## Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (+)-Peniciketals A and B: Two Architecturally Complex Spiroketals

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- Peniciketals A-C (1-3) were isolated from *Penicillium* raistrickii in 2014, and have cytotoxicity against certain cancer cells
- Peniciketal A (1) displays anticancer activity against three leukemia cell lines, and has high selectivity for cancer cells
- The peniciketals contain unprecedented benzannulated [5,6]- or [6,6]- spiroketals and 2,8dioxabicyclo- [3.3.1]nonane ring systems
- This work represents the first total synthesis of Peniciketals A (1) and B (2)



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## Retrosynthesis



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Photoisomerization/cyclization







