

# Literature Report VIII

## Total Synthesis of Aleutianamine

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## Research:

- ❑ Discovering new ways to make complex molecules
  - ❑ Development of effective catalysts for enantioselective reactions
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- ❑ **1993** B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania
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- ❑ **2000-2006** Assistant Professor, Caltech
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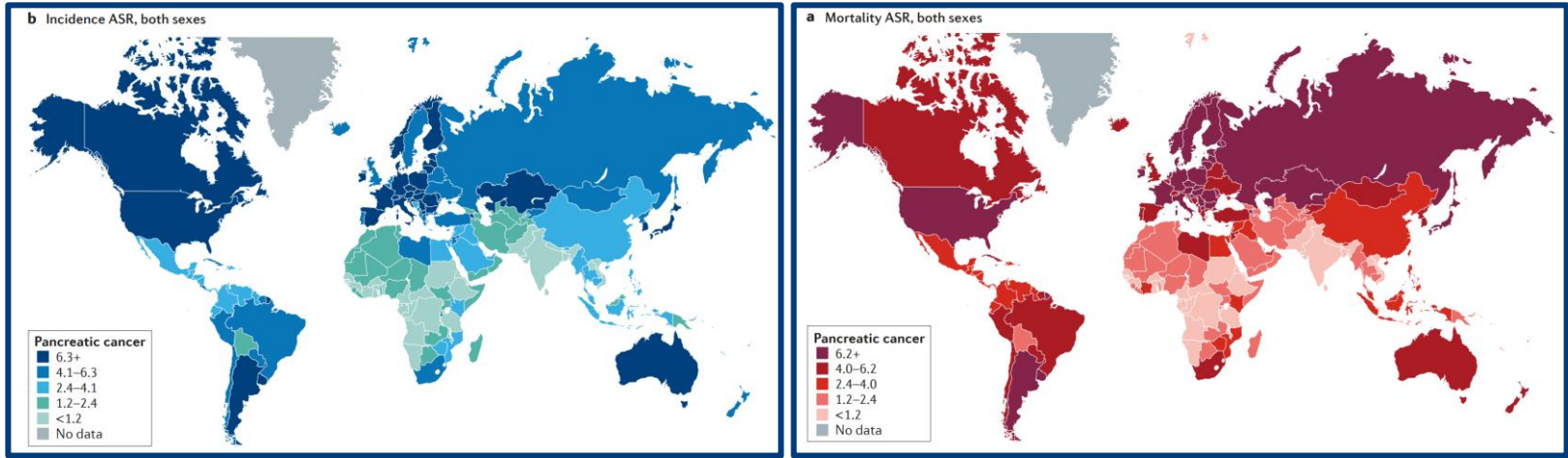
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## 3 Summary

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# Introduction

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## Pancreatic Cancer (胰腺癌): Mortality rates closely parallel incidence rates

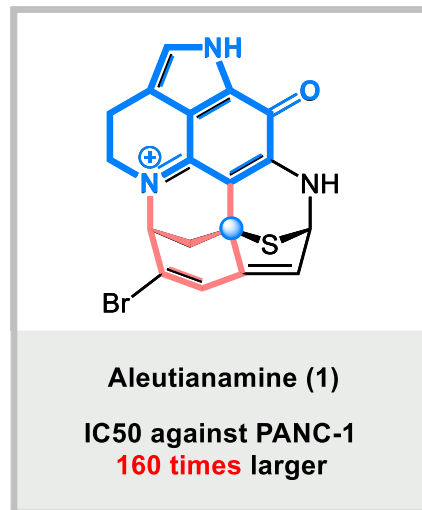
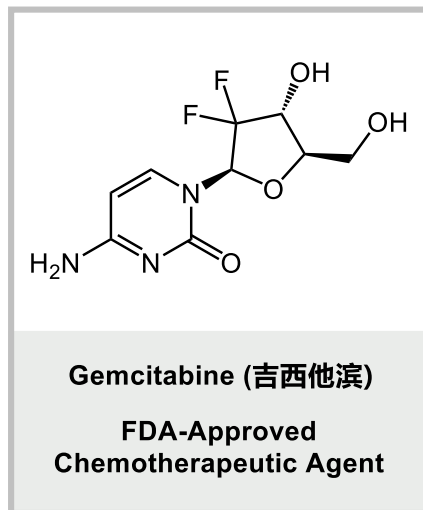
- » Difficulties in Early Disease Detection
- » Overall Ineffective Treatment Options
- » Lack of Common Genetic Mutations Associated with the Disease

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***Natural products*** have contributed significantly toward ***drug discovery*** and ***novel therapeutics***, particularly in the areas of ***cancer*** and ***infectious disease***.

Kleeff, J.; Korc, M.; Neoptolemos, J. P., *Nat. Rev. Dis. Primers* **2016**, 2, 16022

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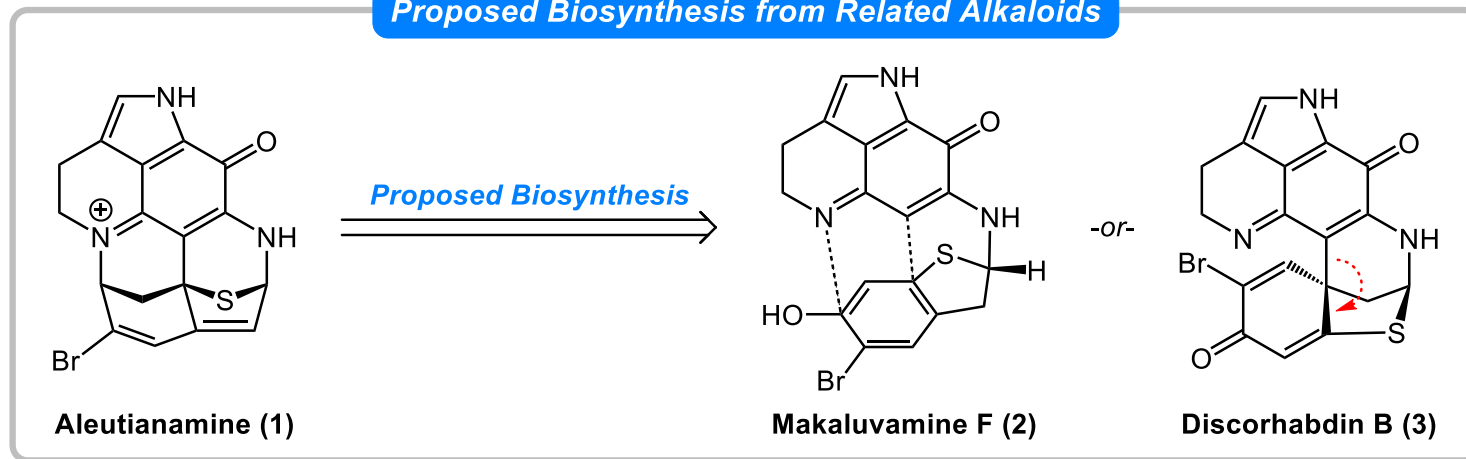


- » *First Isolated in 2019 from Alaska's Deep Ocean by Hamann and Co-workers*
- » *Belongs to Pyrroloiminoquinone Alkaloid Family* » *A Heptacyclic ring system*
- » *A Bridged Azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane Ring* » *A Congested Tertiary Alkyl Sulfide*

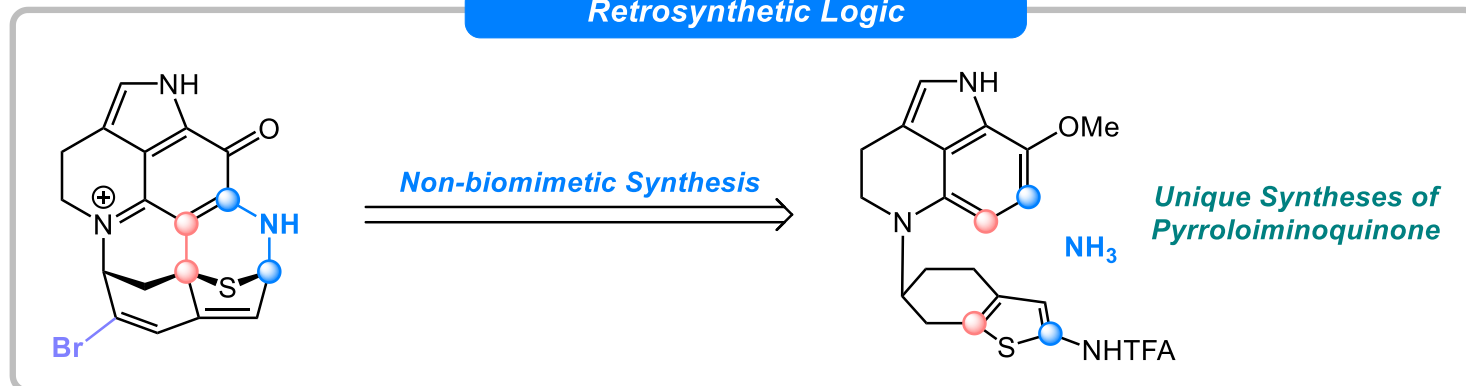
Zou, Y.; Wang, X.; Hamann, M. T., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2019**, 141, 4338

# Introduction

## Proposed Biosynthesis from Related Alkaloids

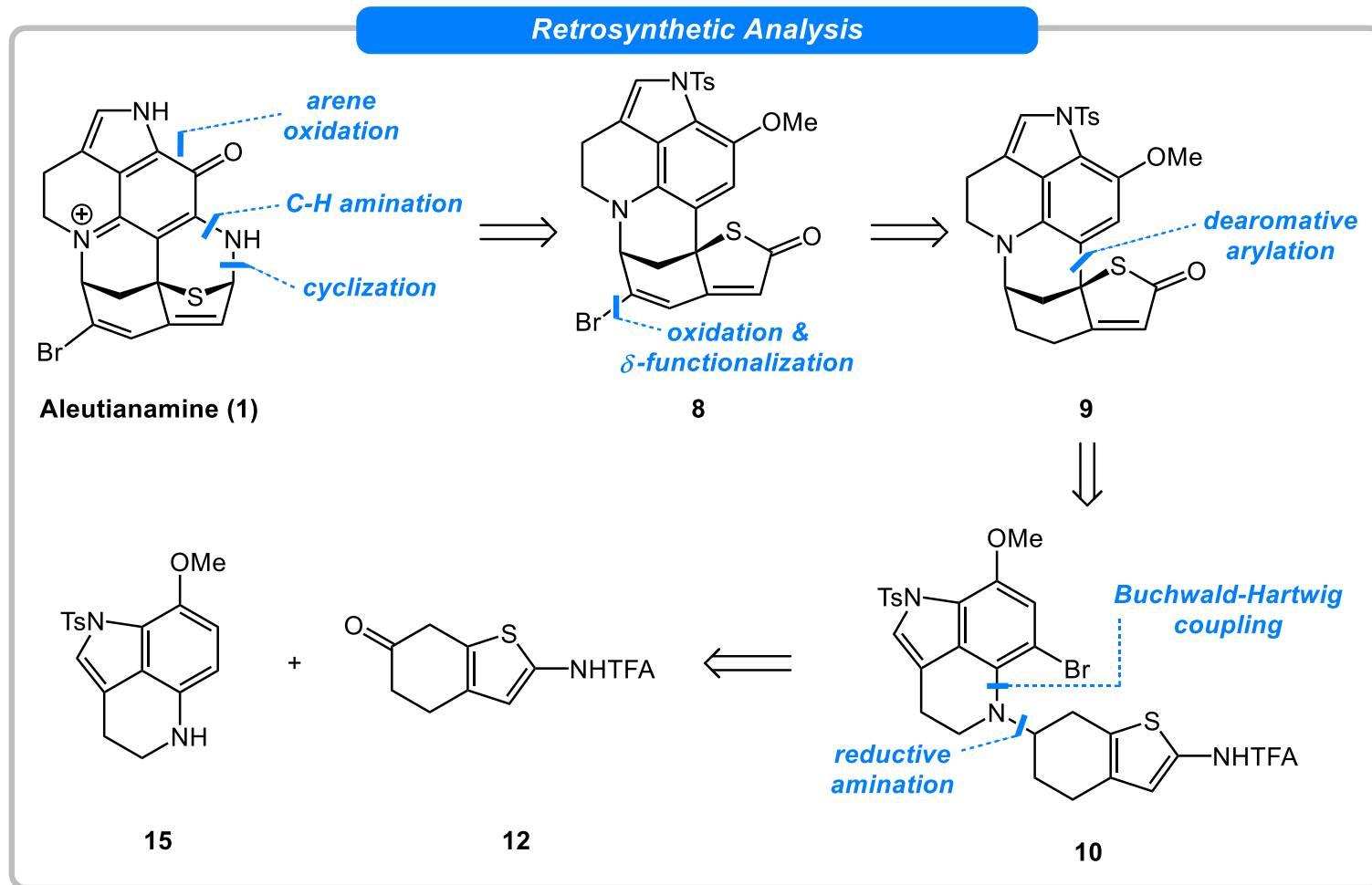


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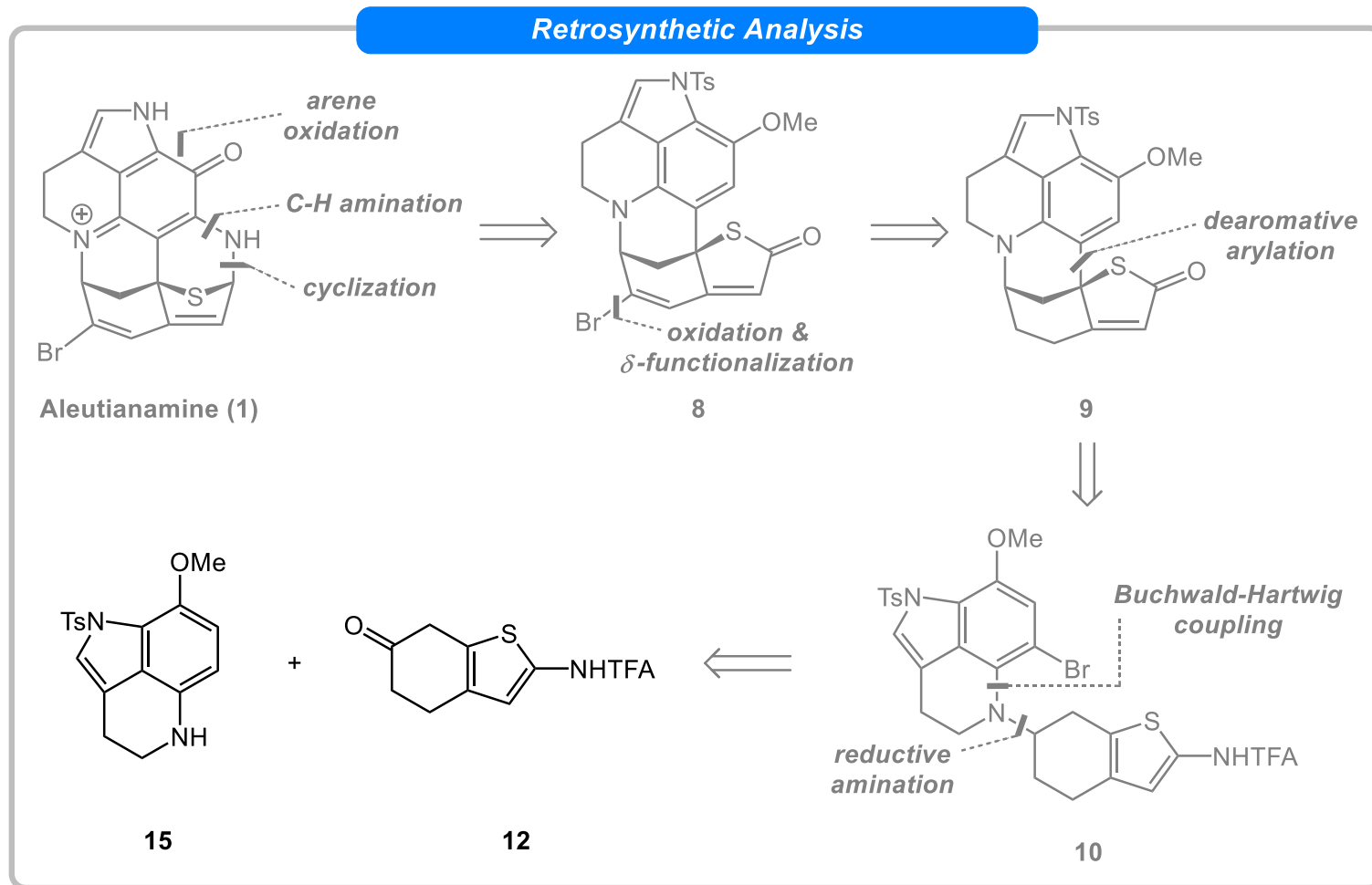


Shimomura, M.; Ide, K.; Sakata, J.; Tokuyama, H., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2023**, *145*, 18233

# Retrosynthetic Analysis

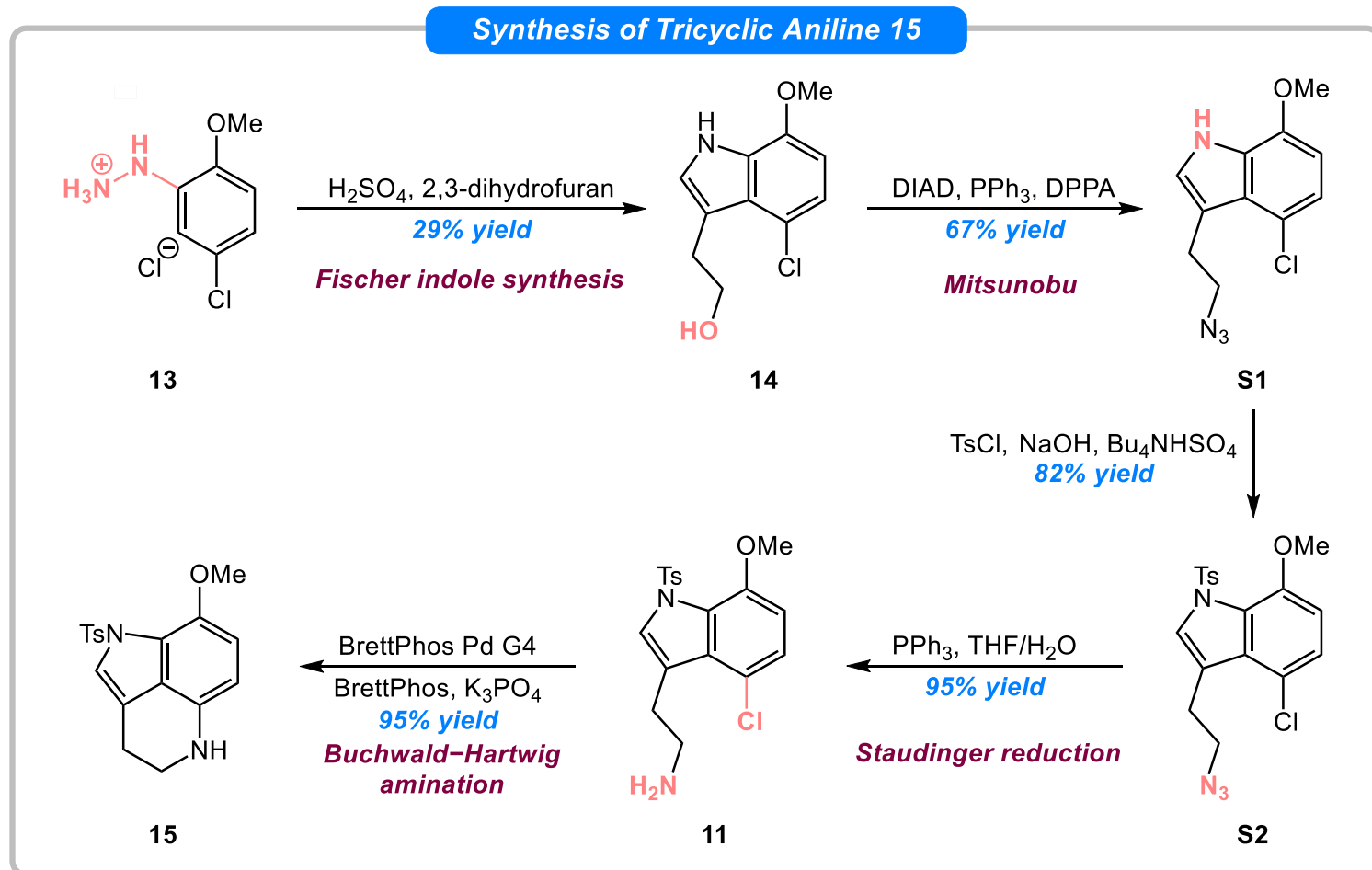


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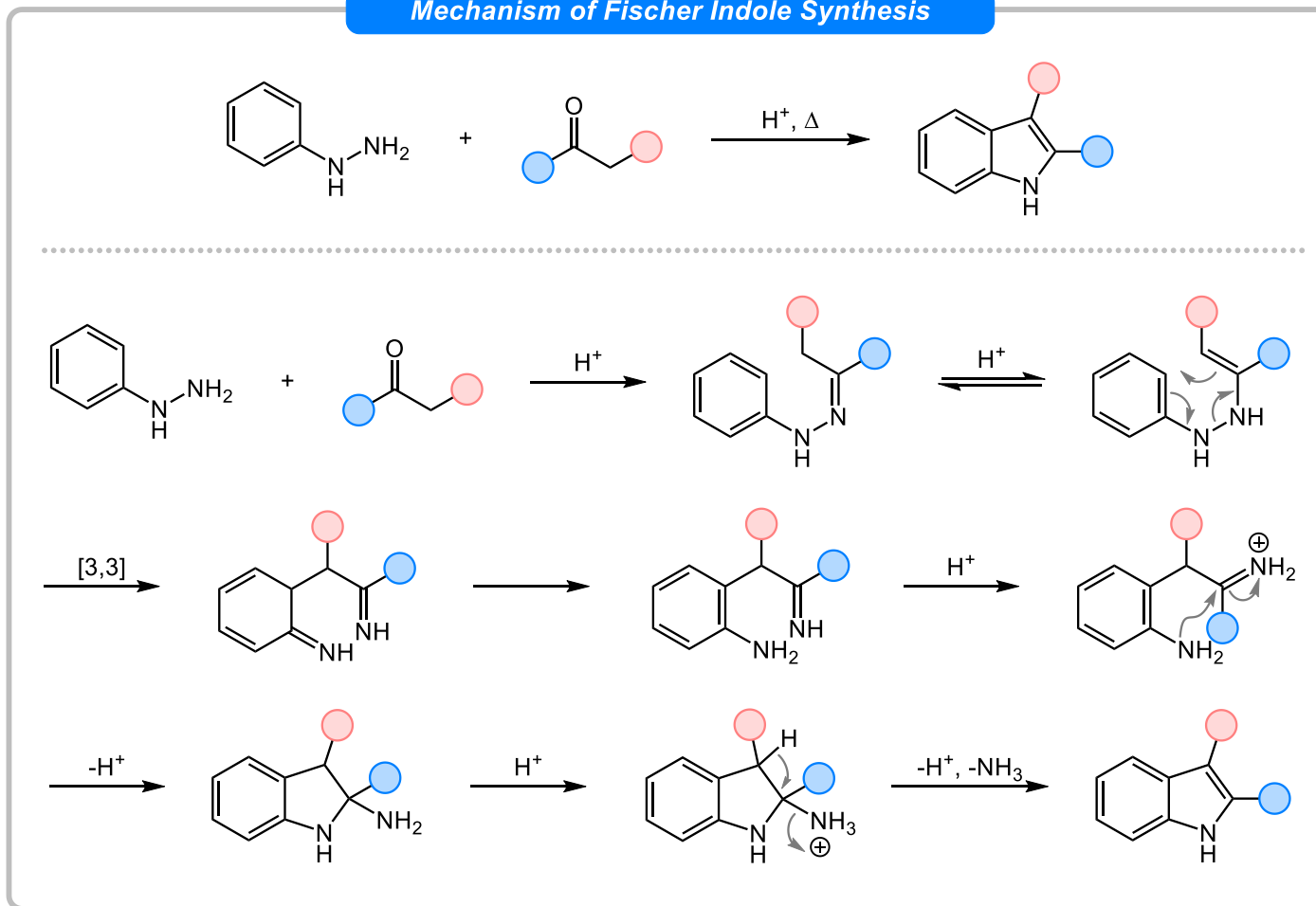


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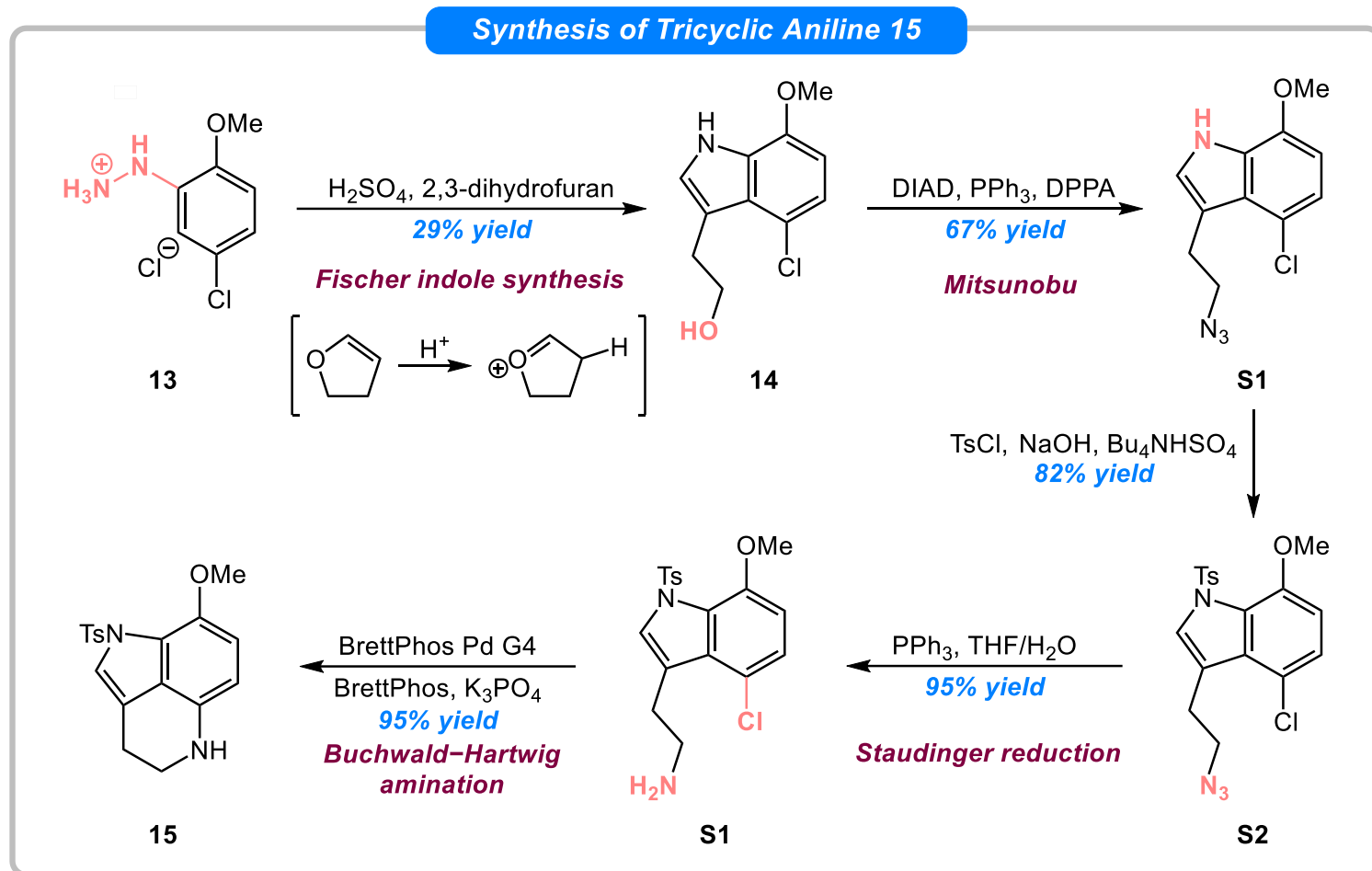
# Fischer Indole Synthesis

## Mechanism of Fischer Indole Synthesis

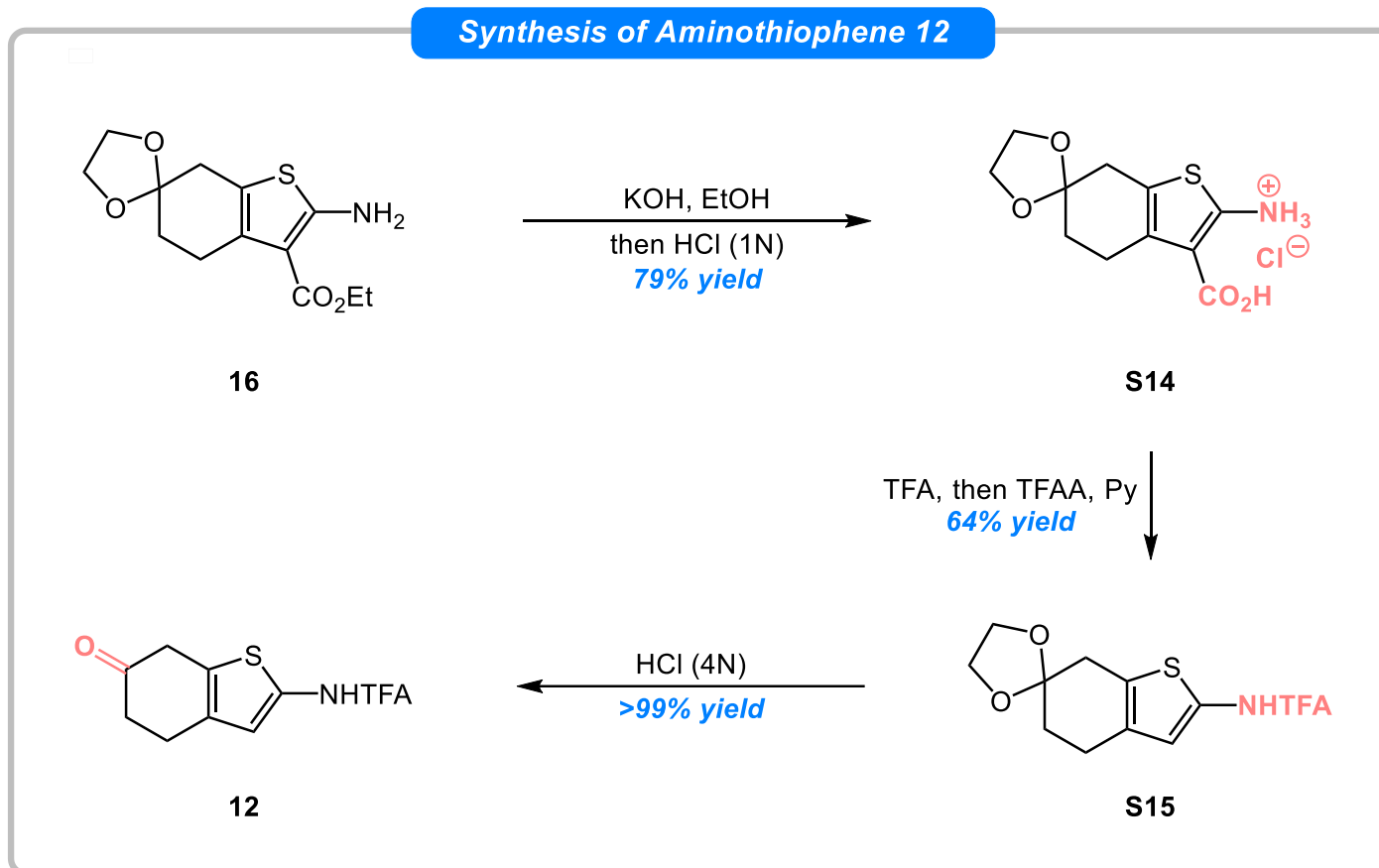


Inman, M.; Moody, C. J., *Chem. Sci.* **2013**, 4, 29

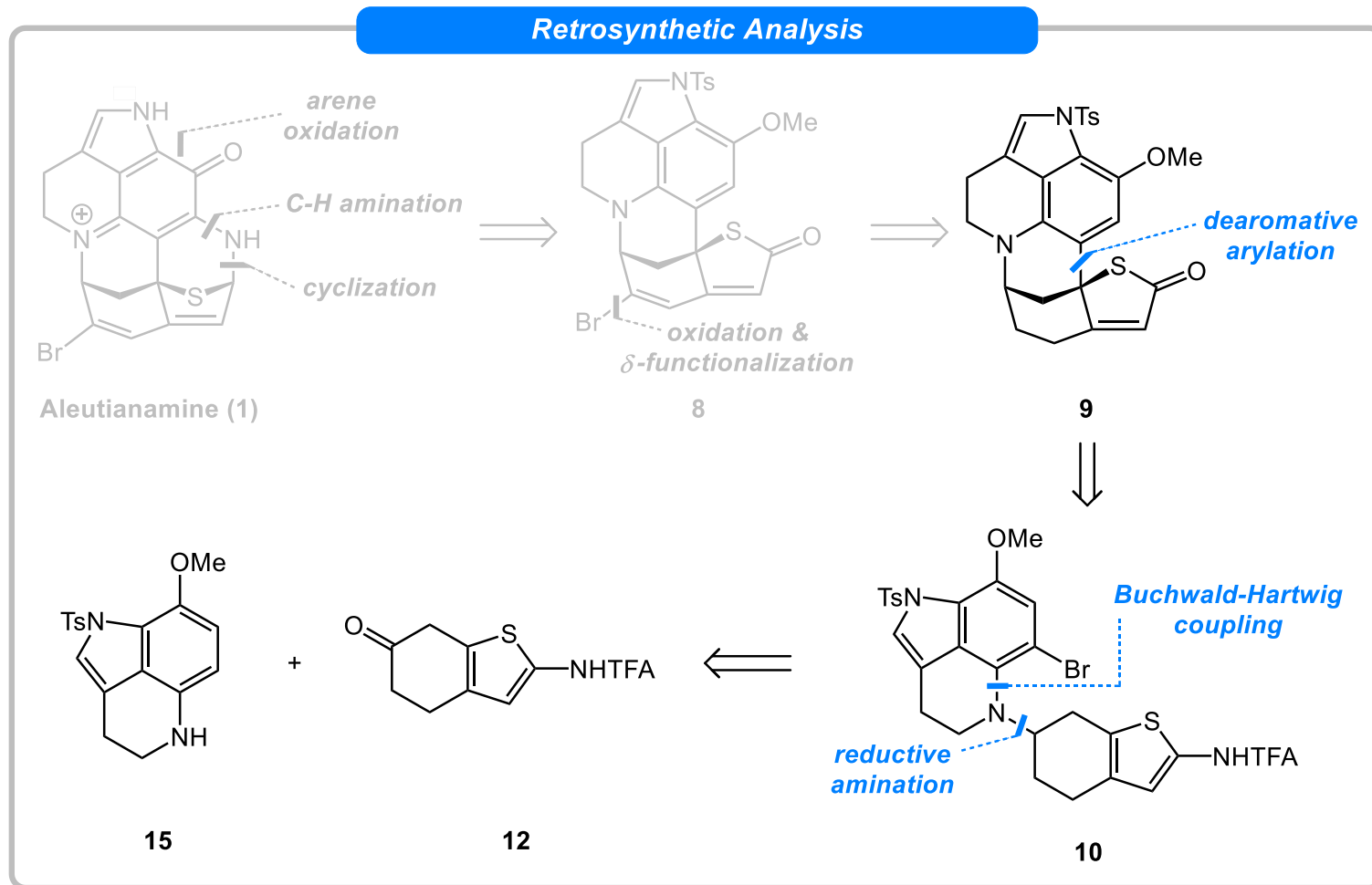
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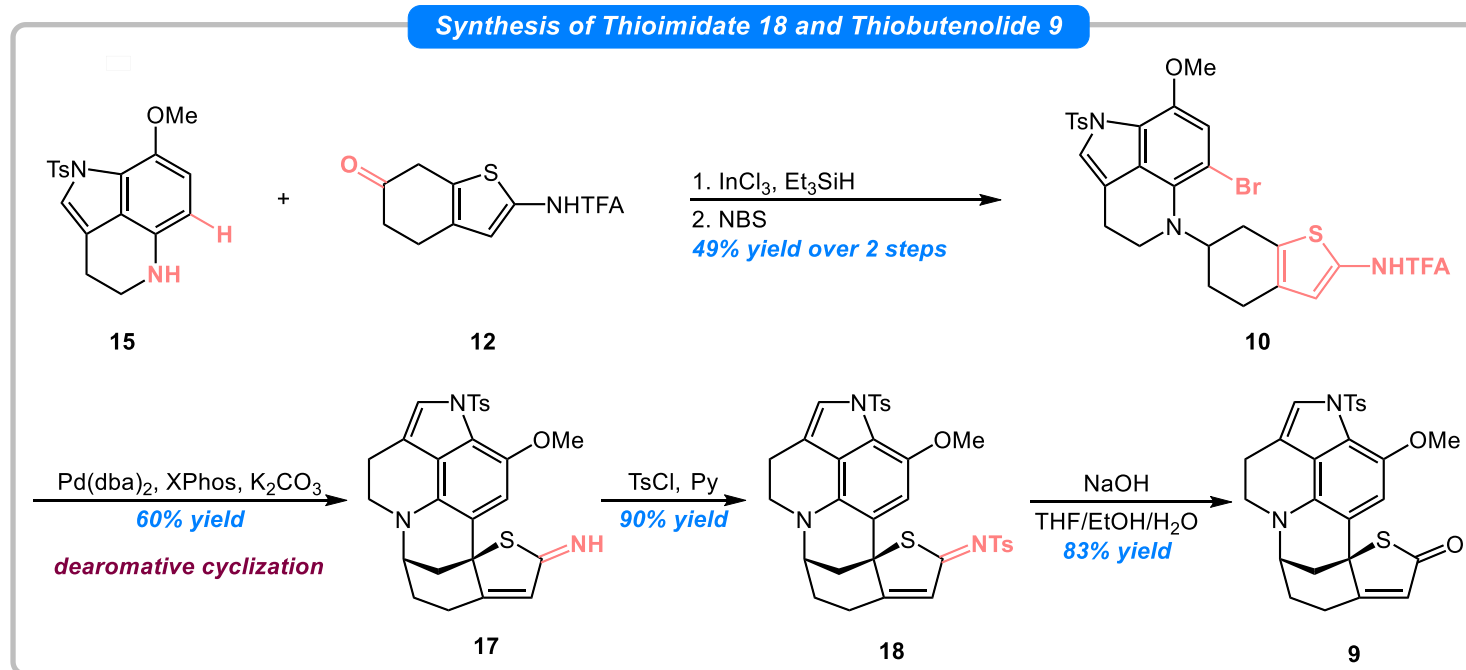
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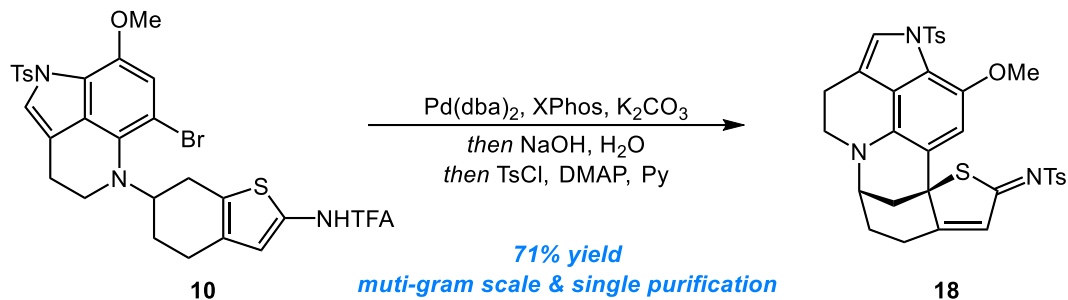


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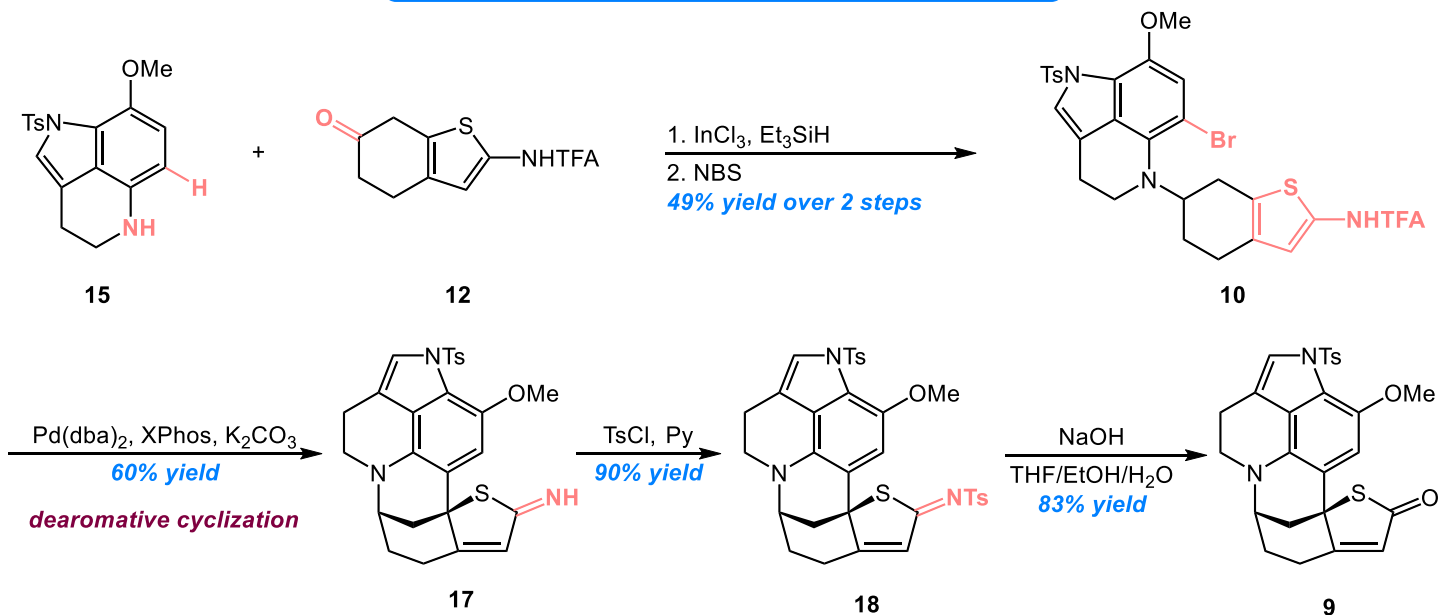


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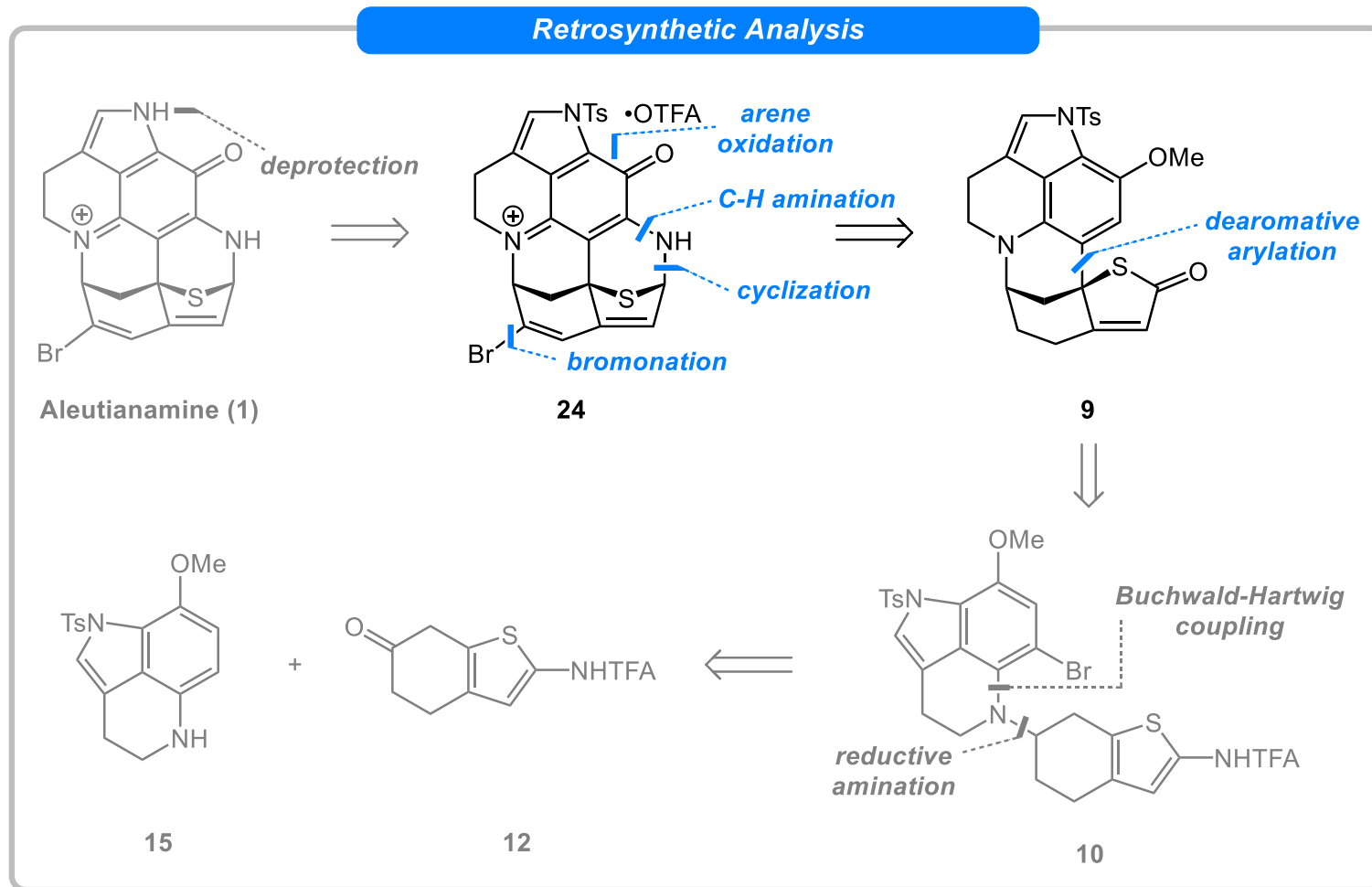
## Telescoped Sequence



## Synthesis of Thioimide 18 and Thiobutenolide 9



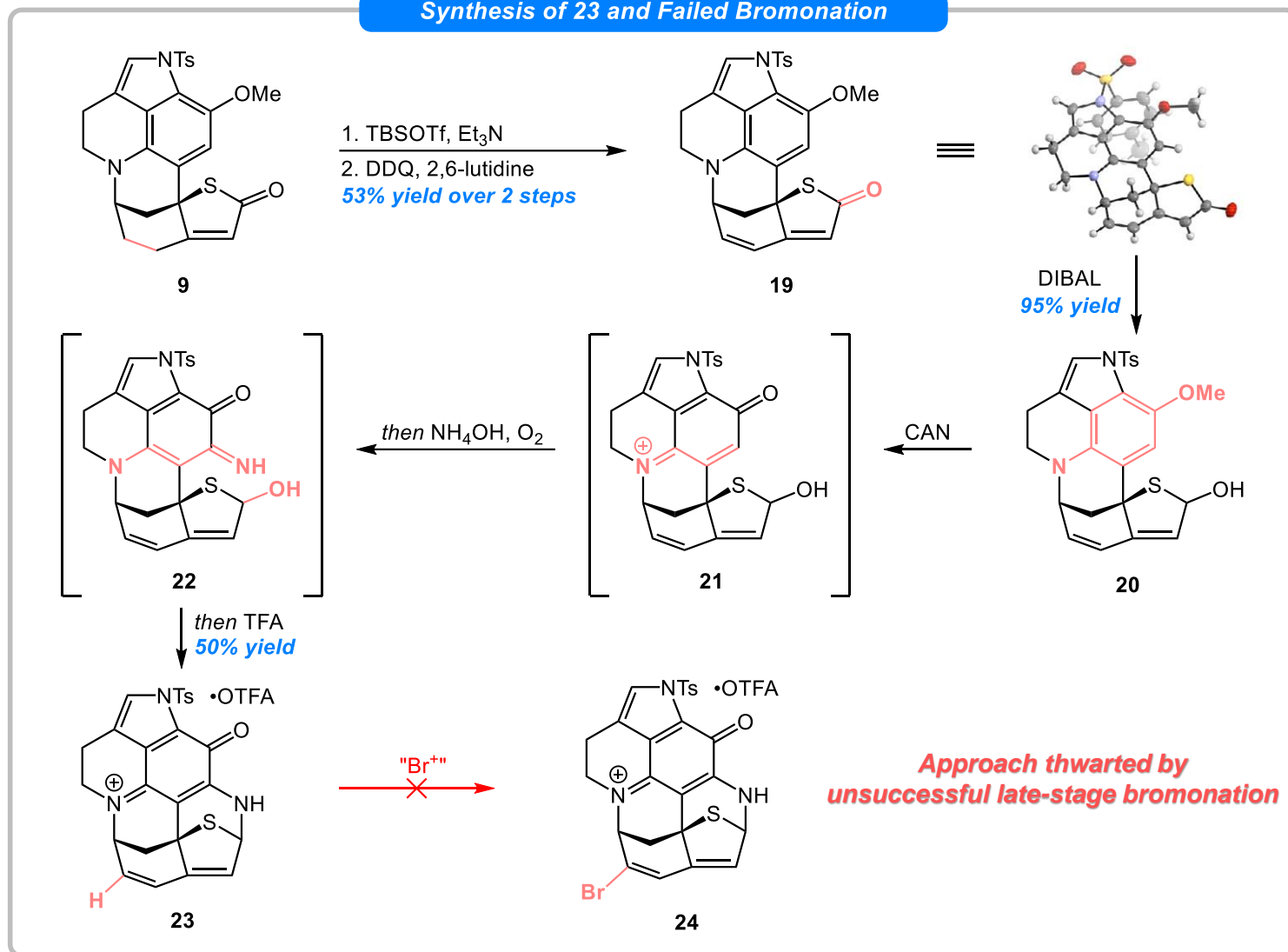
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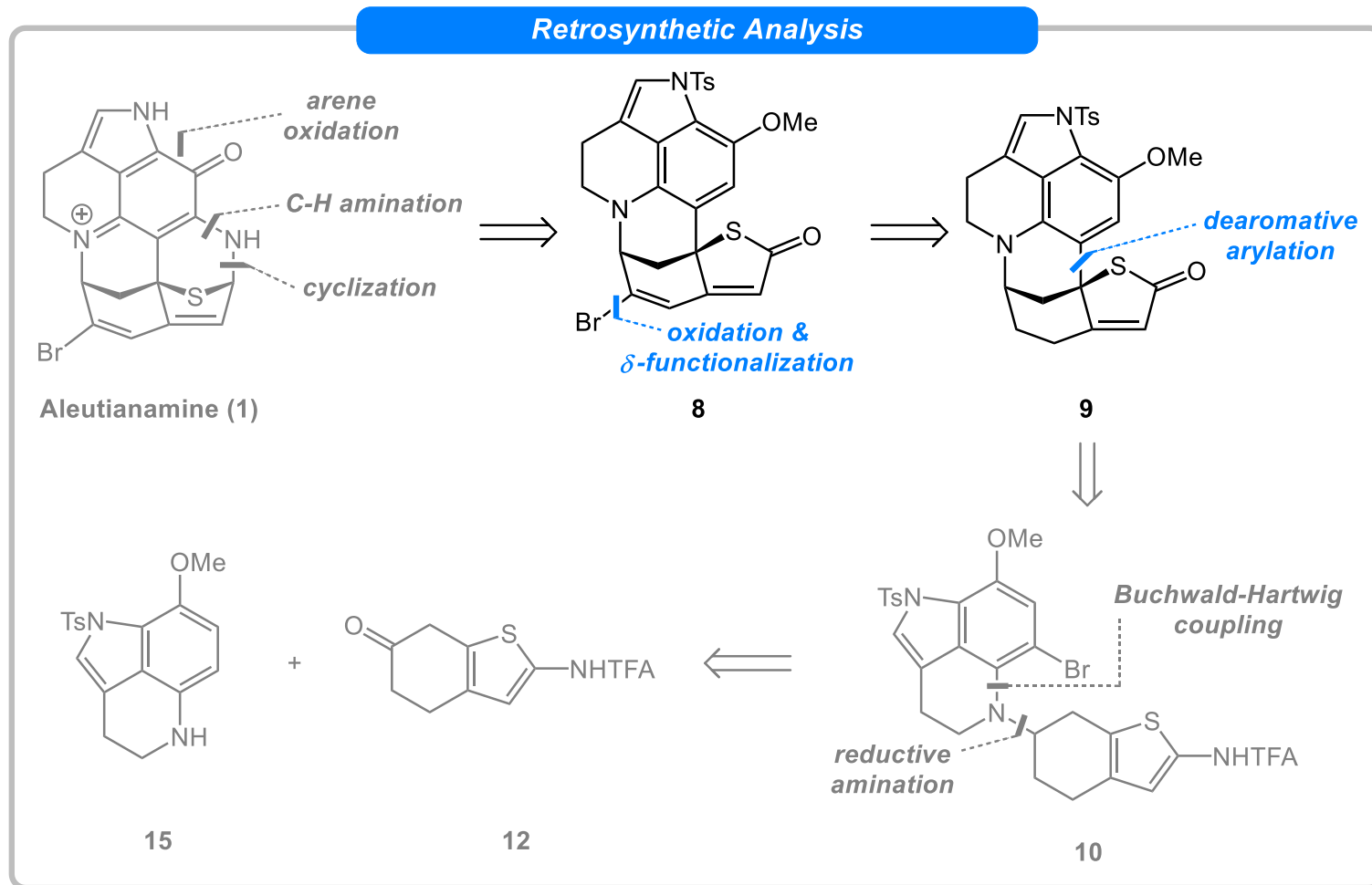


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## Synthesis of 23 and Failed Bromination

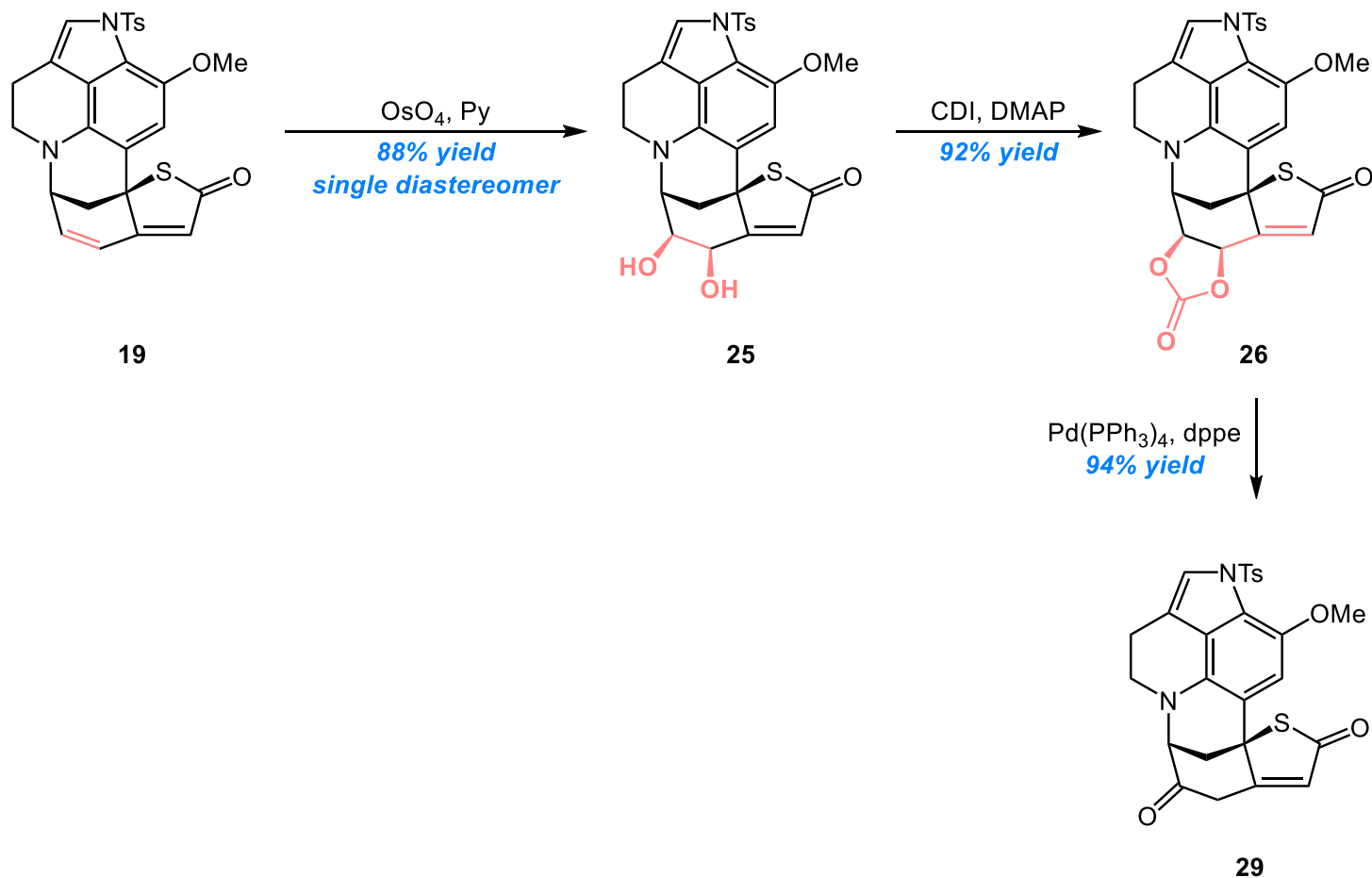


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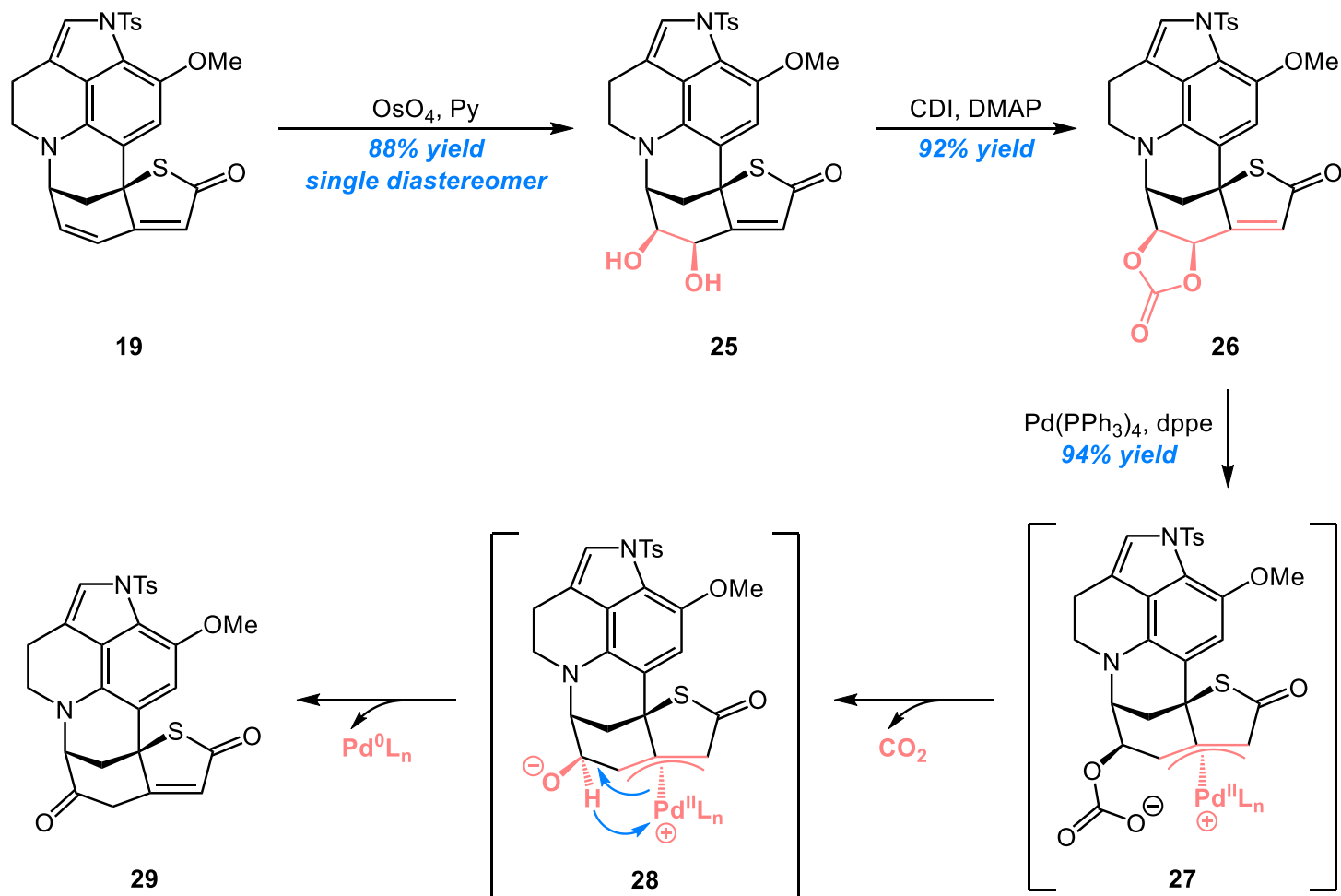
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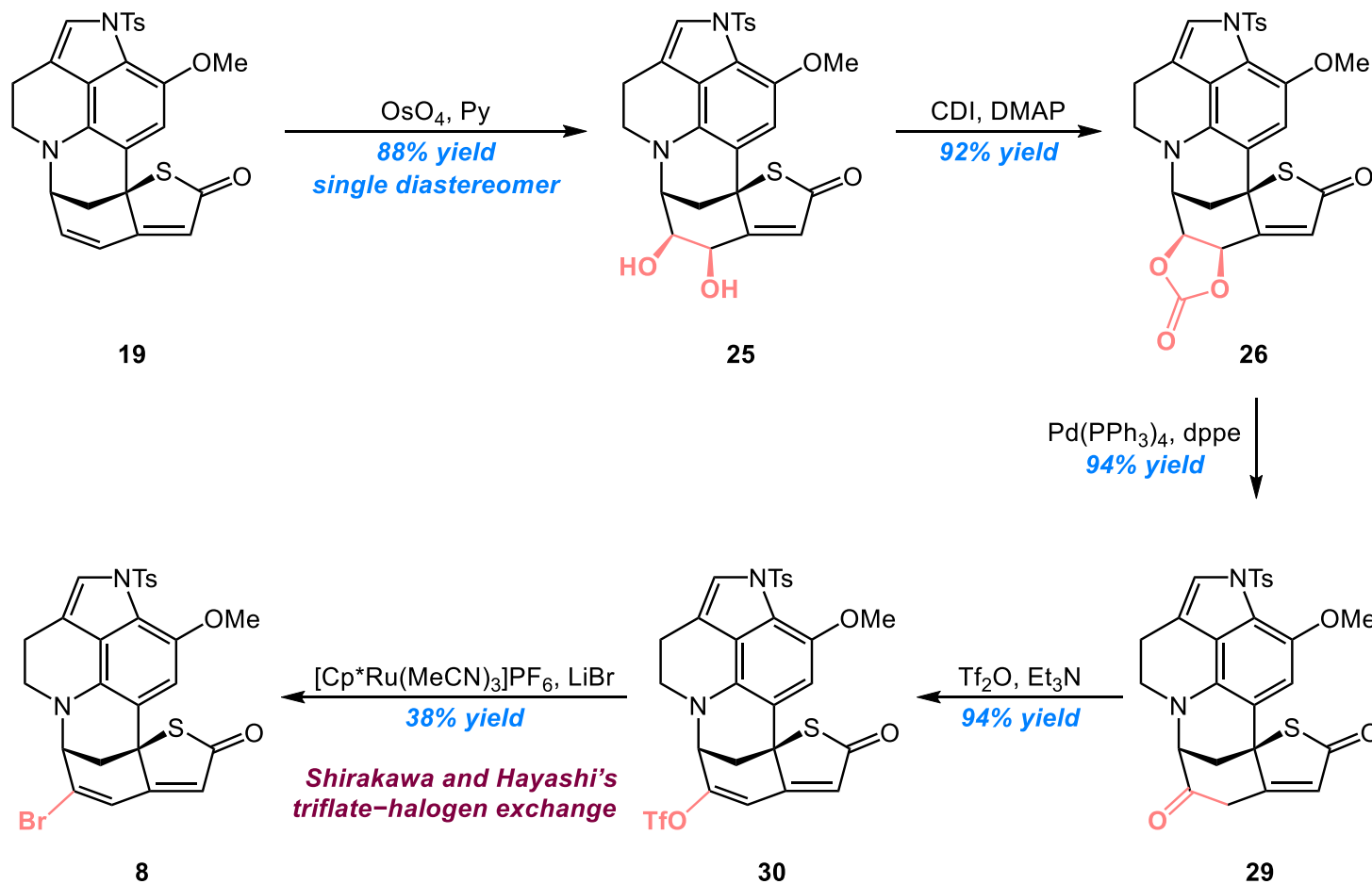
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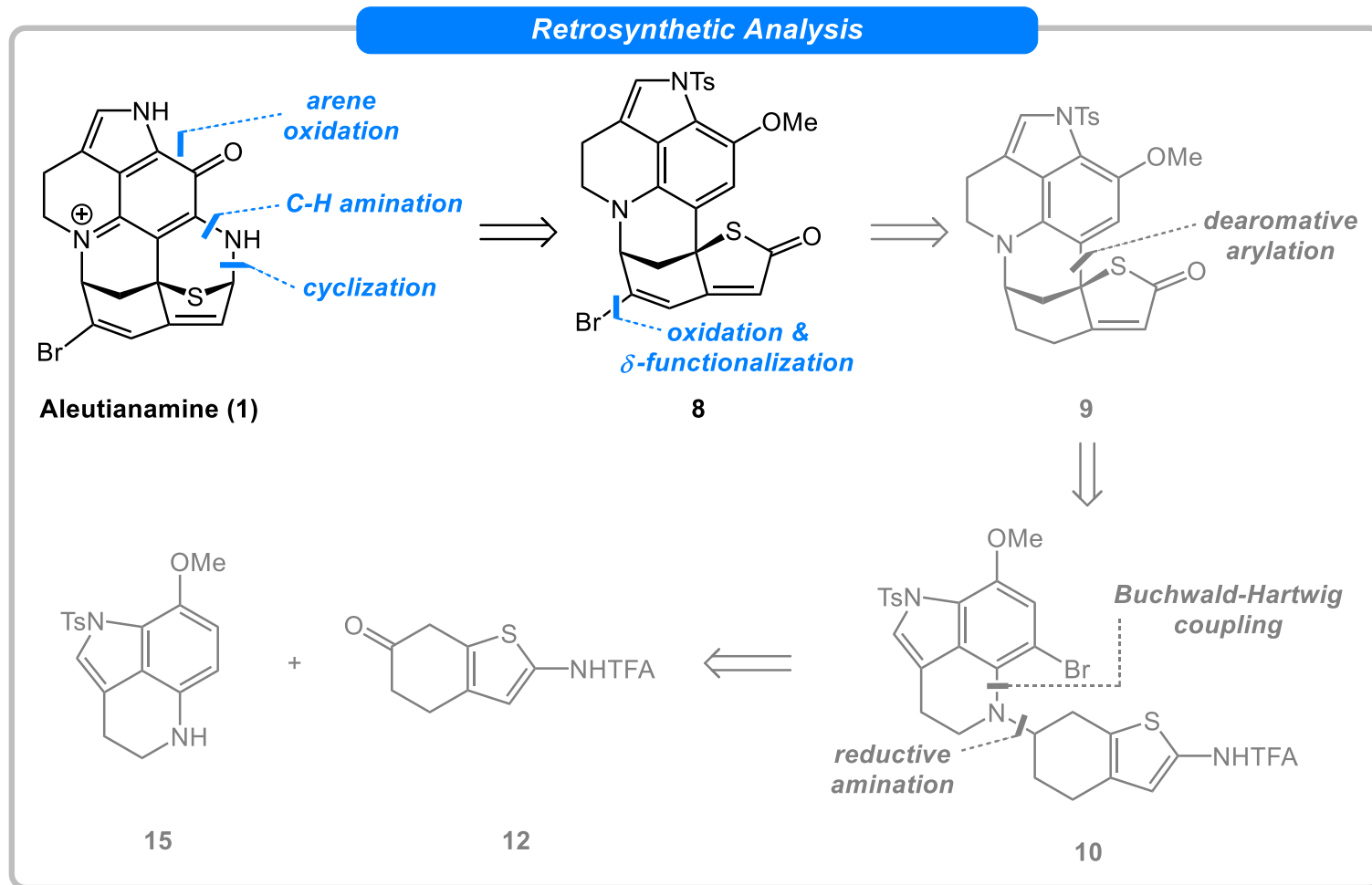


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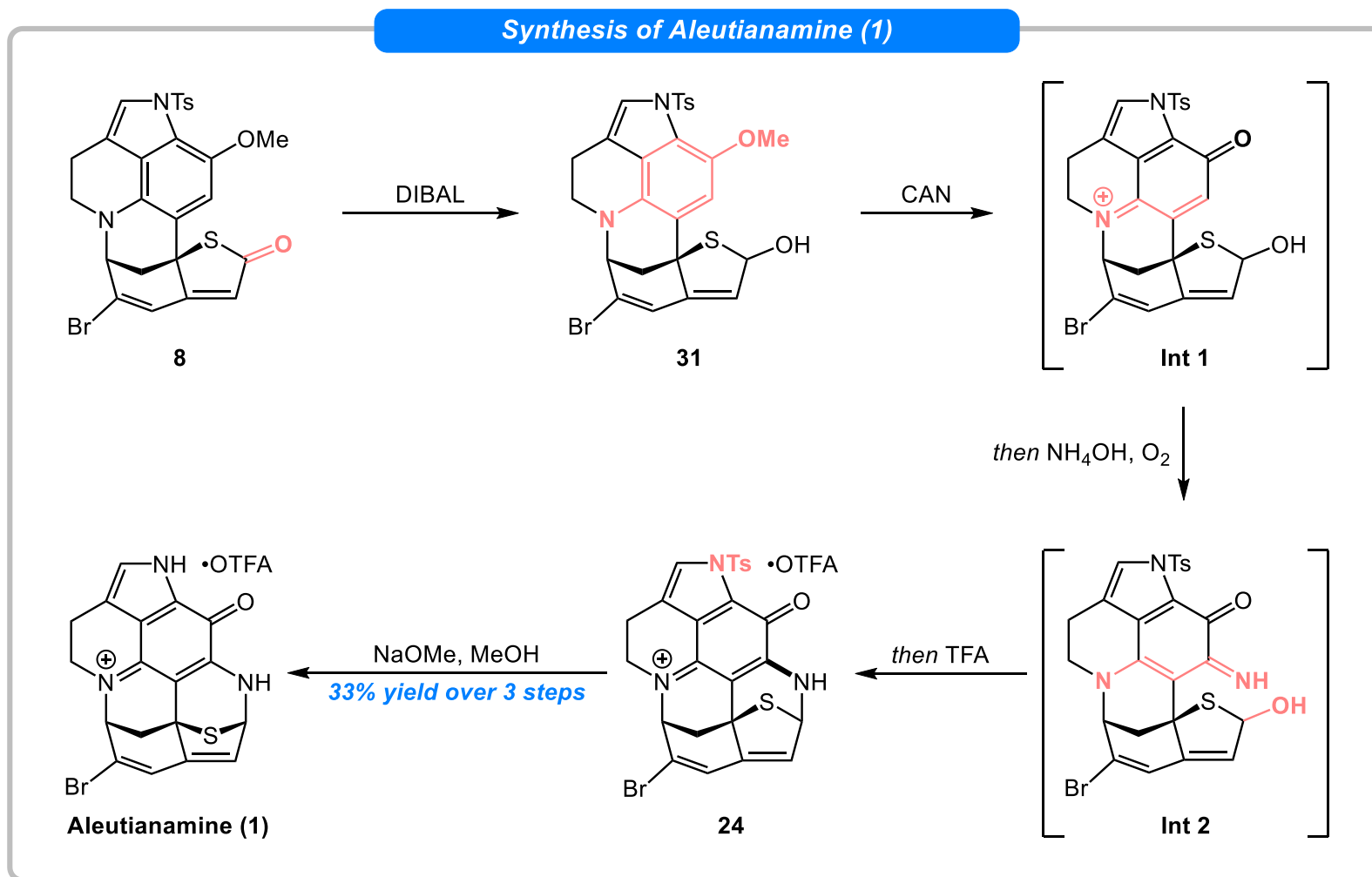
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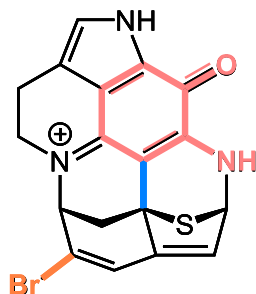
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# Summary

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## Total Synthesis of Aleutianamine (1)



- ◆ *Nonbiomimetic Synthetic Approach to Aleutianamine*
- ◆ *Longest Linear Sequence of 20 Steps*
- ◆ *0.14% Overall Yield*

» *Pd-Catalyzed Intramolecular Dearomative Arylation*

» *Pd-Catalyzed Pinacol-Type Rearrangement of Cyclic Carbonate*

» *Late-Stage Arene Oxidative Amination and Cyclization*



# Writing Strategies

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## □ The First Paragraph

The **High Lethality** of  
Pancreatic Cancer



Difficulty in **Treating**  
Pancreatic Cancer



The **Therapeutic**  
**Potential** of  
Aleutianamine

- ✓ **Pancreatic cancer** is the third leading cause of cancer death and is projected to be the second deadliest cancer by 2040, exemplified by a dismal 12% five year survival rate for patients with the disease.
- ✓ These **alarming statistics can be attributed to** difficulties in early disease detection, the lack of common genetic mutations associated with the disease, and overall ineffective treatment options.
- ✓ Historically, **natural products** have contributed significantly toward drug discovery and novel therapeutics, particularly in the areas of cancer and infectious disease. Aleutianamine (1), isolated in 2019 by Hamann and co-workers, is a marine derived alkaloid that **possesses potent and selective cytotoxicity toward solid tumor cell lines**.

# Writing Strategies

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## □ The Last Paragraph

### Summary of this Work

- ✓ This total synthesis represents a **nonbiomimetic synthetic approach** to aleutianamine.



### Highlights of this Work

- ✓ **Key to the synthetic approach** were the Pd-catalyzed intramolecular dearomative arylation of an aminothiophene, ketone installation by the Pd-catalyzed pinacol-type rearrangement of a cyclic carbonate, and latestage arene oxidative amination



### Outlook of this Work

- ✓ Efforts to prepare **analogues of aleutianamine with related sequences** and to establish a **structure-activity relationship against biologically relevant cancer cell lines** are ongoing.

# Representative Examples

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- ✓ Despite advances in new therapeutics for pancreatic cancer, patient survival has only **marginally** (*adv.* 少量地, 轻微地, 微不足道地) increased in the past several decades.
- ✓ We devised an alternative nonbiomimetic approach **centered around** (围绕..., 以...为中心) formation of the bridging [3.3.1] ring system followed by late-stage arene oxidation, a strategy that is unique in comparison to previous pyrroloiminoquinone syntheses
- ✓ Reasoning that the electronics of diene **19** would promote bromination at the undesired C1 position, we **opted** (*vi.* 选择, 挑选) to delay the installation of the alkenyl bromide until the final stage of the synthesis.

# Acknowledgement

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***Thanks for your attentions!***