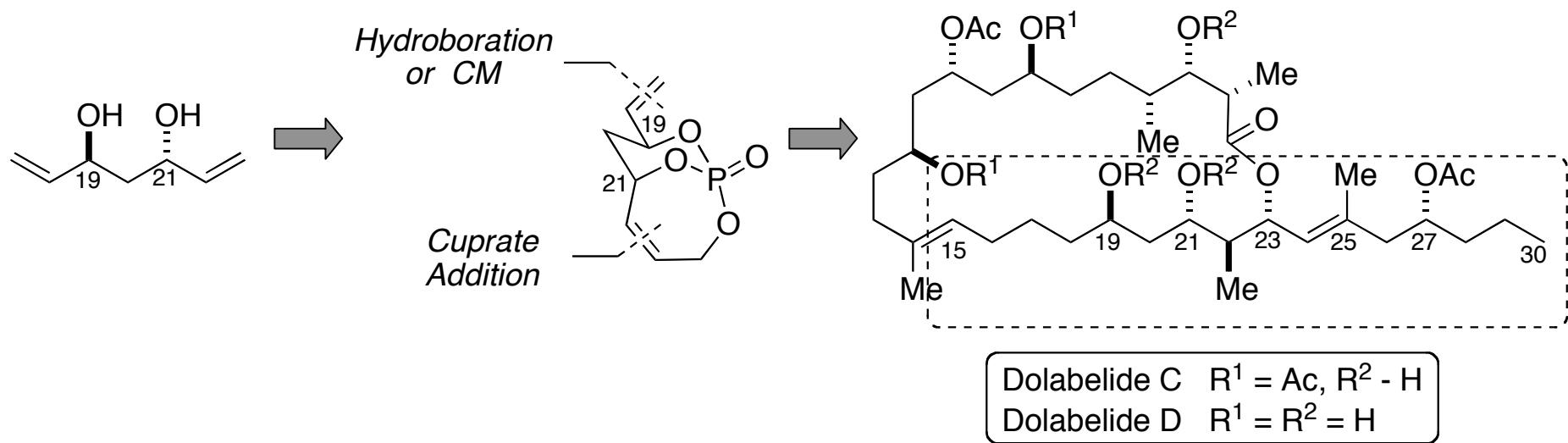


# *A Multifaceted Phosphate Tether :*

## Application to the C15-C30 Subunit of Dolabelides A-D



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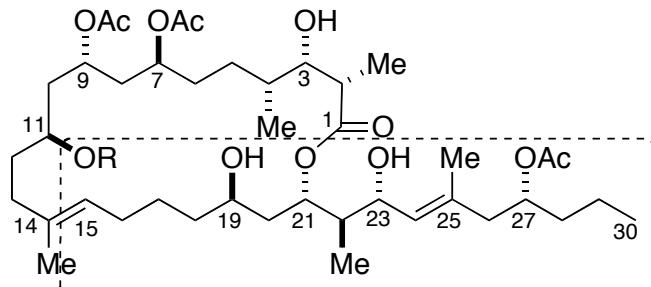
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## Dolabelides A-D



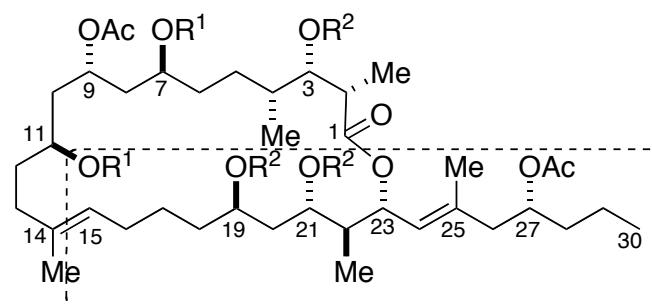
- Isolated from the Japanese sea hare *Dolabella auricularia* Solander (family Aplysiidae).
- Dolabelides A-D show cytotoxicity against human cervical cancer HeLa-S3 cells with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 6.3, 1.3, 1.9, and 1.5 µg/mL, respectively.
- Unknown mechanism of action.

22-member macrolides



dolabelide A R = Ac  
dolabelide B R = H

24-member macrolides



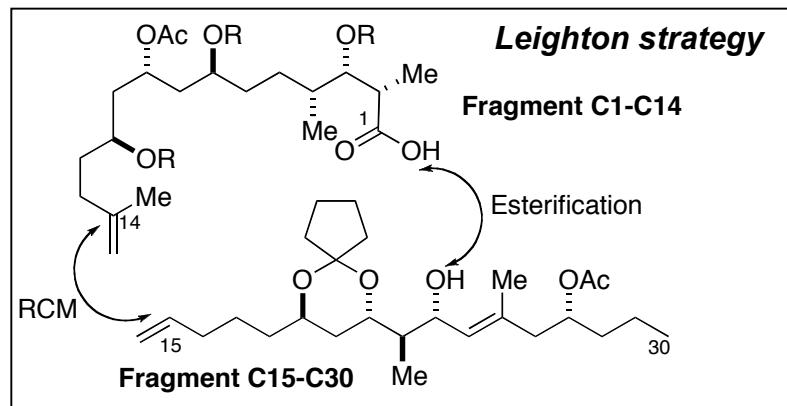
dolabelide C R<sup>1</sup> = Ac, R<sup>2</sup> = H  
dolabelide D R<sup>1</sup> = R<sup>2</sup> = H

- Attributes: 11 stereogenic centers (8 C-O), two E- trisubstituted olefins, 1,3 anti-diol at C7/C9 and C19/C21, 1,3-syn-diol at C9/C11

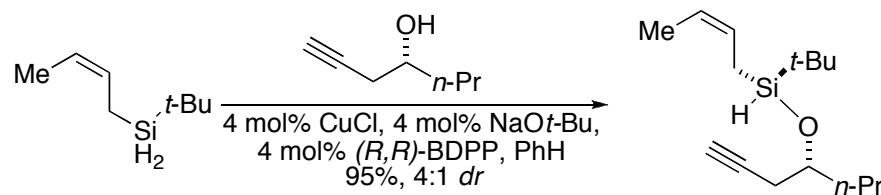
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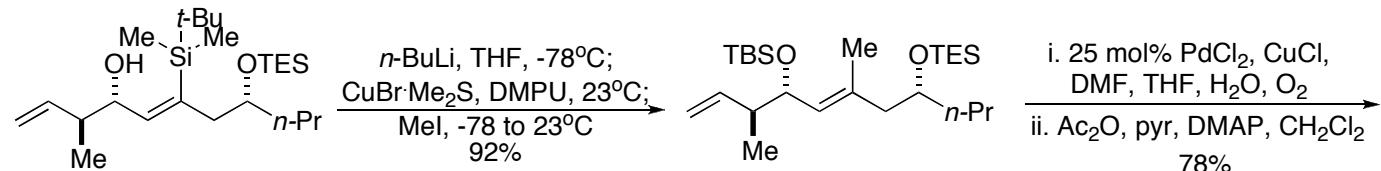
# Only total synthesis in the dolabelide family: **Dolabelide D**



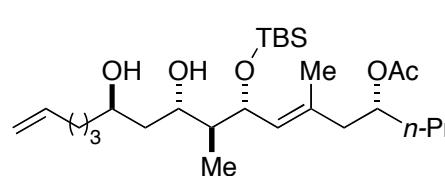
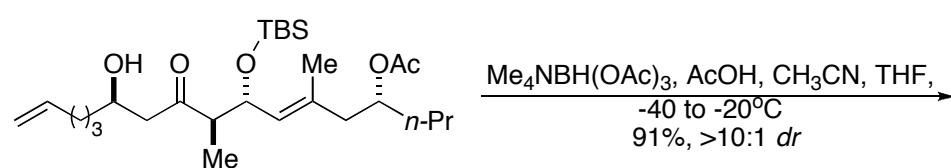
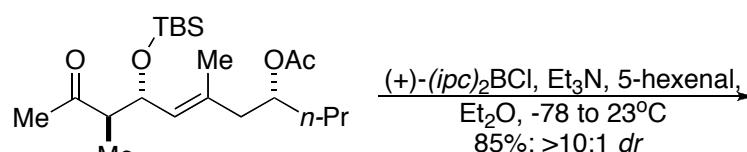
## Fragment C15-C30: 10 steps, 11% overall yield



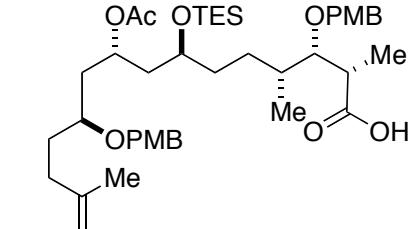
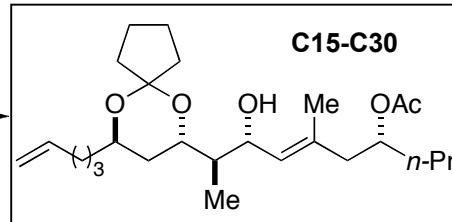
- i. 2 mol%  $[\text{Rh}(\text{acetone})_2(\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3)_2]\text{BF}_4$ , CO, PhH, 60°C
- ii. MeLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O, -78 to 23°C, 56%, 4:1 dr
- iii. TESCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -20°C, 74%



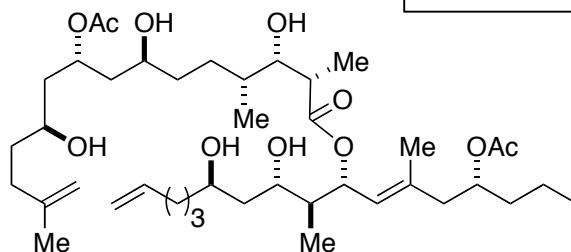
- i. 25 mol% PdCl<sub>2</sub>, CuCl, DMF, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>
  - ii. Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyr, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>
- 78%



- i. 1,1-Dimethoxycyclopentane, PPTS, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>
  - ii. n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, THF
- 50%



- i. 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP, tol, -78 to 0°C
  - ii. PPTS, MeOH
  - iii. DDQ, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, pH 7 buffer
- 52%

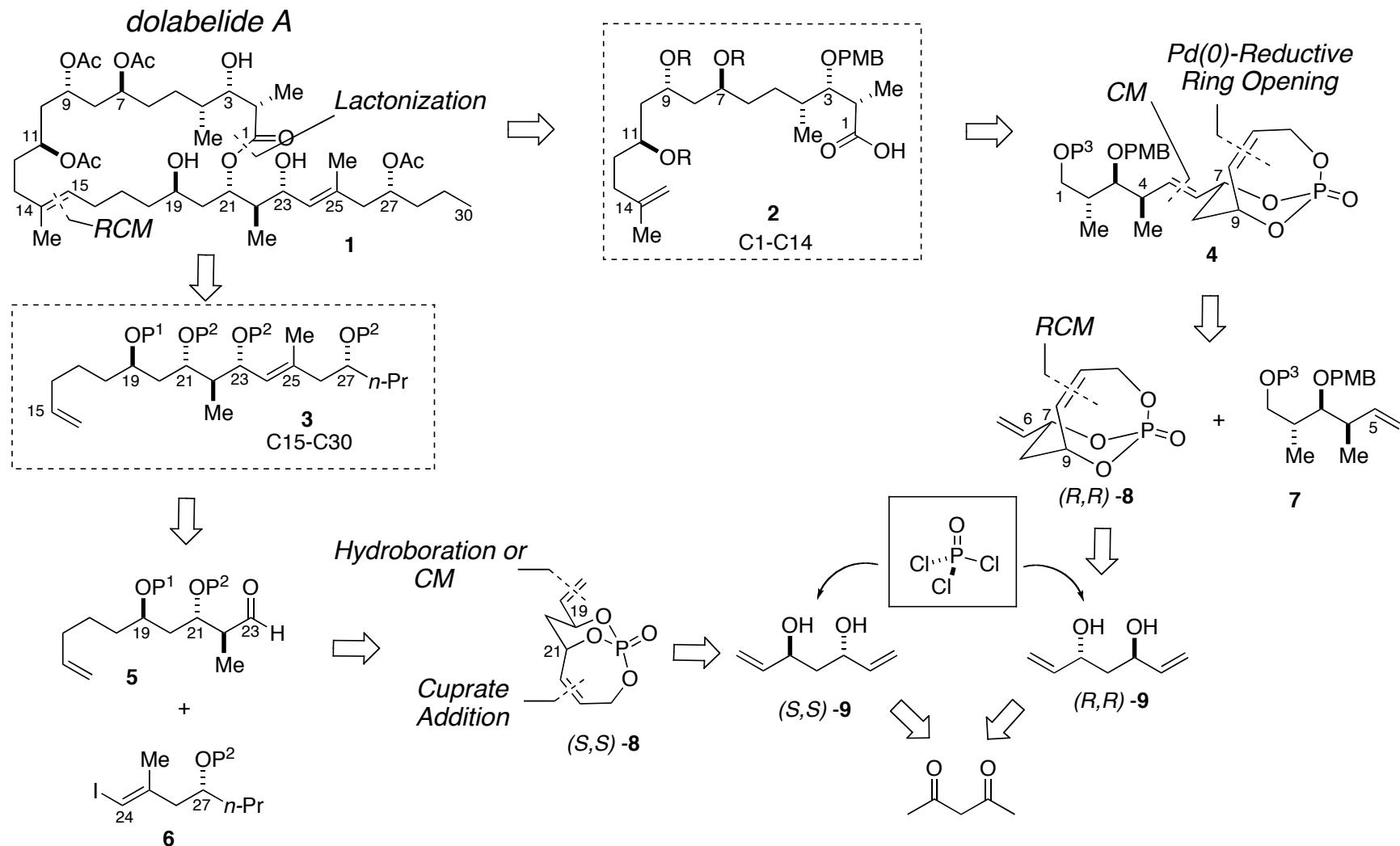


- 25 mol% 2nd. Gen. Grubbs catalyst, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux
- 31%

**Dolabelide D**

Park, P. K.; O'Malley, S. J.; Schmidt, D. R.; Leighton, J. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 2796-2797.

## Hanson Strategy : Retrosynthetic analysis of dolabelide by means of phosphate tethers

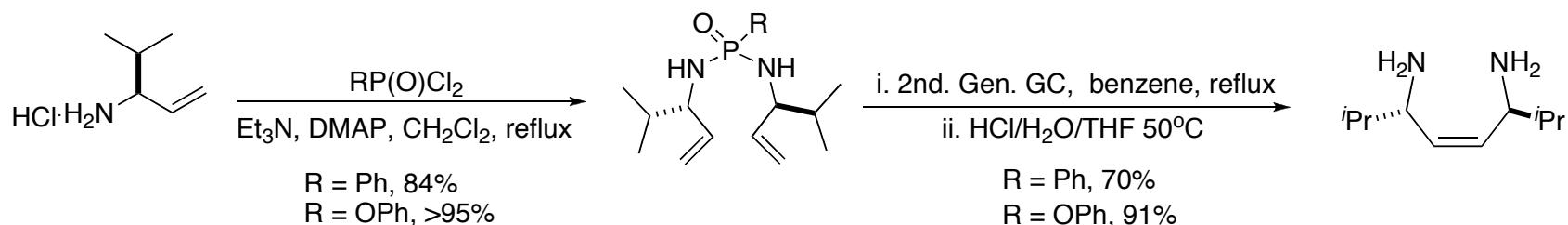


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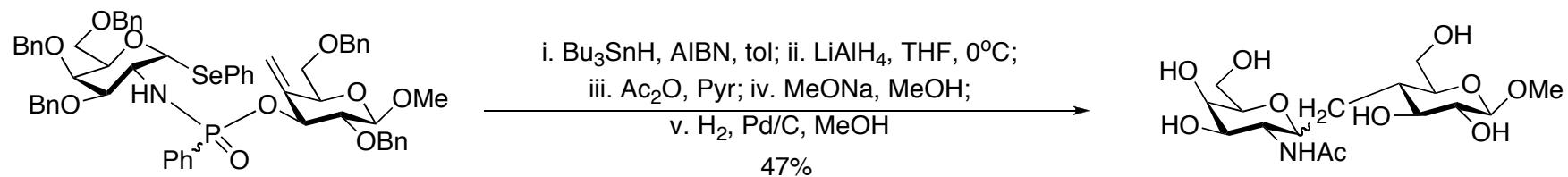
## Phosphorus based tethers

**The concept:** temporary union of two reacting centers with a "disposable" bridging or tether group  
**unimolecularity** implies reduction of entropic demands and degrees of freedom

*Representative examples:*



Sprott, K. T.; McReynolds, M. D.; Hanson, P. R. *Org. Lett.* **2001**, 3, 3939-3942.



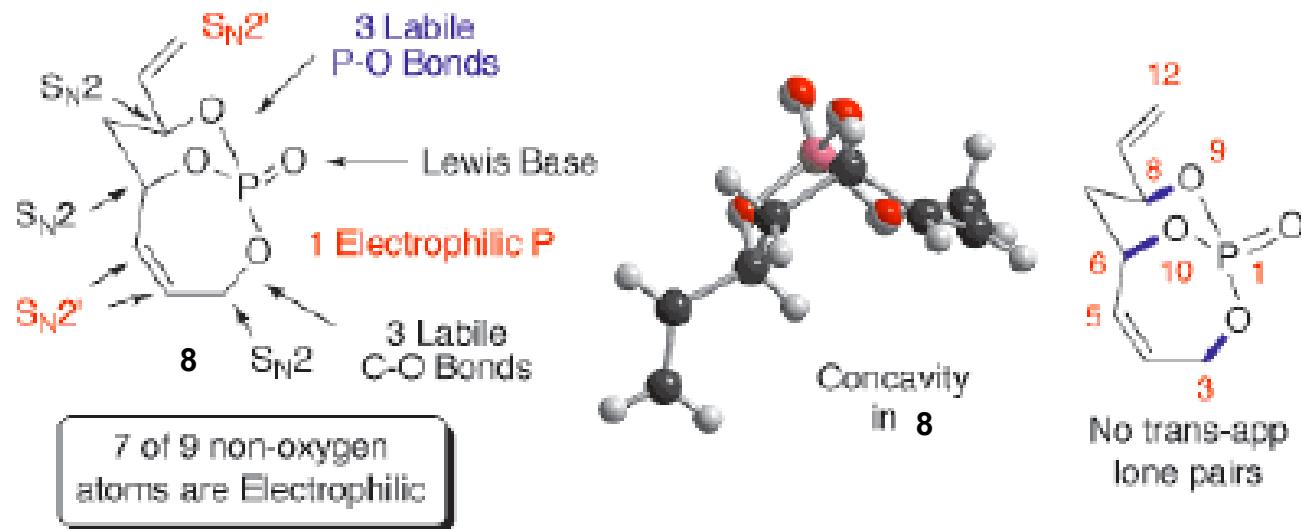
Rubinstenn, G.; Esnault, J.; Mallet, J.-M.; Sinay, P. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1997**, 8, 1327-1336.

## Phosphates triesters as tethers

- Allow di- and tripodal coupling and multivalent activation for further transformations.
- Play a role as latent leaving groups in a number of unprecedented selective cleavage reactions.  
*i.e.* Use of the leaving group ability of a phosphate monoanion in basic hydrolysis.

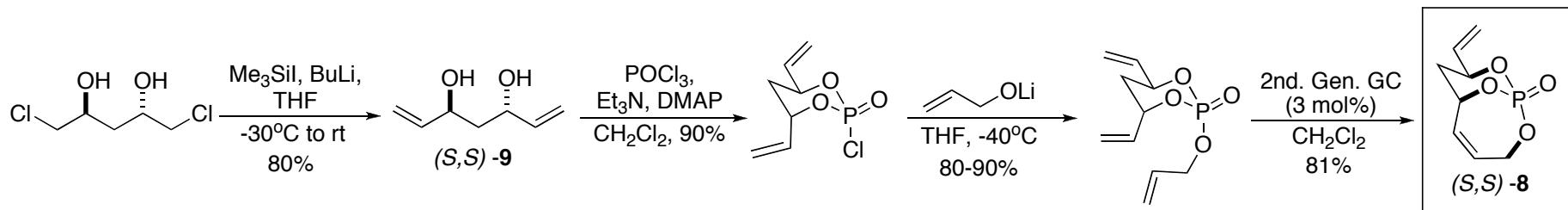
*" $t_{1/2}(\text{MeO})_3\text{PO}$  in 1 M aq. NaOH at 35°C is 30 min;  $t_{1/2}(\text{MeO})_2\text{PO}_2\text{Na}$  is 11 years"....* Westheimer, F. H. *Science* 1987, 235, 1173-1178.

- **Bicyclic 8 possess** electrophilic character at seven non-O atoms, allowing nucleophilic attack at  $P$  or at any of six carbinol and allylic phosphate carbons.
- Stereoelectronic effects within **8** lend orthogonal PG stability.  
*i.e. lack of lone pairs on the adjacent O-atoms antiperiplanar (app) to the P(O) provide acid stability.*

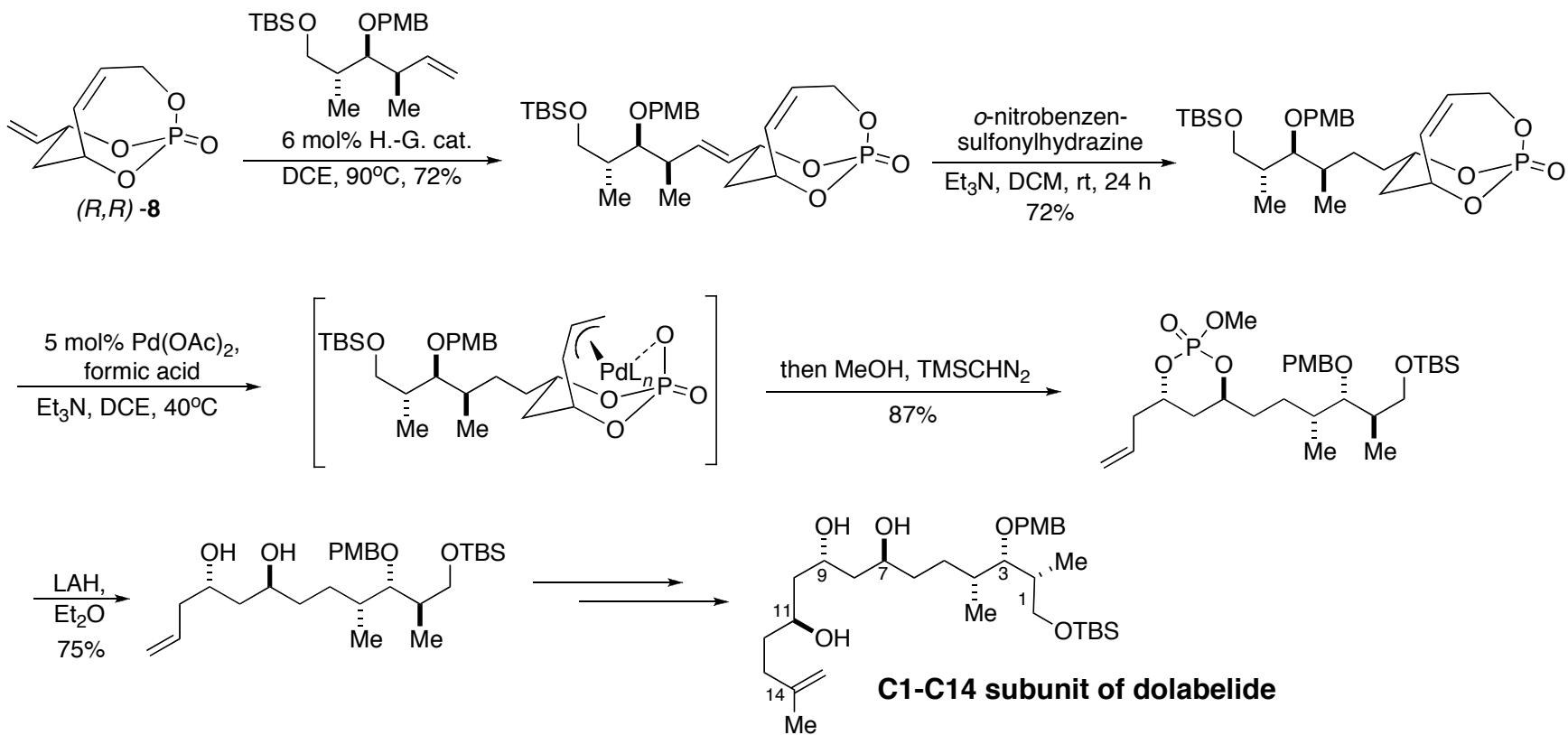


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## Synthesis of *P*-based tether **8** and application in polyol synthesis



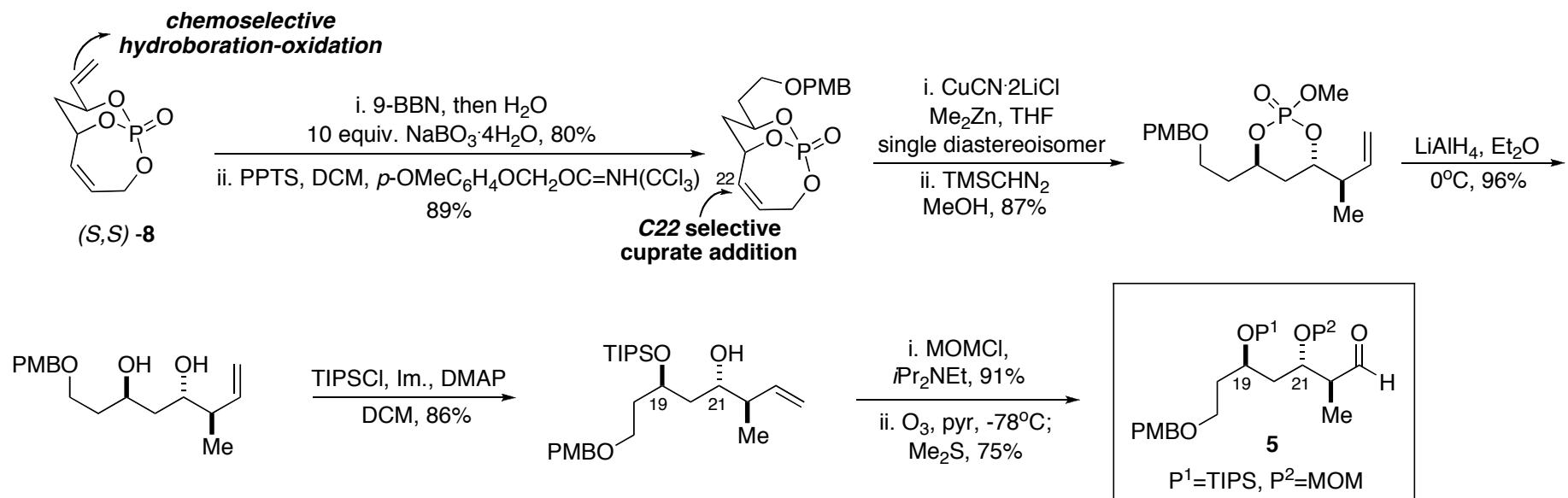
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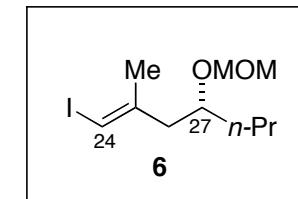
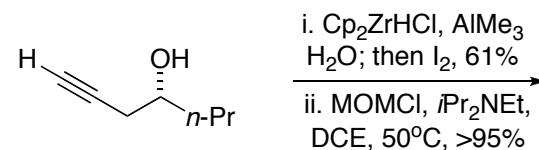
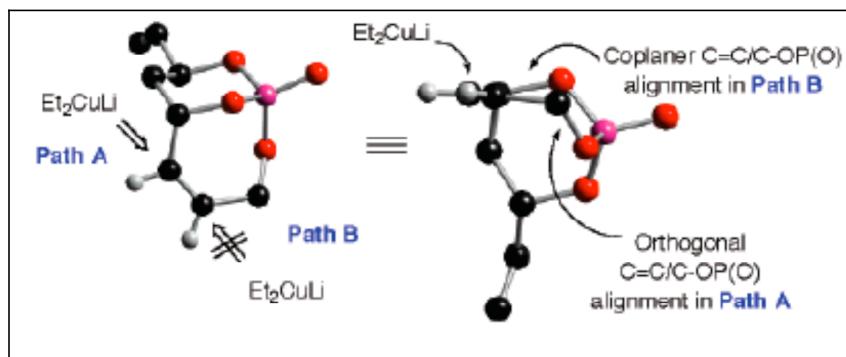
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Current paper: P-tether (*S,S*)-**8** in the construction of the C15-C30 subunit of dolabelides

### Route A



### Cuprate Addition

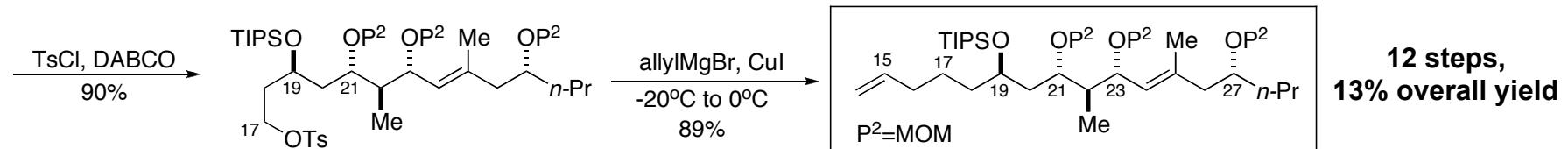
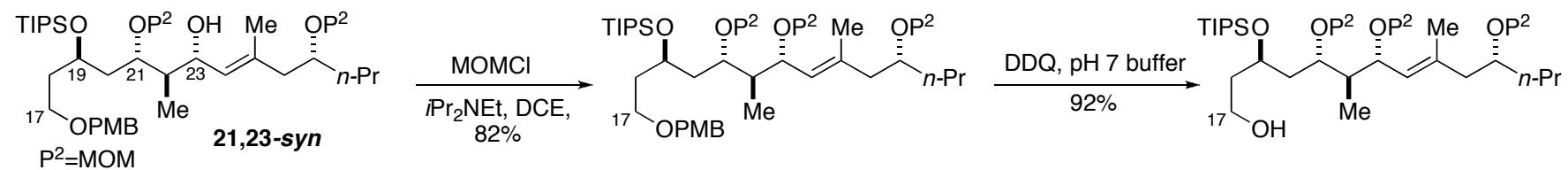
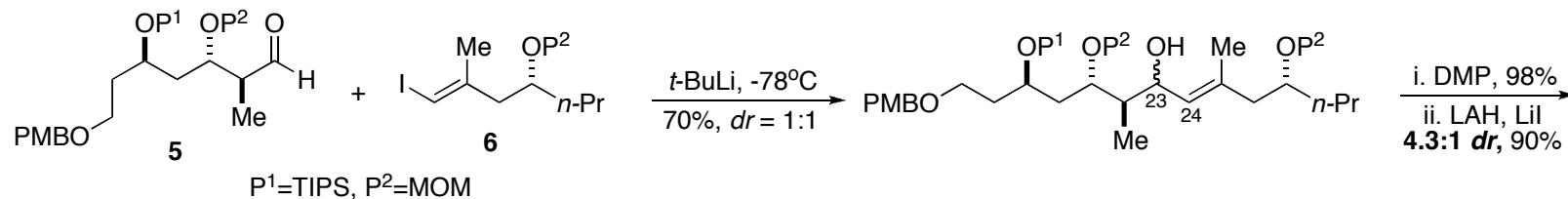


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## Route A cont.

**\*\*asymmetric vinylate addition**



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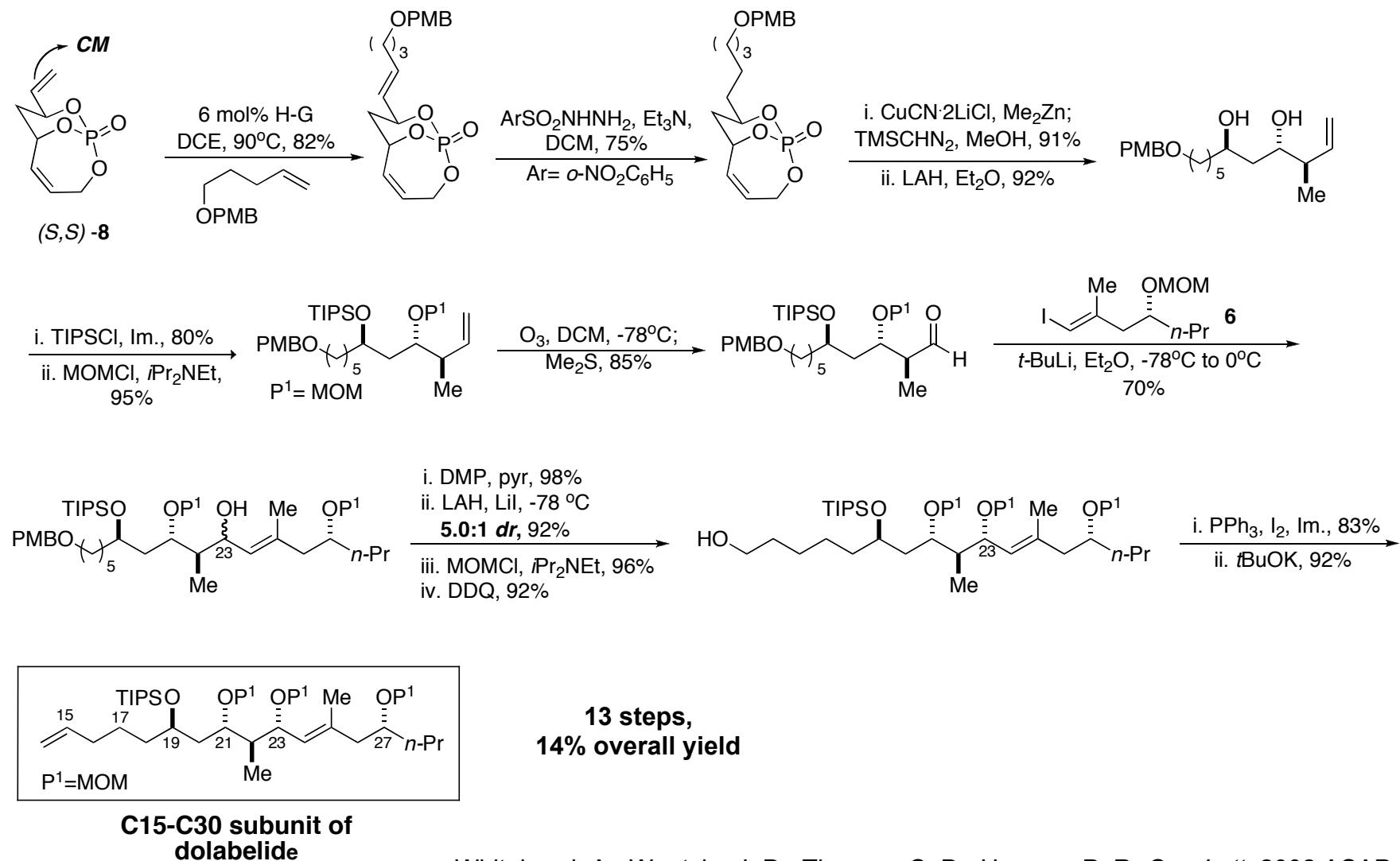
**No reproducibility**

Oppolzer's - Marshall protocol: *t*-BuLi, ZnBr<sub>2</sub>; *n*-BuLi, (*R,S*)-NME; yield= 55%; **dr 11:1** (21,23-syn : 21,23-anti)

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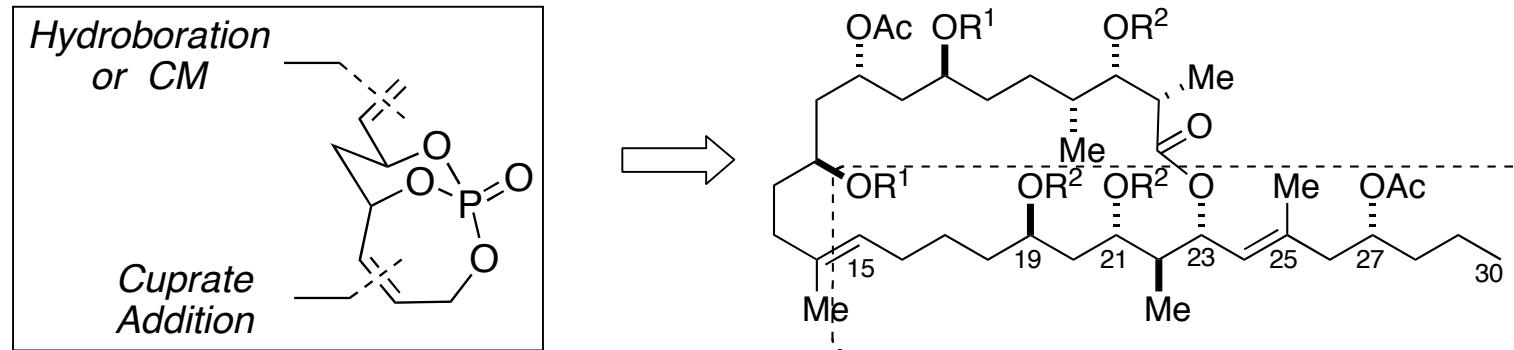
## Route B



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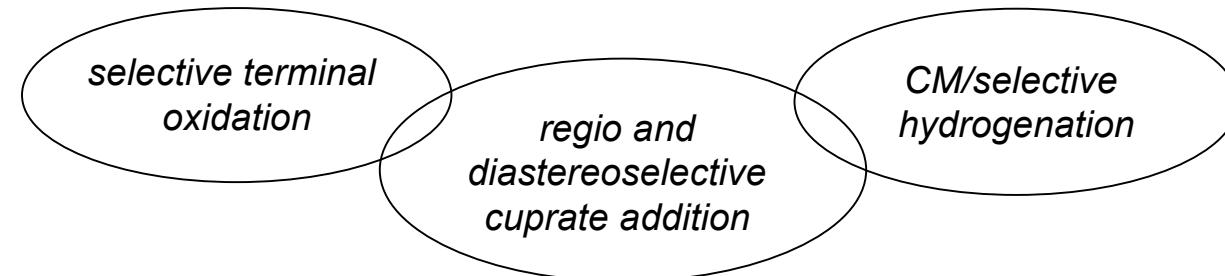
## Summary and Conclusions

- Phosphate tether methodology has been applied in the synthesis of the C15-C30 subunit of dolabelides A-D.



- **Key steps:** Regio- and diastereoselective cuprate addition & selective terminal oxidation or CM/selective hydrogenation sequence.

**To note:** Orthogonal protecting- and leaving-group properties of phosphate esters are exploited.



- There is room for improvement in the selectivity of the asymmetric vinylate addition.
- Completion of the total synthesis of dolabelides using the present strategy is still pending.