# Total Syntheses of Mitragynine, Paynantheine and Speciogynine via an Enantioselective Thiourea-Catalysed Pictet-Spengler Reaction 

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## General remarks:

All ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (APT) spectra were recorded with a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer $\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H} 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} 100 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at room temperature. IR spectra were obtained using a Bruker IFS 28 FTspectrophotometer. Optical rotations were measured with a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed using Merck TLC plastic roll $500 \times 20 \mathrm{~cm}$ silica gel $\mathrm{F}_{254}$. Flash chromatography was carried out on Biosolve $60 \AA(0.032-0.063 \mathrm{~mm})$ silica gel. Ee's were determined on Chiracel ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H (Chiral Technologies Europe, $0.46 \mathrm{~cm} \times 25 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) columns. Melting points were measured with a Leitz-Wetzlar melting point microscope and are uncorrected. Mass spectra and accurate mass measurements were performed using a JEOL JMS-SX/SX 102 A Tandem Mass Spectrometer.

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring under nitrogen atmosphere. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was freshly distilled from sodium and benzophenone. Toluene was stored under $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. Commercial reagents and solvents were purchased from Biosolve, Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka or Acros and used as received. 4-Hydroxyindole was purchased from AK Scientific Inc. Powdered $4 \AA$ molecular sieves (Fluka) were dried at $200^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 0.1 mbar. Aldehyde $\mathbf{8}$ was prepared according to reference 1 . Bromide 6 was prepared following the method of ref. 2. Thioureum 16 was prepared according to Soós et al (ref. 3).

## 4-Methoxyindole


$\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(90.0 \mathrm{~g}, 0.65 \mathrm{~mol})$ and $\mathrm{MeI}(28.1 \mathrm{~g}, 0.20 \mathrm{~mol})$ were added to a solution of 4-methoxy- 1 H -indole $(26.6 \mathrm{~g}$, $200 \mathrm{~mol})$ in acetone $(400 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring the suspension under reflux for 18 h additional MeI ( $21.0 \mathrm{~g}, 0.15$ mol ) was added and refluxing was continued for 24 h . The mixture was filtered over celite, sufficient silica gel was added to the filtrate to absorb the compounds and the solvent was evaporated. Filtration over a glass filter packed with silica, eluting with EtOAc:PE, 1:2 (1.2 L) gave the product as a yellow solidifying oil, containing small amounts of the N -methylated product. Yield $89 \%$ ( $27.1 \mathrm{~g}, 0.184 \mathrm{~mol}$ ). Mp $64-67{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 8.16$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.37(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 6.93(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.77(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.14(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-$ NMR $\delta 153.2,137.1,122.6,122.6,118.4,104.4,99.5,99.4,55.2$. IR $3408,1615 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{ON}$ : 148.0718; found: 148.0770 .

## 4-Methoxy-indole-3-carboxaldehyde



Triphenylphosphine ( $40.1 \mathrm{~g}, 153 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in dry THF ( 640 ml ) $N$-chlorosuccinimide and ( 20.41 g , 153 mmol ) was added in portions. The suspension was stirred vigorously for 30 min at room temperature. Next DMF ( $23.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 306 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the reaction and the mixture was stirred under reflux for $1 \mathrm{~h} .4-$ Methoxyindole ( $7.5 \mathrm{~g}, 51 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the mixture was stirred under reflux for 1 h . The reaction mixture was cooled down to room temperature and the THF was evaporated. 640 mL Water ( 700 ml ) was added to the mixture and it was stirred under reflux for 1 h . The mixture was cooled down and basified with $10 \%$ NaOH . The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 200 mL ) and the organic layers were combined and evaporated in the presence of silica. Chromatography over a short column with EtOAc:PE, 1:1 and 1:2 gave the product as an orange solid ( $7.24 \mathrm{~g}, 41.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 81 \%$ ). Mp $151-154{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 10.53(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 8.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; $7.95(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.24(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.10(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.75(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.03(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 187.6,153.7,137.6,128.4,123.1,118.3,115.6,105.3,101.6,54.8$. IR $3246,1648 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}$ : 176.0667; found: 176.0712.

## 4-Methoxy-3-(2-nitrovinyl)-indole


$\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OAc}(3.52 \mathrm{~g}, 45.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aldehyde $(4.0 \mathrm{~g}, 22.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ were dissolved in nitromethane $(135 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the suspension was heated under reflux for 1 h . The mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent evaporated. The remaining solid was dissolved in a small amount of methanol and precipitated slowly with water. The solid was filtered over celite and dried under vacuum. The product ( $4.80 \mathrm{~g}, 22.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 96 \%$ ) was obtained as a red solid. Mp: 185-188 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 8.67(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 8.52(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.98(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.61(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.07(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.71(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz})$; 4.04 (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 152.9,138.4,134.5,131.9,130.5,123.5,114.4,107.9,105.1,101.3,54.3 . \operatorname{IR}: 3285$, 2940, 1687, $1612 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 219.0725, found: 219.0773.

## 4-Methoxytryptamine ${ }^{4}$



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$\mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}(8.0 \mathrm{~g}, 210 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to 80 mL of dry THF and cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. 4-Methoxy-3-(2nitrovinyl)indole ( $3.94 \mathrm{~g}, 18.1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in 200 mL dry THF and added to the mixture with a dropping funnel. After 3 h of reflux the flask was placed in an ice bath and first water ( $1.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{LiAlH} 4$ ); then $15 \%$ aqueous $\mathrm{NaOH}(1.3 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{LiAlH} 44)$ and finally again water $(3.25 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{g} \mathrm{LiAlH} 4)$ were carefully added with a dropping funnel. The mixture was stirred vigorously for 15 min and filtered. The solids were washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 5 x ) and the combined organic layers dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$ and evaporated. The product 4 was obtained as a solid ( $3.42 \mathrm{~g}, 18.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 99 \%$ ). Mp $105-110^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 8.06(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.11(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.91(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.51(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.94(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.03(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 154.4,138.1$, $122.1,121.2,116.9,112.9,104.5,98.7,54.7,42.8,30.6 \mathrm{ppm}$. IR: $3400,2932,1585 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

## $\mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{b}}$-(4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)-4-methoxytryptamine (5)



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 $\xrightarrow[\substack{\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N} \\ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}}]{\text { p-NsCl }}$



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4-Nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride $(4.43 \mathrm{~g}, 20.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added in 3 portions to a solution of 4methoxytryptamine $4(3.42 \mathrm{~g}, 18.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and triethylamine ( $3.06 \mathrm{ml}, 22 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous DCM ( 65 ml ).

The reaction temperature was kept between 20 and $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ by cooling in a water bath. After stirring during 2 h and extractive workup ( $\mathrm{DCM} / \mathrm{aq} . \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ ) the mixture was purified by chromatography (EtOAc:PE, 1:2 and 2:1) to give 5 as an orange, slowly crystallising glass ( $5.93 \mathrm{~g}, 15.8 \mathrm{mmol}, 87.4 \%$ ). Mp: 136-140 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta$ $7.89(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.08(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.88(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.76(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.46(\mathrm{~d}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 153.2,148.2,145.3,137.6,126.7$, 122.6, $121.3,121.5,116.1,110.6,104.5,98.2,54.4,44.1,26.1$. IR: $3406,1528 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{~S}: 376.0922$; found: 376.0971.
(E)-tert-butyl 4-(2-(4-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)ethylamino)but-2-enyl carbonate (7)


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$\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ (excess), DMSO
then PhSH


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Finely powdered $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(4.10 \mathrm{~g}, 29.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ and bromoalkene $6(2.73 \mathrm{~g}, 10.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added to a solution of $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{b}}$-(4-nitrobenzenesulfonyl)-4-methoxytryptamine 5 ( $3.71 \mathrm{~g}, 9.9 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMSO ( 33 mL ). After stirring for 4 h at room temperature thiophenol ( $3.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 29.7 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and stirring was continued during 2 h . The reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. Some aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ was added to facilitate the separation. The organic layers were combined and washed with water. After drying and removal of the solvent the mixture was purified by column chromatography (EtOAc:PE, 1:1; EtOAc; EtOAc:MeOH, 90:10; EtOAc:MeOH:NEt ${ }_{3}, 85: 10: 5$ ). Product 7 was obtained as a slightly coloured syrup (3.35 $\mathrm{g}, 9.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 94 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 8.64(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.09(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.95(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; $6.49(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.73(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.87(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.51(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.30(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=5.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}) ; 3.10(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.97(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.50(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 154.6,153.2,138.1,133.5$, $125.3,122.5,121.1,117.1,113.6,104.5,99.1,81.9,66.9,54.9,50.5,50.1,27.6,26.9$. IR: 3400, 2932, $1740 \mathrm{~cm}^{-}$ ${ }^{1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 361.2083; found: 361.2078.

## Organocatalyzed Pictet-Spengler reaction



Catalyst $16(0.330 \mathrm{~g}, 0.55 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ and benzoic acid $(0.067 \mathrm{~g}, 0.55 \mathrm{mmol}, 20 \mathrm{~mol} \%)$ were added to a solution of tryptamine $7(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 2.77 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ under argon. Next aldehyde $\mathbf{8}^{1}(0.83 \mathrm{~g}, 3.30$ mmol ) was added and the solution was stirred for 24 h at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated and the resulting oil purified by column chromatography using EtOAc:DCM:PE, 1:4:4. Product 9 was obtained as a colorless glass ( $1.47 \mathrm{~g}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 90 \%$ ). ee: $89 \%\left(\right.$ Chiralcel $^{\circledR}$ OD-H, eluent: $n$-heptane:iso-propanol $=90: 10$, flow: $0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ); 17.8 min (major) 23.7 (minor). Optical rotation: $|\alpha|{ }_{\bar{j}}{ }^{2 n}=-19.6^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ $\delta 7.79(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.04(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.49(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.91(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.76$ (m, 1H); $4.58(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.78(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.67(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.34(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J$ $=14.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.82(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.58(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.09(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.97(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.52(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ;$ $1.21(\mathrm{dt}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=13.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=171.3,154.3,153.3,137.1,133.6,132.3,126.4,122.0$, $117.2,108.5,104.2,99.6,82.1,67.0,65.0,56.4,55.2,54.6,53.0,46.0,32.0,29.1,27.8,24.0,23.4,20.6,13.6$, 13.3. IR: 3393, 2931, $1723 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{45} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ : 593.2720; found: 593.2722 .

## Boc-protection of 9




Di-tert-butyl dicarbonate $(0.37 \mathrm{~g}, 1.70 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DMAP $(0.035 \mathrm{~g}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added to a solution of tetrahydro- $\beta$-carboline $(0.673 \mathrm{~g}, 1.13 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The mixture was heated to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 1 h . Conversion was checked on TLC. The solvent was evaporated and product 17 was isolated via column chromatography using EtOAc:DCM:PE = 1:4:4 as a colorless glass ( $0.779 \mathrm{~g}, 1.12 \mathrm{mmol}, 99 \%$ ) ee: $89 \%$ (Chiralcel ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H, eluent: $n$-heptane:iso-propanol $=95: 5$, flow: $0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ); 9.90 (minor); 19.52 (major). Optical rotation: $|\alpha| \bar{\Sigma}^{\sim}{ }^{\eta}=-21.7^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.03, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.15(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz})$; $6.65(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.90(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.73(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.58(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.15(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}) ; 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.32(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.22(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{~J}=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz})$; $3.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.94(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.80(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=16.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.69(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.42(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.08(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; $1.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.68(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.51(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.24(\mathrm{t}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=171.2,153.9$, $153.3,150.2,137.6,134.5,134.4,125.8,124.1,118.8,114.0,108.8,103.3,83.5,81.9,67.0,65.3,57.3,55.2$, $54.8,52.7,41.4,33.2,30.0,28.1,27.7,23.8,23.7,19.1,13.4,13.3$. IR: 2974, 2933, $1726 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{53} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ : 693.3244; found: 693.3248 .

## Deprotection of thioacetal 17



To a solution of thioacetal $17(0.562 \mathrm{~g}, 0.811 \mathrm{mmol})$ in anhydrous DCM ( 9 mL ) was added silver trifluoromethanesulfonate $(0.334 \mathrm{~g}, 1.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in two portions, one at the beginning of the reaction and the second after 60 min of stirring. After 20 h of stirring at room temperature the precipitated AgSEt was removed by filtration over celite and the solvent was evaporated. The pyrrolidinium salt (as a mixture of diastereomers) was obtained as a foam in quantitative yield. The salt was hydrolyzed in the next step. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (major diastereomer) $\delta 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.25(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.68(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.94$ $(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=15.5 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.35(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.58(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.26(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.05(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.72(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz} ; \mathrm{J}=18.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}) ; 3.12(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.4(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.68(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.48(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.30(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) . \mathrm{IR}: 1733 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. This pyrrrolidinium salt $(0.633 \mathrm{~g}, 0.81 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in DMSO $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $2.4 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added. A stream of nitrogen gas was directed through the solution and it was stirred for 45 min at $75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (bath temperature). The reaction mixture was diluted with water ( 100 mL ) and aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( 5 ml ) and the aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with EtOAc. The organic layers were washed with water, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the solvents were evaporated. Flash chromatography (EtOAc:PE, 1:5/ 1:4.5/ 1:4) gave $\alpha$-ketoester $18\left(0.347 \mathrm{~g}, 0.59 \mathrm{mmol}, 73 \%\right.$ from 17). Optical rotation: $|\mathrm{x}| \bar{\Sigma}^{Z n}=-41.9^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.95, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=7.73(\mathrm{~d}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.18(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.66(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.68(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;$ $4.04(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.20(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=13.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.81(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; $2.58(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.69(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.51(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 188.9,161.6,153.8,153.0,149.9$ 137.0, $132.6,131.5,127.0,124.4,118.4,113.9,108.7,103.2,83.6,66.5,58.1,55.1,54.2,52.3,38.8,36.3,32.5,28.0$, 27.5, 18.8. IR: 2977, $1726,1576 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{9}$ : 587.2969; found: 587.2972.

## Tsuji-Trost cyclization of 18



Bis(diphenyphosphino)ethane ( $0.017 \mathrm{~g}, 0.042 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to a solution of allylpalladium(II) chloride dimer ( $0.007 \mathrm{~g}, 0.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in anhydrous THF ( 2 mL ) under argon. The solution was stirred for 15 min before it was added to a solution of $\alpha$-keto-ester $18(0.233 \mathrm{~g}, 0.396 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ followed by $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.258 \mathrm{~g}$, 0.793 mmol ) and DiPEA ( $0.135 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.793 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred for 20 h at room temperature before it was quenched with dilute aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and the solvents were removed. Purification by column chromatography using EtOAc:PE, 3:1/2:1 gave two C15-C20 isomers in a ratio of cis:trans $=4: 1$ in a combined yield of $78 \%$.
cis-isomer 19: $0.114 \mathrm{~g}(0.245 \mathrm{mmol}, 62 \%)$. Optical rotation $(e e: 89 \%):|\alpha| \overline{\bar{j}}=-145.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.07, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\delta 7.63(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.15(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.63(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.10(\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $17.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.99(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.56(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.03(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.88(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.25(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=13.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.77(\mathrm{ddd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.63(\mathrm{~s}$, 9H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 194.7,161.4,154.0,150.5,138.2,137.6,134.3,124.5,118.7,117.2,116.6,108.5,103.5,83.7$, $60.9,59.8,55.3,52.7,50.9,49.5,40.8,28.2,27.0,25.1$. IR: 2978, 2942, 2800, 1724, $1606 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ : 469.2239; found: 469.2340 .
trans-isomer 20: $0.029 \mathrm{~g}(0.063 \mathrm{mmol}, 16 \%)$. Optical rotation $(e e: 89 \%)$ : $\left.|\alpha| \bar{\Sigma}{ }^{\circ}=-38.9^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.86, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)\right)_{-}^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\delta 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.15(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.63(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;$ $4.30(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.12(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.87(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.27$ (ddd, 1H, J $=2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.68(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 194.7,161.5,153.9,150.1,137.8,137.5,133.7$, $124.3,118.5,116.9,115.8,108.6,103.4,83.8,83.5,60.2,59.5,57.0,55.2,52.7,49.3,46.3,37.6,28.6,28.0$, 24.5. IR: 2977, 2940, 2837, 1726, $1606 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for (M+H) ${ }^{+} \mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ : 469.2294, found: 469.2340 .

## Wittig reaction with cis-isomer 19


(Methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride $(0.89 \mathrm{~g}, 2.59 \mathrm{mmol})$ was converted to the corresponding ylid with potassium tert-butoxide $(0.280 \mathrm{~g}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ by stirring during 5 min in $\mathrm{THF}(10 \mathrm{ml})$ at rt . The resulting red solution was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, causing a colour change to yellow, and was added quickly to a solution of $\alpha-$ ketoester $19(0.405 \mathrm{~g}, 0.864 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(10 \mathrm{ml})$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The cooling bath was removed, and the yellow solution was stirred for 2 h at rT . Saturated NH 4 Cl solution ( 10 ml ); water ( 2 ml ) and ethyl acetate ( 10 ml ) were added and the resulting 2-layer system was stirred for 24 h . Extractive work-up and chromatography (EtOAc:PE, 1:3, 1:2) gave Z-alkene 21 as a slightly coloured solid ( $0.419 \mathrm{~g}, 0.84 \mathrm{mmol}, 98 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 7.73$ $(\mathrm{d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.18(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.66(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.07(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J$ $=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.95(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=17.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.78(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.02(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.88(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.65(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.00(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.64(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 166.8$, $156.9,153.9,150.4,138.4,138.2,134.4,124.5,118.6,117.0,116.6,110.4,108.2,103.5,83.7,61.9,61.6,60.8$, $55.3,51.2,50.8,42.6,39.2,31.8,28.1,25.2$. IR: $2944,2838,2798,2751,1727,1692,1645 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 497.2652; found: 497.2649 .

## Crystallization to $98 \%$ ee:

Product 21 was dissolved in a minimal amount of ethyl acetate and diluted with petroleum ether. After standing for 24 h at room temperature the crystals were removed by filtration. Crystals: $4 \% e e,(0.0485 \mathrm{~g}) \mathrm{Mp}: 151-155$ ${ }^{\circ}$ C. Filtrate: $98 \% e e$, (glass, $0.371 \mathrm{~g}, 0.748 \mathrm{mmol}, 86 \%$ yield from 19 ). Optical rotation: $|\alpha| \bar{\Sigma}^{\circ \prime}=-180^{\circ}(\mathrm{c}=0.97$, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). HPLC (Chiralcel ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H, eluent: $n$-heptane:iso-propanol $=90: 10$, flow: $0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ) 12.73 (minor); 15.22 min (major).

## Wittig reaction with trans-isomer 20



The reaction was performed as described for the synthesis of 21 using ketone $20(0.109 \mathrm{~g}, 0.233 \mathrm{mmol})$ and three equivalents of the phosphonium ylid. Purification through column chromatography gave both the $Z$-and $E$ isomer of 22 in a ratio of $2.5: 1$ (combined yield $0.090 \mathrm{~g}, 0.181 \mathrm{mmol}, 78 \%$ ) Z-isomer: ( $0.064 \mathrm{~g}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol}, 57 \%$ ). Optical rotation: $(e e: 89 \%)|\alpha|_{\bar{\omega}} \bar{\eta}^{n}=+2.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.5, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=$ $7.70(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.13(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.62(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.37(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.54(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 5.02(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.14(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.20 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.86(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.14(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.77(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.64(\mathrm{dq}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.44(\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.11(\mathrm{ddd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J$ $=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.73(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.65(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=166.8,157.1,154.0,150.2,139.2$, 138.0, $134.6,124.4,118.7,116.1,115.4,110.7,108.6,103.5,83.6,61.9,60.8,60.3,58.6,55.3,51.1,47.0,42.4,42.2$, 34.5, 28.1, 24.6, 14.1._IR: 2937, 1724, 1692, $1639 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for (M+H) ${ }^{+} \mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 497.2652; found: 497.2652.
$E$-isomer: ( $0.024 \mathrm{~g}, 0.047 \mathrm{mmol}, 21 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 7.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.13(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}) ; 6.62(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.96(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.20(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.78(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; $3.65(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.05(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.80(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.12(\mathrm{q}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 1.84(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz})$; 1.64 (s, 9H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 159.4,154.0,150.2,139.9,138.1,134.7,124.4,118.7,115.3,115.1,112.2,108.6$, $103.5,83.6,61.3,60.9,58.1,55.4,51.0,46.3,38.5,30.8,28.0,24.6 \mathrm{ppm} . \operatorname{IR}: 1726,1703,1637 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 497.2652; found: 497.2652.

Crystallization of 22 (E-isomer): 22 (E) was dissolved in a minimal amount of ethyl acetate and diluted with petroleum ether. After standing for 24 h at room temperature the crystals were removed by filtration. Crystals: $73 \% e e, 0.0109 \mathrm{~g}, \mathrm{Mp}: 184-187^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; filtrate: $98 \% e e, 0.0051 \mathrm{~g}$. The filtrate resulting from the first crystallization was evaporated and the crystallization procedure was repeated, yielding crystals with $99 \%$ ee $(0.005 \mathrm{~g}) . \mathrm{Mp}: 183-187^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Optical rotation: $|\alpha| \bar{\Sigma}^{\circ n}=+53.7^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.08, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. HPLC (Chiralcel ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H, eluent: n-heptane:iso-propanol = 95:5, flow: $0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ) 16.4 (minor); 18.7 (major).

## Synthesis of (-)-dehydro-mitragynine 23



Trifluoroacetic anhydride ( $4 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to good quality TFA ( 3 mL ) under anhydrous conditions. The acid-solution was added to a solution of Z-enolether $21(0.0336 \mathrm{~g}, 0.068 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 10 mL DCM under argon. The reaction was stirred for 17 h at room temperature before it was diluted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and neutralized with aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$. The aqueous phase was extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, the organic layers combined and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Purification by column chromatography using EtOAc:PE, 1:2/1:1 gave 23 ( 0.0164 g , $0.041 \mathrm{mmol}, 61 \%$ ) as a yellow solid. Mp: $84-87^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Optical rotation: $|\mathrm{c}| \bar{亏}^{\eta}=-104^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.93, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ NMR $\delta 7.70(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.35(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.00(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.90(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.46(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz})$; $6.32(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=9.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=17.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 4.91(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.88(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.23(\mathrm{bd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ $11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.94(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.72(\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.55(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.42(\mathrm{bd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=$ 7.6 Hz ); $1.86(\mathrm{bd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta=169.0,160.2,154.4,139.4,137.1,133.3,121.8,117.4,114.2$, $111.0,107.8,104.1,99.6,61.4,61.2,60.9,60.3,55.2,53.5,51.1,44.5,39.0,30.2,23.7$. IR: 3364, 2936, 2838, 2791, 2752, 1698, 1643, $1597 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 397.2127; found: 397.2122.

## Deprotection of 22 to paynantheine (2)



Trifluoroacetic anhydride ( $2 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.015 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to good quality TFA ( 1.5 mL ) under anhydrous conditions. This acid-solution was added to a solution of E-enolether 22 ( $99 \% \mathrm{ee}, 0.023 \mathrm{~g}, 0.048 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 5 mL DCM under argon. The reaction was stirred for 17 h at room temperature before it was diluted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and neutralized with aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$. The aqueous phase was extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, the organic layers combined and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Purification by column chromatography using EtOAc:PE, 1:2 and 1:1 gave gave (+)paynantheine 2 as an off-white glass $(0.0181 \mathrm{~g}, 0.046 \mathrm{mmol}, 96 \%)$. Optical rotation: $|\alpha| \bar{\hbar}^{n}=+20.2^{\circ}(\mathrm{c}=0.91$,
$\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. Lit.: $\mid \mathrm{c}_{\mathbf{5}}{ }^{{ }^{5}}{ }^{5}=+29.4^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.2, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)^{5} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 7.73(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.33(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.00(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ;$ $6.87(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.46(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 5.58(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 4.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.69$ (s, 3H); $3.26(\mathrm{bd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=11.6 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.02(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.75(\mathrm{dt}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.58(\mathrm{dt}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.27(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 2.14(\mathrm{ddd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=12 \mathrm{~Hz})$; 1.95 (bd, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 159.8,154.4,139.4,137.4,133.0,121.8,117.5,115.4,11,5,107.8$, $104.3,99.7,61.5,61.3,60.0,55.3,53.2,51.2,42.8,33.4,23.7$. IR: v 3370, 2940, 2847, 2799, 2751, 1703, 1637, 1596, $1569 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+} \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 397.2127; found: 397.2122.

## Hydrogenation of 23 to mitragynine (1)


(-)-Dehydro-mitragynine $23(22.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0562 \mathrm{mmol})$ was stirred with $10 \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(5.0 \mathrm{mg})$ in EtOAc ( 2 mL ) under $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ (1 atm.) for 18 h . Filtration over celite and evaporation furnished (-)-mitragynine $1(22.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0556$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 99 \%$ ) as an off-white solid, mp $97-105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ lit. $103-105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .{ }^{6}$ Optical rotation after chromatography (EtOAc:PE, 1:1): $|\alpha|_{3}^{2 n}=-128^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ and $|\alpha|_{5}^{2 n}=-122^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=1.1, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$. Lit.: $|\alpha|_{j}^{2 \pi}=-126(\mathrm{c}=1.2$, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) .^{7} e e: 98 \%\left(\right.$ Chiralcel ${ }^{\circledR}$ OD-H, eluent: $n$-heptane:iso-propanol $=90: 10$, flow: $0.6 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ); 27.5 (minor); 30.5 (major). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 7.73$ (bs, 1 H ); $7.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.02(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.48$ (d, $1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.05(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.94(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.53(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.66(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ; 0.89(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.3 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR} \delta 169.2,160.5,154.5,137.2,133.7,121.8$, $117.6,111.5,107.8,104.2,99.7,61.5,61.2,57.7,55.3,53.8,51.3,40.7,39.9,29.9,23.9,19.1,12.8 . \operatorname{IR}: 3367$, 2933, 2849, 2796, 2747, 1703, 1643, $1624 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for (M+H) ${ }^{+} \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 399.2284; found: 399.2291 .

## Hydrogenation of (+)-paynantheine (2) to (+)-speciogynine (3)


(+)-Paynantheine $2(34.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0861 \mathrm{mmol})$ was stirred with $10 \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(6.0 \mathrm{mg})$ in EtOAc ( 4 mL ) under $\mathrm{H}_{2}(1$ atm.) for 18 h . Filtration over celite and evaporation furnished (+)-speciogynine 3 ( $33.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0850 \mathrm{mmol}, 99 \%$ ) as a glass. Optical rotation: $|\alpha|_{3}^{2 n}=+22.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.89, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{Lit} .:|\alpha|_{3}^{2_{j}^{\prime}}=+26.8^{\circ}\left(\mathrm{c}=0.85, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)^{5} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (strong line broadening for all ring protons) ${ }^{8} \delta 7.81(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 7.36(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 6.99(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.86(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 6.45(\mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) ; 3.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.58-3.81(\mathrm{bs}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ; 3.28-2.93(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.78-2.5(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;$ $2.35-2.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 2.15-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.50-1.36(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 1.12-0.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ; 0.87(\mathrm{t}, 3 \mathrm{H}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ (incomplete due to broadening of signals) ${ }^{8} \delta 159.9,154.4,137.4,133.1,121.8,117.5,107.7,104.3,99.7,61.7$, $60.9,60.3,55.3,53.5,51.5,39.9,38.7,33.7,30.6,29.7,24.4,23.7$, 11.3. IR: 2936, 2851, 2802, 2750, 1698, 1635, 1597, $1569 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (FAB): m/z calcd for (M+H) ${ }^{+} \mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : 399.2284; found: 399.2289.

## Binolphosphoric acid catalysis



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All yields > 85\%

| entry | catalyst | drying agent | temperature | $e e$ [\%] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 10 | MS 4 A | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -3 |
| 2 | 11 | MS 4 A | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 7 |
| 3 | 12 | MS 4 A | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 7 |

Table 1: Variation of the catalyst

| entry | catalyst | drying agent | temperature | $e e[\%]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 10 | MS 4 $\AA$ | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -2 |
| 2 | 11 | MS 4 $\AA$ | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -6 |
| 3 | 12 | MS 4 $\AA$ | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 0 |
| 4 | 10 | MS 4 $\AA$ | $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 11 |

Table 2: Variation of the temperature

| entry | catalyst | drying agent | temperature | $e e[\%]$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | 11 | MgSO 4 | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | - |
| 2 | 11 | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO} 4$ | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -9 |
| 3 | 11 | - | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | -10 |

Table 3: Variation of drying agents

## NMR-tables

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR data of $\mathbf{1 , 2}$ and 3 taken in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Literature values are obtained from ref. 9 and 10

|  | Mitragynine $\mathbf{1}^{10}$ Natural | Mitragynine 1 Synthetic | Paynantheine $\mathbf{2}^{10}$ <br> Natural | Paynantheine 2 Synthetic | Speciogynine $3^{9}$ <br> Natural | Speciogynine 3 <br> Synthetic <br> (Strong line- <br> broadening ${ }^{8}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 3.14 brd (11) | 3.17 brd (12.5) | 3.27 brd (11) | 3.26 brd (11.6) | 3.57 m | 3.6 |
| 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.89 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.51 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.93 m \\ & 2.5 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.06 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.55 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.02 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.62 d d d \\ & (11.2 / 11.2 / 4.3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.07 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.57 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.0 \\ & 2.6 \end{aligned}$ |
| 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 3.10 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.51 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.12 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.5 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.17 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.99 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.20 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 3.02 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.99 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 3.21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.2 \\ & 3.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 10 | 6.43 brd (8) | $6.48 d$ (7.7) | 6.44 brd (8) | $6.46 d(7.7)$ | 6.45 brd (8) | $6.45 d$ (7.7) |
| 11 | 6.97 dd (8/8) | $7.02 d d(7.9 / 7.9)$ | $6.98 d d(8 / 8)$ | $7.00 d d$ (7.9/7.9) | $\begin{array}{r} 6.99 d d \\ (7.9 / 7.9) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.99 d d \\ & (7.9 / 7.9) \end{aligned}$ |
| 12 | 6.88 brd (8) | $6.92 d$ (8.0) | 6.86 brd (8) | $6.87 d$ (8.1) | 6.87 brd (7.9) | $6.86 d(8.1)$ |
| 14 | 2.49 m | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.47 \mathrm{brdd} \\ & (10.7 / 2.4) \end{aligned}$ | 2.10 m | $\begin{aligned} & 2.14 d d d \\ & (12.0 / 12.0 / 12.2) \end{aligned}$ | $2.43 \mathrm{~m}(2 \mathrm{H})$ | 2.3 |


|  | 1.78 m | 1.82 m | 1.94 m | 1.95 m |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 3.02 d d d \\ & (14 / 4 / 4) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 3.05 m | $\begin{aligned} & 2.74 d d d \\ & (12 / 12 / 3) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.75 d d d \\ & (11.7 / 11.7 / 3.5) \end{aligned}$ | 2.26 m | 2.3 m |
| 17 | 7.41 s | $7.46 s$ | 7.31 s | 7.33 s | 7.36 brs | 7.36 brs |
| 18 | $0.85 t(7.5 ; 3 \mathrm{H})$ | $0.89 t(7.3 ; 3 \mathrm{H})$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.98 d d(17.5 / 2) \\ & 4.93 d d(10.5 / 2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.03 d d \\ & (17.2 / 1.3) \\ & (4.98 d d \\ & (10.3 / 2.0) \end{aligned}$ | $0.86 t(7.5 ; 3 \mathrm{H})$ | $0.87 t(7.4 ; 3 \mathrm{H})$ |
| 19 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.77 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 1.18 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.77 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 1.22 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | 5.56 m | 5.58 m | $\begin{aligned} & 1.48 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 1.17 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.5 \\ & 1.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 20 | 1.60 m | 1.66 m | 3.03 m | 3.02 m | 2.61 m | 2.6 br |
| 21 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.99 d d(12 / 2.5) \\ & 2.43 d d(12 / 3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.02 m \\ & 2.46 d d(11.5 / 2.4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.01 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.27 \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3.02 \mathrm{~m} \\ & 2.32 d d \\ & (12.1 / 11.7) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.15 m \\ & 2.05 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.2 b r \\ & 2.0 \mathrm{br} \end{aligned}$ |
| $9-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $3.86 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | 3.90 (3H) | $3.85 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | $3.87 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | 3.72 brs (3H) | $3.87 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ |
| $17-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $3.71 \mathrm{~s}(3 \mathrm{H})$ | 3.75 (3H) | $3.76 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | $3.77 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | 3.72 brs (3H) | 3.74 brs (3H) |
| $\mathrm{COOCH}_{3}$ | 3.69 s (3H) | 3.73 (3H) | 3.67 s (3H) | $3.69 s(3 \mathrm{H})$ | 3.67 s (3H) | 3.74 brs (3H) |
| NH | 7.65 brs | 7.73 brs | 7.66 brs | 7.73 brs | 7.72 brs | $7.81{ }^{8} \mathrm{brs}$ |

## ${ }^{13}$ C-NMR data of 1, 2 and 3 taken in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Literature values are obtained from ref. 9 and 10

|  | Mitragynine $\mathbf{1}^{9}$ <br> Natural | Mitragynine $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Synthetic | Paynantheine $\mathbf{2}^{10}$ <br> Natural | Paynantheine 2 <br> Synthetic | Speciogynine $\mathbf{3}^{9}$ <br> Natural | ${\text { Speciogynine } \mathbf{3}^{8}}_{\text {Synthetic }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 133.7 | 133.7 | 133.7 | 133.0 | 133.2 | 133.1 |
| 3 | 61.2 | 61.2 | 60.0 | 60.0 | 60.4 | 60.3 |
| 5 | 53.8 | 53.8 | 53.2 | 53.2 | 53.6 | 53.5 |
| 6 | 23.9 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 23.7 | 23.8 | 23.7 |
| 7 | 107.9 | 107.8 | 107.9 | 107.8 | 107.8 | 107.7 |
| 8 | 117.7 | 117.6 | 117.5 | 117.5 | 117.6 | 117.6 |
| 9 | 154.5 | 154.5 | 154.5 | 154.4 | 154.5 | 154.5 |
| 10 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 99.7 |
| 11 | 121.8 | 121.8 | 121.9 | 121.8 | 121.8 | 121.8 |
| 13 | 104.1 | 104.2 | 104.2 | 104.3 | 104.2 | 104.3 |
| 14 | 137.2 | 137.2 | 137.3 | 137.4 | 137.3 | 137.4 |
| 15 | 30.0 | 29.9 | 33.4 | 33.4 | 33.8 | 33.7 |
| 16 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.7 | 38.7 |
| 17 | 160.5 | 160.5 | 159.8 | 159.8 | 159.9 | 111.7 |


| 18 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 115.5 | 115.4 | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 139.1 | 139.4 | 24.4 | 24.4 |
| 20 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 42.9 | 42.8 | 40.0 | 39.9 |
| 21 | 57.8 | 57.7 | 61.3 | 61.3 | 61.0 | 60.8 |
| 22 | 169.6 | 169.2 | 172.2 | not observed | 169.5 | not observed |
| $9-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 55.32 | 55.3 | 55.3 | 55.3 | 55.3 | 55.3 |
| $17-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 61.5 | 61.2 | 61.6 | 61.5 | 61.7 | 61.7 |
| $\mathrm{COOCH}_{3}$ | 51.3 | 51.3 | 51.3 | 51.2 | 51.5 | 51.5 |

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1PDA Multi 1

1 PDA Multi $1 / 254 \mathrm{~nm} 4 \mathrm{~nm}$
Results

| PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm PeakTable |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area \% | Height \% |
| 1 | 5.017 | 13262 | 1368 | 0.086 | 0.600 |
| 2 | 8.094 | 57850 | 6433 | 0.375 | 2.824 |
| 3 | 17.831 | 14487048 | 209874 | 93.981 | 92.124 |
| 4 | 23.674 | 856647 | 10143 | 5.557 | 4.452 |
| Total |  | 15414806 | 227818 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

$989 \%$ ee
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1 PDA Multi $1 / 254 \mathrm{~nm} 4 \mathrm{~nm}$

## Results

| PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm |  | PeakTable |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area \% | Height \% |
| 1 | 17.551 | 6075337 | 90324 | 49.890 | 58.580 |
| 2 | 25.291 | 6102207 | 63865 | 50.110 | 41.420 |
| Total |  | 12177544 | 154190 | 100.000 | 100.000 |












## Crystallization of 21-Z

## Crystals



Filtrate


1 PDA Multi $1 / 254 \mathrm{~nm} 4 \mathrm{~nm}$
Results
PeakTable

| PDA Ch1 254 nm 4 nm |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Peak\# Ret. Time Area Height Area \% Height $\%$ <br> 1 5.014 24703 2647 0.055 0.340 <br> 2 8.735 13398 1124 0.030 0.145 <br> 3 10.099 109698 4117 0.246 0.529 <br> 4 10.832 40001 1651 0.090 0.212 <br> 5 12.725 362111 7996 0.812 1.028 <br> 6 13.777 258775 6164 0.580 0.792 <br> 7 15.222 42439966 739912 95.148 95.124 <br> 8 21.771 1355662 14232 3.039 1.830 <br> Total  44604315 777843 100.000 100.000 |










mitragynine 1 98\% ee


1 PDA Multi $1 / 254 \mathrm{~nm} 4 \mathrm{~nm}$
Results

| PDA Ch1 254nm 4nm PeakTable |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area \% | Height \% |
| 1 | 7.123 | 1858161 | 117225 | 1.866 | 13.307 |
| 2 | 7.753 | 440884 | 14195 | 0.443 | 1.611 |
| 3 | 27.519 | 1144151 | 13761 | 1.149 | 1.562 |
| 4 | 30.546 | 96123327 | 735728 | 96.542 | 83.519 |
| Total |  | 99566524 | 880909 | 100.000 | 100.000 |

mitragynine 1 racemic

1 PDA Multi $1 / 254 \mathrm{~nm} 4 \mathrm{~nm}$
Results
PDA Ch1 254 nm 4nm

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Peak\# | Ret. Time | Area | Height | Area \% | Height \% |
| 1 | 28.523 | 19245046 | 230922 | 48.821 | 59.146 |
| 2 | 32.038 | 20174198 | 159506 | 51.179 | 40.854 |
| Total |  | 39419244 | 390427 | 100.000 | 100.000 |






