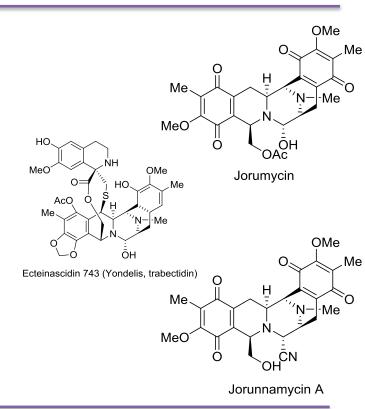
## Concise total syntheses of (–)-jorunnamycin A and (–)-jorumycin enabled by asymmetric catalysis

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- In Jorumycin and Jorunnamycin A, a central proiminium serves as an alkylating agent in vivo, resulting in covalent modification of DNA in a process that ultimately leads to cell death.
- The quinone rings are rapidly reduced in cells to their hydroquinone oxidation states. These highly electron rich functional groups are key components in the biosynthetic pathways.
- Congener ecteinascidin 743 is an approved anticancer drug.







## **Retro-synthetic Route**

Me-

MeO

OMe Ag

OMe, Ag

Me.

MeO

`OTBS

<sup>∕</sup>N∖oH

OMe

$$Ar-BPin \xrightarrow{O} Ar \xrightarrow{O} Ar \xrightarrow{O} Ar-OH$$

$$Ar-OH \xrightarrow{iPr-N=C=O} Ar \xrightarrow{O} Ar \xrightarrow{O} Ar \xrightarrow{O} Ar-OH$$

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`OTBS

N\_ ⊕`OH Ме

protonolysis

OMe

Me

MeO

Me

**OTBS** 

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NH'Pr} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NBuLi, TBSOTf, TMEDA,} \\ \text{TMSCI, Et}_2\text{O, -78°C} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{MeO} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NH'Pr} \\ \text{TMS} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{Et}_2\text{NH, $^n$BuLi} \\ \text{PhNTf2, THF, -78°C} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{MeO} \\ \text{OMe} \\ \text{OMe} \end{array}$$

Boekelheide reaction

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Fe + 
$$2AcOH = Fe(OAc)_2 + H_2$$

$$R \xrightarrow{F} R \xrightarrow{G} R \xrightarrow{SiR_3} R \xrightarrow{G} R \xrightarrow{hydrolysis} R \xrightarrow{R-OH}$$

Jorunnamycin A 15 steps and Jorumycin 16 steps