

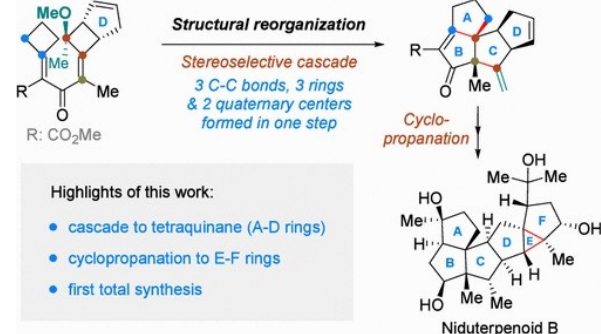
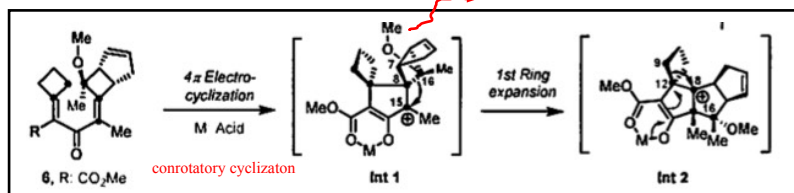
Total Synthesis of the Hexacyclic Sesterterpenoid Niduterpenoid B via Structural Reorganization Strategy

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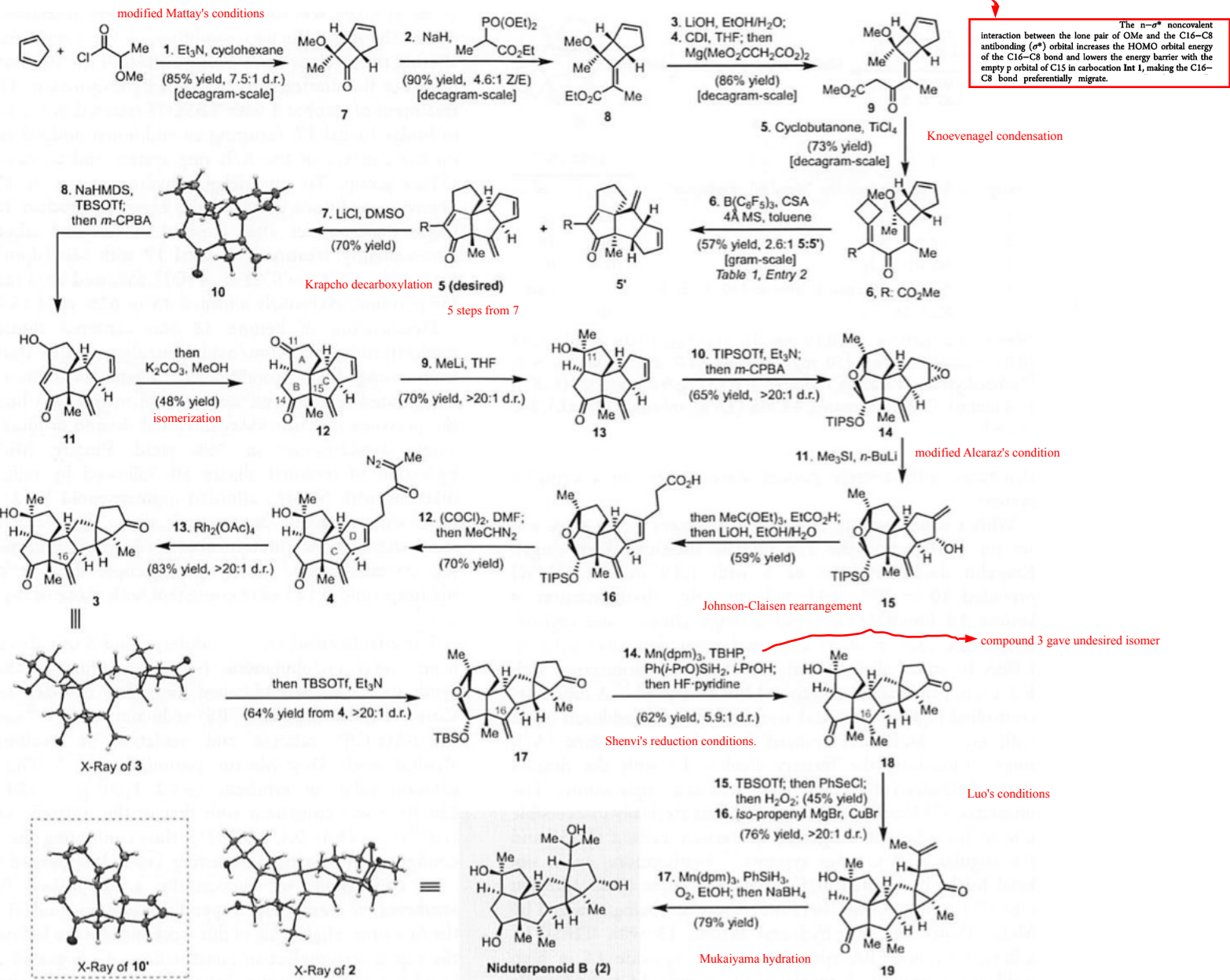
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methoxy-controlled cascade reaction



a tandem Nazarov cyclization and double ring expansions of 1,3-



acid sensitive: systemic optimization of various reaction

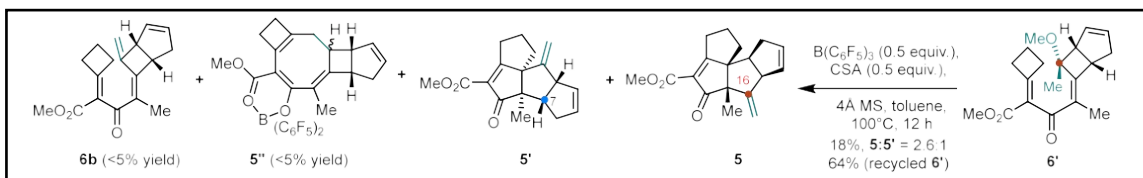


Table 1. Cascade Reaction Discovery and Optimization

Entry	Variations from the "standard conditions" <sup>a</sup>	5 (%) <sup>b</sup>	5' (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	none	36	14
2 <sup>c</sup>	3 g-scale of 6	41	16
3	No B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	0	0
4	B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (1 equiv.), toluene, 120 °C, 12 h	8	trace
5	No CSA	10	<5

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: 6 (0.10 mmol), B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (0.05 mmol), CSA (0.05 mmol), 4Å MS (50 mg), toluene (1.0 mL), 100 °C, 5 h.  
<sup>b</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>c</sup>Reaction conditions: 6 (3.0 g, 9.6 mmol), B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (5.9 mmol), CSA (6.5 mmol), 4Å MS (3.0 g), toluene (100 mL), 100 °C, 5 h.

