Cu(II)-catalyzed Asymmetric Boron Conjugate Addition to α,β-Unsaturated Imines in Water

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1. General

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECX-600 or ECX-500 or ECX-400 spectrometer, operating at 600 or 500 MHz or 400 MHz for ¹H and 150 or 125 or 100 MHz for ¹³C NMR in CDCl₃ unless otherwise noted. Trimethylsilane (TMS) served as the internal standard ($\delta = 0$) for ¹H NMR and CDCl₃ was used as the internal standard ($\delta = 77.0$) for ¹³C NMR. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a JASCO FT/IR-4200 spectrometer. Data are represented as frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High-performance liquid chromatography was carried out using following apparatuses; SHIMADZU LC-10ATvp (liquid chromatograph), SHIMADZU SPD-10A (UV detector) and SHIMADZU C-R8A (Chromatopac) using Daicel chiralpak[®] or chiralcel[®] columns. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was carried out using Wakogel B-5F from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. High Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were recorded using a Brucker Daltonics BioTOF II (ESI) spectrometer. Optical Rotations were measured on a JASCO P1010 polarimeter using a 2 mL cell with 1 dm path length. Data are reported as follows: $[\alpha]_D^T$ (*c* in g/100 mL, solvent). Deionized water from a MILLIPORE MilliQ machine (Gradient A 10) was used as solvent without further treatment. All reagents used as additives were either distilled or recrystallized before use.

2. Synthesis of α,β-Unsaturated Imines

[General Method]

<u>Method A</u>: The corresponding amine (10 mmol), corresponding ketone (10 mmol), montmorillonite K10 (1 g) and molecular sieves 5A (1 g) were stirred in CH₃CN (10 mL) for 16 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through celite[®], and the product was isolated by distillation.

<u>Method B</u>: A mixture of ketone (10 mmol) and benzylamine (10 mmol) in 20 mL of hexane (freshly distilled from calcium hydride) was refluxed for 15 h over molecular sieves 5A (1 g). After filtration, the crude oil was crystallized under refrigeration, and recrystallization from THF/^{*n*}hexane = 1/4.

(2E, 3E)-N-isopropyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-imine

The title compound was prepared according to Method A.

Yellow oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 1.00$ (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 6H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.57 (m, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.59 (m, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 11.6, 23.4, 67.3, 119.9, 127.8, 128.8, 128.9, 129.8, 136.2, 165.0.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{13}H_{18}N [M+H]^+$ 188.1439, found 188.1426.

(2E, 3E)-N,4-diphenylbut-3-en-2-imine11



The title compound was prepared according to Method B.

White solid; mp 47-53 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.28 (s, 3H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.53 (m, 11H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 13.7, 115.8, 116.6, 119.5, 120.1, 122.3, 128.1, 130.9, 136.3, 145.4, 149.1, 161.2.

(2E, 3E)-N-benzyl-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-imine¹



The title compound was prepared according to Method B.

Pale yellow solid; mp 61-66 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 2.19$ (s, 3H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, 1H, J)

= 16.4 Hz), 7.03 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 7.26-7.53 (m, 10H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 12.2, 50.1, 124.5, 125.4, 126.0, 126.3, 126.9, 128.5, 133.4, 137.1, 139.9, 162.8.

(2E, 3E)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one oxime¹¹



To a solution of (*E*)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-one (1.46 g, 10 mmol) and pyridine (2.0 mL, 25 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) was added $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$ (1.04 g, 15 mmol) in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted twice with AcOEt. The combined organic layers was washed with 1N aqueous HCl and brine, and dried over MgSO4. Volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure.

White solid; 122-124 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 2.15$ (s, 3H), 6.87-6.93 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.46 (d, 2H, J = 7.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 9.7, 125.7, 126.9, 128.4, 128.7, 133.4, 136.3, 156.8.

(*E*)-1-phenyl-2-((*E*)-4-phenylbut-3-en-2-ylidene)hydrazine²



Benzalacetone (1.46 g, 10 mmol) and phenylhydrazine (1.16 g, 11 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH and AcOH (1mL) was added. The reaction solution was stirred at room temperature. After the completion of the reaction, the solid was collected by filtration and washed with cooled MeOH. Then the solid was dissolved in dichloromethane, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, brine. After dried over Na₂SO₄, the mixture was filtered and evaporated to give the solid, which was further purified by recrystallization from AcOEt/MeOH. Yellow solid; mp 132-135 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 1.96$ (s, 3H), 5.40 (br s, 1H), 6.64 (d, 1H, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.24-7.37 (m, 8H), 7.47-7.50 (d, 2H, J = 8.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 14.5, 113.5, 120.5, 126.5, 127.6, 128.4, 129.3, 129.4, 130.1, 138.7, 143.0, 147.1.

(1Z, 2E)-N-benzyl-1,3-diphenylprop-2-en-1-imine¹



The title compound was prepared according to Method B, then recrystallized from n pentane/THF = 4/1.

White solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 4.48 (s, 2H), 6.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 7.20-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.46-7.51 (m, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 57.6, 126.6, 127.3, 127.6, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 132.4, 135.8, 136.0, 139.9, 140.2, 170.4.

(1Z, 2E)-N-benzyl-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-imine



The title compound was prepared according to Method B, then recrystallized from n pentane/THF = 4/1.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.28 (s, 3H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 6.57 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 7.04-7.32 (m, 14H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 17.6, 22.5, 55.7, 57.5, 126.4, 126.8, 127.3, 127.6, 128.1, 128.7, 128.8, 132.2, 135.9, 136.0, 140.1, 140.6, 169.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{21}N [M+H]^+ 312.1752$, found 312.1744.

(1Z, 2E)-N-benzyl-3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-imine



The title compound was prepared according to Method B, then recrystallized from n hexane/1,4-dioxane = 4/1.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.40 (s, 3H), 4.29-4.61 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, 1H, *J* =16.0 Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0 Hz), 7.07-7.39 (m, 14H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 18.7, 24.1, 56.1, 59.2, 126.5, 126.8, 127.3, 127.4, 128.1, 128.5, 129.3, 131.9, 136.2, 136.4, 139.9, 140.2, 170.8.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{21}N [M+H]^+ 312.1752$, found 312.1761.

(1Z, 2E)-N-benzyl-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-imine



The title compound was prepared according to Method B, then recrystallized from n pentane/Et₂O = 4/1.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 4.57$ (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 6.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.6 Hz), 7.11-7.58 (m, 12H), 7.94 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 60.5, 120.6, 124.5, 127.6, 127.9, 128.4, 128.7, 128.9, 129.1, 129.3, 129.7, 130.2, 132.1, 134.7, 140.3, 167.9.

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{18}NCl [M+H]^+$ 332.1206, found 332.1202.

(2E, 3E)-N-benzyl-4-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-imine



The title compound was prepared according to Method B, then recrystallized from n pentane/Et₂O = 4/1.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.15 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 4.65 (s, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 6.92 (d, 1H, *J* = 17.2 Hz), 7.21-7.47 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 12.1, 23.5, 50.0, 120.0, 120.4, 127.5, 127.6, 128.7, 130.3, 130.5, 136.2, 137.8, 139.8, 159.9.$

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{20}N [M+H]^+ 250.1596$, found 250.1604.

3. Typical Experimental Procedure for Chiral $Cu(OAc)_2$ -Catalyzed Enantioselective Boron Conjugate Additions to α,β -Unsaturated imines in Water

[General Method]

An aqueous solution (1 mL) of Cu(OAc)₂ (10 mol%) and chiral 2,2'-bipyridine L1 (12 mol%) was stirred vigorously for 1 h at room temperature. Imine (0.2 mmol) and B₂(pin)₂ (0.24 mmol) were then added successively at the same temperature. After stirring for 12 h, dichloromethane (1 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After washing with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (20 mL×3). The combined organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After concentrated under reduced pressure, THF / H₂O = 3 / 2 (5 mL) and NaBO₃'4H₂O (244 mg) were added. After stirring for 3 h, AcOEt (30 mL) was added, and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the excess amount of NaBO₃·4H₂O (488 mg) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (20 mL) three times, and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After concentrated under reduced pressure, the crude mixture was purified by preparative TLC (*ⁿ*hexane/AcOEt = 4/1) to afford the desired β-hydroxy imines.

4. Analytical Data for β-Hydroxy Imines

(R, E)-3-(benzylimino)-1-phenylbutan-1-ol¹

Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 2.07$ (s, 3H), 2.80-2.93 (m, 2H), 3.46 (d, 1H, J = 3.3 Hz), 4.66 (s, 2H), 5.11 (dd, 1H, J = 5.8 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz), 7.28-7.40 (m, 10H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 27.9, 30.7, 53.4, 70.1, 125.6, 126.5, 126.9, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 129.0, 139.9, 169.1.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, ^{*n*}hexane/ ^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min); $t_R = 10.5 \text{ min} (S, \text{ minor}), t_R = 12.4 \text{ min} (R, \text{ major}).$

 $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +35.3 \ (c = 0.63, \text{CDCl}_3).$

(R, Z)-3-(benzylimino)-1,3-diphenylpropan-1-ol¹



Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 3.41 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 4.32 (s, 2H), 5.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 7.28-7.48 (m, 7H), 7.56-7.82 (m, 6H), 7.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 47.4, 59.2, 70.2, 123.7, 127.5, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 129.1, 129.7, 133.9, 136.6, 143.2, 167.2.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, ^{*n*}hexane/ ^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min); $t_R = 18.1 \text{ min}$ (*S*, minor), $t_R = 20.9 \text{ min}$ (*R*, major).

 $[\alpha]_D^{21} = +39.9 \ (c = 0.42, \text{CDCl}_3).$

(R, Z)-3-(benzylimino)-3-phenyl-1-(p-tolyl)propan-1-ol



Colorless oil.

IR (KBr) v = 1037, 1178, 1648, 2936, 3421 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 2.18$ (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.50 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 5.43 (dd, 1H, J = 2.9 Hz, J = 4.6 Hz), 7.28-7.54 (m, 12H), 7.95 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 21.9, 46.8, 59.2, 69.2, 123.7, 126.7, 127.0, 127.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.4, 129.7, 134.4, 140.3, 143.4, 168.3.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, ^{*n*}hexane/ ^{*i*}PrOH = 95/5, flow rate 1.0 mL/min); $t_R = 17.6 \text{ min} (S, \text{ minor}), t_R = 21.5 \text{ min} (R, \text{ major}).$

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}NO [M+H]^+ 330.1858$, found 330.1859.

 $[\alpha]_D^{19} = +54.2 \ (c = 0.35, \text{CDCl}_3).$

(R, Z)-3-(benzylimino)-1-phenyl-3-(p-tolyl)propan-1-ol



Yellow oil.

IR (KBr) v = 1041, 1154, 1646, 2899, 3394 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.44-3.46 (m, 2H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 5.39-5.41 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.56 (m, 12H), 7.67 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 26.9, 55.9, 61.2, 71.1, 123.8, 125.3, 125.7, 127.6, 128.4, 128.5, 129.1, 129.5, 129.7, 130.5, 133.9, 143.3, 171.7.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, ^{*n*}hexane/ ^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 0.7 mL/min); $t_R = 14.2 \text{ min} (S, \text{ minor}), t_R = 16.8 \text{ min} (R, \text{ major}).$

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}NO [M+H]^+ 330.1858$, found 330.1853.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +39.8 \ (c = 0.47, \text{CDCl}_3).$

(R, E)-3-(benzylimino)-1-(p-tolyl)butan-1-ol



Pale yellow oil.

IR (KBr) v = 1053, 1160, 1661, 2942, 3401 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); $\delta = 2.12$ (s, 3H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 2.70-2.84 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 5.12 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz), 7.16-7.33 (m, 9H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 23.4, 28.6, 31.7, 53.5, 70.0, 123.1, 126.5, 126.8, 127.2, 128.4, 129.0, 138.7, 176.2.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, "hexane/ 'PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min); $t_R = 9.8 \text{ min} (S, \text{ minor}), t_R = 11.8 \text{ min} (R, \text{ major}).$

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}NO [M+H]^+$ 268.1701, found 268.1697.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +21.6 \ (c = 0.23, \text{CDCl}_3).$

(R, Z)-3-(benzylimino)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-ol



Yellow oil.

IR (KBr) v = 1041, 1169, 1649, 2875, 3392 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 2.80-2.82 (m, 2H), 3.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 4.87 (d, 2H, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 5.37 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.19-7.61 (m, 12H), 7.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃); δ = 31.7, 53.5, 70.0, 124.9, 125.7, 126.3, 126.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.5, 130.0, 131.2, 133.9, 137.5, 170.3.

HPLC; (Dialcel Chiralcel OD-H, ^{*n*}hexane/ ^{*i*}PrOH = 90/10, flow rate 1.0 mL/min); $t_R = 11.4 \text{ min} (S, \text{ minor}), t_R = 13.7 \text{ min} (R, \text{ major}).$

HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}CINO [M+H]^+$ 350.1312, found 350.1332.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +38.6 \ (c = 0.53, \text{CHCl}_3).$

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