

Axially chiral bidentate P,N-ligands Syntheses and applications in asymmetric catalysis

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First attempt towards a BINAP P,N analogue



Biaryl coupling via P(V)-directed ortho lithiation



Brown, J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 6803-6809.





Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1992, 3, 17-20.

Resolution of (\pm) -1



· Isolated complex 3 as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers

• However, on standing in acetone solution, one diastereomer becomes predominant (4:1)

 \cdot Ligand 1 must be epimerizing within complex via dissociation of isoquinoline nitrogen and subsequent rotation about the biaryl bond

Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1992, 3, 17-20.





Construction of biaryl via Pd-catalyzed cross coupling



Resolution of (\pm) -QUINAP



Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1993, 4, 743-756.

Resolution of (\pm) -QUINAP





- Formation of chelate ring requires distortion from ideal bond angles
- Vector of N-Pd bond out of isoquinoline ring plane (≈ 24°)
- Inter-aryl dihedral angle = 65°, similar to BINAP





· Enantiomerically pure compound does not racemize appreciably on heating to 65 °C for 24h

Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1993, 4, 743-756.

Ph	Ph OAc 6	Catalytic Testing QUI C_3H_5)Cl] $_2$ (1 mol% L (2.5 mol%) CH $_2$ (CO $_2$ Me) $_2$ BSA, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$ (99% yield)	c ally NAP's st	elic alkylat tereoinducing ab Ph Ph + Ph CH(CO 99% ee Pf	iON pility L : 2 Me) 2 altz, <i>Angew</i> . (= , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Ph	Ph OAc 6	C ₃ H ₅)(<i>S</i>)-QUINAP] (2 mol%) nucleophile solvent	BF₄ →►	Ph CH(CO (R)-7	₂ Me) ₂	
entry	nucleophile	solvent	T (°C)	additive	% ee	•
1	CH ₂ (CO ₂ Me) ₂ BSA	THF	20	none	75	BSA = OTMS
2	CH ₂ (CO ₂ Me) ₂ BSA	CH ₂ Cl ₂	20	none	76	TMSN
3	CH ₂ (CO ₂ Me) ₂ BSA	CH ₃ CN	20	none	78	
4	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH ₂ Cl ₂	20	none	75	
5	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH ₃ CN	20	none	78	
6	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH ₂ Cl ₂	20	15-crown-5	90	
7	LiCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH ₂ Cl ₂	20	15-crown-5	73	(S)-QUIINAP
8	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	neat 15-crown-5	20	15-crown-5	92	
9	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH ₃ CN	20	15-crown-5	95	
10	NaCH(CO ₂ Me) ₂	CH₃CN	-13	15-crown-5	98.2 (95% yield)	

Brown, Tetrahedron, 1994, 50, 4493-4506.

Catalytic allylic alkylation A model transition state: rationalizing stereoinduction

1. NMR studies and rate of reaction suggest nucleophile attacks trans to P



- Major diastereomers of allylpalladium complexes of (R)-QUINAP determined by NMR analysis
- Major product has malonate bonded to less substituted terminus
- If reactive allyl terminus must be trans to P, then unfavorable equilibrium is necessary for A
- 2. Assume nucleophilic attack on allyl occurs via a late transition state



Attack trans to P in a product like geometry engenders steric interactions between H₃ of isoquinoline and phenyl group of allyl moiety
 Brown, *Tetrahedron* **1994**, *50*, 4493-4506.

Increased steric demand: PHENAP



Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1995, 6, 2597-2610.

Resolution of PHENAP



Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1995, 6, 2597-2610.

Catalytic allylic alkylation PHENAP vs QUINAP

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NMR studies reveal PHENAP exhibits higher diasteroselectivity on complexation

entry	ligand	solvent	major:minor
1	QUINAP	CDCI ₃	2:1
2	PHENAP	CDCI ₃	10:1
3	QUINAP	CD ₂ Cl ₂	6:1
4	PHENAP	CD ₂ Cl ₂	20:1



Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1995, 6, 2597-2610.



entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% ee	configuration
1		(<i>S</i>)-9	75	91.5	S
2 ^a		(<i>S</i>)-9	75	86	S
3	Me	(<i>S</i>)-9	80	95	S
4		(<i>S</i>)-9	78	96	S
5		(<i>S</i>)-9	82	90	S

^a In a previous publication, 99% ee is claimed, but this result could not be reproduced.

Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1995, 6, 2593-2596; Brown, Chem. Eur. J. 1999, 5, 1320-1330.



entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% ee	configuration	black = <i>QUINAP</i> blue = <i>PHENAP</i>
1		(<i>S</i>)-9 (<i>R</i>)-10	75 70	91.5 67	S R	
2 ^a		(<i>S</i>)-9 (<i>R</i>)-10	75 59	86 64	S R	
3	Me	(<i>S</i>)-9 (<i>R</i>)-10	80 60	95 91	S R	
4		(<i>S</i>)-9 (<i>R</i>)-10	78 69	96 84	S R	
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• Resolution effected via complexation with di- μ -chloro-bis[(*R*)-dimethyl(1-phenethyl)aminato-C², N]dipalladium

• (\pm)-15 and (\pm)-16 could not be resolved

Brown, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1997, 8, 3775-3784.





(R)-9 or (S)-14

Aryl groups with *electron-releasing* substituents

entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee	entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee
1		(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	75 79	97 94	89 88	5 ^b		(<i>R</i>)-9	21	63	77
2	$\langle \rangle$	(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	81 80	97 92	86 81	6 M	le ₂ N	(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	55 67	97 96	62 79
3		(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	82 74	93 93	92 90	7 N	AeO	(<i>R</i>)-9	82	96	94
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^a Remainder primary alcohol

^b 5% excess ligand





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OTf or BF₄

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Aryl groups with electron-withdrawing substituents

entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee	entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee
1 F		(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	77 77	96 92	80 75	5 ^a		(<i>R</i>)-9 (<i>S</i>)-14	59 74	96 93	55 69
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β -substituted vinylarenes

entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee	entry	reactant	catalyst	% yield	% <i>sec</i> -OH ^a	% ee
1		(<i>R</i>)-9	80	99	93	5		(<i>R</i>)-9	78	99	96
2	\bigcirc	(<i>R</i>)-9	80	99	95	6		(<i>R</i>)-9	82	96	90
3	Ph	(<i>R</i>)-9	86		91	7		(<i>R</i>)-9	80	99	86
4 MeC		(<i>R</i>)-9	84	99	97	8		(<i>R</i>)-9	64	96	66

^a Remainder primary alcohol





Asymmetric hydroboration Model for enantioselectivity

Same configurational relationship between L and product holds for QUINAP and BINAP



a) Intermediate in the preferred pathway; increasingly favored as styrene is more electron-rich

b) Disfavored pathway; more probable with electron-poor styrenes

• In square-planar Pt complexes electron-rich styrenes bind more strongly *trans* to pyridine than electron-poor analogues

• Trend in enantioselectivity (overall higher ee's for electron-rich alkenes) can potentially be explained by a competition between the two pathways



Brown, Tetrahedron 1997, 53, 4035-4050.



Quinazol	linap
<i>Design prin</i>	ciple







limiting factor



Quinazolinap)
Design principle	



Guiry, *Tetrahedron* **1999**, *55*, 3061-3070.



Guiry, Tetrahedron 1999, 55, 3061-3070.



• Same behavior as (R)-PHENAP

Binding via P only

Guiry, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 1999, 10, 2797-2807.



Asymmetric hydroboration





R + H-B	1. catalyst (1 mol%) THF, 0 ℃	OH R
	2. H ₂ O ₂ , NaOH	

2-phenyl-Quinazolinap

Asymmetric hydroboration



^a Remainder primary alcohol. ^b T = 25 °C

Guiry, Chem. Commun. 2000, 1333-1334.



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Guiry, J. Org. Chem. 2004, 69, 6572-6589.



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Altering the electronic nature



Resolution and application



· Possible hemi-labile nature of the substituent might hinder progress and stereochemical outcome of reaction

Guiry, Tetrahedron 2005, 61, 9808-9821.







Quinazox Asymmetric allylic alkylation

entry	ligand	base	% yield	% ee
1	(<i>R</i>)-L ₁	LiOAc	> 95	81 (<i>R</i>)
2	(<i>R</i>)-L ₁	КОАс	> 95	55 (<i>R</i>)
3	(<i>S</i>)-L ₁	LiOAc	> 95	58 (<i>S</i>)
4	(<i>S</i>)-L ₁	КОАс	> 95	15 (<i>S</i>)
5	(<i>R</i>)-L ₂	LiOAc	> 95	60 (<i>R</i>)
6	(<i>R</i>)-L ₂	КОАс	> 95	7 (<i>S</i>)
7	(<i>S</i>)-L ₂	LiOAc	88	39 (<i>S</i>)
8	(<i>S</i>)-L ₂	KOAc	> 95	55 (<i>R</i>)





Guiry, Org. Lett. 2006, 8, 5109-5112.

Less common 2-substituents



Guiry, Eur. J. Org. Chem. 2008, 5055-5066.

Different aryl groups



Different aryl groups



Expanding the scope of reactions β -borylation of α,β -unsaturated esters

\sim	CuCl (2 mol%) NaO <i>t</i> -Bu (4 mol%)	
OR	L (4 mol%)	· · · · OR
	B ₂ Pin ₂ , MeOH	
	THF, rt	

entry	R	ligand	% conversion	% ee	entry	R	ligand	% conversion	% ee
1	Ме	1	100	50	10	Et	4	98	38
2	Ме	2	95	20	11	Et	5	99	12
3	Ме	3	65	51	12	Et	6	82	15
4	Ме	4	100	40	13	<i>i</i> -Bu	1	100	79
5	Ме	5	100	25	14	<i>i</i> -Bu	2	100	35
6	Ме	6	71	13	15	<i>i</i> -Bu	3	100	42
7	Et	1	100	72	16	<i>i</i> -Bu	4	23	48
8	Et	2	100	34	17	<i>i</i> -Bu	5	100	20
9	Et	3	75	40	18	<i>i</i> -Bu	6	26	20

CI









Guiry, Org. Biomol. Chem. 2009, 7, 2520-2524.



Carreira, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2004, 43, 5971-5973.

PINAP Epimerization studies

HN Ph HN Ph N N N N N N N (S)- <i>N</i> -PINAP	reflux solvent	HN Ph $HN Ph$ Ph Ph Ph $S)$	HN Ph HN Ph Ph PPh ₂ (<i>R</i>)
Time (h)	<i>p</i> -xylene (bp: 138 °C)	toluene (bp: 111 °C)	benzene (bp: 80 °C)
4	1:1	3:1	>98:2
8		2:1	>98:2
20		1:1	>98:2

Ratio monitored by ¹H NMR spectroscopy

• Calculated half life $t_{1/2}$ at 65 °C is more than 25 days

Carreira, Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 2007, 80, 1635-1657.

Testing PINAP



Azomethine cycloaddition



Carreira, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2004, 43, 5971-5973.

Critical role of the covalently bound chiral group Catalytic, enantioselective, conjugate alkyne addition



Diastereomeric pairs give very different ee's

• Suggests critical role for chiral amine group (matched/mismatched)

• Underscores PINAP as a modular scaffold (amenable to steric and electronic changes)

Carreira, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 9682-9683.

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Reaction scope

entry	R	L (mol%)	% yield	% ee
1	<i>i</i> -Pr	10	94	95
2	C ₆ H ₁₁	10	81	94
3	<i>i</i> -Bu	20	85	90
4	Et	20	83	82
5	Ph	20	64	83
6	<i>m</i> -tol	20	87	90 (98) ^a

^a After one recrystallization from EtOAc

No stereoinduction from Na-(+)-ascorbate



Carreira, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 9682-9683.

The vast world of axially chiral P,N-ligands An active area of research



Pfaltz, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 1998, 37, 323-325.

Kocovsky, J. Org. Chem. 1998, 63, 7738-7748.

The vast world of axially chiral P,N-ligands An active area of research





Cu-catalyzed conjugate addition 98% conversion, 92% ee





Allylic alkylation (BSA method) 82% yield, 92% ee, rt

Zhang, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 1999, 38, 3518-3521.

Ha, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2006, 17, 1688-1692.



Morimoto, Tetrahedron Lett. 2004, 45, 5717-5722.

Virgil, Tetrahedron Lett. 1999, 40, 1245-1248.

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95% yield, 97% ee





94% ee

Widhalm, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry **1998**, 9, 1073-1083.





NMe PPh₂



Allylic alkylation (BSA method) 74% yield, 78% ee, -25 °C

Li, Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2007, 18, 1043-1047.

Koga, *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1994**, *35*, 6689-6692.

Stoltz approach towards QUINAP

Aryne acyl-alkylation/condensation



Stoltz, Org. Biomol. Chem. 2009, 7, 4960-4964.



QUINAP derivatives

Concluding remarks

• A large and diverse range of heterobidentate axially chiral P,N-ligands have been designed and prepared.

• Their application in a variety of assymetric transformations demonstrate that excellent enantioselectivities, regioselectivities and reactivities can be achieved by their metal complexes.

• However, research in this area also highlights the difficulty in finding a universal ligand.

• There is a need for the tailoring of ligands within each transformation for each substrate used.