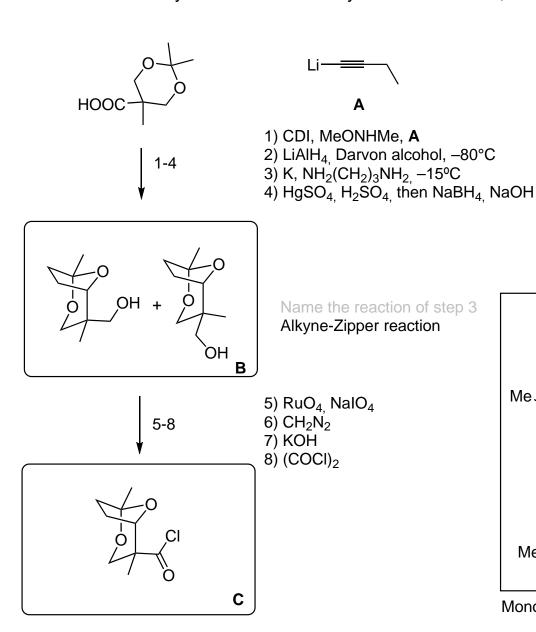
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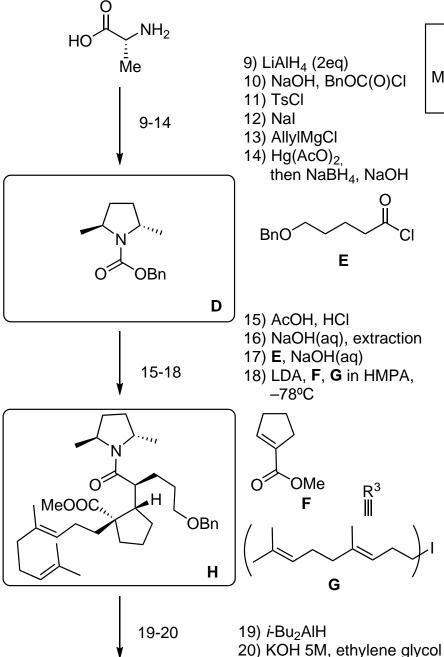


<u>Suggest</u> a reaction mechanism for step 2. *(S)*-alcohol is obtained

Active species are not well known

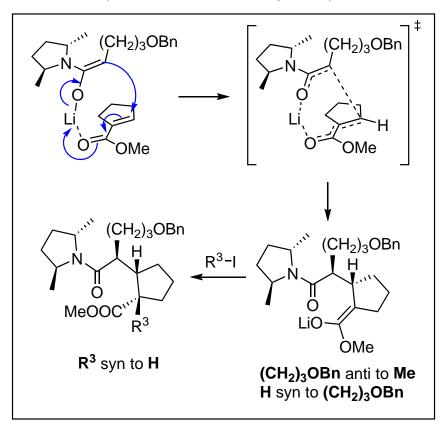
Monomer would lead to (R)-alcohol. Mechanism is not clear.

Explain the stereochemistry of step 14

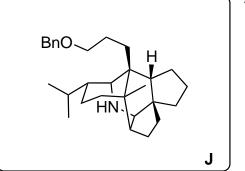


This chair-like intermediate has the lowest steric hindrance.

Explain the stereochemistry of step 18



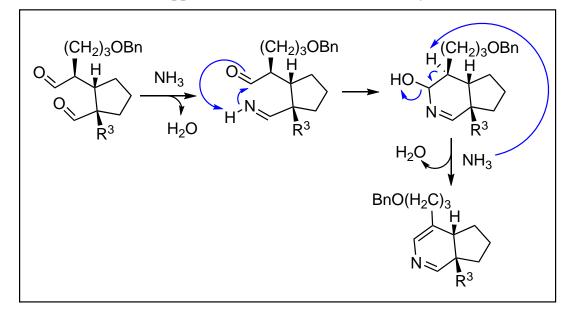
21) LiAlH₄ 22) Swern 23) NH₃ 24) HOAc



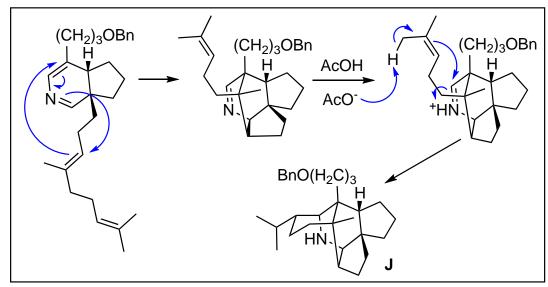
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MeO

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Key step (step 24)



28) *n*-BuLi, **C**, –78°C 29) NaCN, DMSO, 150 °C

Name the reaction of step 29 Krapcho decarboxylation

(-)-Secodaphniphylline