Total Synthesis of (–)-Rauvomine B

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- Rauvomines are indole alkaloids found in the Rauvolfia vomitoria tree
- Rauvomine B contains a unique 6/5/6/6/3/5hexacyclic ring system
- 1 of only 5 out of >3000 known monoterpene indole alkaloids to contain a cyclopropane
- Exhibits anti-inflammatory properties





Rauvolfia vomitoria

(–)-rauvomine B

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Retrosynthesis







3. Acetylation catalyzed by DMAP







4. Tsuji-Trost Allylation



Nucleophilic attack (soft nucleophile)







Nucleophilic ring opening of THF



PhSe



5. Pictet–Spengler reaction



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6. Oxidative phenylselenide elimination





7. Ring closing metathesis





8. Ester reduction then Seyfirth–Gilbert homologation with the Ohira–Bestmann reagent





9. Boc protection







10. CuTC catalyzed triazole formation









11. Cyclopropanation and hydrolysis







12. Boc deprotection



(-)-rauvomine B

11 steps 2.4% overall yield