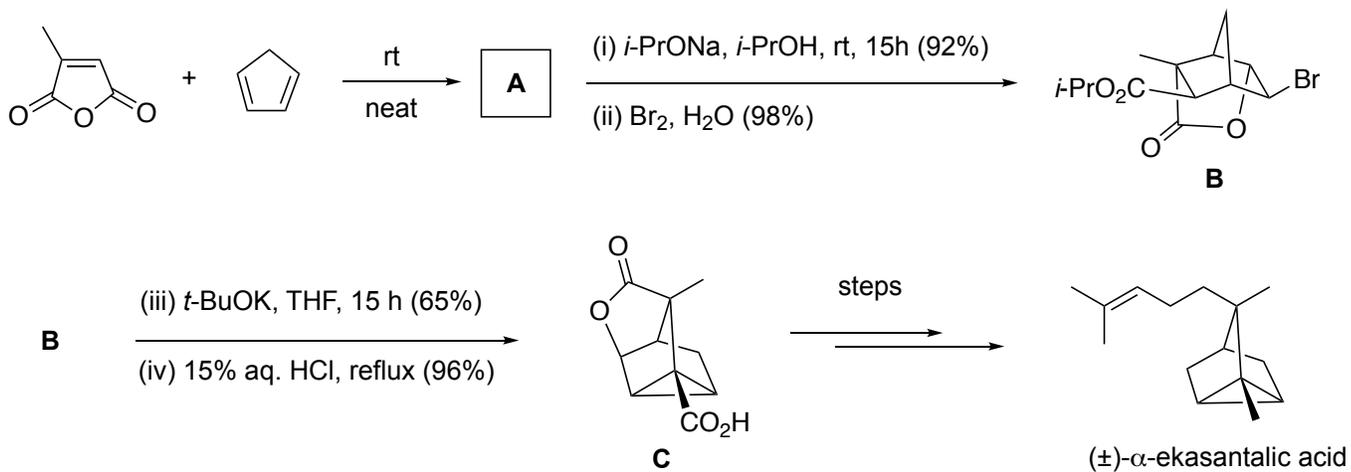


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Q1: Provide reasonable explanations to the synthetic transformations shown above.

Q2: Plan a synthesis plan to convert **C** into (±)-α-ekasantalic acid.