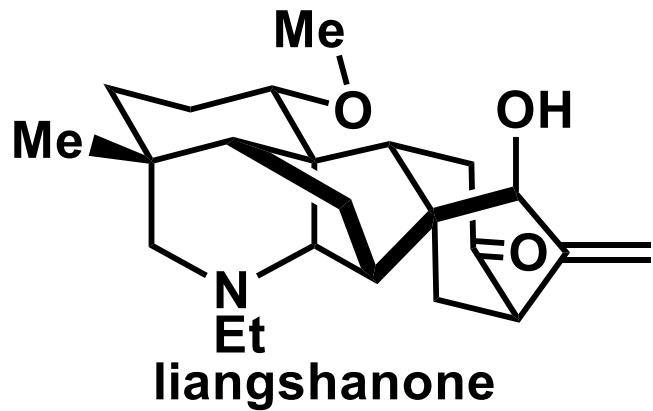


# Total Synthesis of Liangshanone

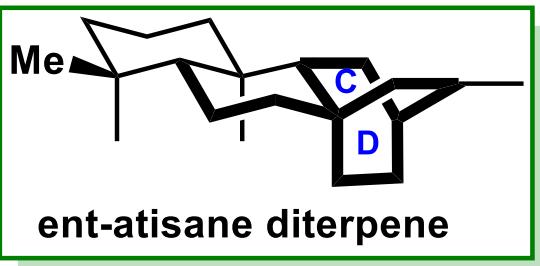
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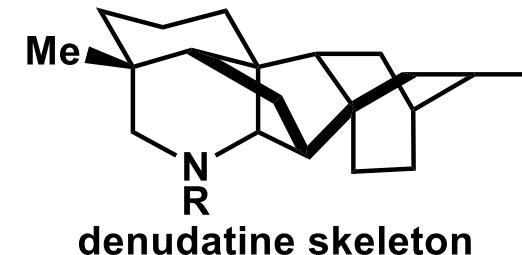
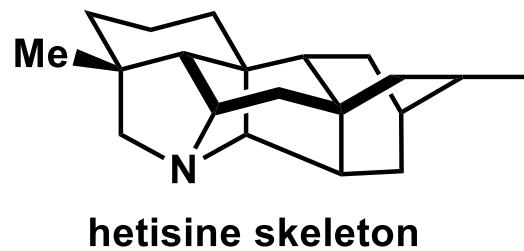
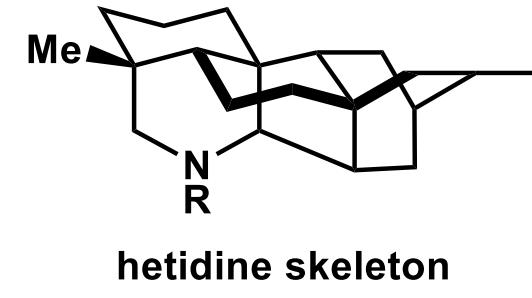
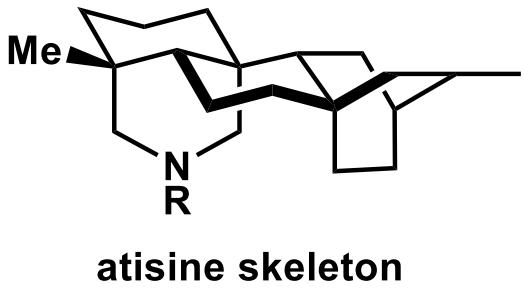
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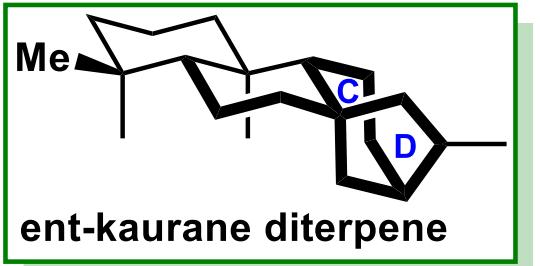
**A) Diterpenoid alkaloids derived from ent-atisanes [total synthesis: well-studied]**



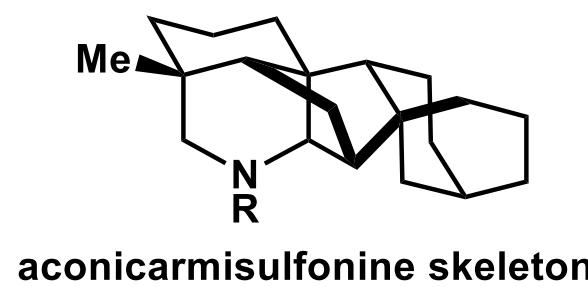
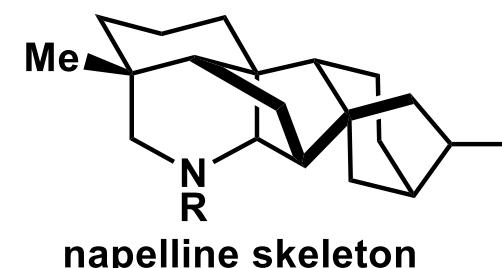
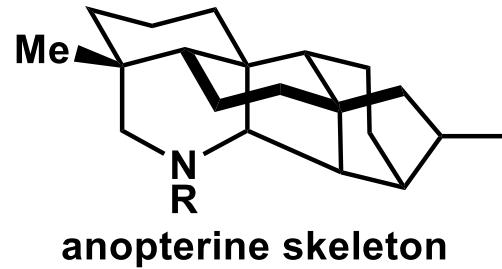
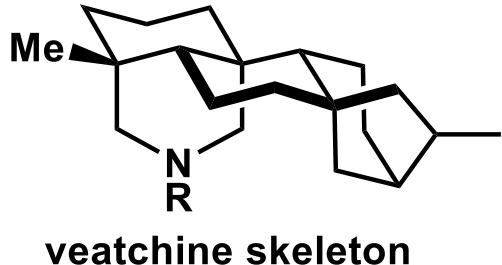
bicyclo[2.2.2]octane C/D rings



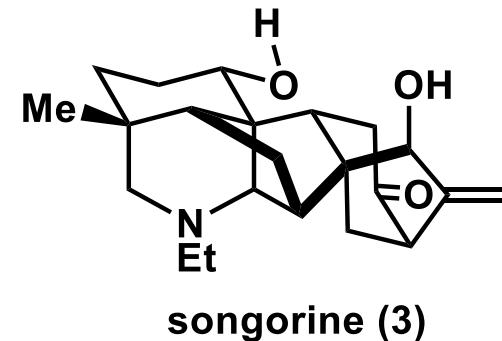
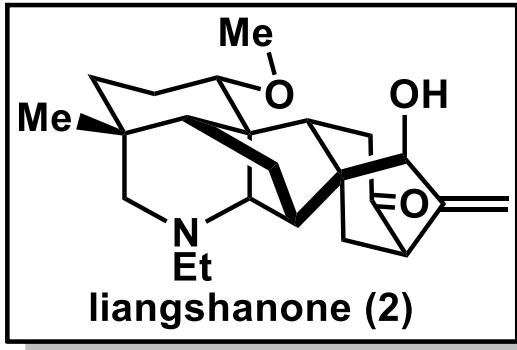
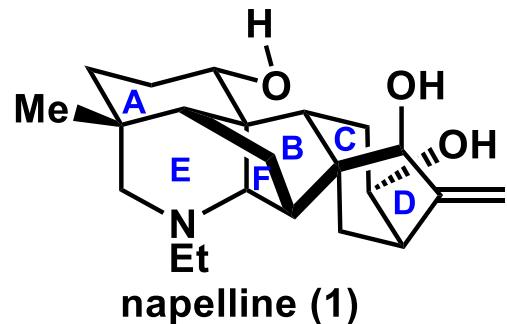
**B) Diterpenoid alkaloids derived from ent-kauranes [total synthesis: underexplored]**



bicyclo[3.2.1]octane C/D rings



### C) Selected members of the napelline-type C<sub>20</sub>-diterpenoid alkaloids



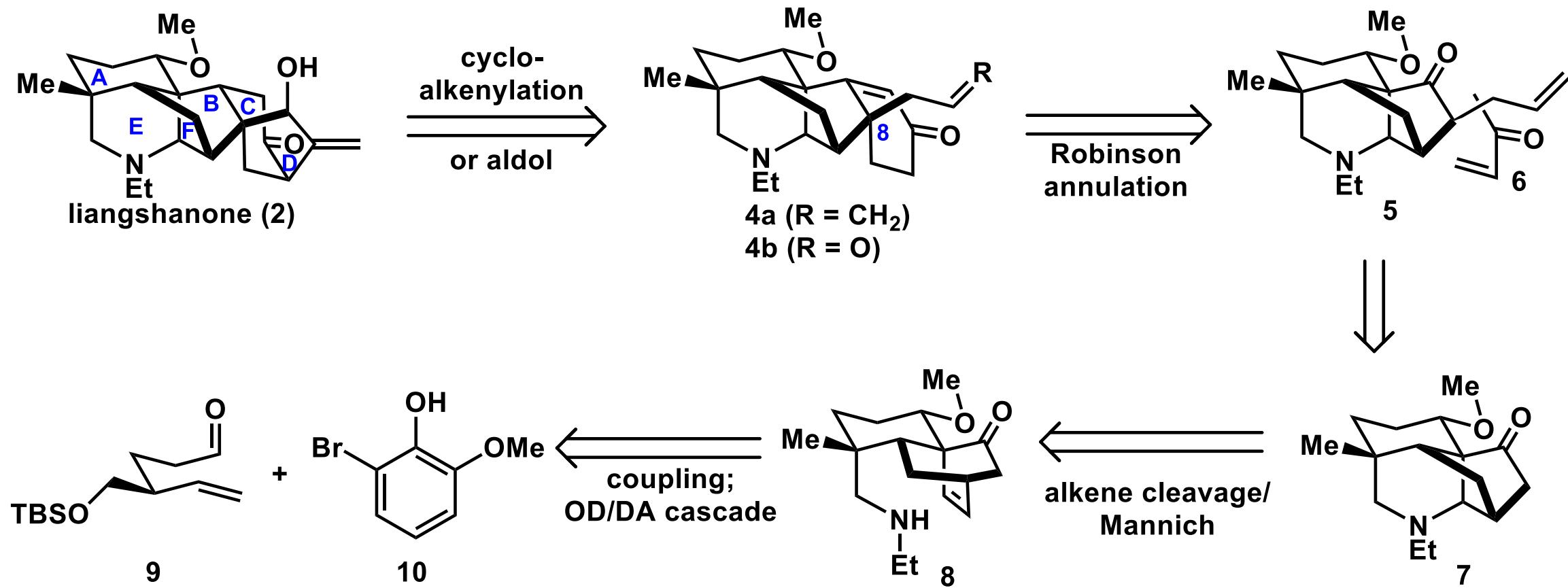
#### Compact hexacyclic framework:

- an azabicyclo[3.3.1] nonane (A/E rings),
- a bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (B/F rings),
- and a bicyclo[3.2.1]octane (C/D rings) moieties.

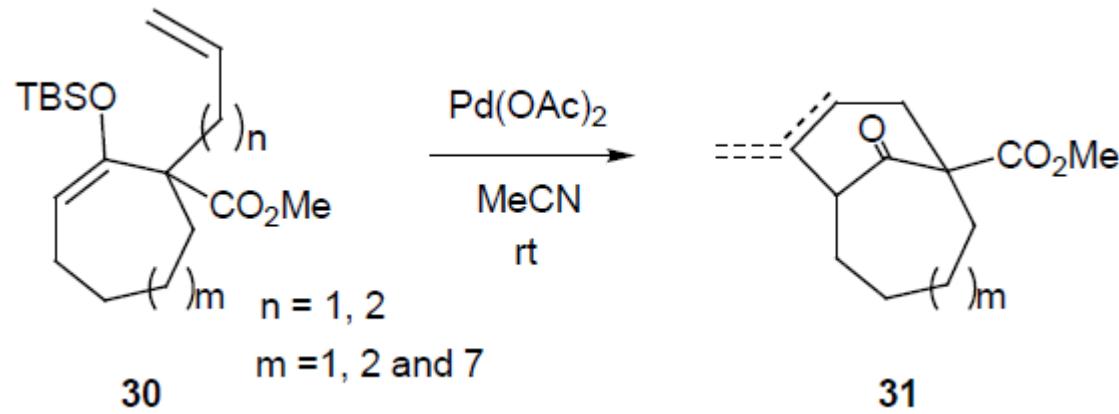
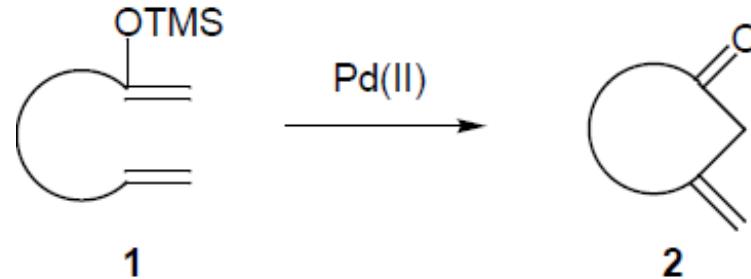
#### A wide spectrum of pharmacological effects:

- antiarrhythmic,
- anti-inflammatory,
- anti-nociceptive,
- anxiolytic activities.

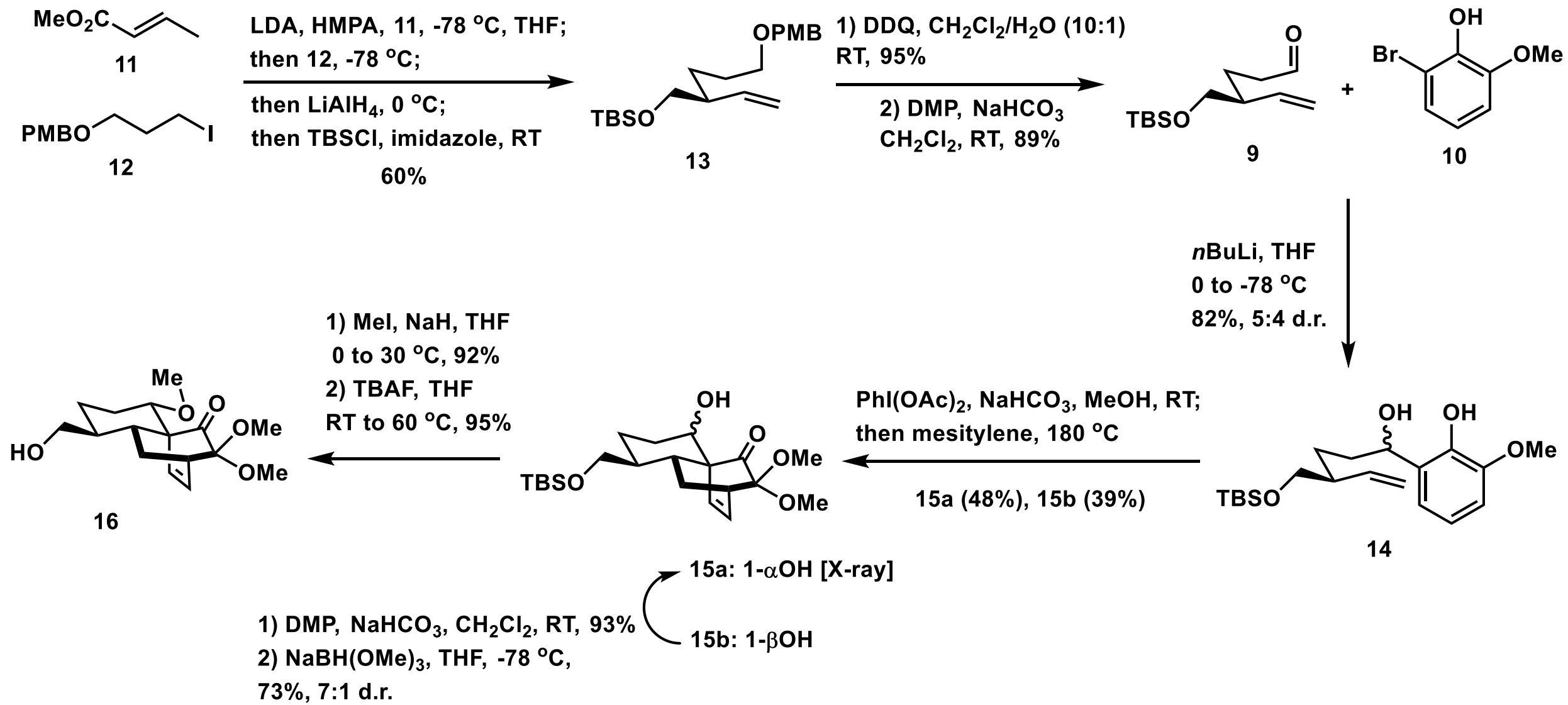
## Retrosynthetic analysis of liangshanone (2).

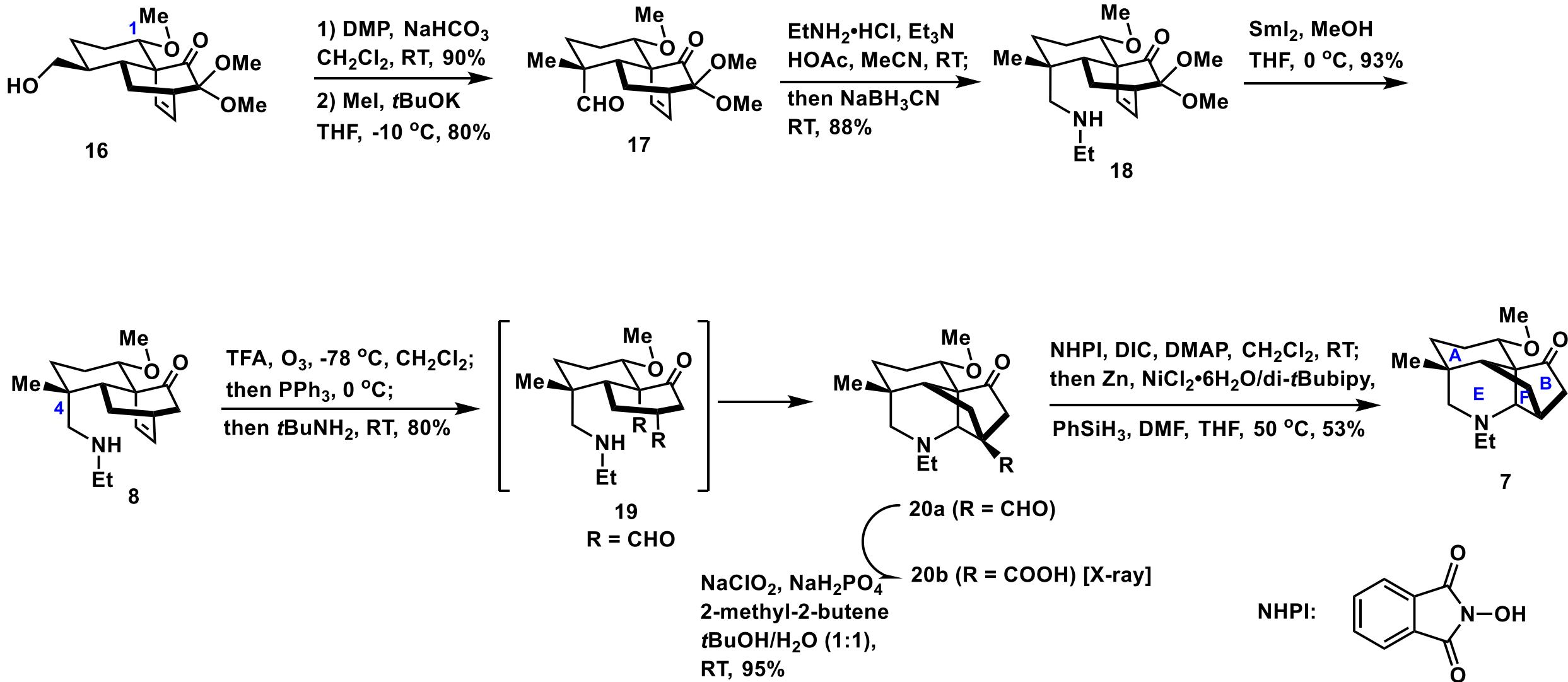


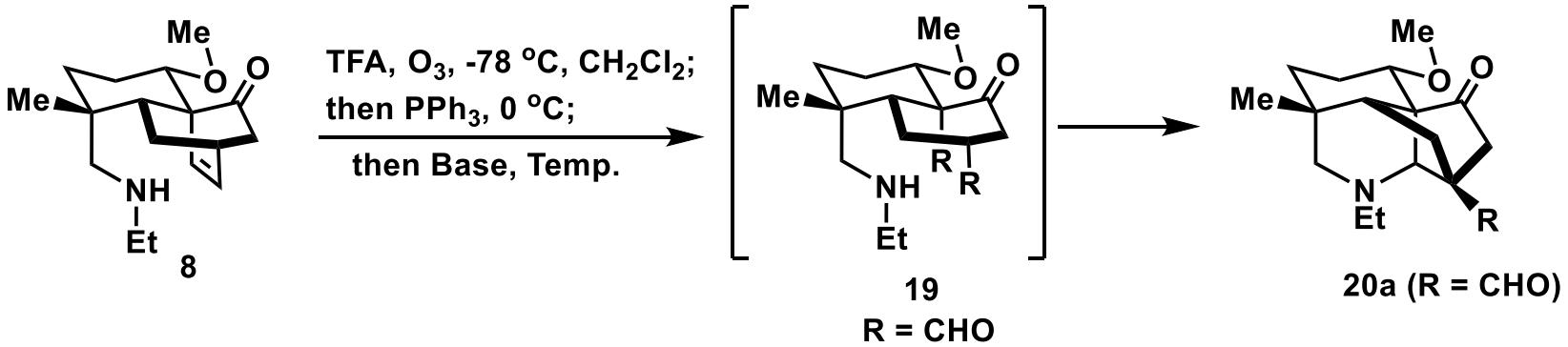
## Intramolecular cycloalkenylation



## Construction of the A/B/E/F tetracycle 7.



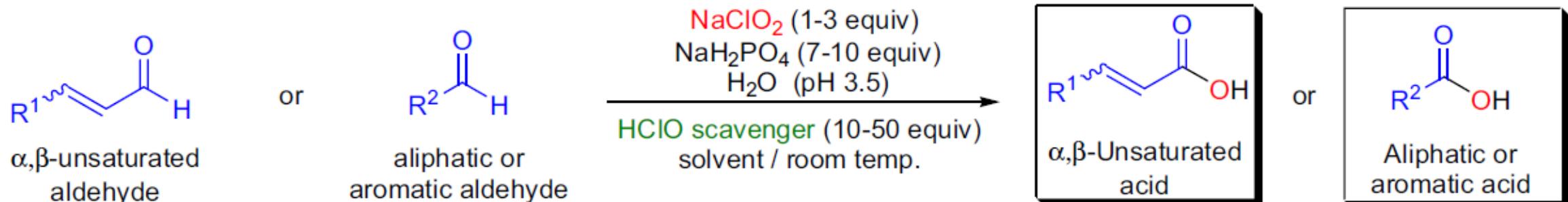




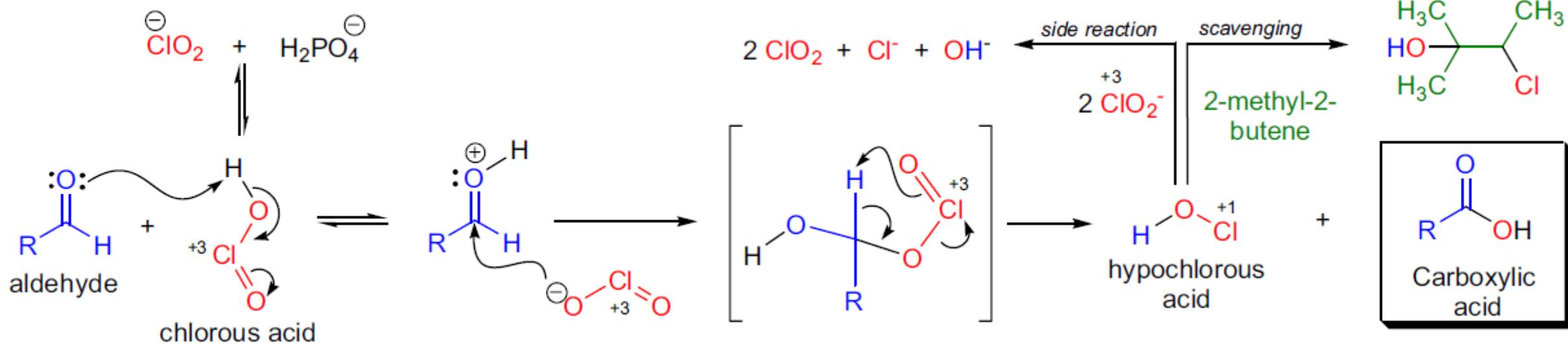
Entry	Acid	Base	Temperature	Yield% <sup>b</sup>
1	--	Et <sub>3</sub> N	60 °C	trace
2	TFA	Et <sub>3</sub> N	60 °C	28%
3	TFA	<i>i</i> Pr <sub>2</sub> NH	60 °C	24%
4	TFA	Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	60 °C	23%
5	TFA	TMG	60 °C	63%
6	TFA	DABCO	60 °C	52%
7	TFA	<i>t</i> BuNH <sub>2</sub>	60 °C	72%
8	TFA	<i>t</i> BuNH <sub>2</sub>	RT	80%

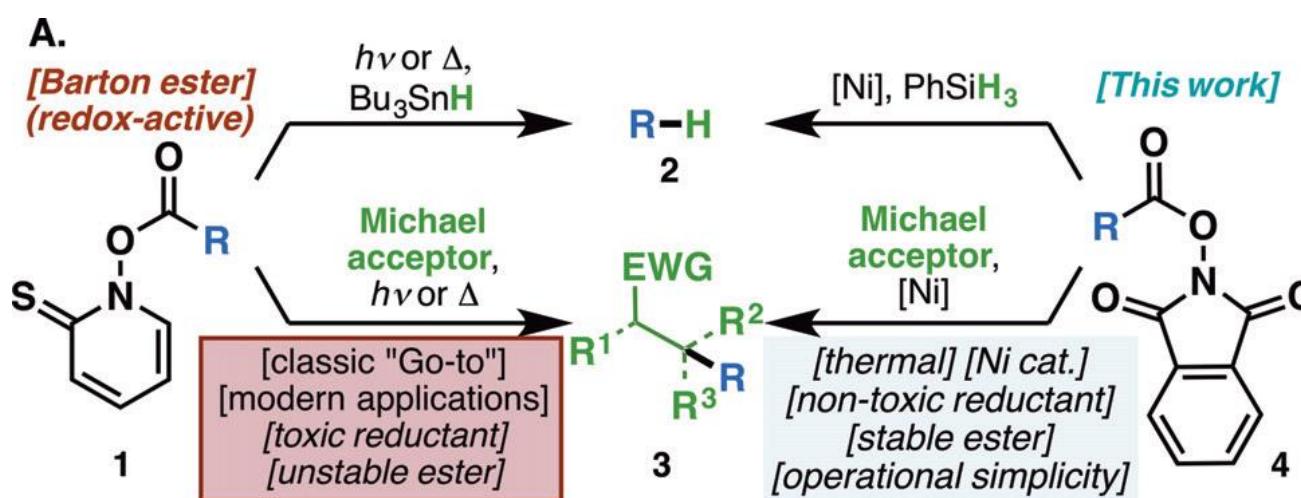
<sup>a</sup>Unless otherwise noted, reactions were performed with **8** (30 mg, 0.108 mmol, 1 eq), TFA (40  $\mu$ L, 0.541 mmol, 5 eq), PPh<sub>3</sub> (56.9 mg, 0.217 mmol, 2 eq) and base (1.08 mmol, 10 eq) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL). <sup>b</sup> Yield of isolated product.

## Pinnick oxidation



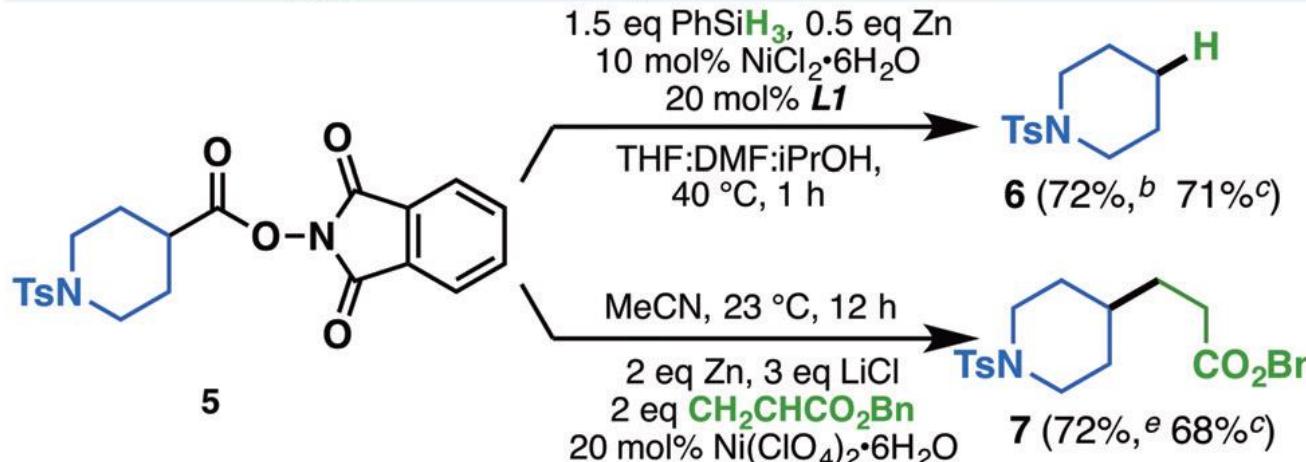
$R^1$  = H, alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, allyl;  $R^2$  = alkyl, aryl, allyl, homoallyl; scavenger = 2-methyl-2-butene,  $H_2O_2$ ,  $H_2NSO_3H$ ,  $m\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$ , DMSO; solvent =  $t\text{-BuOH}$ ,  $t\text{-BuOH/THF}$



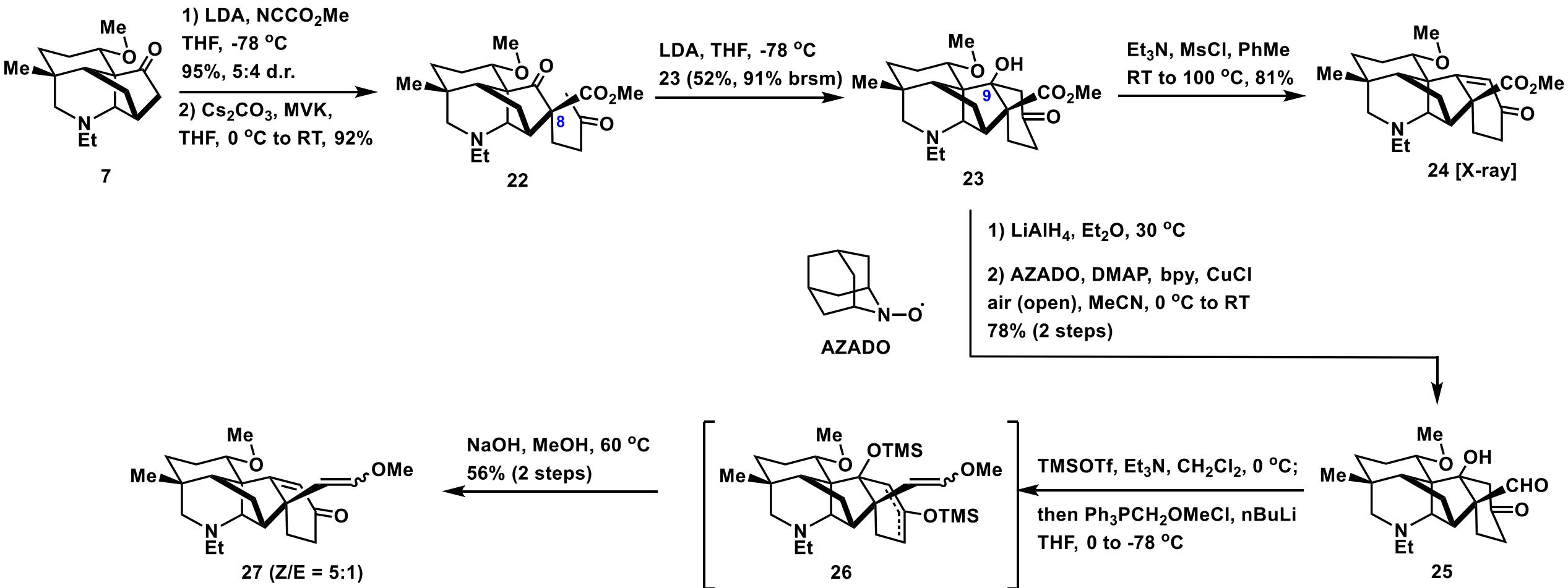


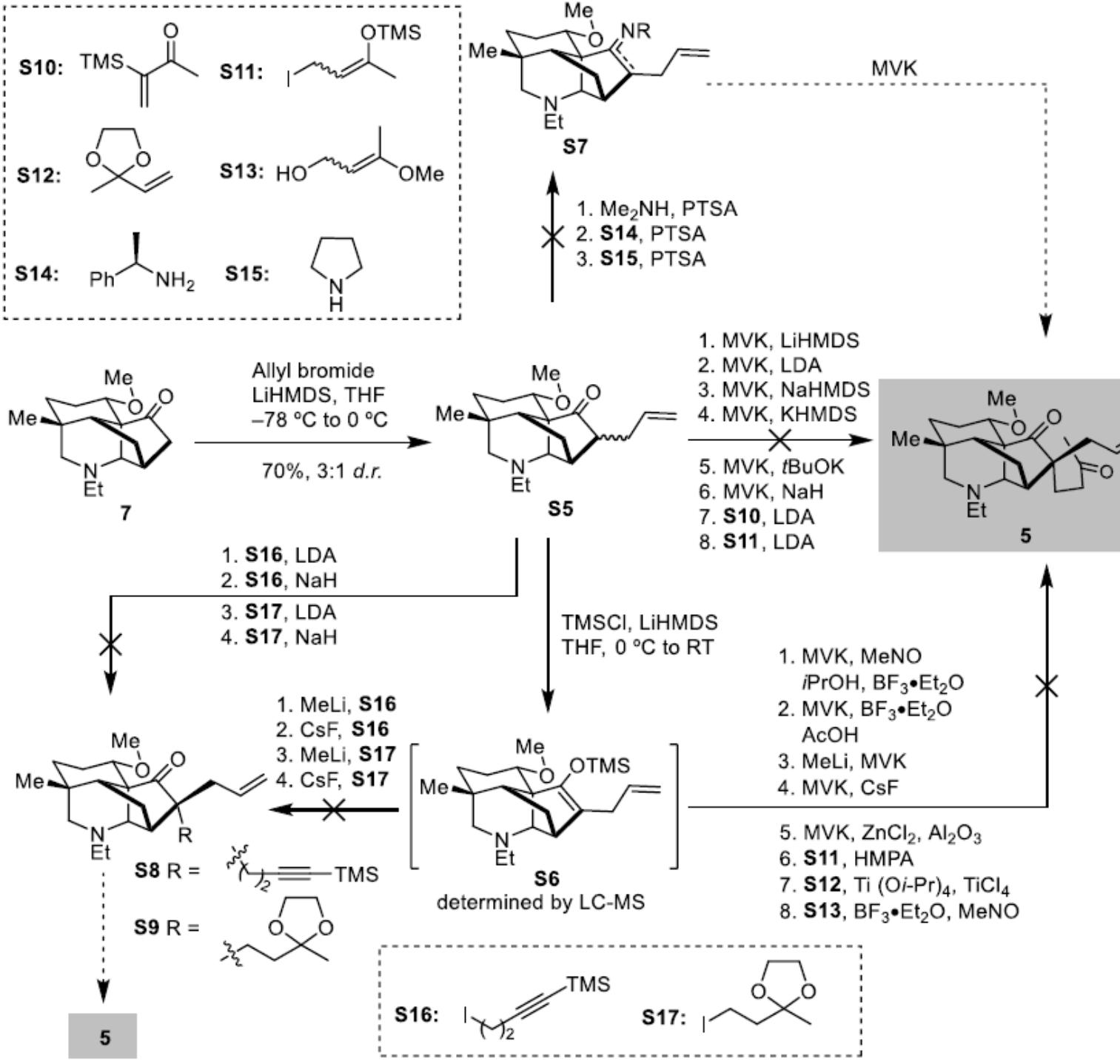
**B. Reaction optimization: 1) Ni-catalyzed decarboxylation (5 to 6)**

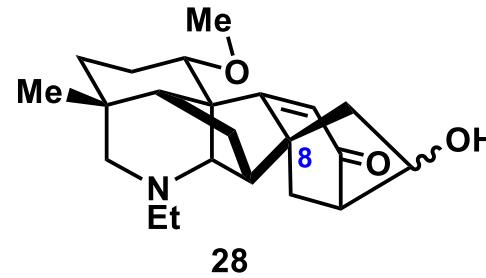
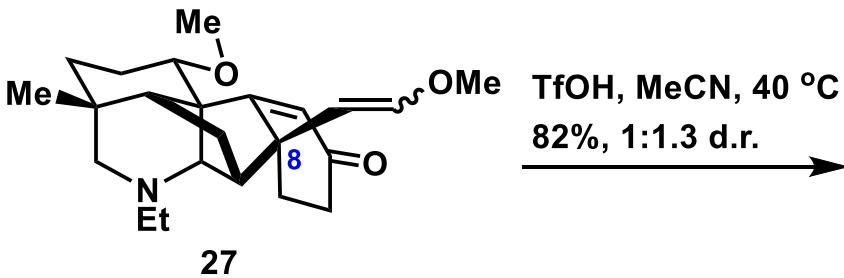
entry <sup>a</sup>	deviation from below	yield (%) <sup>b</sup>	entry <sup>a</sup>	deviation from below <sup>b</sup>	yield (%)
1	w/o zinc	< 5	8	TCNHPI ester	8
2	w/o $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	< 5	9	10 mol % <b>L1</b>	32
3	w/o $\text{PhSiH}_3$	9	10	PMHS	52
4	w/o <b>L1</b>	38	11	10 mol % <b>L2</b>	< 5
5	activated Zn <sup>d</sup>	70	12	10 mol % <b>L3</b>	70
6	w/o iPrOH	65	13	additive LiCl	49
7	$\text{NiCl}_2$ -glyme	34	14	additive tBuSH	46



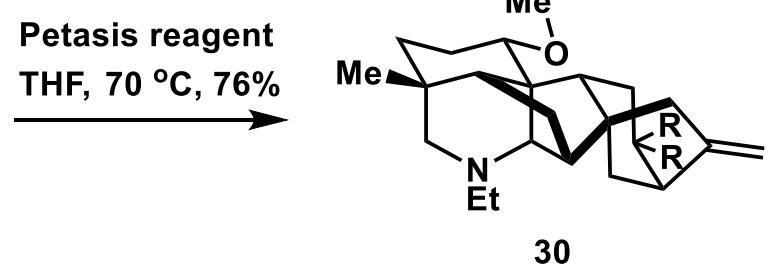
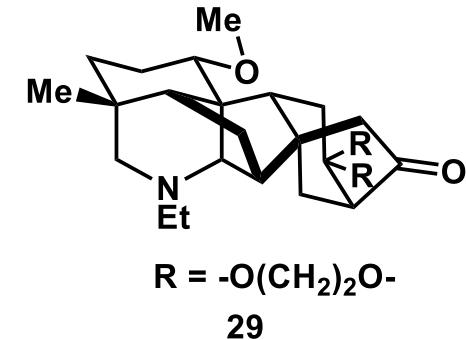
## Completion of the total synthesis of liangshanone (2).



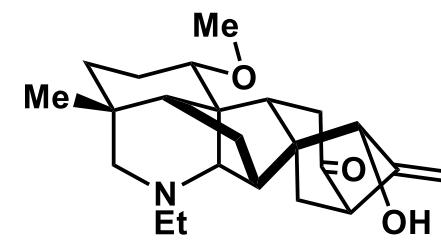




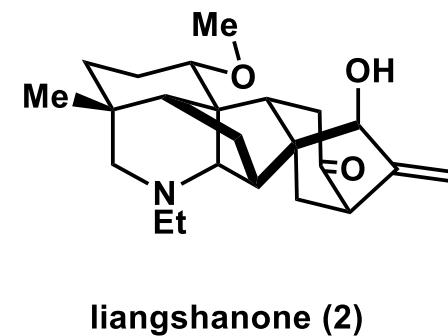
1) Pd/C, HOAc, H<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, RT  
2) CH(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, *p*TsOH, ethylene glycol  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT  
3) DMP, TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C  
57% (3 steps)



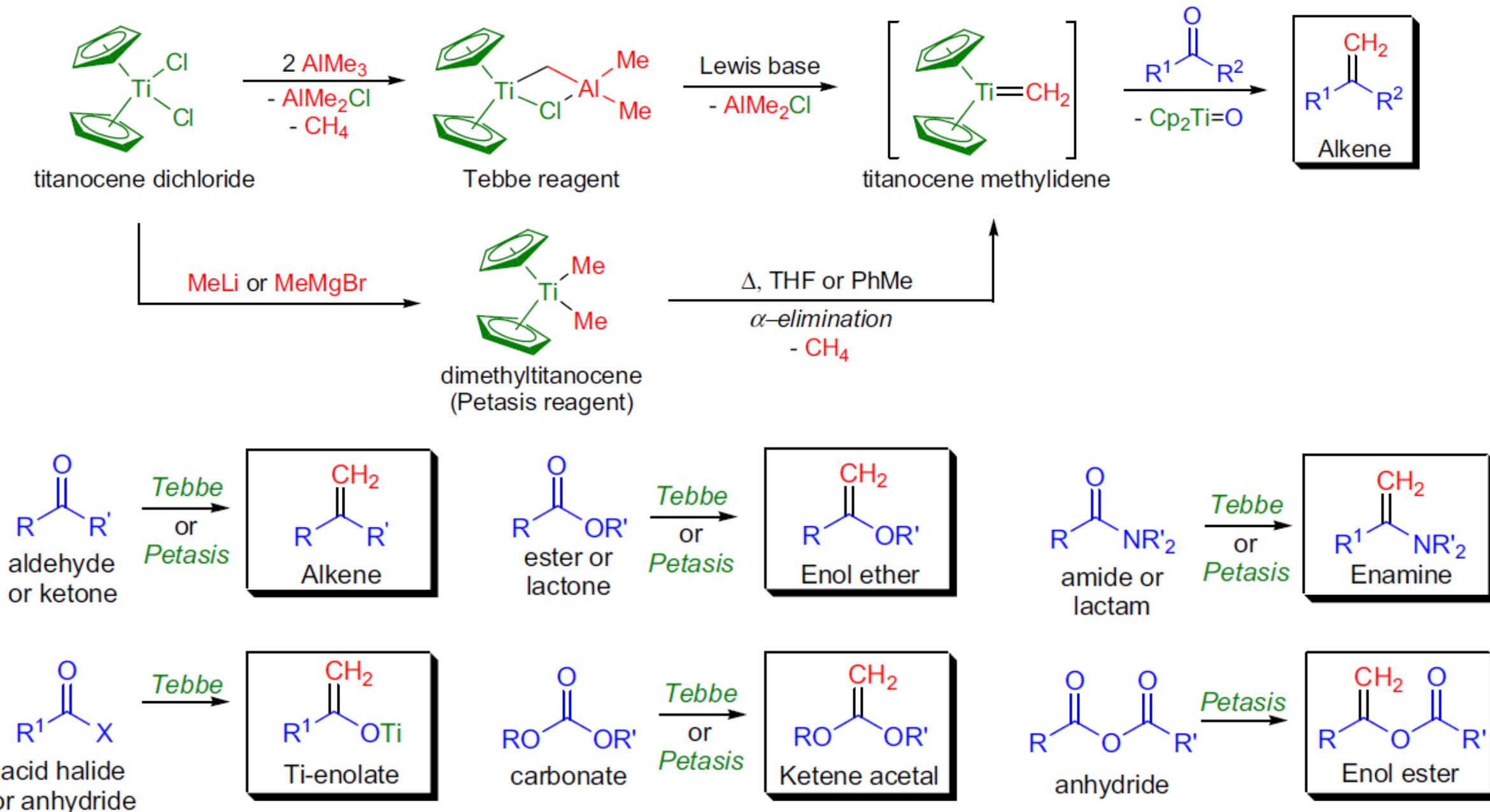
SeO<sub>2</sub>, TBHP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>  
0 °C to RT  
then *p*TsOH, RT, 69%

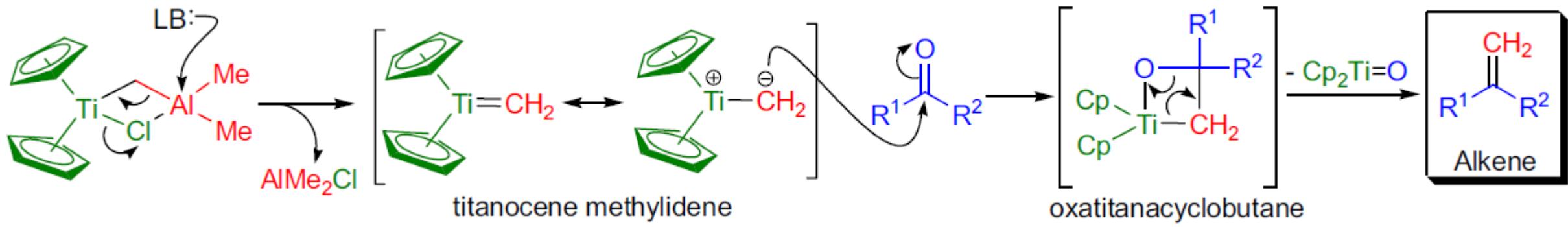


1) DMP, TFA  
CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 77%  
2) NaBH(OMe)<sub>3</sub>  
THF, -78 °C, 91%

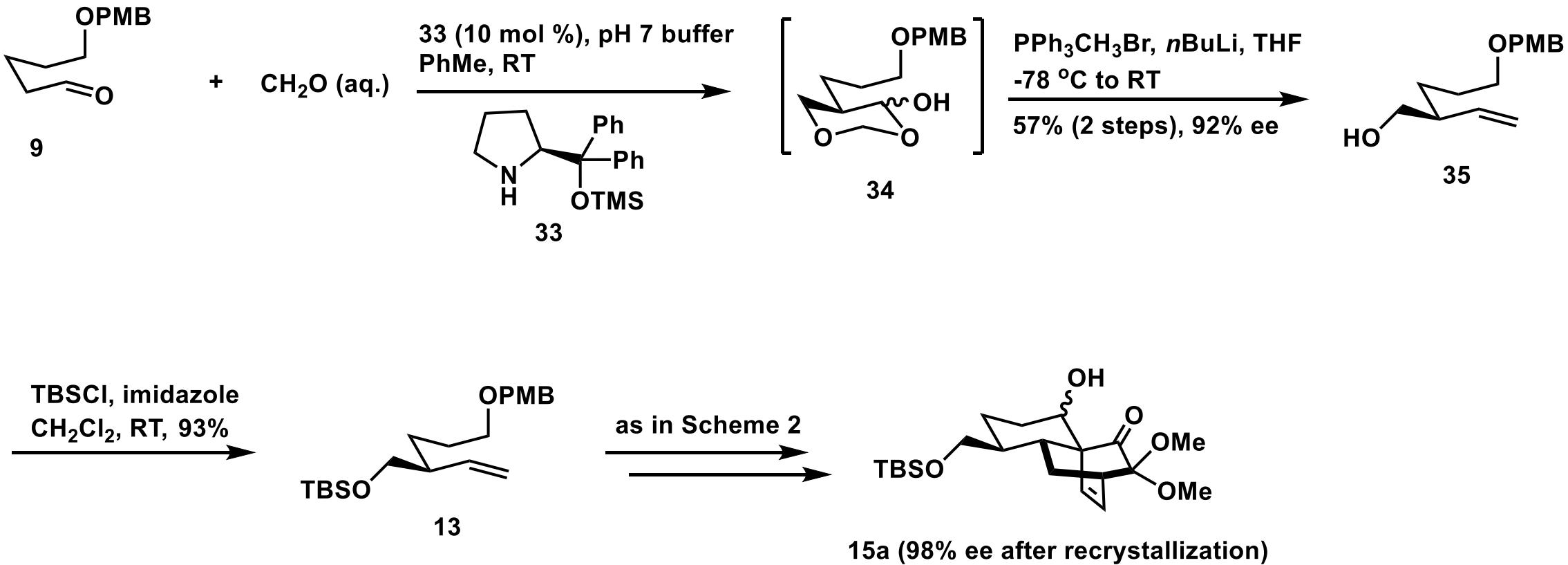


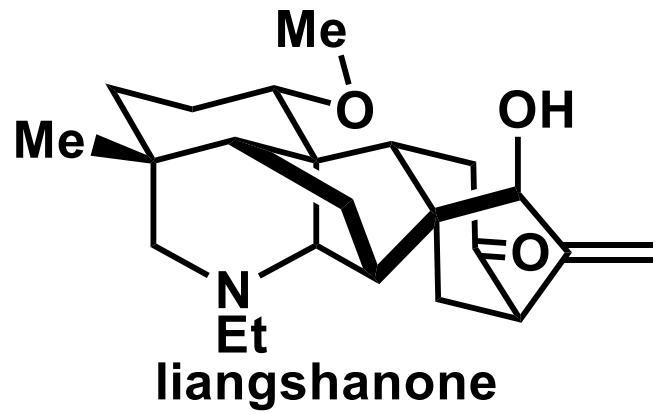
## Tebbe Olefination / Petasis-tebbe Olefination





## Asymmetric synthesis of the advanced tricyclic intermediate 15a.





- OD/DA sequence
- Alkene cleavage/Mannich
- Robinson-type annulation
- Aldol addition