Design and Synthesis of New Chiral Phosphorus–Olefin Bidentate Ligands and Their Use in the Rhodium-Catalyzed Asymmetric Addition of Organoboroxines to N-Sulfonyl Imines

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Supporting Information

I. General

All air- and moisture-sensitive manipulations were carried out with standard Schlenk techniques under nitrogen or in a glove box under argon.

THF and dioxane were purified by passing through neutral alumina columns under nitrogen. DMF was distilled over CaH_2 under vacuum. CH_2Cl_2 was distilled over CaH_2 under nitrogen. Et₃N was distilled over KOH under nitrogen. C_6H_6 was distilled over benzophenone ketyl under nitrogen. Pentane was distilled over benzophenone ketyl in the presence of triglyme under nitrogen.

2-methyl-2-propenyl bromide (Aldrich), NaH (Kanto Chemical; 60 wt% in mineral oil), Grubbs catalyst (Aldrich; 2nd generation), trifluoroacetic acid (Wako Chemicals), chlorodiphenylphosphine (Wako Chemicals), and methanesulfonyl chloride (Wako Chemicals) were used as received.

(S)-2, ¹ (7*R*)-7, ² 2-(benzyloxymethyl)-2-propenol, ³ 2-phenyl-2-propenyl bromide, ⁴ Rh(acac)(C_2H_4)₂, ⁵ and [RhCl(C_2H_4)₂]₂⁶ were synthesized following the literature procedures. Imines **5** and **8** were prepared from the corresponding aldehydes and sulfonamides following the literature procedure. ⁷ Organoboroxines were prepared by dehydration of the corresponding organoboronic acids following the literature procedure.⁸

All other chemicals and solvents were purchased from Aldrich, Wako Chemicals, TCI, or Kanto Chemical and used as received.

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II. Synthesis of Ligands and Complexes



2-Methyl-2-propenyl bromide (726 mg, 5.38 mmol) and NaH (256 mg, 6.40 mmol; 60 wt% in mineral oil) were successively added to a solution of (*S*)-**2** (1.01 g, 4.08 mmol) in DMF (9.0 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with H₂O at 0 °C and this was extracted with EtOAc/hexane (1/10). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with EtOAc/hexane = 1/20 to afford compound (*S*)-**S1** as a colorless oil (1.17 g, 3.88 mmol; 95% yield). [α]²⁵_D –55.4 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 7.25 (t, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.00 (ddd, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 17.0$, 10.2, and 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 18.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 4.34 (bs, 1H), 3.75-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH} = 16.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.16-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH} = 13.6$ Hz and ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 °C): δ 155.4, 142.8, 139.0, 137.5, 129.5, 128.4, 126.4, 116.2, 111.6, 79.7, 61.5, 52.2, 39.2, 28.6, 20.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₉H₂₇NO₂Na (M+Na⁺) 324.1934, found 324.1930.

Grubbs catalyst (66.3 mg, 78.1 µmol; 2nd generation) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**S1** (1.16 g, 3.85 mmol) in C₆H₆ (38 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at 60 °C. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with EtOAc/hexane = 1/20 to afford compound (*S*)-**3a** as a colorless oil (1.03 g, 3.77 mmol; 98% yield, ~6/4 mixture of rotamers). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +177 (*c* 1.10, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 0.8H), 7.12 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 1.2H), 5.26 (s, 0.4H), 5.23 (s, 0.6H), 4.73-4.67 (m, 0.4H), 4.61-4.55 (m, 0.6H), 4.02 (d, ²*J*_{HH} = 15.0 Hz, 0.6H), 3.89 (d, ²*J*_{HH} = 14.9 Hz, 0.4H), 3.70 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 14.9 Hz and ⁴*J*_{HH} = 4.0 Hz, 0.6H), 3.56 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 15.0 Hz and ⁴*J*_{HH} = 4.8 Hz, 0.4H), 3.17 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.9 Hz and ³*J*_{HH} = 3.4 Hz, 0.4H), 3.13 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 13.0 Hz and ³*J*_{HH} = 3.4 Hz, 0.6H), 2.84 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 13.0 Hz and ³*J*_{HH} = 8.2 Hz, 0.4H), 2.69 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.9 Hz and ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 0.6H), 1.66 (s, 1.8H), 1.63 (s, 1.2H), 1.55 (s, 5.4H), 1.50 (s, 3.6H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 154.0, 138.2, 135.2, 135.1, 129.9, 129.6, 128.2, 127.9, 126.2, 126.0, 123.5, 123.3, 79.5, 79.1, 65.9, 65.6, 56.9, 56.6, 41.3, 39.8, 28.70, 28.66, 14.2, 14.1. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₂Na (M+Na⁺) 296.1621, found 296.1617.

Trifluoroacetic acid (7.5 mL) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**3a** (1.03 g, 3.77 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (37 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the remaining trifluoroacetic acid was further removed by dissolving the residue in C₆H₆ and concentrated under vacuum for three times, followed by the same sequence with hexane for three times. The residue thus obtained was chromatographed on silica gel with MeOH/CH₂Cl₂ = 1/10 to afford compound (*S*)-**S2** as a purple solid (1.03 g, 3.59 mmol; 95% yield). [α]²⁵_D +54.5 (*c* 0.32, CHCl₃).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 10.30 (bs, 1H), 9.23 (bs, 1H), 7.31 (t, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 4.70-4.62 (m, 1H), 3.84 (d, ²*J*_{HH})

= 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 13.6 Hz and ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 13.6 Hz and ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 162.8 (q, ${}^{2}J_{\text{CF}}$ = 35.9 Hz), 135.8, 135.3, 129.2, 128.8, 127.2, 122.4, 117.0 (q, ${}^{1}J_{\text{CF}}$ = 293 Hz), 66.9, 53.9, 39.3, 13.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N (M–CF₃CO₂⁻) 174.1277, found 174.1278.

1 M NaOH*aq* (15 mL) was added to a solution of (*S*)-**S2** (1.03 g, 3.59 mmol) in Et₂O (5.0 mL) and the mixture was extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in THF (9.0 mL), and Et₃N (2.20 mL, 15.8 mmol) and chlorodiphenylphosphine (710 μ L, 3.95 mmol) were successively added to it with additional THF (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred for 9 h at room temperature, and the volatiles were removed under vacuum. This was chromatographed on silica gel with degassed Et₃N/hexane = 1/2 to afford compound (*S*)-**1a** as a yellow oil (1.06 g, 2.97 mmol; 83% yield). [α]²⁵_D+235 (*c* 1.03, THF).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.58 (t, ³*J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, ³*J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.05 (m, 9H), 5.27-5.21 (m, 1H), 4.77-4.68 (m, 1H), 3.60 (bs, 2H), 3.44 (ddd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.8 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} = 3.9 Hz, and ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.8 Hz and ³*J*_{HH} = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 140.2 (d, *J*_{CP} = 7.7 Hz), 139.5 (d, *J*_{CP} = 18.1 Hz), 139.4, 137.1, 134.9 (d, *J*_{CP} = 12.9 Hz), 134.8 (d, *J*_{CP} = 12.9 Hz), 132.7 (d, *J*_{CP} = 19.6 Hz), 132.6 (d, *J*_{CP} = 19.6 Hz), 130.0, 128.61 (d, *J*_{CP} = 5.7 Hz), 128.59 (d, *J*_{CP} = 4.7 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J*_{CP} = 4.1 Hz), 126.3, 125.2 (d, *J*_{CP} = 6.7 Hz), 73.1 (d, *J*_{CP} = 30.5 Hz), 57.6 (d, *J*_{CP} = 9.3 Hz), 45.2 (d, *J*_{CP} = 5.7 Hz), 14.0. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 43.5 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₄H₂₅NP (M+H⁺) 358.1719, found 358.1717.

2-(Benzyloxymethyl)-2-propenyl methanesulfonate

Et₃N (5.40 mL, 38.7 mmol) and mthanesulfonyl chloride (1.50 mL, 19.4 mmol) were successively added to a solution of 2-(benzyloxymethyl)-2-propenol (2.75 g, 15.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 50 min at 0 °C and the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃*aq*. This was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the organic layer was washed with saturated NaCl*aq*, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with EtOAc/hexane = 1/4 to afford 2-(benzyloxymethyl)-2-propenyl methanesulfonate as a colorless oil (2.88 g, 11.2 mmol; 73% yield).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.40-5.37 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.99 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 139.1, 137.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 118.2, 72.5, 70.2, 70.1, 37.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₄SNa (M+Na⁺) 279.0662, found 279.0663.

(S)-1b



This was synthesized from (*S*)-**2** and 2-(benzyloxymethyl)-2-propenyl methanesulfonate, following the procedure for (*S*)-**1a**. Brown oil. 62% overall yield. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +187 (*c* 0.56, THF).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.57 (t, ³*J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, ³*J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 13H), 7.09-7.04 (m, 3H), 5.56-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.73 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.68-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.38 (ddd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.7 Hz,

 ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 4.2$ Hz, and ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}} = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}} = 12.8$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 9.3$ Hz, and ${}^{4}J_{\text{HH}} = 0.6$ Hz, 1H). 13 C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 139.8 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 7.2$ Hz), 139.3 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 18.1$ Hz), 139.2, 139.0, 138.9, 134.9 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 12.9$ Hz), 134.8 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 12.9$ Hz), 132.7 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 20.2$ Hz), 132.6 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 19.1$ Hz), 130.0, 128.64 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 6.2$ Hz), 128.59 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 7.2$ Hz), 128.5 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 5.2$ Hz), 127.9, 127.7, 127.3 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 6.7$ Hz), 126.4, 72.9 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 31.5$ Hz), 72.0, 66.9, 54.6 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 9.3$ Hz), 44.7 (d, $J_{\text{CP}} = 5.2$ Hz). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR (C₆D₆): δ 44.8 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₃₁H₃₁NOP (M+H⁺) 464.2138, found 464.2130.

(S)-1c



This was synthesized from (*S*)-**2** and 2-phenyl-2-propenyl bromide, following the procedure for (*S*)-**1a**. Pink solid. 85% overall yield. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +224 (*c* 0.53, THF).

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 7.65-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 9H), 6.99-6.95 (m, 5H), 6.00 (dt, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 4.9$ Hz and ${}^{4}J_{\rm HH} = 2.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.92-4.85 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.52 (ddd, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH} = 12.8$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 4.2$ Hz, and ${}^{4}J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{\rm HH} = 12.8$ Hz and ${}^{3}J_{\rm HH} = 9.5$ Hz, 1H). 13 C NMR (C₆D₆): δ 139.9 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 8.3$ Hz), 139.6, 139.14 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 17.6$ Hz), 139.09, 134.9 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 12.9$ Hz), 134.8 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 12.9$ Hz), 134.2, 132.7 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 20.2$ Hz), 132.5 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 19.6$ Hz), 130.0, 128.72 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 6.2$ Hz), 128.68 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 31.0$ Hz), 54.5 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 9.3$ Hz), 45.1 (d, $J_{\rm CP} = 6.2$ Hz). ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR (C₆D₆): δ 44.2 (s). HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NP (M+H⁺) 420.1876, found 420.1864.

Rh(acac)((S)-1a) (4)

A solution of (S)-1a (318 mg, 0.890 mmol) in C₆H₆ (4.0 mL) was added slowly over 25 min to a solution of Rh(acac)(C₂H₄)₂ (214 mg, 0.829 mmol) in C₆H₆ (1.0 mL) at 30 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at 30 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered through PTFE membrane with C₆H₆ and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The solid thus obtained was washed with hexane and dried under vacuum to afford complex 4 as a yellow solid (396 mg, 0.708 mmol; 85% yield). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –20.5 (*c* 0.52, THF). Recrystallization of this complex from benzene/pentane afforded single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis.

¹H NMR (C₆D₆): δ 8.25-8.18 (m, 2H), 7.98-7.92 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.06-6.94 (m, 8H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 1H), 3.52-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.84 (t, *J*_{HH} = 14.0 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (dd, ²*J*_{HH} = 12.8 Hz and ³*J*_{HP} = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44-2.29 (m, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆): δ 127.9 (d, ¹*J*_{PRh} = 202 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₃₁NO₂PRh: C, 62.26; H, 5.59. Found: C, 62.27; H, 5.52.

General Procedure for [RhCl((S)-1)]₂

A solution of (S)-1 (1.0 equiv) in C_6H_6 (ca. 5.0 mL for 1.0 mmol of (S)-1) was added slowly over 20 min to a solution of $[RhCl(C_2H_4)_2]_2$ (1.1 equiv Rh) in C_6H_6 (ca. 2.5 mL for 1.0 mmol of (S)-1) at 30 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at 30 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered through PTFE membrane with C_6H_6 and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The solid thus obtained was washed with hexane and dried under vacuum to afford complex $[RhCl((S)-1)]_2$, which was directly used as a catalyst for the addition reaction.

III. Catalytic Reactions

General Procedure for Table 1.

4 M KOHaq (10 μ L, 40 μ mol) was added to a solution of [RhCl((S)-1c)]₂ (5.6 mg, 10 μ mol Rh), imine **5** (0.200 mmol), and organoboroxine (0.600 mmol B) in dioxane (0.50 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at 60 °C. This was directly passed through a pad of silica gel with EtOAc and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel preparative TLC to afford compound **6**.



Entry 1. (CAS 796966-21-7 for (R)-enantiomer) White solid. 90% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 16.8 min [minor enantiomer], 22.0 min [major enantiomer]. 97% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +6.1 (*c* 0.93, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 7H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 4H), 5.53 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.5, 140.2, 139.2, 137.4, 133.5, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 60.9, 21.6.



Entry 3. (CAS 831225-96-8 for (*R*)-enantiomer) White solid. 71% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 16.1 min [minor enantiomer], 25.0 min [major enantiomer]. 95% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -8.7 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.54 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.13 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.62 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 144.4, 143.7, 139.9, 137.2, 129.8 (q, ²*J*_{CF} = 31.6 Hz), 129.6, 129.0, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 125.5, 124.1 (q, ¹*J*_{CF} = 272 Hz), 61.1, 21.5.

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Entry 4. (CAS 796966-22-8 for (R)-enantiomer) Pale yellow solid. 90% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 20.3 min [minor enantiomer], 32.1 min [major enantiomer]. 97% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +20.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.99 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 159.1, 143.2, 140.9, 137.6, 132.9, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 114.0, 60.9, 55.4, 21.6.



Entry 5. (CAS 898269-04-0 for (*R*)-enantiomer) White solid. 95% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 15.0 min [major enantiomer], 17.6 min [minor enantiomer]. 94% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +27.5 (*c* 1.01, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.51 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 6H), 7.05 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz and ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.5 Hz and ⁴*J*_{HH} = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.76 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 156.5, 142.9, 140.7, 137.6, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 127.8, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 120.8, 111.2, 59.1, 55.4, 21.5.



Entry 6. (CAS 158568-79-7 for (R)-enantiomer) Gray solid. 83% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 24.6 min [minor enantiomer], 26.6 min [major enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +14.8 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.58 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (dd, ³*J*_{HH} = 3.3 and 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 143.3, 142.7, 138.4, 137.5, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 110.4, 108.5, 55.6, 21.6.



Entry 7. The reaction was conducted for 24 h using 0.4 equiv of KOH. White solid. 73% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 98/2, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 72.4 min [major enantiomer], 87.2 min [minor enantiomer]. 97% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –11.8 (*c* 1.01, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy with entry1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 5.57-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.86 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.98-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.32 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.2, 139.6, 137.9, 135.7, 129.4, 128.5, 127.5, 127.0, 125.9, 63.4, 25.2, 25.0, 22.4, 22.1, 21.6. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₃NO₂S: C, 70.35; H, 6.79. Found: C, 70.27; H, 6.57.

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Entry 8. (CAS 1112116-79-6 for (S)-enantiomer) The reaction was conducted in dioxane/H₂O (100/1). White solid. 73% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 9.6 min [minor enantiomer], 15.3 min [major enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –27.0 (*c* 0.64, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy with entry 1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.45 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 2H), 4.98 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.97-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.32-1.25 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.02 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.80 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 142.7, 140.1, 137.9, 129.2, 128.1, 127.14, 127.12, 126.9, 63.6, 43.9, 29.9, 29.6, 26.3, 26.0, 21.5.



Entry 9. (CAS 796966-17-1 for (S)-enantiomer) White solid. 83% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 17.1 min [major enantiomer], 22.9 min [minor enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –4.7 (*c* 0.99, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹





Entry 10. (CAS 796966-18-2 for (S)-enantiomer) Pale brown solid. 87% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 19.9 min [major enantiomer], 31.3 min [minor enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –19.1 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹



Entry 11. (CAS 738626-20-5 for (*S*)-enantiomer) The reaction was conducted for 24 h using 0.4 equiv of KOH. Pale yellow solid. 70% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 12.9 min [minor enantiomer], 15.6 min [major enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +10.3 (*c* 0.99, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 3H), 7.15-7.09 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 4H), 5.80 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 140.1, 138.4, 137.6, 135.6, 130.8, 129.4, 128.7, 127.7, 127.3, 127.2, 126.3, 58.2, 21.6, 19.5.



Entry 12. (CAS 1171048-75-1 for racemate) White solid. 93% yield.

The ee was determined on two Daicel Chiralpak AD-H columns with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.3 mL/min. Retention times: 94.7 min [minor enantiomer], 103.1 min [major enantiomer]. 98% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –14.9 (*c* 0.99, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy with entry 1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.78-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.66-7.64 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.14 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.74 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (bs, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 140.5, 137.7, 137.5, 133.1, 132.7, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.7, 127.64, 127.59, 127.3, 126.5, 126.3, 126.2, 125.3, 61.6, 21.5.



Entry 13. (CAS 1032583-00-8 for racemate) Pale brown solid. 88% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 15.1 min [major enantiomer], 19.8 min [minor enantiomer]. 96% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +3.3 (*c* 1.02, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy with entry 1.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.56 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.77 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 143.3, 142.0, 140.3, 137.6, 129.5, 128.7, 127.8, 127.31, 127.26, 126.8, 126.6, 123.0, 57.7, 21.6.





The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OJ-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 98/2, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 72.7 min [minor enantiomer], 82.6 min [major enantiomer]. 89% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +11.2 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was assigned by analogy with entry1.





Entry 15. (CAS 796966-23-9 for (R)-enantiomer) Pale yellow solid. 91% yield.

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 26.1 min [major enantiomer], 35.1 min [minor enantiomer]. 95% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –13.7 (*c* 1.03, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.⁹

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 7.55 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.14 (m, 4H), 7.06 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 159.2, 143.4, 139.4, 137.4, 133.4, 132.4, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.3, 114.1, 60.4, 55.4, 21.6.



Procedure for Equation 3.



4 M KOHaq (10 μ L, 40 μ mol) was added to a solution of [RhCl((S)-1c)]₂ (5.6 mg, 10 μ mol Rh), imine **8** (64.9 mg, 0.200 mmol), and phenylboroxine (62.3 mg, 0.600 mmol B) in dioxane (0.50 mL), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at 60 °C. This was directly passed through a pad of silica gel with EtOAc and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel preparative TLC with EtOAc/hexane/MeOH = 3/16/2 and then with CH₂Cl₂/hexane/MeOH = 100/20/1 to afford compound **9** (CAS 840529-66-0) as a white solid (61.3 mg, 0.152 mmol; 76% yield).

The ee was determined on a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 80/20, flow = 0.5 mL/min. Retention times: 27.5 min [minor enantiomer], 50.6 min [major enantiomer]. 94% ee. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +1.2 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). The absolute configuration was determined by comparison of the optical rotation with the literature value.¹⁰

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.14 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.78 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.69 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, ³*J*_{HH} = 7.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 149.9, 146.2, 139.1, 138.3, 134.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.44, 128.42, 127.4, 124.1, 61.2.

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IV. X-ray Crystal Structure of Rh(acac)((S)-1a)



Data Collection

A yellow C_6H_6 solution of Rh(acac)((S)-1a) was prepared. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by diffusion of pentane at room temperature.

A yellow prism crystal of $C_{29}H_{31}NO_2PRh$ having approximate dimensions of 0.20 x 0.10 x 0.10 mm was mounted on a glass fiber. All measurements were made on a Rigaku RAXIS RAPID imaging plate area detector with graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation.

Indexing was performed from 3 oscillations that were exposed for 90 seconds. The crystal-to-detector distance was 127.40 mm.

Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection corresponded to a primitive orthorhombic cell with dimensions:

a = 8.270(3) Å b = 11.652(5) Å c = 26.490(8) Å $V = 2552.7(15) \text{ Å}^{3}$

For Z = 4 and F.W. = 559.45, the calculated density is 1.456 g/cm³. The systematic absences of:

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h00: h \pm 2n
0k0: k \pm 2n
001: l \pm 2n
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uniquely determine the space group to be:

P2₁2₁2₁ (#19)

The data were collected at a temperature of -150 ± 1 °C to a maximum 20 value of 55.0°. A total of 42 oscillation images were collected. A sweep of data was done using ω scans from 130.0 to 190.0° in 5.0° step, at $\chi = 45.0^{\circ}$ and $\phi = 0.0^{\circ}$. The exposure rate was 500.0 [sec./°]. A second sweep was performed using ω scans from 0.0 to 160.0° in 5.0° step, at $\chi = 45.0^{\circ}$

and $\phi = 180.0^{\circ}$. The exposure rate was 500.0 [sec./°]. The crystal-to-detector distance was 127.40 mm. Readout was performed in the 0.100 mm pixel mode.

Data Reduction

Of the 22742 reflections that were collected, 5782 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.102$).

The linear absorption coefficient, μ , for Mo-K α radiation is 7.565 cm⁻¹. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects.

Structure Solution and Refinement

The structure was solved by direct methods¹¹ and expanded using Fourier techniques.¹² The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined using the riding model. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement¹³ on F was based on 18345 observed reflections (I > 2.00σ (I)) and 339 variable parameters and converged (largest parameter shift was 0.01 times its esd) with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of:

 $R = \Sigma ||Fo| - |Fc|| / \Sigma |Fo| = 0.0594$

$$R_{W} = [\Sigma w (|Fo| - |Fc|)^{2} / \Sigma w Fo^{2}]^{1/2} = 0.0818$$

The standard deviation of an observation of unit weight¹⁴ was 1.00. A Chebychev polynomial weighting scheme was used.¹⁵ Plots of Σ w (IFol–IFcl)² versus IFol, reflection order in data collection, sin θ/λ and various classes of indices showed no unusual trends. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 3.06 and $-3.34 \text{ e}^{-}/\text{Å}^{3}$, respectively. The absolute structure was deduced based on Flack parameter, 0.04(3), refined using 2473 Friedel pairs.¹⁶

Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from Cromer and Waber.¹⁷ Anomalous dispersion effects were included in Fcalc;¹⁸ the values for $\Delta f'$ and $\Delta f''$ were those of Creagh and McAuley.¹⁹ The values for the mass attenuation coefficients are those of Creagh and

¹³ Least Squares function minimized:

 $\Sigma w (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$ where w = Least Squares weights.

¹⁴ Standard deviation of an observation of unit weight:

 $[\Sigma w (|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / (N_0 - N_V)]^{1/2}$

where: N_0 = number of observations, N_V = number of variables

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The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (deposition number: CCDC 819417). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.

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Experimental Details

A. Crystal Data

Empirical Formula	$C_{29}H_{31}NO_2PRh$
Formula Weight	559.45
Crystal Color, Habit	yellow, prism
Crystal Dimensions	0.20 X 0.10 X 0.10 mm
Crystal System	orthorhombic
Lattice Type	Primitive
Indexing Images	3 oscillations @ 90.0 seconds
Detector Position	127.40 mm
Pixel Size	0.100 mm
Lattice Parameters	a = 8.270(3) Å b = 11.652(5) Å
	c = 26.490(8) Å
	$V = 2552.7(15) Å^3$
Space Group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ (#19)
Z value	4
D _{calc}	1.456 g/cm^3
F000	1152.00
μ(ΜοΚα)	7.565 cm^{-1}

B. Intensity Measurements

Diffractometer	Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71075$ Å) graphite monochromated

Detector Aperture	280 mm x 256 mm
Data Images	42 exposures
ω oscillation Range (χ=45.0, φ=0.0)	130.0 - 190.0°
Exposure Rate	500.0 sec./°
ω oscillation Range (χ=45.0, φ=180.0)	0.0 - 160.0°
Exposure Rate	500.0 sec./°
Detector Position	127.40 mm
Pixel Size	0.100 mm
20 _{max}	55.0°
No. of Reflections Measured	Total: 22742 Unique: 5782 (R _{int} = 0.102) Friedel pairs: 2473
Corrections	Lorentz-polarization

C. Structure Solution and Refinement

Structure Solution	Direct Methods (SIR92)
Refinement	Full-matrix least-squares on F
Function Minimized	$\Sigma \mathrm{w} (\mathrm{lFol} - \mathrm{lFcl})^2$
Least Squares Weights	Chebychev polynomial with 3 parameters 63.9849, 68.2451, 17.9686
2θ _{max} cutoff	55.0°
Anomalous Dispersion	All non-hydrogen atoms
No. Observations (I>2.00 σ (I))	18345
No. Variables	339
Reflection/Parameter Ratio	54.12
Residuals: R (I>2.00o(I))	0.0594
Residuals: Rw (I>2.00 σ (I))	0.0818
Goodness of Fit Indicator	1.003
Flack parameter	0.04(3)
Max Shift/Error in Final Cycle	0.006
Maximum peak in Final Diff. Map	$3.06 e^{-1}/Å^{3}$
Minimum peak in Final Diff. Map	$-3.34 \text{ e}^{-}/\text{Å}^{-3}$

V. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra









































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