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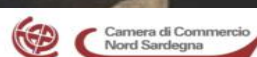
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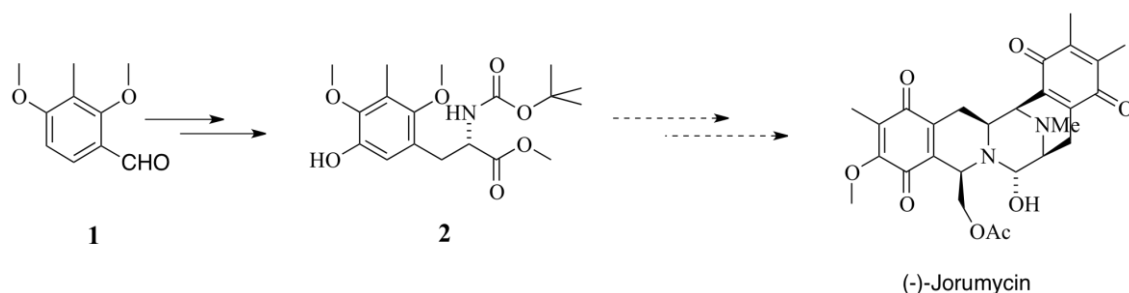
Expeditious Synthesis of the Key Unnatural Aminoacid in the Formal Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (-)-Jorumycin and Bioactive Tetrahydroisoquinoline Alkaloids

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The synthesis of the enantiopure aminoacid **2**, key intermediate in the total synthesis of (-)-Jorumycin (**1**) and of various bioactive tetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids analogues, a class of compounds with antitumor and antibiotic activities (**2**), has been accomplished starting from 2,4-dimethoxy-3-methyl-benzaldehyde **1** in only 5 steps and in a very high yield. This synthesis, based on a Negishi reaction between a 5-iodo-2,4-dimethoxy-3-methylphenol and *N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-iodo-L-alanine methyl ester, permits an easy access to the intermediate **2**, and the formal asymmetric total synthesis of (-)-Jorumycin and tetrahydroisoquinoline alkaloids of the same family, in a very shorter way with respect to the syntheses previously reported (1).



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