The Use of NMR Spectroscopy for Chiral Discrimination

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Categories of Reagents

Chiral Derivatizing Agents

Chiral Solvating Agents

Metal Complexes

Liquid Crystals

Chiral Derivatizing Agents Raban and Mislow (1965)
Form a covalent bond between an optically pure reagent ((*S*)-CDA) and the compound of interest (Sub)

> (S)-CDA + (R)-Sub = (S)-CDA-(R)-Sub (S)-CDA + (S)-Sub = (S)-CDA-(S)-Sub

 Resulting compounds are diastereomers
 Signals double in NMR spectrum (Chemical Shift Anisotropy) – areas proportional to percent of each enantiomer Chiral Derivatizing Agents: Key Criteria if Using to Determine Enantiomeric Excess

No racemization

No kinetic resolution

 Need 100% enantiomeric purity of the reagent Chiral Solvating Agents (Pirkle – 1966) Metal Complexes (Whitesides and Lewis – 1970)

 Form non-covalent interactions between an optically pure reagent ((S)-CSA) and the compound of interest (Sub)

(S)-CSA + (R)-Sub = (S)-CSA-(R)-Sub - K_R (S)-CSA + (S)-Sub = (S)-CSA-(S)-Sub - K_S

Resulting compounds are diastereomers

 K_R and K_S are likely different – causes different time-averaged solvation environments

Chiral Solvating Agents and Metal Complexes

- Mix directly in an NMR tube
- Preferable to have fast exchange NMR spectrum is a time average of bound and unbound forms (CSA + Sub = CSA-Sub)
- High concentration of CSA usually leads to larger discrimination
- Often see enhanced enantiomeric discrimination at lower temperatures
- CSA does not need to be 100% enantiomerically pure

Assigning Absolute Stereochemistry

- Mechanism of discrimination is understood and characteristic changes in chemical shifts occur in the spectrum
 - More common with certain families of chiral derivatizing agents
 - Possible with some chiral solvating agents

Empirical trend

 Best if use known model compounds as close as possible in structural features to the unknown

Mosher Method: α-methoxy-αtrifluoromethylphenylacetic acid - MTPA (Dale and Mosher – 1973)



Prepare derivatives with (*R*)- and (*S*)-forms of the reagent (esters of secondary alcohols) *Syn-periplanar* arrangement of HC-O-C(O)-C atoms (secondary alcohols)
Calculate Δδ^{RS} values – negative for L₁, positive for L₂





$\Delta \delta^{RS}$ depends on:

Extent of conformational preference/how it influences the shielding
Degree of shielding (anthryl > naphthyl > phenyl)

2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(9-anthryl)ethanol (TFAE) (Pirkle's Alcohol)



Versatile chiral solvating agent -Can determine optical purity -Can assign absolute configurations for certain classes of compounds

Absolute Configurations - TFAE



Sulfoxides

Metal Complexes: Expand Coordination Number or Displace Ligand (Donor/Acceptor Association)

Lanthanides – Hard Lewis bases
 – Nitrogen- and Oxygen-containing compounds

 Platinum, Palladium, Rhodium and Silver – Soft Lewis bases

 Alkenes, alkynes, aromatics, phosphoruscontaining, sulfur-containing, alkyl halides

Liquid Crystals Sackmann, Meiboom, Snyder (1968)

Forms ordered material in a magnetic field Pair of enantiomers have different molecular orientations in the liquid crystal Three discrimination mechanisms - Chemical shift anisotropy (least useful) - Different dipolar coupling constants (¹H-¹³C) – Differences in quadrupolar splitting (²H) (most useful)

Quadrupolar Splitting

- Not observed in solution because of rapid tumbling
- Observed in ordered media and extent of splitting depends on orientation relative to the applied magnetic field

2-²H-Propionic Acid

Proton-decoupled deuterium NMR spectrum



Poly(γ-benzyl-L-glutamate) – (PBLG) Incredible Versatility

Only need different packing orders Do not need specific interactions between the substrate and the liquid crystal Effective for virtually any class of compound Includes aliphatic hydrocarbons Especially effective for resonances of nuclei remote to the chiral center

Deuterium Labeling

 Only need deuterium as a signal – better to use achiral reagents so no concern about kinetic resolution or racemization - Convert -CO₂H to -CO₂CD₃ - Add perdeutero benzoyl group (have o-, mand p-protons as potential probes) Provides a single, strong signal (or a few easily assigned signals) for the analysis

Crown Ethers

(18-crown-6)-2,3,11,12-tetracarboxylic acid



Commercially Available



Association of Primary Amines



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Association of Secondary Amines



In methanol





Dimethylbenzylamine

The *C*-methyl and *N*-methyl resonances (400 MHz) of (a) **3** (10 mM) with increasing concentrations of **1** (0, 5, and 10 mM), (b) the hydrochloride salt of **3** (10 mM) with increasing concentrations of **1** (0, 20, and 40 mM), and (c) **3** (10 mM) with increasing concentrations of L-tartaric acid (0,5, and 10 mM)

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¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of the methine resonance of **8** (10 mM) in methanol-d4 with **1** at (b) 5 mM, (c) 10 mM, (d) 15 mM, (e) 20 mM, (f) 30 mM, (g) 40 mM.

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Pyrrolidines



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Piperidines and Piperazines







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Tertiary Amines









¹H – Discrimination usually small ¹³C – Baseline discrimination

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Cyclodextrins

Cyclic oligosaccharides
Glucose units

-6 - α
-7 - β
-8 - γ

Water-soluble



Carboxymethylated Cyclodextrins Synthetic Schemes



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Degree of CM Substitution

2-position6-positionIndiscriminate α -CD327 β -CD419 γ -CD4.528



¹H NMR (400 MHz, D₂O) of (a) 10 mM chlorpheniramine with 10 mM (b) α -CD, (c) α -CDCM-Ind, (d) α -CDCM-2 and (e) α -CDCM-6.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, D2O) of (a) 10 mM chlorpheniramine with 10 mM (b) β -CD, (c) β -CDCM-Ind, (d) β -CDCM-2 and (e) β -CDCM-6. Impurities marked by "x"





-β-methylphenethylamine HCl (10 mM)
-β-CM-CD-Ind (20 mM)
-Yb(III) – (2-8 mM)

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Cationic Cyclodextrins





DS = 0.7, 1.1, 1.5, 3.0 DS = 1.5 the best

<u>C.D. Chisholm</u>, T.J. Wenzel, *Tetrahedron Asymmetry*, in press

Tyrosine with α -CD-GTAC





¹H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O) (a) 10 mM tyrosine (L>D), with (b) 10 mM native a-CD, (c) 20 mM native a-CD, (d) 10 mM a-CD GTAC (DS = 1.5), and (e) 20 mM a-CD GTAC (DS = 1.5).

Synthesis of Calix[4]resorcinarenes



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Water-soluble

SCR-Pro









10 mM substrate with 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 mM SCR-Pro

Geometries of Complexes



Association Constants

	<i>(R</i>)- enantiomer	(<i>S</i>)- enantiomer
1-Phenylethylamine HCl	68	97
1-(1-naphthyl)ethylamine HCl	361	595
Propranolol HCI	258	482
Tryptophan methyl ester HCl	59	113
Sodium tryptophan	67	40



¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, D_2O) of doxylamine (10 mM), (a) at 23° C, (b) with SCR-Pro (2 mM) at 23° C, (c) with SCR-Pro (40 mM) at 23° C and (d) with SCR-Pro (40 mM) at 50° C.

Other Calix[4]resorcinarene Derivatives



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2-*tert*-butylamino-1-phenylethanol (10 mM) with 6, 8, and 10 mM of **SCR-t4L**

Our Latest Calix[4]resorcinarene Systems



α -methyl-L-proline (α MP)







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(a) M-benzyl-a-methylbenzylamine (10 mM) – CH₃ (b) 20 mM t3L (c) 20 mM α MP (d) 15 mM LPA

(a) 20 mM LPA (b) 2/3-D, 1/3-L (10 mM)

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Pens and pencils are chiral (right-handed) because of the writing



Be careful what you put on a pencil!

