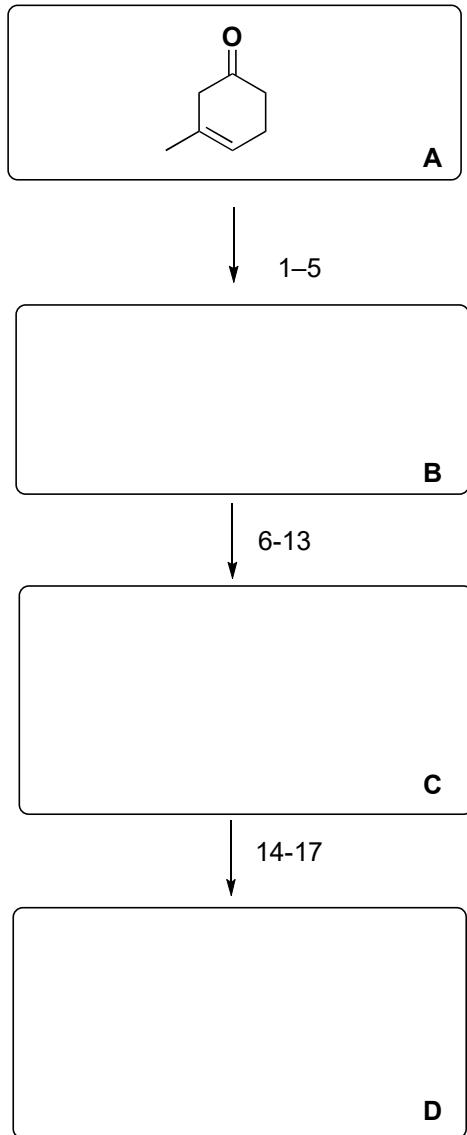
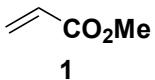


# Total Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Gelsemine

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- 1) A, LDA, TIPSOTf
- 2) 1, AlCl<sub>3</sub>, -78°C
- 3) SeO<sub>2</sub>
- 4) Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CH<sub>2</sub>
- 5) KOH



- 6) DPPA, Et<sub>3</sub>N, PMBOH, reflux
- 7) TFA, anisole
- 8) CH<sub>2</sub>O, KCN, pH=7 buffer
- 9) TBAF
- 10) KH, 18-Crown-6, *then* ClCO<sub>2</sub>Me
- 11) KOH
- 12) Br<sub>2</sub> (1.1 equiv), PMP
- 13) TFA

- 14) KHMDS, TESCI
- 15) PhIO, BF<sub>3</sub> • OEt<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>
- 16) KHMDS, Comin's reagent
- 17) CO, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf), MeOH, DMF, n-Bu<sub>3</sub>N, 80 °C

2) Name of the reaction

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Structure of DPPA

Provide a mechanism

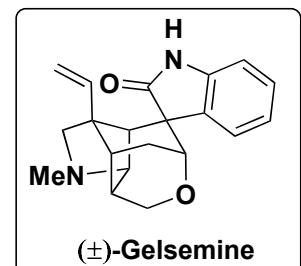
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Provide a mechanism

11) Hint: Selective cleavage

13) Hint: 5/6 system is formed

16) Structure of Comin's reagent



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- 18) **2**, AlMe<sub>3</sub>  
19) NaH, MOMCl  
20) Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub>, Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, THF  
21) HCl, MeOH  
22) DIBAL-H

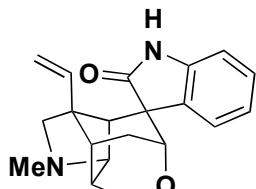
- 20) Name of reaction  
21) This is not a MOM cleavage

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- 23) PPTS, **3**  
24) NaCN, DMSO, 150 °C  
25) MeOTf, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, DTBMP  
26) NaCN, DMSO, 90 °C  
27) TsOH  
28) DBU, toluene, 110 °C  
29) HCl, *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt  
30) DIBAL-H  
31) Et<sub>3</sub>SiH, TFA, 45 °C

24) Hint: An aziridine is formed



(±)-Gelsemine