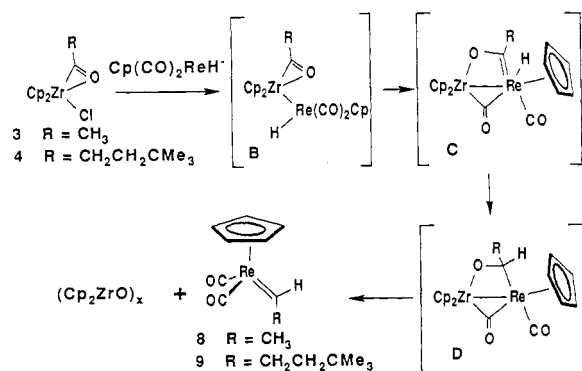
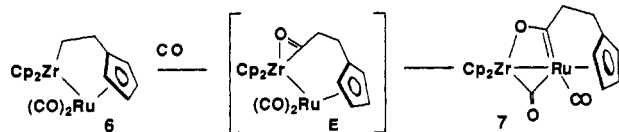


Scheme I



ensue to produce intermediate C which possesses the desired zirconoxycarbene and hydride ligands on rhenium (Scheme I). A similar migration of an η^2 -acyl ligand from zirconium to ruthenium was proposed earlier to explain the carbonylation of the alkyl zirconium-ruthenium compound 6 to the zirconoxycarbeneruthenium compound 7 via intermediate E.¹ Here we report that reaction of η^2 -acylzirconium compounds 3 and 4 with $K^+Cp(CO)_2ReH^-$ 5 leads not only to the reduction of the acyl ligand but also to formation of mononuclear rhenium-carbene complexes $Cp(CO)_2Re=CHR$ (8, R = CH₃; 9, R = CH₂CH₂CMe₃).



The reaction of $Cp_2Zr(\eta^2-COCH_3)Cl^3$ and $K^+Cp(CO)_2ReH^-$ 4 in THF-*d*₈ was followed by ¹H NMR at room temperature. New resonances were assigned to the mononuclear rhenium-carbene complex $Cp(CO)_2Re=CHCH_3$ (8) and to $(Cp_2ZrO)_x^5$ (major resonance at δ 6.31 and several minor resonances nearby). In a preparative reaction, a suspension of $K^+Cp(CO)_2ReH^-$ 5 (68 mg, 0.20 mmol) in 10 mL of THF was slowly added to a solution of $Cp_2Zr(\eta^2-COCH_3)Cl$ (3) (83 mg, 0.27 mmol) in 10 mL of THF at -40 °C. The resulting red solution was evaporated under vacuum at 10 °C, and the residue was dissolved in 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and chromatographed (silica gel, 10% CH₂Cl₂-hexane) to give an orange solid which was sublimed at 40 °C (0.05 mmHg) to give 8⁶ (35 mg, 52% yield), mp 68–69 °C. The key spectral features that establish the structure of 8 include characteristically far downfield chemical shifts of the carbene carbon at δ 292.3 (d, *J*_{CH} = 134 Hz) and of the proton on the carbene carbon at δ 16.11 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz).

Similarly, the reaction of $Cp_2Zr(\eta^2-COCH_2CH_2CMe_3)Cl^7$ (92 mg, 0.25 mmol) with $K^+Cp(CO)_2ReH^-$ 5 (67 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF followed by chromatography and sublimation at 50–60 °C under high vacuum led to the isolation of rhenium-carbene complex 9⁸ (47 mg, 58%) as an orange solid, mp 118–119 °C.

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The formation of rhenium-carbene complexes 8 and 9 is necessarily a complex process since it must involve, at some stage, hydride addition to the acyl carbon, migration of carbon from zirconium to rhenium, and cleavage of the carbon-oxygen bond of the acyl unit. While we have no direct evidence favoring the mechanistic hypothesis shown in Scheme I, there are good analogies for the individual steps in the mechanism as pointed out earlier. The final step involving cleavage of the carbon-oxygen bond and breakup of the heterobimetallic complex is driven by formation of a zirconium oxo species which then oligomerizes.

The closest analogy to the formation of rhenium-carbene complexes 8 and 9 is the reaction of $Cp_2Zr(\eta^2-COC_6H_5)C_6H_5$ with Cp_2WH_2 which leads to the formation of $Cp_2W=CHC_6H_5$.⁵

The reactions reported here provide a very convenient, if nonobvious, synthesis of the previously unknown alkyl-substituted rhenium-carbene complexes. Earlier syntheses of $Cp(CO)_2Re$ carbene complexes include the reaction of $CpRe(CO)_3$ with RLi followed by O-alkylation which yields $Cp(CO)_2Re=C(OR')R^9$ and the reaction of cationic rhenium-carbyne complexes with nucleophiles which yields complexes such as $Cp(CO)_2Re=CHC_6H_5$.¹⁰ These earlier routes are unsuitable for synthesis of 8 or 9 because cationic alkyl-carbyne complexes are unstable. In addition, any synthesis of 8 or 9 must avoid acidic workup since these rhenium-carbene complexes are rapidly decomposed by acid.

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The Stereoselective Synthesis of α -Amino Acids by Phase-Transfer Catalysis

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New syntheses of α -amino acids are important because of the widespread use of these compounds in the physical and life sciences.¹ During the past 20 years major advances have been realized in the asymmetric synthesis² of amino acids, especially those which use stoichiometric amounts of chiral auxiliaries.^{3–5}

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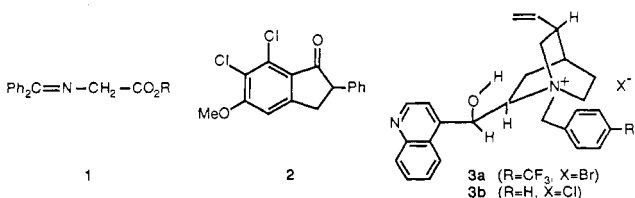
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Table I. Effect of Ester Group R on Asymmetric PTC Alkylation of **1**¹⁰

1	ester group R	% ee of (R)- 4	1	ester group R	% ee of (R)- 4
1a	PhCH ₂ -	28	1g	Et-	36
1b	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -CH ₂ -	22	1h	Me ₂ CH-	42
1c	4-MeO-C ₆ H ₄ -CH ₂ -	30	1i	Me ₃ C-	56
1d	Ph ₂ CH-	14	1j	Me ₃ CCH ₂ -	44
1e	1-naphthyl-CH ₂ -	28	1k	Et ₃ C-	40
1f	Me-	30			

However, methods utilizing catalytic quantities of the enantiocontrol element are far fewer in number.⁶

Asymmetric synthesis of α -amino acids by phase transfer catalytic (PTC) alkylation using a chiral catalyst and a prochiral protected glycine derivative **1**^{7,8} would provide a particularly attractive method for the preparation of optically active α -amino acids. Our attention was drawn to similarities between the benzyl ester of protected glycine derivative **1** and indanone **2**, which has been alkylated with high induction by using PTC with a catalyst **3a** derived from the cinchona alkaloids.⁹ Two potentially



complicating factors are that **1** is acyclic and, additionally, that it will be necessary to selectively monoalkylate^{7b} **1** to yield an active methine product which should not be racemized subsequent

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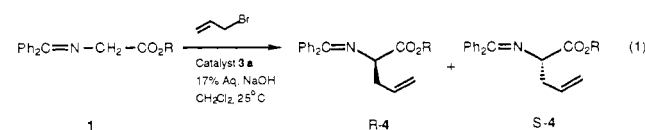
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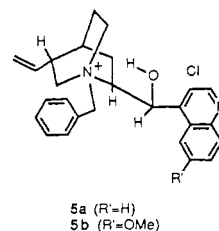
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to alkylation. Despite these possible difficulties, we have pursued the alkylation of derivatives of **1** with catalysts **3** and describe herein our preliminary results which have led to the first practical asymmetric synthesis of α -amino acids using phase-transfer catalysis.

The first experiment,¹⁰ using conditions similar to those described for alkylation of indanone **2**,⁹ with substrate **1a** (R = CH₂Ph), allyl bromide, catalyst **3a**,¹² and 17% aqueous NaOH/toluene resulted in a disappointingly small induction (5% ee, 52.5% R, 47.5% S) with a chemical yield of 75% and reaction time of 24 h. Changing the solvent to CH₂Cl₂ increased the optical yield (28% ee). The induction was improved further by systematically varying the ester group on the protected glycine substrate. Best results (56% ee) were obtained (eq 1) by using the *tert*-butyl ester Schiff base **1i**,¹³ a variety of benzylic-type esters as well as alkyl esters which were either less or more sterically demanding than *tert*-butyl gave poorer inductions.



The potential for preparing either enantiomer of **4** by simply changing the catalyst from the cinchonine (**3**) to the cinchonidine (**5**)¹⁴ series was explored next. Catalyst **5a** (R' = H)¹² gave 56% ee of the *S* enantiomer ((*S*)-**4**), while the quinine-derived catalyst **5b** (R' = OMe) gave only 20% ee of (*S*)-**4**. These results prompted use of the less expensive cinchonine catalyst **3b** (R = H, X = Cl),¹² which gave inductions (56% ee, (*R*)-**4**) equivalent to those using catalyst **3a**.



Several other variables were studied by alkylation of substrate **1i** using catalyst **3b** in CH₂Cl₂.¹⁰ (a) Increasing the concentration of aqueous base resulted in both an increase in optical yield and a decrease in reaction time, % aqueous NaOH (% ee (*R*)-**4**, time): 17% (56% ee, 16+ h), 33% (59% ee, 8 h), 50% (65% ee, 4 h). (b) Using 50% aqueous NaOH as base the best leaving group is bromide, allyl-X (% ee (*R*)-**4**, time): allyl-Cl (34% ee, 12 h), allyl-Br (65% ee, 4 h), allyl-I (44% ee, 5 h). (c) Changing the concentration of **1i** in CH₂Cl₂ from 0.04 to 0.64 molar shortened the reaction time (24 to 1 h, respectively). (d) The amount of catalyst can be reduced to 10% (0.1 equivalent), and (e) it is best to use 20 equiv of base.

Finally a variety of alkyl halide types can be used: allylic, benzylic, methyl, and primary alkyl halides (eq 2). The resulting

(10) Typical experimental conditions for exploratory studies: **1** (1 mmol), RX (1.2-5 equiv), catalyst (0.2 equiv), aqueous NaOH (20 equiv), solvent (10 mL). Asymmetric inductions were determined directly by using chiral HPLC with a Pirkle column. Products were then worked up (chemical yield 60-90%). Absolute configuration of products were determined by correlation with commercial or authentic samples.¹¹

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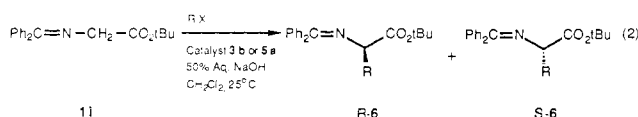
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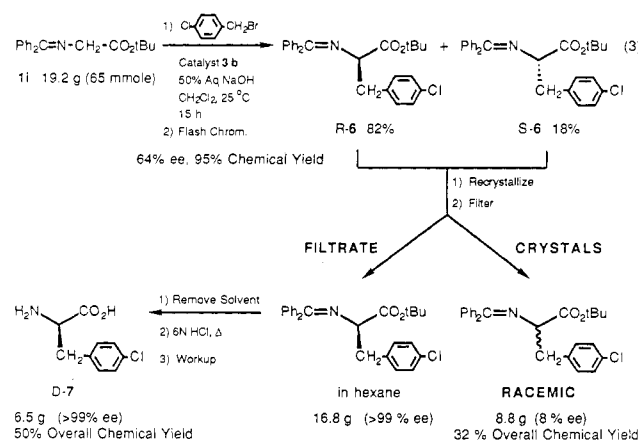
RX	equiv	6	major enantiomer	% ee (% R, % S)	chemical yield (%)	time (h)
CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ Br	5	6a	R	66 (83, 17)	75	5
CH ₂ =CHCH ₂ Br ^b	5	6b	S	62 (19, 81)	78	5
PhCH ₂ Br	1.2	6c	R	66 (83, 17)	75	9
PhCH ₂ Br ^b	1.2	6d	S	64 (18, 82)	85	9
MeBr	5	6e	R	42 (71, 29)	60 ^c	24
<i>n</i> -BuBr	5	6f	R	52 (76, 24)	61	14
4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ Br	1.2	6g	R	66 (83, 17)	81	12
4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄ CH ₂ Br ^b	1.2	6h	S	62 (19, 81)	82	12
2-naphthylCH ₂ Br ^d	1.2	6i	R	54 (77, 23)	82	18
2-naphthylCH ₂ Br ^{b,d}	1.2	6j	S	48 (26, 74)	81	18

^a Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were conducted using catalyst **3b** (0.1 equiv).¹⁰ ^b Reactions using catalyst **5a** (0.1 equiv). ^c Quantitative yield of a 60:40 mixture (TLC) of product **6** and starting material **1i**. ^d Product hydrolyzed to amino acid and induction determined by HPLC of GITC derivative.¹⁵

products are formed in up to 66% ee and either enantiomer is available by simply changing the PTC catalyst.



Methods for the separation of product enantiomers are important in any asymmetric synthesis which is less than 100% stereoselective. Known methods of resolution, either enzymatic¹⁶ or classical,¹⁷ could be employed on derivatives of a particular α -amino acid. We are, however, interested in a *general* method by which one or the other enantiomer of a product such as **6** could be purified directly following asymmetric alkylation. A single example illustrates the potential of such methodology. Stereoselective alkylation of **1i** (19.2 g) with 4-chlorobenzyl bromide and catalyst **3b**, followed by removal of racemic product [(±)-**6**] by a single recrystallization,¹⁸ and then deprotection gave 4-chloro-D-phenylalanine (**D-7**, 6.5 g) in >99% ee!¹⁹



In summary, a systematic study of substrate, catalyst, reagents, and reaction conditions has led to a simple, stereoselective synthesis of α -amino acid derivatives using chiral phase-transfer catalysis. Research continues toward increasing optical yields and under-

standing the origin of the optical induction in this important reaction.

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Phenyl- and Mesitylnol: The First Generation and Direct Observation of Hydroxyacetylenes in Solution

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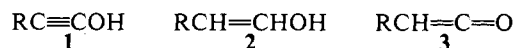
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Hydroxyacetylenes or ynols, **1**, are the triple bond analogues of enols, **2**, and, like enols, are tautomers of carbonyl compounds, in this case ketenes, **3**. Unlike enols, however, whose chemistry



is currently undergoing vigorous exploration,¹ very little is known about ynols. The first direct observation of an ynoI was in fact made only 3 years ago: the parent substance, hydroxyacetylene was generated in the gas phase and was characterized by its mass spectrum.^{2,3} Very recently, it was prepared again, in an argon matrix, by photodecarbonylation of hydroxycyclopropanone, and was identified there by its infrared spectrum.⁴ We now report that this reaction may also be employed to generate ynols in

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