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ner) for synthesizing interesting new compounds. This extends the chemistry of ferrocene by a basic new variant, and also opens a unique opportunity for the enantioselective-catalytic synthesis of planar-chiral ferrocene derivatives.

Experimental Section

General procedure for preparing the cyclization precursors 1–3 from the corresponding ferrocenyl alkanoic acids: To a stirred suspension of the ferrocenyl alkanoic acid (4.1 mmol) in anhydrous benzene (60 mL) was added sodium hydride (4.18 mmol) under an argon atmosphere, and after 10 min pyridine (2.61 mmol). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and freshly distilled oxalyl chloride (26.5 mmol) added dropwise. After complete addition stirring was continued for 30 min at 0 °C, for 30 min at room temperature, and finally for 1 h at 55 °C. After filtration of the reaction mixture through a short pad of silica gel, the solvent and excess oxalyl chloride were completely removed in vacuo. The dark brown residue was dissolved in Et₂O (15 mL), and a solution of diazomethane (35 ml, ≈ 0.6 m in Et₂O) added at 0 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 min at 0 °C excess diazomethane and solvent were completely removed in vacuo, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc).

General procedure for the cyclization experiments summarized in Table 1: To a solution of the catalyst (34 μ mol; 5 mol%) in the anhydrous solvent (10 mL) was added dropwise at RT under an atmosphere of argon a solution of the diazoketone (0.68 mmol) in the solvent (5 mL) within about 30 min. Gas evolution (N₂) indicated the decomposition of the diazo compound. After complete addition stirring was continued until complete conversion was reached (usually about one hour). After rapid filtration of the dark brown reaction mixture through a short pad of silica gel under argon, the solvent was completely removed in vacuo. The products were separated and purified by flash chromatography or radial chromatography (using a chromatotron) under an argon atmosphere.

Enantioselective cyclizations: Ligand 17 (17.3 µmol) was added to a solution of Cu¹OTf (17 µmol; weighed in a glove box) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) under an argon atmosphere. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at RT, the green solution of the catalyst was heated to reflux, and a solution of the substrate (2 or 3; 0.34 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) slowly added within 2 h with a syringe pump (all under argon). After complete addition the brownish solution was heated at reflux for 20 min before being subjected to work-up as described above. The enantiomeric excess of the product was determined with HPLC (Daicel, Chiralcel OJ).

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Asymmetric Self-Replication of Chiral 1,2-Amino Alcohols by Highly Enantioselective Autoinductive Reduction**

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Self-replication, like the chirality of the components, is one of the most characteristic features of living organisms. Therefore, self-replication of a chiral molecule is of much interest. The concept of self-replication, however, has not been applied in asymmetric synthesis; almost all conventional asymmetric syntheses require chiral auxiliaries with structures which differ from

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those of the chiral products. The only exceptions are the diastereoselective process with self-regeneration of a stereocenter,^[1] the asymmetric autoinduction,^[2] and the asymmetric autocatalytic reaction.^[3] Asymmetric autoinduction has been limited to the enantioselective alkylation of aldehydes.^[2] We report here the first highly enantioselective self-replication in an asymmetric autoinductive reduction in which the structure and configuration of the chiral ligand and product are identical.

We examined the asymmetric autoinductive reduction of α -amino ketones with lithium aluminum hydride^[4] modified with a chiral 1,2-amino alcohol and an achiral additive^[5] (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Asymmetric self-replication of 1,2-amino alcohols; \mathbf{A} = chiral ligand, \mathbf{B} = reaction product. The ligand \mathbf{A} recovered at the end of the reaction and the product \mathbf{B} have the same structure and configuration.

2-Morpholinoacetophenone (1a) was reduced with chirally modified LiAlH₄, which was prepared in situ from LiAlH₄, chiral (S)-2-morpholino-1-phenylethanol (2a),^[6] and N-ethyl-aniline^[5a] in Et₂O at -78 °C. The 1,2-amino alcohol (S)-2a was obtained in 95.8% *ee* (Table 1, entry 1), which means that

Table 1. Asymmetric autoinductive reduction according to Equation (1) using 1,2-amino alcohols 2a-f as chiral ligands [a]. Ar

	Ar LiAlH ₄ O NR ₂ 1a-f		$\frac{1}{2\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{f}} - \frac{\mathbf{H}}{2\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{f}} - \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}_{2}\mathbf{O}, -78/-100^{\circ}\mathbf{C}} - \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}_{2}\mathbf{O}} + \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}_{2}\mathbf{O}} + \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}_{2}\mathbf{O}} + \frac{\mathbf{H}}{\mathbf{E}\mathbf{t}_{$		$\xrightarrow{H^+}_{HO} \xrightarrow{Ar}_{NR_2} (1)$ 2a-f		
Entry	Ar	-NR2	Chiral ligand (<i>ee</i> /%)[b]	<i>T</i> [°C]	<i>ee</i> /%[b,c]	Prod Yield	uct [d] <i>ee</i> / %
1	Ph	-N_O	(S)- 2a (>99.5)	- 78	95.8(<i>S</i>)	78.8	82.4 <i>(S</i>)
2	Ph	-N_O	(S)-2a (>99.5)	- 78	92.1 <i>(S</i>)	77.7	73.2(<i>S</i>)
3	Ph	-N_O	(S)- 2a (>99.5)	-100	95.7(<i>S</i>)	89.2	83.6 <i>(S)</i>
4	Ph	-NO	(R)-2a (>99.5)	-100	96.1 (<i>R</i>)	88.6	84.7(<i>R</i>)
5	Ph		(S)- 2b (>99.5)	- 100	95.3(S)	88.9	81.6(<i>S</i>)
6	Ph	-N	(S)-2c (>99.5)	- 78	97.7(<i>S</i>)	73.0	87.9(S)
7	Ph	-N)	(S)-2d (>99.5)	- 78	97.6(<i>S</i>)	82.4	90.1 <i>(S</i>)
8	Ph	-NBn ₂	(S)-2e (95.3)	- 78	90.6(<i>S</i>)	65.3	72.2 <i>(S</i>)
9	Tol	-N)	(S)- 2f (95.7)	- 78	89.4 <i>(S)</i>	92.9	69.7(<i>S</i>)

[a] Molar ratio 1:LiAlH₄: 2:N-ethylaniline for entries 1 and 3-91.0:2.5:2.5:5.0., for entry 21.0:1.8:1.8:3.6. [b] Enantiomeric purities were determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral column; >99.5% *ee* means that the minor peak was undetectable. [c] Enantiomeric purity of the total amount of isolated 2. [d] The portion of 2 used at the beginning of the reaction as a chiral ligand was excluded in the calculation (see Experimental Section).

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(S)-2a was newly formed in 78.8% yield with 82.4% ee.^[7] This result implies that 1a was enantioselectively reduced by chiral 2a to give new 2a with the same (S) configuration. Lowering the reaction temperature (from -78 to $-100\,^\circ\text{C}$) improved the chemical yield, and the enantioselectivity remained high (entry 3). When the chiral ligand (R)-2 a was used instead of (S)-2 a, (R)-2a was formed in 88.6% yield with 84.7% ee (entry 4). Entries 5-9 in Table 1 demonstrate that a variety of N-heterocycles can be used as amino substituents. The reactions of (S)-2c and 2d at $-78 \circ C^{[8]}$ were also examined (entries 6 and 7); the enantioselectivity was very high in both cases (87.9 and 90.1% ee, respectively).^[9] The ee values of products 2a-2d (entries 4-7) were easily improved to greater than 99.5% ee by a single recrystallization. This means that, by the self-replication of amino alcohols used as chiral ligands, increased amounts of chiral amino alcohols were obtained with no loss of enantiomeric purity. With (S)-2-(N,N-dibenzylamino)-1-phenylethan-1-ol (2e) as the chiral ligand, product 2e formed in moderate optical yields (72.2% ee, entry 8). Entry 9 shows the results of the reac-(S)-1-(4-methylphenyl)-2-pyrrolidinoethan-1-ol tion with (2f).^[10]

The present method demonstrates the first highly enantioselective autoinductive reduction in which the product has the same structure and configuration as the chiral ligand; a separation of the product from the chiral ligand is therefore unnecessary. This system could introduce a new concept into asymmetric reduction.

Experimental Section

In the following, a typical experiment and the method used to calculate the yield and ee values of the newly formed 1,2-amino alcohol (Table 1, entry 3) are described. To a suspension (1 mL) of LiAlH₄ (47.4 mg, 1.25 mmol) in Et₂O was added a solution (14 mL) of (S)-2a (263.0 mg, 1.27 mmol, >99.5% ee) in Et₂O over a period of 10 min with vigorous stirring. The mixture was heated at reflux for 1 h, treated within 5 min with a solution (2 mL) of N-ethylaniline (309.0 mg, 2.55 mmol) in Et₂O, and heated again at reflux for an additional hour. After the reaction mixture was cooled to -100 °C, a solution (3 mL) of 1 a (102.7 mg, 0.50 mmol) in Et₂O was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 3-4 h, poured into 1 M hydrochloric acid (5 mL) to quench the reaction, and neutralized

with a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (15 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was filtered over celite, the precipitate thoroughly washed with CH2Cl2 (30 mL), and the combined filtrate extracted with CH2Cl2. The extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO4, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product by flash column chromatography gave 2a (355.5 mg) as a mixture of the newly formed product 2a and the chiral ligand 2a (263.0 mg). HPLC analysis of the mixture using a chiral column (DAICEL Chiralcel OD-H) provided an enantiomeric purity of 95.7% ee. Therefore, the mixture consisted of (S)-2a (347.9 mg) and (R)-2a (7.6 mg). The amount of newly formed 2a was 355.5 - 263.0 =92.5 mg (0.446 mmol, 89.2% yield), consisting of (S)-2a (347.9 - 263.0 = 84.9 mg) and (R)-2a (7.6 mg). The newly formed (S)-enriched amino alcohol 2a had an enantiomeric purity of 83.6% ee.

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Chiral Methyl-Branched Surfactants and Phospholipids: Synthesis and Properties

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The recent publication of the synthesis and unusual properties of spiro-surfactants by Menger et al.^[1] prompted us to report the results of our work on chiral methyl-branched surfactants and phospholipids which are obtained by formal opening of spiro-compounds. For some time we have been engaged in the isolation of chiral methyl-branched fatty acids, for example, (2R,4R,6R)-2,4,6-trimethyloctanoic acid $(1)^{[2]}$ from the preen gland of the musk duck *Cairina moschata* as well as (2R,4R,6R,8R)-2,4,6,8-tetramethyldecanoic acid (2) and (2R,4R,6R,8R)-2,4,6,8-tetramethylundecanoic acid $(3)^{[3]}$ from

$\left[\right]_{n} \left[\left[\right]_{m} \right]_{m} \right]_{m}$							
m	п	R					
1	0	0	СООН				
2	1	0	COOH				
3	1	1	COOH				
lardolure	1	1	OCHO				
norlardolure	1	0	OCHO				

the preen gland of the domestic goose Anser a.f. domesticus. In addition to a number of new derivatives of these compounds such as the mite pheromones lardolure and norlardolure^[4, 5] as well as new, chiral ferro- and antiferroelectric liquid crystals with methyl side chains^[6]—we were interested in the physical and chemical properties (such as critical micellization concentration (CMC)) of surfactants 4 and 5, which are derived from

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1 and 2, respectively. We also focused our attention on the diacyl-sn-gleero-3-phosphatidylcholines 10-15, which show high enantiomeric purity and a uniform chain length of ten carbon atoms, but varying numbers of methyl-substituted chiral



centers. Properties required for their useful applications (e. g. as membrane constituents) were analysed by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) to determine the main phase-transition temperatures, and with a Langmuir film balance to record π -A-isotherms.

The methyl esters 6 of 1 and 2 were allowed to react with lithium aluminum hydride to give alcohols 7 (n = 0, 1; yield 95%), which were converted by tosylation (via 8) into the bromides 9 with LiBr in acetone (85%). The reaction of 9 with trimethylamine in ethanol at 80 °C (in a pressure vessel) afforded 4 and 5 in quantitative yield.