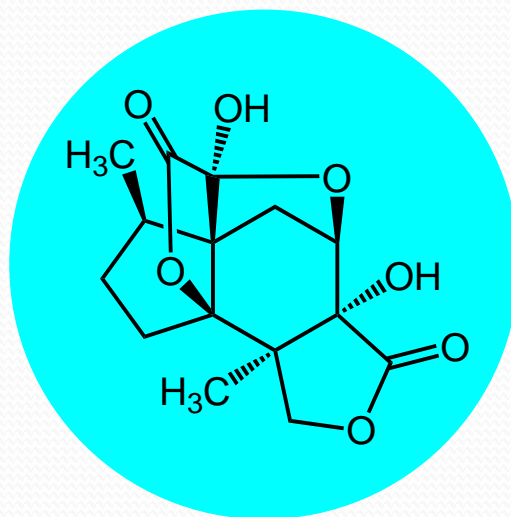


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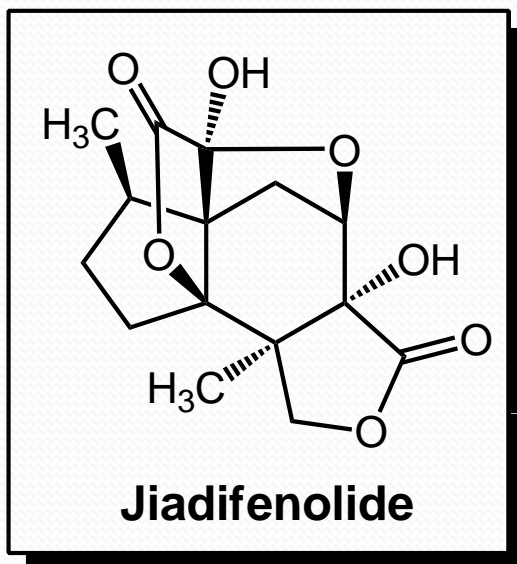
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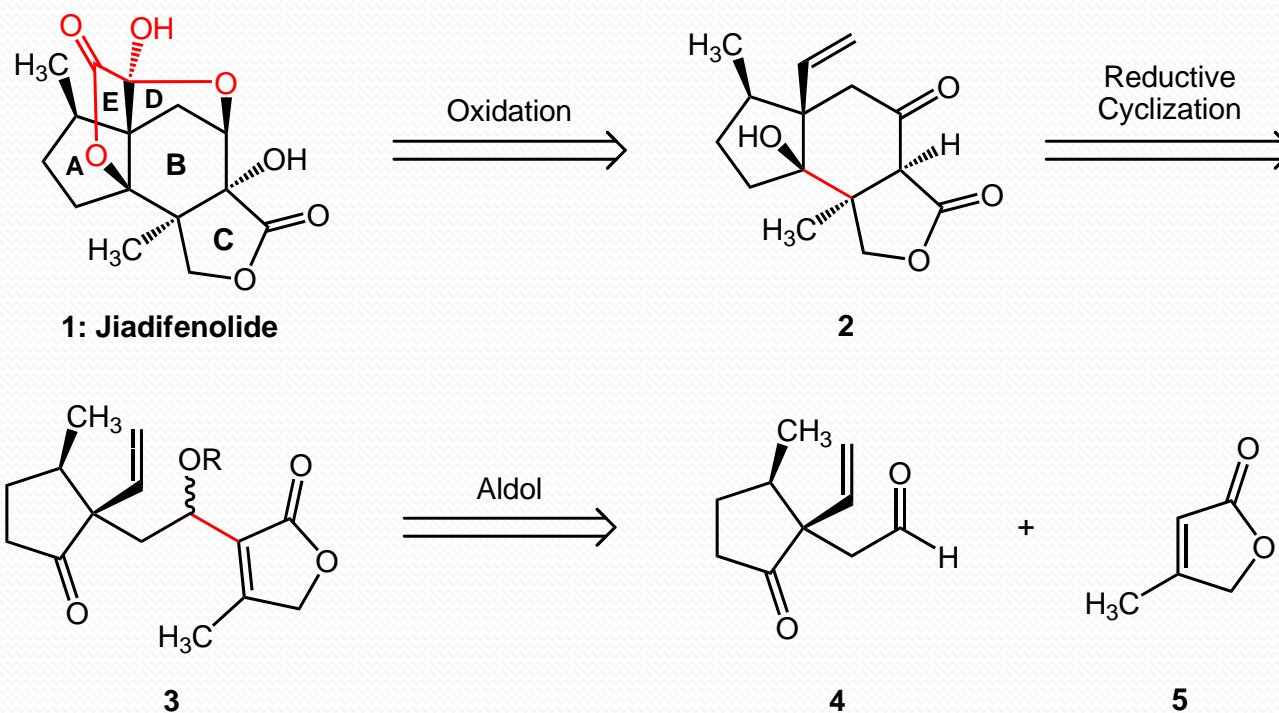
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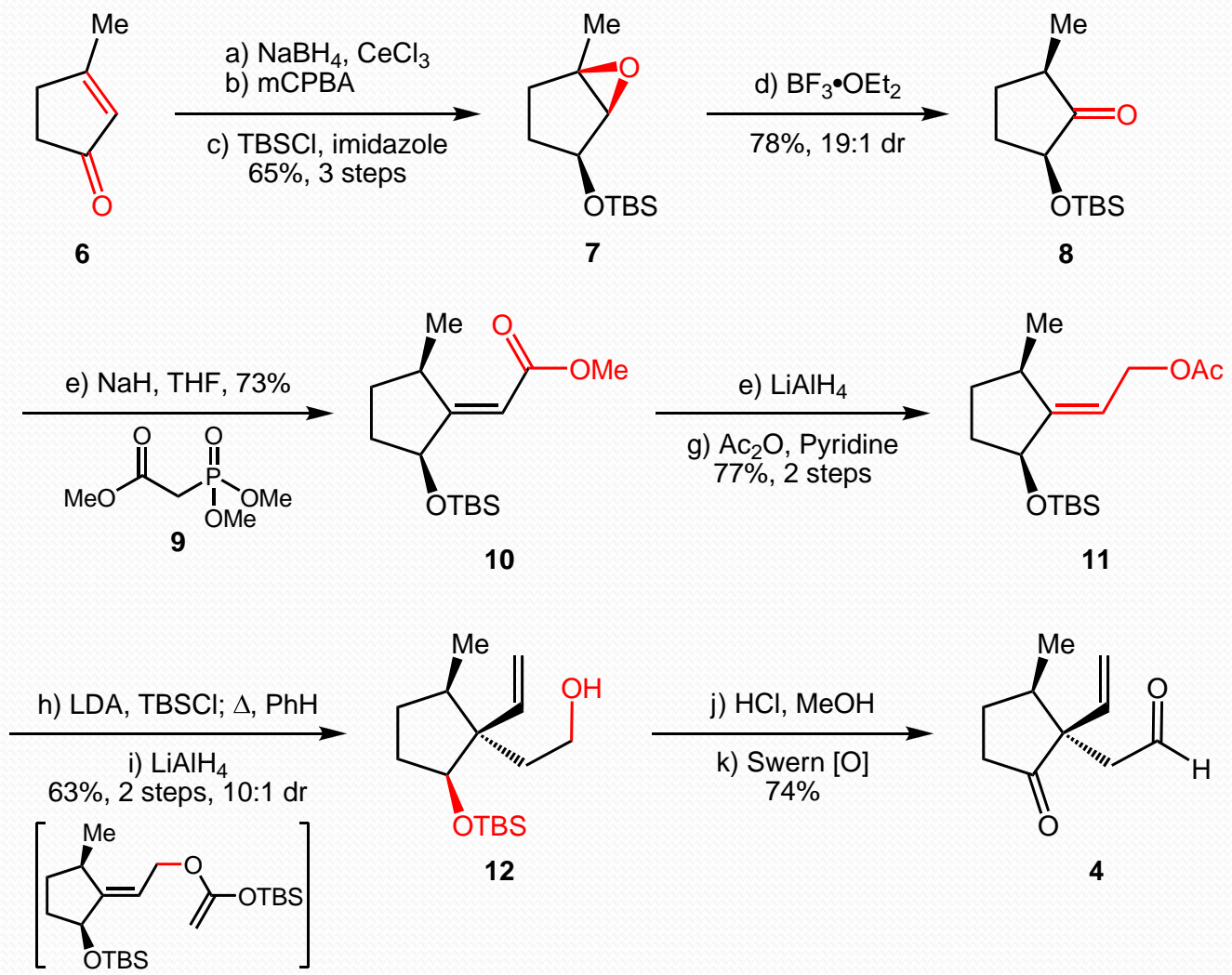
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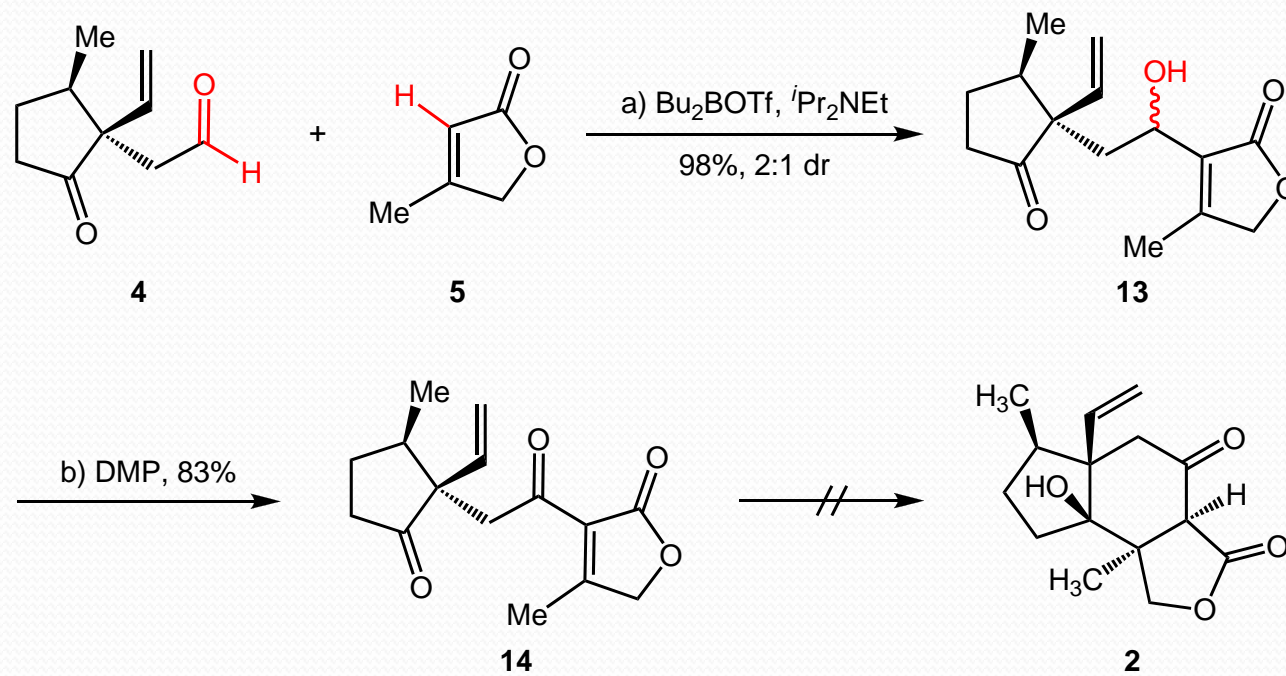
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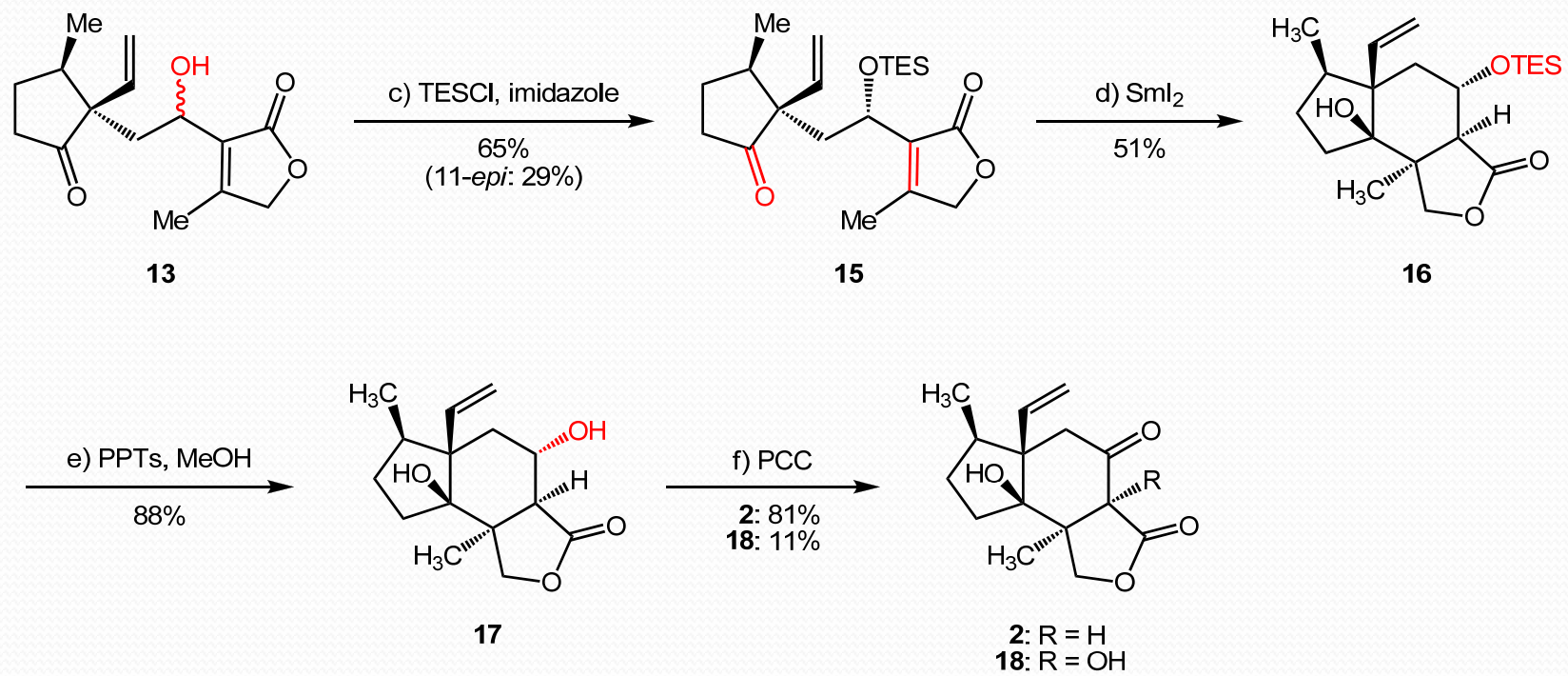
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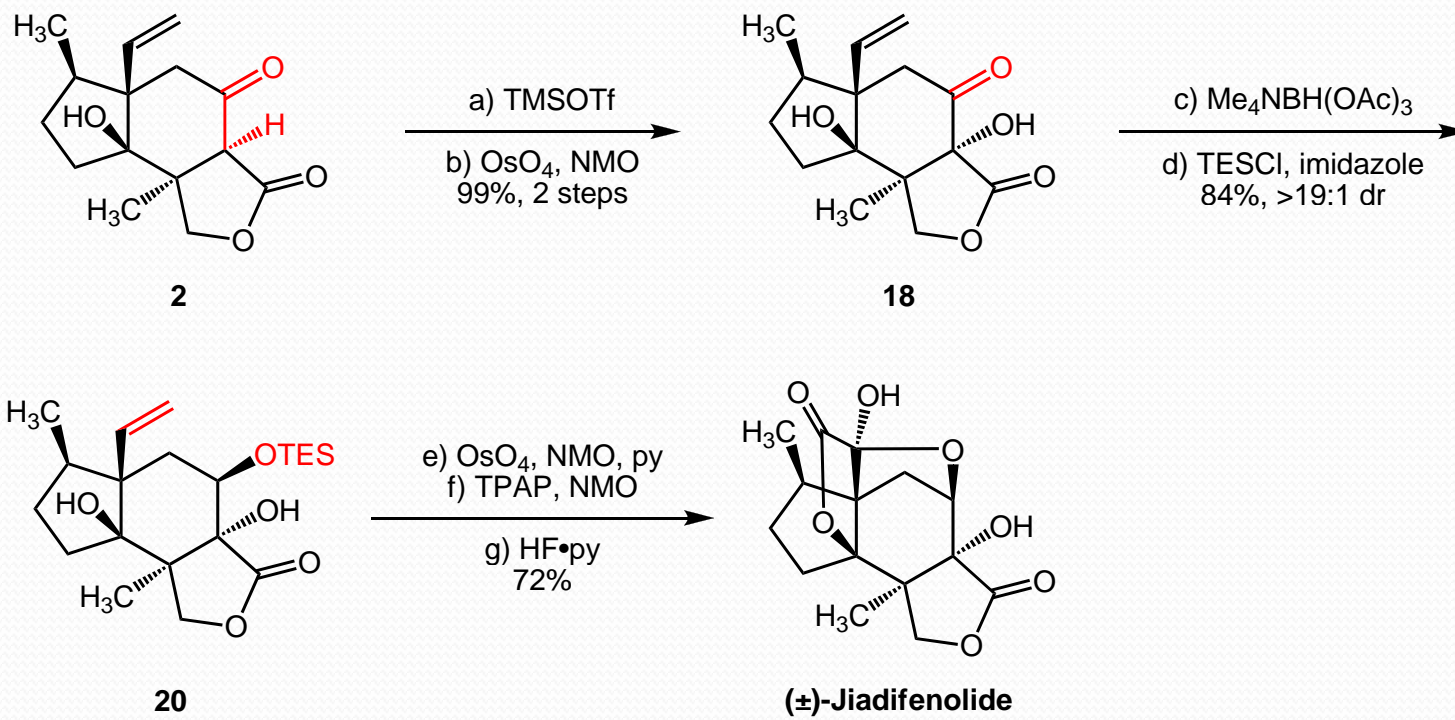


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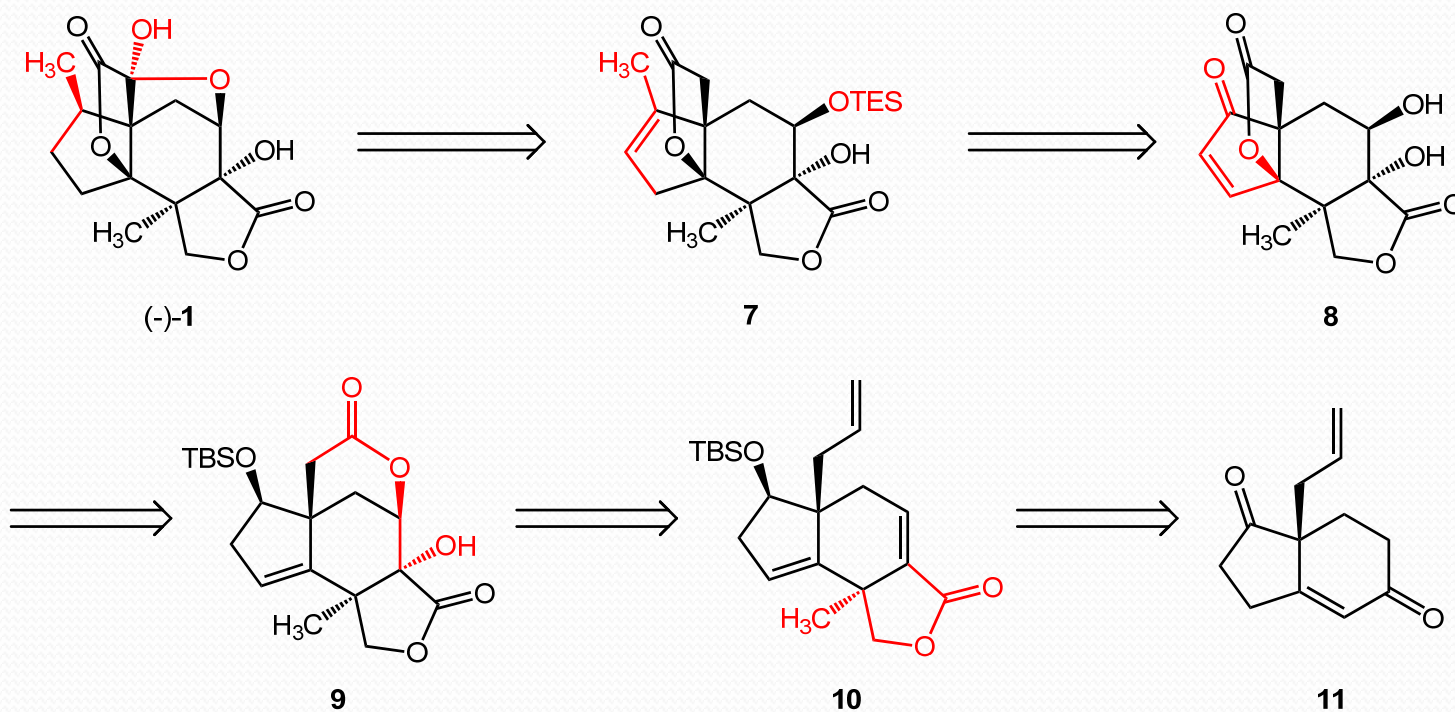




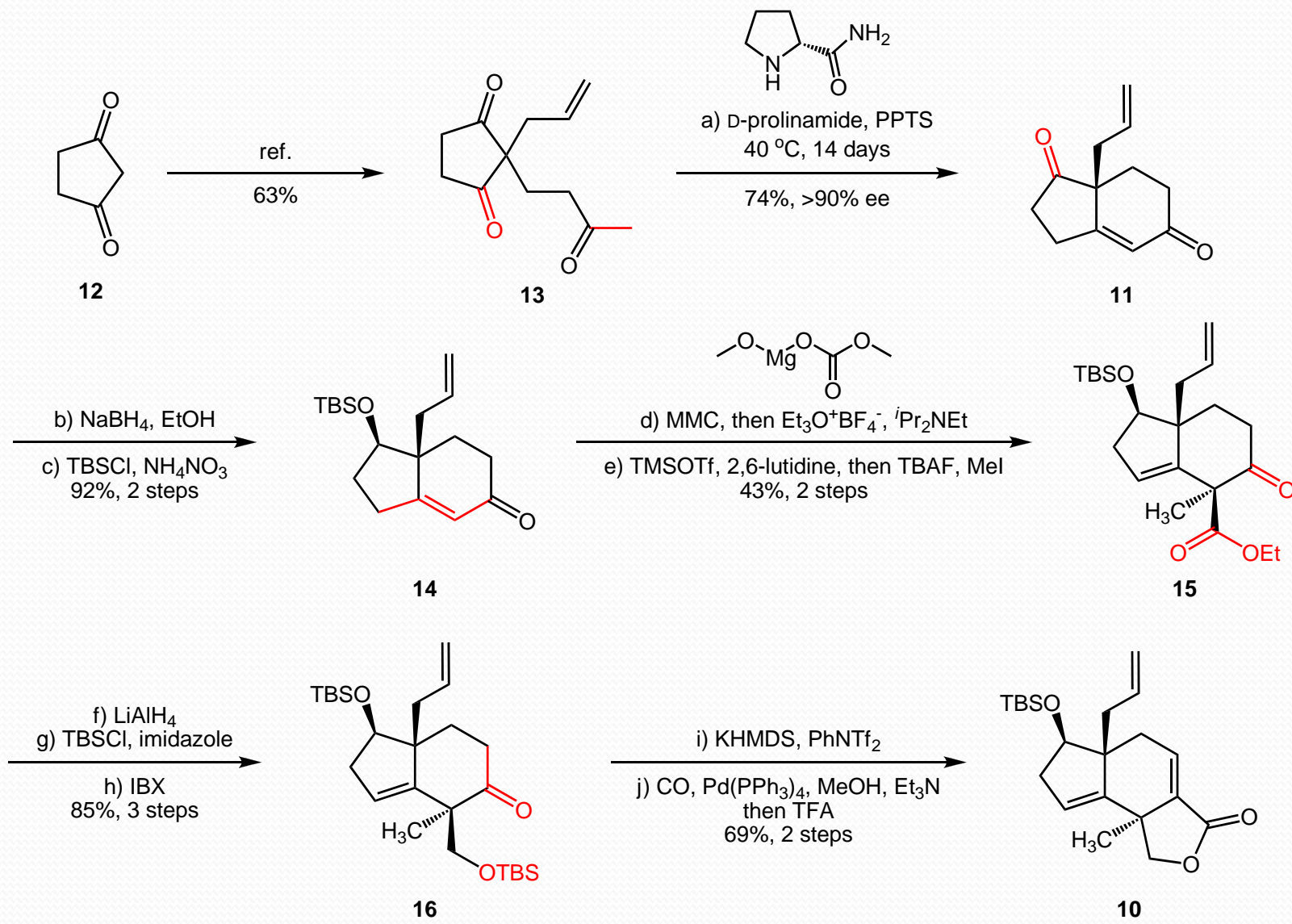


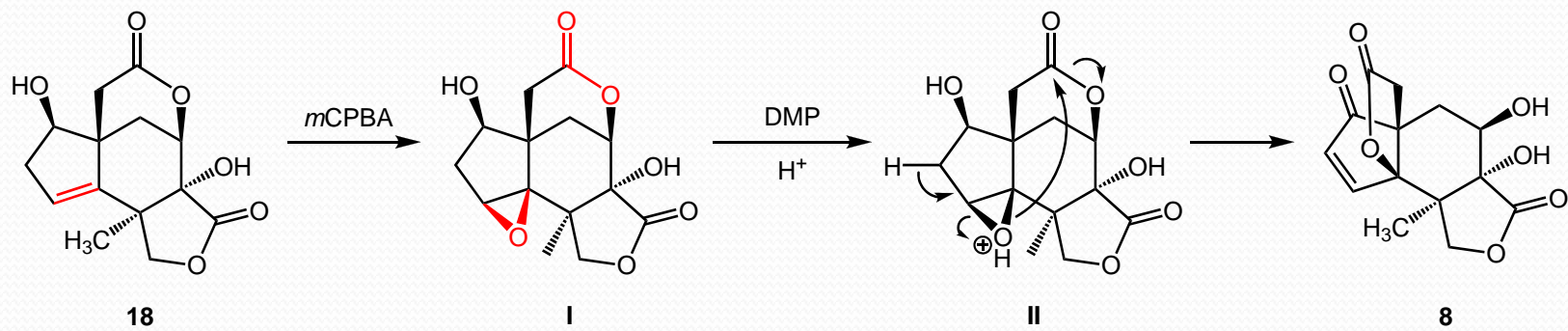
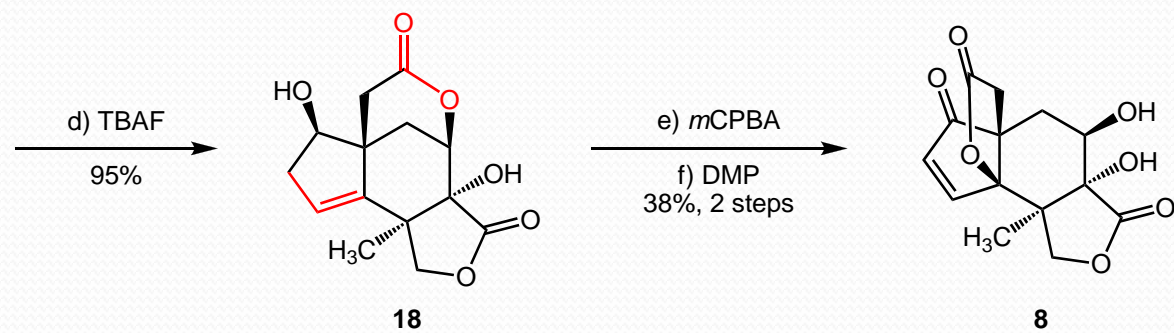
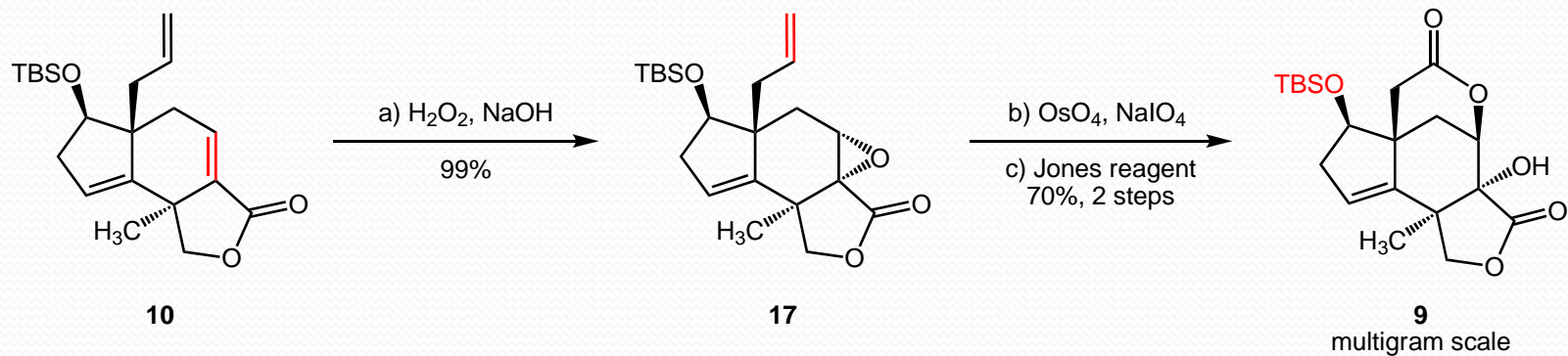
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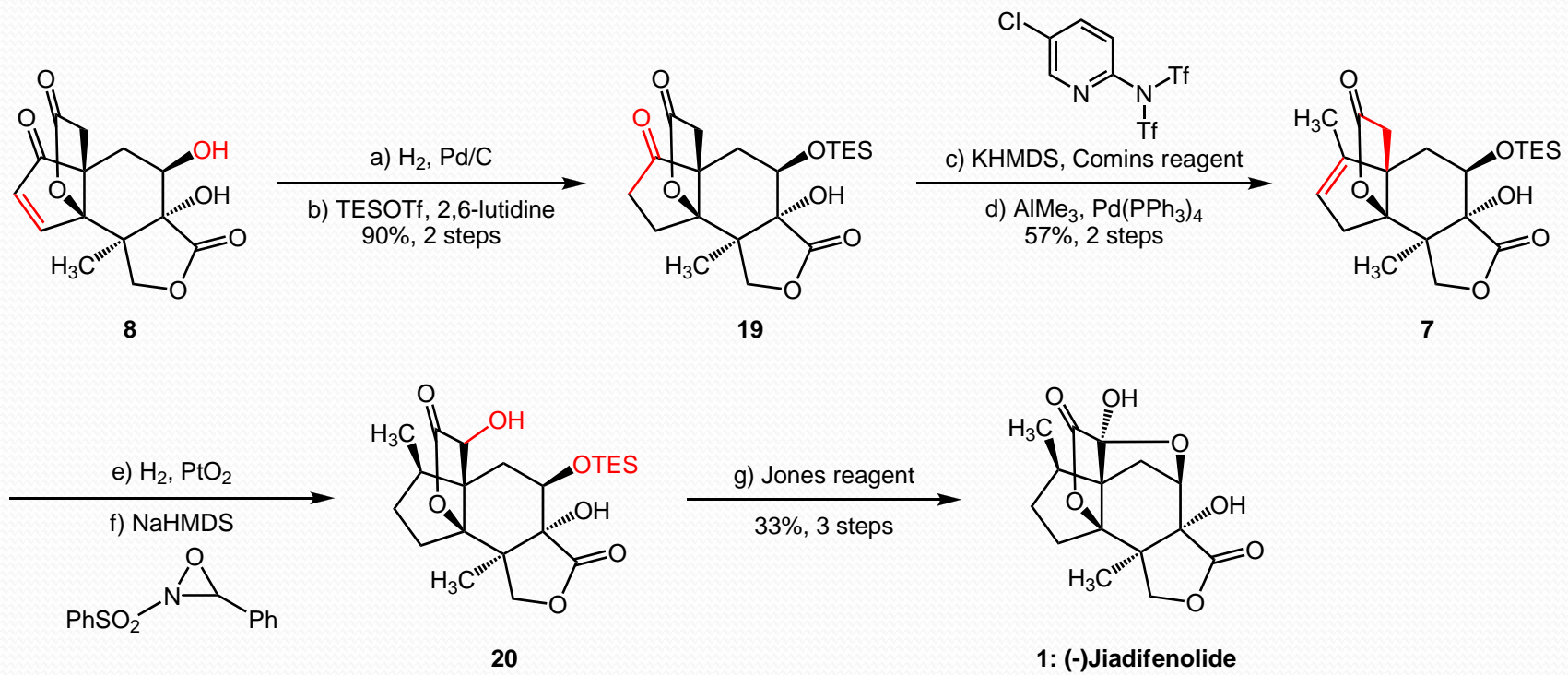
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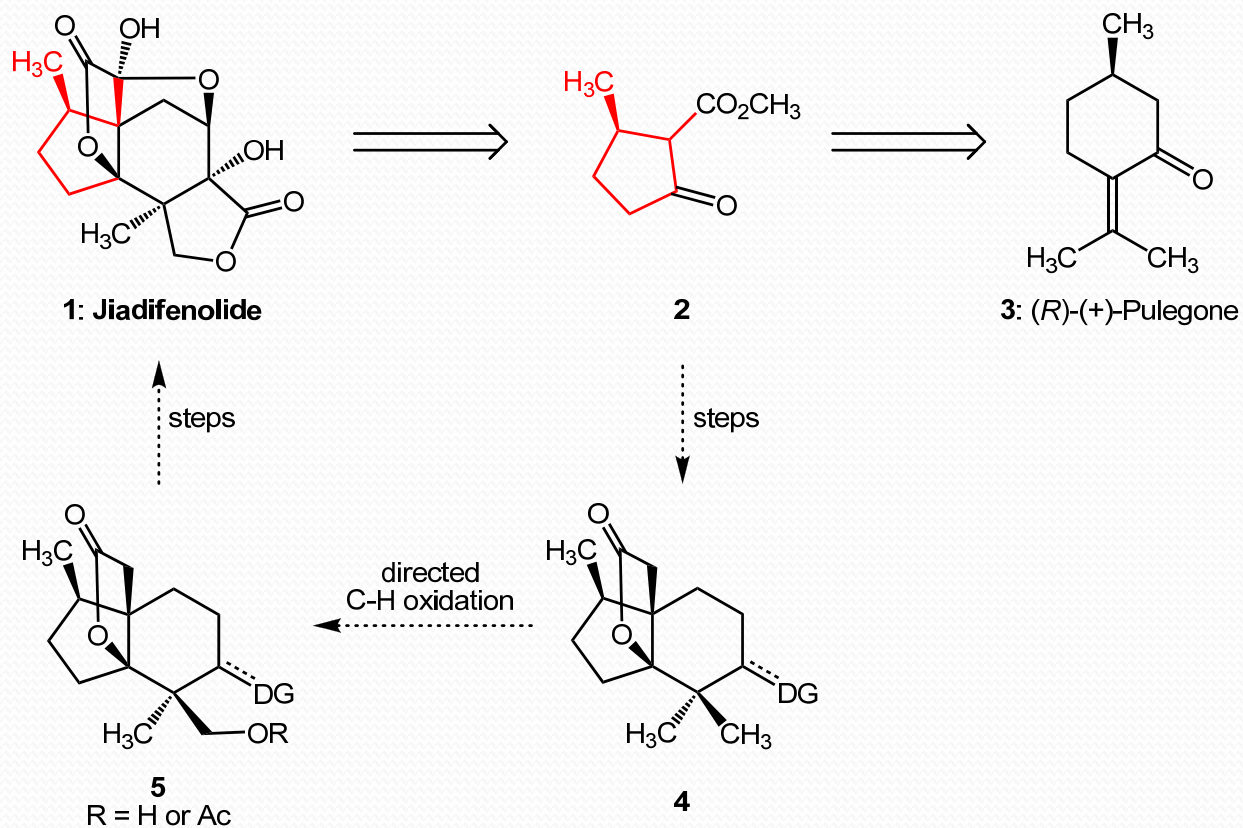




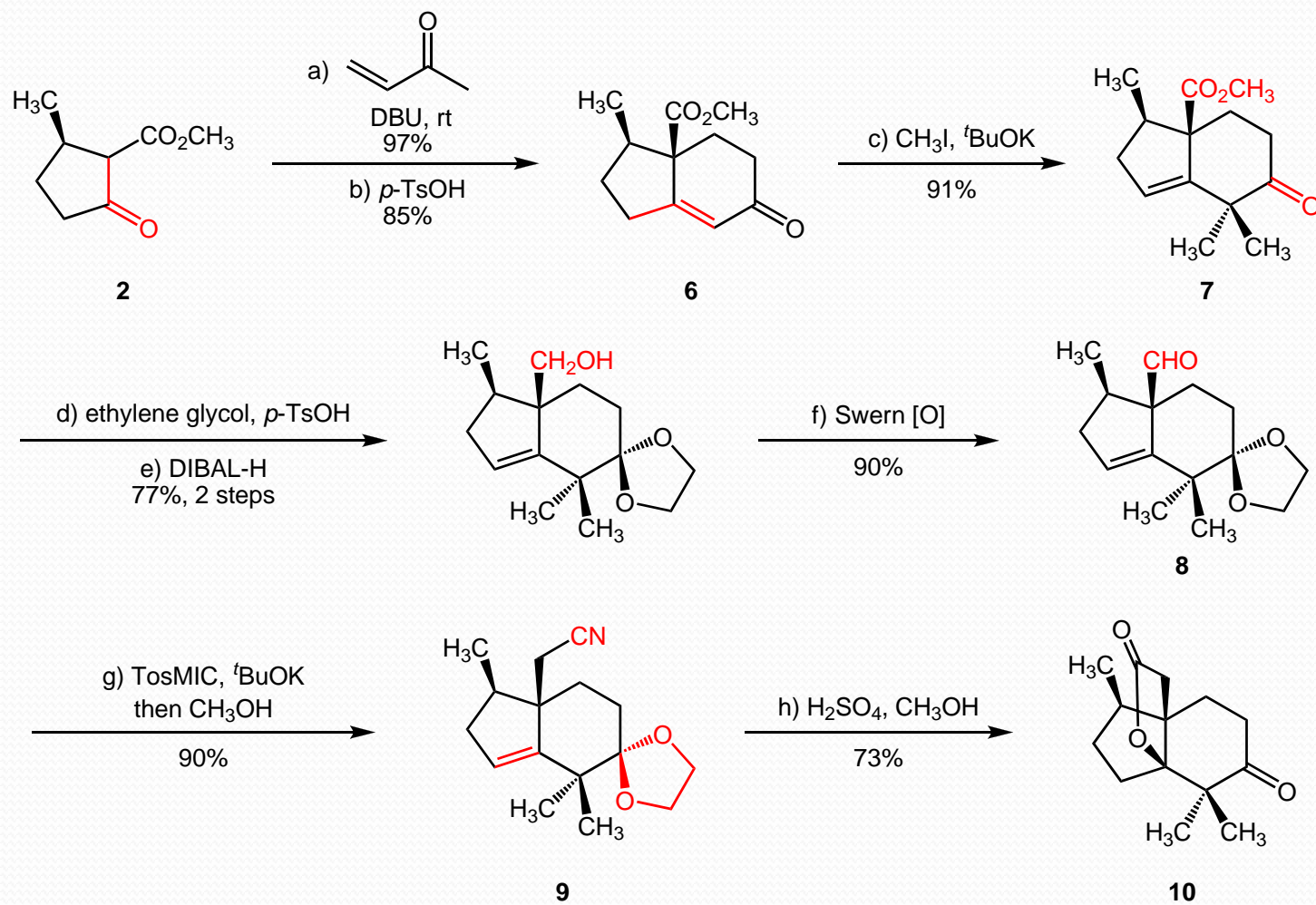


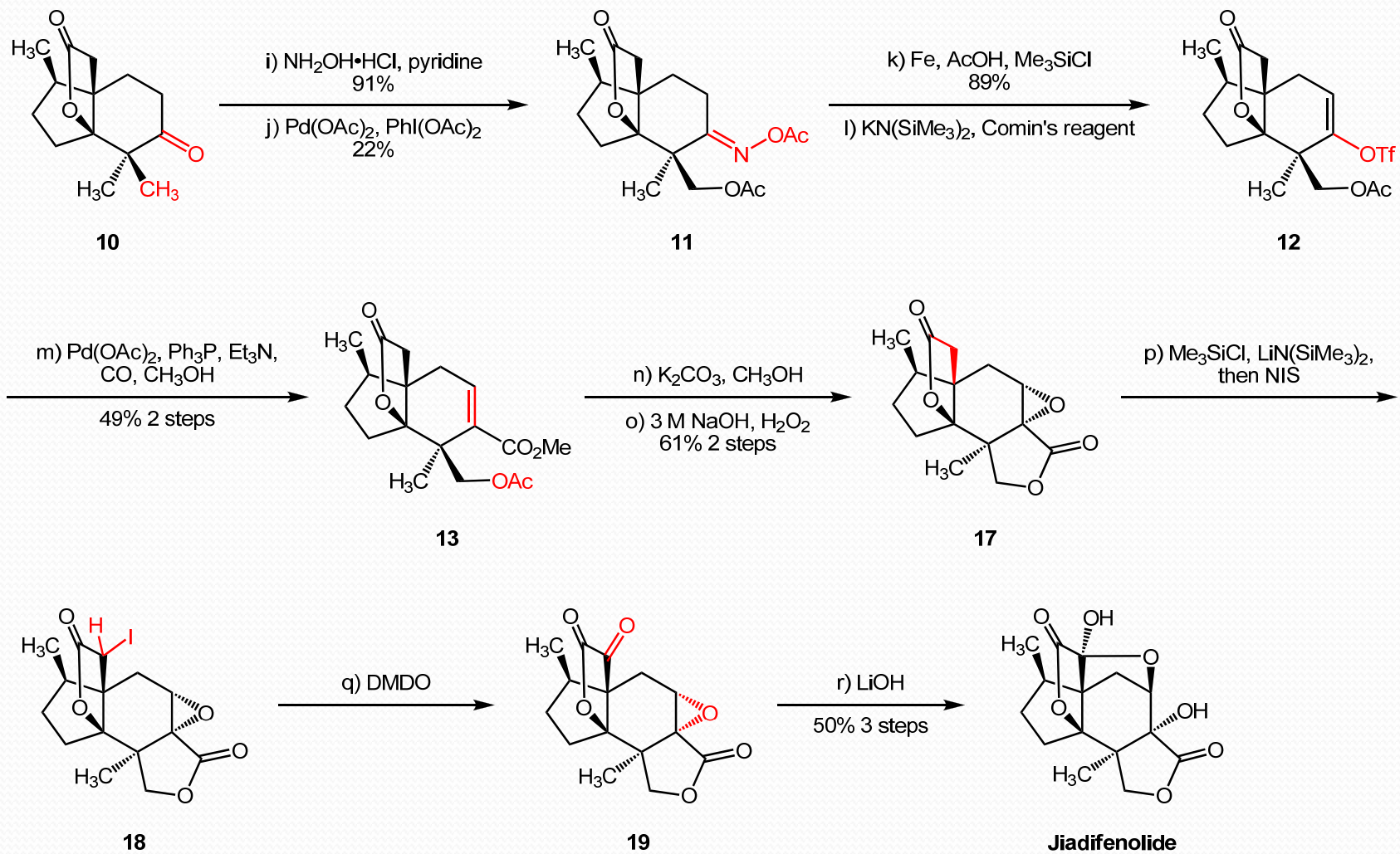
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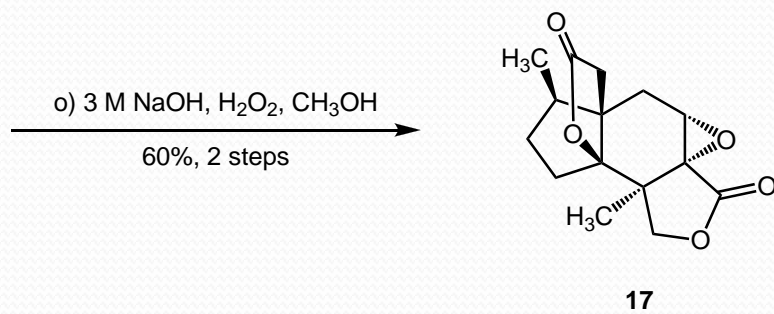
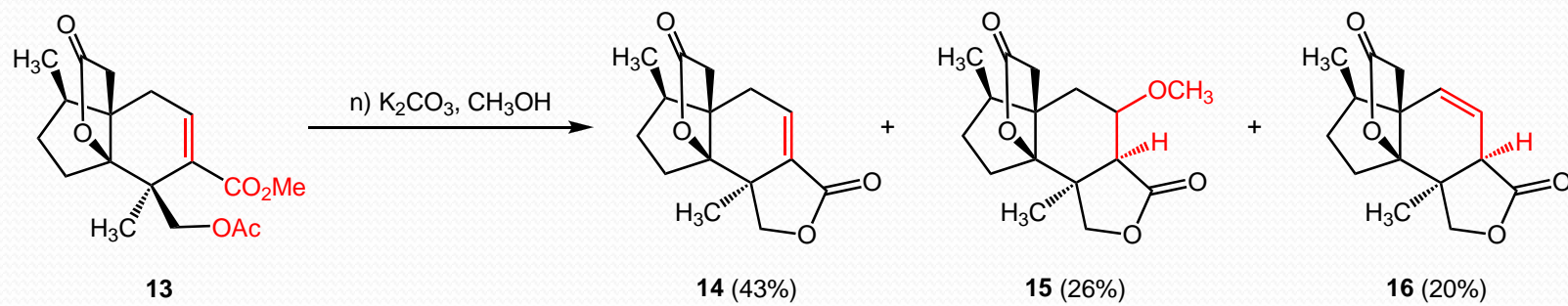
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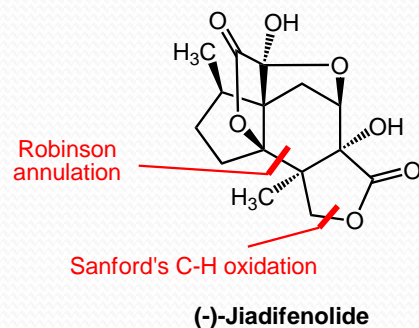
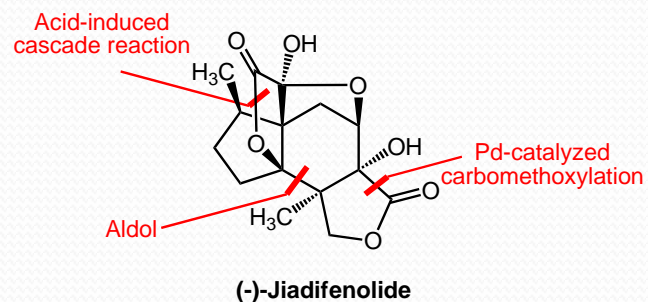
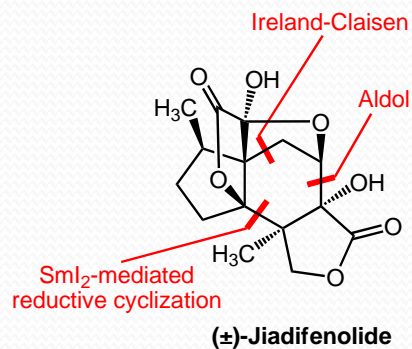








## 5. Summary



### Paterson group in 2014:

1. racemic total synthesis;
2. 23 steps, 2.3% overall yield.

### Theodorakis group in 2011:

1. enantiospecific total synthesis;
2. 25 steps, 1.5% overall yield.

### Sorensen group in 2014:

1. enantiospecific total synthesis;
2. 18 steps, 0.9% overall yield.

## 5.1 Introduction of the Corresponding Author




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Jiadifenolide is an architecturally complex sesquiterpenoid first isolated from the pericarps of the Chinese plant *illicium jiadifengpi* by Fukuyama and coworkers in 2009. Preliminary biological investigation revealed potent neurotrophic activity, promoting neurite outgrowth in primary cultured rat cortical neurons at concentrations as low as 10 nM. Given the important regulatory role of neurotrophins in the central nervous system, jiadifenolide represents a valuable small-molecule lead for the potential therapeutic treatment of neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimers disease. Its low natural abundance (1.5 mgkg<sup>-1</sup> plant material) makes total synthesis of particular importance for the preparation of sufficient quantities for further biological evaluation and to enable access to a range of analogues for structure–activity relationship (SAR) profiling.

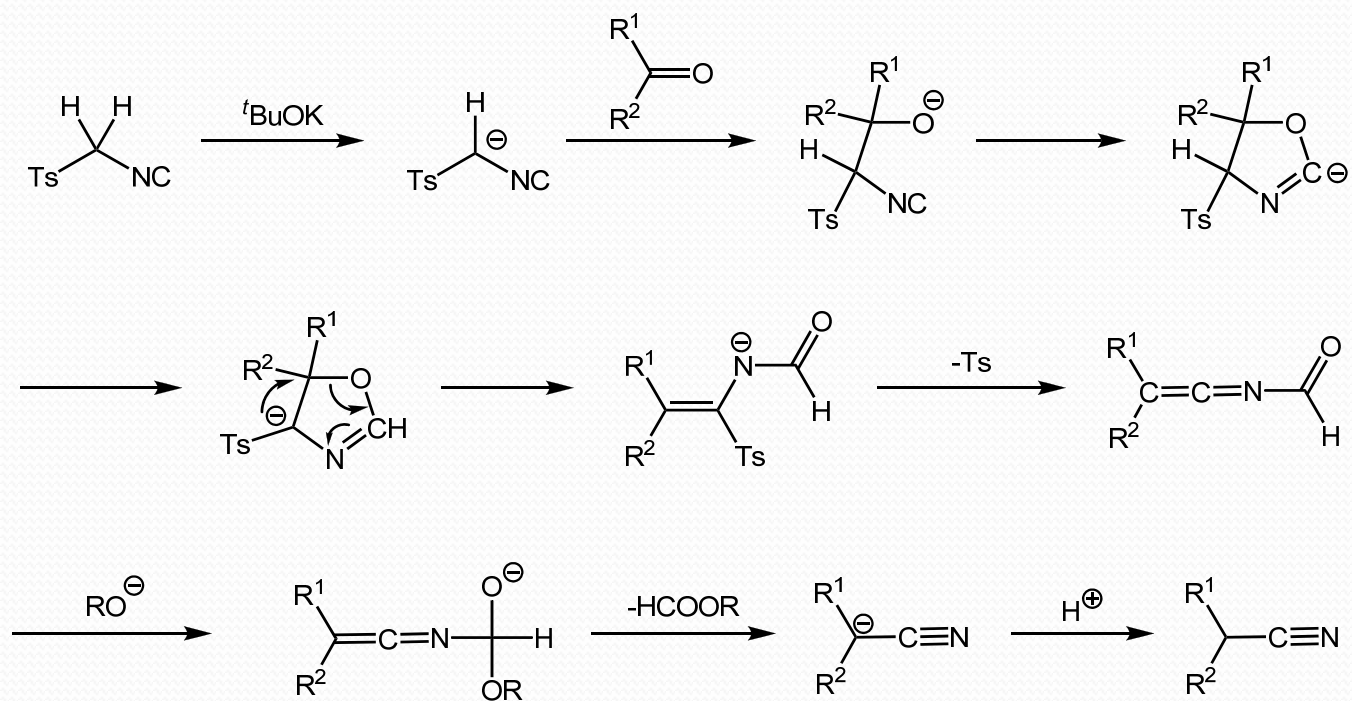


In summary, we have completed the total synthesis of the neurotrophic agent jiadifenolide in 2.3% yield over 23 steps, showcasing a pivotal  $\text{SmI}_2$ -mediated reductive cyclization reaction to establish the tricyclic core. Notably, the synthesis demonstrates a high degree of solely substrate-based stereocontrol to establish this densely functionalized structure, wherein the full relative configuration is templated for by a single C5 alcohol stereocenter. Starting from known (S)-3-methyl-cyclopentenol should thus render this approach asymmetric. Work to prepare quantities of this valuable scaffold for further biological evaluation and analogue synthesis will be reported in due course.



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