# Development of the Vinylogous Pictet-Spengler Cyclization and Total Synthesis of (±)-Lundurine A

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- (±)-Lundurine A is an indole alkaloid that exhibits cytotoxicity in drugresistant human oral epidermoid carcinoma cells.
  - Nash et al. applied the vinylogous Pictet-Spengler reaction developed in this paper to the synthesis of (±)-Lundurine A.
- This method allows the installation of the eight-membered ring and quaternary carbon center in one step, which was previously unknown.

# Retrosynthesis



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**Fisher-Indole Synthesis** 





#### **Mechanisms:**











**Swern Oxidation** 



MeO

2-step tungsten-catalyzed dehomologation reaction





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DBU CISiEt<sub>3</sub>

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**OSiEt**<sub>3</sub>

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