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## Synthesis of Enantiomerically Pure cis and trans-2-Amino-1-indanol.

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Abstract: Enantiomerically pure *cis* and *trans*-2-amino-1-indanols 1 and 2 were synthesized *via* a highly enantioselective lipase catalyzed transesterification of racemic *cis*-2-azido-1-indanol 3.

Enantiomerically pure aminoindanols constitute widely studied structures of interest for pharmacophore producing dopamimetic activity,<sup>1</sup> as metabolites of aminoindane in urine of rabbits and rats,<sup>2</sup> as components of the inhibitor of a key enzyme in the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),<sup>3</sup> and as highly efficient chiral ligands in titanium catalyzed asymmetric Diels Alder reactions <sup>4</sup> or borane reductions of aromatic ketones.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, we have observed that 2-amino-1-indanol is a metabolite<sup>6</sup> of dopamine  $\beta$ -hydroxylase (DBH),<sup>7</sup> a copper-containing monooxygenase which catalyses the transformation of dopamine into noradrenaline. In the course of these studies, the need for preparing useful quantities of the four enantiomerically pure aminoindanols 1 and 2 became apparent.



Enantiomerically pure 2-amino-1-indanols 1 and 2 have been prepared by reduction of 2-hydroxyimino-1-indanone followed by resolution with tartaric acid  $^8$  or by Friedel-Crafts cyclisation of (-) and (+) phenylalanine.<sup>9</sup>

Recently, we have described the preparation of (1S, 2R)-2-amino-1-indanol 1a by reduction of (1S, 2R)-2-azido-1-indanol 3a obtained via enantioselective lipase catalyzed transesterification of racemic trans-2bromo-1-indanol 5.<sup>10</sup> By this way it was not possible to obtain enantiomer (1R, 2R)-5 in higher enantiomeric excess than 70%. A preparative kinetic resolution of racemic cis-2-azido-1-indanol 3 with lipases has been considered instead. Results obtained with seven lipases in organic solvent and vinyl acetate as acyl donor are shown in table 1.<sup>11</sup> After 4 days, LP 237.87 lipase gave 75% of acetate (1R, 2S)-6a with low enantiomeric excess (e. e. = 21%) but the 25% of remaining azidoalcool (1S, 2R)-3a were obtained in high enantiomeric purity (e. e. 95%; 99% after recrystallization from carbon tetrachloride). On the other hand, the lipase of *Mucor Javanicus* produced acetate (1R, 2S)-6a. with 95% e. e. and 20% yields. The results with the lipase of *Candida Antartica* A which gave the opposite diastereoisomer (1R, 2S)-2-azido-1-indanol 3b in 93% e. e. (99% after recrystallization from carbon tetrachloride) after 10 days and 66% conversion were more interesting.

Lipases	Reaction Times in days	cis-1-acetoxy-2-azidoindane 6			cis-2-azido-1-indanol 3		
		Yields	Config.	e. e. <sup>i</sup>	Yields	Config. <sup>ii</sup>	e. e. <sup>i</sup>
LP 237.87 <sup>iii</sup>	4	75%	(1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>S</i> )	21%	25%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	95%(99%)
Mucor Miehi	20	15%	(1R, 2S)	2%	85%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	4%
Mucor Javanicus	20	20%	(1 <b>R</b> , 2S)	95%	80%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	6%
Mucor Genevenis	20	6%	(1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>S</i> )	20%	94%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	5%
LCC	3	3%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	2%	2%	(1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>S</i> )	2%
C. Antartica A iv	10	66%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	35%	34%	(1 <i>R</i> , 2 <i>S</i> )	93% (99%)
C. Antartica B iv	5	6%	(1 <i>S</i> , 2 <i>R</i> )	12%	94%	(1R, 2S)	5%

Table 1. Lipase catalyzed transesterification of racemic cis-2-azido-1-indanol 3.

<sup>i)</sup> In parentheses, e. e. after recrystallization from carbon tetrachloride. e. e determined by HPLC using Chiralcel column OD-H (Daicel) with hexane/isopropyl alcohol (98:2) as eluant. <sup>ii)</sup> From the  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +53$  (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for (1*R*, 2*S*) enantiomer (Ref. 4). <sup>iii)</sup> Gist Brocades. <sup>iv)</sup> Novo.

The transformations outlined in scheme 1 were performed with enantiomerically pure *cis*-2-azido-1indanol **3a** and **3b**<sup>12</sup> resulting from, respectively, the reaction of lipases LP 237.87 and *Candida Antartica A*. Hydrogenation of *cis*-2-azido-1-indanol **3a** and **3b** in ethanol catalyzed by palladium on charcoal gave, respectively, enantiomerically pure *cis*-2-amino-1-indanol **1a** and **1b**<sup>13</sup> in quantitative yields (99%). The reaction of cis-2-azido-1-indanol **3a** and **3b** with *para*-nitrobenzoic acid under Mitsunobu conditions,<sup>14</sup> afforded respectively *trans*-benzoic esters **7a** and **7b**<sup>15</sup> in good yields. By treatment with MeONa in MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *trans*-benzoic ester **7a** and **7b** were transformed into enantiomerically pure *trans*-2-azido-1indanol **4a** and **4b**<sup>16</sup> in quantitative yields and 99% e. e. (determined by HPLC on Daicel Chiralcel column OD-H with hexane/isopropyl alcohol (98:2) as eluant). Hydrogenation in ethanol catalyzed by palladium on charcoal gave *trans*-2-amino-1-indanol **2a** and **2b**<sup>17</sup> quantitatively and enantiomerically pure form.

In summary, enantioselective lipase catalyzed transesterification of racemic *cis*-2-azido-1-indanol **3** followed by simple chemical transformations (Mitsunobu inversion, hydrogenation) provides all four stereoisomers of 2-amino-1-indanol in good yields and high enantiomeric excess.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of enantiomerically pure cis and trans-2-amino-1-indanols 1a,b and 2a,b.

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- 12 *cis*-2-azido-1-indanol 3. <sup>1</sup>H N.M.R. (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm/TMS): 2.42 (d; *J* 8,3 Hz; 1H); 3.14 (d; *J* 4.6 Hz; 2); 4.32 (dt; *J* 4.6, 4.0 Hz; 1H); 5.13 (d; *J* 4 Hz; 1); 7.20-7.50 (m; 4H). <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm/TMS): 35.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 65.7 (CH), 76.4 (C<sub>1</sub>), 124.7 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 139.0 (C), 141.6 (C). (-)-(1*S*, 2*R*)-3a [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> 112.0 (*c* 11 CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (+)-(1*R*, 1*S*)-3b [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +109.8 (*c* 11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).
- 13 *cis*-2-amino-1-indanol 1. <sup>1</sup>H N.M.R. (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 2.15 (bs; 1H), 2.75 (dd; *J* 15.8, 5.1 Hz; 1H), 3.15 (dd; *J* 15.8, 6.6 Hz; 1H), 3.75 (dt; *J* 6.6, 5.5, 5.1 Hz; 1H), 4.82 (d; *J* 5.5 Hz; 1H), 7.15-7.6 (m; 4H). <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.8 (CH); 77.2 (CH), 126.7 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 143.0 (C), 145.4 (C). (-)-(1*S*, 2*R*)-**1a**  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  60.6 (*c* 5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (+)-(1*R*, 2*S*)-**1b**  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  + 63.0 (*c* 5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).
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- para-nitrobenzoic-trans-2-azido-1-indanyl ester 7. <sup>1</sup>H N.M.R. (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 3.0 (dd; J 16, 5.6 Hz; 1H), 3.5 (dd; J 16, 7.7 Hz; 1H), 4.35 (dt; J 7.7, 5.6, 4.3 Hz; 1H), 6.43 (d; J 4.3 Hz; 1H), 7.3-7.4 (m; 4H), 8.2-8.3 (m; 4H). <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 30.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.6 (CH), 70.7 (CH), 117.9 (2 CH), 125.2 (2 CH), 119.4 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 122.1 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 134.6 (C), 144.9 (C), 158.7 (C). (-)-(1*R*, 2*R*)-7a: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> 106.7 (*c* 9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (+)-(1*S*, 2*S*)-7b: [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> + 112.0 (*c* 11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)
- *trans*-2-azido-1-indanol 4. <sup>1</sup>H N.M.R. (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 2.30 (s; 1H); 2.75 (dd; J 16.0, 8.0 Hz; 1H); 3.2 (dd; J 16.0, 8.0 Hz; 1H); 4.0 (dt; J 8.0, 6.0 Hz; 1H); 5.0 (d; J 6.0 Hz; 1H); 7.1-7.3 (m; 4H). <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 35.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.2 (CH), 80.3 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 124.9 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 138.4 (C), 141.5 (C). (-)-(1*R*, 2*R*)-4a [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -34 (*c* 11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).
- 17 *trans*-2-amino-1-indanol **2**. <sup>1</sup>H N.M.R. (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ in ppm/TMS): 2.0 (bs; 3H), 2.65 (dd; J 15.3, 8.0 Hz; 1H), 3.25 (dd; J 15.3, 8.0 Hz; 1H), 3.45 (dt; J 8.0, 6.5 Hz; 1H), 4.82 (d; J 6.5 Hz; 1H), 7.15-7.60 (m; 4H). <sup>13</sup>C N.M.R. (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub> δ in ppm/TMS), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.9 (CH), 82.4 (CH), 123.7 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 139.5 (C), 143.3 (C). (-)-(1*R*, 2*R*)-2a  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  15.0 (*c* 5 CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (+)-(1*S*, 2*S*)-2b  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  + 13.4 (*c* 5 CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

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