

# Synthesis of the QRSTU Domain of Maitotoxin and Its 85-*epi*-and 86-*epi*-Diastereomers

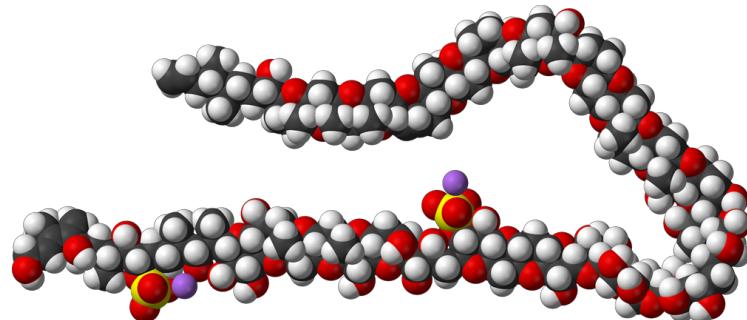
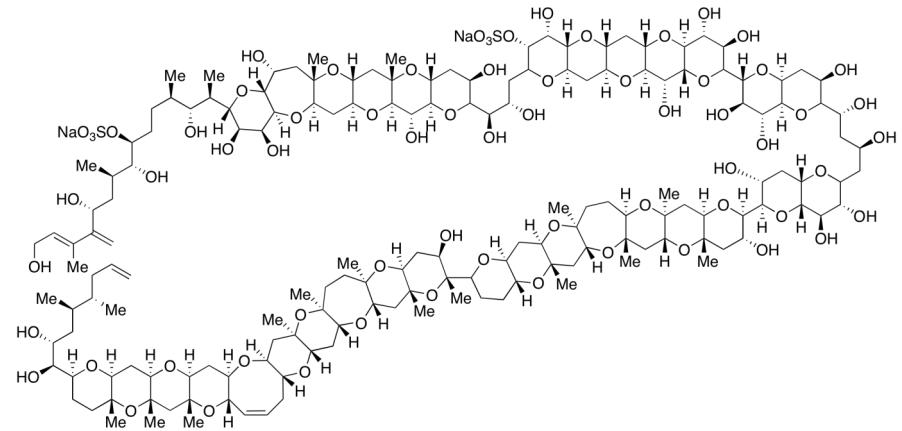
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# Isolation

- Isolated in 1988 by Yasumoto and co-workers from broth of the dinoflagellate *Gambierdiscus toxicus*.
- MW 3422 Da, ( $C_{164}H_{256}O_{68}S_2Na_2$ ), 32 rings  
99 elements of stereochemistry.
- $2^{99} = 6.3 \times 10^{29}$  possible stereoisomers.
- Relative configuration for cyclic domains determined in 1993.
- Relative stereochemistry not solved until 1996 by Kishi and Tachibana.



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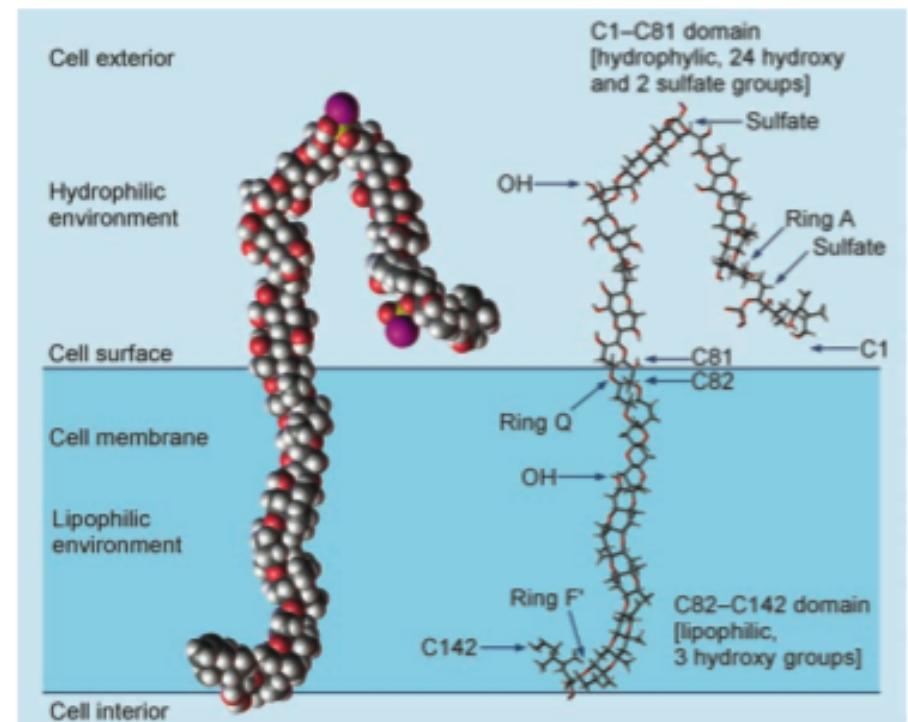
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# Biological Activity

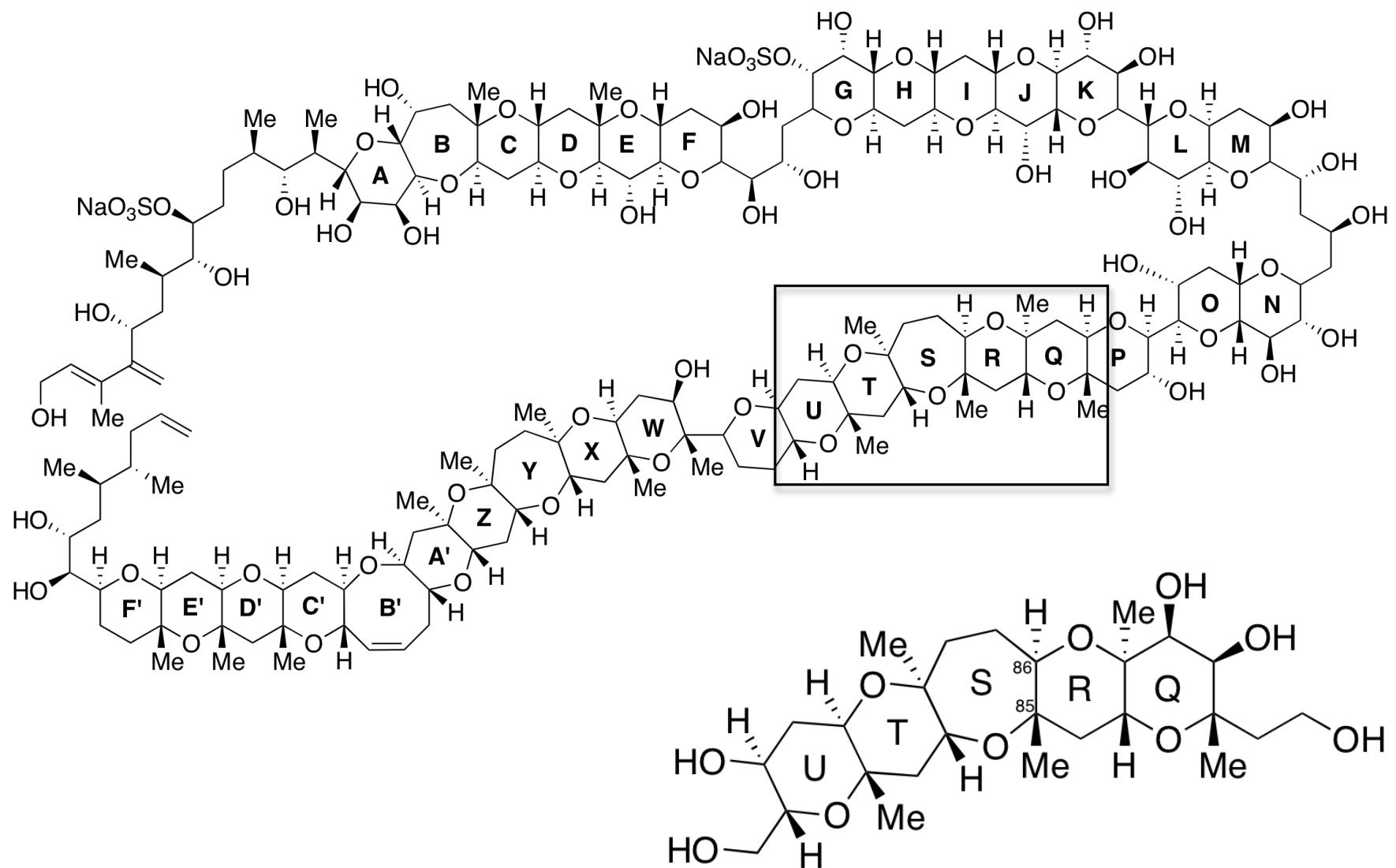
- LD<sub>50</sub> mice = 0.13 µg/Kg (IP).
- Considered to be the most powerful nonproteinoic biotoxin.
- Neurotoxicity through binding to cell membrane ion channels.
- Specifically, believed to interact with Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels.
- Influx of Ca<sup>2+</sup> leading to apoptosis.



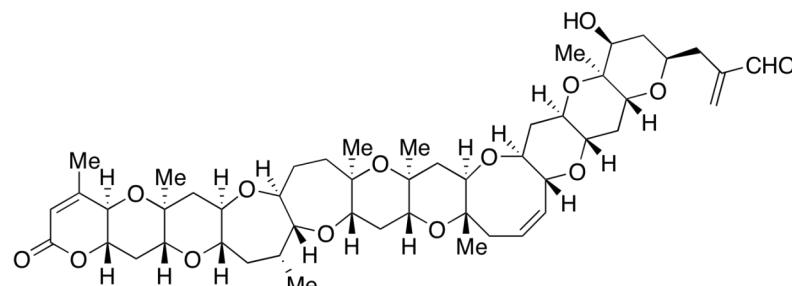
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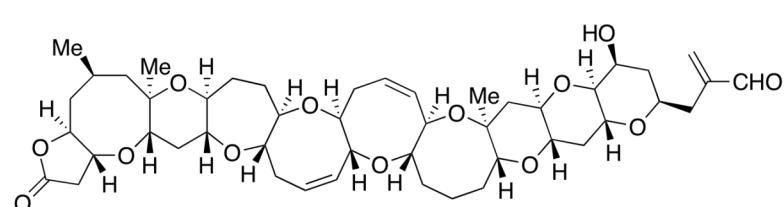
# Nomenclature



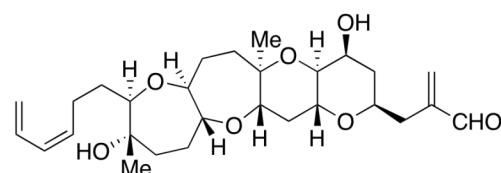
# Related Natural Products



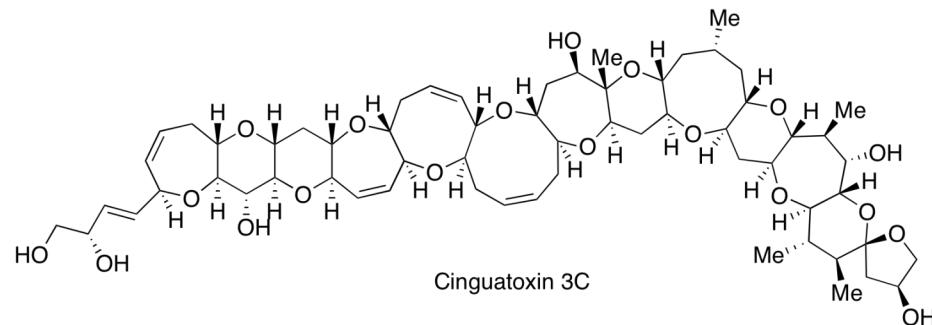
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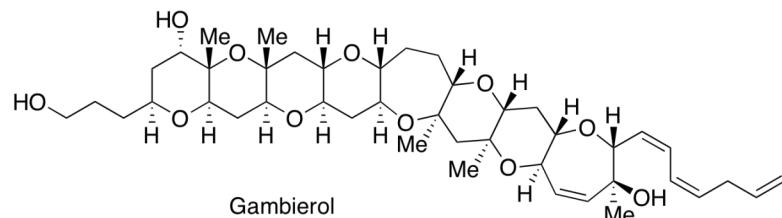
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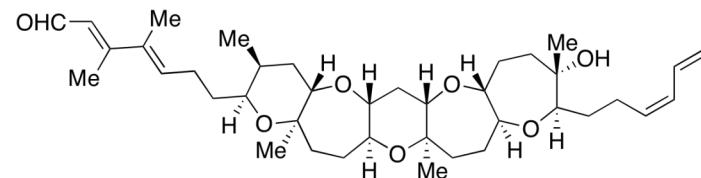
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Cinguatoxin 3C

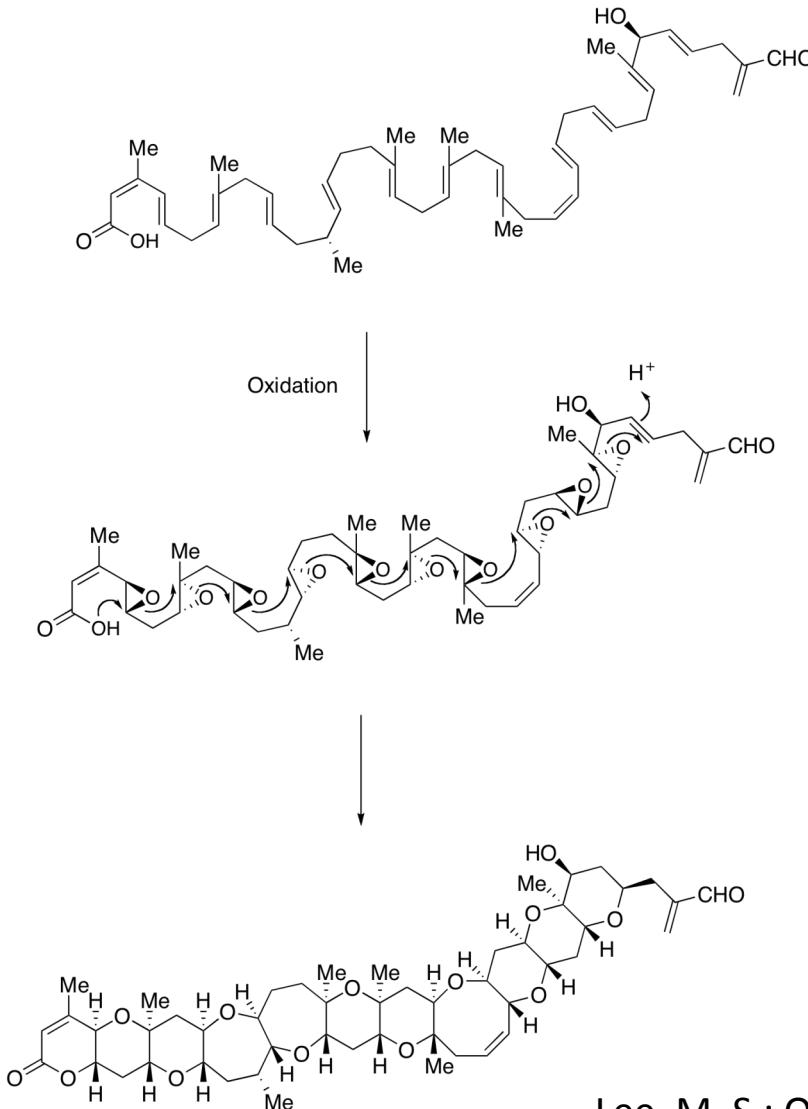


Gambierol



Brevenal

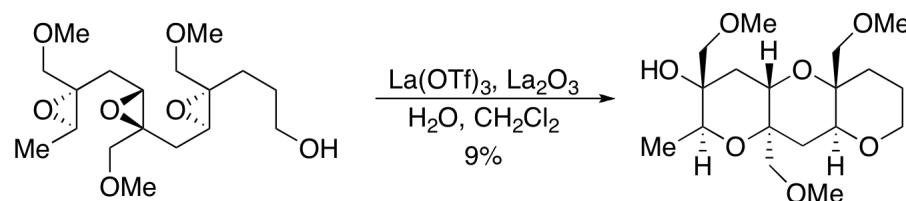
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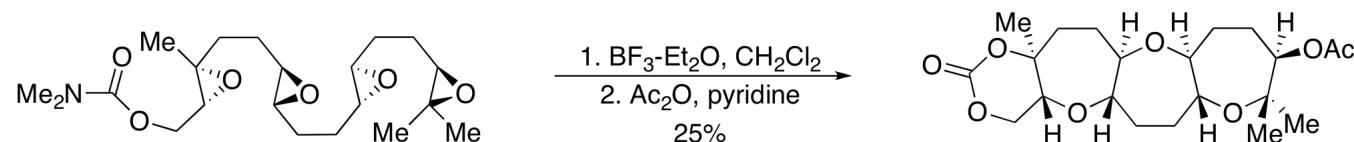
- Oxidation of poly-ene, followed by cascade epoxide opening originally proposed by Nakanishi.
- Several groups have worked to prove this hypothesis.
- Tendency to form the smaller ring (*exo* regioselectivity).
- Jamison group currently working on the hypothesis with some success.
- None of the polyether toxins have been synthesized in this manner.

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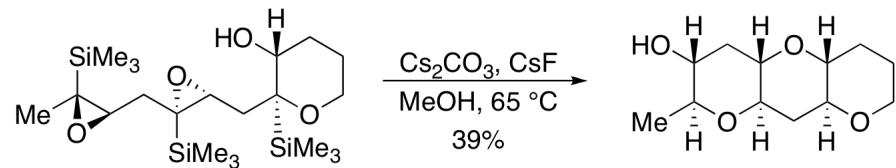
# Implementation of Biosynthetic Pathway



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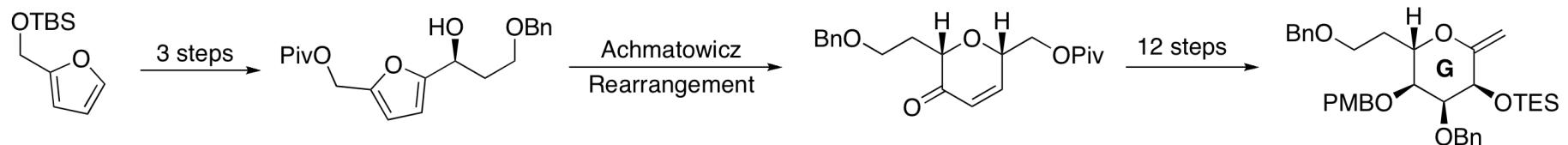
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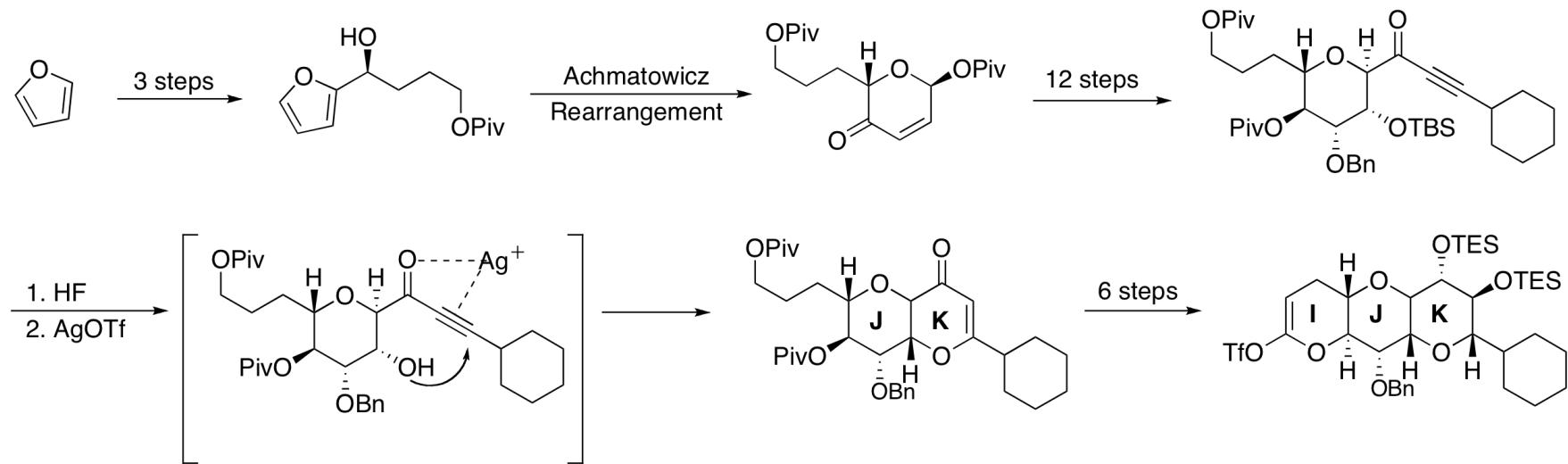
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# Previously Synthesized Fragments

## G Ring Synthesis

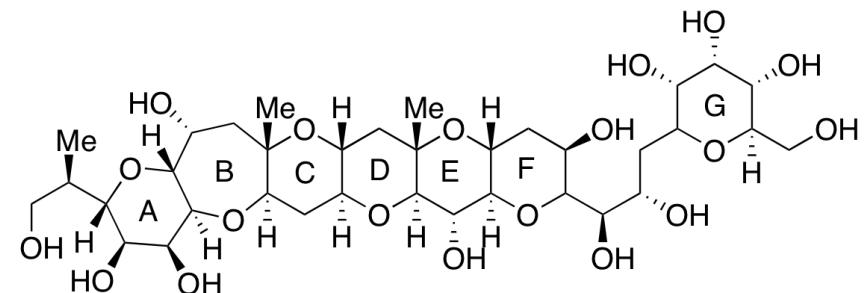
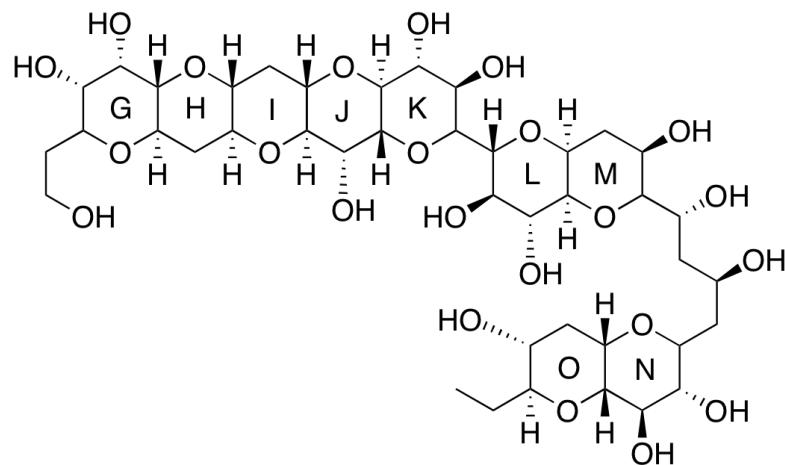
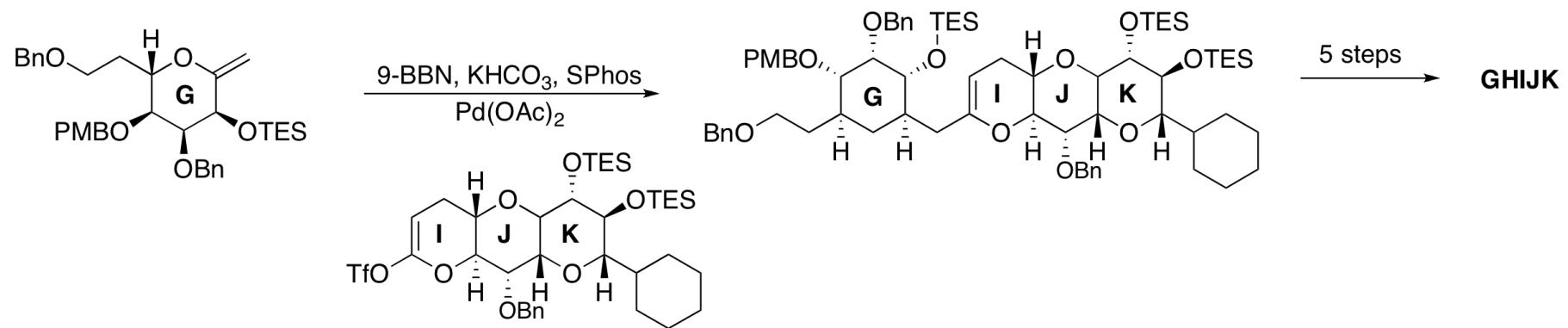


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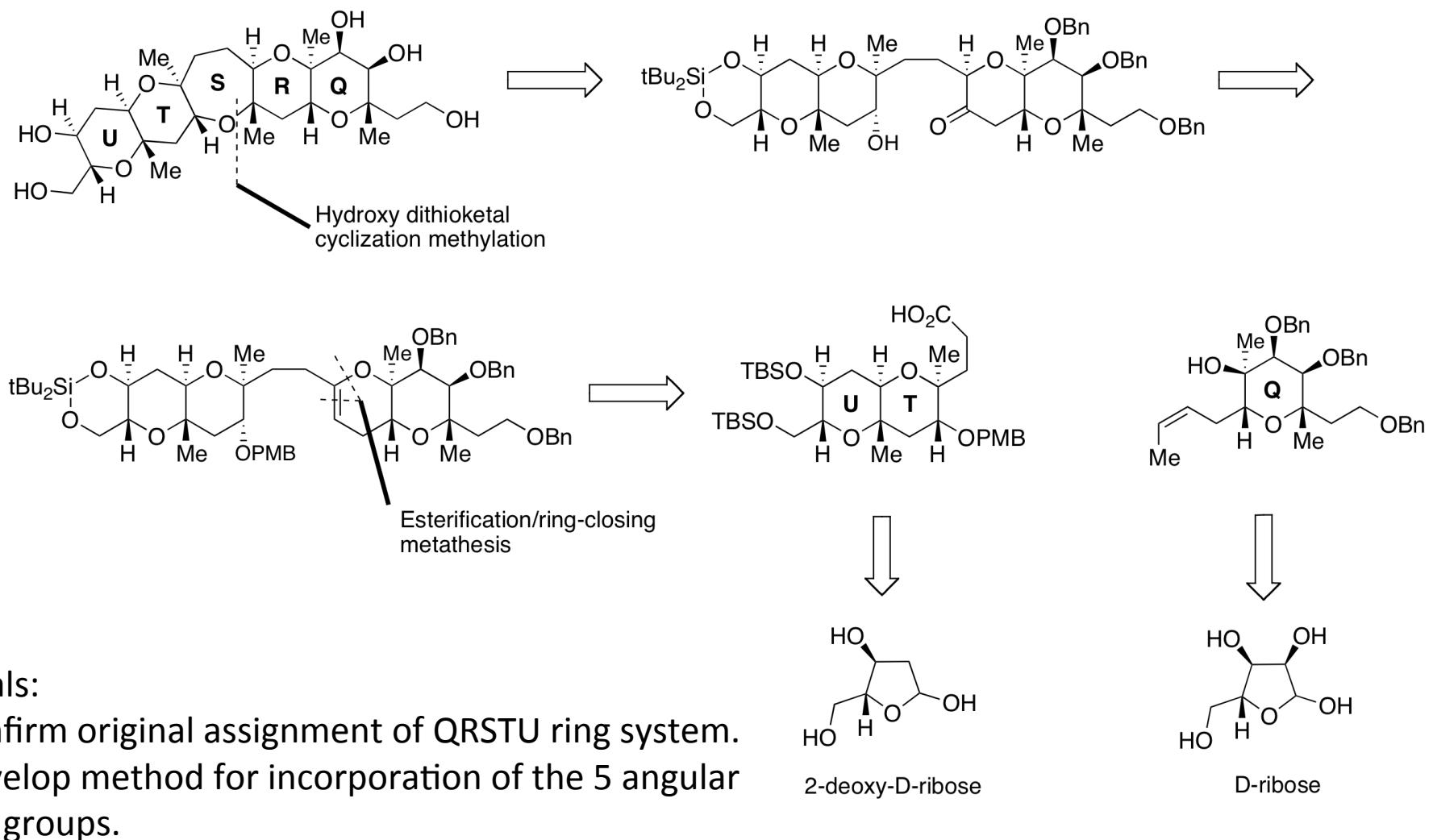
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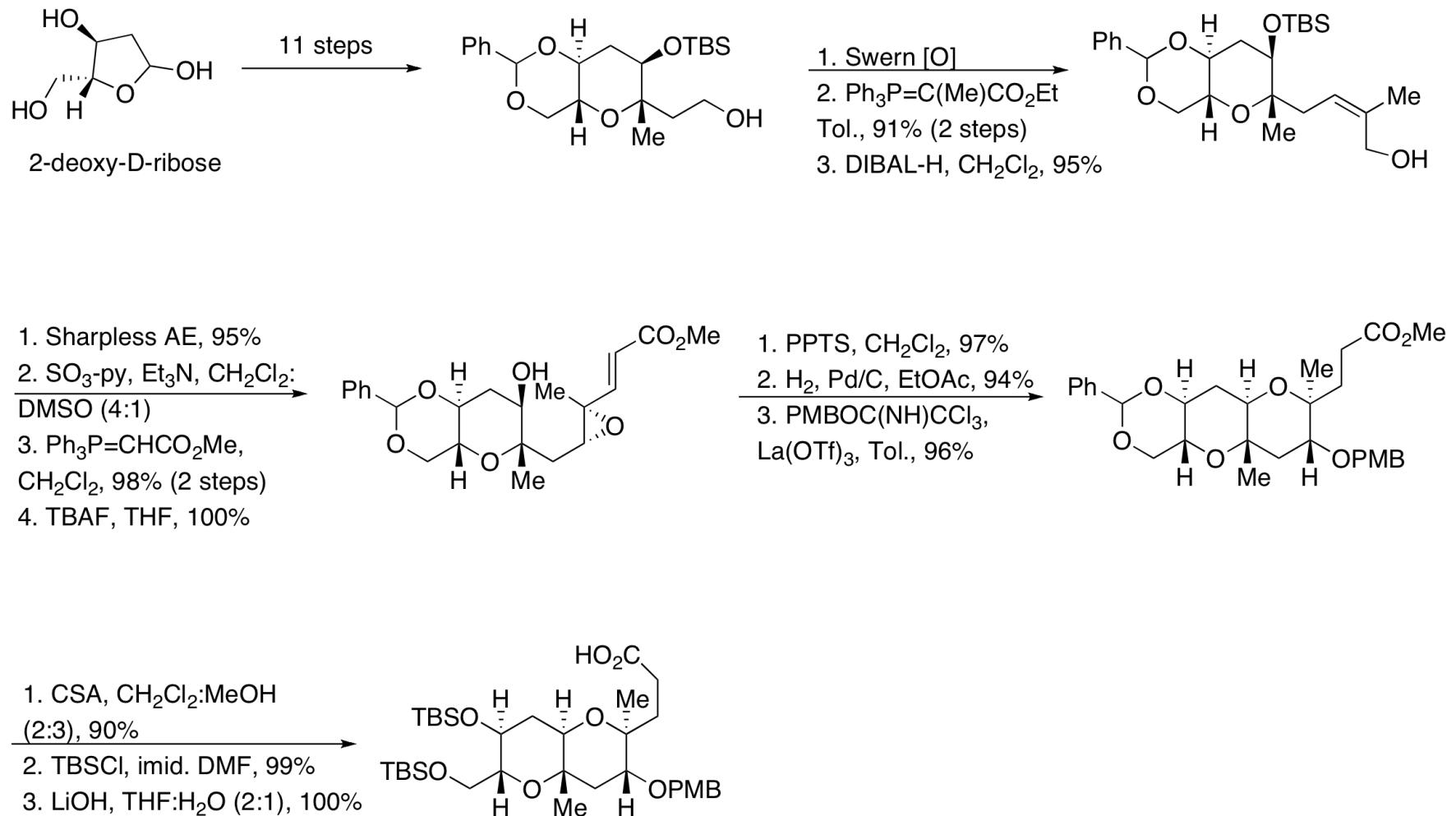


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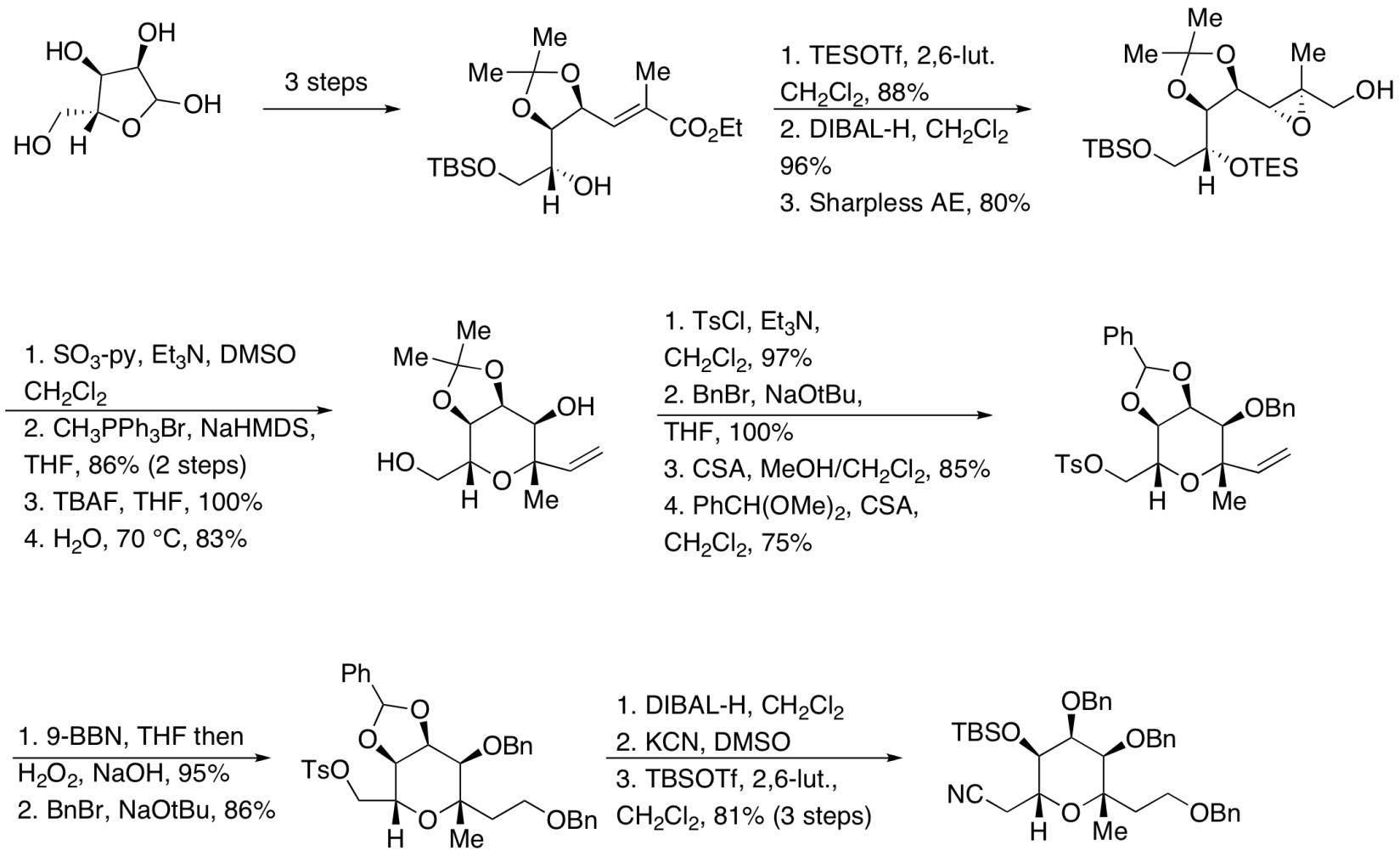
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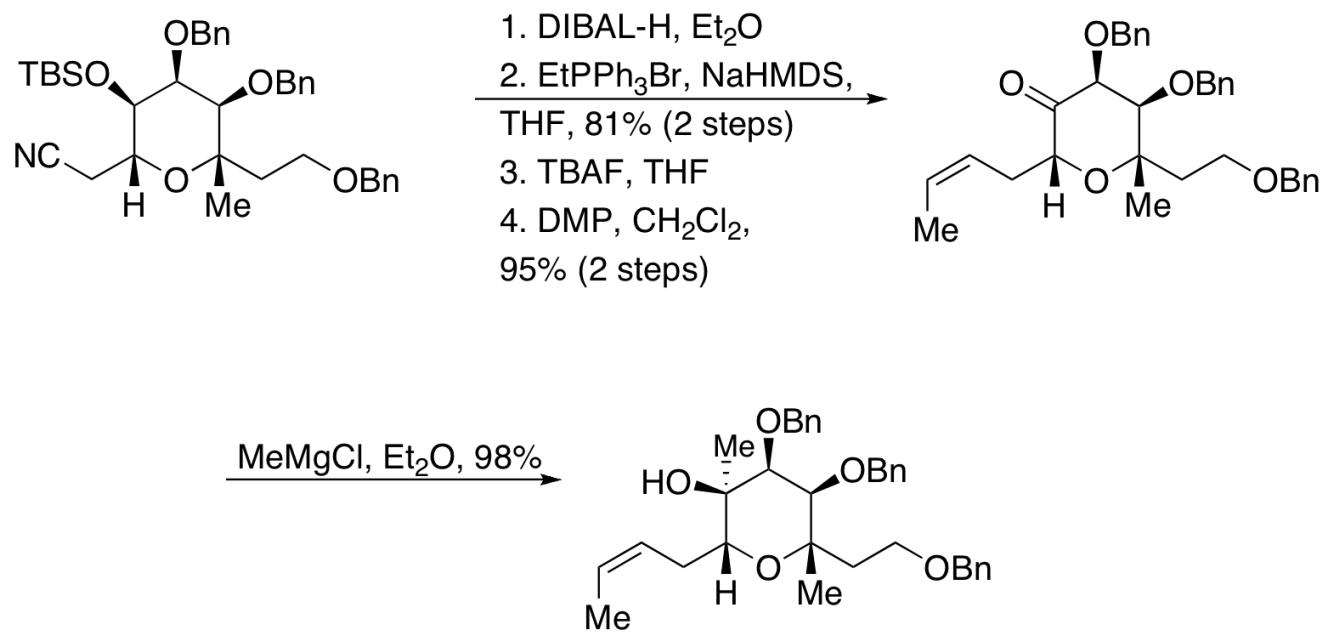
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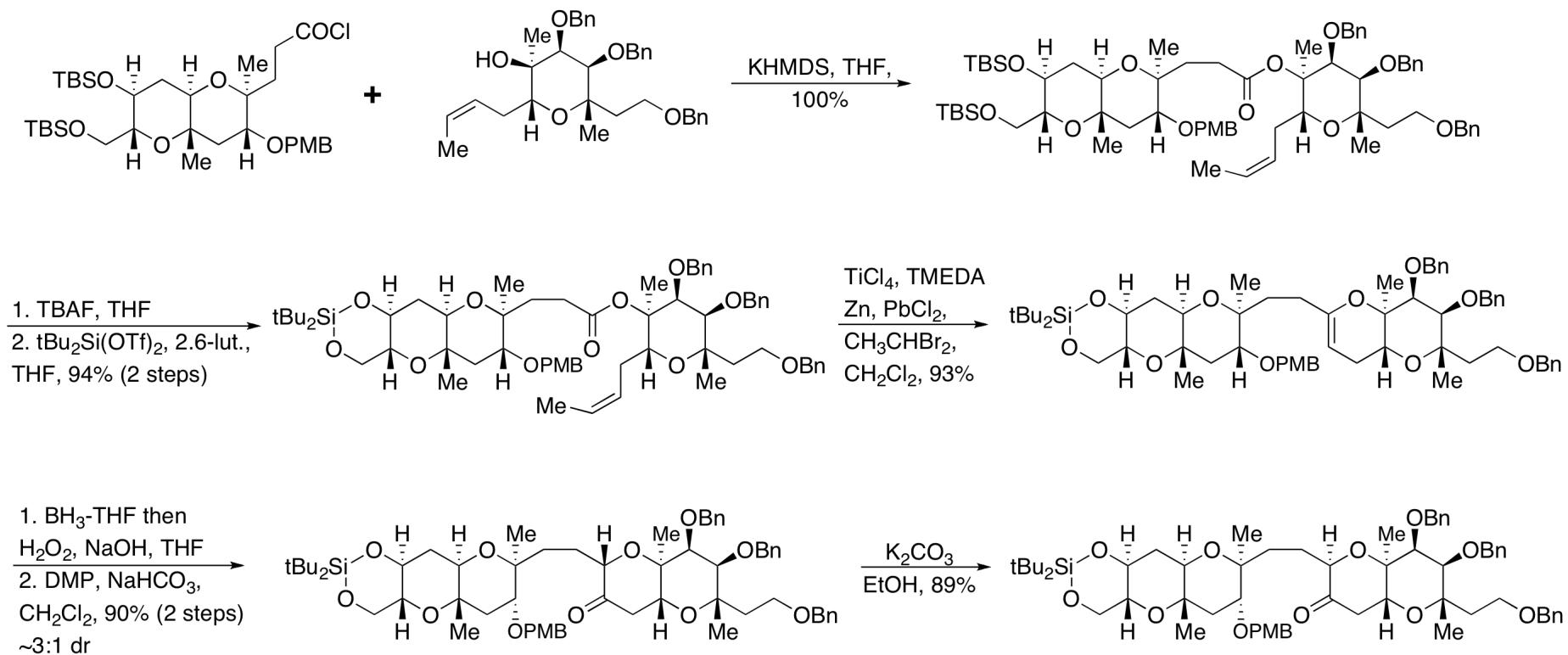
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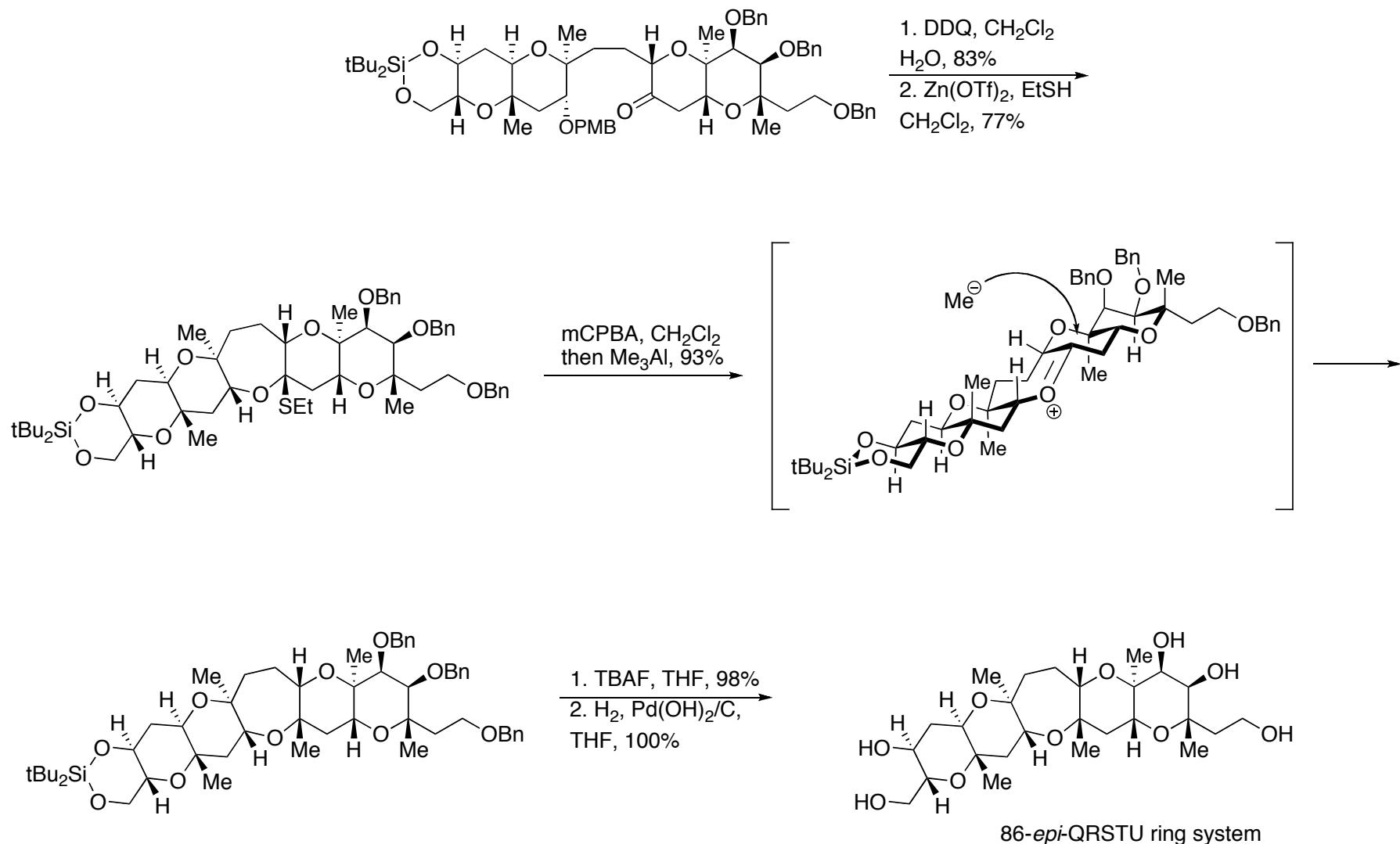
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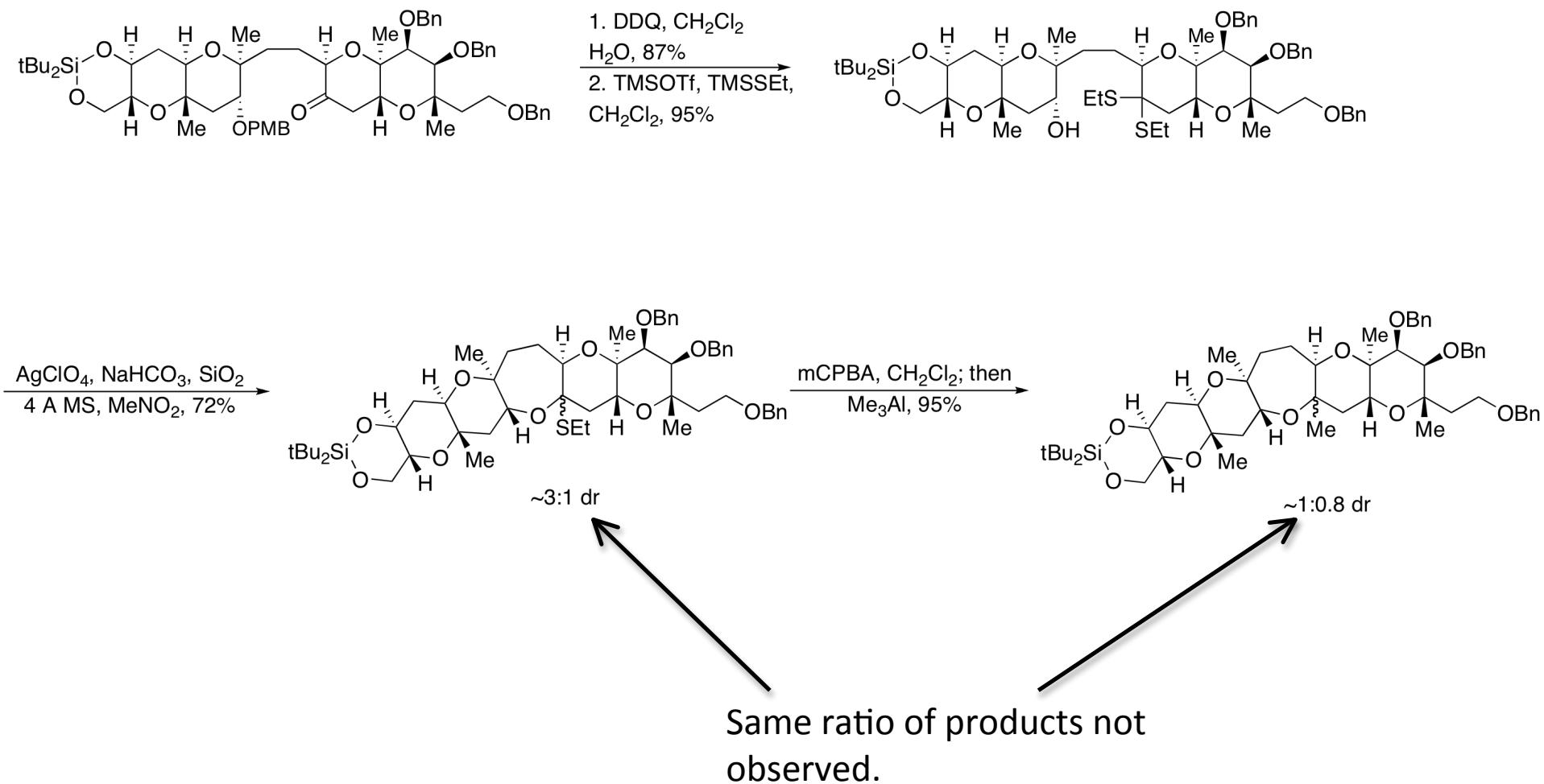
# Coupling of Fragments

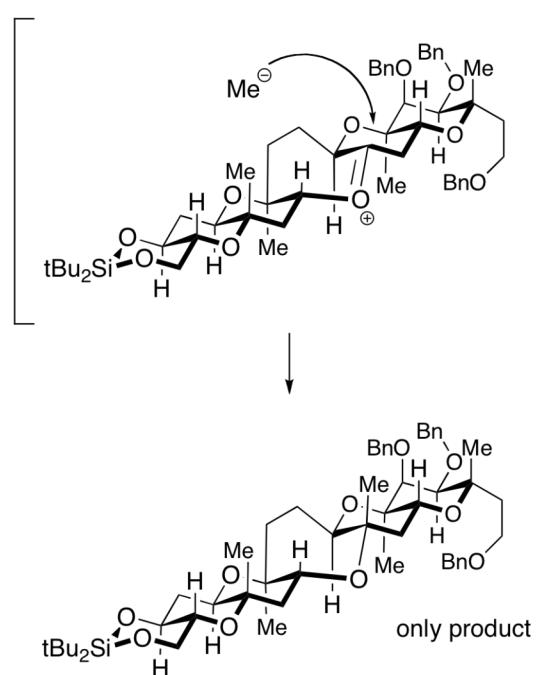
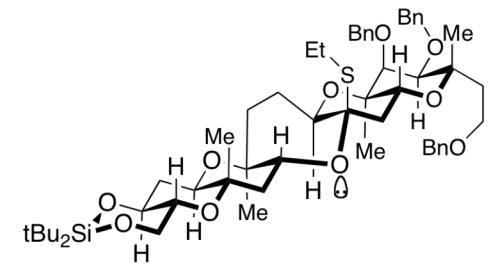


# Synthesis of 86-*epi*-QRSTU System

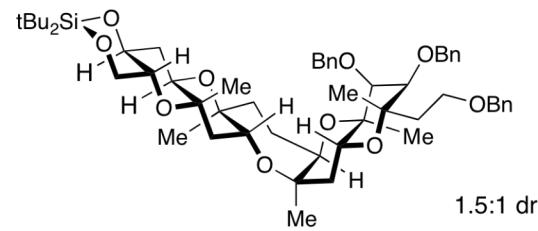
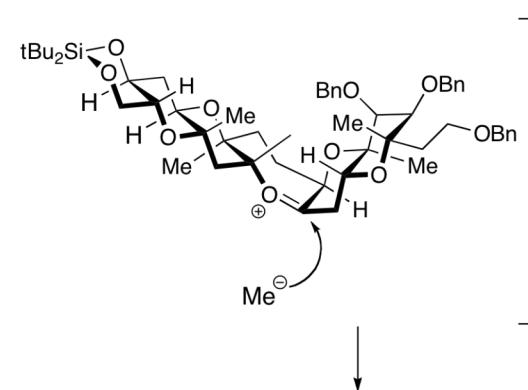
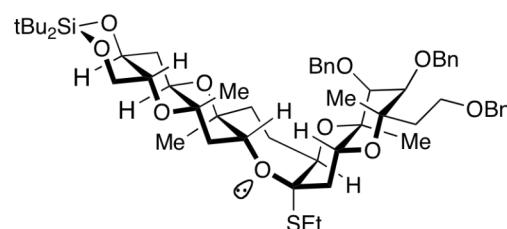
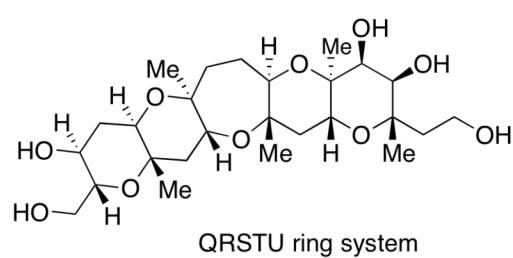


# Synthesis of 8*S*-*epi*- and QRSTU Systems

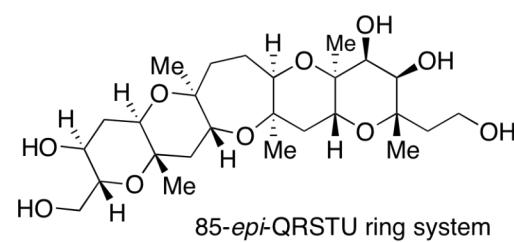




1. TBAF, THF, 87%  
2. H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, THF, 100%



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2. H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, THF, 87%



# Summary and Conclusions

- Convergent synthesis of QRSTU ring system of maitotoxin featuring hydroxy dithioketal cyclization and Takai olefination/ring-closing metathesis cascade.
- Longest linear sequence = 37 steps
- Synthesis incorporates functionality allowing for construction of larger portions of the molecule.