**Synthesis of PRC200-SS**

**Significance:** PRC200-SS is a serotonin-norepinephrine-dopamine reuptake inhibitor and a lead compound for the treatment of depression. This short and efficient synthesis of PRC200-SS features the asymmetric addition of the β-amino alkényl zinc reagent \( D \) to benzaldehyde in the presence of the chiral chaperone \( E \).

**Comment:** The \( \beta \)-hydroxy (\( E \))-enamine derivative \( F \) underwent a hydroxyl-directed diastereoselective hydrogenation via conformation \( G \) to give the syn-1,2-disubstituted-1,3-amino alcohol \( H \) in moderate yield.