A simple route to chiral phosphinous acid-boranes

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General remarks

Analyses:

- NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance (200 or 300 MHz) spectrometers. H and C chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to CDCl₃ as internal standard (H: 7.26 ppm, C: 77.0 ppm). P NMR downfield chemical shifts are expressed with a positive sign, in ppm, relative to external 85% H₃PO₄.
- Specific optical rotations of chiral compounds were measured on a 341 Perkin Elmer spectrometer.
- High resolution MS analyses were performed on a QStar Elite (Applied Biosystems SCIEX) spectrometer by « Spectropole » at University of Aix-Marseille.

Reagents:

- Oxygen free solvents were used and all reactions were carried out under dry nitrogen atmosphere. Tetrahydrofurane was distilled over sodium before use.
- Methyllithium, butyllitium and *tert*-butyllitium were purchased from Aldrich. Aryllithium were synthesized in situ by adding two equivalent of *tert*-butyllitium to the corresponding arylbromide in THF at -78°C.¹ 1-Furyllithium was synthesized by adding one equivalent of butyllitium to furane in THF at -78°C.²
- (Rp)-(-)-menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate 1 was synthesized from menthol and dichlorophenylphosphine according to Mislow^{3a} and Emmick^{3b} (see below for experimental details). Enantiopure (Rp)-(-)- 1 was obtained after two successive recrystallizations in n-hexane. Mother liquors afforded nearly racemic 1. This latter was used for the syntheses of nearly racemic samples of 3a-g, which were used as standards for chiral HPLC analyses.

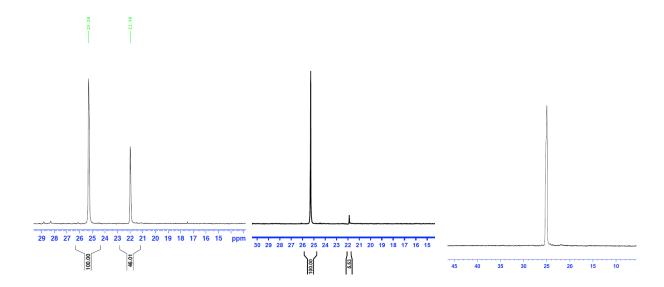
² L. Brandsma, S. F. Vasilevsky, H. D. Verkruijsse, In Application of Transition Metal Catalysts in Organic Synthesis, Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1999, p. 15.

¹ J. Clayden, Organolithiums: Selectivity for synthesis, Elsevier, Oxford, 2002.

³ (a) W. B. Farnham, R. K. Jr Murray, K. Mislow, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1970, **92**, 5809–5810; (b) T. L. Emmick, R. L. Letsinger, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1968, **90**, 3459-3465.

(*Rp*)-(-)-menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate 1 (according to Mislow *et al.*). A solution of (-)-menthol (100 g, 0.64 mol) and pyridine (51 mL, 0.64 mol) in hexane (300 mL) was added dropwise at 0°C to dichlorophenylphosphine (87 mL g, 0.64 mol) in hexane (300 mL). After 12 hours, the resulting pyridine hydrochloride is removed by filtration and water (200 mL) was added slowly at 0°C. The two layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 166 g of menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate with 37% diastereomeric excess. The crude product was then diluted in hexane (26 mL) and stored at refrigerator (-20°C) for 48h. The first crope was collected. After a second crystallisation in hexane, 41,5 g (25% yield) of diastereomerically pure menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate was obtained. **1-**(S_p): ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 81 MHz) δ = 25.2 (s); **1-**(R_p): ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 81 MHz): δ = 21.9 (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz): δ = 0.81-1.32 (m, 12H), 1.36-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.7 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.29 (m, 2H), 4.30 (qd, ¹J_{H-H} = 10.36Hz, ³J_{P-H} = 4.51Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, ¹J_{P-C} = 15.3.15 Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.84 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR {¹H} (CDCl₃, 50 MHz): δ = 15.80, 21.04, 22.98, 25.83, 31.69, 33.98, 43.56, 48.75 (d, J_{P-C} = 6.26 Hz), 79.00 (d, J_{P-C} = 7.15 Hz), 128.72 (d, ²J_{P-C} = 14.05 Hz, 2CH_{arom}), 130.67 (d, ³J_{P-C} = 11.84 Hz, 2CH_{arom}), 131.87 (d, ¹J_{P-C} = 111.10 Hz, Cq_{arom}), 132.94 (d, ⁴J_{P-C} = 2.80 Hz, CH_{arom}).

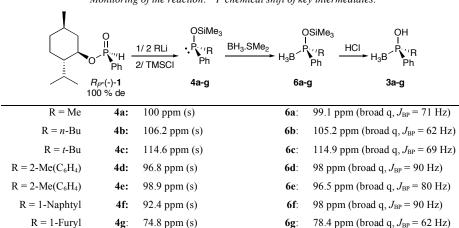
³¹P NMR spectra of the crude mixture (Left), after the first crystallisation (center), and after the second crystallisation (right).



One pot synthesis of phosphinous acid-boranes 3a-g:

Method A: In a typical procedure, a dry schlenk is charged under nitrogen atmosphere with a solution of organolithium (3.9 mmol)⁴ in THF (5 mL) and cooled down to -78 °C. A solution of (*R*p)-(-)-menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate (500 mg, 1.78 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added dropwise. After 3 hours at -78 °C, the solution was slowly warmed up to room temperature and BH₃.SMe₂ (393 μL, 3.9 mmol) was added. After 3 hours, aqueous HCl (5%) was added under vigorous stirring.

Method B: In a typical procedure, a dry schlenk is charged under nitrogen atmosphere with a solution of organolithium (3.9 mmol)⁴ in THF (5 mL) and cooled down to -78 °C. A solution of (*R*p)-(-)-menthyl hydrogenophenylphosphinate (500 mg, 1.78 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added dropwise. After 3 hours at -78 °C, the solution was slowly warmed up to room temperature and trimethylsilyl chloride (490 μL, 3.9 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitoring by ³¹P NMR. Then, BH₃.SMe₂ (393 μL, 3.9 mmol) was added at room temperature. After 3 hours, the completion of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. Aqueous HCl (5%) was added under vigorous stirring.



Monitoring of the reaction: ³¹P chemical shift of key intermediates.

Purification (all methods):

The aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane (3 times). The organic layers were combined and volatiles were removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in diethylether. Aqueous NaOH (10 %) was added under vigorous stirring until pH>10. The organic layer was extracted with water and the combine aqueous layers were washed with diethylether (2 times). Aqueous HCl (5 %) was added dropwise until pH<1. The product was extracted with diethylether (3 times). The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄ and volatiles were removed under vacuum. When necessary, the product could be purified by flash chromatography. (silica, eluent: petroleum ether/diethylether 9:1). Phosphinous acid-boranes 3a-g proved to be stable to air and moisture. However neat compound proved to lose their BH₃ moieties to afford the corresponding secondary phosphine oxide. This undesirable transformation also occurred upon prolonged exposition to high vacuum. Thus 3a-g were preferentially stored in solution and "neat" samples usually featured trace amounts of solvents.

Synthesis of enantiopure tert-butylphenylphosphinous acid-borane 3c:

A solution of enantiopure *tert*-butylphenylphosphine oxyde⁵ (91.1 mg, 0.5 mmol) was cooled down to -78°C. Then a 1.7 M solution of *tert*-butyllithium in hexane (412 μ L, 0.7 mmol) was added. After warming up to room temperature, trimethylsilyl chloride (89 μ L, 0.7 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitoring by ³¹P NMR: **4c** featured a singlet at 115 ppm. Then, BH₃.SMe₂ (70 μ L, 0.7 mmol) was added at room temperature. After 3 hours, the completion of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR (**5c** appeared as a broad quadruplet at 115 ppm, J_{PB} = 69 Hz). Aqueous HCl (5 %) was added under vigorous stirring. The product was purified as described above. The product is isolated as a white powder. 85 % yield (84 mg). Spectroscopic and analytic data: see below.

⁴ With MeLi: 5.34 mmol were introduced.

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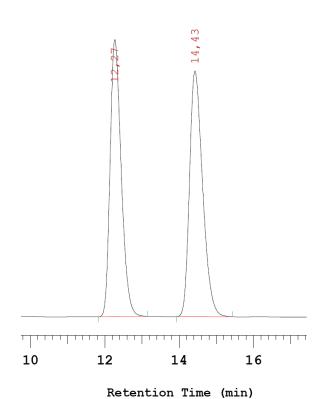
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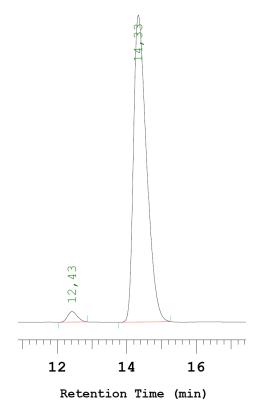
3a: milky liquid. 78% yield (239 mg). [α]_D²⁰ -11.4 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 102.6 (broad q, J_{PB} = 65.3 Hz); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.5-1.5 (broad, 3H, BH₃), 1.73 (d, J_{PH} = 9.5 Hz, 3H), 7.47-7.54 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.85 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 17.4 (d, J_{PC} = 44.6 Hz, CH₃), 128.5 (d, J_{PC} = 10.5 Hz, CH), 129.7 (d, J_{PC} = 11.5 Hz, CH), 131.5 (d, J_{PC} = 2.2 Hz, CH), 133.7 (d, J_{PC} = 61.6 Hz, C). IR: ν = 3232, 3056, 2916, 2369, 2259, 2034, 1973, 1894, 1815, 1767, 1669, 1590, 1481, 1432, 1402, 1292, 1140, 1055, 922, 897, 745, 690 cm⁻¹. MS (ESI-MS) [M+Na]⁺: 177, [M+NH₄]⁺: 172, [M-H]⁻:153.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak AS-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent: hexane/i-PrOH 99:1; (+)-3a: $t_r = 12.4$ min, (-)-3a: $t_r = 14.3$ min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3a.



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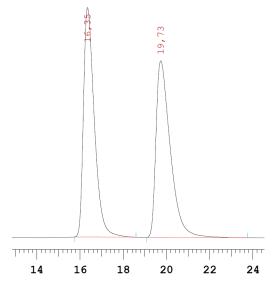
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3b: milky liquid. 70 % yield (328 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -12.6 (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 105.3$ (broad q, $J_{PB} = 62.3$ Hz); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.5$ -1.5 (broad, 3H, BH₃), 0.87 (t, $J_{HH} = 7$ Hz, 3H), 1.26-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.79-2.01 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.50 (m, 3H), 7.7-7.81 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 13.4$ (s, CH₃), 23.7 (d, $J_{PC} = 13.9$ Hz, CH₂), 23.8 (s, CH₂), 31.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 43.0$ Hz, CH₂), 128.6 (d, $J_{PC} = 10.4$ Hz, CH), 130.0 (d, $J_{PC} = 11.1$ Hz, CH), 131.3 (d, $J_{PC} = 2.3$ Hz, CH), 132.8 (d, $J_{PC} = 59.7$ Hz, C). IR: v = 3361, 3059, 2959, 2873, 2372, 2246, 1964, 1805, 1818, 1653, 1465, 1437, 1119, 1097, 910, 880, 793, 732 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-MS) [M+Na]⁺: found 219.1084; calculated for C₁₀H₁₈OBPNa: 219.1082.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak AS-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent: hexane/i-PrOH 98:2; (+)-3b: $t_r = 15.9$ min, (-)-3b: $t_r = 19.0$ min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3b.



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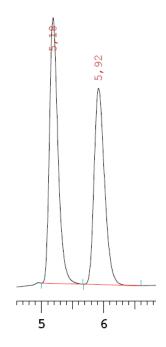
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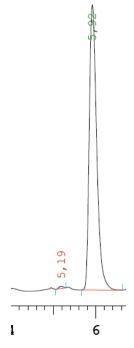
3c: glassy solid. 71 % yield (280 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -42.4 (c = 1.15, CHCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 113.7 (broad q, J_{PB} = 63.6 Hz); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.0-1.7 (broad m, 3H), 1.1 (d, J_{PH} = 14.66 Hz, 9H), 3.7 (broad s, 1H), 7.4-7.6 (m, 3H), 7.7-7.9 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.9 (d, J_{CP} = 3.44 Hz), 31.7 (d, J_{CP} = 41.1 Hz), 127.9 (d, J_{CP} = 10.1 Hz), 131.2; 131.4 (d, J_{CP} = 10.4 Hz); a quaternary carbon was not observed.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak AS-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent: hexane/i-PrOH 99:1; (+)-3c: t_r = 5.2 min, (-)-3c: t_r = 5.9 min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3c.



Retention Time (min)



Retention Time (min)

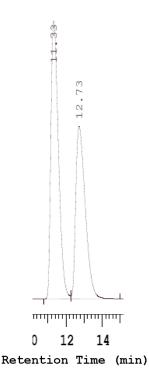
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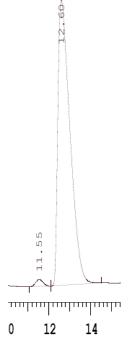
3d: white solid. 70 % yield (340 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +3.1 (c = 0.98, CHCl₃). 31 P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 98.0 (broad q, J_{PB} = 59.4 Hz); 1 H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.2-2.0 (broad m, 3H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 4.2 (broad s, 1H), 7.1-7.2 (m, 1H), 7.2-7.5 (m, 5H), 7.5-7.7 (m, 2H), 7.89 (ddd, 1H, J_{HP} = 13 Hz, J_{HH} = 7.4 Hz and 1.4 Hz); 13 C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.4 (d, J_{CP} = 5 Hz, CH₃), 125.9 (d, J_{CP} = 12 Hz, CH), 128.7 (d, J_{CP} = 11 Hz, 2CH), 129.8 (d, J_{CP} = 63 Hz, C), 130.9 (d, J_{CP} = 12 Hz, 2CH), 131.6 (d, J_{CP} = 9 Hz, CH), 131.8 (d, J_{CP} = 2 Hz, CH), 132.3 (d, J_{CP} = 2 Hz, CH), 132.9 (d, J_{CP} = 15 Hz, CH), 132.9 (d, J_{CP} = 64, C), 141.6 (d, J_{CP} = 9 Hz, C). IR: ν = 3364 (broad band), 2961, 2382, 1590, 1473, 1453, 1437, 1285, 1139, 1115, 1079, 1045, 884, 807, 761, 744, 689, 626 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-MS) [M+Na]⁺: found 253.0925; calculated for C₁₃H₁₈NaOPB: 253.0927.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak AS-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent: hexane/i-PrOH 95:5; (-)-3d: $t_r = 11.33$ min, (+)-3d: $t_r = 12.73$ min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3d.



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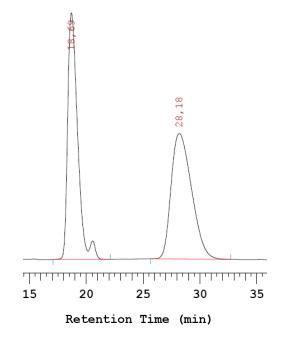
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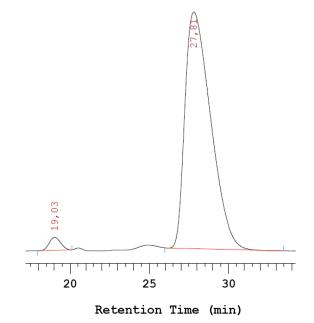
3e: white solid. 84% (245 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -6.6 (c = 0.9, CHCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 97.4 (broad q, J_{PB} = 79.8 Hz); ¹H NMR 200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.1-1.9 (broad m, 3H), 3.8 (broad s, 1H), 6.92 (m, 2H), 7.06-7.40 (m, 9H), 7.42-7.60 (m, 2H), 8.06-8.22 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 127.2 (d, J_{CP} = 11 Hz, 1CH), 127.5 (s, 1CH), 127.6 (s, 2CH), 128.1 (d, J_{CP} = 11 Hz, 2CH), 129.7 (s, 2CH), 130.5 (d, J_{CP} = 12 Hz, 2CH), 130.9 (d, J_{CP} = 2 Hz, CH), 131.4 (d, J_{CP} = 60 Hz, C), 131.5 (d, J_{CP} = 6 Hz, CH), 131.6 (broad s, CH), 133.2 (d, J_{CP} = 15 Hz, CH), 133.9 (d, J_{CP} = 65 Hz, C), 140.3 (d, J_{CP} = 3 Hz, C), 146.3 (d, J_{CP} = 7 Hz, C). IR: ν = 3200 (broad band), 3058, 2953, 2343, 2260, 1952, 1891, 1813, 1763, 1588, 1561, 1467, 1438, 1115, 1062, 906, 883, 623, 614 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-MS) [M+Na]⁺: found 315.1075; calculated for C₁₈H₁₈NaOPB: 315.1084.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak AS-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent: hexane/i-PrOH 95:5; (+)-3e: $t_r = 19.0$ min, (-)-3e: $t_r = 27.8$ min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3e.



RT	Area	Conc 1
18,69	16608345	48,931
28,18	17333961	51,069
	33942306	100,000



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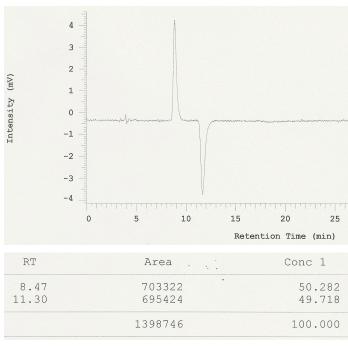
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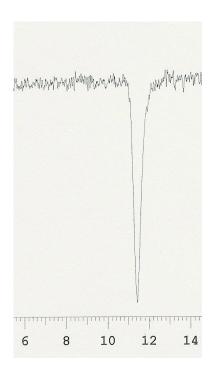


3f: white sticky solid. 75 % yield (350 mg). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -33.1 (c = 1.5, CHCl₃). 31 P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 96.4 (broad q, J_{PB} = 88 Hz); 1 H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.5-2.5 (broad, 3H, BH₃), 7.3-7.8 (m, 8H), 7.88 (d, J_{HH} = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J_{HH} = 8 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d, J_{HH} = 9 Hz, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J_{HH} = 7 and 15 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 124.6 (d, J_{PC} = 14 Hz, CH), 126.1 (s, CH), 126.6 (s, CH), 126.7 (s, CH), 128.4 (d, J_{PC} = 10 Hz, CH), 128.8 (s, CH), 129.5 (s, C), 130.5 (d, J_{PC} = 12 Hz, CH), 131.1 (d, J_{PC} = 2 Hz, CH), 132.4 (d, J_{PC} = 7 Hz, C), 133.0 (d, J_{PC} = 2 Hz, CH), 133.4 (d, J_{PC} = 16 Hz, CH), 133.6 (d, J_{PC} = 11 Hz, C), 134.1 (d, J_{PC} = 59 Hz, C). IR: ν = 3500 (broad band), 2922, 2382, 1591, 1437, 1113, 918, 801, 774, 662 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-MS) [M+Na]*: found 289.0927; calculated for C₁₆H₁₆OBPNa: 289.0927.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a CHIRACEL OD-H column with a CD detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent Hexane/EtOH, 8:2; (+)-3f: t_r = 8.5 min, (-)-3f: t_r = 11.3 min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3f.

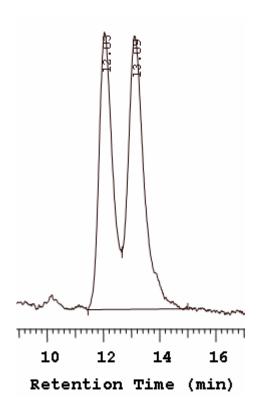


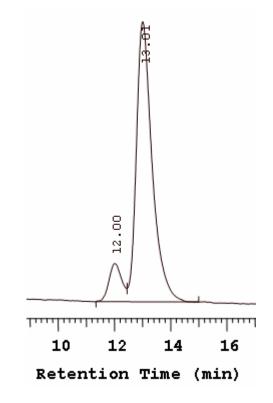


3g: oil. 92 % yield (189 mg). [α]_D²⁰ +5.8 (c = 0.92, CHCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 78.3 (broad q, J_{PB} = 62 Hz); ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.1-1.9 (broad m, 3H), 5.4 (broad s, 1H), 6.45 (m, 1H), 7.09 (broad d, J = 3 Hz, 1H), 7.4-7.5 (m, 3H), 7.65 (broad s, 1H), 7.7-7.9 (m, 2H), 7.89 ; ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 110.8 (d, J_{CP} = 8 Hz, CH), 122.8 (d, J_{CP} = 22 Hz, CH), 128.6 (d, J_{CP} = 11 Hz, 2CH), 131.0 (d, J_{CP} = 12.2 Hz, 2CH), 131.8 (d, J_{CP} = 2 Hz, CH), 148.5 (d, J_{CP} = 6 Hz, CH), quaternary carbons were not observed. IR v = 3312 (broad band), 2386, 2260, 1731, 1553, 1440, 1369, 1195, 1069, 1010, 884, 748, 641 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI-MS) [M-H]⁻: found 205.0594; calculated for C₁₀H₁₁O₂PB: 205.0597.

The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis on a chiralpak OD-H column with a UV detector at $\lambda = 254$ nm; flow rate 1 mL/min; eluent : hexane/i-PrOH 90:10; (-)-3g: t_r = 12 min, (+)-3g: t_r = 13 min.

Left: nearly racemic sample. Right: enantioenriched 3g.





RT	Area	Conc 1
12.03	154156	45.674
13.09	183354	54.326
	337510	100.000

RT	Area	Conc 1
12.00	166023	9.887
13.01	1513172	90.113
	1679195	100.000