## **Supporting Information**

# Practical Rh(I)-Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of β-(Acylamino)acrylates Using a New Unsymmetrical Hybrid Ferrocenylphosphine-Phosphoramidite Ligand: Crucial Influence of a N-H Proton in the Ligand

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**General Procedures**: All synthetic reactions and manipulations were performed in a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. Solvents were reagent grade, dried and distilled before use following standard procedures.  $(S_c, R_p, S_a)$ -1,<sup>1</sup> Bophoz-Me and Bophoz-H<sup>2</sup> were prepared according the literature procedure.  $\beta$ -aryl- $\beta$ -(acylamino)acrylates 3<sup>3</sup> and  $\beta$ -alkyl- $\beta$ -(acylamino)acrylates 4<sup>4</sup> were known compounds which were synthesized according to the literature procedure. All other chemicals obtained commercially. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-1020 high sensitive polarimeter. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature on a BRUKER DEX 400 (400 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts were determined relative to the residual solvent peaks (e.g. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta = 5.30$  ppm for proton atoms,  $\delta = 54.2$  ppm for carbon atoms; H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>,  $\delta = 0$  ppm for phosphorus atoms). Enantiomeric excesses were determined by capillary GC analysis with a Chiral Select 1000 column (0.25mm x 30m) for **5a-h, 6a-b** and **6d**, with a chiralcel OD column for **6c**.

# Synthesis of ferrocenylphosphine-phosphoramidite ligand $(S_c, R_p, S_a)$ -2

(*S<sub>a</sub>*)-Chlorophosphite **8** (350.5 mg, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 4.0 mL of dried dichloromethane, which was cooled to 0°C. A solution of (*S<sub>c</sub>*,*R<sub>p</sub>*)-PPFNH<sub>2</sub> **7** (413 mg,

1.0 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (303 mg, 3.0 mmol) in 4.0 mL of dichloromethane was added to above-solution during 30 minutes. The resulting mixture was standing at room temperature overnight. The precipitation was filtrated. The filtrate was collected, and concentrated under reduced pressure to c.a. 2 mL. Adding the *n*-hexane to the filtrate gave the yellow power, which was sufficient pure for further use. An analytic sample was obtained by column chromatography purification (silica gel, hexanes / ethyl acetate = 1 / 1) to give yellow power ( $S_c$ , $R_p$ , $S_a$ )-2, which can be crystallized from hexane/dichloromethane. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  1.69-1.70 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 3.35-3.36 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (s, 1 H), 3.97 (s, 5 H), 4.28-4.29 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (s, 1 H), 4.75-4.84 (m, 1 H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 1 H), 7.11-7.59 (m, 17 H), 7.84-7.92 (m, 4 H) ppm; <sup>1</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 26.1, 46.5, 69.5, 69.9, 70.5, 72.5, 122.6, 123.5, 125.4, 126.7, 127.4, 128.3, 128.6, 128.8, 129.0, 129.9, 130.1, 130.6, 132.0, 133.1, 133.3, 136.0, 136.2 ppm; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  -24.2, 152.7 (d, *J* = 58.0 Hz) ppm. HRMS calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>35</sub>FeNO<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>: 727.1492, found: 727.1480.

# General procedure for asymmetric hydrogenation and determination of enantiomeric excesses.

In a nitrogen-filled glovebox, a stainless steel autoclave was charged with  $Rh(COD)_2BF_4$  (2.0 mg, 0.5 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) and ferrocenylphosphine-phosphoramidite ligand ( $S_c,R_p,S_a$ )-2 (4.0 mg, 0.55 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) in 1.5 mL of a degassed solvent. After stirring for 10 min at room temperature. A substrate (0.5 mmol) in 1.5 mL of same solvents was added to the reaction mixture, and then the hydrogenation was performed under 10 bar of H<sub>2</sub> pressure for 12 hour at the indicated temperature. The reaction mixture was passed through a short silica gel column to remove the catalyst. After evaporation of the solvent, the crude reaction mixture was subjected for GC to determine the conversion and enantiomeric excesses.

**Determination of Enantiomeric Excesses for**  $\beta$ **-Aryl-\beta-(Acetylamino)propanoate 5: Chiral Capillary GC Column.** Chiral Select-1000 column (dimensions 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)). Carrier gas: N<sub>2</sub>. The racemic products were obtained by hydrogenation of substrates with an achiral catalyst prepared from PPh<sub>3</sub> and Rh(COD)<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>. The following are the retention times for the racemic products.



**Ethyl 3-Acetamido-3-phenylpropanoate** (5a): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 155°C, 15 psi) (*S*)  $t_1 = 29.96$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 31.86$ ; (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 15 psi) (*S*)  $t_1 = 22.96$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 24.86$ .

Ethyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-methylphenyl)propanoate (5b): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column,  $160^{\circ}$ C, 10 psi) (*S*) t<sub>1</sub> = 58.19, (*R*) t<sub>2</sub> = 60.76.

Methyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-methylphenyl)propanoate (5c): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 10 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 44.22$ , (R)  $t_2 = 46.78$ .

Ethyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (5d): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 10 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 130.12$ , (R)  $t_2 = 134.49$ .

Methyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (5e): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 10 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 103.6$ , (R)  $t_2 = 108.8$ .

Ethyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-chlorophenyl)propanoate (5f): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 15 psi) (*S*)  $t_1 = 72.15$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 76.93$ .

Methyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-chlorophenyl)propanoate (5g): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column,  $160^{\circ}$ C, 15 psi) (*S*) t<sub>1</sub> = 58.40, (*R*) t<sub>2</sub> = 63.19.

Methyl 3-Acetamido-3-(4-fluorophenyl)propanoate (5h): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 15 psi) (*S*)  $t_1 = 20.86$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 22.32$ .

Methyl 3-Acetamido-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)propanoate (5i): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 160°C, 10 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 80.31$ , (R)  $t_2 = 85.17$ .

# Determination of Enantiomeric Excesses for $\beta$ -Alkyl- $\beta$ -(Acylamino)propanoate 6: Chiral Select-1000 column (dimensions 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)), carrier gas: N<sub>2</sub>, or CP-Chiralsil-L-Val column (dimensions 25 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)), carrier gas: H<sub>2</sub>. The

racemic products were obtained by hydrogenation of substrates with an achiral catalyst prepared from  $PPh_3$  and  $Rh(COD)_2BF_4$ . The following are the retention times for the racemic products.

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**6a**:  $R^1 = Me$ ,  $R^2 = Me$ ,  $R^3 = Me$ ; **6b**:  $R^1 = Me$ ,  $R^2 = Me$ ,  $R^3 = Et$ ; **6c**:  $R^1 = Me$ ,  $R^2 = Ph$ ,  $R^3 = Me$ ; **6d**:  $R^1 = Et$ ,  $R^2 = Me$ ,  $R^3 = Me$ ; **6e**:  $R^1 = i$ -Pr,  $R^2 = Me$ ,  $R^3 = Me$ 

Methyl 3-Acetamidobutanoate (6a): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column,  $130^{\circ}$ C, 15 psi) (*S*) t<sub>1</sub> = 4.54, (*R*) t<sub>2</sub> = 5.22.

Ethyl 3-Acetamidobutanoate (6b): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column,  $130^{\circ}$ C, 15 psi) (*S*) t<sub>1</sub> = 6.30, (*R*) t<sub>2</sub> = 7.20.

Methyl 3-Benzamidobutanoate (6c): (HPLC, Chiralcel OD column, hexane/*i*-propanol = 95: 5, 1 ml/min, 254nm) (*S*)  $t_1 = 40.41$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 45.44$ .

Methyl 3-Acetamidopentanoate (6d): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 110°C, 15 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 14.82$ , (R)  $t_2 = 16.52$ . (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 110°C, 17 psi) (S)  $t_1 = 13.03$ , (R)  $t_2 = 14.52$ .

Methyl 4-methyl-3-Acetamidopentanoate (6e): (capillary GC, CP-Chiralsil-L-Val column,  $125^{\circ}$ C, 20 psi) (*S*)  $t_1 = 5.40$ , (*R*)  $t_2 = 5.67$ .

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1	21.740	MM	0.4537	342.08966	12.56680	0.07572
2	24.376	BB	0.4545	4.51440e5	1.43704e4	99.92428

Totals: 4.51782e5 1.43830e4

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2	50.689	MM	1.7061	1.13965e6	1.11328e4	98.63491

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1	104.540	MM	1.3355	2939.26367	36.68153	1.26118
2	111.748	BB	1.5805	2.30118e5	1729.28931	98.73882

Totals : 2.33057e5 1765.97084

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1 70.64	9 MM	1.4006	3468.49268	41.27474	0.42730
2 77.48	5 BB	1.5967	8.08257e5	6041.79639	99.57270
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1	1 2	56.150 62.800	BB BP	1.0410	1.05539e4 8.12826e5	120.12556 7302.35791	1.28178 98.71822
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Totals: 8.23380e5 7422.48347

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1	20.387	MM	0.6337	1.31383e4	345.54306	1.15795
2	22.724	VB	0.6109	1.12148e6	2.32451e4	98.84205

Totals : 1.13462e6 2.35906e4

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1 13.034 BV	0.5032	4.85549e5	1.50988e4	49.91984
2 14.520 VB		4.87108e5	1.58133e4	50.08016
Totals :		9.72657e5	3.09122e4	

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Signal 1: FID1 B,

Peak 1 #	RetTime [min]	Tvpe	Width [min]	Area counts*s	Height [counts]	Area %
 1 2	14.816 16.524	- BV VB	0.5590 0.5241	5.16301e5 5.20394e5	1.41071e4 1.51758e4	49.80261 50.19739
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1	14.480	PP	0.4953	1.27390e4	409.05493	2.79027
2	16.378	VB	0.5313	4.43810e5	1.29670e4	97.20973

Totals : 4.56549e5 1.33761e4

Results obtained with enhanced integrator!



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