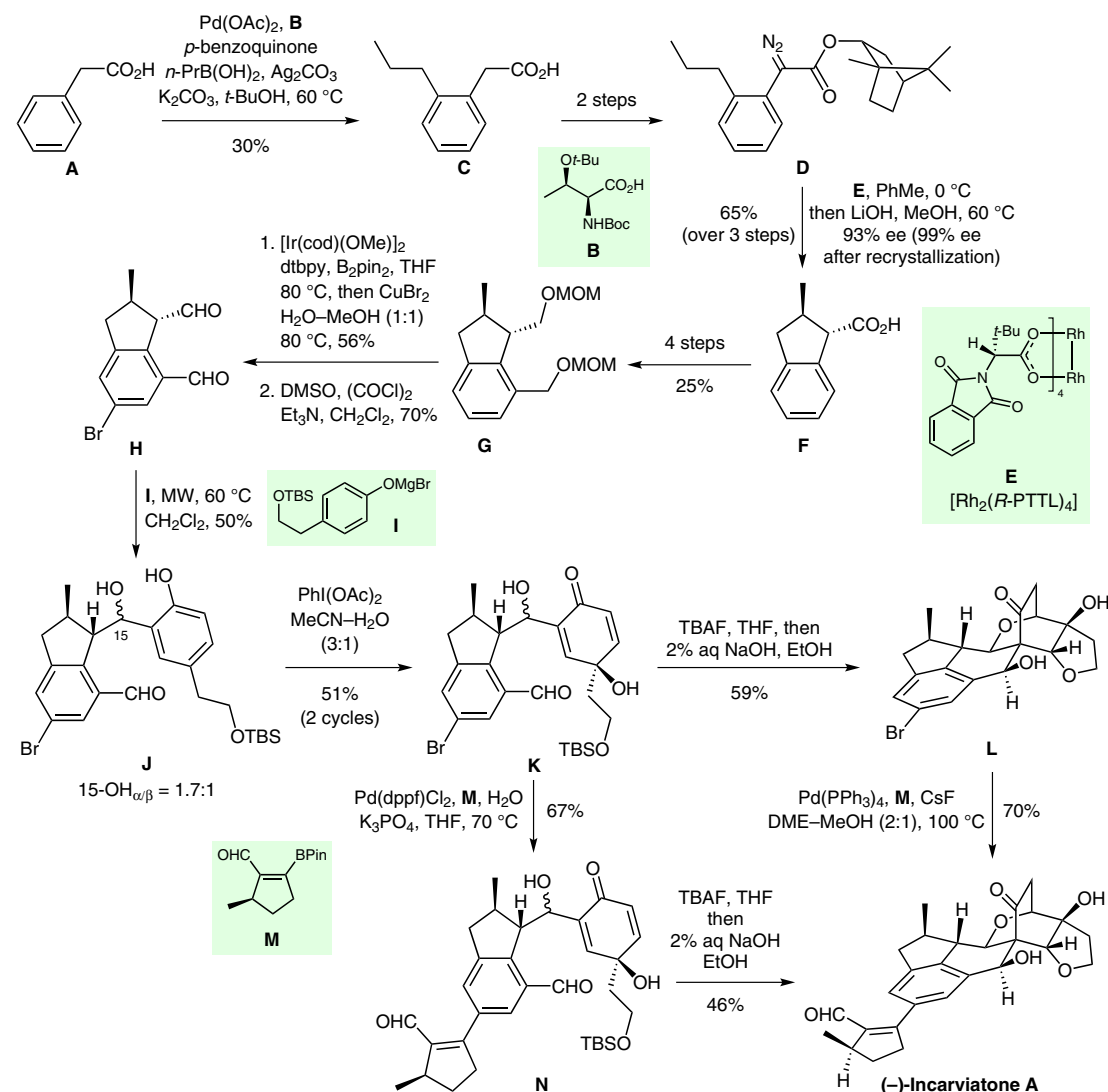


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Significance: The natural product hybrid (–)-incarviatone A displays considerable potential for the treatment of depression and neurological disorders. It also features a complex polycyclic core structure with eight contiguous stereogenic centers. In this work, the authors report the first total synthesis relying on a striking biomimetic cascade reaction.

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Comment: The synthesis commenced with *ortho*-C–H alkylation of **A**. Thereafter, *trans*-indane acid **F** was obtained by a chiral auxiliary mediated C–H insertion with diazo compound **D**. Phenolic aldol condensation between **H** and **I** and subsequent dearomatization set the stage for a biomimetic cascade that culminated in the total synthesis of (–)-incarviatone A.