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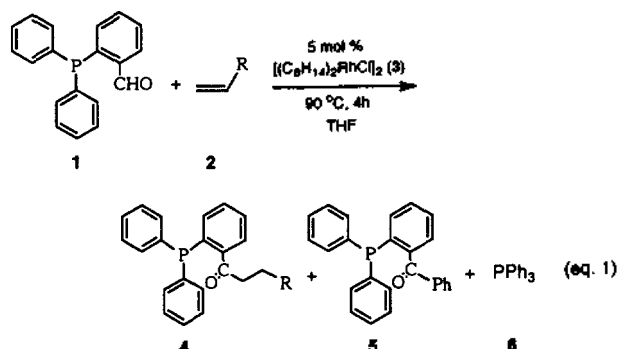
Consecutive Hydroacylation and Reduction of 1-Alkyne with 2-(Diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde by Rh(I)

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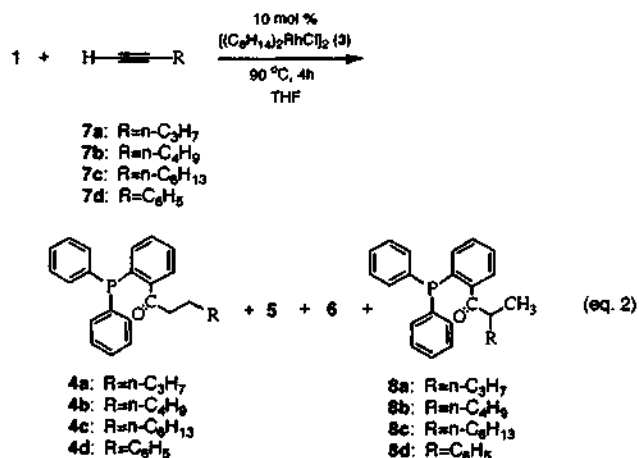
One of good ways to make C-C bond in organic synthesis is hydroacylation which is addition reaction of an aldehyde C-H bond across an alkene under transition metal catalyst.¹ Although intramolecular hydroacylation has been studied in detail,² limited number of intermolecular hydroacylations have been documented¹ in spite of its usefulness. The major problem for intermolecular hydroacylation is the competition with decarbonylation, which has been used for elimination of aldehyde functional group in organic compounds.³ In order to solve its limitation, some model compounds such as 8-quinolinecarboxaldehyde,⁴ aldimine,⁵ 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde⁶ were applied for hydroacylation. Already hydroacylation of 1-alkene with 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde has been studied (eq. 1).⁷ Reaction of 2-(diphenylphos-



phino)benzaldehyde (1) and 1-alkene (2) in THF at 90°C for 4 h in the presence of $[(C_6H_5)_2RhCl]_2$ (3) as a catalyst (5 mol%) gave a mixture of 4, 5 and 6.⁷ While 4 was the major

hydroacylated product, compound 5 and 6 supposed to be the ones derived from P-C bond cleavage and decarbonylation of 1. Since hydroacylation of 1-alkyne with aldehyde supposed to give α,β -unsaturated ketone,⁸ 1-alkyne is another interesting substrate. This report deals with consecutive hydroacylation and reduction of 1-alkynes with 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde as a model compound under Rh(I) catalyst.

When 1 was reacted with 1-pentyne (7a) in THF at 90°C for 4 h in the presence of 3 as a catalyst (10 mol% based upon 1), a mixture of 4a, 5 and 6 was obtained in a 74 : 3 : 23 ratio, determined by gas chromatography (eq. 2).⁹ Hydroacylated product, 4a was isolated in 30% yield (based on 1)



along with a small amount of branched alkyl ketone 8a, determined by GC-MSD.¹⁰ Saturated alkyl ketone 4a and 8a were unexpected products for this reaction, since hydroacylation of 1-alkyne should have given α,β -unsaturated ketone.⁸ Any initial hydroacylated product, α,β -unsaturated ketone, was not determined. Other 1-alkynes could also be used for this hydroacylation under identical reaction condition. The results are summarized in Table 1.

When 1 was reacted with 1-hexyne (7b), 1-octyne (7c) and phenyl acetylene (7d) in different mole ratios of substrates, corresponding saturated alkyl ketones, 4b, 4c¹¹ and 4d were obtained with a trace amount of branched alkyl ketone 8.¹⁰ The first step for this hydroacylation must be aldehyde C-

This result indicates that 1-alkyne has much higher reactivity (about 12 times) than 1-alkene. The strong coordination power of 1-alkyne compared with that of 1-alkene to the transition metals might be a major role for the greater reactivity of 1-alkyne than that of 1-alkene.¹³

In conclusion, hydroacylation of 1-alkyne with 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde (**1**) with Rh(I) catalyst (**3**) afforded a mixture of 2-(diphenylphosphino)alkanophenone **4**, **5**, and **6**, identical products prepared from hydroacylation of 1-alkene with a trace amount of branched alkyl ketone **8**. The reason for the formation of saturated alkyl ketone must be that hydroacylation of 1-alkyne with aldehyde generates *trans*- α,β -unsaturated ketone and subsequent hydride reduction generated from C-H bond cleavage by Rh(I) leads to saturated alkyl ketone. Clear reduction mechanism of α,β -unsaturated ketone by rhodium(III)hydride generated from C-H bond cleavage of **1** is under study.

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- Treatment of reagents carried out under argon in dry box. Some corresponding phosphine oxides were obtained during silica-gel column chromatography separation after the reaction.
- Since hydroacylated branched alkyl ketone **8a** was hardly isolated due to presence of a small amount (2%), detection was only possible by GC-MSD. Characteristic mass peak of $\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 318, McLafferty rearranged fragment derived from the branched alkyl ketones such as **8a**, **8b**, **8c** and **8d** has been shown. **8a**: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 360 (M^+ , 3.9), 345 (M^+-CH_3 , 16.2), 318 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 23.7), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$, 100), 303 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}^+$, 3.3), 221 (6.5), 183 (15.5); **8b**: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 374 (M^+ , 6.1), 359 (M^+-CH_3 , 10.9), 318 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 28.1), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$, 100), 303 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}^+$, 6.6), 221 (6.7), 183 (11.8); **8c**: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 403 (MH^+ , 4.4), 402 (M^+ , 4.1), 388 (MH^+-CH_3 , 16.4), 387 (M^+-CH_3 , 13.1), 318 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 27.9), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}$, 100), 303 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}^+$, 5.9), 201 (7.3), 183 (12.5); **8d**: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 395 (MH^+ , 22.8), 394 (M^+ , 25.2), 380 (MH^+-CH_3 , 100), 379 (M^+-CH_3 , 89.3), 318 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 19.9), 303 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}^+$, 13.0), 207 (26.1), 183 (38.7); **8e**: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 374 (M^+ , 17.7), 359 (M^+-CH_3 , 66.3), 318 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)^+$, 16.7), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$, 100), 303 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}^+$, 46.2), 201 (32.5), 183 (31.6).
- Spectroscopic analysis of **4c**. **4c**: ^1H NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.85-7.27 (m, 14H, $2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ & C_6H_4), 2.72 (t, $J=7.1$ Hz, 2H, $\alpha\text{-CH}_2$ to CO), 1.25-0.85 (m, 15H, $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{15}$); IR spectrum (neat) 3059, 2921, 2855, 1677 (CO), 1585, 1440, 1295, 1203, 1124, 999, 933, 755, 597 cm^{-1} ; mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 403 (MH^+ , 6.3), 373 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, 2.3), 359 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_3\text{H}_7$, 4.3), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}$, 3.0), 304 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}_2^+$, 26.5), 303 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$, 100), 225 (12.9), 183 (9.3).
- The ratio was determined by GC and a trace amount (<0.5%) of branched alkyl ketone **8e** was obtained. **11e** was partially oxidized to give phosphine oxide form of **11e** during chromatographic separation. Spectroscopic analysis of **4e** and **11e**. **4e**: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.89-7.03 (m, 14H, $2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ & C_6H_4), 2.90 (t, $J=8.0$ Hz, 2H, $\alpha\text{-CH}_2$ to CO), 1.55 (t, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H, $\beta\text{-CH}_2$ to CO), 0.89 (s, 9H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 209.97 (CO), 138.22-128.15 (Cs of three phenyl group), 37.83 ($\beta\text{-C}$ to CO), 35.84 ($\alpha\text{-C}$ to CO), 31.26 ($\gamma\text{-C}$ to CO), 29.13 (3Cs of 3CH_3); IR spectrum (neat) 3059, 2967, 2875, 1703 (CO), 1591, 1440, 1367, 1262, 1203, 1124, 933, 749, 696 cm^{-1} ; mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 375 (MH^+ , 2.2), 374 (M^+ , 8.7), 359 (M^+-CH_3 , 6.3), 317 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_4\text{H}_9$, 3.7), 304 ($\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}_2^+$, 21.3), 303 ($\text{M}^+-\text{C}_5\text{H}_{11}$, 100), 225 (13.9), 183 (18.2). **11e**: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm) 7.70-7.27 (m, 14H, $2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ & C_6H_4), 6.85 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz, 1H, $\beta\text{-CH}$ to CO), 6.61 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz, 1H, $\alpha\text{-CH}$ to CO), 1.03 (s, 9H, CH_3); mass

spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 373 (MH^+ , 7.4), 372 (M^+ , 28.3), 358 (MH^+-CH_3 , 32.4), 357 (M^+-CH_3 , 100), 343 (MH^+-2CH_3 , 12.9), 315 ($M^+-(CH_3)_3C$, 38.2), 303 (16.3), 295 (M^+-Ph , 5.5), 221 (15.0), 201 (26.5), 183 (52.3). Oxide form of **11e**: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ (ppm) 7.70-7.27 (m, 14H, $2C_6H_5$ & C_6H_4), 6.46 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz, 1H, β -CH to CO), 6.17 (d, $J=16.0$ Hz, 1H, α -CH to CO), 1.04 (s, 9H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ (ppm) 195.44 (CO), 134.87-123.36 (Cs of three phenyl group), 33.99 (γ -C to CO), 28.39 (3Cs of $3CH_3$); IR spectrum (neat) 3059, 2967, 2875, 1966, 1664 (CO), 1571, 1440, 1368, 1302, 1124, 1032, 861, 755, 703 cm^{-1} ; mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 389 (MH^+ , 8.1), 388 (M^+ , 17.8), 373 (M^+-CH_3 , 17.4), 332 ($MH^+-C(CH_3)_3$, 16.9), 331 ($M^+-C(CH_3)_3$, 53.5), 319 (11.8), 311 ($M^+-C_6H_5$, 21.4), 305 ($Ph_2P(=O)C_6H_4CO^+$, 50.4), 303 (27.7), 295 (14.2), 289 (19.0), 277 ($Ph_2P(=O)C_6H_4$, 36.0), 227 (28.2), 201 (20.0), 183 (32.8), 152 (50.0), 77 (100); HRMS calcd for $C_{25}H_{25}O_2P$ (M^+): 388.1594. Found: 388.1569.

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An Efficient and Enantioselective Synthesis of A Chiral Primary Amine **II**¹

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Chiral amines have received considerable attention because of their potential as a key intermediate for synthetic drugs such as **1**, which was developed in our lab as a potent and irreversible HIV-1 protease inhibitor.²

In our continuing effort to optimize C-terminal of this novel series of inactivators, it was necessary to develop an efficient method for the preparation of optically active primary amines such as **5**. We, herein, report an efficient and enan-

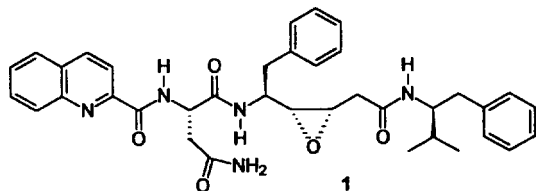
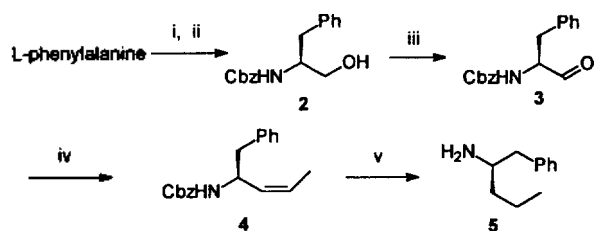
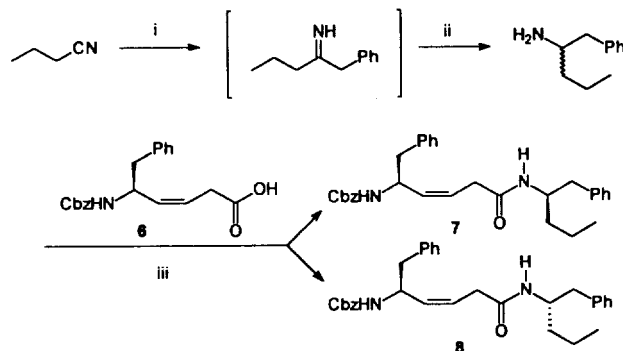


Figure 1. Structure of Irreversible HIV-1 Protease Inactivator.



Scheme 1. Reagents: i) $NaBH_4$, H_2SO_4 , 96%; ii) $CbzCl$, Na_2CO_3 , 95%; iii) $(COCl)_2$, DMSO, Pr_2NEt , 98%; iv) ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, KHMDS, toluene, -20 °C, 92%; v) Pd/C , $MeOH$, 99%.



Scheme 2. Reagents: i) $PhCH_2MgCl$, THF, reflux; ii) $NaBH_4$, THF/ $MeOH$; iii) isobutyl chloroformate, *N*-methylmorpholine, CH_2Cl_2 , -20 °C.

tiotselective synthesis of a chiral primary amine using a naturally occurring amino acid as the starting material.

As shown in Scheme 1, the target amine **5** was synthesized from *L*-phenylalanine. *Cbz*-protected phenylalaninol **2** was readily obtained from *L*-phenylalanine by $NaBH_4$ - H_2SO_4 reduction³ and subsequent *Cbz*-protection. Oxidation of **2** was performed under the modified condition⁴ of Moffat-Swern oxidation at -20 °C. Olefination of **3** was effected by use of potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide in toluene at -20 °C to give **4** without racemization. As a final step, hydrogenation with 10% Pd/C catalyst afforded the target compound **5**. The yields of all the steps in Scheme 1 were higher than 90% (81% overall yield).

The racemic amine was prepared from butyronitrile by the addition of benzylmagnesium chloride and the subsequent $NaBH_4$ reduction of the ketimine intermediate.¹ The coupling of the resulting racemic amine with **6** gave two diastereomers **7** and **8** which can be easily separated⁵ on silica gel column chromatography as depicted in Scheme 2.

The coupling of amine **5** from Scheme 1 with **6** gave exclusively one diastereomer **7**, which proved that the reaction sequence shown in Scheme 1 was an efficient and enantioselective method for the preparation of optically active amine **5**.⁶

Various alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts were subjected to the same method in Scheme 1 to provide optically active amines as follows:

Studies are in progress for the extension of this method to prepare various optically active amines by the combination of *L*- or *D*-amino acids and alkyltriphenylphosphonium salts.