

SPECIAL CORRECTION

ACTIVE MANGANESE DIOXIDE: A REAGENT FOR A BIOMIMETIC CYCLIZATION OF  
16 $\beta$ -HYDROXYLATED 22.26-EPIMINOCHOLESTANES TO SPIROSOLANE ALKALOIDS

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We wish to point out that in a prior paper by S. W. Pelletier, N. V. Mody, and J. Bhattacharyya "Active Manganese Dioxide: A Reagent for Constructing the Oxazolidine Ring of C<sub>20</sub>-Diterpenoid Alkaloids", Tetrahedron Letters, 5187 - 5188 (1978), a quite analogous cyclization reaction has been published using the same experimental conditions as described in our paper. As a model for the preparation of our publication in English, we copied substantial portions of Pelletiers' paper verbatim, but neglected to cite this publication. We regret this omission and apologize for the neglect.