

with those of authentic (*M*)-(-)-pentahelicene**⁶ and (*M*)-(-)-hexahelicene⁷ established their absolute configurations.

Table 1 lists the chiral recognition behaviour of (7) and (14) with methyl (\pm)-phenylglycinate hydrochloride and (\pm)-1-phenylethylamine hydrochloride. Table 1 shows (a) that (7) has a higher enantiomer selectivity than (14) towards both substrates, and methyl phenylglycinate of as high as 77% optical purity was 6% transported by (7), and (b) that (7) and (14) although of the same helicity exhibit opposite chiral recognition toward both substrates. This result is compatible with examination of Corey-Pauling-Koltun models for (7) and (14) which reveal that the ether part of (*M*)-(-)-crown (7) has *P*-helicity while that of (*M*)-(-)-crown (14) has *M*-helicity.

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** In contrast to optically labile (*M*)-(-)-pentahelicene, (*M*)-(-)-crown (7) was quite stable showing no optical rotation change after refluxing its methanolic solution for 24 h.

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