### Literature Presentation

# Total Synthesis of (+)-Perophoramidine & Determination of the Absolute Configuration

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- •Perophoramidine was first isolated from colonial ascidian *Perophora namei* by Chris M. Ireland et. in 2002.
- •Perophoramidine is the first reported metabolite from the genus *Perophora*
- •It exhibits cytotoxicity toward the HCT116 colon carcinoma cell line and induces apoptosis via PARP (poly ADP ribose polymerase) cleavage within 24h.



Previous work on the synthesis of Perophoramidine:

Fuchs, J. R.; Funk, R. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 5068 -- First completed synthesis (racemic)

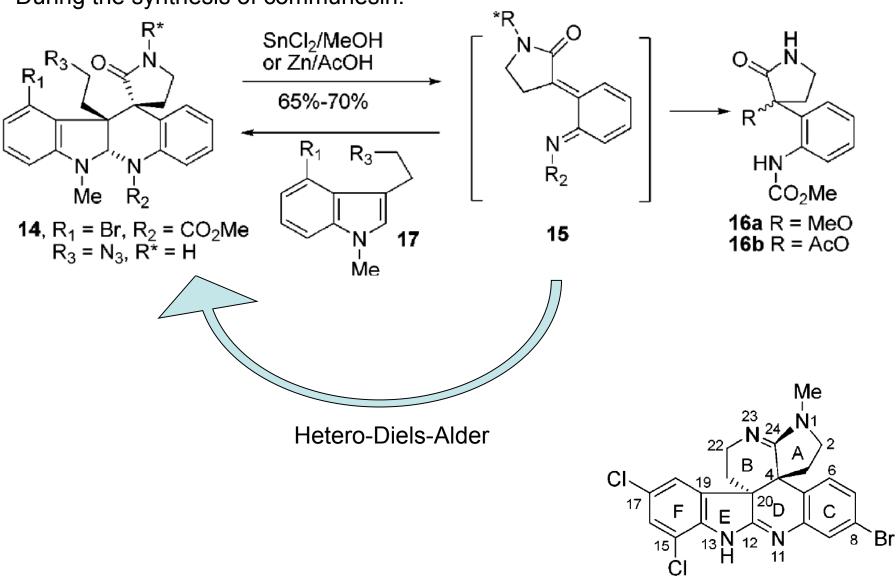
A. Sabahi, A. Novikov, J. D. Rainier, *Angew. Chem.* 2006, *118*, 4423 – 4426; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2006, *45*, 4317 – 4320.
-- Dehaloperophoramidine (racemic)

J. Yang, H. Song, X. Xiao, J. Wang, Y. Qin, *Org. Lett*. 2006, *8*, 2187 – 2190.

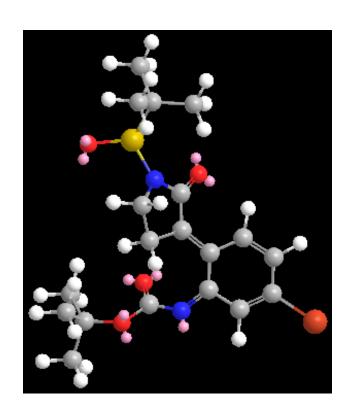
-- Substructure was synthesized (racemic)

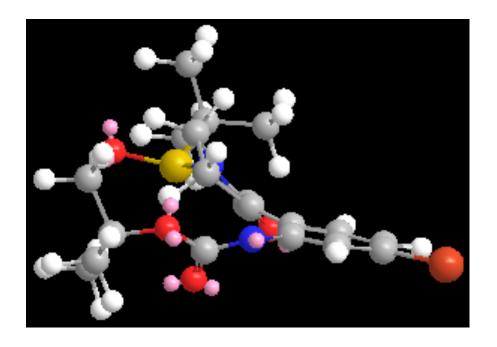
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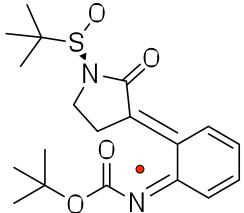
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#### Synthesis starts:







#### Determination of the absolute stereochemistry:

- a. TMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DCM, 0 °C, 2h, 82 85%
- b. MeNH<sub>2</sub>/MeOH, 25 °C, 12h
- c.  $(Boc)_2O$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$ , DCM, 25 °C, 2h, 78% 80%(b+c)
- d. Li/NH<sub>3</sub>, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, 83%
- e. NaOH, DCM, 25 °C, 12h, 81%

#### Summary:

The first asymmetric total synthesis of (+)-perophoramidine has been achieved in 17 steps with ~11% overall yield.

Key step: chiral-auxiliary-induced hetero-Diels-Alder reaction to generate the core structure.

Absolute stereochemistry was determined by X-ray analysis and comparison of the rotation of synthetic (+)-perophoramidine with that of the natural product.

## Thanks!

- 1. NaH, DMF, 0°C,
- 2. CH<sub>3</sub>I dropwise 2h, 0°C 89%