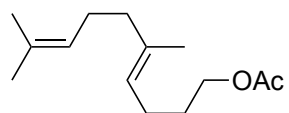
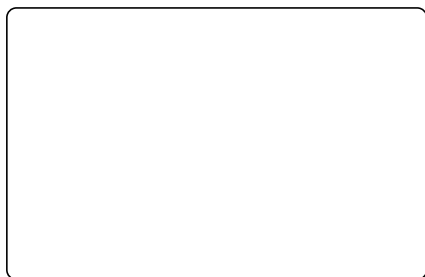


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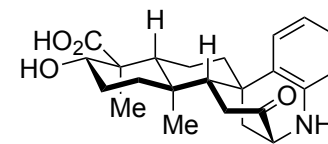
- 1) *t*-BuOOH, SeO₂
- 2) Ti(O*i*-Pr)₄, (+)-DET, *t*-BuOOH, -40°C
- 3) AZADO, PhI(OAc)₂
- 4) MeI, K₂CO₃

- 5) K₂CO₃, MeOH
- 6) DMP
- 7) CeCl₃, \equiv -MgBr

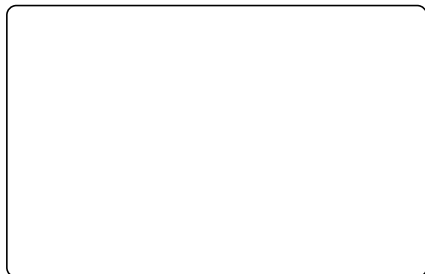
- 8) [Cp₂TiCl₂], Mn, *i*-Pr₂NEt₂

How would you synthesize the starting material?

Please provide a mechanism for step 8.



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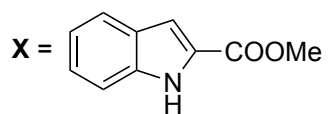
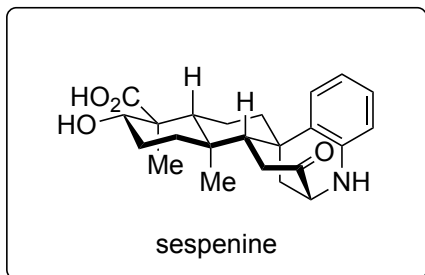
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- 9) IBX
- 10) Ac_2O, NEt_3
- 11) $Bi(OTf)_3, X$
- 12) $TiCl_4$, Nysted reagent

- 13) oxone, acetone
- 14) AcOH

- 15) $NaCl, \Delta$
- 16) LiOH
- 17) $K_2CO_3, MeOH$

What could be the reason for using the C2-substituted indol, while in the end that position is not functionalized?

Structure of Nysted's reagent?

Please explain the transformation of step 14 with a mechanism.

What is the name associated with the reaction in step 15?