

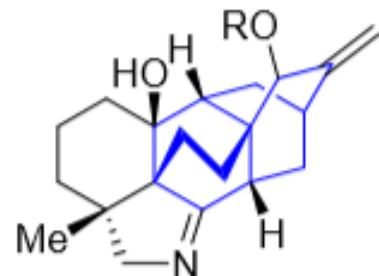
Communication

## Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Arcutinidine, Arcutinine, and Arcutine

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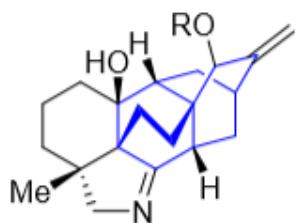
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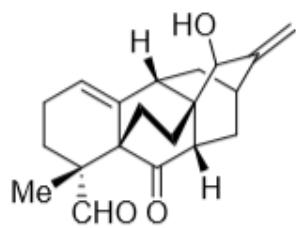
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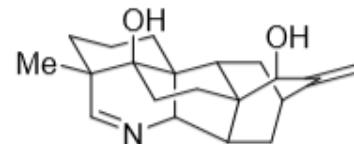


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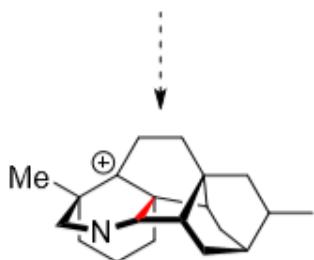
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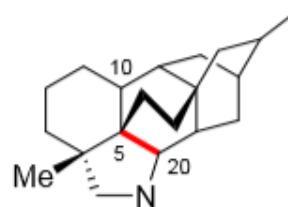
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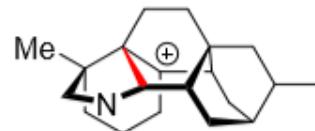
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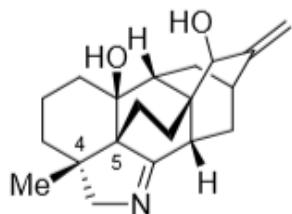


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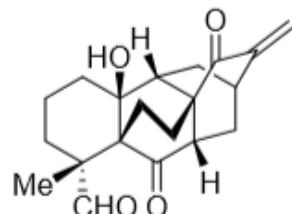
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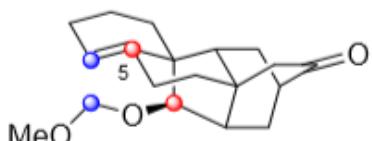
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reductive  
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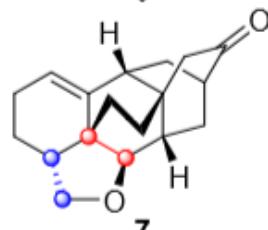


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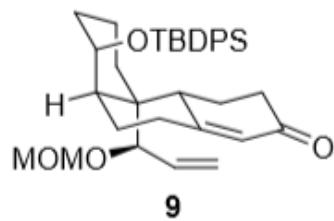


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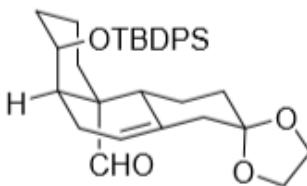
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anionic Diels–Alder



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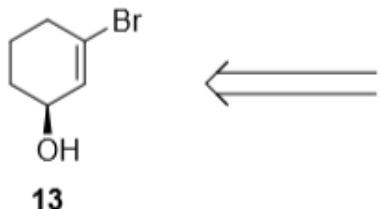
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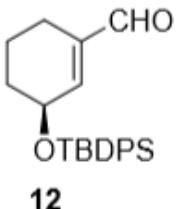
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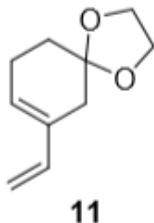
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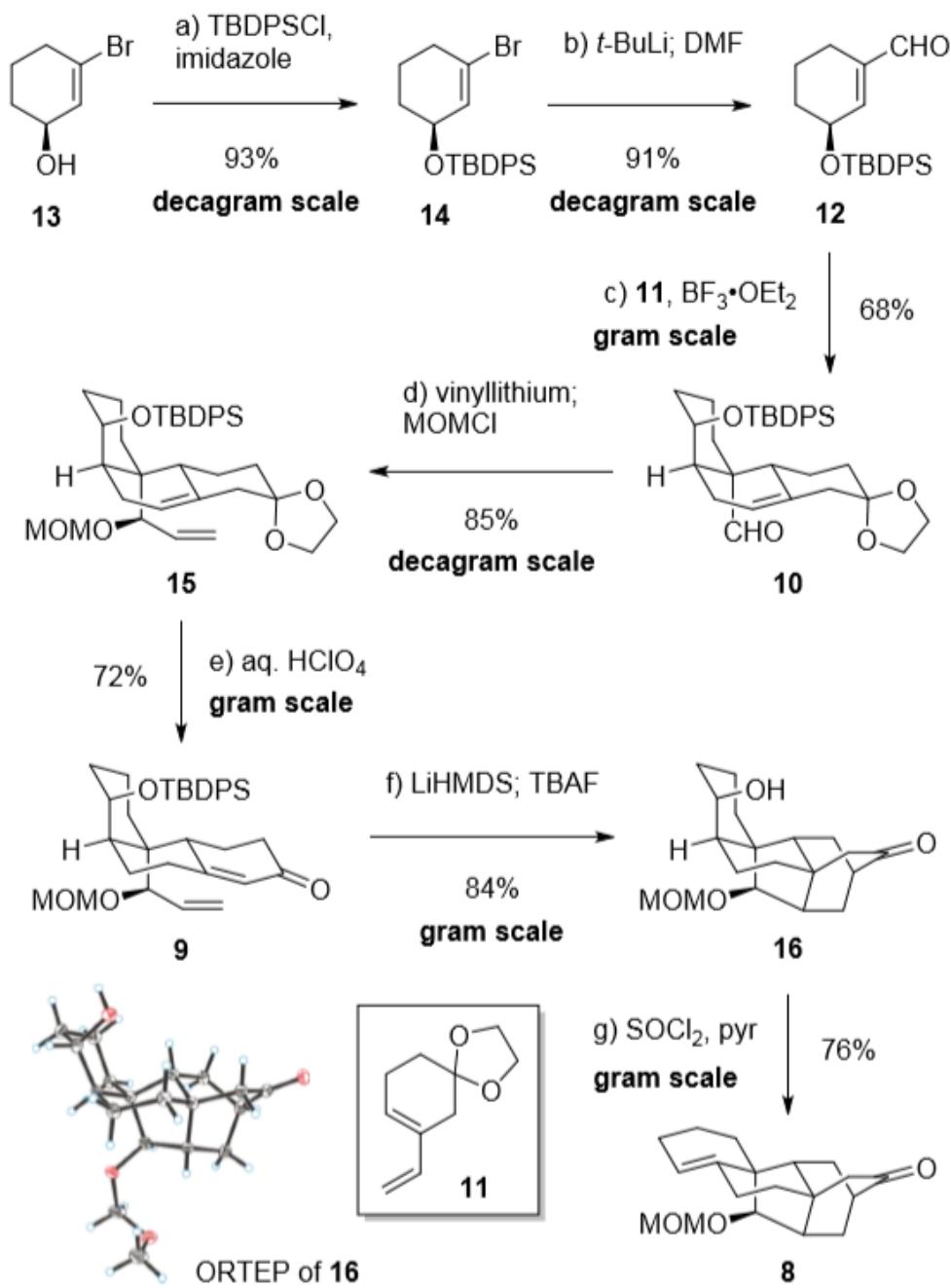
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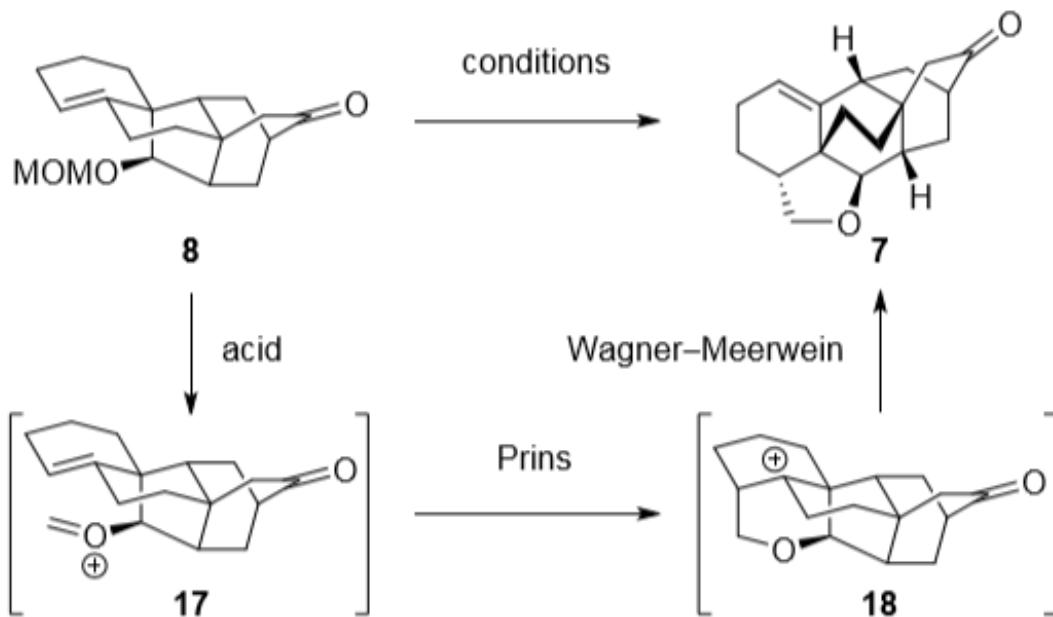


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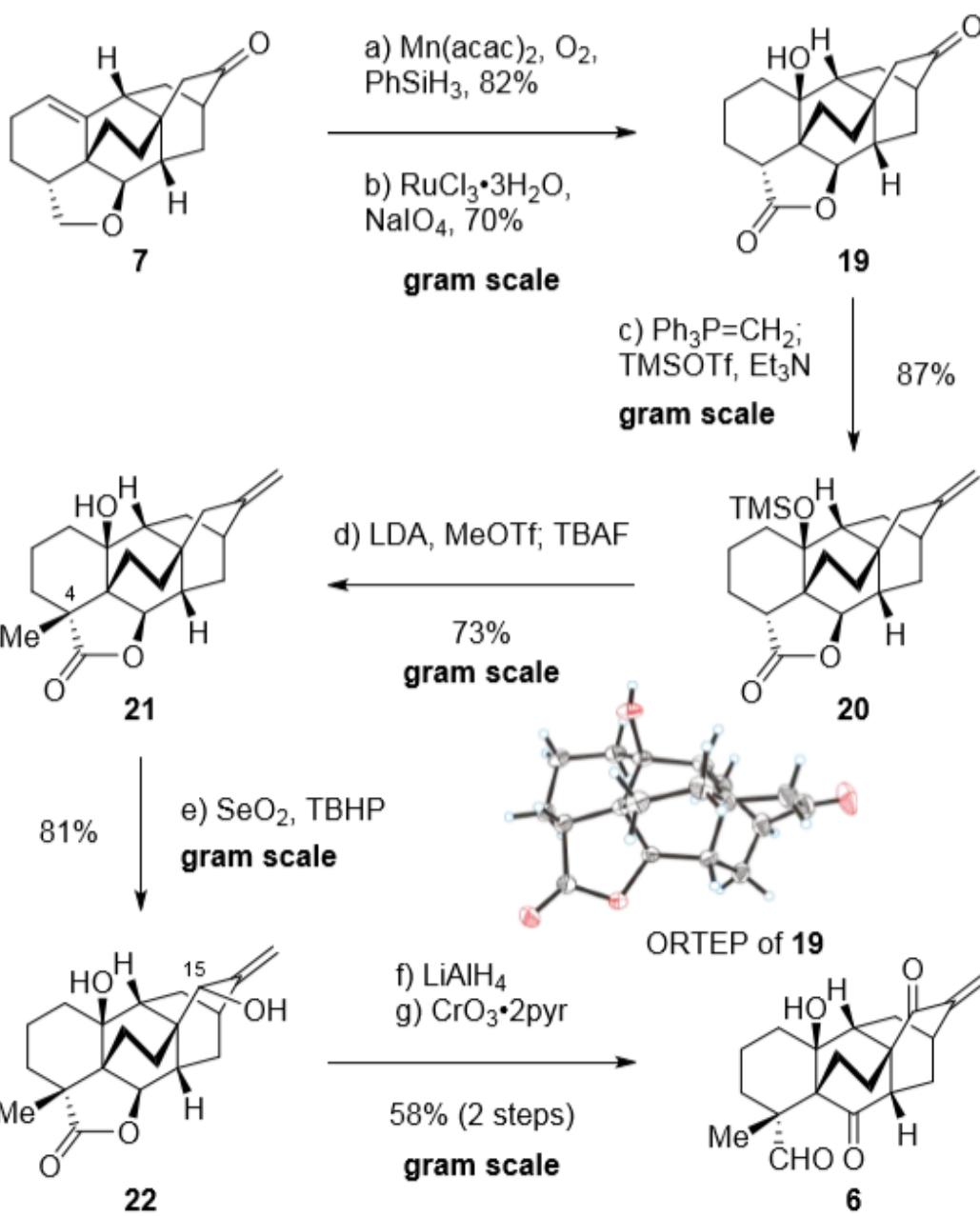
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entry	conditions <sup>a</sup>	yield (%)
1	TFA, 0 °C, 24 h	22
2	TESOTf, 0 °C, 1 h	16
3	BF <sub>3</sub> •OEt <sub>2</sub> , -15 °C, 6 h	37
4	TiCl <sub>4</sub> , -15 °C, 1 h	24
5	SnCl <sub>4</sub> , -15 °C, 1 h	63
6	SnCl <sub>4</sub> , TMSOAc, -15 °C, 1 h	55

<sup>a</sup> 1.0 equiv. acid. Reactions performed in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



## Mechanism of the Mukaiyama Hydration

