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Enantioselective PTC phosphorylation of aldehydes performed in a two phase (aq. NaOH/toluene) system mediated by chiral crown ether incorporating one or two sugar units. To avoid the rearrangement of hydroxy phosphonate 3 to nonchiral mixed phosphate ester 4 the hydroxy phosphonate was trapped by alkylation to give 5.

The best ee (42%) was achieved for the  $\alpha$ -m-methoxyphenyl phosphonate formed from dimethyl phosphite and m-methoxy-benzaldehyde by methylation. The ee was measured by capillary electrophoresis using a chiral selector.

General procedure: Into an ice cold mixture of 45% NaOH (6 ml), toluene (5 ml) and 0,2 mmol of crown ether a toluene solution of dialkyl phosphite (2 mmole), aldehyde (2,2 mmole), dialkyl sulphate (2,2 mmole) was added dropwise. After completion of the reaction cc. NH<sub>4</sub>OH was added, the organic layer separated, washed, dried and the solvent evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography.

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