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(57) Abstract: A method of introducing a second stereogenic center into a tetrahydro-ß-carboline have two stereogenic centers using a modified Pictet-Spengler reaction is disclosed. The method provides a desired cis- or trans-isomer in high yield and purity, and in short processes times.

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