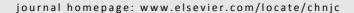


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Enantioselective synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans by copper catalyzed asymmetric formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters with β-keto phosphonates

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ABSTRACT

Copper catalyzed asymmetric formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters to β -keto phosphonates for the synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans was developed. By using a bulky and structurally rigid tridentate ketimine P,N,N ligand, a series of optically active phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans were prepared in high yield and up to 92% ee.

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1. Introduction

Enantiomerically enriched 2,3-dihydrofuran derivatives are very important compounds which are found in a variety of natural products and biological molecules [1,2]. They are also convenient precursors for the asymmetric synthesis of tetrahydrofurans [3–5]. Thus, much effort have been devoted to developing efficient methods for the synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans, such as the organocatalytic domino Michael-alkylation reaction [6–8], interrupted Feist-Bénary reaction [9,10] or modified Feist-Bénary reaction [11]. In addition, the transition metal catalyzed asymmetric synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans has also attracted much attention in the past few decades. Ozawa et al. [12] obtained chiral 2-aryl-2,3-dihy-

drofurans by Pd catalyzed asymmetric arylation of 2,3-dihydrofuran involving a kinetic resolution process. Evans et al [13] developed a Sc catalyzed [3+2] cycloaddition of allenylsilanes with ethyl glyoxylate for the synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans. Recently, Son et al. [14] and Zhou et al. [15] reported the enantioselective synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans by Cu catalyzed asymmetric [4+1] cycloaddition of enones with diazo compounds. Despite these advances, the development of new catalysts for the enantioselective synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans is still in demand.

Following the pioneering works of Nishibayashi et al. [16] and van Maarseveen et al. [17], Cu catalyzed asymmetric propargylic transformation has made significant progress [18–21]. Recently, we have developed a series of chiral tridentate

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P,N,N-ligands which showed excellent diastereo- and enantioselectivity in the Cu catalyzed asymmetric propargylic substitution [22–26], decarboxylative propargylic substitution [27-29], [3+3] cycloaddition [30], [3+2] cycloaddition [31,32] and [4+2] cycloaddition [33]. In particular, we reported an example of Cu catalyzed formal [3+2] cycloadditon of propargylic esters with β -ketoesters for the enantioselective synthesis of chiral 2,3-dihydrofurans [31]. Considering the important biological activity of phosphonylated heterocyclic compounds, we envisioned that this strategy is also suitable for the synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans if a β-keto phosphonate is employed as the substrate instead of β-ketoester. As a result, here we report the Cu catalyzed formal [3+2] cycloadditon of propargylic esters with β-keto phosphonates for the synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans with a bulky and structurally rigid tridentate ketamine P,N,N ligand.

2. Experimental

2.1. General

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. All solvents were purified by standard procedures and stored under nitrogen. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, respectively, on a Bruker DPX400 NMR spectrometer (Bruker, Switzerland). Enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC using *n*-hexane and *i*-PrOH as the mobile phases. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO P-1020 polarimeter (JASCO Corporation, Tokyo, Japan).

2.2. General procedure for Cu catalyzed formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters with β -keto phosphonates

Cu(OTf)₂ (5.4 mg, 0.015 mmol) and (S)-L4b (7.8 mg, 0.0165 mmol) were added to anhydrous methanol (1 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. Then, a solution of propargylic ester 1 (0.6 mmol) and β -keto phosphonate 2 (0.3 mmol) in 2 mL of anhydrous methanol was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at –20 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography to afford the corresponding chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans 3.

(–)-Dimethyl(5-methylene-2,4-diphenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (**3aa**). A colorless oil was obtained in 88% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1–1:1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 14.5 min, t_R (minor) = 8.7 min. [α] $_D^{22}$ = -84.9 (c 1.13, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.41–7.27 (m, 5H), 5.12–5.03 (m, 1H), 4.85–4.73 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.4 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 163.5 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 142.6, 131.6, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.7,

102.7 (d, J = 214.2 Hz), 88.0, 54.7 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 52.5 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.5; HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₂₀O₄P [M+H]+: 343.1099, found: 343.1094.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.93 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.50–7.39 (m, 7H), 5.16 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (s, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.33 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H).

- (5-methylene-4-phenyl-2-(p-tolyl)-4,5-dihy-(–)-Dimethyl drofuran-3-yl)phosphonae (3ba). A colorless oil was obtained in 79% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 89% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 10.6 min, t_R (minor) = 7.9 min. $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ = -89.2 (c 1.12, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.22 (m, 7H), 5.02-4.95 (m, 1H), 4.72-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.13 (s, 1H), 3.32 (d, J =11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.16 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 169.2 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 168.3 (d, J = 26.0Hz), 147.5, 146.4, 134.1, 133.8, 133.7, 132.9, 132.4, 130.5, 106.6 (d, J = 214.3 Hz), 92.6, 59.5 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 57.2 (d, J = 5.8 Hz),57.0 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 26.3; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 21.6; HRMS calc. for C₂₀H₂₂O₄P [M+H]+: 357.1256, found: 357.1253.
- (-)-Dimethyl (5-methylene-4-phenyl-2-(m-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (3ca). A colorless oil was obtained in 84% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) =10.5 min, t_R (minor) =7.3 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -81.3 (c1.10, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.75–7.69 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.28 (m, 7.3 Hz, 7H), 5.07-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.79-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.37 (d, J =11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.4 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 163.6 (d, J = 25.8Hz), 142.7, 138.0, 132.2, 129.3, 129.1, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 126.3, 102.6 (d, J = 214.7 Hz), 87.9, 54.7 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 52.5 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 21.4; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.6; HRMS calc. for C₂₀H₂₂O₄P [M+H]+: 357.1256, found: 357.1252.
- (–)-Dimethyl (5-methylene-4-phenyl-2-(o-tolyl)-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonae (3da). A colorless oil was obtained in 61% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 88% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 14.2 min, t_R (minor) = 9.1 min. $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ = -89.2 (c 1.10, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.29 (m, 8H), 5.08-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.70 (m, 1H), 4.17 (s, 1H), 3.26 (d, J =11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.12 (d, I = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 165.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 165.1 (d, J = 15.2 Hz), 142.3, 137.1, 130.8, 130.6, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 125.8, 105.4 (d, J = 214.7 Hz), 88.0, 53.6 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 52.2 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 52.0 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 19.8; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 15.4; HRMS calc. for C₂₀H₂₂O₄P [M+H]+: 357.1256, found: 357.1258.
- (-)-Dimethyl (2-(2-bromophenyl)-5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (**3ea**). A colorless oil was obtained in 68% yield after purification with column chroma-

tography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1–1:1). 92% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 13.2 min, t_R (minor) = 9.1 min. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = -92.8 (c 1.30, CH₂Cl₂). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.77 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.53–7.30 (m, 7H), 5.07–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.77–4.73 (m, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.13 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 165.3 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 163.8 (d, J = 25.4 Hz), 142.0, 132.9, 132.7, 132.6, 131.2, 129.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.7, 122.4, 106.4 (d, J = 212.8 Hz), 88.4, 53.4 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 52.2 (d, J = 5.2 Hz); 31 P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 14.4; HRMS calc. for C_{19} H₁₉BrO₄P [M+H]*: 421.0204, found: 421.0201.

(-)-Dimethyl (2-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (3fa). A colorless oil was obtained in 95% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 89% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/ i-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 7.9 min, t_R (minor) = 6.1 min. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ = -80.4 (c 1.11, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.84 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.28 (m, 5H), 5.08-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.81-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 11.3Hz, 3H).; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.3 (d, J = 13.8 Hz), 162.4 (d, J = 25.6 Hz), 142.4, 131.8, 131.0, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 125.3, 103.5 (d, J = 213.4 Hz), 88.2, 54.7(d, J = 9.9 Hz), 52.6 (d, J == 5.7 Hz), 52.4 (d, I = 5.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.1; HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₁₉BrO₄P [M+H]+: 421.0204, found: 421.0202.

(-)-Dimethyl (2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosp-honate (3ga). A colorless oil was obtained in 88% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 90% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/ i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 15.7min, t_R (minor) =10.9 min. $[\alpha]_{D^{22}} = -74.7$ (c 1.17, CH_2Cl_2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.90 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.05-4.96 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.71 (m, 1H), 4.18 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 169.1 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 168.1 (d, J = 26.0 Hz), 166.6, 147.7, 135.5,133.8, 132.9, 132.4, 125.4, 118.9, 105.2 (d, J = 214.8 Hz), 92.4, 60.6, 59.5 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 57.2 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 57.0 (d, J = 5.5 Hz) Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 22.0; HRMS calc. for C₂₀H₂₂O₅P [M+H]+: 373.1205, found: 373.1204.

(–)-Dimethyl (2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)posphonate (**3ha**). A colorless oil was obtained in 95% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1–1:1). 90 % ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 11.3 min, t_R (minor) = 8.1 min. [α] $_D$ ²² = -93.6 (c 1.00, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$). 1 H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.92 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 5H), 5.09–5.01 (m, 1H), 4.81–4.74 (m, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.20 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 167.0 (d, J = 25.7 Hz), 147.2, 141.1, 135.6, 133.8, 133.6, 133.0,

132.5, 132.1, 108.2 (d, J = 213.4 Hz), 92.9, 59.4 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 57.3 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 57.1 (d, J = 5.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO-d6): δ 20.9; HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₄P [M+H]⁺: 377.0709, found: 377.0711.

(-)-Dimethyl (5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-[2,2'-bifuran]-3-yl)phosphonate (3ia). A colorless oil was obtained in 90% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 89% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/i-PrOH = 70/30, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 11.5 min, t_R (minor) = 5.6 min. $[\alpha]_{D^{24}}$ = -146.8 (*c* 0.55, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 8.00–7.96 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.25 (m, 3H), 6.74-6.73 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.01 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 3.48 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 3H), 3.28 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.1 (d, J =13.8 Hz), 153.4 (d, J = 24.6 Hz), 146.6, 142.6, 130.3, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 116.3, 112.8, 100.6 (d, *J* = 214.8 Hz), 88.2, 54.2 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 52.5 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 52.4 (d, J = 5.4 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162) MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 15.4; HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₁₈O₅P [M+H]+: 333.0892, found: 333.0887.

(2-cyclohexyl-5-methylene-4-phenyl-4,5-di-(-)-Dimethyl hydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (3ja). A colorless oil was obtained in 60% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 92% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 6.2 min, t_R (minor) = 5.0 min. $[\alpha]_{D^{24}}$ = -134.9 (*c* 1.02, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.33 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.76–4.70 (m, 1H), 4.69–4.63 (m, 1H), 4.07 (s, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.12 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), ; 1.88-1.64 (m, 5H), 1.63-1.13 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 173.8 (d, J = 30.0 Hz), 165.3 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 142.6, 128.9, 128.0, 127.5, 99.8 (d, *J* = 213.3 Hz), 87.7, 52.5 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz), 52.1 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 51.8 (d, J = 4.8 Hz), 36.5, 30.4, 29.8, 25.9, 25.8, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 17.5. HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₂₆O₄P [M+H]+: 349.1569, found:349.1569.

(-)-Dimethyl (4-(4-bromophenyl)-5-methylene-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (3ba). A colorless oil was obtained in 75% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 88% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/ i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 12.6 min, t_R (minor) =10.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = -84.7 (c 0.97, CH_2Cl_2). 1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.89–7.87 (m, 2H), 7.59–7.50 (m, 5H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.12-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.82-4.76 (m, 1H), 4.21 (s, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.27 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.0 (d, J = 14.0 Hz), 163.6, 142.0, 132.0, 131.7, 130.5, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 120.8, 102.2 (d, J = 214.3 Hz), 88.3, 54.0 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 52.6 (d, J = 5.8)Hz), 52.4 (d, J = 5.6 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.3; HRMS calc. for $C_{19}H_{19}BrO_4P$ [M+H]+: 421.0204, found: 421.0201.

(-)-Dimethyl (4-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylene-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (**3ca**). A colorless oil was obtained in 78% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1–1:1). 85% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/

i-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 11.8 min, t_R (minor) = 9.3 min. [α]_D²¹ = -101.9 (c 1.00, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.90–7.88 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.49 (m, 3H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.18 (m, 2H), 5.11–5.09 (m, 1H), 4.82–4.75 (m, 1H), 4.21–4.20(m, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.25 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.3 (d, J = 14.1 Hz), 163.5 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 161.8 (d, J = 243.1 Hz), 138.8, 131.7, 130.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 129.0, 128.7, 128.5, 115.8 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 102.6 (d, J = 214.1 Hz), 88.1, 53.8 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 52.6 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.4; HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₁₉FO₄P [M+H]+: 361.1005, found: 361.1003.

(4-(3-chlorophenyl)-5-methylene-2-phenyl-(-)-Dimethyl 4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphoate (3da). A colorless oil was obtained in 90% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 81% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/ *i*-PrOH = 90/10, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 10.0min, t_R (minor) = 7.8 min. $[\alpha]_{D^{22}}$ = -79.9 (c 1.10, CH_2Cl_2). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.91–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.56–7.50 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.11 (m, 1H), 4.83-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 3.41 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.28 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 163.9 (d, J = 23.6 Hz), 163.7 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 145.0, 133.6, 131.7, 131.0,129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.9, 102.1 (d, J = 214.4 Hz), 88.5, 54.1 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 52.6 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz) Hz); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.2; HRMS calc. for C₁₉H₁₉ClO₄P [M+H]+: 377.0709, found:377.0711.

(-)-Dimethyl (5-methylene-4-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-phenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)phosphonate (3ea). A colorless oil was obtained in 81% yield after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate, 4:1-1:1). 87% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, n-hexane/ i-PrOH = 80/20, 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, 40 °C): t_R (major) = 14.3 min, t_R (minor) = 8.6 min. $[\alpha]_{D^{21}}$ = -99.2 (c 1.02, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 7.99–7.85 (m, 6H), 7.60–7.43 (m, 6H), 5.29-5.23 (m, 1H), 4.84-4.79 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H), 3.21 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 164.3 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 163.7 (d, J = 25.8 Hz), 139.9, 133.5, 132.7, 131.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 128.0, 126.9, 126.8, 126.4, 126.2, 102.5(d, J = 214.2 Hz), 88.3, 54.9 (d, J = 10.0 Hz), 52.8 (d, J = 5.8 Hz), 52.3 (d, J = 5.5 Hz). ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 16.5; HRMS calc. for $C_{23}H_{22}O_4P$ [M+H]+: 393.1256, found: 393.1260.

3. Results and discussion

Our initial studies focused on probing the effects of different ligands, copper salts, bases and reaction temperature on the efficiency of the reaction (Table 1). 1-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl acetate (1a) and dimethyl (2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)phosphonate (2a) were selected as model substrates for this reaction, which was performed in the presence of 5 mol% copper catalyst and 1.2 equiv. of t-BuOK in MeOH (3 mL) at room temperature for 12 h. We first investigated a variety of chiral ligands which were efficient in the Cu catalyzed asymmetric propargylic substitution and cycloaddtion reactions. However, with BINAP

Table 1Screening the reaction conditions.

		_	_	Temper-	Yield a	ee b
Entry	[Cu]	L	Base	ature (°C)	(%)	(%)
1	Cu(OTf) ₂	L1	t-BuOK	rt	NR	c
2	Cu(OTf)2	L2	t-BuOK	rt	NR	с
3	Cu(OTf)2	L3	t-BuOK	rt	29	50
4	$Cu(OTf)_2$	L4a	t-BuOK	rt	61	65
5	Cu(OTf)2	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	68	75
6	Cu(OTf)2	L4c	t-BuOK	rt	49	73
7	$Cu(OTf)_2$	L4d	t-BuOK	rt	77	74
8	CuOAc) ₂ ·H ₂ O	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	80	74
9	CuI	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	78	73
10	CuCl	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	80	58
11	$Cu(OTf) \cdot (C_6H_6)_{0.5}$	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	20	15
12	Cu(CH3CN)4BF4	L4b	t-BuOK	rt	78	43
13	Cu(OTf) ₂	L4b	none	rt	NR	c
14	Cu(OTf)2	L4b	DBU	rt	77	73
15	Cu(OTf)2	L4b	Cs_2CO_3	rt	53	62
16	$Cu(OTf)_2$	L4b	Et_3N	rt	59	29
17	Cu(OTf)2	L4b	i-Pr2NEt	rt	30	72
18	Cu(OTf)2	L4b	t-BuOK	0	63	88
19 d	$Cu(OTf)_2$	L4b	t-BuOK	-20	88	90

Reaction conditions: 1a (0.6 mmol), 2a (0.3 mmol), [Cu] (0.015 mmol, 5 mol %), L (0.0165 mmol, 5.5 mol %) and base (0.36 mmol) in solvent (3 mL) for 12 h, unless otherwise specified.

- ^a Isolated yield.
- ^b Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.
- ^c Not determined because of a low conversion.
- ^d Reaction was carried out for 24 h.

(L1) and Ph-pybox (L2) as ligands, no reaction was observed (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). Subsequent ligand screening identified chiral tridentate P,N,N ligands developed by our group as promising ligands (Table 1, entries 3-7). In particular, a bulky and structurally rigid tridentate ketamine P,N,N ligand (S)-L4b displayed good performance, affording the desired cycloadduct dimethyl (5-methylene-2,4-diphenyl-4,5-dihydrofuran3-yl) phosphonate (3aa) in moderate yield and enantioselectivity (Table 1, entry 5). Thus, (S)-L4b was selected as the optimal ligand for further evaluation. A variety of copper salts were next investigated. The results revealed that copper salts had an important impact on the reactivity and enantioselectivity of the reaction (Table 1, entries 8-12). These results demonstrated that Cu(OTf)2 was the best Cu source for the reaction (Table 1, entry 5). The addition of a base was critical to the reaction since none of the desired product was observed in its absence (Table 1, entry 13). Of the base that we tested, t-BuOK provided the

Table 2 Substrate scope of β -keto phosphonates **2**.

Entry	2 (R1)	3	Yield a (%)	ee b (%)
1	$2a, R^1 = Ph$	3aa	88	90
2	2b , $R^1 = 4\text{-MeC}_6H_4$	3ab	79	89
3	2c , $R^1 = 3\text{-MeC}_6H_4$	3ac	84	90
4	2d , $R^1 = 2\text{-MeC}_6H_4$	3ad	61	88
5	2e , $R^1 = 2 - BrC_6H_4$	3ae	68	92
6	2f , $R^1 = 4 - BrC_6H_4$	3af	95	89
7	2g , $R^1 = 4$ -OMeC ₆ H ₄	3ag	88	90
8	2h , $R^1 = 4 - ClC_6H_4$	3ah	95	90
9	2i , R¹ = 2-furyl	3ai	90	89
10	2j, R1 = 2-cyclohexyl	3aj	60	92

Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.6 mmol), **2** (0.3 mmol), $\text{Cu}(\text{OTf})_2$ (0.015 mmol, 5 mol %), (*S*)-**L4b** (0.0165 mmol, 5.5 mol %) and *t*-BuOK (0.36 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) at -20 °C for 24 h.

best result, while DBU showed a similar result (Table 1, entries 5 and 14). Other bases such as Cs₂CO₃, Et₃N and *i*-Pr₂Nt only gave a low yield or low ee value (Table 1, entries 15–17). Lowering the reaction temperature to –20 °C significantly improved the enantioselectivity, affording the [3+2] cycloadduct **3aa** in 88% yield and with 90% ee (Table 1, entry 19).

Having established the optimized conditions, we then examined the scope of the reaction using a variety of different β -keto phosphonates. The results are summarized in Table 2. The results indicated that the substitution pattern of the phenyl ring had no obvious impact on the enantioselectivity. Good enantioselectivites (88%–92% ee) were obtained for the β -keto phosphonates with both electron-donating and electron-withdrawing groups at the ortho, meta or para position of the phenyl ring (Table 2, entries 1-8). However, the 2-Me and 2-Br substituted substrates (2d and 2e) resulted in decreased yield, presumably due to the steric hindrance (Table 2, entries 4 and 5). The 2-furyl substrate 2i also performed well in the reaction, giving the corresponding cycloadduct 3ai in 90% yield and with 89% ee (Table 2, entry 9). For the aliphatic substrate 2j, a lower conversion was observed. The desired product 3aj was obtained in 60% yield and 92% ee (Table 2, entry 10).

The scope of propargylic esters was also evaluated. Some representative results are shown in Fig. 1. The results revealed that the catalyst system could also be successfully applied to a variety of propargylic esters 1. For example, 4-Br, 4-F and 3-Cl substituted phenyl propargylic esters (1b, 1c, 1d), and

Fig. 1. Substrate scope of propargylic esters 1.

1-naphthyl substituted propargylic esters **1e** all reacted smoothly under the optimized conditions to give the corresponding [3+2] cycloaddition products **3ba-3ea** in good yields and enantioselectivities.

4. Conclusions

We developed copper catalyzed asymmetric formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters with β -keto phosphonates for the synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans. By using a bulky and structurally rigid tridentate ketamine P,N,N ligand, the cycloaddition reaction proceeded smoothly with a wide range of propargylic esters and β -keto phosphonates, affording the desired optically active phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans in high yields and up to 92% ee.

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Enantioselective synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans by copper catalyzed asymmetric formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters with β -keto phosphonates

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Copper catalyzed asymmetric formal [3+2] cycloaddition of propargylic esters with β -keto phosphonates for the synthesis of chiral phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans was developed. By using a bulky and structurally rigid tridentate ketamine P,N,N ligand, a series of optically active phosphonylated 2,3-dihydrofurans were prepared in high yields and up to 92% ee.

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铜催化炔丙醇酯与β-羰基膦酸酯的不对称[3+2]环加成反应合成 手性膦酰化2,3-二氢呋喃

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摘要: 手性 2,3-二氢呋喃衍生物是一类重要的杂环化合物, 广泛存在于天然产物和生物活性分子中. 它们也经常被用于手性四氢呋喃化合物的不对称合成. 因此, 人们发展了很多合成手性 2,3-二氢呋喃化合物的方法, 如有机小分子催化的多米诺迈克尔-烷基化反应、"中断的" Feist-Bénary 反应或改进的 Feist-Bénary 反应. 此外, 过渡金属催化的手性 2,3-二氢呋喃的不对称合成在近些年引起了人们的极大关注. Ozawa 等通过 Pd-催化 2,3-二氢呋喃的动力拆分方法获得了手性 2-芳基-2,3-二氢呋喃. Evans 发展了一种 Sc-催化联烯硅和乙醛酸乙酯的[3+2]环加成反应合成手性 2,3-二氢呋喃的方法. 最近, Fu 和 Tang 等发展了 Cu催化烯酮和重氮化合物的[4+1]环加成反应合成手性 2,3-二氢呋喃的方法.

在 Nishibayashi 和 van Maarseveen 的开创性工作之后, Cu催化的不对称炔丙基转化反应取得了很大的进展. 最近, 我们发展了一类新的三齿手性 P,N,N-配体, 在 Cu催化不对称炔丙基取代、脱羧炔丙基取代、[3+2]、[3+3]和[4+2]环加成反应中表现出优秀的对映和非对映选择性. 其中, 我们发现采用 Cu催化炔丙醇酯和β-酮酯的[3+2]环加成反应, 能高对映选择性地获得手性 2,3-二氢呋喃. 我们设想, 采用β-羰基膦酸酯代替β-酮酯, 通过这种 Cu催化[3+2]环加成反应, 将可以合成一类具有重要生物活性的手性膦酰化 2,3-二氢呋喃化合物. 基于这种设想, 本文使用手性 P,N,N-配体, 通过 Cu催化炔丙醇酯与β-羰基膦酸酯的不对称[3+2]环加成反应, 以很好的收率和最高 92% ee 的对映选择性获得了一系列光学活性的膦酰化 2,3-二氢呋喃化合物.

我们以炔丙醇酯 1a 与β-羰基膦酸酯 2a 为标准底物,优化了反应条件,考察了配体、Cu 盐、碱和反应温度等对反应收率和对映选择性的影响。我们确定了最佳的反应条件。以 4b 为配体,以 $Cu(OTf)_2$ 为铜盐,以 t-BuOK 为碱,以 MeOH 为溶剂,-20 °C 反应 24 h. 在此条件下,我们对β-羰基磷酸酯 2 的适用范围进行了考察。结果表明,各种苯基取代的β-羰膦磷酸酯均能得到很好的收率和对映选择性。苯环上取代基的空间效应对反应的对映选择性影响不大,但对反应收率影响较大,与相应 3-取代或 4-取代底物相比较,2-取代的底物获得的收率较低。苯环对位取代基的电子效应对反应的影响不大,给电

子基或吸电子基的底物, 均得到了较好的收率和对映选择性. 杂环取代的底物同样适用于该反应, 以 90% 的收率和 89% ee 的对映选择性获得了相应的[3+2]环加成产物. 对于烷基底物, 虽然反应的产率略低, 但是得到了高达 92% ee 的产物. 此外, 我们对炔丙醇酯底物的适用范围也进行了考察. 结果表明, 该体系对于各种取代的炔丙醇酯底物均可以获得较高的收率和良好的对映选择性.

总之, 本文发展了一种铜催化炔丙醇酯与 β -羰基膦酸酯的不对称[3+2]环加成反应的方法, 成功合成了手性膦酰化 2,3-二氢呋喃化合物. 通过使用一个结构刚性的酮亚胺三齿 P,N,N-配体, 以很好的收率和最高 92% ee 的对映选择性获得了一系列光学活性的膦酰化 2,3-二氢呋喃化合物.

关键词:铜;不对称合成;[3+2]环加成;β-羰基膦酸酯;膦酰化2,3-二氢呋喃

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