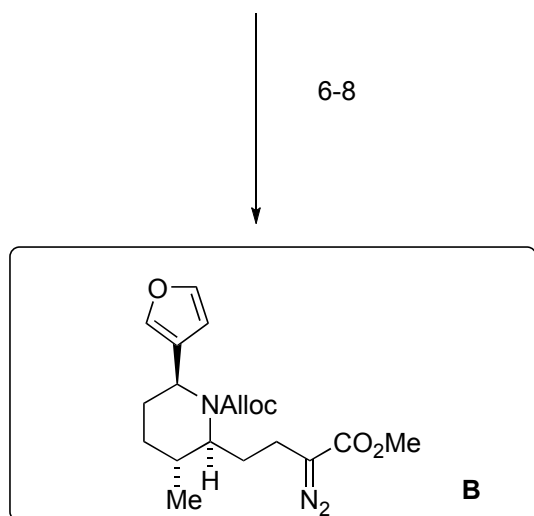
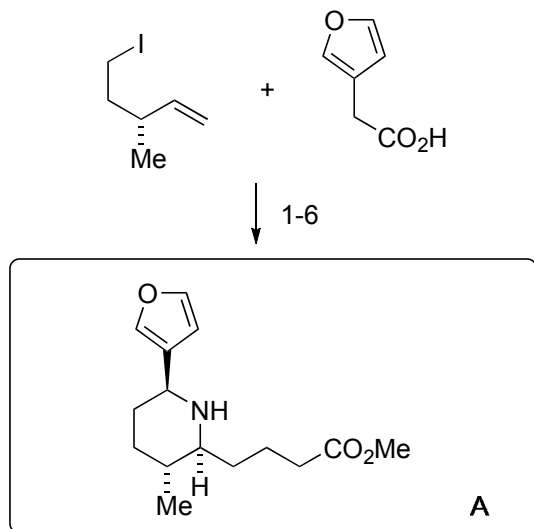


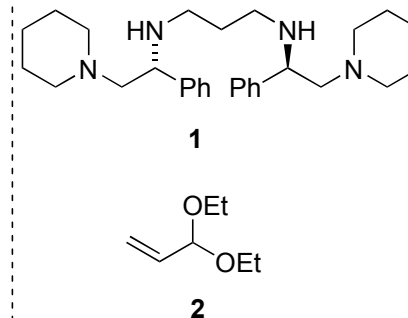
# Total Synthesis of Unsymmetrically Oxidized Nuphar Thioalkaloids via Copper-Catalyzed Thiolane Assembly

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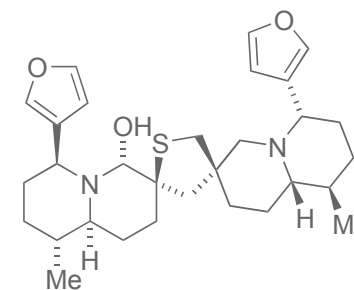
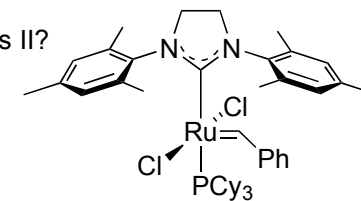
- 1) **1**, *n*-BuLi, THF,  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 2) *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt, (PhO)<sub>2</sub>P(O)N<sub>3</sub>, 2,2,2-trichloroethanol,  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$
- 3) **2**, HGII (5mol%)
- 4) Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me
- 5) Cd- Pb Couple, THF, 1M NH<sub>4</sub>OAc
- 6) RhCl(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (5 mol%) H<sub>2</sub> (300 psi)

- 6) AllocCl, *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt, THF
- 7) KN(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, PhCO<sub>2</sub>Me
- 8) (4-NO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)SO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>, DBU



Explain the mechanism in Step 2

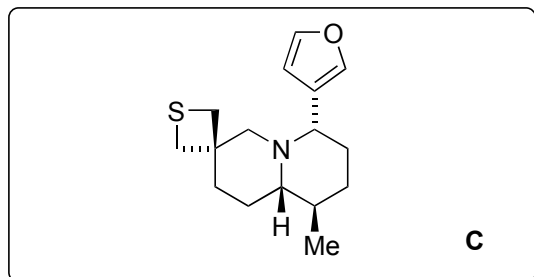
Structure of Grubbs II?



(-)-6-hydroxythionuphlutine

**A**

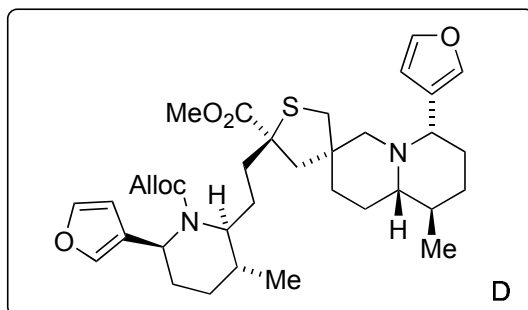
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- 9) AcOH, 110°C
- 10) LDA, 4-MeOC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OCOCI  
10 equiv., -78°C
- 11) NaBH<sub>4</sub> 7 equiv.
- 12) MsCl 3 equiv., *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt
- 13) Na<sub>2</sub>S·9H<sub>2</sub>O, *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI
- 14) *i*-Bu<sub>2</sub>AlH

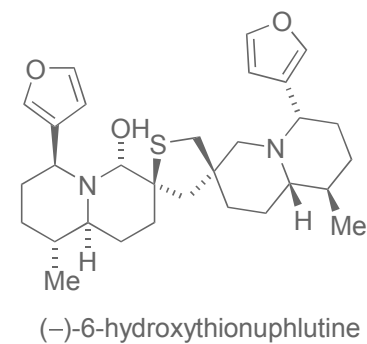
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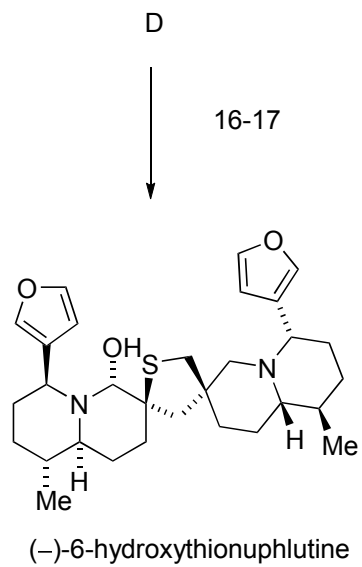
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- 15) Cu(hfacac)<sub>2</sub> (5 mol %),  
100°C (μW)

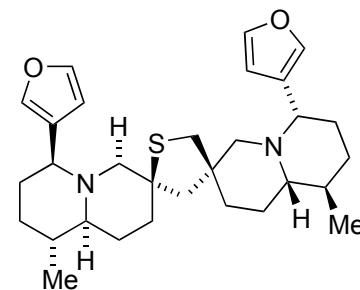
Mechanism of 15?



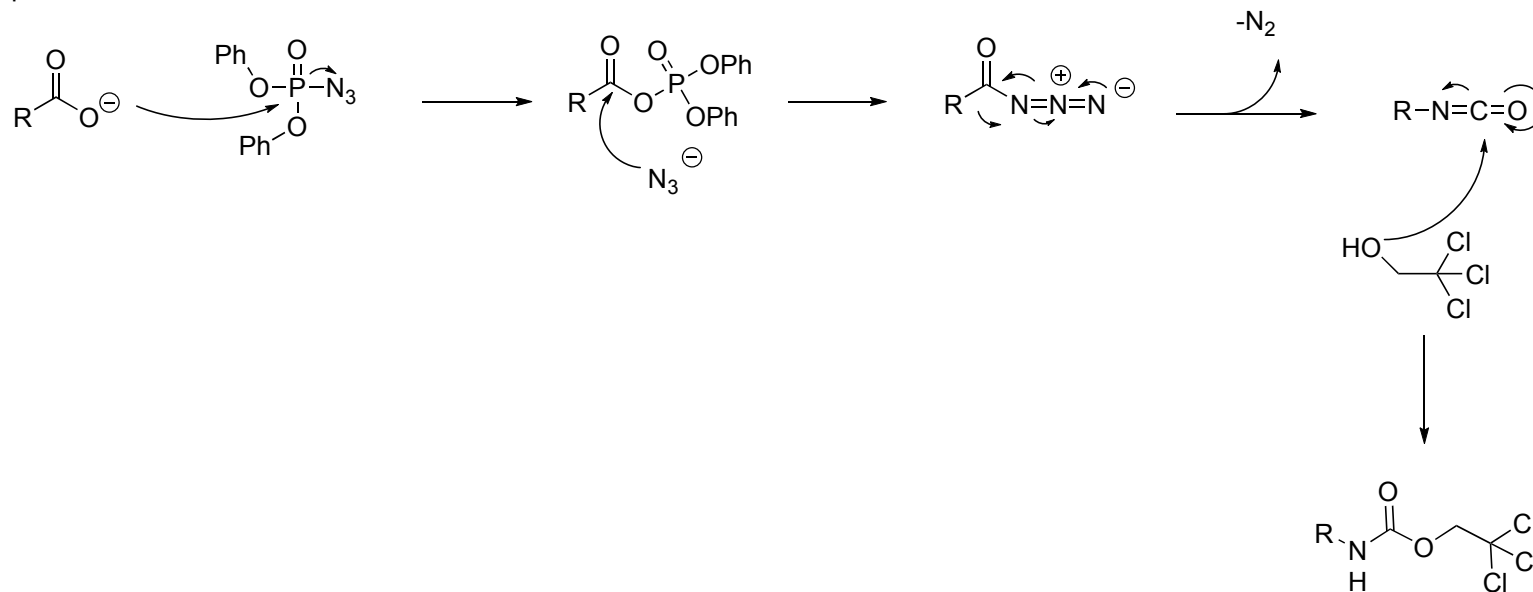


16)  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ,  $\text{PhSiH}_3$   
17)  $i\text{-Bu}_2\text{AlH}$

In the last step a side product was isolated in 10% yield.  
What is the side product?



Step 2:



Step 15:

