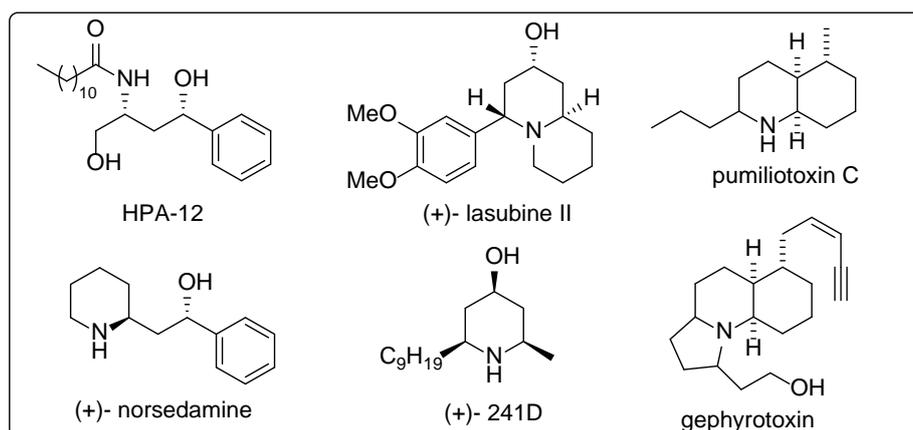


**An Unexpected Entry into the Realm of Sulfinimines During the Total
Synthesis of Polyol Natural Products**

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Abstract:

Our research group has been involved in the total synthesis of polyketide natural products using chiral pool tartaric acid and chiral furyl carbinols as the four carbon four hydroxy synthon. During the course of our synthesis of the natural product schulziene B, we had an unexpected entry to the realm of sulfinimine chemistry. This led to us to develop procedures for the direct addition of ketones, substituted methyl enones and other nucleophiles to non-racemic sulfinimines. In this talk, these addition reactions and their application to the total synthesis of alkaloids will be discussed.¹⁻⁴



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