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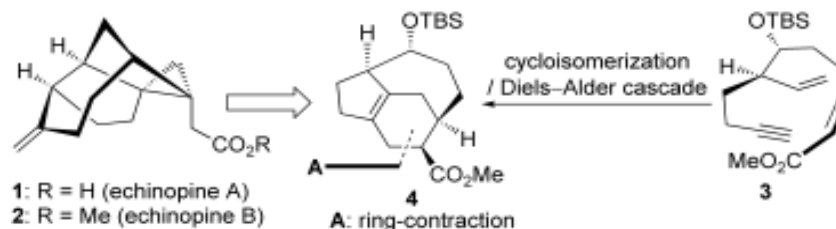
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Enticing structures: The formal syntheses of **1** and **2** were accomplished by using a cascade strategy involving an enyne cycloisomerization reaction and an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction starting from **3**. The resulting **4** underwent a late-stage ring contraction to enable the preparation of a reported advanced intermediate, thereby constituting a formal synthesis of the structurally intriguing title compounds.

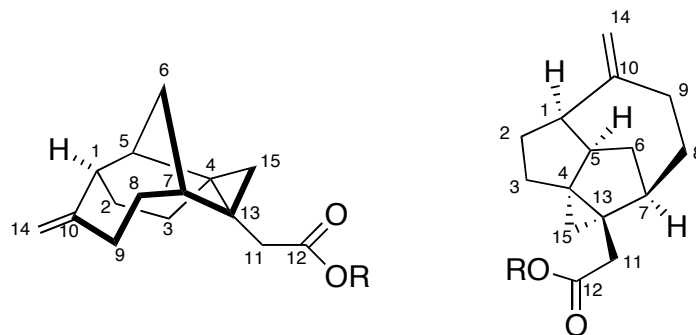
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Echinopines A and B: Sesquiterpenoids Possessing an Unprecedented Skeleton



Echinops spinosus



R = H, Echinopinoic acid = Echinopine A

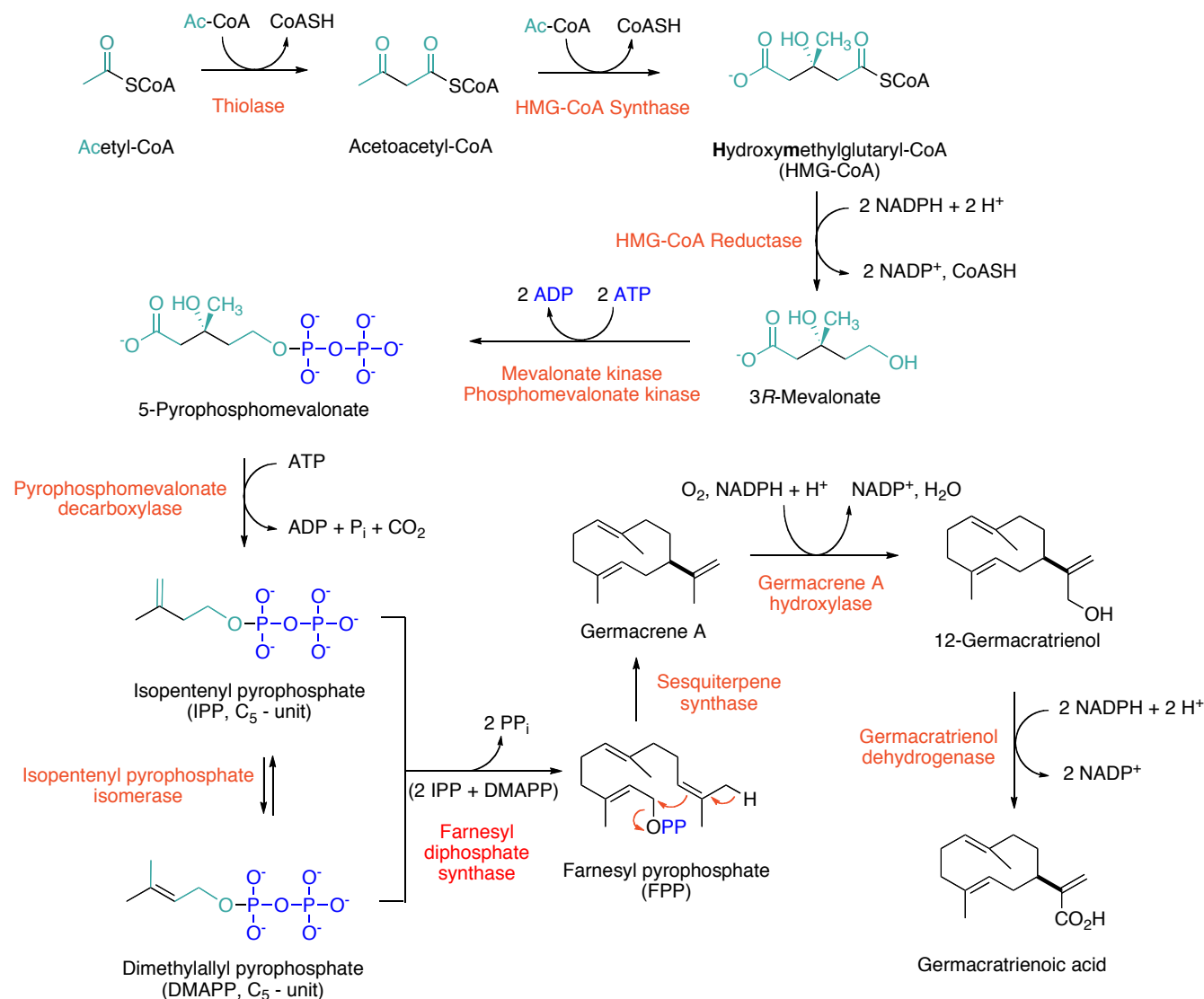
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- unique 3,5,5,7-framework
- structure elucidated by spectroscopic analysis
- 7-membered ring adopts a (flat) chair form

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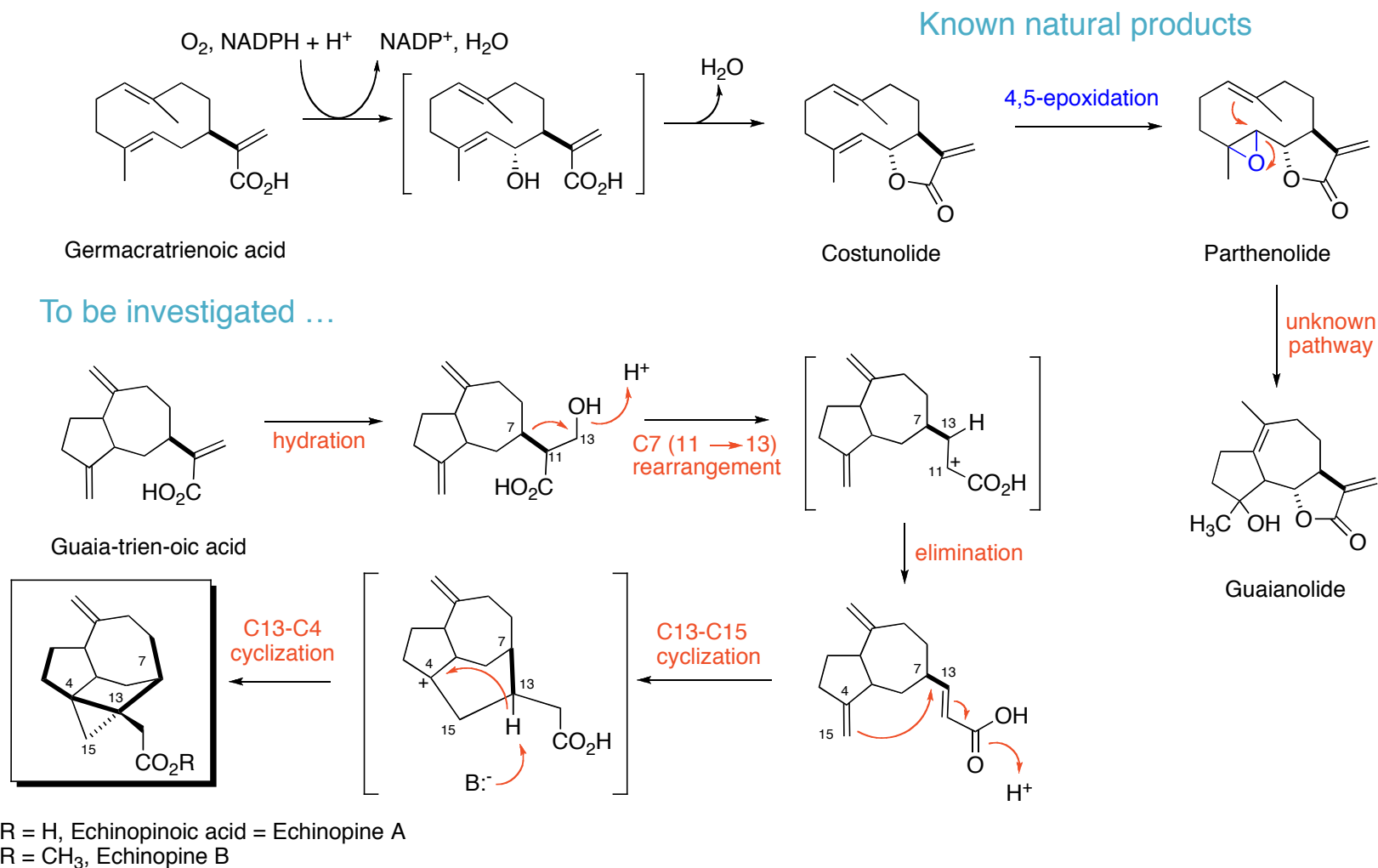
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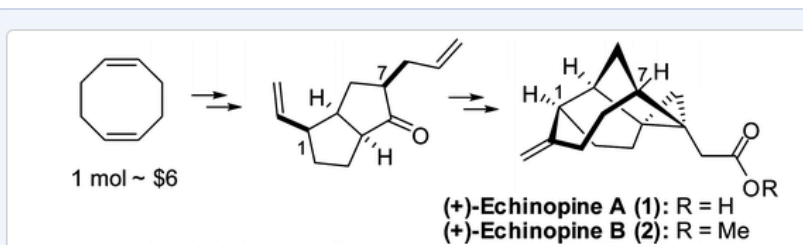
Total Syntheses of (+)-Echinopine A and B: Determination of Absolute Stereochemistry

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Abstract



1 mol ~ \$6

(+)-Echinopine A (1): R = H
 (+)-Echinopine B (2): R = Me

The first total syntheses of the novel 3,5,5,7-sesquiterpenoids (+)-Echinopine A (1) and B (2) were achieved. Thereby the proposed structures were confirmed, and the absolute

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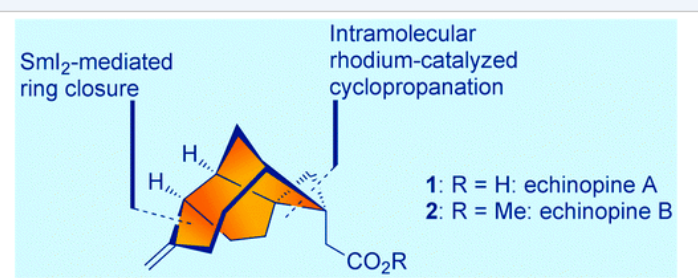
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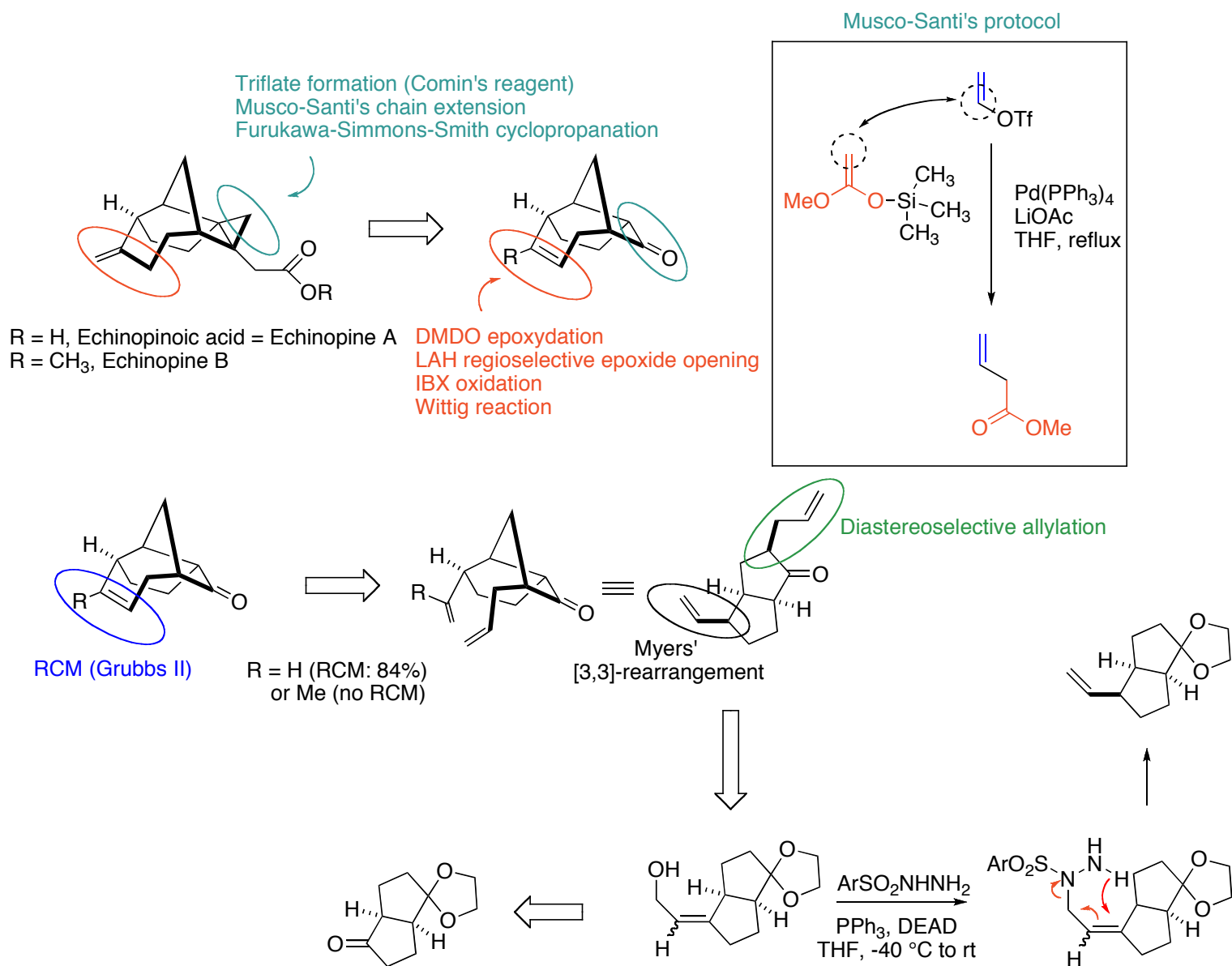
SmI₂-mediated ring closure

Intramolecular rhodium-catalyzed cyclopropanation

1: R = H: echinopine A
 2: R = Me: echinopine B

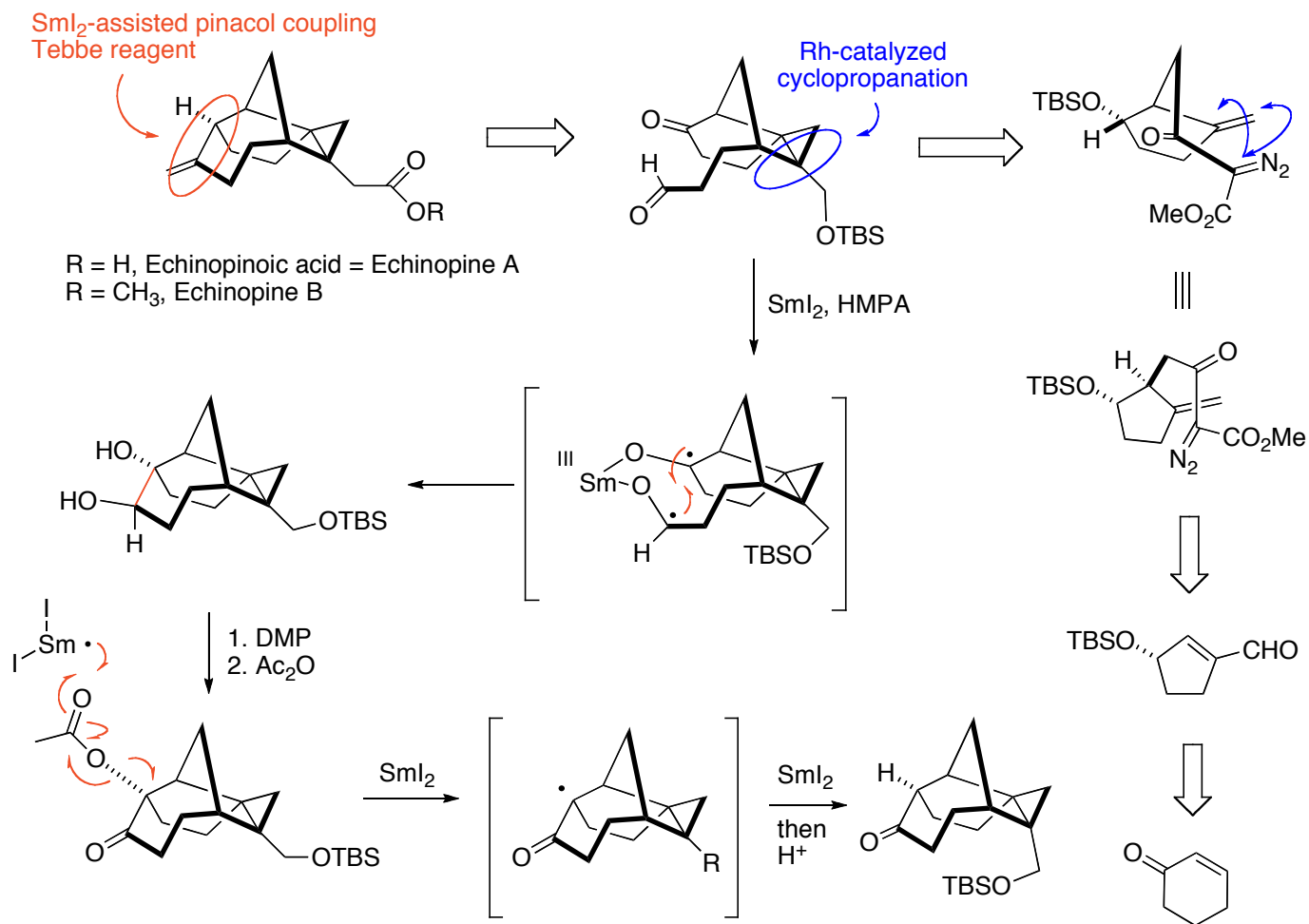
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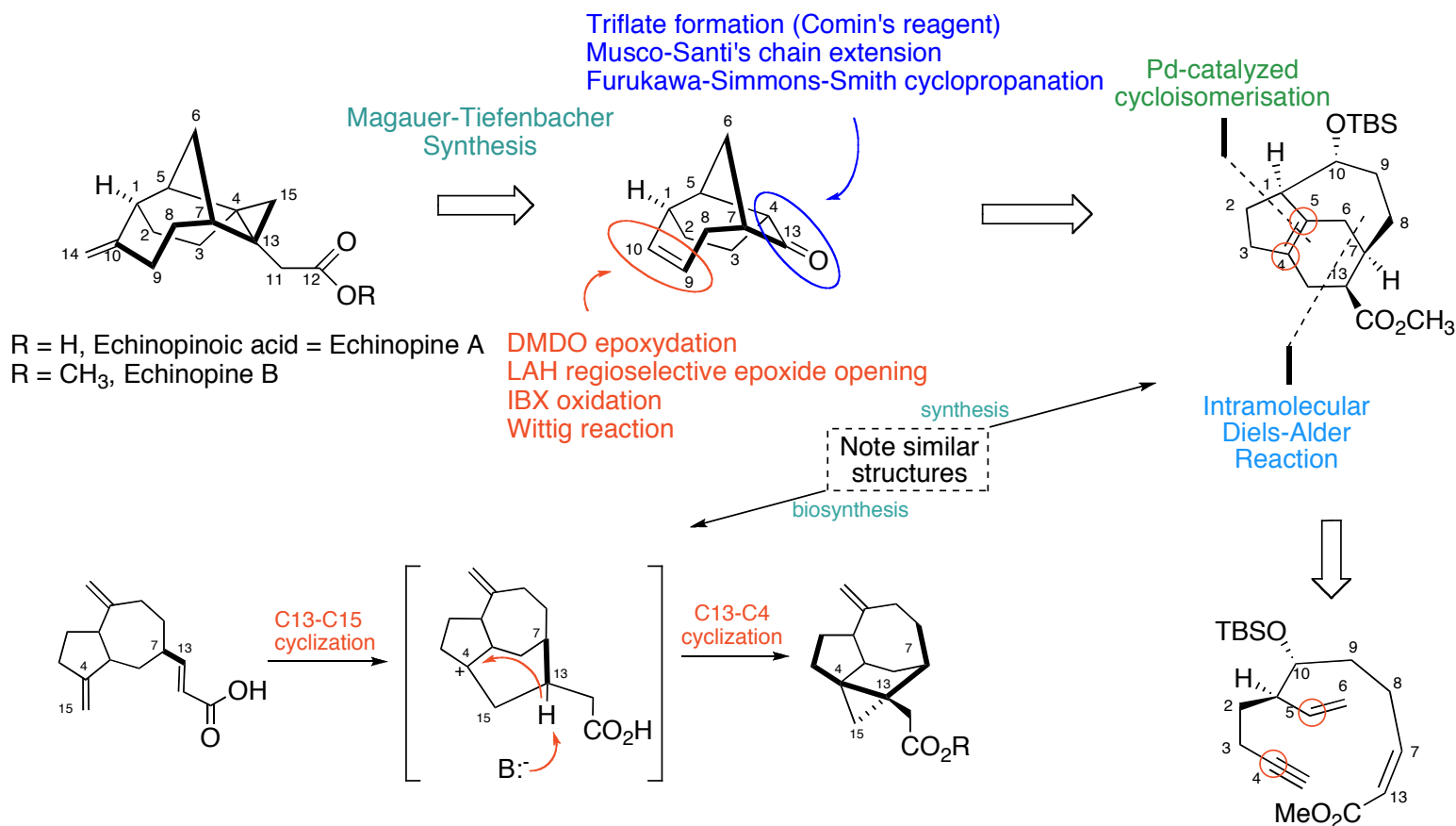
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The Nicolaou-Chen Synthesis of Echinopines A and B



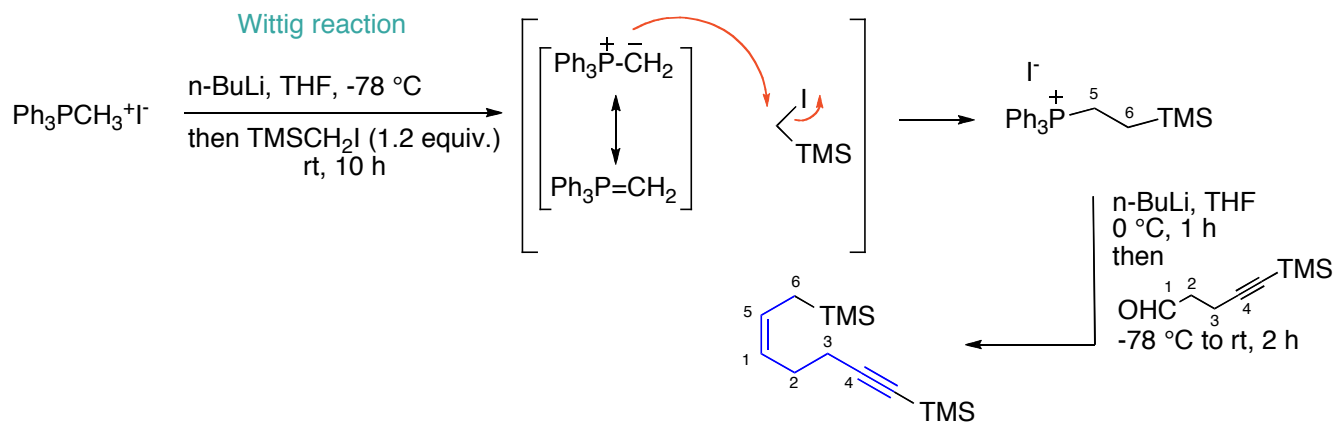
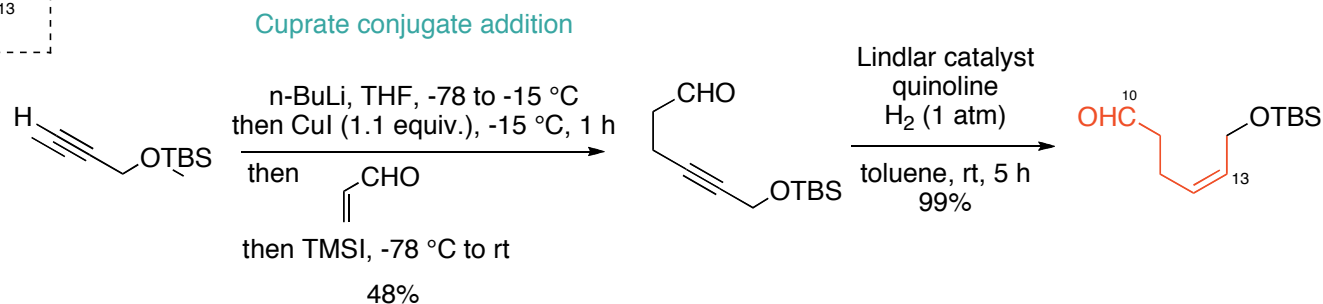
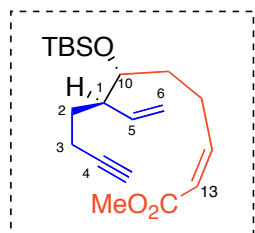
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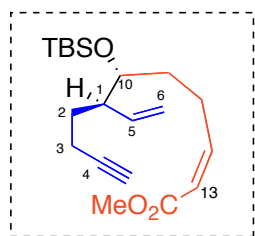
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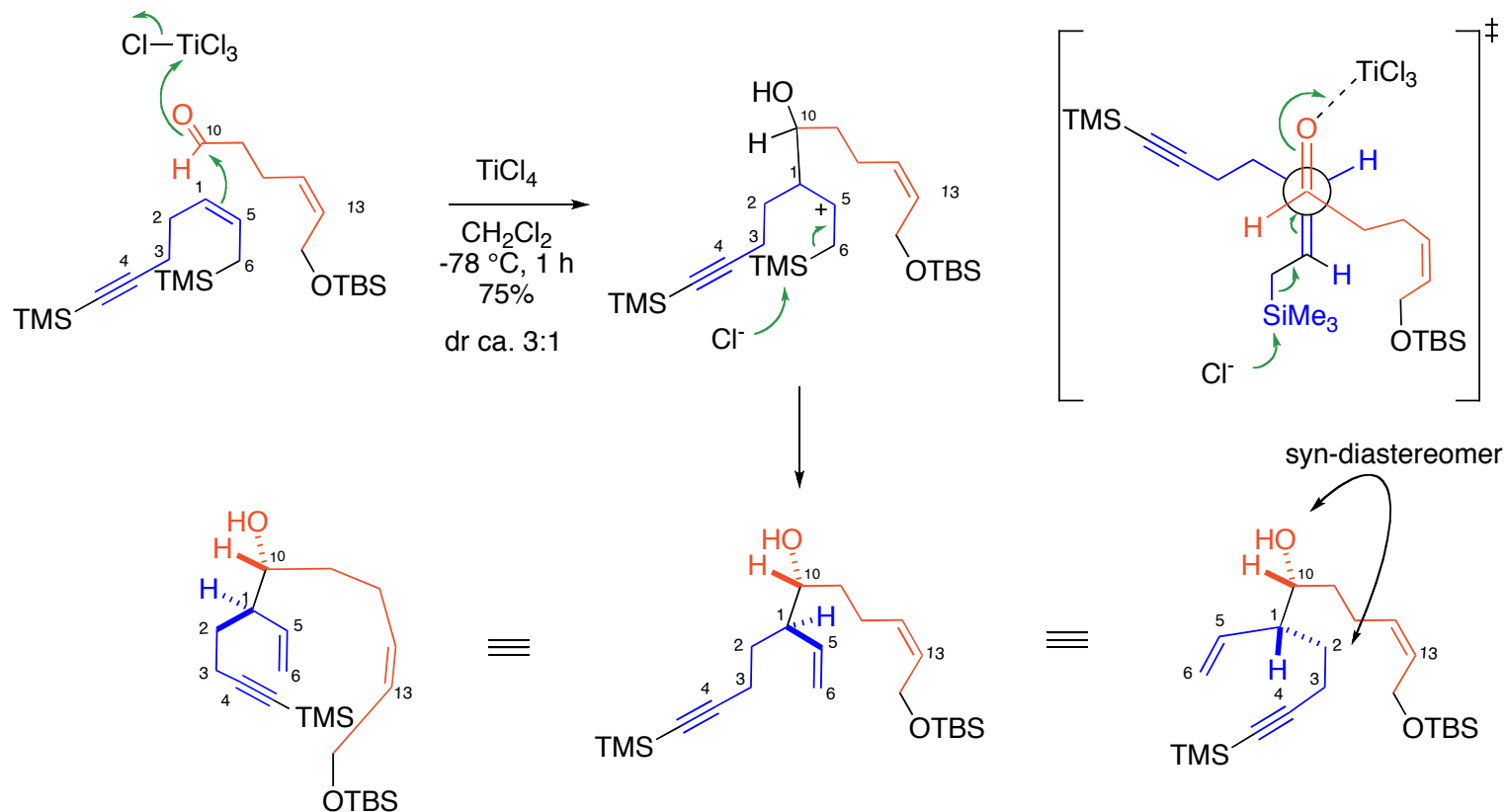


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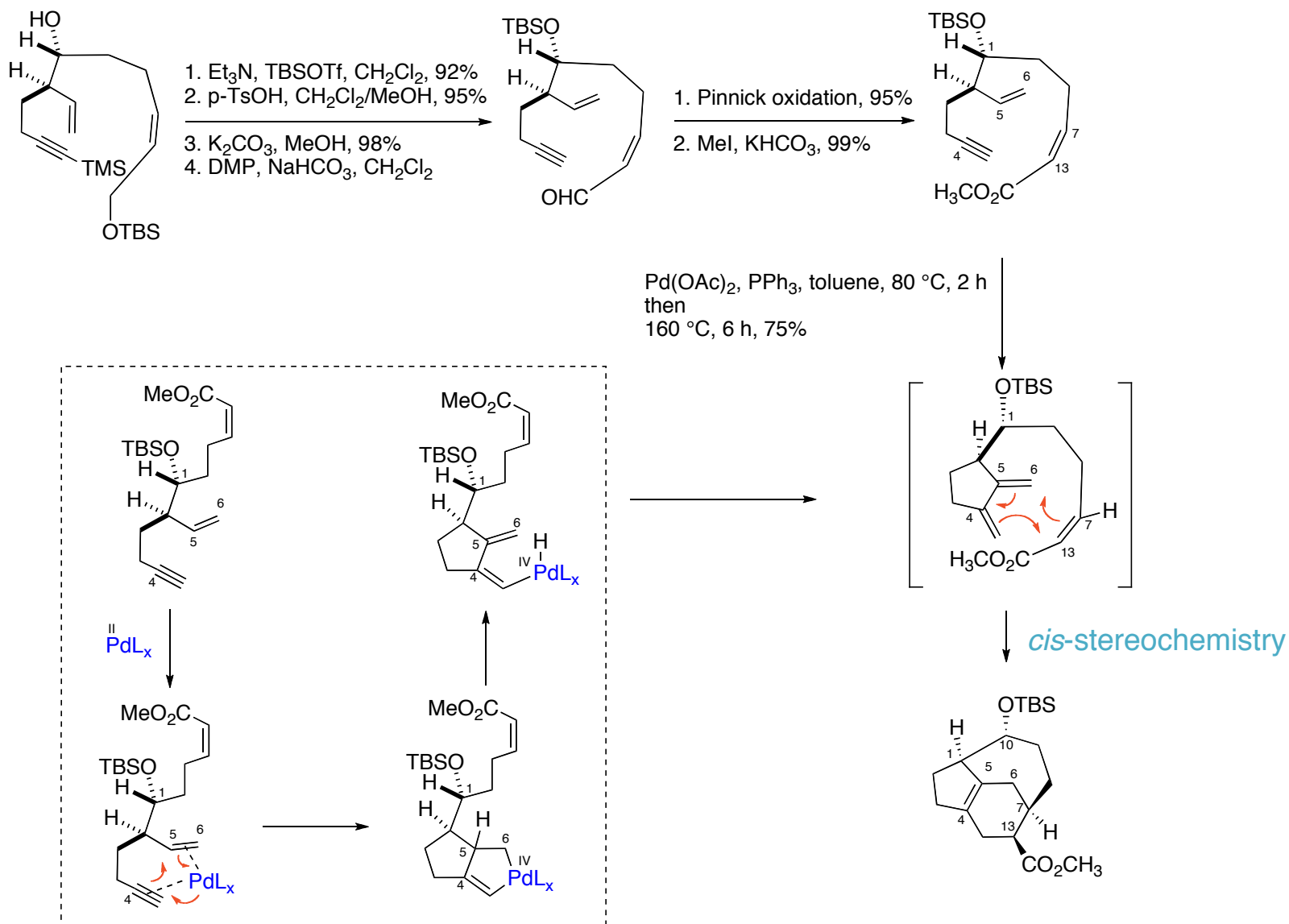


Coupling Red and Blue: Sakurai reaction



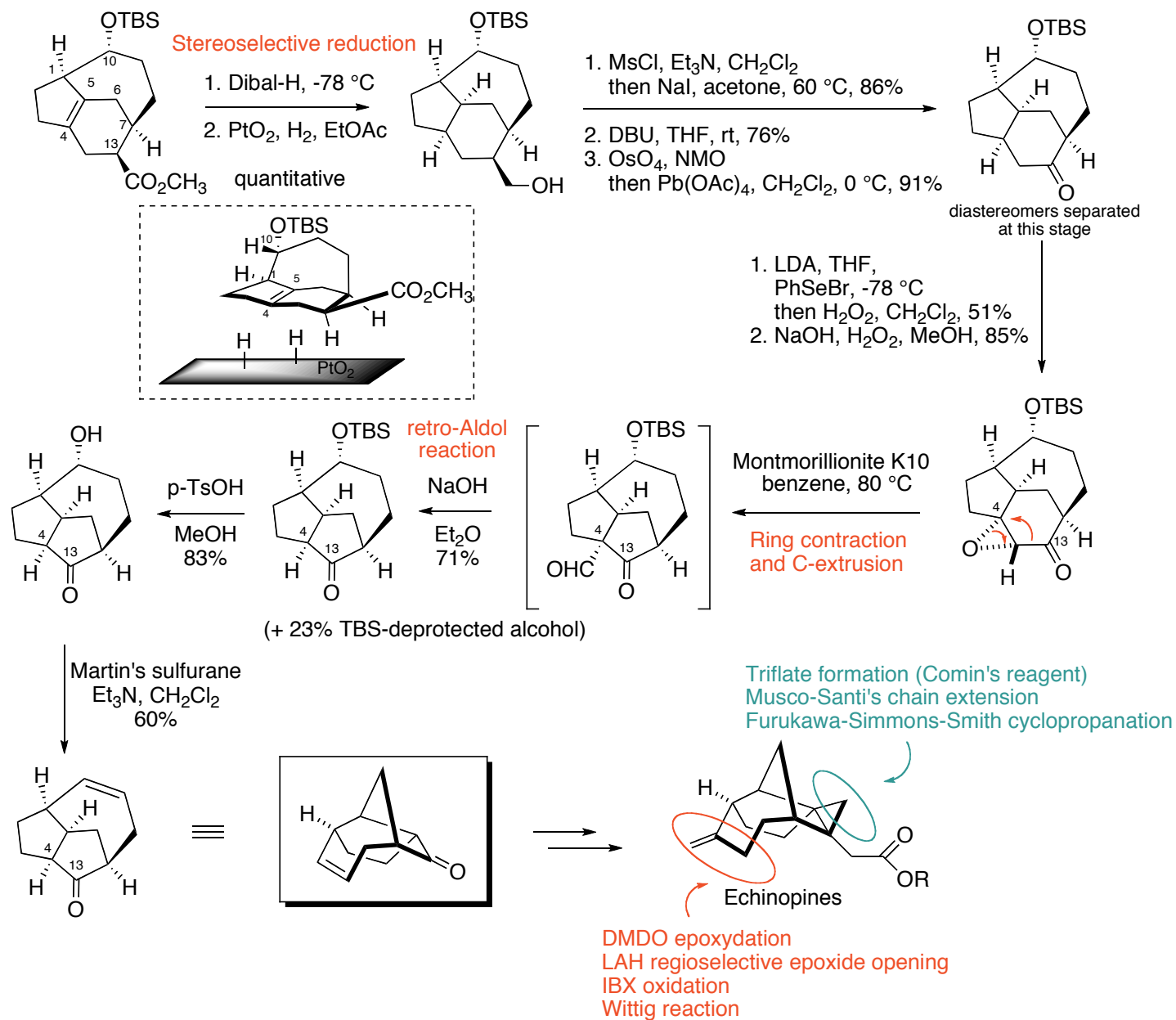
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Cascade Cyclization/Intramolecular Diels-Alder Reaction



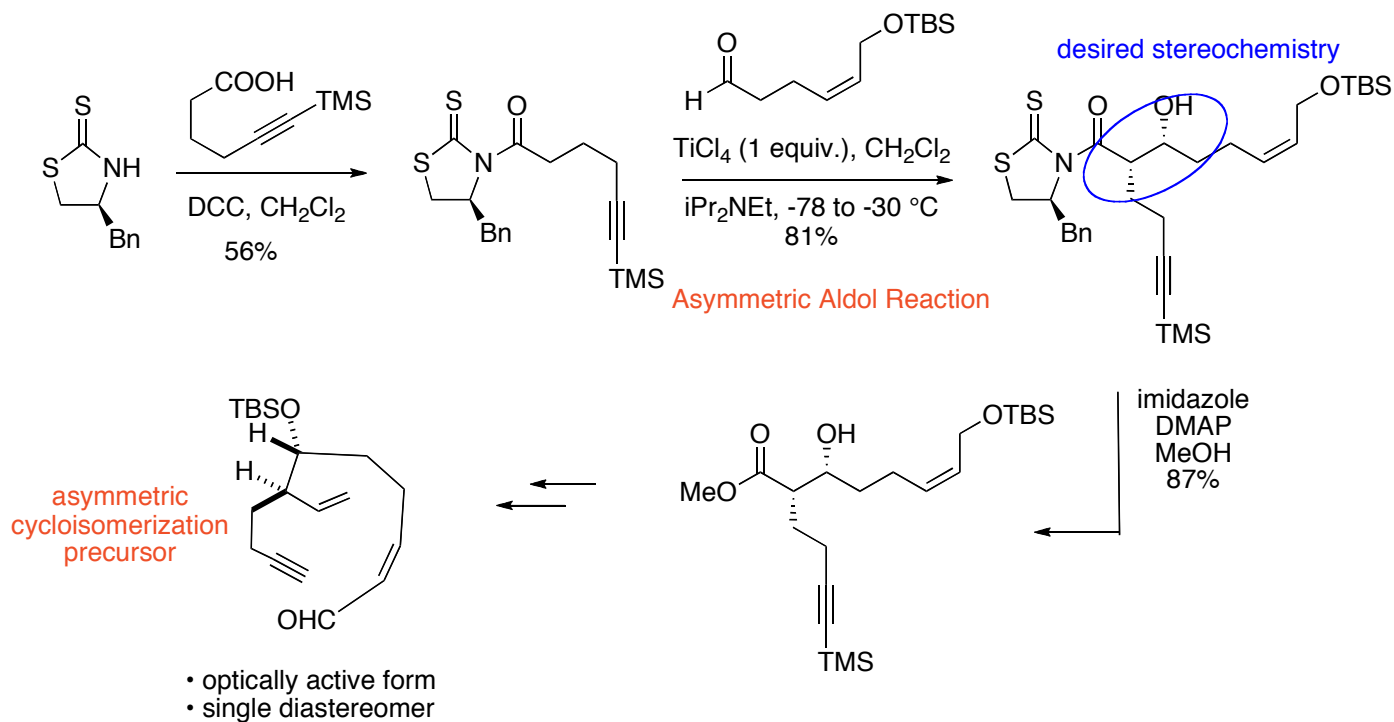
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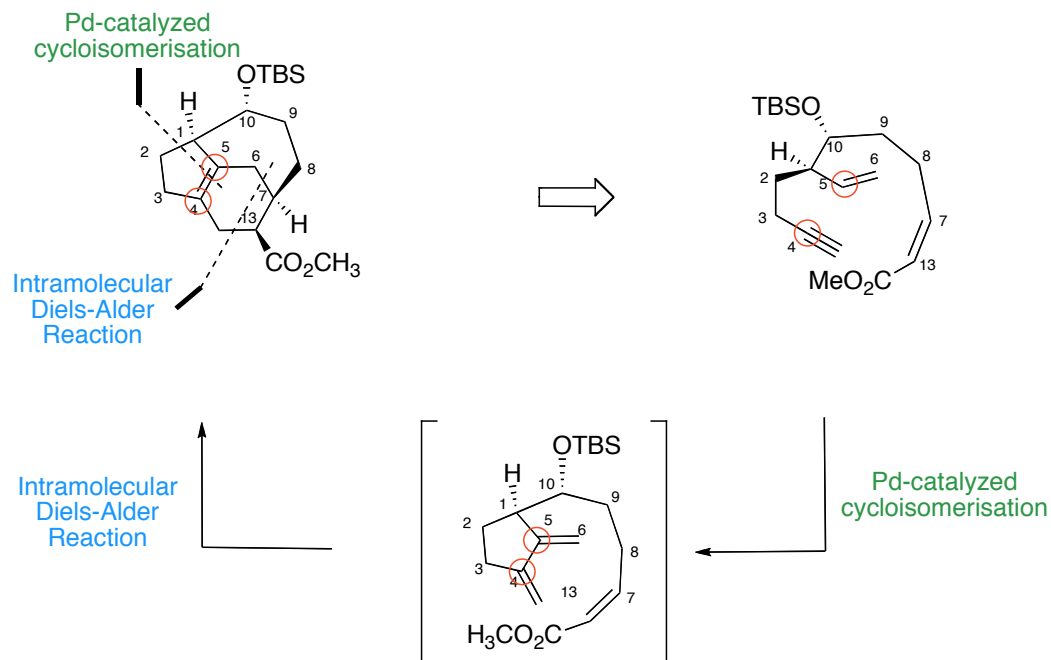
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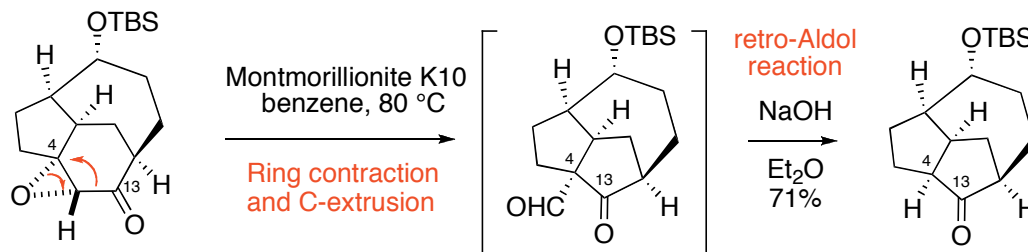
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Conclusions

- Asymmetric formal synthesis of (+)-Echinopine A and B has been accomplished through cycloisomerization/intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction



- 5,5-system made by contraction of 5,6-system



- Asymmetric version through Aldol Chemistry has been demonstrated