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(*R*)-3,3'-BIS(9-PHENANTHRYL)-1,1'-BINAPHTHALENE-2,2'-DIYL HYDROGEN PHOSPHATE



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1. Procedure

A. (R)-2,2'-Bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3'-diiodo-1,1'- binaphthalene (2). An oven-dried, 500-mL, three-necked, round-bottomed flask is equipped with a thermometer (-50 to 50 °C) with adapter, a rubber septum, a 60-mL pressure-equalizing addition funnel fitted with a rubber septum, and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar (37 mm x 16 mm). The flask is flushed with argon and charged with 3.0 g (8.0 mmol, 1 equiv) of (R)-(+)-2,2'-bis(methoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl (Note 1) and 70 mL of dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) (Note 2). The resulting solution is cooled to 2-3 °C in an ice bath. Butyllithium solution (10 mL, 2.5 M, 25 mmol, 3 equiv) (Note 3) is added to the flask with a syringe pump over 30 min. After addition, the ice bath is removed, the resulting brown suspension is stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The suspension is cooled in the ice bath. A solution of 9.0 g (35 mmol, 4.4 equiv) of iodine (Note 4) in 60 mL of dry THF is charged to the addition funnel, and the solution is added to the flask over 2 min. Another 20 mL of dry THF is used to wash the addition funnel, which is also added to the flask over 1 min. After addition, the ice bath is removed. The solution is stirred at room temperature for 20 h. Progress of the reaction is monitored by TLC (Note 5). After the reaction is completed, 100 mL of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride is added (Note 6), followed with 50 g of sodium thiosulfate (Note 7). The resulting mixture is stirred vigorously until the dark color of the mixture changes into light brown, at which time the solution is transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 300 mL) (Note 8). The combined organic solution is washed with saturated brine (200 mL) (Note 9) and dried over magnesium sulfate (40 g) (Note 10). After filtration, the solution is concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C, and the residue is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 11) to give 2.0 g of 2 as a white solid (40% yield) (Note 12). The purity of **2** is determined to be 99% by HPLC (Note 13).

B. (R)-2,2'-Bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,3'-bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene (3). An oven-dried, 100-mL, two-necked, round-bottomed flask is equipped with a thermometer (10 - 260 °C) with adapter, a condenser fitted with a rubber septum, and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar (20 mm x 10 mm). The flask is flushed with argon and charged with (R)-2,2'-bis(methoxy)-3,3'-diiodo-1,1'-binaphthalene (2), (2.0 g, 3.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), 9-phenanthreneboronic acid (1.42 g, 6.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) (Note 14), barium hydroxide octahydrate (2.52 g, 8.0 mmol, 407 Org. Synth. 2011, 88, 406-417

2.5 equiv) (Note 15), and *tetrakis*(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (0.37 g, 0.32 mmol, 10 mol%) (Note 16). Then the flask is evacuated and backfilled with argon (this sequence is repeated three times). 1,4-Dioxane (24 mL) and water (6.7 mL) are added by syringe (Notes 17 and 18). The reaction mixture is heated with an oil bath to 75-80 °C for 24 h, and the reaction progress is monitored by TLC (Note 19). After the mixture is cooled to room temperature, it is concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The residue is extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 50 mL), and the combined organic layers are washed with 1N aqueous HCl (2 x 20 mL) and saturated brine (40 mL) and then dried over magnesium sulfate (20 g). After filtration, the residue is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 20) to give 2.1 g (91 %) of **3** as a light yellow solid (Note 21). The purity of **3** is determined to be 99% by HPLC (Note 22).

С. (*R*)-3,3'-Bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol (4). А 100-mL, two-necked, round-bottomed flask is equipped with a thermometer (10 - 260 °C) with adapter, a water-cooled condenser, and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar (20 mm x 10 mm). The flask is charged with (*R*)-2,2'-bis(methoxy methoxy)-3,3'-bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene (3) (2.0 g, 2.7 mmol, 1 equiv), 1,4-dioxane (27 mL), and 6 N aqueous hydrochloric acid (3.7 mL). The reaction mixture is heated with an oil bath to 98–100 °C for 12 h, and the reaction progress is monitored by TLC (Note 23). After all of **3** is consumed, the solution is cooled to room temperature and carefully neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (45 mL). The mixture is transferred to a 250-mL separatory funnel and extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic solution is concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The residue is dissolved in dichloromethane (150 mL), and the resulting solution is washed with saturated brine (50 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate (15 g). After filtration, the solution is concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The residue is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 24) to give 1.74 g (99 %), of **4** as a light vellow solid (Notes 25 and 26).

D. (*R*)-3,3'-Bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diyl hydrogen phosphate (5). A 250-mL round-bottomed flask is equipped with a rubber septum and a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar (20 mm x 10 mm) and filled with argon. To the flask is charged with 4 (1.65 g, 2.58 mmol, 1 equiv). The reaction flask is placed in a room temperature water bath, and pyridine (15 mL) (Note 27) is added into the flask *via* syringe followed by 400

slow addition of POCl₃ (0.54 mL, 5.80 mmol, 2.25 equiv) (Note 28) over 15 min. After completion of the addition, the mixture is stirred for 12 h at 60 °C, and the reaction progress is monitored by TLC (Note 29). After the mixture is cooled to room temperature, H₂O (20 mL) is added, and the resulting mixture is stirred for 5 h. After that, 6 N HCl (80 mL) is added to the mixture in a water-bath, and the mixture is stirred for 30 min. The mixture is extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers are washed with 6 N HCl (100 mL), dried over sodium sulfate and solvent is evaporated to give crude product. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Note 30) affords the BINOL phosphoric acid as a white solid. The phosphoric acid can be further recrystallized in hot solvents of CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) and petrol ether (80 mL) to give white crystals (1.65 g, 91%) (Notes 31 and 32). The product purity is >98% by ¹H NMR.

2. Notes

1. (R)-(+)-2,2'-Bis(methoxymethoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl was purchased from Strem Chemicals, Inc. with 98% purity.

2. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and was distilled under argon (atmospheric pressure) from sodium benzophenone ketyl.

3. Butyllithium solution (2.5M in hexanes) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and was titrated with 1.0 M of *sec*-butanol before use.

4. Iodine was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. and used as received.

5. Thin layer chromatography was performed on SCRC silica gel GF 254 plates eluting with 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, and the observed R_f is 0.78 for **2** and 0.62 for the mono-substituted byproduct.

6. Ammonium chloride was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

7. Sodium thiosulfate was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

8. Ethyl acetate was purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification.

9. Sodium chloride was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

10. Anhydrous magnesium sulfate was purchased from EMD Chemical Company, Inc.

11. Silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh) was purchased from Sorbent Technologies. Flash chromatography was performed using 170 g of silica gel 60 (6.5 x 11 cm) and 50-mL fractions were collected. The column was eluted with petroleum ether (150 mL) and then petroleum ether/ethyl acetate: 100:1 (400 mL) and 50:1 (4000 mL). Compound 2 was obtained in fractions 58-86, which were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The resulting solid was dried at 20 mmHg for 12 h.

12. The physical properties of **2** are as follows: $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ -39.4 (c 1.22, CHCl₃); IR (neat): 1559, 1490, 1462, 1446, 1416, 1382, 1345, 1232, 1199, 1157, 1084, 993, 953, 903, 747, 729 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 2.61 (s, 6 H), 4.72 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2 H), 4.83 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.20 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.44 (dt, J = 1.2, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 8.57 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 56.6, 92.7, 99.6, 126.0, 126.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.3, 132.4, 134.0, 140.2, 152.3; HR-MS (+ESI): calcd. for $C_{24}H_{20}I_2O_4Na$ ([M+Na⁺]): 648.9354, found: 648.9341; Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₂₀I₂O₄: C, 46.03; H, 3.22. Found: C, 46.26; H, 3.10.

13. HPLC conditions: Dynamax-60A column, 0.3% isopropanol in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, UV (226 nm) detector. The t_R of the product is 5.22 min.

14. 9-Phenanthreneboronic acid was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

15. Barium hydroxide octahydrate was purchased from Fisher Scientific.

16. *Tetrakis*(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) purchased from Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc.

17. 1,4-Dioxane was purchased from Mallinckrodt Baker, Inc. and used without further purification.

18. 1.4-Dioxane and water were all degassed with the following procedure before use: A 100-mL round-bottomed flask fitted with a adapter was charged with 50 mL of solvent. The flask was placed into a sonicator and the adapter was connected to a filtration pump. It was sonicated for 30 min under reduced pressure (approx 100 mmHg). After that, the solvent was bubbled with argon for 10 min.

19. Thin layer chromatography is eluted with 9% ethyl acetate/petrol ether, and the observed R_f is 0.38 for **3**.

20. Flash chromatography was performed using 175 g of silica gel 60 (6.5 x 11 cm) and 50-mL fractions were collected. The column was eluted 410 Org. Synth. 2011, 88, 406-417

with petroleum ether (100)mL) then and petroleum ether/dichloromethane/ethyl acetate: 50:2.5:1 (250 mL), 20:1:1 (800 mL), and 15:1:1 (1800 mL). Pure 3 (1.85 g) was obtained in fractions 25-45, which were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. Fractions 46-58 were also combined and concentrated under the same conditions, and the residue was subjected to a second flash chromatography to give pure **3** (0.26 g). The combined solid was dried at 20 mmHg at 50 °C for 12 h.

21. The physical properties of **3** are as follows: $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +60.1 (*c* 1.18, CHCl₃); IR (neat): 1492, 1448, 1424, 1392, 1351, 1246, 1198, 1155, 1068, 976, 907, 749, 725 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) &: 2.10–2.15 (m, 6H), 4.27–4.60 (m, 4 H), 7.32–7.70 (m, 14 H), 7.82–8.09 (m, 10 H), 8.72–8.78 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) &: 55.74, 55.82, 55.97, 56.11, 98.52, 98.61, 98.64, 98.81, 122.56, 122.75, 122.81, 122.93, 122.95, 125.41, 125.49, 125.53, 126.41, 126.44, 126.47, 126.51, 126.57, 126.64, 126.67, 126.74, 126.85, 126.93, 127.01, 127.40, 127.78, 128.07, 128.19, 128.40, 128.52, 128.88, 128.96, 130.27, 130.31, 130.34, 130.44, 130.52, 130.60, 130.80, 130.82, 131.14, 131.20, 131.25, 131.61, 131.64, 131.66, 131.73, 131.82, 131.86, 131.91, 131.95, 132.13, 134.10, 134.23, 134.24, 134.39, 134.46, 134.82, 134.89, 135.56, 135.58, 136.36, 136.68, 152.26, 152.29, 152.41; HR-MS (+ESI): calcd for C₅₂H₃₈O₄Na ([M+Na⁺]): 749.26623, found: 749.26691; calcd. for C₅₂H₄₂O₄N [M+Na]): 749.2662, found: 749.2669; Anal. calcd. for C₅₂H₃₈O₄: C, 85.93; H, 5.27. Found: C, 85.63; H, 5.18.

22. HPLC conditions: Dynamax-60A column, 0.3% isopropanol in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, UV (226 nm) detector. The t_R of **3** is 6.10 min.

23. Thin layer chromatography is eluted with 15% ethyl acetate/petroleum ether, and the observed R_f is 0.30 for 4.

24. Column chromatography was performed using 100 g of silica gel 60 (230 - 400 mesh) (6.5 x 7.5 cm) and eluted with petroleum ether (150 mL) and then petroleum ether/dichloromethane/ethyl acetate: 50:2.5:1 (200 mL), 20:1:1 (500 mL), 20:1:2 (1000 mL), and 20:1:2.5 (300 mL). Fractions (50 mL) were collected and the desired product was obtained in fractions 23-35, which were combined and concentrated under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) on a rotary evaporator at 40 °C. The resulting solid was dried under reduced pressure (0.2 mmHg) at 50 °C for 24 h, which contains 1-2% 1,4-dioxane that could not be removed.

25. Compound 4 (50 mg) was further dried under reduced pressure (0.2 mmHg) at 100 °C for 48 h to remove the 1,4-dioxane for analysis purpose. The ¹H-NMR didn't show any decomposition comparing with the

sample before the heating. The physical properties of **4** are as follows: mp: 148–150 °C (decomposition); $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +45.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (neat): 3523, 3058, 1621, 1493, 1448, 1425, 1379, 1360, 1258, 1230, 1198, 1143, 905, 768, 747, 726 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.22, 5.23, 5.28, 5.33, (4 singlets, combined integration: 2H), 7.42-7.80 (m, 15H), 7.88-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.95-8.00 (m, 5H), 8.10-8.12 (m, 2H), 8.75-8.83 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 113.07, 113.17, 113.48, 122.82, 122.85, 123.10, 123.14, 123.21, 123.24, 124.50, 124.53, 124.71, 124.74, 124.93, 125.00, 126.94, 127.01, 127.05, 127.13, 127.16, 127.22, 127.28, 127.53, 127.59, 128.60, 128.71, 129.01, 129.07, 129.19, 129.41, 129.52, 129.54, 129.66, 129.67, 129.77, 130.63, 130.66, 130.69, 130.76, 130.78, 130.81, 131.29, 131.34, 131.35, 131.39, 131.66, 131.68, 131.70, 131.71, 132.26, 132.32, 133.79, 133.82, 133.92, 133.94, 133.99, 134.20, 150.80, 150.85, 150.87; HR-MS (-ESI): calcd. for C₄₈H₂₉O₂ ([M-H]]): 637.21730, found: 637.21725.

26. HPLC conditions: Dynamax-60A column, 0.5% isopropanol in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, UV (226 nm) detector. The t_R of 4 is 7.35 min.

27. Pyridine was distilled from KOH before use.

28. POCl₃ was purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd.

29. Thin layer chromatography is eluted with 5% methanol/ CH_2Cl_2 , and the observed R_f are 0.50 for the phosphoric acid product **5** and 1.0 for **4**.

30. Column chromatography was performed using 100 g of 200–300 mesh silica gel 60 (5.5 x 11 cm) and 100-mL fractions were collected (300 mL of CH_2Cl_2 , then 200 mL each of CH_2Cl_2 /methanol, 100:1 and 50:1, and finally 550 mL of CH_2Cl_2 /methanol, 40:1). The desired product was obtained in fractions 8-12, which were combined and concentrated by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure (40 mmHg) at 40 °C to obtain a white solid. The resulting solid was dried at 4 mmHg for 5 h.

31. The phosphoric acid product **5** exhibits the following physicochemical properties: white solid; mp: $359 - 361 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ (decomposition); $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -11.9 \,(\text{c}=1, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$; IR (neat): 3630, 3061, 1622, 1493, 1449, 1416, 1250, 1201, 1102, 1093, 969, 951, 907, 852, 749, 726 cm⁻¹.cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 7.39–7.73 (m, 16 H), 7.97–8.19 (m, 8 H), 8.88–8.93 (m, 4 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 122.43, 122.78, 123.12, 125.09, 126.23, 126.41, 126.51, 126.58, 126.79, 126.87, 128.46, 129.10, 129.40, 129.67, 130.24, 131.27, 131.43, 132.32, 133.30, 134.22, 148.10, 148.19; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ : 2.61; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₄₈H₃₀O₄P (M+H)⁺ 701.1876, found: 701.1889.

32. HPLC condition: Dynamax-60A column, 7% isopropanol in hexanes, 1.0 mL/min, UV (226 nm) detector. The t_R of **5** is 21.6 min.

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Discussion

Enantiomerically pure 3,3'-bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'diyl hydrogen phosphate is used as a chiral Bronsted acid for multicomponent reactions. In 2004, the research groups of Akiyama and Terada independently reported activation of electrophiles by way of protonation with moderately strong phosphoric acids derived from chiral BINOLs.^{2,3}

Scheme 1. Enantioselective Mannich-type Reaction by Akiyama, et al²



Scheme 2. Direct Mannich Reaction by Terada, et al³



Due to the suitable acidity and cyclic structure, BINOL phosphates exhibit excellent catalytic activity as a chiral Bronsted acid for other reactions. Nucleophilic addition to aldimines, aza Diels-Alder reactions, and transfer hydrogenations can be catalyzed by BINOL phosphates to give high enantioselectivity with satisfactory yields.⁴ **Scheme 3.** Aza Diel-Alder Reaction by Akiyama, et al⁵



Scheme 4. Transfer Hydrogenation of Quinolines by Rueping, et al⁶



d: X=9-phenanthryl

Suzuki and Grignard cross-coupling is commonly used for the coupling of BINOL and the aryl group. In 1981 Cram, et al. synthesized two optical pure 3,3'-diaryl-substituted BINOLs by a Grignard cross-coupling reaction of 3,3'-dibromo-BINOL dimethyl ether and arylmagnesium bromides employing dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(II) as the catalyst.⁷ In 1998 Jørgensen, et al. prepared 3,3'-diary BINOLs by a Suzuki cross-coupling reaction of the 3,3'-diboronic acid of BINOL with commercially available aromatic bromides.⁸

The method in this procedure can also be used to synthesize 3,3'-diphenyl or di(2-naphthyl) BINOLs.⁹

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Appendix

Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature (Collective Index Number); (Registry Number)

(*R*)-(+)-2,2'-Bis(methoxy)-1,1'-binaphthyl; (1738310-50-0)

n-Butyllithium; (109-72-8)

Iodine; (12190-71-5)

9-Phenanthreneboronic acid; (68572-87-2)

Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium(0); (14221-01-3)

Phosphorus oxychloride; (10025-87-3)

- (*R*)-2,2'-Bis(methoxy)-3,3'-diiodo-1,1'- binaphthalene; (189518-78-3)
- (*R*)-2,2'-Bis(methoxy)-3,3'-bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene; (1261302-60-6)
- (*R*)-3,3'-Bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol; (1058734-56-7)
- (*R*)-3,3'-Bis(9-phenanthryl)-1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diyl hydrogen phosphate; (864943-22-6)



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