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A novel method ...

... for the asymmetric synthesis of 3,3-difluoro-2-propanoylbicyclo[3.3.0]octanes is described by M. Pohmakotr et al. in their Communication on page 2212 ff. The reaction proceeds through a cascade process that involves an unprecedented stereoselective intramolecular radical cyclization and an *ipso*-1,4-aryl migration of cyclopentene derivatives that contain a PhSCF₂ moiety. This method should be useful for the synthesis of other related chiral bicyclo[3.3.0]octanes.

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