Asymmetric Allylboration of Acyl Imines Catalyzed by Chiral Diols

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Chiral homoallylic amines as building blocks in sythesis

Synthesis, **2005**, 2815. Org. Lett. **2000**, 2(13), 1847. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1990**, 112.

Allyl Addition to the C=N bond

Chiral allyl metal reagents:

- allyl silanes
- allyl boronates and boranes
- diastereoselective allyl metal additions to chiral imines (Cu, Zn, Zr, Pd, In mediated additions)

Stereochemistry

Allyl Silanes as Chiral Allylation Reagents

Mechanism: coordination of both imine nitrogen and acyl oxigen with Lewis Acidic silane

- J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 9596.
- J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2004, 126, 5686.

Allylboranes: Addition to C=N Bond

"9-BBDs contain a nearly ideal chiral pocket for the highly enantioselective allylation..."

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 8712.

Asymmetric Allylboration of Cyclic Imines: BINOL Starring

Proposed transition states

entry	X	yield ^a (%)	ee ^b (%)
1	H (2a)	< 50	10
2	Me (2b)	94	75
3	I (2c)	87	77
4	CF ₃ (2d)	83	84
5	Ph (2e)	90	87
6	$4-\text{MeO}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-$ (2f)	94	88
7	$3,5-(CH_3)_2-C_6H_3-(2g)$	88	87
8	$3,5-(CF_3)_2-C_6H_3-(2\mathbf{h})$	92	95

^a Isolated yields after acid—base extraction. ^b Determined by chiral HPLC analysis of the trifluoroacetamide. Absolute configuration based on rotation.⁹

J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 9646.

α -Aminoallylation of Aldehydes with Ammonia

J. Am. Chem.Soc. 2004, 126, 7182.

Zinc vs. Boron: Opposing Modes of Stereocontrol Depending on Chelation

$$N$$
 CO_2Me THF $72-100\%$ Ph Ph CO_2Me

M = Pb, Bi, Cu, Al, Zn: dr 97:3 to 100:0

M = B (triallylborane): dr 8:92

free rotation, re-face attack

Synlett, 2002, 651.

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i-Pro +	Ph N H Ph	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₃	HN O Ph
4	5	π	6

entry	catalyst	mol % ^b	% yield ^c	er ^d
1			< 5	
2	7a	15	< 5	50:50
3	7b	15	< 5	55:45
4	7c	15	10	60:40
5	7d	15	51	50:50
6	7e	15	76	68:32
7	7 f	15	81	93:7
8	$7\mathbf{g}$	10	60	96.5:3.5
9	7 ň	15	85	96:4
10	7h	10	80	95:5
11	7h	5	60	90:10
12	7i	15	21	55:45

^a Reactions were run with 0.125 mmol of borane, 0.125 mmol of acyl imine, 15 mol % catalyst and in toluene (0.1 M) for 16 h under Ar, followed by flash chromatography on silica gel. ^b Catalyst concentration used relative to imine. ^c Isolated yield. ^d Enantiomeric ratios determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Ph NOH EtO₂C (1S,2S)-7a (2R,3R)-7b(3S,5S)-7c(4S,5S)-7d HO' HO' .OH HO. (S)-**7e** X = H (S)-**7f** X = Br (S)-7h Ph OCH₃ (S)-7i

Asymmetric Allylboration of Acyl Imines: Solvent and Additive Effects

entry	solvent	additive	% yield ^b	er ^c
1	THF		32	58:42
2	Et ₂ O		28	60:20
3	CH_2Cl_2		75	92:8
4	$C_6H_5CH_3/C_6H_5CF_3$ (3:1)		77	92:8
5	$C_6H_5CH_3$		81	93:7
6	$C_6H_5CH_3$	3 Å molecular sieve	87	99:1
7	$C_6H_5CH_3$	4 Å molecular sieve	85	97:3
8	$C_6H_5CH_3$	5 Å molecular sieve	83	90:10

^a Reactions were run with 0.125 mmol of borane, 0.125 mmol of acyl imine, 15 mol % catalyst and in toluene (0.1 M) for 16 h under Ar, followed by flash chromatography on silica gel. ^b Isolated yield. ^c Enantiomeric ratios determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

Asymmetric Allylboration of Benzoyl Imines: Scope and Limitations

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(S)-7h	Ph
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entry	R	product	% yield ^b	er ^c
1	Ph	9a	87	99:1
2	p-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	9 b	83	98:2
3	p-Br-C ₆ H ₄	9c	86	97.5:2.5
4	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	9d	85	95:5
5^d	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄	9e	94	98:2
6^d	o-F-C ₆ H ₄	9 f	91	95.5:4.5
7^d	m-CF ₃ -C ₆ H ₄	9g	89	97.5:2.5
8	$2-C_4H_3O$	9h	83	96:4
9	$2-C_4H_3S$	9i	81	95:5
10	2-naphthyl	9j	88	96:4
11	(E)-PhCH=CH	9k	82	95.5:4.5
12	$PhCH_2CH_2$	91	83	99.5:0.5
13	c-C ₆ H ₁₁	9m	80	98:2
14	t-Bu	9n	81	99.5:0.5
15	$BnOCH_2$	9o	84	96.5:3.5
16	(Z)-EtCH=CH(CH ₂) ₂	9p	82	95.5:4.5

Asymmetric Allylboration of Benzoyl Imines: What About Other Types of Imines?

entry	R	product	% yield ^b	er ^c
1	CH ₃ O	11a	13	57:43
2	t-BuO	11b	25	65:35
3	CH_2 = $CHCH_2O$	11c	41	65:35
4	CH_3	11d	52	70:30
5	p-(CH ₃) ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄	11e	76	97:3
6	<i>p</i> -CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	11f	80	97.5:2.5
7	p-Br-C ₆ H ₄	11g	83	96.5:3.5
8	<i>p</i> -F-C ₆ H ₄	11h	84	97.5:2.5
9	p-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄	11i	92	99.5:0.5
10	o-F-C ₆ H ₄	11j	83	69:31
11	(E)-PhCH=CH	11k	82	95:5
12	c-C ₆ H ₁₁	111	83	97:3

Crotylboration of Acyl Imines

Removal of the N-Benzoyl Group:

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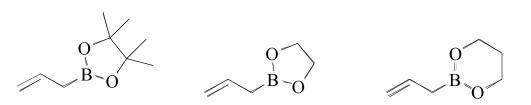
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Mechanistic Studies: Boronate Ligand Exchange

Allylboronates are activated via exchange of the alkoxy boronate ligands:

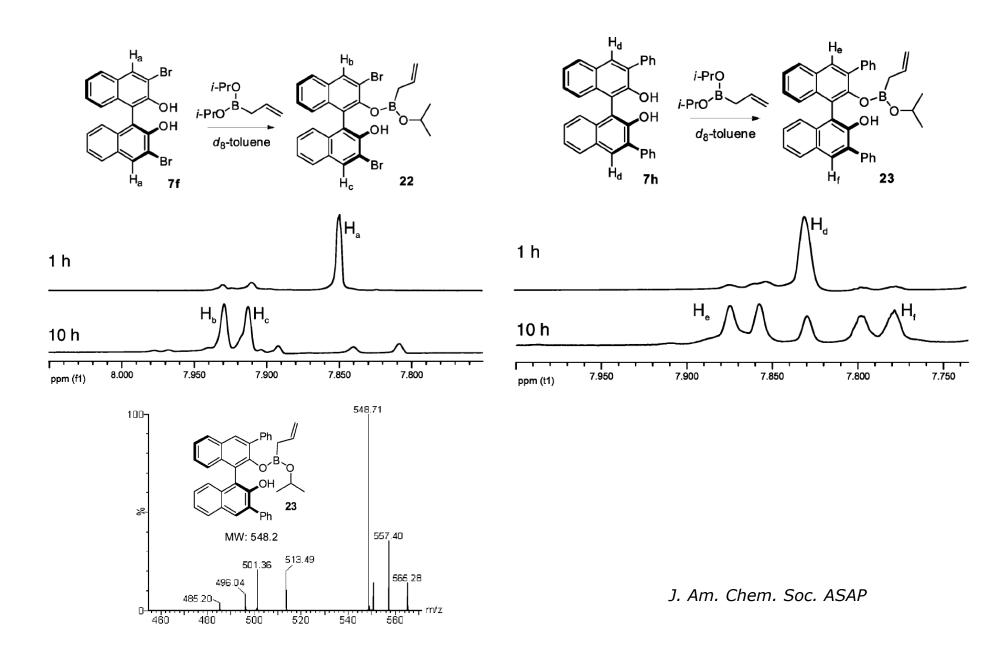
- Using pinacol, ethylene glycol and 1,3-propanediol suffers from very slow reaction, low yields and stereoselectivity
- Diisopropoxy boronate gave best results



• The diol functionality of the catalyst is essential

entry	catalyst	mol % ^b	% yield ^c	er ^d
11	7h	5	60	90:10
12	7i	15	21	55:45

Mechanistic Studies: Spectroscopic Characterization of the Reaction



Enantiofacial Selectivity in Asymmetric Allylboration: Proposed Transition States

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Conclusions

- Highly enantioselective allylboration of acyl imines catalysed by chiral BINOL-derived catalysts has developed
- The reaction is highly selective for both aryl and aliphatic acyl imines
- Crotyl boronates give the corresponding anti-products in high diasteroselectivity
- Mechanistic studies confirm ligand exchange between boronate and catalyst