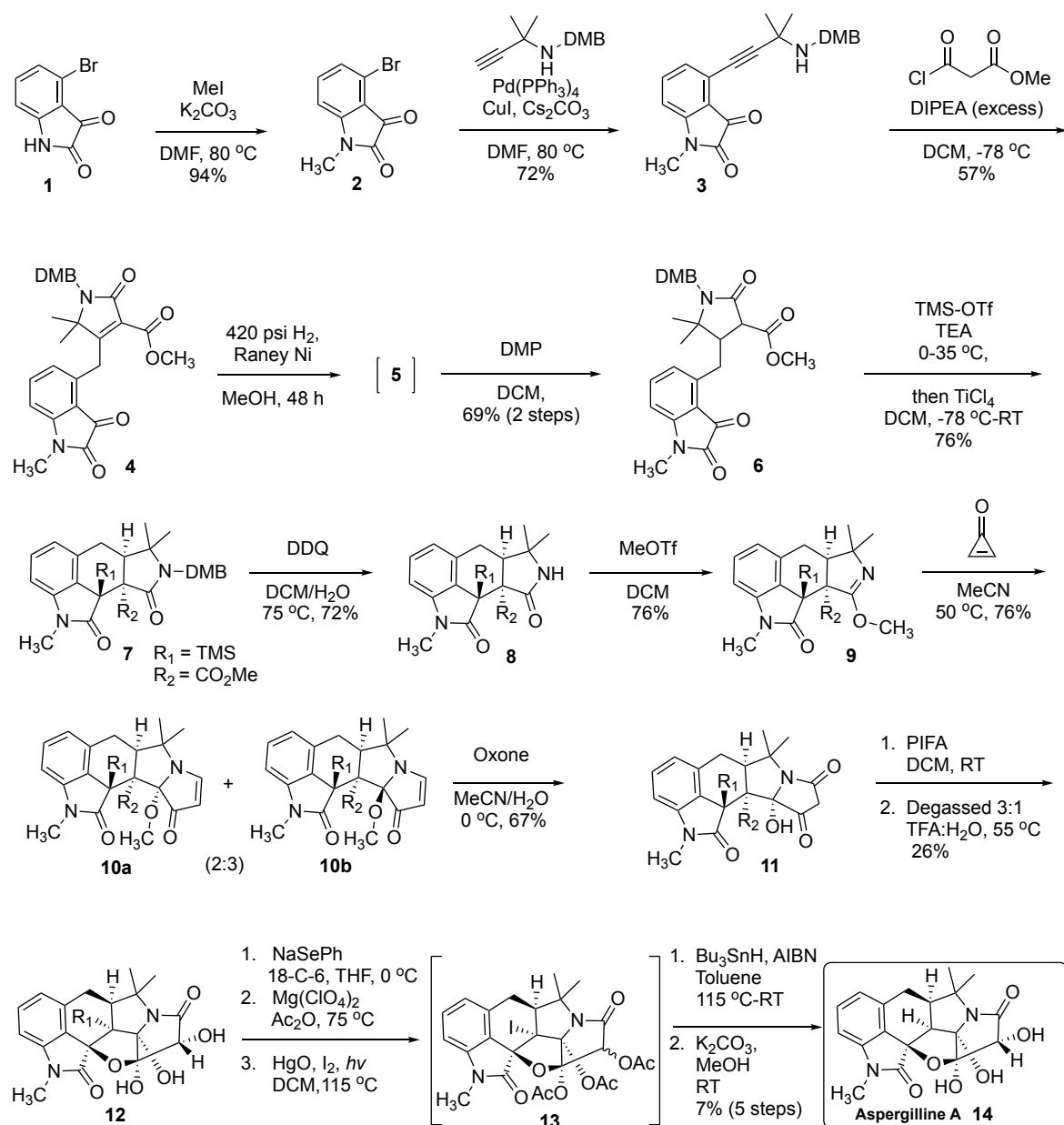


Total Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Aspergilline A

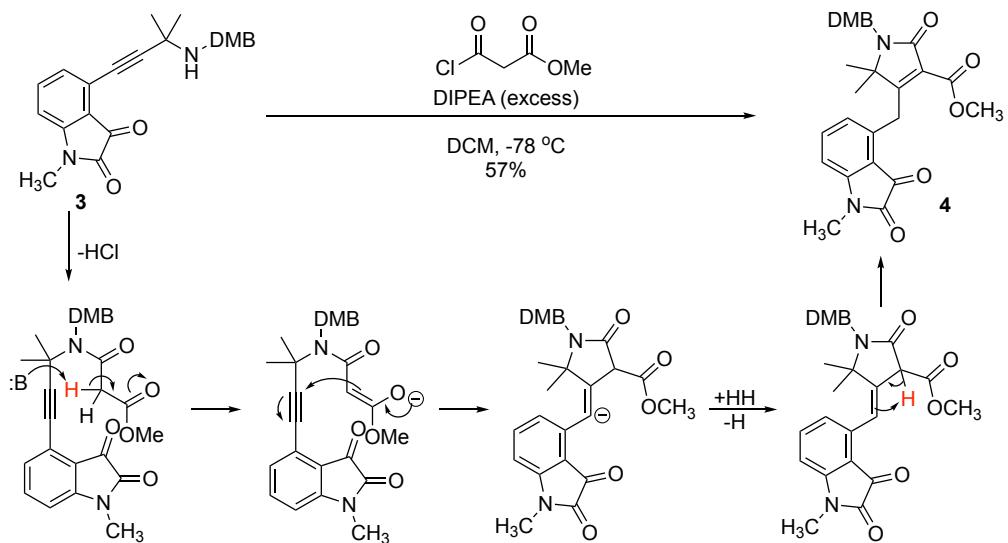
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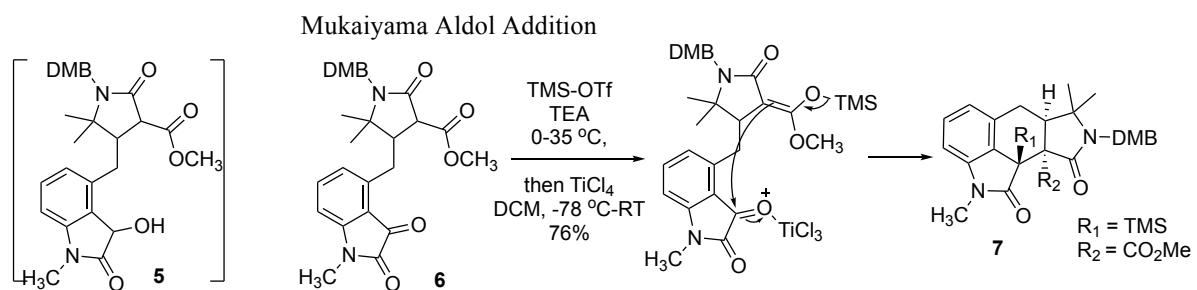
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4. Account for the formation of 12.
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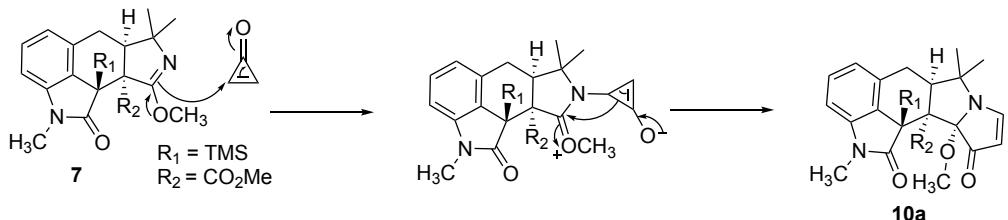
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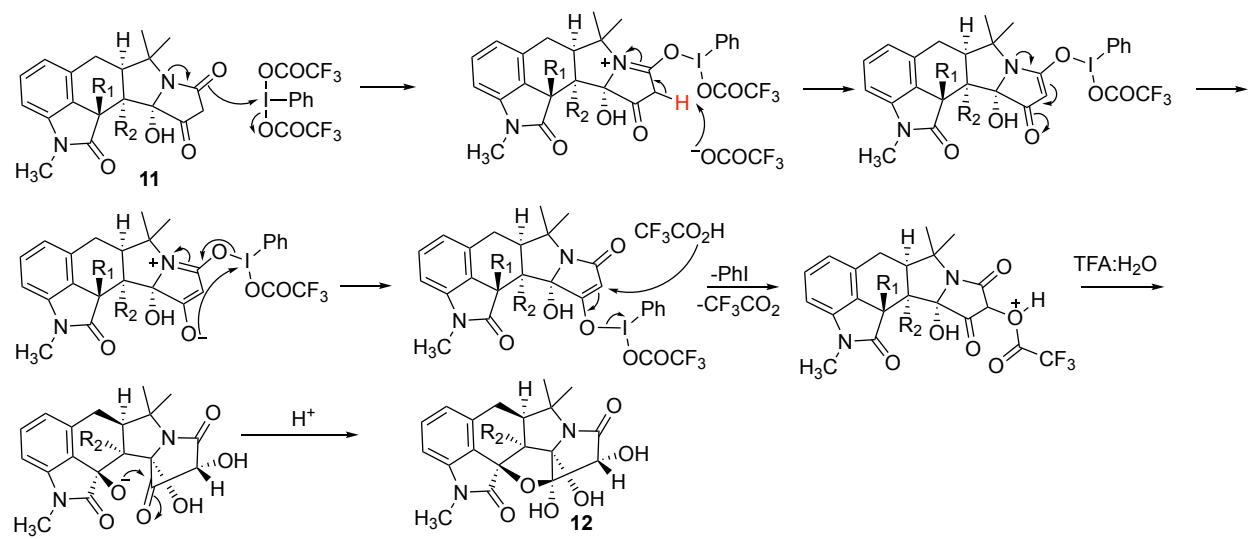
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Q3. Explain the conversion of **9** to **10**.



Q4. Account for the formation of **12**.



Q5. Propose a stepwise formation of the intermediate **13**.

- Step 1: Ester hydrolysis to carboxylic acid
- Step 2: Peracetylation
- Step 3: Hundsdiecker iodinative decarboxylation

