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) -1,¹ Bophoz-Me and Bophoz-H² were prepared according the literature procedure. β -aryl- β -(acylamino)acrylates 3³ and β -alkyl- β -(acylamino)acrylates 4⁴ 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. ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P 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. CH₂Cl₂, $\delta = 5.30$ ppm for proton atoms, $\delta = 54.2$ ppm for carbon atoms; H₃PO₄, $\delta = 0$ 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_a*)-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_c*,*R_p*)-PPFNH₂ **7** (413 mg,

1.0 mmol) and Et₃N (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. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 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; ¹C NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): 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; ³¹P NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ -24.2, 152.7 (d, *J* = 58.0 Hz) ppm. HRMS calcd for C₄₅H₃₅FeNO₂P₂: 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 10⁻² mmol) and ferrocenylphosphine-phosphoramidite ligand (S_c,R_p,S_a)-2 (4.0 mg, 0.55 x 10⁻² 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 H₂ 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 β **-Aryl-\beta-(Acetylamino)propanoate 5: Chiral Capillary GC Column.** Chiral Select-1000 column (dimensions 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)). Carrier gas: N₂. The racemic products were obtained by hydrogenation of substrates with an achiral catalyst prepared from PPh₃ and Rh(COD)₂BF₄. 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° C, 10 psi) (*S*) t₁ = 58.19, (*R*) t₂ = 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° C, 15 psi) (*S*) t₁ = 58.40, (*R*) t₂ = 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 β -Alkyl- β -(Acylamino)propanoate 6: Chiral Select-1000 column (dimensions 30 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)), carrier gas: N₂, or CP-Chiralsil-L-Val column (dimensions 25 m x 0.25 mm (i.d.)), carrier gas: H₂. 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° C, 15 psi) (*S*) t₁ = 4.54, (*R*) t₂ = 5.22.

Ethyl 3-Acetamidobutanoate (6b): (capillary GC, Chiral Select-1000 column, 130° C, 15 psi) (*S*) t₁ = 6.30, (*R*) t₂ = 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° 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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# [min]		[min]	counts*s	[counts]	%
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
Totals :			8.11725e5	6083.07113	

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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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Peak	RetTime	Tvpe	Width	Area	Height	Area
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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
Total	з:			1.03669e6	2.92829e4	

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Signal 1: FID1 B,

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Tvpe	Width [min]	Area counts*s	Height [counts]	Area %
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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