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Synthesis of (±)-Panacene

Comment: Benzofuran **D** was accessed by means of Dieckmann condensation and further transformed to alcohol **I**. Treatment with NBS led to cyclization affording bromide **J** which was elaborated to aldehyde **L**. Subjecting propargylic mesylate **O** to LiCuBr_2 furnished the natural product.

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