# Construction of Vicinal All-Carbon Quaternary Stereocenters: Total Synthesis of (+)-Perophoramidine

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- **Catalytic Asymmetric Alkylation Reaction**
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#### Introduction



- 1. Isolated from the ascidian *Perophora namei* in 2002
- 2. ( $\pm$ )-(Dehalo)perophoramidine was synthesized in 2004
- 3. The asymmetric version was reported via chiral auxiliary-induced strategy in 2010





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# **Optimization of the Reaction**



entry	cat. (20% mol)	yield (%)	dr	ee (%)
1	-	-	-	-
2	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	trace	-	-
3	La(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	-	-	-
4	NiCl <sub>2</sub>	45	7:1	-
5	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	75	9:1	-

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entry	cat. (20% mol)	yield (%)	dr	ee (%)
1	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> -3a	81	10:1	40
2	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> - <b>3b</b>	79	10:1	37
3	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> - <b>3c</b>	81	10:1	68
4	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> -3d	77	10:1	67
5	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> - <b>3e</b>	75	10:1	83
6	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> -3f	87	10:1	86

# **Optimization of the Reaction**



entry	cat. (20% mol)	Base (2 eq.)	time (h)	yield (%)	dr	ee (%)
1	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> - <b>3f</b>	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	5	91	10:1	89
2	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> -3f	$Cs_2CO_3$	2	88	10:1	83
3 <sup>a</sup>	Ni(OAc) <sub>2</sub> -3f	K <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	5	94	10:1	92

<sup>a</sup> 5 Å MS was added.

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### Summary

1. Total Synthesis of (+)-Perophoramidine



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2. Total Synthesis of (±)-Perophoramidine



(-)-Communesins and (+)-perophoramidine are two architecturally intriguing natural products, which contain a complex multiring system with two crucial vicinal all-carbon quaternary stereocenters. To date, a number of elegant protocols for assembling these indole alkaloids have been developed. In the case of perophoramidine, Funk et al. and synthesis of  $(\pm)$ -Rainier the et al. reported total (dehalo)perophoramidine. Subsquently, Qin et al. achieved the asymmetric total synthesis of (+)-perophoramidine by a chiral auxiliaryinduced strategy. However, the catalytic asymmetric synthesis of (+)perophoramidine has never been reported, probably due to the challenge of catalytic asymmetric construction of the sterically congested vicinal all-carbon quaternary stereocenters.

In summary, we have developed a successful strategy for the construction of indolenines containing two vicinal all-carbon quaternary stereocenters with high diastereoselectivity and excellent enantioselectivity by using a nickel(II)-catalyzed asymmetric alkylation reaction of 3-bromooxindoles with 3-substituted indoles. This methodology facilitated the first catalytic asymmetric total synthesis of the cytotoxic agent (+)-perophoramidine. Additional applications of this methodology are underway.