



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 HCl aq. (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 (±)-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 (±)-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 CH_3I and K_2CO_3 . Recrystallization of *S* rich **5** from diethyl ether afforded enantiomerically pure (*S*)-(+)-**5**⁹ in 27% yield from (\pm)-**4**.

Catalytic transfer hydrogenation^{2b,c,10} of (*S*)-**5** afforded (*S*)-(+)-**6**¹¹ 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 $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{DPPP}$ (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**.^{14,15} in very high yield. Attempted coupling of (*S*)-**7** with $\text{Ph}_2(\text{H})\text{PBH}_3$ catalyzed by $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ¹⁶ 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*)-(+)-**16**.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-*O*-dibenzoyltartaric acid has often been used as a resolving agent.^{18,19} Compound (\pm)-**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; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25}$ -248 (c 1.25, CHCl₃) (lit.^{2c} -232.0).
9. (R)-(-)-**5**: mp 126.5—127 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -132 (c 1.28, CHCl₃).
(S)-(+)-**5**: mp 127—128 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ +136 (c 1.31, CHCl₃).
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(S)-(-)-**7**: mp 140—141 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21}$ -58 (c 1.11, CHCl₃).
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; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24}$ +26 (c 0.76, CHCl₃).
(S)-(-)-**8**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23}$ -27 (c 1.01, CHCl₃).
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