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Carbon—Carbon Bond-Forming Enantioselective Synthesis of Chiral Organosilicon Compounds by Rhodium/ Chiral Diene-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition Reaction

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ABSTRACT

A new synthetic method for chiral organosilicon compounds through a rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of arylboronic acids to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds has been developed. By employing (R,R)-Bn-bod* as a ligand, a range of arylboronic acids can be coupled with these substrates in very high enantiomeric excess. The resulting β -silyl 1,4-adducts can be converted to β -hydroxy carbonyl compounds or allylsilanes while retaining their stereochemical information.

Organic molecules containing carbon—silicon bonds constitute an important class of compounds due to their wide utility in organic synthesis.¹ For example, carbon—silicon bonds can be readily oxidized to carbon—oxygen bonds by Tamao²

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or Fleming³ oxidation, and allylsilanes are often used as effective allylating agents toward various carbonyl compounds to furnish homoallylic alcohol derivatives. These oxidation and allylation processes are known to proceed with high stereoselectivity when stereo-issues are involved. ^{Id,e} Therefore, construction of highly enantio-enriched chiral organosilicon compounds is an important objective, and achieving such an objective by asymmetric catalysis is highly desirable in view of efficiency. ⁴⁻⁷ In addition, if these compounds could be synthesized through transition-metal-catalyzed carbon—carbon bond forming reactions, the efficiency of the process would be further enhanced. Here we

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describe that a rhodium/chiral diene catalyst is highly effective for asymmetric 1,4-addition of arylboronic acids to β -silyl α , β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds, providing a new and useful method for the construction of chiral organosilicon compounds in high yield and enantioselectivity.

In an initial investigation, we examined the effect of ligand by employing β -phenyldimethylsilyl enone **1a** as a model substrate in the 1,4-addition of PhB(OH)₂ with 3 mol % of rhodium (eq 1). The use of (R)-binap⁸ as a ligand produced

1,4-adduct **2a** in 82% yield with moderate ee of 72% (S). Change of the ligand to (S)-phosphoramidite (2.0 equiv to rhodium) resulted in lower yield and enantioselectivity (54% yield, 14% ee (S)). In contrast, the use of chiral diene ligands proved to be more effective for this 1,4-addition reaction, achieving higher yield and ee. Thus, the employment of (R,R)-Ph-bod* as a ligand provided **2a** in 90% yield with 97% ee (S), and the change of substituents on the olefins from phenyl to benzyl ((R,R)-Bn-bod*) $^{11-13}$ further improved both yield and enantioselectivity (94% yield, 99% ee (S)). 14

Under the optimized conditions with (R,R)-Bn-bod* as the ligand, the scope of the substrate and the nucleophile is

Table 1. Rh/(R,R)-Bn-bod*-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of Arylboronic Acids to β -Phenyldimethylsilyl Enones **1**

PhMe ₂ Si	\bigcirc + ArB(OH) ₂ \longrightarrow	[RhCl(C ₂ H ₄) ₂ (3 mol % Rh (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-Bn-boo (3.3 mol %) (OH (30 mol oxane/H ₂ O (50 °C, 6 h) d* <u></u>	Ar O
entry	product		yield (%)	ee (%) ^a
1	Ph O Me	(2a)	94	99 (S)
2	Ph O Et	(2b)	89	98 (S)
3	Ph O Ph Ph Ph	(2c)	94	97 (S)
4	OMe O PhMe ₂ Si Me	(2d)	95	96 (S)
5	CF ₃	(2e)	94	95 (S)
6	CI PhMe ₂ Si Me	(2f)	92	95 (S)
7	PhMe ₂ Si Me	(2g)	96	93 (S)
8	Me O Me	(2h)	90	93 (S) ^b

^a Ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralpak AD-H column with hexane/2-propanol. ^b Ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol 90/10.

illustrated in Table 1.¹⁵ Thus, not only methyl enone, but also ethyl or phenyl enone can be phenylated effectively in excellent yield and ee (89–94% yield, 97–99% ee; entries 1–3). In addition, sterically and electronically diverse arrays of aryl groups can be installed under the same conditions,

(14) The absolute configuration of compound **2a** was determined to be (*S*) by comparison of the optical rotation ($[\alpha]^{20}_D$ –9.3 (*c* 1.19, CHCl₃)) with the reported value in ref 6a ($[\alpha]^{20}_D$ +9.2 in CHCl₃ for (*R*)).

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furnishing the corresponding 1,4-adducts uniformly in high yield and enantioselectivity (90–96% yield, 93–96% ee; entries 4–8).

Furthermore, suitable substrates for this reaction are not limited to β -phenyldimethylsilyl enones. Thus, as shown in Table 2, other β -silyl enones (e.g., β -(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilyl

Table 2. Rh/(R,R)-Bn-bod*-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition to Other β-Silyl α,β-Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds a

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entry	substrate	product	yield	d (%)ee (%) ^b
I	t-BuMe₂Si ✓ Me	Ph O t-BuMe₂Si Me ((2i) 9	95 >99 (S)°
2 ^d	Ph ₃ Si Me	Ph O Ph ₃ Si Me	(2j) 9	97 (S)
3	PhMe ₂ Si OEt	Ph O OEt	(2k) 8	88 95 (S)
4	PhMe ₂ Si OEt	OMe OMe OMe	(21) 8	36 93 (S) ^e
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^a See Table 1 for the reaction conditions. ^b Ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralpak AD-H column with hexane/2-propanol. ^c Ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralcel OJ-H column with hexane/2-propanol 200/1. ^d The reaction time was 12 h in the presence of 5 mol % of catalyst. ^e Ee was determined by chiral HPLC on a Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol 100/1.

and β -triphenylsilyl enones) also undergo the present 1,4-addition reaction with high efficiency (91–95% yield, 97–>99% ee; entries 1 and 2). β -Silyl enoates can also be employed as substrates, providing the 1,4-adducts in high yield and ee as well (86–88% yield, 93–95% ee; entries 3 and 4).

Highly enantio-enriched chiral organosilicon compounds obtained through these rhodium-catalyzed 1,4-addition reactions are useful chiral building blocks for further derivatizations. For example, 1,4-adduct 2a can be converted to the corresponding β -hydroxyketone (3) by oxidation of the carbon-silicon bond while retaining its stereochemical information. Thus, according to Tamao's procedure, treatment of 2a (99% ee) with tetrafluoroboric acid, followed by oxidation with hydrogen peroxide, provides β -hydroxyketone 3 with retention of configuration (82% yield, 98% ee; eq 2). In addition, 1,4-adduct 2c (97% ee) can be transformed into allylsilane 4 through a Grignard addition/dehydration sequence with no erosion of ee as well (81% yield, 97% ee; eq 3).

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} Ph & O \\ Ph Me_2Si \\ \textbf{2a}: 99\% \ ee \ (S) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 1. \ HBF_4 \cdot Et_2O, \ CH_2Cl_2, \ 0 \ ^{\circ}C \\ \hline 2. \ KF, \ KHCO_3, \ MeOH/THF, \ 0 \ ^{\circ}C; \\ then \ H_2O_2aq, \ rt \\ \hline 3: 82\% \ yield, \ 98\% \ ee \ (S) \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} Ph & O \\ \hline 2. \ TSOH, \ C_6H_6, \ 50 \ ^{\circ}C \\ \hline \textbf{4: 81\% \ yield, } \ 97\% \ ee \ (S) \end{array}$$

In summary, we have developed a new synthetic method for chiral organosilicon compounds through a rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of arylboronic acids to β -silyl α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds. By employing (R,R)-Bn-bod* as a ligand, we have efficiently coupled a range of arylboronic acids with these substrates in very high enantiomeric excess. The resulting β -silyl 1,4-adducts can be converted to β -hydroxy carbonyl compounds or allylsilanes while retaining their stereochemical information.

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