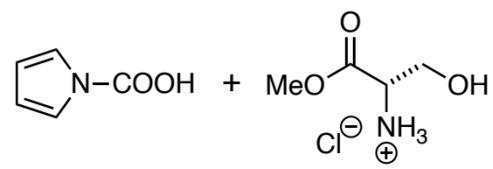


# Divergent Synthesis of Natural Derivatives of (+)-Saxitoxin Including 11-Saxitoxinethanoic Acid

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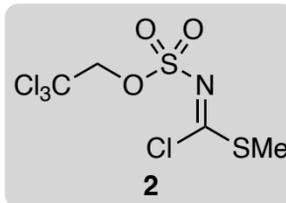
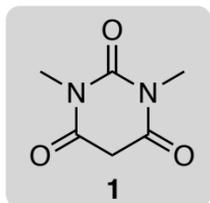
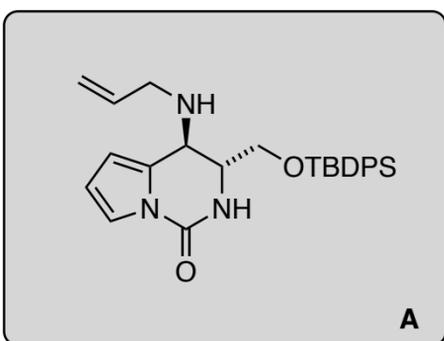
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- 1) DCC, NEt<sub>3</sub>
- 2) TBDPS-Cl, imidazole
- 3) DIBAL-H, DCM, -90°C
- 4) allylamine, then BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>

Step 4: Which named reaction takes place? - Pictet–Spengler reaction



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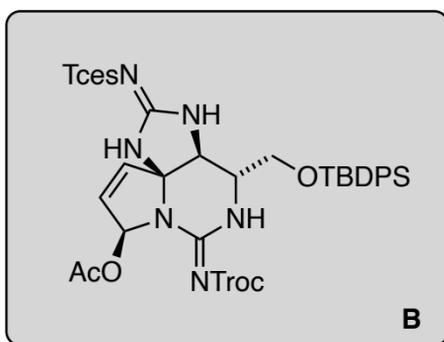
Hint for step 7: Two addition/elimination reactions occur  
Step 9: Please provide a mechanism for this step.

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- 5) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, **1**, then Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, **2**,
- 6) EtOSO<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>, 2,4,6-tri-*tert*-butylpyrimidine
- 7) NH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>OAc, MeOH
- 8) TrocNMI<sup>+</sup> OTf (1.0 equiv.)
- 9) Rh<sub>2</sub>(esp)<sub>2</sub> (cat.), PIDA, MgO



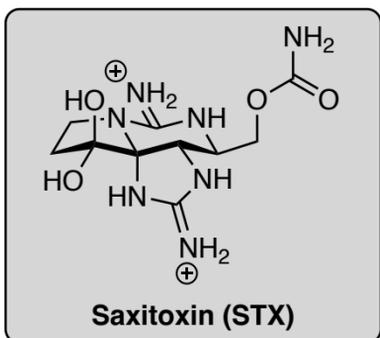
Saxitoxin (STX)



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- 10) PhSH, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>
- 11) urea·H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, HFIP
- 12) NaSPh, Cl<sub>3</sub>CCH<sub>2</sub>OH, 80°C
- 13) DMP
- 14) [Ir(cod)(PCy<sub>3</sub>)(py)]PF<sub>6</sub>, B(O*i*-Pr)<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>
- 15) TBAF, AcOH
- 16) CDI, then NH<sub>3</sub> (0.5 M in THF)
- 17) PdCl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, TFA

Step 12: What is the name of this step?  
Mislow–Evans rearrangement



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## Mechanism of step 9:

