# Literature Report I

#### Divergent Total Synthesis of Biogenetically Related Tetracyclic Diterpenoids

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- Bioactive Chemicals from Natural Products
- Biological Mechanisms of Natural Antifungal and Antitumor Constituents
- Syntheses of Important Natural Compounds

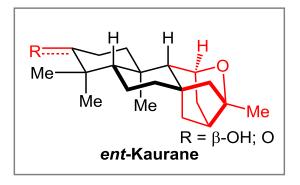








## Introduction

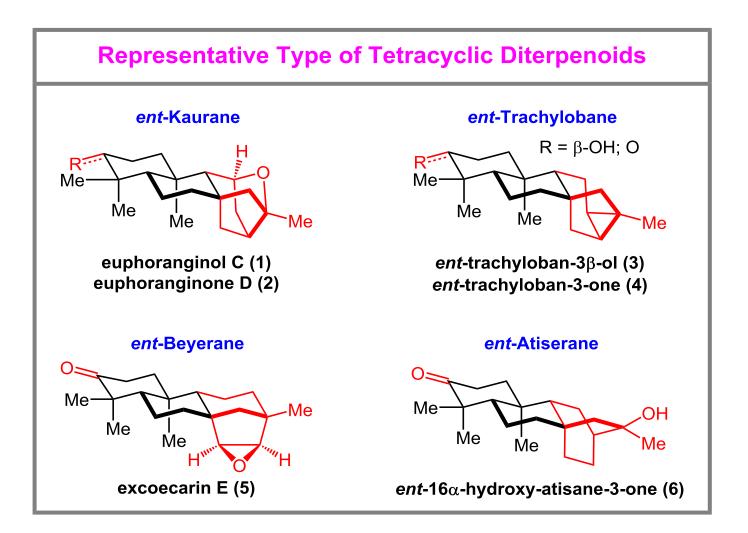




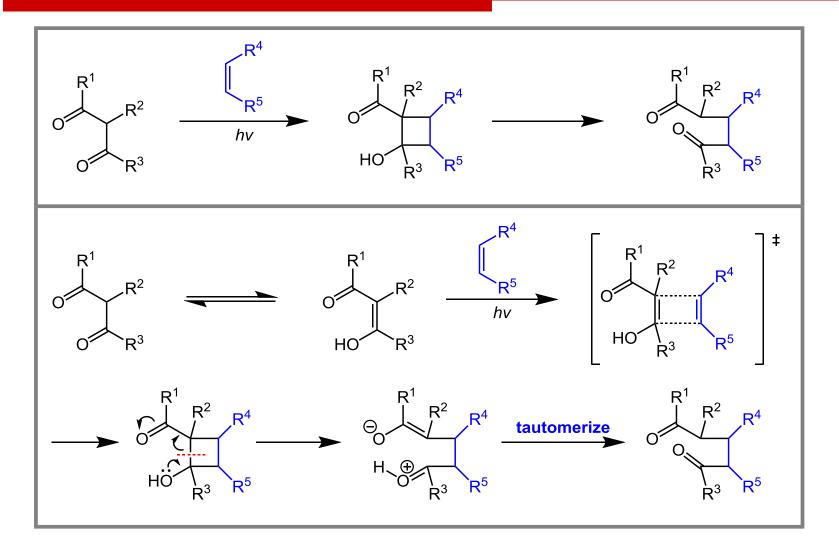
Euphorbia micractina

- The most common type of tetracyclic diterpenoids;
- Isolated from *Euphorbia micractina* by Jia group in 1994;
- Many promising biological activities, including antitumor, antiviral, and antifungal activities.

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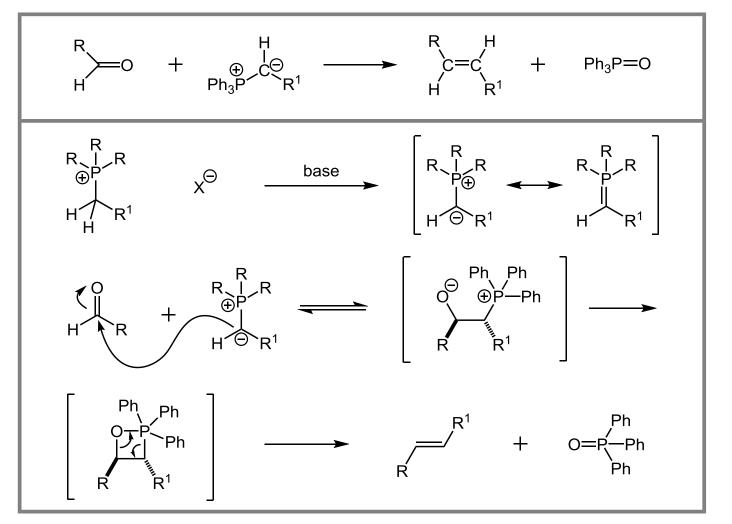


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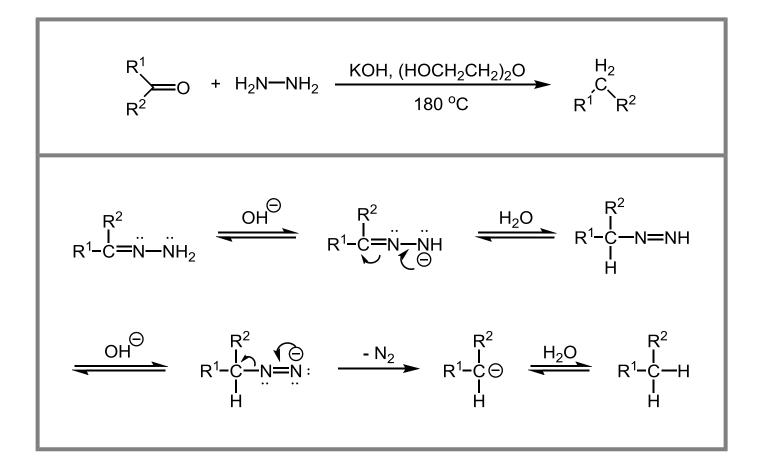
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# Wittig Reaction



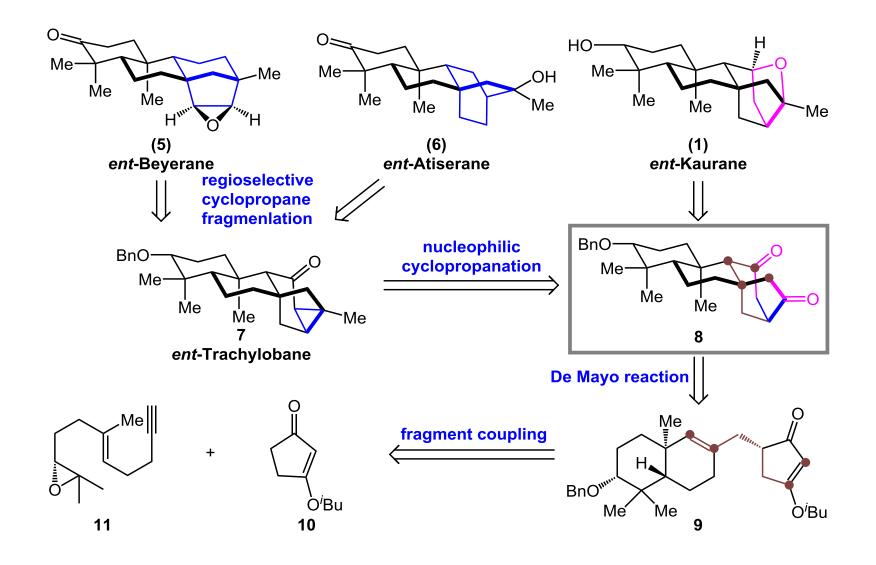
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#### **Wolff-Kishner-Reduction**

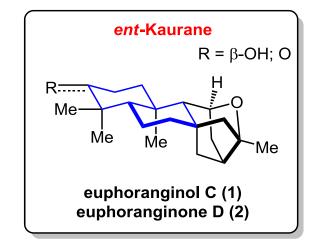


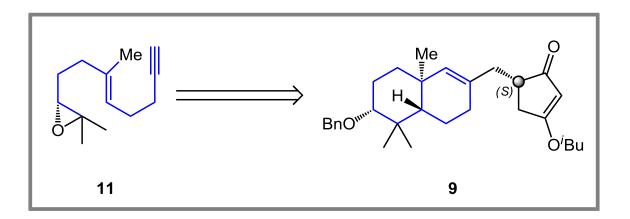
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#### **Retrosynthetic Analysis**

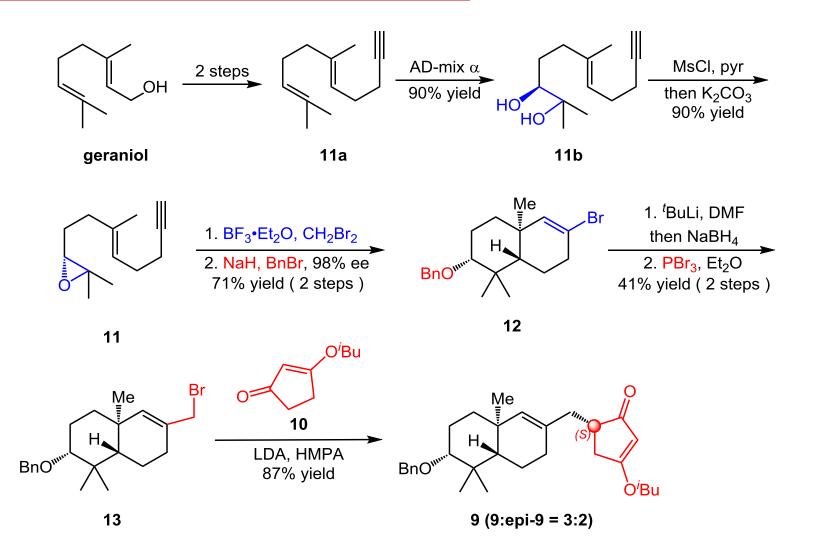


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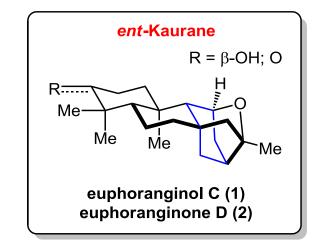


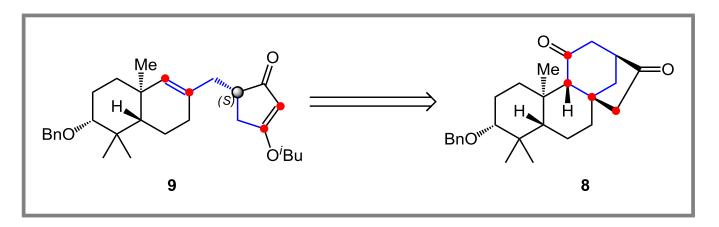


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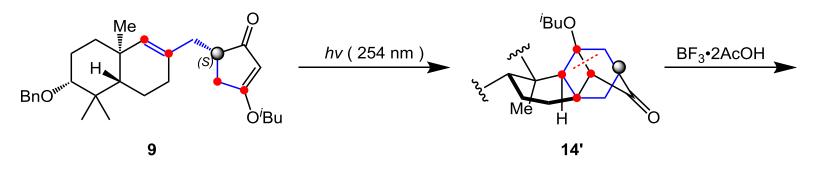


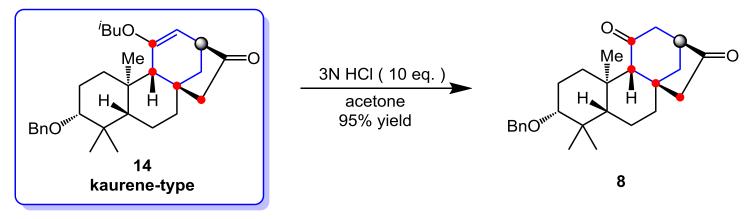
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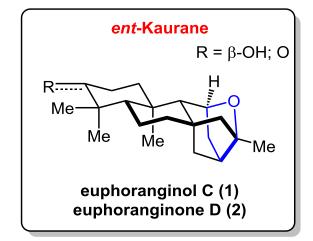


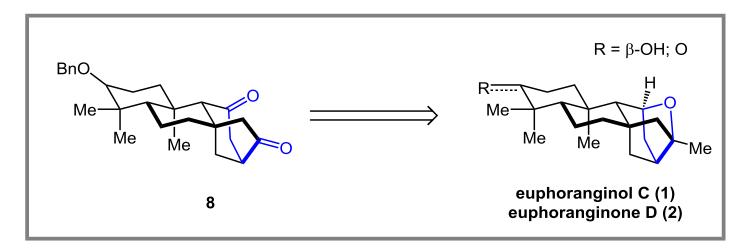
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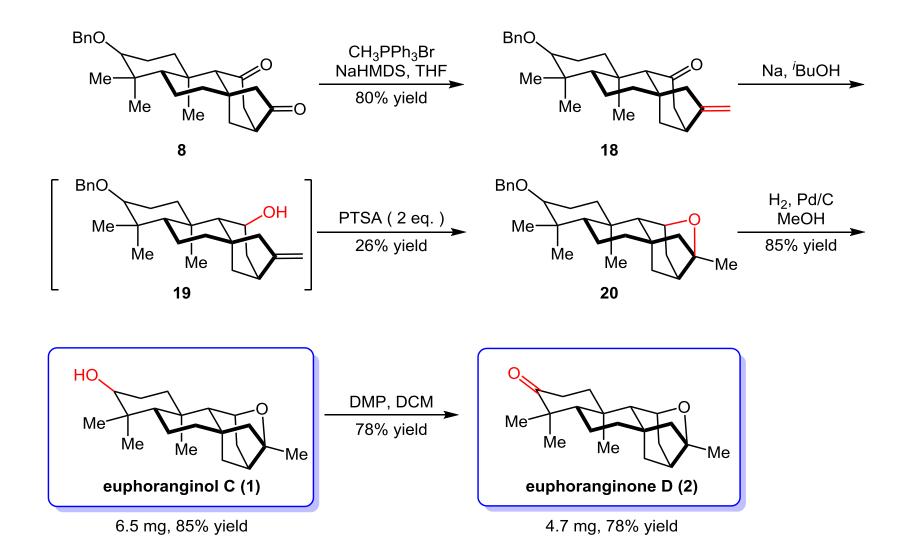


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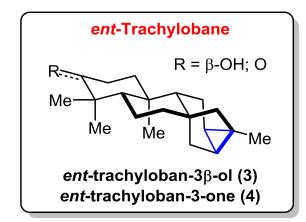


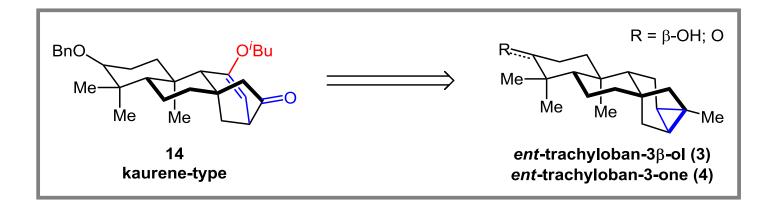


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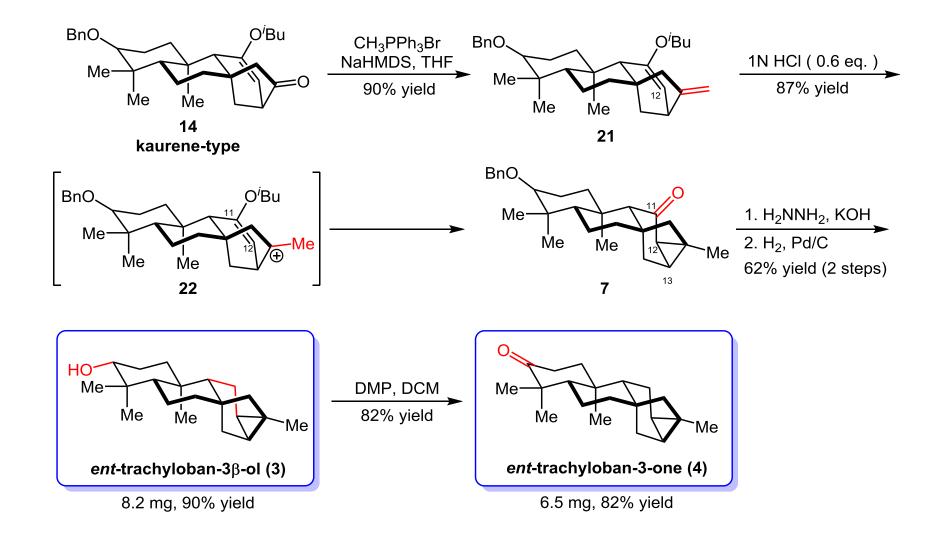


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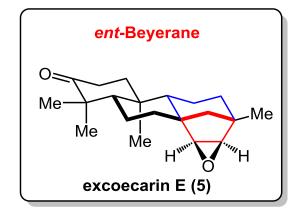


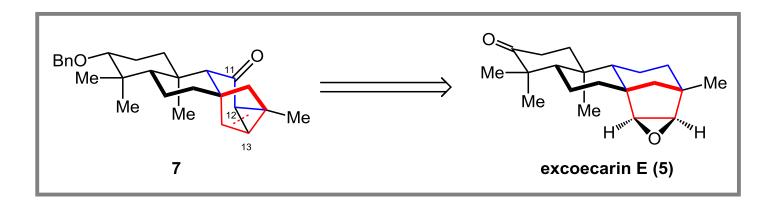


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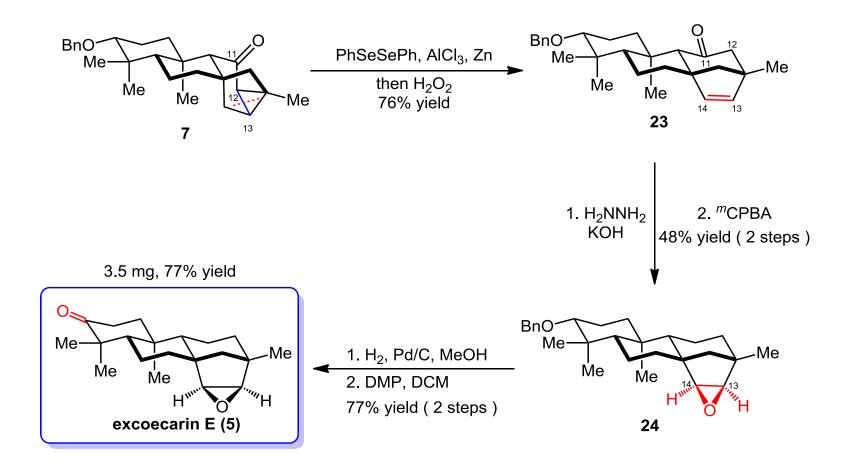


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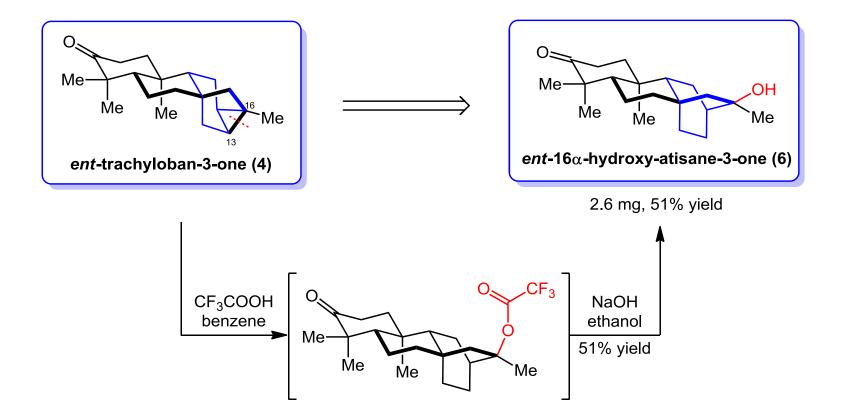




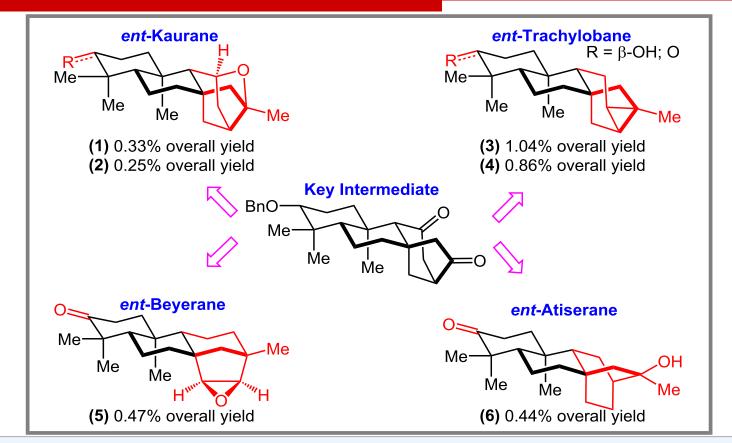
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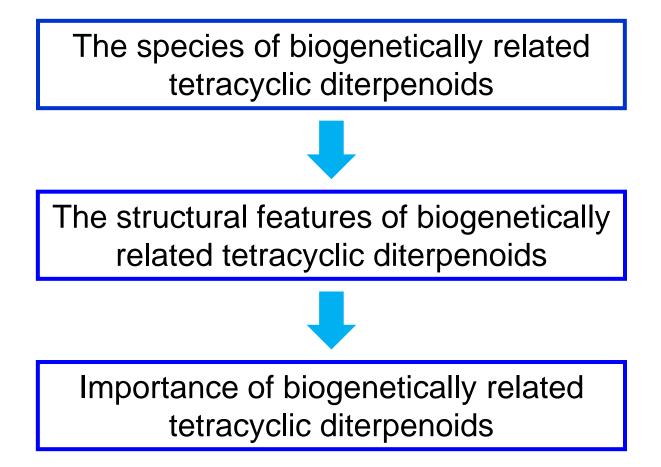
#### The Synthesis of ent-Atiserane



#### **Summary**

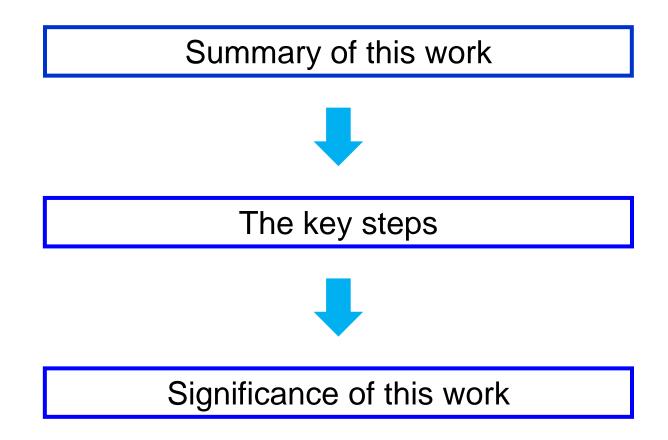


- Divergent total synthesis of six diterpenoids: 14-16 steps
- De Mayo reaction
- Wittig reaction
- Wolff-Kishner-reduction



Tetracyclic diterpenoids constitute a large family of plant terpenoids, and they mainly refer to the biogenetically related carbon skeletons derived from ent-copalyl diphosphate (ent-CPP). ent-Kauranes are the most common type of tetracyclic diterpenoids, which also include *ent*beyerane, *ent*-atiserane, *ent*-trachylobane, and *ent*-grayanane. Structurally, each family has a characteristic bicyclo[3.2.1]-, bicyclo-[2.2.2]-, or tricyclo[3.2.1.0]-octane framework containing several consecutive stereocenters. These natural diterpenoids have been found to exhibit many promising biological activities, including antitumor, antiviral, and antifungal activities.

## Writing Strategy



In summary, we have developed a divergent route that enables the total synthesis of some biogenetically related polycyclic diterpenoids, namely, ent-kauranes, ent-trachylobanes, ent-beyerane, and ent-atisane. De Mayo reaction was employed to generate the pivotal bicyclo[3.2.1] moiety of *ent*-kaurane. Conversion to *ent*-trachylobane from *ent*-kaurane was achieved through bioinspired nucleophilic cyclopropanation. Regioselective cyclopropane fragmentations of *ent*-trachylobane, furnishing *ent*-beyerane and *ent*-atisane, were achieved through the nucleophilic attack and protonation of the cyclopropane ring. Analog synthesis and evaluation of biological activities are being undertaken and will be reported in due course.

In the course of our ongoing investigations on the biological activities of these molecules, we sought to develop a divergent protocol for the synthesis of these biogenetically related diterpenoids. (在…的过程中; 进行中的实验)

Since 14 played a key role in the latter nucleophilic cyclopropanation, we next screened different acids to improve yield of 14. (扮演重要角色)

Moving forward, reduction of the highly sterically hindered C11 ketone was achieved under drastic Wolff-Kishner conditions by stirring at 210 °C for 50 h. (表递进,陈述下一步反应)

# Thanks for your attention