

Literature Report (3)

Light-Mediated Total Synthesis of 17-Deoxyprovidencin

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Introduction

Education

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- 1974-1975 Postdoctoral fellow Harvard University (Supervisor Professor E. J. Corey)
- 1984-1995 Free University of Berlin
- 1996- University of Vienna



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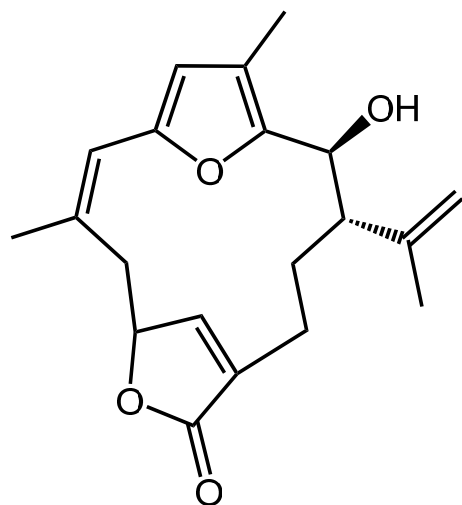
Research Interests

Asymmetric Synthesis of Natural Products (Macrolides, Alkaloids, Terpenes, Peptides and Amino Acids);

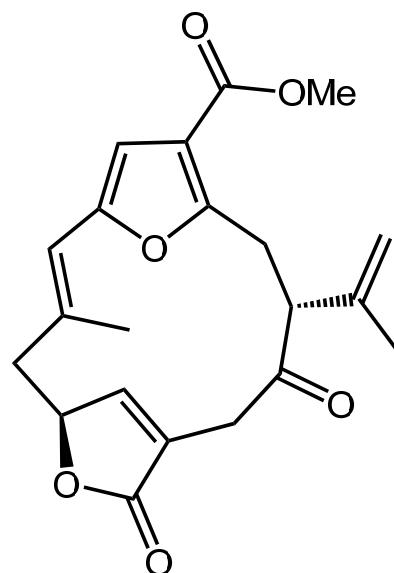
Development of Synthetic Methodology (among aldol additions, β -lactone chemistry, olefinations, ring enlargements, sigmatropic rearrangements);

Elucidation of Organic Reaction Mechanisms

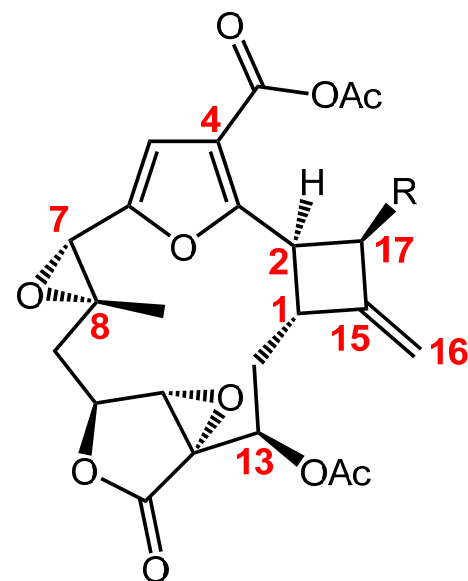
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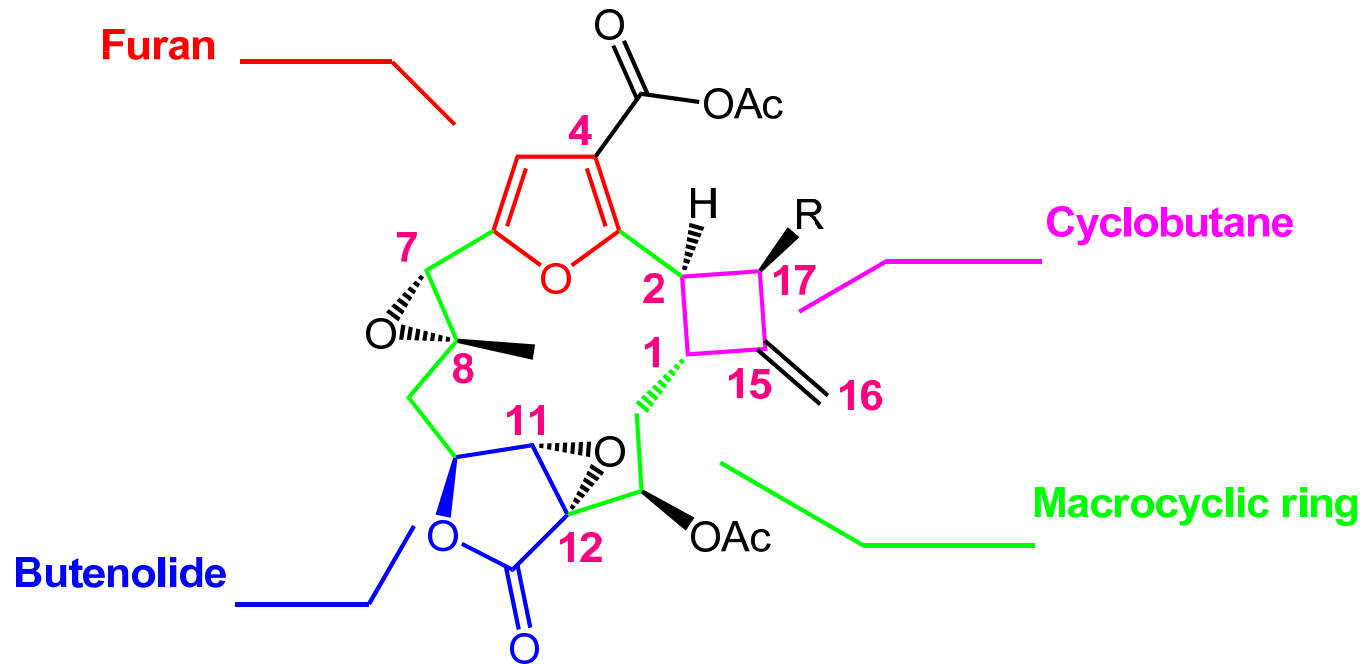


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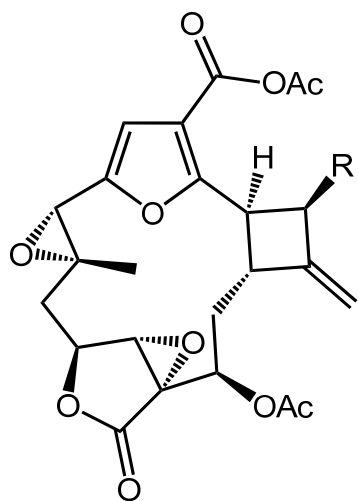
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Introduction



First generation approach

Synthesis of the cyclobutane moiety

Synthesis of vinylfuran via Wipf cyclization

Ring closure via Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination

Construction of Butenolide

Second generation approach

Synthesis of the cyclobutane moiety

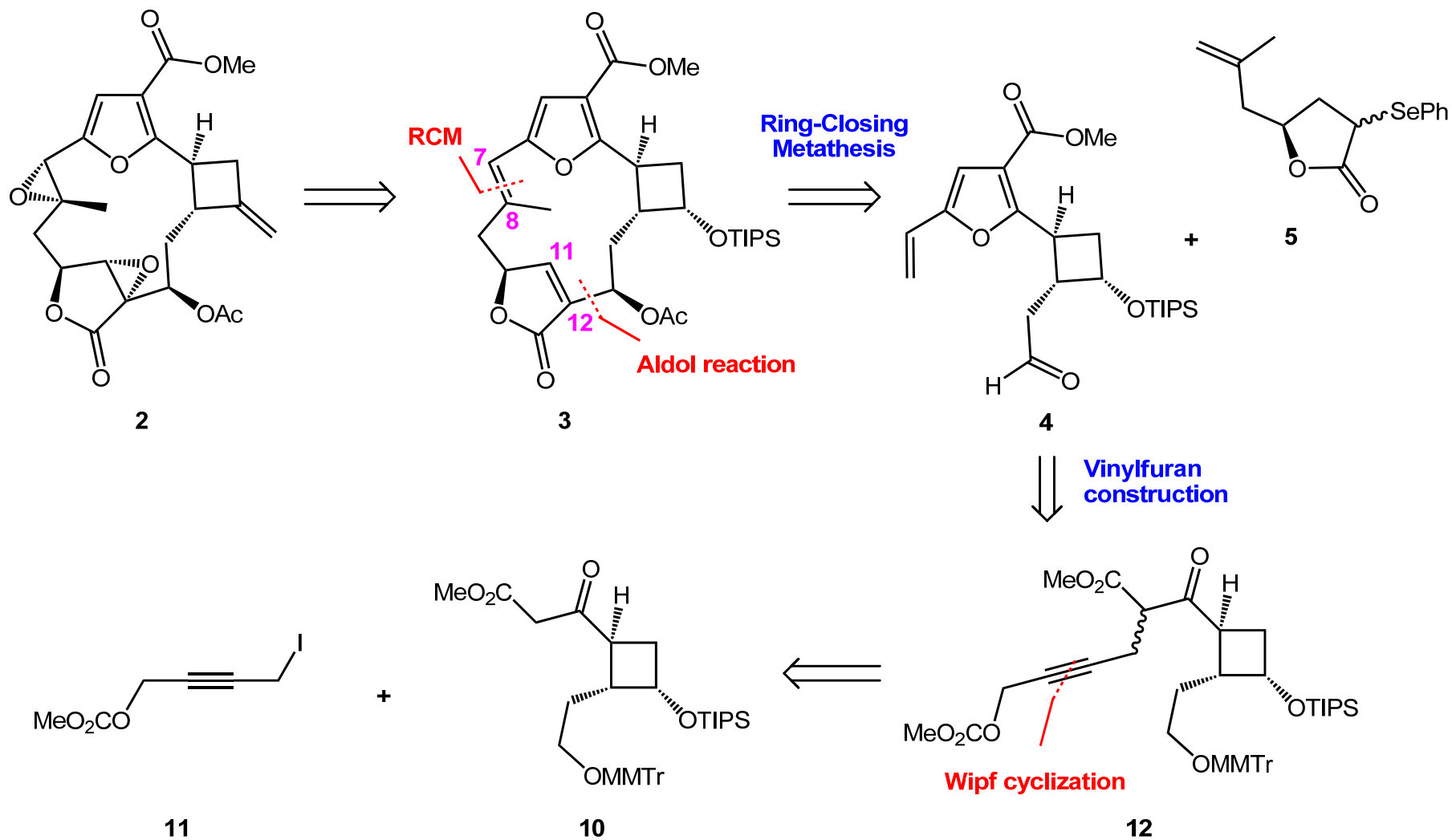
Synthesis of phenylseleno-substituted lactone

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Ring-closing metathesis

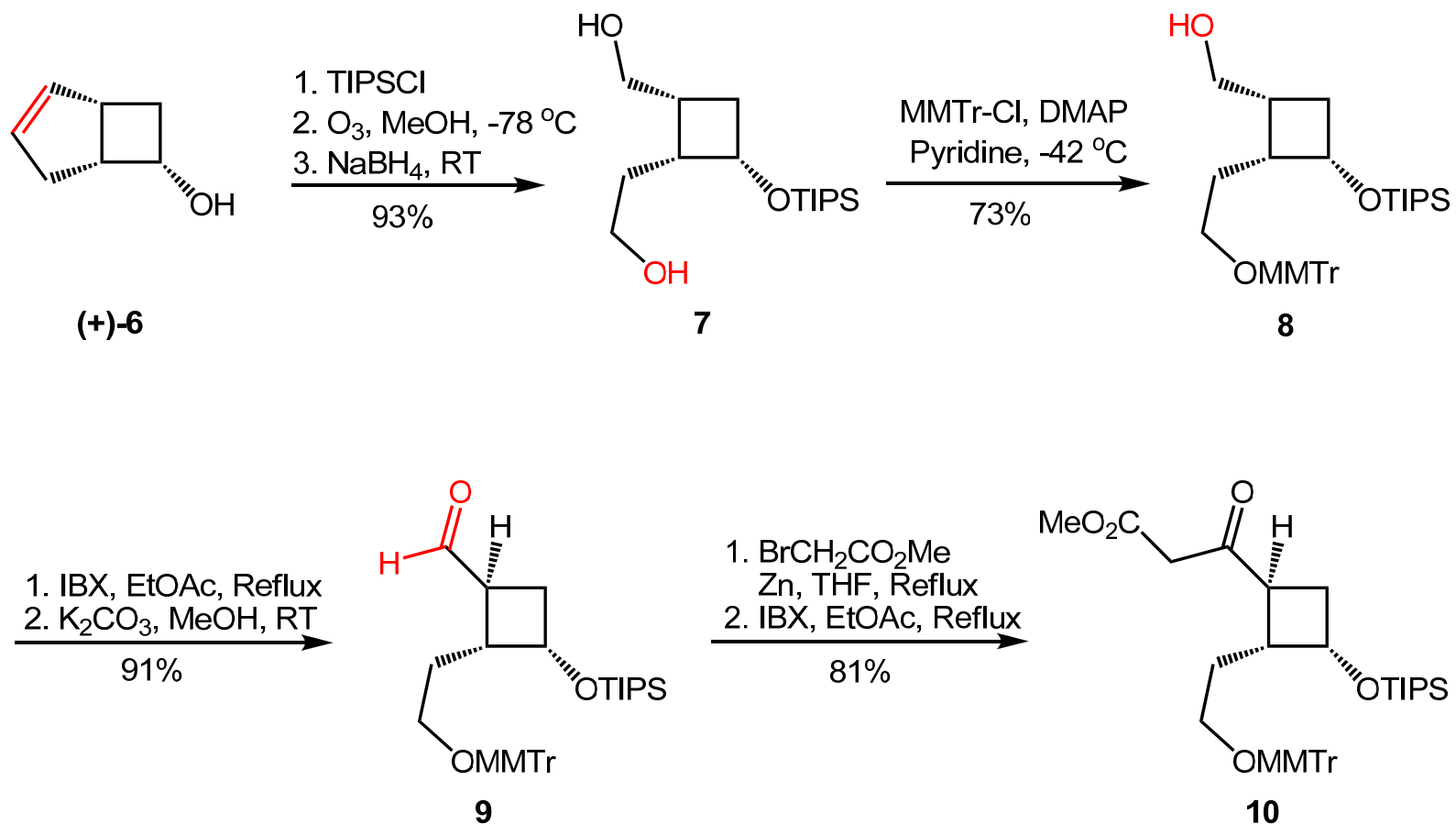
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Retrosynthetic analysis of 17-deoxyprovidencin



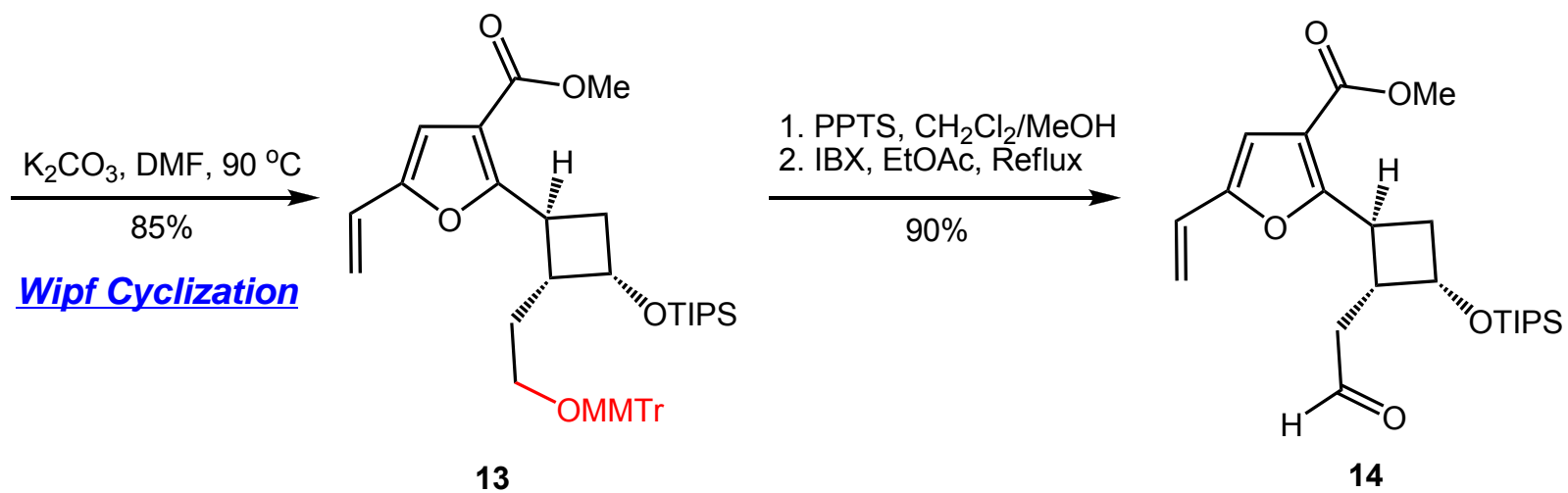
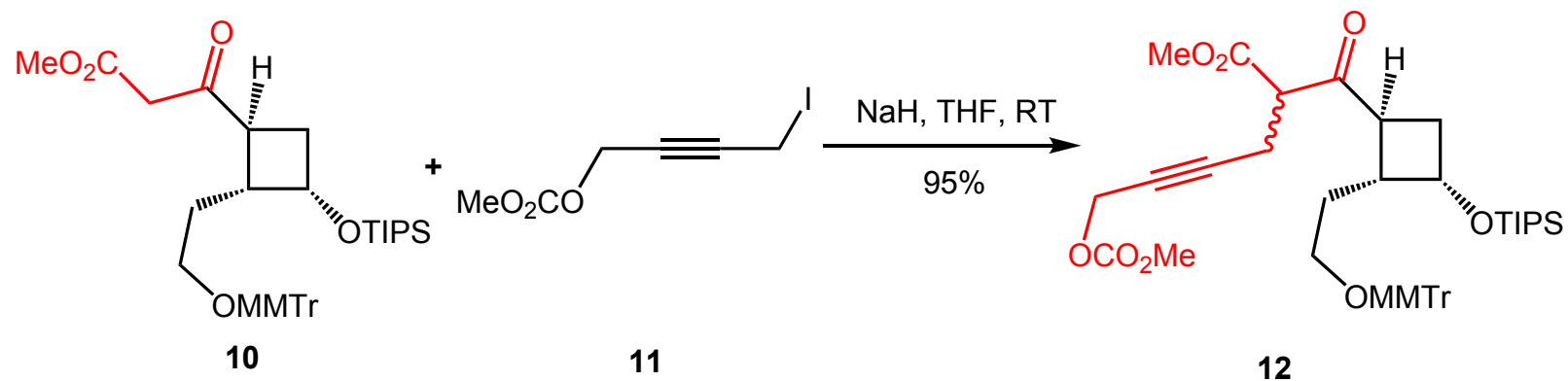
The second generation approach

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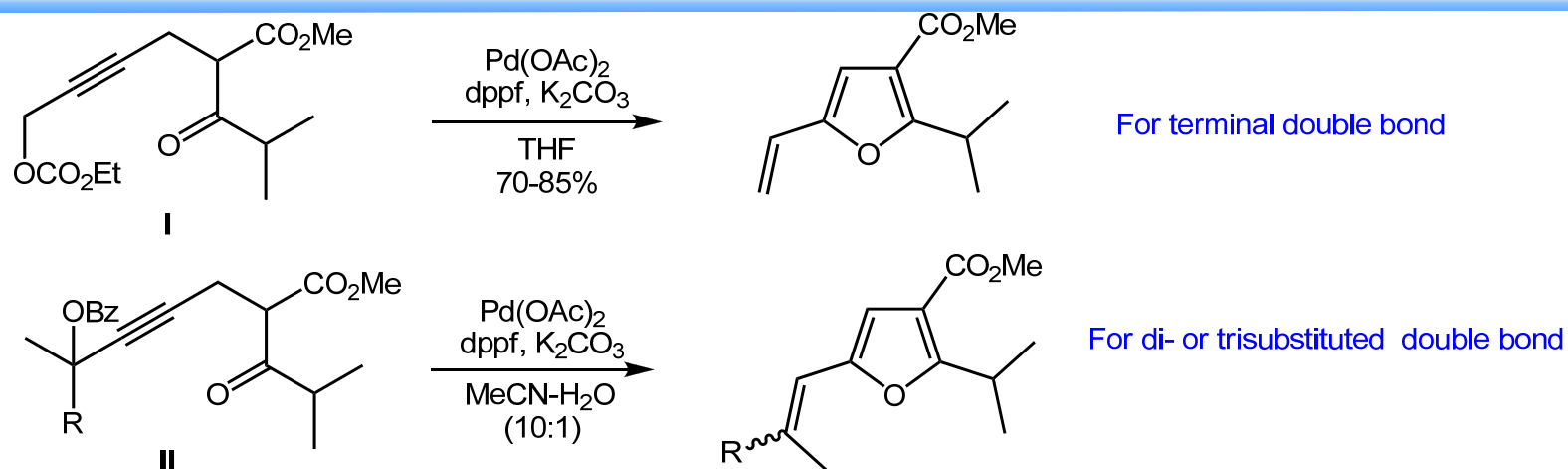


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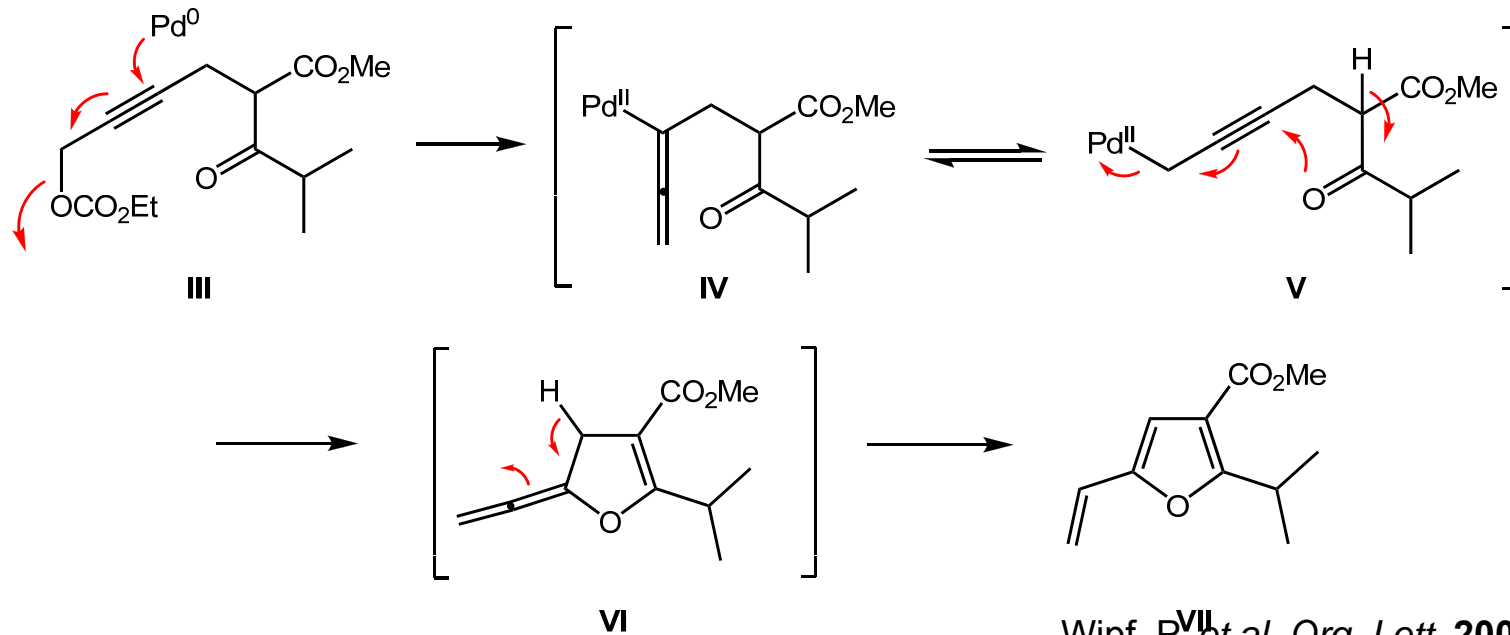
Synthesis of Furancarboxylate



Wipf cyclization



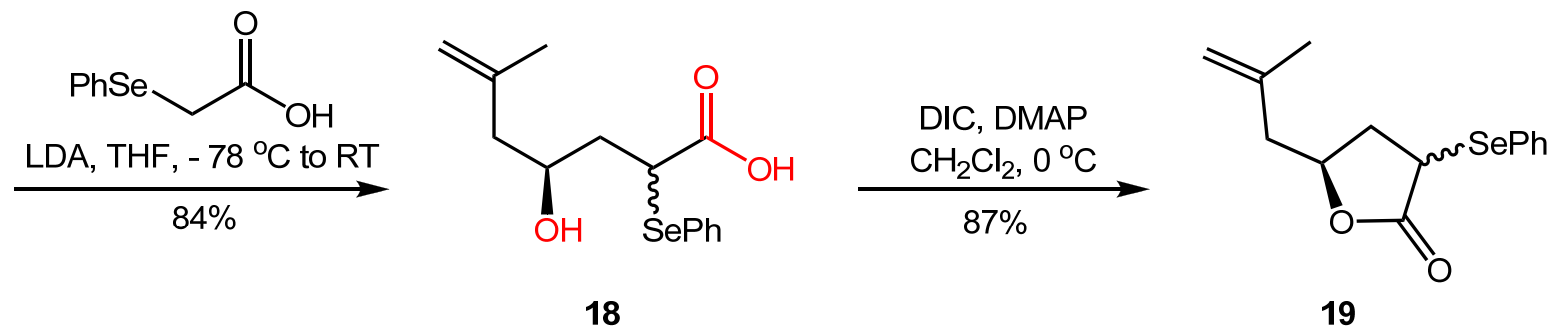
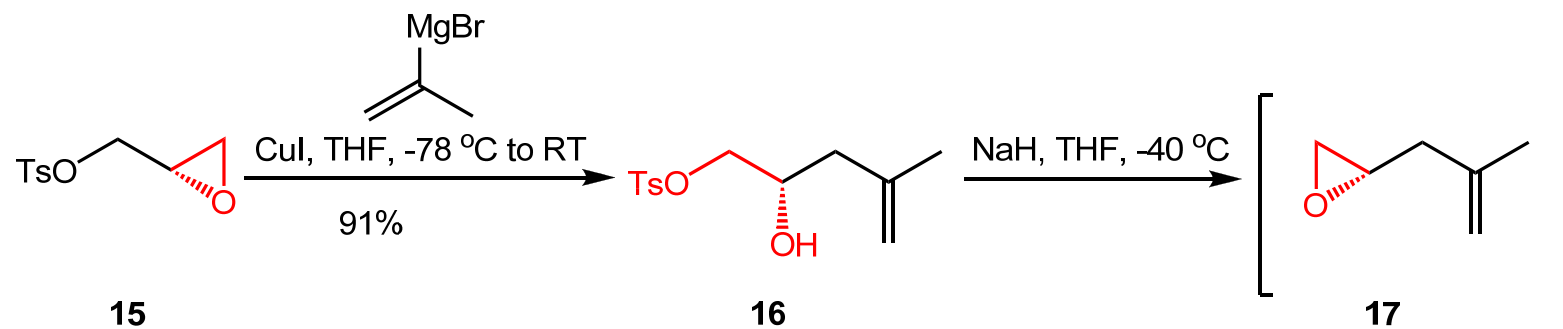
Mechanism



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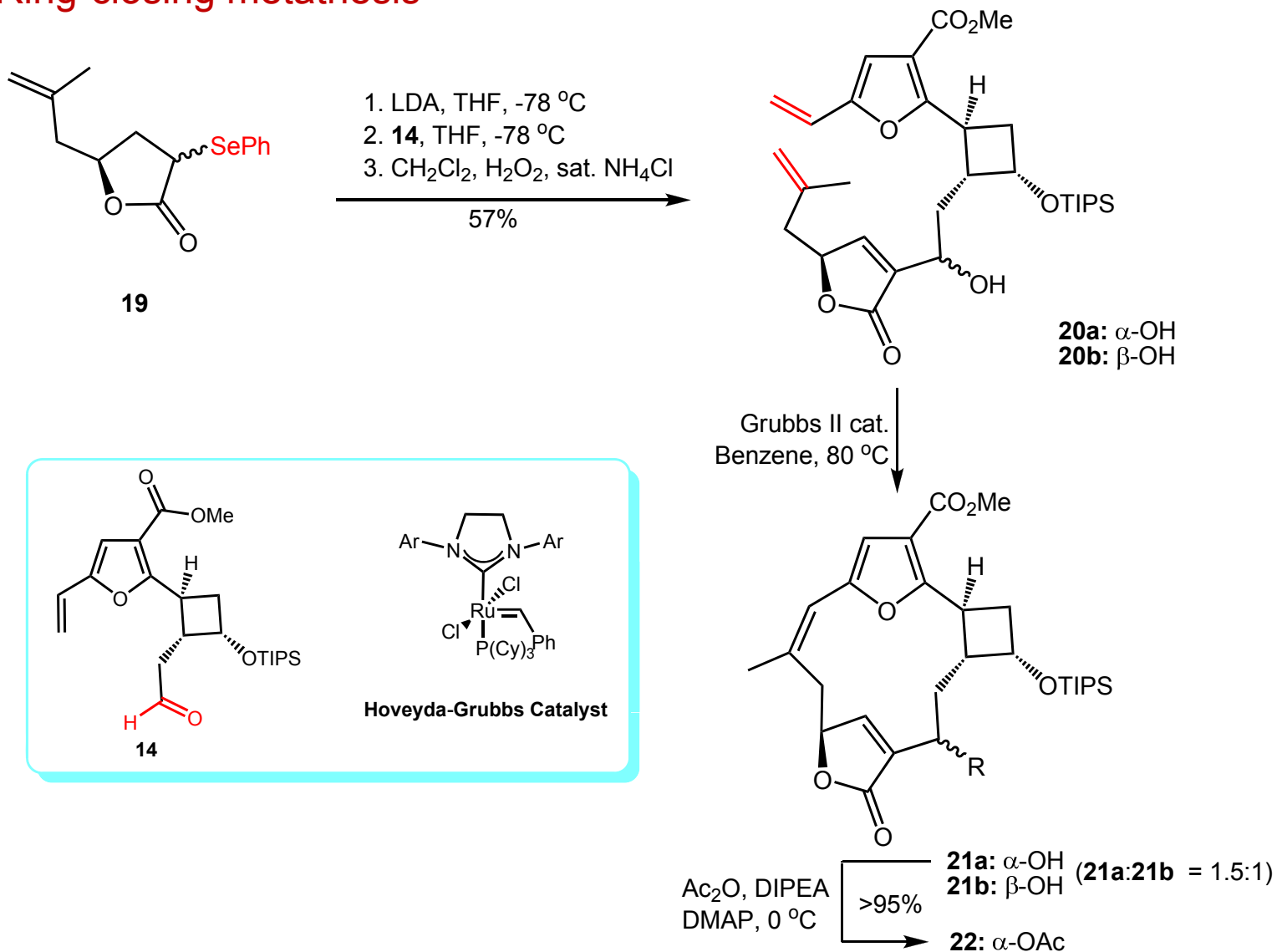
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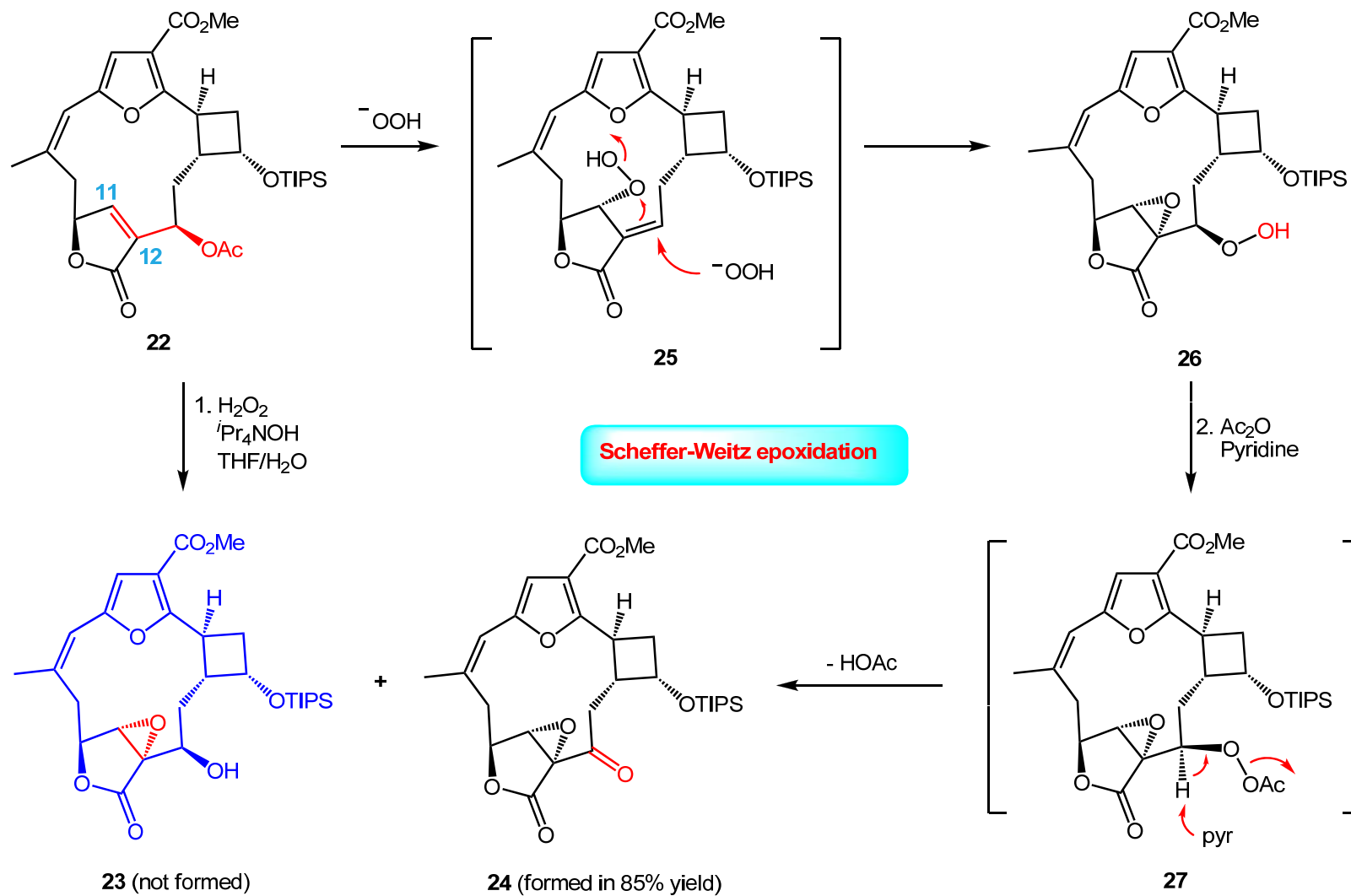


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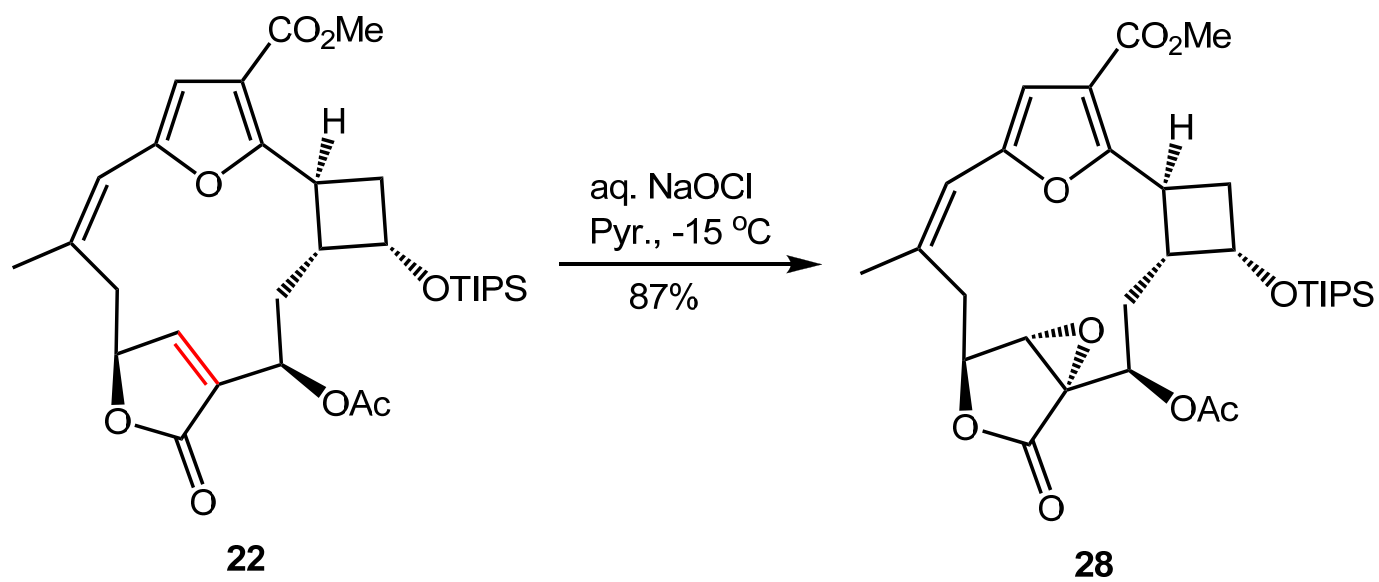
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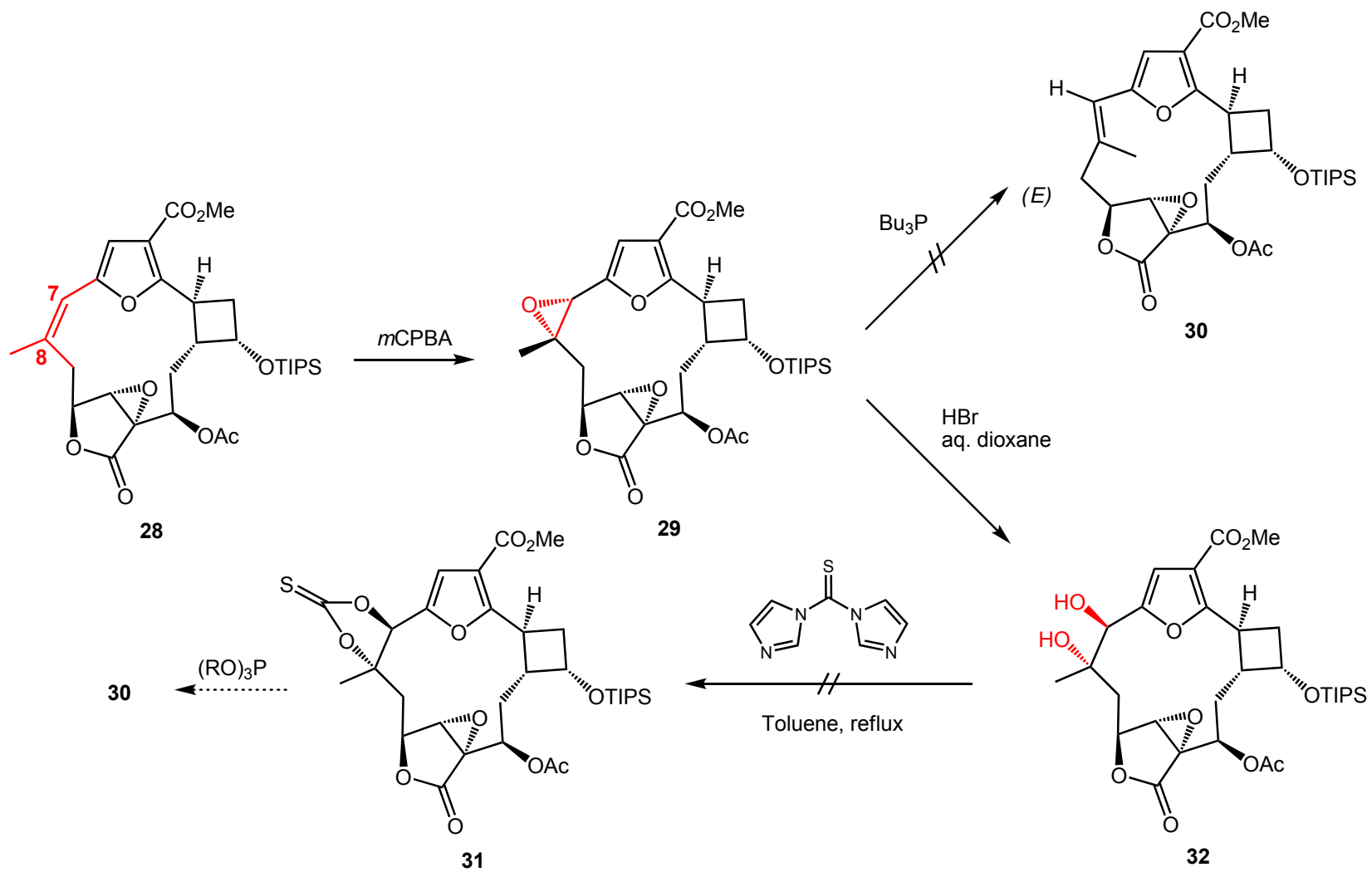
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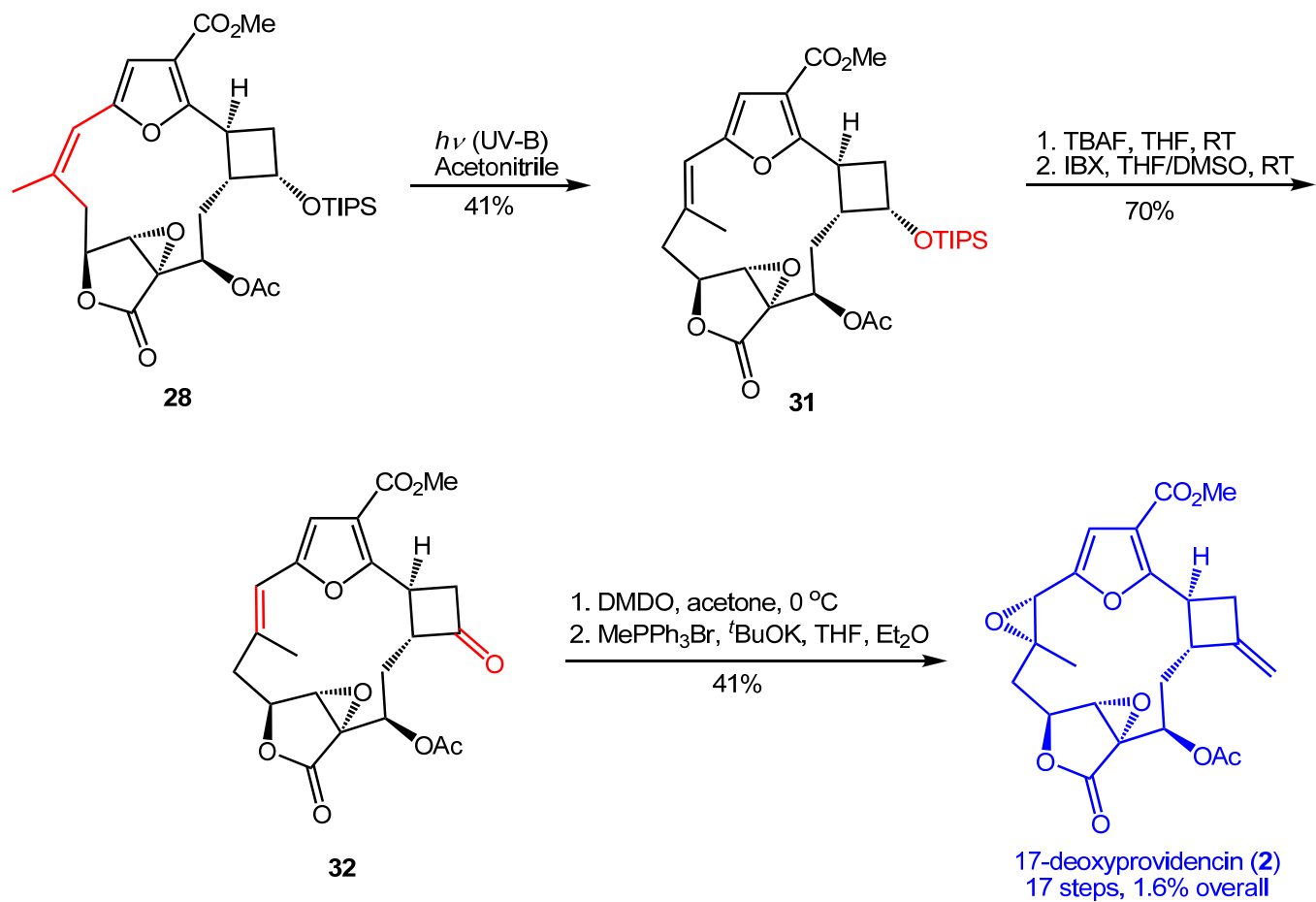
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Δ -7,8-epoxide

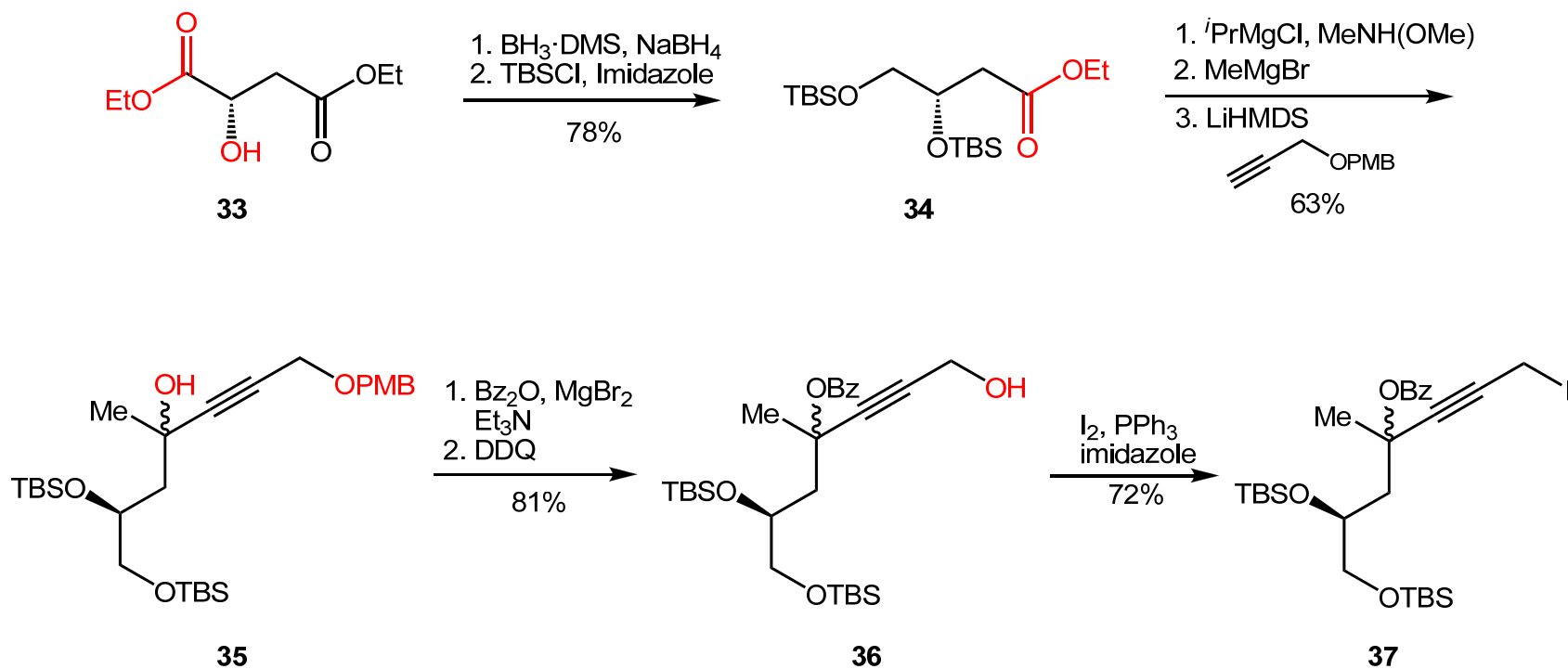


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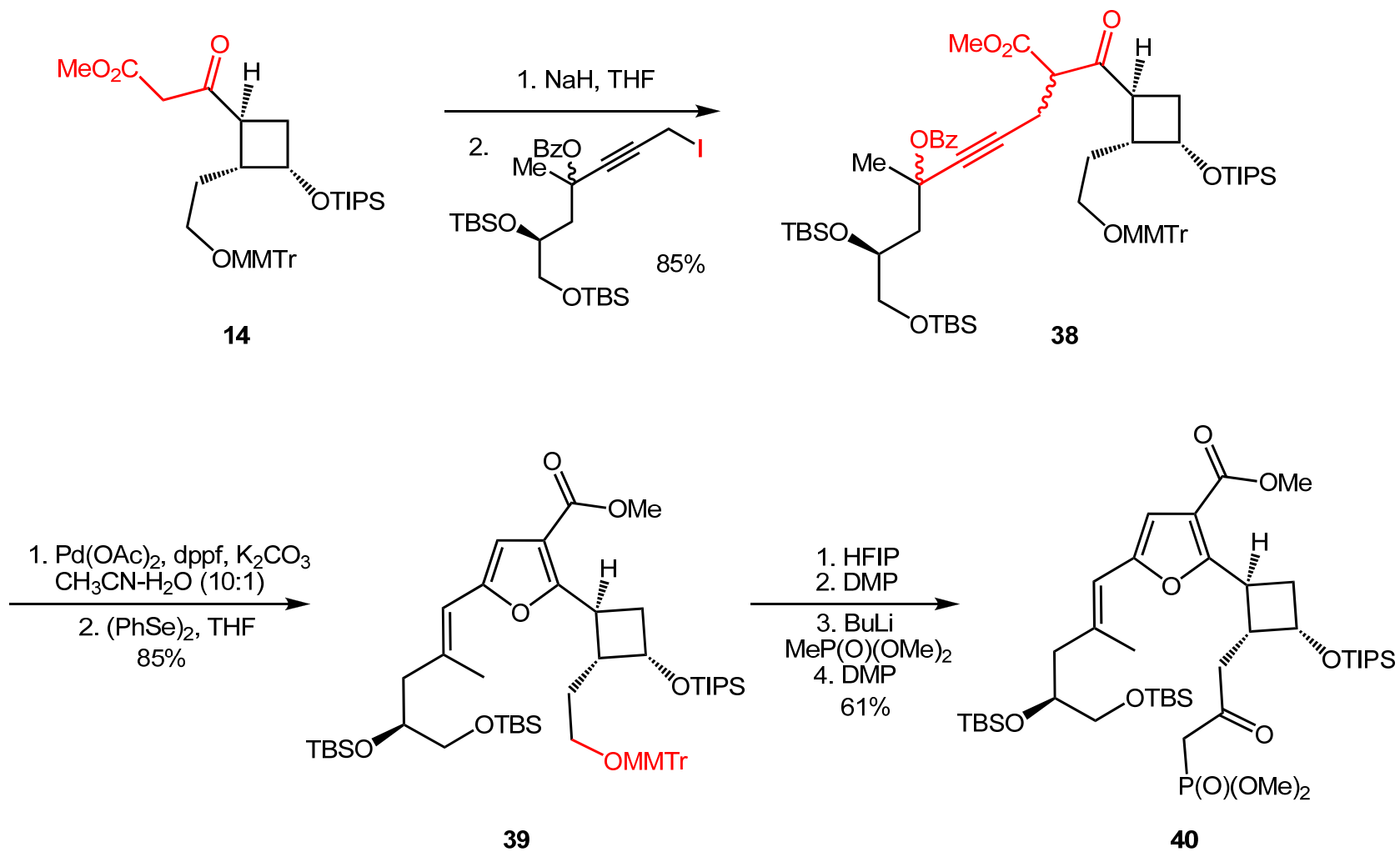
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Synthesis of the Western fragment



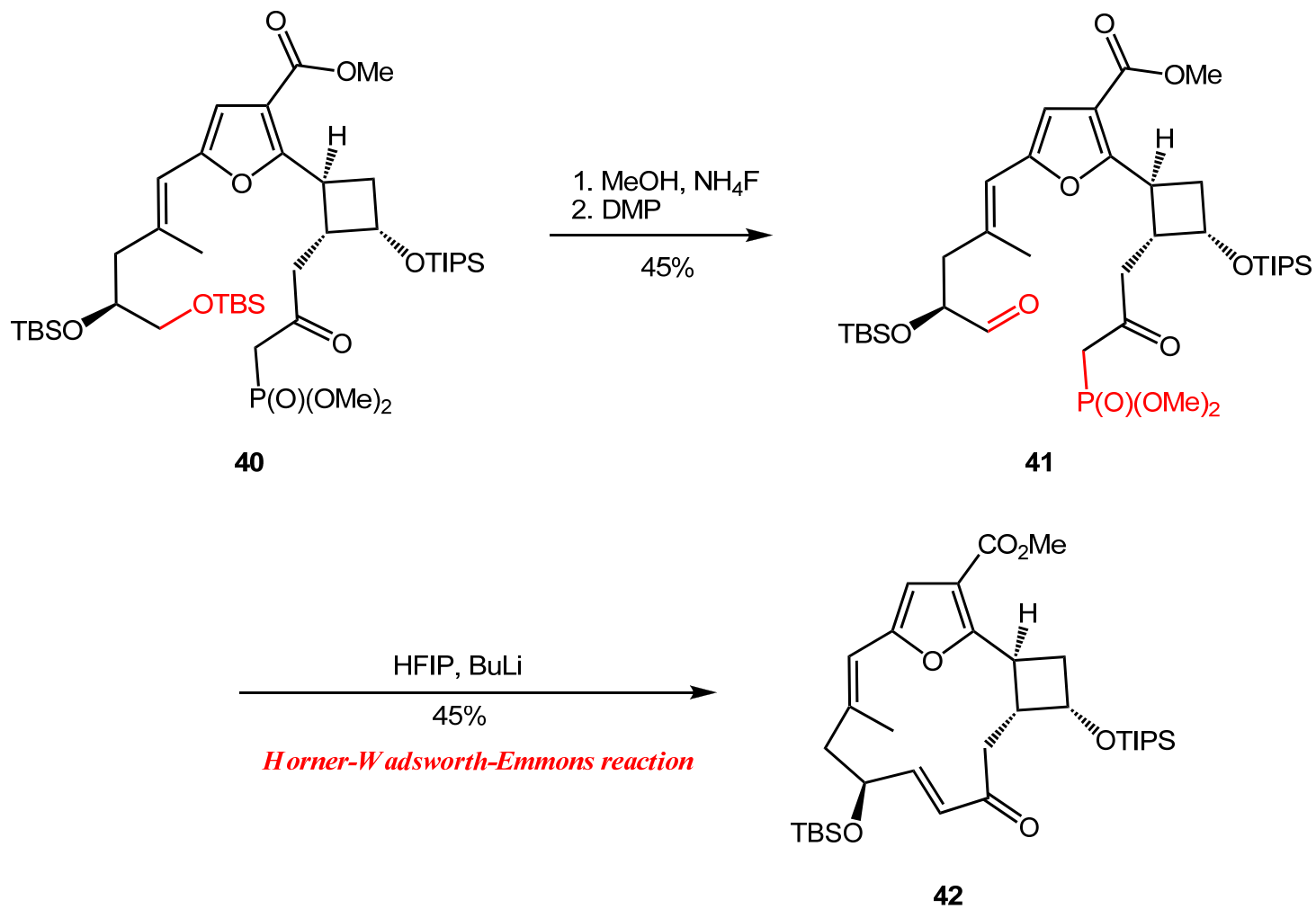
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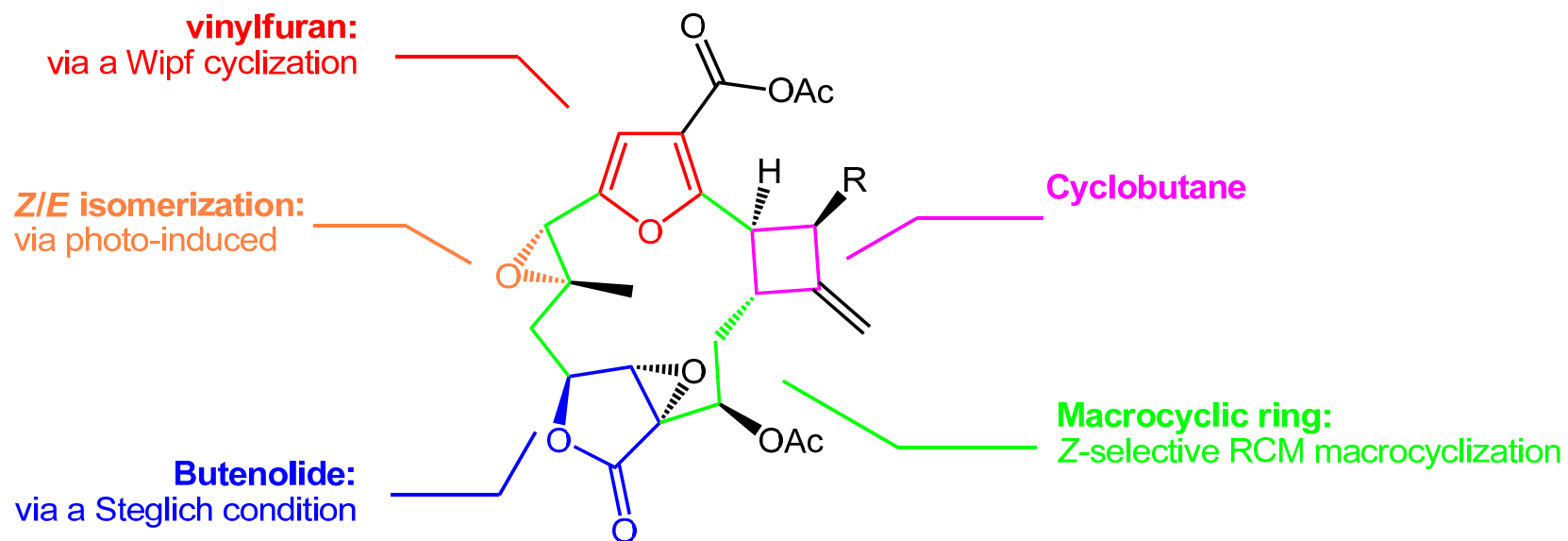


The first generation approach

Ring closure *via* Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons olefination



Summary



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17 steps, 1.6% yield

The class of furanocembranoids offers a diverse range of structurally and biologically interesting natural compounds. In 2003, a highly oxygenated furanobutenolide-based cembrane named providencin (**1**) was isolated from the Caribbean sea plume *Pseudopterogorgia kallos* (Bielschowsky, 1918) by the Rodriguez group. The biosynthesis of **1** is unknown, even though bipinnatin J has been shown to be a plausible precursor. In terms of its biological properties, **1** exhibits moderate activity against human breast cancer and lung and CNS cancer cell lines. The relative configuration was determined by single-crystal X-ray analysis, but the absolute configuration has remained unknown.

Compared to other members of the furanocembranoid family, **1** contains two unusual structural features: a cyclobutanol moiety and a Δ -7,8 *trans* epoxide in the macrocyclic ring. The crystal structure of **1** reveals a perpendicular arrangement of butenolide and furan in the macrocycle; the high ring strain of this macrocycle makes it impossible to build a Dreiding model without breaking any bonds. Evidently, the ring strain is mainly due to the *trans* arrangement of the Δ -7,8 epoxide and the rigid angle of 144° between the C7 and C2 appendages around the furan ring.

In conclusion, we have presented a synthesis of 17-deoxyprovidencin (**2**) in 17 steps along the longest linear sequence with an overall yield of 1.6 %. Key steps include an aldol addition with subsequent oxidative elimination of selenide, a *Z*-selective RCM macrocyclization, a photo-induced *Z/E* isomerization to a highly strained conformationally restricted ring system, and a stereoselective epoxidation of the *E* olefin. To corroborate our biosynthetic hypothesis, various allylic oxidations at the C17 position, including enzymatic hydroxylations, remain to be performed.
