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Model Studies for the Synthesis of Clavulactone. — A facile synthesis of the 5,6-bicyclic core (VIII) of clavulactone involving the tandem reaction of cyclopentenone (II) with allyl sulfoxide (I) and aldehyde (III) as the key step is described. — (ZENG, ZHIHONG; XU, XINGXIANG; *Tetrahedron Lett.* 41 (2000) 18, 3459-3461; Shanghai Inst. Org. Chem., Chin. Acad. Sci., Shanghai 200032, Peop. Rep. China; EN)

