

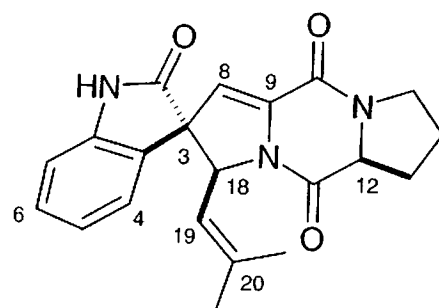
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# Total Synthesis of Spirotryprostatin B

## 0 Introduction

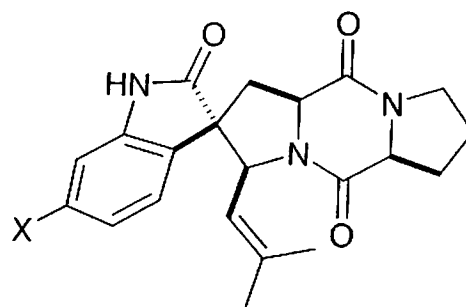
Isolation: fermentation broth of *Aspergillus fumigatus* BM939  
Osada et. al. *Tetrahedron* **1997**, 53, 59.

1 mg of spirotryprostatin A and 11 mg of spirotryprostatin B was yielded from 400 L of culture medium



spirotryprostatin B

Bioactivity: inhibition of mammalian G<sub>2</sub>/M phase cell-cycle progress (12.5 ~~μ~~g/ml: mammalian tsFt210 cells)  
cytotoxic activity on the growth of human leukemia cell lines.



X = OCH<sub>3</sub> : spirotryprostatin A  
= H : 6-demethoxyspirostatin A

### Chemical Features:

spirooxindole unit at C3 position  
isobutenyl side chain branched from C18  
diketopiperazine construction

Total Synthesis: How do they build spirooxindole unit ??

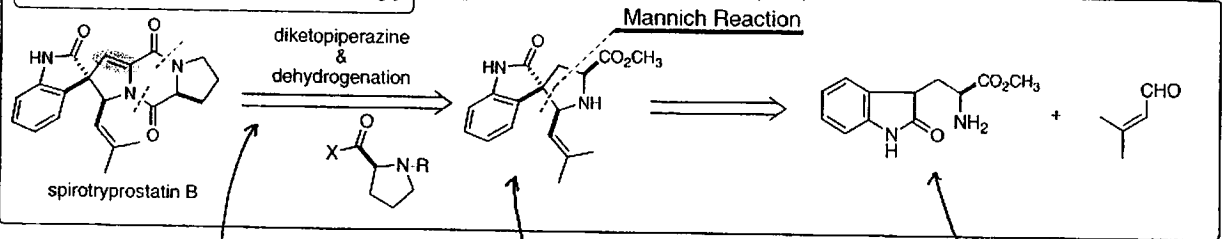
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| Genesan, A. et. al. <i>J. Org. Chem.</i> <b>2000</b> , 65, 4685.                | : Pictet-Spengler reaction and Oxidative rearrangement |
| Williams, R. M. et. al. <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> <b>2000</b> , 39, 2175.        | : [1,3]-Dipolar cycloaddition                          |
| Overman, L. E. et. al. <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2000</b> , 39, 4596.     | : Intramolecular Heck reaction                         |
| Fuji, K. et. al. <i>Org. Lett.</i> <b>2002</b> , 4, 249.                        | : Nitroolefination                                     |
| Carreira, E. M. et. al. <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2003</b> , 42, 649.     | : MgI <sub>2</sub> catalysed ring-expansion            |
| Horne, D. A. et. al. <i>Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.</i> <b>2004</b> , 43, 5357.       | : Manich reaction                                      |

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# 1 Comparison of Three Methodologies to Build Spirooxindole Unit

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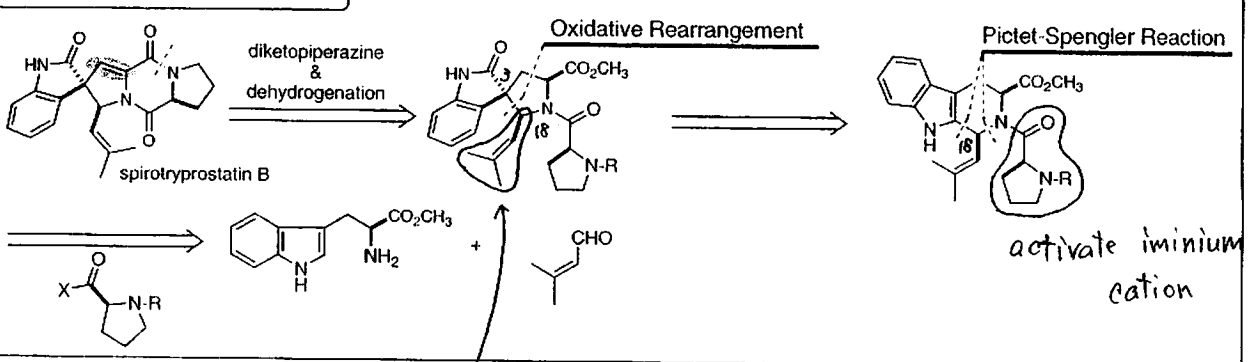


Racemization at C3, C18 occurred.

Desired (3*S*, 18*S*) product was obtained just in 14% yield. (minor stereo isomer)

oxindole made from tryptophan methyl ester

**Ganesan's methodology** *J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, *65*, 4685.

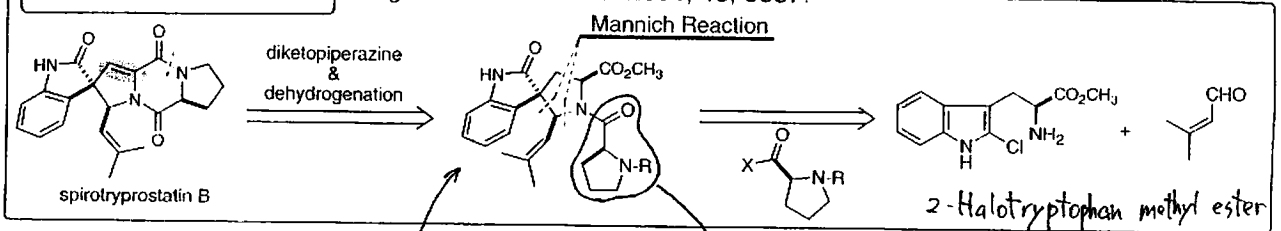


Desired (3*S*, 18*S*) product was yielded stereoselectively because of sterically hinderance of isobutenyl side chain and methoxy carbonyl group.

Stereoselective isobutenyl introduction was difficult and chemical yield was low.

(46%  $\beta$ -isobutenyl :  $\alpha$ -isobutenyl)  
 $\approx$  2 : 1

**Horne's methodology** *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2004**, *43*, 5357.



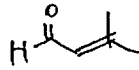
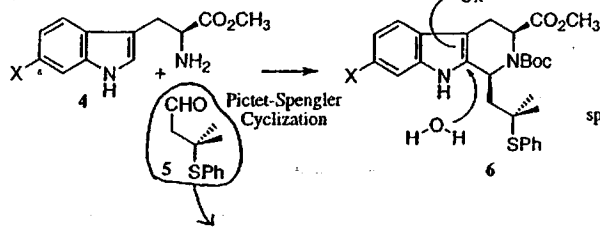
Desired (3*S*, 18*S*) product was given in 87%.

The auxiliary gave better enatio- and diastereoselectivity.

# 1-1 Mannich Reaction by Danishefsky

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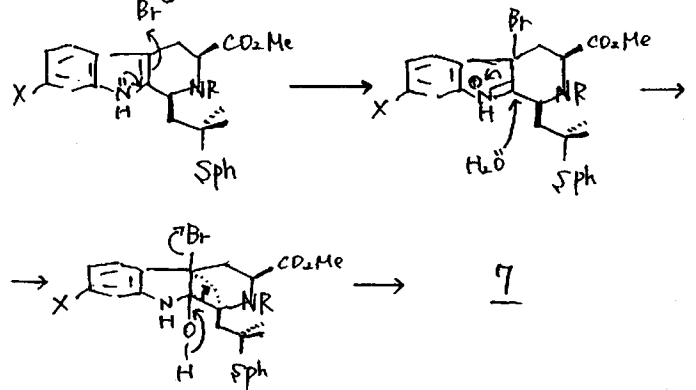
## spirotryptostatin A synthesis



Pictet-Spengler rxn using this  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde was failure.

Retro-reaction might be accelerated.

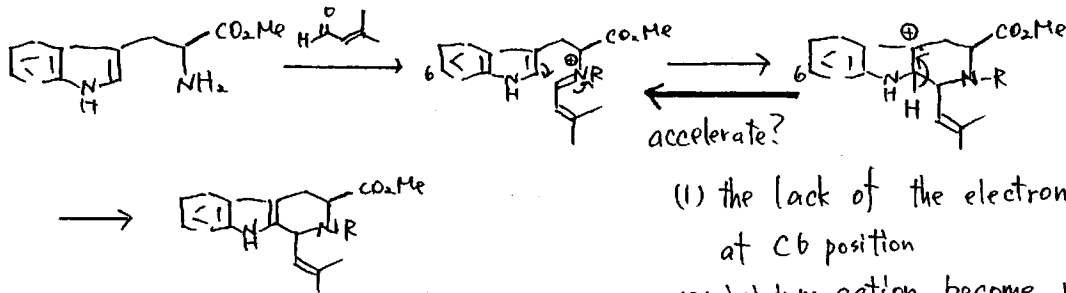
oxidative spirorearrangement of an indole



Condition

NBS, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O,  
HOAc, 57%

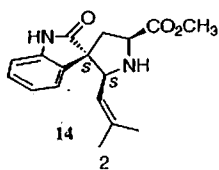
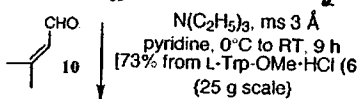
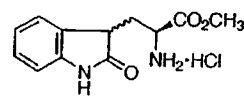
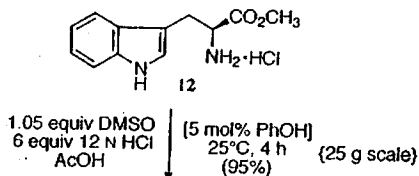
X = OMe



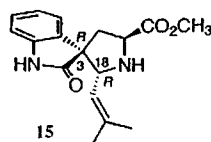
accelerate?

- (1) the lack of the electron donating group at C6 position
- (2) iminium cation become relatively stable due to  $\alpha,\beta$  unsaturation

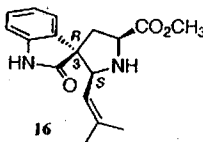
## spirotryptostatin B synthesis



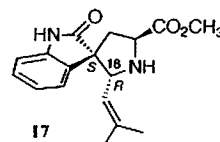
Desired isomer!!



3-epi-18-epi



3-epi



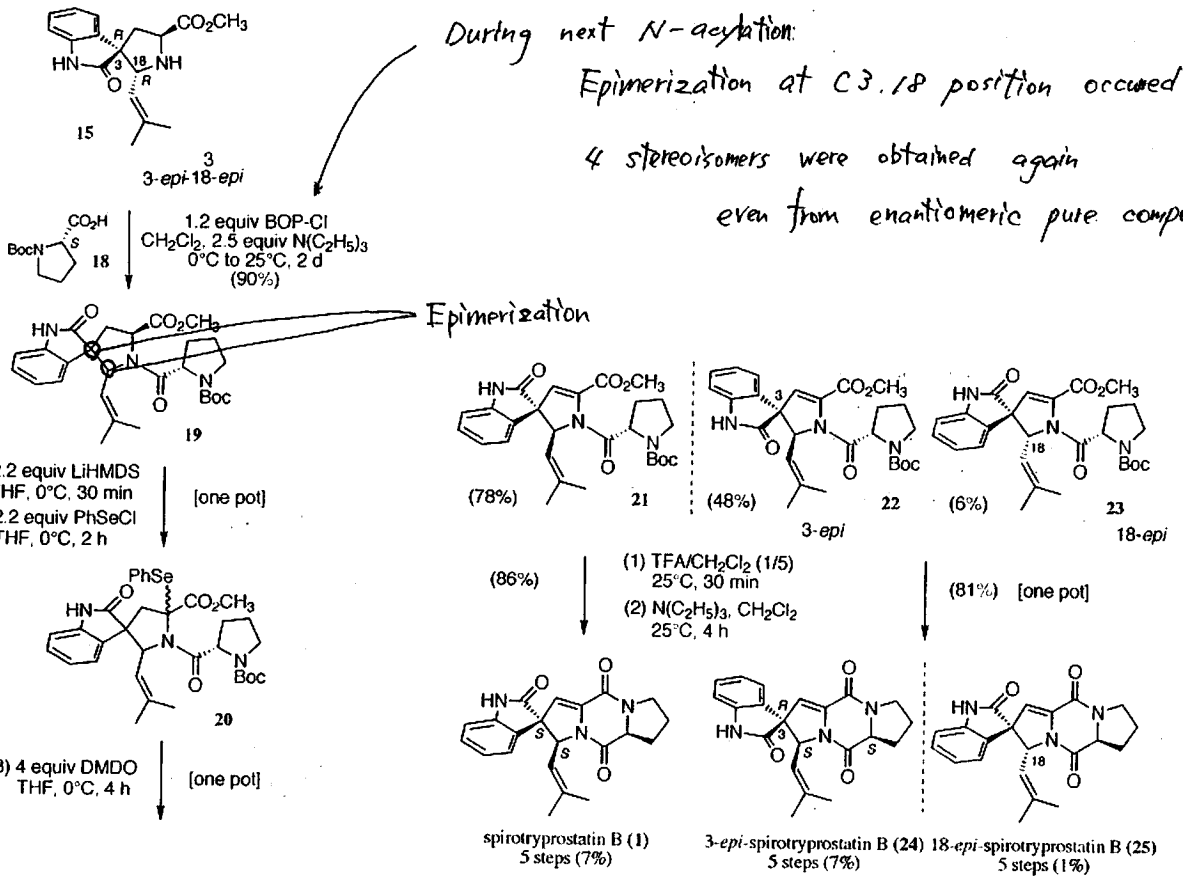
18-epi

Mannich reaction: Direct incorporation of isobutenyl side chain will be possible.

Diastereo- and enantioselectivity were quite low.

14 was minor product. (14% yield)

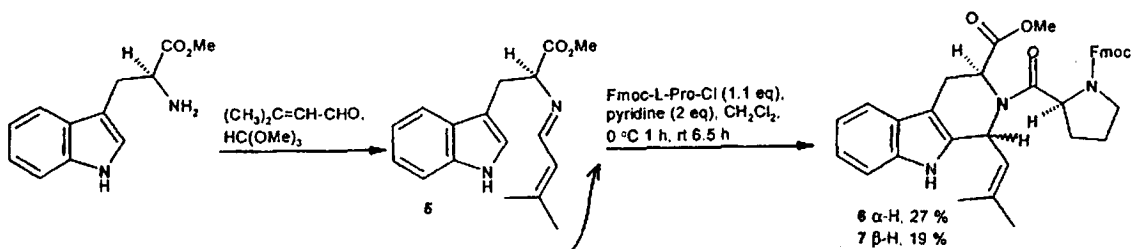
4 isomers were difficult to be separated by silica gel column chromatography.



Scheme 4. Synthesis of spirotryprostatin B (I). HMDS = 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexamethyl-disilazane. DMDO = dimethyldioxirane.

## 1-2 Pictet-Spengler Reaction and Oxidative Rearrangement by Ganesan

ref. *J. Org. Chem.* 2000, 65, 4685.  
*Tetrahedron Lett.* 1997, 38, 4327.



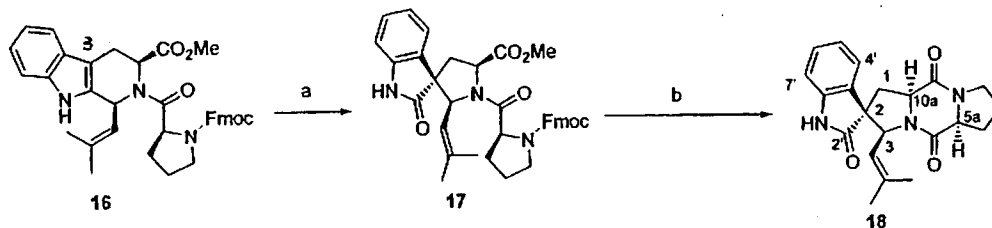
Pictet-Spengler reaction  
*N*-acylation activated  
isobutenyl imine.

stereoselectivity was low.

$\alpha$ -H :  $\beta$ -H = 3 : 2

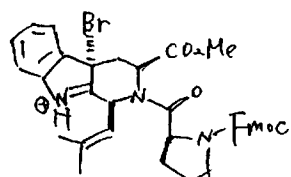
Desired stereoisomer.

Neither Fmoc-proline moiety nor  
methoxycarbonyl moiety affect  
stereoselectivity of isobutenyl  
side chain.



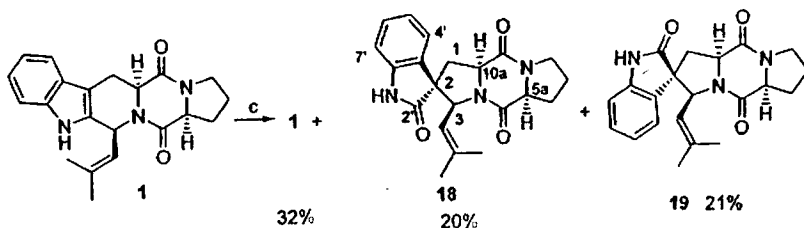
Bromination at C3 occurred  
stereoselectively.

<sup>a</sup> Reagents and conditions: (a) NBS (1.18 equiv), THF-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1:1), 0 °C, 5 min, rt, 12 min, 68%; (b) 20% piperidine in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 12 min, 100%; (c) NBS (1.20 equiv), THF-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (3:3:2), rt, 3 h.



Desired (3*S*, 1*S*) stereoisomer was  
obtained as a single product.

Because isobutyl and methoxy carbonyl  
group covered β face.



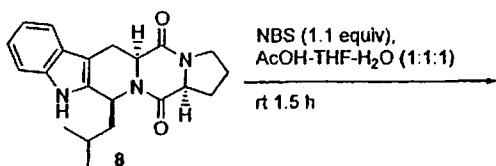
Condition

NBS (1.200g), THF-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O  
(3:3:2) rt, 3h

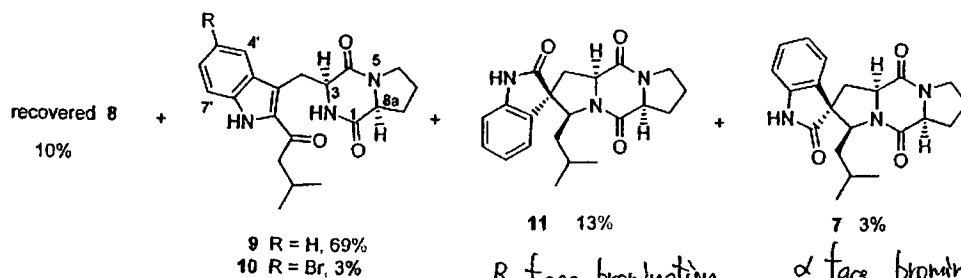
C3 epimers were obtained  
almost 1:1 ratio.

Bromination of  
α face

Bromination of  
β face



Another model study suggested that  
the absence of isobutyl side chain  
caused converse face selective bromination.



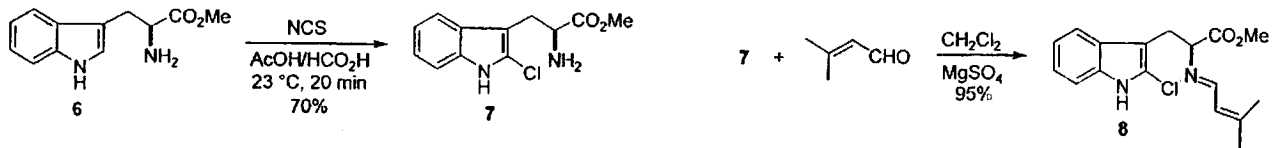
β face bromination

α face bromination

➔ Diketopiperazine formation caused unusual conformational bias  
that can affect both the reaction pathway and  
stereoselectivity.

# 1-3 Mannich Reaction Starting from 2-Halotryptophan by Horne

ref. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2004, 43, 5357.  
*Org. Lett.* 2004, 6, 711.



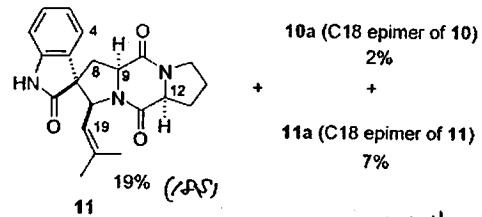
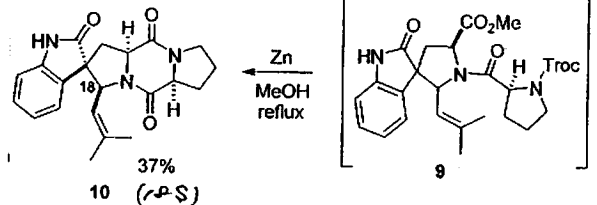
10 was obtained predominantly.

The precise factors are unclear.

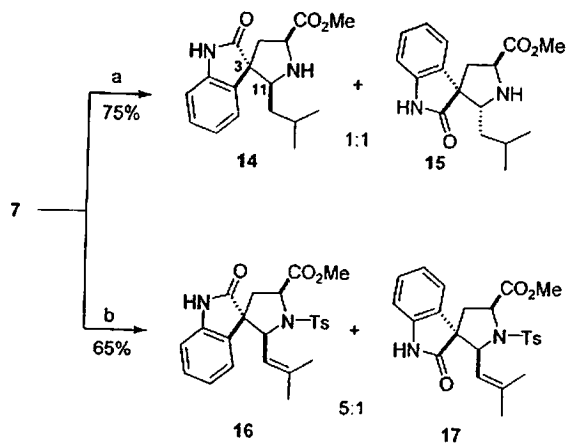
The tendencies are . . .

- the cyclization favours an (S) absolute configuration at C18
- a relative cis orientation of the isobutenyl side chain and oxindole benzene ring

Desired stereoisomer



totally 65% yield.

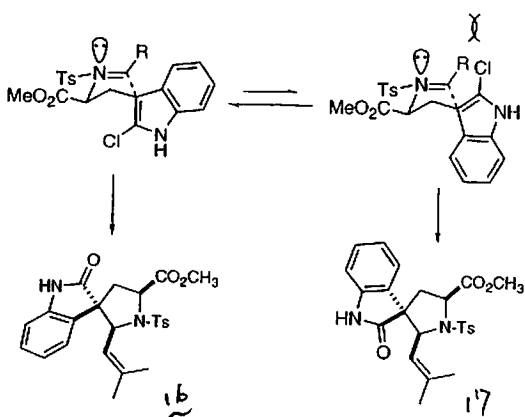


Model study.

- (i) isobutenyl side chain  
oxindole benzene ring and side chain  
are oriented cis for both 14 and 15
- (ii) iso butenyl side chain and tosyl protected amine  
better diastereoselectivity !!

This suggests that the structure of the activating substituent plays a significant role in governing the formation of C3 and C18 centers.

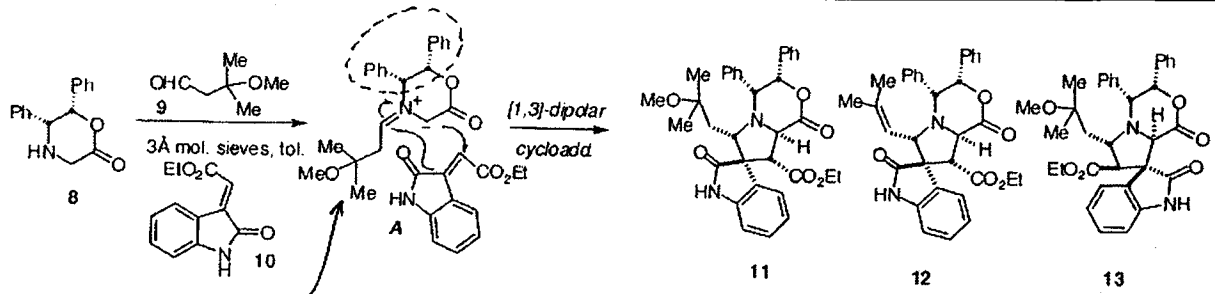
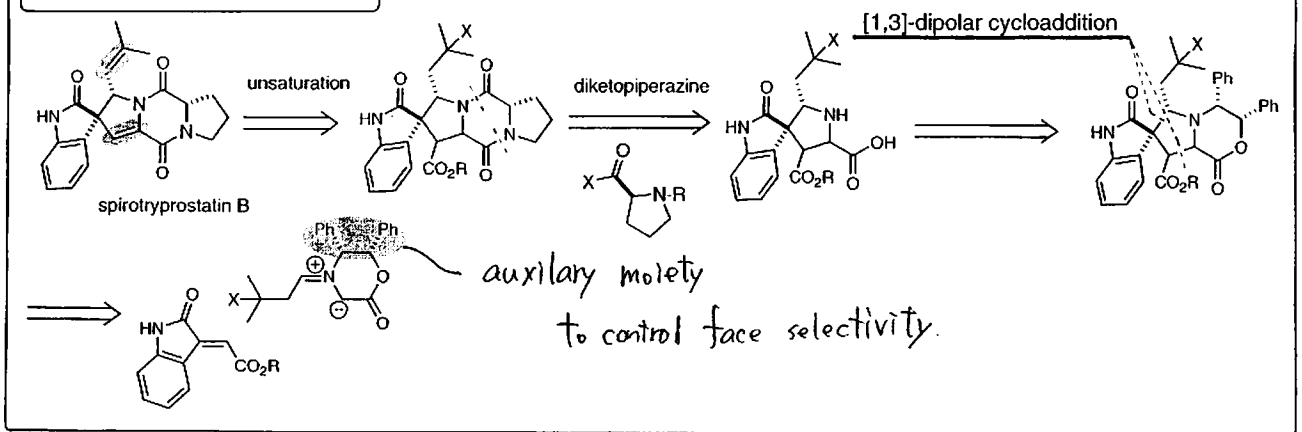
- a)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 23°C, 2h.  
Then TFA (6eq.), 23°C, 1h.
- b)  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{Me})\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 23°C, 2h.  
then,  $\text{TsCl}$  (2.5eq.),  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (3eq.)  
23°C, 3h, then TFA (6eq.), 23°C, 2h.



## 2-1 [1,3]Dipolar Cycloaddition by R.M. Williams

ref. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 5666.  
*Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 6311.

### Retrosynthetic Analysis



$\alpha, \alpha$ -diphenyl moiety played two roles.

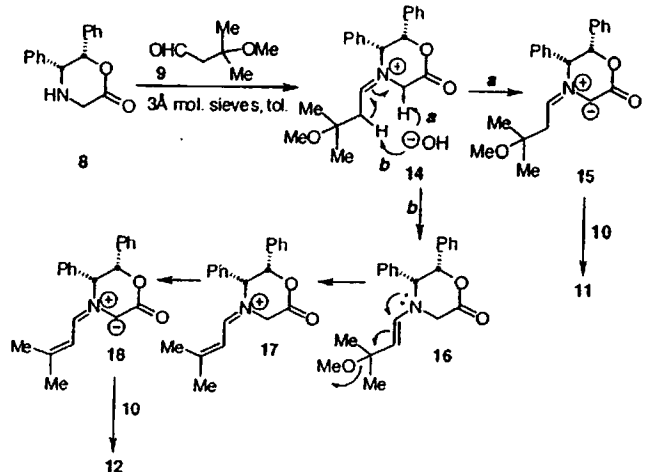
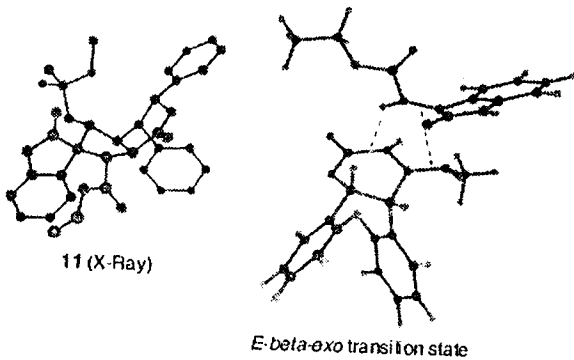
- o formation of only (E)-ylide  $\rightarrow$  C/B stereocontrol
- o cover the  $\alpha$  face of azomethine ylide  $\rightarrow$  C $\beta$ ,  $\delta$  stereocontrol

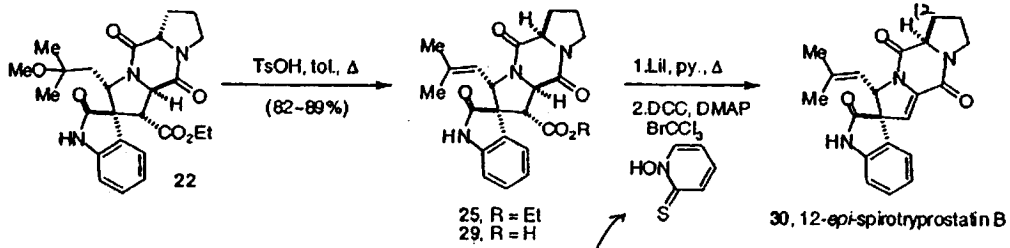
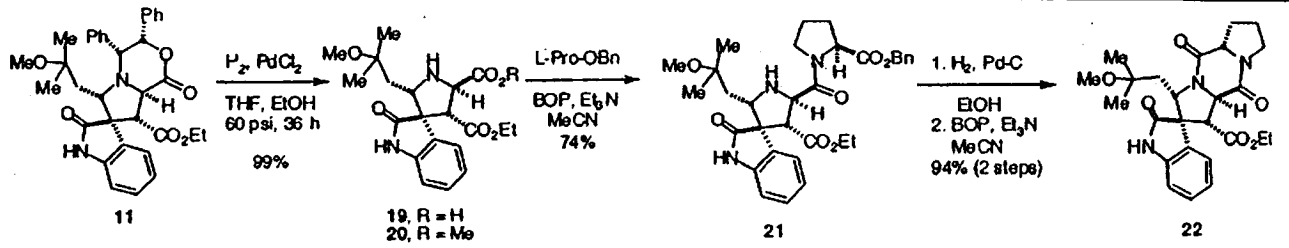
toluene, $\Delta$	29%	58%	trace
toluene, 60°C	82%	6.3%	1.1%

one stereoisomer was obtained in 82% yield!!

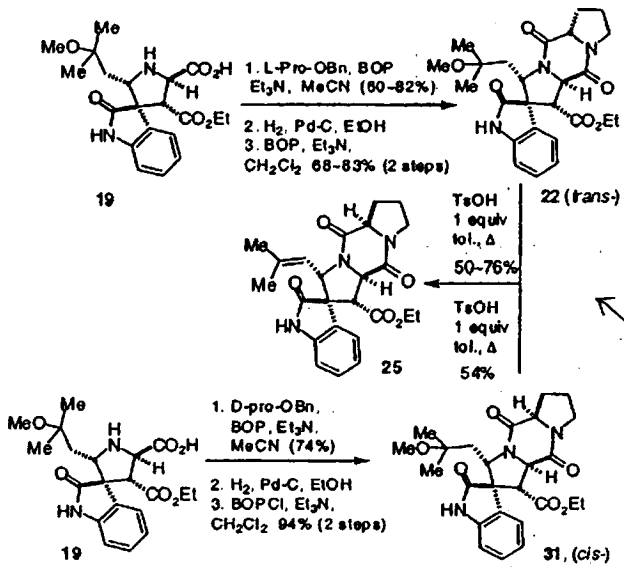
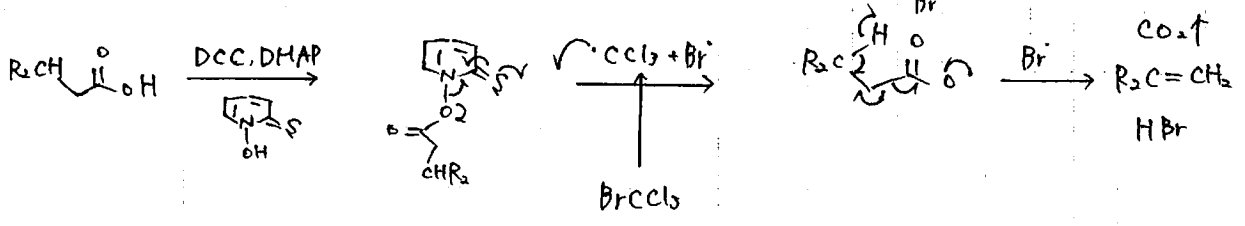
thermodynamically path b is prior.

formation of 12





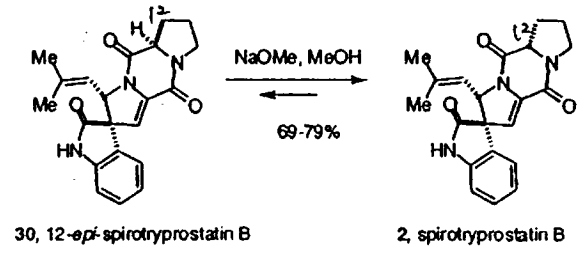
29 → 30 Barton modified Hunsdiecker reaction



12-epi-spirotryprostatin B was obtained at last. Epimerization at C4 position occurred.

2 possibilities were:  
 } during elimination of MeOH from 22  
 } during the ethyl ester cleavage by LiI.

From both 22 and 21, only 25 was obtained. Epimerization occurred during this reaction.



Under basic condition, epimerization at C12 position occurred. Desired stereoisomer was obtained in 69-79% yield.

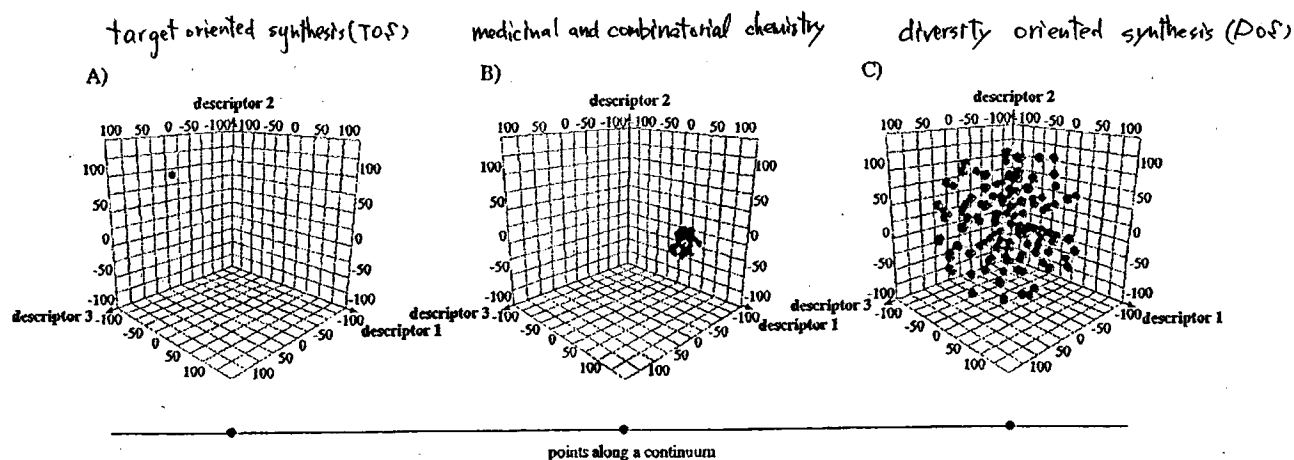
Decarboxylation resulted changing thermodynamically stable conformation?



## 2-2 Construction of Spirooxindoles Library by Schreiber

ref. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2004, 126, 16077.

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2004, 43, 46.



**Figure 1.** Comparison of TOS (A), medicinal and combinatorial chemistry (B), and DOS (C). Each three-dimensional plot is meant to represent the chemical product or collection of products derived from a single synthesis pathway. Each axis plots a calculable or measurable property of a small molecule (for example, molecular weight, solubility). A) The aim in TOS is to synthesize a single target structure having known or predicted properties (red sphere). B) The goal in medicinal and combinatorial chemistry is to synthesize a collection of analogues (blue spheres) of a target structure having known or predicted properties (red sphere). C) The aim in DOS is to populate chemistry space broadly with complex and diverse structures having unknown properties (blue spheres) as a first step in the small molecule discovery process. In some ways, these three approaches to synthesizing small molecules represent points along a continuum.

### DOS (diversity oriented synthesis)

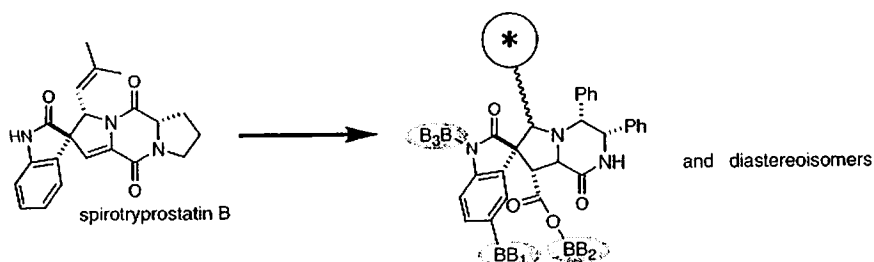
Forward - synthetic analysis, transforming a collection of simple and similar starting material into collection of more complex and diverse product.

Retrosynthetic analysis is not effective because there are no single target.

Three distinct diversity elements are . . .

1. Appendages
2. Stereochemistry
3. skeletons

Synthesis pathways in DOS should be no more than three to five steps (which leaves no room for protecting group manipulations.)



BB = Building Block

install three appendages

BB<sub>1</sub>: Sonogashira coupling

BB<sub>2</sub>: condensation

BB<sub>3</sub>: acylation

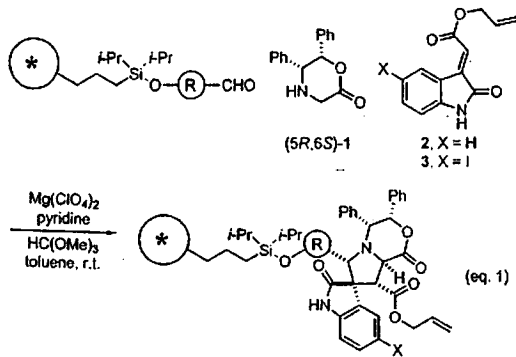
Schreiber et al modified [1,3] dipolar cycloaddition by Williams.

easily change auxiliaries (diphenyl moiety)

→ possibility of varying stereochemistry.

use of alternative dipolarophiles → skeletal diversity.

Scope of the Lewis Acid Mediated 3-CR: Variation of the Aldehyde<sup>a</sup>



entry	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-R-CHO</chem>	dipolarophile	conv. (%)	d.r.	product
1	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	89	88:12	4a
2	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	89	> 95:5	5a
3	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	>95	>95:5	4b
4	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	>95	> 95:5	5b
5	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	>95	>95:5	4c
6	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	>95	> 95:5	5c
7	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	>95	91:9	4d
8	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	94	92:8	5d
9	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	>95	77:23	4e
10	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	>95	72:28	5e
11	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	2	>95	82:18	4f
12	<chem>HO-CH2-CH2-O-C6H4-CHO</chem>	3	>95	85:15	5f

To promote the reaction Lewis acid was added.  
 → Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> gave best result.

(strong Lewis acid cleaved)  
 silicone linker.

- LiOTf, Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, Y(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, La(OTf)<sub>3</sub>  
 Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, AgOTf, Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, Sn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>  
 In(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, Bi(OTf)<sub>3</sub>

Due to low dr, these aldehydes weren't adopted.

Pyridine was added because

1. it prevented cleavage of silicone
2. it promoted reaction

Split pool synthesis

- (1) synthesis beads are split and placed into separate reaction tube
- (2) coupling building blocks
- (3) pool beads
- (4) repeat the process

- the library which has a large number of compounds can be built.
- compounds are obtained as a mixture
- to realize the structure, beads are encoded with some tags.

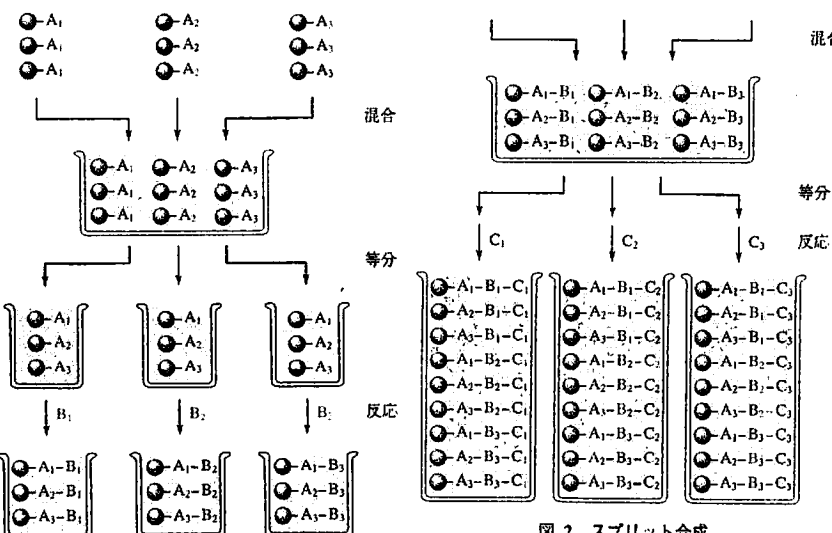
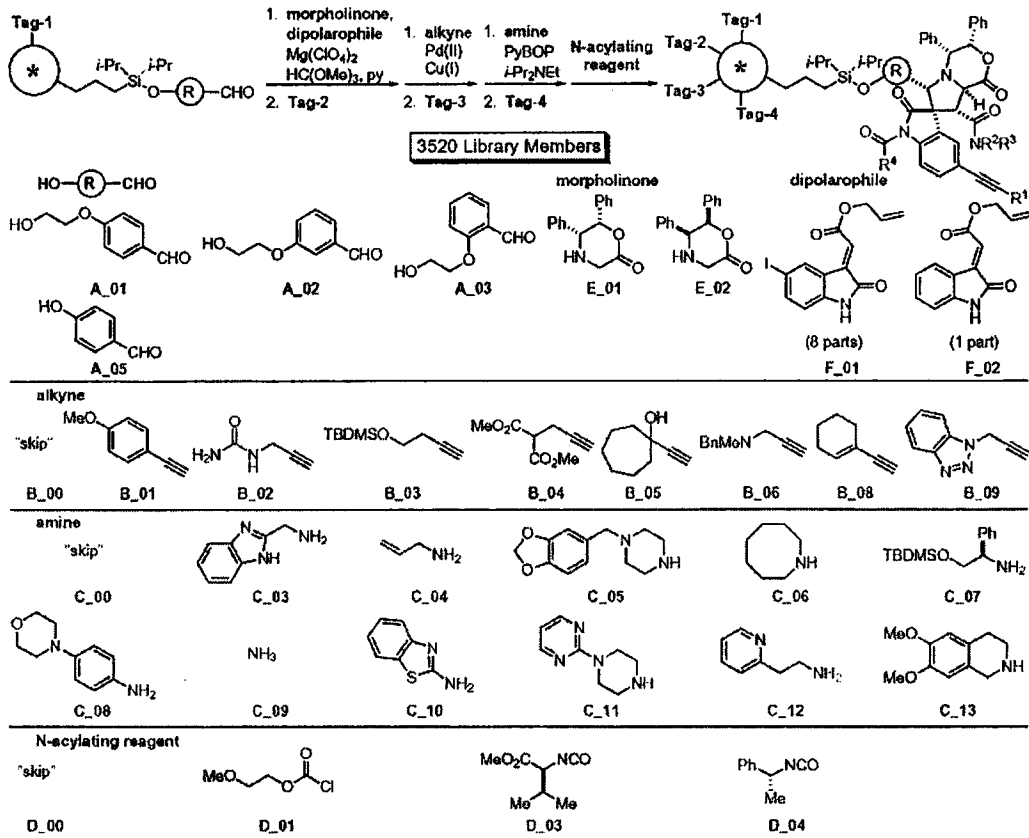


図 2 スプリット合成

Scheme 4. Library Scheme and Final Building Block Selection<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>The TBDMS groups in black are removed upon cleaving the products from macrobeads.

1. [1.3] Dipolar-cycloaddition
  2. Pd catalyzed C-C formation with concomitant ester cleavage
  3. amide formation of cleaved carboxylic acid
  4. N-acylation of  $\delta$ -lactam.
- Before the step 3, Pd, Cu remained.  
This is the scavenger.

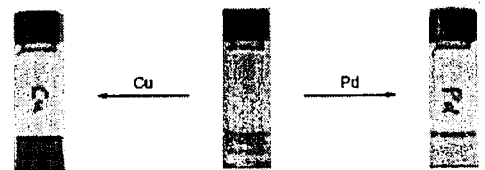
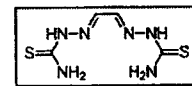


Figure 2. Glyoxal bis(thiosemicarbazone) as colorimetric indicator for copper and palladium.

	Pd (ppm)	Cu (ppm)
without scavenger	2500	1690
with scavenger	330	26

### Bioassay

The initial screen was performed in 384-well plates using wild-type yeast growing in a nutrient-rich medium.

Latrunculin B was added with spirooxindole.  
 ↳ sequester monomeric actin and prevent the formation of actin microfilament.

36 compounds were scored as enhancers.

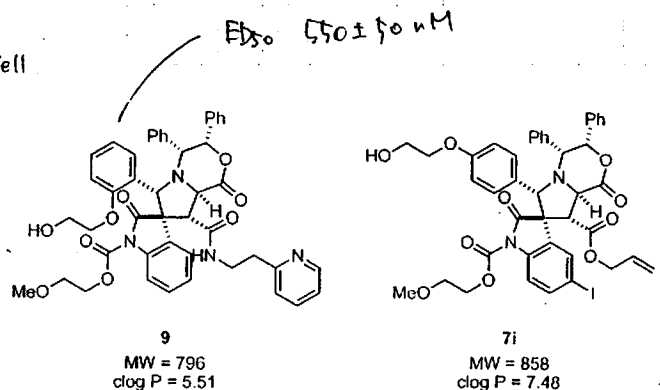
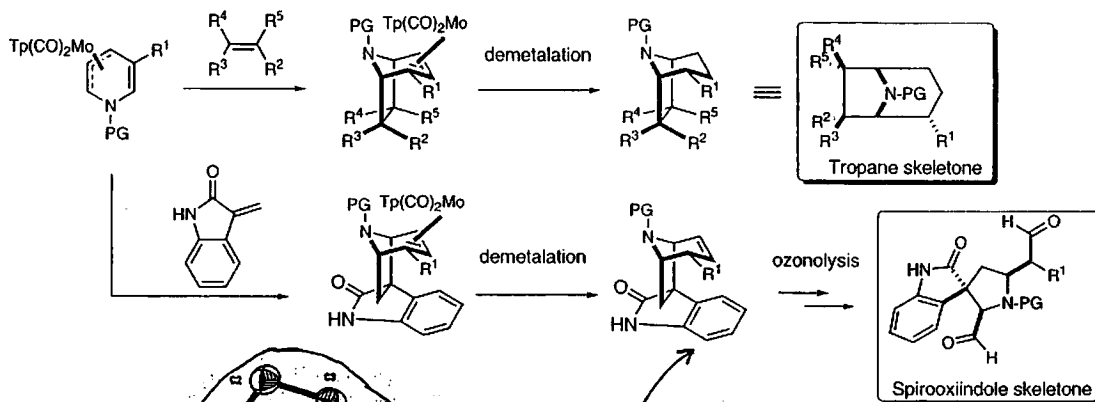
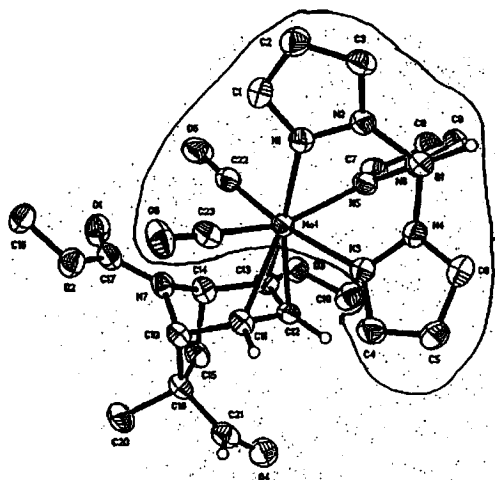


Figure 7. Spirooxindoles screened in follow-up assays for latrunculin B enhancement.

3 [5+2]Cycloaddition to  $\eta^3$ -molybdenum  $\pi$ -Complex by Liebeskindref. *Org. Lett.* 2000, 2, 4083.*Org. Lett.* 2000, 2, 3909.*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1999, 121, 58111.*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2001, 123, 12477.*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2003, 125, 9026.

After tropane skeleton formation, ozonolysis afforded spirooxindole skeleton as a single isomer.

TpMo(CO)<sub>2</sub> auxiliary has been shown to constitute an ideal metal-ligand set capable of mediating multiple and sequential regio- and stereo selective functionalization.

Table 1. [5 + 2] Cycloaddition of  $\eta^3$ -Pyraniummolybdenum Complexes

entry	alkene	endns <sup>a</sup>	ylt, exo:endo	prdt	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	%ee <sup>b</sup>
1	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCHO	20%, rt 2.5 h	87%, 10:1	<i>exo</i> -7a <i>endo</i> -7a	HCO H	H H	H H	H CHO	
2	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCOMe	10%, rt 1.5 h	94%, 8.4:1	<i>exo</i> -7b <i>endo</i> -7b	MeCO H	H H	H H	H COMe	
3	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCO <sub>2</sub> Me	20%, rt 5 h	88%, 3.5:1	<i>endo</i> -7c <i>exo</i> -7c	MeO <sub>2</sub> C H	H H	H H	H CO <sub>2</sub> Me	95%
4	2-cyclohexenone	20%, rt 4 h	93%, 1:0	<i>exo</i> -7d <i>endo</i> -7d	-CO(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> - H	H H	H -(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CO-	H H	96%
5	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCN (6 equiv)	120%, rt 4.5 h	57%, 0.64:1	<i>exo</i> -7e <i>endo</i> -7e	NC H	H H	H H	H CN	23%
6	<i>N</i> -methylmaleimide	110%, rt 10 min	99%, 8:1	<i>exo</i> -7f <i>endo</i> -7f	-CON(Me)CO- H	H H	H -(CON(Me)CO)-	H H	>90% ee <sup>c</sup>
7	( <i>E</i> )-2-PhCHCH(Me)CHO	20%, rt 4 h	91%, 1:1.2	<i>exo</i> -7g <i>endo</i> -7g	HCO Me	Ph Ph	H H	Me CHO	
8	PhCH=C(CN) <sub>2</sub>	20%, rt 3 h	96%, 1:0	<i>exo</i> -7h <i>endo</i> -7h	NC NC	Ph H	H Ph	H CN	97%
9	DMAD	110%, rt 10 min	43%, - - -	7i	EtO <sub>2</sub> C	CO <sub>2</sub> Et		C-C bond	

<sup>a</sup> Mol % EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>, temp, time. <sup>b</sup> Enantiomeric excess of product prepared from (+)-6 of 97% ee. <sup>c</sup> Small amount of impurity precluded an accurate determination of the minor isomer ee. However, recrystallization of *endo*-7f gave product in >99% ee.

exo: end = 1:1.2

Exposure of pure *endo*-7g to EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (50 mol %) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> for 2h reestablished 1/1.2 mixture again.

→ This suggested that a stepwise mechanism for the cycloaddition reaction.

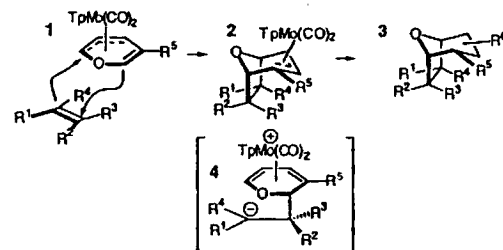


Table 1. [5 + 2] Cycloaddition of  $\eta^3$ -Pyridinylmolybdenum  $\pi$ -Complexes

entry	alkene	conditions <sup>a</sup>	yield, exo:endo	prdt	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	% ee
1	<i>N</i> -methylmaleimide	120%, 10 min	68%, 100:0	( <sup>1</sup> ) 4	H	-CON(Me)CO-	H	H	<i>b</i>
2	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCOMe	50%, 20 min	79%, 82:12	<i>exo</i> -5a <i>endo</i> -5b	H H	H H	COMe H	H COMe	<i>b</i> <i>b</i>
3	2-cyclohexenone	50%, 30 min	87%, 100:0, 8% recov 3	( <sup>1</sup> ) 6 ( <sup>2</sup> ) 7	H H	H H	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CO- CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H H	97 <sup>c</sup> 98 <sup>c</sup>
4	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCO <sub>2</sub> Me	180%, 55 min	88%, 100:0, 5% recov 3	8	H	H	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	Me	65 <sup>d</sup>
5	CH <sub>2</sub> =C(Me)CO <sub>2</sub> Me	150%, 16 h	47%, 100:0, 21% recov 3	( <sup>1</sup> ) <i>exo</i> -9a <i>endo</i> -9b	H H	H H	CHO Me	Me CHO	95 <sup>c</sup> 95 <sup>c</sup>
6	CH <sub>2</sub> =C(Me)CHO	20%, 40 min	74%, 61:39, 21% recov 3	<i>exo</i> -10a <i>endo</i> -10b <i>exo</i> -11a	Et H H	H Et H	CHO H -CO <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -	H CHO <i>b</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i> <i>b</i>
7	( <i>E</i> )-EtCH=CHCHO	40%, 40 min	74%, 57:43, 14% recov 3	<i>endo</i> -11b	H	H	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> C-	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
8		180%, 16 h	86%, 69:31	12 13	H H	=CHCO <sub>2</sub> Me C-C bond	CO <sub>2</sub> Me CO <sub>2</sub> Et	H <i>b</i>	<i>b</i> <i>b</i>
9	MeO <sub>2</sub> CCH=C=CHCO <sub>2</sub> Me	110%, 35 min	57%						
10	HC≡CCO <sub>2</sub> Et	150%, 2.5 h	68%, 11% recov 3						

<sup>a</sup> Mol % EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>, time. <sup>b</sup> rac-form was used. <sup>c</sup> (-)-3 of 98% ee was used. <sup>d</sup> (+)-3 of 96% ee was used.

(1) when pure compound were exposed to EtAlCl<sub>2</sub> (50 mol%, 4-6 h, r.t.) *exo*, *endo* mixture was generated. Also (±)-3 was generated.

(2) After conversion from 6 to 15, 15 was stable in the presence of excess EtAlCl<sub>2</sub>

Facile additions to an exocyclic double bond and to an allene are especially notable.

Scheme 2. Effect of Functional Groups on Cycloadduct Stability

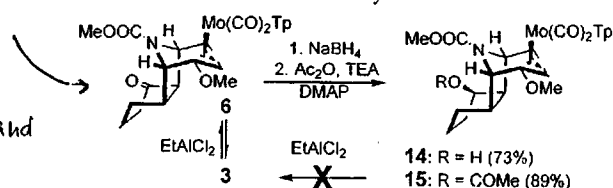
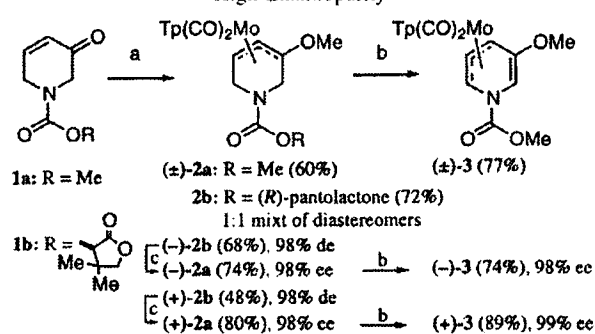


Table 2. Demetalation of the [5 + 2] Cycloadducts

substrate	prdt (%)	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	ee <sup>a</sup>	
1	4	16 (52%)	H	-CON(Me)CO-	H		
2	6 or (-)-6	17 (81%)	H	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CO-	H	96 <sup>c</sup>	
3	7 or (-)-7	18 (77%)	H	H	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H	98 <sup>b</sup>
4	9a	19 (77%)	H	H	CHO	Me	

<sup>a</sup> Prepared from (-)-6 of 97% ee. <sup>b</sup> Prepared from (-)-7 of 98% ee.

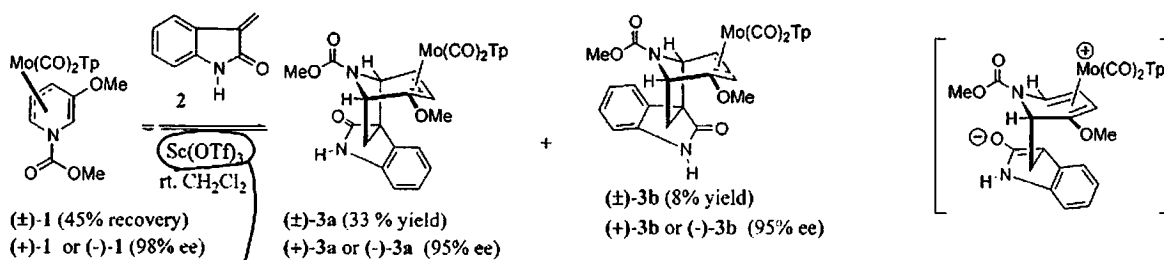
CAN mediated oxidative demetalation afforded racemic (16, 19) and high enantiomeric pure tropanes

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Tp(CO)<sub>2</sub>Mo(pyridinyl) Scaffolds of High Enantiopurity<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> (a) (i) Mo(CO)<sub>3</sub>(DMF)<sub>3</sub>, TBDMSCl; (ii) KTp; (iii) TBAF; (iv) MeI; (b) (i) Ph<sub>3</sub>CPF<sub>6</sub>; (ii) TEA; (c) (i) SmI<sub>2</sub>, HMPA, MeOH; (ii) ClCO<sub>2</sub>Me, 3 N aqueous NaOH.

good yield (both (+)2b and (-)2b)  
in large scale (14g and 7.8g)

Scheme 1



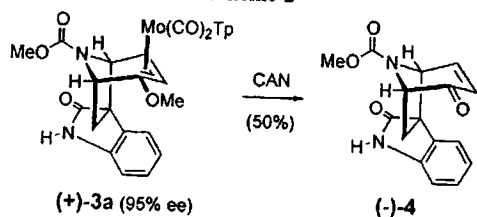
When  $\text{EtAlCl}_2$  was used, (0.5 - 1.4 equiv.)  
the complex (±)1 was recovered.

Treatment of (±)1 with oxindole 2 and  
 $\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  which is milder Lewis acid  
gave spirooxindole in 41% yield.

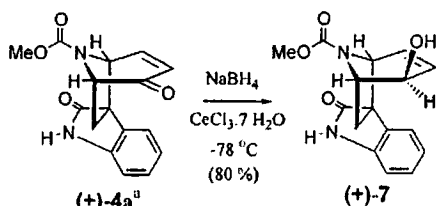
Light and acidic condition induced  
racemization of 1 and enantiomeric  
purity decreased.

Due to carbonyl group the energy of TS  
might be low relatively.

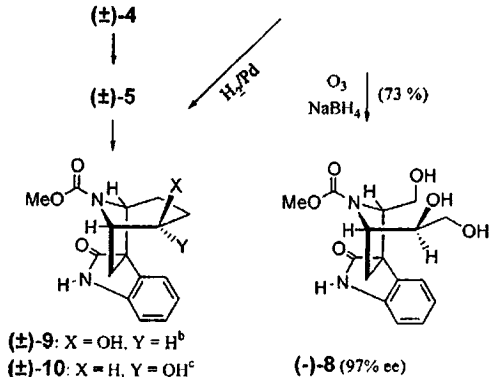
Scheme 2



After demetalation by CAN,  
high enantiomeric purity was maintained.



Reduction under Luche condition  
afforded allyl alcohol.



Ozonolysis and reductive work up  
gave spirooxindole skeleton  
in high enantioparity.

<sup>a</sup> From (-)-3a (97% ee) treated with  $\text{CuCl}_2$ , THF, room temperature (71% yield). <sup>b</sup> From (±)-7 treated with  $\text{H}_2$  (1 atm), Pd/C, EtOH, rt, 10h (76% yield). <sup>c</sup> From (±)-5 treated with L-Selectride (1.1 equiv), THF,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 50 min (56%).

### 4 Appendix

The result of Bioassay.

An assay was developed to identify enhancers of the growth arrest induced by latrunculin B.

↳ sequester monomeric actin and prevent the formation of actin microfilament.

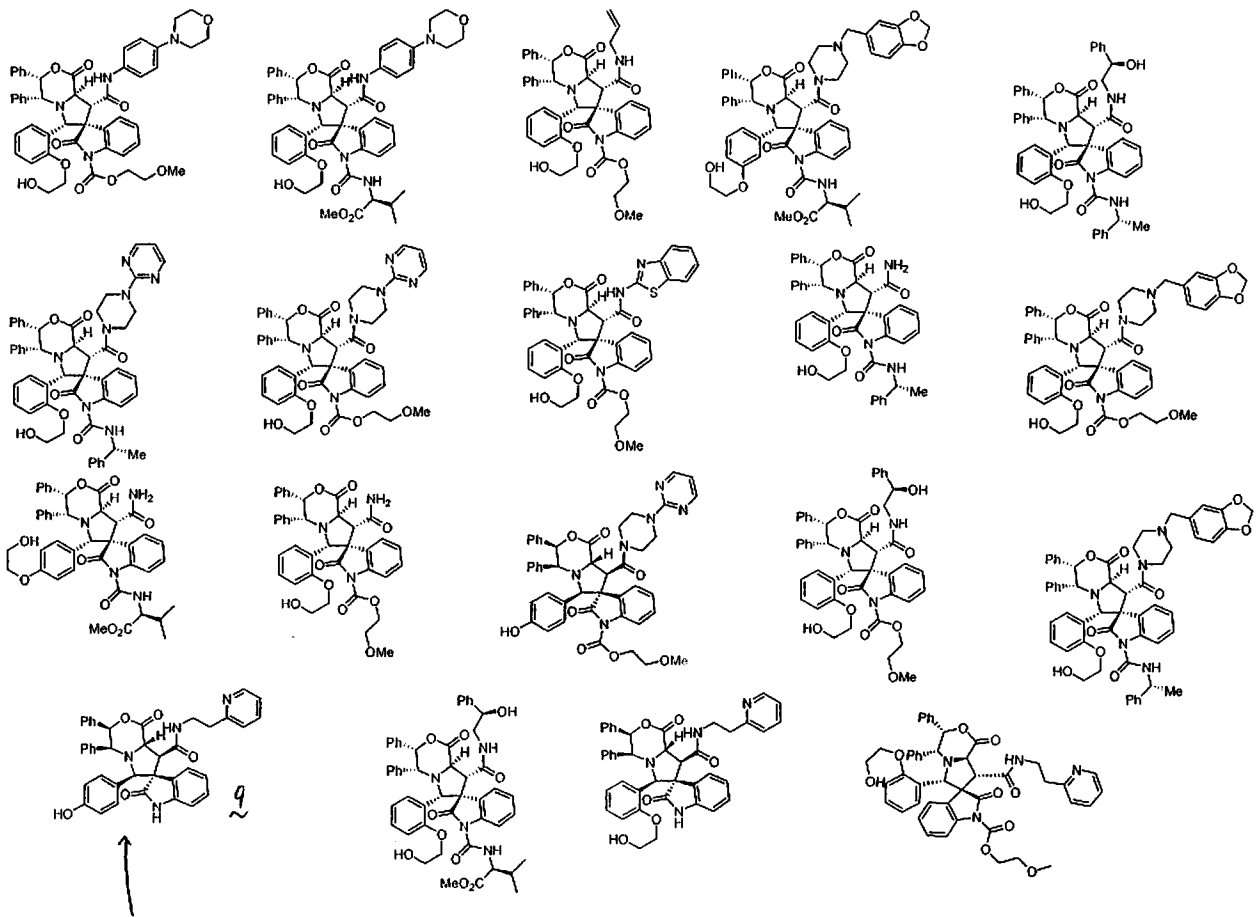
If small molecule enhances the effect of latrunculin B,

the growth of the yeast cell in the assay well will be retarded

(The screen was performed 384-well plates using wild-type yeast growing in a nutrient-rich medium.)

36 compounds were scored as enhancers.

(19 unique structure were decided.)



EC<sub>50</sub> 450 ± 50 nM

However, when yeast cells are treated with 9 alone up to the solubility limit of 30 μM, yeast growth is unaffected.