Divergent Total Synthesis of (-)-Rhazinilam, (-)-Leucomidine B and (+)-Leuconodine F

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(-)-Rhazinilam (1), (-)-leucomidine B (2) and (+)-leuconodine F (3, Figure 1) are three structurally distinct members of the monoterpene indole alkaloids. (-)-Rhazinilam (1), with its unique axially chiral tetracyclic structure and potent *in vitro* tubulin-binding properties, has triggered a significant amount of synthetic efforts. One total synthesis of (-)-leucomidine B (2) and leuconodine F (3), respectively, has been reported and there is a recent resurge on the synthesis of the leuconodine family having an unusual [5.5.6.6]diazafenestrane system.^[1]

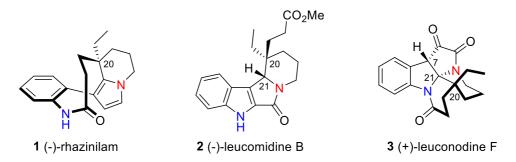


Figure 1 Structure of rhazinilam, leucomidine B and leuconodine F

We will detail a unified strategy that allowed us to accomplish the total syntheses of these three natural products from a simple cyclopentene derivative with complete control of stereoselectivity. [2]

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