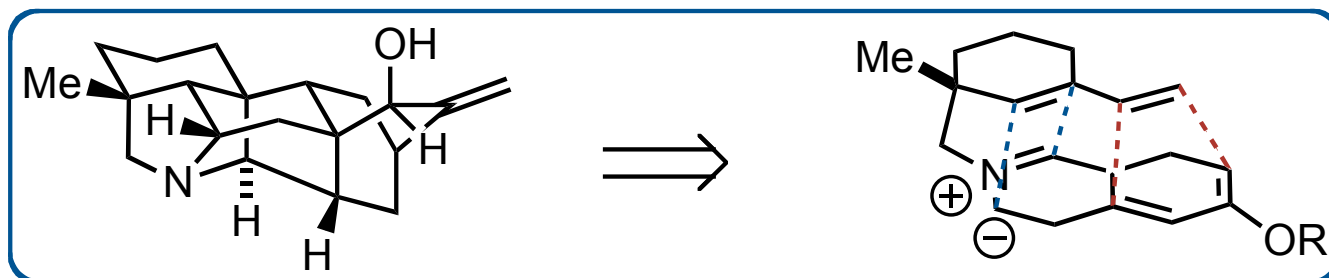
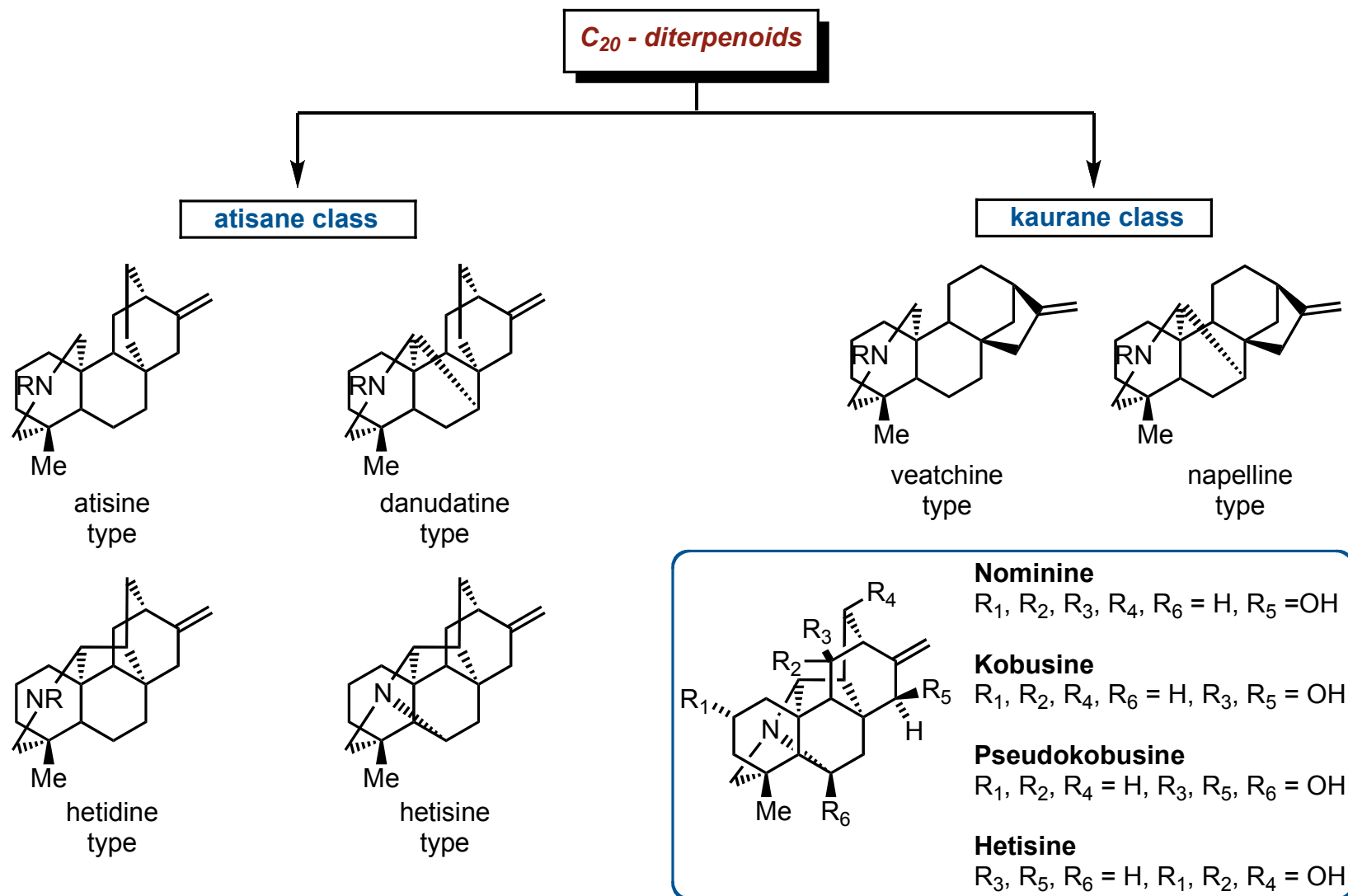


# Asymmetric Synthetic Access to the Hetsine Alkaloids: Total Synthesis of (+)-Nominine



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# Hetisine Alkaloids

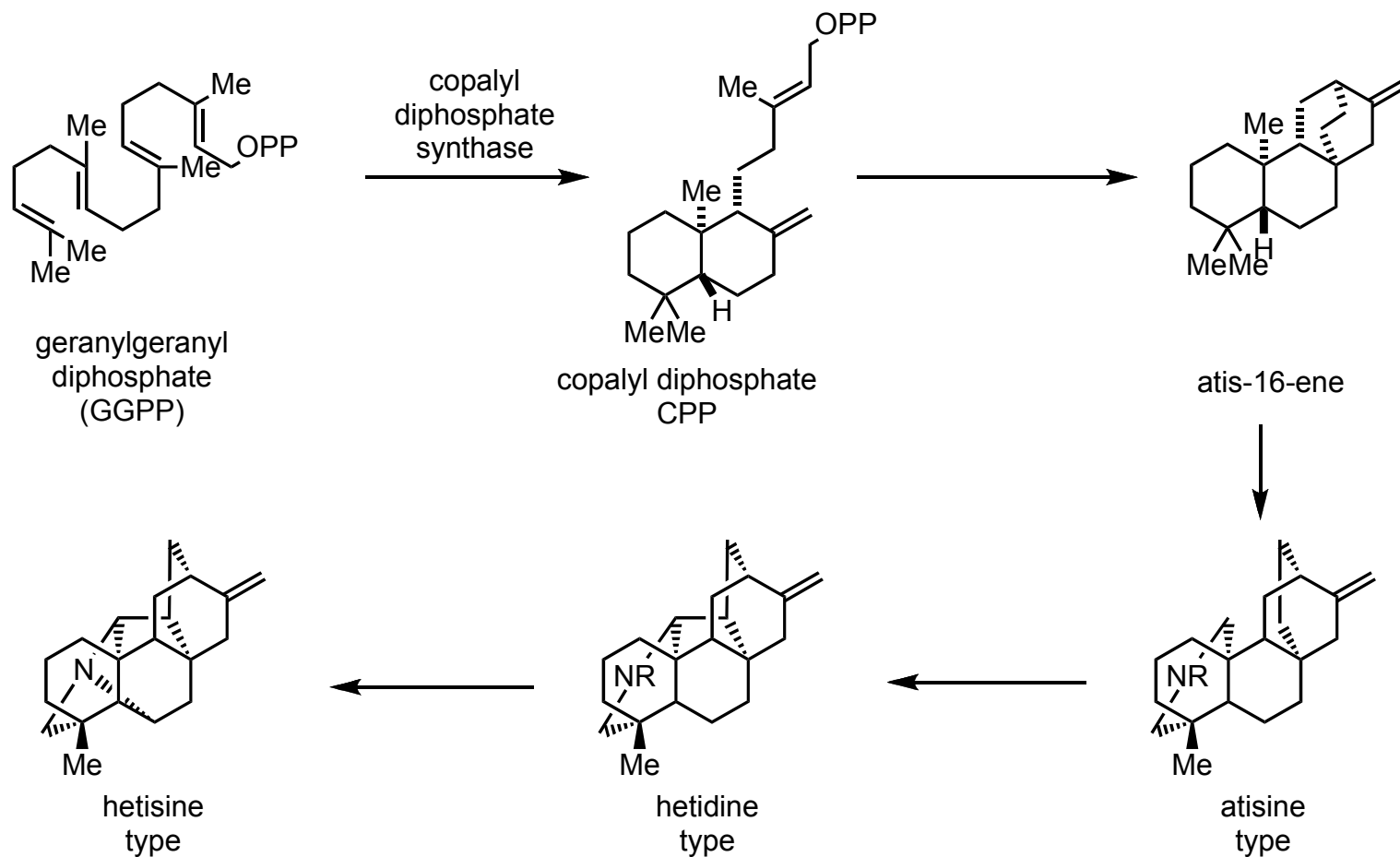
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- A subclass of C<sub>20</sub>-diterpenoid alkaloids consisting of >100 members.
- Isolated predominantly from *Aconitum* and *Delphinium* genera, but also *Rumex*, *Consolidia*, and *Spirea*.
- Pharmacological Activity:
  - vasodialating
  - antiarrhythmic
  - immunomodulatory
  - analgesic



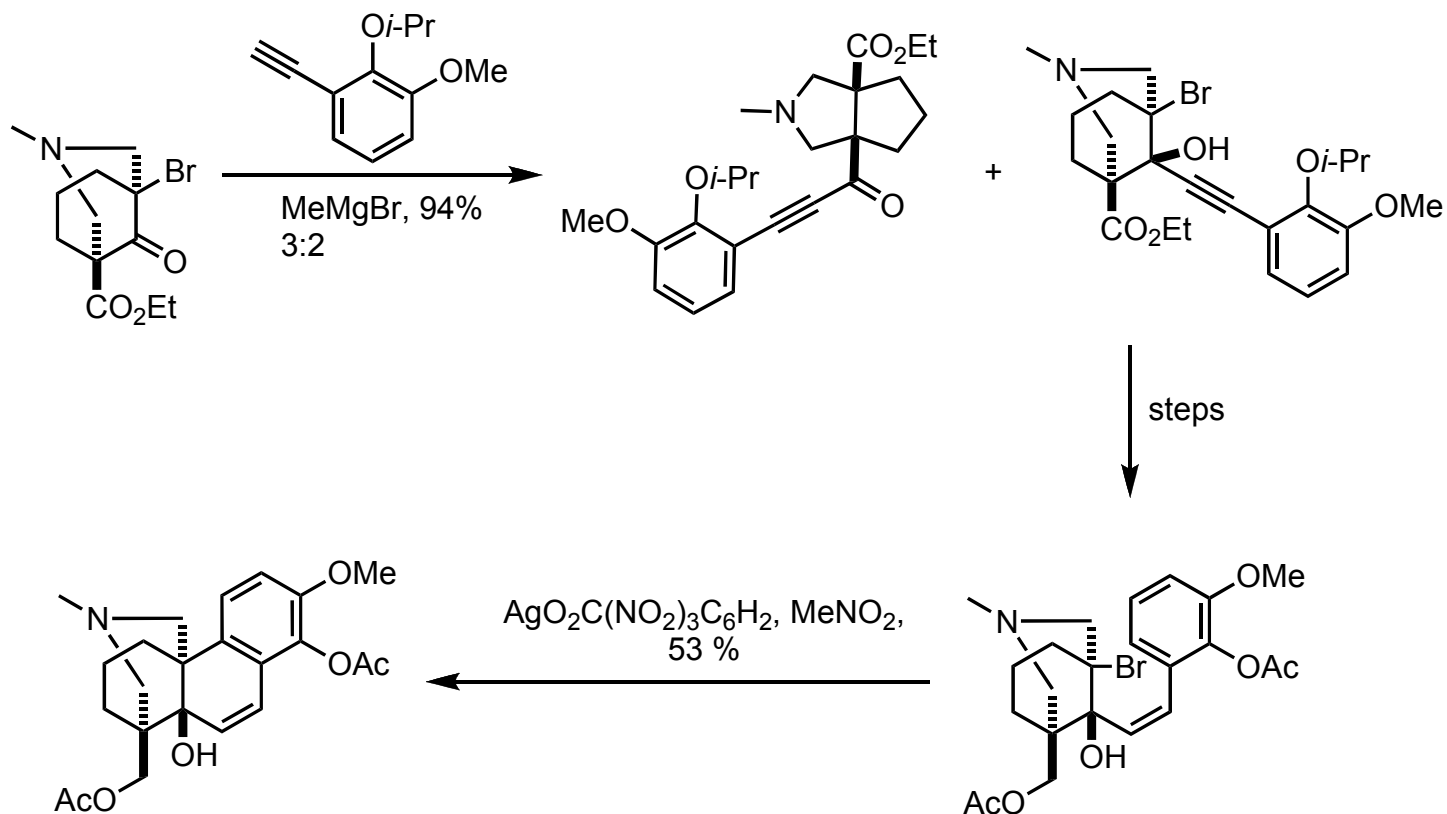
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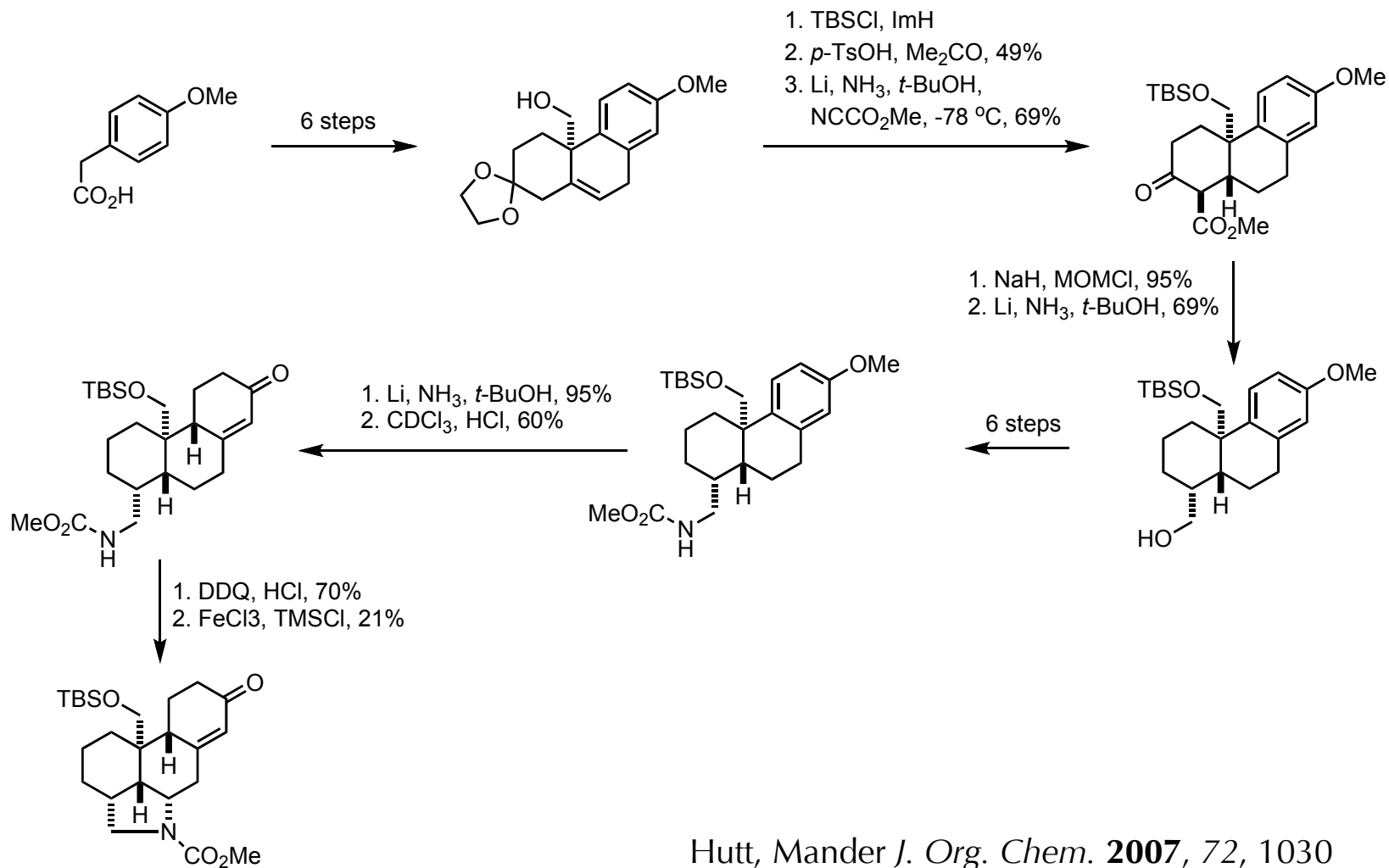


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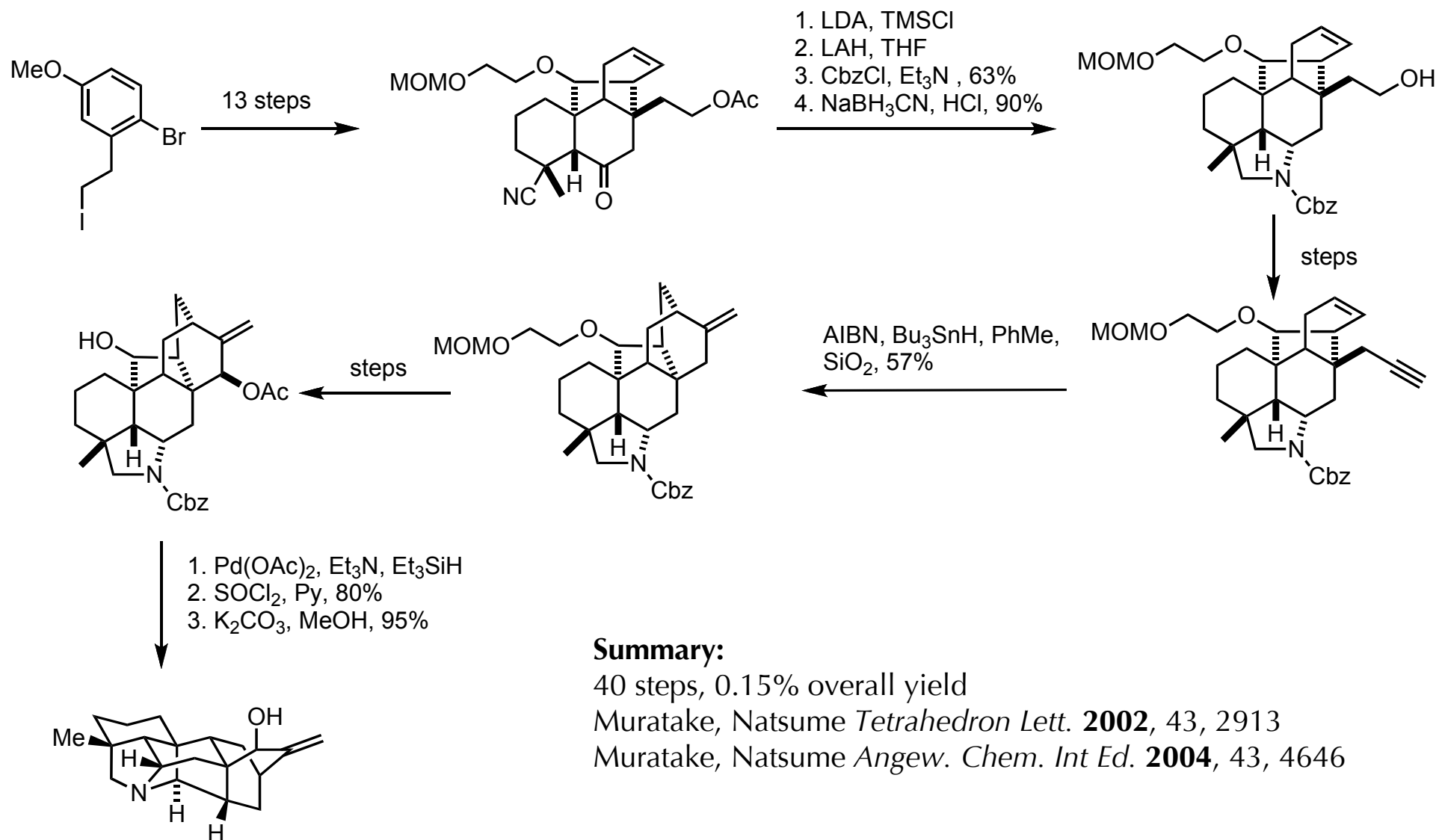
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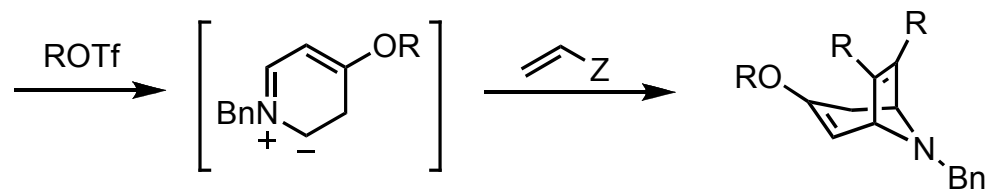
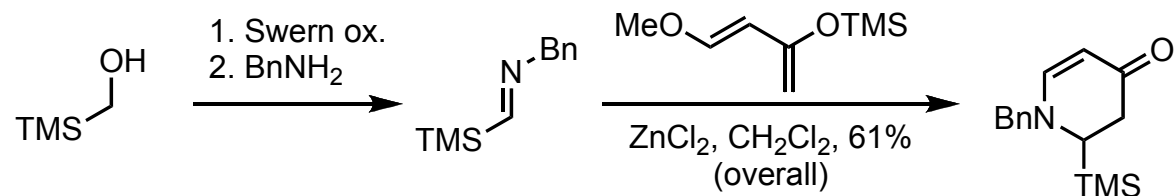


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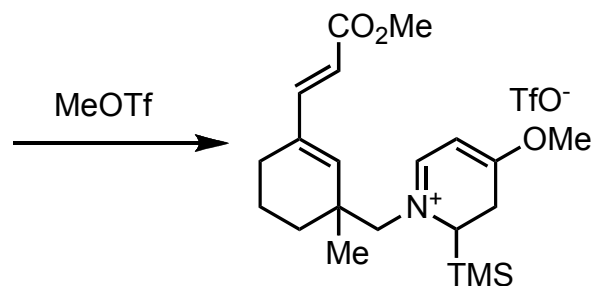
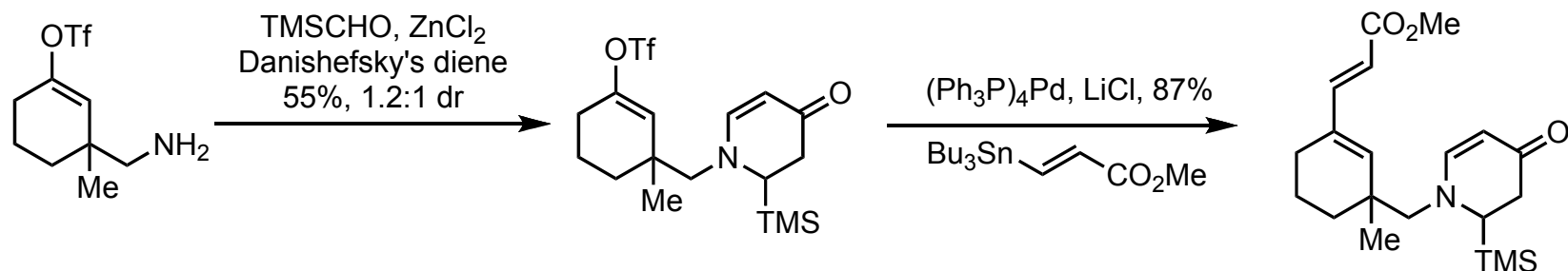
# Total Synthesis of (±)-Nominine



# Model Studies



R = H, CO<sub>2</sub>Me, SO<sub>2</sub>Ph  
 Yields: 20-43 %

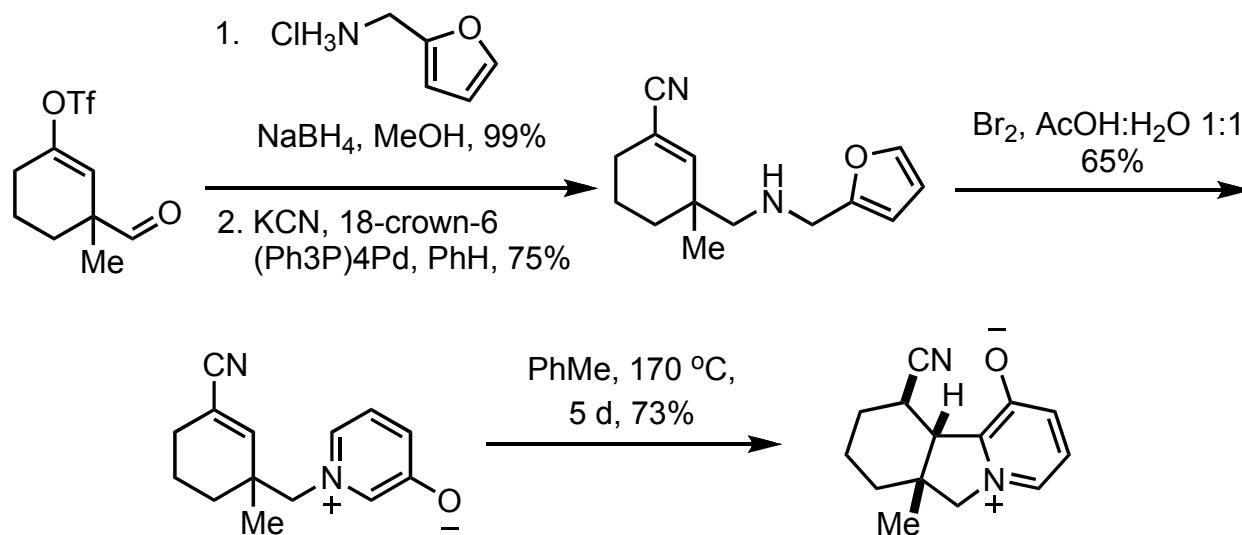
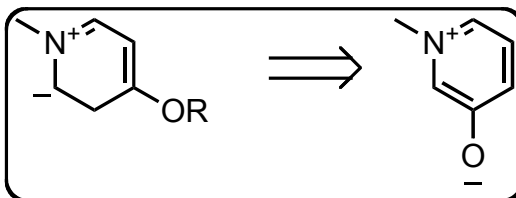


- stable and unreactive towards *intramolecular* cycloaddition
- underwent *intermolecular* addition with DMAD

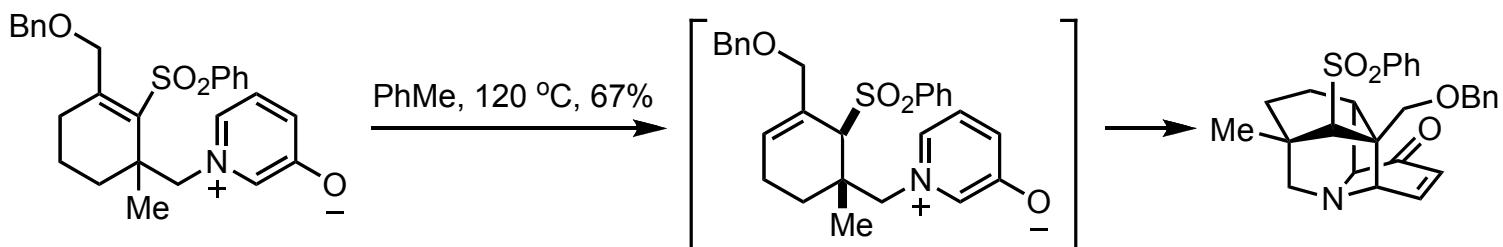
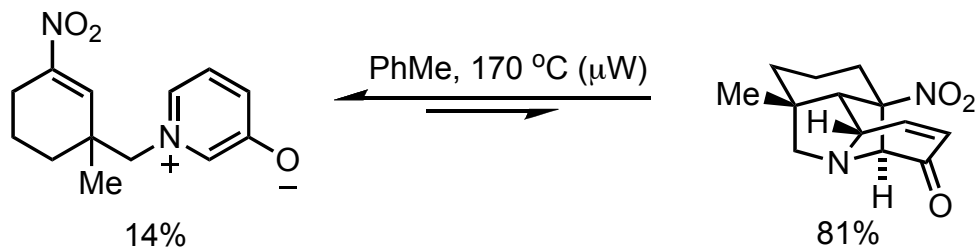
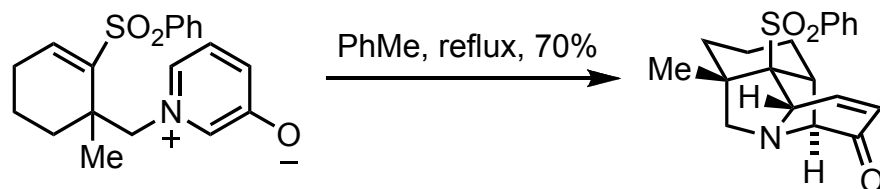


# Model Studies - 3-Oxidopyridinium Betains

3-Oxidopyridinium betains, introduced by Katritzky, are stable and isolable 1,3-dipoles undergoing cycloaddition reactions at positions 2 and 6.

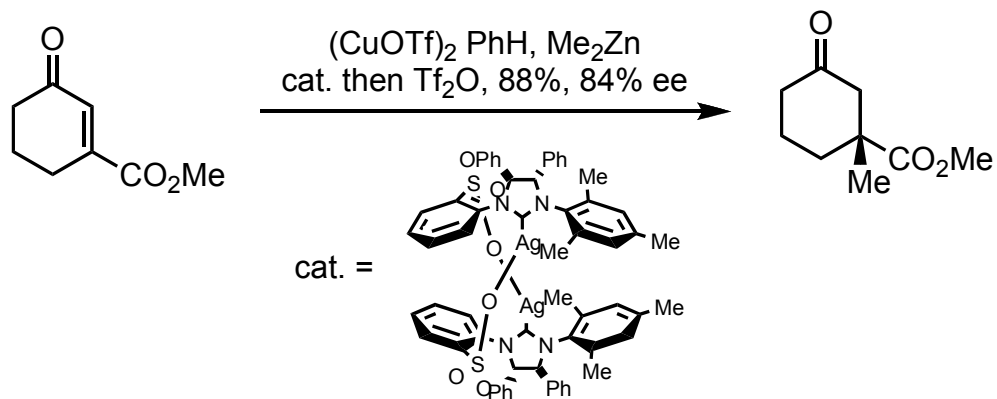
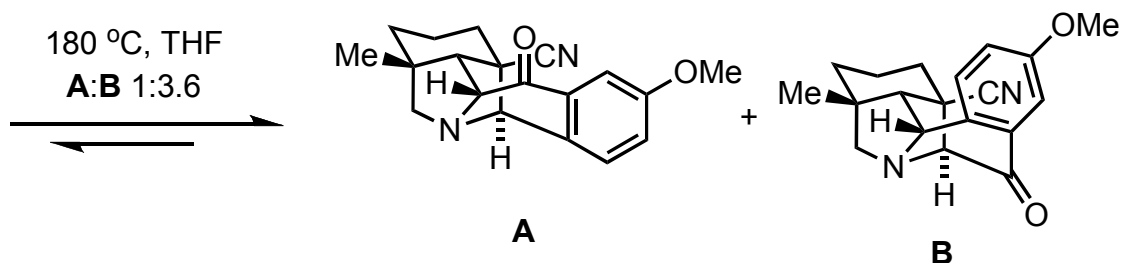
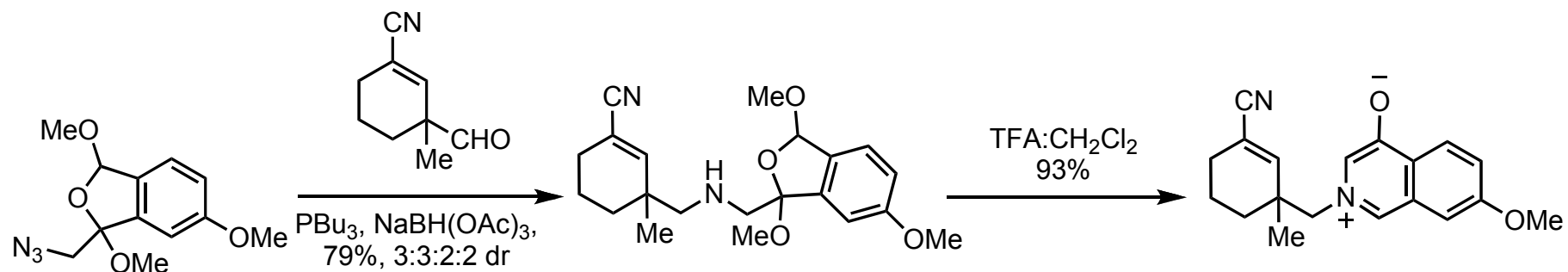


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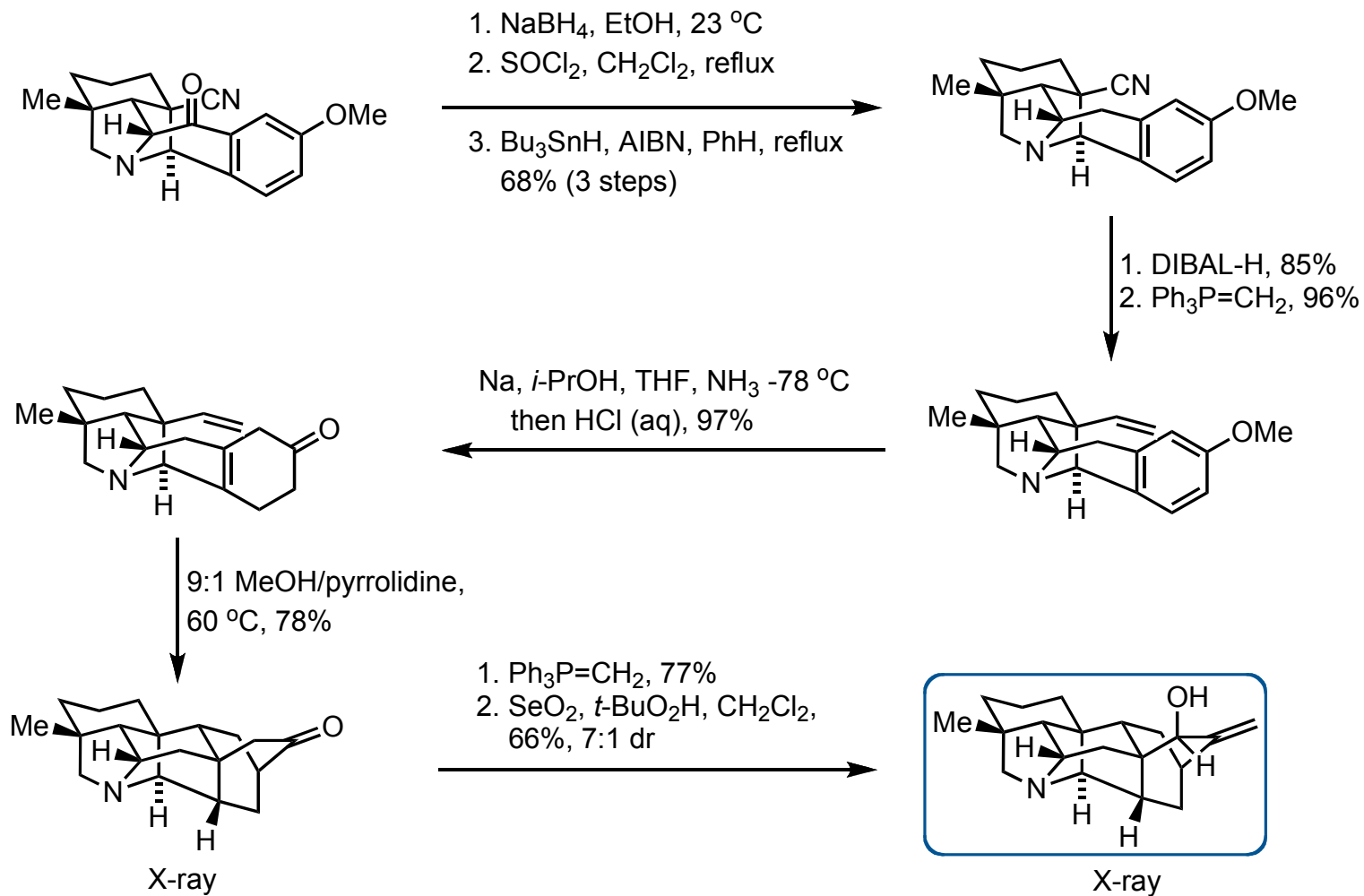
# Intramolecular Cycloaddition

Due to lower Resonance Stabilization Energies (RSEs), 3-oxisoquinolines are ideal partners for the cycloadditions reactions. Ground-state destabilization of the substrate may facilitate formation of the desired pentacycle.



# Completion of Synthesis

Completion of the synthesis involved adjustment of the oxidation state followed by Diels-Alder cyclization. Notably, the non-conjugate enone proved to be more stable thermodynamic isomer.



# Summary

- Gin and Peese completed a total synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-nominine in 15 steps (longest linear sequence) and 6.1 % overall yield.
- Introduction of a chiral center via asymmetric conjugate addition allowed for completion of a synthesis of (+)-nominine in 16 steps and 1.3% overall yield.
- Convergent construction of the polycyclic core relied on a series of cycloaddition (3+2 and 4+2) reactions demonstrating power of a well-planned synthesis.

