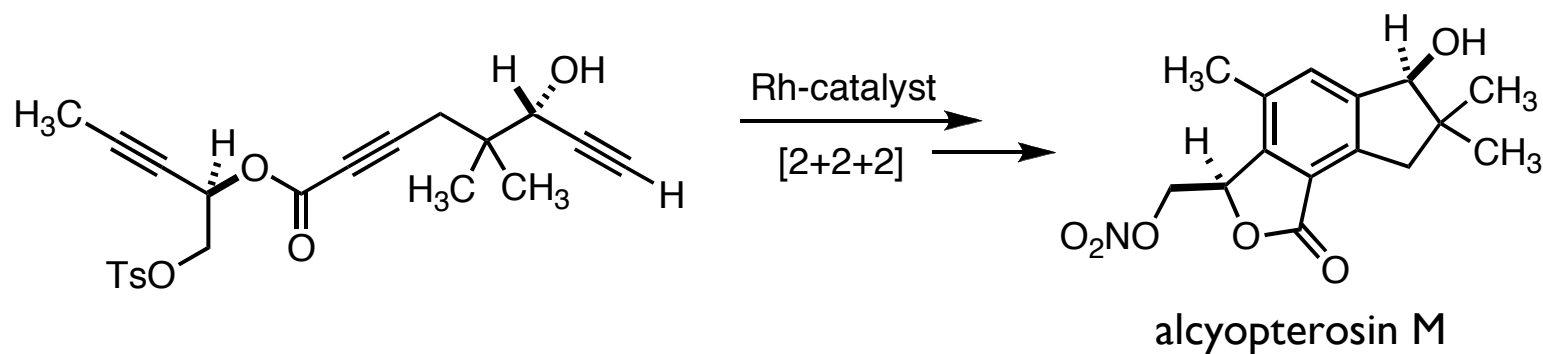


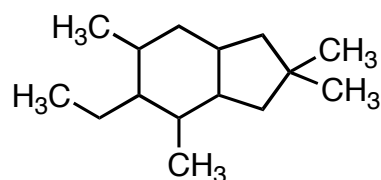
# Total Syntheses of the Marine Illudalanes Alcyopterosin I, L, M, N, and C

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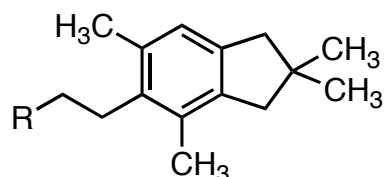


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# Illudalane Sesquiterpenes: Alcyopterosin



Illudalane Skeleton



Alcyopterosin Skeleton  
R= Cl or ONO<sub>2</sub>

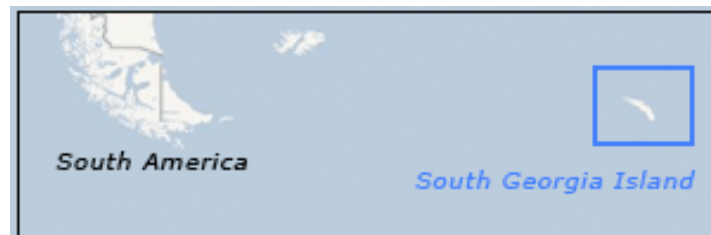


- The illudalane sesquiterpenes are a rare class of natural products typically isolated from fungi and ferns
- The alcyopterosin subclass are the first illudalanes isolated from marine sources
- Alcyopterosins have an aromatized six-membered ring and almost all members have either a Cl atom or a nitrate ester present on the ethylene side chain
- Alcyopterosins A-O were first isolated in 2000 by Palermo and co-workers from the sub-Antarctic deep sea soft coral *Alcyonium paessleri*
- Recently, nine additional alcyopterosins were isolated from the Antarctic soft coral *Alcyonium grandis* by Gavagnin and co-workers in 2009

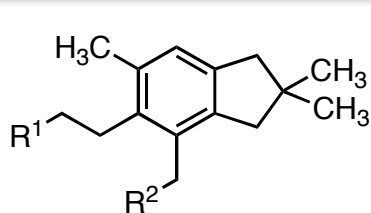
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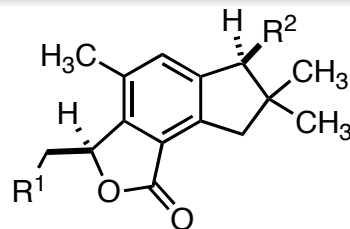
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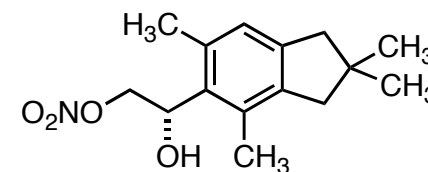
# Alcyopterosins: Structure and Biological Activity



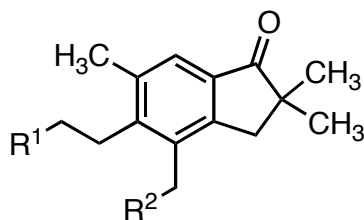
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alcyopterosin A	Cl	H
alcyopterosin B	ONO <sub>2</sub>	H
alcyopterosin D	Cl	OH
alcyopterosin G	ONO <sub>2</sub>	OH
alcyopterosin O	OH	OH



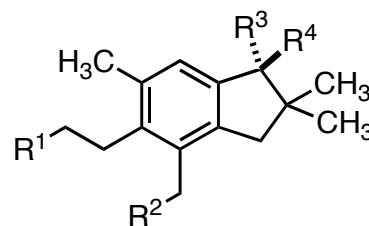
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alcyopterosin L	Cl	OH
alcyopterosin M	ONO <sub>2</sub>	OH



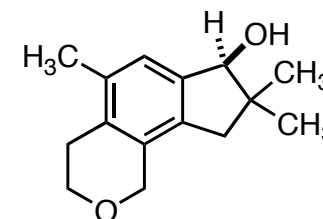
alcyopterosin F



	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>
alcyopterosin C	ONO <sub>2</sub>	H
alcyopterosin J	ONO <sub>2</sub>	OH
alcyopterosin N	OH	H



	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
alcyopterosin H	ONO <sub>2</sub>	H	OH	H
alcyopterosin K	Cl	OH	H	OH



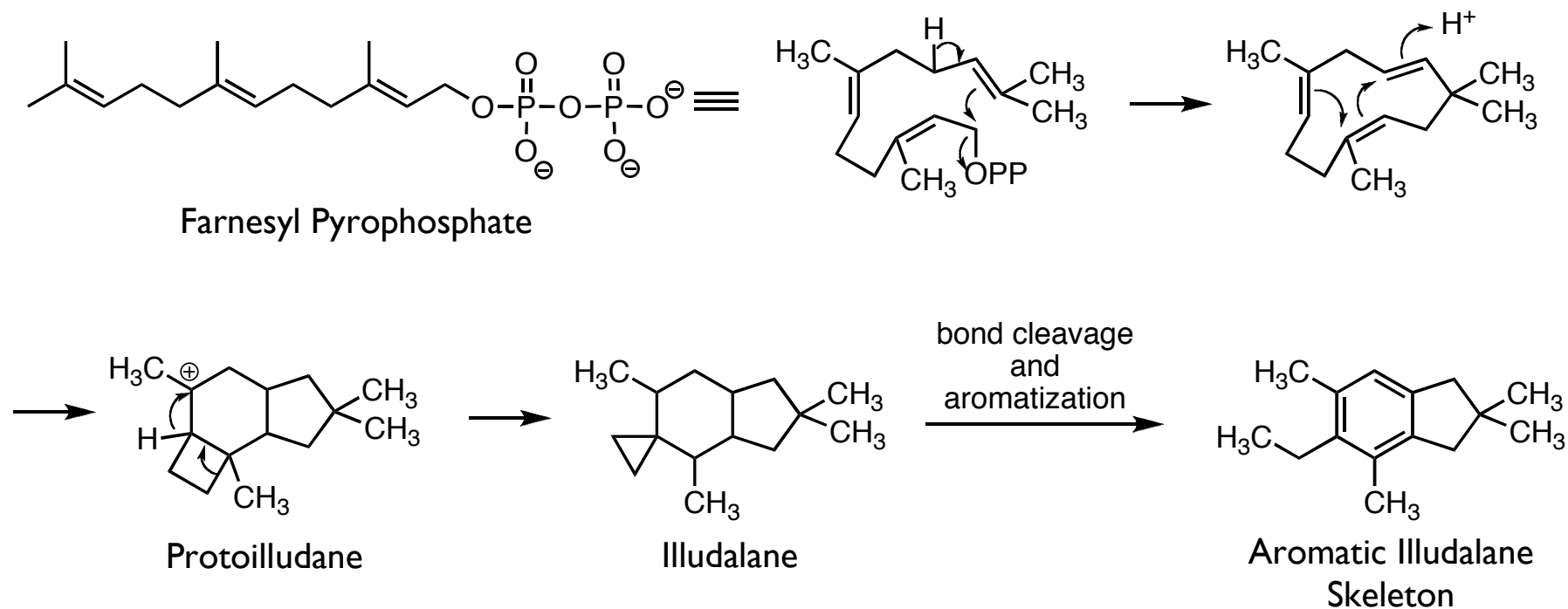
alcyopterosin I

- Alcyopterosin E showed cytotoxicity toward Hep-2 (human larynx carcinoma) cell line and both alcyopterosin A and C were cytotoxic toward the HT-29 (human colon carcinoma) cell line
- Alcyopterosin A and its analogs also exhibit DNA-binding properties

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# Alcyopterosins: Proposed Biosynthesis



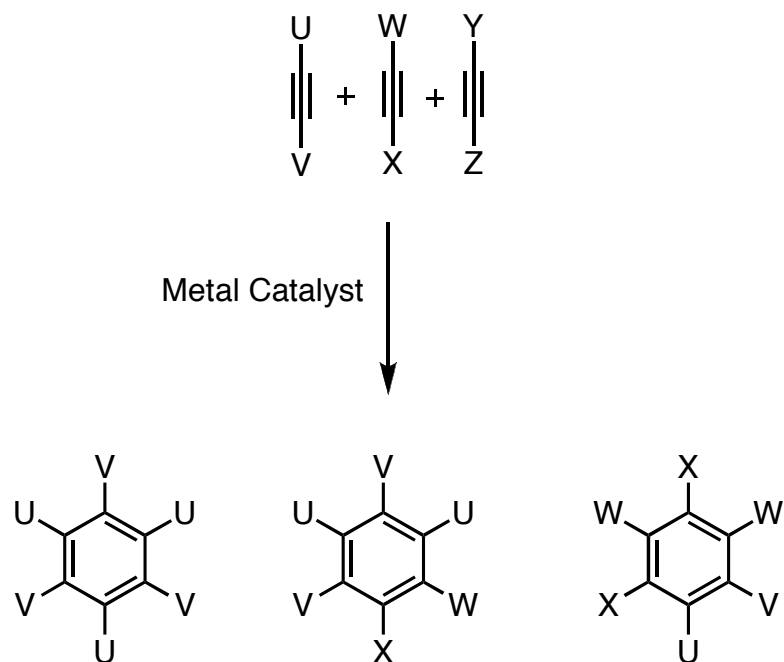
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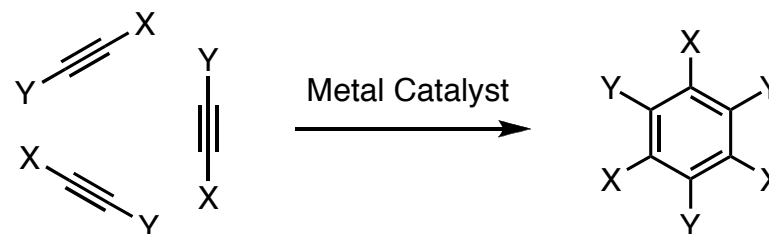
# Synthetic Approaches to Alcyopterosins

- Reppe's cyclotrimerization of acetylenes

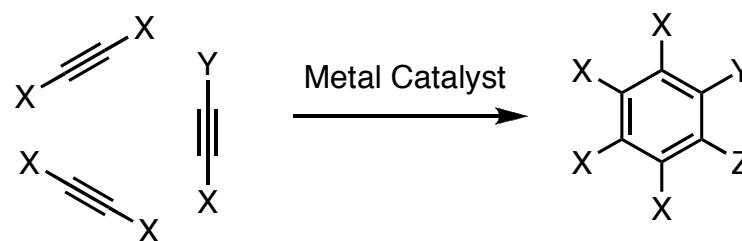


**38 homo- and cross-coupled products possible!**

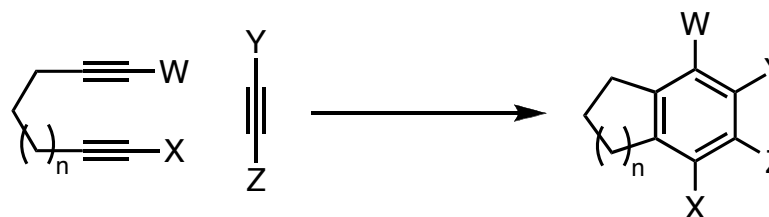
- Homo-coupling of acetylenes



- Cross-coupling using at least one symmetrical acetylene

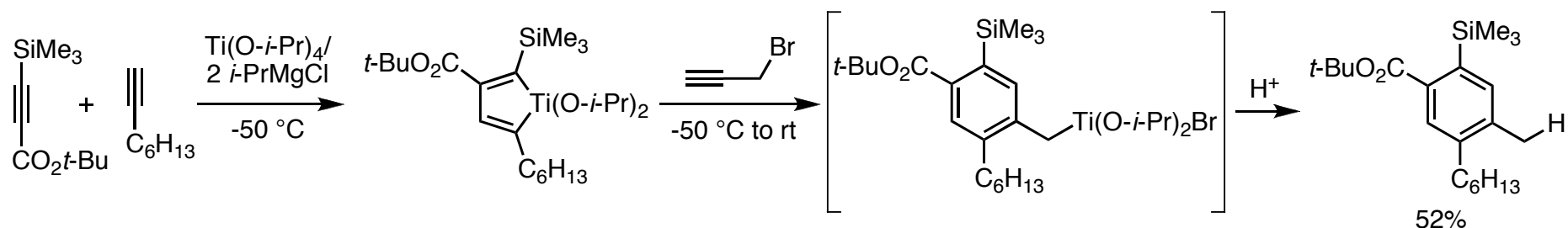


- Cross-coupling of tethered alkynes

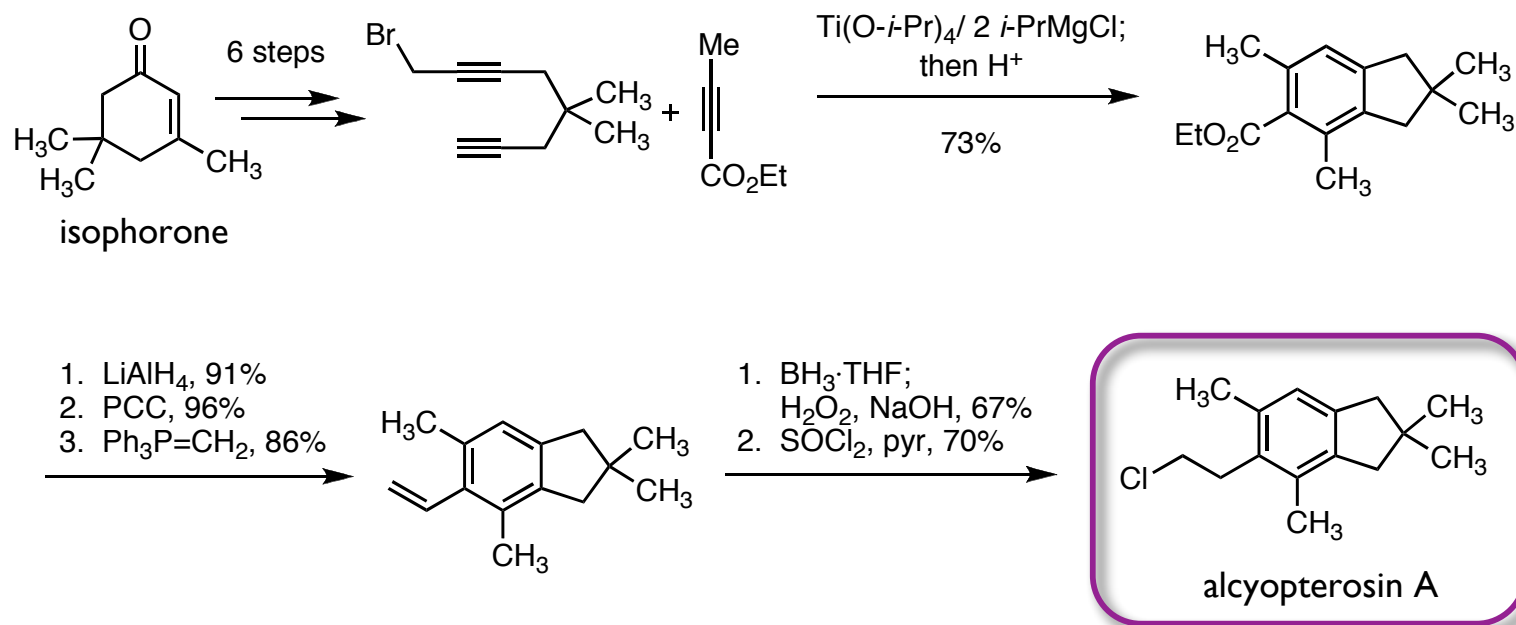


# Synthetic Approaches to Alcyopterosins

- One-Pot Metalative Reppe reaction developed by Sato and co-workers



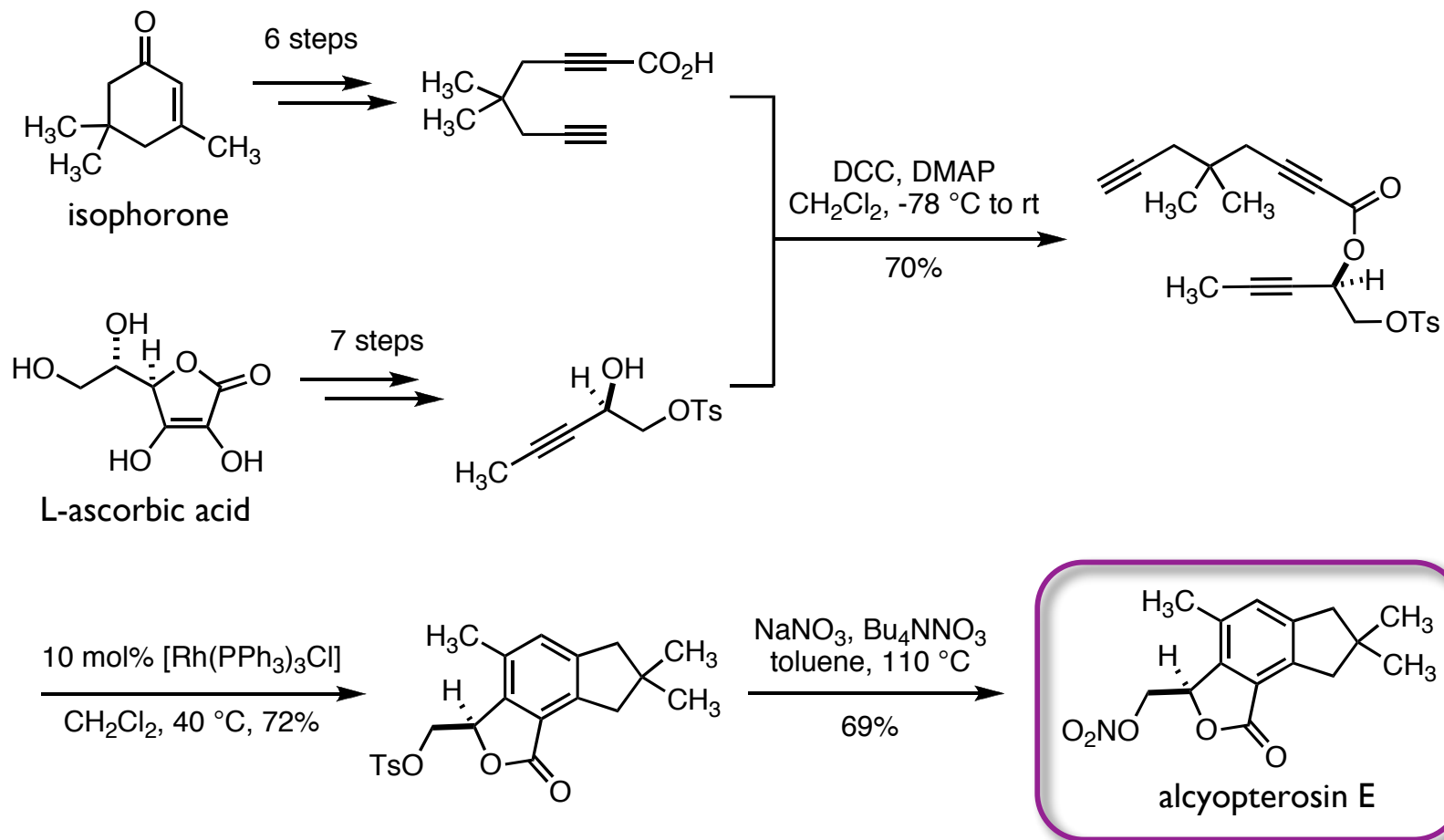
- First synthesis of alcyopterosin A



Tanaka, R.; Nakano, Y.; Suzuki, D.; Urabe, H.; Sato, F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, *124*, 9682.

# Synthetic Approaches to Alcyopterosins

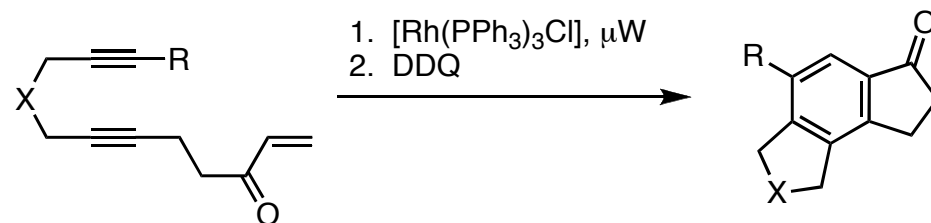
- The first total synthesis of alcyopterosin E by Witulski and co-workers
  - catalytic intramolecular alkyne cyclotrimerization with electron deficient alkynes



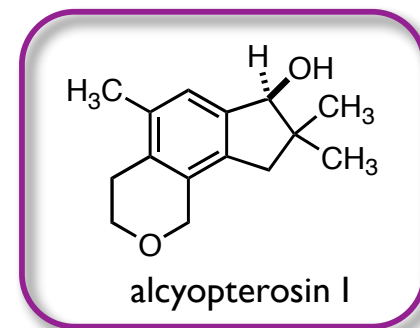
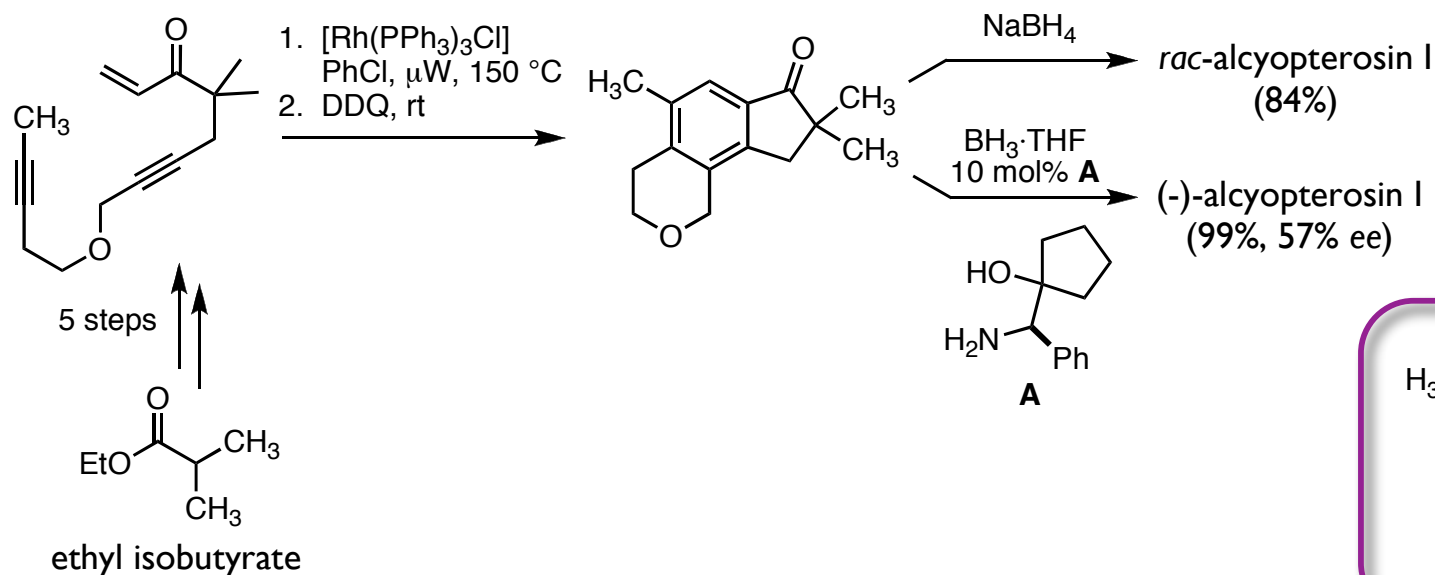
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# Synthetic Approaches to Alcyopterosins

- Microwave promoted Rh(I)-catalyzed [2+2+2] cyclization of diynes with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated enones developed by Snyder and co-workers

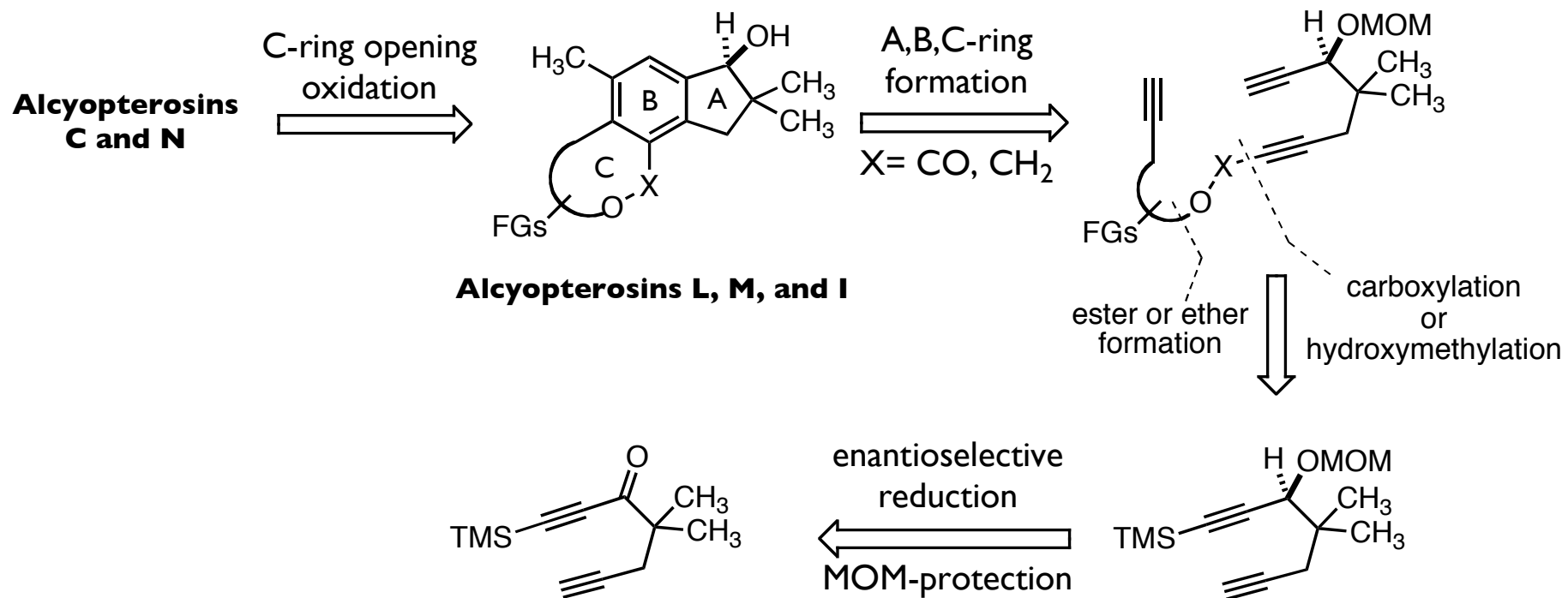


- First total synthesis of alcyopterosin I





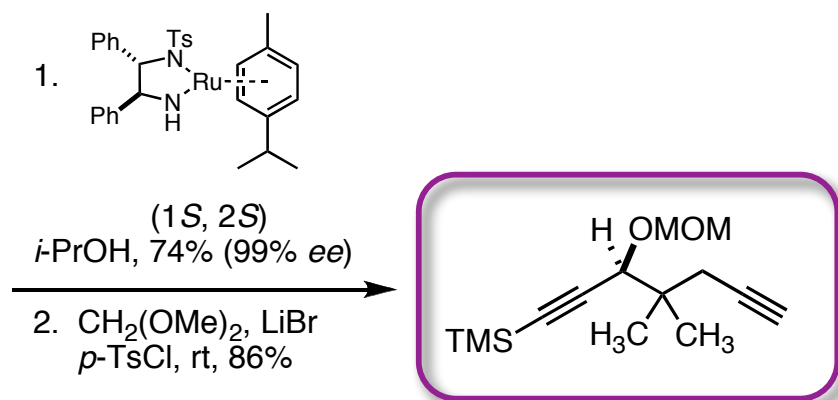
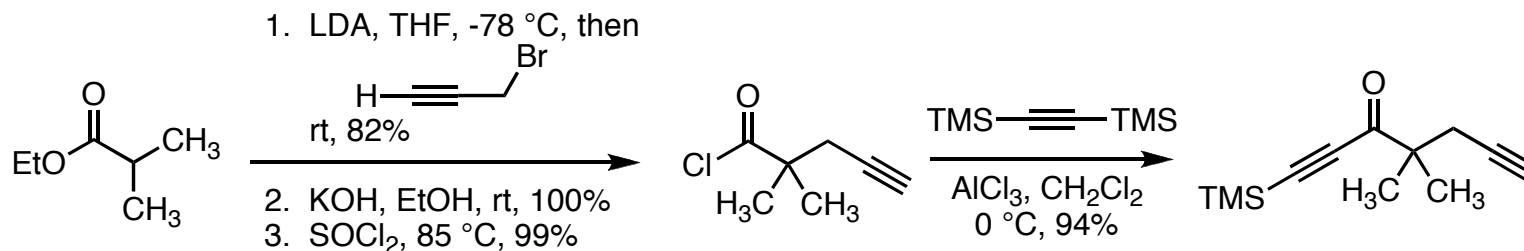
# Title Paper: Synthetic Strategy



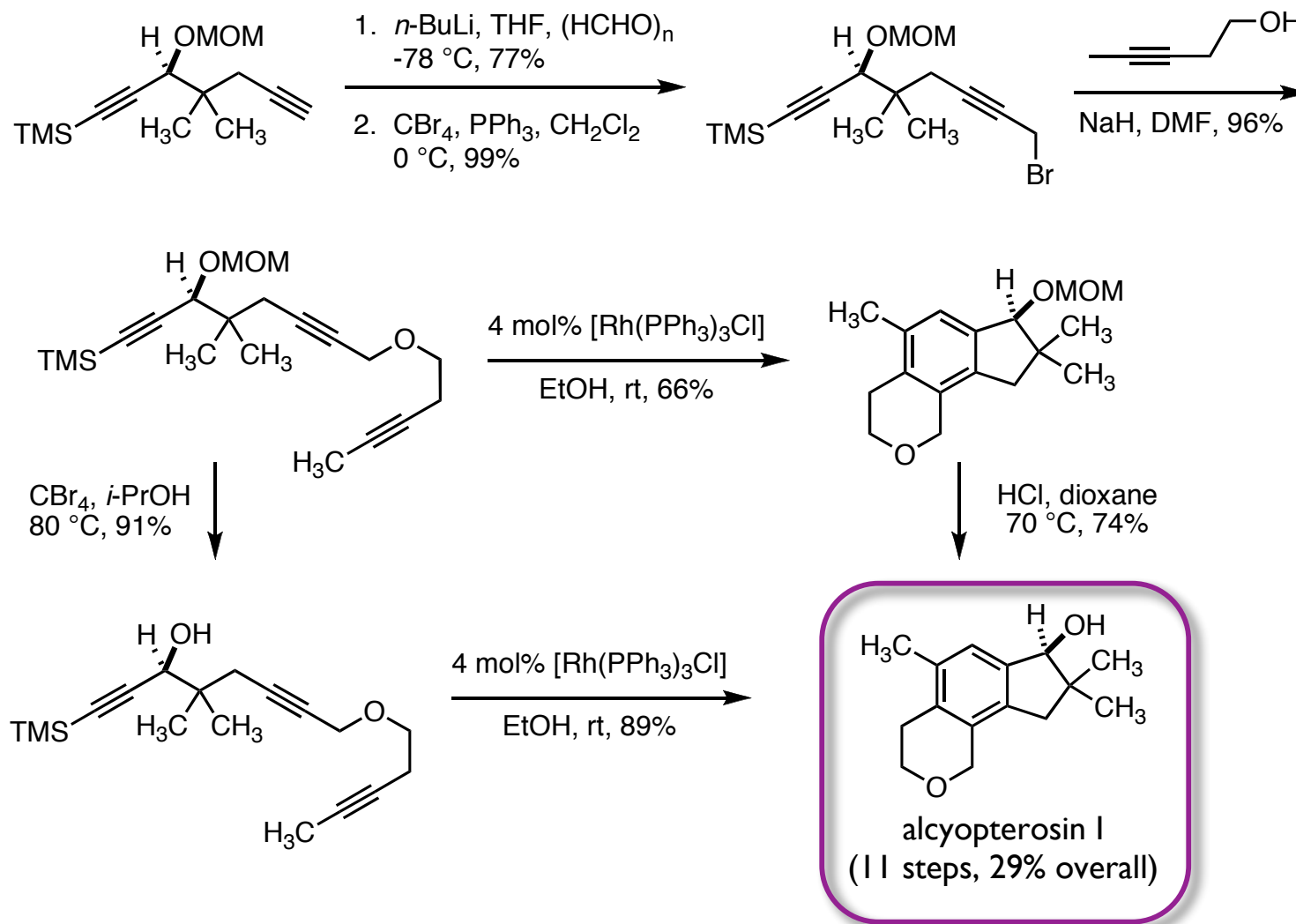
- One step formation of the ABC-ring system via a transition metal catalyzed [2+2+2] cycloaddition reaction
- Variable tether lengths would provide access to angular fused [5-6-6] and [5-6-5]
- Take advantage of readily accessible chiral building blocks

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# Preparation of Key Chiral Building Block

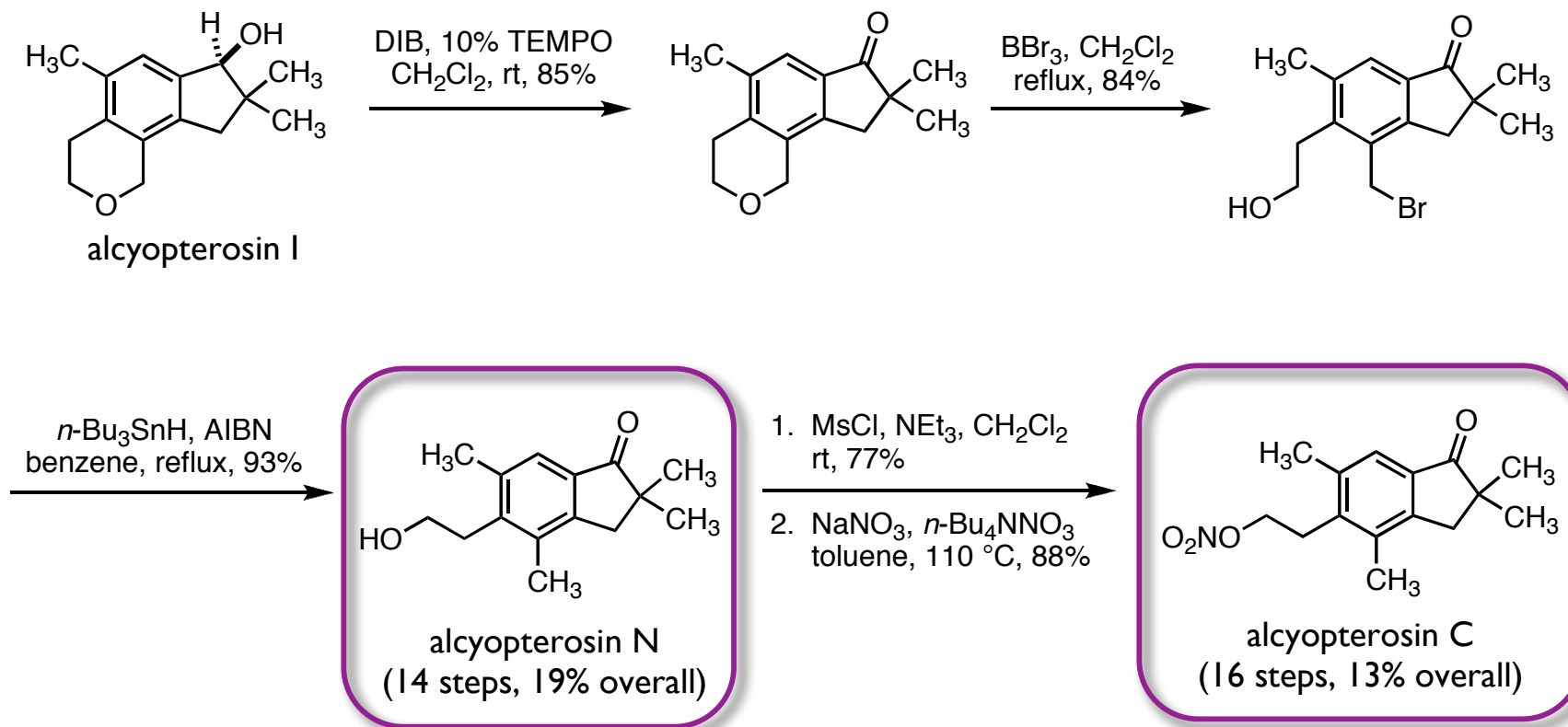


# Synthesis of Alcyopterosin I

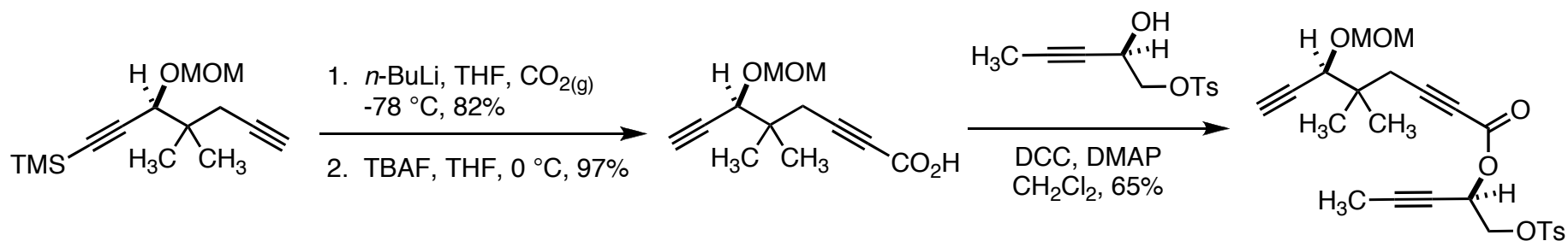


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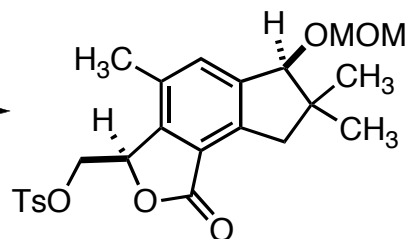
# Synthesis of Alcyopterosins N and C



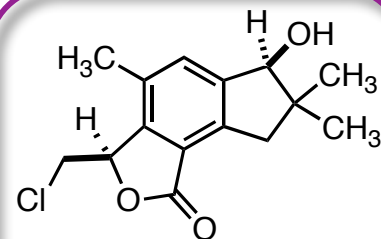
# Synthesis of Alcyopterosins L and M



10 mol% [Rh(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl]  
 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 40 °C, 69%

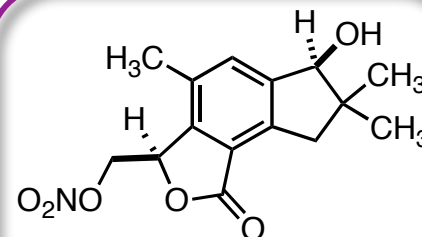


1. LiCl, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, DMF, 100 °C, 78%  
 2. CBr<sub>4</sub>, *i*-PrOH, 80 °C, 65%



alcyopterosin L  
 (12 steps, 10% overall)

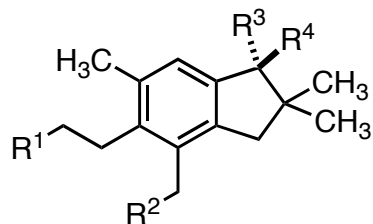
1. NaNO<sub>3</sub>, *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NNO<sub>3</sub>, toluene, 110 °C  
 2. CBr<sub>4</sub>, *i*-PrOH, 80 °C, 36% (over two steps)



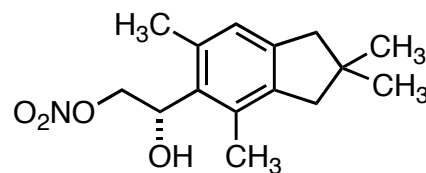
alcyopterosin M  
 (12 steps, 6% overall)

# Conclusions

- The authors successfully synthesized a set of the rare marine alcyopterosins using a modular approach which features a Rh-catalyzed [2+2+2] alkyne cyclotrimerization
- Application of this approach allowed for:
  - The enantioselective total synthesis of alcyoptersin I
  - The first total enantioselective syntheses of alcyopterosins L and M
  - The total synthesis of alcyopterosin N and the first total synthesis of alcyopterosin C
- Further development of this approach could provide access to the alcyopterosins F, H, and K



	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
alcyopterosin H	ONO <sub>2</sub>	H	OH	H
alcyopterosin K	Cl	OH	H	OH



alcyopterosin F