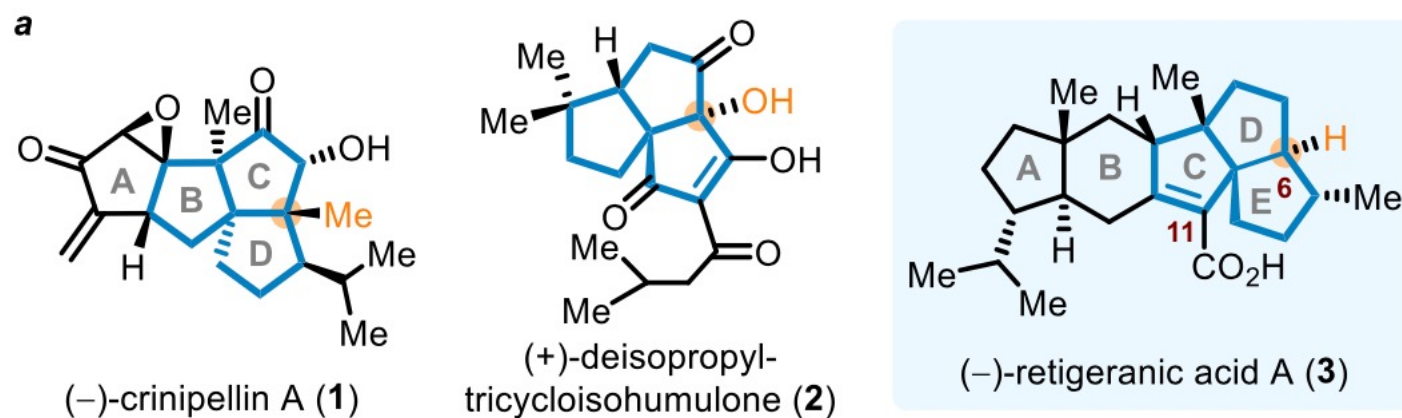


Total Synthesis of (–)-Retigeranic Acid A: A Reductive Skeletal Rearrangement Strategy

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For C6, it was found the tertiary or oxa-quaternary stereocenters were in the vast majority of angular triquinanes

Representative Subtypes of Angular Triquinanes

Polyquinanes, consisting of **fused five-membered ring** in diverse connection patterns, belong to an important class of skeletons prominent in terpenoids and steroids.

The intriguing **biological properties**, **congested architectures** and **overall stereochemical complexity** have stimulated a lot of methodologies toward the construction of the **core structures**.

Retrosynthetic Analysis

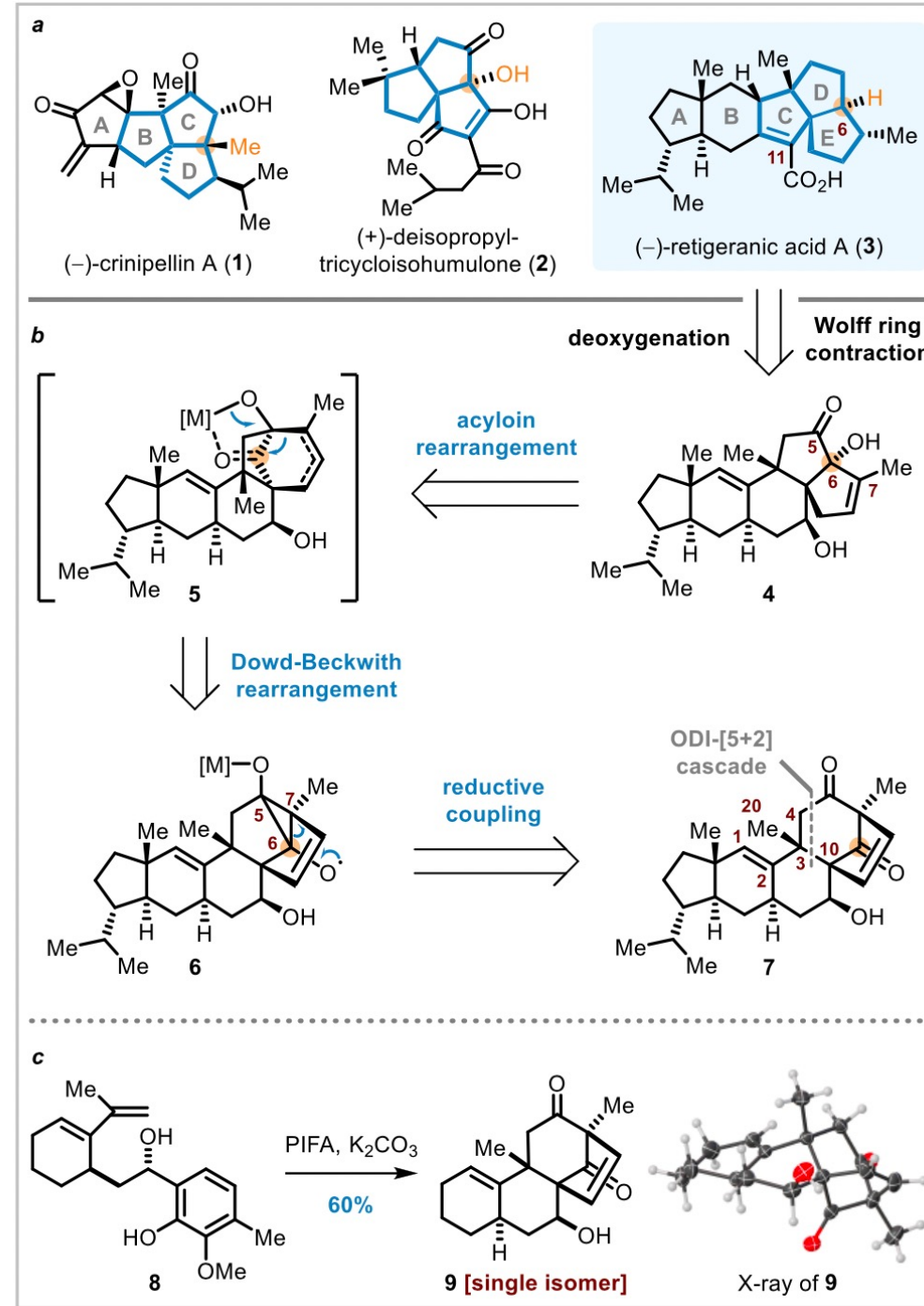
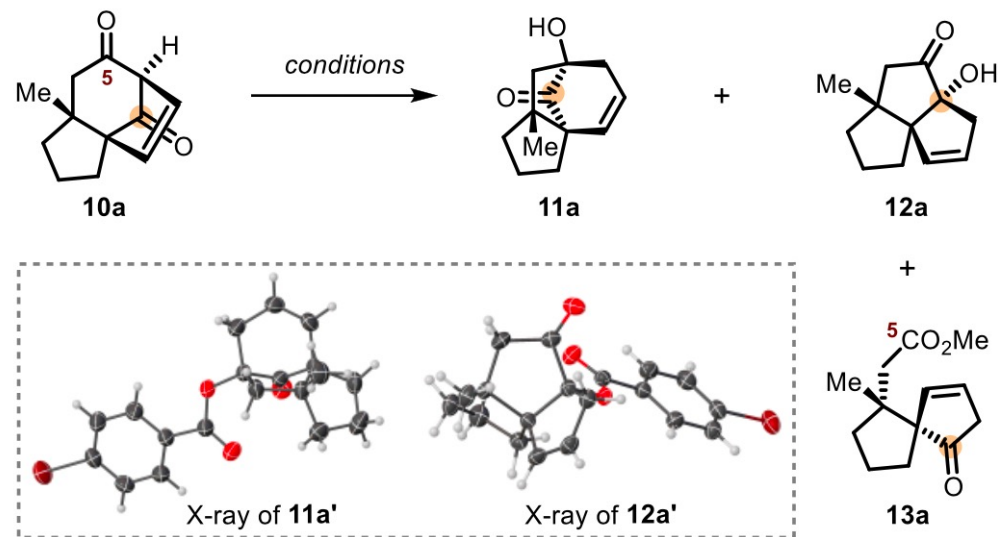
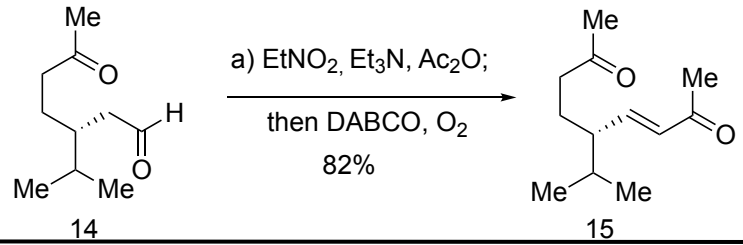


Table 1. Optimization on the Reductive Skeletal Rearrangement of 10a^a

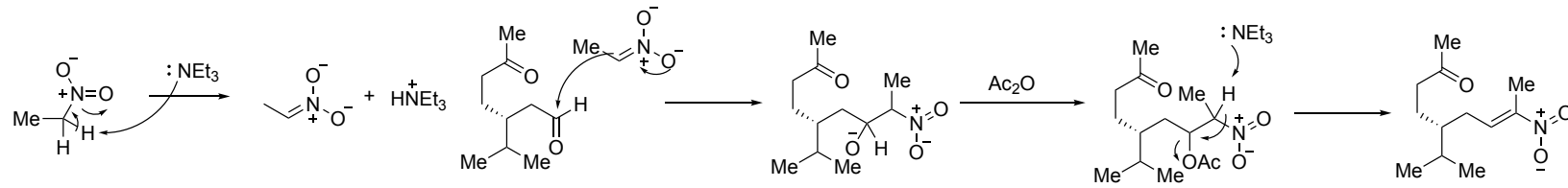


| entry | conditions | yield (%) ^b | |
|------------------|---|------------------------|-----|
| | | 11a | 12a |
| 1 ^{c,d} | <i>n</i> -Bu ₃ SnH, AIBN, toluene, 90 °C | 0 | 0 |
| 2 ^d | TiCl ₄ , Zn, THF, 0 °C | 0 | 0 |
| 3 ^d | VCl ₃ (THF) ₃ , Zn, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 25 °C | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | SmI ₂ , THF, 0 to 25 °C | <5 | 0 |
| 5 ^e | SmI ₂ , THF/MeOH, 0 °C | <5 | 0 |
| 6 | SmI ₂ , THF/ <i>t</i> -BuOH, 0 °C | 73 | 0 |
| 7 | SmI ₂ , THF/ <i>t</i> -AmOH, 0 °C | 70 | 0 |
| 8 | SmI ₂ , THF/ <i>t</i> -BuOH, 0 °C; then KOH ^f | <5 | 65 |

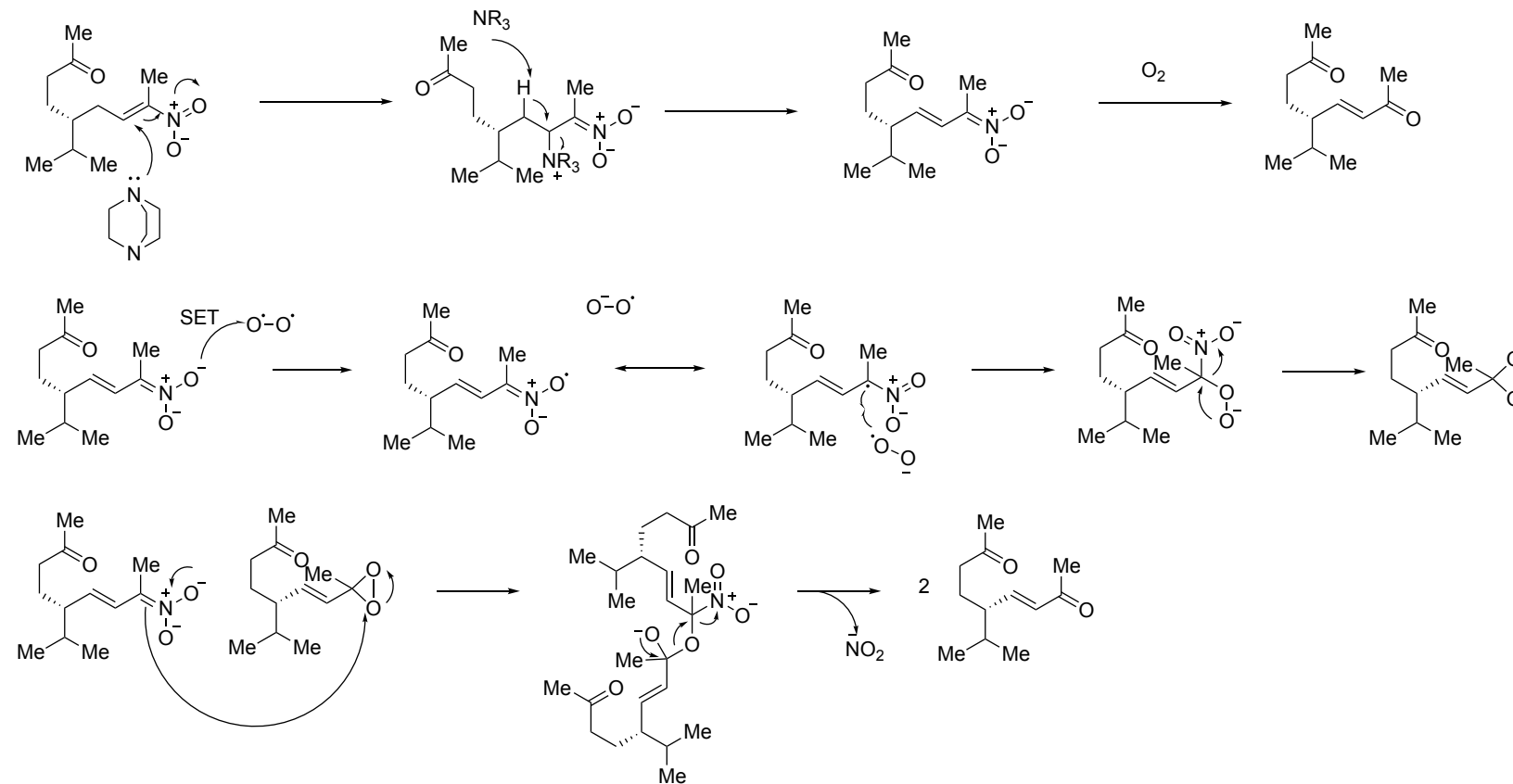
^aReaction conditions: 10a (0.2 mmol) and low-valent metal (2.2 equiv) in solvent/cosolvent (4.5 mL/0.5 mL) at indicated temperature. ^bIsolated yields. ^c*n*-Bu₃SnH (2.0 equiv), AIBN (0.5 equiv). ^dNo reaction. ^e13a (80% yield). ^fKOH (2.0 equiv).

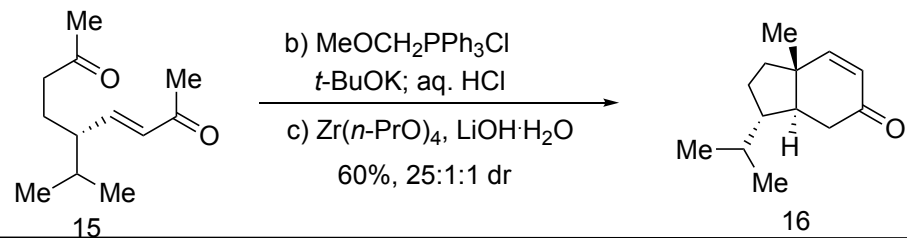


Henry condensation

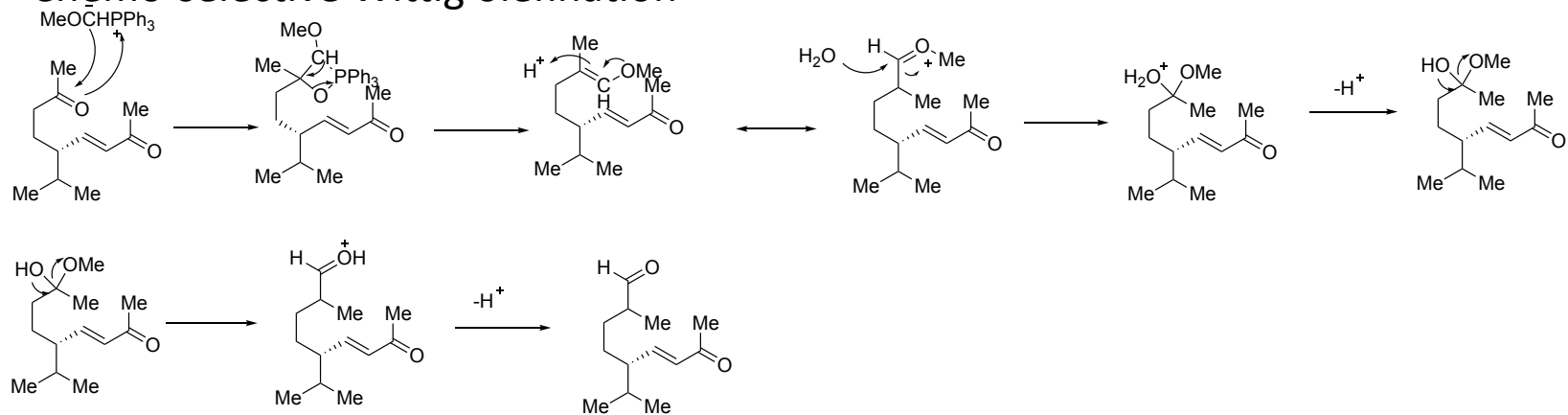


DABCO promoted Nef reaction

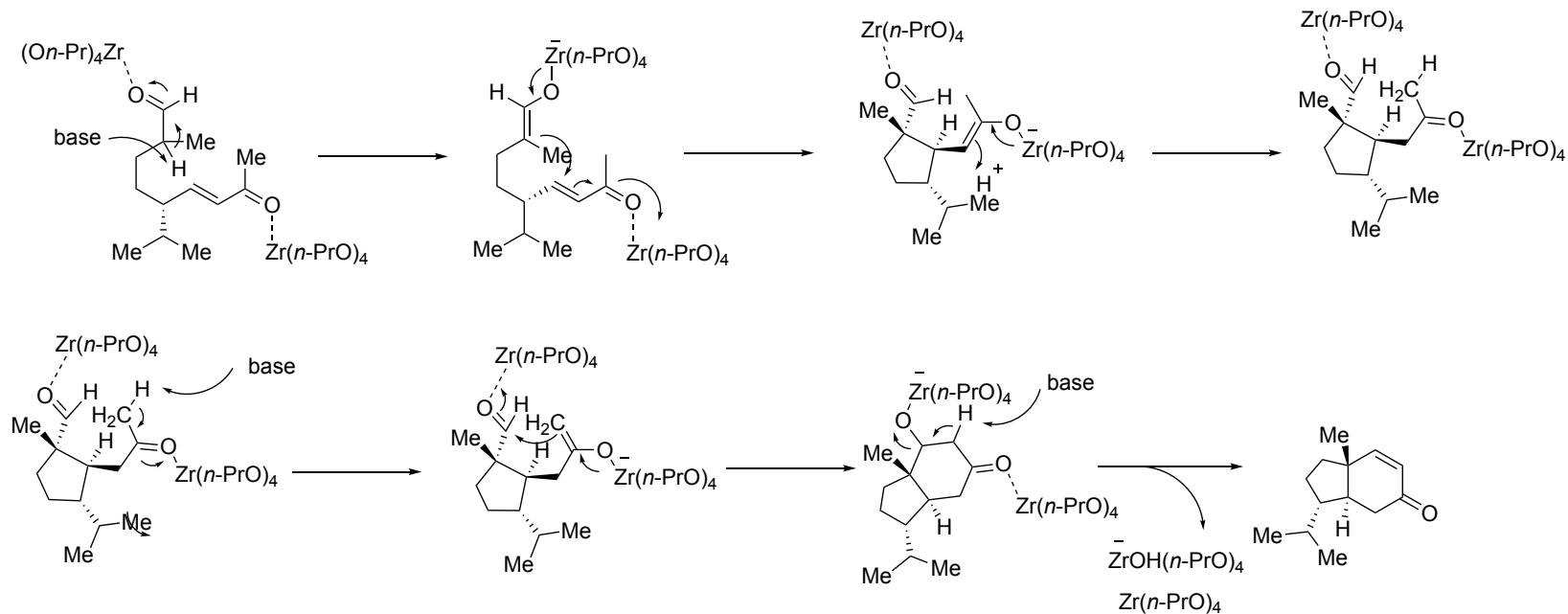


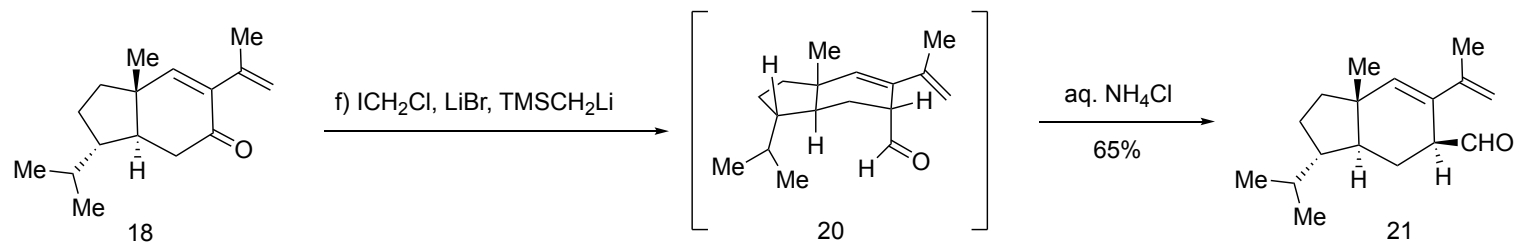


Chemo-selective Wittig olefination

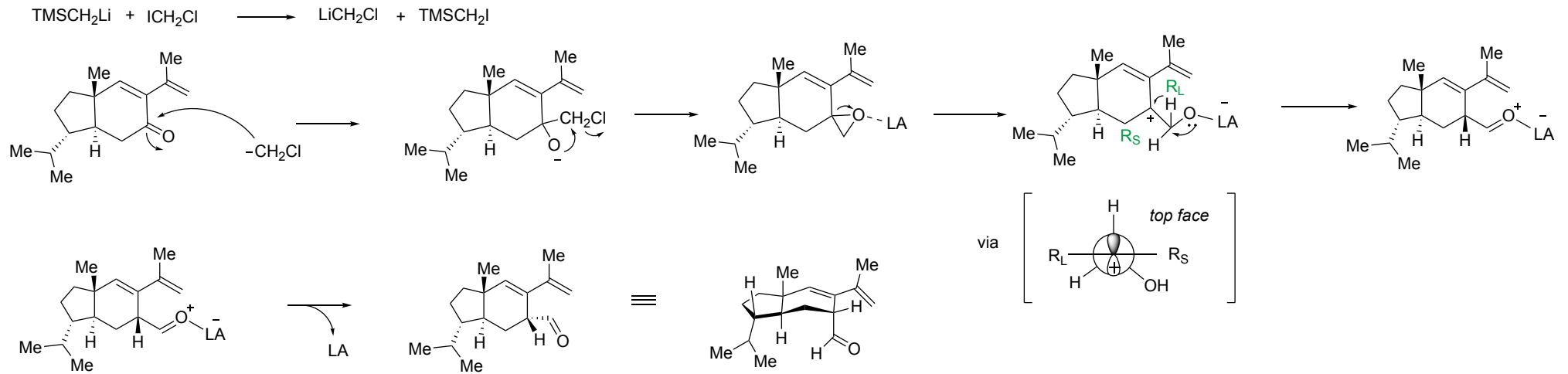


Zr(*n*-PrO)₄-mediated intramolecular Michael/aldol cyclization

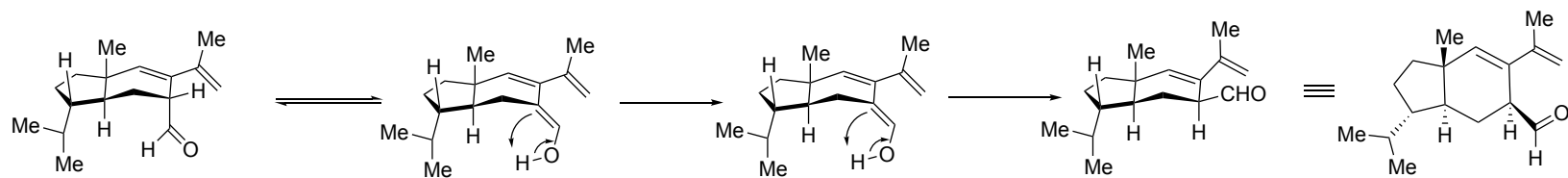


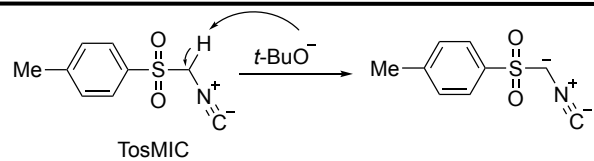
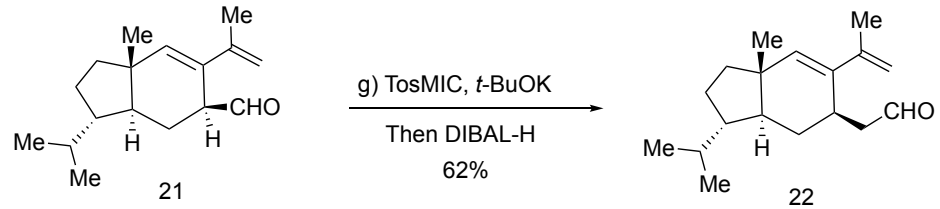


Cascade epoxidation/Meinwald rearrangement

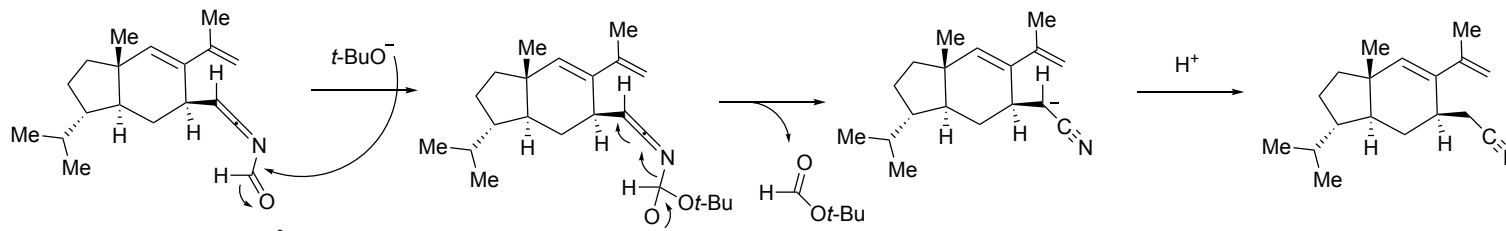
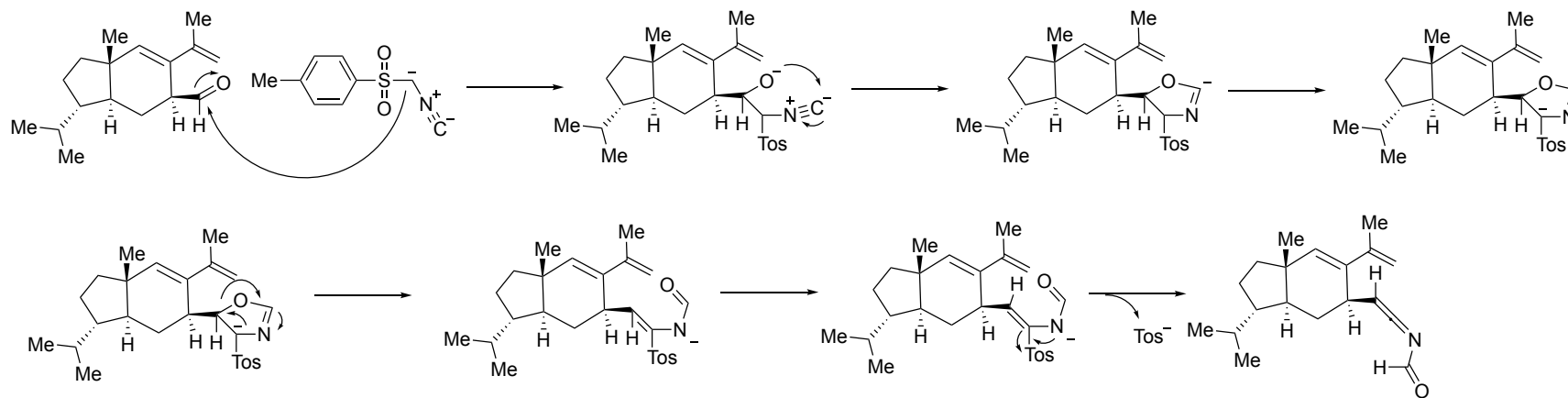


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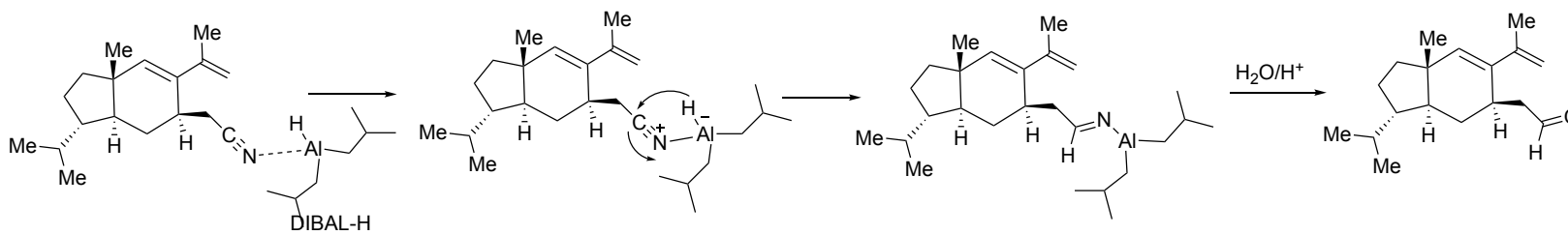


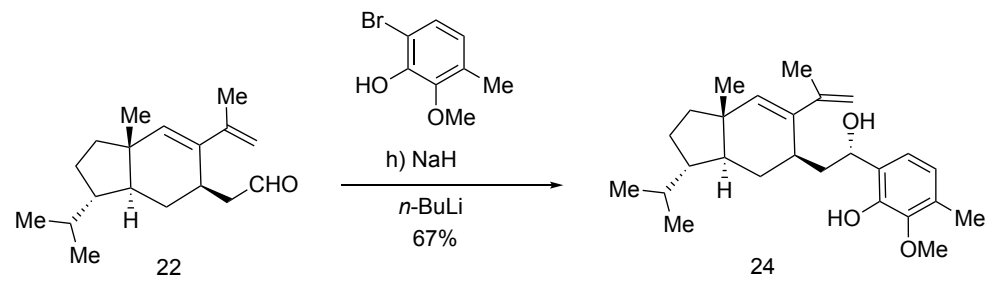


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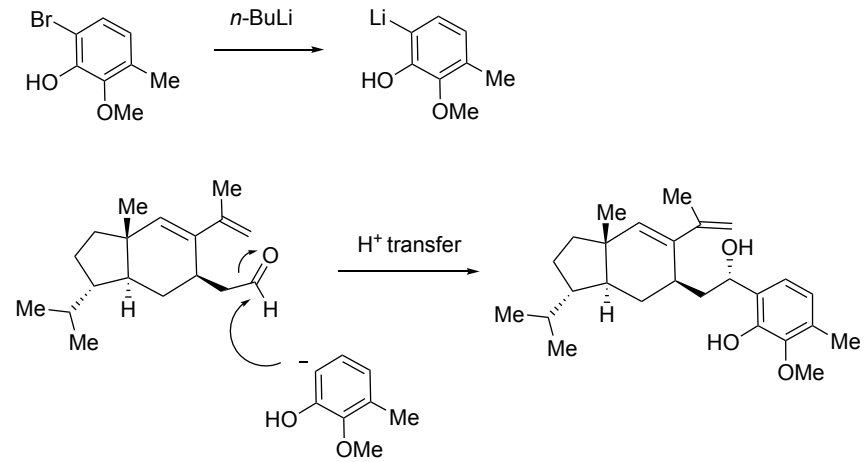


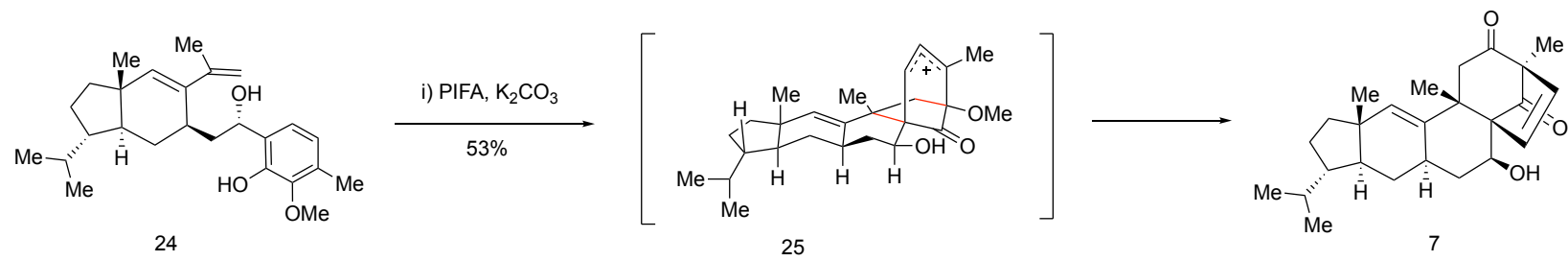
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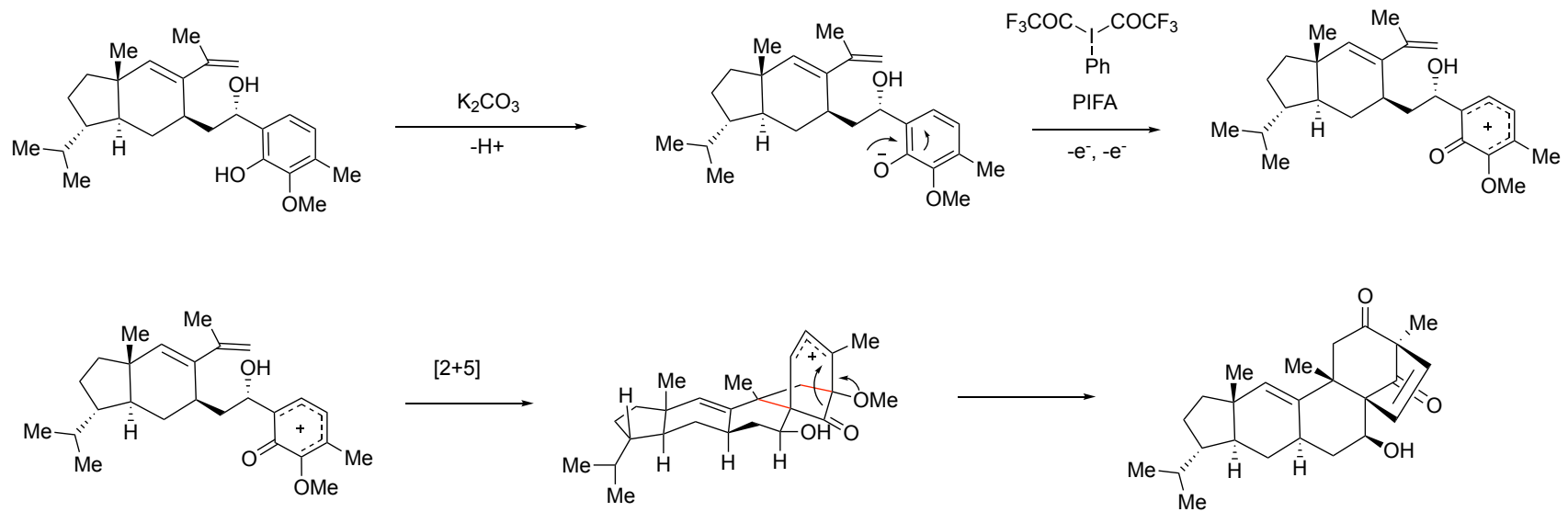


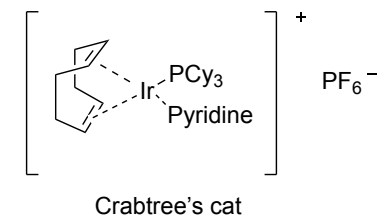
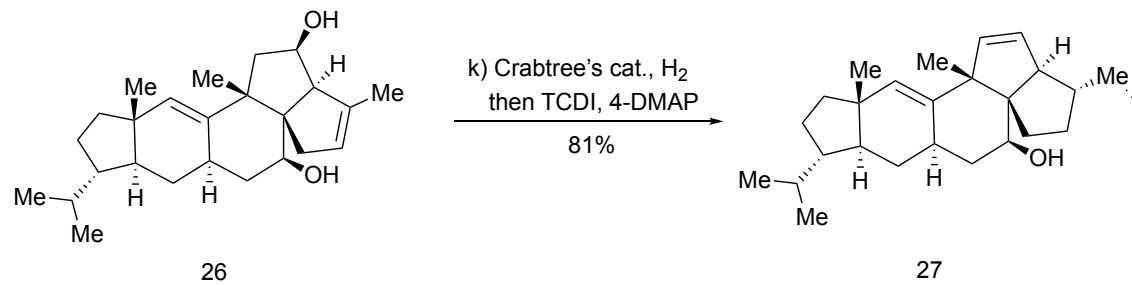
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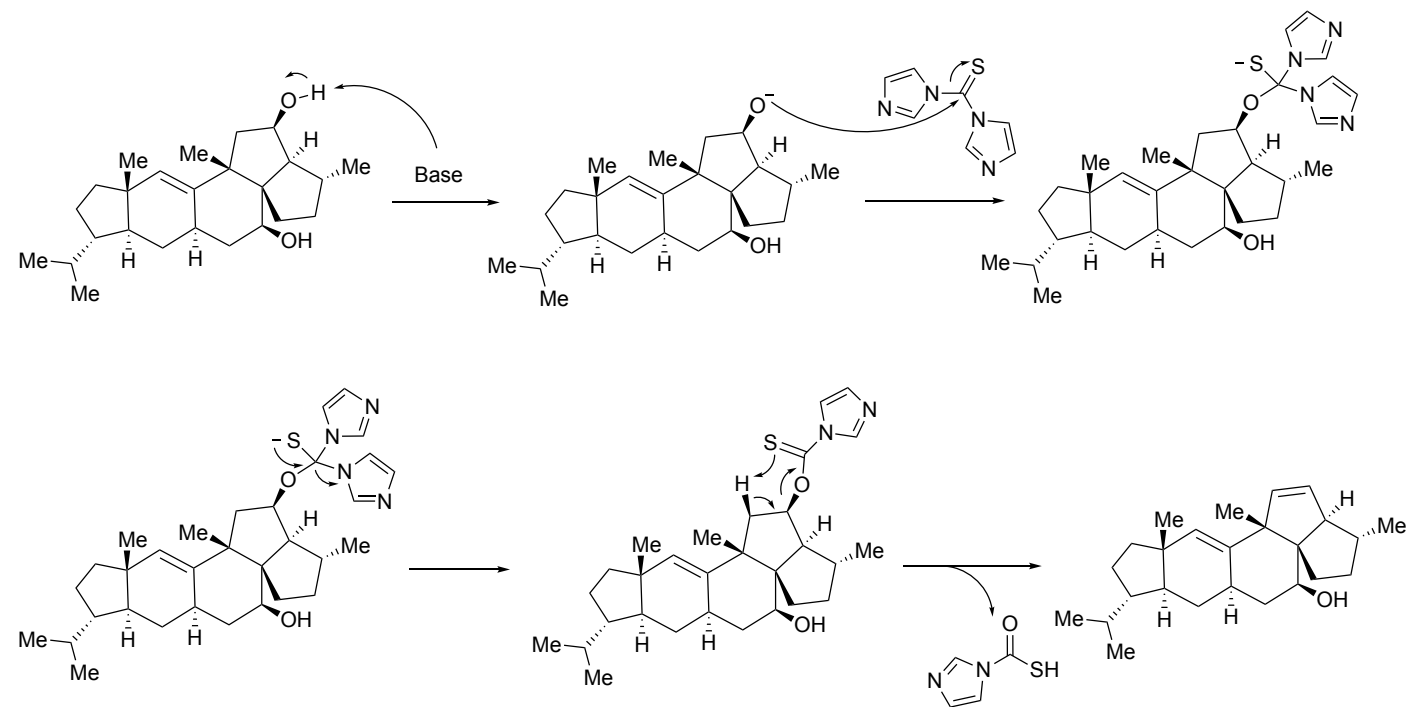
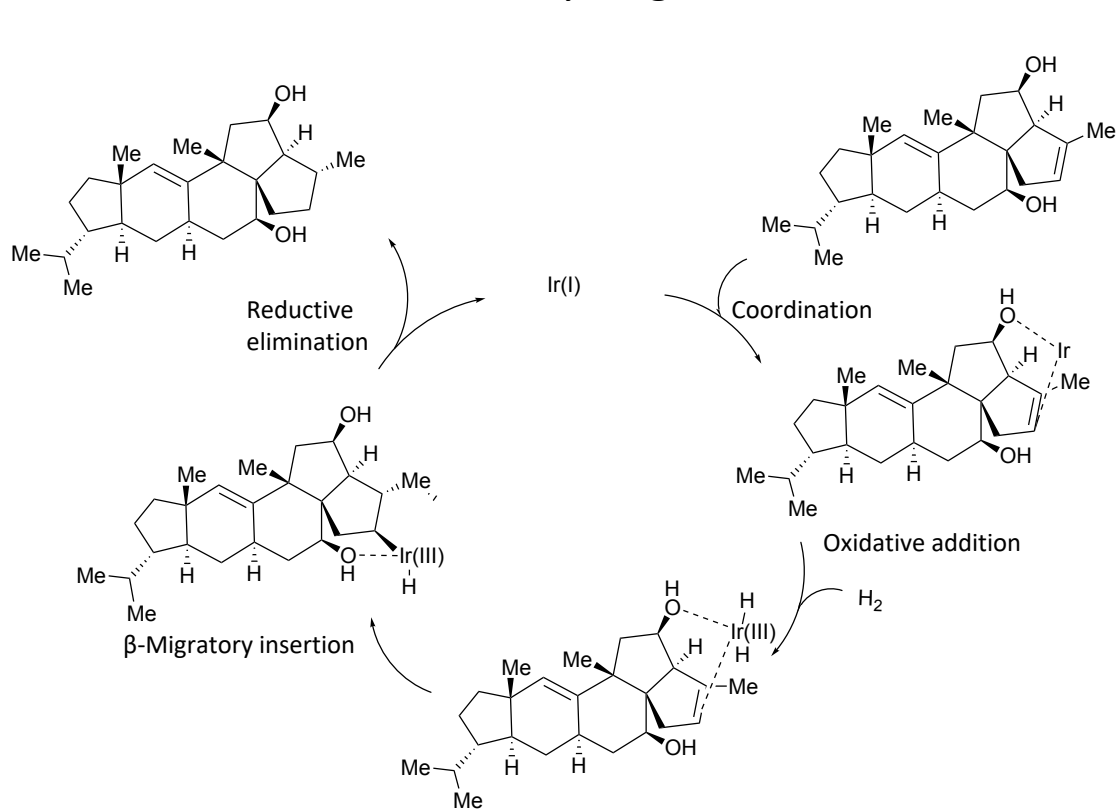
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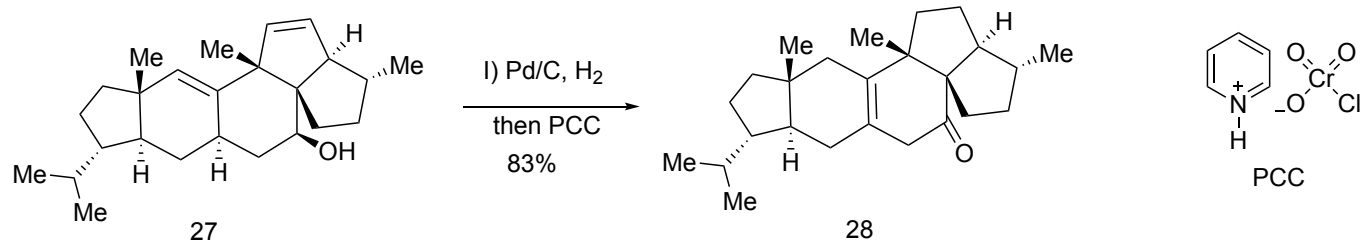




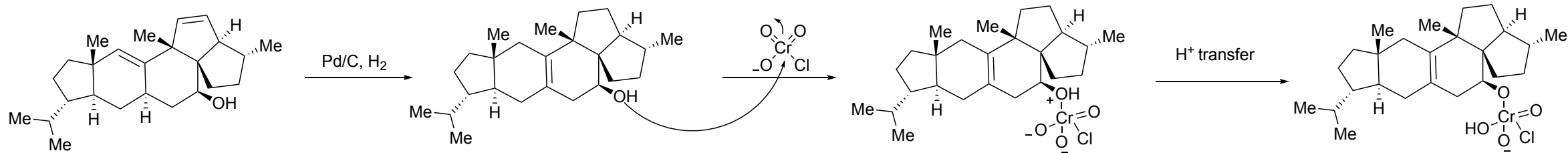
Side- and stereoselective hydrogenation

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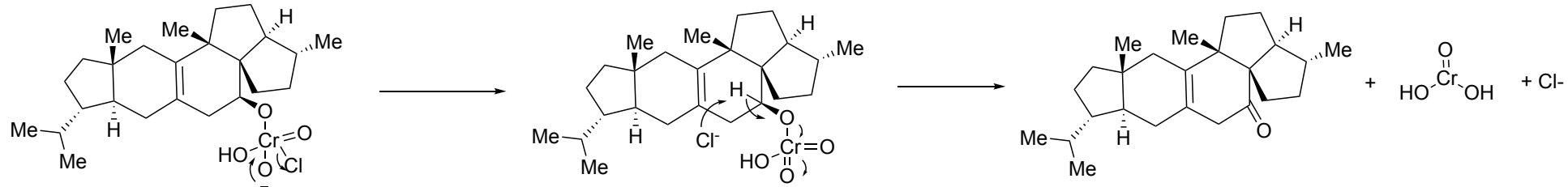


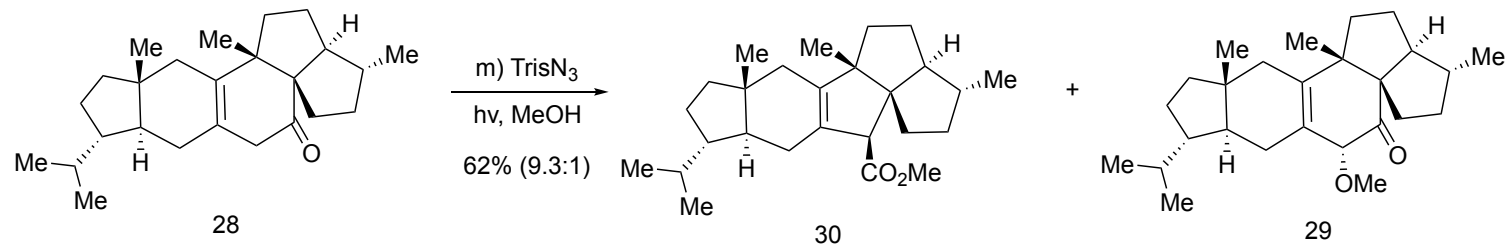


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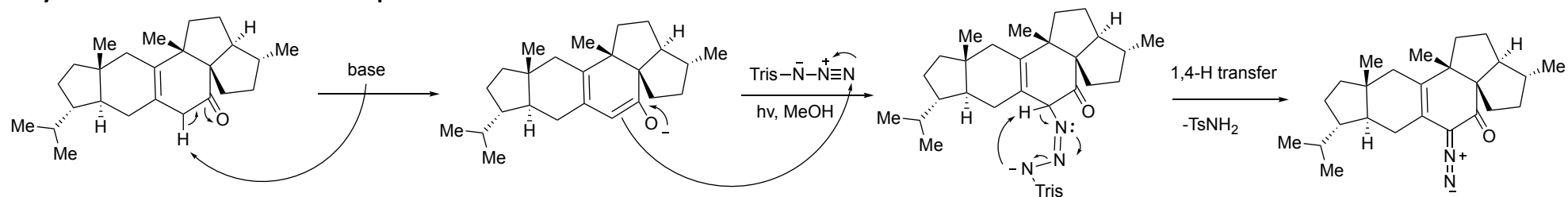


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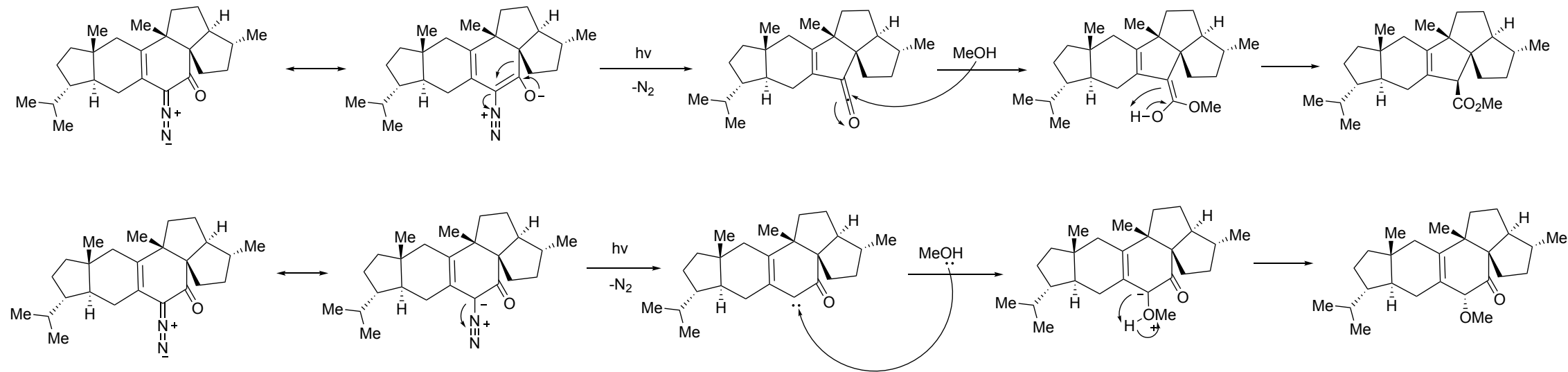


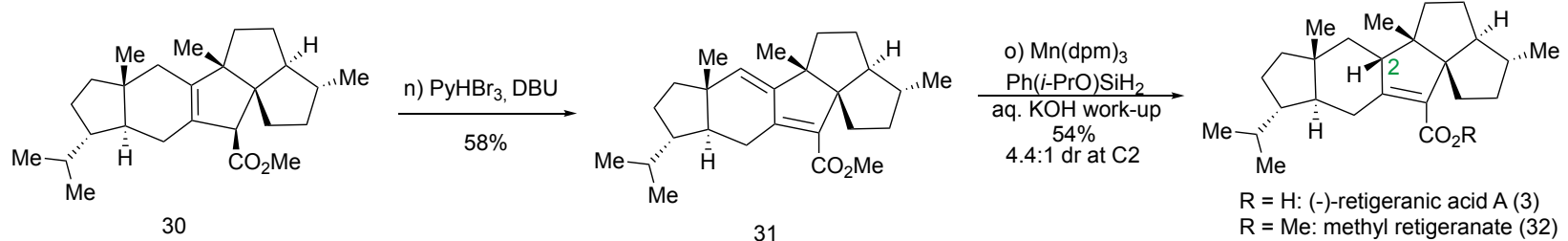


Synthesis of Diazo compound

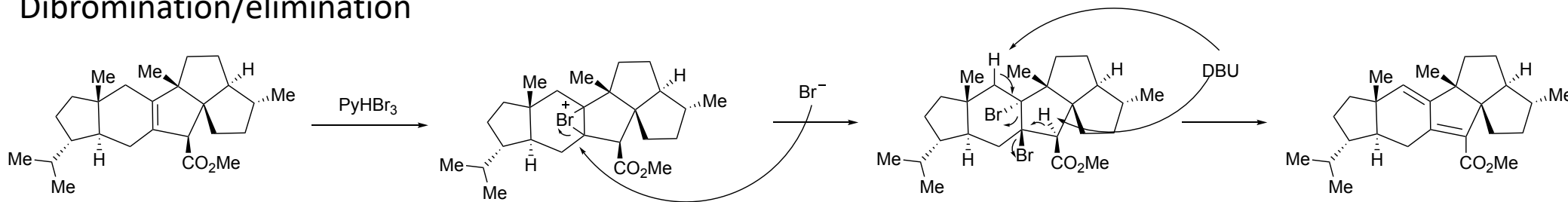


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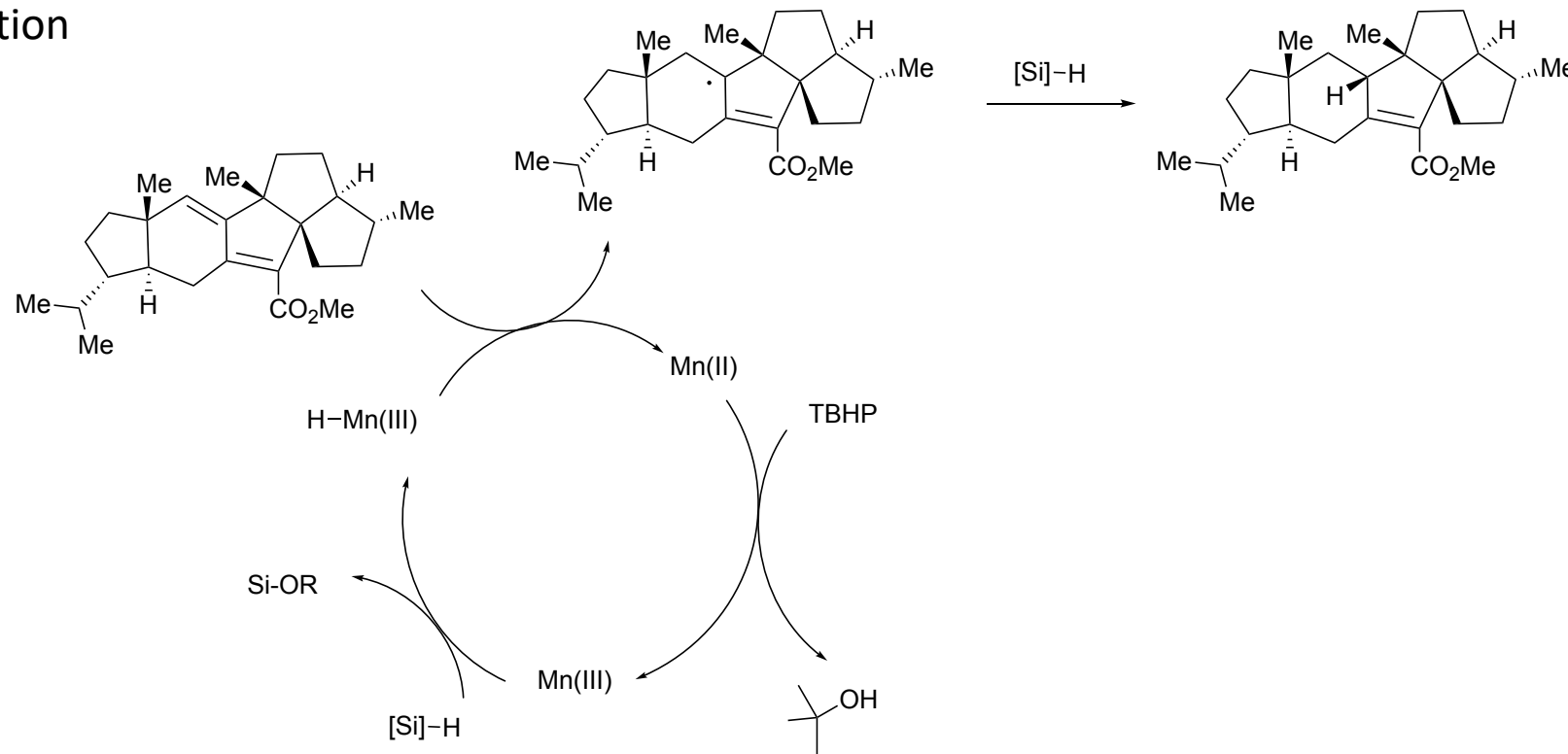




Dibromination/elimination



MHAT reduction



Thanks!
Questions?