

Preparation of an Amphiphilic Resin-Supported BINAP Ligand and Its Use for Rhodium-Catalyzed Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of Phenylboronic Acid in Water

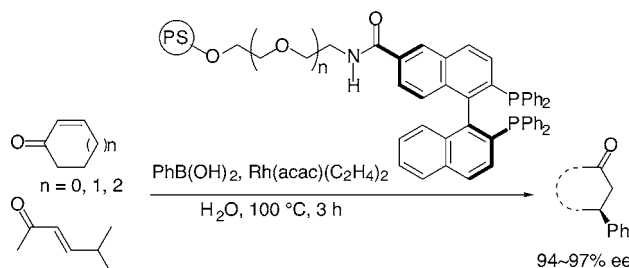
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ABSTRACT



The axially chiral bisphosphine ligand, 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (binap), was supported on a polystyrene–poly(ethylene glycol) copolymer (PS–PEG) resin and was used successfully for the rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of phenylboronic acid to α,β -unsaturated ketones in water.

The axially chiral bisphosphine ligand, 2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (binap),¹ is known to be one of the most effective chiral ligands for asymmetric reactions catalyzed by late transition metals.² It has been used successfully for a various kinds of asymmetric reactions represented by rhodium- and ruthenium-catalyzed asymmetric hydrogenation of olefins and ketones giving the corresponding reduction products with high, usually over 90%, enantioselectivity.³ Recently, heterogenization of the

binap ligand has attracted considerable attention,⁴ which may provide a solution to the problem of separation and recycling of this precious chiral ligand. Typical examples are its immobilization on polystyrene⁵ and a silica gel,⁶ preparation of polymers⁷ and dendrimers⁸ containing the binap unit inside, and introduction of water-soluble functional groups onto the binap.⁹ On the other hand, we have been using binap ligand for rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of organoboronic acids to electron-deficient olefins,^{10–12} which is usually carried out in a solvent system containing a certain

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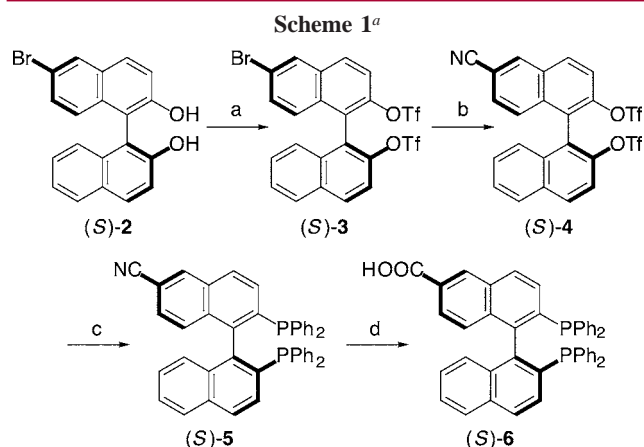
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amount of water. For the separation and recycling of the rhodium/binap catalyst in the rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition, we chose a polystyrene–poly(ethylene glycol) copolymer (PS–PEG) resin as an immobilization partner because of its amphiphilic character suitable to the reactions in an aqueous solvent.¹³ The use of an achiral phosphine ligand supported on PS–PEG resin for rhodium-catalyzed reactions, including the 1,4-addition, has been recently reported by Uozumi.¹⁴ Here we report the preparation of PS–PEG resin-supported binap ligand **1** and its successful use for the rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition of an organoboronic acid to α,β -unsaturated ketones in water.¹⁵

For connection of the axially chiral 1,1'-binaphthyl bisphosphine (binap) unit with the PS–PEG resin having an amino group (PS–PEG–NH₂) by amide bond formation, binap-carboxylic acid (**S**-6), which contains a carboxyl group at the 6-position, was prepared (Scheme 1). The preparation starts with (*S*)-6-bromo-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (**2**) whose preparation from (*S*)-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl



^a Reagents and conditions: (a) Tf₂O, pyridine, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 8 h, 78%; (b) CuCN, NMP, 180 °C, 4 h, 73%; (c) NiCl₂(dppe), HPPH₂, DABCO, DMF, 100 °C, 3 d, 73%; (d) KOH, dioxane/MeOH/H₂O, reflux, 24 h, 85%.

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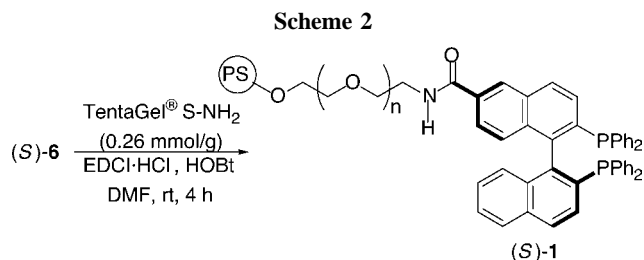
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has been reported by Cai.¹⁶ Thus, treatment of (*S*)-2 with triflic anhydride and pyridine¹⁷ followed by cyanation of the resulting (*S*)-6-bromoditriflate **3** with cuprous cyanide according to the reported procedures¹⁸ gave (*S*)-6-cyanoditriflate **4**. Introduction of two diphenylphosphino groups by the nickel-catalyzed phosphination of ditriflate **4** with diphenylphosphine¹⁹ gave (*S*)-6-cyano-binap **5**. Alkaline hydrolysis of the cyano group in **5** gave the binap-carboxylic acid (*S*)-6 in a high yield.

Treatment of the carboxylic acid (*S*)-6 with the PS–PEG amino resin (TentaGel S–NH₂, 0.26 mmol/g NH₂) under the standard conditions for solid-phase amide condensation by use of 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI) and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate (HOBt) in DMF gave PS–PEG resin-supported (*S*)-binap **1**



(Scheme 2). The content of the binap unit in the resin **1** was determined to be 0.17 mmol/g by elemental analysis. The

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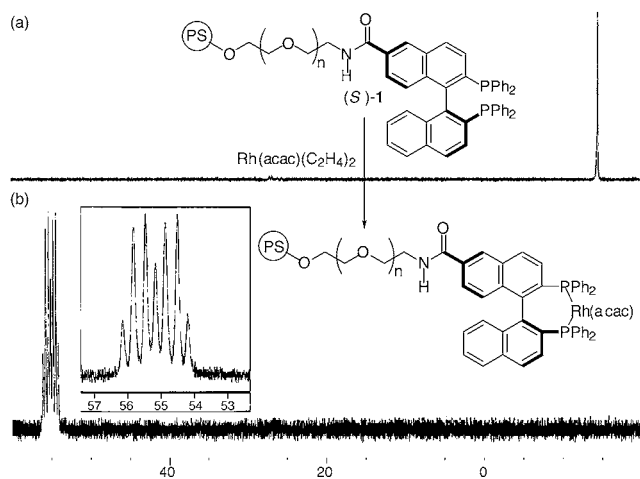


Figure 1. Comparison of the ^{31}P NMR spectra (at 202 MHz in THF) of PS-PEG-(*S*)-binap **1** and its rhodium complex. (a) PS-PEG-(*S*)-binap **1**: δ -14.5 ppm (broad s). (b) Addition of $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$ to (*S*)-**1** giving its rhodium complex: δ 55.0 ppm (dd, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 194$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 64$ Hz), 55.3 ppm (dd, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 193$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 64$ Hz).

gel-phase ^{31}P NMR studies²⁰ showed that the resin-supported (*S*)-binap **1** coordinates to a rhodium-forming chelating bisphosphine complex (Figure 1). Two nonequivalent phosphorus atoms in **1** appear as a broad singlet at -14.5 ppm in THF. On addition of $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$ to **1**, new signals appeared at a lower field as two double doublets (55.0 ppm (dd, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 194$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 64$ Hz) and 55.3 ppm (dd, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 193$ Hz, $J_{\text{P-P}} = 64$ Hz)). The chemical shifts and coupling constants are quite similar to those of $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{binap})$ complex (55.3 ppm (d, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 193$ Hz)),^{11a} supporting that the PS-PEG resin-supported binap **1** forms a stable chelating complex with rhodium.

The rhodium complex of PS-PEG resin-supported binap **1** showed high catalytic activity and high enantioselectivity in water for the asymmetric 1,4-addition of phenylboronic acid to α,β -unsaturated ketones (Table 1). Thus, a mixture of $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$ (6.0 μmol) and **1** (9.0 μmol binap), as well as phenylboronic acid (1.0 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL), was stirred at room temperature for 3 min. Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure was followed by addition of enone **7** (0.20 mmol) and water (1 mL). The mixture was heated at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. Removal of the catalyst by filtration and extraction with diethyl ether gave a high yield of 1,4-addition product **8**. As shown in Table 1, the 1,4-addition proceeded in water with high enantioselectivity for both cyclic enones **7a–c** and acyclic enones **7d,e** (entries 1–5). The enantioselectivities (91–97% ee) observed here are comparable to those reported for the reaction carried out with homogeneous (*S*)-binap in dioxane/ H_2O (10/1).^{11a}

The recycle experiments were examined for the reaction of 2-cyclopentenone (**7a**). Although separation of the PS-PEG resin-supported catalyst by filtration sometimes caused

Table 1. Asymmetric 1,4-Addition of Phenylboronic Acid to α,β -Unsaturated Ketones **7** Catalyzed by PS-PEG-(*S*)-Binap (**1**)/Rh in Water^a

entry	enone 7	yield ^b (%) of 8	% ee ^c	
1	7a	95 (8a)	94 (<i>S</i>)	
2	7b	83 (8b)	97 (<i>S</i>)	
3	7c	86 (8c)	95 (<i>S</i>)	
4	7d	71 (8d)	96 (<i>S</i>)	
5	7e	80 (8e)	91 (<i>R</i>)	
6	recycle first ^d	7a	85 (8a)	94 (<i>S</i>)
7	second ^d	7a	94 (8a)	93 (<i>S</i>)
8	third ^d	7a	94 (8a)	94 (<i>S</i>)
9	fourth ^e	7a	99 (8a)	94 (<i>S</i>)

^a Reaction was carried out with enone **7** (0.20 mmol), phenylboronic acid (1.0 mmol), $\text{Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4)_2$ (3 mol % Rh), and PS-PEG-(*S*)-binap **1** (1/Rh = 1.5/1.0) in H_2O (1.0 mL). ^b Isolated yield after silica gel chromatography. ^c Determined by HPLC analysis with chiral stationary phase columns: Chiralcel OB-H for **8a**; OD-H for **8b–e**. ^d Reaction mixture was extracted once with diethyl ether. To the water layer was added enone **7a** and phenylboronic acid, and the next run was carried out under the same conditions. ^e Reaction mixture was filtered, and the resin was washed several times with diethyl ether.

the loss of its catalytic activity,²¹ separation of the organic product by extraction with diethyl ether always kept the reusable active catalyst in the water layer. The second run was carried out by addition of enone **7a** and phenylboronic acid to the catalyst in water and heating the mixture at 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 3 h. The catalyst was recycled four times during which the yield and enantioselectivity were kept high (entries 6–9).

To summarize, the binap ligand supported on PS-PEG resin was prepared and used successfully for the rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition in water. This amphiphilic resin-supported binap will find application in many transition metal-catalyzed asymmetric reactions which can be performed in an aqueous solvent.

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Supporting Information Available: Experimental procedures for the preparation of **1** and rhodium-catalyzed asymmetric 1,4-addition. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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