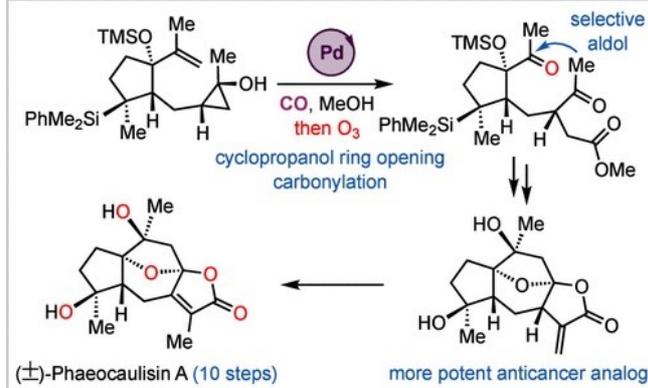
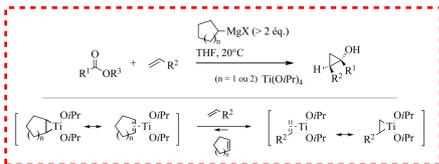


Ten-Step Total Synthesis of (±)-Phaeocaulisin A Enabled by Cyclopropanol Ring-Opening Carbonylation

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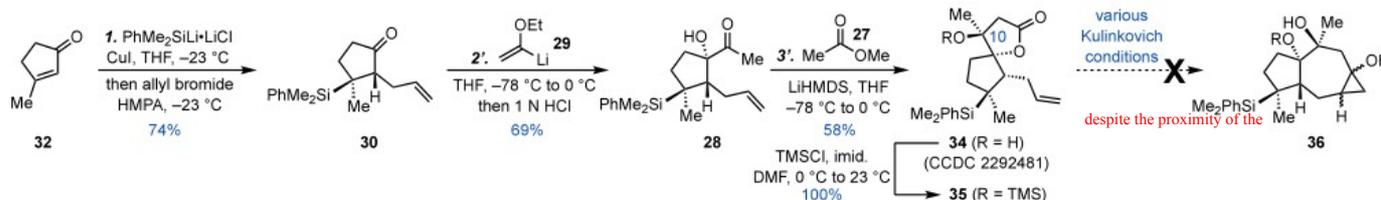
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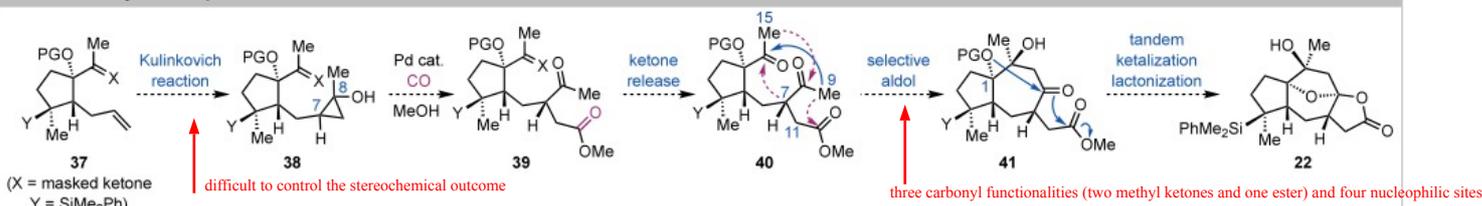
(±)-Phaeocaulisin A (10 steps)

more potent anticancer analog

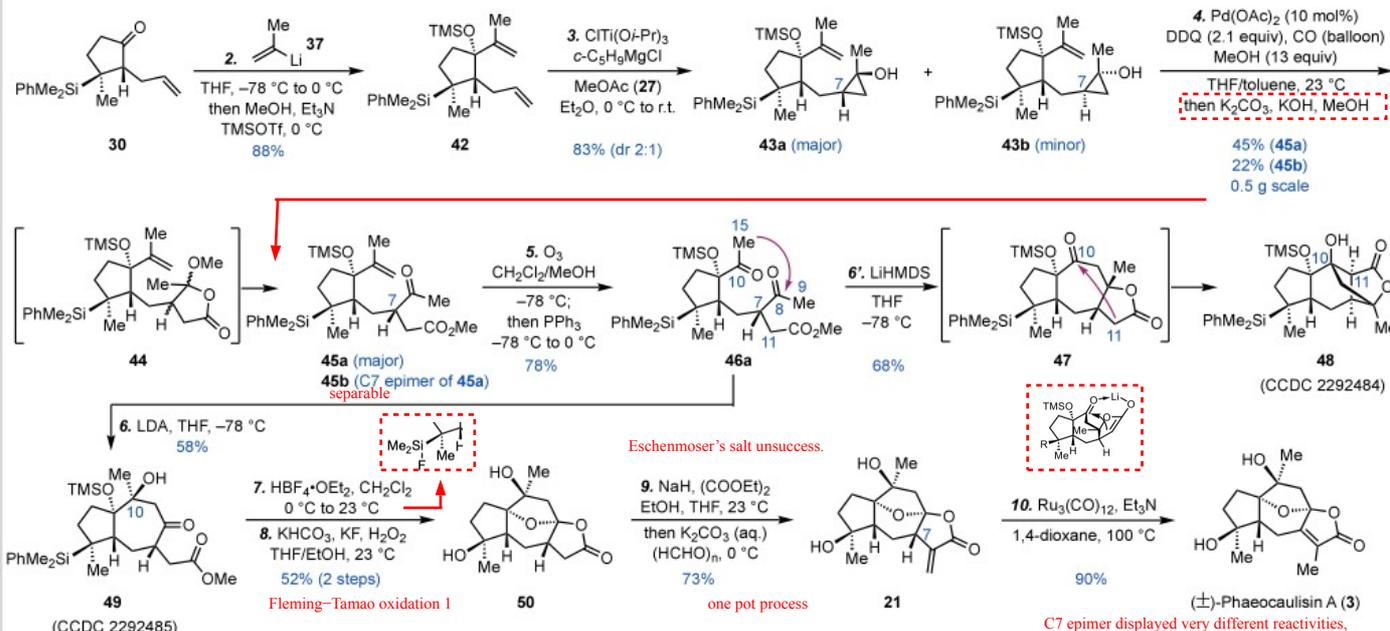
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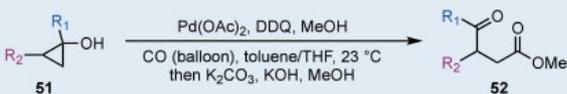
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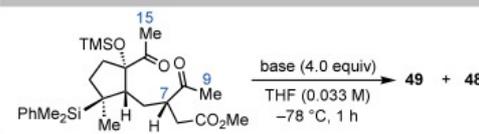
C. Total synthesis of (±)-phaeocaulisin A



D. Palladium-catalyzed cyclopropanol ring opening carbonylation to β-ketoesters



E. Evaluation of the aldol reaction



C7 epimer displayed very different reactivities,

entry	base	yield (49) <sup>a</sup>	yield (48) <sup>a</sup>	ratio (49/48)
1	LiHMDS	8%	69%	1/8.6
2	NaHMDS	19%	43%	1/2.3
3	KHMDS	22%	n.d.	n.d.
4	LDA	54%	23%	2.3/1
5	LiTMP	63%	13%	4.8/1
6	LiNCy <sub>2</sub>	6%	n.d.	n.d.
7	LiCy <sub>3</sub>	6%	52%	1/8.7

<sup>a</sup>NMR yield with BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br as internal standard.

pK<sub>a</sub> of amine in THF  
 LDA 35.7  
 LiHMDS 29.5  
 LiTMP 37.3

