

# **Synthesis of Marine Polyketides as Promising Anticancer Agents**

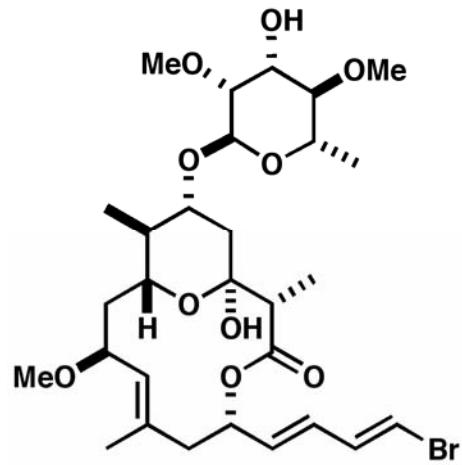
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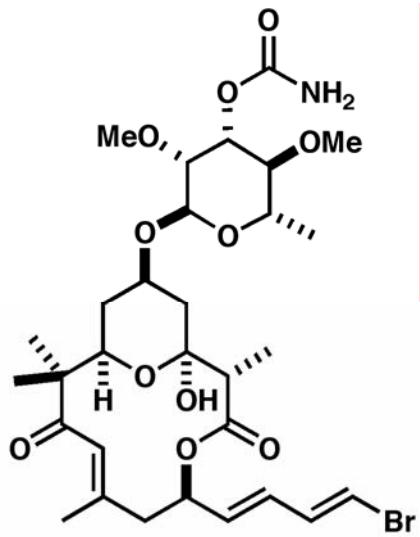
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## Dolastatin 19 and Auriside B: Isolation and Biological Activity



## **dolastatin 19**



*auriside B*

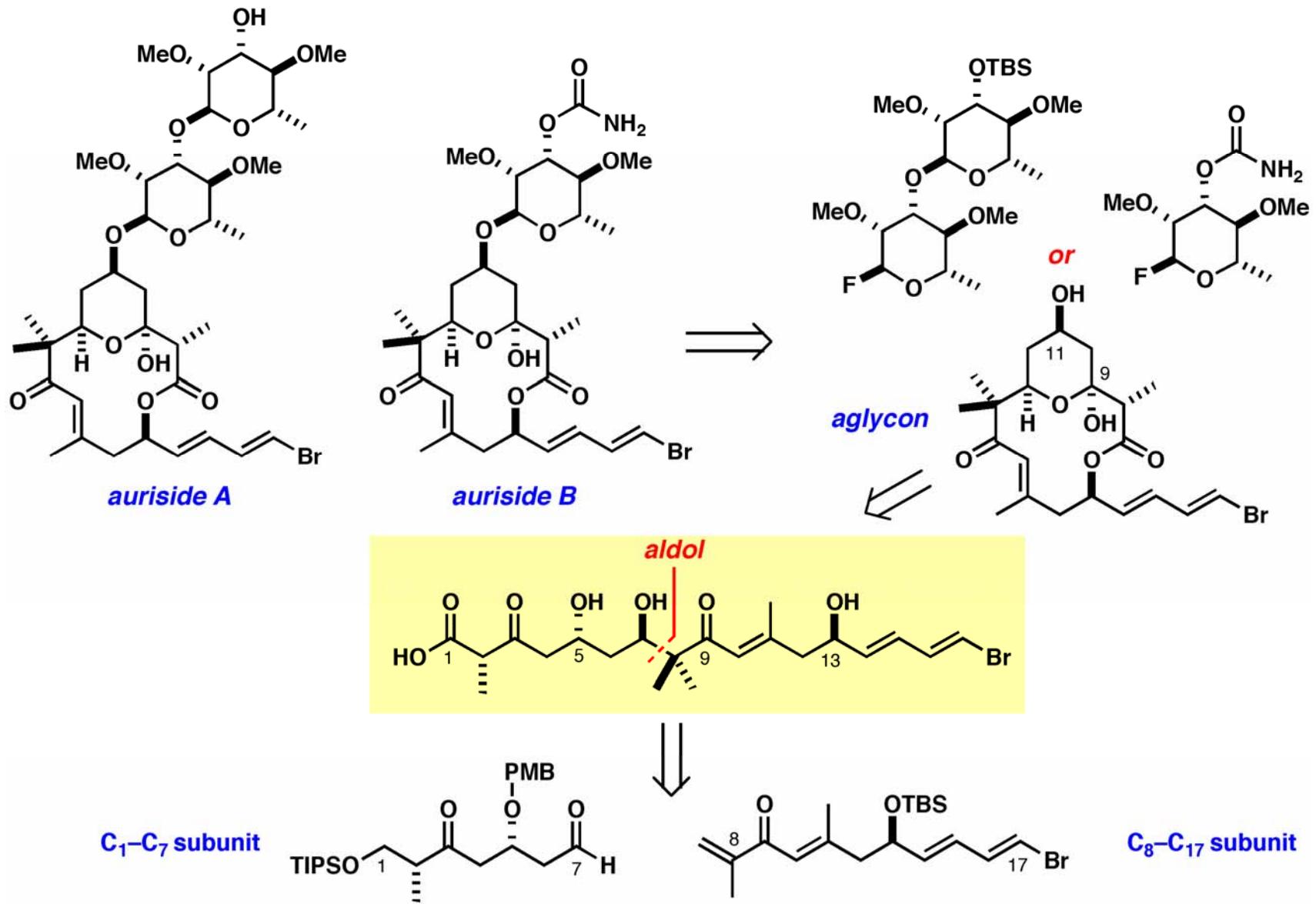


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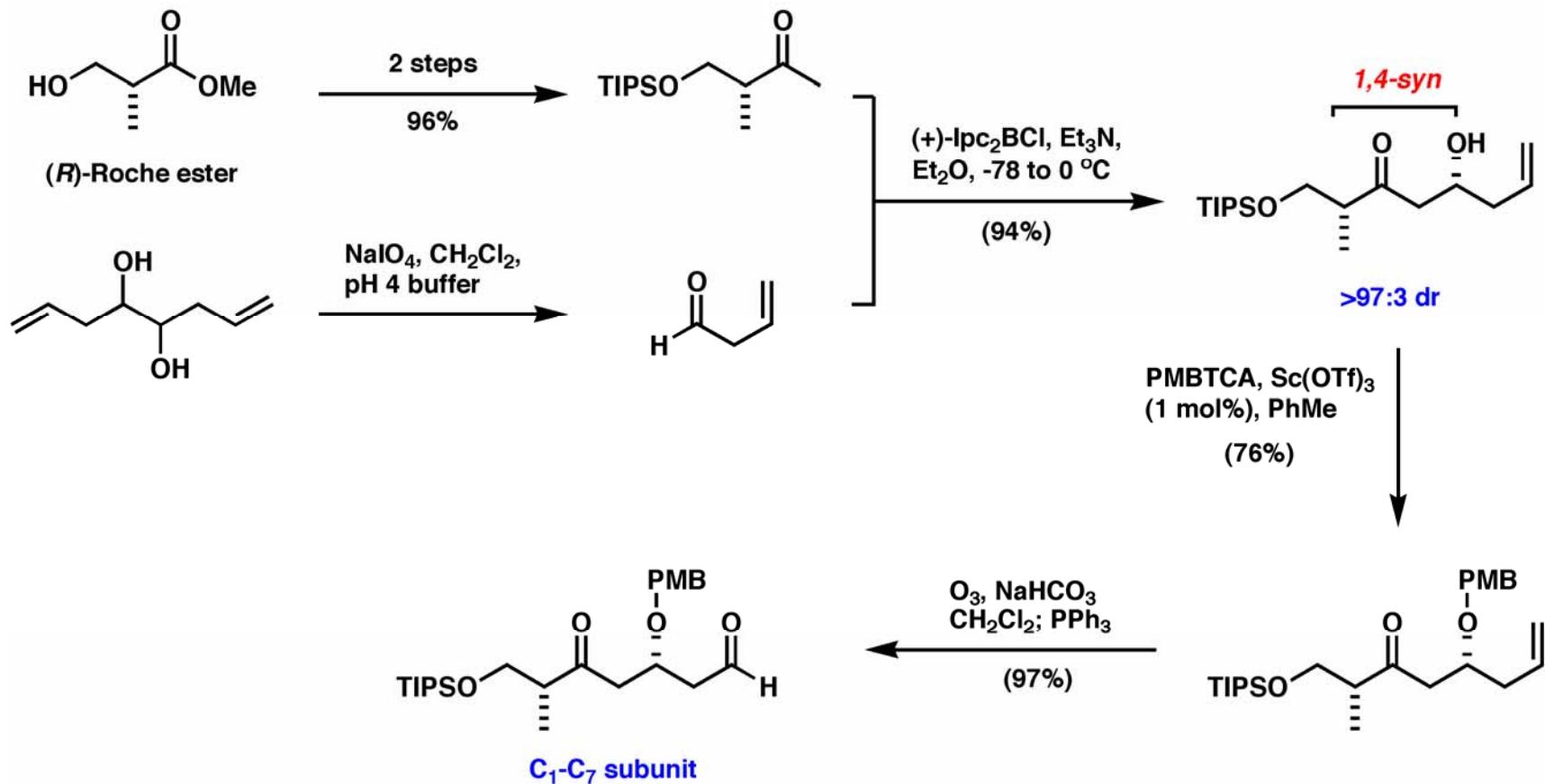
- Sea hare *Dolabella auricularia* is a rich source of bioactive secondary metabolites originating from cyanobacteria in diet
  - Dolastatin 19 isolated from Gulf of California *Dolabella auricularia* (0.5 mg from 600 kg) by Pettit group; cancer cell growth inhibitory activity; mechanism of action undetermined
  - Auriside A and B, isolated from Japanese *Dolabella auricularia* (0.8 mg from 278 kg) by Yamada group;  $GI_{50}$  1.2  $\mu$ g/ml for HeLa S<sub>3</sub> cervical cancer cell line

Pettit, G. R.; Xu, J.-P.; Doubek, D. L.; Chapuis, J.-C. *J. Nat. Prod.* 2004, 67, 1252.  
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# Aurisides A and B: Synthesis Plan

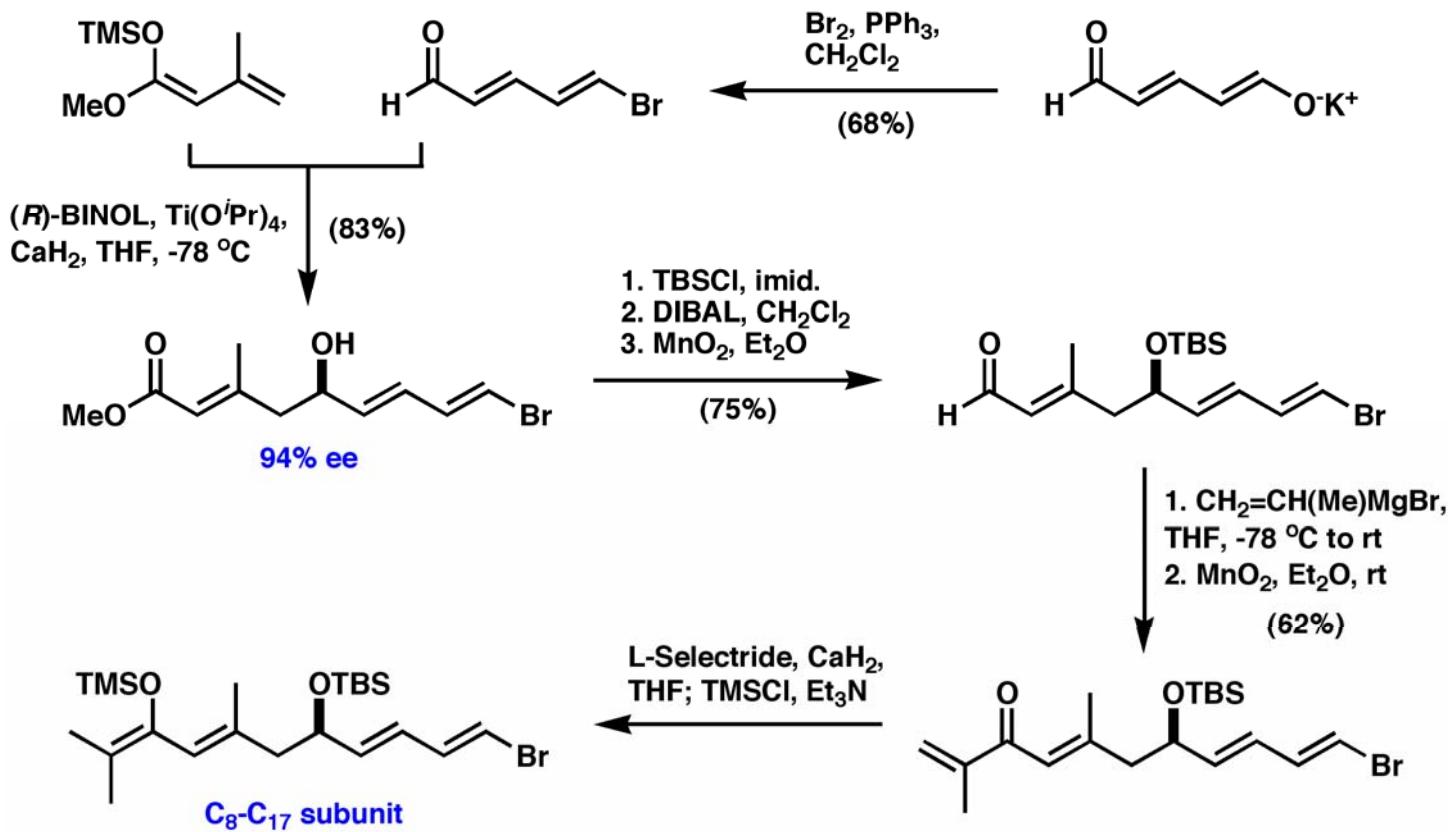


# Aurisides: C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> Subunit Synthesis



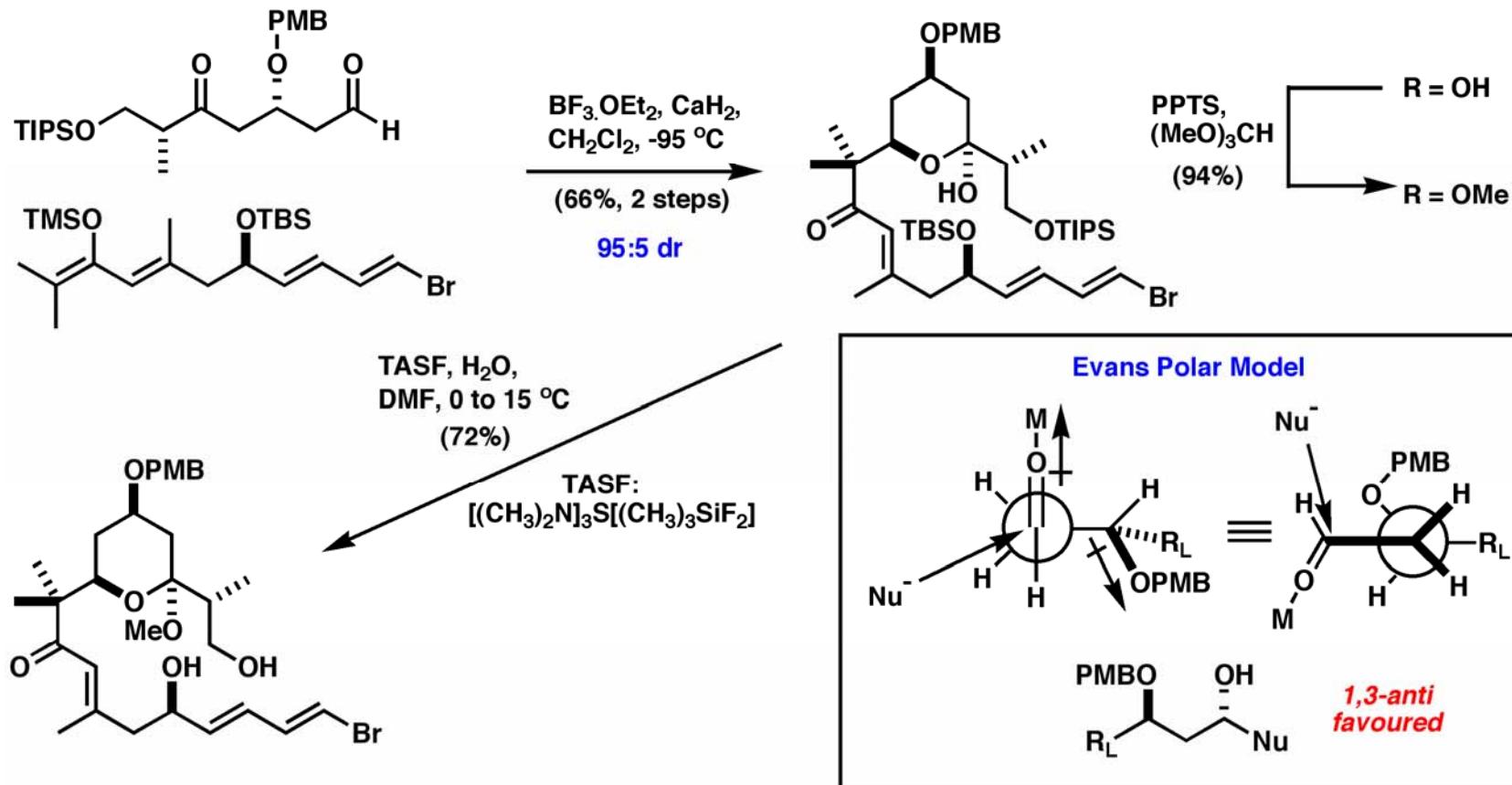
- matched substrate and reagent induction in boron aldol sets up 1,4-syn relationship
- mild conditions for preparation and aldol addition of aldehyde avoids conjugation

# Aurisides: C<sub>8</sub>–C<sub>17</sub> Subunit Synthesis



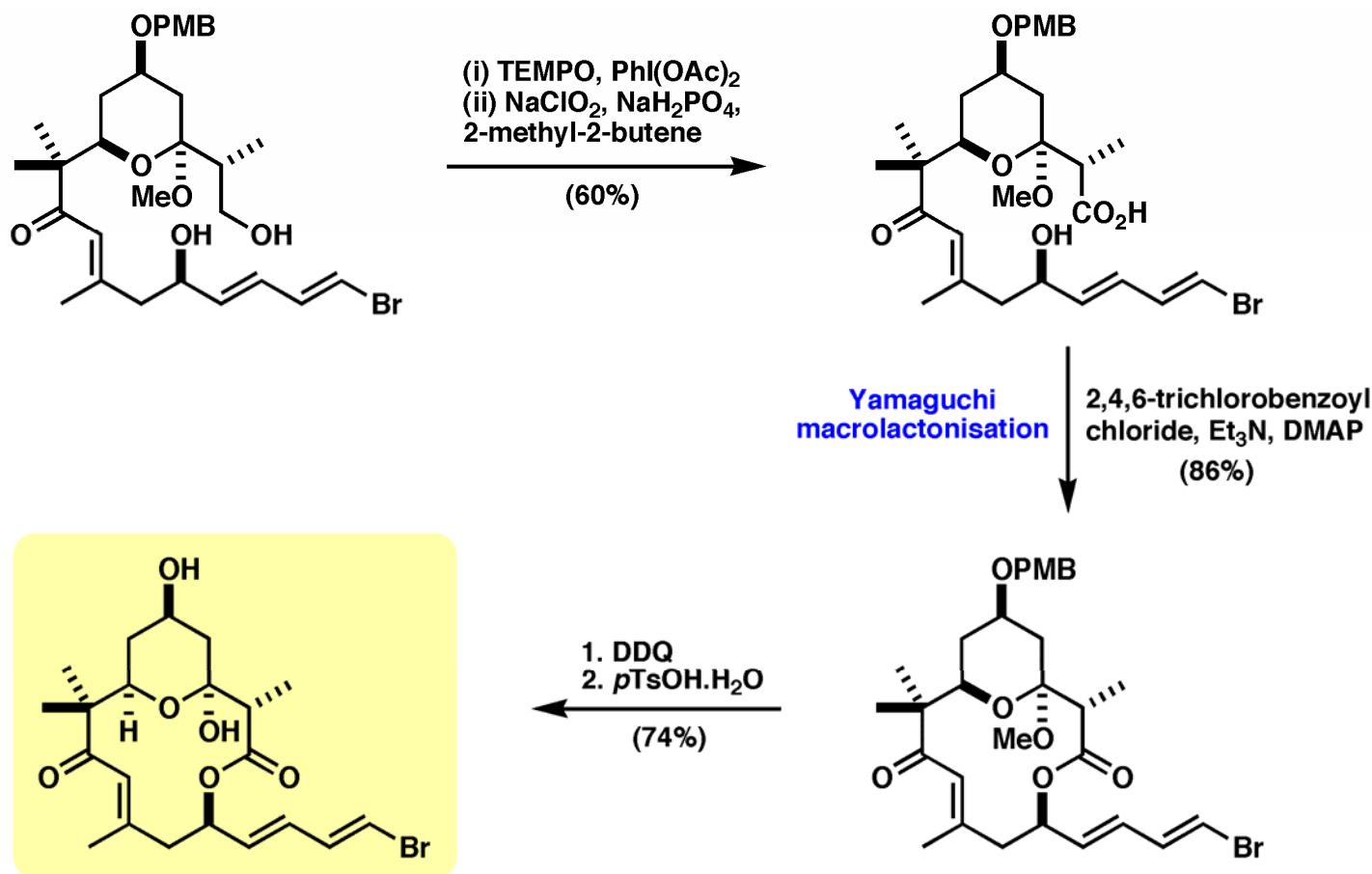
- *vinylogous Mukaiyama aldol using BINOL/Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> installs isolated C<sub>13</sub> stereocentre and trisubstituted E-alkene*
  - *regiocontrolled 1,4-reduction using L-Selectride generates enolate for key aldol coupling*

# Aurisides: Synthesis of Aglycon



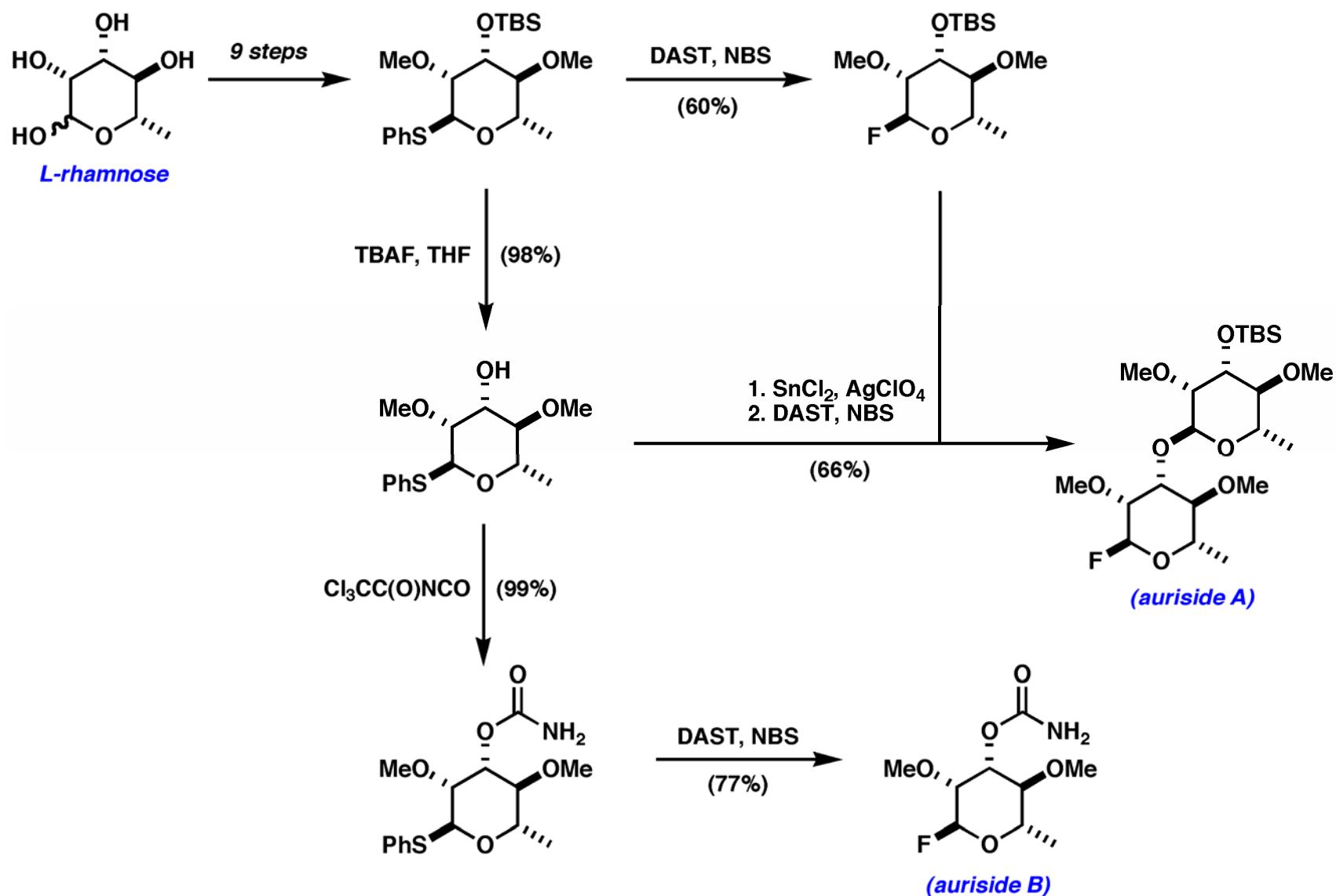
- *key aldol coupling introduces desired  $C_7$  configuration without invoking chelation*
- *relies on 1,3-anti induction from the  $C_5$  ether through an open transition state*

# Aurisides: Synthesis of Aglycon

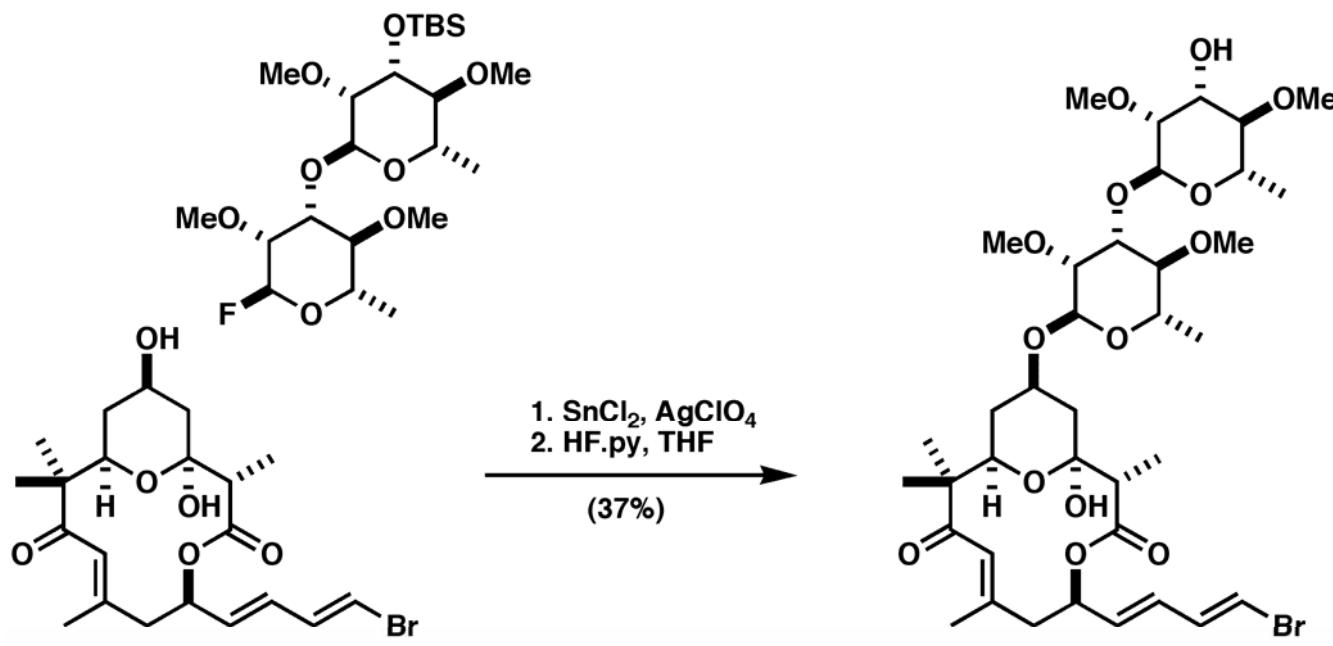


- **convergent strategy enables concise synthesis of the auriside aglycon moiety**
- **16 steps, 4.7% overall yield (cf. 29 steps, 0.02% yield by Yamada and co-workers)**

# Aurisides: Synthesis of Fluorosugar Units



# Auriside A: Completion of Total Synthesis



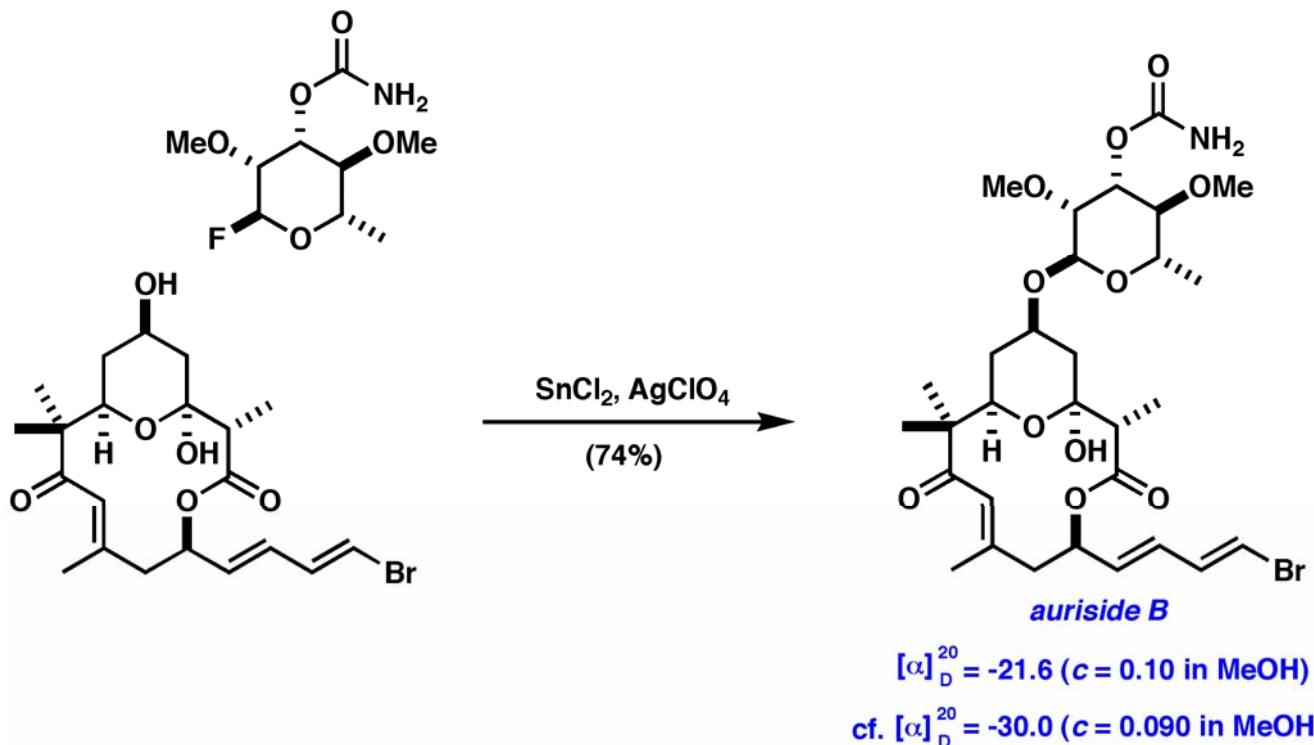
*auriside A*

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -16.0$  ( $c = 0.033$  in MeOH)

cf.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -43.0$  ( $c = 0.050$  in MeOH)

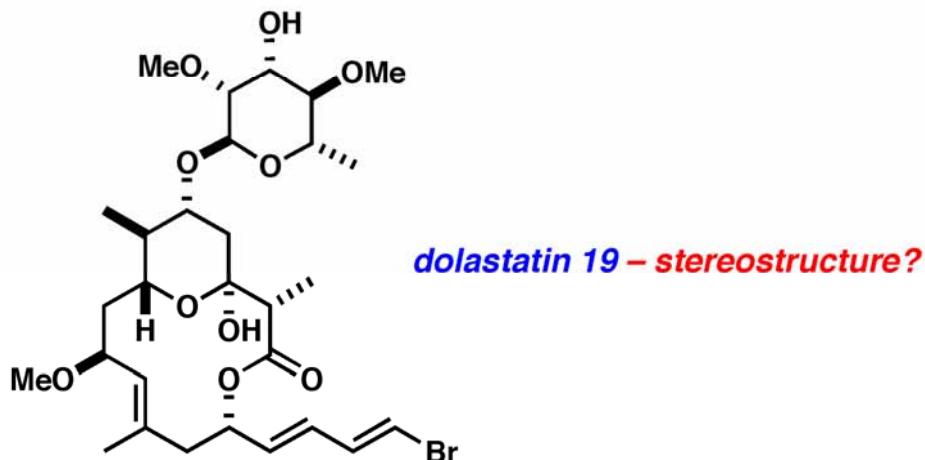
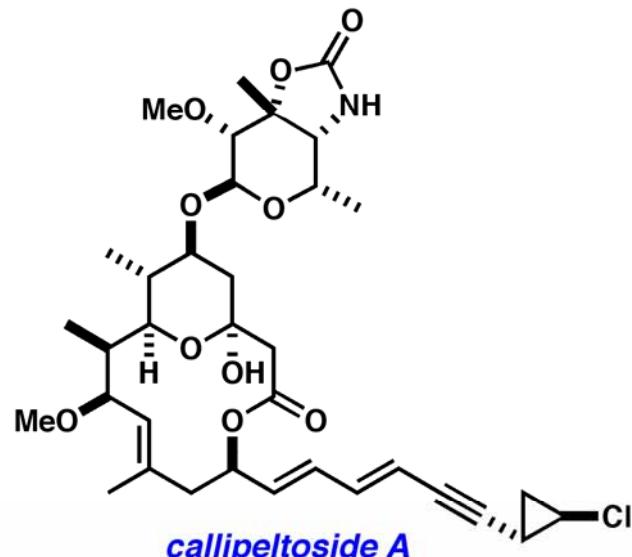
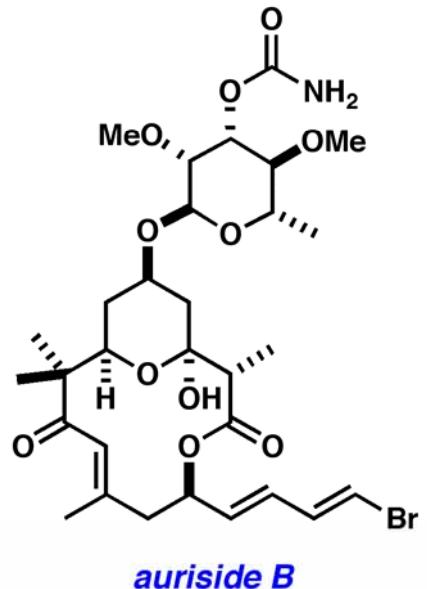
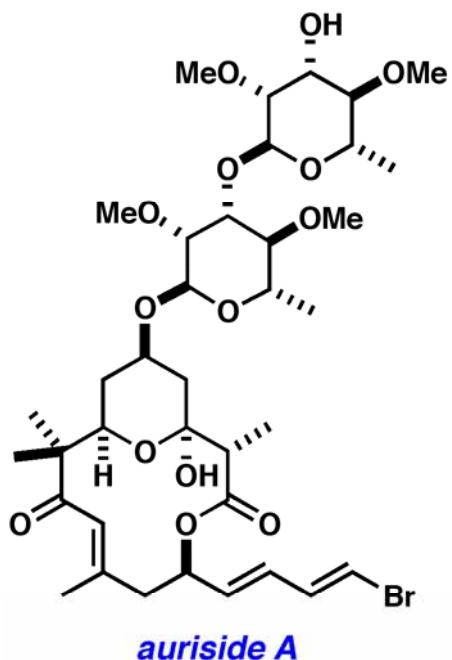
- late stage installation of the required disaccharide via an  $\alpha$ -selective glycosylation of the equatorial  $C_5$  alcohol
- total synthesis of auriside A achieved in 18 steps and 1.7% overall yield; complete  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR correlation and establishes absolute configuration

# Auriside B: Completion of Total Synthesis



- *Mukaiyama protocol again employed for coupling of aglycon with activated sugar unit*
- *total synthesis of auriside B achieved in 17 steps and 3.5% overall yield; again complete NMR spectral correlation and establishment of absolute configuration*

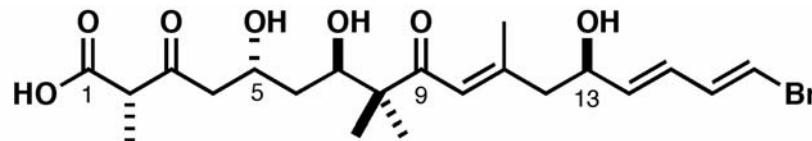
## Related 14-Membered Macrolides



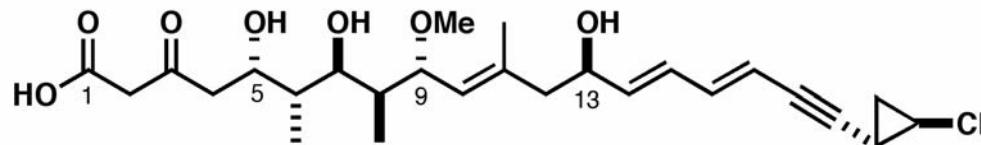
# Configurational Model Based on Common Biogenesis

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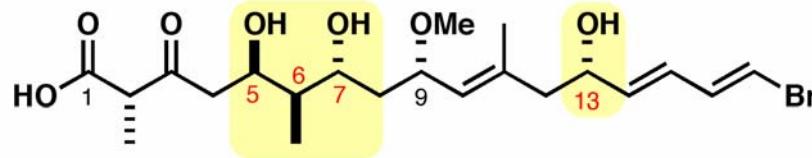
*aurisides*  
(Yamada, 1996)



*callipeltosides*  
(Minale, 1996)

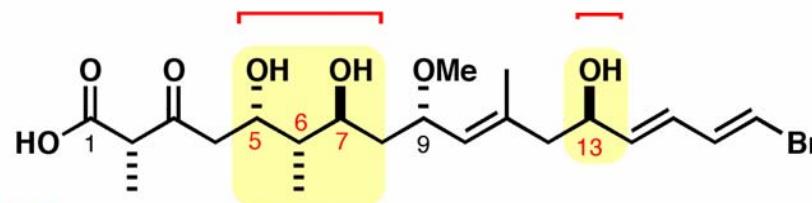


*dolastatin 19*  
(Pettit, 2004)

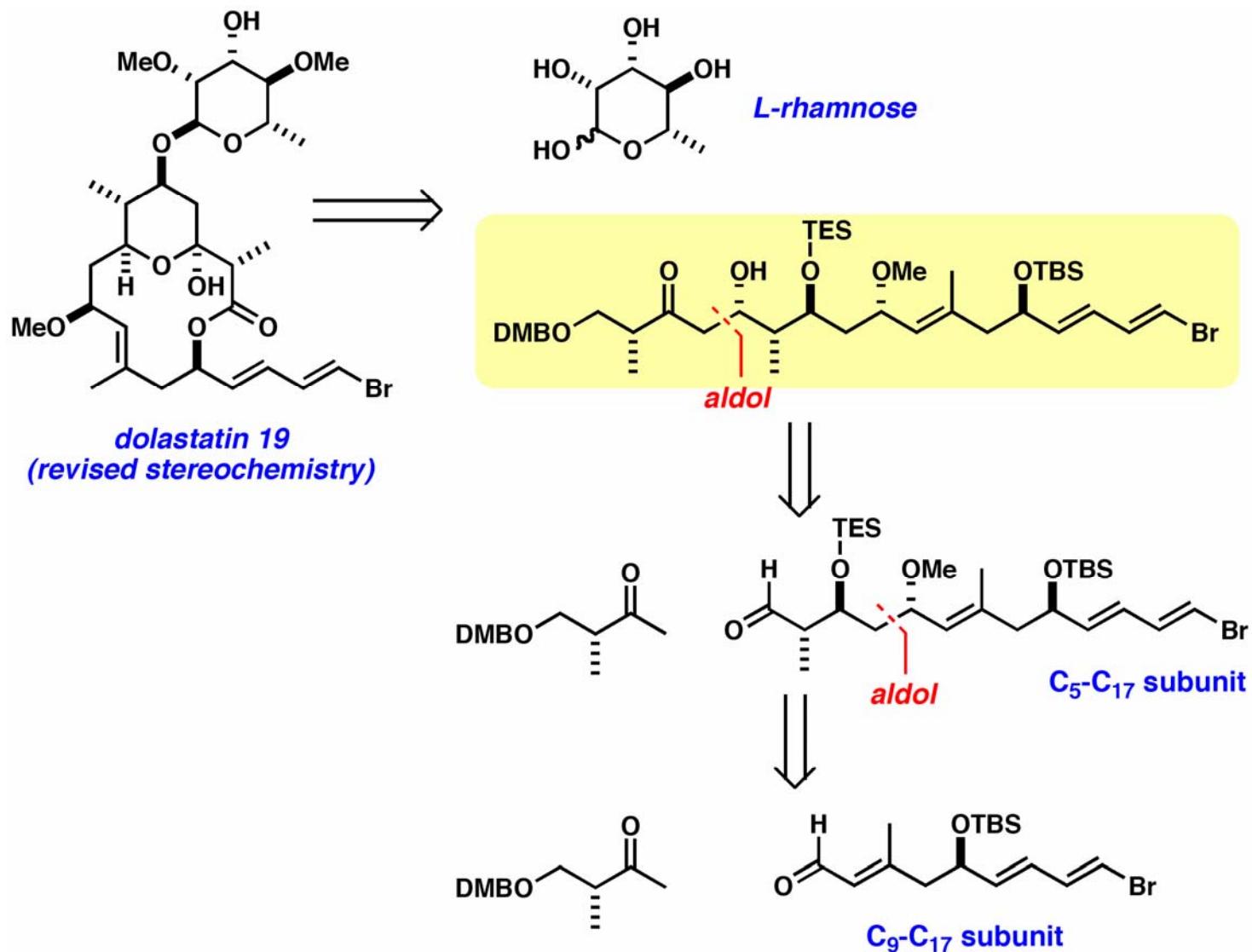


*dolastatin 19 ?*

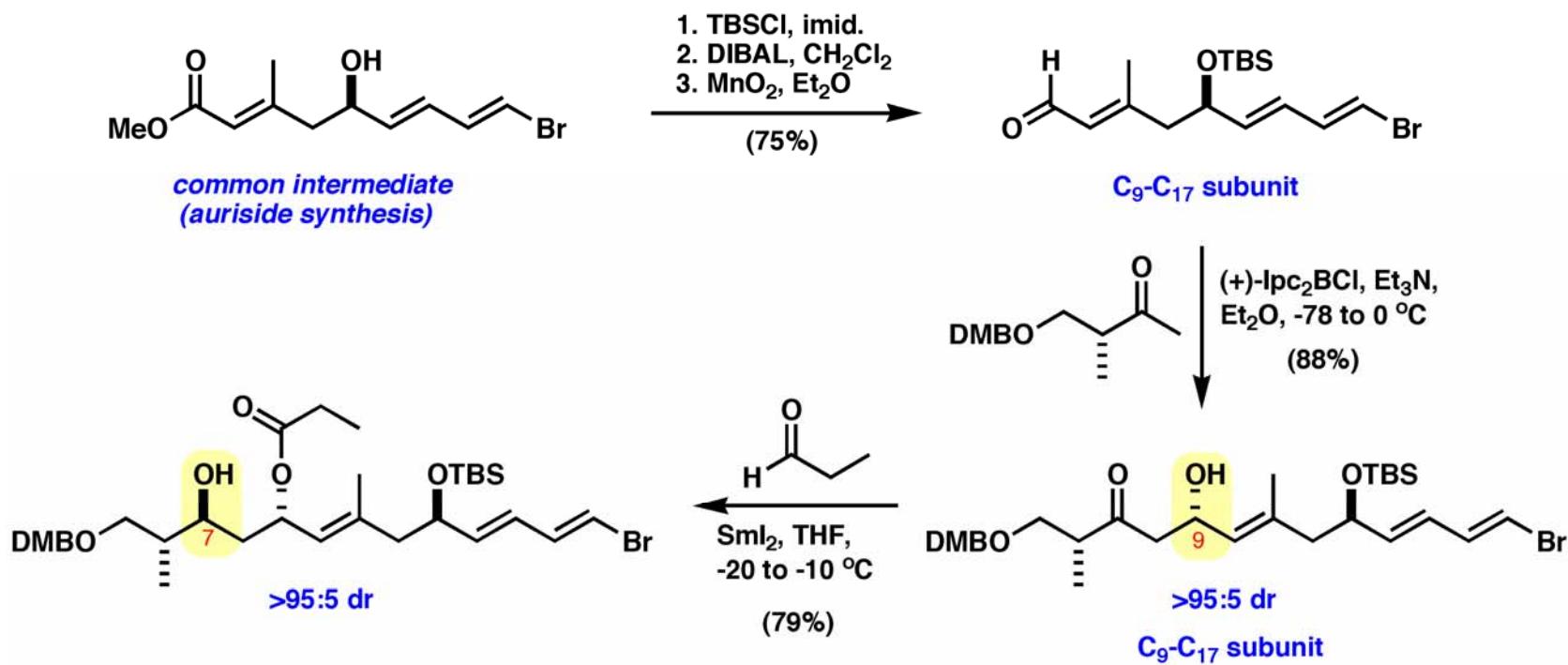
*proposed reassignment*



# Dolastatin 19: Synthesis Plan

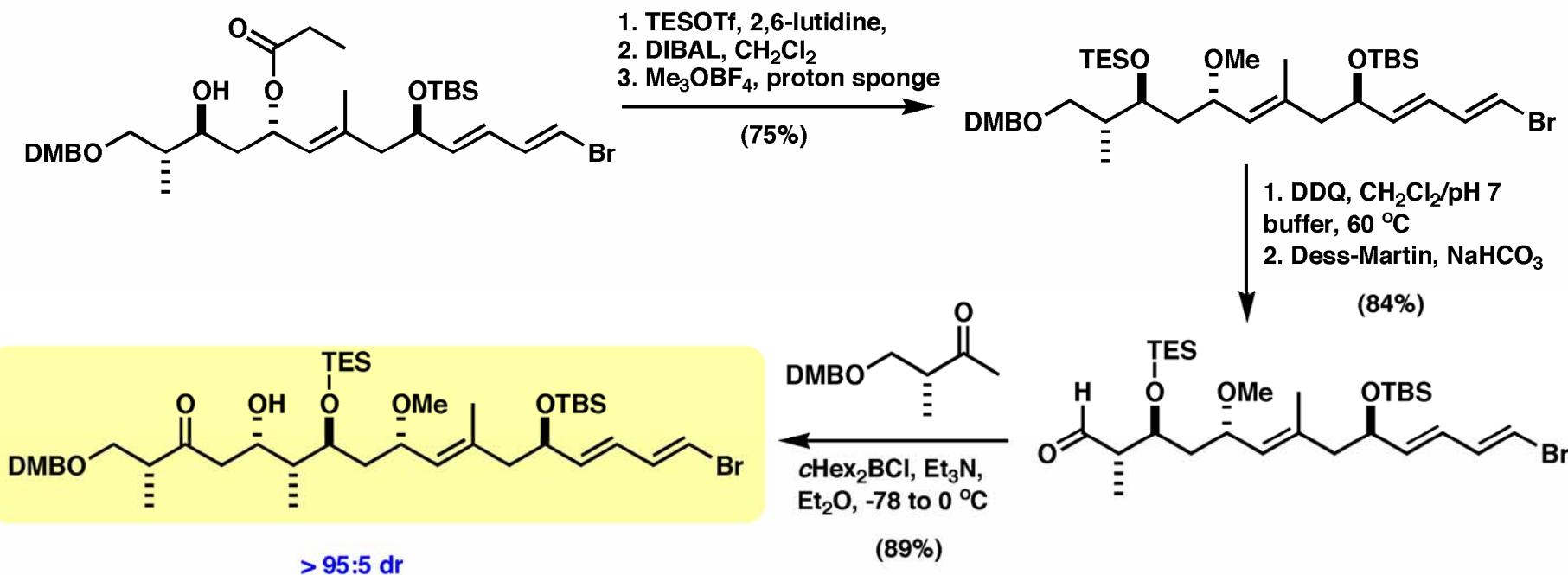


# Dolastatin 19: C<sub>5</sub>–C<sub>17</sub> Fragment Synthesis



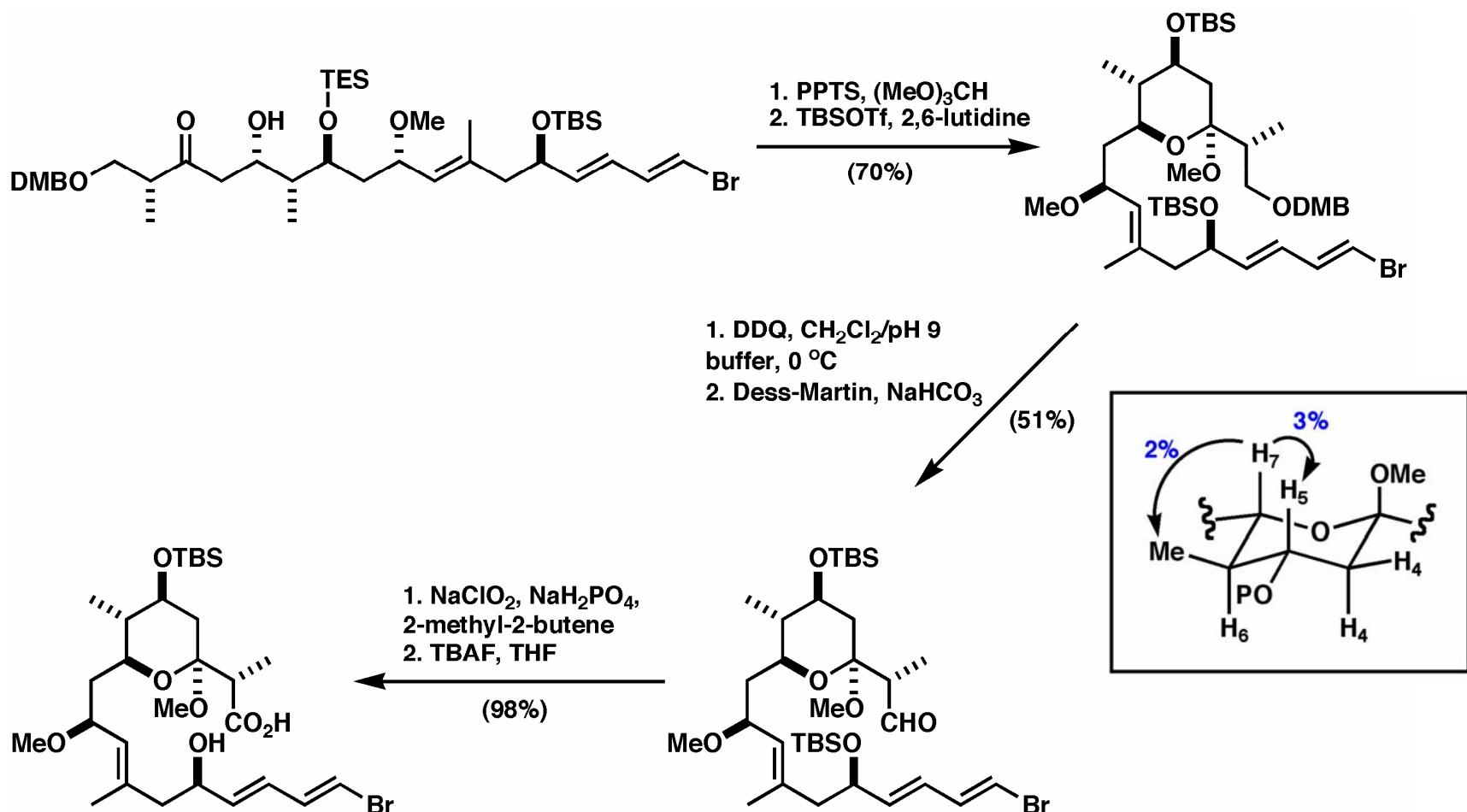
- C<sub>13</sub> stereocentre is available using common intermediate from auriside synthesis
- matched substrate and reagent induction in first boron aldol gives 1,4-syn relationship
- Evans-Tischchenko reduction establishes differentiated 1,3-anti diol relationship

# Dolastatin 19: C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>17</sub> Subunit Synthesis

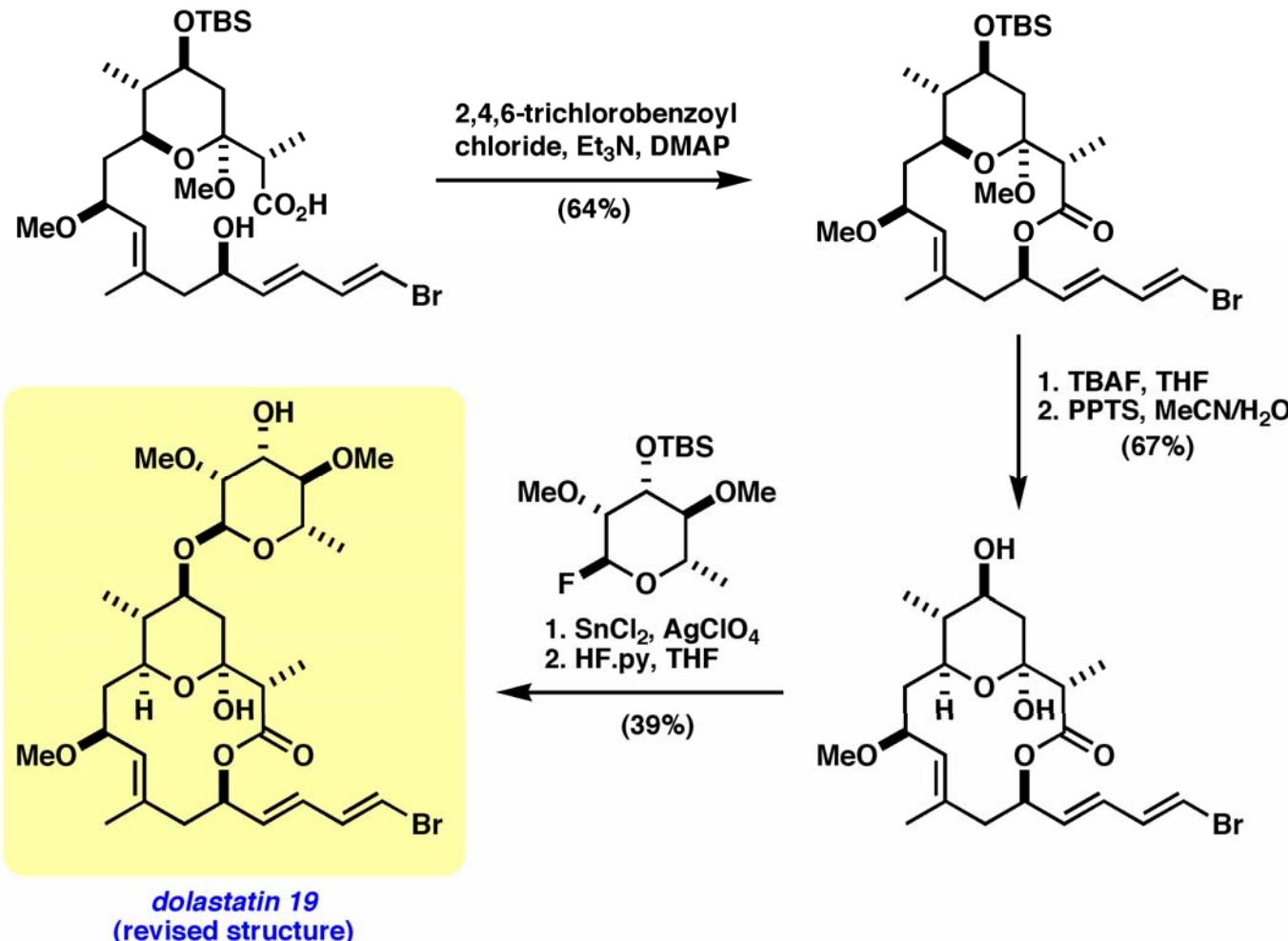


- *DMB protecting group avoids competing DDQ-mediated oxidation of allylic TBS ether*
- *second boron aldol matches 1,4-syn preference of enolate with Felkin-Anh induction*

# Dolastatin 19: Preparation of Seco-acid

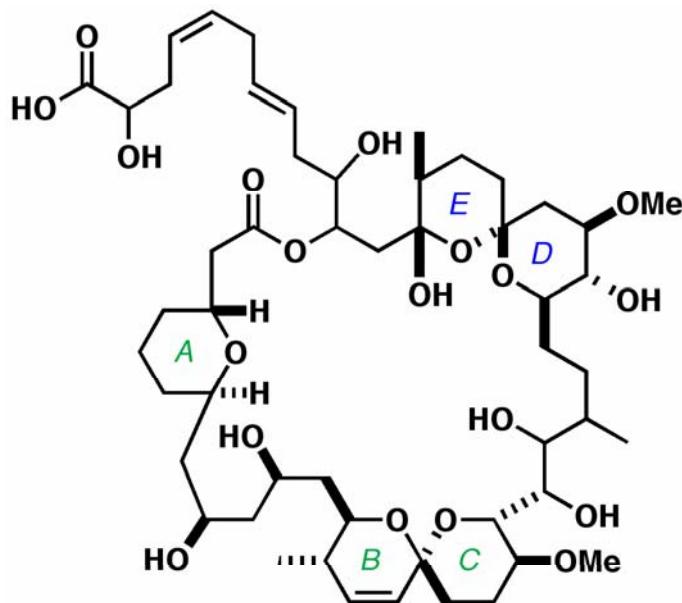


# Dolastatin 19: Endgame

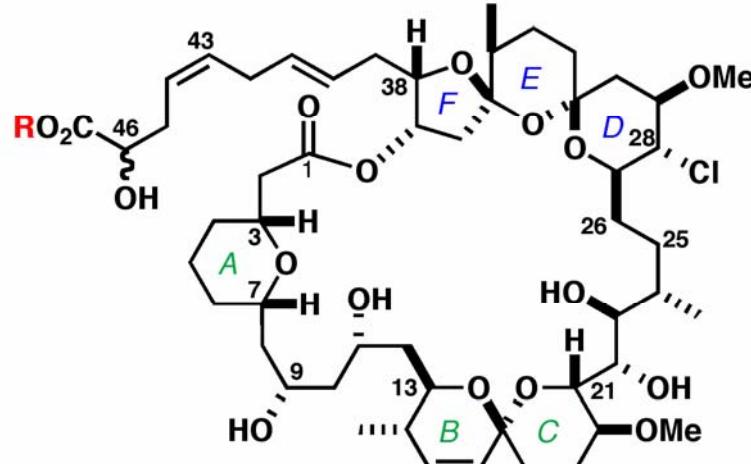


- total synthesis of dolastatin 19 achieved in 24 steps and 1.9% overall yield
- complete correlation of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data validates stereochemical reassignment
- aglycon is scaffold for late-stage diversification by variation of side chain and sugar unit

# Spirastrellolide A: Isolation and Biological Activity



*Spirastrellolide A (original report)*



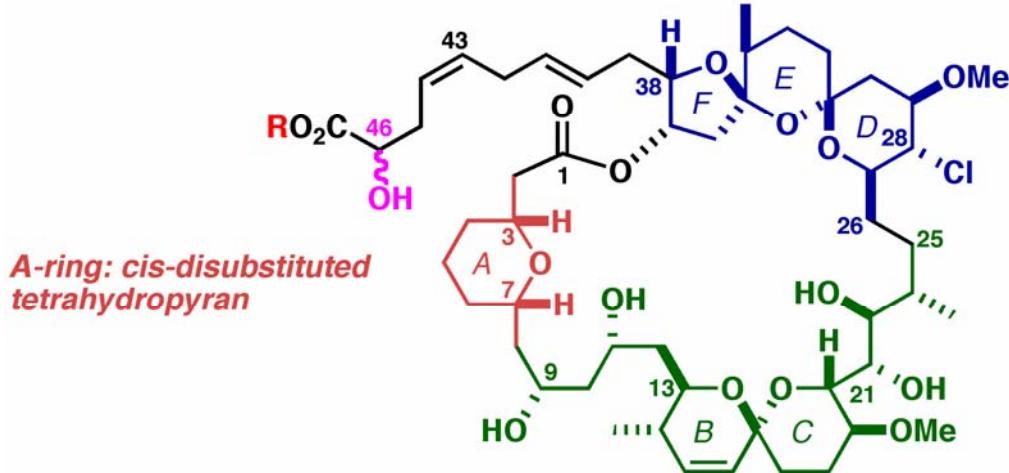
*Spirastrellolide A (revised structure): R = H*

*Methyl ester: R = Me*

- 38-membered macrolide isolated by Andersen from the Caribbean sponge *Spirastrella coccinea*; low natural abundance (0.00024% isolation yield).
- potent and selective antimitotic agent which inhibits protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A), with  $IC_{50} = 1\text{nM}$ , and causes premature cell entry into mitosis; mechanism of action reminiscent of fostriecin, okadaic acid and the calyculins.

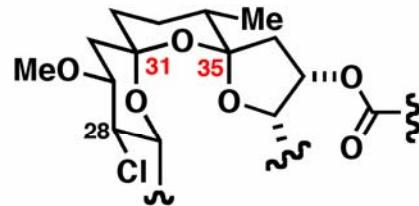
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# Spirastrellolide A: Structural Features



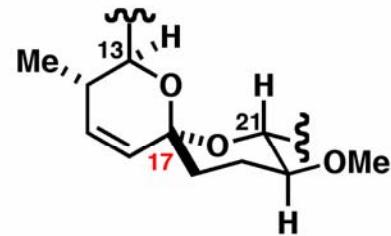
- 38-membered macrolide comprising 21 stereocentres
- three embedded cyclic subunits: tetrahydropyran A-ring, BC-spiroacetal, DEF-bis-spiroacetal
- 1,4-(E,Z)-dienoic acid sidechain with isolated stereocentre
- relative stereochemistry between four highlighted regions remains unassigned

*DEF-[5,6,6]-bis-spiroacetal*



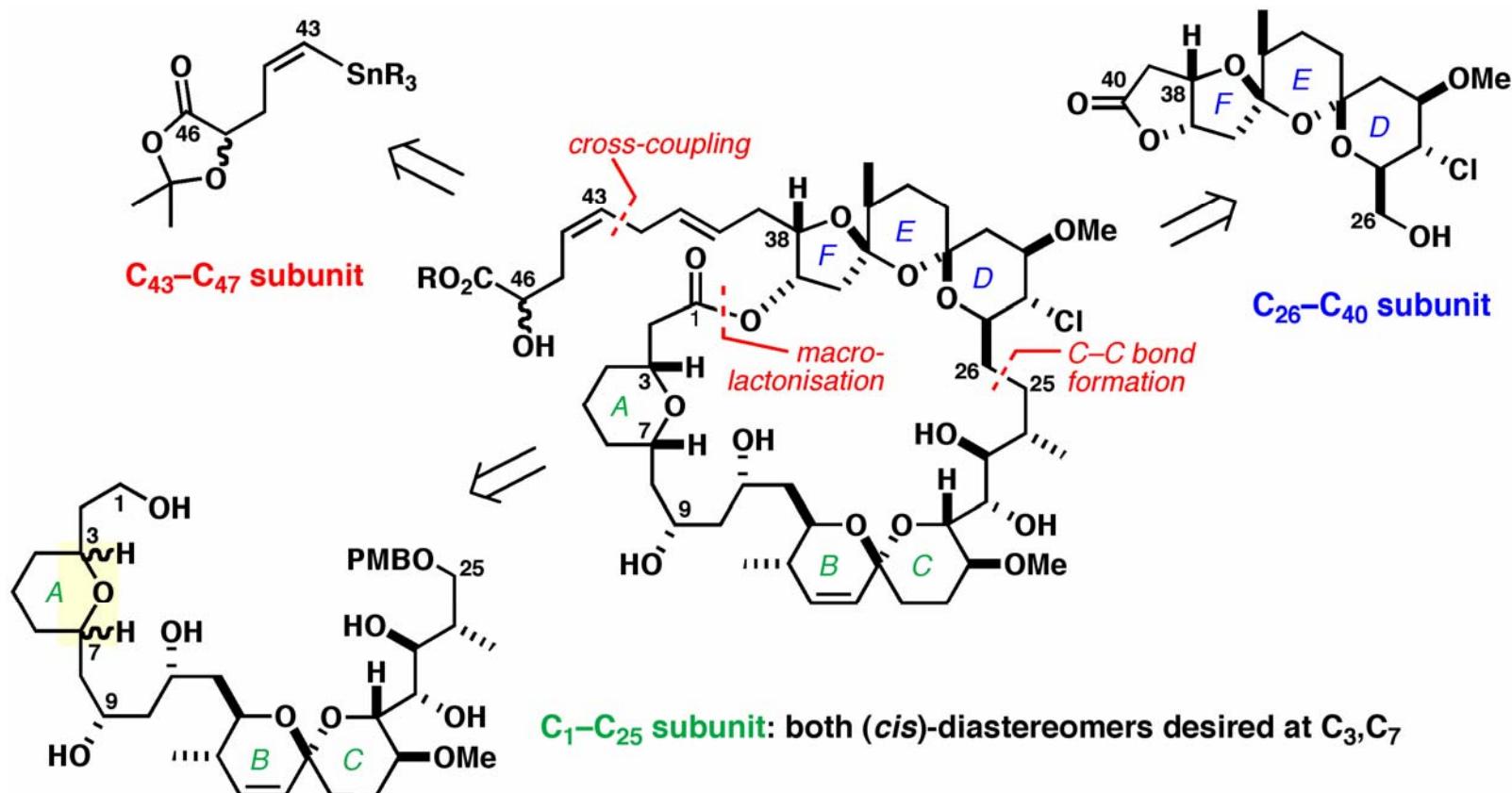
- Double anomeric effects
- C<sub>28</sub> chlorination
- All substituents equatorial

*BC-[6,6]-spiropetal*

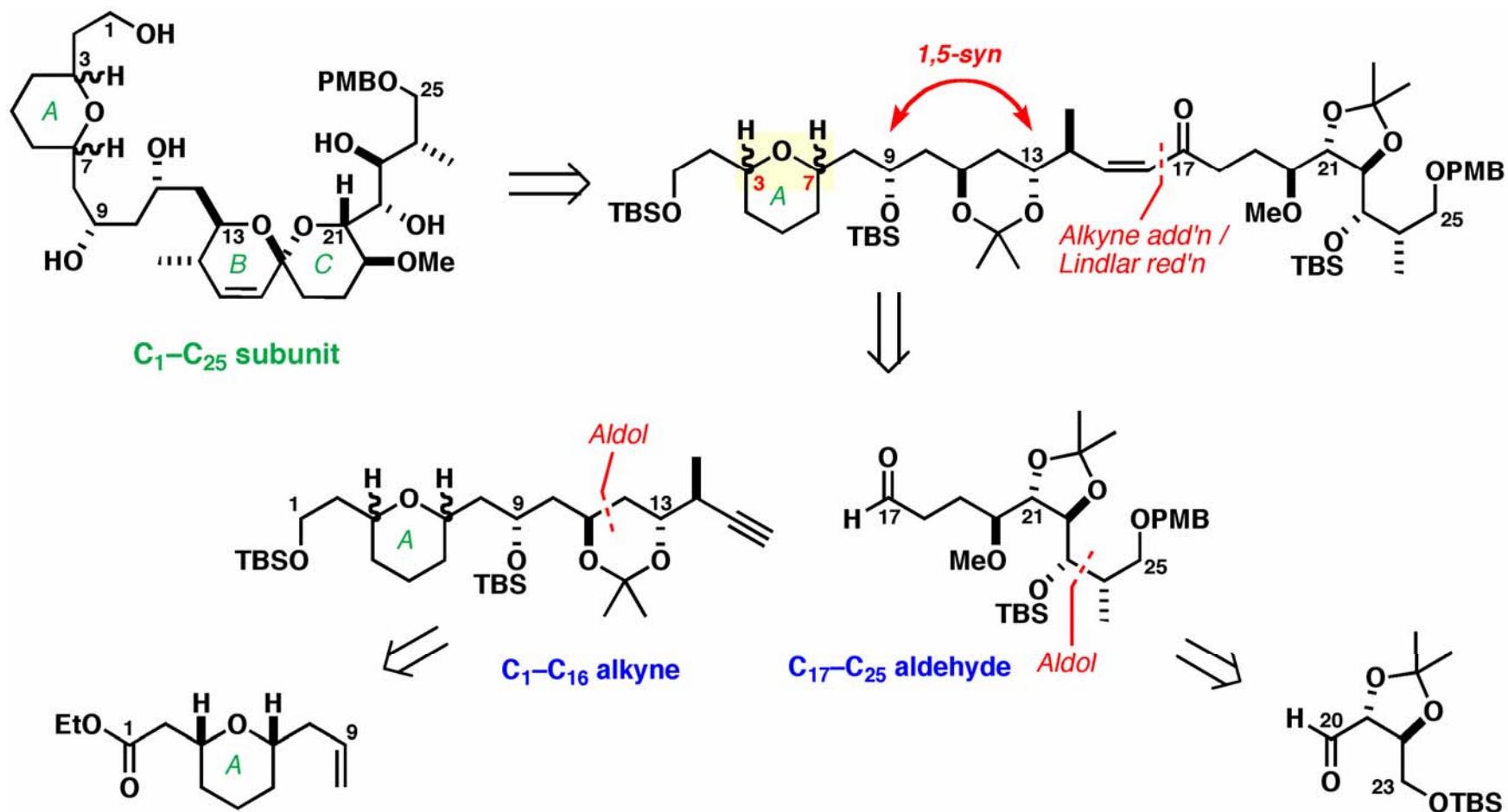


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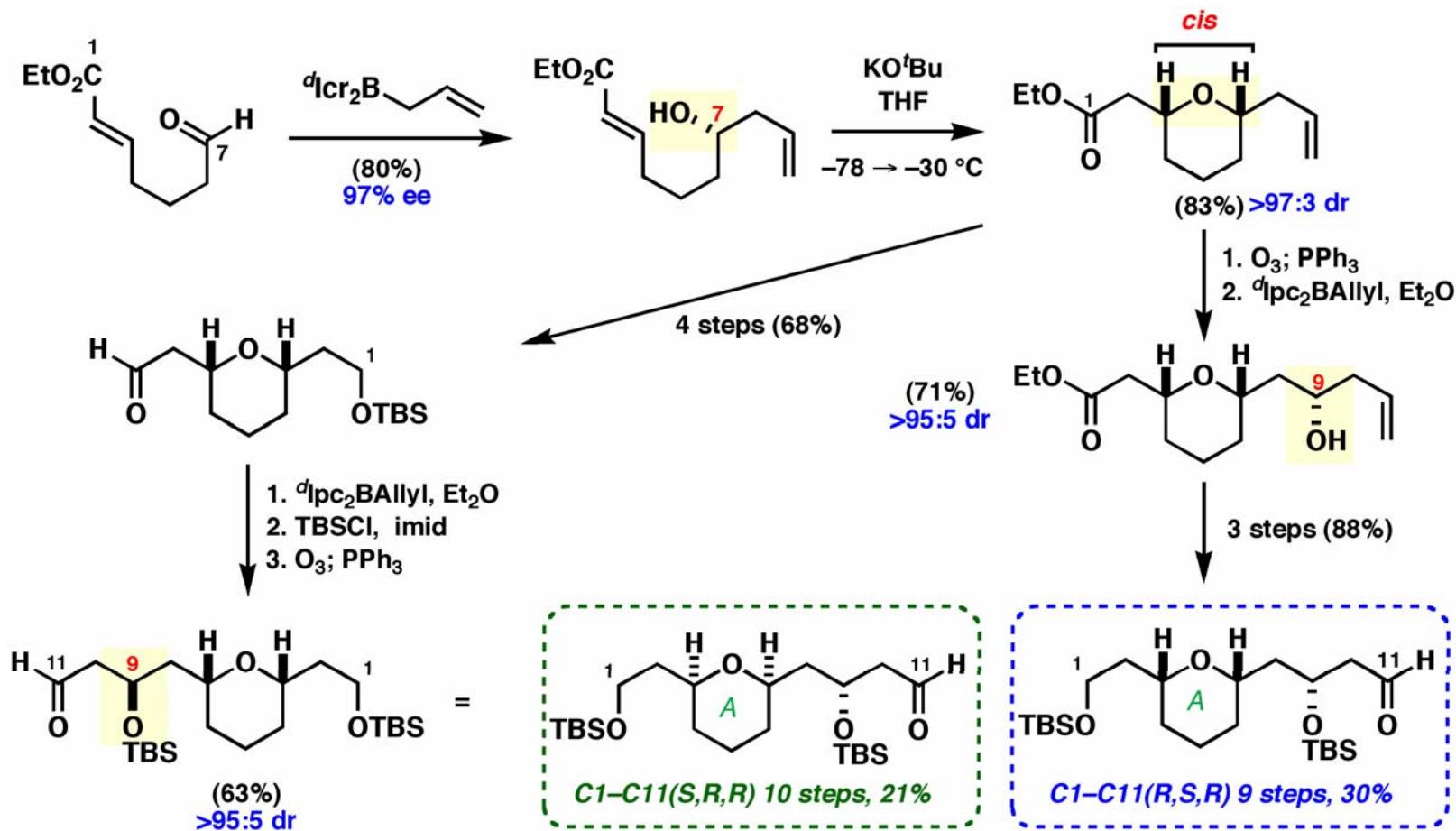
# Spirastrellolide A: Synthetic Planning



# Towards Spirastrellolide A: Revised Approach to the ABC Subunit

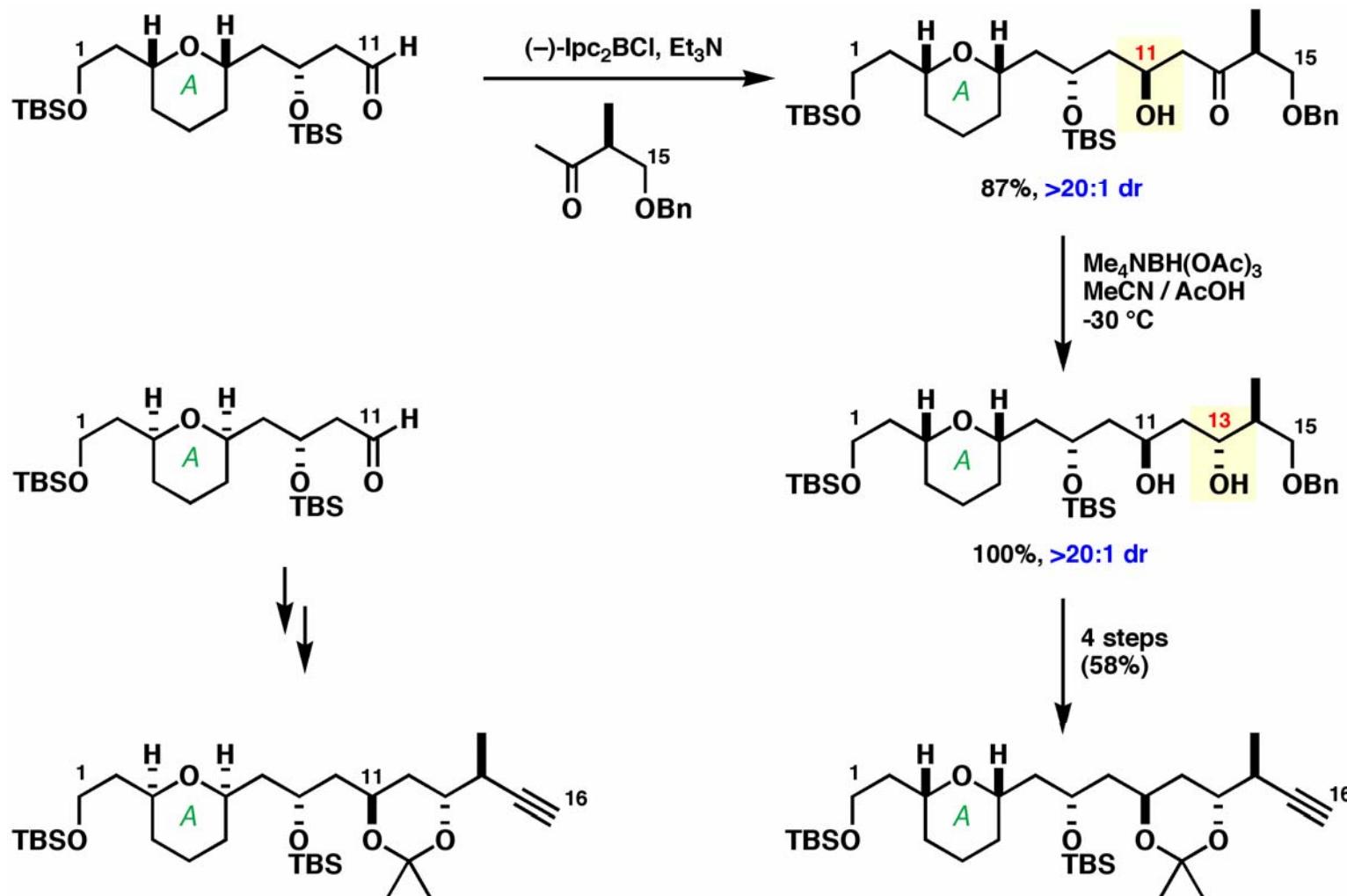


# Towards Spirastrellolide A: The C1–C16 A-Ring Alkynes



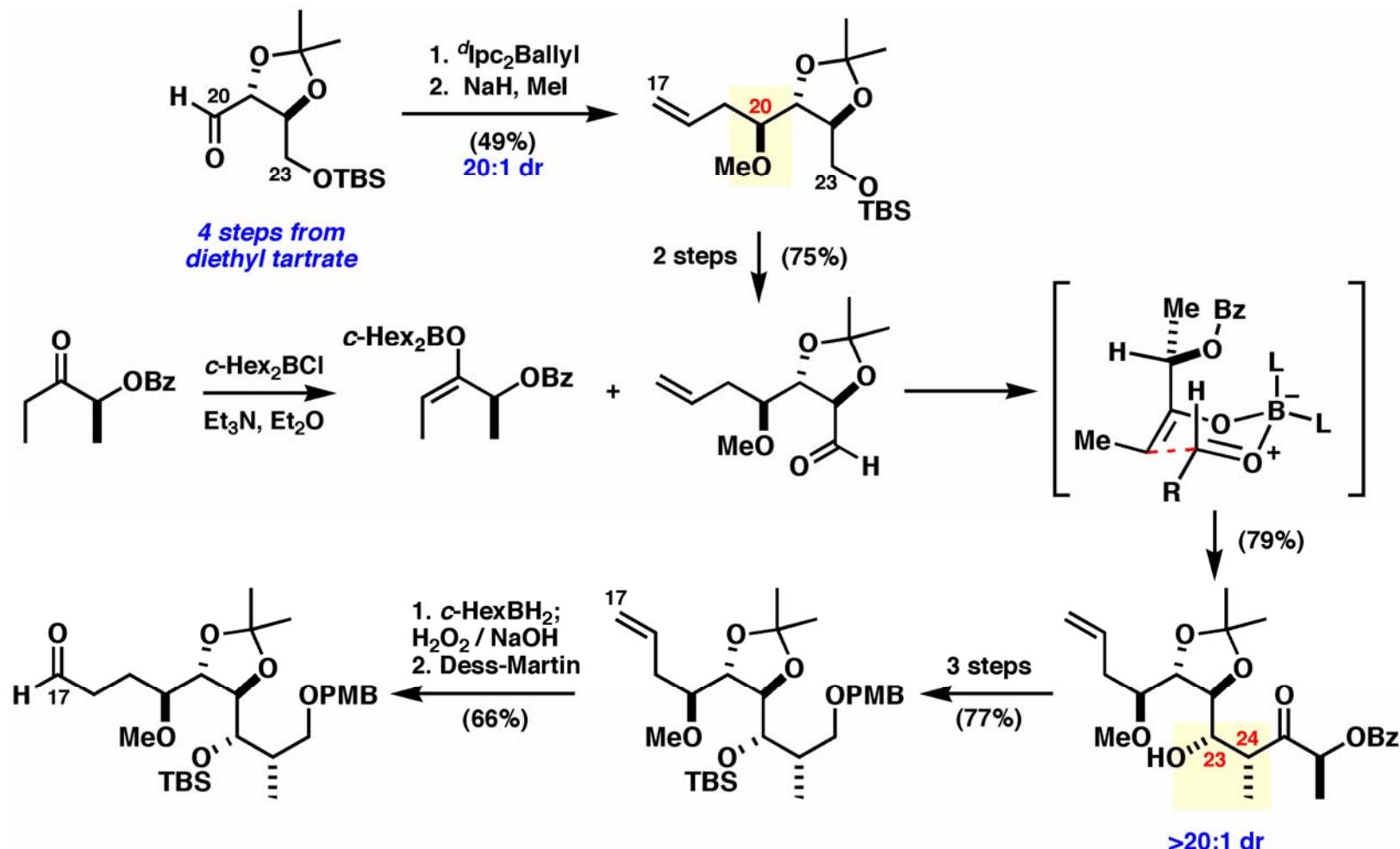
- hetero-Michael reaction sets up *cis*-disubstituted tetrahydropyran
- pseudo- $S_2$  symmetry exploited to generate two diastereomeric C1–C11 subunits

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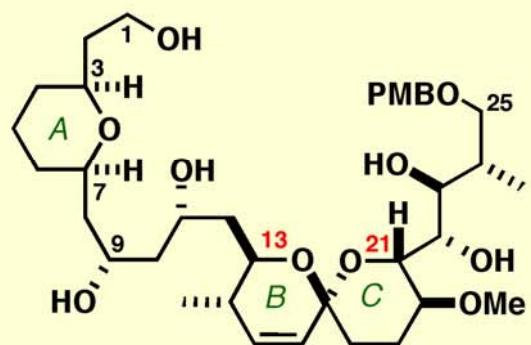
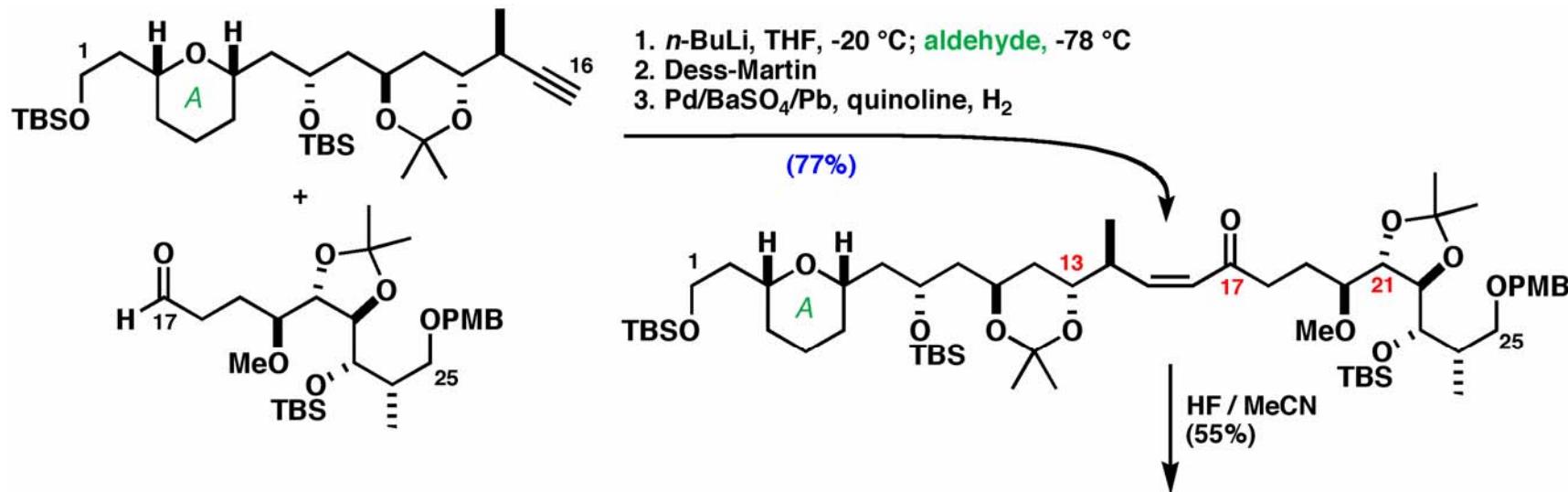
- boron-mediated 1,4-syn aldol reaction and 1,3-anti reduction sets up C11–C15 sequence
- Corey-Fuchs protocol installs terminal alkyne in readiness for coupling step

# Towards Spirastrellolide A: The C17–C25 Aldehyde



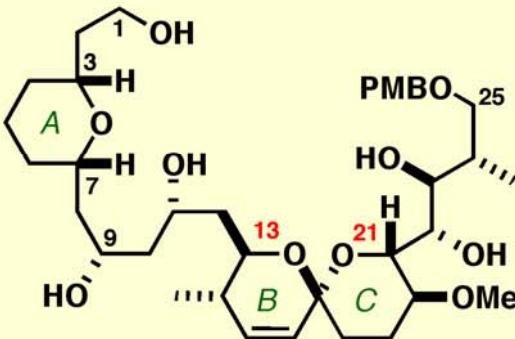
- reagent-based induction used to configure C20, C23 and C24
- lactate-derived ketone achieves highly selective anti aldol addition

# Towards Spirastrellolide A: The C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>25</sub> ABC-Subunits I and II



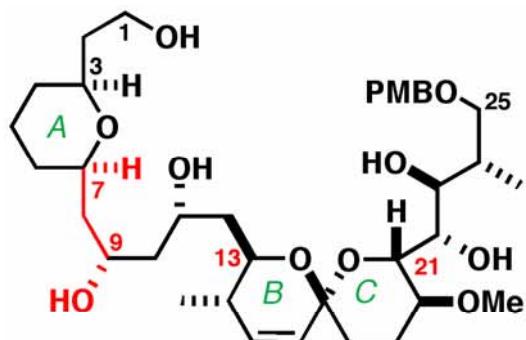
C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>25</sub> subunit II  
 (4 steps, 46%)

vs

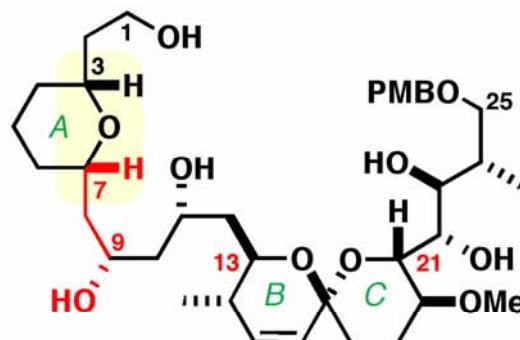


C<sub>1</sub>–C<sub>25</sub> subunit I  
 (4 steps, 42%)

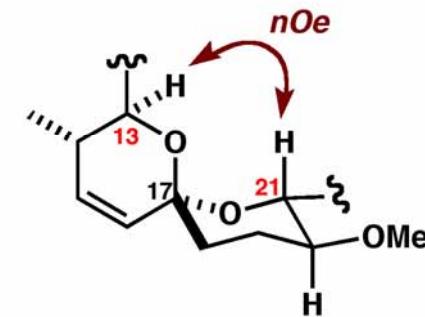
# NMR Comparison of Subunits I and II with Spirastrellolide



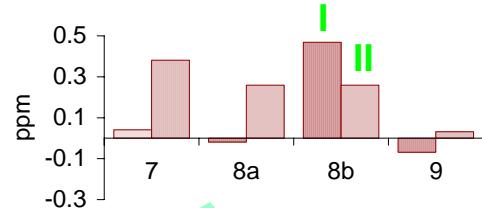
**C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> subunit II**



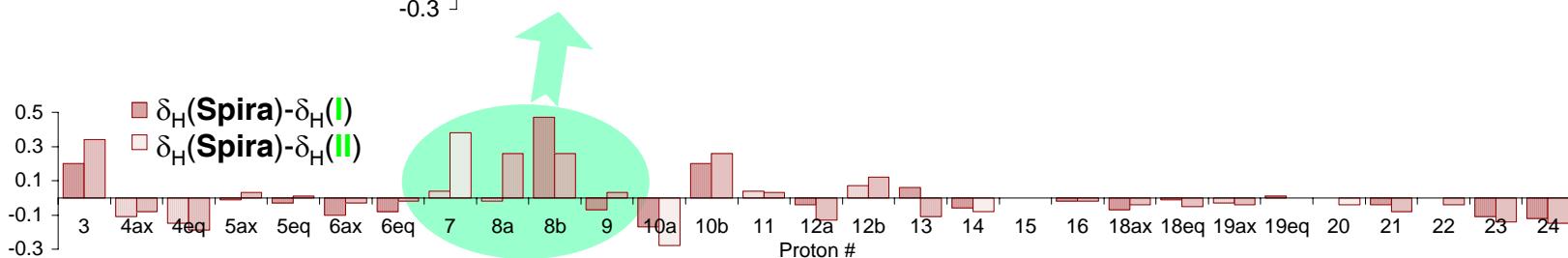
**C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> subunit I**



diagnostic *nOe* correlations  
for spiroacetal moieties in  
both subunits

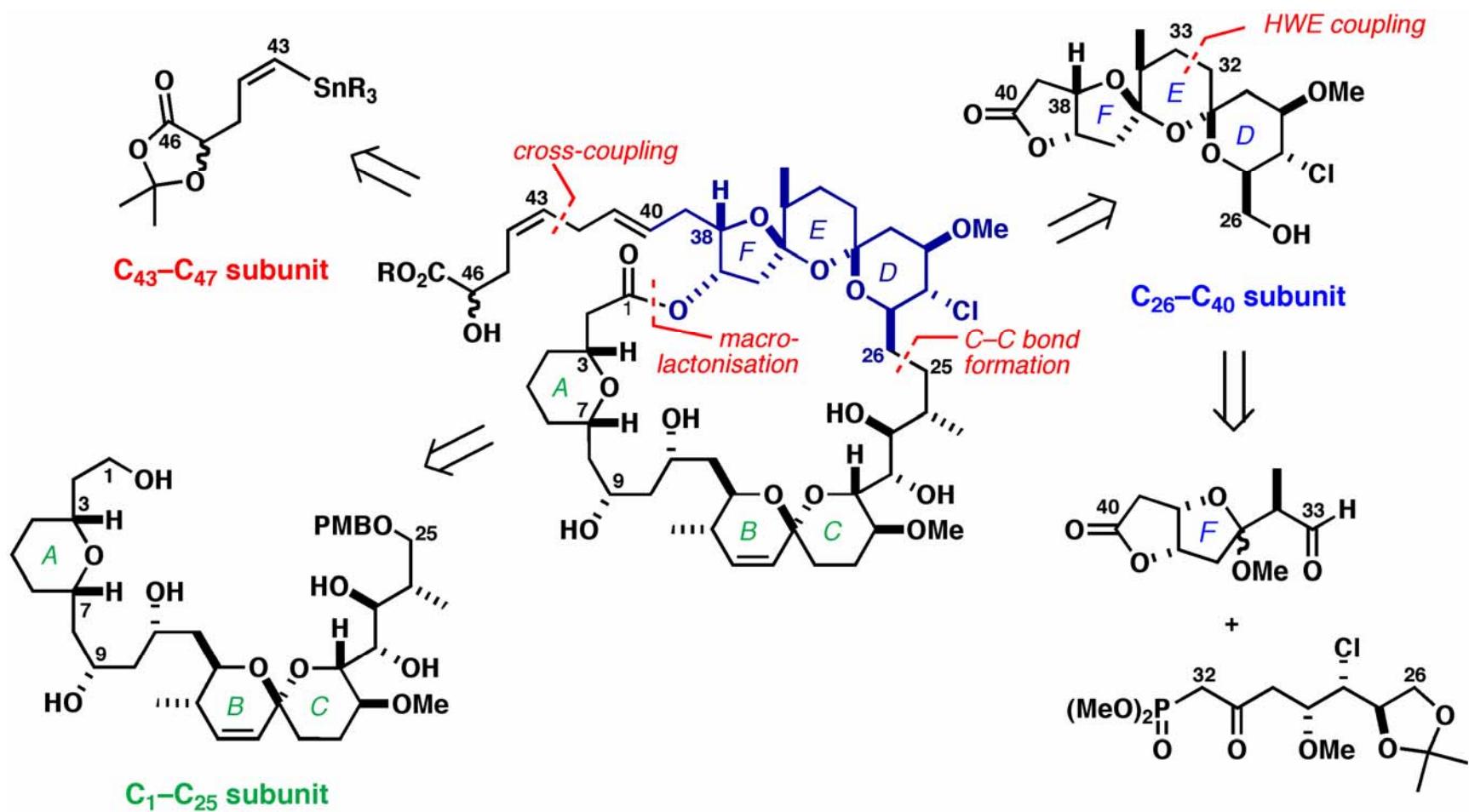


*Subunit I correlates better with  
spirastrellolide at H7, H8a, H9*

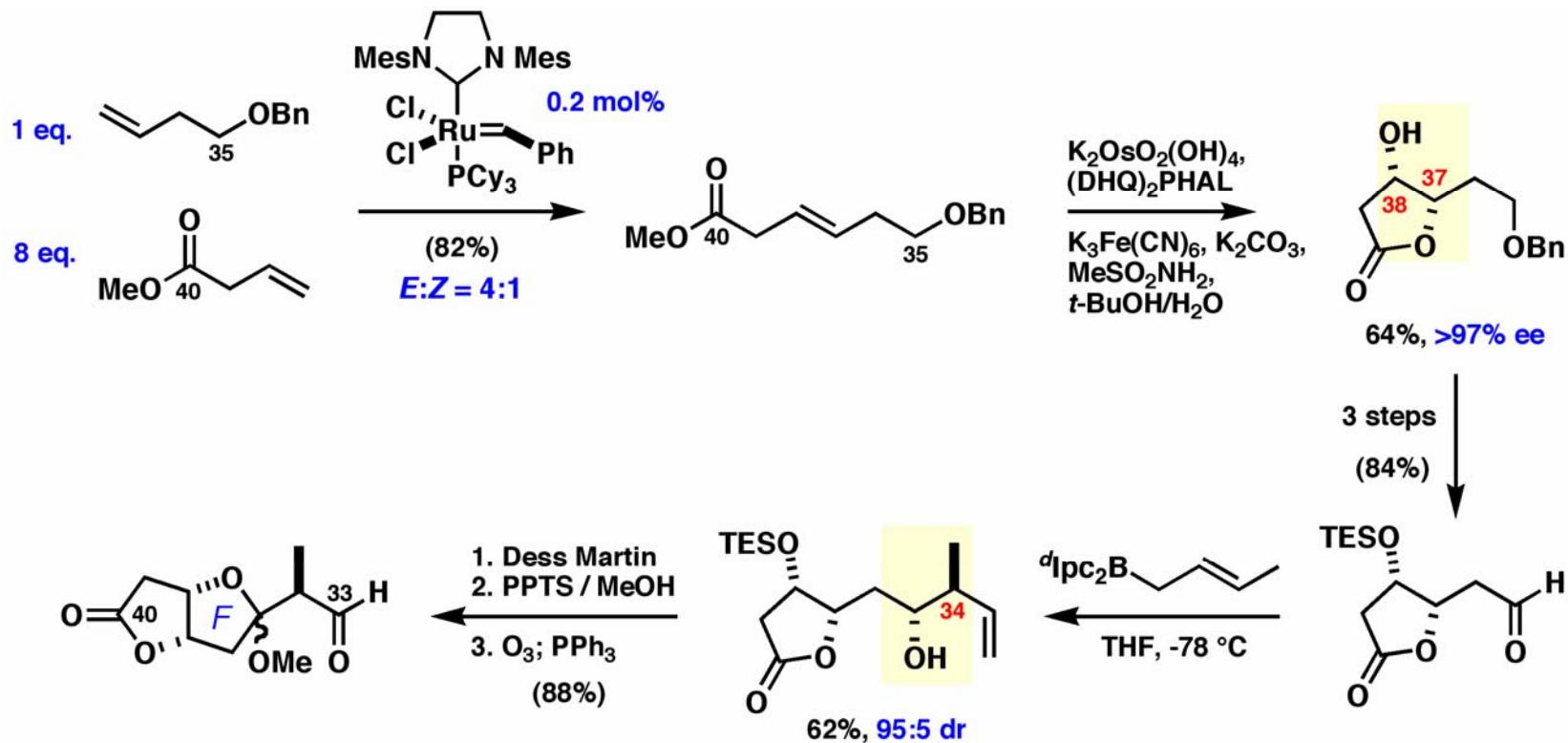


*Comparison of relevant <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts of subunits I and II with spirastrellolide methyl ester*

# Spirastrellolide A: Synthetic Planning

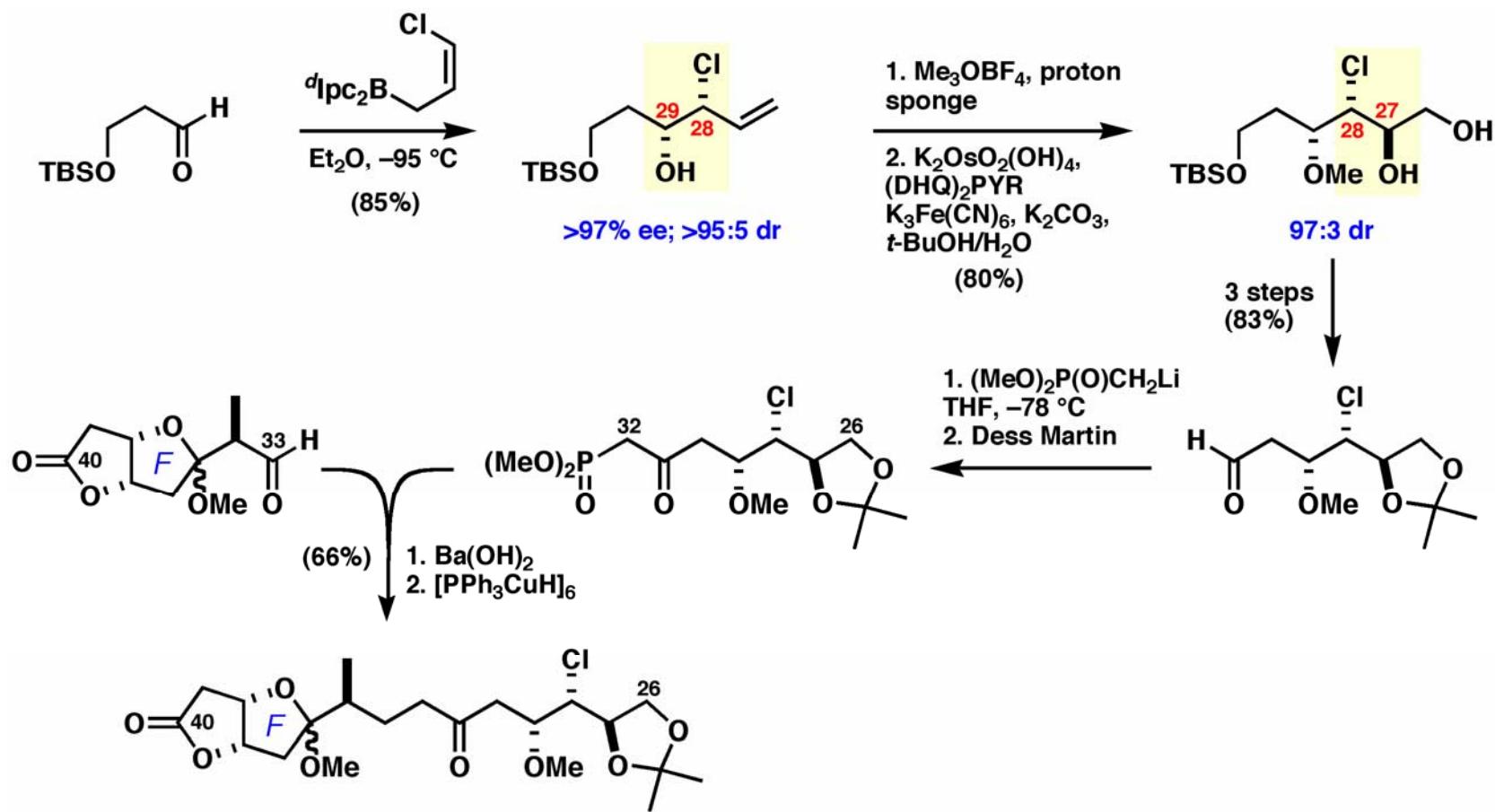


# Towards Spirastrellolide A: The C26–C40 DEF Subunit



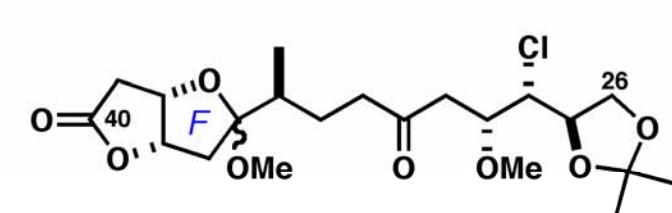
- Sharpless AD enables hydroxyl differentiation; recrystallisation enhances ee
- Brown crotylboration configures labile C34 methyl-bearing stereocentre

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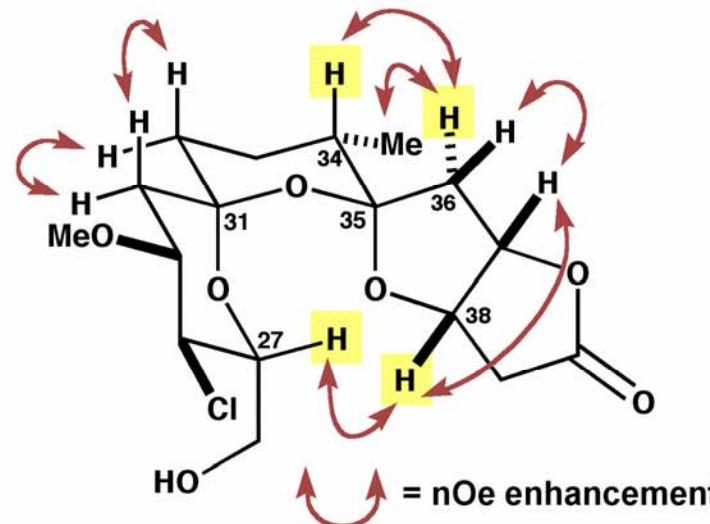
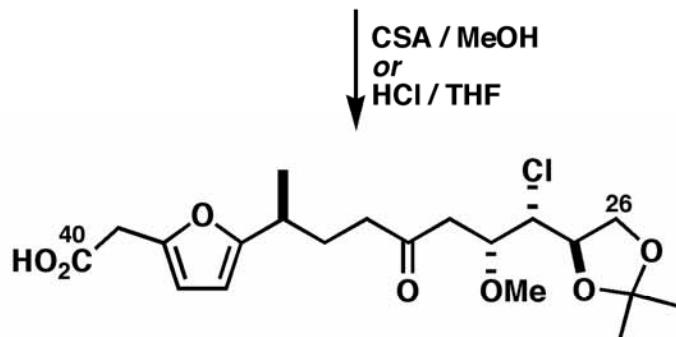
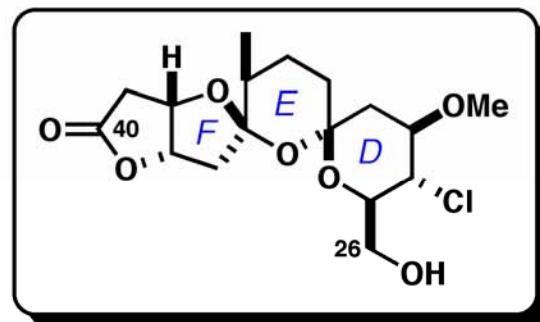


- asymmetric chloroallylation by Oehlschlager procedure configures chlorohydrin
- Sharpless AD using non-standard  $\text{DHQ}_2\text{PYR}$  ligand leads to matched situation
- $\text{Ba(OH)}_2$ -mediated HWE and 1,4-reduction gives substrate for spiroacetalisation

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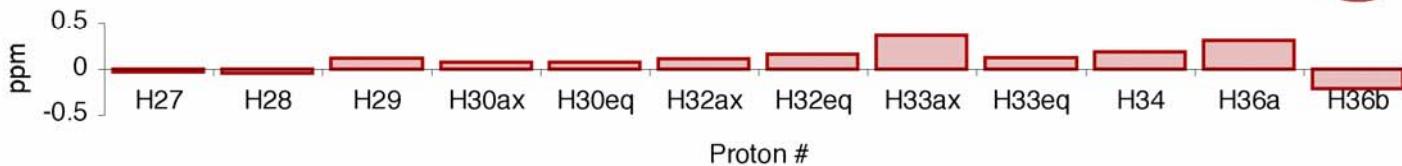


Dowex 50Wx8  
MeOH / H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1)  
70 °C  
(40%)



*Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts with spirastrellolide methyl ester*

$\delta_{\text{H}}(\text{DEF}) - \delta_{\text{H}}(\text{Spirastrellolide})$



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