

# Literature Report VII

## Enantioselective Total Synthesis of the Marine Macrolides Salarins A and C

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## Background:

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- **2002** Ph.D., University of British Columbia
- **2002-2004** Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Cambridge
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## Research:

Natural product chemistry total synthesis, method development, *J*-based configuration /conformation analysis, structure activity relationship studies

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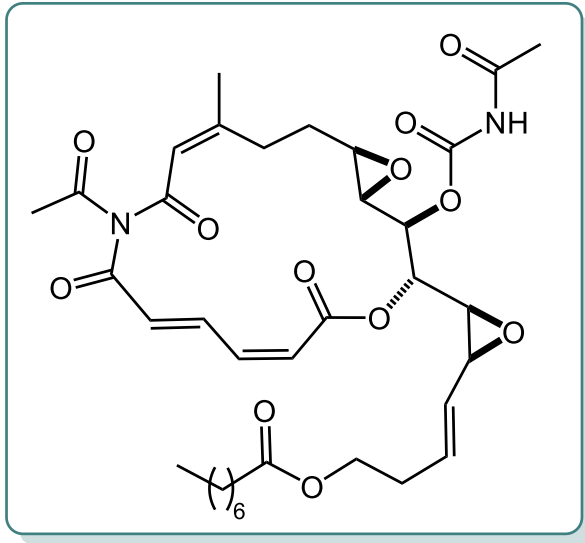
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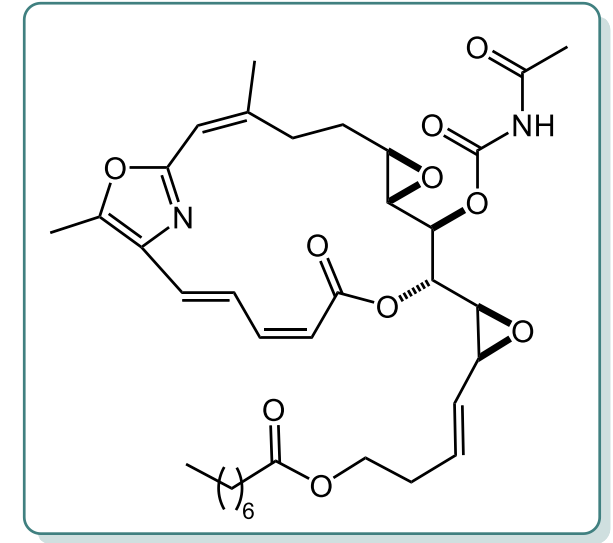
# Introduction



**Salarin A**



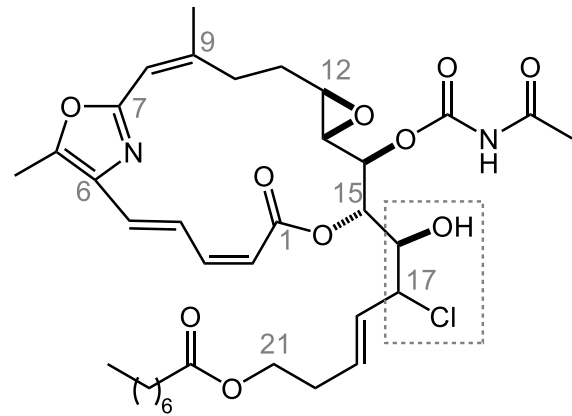
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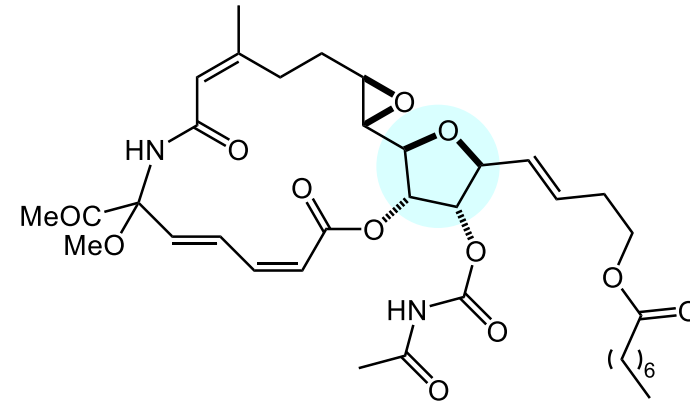
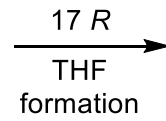
**Salarin C**

- ◆ An unusual **N-acetyl carbamate** and **caprylic ester** side chain
- ◆ The presence of either a **strained triene oxazole** or **triacyl amine** within the macrocycle
- ◆ The isolation and elucidation by **Kashman** and co-workers in 2008

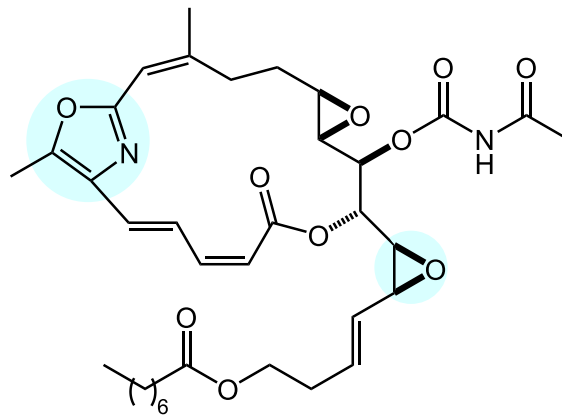
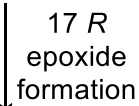
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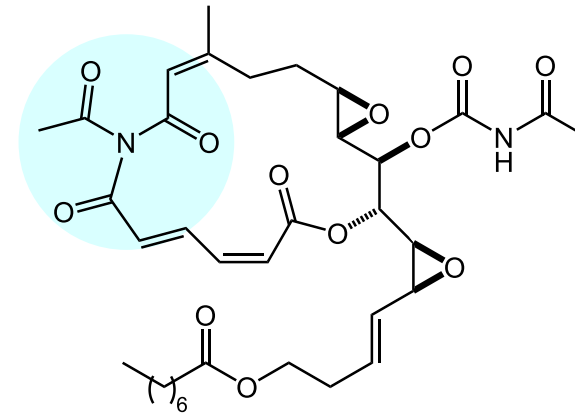
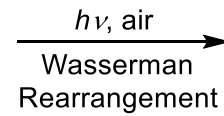
salarin F (3),  $IC_{50} > 1\mu M$



salarin B (4),  $IC_{50} \sim 1\mu M$

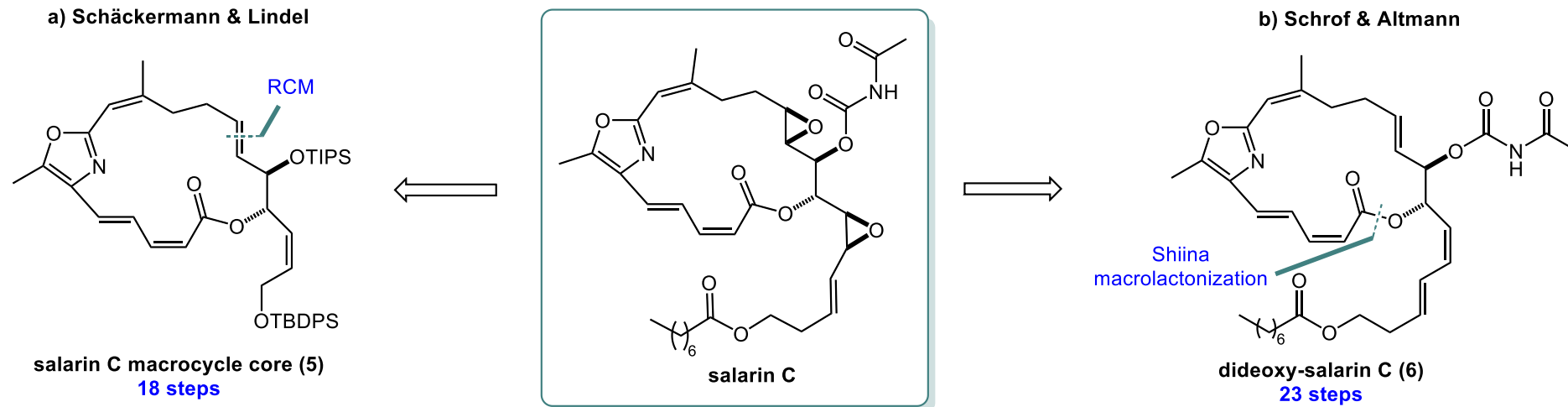


salarin C (1),  $IC_{50} = 5\text{ nM}$

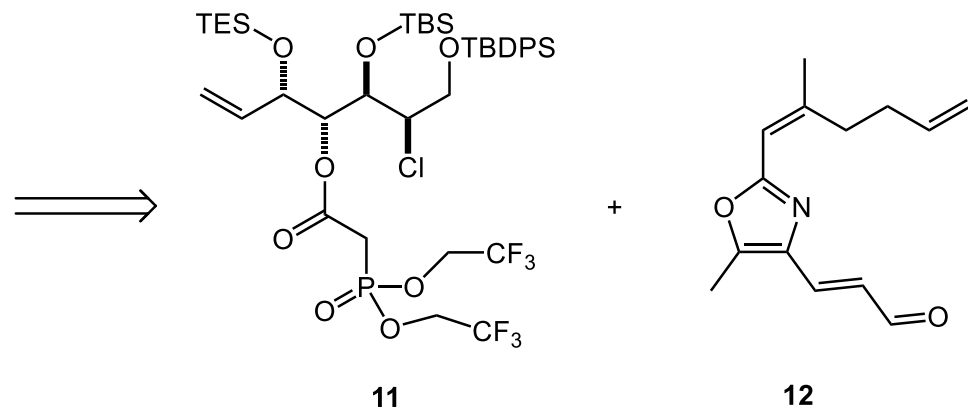
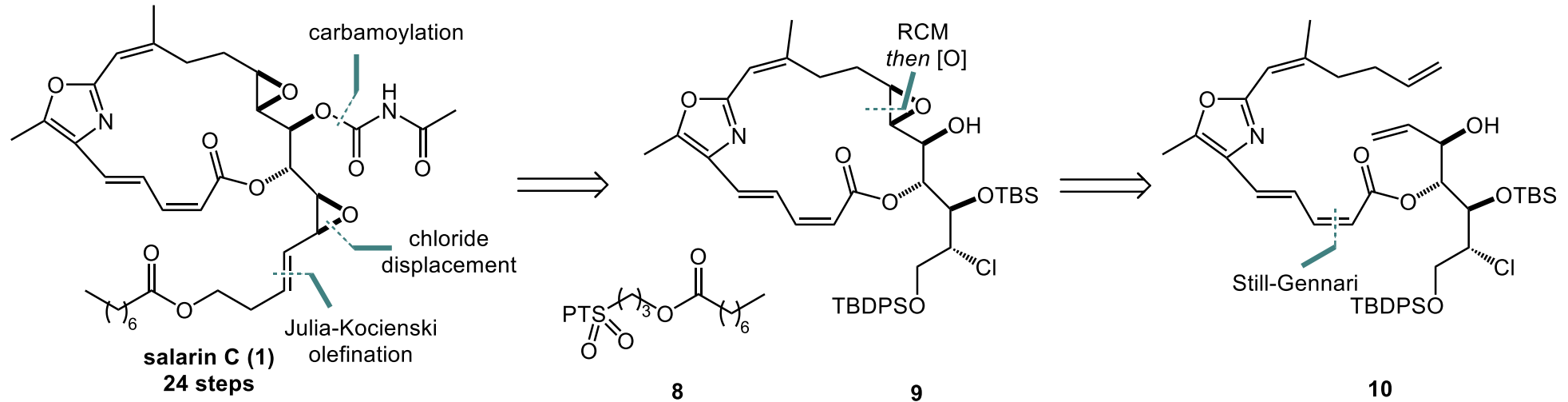


salarin A (2),  $IC_{50} > 1\mu M$

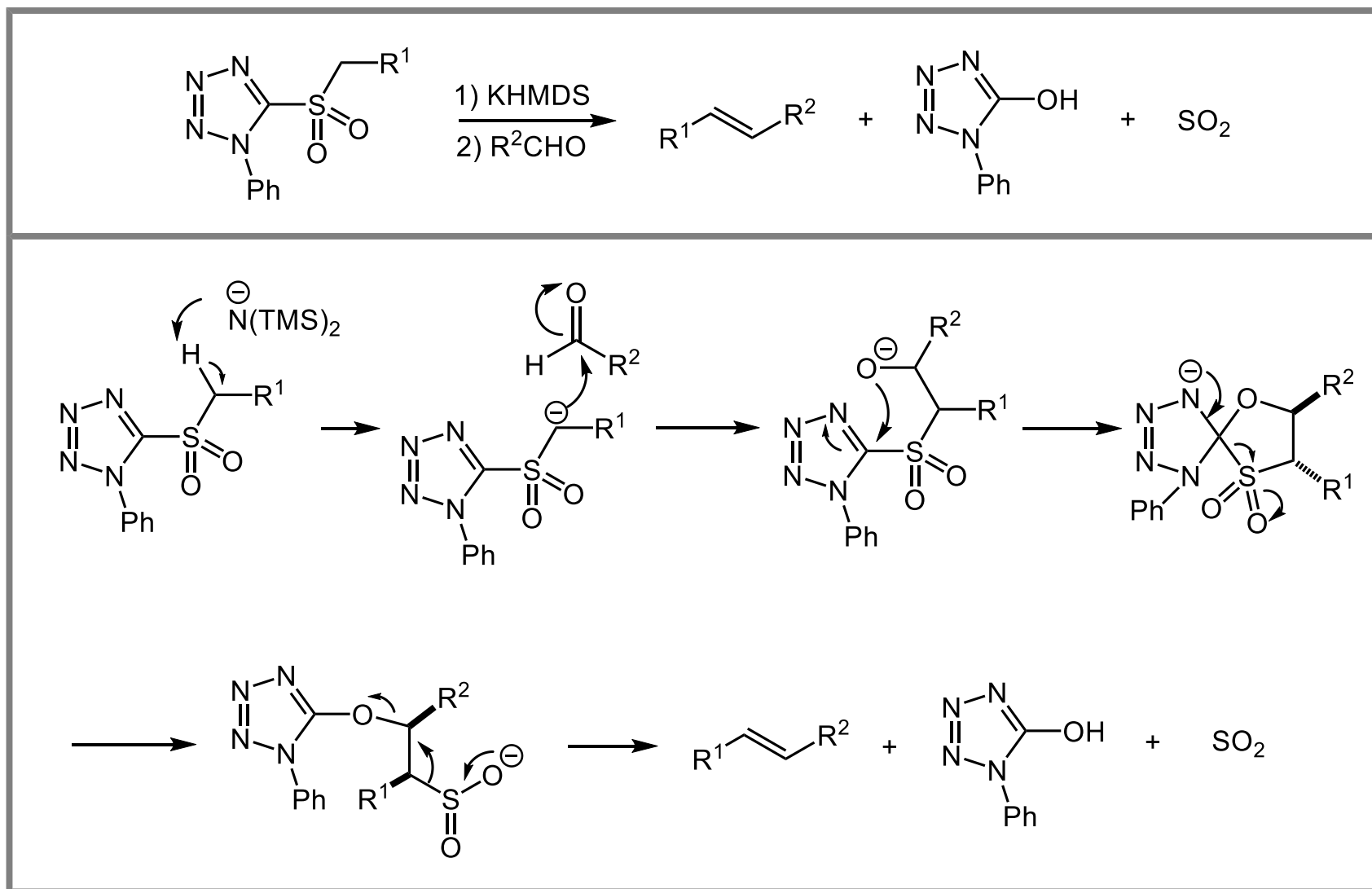
# Synthetic Precedent for the Construction of Salarin C



# Retrosynthetic Analysis of Salarin C

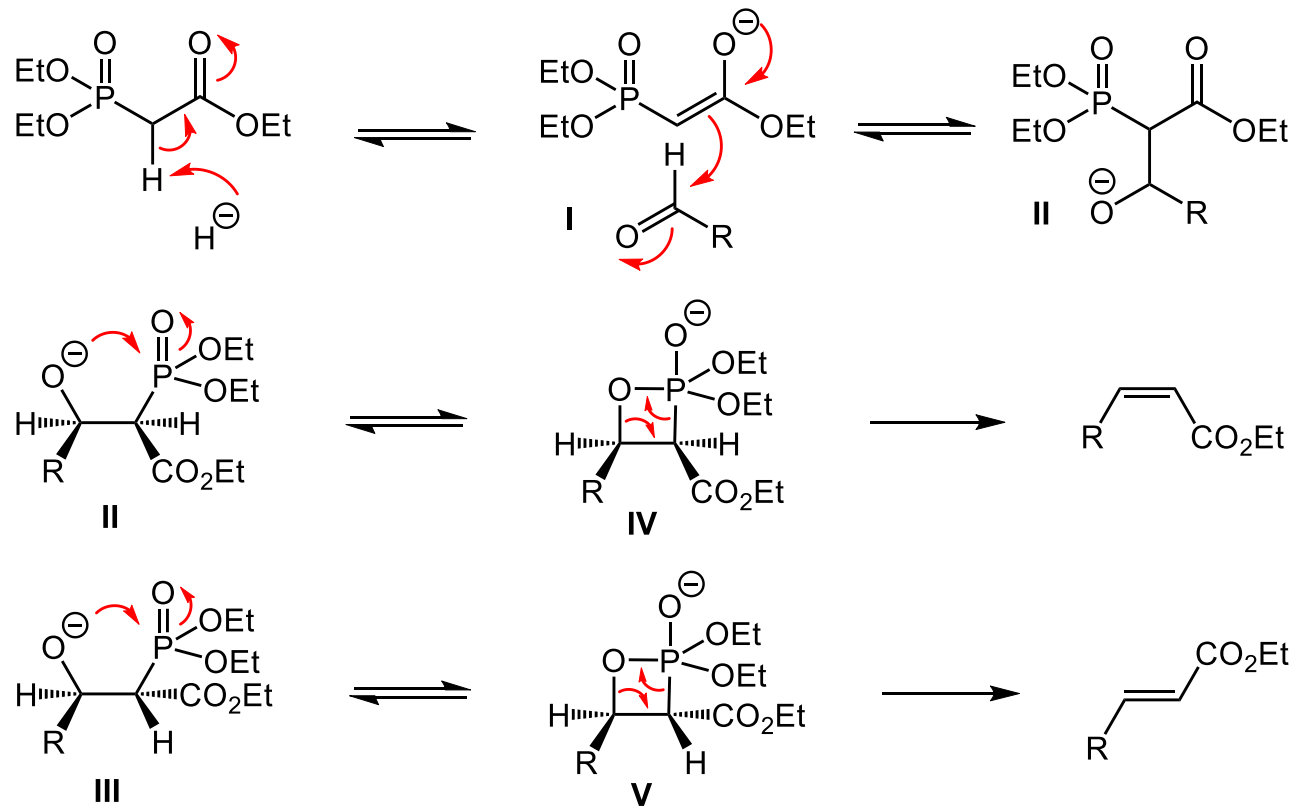
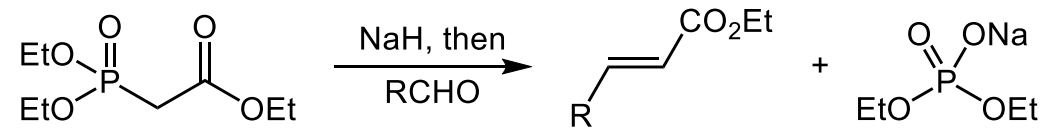


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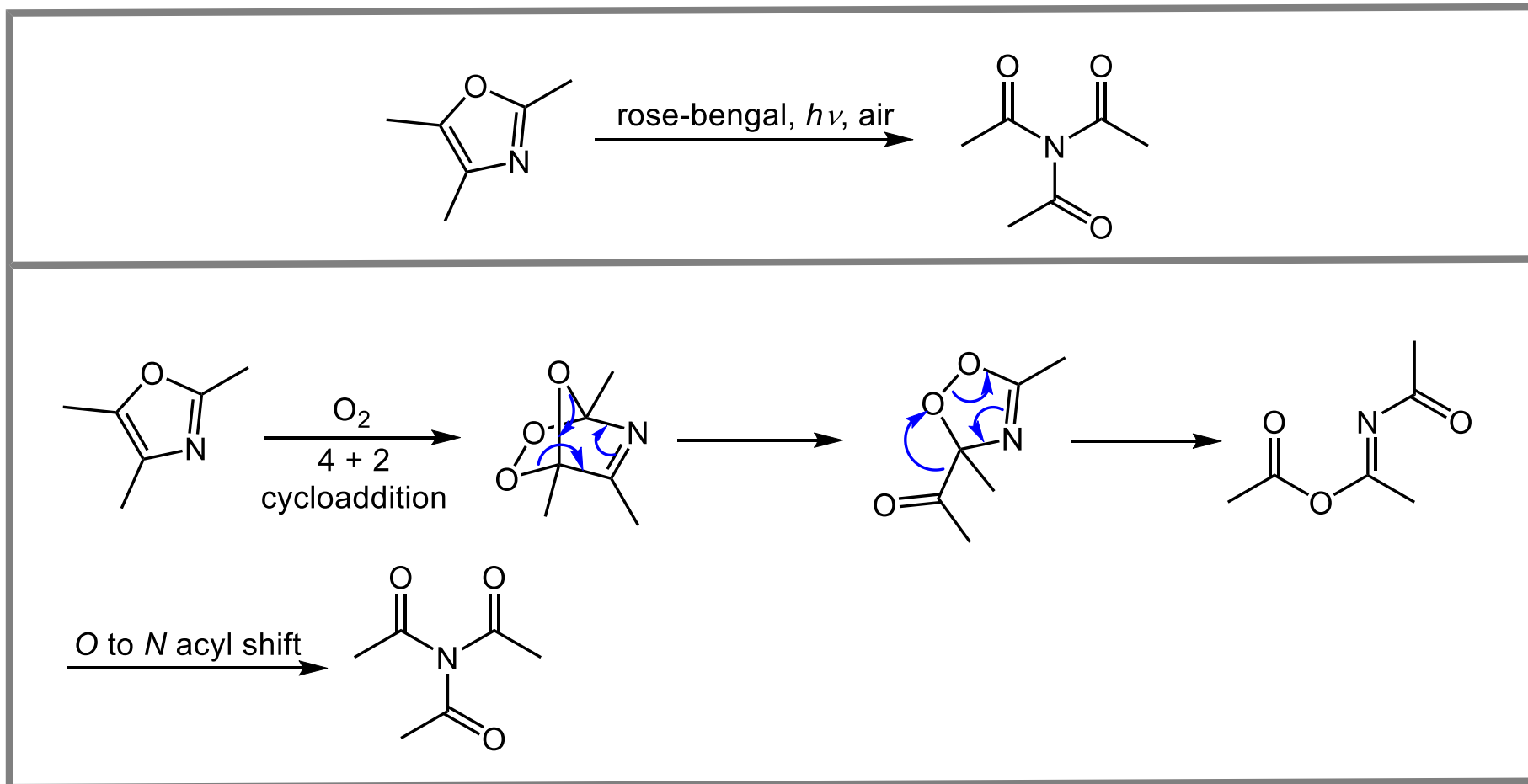




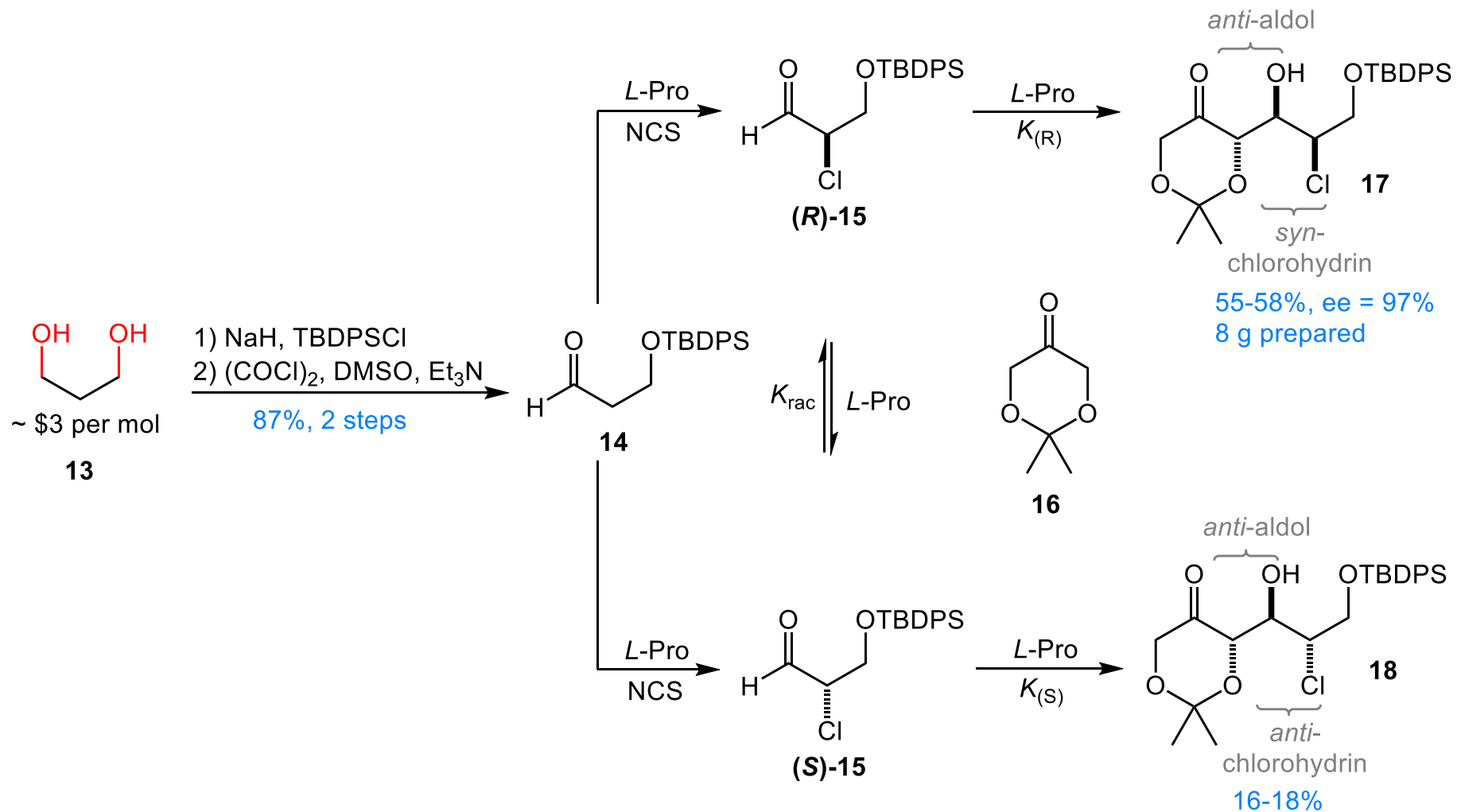
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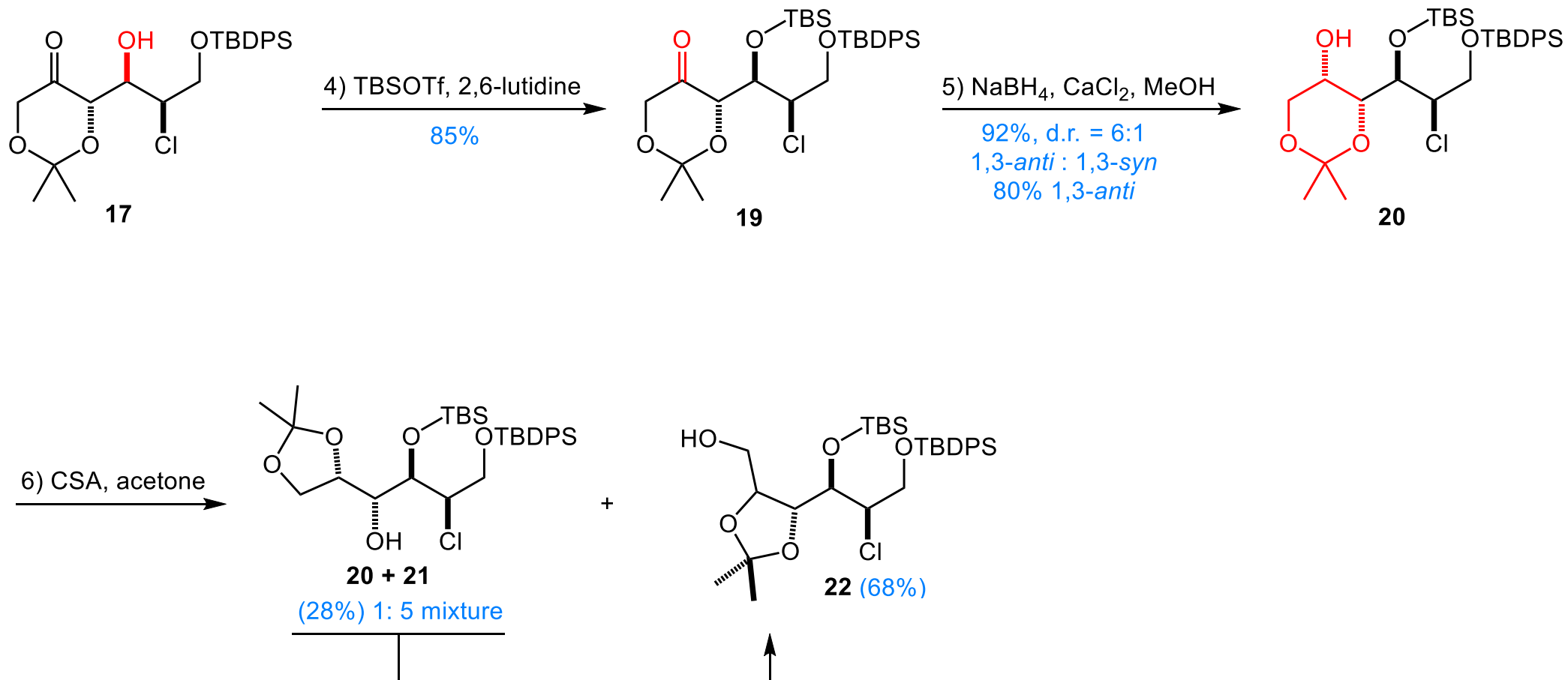
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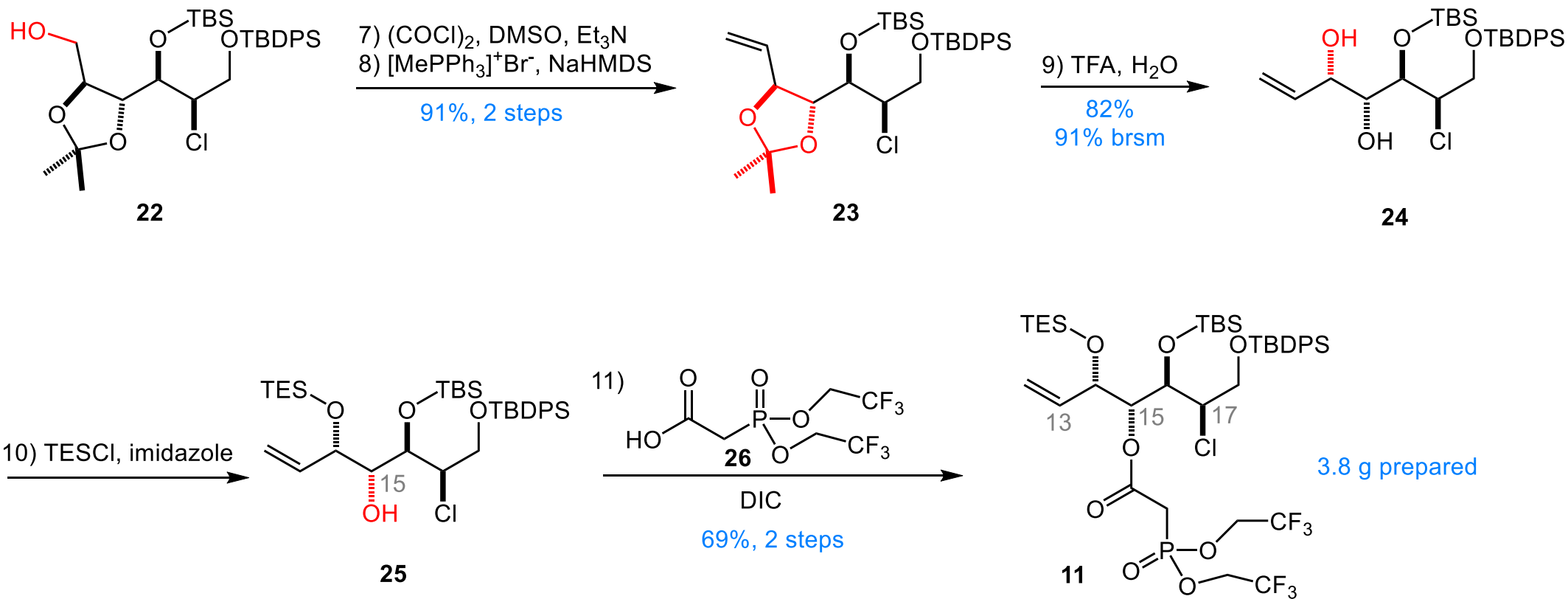
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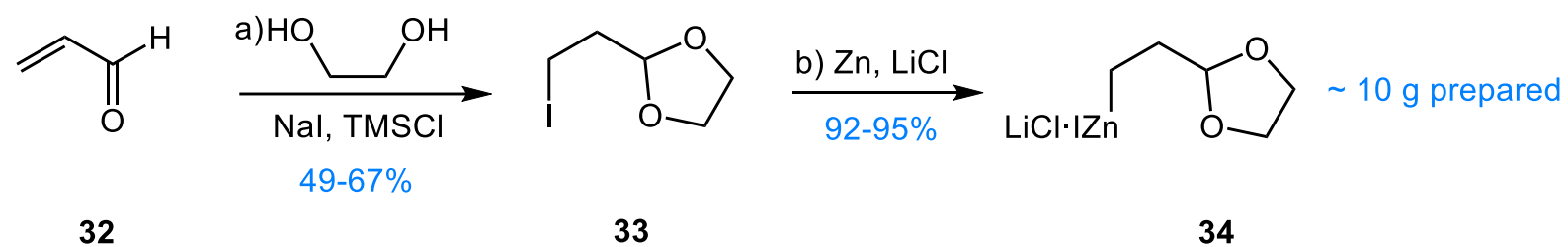
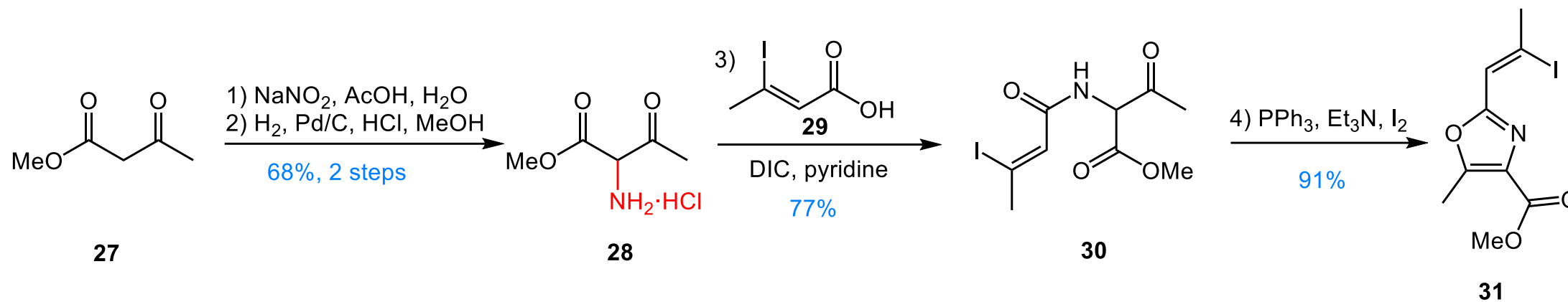
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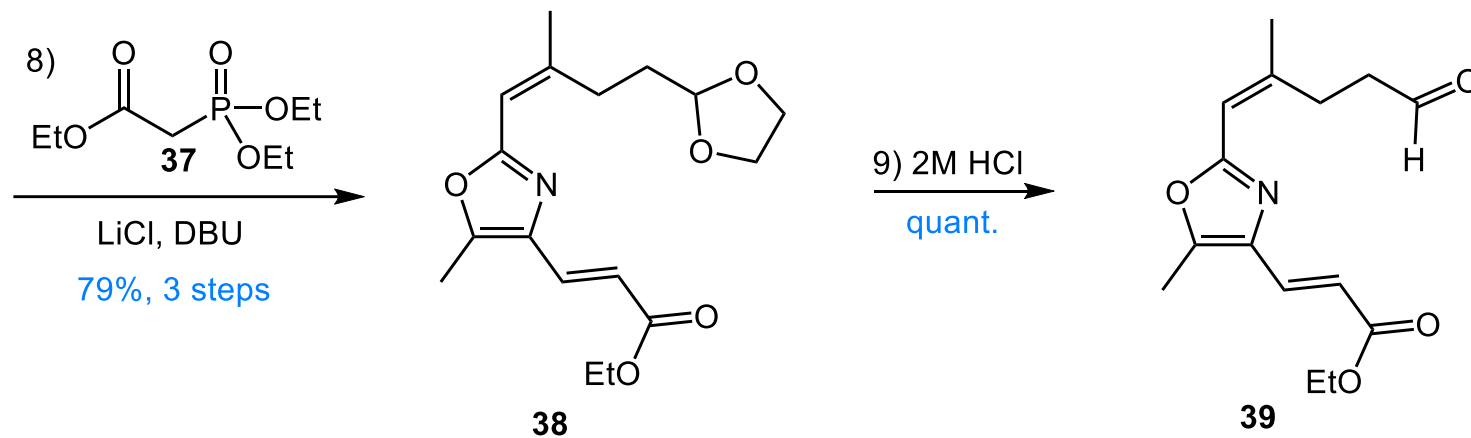
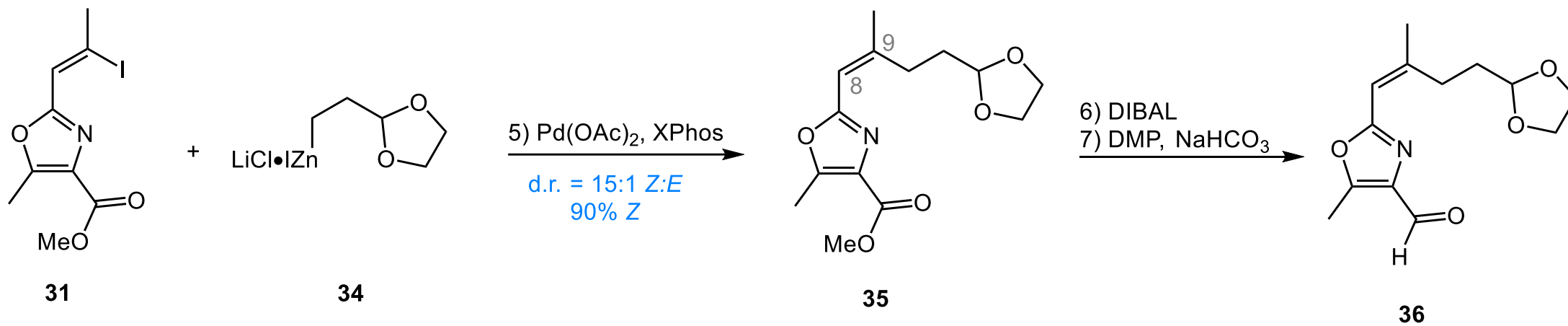
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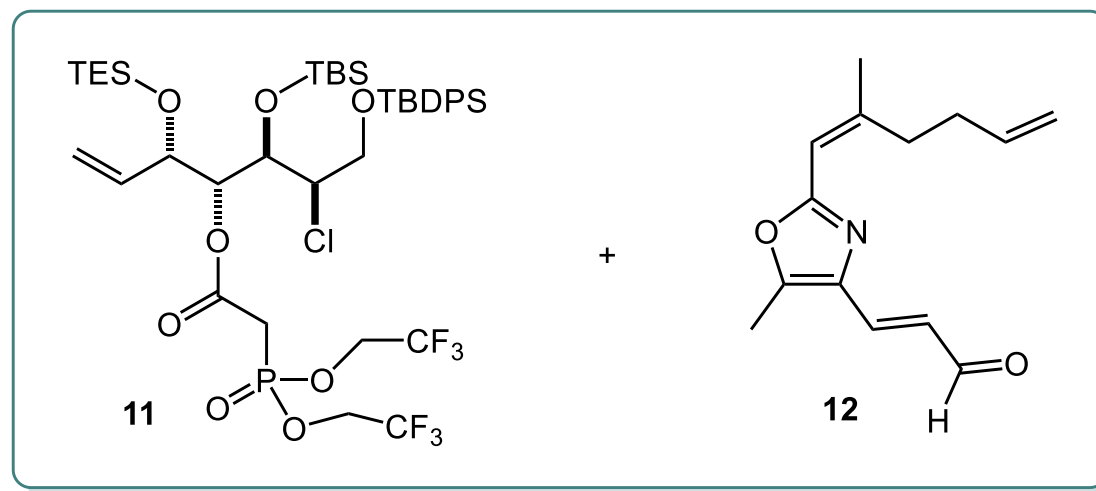
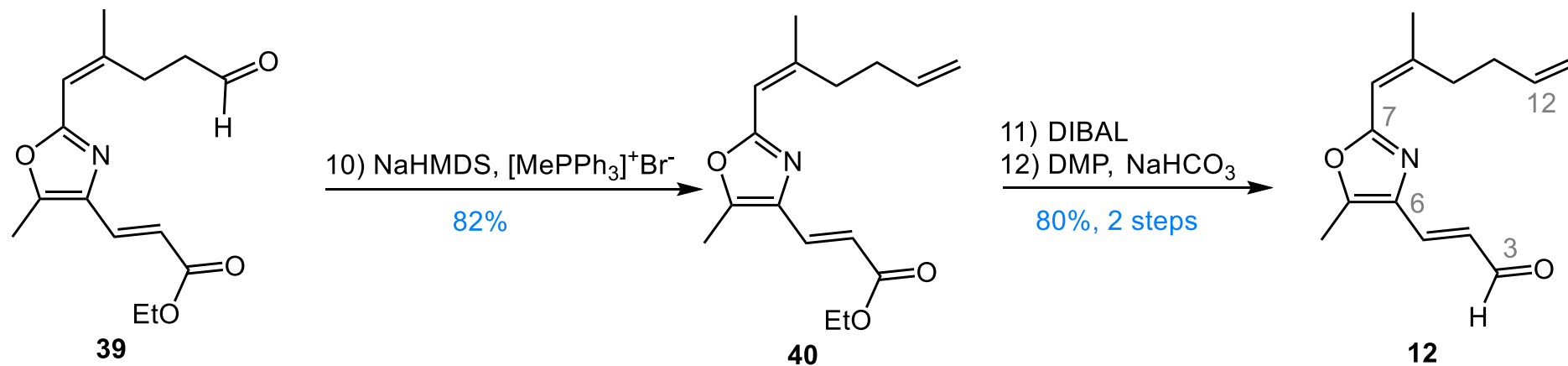
# Synthesis of Intermediates 31 and 34



# Synthesis of Intermediate 39

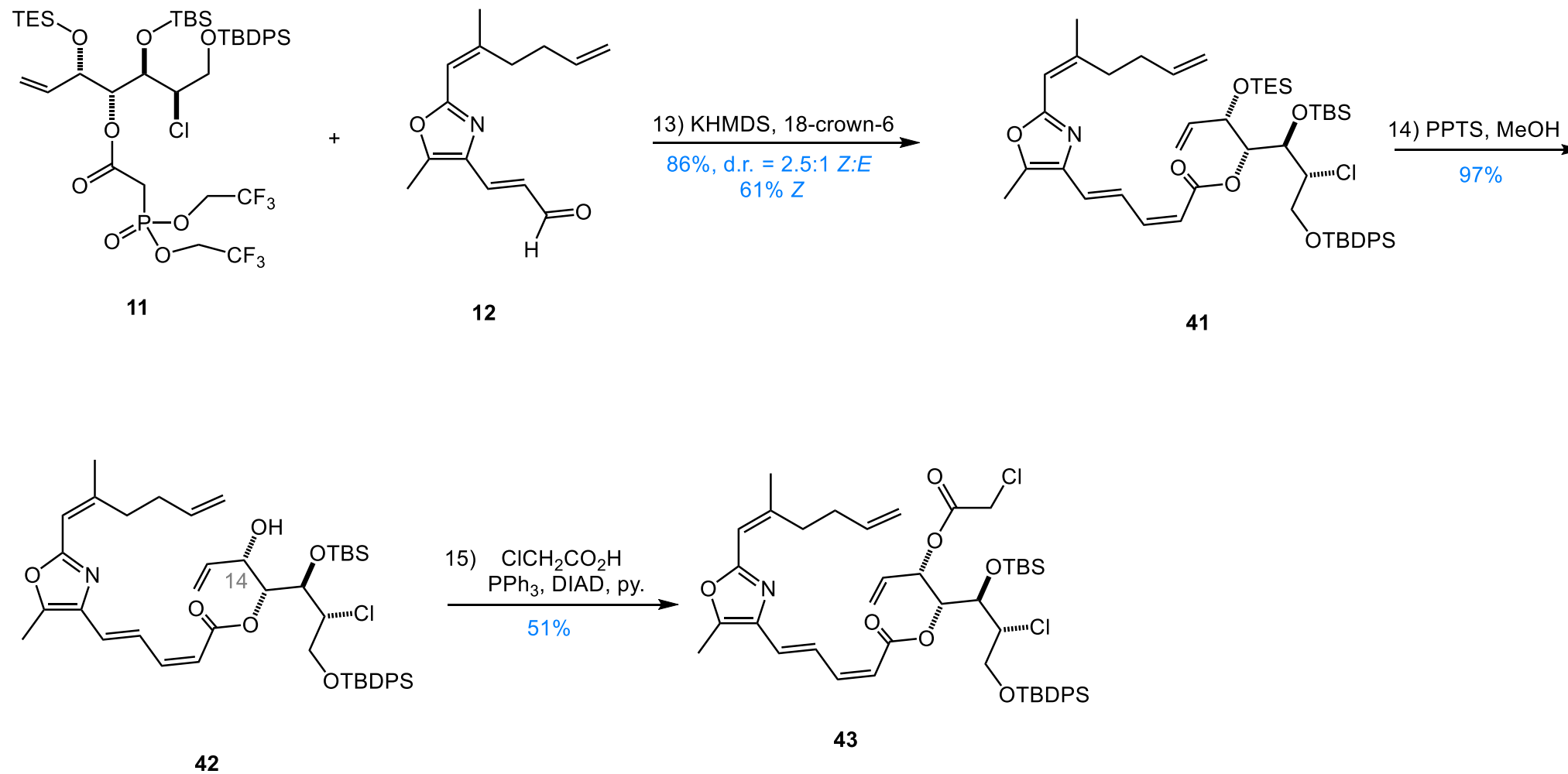


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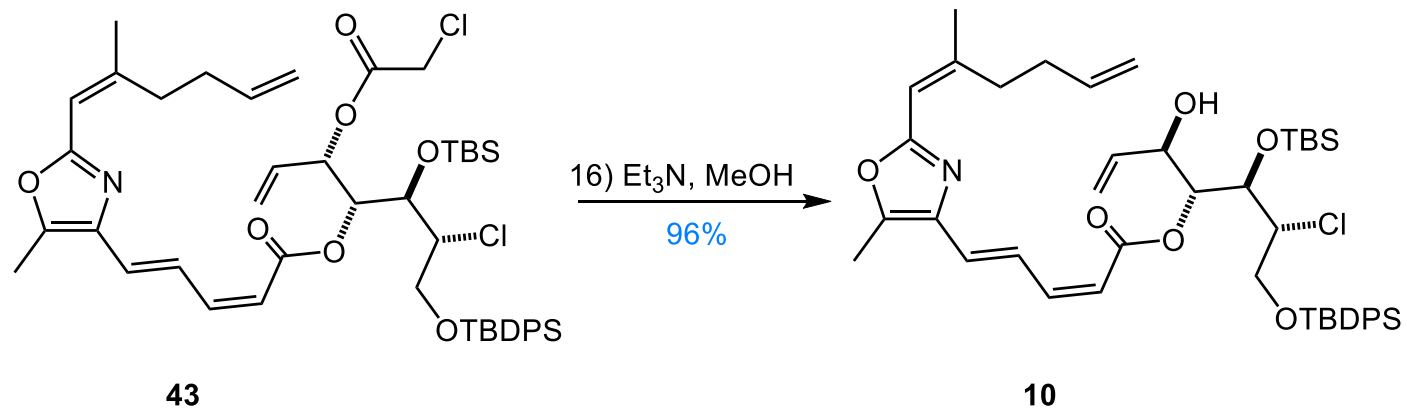




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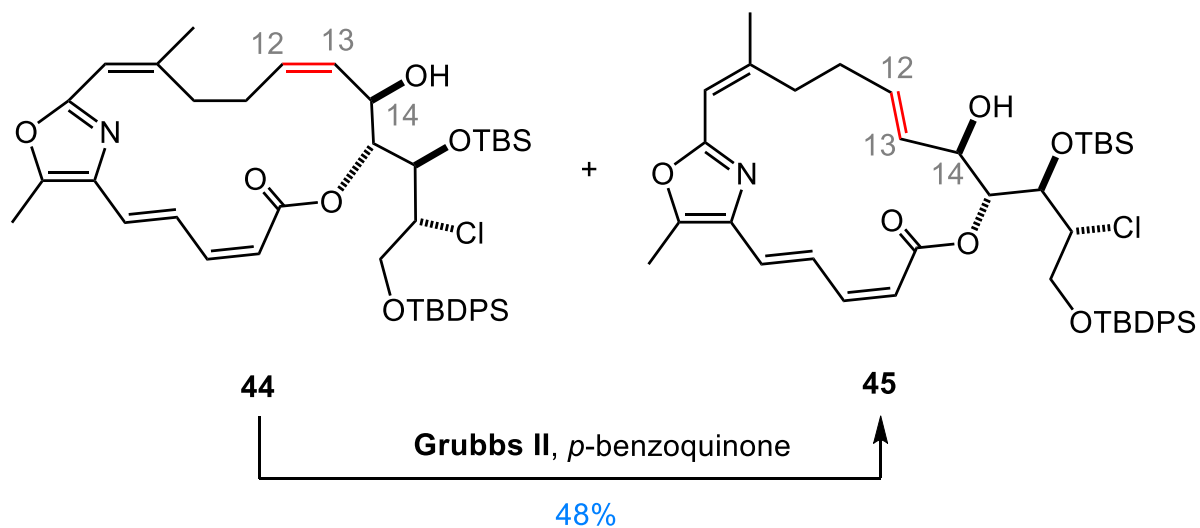


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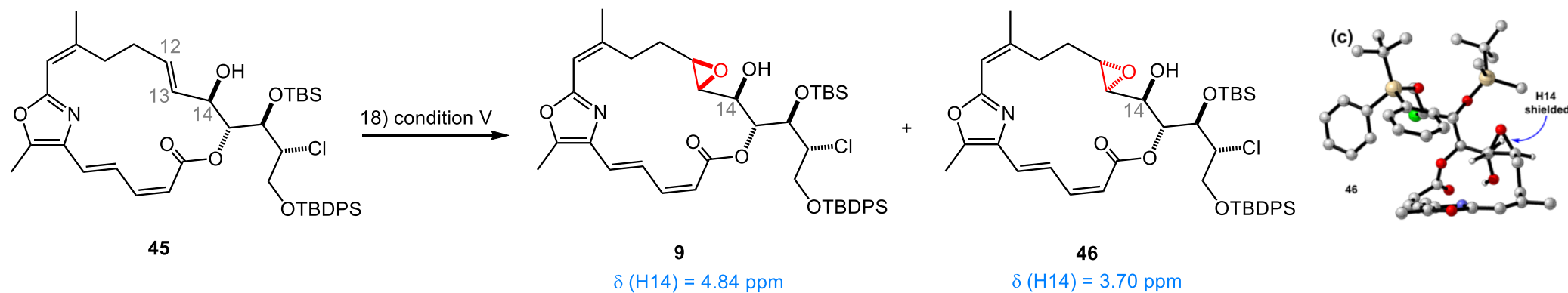


17) **Grubbs II**, *p*-benzoquinone

97%, d.r. = 3:1 *E*:*Z*  
(84% *E* after 1 recycle of  
*Z* isomer)

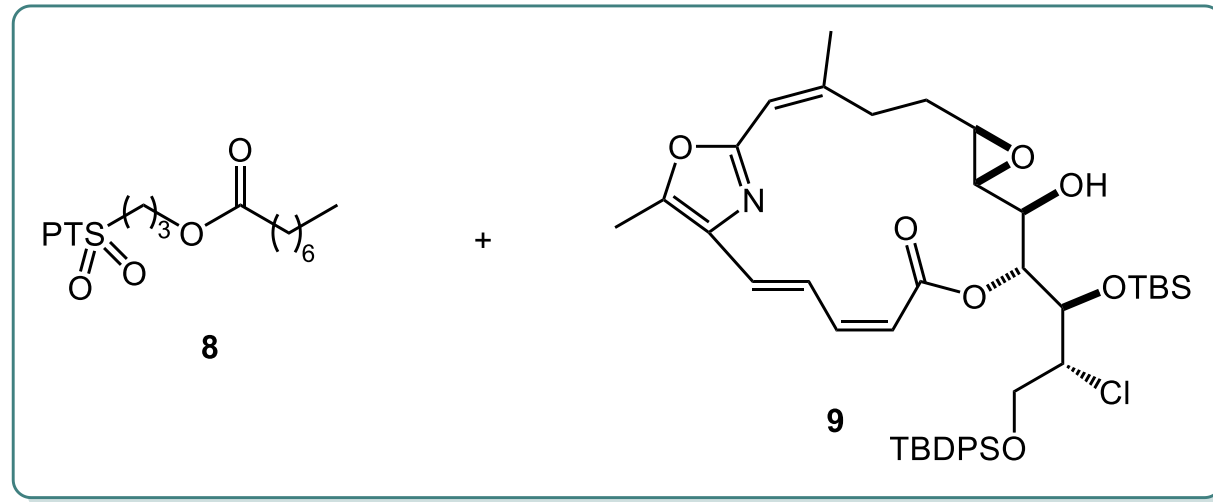
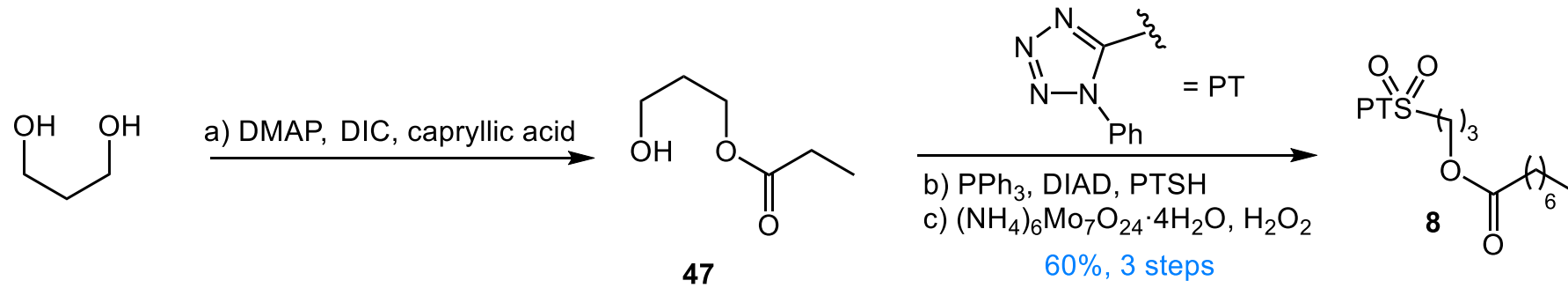


# Reaction Conditions for the Epoxidation of 45

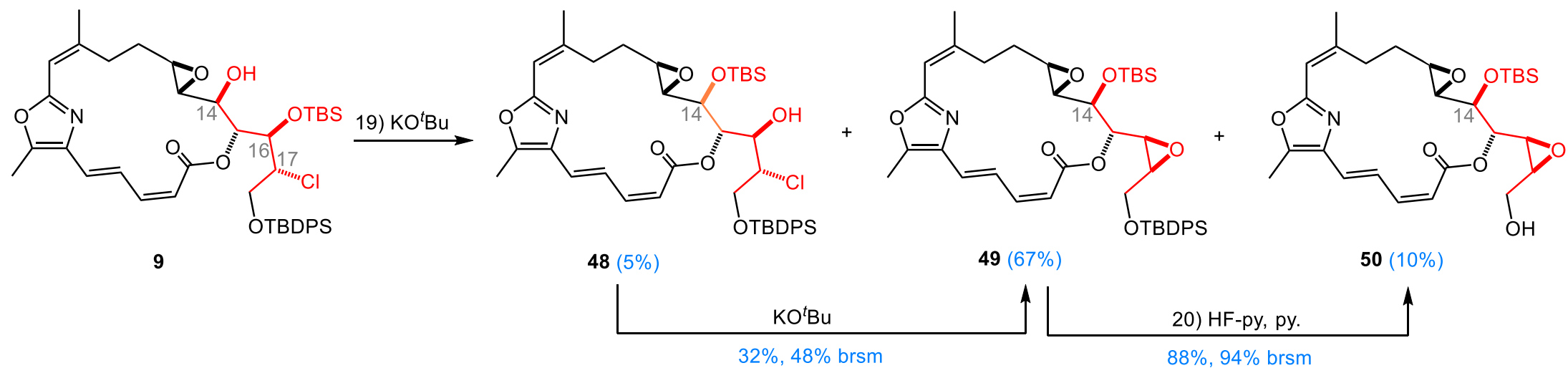


Entry	Reagent	Solvent	T (°C)	t (h)	d.r.	Yield of 9
I	VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), <sup>t</sup> BuOOH	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	rt	3	1:1	65%
II	VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), <sup>t</sup> BuOOH	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	-20	24	3:1	42%
III	VO(acac) <sub>2</sub> (10 mol%), <sup>t</sup> BuOOH, 3Å MS	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	rt	1	2.5:1	74%
IV	Ti(O <sup><i>i</i></sup> Pr) <sub>4</sub> (1.2 eq.), <sup>t</sup> BuOOH, 3Å MS	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	rt	1	11:1	89%
<b>V</b>	<b>Ti(O<sup><i>i</i></sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> (1.2 eq.), <sup>t</sup>BuOOH, 3Å MS</b>	<b>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>-20 to -5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19:1</b>	<b>96%</b>

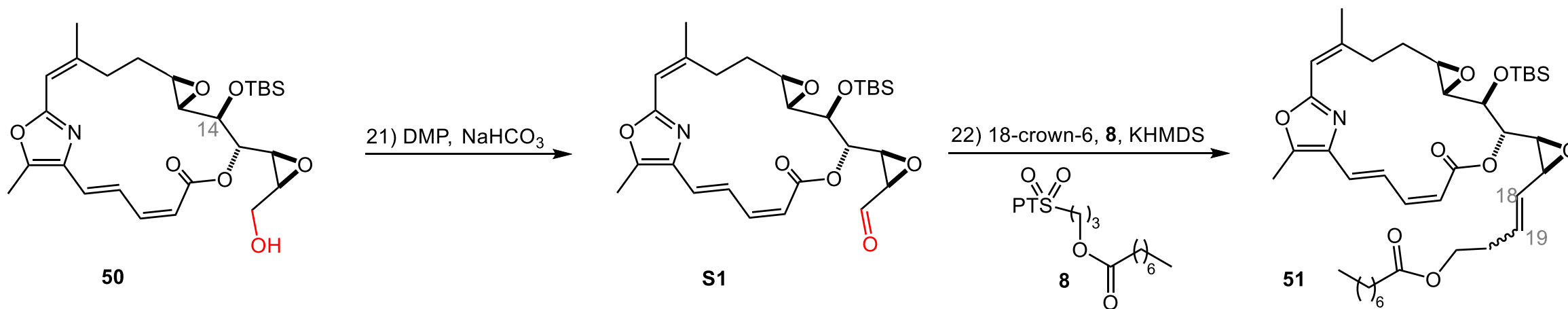
# Synthesis of Intermediate 8



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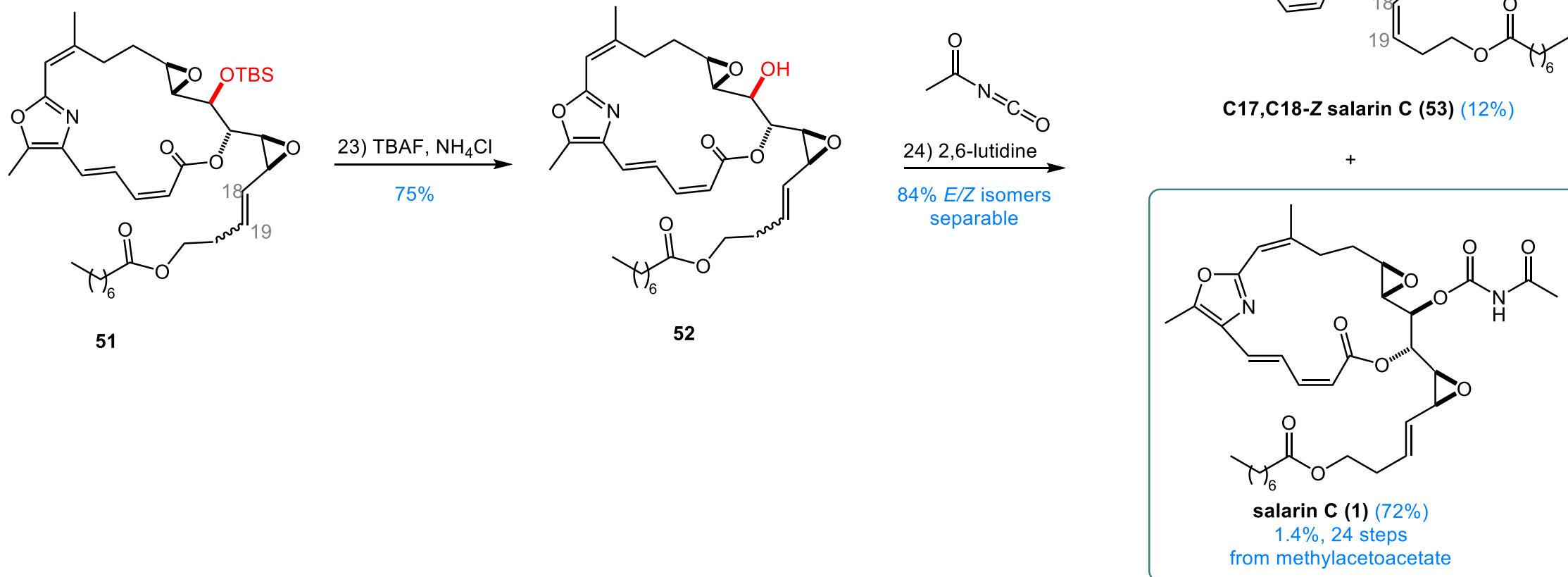


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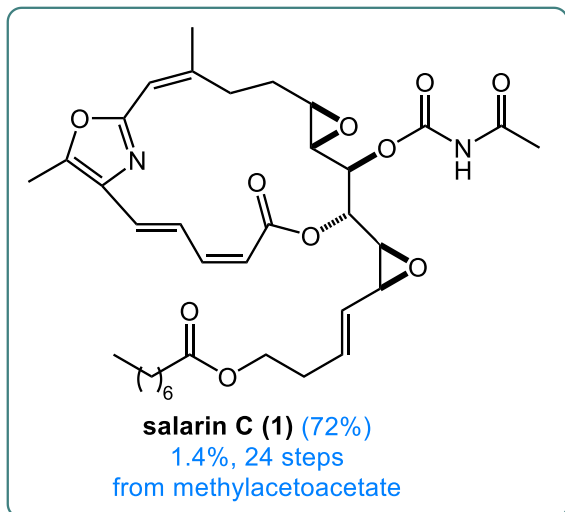


78%, 2 steps  
d.r. = 4:1 E/Z  
inseparable

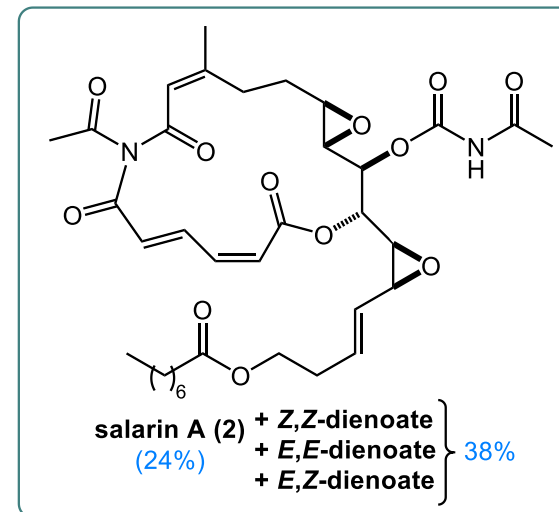
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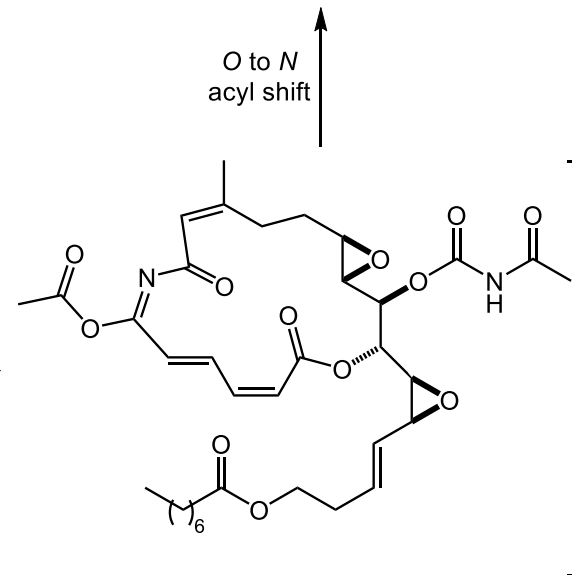
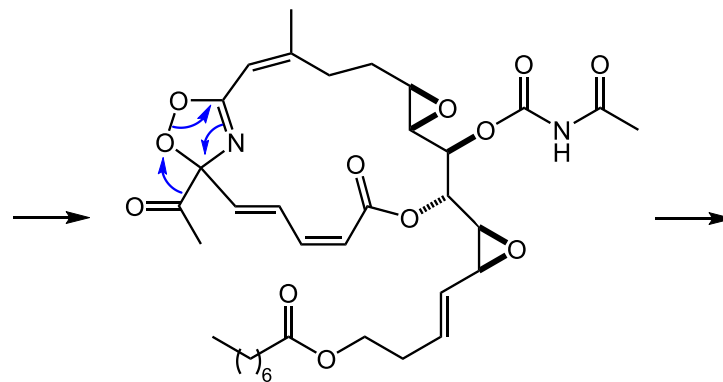
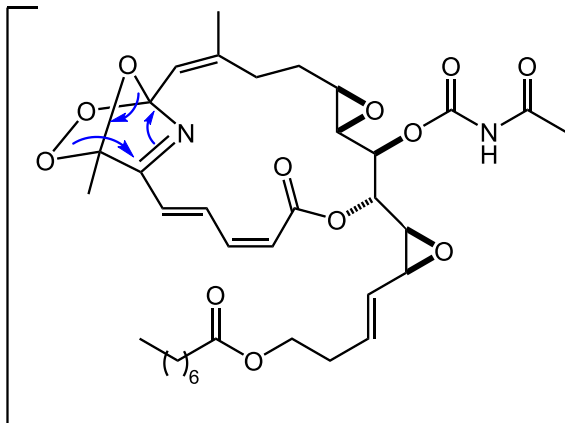
# Synthesis of Salarin A



25) rose-bengal,  $h\nu$ , air,  $\text{CDCl}_3$



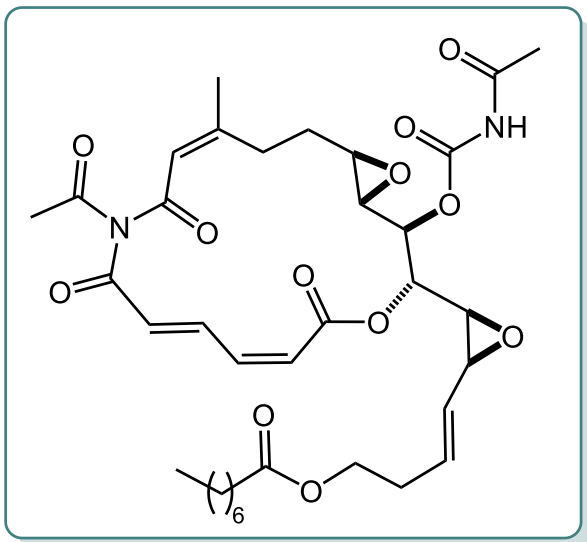
4 + 2  
cycloaddition





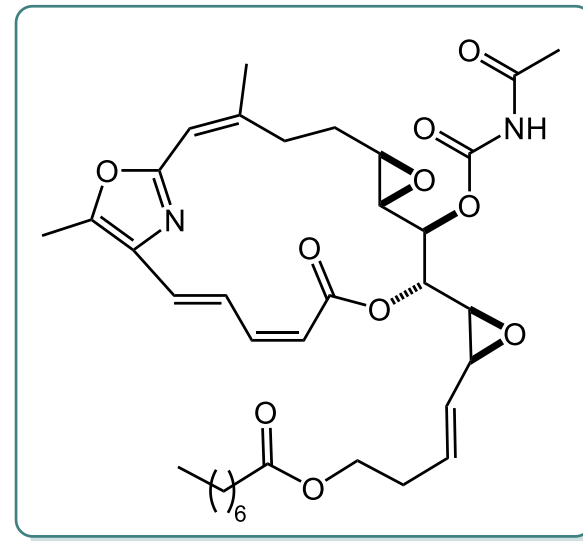
# Summary

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**Salarin A**

**1.0%, 23 steps from  
1,3-propanediol**



**Salarin C**

**1.4%, 24 steps from methyl  
acetoacetate**

- ✓ Macrocyclic formation *via* ring-closing metathesis
- ✓ Macrocyclic substrate-controlled epoxidation of the C12–C13 allylic alcohol
- ✓ A late-stage Julia–Kocienski olefination to install the side chain

# Writing strategy

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## □ The First Paragraph

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产物的来源



沙拉素  
的药物活性



介绍本文合成策略

- ✓ Salarins are a small family of cytotoxic nitrogenous marine macrolides isolated from a spicule-less *Fascaplysinopsis sp. sponge* collected off the coast of Madagascar. Beginning with the isolation and elucidation of the planar structures of salarins A, B, and C by **Kashman and co-workers in 2008**, salarins have been the subject of sustained research.
- ✓ Following the initial disclosure of their structures, salarins were screened **against a chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) cell line (K562)**.
- ✓ A brief summary of **our synthetic strategy** is presented in retrosynthetic form in Figure 1d. Thus, salarin C could be prepared from the protected chlorohydrin and salarin F analogue **9** *via* epoxide formation, Julia–Kocienski olefination with **8**, and carbamoylation. ...

# Writing Strategy

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## □ The Last Paragraph

总结工作



本文亮点



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- ✓ In conclusion, we report the first total synthesis of salarin C in 1.4% yield over 24 steps from methyl acetoacetate or 1.0% yield in 23 steps from 1,3-propanediol.
- ✓ Additionally, we have demonstrated the **biomimetic Wasserman rearrangement** of salarin C to salarin A in the presence of sunlight/air. Notably, in our hands, all macrocyclic intermediates were stable provided they were kept away from sunlight.
- ✓ **Studies are ongoing in our laboratory** to biologically evaluate these fascinating compounds and create synthetic derivatives to support structure–activity relationship studies.

## Representative examples

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- ✓ We **were wary of** the noted instability of both the natural product and the synthetic precursors. (警惕)
- ✓ **Heading into the final stages** of the synthesis we anticipated that several protecting group manipulations would be required before formation of the C16–C17 epoxide. (进入最后阶段)
- ✓ **At this juncture**, primary alcohol 50 was oxidized with Dess–Martin periodinane<sup>47</sup> in the presence of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. (在这个节骨眼上)

# Acknowledgment

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***Thanks  
for your attention !***