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Synthesis of a CGRP Receptor Antagonist

Significance: The target molecule **M** is a calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) receptor antagonist that is of interest for the treatment of migraine. It is one of four analogues of rimegepant that were prepared by a common strategy featuring the use of a Hayashi–Miyaura asymmetric conjugate addition ($\mathbf{A} \to \mathbf{B}$) and Ellman–Davis protocol ($\mathbf{E} \to \mathbf{G}$) to set two of the three stereogenic centers.

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