



New phosphine-imine and phosphine-amine ligands derived from D-gluco-, D-galacto- and D-allosamine in Pd-catalysed asymmetric allylic alkylation

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ABSTRACT

New phosphine-imine and phosphine-amine chiral ligands which were easily prepared from D-gluco-, D-galacto- and D-allosamine furnished a high level of enantiomeric excess (up to 99%) in the Pd(0)-catalysed asymmetric allylic alkylation of racemic 1,3-diphenyl-2-propenyl acetate with malonates.

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1. Introduction

Catalytic asymmetric synthesis has been one of the most active research areas in modern organic chemistry. To achieve the highest levels of reactivity and selectivity in enantioselective reactions the design of efficient synthetic chiral catalysts is at the center of contemporary studies.

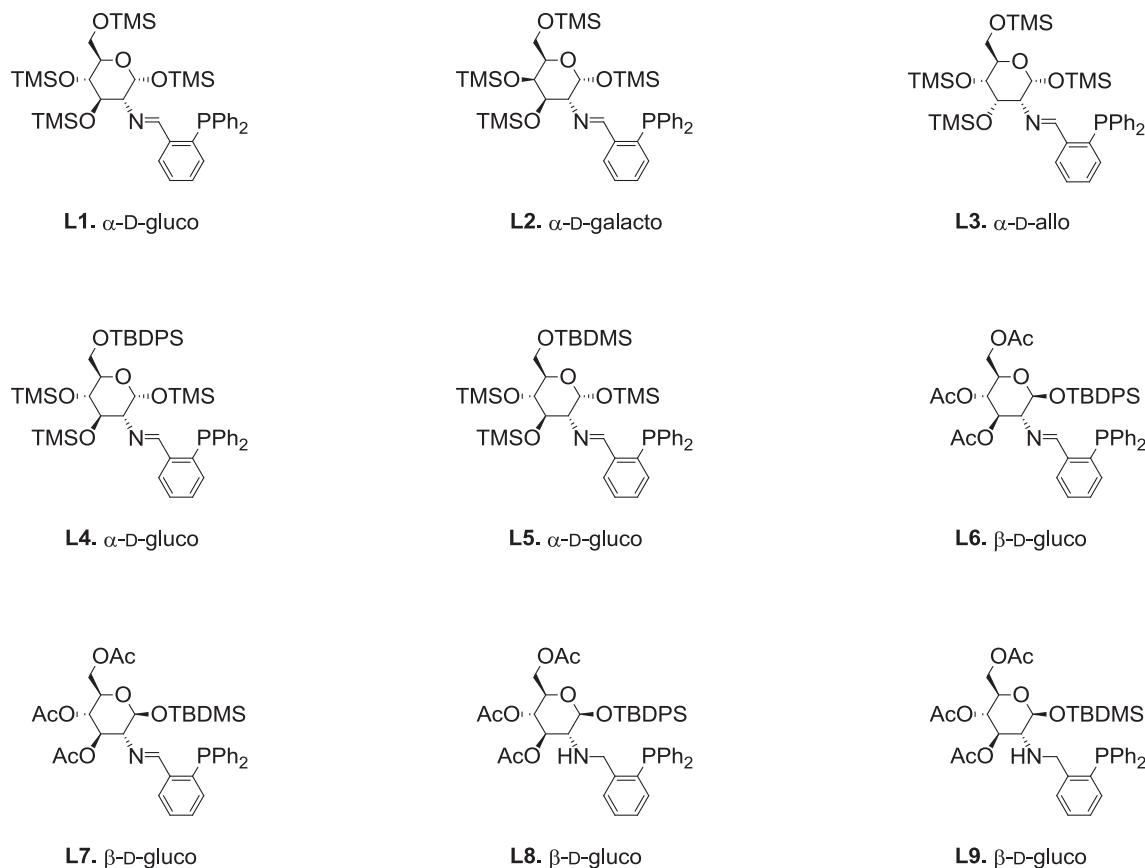
In recent years impressive results have been obtained using carbohydrate-based ligands.¹ These chiral natural derivatives have many advantages: they are readily available, can be easily functionalized, have several stereogenic centers and successfully used in a large number of asymmetric catalytic reactions, such as: hydrogenation,² 1,2-addition of nucleophiles to C=O and C=NR,³ 1,4-addition of nucleophiles to Michael acceptors,⁴ hydroformylation,⁵ Heck reaction,⁶ cyclopropanation⁷ and hydrovinylation.⁸ Derivatives of the most accessible NH₂-containing sugar, D-glucosamine, have been mainly evaluated as chiral ligands in Pd-catalysed

asymmetric allylic substitution reaction which is a fundamental transformation in organic synthesis and one of the most powerful tools for the formation of carbon-carbon and carbon-heteroatom bonds. The best results in Pd-catalysed asymmetric allylic alkylation of 1,3-symmetrically disubstituted acetates (ee up to 98%) provided phosphine-oxazoline,⁹ phosphinite-oxazoline,¹⁰ phosphite-oxazoline,¹¹ phosphite-phosphoramidite¹² and phosphine-amide¹³ derivatives of D-glucosamine. Just a few phosphine-imine ligands with a pyranoside backbone have been developed for Pd-catalysed allylic substitution.^{13c,13d,14} The studies indicated that the presence of the imine-phosphine residue at C2 provides better enantioselectivities than when the residue is at C1 of the pyranoside backbone. Additionally the C2 imine group in ligands has been replaced by an amine group and also provided good results.^{13d}

Herein, we report a simple and efficient synthesis of novel phosphine-imine and phosphine-amine chiral ligands derived from D-gluco-, D-galacto- and D-allosamine hydrochloride (Fig. 1) and their application in the Pd-catalysed allylic alkylation reaction with various nucleophiles.

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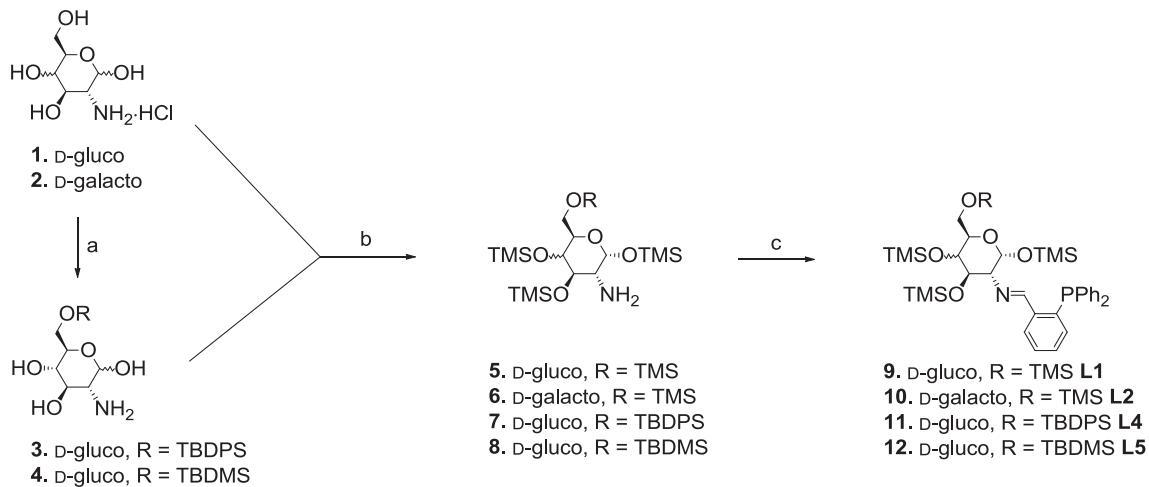
**Fig. 1.** New *P,N*-ligands used in this work.

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis of the starting materials

The new phosphine-imine ligands **9–12**, derivatives of D-glucosamine hydrochloride **1** was first treated with TBDPSCl or TBDMSCl in pyridine to give 6-O-silyl protected derivatives **3** and **4** as yellow oil in 63% and 72% yields. Per-O-silyl

protected α -derivatives **5**,¹⁵ **6**,¹⁶ **7** and **8** were obtained in 82%, 82%, 55% and 60% yields, respectively, by the reaction of **1–4** with trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCl) and hexamethyl disilazane (HMDS) in pyridine.^{15,17} Under these conditions the amino functional group remains unprotected.¹⁵ Condensation of 2-(diphenylphosphino)-benzaldehyde onto D-glucopyranose **5**, **7–8** and D-galactopyranose **6** derivatives in toluene furnished the corresponding phosphine-imine derivatives **9**,¹⁸ **10**,¹⁶ **11** and **12** in 77%, 67%, 43% and 45% yields, respectively.

**Scheme 1.** Synthesis of ligands **L1**, **L2**, **L4** and **L5**; reagents and conditions: (a) TBDPSCl or TBDMSCl, Py, rt; (b) TMSCl, HMDS, Py, rt; (c) 1,2-Ph₂P-C₆H₄-CHO, toluene, 60 °C.

The synthesis of phosphine-imine ligand derivative of D-allosamine **21** we started from the inexpensive α -D-glucosamine hydrochloride **1** which was N-acetylated to give α -D-N-acetylglucosamine **13**¹⁹ (Scheme 2). In the two following steps, 1-O-methyl and 4,6-O-benzylidene protecting groups were introduced according to known procedures,²⁰ leaving the 3-hydroxy group of **15** unprotected. The mesylation reaction of this group^{20b} followed by the substitution with OH group causes the inversion of configuration at C-3.^{20b} Deprotection of 4 and 6²¹ positions of the saccharide **17**, as well as 1 and 2²² in acidic conditions leads to α -D-allosamine hydrochloride **19**. Per-O-silylation and condensation with 2-(diphenylphosphino)-benzaldehyde gave the corresponding phosphine-imine D-allo-ligand **21** in 57% yield.

The synthesis of ligands **L6–L9** was started by protecting the amino group in α -D-glucosamine hydrochloride **1** with a 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl group²³ (Scheme 3). Selective deprotection of the hydroxyl group located on the anomeric carbon with benzylamine leads to **23**,²³ which is easily converted into 1-O-silyl protected derivatives **24** and **25**. In the next step, these derivatives reacted with activated Zn dust in glacial acetic acid gave **26** and **27** with free amino groups in 80% and 83% yields, respectively. Condensation with 2-(diphenylphosphino)-benzaldehyde afforded the corresponding phosphine-imine ligands **28** and **29** (75% and 85% yields, respectively). The imino functionality was then reduced with NaBH₃CN to provide phosphine-amines **30** and **31** with quantitative yields.

2.2. Application of ligands **L1–L9** in the Pd(0)-catalysed asymmetric allylic alkylation

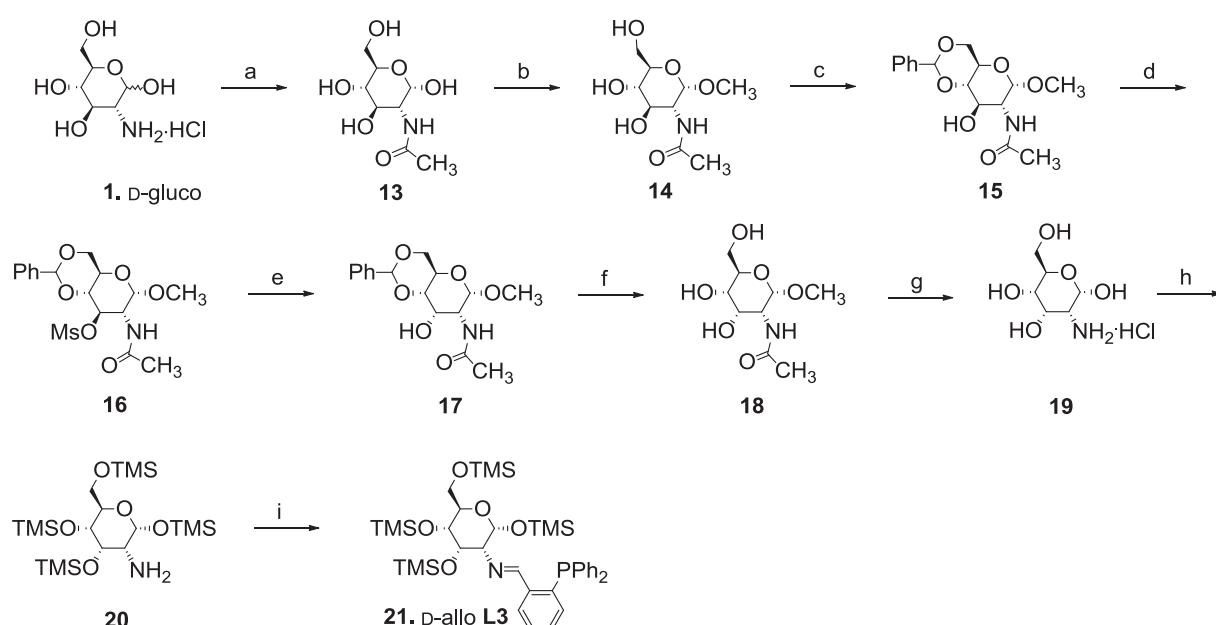
In a previous paper,¹⁶ we examined the influence of base, solvent, Pd/ligand ratio and substrate/nucleophile ratio on the outcome of the asymmetric allylic alkylation using $[(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)\text{PdCl}]_2$ as the palladium source and **9** (**L1**) as the ligand. The best results were obtained with a Pd/ligand ratio of 1:2 and substrate/nucleophile ratio of 1:2 in CH₂Cl₂ in the presence of a mixture of *N,O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide (BSA) and KOAc as base (Table 1,

entries 1–4). Based on these results, we decided under the same conditions, to carry out the palladium-catalysed allylic substitution of 1,3-diphenyl-2-propenyl acetate with various nucleophiles using **L1–L7** chiral phosphine-imine ligands and amino-phosphine ligands **L8–L9** (Table 1). The activity of some saccharide ligands (**L4–L9**), containing other than TMS protective groups, was also investigated in tetrahydrofuran.

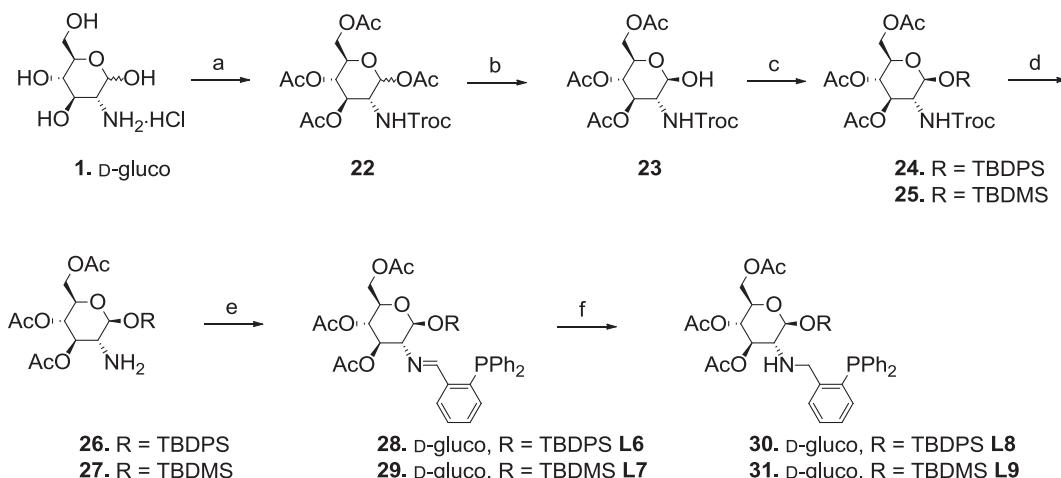
Initially, we performed the palladium-catalysed allylic substitution of 1,3-diphenyl-2-propenyl acetate with dimethyl malonate (Table 1, entries 1–22). Ligands **L2** derived from α -D-galactosamine and **L3** derived from α -D-allosamine were the most reactive in these conditions and gave compound **33** with the highest enantiomeric excess – over 99% ee at 0 °C (Table 1, entries 5–8). It should be noted that the configuration of the substituent at the C4 and C3 position of the carbohydrate moiety of the D-galacto ligand **L2** and D-allo ligand **L3** had an influence on the configuration of the alkylation product **33**. The (R) configuration of the obtained product was opposite to that observed for the reaction using D-gluco ligand **L2** (Table 1, entries 1–4). The phosphine-imine ligands **L4** and **L5** of the α -D-glucos configuration with the large substituents at the C6 position of a saccharide were less reactive and gave **33** with practically quantitative yield but ee's of 40–56% in favor of the (R)-enantiomer (Table 1, entries 9–12). The reactions with β -D-gluco ligands **L6** and **L7** were characterised by excellent yields and high enantioselectivity – up to 93% ee (Table 1, entries 13–18). The obtained results also confirmed that dichloromethane is a better solvent for this type of reaction than tetrahydrofuran. Comparing the results obtained with ligands **L4–L7**, we can also conclude that only bulky protecting groups at the C1 position of the sugar have the influence on the course of the reaction and the mode complexation of ligands with palladium whereas such groups in the C6 position show only minimal effect.

Finally, we performed the allylic alkylation reaction using phosphine-amine ligands **L8** and **L9** (Table 1, entries 19–22). The reaction gave **33** in excellent yield but an ee of 10% in favor of the (S)-enantiomer in CH₂Cl₂.

In the next step, the effectiveness of the ligands **L1–L9** has been



Scheme 2. Synthesis of ligand **L3**; reagents and conditions: (a) (CH₃CO)₂O, CH₃ONa, CH₃OH, 40 °C, 24 h; (b) Amberlite IR-120, CH₃OH, reflux, 24 h; (c) PhCH(OCH₃)₂, p-TsOH, DMF, 40 °C, 48 h; (d) MsCl, Py, 0 °C, 16 h; (e) CH₃OCH₂CH₂OH, CH₃COONa, reflux → rt, 12 h; (f) 60% CH₃COOH, 40 °C, 3 h; (g) 2N HCl, 80 °C, 2 h; (h) TMSCl, HMDS, Py, rt, 10 h; (i) 1,2-Ph₂P-C₆H₄-CHO, toluene, 60 °C, 24 h.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of ligands **L6 – L9**; reagents and conditions: (a) 1. $\text{CCl}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCOCl}$, NaHCO_3 , H_2O , rt, 2 h; 2. $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$, Py, rt, 24 h; (b) BnNH_2 , THF , rt, 24 h; (c) TBDPSCl or TBDMSCl , CH_3CN , rt, 24 h; (d) Zn , CH_3COOH , rt, 24 h; (e) $1,2\text{-Ph}_2\text{P-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-CHO}$, toluene, 60°C , 24 h; (f) NaBH_3CN , CH_3COOH , CH_3OH , rt, 0.5 h.

tested in the reaction with other nucleophiles.

The reaction with ligand **L1** and diethyl malonate at 25°C required longer reaction times and was characterised by low yields (35% conversion) and an ee of 71% (Table 1, entry 23). Increasing the temperature to 36°C afforded the product in 100% conversion after 24 h but did not improve the selectivity of the reaction (Table 1, entries 23–24). Ligand **L2** was more reactive with the same nucleophile and gave **33** with an improved yield and enantioselectivity; 83% ee at 25°C and 99% ee at 0°C in favor of the (*R*)-enantiomer (Table 1, entries 25–26). The α -D-allo-ligand **L3** gave slightly weaker results: 80% ee at 25°C (Table 1, entry 27). Ligands **L4** and **L5** generate moderate results under the same conditions: 69% ee and 39% ee, respectively. Lowering the temperature to 0°C did not improve the selectivity of the reaction (Table 1, entries 29–31). However, it should be noted that the ligand **L4** with a larger substituent (TBDPS) in the C6 position of α -D-glucopyranose generated significantly higher enantiomeric excesses than ligand **L5** with TBDMs substituent. The β -D-glucoligo-ligands **L6** and **L7** in the reaction with diethyl malonate produced results comparable to those obtained for dimethyl malonate (83% and 82% ee's, respectively at 25°C in CH_2Cl_2), although these reactions required elongation of reaction time to 48 h (Table 1, entries 33–37). Phosphine-amine ligands **L8** and **L9** showed slightly higher efficiency in the reaction with diethyl malonate (Table 1, entries 38–41). In this case, enantioselectivity of 40% for **L8** and 71% for **L9** with a conversion of 100% was observed after a reaction time of 24 h at 25°C in CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction in THF gave comparable results.

Finally, a series of Pd-catalysed asymmetric allylation reactions were performed with 1,3-diphenyl-2-propenyl acetate **32** and dimethyl methylmalonate (Table 1, entries 42–58). The use of trimethylsilyl α -D-glucoside derivative **L1** as the ligand, gave 35% and 85% conversion at 25°C after 24 and 48 h, respectively (Table 1, entries 42 and 43). The obtained enantioselectivity was 74% and 72% ee in favor of the (*R*)-enantiomer. α -D-Galactoside derivative **L2** gave a more active catalyst, a 98% conversion end 75% ee being obtained at 25°C and a 87% conversion end 96% ee at 0°C after 48 h (Table 1, entries 44–45). The α -D-allo ligand **L3** gave moderate results in these conditions – 77% conversion and 52% ee (*R*) (Table 1, entry 46). The phosphine-imine ligands **L4** and **L5** of the α -D-gluc configuration gave quite similar results (Table 1, entries 47–50). However, a total conversion occurred at 25°C after 24 h, the enantioselectivity was only 56% and 46% ee, respectively in favor of the (*S*)-enantiomer. Lowering the temperature to 0°C did not result

in improving the enantioselectivity of the reaction. The β -D-glucoligo-ligands **L6** and **L7** in the reaction with dimethyl methylmalonate produced the highest enantiomeric excess: 89% and 75% in THF and 92% and 89% in CH_2Cl_2 , respectively (Table 1, entries 51–54). Phosphine-amine ligands **L8** and **L9** were again ineffective in allyl substitution reactions.

The reactions carried out in their presence provided a 60% conversion and an enantiomeric excess not exceeding 20% in favor of the (*S*)-enantiomer.

As reported previously, to determine the mode of complexation of phosphine-imine ligands with palladium, an NMR and IR study of the palladium complex was made using ligand **L2** before and after complexation with palladium.¹⁶ Both ^1H NMR and IR spectra excluded the coordination of the imine nitrogen to the palladium metal center. The ^1H NMR spectra of free ligand **L2** displayed the imine proton at 9.00 ppm, which was not shifted after chelatation with the metal. The IR spectroscopic data of complex **L2** with palladium did not reveal a bathochromic shift with respect to the free ligand,²⁴ with a $\nu_{\text{C}=\text{N}}$ stretching vibration band at 1636 cm^{-1} . However, a significant downfield shift of the single ^{31}P resonances of ligand **L2** to 15.86 ppm after complexation compared to -16.57 ppm for the free ligand confirmed coordination of the phosphine moiety to the palladium center.

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, a series of saccharides phosphine-imine and phosphine-amine chiral ligands which were easily prepared from D-gluco-, D-galacto- and D-allosamine have been examined in asymmetric allylic alkylation. We have shown the influence of factors such as sugar configuration, type of solvent or nucleophile on the course of the reaction. The phosphine-imine ligands **L2** derived from α -D-galactosamine and **L3** derived from α -D-allosamine were the most reactive in dichloromethane and gave the substitution product with the highest enantiomeric excess (over 99% ee at 0°C) while phosphine-amine ligands **L8** and **L9** did not show activity under these conditions. In addition, we have shown that synthesized ligands utilize the chirality of the sugar moiety and induce chirality to the coordination sphere solely by phosphorus atom coordination.

Further work is underway to utilize the obtained *P,N*-ligands in other asymmetric reactions.

