Total Synthesis of (±)-Lundurine B

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- Plants of genus *Kopsia* are a rich sources of novel alkaloids with intriguing carbon skeletons and interesting biological activities.
- Lundurine B were first isolated from *Kopsia tenuis* in Malaysia by Kam and co-workers in 1995.
- The intriguing hexacyclic framework includes an unprecedented cyclopropane-fused indoline skeleton.
- The structures of Ludurine A-C reflect the progressive stages in the oxidation level.



Cytotoxic Effects

Compound	IC ₅₀ value (μg/ml)				MeO
	B16 melanoma	KB/S ^ª	KB/VJ300 ^a	KB/VJ300 ^b	R
Lundurine A	>25	>25	>25	8.8	CO ₂ Me
Lundurine B	2.8	19	15.5	4.6	R = H: Iundurine B R = OMe: Iundurine D
Lundurine C	>25	>25	>25	14.2	
Lundurine D	7.2	>25	>25	4.6	0 0

a. KB/S and KB/VJ300 are vincristine-sensitive and -resistant human oral epidermoid carcinoma cell line, respectively.

b. With added vincristine 0.1 μ g/ml.

- Lundurines B and D showed appreciable in vitro cytotoxicity towards B16 melanoma cells.
- Surprisingly, lundurines B and D did not display appreciable cytotoxicity towards KB cells, but were found instead to be effective in circumventing multidrugresistance (MDR) in vincristine-resistant KB cells.



ĊO₂Me

lundurine A

MeC



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Preparation of Cyclopropanes



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- Steric interactions diminished if the lactone moiety in an envelope-like conformation
- The repulsive force between the lactone-oxygen and the phenyl group in the *endo* position increased, making the *exo* conformation more favorable

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Retrosynthesis





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• The old rearrangement of cyclopropane-fused indolines prepared by the reaction of indole and dihalocarbene gives a quinoline skeleton with a release of strain energy.

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Synthesis of ABCE Core Skeleton



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- A total synthesis of (±)-Lundurine B was achieved from known material in 29 steps.
- This synthesis features:
 - A highly efficient and stereoselective synthesis of cyclopropane-fused indoline
 - Siloxy-diene RCM for a fused cyclohexanone,
 - Bridgehead vinylation
 - Transcarbamation of a hindered N-boc group