

233. Practical Asymmetric *Diels-Alder* Additions to Camphor-10-sulfonic-Acid-Derived Acrylates

Preliminary Communication¹⁾

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Summary

Starting from (+)-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (**1**) the chiral crystalline alcohols **3** and **11** were prepared in two steps. *Lewis*-acid-mediated [4 + 2]-additions of their acrylates to 1,3-dienes were studied. Notably, the crystalline acrylate **4** underwent $\text{TiCl}_2(\text{OiPr})_2$ -promoted *Diels-Alder* addition to cyclopentadiene giving after recrystallization efficiently the pure (2*R*)-adduct **5**.

The asymmetric *Diels-Alder* reaction, employing either chiral dienophiles [1] or dienes [2] has received considerable attention during the last years²⁾. Thus, we have recently described almost perfectly diastereofacialeselective *Lewis*-acid-promoted [4 + 2]-additions of cyclopentadiene (99.3% d.e.) [1j] and 1,3-butadiene (95.6% d.e.)³⁾ to the *si*-face shielding acrylate **A** and to its *re*-face-blocking enantiomer (*Scheme 1*). An analogous, neopentyloxy-biased allenic ester/cyclopentadiene cycloaddition (99% d.e.) served as a key step for the efficient enantioselective synthesis of (–)- β -santalene³⁾ [4]. We then focussed our efforts on the design of chiral control elements which are 1) even more readily accessible, 2) highly crystalline and which impose crystallinity to dienophiles and adducts, and 3) are easily and efficiently regenerated.

Prompted by the ready availability of (+)-(**1**) and (–)-camphor-10-sulfonic acid⁴⁾ we studied the possibility of attaching an aryl- or another bulky group at C(10) of the camphor skeleton which was supposed to shield selectively one isobornyl-acrylate- π -

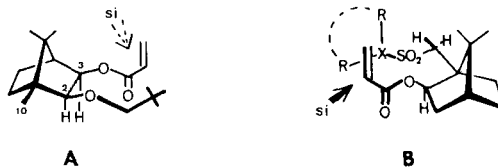
¹⁾ Reported partially (*Table*, entry a) by *W.O.* at the 14th Workshop Conference Hoechst 'Selectivity – a Goal for Synthetic Efficiency', Schloss Reisensburg, September 18, 1983; to be reported at the GDCh-Symposium 'Chiralität und Aktivität' (*W.O.*) September 29, 1983, Schliersee.

²⁾ For non-catalyzed, highly π -facial-selective *Diels-Alder* reactions of H-bonded chiral acrylates see [1k]. Asymmetric [4 + 2]-addition of prochiral dienes and dienophiles using chiral acrylates have apparently not yet reached the same level of predictability and chiral efficiency [3].

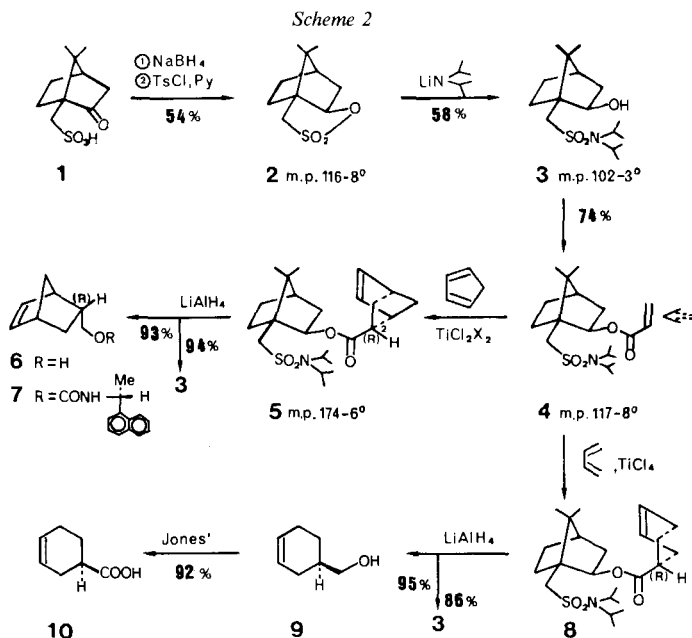
³⁾ Reported (*W.O.*) at the 8th International Symposium 'Synthesis in Organic Chemistry', Cambridge, UK, July 1983 (*D. Dupuis*, Diploma Work, Université de Genève 1983).

⁴⁾ (–)-Camphor is easily available by *Jones'* oxidation of (–)-borneol (*Aldrich, EGA*).

Scheme 1



face as depicted in the general formula **B**. Our results are summarized in *Schemes 2* and *3* and in the *Table*⁵⁾. Thus, the crystalline alcohol **3** was prepared in two steps from **1** *via* nucleophilic opening of the crystalline sultone **2** [5] (LDA (6 mol-equiv.), Et₂O, 25°, 30 min, 58%). Esterification of **3** with β -chloropropionic acid (6 mol-equiv., trifluoroacetic anhydride (5 mol-equiv.) [6], slow addition of **3**, 25°, 3 h, m.p. 143–145°, 75%) and β -elimination (Et₃N (2 mol-equiv.), toluene, reflux, 2.5 h, 99%) afforded the crystalline acrylate **4**. The crucial *Diels-Alder* reaction was carried out as follows: 1.2N cyclopentadiene (3 mol-equiv. in CH₂Cl₂) was added at –20° under N₂ to a stirred solution prepared from 1N TiCl₄/Ti(OiPr)₄-mixture (1:1 in CH₂Cl₂), 1.5 mol-equiv.) and 0.1N acrylate **4** (CH₂Cl₂). After 4 h at –20° the mixture was quenched with H₂O to give after workup the crude (2*R*)-adduct **5** (containing 3% of its *exo*-isomers) in 98% yield (entry a). Reduction of crude **5** with LiAlH₄ (Et₂O, 25°, 1 h) yielded the expected⁶⁾ (2*R*)-alcohol **6** in 88% e.e. as determined by HPLC-analysis of **7** [1] [8]. Moreover, by



⁵⁾ All new compounds were characterized by IR, ¹H-NMR and MS. The depicted diastereoface differentiation (d.e.) and the absolute configuration of the adducts agree perfectly with chiroptic measurements of **6** and **9**.

⁶⁾ For X-ray evidence in favor of the depicted sulfonamide conformation see [7].

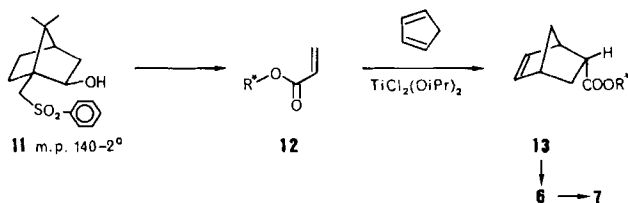
Table. *Asymmetric Diels-Alder Reactions 4 → 5, 4 → 8 and 12 → 13*

Entry	Dienophile	Diene	Lewis acid X	Reaction temp. [°C] (Time [h])	Adduct	Yield [%]	M.p.	<i>endo/exo</i>	d.e. %
a	4	2 crystallizations	OiPr	-20 (4)	5	98	155-62	97/3	88
					5	83	174-76	> 100/1	99
b	4	2 crystallizations	Cl	-20 (4)	5	89	-	98/2	77
					5	52	-	> 100/1	96
c	4	2 crystallizations	Cl	-8 (84)	8	98	125-32	-	78
					8	60	135-37	-	86
d	12		OiPr	-20 (14)	13	97	155-58	95/5	66

two simple crystallization (hexane) of crude **5** the very minor (*2S*)-*endo*- and its *exo*-isomers were easily removed giving virtually pure **5** in 83% yield. Cleavage of the latter with LiAlH_4 furnished 99% pure (*2R*)-**6** in 93% yield with 94% recovery of the recrystallized auxiliary **3**. The analogous, but slower TiCl_4 -mediated addition of 1,3-butadiene to **4** proceeded with lower chiral efficiency than its addition to acrylate **A**⁷⁾. Nevertheless, simple recrystallization of the resulting crude **8** furnished enantiomerically almost pure adduct **8** as assessed by the reduction **8** → **9** and the oxidation **9** → **10**. The acid **10** was shown to be 86% enantiomerically pure according to HPLC-analysis [8] of its amide derived from (*R*)- α -naphthylethylamine⁸⁾.

This result becomes even more significant since **9** and **10** are the correct enantiomers to serve as intermediates in the syntheses of (-)-sarkomycin [1e] and (-)-shikimic acid [10], respectively. The potential of this concept is further illustrated by nu-

Scheme 3



⁷⁾ TiCl_4 is also a less suitable promoter for the process **4** → **5** (entry b).

⁸⁾ Acid **10** was converted to its α -naphthylethyl-amide under non-epimerizing conditions [9³].

cleophilic opening of sultone **2** with phenyllithium (3.5 mol-equiv. Et₂O, 25°, 4 h) which afforded the crystalline sulfone **11** in 53% yield. Its acrylate **12** (m.p. 83–84.5°) added to cyclopentadiene with comparatively lower chiral efficiency (entry d); however the adduct **13** is again crystalline.

We are currently exploring the scope of camphor-10-sulfonamide- and -sulfone-derived diastereoface differentiation by introducing various shielding groups into **B** and are studying its application in asymmetric *Diels-Alder*-, ene-, 1,4-addition-, and ester enolate-substitution reactions.

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