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## Copper-Mediated C—H Bond Oxidation in Synthetic Studies of Complex Diterpenes

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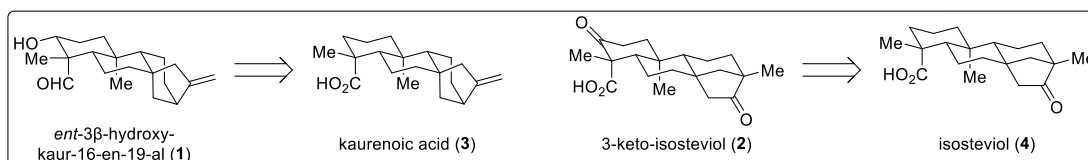
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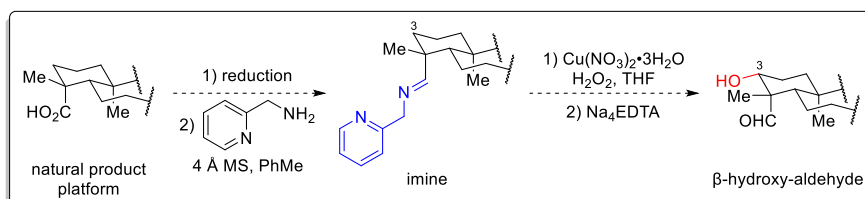
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### ABSTRACT

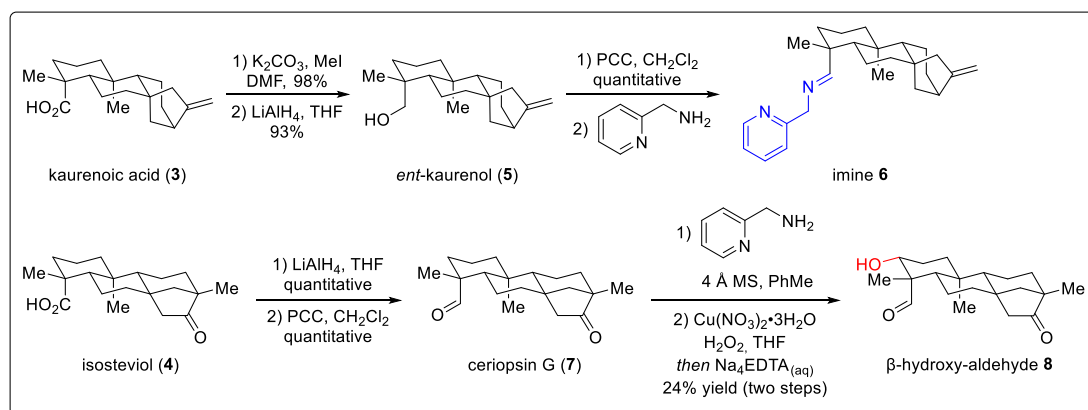
This study aims to investigate a synthetic route to obtain the natural products **1** and **2**,<sup>1</sup> through an oxidation of C—H bonds as the key step. Since these natural products have an *ent*-kaurene (**1**) and *ent*-beyrane (**2**) carbon skeleton, we propose synthesizing them from kaurenoic acid (**3**) and isosteviol (**4**), respectively.



In view of recently reported synthesis of *ent*-trachylobanes through a copper-mediated oxidation of a C—H bond,<sup>2</sup> we propose to use this strategy in the synthesis of natural products **1** and **2**.



By employing these reactions, we have progressed in our efforts to synthesize the natural products. The next steps involve the oxidation of a C—H bond using the kaurenoic acid imine derivative **6**, and the correction of oxidation states to obtain the proper natural products.



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