

Orthogonal Bonding





Enantioselective Synthesis of Axial Chiral Allenes



Axial Chiral Allenes: Useful Curiosities

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A Brief History of Allenes



1874-1875: Jacobus H. van't Hoff predicts the correct structures of alenes and cumulenes as well as their axial chirality (*La Chemie dans l'Espace*, Bazendijk: Rotterdam, 1875).

1887: In an attempt to prove the *nonexistence* of these compounds, **B. S. Burton** and **H. von Pechmann** report the first synthesis of an allene (*Ber. Dtsch. Chem. Ges.* **1887**, *20*, 145-149). The paucity of analytical techniques make it very difficult to distinguish from the corresponding alkynes, and the structure is not proven (E. R. H. Jones, G. H. Mansfield, M. L. H. Whiting *J. Chem. Soc.* **1954**, 3208-3212) for almost 70 years!

1924: First naturally occuring allene, pyrethrolone, characterized by H. Staudinger and L. Ruzicka (Helv. Chim. Acta 1924, 7, 177).



1935: First axially chiral allene synthesized by P. Maitland and W. H. Mills (Nature 1935, 135, 994; J. Chem. Soc. 1936, 987-998).



1952?: First cyclic allenes synthesized by **A. T. Blomquist, R. E. Burge, Jr.** and **A. C. Sucsy** (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, *74*, 3636-3642; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1952**, *74*, 3643-47). Ring sizes above nine can be isolated. 1,2-Cyclooctadiene can be detected in small amounts at low temperatures. Ring sizes of seven or below cannot be isolated or detected. Their intermediacy has been determined through trapping/degradation studies. **M. Regitz** and coworkers have described a stable six membered cyclic allene, but is not a hydrocarbon (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 1261-1263).

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Most polarizable group **A** is placed at the top. If **Y** is more polarizable than **X**, the allene will be dextrorotatory (+). If **X** is more polarizable than **Y**, the allene will be levorotatory (-).

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Allenes as Natural Products

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About 150 Natural Allenes are known. Most are chiral but not necessarily enantiopure.

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Allenes as Pharmaceutical Agents

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Chirality Transfer from Propargylic Alcohols

A) Copper-Mediated Methods

Alkylation Halogenation

B) Rearrangements

D) S_N2' reactions

C) Palladium (0)-Mediated Methods

The Beginnings



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anti-elimination



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Enantioenriched Cyclic Allenes



% ee determined for R = Bu, *t*-Bu by GC, Enantioseparation not achieved for others

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Silyl Cuprates



Propargylic Silanes



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Authors conclude syn-elimination is not general for HCuX₂.

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Anti-halogenation



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0.6

1.2

600

610

1040

1350

1235 1550

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Substituting Ph at alkyne terminus resulting in lower stereoselectivity

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Allylic Elimination (β -elimination)

A) Chirality transfer from allylic position



B) Chiral leaving groups





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Equilibration of allylic metal center



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Stoichiometric Chiral Reagents and Auxilliaries

A) Asymmetric Deprotonation-Protonation



B) Asymmetric Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons



Asymmetric Deprotonation



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Kinetic Resolution



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Warning! Speculation by AMH

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Conclusions

Presented a flavor of the methods known to construct axial chiral allenes in an enantioselective manner, as well as a few reactions these products are useful for.

Many reliable methods for chirality transfer from pre-generated stereocenters with stiochiometric reagents.

There is still a deficiency in catalytic asymmetric methods. The selectivities of these processes are not as reliable, and scope has yet to be defined.

Allenes are not just theoretical curiosities and can be useful synthons for asymmetric synthesis as well as potentially useful final targets for biologically relavant molecules.



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