

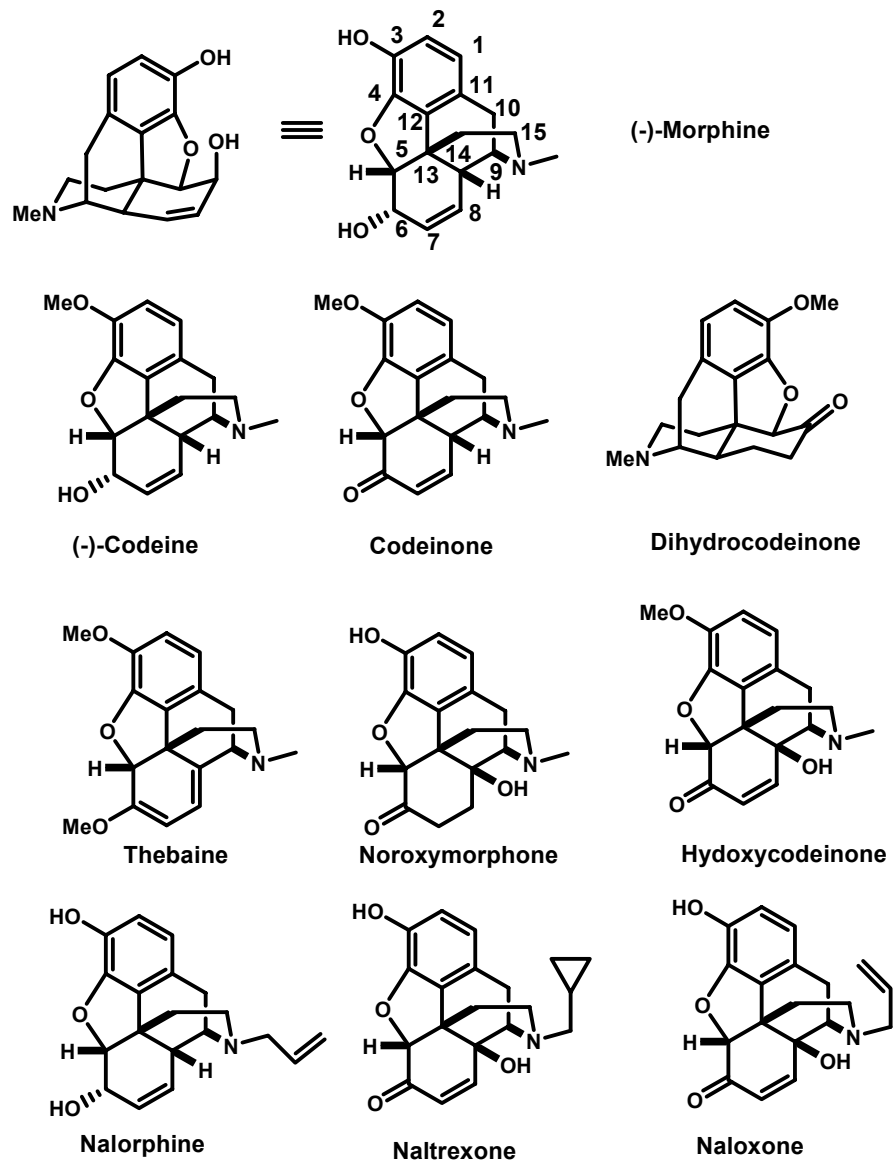
For excellent reviews on Morphine and Codeine, see

1. Hudlicky, T. *et al Studies in Natural Products Chemistry*, 1996, 18, 43
2. Taber, D.F. *et al Strategies and Tactics in Organic synthesis*, 2004, 5, 353
3. Maier, M. *Organic Synthesis Highlights II*, 1995, 357
4. Novak, B.H. *et al Curr. Org. Chem.* 2000, 4, 343
5. Blakemore, P.R. *et al, Chem. Comm.* 2002, 1159
6. Zezula, J. *et al, Synlett*, 2005, 388

The following work will be included in this talk due to the time limitation.

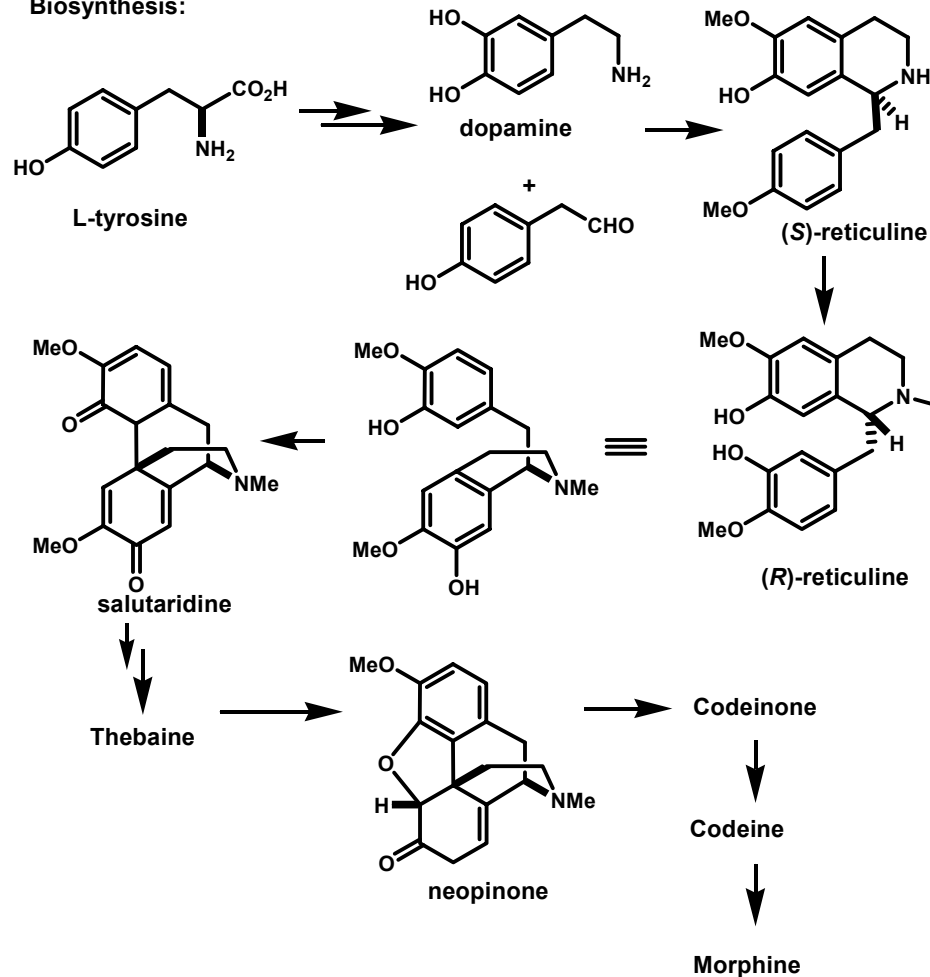
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| Gates     | 1952 | (-)-Morphine                                 |
| Rice      | 1980 | (-)-Dihydrocodeinone                         |
| Evans     | 1982 | O-Me-thebainone-A                            |
| Fuchs     | 1988 | Codeine                                      |
| Tius      | 1992 | Thebainone-A                                 |
| Parker    | 1992 | Dihydrocodeinone                             |
| Overman   | 1993 | (-)-Dihydrocodeinone                         |
| Mulzer    | 1996 | (-)-Dihydrocodeinone                         |
| Parsons   | 1996 | Morphine                                     |
| White     | 1997 | (+)-Morphine                                 |
| Hudlicky  | 1998 | 10-hydroxy- <i>ent</i> -epi-dihydrocodeinone |
| Cheng     | 2000 | Desoxycodine-D                               |
| Ogasawara | 2001 | (-)-Dihydrocodeinone ethylene ketal          |
| Taber     | 2002 | (-)-Morphine                                 |
| Trost     | 2002 | (-)-Codeine                                  |
| Michels   | 2005 | 14-Hydroxycodine                             |

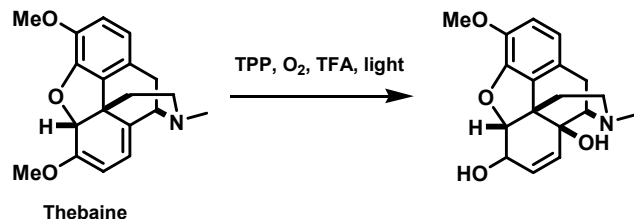
Raw opium contains approximately 25 different alkaloids by weight, depending on the variety. The chief alkaloids are Morphine (4-21%), Codeine (0.8-2.5%), Thebaine (0.5-2%), Papaverine (0.5-2.5%), Noscapine (4-8%), Meconic Acid (3-5%).



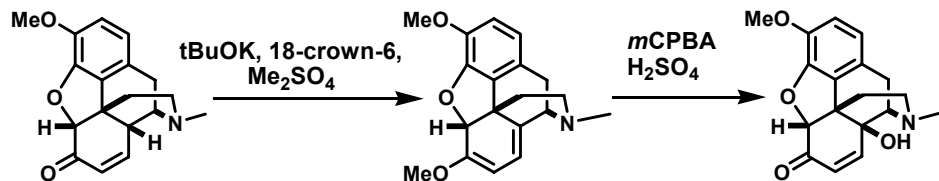
Morphine and codeine are the principal ingredients from opium poppy latex extract. The legal medicinal use of morphine in the US is more than 80 tons/year and the world wide illicit market for narcotics is probably more than \$760 billion.

## Biosynthesis:



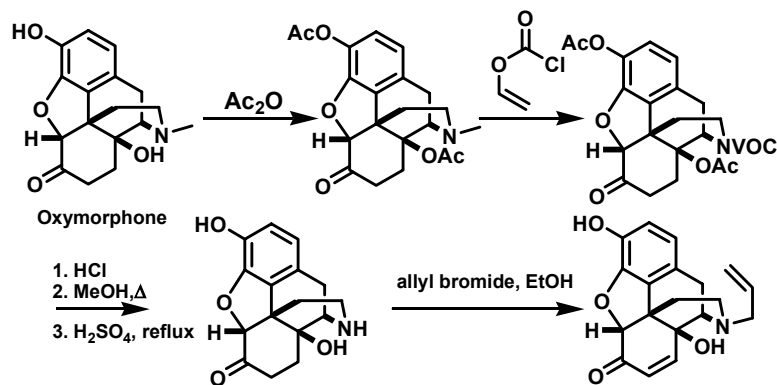


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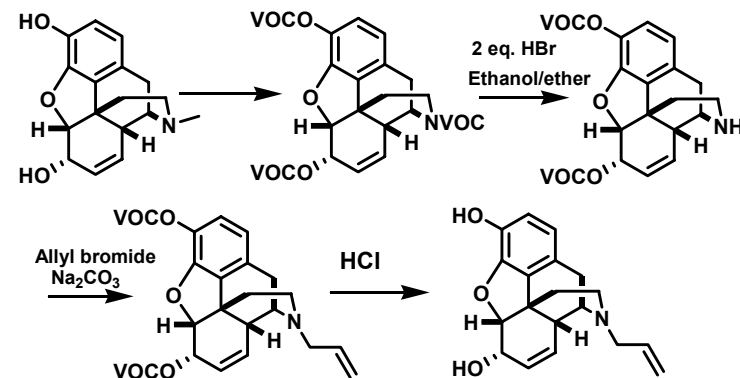
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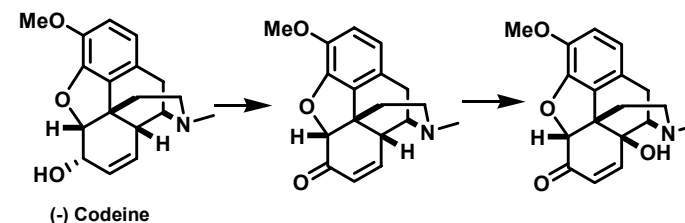
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Naloxone

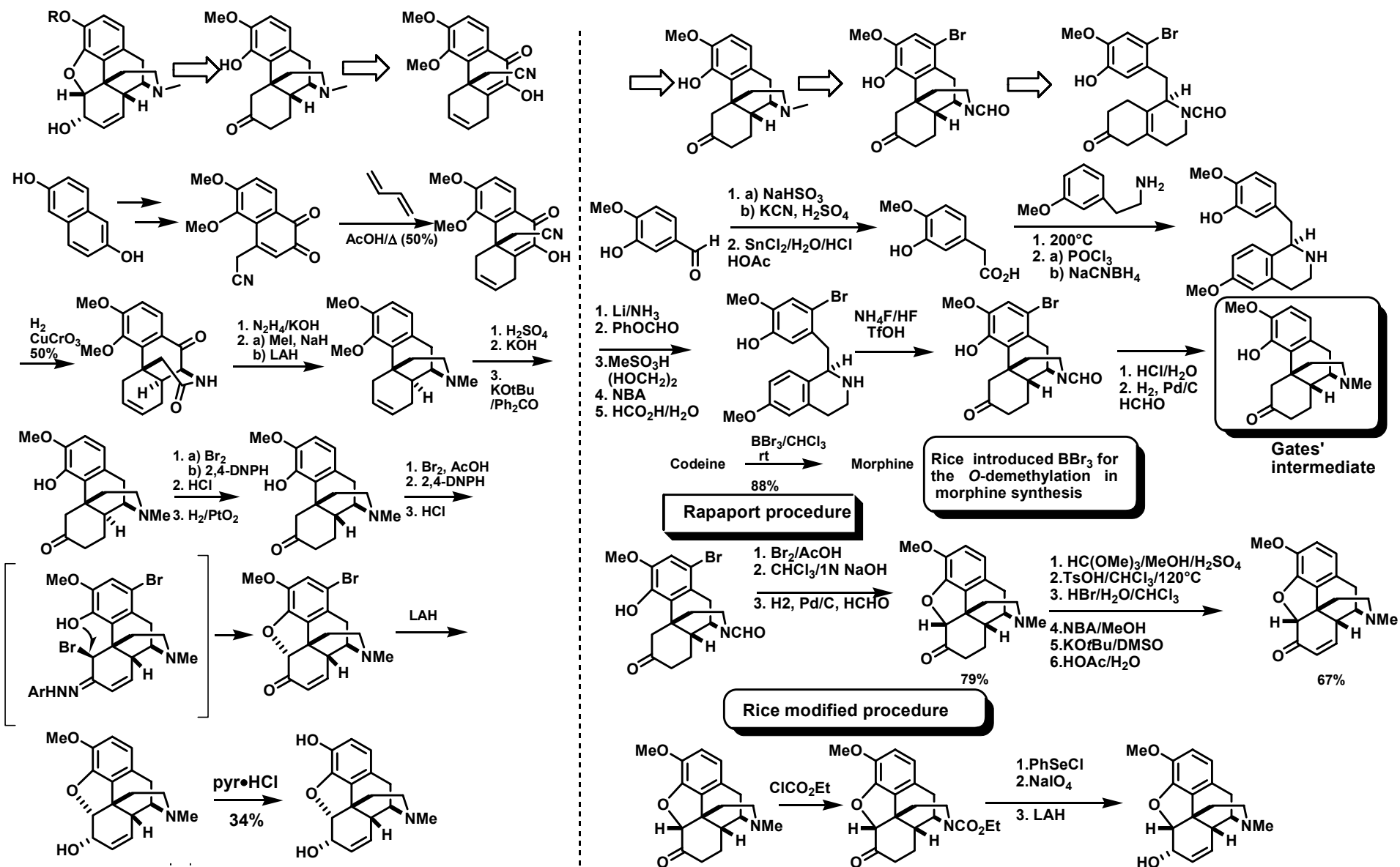


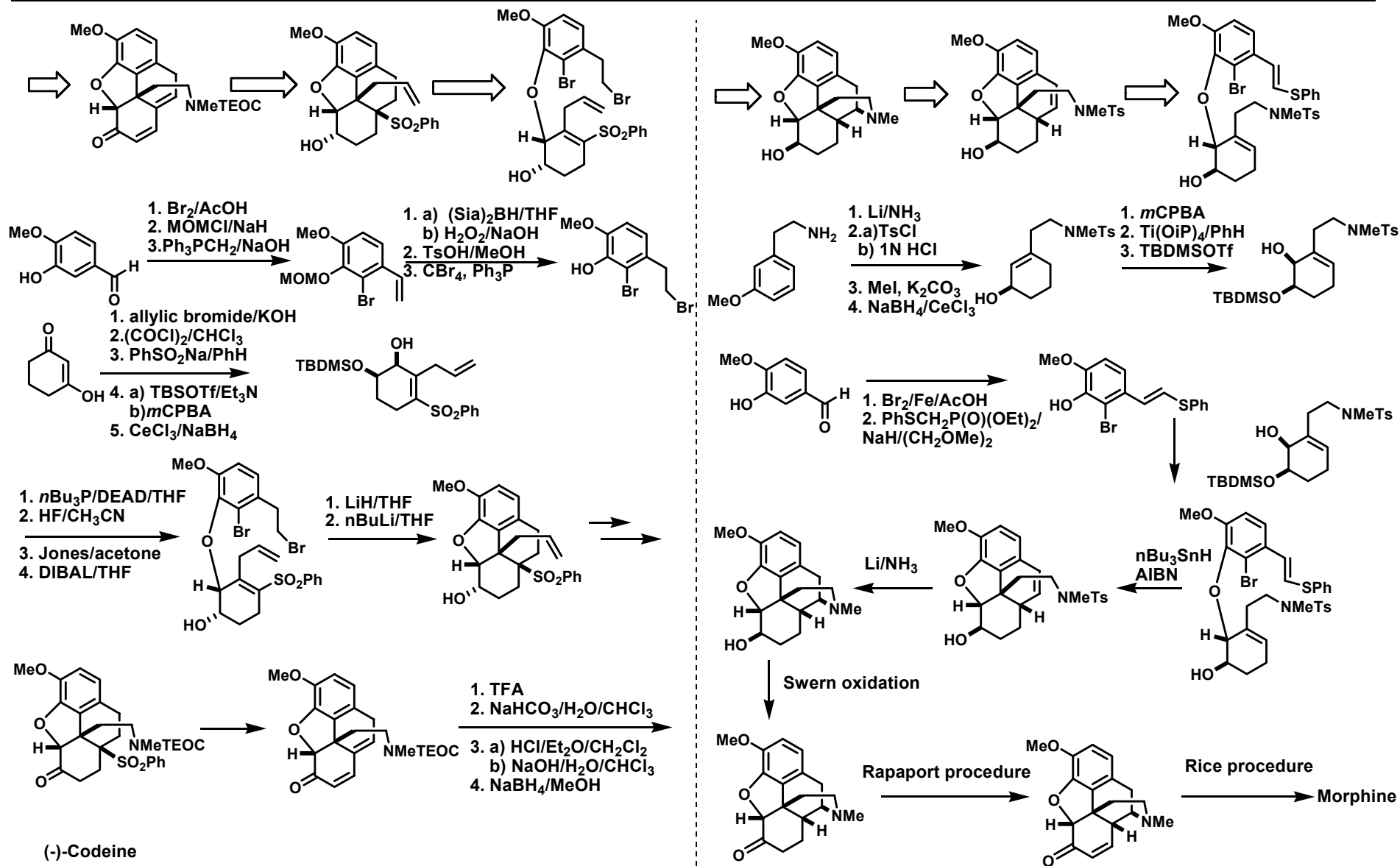
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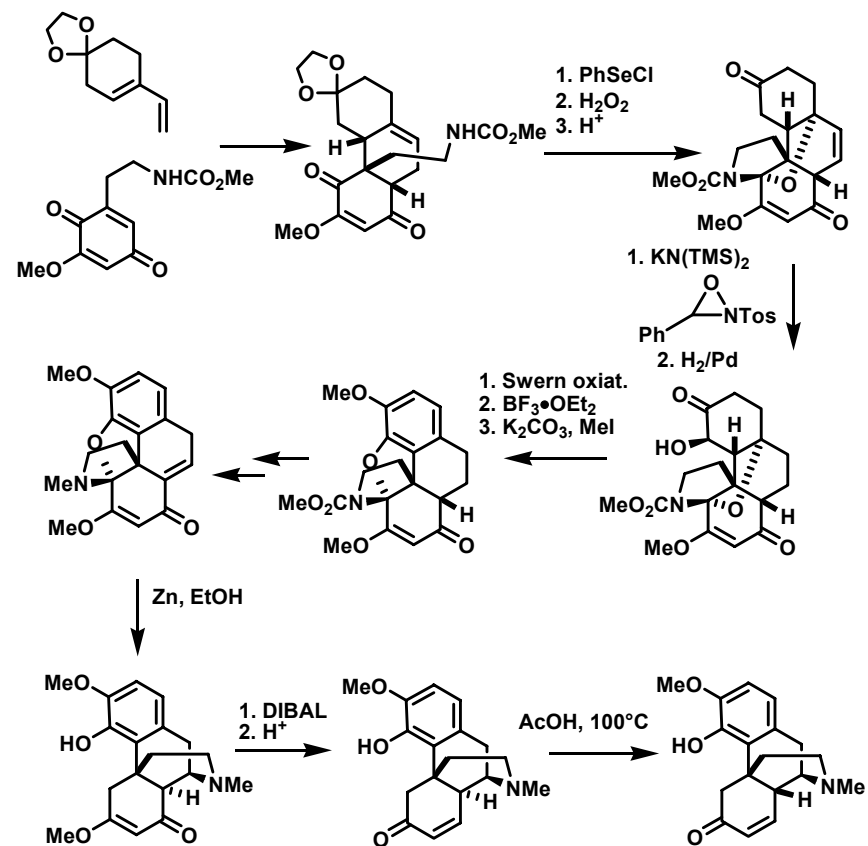
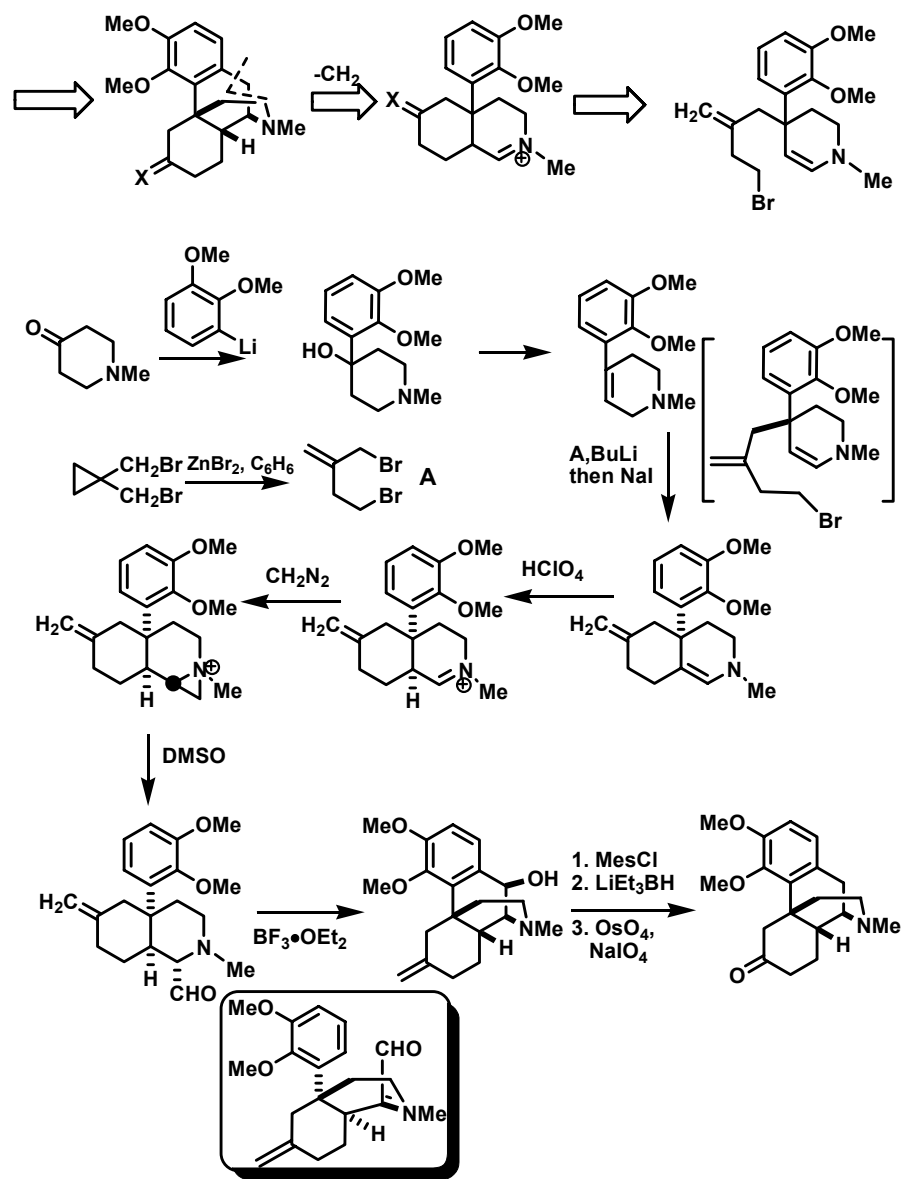
Overall 77% from morphine

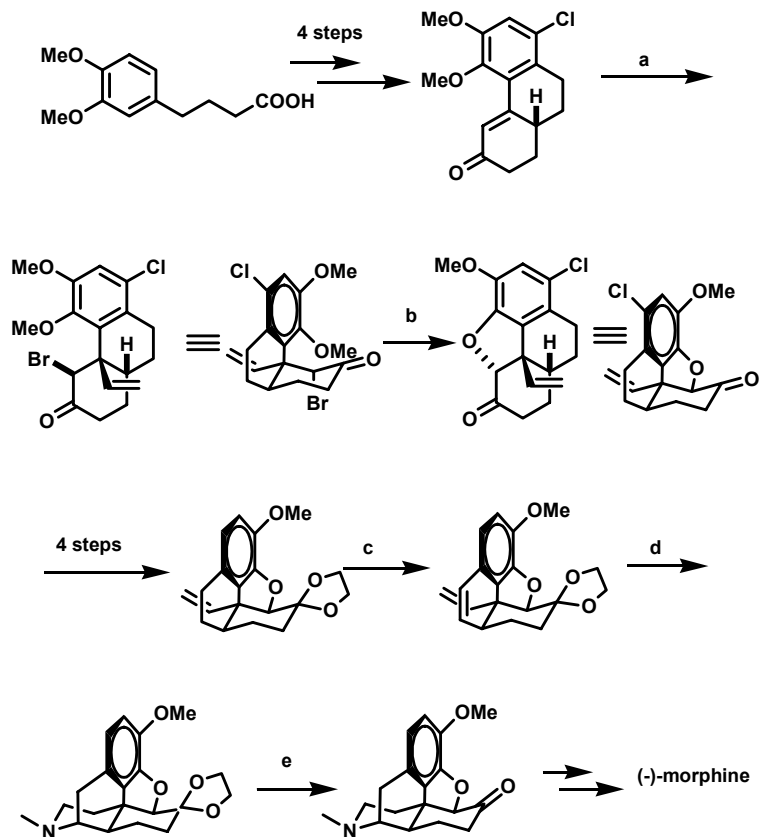


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a)  $(\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH})_2\text{CuMgCl}$ , THF,  $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; ii) TMSCl,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; iii) NBS, THF (63-80%). b) DMF,  $140\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (99%). c) NBS,  $(\text{PhCOO})_2$ ,  $\text{CCl}_4$ , reflux (68 - 81%). d) Li,  $\text{NH}_3$ , THF, *t*-BuOH (79 %). e) 3 N HCl,  $90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  (95 %).

