Total Synthesis of (–)-Ambiguine P Using Sequential Indole Fuctionalizations

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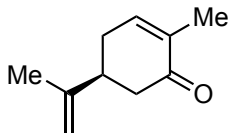

A

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B

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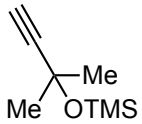
C

1) LiHMDS, indole, Cu(II) 2-ethyl hexanoate
2) LiHMDS + **1**, THF, −78 °C
3) PDC, DCM, rt; *then* 1N HCl, THF, 0 °C

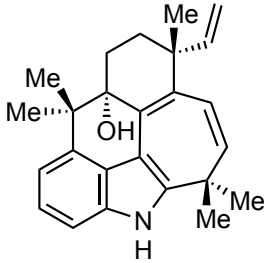
1 = 

4) $Co_2(CO)_8$; *then* $BF_3{\cdot}OEt_2$, DCM
5) $AlCl_3$, MeOH, DCM, 0 °C to rt
6) Nagata's reagent, TMSCl, pyridine, MeCN
7) Bu_3SnH, PhH, 45 °C; *then* 2N HCl, MeOH

Name of **A***?*

Name the reaction in step 2

Name the reaction in step 4
Name the reaction in step 5



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8) Wilkinson's catalyst, acetaldoxime, 30 °C, PhMe
9) NaHMDS, methyl formate, THF
10) $NaBH_4$, MeOH
11) Tf_2O, 2,6-di-tert-butylpyridine, DCM, −78 °C

Hint: acetaldoxime is a water source (anhydrous conditions)

D

12-15

12) TCDI, DMAP, DCM, 45 °C
13) Bu_3SnH, AIBN, PhMe, 80 °C
14) $TMSCH_2Li$, THF
15) PPTS, DCE, 120 °C, μwave

Name the reaction sequece in step 12-13

TCDI: Thiocarbonyldiimidazole

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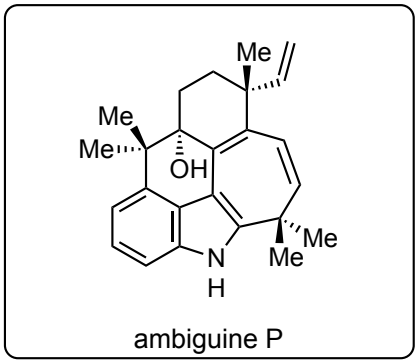

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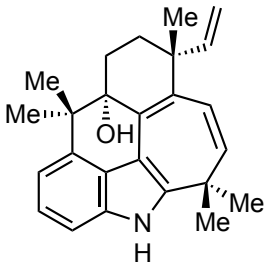

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16) TBAF, THF, 100 °C, μwave
17) PIDA, KOH, H_2O, dioxane
18) Ac_2O, HCO_2H, DCM
19) $COCl_2$, NEt_3, DCM, 0 °C\
20) KO*t*Bu, DMSO, μwave, 150 °C
21) SeO_2, dioxane

Name the reaction in step 17