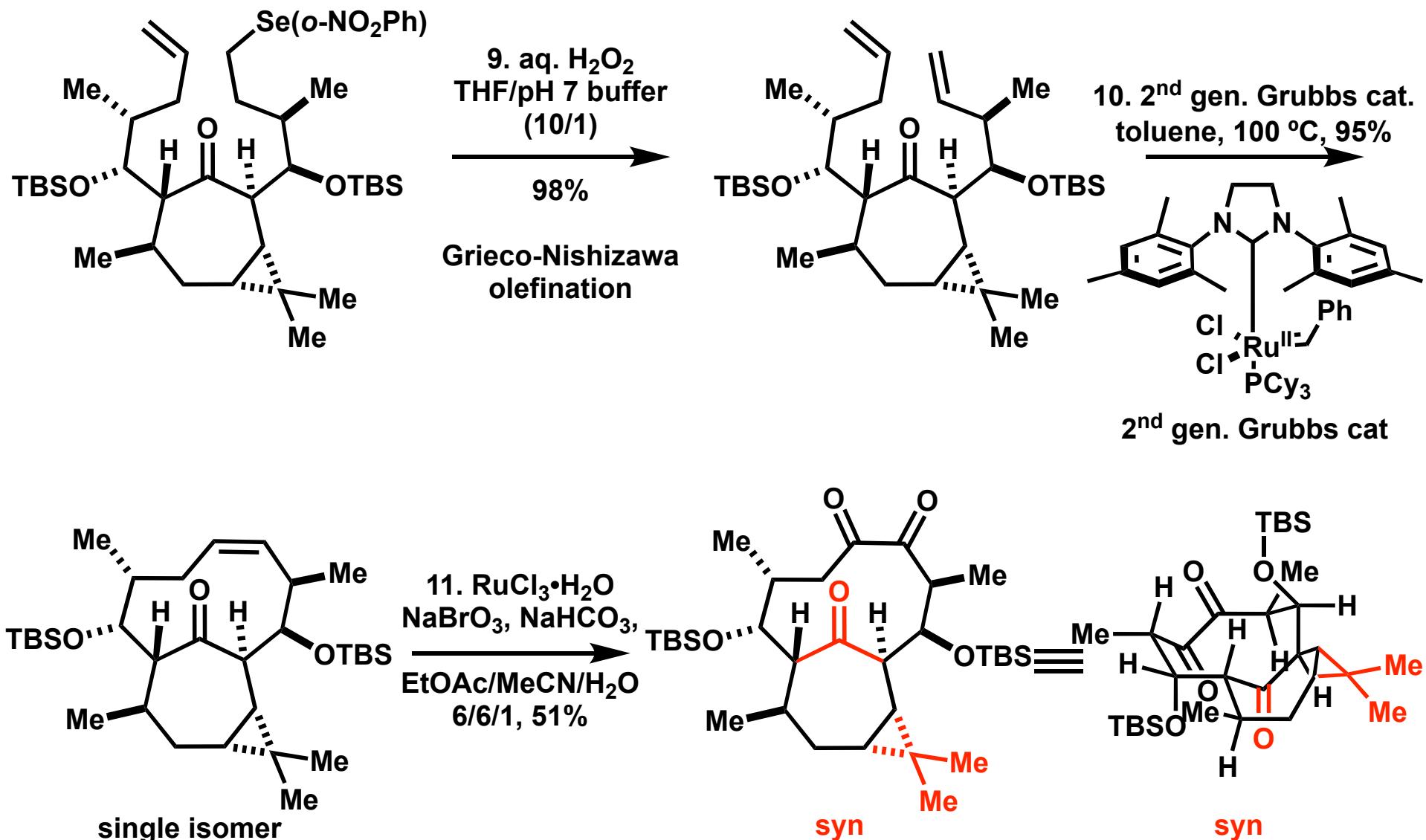
what effect atroposelectivity? side chains?



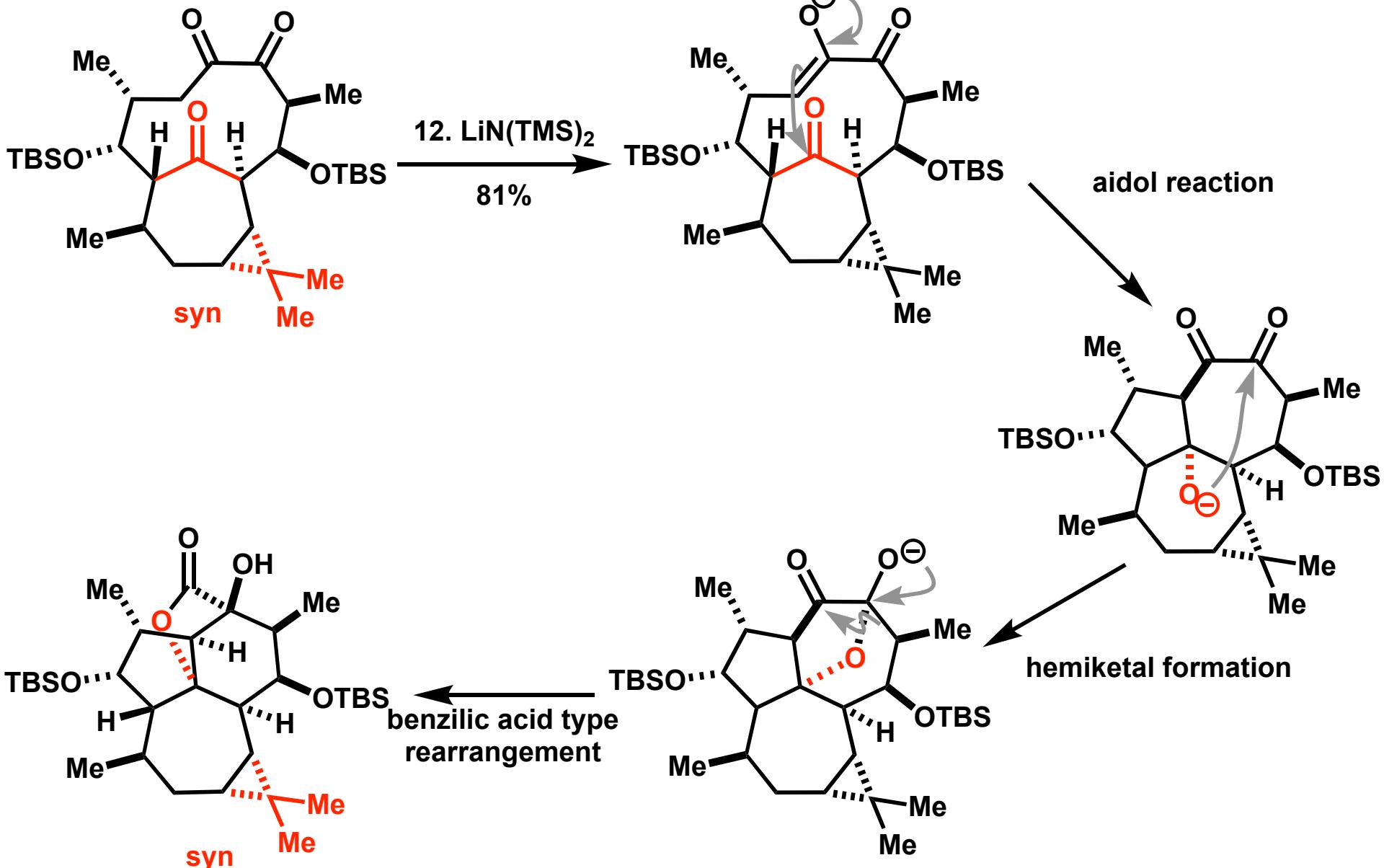
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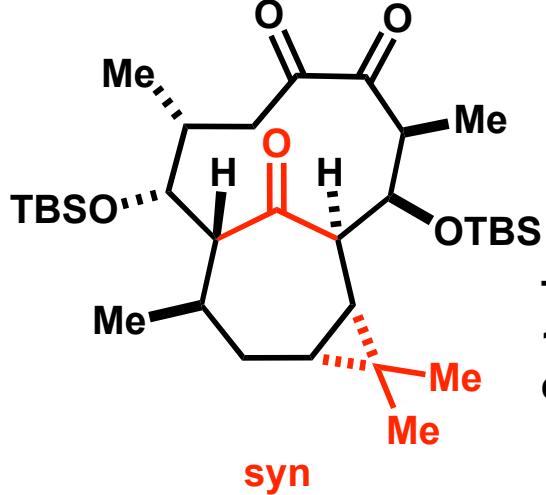
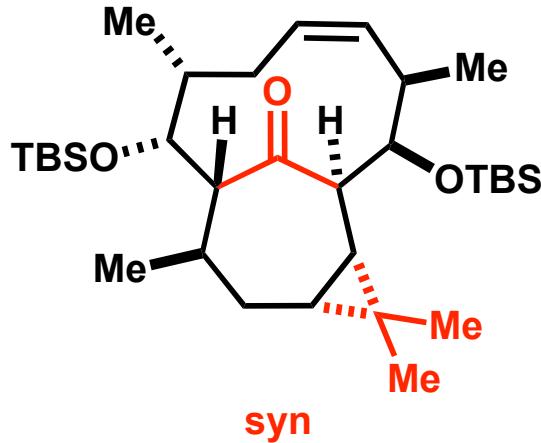
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# Cascade Reactions



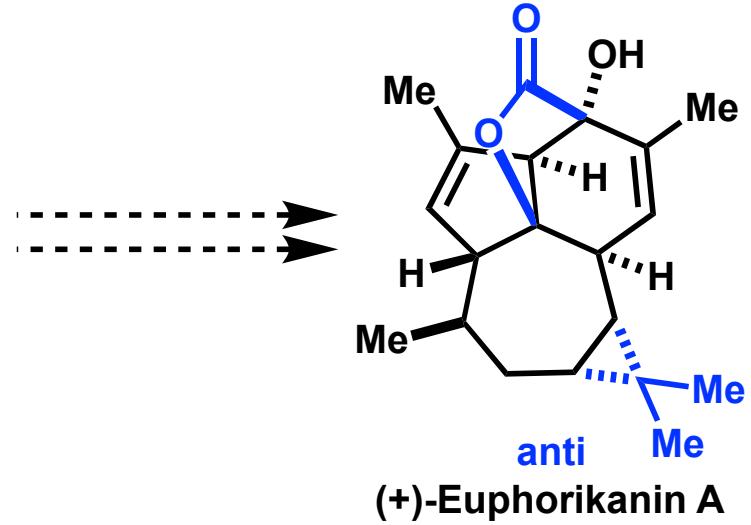
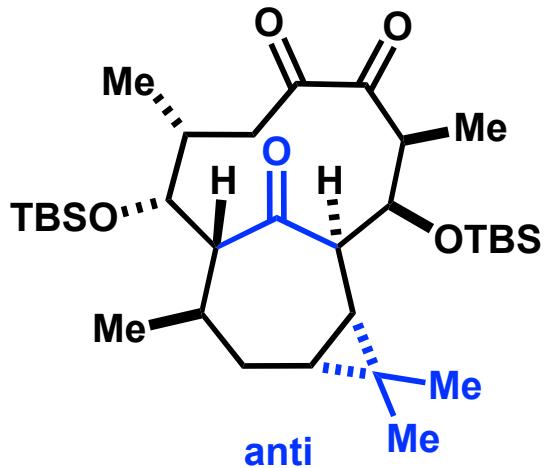
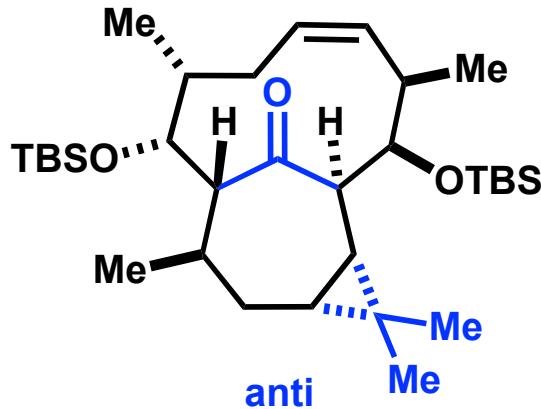
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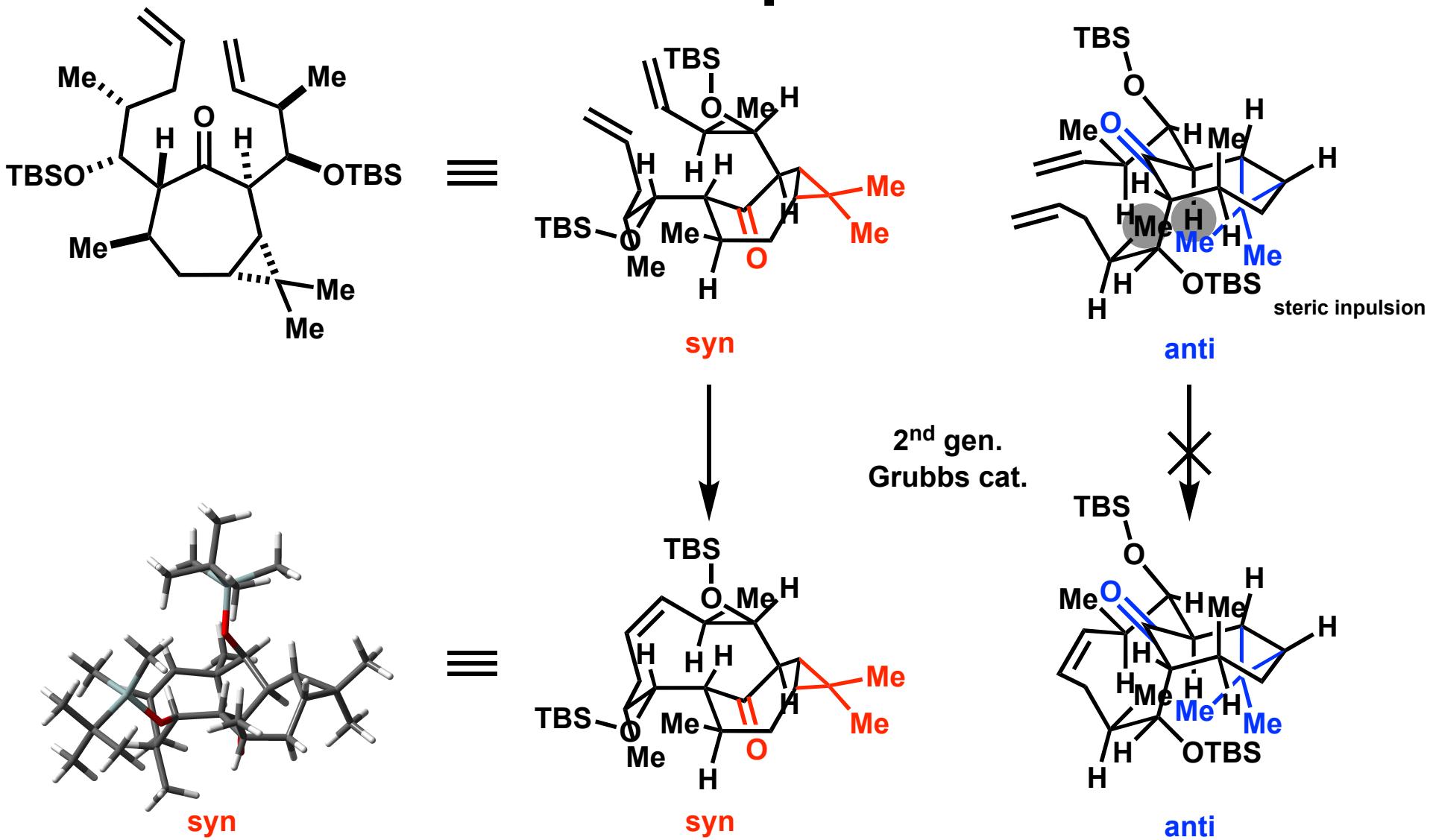
The repulsion between ketone and 10 membered ring, and whole structural change might prevent atropisomerization



20 °C to 100 °C in  $d^8$ -toluene  
atropisomerization did not occur

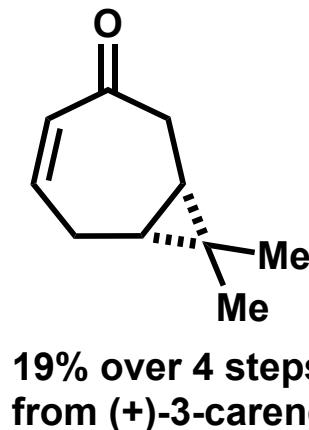


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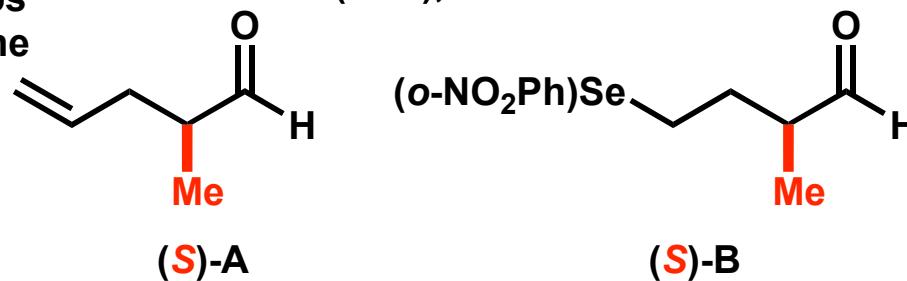
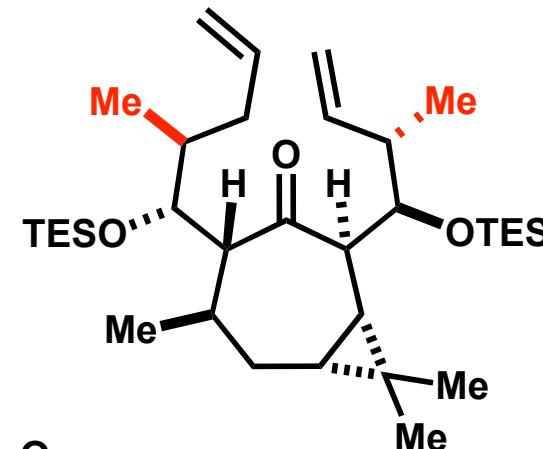


Carreira next attempted to change side chain, the enantiomeric Methyl

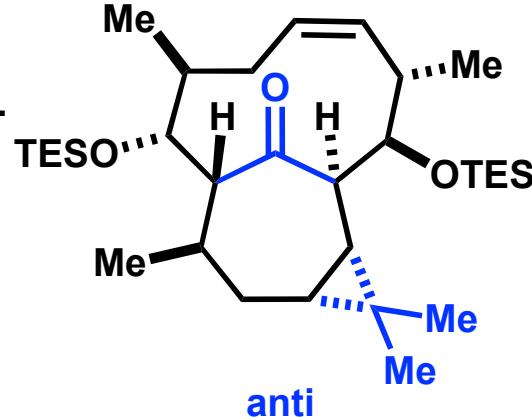
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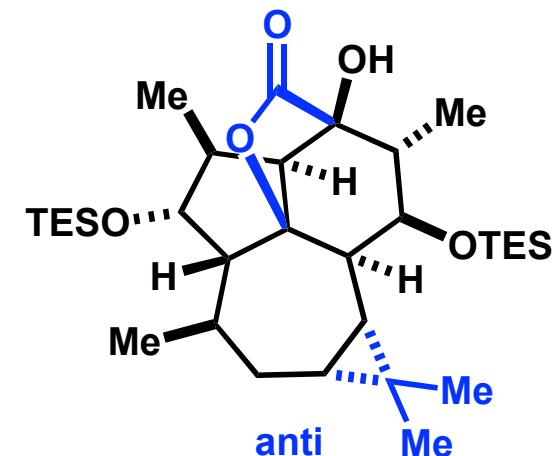
5.  $\text{Me}_2\text{CuLi}$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ;  
**(S)**-A, THF, 45%
6. TESOTf, 2,6-lutidine  
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 94%
7.  $\text{LiN}(i\text{-Pr})_2$ , THF,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ;  
**(S)**-B, 94%
8. TESOTf, 2,6-lutidine  
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 78%
9. aq.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , THF/pH 7 buffer (10/1), 90%



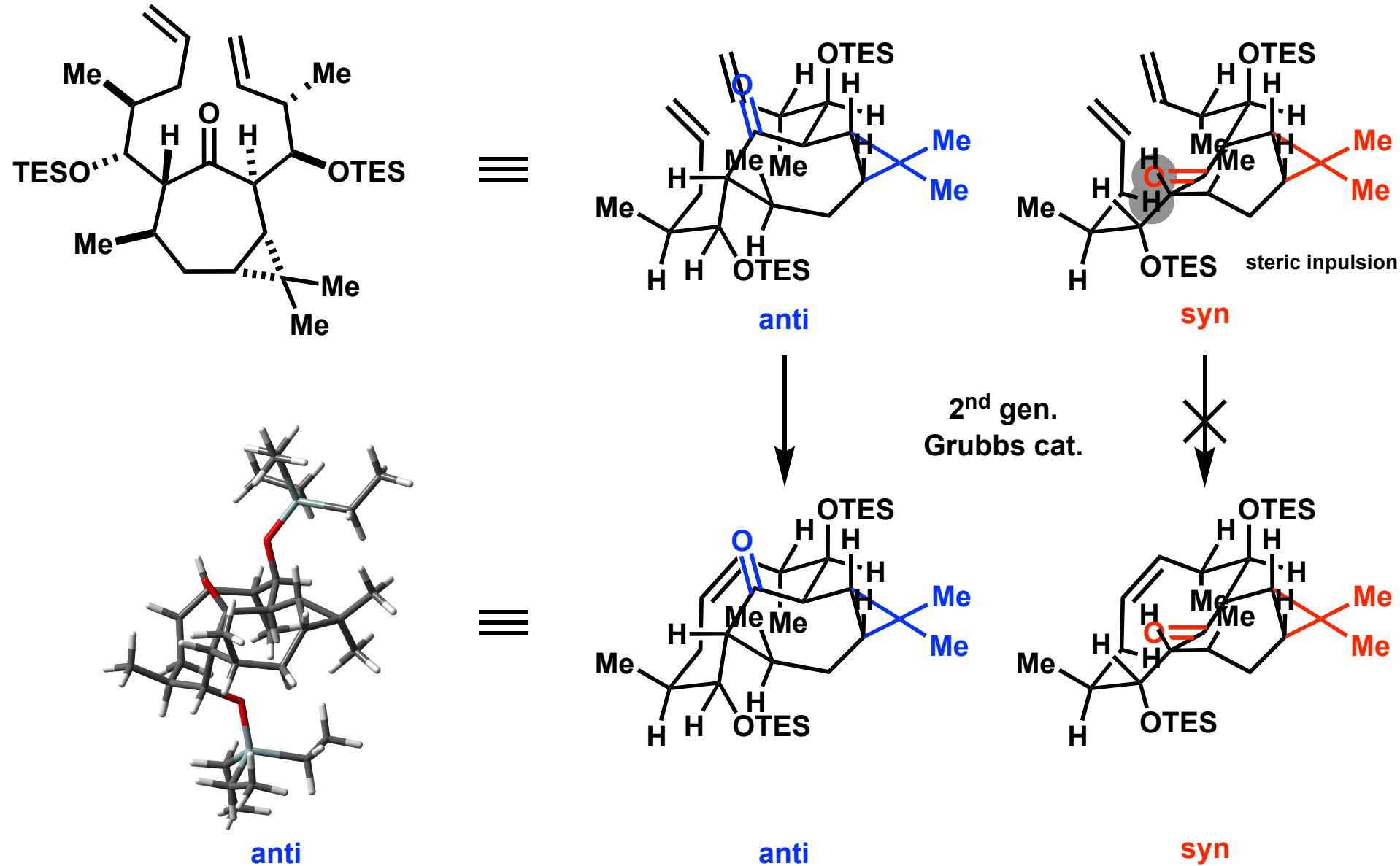
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. Grubbs cat.  
toluene, 100 °C
- 55%



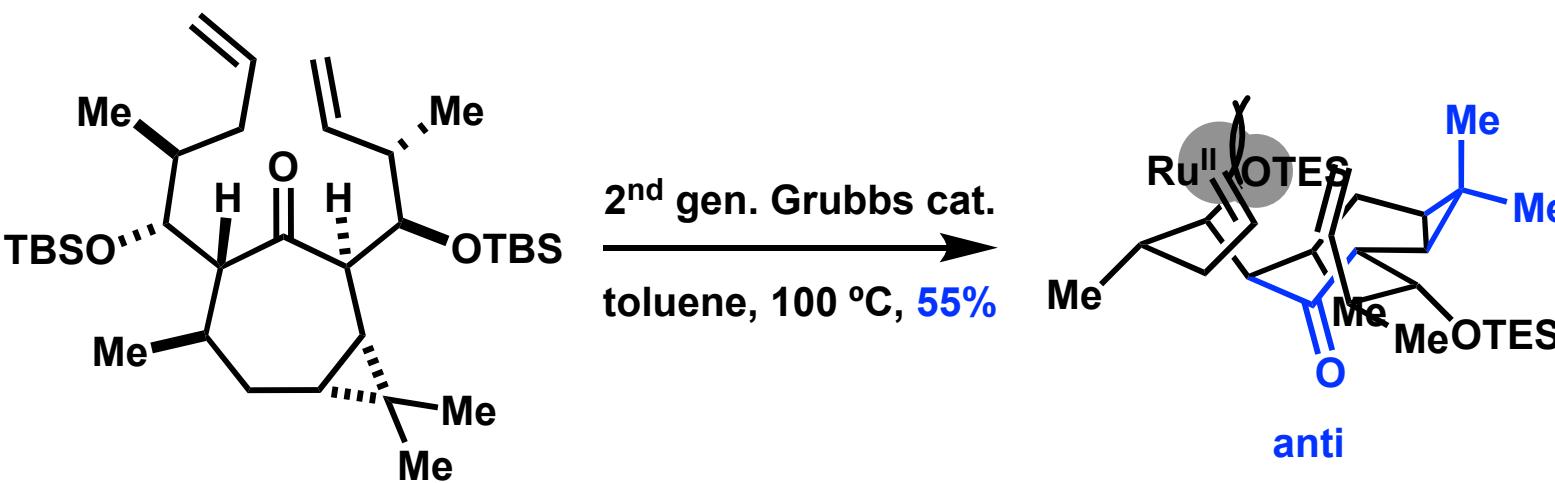
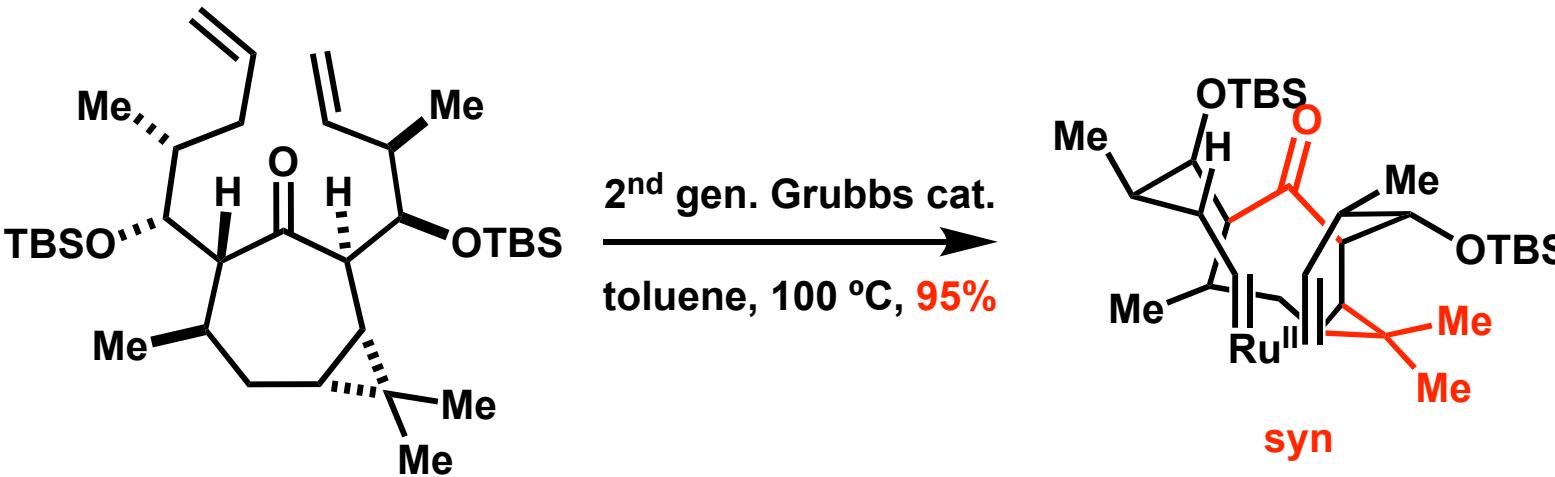
11.  $\text{RuCl}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $\text{NaBrO}_3$ ,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$   
 $\text{EtOAc}/\text{MeCN}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
6/6/1, 51%
12.  $\text{LiN}(\text{TMS})_2$   
45% over 2 steps



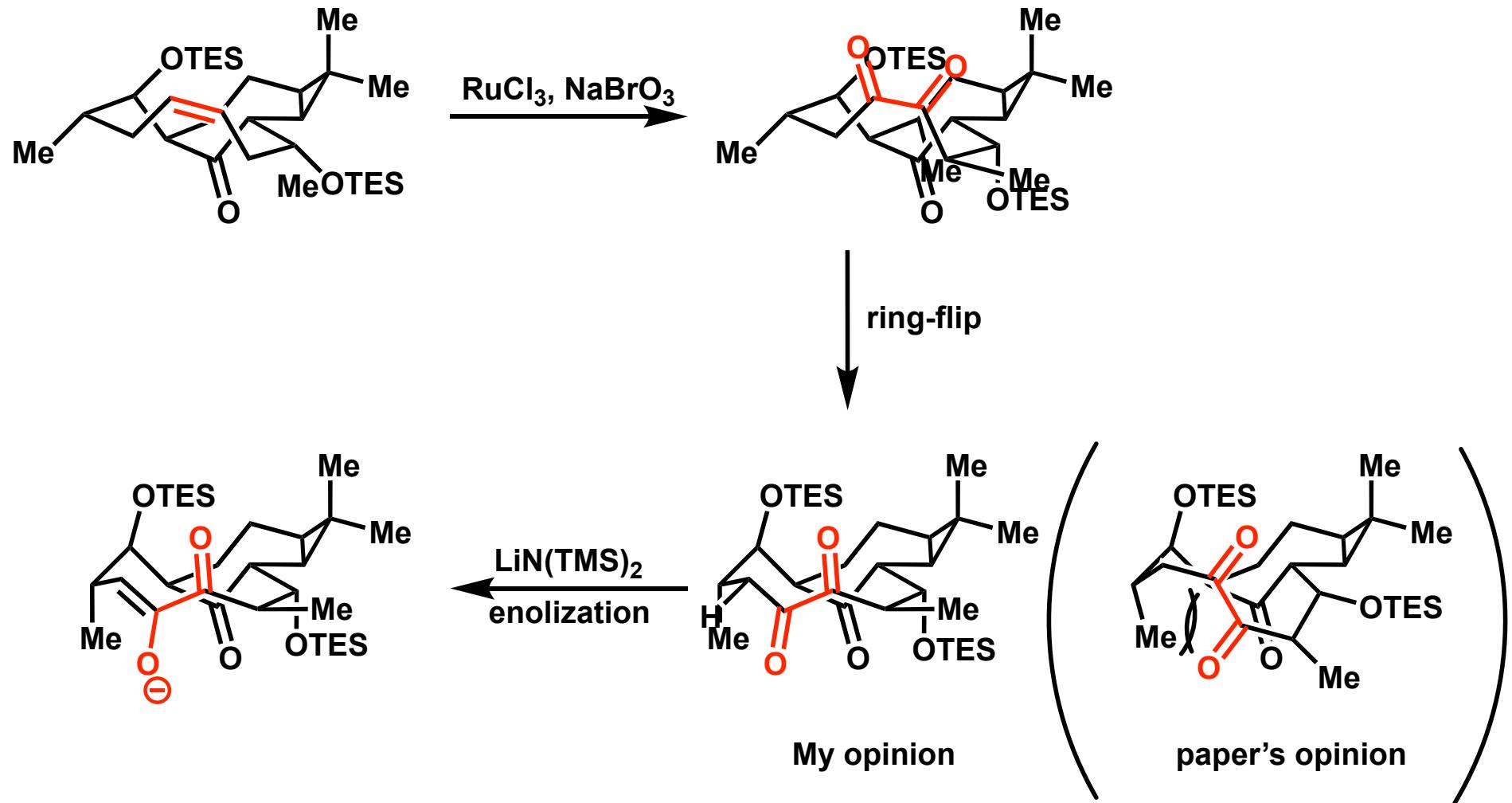
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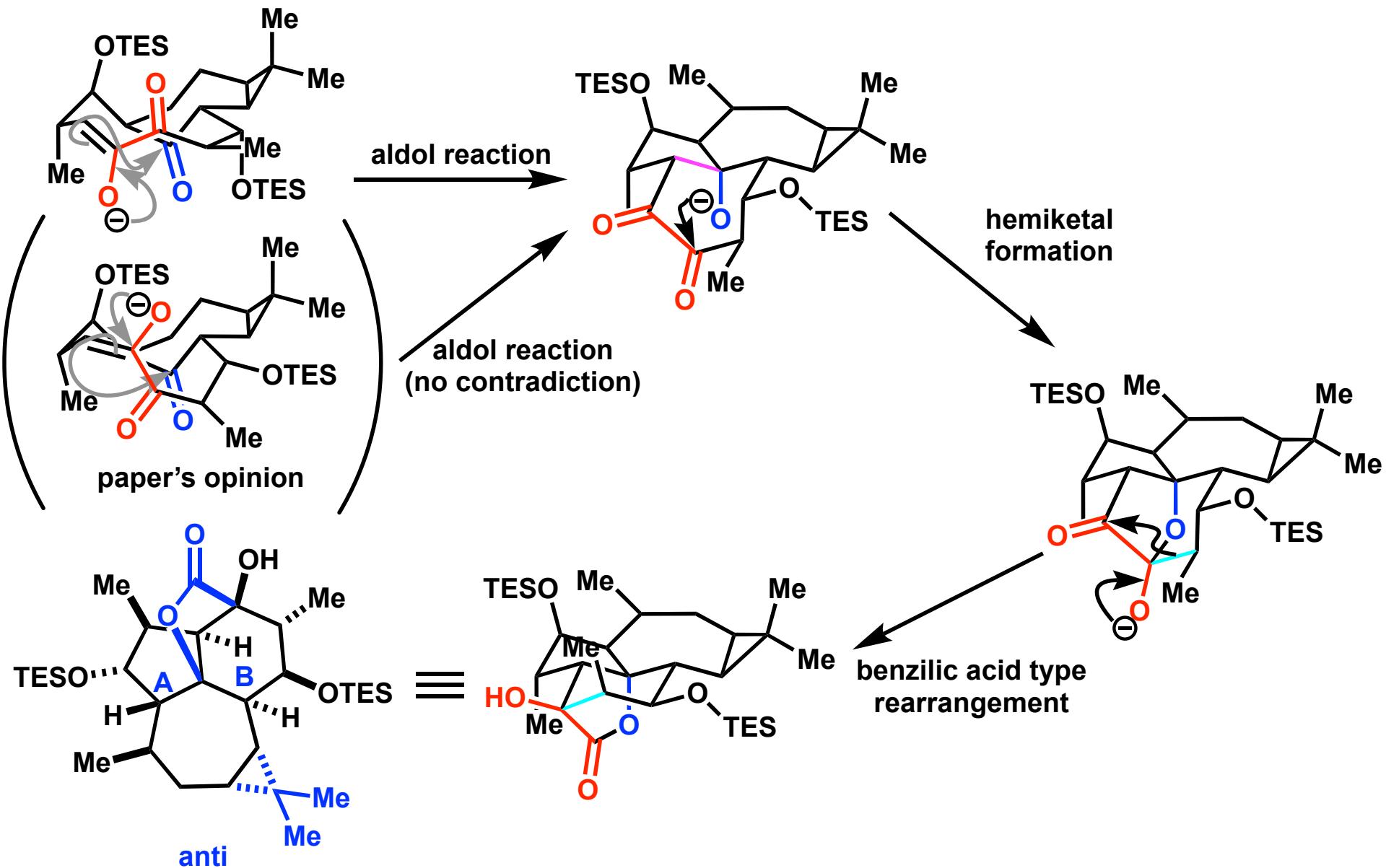
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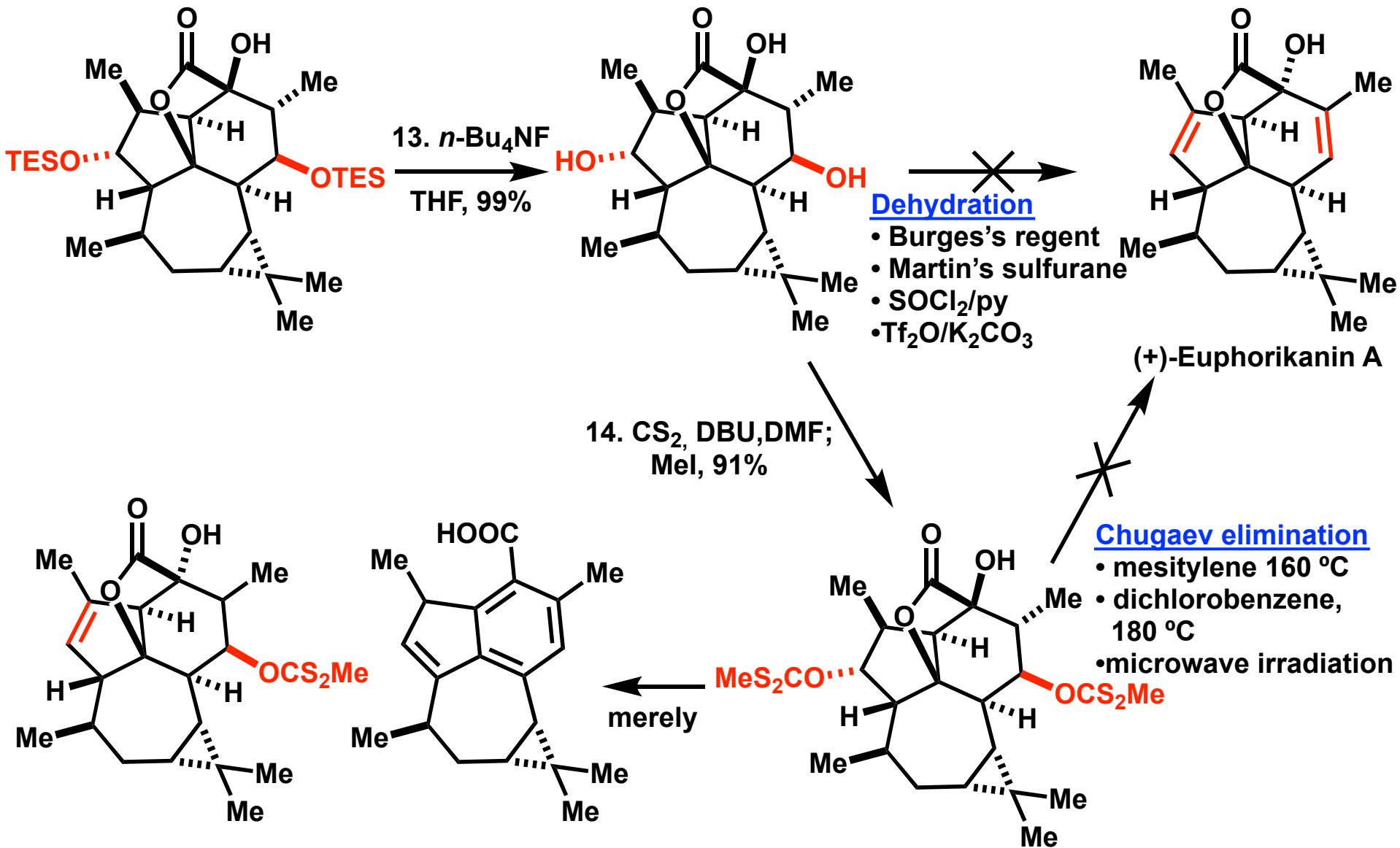
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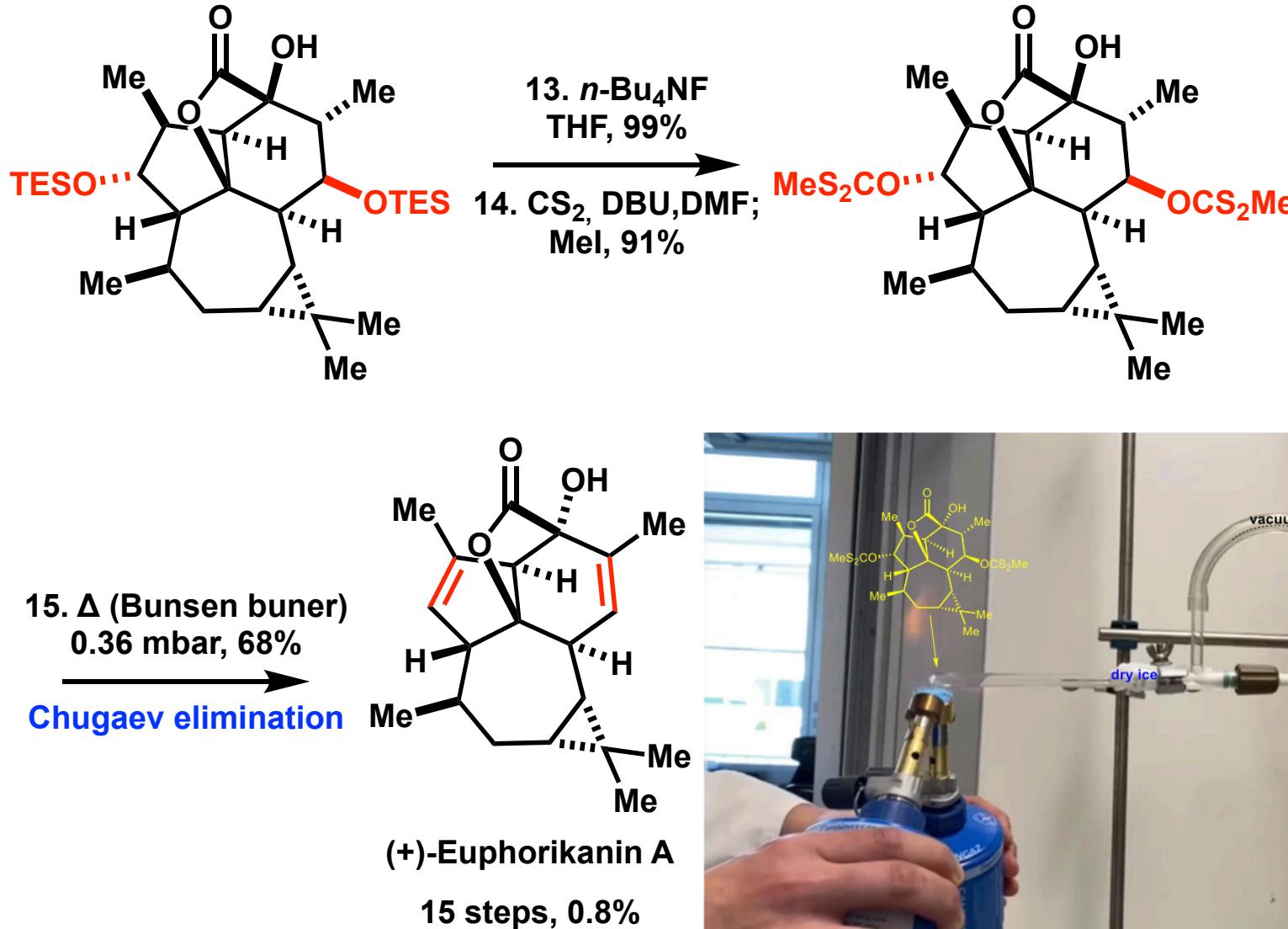
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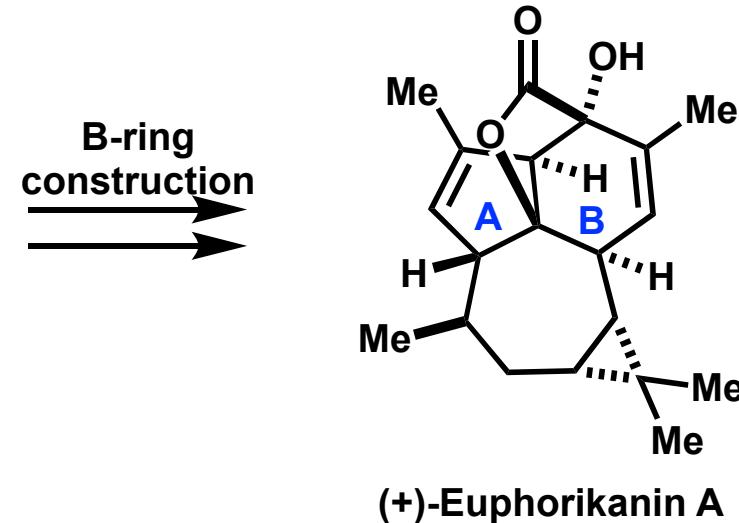
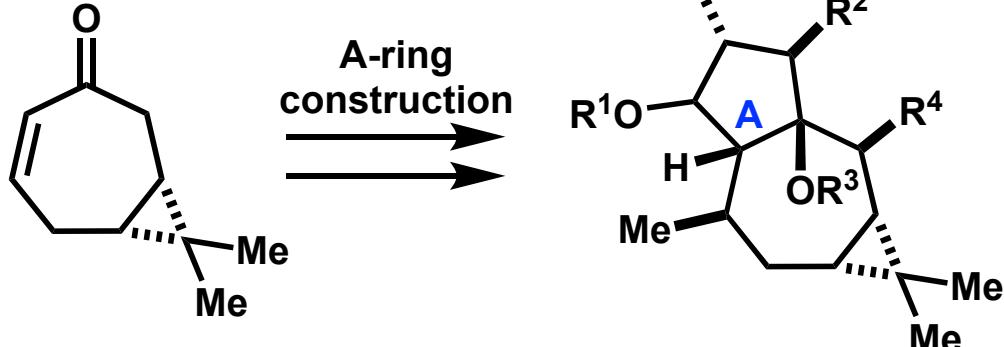


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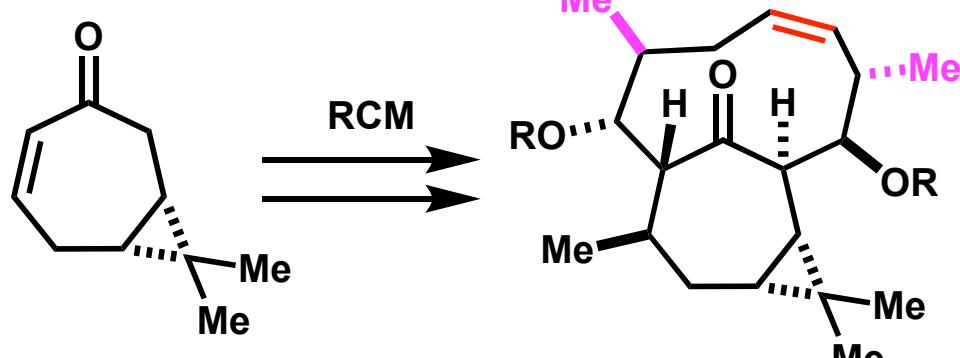


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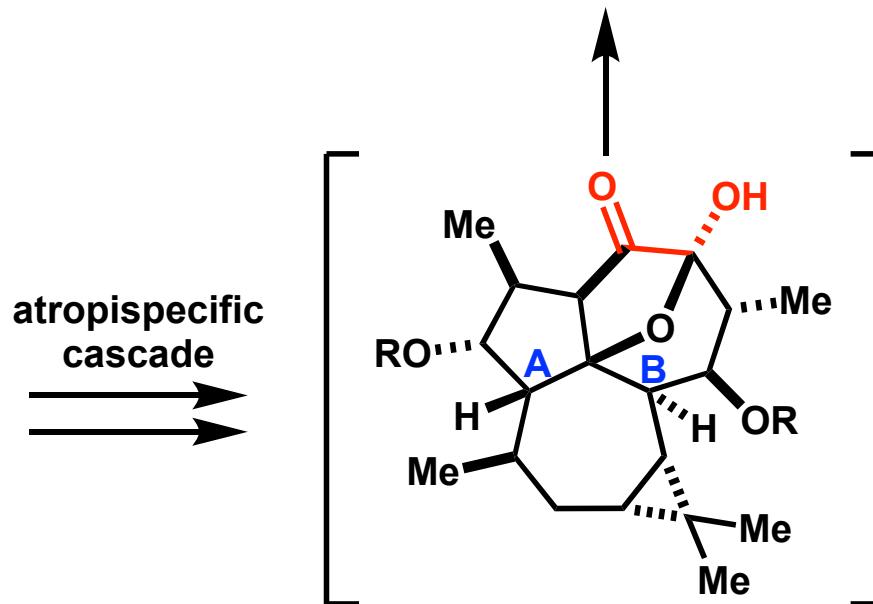
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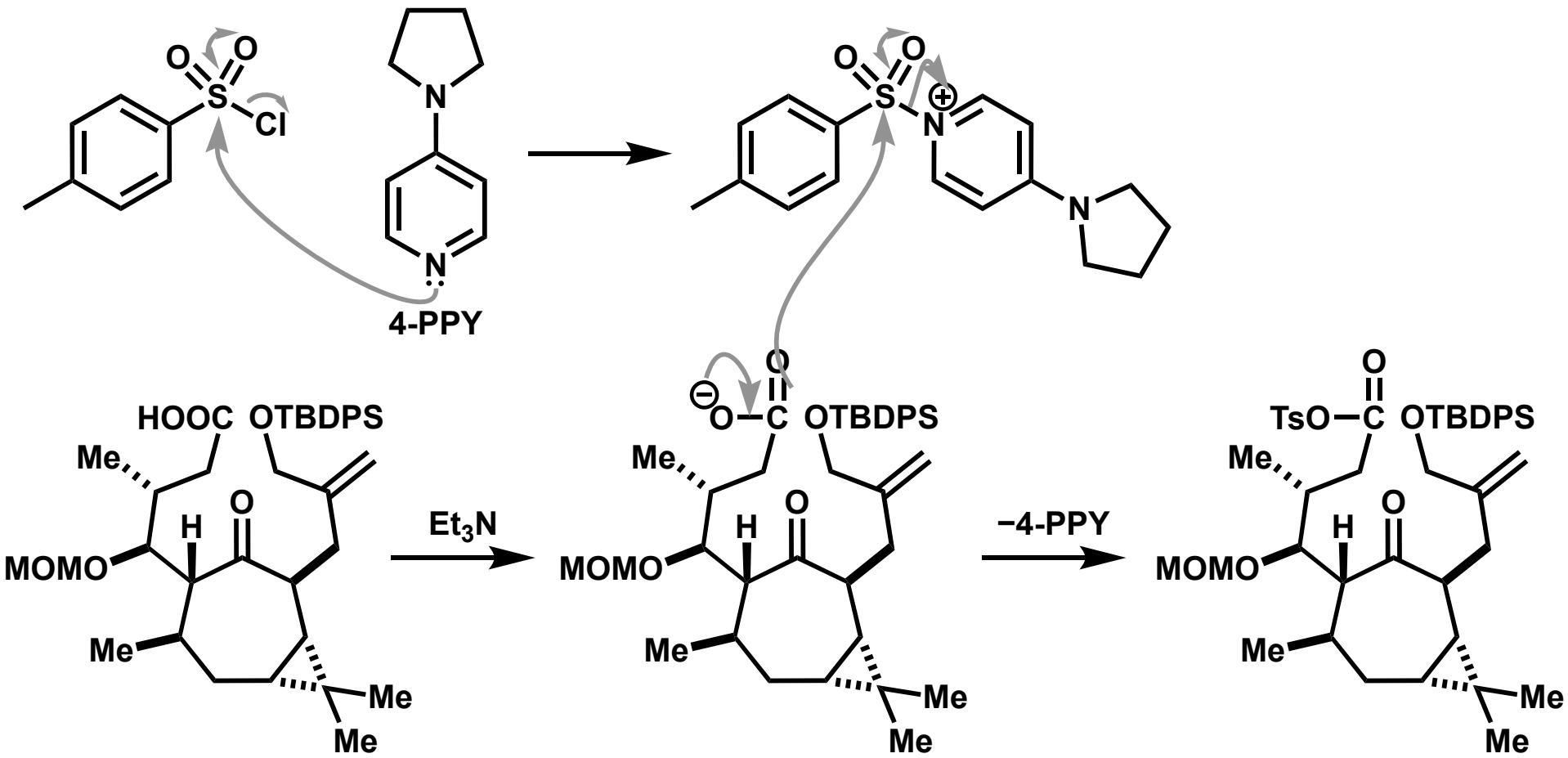
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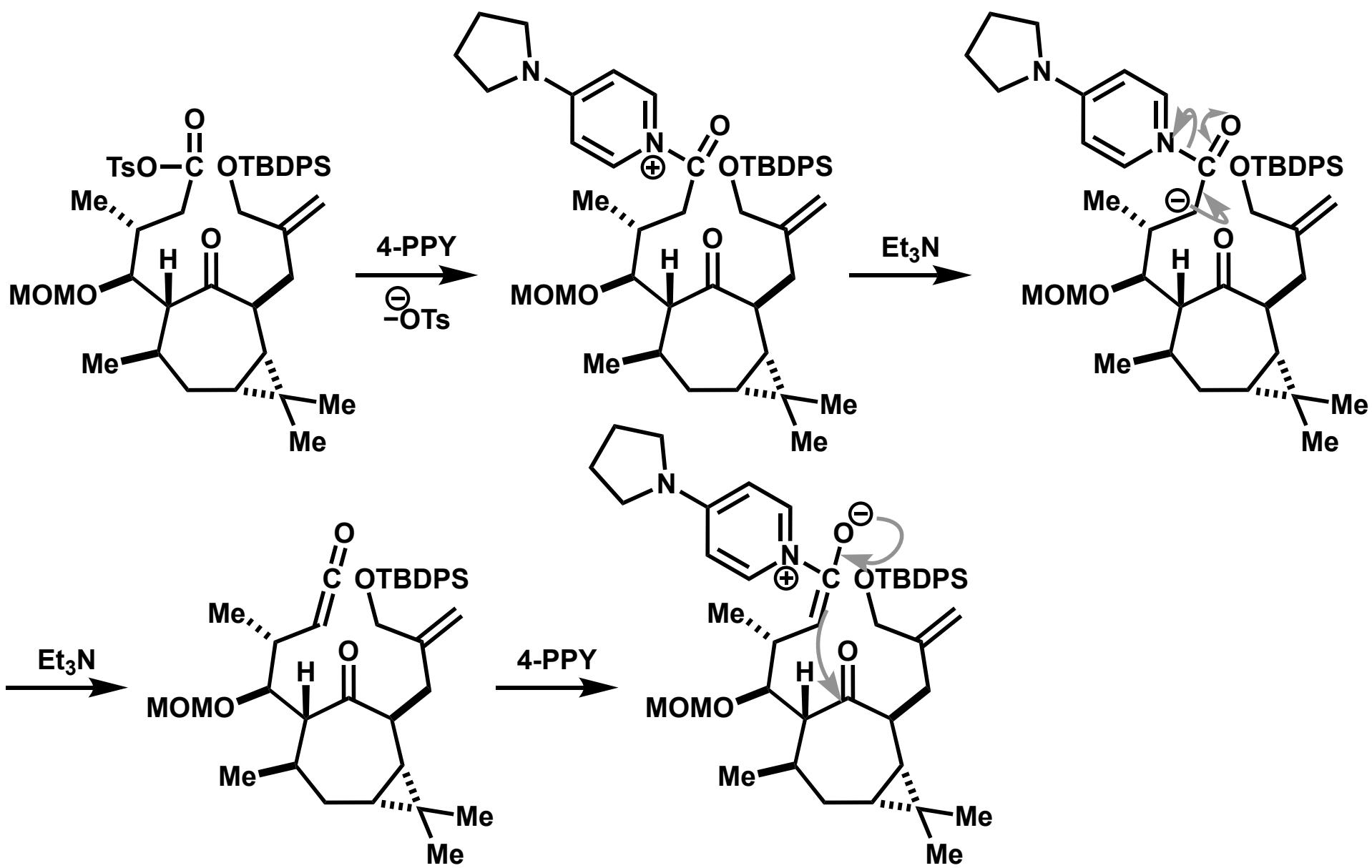
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# Appendix



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