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Supporting Information for

Rhodium–Catalyzed Asymmetric Hydrogenation of Unprotected β-Enamine Phosphonates

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I. General Information

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. ¹H, ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker ADVANCE III (400 MHz) spectrometer with CDCl₃ as the solvent and tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) downfield from TMS at 0.00 ppm and referenced to the CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm (for ¹H NMR) or 77.0 ppm (for ¹³C NMR). Data are reported as: multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constant in hertz (Hz) and signal area integration in natural numbers. ¹³C NMR and ³¹P NMR analyses were run with decoupling. Optical rotations [α]_D were determined using a PERKIN ELMER polarimeter 343 instrument. HPLC analysis was conducted on an Agilent 1260 Series instrument. Column Chromatography was performed with silica gel Merck 60 (300-400 mesh).

II. Typical procedure for the synthesis of compound 1

A 250 mL flask was charged with diethylmethylphosphonate (33 mmol, 5.02 g) in dry THF (90 mL). At -78 °C, a 1.6 M n-BuLi/hexane-solution (36.3 mmol, 22.7 mL) was slowly added and the solution was stirred for 1 h. After addition of 1.0 equiv of benzonitrile (33 mmol, 3.41 g), stirring was continued for 15 min at this temperature and further 2 h at 0 °C. After quenching the reaction with water (25 mL), the mixture was evaporated on a rotavapor to remove the THF. The aqueous residue was extracted with dichloromethane (3×30 mL), the combined extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated to yield **1a** as a pale yellow oil (88%), The physical data were identical in all respect to those previously reported.^[1]

III. General procedure for asymmetric hydrogenation of compound 1

A stock solution was made by mixing $[Rh(cod)_2]BF_4$ with ligand in a 1:1.1 molar ratio in TFE at room temperature for 30 min in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. An aliquot of the catalyst solution (0.1 mL, 0.001 mmol) was transferred by syringe into the vials charged with different substrates (0.1 mmol for each) in anhydrous TFE (0.9 mL). The vials were subsequently transferred into an autoclave into which hydrogen gas was charged. The reaction was then stirred under H₂ (40 atm) at 40 °C for 20 h. The hydrogen gas was released carefully. The solution was

concentrated and passed through a short column of silica gel (eluant: EA) to remove the metal complex. The ee values of all compounds were determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-phenylethylphosphonate 1a

Colorless oil; 86% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.9$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 90:10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 11.1 min (minor), 17.1 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 4.44-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.04 (m, 4H), 2.18-2.11 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.28 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.3 (d, *J* = 26.3 Hz), 128.7, 127.5, 126.2, 61.8 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 51.2 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 35.9 (d, *J* = 137.4 Hz), 16.4 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR (161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 29.2. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₂₁NO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 258.1259, found 258.1254.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-p-tolylethylphosphonate 1b

Colorless oil; 86% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -0.4$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 80:20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 5.4 min (minor), 9.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.28-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.12-4.05 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.17-2.05 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 142.5 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 137.1, 129.3, 126.0, 61.7 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 50.9 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 36.0 (d, *J* = 136.4 Hz), 21.1, 16.5 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR (161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 29.4. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₃H₂₃NO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 272.1416, found 272.1412. Diethyl 2-amino-2-m-tolylethylphosphonate 1c



Colorless oil; 86% ee; $[\alpha]_D{}^{20} = -2.4$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 90:10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 9.5 min (minor), 16.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.27-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.05 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.18-2.09 (m, 4H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 145.3 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 138.3, 128.6, 128.2, 126.8, 123.2, 61.7 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 51.1 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 35.9 (d, *J* = 136.4 Hz), 21.5, 16.5 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR (161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 29.4. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₃H₂₃NO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 272.1416, found 272.1411.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylphosphonate 1d



Colorless oil; 86% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 6.0$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 80:20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 8.0 min (minor), 13.4 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.09-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.07 (m, 4H), 3.8 (s, 1H), 2.25-2.14 (m, 3H), 1.36-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 129.4, 127.5, 127.2, 113.9, 74.0, 72.1, 61.1 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 55.4, 16.5 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR(161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 26.3. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₃H₂₃NO₄P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 288.1365, found 288.1360.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethylphosphonate 1e

Colorless oil; 85% ee; $[\alpha]_D{}^{20} = -3.7$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined

by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 85:15; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; $t_R = 10.1$ min (minor), 21.0 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.27-7.23 (m, 1H), 6.96-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.82-6.79 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.36 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.06 (m, 4H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.17-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.8, 147.2 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 129.7, 118.4, 113.0, 111.6, 61.8 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 55.3, 51.2 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 36.0 (d, *J* = 137.4 Hz), 16.5 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz); ³¹P NMR(161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 29.3. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₃H₂₃NO₄P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 288.1365, found 288.1359.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethylphosphonate 1f



Colorless oil; 80% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -3.1$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 90:10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 10.6 min (minor), 16.8 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 2H), 4.44-4.38 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.04 (m, 4H), 2.19-2.04 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.0 (d, *J* = 246.4 Hz), 127.8 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 127.2 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 115.4 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 61.8 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 50.6 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 36.0 (d, *J* = 138.4 Hz), 16.4 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz); ³¹P NMR(161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 28.9. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₂₀FNO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 276.1165, found 276.1162.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-(3-chlorophenyl)ethylphosphonate 1g

Yellow oil; 85% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -3.6$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 90:10; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 10.3 min (minor), 16.2 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 3H), 4.43-4.37 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.04 (m, 4H), 2.15-2.08 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 147.3 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz), 134.4, 130.0, 127.6, 126.5, 124.5, 61.9 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 50.9 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 35.8 (d, *J* = 138.4 Hz), 16.4 (q, *J* = 4.0 Hz); ³¹P NMR (161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 28.6. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₂₀ClNO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 292.0869, found 292.0868.

Diethyl 2-amino-2-(3-bromophenyl)ethylphosphonate 1h



Yellow oil; 84% ee; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -3.6$ (c = 1, CH₂Cl₂); The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis of the corresponding benzamide, Chiralpak OD-H column, hexane: isopropanol = 80:20; flow rate = 1.0 mL/min; UV detection at 210 nm; t_R = 5.9 min (minor), 7.9 min (major). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 7.56$ (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.13-4.05 (m, 4H), 2.14-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 147.7$ (d, J = 16.2 Hz), 130.6, 130.3, 129.4, 124.9, 122.7, 61.8 (t, J = 6.1 Hz), 50.8 (d, J = 4.0 Hz), 35.9 (d, J = 138.4 Hz), 16.4 (q, J = 4.0 Hz); ³¹P NMR (161.7 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 28.6$. ESI-HRMS Calculated for C₁₂H₂₀BrNO₃P⁺ ([M+H]⁺): 336.0364, found 336.0354.

Reference

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IV. NMR spectra

Diethyl 2-amino-2-phenylethylphosphonate 1a





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Diethyl 2-amino-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethylphosphonate 1d









Diethyl 2-amino-2-(3-methoxyphenyl)ethylphosphonate 1e





Diethyl 2-amino-2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethylphosphonate 1f





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 $Diethyl \ 2\ -amino-2\ -(3\ -chlorophenyl) ethylphosphonate \ 1g$





Diethyl 2-amino-2-(3-bromophenyl)ethylphosphonate 1h







V. HPLC spectra

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