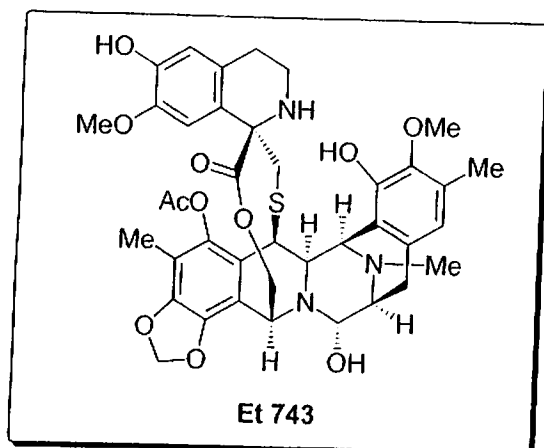


# Total Synthesis of Ecteinascidin 743

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## 1. Introduction



Ecteinascidin 743 (Et 743), containing 5 ring skeletons together with 3-highly oxidized aromatic rings and 7 asymmetric centers and bearing sulfur atom, is one of a series of structurally related antitumor antibiotics.

**Isolation;** from Caribbean tunicate *Ecteinascidia turbibate* by Rinehart *et al.* in 1986.

**Structure;** determined by exhaustive NMR and X-ray crystallography by them in 1990.

**Bioactivity;** potent cyto-toxity activity against a variety of tumor line cell in vitro and against several rodent tumors and human tumor xenografts *in vivo*.

It is currently in phase I clinical trials in Europe and in the United States for ovarian.

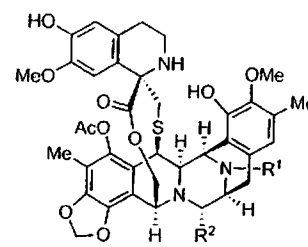
greater activity than Taxiol, camptothecin, adriamycin, mitomycin C, cisplatin etc...  
But, restricted natural availability (1.0 g from about 1.0 ton of tunicate)



attractive total synthesis target

### Reported total synthesis

- Corey, E. J. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, 118, 9202.  
*Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 993. (optimized)  
Fukuyama, T. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, 124, 6552.  
Zhu, J. *et al.* *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 87.



Et 743, R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = OH

Et 729, R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = OH

Et 745, R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = H

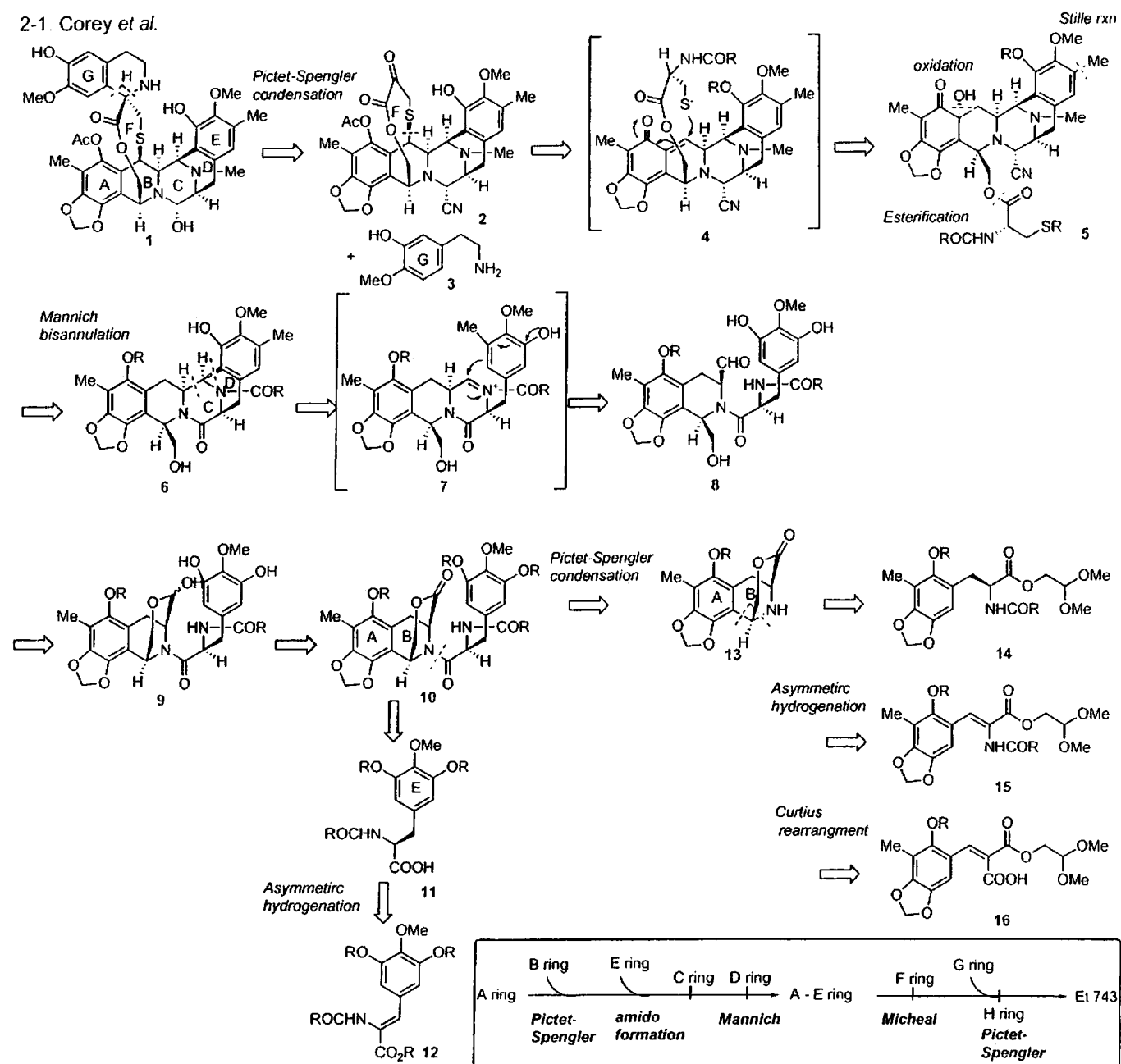
Et 770, R<sup>1</sup> = Me, R<sup>2</sup> = CN

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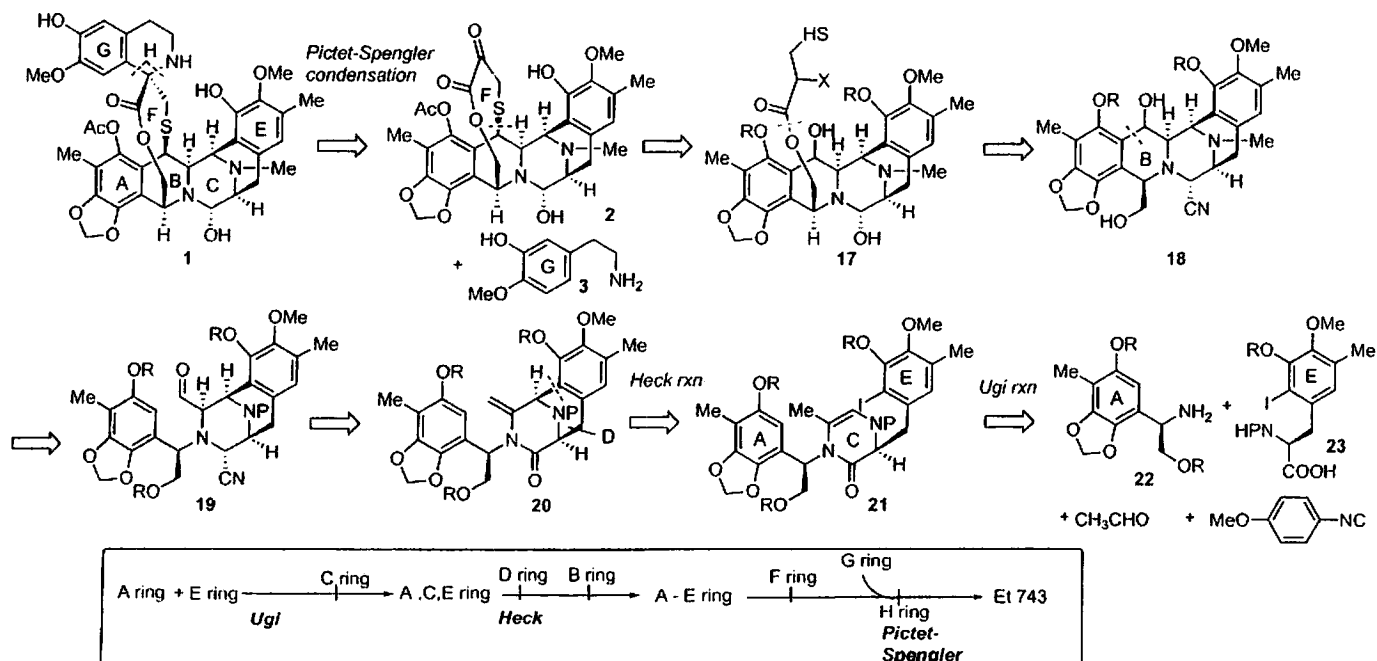
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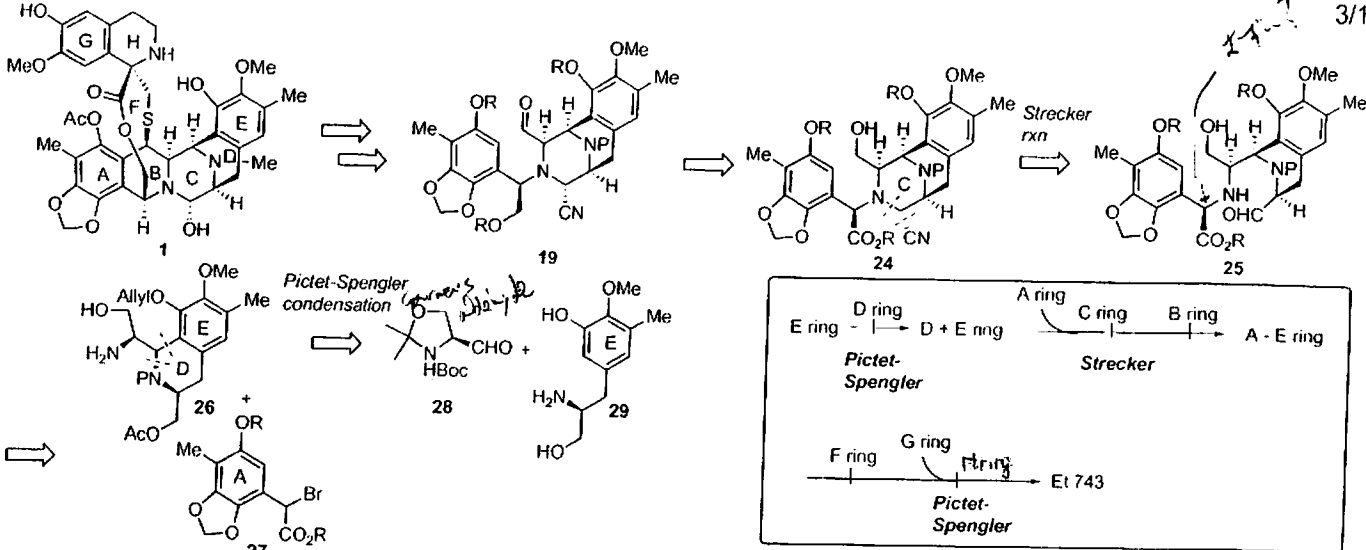
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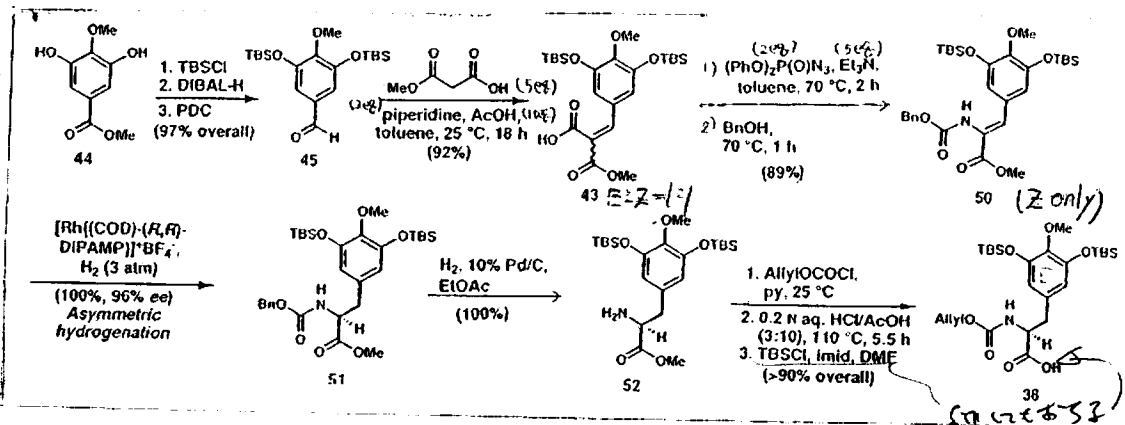
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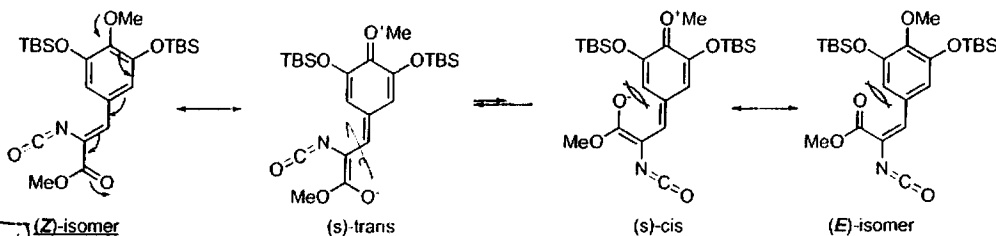
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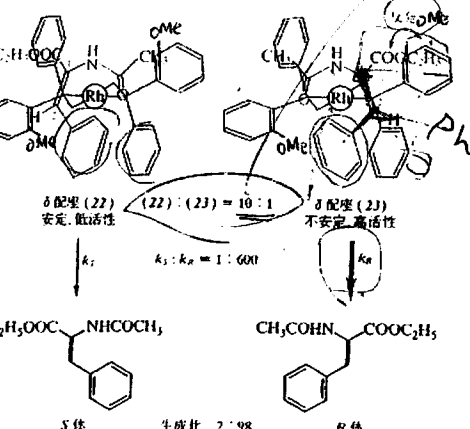
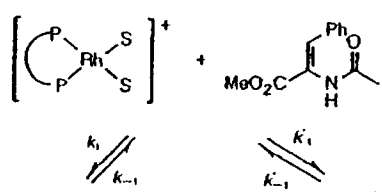
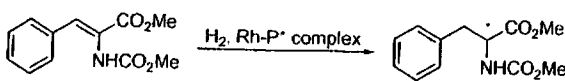
(Asymmetric hydrogenation)



43 → 45 (Z isomer only)  
Curtius rearrangement



50 → 51  
Asymmetric hydrogenation



なぜ? NMR?

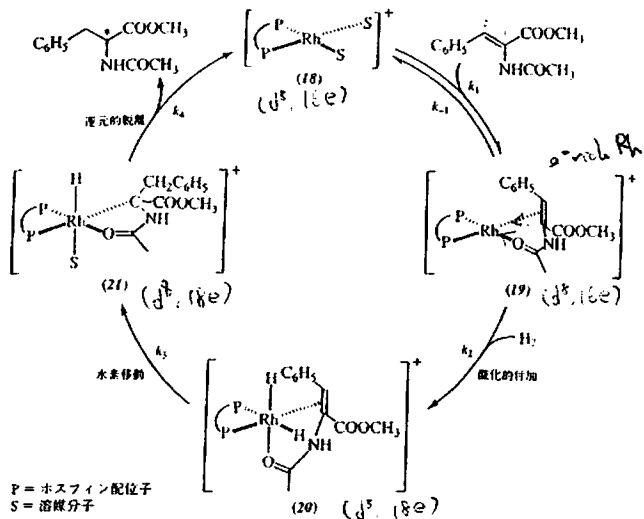
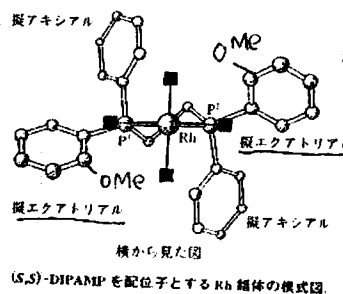
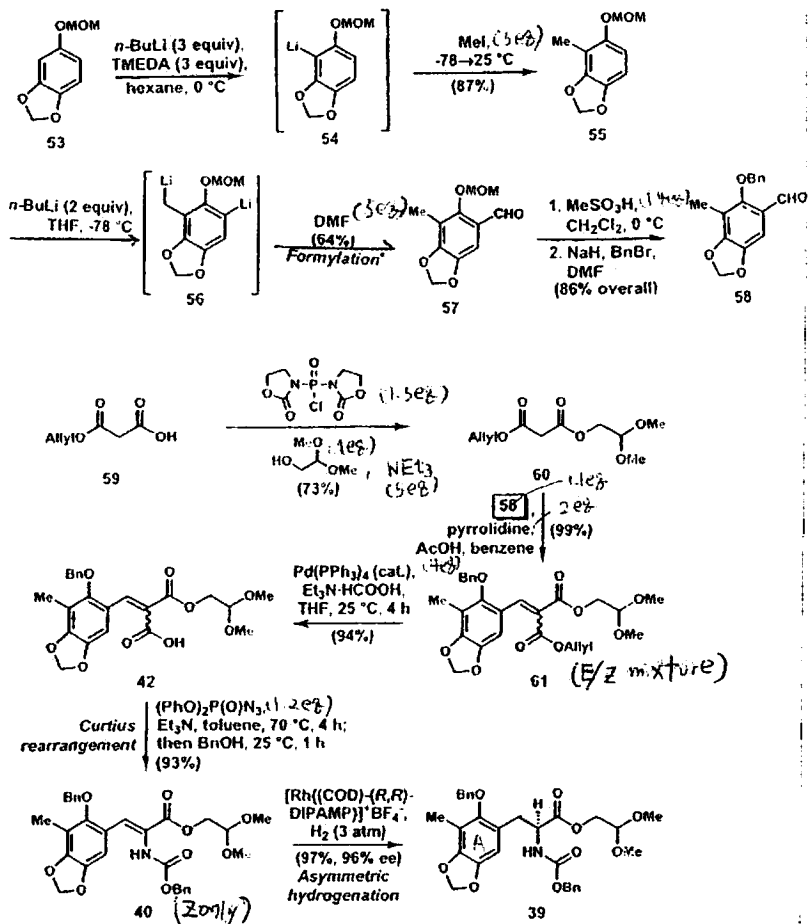


図 4-15 ジホスフィン-Rh 錯体を用いる触媒的不斉水素化の機構。リン原子上の置換基は省略してある。

	97 (R)		>99 (R)
	92 (R)		
	97 (R)		

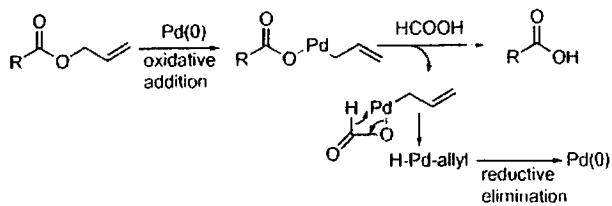
図 4-18 (S,S)-DIPAMP-Rh 錯体触媒を用いる水素化におけるエナンチオ選択的機構。図 4-16 の横から見た図。すなわちδ配位キレート環に含まれるロジウム原子に対して手前からオレフィン基の矢がC=Cとπ配位酸素原子を介して配位している。

Synthesis of A ring fragment 39



61  $\rightarrow$  42

selective cleavage of allyl group using Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>

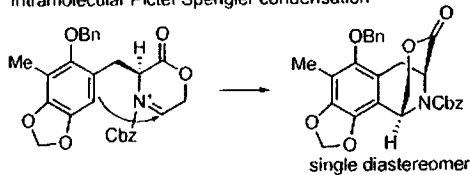


39  $\rightarrow$  62

cleavage of dimethyl acetal by BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>

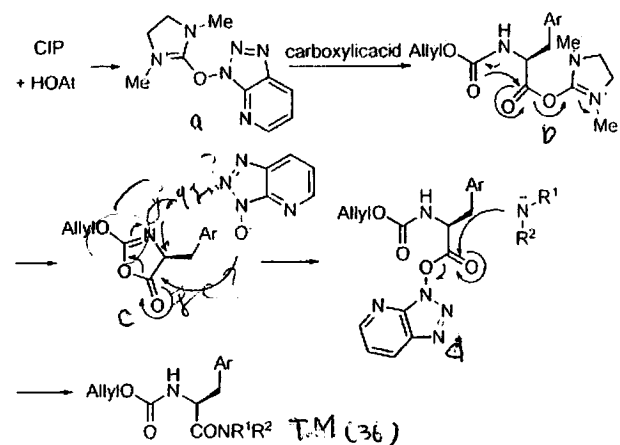
62  $\rightarrow$  63

Intramolecular Pictet-Spengler condensation



37  $\rightarrow$  36

amide formation using CIP + HOAT without racemization



Ref.) *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1994, 35, 3315.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1992, 33, 3177.

Efficient coupling reagent for  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethoxyamino acid (Aib)

Table 1. Yields (%) of dipeptides obtained by the different coupling methods

	R = Boc			R = Cbz		
	PyBroP	CIP	CIP/HOAT	PyBroP	CIP	CIP/HOAT
R-Aib-Val-OMe	37	43	82	60	59	92
R-Aib-Alb-OMe	4	6	80	17	11	82
R-Val-Alb-OMe	41	44	80	60	60	85

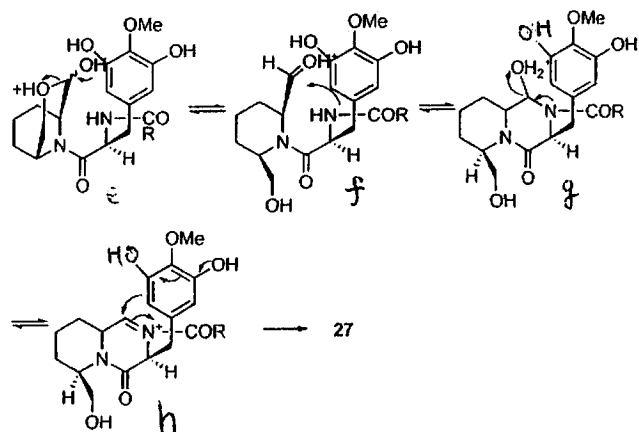
R = Fmoc		
PyBroP	CIP	CIP/HOAT
57	59	93
12	10	90
50	51	87

36  $\rightarrow$  30

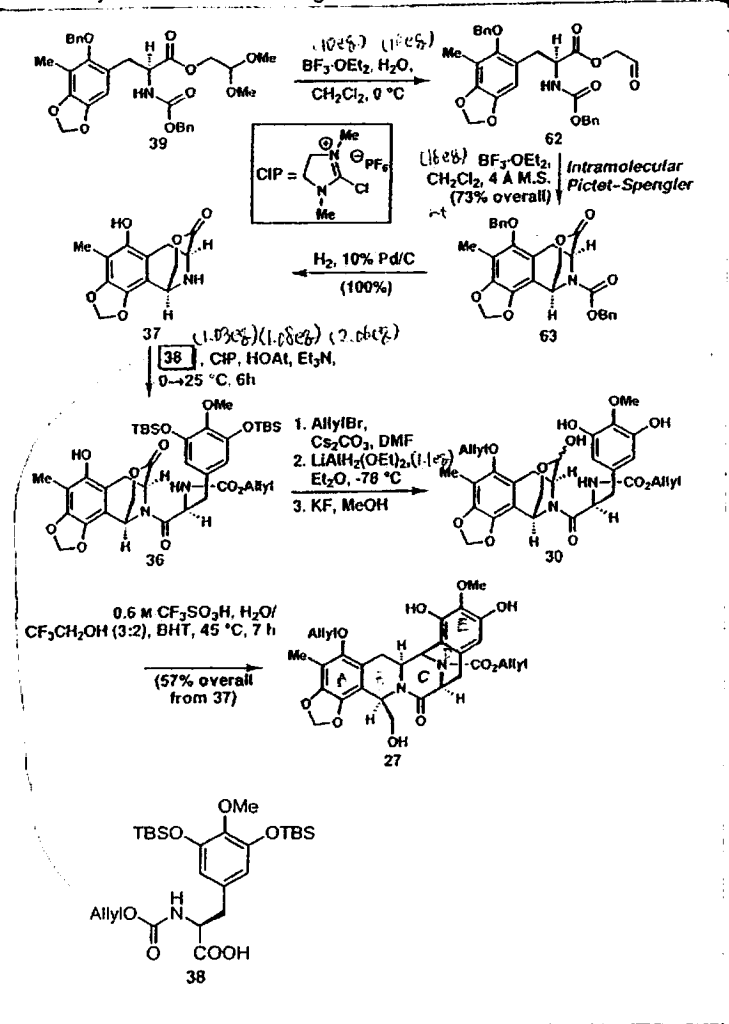
selective reduction of lactone to lactol by LiAlH<sub>2</sub>(OEt)<sub>2</sub>

30  $\rightarrow$  27

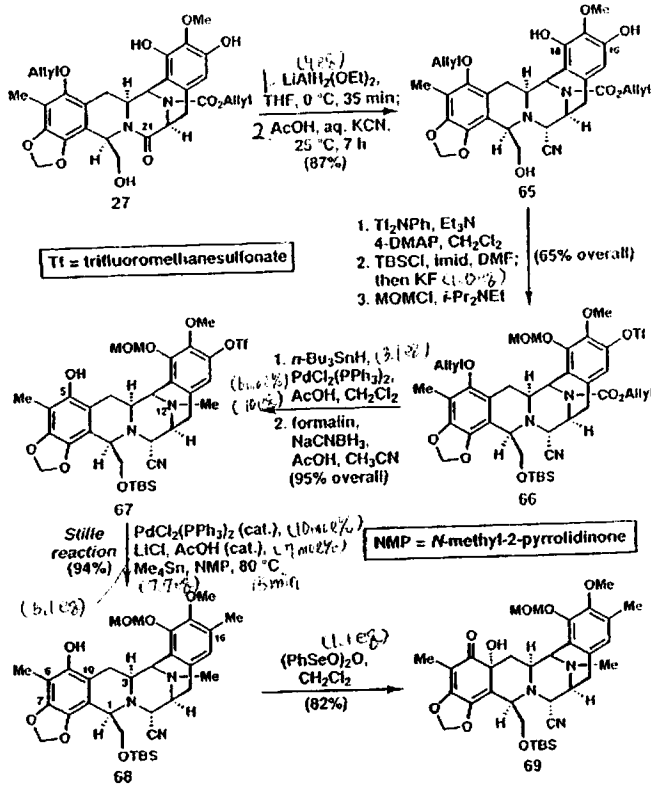
Intramolecular Mannich bisannulation



Synthesis of A-E ring structure 27



Synthesis of 69

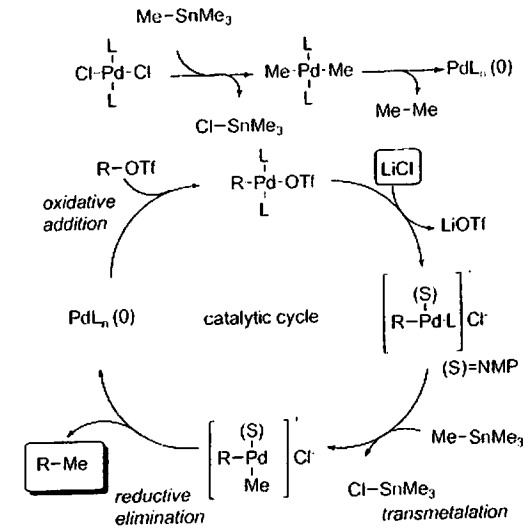


65 → 66

- selective conversion to aryl triflate (C16-OH, less hindered position)
- TBS protection of both C18-OH and primary alcohol then, selective deprotection of phenolic-OH.

67 → 68

Stille rxn



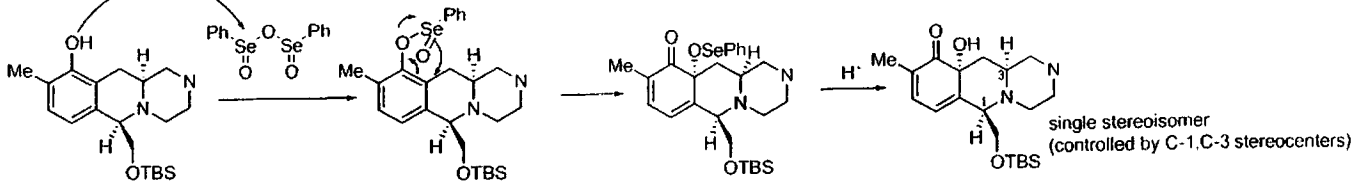
Formation of Pd-Cl complex accelerates transmetalation because of stable Sn-Cl bond formation.

AcO<sup>-</sup> stabilizes Pd cationic complex ?

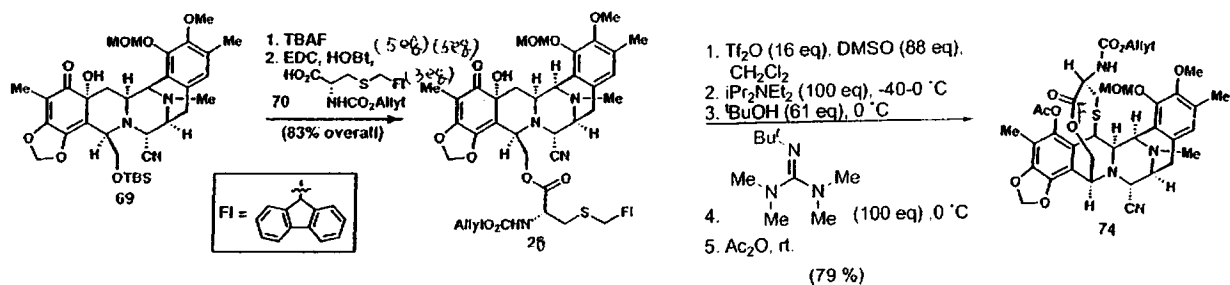
without AcOH  
SnMe<sub>4</sub> (20 equiv), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (cat), LiCl (20 equiv)  
DMF, 80 °C, 2 h, 83% yield

68 → 69

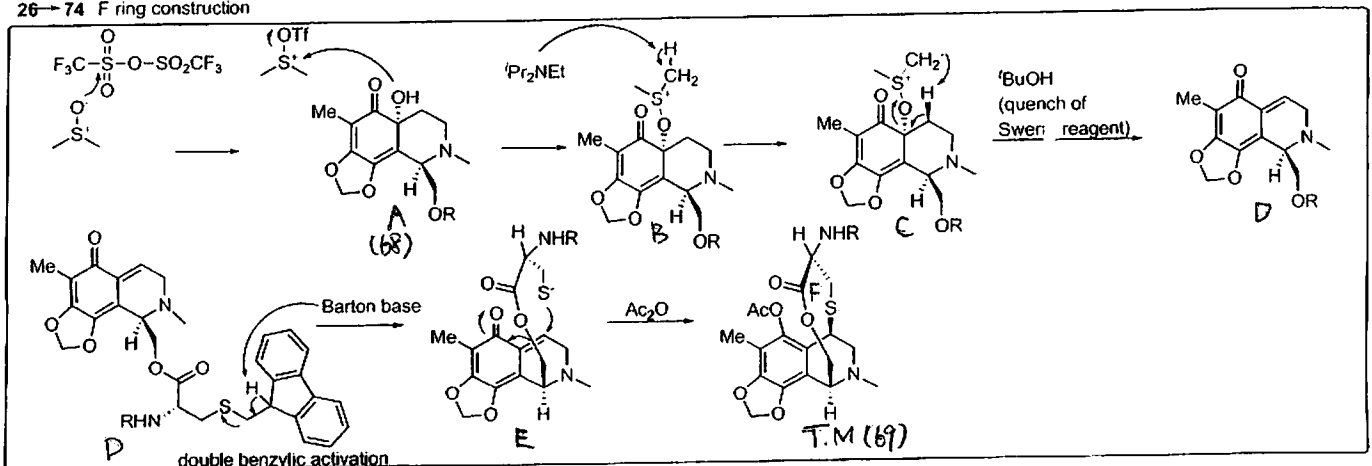
oxidation by (PhSeO)<sub>2</sub>O



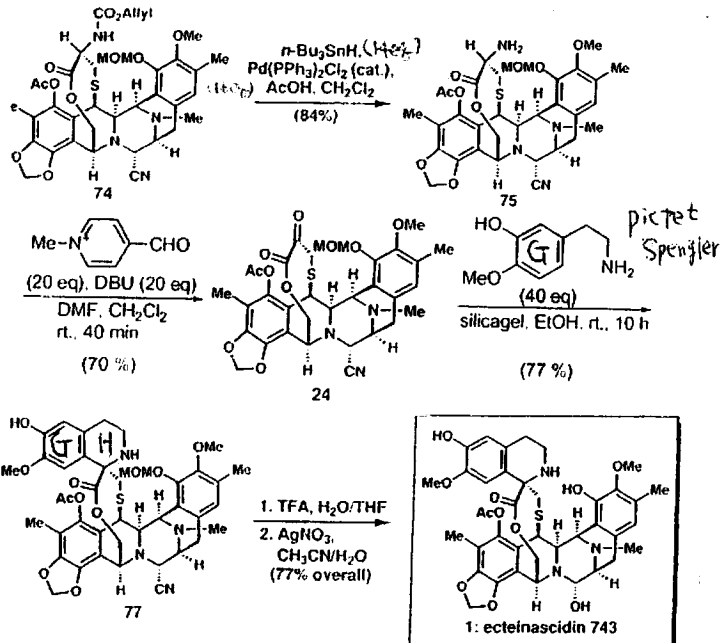
Construction of F ring



26 → 74 F ring construction



### Completion of Et 743



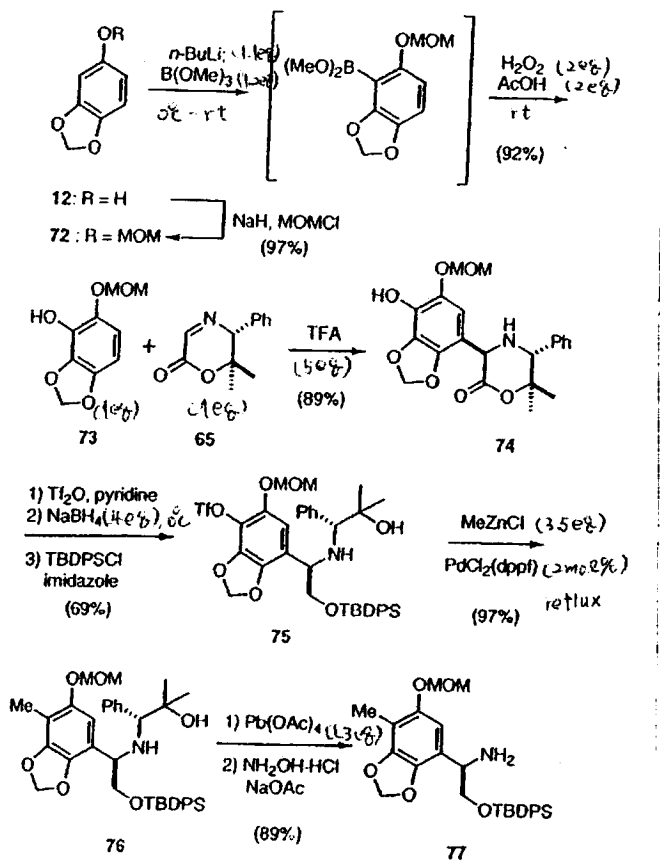
24 → 77

diastereoselective Pictet-Spengler condensation  
steric hindrance of G ring

### 3-2. Fukuyama et al.

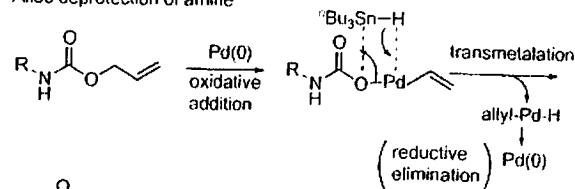
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### Synthesis of A ring fragment



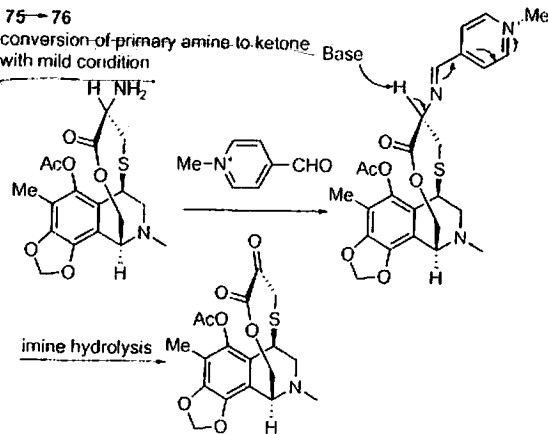
74 → 75

Alloc deprotection of amine



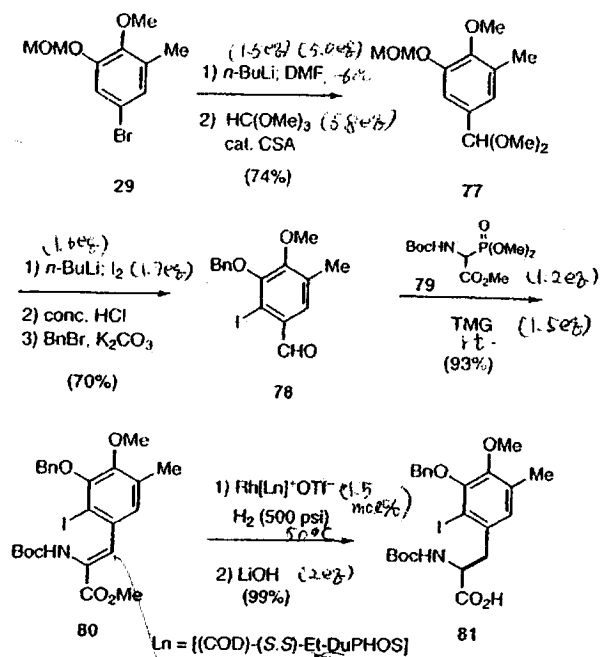
75 → 76

conversion of primary amine to ketone with mild condition



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### Synthesis of E ring fragment



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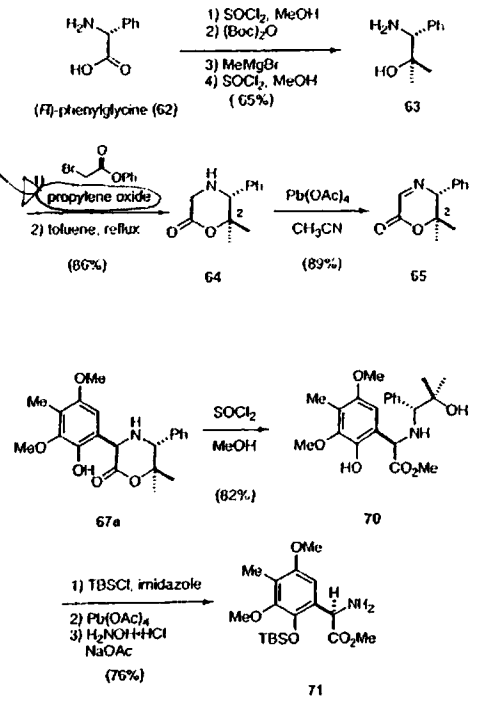
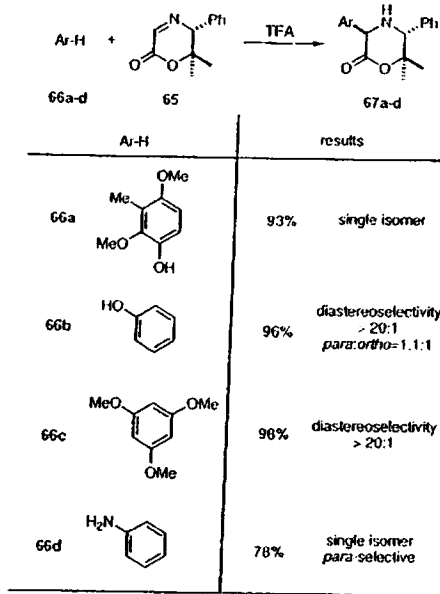
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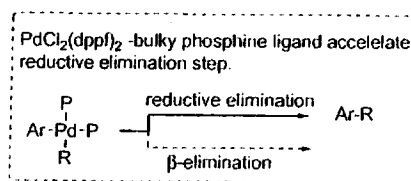
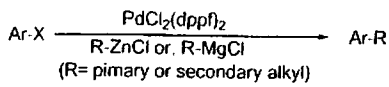
ref. Fukuyama *et al. Synlett*. 2001, 7, 1179.

Important chiral building block found in numerous natural products.

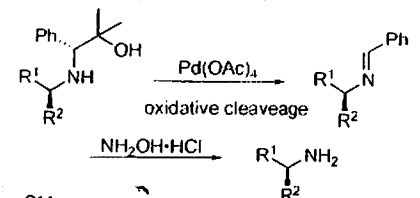


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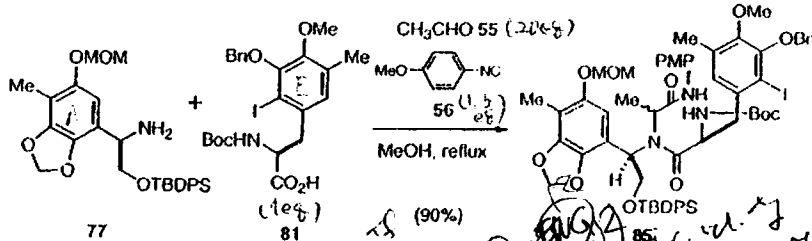
Pd catalyzed cross coupling rxn using MeZnCl  
ref.) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1984, 106, 158.



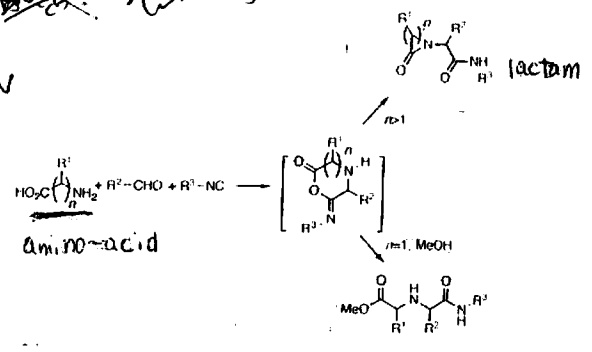
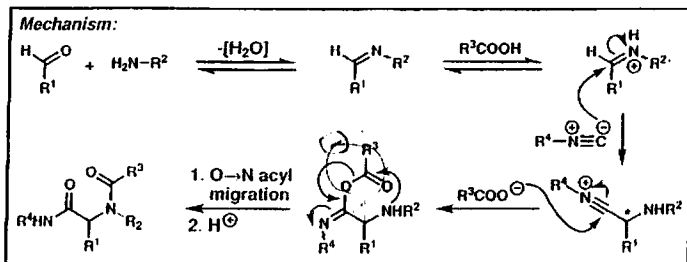
76 → 77 cleavage of chiral template



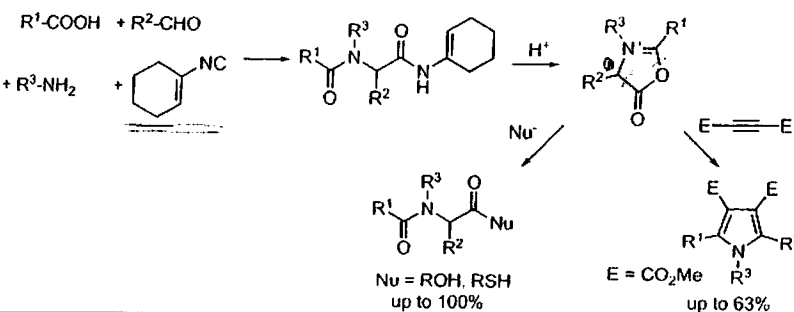
Key rxn; Ugi rxn



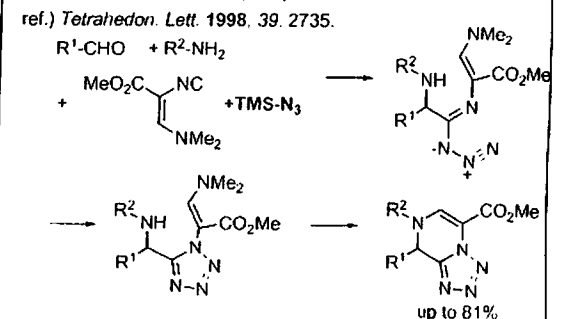
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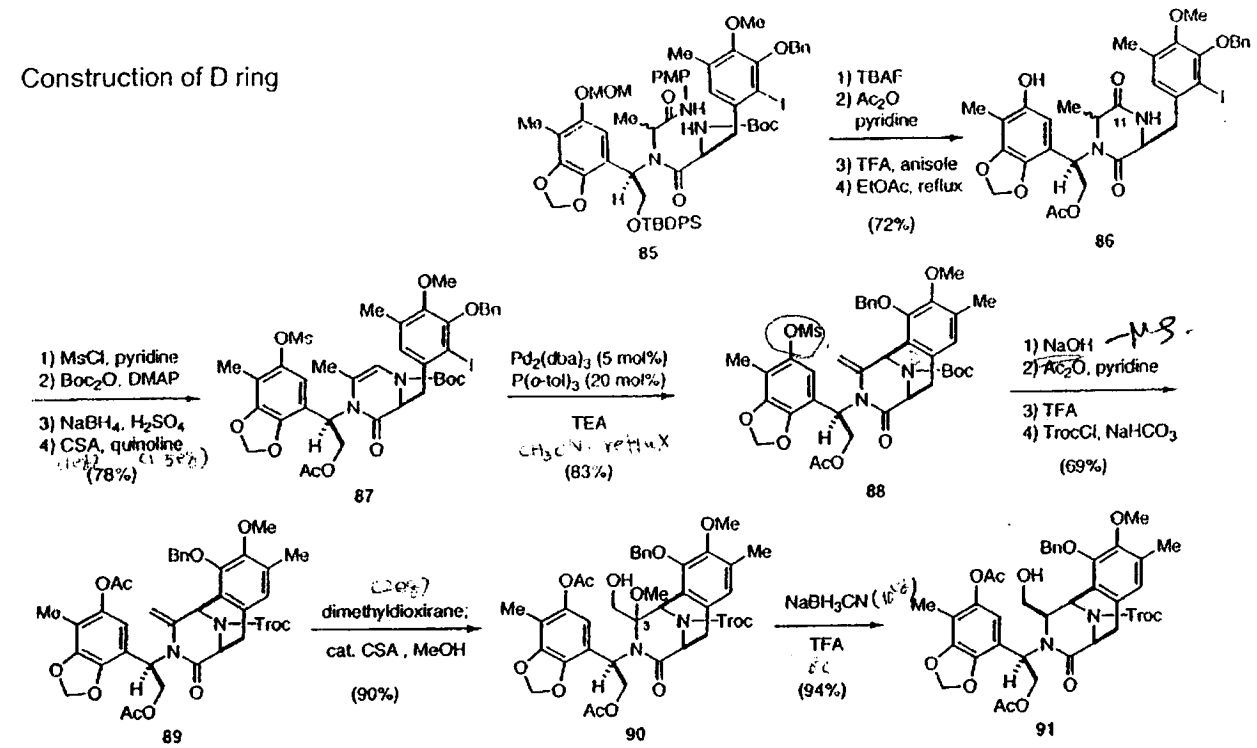
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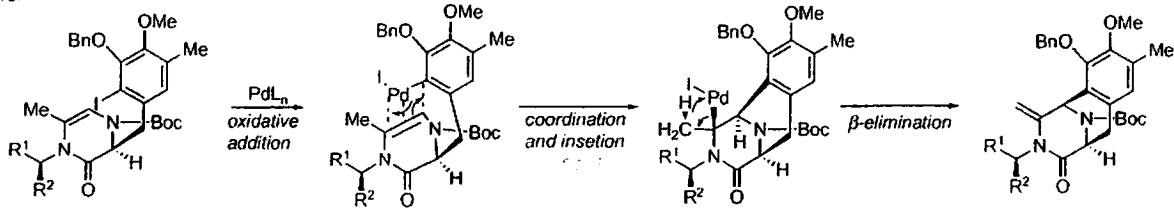
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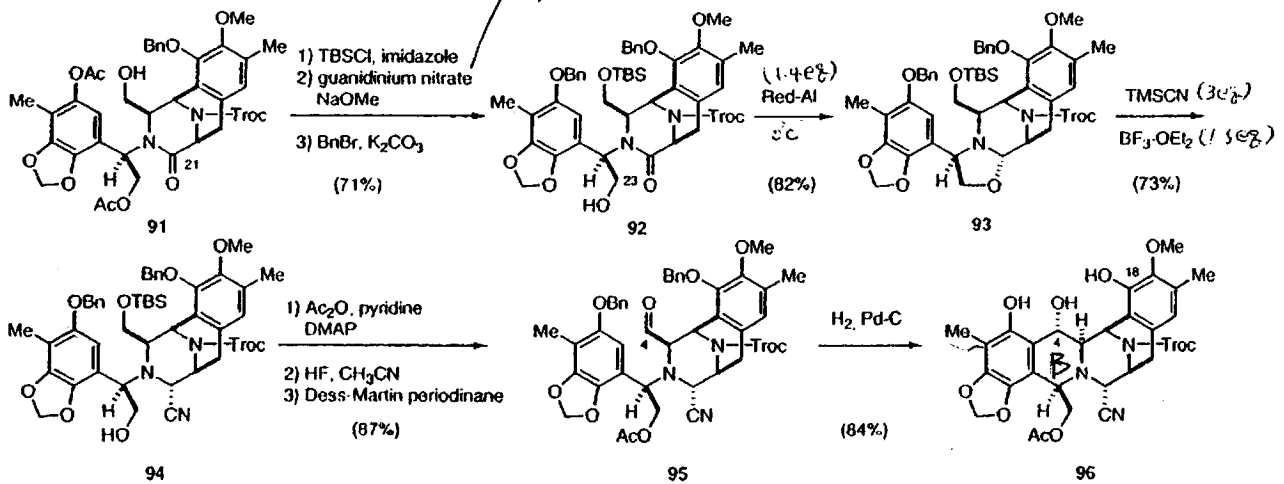
## Construction of D ring



87  $\rightarrow$  88  
Heck rxn  
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## Construction of B ring

91  $\rightarrow$  92

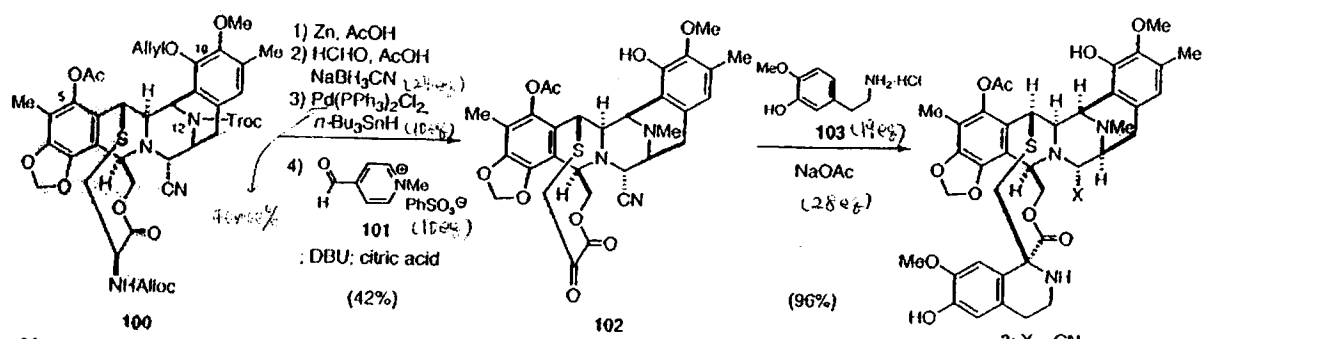
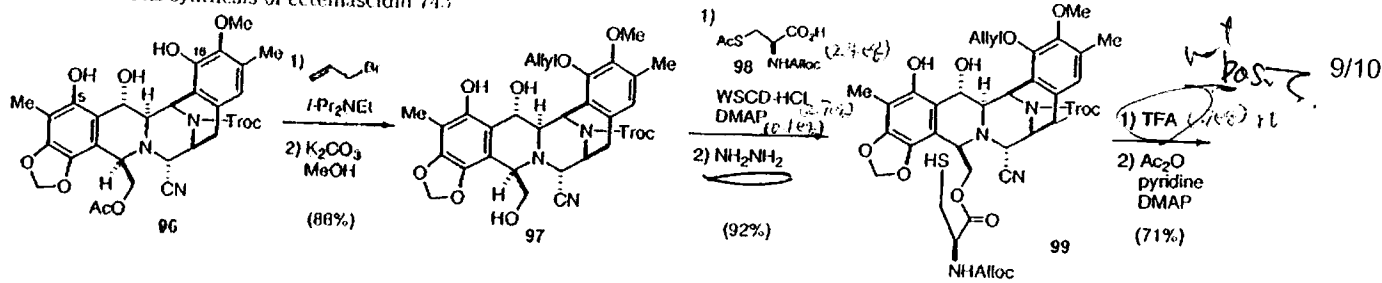
2) selective cleavage of -OAc  
guanidinium nitrate: moderate selective deacetylation reagent in the presence of Troc-amine

92  $\rightarrow$  93

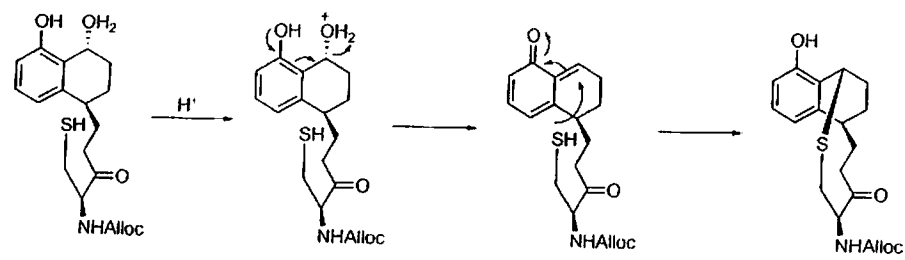
partial reduction of lactam with formation of the oxazolidine ring



Completion of total synthesis of ecteinascidin 743

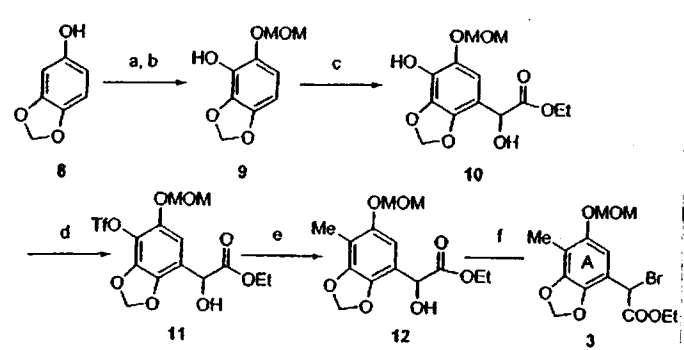


96 → 97  
 2) C18 phenolic-OH selective allylation  
 C5 OH higher PK<sub>1</sub> value because of hydrogen bond  
 99 → 100  
 formation of F ring



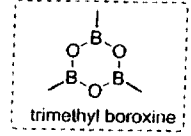
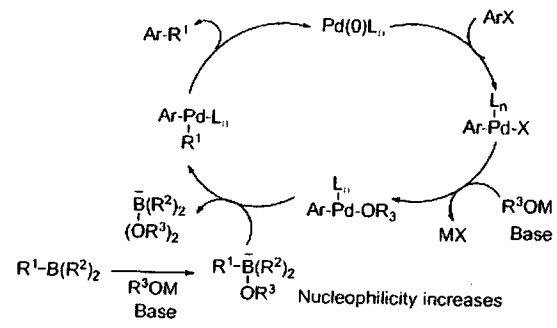
3-3. Zhu et al.  
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Synthesis of A ring fragment

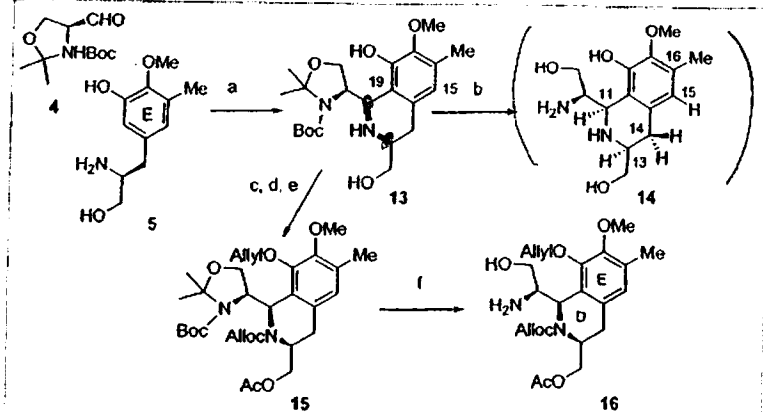


Reagents and conditions: (a) MOMCl, NaH, Et<sub>2</sub>O/DMF, 0 °C to rt, 96%; (b) *n*-BuLi, B(OMe)<sub>3</sub>, THF then AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to rt, 95%; (c) LiCl, 3 Å molecular sieves, HFIP/toluene, ethyl glyoxalate, rt, 97% (1.2 eq); (d) 4-nitrophenyltriflate, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, rt, 94%; (e) trimethyl boroxine, K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, (1.1 eq); (f) SOBr<sub>2</sub>, benzotriazole, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 91% (3 mol %).

11 → 12  
 Suzuki coupling



D, E ring construction

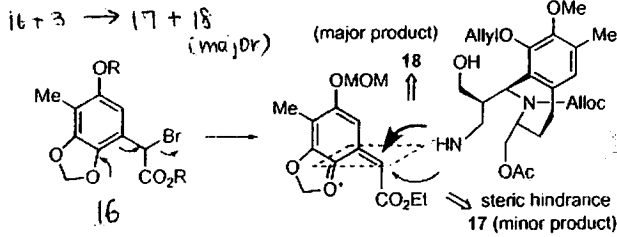
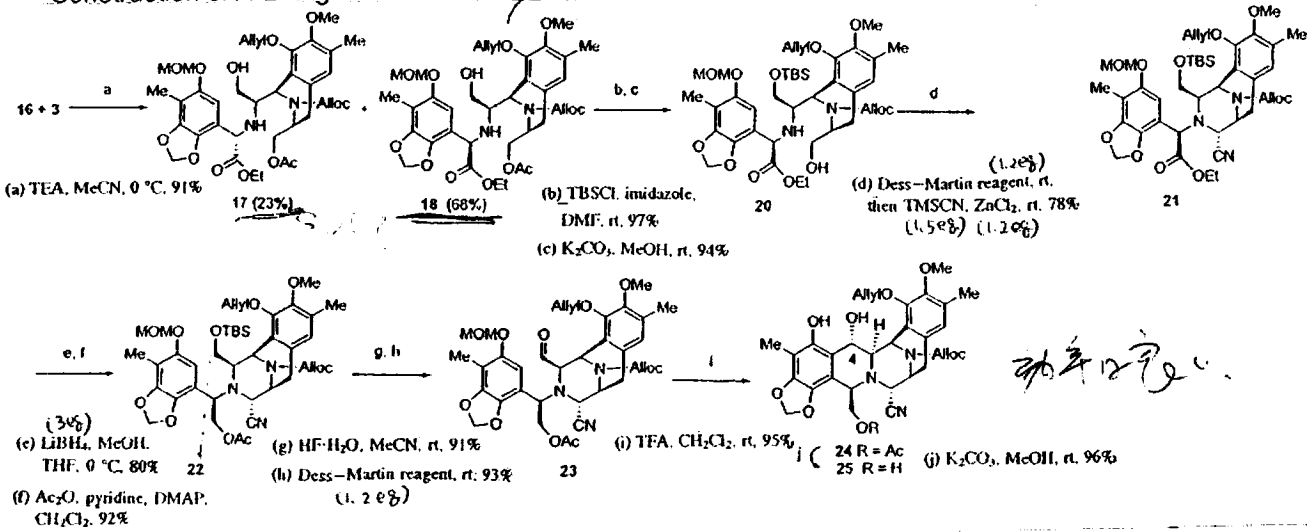


Reagents and conditions: (a) AcOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH (7:1), 3 Å molecular sieves, rt, 20 h, 84%; (b) 6 N HCl in MeOH, rt, 95%; (c) AllocCl, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 2 h, 88%; (d) AllylBr, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, rt, 3 h, 86%; (e) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 1 h, 92%; (f) TFA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 72%.

4 + 5 → 13  
 diastereoselective Pictet-Spengler condensation

Construction of A-E ring

Separated by column chromatography



Completion of total synthesis of Et 743

