## Literature Report

# Total Synthesis of Leuconoxine Melodinine E, and Mersicarpine through a <br> Radical Translocation-Cyclization Cascade 

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## Introduction

## The Aspidosperma Alkaloids



Melodinine E


Leuconoxine


Mersicarpine

- Isolated from dogbane trees;
- Polycyclic structures;
- An indoline structural motif.

Bhadane, B. S. et al. Phytother. Res. 2018, 32, 1181.

## Retrosynthetic Analysis

Method 1


Method 2


## Synthesis of Intermediate 4




4
$\mathrm{NaN}_{3}$, DMF, rt, overnight
92\%
$\mathrm{MeOH}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
80\% yield


3

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## Synthesis of Intermediate 7



$\mathrm{I}_{2}$, DMAP, $\mathrm{CCl}_{4} / \mathrm{Py}(1: 1)$ 95\% yield

$\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3}$, JohnPhos $\mathrm{Ba}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$, THF, $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$75 \%$ yield


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## Synthesis of Intermediate 9




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## Synthesis of Intermediate 16



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 11



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 12



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 15




$\mathrm{H}^{+} \downarrow$



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 17




$\downarrow \mathrm{O}_{2}$


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## Synthesis of (+)-Melodinine E, (-)-Scholarisine G







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## Synthesis of (+)-Leuconoxine



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 21


18


21

$75 \%$ yield


69 yield (2 steps)

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## Synthesis of Intermediate 24


$\mathrm{AIBN}, \mathrm{Bu}_{3} \mathrm{SnH}$



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## Synthesis of Intermediate 28



25


95\% yield


28




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## Synthesis of Intermediate 31









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## Synthesis of Intermediate 34



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NaOMe EtOH


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## Synthesis of Melodinine E, Leuconoxine






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## Summary



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Beaudry's work:
The Sonogashira reaction;
1,5-Hydrogen atom transfer.
Zhu's work:
The Suzuki-Miyaura reaction;
Oxidation/reduction/cyclization processes.
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## The First Paragraph



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The Aspidosperma alkaloids are a large class of molecules isolated from dogbane trees native to Central and South! ! America. These alkaloids have attracted considerable attention! !due to their polycyclic structures, biological activities, and; ' interesting biosyntheses.
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## Representative examples

!These alkaloids have attracted considerable attention due to their 1 ; polycyclic structures, biological activities, and interesting biosyntheses. iOur synthesis features a 1,5 -hydrogen atom transfer to give a substituted; ! indoline product.
However, no total synthesis of these natural products has been reported! I ; until now.

I In the context of our continuous interest in the construction of indole rings ; ! at the late stage of total synthesis, we devised a unified strategy to reach! ; different skeletons of aforementioned alkaloids from the same intermediate.
! Efforts to apply the key radical reaction in other alkaloid architectures are;
! currently underway in our laboratory.

## Acknowledgement

## Thanks

## for your kind attention !

