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Development and a Practical Synthesis of the JAK2 Inhibitor LY2784544

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Synthesis of LY2784544

Significance: LY2784544 is a Janus kinase 2 (JAK2) inhibitor that is under development for the treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms. The synthesis depicted delivered >100 kg of the target molecule and features a new aminomethylation reaction ($\mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$) involving *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide and vanadium catalysis.

Comment: The authors speculate that the aminomethylation reaction of **E** involves a primary radical derived from *N*-methylmorpholine. An alternative ionic mechanism based on an iminium salt is unlikely since *N*-methylenemorpholinium chloride reacts preferentially at the methyl group in **E** (Mannich-type reaction).

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