#### **GRAPHICAL ABSTRACTS**

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9131

EPOXIDES DERIVED FROM PYRANOSYL DIENES:

UNUSUALLY STABLE GLYCOSYL DONORS.
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A pyranosyl diene potentially useful in a total synthesis of staurosporine has been synthesized. The mono-epoxides and bis-epoxides obtained from treatment of this diene with dimethyldioxirane are unusually stable.

$$0 = N \cdot \frac{1}{Bn} \cdot \frac{1}{CH_2Cl_2} \cdot \frac{1}{O^2C} \cdot \frac{1}{Bn} \cdot \frac{1}{O^2Cl_2} \cdot$$

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9135

Regioselective Imide Reduction:

An Issue in the Total Synthesis of Staurosporine.

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An imide was regioselectively reduced to either of its corresponding lactams which can be converted into the aglycone of staurosporine,

HEXASUBSTITUTED BENZENES BY ALKYNE CYCLOTRIMERIZATION Douglass F. Taber and Mohammed Rahimizadeh, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716 USA

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9139

Rhodium octanoate is shown to be an efficient catalyst for the cyclotrimerization of alkyne 1 to a statistical mixture of 2 and 3.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9141

Laboratory Scale Preparation of 4,4,5,5,5-pentafluoropentan-1-thiol: An Important Chain of Anti-

Breast Cancer Agents. Xun Li, Louis Provencher and Shankar M. Singh,\* Medicinal Chemistry Division, Laboratory of Molecular Endocrinology CHUL Research Center, Québec City, Québec G1V 4G2, Canada

An efficient synthesis is described to prepare the title compound in gram quantities.

## Glycosyl Transfer by isopropenyl Glycosides: Trisaccharide Synthesis in One Pot by Selective Coupling of isopropenyl and n-Pentenyl Glycopyranosides

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O-isopropenyl glycosides react to give  $\beta$ -glycosides in good yields. Selective glycosylation of 6 by 1 allows 11 to be synthesized by two successive glycosylations performed in a single pot.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9145

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9149

## First Demonstration of a Carbocation-Olefin Cyclization Route to the Lanosterol Series

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#### Efficient Stereocontrolled Synthesis of the ABC Subunit of Dunnein

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9153

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The known lactone 6 has been transformed into 2 in six steps. The intermediate stages proceed with complete stereoselectivity, with three-dimensional details established by X-ray crystallography.

#### A Simple Route to the Indolizidine Alkaloid Skeleton.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9157

Derek H. R. Barton,\* Maria M. M. Aratijo Pereira and Dennis K. Taylor.
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The Barton-Ester (PTOC) methodology allows for the high yielding synthesis of the indolizidine alkaloid skeleton 12.

## NEW NECTRIAPYRONES BY SALT WATER CULTURE OF A FUNGUS SEPARATED FROM AN INDO-PACIFIC SPONGE

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The salt water culture of an unidentified fungus separated from an Indo-Pacific marine sponge has yielded new tetraketide natural products, demethyl nectriapyrone A (1) and nectriapyrone B (2).

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9161

CATALYTIC PALLADIUM-MEDIATED TETRAENE CARBOCYCLIZATIONS: DIASTEREOSELECTIVE DEUTERATION AND ITS CONVENIENT ANALYSIS BY A DSPT NMR EXPERIMENT. James M. Takacs,\* Sithamalli V.

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In the presence of a deuterium source certain tetraenes undergo palladium-catalyzed cyclization/intramolecular trapping with stereoselective deuteration exocyclic to the newly formed carbocycle. Diastereoselectivity is established by the novel application of a difference spin polarization transfer (DSPT) NMR experiment.

CATALYTIC PALLADIUM-MEDIATED TETRAENE CARBOCYCLIZATIONS: THE EFFICIENT STEREOCHEMICAL CONTROL OF NEWLY-FORMED METHYL-BEARING STEREOCENTERS.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9165

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Tetraene substrates bearing a trisubstituted double bond as part of one of the diene subunits undergo palladium-catalyzed cascade cyclization to afford products in which a new methyl-bearing stereocenter is generated in a stereoselective fashion (e.g., I to II).

All-cis Cyclopentane Scaffolding for Combinatorial Solid Phase Synthesis of Small Non-Peptide Compounds Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9169

Marcel Pátek, Brian Drake and Michal Lebl , Selectide Corporation, 1580 E. Hanley Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85737

Racemic all-cis substituted anhydride 6 was used for synthesis of model compounds 7 to demonstrate the feasibility of synthesis of small organic molecules in a library format. Regiochemical assignment of the major isomer after anhydride opening is described.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9177

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9181

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9185

## APPLICATION OF THE 2-AZAALLYL ANION CYCLOADDITION METHOD TO SYNTHESES OF (±)-CRININE AND (±)-6-EPICRININE

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MOMO

Ar

SnBu<sub>3</sub>

$$\frac{n \cdot \text{BuLi}}{\text{THF, -78 °C}}$$

MOMO

Ar

 $\frac{A^{1}}{\text{H}}$ 
 $\frac{A^{1}}{\text{H}}$ 

R<sup>1</sup> = CH, R<sup>2</sup> = H: Crinine R<sup>1</sup> = H, R<sup>2</sup> = OH: 6-Epicrinine

#### Biaryl Synthesis via Suzuki Coupling on a Solid Support Richard Frenette and Richard W. Friesen\*

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Aryl halides bound to a Merrifield resin undergo Suzuki cross-coupling with aryl boronic acids. Transesterification releases biaryl esters in excellent purity and yield.

#### DIASTEREOSELECTIVE SYNTHESIS OF BICYCLOPROPANES

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Diastereoselective cyclopropanation of a trans-substituted vinyl cyclopropane was studied. The stereochemistry of the major and minor isomers was assigned by diastereoselective synthesis of the two isomers.

## A Novel Synthetic Approach Toward the Zaragozic Acids Core Structure

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An approach via 1,3-dipolar -cycloaddition to the carbonyl ylide is described. The substituent effect of the dipolarophiles is also discussed.

R<sub>2</sub>840 R<sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>C 70 R<sup>2</sup> 1,3 dipolar cycloaddition 16-66%

A Direct Preparation of 1,4-Benzodiazepines. The Synthesis of Medazepam and Related Compounds via a Common Intermediate George A. Kraus' and Hisoshi Maeda

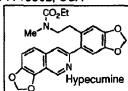
Department of Chemistry, Iowa State University, Arnes, Iowa 50011
The benzodiasepine akeleton was prepared from benzoquinone in three steps. Medazepam was synthesized.

#### **REACTION OF BENZOCYCLOBUTENOXIDES WITH NITRILES:**

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9191

SYNTHESIS OF HYPECUMINE AND OTHER 3-SUBSTITUTED ISOQUINOLINES. John J. Fitzgerald, Forrest E. Michael, and R. A. Olofson\*

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#### THE FIRST DITHIONO DERIVATIVE OF AN INDIGOID SYSTEM

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9195

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2,6-Bis-diethylamino-3,4,7,8-tetrahydro-1,3,5,7-tetraaza-fulvalene-4,8-dithione is the first dithiono derivative of an indigoid system

#### 2,2'-DILITHIO-1,1'-BICYCLOOCTENYL: SYNTHESIS AND REACTIONS WITH ELECTROPHILES

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9197

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### SYNTHESIS OF N-PROTECTED SERINE ETHERS AS PRECURSORS OF NEW PHOTOACTIVATABLE AMINO

ACIDS CLEAVABLE BY HYDROGENOLYSIS. Christophe Dugave\*, Pascal Kessler, Christophe Colas and Christian Hirth<sup>†</sup>. CEA, DSV, Département d'Ingénierie et d'Etudes des Protéines (DIEP), C.E. Saclay, 91191 Gif-sur-Yvette, France.

Amino acids 1a/b were designed as precursors of photoactivatable 4-diazocyclohexa-2,5-dienone containing peptides and were synthesized in 48 / 50 % overall yields.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9203

# PREPARATION OF NOVEL MIXED TRITOPIC OLIGOPYRIDINE LIGANDS BUILT WITH CHELATING SPACERS AND USING PALLADIUM(0) CATALYSED COUPLING REACTIONS

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## SYNTHESIS OF SPHINGOFUNGIN D AND ITS STEREOISOMER AT C-14. Kenji Mori\*, Ken Otaka, Department of Agricultural Chemistry, The University of Tokyo, Yayoi 1-1-1, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113, Japan

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9207

Sphingofungin D and its stereoisomer at C-14 were synthesized by starting from 1-heptyne, (R)-1,2-epoxyoctane and N-acetyl-D-mannosamine

#### A STEREOSPECIFIC SYNTHESIS OF (±)-GRANDISOL VIA

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9211

AN INTRAMOLECULAR LACTONE ENOLATE ALKYLATION:

A REMARKABLE REGIODIVERGENCE IN C- VS O-ALKYLATION

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#### Total Synthesis of (-)-Pumiliotoxin C by Aqueous Intramolecular Acylnitroso Diels-Alder Approach

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(-)-Pumiliotoxin C has been synthesized utilizing an aqueous intramolecular hetero Diels-Alder reaction of a chiral acylnitroso compound as a key feature.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9217

Non-reductive Conversion of 1-Nitro-9,10-anthraquinone to 1-Amino-9,10-anthraquinones Using Ureas in N,N,N',N'-Tetramethylurea(TMU).

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Reaction of the title nitroquinone with excess of ureas in hot TMU leads to the corresponding aminoquinones.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} O & NO_2 \\ \hline & (RHN)_2CO \\ \hline & (Me_2N)_2CO, \Delta \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O & NHR \\ \hline & O \\ \hline & R=H,Me,Ph \\ \end{array}$$

## PHOTOINDUCED REACTIONS OF CHLORANIL WITH AROMATIC IMINES

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9221

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Photoinduced reactions of chloranil with Schiff bases 1-7 gave the aryl esters of aryl benzenecarboximidic acids 8-14 respectively.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9225

DOES THE REACTION BETWEEN FLUORENONE AND GRIGNARD REAGENTS INVOLVE FREE FLUORENONE ANION RADICALS?

GRIGNARD REAGENTS INVOLVE FREE FLUORENONE ANION RADICALS? Torben Lund, Morten L. Pedersen and Lars A. Frandsen, Institute of Chemistry, University of Roskilde, DK-4000.

The ratio between 2 and 3 in the reactions of electrogenerated fluorenone anion radicals with RX in THF were similar to the ratio obtained in the Grignard reaction of fluorenone with RMgX in THF.

#### A NEW SYNTHETIC METHOD FOR 2-SILYL-THIACYCLOALK-2-ENES OF DIFFERENT RING SIZE BY INTRAMOLECULAR CYCLIZATION THROUGH

SILYL THIONES. B. F. Bonini\*, M. Comes-Franchini, G. Mazzanti, A. Ricci, L. Rosa-Fauzza, P. Zani Dipartimento di Chimica Organica "A. Mangini", Facoltà di Chimica Industriale, Viale Risorgimento 4, 40136 Bologna, Italy

An efficient route to obtain thiacycloalkenes of different ring size starting from w-haloacylsilanes

PhMe<sub>2</sub>Si

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9229

#### AN EFFICIENT SYNTHESIS OF QUINOLONES USING N-PHENYL(TRIPHENYLPHOSPHORANYLIDENE)ETHENIMINE

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National Chemical Laboratory, Pune-411 008, INDIA Coupling of N-substituted anthranilic acid 1 with phosphacumulene ylide 2 provides an efficient entry into quinolones, via intramolecular Wittig reaction.

$$Ph_3P - C = C = N - Ph$$
2

Tricyclic Ortho Ester Formation from Trichloroethylidene Acetals of Sugars via Ketene Acetals

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One step formation of tricyclic ortho esters from trichloroethylidene acetals of D-galactose and D-arabinose are described. An intermediate ketene acetal was obtained from the suitably protected acetal.





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Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9233

FUNCTIONALISATION INCLUDING FLUORINATION OF CAFFEINE, GUANOSINE TETRAACETATE, AND URIDINE TRIACETATE USING ELECTROCHEMICAL OXIDATION Masakazu Sono\*, Naoko Toyoda, Yoshikazu Shizuri, and Motoo Tori

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Electrochemical oxidation of caffeine with EtaN-3HF, methanol, KCl or KCN yielded 8-fluorocaffeine, 8-methoxycaffeine, 8-chlorocaffeine, or 8-cyanocaffeine, respectively.

### ONCHIDIN: A CYTOTOXIC DEPSIPEPTIDE WITH C2

SYMMETRY FROM A MARINE MOLLUSC. Jaime Rodríguez<sup>1</sup>, Rogelio Fernández<sup>1</sup>, Emilio Quiñoá<sup>1</sup> and Ricardo Riguera<sup>1\*</sup> and Cécile Debitus<sup>2</sup> arid Philippe Bouchet<sup>3</sup>. <sup>1</sup>Departamento de Química Orgánica, Facultad de Química, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela. 15706, Santiago de Compostela. Spain. FAX 34-81-591091. <sup>2</sup>Centre ORSTON, B. P. AS, Nouméa, Cedex, New Caledonia. <sup>3</sup>Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France.

Onchidin is a cytotoxic depsipeptide isolated from the pulmonate molluse *Onchiduum* sp. It is cyclo (MeVal-Amo-Val-Hiv-Hiv-MeVal-Amo-Val-Hiv-Hiv) and has C2-symmetry and this makes one half homotopic to the other so only signals for a "monomer" can be seen in the NMR spectra. The structure and absolute stereochemistry (all S) of onchidin was determined by extensive spectroscopic analysis, selective hydrolysis and chiral GCMS.

#### THE SYNTHESIS OF 4,4'(5')-DIFORMYLTETRATHIAFULVALENE

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9243

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The synthesis of the title compound, by three different routes, is described for the first time.

MICHAEL ADDITION OF NITROALKANES TO DIMETHYL MALEATE WITH DBU. A NEW DIRECT METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF POLYFUNCTIONALIZED

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9247

α, β-UNSATURATED ESTERS. Roberto Ballini\*, and Alessandro Rinaldi. Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche dell'Università, Via S. Agostino n. 1, 62032 Camerino - I. Michael addition of nitroalkanes to dimethyl maleate, in acetonitrile and with DBU as base, affords, directly, polyfunctionalizedα, β-unsaturated esters, via elimination of nitrous acid.

$$\underset{R}{\overset{NO_2}{\longleftarrow}} + \underset{COOCH_3}{\overset{COOCH_3}{\longleftarrow}} \xrightarrow{DBU} \underset{R' \overset{NO_2}{\longleftarrow}}{\overset{NO_2}{\longleftarrow}} \underset{COOCH_3}{\overset{NO_2}{\longleftarrow}} \xrightarrow{R' \overset{COOCH_3}{\longleftarrow}}$$

#### DIVERGENT BEHAVIOUR IN THE ISOCYANATE-INDUCED AND

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THERMAL GENERATION OF NITRILE OXIDES FROM ETHYL NITROACETATE

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Ethyl nitroacetate provides a source of three nitrile oxides (1-3) depending on the reaction conditions

$$HC = N^{+} O^{-} \xrightarrow{\Delta} EtO_{2}CCH_{2}NO_{2} \xrightarrow{RNCO} EtO_{2}CC = N^{+} O^{-} \text{ or } RNHCOC = N^{+} O^{-}$$

$$2 - CO_{2}$$

$$1 3$$

DESIGNED NUCLEOPHILIC ATTACK BASED ON MOLECULAR ELECTRO-STATIC POTENTIAL György M. Keserü, Research Group for Alkaloid Chemistry, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, P.O.Box 91, H-1521 Budapest, Hungary, Mária Kajtár-Peredy, Central Research Institute for Chemistry, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, P.O.Box 17, H-1521 Budapest, Hungary, Gábor Náray-Szabó, \* Department of Theoretical Chemistry, Eőtvős University Budapest, P.O. Box 32, H-1518 Budapest 112, Hungary

Molecular electrostatic potential-based computer-aided design of the steric preference in a nucleophilic attack on the sterically unbiased carbonyl group of 2,3-bis(bromomethyl)-5,6-norbornen-7-on and 2,3-bis(bromomethyl)-norbornan-7-on.

A Novel Rearrangement Induced by the Addition of Organyllithium Reagents to 2,3-Difluoro-4,4-dimethylbut-2-enolide

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9259

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THE ORIGINS OF CHEMOSELECTIVITY IN THE HYDROGENATION OF INDOLIZIDINE PRECURSORS

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It is proposed that the result of the hydrogenation of  $\alpha$ -ketopyrrole 3b depends on the relative rates of (a) hydrogenation of and (b) iminium ion formation from intermediate alcohol 8.

$$MeO_2C$$
 30  $MeO_2C$  8  $MeO_2C$  4b or  $MeO_2C$  50

APPLICATION OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL HMQC-HOHAHA NMR SPECTROSCOPY TO WOOD LIGNIN, A NATURAL POLYMER.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9267

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Three-dimensional HMQC-HOHAHA experiment gives unambiguous assignments for lignin side-chain structures. By this technique it was possible to show, for the first time, that  $\alpha,\beta$ -diaryl ether structures are present at low abundance in an isolated poplar wood lignin preparation.

## PEPTIDE BACKBONE-TO-BACKBONE CYCLISATION AS AN AVENUE TO β-TURN MIMICS

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The synthesis of conformationally restricted  $\beta$ -turn mimics via a backbone-to-backbone cyclisation is described.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9271

## ALKYL RADICALS FROM t-BUTYL ESTERS THROUGH PHOTOINDUCED ELECTRON TRANSFER.

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#### A NEW REARRANGEMENT OF 2,4-DIPHENYL-3-AZA BICYCLO[3,3.1]NONAN-9-ONE LEADING TO 8,10-DIPHENYL-1,9-DIAZABICYCLO[5,3.0]DECAN-2-ONE

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Treatment of 2,4-diphenyl-3-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-9-one (1) with hydrazoic acid in CHCl $_3$ -H $_2$ SO $_4$  mixture resulted in a new rearrangement leading to 8,10-diphenyl-1,9-diazabicyclo[5.3.0]decan-2-one (3).

#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9279

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9275

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9281

### FORMAMIDE AS A SUPERIOR NITROGEN NUCLEOPHILE IN PALLADIUM(II) MEDIATED SYNTHESIS OF IMIDAZOLIDINES

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Formamides emerge as superior nitrogen nucleophiles in palladium(II) catalyzed oxidative 5-exo cyclizations of formaldehyde aminals.

## DIASTEREOSELECTIVE HYDROGENATIONS OF $\infty$ -(2',3',4',6'-TETRA-O-ACETYL- $\beta$ -D-GLUCOPYRANOSYLOXYMETHYLENE) CARBOXYLIC

ESTERS: A ROUTE TO STEREOPURE ALDOL DERIVATIVES

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Catalytic hydrogenation of 1a-d leads predominantly to 2a-d; acidic hydrolysis of 2c affords 3 in an enantiopure state.

$$R^* = \begin{matrix} CO_2R^2 & a; R^1 = Me, R^2 = Me \\ R^1 & b; R^1 = Me, R^2 = Et \\ OAc & OR^* & c; R^1, R^2 = (CH_2)_2 \\ OAc & OAc & 1 \end{matrix} OR^* OH _3$$

#### Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9289

## A CHEMOENZYMATIC APPROACH TO CHIRAL PHENYLISOSERINATES USING 4-ISOPROPYL-2-OXAZOLIN-5-ONE

AS MASKED UMPOLED SYNTHON FOR HYDROXYCARBONYL ANION.

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The predominant antiracemate has been resolved by lipase from OMe Pseudomonas fluorescens (P) using vinyl acetate as the acyl donor.

Tetrahedron Letters, 1994, 35, 9293

## A ONE-POT SYNTHESIS OF NITROHYDROXYLATED PYRROLIDINE AND PIPERIDINE RING SYSTEMS BY TANDEM MICHAEL-HENRY REACTION.

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$$(CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{1) CH_2 = CHNO_2} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{1) DIBAH} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{1) DIBAH} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{NH} n=1, 2$$
Bn
Bn
Bn
Bn

#### TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF (±)-EPIBATIDINE.

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