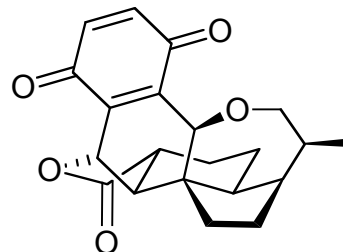
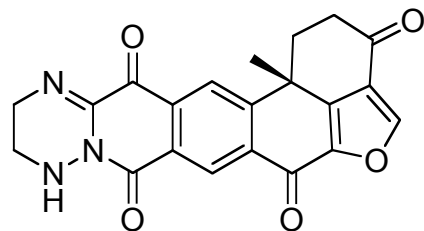


Studies toward the Total Synthesis of Noelaquinone and Pleurotin



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Outline

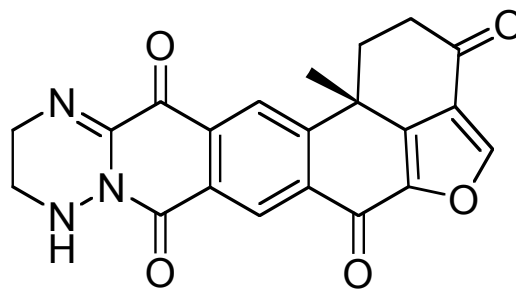
Part 1: Noelaquinone

- Isolation and Characterization
- Studies toward the DEF-Ring System of Noelaquinone

Part 2: Pleurotin

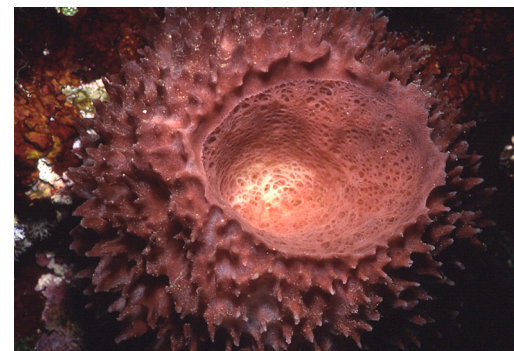
- Isolation, Characterization and Biological Properties
- Synthetic Approaches towards Pleurotin and Analogues
- Previous Studies in the Wipf Group
- Current Approach

Part 1: Noelaquinone

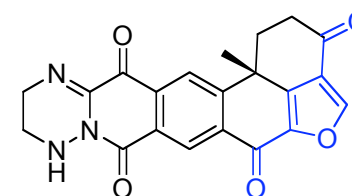


Isolation and Characterization of Noelaquinone

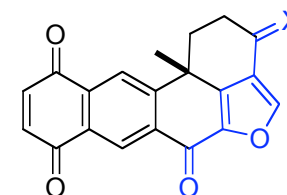
- First isolated in 1998 from an unidentified *Xestospongia* sp. (Indonesia) by Paul Scheuer. 67 g sponge yielded 6 mg natural product
- Structure determination based upon NMR-analysis and biological activity is still waiting to be further investigated
- Structurally related to a class of marine metabolites isolatable from the same *Xestospongia* sp.
 - (+)-halenaquinone and (+)-xestoquinone
- The thermodynamically stable naphthoquinone is replaced by a tetrahydro-1,2,4-triazine moiety
 - sole example in a natural product
- (+)-Halenaquinone and (+)-xestoquinone show antiproliferative activity at nanomolar concentrations *in vivo* through the blocking of PI-3 kinase. Common origin of the biological potency of these compounds is presumably the tricyclic furan moiety, also present in noelaquinone



Xestospongia sp.
(California Academy of Sciences
www.calacademy.org)



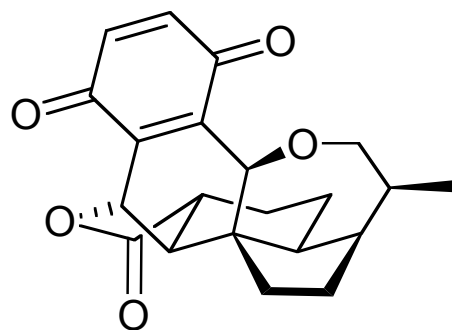
Noelaquinone



X = O : Halenaquinone
X = H₂ : Xestoquinone

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Part 2: Pleurotin



Isolation and Characterization

- First isolated 1947 from the fungus *pleurota griseus*, the compound could also be found in extracts from *Hohenbruehelia geogenius* and *Hohenbruhelia atrocaerulea*

W. J. Robbins, F. Kavanaugh, A. Hervey, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **1947**, 33, 171

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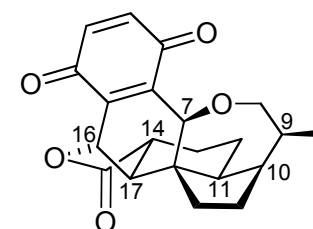
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- Structure:
 - Hexacyclic framework containing 8 stereocenters
 - Quinone moiety substituted with two benzylic leaving groups, which play an important role in the biological activity



Hohenbruhelia atrocaerulea
(www.mykoweb.com)



Pleurotin

Biological Activity

- Antibiotic activity against gram-positive bacteria

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- Antitumor activity against Ehrlich ascites, L-1210 lymphoid carcinoma and mammary carcinoma

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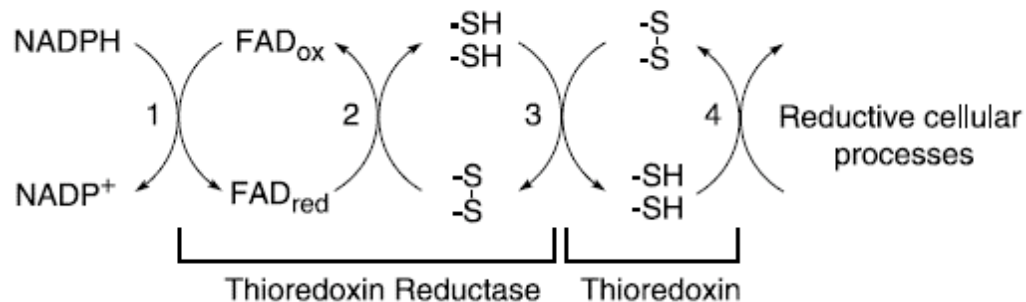
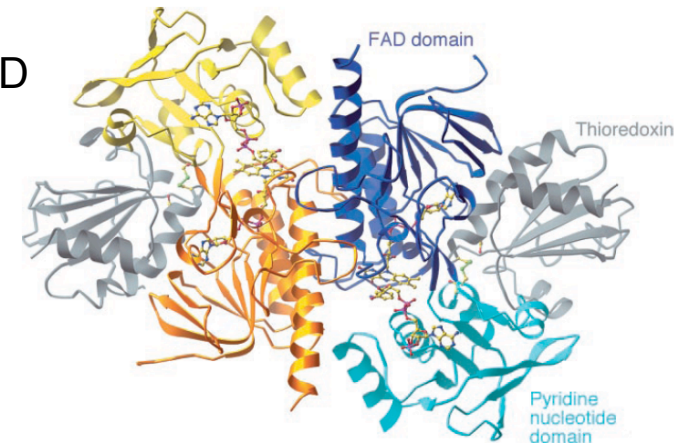
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Thioredoxin-Thioredoxin Reductase Redox System

Thioredoxin

- 12 kDa protein containing cystein residues, which can switch between reduced (-SH) and oxidized (-S-S-) state
- Regenerated by thioredoxin-reductase, which is autoreduced in a mechanism involving NADPH and FAD
- Regulates several transcription factors (e.g. NF κ -B)
- Overexpressed in human solid tumors (lung, colon)
- Growth factor playing a role in tumor promotion
- Stimulates tumor growth and inhibits apoptosis *in vivo*
⇒ target for the development of anti-cancer agents

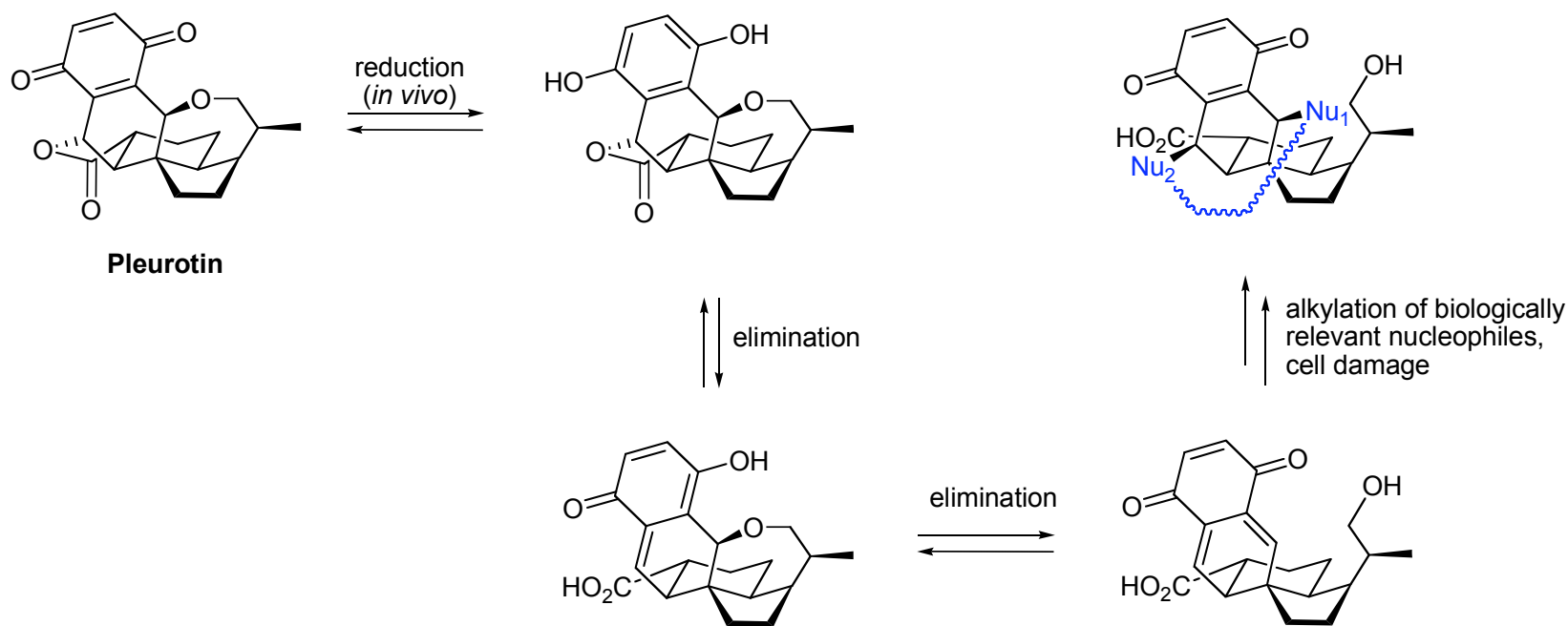


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Proposed Bioactivation of Pleurotin

Bioreductive bisalkylating agent:

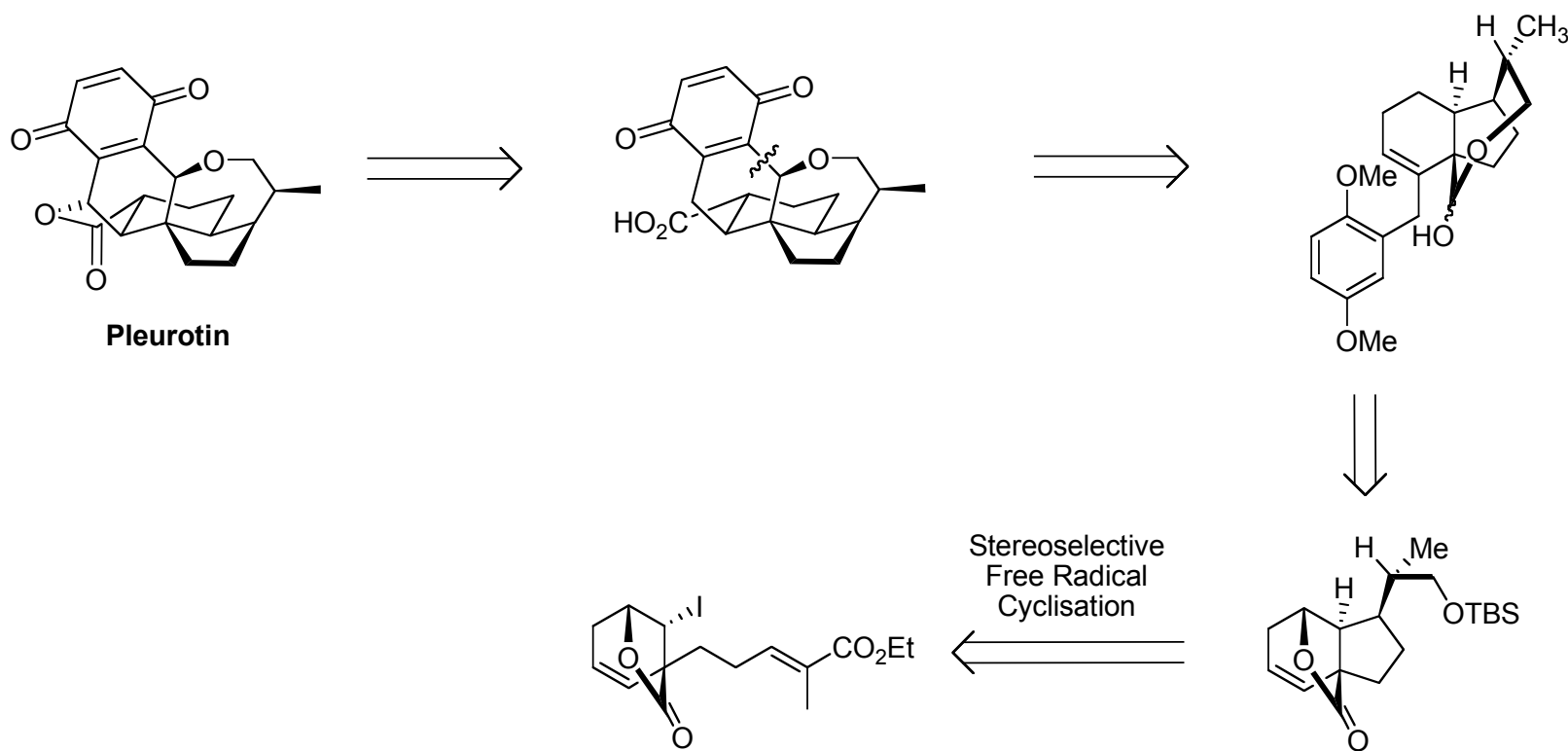
Conversion of the inactive form to a potent alkylating agent through *in vivo* transformation



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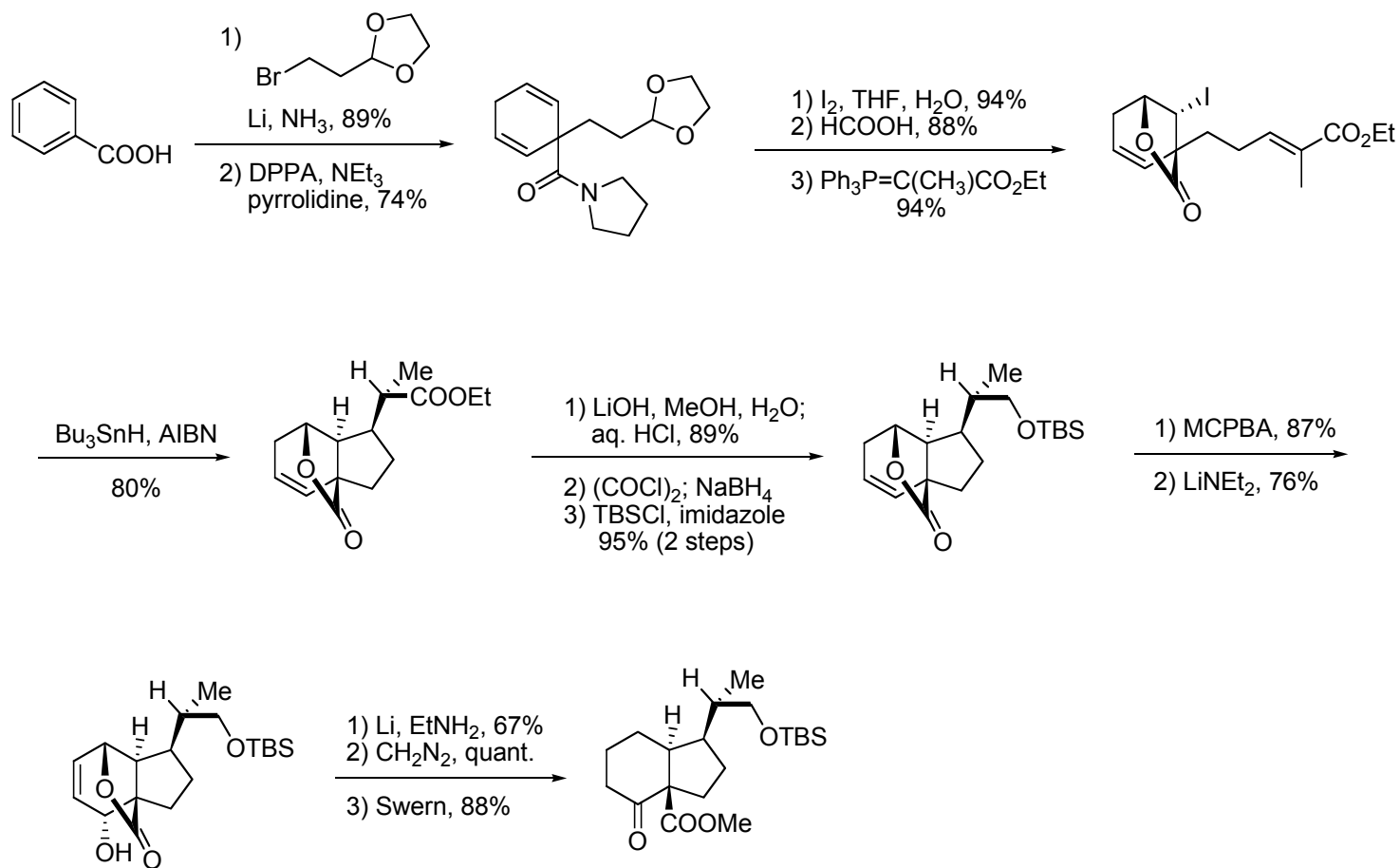
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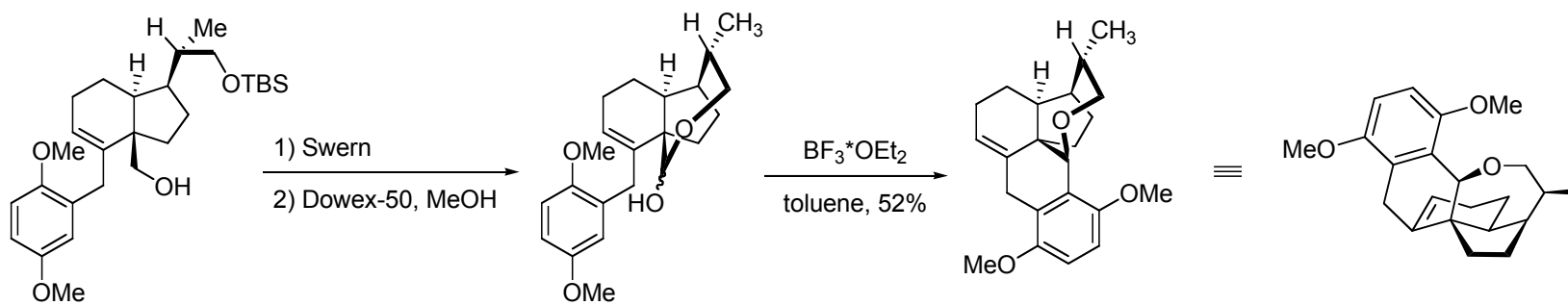
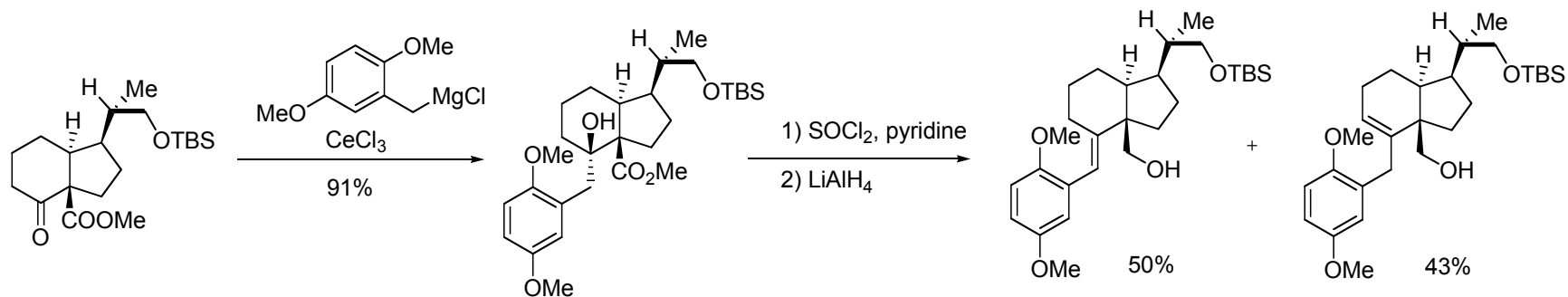
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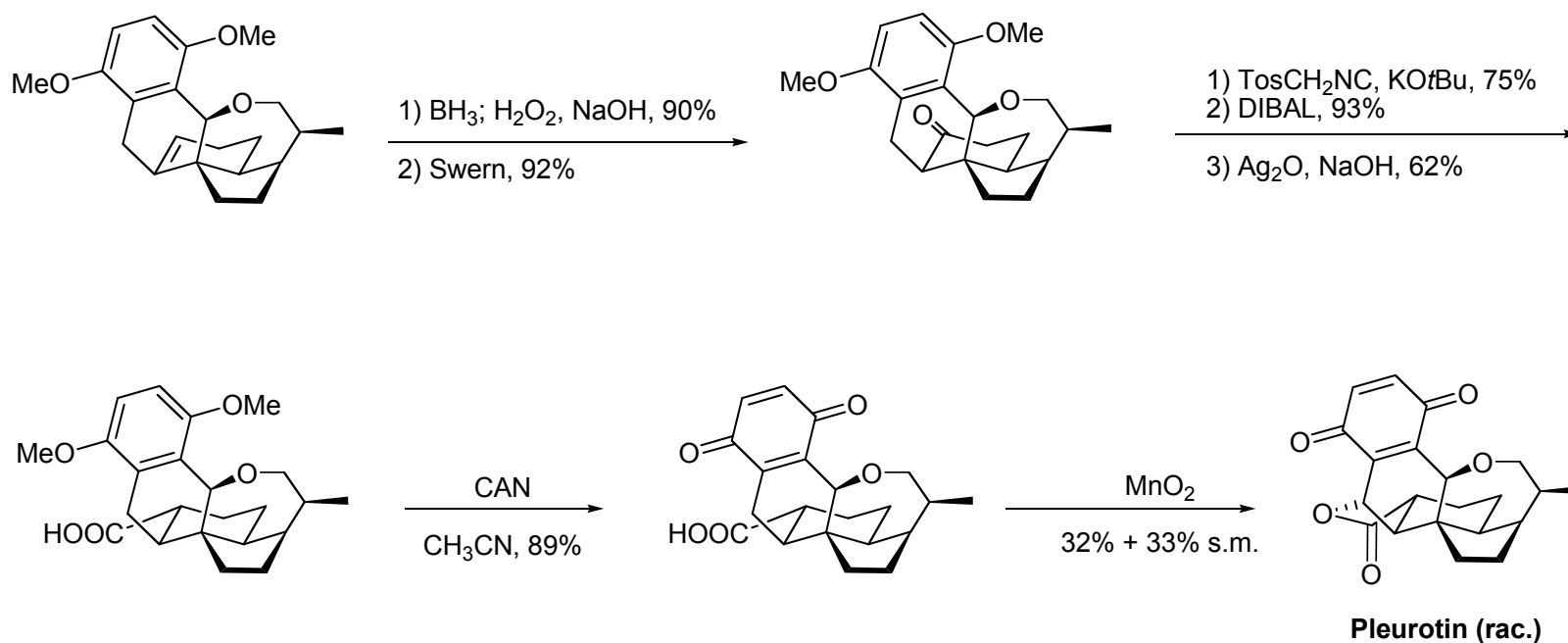
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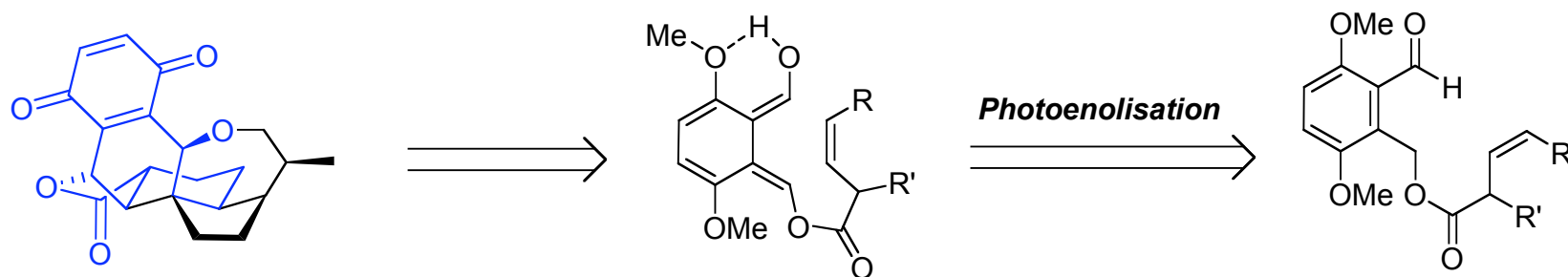
- 26 steps
- Average 80% yield per step
- 0.3 % overall yield

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Kraus: Synthesis of Pleurotin Core

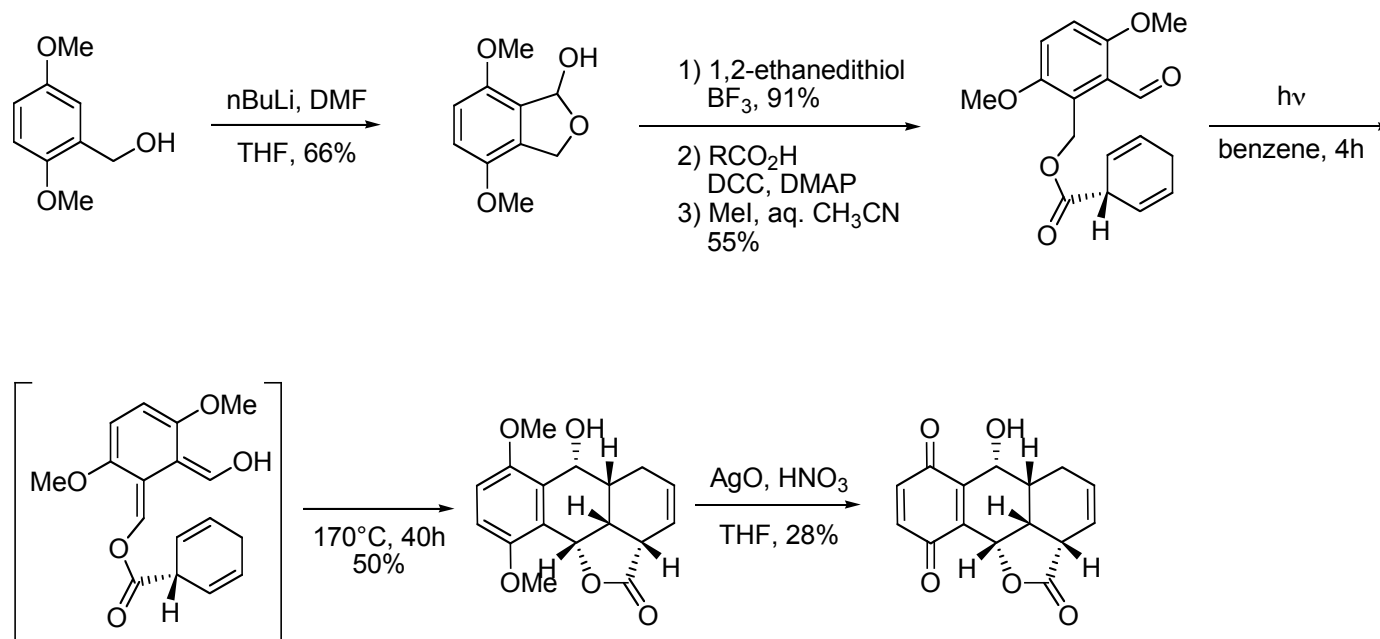
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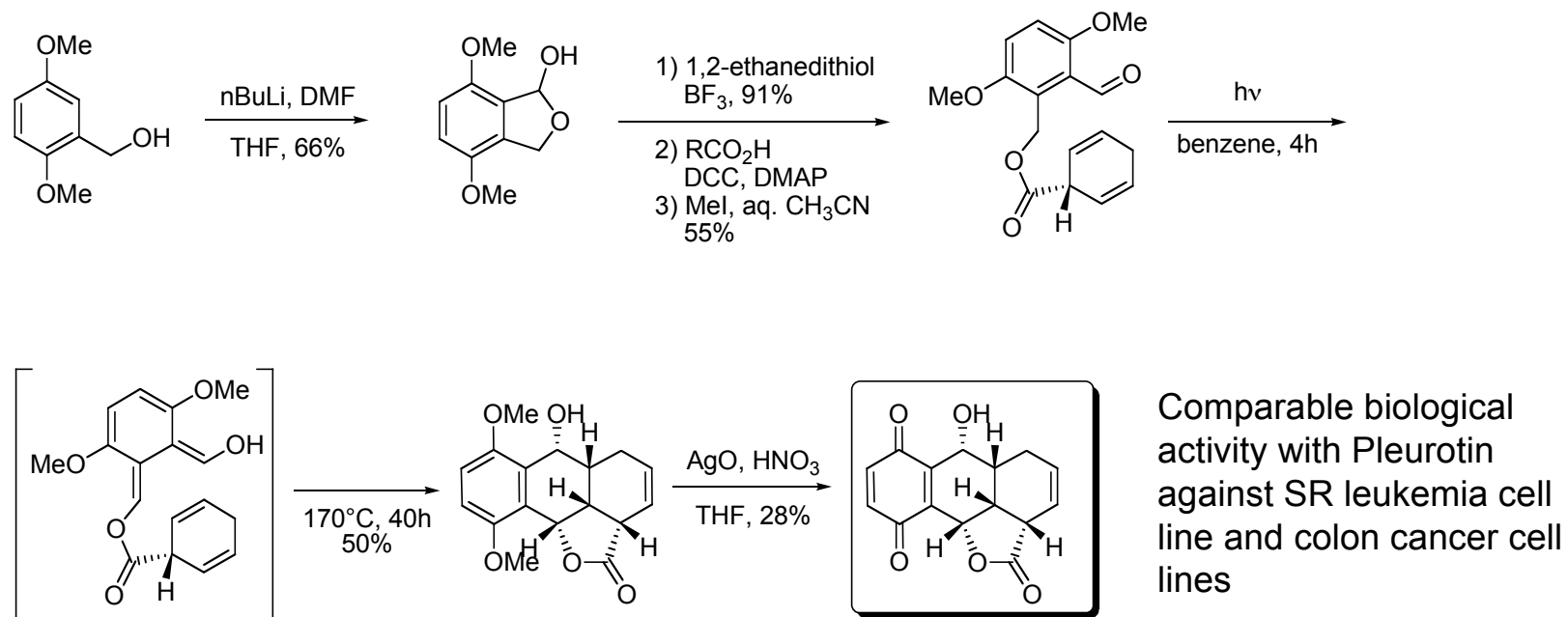
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