

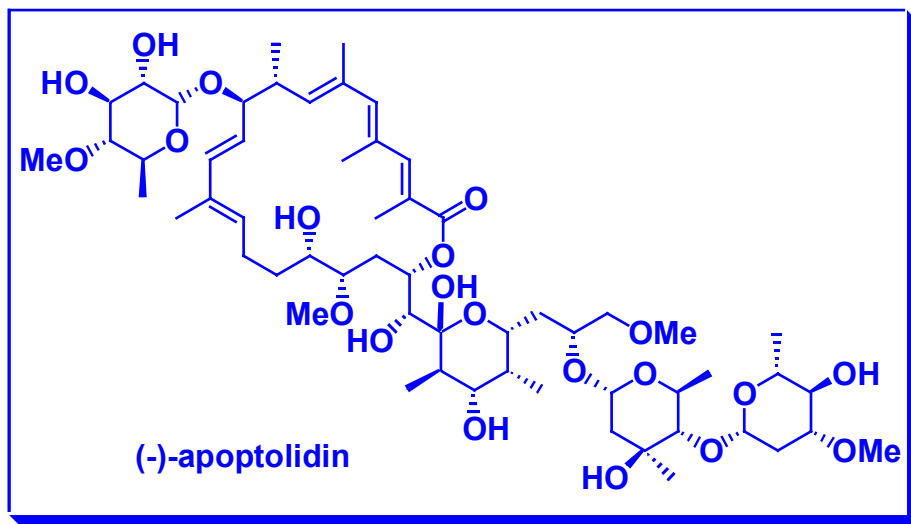


# Studies on the Total Synthesis of (-)-Apoptolidin

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# (-)-Apoptolidin



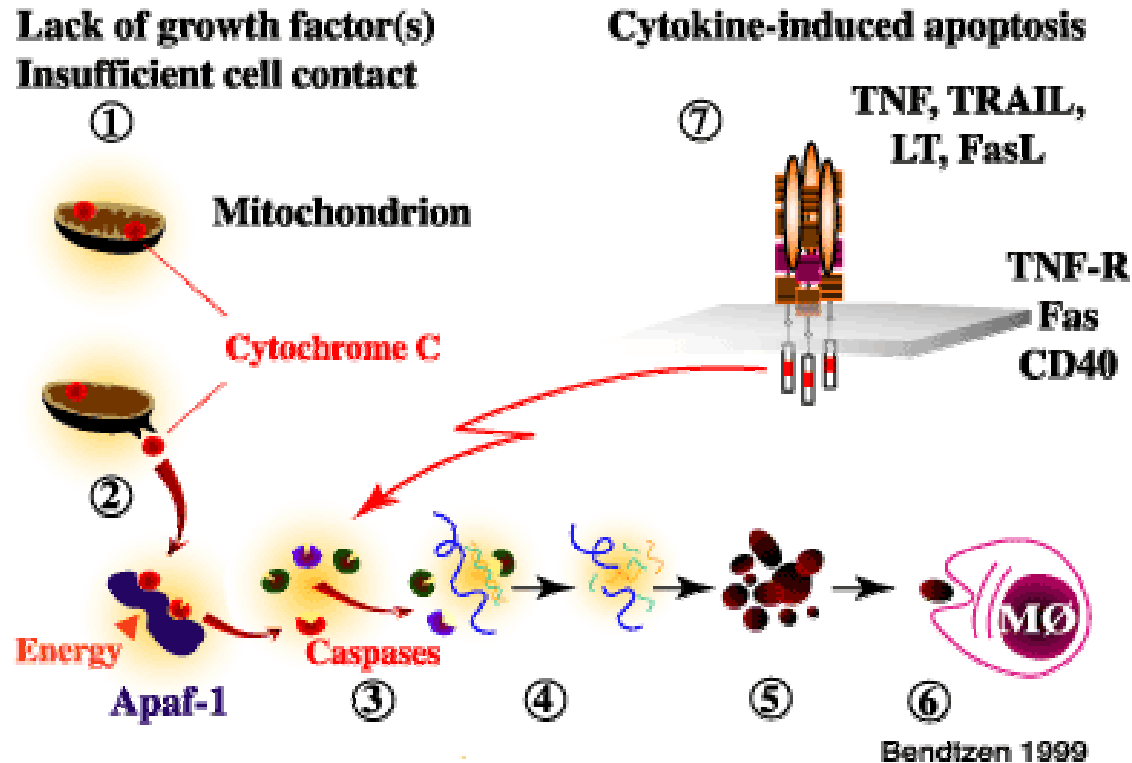
- Isolated from cultures of *Nocardioopsis* sp. in 1997 and characterized in 1998.
- A 20-membered macrocyclic lactone glycoside.
- Specifically induces cell death via apoptosis in rat glia cells transformed by the E1A and E1A/E1B 19K oncogenes while having no cytotoxic effect on the untransformed cell lines

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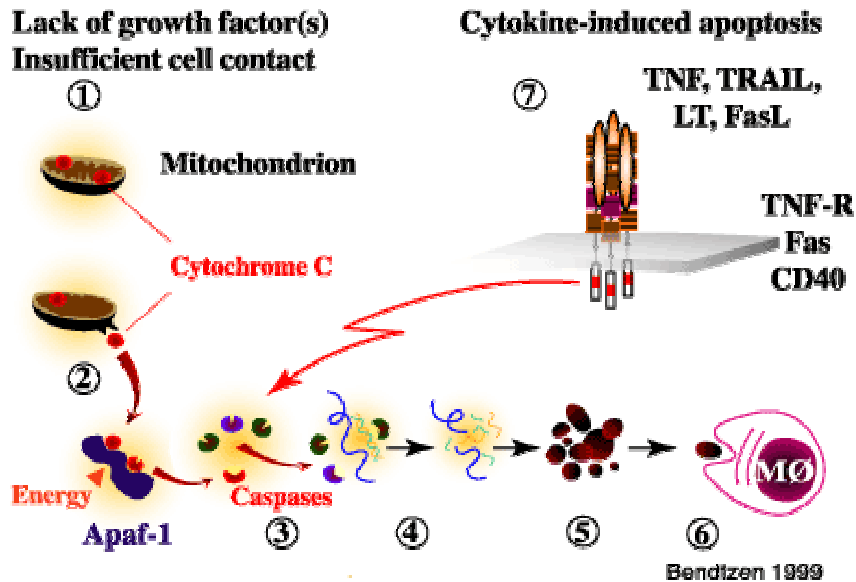
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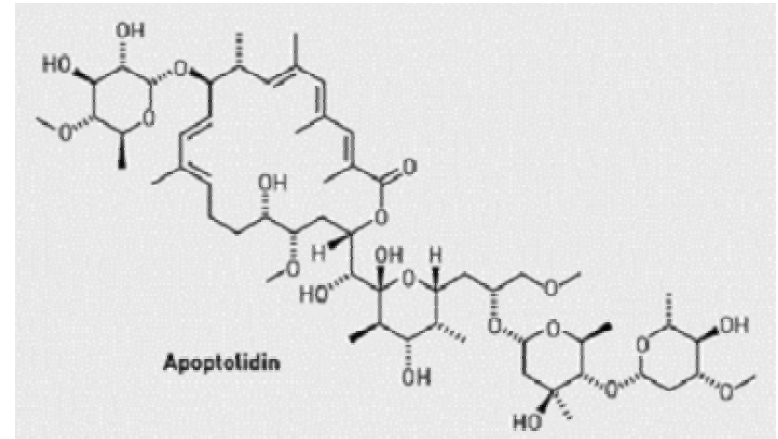


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## Apoptolidin



## Cellular Target:

Mitochondrial  $F_0F_1$  ATPase

## Structure/Activity Relationship:

The aglycone bestows biological activity

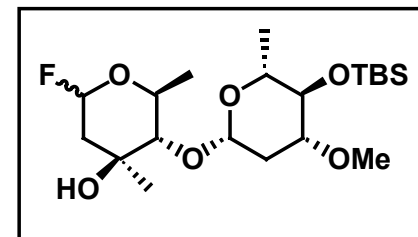
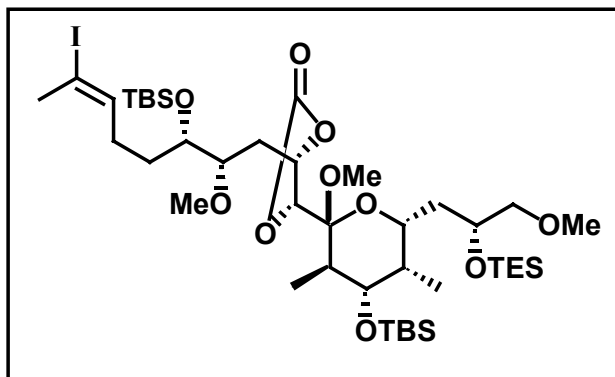
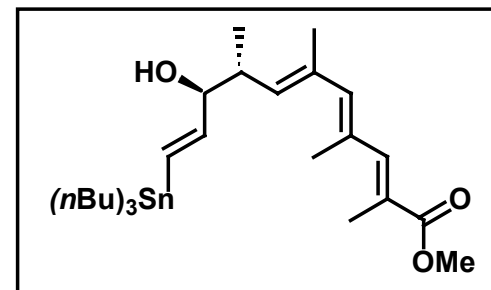
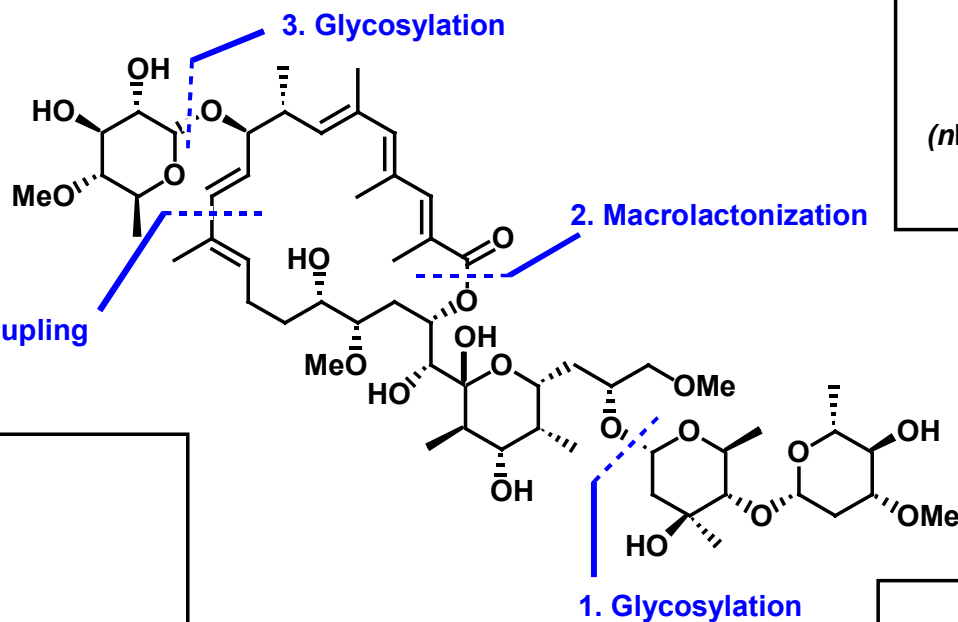
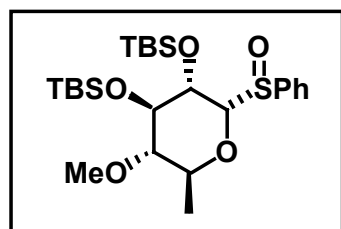
while the carbohydrate side chains facilitate cellular transport of the molecule to its mitochondrial target.

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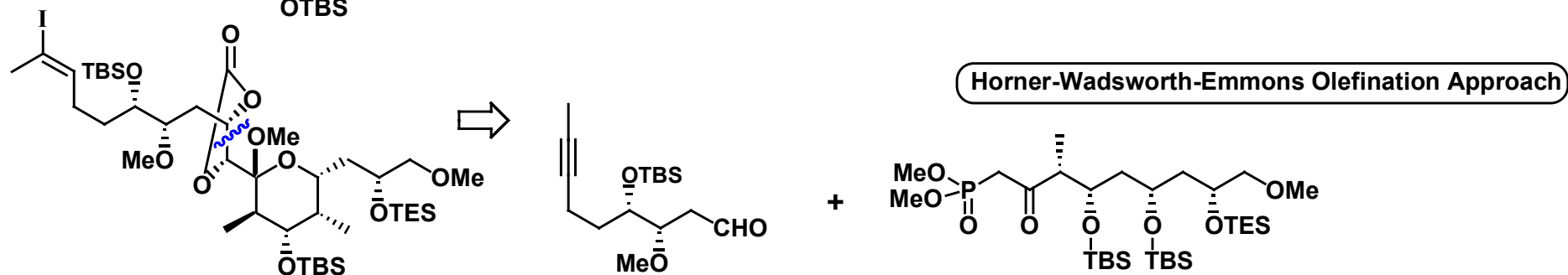
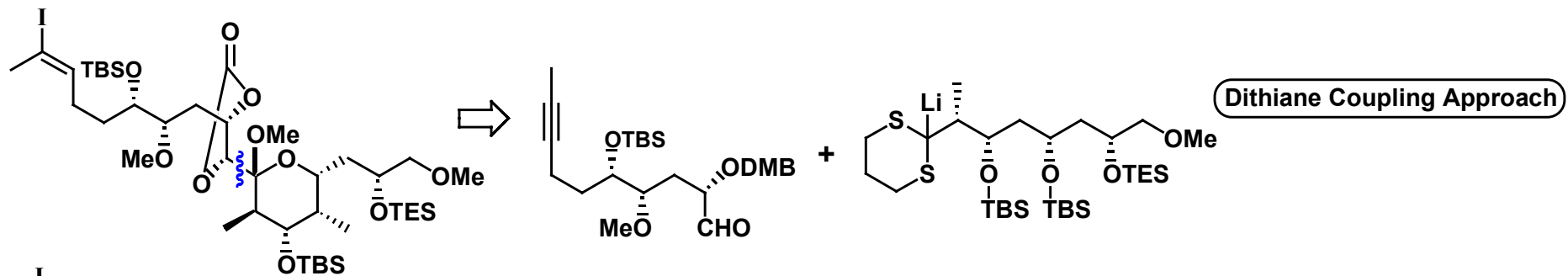
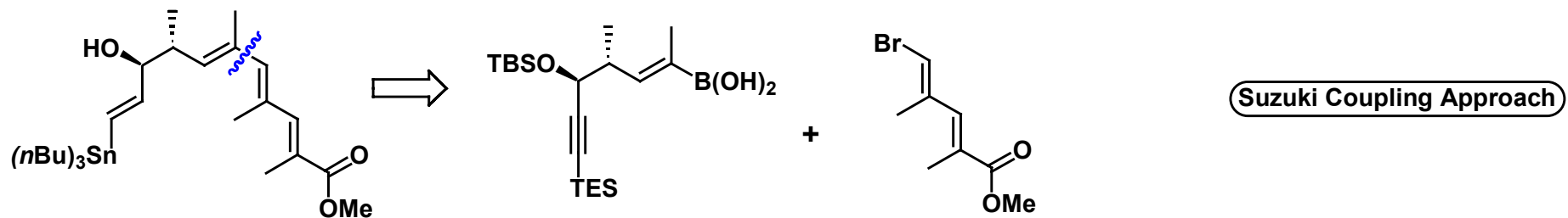
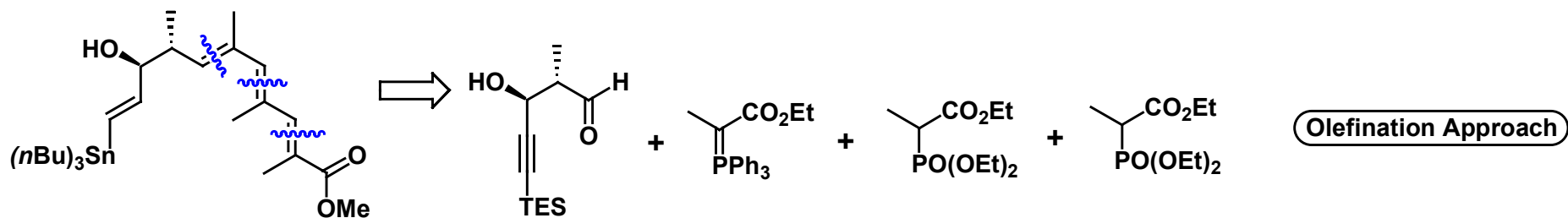
- K. C. Nicolaou

Total Synthesis of (-)-apoptolidin (2001)

Total Synthesis of analogue (2003)



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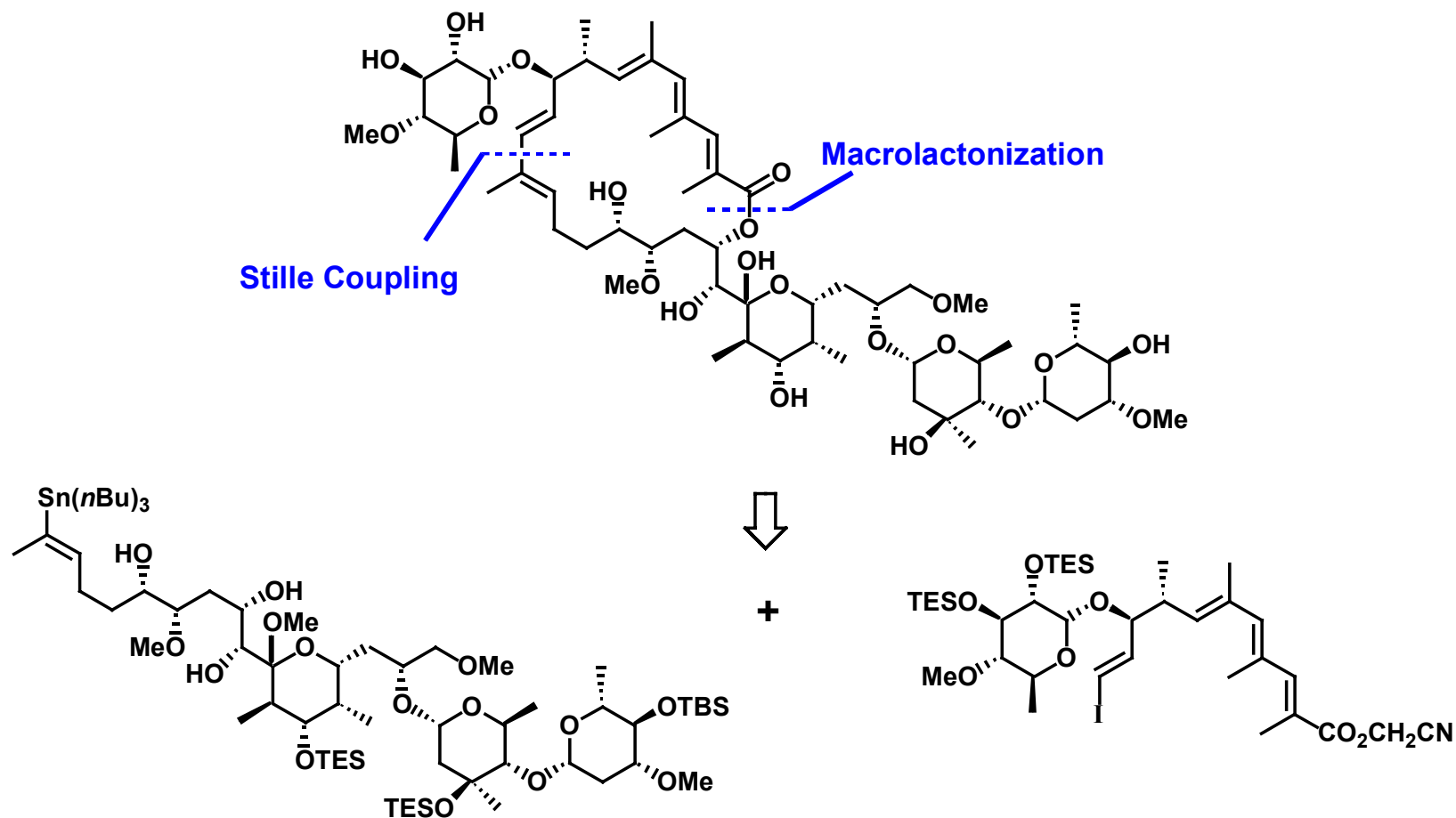


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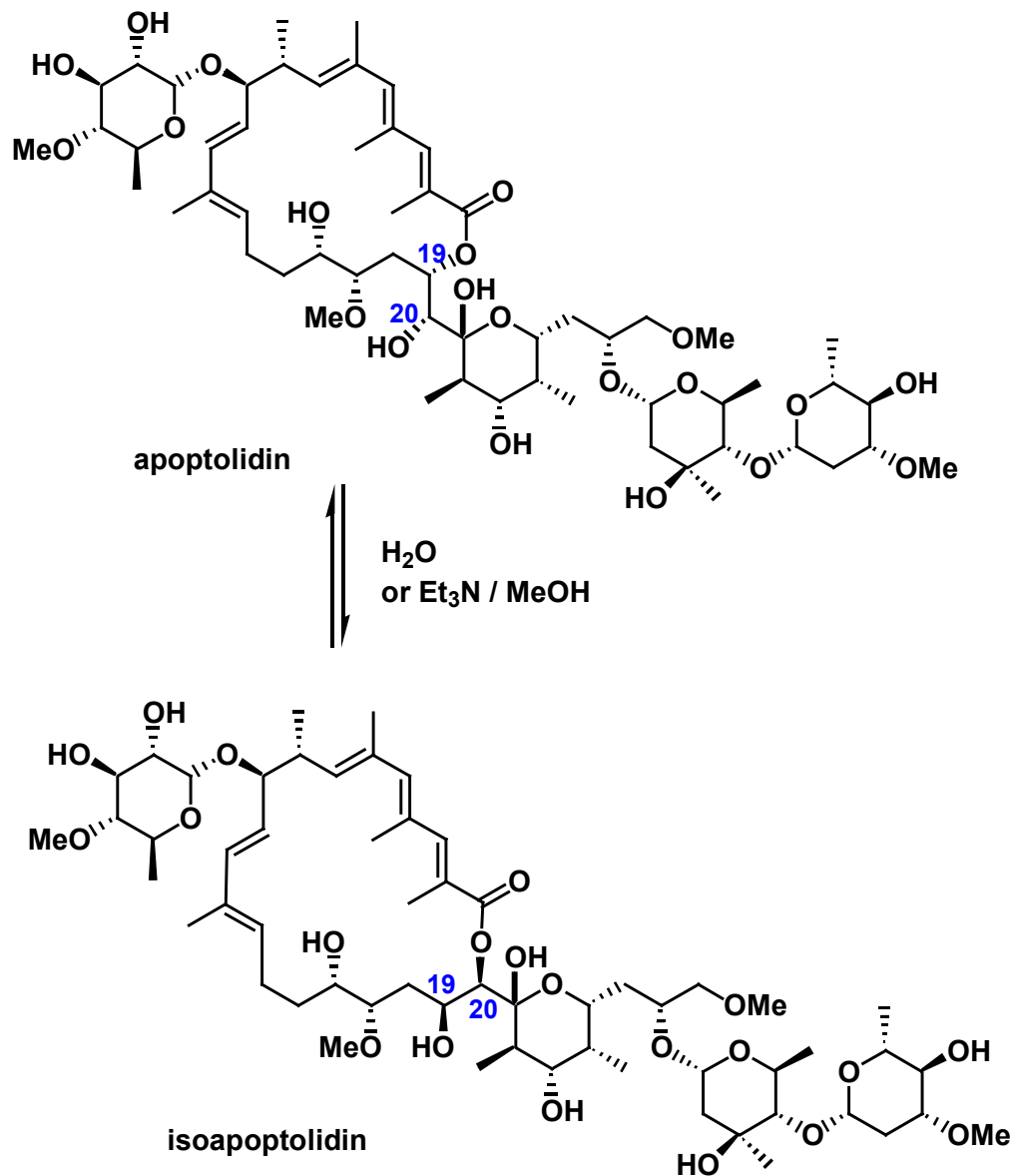
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# Stability



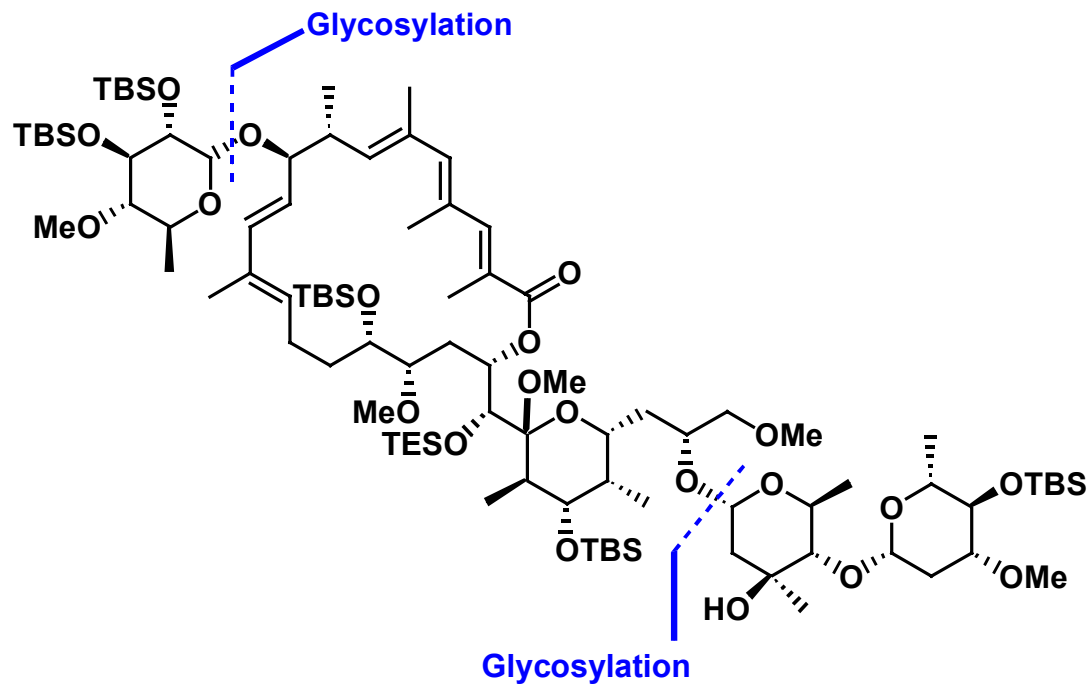
. Isomerize in aqueous solution or slightly basic methanol to its ring expansion isomer

. Acidic media proved more hospitable to the molecular

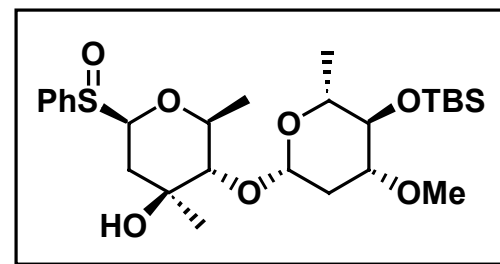
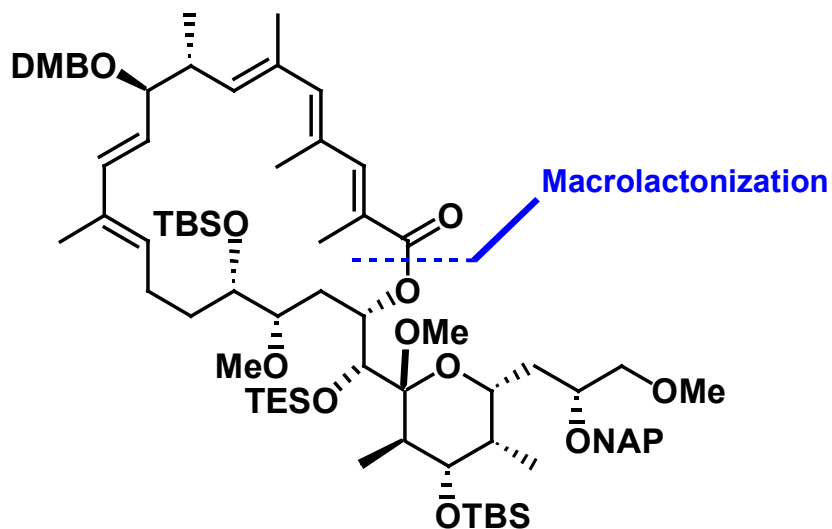
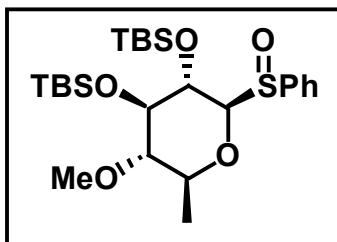
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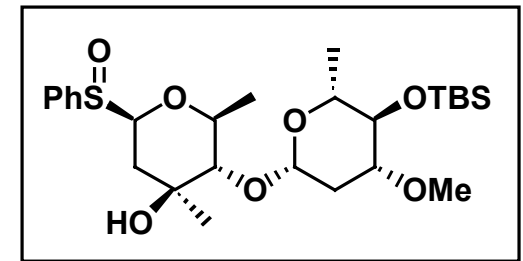
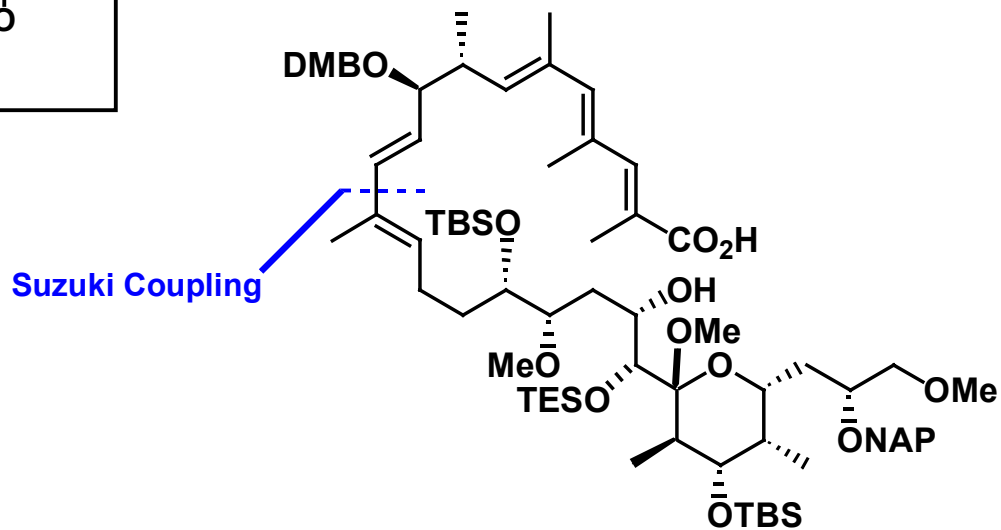
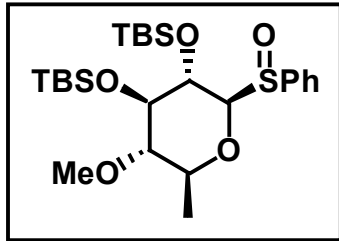
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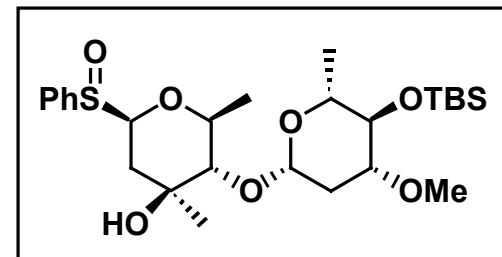
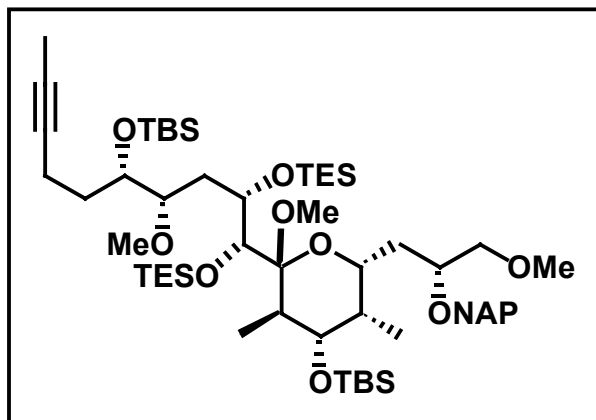
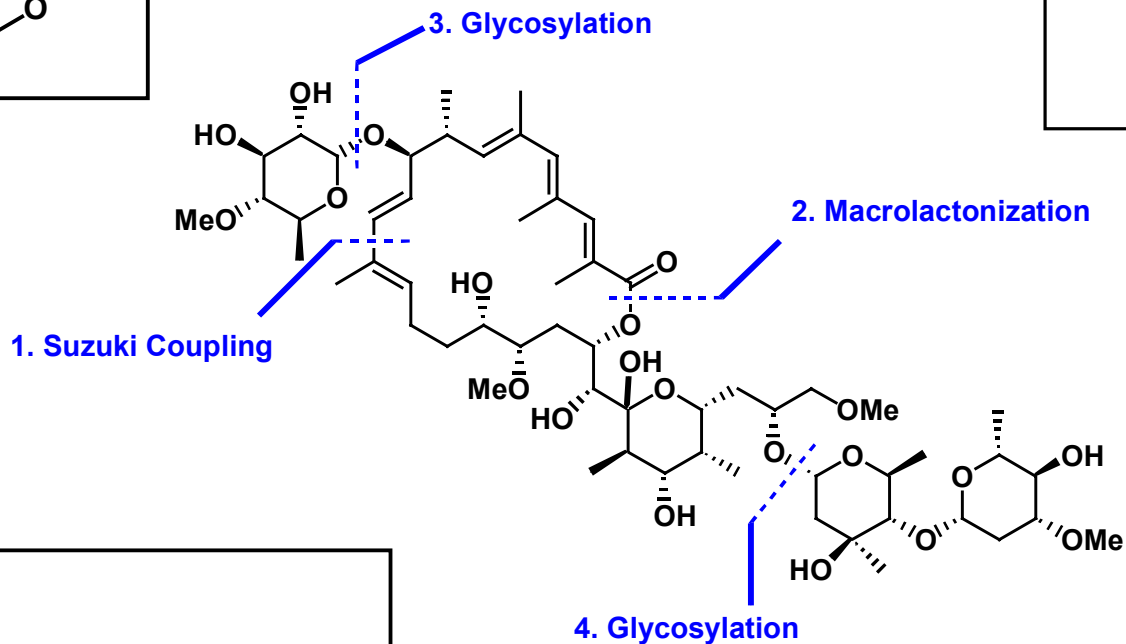
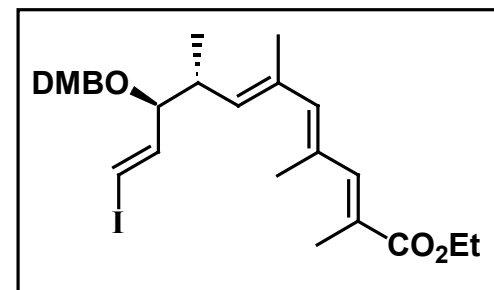
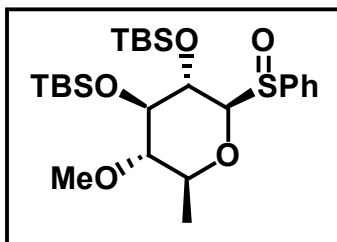
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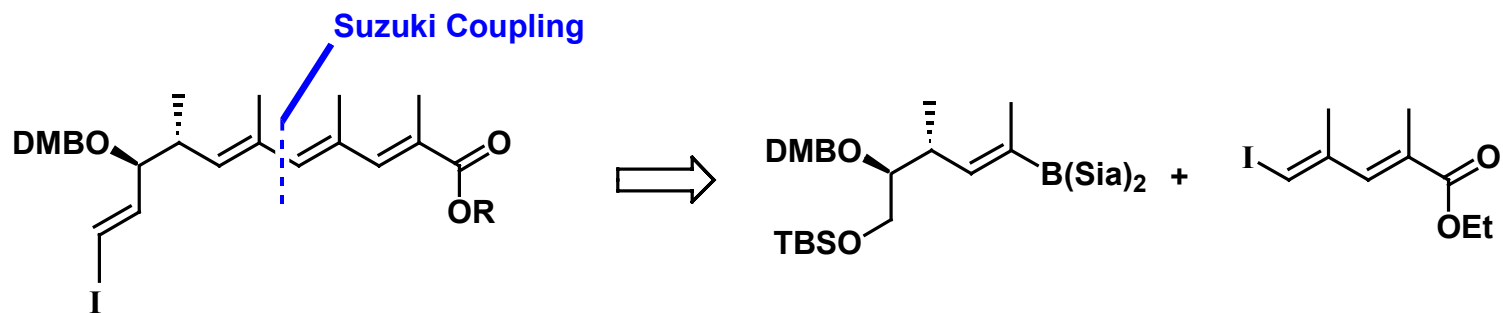
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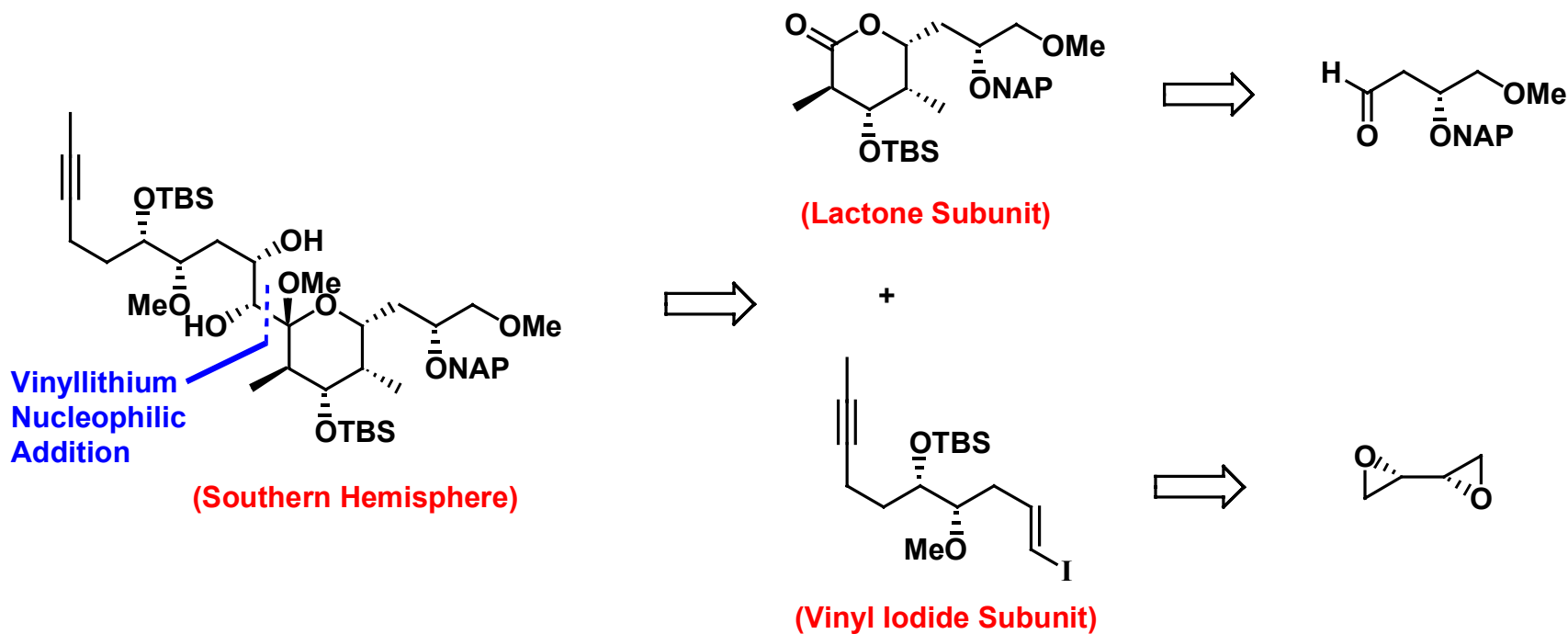
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(Northern Hemisphere)



(Southern Hemisphere)

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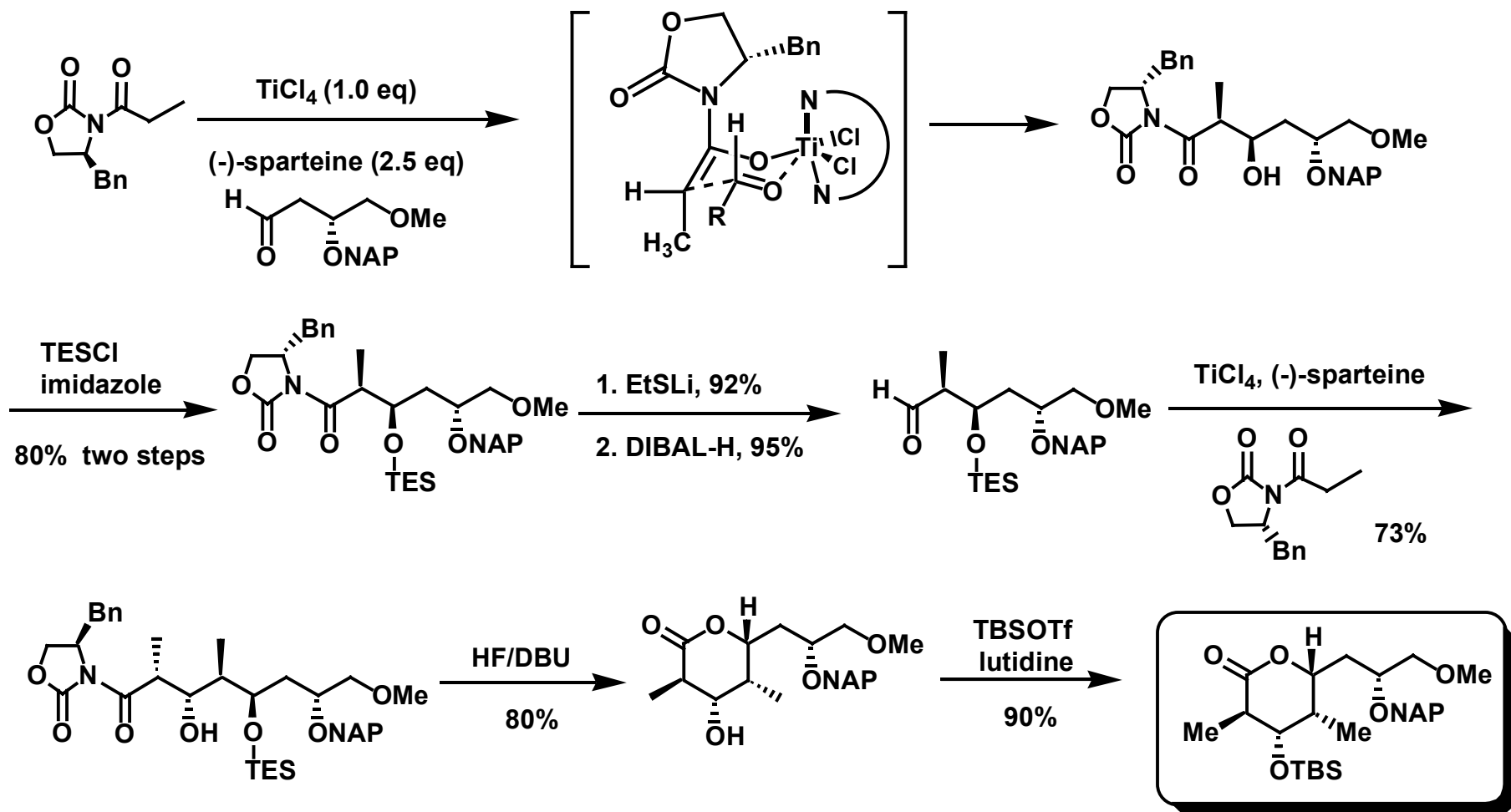
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- Construction of **lactone subunit**
- Construction of **northern hemisphere**

## ***Results and Discussion***

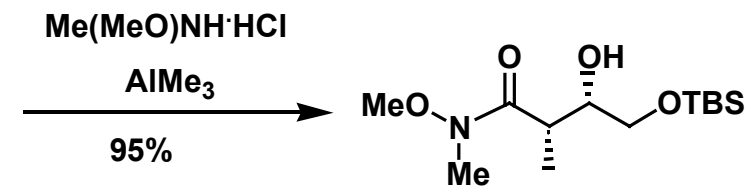
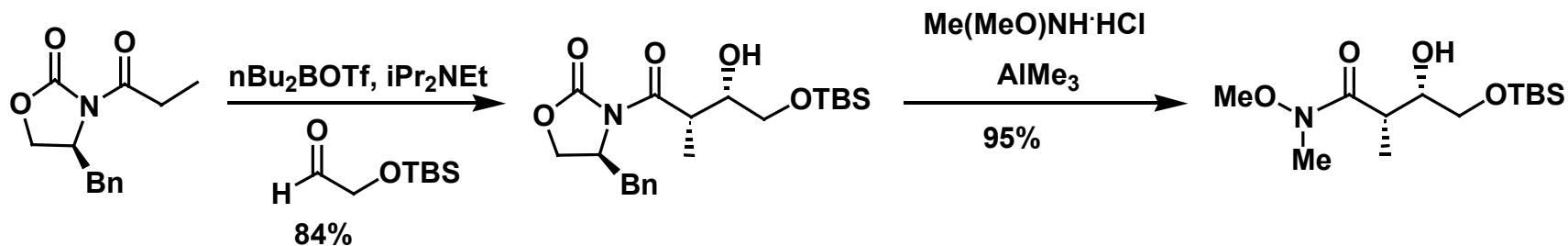
- **Two-directional chain extension** of a C<sub>2</sub> symmetric four carbon diepoxide as a route to the differentiated *syn*-1,2-diol
- Construction of **vinyl iodide subunit**
- Construction of **southern hemisphere**
- Improved synthesis of **northern** triene pieces
- Exploration of assembly of **macrocycle** of apoptolidin

# Construction of Lactone Subunit

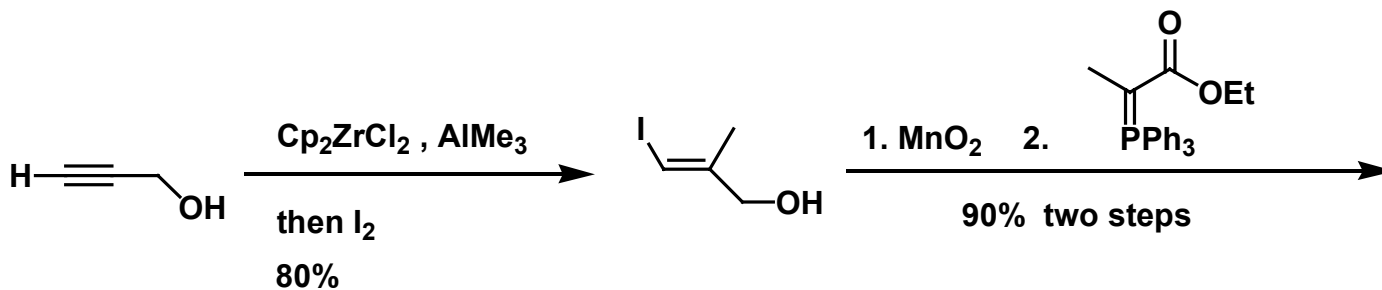
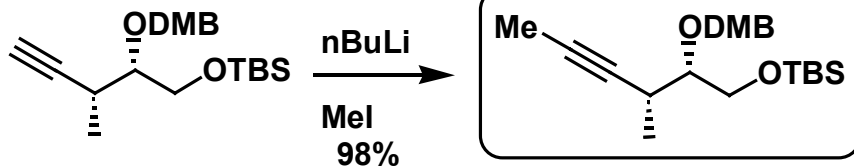
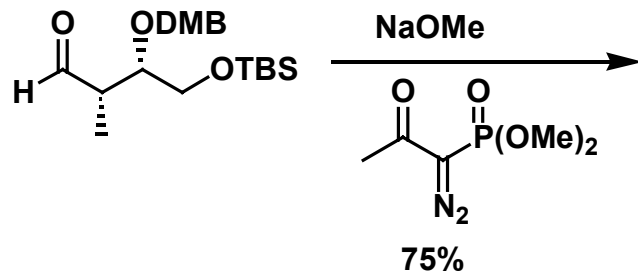


Lactone Subunit was synthesized through a series of asymmetric aldol reactions

# Construction of Northern Hemisphere

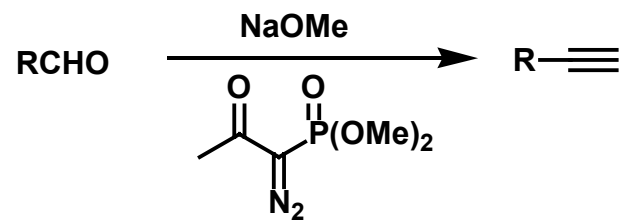


1.  $\text{NaH}$ ,  $\text{DMBBr}$   
2.  $\text{DIBAL-H}$   
86% two steps



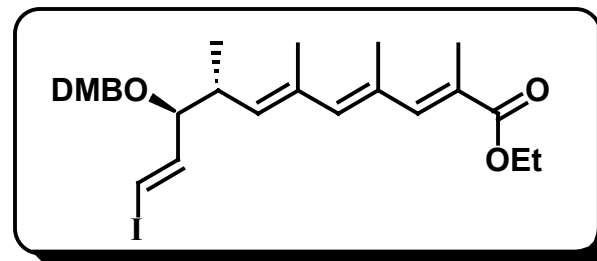
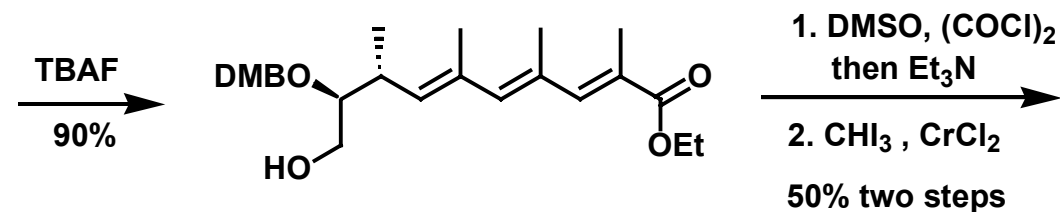
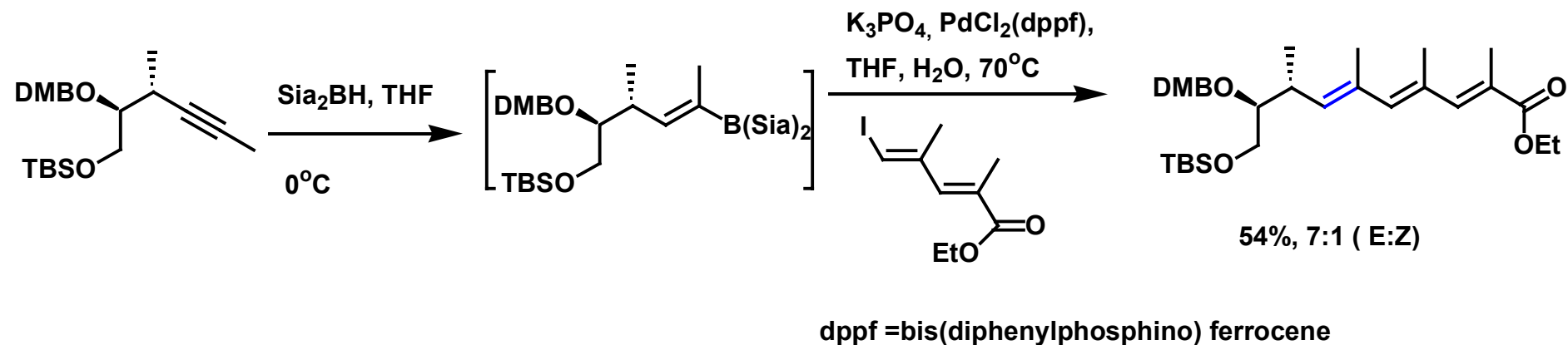
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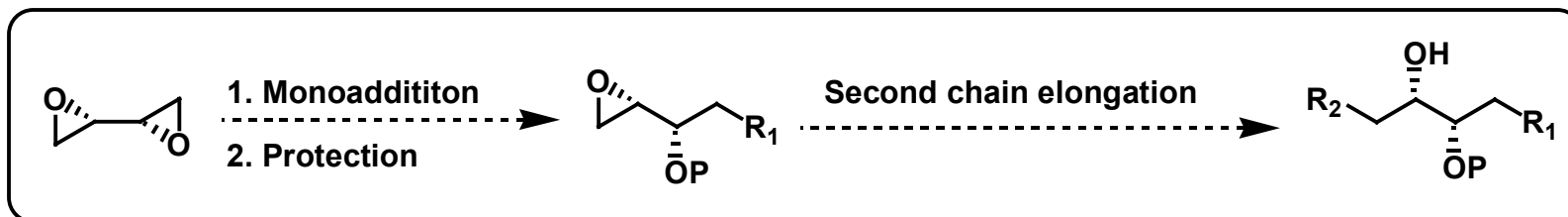
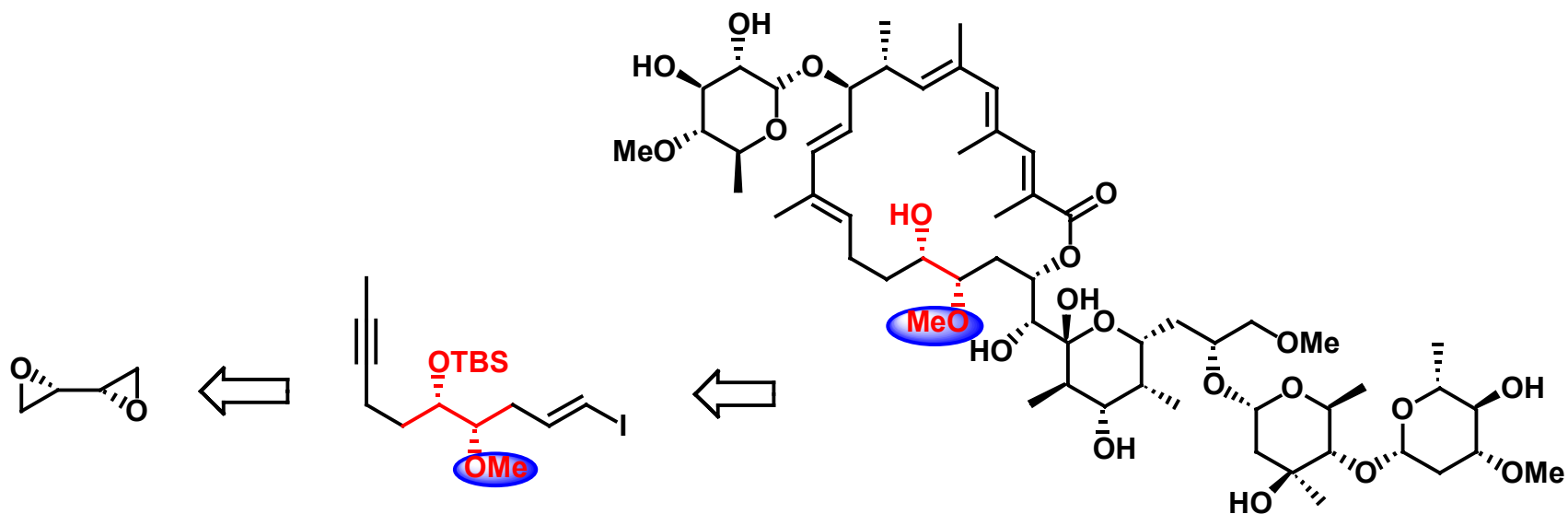
(Ohira-Bestmann reagent)

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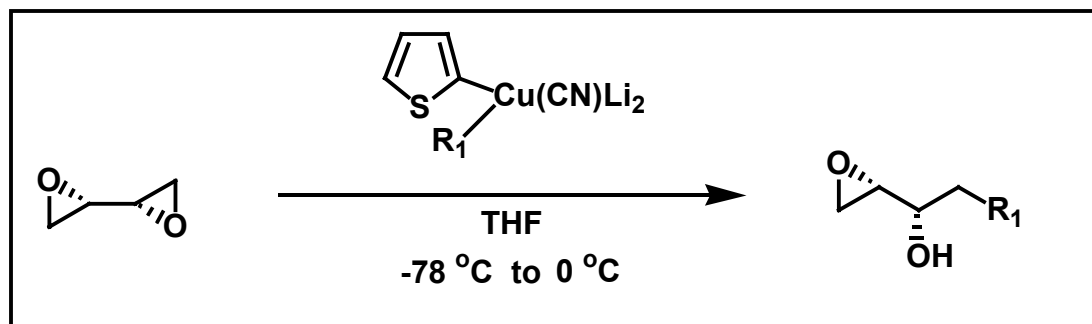


Northern triene unit was constructed by a Suzuki coupling reaction in a convergent fashion

# Construction of Vinyl Iodide Subunit



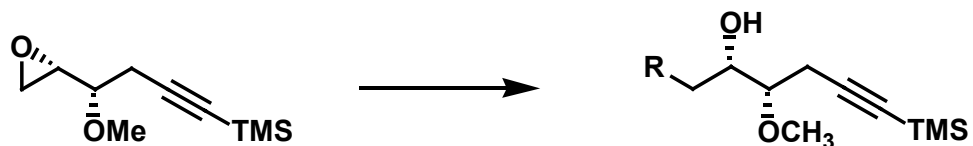
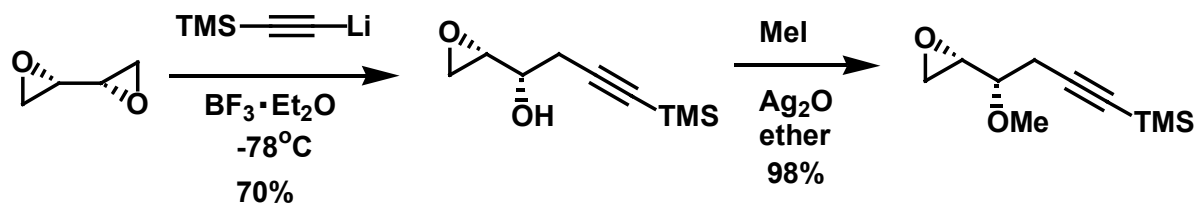
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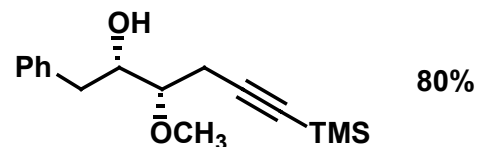
$\text{R}_1$	Yield (%)
	85
	70
$n\text{Bu}$	79
$\text{CH}_3$	82

The mixed 2-thienyl higher order cyanocuprates bearing both alkenyl and alkyl groups afford exclusively the monoadducts

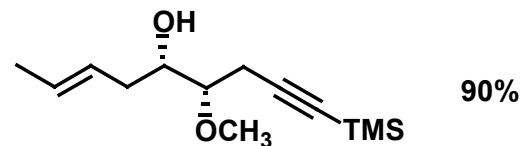
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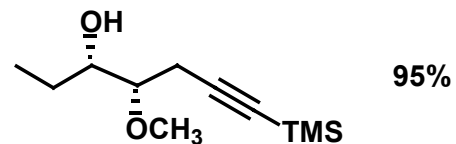
$\text{PhLi} / \text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$



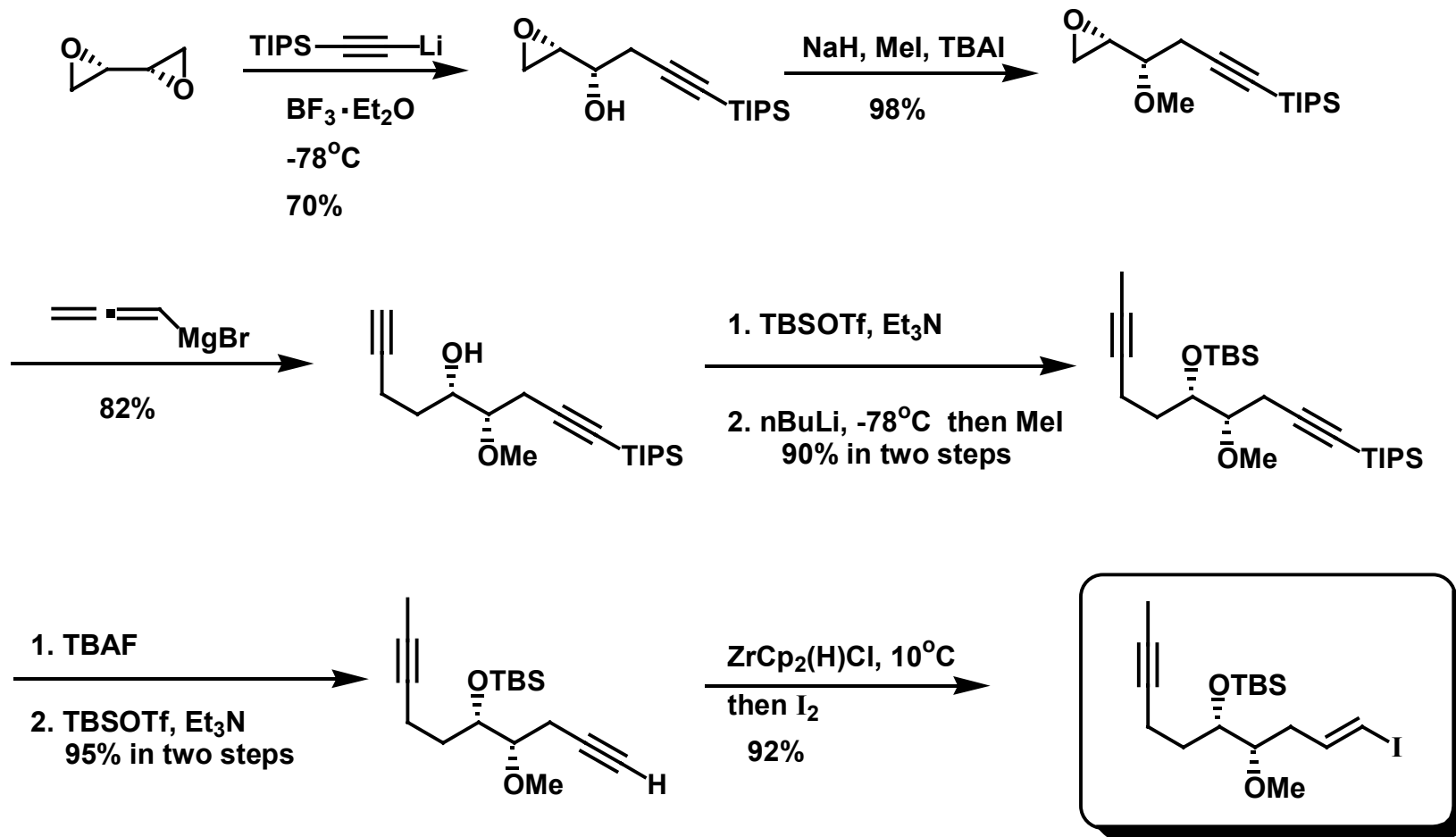
$\text{MgBr} / \text{CuI}$



$\text{MeMgBr} / \text{CuI}$



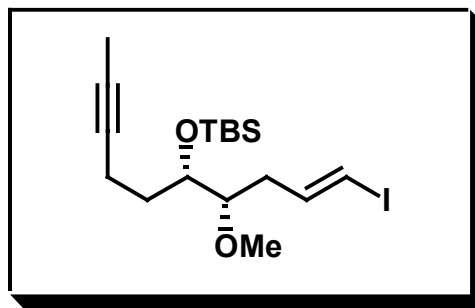
# Construction of Vinyl Iodide Subunit



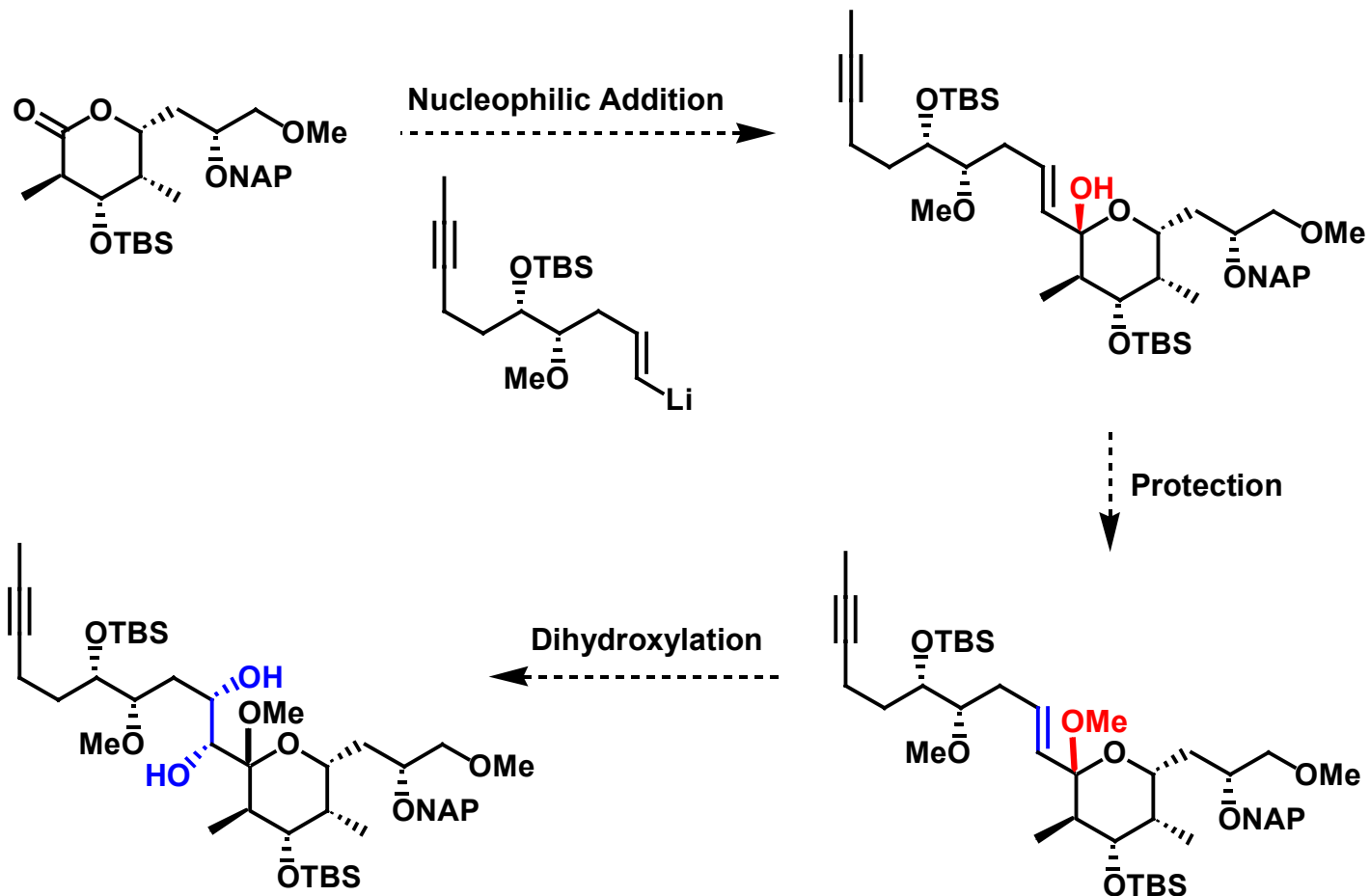
Vinyl iodide subunit was synthesized featuring a two-directional elongation strategy

## Problem Two

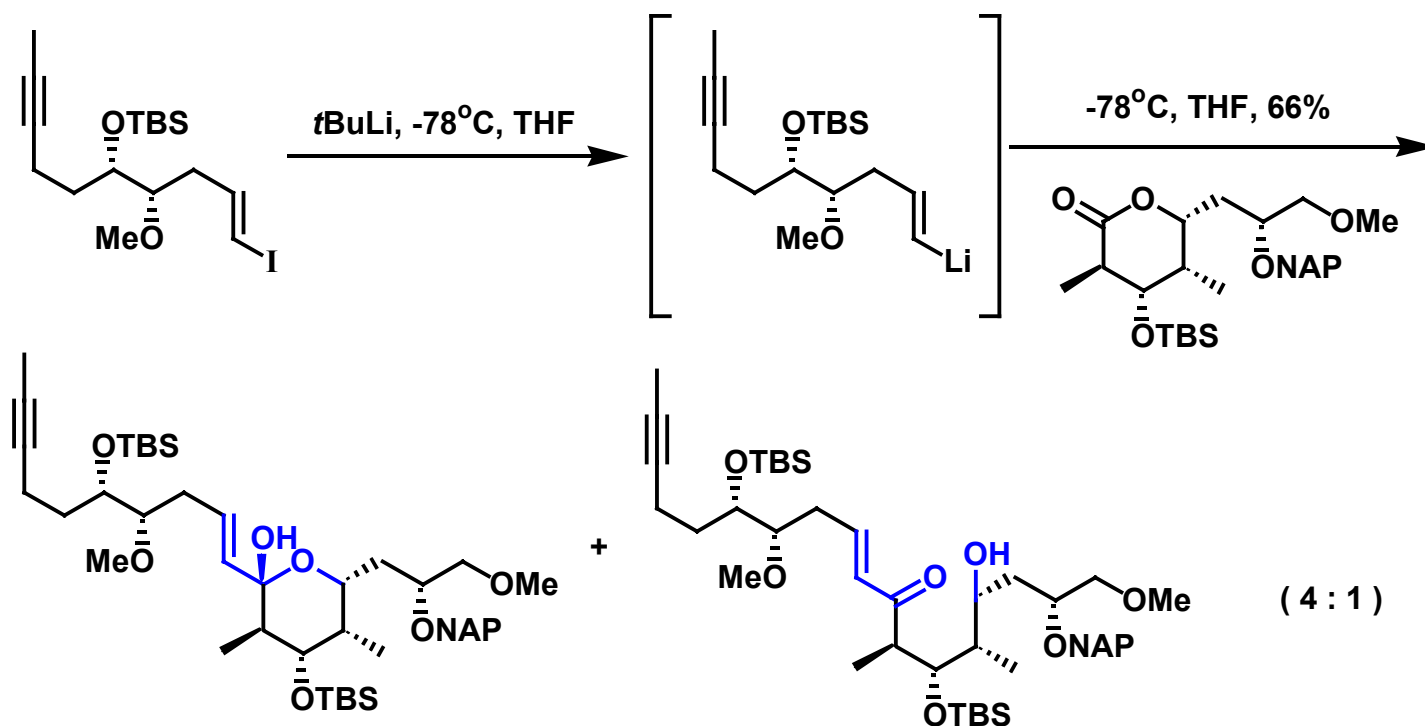
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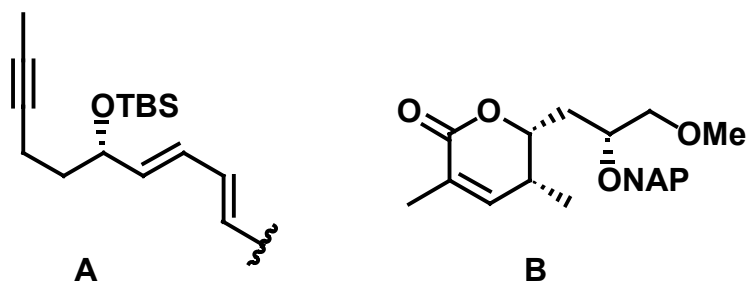
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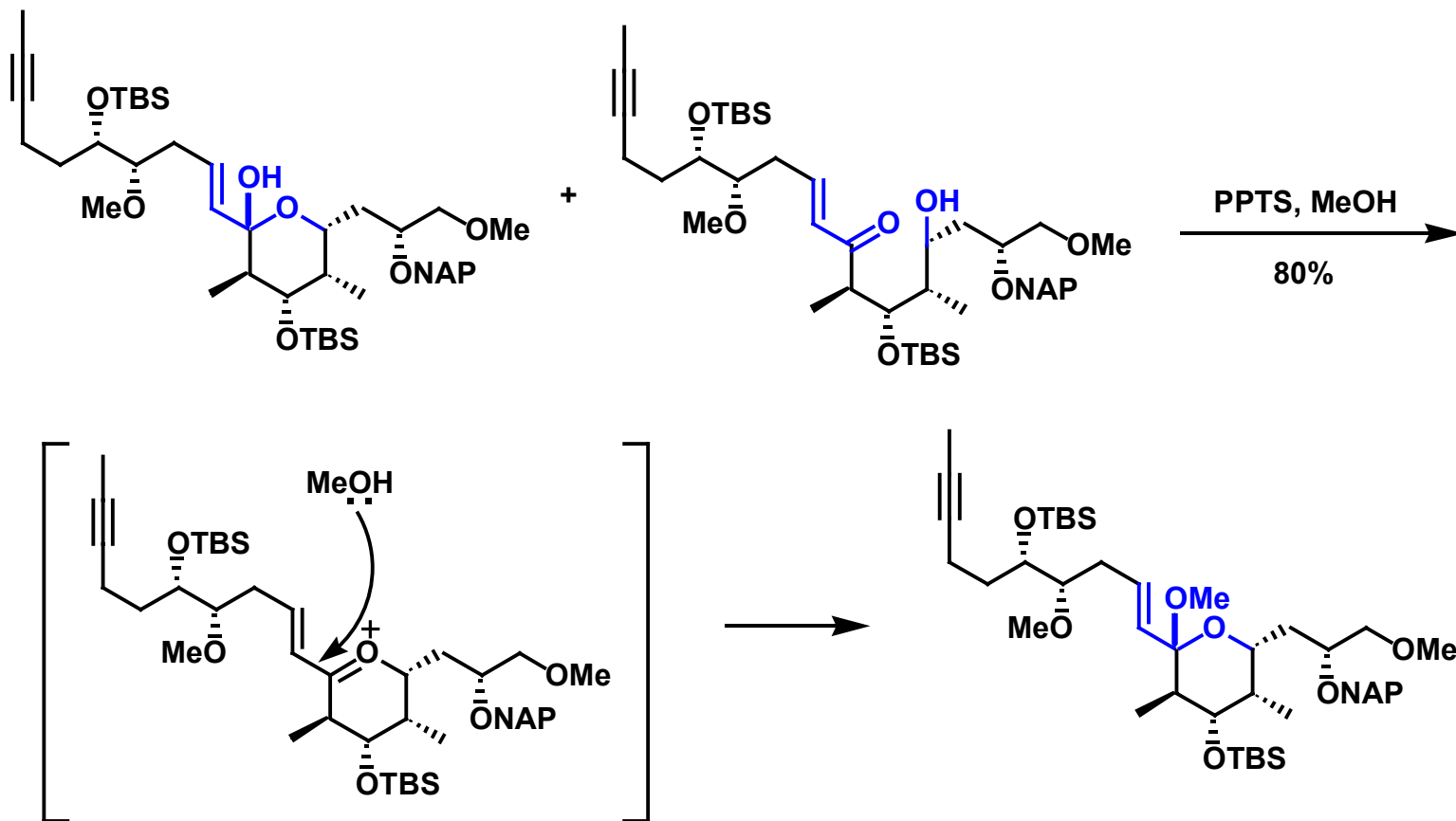
# Construction of Southern Hemisphere --- Nucleophilic Addition



- 1.5 eq  $t\text{BuLi}$  was used instead of 2.0 eq in order to avoid the formation of A.
- $-78^\circ\text{C}$  as the reaction temperature was crucial

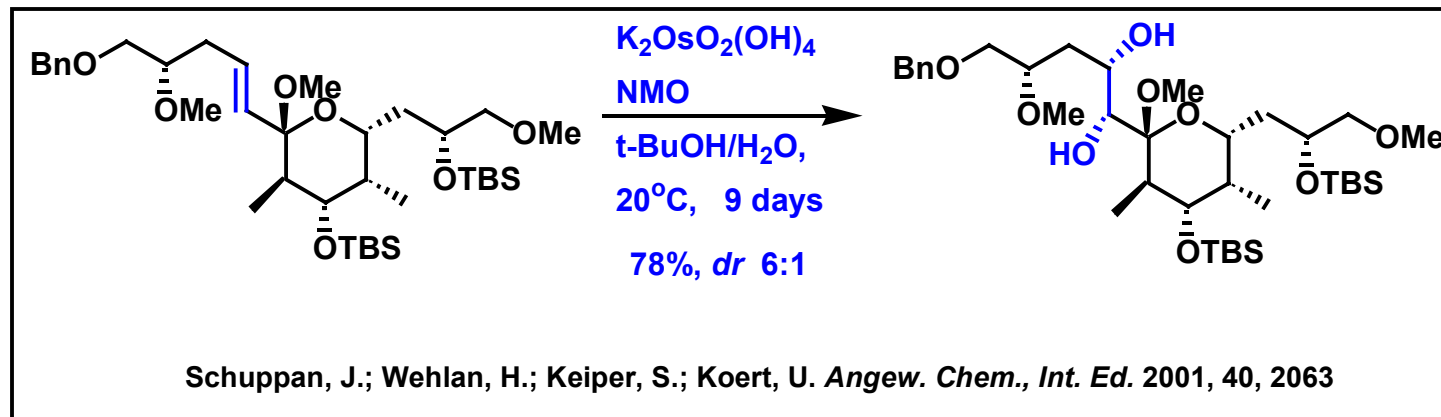
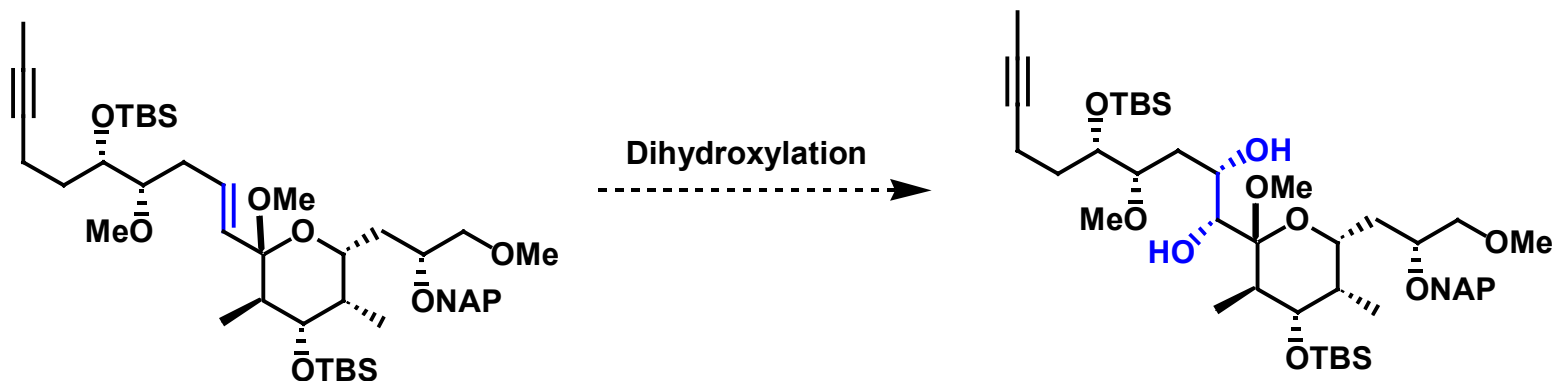


# Construction of Southern Hemisphere --- Protection

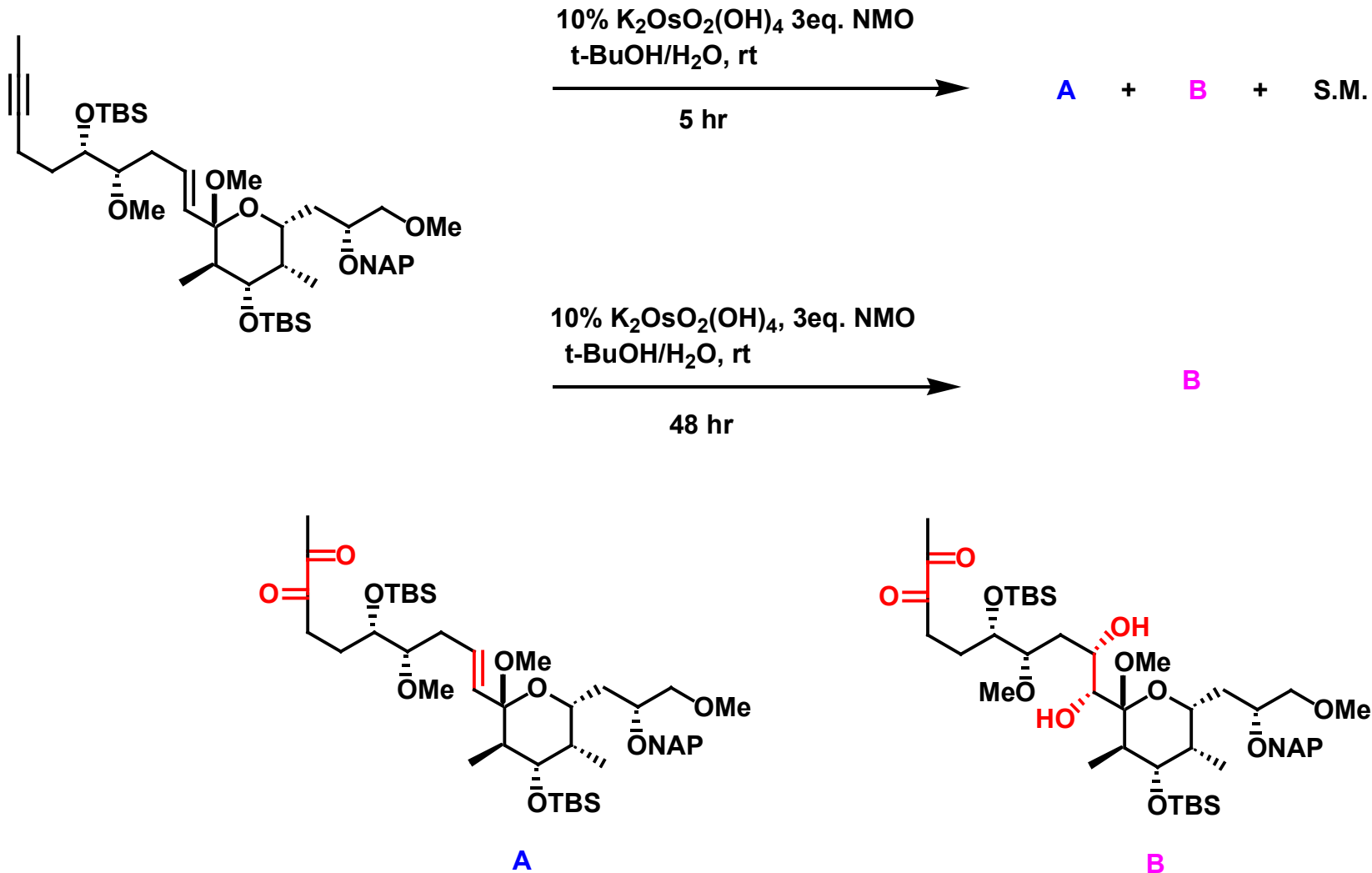


The anomeric methoxy group was introduced exclusively on the desired axial position

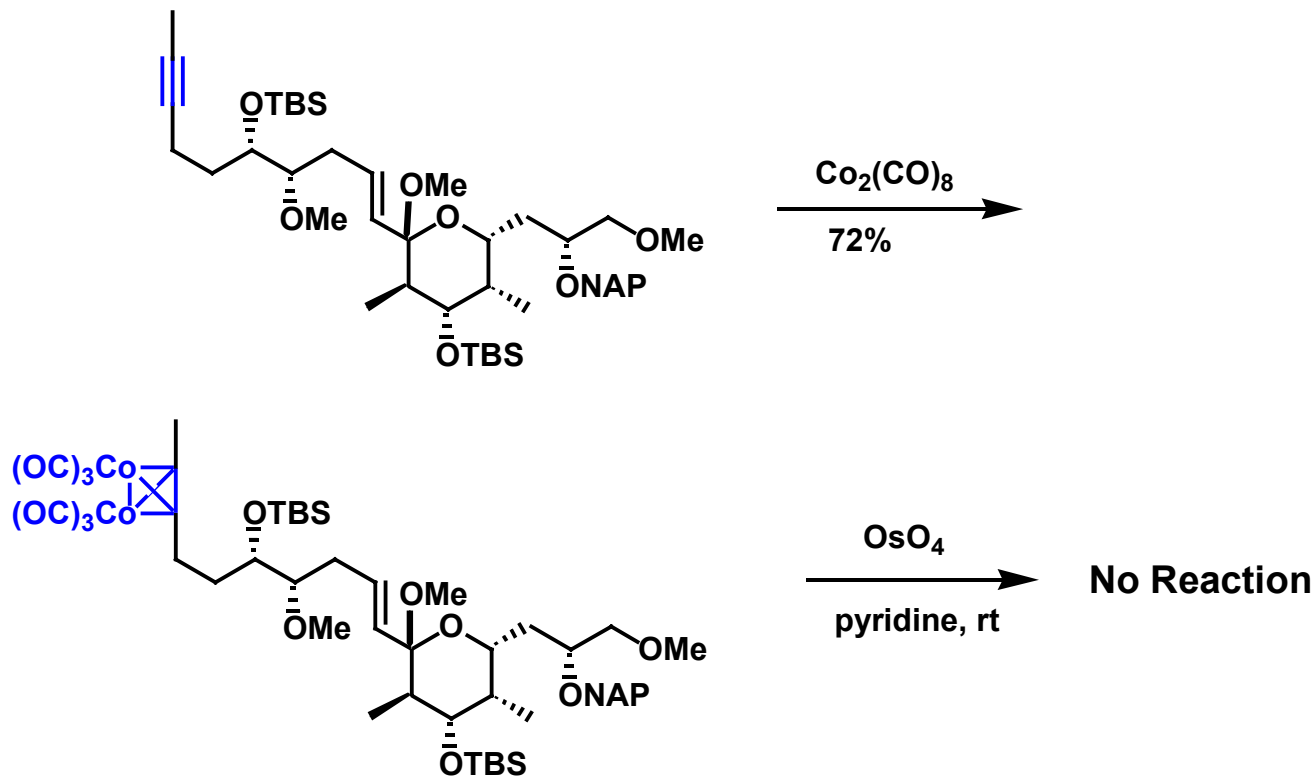
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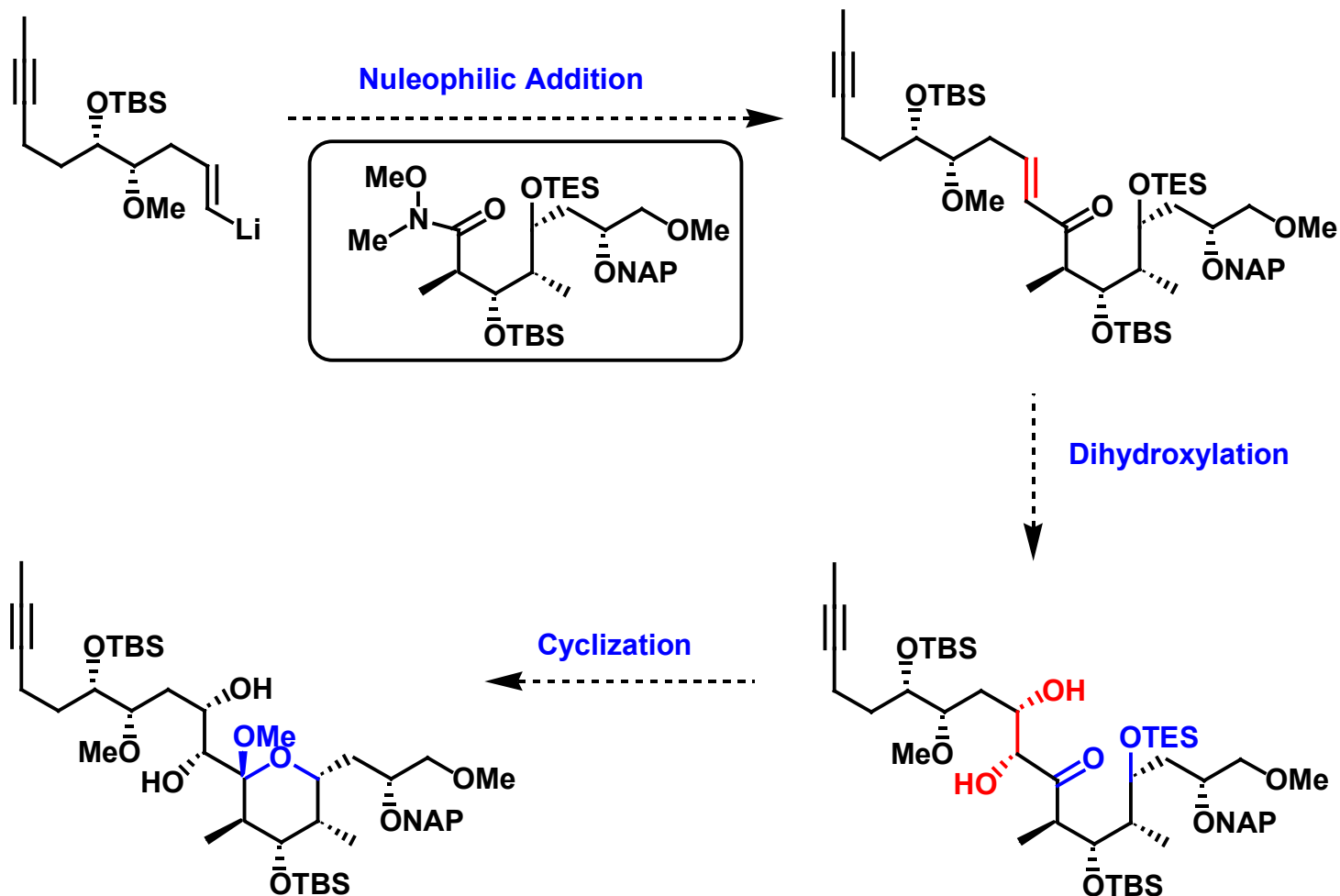


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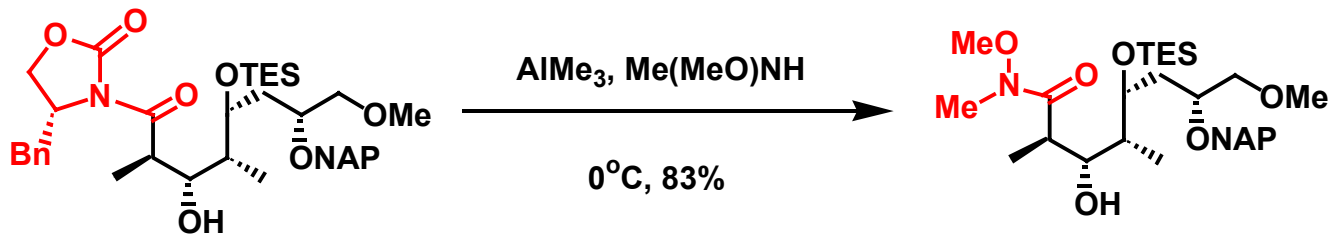
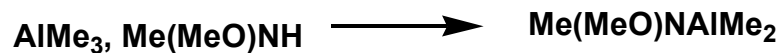
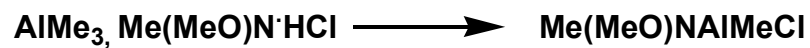
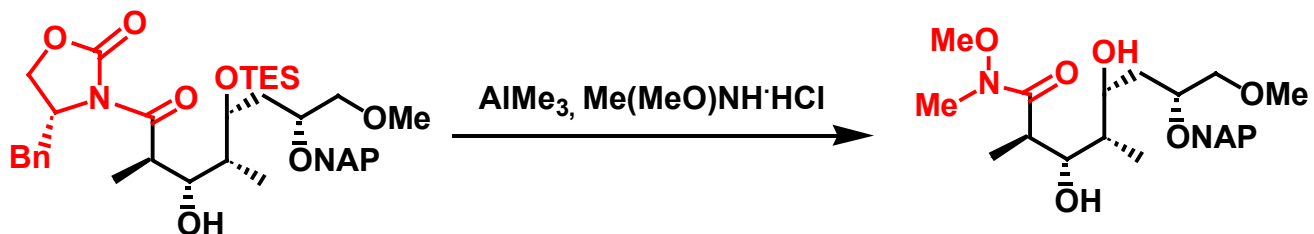


The olefin moiety was not reactive enough for the dihydroxylation reaction

# Construction of Southern Hemisphere: Second Generation Approach

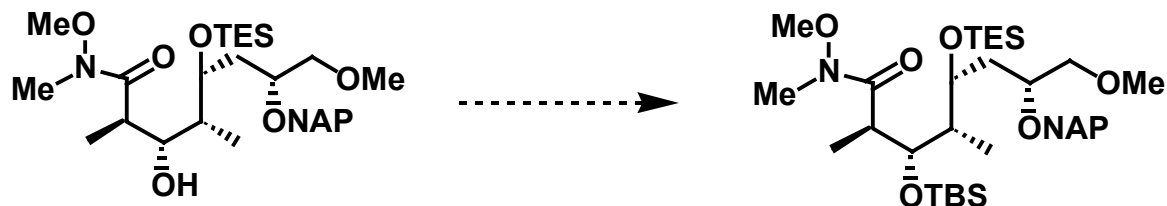


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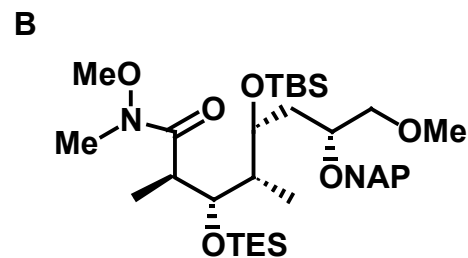
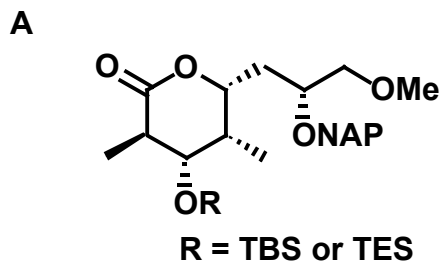


The less Lewis acidic amidation reagent was the key for the transformation

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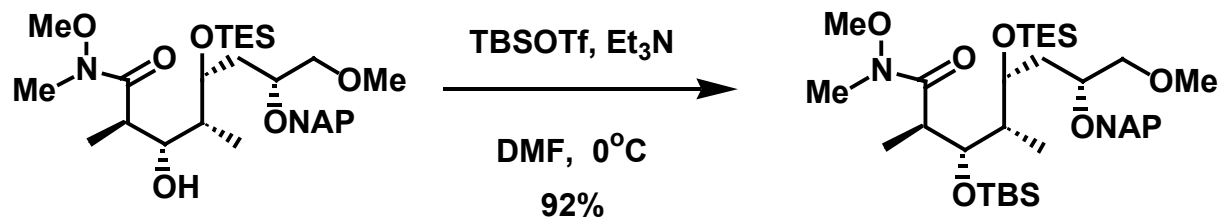


Condition	S.M.	Prod.	A	B
TBSOTf, lutidine, -78°C	100%			
TBSOTf, lutidine, -40°C	50%	20%	10%	20%
TBSOTf, lutidine, 0°C		40%	20%	40%
TBSCl, Imid. DMAP, rt	100%			
TBSCl, Et <sub>3</sub> N, DMAP, rt	100%			



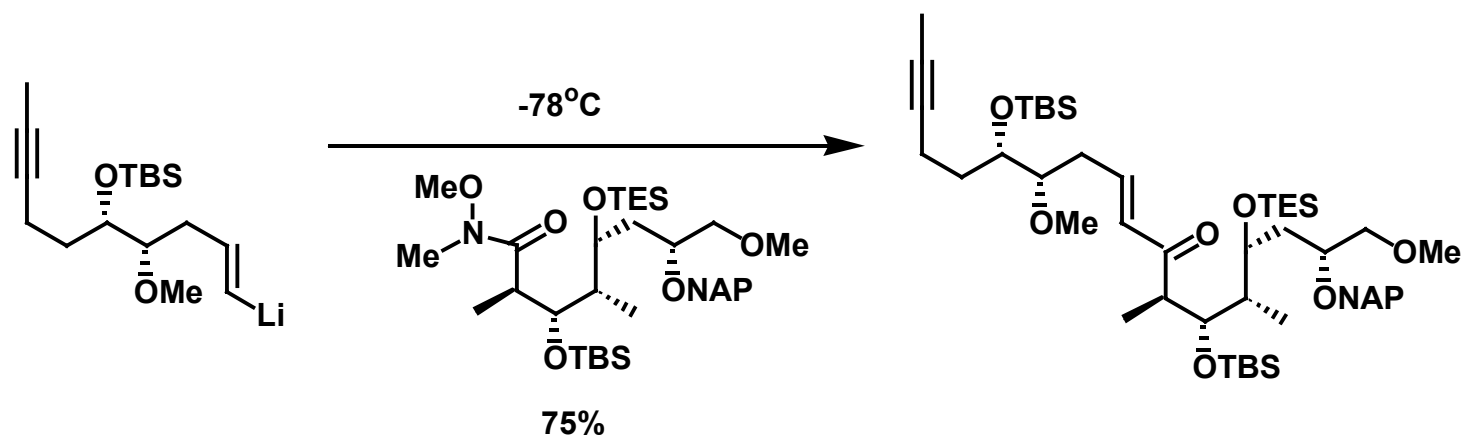
The initial efforts to protect the alcohol as TBS ether suffered 1,3-silyl transfer

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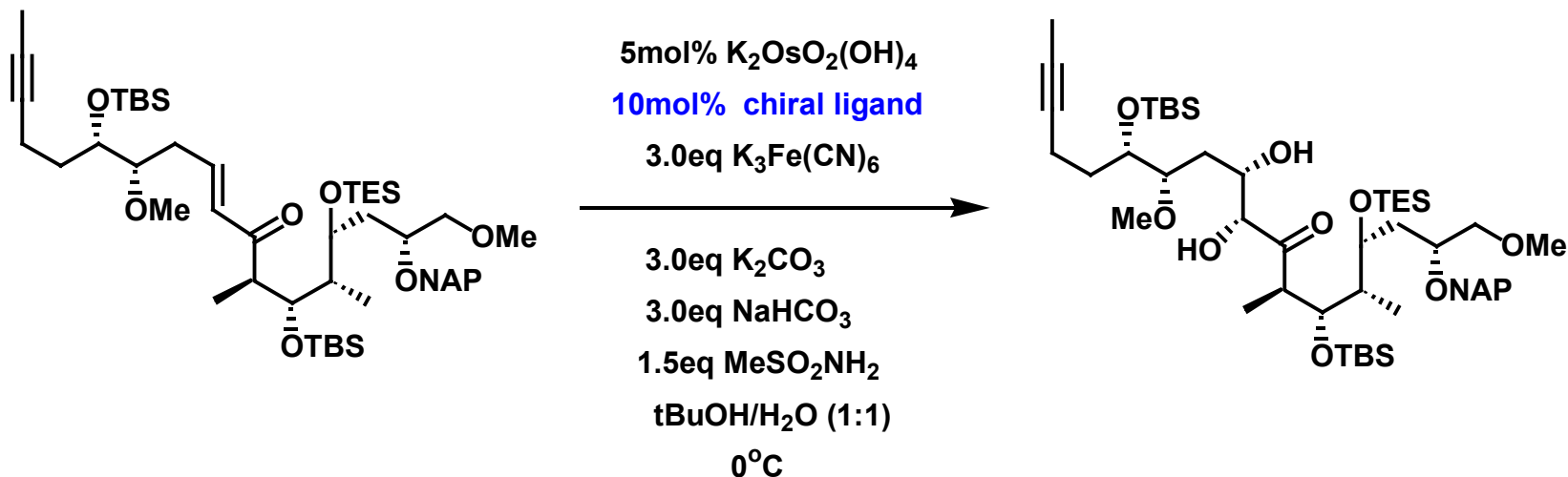


Using a stronger base, Et<sub>3</sub>N, successfully suppressed the 1,3-silyl transfer

# Construction of Southern Hemisphere -- Nucleophilic Addition



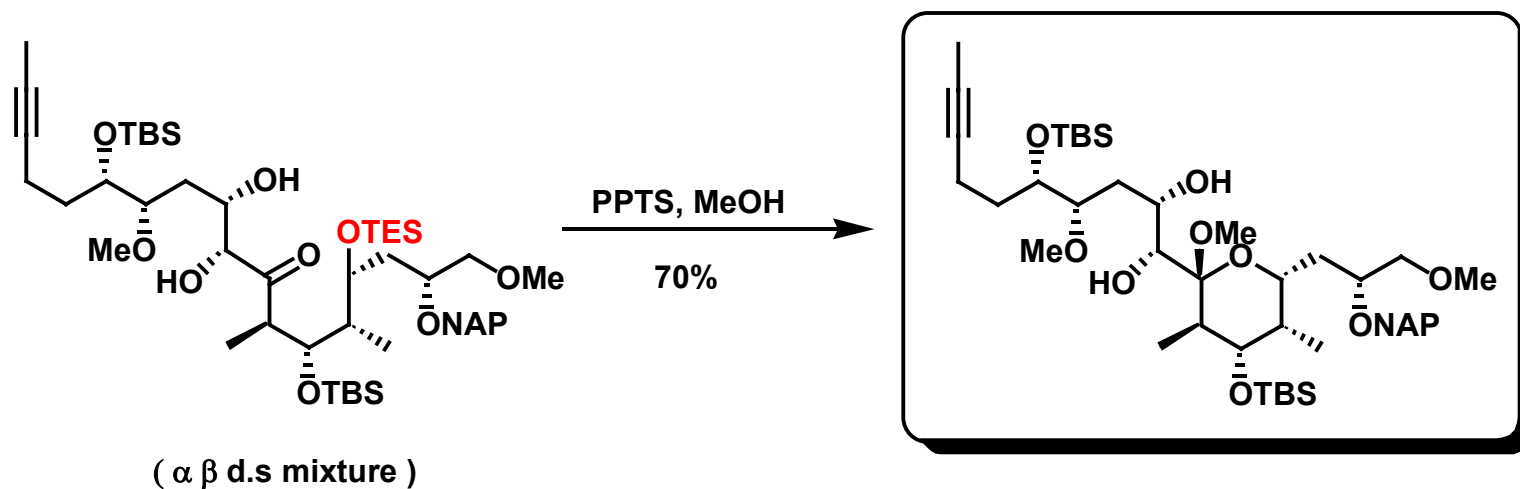
# Construction of Southern Hemisphere --- Dihydroxylation



Chiral Ligand	dr ( $\alpha$ : $\beta$ )
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> AQN	7.0 : 1 (yield=85%)
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> PHAL	1.3 : 1
none	1 : 1.2
(DHQD) <sub>2</sub> PHAL	1 : 1.5
(DHQ) <sub>2</sub> PYR	4.0 : 1

DHQ = dihydroquinine  
 AQN = anthraquinone  
 PHAL = phthalazine  
 PYR = phenylpyrimidine  
 DHQD = dihydroquinidine

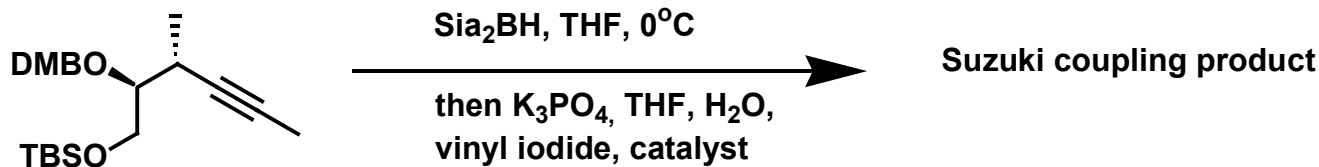
# Construction of Southern Hemisphere --- Cyclization



The enantiomerically pure southern hemisphere of the macrocycle was synthesized

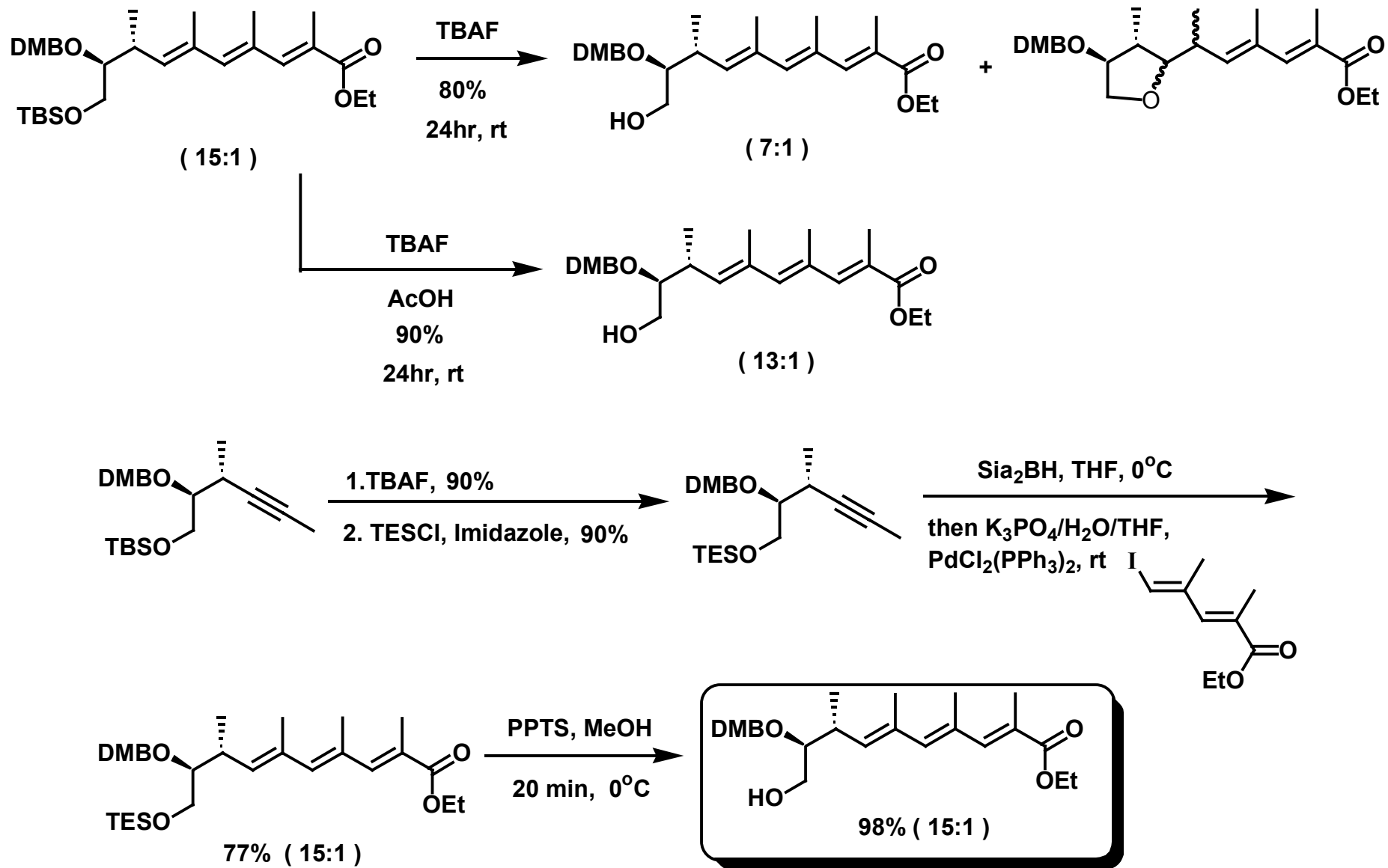


# Improved Syntheses of Northern Triene Pieces

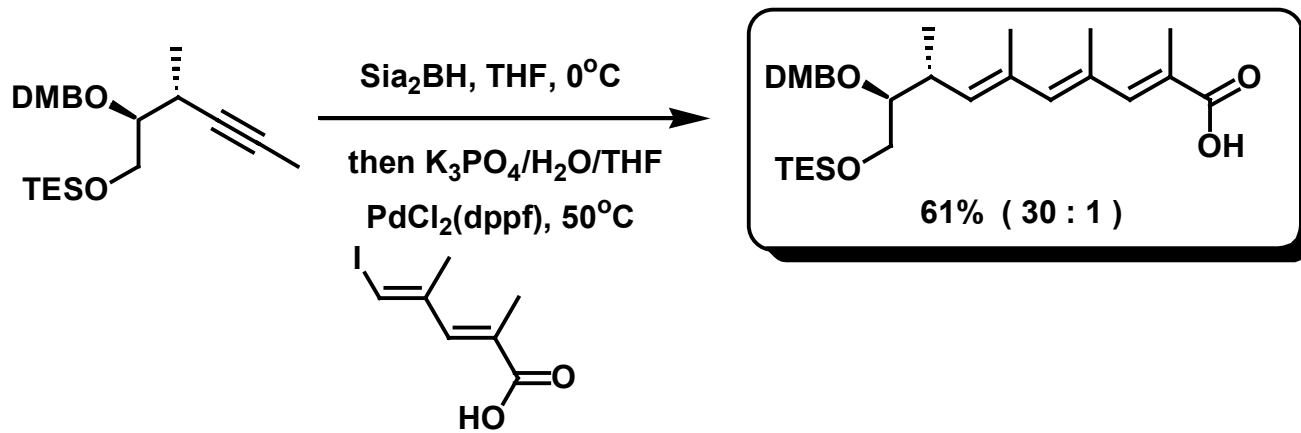


Vinyl Iodide	Catalyst /Temp.	E:Z (yield)	Product
	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf) / 50°C PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> / 50°C PdCl <sub>2</sub> (PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> / 22°C	6:1 (70%) 10:1 (66%) 15:1 (70%)	
	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf) / 50°C	30:1 (45%)	
	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf) / 50°C	30:1 (65%)	

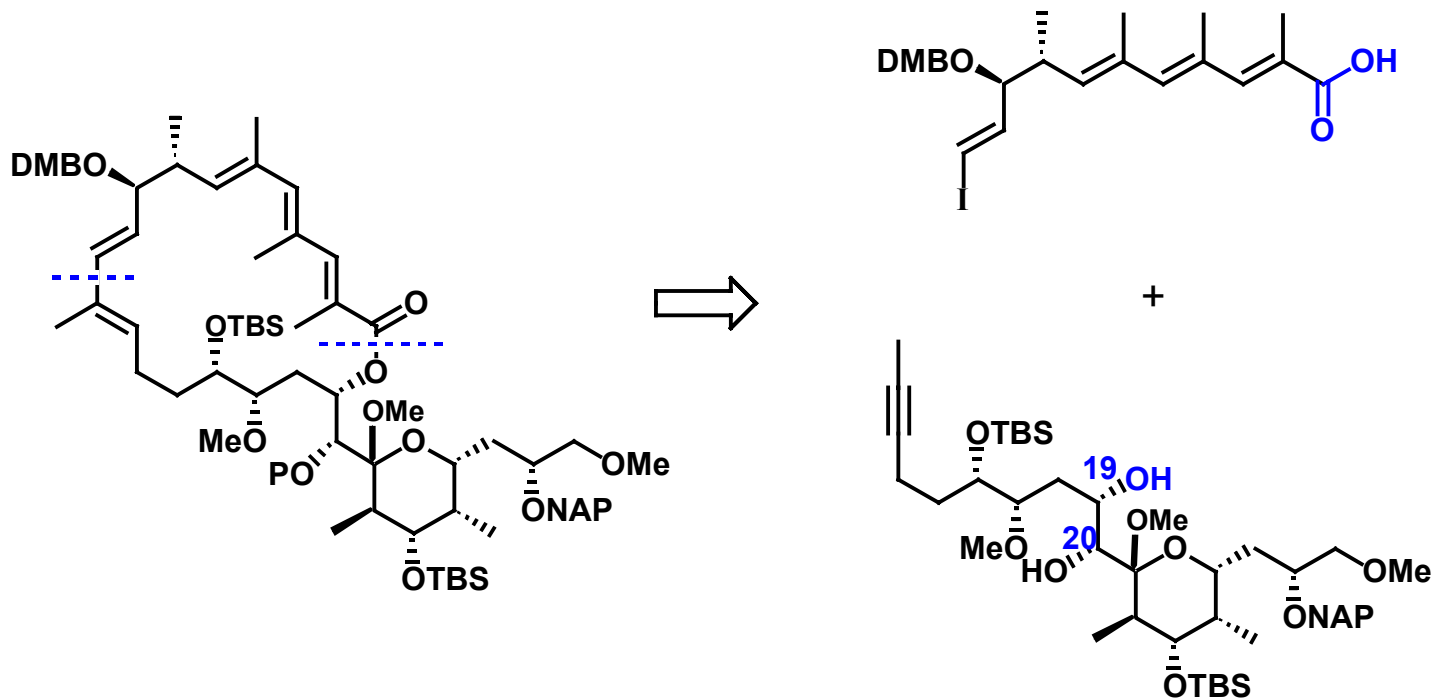
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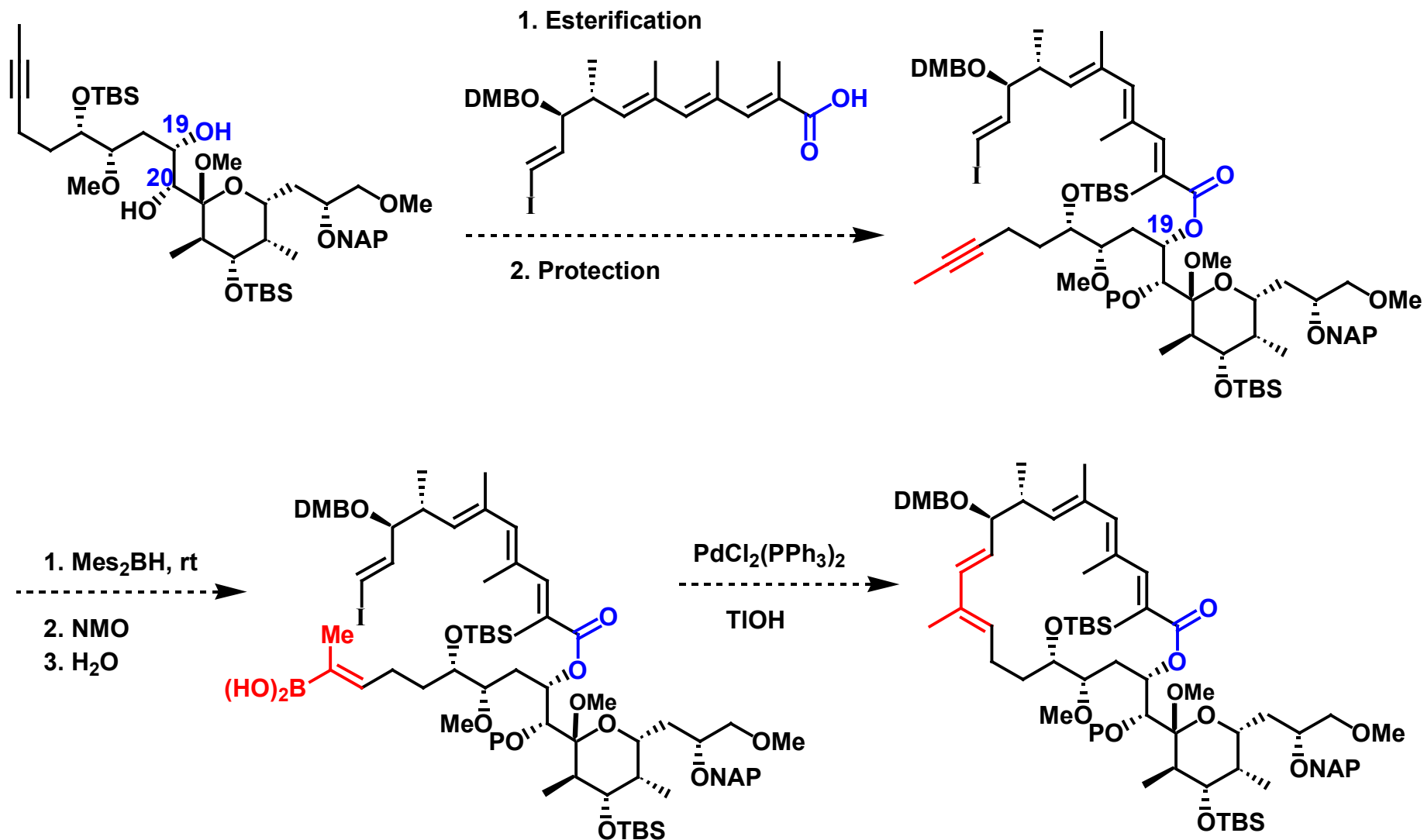
# Assembly of Macrocycle



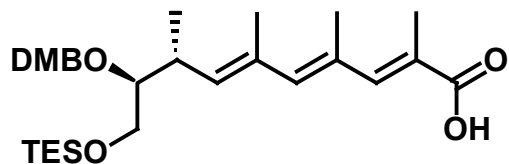
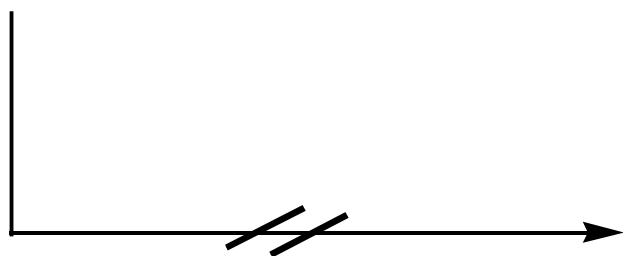
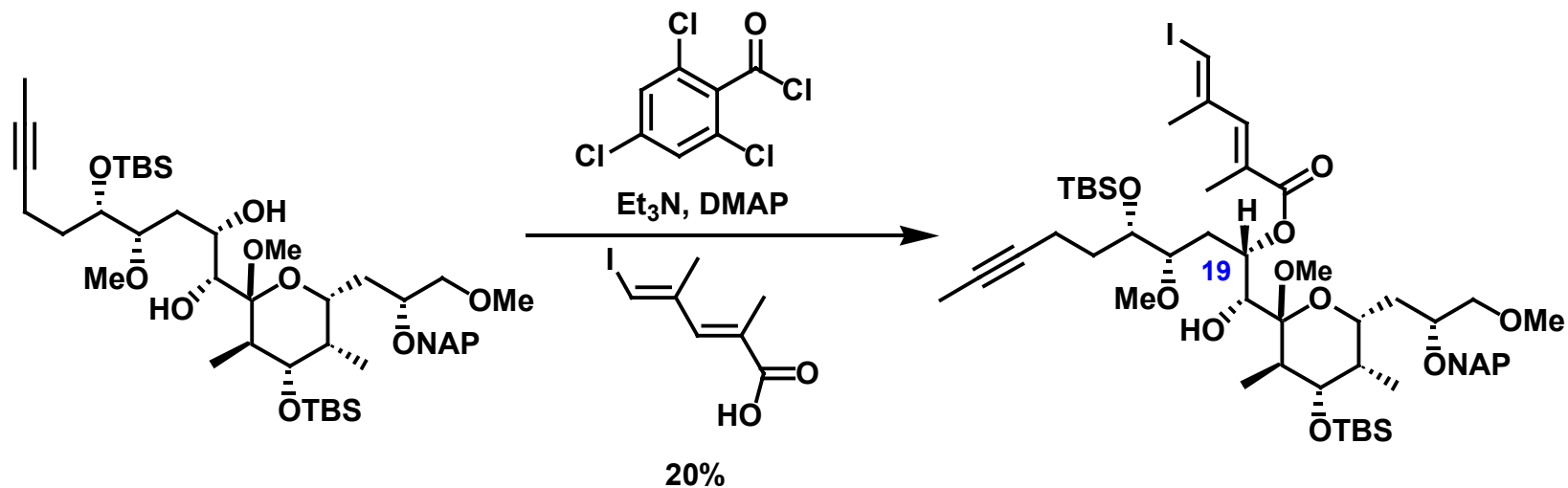
Two options to assemble the macrocycle:

1. Suzuki coupling followed by macrocyclization
2. Esterification followed by intramolecular Suzuki coupling

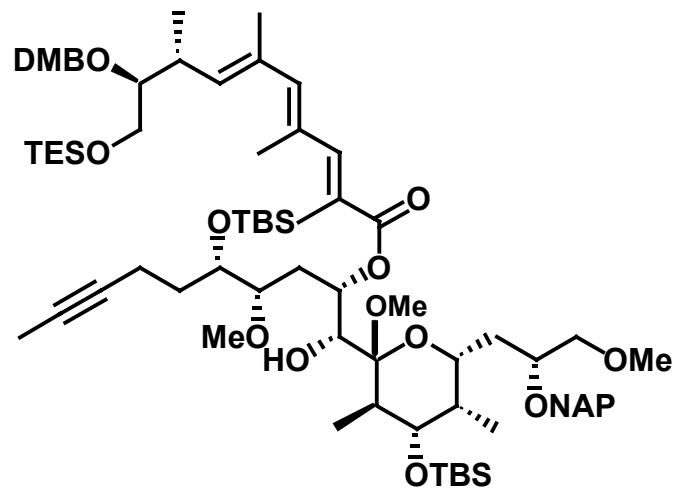
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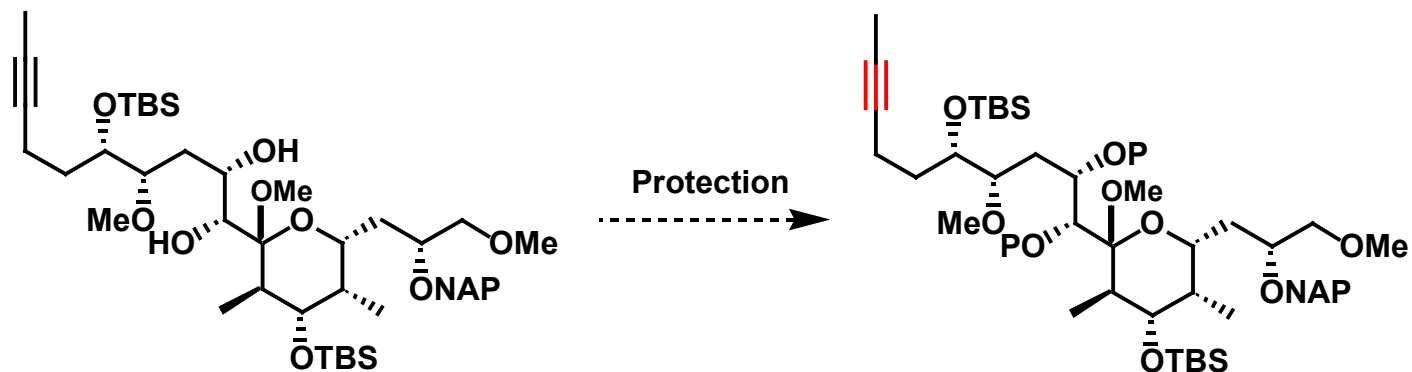
# Assembly of Macrocycle ---- Esterification



DDC, DMAP  
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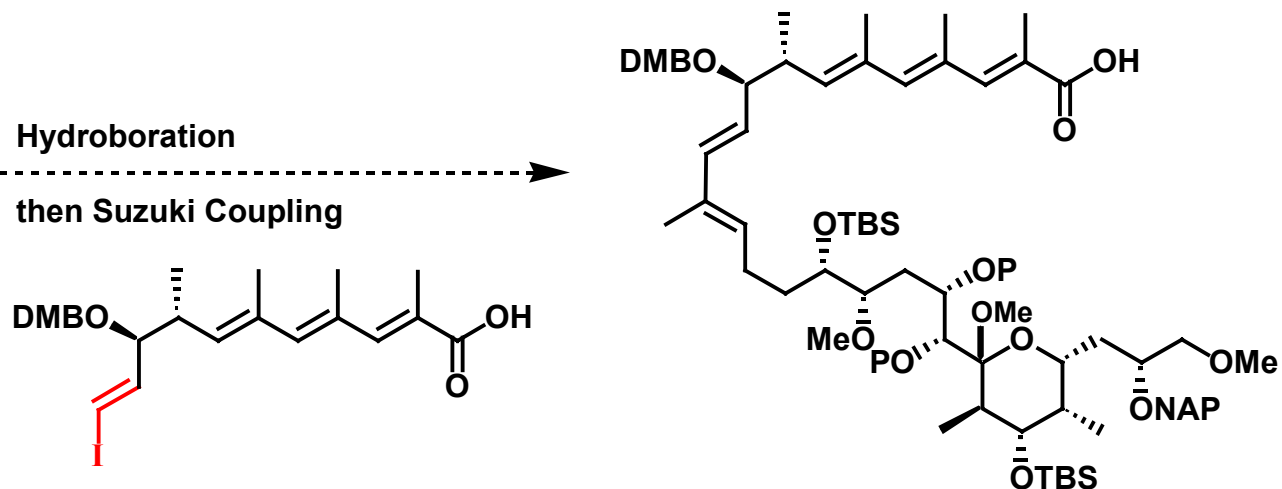


# Assembly of Macrocycle -- Suzuki Coupling and Macrolactonization



Hydroboration

then Suzuki Coupling

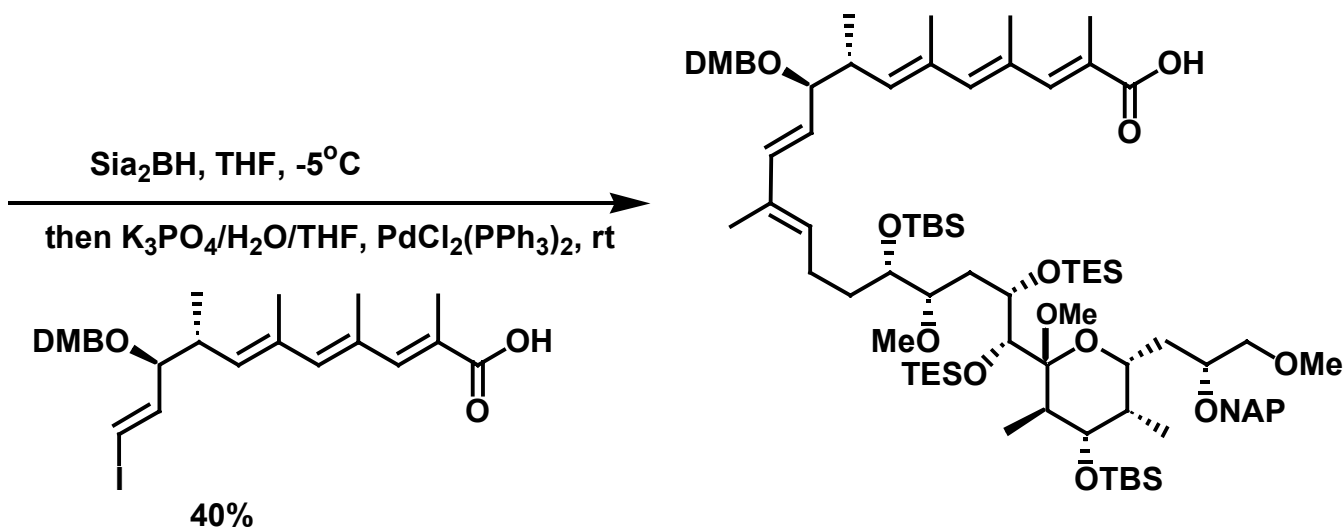
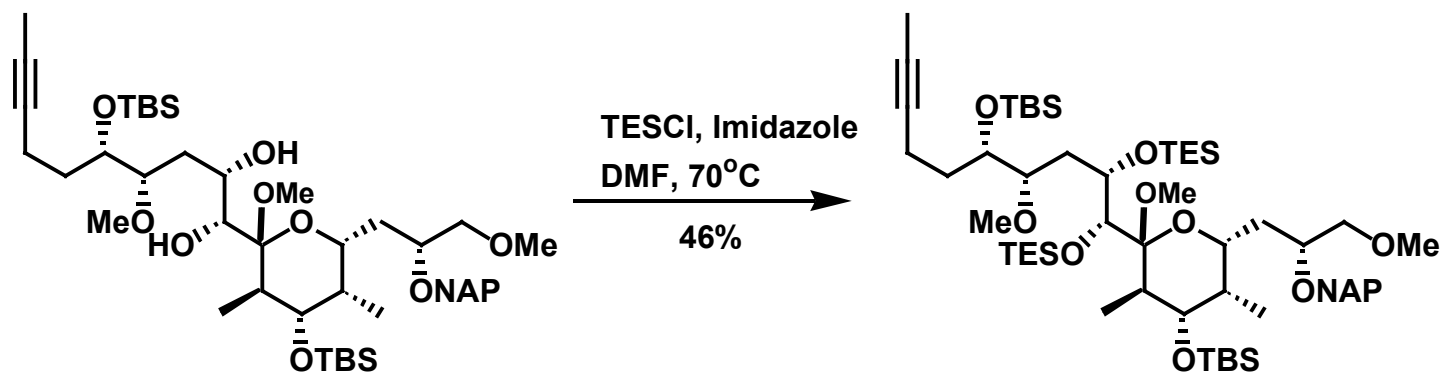


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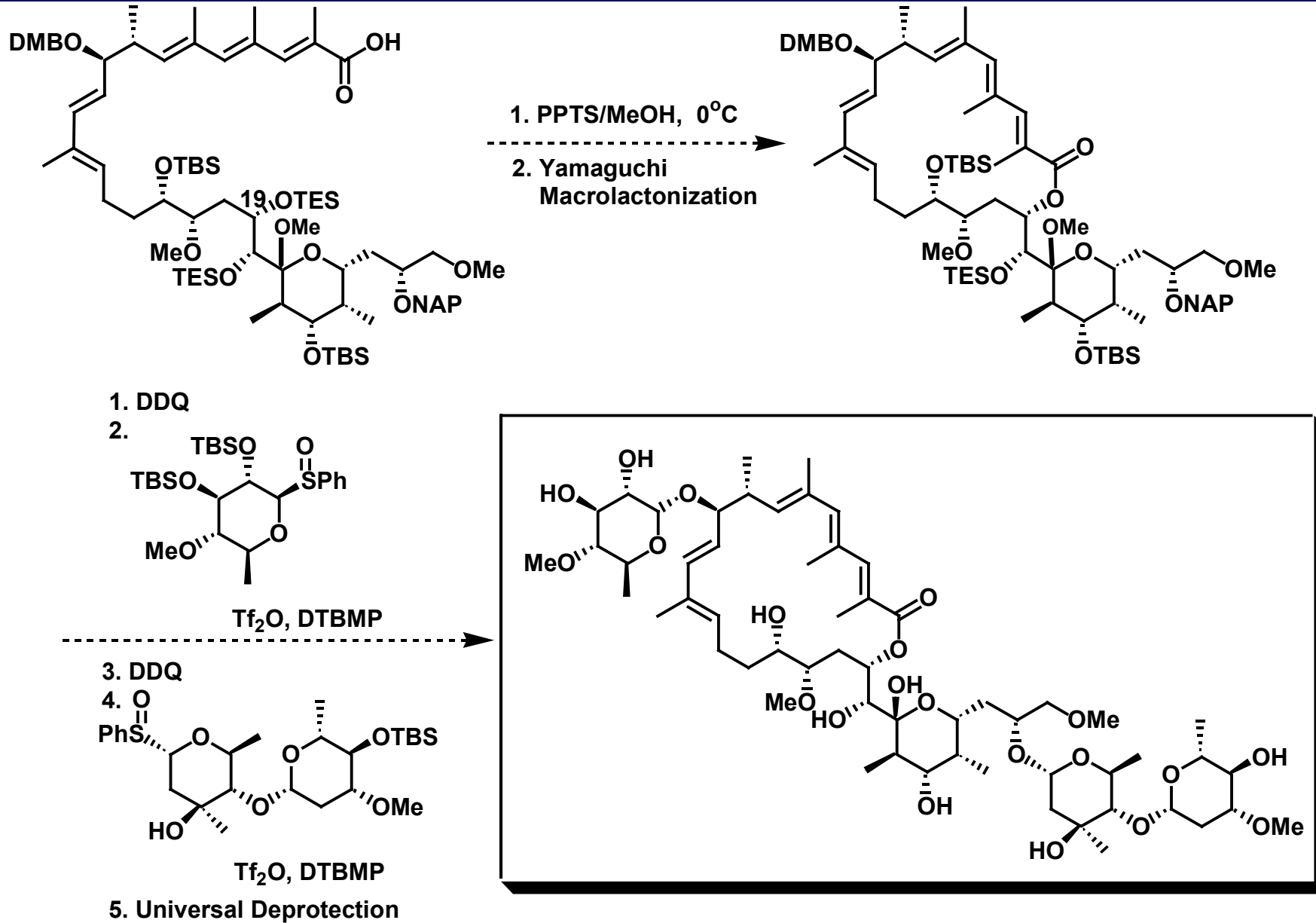
2. Macrolactonization

Macrocycle of Apoptolidin

# Assembly of Macrocycle --- Suzuki Coupling

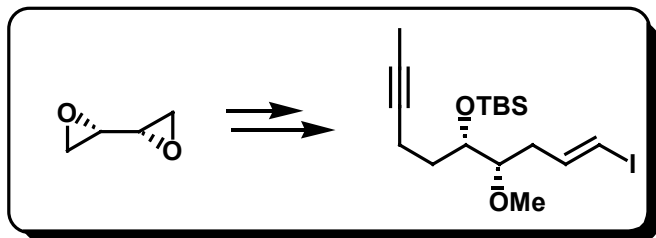


# Future Study

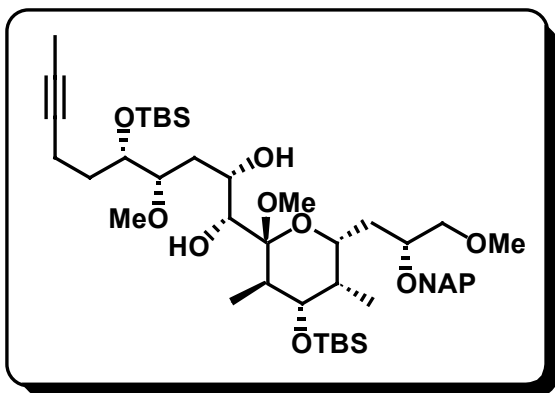


# Conclusions

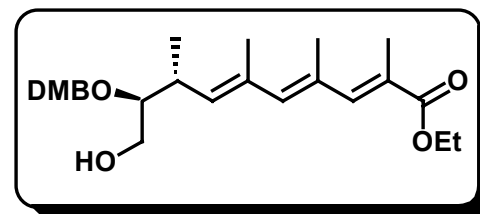
1. A methodology as the route to the differentiated *syn*-1,2-diol has been developed. By employing this methodology, vinyl iodide subunit of apoptolidin has been developed.



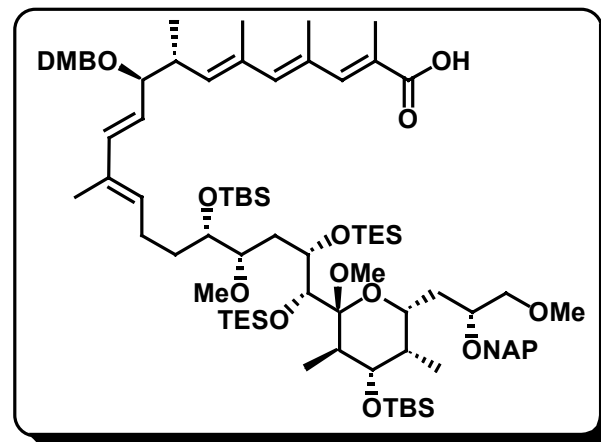
2. The enantiomerically pure and suitably functionalized southern hemisphere of apoptolidin has been achieved.



3. The improved syntheses of the triene pieces for the northern hemisphere of apoptolidin have been developed.



4. The exploration study demonstrated that the northern and southern hemispheres of apoptolidin were assembled smoothly by a mild Suzuki coupling reaction.



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