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Resolution of racemic compounds by chromatography on chiral stationary phases (CSPs) offers several advantages compared with "classical" resolution: no waste of either antipode, no dependence on the e.e. of the chiral auxiliary (CSP), no necessity for chemical transformation. The mean loadability of most CSPs can be compensated if a racemic catalyst is resolved: the chromatographically produced "chiral information" will subsequently be multiplied.

PAMP (Phenyl-o-Anisyl-Methyl-Phosphane), is a suitable P-chiral precursor of the very important bis-phosphane DIPAMP (1,2-ethanediylbis-((o-methoxyphenyl)phenylphosphane)), which is used as a Rh(I)-ligand in the L-DOPA-synthesis (1).

(rac)-PAMP

(RR-)/(SS)-DIPAMP

Racemic PAMP was synthesised according to a one-pot literature procedure (2) and resolved on cellulosetriacetate (CTA) (separation factor = 1.9). Fortunately, CTA is a CSP which is not too easily overloaded (3).

The oxidation of chiral phosphanes with hydrogenperoxide is known to proceed via retention of P-configuration (4). Oxygen must strictly be excluded since racemic phosphaneoxide would be produced.

The enantiomerically pure (R)— respectively (S)—PAMP—oxide was coupled and reduced to DIPAMP as described in literature (1).

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