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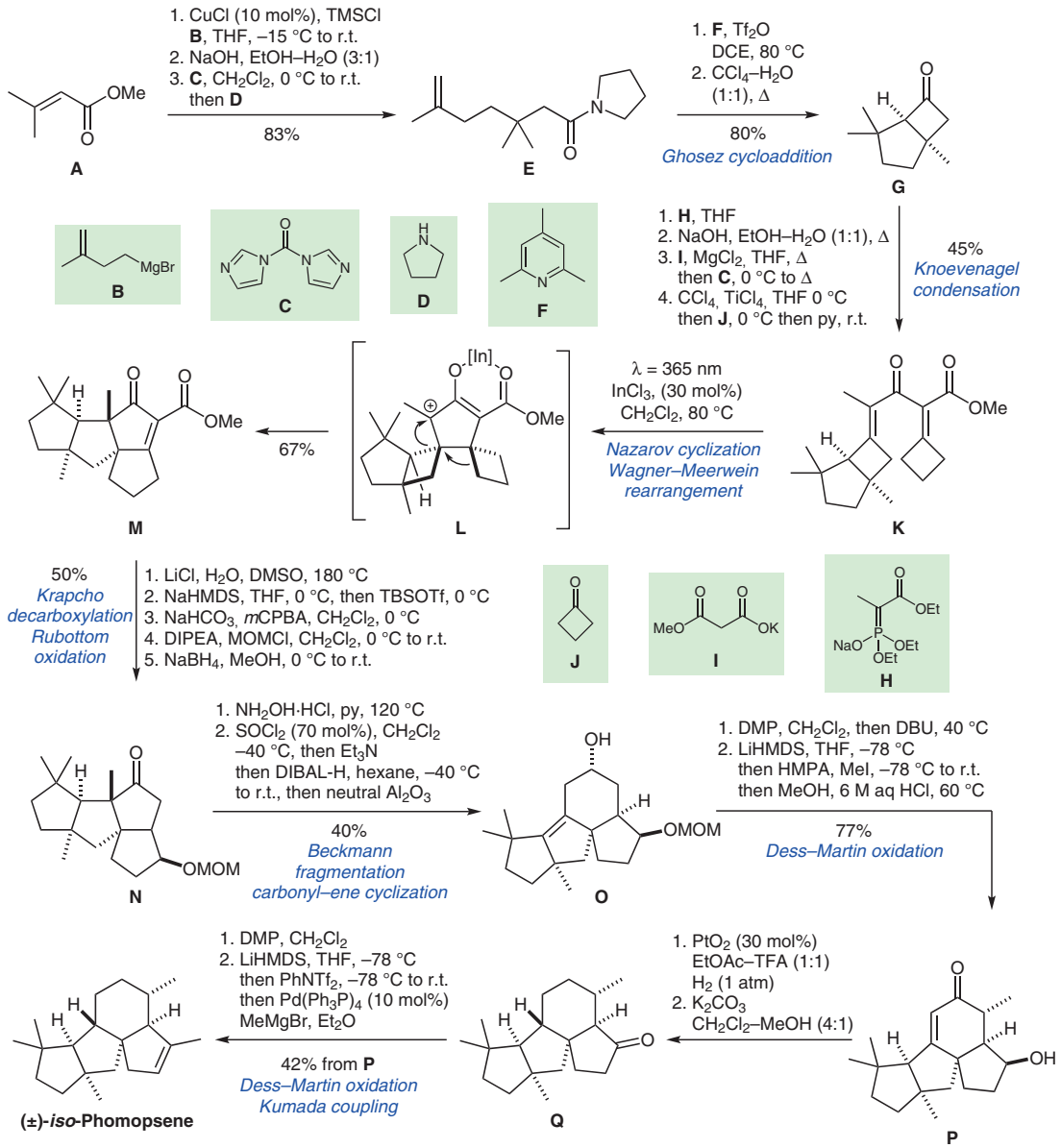
Total Synthesis of (±)-*iso*-Phomopsene



Significance: Shi, Hou, Tu and co-workers report the total synthesis of phomopsene, methyl phomopsenonate, and *iso*-phomopsene. These natural products feature a 5/5/6/5 tetracyclic skeleton. The authors revised the structure of *iso*-phomopsene in this work.

Comment: Key to success is an $InCl_3$-catalyzed Nazarov cyclization of dicyclobutane **K** followed by Wagner–Meerwein rearrangements to afford tetracycle **M**. Ring expansion via Beckmann fragmentation completed the carbocyclic framework.

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