



SYNTHESIS OF A NEW CHIRAL BIS-ARSINE LIGAND BASED ON NATURAL CARBOHYDRATES

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INTRODUCTION

Transition-metal-catalyzed asymmetric allylic substitutions have become one of the most powerful tools for asymmetric C–C bond formation.¹ Chiral diphosphine ligands have been some of the largest classes of ligands used in asymmetric substitutions. Trost developed the chiral ligand **1** (Fig. 1), which played a crucial role in the improvement of Pd-catalyzed asymmetric substitutions.² Based on the Trost modular ligand (TML) system **3** (Fig. 1) a family of ligands has been prepared. We recently reported the synthesis and application of the novel chiral bis-arsine ligand **2** derived from TML.³

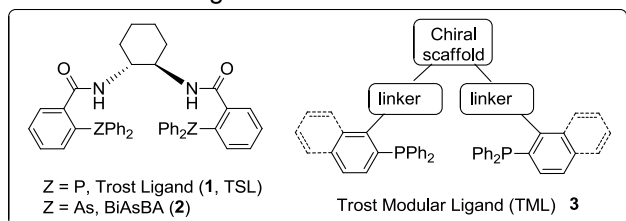


Figure 1. Phosphine and arsine Trost modular ligands.

Currently, significant attention has been turned towards the use of chiral ligands based on natural carbohydrates.⁴ Herein, we describe the synthesis of a chiral bis-arsine ligand such as **2** containing the chiral scaffold derived from a carbohydrate.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The introduction of the diphenylarsine group was achieved by the Pd-catalyzed arsination of the ester **5**, obtained after a Fischer esterification of carboxylic acid **4** (Fig. 2). Through hydrolysis of arsine ester the arsine containing carboxylic acid **6** was acquired. Treatment of D-glucosamine (**7**) with acetic anhydride provided the *N*-acetyl glucosamine. After that the free anomeric hydroxyl group was protected with benzyl alcohol obtaining the sugar **8**. A last protecting reaction was achieved with benzaldehyde in order to obtain the 4,6-*O*-benzylidene derivative. By desprotection of the amine group the carbohydrate **9** was achieved (Fig. 2). This key sugar intermediate was used as chiral scaffold to

construct the arsine ligand. Finally, the condensation reaction of the free hydroxyl and amine groups of carbohydrate **9** with the arsine carboxylic acid **6** was performed, and the chiral bis-arsine ligand **10** was obtained.

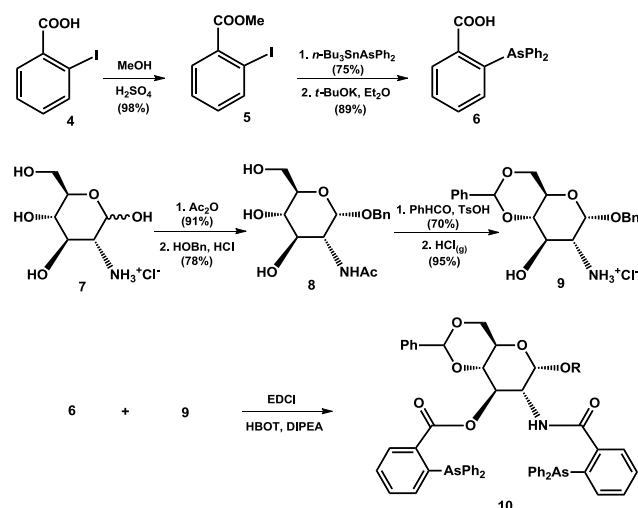


Figure 2. Synthesis of bis-arsine chiral ligand

CONCLUSION

The sugar-based amino precursor **9** was synthesized straightforward from D-Glucosamine. This building block was employed as key intermediate in the synthesis of a new chiral bis-arsine ligand.

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