

# Syntheses of the Kinamycin Family

Insights into natural diazo containing  
benzo[b]fluorenes

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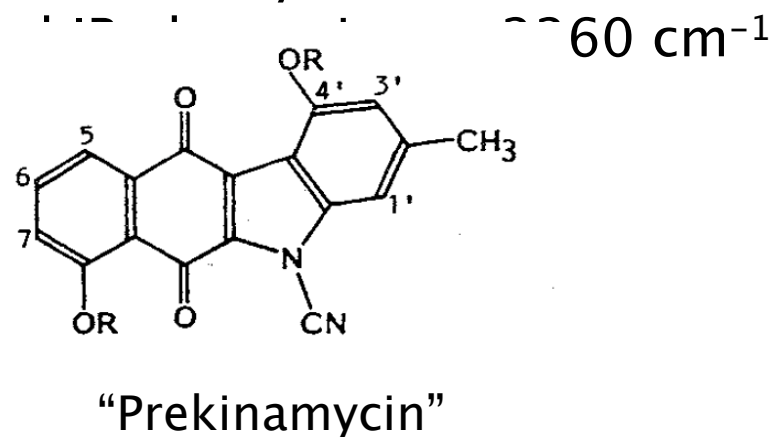
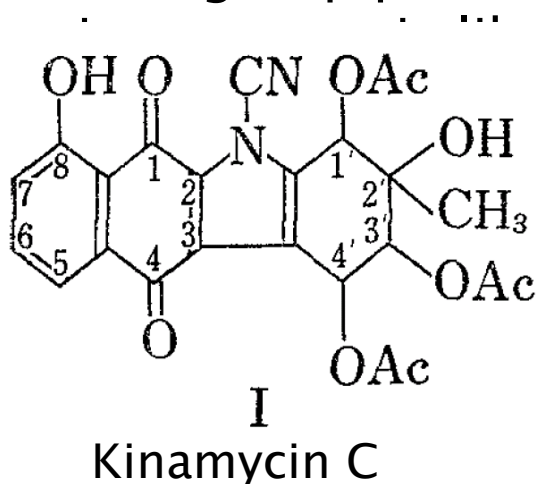
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# Meet the Kinamycins

- First isolated in 1970 by Omura et. al. from *Streptomyces murayamaensis*.
- Kinamycin family displays anti-tumor effects and is a potent Gram-positive antibiotic
- Assigned based on derivatization studies, IR, NMR ( $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$ ), X-Ray
- Initially assigned as an N-nitrile (cyanamide)
- Cyanamide group postulated based on X-ray data on a

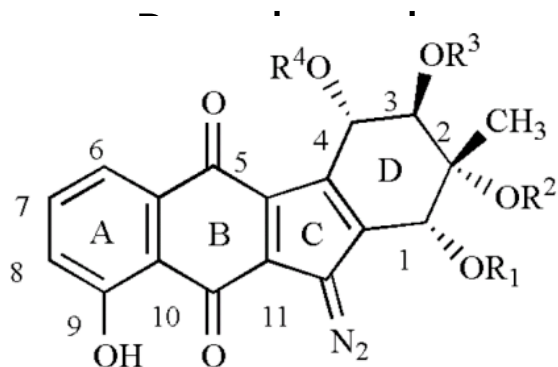


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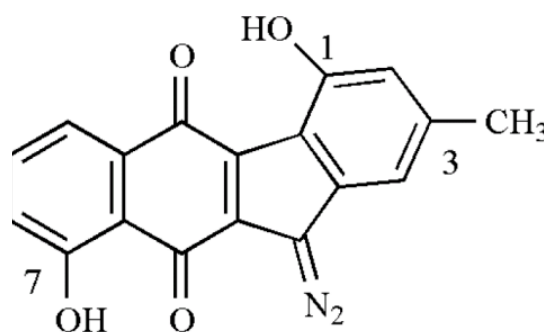


# NOW WITH improved Spectral Data

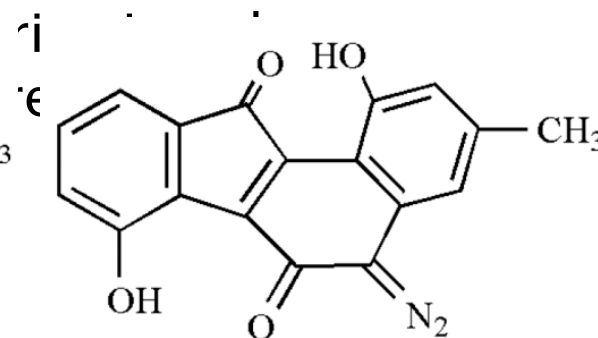
- Gould and Dmitrienko independently reassigned structure.
- Anomalous shift of nitrile carbon at 78 ppm (expected at ~110 ppm)
- IR absorbance of synthetic relatives did not match the nitrile signal.
- Echavarren synthesized presumed prekinamycin, inconsistent with proposed structure (was later renamed isoprekinamycin)



- 1 Kinamycin A ( $R^1 = H, R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = Ac$ )
- 2 Kinamycin B ( $R^1 = R^3 = R^4 = H, R^2 = Ac$ )
- 3 Kinamycin C ( $R^1 = R^3 = R^4 = Ac, R^2 = Ac$ )
- 4 Kinamycin D ( $R^1 = R^3 = Ac, R^2 = R^4 = H$ )
- 5 Kinamycin E ( $R^1 = Ac, R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = H$ )
- 6 Kinamycin F ( $R^1 = R^2 = R^3 = R^4 = H$ )



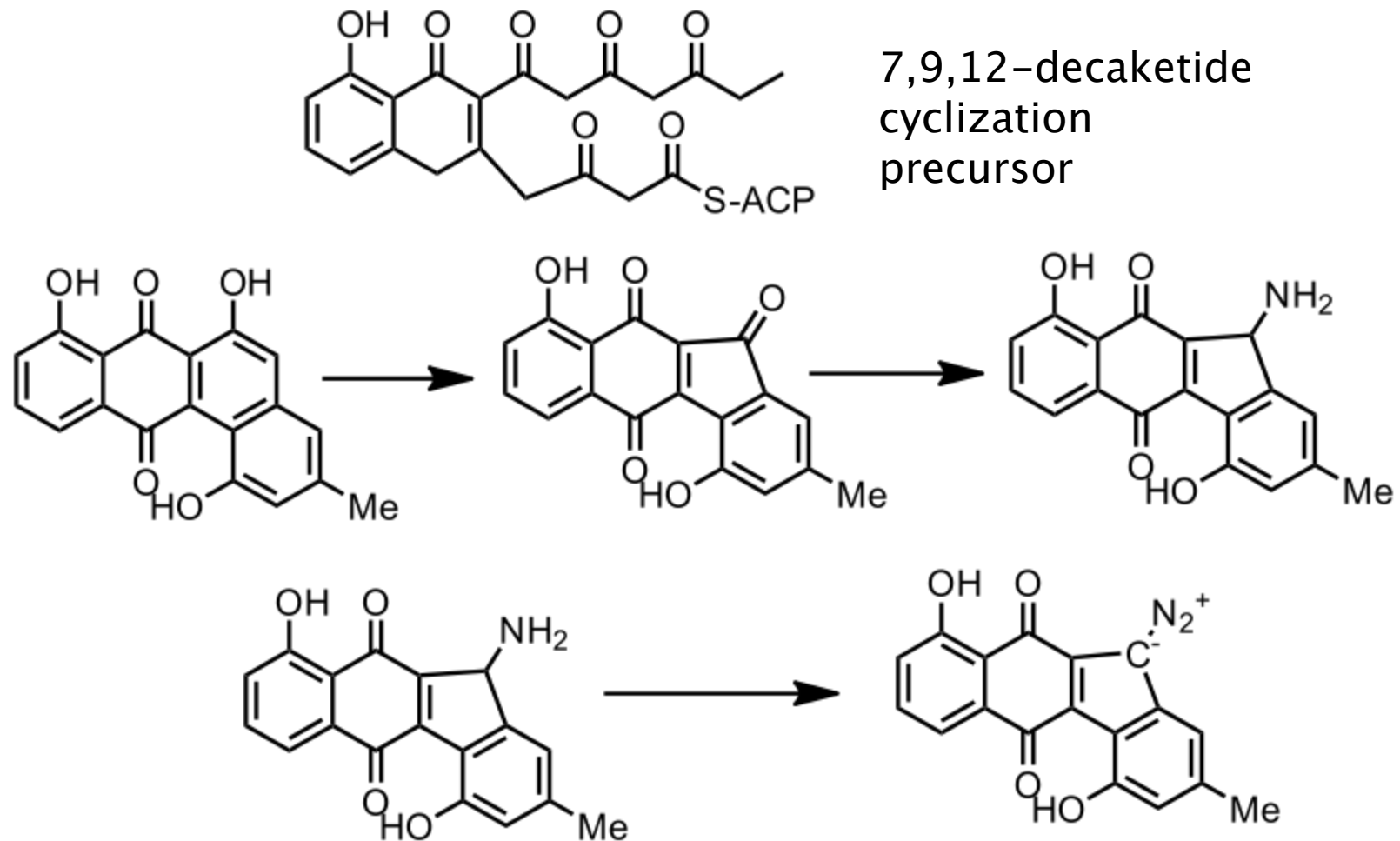
Prekinamycin (9)



Isoprekinamycin (10)

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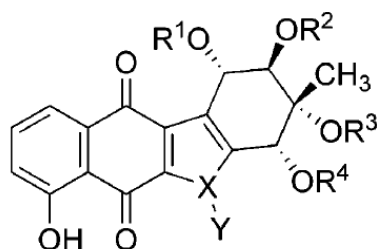
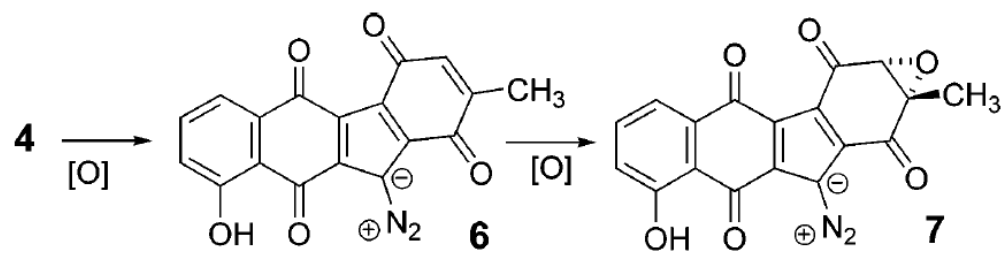
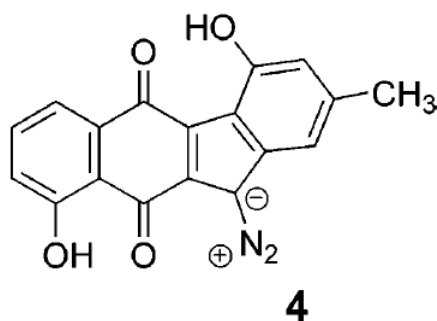
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Annotated from the KEGG database

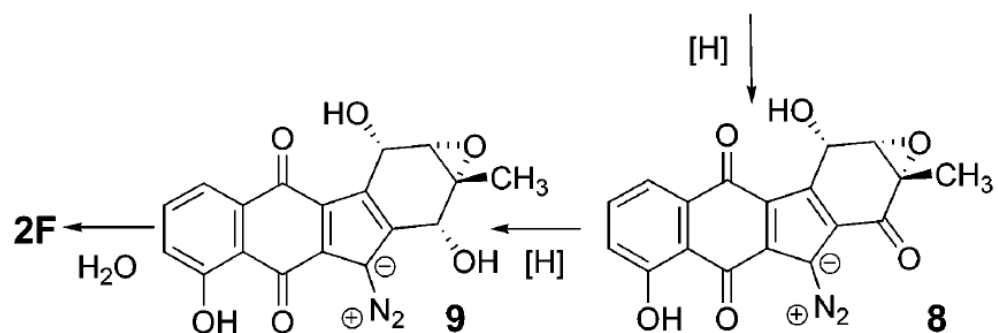
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# Hypothesized Biosynthesis



**1** X = N; Y = CN  
**2** X = C<sup>⊖</sup>; Y = N<sub>2</sub><sup>⊕</sup>

	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
A:	H	Ac	Ac	Ac
C:	Ac	Ac	H	Ac
F:	H	H	H	H
J:	Ac	Ac	Ac	Ac



4, 8, O-acyl derivatives of 9 have been isolated.

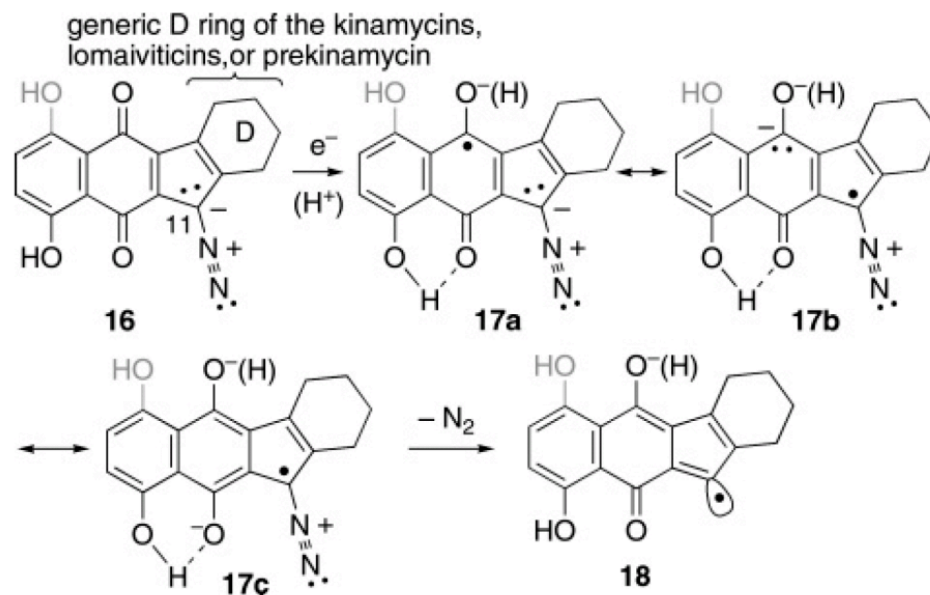
Fairly extensive elaboration after diazotization.

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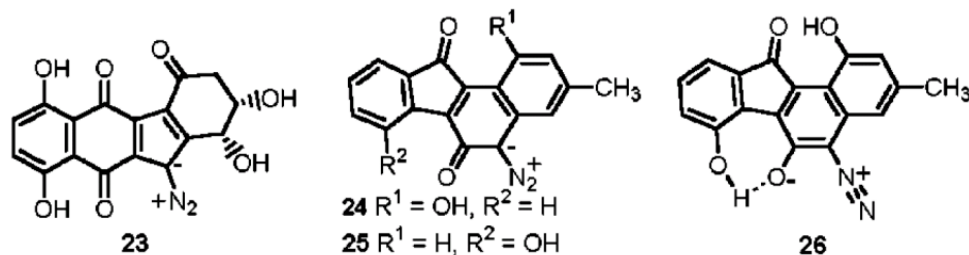
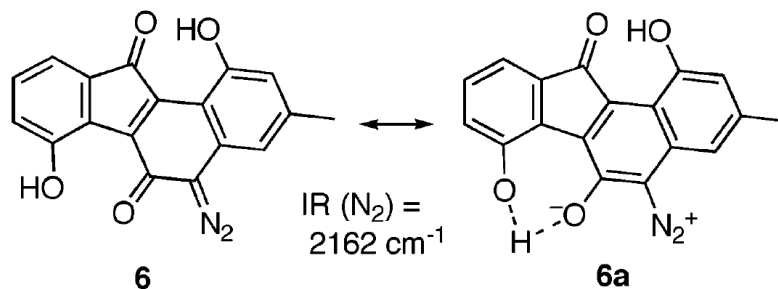
# Structure and Biological Activity

- Weak binding to DNA ( $K_{app} = 90 \mu\text{M}$ )
- Unique activity against cancer cell line assay ( $IC_{50} < 1\mu\text{M}$ )
- Produces radicals under physiological conditions which cause DNA nicks.



Feldman et. al., JACS, **2006**, 128, 12562  
 Arya D. P., Top Heterocycl. Chem., **2006**, 2, 129-152  
 Hasinoff et. al., Free Radical Bio. Med., **2007**, 42, 1122

# Dmitrienko's Work



**Table 1.** Calculated C–N<sub>2</sub> Frequencies and N–N Bond Lengths

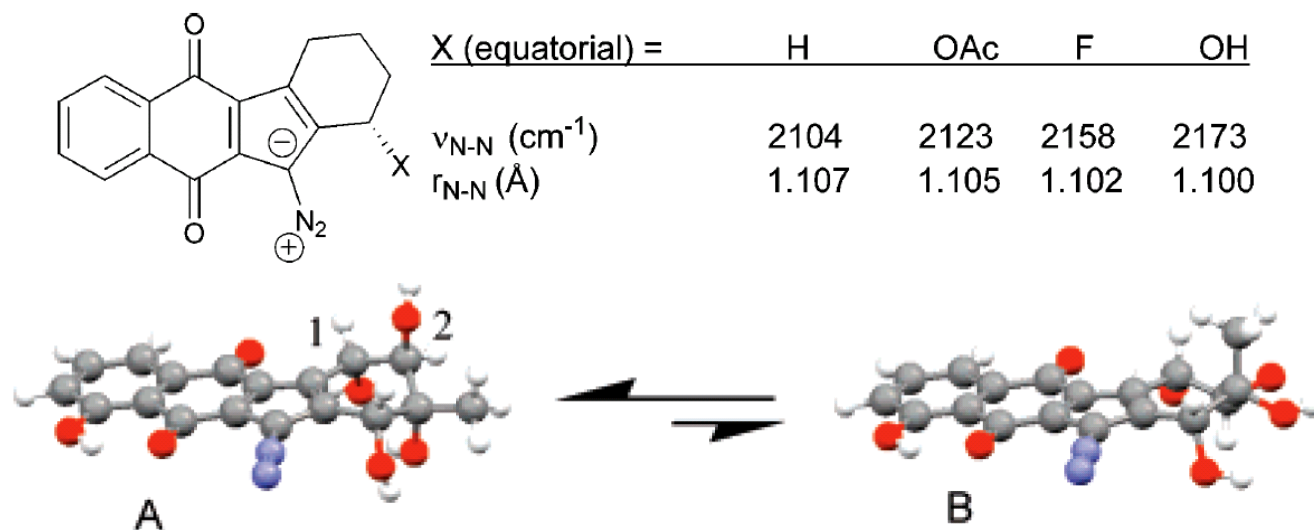
compound	calcd $\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	calcd N–N (Å)
9-diazafluorene	1906	1.133
2,1-naphthoquinodiazide	2056	1.111
<b>4</b>	2087	1.108
<b>24</b>	2101	1.107
<b>25</b>	2125	1.105
<b>2</b>	2139	1.103
kinamycin B ( <b>1</b> )	2188	1.099
<b>23</b>	2212	1.097
Ph–N≡N <sup>+</sup> Cl <sup>-</sup>	2212	1.100

H-bonding proposed as method to increase diazonium character in isoprekinamycin.

Computational studies show significant diazonium character

Dmitrienko et al., JACS, 2002, 124, 18  
Feldman et. al., JACS, 2006, 128, 1256

# Conformational Analyses



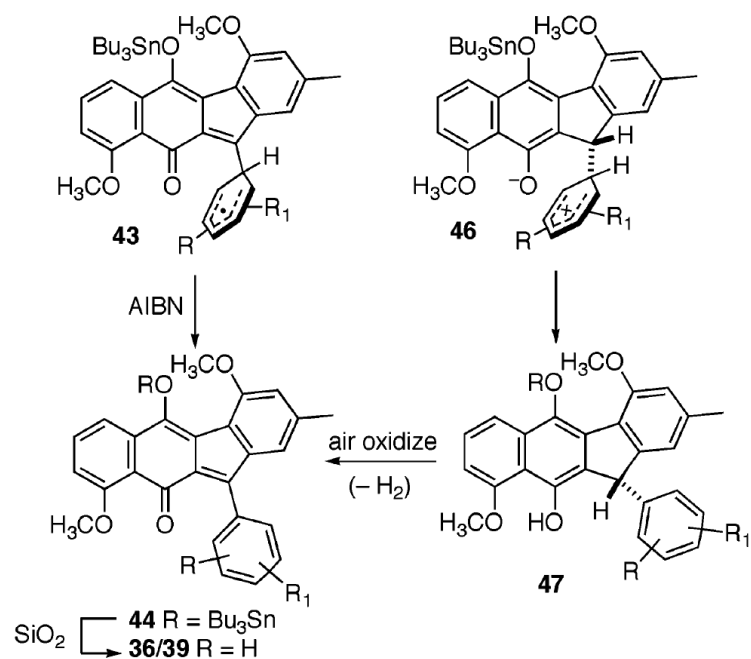
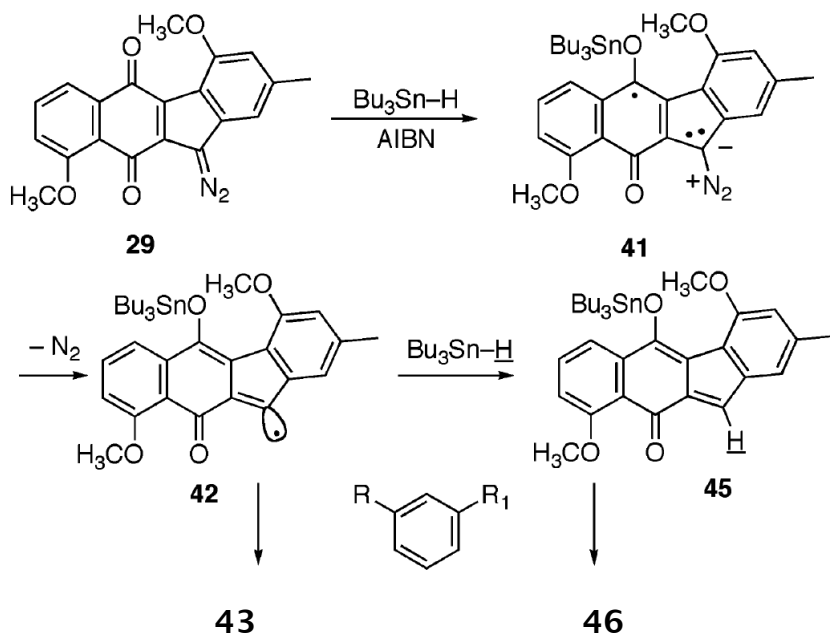
**Figure 2.** Calculated energy minimum conformations of kinamycin F.

- Studies on Kinamycin derivatives by Dmitrienko.
  - Favorable dipole interaction of C–N bond of the diazo group and the C–O ring bond postulated as possible reason for this conformational preference.
  - Other kinamycins prefer conformation B
  - Dmitrienko proposes that kinamycins get deacetylated to kinamycin F in vivo before displaying cytotoxic activity based on the superior activity of kinamycin F
- Dmitrienko et. al., Org. Lett., 2008, 10,

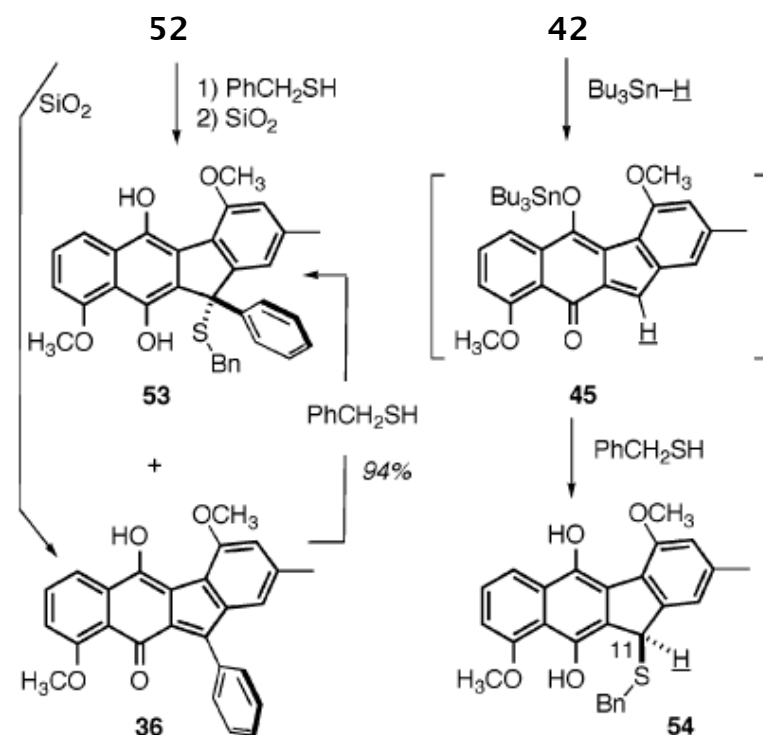
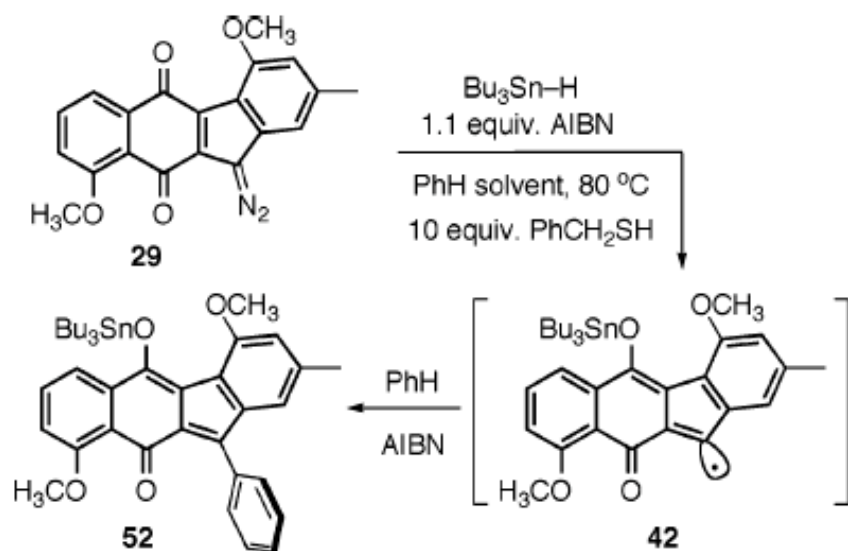
# Feldman's Mechanistic studies

## Mechanism of Action of Prekinamycin

**Scheme 5.** Mechanistic Proposal for the Formation of Arene Adducts **36/39** from Diazoparaquinone **29**



# Feldman's Mechanistic Studies

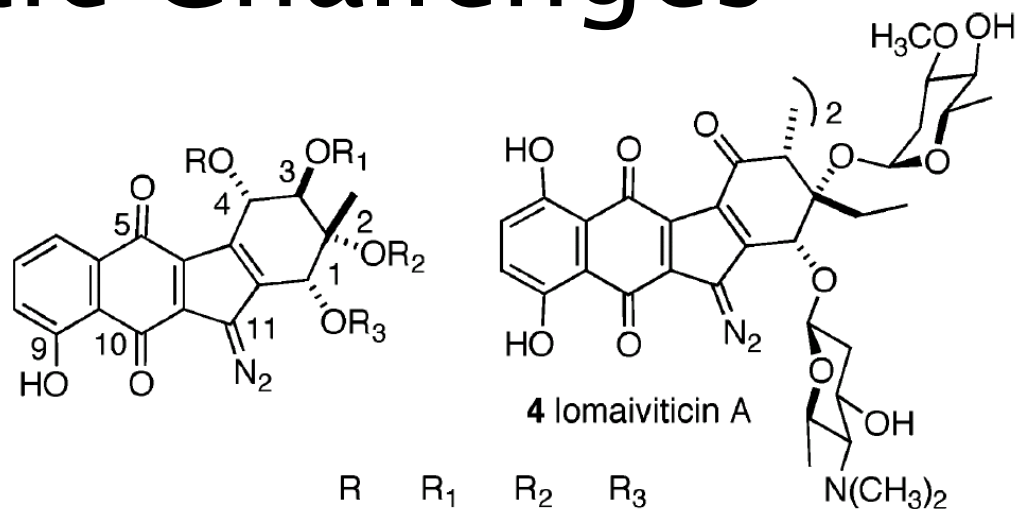


equiv. $\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn-H}$	total yield	<b>53</b> (%)	<b>36</b> (%)	<b>54</b> (%)
1.1	83%	22%	15%	46%
12	90%	23%	10%	57%

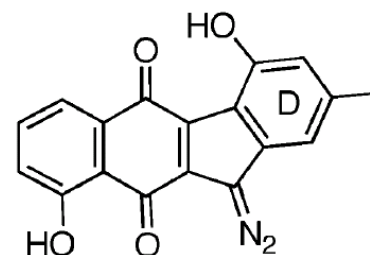
control: no  $\text{Bu}_3\text{Sn-H}$  / AIBN, no reaction

# Synthetic Challenges

- 6-6-5-6 ring system
- Fluorene core
- Sensitive Diazo group
- Highly functionalized D ring.
- Tetrasubstituted quinone system
- Rich Ac substitution pattern on D ring.
- Dimer analog lomaiviticin A also has glycosylation pattern



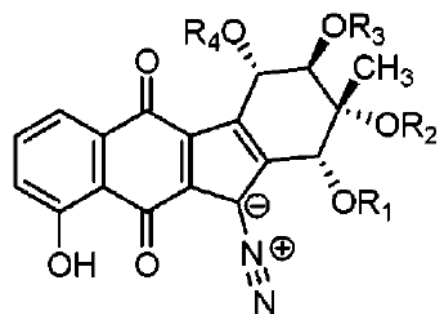
	R	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>3</sub>
<b>1a</b> kinamycin A	H	Ac	Ac	Ac
<b>1b</b> kinamycin B	H	H	Ac	H
<b>1c</b> kinamycin C	Ac	Ac	H	Ac
<b>1d</b> kinamycin D	H	Ac	H	Ac
<b>1e</b> kinamycin E	H	H	H	Ac
<b>1f</b> kinamycin F	H	H	H	H
<b>1g</b> kinamycin G	Ac	Ac	COiPr	Ac
<b>1h</b> kinamycin H	Ac	Ac	H	COiPr
<b>1i</b> kinamycin I	Ac	COiPr	H	COiPr
<b>1j</b> kinamycin J	Ac	Ac	Ac	Ac



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# First Total Synthesis

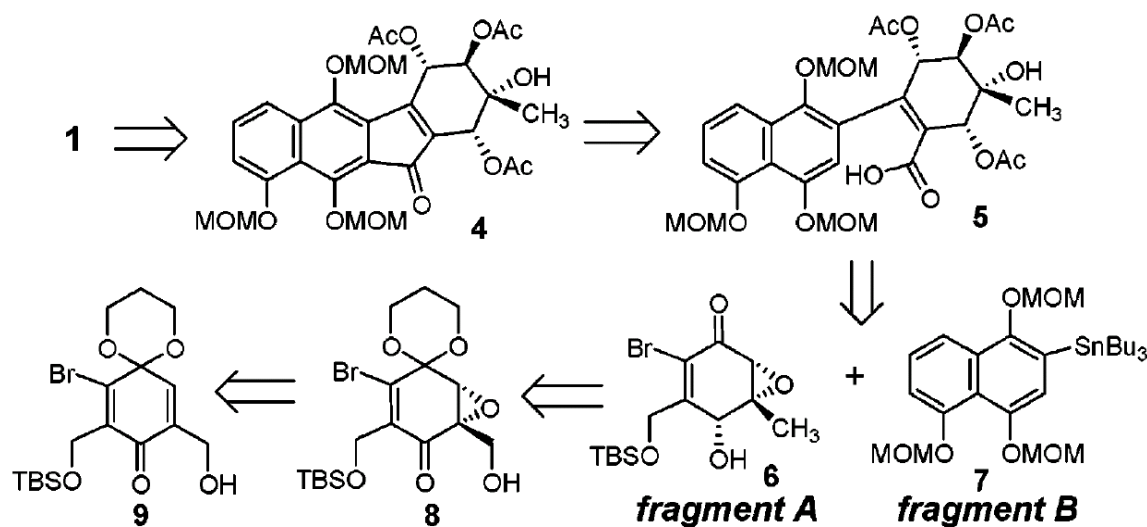


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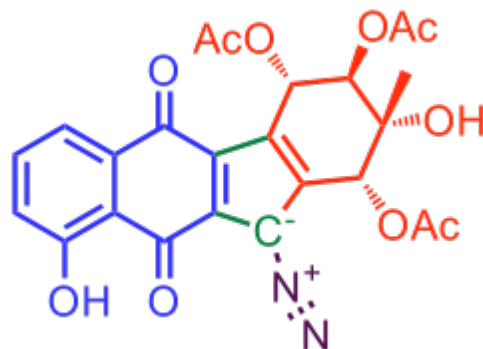
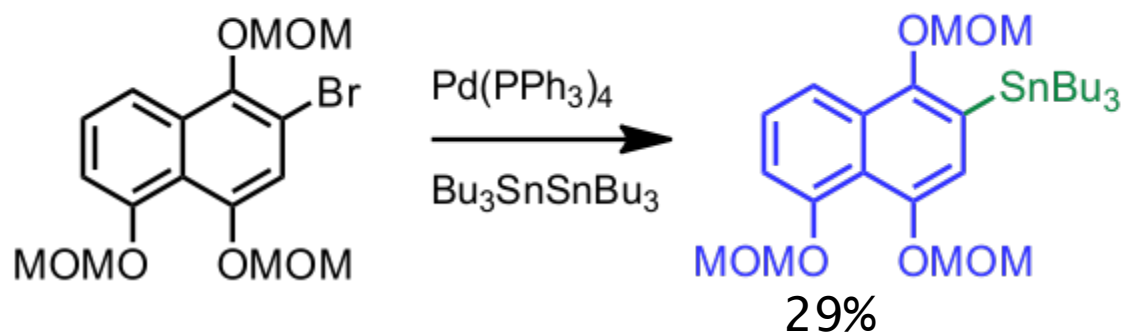
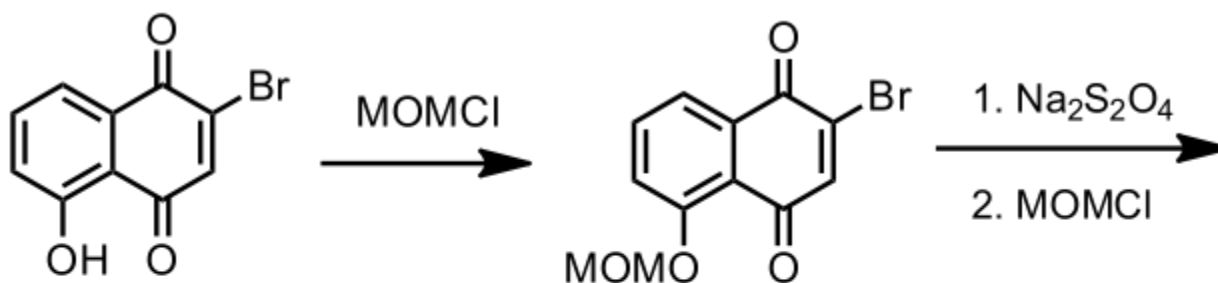
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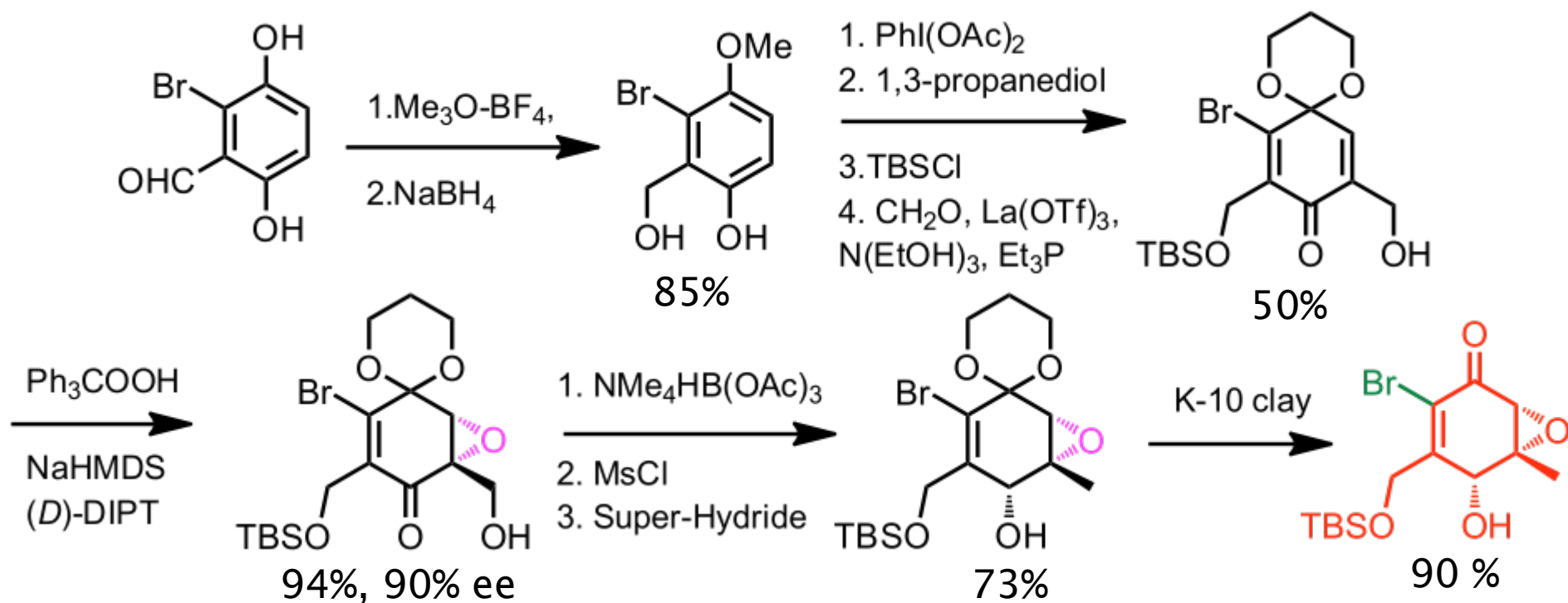
kinamycin D  $R_1 = Ac$   $R_2 = H$   $R_3 = Ac$   $R_4 = H$



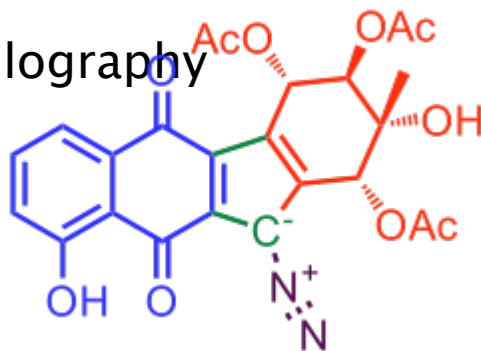
# Synthesis of Fragment B



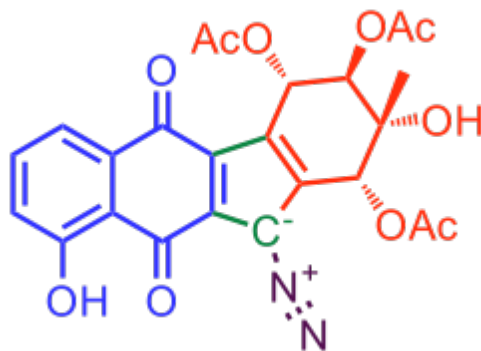
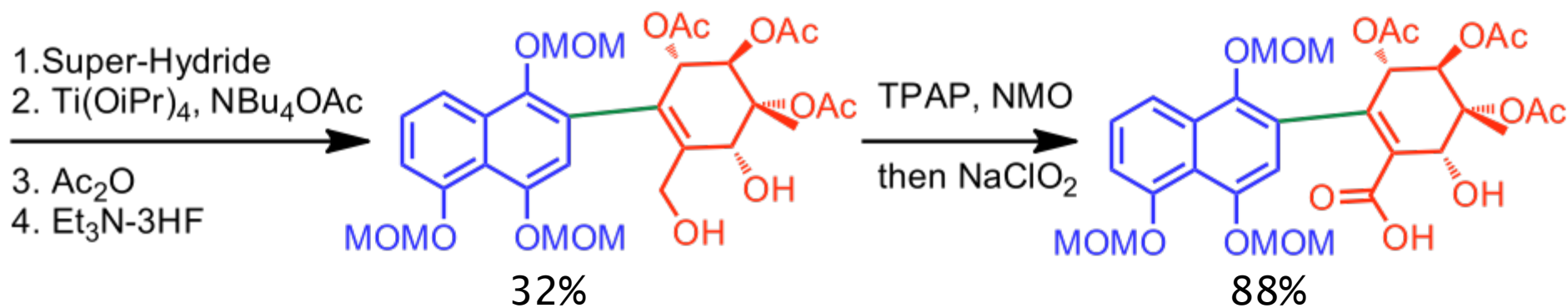
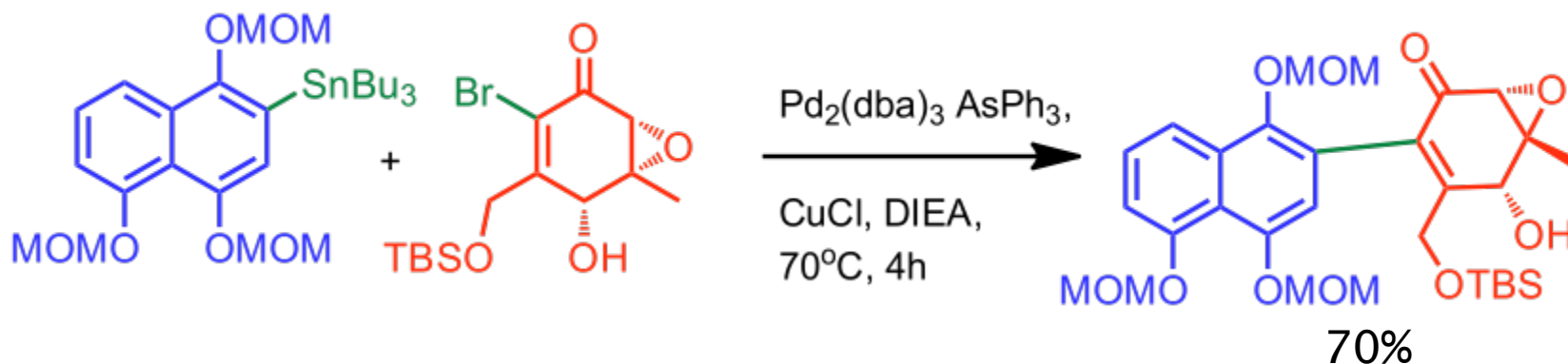
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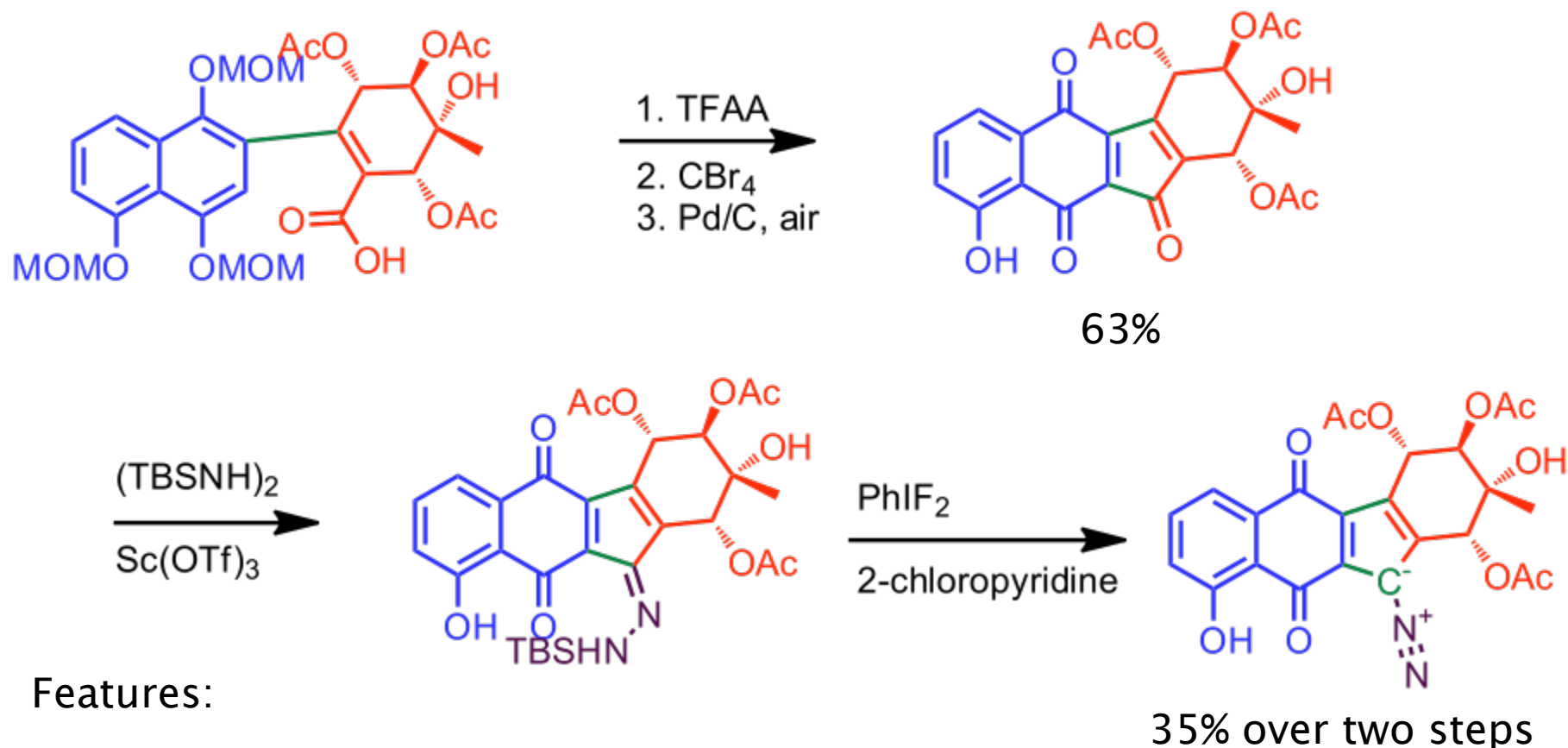
Absolute stereochemistry confirmed by X-Ray crystallography



# Combining the Fragments



# Last Touches



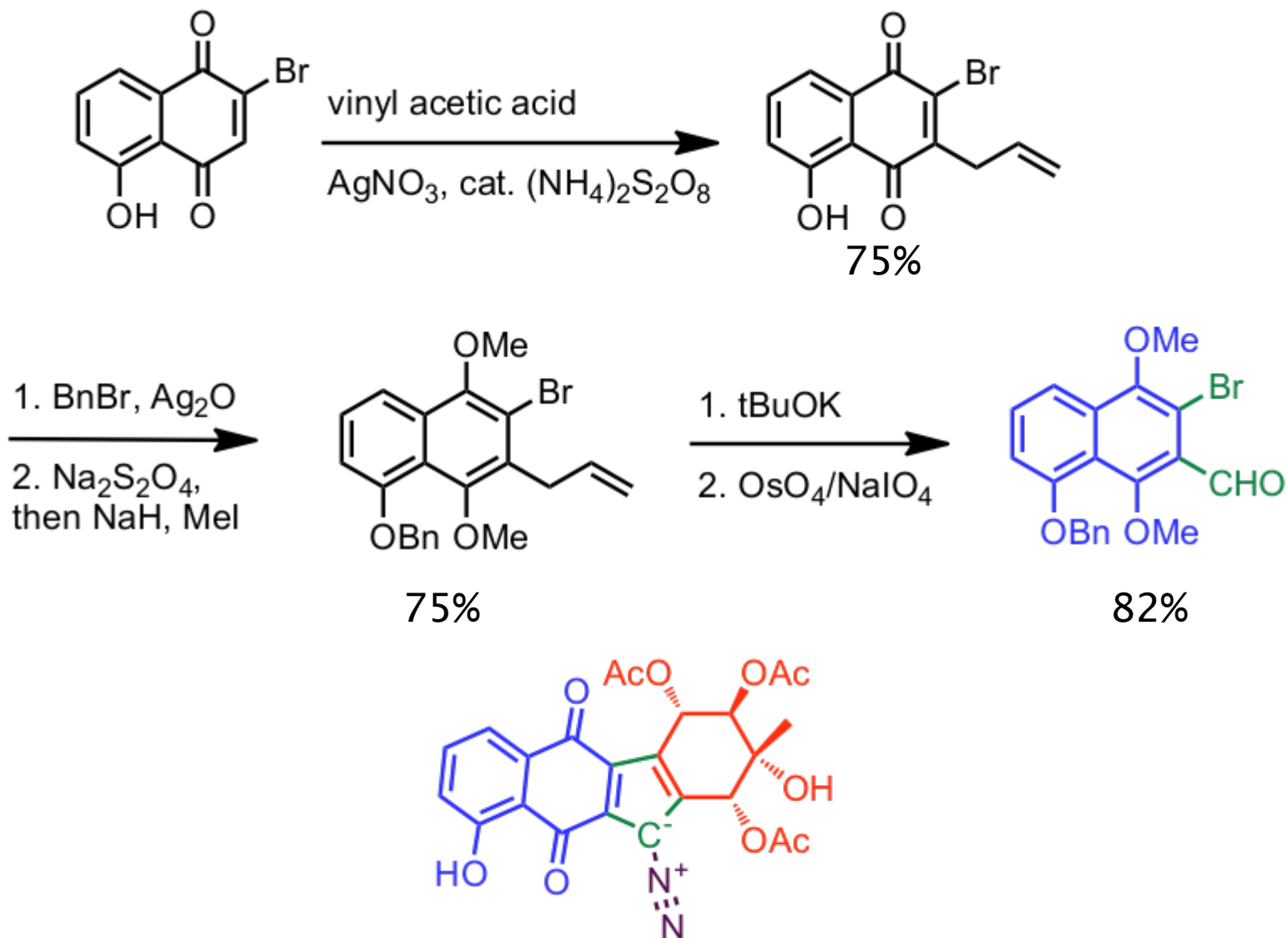
Features:

- Late Stage Diazo-introduction
- Oxidation of silylhydrazine source
- Pd-based coupling, followed by Friedel-Crafts cyclization
- Enantioselective epoxidation as chirality source
- Selective acylation of secondary hydroxyls
- 1.1% overall yield, 23 step longest linear sequence

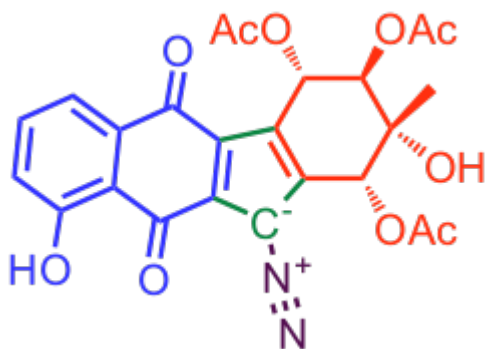
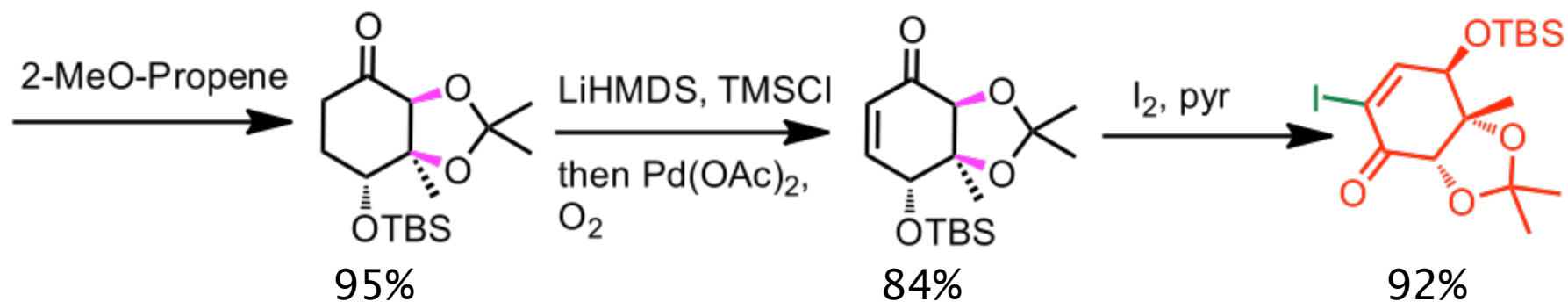
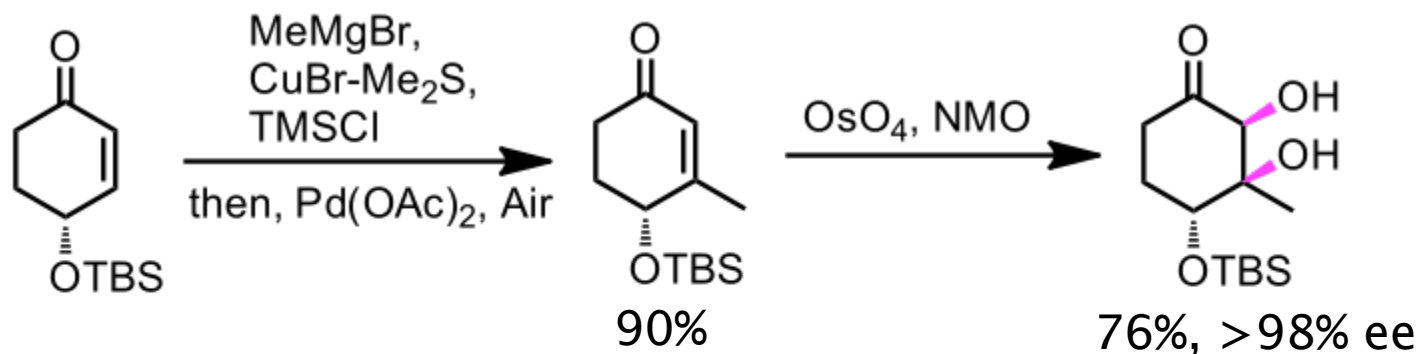
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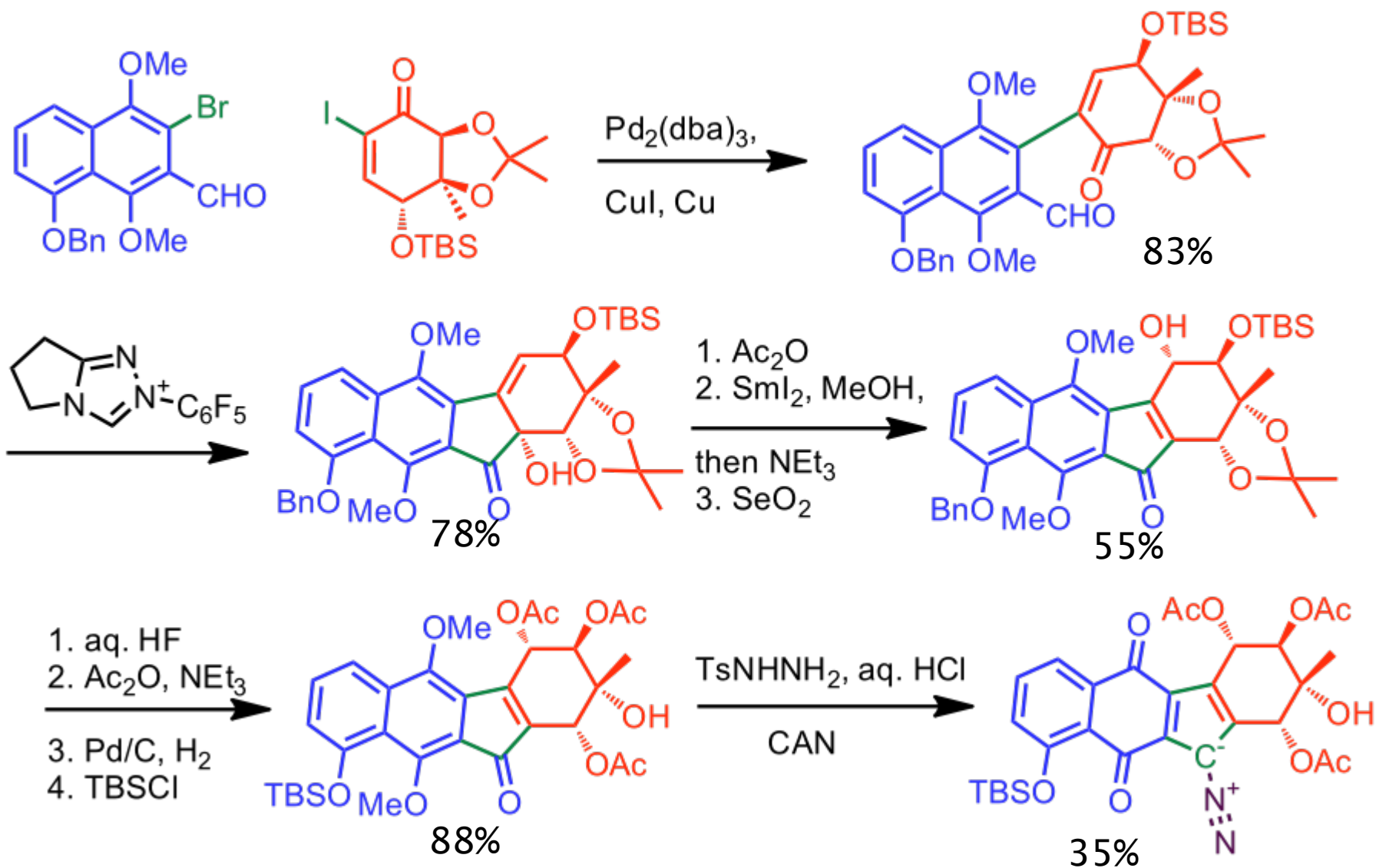
# Nicolaou Synthesis, Part A



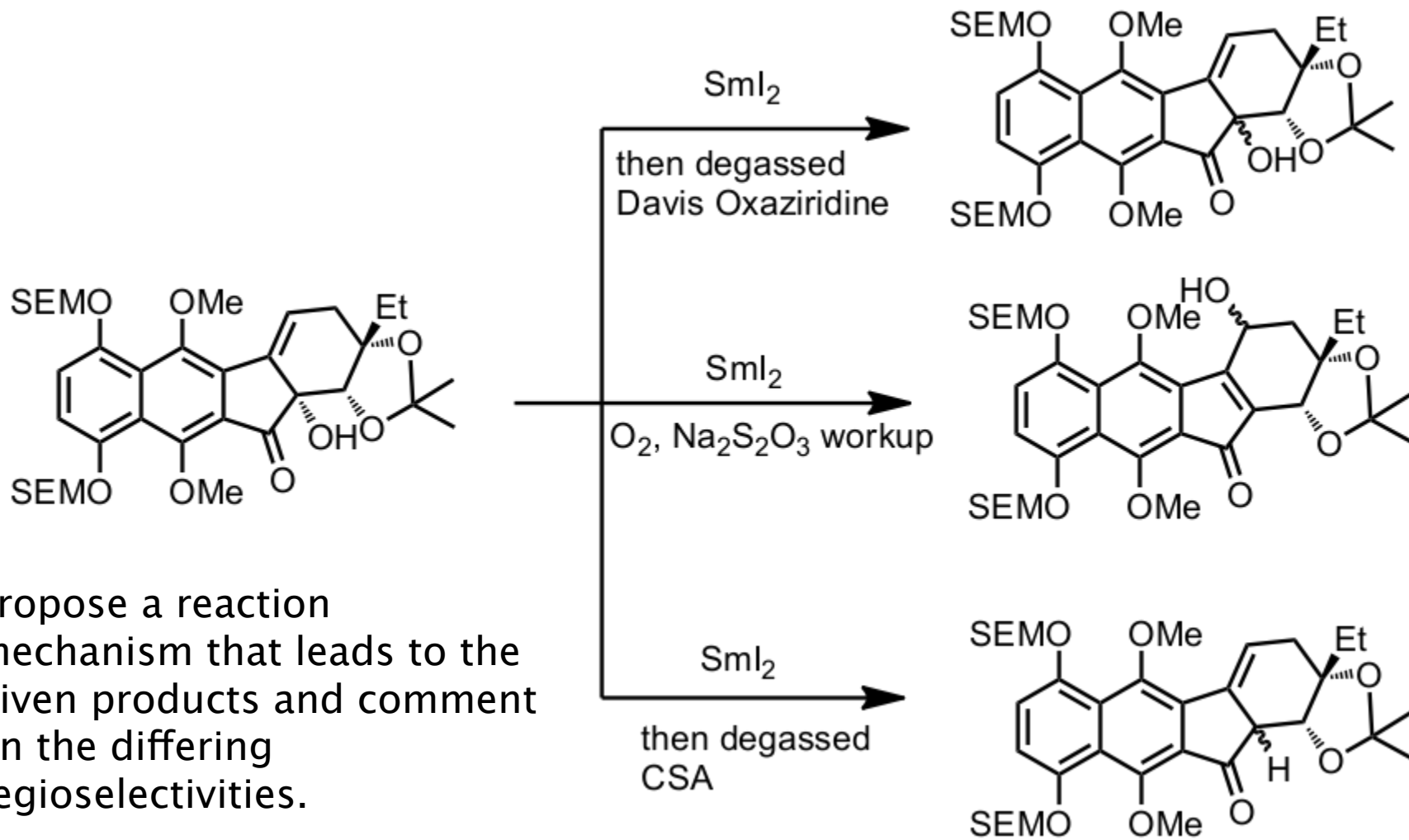
# Nicolaou Synthesis Part B



# Joining the Halves



# Group Problem

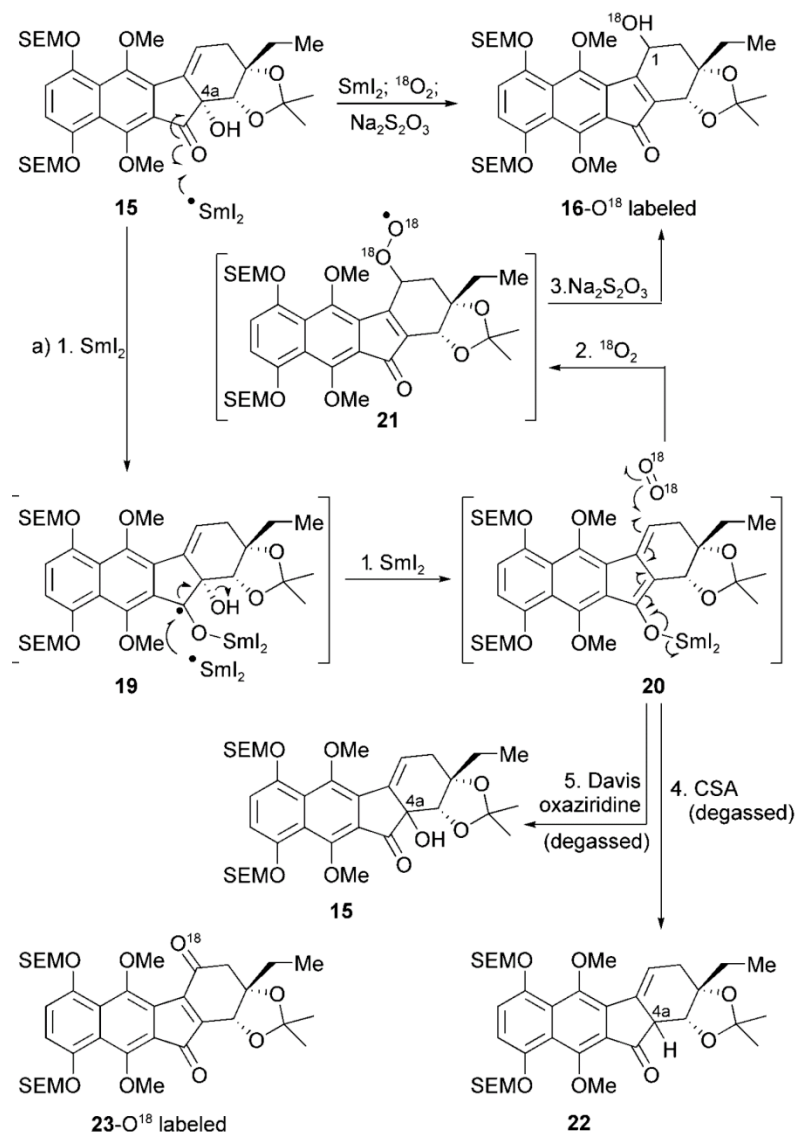


Propose a reaction mechanism that leads to the given products and comment on the differing regioselectivities.

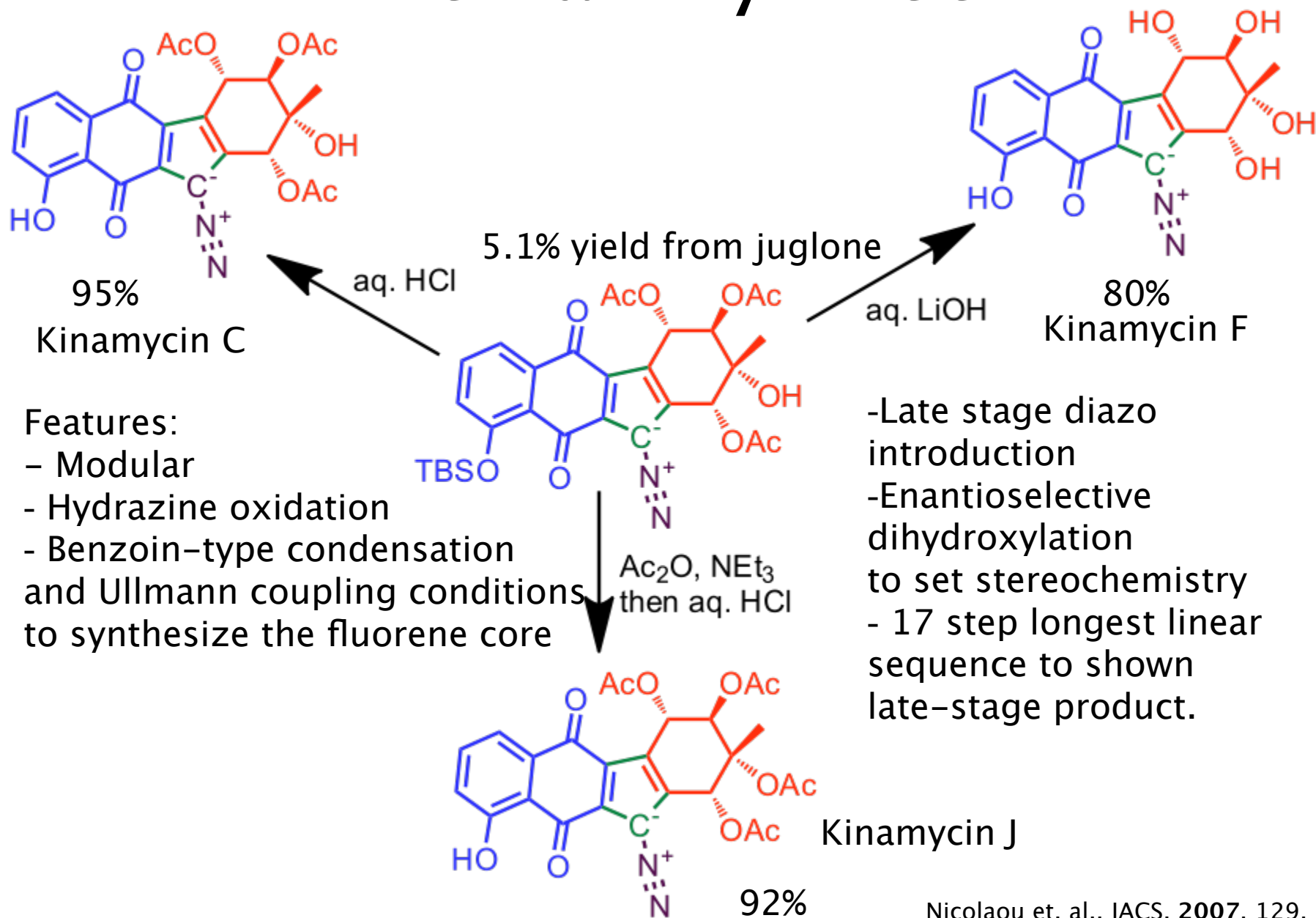
# Group Answer

Labeling studies to determine the fate of the proposed samarium enolate

Peroxide species 21 detected by NMR and MS



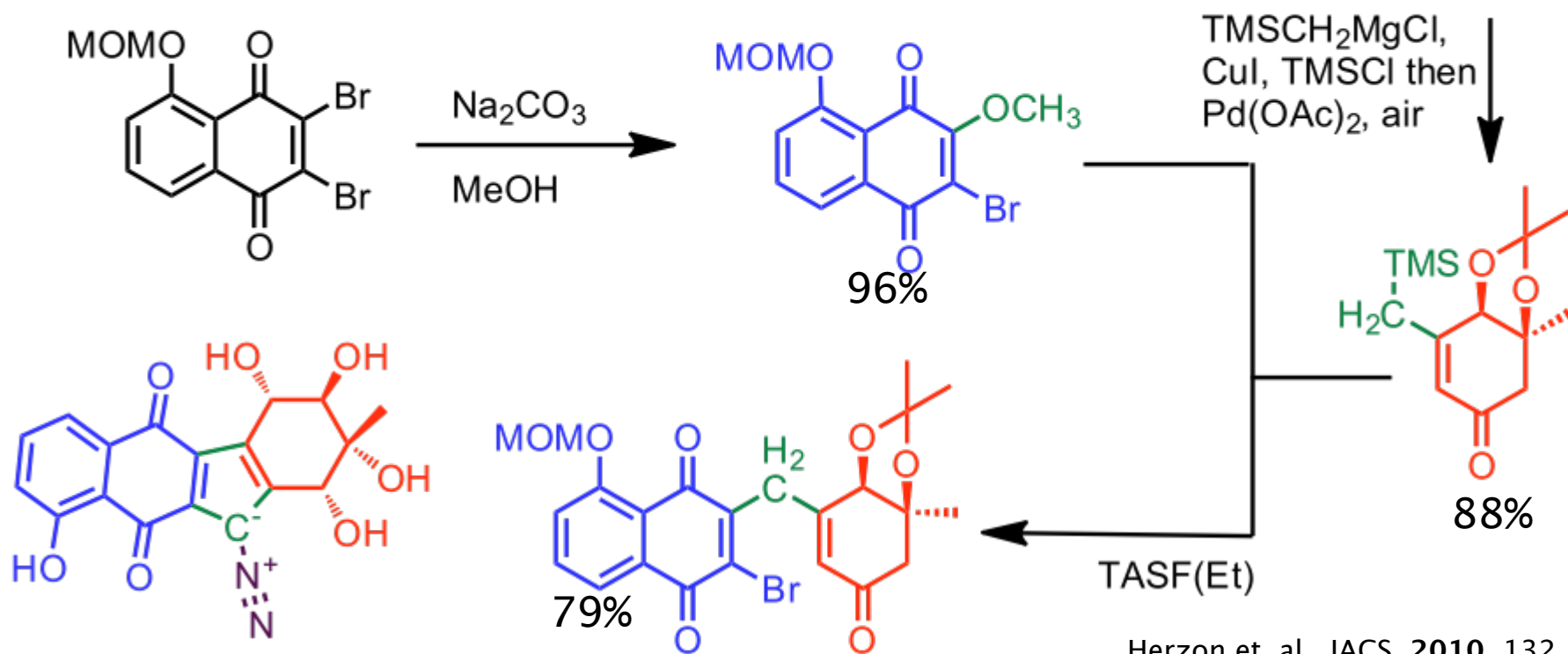
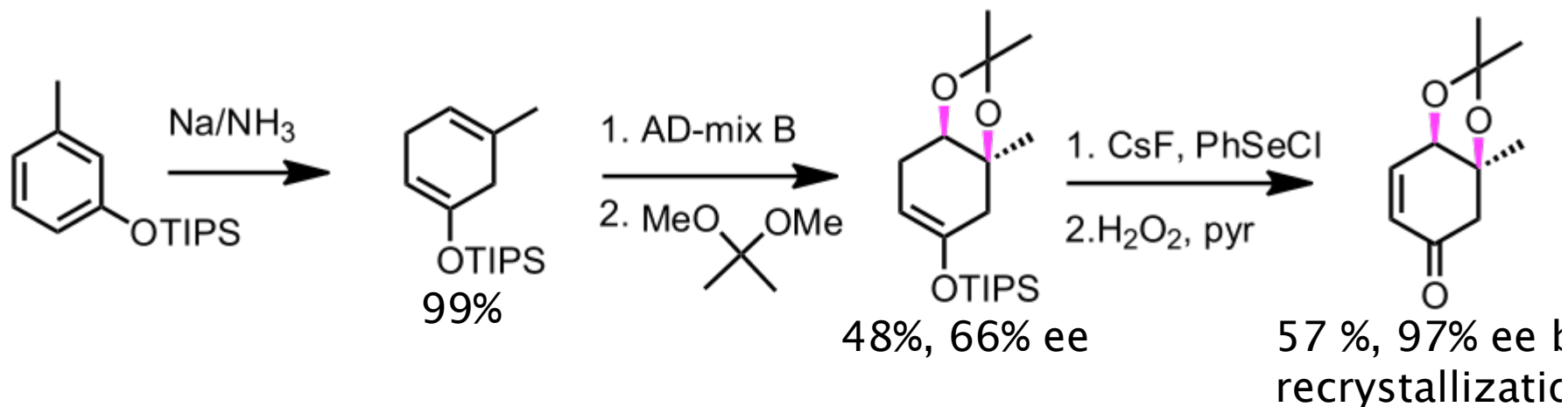
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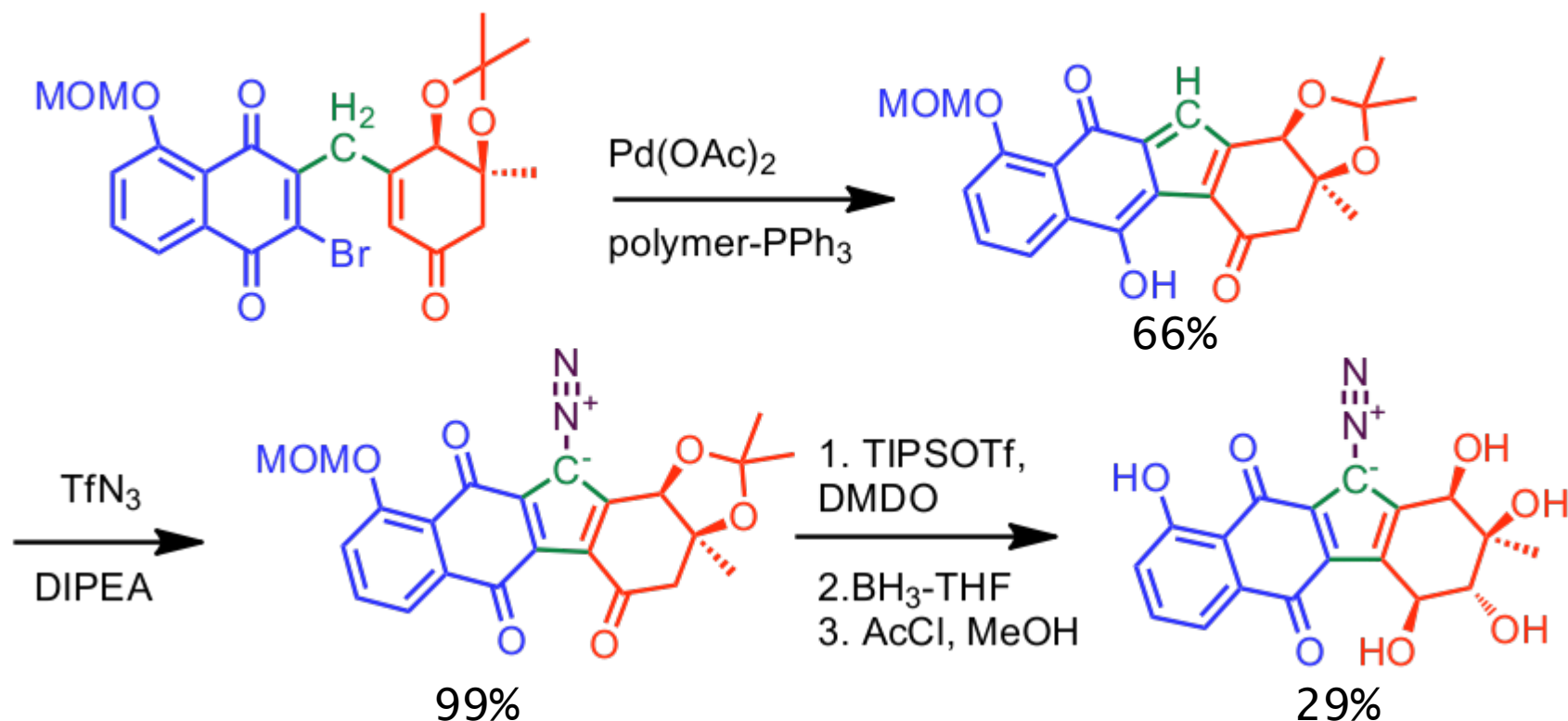
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# The Herzon Synthesis



# Kinamycin F



Features:

- Single step diazo introduction
- Late-stage construction of the D-ring.
- Michael-reaction and Heck-type coupling to sew the pieces.

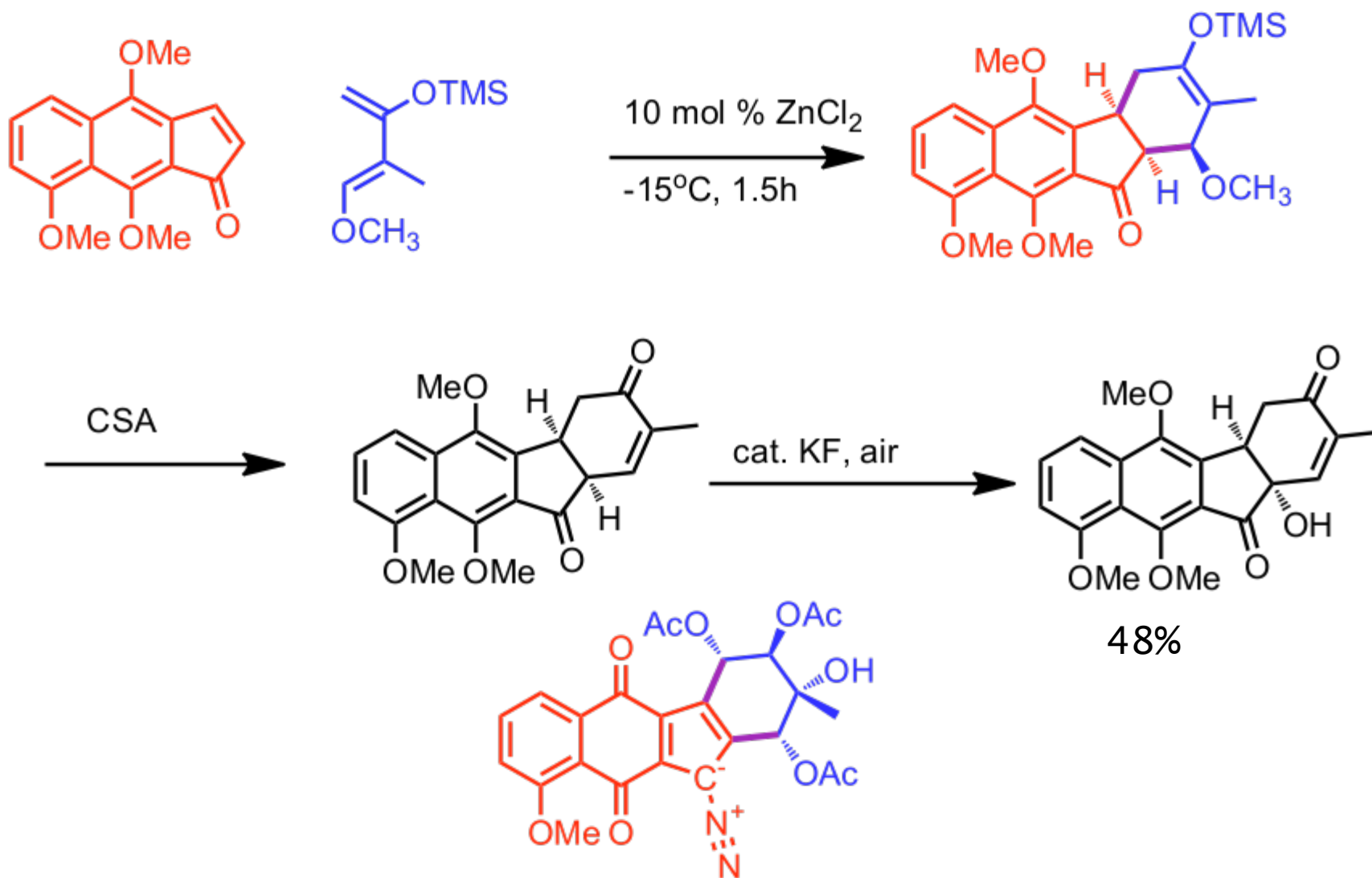
- Enantioselective dihydroxylation to set stereochemistry (poor yield, poor ee)
- No worries about acylation pattern

- 3.6% yield, 12 step longest linear

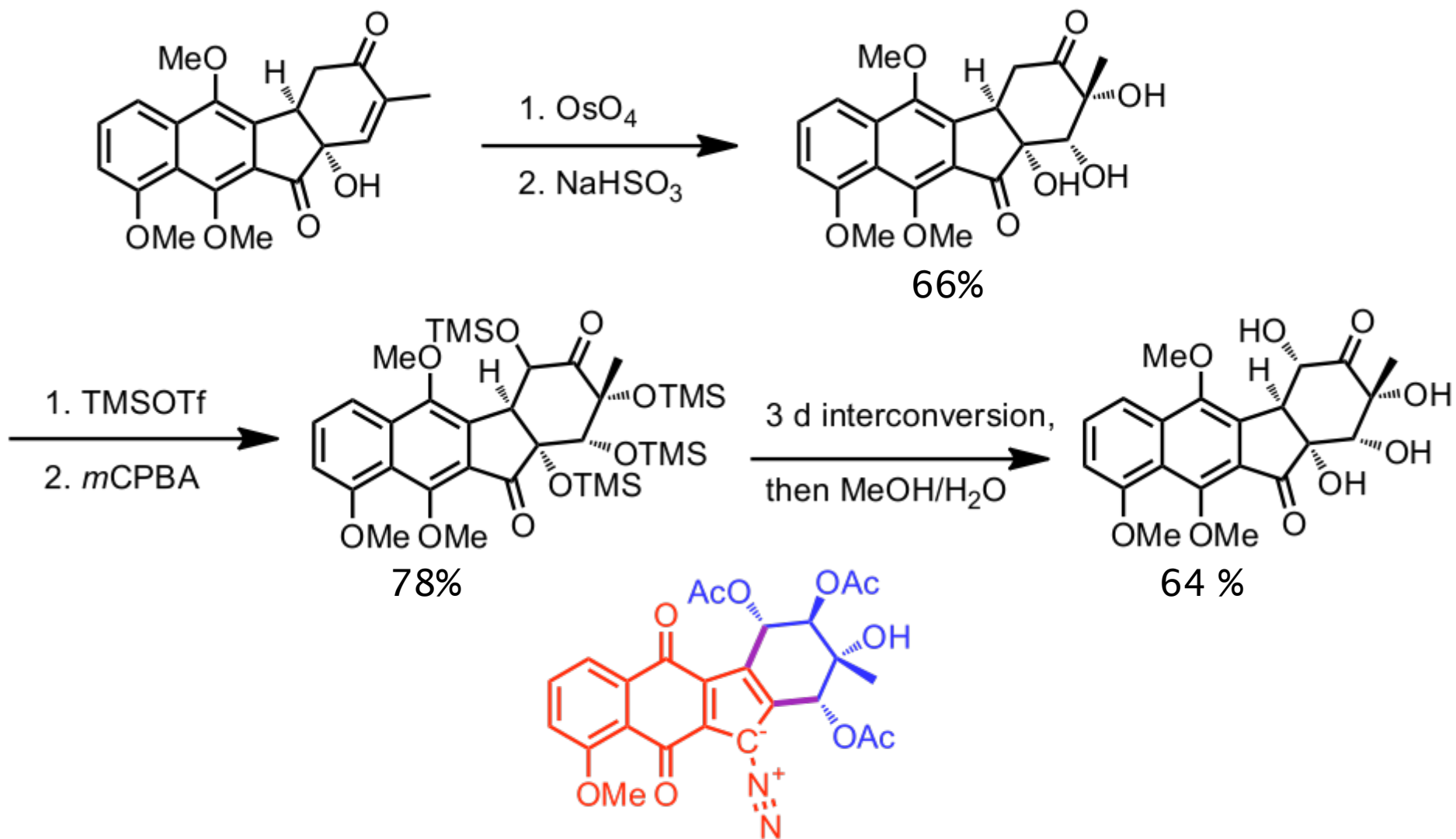
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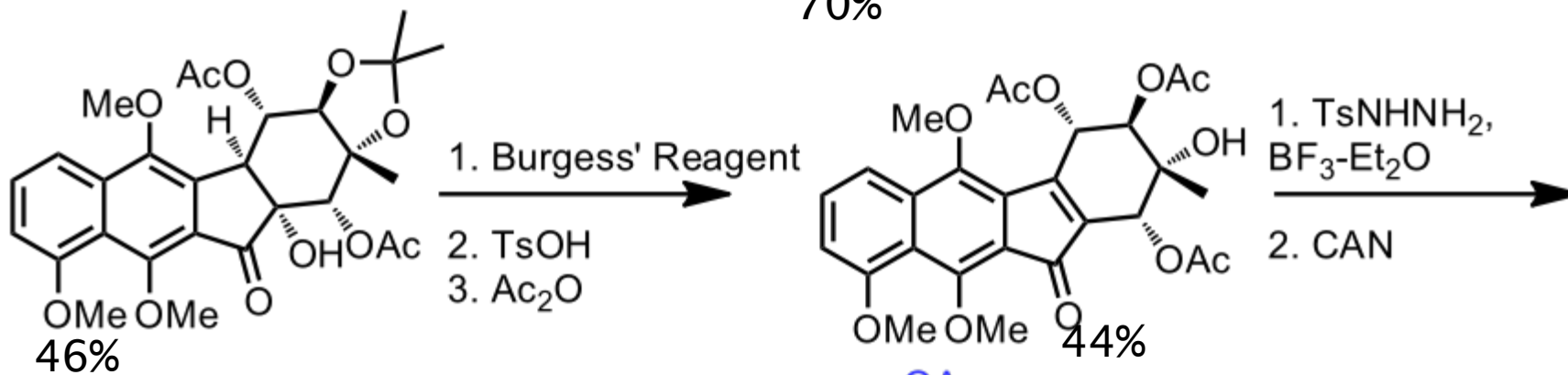
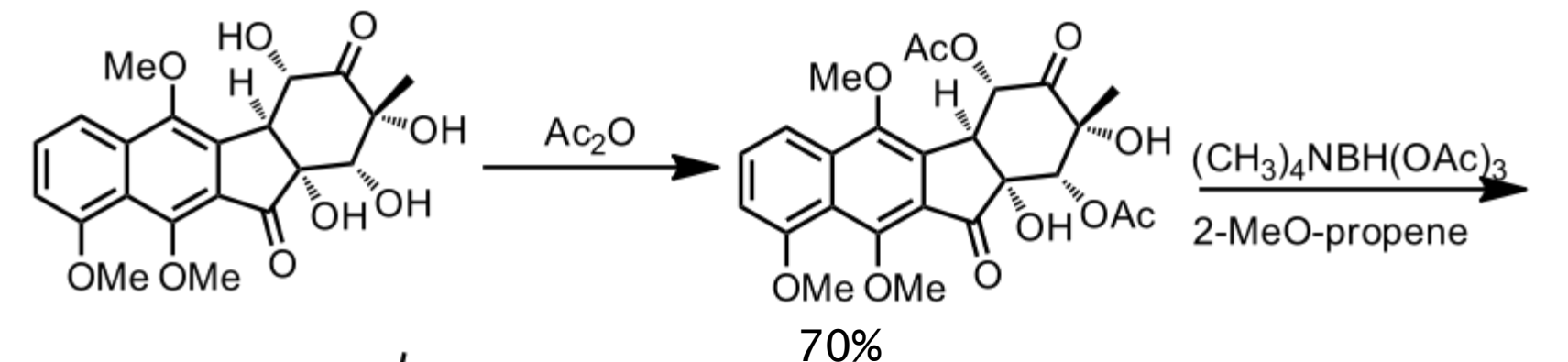
# An Alternative Approach



# Ring Elaboration

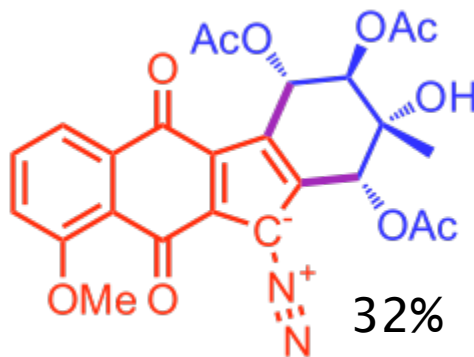


# The Finish Line



Features:

Zn-catalyzed Diels-Alder  
 Racemic, although chiral DA catalysts known  
 Ring elaboration after DA  
 DA



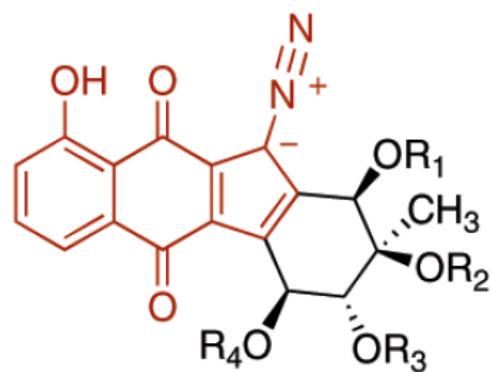
(±) O-methyl Kinamycin Shikawa et. al., Tetrahedron, 2007, 63, 518

Late Stage Diazo-introduction  
 Hydrazine Oxidation  
 Selective Acylation  
 0.7% yield, 16 steps from Diels-Alder precursors

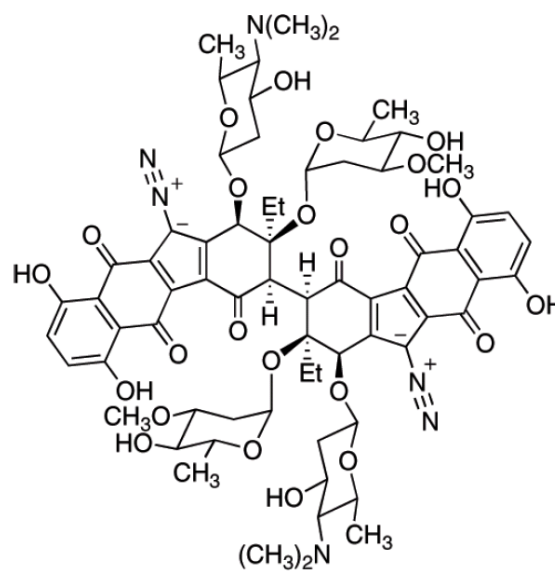
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# Whither Next?



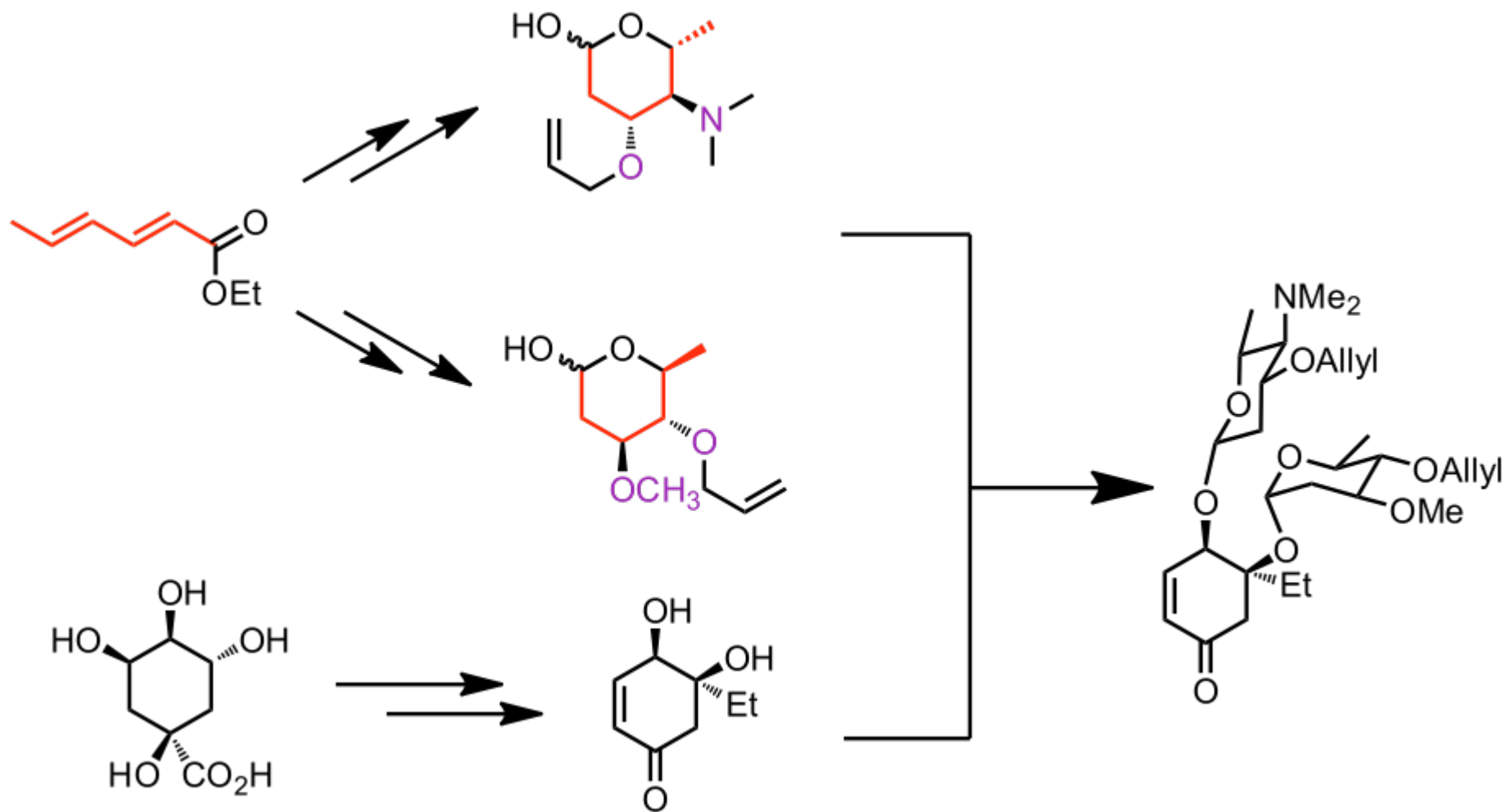
Kinamycin family  
backbone



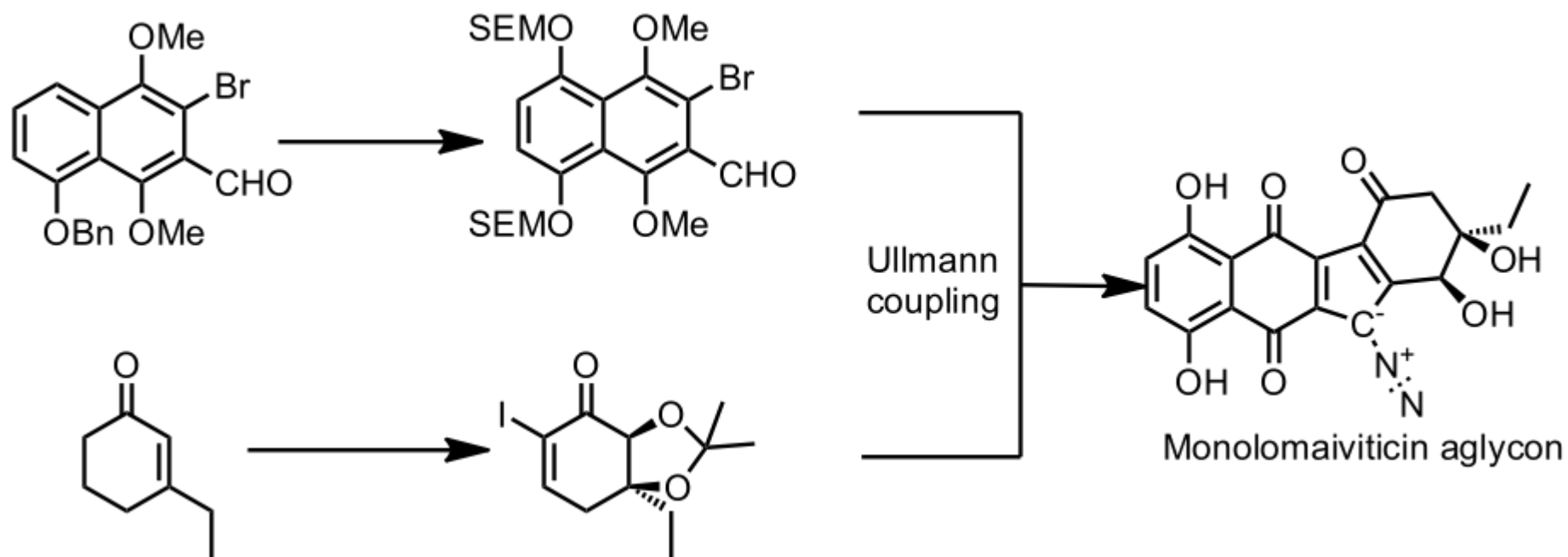
lomaiviticin A (1)

Dimer of kinamycin-like precursor

# Herzon's Efforts



# Nicolaou's Efforts



# To Be Solved for Lomaiviticin A

- Correct glycon monomer
- Efficient coupling reaction to make the dimer
- Derivative assays for activity.
- Biological profile : Mode of action, reason for superior activity, biosynthetic origins
- Relationship to the kinamycins both evolutionarily and enzymatically.

# Conclusions

- Four different syntheses:
  - Porco : Stille Coupling, Friedel–Crafts reaction, epoxidation
  - Nicolaou : Ullmann Coupling, Benzoin–like condensation, desymmetrization of 4–OTBS–cyclohexanone
  - Herzon : Michael Reaction, Heck–type coupling, dihydroxylation
  - Kumamoto: Diels–Alder, racemic
- Two efforts towards lomaiviticin A, dimer of a kinamycin–like backbone
- Radical generation from diazo moiety indicated in bioactivity, derivative studies might help identify key structural features required for optimization.