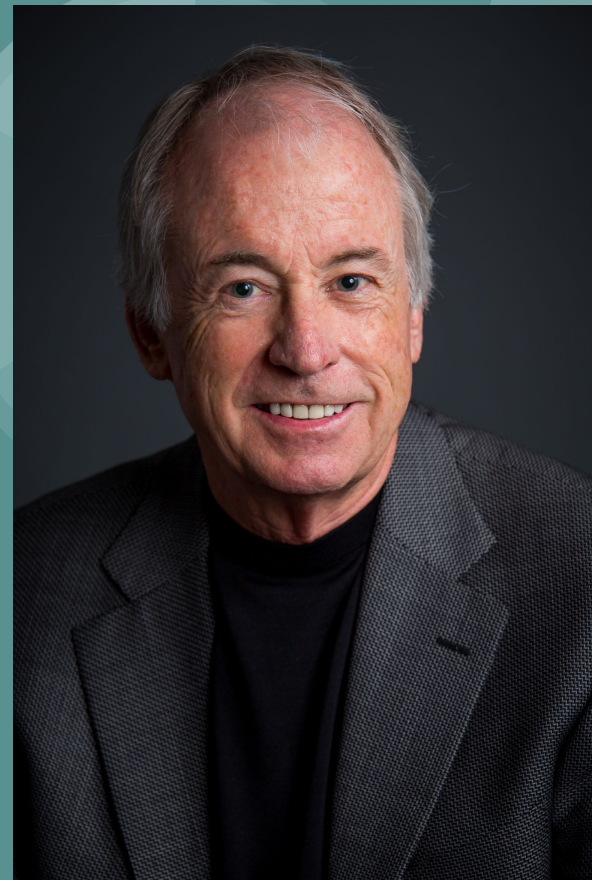


# Stephen F. Martin

Vivian Nguyen  
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# Biography and Education

- **1968:** B.S. Chemistry from University of New Mexico
- **1972:** Ph.D. from Princeton University
  - Worked under Professor Edward C. Taylor
- **1972-1973:** Alexander von Humboldt Postdoc at University of Munich
  - Worked under Professor Rudolf Gompper
- **1973-1974:** NIH Postdoc at MIT
  - Worked under Professor George Büchi
- Native of New Mexico
- Likes music, traveling, fly fishing, skiing, photography, and wine.



# Career and Recognitions

- University of Texas, Austin:
  - Assistant Professor (1974-80)
  - Associate Professor (1980-86)
  - Full Professor (1986-)
  - Currently holds the M. June and J. Virgil Waggoner Regents Chair in Chemistry (since 2000)
- Regional editor of Tetrahedron and Chairman of the Executive Board of Editors of Tetrahedron Publications
- Published over 315 papers
- Co-author of textbook *Experimental Organic Chemistry: A Miniscale and Microscale Approach*

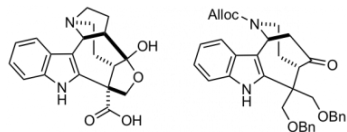
## Awards:

- 1980-1985: National Institutes of Health Research Career Development Award
- 1996: Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award
- 2017: Ernest Guenther Award in the Chemistry of Natural Products (ACS)

and many more

# Research Interests

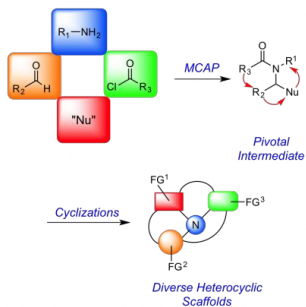
## 1. Synthesis of alkaloids



Actinophyllic acid    Key intermediate to divert

- Rapidly induces cancer cell death

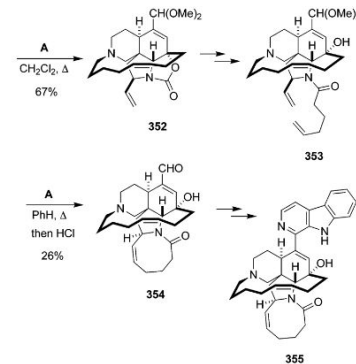
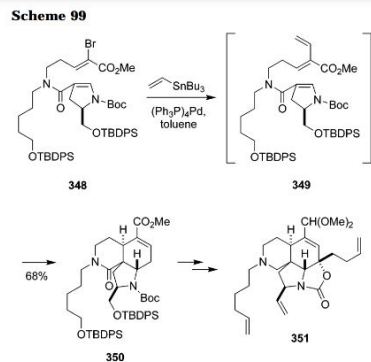
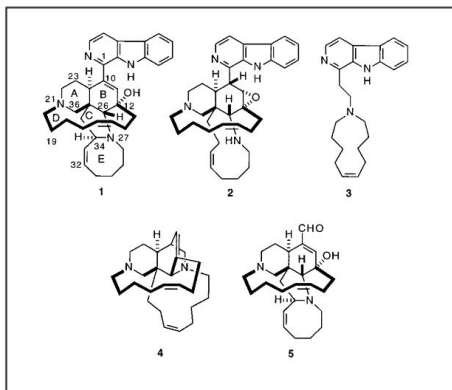
## 2. Multicomponent assembly process (MCAP)



## 3. Synthesis of novel peptidomimetics

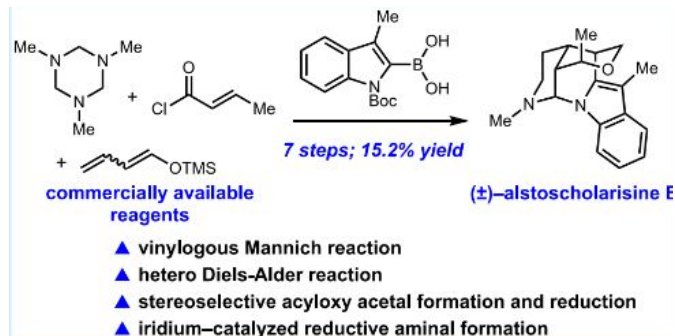
## 4. Molecular Recognition in Protein-Ligand Interactions

# Enantioselective Total Syntheses of Manzamine A and Related Alkaloids (also reviewed in **Synthesis of Oxygen- and Nitrogen-Containing Heterocycles by Ring-Closing Metathesis**)



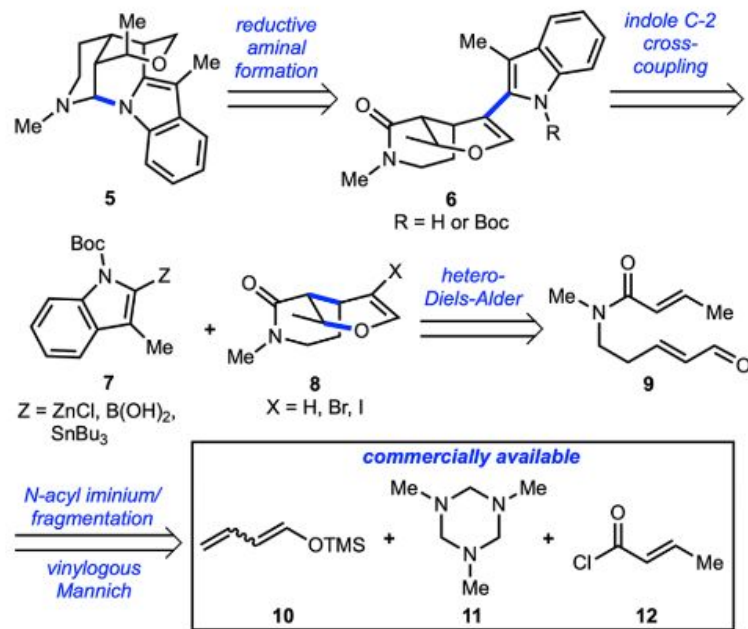
- Manzamine A (1, 355) is an indole alkaloid with biological activity (anti-tumor, anti-malarial)
- Tricyclic ABC ring core assembled by a domino Stille/Diels-Alder reaction (yielding 349)
- Used a vinylogous N-acyl urea as the dienophile in the Diels-Alder reaction
- Shows wide scope of ring-closing metathesis (RCM) reactions. RCM used here for formation of both the fused eight-membered ring and the bridged 13-membered ring.

# Stereoselective Total Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Alstoscholarisine E

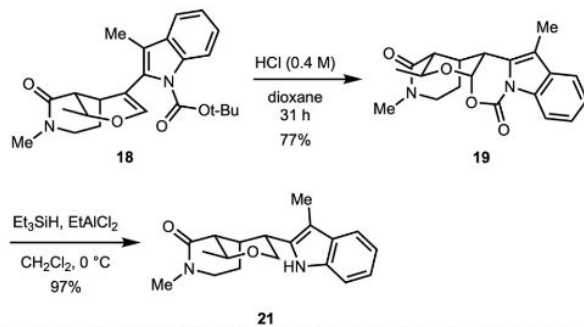


- Only seven steps
- Uses Mannich and Diels-Alder to get cis-oxahydroisoquinolone core (seen in many indole alkaloids)

## Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Alstoscholarisine E

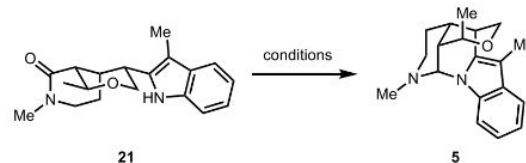


Scheme 3. Stereoselective Reduction of Enol Ether Moiety



- Diastereoselective reduction of the vinyl ether (**18**) via stereoselective acid-catalyzed cyclization (product **19**) and Lewis acid hydride reduction (product **21**)

Table 1. Completion of the Synthesis of ( $\pm$ )-Alstoscholarisine E via Reductive Cyclic Aminal Formation

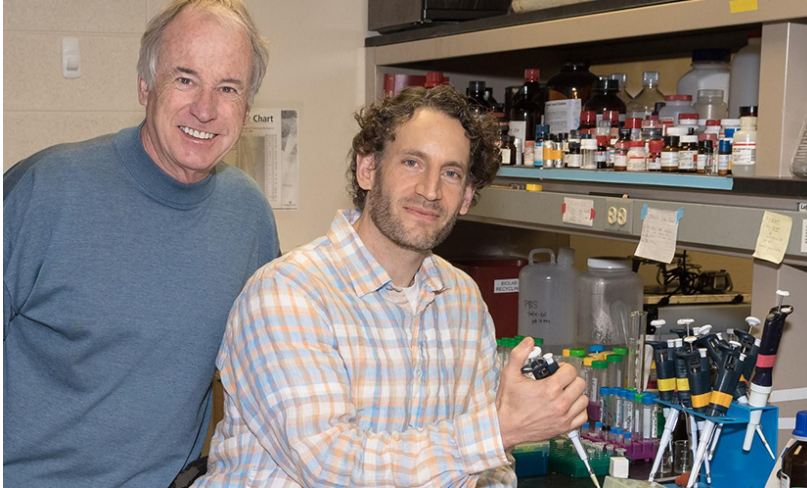


entry	conditions	yield (%)
1	DIBAL-H, CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , -78 °C	trace <sup>a</sup>
2	Cp <sub>2</sub> ZrHCl, THF, 70 °C	trace <sup>a</sup>
3	Bu <sub>3</sub> SnH, Tf <sub>2</sub> O, MeCN, -40 °C to rt	trace <sup>a</sup>
4	Ph <sub>2</sub> SiH <sub>2</sub> , Ti(Oi-Pr) <sub>4</sub> , THF, 50 °C	trace <sup>a</sup>
5	TMDS, Ti(Oi-Pr) <sub>4</sub> , PhMe, 50 °C	56 <sup>b</sup>
6	TMDS, IrCl(CO)(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , PhMe, rt	56 <sup>c</sup>
7	TMDS, IrCl(CO)(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , rt	77 <sup>b</sup>

- New mild procedure to form cyclic aminals
- Intermediate captured by a nitrogen nucleophile to generate an aminal
- Conditions in entry 7

# Current News

## UT scientists look to curb opioid epidemic with pain reliever discovery (2017)



- Non - addictive
- Helps with traumatic brain injuries
- Known as UKH-1114
- Shown results in mice
- Patent already filed
- Further testing for safety and addiction will most likely take 5-10 years

Goard, A. UT scientists look to curb opioid epidemic with pain reliever discovery.

<https://www.kxan.com/news/ut-scientists-look-to-curb-opioid-epidemic-with-pain-reliever-discovery/> (accessed Jun 29, 2021).