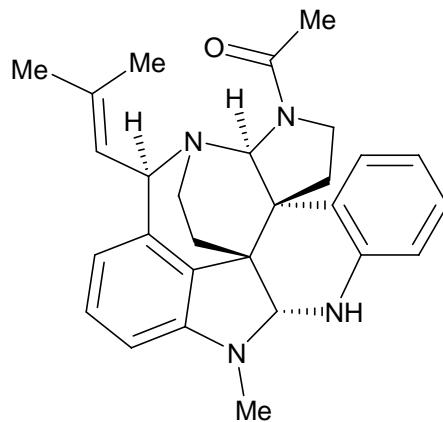


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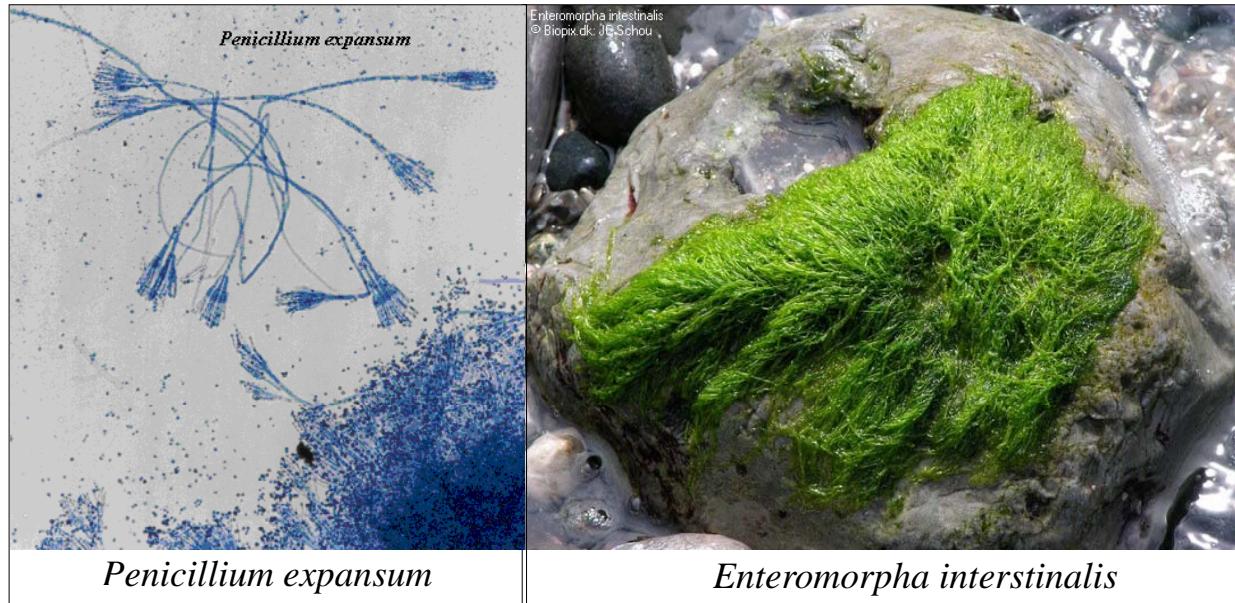
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# *Isolation of Communesin F*

- Isolated from *Penicillium* mold on marine algae



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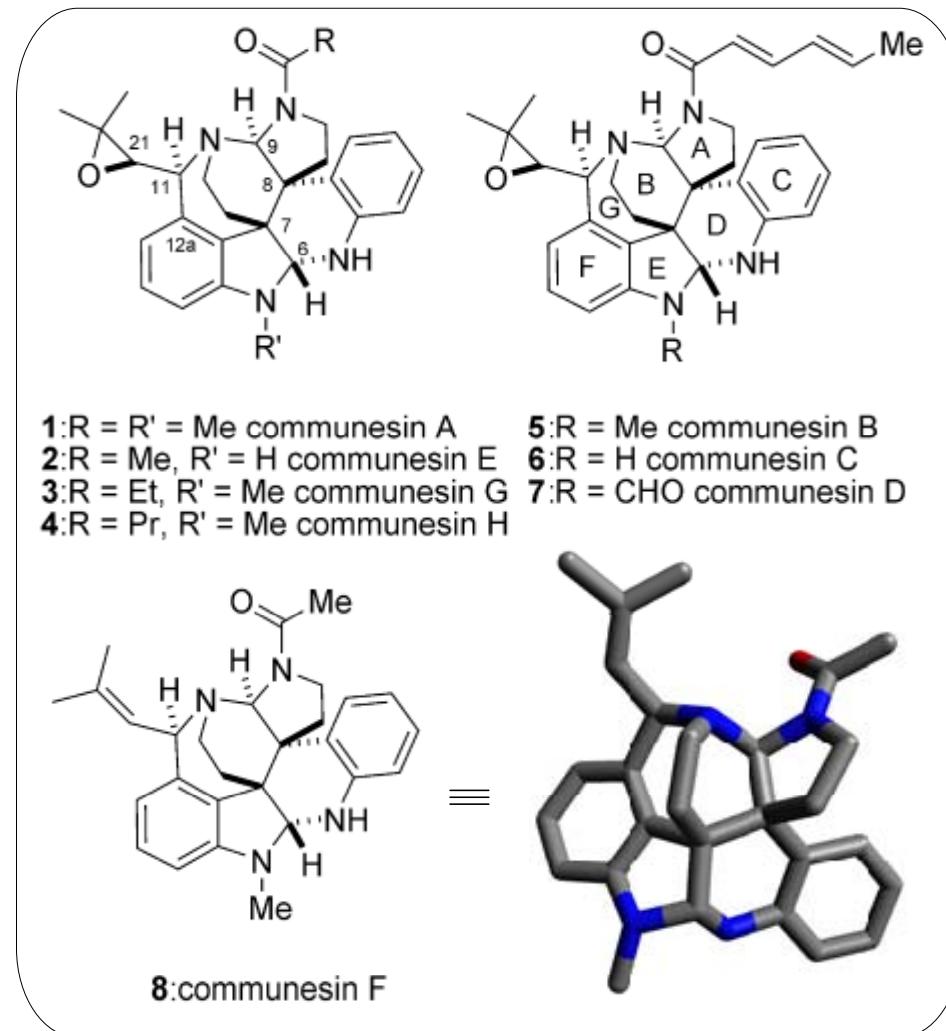
# *Communesin Background*

- Biological Activities:

- Communesins A–D are active against various leukemia cell lines
- Communesins D–F are insecticidal

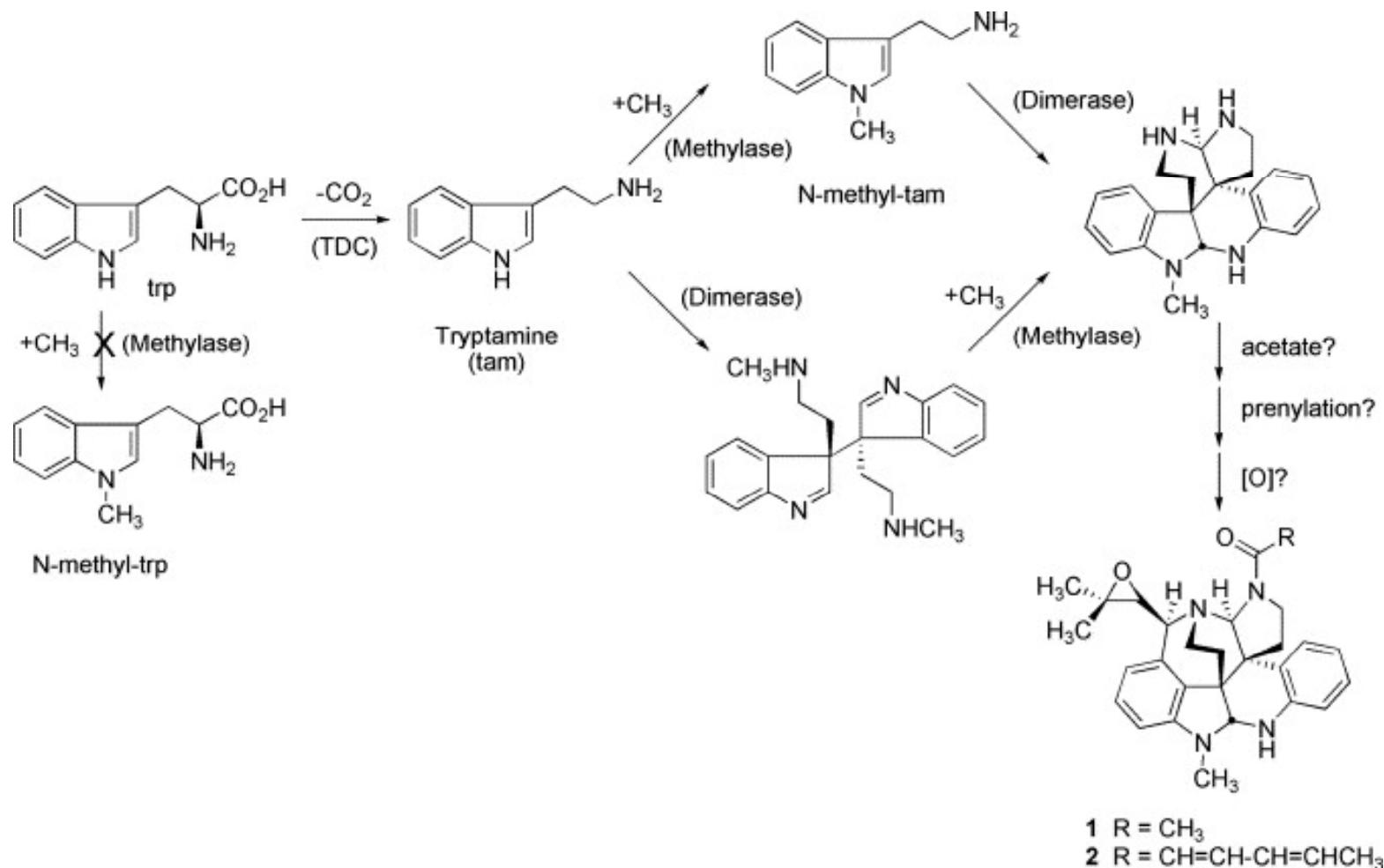
- Key Structural Features

- Two contiguous quaternary centers (C-7 and C-8)
- Two aminals



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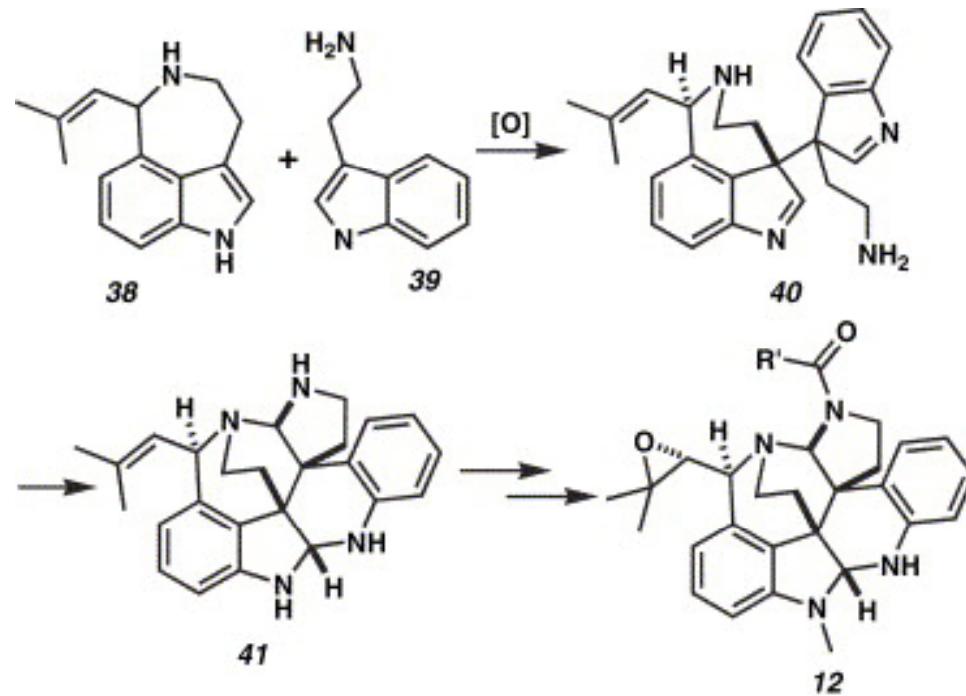
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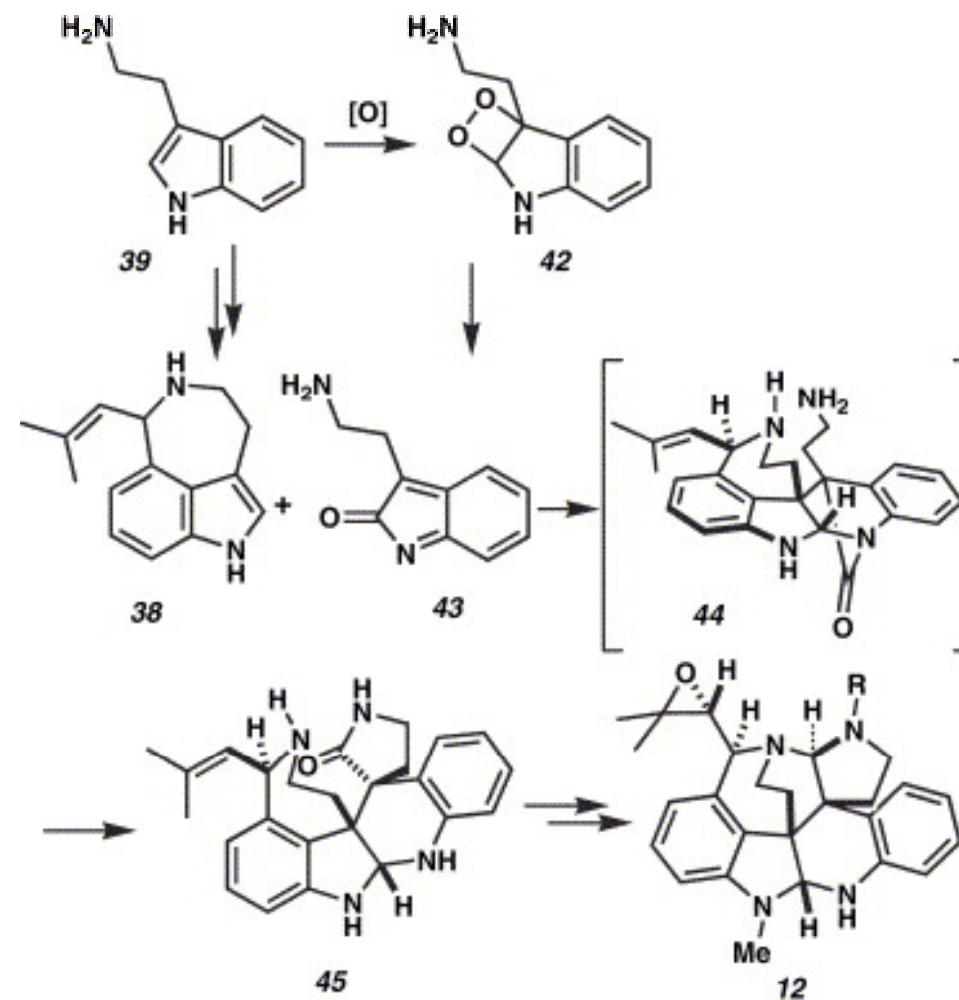
# *Biosynthetic Proposal 2: Dimerization of Tryptamine and Aurantioclavine*

- Oxidative dimerization between tryptamine and aurantioclavine
  - Aurantioclavine – *Penicillium* fungal metabolite



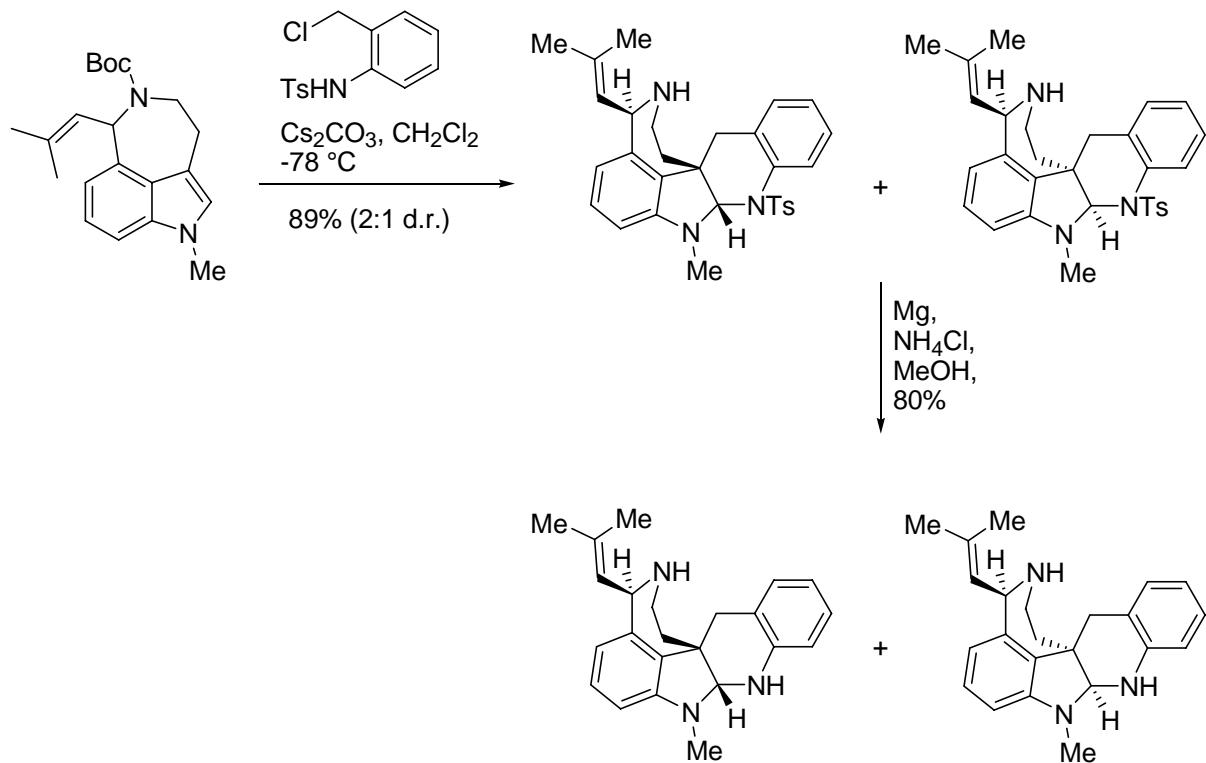
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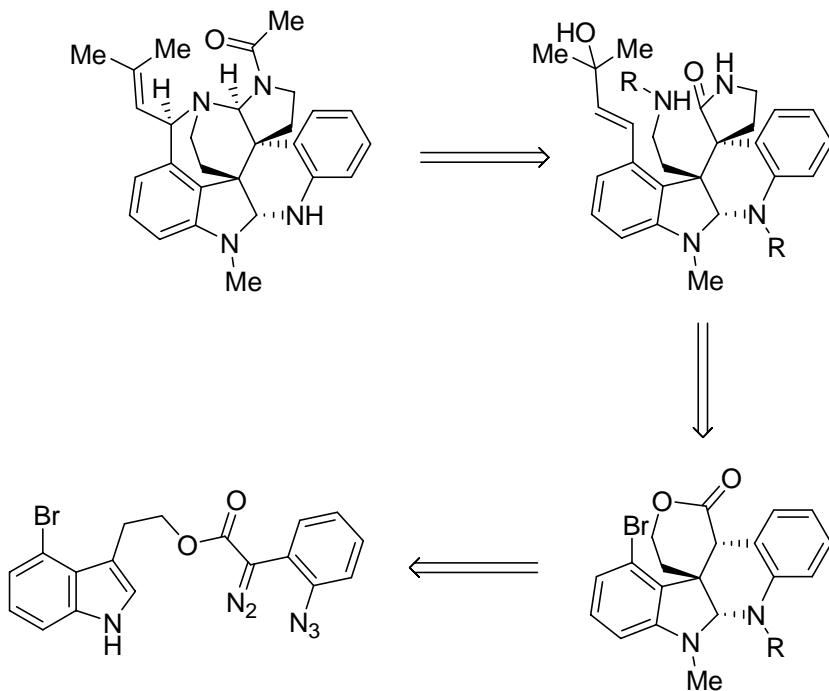
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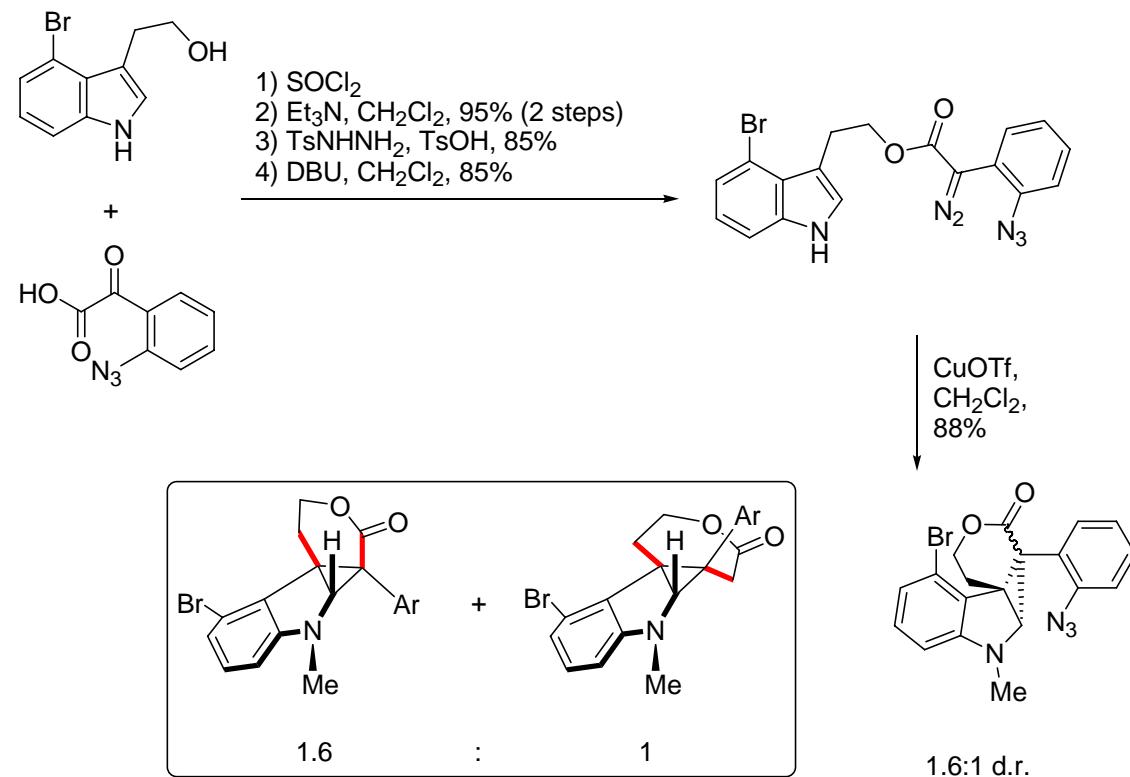
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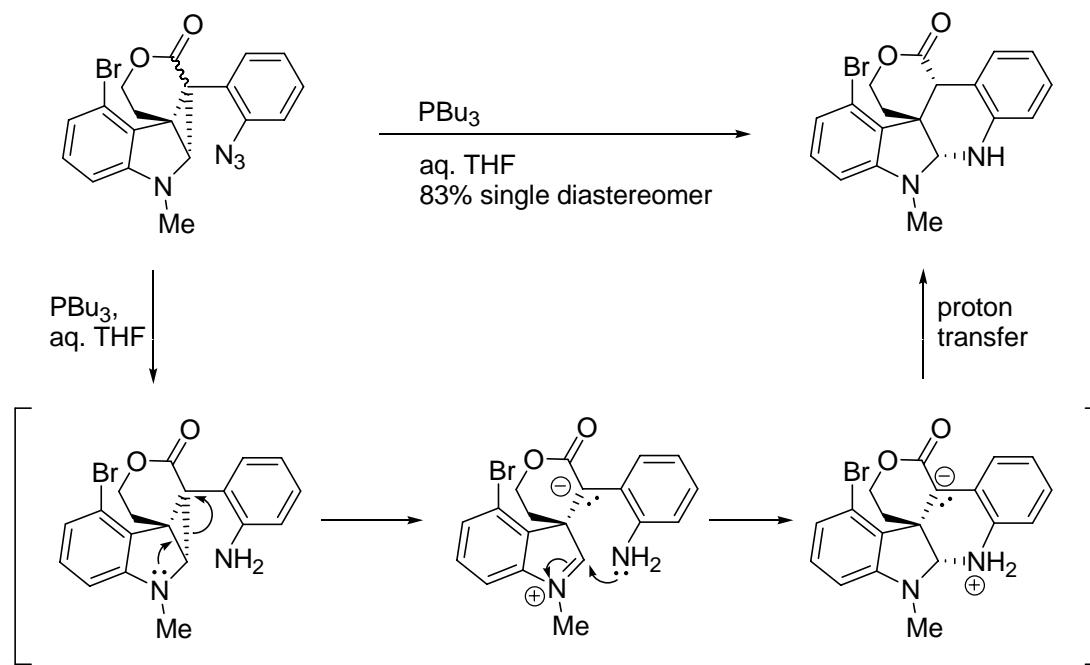
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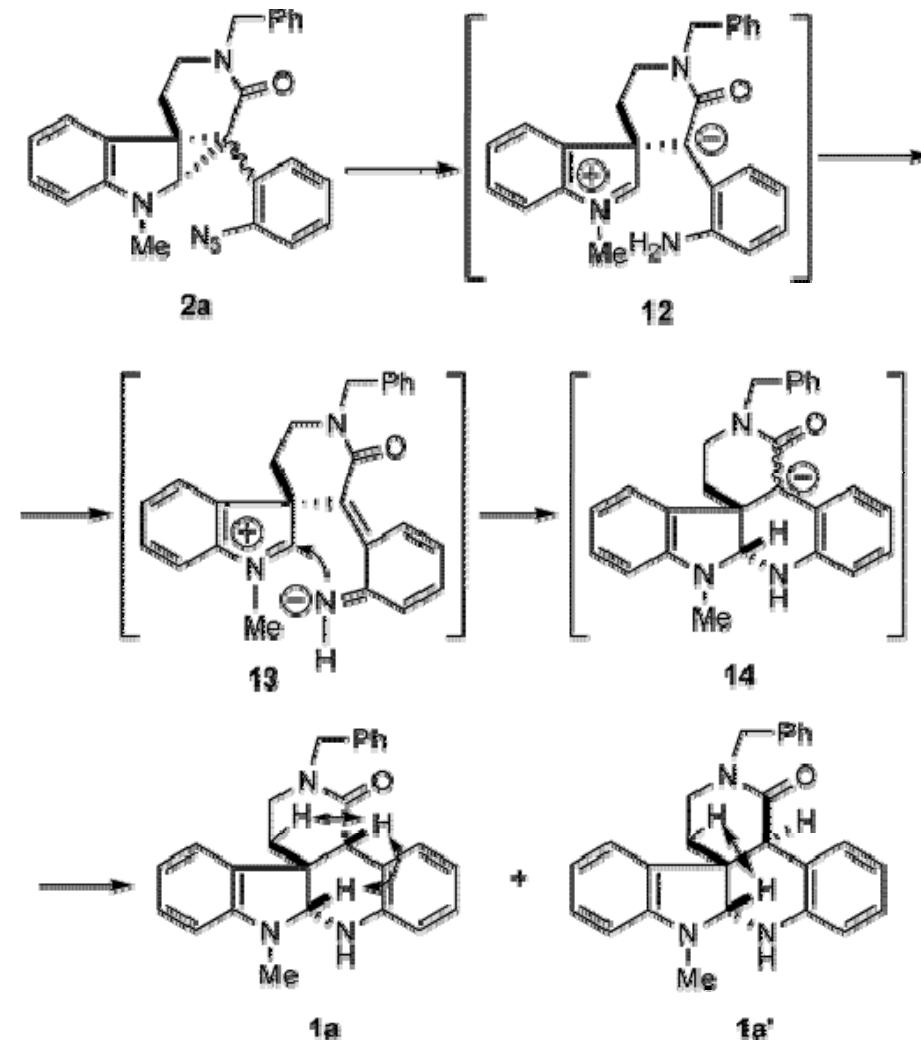
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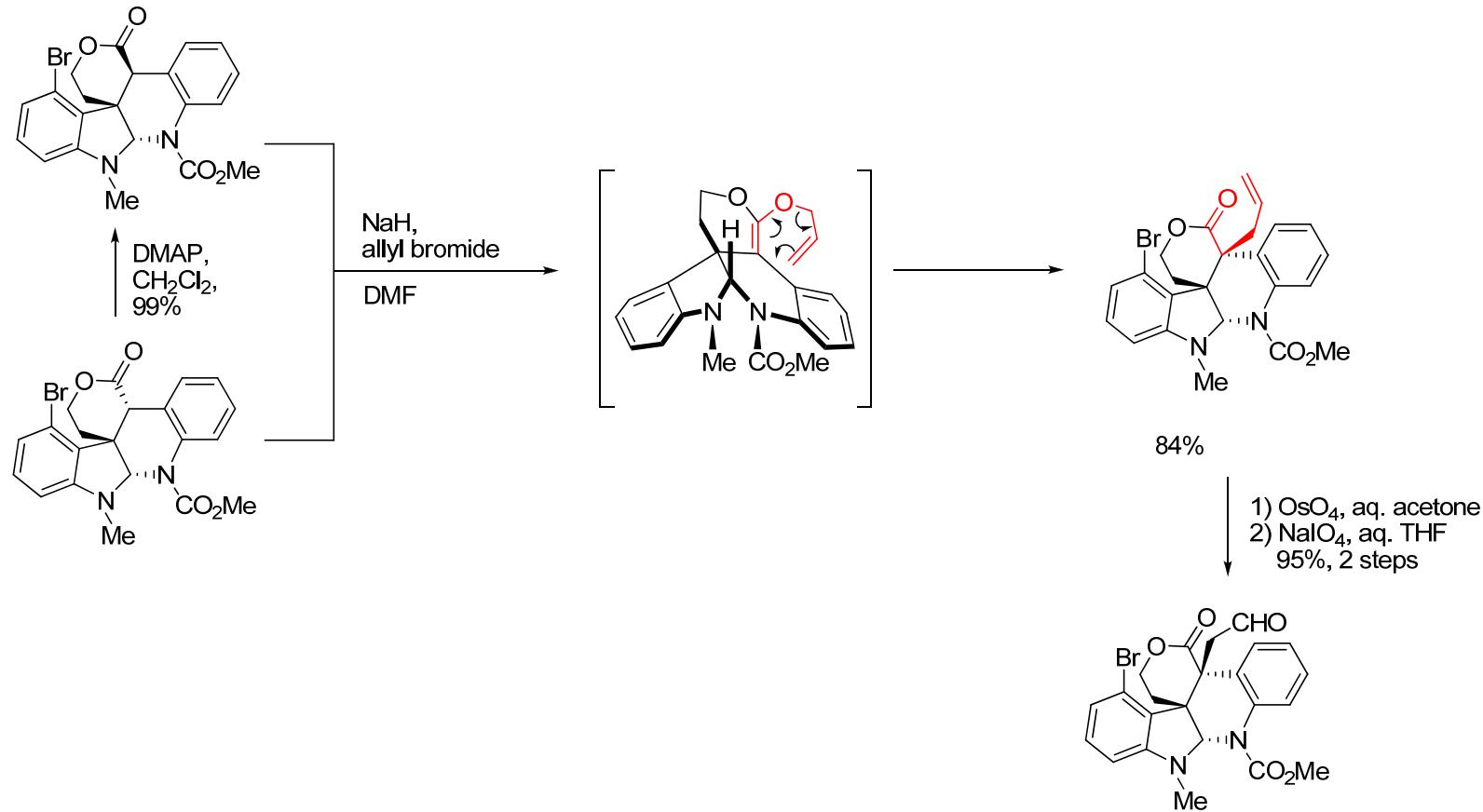
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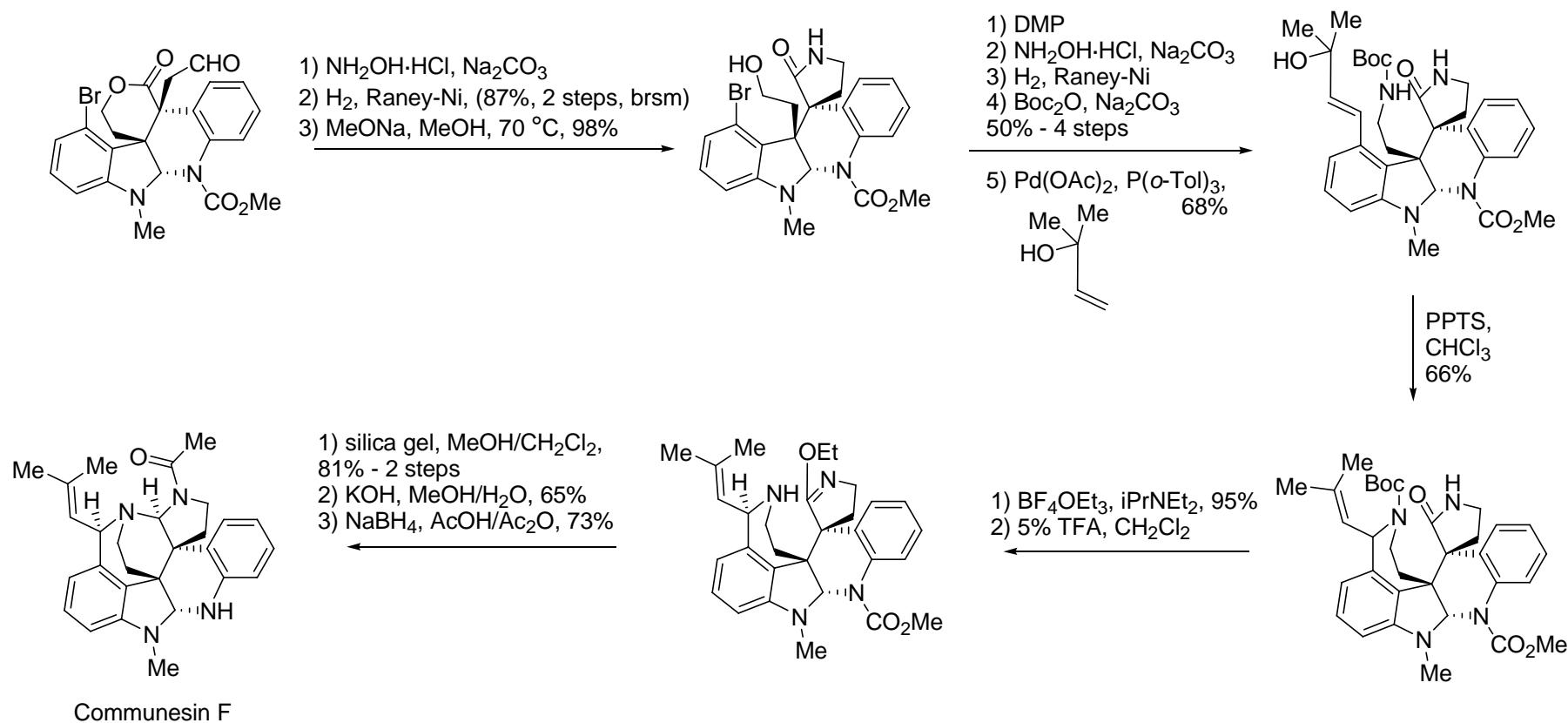
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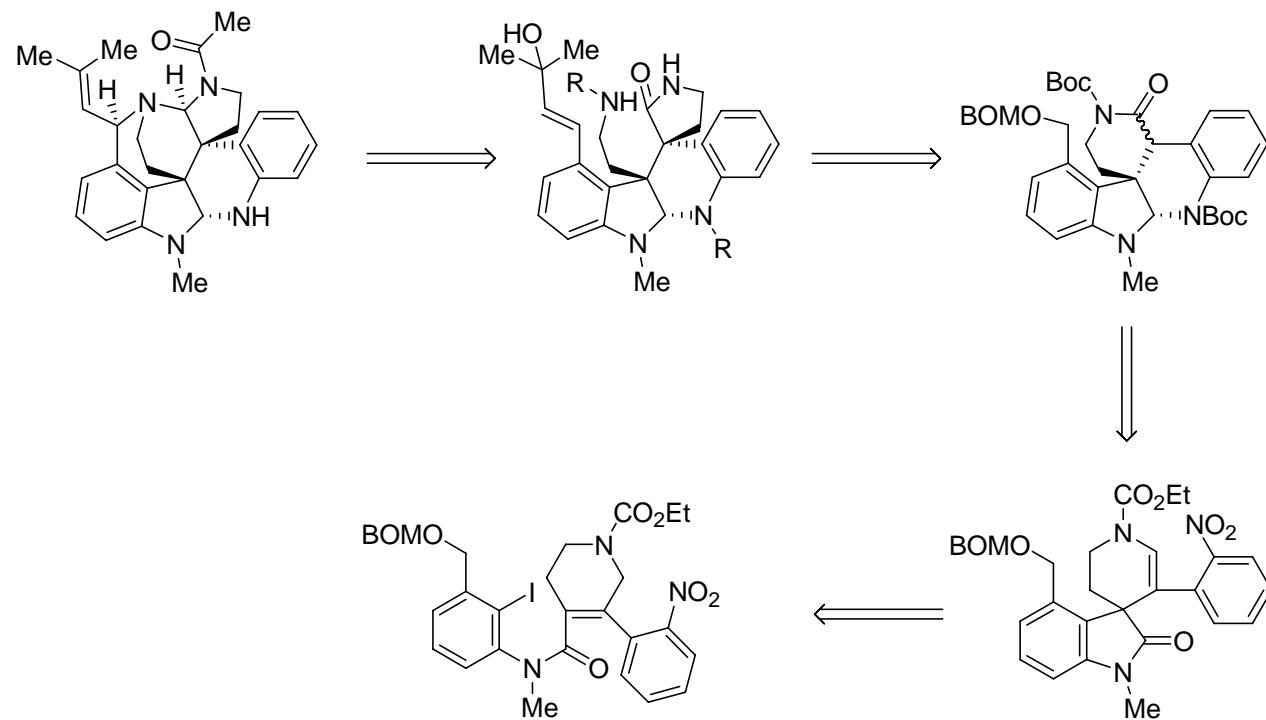
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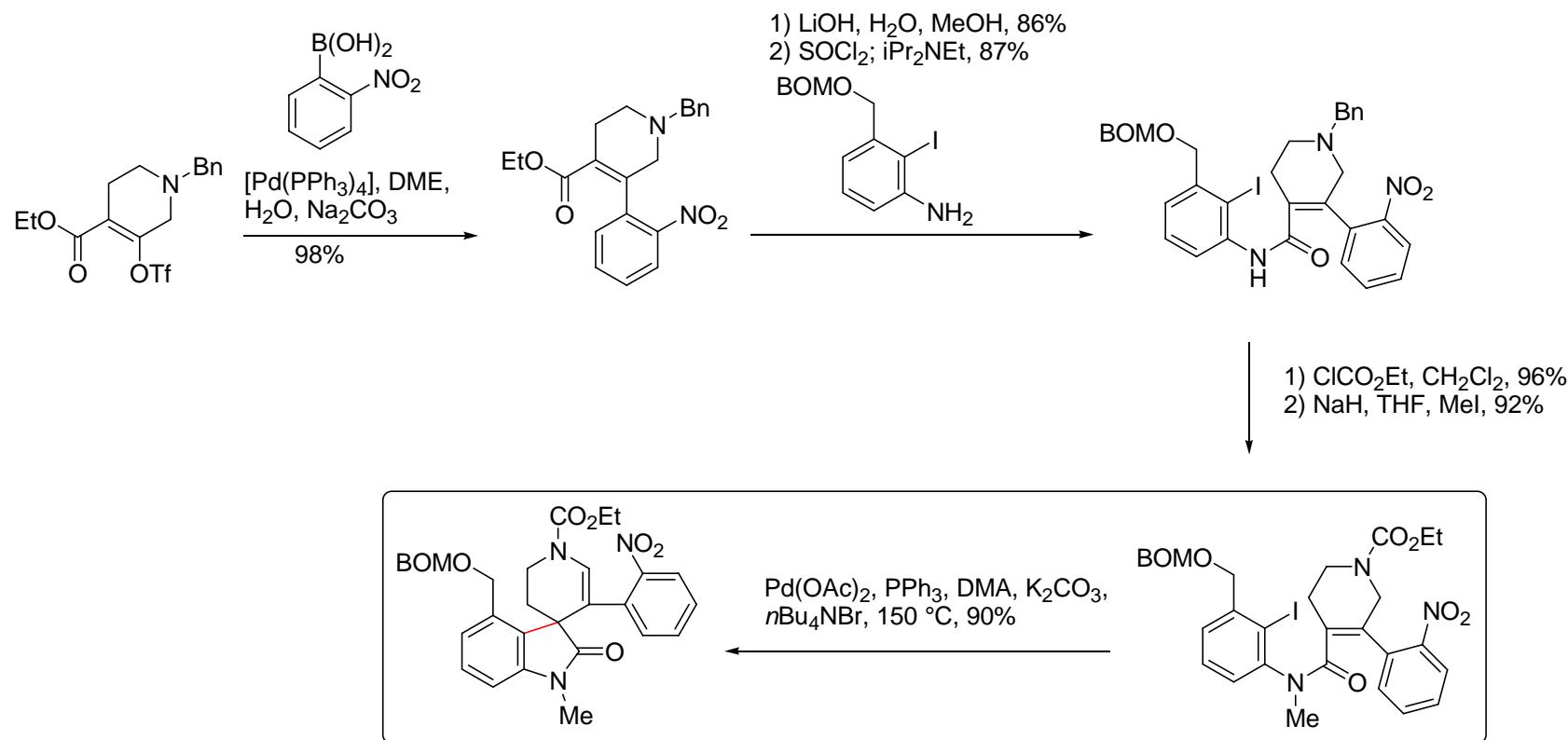
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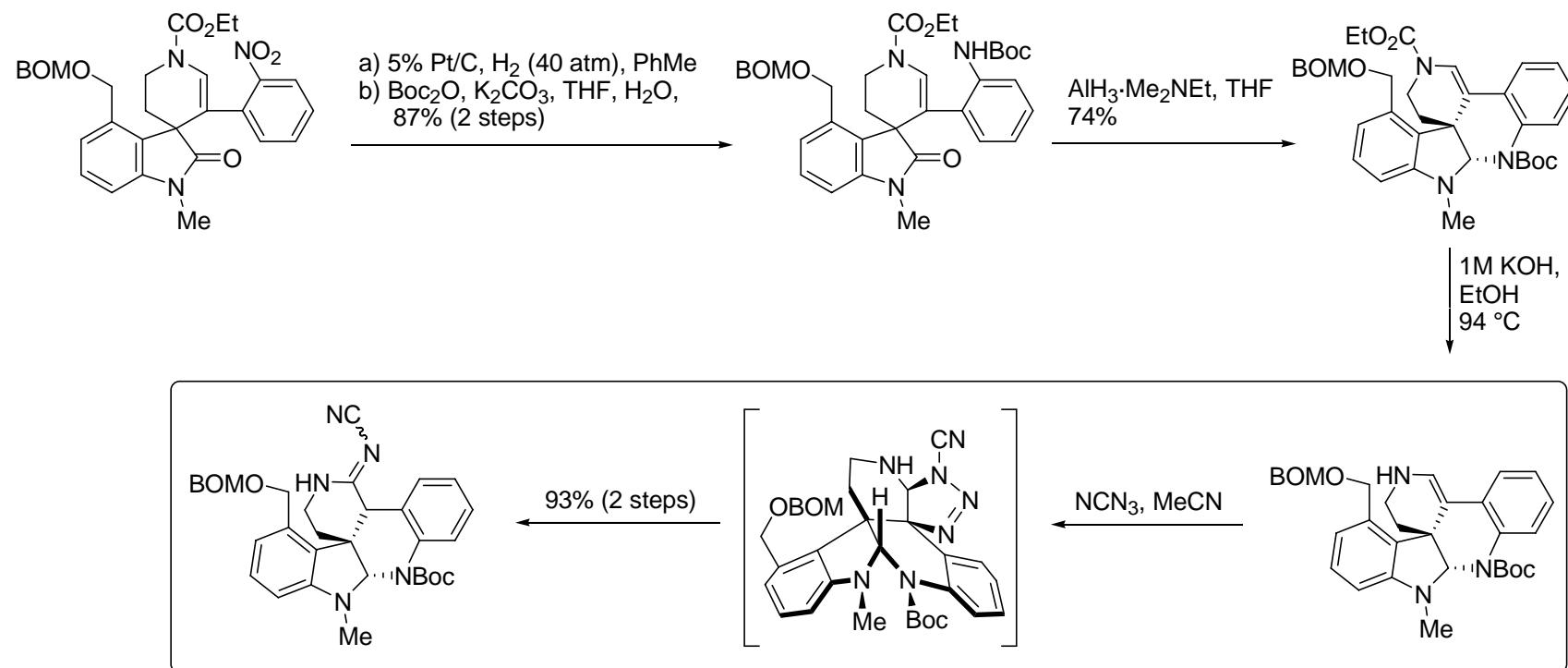
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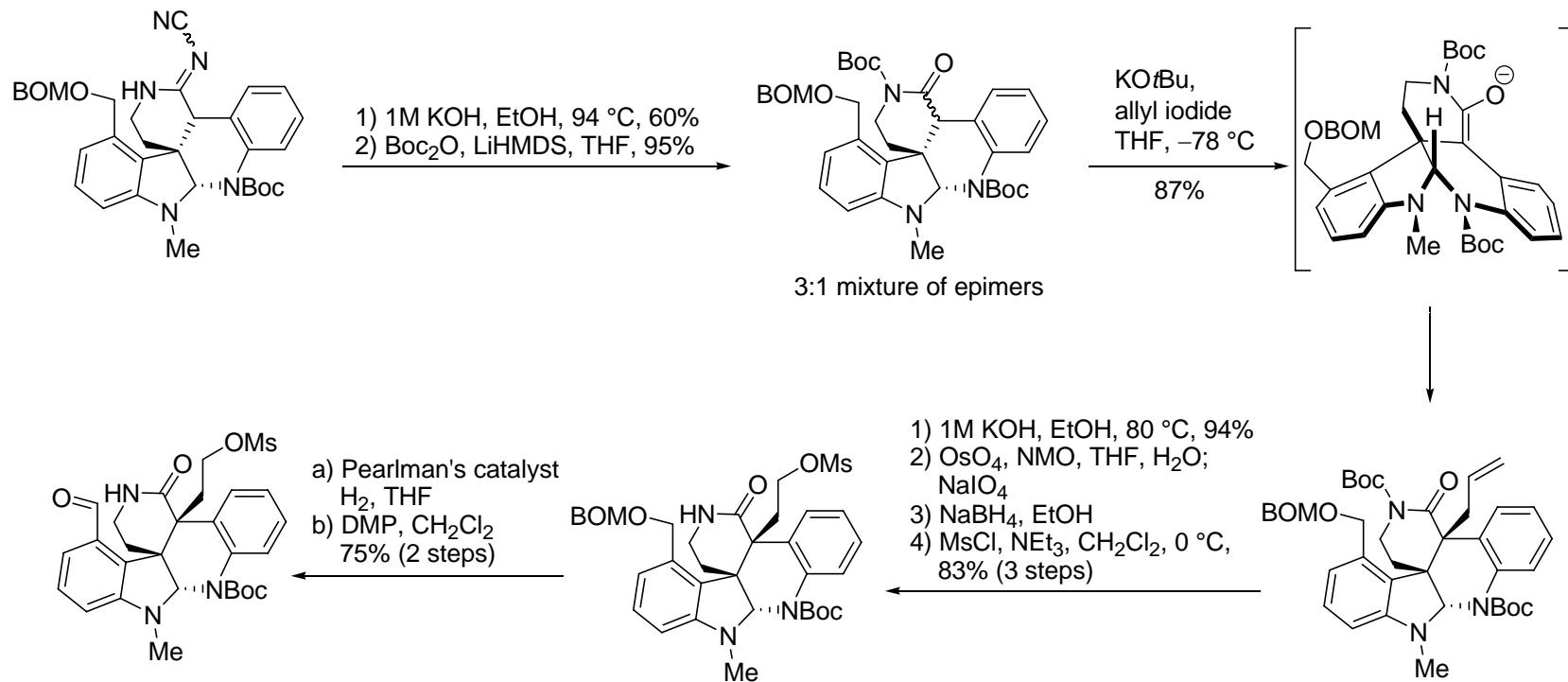
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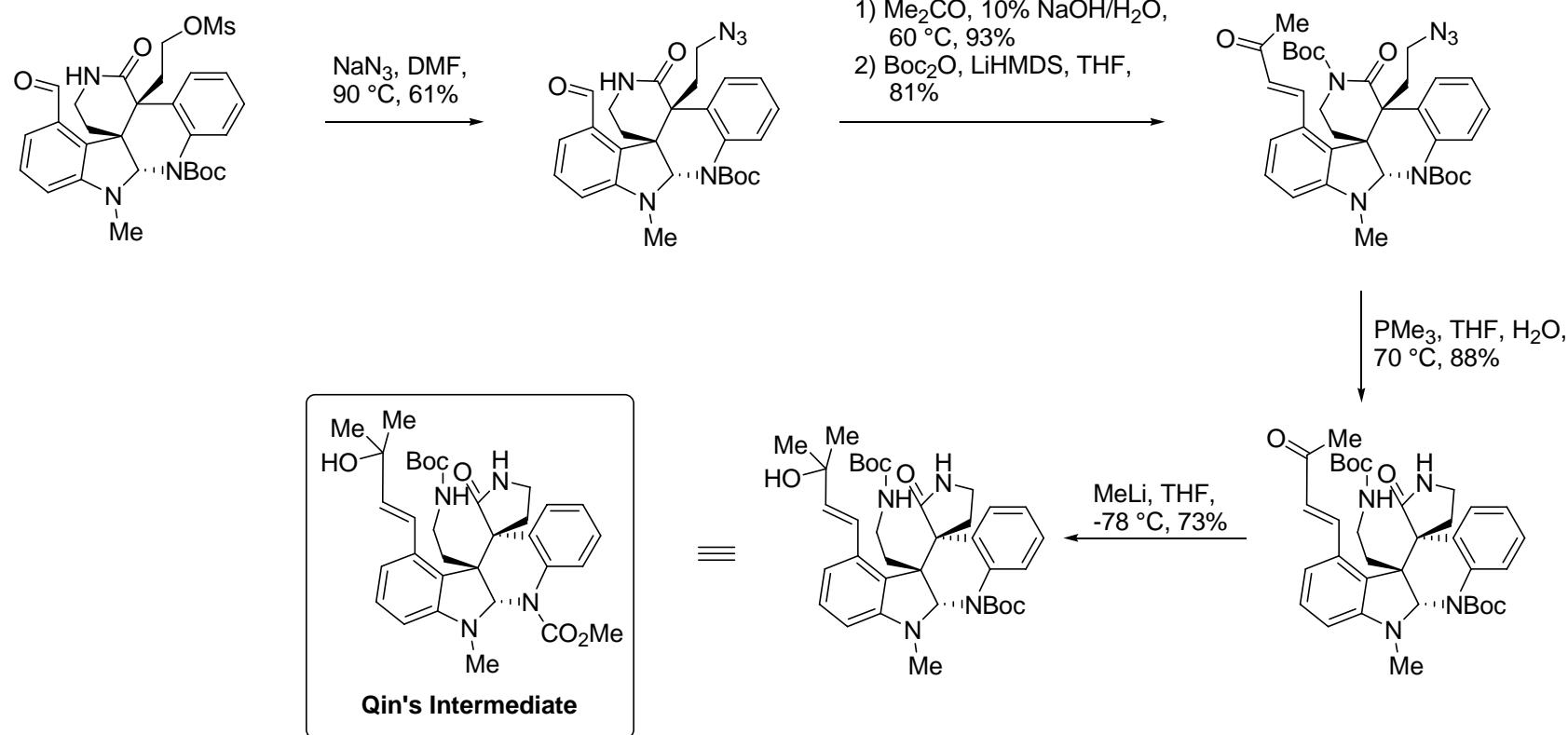
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# *Summary*

	Qin	Weinreb
C-7 Quaternary Center	Cyclopropanation	Heck
C-8 Quaternary Center	Claisen rearrangement	Enolate alkylation
Overall yield	3%	1%
Steps	23	30