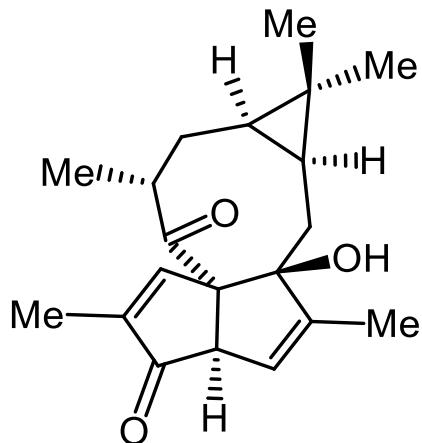


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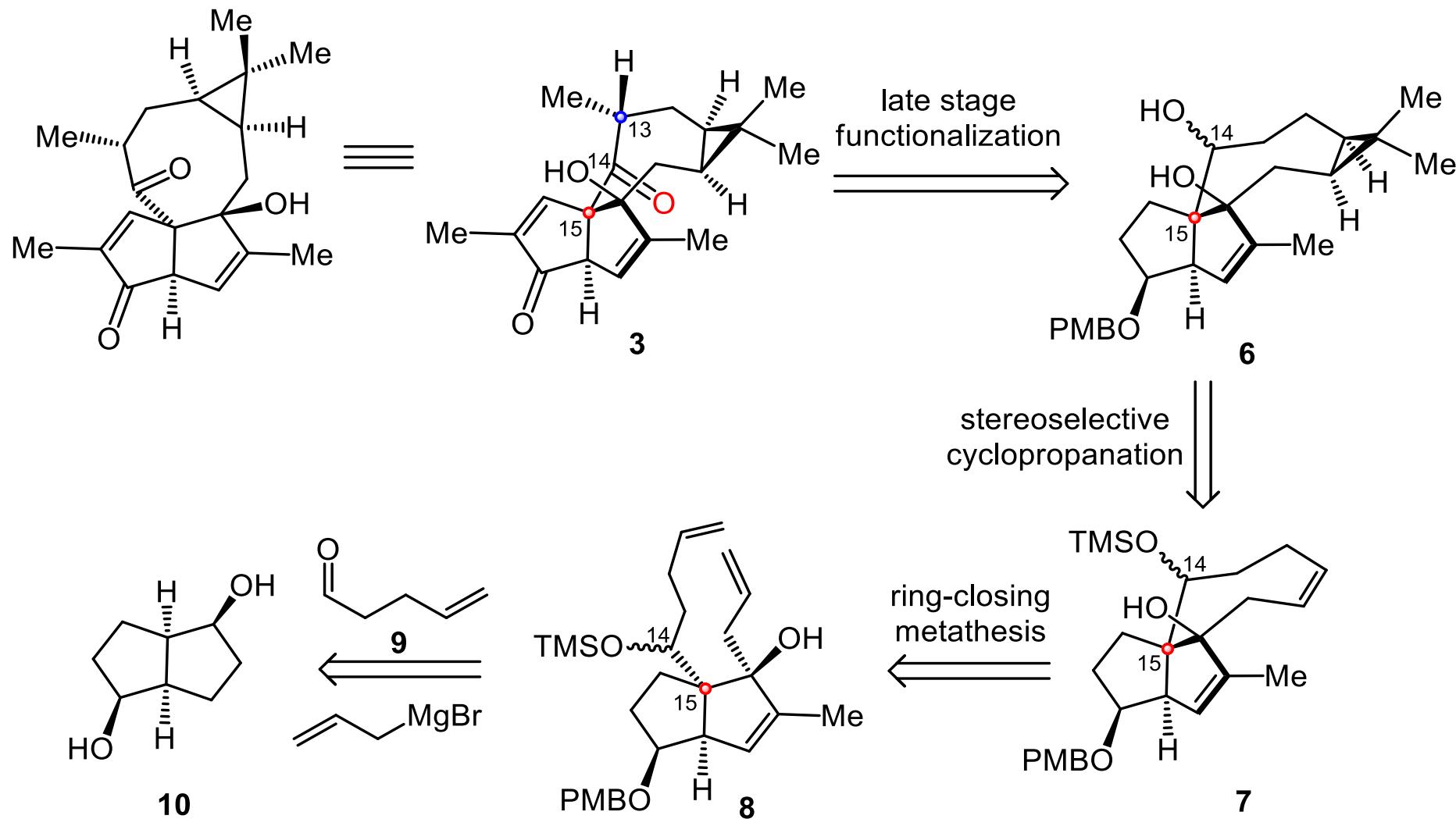
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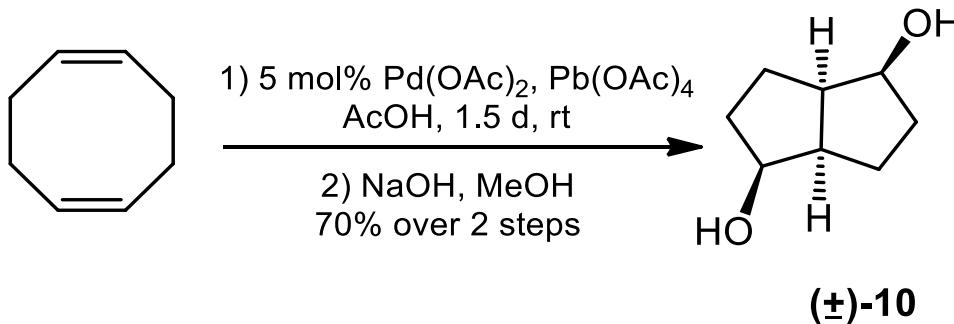


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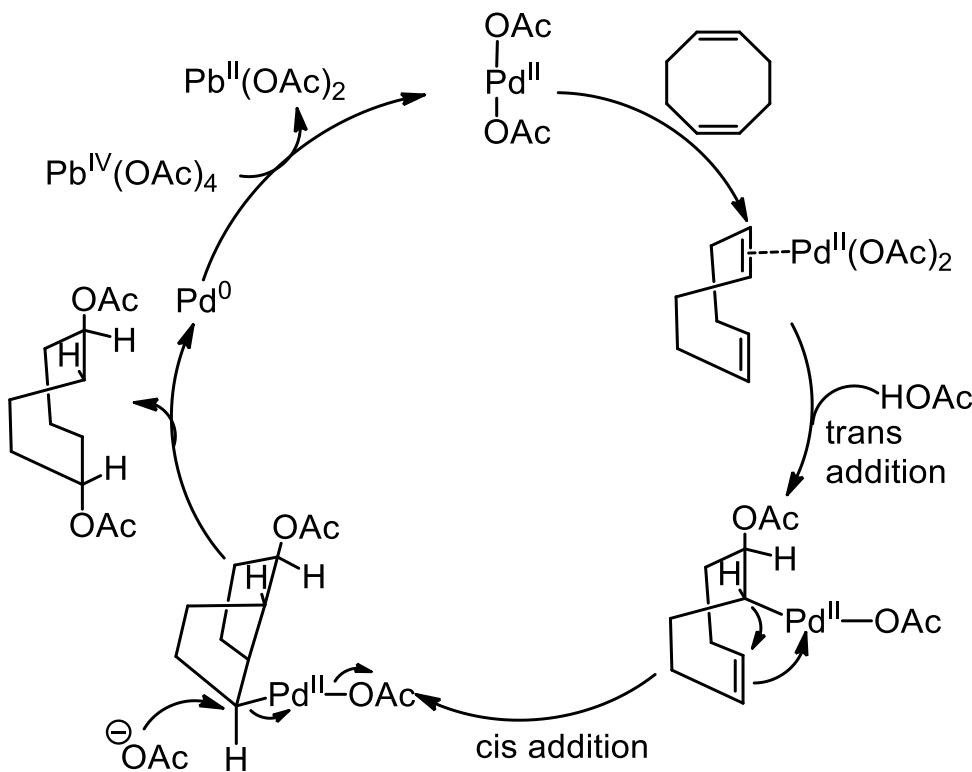
- Pepluacetal and Pepluanol A-D are family of *Euphorbia diterpenoids*
- These five diterpenoids were isolated from the plant *E. peplus* in 2016
- Effective inhibitory activity for asthma, type-1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis
- Pepluanol B (3) comprises unique fused polycyclic skeletons with six to eight stereogenic centers

Retrosynthetic Analysis of the (-)-Pepluanol B

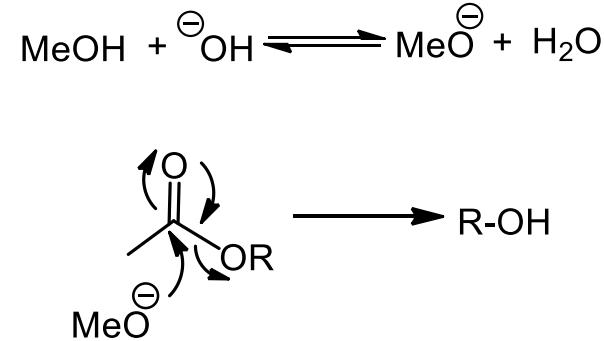


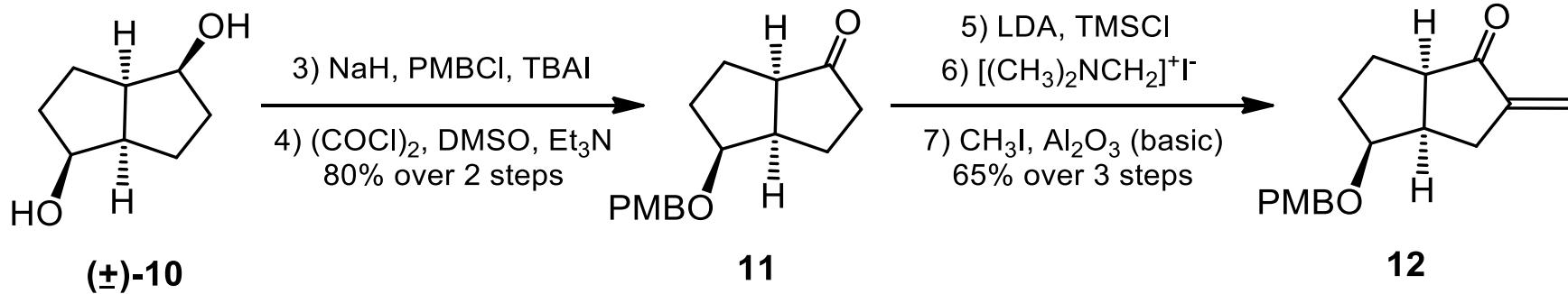


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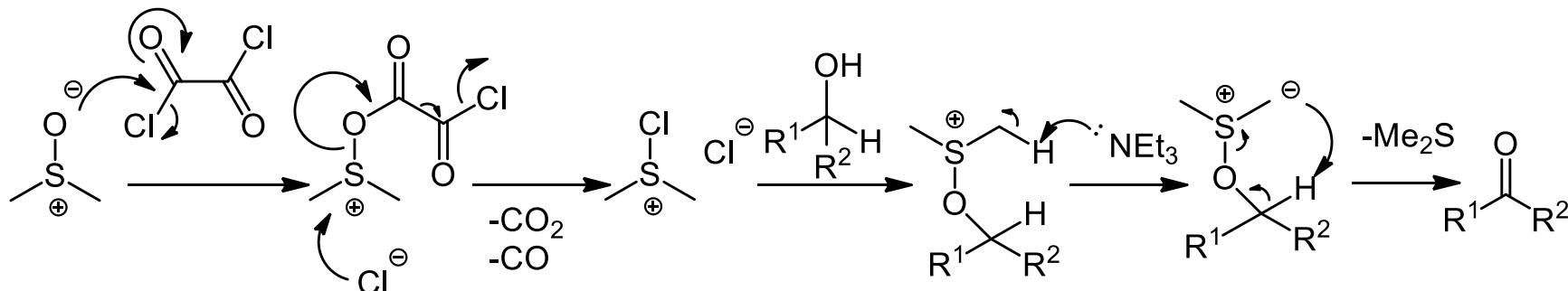


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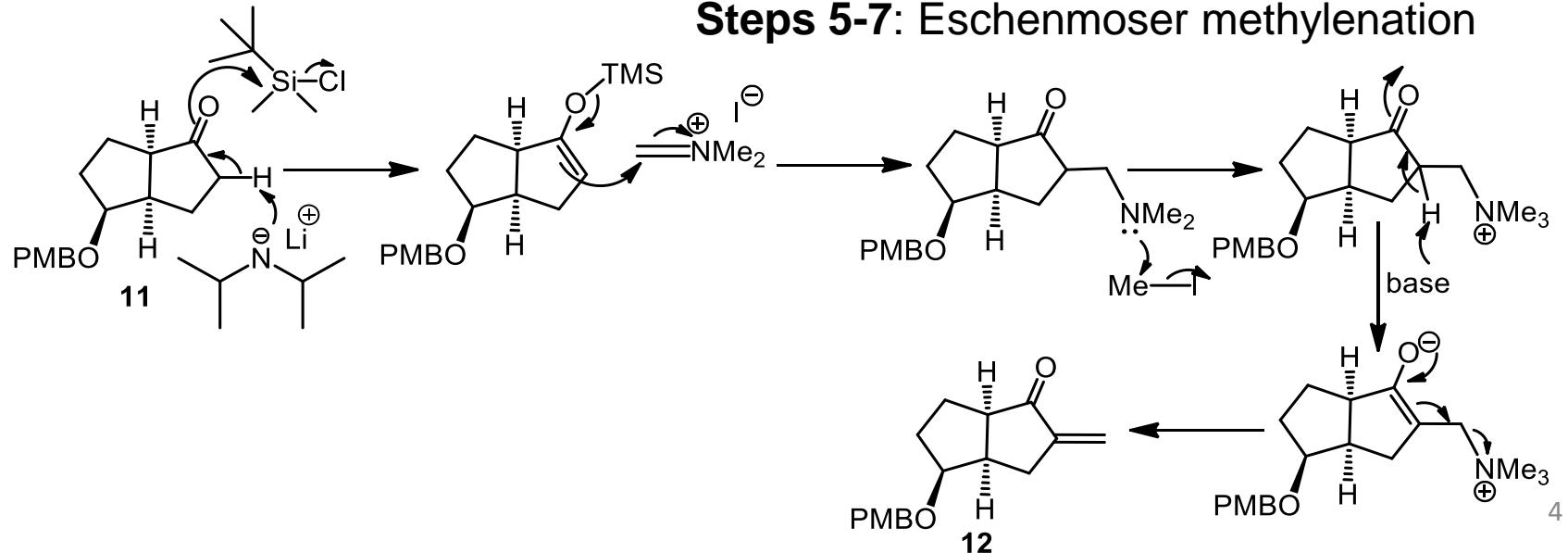


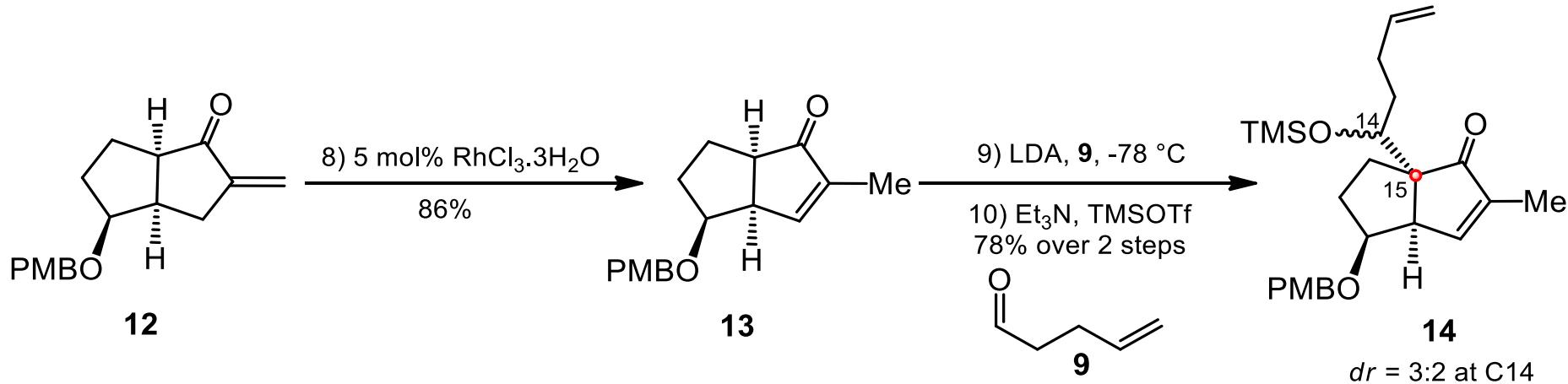


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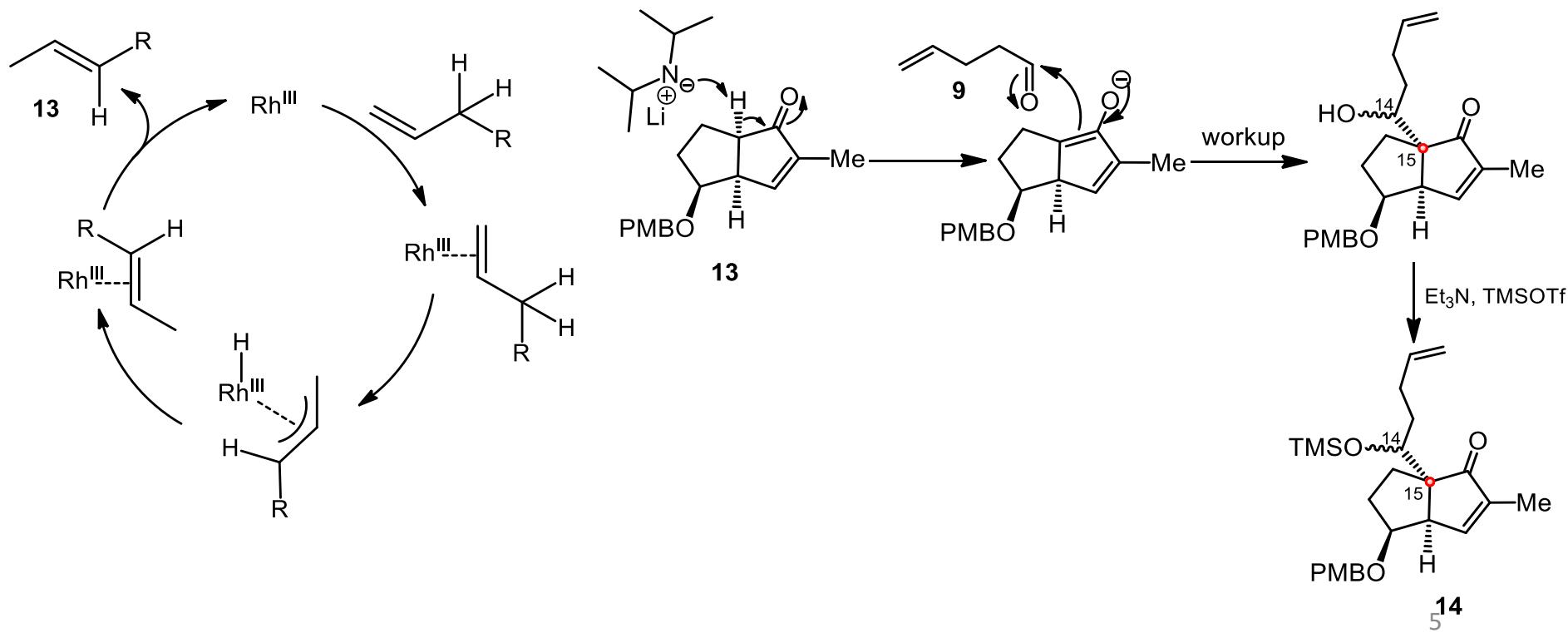
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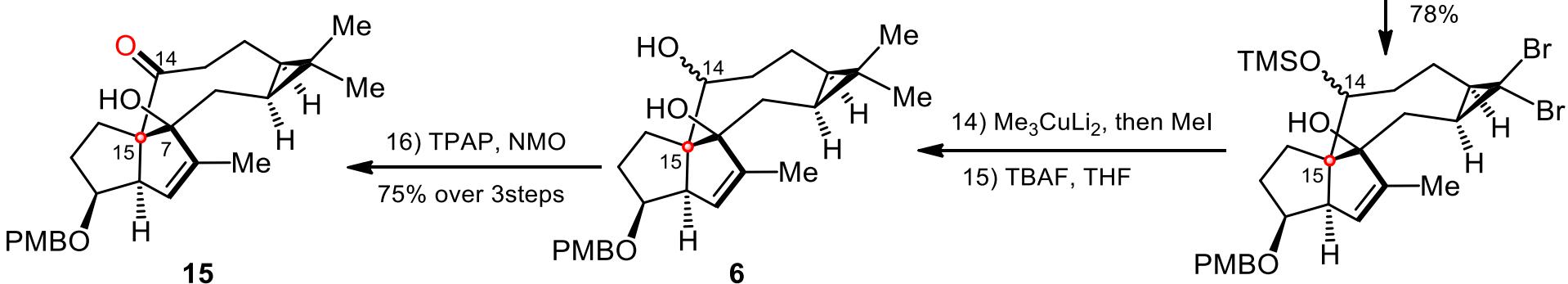
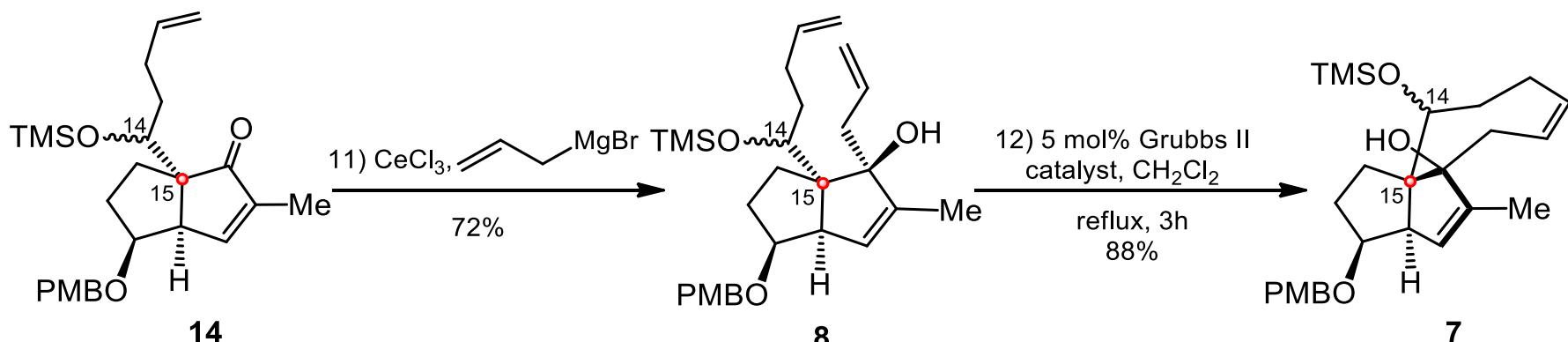




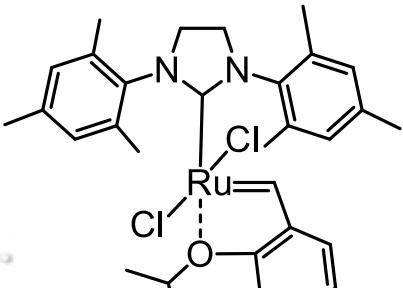
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Steps 9 and 10

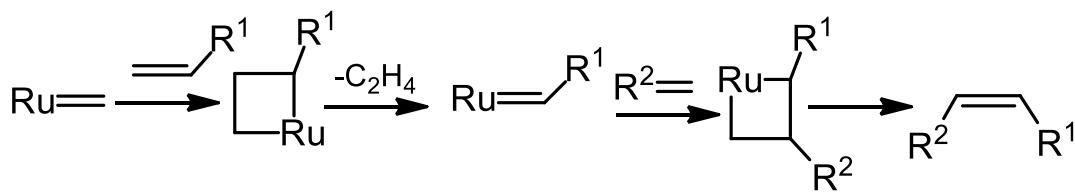




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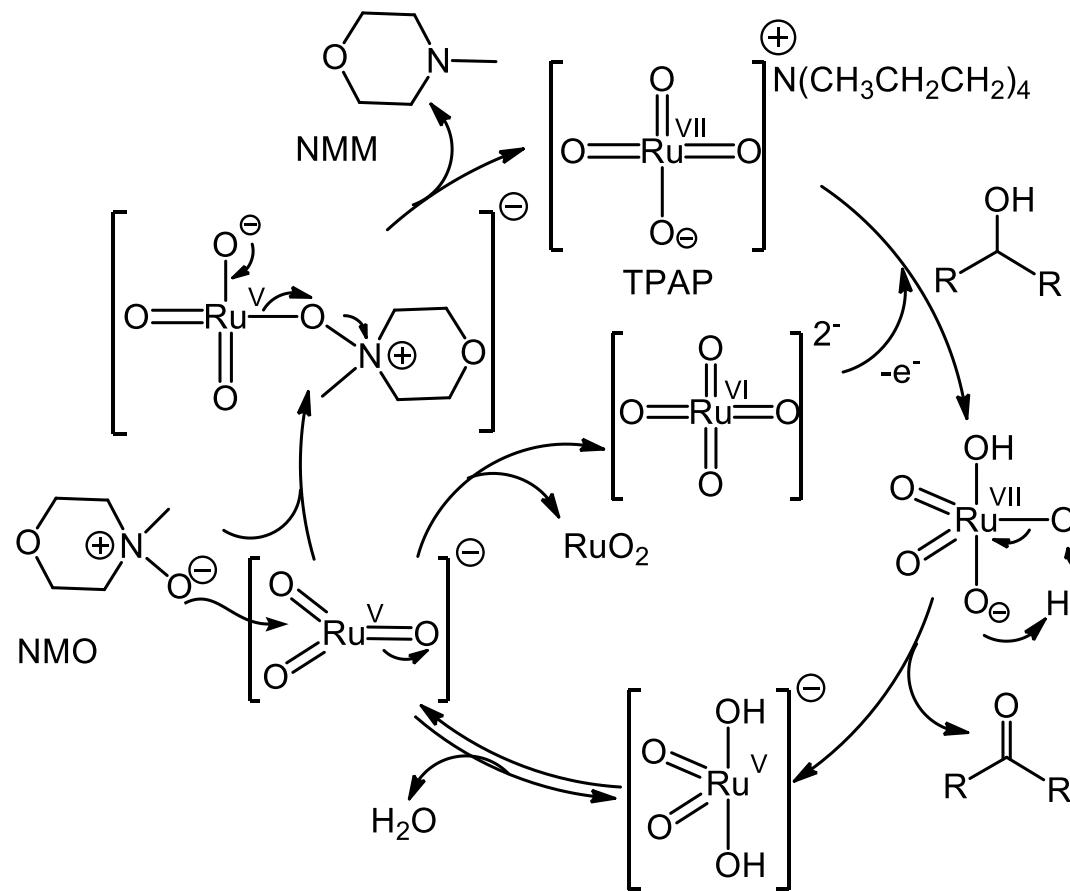
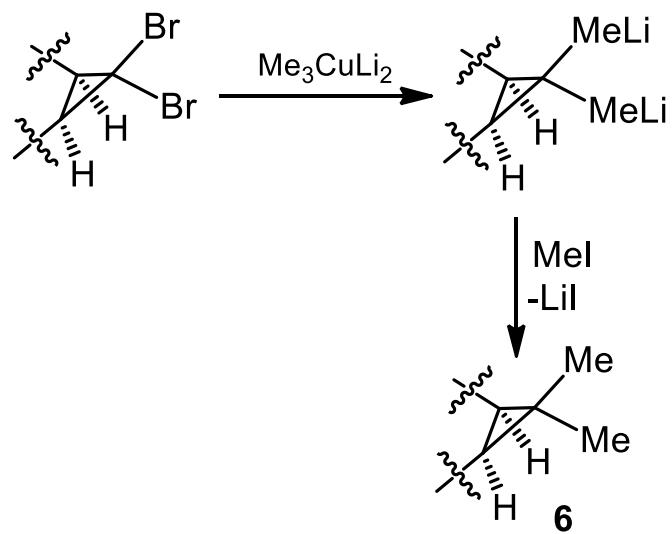


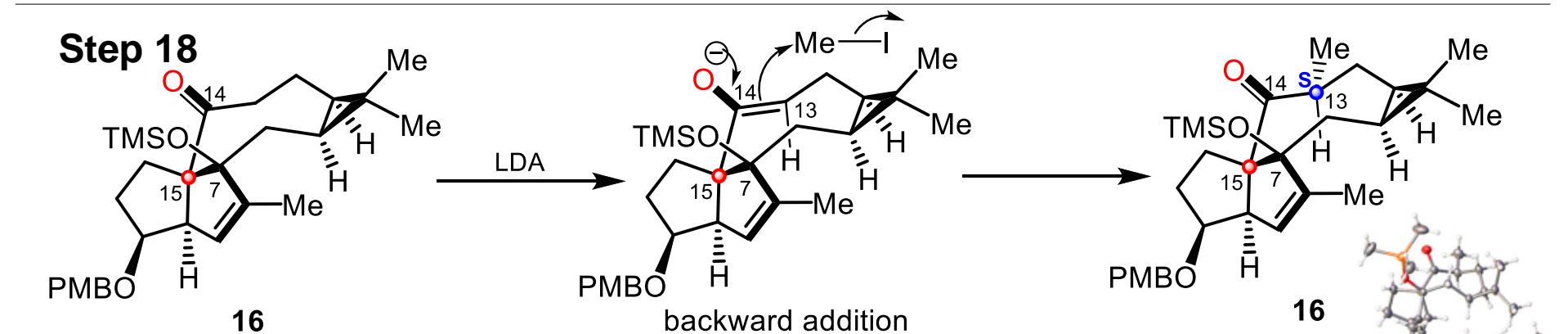
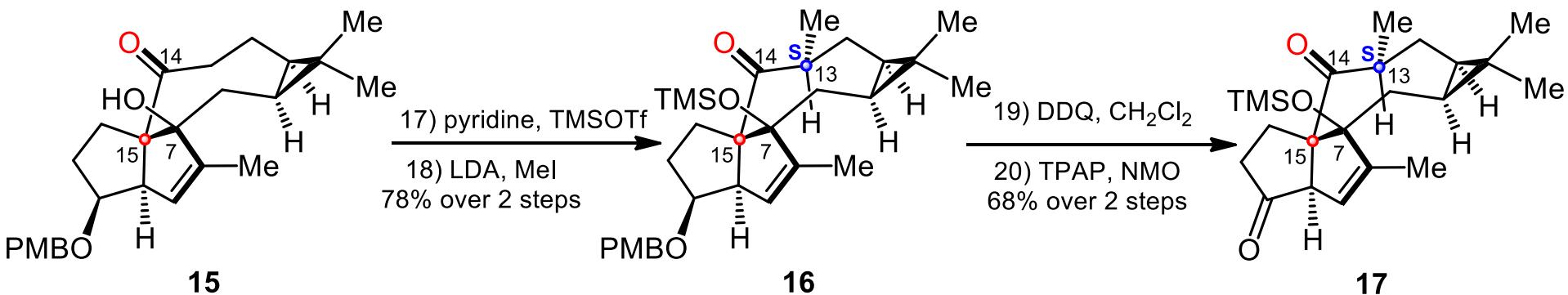
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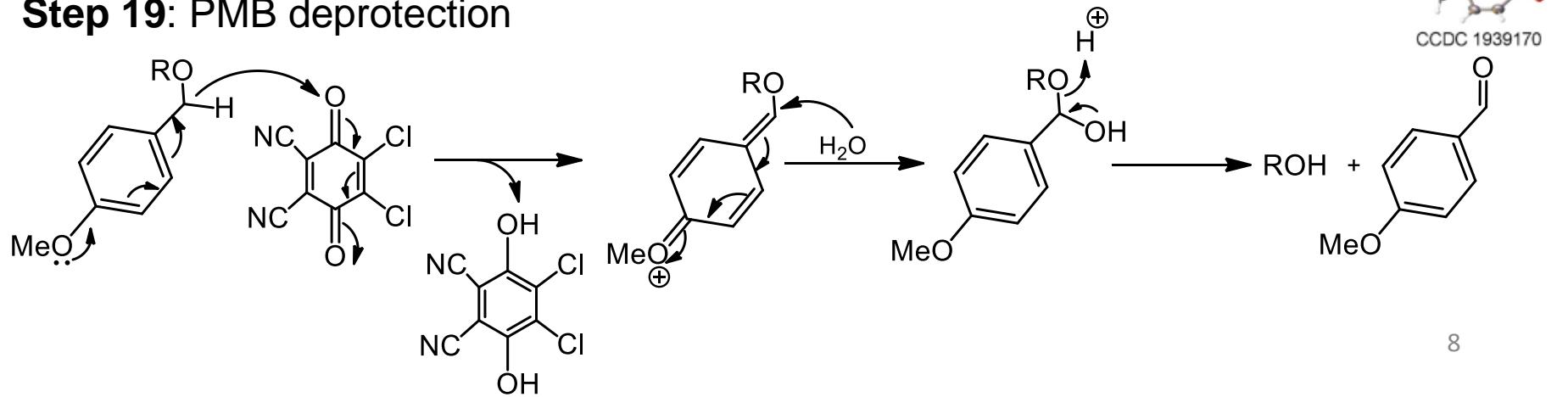
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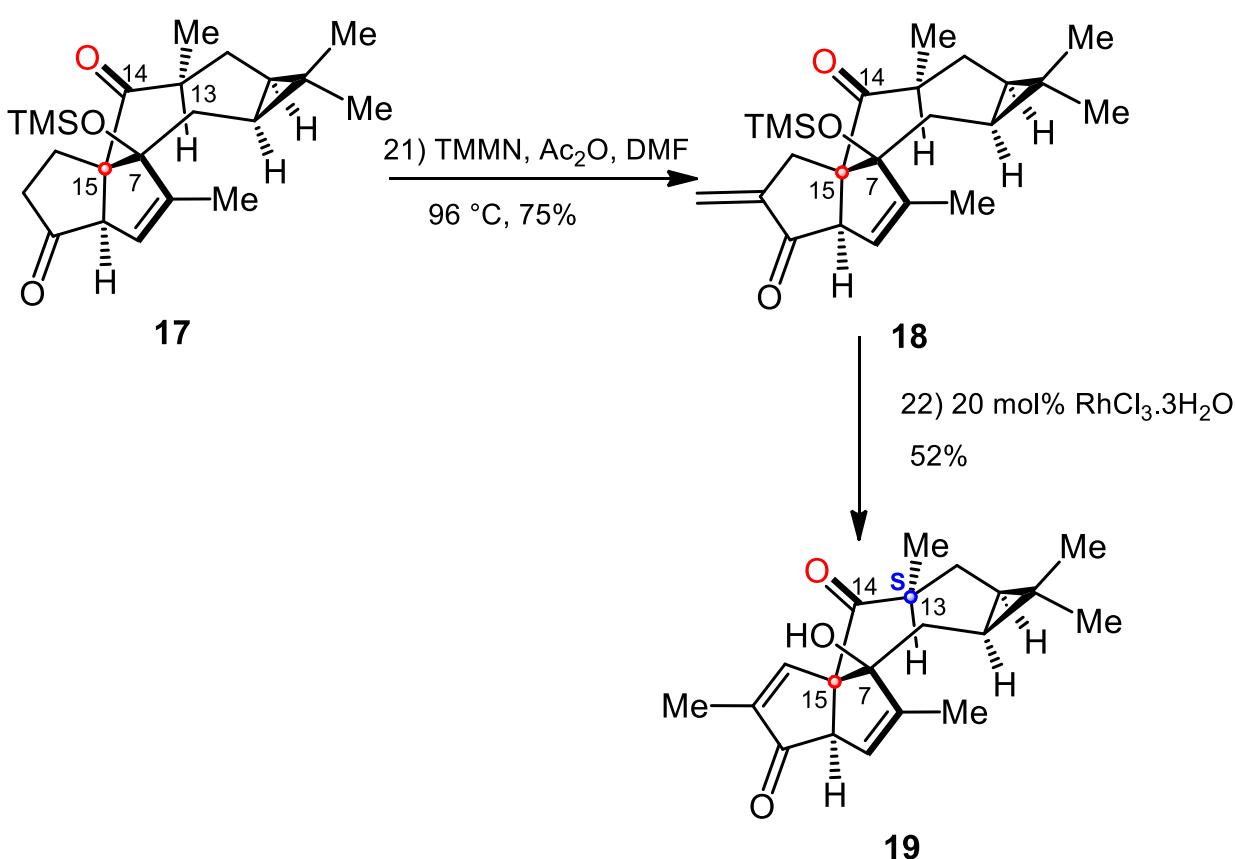
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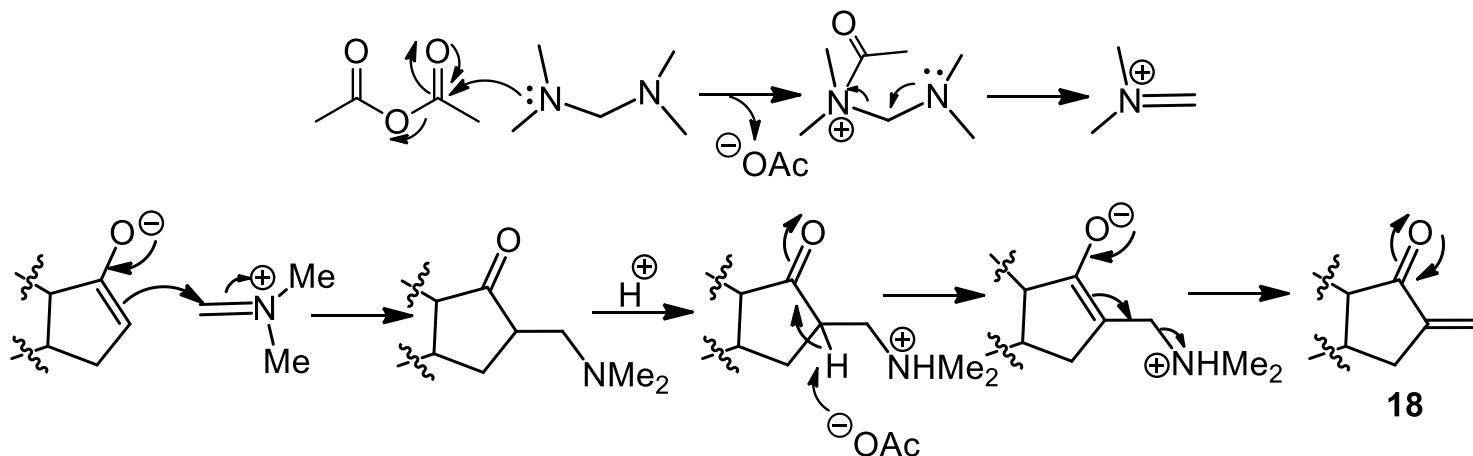


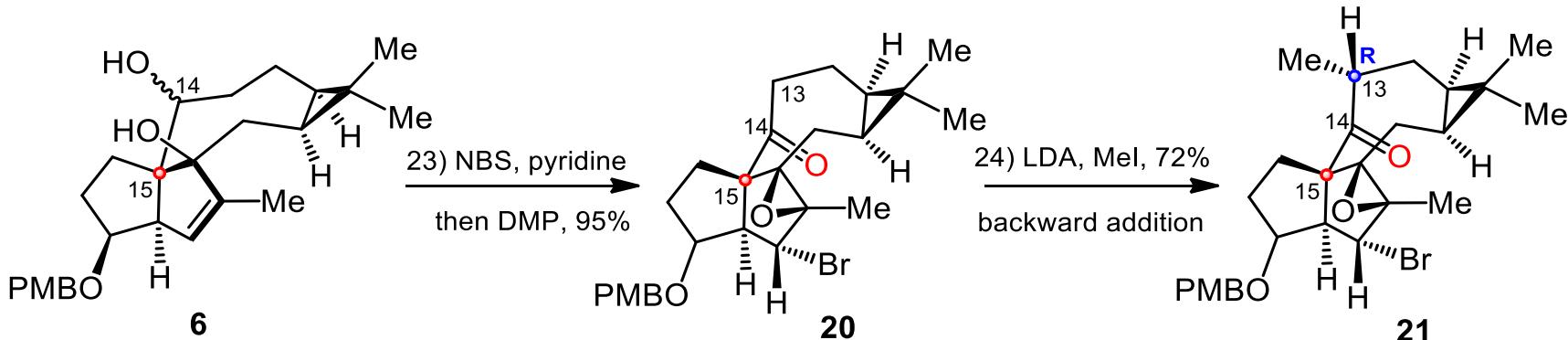
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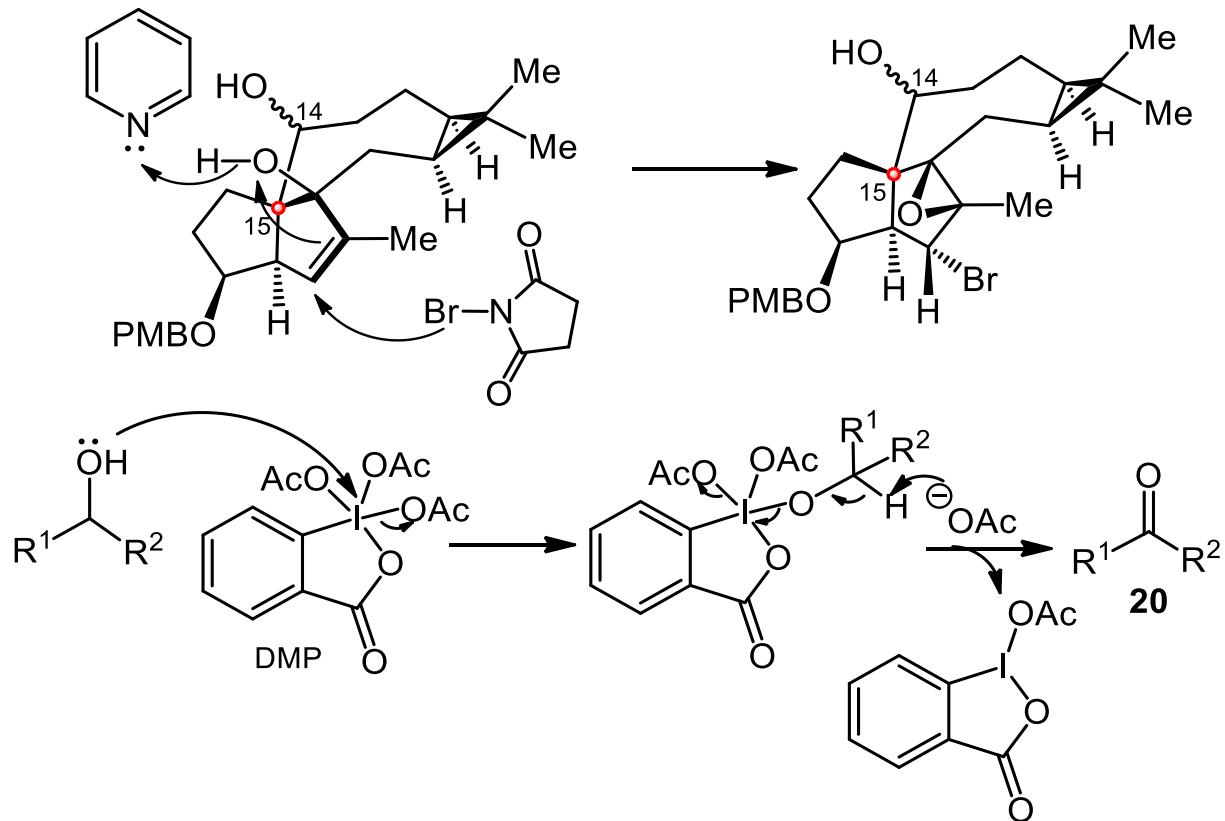


Step 21





Step 23



Step 24

