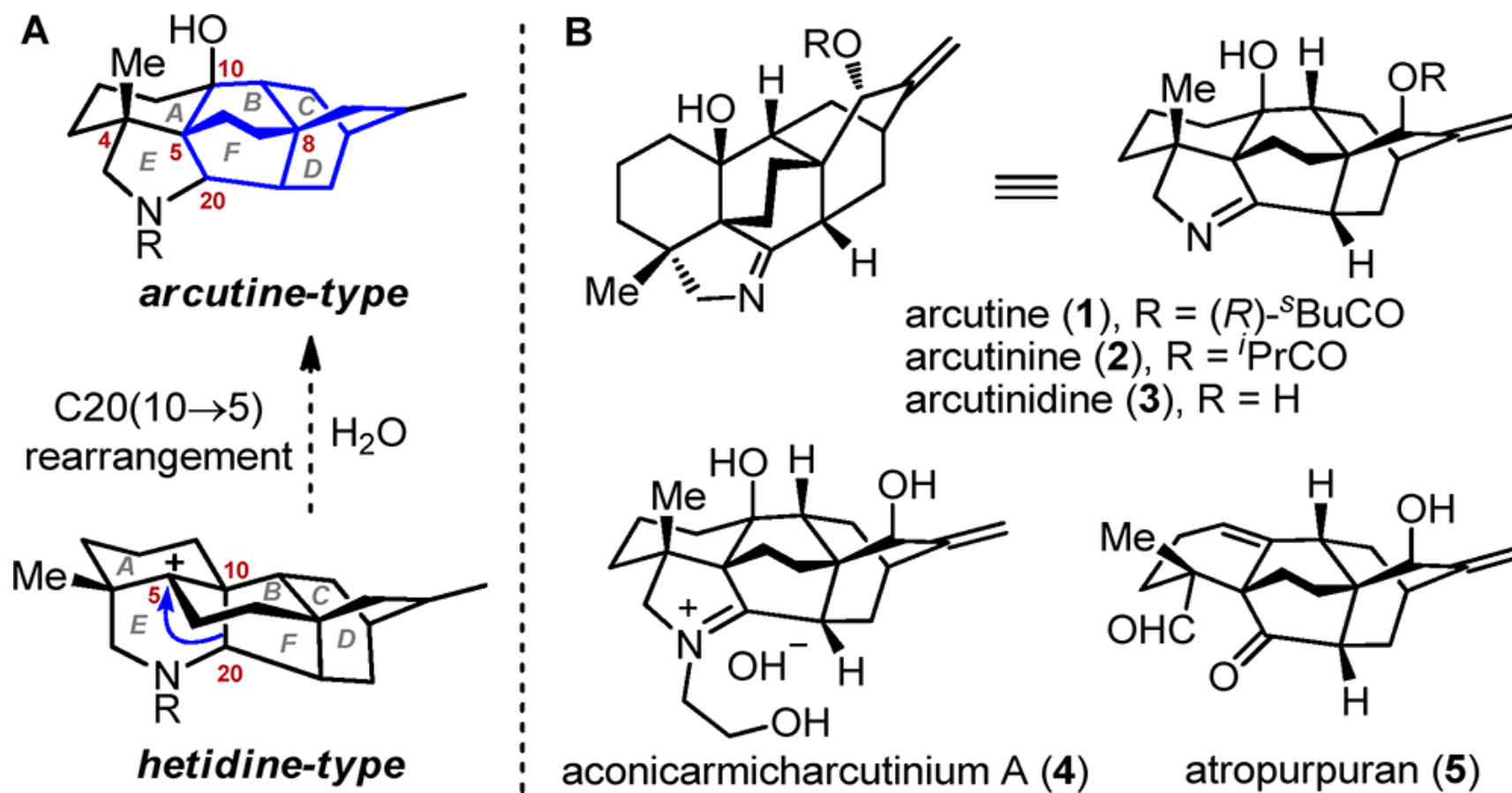
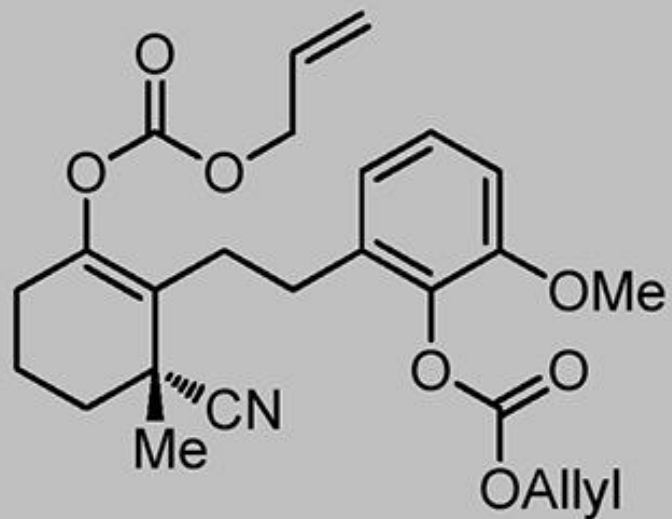


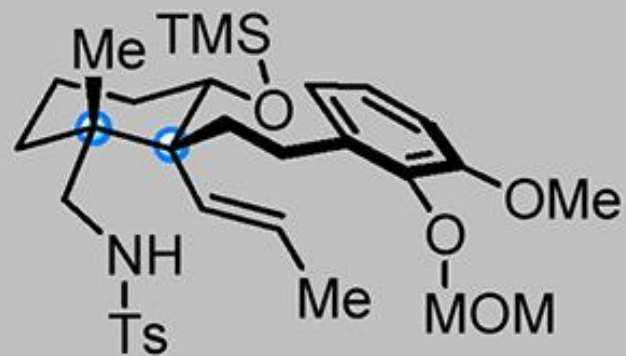
# Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (–)-Arcutinine

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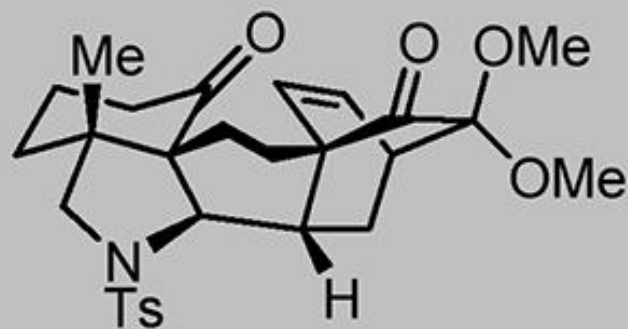




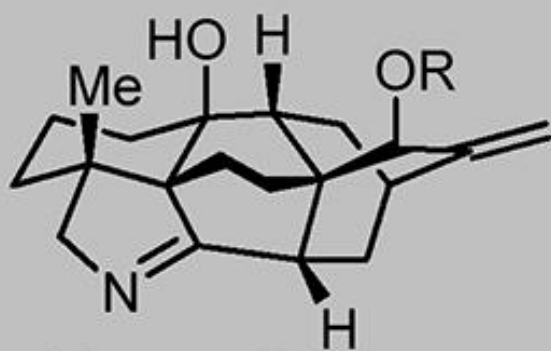
*decarboxylative  
allylation*



*aza-Wacker;  
oxidative  
dearomatization/  
IMDA cascade*



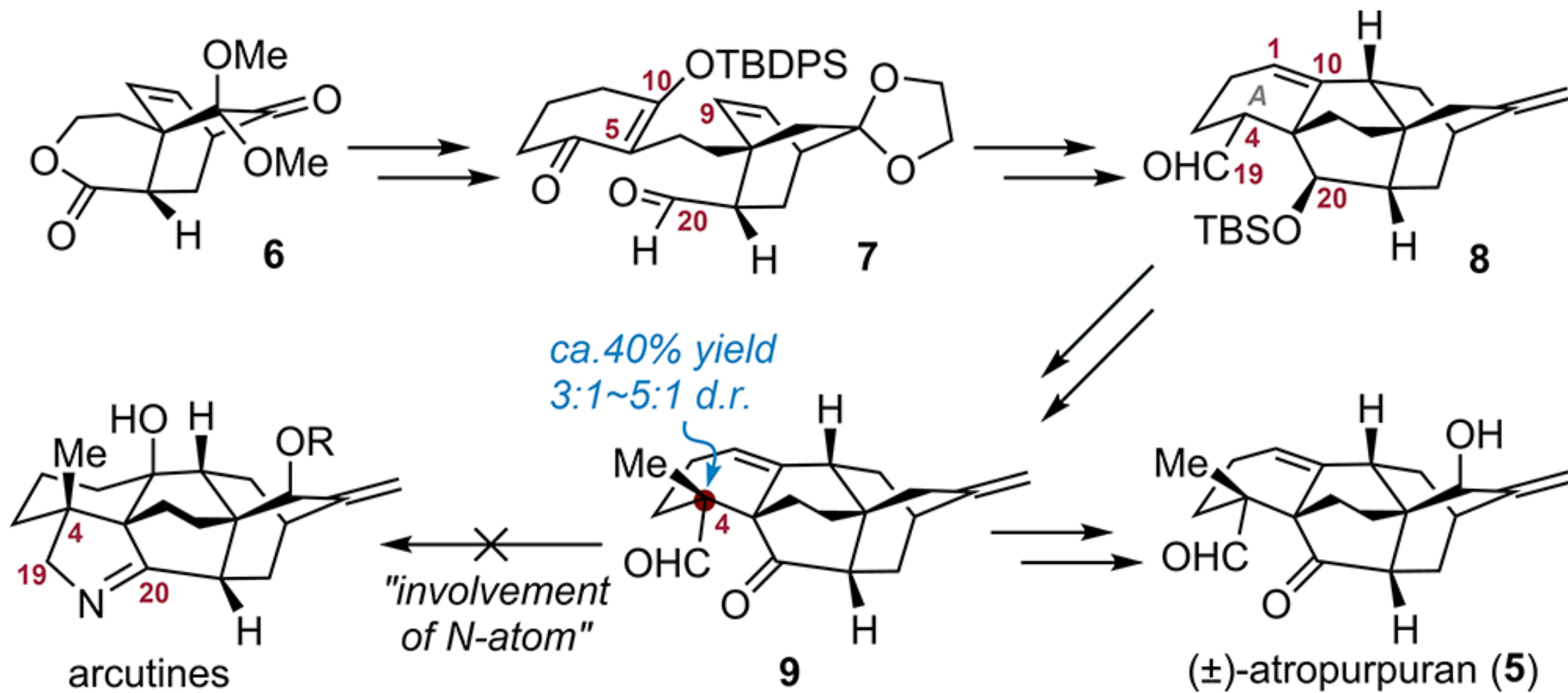
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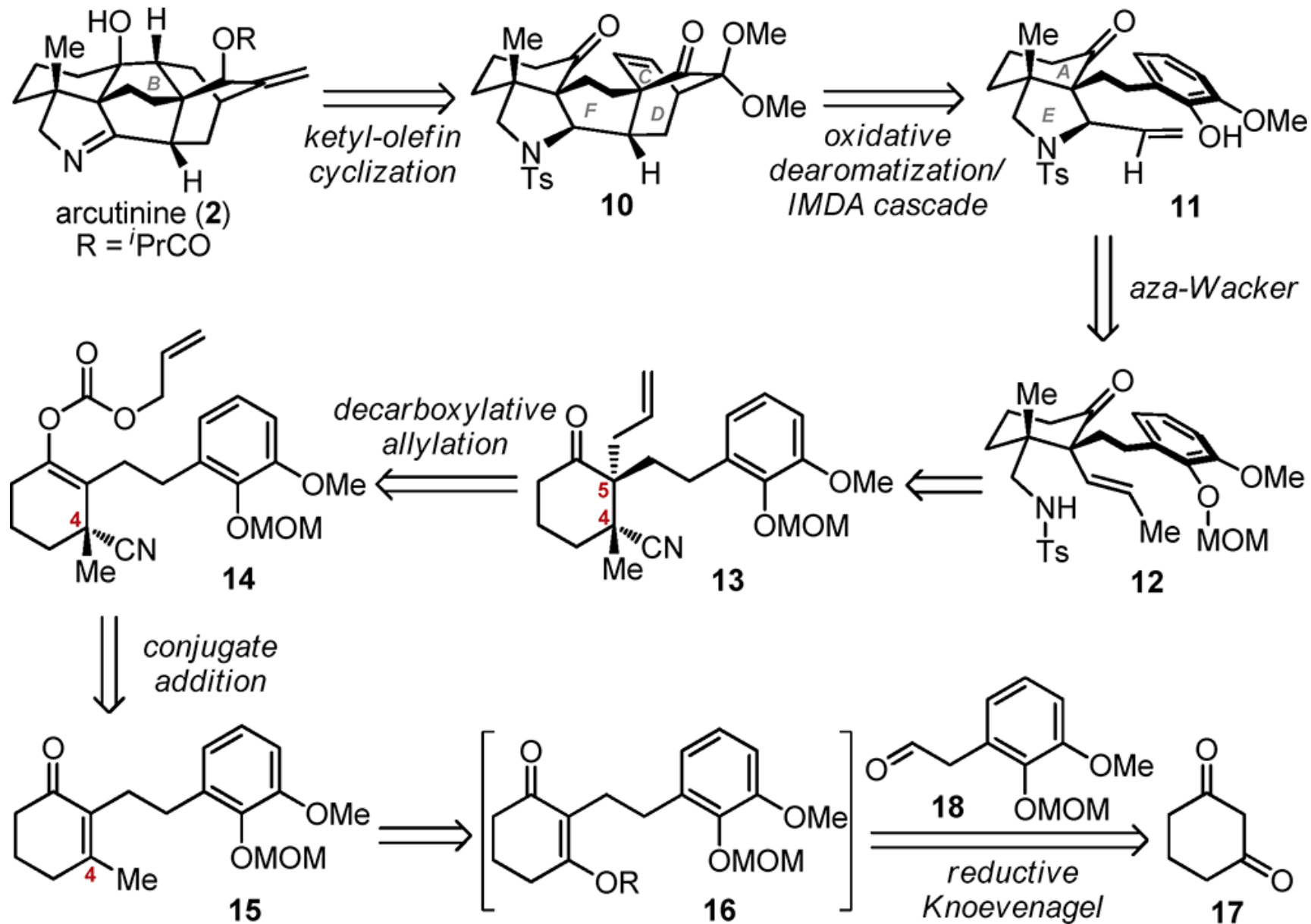
**(-)-arcutinine**

R = *i*PrCO

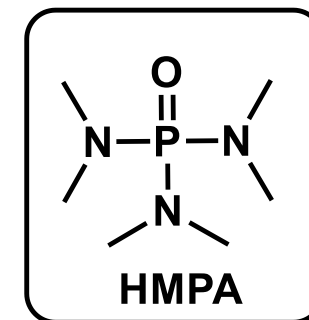
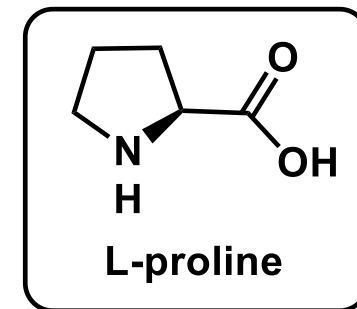
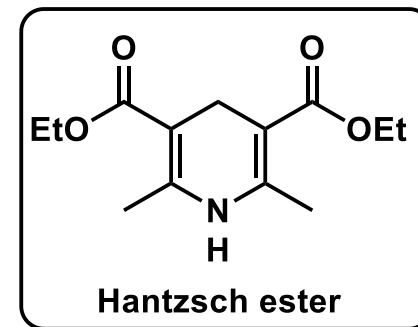
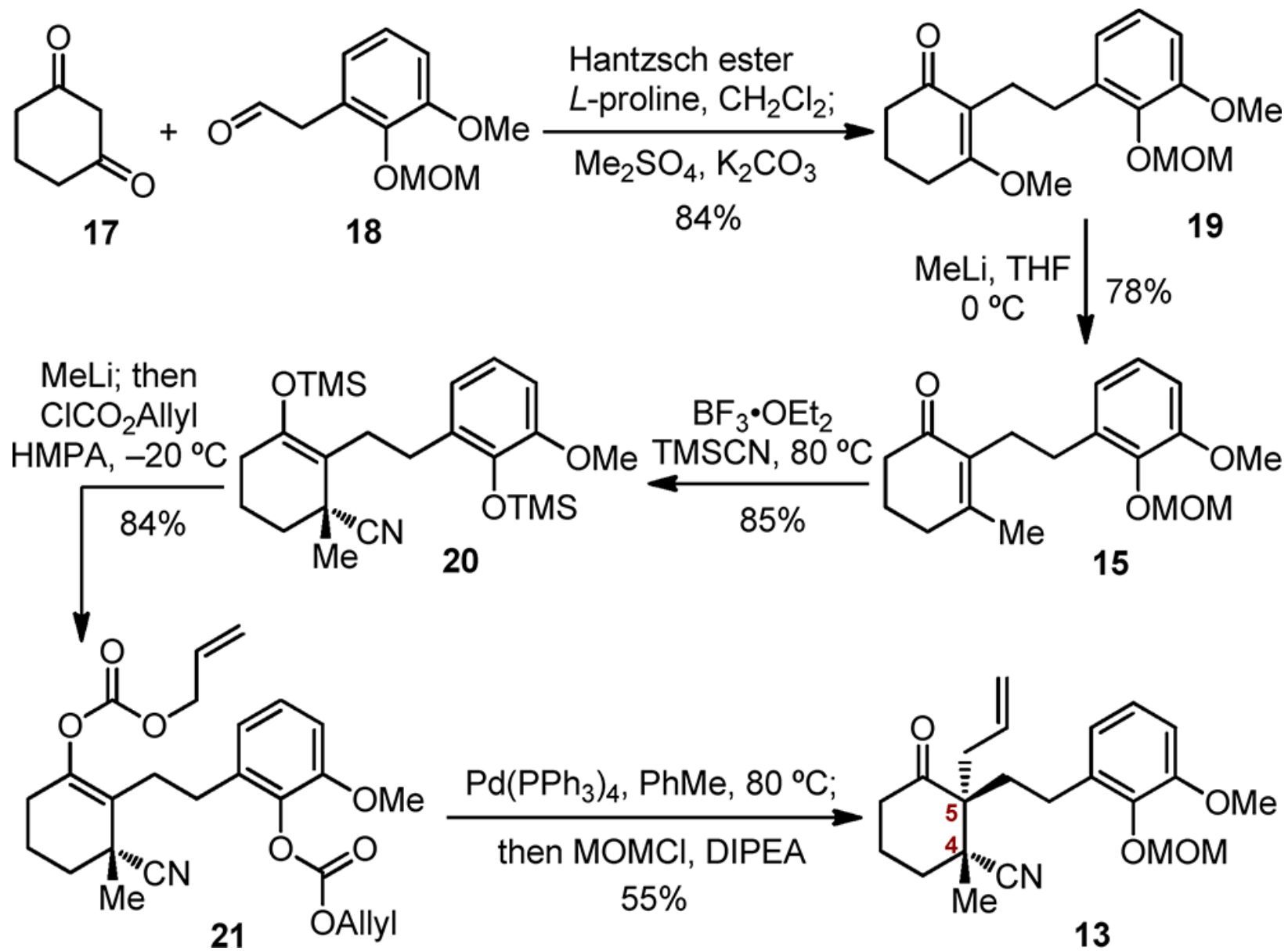
# Scheme 1. Our Previous Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Atropurpuran (**5**) and Attempted Access to the Arcutines



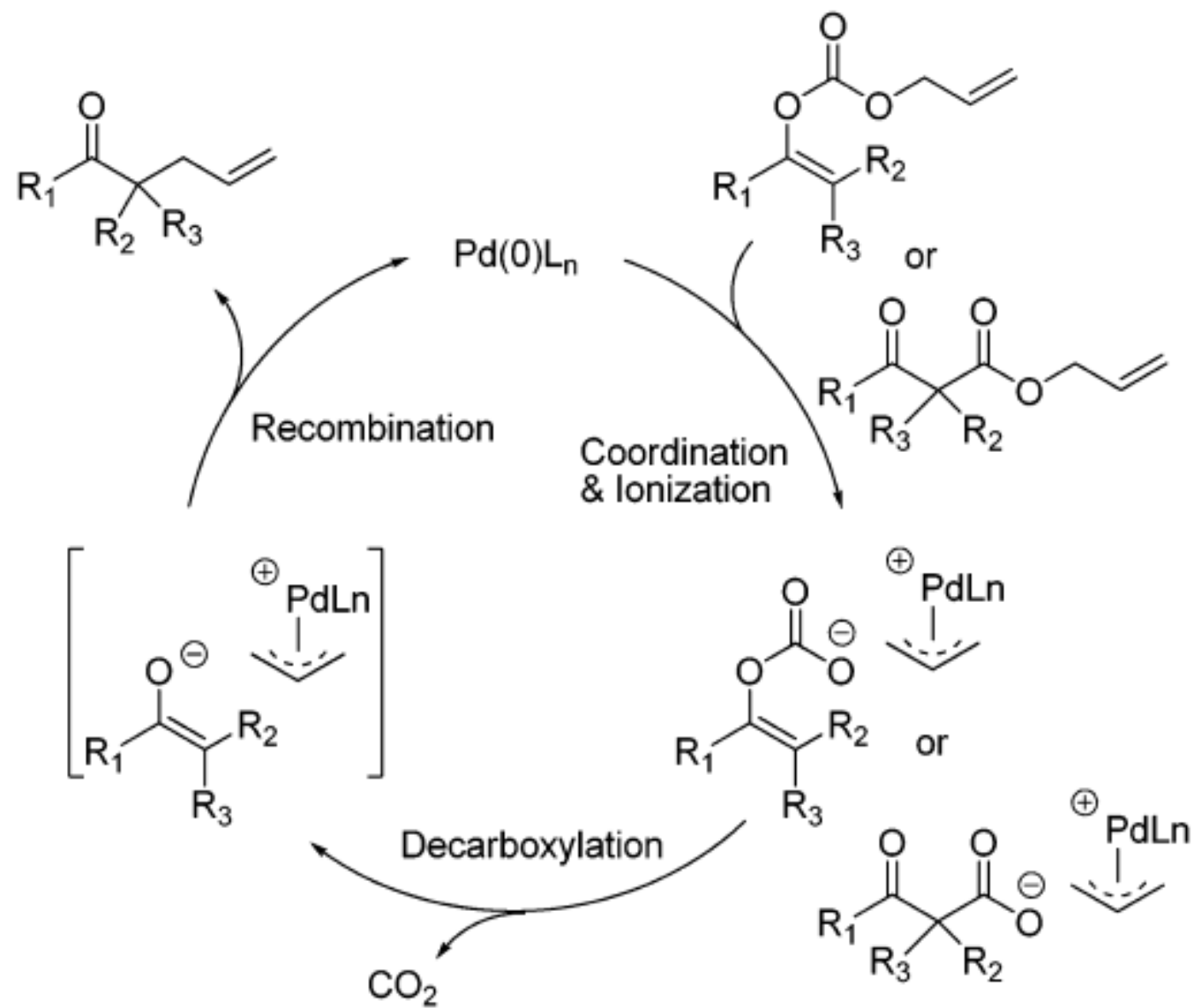
## Scheme 2. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Arcutinine (2)



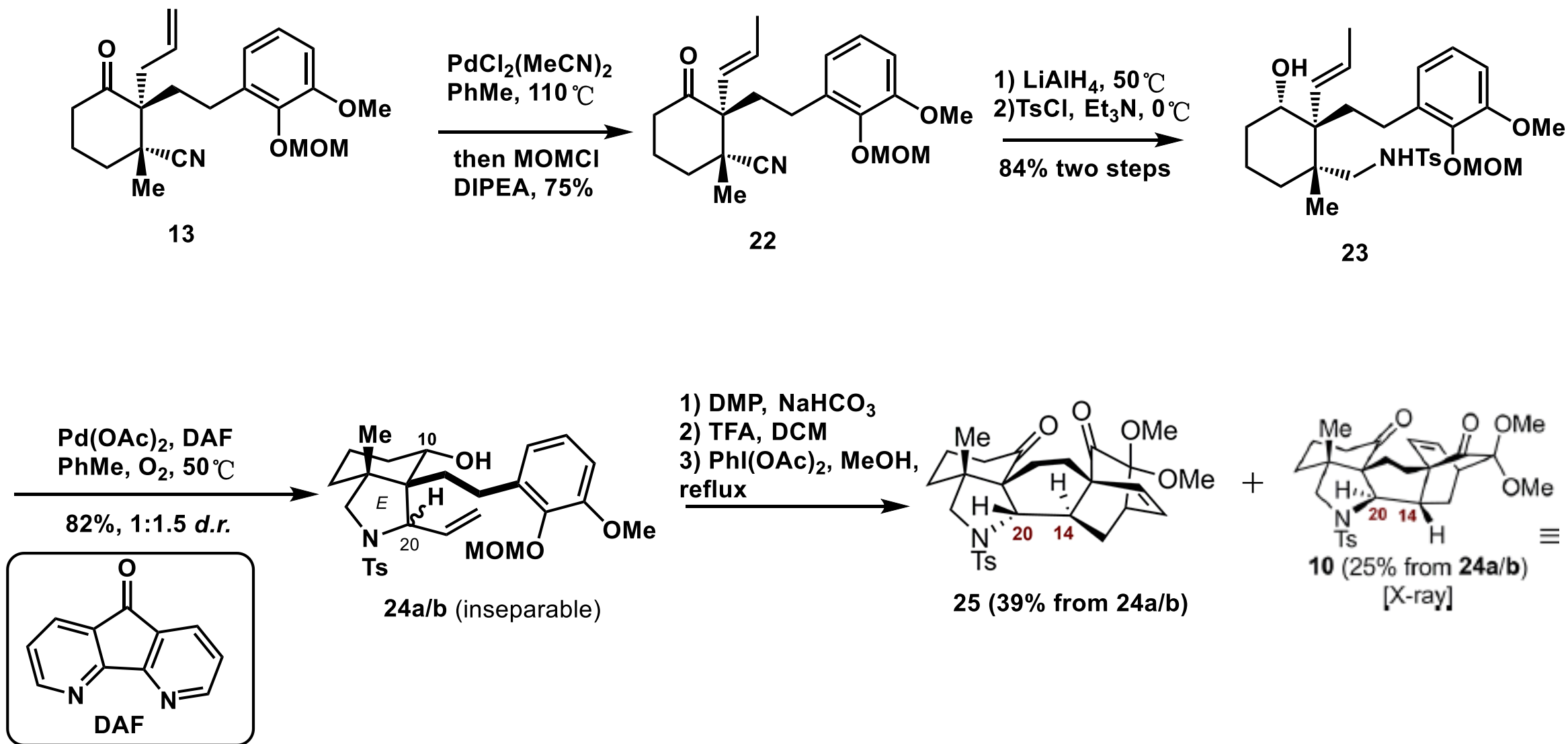
# Scheme 3. Preparation of the Key Intermediate 13 with C4 and C5 Vicinal Quaternary Stereogenic Centers



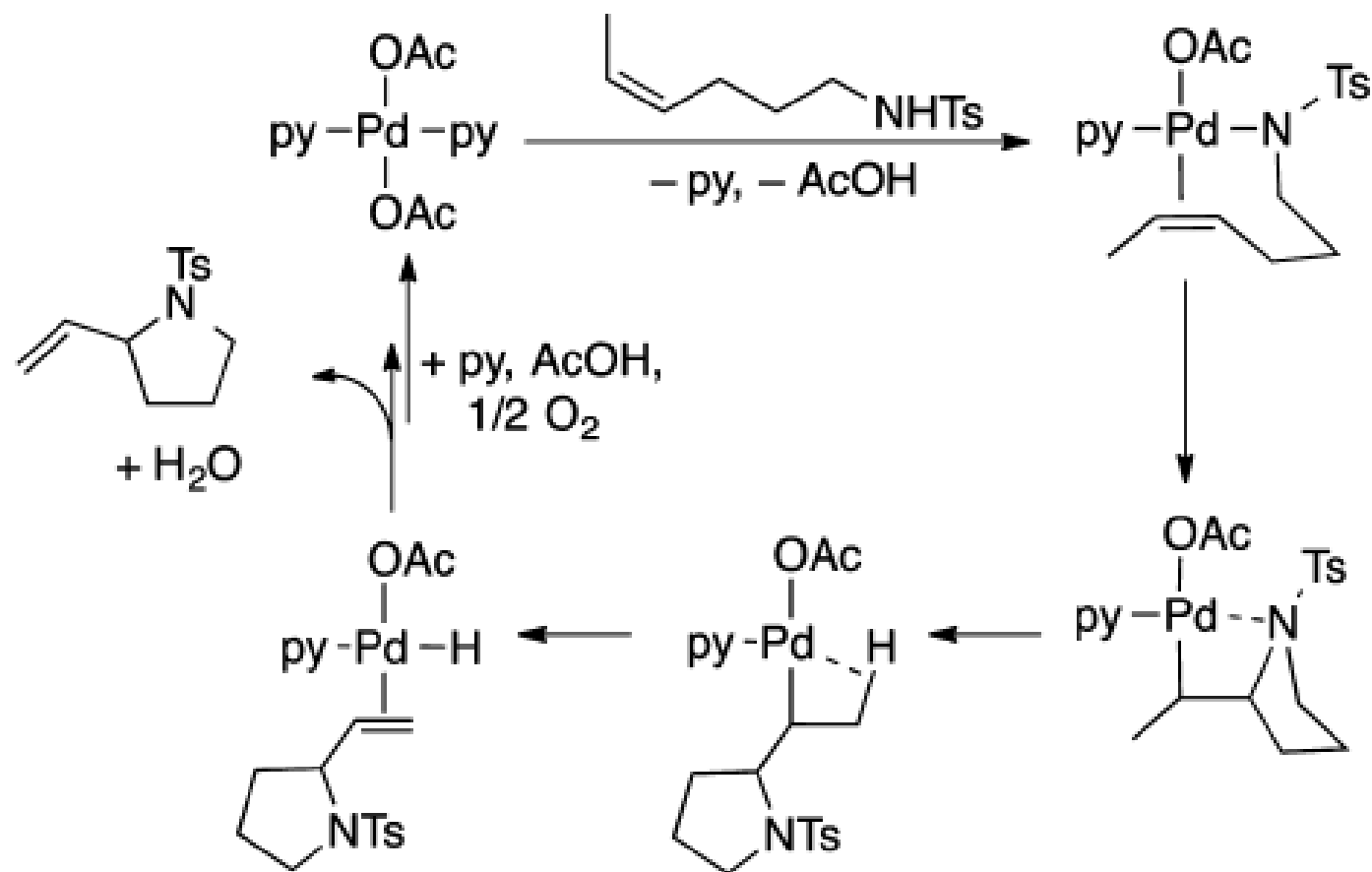
# Mechanism of Palladium-Catalyzed Decarboxylative Allylic Alkylation



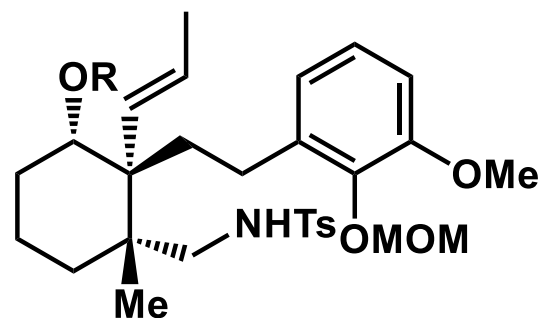
## Scheme 4. Synthesis of the Key Intermediate 10



# Mechanism of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/Pyridine-Catalyzed Aza-Wacker Cyclization



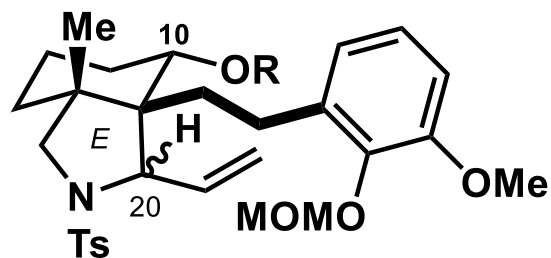
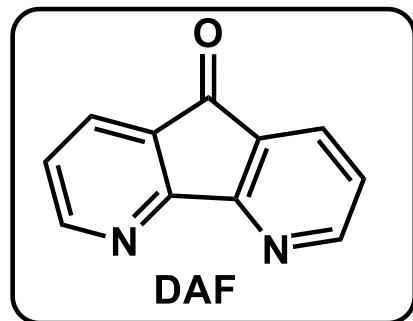




**26, R=TMS**  
**27, R=TBS**

**Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, DAF**  
**PhMe, O<sub>2</sub>, 50°C**

**82%, 1:1.5 d.r.**



R = TMS (2.5:1 d.r.)

{ **28a** ( $\alpha$ -H20, 54% from **26**)

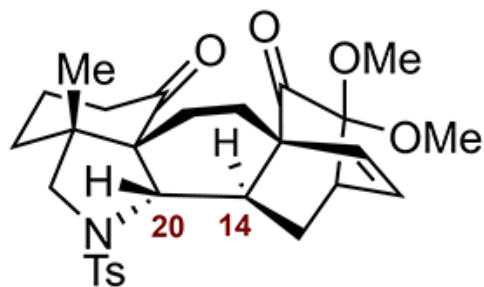
{ **28b** ( $\beta$ -H20, 22% from **26**)

R = TBS (3:1 d.r.)

{ **29a** ( $\alpha$ -H20, 56% from **27**)

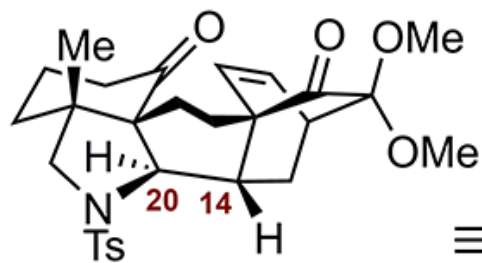
{ **29b** ( $\beta$ -H20, 18% from **27**)

**1)TBAF, 0°C**  
**2)DMP, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>**  
**3)TFA, DCM**  
**4)PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>**  
**MeOH, reflux**

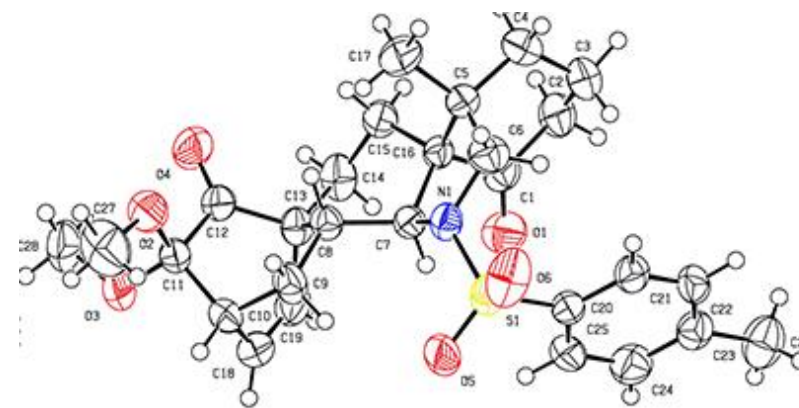


**25 (61% overall from 28b)**

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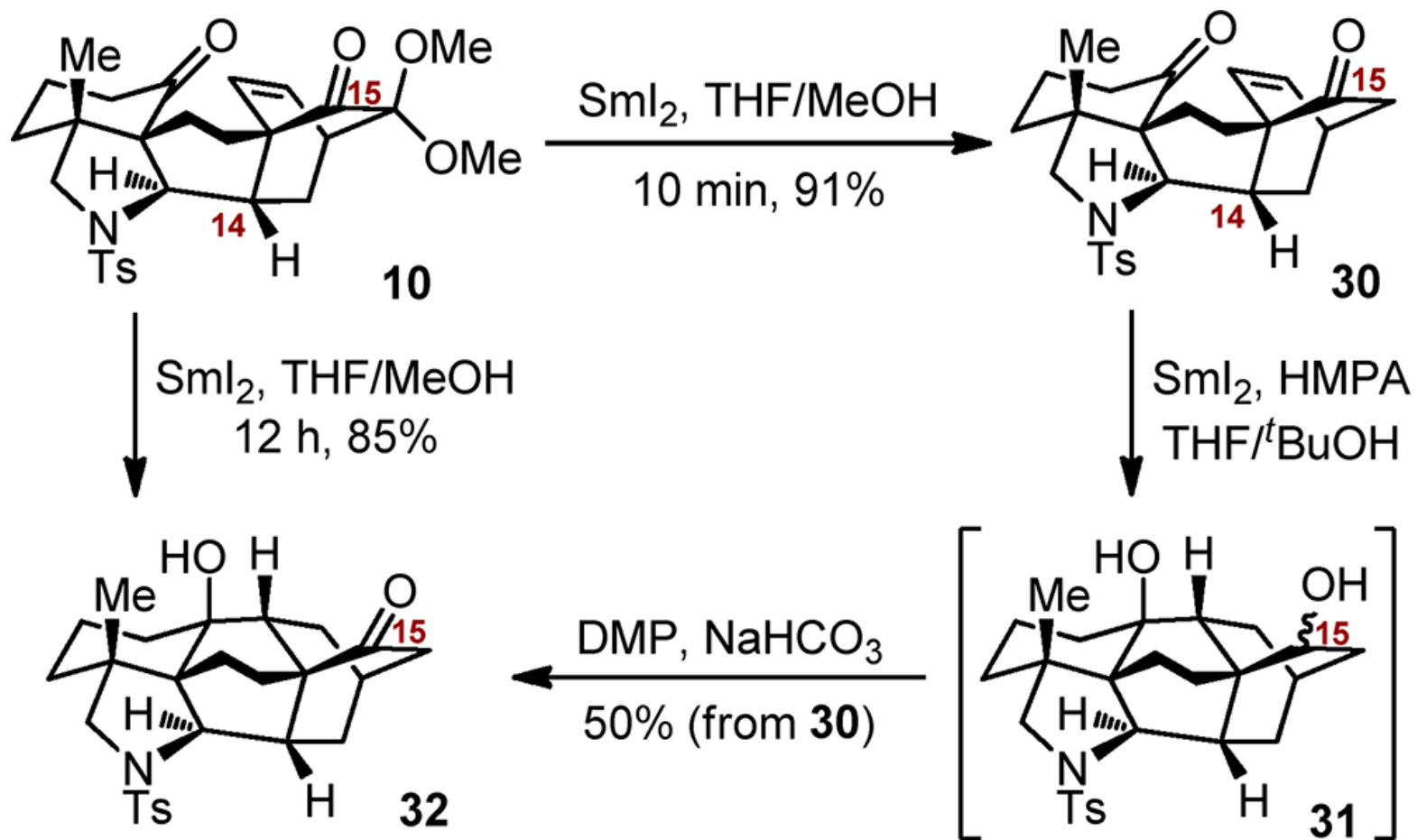


**10 (59% overall from 28a)**

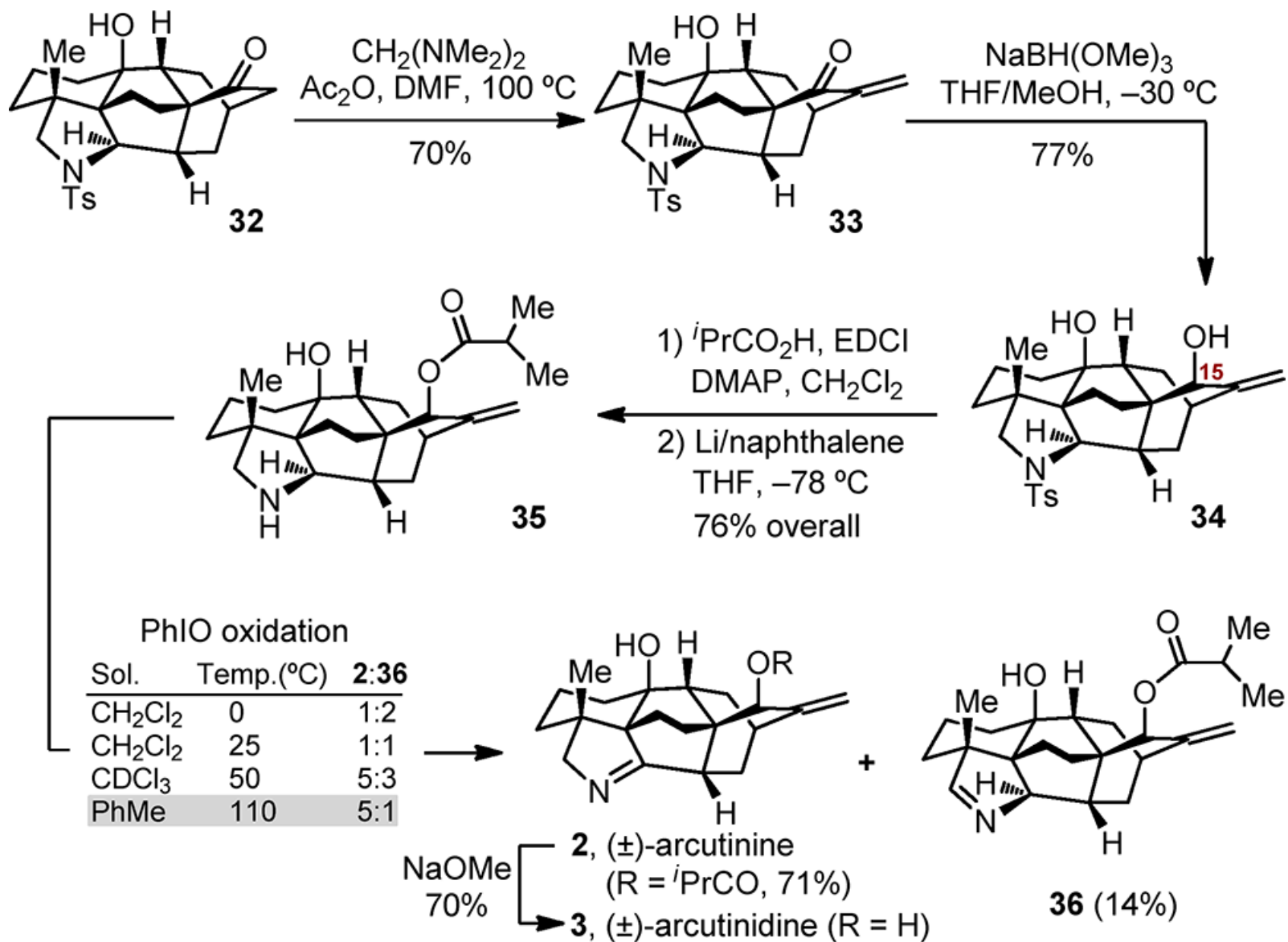


**ORTEP of ( $\pm$ )-10**

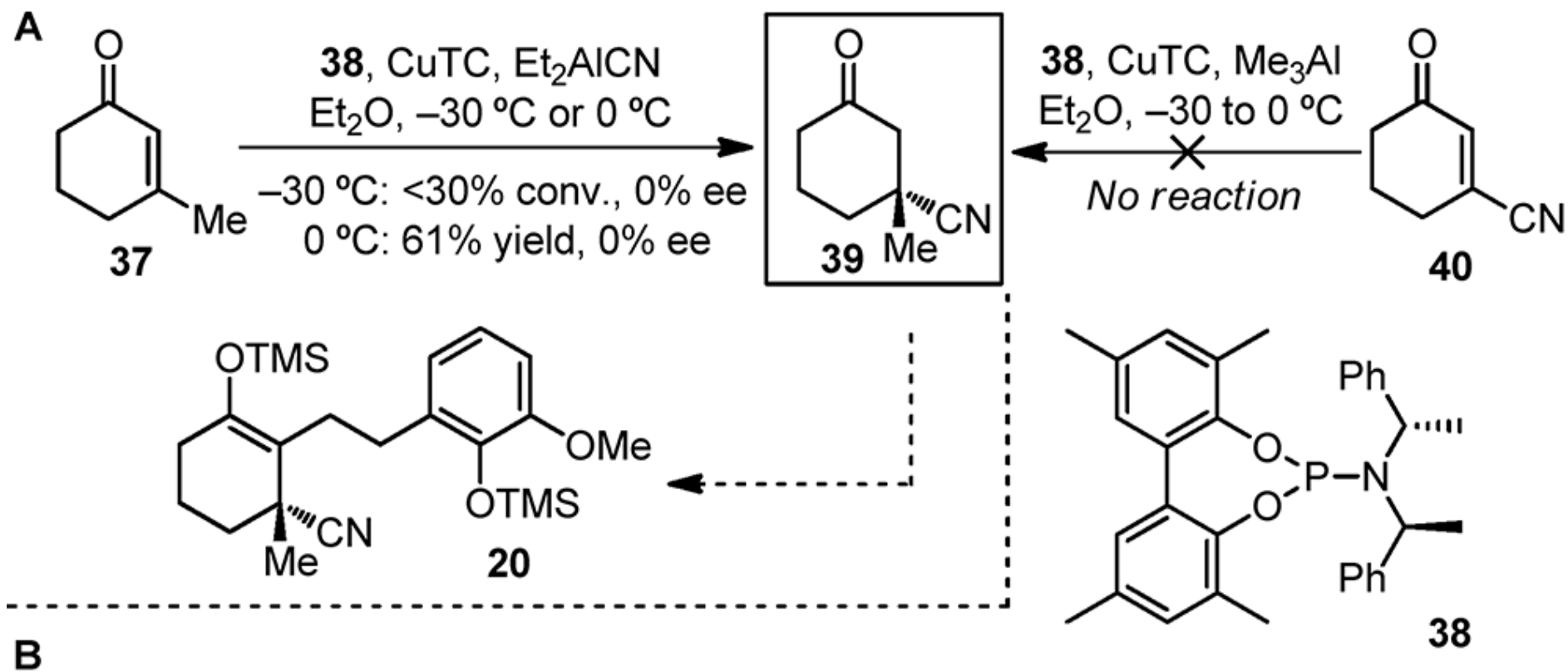
## Scheme 5. Construction of the Hexacyclic Core



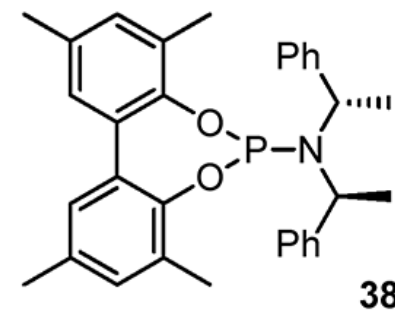
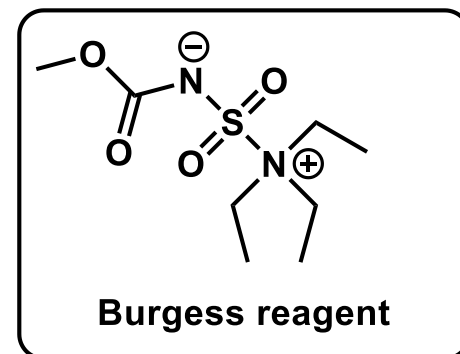
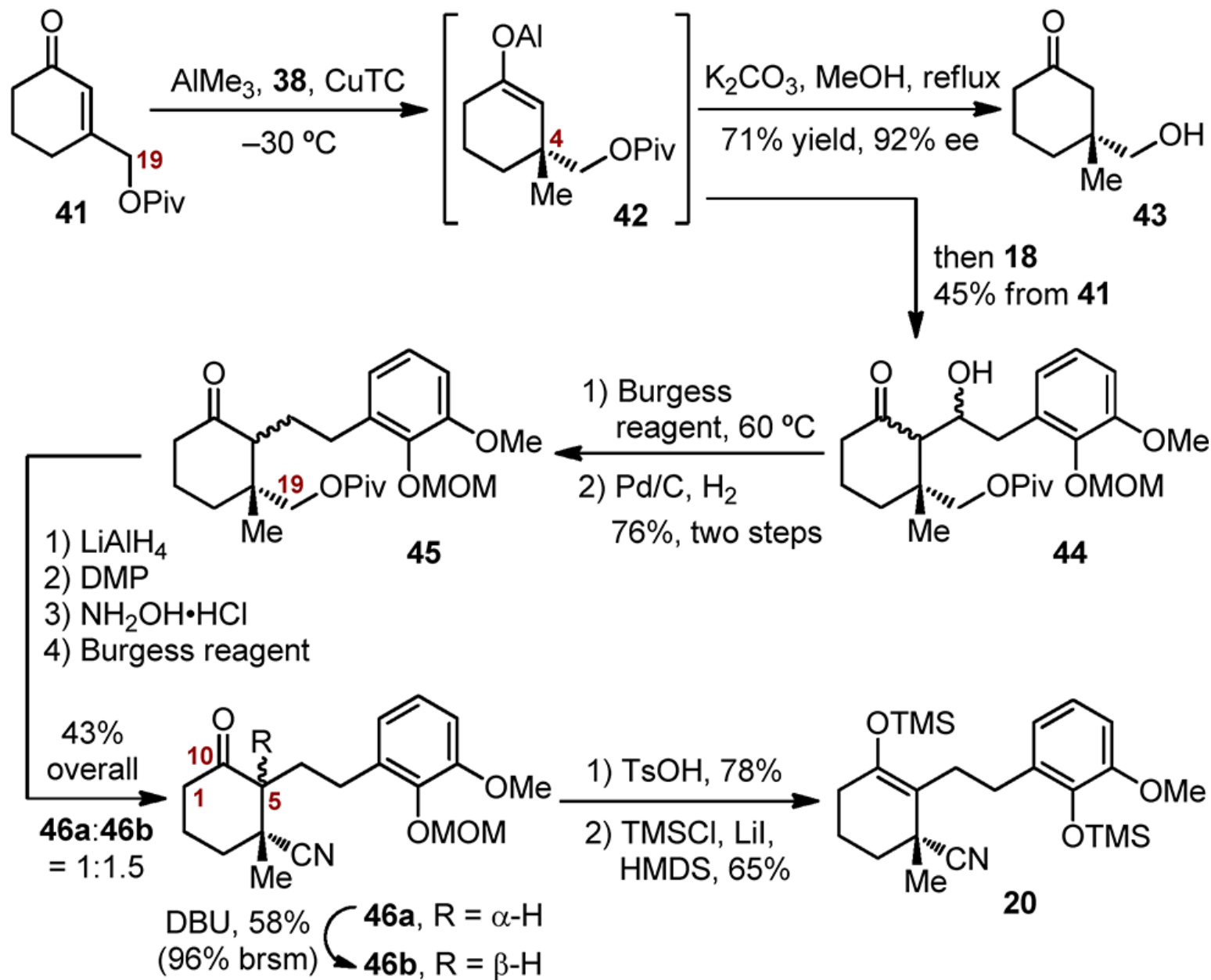
## Scheme 6. Completion of the Total Synthesis of (±)-Arcutinine (2)



## Scheme 7. Unsuccessful Asymmetric Conjugate Additions and Preparation of the Enantioenriched Intermediate 20



**B**



## Scheme 8. Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (–)-Arcutinine

