



Enantioselective Protonation of Amide Enolates Derived from Piperidine-2-Carboxylic Acid

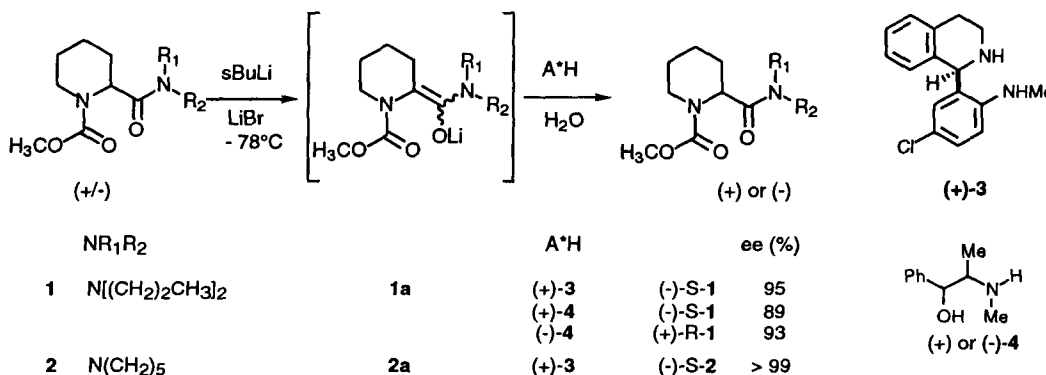
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Abstract: Enantioselective protonation was applied on amide enolates **1a** and **2a**, derived from piperidine-2-carboxylic acid. High enantioselectivity was obtained with diamine (+)-**3**, as chiral source, and in presence of LiBr. Up to 95±1% ee for amide **1** and >99% for amide **2** were reached. Moreover, (S)-**1** and (R)-**1** were obtained with 89% and 93% ee using (+) and (-) ephedrine respectively. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

Enantioselective protonation firstly described on enamines¹ and then on prostereogenic enolates,² is now a well known method³ to prepare highly enriched enantiomers of different functional compounds. However, few works have been reported in the preparation of optically active amides,⁴ and only on unsaturated substrates. In all the examples studied, the transferred proton was ensured by a chiral amine.⁵ Searching for the synthesis of both enantiomers of carboxamide **1**, intermediates of a selective M₂ muscarinic receptor antagonist [(+) and (-)-AF-DX 384],^{6,7} enantioselective protonation was studied on amide enolate **1a**.



Sec-BuLi was the ideal base reagent for a complete and rapid deprotonation at -78°C. When diamine (+)-**3**⁸ or ephedrine (+)-**4** or (-)-**4** was added to the enolates **1a** or **2a**, in the presence of lithium bromide,^{5b} enantiomeric excess (ee)⁹ up to 99% was obtained. Other chiral proton sources such as tartaric, mandelic,

camphoric, dipivaloytartaric, diadamantyltartaric acids or naphthylethylamine were not efficient. Among the different solvents used, THF gave the best results. In the presence of diethylether (mixture 1/1) or directly in toluene, hardly no deracemization was observed. The ee were shown to be very dependent on both reaction and hydrolysis temperatures. High ee were obtained at -78°C. Under the best conditions but in the absence of lithium bromide, the compound **1** was formed in a lower ee (87%). A similar value resulted from the reaction of **1a** with the diamine (+)-**3** in the presence of BF₃.Et₂O as a Lewis acid.⁴ However, the amide **1** was only recovered, in this case, with a 26% isolated yield.

A typical experimental procedure is as follows. Under nitrogen atmosphere, a solution of *sec*-BuLi in cyclohexane (1.3 M, 0.4 mL, 0.5 mmol) was added to amide **1** (80 mg, 0.3 mmol) in THF (c 0.15 M) with LiBr (45 mg, 0.52 mmol) cooled at -78°C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min, then diamine (+)-**3** (162 mg, 0.592 mmol, 2 equiv.) in THF (c 0.15 M) was added, dropwise, within 20 min at -78°C. The solution was allowed to stand at -78°C for 30 min, then warmed to -20°C and immediately cooled at -78°C to be quenched with water (0.5 mL). After warming to room temperature, the solvents were evaporated, and the residue treated with ethyl acetate using conventional basic and acid extractions. The amide (-)-**1** was isolated with 74% yield (ee : 95%).¹⁰

Attempts of enantioselective deprotonations of the amides **1** or **2** using *sec*-BuLi in the presence of (-)-sparteine¹¹ are underway.

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10. NMR (CDCl₃): ¹H (250 MHz) δ **1**: 5.1-4.7(m, 1H), 4.1-3.8(m, 1H); 3.62(s, 3H); 3.6-3.3(m, 1H); 3.3-2.9(m, 4H); 1.9-1.2(m, 10H); 0.85(t, J=7Hz, 3H); 0.80(t, J=7Hz, 3H); **2**: 5.06(m, 1H); 3.94(m, 1H); 3.69(s, 3H); 3.45-3.39(m, 3H); 1.84-1.43(m, 14H). ¹³C (62 MHz) δ **1**: 172.2, 157.2, 51.3, 50.9, 49.5, 47.6, 26.8, 24.9, 20.9, 19.3, 11.3; **2**: 170.6, 157.1, 52.7, 51.1, 46.8, 43.3, 42.1, 26.9, 26.5, 25.8, 24.9, 19.7. IR (NaCl) ν_{max}/cm⁻¹: **1**: 1698, 1650; **2**: 1698, 1658. [α]²²_D (c 4, CHCl₃) (S)-**1**: -24.6; (S)-**2**: -40.
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