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Efficient Synthesis of Fused Bicyclic Glutarimides. Its Application to (±)-Alloyohimbane and Louisianin D

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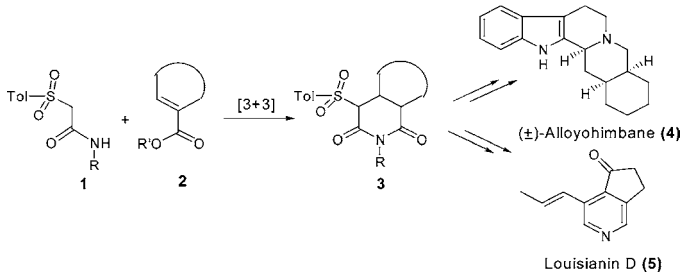
ABSTRACT



The reaction of α-sulfonyl acetamide 1 with various cyclic unsaturated esters 2 to fused bicyclic glutarimides is reported. Syntheses of (±)-alloyohimbane (4) and louisianin D (5) have been accomplished.

Bicyclic pyridines, piperidines, δ-lactams, and 2-pyridones are important core structures that are found in numerous biologically active compounds.[1] Although many methods have been reported for the synthesis of such compounds,[2] we envisioned that our previously developed [3+3] annulation of α-sulfonyl acetamide with α,β-unsaturated esters to give polysubstituted glutarimides[3] would be ideal for constructing fused bicyclic glutarimides which could be further converted to nitrogen-containing polycyclic alkaloids.[2b,4]

Thus, the reaction of α-sulfonyl acetamide **1** with various cyclic unsaturated esters **2** was investigated. The results are shown in Table 1. It is interesting to note that **3a** and **3b** are both cis-fused bicyclic compounds. The structures of **3a** and **3b** were unequivocally established by single-crystal X-ray

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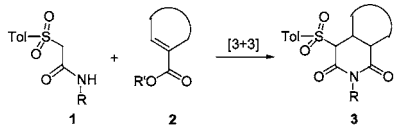
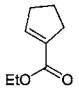
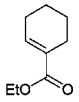
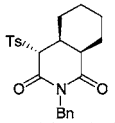
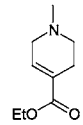
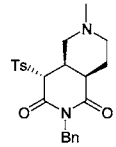
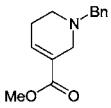
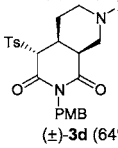
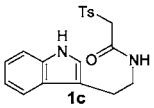
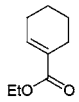
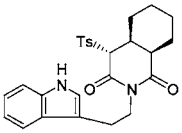
Table 1. Formation of Fused Bicyclic Glutarimides



Entry	α-sulfonyl amide	Michael acceptor	product (yleid %)
1	 **1a**	 **2a**	 (±)-**3a**(88%)[a]
2	 **1a**	 **2b**	 (±)-**3b** (83%)[a]
3	 **1a**	 **2c**	 (±)-**3c** (64%)[a]
4	 **1b**	 **2d**	 (±)-**3d** (64%)[a]
5	 **1c**	 **2e**	 (±)-**3e** (35%)[a]

[a] All yields were based on α-toluenesulfonyl acetamide.

analysis (Figure 1). The stereochemistries of **3c**−**e** were determined by comparing their ^{1}H NMR spectra with those of **3a** and **3b**.

To demonstrate the utility of this one-pot process, the formal synthesis of (±)-alloyohimbane (**4**) was investigated. As shown in Scheme 1, regioselective reduction of **3e** by sequential addition of triethylamine in THF and LAH reduction at refluxing temperature furnished **6**. Treatment of **6** with sodium amalgam gave 4,5-annulated lactam **7**. The spectral data of **7** were in agreement with those reported in the literature.[4a] Lactam **7** has been converted to alloyohimbane (**4**).[4a,5] Thus, the formal synthesis of alloyohimbane (**4**) was accomplished.

For the synthesis of louisianin D (**5**)[4b] produced by a species of *Streptomyces*,[6] glutarimide **3a** was chosen as the

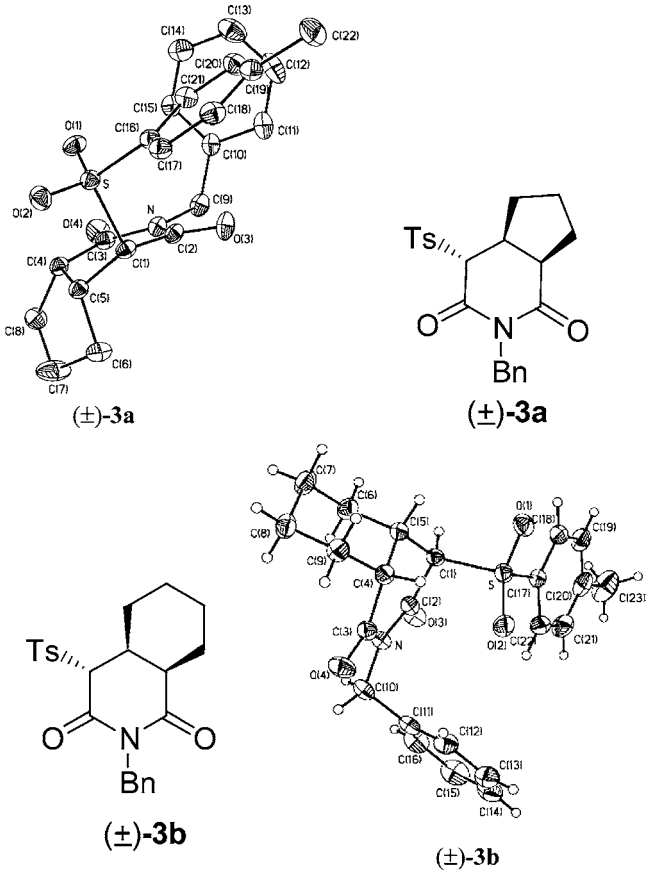
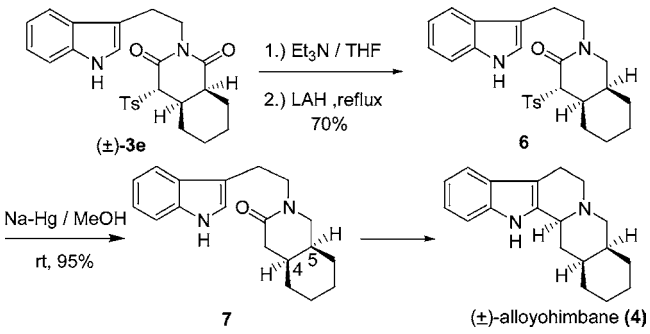


Figure 1. X-ray structures of (±)-**3a** and (±)-**3b**.

starting material. Following the procedure developed in our laboratory,[7] **3a** was reduced regioselectively to the corresponding hydroxylactam **8**. Treatment of **8** with boron triflouride furnished enlactam **9**. Allylation of **9** followed by dehydrosulfonation produced double-bond migrated 2-pyridone **10**. To accomplish the synthesis of louisianin D, **10** was first converted to the corresponding 2-chloropyridine **11**, which was then reduced to bicyclic pyridine **12** by treatment of **11** with zinc in acetic acid.[8] Regioselective hydroxylation of **12** with LHMDS and oxygen yielded **13**,[9] which was then further oxidized with the swern-oxidation

Scheme 1. Formal Synthesis of (±)-Alloyohimbane



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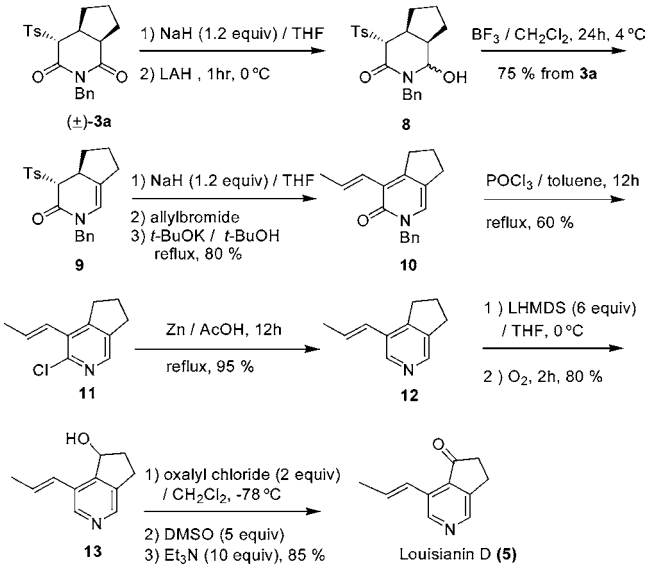
Scheme 2. Total Synthesis of Louisianin D



reagent to afford **5** (Scheme 2). The spectral data of **5** were in agreement with those reported in the literature.[6]

In conclusion, we have developed a one-pot reaction procedure to cis-fused bicyclic glutarimides. Syntheses of (±)-alloyohimbane (**4**) and louisianin D (**5**) were reported. Further application of fused bicyclic glutarimides to more complicated pentacyclic indole alkaloids is underway in our laboratory.

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Supporting Information Available: Additional spectroscopic data for all new compounds (^{1}H NMR in $CDCl_3$) and X-ray crystallographic data in CIF format. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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