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# Ru-catalyzed β-selective and enantioselective addition of amines

# to styrenes initiated by direct arene-exchange

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#### General

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL AL-400 spectrometer at 400 MHz and 100 MHz respectively using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as a solvent. Chemical shift values for protons and carbons are reported in parts per million (ppm,  $\delta$  scale) downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual proton and carbon resources of CDCl<sub>3</sub> respectively ( $\delta$  7.26 and 77.0). ESI-MS spectra were measured with Accu TOF. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a JEOL JMS-GCMateII with FAB (Fast Atomic Bombardment) method. IR spectra were recorded by a IR Horiba FT730 spectrometer. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) was performed with silica gel-precoated glass plates (Merck 60 GF254) prepared in our laboratory. All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in oven-dried glassware with a magnetic stirring bar. All reagents were purchased from Wako, Kanto, Aldrich and TCI and used without further purification.

### Experimental procedure

#### General procedure for the nucleophilic addition of piperidine to styrene (Table 1, entry 6).

The mixture of [Ru(benzene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mg, 0.010 mmol) and AgOTf (10.8 mg, 0.042 mmol) in acetone was transferred to a Schlenk tube by a syringe filter under an atmosphere of argon. After acetone was excluded in vacuo and the container was backfilled with argon, a 1,4-dioxane solution (0.12 mL) of DPPPent (12.3 mg, 0.028 mmol), styrene (91.5  $\mu$ L, 0.80 mmol) and piperidine (40  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 72 h. Then, the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude products were purified by thin-layer chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1) to give analytically pure 1 (78%).

# <u>General procedure for enantioselective nucleophilic addition of piperidine to $\alpha$ -methylstyrene</u> (Table 3, entry 6).

The mixture of  $[Ru(benzene)Cl_2]_2$  (5.0 mg, 0.010 mmol) and AgOTf (10.8 mg, 0.042 mmol) in acetone was transferred to a Schlenk tube by a syringe filter under an atmosphere of argon. After acetone was excluded in vacuo and the container was backfilled with argon, a 1,4-dioxane solution (0.12 mL) of (*S*)-xylyl-BINAP (20.6 mg, 0.028 mmol),  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene (78.2  $\mu$ L, 0.60 mmol) and piperidine (40  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 72 h. Then, the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude products were purified by thin-layer chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1) to give analytically pure 4 (52%, 76% ee).

## Compound data of the products Known compounds:

N-(2-Phenethyl)piperidine (1),  $^{1}N$ -(2-phenethyl)morpholine (2),  $^{1}$  1-phenyl-4-(2-phenylethyl)piperazine (3),  $^{1}N$ -(2-phenethyl)tetrahydroisoquinoline (4).  $^{1}N$ -1-(2-phenylpropyl)piperidine (8),  $^{2}$  and N-1-(2-phenylpropyl)-morpholine (9).  $^{1}$ 

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of these compounds were consistent with those in the literatures.

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## *N*-[2-(4-Methylphenyl)ethyl]piperidine (5)

Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.42-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.64 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.46 (br, 4H), 2.50-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.79 (m, 2H), 7.09 (br s, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  20.9, 24.3, 25.9, 33.1, 54.5, 61.6, 128.6, 129.0, 135.4, 137.6; IR (neat) 2910, 2873, 1652, 1599, 1512, 1360, 1288, 1253, 1032, 831, 654 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB, positive) m/z Calcd. for: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N 204.1752 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>), Found: 204.1746 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>).



#### (R)-N-1-(2-Phenylpropyl)piperidine

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of this compound was consistent with those in the literature.<sup>1</sup>  $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -6.2$  (*c* 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 76% ee). Ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column (Daicel Chiralpak OD-3×2:4.6 x 250mm, 254nm UV detector, rt, eluent: 0.5% isopropanol in hexane, flow rate: 0.2 mL/min, retention time: 38.7 min for minor isomer and 39.7 min for major isomer).



### *N*-1-(2-Phenylpropyl)morpholine (*ent-*9)

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of this compound was consistent with those in the literature.<sup>1</sup>  $[\alpha]^{26}_{D} = -12.4$  (*c* 0.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 61% ee). Ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column (Daicel Chiralpak OD-3×2:4.6 x 250mm, 254nm UV detector, rt, eluent: 2% isopropanol in hexane, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, retention time: 13.1 min for minor isomer and 13.8 min for major isomer).



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### N-(2-phenylpropyl)tetrahydroisoquinoline (ent-10)

Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.32 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 2.62-2.70 (m, 3H), 2.76-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.86 (s, br, 2H), 3.02-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H) 3.69 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H),

6.99-7.01(m, 1H), 7.06-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 19.8, 29.0, 37.6, 51.0, 56.5, 65.9, 125.5, 126.0, 126.2, 126.6, 127.3, 128.4, 128.7, 134.6, 135.2, 146.3; IR (neat) 2894, 1681, 1269, 1288, 1053, 813, 684 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB, positive) m/z Calcd. for:  $C_{18}H_{22}N$  252.1752 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>), Found: 252.1756 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>). [α]<sup>26</sup><sub>D</sub> = +7.54 (*c* 0.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 64% ee). Ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column (Daicel Chiralpak OD-3×2:4.6 x 250mm, 254nm UV detector, rt, eluent: 0.5% isopropanol in hexane, flow rate: 0.2 mL/min, retention time: 66.6 min for minor isomer and 67.8 min for major isomer)



#### N-(2-Phenylpropyl)-4-piperidone ethylene ketal (ent-11)

Yellow oil, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  1.27 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) 1.69-1.75 (m, 4H), 2.43-2.48 (m, 4H), 2.52-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.95 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 4H), 7.17-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  19.8, 34.8, 37.8, 51.6, 64.1, 65.6, 107.4, 126.1, 127.2, 128.3, 146.4; IR (neat) 2905, 2873, 1648, 1346, 1213, 1032, 731, 673, 564 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB, positive) m/z Calcd. for: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 262.1807 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>), Found: 262.1806 ([M+1]<sup>+</sup>). [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>26</sup><sub>D</sub> = -9.65 (*c* 0.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 75% ee). Ee was determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column (Daicel Chiralpak OD-3×2+OD: 4.6 x 250mm, 254nm UV detector, rt, eluent: 0.5% isopropanol in hexane, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min, retention time: 51.3 min for minor isomer and 52.1 min for major isomer)

# ESI-MS chart of complex B ([M]<sup>+</sup>): [Ru((S)-xylyl-binap)( $\eta^{6}$ - $\alpha$ -methylstyrene)(OTf)]<sup>+</sup>







Theoretical isotope pattern of complex B ([M]<sup>+</sup>): [Ru((S)-xylyl-binap)( $\eta^{6}$ - $\alpha$ -methylstyrene)(OTf)]<sup>+</sup>











Theoretical isotope pattern of complex E ([M-TfOH]<sup>+</sup>): [Ru((*S*)-xylyl-binap)(η<sup>6</sup>-(1-methyl-2-piperidinoethyl)benzene)(OTf)]<sup>+</sup>



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