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MAOS: A Toolkit to Enhance Capability of Medicinal Chemistry

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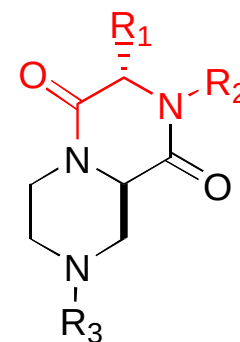
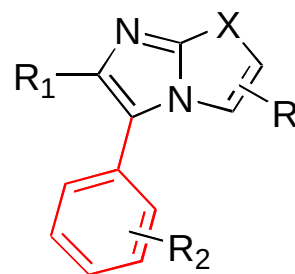
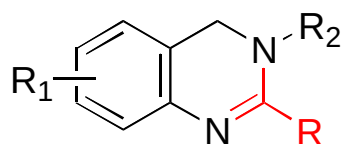
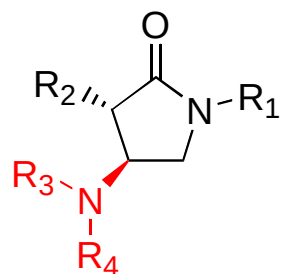
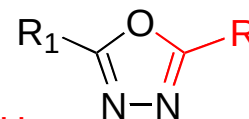
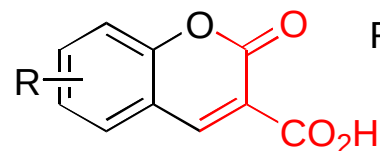
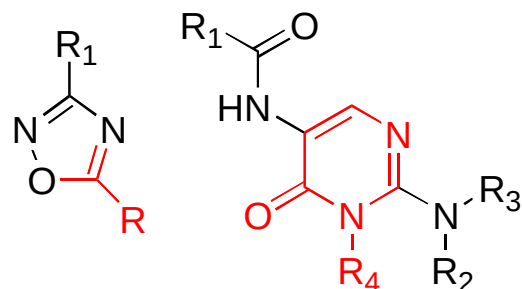
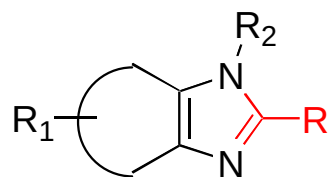
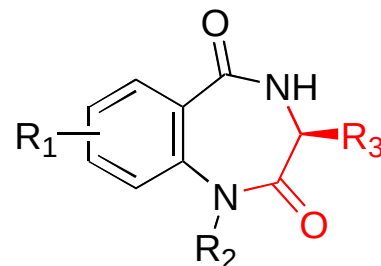
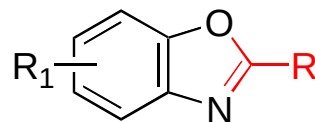
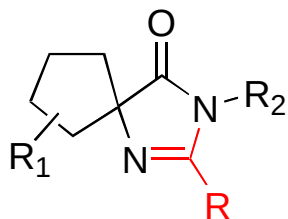
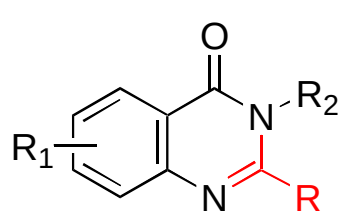
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Biotage Users Group Meeting, Boston, May 11, 2006



Representatives of Our Toolkits

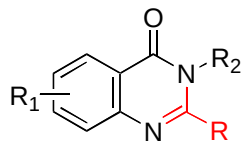


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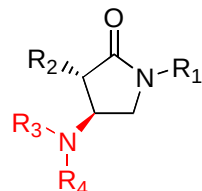


Case Studies

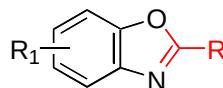
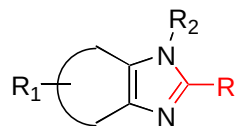
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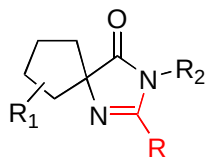
Case 2: γ -Lactams



Case 3: Imidazoles and Benzoxazoles



Case 4: Spiro Imidazolinones





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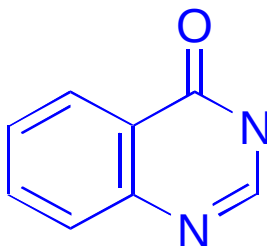
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Case 1: Quinazolinone Natural Products



- Rich in Nature

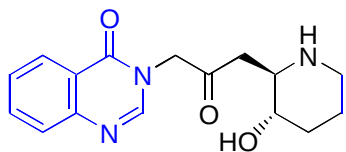
 - ~150 natural products containing this core been isolated

- Validated by Pharmaceutical Industry

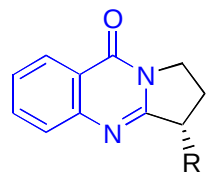
 - Numbers of drugs in clinical use



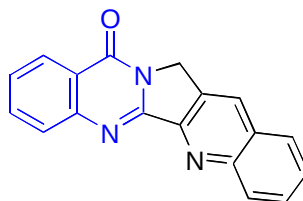
Quinazolinone Natural Products (Examples)



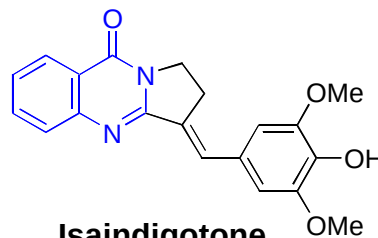
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(Antimalarial)



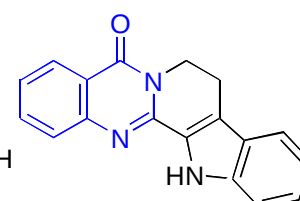
Vasicinones
(Antiinflammatory)
(Antidepressant)



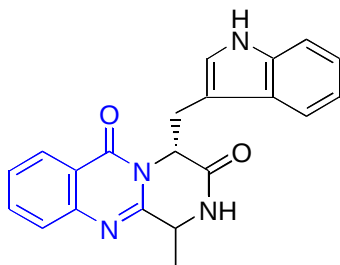
Luotonin
(Topoisomerase I
Poison)



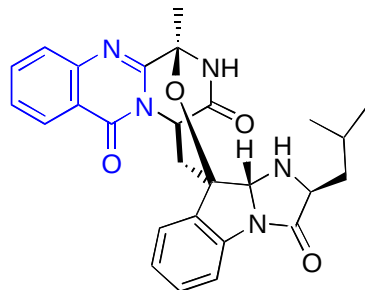
Isaindigotone
(Antiinflammatory)



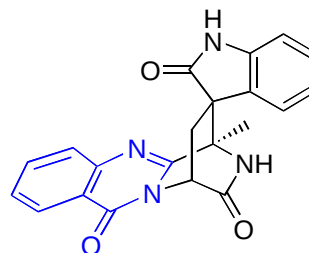
Rutaecarpine
(COX-2 Inhibitor)



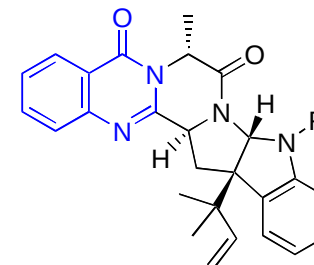
Fumiquinazoline G, F
(Cytotoxic)



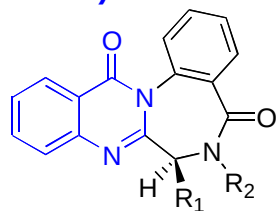
Fumiquinazoline H
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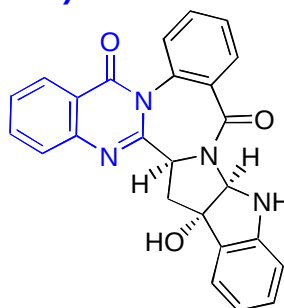
Alantrypinone



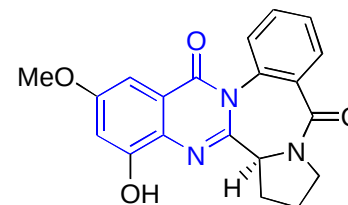
Adeemin, R= H
N-acetylardeemin, R= Ac
(MDR)



Sclerotigenin ($R^1 = R^2 = H$)
Circumdatin F ($R^1 = Me, R^2 = H$)
Asperlicin C ($R^1 = 2-CH_2Indole, R^2 = H$)
Benzomalvin A ($R^1 = Bn, R^2 = Me$)



Asperlicin E
(CCK Antagonist)

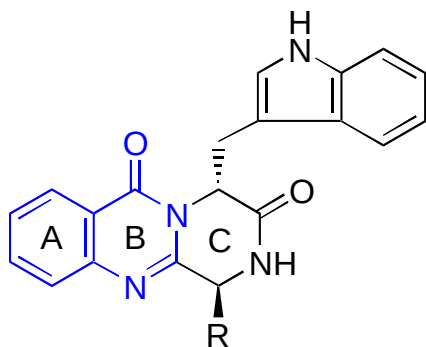


Circumdatin E
(HCV)



Three Types of Quinazolinone Natural Products

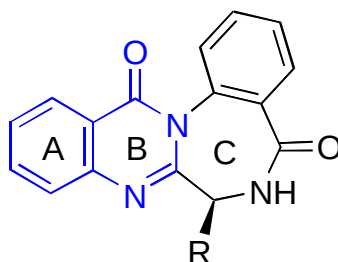
Type 1



Fumiquinolines

Ping & Katie

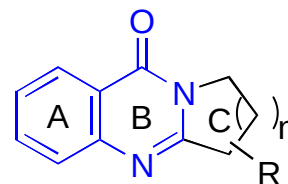
Type 2



Asperlicins

Mira, Yuko, & Jenny

Type 3

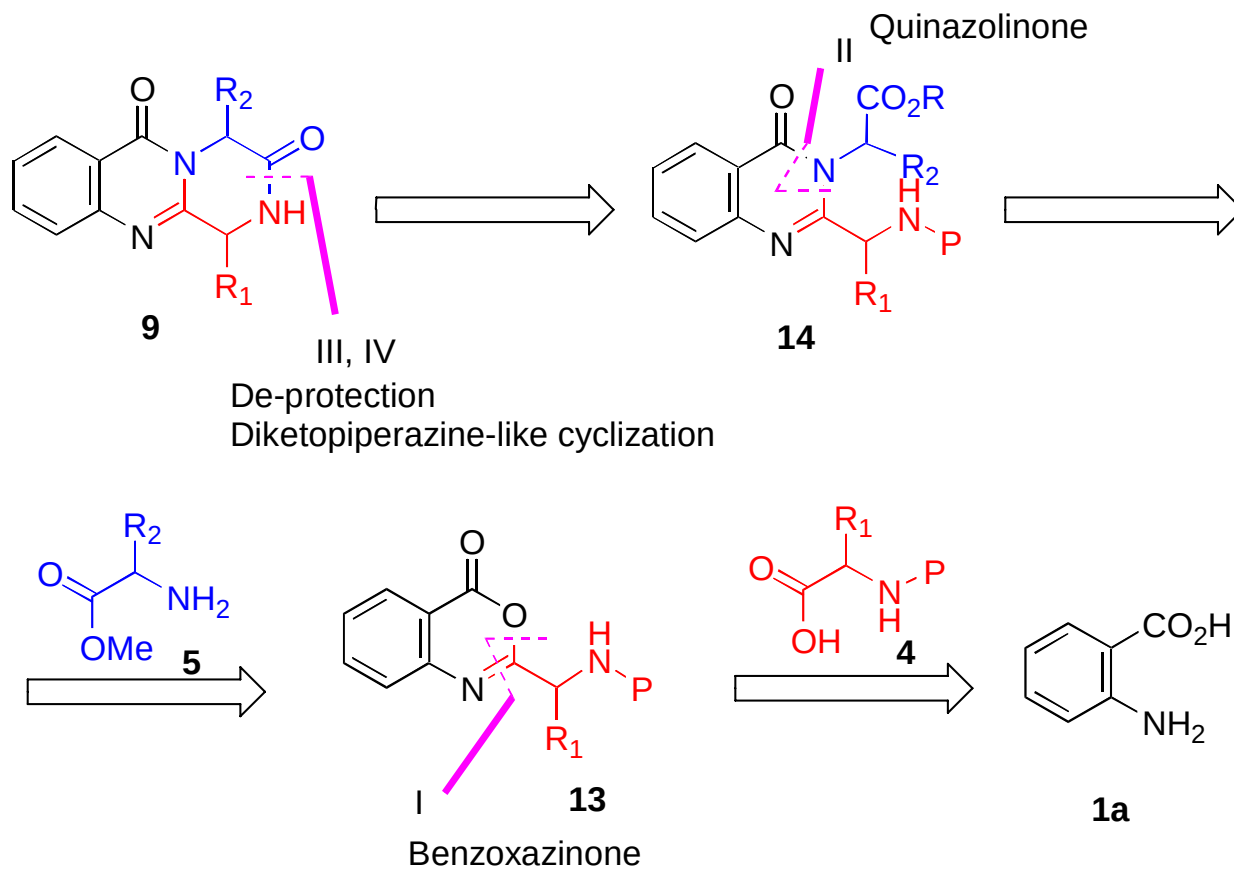


Vasicinones

Ping Kevin, & Katie



Retro-synthetic Strategy

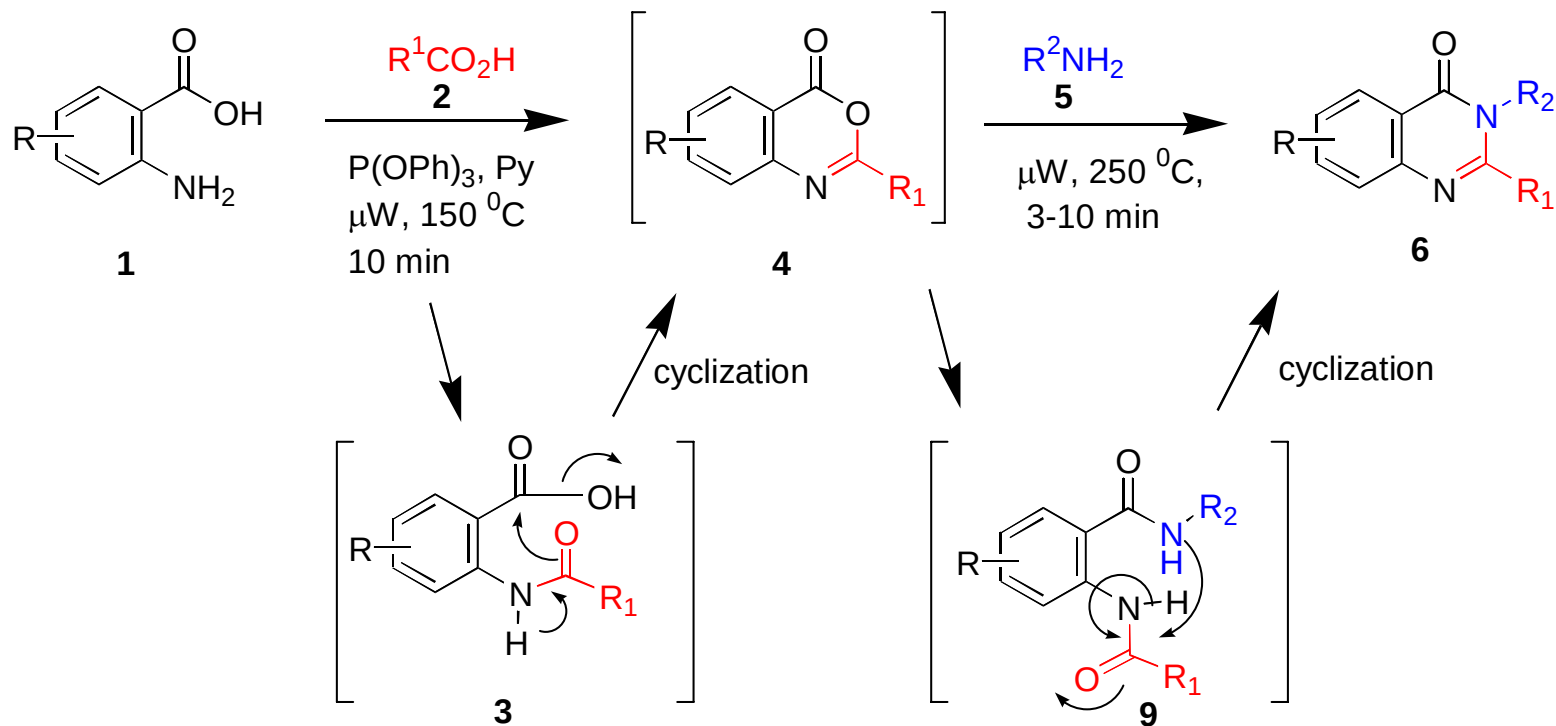




Methodology Development – A μ W Approach

A Novel Method

- ⦿ Microwave technology
- ⦿ Broad chemistry scope

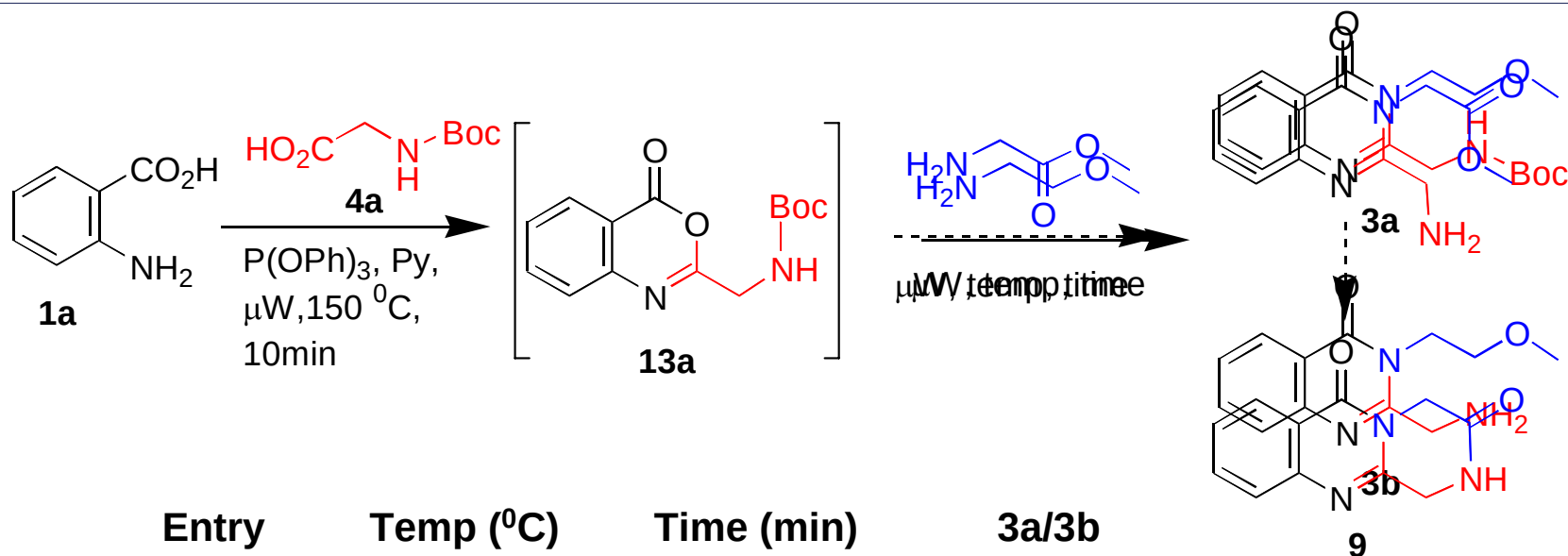


⦿ One-pot reaction!

Tetrahedron Lett. **2005**, 46, 1241-1244.



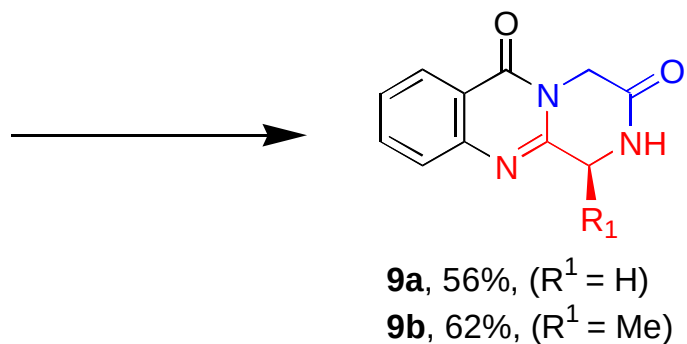
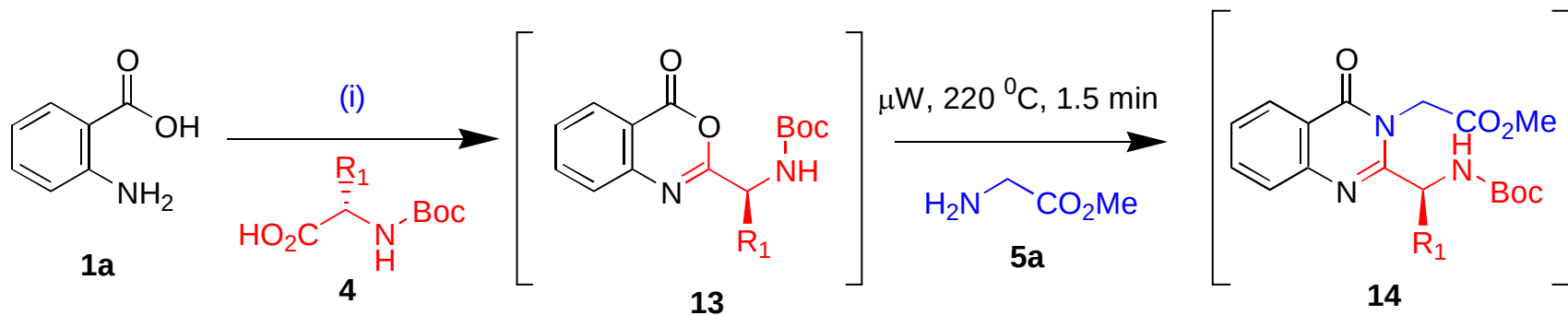
Protecting Group Selection & De-protection



- Screened Boc, Cbz, Fmoc, Bn
- Boc performed best under the reaction conditions.
- Quinazolinone ring formed at $>180^\circ\text{C}$.
- In situ de-Boc at 210 - 220°C .



Model Reactions



conditions of (i)

$\text{R}^1 = \text{H}$

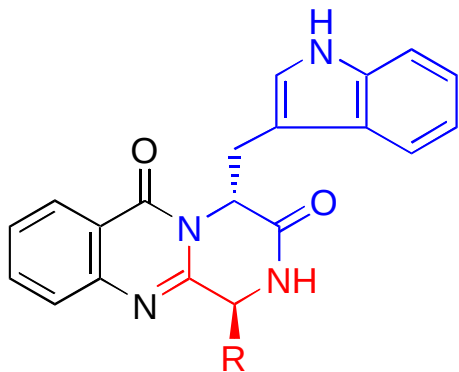
μwave , 150°C 10min

$\text{R}^1 = \text{Me}$

conventional
heating
 55°C , 16h

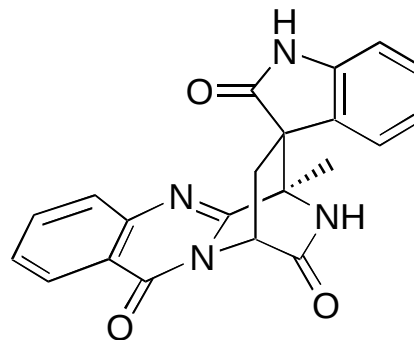


Total Syntheses of Fumiquinazolines



R = H, Gyantrypine, Yield 55%,
70% ee
R = Me, Fumiquinazoline F, Yield 39%,
72% ee
R = *i*-Pr, Fiscalin B, Yield 20%,
50% ee

Formal Total Synthesis



Alantrypinone
5 steps (lit 8 steps)

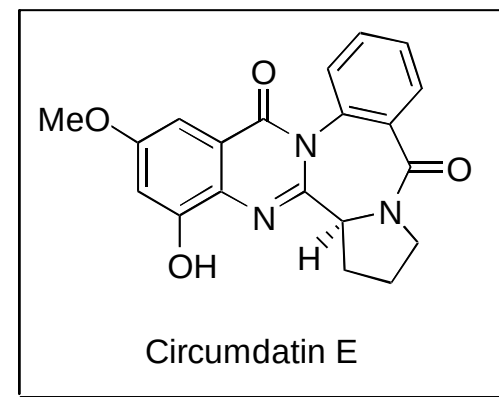
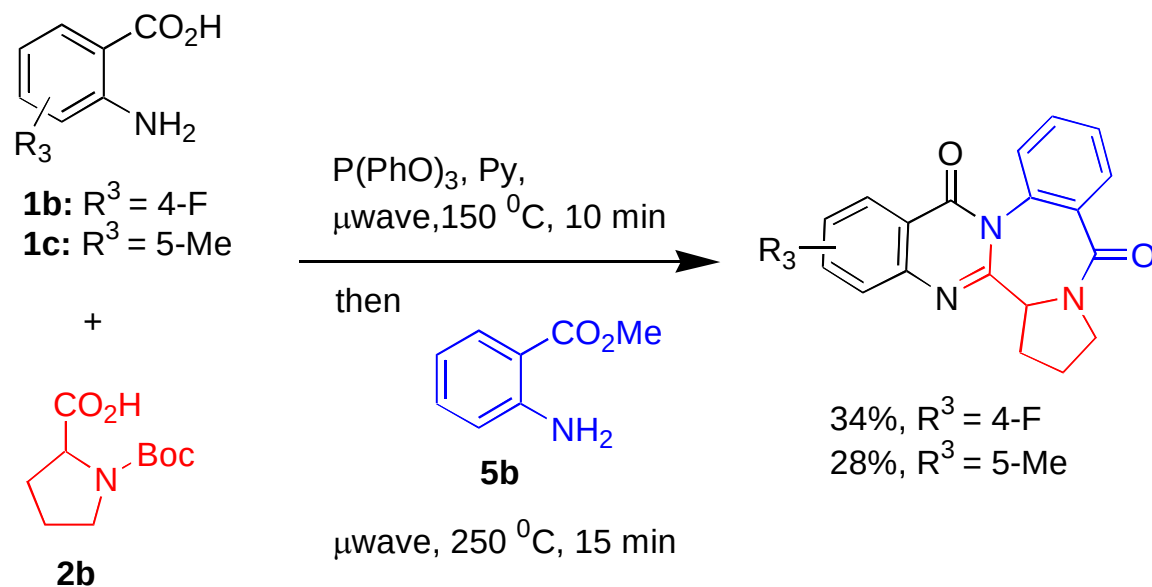
- ◉ Ran into the racemization issue.
- ◉ Optimized reaction conditions to get improved ee.
- ◉ Obtained enantiomerically pure NPs via re-crystallization or SFC separation.

J. Org. Chem. **2005**, *70*, 6339-6345.



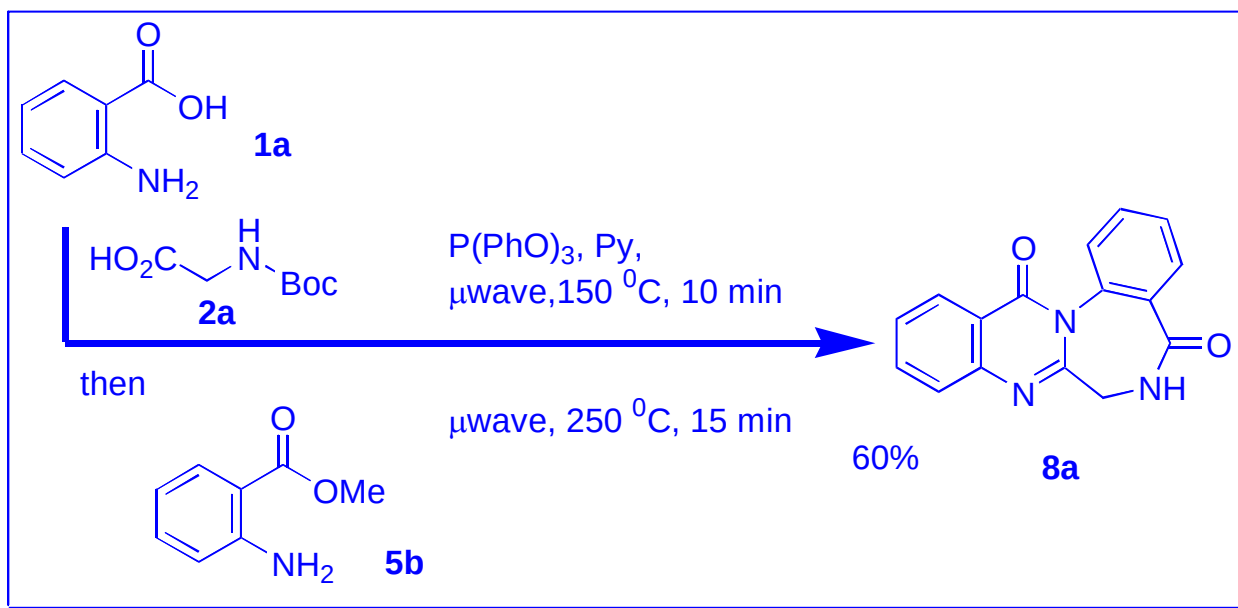
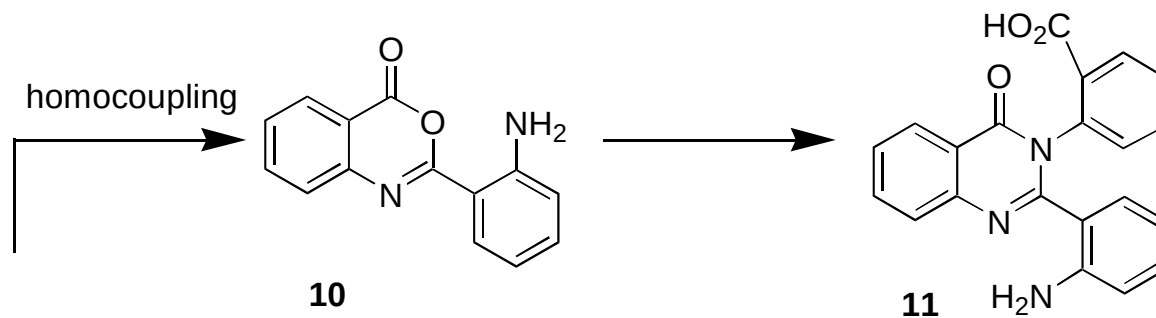
Synthesis of Analogs of Circumdatin E

One-pot Sequential Reaction Approach





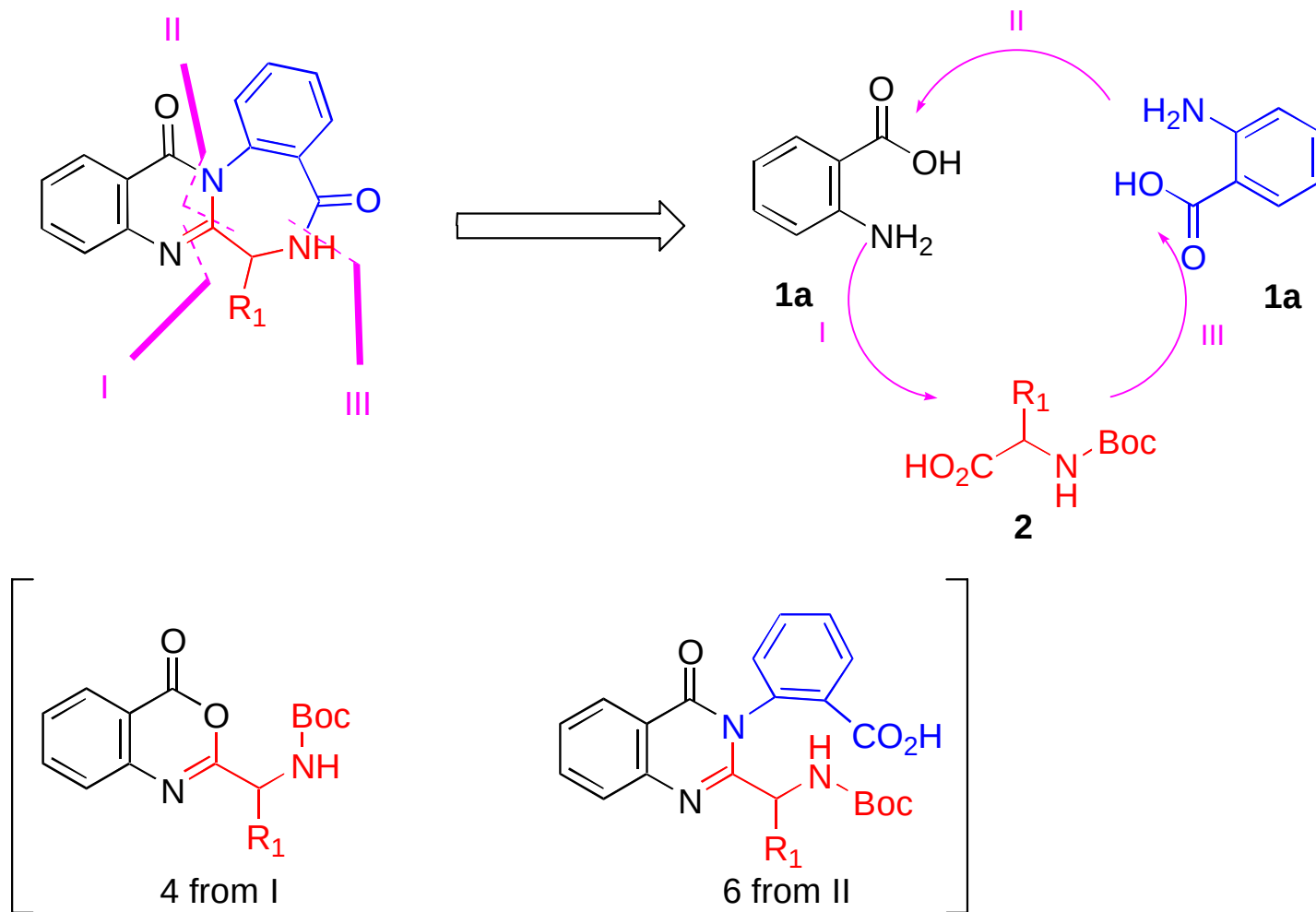
Some Observations



- Only trace amount of **10**, and **11** formed via homo-coupling of **1a**.

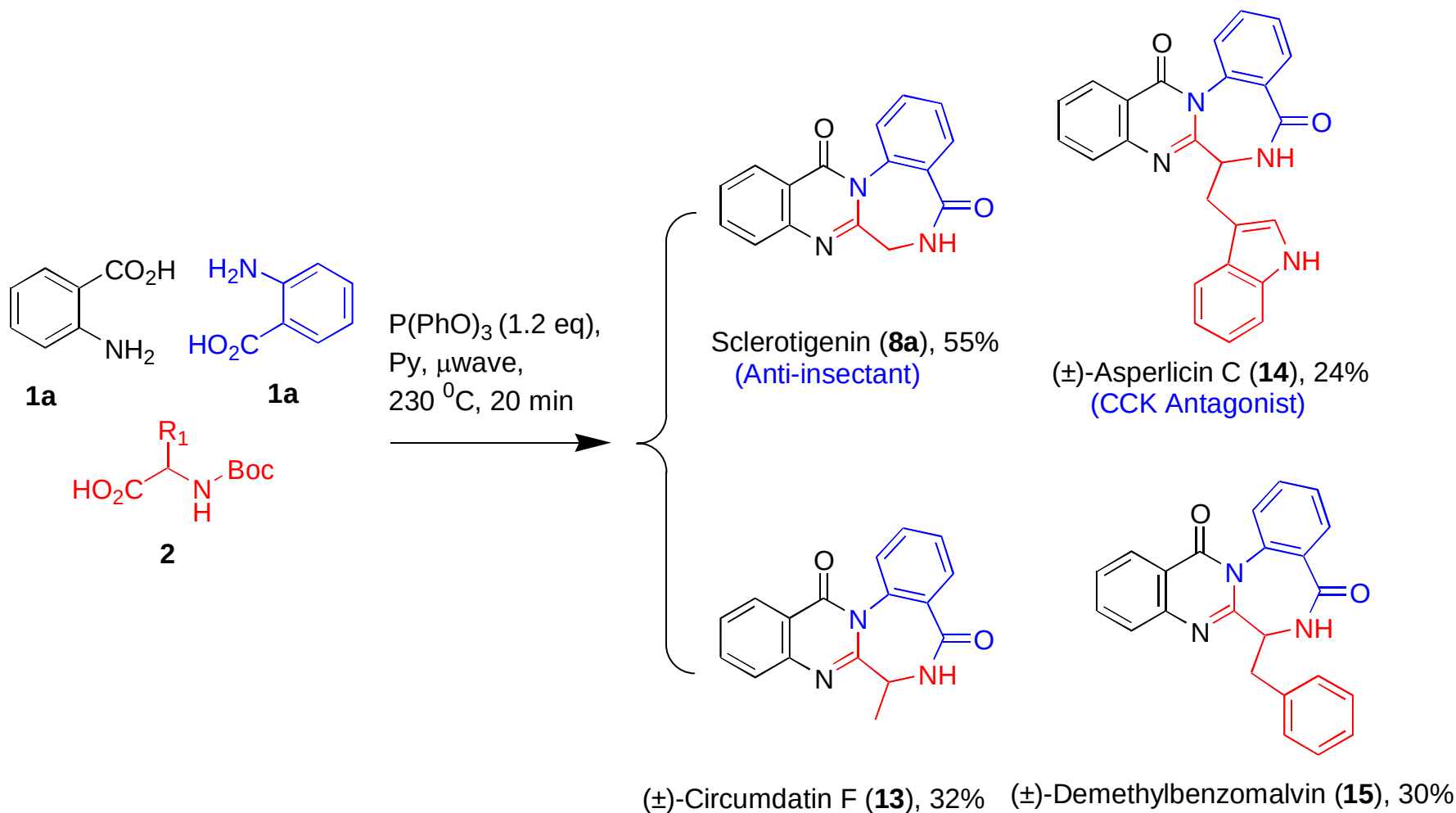


Retrosynthetic Strategy – Domino Approach



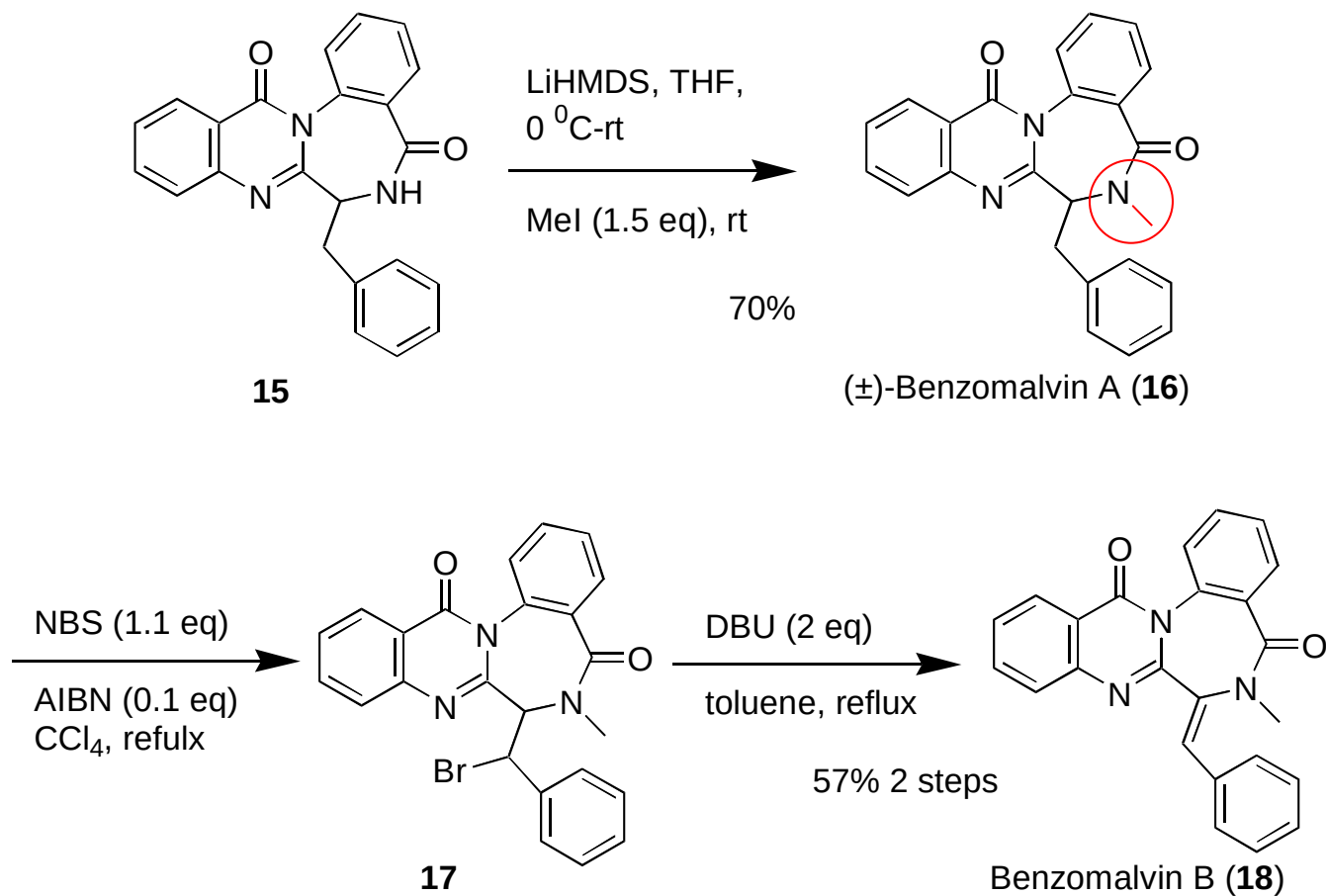
⦿ Domino: The reaction sequence is I, II, then III.

Total Syntheses via Domino Reactions





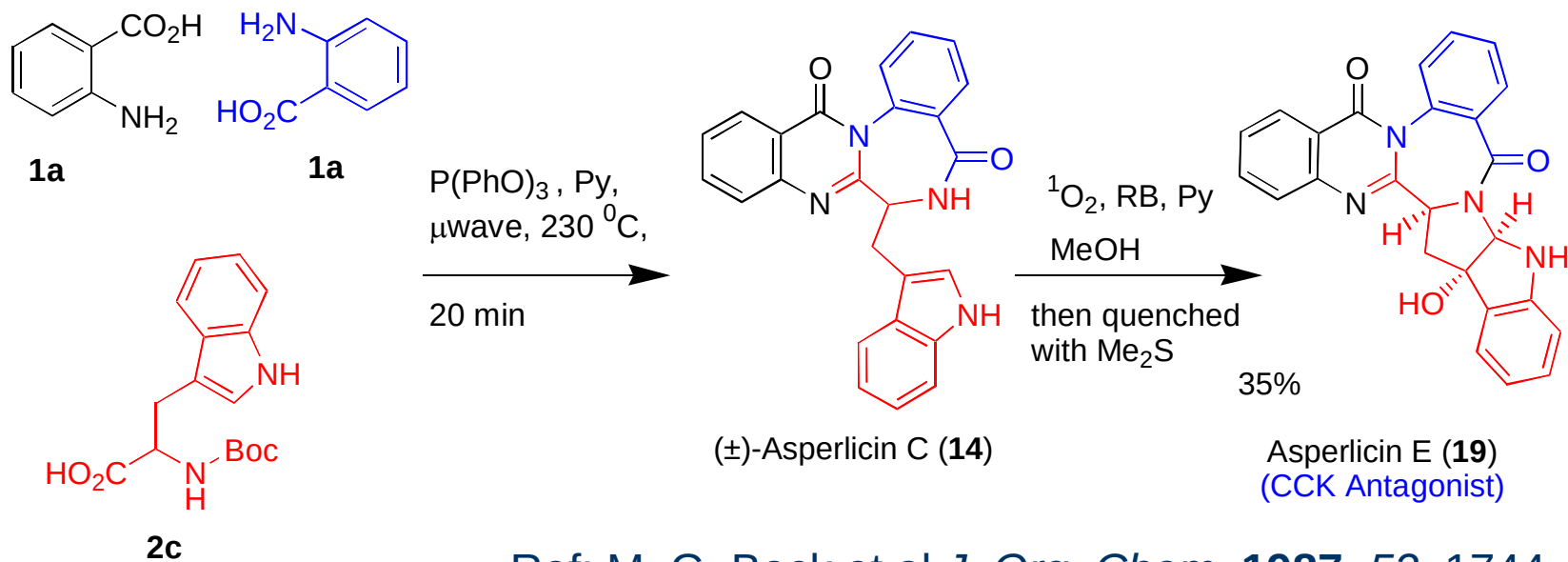
Synthesis of Benzomalvin A and B



- Ref: S. Eguchi et al *Tetrahedron* **1998**, 54, 7997. (7 steps for **16**; 9 steps for **18**)



Formal Total Synthesis of Asperlicin E

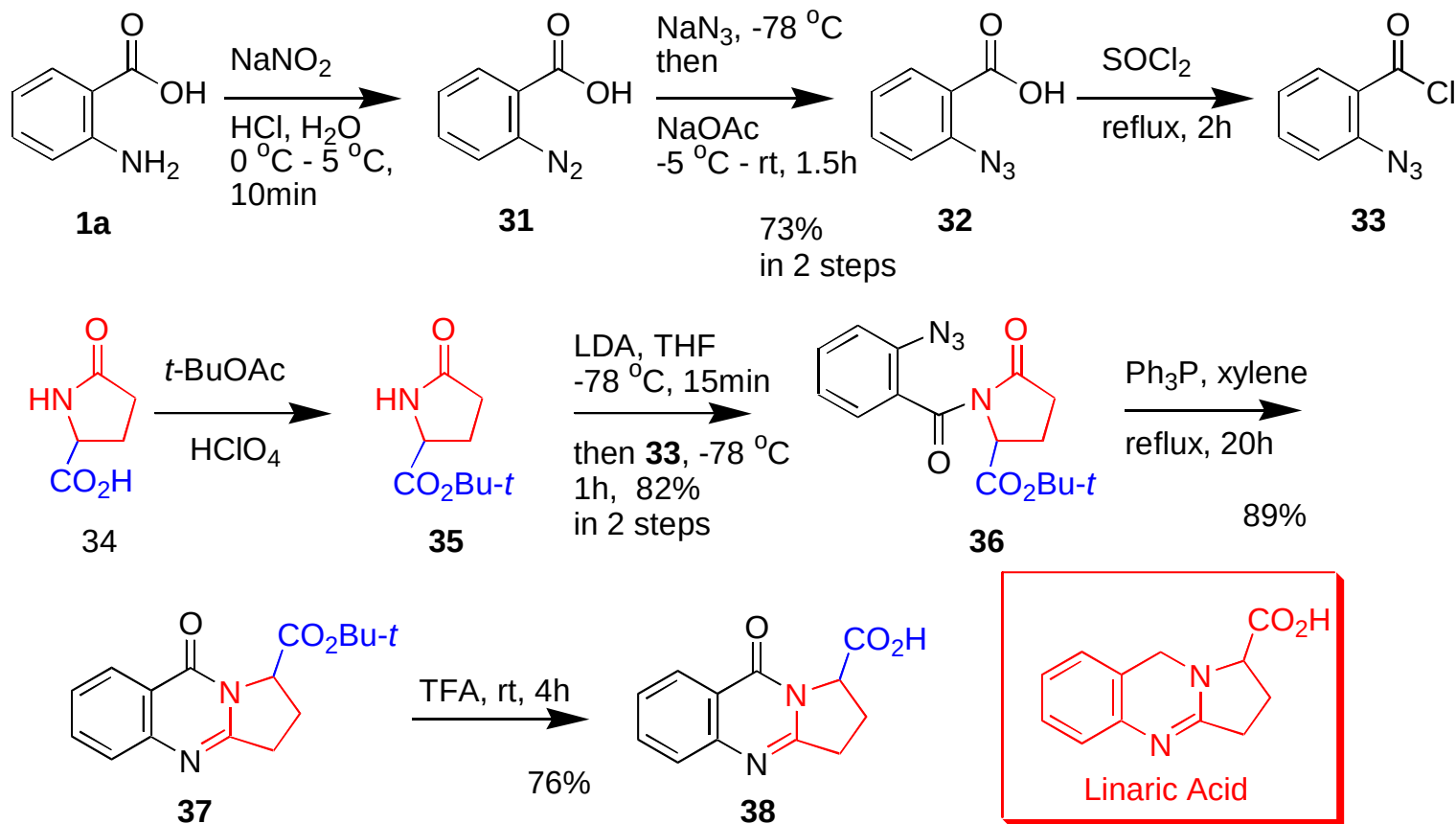


Ref: M. G. Bock et al *J. Org. Chem.* **1987**, 52, 1744.
(7 steps for 19)

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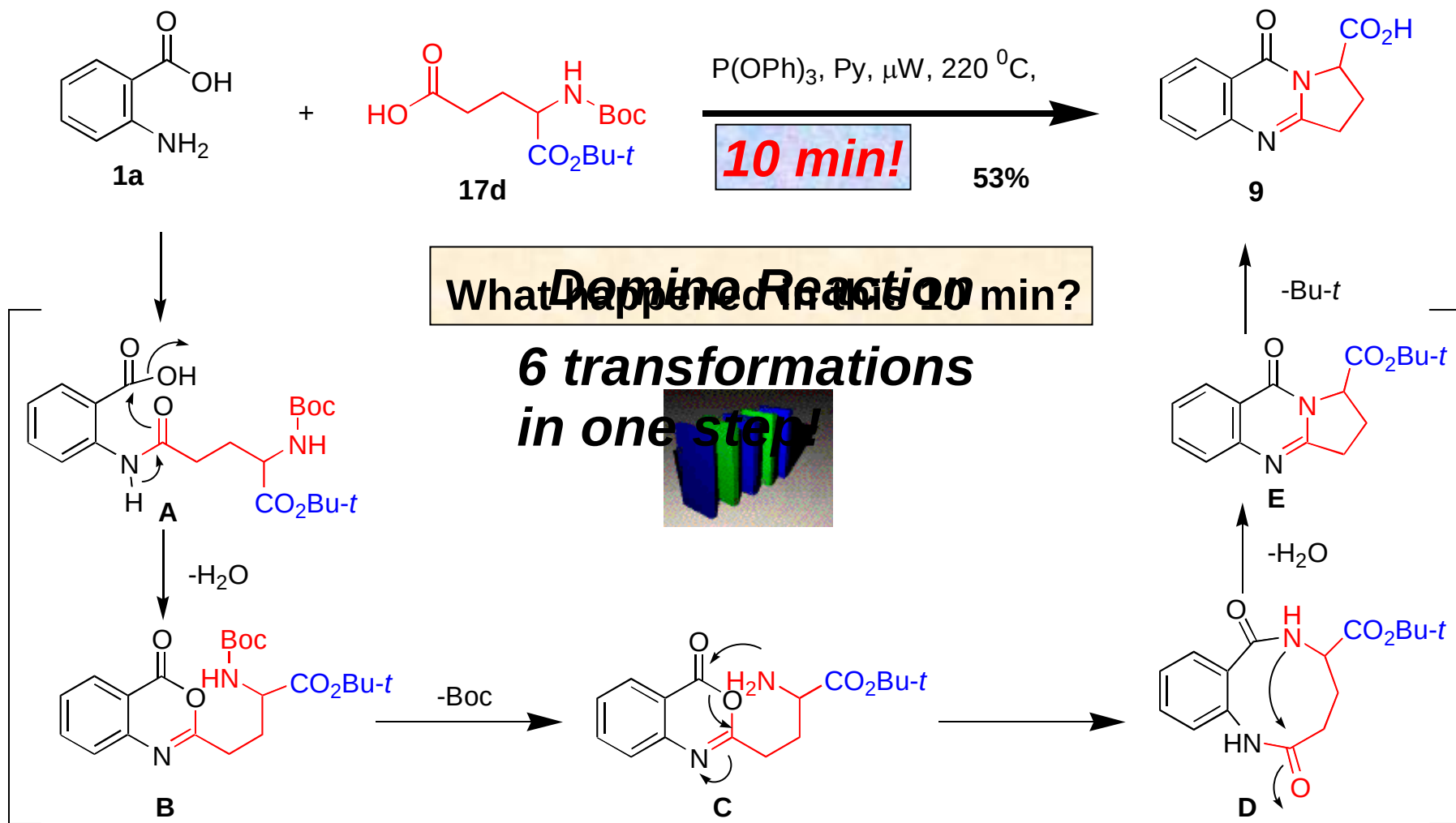
Literature Method for Synthesis of (38)



- 7 steps in days, <40% overall yield.
- Not optimal for the automation.



One-Step Synthesis of (9)

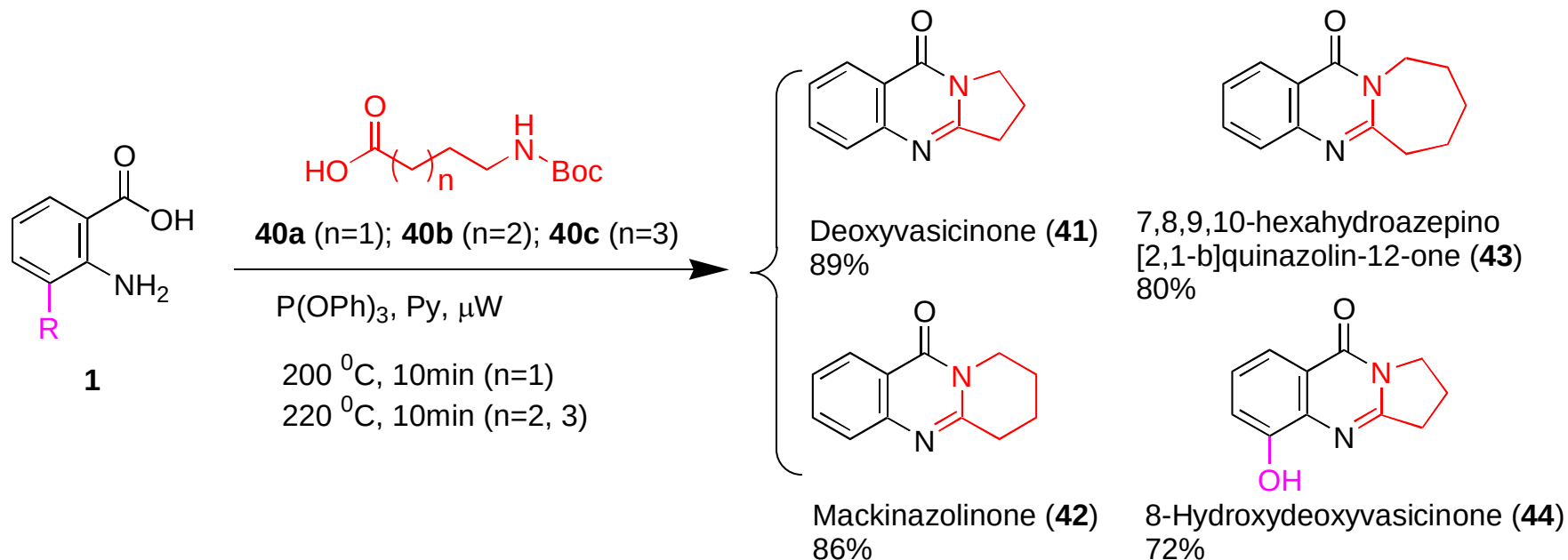


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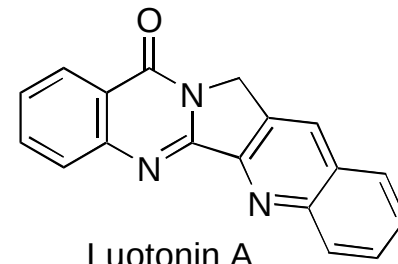
Total Syntheses of Deoxyvasicionones

Intramolecular Domino Reactions



⦿ No protecting group needed on OH.

Formal total synthesis



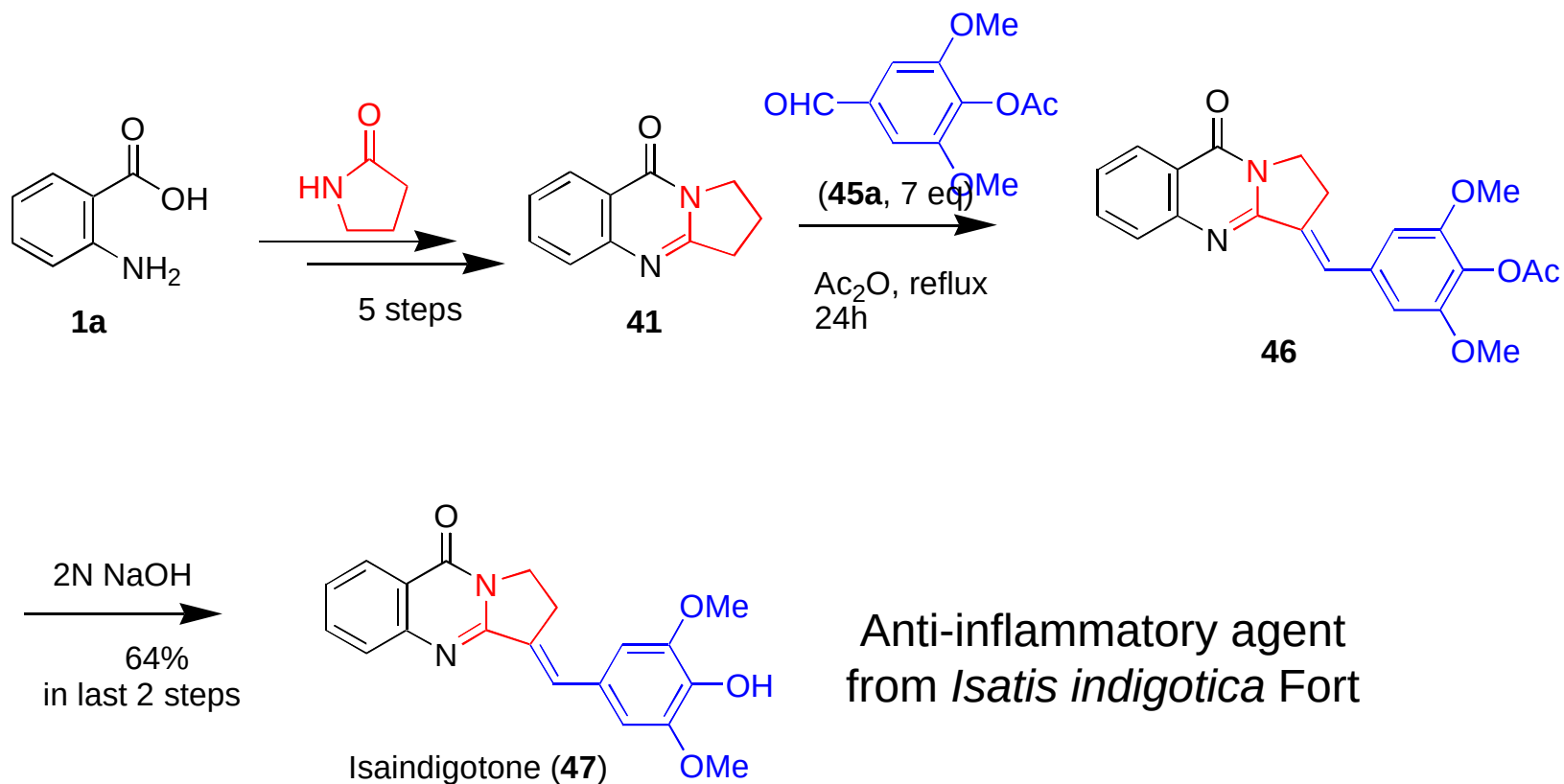
Luotonin A

(Topoisomerase I Inhibitor)

3 Steps (lit 7 steps)



Literature Method for Synthesis of (47)

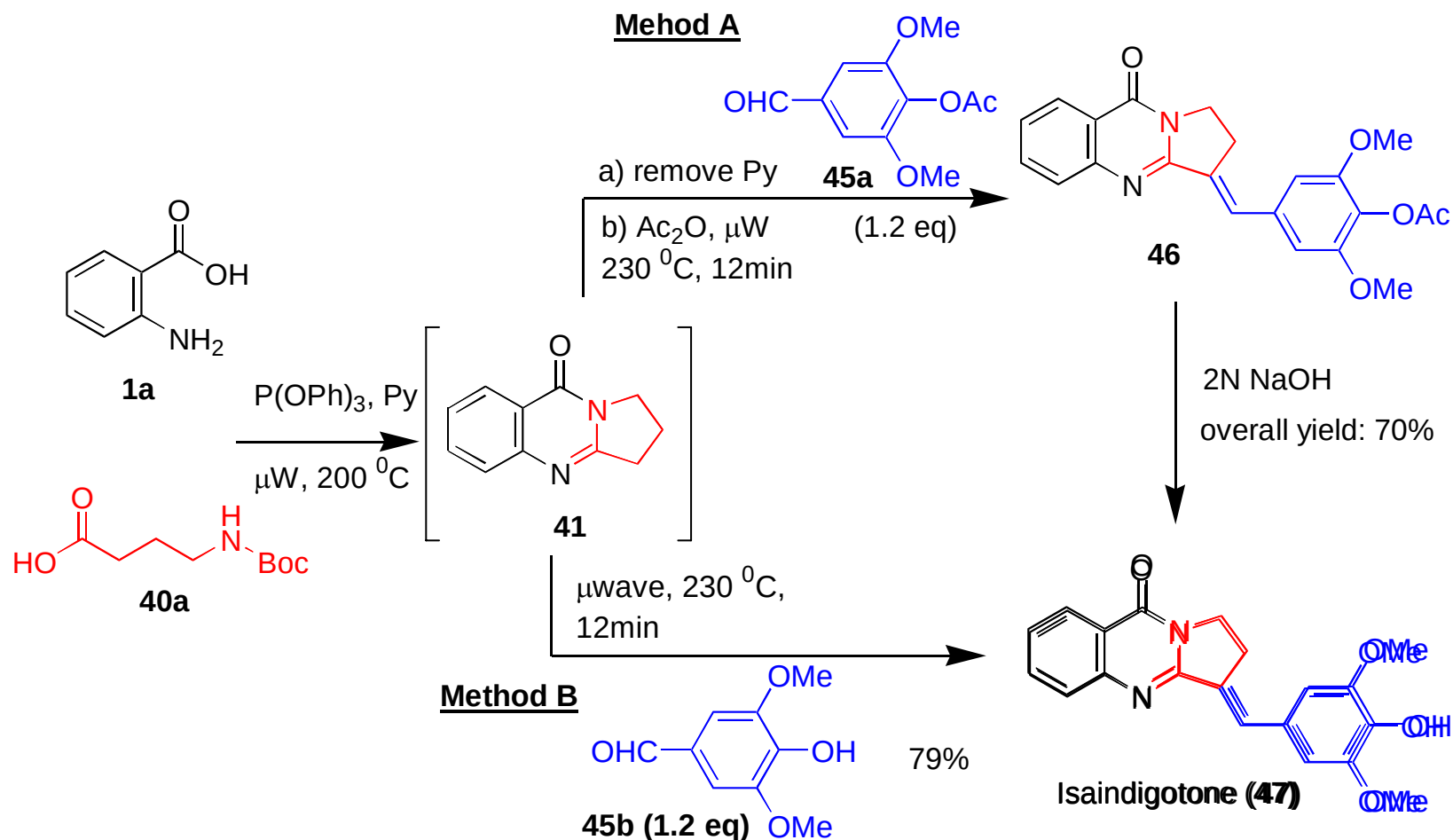


- ⦿ Eguchi's aza-Wittig approach to **41**.
- ⦿ 7 liner steps in days.
- ⦿ Not optimal for the automation.

P. Molina et al *Synthesis* **2000**, 1523.



Total Synthesis of Isaindigotone (47)



One-pot Sequential Reaction (Method B)

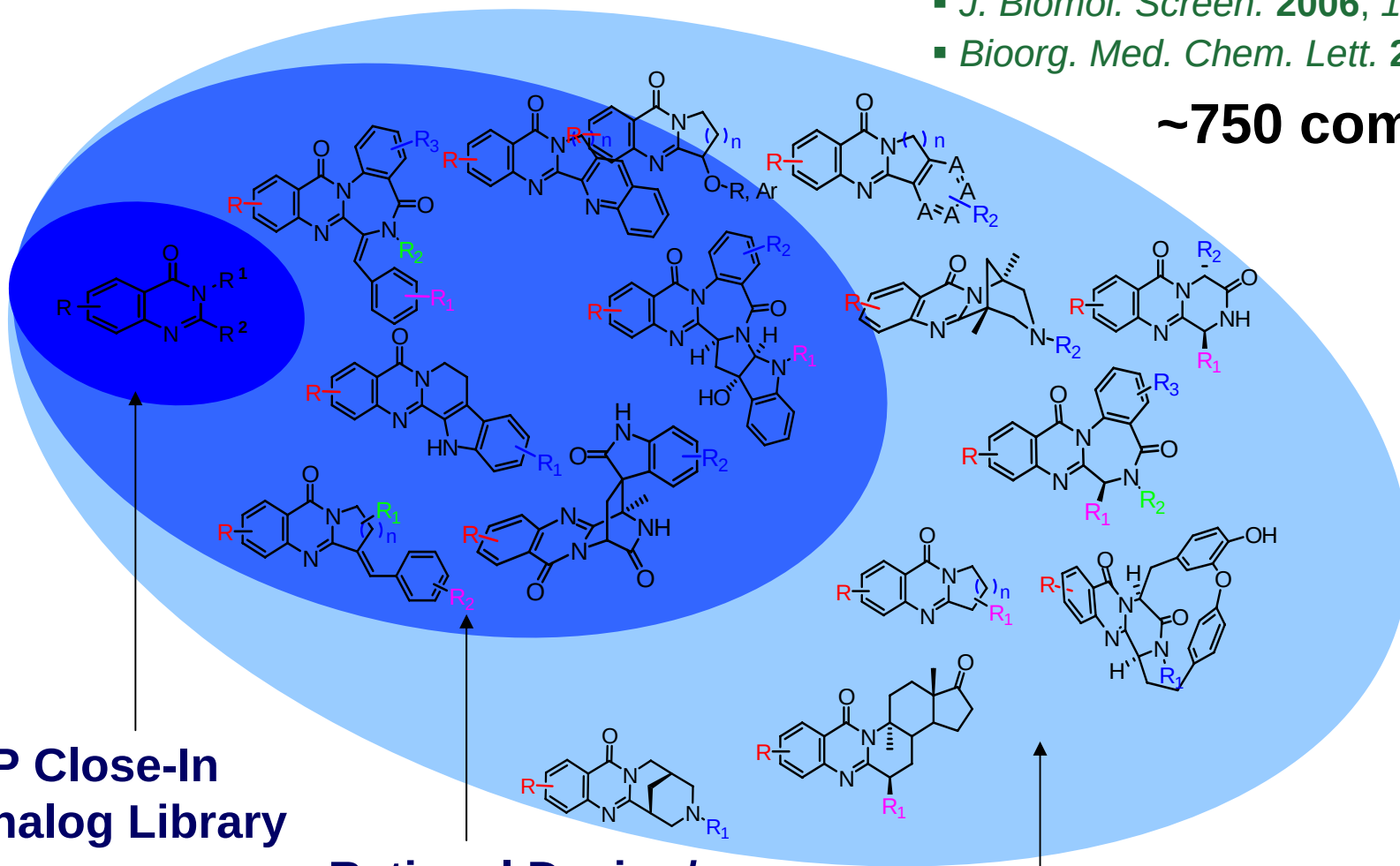
- Improved process from literature 7 steps to 2 steps in one-pot.
- Greatly accelerated library synthesis.



Quinazolinone NP Libraries

- *J. Comb. Chem.* **2006**, *8*, 7.
- *J. Biomol. Screen.* **2006**, *11*, 21.
- *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2006**, *16*, 686.

~750 compounds



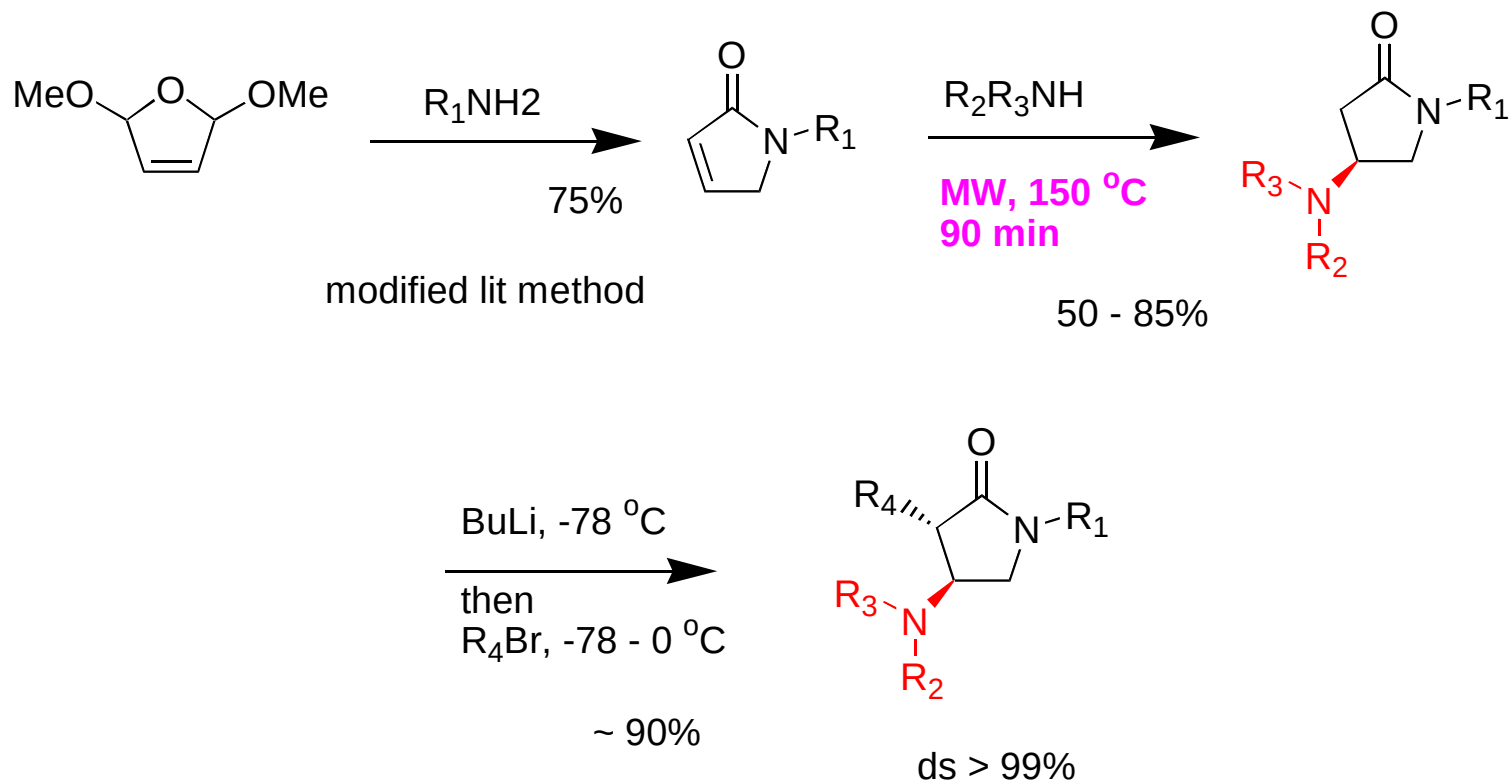
**NP Close-In
Analog Library**

**Rational Design/
Hypothesis-Driven
Library**

**Diversity-Driven
Library**



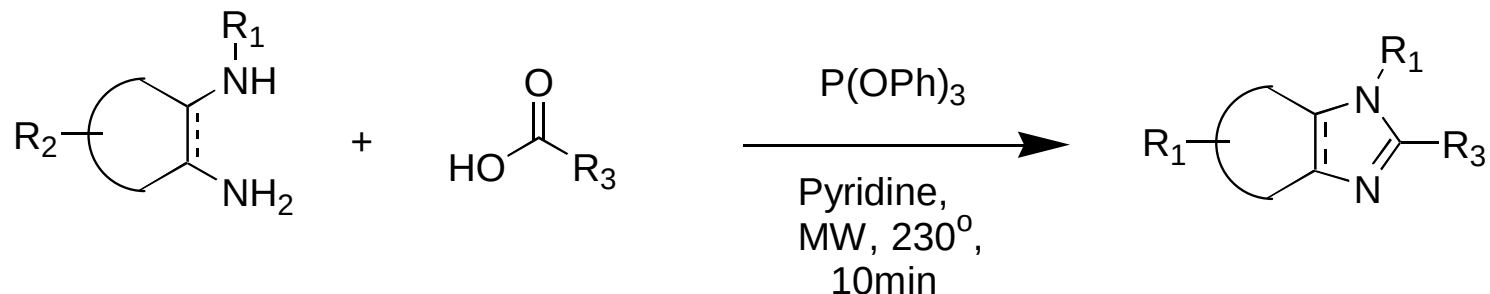
Case 2: γ -Lactam - A Potential Kinase Inhibitor



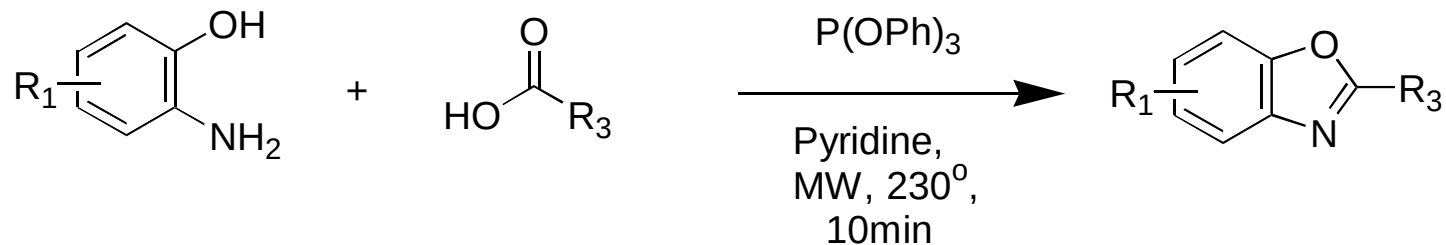
- Low yield (unpractical) when used conventional heating even 3 days!
- MW allowed synthesize the target compounds **from concept to library less than 2 weeks.**



Case 3: Imidazoles and Benzoxazoles



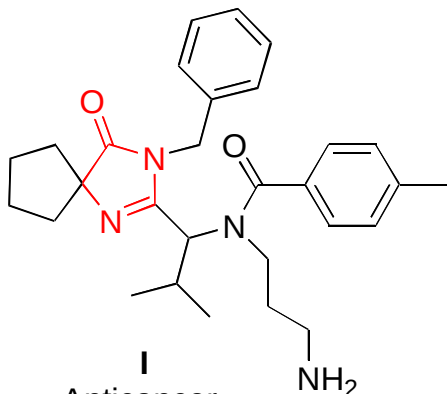
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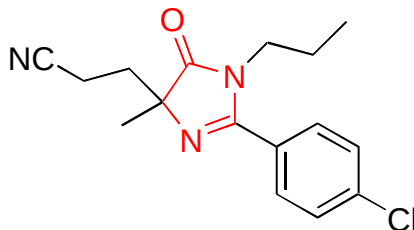
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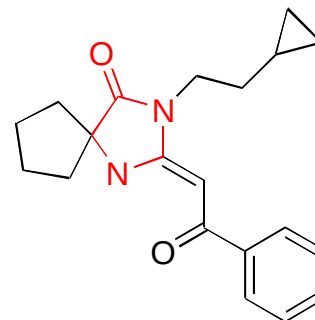
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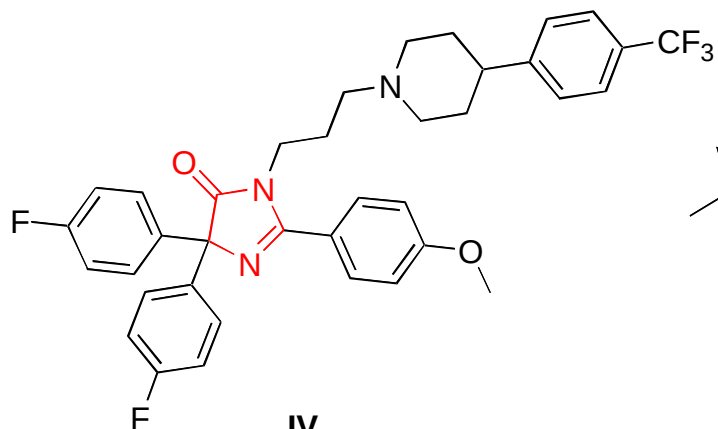
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Eg5 Inhibitor
Cytokinetics Inc.



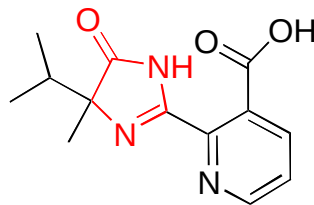
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Sankyo



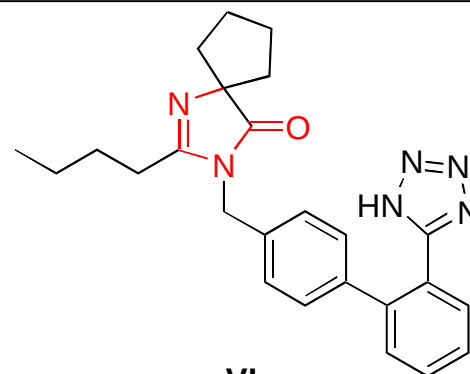
III
Anticancer
Pfizer



IV
Obesity
Bayer



V
Arsenal
Herbicide
American Cyanamide Co.



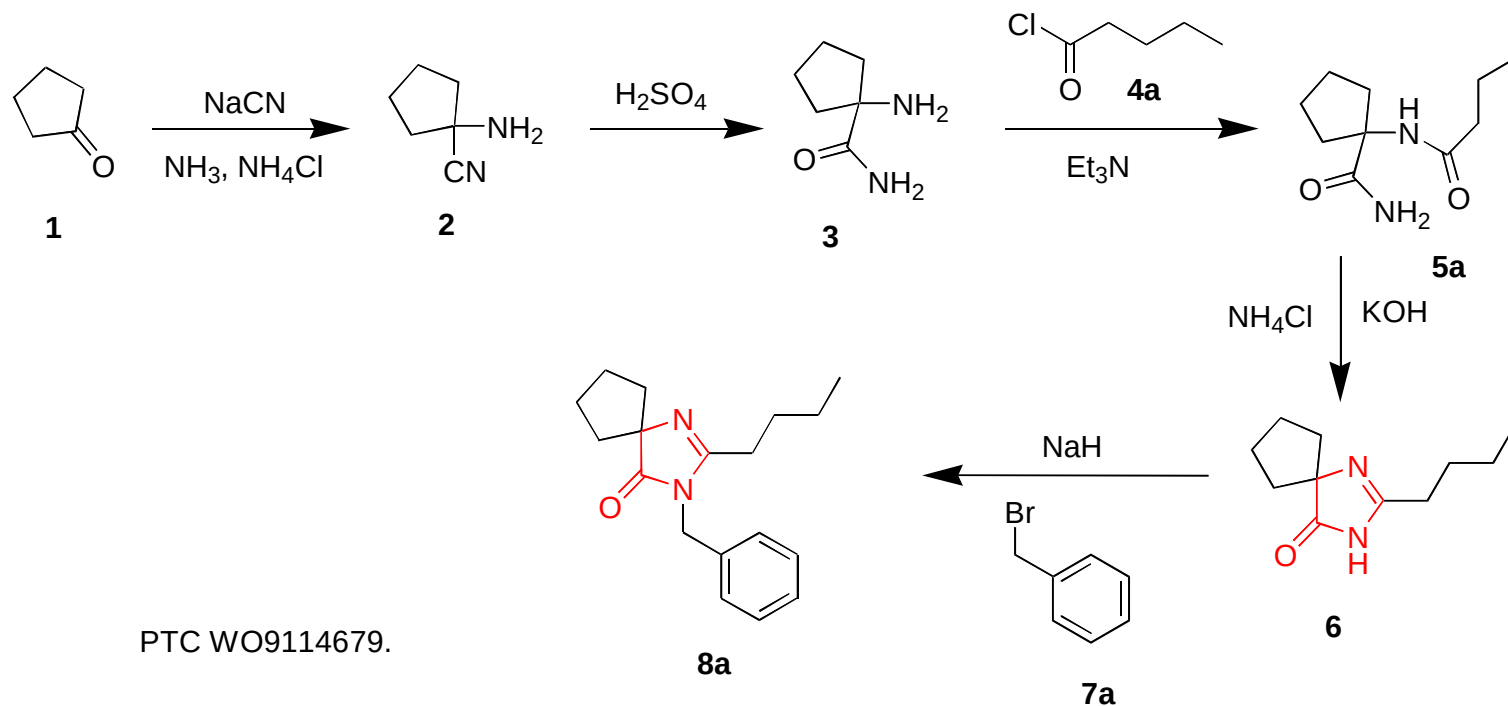
VI
Irbesartan
Cardiovascular
BMS/Sanofi Aventis

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Literature Precedent I

via Diamides



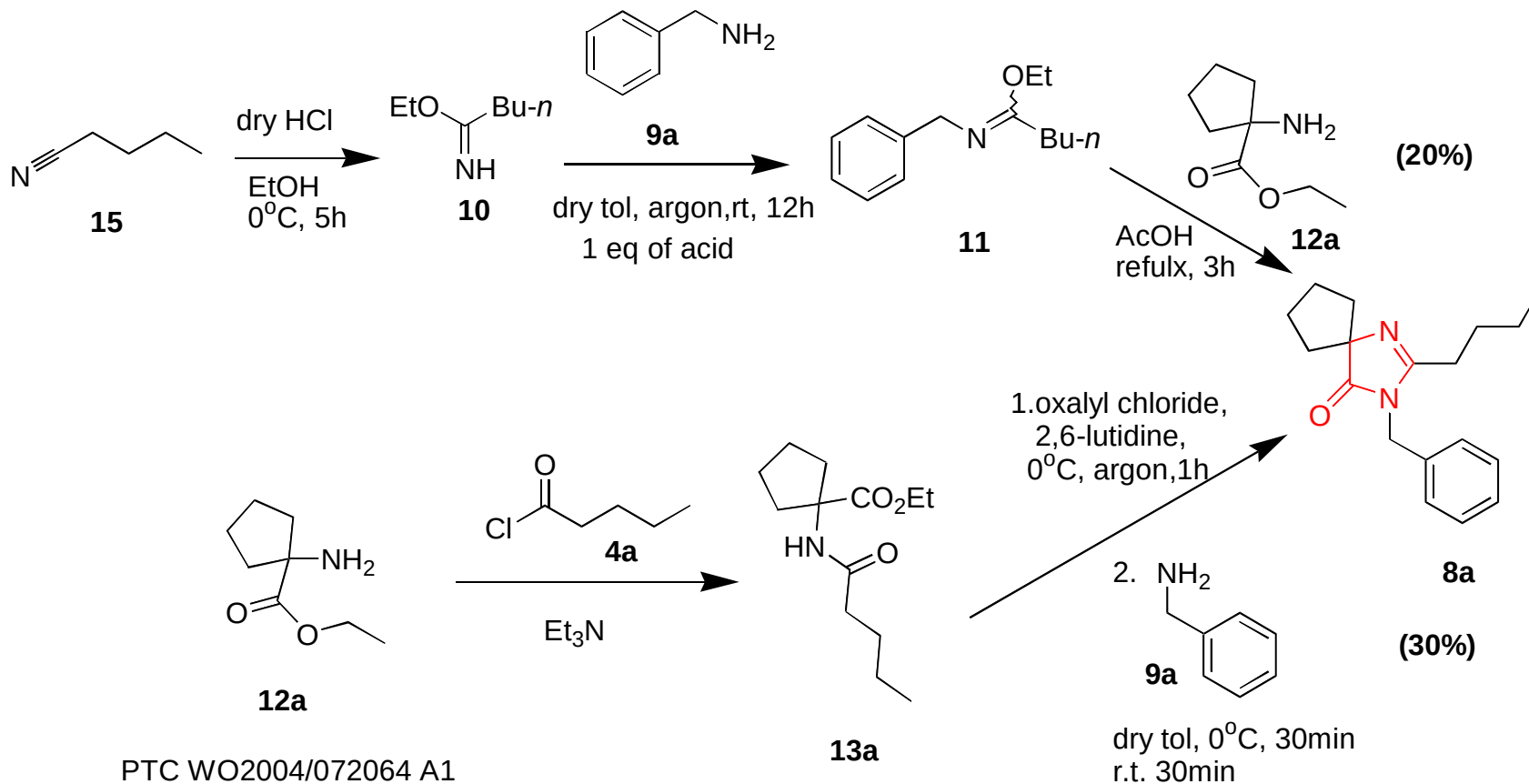
Drawbacks:

1. 5-step synthesis;
2. Use of hazard reagent NaCN .



Literature Precedent II

via Imidate Esters or Imidoyl Chlorides

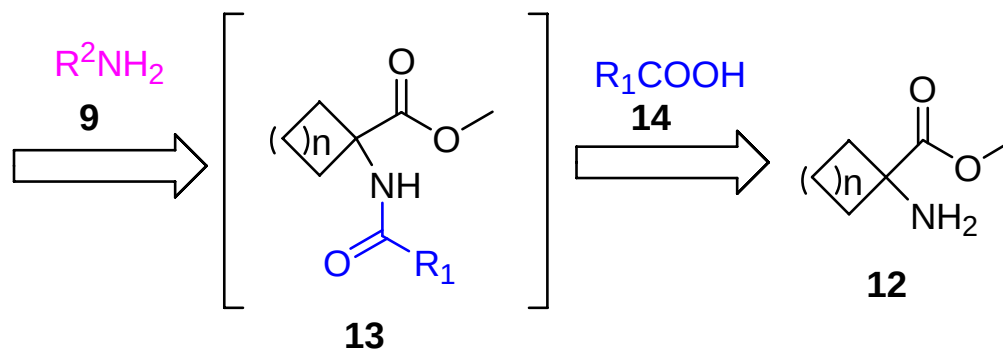
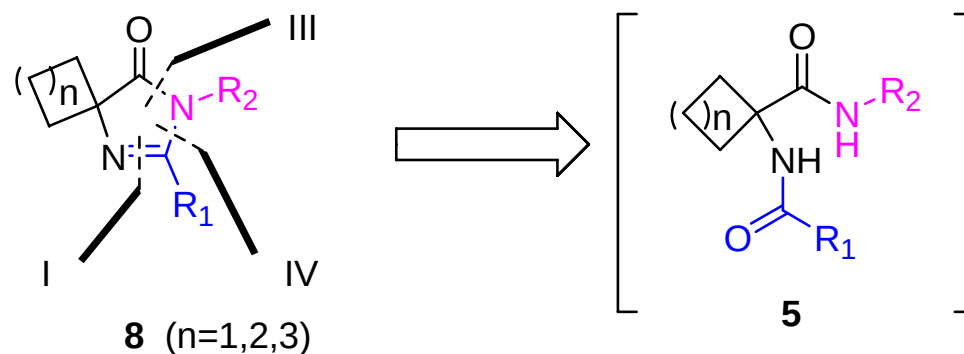


Drawbacks: 1. Un-stability of intermediates;
2. Difficulty of operation;
3. Low yields.



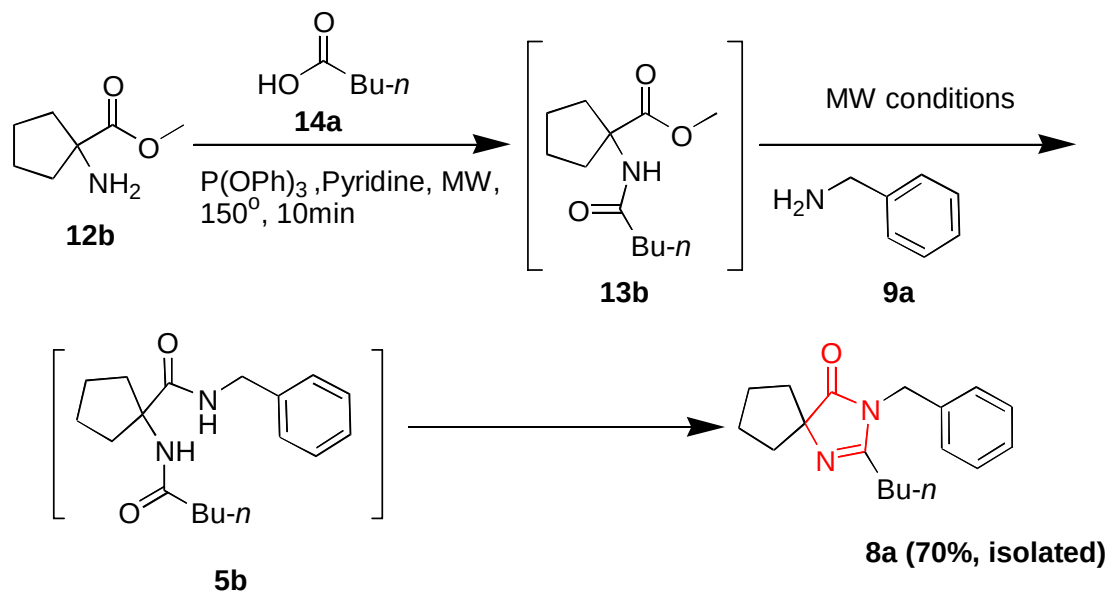
Retro-synthetic Strategy - I

1. Three-component one-pot sequential reaction:





Method Development – Strategy I



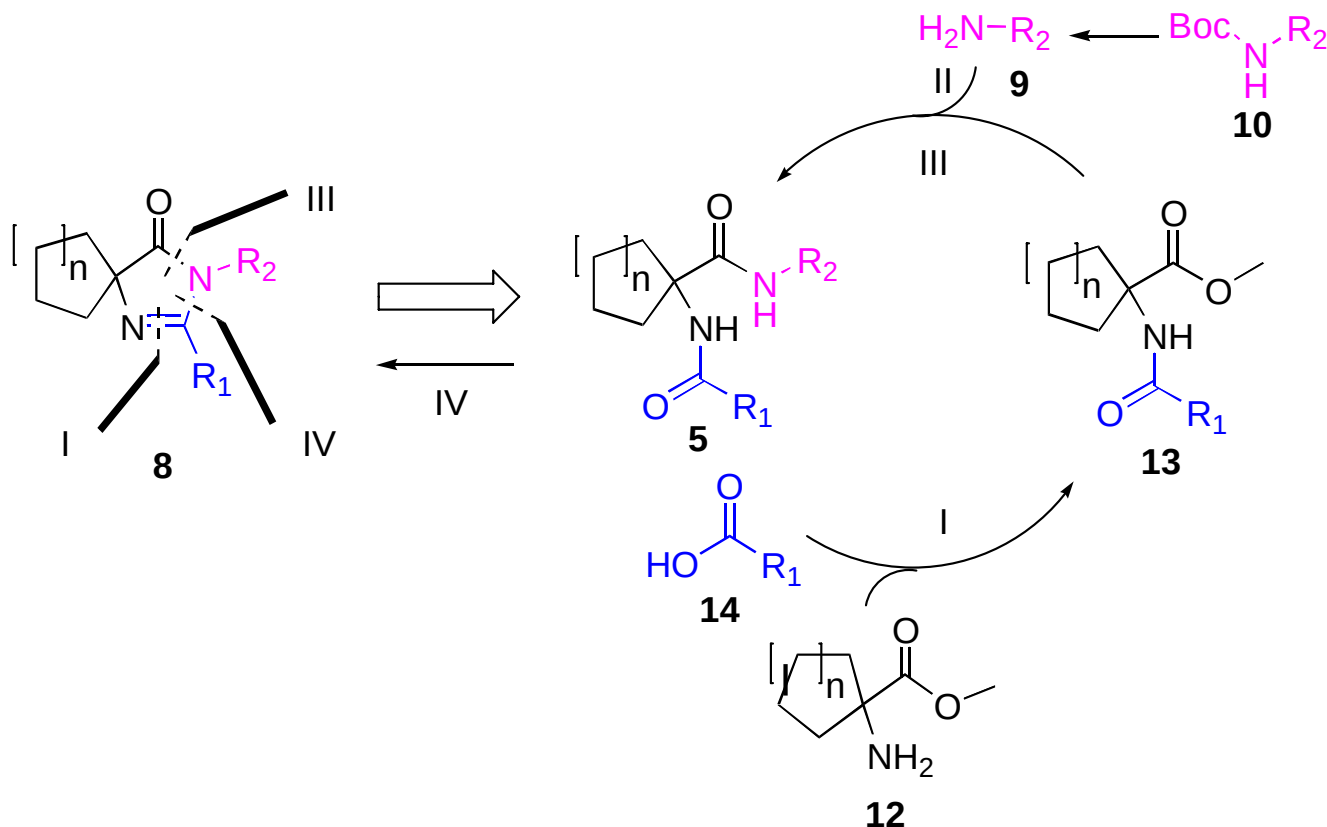
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200	10	30	30	30
220	10	28	-	62
240	10	2	-	98
250	10	-	-	100 (70)

⦿ a. Yield determined by HPLC(ELSD) and isolated yield in parentheses.



Retro-synthetic Strategy - II

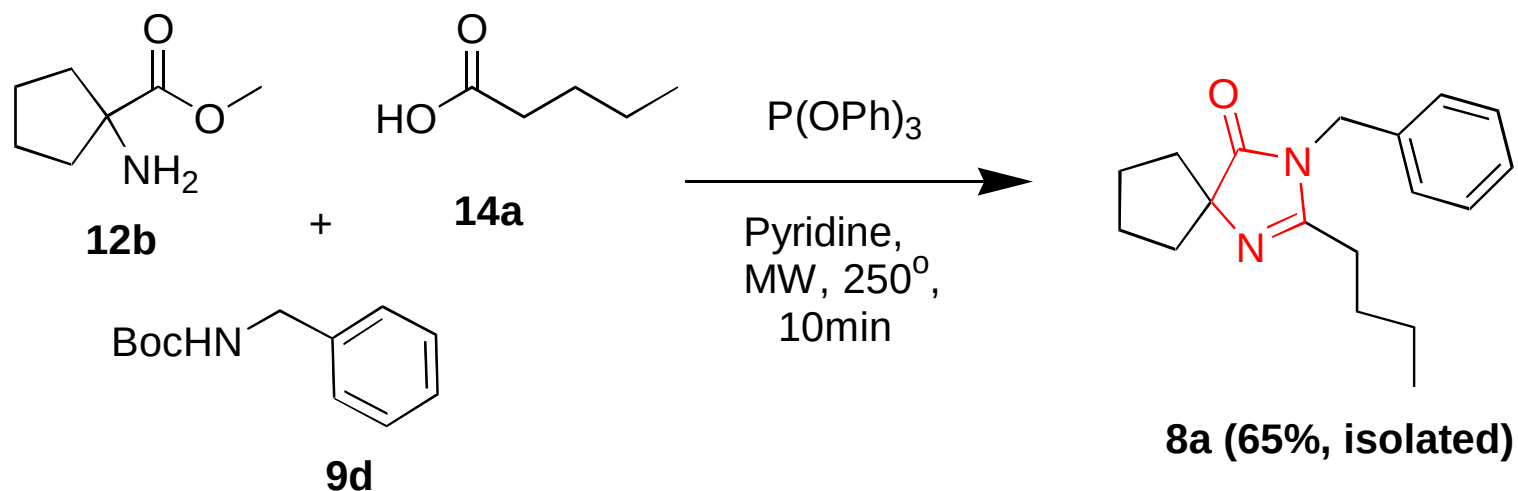
2. Three-component domino reaction



- ◉ Simplify operation for library syntheses that needs limited number of amines.



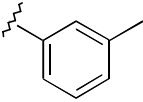
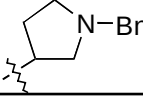
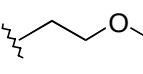
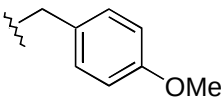
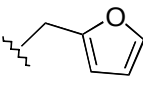
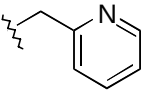
Method Development – Strategy II



- Feasibility and efficiency of domino reaction.



Chemistry Scope of Amines

Entries	R1R2	R3	R4	Yield(%) ^b
1	cyclopentyl	butyl		98(67)
2	cyclopentyl	butyl		93(78)
3	cyclopentyl	butyl		95(72)
4 ^a	cyclopentyl	butyl		97(74)
5	cyclopentyl	butyl		90(51)
6 ^a	cyclopentyl	butyl		95(56)

a. Via strategy II domino reaction;

b. Yield determined by HPLC(ELSD) and isolated yield in parentheses.



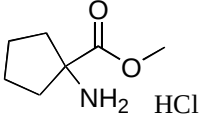
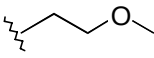
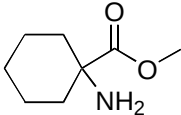
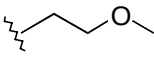
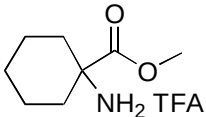
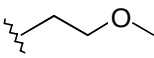
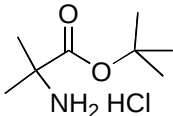
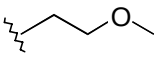
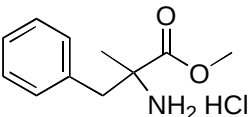
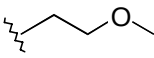
Chemistry Scope of Acids

Entries	R1R2	R3	R4	Yield(%) ^a
1	cyclopentyl		benzyl	95(70)
2	cyclopentyl		benzyl	90(71)
3	cyclopentyl		benzyl	91(73)
4 ^b	cyclopentyl		benzyl	89(69)
5	cyclopentyl		benzyl	95(55)
6	cyclopentyl		benzyl	90(51)

- a. Yield determined by HPLC(ELSD) and isolated yield in parentheses;
b. Cyclization step: microwave, 250°, 15 min.



Chemistry Scope of Amino Esters

Entries	R1R2	R3	R4	Yield(%) ^a
1		benzyl		92(63)
2 ^b		benzyl		82(50)
3 ^b		benzyl		95(66)
4		benzyl		82(55)
5		benzyl		95(67)

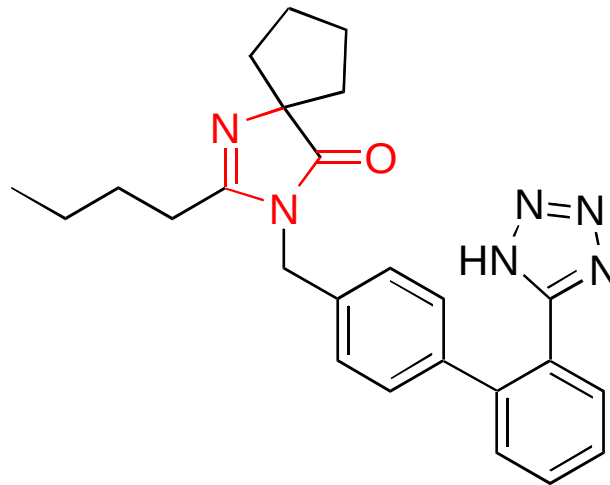
a. Yield determined by HPLC(ELSD) and isolated yield in parentheses;

b. Cyclization step: MW, 250°C, 15min.



Irbesartan

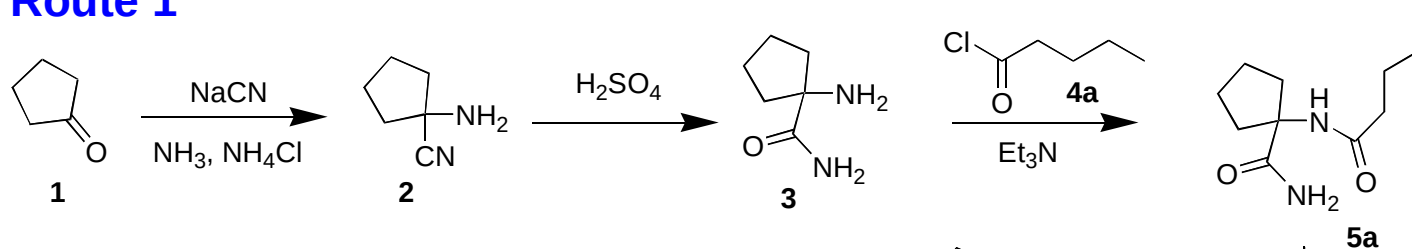
- Irbesartan (brand name Avapro launched from the alliance between BMS and Sanofi-Aventis) is fastest-growing anti-hypertensive drug and used in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases.



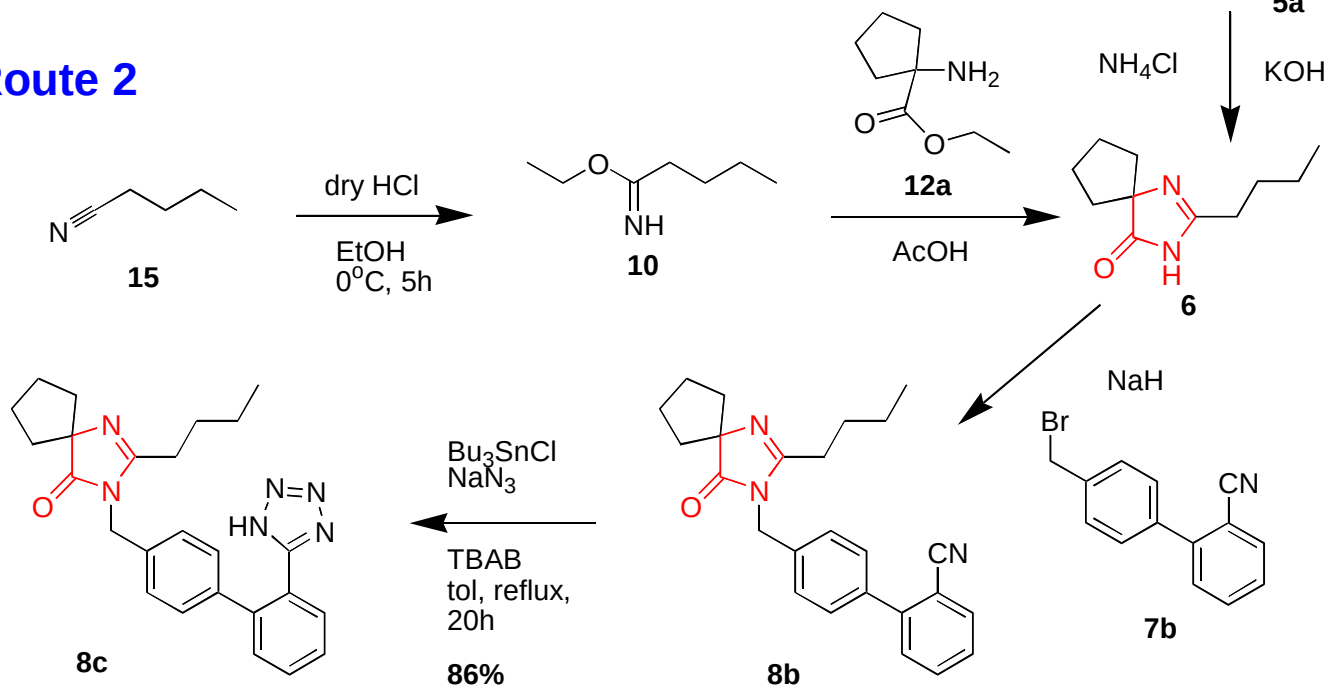


Literature Methods to Irbesartan

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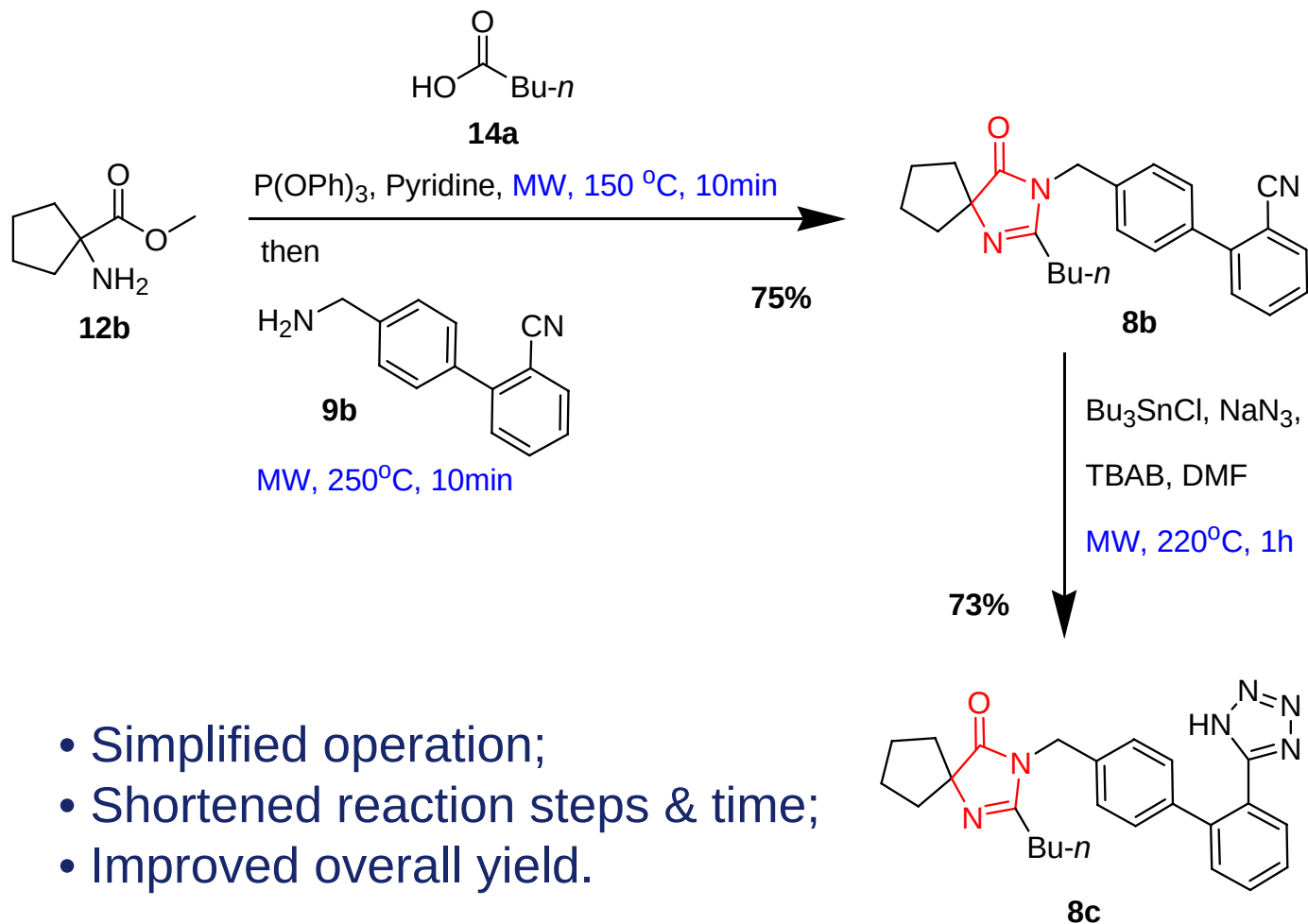
Route 2



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New Method to Irbesartan



- Simplified operation;
- Shortened reaction steps & time;
- Improved overall yield.

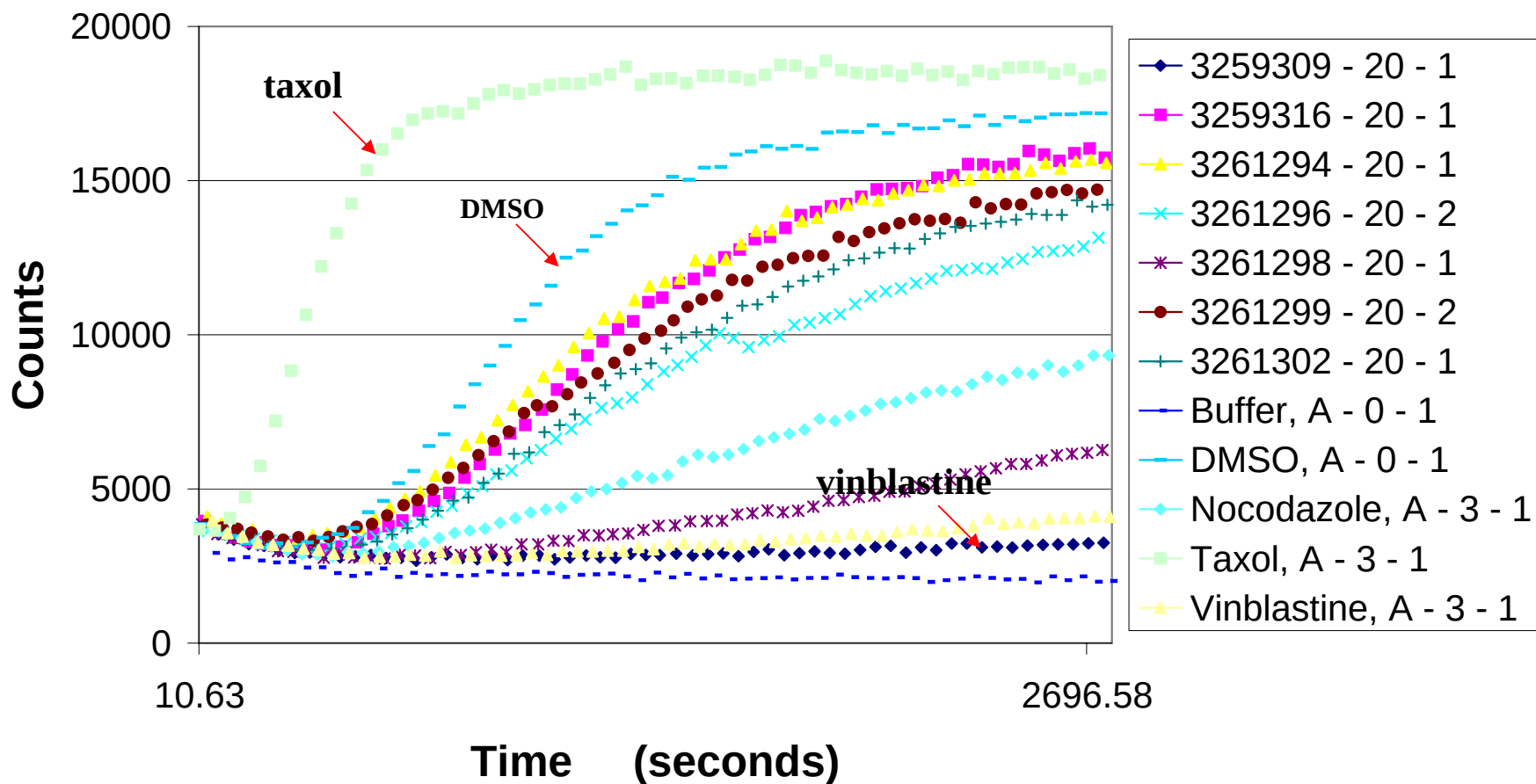


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	Program	Partner	Discovery	Lead Optimization	Pre-Clinical Development	IND	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
ONCOLOGY									
ARQ 501	E2F	Roche	Solid Tumors						
-501-101 Monotherapy			Solid Tumors						
-501-111 Docetaxel Combo			Solid Tumors						
-501-212 Gemcitabine Combo									
ARQ 197 (ARQ-650RP)	CSP								
-Monotherapy									
ARQ-550RP	E2F	Roche							
ARQ-450RP	Mitotic Checkpoint Activators								
ARQ-350RP	BRAF								
ARQ-250RP	HSP90								
ARQ-700RP	HDAC								
ARQ-300RP	Eg5								
ARQ-800RP	Checkpoint Activators								
ARQ-150RP	Checkpoint Modulators								
ARQ-850RP	P53								
NON-ONCOLOGY									
Solvay SLV332	NK ₂	Solvay	Irritable Bowel						
Wyeth	N/A	Wyeth	Rheumatoid Arthritis						



Tubulin Assay with Selected Quinazolinones



⊖ Compound X induced mitotic arrest by inhibiting tubulin polymerization.

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Summary

- MAOS allows for rapid exploration of different reactions and conditions
- MAOS have been successfully applied to chemical transformations with broad chemistry scope, which are otherwise difficult using conventional means
- MAOS is an useful tool for medicinal chemists



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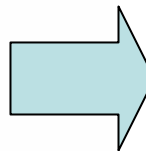
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