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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-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde has been studied (eq. 1).⁷ Reaction of 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde has been studied (eq. 1).⁷ Reaction of 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde has been studied (eq. 1).⁸ Reaction of 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde hydroacylation of

phino)benzaldehyde (1) and 1-alkene (2) in THF at 90°C for 4 h in the presence of $[(C_8H_{14})_2RhCl]_2$ (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. Saturated alkyl ketone **4a** and **8a** were unexpected products for this reaction, since hydroacylation of 1-alkyne should have given α, β -unsaturated ketone. 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-

Table 1. Hydroacylation of 1-Alkyne (7) with 2-(Diphenylphosphino)benzaldehyde (1)

Entry	R	mole ratio of 1:7	Ratio ^a of 4/5/6	Isolated Yield of 4
1	n-C ₃ H ₅ (7a)	1:5	74:3:23	30%*
2	$n-C_4H_9$ (7b)	1:5	98:2:0	26 %′
3	$n-C_6H_{13}$ (7e)	1:5	90:10:0	26%
4	C_6H_5 (7d)	1:5	98:0:2	$23\%^d$
5	$n-C_3H_5$ (7a)	3:1	79:12:9	75%
6	$n-C_4H_9$ (7b)	3:1	73:23:4	84%
7	n-C ₆ H ₁₃ (7e)	3:1	76:19:5	88%
8	C_6H_5 (7d)	3:1	61:39:0	53%

*All reactions were carried out in THF at 90°C for 4h under 10 mol% of [(C₈H₁₄)₂RhCl]₂ (3). Product yield lower than 1% is ignored.; ^aProduct ratio was determined by GC-MSD; ^bcontains 2% of branched alkyl ketone (8a); ^ccontains 1% of branched alkyl ketone (8b); ^dcontains 1% of branched alkyl ketone (8d); ^ccontains 2% of branched alkyl ketone (8b); ^dcontains 1% of branched alkyl ketone (8c).

H bond cleavage of 1 by Rh(I)⁴ and coordination of 1-alkyne to lead intermediate 9 (eq. 3). Hydrometallation of 1-alkyne in 9 might generate acylrhodium(III) trans-1-alkenyl complex

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10, and subsequent reductive elimination of 10 affords trans-α,β-unsaturated ketone 11. The reaction could not stop at this stage, and hydride reduction of 11 might produce 4 as a final product. There are two possible hydride sources, acylrhodium(III) hydride 12 and alkynylrhodium(III) hydride 13, generated from C-H bond cleavage of aldehyde 1 and 1-alkyne 7 by Rh(I).

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If 12 reduces 11 to 4, at least 3 equivalents of 1 based

upon 7 should be needed. That is, one equivalent of 1 must be used for hydroacylation of 1-alkyne to give α,β -unsaturated ketones and two equivalents of 1 for the subsequent reduction of α,β -unsaturated ketone. When the reactions were carried out in a 1:5 mole ratio for 1 and 7, 23-30% yields of hydroacylated products were isolated based upon 1 (Table 1. entries 1-4). By contrast, when the reactions were carried out in a 3:1 mole ratio for 1 and 7, in which a limiting reactant was 7, 53-88% yield of hydroacylated products based upon 7 were isolated (Table 1. entries 5-8). These results explain that the hydride source for reduction must be 12 generated from C-H bond cleavage of 1 with Rh(I). Reactivity of intermediate 11 might be much higher than that of 7 towards acylrhodium(III) hydride, since 11 could not be isolated.

When 3,3-dimethyl-1-butyne (7e), a sterically hindered 1-alkyne, was applied for this hydroacylation (1:5 mole ratio of 1 and 7e) in order to identify the generation of the intermediate 11, $trans-\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone 11e, 4e, 5 and 6 were obtained in a 69:23:7:1 ratio in 68% yield.¹² (eq. 4) The reason for isolation of large amount of 11e must

be that sterically hindered t-butyl group retards the metal-hydride approach to the olefin in 11e to reduce it. Exclusive trans-olefin formation (11e: $J_{\text{CH}=\text{CB}}=16.0~\text{Hz}$) ensures the mechanism involving the intermediates 10 and 11 in eq. 3. From the above result, it is clear that branched alkyl ketone 8 might be also produced from the reduction of 15 via initial hydrometallation intermediate 14.

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & & & & \\ Ph_2-P & & C=O & & & & & \\ Cl-Rh & C=CH_2 & & & & C=O \\ L_2' & C=CH_2 & & & C=CH_2 \\ & R & & & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

When I was reacted with an equimolar mixture of 1-pentene (16) and 1-hexyne (7b) under the identical previous reaction condition to compare the reactivity of 1-alkene with that of 1-alkyne for hydroacylation, a mixture of 4a, 4b and 5 was isolated in a 7:85:8 ratio in 31% yield (eq. 4).

(31 % yield)

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.
- 10. 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 $Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH) = CH(CH_3)^+$, 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⁺-CH₃, 16.2), 318 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH) = CH(CH₃)⁺, 23.7), 317 (M⁺-C₃H₇, 100), 303 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH) = CH⁺, 3.3), 221 (6.5), 183 (15.5); 8b: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 374 (M⁺, 6.1), 359 (M⁺-CH₃, 10.9), 318 $(Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH)=CH(CH_3)^+, 28.1), 317 (M^+-C_4H_{9}, 100),$ 303 ($Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH) = CH^+$, 6.6), 221 (6.7), 183 (11.8); 8c: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 403 (MH⁺, 4.4), 402 (M⁺, 4.1), 388 (MH⁺-CH₃, 16.4), 387 $(M^+-CH_3, 13.1)$, 318 $(Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH)=CH(CH_3)^+, 27.9)$, 317 (M⁺-C₆H₁₃, 100), 303 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH)=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+-CH₃, 100), 379 (M+-CH₃, 89.3), 318 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C $(OH) = CH(CH_3)^+$, 19.9), 303 $(Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH) = CH^+$, 13. 0), 207 (26.1), 183 (38.7). 8e: mass spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 374 (M⁺, 17.7), 359 (M⁺-CH₃, 66.3), 318 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH) = CH(CH₂)⁺, 16.7), 317 (M⁺-C₄H₉, 100), 303 ($Ph_2PC_6H_4C(OH) = CH^+$, 46.2), 201 (32.5), 183 (31.6).
- 11. Spectroscopic analysis of 4c. 4c: 1 H NMR (100 MHz, CDCI₃) δ (ppm) 7.85-7.27 (m, 14H, 2C₆H₅ & C₆H₄), 2.72 (t, f=7.1 Hz, 2H, α -CH₂ to CO), 1.25-0.85 (m, 15H, n-C₇H₁₅); 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 (M⁺-C₂H₅, 2.3), 359 (M⁺-C₃H₇, 4.3), 317 (M⁺-C₆H₁₃, 3.0), 304 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH)=CH₂⁺, 26.5), 303 (M⁺-C₅H₁₁, 100), 225 (12.9), 183 (9.3).
- 12. 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, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.89-7.03 (m, 14H, $2C_6H_5$ & C_6H_4), 2.90 (t, J=8.0Hz, 2H, α -CH₂ to CO), 1.55 (t, J=8.6 Hz, 2H, β -CH₂ to CO), 0.89 (s, 9H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 209.97 (CO), 138.22-128.15 (Cs of three phenyl group), 37.83 (β-C to CO), 35.84 (α-C to CO), 31.26 (γ-C to CO), 29.13 (3Cs of 3CH₃); 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+-CH₃, 6.3), 317 (M⁺-C₄H₉, 3.7), 304 (Ph₂PC₆H₄C(OH) = CH₂⁺, 21. 3), 303 (M⁺-C₅H₁₁, 100), 225 (13.9), 183 (18.2). 11e: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 7.70-7.27 (m, 14H, 2C₆H₅ & C_6H_4), 6.85 (d, J=16.0 Hz, 1H, β -CH to CO), 6.61 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, α -CH to CO), 1.03 (s, 9H, CH₃); mass

spectrum (assignment, relative intensity) 373 (MH+, 7.4), 372 (M+, 28.3), 358 (MH+-CH₃, 32.4), 357 (M+-CH₃, 100), 343 (MH⁺-2CH₃, 12.9), 315 (M⁺-(CH₃)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, CDCl₃) 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, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm) 195.44 (CO), 134.87-123.36 (Cs of three phenyl group), 33.99 (γ-C to CO), 28.39 (3Cs of 3CH₃); 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⁺-CH₃, 17.4), 332 (MH⁺-C(CH₃)₃, 16.9), 331 (M⁺-C $(CH_3)_3$, 53.5), 319 (11.8), 311 (M⁺-C₆H₅, 21.4), 305 (Ph₂P $(=0)C_6H_4CO^+$, 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 II¹

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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) NaBH₄, H₂SO₄, 96%; ii) CbzCl, Na₂CO₃, 95%; iii) (COCl)₂, DMSO, 'Pr₂NEt, 98%; iv) ethyltriphenylphosphonium bromide, KHMDS, toluene, −20 °C, 92%; v) Pd/C, H₂, MeOH, 99%.

Scheme 2. Reagents: i) PhCH₂MgCl, THF, reflux; ii) NaBH₄, THF/MeOH; iii) isobutyl chloroformate, N-methylmorpholine, CH₂Cl₂, -20 °C.

tioselective 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 NaBH₄-H₂SO₄ 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 NaBH₄ reduction of the ketemine 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.