

A modular and enantioselective synthesis of
the pleuromutilin antibiotics

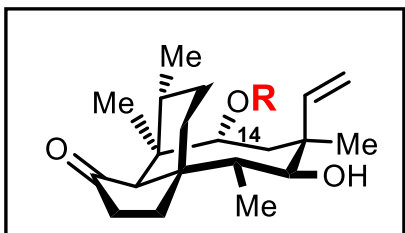
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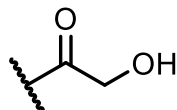
Key Facts on Antimicrobial Resistance

- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) threatens the effective prevention and treatment of an ever-increasing range of infections caused by bacteria, parasites, viruses and fungi.

Pleuromutilin and C14-Modified Derivatives



Natural products



(+)-pleuromutilin (1)

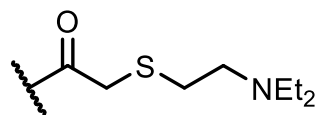
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(+)-mutilin (2)

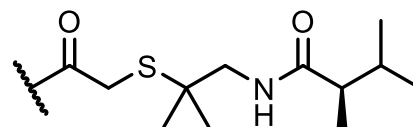
Isolation: *Pleurotus mutilus* (*Clitopilus scyphoides*)

Activity: Inhibition of protein synthesis in bacteria by binding to the peptidyl transferase component of the 50S subunit of ribosomes.

Veterinary antibiotics

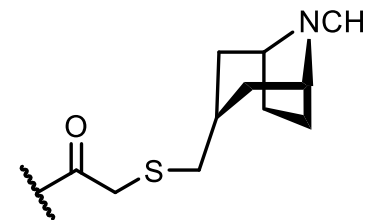


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valnemulin (ECONOR®)

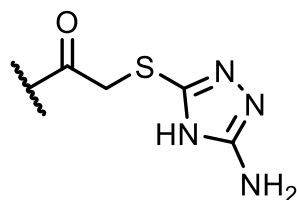
Human topical antibiotic



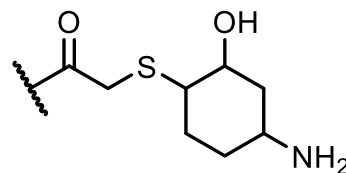
retapamulin (ALTABAX®, 3)
anti-MRSA infections

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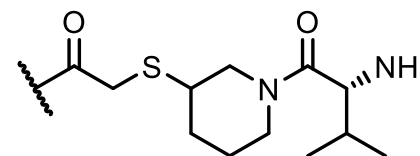
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azamulin



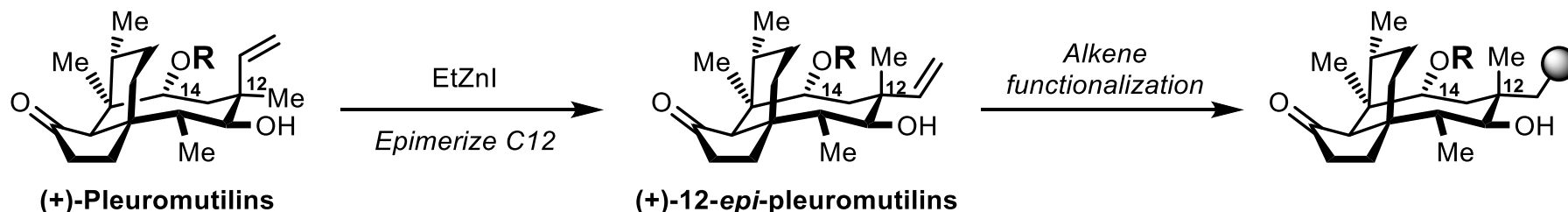
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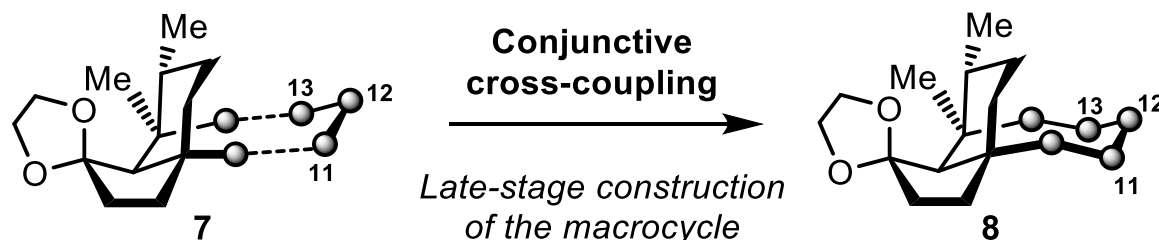
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Retrosynthetic analysis of the mutilin scaffold



- Epimerization at C12 caused expression of activity against various Gram-negative pathogens (GNPs)
- Functionalization of the alkene at C12 extends the activity against GNPs



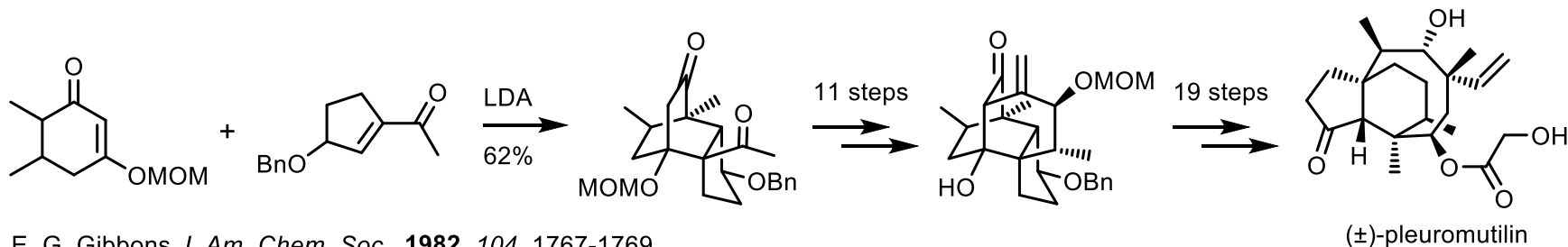
This approach maximizes the scope of accessible derivatives at positions 11 to 13

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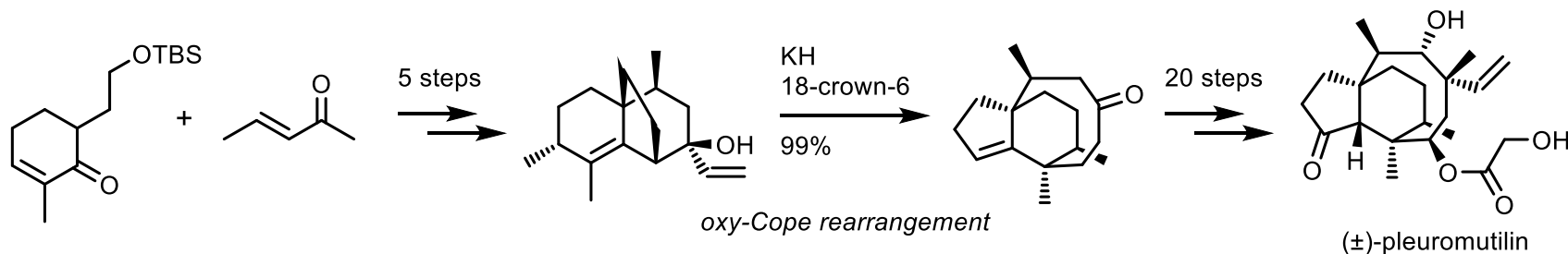
Total Synthesis of Pleuromutilin

Gibbons' synthesis (1982): • Racemic • 31 linear steps • Overall <0.6% yield



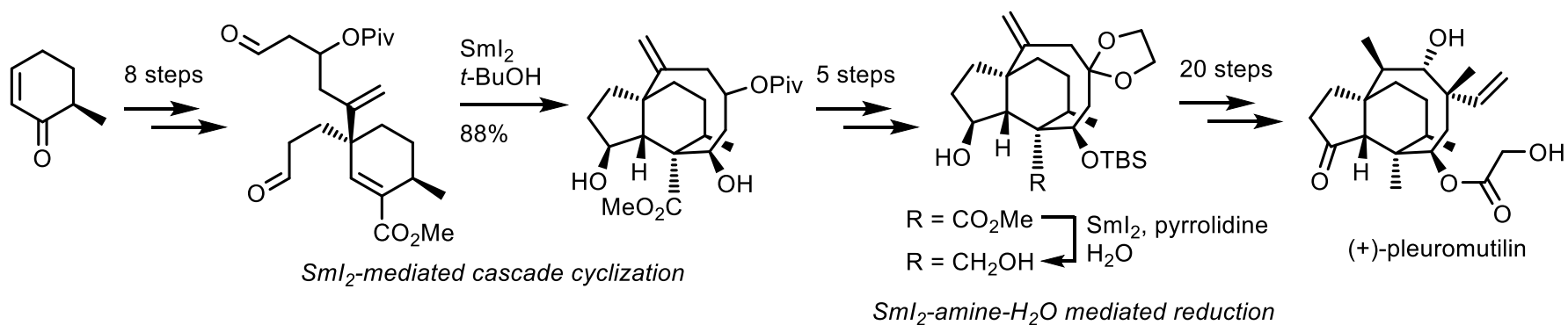
E. G. Gibbons *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1982**, *104*, 1767-1769

Boeckman's synthesis (1989): • Racemic • 27 linear steps • Overall 0.4% yield



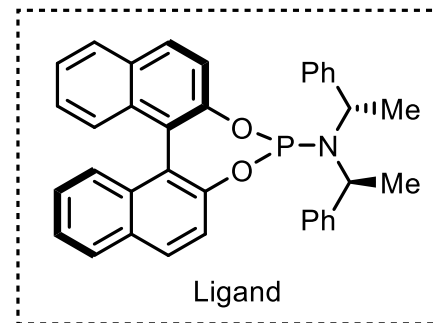
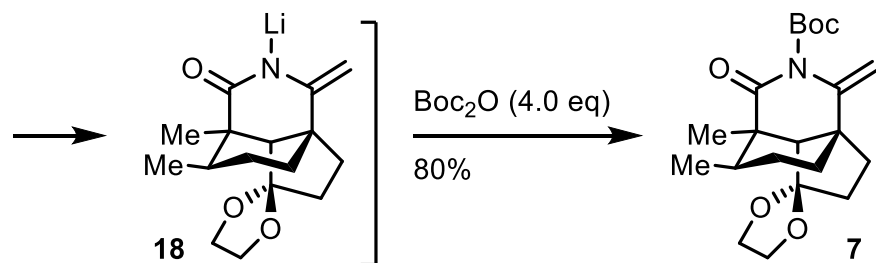
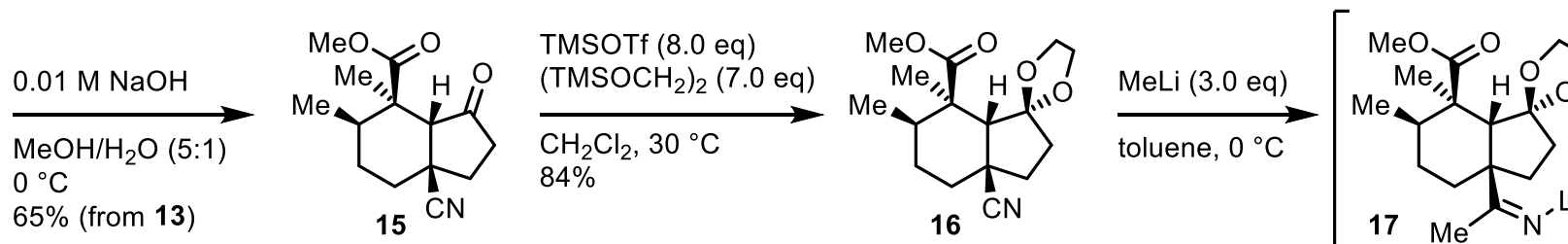
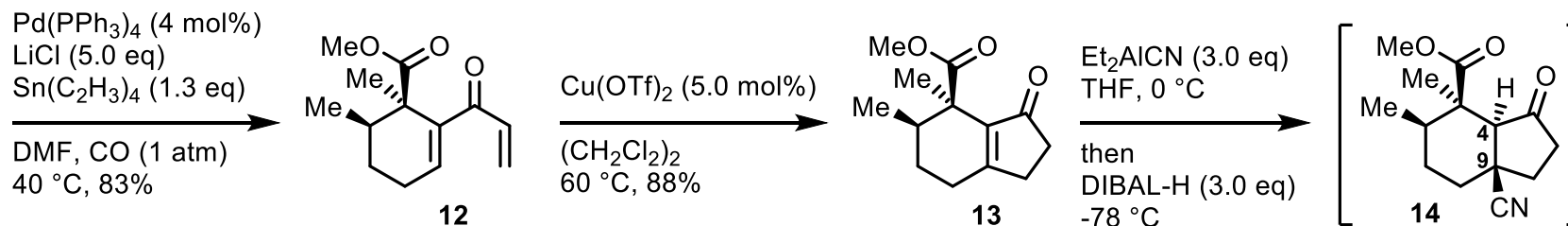
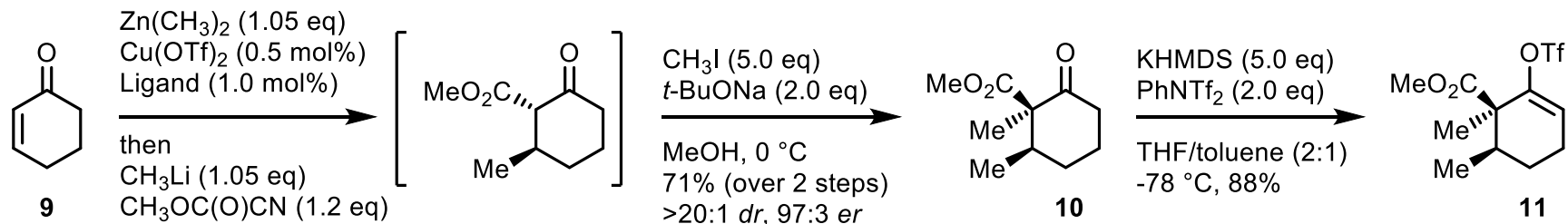
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Procter's synthesis (2013): • Non-racemic • 34 linear steps • Overall 0.7% yield

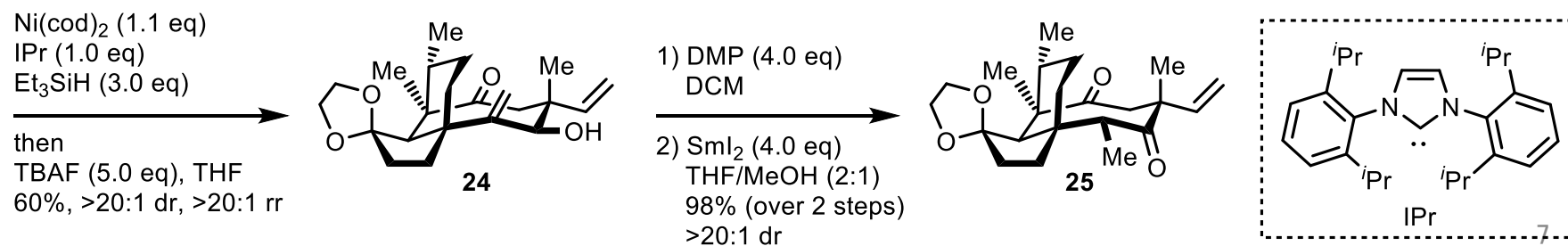
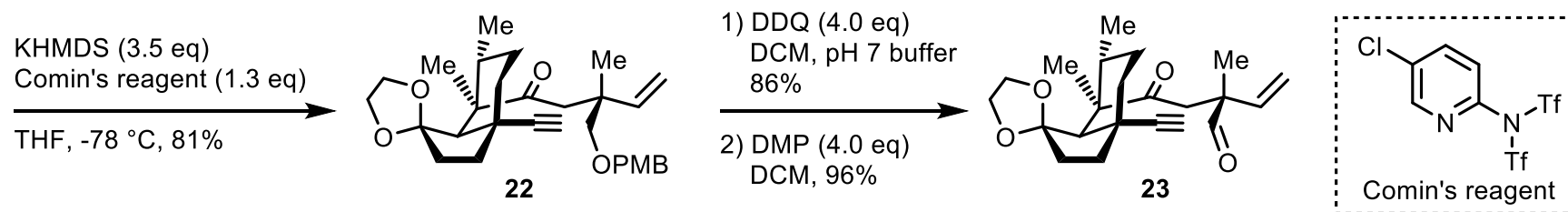
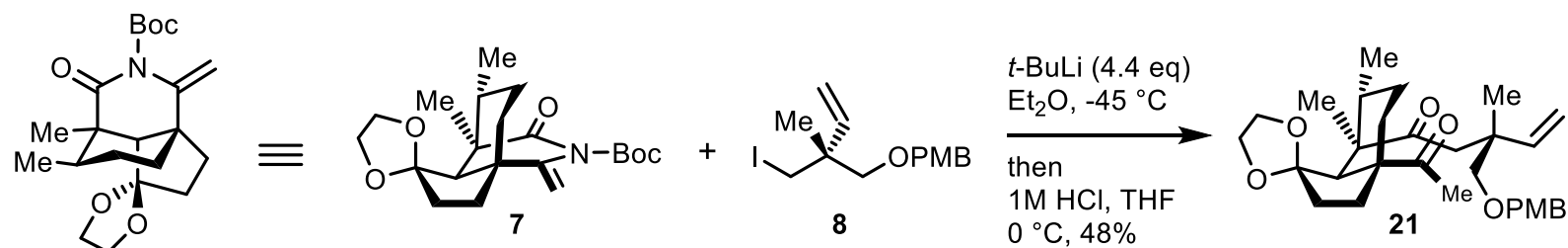
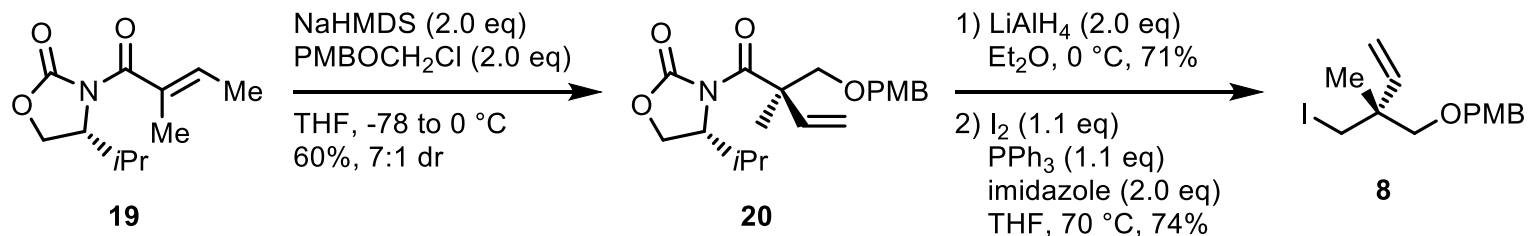


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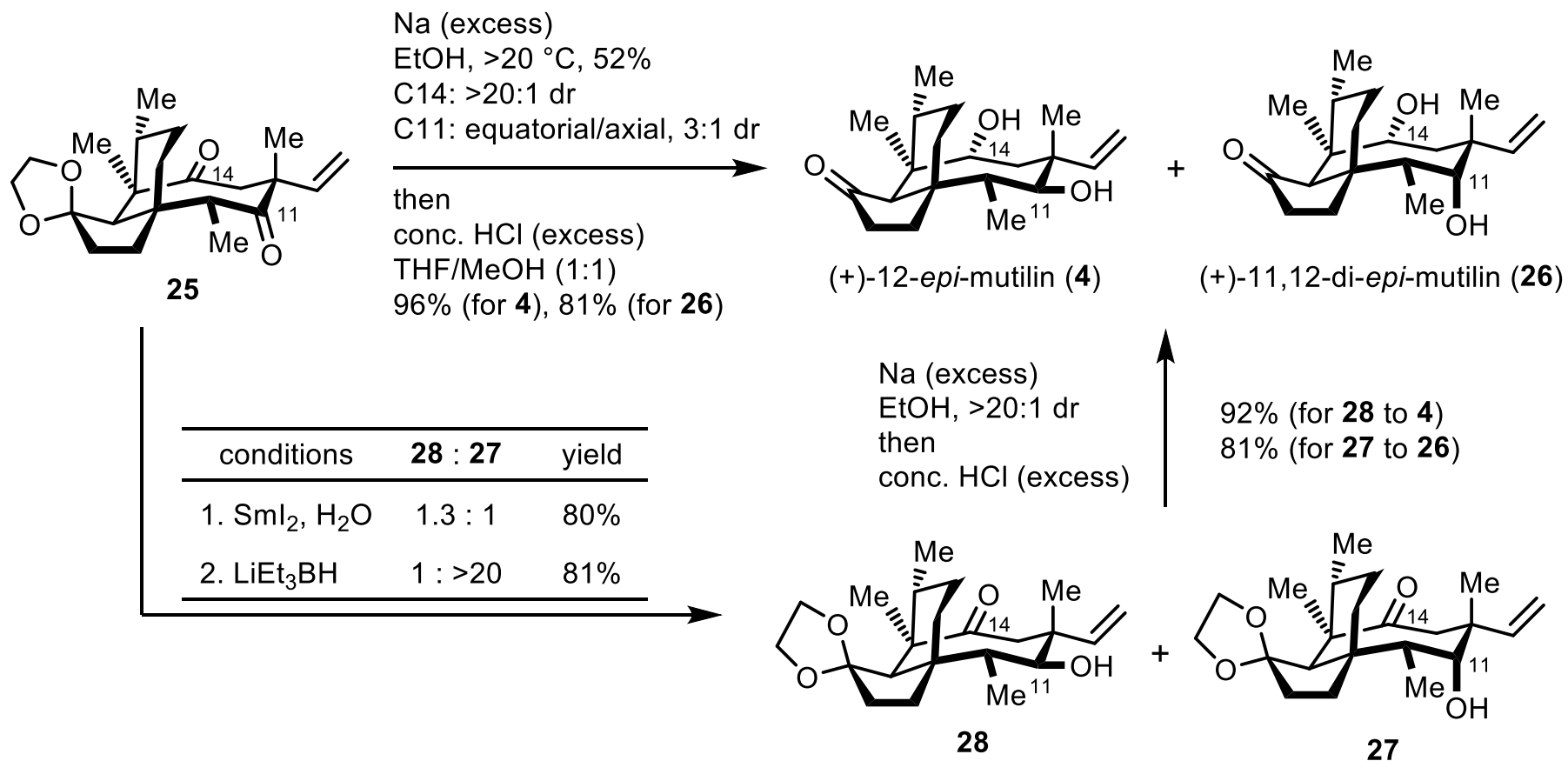
Synthesis of Coupling Fragment 7



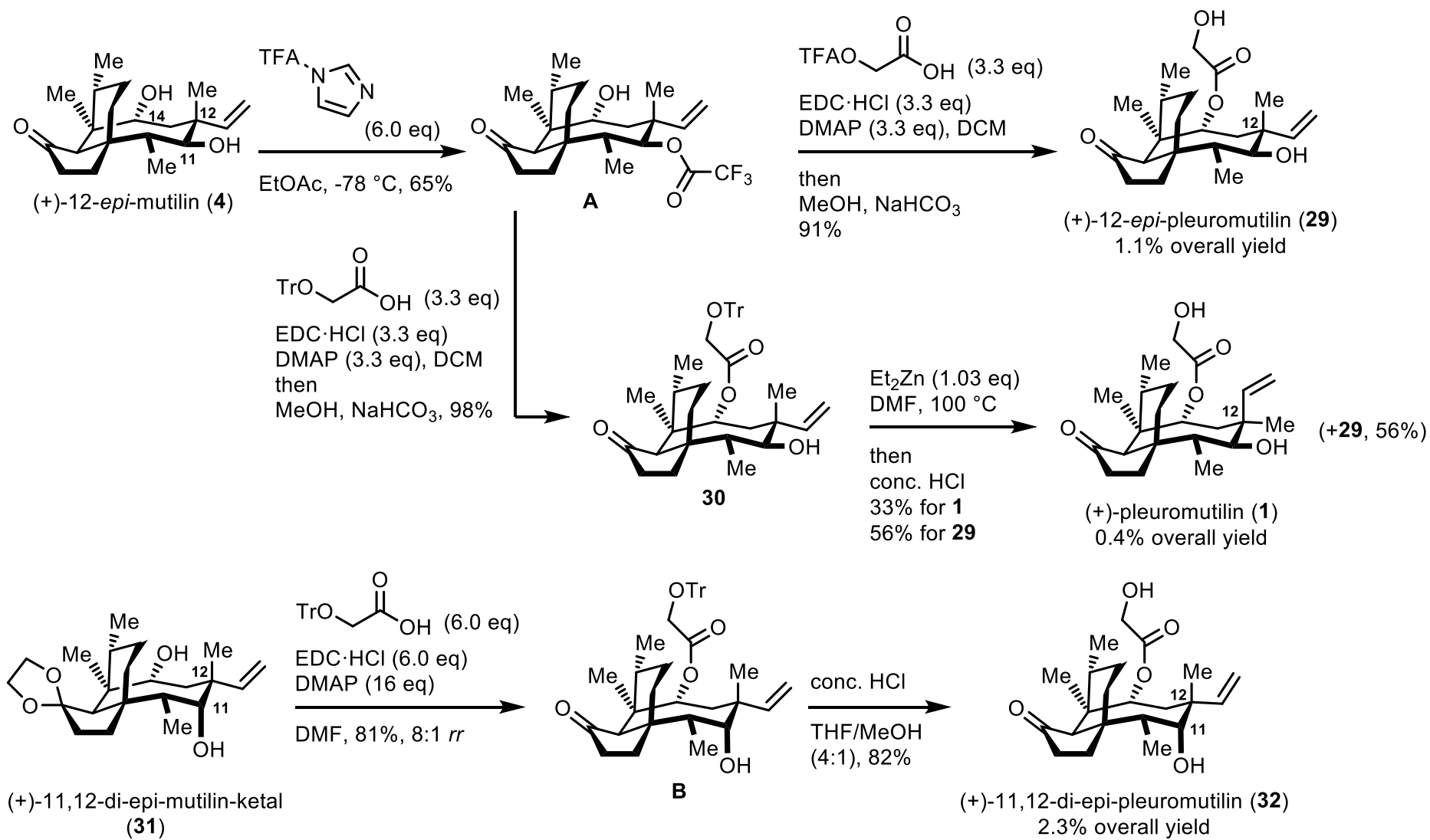
Synthesis of Diketone 25



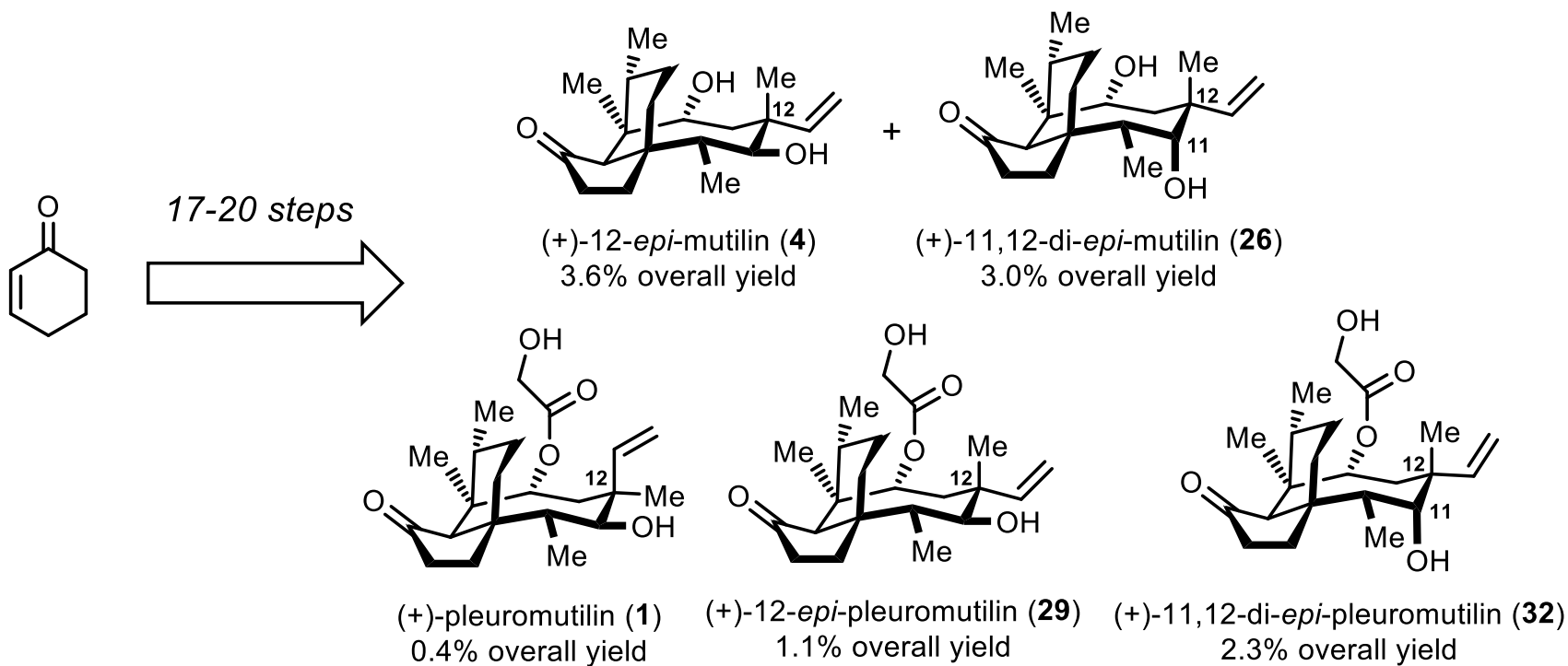
Synthesis of (+)-12-*epi*-mutilin and (+)-11,12-di-*epi*-mutilin



Synthesis of (+)-12-*epi*-pleuromutilin, (+)-pleuromutilin and (+)-11,12-di-*epi*-pleuromutilin

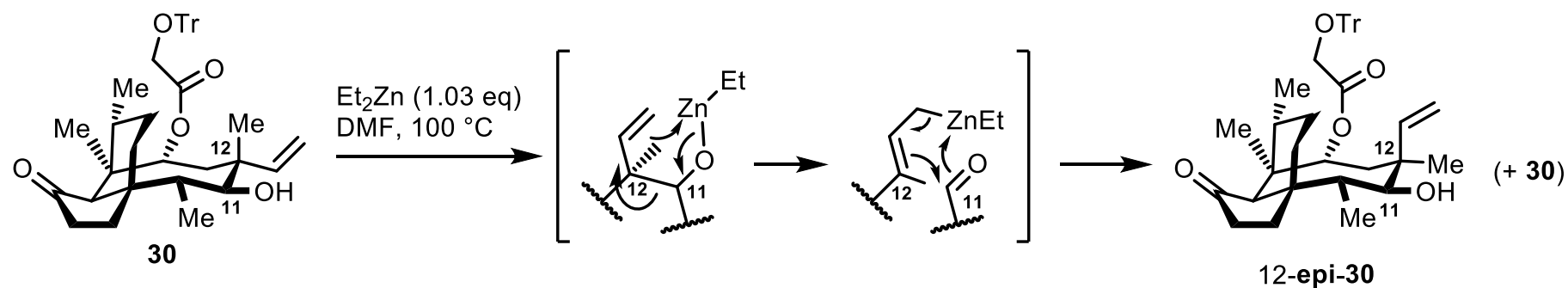


Conclusion

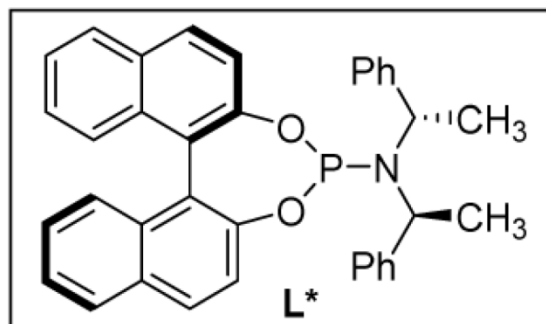
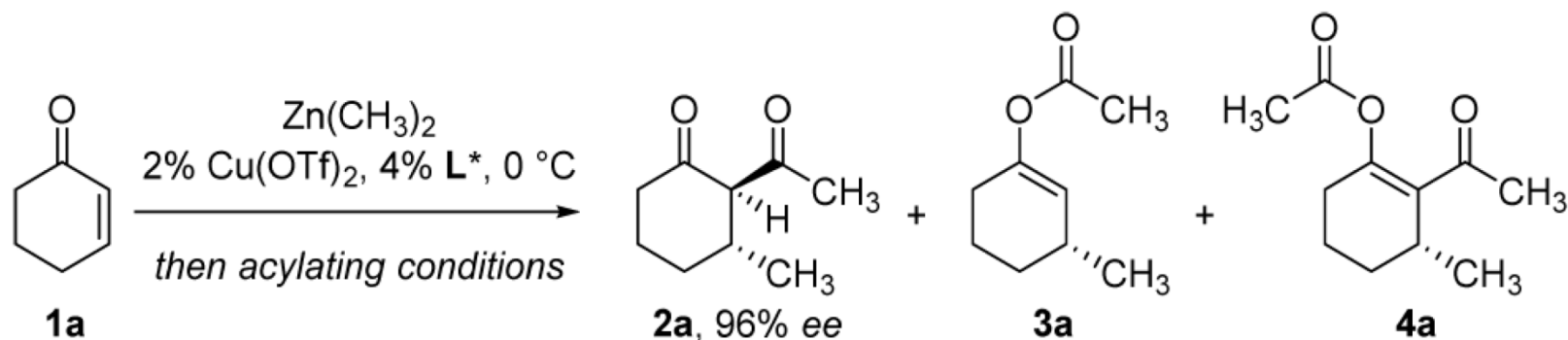


Questions?

Epimerization at C12 quaternary stereocenter

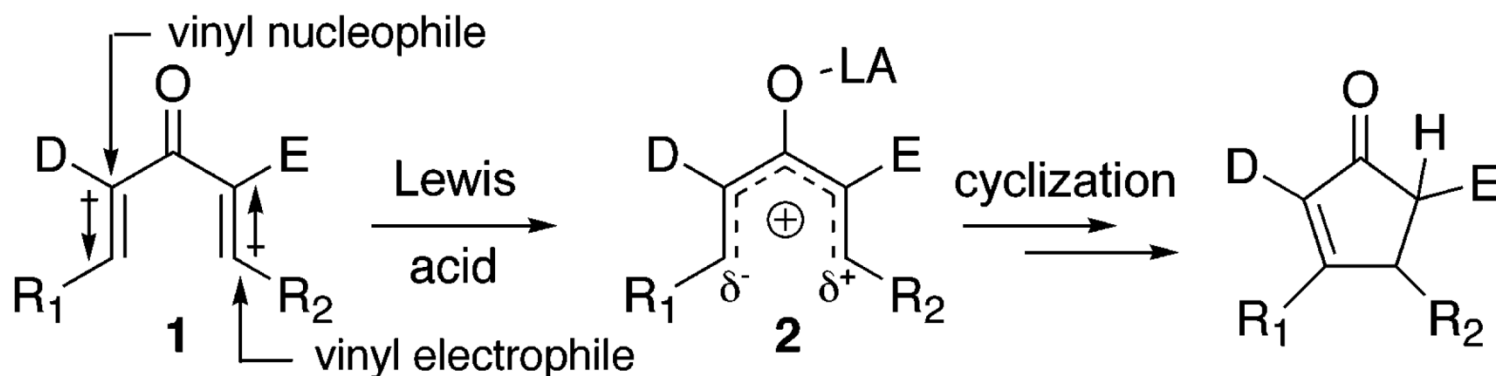


Tandem conjugate addition–acylation

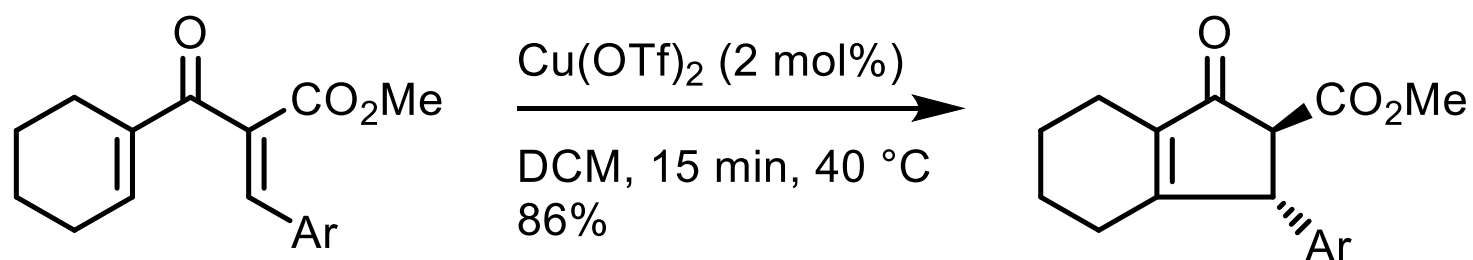


<i>acylating conditions</i>	2a (%)	3a (%)	4a (%)
CH ₃ COCl, 0 °C to 22 °C, 4 h	11	36	12
CH₃Li , -78 °C, 1 min then CH ₃ COCl, -78 °C, 15 min	80	<1	<1

Polarized Nazarov Cyclization

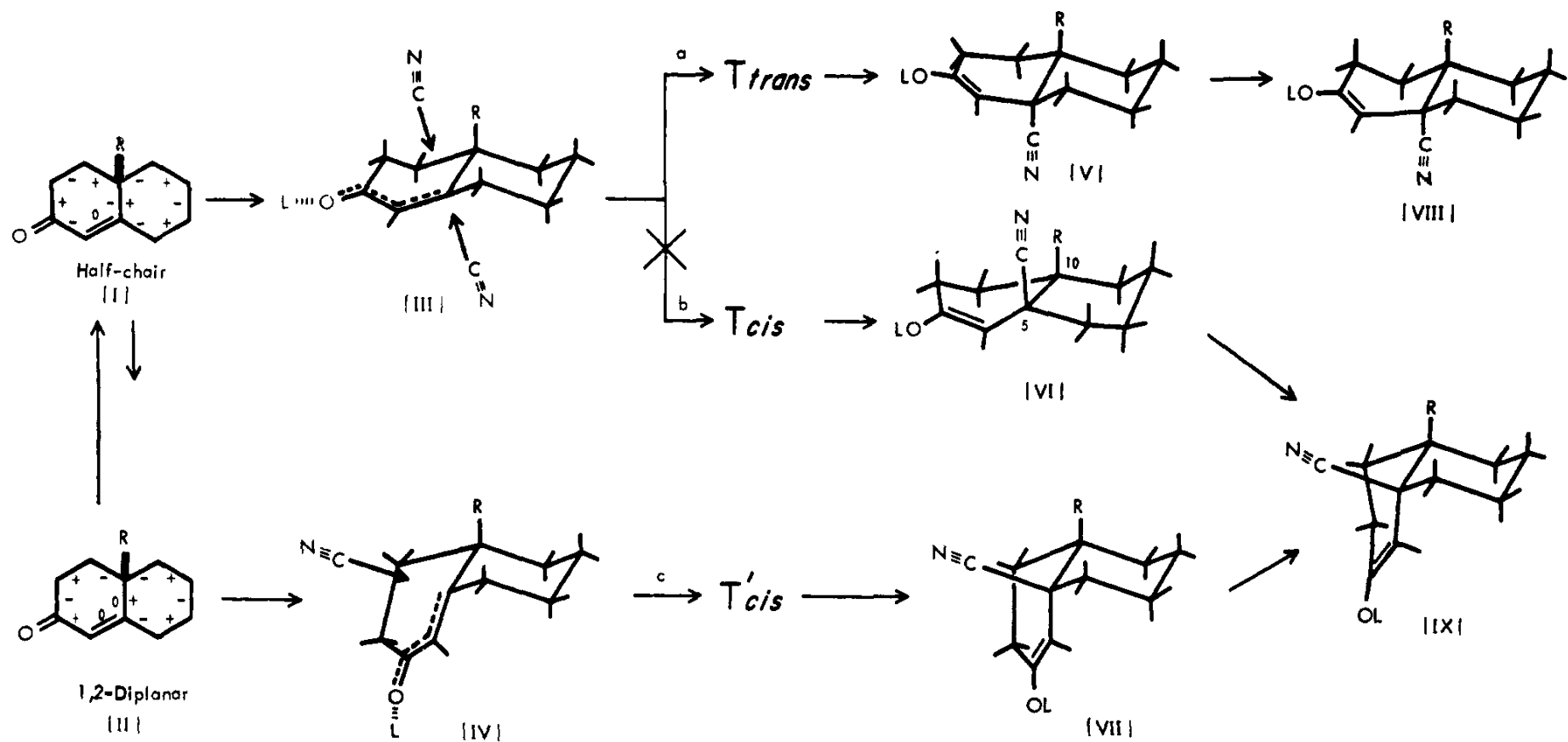


(D=electron-donating group; E=electron-withdrawing group)



Ar = 2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl

Conjugate Hydrocyanation



Exo-Selective Reductive Macrocyclization of Ynals

