# **Supporting Information**

Induction of Axially Chiral N-C Bonds in *N*-Aryl Acridane and Related Complexes by Chromium Tricarbonyl Migration Reactions

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#### **General Remarks**

All manipulations involving organometallics were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen and using an inert gas/vacuum double manifold techniques. NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  solvent with tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. IR spectra were determined on a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer. Mass spectra were determined on a JEOL MS700 with EI mode. Optical rotations were obtained on a JASCO DIP-370 automatic polarimeter at wavelength 589 nm (sodium D line) using a 1.0-dm cell with a total volume of 5 mL.

#### Absolute configuration in fluoro(arene)chromium complex

Optically active arene chromium complex **P1** was prepared by an optical resolution according to the reported procedure.<sup>1</sup> The absolute configuration of complex **P2** was determined as (1*S*) by a transformation to the literature known complex (1*S*)-**P3**.<sup>2</sup> Complex (1*S*)-**P2** was utilized as a starting material for the preparation of complexes **5f-5i**. Complexes **P2**, **P5** and **P6** were literature known compounds.<sup>3</sup>



Next, complex (1R)- **P5** was prepared from complex (1S)-**P1** by following three steps.



On the other hand, both (1*S*) and (1*R*)-**P5** were prepared by an optical resolution. Complex (1*S*)-**P5** was transformed to complex  $9^{3b}$  or other derivatives<sup>3b</sup>, and utilized as a starting material for the preparation of complexes 3 or **5a-5e**.



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by slicagel 3) HCl aq. Me F 1 CHO Čr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

+

(1*R*)-**P5** 

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> +844.4 (*c* 0.04, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)



(1*S*)-**P5** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> -838.7 (*c* 0.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

Me СНО Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>

P-TsOH, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 99%

Me 1 F Cr(CO)<sub>3</sub>O

(1*R*)-**9** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>30</sup> -378.6 (*c* 0.028, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

(1*S*)-**P5** [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> -838.7 (*c* 0.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) General procedure for the preparation of complex 5 by a nucleophilic substitution reaction.



To a solution of **P6** (0.17 mmol) in toluene (5.0 mL), 18-crown-6 (0.24 mmol), NaH (0.24 mmol) was added at 25 °C under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 25 °C, then a chromium complex (0.16 mmol) which was dissolved in toluene, was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 2 h at 90 °C. The mixture was quenched with  $H_2O$  at 0 °C, extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to give chromium complex **5**. Carbazole chromium complex **3** was also prepared by a same procedure.

# General procedure for the stereoselective chromium tricarbonyl migration reaction.

The toluene solution of chromium complex **5** was degassed by three freeze/vacuum/thaw cycles and heated reflux for 2 h under nitrogen. Toluene was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography.

**Note:** Diastereomeric ratio was determined by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of the crude product. Crude products were essentially stable in air.

#### **Carbazole Complex 3**



[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>28</sup> –67.6 (*c* 0.074, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.65 (3H, s), 3.60 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.74-3.80 (2H, m), 3.96 (1H, t, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.19 (1H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 5.33 (1H, s), 5.47 (1H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 5.79 (1H, t, J = 6.1 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.27-7.39 (3H, m), 7.60 (1H, t, J = 8.3 Hz), 8.11 (2H, t, J = 8.3 Hz), 8.23 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 17.04, 65.71, 65.91, 77.21, 84.44, 89.34, 93.55, 95.27, 99.43, 110.10, 111.52, 111.57, 120.10, 120.18, 120.20, 120.48, 120.55, 123.65, 126.07, 126.25, 128.13, 231.75; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1977, 1908, 1642, 1455 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) m/z 465 (M<sup>+</sup>, 20), 381 (80), 353, (88), 69 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 465.0668. found 465.0666.

#### **Carbazole Complex 4**



mp. 172 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ -6.7 (*c* 0.060, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.57 (3H, s), 3.84 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz), 3.94 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz), 4.06 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz), 4.16 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz), 5.21 (1H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 5.39 (1H, t, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 5.65 (1H, s), 5.68 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 6.50 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.31 (1H, dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 7.38-7.44 (2H, m), 7.53, (1H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 7.78 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 7.95 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.3, 65.4, 65.5, 78.4, 85.7, 87.4, 94.1, 99.1, 111.2, 120.3, 121.6, 122.5, 124.0, 126.0, 126.1, 12.4, 130.1, 132.6, 133.1, 137.0, 138.1, 143.7, 233.9; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2995, 1958, 1884 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 465 (M<sup>+</sup>, 17), 381 (94), 353, (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 465.0668. found 465.0668; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 20/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 13.3 min for (+)-isomer, 15.8 min for (-)-isomer.

#### **Complex 5**a



mp. 155 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ –86.92 (*c* 1.3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.02 (3H, s), 3.84-4.18 (6H, m), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz), 5.56-5.61 (3H, m), 6.38 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.94 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.01 (2H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.16 (2H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.28 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.74 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.5, 32.6, 66.1, 86.9, 91.2, 93.0, 99.9, 111.2, 116.1, 116.4, 117.7, 122.2, 124.4, 125.6, 126.3, 126.8, 127.6, 127.9, 141.2, 142.7, 231.8; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3007, 2956, 1975, 1905, 1597, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 479 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7), 395 (43), 343 (12), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 479.0825. found 479.0831.

# **Complex 6a**



mp. 149 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  +575.0 (*c* 0.040, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.99 (3H, s), 3.96-4.30 (6H, m), 4.67 (1H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.00 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.26 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.45 (1H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.80 (1H, s), 6.17 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 6.95-7.02 (2H, m), 7.14 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.41-7.49 (2H, m), 7.72 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.5, 30.4, 65.5, 65.6, 81.3, 87.0, 91.9, 92.5, 93.6, 99.4, 115.2, 119.0, 122.7, 124.6, 126.6, 127.7, 128.6, 129.7, 133.7, 136.2, 136.4, 138.8, 139.5, 234.0; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3007, 1959, 1886, 1463, 909 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 479 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8), 395 (43), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for  $C_{26}H_{21}NO_5Cr$ , 479.0825. found 479.0829; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 20/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 23.8min for (+)-isomer, 13.1 min for (–)-isomer.

## **Complex 5b**



[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>30</sup> -64.8 (*c* 0.040, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.27 (1H, d, *J* = 13.6 Hz), 1.96 (3H, s), 2.06-2.16 (1H, m), 3.60 (1H, t, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 3.75 (1H, t, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 3.93-4.13 (3H, m), 4.22 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.13 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 5.22 (1H, s), 5.57 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.71 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 6.37 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.90-7.03 (3H, m), 7.16 (2H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.27 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.65 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.3, 17.8, 22.8, 25.4, 31.7, 32.8, 67.7, 67.8, 87.7, 91.3, 93.2, 98.1, 116.6, 117.8, 122.3, 122.4, 126.4, 127.1, 127.8, 127.9, 232.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1955, 1871, 1597 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 493 (M<sup>+</sup>, 15), 409 (62), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 493.0981. found 493.0976.

#### **Complex 6b**



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$  +23.7 (*c* 0.070, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.41 (1H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 1.99 (3H, s), 2.21-2.27 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, t, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 3.95 (1H, d, *J* = 19.6 Hz), 4.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.0 Hz), 4.24-4.33 (3H, m), 4.68 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.00(1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 5.27 (1H, t, J = 6.8 Hz), 5.52 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 5.71 (1H, s), 6.26 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.98-7.02 (2H, m), 7.15 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 7.48 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.81 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.8, 26.1, 30.5, 67.3, 67.5, 76.8, 81.2, 86.8, 93.1, 94.4, 98.1, 115.9, 122.9, 126.6, 127.6, 128.5, 130.0, 133.4, 234.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1954, 1869, 1638 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 493 (M<sup>+</sup>, 5), 409 (19), 357 (97), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 493.0981. found 493.0944; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD-H; hexane/2-propanol = 9/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 15.9 min for (+)-isomer, 6.8 min for (-)-isomer.

# **Complex 5c**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.08 (3H, s), 3.25 (3H, s), 4.07 (2H, s), 4.16 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 4.44 (1H, d, J = 4.0 Hz), 4.54 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 4.59 (1H, d, J = 6.8 Hz), 5.24 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.56 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.66 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.25 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.94-7.03 (3H, m), 7.17 (2H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.27 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.72 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.6, 32.6, 55.7, 64.6, 87.9, 90.8, 94.2, 96.7, 112.3, 112.5, 114.9, 117.4, 122.3, 122.4, 126.5, 127.1, 128.1, 128.5, 232.3; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2362, 2344, 1964, 1883 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 481 (M<sup>+</sup>, 6), 397 (25), 337 (60), 284 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 481.0981. found 481.0977.

# Complex 5d



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.74 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 1.25 (2H, s), 1.66 (3H, s), 1.88-2.16 (2H, m), 5.21-5.26 (2H, m), 5.92 (1H, t, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 7.26-7.30 (2H, m), 7.43 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.75 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.87 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 8.30 (2H, t, *J* = 5.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.3, 15.3, 19.4, 24.1, 27.8, 37.8, 60.7, 86.8, 87.4, 89.8, 97.4, 113.1, 113.2, 113.5, 120.5, 120.8, 128.1, 129.4, 131.5, 233.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3421, 1955, 1870 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 435 (M<sup>+</sup>, 8), 351 (36), 180 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Cr, 435.0927. found 435.0930.

**Complex 5e** 



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24}$  –129.8 (*c* 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.99 (3H, s), 2.25 (3H, s), 2.30 (3H, s), 3.81-4.17 (6H, m), 4.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 1.6 Hz), 5.54-5.59 (3H, m), 6.23 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.95 (2H, s), 7.07 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.60 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.6, 20.6, 20.7, 32.7, 66.2, 66.3, 87.0, 91.4, 93.2, 100.1, 111.4, 111.5, 116.0, 117.6, 124.2, 125.6, 126.9, 127.4, 128.4, 128.7, 131.4, 131.5, 139.2, 140.6, 232.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3748, 2368, 1951, 1866 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 507 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7), 423 (34), 371 (96), 326 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 507.1138. found 507.1139.

**Complex 6e** 



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  +157.1 (*c* 0.014, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.12 (3H, s), 2.26 (3H, s), 2.36 (3H, s), 3.80-3.85 (2H, m), 3.93-4.05 (3H, m), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* = 19.6 Hz), 4.60 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 4.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.6 Hz), 5.19 (1H, s), 5.58 (1H, s), 5.94 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.96 (1H, s), 7.43-7.47 (2H, m), 7.48-7.61 (1H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  18.7, 20.1, 20.7, 30.4, 65.4, 65.5, 81.4, 91.3, 93.0, 100.3, 114.4, 126.6, 128.4, 129.5, 133.3, 133.4, 235.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2889, 2377, 2347, 2305, 1951, 1873 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 507 (M<sup>+</sup>, 7), 423 (35), 371 (38), 326 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 507.1138. found 507.1130; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 20/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 14.3 min for (+)-isomer, 11.3 min for (-)-isomer.

#### **Complex 5f**



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$  –217.97 (*c* 0.18, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.15 (3H, s), 3.93-4.17 (4H, m), 5.11 (1H, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 5.47 (1H, d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 5.61 (1H, t, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 5.69 (1H, s), 6.10 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.70-6.87 (5H, m), 6.97 (1H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.51 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.7, 65.6, 66.3, 85.8, 90.5, 94.1, 99.9, 113.0, 115.5, 115.9, 116.5, 118.0, 121.5, 123.2, 123.3, 123.4, 123.6, 123.7, 231.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3654, 1970, 1893 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 481 (M<sup>+</sup>, 9), 397 (27), 345

(100); HRMS calcd for  $C_{25}H_{19}NO_6Cr$ , 481.0617. found 481.0597.

**Complex 6f** 



[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> +248.4 (*c* 0.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.20 (3H, s), 4.04-4.23 (4H, m), 4.47 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 4.89 (1H, s), 5.05 (1H, s), 5.26 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.93-5.98 (2H, m), 6.74-6.79 (3H, m), 7.46-7.49 (2H, m), 7.73 (1H, d, J = 5.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 17.8, 65.7, 65.8, 79.5, 80.2, 87.5, 88.4, 99.5, 114.8, 116.4, 123.5, 124.9, 126.9, 130.3, 134.0, 233.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2890, 1957, 1871 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 481 (M<sup>+</sup>, 2), 397 (6), 345 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Cr, 481.0617. found 481.0565; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 9/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 8.2 min for (+)-isomer, 7.0 min for (-)-isomer.

#### **Complex 5g**



mp. 158 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +16.8 (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.80-3.88 (2H, m), 3.95-4.10 (4H, m), 5.45-5.53 (4H, m), 5.71 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 6.98-7.05 (4H, m), 7.13-7.26 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  33.2, 65.9, 66.1, 90.2, 90.3, 91.8, 96.1, 99.6, 110.5, 117.0, 118.0, 122.5, 126.2, 126.5, 127.7, 143.3, 231.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3006, 1978, 1907 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 465 (M<sup>+</sup>, 11), 381 (45), 284 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 465.0668. found 465.0671.

**Complex 6g** 



mp. 157 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –335.2 (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.83-4.06 (5H, m), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.98 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.28 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.51 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.72 (1H, s), 6.11-6.13 (1H, m), 6.97-6.99 (2H, m), 7.13-7.15 (1H, m), 7.58-7.61 (2H, m), 7.62 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.83 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  30.7, 65.4, 65.6, 80.3, 86.1, 92.2, 94.1, 94.2, 99.9, 115.4, 118.7, 122.8, 124.9, 127.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.8, 131.2, 131.8, 137.1, 137.5, 140.2, 234.4; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 465 (M<sup>+</sup>, 22), 381 (79), 284 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 465.0668. found 465.0667; HPLC condition; Chiralpak AD; hexane/2-propanol = 20/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 15.1 min for (+)-isomer, 11.7 min for (-)-isomer.

#### **Complex 5h**



mp. 157 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{18}$  +118.0 (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.90-4.01 (2H, m), 4.07 (1H, q, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 4.16 (1H, q, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 5.27 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.49 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.58 (2H, t, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 5.68 (1H, s), 6.81-6.88 (8H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  66.2, 66.3, 88.0, 90.1, 91.8, 96.8, 99.5, 110.5, 116.0, 117.8, 118.1, 123.5, 123.6, 134.7, 147.0, 231.2; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1979, 1911, 1487 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 467 (M<sup>+</sup>, 19), 383 (100), 331 (48); HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Cr, 467.0461. found 467.0453.

**Complex 6h** 



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  –248 (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.95-4.13 (4H, m), 4.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 0.8 Hz), 4.87 (1H, dt, *J* = 6.4, 0.8 Hz), 5.07 (1H, dt, *J* = 6.4, 0.8 Hz), 5.29 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 0.8 Hz), 5.85 (1H, s), 5.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz), 6.71-6.81 (3H, m), 7.57-7.62 (1H, m), 7.65-7.73 (2H, m), 7.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  65.6, 65.8, 79.8, 81.0, 87.8, 88.4, 100.2, 115.2, 116.4, 123.5, 124.8, 128.8, 130.2, 130.3, 132.4, 234.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3009, 2360, 1959, 1882 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 467 (M<sup>+</sup>, 28), 383 (91), 353 (51), 331 (41), 270 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Cr, 467.0461. found 467.0470; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 9/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 12.42 min for (+)-isomer, 21.51 min for (-)-isomer.

#### Complex 5i



[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> +120 (*c* 0.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.29 (6H, s), 3.89-4.19 (4H, m), 5.27 (1H, t, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.47 (1H, t, J = 5.6 Hz), 5.55-5.60 (2H, m), 5.70 (1H, s), 6.67 (2H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.74-6.79 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 15.5, 66.3, 88.2, 90.3, 91.6, 96.7, 99.5, 115.8, 122.6, 125.2, 125.5, 134.7, 231.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 1972, 1898, 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m*/*z* 495 (M<sup>+</sup>, 22), 411 (79), 359 (76), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Cr, 495.0774. found 495.0776.

**Complex 6i** 



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  –234 (c 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  2.24 (3H, s), 2.32 (3H, s), 3.93-4.16 (5H, m), 4.95 (2H, d, J = 3.2 Hz), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 5.86 (1H, s), 6.63 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.70 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.56-7.60 (1H, m), 7.68 (2H, d, J = 3.2 Hz),7.79 Hz);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ (1H, d. J =8.0 **NMR** (100)MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) δ 15.3, 15.6, 65.5, 65.7, 89.0, 89.4, 100.0, 112.7, 123.9, 125.3, 128.6, 130.1, 130.4, 132. 1, 234.6; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2348, 2307, 1952, 1862 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) m/z 495 (M<sup>+</sup>, 34), 411 (98), 298 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Cr, 495.0774. found 495.0770; HPLC condition; Chiralpak AS; hexane/2-propanol = 80/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 17.71 min for (+)-isomer, 15.78 min for (-)-isomer.

#### **Complex 5j**



mp. 92 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  –92.0 (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.82 (1H, s), 3.96 (2H, s), 4.05 (1H, s), 5.46 (2H, bs), 5.57 (1H, bs), 5.69 (1H, bs), 6.04 (1H, s), 6.99-7.06 (4H, m), 7.12-7.19 (4H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  65.9, 66.6, 89.1, 90.9, 91.3, 97.3, 100.0, 109.9, 120.2, 120.6, 124.6, 127.3, 127.4, 145.8, 231.4; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3585, 3059, 2362, 1979, 1913 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 483 (M<sup>+</sup>, 10), 399 (100), 371 (95); HRMS calcd for  $C_{24}H_{17}NO_5SCr$ , 483.0233. found 483.0233.

**Complex 6j** 



mp. 147 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{18}$  +175.0 (*c* 0.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.94-4.11 (4H, m), 4.56 (1H, bs), 4.99 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.17 (1H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 5.93 (1H, s), 6.19 (1H, bs), 6.93-6.95 (2H, m), 7.01-7.04 (1H, m), 7.58-7.67 (3H, m), 7.84 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  65.6, 65.7, 82.1, 86.2, 92.5, 92.8, 100.2, 117.1, 122.6, 124.2, 127.0, 127.9, 129.6, 130.0, 131.3, 131.7, 142.0, 233.7; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 3620, 2975, 2360, 1962, 1889 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 483 (M<sup>+</sup>, 21), 399 (92), 371 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>SCr, 483.0233. found 483.0233.; HPLC condition; Chiralcel OD; hexane/2-propanol = 9/1; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; column temperature 40 °C; UV detector 254 nm, retention time, 12.85 min for (–)-isomer, 23.06 min for (+)-isomer.

#### Stereoselective synthesis of complex 8 from complex 6a.

Complex **6a** (89 mg, 0.18mmol) and *N*, *N*, *N'*, *N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (26 mg, 0.22 mmol) were dissolved in THF (2.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and *n*-BuLi (0.14 mL, 1.6 N in hexane, 0.22 mmol) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C and then gradually warmed to -60 °C. MeI (38 mg, 0.27 mmol) was added at -60 °C to the reaction mixture and gradually warmed to 0 °C. The reaction mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to give chromium complex **8** (75 mg, 0.15 mmol) in 85% yield as yellow amorphous.

#### Stereoselective synthesis of complex 8 by a nucleophilic substitution reaction.

Complex **9** (100 mg, 0.31 mmol), 9-methylacridane (73 mg, 0.37 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (122 mg, 0.46 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (2.0 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was degassed by three freeze/vacuum/thaw cycles and heated to 85 °C. The suspension of NaH (18 mg, 0.46 mmol) and toluene (1.0 mL) was added to the solution, the resulting mixture was stirred at 85 °C for 1 h. The mixture was cooled to rt, and quenched with  $H_2O$  and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to give chromium complex **8** in 30 % yield as yellow amorphous.

## **Complex 8**



[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>18</sup> +371.8 (*c* 0.41, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.16 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.71 (3H, s), 3.42 (1H, q, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.54-4.00 (4H, m), 4.17 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 4.49 (1H, t, J = 6.0 Hz), 4.58 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.70 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 6.02 (1H, s), 6.46 (1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 6.80 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 7.01 (1H, d, J = 4.0Hz), 7.18 (1H, m), 7.89 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 18.1, 30.5, 36.2, 65.7, 81.7, 86.8, 92.4, 94.3, 99.5, 115.1, 123.2, 125.4, 126.9, 127.7, 128.7, 129.9, 134.0, 234.1; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) 2967, 2892, 1954, 1869 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (relative intensity) *m/z* 493 (M<sup>+</sup>, 13), 409 (83), 312 (100); HRMS calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>Cr, 493.0981. found 493.0977.

# X-ray Crystallography

A crystal was mounted on a grass capillary with Paratone-N hydrocarbon oil and transferred to a Rigaku RAXIS Rapid diffractometer equipped with an imaging plate detector. The frame data were processed using the Rigaku PROCESS-AUTO program,<sup>4</sup> and the reflection data were corrected for absorption with an ABSCOR program.<sup>5</sup> The structures were solved by a direct method (SHELXS 97) and refinement on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares method by using SHELX97.<sup>6</sup>

## Complex 7 + 0.5(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)

Crystallographic data:  $C_{27.5}H_{23}CrNO_4$ , M = 483.48, triclinic, space group *P-1*, a = 10.867(4), b = 14.490(7), c = 14.911(4),  $V = 2293.2(1)^3$ , Z = 4, Dc = 1.4000 g cm<sup>-3</sup>  $\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ) = 0.71075 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 1004.00, T = 296 K, 22335 reflections were corrected, 10174 unique ( $R_{int} = 0.024$ ),  $R_1 = 0.047$  ( $I > 3\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR_2 = 0.145$  ( $I > 3\sigma(I)$ ), S = 1.03

#### Special Remarks

- 1. Two crystallographycally independent molecules are included in an asymmetric unit. These two molecules take almost same conformation.
- Toluene is included as a crystal solvent. One toluene molecule exists in an asymmetric unit.
- 3. In an ortep diagram, the molecule looks like *p*-xylene is actually a toluene molecule partially overlapping two different orientations as shown below. This X-ray structure was analyzed on the basis of the assumption that a methyl group occupancy was 0.5 each.



4. Level A alert appeared when our CIF file was checked by checkCIF, however it is due to the disorder of solvent molecules.



# Comparison of the rotational barrier for complex 6g and *N*-aryl indole P7

The relative energies for rotational barrier of *ortho*-trisubstituted chromium complexes **6g** and **P7** were carried out B3LYP/6-31(d, p) level calculations by using Gaussian 03 program.<sup>7</sup> Compared with the relative energies of these two complexes, it was revealed that **6g** have a higher rotational barrier than *N*-aryl indole complex **P7** with axial chiral N-C bond.





# Cartesian coordinate for 6g

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Cartesian coordinate for P7

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Molecular structure of 6g



Molecular structure of P7



































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