

compounds, cells resumed migration and proliferated to give a confluent layer, indicating the drugs were not cytotoxic over the time course of this assay.

This example establishes that the dynamic substrates are compatible with experiments to modulate cell behavior in situ and in real time. Our results suggest that this method will be broadly useful in assays for screening libraries of drug candidates that have antimigratory effects, and that can block metastasis in cancer.<sup>[16]</sup> These substrates also offer immediate opportunities for mechanistic studies of cell migration including investigations of the dependence of cell migration on the density and affinity of immobilized ligands. Finally, these active surfaces can be combined with microelectrode arrays to modulate the presentation of ligands on select regions of the substrate and to even immobilize multiple ligands on the substrate.

The most important feature of this method is that these substrates are defined at the molecular scale and therefore provide complete control over ligand–receptor interactions between cell and substrate. The use of physical organic and synthetic chemistry was critical to the design and preparation of this dynamic substrate. This molecular approach is significant because it can be applied to the design of dynamic substrates having other functions, including those that selectively release immobilized ligands and that reversibly modulate the activities of ligands.<sup>[17]</sup> Most importantly, the chemical approach described here provides unprecedented control in developing tailored substrates for modulating cell behavior, and will have an impact on programs in bioorganic chemistry, cell biology, and materials science.

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## Asymmetric Induction by Helical Hydrocarbons: [6]- and [5]Helicenes\*\*

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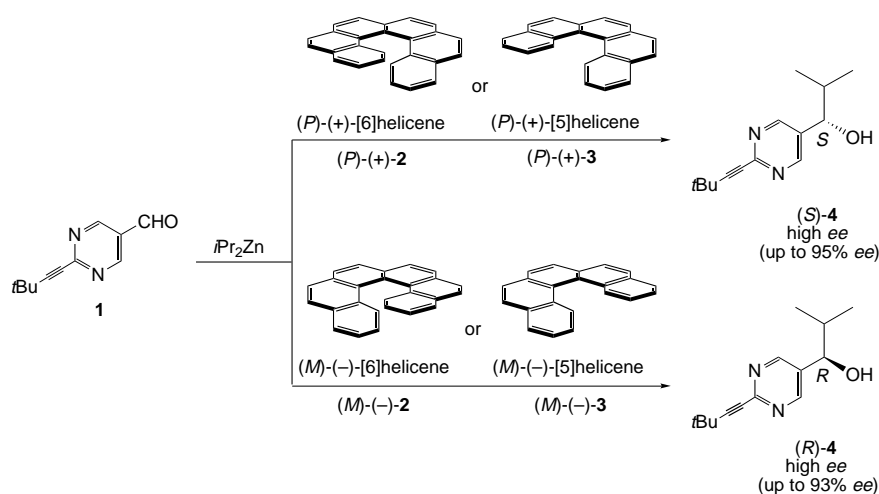
Enantiomerically enriched organic compounds that have been used as chiral catalysts and ligands in asymmetric synthesis possess a heteroatom(s) such as oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and phosphorus in addition to carbon and hydrogen atom(s).<sup>[1]</sup> To the best of our knowledge, no chiral hydrocarbon has ever been used successfully as a chiral ligand or catalyst in asymmetric synthesis. On the other hand, [6]- and

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[5]helicene are hydrocarbons with chiral helical structures.<sup>[2]</sup> However, helicene skeletons have rarely been used in enantioselective synthesis. Chiral phosphane ligands with helicene skeletons,<sup>[3]</sup> and a chiral diol with a bis[5]helicene skeleton<sup>[4]</sup> have been prepared and were used as a chiral ligand<sup>[3a]</sup> and as a catalyst,<sup>[4]</sup> respectively. In these cases, coordination of the phosphorus and oxygen atoms with metals is considered to play an essential role in the induction of asymmetry. It has thus been a challenge to induce asymmetry in enantioselective syntheses using helical hydrocarbons without any heteroatoms.

We report herein that chiral [6]- and [5]helicene act as chiral inducers in the highly enantioselective synthesis of a pyrimidyl alkanol by the enantioselective addition of diisopropylzinc ( $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$ ) to 2-(2-*tert*-butylethynyl)pyrimidine-5-carbaldehyde (**1**; Scheme 1, Table 1). When aldehyde **1**



Scheme 1. Enantioselective synthesis of **4** in the presence of [6]- and [5]helicenes.

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Entry	Helicene		Method <sup>[a]</sup>	Alkanol <b>4</b> <sup>[b]</sup>			
	<i>ee</i> [%]	mol %		Config.	Yield [%]	<i>ee</i> [%]	
1	<i>(P)</i> -(+)- <b>2</b>	>99.5	6.2	A	<i>S</i>	95	95
2	<i>(M)</i> -(-)- <b>2</b>	>99.5	7.0	A	<i>R</i>	93	93
3	<i>(P)</i> -(+)- <b>3</b>	67	11	A	<i>S</i>	88	95
4	<i>(M)</i> -(-)- <b>3</b>	60	11	A	<i>R</i>	89	94
5	<i>(P)</i> -(+)- <b>2</b>	≈0.13	11	B	<i>S</i>	88	56
6	<i>(M)</i> -(-)- <b>2</b>	≈0.54	9.8	B	<i>R</i>	92	62

[a] Reactions were carried out in toluene at 0 °C. Method A: Aldehyde **1** and  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  were added in two portions. Method B: Aldehyde **1** and  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  were added in three portions. [b] The *ee* value was determined by HPLC analysis on a column fitted with a chiral stationary phase.

(0.05 mmol)<sup>[5]</sup> was treated with  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  (0.15 mmol)<sup>[6]</sup> in the presence of *(P)*-(+)-[6]helicene (*(P)*-(+)-**2**; 6 mol %, >99.5% *ee*<sup>[7]</sup>) at 0 °C in toluene, and aldehyde **1** and  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  were successively added in two portions (0.2 and 0.8 mmol of aldehyde **1**, 0.48 and 1.92 mmol of  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$ , respectively), *(S)*-5-pyrimidyl alkanol (*S*-**4**) was obtained (95% *ee*, 95% yield) (Table 1, entry 1). On the other hand, in the presence of *(M)*-(-)-**2** (7 mol %), the opposite enantiomer (*R*-**4**) was formed

(93% *ee*, 93% yield) (Table 1, entry 2). The sense of the asymmetric induction, in which [6]helicene *(P)*-(+)-**2** gives *(S)*-**4** and [6]helicene *(M)*-(-)-**2** gives *(R)*-**4**, is also the case with [5]helicene **3**.<sup>[8]</sup> Thus, in the same way, the asymmetric addition of  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  in the presence of *(P)*-(+)-**3** (11 mol %, 64% *ee*) gave *(S)*-**4** (95% *ee*, 88% yield) (Scheme 1; Table 1, entry 3), whereas in the presence of *(M)*-(-)-**3** (11 mol %, 60% *ee*), the reaction gave *(R)*-**4** (94% *ee*, 89% yield) (Table 1, entry 4). These high *ee* values and the absolute configurations of **4** may be rationalized as follows: 1) [6]- and [5]helicenes without any heteroatoms induce asymmetry in the initially formed zinc alkoxide of **4**, with the absolute configuration regulated by the *P* or *M* helicity of helicenes, and 2) asymmetric autocatalysis<sup>[5, 9]</sup> of the zinc alkoxide of **4** with an amplification of *ee* affords alkanol **4** with very high *ee*.<sup>[10, 11]</sup>

More significantly, *(P)*- and *(M)*-[6]helicenes with *ee* values as low as approximately 0.13% and 0.54% act as chiral inducers to afford *(S)*- and *(R)*-**4** with *ee* values of 56% and 62%, respectively (Table 1, entries 5 and 6). These moderate enantiomeric excesses can be considerably amplified by the consecutive asymmetric autocatalysis of **4**.<sup>[9f]</sup>

[6]Helicene has been shown to form a diastereomeric charge-transfer complex with an enantiomer of a chiral aromatic compound with electron-withdrawing groups.<sup>[12]</sup> In the present case, we postulate an interaction between [6]helicene and aldehyde **1** based on the calculated formaldehyde–benzene<sup>[13]</sup> interactions and on the following <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy

(300 MHz) results: the time-averaged chemical shifts measured from a solution of **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (0.031 M) shifted upfield upon the addition of [6]helicene. This shift showed an almost linear correlation with the addition of [6]helicene from 0 to 6.3 mol equivalents. Notably, the  $\Delta\delta$  values of the signals for the aldehyde proton and for the protons of the pyrimidine ring are larger (–13.3 Hz and –9.1 Hz, respectively, per molar equivalent of [6]helicene)<sup>[14]</sup> than those of the protons on the *tert*-butyl group (–1.1 Hz). This suggests a coordination of the [6]helicene with the carbonyl moiety and the pyrimidine ring of aldehyde **1**. When chiral [6]helicene coordinates with aldehyde **1**, it may differentiate between the *Re* and *Si* face of aldehyde **1**. When  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  is added to aldehyde **1**, a nonracemic zinc alkoxide of alkanol **4** is considered to be formed initially.

In summary, we have described for the first time a highly enantioselective synthesis induced by chiral helical hydrocarbons. It should be emphasized that our present results formally correlate the chirality of circularly polarized light (CPL) and the chirality of an organic compound with high *ee* because [6]helicene is a well-accepted substrate that is enantioselectively (<2% *ee*) synthesized by CPL.<sup>[11, 15]</sup>

Experimental Section

The alkylation in the presence of (*P*)-(+)-**2** with  $\approx 0.13\%$  *ee* is representative (Table 1, entry 5). The *ee* value of **2** was determined by comparison of its specific rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.8^\circ$  ( $c = 1.68$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )) with that of an enantiomerically pure sample (lit. [16]  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +3707^\circ$  ( $c = 0.082$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )). A solution of  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  in toluene (1M, 0.15 mL) was added dropwise over a period of 30 min at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to a solution of aldehyde **1** (9.4 mg, 0.05 mmol) and (*P*)-(+)-**2** (36.9 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 16 h, toluene (0.8 mL), a solution of  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  in toluene (1M, 0.48 mL), and aldehyde **1** (37.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (1.5 mL) were added successively. After 7 h, toluene (4.7 mL), a solution of  $i\text{Pr}_2\text{Zn}$  in toluene (1M, 1.92 mL), and aldehyde **1** (151 mg, 0.8 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) were added, and the mixture was stirred for an additional 16 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of hydrochloric acid (1M, 5 mL), and made alkaline by the addition of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (15 mL). The mixture was filtered through celite, and the separated aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Purification of the residue by thin-layer chromatography on silica gel (developing solvent: hexane/ethyl acetate 2:1) gave pyrimidyl alkanol **4** (215 mg, 88%). The *ee* value was determined to be 56% by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase (Daicel Chiralcel OD).

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Interprotein Electron Transfer Reaction Regulated by an Artificial Interface\*\*

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Electron transfer (ET) reactions are fundamental to numerous important biological processes such as respiration, photosynthesis, and redox reactions of intermediary metabolism. In these systems, interprotein ET reactions are regulated by a specific interaction between two redox proteins. A unique charge distribution on the protein surface is responsible for this recognition. For example, cytochrome *c*, an electron carrier between complexes III and IV of the respiratory chain, has several highly conserved lysine residues surrounding the slightly exposed heme edge, while redox partners have a recognition domain consisting of anionic residues with the same topological symmetry as the lysine

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