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Transition metal catalyzed reactions are indispensable tools for the asymmetric construction of carbon–carbon bonds. Traditionally, cross-coupling reactions have relied on the use of aryl, vinyl or 1° alkyl electrophiles. Advances in asymmetric catalysis have permitted the use of 2° alkyl electrophiles in cross-coupling reactions allowing for the development of several stereoconvergent transformations. Herein, we report a complementary approach to asymmetric cross-coupling reactions by means of the development of stereospecific, nickel-catalyzed transformations of benzylic alcohol derivatives.

Our initial efforts were directed toward expanding upon a Kumada cross-coupling reaction of secondary benzylic ethers with methylmagnesium iodide previously reported by the Jarvo laboratory. We extended the scope of this reaction by developing conditions to enable the use of aryl Grignard reagents for the construction of enantioenriched triarylmethanes by stereospecific nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling of diaryl methanol derivatives. The reaction proceeds in high enantiospecificity and overall inversion. This methodology is used to prepare a single enantiomer of an anti-breast-cancer agent.

Further advances in our cross-coupling methodology are demonstrated in the development of a stereospecific Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of benzylic carbamates and pivolates with aryl- and heteroarylboronic esters. The reaction proceeds with selective inversion or retention at the electrophilic carbon depending on the nature of the ligand. Tricyclohexylphosphine ligand provides product with retention, while an NHC ligand provides product with inversion. The reaction proceeds in high enantiospecificity to afford *either* enantiomer of a variety of triarylmethanes.

Taking advantage of our growing expertise in nickel catalyzed reactions of secondary alkyl electrophiles, we designed the first alkyl Heck reaction with control of stereochemistry at the electrophilic carbon. Enantioenriched methylenecyclopentanes are synthesized by stereospecific, nickel-catalyzed Heck cyclizations of secondary benzylic ethers. The reaction proceeds in high yield and enantiospecificity for benzylic ethers of both π -extended and simple arenes. Ethers with pendant 1,2-disubstituted olefins form trisubstituted olefins with control of both absolute configuration and alkene geometry. The diastereoselective synthesis of a polycyclic furan is demonstrated.

In the final chapter of this work, we demonstrate a nickel-catalyzed generation of secondary benzylzinc reagents from 2-pyridyl carbinols that are phosphorylated in situ. A variety of benzylzinc reagents are formed in high yield, allowing for facile hydrogenolysis of 2-pyridyl carbinols. The utility of this transformation is highlighted in a high-yielding intramolecular addition of a secondary benzylzinc reagent to an α,β -unsaturated ester.

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Chapter One

Synthesis of Enantioenriched Triarylmethanes by Stereospecific Kumada Cross-Coupling Reactions

1.1 Introduction

Metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions provide efficient and general methods for the formation of aryl-aryl and aryl-vinyl carbon–carbon bonds.^{1,2} Application of these methods to alkyl electrophiles, however, is challenging. Slow oxidative addition and competitive β -hydride elimination of alkylmetal intermediates in the course of sp³–sp³ cross-coupling reactions have contributed to the slow progress relative to cross coupling reactions of aryl and vinyl electrophiles.³ In recent years, Knochel, Kambe and Fu have shown that these obstacles are not prohibitive to the development of alkyl-alkyl cross-coupling reactions by demonstrating methods for Suzuki, Negishi, Hiyama and Sonogashira cross-coupling reactions of alkyl halides.⁴ While alkyl halides are effective electrophiles in nickel-catalyzed alkyl-alkyl cross-couplings, stereochemical information is often lost due to the formation of radical intermediates during oxidative addition.⁵ Under the control of a chiral catalyst, achiral intermediates can be converted to single stereoisomers of product in stereoconvergent cross-coupling reactions.⁶

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Jarvo and co-workers recognized that a stereospecific alkyl-alkyl cross-coupling reaction could be possible if a suitable electrophile was chosen. Based on examples of nickel-catalyzed substitution reactions of allylic ethers, it was proposed that alkyl ethers would undergo heterolytic bond cleavage during oxidative addition, thereby maintaining stereochemical fidelity throughout the cross-coupling reaction.^{7,8} Benzylic ethers were shown to be competent electrophiles in stereospecific, nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions with methylmagnesium iodide (Scheme 1.1).⁹ Bioactive diarylethanes, a class of compounds that is difficult to synthesize in an enantioenriched fashion, were prepared using this methodology.^{10,11} Extending our methodology to aryl Grignard reagents in the cross-coupling reactions of diarylmethyl ethers would provide a new strategy for the synthesis of enantioenriched triarylmethanes.

Scheme 1.1. Stereospecific cross-coupling reaction of benzylic ethers



Triarylmethanes are attractive targets because of their application in materials and medicinal chemistry.¹² Traditionally used as dye precursors, triarylmethanes have more recently been identified as potential pharmacological agents against cancer, diabetes, and bacterial

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infections (Figure 1.1).¹³ The classical approach for synthesis of these compounds relies on Friedel-Crafts alkylation reactions.¹⁴ These reactions are limited in scope and often suffer from poor regioselectivity.¹⁵ Catalytic variants have been developed that address the lack of regioselectivity, allowing for reactions to be run under mildly acidic conditions, but the asymmetric synthesis of triarylmethanes remains difficult.^{16,17} In a recent example, a chiral phosphoric acid is used in a Friedel–Crafts alkylation to form enantioenriched indole-containing triarylmethanes (Scheme 1.2a).¹⁸ In another approach, prochiral triarylmethanes are desymmetrized through enantioselective palladium-catalyzed C–H bond activation (Scheme 1.2b).¹⁹ These methods, however, are restricted to indole- and pyridine-containing substrates, respectively. Improved methods for the asymmetric synthesis of biologically relevant triarylmethanes are needed.²⁰

Figure 1.1. Bioactive triarylmethanes



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Scheme 1.2. Asymmetric synthesis of triarylmethanes



1.2 Development of a Stereospecific Cross-Coupling Reaction of Aryl Grignard Reagents

Initial experiments investigating the application of the nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction of benzylic ethers to the synthesis of triarylmethanes were performed by Buck Taylor. Triarylmethanes could be furnished at 40 °C in 51% yield and 33% enantiospecificity (Scheme 1.3).²¹ A dramatic boost in yield and enantiospecificity for triarylmethane (S)-1.3 was observed when bis(2-diphenylphosphinophenyl)ether (DPEphos) replaced with 1.4was bis(diphenylphosphino)butane (DPPB), and when methyl ether (S)-1.1 was substituted for methoxyethyl ether (S)-1.2. The reactivity of (S)-1.2 is proposed to be increased by its ability to bind with Lewis acidic magnesium ions, which may activate the benzylic C-O bond toward oxidative addition (Figure 1.2).²² With the objective of further increasing the concentration of activated substrate in solution through chelation of magnesium, we designed an alternative leaving group with a more Lewis-basic nitrogen donor atom (1.4, Figure 1.2).

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Scheme 1.3. Initial reaction conditions for the cross-coupling reaction

Figure 1.2. Proposed effect of chelation to magnesium on the rate of oxidative addition

The synthesis of enantioenriched methoxyethyl ether (*S*)-**1.2** and dimethylaminoethyl substrate (*S*)-**1.4** began with the asymmetric arylation of naphthaldehyde (Scheme 1.4).²³ Subsequent alkylation of alcohol (*S*)-**1.5** with bromoethyl methyl ether afforded (*S*)-**1.2**, whereas alkylation with 2-chloro-*N*,*N*-dimethylethylamine hydrochloride produced (*S*)-**1.4**. Both alkylation reactions are expected to be stereospecific.

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Scheme 1.4. Synthesis of starting materials



Before evaluating the enantiospecificity of the cross coupling reaction with (*S*)-1.2 and 1.4, optimal reaction conditions were identified. Early on, it was evident that careful tuning of reaction conditions would be necessary when the Grignard reagent is varied. While use of DPPB as ligand in the cross-coupling reaction of *p*-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide and ether 1.2 provided the desired triarylmethane 1.3 in high yield, use of this ligand in cross-coupling reactions with *p*-methylphenylmagnesium bromide resulted in the formation of less than 10% of the desired triarylmethane 1.6 (Table 1.1, entries 2 and 5). After examination of an extensive number of ligands, 1,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane (DPPPe) and DPEphos were identified as lead ligand candidates for cross-coupling reactions with *p*-methylphenylmagnesium bromide.

Table 1.1. Evaluation of ligands and leaving groups

OR 1.2: R = O(CH ₂) ₂ OMe 1.4: R = O(CH ₂) ₂ NMe ₂	Me MgBr 1.6 M in Et ₂ O (2 equiv)	Ni(cod) ₂ (5 mol 9 Ligand (10 mol 9 PhMe, r.t., 40 h		Me + 1.6	1.7
Entry	Substrate	Ligand	Substrate (%) ^a	1.6 (%) ^a	1.7 (%) ^a
1	1.2	DPEphos	< 5	45	17
2	1.2	DPPB	50	7	< 5
3	1.2	DPPPe	< 5	50	5
4	1.4	DPEphos	< 5	68	22
5	1.4	DPPB	48	10	4
6	1.4	DPPPe	< 5	72	11

^aYield determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using PhSiMe₃ as internal standard.

Nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions were run with enantioenriched substrates (S)-**1.2** and (S)-**1.4**, and triarylmethane (S)-**1.6** was analyzed by supercritical fluid chromatography to determine the enantiospecificity of the reaction. Benzylic ether (S)-**1.2** was converted to its corresponding triarylmethane (S)-**1.6** in high enantiospecificity (Scheme 1.5). However, employing amine (S)-**1.4** resulted in only 31% es over two steps. This erosion in enantiomeric excess may have occurred during the alkylation of the alcohol (S)-**1.5** or during the crosscoupling reaction. In light of the promising performance of methoxyethyl ether (S)-**1.2**, we opted to use dimethylamine (S)-**1.4** in further experiments.





Our cross-coupling methodology was further improved by three important changes to the reaction conditions. First, we discovered that by doubling the ligand and catalyst loading, we could increase the yield of the reaction (Table 1.2, entry 2). Second, we found that we could replace $Ni(cod)_2$ with the less expensive, bench stable $Ni(acac)_2$ without affecting the reaction efficiency (Table 1.2, entry 4). Finally, we observed that the ligands 1,6-bis(diphenylphosphino)hexane (DPPH) and 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (DPPO) offered enhanced selectivity for triarylmethane **1.6** over dimer **1.7** (Table 1.2, entries 5–6).

MeO 0 1.2	+ Me MgBr (2 equiv)	Ni catalyst ligand PhMe, rt, 40 h	Me 1.6	+	1.7
Entry	Ni catalyst (mol %)	Ligand (mol %)	2 (%) ^a	6 (%) ^a	7 (%) ^a
1	Ni(cod) ₂ (5)	DPPPe (10)	< 5	60	6
2	Ni(cod) ₂ (10)	DPPPe (20)	< 5	84	8
3	Ni(cod) ₂ (10)	DPPPe (20)	< 5	84	7
4	Ni(acac) ₂ (10)	DPPPe (20)	< 5	87	9
5	Ni(acac) ₂ (10)	DPPPe (20)	< 5	84	8
6	Ni(acac) ₂ (10)	DPPO (20)	< 5	> 95	< 5

Table 1.2. Optimization of reaction conditions

^aYield determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy using PhSiMe₃ as internal standard.

Having established optimal reaction conditions with previously unexplored ligands, we decided to re-examine the performance of the methyl ether leaving group in the reaction. In a direct comparison of the reactivity of the two substrates, (S)-1.2, containing the methoxyethyl ether leaving group, performed better than the methyl ether substrate (S)-1.1 (Table 1.3). For certain Grignard reagents, use of methyl ether (S)-1.1 resulted in only a small decrease in yield,

and enantiospecificity was unaffected. However, for other Grignard reagents such as 2benzothienylmagnesium bromide, yields decreased significantly when methyl ether (S)-**1.1** was employed (Table 1.3, entries 7–9). Additionally, we observed that monodentate triphenylphosphine could be used when the cross-coupling reaction was performed with pmethoxyphenylmagnesium bromide, without loss of yield and only a small loss of enantiospecificity. However, this ligand did not perform well in cross-coupling reactions of other Grignard reagents (Table 1.3, entries 6 and 9). The data presented in Table 1.3 suggest that the identity of the ligand has more influence over the outcome of the cross-coupling reaction than the choice of leaving group. Regardless, the methoxyethyl ether leaving group proved to be generally more reactive, and (S)-**1.2** was consequently used in examining the scope of the reaction with respect to the Grignard reagent.

	OR + Ar (2	Ni(acac —MgBr <u>Liganc</u> equiv) PhM	a)₂ (10 mol %) 1 (20 mol %) 1e, rt, 48 h	\sum	Ar	
entry	R	Ligand	Ar	yield (%)	ее (%) ^а	es (%) ^b
1 ^{c,d}	CH ₂ CH ₂ OMe	DPPH		88	92	99
2 ^e	Me	DPPO	p-MeOC ₆ H₄	76	99	99
3 ^e	Ме	PPh ₃		83	95	95
4 ^{c,d}	CH ₂ CH ₂ OMe	DPPO		77	90	97
5 ^e	Me	DPPO	<i>m</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄	63	99	99
6 ^e	Ме	PPh_3		60	66	67
7 ^{c,d,f,g}	CH ₂ CH ₂ OMe	DPPO	<u> </u>	83	87	94
8 ^e	Me	DPPO		37	96	97
9 ^e	Ме	PPh_3	S	8	n.d.	n.d.

Table 1.3. Comparison of methyl ether (S)-1.1 with methoxyethyl ether (S)-1.2

^aDetermined by chiral SFC chromatography. ^bEnantiospecificity (es) = (ee_{product}/ee_{starting material}) x 100%. ^cData is the average of two experiments. ^dIsolated yield after chromatography. ^eIsolated as a mixture of desired product and starting methyl ether **1a**. ^fNi(cod)₂ was used in place of Ni(acac)₂. ^gReaction run for 72 h.

1.3 Aryl Grignard Reagent Scope

After optimizing the reaction conditions for a variety of aryl Grignard reagents, we examined the enantiospecificity of the cross-coupling reaction with each Grignard reagent. A range of *para*-substituted electron-rich and electron-poor Grignard reagents are well tolerated in the reaction, furnishing triarylmethanes in greater than 98% enantiospecificity (Table 1.4, entries 2–5). Importantly, *m*-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide provides a high yield of the corresponding triarylmethane, providing access to a substitution pattern that is difficult to achieve using Friedel–Crafts-based methodologies (entry 6).¹⁴ Heterocyclic thiophene and benzothiophene derived Grignard reagents are also tolerated, providing triarylmethanes in greater than 98% enantiospecificity (entries 7 and 8). X-ray crystallography of the thiophene–containing triarylmethane (*R*)-**1.8** (entry 8) indicated that the reaction proceeds with inversion of stereochemistry (Scheme 1.6).²⁴

²⁴ See experimental section for more details.

Ar ¹ Ar ²	_OMe + Ar ³ -Mo (2 equ	Ni(acac) ₂ (` Br <u>DPPO (20</u> iv) PhMe, r	10 mol % <u>) mol %</u> t, 48 h	%)) ►	Ar ³ Ar ¹ Ar ²	
Entry	Product	Ar ³	Yield (%) ^a	SM ee (%) ^b	Product ee (%) ^b	es (%) ^c
1	<u>A</u> r ³	Ph	82	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
2		<i>p</i> -MeC ₆ H ₄	86	93	91	98
3ª		<i>p</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄	88	93	92	99
4	• •	p-(Me ₂ N)C ₆ H ₄	68	93	91	98
5 ^{e,f}		ρ -FC ₆ H ₄	92	93	91	98
6 ^[e]		<i>m</i> -MeOC ₆ H ₄	77	93	90	97
7		[]_s−₹	97	93	92	99
8 ^{e,g}		S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	83	93	87	94
9 ^{e,f}	Ar ³	S	85	81	74	92
10 ^{e,f,g}	Ph		56	81	69	85

Table 1.4. Investigation of the scope of aryl Grignard reagents and substrates

All data are averages of two experiments. ^aIsolated yield after chromatography. ^bDetermined by chiral SFC chromatography. ^cEnantiospecificity (es) = ee_{product}/ee_{starting material} x 100%. ^dDPPH was used in place of DPPO. ^eNi(cod)₂ was used in place of Ni(acac)₂. ^fReaction run for 72 h. ^gReaction run at 40 °C.

Scheme 1.6. Stereochemical proof



Further exploration of the substrate scope of the cross-coupling reaction revealed that phenanthrene-based substrates are effective electrophiles in the cross-coupling reaction (Table 1.4, entries 9–10). Entry 10 exists as a mixture of rotamers following the cross-coupling reaction. Coalescence of diagnostic resonances in the ¹H NMR spectrum of Entry 10 was observed when compound is heated to temperatures in excess of 250 °C.



Scheme 1.7. Performance of substrates lacking a fused aromatic ring

Substrates lacking a fused aromatic ring were also examined in the cross-coupling reaction. Although non- π -extended aromatic electrophiles can be used in the reaction to afford high yields of the corresponding triarylmethane, the enantiospecificity of the reaction suffers markedly (Scheme 1.7).

1.4 Investigation of Palladium and Copper Reagents

We were interested in contrasting reactivity of benzylic ether **1.2** and our nickel catalyst with the reactivity of **1.2** with palladium and copper reagents. After investigating the reactivity of a variety of palladium(0) catalysts, we found that at elevated temperatures Pd(DPPE) furnished **1.3** in modest yield but with low levels of stereospecificity (Table 1.5, entry 1). Subjection of **1.2** at 70 °C to Grignard reagent without addition of a catalyst resulted in almost identical yield of **1.3** when compared to the catalyzed reaction, indicating that a significant background reaction occurs at higher temperature (entry 2). The poor performance of other palladium catalysts in the cross-coupling reaction is disclosed in Table 1.5 (entries 3–5). We were also interested in determining whether or not benzylic ethers could undergo nucleophilic substitution with cuprates to form enantioenriched triarylmethanes. Reaction of **1.2** with importance of our nickel-catalyzed Kumada cross-coupling reaction for the preparation of enantioenriched triarylmethanes.



Table 1.5. Performance of palladium catalysts in the cross-coupling reaction

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃). ^bDetermined by chiral SFC chromatography. ^cEnantiospecificity (es) = (ee_{product}/ee_{starting material}) x 100%. ^dReaction run without Pd₂(dba)₃.





1.5 Application to the Synthesis of a Biologically Active Triarylmethane

To demonstrate the utility of this methodology, we synthesized a single enantiomer of the anti-breast-cancer agent (R)-**1.11** (Scheme 1.9). The enantioenriched benzylic ether (S)-**1.9** was prepared by asymmetric arylation of 9-phenanthrenecarboxaldehyde followed by alkylation to install our chelating leaving group. Cross-coupling of (S)-**1.9** provided triarylmethane (R)-**1.10** in good yield and enantiospecificity. Deprotection of (R)-**1.10** followed by alkylation of the resulting phenol afforded the bioactive triarylmethane (R)-**1.11**.

Scheme 1.9. Synthesis of an anti-breast-cancer agent



1.6 Conclusions

A stereospecific nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction for the synthesis of triarylmethanes has been developed. A range of aryl Grignard reagents has been shown to undergo cross-coupling reactions with benzylic ethers in 56–95% yield and 85–99% enantiospecificity. The synthetic utility of our methodology was demonstrated in the synthesis of a single enantiomer of an anti-breast-cancer agent. Studies to further improve the scope of the reaction are underway.

1.7 Experimental Details

General Procedures

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of N2, unless otherwise noted. All glassware was oven- or flame-dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2), and toluene (PhMe) were degassed with Ar and then passed through two 4 x 36 inch columns of anhydrous neutral A-2 alumina (8 x 14 mesh; LaRoche Chemicals; activated under a flow of argon at 350 °C for 12 h) to remove H₂O. All other solvents utilized were purchased "anhydrous" commercially, or purified as described. Molarities of organolithium reagents were determined by titration with menthol/bipyridine.²⁵ Molarities of Grignard reagents were determined by titration with iodine.²⁶ ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz ¹H, 100 MHz ¹³C, 376.5 MHz ¹⁹F), GN-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C), or CRYO-500 (500 MHz¹H, 125.7 MHz¹³C) spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [singlet (s), broad singlet (br s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), doublet of triplets (dt), quartet (q), multiplet (m), apparent triplet (at)], coupling constants [Hz], integration). Carbon chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) with the respective solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, δ 77.16 ppm). Unless otherwise indicated, NMR data were collected at 25 °C. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Mattson Instruments Galaxy 5000 spectrometer. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Silica Gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm thickness). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp and/or staining with KMnO₄. Flash chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60Å (170-400 mesh) from Fisher Scientific. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained

²⁵ Black, H.T. Titrating Alkyllithium Reagents.

http://www.ux1.eiu.edu/~cfthb/research/handbook/titrating.htm (accessed August 2011).

²⁶ Krasovskiy, A.; Knochel, P. Synthesis **2006**, *5*, 890–891.

using a Mel-Temp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-1010 digital polarimeter. SFC determinations of enantiopurity were performed on a Berger Analytical instrument using a DaicelTM Chiralpak[®] column (OD-H, OJ-H, or AD-H; 100 bar, 50 °C). High resolution mass spectrometry was performed by the University of California, Irvine Mass Spectrometry Center. Grignard reagents were freshly prepared from the respective halide precursors. Bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel was purchased from Strem, stored in a glovebox freezer (-20 °C) under an atmosphere of N₂, and used as received. Nickel(II) acetylacetonate and 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane were purchased from Strem and used as received. 1,6-bis(diphenylphosphino)hexane was purchased from TCI and used as received. hagnesium turnings (puratronic grade) were purchased from Alfa Aesar, stored in a glovebox, and used as received. Magnesium bromide diethyl etherate was purchased from Aldrich, stored in a glovebox, and used as received.

A. Representative procedure for preparation of Grignard reagents.

4-Methylphenylmagnesium bromide. Dry Et_2O (2.0 mL) was added to magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and catalytic I₂ in a Schlenk flask. A solution of 4-bromotoluene (0.85 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et_2O (0.5 mL) was then added slowly over 30 min, so as to maintain a gentle reflux. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours at room temperature. The resulting Grignard reagent was then titrated (typically between 1.6 M and 2.1 M) and used within 6 hours.



4-Fluorophenylmagnesium bromide. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1-bromo-4-fluorobenzene (0.55 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and Et_2O (2.5 mL). The resulting Grignard reagent was typically between 1.5 M and 1.7 M.



4-Methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 4-bromoanisole (0.63 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and Et₂O (2.5 mL). The resulting Grignard reagent was typically between 1.6 M and 2.0 M.

2-ThienyImagnesium bromide. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-bromothiophene (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and Et_2O (2.5 mL). The resulting Grignard reagent was typically between 1.9 M and 2.1 M.



2-Naphthylmagnesium bromide. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-bromonaphthalene (1.04 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and Et_2O (2.5 mL). The resulting Grignard reagent was typically between 1.1 M and 1.4 M.



PhenyImagnesium bromide. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: bromobenzene (0.53 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and Et_2O (2.5 mL). The resulting Grignard reagent was typically between 1.8 M and 2.0 M.



2-Benzothienylmagnesium bromide. The Grignard reagent was prepared according to a modified procedure by Guinchard.²⁷ A solution of benzothiophene (0.61 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in Et₂O (2.5 mL) was prepared in a 25 mL round bottom flask. A solution of *n*-butyllithium (2.4 mL, 5.3 mmol, 2.4 M in hexanes, 1.1 equiv) was added to the mixture, resulting in a clear, red solution. After stirring for 1 hour at room temperature, a solution of magnesium bromide diethyl etherate in diethyl ether (1.9 mL, 7.5 mmol, 4.0 M in Et₂O, 1.5 equiv) was added to afford a suspension of 2-benzothienylmagnesium bromide. The suspension was stirred at room temperature for an additional hour, and Et₂O was added as needed to afford a homogeneous, clear solution. The Grignard reagent was typically between 0.8 M and 1.1 M.

²⁷ Denis, J.; Guinchard, X. J. Org. Chem. 2008, 73, 2028–2031.


m-Methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide. Dry Et₂O (1.8 mL) was added to magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in a Schlenk flask. A solution of magnesium bromide diethyl etherate (5 mL, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 M, 1.5 equiv) and catalytic iodine were added to the reaction flask and allowed to stir for 10 min. Neat *m*-bromoanisole (0.63 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was then added over 30 min. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. The resulting Grignard reagent formed two layers, and the bottom layer was typically between 1.0 M and 1.2 M. *To maintain solubility of the Grignard reagent for satisfactory yields in the cross-coupling reaction, the Grignard reagent must be prepared with magnesium bromide diethyl etherate as described.*



p-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylamino)phenylmagnesium bromide. The Grignard reagent was prepared according to a modified procedure by Katritzky.²⁸ Magnesium turnings (0.18 g, 7.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were finely ground with a mortar and pestle and added to a 25-mL round bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser. THF (2.0 mL), catalytic iodine, and a solution of 4-bromo-*N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (1.0 g, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (0.5 mL) were added to the reaction flask. The mixture was heated to reflux and allowed to stir for 1 hour. The resultant brown solution was cooled to room temperature, transferred to a Schlenk flask, and concentrated in vacuo. Excess THF was removed by adding Et₂O (1 mL), then concentrating the suspension in vacuo;

²⁸ Katritzky, A. R.; Lan, X. Dyes and Pigments 1994, 25, 303–324.

this procedure was repeated a total of five times. Solid p-(N,N-dimethylamino)-phenylmagnesium bromide was stored in a glovebox.

B. Representative procedure for racemic carbinol synthesis.



Naphthalene-6-yl(phenyl)methanol (*rac*-1.5). To a solution of 2-naphthaldehyde (6.24 g, 40.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (25 mL) was added phenylmagnesium bromide (58 mL, 48 mmol, 0.83 M in THF, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 4 hours. Saturated NH₄Cl (25 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (5 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash choromatography (5–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (6.74 g, 72%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed below for (*S*)-1.5.



Phenanthren-9-yl(*p*-biphenyl)methanol (*rac*-1.12). Using the representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: phenanthrene-9-carboxaldehyde (1.24 g, 6.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 4-biphenylmagnesium bromide (8.0 mL, 8.0 mmol, 1.0 M in THF, 1.3 equiv), and THF (6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (dry loaded, 5–50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (1.88 g, 87%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed below for (*S*)-1.12.



(4-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)(phenanthren-9-yl)methanol (*rac*-1.13). Using the representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 4-(methoxymethoxy)benzaldehyde²⁹ (1.66 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 9-phenanthrylmagnesium bromide (12 mL, 12 mmol, 1.0 M in THF, 1.2 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (1.80 g, 52%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed below for (*S*)-1.13.

C. Representative procedure for asymmetric carbinol synthesis.



(*S*)-**Naphthalene-6-yl(phenyl)methanol** ((*S*)-**1.5).** Enantioenriched alcohols were prepared according to a modified procedure by Braga.³⁰ A solution of diethyl zinc (18 mL, 18 mmol, 1.0 M in PhMe, 7.2 equiv) was added to a solution of phenylboronic acid (0.732 g, 6.00 mmol, 2.40 equiv) in PhMe (10 mL). The mixture was heated to 60 °C and stirred for 12 hours. Upon cooling to room temperature, a solution of (*S*)- α , α -diphenyl-1-(triphenylmethyl)-2-aziridinemethanol¹⁴ (0.117 g, 0.250 mmol, 0.100 equiv) in PhMe (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 15 minutes, a solution of 2-naphthaldehyde (0.390 g, 2.50

²⁹ Fruit, C.; Turck, A.; Plé, N.; Mojovic, L.; Quéguiner, G. *Tetrahedron* **2001**, *57*, 9429–9435.

³⁰ Braga, A. L.; Paixão, M. W.; Westermann, B.; Schneider, P. H.; Wessjohan, L. A. *J. Org. Chem.* **2008**, *73*, 2879–2891.

mmol, 1.00 equiv) in PhMe (5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 12 hours and subsequently quenched with 1 M HCl (50 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1% EtOAc/benzene) to afford a white solid, which was recrystallized from hexanes to afford the title compound as a white solid (0.294 g, 50%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.³ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.35 (at, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H); [**a**]²³**b** +11.1 (*c* 1.25, CHCl₃), literature [**a**]²⁰**b** +11.2 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃);³ SFC analysis (OD-H, 20% 2-propanol, 3 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 94% ee: t_R (major) = 6.3 min, t_R (minor) = 7.3 min.



(*S*)-**Phenanthren-9-yl**(*p*-**biphenyl**)**methanol** ((*S*)-**1.12**). Using the representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: phenanthrene-9-carboxaldehyde (0.516 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), biphenyl-4-boronic acid (1.49 g, 7.50 mmol, 3.00 equiv), diethyl zinc (2.3 mL, 23 mmol, 1.0 M in PhMe, 9.2 equiv), (*S*)- α , α -diphenyl-1-(triphenylmethyl)-2-aziridinemethanol (0.117 g, 0.250 mmol, 0.100 equiv), and PhMe (50 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white foam (0.720 g, 80%). TLC R_f = 0.2 (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc); **m.p.** = 55–56 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62–7.56 (m,

2H), 7.56–7.45 (m, 7H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 2.49 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.9, 140.82, 140.78, 136.8, 131.4, 131.0, 130.4, 129.8, 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.49, 127.46, 127.2, 127.01, 126.96, 126.8, 126.5, 125.6, 125.0, 123.4, 122.6, 74.0; **IR** (thin film) 3330, 3054, 2883, 1600, 1487 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₇H₂₀O (M)⁺ 360.1514, found 360.1510; **[a]**²³D +56.8 (*c* 1.25, CHCl₃). The enantiomers could not be separated by analytical SFC.



(S)-(4-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)(phenanthren-9-yl)methanol ((*S*)-1.13). Using the representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: phenanthrene-9-carboxaldehyde (0.518 2.50 mmol, 1.00 g, equiv), р-[(methoxymethyl)oxy]phenylboronic acid³¹ (1.37 g, 7.50 mmol, 3.00 equiv), diethyl zinc (2.3 mL, 23 mmol, 1.0 M in PhMe, 9.2 equiv), (S)-α,α-diphenyl-1-(triphenylmethyl)-2aziridinemethanol (0.117 g, 0.250 mmol, 0.100 equiv), and PhMe (50 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc:hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.630 g, 73%). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.2$ (8:2 hexanes:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.58 (m, 3H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.2, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.01–6.97 (m, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.32– 2.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.0, 137.0, 136.4, 131.5, 131.0, 130.4, 129.8, 129.1, 128.8, 126.9 (2C), 126.7, 126.4, 125.3, 125.0, 123.3, 122.6, 116.5, 94.5, 73.7, 56.2; IR

³¹ Choshi, T.; Yamada, S.; Sugino, E.; Kuwada, T.; Hibino, S. J. Org. Chem. 1995, 60, 5899–5904.

(thin film) 3406, 3055, 2956, 1608, 1508, 1234 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₃H₂₀O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 367.1310, found 367.1318; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D +79.1 (*c* 1.35, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 35% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (major) = 5.4 min, t_R (minor) = 7.7 min.

Preparation of Diaryl Alcohol Derivatives

2-((*S*)-**Methoxy(phenyl)methyl)naphthalene** ((*S*)-**1.1**) was prepared according to a previously reported procedure.³²



2-(Naphthalene-6-yl)(phenyl)methoxy)-*N*,*N*-**dimethylamine (1.4).** Dimethyl amine **1.4** was prepared according to a modified procedure by Brückner.³³ A suspension of alcohol **1.5** (2.34 g, 10.0 mmol), 2-(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)ethyl chloride hydrochloride (2.88 g, 20.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and freshly ground KOH (5.60 g, 100 mmol, 10.0 equiv) were stirred in DMSO (20 mL) at room temperature for 24 hours. Aqueous 1 M NaOH (20 mL) and Et₂O (10 mL) were added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 1 M NaOH (2 x 10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (30–70% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title product as a pale yellow solid (1.43 g, 47%). **TLC R_f** = 0.1 (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc); **m.p.** = 115–118 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.75 (m, 4H),

³² Taylor, B. L. H.; Swift, E. C.; Waetzig, J. D.; Jarvo, E. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 389–391.

³³ Brückner, R.; Sälinger, D. Chem. Eur. J. 2009, 15, 6688–6703.

7.48–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.62 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 139.8, 133.3, 133.0, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.2, 125.98, 125.96, 125.3, 84.2, 67.8, 59.2, 46.3; **IR** (thin film) 3059, 3028, 2940, 1600, 1452 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₁H₂₃NO (M)⁺ 305.1780, found at 305.1787.

D. Representative procedure for ether synthesis.



2-((*S*)-(**2-Methoxyethoxy**)(**phenyl**)**methyl**)**naphthalene** (**1d**). Alkylation of alcohols was performed according to a modified procedure by Lin.³⁴ Alcohol (*S*)-**4** (0.851 g, 3.64 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in DMF (5.5 mL) and added to a slurry of NaH (0.271 g, 11.3 mmol, 3.10 equiv) in DMF (1.3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, and a solution of bromoethyl methyl ether (0.38 mL, 4.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (4.2 mL) was slowly added over 30 min. The reaction was stirred for an additional hour, after which a second portion of bromoethyl methyl ether (0.38 mL, 4.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (4.2 mL) was slowly added over 30 min. After stirring for two hours, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL) and EtOAc (20 mL) were added. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (0.989 g, 93%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc); **m.p.** = 47 °C; ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.75 (m, 4H),

³⁴ Lin, Q. H.; Ball, G. E.; Bishop, R. Tetrahedron 1997, 53, 10899–10910.

7.48–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 3.65 (m, 4H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 139.7, 133.4, 133.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 126.1, 126.0 (2C), 125.2, 84.2, 72.2, 68.6, 59.2; IR (thin film) 3054, 2883, 1600, 1487 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₂ (M)⁺ 315.1361, found 315.1361; $[\alpha]^{23}$ –22.9 (c 0.99, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 10% 2propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 8.2 min, t_R (minor) = 6.5 min.



9-((*S*)-(**2-Methoxyethoxy**)(*p*-biphenyl)methyl)phenanthrene ((*S*)-1.14). Using the representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol (S)-1.12 (1.41 g, 3.90 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (0.281 g, 11.7 mmol, 3.00 equiv), bromoethylmethyl ether (0.80 mL, 8.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv), and DMF (25 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10-20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white foam (0.720 g, 80%) TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (9:1 hexanes:EtOAc); m.p. = 55–56 °C; ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 8.68 \text{ (d, } J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.63 \text{ (d, } J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 8.14 \text{ (d, } J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}),$ 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.54– 7.46 (m, 7H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.9, 140.5, 140.3, 134.9, 131.4, 131.1, 130.5, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8 (2C), 128.1, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 125.4, 123.2, 122.6, 82.4, 72.2, 68.9, 59.1; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2987, 1600, 1421 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₃₀H₂₆O₂ (M)⁺ 418.1933, found 418.1916; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D +15.7 (*c* 0.96, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 81% ee: t_R (major) = 12.5 min, t_R (minor) = 21.8 min.



9-((*S*)-(**2**-Methoxyethoxy)(**4**-(methoxymethoxy)phenyl)methyl)phenanthrene ((*S*)-**1.15**). Using the representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol (*S*)-**1.13** (0.600 g, 1.74 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (0.129 g, 5.39 mmol, 3.10 equiv), bromoethylmethyl ether (0.36 mL, 3.8 mmol, 2.2 equiv), and DMF (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (20–30% Et₂O:hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white foam (0.557 g, 80%) TLC $\mathbf{R}_{f} = 0.2$ (7:3 hexanes:Et₂O); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.93–7.89 (m, 2H), 7.68–7.57 (m, 3H), 7.54–7.48 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.78–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.40 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 135.1, 134.6, 131.5, 131.1, 130.5, 130.3, 129.1 (2C), 126.9, 126.8, 126.59, 126.55, 126.3, 125.3, 123.2, 122.6, 116.2, 94.5, 82.1, 72.3, 68.8, 59.2, 56.1; **IR** (thin film) 3061, 2895, 1608, 1508, 1084 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₆O₄ (M + Na)⁺ 425.1729, found 425.1711; [*α*]²³**p** +18.6 (*c* 2.63, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 10% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (major) = 6.4 min, t_R (minor) = 8.1 min.

Cross-Coupling Reactions

Representative procedure for cross-coupling reaction optimization.

To a 7 mL vial in a glovebox was added bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (2.8 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), DPEphos (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.20 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min and enantioenriched ether (*S*)-**1.2** (29.2 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added. The vial was removed from the glovebox and *p*-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.10 mL, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 48 hours before quenching with 2-propanol (1.5 mL). The solution was eluted through a plug of silica and concentrated in vacuo. Phenyltrimethylsilane (0.017 mL, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added as an internal standard, and the mixture was dissolved in CDCl₃ for ¹H NMR analysis.

The phenyltrimethylsilane signal at 0.26 ppm was used to calibrate the integration (9H). NMR yields were determined based on the methine signals for triarylmethane **1.3** (5.65 ppm, 1H) and dimer **1.7** (5.08 ppm, 2H). Note that the yield of dimer **1.7** is based on a theoretical yield of 0.050 mmol (0.50 equiv). Therefore, the integral of the signal at 5.08 ppm would be a maximum of 1.0 (0.50 equiv x 2H) if a reaction were to give complete conversion to dimer **1.7**. The diastereomers of dimer **1.7** are indistinguishable by ¹H NMR.

¹*H* NMR analysis of unpurified reaction mixture:



E. Representative procedure for cross-coupling reactions (Table 2)



2-Benzhydrylnaphthalene (**1.17**). To a 7 mL vial in a glovebox was added nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min and enantioenriched ether (*S*)-**1.2** (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added. The vial was removed from the glovebox and phenylmagnesium bromide (0.20 mL, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 48 hours before quenching with 2-propanol (1.5 mL). The solution was eluted through a plug of silica and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (0–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid. First run: 50.3 mg (86%). Second run: 46.1 mg

(79%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); **m.p.** = 75–77 °C, literature m.p. = 77–78 °C;³⁵ ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.65 (m, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dt, *J* = 9.4, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (at, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 5H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 5.70 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 141.7, 133.5, 132.3, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 57.1; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2987, 1601, 1265 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₈ (M)⁺ 294.1408, found at 294.1404.



2-((*S*)-**Phenyl**(*p*-tolyl)methyl)maphthalene ((*S*)-1.6). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), *p*-methylphenylmagnesium bromide (0.25 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1.6 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (*S*)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil. First run: 56.0 mg (91%, 91% ee). Second run: 52.3 mg (85%, 91% ee). TLC R_f = 0.2 (100% pentane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.65 (m, 3H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (at, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 141.9, 140.9, 136.1, 133.6, 132.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 128.01, 127.98, 127.9, 127.7, 126.5, 126.1, 125.7, 56.7, 21.2; IR (thin film) 3054, 3023, 2921, 2867, 1599, 1510 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS EI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₀ (M)⁺ 308.1565, found 308.1568; [*a*]²³*b* +4.76 (*c* 1.66,

³⁵ McMullen, T. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1922, 44, 2055–2060.

CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 15% 2-propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R (major) = 11.4 min, t_R (minor) = 12.5 min.



2-((S)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)naphthalene ((S)-1.3). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,6-bis(diphenylphosphino)hexane (18 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), p-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.22 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1.8 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-3% Et₂O:pentane) to give the title compound as a yellow oil. First run: 59.4 mg (92%, 91% ee). Second run: 54.5 mg (84%, 92% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (95:5 pentane:Et₂O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dt, J = 9.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 144.1, 142.0, 136.0, 133.5, 132.2, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 113.8, 56.2, 55.3; **IR** (thin film) 3057, 3025, 2931, 2835, 1608, 1250 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀O (M)⁺ 324.1514, found 324.1498; $[\alpha]^{23}$ p +1.15 (c 1.08, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 15% 2-propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R (major) = 13.9 min, t_R (minor) = 14.9 min.



N,*N*-Dimethyl-4-((*S*)-(naphthalene-6-yl)(phenyl)methyl)benzenamine ((*S*)-1.18). The title compound was prepared according to representative procedure E outlined above, with the following exception: the Grignard reagent was added inside the glovebox after addition of all other reagents. The following amounts of reagents were used: nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), p-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenylmagnesium bromide (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-10% pentane/Et₂O) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil. First run: 47.2 mg (71%, 91% ee). Second run: 43.7 mg (65%, 91% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 2.90 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 144.6, 142.5, 133.6, 132.2, 131.8, 130.3, 129.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.6, 112.6, 56.2, 40.8 (2C); **IR** (thin film) 3054, 3023, 2879, 1612, 1350 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₂₄N (M + H)⁺ 338.1909, found 338.1907; $[\alpha]^{23}$ _D +9.55 (c 1.09, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 25% MeOH, 3 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 85% ee: t_R (major) = 4.1 min, t_R (minor) = 4.6 min.



2-((*S*)-(**4-Fluorophenyl**)(**phenyl**)**methyl**)**naphthalene** ((*S*)-**1.19**). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, with the exception of stirring for 92 hours, the following amounts of reagents were used: bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), p-fluorophenylmagnesium bromide (0.24 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1.7 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil. First run: 60.8 mg (97%, 91% ee). Second run: 54.5 mg (87%, 91% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (100% pentane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (d, J = 245 Hz), 143.6, 141.4, 139.5 (d, J = 3 Hz), 133.5, 132.3, 131.1 (d, J = 8 Hz), 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 128.05, 127.99, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 125.9, 115.3 (d, J = 21) Hz), 56.3; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2987, 1600, 1454, 1265 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₃H₁₇F (M)⁺ 312.1314, found 312.1308; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D –2.18 (c 1.05, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 12% 2-propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 87% ee: t_R (major) = 8.9 min, t_R (minor) = 9.8 min.



2-((R)-(3-Methoxyphenyl)(phenyl)methyl)naphthalene ((R)-1.20). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: bis(1.5cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)pentane (18 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), *m*-methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.40 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1.0 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (4:1 benzene:pentane) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil. First run: 47.6 mg (74%, 92% ee). Second run: 51.7 mg (88%, 88% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (4:1 benzene:pentane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (at, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.25–7.13 (m, 4H), 6.76 (at, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.8, 145.5, 143.7, 141.5, 133.6, 132.3, 129.7, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 128.02, 128.01, 127.9, 127.7, 126.6, 126.1, 125.8, 122.3, 115.9, 111.6, 57.1, 55.3; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2987, 1585, 1421, 1265 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS) EI+) m/z calcd for C₂₄H₂₀O (M)⁺ 324.1514, found 324.1520; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D +2.52 (c 1.19, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 15% 2-propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 75% ee: t_R (major) = 8.5 min, t_R (minor) = 9.2 min.



2-((*R*)-(Naphthalene-6-yl)(phenyl)methyl)thiophene ((*R*)-1.8). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), 2-thienylmagnesium bromide (0.20 mL, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography $(0-3\% \text{ Et}_2\text{O}/\text{pentane})$ to afford the title compound as a yellow solid. First run: 58.0 mg (97%, 92% ee). Second run: 58.2 mg (97%, 91% ee). TLC Rf = 0.5 (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); **m.p.** = 78–79 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.78 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75–7.71 (m, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.44 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (at, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.20 (m, 4H), 6.95 (at, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 143.7, 141.5, 133.5, 132.5, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 125.9, 124.8, 52.3; **IR** (thin film) 3057, 3025, 2872, 1601, 1506, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆S (M)⁺ 300.0973, found at 300.0973; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D –4.46 (*c* 0.97, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 20% 2-propanol, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 86% ee: t_R (major) = 6.5 min, t_R (minor) = 7.3 min.



2-((R)-(Naphthalene-6-yl)(phenyl)methyl)benzo[b]thiophene ((*R*)-1.20). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, with the exception of stirring for 72 hours, the following amounts of reagents were used: nickel(II) acetylacetonate (5.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), 2equiv), benzothienylmagnesium bromide (0.40 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.2 (58.4 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-3% Et₂O:pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid. First run: 58.0 mg (83%, 88% ee). Second run: 58.2 mg (83%, 86% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); **m.p.** = 46–47 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.76–7.67 (m, 2H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dt, J = 9.4, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.20 (m, 7H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 5.88 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.7, 142.9, 140.6, 140.2, 139.8, 133.5, 132.6, 129.2, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.58, 127.54, 127.2, 126.3, 126.0, 124.3, 124.0, 123.6, 123.4, 122.3, 53.0; IR (thin film) 3057, 3025, 2926, 1599, 1434 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₅H₁₈S (M)⁺ 350.1129, found at 350.1129; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D -5.31 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 20% 2-propanol, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 85% ee: t_R (major) = 22.3 min, t_R (minor) = 23.8 min.



2-((R)-(Phenanthrene-9-yl)(p-biphenyl)methyl)thiophene ((R)-1.21). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, with the exception of stirring for 72 hours, the following amounts of reagents were used: bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), 2-thienylmagnesium bromide (0.17 mL, 0.40 mmol, 2.3 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (S)-1.14 (83.6 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid. First run: 76.2 mg (89%, 74% ee). Second run: 72 mg (85%, 74% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); m.p. = 95–97 °C; ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d, J = 8.3Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 4H), 7.43–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (at, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 142.5, 140.8, 139.8, 138.1, 131.5, 130.96, 130.94, 130.1, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.1, 127.4 (2C), 127.2, 127.1, 126.95, 126.91, 126.8 (2C), 126.4, 124.94, 124.88, 123.3, 122.5, 48.2; **IR** (thin film) 3062, 3028, 2908, 1601, 1486, 741 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₃₁H₂₂S (M)⁺ 426.1442, found at 426.1447; [a]²³_D -28.3 (c 2.37, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 71% ee: t_R (major) = 8.8 min, t_R (minor) = 7.9 min.



9-((*S*)-(**Naphthalene-2-yl**)(*p*-biphenyl)methyl)phenanthrene ((*S*)-1.22). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, with the exception of stirring for 72 hours at 40 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane (19 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), 2-naphthylmagnesium bromide (0.31 mL, 0.40 mmol, 1.3 M in Et₂O, 2.0 equiv), ether (*S*)-1.14 (83.6 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (1.6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid. First run: 41.3 mg (44%, 70% ee). Second run: 61 mg (64%, 67% ee).

Analytic data (¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, GC/MS) are consistent with this compound existing as a 4:1 mixture of rotamers which are separable by SFC. However, the methine signals did not converge in the following variable temperature ¹H NMR experiment: A sample of the title compound (25 mg) was dissolved in nitrobenzene-d₅ (0.7 mL) and a ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained at room temperature. The sample was heated to 175 °C in 50 °C increments, and a ¹H NMR spectrum was obtained at each temperature (p S81). At elevated temperatures, the methine signals at 6.65 and 5.74 ppm did not converge.

The mixture of rotamers was interconverted by heating under microwave irradiation: The 4:1 mixture obtained above was dissolved in nitrobenzene-d₅ and heated to 250 °C under microwave irradiation. Upon cooling to room temperature, the ¹H NMR spectrum indicated a 14:1 mixture

of rotamers. In a control experiment *rac*-1.14 was treated with 2-naphthylmagnesium bromide at 80 °C in the absence of nickel catalyst. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the product indicated a >20:1 mixture of rotamers. **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (97:3 pentane:Et₂O); **m.p.** = 217–220 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (at, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.56–7.46 (m, 5H), 7.44–7.37 (m, 4H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 3H), 6.44 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) major rotamer resonances: δ 142.5, 141.2, 140.9, 139.5, 138.2, 133.6, 132.5, 131.6, 131.4, 131.0, 130.4, 129.6, 129.0, 128.94, 128.89, 128.5, 128.31, 128.29, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.3, 126.1, 125.8, 125.3, 123.2, 122.5, 53.4; minor rotamer resonances: δ 140.7, 140.2, 140.1, 138.0, 136.8, 136.2, 133.5, 133.3, 133.1, 132.2, 130.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.80, 127.78, 127.2, 127.1, 126.6, 125.94, 125.92, 125.6, 124.5, 123.4, 46.8; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2875, 1601, 1265 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₃₇H₂₆ (M)⁺ 470.2035, found 470.2030; [**a**]²³**b** –39.1 (*c* 0.42, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 70% ee: t_R (major) = 19.2 min, t_R (minor) = 16.4 min.



9-((R)-(4-(Methoxymethoxy)phenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl)phenanthrene ((*R*)-1.10). Using the representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (12.8 mg, 0.0465 mmol, 0.150 equiv), 1.6bis(diphenylphosphino)hexane (42.3)0.0931 mmol, 0.300 equiv), mg, *p*methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (0.47 mL, 0.93 mmol, 2.0 M in Et₂O, 3.0 equiv), ether (S)-

1.9 (125 mg, 0.310 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and PhMe (4.8 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–15% Et₂O/hexanes) to give the title compound as a colorless foam. First run: 82.7 mg (61%, 79% ee). Second run: 90.0 mg (60%, 75% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (9:1 hexanes:Et₂O); **m.p.** = 67–69 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.07–7.03 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.45 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 155.9, 138.9, 137.3, 135.9, 131.6, 131.3, 131.0, 130.8, 130.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.2, 125.4, 123.2, 122.5, 116.3, 113.9, 94.7, 56.2, 55.4, 52.0; **IR** (thin film) 3055, 2954, 1608, 1508, 1244 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₃₀H₂₆O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 457.1780, found 457.1768; [*a*]²³**b** –39.0 (*c* 2.91, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 10% MeOH, 3.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 75% ee: t_R (minor) = 11.5 min, t_R (major) = 12.2 min.



4-((*S*)-(**4-Methoxyphenyl**)(**phenanthren-9-yl**)**methyl**)**phenol** ((*S*)-**1.16**). Triarylmethane (*R*)-**1.10** (90.0 mg, 0.207 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) and added to a solution of HCl (6 mL, 2.0 M in MeOH). The solution was stirred for 18 h, then quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc/hexane) to give the title compound as a colorless oil (72.9 mg, 90%). ¹H NMR data were consistent with reported

values.³⁶ **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (7:3 hexanes:EtOAc); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.57 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.65 (br s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 154.1, 138.9, 136.3, 136.0, 131.6, 131.3, 130.9 (2C), 130.7, 129.9, 128.9, 128.5, 126.8, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 125.4, 123.2, 122.5, 115.4, 113.9, 55.4, 51.9; **IR** (thin film) 3381, 3061, 2929, 1608, 1510, 1246 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS AP+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₈H₂₂O₂ (M)⁺ 390.1620, found 390.1607; [*a*]²³**b** –48.1 (*c* 2.86, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 25% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min, 256 nm) indicated 75% ee: t_R (minor) = 5.5 min, t_R (major) = 6.7 min.



2-(4-((R)-(4-Methoxyphenyl)(phenanthren-9-yl)methyl)phenoxy)-*N*,*N*-**dimethylethanamine** ((*R*)-**1.11).** A procedure by McCague was adapted.³⁷ Phenol (*S*)-**1.16** (57.2 mg, 0.147 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in DMF (3 mL). Sodium hydride (54 mg, 2.3 mmol, 15 equiv) was added with stirring, and the mixture was heated to 60 °C for 10 min. The resulting yellow mixture was cooled to room temperature and 2-chloro-*N*,*N*-dimethylethylamine hydrochloride (86 mg, 0.60 mmol, 4.1 equiv) was added. The mixture was then heated to 60 °C for 4 h. Upon completion, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and excess sodium hydride was quenched by addition of 2-propanol (1 mL). The mixture was poured into water (10 mL) and

³⁶ Shagufta; Srivastava, A. K.; Sharma, R.; Mishra, R.; Balapure, A. K.; Murthyc, P. S. R.; Panda, G. Bioorg. Med.Chem. 2006, 1497–1505.

³⁷ McCague, R.; Leclercq, G.; Jordan, V. C. J. Med. Chem. **1988**, 31, 1285–1290.

extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (3% Et₃N/EtOAc) to give the title compound as a yellow oil (54.4 mg, 80%). ¹H NMR data were consistent with reported values.²¹ **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (95:5 EtOAc:Et₃N); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.55–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.06 (at, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 6.84 (at, J = 9.1 Hz, 4H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.72 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 157.4, 138.9, 136.04, 135.96, 131.5, 131.3, 130.9, 130.64, 130.59, 129.8, 128.8, 128.4, 126.7, 126.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.3, 123.1, 122.4, 114.5, 113.8, 65.9, 58.4, 55.3, 51.9, 46.0; **IR** (thin film) 3049, 2941, 2823, 1608, 1508, 1256 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₃₂H₃₂NO₂ (M + H)⁺ 462.2433, found 462.2426; $[a]^{23}p - 0.49$ (*c* 1.79, CHCl₃).

X-ray Data Collection, Structure Solution and Refinement for (R)-1.8

Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown by slow diffusion of pentane into a solution of (R)-**1.8** in benzene at ambient temperature.

A colorless crystal of approximate dimensions 0.13 x 0.17 x 0.28 mm was mounted on a glass fiber and transferred to a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer. The APEX2³⁸ program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (45 sec/frame scan time for a hemisphere of diffraction data). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT³⁹ and SADABS⁴⁰ to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL⁴¹ program. The diffraction symmetry was *mmm* and the systematic absences were consistent with the orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ that was later determined to be correct.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors⁴² for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis. Hydrogen atoms were included using a riding model. Atoms S(1) and C(3) were disordered resulting in mixed site-occupancies for the atoms of 0.875 S(1) and 1.33 C(3).

³⁸ APEX2 Version 2011.4-1, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2011.

³⁹ SAINT Version 7.68a, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2009.

⁴⁰ Sheldrick, G. M. SADABS, Version 2008/1, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2008.

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At convergence, wR2 = 0.0840 and Goof = 1.067 for 199 variables refined against 2927 data (0.82Å), R1 = 0.0328 for those 2767 data with I > 2.0σ (I). The absolute structure was assigned by refinement of the Flack parameter.⁴³

Definitions:

 $wR2 = [\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

 $R1 = \Sigma ||F_o|\text{-}|F_c|| \ / \ \Sigma |F_o|$

Goof = S = $[\Sigma[w(F_o^2-F_c^2)^2] / (n-p)]^{1/2}$ where n is the number of reflections and p is the total number of parameters refined.

The thermal ellipsoid plot is shown at the 50% probability level.

Table 1.6. Crystal data and structure re	finement for (<i>R</i>)- 1.8 .	
Identification code	(<i>R</i>)-1.8 (Michael Harr	is)
Empirical formula	$C_{21} H_{16} S$	
Formula weight	300.40	
Temperature	143(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.4836(5) Å	$\square = 90^{\circ}.$
	b = 7.6581(5) Å	$\square = 90^{\circ}.$
	c = 31.028(2) Å	$\Box = 90^{\circ}.$

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Volume	1540.60(19) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.295 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	0.203 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	632
Crystal color	colorless
Crystal size	0.28 x 0.17 x 0.13 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	2.74 to 25.68°
Index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 7, -9 \le k \le 9, -34 \le l \le 37$
Reflections collected	11891
Independent reflections	2927 [R(int) = 0.0253]
Completeness to theta = 25.50°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Numerical
Max. and min. transmission	0.9738 and 0.9460
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2927 / 0 / 199
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.067
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I) = 2767 data]	R1 = 0.0328, $wR2 = 0.0825$
R indices (all data, 0.82Å)	R1 = 0.0355, wR2 = 0.0840
Absolute structure parameter	0.04(8)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.299 and -0.263 e.Å ⁻³

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
S (1)	5417(1)	1583(1)	2034(1)	27(1)	
C(1)	7113(3)	2686(2)	1238(1)	24(1)	
C(2)	5793(3)	1422(2)	1490(1)	24(1)	
C(3)	4653(3)	-12(2)	1313(1)	40(1)	
C(4)	3524(3)	-868(3)	1650(1)	32(1)	
C(5)	3786(3)	-162(3)	2045(1)	34(1)	
C(6)	5874(3)	3540(2)	877(1)	24(1)	
C(7)	6656(3)	3641(2)	470(1)	26(1)	
C(8)	5558(3)	4482(2)	129(1)	26(1)	
C(9)	6366(3)	4624(3)	-291(1)	31(1)	
C(10)	5293(3)	5495(3)	-600(1)	35(1)	
C(11)	3364(3)	6251(3)	-509(1)	34(1)	
C(12)	2513(3)	6094(2)	-112(1)	30(1)	
C(13)	3595(3)	5203(2)	222(1)	26(1)	
C(14)	2778(3)	5040(2)	643(1)	29(1)	
C(15)	3874(3)	4227(3)	959(1)	28(1)	
C(16)	8171(3)	3999(2)	1536(1)	25(1)	
C(17)	7429(3)	5723(2)	1602(1)	27(1)	
C(18)	8369(3)	6787(3)	1896(1)	38(1)	
C(19)	10047(3)	6230(3)	2129(1)	34(1)	
C(20)	10819(3)	4583(3)	2063(1)	33(1)	
C(21)	9906(3)	3481(3)	1771(1)	29(1)	

10³) for (*R*)-1.8. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

Table 1.7. Atomic coordinates (x 10^4) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x

S(1)-C(5)	1.705(2)
S(1)-C(2)	1.7092(18)
C(1)-C(2)	1.511(2)
C(1)-C(6)	1.525(2)
C(1)-C(16)	1.530(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.433(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.436(2)
C(4)-C(5)	1.351(3)
C(6)-C(7)	1.362(2)
C(6)-C(15)	1.422(3)
C(7)-C(8)	1.429(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.410(3)
C(8)-C(13)	1.417(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.360(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.407(3)
C(11)-C(12)	1.355(3)
C(12)-C(13)	1.426(3)
C(13)-C(14)	1.415(3)
C(14)-C(15)	1.361(3)
C(16)-C(21)	1.398(3)
C(16)-C(17)	1.419(3)
C(17)-C(18)	1.368(3)
C(18)-C(19)	1.373(3)
C(19)-C(20)	1.372(3)
C(20)-C(21)	1.373(3)
C(5)-S(1)-C(2)	93.00(10)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	110.89(14)
C(2)-C(1)-C(16)	111.21(14)
C(6)-C(1)-C(16)	113.51(15)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	125.76(15)
C(3)-C(2)-S(1)	111.14(13)
C(1)-C(2)-S(1)	123.07(13)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	109.47(15)

Table 1.8. Bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for (*R*)-1.8.

C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	114.49(18)
C(4)-C(5)-S(1)	111.89(15)
C(7)-C(6)-C(15)	119.01(17)
C(7)-C(6)-C(1)	120.52(16)
C(15)-C(6)-C(1)	120.46(16)
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	121.73(17)
C(9)-C(8)-C(13)	119.49(18)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	122.36(18)
C(13)-C(8)-C(7)	118.15(17)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	120.04(19)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	120.96(19)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.58(19)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	120.20(19)
C(14)-C(13)-C(8)	119.35(17)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	121.96(18)
C(8)-C(13)-C(12)	118.68(18)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	120.63(18)
C(14)-C(15)-C(6)	121.05(17)
C(21)-C(16)-C(17)	117.53(17)
C(21)-C(16)-C(1)	119.32(16)
C(17)-C(16)-C(1)	123.10(16)
C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	119.92(18)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	121.2(2)
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	119.84(19)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	120.35(19)
C(20)-C(21)-C(16)	121.09(18)

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U33	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
S (1)	34(1)	26(1)	22(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(1)	27(1)	23(1)	23(1)	0(1)	4(1)	5(1)
C(2)	27(1)	22(1)	24(1)	3(1)	0(1)	3(1)
C(3)	38(1)	38(1)	44(1)	7(1)	4(1)	2(1)
C(4)	31(1)	24(1)	39(1)	4(1)	1(1)	-1(1)
C(5)	35(1)	37(1)	30(1)	10(1)	6(1)	8(1)
C(6)	33(1)	18(1)	22(1)	0(1)	0(1)	-2(1)
C(7)	29(1)	21(1)	28(1)	-2(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(8)	32(1)	20(1)	26(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)	-3(1)
C(9)	37(1)	29(1)	26(1)	-2(1)	3(1)	-4(1)
C(10)	46(1)	35(1)	24(1)	0(1)	-2(1)	-8(1)
C(11)	44(1)	30(1)	28(1)	2(1)	-11(1)	-4(1)
C(12)	37(1)	23(1)	31(1)	1(1)	-6(1)	-1(1)
C(13)	33(1)	19(1)	25(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)	-4(1)
C(14)	28(1)	24(1)	34(1)	-1(1)	3(1)	2(1)
C(15)	32(1)	26(1)	24(1)	2(1)	3(1)	0(1)
C(16)	27(1)	25(1)	22(1)	3(1)	3(1)	0(1)
C(17)	28(1)	28(1)	25(1)	2(1)	-3(1)	3(1)
C(18)	47(1)	27(1)	40(1)	-4(1)	0(1)	1(1)
C(19)	34(1)	38(1)	32(1)	-2(1)	3(1)	-11(1)
C(20)	26(1)	42(1)	31(1)	4(1)	0(1)	-3(1)
C(21)	28(1)	29(1)	30(1)	4(1)	4(1)	4(1)

Table 1.9. Anisotropic displacement parameters $(\text{Å}^2 x \ 10^3)$ for (*R*)-**1.8**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\Box^2$ [h² a*²U¹¹ + ... + 2 h k a* b* U¹²]

_	х	У	Z	U(eq)	
H(1A)	8228	1986	1097	29	
H(3A)	4646	-344	1018	48	
H(4A)	2663	-1851	1599	38	
H(5A)	3139	-587	2299	41	
H(7A)	7966	3138	412	32	
H(9A)	7660	4112	-359	37	
H(10A)	5854	5596	-882	42	
H(11A)	2651	6876	-728	40	
H(12A)	1191	6579	-56	36	
H(14A)	1452	5501	706	34	
H(15A)	3294	4117	1239	33	
H(17A)	6282	6137	1441	32	
H(18A)	7850	7933	1941	46	
H(19A)	10672	6983	2334	41	
H(20A)	11990	4202	2222	40	
H(21A)	10464	2347	1727	35	

Table 1.10. Hydrogen coordinates (x 10^4) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10^3) for (*R*)-**1.8**.

55.1(2)
-177.55(16)
-122.80(15)
4.5(2)
-0.44(14)
177.77(15)
-177.67(16)
0.48(18)
-0.3(2)
0.0(2)
0.28(16)
-132.71(18)
101.3(2)
46.6(2)
-79.4(2)
2.7(3)
-177.99(16)
178.77(18)
-0.7(3)
2.0(3)
-177.51(18)
-0.6(3)
-1.4(3)
1.9(3)
179.25(17)
-1.2(2)
-1.5(3)
178.07(16)
178.80(18)
-0.5(3)
1.2(3)
-178.06(18)
0.7(3)
-2.7(3)

Table 1.11. Torsion angles [°] for (*R*)-1.8.

177.97(18)
77.7(2)
-156.43(16)
-99.76(19)
26.1(2)
-2.1(3)
175.38(18)
0.9(3)
0.6(3)
-0.8(3)
-0.5(3)
1.9(3)
-175.66(17)

Chapter Two

Retention or Inversion in Stereospecific Nickel-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Benzylic Carbamates with Arylboronic Esters: Control of Absolute Stereochemistry with an Achiral Catalyst

2.1 Introduction

The mechanisms of alkyl cross-coupling reactions are hardwired with implications for the stereochemical outcome at the reactive centers.¹ Simple changes to the reaction conditions do not typically perturb the inherent bias for racemization, retention, or inversion at the reactive centers. For example, palladium-catalyzed reactions of alkyl electrophiles are typically stereospecific and proceed with inversion at the stereogenic center,^{2,3} while nickel-catalyzed reactions of alkyl halides proceed with racemization at the electrophilic carbon⁴ and judicious use of chiral catalyst permits stereoconvergent reactions.⁵ Overcoming the intrinsic preference, such that a reaction that typically proceeds with inversion at the stereogenic center can proceed with retention is quite unusual, and requires a significant change to the mechanism of the transformation. For stereospecific reactions, special cases using α -chiral *transmetallating agents* have been reported

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where modification of reaction conditions or substrate structure can affect a switch in the sense of absolute stereochemistry.⁶ Transmetallation typically occurs with retention at the stereogenic center;^{7,8} select examples that proceed with inversion have been reported.⁹ In seminal contributions, Hiyama demonstrated that palladium-catalyzed couplings of alkylsilanes could proceed with retention or inversion, depending on the reaction conditions.¹⁰ Recently, the Suginome group has developed stereodivergent reactions of α -(acetylamino)benzylboronic esters that are controlled by choice of additive to afford, selectively, either retention or inversion (Scheme 2.1a).^{11,12}

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Scheme 2.1. Control of product stereochemistry in stereospecific reactions

In this chapter, we demonstrate catalyst control of the stereochemical course with respect to the *electrophilic* partner in a cross-coupling reaction. Stereospecific nickel-catalyzed crosscoupling reactions of benzylic alcohol derivatives typically proceed with inversion at the electrophilic carbon.^{13,14} Herein, we report nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling of benzylic esters where the achiral ligand structure dictates whether the reaction proceeds with retention or inversion (Scheme 2.1b). Use of SIMes, an N-heterocyclic carbene (NHC) ligand, affords inversion, while PCy₃ gives retention. To the best of our knowledge, these results constitute the first crosscoupling reactions of alkyl electrophiles that undergo two distinct stereospecific mechanistic pathways to provide either retention or inversion at the electrophilic carbon.

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In previous work, we established synthesis of enantioenriched triarylmethanes by stereospecific nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling of ethers with aryl Grignard reagents.^{13b} The triarylmethane moiety is present in medicinal chemistry targets, natural products, and synthetic materials.^{15,16} Despite recent advances in the preparation of racemic triarylmethanes,¹⁷ there are few methods for their enantioselective synthesis.¹⁸ As part of our ongoing interest in developing nickel-catalyzed stereospecific reactions of alkyl electrophiles, we chose to examine crosscoupling reactions of arylboronic esters for triarylmethane synthesis. The functional group tolerance and ready availability of a wide range of boronic esters makes them attractive coupling partners.

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2.2 Development of a Stereospecific Cross-Coupling Reaction of Arylboronic Esters

We began by examining a range of benzylic alcohol derivatives (Table 2.1). Our initial reaction conditions resulted in a modest conversion of carbonate (*S*)-2.2 and low enantiospecificity (es) (entry 1).¹⁹ To our surprise, in contrast to the Kumada coupling, the product, (*R*)-1.3, results from *retention* at the electrophilic carbon. An improvement to 43% es was observed when the solvent was changed from toluene to THF (entry 2). Alcohol additives further improved the yield and stereochemical fidelity of the reaction, with *n*-BuOH providing the highest es, 87% (entry 4). More sterically encumbered alcohols provided more modest improvements, while water and the electron-deficient alcohol trifluoroethanol proved detrimental to the reaction (entries 3, 5, and 7). The enantiospecificity of the reaction showed a marked dependence on the identity of the leaving group. While the use of pivalate (*S*)-2.3 in the cross-coupling reaction resulted in lower enantiomeric excess of the product (entry 8), the benzoate and carbamate derivatives (*S*)-2.4 and (*S*)-2.1 showed a significant increase in product ee, providing 91 and 95% es, respectively (Table 1, entries 8, 10, and 12). An additional small improvement in yield and es resulted from using a 1:1 mixture of THF/toluene as the solvent (c.f. entries 12 and 15).

Table 2.1. Optimization of reaction conditions

	OR		OMe I				
	PI	Ni(coo	d) ₂ (10 mol % Ligand	%) 			OMe
p-Me	Me Me O O B O C B (2 e	<i>t</i> -Bu addit quiv)	OK (2 equiv tive (3 equiv rt, 20 h		R)-1.3	Ph or	Ph (S)-1.3
Entry	R	ligand ^a	solvent	additive	% yield ^t	es ^c	retention/ inversion
1	0	PCy ₃	PhMe	none	46	7	retention
2	^{کر} Ot-Bu (S)-2.2	PCy ₃	THF	none	53	43	retention
3	(-)	PCy ₃	THF	H ₂ O	74	10	retention
4		PCy ₃	THF	<i>n</i> -BuOH	76	87	retention
5		PCy ₃	THF	<i>i</i> -PrOH	46	78	retention
6		PCy ₃	THF	t-BuOH	55	43	retention
7		PCy ₃	THF	F ₃ CCH ₂ OH	< 5	na	retention
8	γŰ	PCy ₃	THF	<i>n</i> -BuOH	53	76	retention
9	^{−2} ² t-Bu (S)-2.3	SIMes	THF	<i>n-</i> BuOH	60	77	inversion
10		PCy ₃	THF	<i>n</i> -BuOH	57	91	retention
¹¹ (\$	s)-2.4	SIMes	THF	<i>n</i> -BuOH	83	>99	inversion
12	0	PCy ₃	THF	<i>n</i> -BuOH	62	95	retention
13	2 N	PCy ₃	THF/PhMe	none	67	35	retention
₁₄ (S)-2.1 🔍 /	SIMes	THF/PhMe	none	82	92	inversion
15		PCy ₃	THF/PhMe	<i>n-</i> BuOH	88	99	retention
16		SIMes	THF/PhMe	<i>n-</i> BuOH	84	99	inversion

^aPCy3 (20 mol %), SIMes (11 mol %). ^bIsolated yield after column

chromatography. ^cEnantiospecificity (es) = ee_{product}/ee_{starting material} x 100%.

We examined other ligands²⁰ under the reaction conditions and found that the NHC ligand SIMes²¹ afforded comparable yields and enantiospecificity of **1.3**, however, the major prod-

¹⁹ es: Denmark, S. E.; Vogler, T. *Chem.–Eur. J.* **2009**, *15*, 11737.
²⁰ For results with other ligands, see the Experimental Details.
²¹ SIMes = (1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-4,5-di-hydroimidazoliumtetrafluoroborate

uct was the (*S*)-enantiomer, resulting from *inversion* at the electrophilic carbon.²² Catalystcontrol of the stereochemical outcome of the reaction was consistent across the range of esters and carbamates that we examined: PCy₃ and SIMes reliably afforded opposite enantiomers of product (entries 8–11, 15 and 16).²³ Under the optimal reaction conditions, addition of *n*-BuOH was found to improve stereochemical fidelity when using either ligand (c.f. entries 13–16).

Due to the dramatic effect that additives and the identity of the leaving group had on the enantiospecificity of the cross-coupling reaction, we became interested in investigating plausible background reactions that could lead to racemization of the benzylic carbamate starting material. We reasoned that upon exposure of our benzylic carbamate to one of the reagents in the cross-coupling reaction, epimerization could occur, leading to low enantiospecificity in the desired transformation. Indeed, we found that when carbmate (*S*)-2.1 is dissolved in THF/PhMe and subjected to 2 equivalents of potassium *tert*-butoxide for 20 h, the enantiomeric excess of (*S*)-2.1 decreases from 92% to 35%. Interestingly, no decline in ee is observed when (*S*)-2.1 is subjected to *sodium tert*-butoxide (Scheme 2.2). These results are consistent with a mechanism for racemization of (*S*)-2.1 that is promoted by the potassium counter-ion of the base. Sequestration of the potassium ion of *tert*-butoxide by polar solvents (THF) and alcohol additives may explain the observed increase in enantiospecificity of the cross-coupling reaction described in Table 1 (entries 2, 8–13, 15 and 16). Based on the poor performance of sodium *tert*-butoxide in the cross-coupling reaction we decided to continue using the optimized reaction conditions developed in Table 2.1 (Scheme 2.3).

²² Comparison of NHC to PR₃: Clavier, H.; Nolan, S. P. Chem. Commun. 2010, 46, 841.

²³ Changing PCy₃ loading from 20 mol % to 11 mol % does not affect the stereochemical outcome; see the Experimental Details.

Scheme 2.2. Potassium tert-butoxide-promoted epimerization of starting material



Scheme 2.3. Effect of sodium tert-butoxide on cross-coupling reaction



2.3 Arylboronic Ester Scope

Having optimized reaction conditions for stereospecific synthesis of either enantiomer of product, we turned our attention to the scope of the reaction with respect to the boronic ester (Table 2.2). Electron-donating and withdrawing substituents on the arylboronic ester are well tolerated under the reaction conditions (entries 1–6). Reaction conditions are mild and allow for broad functional group tolerance. Boronic esters containing ketone, free alcohol and carbamate functional groups all undergo cross-coupling in good yield and es (entries 7–9). Heterocyclic boronic esters including pyrimidine, furan, and indole undergo smooth cross-coupling (entries 10-13). The reaction conditions developed for the formation of either enantiomer of **1.3** are general across the range of boronic esters that we examined: of 20 examples, 18 provide high es. Therefore, by choosing the appropriate ligand, PCy₃ or SIMes, either enantiomer of a given product can be obtained from the same enantiomer of starting material.

	ArB(OR) ₂ (2 equiv) Ni(cod) ₂ (10 mol %) Ligand					Ar Ph			
			<i>t</i> -BuOK (2 equiv) <i>n</i> -BuOH (3 equiv) IF:PhMe (1:1), rt, 24 h			Ph			
Entry	Ar		ligand ^b	yield (%) ^c	SM ee (%) ^d	product ee (%) ^d	es (%)	retention/ inversion	
1	R' =	OMe	PCy ₃	88	93	92	98	retention	
2	νψν	OMe	SIMes	84	93	93	>99	inversion	
3	\land	NMe ₂	PCy ₃	86	93	92	99	retention	
4		NMe ₂	SIMes	71	93	92	98	inversion	
5	 R'	F	PCy_3	82	93	90	97	retention	
6	F		SIMes	80	97	88	91	inversion	
7	CF_3		PCy ₃	88	97	57	59	retention	
8	CF_3		SIMes	70	93	91	98	inversion	
9	COMe		PCy ₃	76	93	89	96	retention	
10	COMe		SIMes	99	98	97	99	inversion	
11	CH ₂ OH		PCy_3	67	93	82	88	retention	
12	12 CH ₂ NHBoo		PCy ₃	84	93	91	98	retention	
13		CH ₂ NHBoc	SIMes	84	98	95	97	inversion	
14		Ņ	PCy ₃	86	93	89	96	retention	
15 ^d	[∥] N	NMe ₂	SIMes	75	98	92	94	inversion	
16	ir I		PCy ₃	79	93	94	>99	retention	
17	l _ >∕		SIMes	65	98	82	84	inversion	
18	je L	\square	PCy ₃	90	93	93	99	retention	
19		[└] N Me	SIMes	71	93	92	98	inversion	

Table 2.2. Scope with respect to arylboronic ester^a

^aAll data are average of two experiments unless otherwise indicated. ^bPCy3 (20 mol %), SIMes (11 mol %). ^cIsolated yield after column chromatography. ^dDetermined by chiral SFC chromatog-raphy. ^eData obtained from a single experiment.

2.4 Stereochemical Course of the Cross-Coupling Reaction

In order to demonstrate the stereochemical course of the reaction with either catalyst, we utilized X-ray crystallographic analysis. We first showed that the reaction proceeds with inversion when SIMes is used as ligand by comparison of the optical rotation of the triarylmethane

(*R*)-1.8 with the literature value (Scheme 2.4a).^{24,25} This product corresponds to net inversion at the benzylic carbon during the Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction. In Chapter 1, we demonstrated that cross-coupling of Grignard reagents also results in inversion at the benzylic carbon and assigned the absolute configuration of (*R*)-1.8 based on X-ray crystallographic analysis. The stereochemical course of the Suzuki–Miyaura cross-coupling reaction when PCy₃ is used as ligand provides the opposite enantiomer. Based on the absolute configuration of (*S*)-2.5, the reaction proceeds with retention at the benzylic carbon (Scheme 2.4b).

²⁴ For optical rotation data for **1.5**, see: (a) Yamamoto, Y.; Kurihara, K.; Miyaura, N. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2009**, 48, 4414. (b) Shannon, J.; Bernier, D.; Rawson, D.; Woodward, S. Chem. Commun. **2007**, 3945. (c) Tjosaas, F.; Anthonsen, T.; Jacobsen, E. E. ARKIVOC **2008**, (6), 8190.

²⁵ For characterization data for **1.8** including optical rotation and X-ray crystallographic data, see: Taylor, B. L. H.; Harris, M. R.; Jarvo, E. R. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 7790.

Scheme 2.4. Demonstration of stereochemical course of cross-coupling reaction



A mechanistic model for obtaining either product of retention or inversion is shown in scheme 2.5. We propose that when PCy₃ ligand is employed, the carbamate leaving group coordinates to the nickel catalyst. This coordination event directs the oxidative addition of the catalyst to the substrate, resulting in oxidative addition with retention. Transmetalation followed by reductive elimination with retention leads to formation of product with overall retention. In contrast, when SIMes is used as ligand in the reaction, coordination of the carbamate to the catalyst prior to oxidative addition does not occur. Without precoordination of the nickel catalyst to the leaving group, oxidative addition proceeds with inversion, ultimately affording triarylmethane products with overall inversion.

Scheme 2.5. Proposed mechanistic model for stereodivergent pathways when employing PCy₃ or SIMes ligands



2.5 Scope of the Oxidative Addition Partner

We set as our goal the cross-coupling of oxidative additon partners that do not include a naphthylene moiety. These electrophiles are typically less reactive in cross-coupling reactions,^{13c} and were not competent for triarylmethane synthesis via Kumada coupling.^{13b} Indeed, neither the corresponding carbamates nor the use of PCy₃ as ligand provide acceptable yields of product. However, benzhydril pivalates undergo smooth cross-coupling under our optimized reaction conditions when SIMes is used as the ligand (Table 2.3). Efficient cross-coupling is achieved for pivalates with a range of arylboronic esters, including an indoleboronic ester (entries 1–3). Functionality is also tolerated on the electrophile: furan and benzodioxane substituted pivalates couple in good yield and excellent es (entries 4 and 5).

Table 2.3. Scope of oxidative addition partner^a



^aAll data are average of two experiments. ^bIsolated yield after column chromatography. ^cDetermined by chiral SFC chromatography.

2.6 Conclusions

In summary, we have developed a nickel-catalyzed Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction for the synthesis of enantioenriched triarylmethanes. Reactions proceed with high stereochemical fidelity. Achiral ligand identity controls whether the reaction proceeds with inversion or retention at the electrophilic carbon, therefore either enantiomer of product can be formed from a single enantiomer of starting material. This method expands the range of triarylmethanes that may be prepared in enantioenriched form, as simple benhydril pivalates and a variety of functionalized arylboronic esters, including heterocyclic compounds can be used in the reaction.

2.7 Experimental Details

General Procedures

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of N₂, or Ar when noted. All glassware was oven- or flame-dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), and toluene (PhMe) were degassed with Ar and then passed through two 4 x 36 inch columns of anhydrous neutral A-2 alumina (8 x 14 mesh; LaRoche Chemicals; activated under a flow of argon at 350 °C for 12 h) to remove H₂O. All other solvents utilized were purchased "anhydrous" commercially, or purified as described. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz ¹H, 100 MHz ¹³C, 376.5 MHz ¹⁹F), GN-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C), or CRYO-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C) spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [singlet (s), broad singlet (br s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), doublet of triplets (dt), doublet of doublet of triplets (ddt), triplet of triplets (tt), quartet (q), multiplet (m)], coupling constants [Hz], integration). Carbon chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to TMS with the respective solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, δ 77.16 ppm). Unless otherwise indicated, NMR data were collected at 25 °C. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 1000 FT-IR Systems and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Silica Gel 60 F_{254} precoated plates (0.25 mm thickness). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp and/or staining with KMnO₄, ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), or *p*-anisaldehyde (PAA) solutions. Flash chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 (170-400 mesh) from Fisher Scientific. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained using a Mel-Temp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Automatic Polarimeter. SFC determinations of enantiopurity were performed on a Berger Analytical instrument using a Daicel[™] Chiralpak® column (OD-H, OJ-H, or AD-H; 100 bar, 50 °C, 215 nm). High resolution mass spectrometry was performed by the University of California, Irvine Mass Spectrometry Center.

Boronic esters were prepared from the corresponding boronic acids and 2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-diol.²⁶ Boronic acids were generously donated from Frontier, stored at 4 °C, and used as received. 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel was purchased from Strem, stored in a glovebox freezer (-20 °C) under an atmosphere of N₂, and used as received. Tricyclohexylphosphine (PCy₃), (1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazoliumtetrafluoroborate (SIMes), and tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (Pd₂(dba)₃) were purchased from Strem, stored in a glovebox, and used as received. All other reagents were purchased commercially and used as received.

²⁶ Tivola, B. P.; Deagostino, A.; Prandi, C.; Venturello, P. Org. Lett. 2002, 4, 1275.

Synthesis and Characterization of Substrates

A. Representative procedure for racemic synthesis of diarylmethyl alcohols.



Rac-2.7. In a flame-dried round-bottom flask, to a solution of biphenyl-4-carboxaldehyde (1.04 g, 5.68 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added phenylmagnesium bromide (0.71 M in THF, 12 mL, 8.5 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 4 h, saturated ammonium chloride (10 mL) was added and the reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo to afford *rac-2.8* as a white solid (1.2 g, 4.7 mmol, 55%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*S*)-2.8 (vide infra).



Rac-1.5. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-naphthaldehyde (6.24 g, 40.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), phenylmagnesium bromide (58 mL, 0.83 M in THF, 48 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and THF (25 mL). The reaction mixture was purified by silica gel flash column chromatography (5–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the product as a white solid (6.74 g, 28.7 mmol, 72%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*S*)-1.5 (vide infra).



Rac-2.8. Using the representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 4-bromobenzaldehyde (1.85 g, 10.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), phenylmagnesium bromide (7.0 mL, 1.7 M in THF, 12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The crude reaction mixture was purified by flash chromatography (5–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the product as a white solid (1.92 g, 7.29 mmol, 73%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed below for (*S*)-2.9.

B. Representative procedure for enantioselective synthesis of diarylmethyl alcohols by asymmetric arylation.



Enantioenriched alcohols were prepared according to a modified procedure of Braga and coworkers.²⁷

(*S*)-2.7. To a solution of phenylboronic acid (0.732 g, 6.00 mmol, 2.40 equiv) in toluene (10 mL) was added diethylzinc (18 mL, 18 mmol, 1.0 M in toluene, 7.2 equiv), and the solution was allowed to stir at 60 °C for 12 h. Upon cooling to room temperature, (*S*)-(1-tritylaziridin-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (0.084 g, 0.06 mmol, 0.01 equiv) was added as a solution in toluene (5 mL) and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 10 minutes before the addition of a solution of

²⁷ Braga, A. R.; Paixao, M. W.; Westeman, B.; Schneider, P. H.; Wessjohan, L.A. J. Org. Chem. 2008, 73, 2879.

biphenyl-4-carboxaldehyde (0.456 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in toluene (5 mL). After stirring 12 h at room temperature, 1 N hydrochloric acid (10 mL) was added and the product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0–1% EtOAc/benzene) and then recrystallized from hexanes and EtOAc to upgrade the ee (0.488 g, 1.85 mmol, 75% yield, 96% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (benzene); **m.p.** = 90–92 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (m, 4H), 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.32 (m, 4H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 2.8, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** δ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.8, 142.9, 140.9, 140.6, 128.9, 128.7, 127.8, 127.4, 127.38, 127.2, 127.1, 126.7, 76.1; **IR** (neat) 3361, 3029, 1408, 1006, 763 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₆O (M + Na)⁺ 283.1099, found 283.1110; [*α*]²³**p** +4.72 (*c* 1.10, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 15% IPA, 3 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (major) = 18.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 20.5 minutes.



(*S*)-1.5. Using the representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: phenylboronic acid (0.732 g, 6.00 mmol, 2.4 equiv), diethylzinc (18 mL, 18 mmol, 1.0 M in toluene), (*S*)-diphenyl(1-tritylaziridin-2-yl)methanol (116 mg, 0.250 mmol, 0.100 equiv), and 2-naphthaldhyde (0.390 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The product was purified by flash chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the product as a white solid (0.608 g, 2.59 mmol, 93%, 89% ee). The product was then recrystallized from hexanes to upgrade the ee (99% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.**Error! Bookmark not defined.** ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dt, *J* = 9.2, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz,

1H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dt, J = 7.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H); $[\alpha]^{23}$ _D +7.8 (*c* 0.92, CHCl₃), literature $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D +11.2 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 20% 2-propanol, 3 mL/min) indicated >99% ee: t_R (major) = 6.4 min, t_R (minor) = 7.3 min.



(*S*)-2.8. Using the representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: phenylboronic acid (0.732 g, 6.00 mmol, 2.4 equiv), diethylzinc (18 mL, 18 mmol, 1.0 M in toluene), (*S*)-(1-tritylaziridin-2-yl)diphenylmethanol (116 mg, 0.250 mmol, 0.100 equiv), and 4-bromobenzaldehyde (0.463 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The product was purified by flash chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the product as a white solid (0.608 g, 2.31 mmol, 93%, 92% ee). The product was then recrystallized from hexanes to yield higher enantiopurity (96% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.²⁸ ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 4H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.5, 142.8, 131.7, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 126.6, 121.5, 75.8; [α]²³ $_{D}$ +17.5 (*c* 1.65, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (major) = 10.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 9.8 minutes.

C. Representative procedure for the Suzuki cross-coupling of aryl bromide (S)-2.9 *with aryl boronic acids.*



(S)-2.9. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Fu and co-workers.²⁹ Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (55 mg, 0.060 mmol, 0.030 equiv) and tricyclohexylphosphine (39 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.070 equiv) were weighed out into a flame dried two neck, round bottom flask inside a glovebox. The flask was fitted with septa, removed from the glovebox, and 3-furanboronic acid (0.262 g, 2.20 mmol, 1.10 equiv), (S)-2.8 (0.526 g, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), aqueous potassium phosphate (2.7 mL, 3.4 mmol, 1.3 M in H₂O, 1.7 equiv) and dioxane (6 mL) were added. The reaction flask was fitted with a reflux condenser and heated to 95 °C for 16 h. After cooling, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10–20% EtOAc/hexane) to afford (S)-2.9 as a yellow solid (0.437 g, 1.75 mmol, 87%, 97% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); m.p. = 97–99 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.37 (t, J = 8.2Hz, 3H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 143.8, 142.7, 138.6, 131.8, 128.7, 127.8, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 126.1, 108.9, 76.1; **IR** (neat) 3279, 1160, 1012, 780, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₇H₁₄O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 273.0891, found 273.0883; $[\alpha]^{29}$ D -37.3 (c 1.00,

²⁸ Wu, X.; Liu, X.; Zhao, G. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry 2005, 16, 2299.

CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 13% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 12.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 14.7 minutes.



(S)-2.10. Using representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (28 mg, 0.030 mmol, 0.030 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 0.070 equiv), 1,4-benzodioxane-6-boronic acid (0.198 g, 1.10 mmol, 1.10 equiv), (S)-2.8 (0.263 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), aqueous potassium phosphate (1.4 mL, 1.7 mmol, 1.3 M in H₂O, 1.7 equiv) and dioxane (3 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc/hexane) to afford (S)-2.10 as a brown solid (0.296 g, 0.929 mmol, 93%, 96% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (30% EtOAc/hexanes); m.p. = 108–110 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (q, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 4H), 2.35 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.9, 143.8, 143.3, 142.5, 140.0, 134.5, 128.7, 127.7, 127.1, 127.0, 126.6, 120.2, 117.7, 115.9, 76.2, 64.6, 64.5; IR (neat) 3550, 1494, 1304, 1284, 1070 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₁H₁₈O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 341.1154, found 341.1147; [a]²⁹D +3.1 (c 1.04, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 14% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 96%: t_R (major) = 6.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.8 minutes.

²⁹ Kudo, N.; Perseghini, M.; Fu, G. C. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 1282.

Preparation of protected carbinols.



(S)-2.1. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Zhang and coworkers.³⁰ To a suspension of NaH (0.153 g, 6.37 mmol, 1.80 equiv) in DMF (3 mL) was added a solution of (S)-1.5 (0.823 g, 3.54 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h before addition of neat 1-pyrollidinecarbonyl chloride (0.41 mL, 3.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at room temperature. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concen-The product was purified by flash column chromatography (20% trated in vacuo. EtOAc/hexane) to afford (S)-2.1 as a white solid (0.963 g, 2.91 mmol, 83%, 94% ee): TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}}$ = 0.2 (20% EtOAc/hexanes); m.p. = 151-153 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.82–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.47–7.44 (m, 3H), 7.41 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (dt, *J* = 13.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (dt, J = 13.3, 6.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.2, 141.4 138.7, 133.2, 133.0, 128.5, 128.4 128.3, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.2, 77.4, 46.4, 46.0, 25.9, 25.0; **IR** (neat) 1690, 1412, 1102, 828, 765 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd

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for C₂₂H₂₁NO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 354.1470, found 354.1463; $[\alpha]^{29}$ _D +45.9 (*c* 1.15, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 18% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 7.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.6 minutes.



(*S*)-2.4. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Hassner and coworkers.³¹ To a 25 mL round bottom flask was added alcohol (*S*)-1.5 (0.175 g, 0.750 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (9.0 mg, 0.075 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen before addition of methylene chloride (6 mL), triethylamine (0.48 mL, 4.5 mmol, 6.0 equiv), and benzoyl chloride (0.18 mL, 1.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv). After stirring for 8 h, the reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexane) to afford (*S*)-2.4 as a white solid (0.177 g, 0.523 mmol, 70%, 89% ee): TLC R_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes); m.p. = 91–93 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.91–7.90 (m, 3H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61–7.53 (m, 6H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.7, 140.3,

³¹ Basel, Y.; Hassner, A. J. Org. Chem. 2000, 65, 6368.

137.7, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 130.3, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.4, 126.44, 126.40, 126.3, 125.1, 77.7; **IR** (neat) 1712, 1259, 1108, 732, 700 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 361.1205, found 361.1201; **[\alpha]²⁹D** +10.0 (c 0.99, CHCl₃); **SFC analysis** (OD-H, 10.0% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 6.5 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.3 minutes.



(S)-2.2. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Hassner and coworkers.³¹ To a 25 mL round bottom flask was added alcohol (S)-1.5 (0.234 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (12 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen before addition of methylene chloride (8 mL), triethylamine (0.10 mL, 1.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (0.228 g, 1.05 mmol, 1.05 equiv). After stirring for 8 h, the reaction was quenched with 1 M HCl (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexane) to afford (S)-2.2 as a white solid (0.284 g, 0.849 mmol, 85%, 88% ee): TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (9:1 hexane/EtOAc); m.p. = 90–92 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 140.1, 137.6, 133.2, 133.1, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 126.0, 125.0, 82.7, 80.0, 27.9; IR (neat) 1742, 1270, 1251, 1150, 1081 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₃ (M + Na)⁺ 357.1467, found 357.1467; $[\alpha]^{29}D$ –19.3 (*c* 0.90, CHCl₃); **SFC analysis** (AD-H, 5% IPA, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 88% ee: t_R (major) = 5.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.1 minutes.



(S)-2.3. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Hassner and coworkers.³¹ To a 25 mL round bottom flask was added alcohol (S)-1.5 (0.281 g, 1.20 mmol, 1.20 equiv), and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (15 mg, 0.012 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen before addition of methylene chloride (8 mL), triethylamine (0.19 mL, 2.6 mmol, 2.2 equiv), and trimethylacetyl chloride (0.160 mL, 1.26 mmol, 1.05 equiv). After stirring for 8 h, the reaction was quenched with 1M HCl (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexane) to afford (S)-2.3 as a white solid (0.334 g, 1.05 mmol, 88%, 82% ee): TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.5$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes); m.p. = 80–83 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 140.6, 138.0, 133.2, 133.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.4, 126.3, 126.1, 125.0, 76.8, 39.1, 27.3; **IR** (neat) 1721, 1276, 1148, 1123, 823 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₂H₂₂O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 341.1518, found 341.1526; [a]²⁹D -37.4 (c 1.18, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 5.0% IPA, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 82% ee: t_R (major) = 6.8 minutes, t_R (minor) = 7.1 minutes.



(S)-2.11. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Zhang and coworkers.³⁰ NaH (500 mg, 20.8 mmol, 4.00 equiv) was suspended in 40 mL of dry DMF and cooled to 0 °C. To this solution, alcohol (S)-2.7 (1.28 g, 4.92 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in dry DMF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to stir at 0 °C for 30 minutes after which pivaloyl chloride (4.3 mL, 35 mmol, 7.0 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at $0 \,^{\circ}$ C for 1.5 hours then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 22 hours. The reaction was quenched by consecutive addition of water (5 x 2 mL) and stirring for 3 minutes. The reaction was diluted with more water (10 mL) and the organics were extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash chromatography (0–1% Et₂O/petroleum ether) vielding (S)-2.11 as a white solid (1.56 g, 4.53 mmol, 92%). TLC $R_f = 0.4$ (10% Et₂O:petroleum ether); m.p. = 109–110 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (dd, J = 6.1, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.35 (m, 10H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 140.8, 140.6, 139.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.40, 127.38, 127.2, 127.0, 76.5, 39.1, 27.3; **IR** (neat) 3029, 2974, 1722, 1275, 1138 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₄H₂₄O₂ (M + Na)⁺ 367.1674, found 367.1681; [a]²³D -23.6 (c 1.09, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 10% IPA, 3 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (minor) = 4.0 minutes, t_R (major) = 6.4 minutes.



(S)-2.12. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Zhang and coworkers.³⁰ To a suspension of NaH (72 mg, 3.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in DMF (3 mL) was added a solution of (S)-2.9 (0.374 g, 1.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h before addition of neat trimethylacetyl chloride (0.200 mL, 1.60 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at room temperature. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (30% Et₂O/hexane) to afford (S)-2.12 as a pale yellow solid (0.427 g, 1.28 mmol, 85%, 93% ee): TLC $R_f = 0.2$ (4:1 hexane/Et₂O); m.p. = 105–108 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.35 (s, 4H), 7.33 (s, 2H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 1.26 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 143.8, 140.6, 139.5, 138.7, 132.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.6, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 108.9, 76.5, 39.0, 27.3; **IR** (neat) 1724, 1159, 1138, 757, 699 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for $C_{22}H_{22}O_3 (M + Na)^+ 357.1467$, found 357.1475; $[\alpha]^{29}D - 26.0$ (c 1.25, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 8% IPA, 2.0 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 3.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 4.2 minutes.



(S)-2.13. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Zhang and coworkers.³⁰ To a suspension of NaH (35 mg, 1.4 mmol, 1.8 equiv) in DMF (3 mL) was added a solution of (S)-2.10 (0.254 g, 0.800 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h before addition of neat trimethylacetyl chloride (0.103 mL, 0.840 mmol, 1.05 equiv) at room temperature. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (6 mL), and the product was extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 10 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (30% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford (S)-2.13 as a tan solid (0.232 g, 0.576 mmol, 73%, 94% ee): TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.1$ (20% Et₂O/hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.32 (m, 6H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H),4.27 (s, 4H), 1.27 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.4, 143.8, 143.4, 140.7, 140.2, 139.3, 134.4, 128.7, 127.9, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 120.2, 117.7, 115.9, 76.5, 64.6, 64.5, 39.0, 27.3; **IR** (neat) 1723, 1494, 1309, 1147, 1068 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₆H₂₆O₄ $(M + Na)^+ 425.1729$, found 425.1715; $[\alpha]^{29}D - 20.3$ (c 0.96, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 30%) MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 94% ee: t_R (major) = 6.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.8 minutes.

Procedures for Cross-Coupling Reactions

A. Procedure for the synthesis of products with retention (Table 2).



(R)-1.3. To a flame dried vial in a glovebox was added 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5dimethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (88 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 24 hours before removing the vial from the glovebox, opening to atmosphere, and running through a silica gel plug (1:1 Et₂O:hexane). The combined organics were concentrated in vacuo, internal standard (PhTMS, 0.20 mmol) was added and ¹H NMR yield was collected. The product was purified by flash chromatography (1–3% Et_2O /pentane) to afford (**R**)-1.3 as a colorless oil. First run: (56.0 mg, 0.173 mmol, 86%, 93% ee). Second run: (56.4 mg, 0.174 mmol, 87%, 93% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values:^{13b} ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81– 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.42 (dt, J = 9.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 144.1, 142.0, 136.0, 133.5, 132.2, 130.6, 129.6, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1, 125.7, 113.8, 56.2, 55.3; $[\alpha]^{23}p = 0.77$ (c 2.70, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 15% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 13.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 13.2 minutes.

B. Procedure for the synthesis of products with inversion of configuration.



(*S*)-1.3. To a flame dried vial in a glovebox was added 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,2dioxaborinane (88 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 24 hours before removing the vial from the glovebox, opening to atmosphere, and running through a silica gel plug (1:1 Et₂O:hexane). The combined organics were concentrated in vacuo, internal standard (PhTMS, 0.20 mmol) was added and ¹H NMR yield was collected. The product was purified by flash chromatography (1–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford (*S*)-1.3 as a colorless oil. First run: (53.2 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82%, 93% ee). Second run: (56.0 mg, 0.173 mmol, 86%, 93% ee). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed above for (*R*)-1.3. [*a*]²³D +2.1 (*c* 2.70, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 15% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 90% ee: t_R (major) = 13.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 13.9 minutes.



(R)-1.18. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-1,3,2dioxaborinane (83 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography (1-3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (49.8 mg, 0.148 mmol, 80%, 90% ee). Second run: (52.6 mg, 0.167 mmol, 84%, 90% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values: ^{13b} ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 2.90 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 144.6, 142.5, 133.6, 132.2, 131.8, 130.3, 129.6, 128.4 (2C), 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.6, 112.6, 56.2, 40.8; **IR** (neat) 3054, 3023, 2879, 1612, 1350 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D -9.43 (c 2.28, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 20% MeOH, 3 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 4.2 min, t_R (minor) = 4.8 min.



(*S*)-1.18. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-dimethylaminophenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (83 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography (1–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (42.1 mg, 0.125 mmol 62%, 92% ee). Second run: (53.6 mg, 79%, 0.159 mmol, 92% ee). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed above for (*R*)-1.18. [α]²³D - +8.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 20% MeOH, 3 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 3.9 min, t_R (minor) = 4.6 min.



(*R*)-1.19. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.2 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (83 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydro-

furan (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography (1–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (49.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 80%, 90% ee). Second run: (52.6 mg, 0.168 mmol, 84%, 90% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values:^{13b} ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.77 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (d, J = 245 Hz), 143.6, 141.4, 139.5 (d, J = 3 Hz), 133.5, 132.3, 131.1 (d, J = 8 Hz), 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 128.05, 127.99, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 125.9, 115.3 (d, J = 21 Hz), 56.3; [α]²³D +4.5 (*c* 4.47, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 12% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 90% ee: t_R (major) = 9.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.7 minutes.



(*S*)-1.19. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (83 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash chromatography (1–3% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (49.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 80%, 88% ee). Second run: (50.0 mg, 0.168 mmol, 84%, 88% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values:^{13b} ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–

7.77 (m, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.21 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (d, J = 245 Hz), 143.6, 141.4, 139.5 (d, J = 3 Hz), 133.5, 132.3, 131.1 (d, J = 8 Hz), 129.6, 128.6, 128.1, 128.05, 127.99, 127.8, 127.7, 126.7, 126.2, 125.9, 115.3 (d, J = 21 Hz), 56.3; $[\alpha]^{23}D$ –3.6 (*c* 4.10, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 12% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 88% ee: t_R (major) = 9.7 minutes, t_R (minor) = 10.6 minutes.



(*S*)-2.14. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.2 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.00 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (103 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (1% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (64.4 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89%, 57% ee). Second run: (62.1 mg, 0.172 mmol, 86%, 57% ee). TLC **R**_f = 0.4 (pentane); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.79 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 142.9, 140.6, 133.5, 132.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9 (q, *J* = 32.4 Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 128.02, 128.00, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.4, 126.1, 125.5 (q, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 124.4 (q, *J* = 271.9 Hz), 56.9; **IR** (neat) 3057, 1600,

1323, 1119 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₅H₁₆O (M)⁺ 362.1282, found 362.1273; $[\alpha]^{23}$ **D** +4.84 (*c* 0.915, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 5% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 57% ee: t_R (major) = 7.7 minutes, t_R (minor) = 7.0 minutes.



(S)-2.14. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.00 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (103 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (1% Et_2O /pentane) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (52.8 mg, 0.146 mmol, 73%, 91% ee). Second run: (48.6 mg, 0.134 mmol, 67%, 90% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (pentane); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85– 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74–7.68 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29–7.22 (m, 4H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.75 (s, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 142.9, 140.6, 133.5, 132.4, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9 (q, J = 32.4Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 128.02, 128.00, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.4, 126.1, 125.5 (g, J = 3.7 Hz), 124.4 (q, J = 271.9 Hz), 56.9; **IR** (neat) 3057, 1600, 1323, 1119 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / zcalcd for C₁₅H₁₆O (M)⁺ 362.1282, found 362.1273; $[\alpha]^{23}D$ –16.5 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); SFC analysis

(AD-H, 5% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 6.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 7.3 minutes.



(**R**)-2.15. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-acetylphenyl)-1,3,2dioxaborinane (93 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the product as an amorphous white solid. First run: (50.8 mg, 0.151 mmol, 76%, 89% ee). Second run: (51.0 mg, 0.152 mmol, 76%, 89% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 8 197.9, 149.4, 142.9, 140.7, 135.6, 133.5, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.97, 127.95, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.3, 126.0, 57.0, 26.7; **IR** (neat) 3055, 2923, 1679, 1600, 1506 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀O (M)⁺ 336.1514, found 3316.1514; [α]²³D –17.2 (c 2.3, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 20% IPA, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R $(major) = 6.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.9 minutes.$



(S)-2.15. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.67 mg, 0.0220 mmol, 0.11 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-acetylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (93 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the product as an amorphous white solid. First run: (66.5 mg, 0.198 mmol, 99%, 97% ee). Second run: (66.0 mg, 0.196 mmol, 98%, 97% ee). TLC $R_f = 0.4$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.73–7.69 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.63–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.21 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 4H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.9, 149.4, 142.9, 140.7, 135.6, 133.5, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 127.97, 127.95, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 126.3, 126.0, 57.0, 26.7; IR (neat) 3055, 2923, 1679, 1600, 1506 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₅H₂₀O (M)⁺ 336.1514, found 3316.1514; [α]²⁹D +5.05 (c 1.01, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 20% IPA, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 5.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.5 minutes.



(R)-2.16. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-hydroxymethylphenyl)-1,3,2dioxaborinane (88 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the product as an oil. First run: (51.0 mg, 0.157 mmol, 79%, 82% ee). Second run: (50.0 mg, 0.154 mmol, 77%, 81% ee). TLC $R_f = 0.2$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 9.5, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.24–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.15 (d, J =8.4 Hz, 4H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 4 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (t, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 143.7, 143.3, 141.5, 139.1, 133.5, 132.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.02, 127.96, 127.9, 127.7, 127.3, 126.6, 126.1, 125.8, 65.2, 56.8; **IR** (neat) 3330 (br), 2953, 1600, 1506 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₄H₁₈O (M – 2H)⁺ 322.1358, found 322.1364; $[\alpha]^{23}D$ – 18.3 (c 1.66, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 4.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.1 minutes.


(R)-2.17. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.2 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 μL, equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-{[(tertequiv), 1-butanol (54 0.60 mmol, 3.0 butoxycarbonyl)amino]methyl}phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (128 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15-25% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (71.0 mg, 0.168 mmol, 84%, 92% ee). Second run: (70.5 mg, 0.166 mmol, 83%, 89% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); m.p. = 57 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71–7.66 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 9.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H, 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.83 (br s, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 5.1Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 143.7, 142.9, 141.5, 137.1, 133.5, 132.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.01, 127.95, 127.8, 127.64, 127.59, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 79.5, 56.7, 44.4, 28.5; **IR** (neat) 3346, 2876, 1698, 1600, 1365 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for $C_{29}H_{29}O_2N$ (M + Na)⁺ 446.2096, found 446.2078; $[\alpha]^{23}D - 14.3$ (c 4.4, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AS-H, 20% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 4.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 4.7 minutes.



(S)-2.17. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-{[(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino]methyl}phenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane equiv), (128 mg, 0.400 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15–25% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (84.0 mg, 0.198 mmol, 99%, 96% ee). Second run: (75.4 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89%, 94% ee). TLC $R_f = 0.3$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes); **m.p.** = 57 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81–7.76 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71– 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.41 (dt, J = 9.5, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 4.83 (br s, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 143.7, 142.9, 141.5, 137.1, 133.5, 132.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.01, 127.95, 127.8, 127.64, 127.59, 126.5, 126.1, 125.8, 79.5, 56.7, 44.4, 28.5; **IR** (neat) 3346, 2876, 1698, 1600, 1365 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₉H₂₉O₂N (M + Na)⁺ 446.2096, found 446.2078; [a]²⁹D +22.1 (c 1.01, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AS-H, 20% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (major) = 4.5 minutes, t_R (minor) = 4.3 minutes.



(S)-2.18. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-((dimethylamino)-5pyrimidinylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (94 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/benzene) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (58.2 mg, 0.171 mmol, 86%, 89% ee). Second run: (58.6 mg, 0.173 mmol, 86%, 89% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.5$ (5% EtOAc/benzene); $\mathbf{m}.\mathbf{p}. = 45-47$ °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 2H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 158.5, 142.9, 140.7, 133.5, 132.3, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.67, 127.65, 127.6, 126.8, 126.3, 125.9, 123.6, 51.7, 37.2; **IR** (neat) 3054, 3023, 2861, 1599, 1531 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃ (M + H)⁺ 340.1814, found 340.1819; [α]²³_D +15.7 (c 2.51, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 4.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.4 minutes.



(S)-2.18. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-((dimethylamino)-5-pyrimidinylphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (94 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/benzene) to afford the product as a white solid (50.8 mg, 0.150 mmol, 75%, 92% ee). TLC $R_f = 0.5$ (5% EtOAc/benzene); **m.p.** = 45–47 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (s, 2H), 7.73–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.64–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23–7.16 (m, 3H), 7.15–7.10 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 1H), 3.08 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3, 158.5, 142.9, 140.7, 133.5, 132.3, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.9, 127.67, 127.65, 127.6, 126.8, 126.3, 125.9, 123.6, 51.7, 37.2; **IR** (neat) 3054, 3023, 2861, 1599, 1531 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₃H₂₁N₃ (M + H)⁺ 340.1814, found 340.1819; [a]²⁹D -13.2 (c 0.675, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 30% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 6.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 4.5 minutes.



(S)-2.19. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(3-furanyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (72 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0.5-1%)Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (45.8 mg, 0.161 mmol, 80%, 94% ee). Second run: (44.0 mg, 0.155 mmol, 78%, 94% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.5$ (1% Et₂O/pentane); m.p. $= 65-67 \text{ °C}; \text{ }^{1}\text{H} \text{ NMR} (500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 7.83-7.69 \text{ (m, 3H)}, 7.60 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 7.47-7.37 \text{ (m, 3H)},$ 7.34 (dd, J = 8.6, 1 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.16 (m, 5H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 143.3, 141.3, 141.1, 133.5, 132.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 111.6, 48.3; IR (neat) 3145, 3024, 1599, 1492 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₁H₁₆O (M)⁺ 284.1201, found 284.1203; [α]²³D +22.3 (c 1.67, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 5% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 94% ee: t_R (major) = 12.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 11.3 minutes.



(R)-2.19. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(3-furanyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (72 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (0.5-1% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (35.5 mg, 0.125 mmol, 62.5 %, 82% ee). Second run: (38.7 mg, 0.136 mmol, 68%, 84% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.5$ (1% Et₂O/pentane); m.p. = 65–67 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.34 (dd, J = 8.6, 1 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.16 (m, 5H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.42 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.4, 143.3, 141.3, 141.1, 133.5, 132.4, 129.0, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.2, 125.8, 111.6, 48.3; **IR** (neat) 3145, 3024, 1599, 1492 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for $C_{21}H_{16}O (M)^+$ 284.1201, found 284.1203; $[\alpha]^{29}D - 22.0 (c \ 1.00, CHCl_3)$; SFC analysis (AD-H, 5% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 84% ee: t_R (major) = 12.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 13.4 minutes.



(S)-2.5. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), tricyclohexylphosphine (11 mg, 0.040 mmol, 0.20 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-1methyl-1*H*-indole (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–20% Et₂O/hexane, 0.5% TEA) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (63.4 mg, 0.182 mmol, 91%, 92% ee). Second run: (61.4 mg, 0.178 mmol, 89%, 93% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}}$ = 0.3 (20% Et₂O/hexane); m.p. = 49–52 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.75 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.70–7.64 (m, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dt, J = 9.3, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.37– 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25–7.16 (m, 4H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) § 144.7, 142.6, 135.6, 134.9, 133.5, 132.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.55, 128.52, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 126.3, 126.0, 125.6, 123.9, 121.7, 109.2, 101.1, 57.1, 33.0; **IR** (neat) 3022, 2884, 1599, 1489 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₆H₂₁N (M + Na)⁺ 370.1572, found 370.1576; [a]²³_D –10.8 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AD-H, 20% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 8.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 9.0 minutes.

Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown by slow diffusion of hexane into a solution of (S)-2.5 in benzene at 4 °C.



(*R*)-2.5. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.3 mg, 0.021 mmol, 0.11 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.1 (66 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–20% Et₂O/hexanes, 0.5% TEA) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (41.5 mg, 0.119 mmol, 57%, 92% ee). Second run: (57.0 mg, 0.164 mmol, 82%, 92% ee). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed above for (*S*)-2.5. [*a*]²³**b** +6.0 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 20% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 8.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.1 minutes.



(*R*)-2.20. Using representative procedure B above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.3 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.11 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv),

5,5-dimethyl-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (88 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.11 (69 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (1–3% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the product as a colorless oil. First run: (54.8 mg, 0.156 mmol, 78%, 81% ee). Second run: (55.8 mg, 0.159 mmol, 80%, 81% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (10% Et₂O/Hexanes); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.2, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 7.42 (t, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.19 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.8, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.2, 2H) 5.53 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 144.3, 143.5, 141.0, 139.2, 136.2, 130.5, 129.9, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.15, 127.14, 126.4, 113.9, 55.9, 55.4; **IR** (neat) 3020, 2996, 1508, 1244, 1030 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₆H₂₂O (M + Na)⁺ 350.1671, found 367.1679; **[***a*]²³**b** +1.2 (*c* 1.01, CHCl₃), **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 10% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 84% ee: t_R (minor) = 21.5 minutes, t_R (major) = 19.8 minutes.



(*R*)-2.21. Using representative procedure B above, the following amounts and reagents: 1,8bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (8.3 mg, 0.030 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (12 mg, 0.030 mmol, 0.10 equiv), potassium *tert*butoxide (64 mg, 0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 4-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-*N*,*N*dimethylaniline (134 mg, 0.600 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*S*)-2.11 (103 mg, 0.300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.90 mmol, 3.00 equiv). Purified by flash column chromatography (0– 10% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford (*R*)-2.21, as a light yellow oil (55 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%). TLC **R**_f =

0.3 (10% Et₂O/Hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (d, J = 7.2, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.27 (s, 1H) 7.21 (m, 5H), 7.02 (dd, J = 8.6, 2H) 6.67 (d, J = 8.9, 2H), 6.4 (d, J = 2.8, 1H), 5.5 (s, 1H), 2.9 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.2, 144.7, 143.9, 141.1, 139.0, 131.9, 130.2, 129.9, 129.5, 128.8, 128.4, 127.20, 127.15, 127.1, 126.3, 112.7, 55.7, 40.8; **IR** (neat) 3024, 2841, 2360, 1613, 1485, 1347, 763 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₂₇H₂₅O (M + Na)⁺ 364.2065, found 364.2061; **[\alpha]²³D -2.9 (c 1.07, CHCl₃); SFC** analysis (AD-H, 16% MeOH, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 79% ee: t_R (minor) = 26.3 minutes, t_R (major) = 11.6 minutes.



(*S*)-2.22. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.67 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.11 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv), *tert*-butyl 4-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)benzylcarbamate (127.3 mg, 0.200 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (*S*)-2.11 (68.9 mg, 0.200 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 1-butanol (54 μ L, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv). Purified by flash column chromatography (0–15 % EtOAc/Hexane) to afford to afford the desired triarylmethane as a clear colorless oil (48.5 mg, 54%); **TLC R**f = 0.1 (9:1 Hexanes:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 1.5, *J* = 8.4, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.3, 2H), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5, 2H), 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.15 (m, 6H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 5.3, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.0, 143.9, 143.13, 143.05, 140.9, 139.3, 137.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.5,

127.6, 127.3, 127.16, 127.14, 126.5, 56.3, 44.3, 28.5; **IR** (neat) 3294, 3028, 1695, 1486, 1316, 1016, 757 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) m / z calcd for C₃₁H₃₁NO₂ [M+Na]⁺ 472.2253, found 472.2261. [α]²⁹D -8.2 **SFC** analysis (AS-H, 20% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 6.86 minutes, t_R (minor) = 7.47 minutes.



(*R*)-2.23. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium *tert*-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-1-methyl-1*H*-indole (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (*S*)-2.11 (69 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–20% Et₂O/hexane, 0.5% TEA) to afford the product as a white solid. First run: (61.0 mg, 0.163mmol, 82%, 96% ee). Second run: (37.8 mg, 0.101 mmol, 51%, 96% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes); **m.p.** = 54–55 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2H), 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.26 (s, 1H) 7.22 (m, 9H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 8.6, 1H) 6.87 (d, *J* = 3.0, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 2.8, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 144.2, 141.1, 138.9, 135.6, 135.1, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.17, 127.15, 127.0, 126.2, 123.8, 121.6, 109.2, 101.1, 56.7, 32.9; **IR** (neat) 3025, 2360, 1486, 1449, 1246, 1006, 760 cm⁻¹;

HRMS submitted; $[\alpha]^{23}D$ –5.2; **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 25% MeOH, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (major) = 11.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 16.1 minutes.



(R)-2.24. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-Bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-indole (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.12 (67 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified twice by flash column chromatography (6% Et₂O/hexane and then 60% benzene/pentane) to afford the desired triarylmethane as a white solid. First run: (58.5 mg, 0.161 mmol, 80%, 87% ee). Second run: (58.5 mg, 0.161 mmol, 80%, 87% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.6$ (40% pentane/benzene); **m.p.** = 149–151 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (s,1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 143.9, 141.7, 138.5, 135.6, 135.0, 130.3, 130.1, 129.7, 129.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.4, 126.2, 125.8, 123.7, 121.5, 109.2, 109.0, 101.1, 56.7, 33.0; **IR** (neat) 3145, 3024, 1599, 1492 cm⁻¹; $[\alpha]^{23}$ D -3.1 (c 2.24, CHCl₃); **HRMS** submitted; SFC analysis (OJ-H, 30% MeOH, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 87% ee: t_R (major) = 23.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 26.2 minutes.



(R)-2.25. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1,8-bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene)nickel (5.5 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (8.27 mg, 0.0210 mmol, 0.105 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (45 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 1-butanol (54 µL, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv), 5-(5,5-dimethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborinan-2-yl)-1-methyl-1H-indole (97 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), (S)-2.13 (67 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tetrahydrofuran (1 mL) and toluene (1 mL). The product was purified twice by flash column chromatography (6% EtOAc/hexanes and then 70% benzene/pentane) to afford the desired triarylmethane as a white solid. First run: (51.4 mg, 0.119 mmol, 60%, 93% ee). Second run: (52.0 mg, 0.121 mmol, 60%, 93% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (40% pentane/benzene); m.p. = 81-84 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (s, J = 8.0 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s,1H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 5H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 7.06 (dt, J = 8.2, 2.0Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.27 (s, 4H), 3.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 143.8, 143.7, 143.1, 138.4, 135.6, 135.1, 134.8, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 126.6, 126.2, 123.8, 121.6, 120.2, 117.6, 115.8, 109.2, 101.1, 64.58, 64.56, 56.7, 33.0; **IR** (neat) 2916, 1586, 1513, 1449 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₃₀H₂₅O₂N (M + Na)⁺ 454.1783, found 454.1772; [α]²³D -8.2 (c2.36, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 25% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 23.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 26.2 minutes.



(R)-1.8. Prepared according to general procedure B using the following amounts and reagents: 0.10 $Ni(cod)_2$ (2.8)mg, 0.010 mmol, equiv), 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate (3.9 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), potassium tert-butoxide (22 mg, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv), 5,5-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1,3,2-dioxaborinane (39.2 mg, 0.200 mmol, 2.00 equiv), (S)-2.1 (33.1 mg, 0.100 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 1-butanol (27 µL, 0.30 mmol, 3.0 equiv). Purified by flash column chromatography (0-5% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the desired triarylmethane as a yellow solid (11.4 mg, 0.0379 mmol, 38%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.^{13b} ¹**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84–7.72 (m, 3H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.37–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 1.6, 8.5), 7.34–7.20 (m, 6H), 6.95 (t, J = 4.3), 6.73 (d, J = 3.3), 5.84 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.8, 143.7, 141.4, 133.5, 132.4, 129.1, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.2, 125.9, 124.8, 52.3 $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -9.3 (c 0.57, CHCl₃).

Tables of results using alternative ligands and bases.

Other ligands and bases were tested under reaction conditions similar to Table 2.1. Representative examples are shown below.

	OMe
Me Me Ni(cod) ₂ (10 mol %) DBoc Ligand (20 mol %) Ph 0 K ₃ PO ₄ (1.5 equiv.) P-MeOC ₆ H ₄ KOt-Bu (1 equiv.) 20 h	Ph
Entry ligand	yield ^a
1 DPEphos (Bis[(2-diphenylphosphino)phenyl] ether)	< 5%
2 Cy-DPEphos (Bis[(2-dicyclohexylphosphino)phenyl] ether)	< 5%
3 DPPO (1,8-bis(diphenylphosphino)octane)	13%
4 PPh ₃ (triphenylphosphine)	22%
5 P(t-Bu) ₃ tri- <i>tert</i> -butylphosphine	< 5%
6 XPhos (2-Dicyclohexylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropylbipheny	l) < 5%
7 SPhos (2-Dicyclohexylphosphino-2',6'-dimethoxybiphenyl)	< 5%
8 SIPr-HBF ₄ (1,3-Bis(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)- 4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	31%
9 tricyclohexylphosphine	86%
10 PCy ₃ tricylohexylphosphine (11 mol %)	83%
11 SIMes-HBF ₄ 1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)- 4,5-dihydroimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	84%
12 None	< 5%

Table 2.4. Examination of additional ligands in the cross-coupling reaction

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR analysis using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃).

Crystallographic Data



X-ray Data Collection, Structure Solution and Refinement for (S)-2.5.

A colorless crystal of approximate dimensions 0.22 x 0.28 x 0.33 mm was mounted on a glass fiber and transferred to a Nonius FR-591 rotating-anode system with Bruker APEX detector (Montels Optics). The APEX2³² program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (2.0 sec/frame scan time). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT³³ and SADABS³⁴ to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL³⁵ program. The diffraction symmetry was 2/m and the systematic absences were consistent with the monoclinic space groups $P2_1$ and $P2_1/m$. It was later determined that space group $P2_1$ was correct.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors³⁶ for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis. Hydrogen atoms were located from a difference-Fourier map and refined (x,y,z and U_{iso}).

³² APEX2 Version 2012.4-0,. Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2012.

³³ SAINT Version 7.68a, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2009.

³⁴ Sheldrick, G. M. SADABS, Version 2008/1, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2008.

³⁵ Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXTL, Version 2012/9, 2012.

³⁶ International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography 1992, Vol. C., Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

At convergence, wR2 = 0.0770 and Goof = 1.043 for 328 variables refined against 3454 data (0.82Å), R1 = 0.0297 for those 3412 data with I > 2.0σ (I). The absolute structure was assigned according to the methods of Parsons and Flack^{37,38}. Definitions:

wR2 = $[\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

 $R1 = \Sigma ||F_o| \text{-} |F_c|| \ / \ \Sigma |F_o|$

Goof = S = $[\Sigma[w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n-p)]^{1/2}$ where n is the number of reflections and p is the total number of parameters refined.

The thermal ellipsoid plot is shown at the 50% probability level.

³⁷ Flack, H. D. Acta. Cryst., A39, 876-881, 1983.

³⁸ Parsons, S., Flack, H. D. Acta. Cryst., A60, s61, 2004.



Table 2.5. Crystal data and structure refinement for (*S*)-2.5.

Identification code	(S)-2.5 (Michael Harris)	
Empirical formula	$C_{26} H_{21} N$	
Formula weight	347.44	
Temperature	173(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.6116(2) Å	α=90°.
	b = 11.5924(2) Å	β=100.1452(7)°.
	c = 9.6267(2) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.
Volume	946.00(3) Å ³	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.220 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.534 mm ⁻¹	

F(000)	368
Crystal color	colorless
Crystal size	0.331 x 0.280 x 0.218 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	4.666 to 69.774°
Index ranges	$-9 \le h \le 10, -14 \le k \le 14, -11 \le l \le 11$
Reflections collected	24745
Independent reflections	3454 [R(int) = 0.0343]
Completeness to theta = 67.679°	99.4 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	3454 / 1 / 328
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.043
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I) = 3412 data]	R1 = 0.0297, wR2 = 0.0765
R indices (all data, 0.82Å)	R1 = 0.0302, wR2 = 0.0770
Absolute structure parameter	-0.10(16)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.157 and -0.146 e.Å-3

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
N(1)	13910(2)	6748(1)	9901(2)	23(1)	
C(1)	9548(2)	10396(1)	8488(2)	19(1)	
C(2)	10723(2)	9410(1)	8861(2)	19(1)	
C(3)	10709(2)	8428(2)	8045(2)	20(1)	
C(4)	11837(2)	7559(2)	8465(2)	20(1)	
C(5)	12142(2)	6453(2)	7916(2)	25(1)	
C(6)	13398(2)	6000(2)	8817(2)	26(1)	
C(7)	12970(2)	7715(2)	9709(2)	21(1)	
C(8)	13009(2)	8707(2)	10529(2)	22(1)	
C(9)	11880(2)	9540(2)	10092(2)	21(1)	
C(10)	15216(2)	6573(2)	11064(2)	28(1)	
C(11)	7966(2)	10000(1)	7634(2)	19(1)	
C(12)	7165(2)	9073(2)	8182(2)	22(1)	
C(13)	5735(2)	8692(2)	7493(2)	24(1)	
C(14)	4987(2)	9213(2)	6213(2)	22(1)	
C(15)	3499(2)	8845(2)	5466(2)	27(1)	
C(16)	2814(2)	9384(2)	4243(2)	31(1)	
C(17)	3574(2)	10329(2)	3729(2)	31(1)	
C(18)	5014(2)	10701(2)	4422(2)	26(1)	
C(19)	5763(2)	10152(2)	5674(2)	21(1)	
C(20)	7255(2)	10522(2)	6409(2)	21(1)	
C(21)	10306(2)	11392(1)	7807(2)	20(1)	
C(22)	10357(2)	12484(2)	8399(2)	21(1)	
C(23)	11043(2)	13406(2)	7801(2)	25(1)	
C(24)	11687(2)	13242(2)	6596(2)	28(1)	
C(25)	11653(2)	12143(2)	5993(2)	29(1)	
C(26)	10969(2)	11228(2)	6599(2)	24(1)	

Table 2.6. Atomic coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*S*)-2.5. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

N(1)-C(6) $1.369(3)$ N(1)-C(7) $1.376(2)$ N(1)-C(10) $1.455(2)$ C(1)-C(2) $1.527(2)$ C(1)-C(21) $1.529(2)$ C(1)-C(11) $1.532(2)$ C(1)-H(1A) $0.96(2)$ C(2)-C(3) $1.382(2)$ C(2)-C(3) $1.382(2)$ C(2)-C(9) $1.416(2)$ C(3)-C(4) $1.409(2)$ C(3)-H(3A) $0.96(2)$ C(4)-C(7) $1.417(2)$ C(4)-C(5) $1.428(2)$ C(5)-C(6) $1.367(3)$ C(5)-H(5A) $0.96(3)$ C(6)-H(6A) $0.95(3)$ C(7)-C(8) $1.392(3)$ C(8)-C(9) $1.382(2)$ C(8)-H(8A) $0.95(3)$ C(10)-H(10A) $0.96(3)$ C(10)-H(10B) $0.95(3)$ C(10)-H(10C) $0.94(3)$ C(11)-C(12) $1.427(2)$ C(12)-C(13) $1.365(3)$ C(12)-H(12A) $1.00(3)$ C(12)-H(12A) $1.00(3)$ C(13)-C(14) $1.421(3)$ C(13)-H(13A) $0.96(3)$ C(14)-C(15) $1.420(3)$ C(14)-C(19) $1.421(2)$ C(15)-C(16) $1.370(3)$ C(16)-C(17) $1.410(3)$ C(16)-C(17) $1.410(3)$ C(16)-C(17) $1.414(3)$ C(18)-H(18A) $0.94(3)$ C(17)-C(18) $1.371(3)$ C(17)-C(20) $1.420(2)$ C(20)-H(20A) $0.97(3)$ C(21)-C(20) $1.420(2)$ C(20)-H(20A) $0.97(3)$ C(21)-C(26) $1.396(3)$		
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$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	C(9)-H(9A)	0.95(3)
$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	C(10)-H(10A)	0.96(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(10) - H(10B)	0.95(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(10) - H(10C)	0.92(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(11)-C(20)	1 370(2)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(11) - C(12)	1.370(2) 1.427(2)
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(12) + C(13)	1.00(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$C(12)$ - $\Pi(12A)$ C(13) $C(14)$	1.00(3) 1.421(3)
C(13)- $H(13A)$ $0.90(3)$ $C(14)$ - $C(15)$ $1.420(3)$ $C(14)$ - $C(19)$ $1.421(2)$ $C(15)$ - $C(16)$ $1.370(3)$ $C(15)$ - $H(15A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(16)$ - $C(17)$ $1.410(3)$ $C(16)$ - $H(16A)$ $0.99(3)$ $C(17)$ - $C(18)$ $1.371(3)$ $C(17)$ - $H(17A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(18)$ - $C(19)$ $1.414(3)$ $C(18)$ - $H(18A)$ $0.94(3)$ $C(19)$ - $C(20)$ $1.420(2)$ $C(20)$ - $H(20A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(21)$ - $C(22)$ $1.386(2)$ $C(21)$ - $C(26)$ $1.396(3)$	C(13) - C(14) C(12) + U(12A)	1.421(3) 0.06(2)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$C(13)-\Pi(13A)$ C(14) C(15)	1.420(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(14) - C(13)	1.420(3) 1.421(3)
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(14)-C(19)	1.421(2) 1.270(2)
C(13)- $H(13A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(16)$ - $C(17)$ $1.410(3)$ $C(16)$ - $H(16A)$ $0.99(3)$ $C(17)$ - $C(18)$ $1.371(3)$ $C(17)$ - $H(17A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(18)$ - $C(19)$ $1.414(3)$ $C(18)$ - $H(18A)$ $0.94(3)$ $C(19)$ - $C(20)$ $1.420(2)$ $C(20)$ - $H(20A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(21)$ - $C(22)$ $1.386(2)$ $C(21)$ - $C(26)$ $1.396(3)$	C(15) - C(10)	1.370(3)
C(16)-C(17) $1.410(3)$ $C(16)-H(16A)$ $0.99(3)$ $C(17)-C(18)$ $1.371(3)$ $C(17)-H(17A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(18)-C(19)$ $1.414(3)$ $C(18)-H(18A)$ $0.94(3)$ $C(19)-C(20)$ $1.420(2)$ $C(20)-H(20A)$ $0.97(3)$ $C(21)-C(22)$ $1.386(2)$ $C(21)-C(26)$ $1.396(3)$	C(15)-H(15A)	0.9/(3)
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	C(16)-H(16A)	0.99(3)
C(17)-H(17A) $0.97(3)$ $C(18)$ -C(19) $1.414(3)$ $C(18)$ -H(18A) $0.94(3)$ $C(19)$ -C(20) $1.420(2)$ $C(20)$ -H(20A) $0.97(3)$ $C(21)$ -C(22) $1.386(2)$ $C(21)$ -C(26) $1.396(3)$	C(17) - C(18)	1.3/1(3)
$\begin{array}{cccc} C(18) & -C(19) & 1.414(3) \\ C(18) & -H(18A) & 0.94(3) \\ C(19) & -C(20) & 1.420(2) \\ C(20) & -H(20A) & 0.97(3) \\ C(21) & -C(22) & 1.386(2) \\ C(21) & -C(26) & 1.396(3) \end{array}$	C(17)-H(17A)	0.97(3)
C(18)-H(18A) $0.94(3)$ $C(19)$ - $C(20)$ $1.420(2)$ $C(20)$ -H(20A) $0.97(3)$ $C(21)$ - $C(22)$ $1.386(2)$ $C(21)$ - $C(26)$ $1.396(3)$	C(18)-C(19)	1.414(3)
C(19)-C(20)1.420(2)C(20)-H(20A)0.97(3)C(21)-C(22)1.386(2)C(21)-C(26)1.396(3)	C(18)-H(18A)	0.94(3)
C(20)-H(20A)0.97(3)C(21)-C(22)1.386(2)C(21)-C(26)1.396(3)	C(19)-C(20)	1.420(2)
C(21)-C(22) 1.386(2) C(21)-C(26) 1.396(3)	C(20)-H(20A)	0.97(3)
C(21)-C(26) 1.396(3)	C(21)-C(22)	1.386(2)
	C(21)-C(26)	1.396(3)

Table 2.7. Bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for (*S*)-2.5.

C(22)-C(23)	1.394(3)
C(22)-H(22A)	0.95(3)
C(23)-C(24)	1.384(3)
C(23)-H(23A)	0.95(3)
C(24)-C(25)	1 398(3)
C(24)-H(24A)	0.95(3)
C(25) C(26)	1.300(3)
C(25) - C(20)	1.390(3)
$C(25)-\Pi(25A)$	0.94(3)
C(20)-H(20A)	0.94(3)
C(6) - N(1) - C(7)	108 16(15)
C(6) N(1) C(10)	100.10(15) 126.70(15)
C(0) = N(1) - C(10)	120.77(15) 125.05(16)
C(7) - IN(1) - C(10) C(2) - C(1) - C(21)	123.03(10) 110.52(14)
C(2)-C(1)-C(21)	110.55(14)
C(2)-C(1)-C(11)	113.04(14)
C(21)-C(1)-C(11)	113.75(14)
C(2)-C(1)-H(1A)	105.5(14)
C(21)-C(1)-H(1A)	108.4(14)
C(11)-C(1)-H(1A)	105.1(13)
C(3)-C(2)-C(9)	119.84(15)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	122.97(15)
C(9)-C(2)-C(1)	117.18(15)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.34(15)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)	123 2(15)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3A)	117.5(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	11920(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	13/20(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	104.20(10) 106.50(15)
C(f) - C(f) - C(f)	100.30(13) 106.67(16)
C(0)-C(3)-C(4)	100.0/(10)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5A)	126.2(17)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)	127.1(17)
C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	110.61(16)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6A)	130.1(16)
N(1)-C(6)-H(6A)	119.3(16)
N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	129.92(16)
N(1)-C(7)-C(4)	108.06(15)
C(8)-C(7)-C(4)	122.02(16)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	117.27(15)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8A)	121.0(14)
C(7)-C(8)-H(8A)	121.6(14)
C(8)- $C(9)$ - $C(2)$	127.0(11) 122.32(16)
C(8) C(0) H(0A)	122.52(10) 110 6(14)
C(0) - C(0) - H(0A)	119.0(14) 119.1(14)
$U(2) - U(3) - \Pi(3A)$	110.1(14)
N(1)-C(10)-H(10A)	109.4(18)
N(1)-C(10)-H(10B)	110.4(18)
H(10A)-C(10)-H(10B)	107(3)
N(1)-C(10)-H(10C)	111.3(17)

H(10A)-C(10)-H(10C)	110(2)
H(10B)-C(10)-H(10C)	109(2)
C(20)-C(11)-C(12)	118.63(16)
C(20)-C(11)-C(1)	123.31(16)
C(12)- $C(11)$ - $C(1)$	118.00(15)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	121 12(16)
C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)	121.12(10) 120.4(15)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)	120.4(15) 118 5(15)
C(12) C(12) C(14)	110.5(15) 121 11(16)
C(12) - C(13) - C(14)	121.11(10) 110.0(14)
C(12)- $C(13)$ - $H(13A)$	119.9(14)
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	118.9(14)
C(15)-C(14)-C(13)	122.84(17)
C(15)-C(14)-C(19)	119.03(17)
C(13)-C(14)-C(19)	118.12(16)
C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	120.77(19)
C(16)-C(15)-H(15A)	120.4(14)
C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)	118.8(14)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	119.96(18)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16A)	120.1(17)
С(17)-С(16)-Н(16А)	120.0(17)
C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	120.64(19)
C(18)-C(17)-H(17A)	119.3(16)
C(16)-C(17)-H(17A)	120.0(16)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	120.72(19)
C(17)-C(18)-H(18A)	118 5(16)
C(19)-C(18)-H(18A)	120.8(16)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	121.68(17)
C(18)- $C(19)$ - $C(14)$	121.00(17) 118 84(17)
C(20)-C(19)-C(14)	110.04(17) 110.47(16)
C(11) C(20) C(10)	117.47(10) 121.52(16)
C(11) - C(20) - C(19)	121.33(10) 121.3(14)
C(11)-C(20)-H(20A)	121.3(14)
C(19)-C(20)-H(20A)	11/.1(14)
C(22)- $C(21)$ - $C(26)$	118.62(16)
C(22)-C(21)-C(1)	119.87(15)
C(26)-C(21)-C(1)	121.51(15)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	121.02(16)
C(21)-C(22)-H(22A)	118.7(16)
C(23)-C(22)-H(22A)	120.3(16)
C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	120.19(17)
C(24)-C(23)-H(23A)	120.3(15)
C(22)-C(23)-H(23A)	119.5(15)
C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	119.38(17)
C(23)-C(24)-H(24A)	117.7(17)
C(25)-C(24)-H(24A)	122.8(17)
C(26)-C(25)-C(24)	120.04(17)
C(26)-C(25)-H(25A)	121 9(19)
C(24)-C(25)-H(25A)	118 0(19)
$(21) (23) \Pi(23\Pi)$	110.0(17)

C(25)-C(26)-C(21)	120.75(17)
C(25)-C(26)-H(26A)	117.8(16)
C(21)-C(26)-H(26A)	121.4(16)

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²	
N(1)	19(1)	21(1)	30(1)	4(1)	7(1)	2(1)	
C(1)	19(1)	18(1)	20(1)	-1(1)	4(1)	0(1)	
C(2)	18(1)	18(1)	22(1)	2(1)	5(1)	-2(1)	
C(3)	19(1)	22(1)	21(1)	1(1)	4(1)	-2(1)	
C(4)	20(1)	19(1)	21(1)	1(1)	7(1)	-2(1)	
C(5)	26(1)	21(1)	28(1)	-2(1)	7(1)	-1(1)	
C(6)	26(1)	17(1)	35(1)	0(1)	10(1)	2(1)	
C(7)	17(1)	21(1)	25(1)	5(1)	7(1)	-1(1)	
C(8)	19(1)	24(1)	23(1)	2(1)	3(1)	-3(1)	
C(9)	22(1)	19(1)	22(1)	-1(1)	5(1)	-2(1)	
C(10)	19(1)	29(1)	36(1)	6(1)	4(1)	1(1)	
C(11)	17(1)	17(1)	23(1)	-2(1)	6(1)	0(1)	
C(12)	21(1)	21(1)	25(1)	2(1)	5(1)	1(1)	
C(13)	22(1)	21(1)	30(1)	-1(1)	10(1)	-3(1)	
C(14)	19(1)	24(1)	26(1)	-7(1)	7(1)	-1(1)	
C(15)	22(1)	30(1)	31(1)	-9(1)	8(1)	-4(1)	
C(16)	23(1)	41(1)	30(1)	-13(1)	2(1)	-3(1)	
C(17)	30(1)	41(1)	21(1)	-5(1)	-1(1)	2(1)	
C(18)	28(1)	30(1)	22(1)	-2(1)	5(1)	-2(1)	
C(19)	21(1)	22(1)	22(1)	-5(1)	6(1)	1(1)	
C(20)	21(1)	18(1)	24(1)	-2(1)	7(1)	-1(1)	
C(21)	16(1)	20(1)	23(1)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)	
C(22)	16(1)	22(1)	24(1)	0(1)	3(1)	2(1)	
C(23)	22(1)	18(1)	34(1)	1(1)	1(1)	0(1)	
C(24)	23(1)	25(1)	35(1)	8(1)	5(1)	-3(1)	
C(25)	26(1)	32(1)	29(1)	3(1)	11(1)	-1(1)	
C(26)	26(1)	21(1)	28(1)	-2(1)	7(1)	0(1)	

Table 2.8. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*S*)-2.5. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2$ [h² a^{*2}U¹¹ + ... + 2 h k a^{*} b^{*} U¹²]

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
H(1A)	9310(30)	10660(20)	9370(20)	18(5)	
H(3A)	9970(30)	8310(20)	7190(30)	23(5)	
H(5A)	11600(30)	6100(20)	7070(30)	35(7)	
H(6A)	13920(30)	5280(20)	8790(30)	31(6)	
H(8A)	13750(30)	8800(20)	11380(20)	20(5)	
H(9A)	11860(30)	10220(20)	10630(20)	22(5)	
H(10A)	15640(40)	5810(30)	11000(30)	45(8)	
H(10B)	16050(40)	7100(30)	11000(30)	43(7)	
H(10C)	14890(30)	6670(20)	11940(30)	33(6)	
H(12A)	7670(30)	8710(20)	9100(30)	27(6)	
H(13A)	5210(30)	8080(20)	7880(30)	25(6)	
H(15A)	2970(30)	8210(20)	5840(20)	24(5)	
H(16A)	1800(40)	9100(20)	3710(30)	40(7)	
H(17A)	3100(30)	10700(20)	2850(30)	32(6)	
H(18A)	5490(30)	11330(20)	4050(30)	31(6)	
H(20A)	7740(30)	11170(20)	6020(20)	24(5)	
H(22A)	9900(30)	12600(20)	9230(30)	30(6)	
H(23A)	11050(30)	14150(20)	8220(30)	27(6)	
H(24A)	12190(30)	13880(30)	6240(30)	37(7)	
H(25A)	12100(30)	12050(30)	5180(30)	42(7)	
H(26A)	10990(30)	10500(20)	6180(30)	31(6)	

Table 2.9. Hydrogen coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*S*)-2.5.

<i>Table 2.10.</i>	Torsion	angles [°] for	(S)- 2.5 .
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C(21)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-100.94(18)
C(11)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	27.9(2)
C(21)-C(1)-C(2)-C(9)	78.04(18)
C(11)-C(1)-C(2)-C(9)	-153.15(15)
C(9)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	1.0(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	179.91(15)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	-0.5(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	178.32(17)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-178.75(18)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	0.14(19)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	-0.1(2)
C(7)-N(1)-C(6)-C(5)	0.1(2)
C(10)-N(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-179.95(16)
C(6)-N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	179.34(18)
C(10)-N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	-0.6(3)
C(6)-N(1)-C(7)-C(4)	0.03(18)
C(10)-N(1)-C(7)-C(4)	-179.96(15)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-N(1)	178.98(14)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-N(1)	-0.11(18)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-0.4(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-179.48(15)
N(1)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-178.51(16)
C(4)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	0.7(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(2)	-0.2(3)
C(3)-C(2)-C(9)-C(8)	-0.6(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(9)-C(8)	-179.65(16)
C(2)-C(1)-C(11)-C(20)	-130.10(16)
C(21)-C(1)-C(11)-C(20)	-3.0(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(11)-C(12)	52.8(2)
C(21)-C(1)-C(11)-C(12)	179.91(14)
C(20)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	1.3(2)
C(1)-C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	178.56(16)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	-0.6(3)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	-179.86(17)
C(12)-C(13)-C(14)-C(19)	-0.6(2)
C(13)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	179.19(17)
C(19)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	-0.1(3)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-1.2(3)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	1.6(3)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	-0.6(3)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	-179.99(17)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(14)	-0.7(3)
C(15)-C(14)-C(19)-C(18)	1.0(2)

C(13)-C(14)-C(19)-C(18)	-178.26(16)
C(15)-C(14)-C(19)-C(20)	-179.66(15)
C(13)-C(14)-C(19)-C(20)	1.0(2)
C(12)-C(11)-C(20)-C(19)	-0.8(2)
C(1)-C(11)-C(20)-C(19)	-177.94(15)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(11)	178.96(16)
C(14)-C(19)-C(20)-C(11)	-0.3(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(21)-C(22)	-122.88(16)
C(11)-C(1)-C(21)-C(22)	108.69(17)
C(2)-C(1)-C(21)-C(26)	56.5(2)
C(11)-C(1)-C(21)-C(26)	-71.9(2)
C(26)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	0.5(2)
C(1)-C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	179.93(15)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)-C(24)	0.0(3)
C(22)-C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	-0.4(3)
C(23)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	0.3(3)
C(24)-C(25)-C(26)-C(21)	0.3(3)
C(22)-C(21)-C(26)-C(25)	-0.7(3)
C(1)-C(21)-C(26)-C(25)	179.94(17)

Chapter Three

Enantiospecific Intramolecular Heck Reactions of Secondary Benzylic Ethers

3.1 Introduction

The Mizoroki–Heck reaction is part of the foundation of modern organometallic chemistry and is a key disconnection in the synthetic chemist's repertoire.^{1,2} Creative advances continue to expand our synthetic capabilities and refine our understanding of transition-metal-catalyzed reactions.³ Traditional Heck reactions employ an aryl or vinyl halide or pseudohalide. Development of "alkyl-Heck reactions," where the electrophilic partner is an *alkyl* halide or pseudohalide, is undergoing revitalization,^{4,5,6,7,8} in part due to synergy with recent advances in alkyl crosscoupling reactions.⁹ Exciting results employing primary alkyl halides have been reported, where catalyst control suppresses undesired side reactions and provides regioselectivity and asymmetric

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induction in the migratory insertion step.^{6,3d,3e} Heck-like reactions of secondary alkyl iodides that proceed through radical intermediates have also been reported, and provide substituted tetrahydrofurans and cyclopentanones with high diastereoselectivity.⁸ Important challenges remain. For example, in reactions of secondary alkyl electrophiles, control of absolute configuration at the site of oxidative addition has not been reported.

We hypothesized that secondary ethers functionalized with a pendant alkene should undergo nickel-catalyzed Heck cyclization and that the reactions would be highly stereospecific (Scheme 3.1). This work builds on our development of related stereospecific nickel-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions of benzylic ethers.^{10,11,12} We propose that oxidative addition occurs with inversion, providing a single enantiomer of the key secondary alkylnickel intermediate that can continue through the cross-coupling or Heck catalytic cycle.

Scheme 3.1. Stereospecific nickel-catalyzed reactions of benzylic ethers and esters



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3.2 Development of Enantiospecific Nickel-Catalyzed Heck Cyclizations

We designed substrates to test for stereospecific Heck cyclization, informed by our prior development of stereospecific cross-coupling reactions of esters and ethers. Employing benzylic pivalate 3.1 with Cs_2CO_3 as the base, however, failed to furnish any of the desired methylenecyclopentane **3.2** (Table 3.1, entry 1).¹³ Next, dimethylzinc was examined as a terminal reductant for the reaction, and a small amount of the desired methylenecyclopentane 3.2 was observed (entry 2). Encouraged by this result, we replaced dimethylzinc with methylmagnesium iodide, a stronger terminal reducing agent. To avoid undesired side reactions of the leaving group with a Grignard reagent, we replaced pivalate 3.1 with methyl ether 3.5. Under these conditions, consumption of starting material increased significantly (entries 3–6).¹⁴ When bidentate phosphine ligands were added to the reaction, the undesired product 3.4, resulting from simple Kumada coupling, was the major product (entries 3 and 4). Remarkably, Kumada product 3.4 was not observed when catalysts ligated by monodentate phosphines were used in the reaction (entries 5 and 6). The desired Heck cyclization to afford methylenecyclopentane 3.2 proceeded in good yield with PCy₃ as the ligand (entry 5). Our optimized reaction conditions took advantage of the air stable NiCl₂(PCy₃)₂ catalyst and afforded the desired product in high yield (entry 7).

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¹⁴ Substitution of Grignard reagent with other bases in Heck cyclization of ether **3.5** resulted in quantitative recovery of **3.5**.

Table 3.1. Optimization of reaction conditions

	3.3	OR .1, R = Piv .5, R = Me	Ni(cod) ₂ (Ligand (Base (2 PhMe,	(10 mol %) 15 mol %) 2.0 equiv) rt, 18 h	Nap Nap Me Nap	3.2 + 3.3 + 3.4
Entry	R	Ligand	Base	yield 3.2 (%) ^a	yield 3.3 (%) ^a	yield 3.4 (%) ^a
1	Piv	PCy ₃	Cs_2CO_3	< 2	37	< 2
2	Piv	PCy ₃	ZnMe ₂	7	39	< 2
3	Me	DPEphos	MeMgl	4	23	47
4	Me	dppf	MeMgl	< 2	27	66
5	Me	PCy ₃	MeMgl	64	17	< 2
6	Me	PPh ₃	MeMgl	18	76	< 2
7	Me	NiCl ₂ (PCy ₃) ₂ ^b	MeMgl	82	11	< 2

^aYield determined by ¹H NMR based on comparison with PhSiMe₃ as internal standard. ^bNiCl₂(PCy₃)₂ was used in place of Ni(cod)₂ and added ligand.

Having established conditions for the cyclization of secondary ether **3.5**, we synthesized enantioenriched (*R*)-**3.5** with the goal of determining the stereospecificity of the reaction. Ether (*R*)-**3.5** was prepared in high enantiomeric excess by CBS reduction of the corresponding ketone.¹⁵ Cyclization of (*R*)-**3.5** resulted in good yield and excellent enantiospecificity to afford the methylenecyclopentane (*R*)-**3.2** with inversion at the benzylic stereocenter (Table 3.2, entry 1).¹⁶ The reaction is scalable with no observable deterioration in yield or enantiospecificity when performed on a 1.0 mmol scale of ether (*R*)-**3.5** (entry 2).

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¹⁶ Absolute configuration for starting material and product was determined for Table 3.2, entries 1 and 8, based on comparison of optical rotations to literature values or X-ray crystallography. For full details, see the experimental details.

3.3 Scope of the Heck Cyclization

We next examined the cyclization of a range of enantioenriched benzylic ethers. Benzylic methyl ethers of π -extended arenes proceed in excellent yield to afford highly enantioenriched methylenecyclopentanes (Table 3.2, entries 1 and 3). Simple heteroarenes such as thiophene **3.8** and furan **3.10** also perform well under the reaction conditions (entries 4 and 5). Taking advantage of the Thorpe–Ingold effect by substitution of the alkyl chain with geminal dimethyl substituents improves the yield of the cyclization in general (entries 6 and 7).¹⁷ Simple benzylic substrates such as **3.16** presented a challenge, where high enantiospecificity but low conversion was typically observed (entry 8). In this case, geminal disubstitution failed to improve yield (entry 9), but modification of the ether provided a solution (entries 10–12). Our laboratory has previously developed the methoxyethyl ether as a traceless directing group that accelerates sluggish cross-coupling reactions.^{10b} This strategy proved fruitful in the context of Heck reactions as well; methoxyethyl ethers **3.20**, **3.21**, and **3.23** afforded the desired methylenecyclopentanes at 60 °C (entries 6–8). Yields of **3.17**, **3.19**, **3.22** and **3.24** could typically be further improved by approximately 10% with the addition of one equivalent of MgI₂ (1 equiv).¹⁸

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Table 3.2. Scope of Intramolecular Heck Cyclization

^aDetermined by chiral SFC. ^bIsolated yield after column chromatography. ^cEnantiospecificity (es) = (eeproduct/eesubstrate) x 100. ^dReaction run on 1.0 mmol scale. ^eDetermined by chiral GC. ^fEnantiospecificity was determined based on the ee of the corresponding alcohol, rather than the ether. ^gReaction performed at 60 °C. ^hReaction performed with added MgI₂ (1 equiv). ⁱYield determined by ¹H NMR based on comparison with PhSiMe₃ as internal standard.

Representative examples of other substrates are presented to illustrate the scope and limitations with respect to formation of different ring sizes and functional group compatibility. The length of the alkane tether was varied to determine whether or not alternate rings sizes could be formed in the Heck cyclization. When the tether length is too short, we observe only recovered starting material upon subjection of the substrate to cyclization conditions (Table 3.3, entry 1). Interestingly, no β -hydrogen elimination to form a conjugated styrenyl diene is detected by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. When the length of the alkane tether is such that 4-exo or 5-endo cyclization could occur, we observe high conversion to the elimination product (entry 2). When the tether is the appropriate length to form a 6-membered ring in the Heck cyclization, only recovered starting material is observed (entry 4).





^aDetermined by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃).

Table 3.4 illustrates representative examples of substituent patterns that provide low yields or no desired Heck product. Heck cyclization of substrates containing oxygenation in the tether failed to produce the desired tetrahydrofuran (Table 3.4, entry 1). 1,3-Diol derivatives (entry 2) provided low yields of the desired product. Significant decomposition stems from formation of an allylic ether byproduct that further reacts to a variety of products under the reaction conditions. Whereas substrates containing furan and thiophene moieties performed well under the reaction conditions, pyrrole decomposed under the conditions for the Heck cyclization (entry 3).

We attempted to form indane products with the Heck cyclization, however, elimination to form a stillbene was competitive with formation of desired product (entry 4).



Table 3.4. Functional group and substituent pattern compatibility

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃).

To further test the limits of the transformation, an alkyne insertion/Kumada domino reaction was examined.¹⁹ Benzylic ether **3.25** bearing a tethered TMS protected alkyne was subjected to the reaction conditions to afford tetrasubstituted olefin **3.26** in good yield and excellent enantiospecificity (Scheme 3.2). A 1.9:1 mixture of stereoisomers was obtained which could be separated by flash column chromatography with silver nitrate impregnated silica gel.²⁰ We hypothe-

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size that the migratory insertion step proceeds with syn selectivity.²¹ Therefore, the stereoisomeric mixture of products present in the cyclization of alkyne **3.25** is predicted to be the result of isomerization of the vinylnickel intermediate prior to reductive elimination.²²

Scheme 3.2. Alkyne insertion-Kumada reaction



3.4 Cyclization of Substituted Olefins

Trisubstituted olefins are valuable synthetic targets found in natural products, intermediates in biosynthetic pathways of steroids, and important building blocks for further functionalization by asymmetric catalysis.^{23,24} Heck cyclization of 1,2-disubstituted olefins affords a strategy for synthesis of trisubstituted olefins as single stereoisomers, based on the stereochemical requirements of migratory insertion and β -hydride elimination.^{21,25} Indeed, when (*E*)-**3.27** is subjected to the reaction conditions, the trisubstituted olefin (*E*)-**3.28** is formed in high yield and with high enantiospecificity at the benzylic stereocenter. The product is formed as a single olefin

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²⁴ Ojima, I. Catalytic Asymmetric Synthesis, 2nd ed.; Wiley and Sons, Inc.: New York, 2005.

²⁵ Iimura, S.; Overman, L. E.; Paulini, R.; Zakarian, A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 13095–13101.

isomer in >20:1 dr (Scheme 3.3a). Next, (*Z*)-**3.27** was cyclized in good yield to form (*Z*)-**3.28** (Scheme 3.3b). Therefore, either isomer of the product can be accessed simply by selecting the appropriate isomer of starting material.



Scheme 3.3. Stereoselective synthesis of trisubstituted olefins

The successful application of this chemistry to the synthesis of stereodefined trisubstituted olefins prompted us to examine olefins containing different substitution patterns. The Heck cyclization of 1,2-disubstituted olefin **3.31** was expected to provide facile access to an expanded range of stereodefined trisubstituted olefins (Scheme 3.4a). Heck cyclization occurred smoothly, however, an unselective β -hydride elimination step resulted in an inseparable 2:1 mixture of olefin isomers (**3.32** and **3.33**, 46% combined yield). Meanwhile, the 1,1-disubstituted olefin (**3.34**) was prepared for the formation of a quaternary center during the cyclization reaction (Scheme 3.4b). Cyclization of 1,1-disubstituted olefin **3.34** provided products containing a quaternary stereocenter. However, two major products were formed: **3.35**, from a Heck-Kumada sequence similar to that shown in Scheme 2, and **3.36**, from a reductive Heck reaction. Unfortunately these products were inseparable; a combined yield of 49% was obtained. Finally, we attempted a Heck cascade reaction with **3.37** bearing both a 1,1-disubstituted olefin and a terminal olefin. When subjected to cyclization conditions, **3.37** was converted to styrene **3.38** in quantitative yield (Scheme 3.4c).





3.5 Synthesis of a Polycyclic Furan and a Mechanistic Hypothesis

The classic Heck reaction has had a transformative impact on natural product synthesis because it can provide rapid assembly of complex polycyclic architectures.^{1d} To challenge our alkyl-Heck reaction, we synthesized *trans*-**3.39** from the corresponding dihydrobenzofuranone by α -alkylation and reduction.²⁶ Cyclization of *trans*-**3.39** provided *cis*-**3.40** as the major product in >20:1 diastereoselectivity (Scheme 3.5a). The ring fusion was assigned as cis based on nOe correlations and a comparison of the *J*-coupling constants to calculated values for **3.40** and to literature values for related tricyclic terpenoids.²⁶ Tricyclic *cis*-**3.39** maps onto the core of furan terpenoid natural products such as pseudoferic acid C, and lactones such as nepalensolides A–C and brothenolide.^{27,28,29}

Scheme 3.5. Diastereoselective tricyclic ring formation with inversion at the benzylic position



This substrate class also provides mechanistic insight into the stereochemical and mechanistic aspects of the Heck cyclization. Cyclization of *trans*-**3.39** to afford *cis*-**3.40** is consistent

²⁶ For details, see Section 3.8.

²⁷ Wu, X-D.; He, J.; Dong, L-B.; Pan, Z-H.; Xu, G.; Gong, X.; Song, L-D.; Leng, Y.; Li, Y.; Peng, L-Y.; Zhao, Q-S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2012**, *53*, 800–803.

²⁸ Asakawa, Y.; Lin, X.; Kondo, K.; Fukuyama Y. *Phytochemistry* **1991**, *30*, 4019–4024.

²⁹ Takeda, R.; Ohta, Y.; Hirose, Y. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1983, 56, 1120–1124.

with inversion at the benzylic stereogenic center. We attribute this outcome to inversion during the oxidative addition event to generate a cis substituted benzylnickel intermediate (**3.41**). Subsequent steps in the catalytic cycle, migratory insertion and β -hydride elimination, should not affect the benzylic stereogenic center. When the diastereomer, *cis*-**3.39**, was subjected to cyclization conditions, starting material was recovered in quantitative yield (Scheme 3.6a). It is worth noting that *cis*-**3.39** does not appear to undergo side reactions such as elimination or Kumada coupling.³⁰ In contrast, when benzylic ether **3.42** lacking a terminal olefin is subjected to cyclization conditions, it is converted to the styrene **3.43** in excellent yield (Scheme 3.6b). This observation is consistent with coordination of the olefin to the catalyst prior to oxidative addition.



Scheme 3.6. Evidence for olefin coordination to catalyst prior to oxidative addition

Having elucidated portions of the reaction mechanism, we propose a catalytic cycle for the Heck cyclization (Figure 3.1). The active catalyst **3.44** is formed by reduction of the precatalyst NiCl₂(PCy₃)₂ with two equivalents of methylmagnesium iodide. Upon transmetalation with another equivalent of Gringard reagent to form a nickelate, the catalyst coordinates to the olefin of the benzylic ether starting material to form activated complex **3.45**. Coordination of the ether to Lewis acidic salts facilities oxidative addition with inversion to form benzylnickel intermediate **3.46**. Syn migratory insertion of the catalyst with the terminal olefin, followed by syn β -hydrogen elimination generates the methylenecyclopentane product **3.17** and nickel hydride intermediate **3.46**.





3.6 Application to the Synthesis of Enantioenriched α-Aryl Ketones

Methylenecyclopentanes are valuable synthetic intermediates; the exocyclic olefin provides a synthetic handle for further elaboration to more complex products. For example, methylenecyclopentanes **3.2** and **3.17** are readily converted to the corresponding enantioenriched α aryl cyclopentanones by a two-step procedure. Dihydroxylation of the olefin with OsO₄ followed by mild oxidative cleavage of the resultant diol with Pb(OAc)₄ affords α -aryl cyclopentanones **3.48** and **3.49** in good to excellent levels of enantiopurity (Scheme 3.7).

Scheme 3.7. Synthesis of enantioenriched α -aryl cyclopentanones



3.7 Conclusions

Selective formation of methylenecyclopentanes containing tertiary stereocenters has been achieved by stereospecific, nickel-catalyzed intramolecular Heck cyclization of secondary ethers. The reaction proceeds in high yield and enantiospecificity, and has been applied to the formation of synthetically challenging trisubstituted olefins. An alkyne insertion-Kumada domino reaction to prepare tetrasubstituted olefins is also demonstrated.

3.8 Experimental Details

GENERAL PROCEDURES

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of N₂, or Ar when noted. All glassware was oven- or flame-dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) , and toluene (PhMe) were degassed with Ar and then passed through two 4 x 36 inch columns of anhydrous neutral A-2 alumina (8 x 14 mesh; LaRoche Chemicals; activated under a flow of argon at 350 °C for 12 h) to remove H₂O. All other solvents utilized were purchased "anhydrous" commercially, or purified as described. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz ¹H, 100 MHz ¹³C, 376.5 MHz ¹⁹F), GN-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C), or CRYO-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C) spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity asinglet (s), broad singlet (br s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), doublet of triplets (dt), doublet of doublet of triplets (ddt), triplet of triplets (tt), quartet (q), quintet (quin), apparent doublet (ad), apparent triplet (at), multiplet (m)], coupling constants [Hz], integration). Carbon chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to TMS with the respective solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, δ 77.16 ppm). Unless otherwise indicated, NMR data were collected at 25 °C. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet iS5 spectrometer with an iD5 ATR tip (neat) and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄ precoated plates (0.25 mm thickness). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp and/or staining with KMnO₄, ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), or *p*-anisaldehyde (PAA) solutions. Flash chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 (170-400 mesh) from Fisher Scientific. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained using a MelTemp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Automatic Polarimeter. SFC determinations of enantiopurity were performed on a Berger Analytical instrument using a Daicel[™] Chiralpak® column (OD-H, OJ-H, or AD-H; 100 bar, 50 °C, 215 nm). High resolution mass spectrometry was performed by the University of California, Irvine Mass Spectrometry Center.

Bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) chloride was purchased from Strem, stored in a glovebox under an atmosphere of N_2 , and used as received. All other reagents were purchased commercially and used as received.

Where noted, silver nitrate impregnated silica gel was used to separate cyclization products from alkene byproducts, which was prepared as follows.³¹ To a 1 L round bottom flask was added AgNO₃ (15 g) followed by H₂O (5 mL) and CH₃CN (100 mL), with the exclusion of light. The resulting solution was agitated for 15–20 min. Silica gel (100 mL) was added and agitated for 15–20 min. The solvent was removed in vacuo, the silica gel was dried overnight at reduced pressure (~ 1 torr), and then stored in the dark.

³¹ Williams, C. M.; Mander, L. N. Tetrahedron 2001, 57, 425–447.

PREPARATION OF METHYLMAGNESIUM IODIDE

Under an argon atmosphere, dry Et₂O (10 mL) was added to magnesium turnings (1.1 g, 45 mmol) in a 3-neck flask equipped with a reflux condenser and Schlenk filtration apparatus. Iodomethane (1.9 mL, 31 mmol) was then added slowly (over 30 min), so as to maintain a gentle reflux. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature then filtered through the fritted Schlenk filter into a Schlenk flask under an argon-atmosphere. The Schlenk flask was sealed and removed from the rest of the apparatus.

The resulting Grignard reagent titrated with LiCl and iodine and was typically between 2.5 and $3.0 \text{ M}.^{32}$ The Grignard reagent could be stored (sealed, under argon) for at least 4 weeks without detrimental effects. For satisfactory yields, the Grignard reagent must be prepared from the alkyl iodide in Et₂O at a concentration of at least 2.0 M.

³² Krasovskiy, A.; Knochel, P. Synthesis **2006**, *5*, 890–891.

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBSTRATES FOR TABLE 3.2

Racemic substrates for entries 1–4

Racemic benzylic alcohols were prepared by Grignard addition to the corresponding aldehydes. Alkylation was performed according to the same procedure utilized for enantioenriched substrates (General Procedures G and H).

General Procedure A. Grignard addition to aldehydes.



rac-3.50. In a flame-dried round-bottom flask, to a solution of 2-naphthaldehyde (3.12 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added at 0 °C pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.8 M in THF, 17 mL, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 2 h, saturated ammonium chloride (25 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by column flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (4.30 g, 19.0 mmol, 95%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.50** (vide infra).



rac-3.51. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: thianaphthene-2-carboxaldehyde (1.05 g, 6.48 mmol, 1.00 equiv), pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.8 M in THF, 5.4 mL, 9.7 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (1.47 g, 6.34 mmol, 98%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.51** (vide infra).



rac-3.52. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde (0.56 mL, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.8 M in THF, 5.0 mL, 9.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (20% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.09 g, 6.00 mmol, quantitative). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.52** (vide infra).



rac-3.53. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: furfural (0.83 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.8 M in THF, 8.3 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography

(20% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.47 g, 8.85 mmol, 86%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (R)-**3.53** (vide infra).



rac-3.54. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: benzaldehyde (0.71 mL, 7.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.8 M in THF, 5.8 mL, 11 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.14 g, 6.44 mmol, 92%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.54** (vide infra).

Enantioenriched alcohols for Table 3.2, entries 1–9

Enantioenriched benzylic alcohols were prepared from the racemic benzylic alcohols by oxidation, enantioselective CBS reduction (Table 3.2, entries 1–4; Scheme 3.8a). Others were prepared by Grignard addition into 3-methyl-2-butenal, oxidation, Hosomi–Sakurai allylation and enantioselective CBS reduction (Table 3.2, entries 5–9; Scheme 3.8b).





General Procedure B: Oxidation of benzylic alcohols



3.55. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Wipf.³³ To a solution of *rac-3.50* (1.18 g, 5.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in wet CH₂Cl₂ (120 mL) was added in a single portion MnO₂ (4.52 g, 52.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature. The resulting slurry was filtered through celite, and the celite was washed with Et₂O. Solvent was removed in vacuo to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (1.08 g, 4.82 mmol, 93%). **TLC R_f** = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 36–37 °C; ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz 2H), 7.60–7.50 (m, 2H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (ad, *J* = 17.0)

³³ Wipf, P.; Xu, W. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 6556–6562.

Hz, 1H), 5.02 (ad, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (quin, J = 7.7 Hz 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.2, 138.2, 135.6, 134.4, 132.6, 129.7, 129.6, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 124.0, 115.4, 37.8, 33.3, 23.5; **IR** (neat) 3058, 2829, 1678 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₆OH (M + H)⁺ 225.1279, found 225.1278.



3.56. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol *rac*-**3.51** (0.72 g, 3.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MnO₂ (2.68 g, 31.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL). Further purification after celite plug was unnecessary. The title compound was isolated as a white solid (0.664 g, 2.88 mmol, 93%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 75–76 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (quin, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 144.0, 142.6, 139.3, 138.0, 128.9, 127.5, 126.0, 125.1, 123.1, 115.7, 38.5, 33.3, 23.8; **IR** (neat) 3078, 2892, 1657 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₄OSH (M + H)⁺ 231.0844, found 231.0847.



3.57. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol *rac-3.52* (0.73 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MnO_2 (3.50 g, 40.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL). Further purification after celite plug was unnecessary. The title compound was

isolated as a clear oil (0.69 g, 3.8 mmol, 95%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (dd, J = 3.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, J = 4.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (quin, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.3, 144.6, 138.0, 133.5, 131.8, 128.2, 115.5, 38.6, 33.3, 23.8; **IR** (neat) 3076, 2931, 1658 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₀H₁₂OSH (M + H)⁺ 181.0687, found 181.0693.



3.58. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol *rac*-**3.53** (0.70 g, 4.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MnO₂ (3.7 g, 42 mmol, 10 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). Further purification after celite plug was unnecessary. The title compound was isolated as a clear oil (0.63 g, 3.9 mmol, 92%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 3.4, Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (quin, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.7, 152.9, 146.4, 138.0, 117.0, 115.5, 112.3, 37.7, 33.3, 23.4; **IR** (neat) 3076, 2933, 1646, 1569 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂O₂H (M + H)⁺ 165.0916, found 165.0920.



3.59. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol **3.54** (1.67 g, 9.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), MnO₂ (8.26 g, 95.0 mmol, 10.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL). Further purification after celite plug was unnecessary. The title compound was isolated as a clear oil (1.57 g, 9.00 mmol, 95%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.³⁴ **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.2, Hz, 2H), 1.86 (tt, *J* = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 138.2, 137.2, 133.1, 128.7, 128.2, 115.4, 37.8, 33.3, 23.4.

General Procedure C. Preparation of α , β -unsaturated ketones.



3.60. In a flame-dried round-bottom flask, to a solution of 3-methyl-2-butenal (1.93 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. 2-Naphthylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M in THF, 30 mL, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added. After stirring at room temperature for 2 h, saturated ammonium chloride (25 mL) was added at 0 °C and the reaction was extracted with EtOAc

³⁴ Eddaif, A.; Laurent, A.; Mison, P.; Pellissier, N.; Carrupt, P. A.; Vogel, P. J. Org. Chem. 1987, 52, 5548–5560.

(3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The unpurified product was redissolved in 125 mL of CH₂Cl₂ in a 250 mL round bottom flask. Solid MnO₂ (13.91 g, 160.0 mmol, 8.000 equiv) was added in a single portion at room temperature. The reaction was allowed to stir open to air for 20 h before it was filtered through celite. The celite was washed with Et₂O and the solvents were removed in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford a thick oil which was further purified by trituration with pentane to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (2.52 g, 12.0 mmol, 60%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 52 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (at, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.5, 156.7, 136.7, 135.4, 132.7, 129.60, 129.58, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 126.7, 124.5, 121.4, 28.2, 21.4; **IR** (neat) 2057, 2909, 1655, 1610cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₄ONa (M + Na)⁺ 233.0942, found 233.0951.



3.61. Using representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 3-methyl-2-butenal (3.80 mL, 39.4 mmol, 1.06 equiv) in THF (30 mL), 2-lithiobenzothiophene³⁵ (1.5 M, 25 mL, 37 mmol, 1.0 equiv) CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), and manganese

³⁵ Yamamoto, T.; Ogawa, S.; Sato, R. Chem. Lett. 2006, 35, 422–423.

dioxide (12.4 g, 142 mmol, 3.84 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (5.11 g, 23.6 mmol, 63%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (15% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 56–58 °C; ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 6.82 (quintet, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.8, 158.5, 146.8, 142.6, 139.7, 127.9, 127.2, 126.0, 125.1, 123.1, 120.2, 28.4, 21.5; **IR** (neat) 3055, 2975, 1644, 1604, 1513, 1257, 1157 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₂OSNa (M + Na)⁺ 239.0507, found 239.0513.



3.62. Using representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 3-methyl-2-butenal (1.93 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (15 mL), phenylmagnesium bromide (2.0 M, 15 mL, 30 mmol, 1.5 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (125 mL), and manganese dioxide (13.91 g, 160.0 mmol, 8.000 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/ hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow solid (2.02 g, 12.5 mmol, 83%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.³⁶ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H).

³⁶ Okamoto, K.; Hayashi, T. Org. Lett. 2007, 9, 5067-5069.



3.63. Using representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 3-methyl-2-butenal (1.05 mL, 10.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (15 mL), 4-fluorophenylmagnesium bromide (1.5 M, 7.0 mL, 10.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), and manganese dioxide (4.47 g, 51.4 mmol, 4.90 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (1.46 g, 8.19 mmol, 78%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (br s, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 190.0, 165.3 (d, *J* = 253 Hz), 157.1, 135.6 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 130.8 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 120.9 (d, *J* = 1 Hz), 115.5 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 28.1, 21.2; **IR** (neat) 2977, 1661, 1613, 1597, 1233, 1010, 822 cm-1; ¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m*/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₁FOH (M + H)⁺ 179.0872, found 179.0876.



3.64. Using representative procedure C outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 3-methyl-2-butenal (1.10 mL, 11.4 mmol, 1.19 equiv) in THF (15 mL), 1-bromo-4-trimethylsilylphenylmagnesium bromide (1.4 M, 7.0 mL, 9.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), and manganese dioxide (3.40 g, 39.1 mmol, 4.07 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/ hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (1.33 g, 5.72 mmol, 60%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO4); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (br s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 0.3 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.8, 156.8, 146.3, 139.6,

133.6, 127.4, 121.5, 28.2, 21.4, -1.1; **IR** (neat) 2955, 1661, 1613, 1246, 821 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₀OSiH (M + H)⁺ 233.1362, found 233.1360.

General Procedure D. Hosomi–Sakurai reaction of benzylic enones



3.65. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Coates and coworkers.³⁷ To a flame-dried 50 mL round bottom flask was added **3.60** (2.04 g, 9.71 mmol, 1.00 equiv) dissolved in 20 mL CH₂Cl₂. Under an inert atmosphere was added neat titanium tetrachloride (1.20 mL, 10.7 mmol, 1.10 equiv) dropwise over 5 min at -78 °C. The reaction was allowed to stir at this temperature for 10 min before dropwise addition of allyltrimethylsilane (2.05 mL, 12.6 mmol, 1.30 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir for an additional 5 min at -78 °C before it was placed in a room temperature water bath and stirred for 30 min. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C in an ice water bath and quenched with 2.25 M HCl. The reaction was diluted with Et₂O (80 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (2 x 25 mL) and brine (1 x 30 mL). The organic layer was dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford the title compound as a thick colorless oil (2.43 g, 9.63 mmol, 99%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (at, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.09–5.02 (m, 2H), 2.99 (s, 2H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.08 (s, 6H);

³⁷ Miles, B. R.; Davis, C. E.; Coates, R. M. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 1493–1501.

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 136.1, 135.5, 135.2, 132.6, 129.8, 129.7, 128.48, 128.45, 127.9, 126.8, 124.2, 117.9, 47.9, 46.9, 34.4, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 3060, 2957, 1682, 1596 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₀OH (M + H)⁺ 253.1592, found 253.1582.



3.66 Using representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.61** (4.52 g, 20.9 mmol, 1.00 equiv), titanium tetrachloride (2.60 mL, 23.7 mmol, 1.13 equiv), allyltrimethylsilane (4.60 mL, 28.9 mmol, 1.38 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (1.73 g, 6.69 mmol, 32%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (15% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.93–7.84 (m, 3H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 5.89 (quintet, *J* = 17.7, 10.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13–5.04 (m, 2H), 2.88 (s, 2H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.10 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 197.8, 146.0, 142.9, 139.5, 135.1, 129.2, 127.6, 126.2, 125.2, 123.2, 118.2, 49.0, 47.1, 34.7, 27.7 (2C); **IR** (neat) 3072, 2957, 1651, 1514, 1153 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₁₈OSNa (M + Na)⁺ 281.0976, found 281.0974.



3.67. Using representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.62** (1.98 g, 12.3 mmol, 1.00 equiv), titanium tetrachloride (1.4 mL, 12 mmol, 1.0 equiv), allyltrimethylsilane (2.54 mL, 16.0 mmol, 1.30 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (1–3% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil

(1.50 g, 7.40 mmol, 60%). **TLC R**_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.08–5.00 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 2.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (s, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.4, 138.7, 135.2, 132.8, 128.6, 128.2, 117.8, 47.8, 46.9, 34.2, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 3077, 2957, 1689, 1673 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₄H₁₈OH (M + H)⁺ 203.1436, found 203.1432.



3.68. Using representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.63** (1.35 g, 7.55 mmol, 1.00 equiv), titanium tetrachloride (0.91 mL, 8.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv), allyltrimethylsilane (1.60 mL, 10.1 mmol, 1.34 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (1.21 g, 5.49 mmol, 73%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99–7.92 (m, 2H), 7.15–7.07 (m, 2H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17.7, 10.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.09–5.00 (m, 2H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.8, 165.7 (d, *J* = 254 Hz), 135.22 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 135.18, 130.9 (d, *J* = 9 Hz), 118.0, 115.7 (d, *J* = 22 Hz), 47.8, 47.0, 34.3, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 2958, 1673, 1596, 1225, 1155 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FOH (M + H)⁺ 221.1342, found 221.1341.



3.69. Using representative procedure D outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.64** (1.23 g, 5.28 mmol, 1.00 equiv), titanium tetrachloride (0.65 mL, 5.9 mmol, 1.1 equiv), allyltrimethylsilane (1.10 mL, 6.92 mmol, 1.31 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (1.13 g, 4.12 mmol, 78%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (ad, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (ad, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 18.2, 10.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10–5.01 (m, 2H), 2.86 (s, 2H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 0.30 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.7, 146.9, 138.9, 135.3, 133.7, 127.3, 117.9, 47.9, 47.0, 34.3, 27.8, -1.1; **IR** (neat) 2955, 1687, 1387, 1224, 835 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₆OSiH (M + H)⁺ 275.1831, found 275.1837.

General Procedure E. Reduction of benzylic ketones with NaBH4



rac-3.70. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Wang and Franzén.³⁸ A round bottom flask containing **3.65** (1.51 g, 6.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) dissolved in MeOH (10 mL) was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C in an ice water bath. Sodium borohydride (0.36 g, 9.6 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added in a single portion and the reaction was stirred for 30 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The re-

³⁸ Wang, Y.; Franzén, R. Synlett. 2012, 23, 925–929.

action was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h, after which time it was quenched with water. The reaction was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 25 mL) and washed with brine (1 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄, filtered and dried in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a thick, colorless oil (1.25 g, 4.93 mmol, 82%). The analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.70** (vide infra).



rac-3.71. Using representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.66** (0.67 g, 2.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (10 mL), sodium borohydride (0.15 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (0.58 g, 2.2 mmol, 85%). The analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.71** (vide infra).



rac-3.72. Using representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.67** (0.73 g, 3.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (8 mL), sodium borohydride (0.33 g, 8.7 mmol, 2.4 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (8–15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (0.64 g, 3.1 mmol, 86%). The analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**72** (vide infra).



rac-3.73. Using representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.78** (0.50 g, 2.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (10 mL), sodium borohydride (0.30 g, 7.9 mmol, 3.4 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (3–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (0.37 g, 1.7 mmol, 73%). The analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.73** (vide infra).



rac-3.74. Using representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.69** (0.49 g, 1.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), MeOH (10 mL), sodium borohydride (0.33 g, 8.7 mmol, 4.8 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (3–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (0.35 g, 1.3 mmol, 86%). The analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.74** (vide infra).

General Procedure F. Enantioselective reduction of benzylic ketones



(R)-3.50. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Okamura.³⁹ In a glovebox, (S)-Me-CBS (103 mg, 0.454 mmol, 0.100 equiv) was added to a flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. The flask was capped with a septum and removed from the box. Ketone 3.55 (1.02 g, 4.54 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added to the flask as a solution in PhMe (20 mL). The reaction was then cooled to -70 °C and catecholborane (0.97 mL, 9.1 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added dropwise via syringe. After stirring for 24 h at -70 °C, the reaction was warmed to ambient temperature and quenched with water. Sat. NH₄Cl was added to the reaction flask and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (8-12% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (0.95 g, 4.3 mmol, 94%, 93% ee). The solid was recrystallized from hexanes to improve enantiomeric excess (99% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. = 58-60 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 3H), 5.78 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.82 (m, 1H), 2.09 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.96–1.77 (m, 3H), 1.62–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.36 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 138.7, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3,

³⁹ Lee, A. S.; Norman, A. W.; Okamura, W. H. J. Org. Chem. 1992, 57, 3846–3854.

126.0, 124.7, 124.2, 114.9, 74.8, 38.5, 33.7, 25.2; **IR** (neat) 3279, 3056, 2932 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 244.1701, found 244.1701; **[a]**²⁶D +36 (*c* 3.6, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 8% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 99% ee: t_R (major) = 7.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.5 minutes.

E.J. Corey's model for stereoselectivity of CBS reductions was used to assign the absolute configuration of benzylic alcohols prepared from this method. ⁴⁰



(*R*)-3.51. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.56 (0.64 g, 2.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (63 mg, 0.23 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.59 mL, 5.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). After extraction with Et₂O, the combined organics were removed in vacuo, with much care taken to avoid heating. Heating the mixture under vacuum prior to column chromatography causes irreversible complexation of the desired product with boron reagents present from the reaction. The remaining solvent (mostly PhMe) was removed by running the mixture through a plug of silica. Flash column chromatography (8–15% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded the title compound as a white solid (0.39 g, 1.7 mmol, 60%, 93% ee). The solid was recrystallized from hexanes to improve enantiomeric excess (98% ee). TLC **R**_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 34–35 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39–7.28 (m,

⁴⁰ Corey, E. J.; Helal, C. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 1998, 37, 1986–2012.

2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.05–4.94 (m, 3H), 2.12 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.08–2.05 (m, 1H), 1.99–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.56 (m, 1H) 1.53–1.42 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 139.6, 139.4, 138.5, 124.4, 124.3, 123.6, 122.7, 120.3, 115.1, 71.0, 38.5, 33.6, 25.0; **IR** (neat) 3289, 3074, 2932 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₄H₁₆OSNH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 250.1266, found 250.1260; $[\alpha]^{27}$ D +19 (c 0.3, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 15% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 98% ee: t_R (major) = 7.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.6 minutes.



(*R*)-3.52. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.57 (0.45 g, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (57 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.53 mL, 5.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (15 mL). After extraction with Et₂O, the combined organics were removed in vacuo, with much care taken to avoid heating. Heating the mixture under vacuum prior to column chromatography causes irreversible complexation of the desired product with boron reagents present from the reaction. The remaining solvent (mostly PhMe) was removed by running the mixture through a plug of silica. Flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) afforded the title compound as a clear oil (0.40 g, 2.2 mmol, 88%, 96% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (dd, J = 4.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.99–6.94 (m, 2H), 5.79 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (add, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.3, Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dd, J = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.05–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.38 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.9, 138.6, 126.7,

124.7, 123.9, 115.0, 70.3, 38.8, 33.6, 25.2; **IR** (neat) 3342, 3074, 2934, 2859 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₀H₁₄SOH (M + H)⁺ 183.0844, found 183.0844; $[\alpha]^{26}$ _D +21 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 3% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 96% ee: t_R (major) = 6.0 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.1 minutes.



(R)-3.53. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.58 (0.52 g, 2.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (S)-Me-CBS (64 mg, 0.28 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.60 mL, 5.6 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). After extraction with Et₂O, the combined organics were removed in vacuo, with much care taken to avoid heating. Heating the mixture under vacuum prior to column chromatography causes irreversible complexation of the desired product with boron reagents present from the reaction. The remaining solvent (mostly PhMe) was removed by running the mixture through a plug of silica. Flash column chromatography (10% Et₂O/hexanes) afforded the title compound as a clear oil (0.37 g, 2.2 mmol, 80%). Enantiomeric excess could not be determined for the title compound using SFC and chiral GC instrumentation. TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J = 1.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 1.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (= 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (add, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.2, Hz, 1H, 4.68 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (br s, 1H), 1.90–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.55 (sep, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (sep, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.9, 142.0, 138.6, 114.9, 110.3, 106.0, 67.8, 35.1, 33.6, 24.9; **IR** (neat) 3348, 3077, 2932, 2861 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₀H₁₄O₂NH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 184.1338, found 184.1329; $[\alpha]^{24}_{D}$ +14 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-3.70. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.65 (0.698 g, 2.77 mmol, 1.00 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (63 mg, 0.28 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.59 mL, 5.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (0.295 g, 1.16 mmol, 42%, 88% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 3H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07–4.97 (m, 3H), 2.15–2.04 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.85 (br s, 1H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 135.7, 133.5, 133.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 126.3, 125.9, 124.27, 124.25, 117.3, 72.3, 50.7, 47.5, 33.5, 27.9, 27.8; IR (neat) 3392, 3057, 2956, 1601 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₂ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 272.2014, found 272.2009; [*a*]²³**b** +112 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 88% ee: t_R (major) = 11.5 minutes, t_R (minor) = 10.1 minutes.



(*R*)-3.71. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.66 (0.500 g, 1.94 mmol, 1.00 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (57 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.13 equiv), catecholborane (0.40 mL, 3.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (0.280 g, 1.02 mmol, 56%, 85% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.5$ (15% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active);

m.p. = 54–56 °C; ¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.84–7.80 (m, 1H), 7.74–7.70 (m, 1H), 7.33 (tdd, J = 14.6, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 5.88 (, J = 16.8, 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.19 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 5.11–5.03 (m, 2H), 2.13 (ddt, J = 7.4, 3.4, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 1.89 (d, J = 8.2, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 151.5, 139.7, 139.5, 135.6, 124.5, 124.4, 123.7, 122.7, 119.7, 117.6, 68.7, 50.8, 47.5, 33.6, 27.8, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 3403, 3071, 2956, 1458, 1436, 1366, 913 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₆H₂₀OSNa (M + Na)⁺ 283.1133, found 283.1122. [**a**]³⁰**b** +25 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 15% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 85% ee: tR (major) = 6.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.8 minutes.



(*R*)-3.54. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.59 (0.435 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (57 mg, 0.25 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.53 mL, 5.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (15 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (0.396 g, 2.26 mmol, 90%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.⁴¹ TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.31 (m, 4H), 7.30–7.25 (m, 1H), 5.78 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.70–4.64 (m, 1H), 2.08 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.86–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.33 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125)

⁴¹ Bussche-Hunnefeld, J. L.; Seebach, D. *Tetrahedron* **1992**, *18*, 5719–5730.

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.9, 138.7, 128.6, 127.7, 126.0, 114.8, 74.7, 38.6, 33.7, 25.2; **[α]²³D** +38 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-3.72. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.67 (0.42 g, 2.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (47 mg, 0.21 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.44 mL, 4.1 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (0.207 g, 1.01 mmol, 50%, 92% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.⁴² **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 4H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 1H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.08–4.99 (m, 2H), 4.85 (dt, *J* = 8.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.13–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.59 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 135.7, 128.7, 127.5, 125.8, 117.3, 72.3, 50.9, 47.4, 33.5, 27.82, 27.79; **IR** (neat) 3392, 2956, 1366 cm⁻¹; **[a]**²⁷**b** +55 (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 1.8 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.1 minutes.

⁴² Kim, H.; Park, Y.; Hong, J. Angew. Chem,. Int. Ed. 2009, 48, 7577-7581.



(*R*)-3.73. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone **3.68** (0.632 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.00 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (90 mg, 0.39 mmol, 0.17 equiv), catecholborane (0.62 mL, 5.8 mmol, 2.5 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (0.466 g, 2.10 mmol, 73%, 90% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (5% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.13 (at, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.97 (ddt, *J* = 17.6, 10.3, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.22–5.10 (m, 2H), 4.93 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (add, *J* = 7.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2 (d, *J* = 245 Hz), 142.5 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 135.7, 127.6 (d, *J* = 8 Hz), 117.4, 115.5 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 71.6, 51.0, 47.5, 33.5, 27.91, 27.88; **IR** (neat) 3394, 2957, 1638, 1604, 1508, 1155 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₉FOH (M + H)⁺ 223.1498, found 223.1499; [*a*]²⁷**b** +45 (*c* 2.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 90% ee: t_R (major) = 9.5 minutes, t_R (minor) = 10.3 minutes.



(*R*)-3.74. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.69 (0.612 g, 2.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (63 mg, 0.28 mmol, 0.12 equiv), catecholborane (0.50 mL, 4.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (20 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as

a clear oil (0.283 g, 1.02 mmol, 46%, 92% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (5% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (ddt, *J* = 17.6, 10.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06–4.98 (m, 2H), 4.85–4.77 (m, 1H), 2.13–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.79–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.73 (ad, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃ δ 147.2, 139.5, 135.7, 133.7, 125.1, 117.2, 72.2, 50.8, 47.4, 33.4, 27.8, 27.7, -1.0; **IR** (neat) 3388, 2955, 1638, 1600, 1386, 1248, 912 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₈OSiH (M + H)⁺ 277.1988, found 277.1990; [α]²⁷D +38 (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 1.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.3 minutes.

Alkylations of enantioenriched alcohols for Table 3.2 entries 1–9

General Procedure G. Methylation of benzylic alcohols.



(*R*)-3.5. In a glovebox, NaH (42 mg, 1.8 mmol, 1.6 equiv) was added to a flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar. The flask was removed from the glovebox, and anhydrous DMF (2 mL) was added. To this slurry was added a solution of alcohol (*R*)-3.50 (0.244 g, 1.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (4 mL) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed to room temperature over 30 min, then cooled to 0 °C and neat methyl iodide (0.14 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added. The reaction was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred an additional 1.5 h. The reaction was quenched at 0 °C with 1M HCl and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (1 x 50 mL) and brine (1 x 50 mL), dried over MgSO₄,

and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–7% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.210 g, 0.890 mmol, 81%, 99% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 5.76 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (ad, *J* = 17.1, Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H) 2.06 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.95–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.58–1.48 (m, 1H) 1.41–1.31 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 138.8, 133.3, 133.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 126.2, 126.0, 125.9, 124.6, 114.8, 84.2, 56.9, 37.6, 33.8, 25.3; **IR** (neat) 3057, 2859, 1601, 1098 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₀O (M)⁺ 240.1514, found 240.1523; **[a]**²⁵**b** +82 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 4% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 99% ee: t_R (major) = 5.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.0 minutes.



(*R*)-3.6. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.51 (76 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaH (13 mg, 0.52 mmol, 1.6 equiv), methyl iodide (0.030 mL, 0.42 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and DMF (4 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (52 mg, 0.21 mmol, 64%, 97% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (at, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (at, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 5.77 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (ad, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (ad, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.07 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.01–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.49 (m, 1H) 1.46–1.35 (m, 1H); ¹³C
NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.4, 139.8, 139.5, 138.6, 124.30, 124.26, 123.4, 122.7, 122.0, 114.9, 80.1, 56.9, 37.5, 33.6, 25.1; **IR** (neat) 3060, 2928, 2820, 1458 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈OS (M)⁺ 246.1078, found 246.1075; $[\alpha]^{24}$ +60 (c 3.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 3.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.2 minutes.



(*R*)-3.8. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.52 (0.219 g, 1.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (46 mg, 1.9 mmol, 1.6 equiv), methyl iodide (0.15 mL, 2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMF (6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.178 g, 0.910 mmol, 76%, 97% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.8 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98–6.94 (m, 2H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (adq, *J* = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 10.2, Hz, 1H), 4.36 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 2.06 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.97–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.56–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.43–1.32 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.3, 138.7, 126.4, 125.4, 125.0, 114.8, 79.4, 56.6, 37.9, 33.6, 25.2; **IR** (neat) 3075, 2935, 1440 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₆OS (M)⁺ 196.0922, found 196.0932; **[a**]²⁷**p** +70 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 1% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 3.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.6 minutes.



(*R*)-3.10. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.53 (0.20 g, 1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), NaH (46 mg, 1.9 mmol, 1.6 equiv), methyl iodide (0.15 mL, 2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and DMF (6 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a color-less oil (0.168 g, 0.936 mmol, 78%, 93% ee). **TLC R**r = 0.8 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (s, 1H), 6.34 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (adq, *J* = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 10.2, Hz, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.25, (s, 3H), 2.06 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.95–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.40–1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.5, 142.3, 138.7, 114.8, 110.0, 108.0, 76.6, 56.5, 33.6 (2C), 25.0; IR (neat) 2979, 2820, 1641, 1504 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₂ (M)⁺ 180.1150, found 180.1145; [*a*]²⁶p +54 (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); GC analysis: 93% ee (CYCLODEX B, inlet temp 220 °C, flow rate 5.3781 mL/min, initial temp 55 °C, hold 2 min, ramp 10 °C/min up to 180 °C, hold 3 min, ramp 40 °C/min up to 230 °C, hold 1 min, t_{R1} = 33.72 min, t_{R2} = 33.75.



(*R*)-3.12. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.70 (0.255 g, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (48 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), methyl iodide (0.081 mL, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and DMF (4 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.239 g, 0.890 mmol, 89%, 88% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.8 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV ac-

tive); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 3H), 5.85 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 9.9, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05–4.98 (m, 2H), 4.38 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.12–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 135.8, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 127.94, 127.85, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 124.7, 117.2, 81.8, 56.4, 50.0, 47.5, 33.5, 27.78, 27.75; **IR** (neat) 3056, 2925, 1601, 1154 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₄O (M)⁺ 268.1827, found 268.1837; **[a]**²³**b** +69 (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 4% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 88% ee: t_R (major) = 4.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.8 minutes.



(*R*)-3.14. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.71 (0.190 g, 0.730 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (36 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.1 equiv), methyl iodide (0.10 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and THF (3 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (0.191 g, 0.696 mmol, 95%). **TLC R**_f = 0.9 (15% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.86–7.82 (m, 1H), 7.76–7.72 (m, 1H), 7.34 (tdd, *J* = 14.8, 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 5.87 (m, 2H), 5.10–5.02 (m, 2H), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.09 (ddt, *J* = 7.5, 3.2, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 1.98, (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 149.2, 139.9, 139.6, 135.7, 124.4, 124.3, 123.5, 122.8, 121.2, 117.4, 77.8, 56.6, 50.1, 47.6, 33.6, 27.8, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 3071, 2955, 1458, 1438, 1098, 912 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₂OSNa (M + Na)⁺ 297.1289, found 297.1288; **[q]²⁹** +60 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-3.16. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.54 (0.264 g, 1.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (43 mg, 1.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv), methyl iodide (0.13 mL, 2.1 mmol, 1.4 equiv) and DMF (3 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–5% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.257 g, 1.35 mmol, 90%, 93% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 5.77 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.86–1.77 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.39–1.29 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.5, 138.8, 128.5, 127.6, 126.8, 114.7, 84.1, 56.8, 37.8, 33.8, 25.3; **IR** (neat) 3056, 2925, 1601, 1154 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS Cl+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₈ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 208.1701, found 208.1706; **[***a*]²³**b** +77 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 5% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 1.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.1 minutes.



(*R*)-3.18. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.67 (0.125 g, 0.610 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (21 mg, 0.85 mmol, 1.4 equiv), methyl iodide (0.046 mL, 0.73 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DMF (3 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.116 g, 0.530 mmol, 87%, 94% ee). **TLC R_f** = 0.8 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV ac-

tive, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.231 (m, 3H), 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.05–4.97 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.09–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 135.8, 128.5, 127.4, 126.6, 117.1, 81.7, 56.3, 50.2, 47.5, 33.5, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 3056, 2925, 1601, 1154 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS EI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O (M)⁺ 218.1671, found 218.1667; **[a]²³**_D +88 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 1% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 94% ee: t_R (major) = 3.0 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.2 minutes.

General Procedure H. Alkylation of benzylic alcohol with 2-bromoethyl methyl ether



(*R*)-3.20. Alkylation of alcohols was performed according to a modified procedure reported by Lin.⁴³ Alcohol (*R*)-3.67 (0.183 g, 0.900 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in DMF (3.5 mL) and added to a slurry of NaH (65 mg, 2.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in DMF (1.3 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at ambient temperature, and a solution of bromoethyl methyl ether (0.10 mL, 1.0 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (4.2 mL) was slowly added over 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction of bromoethyl methyl ether (0.10 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (4.2 mL) was slowly added over 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction of bromoethyl methyl ether (0.10 mL, 1.1 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (4.2 mL) was slowly added over 30 min at 0 °C.

⁴³ Lin, Q. H.; Ball, G. E.; Bishop, R. *Tetrahedron* **1997**, *53*, 10899–10910.

were added at 0 °C. The layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.185 g, 0.704 mmol, 78%, 92% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36–7.22 (m, 5H), 5.84 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 9.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.04–4.97 (m, 2H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54–3.45 (m, 2H), 3.45–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.39–3.35 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.11–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.84 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 136.0, 128.5, 127.4, 126.6, 117.0, 80.4, 72.2, 67.8, 59.0, 50.1, 47.4, 33.5, 27.8, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 2955, 2871, 1097 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O₂NH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 280.2277, found 280.2282; **[a]**²⁷**b** +66 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 1.8 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.1 minutes.



(*R*)-3.21. Using representative procedure H outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.68 (0.377 g, 1.70 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (100 mg, 4.08 mmol, 2.40 equiv), bromoethyl methyl ether (0.50 mL, 5.3 mmol, 3.1 equiv) and DMF (8 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.252 g, 0.899 mmol, 53%). Enantiomeric excess could not be determined for the title compound using SFC and chiral GC instrumentation. TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.6$ (5% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.22 (m,

2H), 7.01 (at, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (ddt, J = 17.6, 10.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04–4.97 (m, 2H), 4.37 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.31 (m, 4H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.10–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.82 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H) 1.42 (dd, J = 14.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0 (d, J = 245 Hz), 139.8 (d, J = 3 Hz), 135.8, 128.0 (d, J = 8 Hz), 117.0, 115.3 (d, J = 21 Hz), 79.7, 72.1, 67.7, 58.9, 50.0, 47.3, 33.4, 27.7, 27.6; **IR** (neat) 2955, 2871, 1638, 1603, 1507, 1220, 1092, 912 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₅FO₂NH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 298.2182, found 298.2185; **[a]**²⁷**p**+54 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-3.23. Using representative procedure H outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol (*R*)-3.69 (0.197 g, 0.712 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (52 mg, 2.2 mmol, 3.1 equiv), bromoethyl methyl ether (0.30 mL, 3.2 mmol, 4.5 equiv) and DMF (8 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.128 g, 0.382 mmol, 54%). Enantiomeric excess could not be determined for the title compound using SFC and chiral GC instrumentation. **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (5% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (ddt, *J* = 17.9, 10.3, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53–3.35 (m, 4H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.11–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 139.2, 135.9, 133.5, 125.8, 116.9, 80.3, 72.2, 67.8, 58.9, 50.1, 47.3, 33.5, 27.7, 27.6, -1.0; **IR** (neat) 2954, 1637, 1600, 1248, 1132, 911 cm⁻¹; **HRMS**

(TOF MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₃₄O₂SiNH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 352.2672, found 352.2670; [α]²⁹D +48 (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃).

Esterification to provide benzylic pivalate 3.1



3.1. In a glovebox, a round bottom flask was equipped with a stir bar, and charged with NaH (84 mg, 3.5 mmol, 1.4 equiv). The flask was removed from the glovebox, and DMF (5 ml) was added, followed by a solution of rac-3.50 (0.566 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DMF (8 mL). The reaction flask was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath and pivaloyl chloride (0.30 mL, 2.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was slowly added over 15 min. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 2 h before quenching with sat. NH₄Cl (15 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organics were washed with brine (1 x 25 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (0.656 g, 2.20 mmol, 88%). TLC R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 3H), 5.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (ddt, J = 16.9, 9.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 17.2, Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.12-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.91–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 117.8, 138.7, 138.4, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.2, 127.8, 126.3, 126.1, 125.5, 124.2, 115.0, 75.8, 39.0, 36.0, 33.5, 27.3, 24.9; **IR** (neat) 2976, 1721, 1153 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for $C_{21}H_{26}O_2Na (M + Na)^+$ 333.1830, found 333.1821.

SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBSTRATES FOR SCHEMES 3.2, 3.3, AND 3.5

Alkyne 3.25 (Scheme 3.2)

Alkyne (R)-3.25 was prepared by Grignard addition of **3.77** into 2-naphthaldehyde. The resultant alcohol *rac*-**3.78** was oxidized and the ketone underwent enantioselective reduction and was al-kylated.







3.75. The TMS protected alkyne was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Ramesh.⁴⁴ A flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was charged with 4-pentyn-1-ol (1.86 mL, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and THF (50 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. *n*-Butyllithium (29 mL, 1.5 M in hexanes, 44 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was slowly added to the flask and stirred for 1 h at -78 °C. TMSCl (7.6 mL, 60 mmol, 3.0 equiv) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm slowly to ambient temperature overnight. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with 2M HCl and stirred at ambient temperature until the *bis*-silylated product was no longer present by TLC. The reaction mixture was then extracted with Et₂O (3 x 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, NaHCO₃ and with brine once more before drying over MgSO₄, filtration and concentration in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10–30% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear oil (2.64 g, 16.9 mmol, 84%). The analytical data is consistent with literature values.¹³ **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (10% EtOAc/Hexanes stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.76 (q, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (quin, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (at, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 0.15 (s, 9H).



3.76. The bromide was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Steliou.⁴⁵ A flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and septum was charged with anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) and alcohol **3.75** (2.64 g, 16.8 mmol, 1.00 equiv). Triphenylphosphine (5.3 g,

⁴⁴ Dener, J. M.; Hart, D. J.; Ramesh, S. J. Org. Chem. 1998, 53, 6022-6030.

⁴⁵ Yao, G.; Steliou, K. Org. Lett. 2002, 4, 485–488.

20 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added in a single portion and the flask was cooled to -30 °C before addition of NBS (3.30 g, 18.5 mmol, 1.10 equiv) in a single portion. The reaction was then allowed to warm to ambient temperature over 5 h. Et₂O (150 mL) was added to the reaction flask and the mixture was extracted with sat. NaHCO₃ (2 x 40 mL), washed with brine (1 x 50 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. A stir bar and 300 mL of hexanes were added to the remaining liquid and stirred for 15 min. The solution was filtered through celite and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (100% petroleum ether) to afford a colorless oil (2.33 g, 10.6 mmol, 63%). **TLC R**_f = 0.5 (100% petroleum ether, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (quin, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 0.15 (s, 9H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 105.2, 85.9, 32.5, 31.6, 18.7, 0.2 (3C); **IR** (neat) 2959, 2177, 1248 cm⁻¹.



3.77. The Grignard reagent was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Waldman.⁴⁶ A flame-dried 50 mL round bottom flask was equipped with a stir bar and charged with magnesium turnings (0.331 g, 13.8 mmol, 1.30 equiv), Et_2O (8 mL) and a catalytic amount (1 mg) of iodine. Approximately 20% of the volume of neat **3.76** (2.32 g, 10.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction was heated briefly with a heat gun to reflux to initiate the reaction, and cooled to 0 °C after color change from red/pink to a colorless solution indicated initiation of the Grignard reagent. The remainder of the bromide **3.76** was added dropwise over

⁴⁶ Sommer, S.; Kühn, M.; Waldmann, H. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2008, 350, 1736.

30 minutes. The reaction was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred for 2.5 h. The resultant Grignard reagent was titrated with iodine and LiCl (0.50 M).²



rac-3.78. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-naphthaldehyde (0.610 g, 3.91 mmol, 1.00 equiv), **3.77** (0.50 M in Et₂O, 8.0 mL, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (1.03 g, 3.48 mmol, 89%). Analytical data is consistent with the values listed for (*R*)-**3.78** (vide infra).



3.79. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: Alcohol *rac*-**3.78** (1.270 g, 4.480 mmol, 1.000 equiv), MnO₂ (3.89 g, 44.8 mmol, 10.0 equiv), CH₂Cl₂ (90 mL). Further purification after celite plug was unnecessary. The title compound was isolated as a white solid (1.28 g, 4.40 mmol, 98%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active,); **m.p.** = 65 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (quin, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 0.16 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 135.7, 134.4, 132.7, 129.8, 129.7, 128.59, 128.57, 127.9, 126.9, 124.0, 106.7, 85.7, 37.6, 23.3, 19.6, 0.3; **IR** (neat) 3059, 2957, 2230, 1680 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₉H₂₂OSiH (M + H)⁺ 295.1518, found 295.1519.



(*R*)-3.78. Using representative procedure F outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone 3.79 (0.84 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (*S*)-Me-CBS (68 mg, 0.30 mmol, 0.10 equiv), catecholborane (0.64 mL, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv), and PhMe (25 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (8–15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (0.73 g, 2.6 mmol, 87%, 93% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 48–49 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.79 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.45 (m, 3H), 4.92–4.87 (m, 1H), 2.33–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.03–1.90 (m, 3H), 1.73–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.61–1.51 (m, 1H), 0.14 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.0, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3, 126.0, 124.8, 124.2, 107.2, 85.1, 74.3, 38.0, 24.9, 19.8, 0.3; **IR** (neat) 3266, 2941, 2173 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₄OSiNa (M + Na)⁺ 319.1494, found 319.1498; [*a*]²⁴b +69 (*c* 2.8, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 12% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 11.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 9.5 minutes.



(*R*)-3.25. A flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and septum was charged with (*R*)-3.78 (0.565 g, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and anhydrous THF (15 mL). The flask was then cooled to -78 °C and *n*-butyllithium was slowly added (1.7 mL, 1.5 M in hexanes, 2.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 45 min before the addition of methyl iodide (0.80 mL, 13 mmol, 5.0 equiv). The reaction was then allowed to warm to ambient temperature overnight before quenching with 1 M HCl at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated

in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (8% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.565 g, 1.80 mmol, 91%, 84% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 4.29 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.29–2.18 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.89–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.45 (s, 1H), 0.13 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.7, 133.3, 133.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 124.5, 107.2, 84.7, 83.7, 56.8, 37.1, 24.9, 19.9, 0.3; **IR** (neat) 2955, 2172, 1602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₆OSiNH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 328.2097, found 328.2091; [*α*]²⁴**b** +55 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 84% ee: t_R (major) = 3.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.9 minutes.

Alkenes (E)-3.27 and (Z)-3.27 (Scheme 3.3)

Preparation of E 1,2-disubstituted olefin by cross-metathesis.



(*E*)-3.27. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Grubbs.⁴⁷ In a glovebox, a flame-dried bomb flask was charged with a stir bar, (*R*)-3.12 (0.178 g, 0.660 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)benzylidine ruthenium(IV) dichloride (27 mg, 0.053 mmol, 0.050 equiv). The flask was removed from the glovebox, and anhy-

⁴⁷ Chatterjee, A. K; Choi, T-L.; Sanders, D. P.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 11360-11370.

drous CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) and styrene (0.76 mL, 6.6 mmol, 10 equiv) were added. The flask was sealed and heated to reflux over three days. The flask was then cooled to ambient temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (102 mg, 0297 mmol, 45%, 89% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.9 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.27–2.16 (m, 2H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 138.0, 113.4, 133.1, 132.4, 128.6, 128.5, 127.94, 127.86, 127.85, 127.0, 126.22, 126.15, 125.8, 125.5, 124.7, 81.9, 56.5, 50.2, 46.7, 34.3, 27.9 (2C); **IR** (neat) 3024, 3055, 2954, 1599 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₈O (M)⁺ 344.2140, found 344.2131. [α]²⁴_D +74 (*c* 2.6, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 7.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.3 minutes.

(Z)-3.27 was prepared from 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentenoate by the sequence outlined in Scheme 3.10.



Scheme 3.10. Synthesis of (Z)-3.27 for Scheme 3.3

3.80. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Roush.⁴⁸ To a solution of methyl 3,3-dimethyl-4-pentenoate (12 mL, 76 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in hexane (200 mL) was added at -78 °C, neat DIBAL-H (16.2 mL, 91.1 mmol, 1.2 equiv) dropwise over 45 min. The reaction was stirred for 1 h at this temperature and quenched with MeOH. A saturated solution of Rochelle's salt (100 mL) was added and the biphasic layer was stirred overnight. The

⁴⁸ Dineen, T. A.; Roush, W. R. Org. Lett. **2004**, *6*, 2043–2046.

layers were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL. The combined organics were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Vacuum distillation afforded the desired product (26%, as measured by ¹H NMR) as a 2:1 mixture with the over-reduced, primary alcohol. This mixture was then dissolved in THF (40 mL) and was added to a solution of 2-naphthylmagnesium bromide. After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with (4 x 40 mL EtOAc). The combined organics were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (3% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (3.92 g, 16.3 mmol, 22%). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (10%) EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 66 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 3H), 6.02 (dd, J = 17.5, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.13–5.03 (m, 2H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, J = 14.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd, J = 14.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 143.0, 133.4, 132.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.7, 126.1, 125.8, 124.2, 111.6, 72.4, 52.3, 36.8, 28.8, 26.0; IR (neat) 3397, 3056, 2926 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀ONa (M + Na)⁺ 263.1412, found 263.1413.



3.81. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol **3.80** (3.70 g, 15.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (0.511 g, 21.3 mmol, 1.4 equiv), methyl iodide (1.52 mL, 24.3 mmol, 1.60 equiv) and DMF (30 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil

(3.73 g, 14.7 mmol, 97%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.41 (m, 3H), 5.89 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.01–4.94 (m, 2H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 1.95 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.5, 141.1, 133.3, 133.0, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.1, 125.7, 125.4, 124.7, 110.4, 81.8, 56.3, 50.9, 36.8, 28.1, 26.9; **IR** (neat) 3056, 2926, 1601 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₂ONa (M + Na)⁺ 277.1568, found 277.1575.



3.82. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Kumar.⁴⁹ In a 500 mL round bottom flask, a solution of **3.81** (3.70 g, 14.7 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (60 mL) was cooled ot 0 °C and borane THF complex (29.4 mL, 1M in THF, 29.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was slowly added. The solution was stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and 1M NaOH (17.2 mL, 103 mmol, 7.03 equiv) was added over 20 minutes. To this mixture was added 30% H₂O₂ (30.0 mL, 294 mmol, 20.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred another 2 h before diluting with EtOAc and extraction of the aqueous layer with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were washed with water and brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a thick colorless oil (2.50 g, 9.18 mmol, 62%). **TLC R_f** = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.79 (m,

⁴⁹ Fernandes, R. A.; Bodas, M. R.; Kumar, P. *Tetrahedron*, **2002**, *58*, 1223–1227.

3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.40 (m, 3H), 4.43 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.54 (br s, 1H), 2.11 (dd, J = 15.1, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (quintet, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (dt, J = 14.2, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (dd, J = 15.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.7, 133.3, 133.1, 128.5, 127.85, 127.78, 126.2, 125.9, 125.2, 124.4, 81.8, 59.9, 56.3, 49.9, 43.8, 32.6, 28.9, 28.8; **IR** (neat) 3353, 2928, 975 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₈H₂₄O₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 295.1674, found 295.1663.



3.83. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Stahl.⁵⁰ A solution of 3.82 (2.48 g, 9.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in dry MeCN (50 mL) was prepared in a 100 round flask. То this solution added mL bottom was tetrakis(acetonitrile)copper(I)hexafluorophosphate (170 mg, 0.455 mmol, 0.0500 equiv), 2,2'dipyridyl (71 mg, 0.46 mmol, 0.050 equiv), 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinooxy (71 mg, 0.46 mmol, 0.050 equiv), and 1-methylimidazole (0.07 mL, 0.9 mmol, 0.1 equiv). The reaction was stirred open to air for 24 h. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a slightly orange oil (2.09 g, 7.72 mmol, 85%). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.88 (at, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.39 (m, 3H), 4.41 (dd, J = 9.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.50 (dd, J = 15.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, J = 15.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, J = 15.0, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 1.63–1.55 (m, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C

⁵⁰ Hoover, J. M.; Stahl, S. S. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 16901–16910.

NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.7, 140.4, 133.3, 133.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 126.3, 125.9, 125.3, 124.4, 81.5, 56.3, 54.8, 50.4, 33.3, 29.2, 28.3; **IR** (neat) 2956, 1716, 1101 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₂O₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 293.1518, found 293.1509.



3.84. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Hoppe.⁵¹ A solution of triphenylphosphine (5.88 g, 22.4 mmol, 4.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath. A solution of carbon tetrabromide (3.77 g, 11.1 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added (solution turns clear orange). After 2 minutes of stirring, a solution of 3.83 (1.52 g, 5.60 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added. The reaction was monitored by TLC for disappearance of 3.83, and the reaction was complete after 10 min. The reaction mixture was run through a large plug of silica and eluted with CH₂Cl₂. The solvent was then removed in vacuo to afford the title compound as a thick pale yellow oil (2.28 g, 5.36 mmol, 96%). TLC $R_f = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.81 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 6.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.91 (dd, J = 15.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, J = 15.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.8, 136.5, 133.3, 133.1, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 126.2, 125.9, 125.4, 124.5, 89.4, 81.6, 56.4, 50.0, 45.7, 34.3, 28.0, 27.7; **IR** (neat) 2955, 2925, 818, 779 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₉H₂₂Br₂ONa (M + Na)⁺ 446.9935, found 446.9930.

⁵¹ Oestreich, M; Fröhlich, R.; Hoppe, D. J. Org. Chem. 1999, 64, 8616-8626.



3.85. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Hoppe.¹⁷ In a 100 mL round bottom flask, a solution of **3.84** (2.25 g, 5.28 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was cooled to -78 °C. To this solution was added *n*-butyllithium (4.30 mL, 2.50 M in hexanes, 10.6 mmol, 2.00 equiv) dropwise over 20 min. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for 1 h before warming to ambient temperature and stirring for another 1 h. The reaction was quenched with MeOH, followed by H2O. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et2O (3 x 30 mL) and washed with brine, dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (3% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.01 g, 3.79 mmol, 72%). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.7$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 3H), 4.40 (dd, J =9.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.25 (dd, J = 16.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 16.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (br s, 1H), 1.95 (dd, J = 14.6, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (dd, J = 14.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.9, 133.3, 133.1, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 126.2, 125.8, 125.3, 124.6, 82.8, 81.8, 70.1, 56.4, 49.2, 33.5, 32.3, 27.7, 27.4; **IR** (neat) 3303, 2957, 2927 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₉H₂₂ONa (M + Na)⁺ 289.1568, found 289.1568.



3.86. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Hoppe.¹⁷ In a glovebox, a flame-dried 50 mL round bottom flaks was equipped with a stir bar and charged with **3.85** (1.00 g, 3.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv), bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) dichloride (26

mg, 0.038 mmol, 0.010 equiv), copper(I) iodide (36 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.050 equiv), iodobenzene (0.42 mL, 3.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and Et₃N (30 mL). The reaction was stirred in the glovebox at ambient temperature for 5 h. The round bottom flask was removed from the glovebox and quenched with 1M HCl (50 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (4% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.19 g, 3.67 mmol, 98%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.77 (m, 3H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.53–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 3H), 4.40 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.0, 133.3, 133.1, 131.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 126.1, 125.8, 125.4, 124.6, 124.2, 88.7, 82.5, 81.9, 56.4, 49.5, 34.1, 33.2, 27.9, 27.8; **IR** (neat) 3054, 2956, 2926 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₅H₂₆ONa (M + Na)⁺ 365.1881, found 365.1870.



(Z)-3.27. A 25 mL round bottom flask was charged with a stir bar and a solution of alkyne 3.86 (200 mg, 0.620 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in EtOH (12 mL). The reaction flask was thoroughly purged with argon from a balloon and Lindlar's catalyst (69 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.032 equiv with regard to palladium) was added neat. The argon atmosphere was exchanged with H₂ and the reaction was allowed to stir for 17 h, refilling the balloon with additional H₂ as necessary. At the end of the reaction, the H₂ atmosphere was exchanged with argon, and the reaction solution was filtered

through a plug of celite, rinsing with 25% Et₂O/hexanes. The organics were concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silver nitrate impregnated silica (1–5% Et₂O/hexanes with a final flush of 25% Et₂O/hexanes). The product was isolated as a clear oil (120 mg, 0.370 mmol, 60%, 10:1 Z:E). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (5% Et₂O/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.76 (m, 3H), 7.61 (s, 1H), 7.51–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dt, *J* = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.2, 138.0, 133.4, 133.1, 130.3, 129.6, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 126.6, 126.2, 125.8, 125.5, 124.7, 81.7, 56.3, 49.9, 40.7, 33.9, 28.1, 27.9.

Dihydrobenzofurans cis-3.40 and trans-3.40 (Scheme 3.5)

cis and *trans*-**3.39** were prepared by a-alkylation of 6,7-dihydro-4(5H)-benzofuranone, followed by reduction and methylation of the diastereomeric mixture of alcohol *rac*-**3.88**. Separation of the diastereomers by silica gel chromatography afforded *cis* and *trans*-**3.39**.

Scheme 3.11. Synthesis of substrates for Scheme 3.5





4-iodo-1-butene. The iodide was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Evans.⁵² To a stirred solution of NaI (4.50 g, 30.0 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in acetone (50 mL) was added 4-bromobutene (1.52 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and the reaction mixture heated at reflux for 45 min. After removing most of the solvent in vacuo at ambient temperature (the compound is extremely volatile, bp 128–130 °C), the remaining liquid was run through a plug of silica (100% pentane) and concentrated in vacuo (care was taken not to raise the temperature of the bath or leave under vacuum for longer than necessary) to afford the title compound as a colorless liquid (1.05 g, 5.70 mmol, 38%). The product must be stored in the dark to avoid rapid decomposition, as evident by a color change to pink/ orange. The analytical data is consistent with literature values.⁵³ **¹H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.46–5.41 (m, 1H), 5.18–5.07 (m, 2H), 3.19 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 2.62 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0).



3.87. The ketone was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Li.⁵⁴ In a glovebox, LHMDS (1.36 g, 8.11 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added to a flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and septum. The flask was removed from the glovebox, 10 mL of anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added, and the reaction cooled to -78 °C in a dry ice/acetone bath. 6,7-Dihydro-4(5H)-benzofuranone (1.10 g, 8.11 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added as a solution in THF

⁵² Hodgson, D. M.; Kloesges, J.; Evans, B. Org. Lett. 2008, 10, 2781–2783.

⁵³ Díez, E; Dixon, D. J.; Ley, S. V.; Polara, A.; Rodríguez, F. Helv. Chim. Acta 2003, 86, 3717-3729.

⁵⁴ Zhang, Z.; Li, W-D. Z.; Li, Y. Org. Lett. 2001, 3, 2555–2557.

(10 mL). The mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h at this temperature before slow addition of 4iodo-1-butene (1.49 g, 8.19 mmol, 1.01 equiv). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over night and was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 25 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a slightly yellow oil (0.771 g, 4.01 mmol, 50%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (ad, *J* = 17.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, *J* = 17.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45–3.78 (m, 1H), 2.32–1.90 (m, 5H), 1.56–1.47 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.6, 166.3, 142.8, 138.3, 120.8, 115.2, 106.9, 45.9, 31.5, 28.4, 27.8, 22.5; IR (neat) 2939, 1681, 1600 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄O₂H (M + H)⁺ 191.1072, found 191.1074.



rac-3.88. Using representative procedure E outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: ketone **3.87** (0.227 g, 1.19 mmol, 1.00 equiv), MeOH (8 mL), sodium borohydride (0.108 g, 2.86 mmol, 2.40 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (8–15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers as a clear, colorless oil (0.224 g, 1.17 mmol, 98%). The diastereomeric ratio was determined based on integration of the ben-zylic methines in the ¹H NMR spectrum. The diastereomers were not assigned cis and trans configurations, but were carried forward as a mixture. **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV ac-

tive, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (adq, *J* = 17.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.57 and 4.36 (s, 1H), 2.72–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.27–2.15 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.03 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.43 (m, 5H), 1.38–1.24 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 152.0, 141.5, 141.4, 138.9, 138.8, 120.3, 120.0, 114.84, 114.83, 109.8, 109.4, 69.5, 64.7, 42.5, 39.7, 31.7, 31.5, 30.7, 30.2, 24.7, 23.7, 23.4, 21.5; **IR** (neat) 3327, 3075, 2928 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂H (M + H)⁺ 193.1228, found 193.1224.



trans- and *cis-*(\pm)-3.39. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol *rac-*3.88 (0.202 g, 1.09 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (39 mg, 1.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv), methyl iodide (0.090 mL, 1.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and DMF (8 mL). The products were purified and separated by flash column chromatography (1–5% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford the title compounds as colorless oils: *trans-*(\pm)-27 (92 mg, 0.44 mmol, 41%) and *cis-*(\pm)-27 (86 mg, 0.42 mmol, 39%).



trans-(±)-**3.39.** TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (5% Et₂O/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (s, 1H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.81 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (ad, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.62–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.05 (m, 3H), 2.02–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.70–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.53–1.44 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.5, 141.0, 138.7, 116.7, 114.8, 110.5, 77.2, 56.1, 37.2, 31.8, 29.4, 23.4, 20.4; **IR** (neat) 2975, 2929, 2818 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₂H (M)⁺ 206.1307, found 206.1298.



cis-(±)-3.39. TLC **R**_f = 0.3 (5% Et₂O/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 5.84 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (ad, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (ad, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.21–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.93–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.51–1.40 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 140.7, 139.1, 117.8, 114.6, 110.8, 77.3, 56.7, 39.2, 31.6, 30.4, 24.2, 23.2.

Relative stereochemical configurations for *trans*-(\pm)-**3.39** and *cis*-(\pm)-**3.39** were assigned based on the coupling constants of the protons of the benzylic methines.⁵⁵ For *trans*-(\pm)-**3.39**, *J* = 4.0 Hz, and for *cis*-(\pm)-**3.39**, *J* = 1.8 Hz.

⁵⁵ Bifulco, G.; Dambruoso, P.; Gomez-Paloma, L.; Riccio, R. Chem. Rev. 2007, 107, 3744–3779.

NICKEL-CATALYZED HECK CYCLIZATIONS OF BENZYLIC ETHERS AND CHARACTERIZATION DATA FOR PRODUCTS

General procedure I. Heck cyclization of benzylic ethers



(R)-3.2. In a glovebox, a flame fried 7 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with (R)-3.5 (47 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The reaction was stirred 24 h before removing the vial from the glovebox, opening to atmosphere, quenching with isopropanol, and eluted through a silica gel plug (30% Et₂O/hexanes). The combined organics were concentrated in vacuo, internal standard was added (PhTMS, 17.2 µL, 0.100 mmol, 0.500 equiv), and ¹H NMR yield was collected. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (31 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%, 99% ee). TLC Rf = 0.7 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 3H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.56 (s, 1H), 3.72 (at, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.63–2.49 (m, 2H), 2.26–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.81 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.2, 142.5, 133.6, 132.3, 128.1, 127.72, 127.67, 126.88, 126.87, 126.0, 125.3, 107.7, 51.6, 36.6, 33.7, 25.0; IR (neat) 3070, 2954, 2865, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₆H (M + H)⁺

209.1330, found 209.1326; $[\alpha]^{24}D$ –126 (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 99% ee: t_R (major) = 6.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.8 minutes.

Table 3.2, entry 2. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-**3.5** (0.24 g, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (69 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (3.0 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (1.0 mL, 2.0 M in Et₂O, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (149 mg, 0.73 mmol, 73%, 89% ee).



(*R*)-3.7. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-3.6 (49 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (35 mg, 0.16 mmol, 81%, 97% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 3.93 (at, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.21 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.67 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.8, 149.7, 140.1, 139.6, 124.1, 123.6, 122.9, 122.4, 120.9, 108.4, 46.8, 37.0, 32.9, 24.9; **IR** (neat) 3069, 2955, 2866, 1436 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m*/

z calcd for C₁₄H₁₄SH (M + H)⁺ 215.0892, found 215.0893; $[\alpha]^{26}D$ –162 (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 8.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 7.1 minutes.



(*R*)-3.9. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-3.8 (37 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Care must be taken during workup as the product is relatively volatile. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silverimpregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (24 mg, 0.15 mmol, 73%, 97% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 3.86 (at, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.19 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 148.6, 126.6, 124.3, 123.4, 107.7, 46.1, 37.3, 32.7, 24.6; **IR** (neat) 3072, 2957, 1440 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₂SH (M + H)⁺ 165.0738, found 165.0739; [*a*]²⁷**b** –164 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 2% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 97% ee: t_R (major) = 3.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.6 minutes.



(R)-3.11. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (R)-3.10 (36 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Care must be taken while working up the product as it relatively volatile. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silverimpregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless and aromatic oil (22 mg, 0.15 mmol, 75%, 93% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.7$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 3.67 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (at, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.13–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.79 (m, 2H), 1.72–1.61 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.7, 153.3, 141.3, 110.1, 107.4, 105.0, 43.9, 32.92, 32.91, 24.9; **IR** (neat) 3075, 2959, 2870 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₂OH (M + H)⁺ 149.0966, found 149.0971; $[\alpha]^{24}$ D -133 (c 0.7, CHCl₃); GC analysis: 93% ee (CYCLODEX B, inlet temp 220 °C, flow rate 5.3781 mL/min, initial temp 55 °C, hold 2 min, ramp 10 °C/min up to 180 °C, hold 3 min, ramp 40 °C/min up to 230 °C, hold 1 min, $t_{R1} = 15.29$ min, $t_{R2} = 15.48$.



(*R*)-3.13. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-3.12 (54 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16

mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid (45 mg, 0.19 mmol, 95%, 88% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.8 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); **m.p.** 84–86 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.73 (m, 3H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.33 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 3.94 (tt, *J* = 10.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (ad, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (at, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.6, 142.9, 133.6, 132.3, 128.1, 127.73, 127.66, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0, 125.3, 108.7, 51.0, 50.1, 49.2, 37.8, 29.3, 27.6; **IR** (neat) 3073, 2948, 2861, 1599 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₂₀H (M + H)⁺ 237.1643, found 237.1650; **[a]²⁶**D –106 (*c* 1.7, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 88% ee: t_R (major) = 4.2 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.7 minutes.



(*R*)-3.15. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of adding magnesium iodide in the glovebox and heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 65 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-3.14 (55 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et2O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (36 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%, 84% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.9 (100% pentane, UV active); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 5.06 (m, 1H), 4.87 (m, 1H), 4.17–4.09

(m, 1H), 2.40 (dq, J = 15.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, J = 15.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (ddd, J = 12.5, 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, J = 12.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 154.9, 150.2, 140.2, 139.6, 124.2, 123.7, 123.0, 122.5, 120.7, 109.3, 51.1, 48.4, 45.5, 37.9, 29.2, 27.5; **IR** (neat) 3058, 2952, 2865, 1655, 1457, 885 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈SH (M + H)⁺ 243.1207, found 243.1206; $[\alpha]^{27}$ –94 (*c* 1.7, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 20% hexanes, 3.0 mL/min) indicated 84% ee: tR (major) = 6.3 minutes, t_R (minor) = 5.5 minutes.

(*R*)-3.17. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of adding magnesium iodide in the glovebox and heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 65 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-3.16 (38 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.15 mL, 2.7 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and magnesium iodide (56 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv). Care must be taken during workup as the product is relatively volatile. Yield as determined by ¹H NMR with PhTMS as internal standard was 64%. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (12 mg, 0.073 mmol, 36%, 93% ee). TLC **R**_f = 0.8 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.16 (m, 3H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 145.1, 128.41, 128.39, 126.1, 107.4, 51.4, 36.6, 33.6, 29.9, 24.9; **IR** (neat) 3028, 2952, 1601 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₂H₁₄H (M + H)⁺ 159.1174, found 159.1168; $[\alpha]^{25}D$ –93 (c 0.5, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 93% ee: t_R (major) = 1.7 minutes, t_R (minor) = 1.9 minutes.



(R)-3.19. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of adding magnesium iodide in the glovebox and heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 65 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: (R)-3.20 (52 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and magnesium iodide (56 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv). Care must be taken during workup as the product is relatively volatile. Yield as determined by ¹H NMR with PhTMS as internal standard was 81%. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (25 mg, 0.13 mmol, 67%, 92% ee). **TLC R**_f = 0.8 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.15 (m, 3H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 3.76 (tt, J = 10.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ad, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dd, J = 12.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (at, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 145.6, 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 108.3, 51.1, 49.9, 49.2, 37.7, 29.3, 27.6; **IR** (neat) 3027, 3063, 2952, 1602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₄H₁₈H (M + H)⁺ 187.1487, found 184.1479; $[\alpha]^{25}$ D -126 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 4% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 1.7 minutes, t_R (minor) = 1.6 minutes.



(R)-3.22. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of adding magnesium iodide in the glovebox and heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 65 $^{\circ}$ C, the following amounts of reagents were used: (R)-3.21 (56 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and magnesium iodide (56 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv). Care must be taken during workup as the product is relatively volatile. Yield as determined by ¹H NMR with PhTMS as internal standard was 77%. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a colorless solid (23 mg, 0.11 mmol, 57%, 90% ee). **TLC** $R_f = 0.6$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); m.p. 32–35 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25–7.19 (m, 2H), 7.03 (at, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.59 (s, 1H), 3.81 (tt, J = 8.6, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.99 (ddd, J = 12.2, 8.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (at, J = 11.9Hz, 1H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.3 (d, J = 243 Hz), 156.6, 141.0 (d, J = 3 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 8 Hz), 115.0 (d, J = 21 Hz), 108.3, 51.1, 49.1, 48.9, 37.5, 29.2, 27.5, ; **IR** (neat) 2952, 1653, 1603, 1508, 1463, 1223, 815 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m/zcalcd for C₁₄H₁₇F (M)⁺ 204.1314, found 204.1316; [a]²⁷D -90 (c 1.4, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 4% IPA, 2.0 mL/min) indicated 90% ee: t_R (major) = 2.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.3 minutes.



(R)-3.24. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of adding magnesium iodide in the glovebox and heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 65 $^{\circ}$ C, the following amounts of reagents were used: (R)-3.23 (67 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and magnesium iodide (56 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (44 mg, 0.17 mmol, 85%, 92% ee). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 3.78–3.72 (m, 1H), 2.38 (ad, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ad, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, J = 12.2, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (t, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 146.2, 137.5, 133.4, 127.6, 108.3, 50.9, 49.7, 49.2, 37.6, 29.2, 27.4, -1.0; **IR** (neat) 3067, 2952, 1653, 1600, 1247, 1109, 835 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF) MS CI+) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₆SiH (M + H)⁺ 259.1882, found 259.1877; $[\alpha]^{27}D$ -109 (c 1.6, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OJ-H, 3% hexanes, 2.0 mL/min) indicated 92% ee: t_R (major) = 2.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 2.2 minutes


3.26. Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 60 °C for 48 h, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*R*)-**3.25** (62 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a 2:1 Z:E mixture of stereoisomers (62% by ¹H NMR with PhTMS as internal standard). The benzylic methane was integrated to determine the ratio of stereoisomers. Flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) was used to separate the stereoisomers to afford (*Z*)-**3.26** (20 mg, 0.068 mmol, 34%) and (*E*)-**3.26** (10 mg, 0.034 mmol, 17%). The olefin geometry was assigned based on the nOe correlations shown for (*Z*)-**3.26** (see Appendix for relevant spectra).



(Z)-3.26. TLC R_f = 0.8 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, J = 17.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.12–2.01 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.45 (m, 1H), -0.13 (s, 9H);
¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.0, 144.6, 133.4, 132.0, 128.3, 127.80, 127.75, 127.6, 127.2,

126.0, 125.9, 125.2, 49.6, 37.1, 32.5, 22.1, 19.2, -0.3; **IR** (neat) 3052, 2952, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₀H₂₆Si (M)⁺ 294.1804, found 294.1798. $[\alpha]^{24}$ _D -258 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃).



(*E*)-26. TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.8$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (br s, 1H), 2.62–2.50 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.15 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.5, 143.9, 133.7, 132.0, 128.0, 127.9, 127.71, 127.68, 126.8, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1, 49.6, 37.1, 34.9, 25.2, 19.4, –0.2; **IR** (neat) 3053, 2951, 1599 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₂₀H₂₆SiH (M + H)⁺ 295.1882, found 295.1887. [α]²⁴_D –88 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃).

Enantiomers of **3.26** could not be separated by SFC. Derivatives of **3.26** were prepared to determine the enantiospecificity of the alkyne insertion/Kumada coupling of **3.25**.



3.89. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Xi.⁵⁶ Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, AgNO₃ (73 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to a solution of

⁵⁶ Geng, W.; Zhang, W-X.; Hao, W.; Xi, Z. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 20230-20233.

(*Z*)-3.26 and (*E*)-3.26 as a 2:1 mixture (110 mg, 0.360 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in MeCN (10 mL) at – 78 °C. The solution was stirred for 15 min before addition of I₂ (119 mg, 0.470 mmol, 1.30 equiv). The reaction was allowed to warm to 0 °C in an ice water bath over 45 min and quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organics were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Flash column chromatography afforded (*Z*)-3.89 as a clear, colorless oil (46 mg, 0.12 mmol, 50%, 89% ee) and (*E*)-3.89 (24 mg, .069 mmol, 58%).



(Z)-3.89. TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.7$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.74 (m, 3H), 7.52 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (at, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.58–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.37 (ddd, J = 15.1, 12.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.01–1.93 (m, 1H), 1.82–1.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.6, 142.2, 133.6, 132.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 126.23, 126.17, 125.53, 125.50, 92.3, 49.2, 42.7, 39.6, 31.1, 23.9; **IR** (neat) 3051, 2953, 1600, 849 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇I (M)⁺ 348.0375, found 348.0375. [α]²³D –217 (c 2.3, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (OJ-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 7.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 8.6 minutes.



(*E*)-3.89. TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.8$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.46–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68–2.51 (m, 5H), 2.27–2.16 (m, 1H), 1.92–1.77; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.0, 142.0, 133.6, 132.1, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.9, 126.1, 125.9, 125.3, 91.1, 56.9, 36.6, 32.5, 31.1, 25.4; **IR** (neat) 2956, 1600, 904 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₇H₁₇INH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 366.0719, found 366.0709. [α]²³D –9.0 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AD-H, 7% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 6.1 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.8 minutes.



(*E*)-3.28. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: (*E*)-3.27 (69 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid (50 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80%, 89% ee). The olefin geometry was assigned based on the nOe correlations indicated above (see section X for relevant spectra). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.7$ (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); **m.p.** = 104–105 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (t,

J = 8.8 Hz, 3H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (at, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.2, 143.1, 138.8, 133.6, 132.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 126.1 (2C), 125.4, 125.1, 52.2, 50.4, 47.8, 38.8, 29.6, 27.8; **IR** (neat) 3053, 2951, 2865, 1600 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₄H₂₄NH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 330.2222, found 330.2213; **[***a*]²³**b** +133 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (AS-H, 4% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 89% ee: t_R (major) = 5.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 6.0 minutes.



(Z)-3.28. Using representative procedure I outlined above, the following amounts of reagents used: (Z)-**3.27** (10:1)Z:E) (69 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), were bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (0-2%% Et₂O/pentane) to afford the title compound as a white solid (38 mg, 0.12 mmol, 60%, 9:1 Z:E). **TLC R_f** = 0.7 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); **m.p.** = 86–92 °C; ¹H NMR (500) MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77–7.67 (m, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.07 (m2H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 4.31 (t, J = 8.4Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (m1H), 1.71 (dd, J = 12.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.6, 143.5, 137.4, 133.9, 132.0, 128.51, 128.48, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.2, 125.1, 124.8, 53.2, 52.9, 46.9, 37.6, 28.9, 27.3.



trans-(±)-**3.40.** Using representative procedure I outlined above with the exception of heating the sealed reaction vial outside of the glovebox at 50 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: *trans*-(±)-**3.39** (41 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (14 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (1.6 mL), methylmagnesium iodide (0.16 mL, 2.5 M in Et₂O, 0.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv). Care must be taken during workup as the product is relatively volatile. The product was purified by flash column chromatography with silver-impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (26 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%, >20:1 dr). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (100% pentane, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (s, 1H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.39–2.31 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.66 (m, 3H), 1.61–1.51 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 154.9, 149.9, 140.6, 117.8, 110.6, 106.8, 42.8, 38.8, 30.9, 28.2, 25.4, 21.3; **IR** (neat) 2931, 2850, 1505 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₂H₁₄OH (M + H)⁺ 175.1123, found 175.1132.

NOESY and 1D nOe experiments show a strong nOe correlation between H_a and H_b , consistent with a cis orientation (see section X for relevant spectra). The J-coupling between the protons indicated is consistent with literature values for structurally similar compounds with a cis relationship.⁵⁷ The experimentally measured J-coupling constants are consistent with computational calculations. All calculations were performed with Guassian 09.⁵⁸ The geometries of **3.40** were optimized with the B3LYP functional using the 6–31G(d,p) basis set.⁵⁹ J-coupling constants were obtained with the B3LYP functional using the 6–31+G(d,p) basis set with the SMD solvation model for chloroform.⁶⁰

Heck cyclization of 1,1-disubstituted olefin 3.34

A 1,1-disubstituted olefin (**3.34**) was prepared as a test for formation of a quaternary center during the cyclization reaction. The 1,1-disubstituted olefin **3.34** was prepared by Grignard addition into 3-methylcrotonaldehyde. Oxy-Cope rearrangement followed by Girgnard addition into the resultant aldehyde afforded alcohol **3.91**, which upon methylation formed the 1,1-disubstituted olefin **3.34**. Cyclization of 1,1-disubstituted olefin **3.34** was successful in providing products

⁵⁷ Collins, M. P.; Drew, M. G. B.; Mann, J.; Finch, H. J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1992, 1, 3211–3217.

⁵⁸ Gaussian 09, Revision B.01, M. J. Frisch, G. W. Trucks, H. B. Schlegel, G. E. Scuseria, M. A. Robb, J. R. Cheeseman, G. Scalmani, V. Barone, B. Mennucci, G. A. Petersson, H. Nakatsuji, M. Caricato, X. Li, H. P. Hratchian, A. F. Izmaylov, J. Bloino, G. Zheng, J. L. Sonnenberg, M. Hada, M. Ehara, K. Toyota, R. Fukuda, J. Hasegawa, M. Ishida, T. Nakajima, Y. Honda, O. Kitao, H. Nakai, T. Vreven, J. A. Montgomery, Jr., J. E. Peralta, F. Ogliaro, M. Bearpark, J. J. Heyd, E. Brothers, K. N. Kudin, V. N. Staroverov, T. Keith, R. Kobayashi, J. Normand, K. Raghavachari, A. Rendell, J. C. Burant, S. S. Iyengar, J. Tomasi, M. Cossi, N. Rega, J. M. Millam, M. Klene, J. E. Knox, J. B. Cross, V. Bakken, C. Adamo, J. Jaramillo, R. Gomperts, R. E. Stratmann, O. Yazyev, A. J. Austin, R. Cammi, C. Pomelli, J. W. Ochterski, R. L. Martin, K. Morokuma, V. G. Zakrzewski, G. A. Voth, P. Salvador, J. J. Dannenberg, S. Dapprich, A. D. Daniels, O. Farkas, J. B. Foresman, J. V. Ortiz, J. Cioslowski, and D. J. Fox, Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, **2010**.

⁵⁹ Becke, A. D. J. Chem. Phys. **1993**, 98, 5648. (b) Lee, C.; Yang, W.; Parr, R. G. Phys. Rev. B **1988**, 37, 785.

⁶⁰ Marenich, A. V.; Cramer, C. J.; Truhlar, D. G., J. Phys. Chem. B 2009, 113, 6378.

containing a quaternary stereocenter. However, two major products were formed: **3.35**, from a Heck-Kumada sequence similar to that shown in Scheme 3.2, and **3.36**, from a reductive Heck reaction. Unfortunately these products were inseparable; a combined yield of 49% was obtained.

MgCl

MethallyImagnesium chloride. The Grignard reagent was prepared according to a modified procedure by Moore.⁶¹ A flame-dried 100 mL round-bottom flask was equipped with a stir bar and charged with magnesium turnings (0.91 g, 38 mmol, 1.3 equiv), THF (25 mL) and a catalytic amount of iodine. Neat methallyl chloride (2.5 mL, 30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added in one portion. The reaction flask was equipped with a reflux condenser and heated to reflux for 2 h, cooled to ambient temperature and titrated to 0.7 M.



3.90. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 3-methyl-2-butenal (1.45 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), methallylmagnesium chloride (0.7 M in THF, 29 mL, 20 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a clear, colorless oil (1.76 g, 12.6 mmol, 84%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, stained with KMnO₄); ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.19 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.52–4.46 (m, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.73, (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.67 (br s, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.6, 135.4, 127.5, 113.6, 66.1, 46.4, 25.9, 22.6,

⁶¹ Xu, X. A.; Xia, H.; Moore, H. W. J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 6094–6103.

18.3; **IR** (neat) 3346, 2876, 1698, 1600, 1365 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₉H₁₆ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 158.1545, found 158.1551.



3.91. The alcohol was prepared according to a modified procedure by Maynard.⁶² In a glovebox, a flame dried 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a stir bar and septum was charged with potassium hydride (0.607 g, 15.1 mmol, 1.3 equiv). A separate 25 mL round bottom flask was charged with 18-crown-6 ether (3.60 g, 13.6 mmol, 1.17 equiv). Both flasks was removed from the glovebox and a solution of alcohol **3.90** (1.633 g, 11.64 mmol, 1.000 equiv) and 18crown-6 ether in THF (20 mL) was prepared. This mixture was added to the KH suspended in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was warmed to reflux and stirred for 3 h. Upon cooling, the reaction was quenched by pouring the contents of the reaction flask into a 250 mL round bottom flask containing 40 mL of sat. NH₄Cl. The mixture was extracted with ether (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 x 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. This crude mixture of aldehyde was then used immediately in the next The aldehyde was redissolved in anhydrous THF, and added to a solution of 2step. naphthylmagnesium bromide (15 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 15 mmol, 1.3 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to stir for 1.5 h before it was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl. The mixture was once again extracted with ether (3 x 25 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by

⁶² Paquette, L. A.; Maynard, G. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 5018–5027.

flash column chromatography (2–8% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a thick oil (0.877 g, 3.27 mmol, 28% over two steps). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.43 (m, 3H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 12.8 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 143.6, 133.5, 133.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 126.3, 125.9, 124.34, 124.33, 114.7, 72.4, 51.6, 50.9, 34.2, 28.3, 28.2, 25.7; **IR** (neat) 3346, 2876, 1698, 1600, 1365 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₉H₂₄ONa (M + Na)⁺ 291.1725, found 291.1714.



3.34. Using representative procedure G outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: alcohol **3.91** (0.241 g, 0.900 mmol, 1.00 equiv), NaH (48 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.2 equiv), methyl iodide (0.073 mL, 1.2 mmol, 1.3 equiv) and DMF (4 mL). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (2–5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.19 g, 0.67 mmol, 75%). **TLC R**_f = 0.7 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87–7.80 (m, 3H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.42 (m, 3H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.39 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 19.6, 13.2 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.58 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); ¹³C **NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 141.4, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 127.94, 127.85, 126.2, 125.8, 125.5, 124.8, 114.6, 81.9, 56.4, 50.91, 50.89, 34.2, 28.2, 28.1, 25.1; **IR** (neat) 3055, 1602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₆O (M)⁺ 282.1984, found 282.1988.



3.35 and 3.36. Using representative procedure I outlined above, with the exception of heating to 65 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.34** (27 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (0.8 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.07 mL, 2.7 M in Et₂O, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The products were purified by flash column chromatography on silver impregnated silica gel (100% pentane) to afford a 3.5:1 mixture of desired product **3.35** and reduced product **3.36** (13 mg, 0.049 mmol, 49%). Annoted ¹H NMR spectrum is provided in the Appendix.

Heck cyclization of a 1,2-dialkyl substituted olefin

The Heck cyclization of 1,2-disubstituted olefin **3.31** was expected to provide a facile route to stereodefined trisubstituted olefins. Heck cyclization occurred smoothly, however, an unselective β -hydride elimination step resulted in an inseperable 2:1 mixture of olefin isomers (**3.32** and **3.33**, 46% combined yield).





3.31. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Grubbs.⁶³ In a glovebox, a flame-dried bomb flask was charged with a stir bar, *rac*-**3.12** (0.336 g, 1.25 mmol, 1.00 equiv), and (1,3-Bis-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-2-imidazolidinylidene)dichloro(oisopropoxyphenylmethylene)ruthenium (78 mg, 0.13 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The flask was removed from the glovebox, and anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) and 1-hexene (0.78 mL, 6.3 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added. The flask was sealed and heated to reflux 15 h. The flask was then cooled to ambient temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silver impregnated silica gel to afford the title compound as a color-less oil (77 mg, 0.24 mmol, 19%). **TLC R**_f = 0.6 (100% hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.86–7.78 (m, 3H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.50–7.40 (m, 3H), 5.47–5.35 (m, 2H), 4.37

⁶³ Chatterjee, A. K; Choi, T-L.; Sanders, D. P.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 11360-11370.

(dd, J = 8.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.03–1.93 (m, 4H), 1.85 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, J = 14.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.36–1.22 (m, 4H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.5, 133.4, 133.1, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 126.8, 126.2, 125.8, 125.4, 124.8, 81.9, 56.4, 50.0, 46.2, 33.7, 32.6, 32.0, 27.83, 27.77, 22.4, 14.1; **IR** (neat) 3055, 1602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₃H₃₂ONa (M + Na)⁺ 347.2351, found 347.2337.



3.32, and 3.33. Using representative procedure I outlined above, with the exception of heating to 65 °C, the following amounts of reagents were used: **3.31** (33 mg, 0.10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)nickel(II) dichloride (7 mg, 0.010 mmol, 0.10 equiv), PhMe (0.8 mL) and methylmagnesium iodide (0.07 mL, 2.7 M in Et₂O, 0.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv). After workup, phenyltrimethylsilane was added (8.6 μ L, 0.050 mmol, 0.50 equiv) and a ¹H NMR spectrum was collected to determine yields of products. Recovered **3.31** (15%), **3.32** (31%), **3.33** (15%), β-H elimination (19%). See the Appendix for annotated ¹H NMR spectrum.

STEREOCHEMICAL PROOFS

Overview of stereochemical assignments

The stereochemical course of the Heck cyclization is demonstrated for three examples. Those experiments are summarized below. In all examples, we confirm that the Heck cyclization proceeds with inversion. Full experimental details and characterization data for the derivatives synthesized to assign absolute configuration of products are provided below.



Scheme 3.13. Stereochemical course of the Heck cyclization for (R)-3.5

Enantioenriched alcohol (*R*)-**3.50** was prepared by enantioselective CBS reduction (vida supra).

Absolute configuration was assigned based on the accepted model for selectivity in CBS reductions⁹ and confirmed by Competing Enantioselective Conversion (CEC) (vifa infra). Conversion to methyl ether (R)-5, followed by stereospecific Heck cyclization produced (R)-2. Dihydroxylation of the olefin and conversion of the primary alcohol to the 4-bromobenzoate afforded (R,S)-**3.93**, the absolute configuration of which was determined by X-ray crystallography. This product corresponds to net inversion in the Heck cyclization.



Scheme 3.14. Stereochemical course of the Heck cyclization for (R)-3.16

Enantioenriched alcohol (*R*)-**3.54** was prepared by enantioselective CBS reduction (vida infra). Absolute configuration was assigned based on the accepted model for selectivity in CBS reductions⁴⁰ and confirmed by comparison of the optical rotation to literature value.⁴¹ Conversion to methyl ether (*R*)-**3.16**, followed by stereospecific Heck-cyclization produced (*R*)-**3.17**. Dihydroxylation of the olefin followed by oxidative cleavage of the diol (*R*,*S*)-**3.94** with Pb(OAc)₄ afforded α -aryl cyclopentanone (*S*)-**3.49**, the stereochemistry of which was determined by com-

parison of the optical rotation to the literature value.⁶⁴ This product corresponds to net inversion in the Heck cyclization.

Scheme 3.15. Stereochemical course of the Heck cyclization for trans- (\pm) -3.39



NOESY and 1D nOe experiments show a strong nOe correlation between H_a and H_b, consistent with a cis orientation (see Appendix for spectra). The J-coupling between the protons indicated is consistent with literature values for structurally similar compounds with a cis relationship.⁵⁷ The experimentally measured J-coupling constants are consistent with computational calculations. This product corresponds to net inversion in the Heck cyclization.

⁶⁴ Shen, Y-M.; Wang, B.; Shi, Y. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 1429-1432.





The competing enantioselective conversion experiment was performed according to the procedure outlined by Rychnovsky.⁶⁵ To a 7 mL vial under N₂ atmosphere was added alcohol (*R*)-**3.50** (11 mg, 0.050 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *i*-Pr₂NEt (11 μ L, 0.060 mmol, 1.2 equiv), HBTM catalyst (0.20 mL, 0.010 M solution in CDCl₃, 0.0020 mmol, 0.040 equiv) and CDCl₃ (0.7 mL). The mixture was allowed to stir for 5 min before addition of propionic anhydride (8 μ L, 0.07 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred for 30 min and transferred to a NMR tube for ¹H NMR analysis. Percent conversion was measured for two reactions, one run with (*S*)-HBTM catalyst (46% conversion) and one with (*R*)-HBTM catalyst (4% conversion). Based on the pneumonic described by Rychnovsky, we assigned alcohol (*R*)-**3.50** as the *S* enantiomer. This assignment is consistent with E.J. Corey's stereochemical model for CBS reductions.

Synthesis of hydroxyester (R,S)-3.93

Hydroxyester (R,S)-**3.93** was prepared from methylenecyclopentane (R)-**3.2** by dihydroxylation and esterification.

⁶⁵ Wagner, A. J.; David, J. G.; Rychnovsky, S. D. Org. Lett. 2011, 13, 4470-4473.



(R,S)-3.92. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Gaikwad.⁶⁶ A 20 mL scintillation vial charged with a stir bar and (R)-**3.2** (90 mg, 0.44 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and acetone (4 mL). To this solution was added N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide (119 mg, 1.01 mmol, 2.30 equiv) and OsO₄ (0.28 mL, 4% in H₂O, 0.044 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The reaction vessel was sealed and allowed to stir at ambient temperature until TLC indicated the reaction had proceeded to conversion (5 h). The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 4 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The diol was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white, amorphous solid (88 mg, 0.36 mmol, 83%, >20:1 dr). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.3$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.83–7.71 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.48–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.29–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.23– 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.33–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.11–1.77 (m, 5H), 1.74 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 138.8, 133.5, 132.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 126.8, 126.29, 126.26, 125.7,

⁶⁶ Pandey, G.; Kapur, M; Khan, M. I.; Gaikwad, S. M. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2003, 1, 3321–3326.

84.0, 66.9, 55.2, 36.2, 30.6, 22.1; **IR** (neat) 3371, 2954, 2874 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 265.1205, found 265.1204; **[\alpha]²⁷D - 29 (c 0.6, CHCl₃).**



(R,S)-3.93. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Hassner.⁶⁷ Under an atmosphere of N₂, a 20 mL scintillation vial charged with a stir bar and (R,S)-3.92 (40 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). To this solution was added 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (2 mg, 0.02 mmol, 0.1 equiv), 4-bromobenzoylchloride (47 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.3 equiv), and triethylamine (0.03 mL, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv). The reaction was allowed to stir at ambient temperature until TLC indicated the reaction had proceeded to conversion (4 h). The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 4 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (62 mg, 0.15 mmol, 88%, 99% ee). A single crystal for X-ray crystallography was grown TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); m.p. = 138 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78–7.69 (m, 3H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (d, J =11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (br s, 1H), 2.39–2.30 (m,

⁶⁷ Basel, Y.; Hassner, A. J. Org. Chem. 2000, 65, 6368-6380.

1H), 2.22–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.92 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 138.0, 133.5, 132.6, 131.6, 131.0, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 126.5, 126.2, 125.7, 82.9, 69.3, 55.5, 36.7, 30.2, 21.8; **IR** (neat) 3487, 2956, 1717 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₃H₂₁O₃BrNa (M + Na)⁺ 447.0572, found 447.0581; [*a*]²⁹D –68 (*c* 2.8, CHCl₃); **SFC** analysis (Whelk-O (R,R), 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 99% ee: t_R (major) = 24.6 minutes, t_R (minor) = 23.5 minutes.

Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown by slow diffusion of pentane into a solution of (R,S)-**3.93** in EtOAc at ambient temperature. See Experimental Details for crystallographic data.

Synthesis of ketone (S)-34 via oxidative cleavage



(*S*)-3.48. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Wicha.⁶⁸ A 20 mL scintillation vial charged with a stir bar and (*R*,*S*)-3.92 (36 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The reaction was cooled to -78 °C to avoid epimerization of the benzylic stereocenter. To this solution was added Pb(OAc)₄ (73 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in a

⁶⁸ Blakemore, P. R.; Kocienski, P. J.; Marzcak, S.; Wicha, J. Synthesis 1999, 7, 1209–1216.

single portion. The reaction was allowed to stir at -78 °C until TLC indicated the reaction had proceeded to conversion (30 min). The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 4 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The ketone was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (20 mg, 0.095 mmol, 63%, 98% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.³⁴ TLC R_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85–7.76 (m, 3H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.49–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (at, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.61–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.41–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.28–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.05–1.93 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 218.3, 136.0, 133.6, 132.6, 128.4, 127.82, 127.75, 126.9, 126.5, 126.2, 125.8, 55.6, 38.7, 31.9, 21.1; [α]²⁴p –37 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (AS-H, 15% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 98% ee; t_R (major) = 3.9 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.0 minutes.

Synthesis of ketone (S)-3.49 via oxidative cleavage

The ketone (*S*)-**3.49** was prepared from the methylenecyclopentane (*R*)-**3.17**. Dihydroxylation of (*R*)-**3.17** followed by oxidative cleavage with $Pb(OAc)_4$ afforded the ketone (*S*)-**3.49**.





(R,S)-3.94. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Gaikwad.³⁶ A 20 mL scintillation vial charged with a stir bar and (R)-**3.17** (55 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and acetone (4 mL). To this solution was added N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide (122 mg, 1.03 mmol, 2.30 equiv) and OsO_4 (0.28 mL, 4% in H₂O, 0.045 mmol, 0.10 equiv). The reaction vessel was sealed and allowed to stir at ambient temperature until TLC indicated the reaction had proceeded to conversion (5 h). The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 4 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The diol was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (25% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as clear oil (48 mg, 0.25 mmol, 56%, 7:1 dr). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.20 (m, 3H), 3.30 (d, J =11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24–3.13 (m, 2H), 2.75 (br s, 1H), 2.28–2.18 (m, 1H), 2.00–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.90– 1.78 (m, 3H), 1.55 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.3, 128.7, 128.0, 126.9, 83.8, 66.9, 55.2, 36.0, 30.5, 22.0; **IR** (neat) 3376, 2954, 2874 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for $C_{12}H_{16}O_2Na (M + Na)^+ 215.1048$, found 215.1044.



(S)-3.49. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Wicha.³⁸ A 20 mL scintillation vial charged with a stir bar and (*R*,*S*)-3.94 (35 mg, 0.18 mmol,

1.0 equiv) and CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The reaction was cooled to -78 °C to avoid epimerization of the benzylic stereocenter. To this solution was added Pb(OAc)₄ (89 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in a single portion. The reaction was allowed to stir at -78 °C until TLC indicated the reaction had proceeded to conversion (30 min). The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and quenched with sat. NH₄Cl (4 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 2 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 4 mL), dried over MgSO₄ filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The ketone was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white, amorphous solid (20 mg, 0.13 mmol, 72%, 76% ee). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.³⁴ TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.2$ (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active, stain with KMnO₄); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.37–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.57–2.43 (m, 2H), 2.35–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.07 (m, 2H), 1.99–1.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 218.3, 138.6, 128.7, 128.3, 127.0, 55.5, 38.6, 31.9, 21.0; [α]²⁸_D -41 (c 0.3, CHCl₃); SFC analysis (OD-H, 10% IPA, 2.5 mL/min) indicated 76% ee: t_R (major) = 3.4 minutes, t_R (minor) = 3.2 minutes.

CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC DATA



X-ray Data Collection, Structure Solution and Refinement for (R,S)-3.93.

Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown by slow diffusion of pentane into a solution of (R,S)-**3.93** in EtOAc at ambient temperature.

A colorless crystal of approximate dimensions 0.293 x 0.205 x 0.111 mm was mounted on a glass fiber and transferred to a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer. The APEX2⁶⁹ program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (15 sec/frame scan time for a sphere of diffraction data). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT⁷⁰ and SADABS⁷¹ to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL⁷² program. The diffraction symmetry was *mmm* and the systematic absences were consistent with the orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ that was later determined to be correct.

⁶⁹ APEX2 Version 2014.1-1, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2014.

⁷⁰ SAINT Version 8.34a, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2013.

⁷¹ Sheldrick, G. M. SADABS, Version 2012/1, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2012.

⁷² Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXTL, Version 2014/2, Bruker AXS, Inc.; Madison, WI 2014.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors⁷³ for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis. Hydrogen atoms were included using a riding model.

At convergence, wR2 = 0.0536 and Goof = 1.054 for 247 variables refined against 4644 data (0.73 Å), R1 = 0.0223 for those 4412 data with I > $2.0\sigma(I)$. The absolute structure was assigned by refinement of the Flack parameter⁷⁴.

Definitions:

wR2 = $[\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

$$R1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$$

Goof = S = $[\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n-p)]^{1/2}$ where n is the number of reflections and p is the total number of parameters refined.

The thermal ellipsoid plot is shown at the 50% probability level.

⁷³ International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography 1992, Vol. C., Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

⁷⁴ Flack, H. D., Parsons, S., Wagner, T. Acta. Cryst., B69, 249-259, 2013.



Table 3.5. Crystal data and structure refinement for (*R*,*S*)-**3.93**.

Identification code	(<i>R</i> , <i>S</i>)- 3.93 (Michael Harris)	
Empirical formula	C ₂₃ H ₂₁ Br O ₃	
Formula weight	425.31	
Temperature	88(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.9672(4) Å	α=90°.
	b = 9.3042(4) Å	β= 90°.
	c = 24.7018(11) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$.

Volume	1831.11(15) Å ³
Z	4
Density (calculated)	1.543 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	2.266 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	872
Crystal color	colorless
Crystal size	0.293 x 0.205 x 0.111 mm ³
Theta range for data collection	1.649 to 29.026°
Index ranges	$-10 \le h \le 10, -12 \le k \le 12, -32 \le l \le 32$
Reflections collected	22622
Independent reflections	4644 [R(int) = 0.0251]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %
Absorption correction	Numerical
Max. and min. transmission	0.8205 and 0.6133
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	4644 / 0 / 247
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.054
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I) = 4412 data]	R1 = 0.0223, wR2 = 0.0528
R indices (all data, 0.73 Å)	R1 = 0.0245, wR2 = 0.0536
Absolute structure parameter	-0.007(2)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.597 and -0.299 e.Å-3

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
Br(1)	12231(1)	12759(1)	9891(1)	21(1)	
O(1)	9393(2)	5010(2)	8236(1)	17(1)	
O(2)	8218(2)	7849(2)	8350(1)	17(1)	
O(3)	8638(2)	9449(2)	7682(1)	19(1)	
C(1)	6594(3)	4163(2)	7945(1)	13(1)	
C(2)	4933(3)	4160(2)	8260(1)	15(1)	
C(3)	5549(3)	4243(2)	8848(1)	19(1)	
C(4)	7006(3)	5317(2)	8826(1)	19(1)	
C(5)	7648(3)	5352(2)	8234(1)	13(1)	
C(6)	7414(3)	6842(2)	7985(1)	16(1)	
C(7)	8726(3)	9114(2)	8156(1)	14(1)	
C(8)	9453(3)	10031(2)	8591(1)	14(1)	
C(9)	9538(3)	9552(2)	9125(1)	15(1)	
C(10)	10340(3)	10367(2)	9517(1)	15(1)	
C(11)	11033(3)	11682(2)	9366(1)	15(1)	
C(12)	10900(2)	12208(3)	8842(1)	18(1)	
C(13)	10105(3)	11377(2)	8455(1)	16(1)	
C(14)	6411(3)	4202(2)	7334(1)	13(1)	
C(15)	5344(3)	5226(2)	7076(1)	14(1)	
C(16)	5088(3)	5208(2)	6529(1)	15(1)	
C(17)	5859(3)	4150(2)	6198(1)	14(1)	
C(18)	5577(3)	4084(3)	5629(1)	19(1)	
C(19)	6305(3)	3026(3)	5325(1)	22(1)	
C(20)	7352(3)	1985(2)	5571(1)	20(1)	
C(21)	7666(3)	2027(2)	6119(1)	17(1)	
C(22)	6920(2)	3113(2)	6443(1)	13(1)	

Table 3.6. Atomic coordinates (x 10⁴) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*R*,*S*)-**3.93**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

Br(1)-C(11)	1.895(2)
O(1)-C(5)	1.426(3)
O(2)-C(7)	1.334(3)
O(2)-C(6)	1.450(2)
O(3)-C(7)	1.212(3)
C(1)-C(14)	1.515(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.535(3)
C(1)-C(5)	1.562(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.535(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.533(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.551(3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.527(3)
C(7)-C(8)	1.490(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.394(3)
C(8)-C(13)	1.397(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.387(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.393(3)
C(11)-C(12)	1.388(3)
C(12)-C(13)	1.384(3)
C(14)-C(23)	1.377(3)
C(14)-C(15)	1.427(3)
C(15)-C(16)	1.367(3)
C(16)-C(17)	1.420(3)
C(17)-C(22)	1.419(3)
C(17)-C(18)	1.425(3)
C(18)-C(19)	1.366(3)
C(19)-C(20)	1.415(3)
C(20)-C(21)	1.375(3)
C(21)-C(22)	1.420(3)
C(22)-C(23)	1.430(3)
C(7)-O(2)-C(6)	118.63(16)

Table 3.7. Bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for (R,S)-**3.93**.

C(14)-C(1)-C(2)	114.94(18)
C(14)-C(1)-C(5)	119.27(17)
C(2)-C(1)-C(5)	103.50(16)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	101.76(18)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	104.03(17)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	107.22(17)
O(1)-C(5)-C(6)	108.87(17)
O(1)-C(5)-C(4)	108.19(17)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	110.96(17)
O(1)-C(5)-C(1)	111.64(16)
C(6)-C(5)-C(1)	113.18(16)
C(4)-C(5)-C(1)	103.83(16)
O(2)-C(6)-C(5)	106.40(16)
O(3)-C(7)-O(2)	123.9(2)
O(3)-C(7)-C(8)	124.8(2)
O(2)-C(7)-C(8)	111.27(18)
C(9)-C(8)-C(13)	119.7(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	121.2(2)
C(13)-C(8)-C(7)	119.0(2)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	120.6(2)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	118.4(2)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	121.9(2)
C(12)-C(11)-Br(1)	119.28(17)
C(10)-C(11)-Br(1)	118.77(17)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	118.9(2)
C(12)-C(13)-C(8)	120.3(2)
C(23)-C(14)-C(15)	117.97(19)
C(23)-C(14)-C(1)	120.63(19)
C(15)-C(14)-C(1)	121.22(19)
C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	121.6(2)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	120.9(2)
C(22)-C(17)-C(16)	118.89(19)
C(22)-C(17)-C(18)	119.1(2)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	122.0(2)
C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	120.3(2)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	120.5(2)

C(21)-C(20)-C(19)	120.7(2)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	119.9(2)
C(17)-C(22)-C(21)	119.47(19)
C(17)-C(22)-C(23)	118.60(19)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	121.92(19)
C(14)-C(23)-C(22)	122.1(2)

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²	
Br(1)	21(1)	21(1)	20(1)	-4(1)	1(1)	-8(1)	
O(1)	14(1)	22(1)	15(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)	3(1)	
O(2)	24(1)	13(1)	13(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	-2(1)	
O(3)	16(1)	25(1)	16(1)	4(1)	-2(1)	-4(1)	
C(1)	15(1)	12(1)	12(1)	-2(1)	0(1)	2(1)	
C(2)	18(1)	15(1)	12(1)	-1(1)	2(1)	-2(1)	
C(3)	28(1)	16(1)	13(1)	0(1)	3(1)	-3(1)	
C(4)	25(1)	21(1)	12(1)	-3(1)	1(1)	-3(1)	
C(5)	13(1)	15(1)	11(1)	-2(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	
C(6)	20(1)	15(1)	15(1)	-2(1)	-4(1)	-1(1)	
C(7)	10(1)	15(1)	18(1)	0(1)	0(1)	2(1)	
C(8)	11(1)	13(1)	16(1)	1(1)	2(1)	2(1)	
C(9)	16(1)	13(1)	17(1)	0(1)	3(1)	-1(1)	
C(10)	15(1)	16(1)	13(1)	1(1)	3(1)	1(1)	
C(11)	12(1)	15(1)	18(1)	-5(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	
C(12)	15(1)	14(1)	24(1)	2(1)	2(1)	-1(1)	
C(13)	14(1)	16(1)	17(1)	4(1)	1(1)	1(1)	
C(14)	13(1)	15(1)	12(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)	
C(15)	14(1)	14(1)	16(1)	-2(1)	1(1)	0(1)	
C(16)	14(1)	14(1)	17(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	
C(17)	14(1)	14(1)	16(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-3(1)	
C(18)	21(1)	19(1)	17(1)	2(1)	-4(1)	-3(1)	
C(19)	27(1)	26(1)	13(1)	-2(1)	-1(1)	-6(1)	
C(20)	22(1)	19(1)	18(1)	-6(1)	4(1)	-2(1)	
C(21)	15(1)	15(1)	20(1)	-4(1)	1(1)	-1(1)	
C(22)	11(1)	13(1)	16(1)	-1(1)	1(1)	-3(1)	
C(23)	12(1)	14(1)	16(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	

Table 3.8. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*R*,*S*)-**3.93**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2$ [h² a^{*2}U¹¹ + ... + 2 h k a^{*} b^{*} U¹²]

	Х	у	Z	U(eq)	
H(1A)	7156	3230	8031	16	
H(2A)	4288	3268	8193	18	
H(2B)	4231	5001	8165	18	
H(3A)	4647	4591	9091	23	
H(3B)	5937	3292	8976	23	
H(4A)	7917	5012	9074	23	
H(4B)	6619	6284	8938	23	
H(6A)	7940	6885	7622	20	
H(6B)	6205	7068	7948	20	
H(9A)	9043	8659	9221	18	
H(10A)	10414	10037	9881	18	
H(12A)	11346	13124	8752	21	
H(13A)	10003	11724	8095	19	
H(15A)	4799	5935	7289	17	
H(16A)	4385	5914	6368	18	
H(18A)	4879	4779	5459	23	
H(19A)	6107	2988	4946	26	
H(20A)	7842	1250	5357	24	
H(21A)	8382	1331	6279	20	
H(23A)	7897	2495	7182	17	
H(1)	9750(40)	4920(30)	7940(12)	21	

Table 3.9. Hydrogen coordinates ($x \ 10^4$) and isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for (*R*,*S*)-**3.93**.

Chapter Four

Nickel-Catalyzed Formation of Secondary Organozinc Reagents From 2-Pyridyl Carbinols

4.1 Introduction

Organometallic reagents occupy a central role in modern organic synthesis.¹ In particular, functionalized organozinc reagents have been critical for the construction of natural products and other complex organic molecules.² The high proclivity of organozinc compounds to undergo selective reactions with transition metals enables the construction of new carbon–carbon bonds under mild reaction conditions. Methods to prepare functionalized organozinc reagents are diverse and an important topic of continuing research.³ Typically, such reagents are made by one of three approaches: 1) Direct insertion of zinc dust into aryl or alkyl halides (Scheme 4.1a), 2) exchange of aryl or alkyl magnesium and boron reagents with a zinc (II) species (Scheme 4.1b), or 3) Direct metalation of arenes or heteroarenes with TMP bases of zinc (Scheme 4.1c).

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Scheme 4.1. Methods for the formation of organozinc reagents

a) Direct insertion of zinc to alkyl or aryl halogens.



b) Exchange of an alkyl boron or magnesium reagent with zinc.



c) Direct metalation with a TMP base of zinc.



Transition metal catalysis offers alternative strategies for formation of organometallic reagents.^{4,5,6} Nickel catalysts are known to undergo oxidative addition into benzylic electrophiles to generate benzylnickel intermediates.⁷ We reasoned that, in the presence of a stoichiometric quantity of an organozinc reagent, transmetallation could occur to generate the benzylzinc intermediate (Scheme 4.1d). The Shi group has reported a related synthesis of primary benzylic Grignard reagents directly from benzylic alcohols (Scheme 4.2a).⁸ In this Chapter we report nickelcatalyzed formation of secondary benzylzinc reagents from readily accessible 2-pyridyl carbinols, a concise and complementary approach to traditional methods of preparation (Scheme 4.2b).

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⁵ Gao, F.; Hoveyda, A. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2010**, 132, 10961.

⁶ Dao, H. T.; Baran, P. S. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 14382.

⁷ (a) Wisniewska, H. M.; Swift, E. C.; Jarvo, E. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2013**, 135, 9083. (b) Do, H-Q.; Chandrashekar, E. R. R.; Fu, G. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2013**, 135, 16288
Scheme 4.2. Nickel-catalyzed metalation of benzylic alcohols



We propose that the nitrogen of 2-pyridyl carbinols could promote the desired transformation by directing the transmetallation event to favor formation of the benzylzinc reagent from the benzylnickel intermediate.⁹ The 2-pyridyl moiety is an ideal directing group because it is ubiquitous in bioactive molecules and is a privileged motif for ligands used in transition metalmediated transformations.¹⁰

4.2 Development of a Nickel-Catalyzed Synthesis of Secondary Benzylic Zinc Reagents

Herein, we report a nickel-catalyzed method for the formation of secondary benzylic zinc reagents from diethyl phosphate esters generated in situ.¹¹ We chose 2-pyridyl carbinol **4.1** as our model substrate. We reasoned that quenching the benzylzinc reagent formed under the appropri-

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¹⁰ (a) Shi, N.; Lu, C.; Ho, C. C.; Shen, Y. *Rec. Nat. Prod.* **2013**, *7*, 1. (b) Fürstner, A.; Leitner, A.; Méndez, M.; Krause, H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2002**, *124*, 13856. (c) Kubota, T.; Ishiguro Y.; Yamamoto, S.; Fromont, J.; Kobayashi, J. *Heterocycles* **2010**, *80*, 1407. (d) Fischer, D. F.; Sarpong, R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 5926 (e) Chelucci, G.; Thummel, R. P. *Chem. Rev.* **2002**, *102*, 3129.

¹¹ Phosphate esters generated in situ are effective electrophiles in nickel-catalyzed transformations, see: (a) Ackerman, L. K. G.; Anka-Lufford, L. L.; Naodovic, M.; Weix, D. J. *Chem. Sci.* **2015**, *6*, 1115.

ate reaction conditions with methanol would result in the deoxygenated product **4.2**. After examining an array of reaction conditions, we found that subjecting **4.1** to NiCl₂(dppe), diethyl chlorophosphate (P(O)(OEt)₂Cl) and ZnEt₂ for 18 h at room temperature furnishes the desired deoxygenated product **4.2** in high yield (Table 4.1, entry 1).

The data in Table 4.1 illustrate how changes in the reaction parameters affect the transformation. When nickel or P(O)(OEt)₂Cl are omitted, the reaction does not afford desired product (entries 2–4). These results are consistent with a mechanism of benzylic alcohol activation prior to reaction with a nickel catalyst. The use of a non-polar solvent or ZnMe₂ instead of ZnEt₂ does not significantly affect the efficiency of the reaction (entries 5 and 6). A decreased yield of **4.2** was observed when catalysts ligated by bidendate ligands other than dppe were used in the reaction (entries 7 and 8). Similarly, deoxygenation of **4.1** was achieved in poor to moderate yields when monodentate phosphine ligands were employed (entries 9 and 10). Under optimized conditions, the reaction is quite scalable, providing desired product in high yield when performed on gram scale (entry 11).



Table 4.1. Effect of reaction parameters on the efficiency of deoxygenation of 4.1

 $^{\rm a}{\rm Yield}$ determined by $^{\rm 1}{\rm H}$ NMR based on comparison with ${\rm PhSiMe}_3$ as internal standard. $^{\rm b}{\rm Isolated}$ yield after column chromatography.

4.3 Scope of the Reaction

Having developed robust conditions for the deoxygenation of **4.1**, we turned our attention to investigating the source of "H" found in the product. We proposed that **4.2** is formed from the methanol quench of the benzylzinc reagent generated in situ. To test our hypothesis, we performed an isotopic labeling study with methanol-d. Upon quenching the deoxygenation reaction of **4.3** with CH₃OD, we observed high yield and high deuterium incorporation of the corresponding product **4.4** (eq 4.1). The result of the isotopic labeling experiment provides strong support for our proposed hypothesis that the reaction proceeds by formation of a benzylzinc reagent.



Next, we examined the formation of alkyl zinc reagents from a range of benzylic alcohols (Scheme 4.3). Secondary benzylic alcohols bearing alkyl chains are well tolerated under the re-

action conditions (4.2, 4.5, and 4.6). Substrates containing acetal and olefin functionalities provide deoxygenated products in good yield (4.7 and 4.8). The high yield of 4.8 is particularly interesting because it demonstrates excellent orthogonality to hydroboration transmetallation procedures often used to prepare secondary benzylzinc reagents.¹² When the arene is changed from 2-pyridyl to a 1-isoquinoline derivative, a modest yield of the deoxygenated product is obtained (4.9). Substitution of the pyridine ring is well tolerated, affording deoxygenated pyridines in high yield (4.10).





^aAll yields are isolated yields after column chromatography.

¹² Hupe, E.; Calaza, M. I.; Knochel, P. J. Organomet. Chem. 2003, 680, 136.

The identity of the heteroarene of the benzylic alcohols were varied to further expand the scope of benzylic zinc reagents formed under the reaction conditions (Table 4.2). Heterocycles containing more than a single nitrogen, such as pyrimidine and pyridazine, formed the desired product in low yield (entries 1 and 2). Other heterocycles, including 2-quinoline and 3-isoquinolines were not well tolerated under the reaction conditions (entries 3 and 4). Finally, halogen substitution of the pyridine ring proved detrimental to the desired transformation, affording the desired product in just 15% yield (entry 5).

HetAr	P(O)(OEt NiCl ₂ (dp R <u>ZnEt₂</u> R THF 2)) ₂ Cl (1.2 equiv) pe) (10 mol%) (1.3 equiv) ^E , rt, 18 h <i>I</i> leOH	HetAr R A	1
Entry	Substrate	Deoxygenation	Product	yield A (%) ^a
1 (N	OH Ph N		~Ph	8
2 Ph	OH Y N ^S N	h Ph N ² N	Ph	16
3	OH CH ₃	N	CH3	11
4	OH V N	h	Ph	20
5 CI	OH Ph		Ph	15

Table 4.2. Examination of additional substrate classes

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃).

We reasoned that a pendant pyridine moiety could direct the formation of the desired organozinc reagent, which would improve the scope of the reaction beyond the use of 2-pyridyl carbinols. We synthesized benzylic alcohol **4.11**, which could generate a six-membered metallacycle chelate to direct the desired deoxygenation reaction. Indeed, when **4.11** was subjected to the reaction conditions, the expected deoxygenated product **4.12** is formed in high yield (eq 4.2).



To demonstrate the synthetic utility of our transformation, we attempted to capitalize on the reactivity of our benzylzinc reagents by nucleophilic addition to a number of electrophiles (Table 4.3). Titanium- and copper-assisted additions of the benzylzinc reagent derived from **4.1** proceed in modest yield (entries 1 and 2). Similarly, an intermolecular 1,4-addition to methyl vinyl ketone affords the desired product in just 30% yield (entry 3). Addition of the benzylzinc reagent to allyl bromide results in low yield of the alkylated product (entry 4). Cross-coupling of the benzylic zinc reagent with iodobenzene fails to produce desired product (entry 5). Finally, nickel-catalyzed coupling of the benzylic zinc reagent with benzoyl chloride results in low yields of the desired ketone (entry 6).



Table 4.3. Addition of benzylzinc reagent to electrophiles

^aDetermined by ¹H NMR using an internal standard (PhSiMe₃).

Having obtained only modest reactivity of our benzylzinc reagents with exogenous electrophiles, we decided to try an intramolecular strategy. We reasoned that we could couple the formation of a benzylzinc reagent to an intramolecular 1,4-addition (Scheme 4.4). We anticipated that upon forming the corresponding benzylzinc reagent from **4.13**, cyclization should occur to afford carbocyclized product **4.14**. 2-Pyridyl carbinol **4.13** bearing a pendant α , β -unsaturated ester underwent smooth cyclization to produce the desired product in excellent yield and 2.5:1 diastereomeric ratio.

Scheme 4.4. Intramolecular 1,4-addition



4.4 Conclusions

In summary, we have developed a concise route to secondary organozinc reagents directly from benzylic alcohols. We have successfully applied this methodology to the deoxygenation of a range of 2-pyridyl carbinols. The reaction proceeds in high yield and has been applied to an intramolecular 1,4-addition. Further examination of the reactivity of the benzylzinc reagents and elucidation of mechanistic details are underway.

4.5 Experimental Details

General Procedures

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of N₂, or Ar when noted. All glassware was oven- or flame-dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), and toluene (PhMe) were degassed with Ar and then passed through two 4 x 36 inch columns of anhydrous neutral A-2 alumina (8 x 14 mesh; LaRoche Chemicals; activated under a flow of argon at 350 °C for 12 h) to remove H₂O. All other solvents utilized were purchased "anhydrous" commercially, or purified as described. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker DRX-400 (400 MHz ¹H, 100 MHz ¹³C, 376.5 MHz ¹⁹F), GN-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C), or CRYO-500 (500 MHz ¹H, 125.7 MHz ¹³C) spectrometers. Proton chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to internal tetramethylsilane (TMS, δ 0.00). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [singlet (s), broad singlet (br s), doublet (d), doublet of doublets (dd), triplet (t), doublet of triplets (dt), doublet of doublet of triplets (ddt), triplet of triplets (tt), quartet (q), multiplet (m)], coupling constants [Hz], integration). Carbon chemical shifts are reported in ppm (δ) relative to TMS with the respective solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃, δ 77.16 ppm). Unless otherwise indicated, NMR data were collected at 25 °C. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 1000 FT-IR Systems and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using Silica Gel 60 F_{254} precoated plates (0.25 mm thickness). Visualization was accomplished by irradiation with a UV lamp and/or staining with KMnO₄, ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM), or *p*-anisaldehyde (PAA) solutions. Flash chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 (170-400 mesh) from Fisher Scientific. Melting points (m.p.) were obtained using a Mel-Temp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a Rudolph Research Analytical Autopol IV Automatic Polarimeter. SFC determinations of enantiopurity were performed on a Berger Analytical instrument using a Daicel[™] Chiralpak® column (OD-H, OJ-H, or AD-H; 100 bar, 50 °C, 215 nm). High resolution mass spectrometry was performed by the University of California, Irvine Mass Spectrometry Center.

[1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane]dichloronickel(II) was purchased from Strem, stored in a glovebox under an atmosphere of N₂, and used as received. Diethylzinc (ZnEt₂) and diethyl chlorophosphate were purchased from Sigma and used as received. 1-Isoquinolinecarboxaldehyde was prepared from selenium (IV) oxide oxidation of 1-methylisoquinoline by a procedure reported by Long.¹³ All other reagents were purchased commercially and used as received.

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SYNTHESIS AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ALL STARTING MATERIALS

Synthesis of Benzylic Alcohols

General Procedure A. Grignard addition to aldehydes.



4.1. In a flame-dried round-bottom flask a solution of 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (1.43 mL, 15.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and (3-Phenylpropyl)magnesium bromide (1.6 M in THF, 10 mL, 16 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added over 15 minutes. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h the reaction as cooled to 0 °C, and saturated ammonium chloride (25 mL) was added. The reaction was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by column flash chromatography (25–40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (1.70 g, 7.50 mmol, 50%). **TLC R**_f = 0.16 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 58–60 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.19 (s, 1H), 2.71–2.59 (m, 2H), 1.91–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 148.2, 142.4, 136.7, 128.5, 128.3, 125.8, 122.3, 120.4, 72.5, 38.2, 35.8, 26.9; **IR** (neat) 3192, 2925, 2861, 1594, 1492, 1452 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇NONa (M + Na)⁺ 227.1310, found 227.1315.



4.15. Prepared according to a procedure reported by Braga¹⁴, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.38 mL, 4.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), ethylmagnesium bromide (2.4 M in Et₂O, 2.0 mL, 4.8 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and THF (15 mL). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.¹⁵ ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (dt, *J* = 4.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73–4.66 (m, 1H), 4.17 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.95–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.66 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H).



4.16. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.48 mL, 5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (cyclohexylmethyl)magnesium bromide (0.56 M in THF, 9.8 mL, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The product was purified by column flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow solid (0.453 g, 2.20 mmol, 44%). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 6.3, 1H), 4.28 (br s, 1H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.54 (m, 7H) 1.32–1.11 (m, 3H), 1.02–0.90 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.4, 148.3, 136.7, 122.2, 120.4, 70.7, 46.9, 34.4, 34.2, 32.7, 26.7, 26.5, 26.2; **IR** (neat) 3217, 2919,

¹⁴ Braga, A. L.; Paixao, M. W.; Ludtke, D. S.; Silveira, C. C.; Rodrigues, O. E. D. Org. Lett. 2003, 5, 2365.

1594 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NONa (M + Na)⁺ 228.1364, found 228.1364.



4.3. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.95 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), hept-6-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.2 M in THF, 9.2 mL, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The product was purified by column flash chromatography (25–40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (1.31 g, 6.38 mmol, 64%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.¹⁶ **TLC R**_f = 0.1 (50% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55–8.50 (m, 1H), 7.67 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21–7.15 (m, 1H), 4.93–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.83–4.75 (m, 1H), 4.33 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99–3.80 (m, 4H), 2.07–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.74 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 148.3, 136.7, 122.3, 120.4, 104.4, 72.38, 64.9, 32.5, 29.5.



4.17. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.95 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), hept-6-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.2 M in THF, 9.2 mL, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The product was purified

¹⁵ Moody, C. J.; Morfitt, C. N. Synthesis **1998**, 7, 1039.

¹⁶ Gebert, A.; Barth, M.; Linden, A.; Widmer, U.; Heimgartner, H. Helv. Chim. Acta 2012, 95, 737.

by column flash chromatography (25–40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a red oil (1.31 g, 6.38 mmol, 64%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (br s, 1H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.87–1.77 (m, 1H) 1.74–1.65 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.24 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 148.3, 139.2, 136.7, 122.3, 120.4, 114.3, 72.9, 38.7, 33.8, 29.2, 28.9, 25.2; **IR** (neat) 3260, 2926, 1594 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₉ONNa (M + Na)⁺ 228.1364, found 228.1364.



4.18. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 1-Isoquinolinecarboxaldehyde (0.47 g, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (2-(1,3-dioxolan-2-yl)ethyl)magnesium bromide (0.95 M in THF, 3.5 mL, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (10 mL). The product was purified by column flash chromatography (40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a tan solid (249 mg, 0.960 mmol, 32%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 53–55 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (br s, 1H), 4.93 (t, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.89 (m, 2H), 3.87–3.78 (m, 2H) 2.12–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.06–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.90–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 140.4, 136.5, 130.3, 126.6, 126.5, 124.9,

124.4, 120.6, 104.5, 69.2, 65.0, 64.9, 33.3, 29.6; **IR** (neat) 3390, 2957, 2882 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₃NNa (M + Na)⁺ 282.1106, found 282.1104.

Synthesis of Alcohol 4.23 (Scheme 4.3)





4.19. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 5-chloro-2-formylpyridine (0.85 g, 6.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (3-phenylpropyl)magnesium bromide (1.6 M in THF, 4.1 mL, 6.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (20 mL). The product was purified by column flash chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a red oil (0.88 g, 3.4 mmol, 56%). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.47 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 4H), 4.76–4.71 (m, 1H), 3.80 (br s, 1H), 2.72–2.58 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.77–1.68 (m, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.6, 147.3, 142.2, 136.6, 130.6, 128.5, 128.4, 125.9, 121.2, 72.7, 38.0, 35.8, 27.0; **IR** (neat) 3359, 2936, 2859 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₆CINONa (M + Na)⁺ 284.0818, found 284.0810.



4.20. The product was prepared according to a modified procedure by Fu.¹⁷ Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium (69 mg, 0.076 mmol, 0.030 equiv) and tricyclohexylphosphine (50 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.070 equiv) were weighed out into a flame round bottom flask inside a glovebox. The flask was fitted with septa, removed from the glovebox, and phenylboronic acid (0.337 g, 2.77 mmol, 1.10 equiv), 4.19 (0.66 g, 2.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv), aqueous potassium phosphate (1.3 M in H₂O, 3.3 mL, 4.3 mmol, 1.7 equiv) and dioxane (13 mL) were added. The reaction flask was fitted with a reflux condenser and heated to 95 °C for 18 h. After cooling, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc/hexane) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow solid (0.488 g, 1.60 mmol, 64%). TLC $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.4$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); m.p. = 99-101 °C; ¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.85 (m, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.73–2.61 (m, 2H), 1.96–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.84–1.73 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.0, 146.7, 142.4, 137.7, 135.5, 135.3, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.2, 125.8, 120.3, 72.6, 38.2, 35.9, 27.1; IR (neat) 3286, 2946, 2914 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NONa (M + Na)⁺ 326.1521, found 326.1516.

¹⁷ Kudo, N.; Perseghini, M.; Fu, G. C. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 1282.





4.11. The product was prepared according to a modified procedures by Attar¹⁸ and Hirota.¹⁹ To a 100 mL round bottomed flask equipped with a stir bar was added 2-acetonaphthone (6.81 g, 40.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv), MeOH (10 mL) and 10% NaOH (20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 15 min at room temperature before addition of 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (6.85 mL, 72.0 mmol, 1.80 equiv). The reaction was stirred until complete by TLC analysis (2 h). Ice water was added to the reaction and the solid was filtered, washed with Et₂O and dried in vacuo. The crude solid was then redissolved in MeOH (40 mL) and transferred to a round bottom flask containing stir bar and 10% Pd/C (0.68 g, 10% by weight relative to 2-acetonaphthone). The flask was flushed with nitrogen and then equipped with a balloon of hydrogen gas. The reaction was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 72 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a celite cake and the filtrate was poured into sat. aqueous NaHCO₃ (60 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (10–30%

¹⁸ Attar, S.; O'Brien, Z.; Alhaddad, H.; Golden, M. L.; Calderon-Urrea, A. *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2011**, *19*, 2055.

¹⁹ Hattori, K.; Sajiki, H.; Hirota, K. Tetrahedron 2001, 57, 4817.

EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (1.63 g, 6.20 mmol, 16%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 76–77 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.55 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.05 (m, 2H), 5.98 (br s, 1H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31–2.17 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4, 148.6, 142.9, 136.9, 133.4, 132.8, 128.0, 127.7, 126.0, 125.5, 124.2, 123.3, 121.3, 73.7, 38.0, 34.5; **IR** (neat) 3250, 3054, 2919 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₇ONNa (M + Na)⁺ 286.1208, found 286.1199.

Synthesis of Substrate 4.13 (Scheme 4.3)



4.21. Using representative procedure A outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: 2-pyridinecarboxaldehyde (0.95 mL, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv), pent-4-en-1-ylmagnesium bromide (1.1 M in THF, 10 mL, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and THF (15 mL). The product was purified by column flash chromatography (20–40% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a yellow oil (0.784 g, 4.40 mmol, 44%). **TLC R**_f = 0.4 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.6

Hz, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.80–4.78 (m, 1H), 4.25 (s, 1H), 2.16–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.89– 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.58–1.47 (m, 2H); ¹³**C** NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3, 148.3, 138.8, 136.8, 122.4, 120.4, 114.7, 72.7, 38.1, 33.8, 24.6; **IR** (neat) 3260, 2936, 1594 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₁H₁₅ONNa (M + Na)⁺ 200.1051, found 200.1056.



4.13. The title compound was prepared according to a modified procedure reported by Grubbs.²⁰ In a glovebox, a flame-dried bomb flask was charged with a stir bar, **4.27** (0.71 g, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), and Hoveyda-Grubbs Catalyst 2nd Generation (178 mg, 0.280 mmol, 0.0700 equiv). The flask was removed from the glovebox, and anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and ethyl acrylate (2.2 mL, 20 mmol, 5.0 equiv) were added. The flask was sealed and heated to reflux over 24 h. The flask was then cooled to ambient temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (125 mg, 0.501 mmol, 13%, 13:1 E:Z). **TLC R**_f = 0.1 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 5. Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (br s, 1H), 4.16 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28–2.18 (m, 2H), 1.90–1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.64–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.8, 162.0, 148.9, 148.3, 136.8, 122.4, 121.7, 120.4, 72.5, 60.2,

²⁰ Chatterjee, A. K; Choi, T-L.; Sanders, D. P.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 11360.

38.0, 32.1, 23.7, 14.3; **IR** (neat) 2938, 1730 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) m / z calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃Na (M + Na)⁺ 272.1263, found 272.1271.

NICKEL CATALYZED FORMATION OF ALKYL ZINC REAGENTS AND DEOXYGENATION OF BENZYLIC CARBINOLS

Synthesis of Products for Scheme 4.3 (4.5–4.13)

General Procedure B. Deoxygenation of benzylic carbinols



4.2. In a glovebox, a flame-dried 7 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was charged with NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.1** (45 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and diethyl chlorophosphate (35 μ l, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and suspended in THF (1.6 mL). The reaction vial was capped with a screw-cap, fitted with a septum and removed from the glove box. The reaction was placed under N₂, and stirred at which point diethyl zinc (1 M in PhMe, 0.5 mL, 0.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) was added at room temperature resulting in an immediate color change from slightly orange to transparent yellow. The reaction typically is dark brown or black. The reaction was quenched with MeOH and filtered through a plug of silica gel (100% EtOAc). The solvent was removed under reduced vacuum and the crude purified by flash column chromatography (12% EtOAc, 1% triethyl amine in hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow

oil (29 mg, 0.13 mmol, 69%). **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (ddd, J = 4.9, 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, J = 2.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.06 (m, 2H), 2.81 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.83–1.74 (m, 2H) 1.74–1.64 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 149.3, 142.6, 136.3, 128.5, 128.3, 125.7, 122.7, 120.9, 38.3, 35.8, 31.3, 29.6; **IR** (neat) 3025, 2926, 2855, 2359, 2341, 1598 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 211.1361, found 211.1351.



4.5. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.18** (28 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (16 mg, 0.13 mmol, 67%). Analytical data is consistent with literature values.²¹ **TLC R**_f = 0.3 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (sex, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 149.3, 136.3, 122.9, 121.0, 40.5, 23.2, 14.0.

²¹ Groenhagen, U.; Maczka, M.; Dickschat, J. S.; Schulz, S. Beilstein J. Org. Chem. 2014, 10, 1421.



4.6. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.19** (41 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (27 mg, 0.14 mmol, 70%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.83–2.76 (m, 2H), 1.78 (ad, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 2H), 1.74–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.58 (m, 3H), 1.34–1.10 (m, 4H), 1.00–0.90 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0, 149.3, 136.4, 122.8, 120.9, 37.8, 37.7, 36.0, 33.4, 26.8, 26.5; **IR** (neat) 2920, 1589 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NH (M + H)⁺ 190.1596, found 190.1594.



4.7. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.3** (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 μ l, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (12% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (31 mg, 0.15

mmol, 74 %). Analytical data are consistent with literature values.²² **TLC** $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{f}} = 0.1$ (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 7.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (t, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.79 (m, 4H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.92–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.68 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 149.3, 136.3, 122.8, 121.1, 104.5, 64.9, 38.1, 33.4, 24.2.



4.4. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.3** (42 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The reaction was quenched with CD₃OD from a sealed ampoule (1 mL) and the product was purified by flash column chromatography (12 % EtOAc, 1% triethyl amine, in hexane) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (30 mg, 0.15 mmol, 78%). **TLC R**_f = 0.1 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.08 (m, 1H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.01–3.79 (m, 4H), 2.87–2.79 (m, 1H), 1.91–183 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.68 (m, 2H); ²**H NMR** (500 MHz, CHCl₃) 3.10 (s, 1D) ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8, 149.3, 136.3, 122.8, 121.1, 104.5, 64.9, 38.1, 33.4, 24.2; **IR** (neat) 2922, 2874, 1591, 1567,

²² Kitbunnadaj, R.; Zuiderveld, O.P.; Christophe, B.; Hulscher, S.; Menge, W.M.P.B.; Gelens, E.; Snip, E.; Bakker, R.A.; Celanire, S.; Gillard, M.; Talaga, P.; Timmerman, H.; Leurs, R. *J. Med. Chem.* **2004**, *47*, 2414.

1473, 1410 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS CI+) m / z calcd for C₁₆H₁₈ONH₄ (M + NH₄)⁺ 195.1244, found 195.1251.



4.8. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.20** (41 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (29 mg, 0.15 mmol, 77%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.44–1.30 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.2, 149.3, 139.3, 136.3, 122.8, 121.0, 114.3, 38.6, 33.9, 30.0, 29.6, 29.1, 28.9; **IR** (neat) 3075, 2925, 1589 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NNa (M + Na)⁺ 212.1415, found 212.1406.



4.9. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.21** (52 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 μ l, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (30–50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (24 mg, 0.099

mmol, 49%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (40% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00–3.92 (m, 2H), 3.89–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.07–1.98 (m, 2H) 1.88–1.81 (m, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.9, 142.1, 136.4, 129.9, 127.5, 127.14, 127.05, 125.4, 119.4, 104.5, 65.0, 35.2, 33.8, 24.1; **IR** (neat) 3050, 2877, 1562 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₁₇O₂NNa (M + Na)⁺ 266.1157, found 266.1160.



4.10. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.23** (61 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (30–50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a white solid (48 mg, 0.17 mmol, 83%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); **m.p.** = 60 °C; ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (quint, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (quint, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.1, 147.7, 142.6, 138.0, 134.8, 134.0, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.1, 125.8, 122.7, 38.0, 35.9, 31.3, 29.6; **IR** (neat) 3056, 2854 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₁NH (M + H)⁺ 288.1752, found 288.1758.

Deoxygenation of 4.14 (eq 4.2)



4.12. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.11** (55 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 µl, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a pale yellow oil (40 mg, 0.16 mmol, 81%). **TLC R**_f = 0.2 (20% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.54 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.38 (m, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (at, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.90–2.81 (m, 4H), 2.16 (quint, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.0, 149.4, 139.8, 136.3, 133.7, 132.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.53, 127.48, 126.6, 126.0, 125.2, 122.9, 121.1, 38.0, 35.8, 31.4; **IR** (neat) 3051, 2856, 1590 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₇NNa (M + Na)⁺ 270.1259, found 270.1260.

Intramolecular 1,4-Addition (Scheme 4.3)



4.14. Using representative procedure B outlined above, the following amounts of reagents were used: NiCl₂(dppe) (11 mg, 0.020 mmol, 0.10 equiv), alcohol **4.13** (50 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv), diethyl chlorophosphate (35 μ l, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv), THF (1.6 ML) and diethyl zinc (1.0 M in PhMe, 0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The product was purified by flash column chromatography (20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the title compound as a mixture 2.5:1 mixture of diastereomers (37 mg, 0.16 mmol, 80%). H_c was integrated to determine the ratio of diastereomers. Flash column chromatography (5–10% EtOAc/hexanes) was performed a second time to isolate analytically pure cis diastereomer (19 mg, 0.081 mmol, 40%) and a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers (16 mg, 0.07 mmol, 34%). The cis diastereomer was assigned based on the nOe correlation shown.



TLC R_f = 0.1 (10% EtOAc/hexanes, UV active); ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.55 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (td, J = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12–7.07 (m, 2H), 4.00 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.79–2.71 (m, 1H), 2.14–2.04 (m, 2H), 2.02–1.90 (m, 4H), 1.75–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.17 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 163.2, 149.2,

136.0, 123.5, 121.2, 60.2, 49.8, 40.8, 36.2, 31.9, 30.2, 24.2, 14.3; **IR** (neat) 2935, 1716 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₂Na (M + Na)⁺ 256.1313, found 256.1316.




















































































































































































































































































































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1	UNKNOWN	6.29	6.60	7.11	0.00	93.48	263.5	60.1	93.478
2	UNKNOWN	7.34	7.63	8.11	0.00	6.52	16.2	4.2	6.522
Total						100.00	279.7	64.3	100.000







		100.00	53.6	26.6	100.000

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1	UNKNOWN	13.64	14.02	14.49	0.00	96.14	539.6	146.4	96.135
2	UNKNOWN	14.55	14.79	15.05	0.00	3.86	24.2	5.9	3.865
Total						100.00	563.8	152.3	100.000







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		[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[% Area]	[µV]	[µV.Min]	[%]
1	UNKNOWN	8.46	8.80	9.17	0.00	95.78	228.0	38.8	95.783
2	UNKNOWN	9.19	9.40	9.63	0.00	4.22	10.0	1.7	4.217
Total						100.00	238.0	40.5	100.000





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1	UNKNOWN	22.01	22.93	23.50	0.00	93.94	136.8	58.1	93.945
2	UNKNOWN	23.52	23.86	24.39	0.00	6.06	9.7	3.7	6.055
Fotal						100.00	146.5	61.8	100.000



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1	UNKNOWN	11.11	11.49	11.88	0.00	12.96	81.5	22.4	12.963
2	UNKNOWN	11.93	12.29	12.87	0.00	87.04	491.3	150.1	87.037
Total						100.00	572.8	172.5	100.000













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1	UNKNOWN	13.25	13.63	13.95	0.00	30.79	130.9	37.9	30.788
2	UNKNOWN	13.95	14.25	14.69	0.00	30.96	127.2	38.1	30.961
3	UNKNOWN	15.17	15.53	16.08	0.00	38.25	137.5	47.1	38.251
Total						100.00	395.6	123.2	100.000



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1	UNKNOWN	18.46	18.97	20.02	0.00	98.91	175.3	82.1	98.914
2	UNKNOWN	20.17	20.55	20.95	0.00	1.09	2.4	0.9	1.086
Total						100.00	177.7	83.0	100.00



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2	UNKNOWN	9.52	9.76	10.07	0.00	2.16	4.9	1.1	2.164
1	UNKNOWN	10.10	10.44	11.27	0.00	97.84	181.0	47.8	97.836
Total						100.00	185.8	48.9	100.000

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1	UNKNOWN	19.35	19.85	21.07	0.00	92.25	398.9	207.1	92.249
2	UNKNOWN	21.13	21.57	22.22	0.00	7.75	38.6	17.4	7.751
Total						100.00	437.5	224.5	100.000





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1	UNKNOWN	11.09	11.62	13.35	0.00	89.58	472.3	210.6	89.580
2	UNKNOWN	25.61	26.26	27.77	0.00	10.42	28.2	24.5	10.420
Total						100.00	500.5	235.1	100.000



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		[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[% Area]	[µV]	[µV.Min]	[%]
1	UNKNOWN	11.31	11.76	12.51	0.00	97.87	252.3	70.7	97.873
2	UNKNOWN	14.45	16.15	17.00	0.00	2.13	2.3	1.5	2.127
Total						100.00	254.6	72.2	100.000



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		[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[% Area]	[µV]	[µV.Min]	[%]
1	UNKNOWN	23.55	24.74	25.88	0.00	93.55	103.0	57.7	93.545
2	UNKNOWN	26.15	26.89	27.58	0.00	6.45	6.2	4.0	6.455
Total						100.00	109.2	61.7	100.000



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1	UNKNOWN	18.56	19.13	19.88	0.00	3.46	7.8	3.7	3.464
2	UNKNOWN	19.96	20.74	22.01	0.00	96.54	193.6	103.4	96.536
Total						100.00	201.4	107.1	100.000









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1	UNKNOWN	8.98	9.43	9.99	0.00	94.74	284.7	121.7	94.739	
2	UNKNOWN	9.99	10.31	10.75	0.00	5.26	15.5	6.8	5.261	
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1	UNKNOWN	3.28	3.39	3.53	0.00	98.70	624.7	42.8	98.700
2	UNKNOWN	3.53	3.61	3.71	0.00	1.30	8.3	0.6	1.300
Total	·	-	-			100.00	633.0	43.4	100.000























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		[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[Min]	[% Area]	[µV]	[µV.Min]	[%]
1	UNKNOWN	3.25	3.37	3.53	0.00	98.52	491.0	45.2	98.520
2	UNKNOWN	3.53	3.57	3.71	0.00	1.48	7.7	0.7	1.480
Total						100.00	498.7	45.9	100.000






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1	UNKNOWN	1.58	1.65	1.75	0.00	96.49	493.5	24.4	96.493
2	UNKNOWN	1.83	1.90	1.90	0.00	3.51	22.7	0.9	3.507
Total						100.00	516.1	25.3	100.000







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1	UNKNOWN	1.92	2.07	2.21	0.00	95.21	449.5	38.6	95.213
2	UNKNOWN	2.22	2.31	2.42	0.00	4.79	21.7	1.9	4.787
Total						100.00	471.2	40.6	100.000











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1	UNKNOWN	3.15	3.24	3.33	0.00	11.78	61.5	4.0	11.780
2	UNKNOWN	3.34	3.43	3.58	0.00	88.22	403.6	29.7	88.220
Total			1			100.00	465.2	33.7	100.000