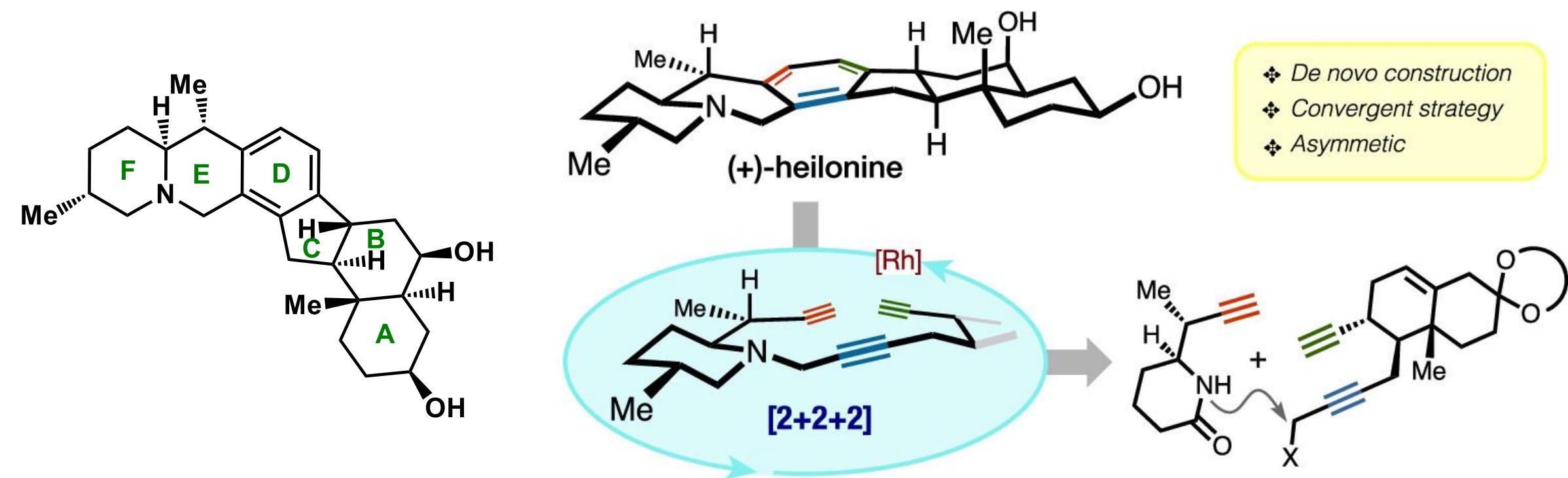


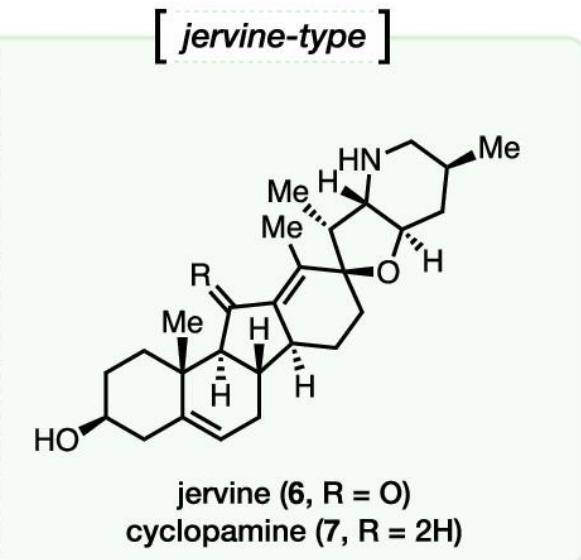
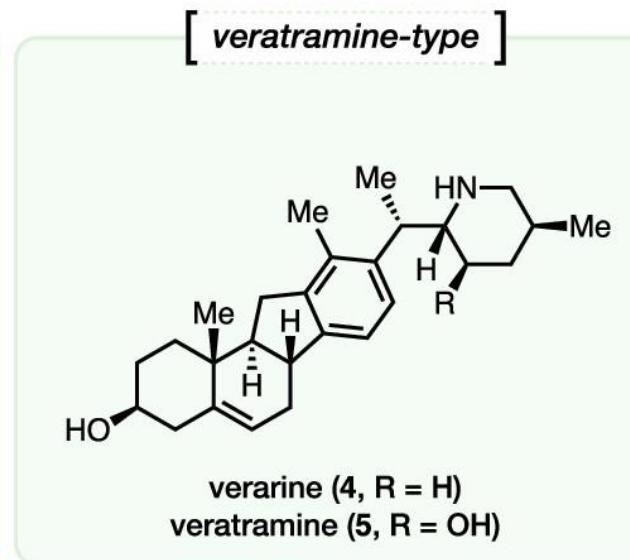
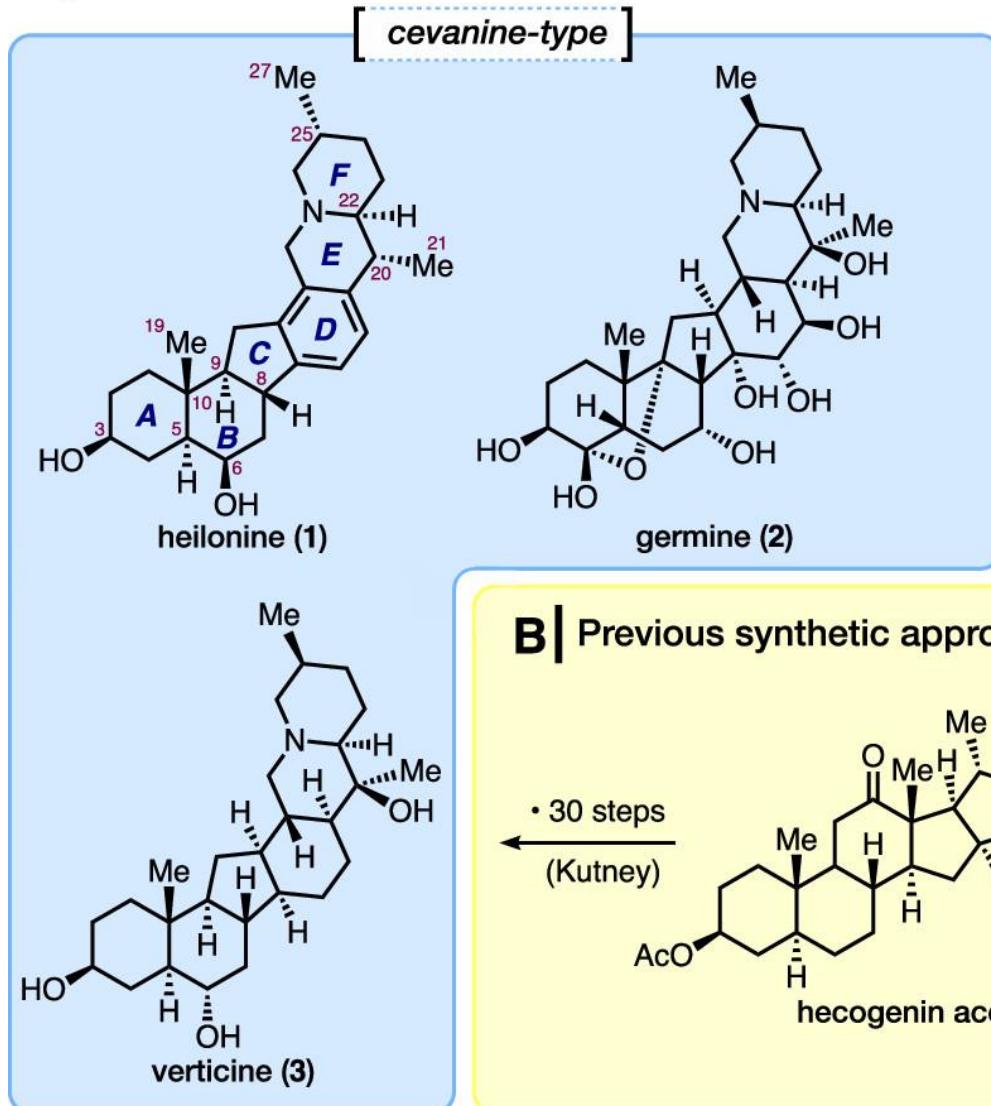
# Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (+)-Heilonine

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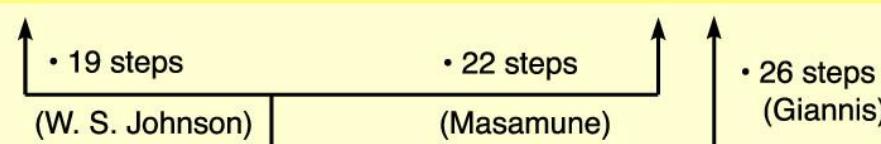
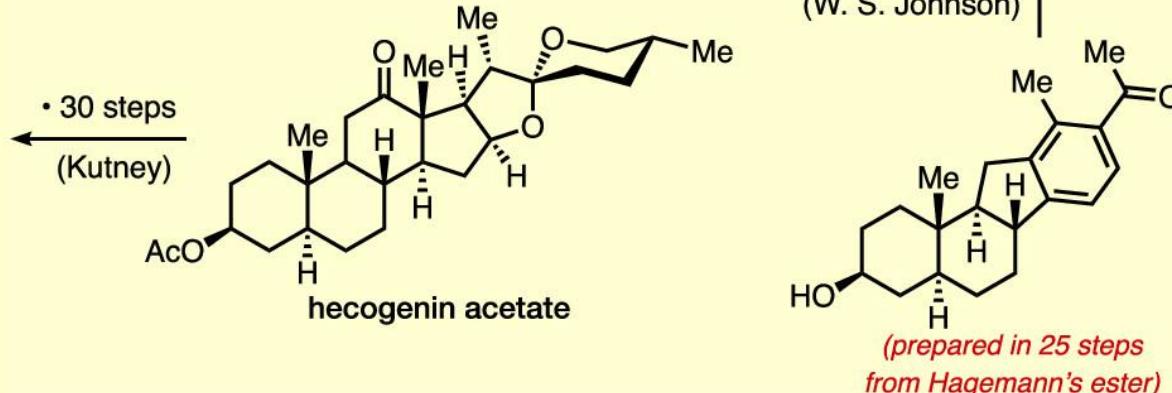


**(A) Representative members of the Veratrum alkaloids of the three structural subtypes and  
 (B) Previous total syntheses of the Veratrum alkaloids.**

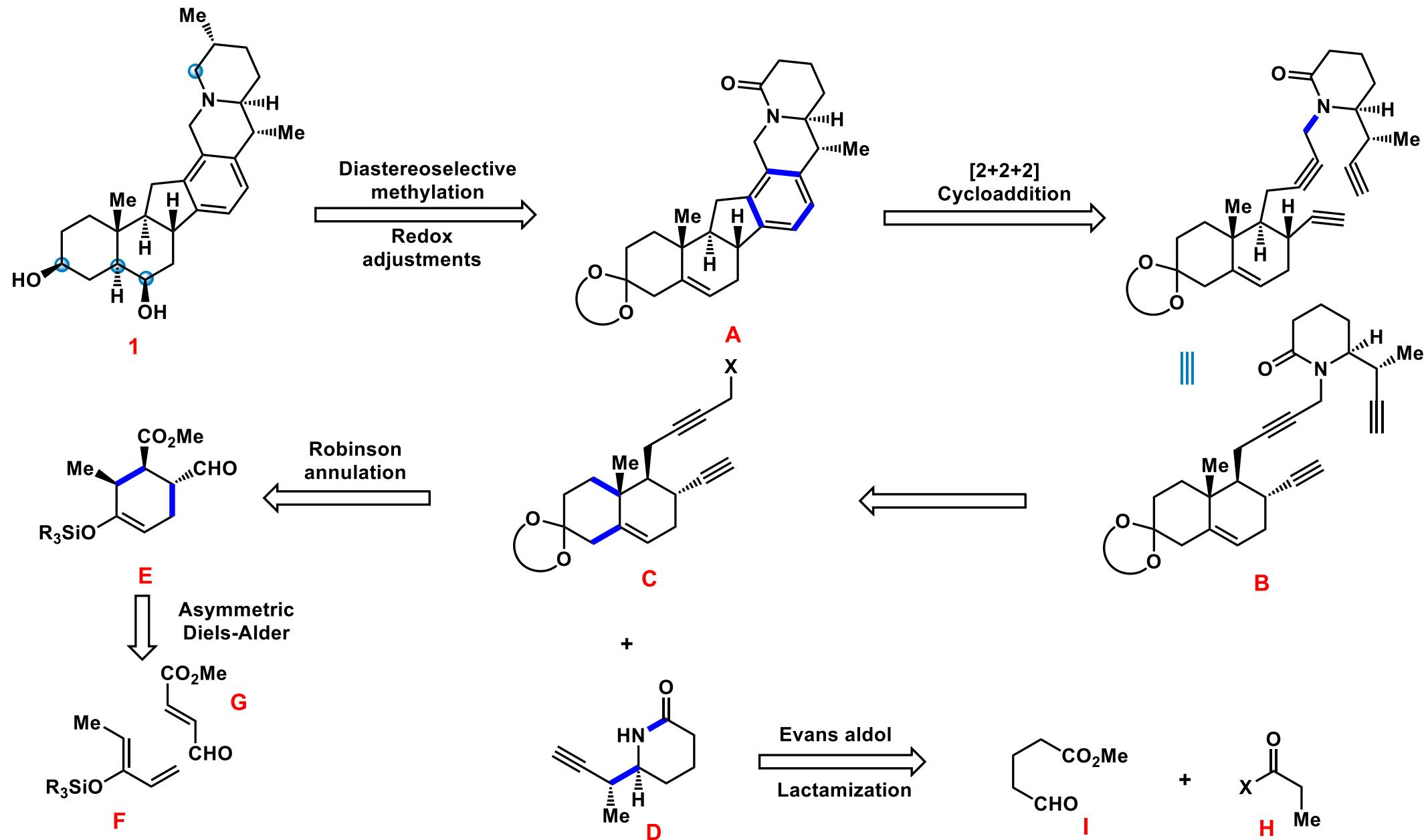
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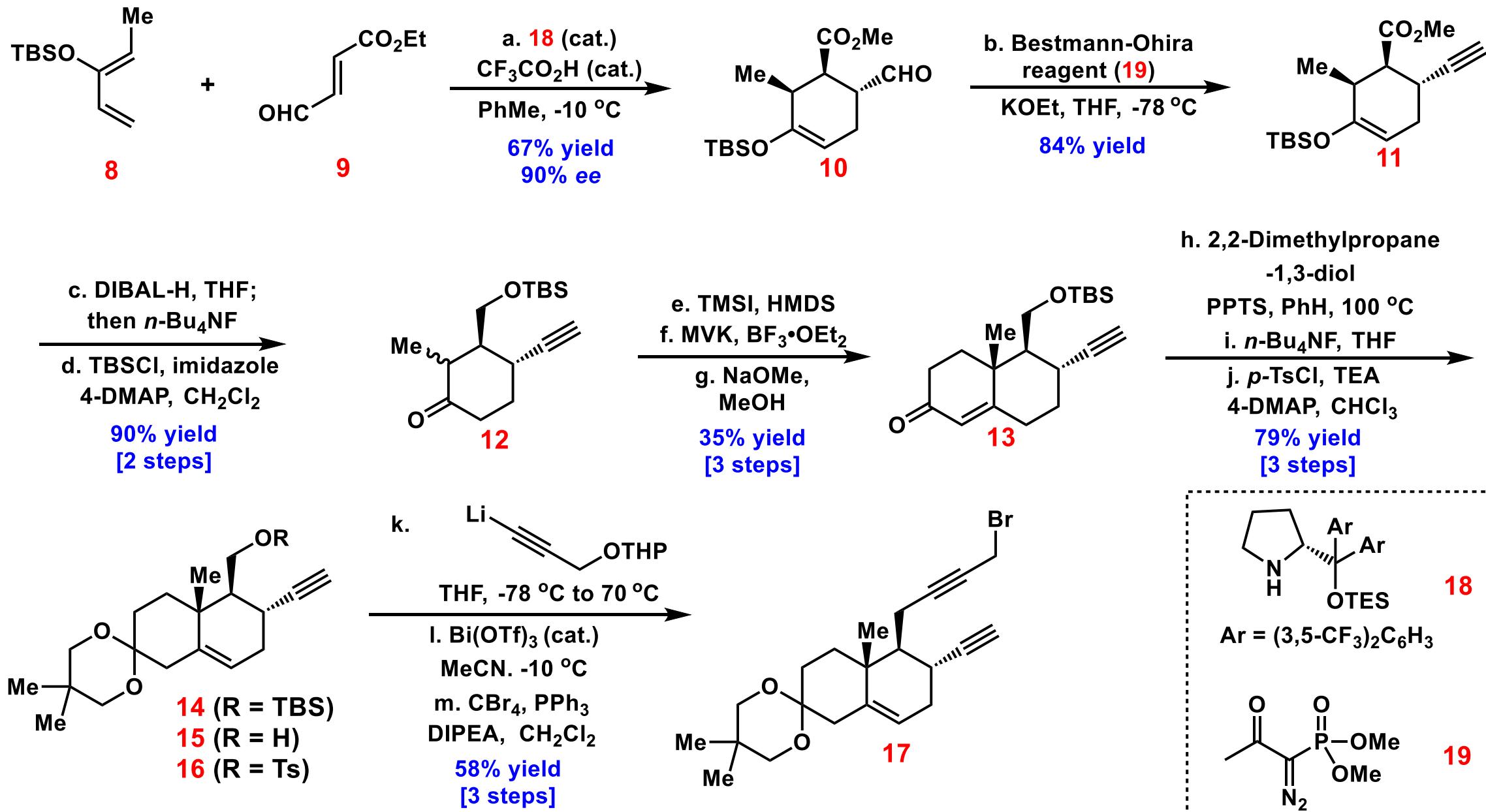
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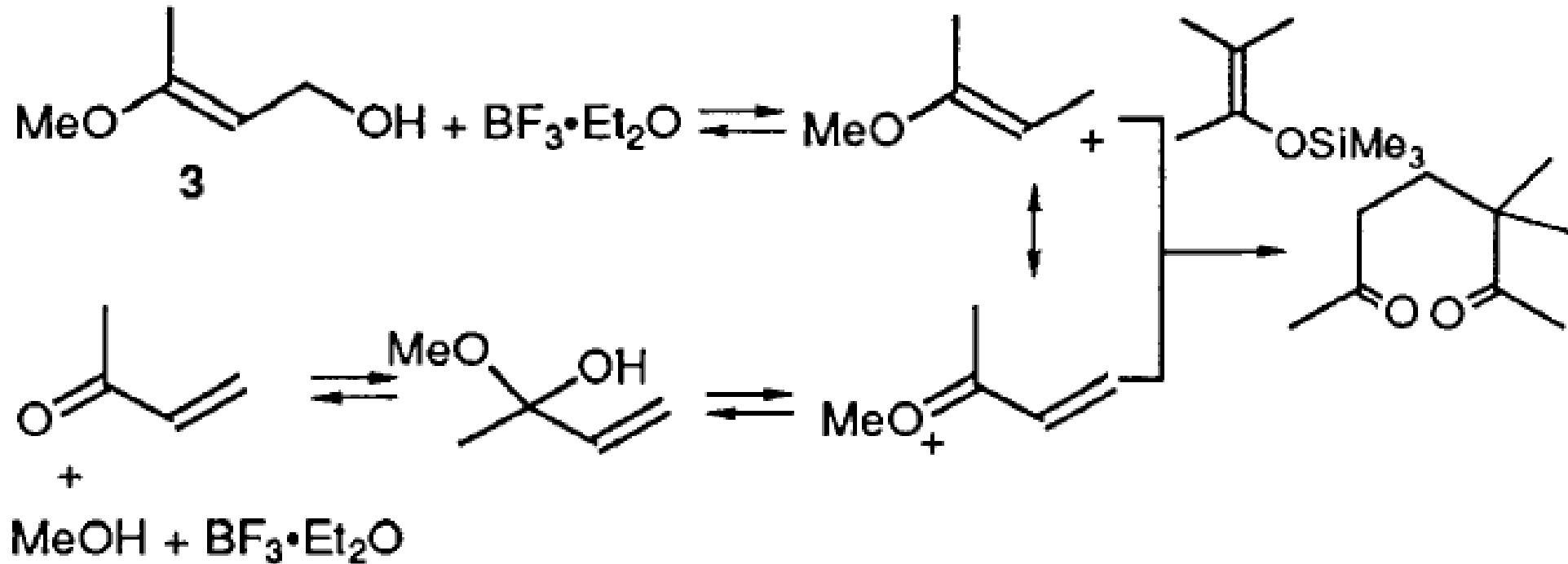
# Retrosynthetic Strategy to Heilonine (1) Utilizing a Convergent Fragment Coupling and [2 + 2 + 2] Cycloaddition



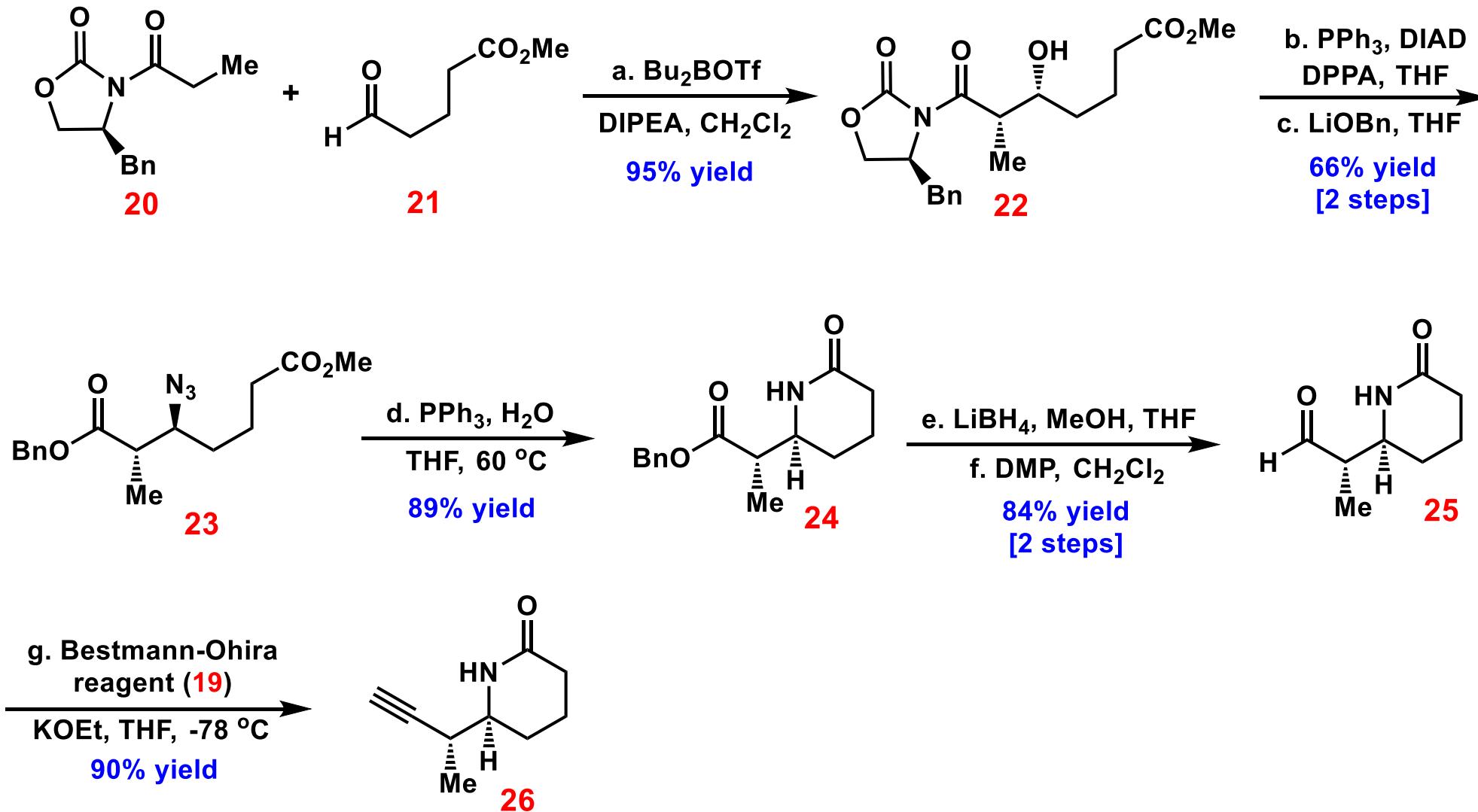
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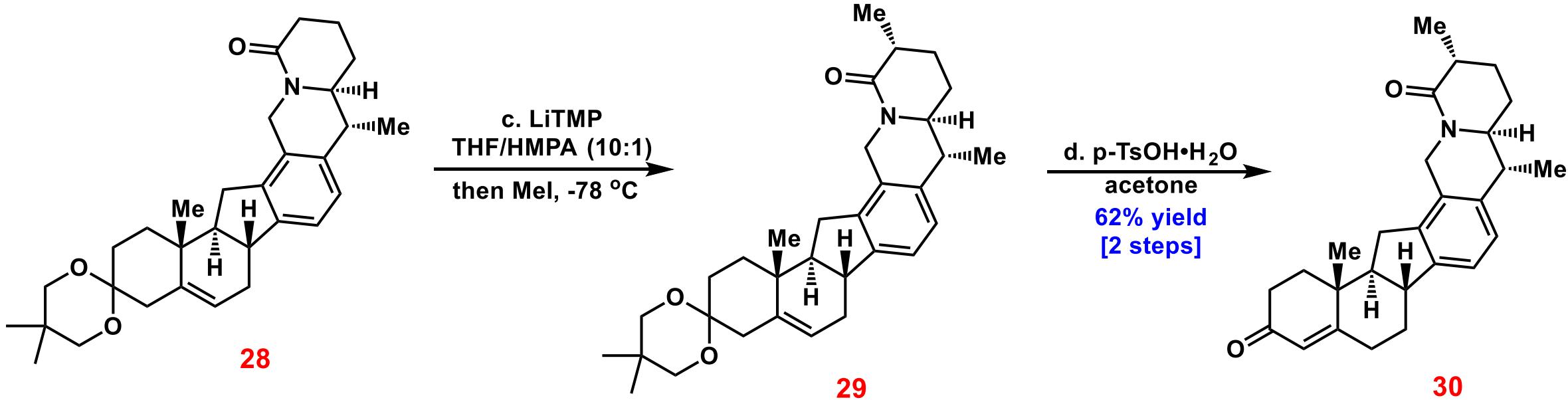
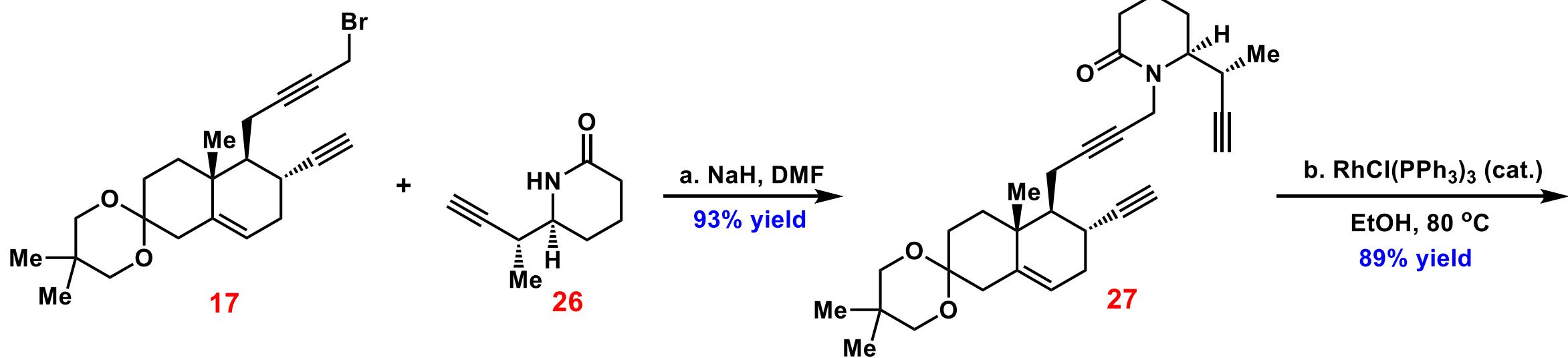
Mukaiyama–Michael reaction with MVK ( $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ , *i*-PrOH)

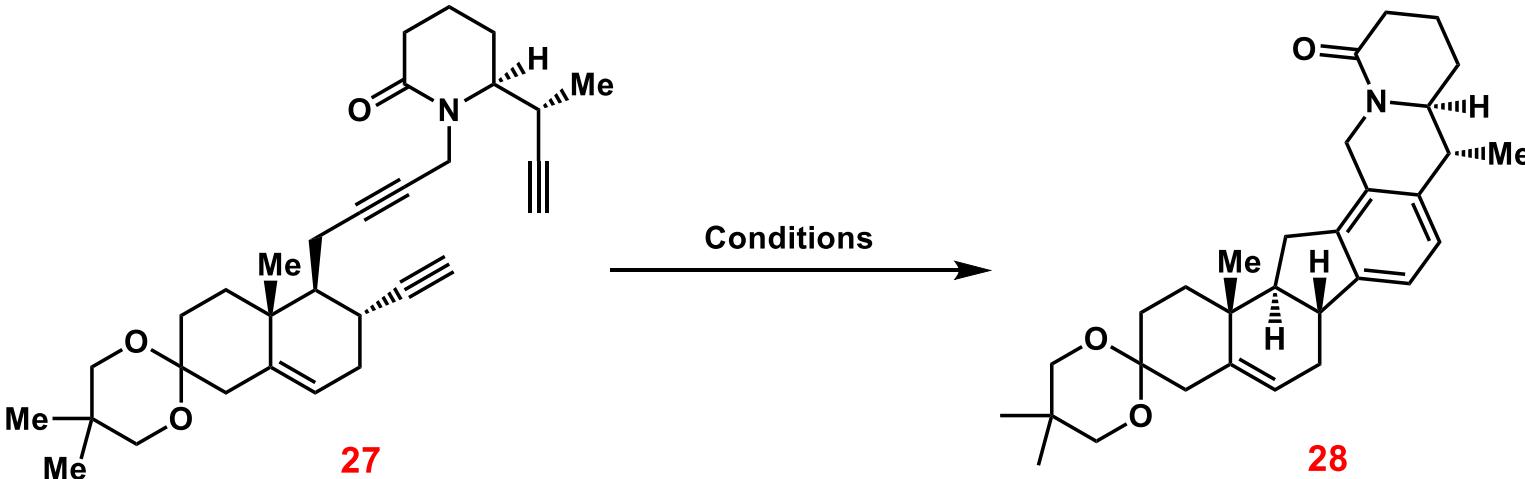


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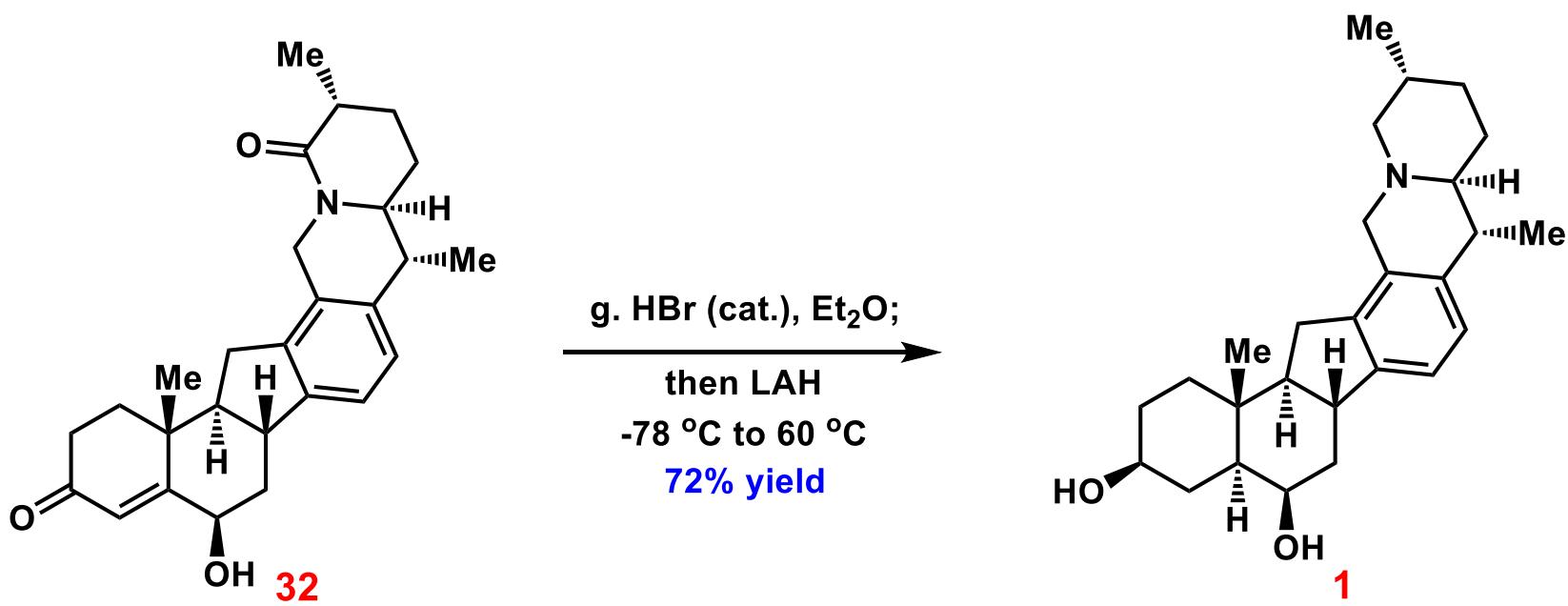
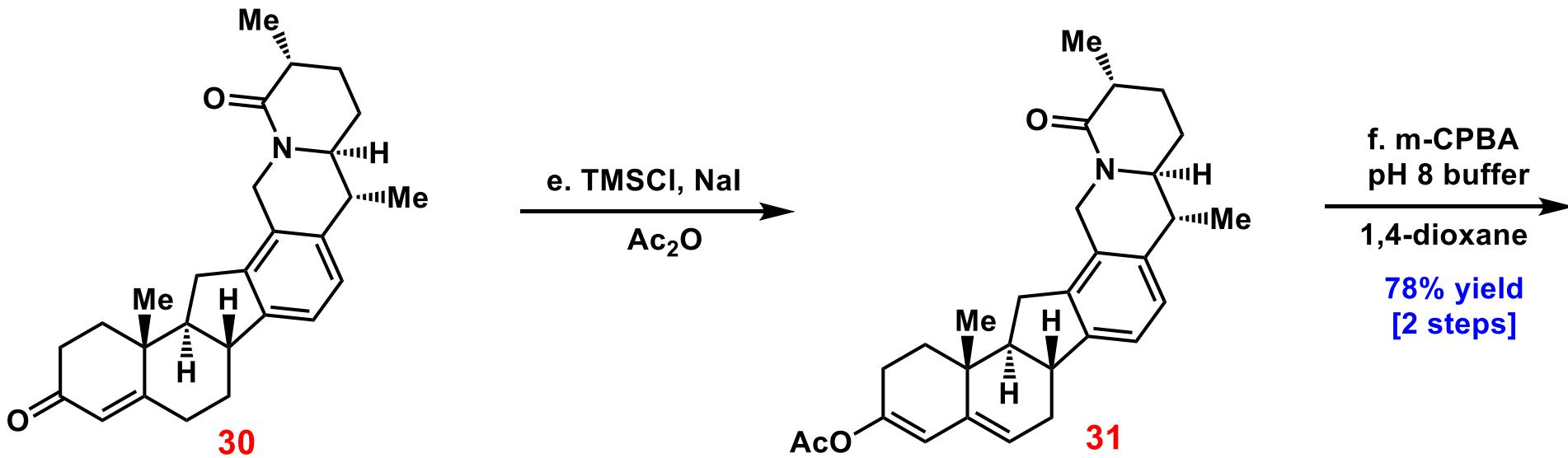


## Completion of the Total Synthesis of Heilonine (1)





| Entry | Conditions  | Result           |
|-------|---|------------------|
| 1.    | RhCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (5 mol%)<br>CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , RT | 18% <i>yield</i> |
| 2.    | RhCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (5 mol%)<br>DCE, 80 °C                           | 43% <i>yield</i> |
| 3.    | RhCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (5 mol%)<br>EtOH, 80 °C                          | 57% <i>yield</i> |
| 4.    | RhCl(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (10 mol%)<br>EtOH, 80 °C                         | 89% <i>yield</i> |
| 5.    | Cp*Ru(cod)Cl (20 mol%)<br>DCE, 80 °C  | 67% <i>yield</i> |



- ❑ intramolecular [2 + 2 + 2] cycloisomerization
- ❑ organocatalytic enantioselective Diels–Alder reaction
- ❑ late-stage diastereoselective methylation of a heptacyclic intermediate
- ❑ one-pot acid-catalyzed isomerization–global reduction