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Synthesis of (R)- and (S)-7,7'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)-2,2'dimethoxy-1,1'-binaphthyl, a New Axially Dissymmetric Bis(triarylphosphine)

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Abstract: A new axially dissymmetric bis(triarylphosphine) ligand 7,7'-bis(diphenyl-phosphino)-2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'-binaphthyl has been synthesized in enantiomerically pure form.

Axially dissymmetric 2,2'-disubstituted 1,1'-binaphthyl compounds have been successfully used as chiral elements for a variety of asymmetric transformations.¹ These kinds of molecules serve as stoichiometric chiral auxilliaries^{1b,c} as well as ligands in transition metal-catalyzed asymmetric processes.^{1a,d—f} There are, however, very few examples of the use of the corresponding 7,7'-disubstituted derivatives.² Since small modifications of structures and electronic properties of chiral ligands are often reflected in the efficiencies of the asymmetric reactions,³ we designed and synthesized a new type of diphosphine ligand 1. This ligand is notable in that it has phosphine substituents at 7- and 7'-positions of binaphthyl moiety instead of at the conventional 2- and 2'-positions as in the case of BINAP (BINAP = 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl). Compound 1 is expected to form transition metal complexes with larger bite angle P-M-P than BINAP,⁴ so metal complexes of 1 might have different properties as catalysts for asymmetric reactions from those of BINAP.



Enantiomerically pure (R)- and (S)-1 were prepared starting from 2,7-naphthalenediol (2) as outlined in Scheme 1. Oxidative coupling of the monobenzylated compound 3^{2b} was conducted with FeCl₃ in a mixture of acetonitrile and water (1 : 2) to give (±)-4 in 47% yield. When Mn(acac)₃ (acac = acetylacetonate) was used as oxidizing agent,^{2b} the subsequent work up procedure was somewhat troublesome for us and the product (±)-4 was obtained in poor yield (ca. 10%).



Scheme 1

Reagents and conditions: (a) PhCH₂Br, K₂CO₃, DMF, 35 °C. (b) FeCl₃, H₂O/CH₃CN (2:1), 90 °C, 1 h, 47%. (c) i) quinine, EtOH. ii) 1 N HClaq. (d) CH₃I, K₂CO₃, DMF, rt, overnight. (e) 10% Pd/C, HCOONH₄ (10 eq), MeOH, reflux, 0.5 h, quant. (f) (CF₃SO₂)₂O, 2,6-lutidine, 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.4 eq), CH₂Cl₂, -40 °C—rt, quant. (g) Ph₂P(O)H, Pd(OAc)₂ (10 mol%), DPPP (10 mol%), HCOONa (0.22 eq), EtNⁱPr₂, DMSO, 90 °C, 24 h, 93%. (h) HSiCl₃ (10 eq), Et₃N (11 eq), xylene, 100—140 °C, 55%.

Optical resolution of (\pm) -4 was carried out as described by Diederich *et al*^{2c} with some modifications. Enantiomerically pure (R)-(-)-4^{7,8} was obtained in 37% yield based on (\pm) -4 through clathrate formation with quinine followed by acidic aqueous workup. Resolved (R)-4 was treated with methyl iodide, and recrystallization of the product from 2-propanol led to enantiomerically pure (R)-(-)-5⁹ in 94% yield. On the other hand, preparation of enantiomerically pure (S)-4 was rather difficult by simple recrystallization of the (S)-4—quinine complex recovered from the mother liquor. Thus, the crude (S)-4 (ca. 91% ee) obtained by the treatment of the mother liquor with HCl was methylated with CH₃I and K₂CO₃. Recrystallization of S rich 5 from diethyl ether afforded enantiomerically pure (S)-(+)-5⁹ in 27% yield from (±)-4.

Catalytic transfer hydrogenation^{2b,c,10} of (S)-5 afforded (S)-(+)-6¹¹ in quantitative yield, which was then converted quantitatively to ditriflate (S)-(-)-7.6,12e,13

Transition metal-mediated functionalization of aryl triflates¹² seems to be very attractive method for the conversion of 7 to 8, though the reaction of ditriflate of 1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol with diphenylphosphine oxide catalyzed by Pd(OAc)₂/DPPP (DPPP = 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane)/HCOONa resulted in the replacement of only one of the two trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy groups.^{12k} Fortunately, however, less sterically hindered (S)-7 was successfully converted to diphosphine dioxide (S)-(-)-8^{6,14,15} in very high yield. Attempted coupling of (S)-7 with Ph₂(H)PBH₃ catalyzed by Pd(PPh₃)4¹⁶ in acetonitrile was unsuccessful, probably due to the formation of only the monosubstituted product followed by decomposition. Reduction of (S)-8 to the desired enantiomerically pure (S)-(+)-1^{6,17} was performed by heating (S)-8 with a large excess of trichlorosilane and triethylamine in xylene,¹⁸ initially at 100 °C for 1 h, at 120 °C for 1 h, and finally at 140 °C for 6 h.

For the optical resolution of chiral diphosphine dioxides with C_2 chirality, (+)- or (-)-2,3-Odibenzoyltartaric acid has often been used as a resolving agent.^{18,19} Compound (±)-8, however, could not be resolved in this way.

The absolute configurations of (+)-4 and (-)-4 have been assigned as S and R, respectively.^{2c} Since the subsequent transformations can be considered to proceed stereospecifically with retention of their configurations, the absolute configurations of (+)-1 and (-)-1 were assigned as S and R, respectively.

Further studies on the applications of this new diphosphine ligand 1 for asymmetric catalysis are in progress.

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- 8. (*R*)-(-)-4: mp 61--62 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -248 (c 1.25, CHCl₃) (lit.^{2c} -232.0).
- 9. (R)-(-)-5: mp 126.5—127 °C; [α]_D²³ -132 (c 1.28, CHCl₃).
 (S)-(+)-5: mp 127—128 °C; [α]_D²² +136 (c 1.31, CHCl₃).
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- 14. (R)-(+)-8: ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 85% H₃PO₄ as external standard for all of the ³¹P NMR determination in this work) δ 30.4; [α]_D²⁴ +26 (c 0.76, CHCl₃).
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