Supplementary Information

Intramolecular Alkene Hydroaminations Catalyzed by a Bis(thiophosphinic amidate) Zr(IV) Complex

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General

Melting points were obtained using a Mel-Temp II apparatus equipped with a digital thermometer and were uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer model 1600 FT-IR. Infrared spectra of solids were obtained by standard KBr pellet procedures. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE DPX-300 (300 MHz) or AVANCE DPX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer. J. Young NMR tubes were purchased from Aldrich or J. Young Ltd. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the residual protic solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform: δ 7.27, benzene: δ 7.16, toluene: δ 7.09). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE DPX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer with complete decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.23). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Polygram[®] SIL G/UV₂₅₄ 1.25 mm silica gel 60. Solvents for extraction and flash chromatography were reagent grade.

All experiments were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Organozirconium complexes were manipulated under an argon atmosphere in a glove box. Benzene-d₆ and toluene-d₈ were distilled from Na and aminoalkenes were distilled from CaH₂ under an argon atmosphere and stored at -30 °C in a glove box. 2,2-Dimethylpent-4-en-1-amine,¹ 1-methylpent-4-enylamine,² pent-4-enylamine,¹ 2,2-dimethyl-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-amine,³ 2,2-dimethylhex-5-en-1-amine,¹ and *N*-methyl-pent-4-en-1-amine⁴ were prepared according to reported procedures.

Synthesis of N,N'-bis(P,P-diisopropylthiophosphinyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediamine (3)⁵



To a solution of 2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diamine (0.25 g, 2.5 mmol) and N,Ndiisopropylethylamine (1.96 mL, 11.25 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added dropwise chlorodiisopropylphosphine (0.8 mL, 5.0 mmol) dissolved in dichloromethane (3 mL) with stirring at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and it was stirred overnight. Sulfur (0.17 g, 5.25 mmol) was then added in small portions to the resulting mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, then it was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the desired product 3 (0.71 g, 72%), using 20% ethyl acetate in *n*-hexane for elution ($R_f = 0.23$ (I₂)). Recrystallization from methylcyclohexane gave the title compound (0.67 g, 68%) as a white solid (mp = 143-144 °C). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz): δ 2.95 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 2.67 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, NH), 2.10 (septet, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H, CH), 1.11 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 1.07 (t, J = 5.75 Hz, 12H, CHCH₃), 1.03 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 0.82 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 125 MHz): δ 47.38, 31.07, 30.58, 24.10, 17.01, 16.69. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 121 MHz): δ 89.54. IR (KBr): 3324.3, 3207.0, 2974.0, 1446.5, 1073.8, 829.8, 708.4 cm⁻¹. HRMS (EI): exact mass calcd for $[C_{17}H_{40}N_2P_2S_2]^+$ 398.2108, found 398.2097

Zr(IV) bis(thiophosphinic amidate) complex (1)



In an argon-filled glove box, $Zr(NMe_2)_4$ (20 µL, 0.02 mmol, 1.0 M solution in benzene-d₆ or toluene-d₈) and *N*,*N*'-bis(*P*,*P*-diisopropylthiophosphinyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3propanediamine (7.97 mg, 0.02 mmol) in C₆D₆ (0.4 mL) or toluene-d₈ (0.4 mL) were introduced sequentially into a J. Young NMR tube. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 min until ligand attachment was judged completed by the disappearance of the Zr(NMe₂)₄ resonance in the ¹H NMR spectrum with concomitant production of Me₂NH. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz): δ 3.11 (s, 12H, Zr[N(CH₃)₂])₂), 2.69 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 4H, CH₂), 1.99 (septet, *J* = 7.25 Hz, 4H, CH), 1.16 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 1.13(dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 12H, CHCH₃), 1.09 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H, CHCH₃), 0.89 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 125 MHz): δ 57.87, 44.10, 29.08, 28.67, 26.43, 17.68, 16.69. ³¹P NMR (C₆D₆, 121 MHz): δ 75.10. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₅₀N₄P₂S₂Zr: C, 43.79; H, 8.75; N, 9.73. Found: C, 43.74; H, 8.73; N, 9.69.

Typical procedure for intramolecular hydroaminations of aminoalkenes using NPS·Zr(NMe₂)₂ complexes

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