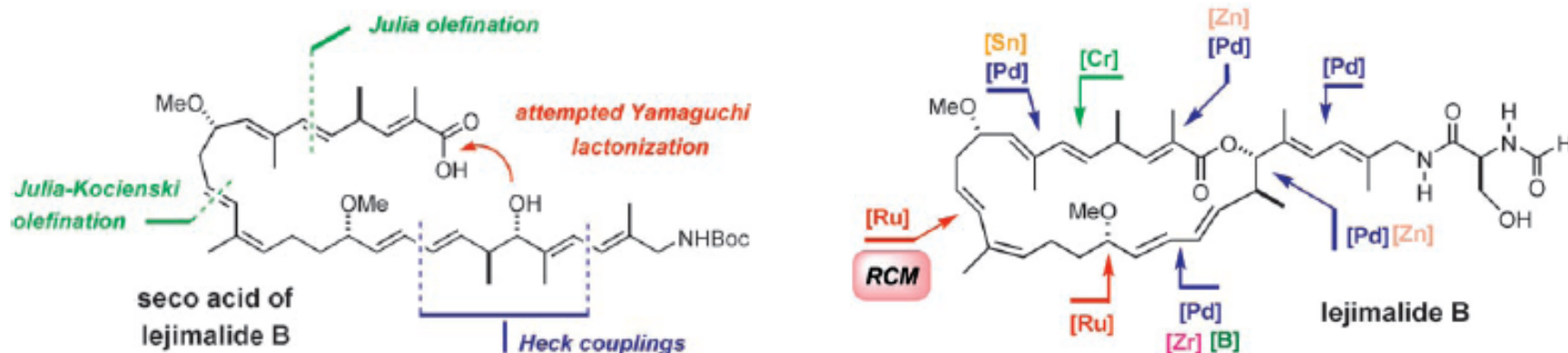


# Total Synthesis of Iejimalide B

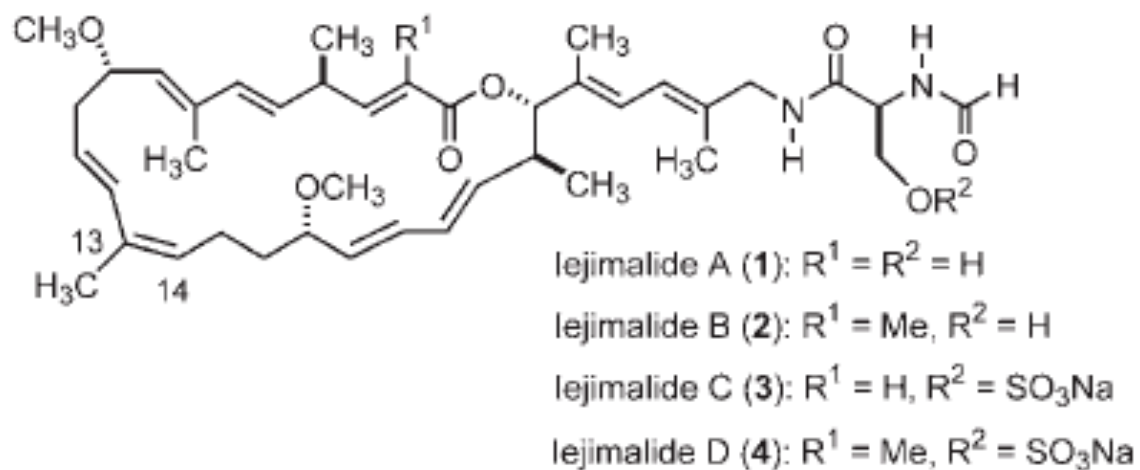
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# Iejimalides - Cytotoxic Polyene Macrolides from *Eudistoma cf. Rigida*



- Extracted from the tunicate *Eudistoma cf. rigida*
- Extremely scarce (0.0003-0.0006% yield from wet tunicates)

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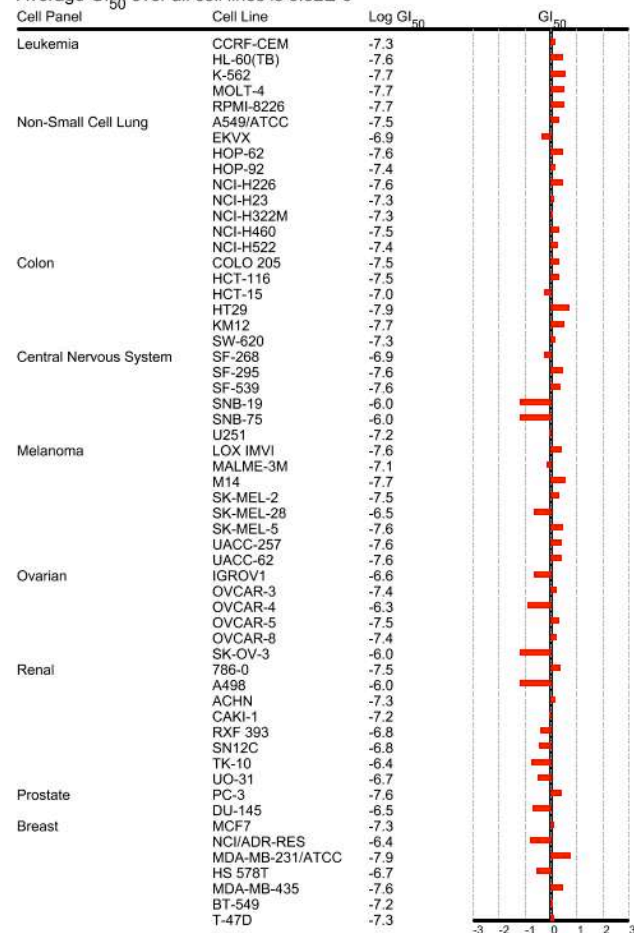
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# Biological Activities of Iejimalides

- GI<sub>50</sub> (50% growth inhibition) and TGI (tumor gene index) in the low nanomolar range against NCI cancer cell lines.
- The activity profile of iejimalides does not correlate with those of other anticancer drugs, which might indicate an unprecedented mode of action.

GI<sub>50</sub> Mean Graph for Compound 724579

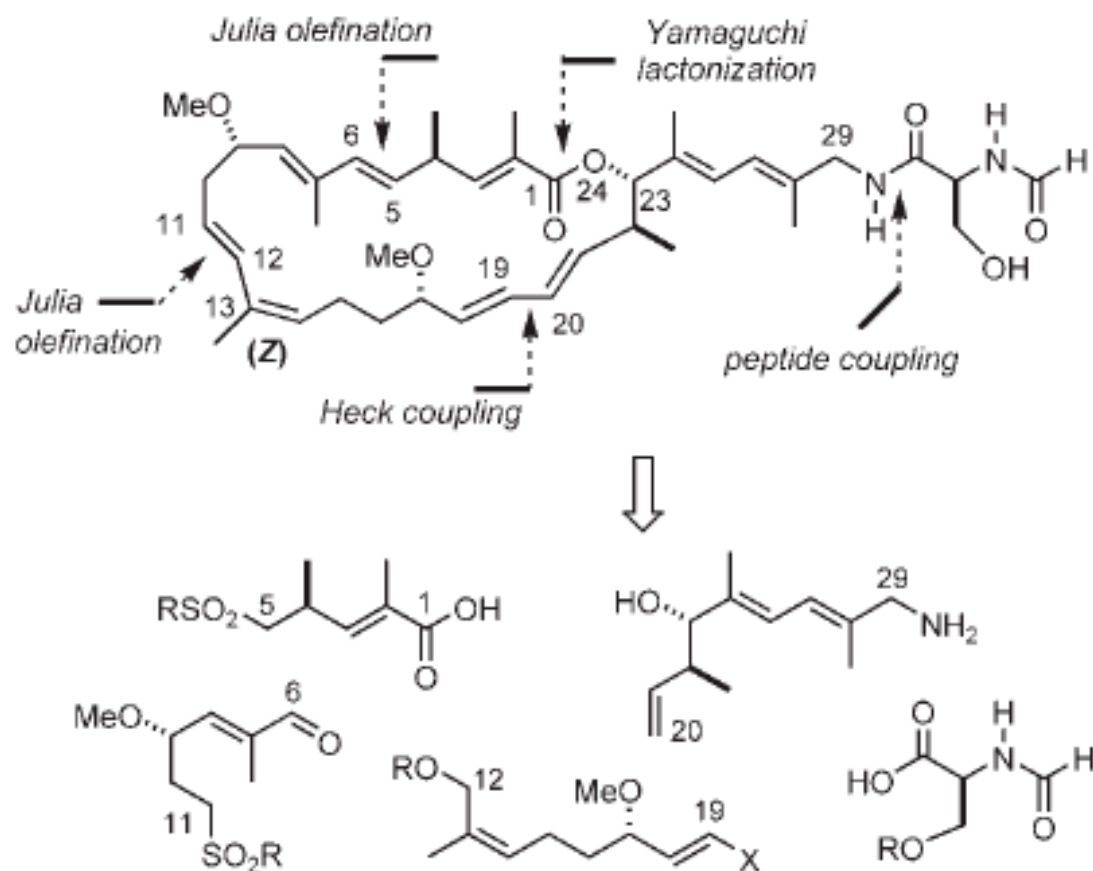
NCI Cancer Screen Current Data, September 2005  
Average GI<sub>50</sub> over all cell lines is 6.32E-8



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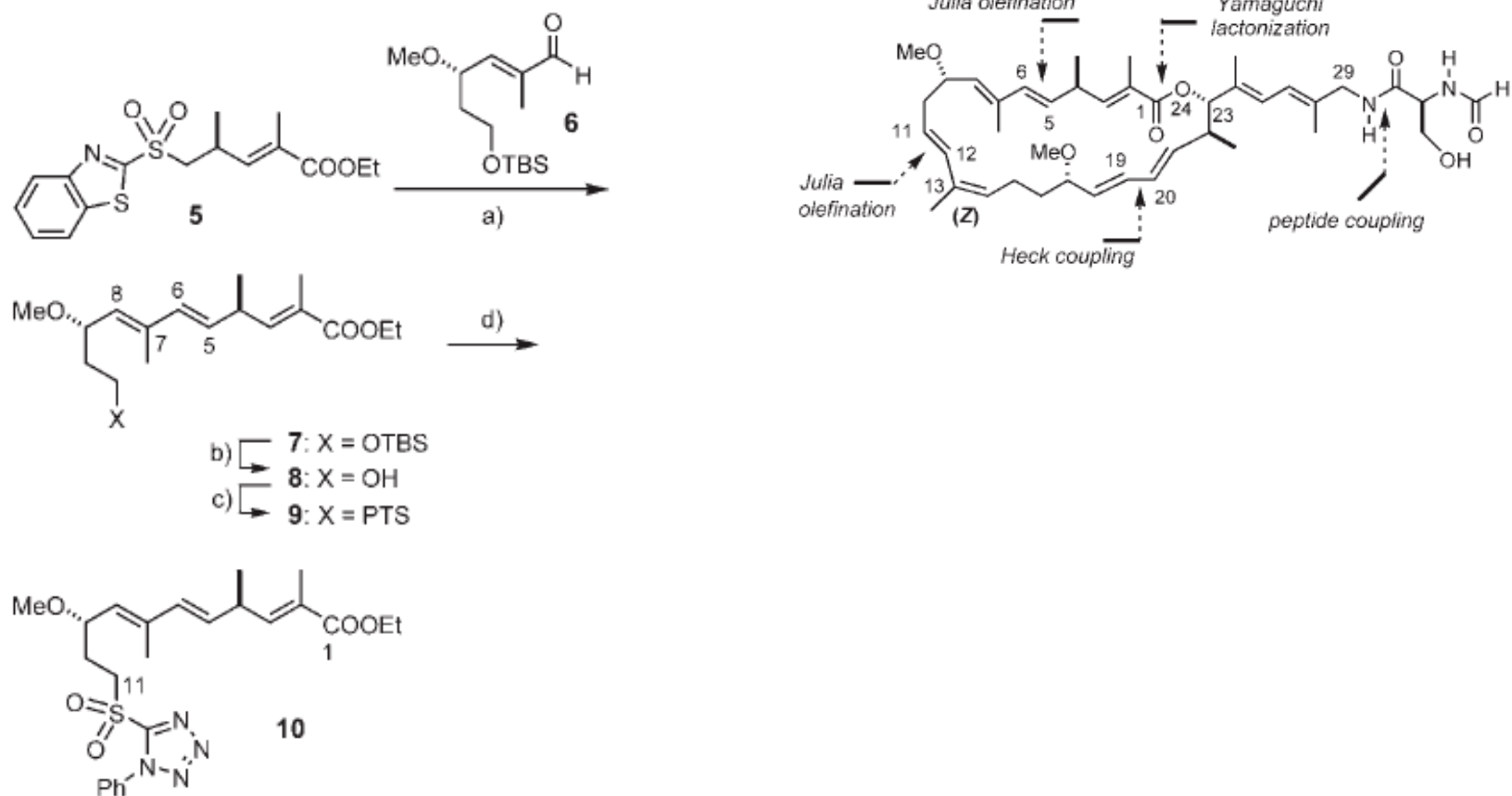
# Part I. Identification of the Molecule's "Achilles Heel"



**Scheme 1.** "First generation" retrosynthetic analysis and Kobayashi's numbering scheme of iejimalide B (**2**).

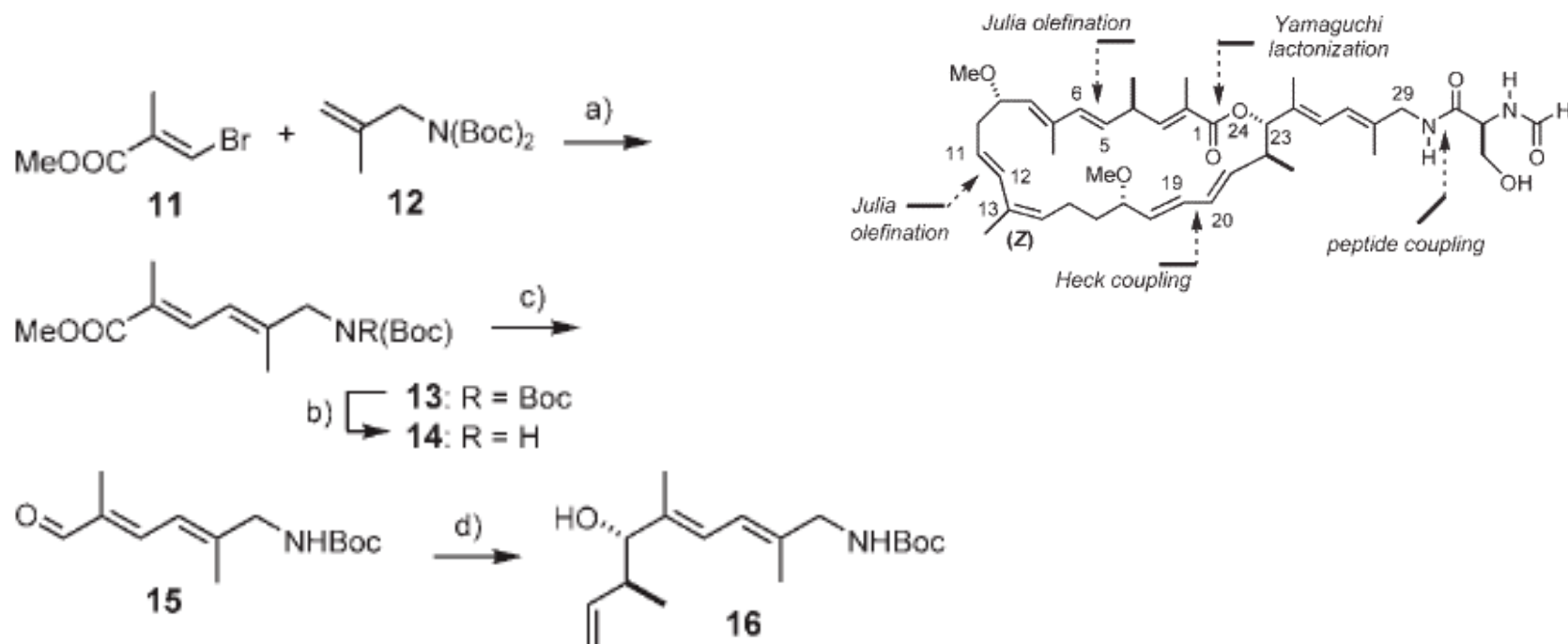
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# Synthesis of C1-C11



**Scheme 2.** a) NaHMDS, THF,  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$  ("Barbier conditions"), 89% ( $E/Z=4:1$ ); b) HCl (5% in EtOH), EtOH,  $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 60%; c) 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-thiol, DEAD,  $\text{PPh}_3$ , THF, 82%; d) cat.  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}(\text{NH}_4)_6] \cdot 4\text{ H}_2\text{O}$ , aq  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , EtOH, 75%. HMDS = 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyldisilazane, DEAD = diethylazodicarboxylate, PTS = 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-thiyl.

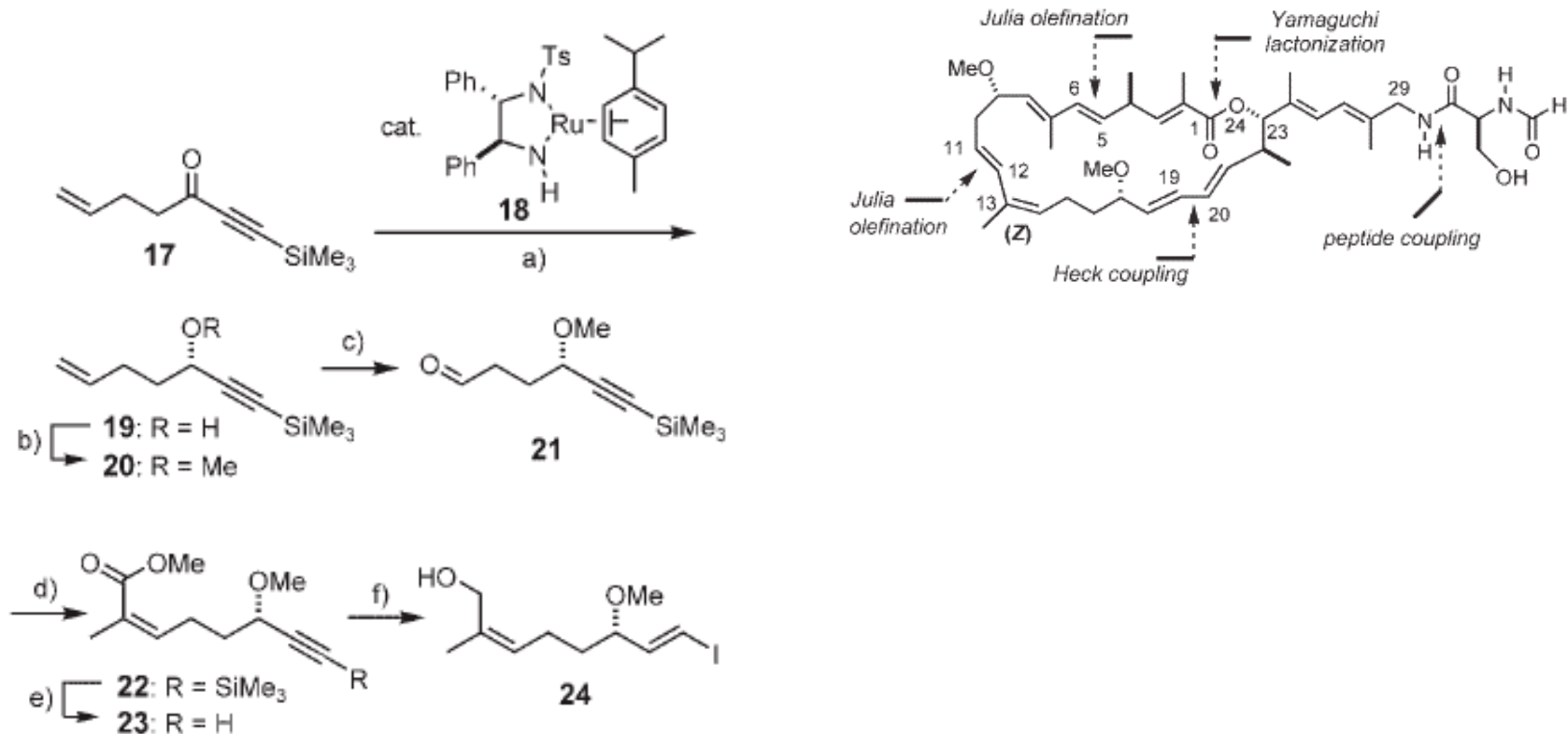
# Synthesis of C20-C29



**Scheme 3.** a) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (3 mol%), P(*o*-tol)<sub>3</sub> (6 mol%), Et<sub>3</sub>N, 100 °C, 84%; b) trifluoroacetic acid, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 87%; c) 1. DIBAL-H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 97%; 2. DMSO, (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C → RT, 79%; d) (+)-(E)-crotyl-B(lpc)<sub>2</sub>, THF, -78 °C, 82% (95% ee). Boc = *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl, tol = tolyl, DIBAL-H = diisobutylaluminum hydride, lpc = isopinocampheyl.

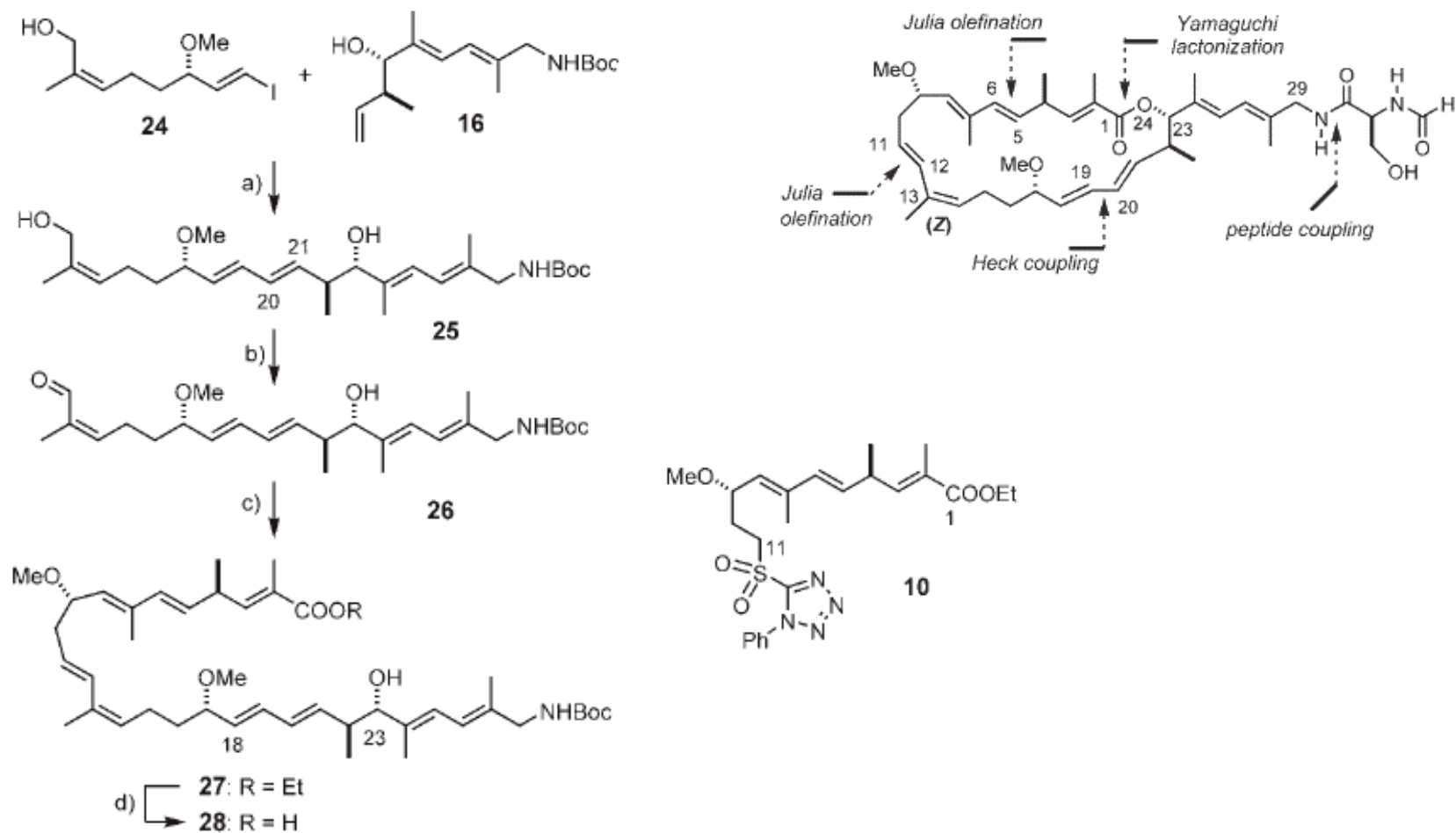
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# Synthesis of C12-C19: 34% over Seven Steps



**Scheme 4.** a) **18** (0.6 mol%), *i*PrOH, 98% (98.8% *ee*); b) 1. *n*BuLi, MeI, THF, -78 °C; 2. DMSO, -25 °C → RT; c) cat. OsO<sub>4</sub>, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, 2,6-lutidine, aq 1,4-dioxane, 74% (over two steps); d) (CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH(Me)COOMe, KHMDS, [18]crown-6 (0.7 equiv), toluene, -20 °C, 87%; e) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 80%; f) [Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl] (3.1 equiv), THF, then I<sub>2</sub>, 80%. Cp = cyclopentadienyl, Ts = toluene-4-sulfonyl.

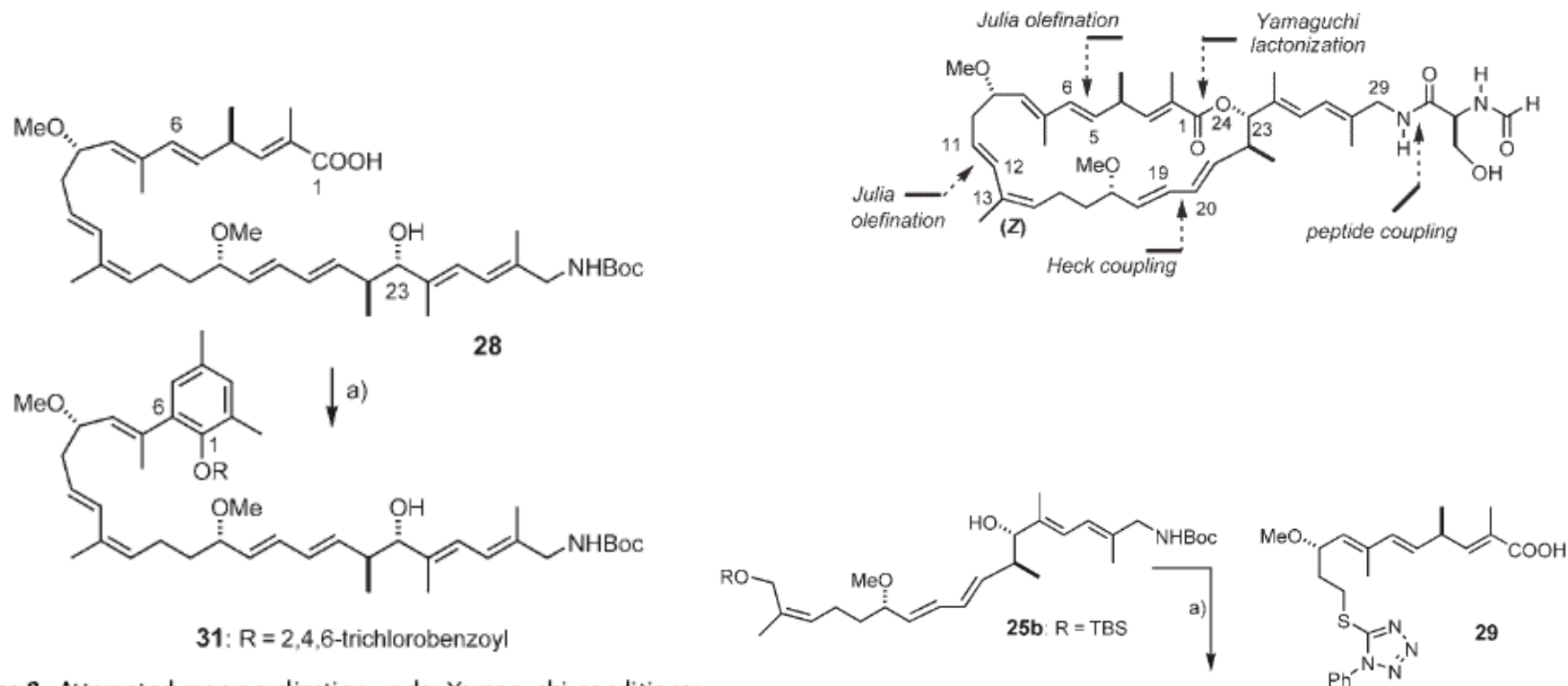
# Coupling of the Three Fragments



**Scheme 5.** a) Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10 mol %), AgOAc, DMF, RT, 46% (**25**) + 13% ( $\Delta^{[20,21]}$  isomer); b) cat. tBuOK, cat. CuBr<sub>2</sub>, cat. 2,2'-bipyridine, cat. TEMPO, O<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1), 94%; c) **10**, NaHMDS, THF, -78 °C → RT, 57% (*E/Z* > 10:1); d) Me<sub>3</sub>SnOH (40 equiv), 1,2-dichloroethane, 80 °C, 94%. TEMPO = 2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinoxyl (free radical), TES = triethylsilyl, PMB = *para*-methoxybenzyl.



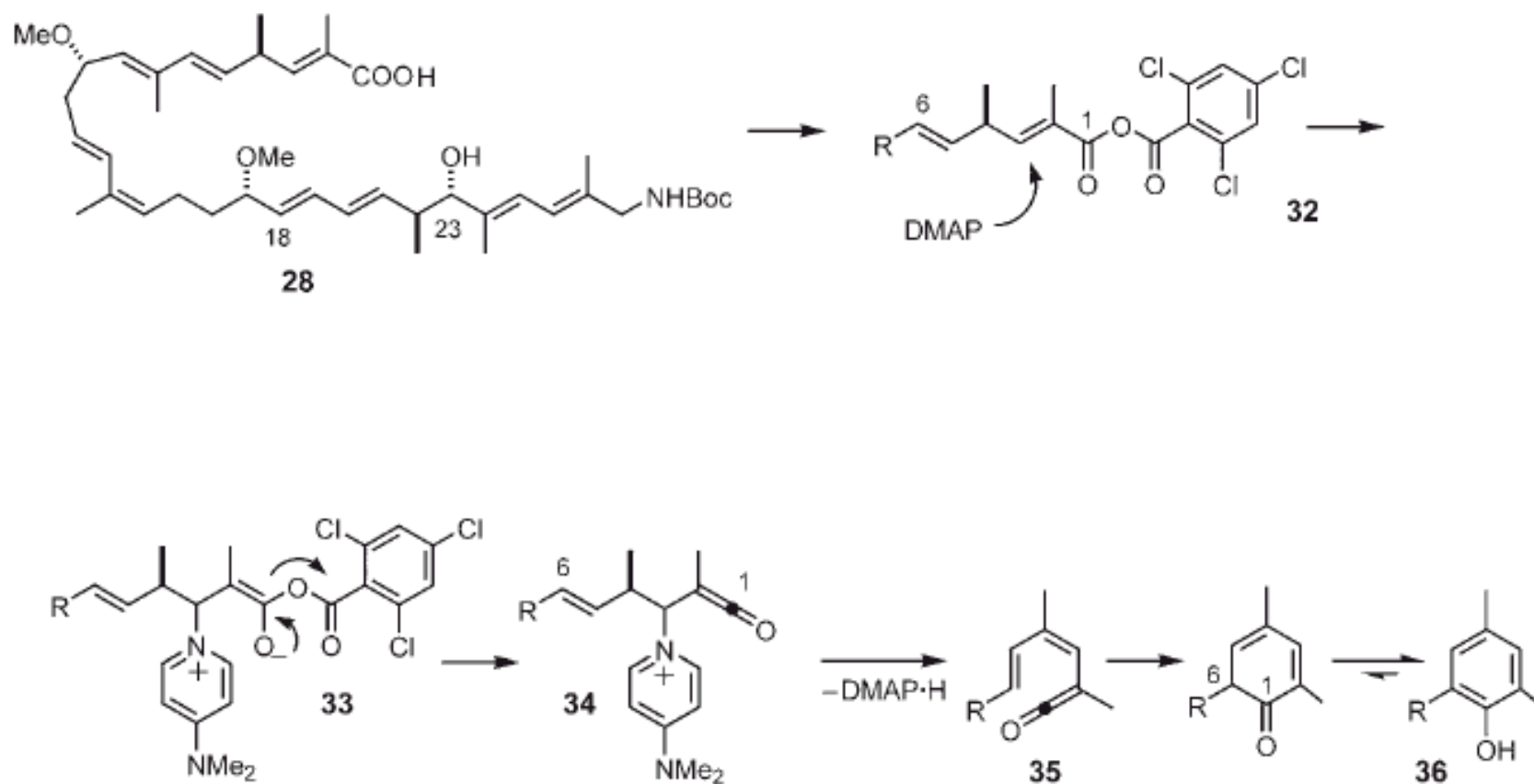
# Lactonization-the Molecule's "Achilles Heel"



**Scheme 8.** Attempted macrocyclization under Yamaguchi conditions:  
a) 1. 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF; 2. cat. DMAP, toluene, see text.

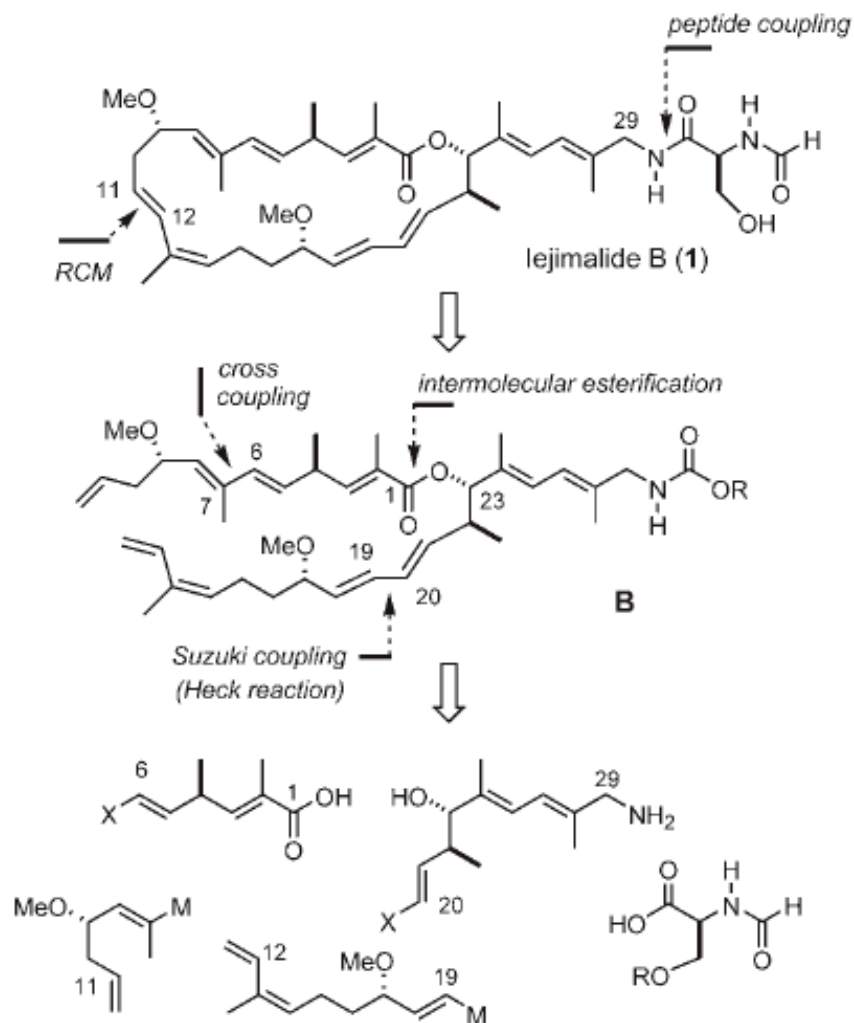
**Scheme 7.** An intermolecular esterification serving as a model for the projected macrocyclization: a) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, cat. DMAP, toluene, 72%. DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine.

# Potential Aromatization Mechanism



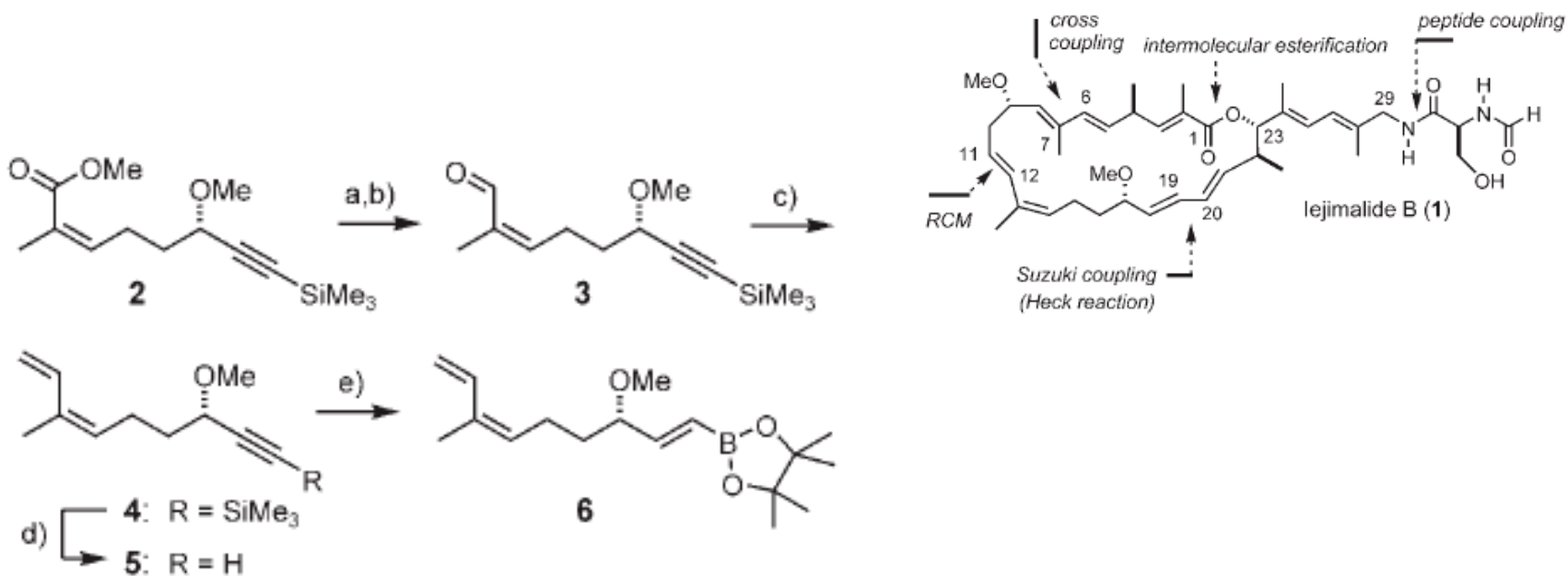
**Scheme 9.** Proposed mechanism for the observed phenol formation under Yamaguchi conditions.

## Part II. Total Synthesis of Iejimalide B



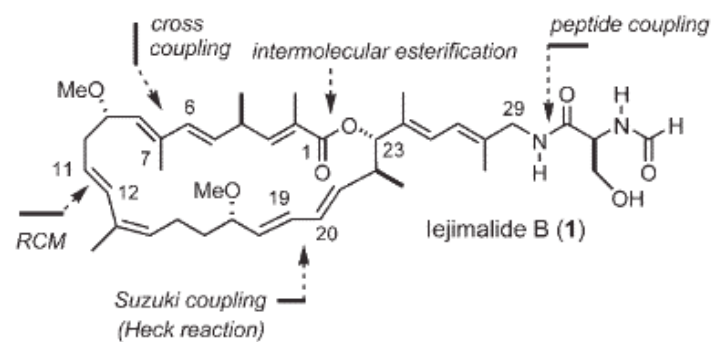
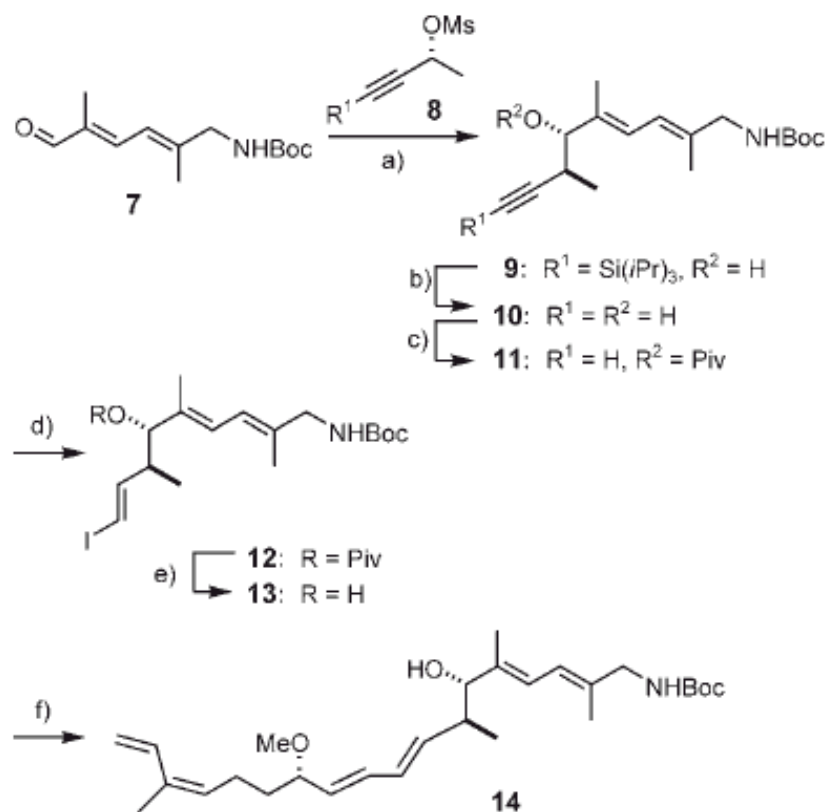
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# Synthesis of C12-C19



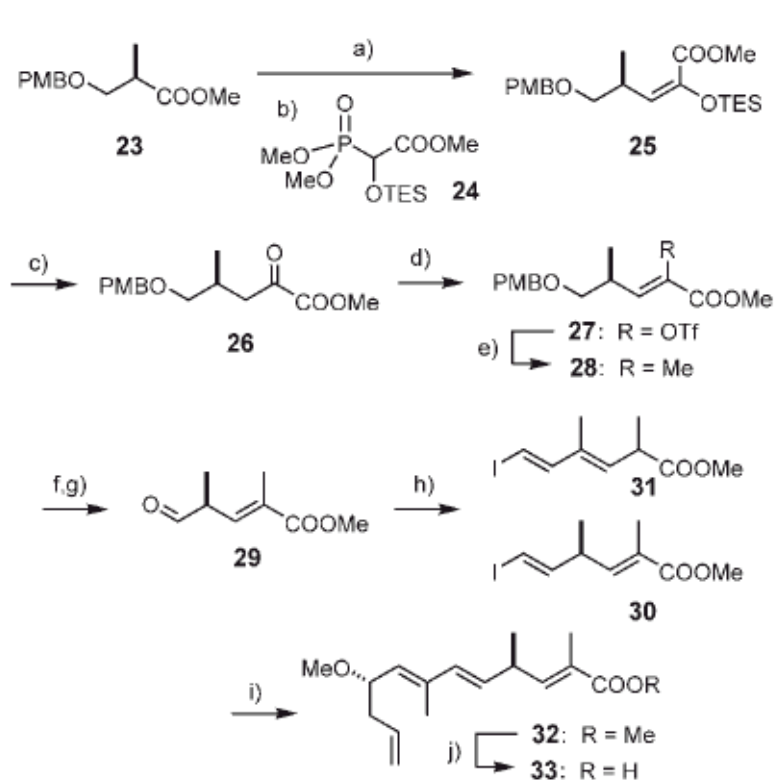
**Scheme 2.** a) DIBAL-H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; b) MnO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 96 % (over two steps); c) Ph<sub>3</sub>PCH<sub>3</sub>Br, *n*BuLi, THF, -78 °C → RT, quant.; d) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 83 %; e) pinacolborane, 9-BBN (10 mol%), THF, 45 °C, 56 %. DIBAL-H = diisobutylaluminum hydride, 9-BBN = 9-borabicyclo-[3.3.1]nonane.

# Suzuki Coupling to Join C19 and C20

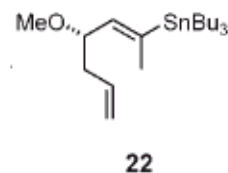
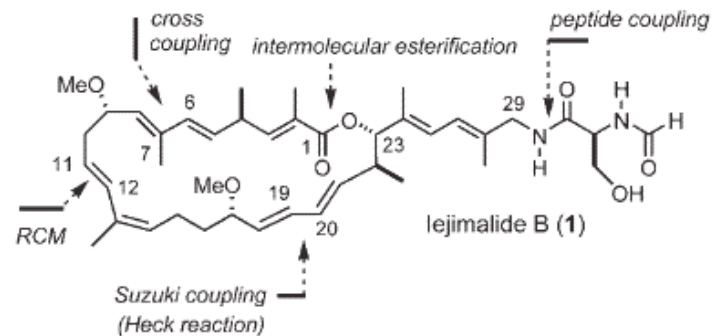


**Scheme 3.** a)  $[\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2]$  (5 mol%),  $\text{PPh}_3$  (5 mol%),  $\text{Et}_2\text{Zn}$  (3 equiv), THF,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow -20^\circ\text{C}$ , 72%; b) TBAF, THF, 94%; c) pivaloyl chloride, pyridine,  $0^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 76%; d)  $[\text{Cp}_2\text{Zr}(\text{H})\text{Cl}]$ , THF, then  $\text{I}_2$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 85%; e) DIBAL-H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 87%; f) boronate **6**,  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})]$  (15 mol%),  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 equiv), DMF,  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , 70%. Ms = methanesulfonyl, TBAF = tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride, Piv = pivaloyl, dppf = 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphanyl)ferrocene.

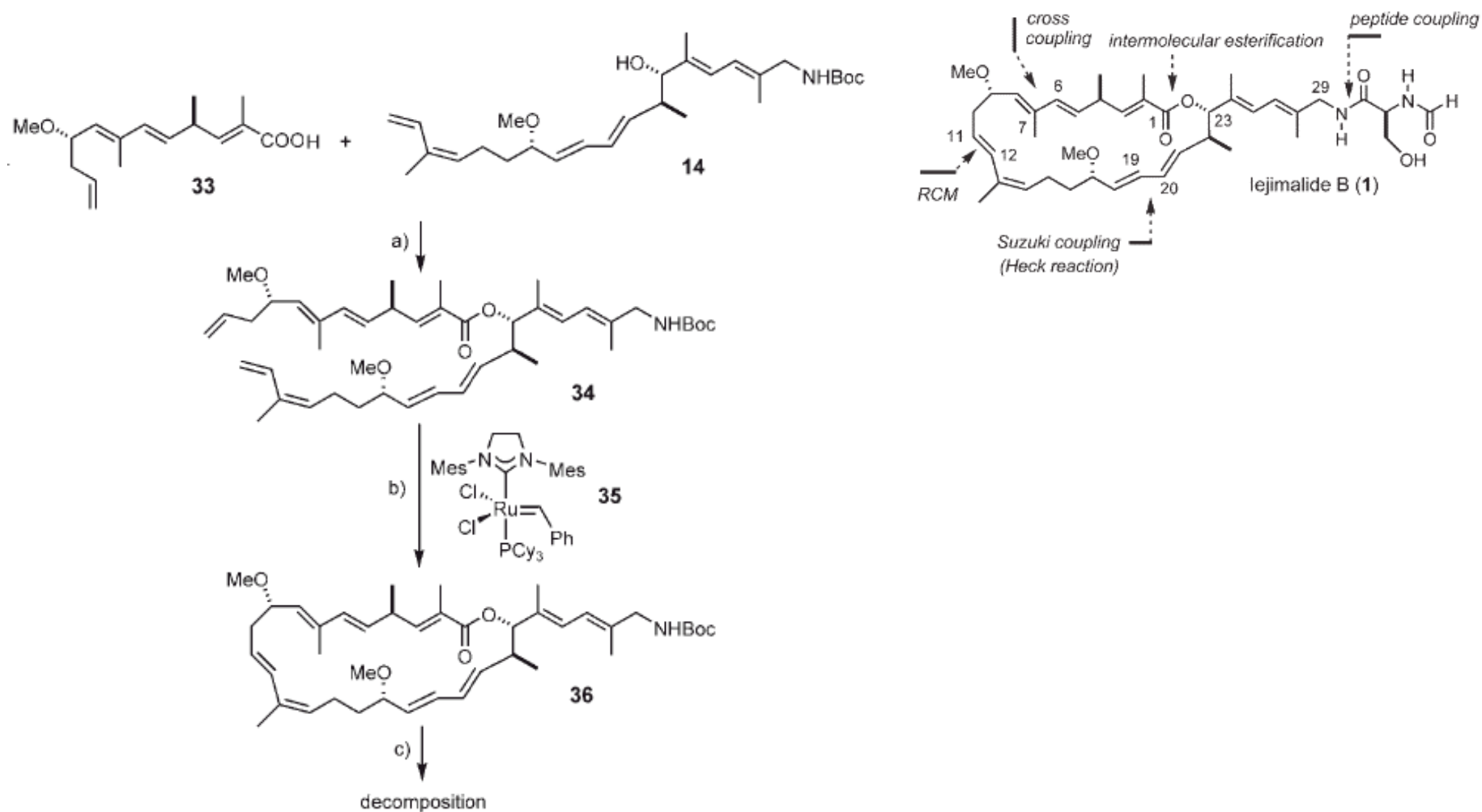
# Synthesis of C1-C11



**Scheme 5.** a) DIBAL-H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ ; b) **24**, LiHMDS, THF,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow -40^\circ\text{C}$ , 75% (over both steps); c) aq HCl, THF, 91%; d) *N*-(5-chloro-2-pyridyl)-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonylimide), KHMDS, THF,  $-78^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow -40^\circ\text{C}$ , 65%; e)  $\text{MeZnCl}$ ,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$  (5 mol%), THF,  $50^\circ\text{C}$ , 91%; f) DDQ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 91%; g) Dess–Martin periodinane,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ; h)  $\text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$ ,  $\text{CrCl}_2$ , THF/1,4-dioxane (1:6), 62% (over two steps); i) stannane **22**,  $[\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4]$  (5 mol%),  $\text{CuTC}$ ,  $\text{Ph}_2\text{PO}_2\text{NBu}_4$ , DMF, RT, 82%; j) aq LiOH, THF/MeOH, 87%. HMDS = 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyl-disilazane, TES = triethylsilyl, PMB = *p*-methoxybenzyl, DDQ = 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone, Tf = triflate.

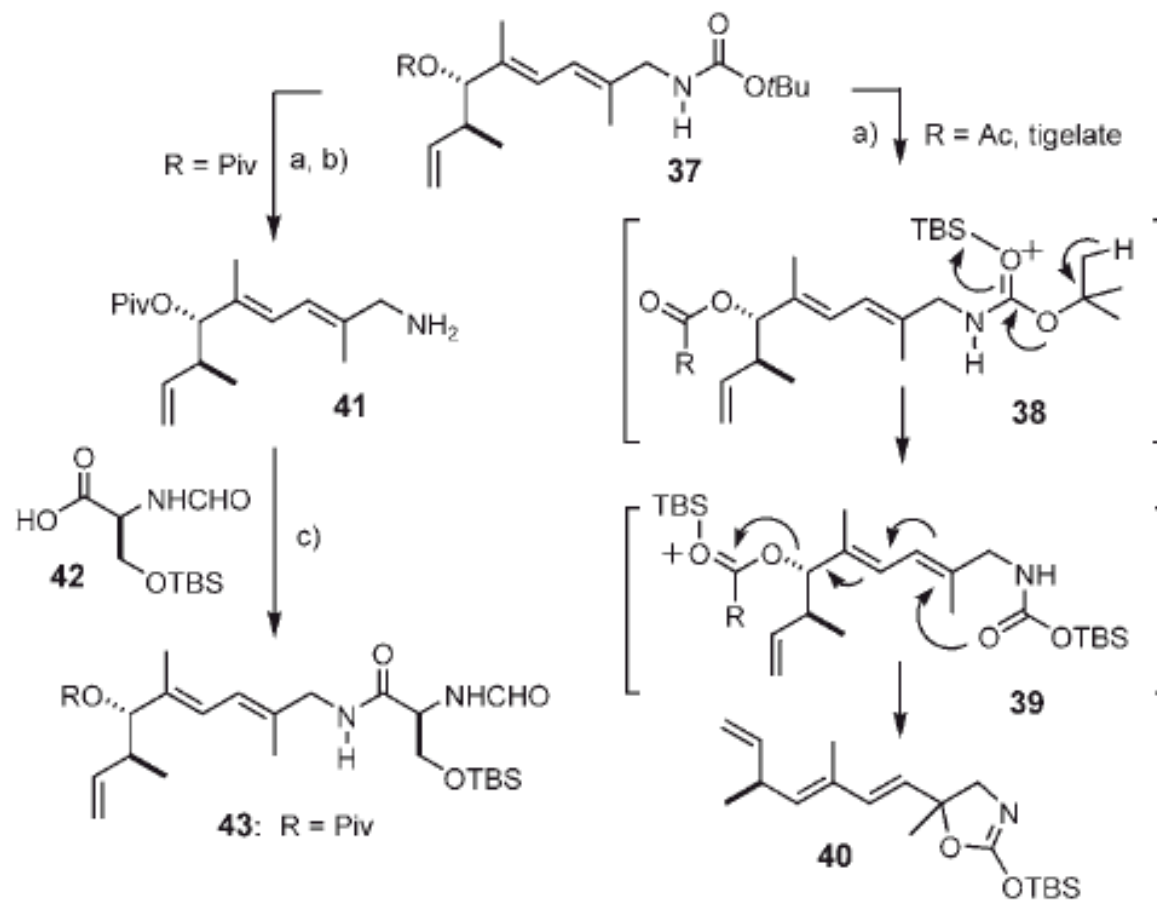


# Another “Achilles Heel”



**Scheme 6.** a) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, cat. DMAP, toluene, 73%; b) complex 35, (2 × 10 mol%), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 2 d, 96%; c) TMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, see text for further details. TMS = trimethylsilyl, Cy = cyclohexyl, Mes = mesityl.

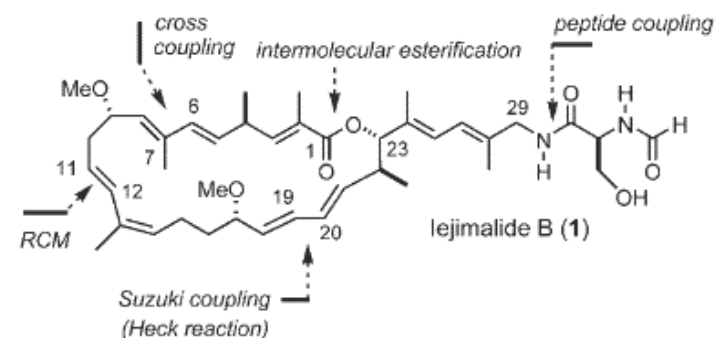
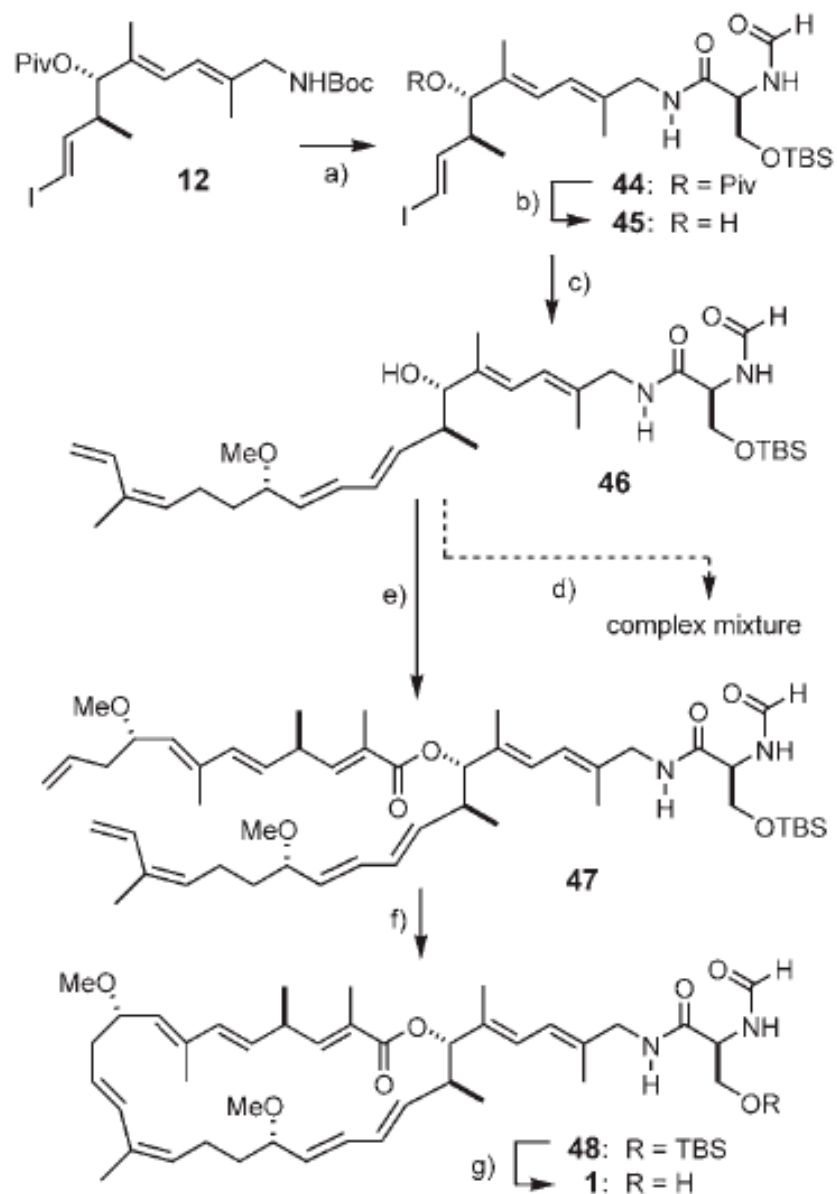
# Possible Decomposition Pathway



**Scheme 7.** a) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , 91 % (R = Ac, 1:1 d.r.); 85 % (R =  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{C}(\text{Me})=\text{CHMe}$ ); b) HOAc, THF,  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ; c) compound 42, EDC, HOBT, NMM,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 95 % (over steps (a)–(c)). EDC = 3-(3-dimethylamino-propyl)-1-ethylcarbodiimide, HOBT = 1-hydroxy-1H-benzotriazole, NMM = N-methylmorpholine.



# Final Revision



**Scheme 8.** a) 1. TMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , then CsF,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ ; 2. **42**, EDC, HOBT, NMM,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 85% (over two steps); b)  $\text{LiEt}_3\text{H}$ , THF,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 70%; c) boronate **6**,  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})]$  (15 mol %),  $\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.2 equiv), DMF, RT, 70%; d) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , cat. DMAP, toluene; e) **33**, DCC, 4-pyrrolidinylpyridine (30 mol %),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $0^\circ\text{C} \rightarrow \text{RT}$ , 84%; f) complex **35** (15 mol %),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ M}$ ), RT, 69%; g) TBAF, THF,  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , 80%. DCC = *N,N'*-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

# Summary

- The first stereoselective synthesis of iejimalide B has been achieved after several rounds of adjustment and fine tuning.
- The strategic advantages of RCM are illustrated.
- Exceptionally low level of homology in the behavior of closely related compounds that differ in remote and ostensibly innocent substituents was encountered, and the information should be helpful for the synthesis of other members of this family.