

Literature Report

Enantioselective Protonation

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Introduction



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Introduction





Scheme 1: Main strategies investigated in enantioselective protonation

Enantioselective transfer of a proton presents unusual challenges —manipulating a very small atom and avoiding product racemization at a particularly labile stereocentre.

Introduction



Important factors in achieving enantioselective protonation

- 1. Kinetic processes
- 2. Match the pKa of the proton donor and the product
- 3. Prevent background reaction
- 4. Stereochemistry of the substrate
- 5. Mechanistic details of enantioselective protonations



Figure 1: Enantioselective tautomerization of an isolated enol

Fehr, C. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2007, 46, 7119





Enantioselective protonation in enzymatic systems



Decarboxylases and esterases have proved to be two popular classes of natural enzymes for the construction of α -stereocentres adjacent to ketones.

Esterases release latent enolates from prochiral substrates whereas decarboxylases generate enolates *in situ* from malonic acid derivatives



Figure 2: Enzymatic decarboxylative protonation with wild-type decarboxylase

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Enantioselective protonation in enzymatic systems





Figure 3: Enzymatic oxidation/decarboxylation/protonation/oxidation cascade



Figure 4: Enzymatic hydrolysis of enol acetates

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Advantage of enzymatic enantioselective protonation:

- 1. Environmental-friendly
- 2. Also give high yield and high e.e.
- 3. Demonstrate many of the key controlling elements necessary for successful enantioselective protonation

Shortage of enzymatic enantioselective protonation: Enzymatic reactions can not provide a general solution to the synthesis of enantioenriched protonation products

- 1. The difficulty of enzyme modification to give the unnatural antipode of product
- 2. The need for buffers to help stabilize enzymes or cells
- 3. Substrate scope is limited due to the specificity of substrate recognition



Approaches for non-enzymatic enantioselective protonation

1. The use of a chiral proton donor and/or the generation of a chiral proton acceptor intermediate

2. Catalytic generation of a chiral metal-enolate complex *in situ*

3. Coupling of a catalytic chiral proton donor to a stoichiometric achiral proton source (In this case, a specific order of thermodynamic acidity of the reaction components must be used : stoichiometric proton source > catalytic chiral protonating agent > product)

4. An accompanying balance of kinetic rates of proton transfer between all of these components must also be achieved to allow a reasonable rate of protonation through the catalysed pathway while avoiding undesired background reaction between the prochiral proton acceptor and the stoichiometric achiral proton donor.







A. Kim's enolate protonation



A π - π -stacking interaction between the substrate and proton source was proposed as the chiral controlling interaction during the protonation event

B. Rouden's decarboxylative protonation



Figure 5: Enantioselective protonations by means of stoichiometric chiral Brønsted acids

Kim, B. M., Kim, H., Kim, W., Im, K. Y., Park, J. K. *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 5104 Amere, M., Lasne, M.-C., Rouden, J. *Org. Lett.* **2007**, *9*, 2621







Figure 6: Enantioselective protonations by means of catalytic chiral Brønsted acids

Rueping, M., Theissmann, T., Raja, S., Bats, J. W. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* **2008**, *350*, 1001 **13** Yanagisawa, A., Touge, T. & Arai, T. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 1546









Wang, Y., Liu, X., Deng, L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 3928 Rana, N. K., Singh, V. K. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 6520







The most common form of chiral Brønsted base used in enantioselective protonations is chiral metal enolates.

A variety of techniques for enolate generation have been used including simple deprotonations, pericyclic reactions, decarboxylations and dehalogenations.

To circumvent the challenge of stereoselective generation of acyclic enolates, the majority of methods have focused on cyclic enolate precursors.

Enantioselective protonation by a chiral Brønsted base





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Yamamoto, E., Nagai, A., Hamasaki, A., Tokunaga, M. Chem. Eur. J. 2011, 26, 7178

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A. Reaction pathway consisting of β -hydride elimination, H-transfer, and protonation



B. Friedel-Crafts-type conjugate addition followed by enantioselective protonation



Figure 9: Conjugate addition/protonation sequences catalysed by chiral metal complexes

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A. Trauner's Nazarov cyclization/enantioselective protonation



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Enantioselective H-atom transfer





Figure 10: Radical conjugate addition followed by enantioselective H-atom transfer.

Mg·bis(oxazoline) complexes effectively promoted radical conjugate addition to form the enolate followed by enantioselective quenching of the radical intermediate by H-atom transfer

Conclusion



Introduced several enantioselective enzymatic protonation reactions and it's advantage and shortage

Introduced a lot of techniques for achieving enantioselective protonation in laboratories

The current level of mechanistic understanding in nearly all of the enantioselective protonation reactions reported to date remains relatively immature.



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