



2-Hydroxy-substituted *N*-(2-arylethyl)amides **51** lead to isoquinolines **48** under BISCHLER-NAPIERALSKI conditions. In this case, dehydrogenation is not required (*Pictet-Gams synthesis*), because H₂O elimination occurs at the dihydroisoquinoline step. The starting materials **51** are available e.g. from aryl-4,5-dihydrooxazoles (e.g. **57**).

The synthesis of the alkaloid papaverine **56** serves as an example of the two synthetic methods:

