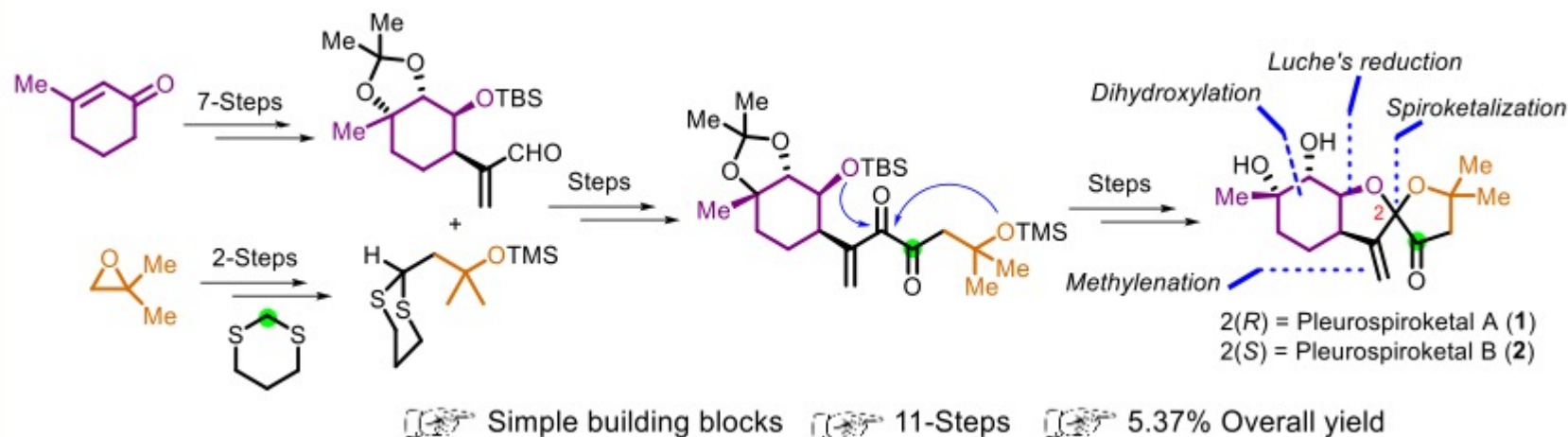


# Stereoselective Total Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Pleurospiroketals A and B

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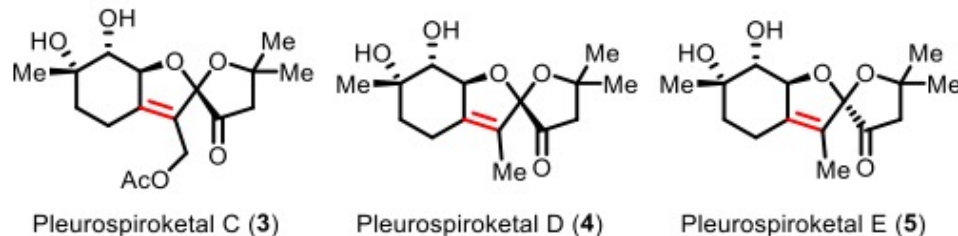
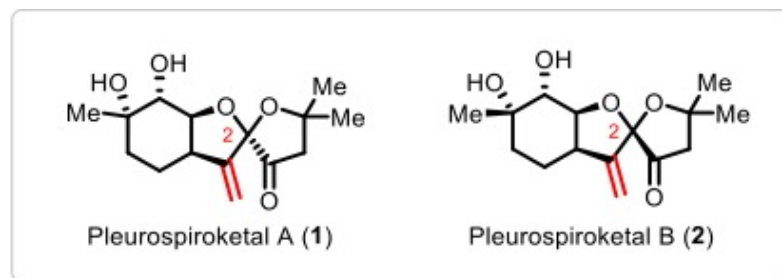
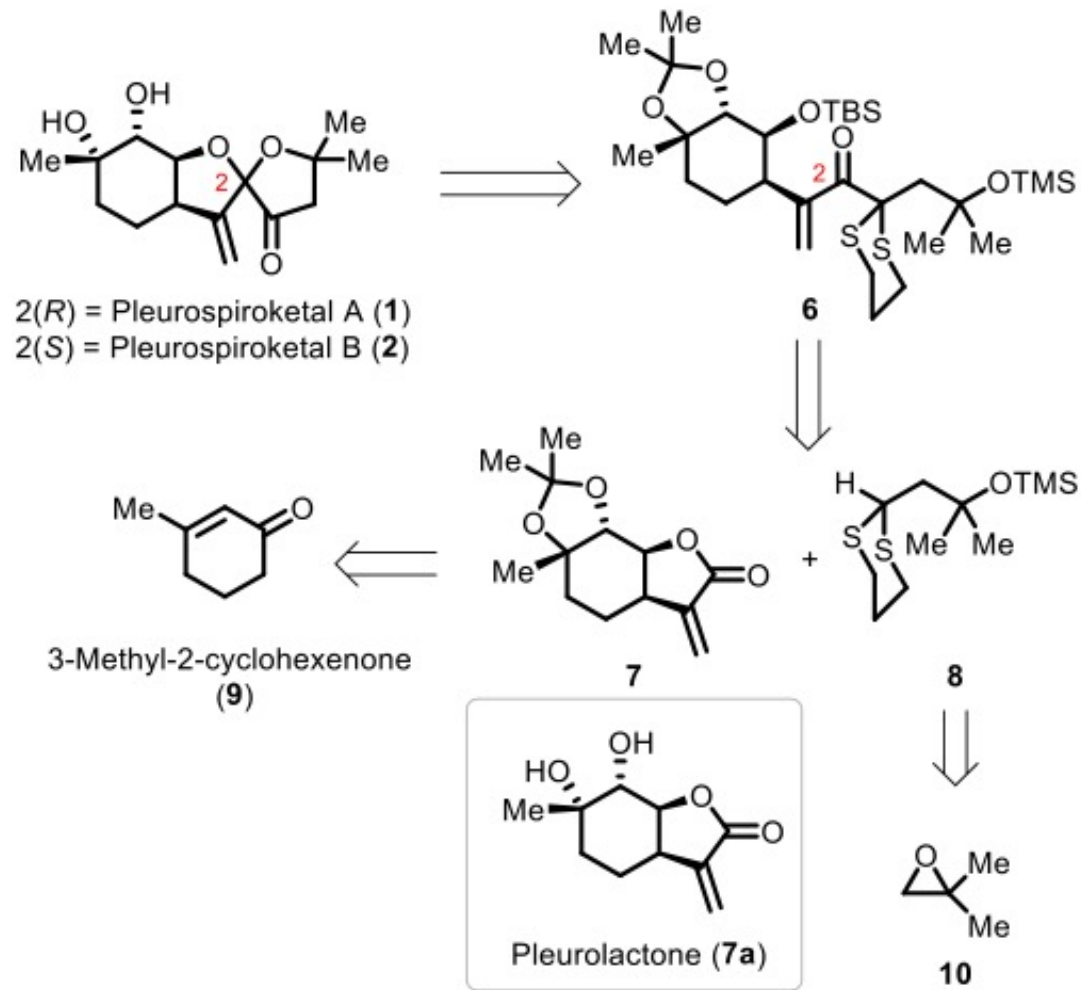
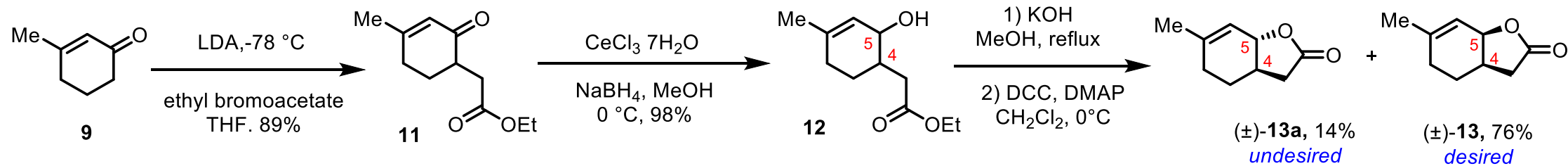


Figure 1. Structures of Pleurospiroketals A–E (1–5).

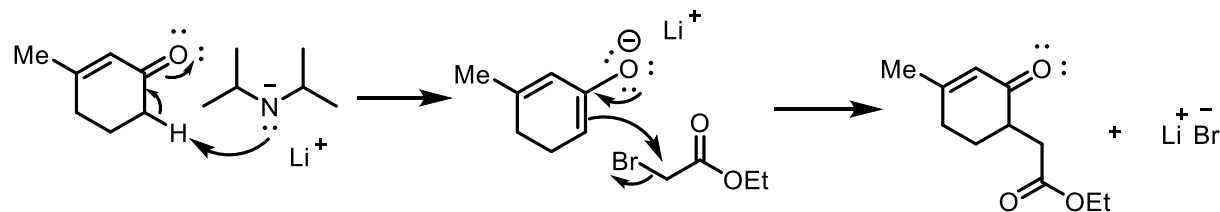
- Sesquiterpenes are the largest subgroup of terpenoids
- Pleurospiroketals A-E isolated in 2013 from the culture of the edible mushroom *Pleurotus cornucopiae*.
- 1 and 2 displayed cytotoxic activity against the HeLa cell line (IC<sub>50</sub> = 20.6, and 32.8  $\mu$ M)
- 1 and 2 are C2-epimers(at spiro-center)
- 6/5/5-tricyclic ring system
- perhydrobenzannulated [5,5]-spiroketal framework
- four contiguous stereocenters.

## Initial Retrosynthetic Analysis of Pleurospiroketals A (1) and B (2)

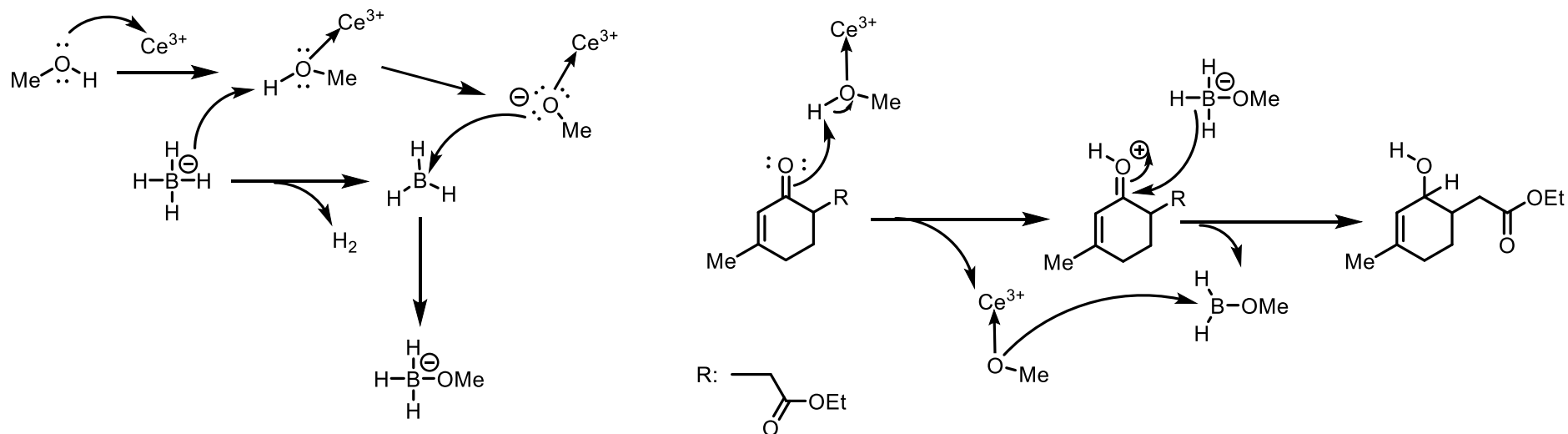


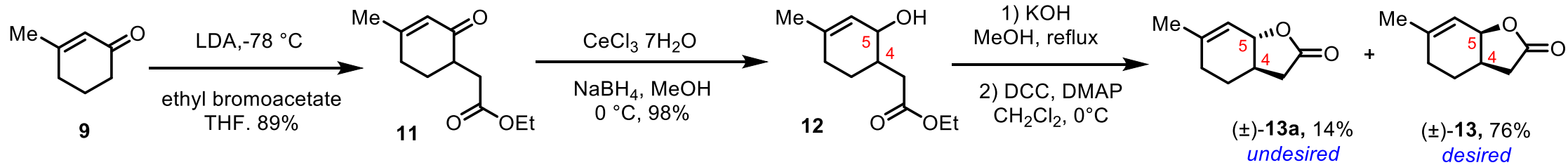


From **9** to **11**:  
Alkylation of enolate



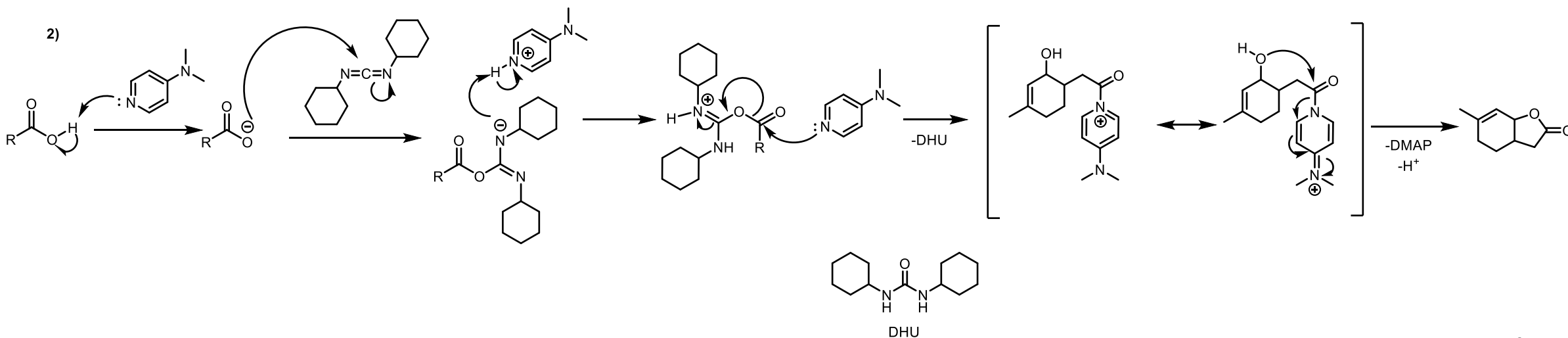
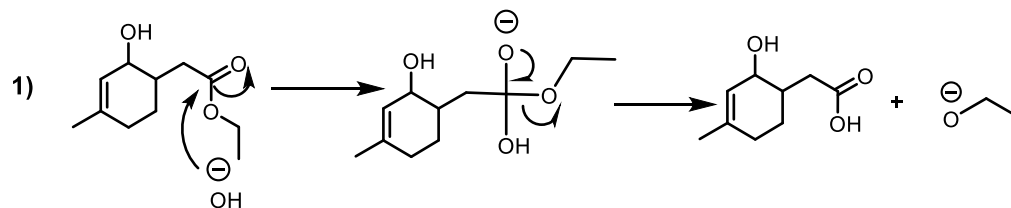
From **11** to **12**:  
Luche reduction

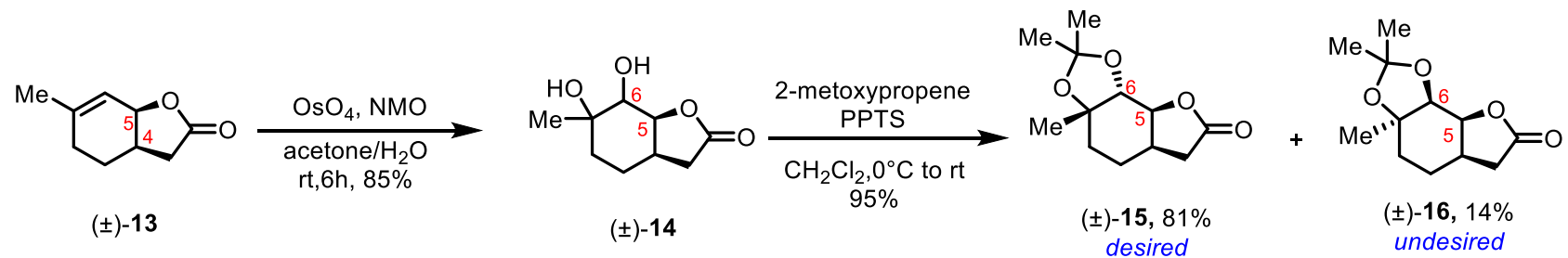




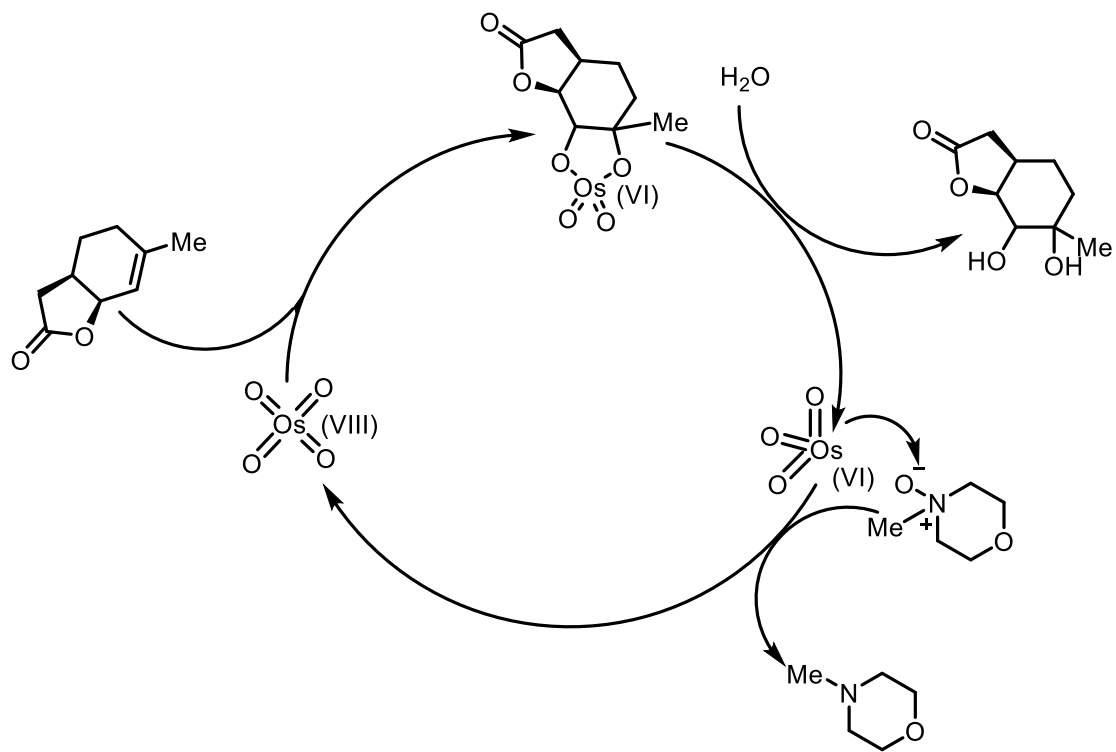
From **12** to **13**:

- 1) Saponification;
- 2) Steglich type esterification

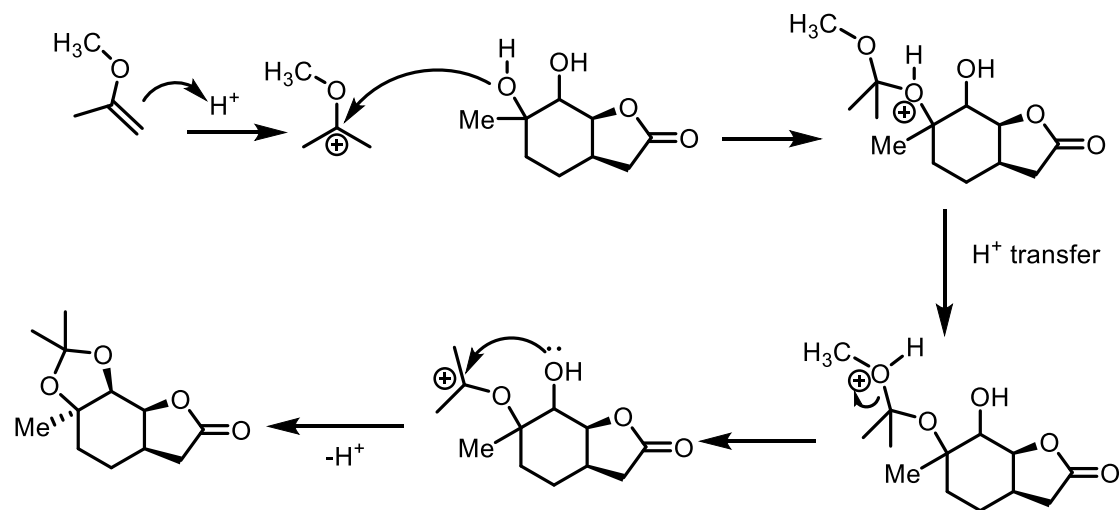


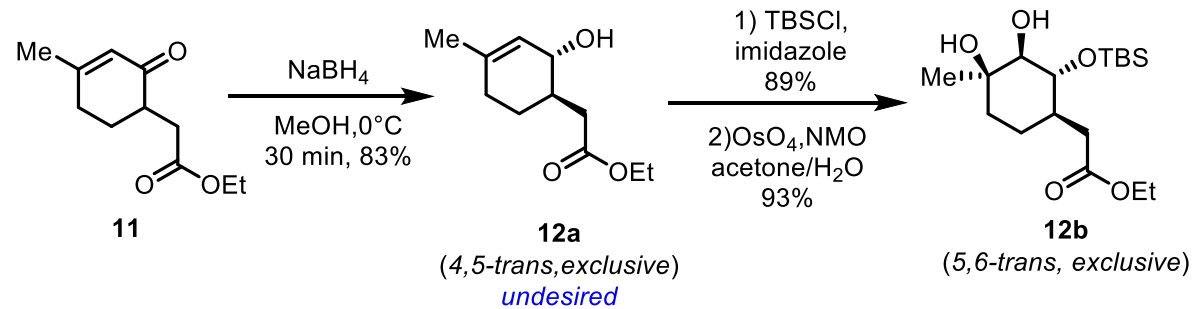


From **13** to **14**:  
Upjohn Dihydroxylation



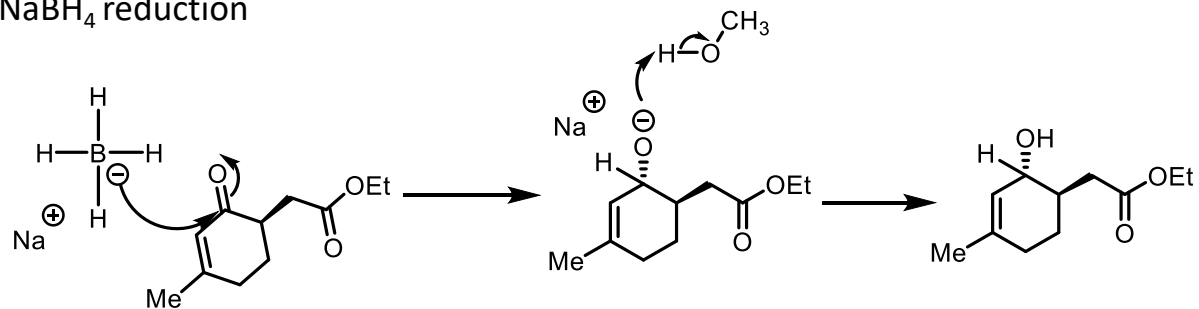
From **14** to **15**:  
2-methoxypropene protection





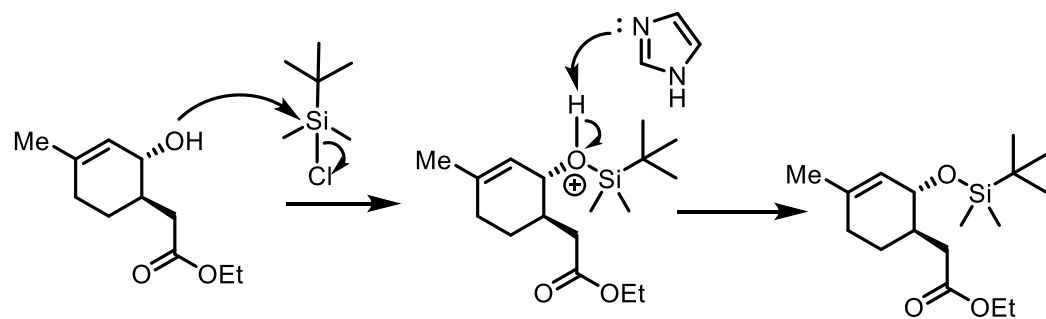
From **11** to **12**:

NaBH<sub>4</sub> reduction

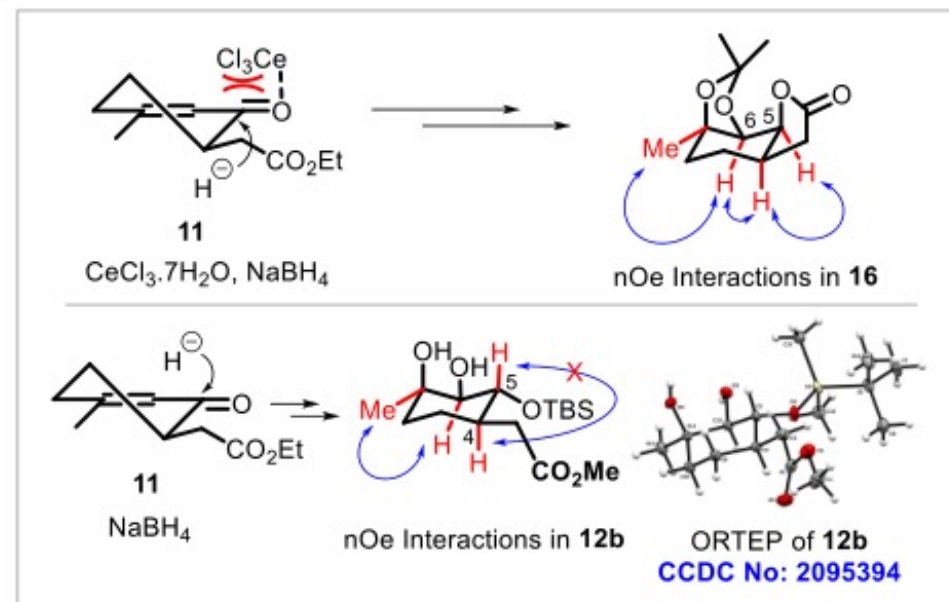


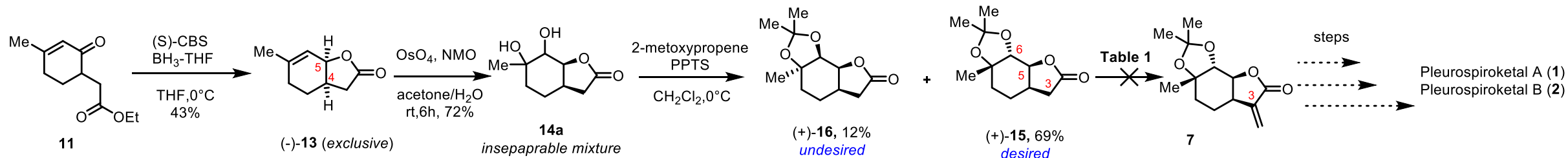
From **12a** to **12b**:

TBS protection of alcohol



c. Analysis of stereochemical outcome in reduction of **11**:





From 11 to 13:

- 1) Corey-Bakshi-Shibata reaction
- 2) Formation of lactone

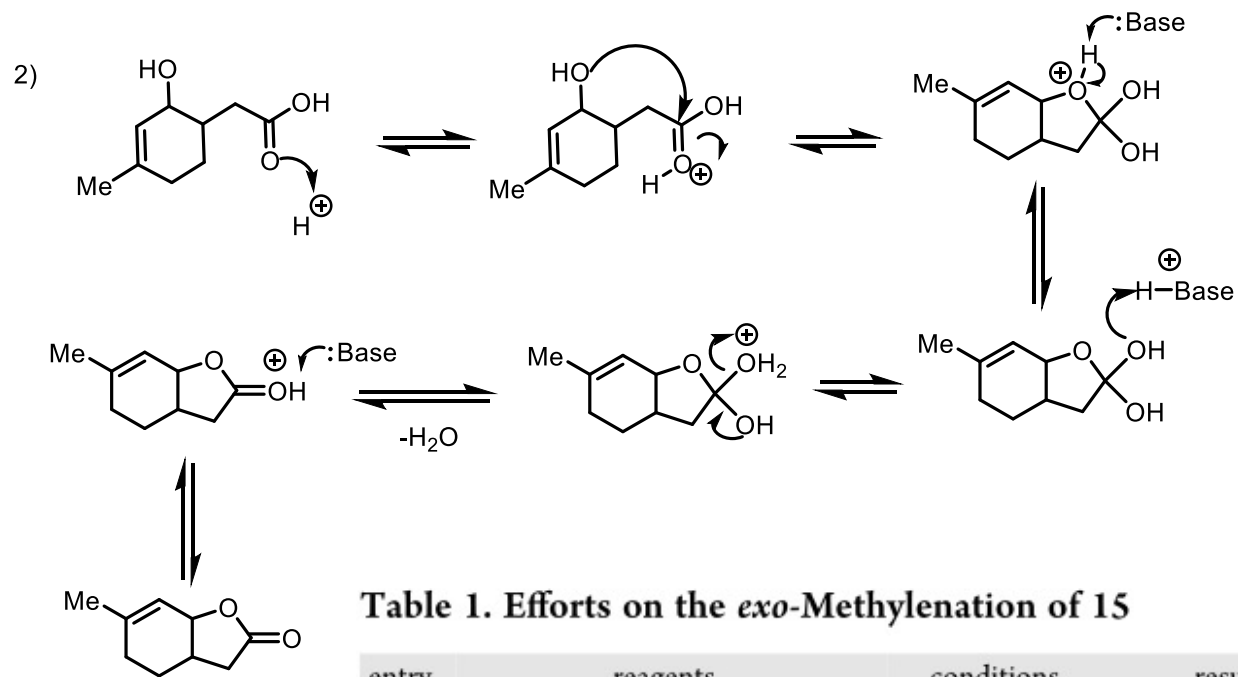
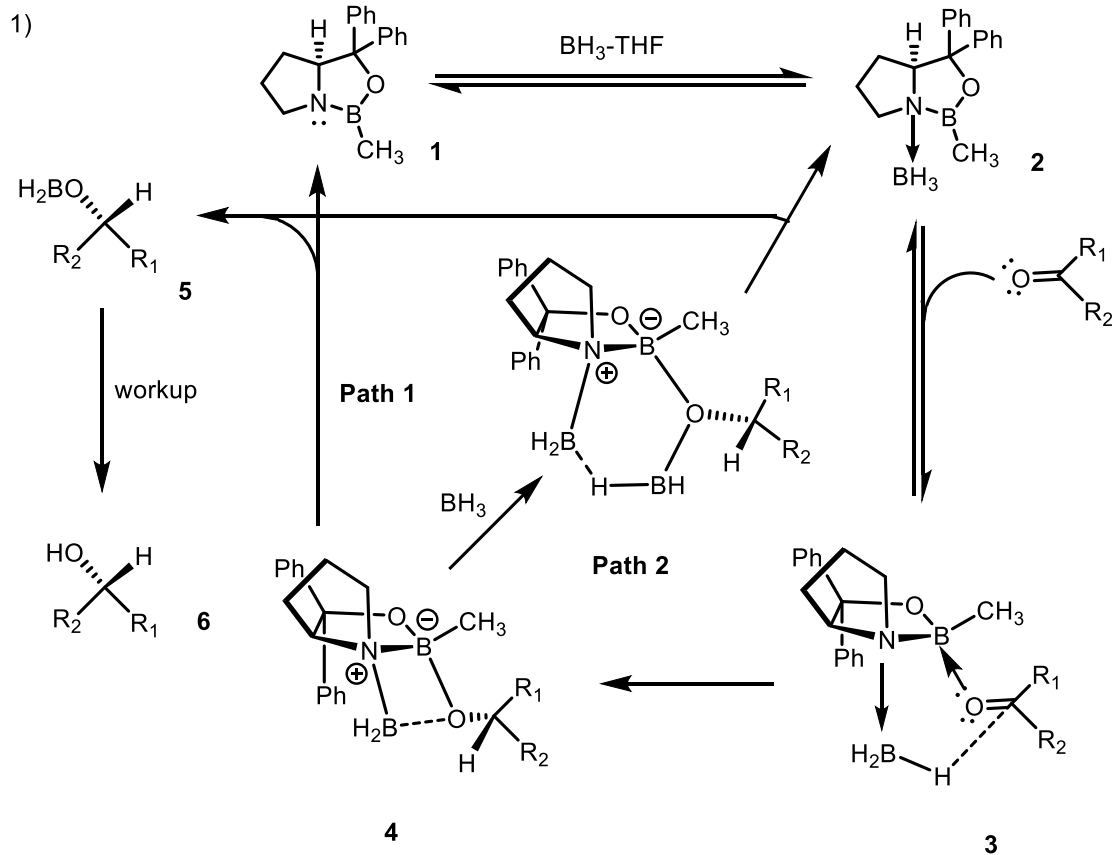
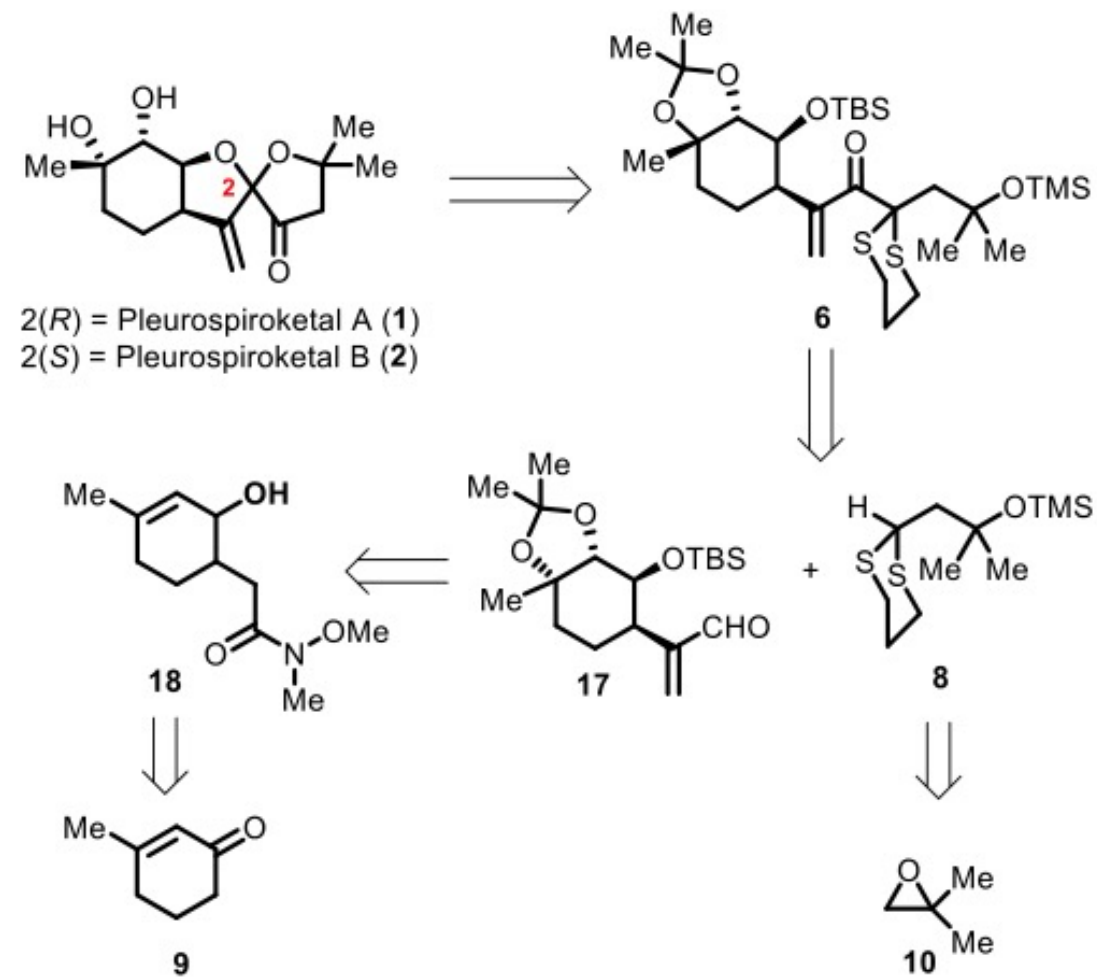
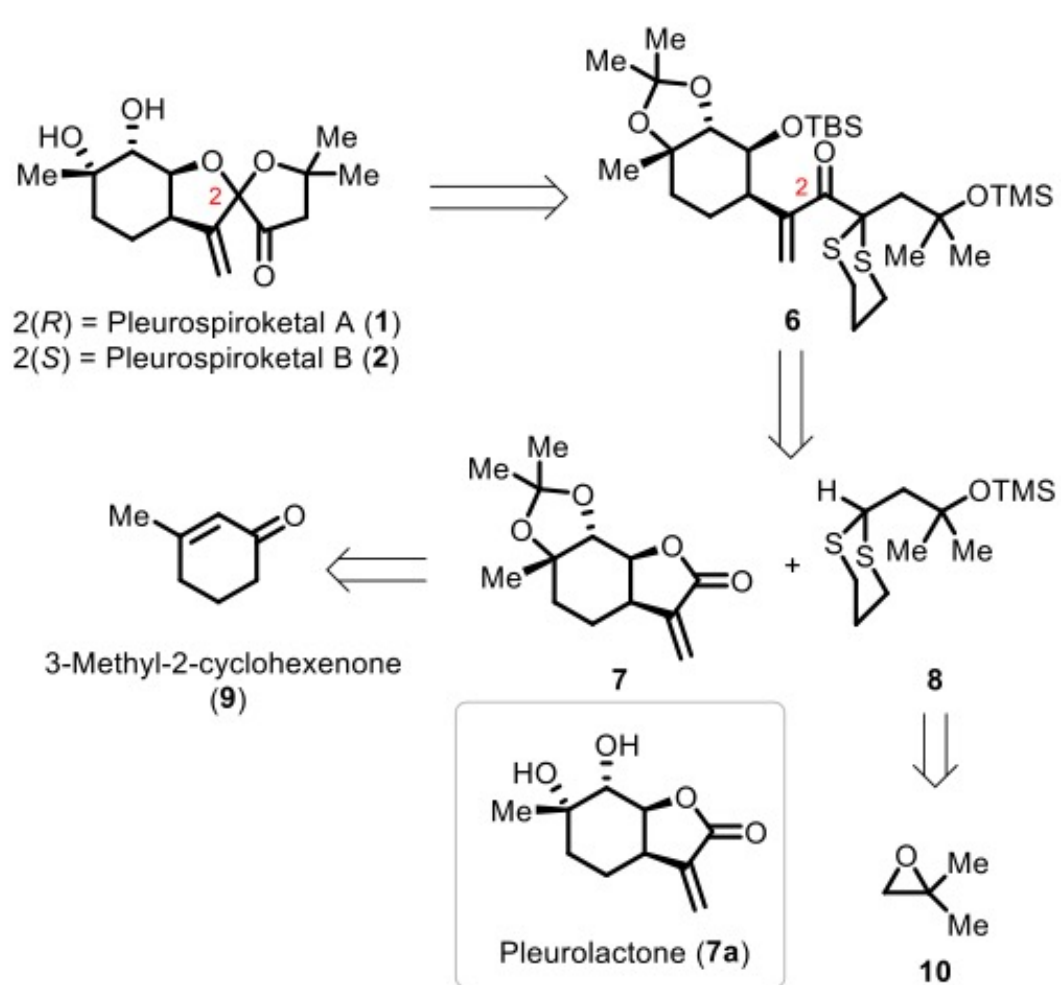


Table 1. Efforts on the *exo*-Methylenation of 15

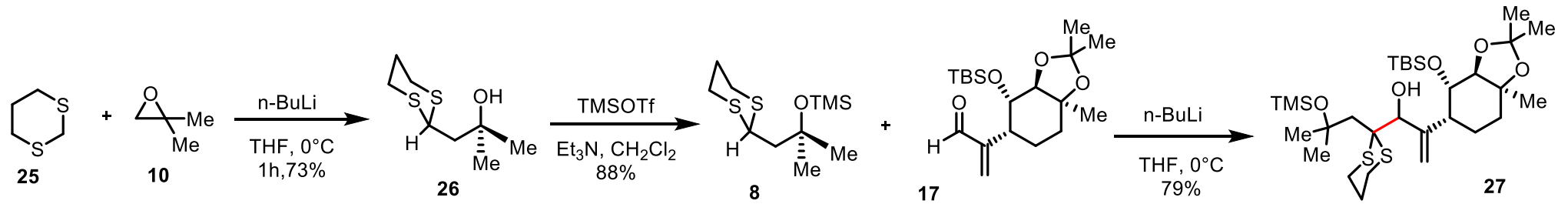
entry	reagents	conditions	result
1	Eschenmoser's salt, Et <sub>3</sub> N	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , rt	15 recovered
2	Eschenmoser's salt, LDA	THF, -78 °C	15 recovered
3	LDA, (CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>	THF, -78 °C	15 recovered
4	LDA, hydroxymethyl phthalimide	THF, -78 °C	15 recovered
5	PhNHMe·TFA, (CH <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>	THF, 70 °C	15 recovered
6	(1) LDA, PhSeCl (2) LDA, MeI, then H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	THF, -78 °C	decomposition

## Initial and Revised Retrosynthetic Analysis of ( $\pm$ )Pleurospiroketals A (1) and B (2)



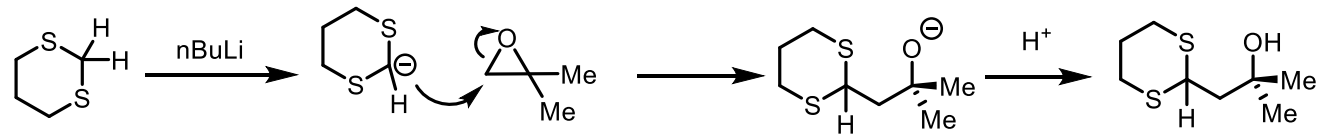






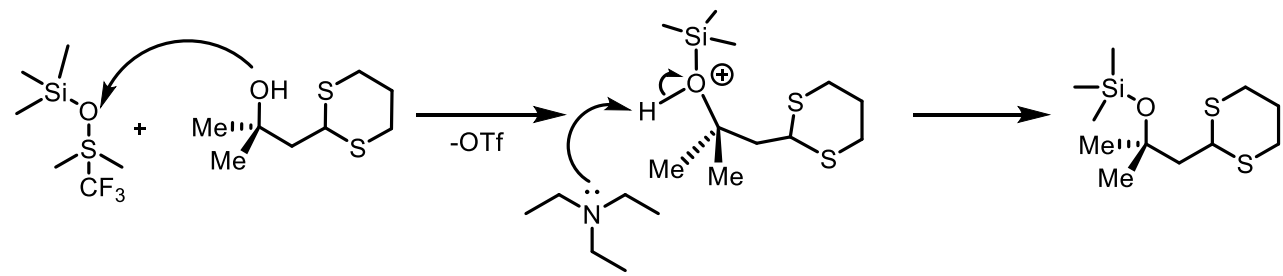
From **25** to **26**:

Corey-Seebach Reaction

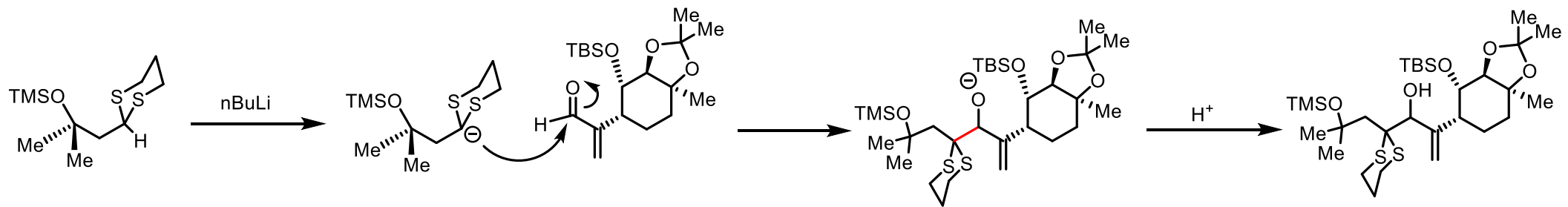


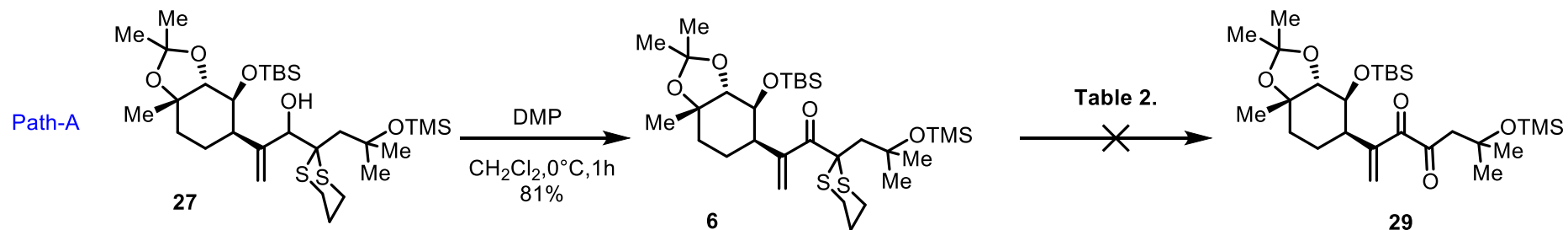
From **26** to **8**:

TMS protection of alcohol



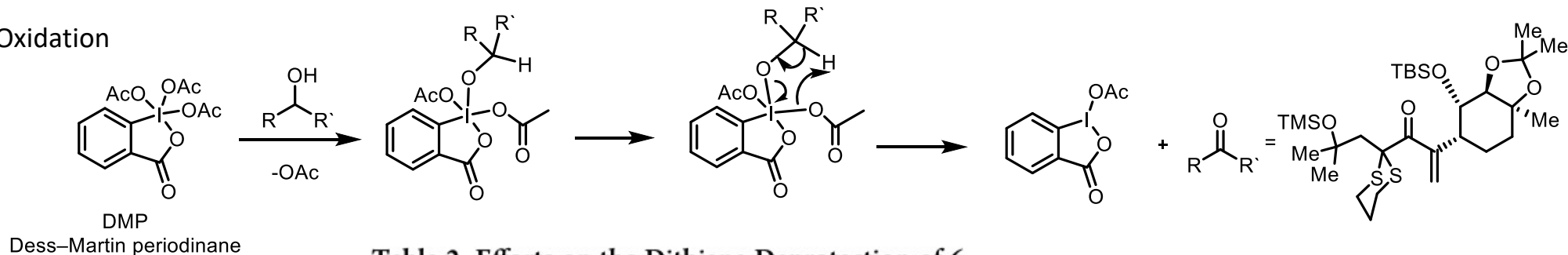
From **17** to **27**:





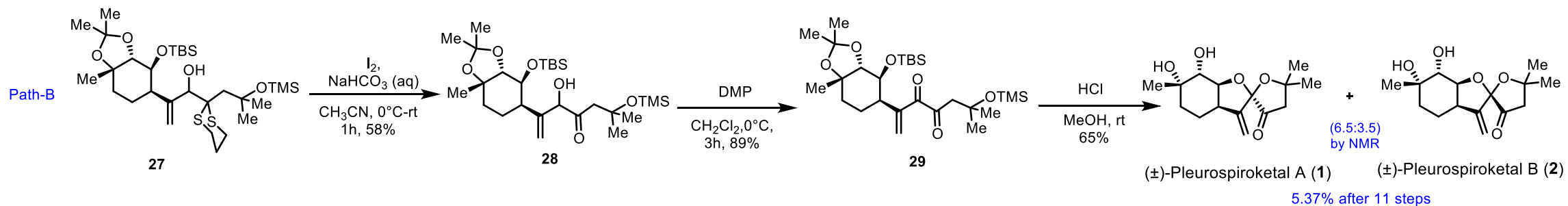
From **27** to **6**:

Dess-Martin Oxidation

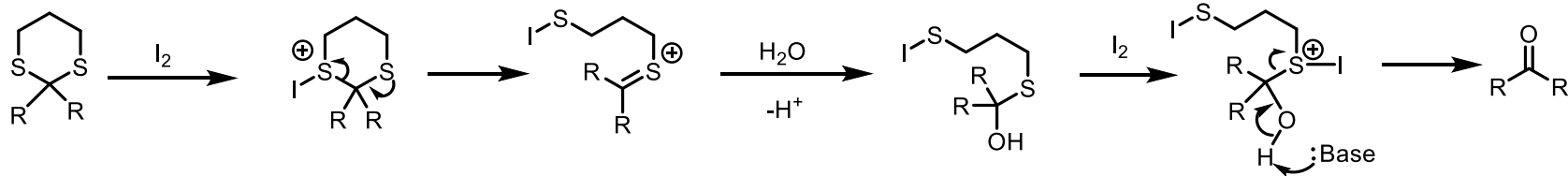


**Table 2. Efforts on the Dithiane Deprotection of **6****

entry	reagents	conditions	result
1	I <sub>2</sub> , sat. aq. NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	<b>6</b> recovered
2	NaH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> , NaClO <sub>2</sub> , 2-methyl-2-butene	MeOH:H <sub>2</sub> O (2:1)	complex mixture
3	H <sub>5</sub> IO <sub>6</sub>	Et <sub>2</sub> O, THF, 0 °C	complex mixture
4	HgCl <sub>2</sub> , CaCO <sub>3</sub>	THF/CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O (1:8:1)	complex mixture
5	CuCl <sub>2</sub> , CuO	acetone:H <sub>2</sub> O	complex mixture
6	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , MeOH, rt, 4 h	decomposed
7	MeI, K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O (10:1), 45 °C, 5 h	complex mixture
8	Eosin Y, 45 W, CFL	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O, rt, open-air	complex mixture

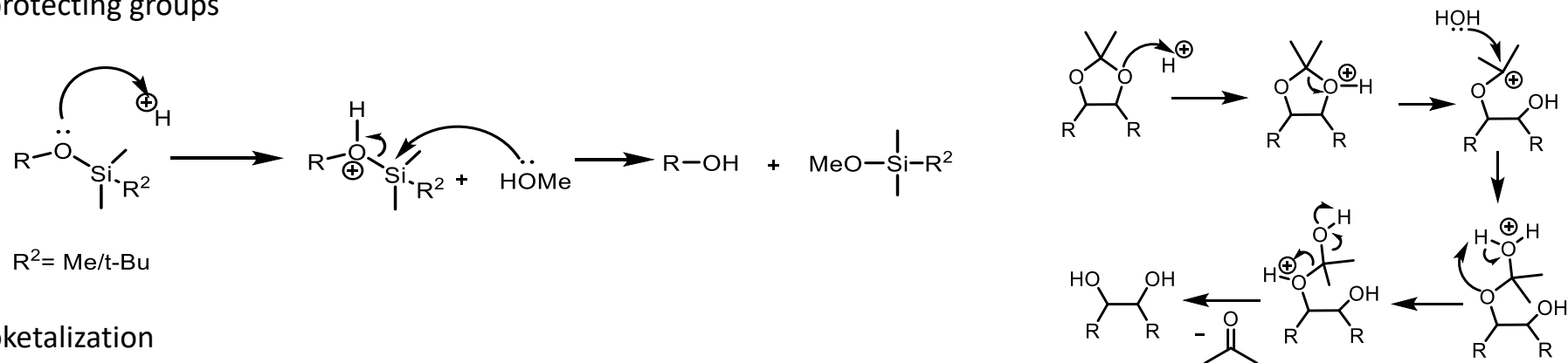


From **27** to **28**: 1,3 -dithiane deprotection

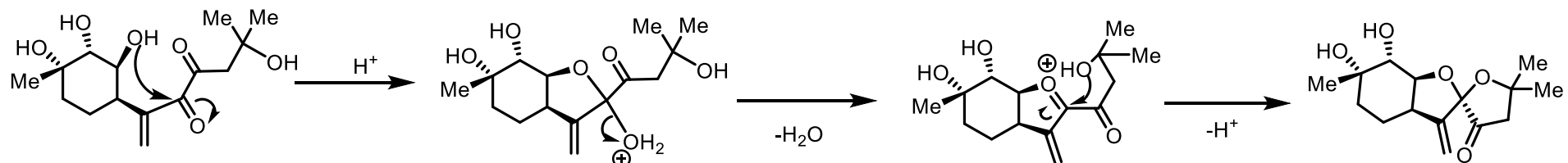


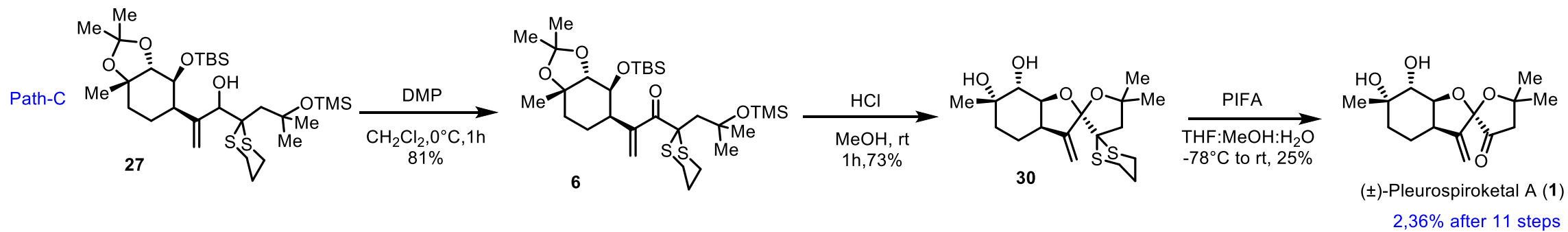
From **29** to **1** and **2**:

Hydrolysis of the protecting groups



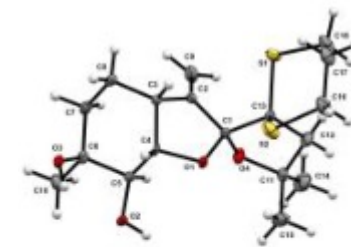
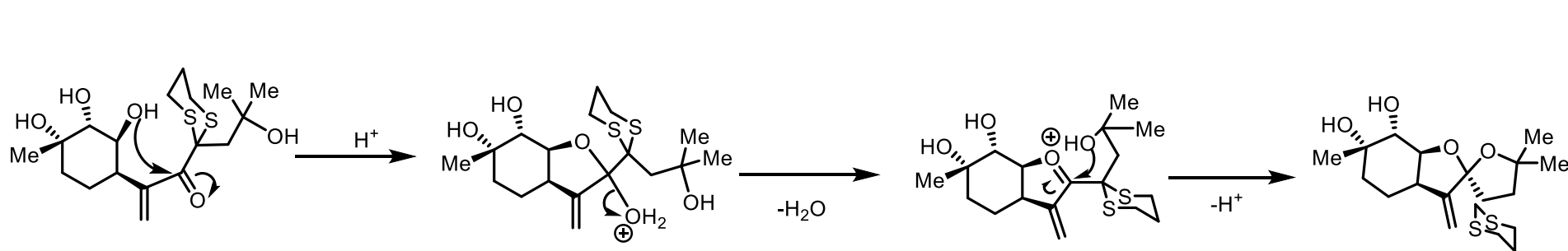
Acid-induced spiroketalization





From **6** to **30**:

Acid-induced spiroketalization



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From **30** to **1**:

Oxidative 1,3-dithiane deprotection

