

**Tagetitoxin**

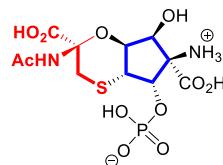
1937 identified as a plant pathogen  
(*Pseudomonas syringae*)  
1981 isolated and partially characterized  
1989-2016 structure revisions  
July 2020: first synthesis published

**Structural Features**

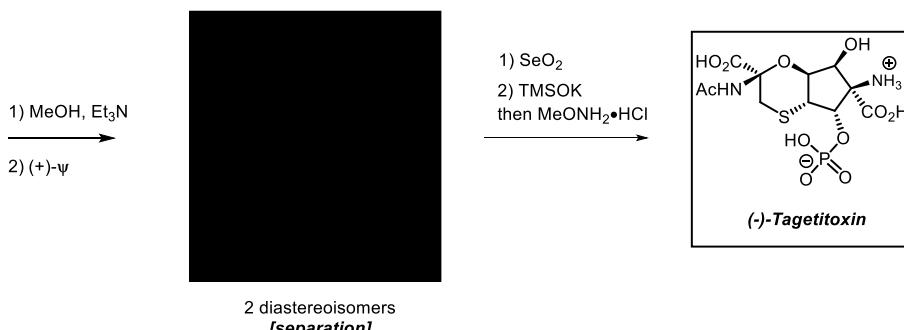
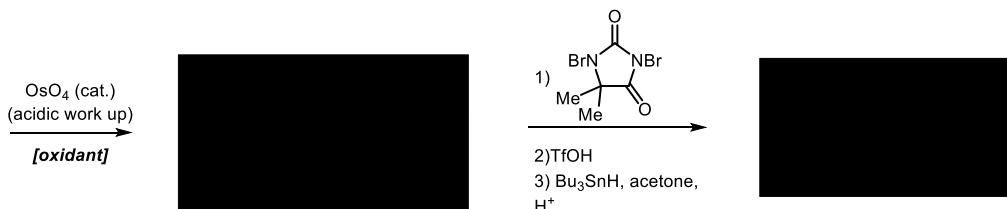
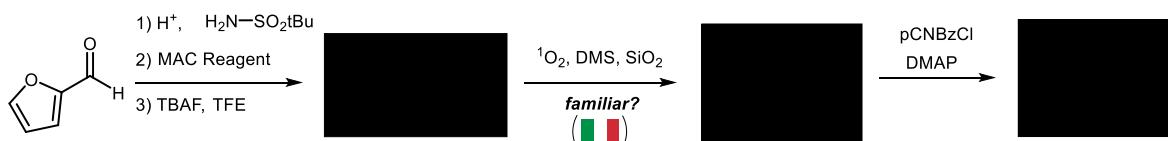
- fully oxidized cyclopentane core
- multiple polar functional groups (practical issues)
- more heteroatoms than carbon atoms
- unknown absolute configuration

**Retrosynthetic Analysis**

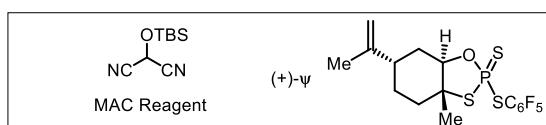
- 1) core contraction
- 2) cyclopentane functionalization
- 3) cysteine incorporation



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2 diastereoisomers  
[separation]



## SOLUTION

