



A Facile Synthesis of New Homochiral β -Amino Alcohols with Norbornane Framework

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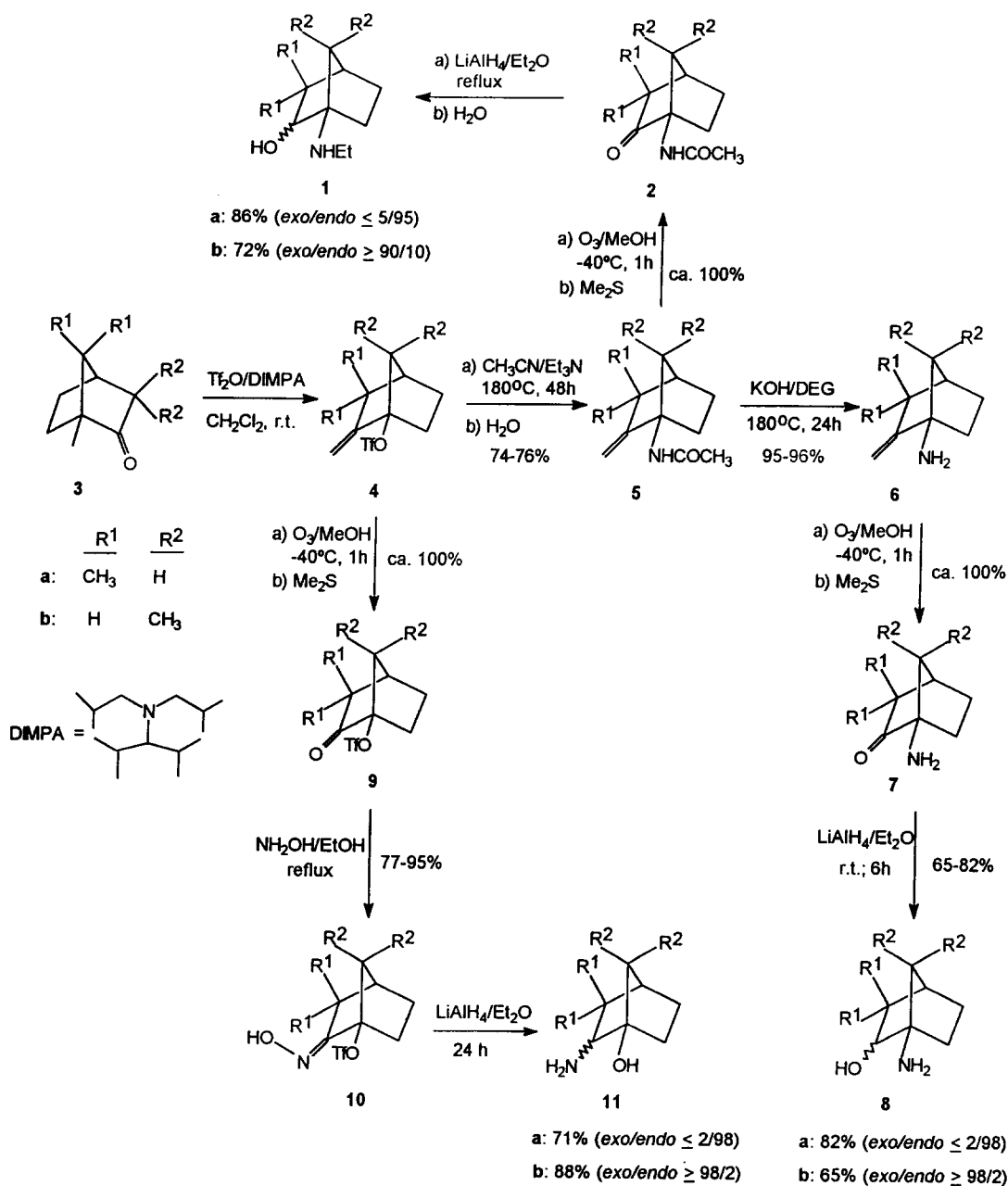
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Abstract: New homochiral 1,2-amino hydroxy derivatives of norbornane are easily prepared starting from naturally occurring 2-norbornanones.

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Homochiral β -amino alcohols are becoming increasingly important due to their potential application in different fields. The 1,2-aminoalcohol moiety is present in many important natural products and drugs,¹ and has a high relevance in the development of new enzyme inhibitors.² Moreover, β -amino alcohols have an enormous potential in asymmetric transformations as chiral ligands in metal-mediated organic reactions,³ where the stiffness of the chiral intermediate complex plays an important role in order to increase the reactivity of the system.⁴ Thus, sterically hindered 2-amino-3-hydroxynorbornanes have been successfully used as chiral ligands in many reactions.^{1,3,5}

In continuation of our work on the enantiospecific synthesis of homochiral ligands from naturally occurring 2-norbornanones **3**,⁶ we report here on the synthesis of the new homochiral β -amino alcohols **1** and **11**, as well as an alternative for the synthesis of the known amino alcohols **8** (Scheme).^{7,8} The reaction of (+)-camphor **3a** or (-)-fenchone **3b** with triflic anhydride (Tf₂O) and DIMPA in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature gives the homochiral bridgehead triflates **4a** or **4b** in good yields.⁹ The key step in the preparation of β -amino alcohols **1** and **8** consists in the solvolysis of the triflate **4** in CH₃CN/Et₃N by heating at 180°C for 48h in a sealed tube; this new variation of the Ritter reaction¹⁰ affords the 1-acetylaminonorbornanes **5** in good yields.



Scheme 1

The hydrolysis of **5** followed by ozonolysis of the hydrochloride of the formed bridgehead amines **6** affords the amino ketones **7**, whose diastereoselective reduction with LiAlH_4 furnishes the homochiral β -amino alcohols *endo*-**8a** or *exo*-**8b**. The secondary β -amino alcohols *endo*-**1a** or *exo*-**1b** were obtained straightforwardly by ozonolysis of the amides **5** followed by reduction with LiAlH_4 in boiling ether. Finally the β -amino alcohols *endo*-**11a** or *exo*-**11b** were prepared by reduction of the oximes **10**^{11,12} with LiAlH_4 .

The products were identified by IR, ^1H - and ^{13}C -NMR and mass spectral data.¹³ The indicated yields are of isolated products, and all of the amino alcohols were purified by crystallization of the corresponding hydrochlorides in methanol/ether. The d.e. of **1**, **8** and **11** were determined by ^1H -NMR.

In summary, we have presented a facile and convenient method for the preparation of new homochiral β -amino alcohols with rigid structures, which are very promising chiral ligands. The high diastereofacial selectivity of the $\text{LiAlH}_4/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ reductions of the amino ketones **2** and **7** and the oximes **10** are noteworthy. It is still higher than the reported in the cases of camphenilonoxime¹¹ and **3a**,¹⁴ which can be accounted for by Cram's rigid model.¹⁵

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