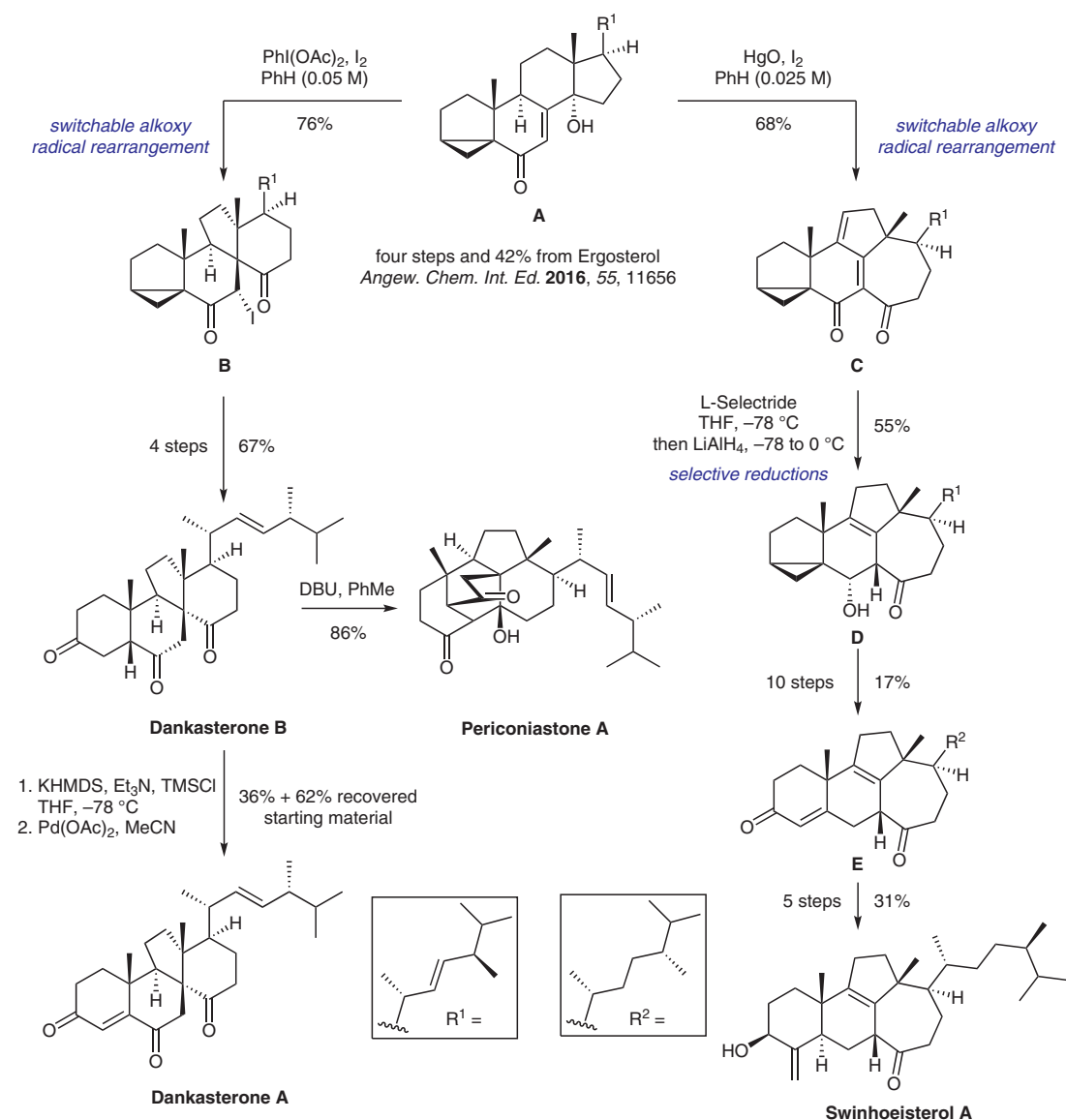


Total Synthesis of Swinhoeisterol A, Dankasterones A and B, and Periconiastone A



Significance: Heretsch and co-workers report the total synthesis of a number of structurally intriguing natural products from a common intermediate. The concise synthesis is enabled by the strategic application of a switchable alkoxy radical rearrangement.

Comment: Ergosterol is transformed by a known route to cyclopropane **A**. Two different conditions were developed to lead selectively to **B** or **C**. Those advanced intermediates could subsequently be converted into four different complex natural products.