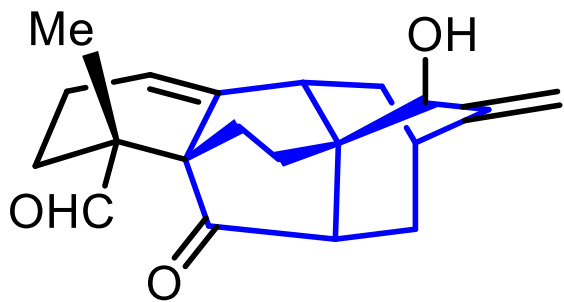
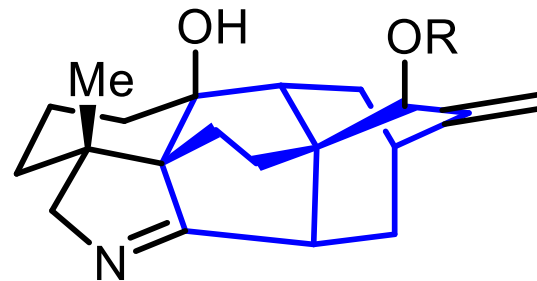


Total Synthesis of Atropurpuran and Arcutines



Atropurpuran



Arcutines

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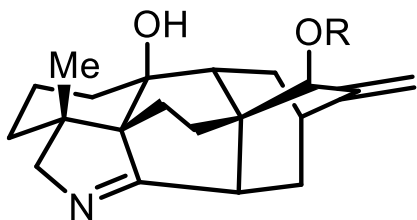


Aconitum arcuatum Maxim
(弯枝乌头)

Aconitum: important medicinal plant;

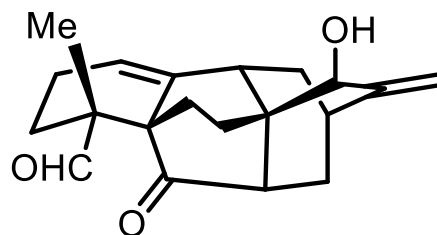
Diterpenoid alkaloids:

the characteristic active components;
strong toxicity and broad biological activities;
with complex and diverse skeletons;



Arcutine; R = (S)-sBuCO
Arcutinine; R = *i*PrO
Arcutinidine; R = H

Bassonova
(2000, 2001)



Atropurpuran

Wang
(2009)



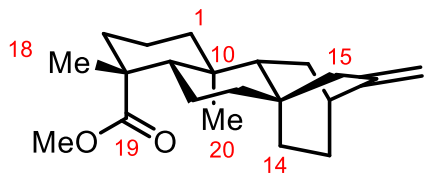
Aconitum hemsleyanum
(瓜叶乌头)

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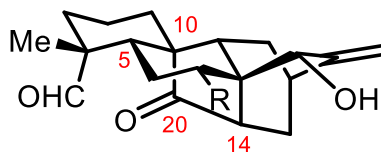
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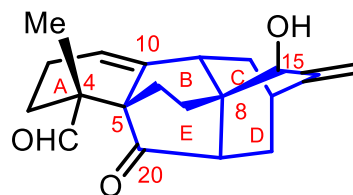
Typical C₂₀-diterpenoids and diterpenoid alkaloids:



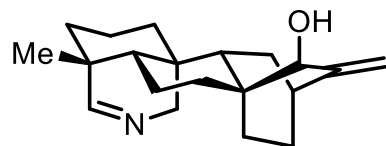
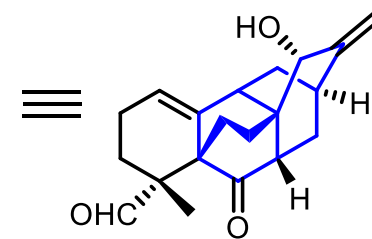
Methyl atisenoate
(atisane type)



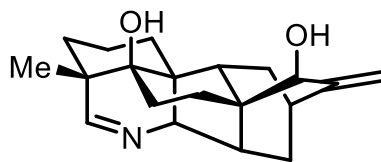
Canpylopin(R=OAc)
(hetidane type)



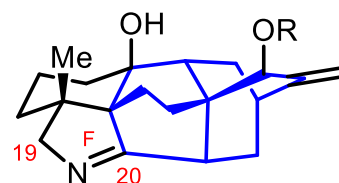
Atropurpuran
(arcutane type)



Isoazitine
(atisine type)



Tongolinene
(hetidine type)



Arcutinine(R=*i*PrO)
(arcutine type)

Challenges: doubly fused bicyclic[2.2.2]octane moieties (cage-like skeleton);
multiple stereogenic centres (three all-carbon quaternary centres);
a congested pyrroline motif (for arcutines).

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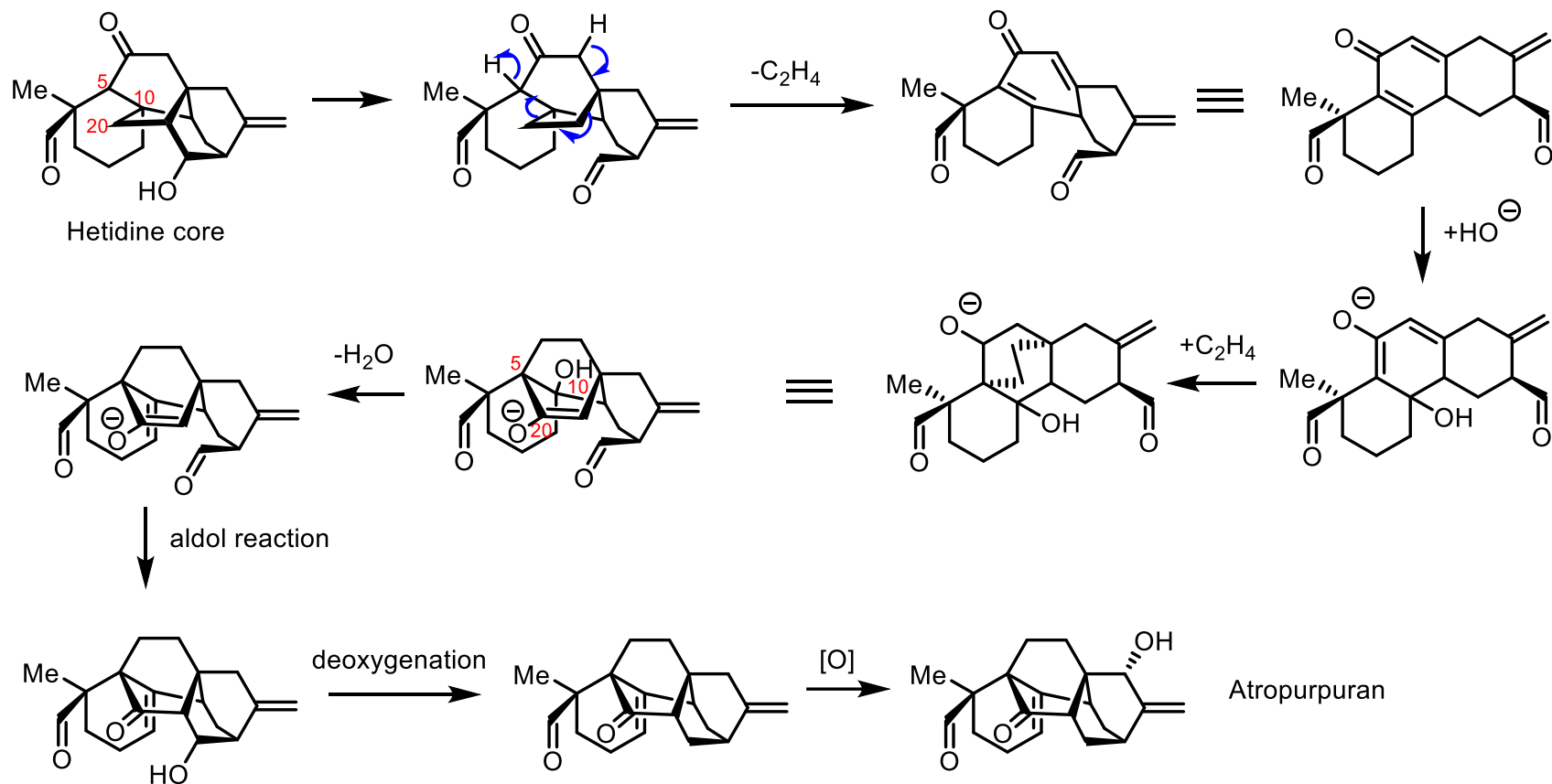
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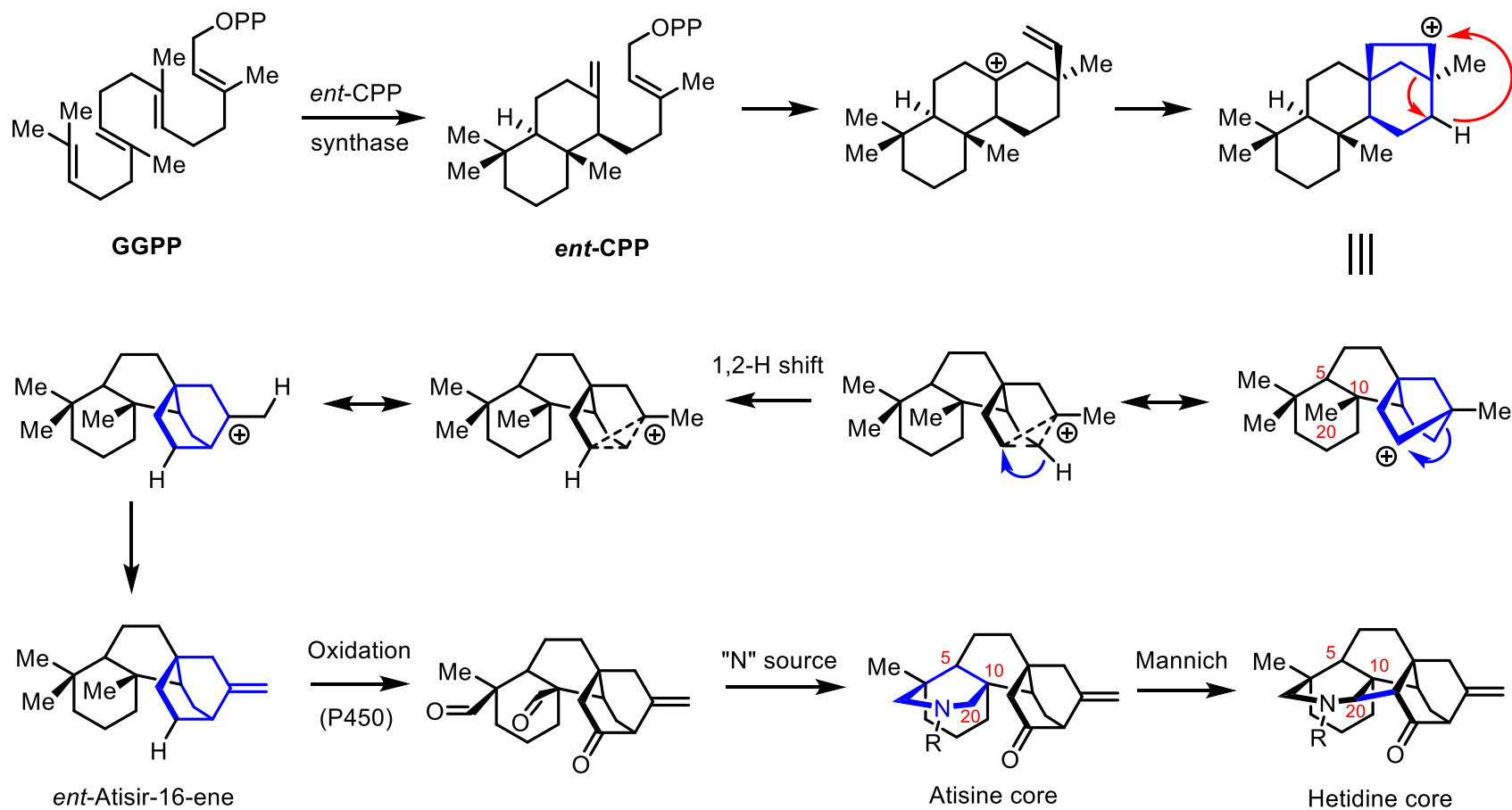
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Proposed biosynthesis of atropurpuran by Wang:

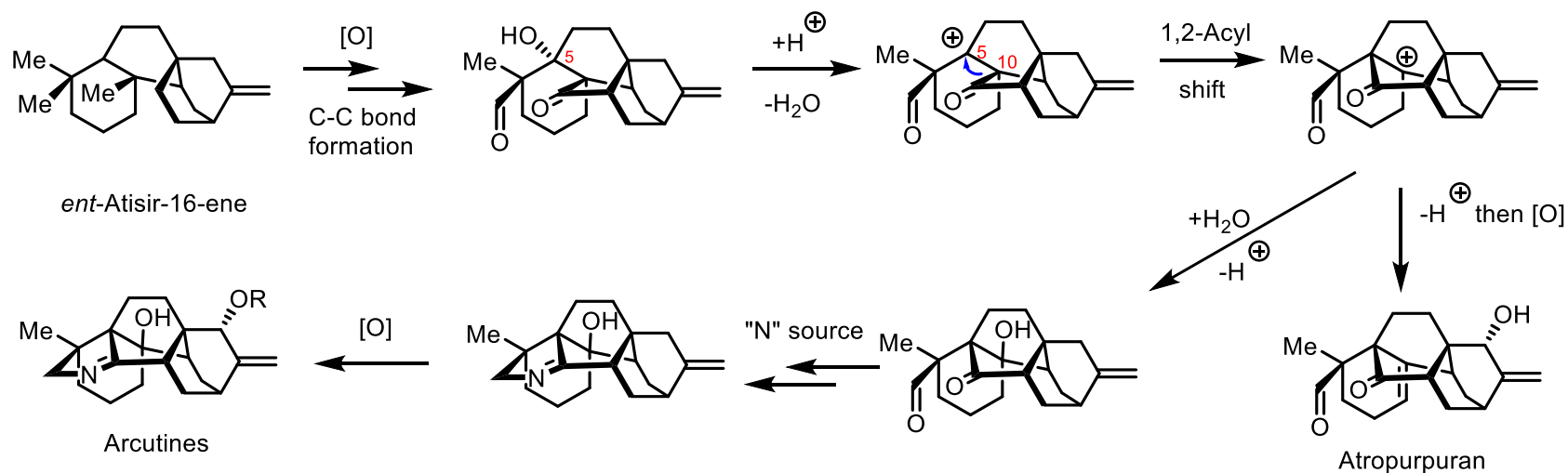


But Sarpong thinks it's unlikely.

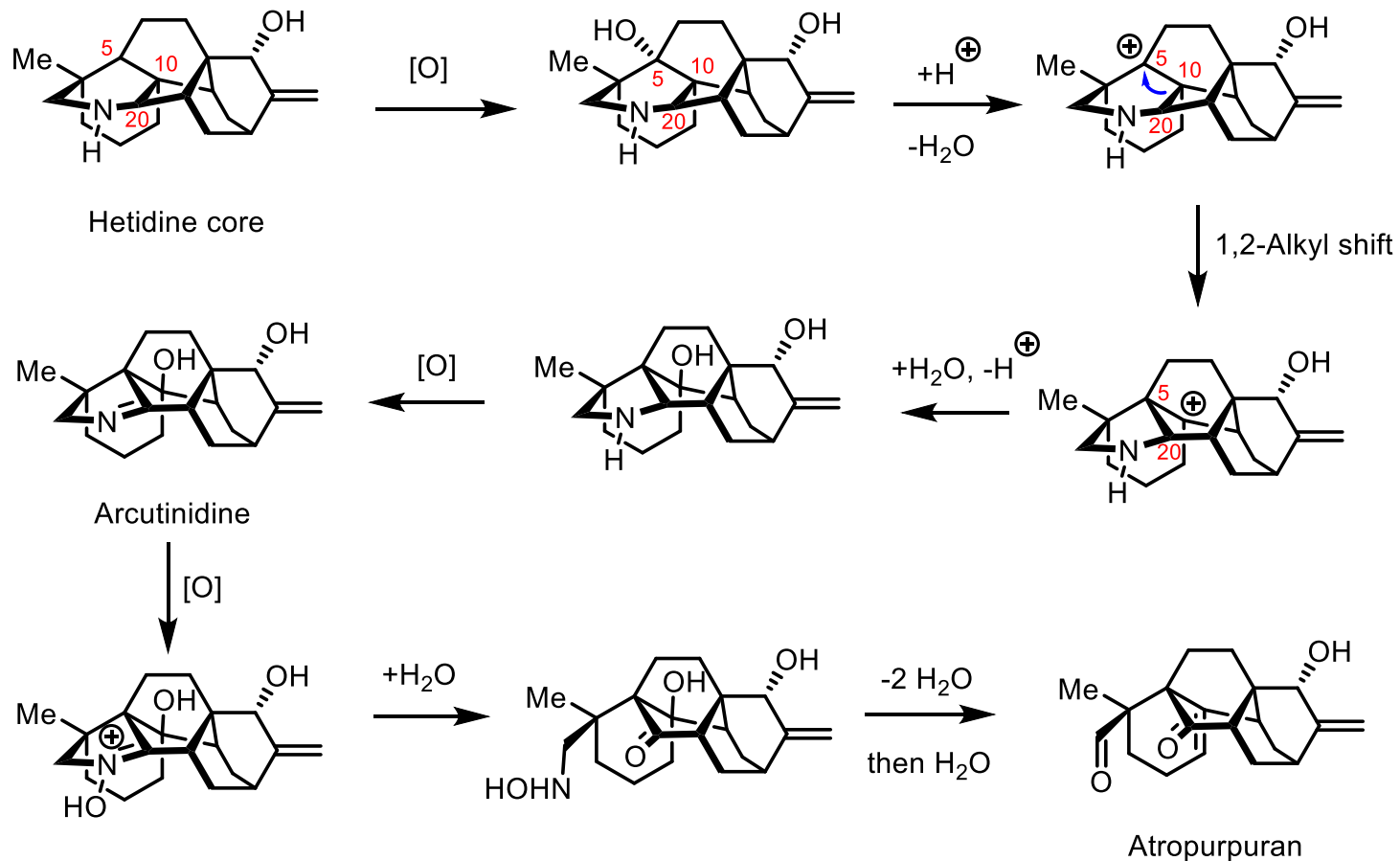
General biosynthesis of C₂₀-diterpenoid alkaloids:



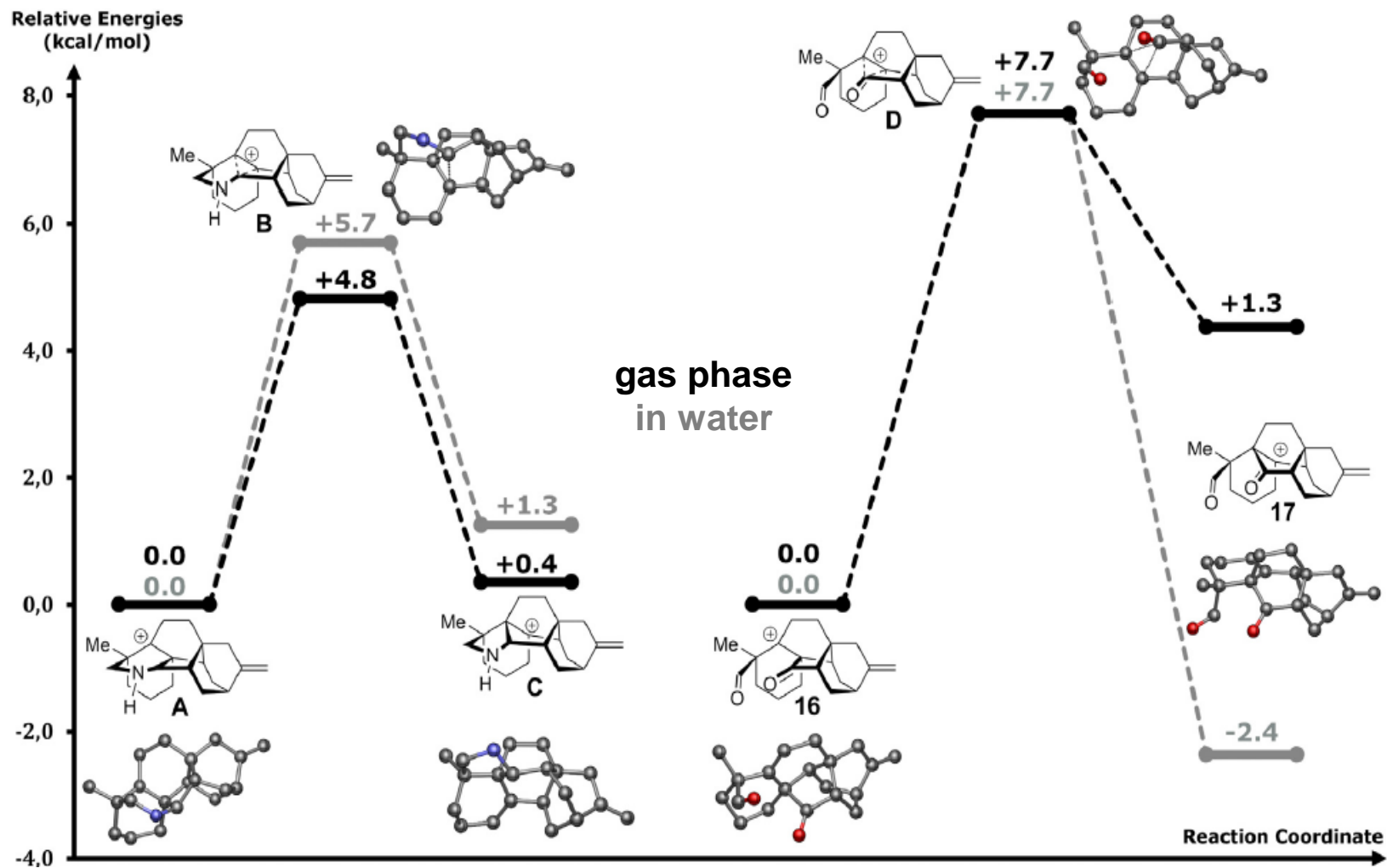
Biosynthesis proposed by Sarpong – 1,2-Acyl Rearrangement



Biosynthesis proposed by Sarpong – 1,2-Alkyl Rearrangement



Which one is more possible?



-2.1 kcal/mol energy release with -OH migration.

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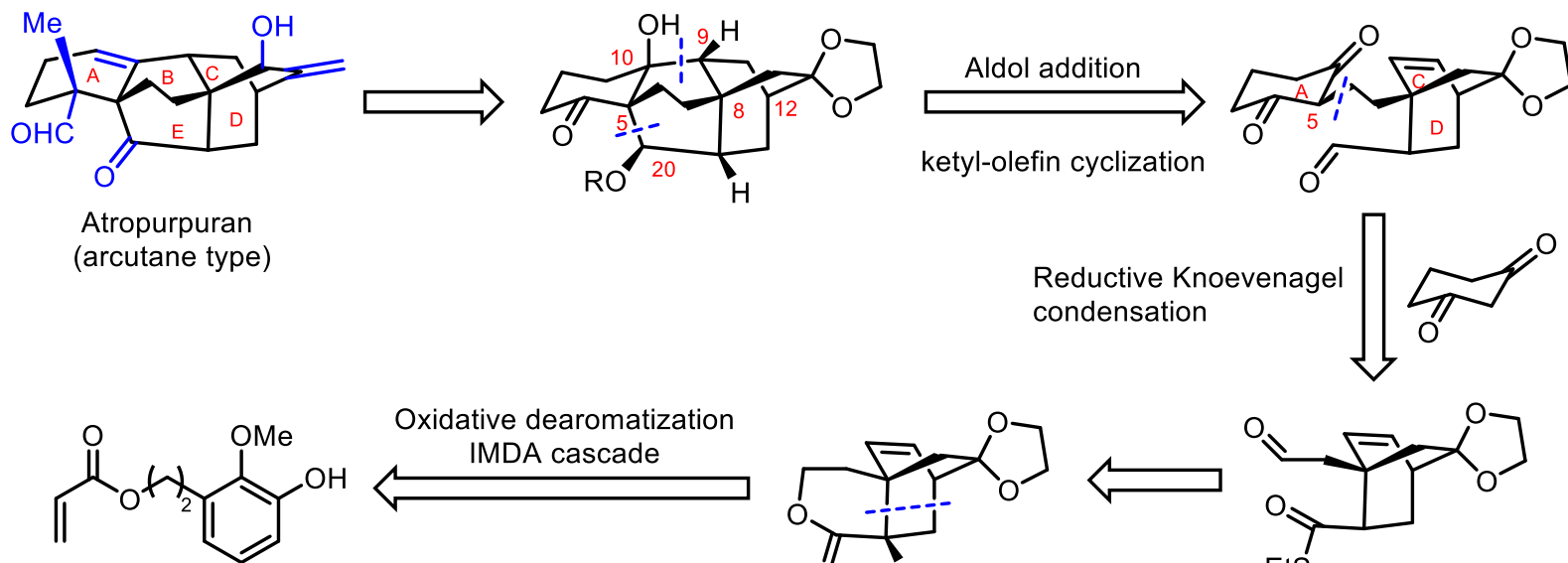
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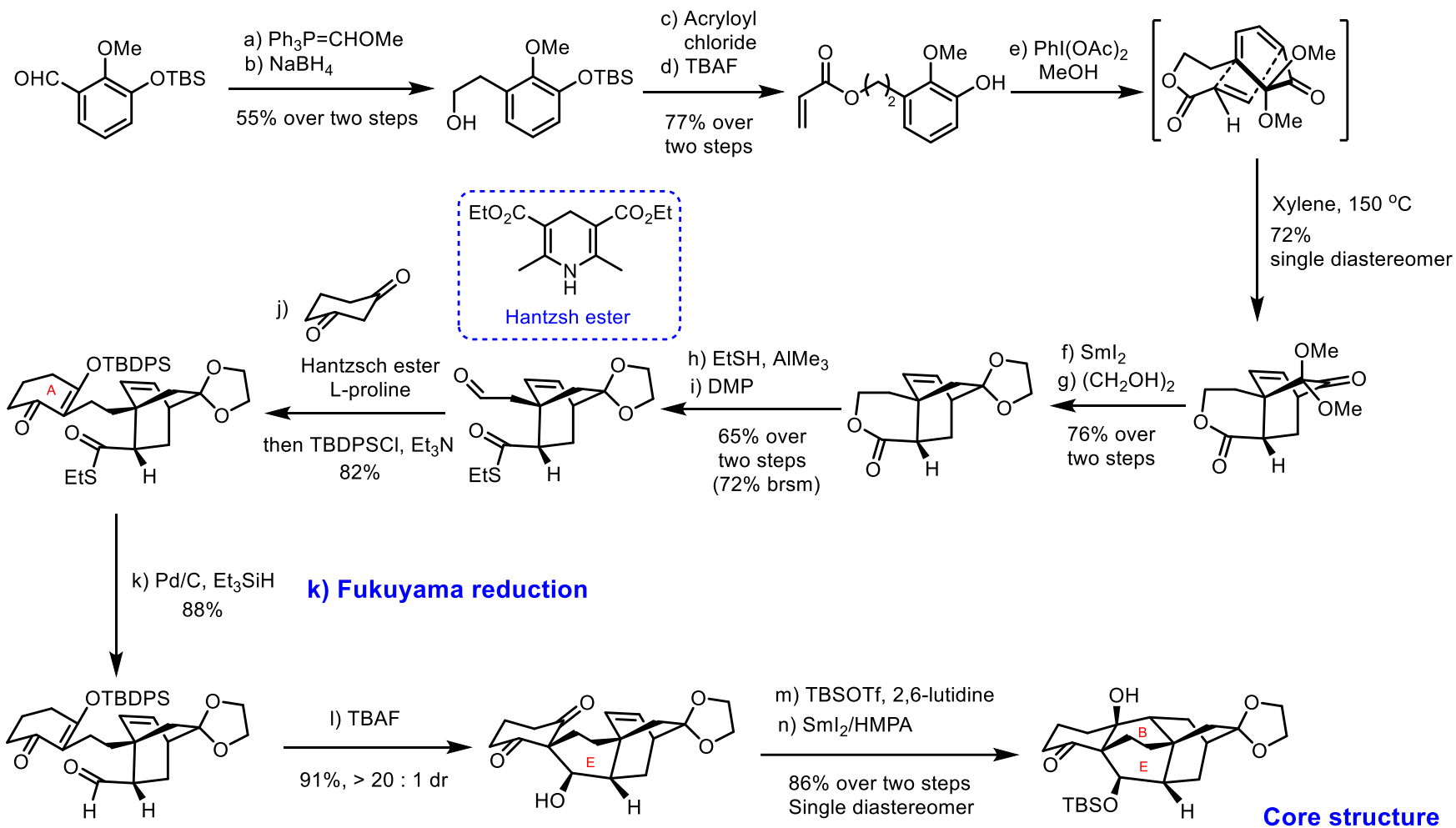
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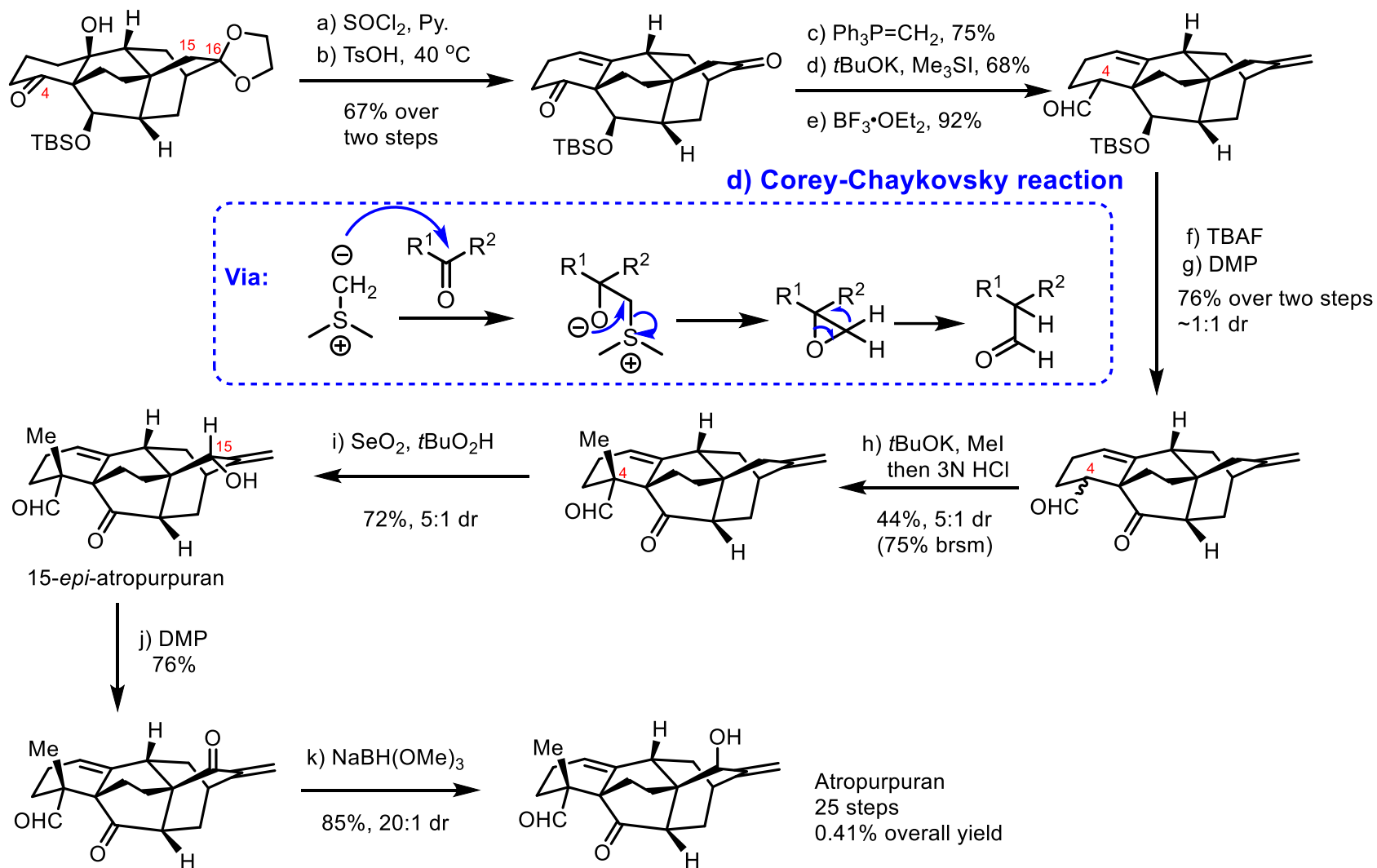
Qin's design:



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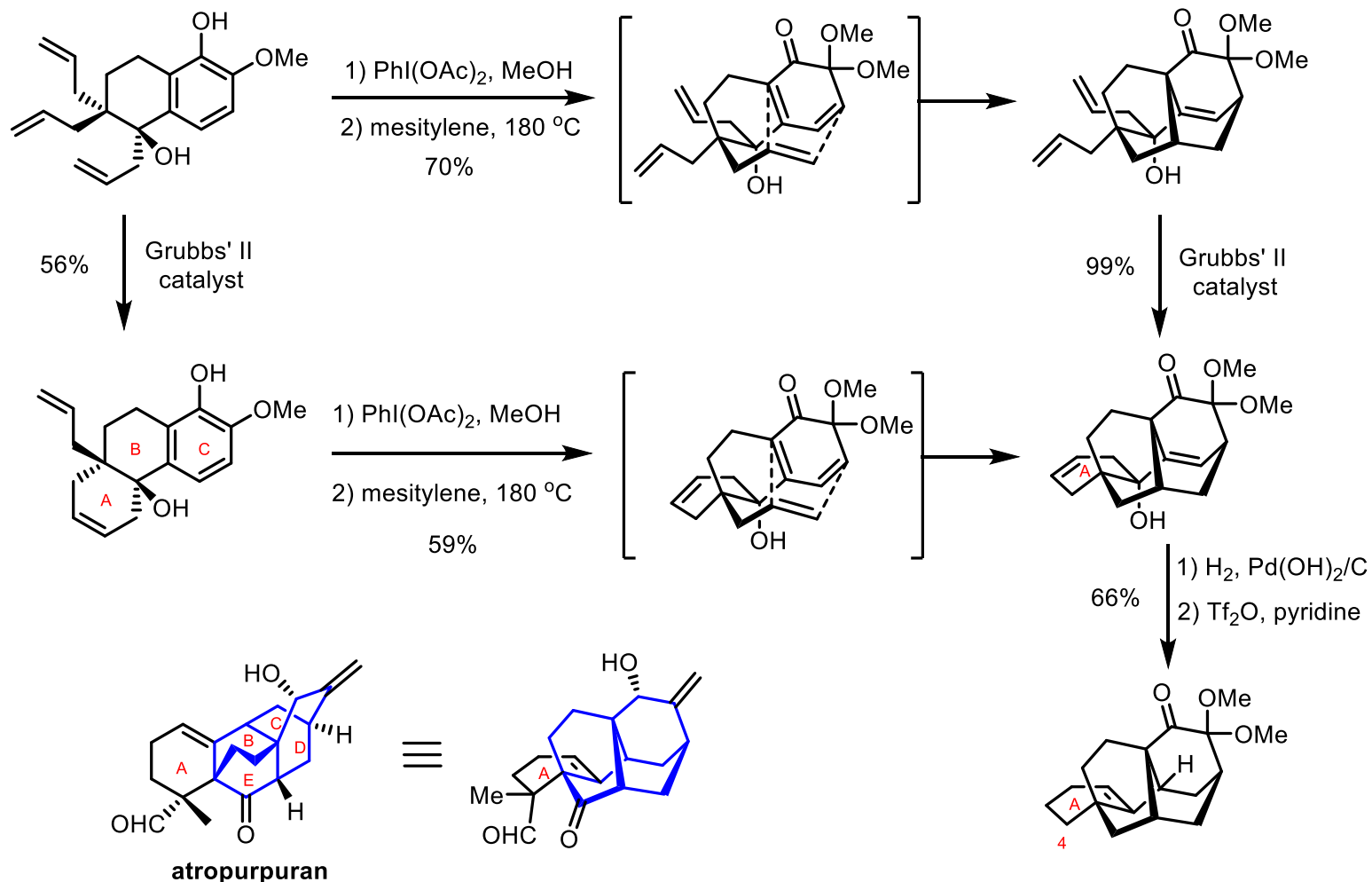


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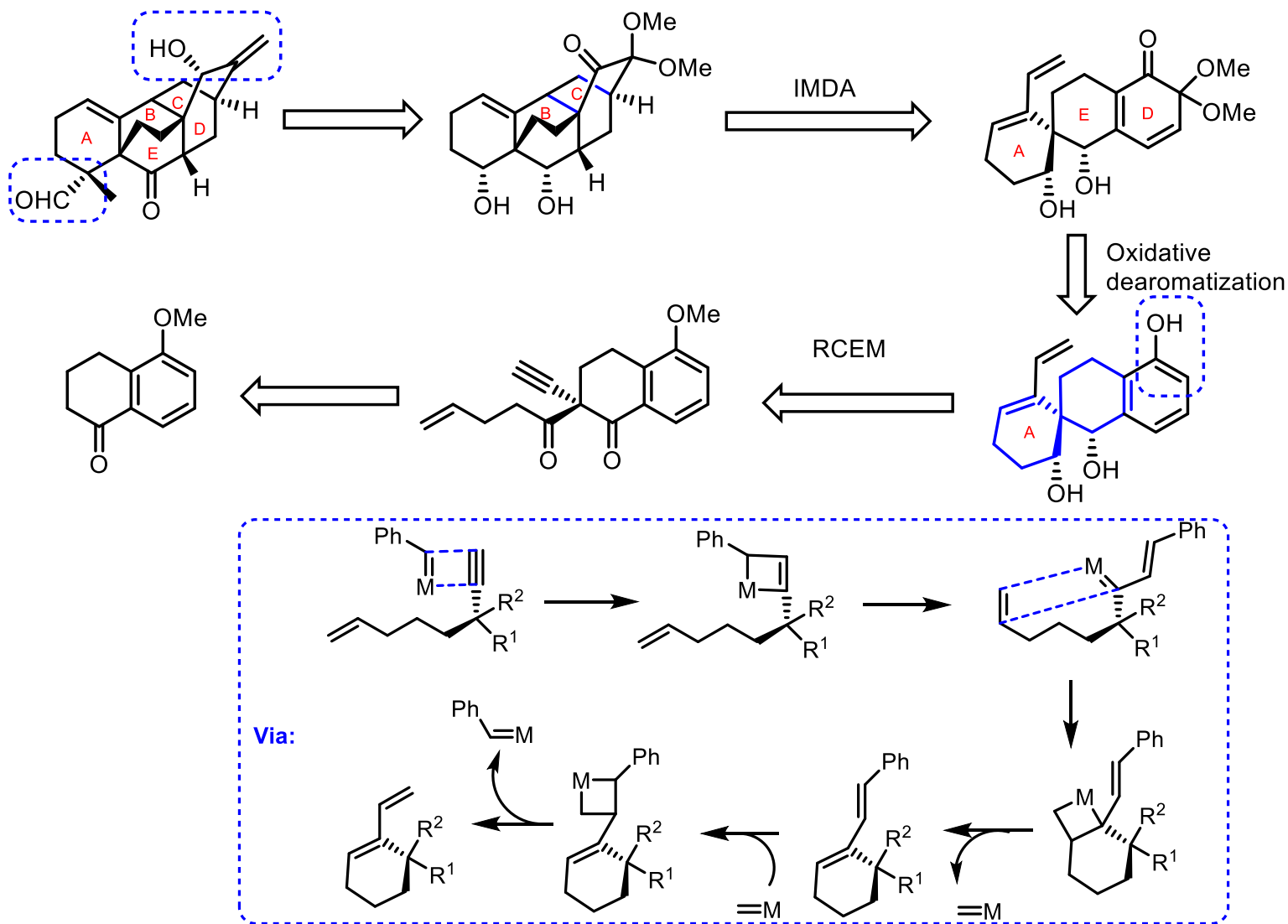
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Kobayashi's synthetic study:

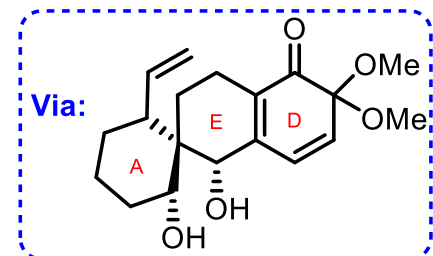
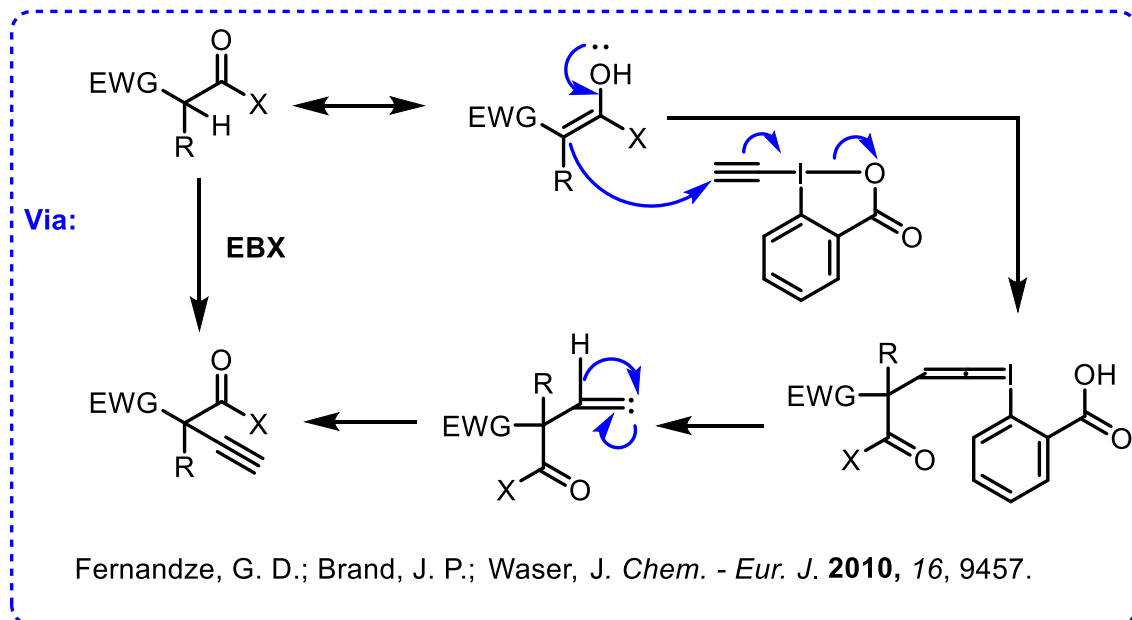
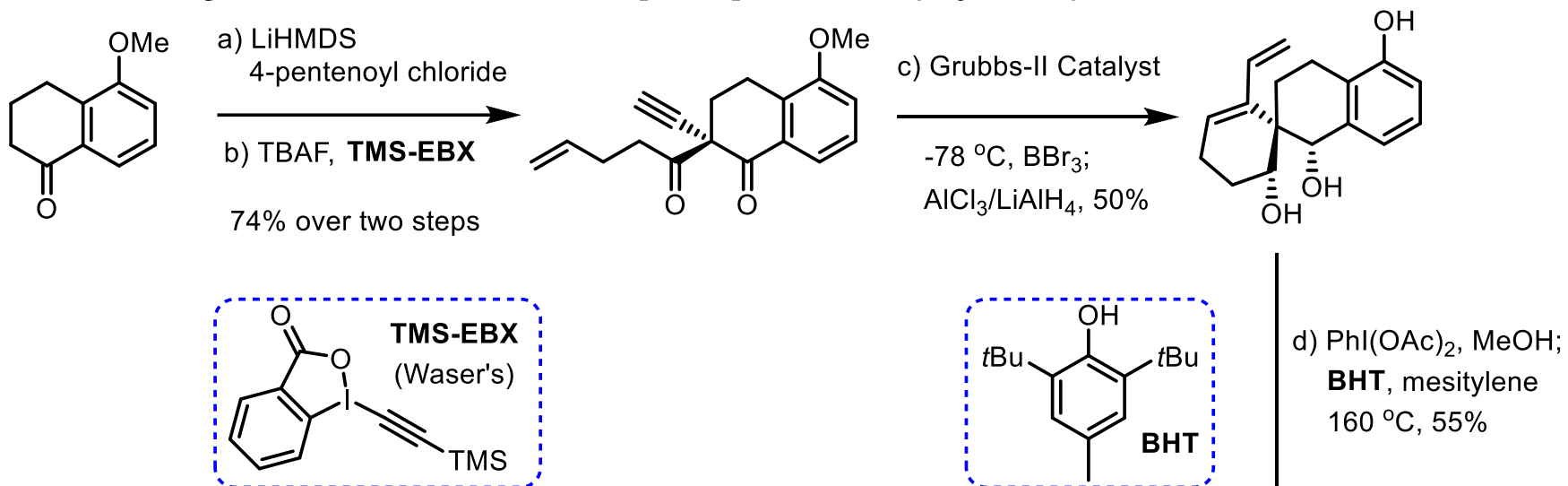


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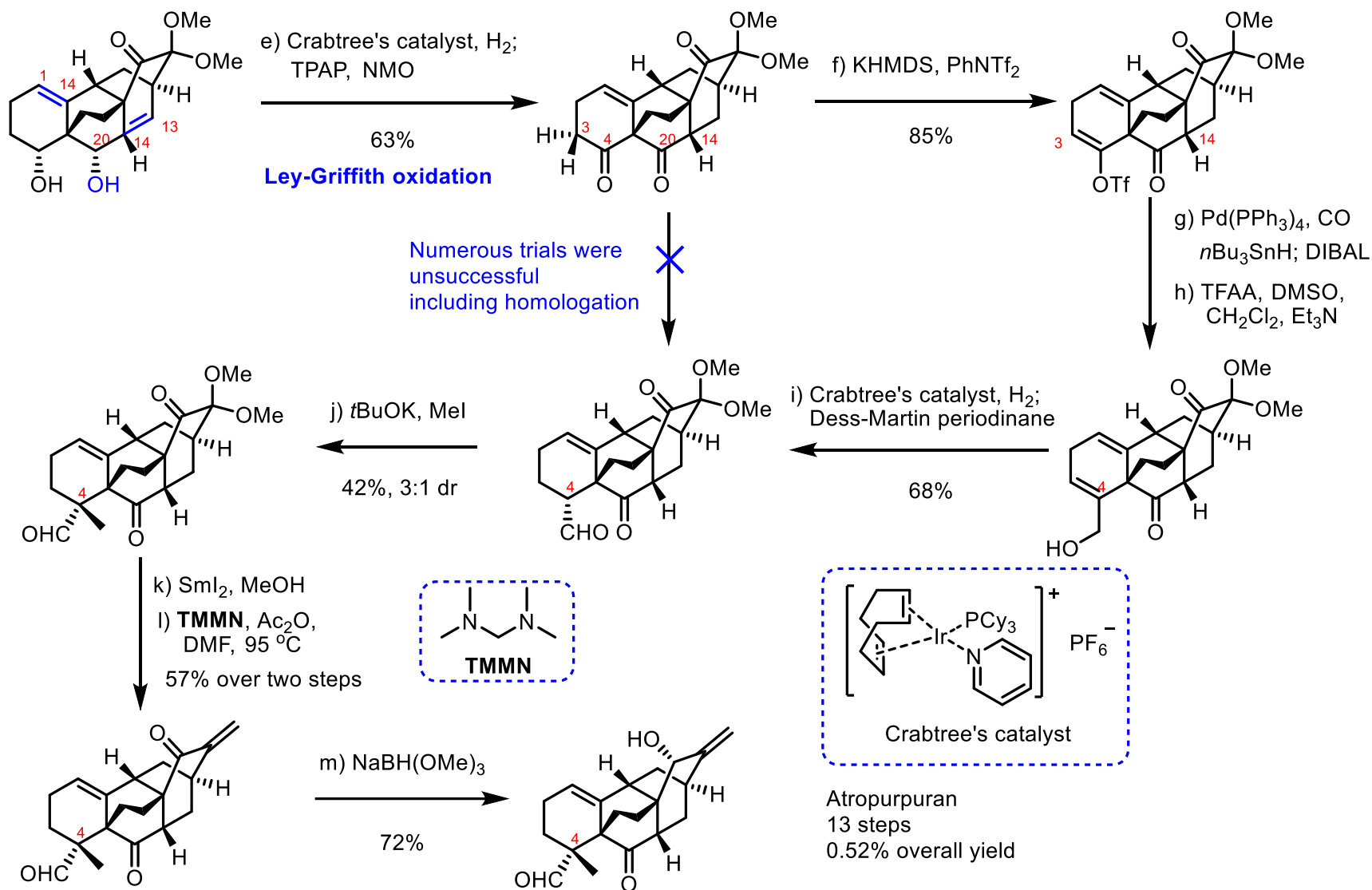
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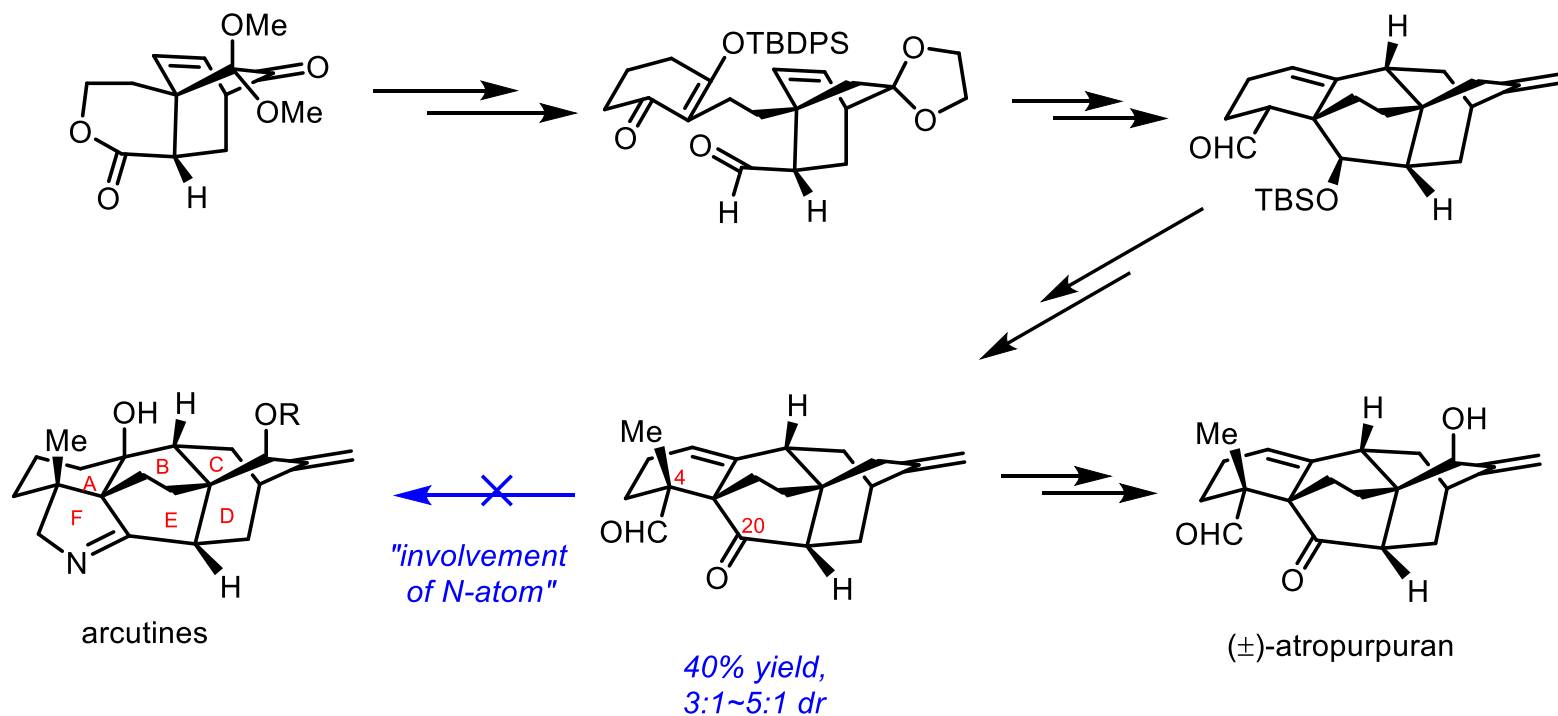
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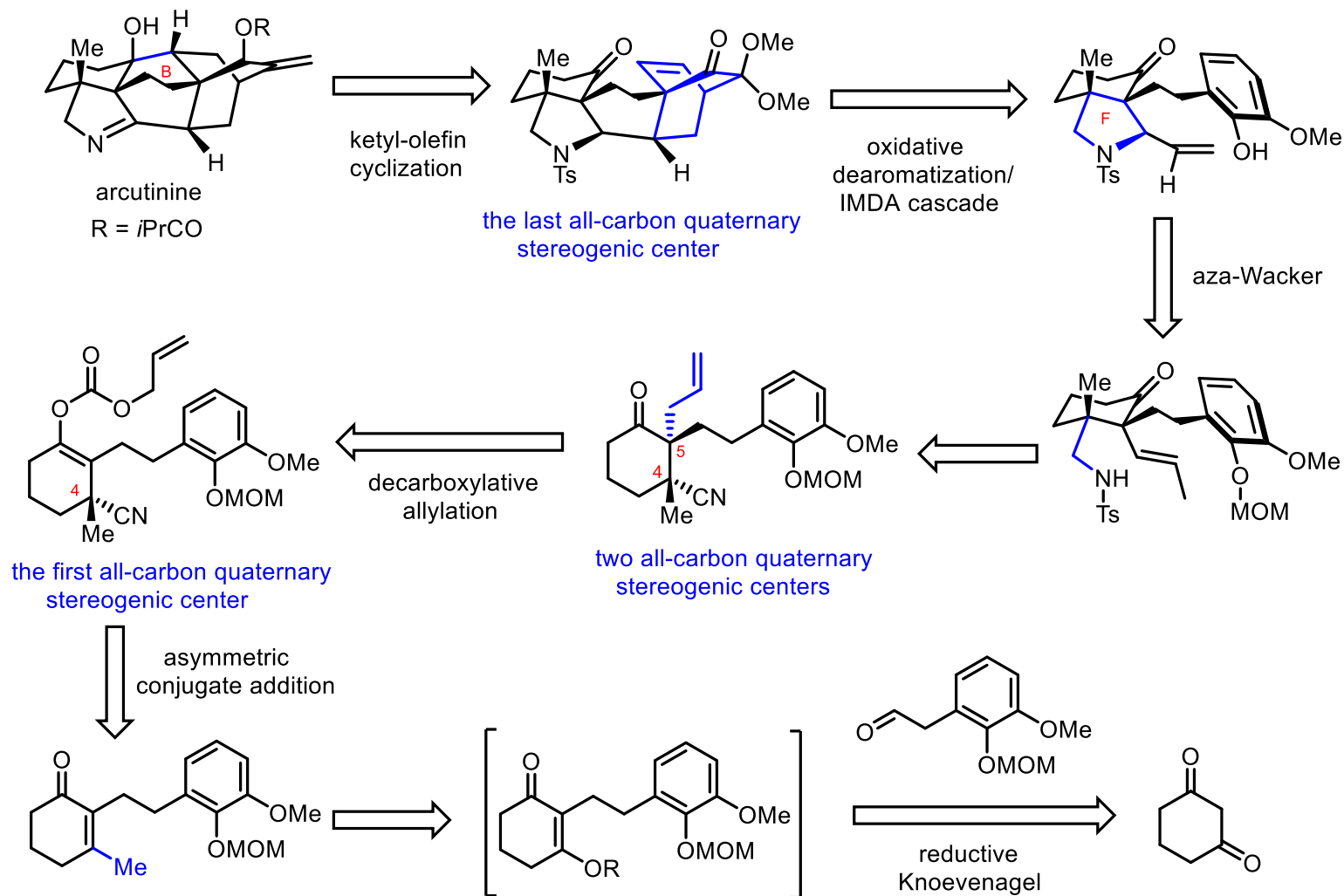
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Can a reductive amination of atropurpuran lead to arcutines?

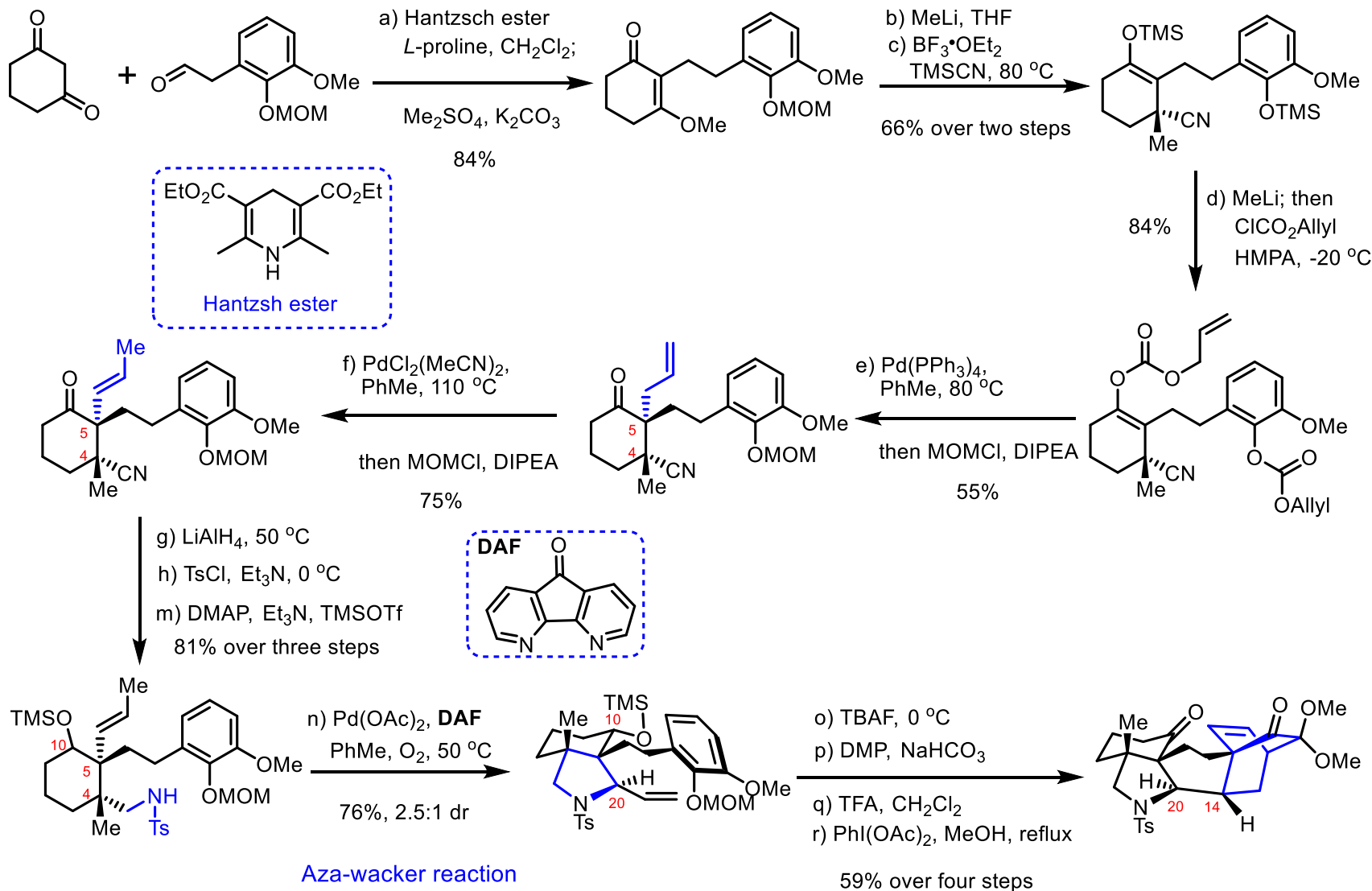


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Qin's new design:

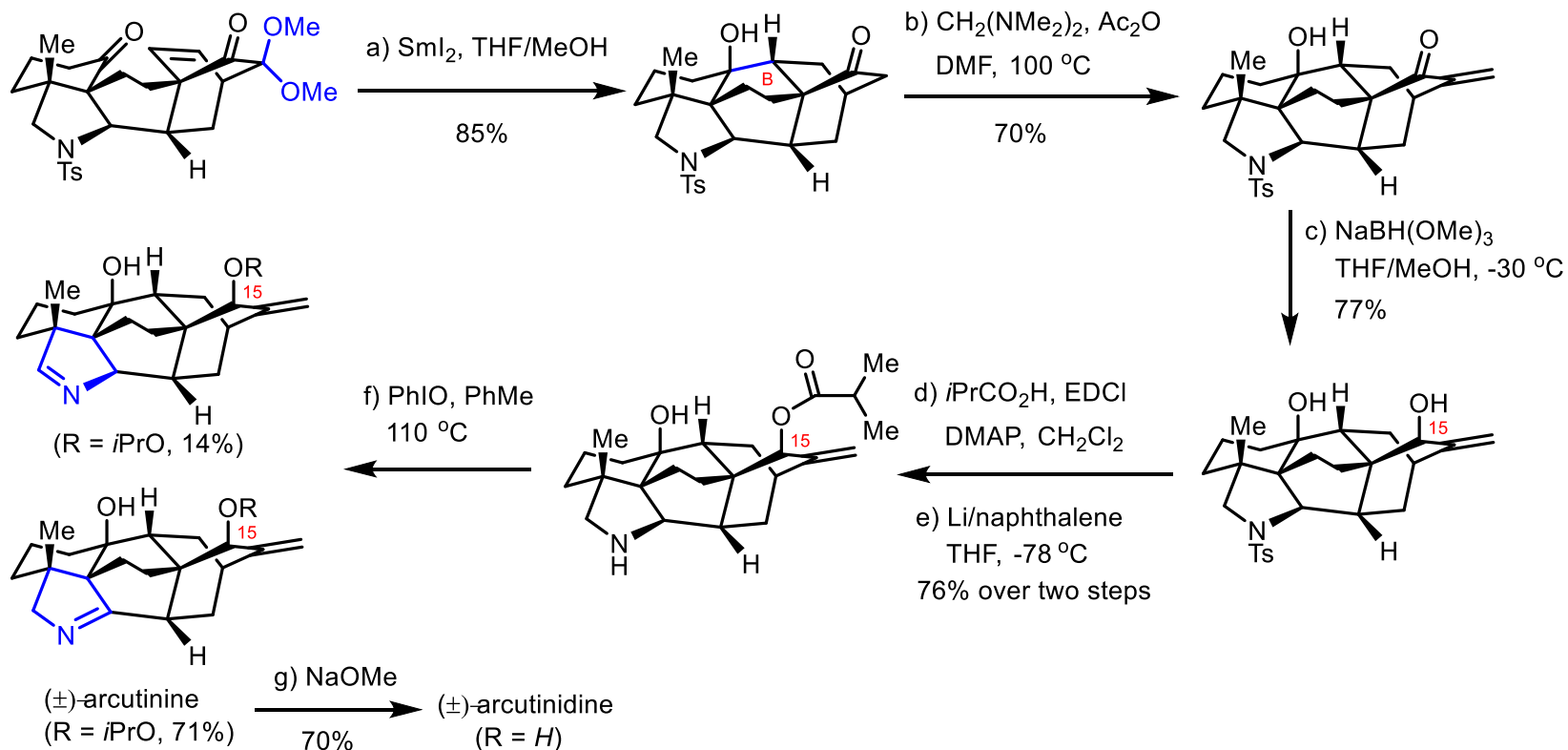


III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (the First Total Synthesis)



(White, P. B.; Jaworski, J. N.; Zhu, G. H.;
 Stahl, S. S. *ACS Catal.* **2016**, 6, 3340)

III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (the First Total Synthesis)

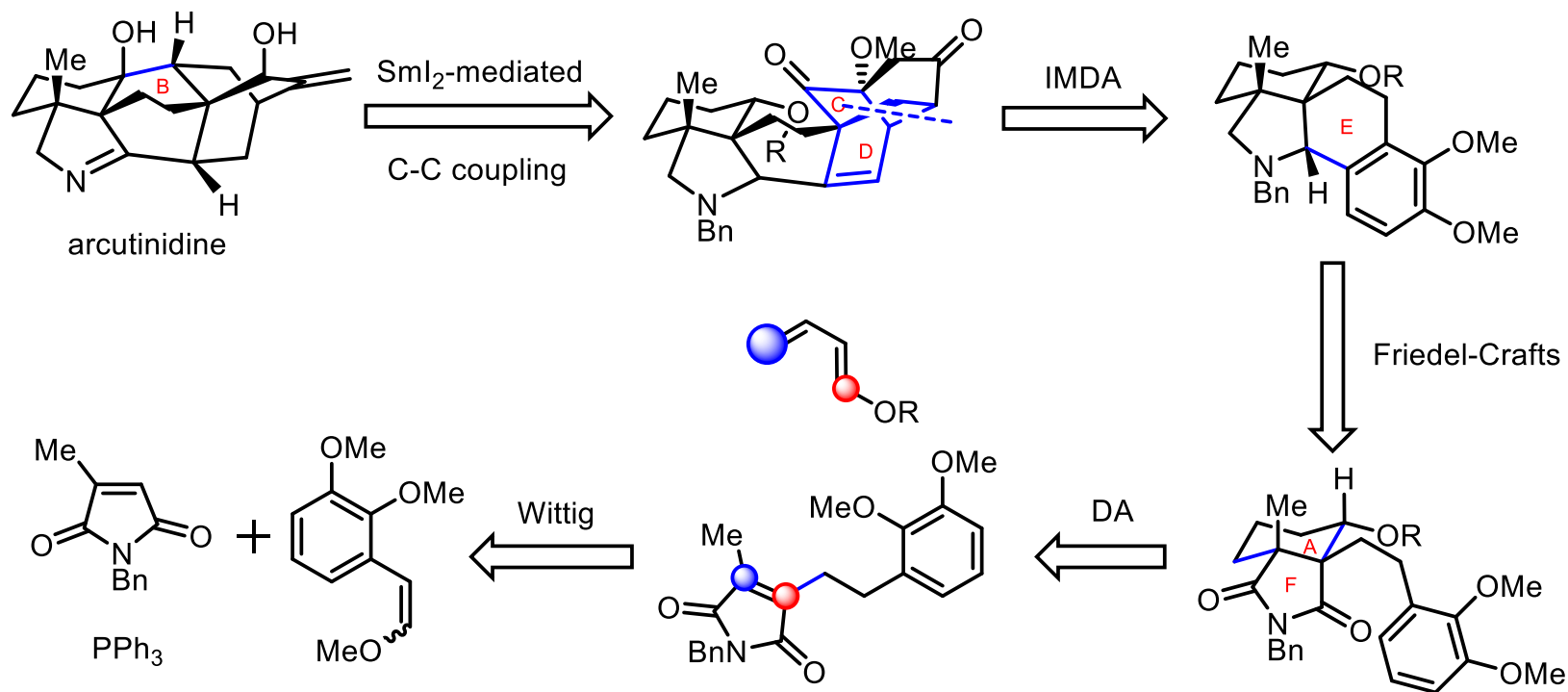


Asymmetric synthesis is realized in a similar way.

III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (by Sarpong)

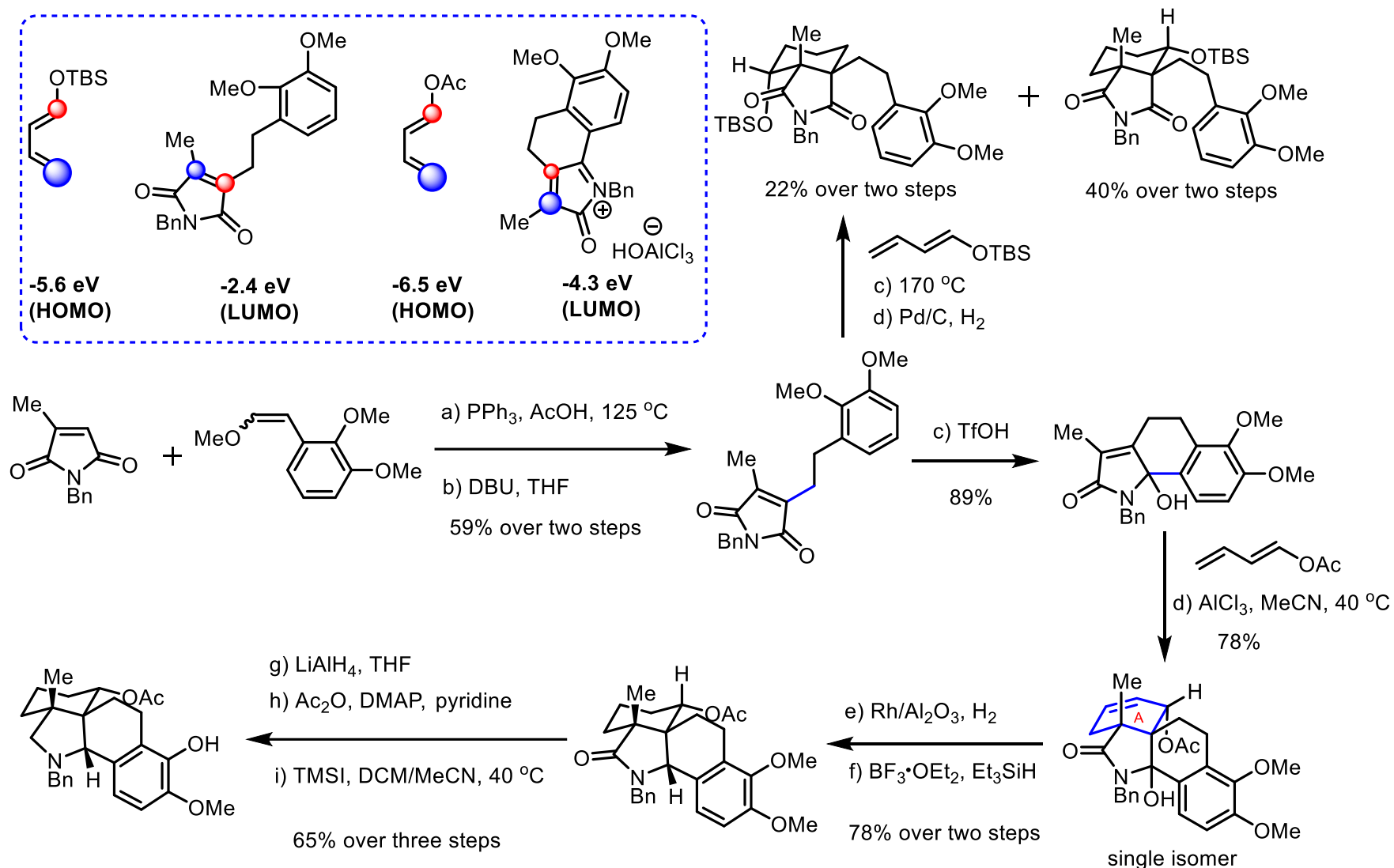
Sarpong finished the total synthesis of arcutinidine almost at the same time.

Sarpong's design:

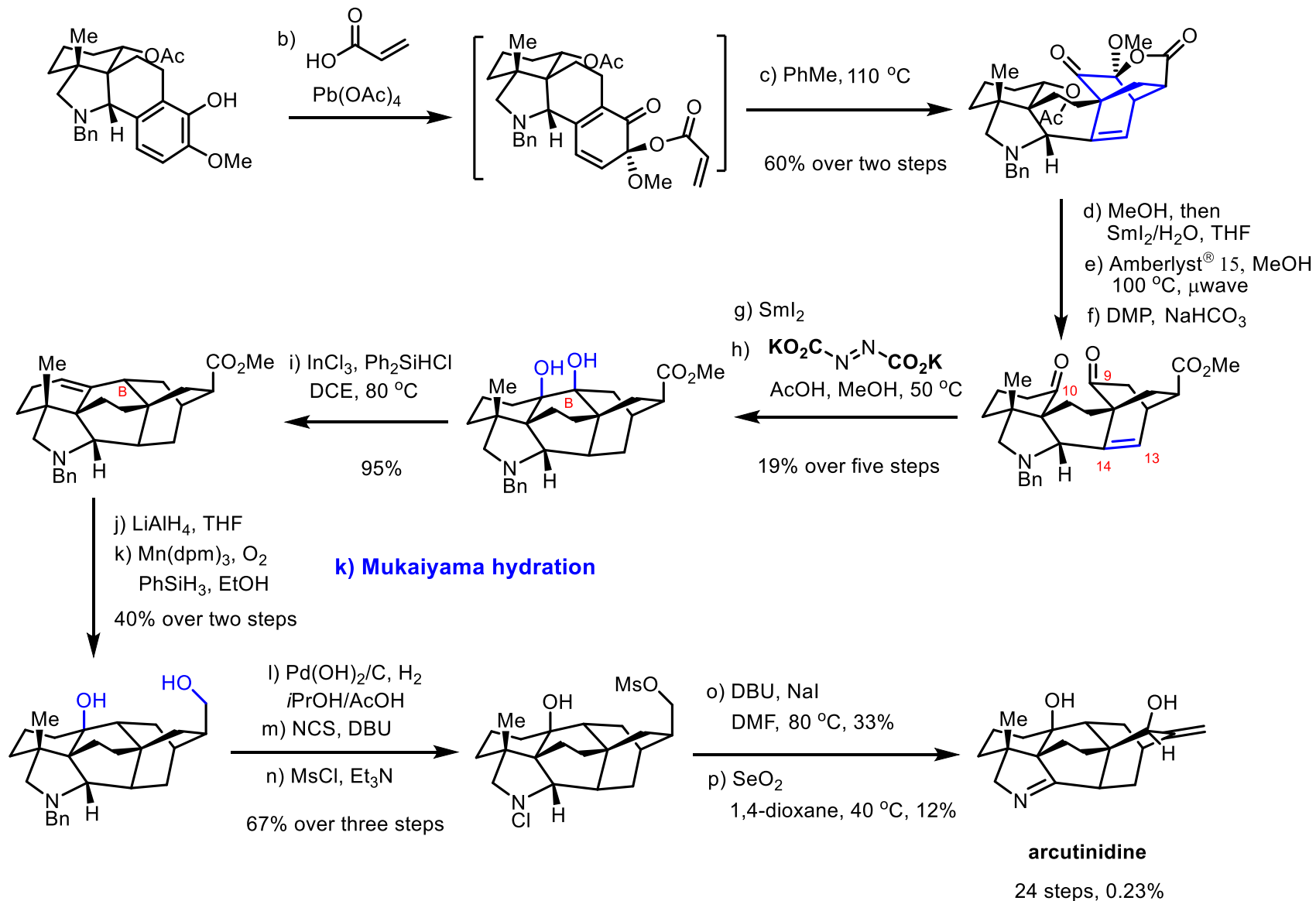


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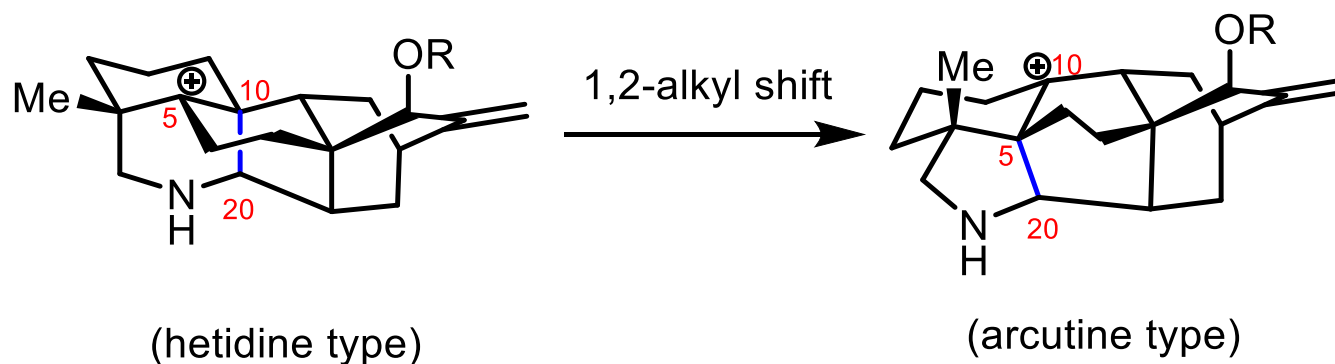


III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (by Sarpong)



III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (by Li)

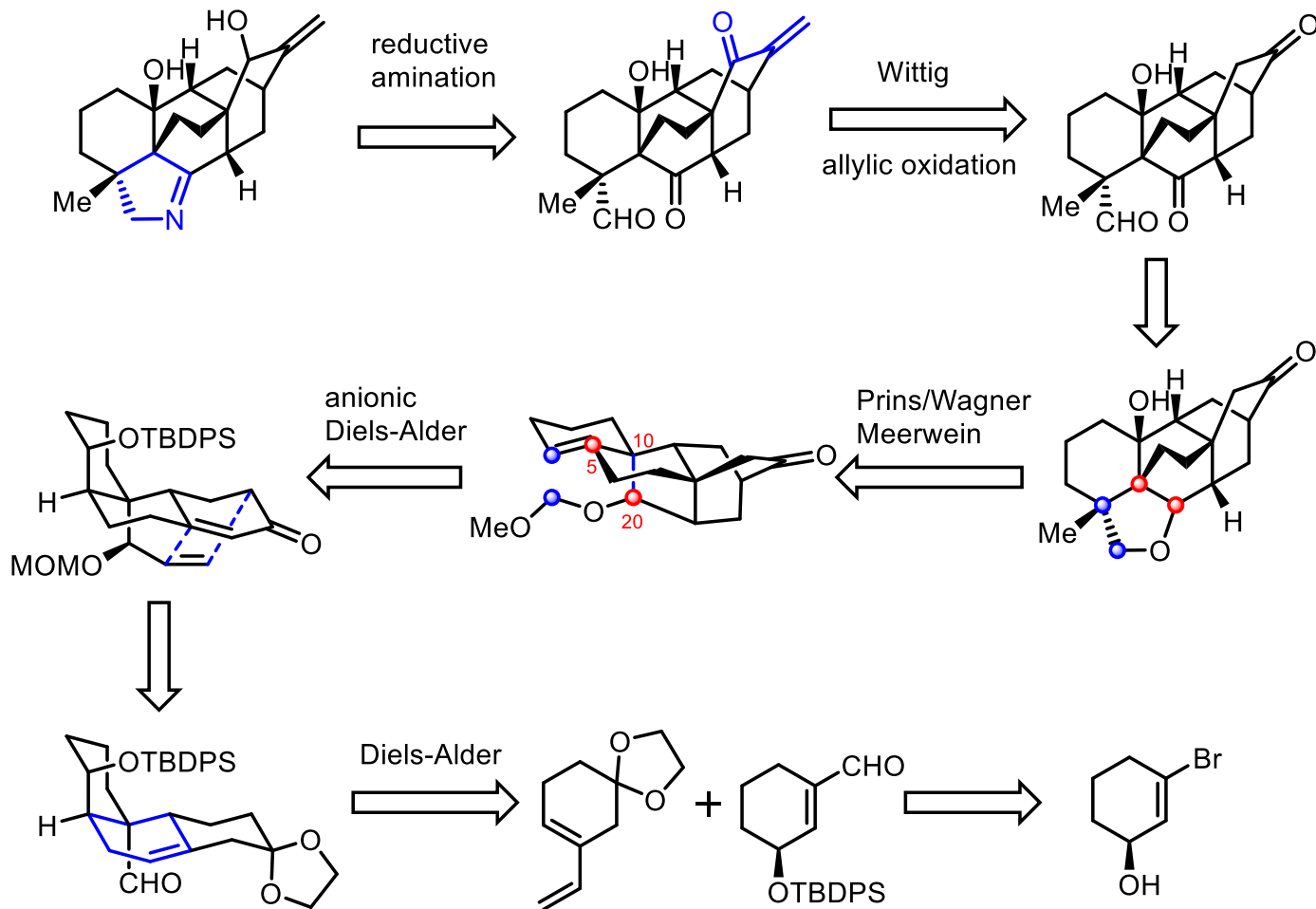
What can we learn from the biosynthesis?



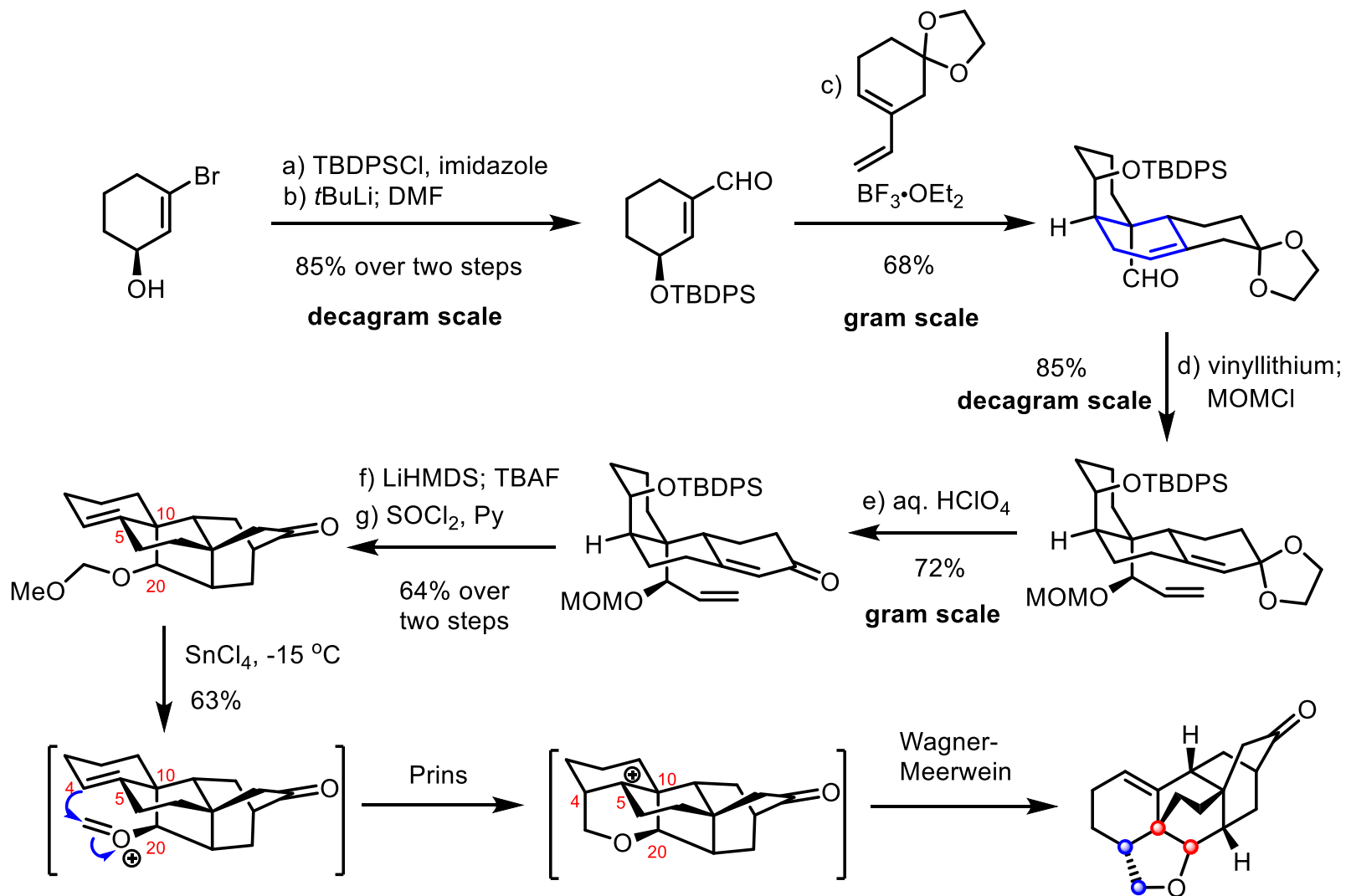
Challenges: how to install a carbocation at the C5 position;
how to install a six-member heterocycle to promote 1,2-alkyl shift.

III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (by Li)

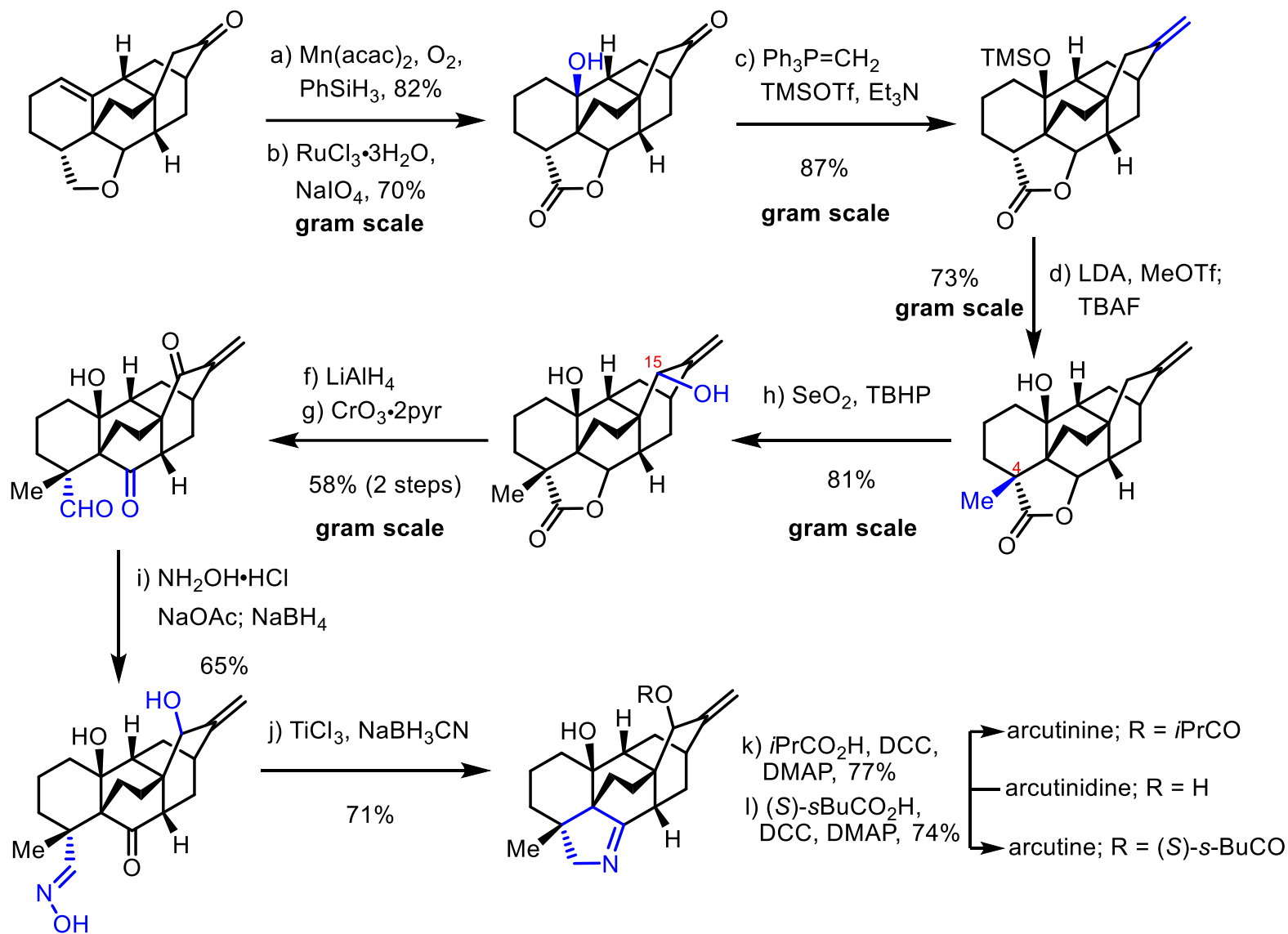
Li's design:



III Total Synthesis of Arcutines (by Li)



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Carlsen, P. H. J.; Katsuki, T.; Martin, V. S.; Sharpless, K. B. *J. Org. Chem.* **1981**, *46*, 3936.

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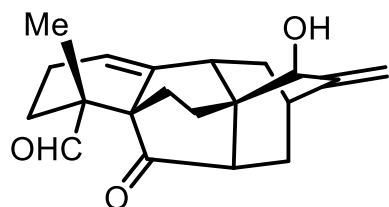
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Qin, Y. [2016; 25 steps, 0.41%]

First total synthesis; racemic

Key steps: oxidative dearomatization(RDOD)/IMDA cascade;
Sml₂-mediated C-C coupling.



Xu, J. [2019; 13 steps, 0.70%]

Avoiding protective groups; racemic

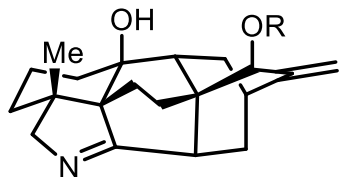
Key steps: RCEM-RDOD/IMDA to build the core skeleton.



Qin, Y. [2019; for: (±)arcutinine: 17 steps, 1.23%]

First total synthesis; racemic and asymmetric

Key steps: similar to the synthesis of atropurpuran;
aza-Wacker to build the pyrroline motif.



Arcutine; R=(S)-s-BuCO

Arcutinine; R=*i*-PrO

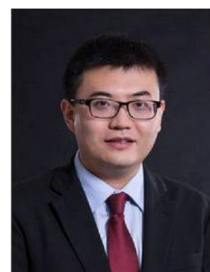
Arcutinidine; R=H



Sarpong, R. [2019; (±)arcutinine: 24 steps, 0.23%]

Almost simultaneously with Qin, Y.; racemic

Key steps: Wittig reaction;
Friedel-Crafts cyclization;
Diels-Alder reaction;



Li, A. [2019; for (-)arcutinine: 18 steps, 0.86%]

Imitate biosynthesis; asymmetric.

Key steps: Prins/Wagner-Meerwein;
reductive amination.

**Thanks for your
kind attention!**