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A Practical Synthesis of (S)-Oxybutynin. — Catalytic cyanosilylation of the cycloalkyl phenyl ketones (**I**) is achieved in excellent enantioselectivities using $\text{Gd}(\text{O-iPr})_3/\text{AUX}$ (cat.) at -40°C . The product (**IIIa**) can be readily converted to the enantiopure intermediate (**IV**) for oxybutynin (**V**) synthesis. — (MASUMOTO, S.; SUZUKI, M.; KANAI, M.; SHIBASAKI*, M.; Tetrahedron Lett. 43 (2002) 48, 8647-8651; Grad. Sch. Pharm. Sci., Univ. Tokyo, Bunkyo, Tokyo 113, Japan; Eng.)

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