# Total Synthesis of (-)-Anisatin



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#### Anisatin - Isolation, Structure and Biological Active

\*Anisatin was isolated as one of the toxic components of Japanese star anise (*Illicium anisatum*)

\*8 Stereogenic centers \*Oxabicyclo[3.3.1]skeleton \*Spiro β-lactone



\* Bioactivity as a strong GABA antagonist

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# Synthesis of Phenol



#### Construction of the Quaternary Stereogenic Centers



#### Construction of the Carbon Core of Anisatin



#### Introduction of the Oxygen Functionalities



# Completion of the Synthesis



# Summary and Outlook

\*Anisatin was synthesized in 40 steps in 0.23% overall yield

\*Key transformations include:

-Intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction

-Stereosective [2,3]-Wittig rearragement

-Regioselective cleavage of the trisubstitued double bond

-Construction of the oxabicyclo[3.3.1] skeleton via cleavage by primary amide