



**Significance:** (-)-Himalensine A is a highly congested alkaloid featuring a trinorcycliphilane A skeleton. Dixon, Paton, and co-workers report its first enantioselective synthesis in 23 steps involving an intramolecular amidofuran Diels–Alder reaction (see also *Synfacts* **2018**, 14, 203).

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**Comment:** The enantioselective, intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction of B afforded tetracycle D. A Stetter cyclization of L using NHC catalyst M forged the final ring of the carbon framework. Subsequent amide reduction completed the total synthesis.