## **Aspidophytine**

E. J. Corey (from "Classics in Total Synthesis II" by

Nicolaou and Snyder)

MeO NO2 1) Fe, AcOH, silicagel, toluene, 
$$\Delta$$

2) Mel, KOH,  $n$ -Bu<sub>4</sub>NI  $66\%$ 

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OMe Me POCI<sub>3</sub>, DMF, 35 °C then NaOH

92%

PMECHANISM?

MeO OMe Me

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(-)-Aspidophytine

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