Reactions from 2019

1. Two different methods for the formation of indolizines are shown below. The first (a) has been recently published, the second (b) is an unwanted side-product from attempted iodination of the shown enone. Provide a mechanism for these transformations:

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2. Below is a key step in the synthesis of Busseihydroquinone E. This transformation could be achieved using two different reaction conditions. Two different mechanisms are proposed, what are they?

Conditions A: NaH, THF, -78°C
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 RT, 75%, dr 10:1 Conditions B: xylene, 140°C, 43%, dr 8:1

3. Provide a mechanism for the rearrangement of the below cyclopropane to Melokhanine E:

4. Provide a plausible synthesis of the recently isolated natural product Sparticolin F: