The Preparation of α-Alkyl-β-Amino Acids via β-Alanine Ni(II) Complex

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(A) General Methods

The reagents (chemicals) were purchased from commercial sources, and used without further purification. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was HSGF 254 (0.15-0.2 mm thickness). All products were characterized by their NMR and MS spectra. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterochloroform (CDCl₃) or deuteroxide (D₂O) on 300 MHz, 400Mz or 500Mz instrument. Chemical shifts were reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) downfield from tetramethylsilane. Proton coupling patterns are described as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet (m), and broad (br). Low- and high-resolution mass spectra (LRMS and HRMS) were measured on spectrometer.

(B) The Absolute Configuration of 4a

X-ray Single Crystal Stucture Analysis of **4a**: X-ray crystallographic data of **4a** were solutions at T = 293(2) K: C₂₉H₂₁N₃NiO₃, M_r = 518.20, monoclinic. Space group *P2* (1), a = 8.8486(13) Å, b = 9.5964(14) Å, c = 27.377(4) Å, a = 90.00°, β = 96.322(2)°, γ = 90.00°, V = 2310.6(6) Å³, Z = 4.

CCDC 800889 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper.



FIGURE S1. The crystal structure of 4a.

These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

(C) Copies of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR Spectra for the Products



Ni(II)-PABP/3-amino-acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 2.



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-benzylacrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4a.



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4b

Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4c





Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4d



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-chlorobenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4e



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-bromobenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4f



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(2-methylbenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4g





Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(3-methylbenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4h



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(4-methylbenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4i



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(2,5-dimethylbenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4j



Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4k









Ni(II)-PABP/ 3-amino-2-(quinolin-2-ylmethyl)acrylic acid Schiff Base Complex 4n





Ni(II)-PABP/ 2-(aminomethylene)butanoic acid Schiff Base Complex 40









Ni(II)-PABP/ 2-(aminomethylene)hexanoic acid Schiff Base Complex 4q.









30 190 180 170 160

140 130 120

150

100 ppm

110

90

80

70

60 50 40 30 20





Ni(II)-PABP/ α-benzyl-β-alanine Schiff Base Complex 5a







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α-benzyl-β-alanine 6a





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3-amino-2-(2,5-dimethylbenzyl)propanoic acid 6j.



2-(aminomethyl)-6,6,6-trifluorohexanoic acid 6p.



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3-phenylpropanal 7a



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