

# Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Dysiherbols A, C, and D

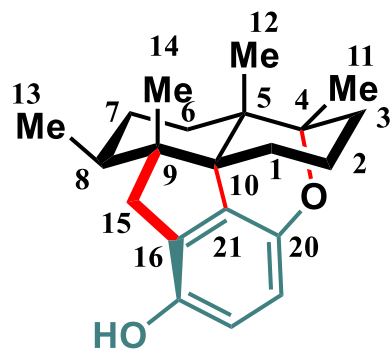
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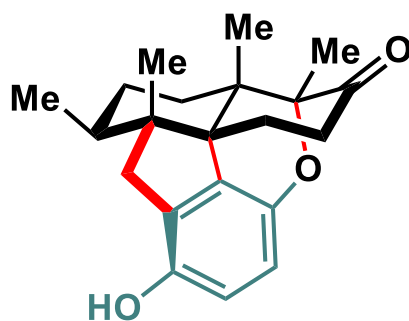
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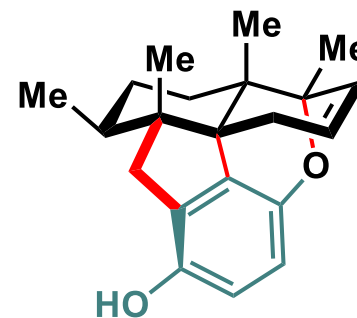
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**4: Dysiherbol A**



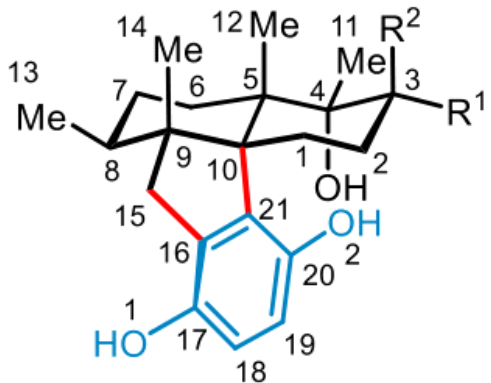
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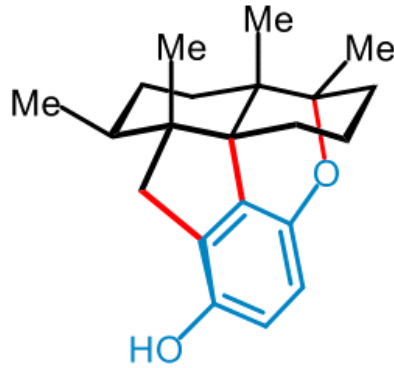
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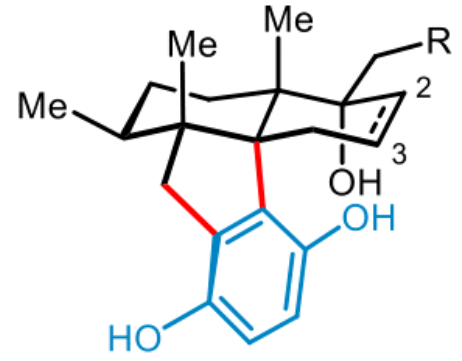
*Representative polycyclic Q/HS*



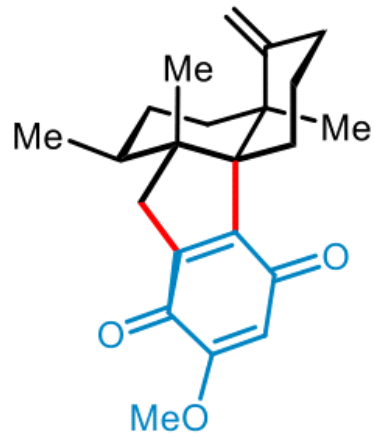
dysiherbol A (1):  $R^1 = R^2 = H$  \*  
 dysiherbol B (2):  $R^1 = OH, R^2 = H$  \*\*\*  
 dysiherbol C (3):  $R^1 = R^2 = O$  \*\*\*



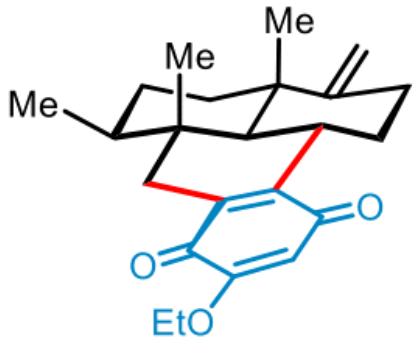
dysiherbol A (4) \*\*



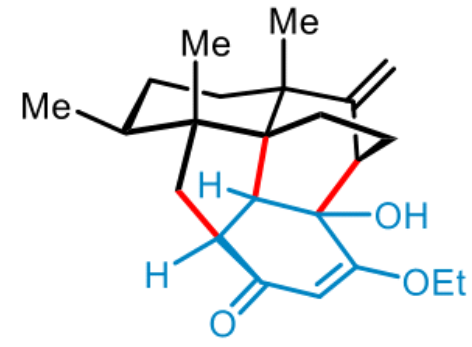
dysiherbol D (5):  $R = H, \Delta^{2,3}$  \*\*\*  
 dysiherbol E (6):  $R = OH$  \*\*\*



cycloaurenone C (7)



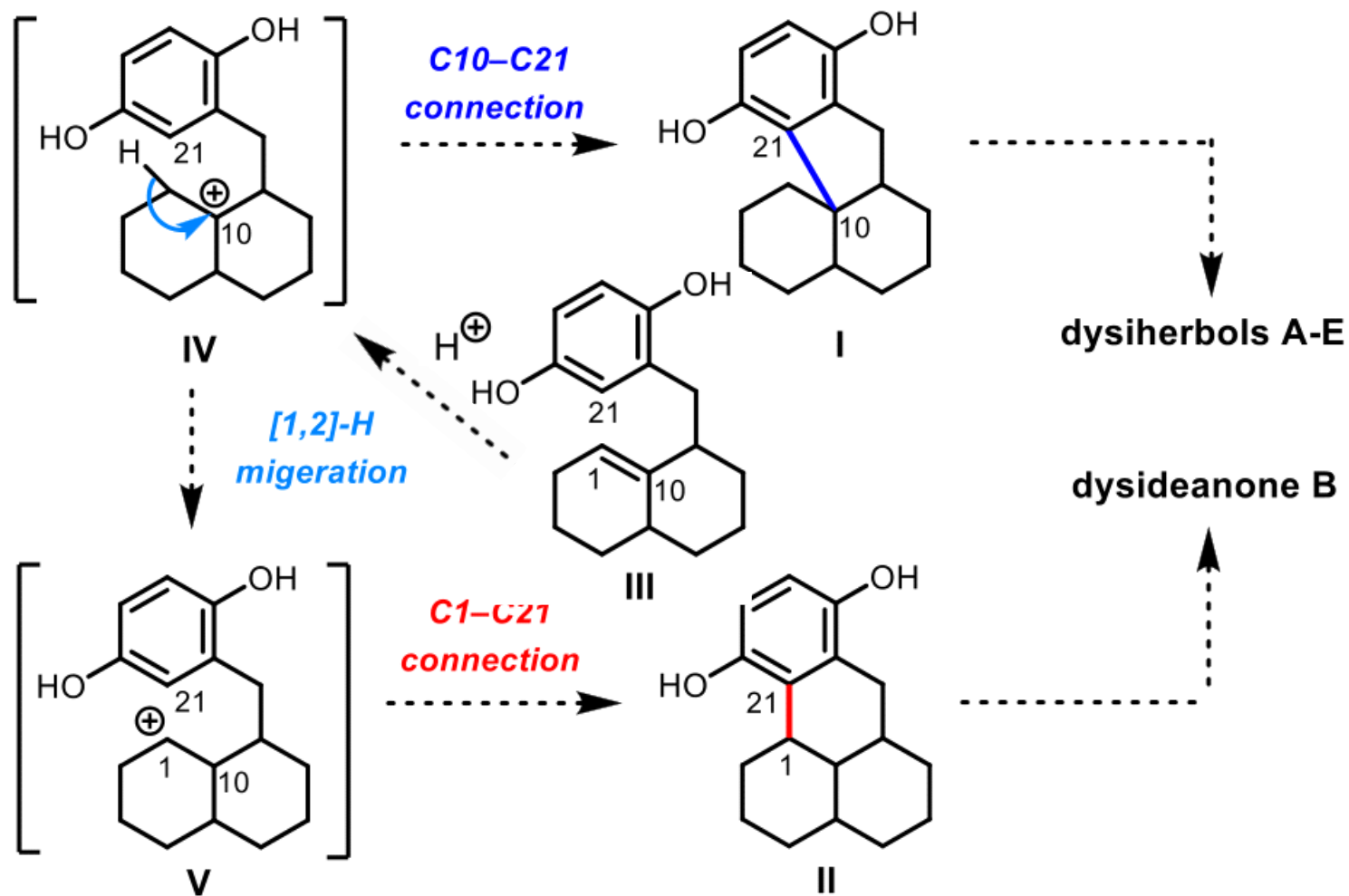
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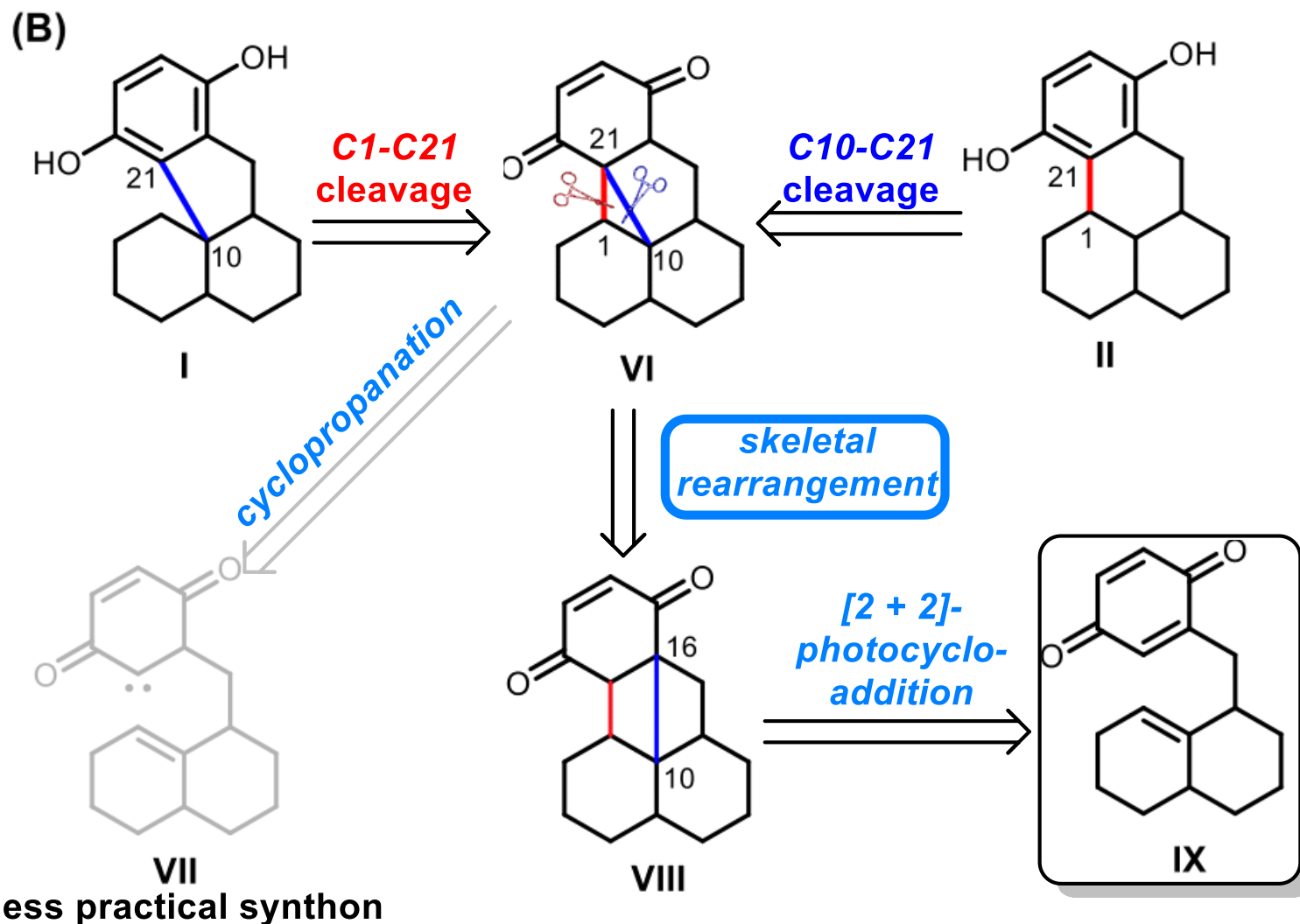
septosone A (9)

\* originally proposed structure    \*\* revised structure    \*\*\* yet-to-be-validated structure

(A)

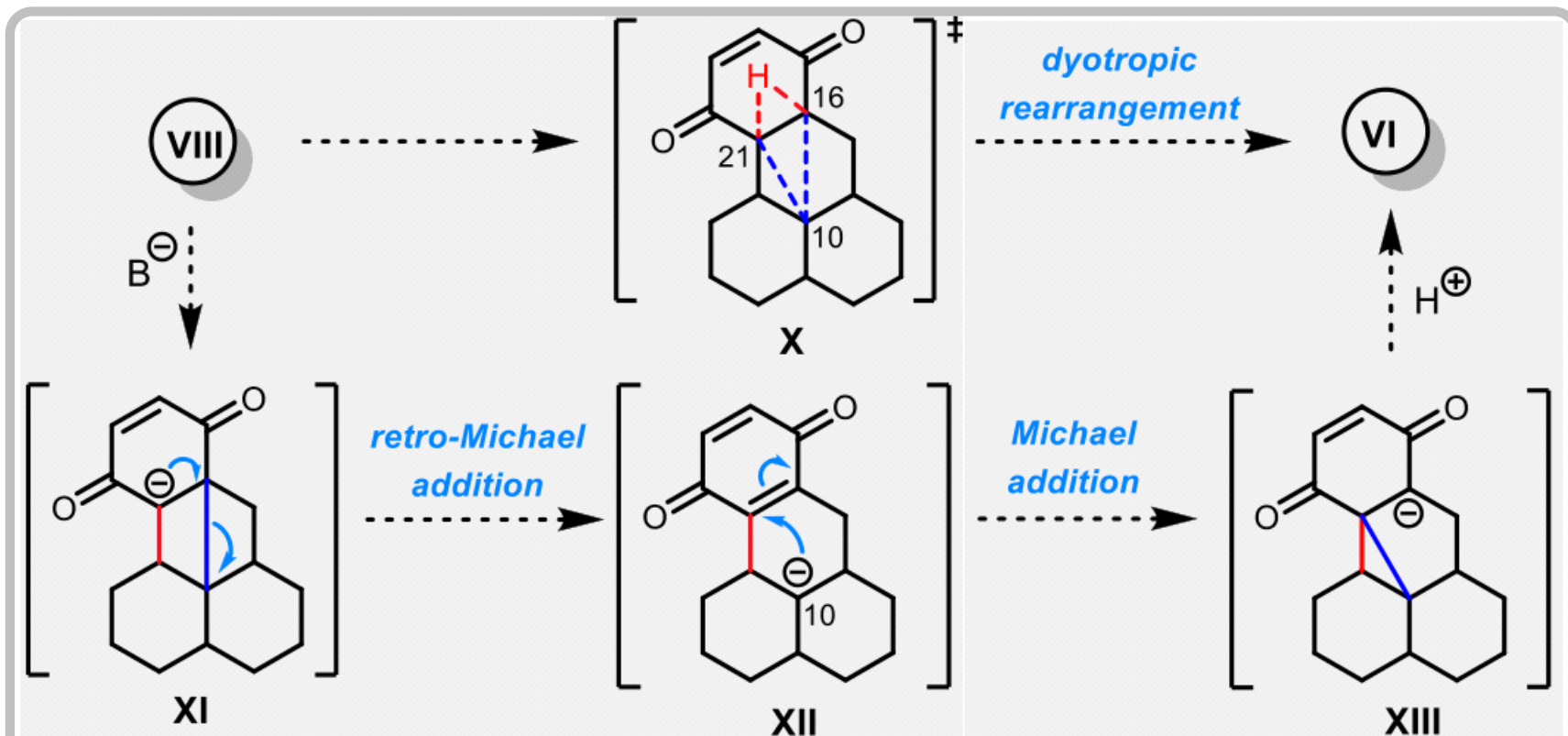


(A) Bioinspiration: diverted synthesis of 6/6/5/6 and 6/6/6/6 tetracyclic Q/HS via a selective C–C bond formation.

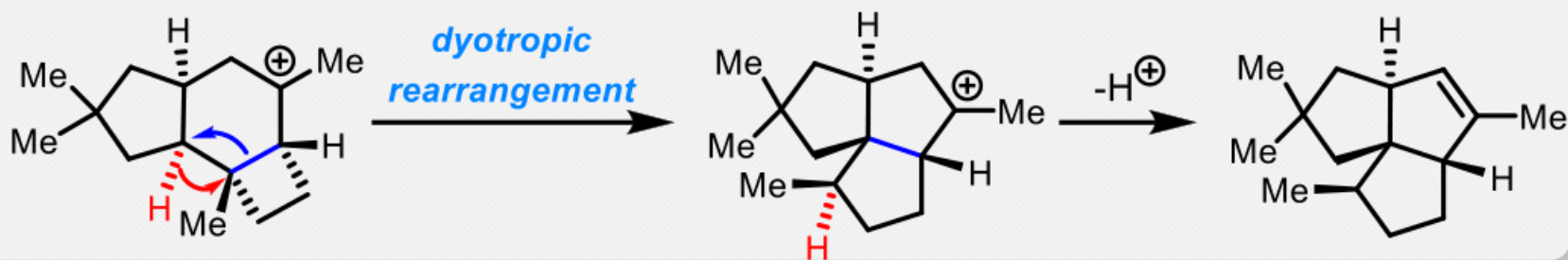


(B) Rational design: diverted synthesis of 6/6/5/6 and 6/6/6/6 tetracyclic Q/HS via a selective C–C bond cleavage.

(C)

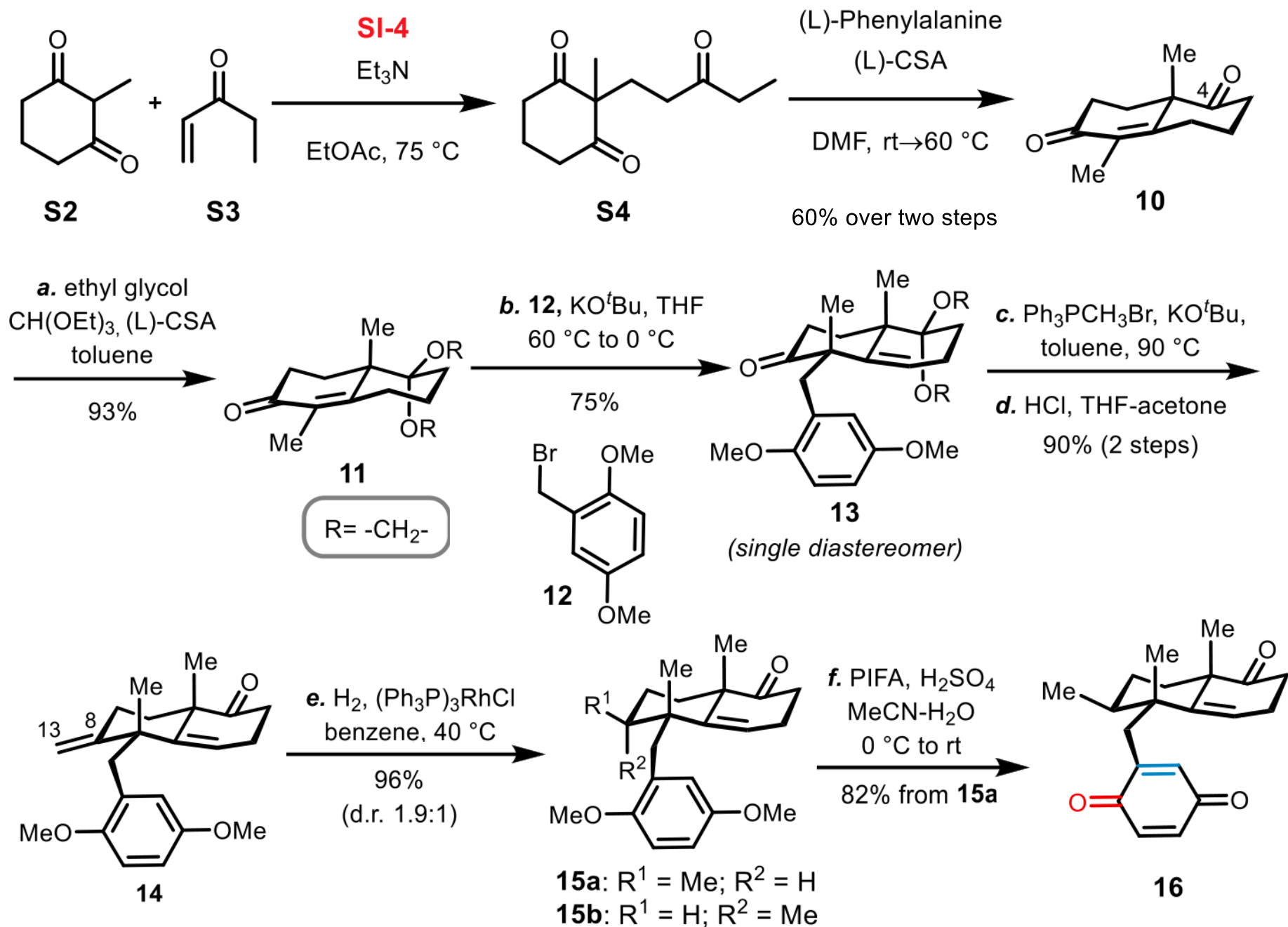


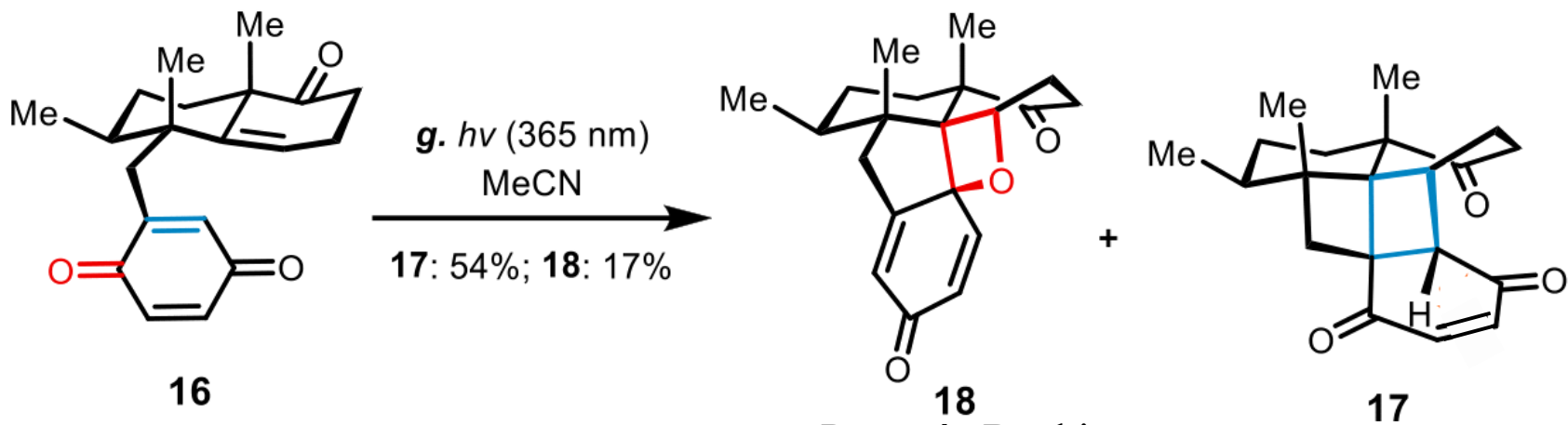
Inspiring skeletal rearrangement leading to tricyclic sesquiterpene pentalenene:



(C) Proposed reaction pathways of the skeletal rearrangement from VIII to VI.

# Scheme 1. Initial Studies toward the Total Synthesis of Dysiherbol A (4)



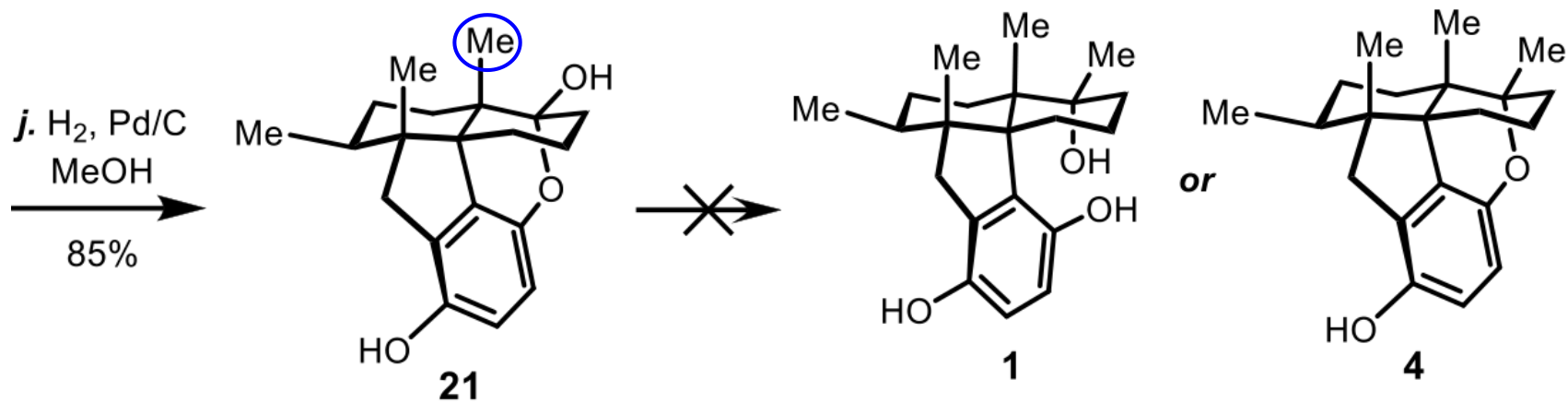
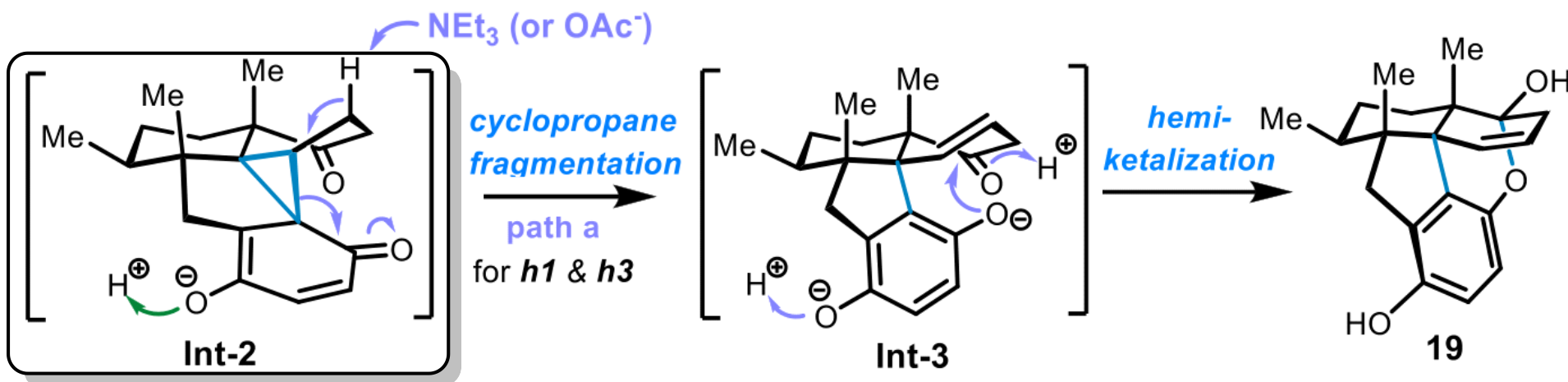
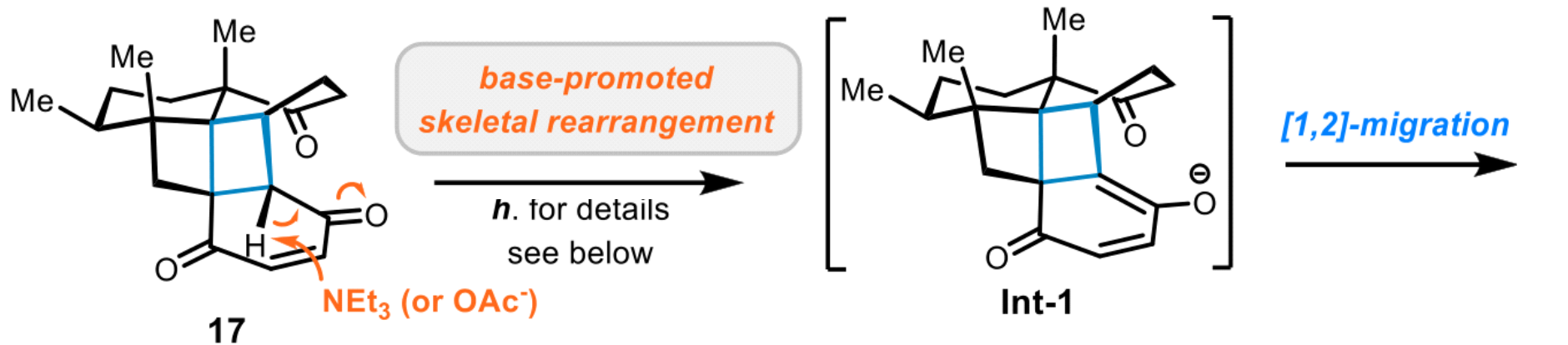


Paternò-Büchi  
reaction

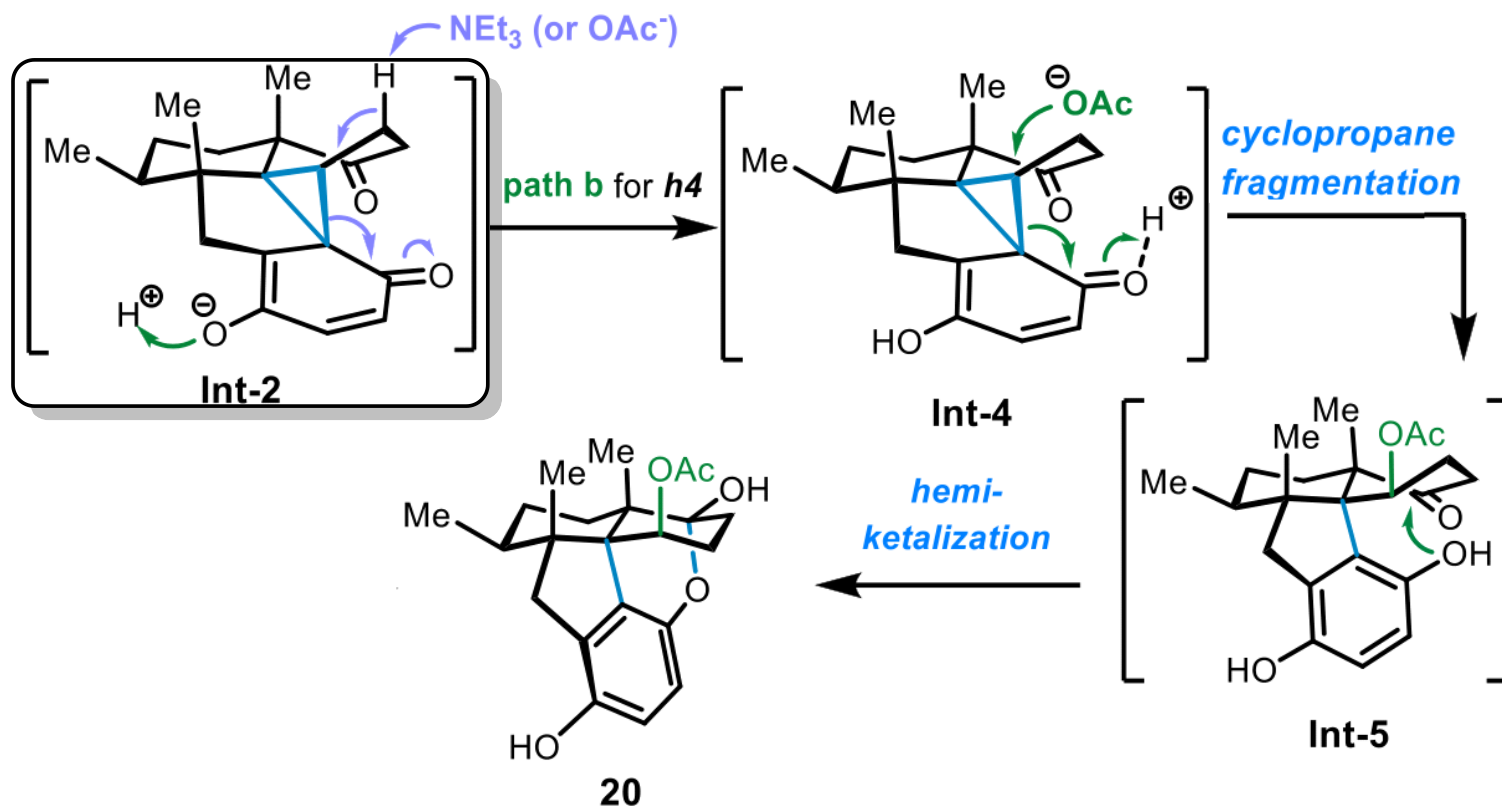
**step g**

Solvent	17 : 18 (ratio, 5 min)
benzene (0.01M)	1.8:1
acetone (0.01M)	2.3:1
MeCN (0.01M)	2.5:1
MeCN (0.001M)	3.0:1

当使用254 nm的光源时，同样以化合物**17**为主产物，遗憾的是化合物**17**在此条件下易发生光解。



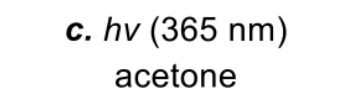
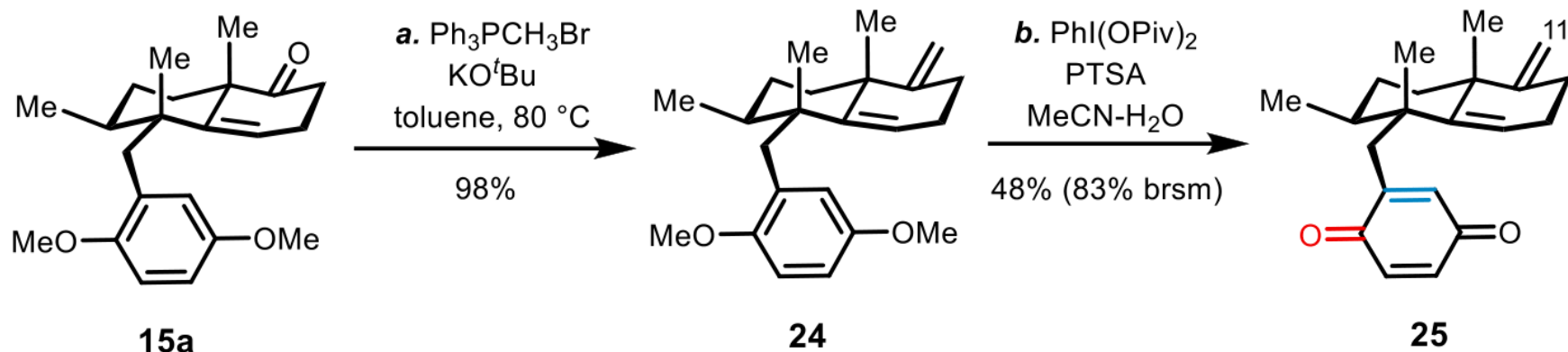




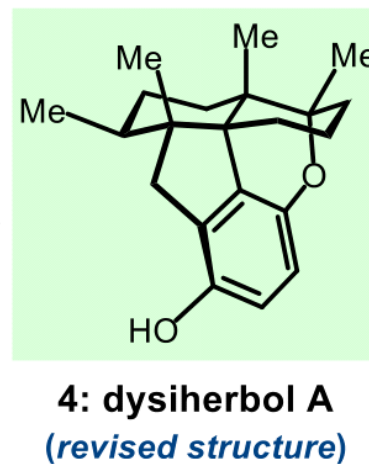
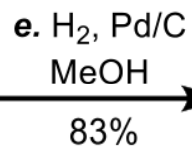
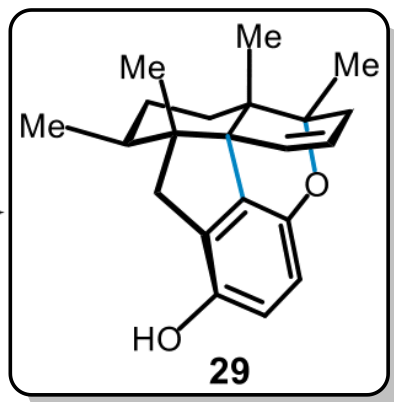
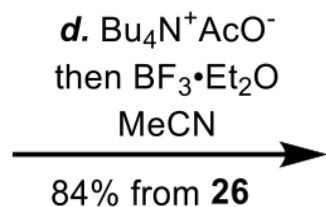
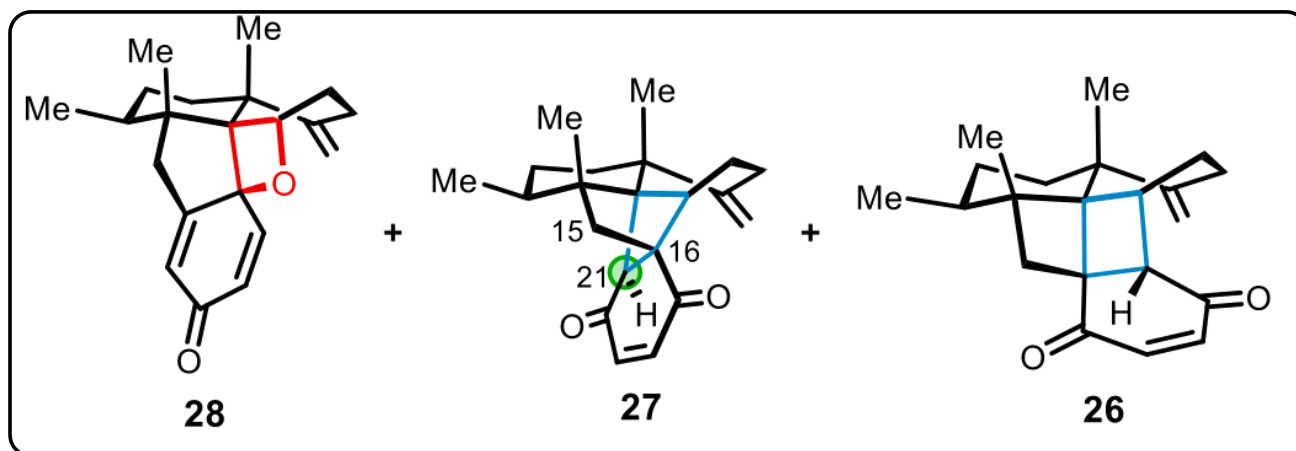
**step h**

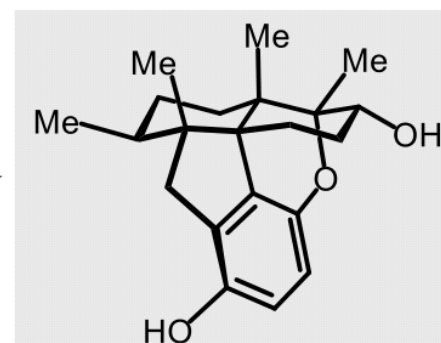
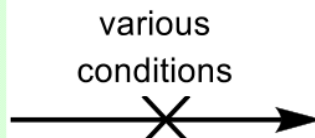
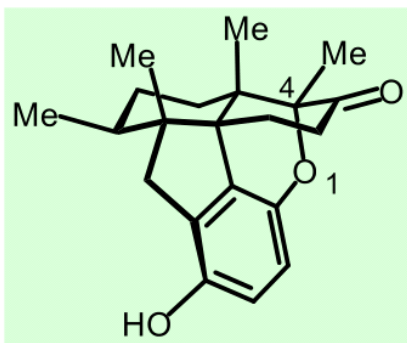
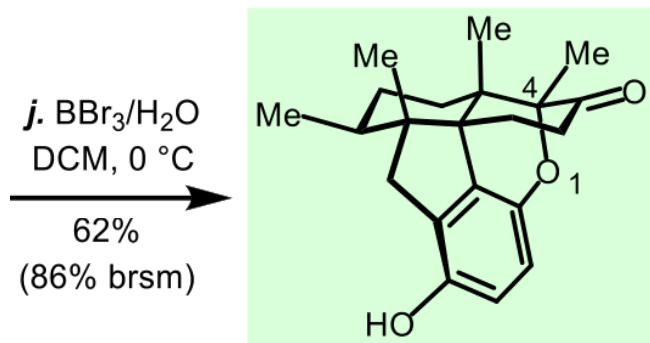
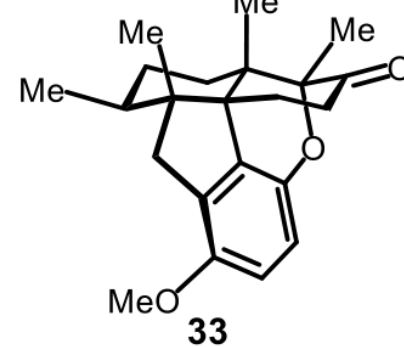
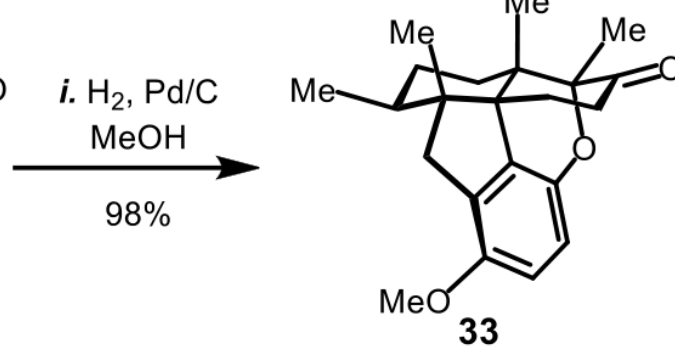
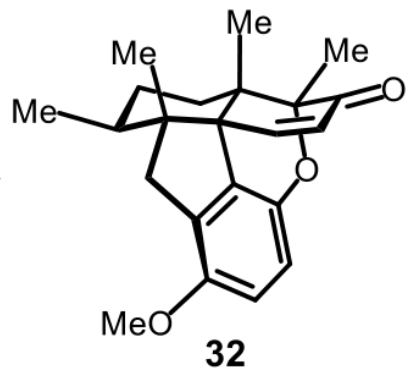
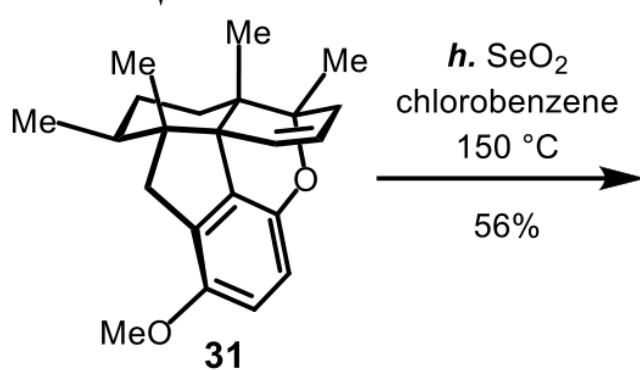
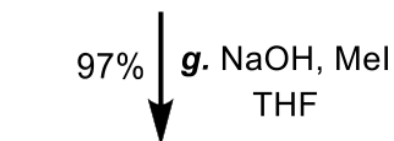
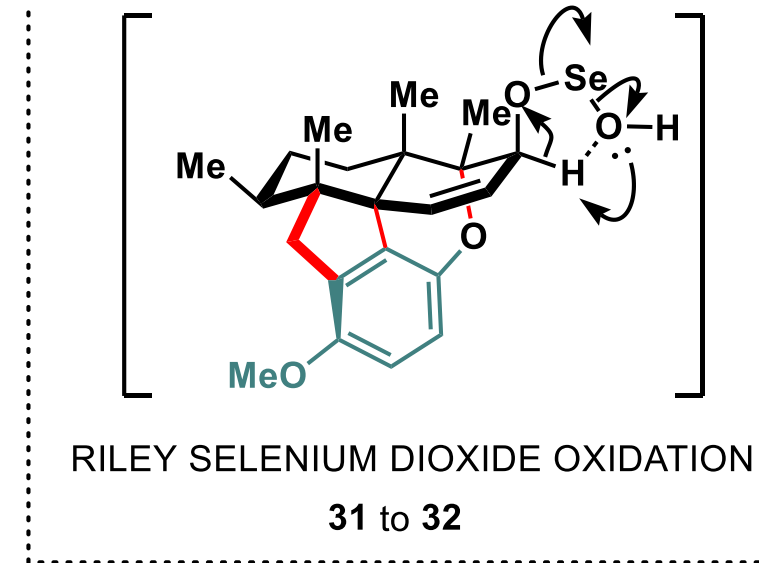
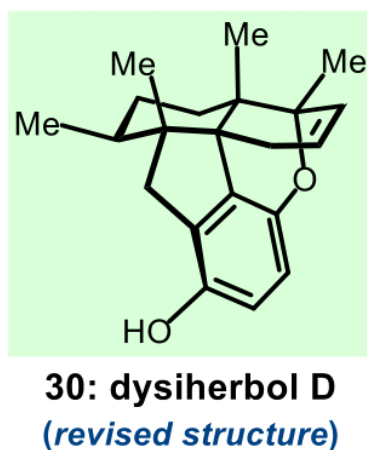
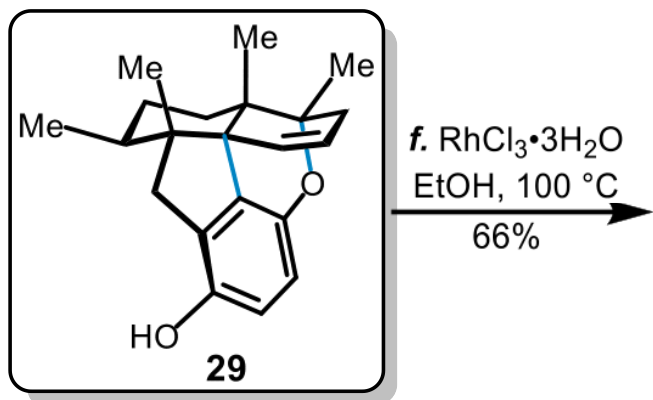
Conditions	Product: yield
1. acetone, 14 days	<b>19</b> : ca. 15%
2. $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ , MeOH	<b>19</b> : 42%
3. $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{AcO}^-$ , MeCN	<b>19</b> : 63%
4. $\text{Bu}_4\text{N}^+\text{AcO}^-$ , MeCN-AcOH	<b>20</b> : 50%

# Completion of the Total Synthesis of Dysiherbols A, C, and D



**26:** 29% (41% brsm)  
**27:** 19% (27% brsm)  
**28:** 15% (20% brsm)





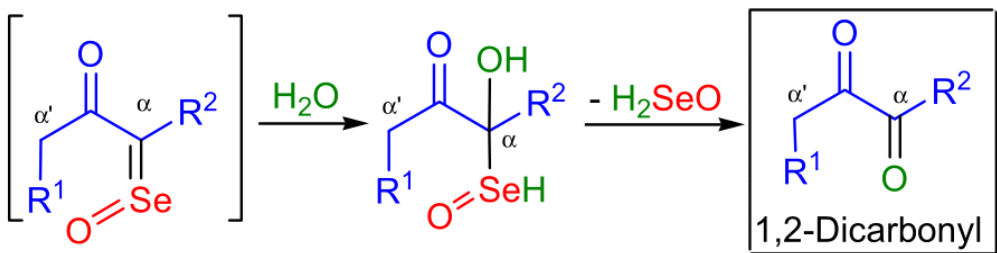
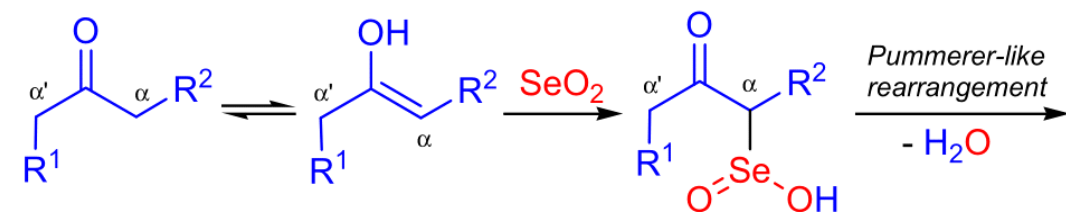
**34: dysiherbol C**  
(revised structure)

**35: dysiherbol B**  
(revised structure)

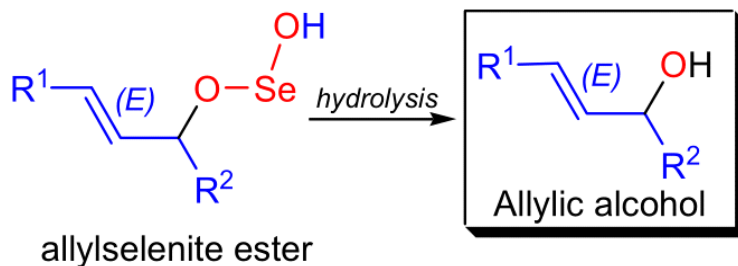
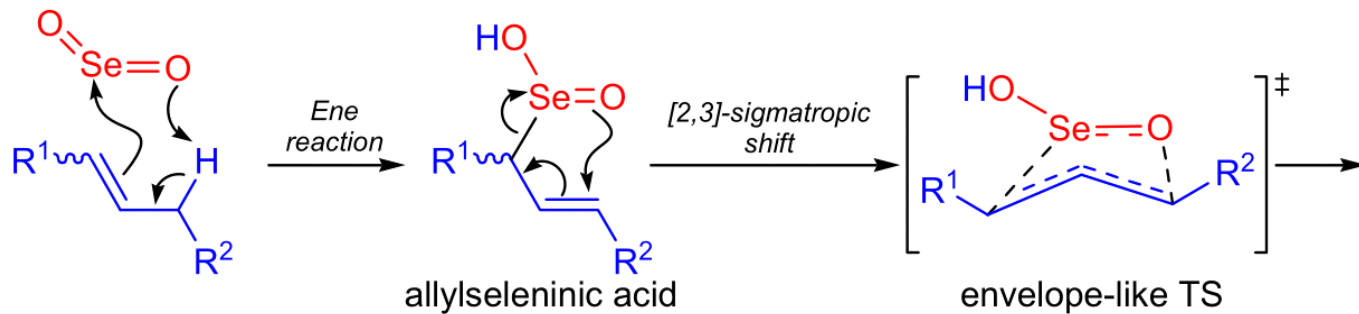
# RILEY SELENIUM DIOXIDE OXIDATION

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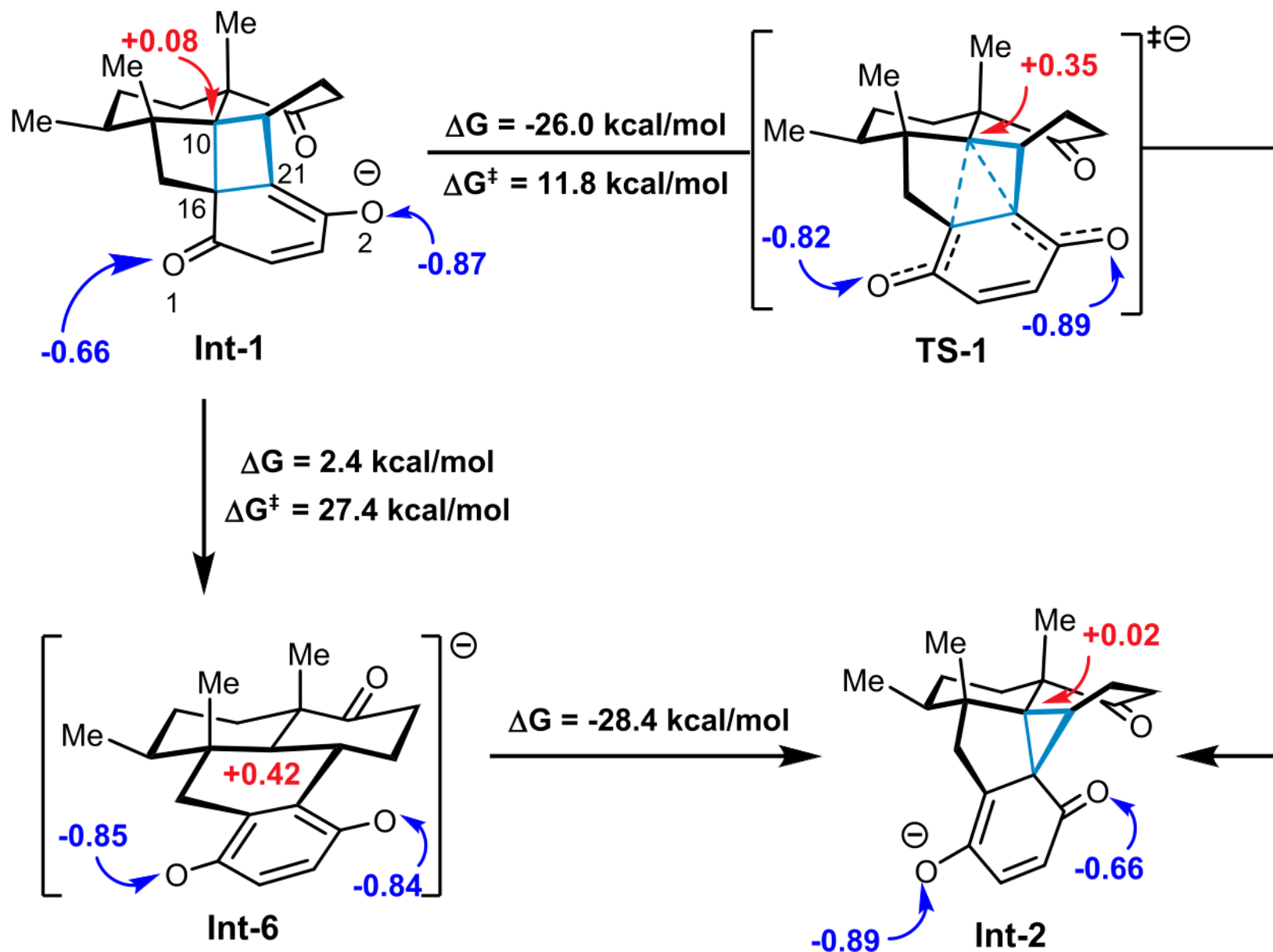
Oxidation of carbonyl compounds:



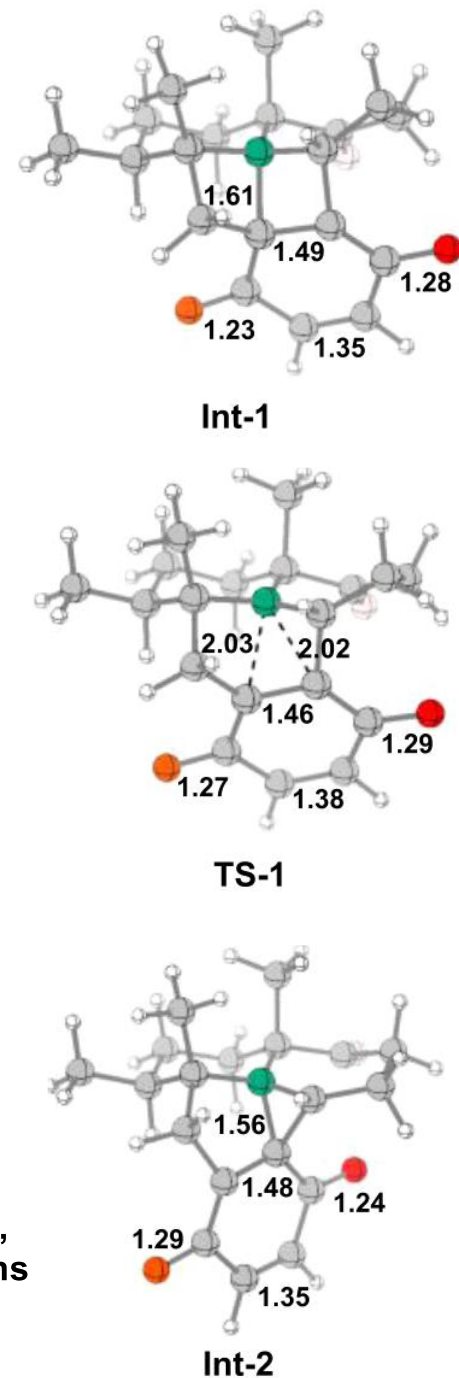
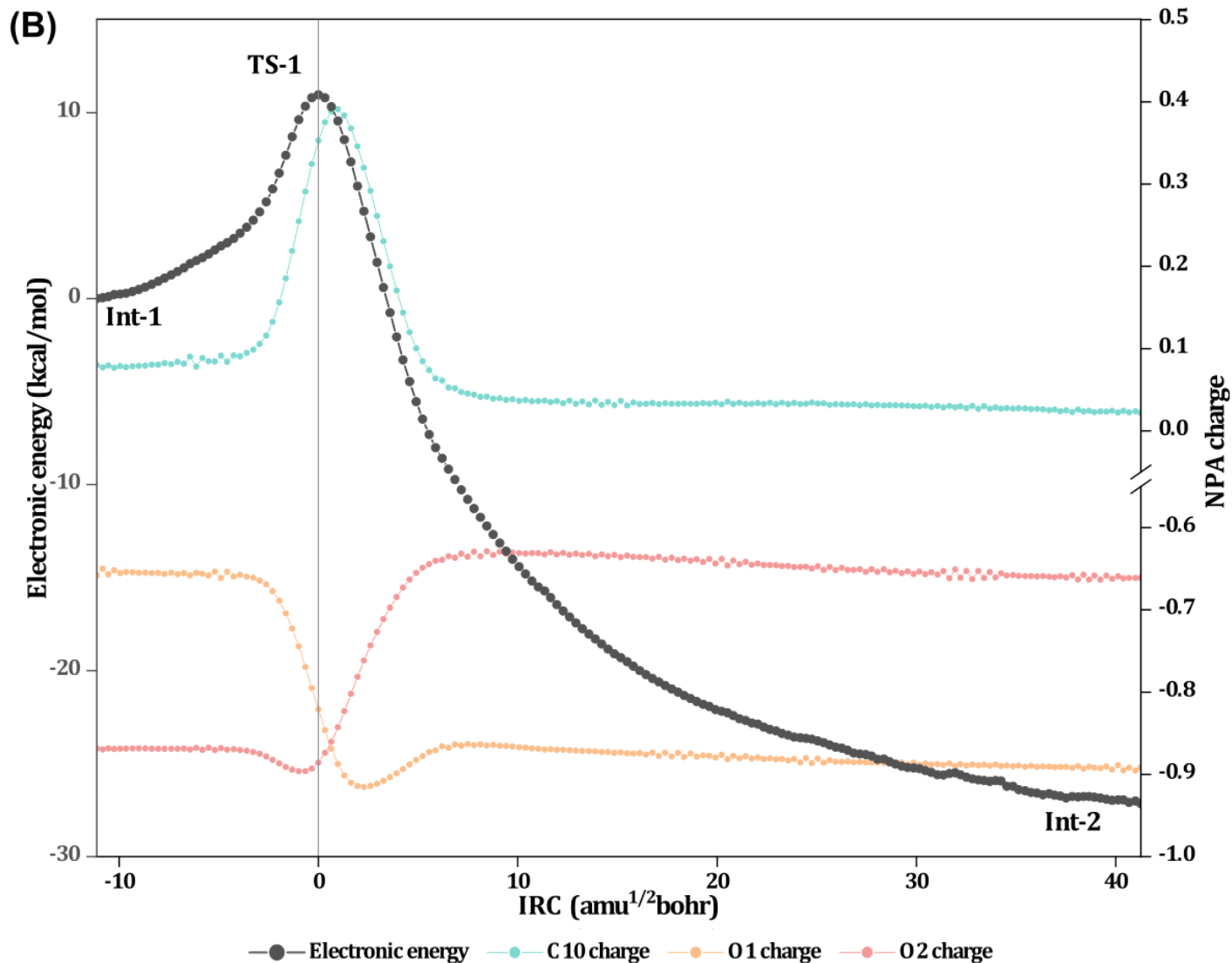
Oxidation of alkenes:



# Mechanistic analysis of the [1,2]-migration process



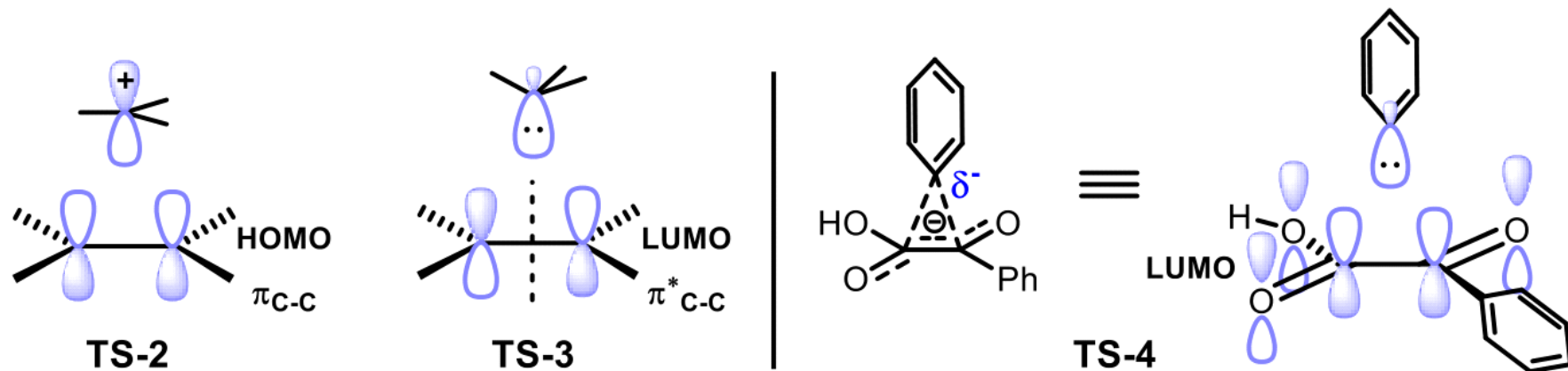
DFT calculation of the presumed intermediates and TS. The selected NPA charges are shown in red and blue.



**(B)** Electronic energy and NPA charge for selected atoms along the IRC. The interatomic distances are shown in angstroms. Calculated at M06-2X/6-311+G(d,p), SMD(MeCN) level of theory. The same level was applied in the following calculations unless otherwise mentioned.

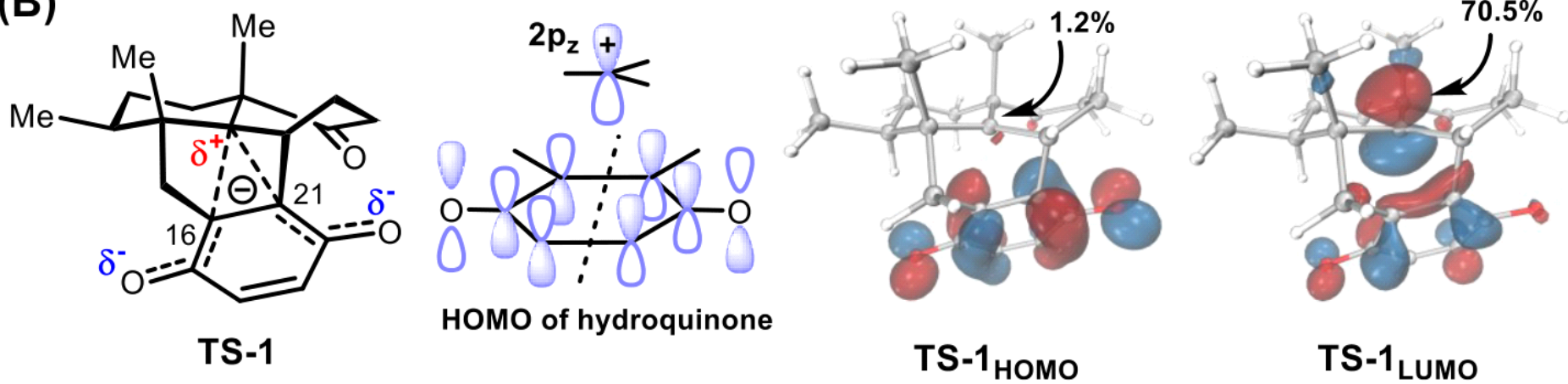
# Interpretation of the favored and disfavored factors in the [1,2]-migration

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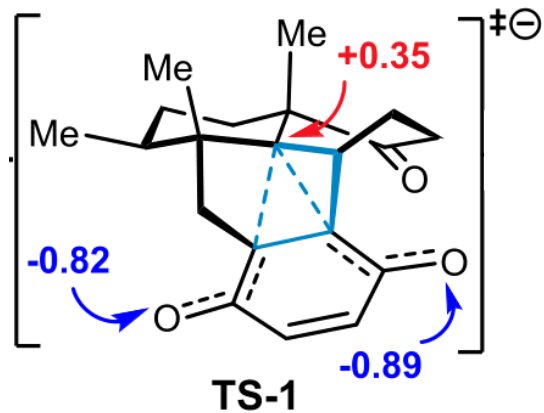
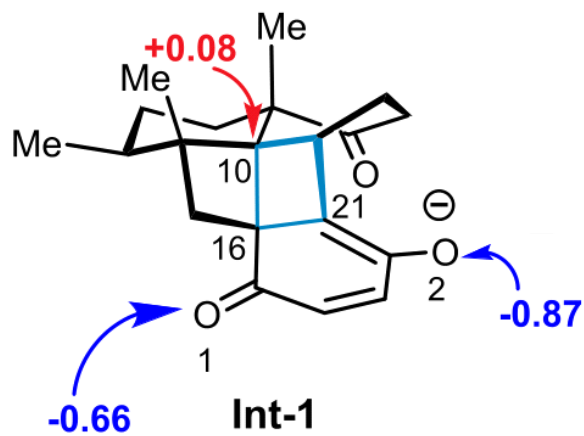


Orbital interactions in cationic and anionic [1,2] rearrangement (left) and benzilic acid rearrangement (right).

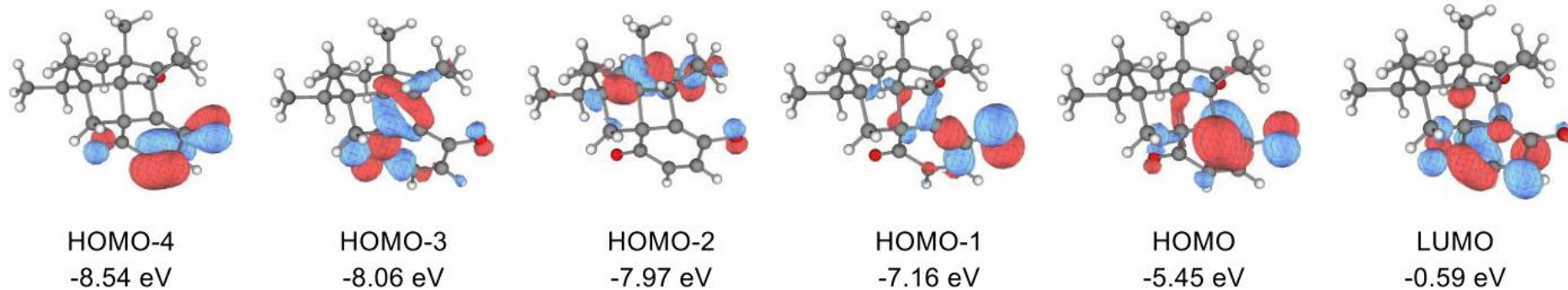
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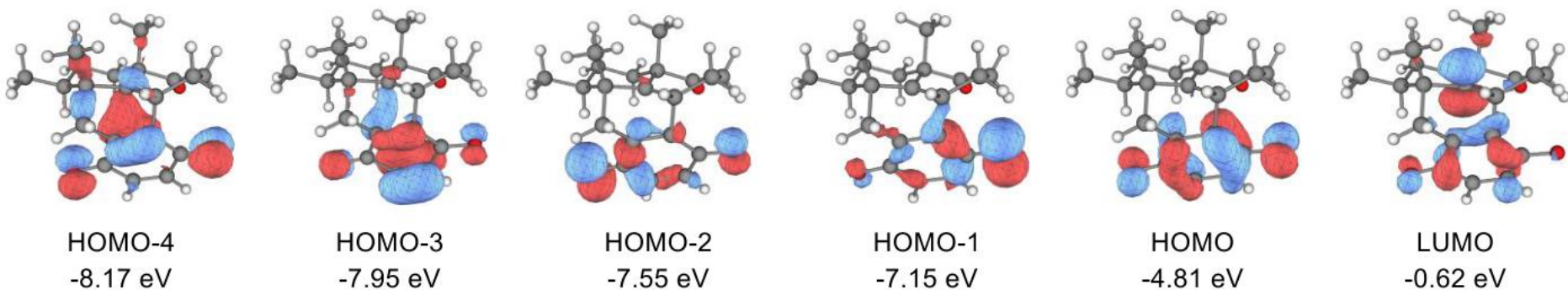
Pictorial representation of orbital interaction and frontier molecular orbitals of TS-1. Isovalue = 0.05 a.u.



**MOs of Int-1:**



**MOs of TS-1:**

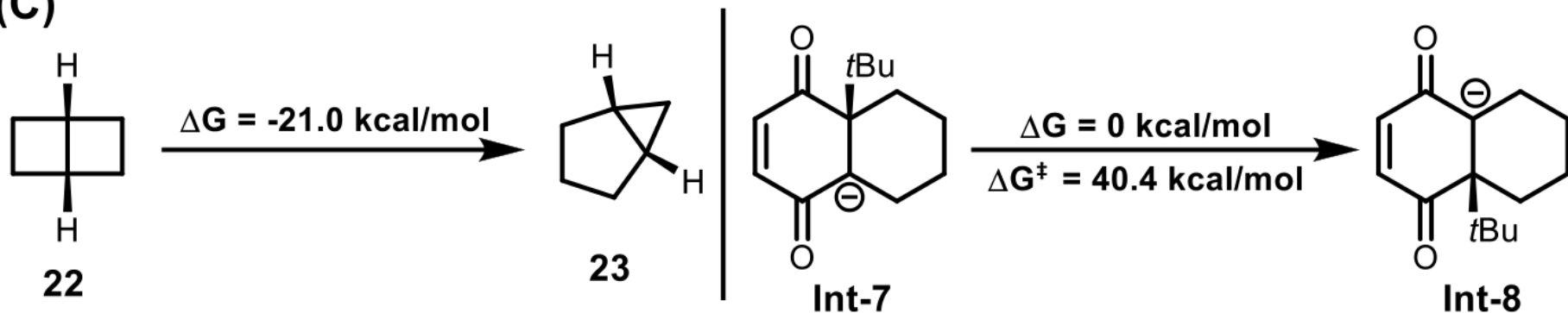


**Figure S9.** MOs of Int-1 and TS-1. Negative charge ignored. Isovalue = 0.05 a.u.



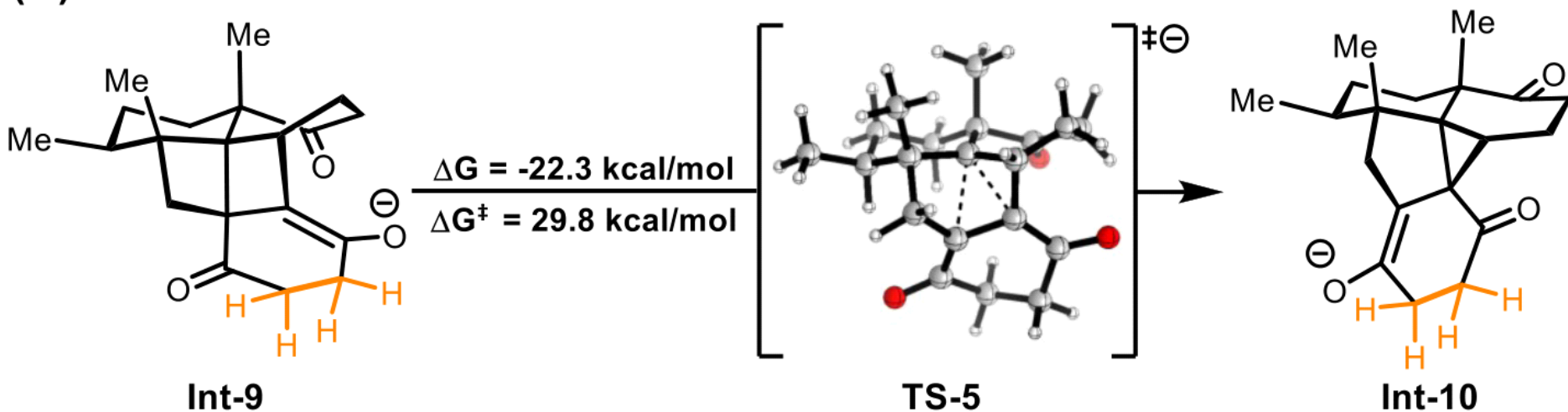
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(C)



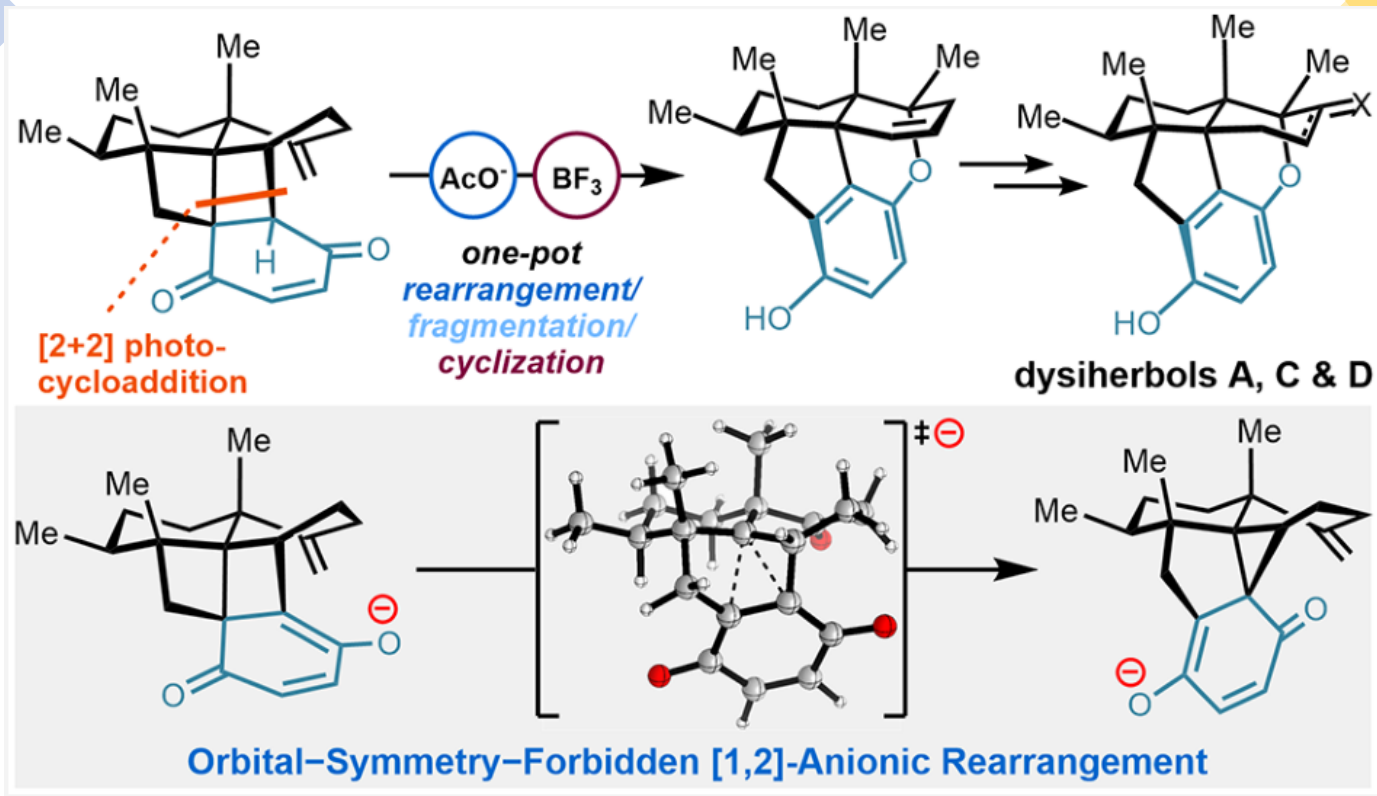
Effect of strain energy release. Left: M06-2X/def2-TZVPP level of theory

(D)



Effect of local aromaticity in transition states

# Summary



- 1) we have accomplished the collective syntheses of dysiherbols A, C, and D, a group of pentacyclic quinone/hydroquinone sesquiterpenes, in a concise and enantioselective manner.
- 2) The key features of our total synthesis of dysiherbols include a rarely seen quinone-alkene [2 + 2]-photocycloaddition and an unprecedented [1,2]-anionic rearrangement.