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#### Abstract

**Chapter 1.** Catalytic directing group, **I**, which was designed with the ability to form a reversible covalent bond with a substrate and bind a metal, was shown to direct the hydroformylation of allylic amines. The efficient regioselective hydroformylation of a variety of 1,2-disubstituted allylic sulfonamides to form  $\beta$ -amino-aldehydes under mild conditions has been shown.

**Chapter 2.** Building off of the successful application of **I**, enantioenriched catalytic directing group, **II**, was designed and synthesized. It retained the essential features to direct hydroformylation to obtain good regioselectivity while also providing a chiral environment to induce absolute stereocontrol. Under mild conditions, a variety of disubstituted olefins react to give good yields and excellent enantioselectivites. Thus, the first enantioselective reaction performed with a catalytic directing group was demonstrated.

**Chapter 3.** A new set of organocatalysts was developed that benefits from reversible covalent bonding and induced intramolecularity. The desymmetrization of meso-1,2-diols was accomplished using organocatalyst **III**, which was synthesized easily and cheaply. Experimental results indicate that the selectivity and increased reactivity are a result of the ability of **III** to pre-organize the substrate through a reversible, covalent bond. A variety of cyclic and acylic substrates were shown to react efficiently with good enantioselectivities under mild conditions. The catalyst's ability to functionalize cis-1,2-diols selectively indicated it might be successfully applied to site selective catalysis. Thus, the selective functionalization of a secondary alcohol in the presence of a primary alcohol was developed using a combination of binding selectivity and stereoselectivity. The (*S*)-enantiomer forms the secondary functionalized product while the (*R*)-enantiomer forms the primary functionalized product with high selectivity. As the enantiomers preferentially form different functionalized products, a regiodivergent reaction on a racemic mixture resulted giving two valuable enriched products.

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# **List of Abbreviations**

Ac	Acetyl	
acac	Acetylacetonato	
ACS	American Chemical Society	
app	Apparent	
Ar	Aryl	
ATR	Attenuated Total Reflectance	
Bn	Benzyl	
br	Broad	
Bu	Butyl	
cat.	Catalytic	
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	Methylene Chloride	
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	Chloroform	
СО	Carbon monoxide	
COD	Cyclooctadiene	
Су	Cyclohexyl	

d	Doublet	
dd	Doublet of doublets	
DFT	Density Functional Theory	
DIBAL-H	Di-isobutyl aluminum hydride	
DIPEA	N,N-Diisopropylethylamine	
DIPEA·HCl	<i>N</i> , <i>N</i> -Diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride	
DMPSCl	Dimethylphenylsilyl chloride	
dq	Doublet of quartets	
dr	Diastereomeric ratio	
dt	Doublet of triplets	
DMF	<i>N</i> , <i>N</i> -Dimethylformamide	
DART-TOF	Direct analysis in real time - Time of flight	
ee	Enantiomeric excess	
Et	Ethyl	
Et <sub>2</sub> O	Diethylether	
EtOAc	Ethyl Acetate	

Eq	Equation
equiv	Equivalents
FT	Fourier transform
FID	Flame ionizing detector
GC	Gas chromatography
h	Hours
H <sub>2</sub>	Hydrogen gas
Hex	Hexanes
HRMS	High resolution mass spectrometry
$I_2$	Iodine
i-	Iso
<i>i</i> -PrOH	Isopropanol
IR	Infared
LAH	Lithium aluminum hydride
m	Multiplet
Ma	

МеОН	Methanol
min	Minutes
n-	Normal
NaBH <sub>4</sub>	Sodium Borohydride
NMI	N-methylimidazole
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
0-	Ortho
<i>p</i> -	Para
Ph	Phenyl
PhMe	Toluene
phth	Phthalimide
РМР	Para-methoxyphenyl
PMPP	1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidine
PMPP·HC1	1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethyl piperidine
	hydrochloride
ppm	Parts per million
ppt.	Precipitate

PPTS	Pyridinium para-toluene sulfonate	
<i>p</i> -TsOH	para-toluenesulfonic acid	
Pr	Propyl	
psi	Pounds per square inch	
q	Quartet	
rr	Regioisomeric ratio	
rt	Room temperature	
S	Singlet	
SFC	Supercritical fluid chromatography	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	Silica	
t	Triplet	
t-	tertiary	
<i>t</i> -AmylOH	tertiary-Amyl alcohol	
TBDPS	tertiary-Butyldiphenylsilyl	
TBDPSCl	tertiary-Butyldiphenylsilyl chloride	
TBS	tertiary-Butyldimethylsilyl	

TBSCl	tertiary-Butyldimethylsilyl chloride
TES	Triethylsilyl
TESBr	Bromotriethylsilane
TESCI	Chlorotriethylsilane
TESNO <sub>2</sub>	Triethylsilyl nitrite
TESOTf	Triethylsilyl triflate
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
<i>t</i> -BuOH	tert-Butanol
UV	Ultraviolet

Chapter One: Regioselective Hydroformylation

#### 1.1 Directing Groups

Obtaining selectivity in organic chemistry is a large area of research which scientists have addressed with multiple approaches. In some cases, electronic effects have been used to obtain selectivity. For instance, in hydroformylation, it is known that aryl substrates preferentially form the product with the aldehyde proximal to the phenyl ring (Scheme 1.1).<sup>1</sup> However, selectivity can also be influenced by steric effects. In the case **Scheme 1.1** Hydroformylation of a 1,2-Disubstituted Aryl Olefin.



of the hydroformylation of aryl olefins, the selectivity can be overturned using a 1,1disubstituted aryl olefin (Scheme 1.2).<sup>1</sup> Another reliable method that has been developed to obtain selectivity is the use of directing groups.<sup>2</sup>

Scheme 1.2 Hydroformylation of a 1,1-Disubstituted Aryl Olefin.



 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Carrilho, R. M. B.; Neves, A. C. B.; Lourenço, M. A. O.; Abreu, A. R.; Rosado, M. T. S.; Abreu, P. E.; Eusébio, M. E. S.; Kollár, L.; Bayón, J. C.; Pereira, M. M. *J. Organomet. Chem.* 2012, 698, 28-34.
 <sup>2</sup>(a) Hoveyda, A.; Evans, D.; Fu, G. *Chem. Rev.* 1993, 93, 1307-1370. (b) Itami, K.; Yoshida, J. *Synlett* 2006, 2, 157-180. (c) Oestreich, M. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2005, 5, 783-792. (d) Kakiuchi, F.; Chatani, N. *Adv. Syn. Catal.* 2003, 345, 1077-1101.

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Directing groups are functional groups within a substrate that are able to preassociate with a reagent in the reaction in order to affect the outcome.<sup>2a</sup> As well as increasing selectivity, sometimes directed reactions are accelerated due to their intramolecular-like reactivity.<sup>3</sup> Thus, directing groups have allowed for some difficult intermolecular reactions to be possible. Directing groups have been used in a variety of transformations such as oxidations, reductions, and C-C bond forming reactions.<sup>2</sup> The directing group can be a common functional group ("useful directing groups") within the substrate (Section 1.2) or a less common group that can be installed prior to the reaction and removed after the desired transformation is complete (Section 1.3)

#### 1.2 Useful Directing Groups

One excellent example of a directed reaction using a common functional group is the Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation.<sup>4</sup> For example, **1.1** is shown to give **1.2** in high yield and enantioselectivity (Scheme 1.3). Although **1.1** has two trisubstituted olefins that can be oxidized, only the olefin proximal to the alcohol reacts. The high site selectivity and enantioselectivity are a result of the alcohol binding to the titanium catalyst and directing oxidation to the top face of the allylic olefin. As a testament to the importance of the reaction, Sharpless received the 2001 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work in this area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Tan, K. L. ACS Catal. 2011, 1, 877-886.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>(a) Katsuki, T.; Sharpless, K. B. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1980**, 102, 5974-5976. (b) Finn, M. G.; Sharpless, K. B. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1991**, 113, 113-126.

Scheme 1.3 Sharpless Asymmetric Epoxidation.



Sharing the 2001 Nobel Prize with Sharpless was Knowles for the asymmetric reduction of enamides, such as **1.3**, using very low catalyst loadings and mild conditions.<sup>5</sup> The reaction proceeds through a chelated intermediate in which the acetamide directs the rhodium catalyst to the top face of the olefin, forming **1.4**. This powerful method was used to synthesize L-DOPA, a drug used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease (Scheme 1.4).





More recently, selective catalytic C-H bond activation is another challenging problem that has interested many researchers. Directing groups have been used effectively to control site selectivity in C-H activation reactions. In an example by Murai, the ketone in **1.5** is able to direct the ruthenium catalyst to activate the *ortho*-C-H bond

<sup>5</sup>Vineyard, B. D.; Knowles, W. S.; Sabacky, M. J. J. Mol. Cat. 1983, 19, 159-169.

and insert ethylene to obtain **1.6** quantitatively (Scheme 1.5).<sup>6</sup> Subsequently, directing group strategies have become ubiquitous in C-H activation.<sup>7</sup>

Scheme 1.5 Selective ortho-C-H Activation.



These examples demonstrate that common functional groups are able to facilitate very powerful and diverse transformations that are sometimes difficult or not possible otherwise.

#### 1.3 Removable Directing Groups

Some reactions cannot be directed by the functional groups that exist in the substrate so a directing group has to be installed prior to the reaction and removed after the desired transformation has occurred. While this is not ideal because it adds additional steps and creates stoichiometric byproducts, it has allowed for the expansion of the scope of reactions that can be directed.<sup>8</sup>

Fortunately, some directing groups can be removed with a simple work-up, such

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Murai, S.; Kaiuchi, F.; Sekine, S.; Tanaka, Y.; Kamatani, A.; Sonoda, M.; Chatani, N. *Nature* **1993**, *366*, 529-531.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>For reviews on directed C-H functionalization, see: (a) Ritleng, V.; Sirlin, C.; Pfeffer, M. *Chem. Rev.* 2002, *102*, 1731-1770. (b) Kakiuchi, F.; Murai, S. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2002, *35*, 826-834. (c) Kakiuchi, F.; Chatani, N. *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2003, *345*, 1077-1101. (d) Dick, A.; Sanford, M. *Tetrahedron* 2006, *62*, 2439-2463. (e) Arockiam, P. B.; Bruneau, C.; Dixneuf, P. H. *Chem. Rev.* 2012, *112*, 5879-5918.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Rousseau, G.; Breit, B. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 2450-2494.

as in Scheme 1.6. Jun showed that, in this case, the ketimine is necessary to direct the *ortho*-C-H activation for the selective alkylation of **1.7**. After the reaction, the imine can be cleaved easily with aqueous acid to give **1.8** (Scheme 1.6).<sup>9</sup>

Scheme 1.6 Selective *ortho*-Alkylation by C-H Activation.



Because amines are known to be ligands in palladium catalysis, Hallberg used a proline based directing group to add aryl groups to the top face of the olefin in **1.9** creating quaternary centers with high enantioselectivities.<sup>10</sup> This group could also be removed easily by acid hydrolysis to give the corresponding ketone **1.10** (Scheme 1.7).

Scheme 1.7 Formation of Quaternary Centers by Heck Reaction.



Designing a practical removable directing group for reactions that typically utilize a phosphine ligand is more challenging. However, during the synthesis of (+)phyllanthocin, Burke installed a triarylphosphine directing group, using an ester

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Jun, C.; Hong, J.; Kim, Y.; Chung, K. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2000, 39, 3440-3442.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Nilsson, P.; Larhed, M.; Hallberg, A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2003, 125, 3430-3431.

linkage.<sup>11</sup> The phosphine was incorporated into the molecule in order to increase the selectivity of the hydroformylation of **1.11**. Impressively, when the phosphine is *meta*, the directing group is able to deliver the rhodium to the bottom face of the olefin resulting in good regio- and diasteroselective ratios for **1.12** (Scheme 1.8, Eq 1).

Scheme 1.8 Examples of Directed Regio- and Diastereoselective Hydroformylation.



Subsequently, Jackson and Perlmutter,<sup>12</sup> Leighton,<sup>13</sup> and Breit<sup>14</sup> demonstrated that phosphorus-based stoichiometric directing groups are successful in the highly regio- and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Burke, S. D.; Cobb, J. E.; Takeuchi, K. J. Org. Chem. **1990**, 55, 2138-2151.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>R. W. Jackson, P. Perlmutter and E. E. Tasdelen, J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun., 1990, 763-764.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Krauss, I. J.; Wang, C. C. Y.; Leighton, J. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2001**, 123, 11514 – 11515.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>(a) Breit, B. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **1996**, *35*, 2835-2837. (b) Breit, B. *Liebigs Ann.* **1997**, 1841-1851. (c) Breit, B.; Heckmann, G.; Zahn, S. K. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2003**, *9*, 425-434. (d) Breit, B.; Demel, P.; Gebert, A. *Chem. Commun.* **2004**, 114 – 115.

diastereoselective hydroformylation of terminal and disubstituted allylic alcohols (Scheme 1.8, Eq 2 and Eq 3).

While it is clear from these examples that removable directing groups are powerful tools, it is at the cost of additional synthetic steps for their installation and removal, as well as the creation of stoichiometric byproducts.

#### 1.4 Developing a Catalytic Directing Group

In order to address the disadvantages of removable directing groups, the Tan group developed a catalytic directing group. Using a directing group catalytically maintains the benefits of a directed reaction while improving the overall efficiency of the process by eliminating installation and removal steps.<sup>8</sup>

Previously, other groups have shown the use of catalytic directing groups. For example, Lewis showed C-H activation and deuterium incorporation into phenol using a catalytic amount of a phosphite (Scheme 1.9, Eq 1).<sup>15a</sup> Lewis and Smith expanded this work to the coupling of olefins to phenol, and Cole-Hamilton developed a more efficient system using a rhodium catalyst (Scheme 1.9, Eq 2).<sup>15b,16</sup> Bedford was able to achieve coupling of phenolic derivatives with aryl halides under similar conditions. (Scheme 1.9, Eq 3).<sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>(a) Lewis, L. N. *Inorg. Chem.* **1985**, *24*, 4433–4435. (b) Lewis, L. N.; Smith, J. F.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1986**, *108*, 2728-2735.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Carrion, M. C.; Cole-Hamilton, D. J. Chem. Commun. 2006, 43, 4527–4529.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Bedford, R. B.; Coles, S. J.; Hursthouse, M. B.; Limmert, M. E. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2003**, *42*, 112–114. Bedford, R. B.; Limmert, M. E. *J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, *68*, 8669–8682.



#### Scheme 1.9 C-H Activation using a Catalytic Directing Group.

Jun and coworkers showed the use of 2-amino-3-picoline as a catalytic directing group to prevent decarbonylation in the hydroacylation of aldehydes with terminal olefins (Scheme 1.10).<sup>18</sup>

Scheme 1.10 Hydroacylation with a Catalytic Directing Group.



Similar to previous strategies, to maximize efficiency, our catalytic directing group was designed to be an organic scaffold with the ability to bind the substrate

<sup>18</sup>Jun, C. H.; Lee, D. Y.; Lee, H.; Hong, J. B. Angew. Chem., Int.Ed. 2000, 39, 3070–3072.

covalently and reversibly under mild conditions while, simultaneously, binding a metal. Thus, under the reaction conditions, the substrate binds to the organic scaffold allowing for a directed reaction to proceed. Upon release of the product, the directing group is regenerated, rendering the process catalytic (Figure 1.1).

Figure 1.1 General Catalytic Directing Group Cycle.



Catalytic directing group I was designed with a simple organic backbone and a hemiaminal as the substrate-binding site, in which the lone pair on the amine can assist with alcohol expulsion prior to binding another alcohol (Scheme 1.11). A phosphorus atom was also incorporated into the molecule to act as a metal-binding site.





Taking inspiration from Burke's application of a phosphorus-based removable directing group to hydroformylation,<sup>11</sup> our group decided to use hydroformylation as a testing ground for the feasibility of this concept. Hydroformylation is the efficient addition of hydrogen and carbon monoxide across an olefin yielding valuable aldehyde products.<sup>19</sup> However, two products are possible, the iso and normal isomers (Figure 1.2). In the case of terminal olefins, the normal product is usually favored for steric reasons. For unactivated 1,2-disubstituted olefins, a product mixture of around 1:1 is often obtained.<sup>20</sup>





Our group believed that applying a catalytic directing group could alter the reaction's regio- and stereoselectivity. Lightburn applied **I** to the hydroformylation of homoallylic alcohols with good yields, regioselectivities, and diastereoselectivities (Scheme 1.12).<sup>21</sup> It is believed that the reaction is regioselective for the iso product due to the energy difference between the ring sizes (seven vs. eight) of the two chelated intermediates in the hydride insertion step. The seven-membered chelate, **1.13**, is favored

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>(a) *Rhodium Catalyzed Hydroformylation*; Van Leeuwen, P. W. N. M., Claver, C., Eds.; Springer-Verlag: New York, 2002. (b) Frohning, C. D. Kohlpaintner, C. W. Bohnen, H. W. In *Applied Homogeneous Catalysis with Organometallic Compounds*; Cornils, B., Herrmann, W. A., Eds.; Wiley: Weinheim, Germany, 2002; Vol. 1, p 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Breit, B.; Seiche, W. Synthesis **2001**, *1*, 1-36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>Lightburn, T. E.; Dombrowski, M. T.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 9210-9211.

over **1.14** which leads to the iso product being formed (Figure 1.3). The iso product cyclizes under the reaction conditions and was oxidized to the lactone for ease of isolation and characterization.





At the same time, the Breit group published a paper using a simple phosphinite as a catalytic directing group in the hydroformylation of homoallylic alcohols with good yields and regioselectivities.<sup>22</sup> The phosphinite also reversibly binds alcohols and may achieve selectivity through the energy difference between the two chelated intermediates in the hydride insertion step (Scheme 1.13). Mechanistic studies for both systems need to be performed to verify this hypothesis.

Scheme 1.13 Breit's Regioselective Hydroformylation of Homoallylic Alcohols.



The Breit group has since expanded the use of this phosphinite to other substrates.

<sup>22</sup>(a) Grünanger, C. U.; Breit, B. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 7346-7349. (b) Smejkal, T.; Breit, B. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 311-315.

The regio- and diastereoselective hydroformylation of bishomoallylic alcohols and cyclic dienes occurs with high yields.<sup>23a,b</sup> The application of this catalytic directing group to the hydroformylation of 1,1-disubstituted olefins also allows the formation of quaternary carbon centers with good yields and regioselectivities.<sup>23c</sup>

Figure 1.3 Catalytic Cycle of the Directed Hydroformylation.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>(a) Grünanger, C. U.; Breit, B. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2010**, *49*, 967 – 970. (b) Usui, I.; Nomura, K.; Breit, B. *Org. Lett.*, **2011**, *13*, 612-615. (c) Ueki, Y.; Ito, H.; Usui, I.; Breit, B. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2011**, *17*, 8555-8558.

## 1.5 Regioselective Hydroformylation of Sulfonamides<sup>24</sup>

Since homoallylic alcohols were able to bind I and undergo selective hydroformylation,<sup>20</sup> we were interested in expanding the substrates that could bind I to undergo directed hydroformylation. In particular, we were interested in applying this methodology to the hydroformylation of allylic amines to form  $\beta$ -amino-aldehydes. Much like the reaction with homoallylic alcohols, the substrate could exchange onto I under the reaction conditions, the phosphorus could bind the rhodium catalyst to undergo hydroformylation, and another molecule of substrate could exchange off the product (Figure 1.4).

Investigations began with varying the protecting group on nitrogen. For the reaction to work, the exchange of amines with I would need to be faster than the hydroformylation without substrate-bound I, which will afford unselective background reaction. It was expected that the protecting group would greatly affect the rate of exchange with I. Carbamates and amides were quickly ruled out as potential substrates because they did not exchange with I. Sulfonamides, however, exchanged under mild conditions with I to give 1.16. The more electron-withdrawing sulfonamides have greatly increased exchange rates with the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide reaching 69% conversion after 6 hours (Table 1.1). The increased exchange rate is most likely because the electron-withdrawing sulfonamides have lower pK<sub>a</sub>s.<sup>25</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Worthy, A. D.; Gagnon, M. M.; Dombrowski, M. T.; Tan, K. L. Org. Lett. 2009, 11, 2764-2767.
 <sup>25</sup>Eckert, F.; Leito, I.; Kaljurand, I.; Kütt, A.; Klamt, A.; Diedenhofen, M. J. Comp. Chem. 2009, 30, 799-810.



Figure 1.4 Catalytic Cycle of Allylic Amine Hydroformylation.

The self-exchange between substrates was tested to make sure that the exchange occurring during the reaction would be rapid. First **1.15** was exchanged onto **I** to give **1.16**. When **1.17** was added at room temperature, the exchange was fast showing a ratio of 53:47 (**1.16** to **1.18**) after just 1 hour. An equilibrium ratio of 43:57 (**1.16** to **1.18**) was expected given the steric and electronic similarity of **1.15** and **1.17** (Scheme 1.14).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. <sup>b</sup>Based on ref. 16. <sup>c</sup>>95% conversion reached in 6 days. <sup>d</sup>>95% conversion reached in 13 h.





We were also concerned that the product, **1.19**, may inhibit the reaction. However, when **I** was exchanged with **1.19**, it was found that **1.20** was unfavorable to form and ligand decomposition occurs over time (Table 1.2). Decomposed ligand appears by <sup>31</sup>P NMR as oxidation of the phosphorus atom which is believed to occur through the exchange intermediate seen in Scheme 1.11 and 1.15. The iminium ion intermediate is in resonance with the phosphonium ion which can be attacked by water or a molecule of substrate. In the case of an oxygen based nucleophile, protonation of the resulting ylide would give the proposed structure of decomposed ligand, **I-decomp** (Scheme 1.15). A crystal structure of the decomposed ligand confirmed the identity of **I-decomp** (Figure 1.5). During the reaction with **1.15**, however, the decomposition is likely the corresponding sulfonamide derivative.

 Table 1.2 Product Exchange with I.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Percentages determined by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. <sup>b</sup>Multiple unknown peaks appear over time.

Scheme 1.15 Ligand Decomposition Pathway.



Figure 1.5 Crystal Structure of Decomposed Ligand (CCDC # 837337).



Since **1.20** formed at room temperature over a few hours, a competition experiment between **1.19** and **1.15** was performed to see which would be favored to bind I. By first reacting **1.19** and I to form **1.20** and then adding **1.15**, it was determined that **1.16** is more stable than **1.20**. Within five minutes of adding **1.15**, **1.20** is no longer detectable by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. **1.20** was exchanged completely with **1.15** to form **1.16** (Table 1.3).



 Table 1.3 Product vs. Substrate Exchange Competition.

Time	$\mathbf{I}^{a}$	<b>1.20</b> <sup>a</sup>	Decomp <sup>a</sup>	1 <b>.16</b> ª
1 h	31	45	24	-
2 h	31	45	24	-
-added <b>1.15</b> -				
5 min <sup>b</sup>	42	0	21	36
20 min	32	0	28	40
4.5 h	23	0	29	48
<sup>a</sup> Percentages determined by <sup>31</sup> P NMR. <sup>b</sup> Numbers are slightly off due to low signal:noise ratio in <sup>31</sup> P NMR.				

In order to be thorough, the experiment was run reversing the addition of **1.15** and **1.19**. By first reacting **1.15** and **I** to form **1.16** and then adding **1.19** (at time=0 min), it was reaffirmed that **1.16** is more stable than **1.20**. **1.20** did not form, and **1.16** 

decomposed over time (Table 1.4). We believe the increased sterics of **1.19** compared to **1.15** is the reason for its more unfavorable binding.

 Table 1.4 Substrate vs. Product Exchange Competition.



After determining that sulfonamides were promising substrates based on exchange data, optimization of the regioselective hydroformylation of **1.15** was started. Hydroformylation of **1.15** using 4% PPh<sub>3</sub> as a ligand gave a 50:50 ratio of iso:normal products. As PPh<sub>3</sub> is incapable of binding the substrate, this gave the inherent selectivity of the hydroformylation of **1.15**. As a terminal substrate usually strongly favors the normal product, we believe the sulfonamide moiety itself can direct the hydroformylation to some degree.<sup>26</sup> Using 10% of **I** gave a 60:40 of iso:normal products with good conversion. Encouraged by the increase in the ratio of iso product formed using **I**, the ligand loading was increased to 20% and 40% to test if the maximum selectivity had been reached. Fortunately, it was found that increasing the amount of **I** resulted in higher selectivity for the iso product (Table 1.5).

Table 1.5 Ligand Loading Screen.



Ligand (mol %)	Regioselectivity (1.19:1.21) <sup>a</sup>	Conversion (%) <sup>b</sup>
4 <sup>c</sup>	50:50	>95
10	60:40	>95
20	75:25	>95
40	83:17	>95

<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.<sup>c</sup>PPh<sub>3</sub> was used instead of **I**.

However, to develop a practical and efficient methodology, we optimized the conditions at lower ligand loadings. Previous exchange results had showed that while initial exchange of **I** with **1.15** was slow compared to the reaction time (Table 1.1), the exchange between substrate bound ligand, **1.16**, and **1.17** was much faster (Scheme 1.14).

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Therefore, the exchange of **I** and **1.15** was carried out prior to the hydroformylation reaction. Exchanging 5% of **I** with **1.15** prior to hydroformylation gave similar results to using 20% **I** without the pre-exchange procedure (Table 1.5 and Table 1.6). Impressively, when 10% of **I** was used, a ratio of 90:10 (**1.19**:**1.21**) was obtained with good conversion (Table 1.6).

RO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>N</sub> H 1) X mol % I, Benzene 55 °C + RO<sub>2</sub>S-<sub>N</sub> 2) 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> 45 °C, 200 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO Benzene 1.15 1.19 1.21 R= (3,5-CF<sub>3</sub>)-Ph Regioselectivity (1.19:1.21)<sup>a</sup> Ligand (mol %) Conversion (%)<sup>b</sup> 5 77:23 >95 10 90:10 >95

 Table 1.6 Ligand Loading Screen with Pre-exchange of I and 1.15.

<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

Having developed an effective procedure, the temperature of the reaction was screened in order to discover the mildest conditions that would still afford high levels of selectivity. At 35 °C, the conversion and regioselectivity are low. Increasing the temperature to 45 °C increases the conversion as well as the regioselectivity. The increased regioselectivity can be attributed to an increased exchange rate between I and **1.15** that occurs with increased temperature. Using 20% I, there is no effect to increasing the temperature to 55 °C from 45 °C, as both entries give optimal conversion and selectivities (Table 1.7).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.<sup>c</sup>Reaction run with 20 mol % **I**.

The effect of adding acid, which was previously shown to accelerate the exchange between I and alcohol substrates, was also examined.<sup>13</sup> In this case using 0.2% p-toluenesulfonic acid gave lower regioselectivity for **1.19** (Table 1.8). Because **1.15** 

Table 1.8 Acid Loading Screen.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.
already contains an acidic proton, adding *p*-TsOH was not necessary. Making the exchange rate faster increases the concentration of the exchange intermediate through which I can decompose (Scheme 1.11 and 1.15). The decomposition of I results in lower regioselectivities because directed reaction does not occur without I.

The amount of rhodium was screened knowing that it would have an effect on the rate of selective reaction with **I**, as well as the unselective, undirected background reaction. At low loadings of rhodium, the directed reaction is able to outcompete the background reaction most effectively, resulting in high regioselectivities; however, the efficiency of the reactions suffers. At 2 mol % rhodium, the balance between complete conversion and high selectivity was reached (Table 1.9).

RO <sub>2</sub> S	1) 10 mc	I % I, Benzene 55 °C	RO <sub>2</sub> S	Me	он + ,
Ĥ	2) X mol % 45 °C, 2	6 Rh(acac)(CO) <sub>2</sub> 200 psi H <sub>2</sub> /CO	п	о́н	RO <sub>2</sub> S-N
1.15	E	Benzene	1.1	9	1.21
	R= (3	5-CF <sub>3</sub> )-Ph			
Rho	dium (mo <b>l</b> %)	Regioselectivity (1	<b>.19</b> : <b>1.21</b> ) <sup>a</sup>	Conversio	n (%) <sup>b</sup>
	0.5	91:9		65	
	1	88:12		84	
	2	87:13		>95	
	3	84:16		>95	
	4	84:16		>95	

 Table 1.9 Rhodium Loading Screen.

<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. A pressure screen showed the most dramatic effect on selectivity. At 200 psi and above, the conversion is complete. (For a direct comparison of selectivites, reactions with PPh<sub>3</sub> and I without the pre-exchange were run at 200 psi.) The regioselectivity shows a strong dependence on pressure, with 400 psi being the optimal pressure (Table 1.10). It is possible that the increased CO pressure inhibits olefin binding to rhodium which would slow the background reaction.<sup>27</sup> Because **1.16** can chelate the metal, the directed reaction would be more competitive under those circumstances. Another possibility is that high  $H_2/CO$  pressure changes the rate and selectivity determining step in the reaction.<sup>28</sup>

RO <sub>2</sub> S	2 mol %	o Rh(acac)(CO) <sub>2</sub> 0 mol % I	RO <sub>2</sub> S	Me		ОН
H	45 °C, E	Benzene, H <sub>2</sub> /CO	н	он	T RO <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>S</sup> -N
1.15	R= (3	3,5-CF <sub>3</sub> )-Ph	1.1	9		1.21
	Pressure (psi)	Regioselectivity (1	<b>.19</b> :1 <b>.21</b> ) <sup>a</sup>	Conversio	on (%) <sup>b</sup>	
_	200 <sup>c</sup>	50:50		>95	5	
	200	60:40		>95	5	
	200 <sup>d</sup>	91:9		>95	5	
	100 <sup>d</sup>	88:12		83		

Table 1.10 Pressure Screen.

<sup>a</sup>Determined by SFC analysis. <sup>b</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>c</sup>Reaction run with 4% PPh<sub>3</sub> as the ligand. <sup>d</sup>**1.15** and **I** were exchanged at 55 °C prior to hydroformylation.

96:4

97:3

>95

>95

300<sup>d</sup>

400<sup>d</sup>

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With the optimal conditions established, the substrate scope was expanded to 1,2disubstituted olefins. The more reactive terminal olefin, 1.15, resulting in a ratio of 97:3 favoring **1.19** indicated that the disubstituted olefins would also be highly regioselective. Accordingly, the alkyl substrates all react with excellent regioselectivities in good yields (Table 1.11, Products 1.19, 1.22, and 1.23). A substrate containing a free alcohol was not successful as the alcohol can also bind to I, but the protected alcohol substrate gives similar results to the other alkyl substrates (Table 1.11, **1.24**). In general, styrene substrates prefer to form the aldehyde at the position proximal to the aryl group.<sup>29</sup> Using I completely overturned this inherent preference with both electron-withdrawing and donating aryl substrates (Table 1.11, Products 1.25-1.28). An ester substrate, which yields mostly reduced olefin when PPh<sub>3</sub> is used as the ligand, gives high selectivity for the 1.4 dicarbonyl product, 1.29, when I is used with less than 10% reduced starting material (Table 1.11). The high selectivity is impressive as esters are known to direct hydroformylation.<sup>30</sup> This demonstrates the ability of **I** to overcome a stoichiometric directing group. A skipped diene substrate gives greater than 95:5 selectivity in the presence of I leaving the distal olefin untouched. The hydroformylation of this diene with PPh<sub>3</sub> gives a very complex mixture of aldehyde products (Table 11, Product **1.30**).

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**Table 1.11** Substrate Scope of Hydroformylation of Allylic Sulfonamides.

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields of the mixture of regioisomers. <sup>b</sup>Regioselectivity of iso:normal products as determined by SFC analysis. <sup>c</sup>Regioselectivity for reactions run with 4% PPh<sub>3</sub> instead of **I**. <sup>d</sup>Hydroformylation performed at 40 °C. <sup>e</sup>Hydroformylation performed in 5% THF/benzene. <sup>f</sup>Hydroformylation performed in 10% THF/benzene with 3 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> at 55 °C. <sup>g</sup>Hydroformylation peformed in 10% THF/benzene with 3 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> and 6 mol % PPh<sub>3</sub> at 55 °C. <sup>h</sup>Ratio of iso:normal:hydrogenated product. <sup>i</sup>Selectivity determined by analysis of crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

#### 1.6 Conclusions

Using catalytic directing group, **I**, the efficient regioselective hydroformylation of substituted allylic sulfonamides to form  $\beta$ -amino-aldehydes under mild conditions has been shown. A complete reversal of the inherent selectivity is obtained in many cases, as well as, excellent site selectivity in the case of **1.30**.

1.7 Experimental

#### General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Lithium reagents were titrated against 2-pentanol or 2,6-di*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol (BHT) using 1,10-phenanthroline as the indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed using EMD Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and ACS grade solvents as received from Fisher Scientific. All experiments were performed in oven or flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon using standard syringe and cannula techniques, except where otherwise noted. All reactions were run with dry, degassed solvents dispensed from a Glass Contour Solvent Purification System (SG Water, USA LLC). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR were performed on either a Varian Gemini-2000 400 MHz or a Varian Unity 300 MHz instrument. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and stored over 3Å molecular sieves. C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was degassed by three successive freeze-pump-thaw cycles and stored over 3Å molecular sieves in a dry box under a nitrogen atmosphere. All NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C and external standard (neat H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) for <sup>31</sup>P

NMR. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. All IR spectra were gathered on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR equipped with a single crystal diamond ATR module and values are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Analytical supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) was performed on a Berger Instruments Supercritical Chromatograph equipped with an Alcott auto sampler and a Knauer UV detector using methanol as the modifier. An achiral Princeton SFC 4.6x150 mm silica column (henceforth Silica) with 60Å mesh silica, 6µ particle size was used for analysis of some compounds. All SFC retention times are reported as  $t_r$ . HRMS and X-ray crystal structure data were generated in Boston College facilities. Hydroformylation was performed in an Argonaut Technologies Endeavor<sup>®</sup> Catalyst Screening System using 1:1 H<sub>2</sub>/CO supplied by Airgas, Inc.

#### Substrate Syntheses and Characterization

The following compounds were made according to literature procedures and matched reported spectra: (*E*)-ethyl-3-cyclohexylacrylate,  $^{31-33}$  (*E*)-3-cyclohexyl-2-propen-1-ol,  $^{34-36}$  (*E*)-but-2-en-1-amine,  $^{37-39}$  (*E*)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-amine,  $^{40-41}$ 

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benzo[*d*][1,3]azaphosphole (**I**),<sup>21</sup> (*E*)-but-2-en-1-ol,<sup>46</sup> (*E*)-1-bromobut-2-ene,<sup>47</sup> (*E*)-hept-5-en-2-yn-1-ol<sup>48</sup> and (2*E*,5*E*)-hepta-2,5-dien-1-ol.<sup>49</sup>



*N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>50</sup> To a flame-dried round-bottom flask was added 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (4.01 g, 12.8 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and allyl amine (4.78 mL, 63.9 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with 1:1 brine/H<sub>2</sub>O (2x30 mL) and brine (1x30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (15% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a white solid (4.15 g, 97%). **SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 7.44 min;

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<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.32 (s, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 5.66-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.13-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.91 (t, 1H, J = 5.9), 3.72 (ddd, 2H, J = 12.0, 6.0, 1.3); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 143.4, 133.1 (q, J = 34.5), 132.3, 127.5, 126.4, 122.6 (q, J = 273.6), 118.6, 46.0; **IR:** 3274, 3087, 1626, 1430, 1362, 1340, 1281, 1196, 1175, 1160, 1132, 1110, 906, 886, 697, 682, 645, 589, 515 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 334.0336, found: 334.0340.



cis/trans-(1:4.5 mixture)-N-(but-2-enyl)-3,5-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.** To a flame-dried round-bottom flask was added but-2-en-1-amine hydrochloride (4.11 g, 37.5 mmol), triethylamine (713 µL, 5.12 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (150 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and 3,5- bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (11.7 g, 37.5 mmol) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL) and washed with 1:1 brine/H<sub>2</sub>O (2x50 mL) and brine (1x50 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded a white solid (5.36 g, 41%). **SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 8.67$  min; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.30 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.58-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.27-5.34 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 3.75 (app. t, 0.4H, *J* = 6.4),

3.65 (ddd, 2H, J = 12.5, 6.2, 1.1), 1.61 (d, 3H, J = 5.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 143.7, 133.1 (q, J = 33.7), 131.1, 127.6, 126.3, 125.0, 122.6 (q, J = 272.8), 45.7, 17.7; IR: 3277, 3058, 1626, 1359, 1342, 1279, 1265, 1161, 1141, 1110, 904, 735, 698, 681, 590, 414 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 348.0493, found: 348.0502.



# 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>51</sup> 3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (1.0 g, 3.2 mmol) was suspended in water in a round-bottom flask. Ammonium hydroxide (1.3 mL, 32 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated to 100 °C. After reaching 100 °C, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. Excess water was removed by azeotroping the product with toluene three times to yield a white solid (1.0 g, 100%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.39 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 4.99 (s, 2H); IR: 3356, 3262, 1323, 1312, 1277, 1266, 1198, 1163, 1131, 907, 731, 699, 682 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 294.0023, found: 294.0037.

<sup>51</sup>Yuriev, E.; Kong, D. C. M.; Iskander, M. N. Eur. J. Med. Chem. 2004, 39, 835-847.



(*E*)-*N*-(3-cyclohexylallyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>52</sup> 3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (658 mg, 4.69 mmol), (*E*)-3-cyclohexyl-2propen-1-ol (2.75 g, 9.38 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (2.46 g, 9.38 mmol) were dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (94 mL) in a round-bottom flask. DIAD (1.90 g, 9.38 mmol) was added, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. The reaction was concentrated. Chromatography (2-25% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a white solid (371 mg, 19%). **SFC** (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 9.87 min; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 6.5), 5.22 (dtd, 1H, *J* = 15.4, 6.4, 1.1), 4.75 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.8), 3.64 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.2), 1.82-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.69 (m, 5H), 1.03-1.26 (m, 3H), 0.86-0.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.6, 141.9, 133.0 (q, *J* = 34.5), 127.5, 126.3, 122.6 (q, *J* = 272.7), 121.2, 45.8, 40.3, 32.6, 26.2, 26.0; **IR**: 3291, 2928, 2855, 1450, 1424, 1360, 1279, 1161, 1142, 1114, 905, 699, 682, 593 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 416.1119, found: 416.1127.



### (Z)-2-(4-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-2-enyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione. Potassium

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup>Guisado, C.; Waterhouse, J. E.; Price, W. S.; Jorgensen, M. R.; Miller, A. D. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2005**, *3*. 1049-1057.

phthalimide (15.2 g, 82.1 mmol) was added to 1,4-but-2-enediol cyclic sulfite (5.51 g, 41.1 mmol) in DMF (22 mL). The suspension was stirred and heated to 100 °C for 1 h. After cooling, the reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1x50 mL), dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The resulting white solid was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) and filtered to remove excess potassium phthalimide. The filtrate was concentrated to give a 3:1 ratio of product to potassium phthalimide and was used without further purification. In a flame-dried 100 mL round bottom flask, the filtrate (6.36 g, 29.3 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(49 mL) and DMAP (183 mg, 1.50 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and triethylamine (4.90 mL, 35.2 mmol) was added. TBSCl (5.32 g, 35.3 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and added slowly at 0 °C. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight at room temperature. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) was added, and the solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3x30 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (1x50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a white solid (6.63 g, 49% over two steps). <sup>1</sup>HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.83-7.86 (m, 2H), 7.70-7.73 (m, 2H), 5.63-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.55 (m, 1H), 4.45 (d, 2H, J =4.8), 4.33 (d, 2H, J = 7.1), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 168.0, 134.1, 134.0, 132.3, 123.7, 123.4, 59.6, 35.2, 26.2, 18.6, -4.8; **IR**: 3379, 2955, 2920, 2857, 1773, 1716, 1430, 1089, 838, 779, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 332.1682, found: 332.1675.



(Z)-N-(4-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-2-enyl)-3,5-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.** (Z)-2-(4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-2envl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (7.71 g, 23.3 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (2.30 mL, 46.6 mmol) were refluxed in EtOH (23 mL) for 30 minutes. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered, and the solid was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3x30 mL). The filtrate was concentrated. The resulting oil (3.42 g, 17.0 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (57 mL) in a round-bottom flask. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, and 3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (5.29 g, 17.0 mmol) was added. Hunig's base (8.92 mL, 129 mmol) was added slowly, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and washed with 1:1 brine/H<sub>2</sub>O (2x30 mL) and brine (1x30 mL). The organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) afforded an off-white solid (3.69 g, 39% over two steps). SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 9.76$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.63-5.73 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.42 (m, 1H), 5.18 (t, 1H, J = 5.7), 4.16 (d, 2H, J = 5.7), 3.76-3.79 (m, 2H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.6, 133.7, 133.1 (q, J = 34.5), 127.5, 126.2, 125.3, 122.6 (q, J = 273.6), 59.6, 40.6, 26.0, 18.4, -5.2; **IR**: 3293, 2956, 2933, 2887, 2859, 1359, 1277, 1137, 1109, 1064, 905, 836, 699, 681, 590, 414; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{26}F_6NO_3SSi[M+H]^+$ : 478.1307, found: 478.1328.



*N*-cinnamyI-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyI)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>50</sup> The procedure for *N*-allyI-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyI)benzenesulfonamide was followed. Chromatography (15% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a white solid (1.69 g, 50%). **SFC** (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 2.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 16.69 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.25 (s, 2H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 5H), 6.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.0), 5.91 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.7, 6.4), 4.85 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0), 3.79 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.2, 6.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.5, 135.6, 134.2, 133.1 (q, *J* = 34.5), 128.8, 128.4, 127.5, 126.5, 126.3, 123.0, 122.5 (q, *J* = 273.6), 45.8; **IR**: 3281, 3091, 1361, 1340, 1157, 1139, 1110, 970, 907, 749, 696, 682, 590 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 409.0571, found: 409.0588.



## (E)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-N-(3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>53</sup> To a flame-dried two-neck round-bottom flask fitted with a reflux condenser was added *N*-allyl-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (1.51 g, 4.49 mmol) followed by palladium (II)

acetate (50.5 mg, 0.225 mmol) and tri(*o*-tolyl)phosphine (137 mg, 451 µmol). The flask was temporarily placed under vacuum and refilled with nitrogen three times to remove any oxygen followed by addition of acetonitrile (8.4 mL), triethylamine (1.26 mL, 9.01 mmol) and 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (661 µL, 4.51 mmol). The reaction mixture was placed in a preheated oil bath and stirred for 3 h to yield an orange solution. The reaction was cooled below reflux and a second portion of each: palladium (II) acetate (25.3 mg, 0.113 mmol), tri(*o*-tolyl)phosphine (68.5 mg, 0.225 mmol) and 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (278 µL, 1.89 mmol) was added and heated for an additional 16 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (28 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3x20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to yield a yellow oil that was dry-loaded (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) onto silica gel. Chromatography (15-25% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a light yellow solid (925 mg, 47%). **SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 5.07 min; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.24 (s, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.46 <sup>53</sup>Busacca, C. A.; Dong, Y. *Tet. Lett.* **1996**, *37*, 3947-3950.

(d, 2H, J = 8.4), 7.26 (d, 2H, J = 8.4), 6.45 (d, 1H, J = 16.0), 6.05 (dt, 1H, J = 6.0, 16.0), 4.79 (t, 1H, J = 6.0), 3.83 (t, 2H, J = 6.0); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.5, 139.1, 133.3 (q, J = 34.5), 132.7, 130.4 (q, J = 35.2), 127.5, 126.8, 126.5, 126.0, 125.9, 124.2 (q, J = 275.9), 122.5 (q, J = 273.6), 45.6; **IR**: 3290, 3089, 2925, 2854, 1618, 1416, 1360, 1327, 1279, 1160, 1067, 725, 699, 682 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>++</sup>: 477.0445, found: 477.0447.



(*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)allyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>53</sup> The procedure for (*E*)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-*N*-(3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide was followed except that 4bromochlorobenzene was used instead of 4-iodobenzotrifluoride. Chromatography (25% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a white solid (561 mg, 42%). **SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 4.8 min; <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.32 (s, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.27 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 6.45 (d, 15.9, *J* = 15.9), 6.00 (dt, 1H, *J* = 6.3, 15.9), 4.76 (t, 1H, 5.7), 3.85-3.90 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 143.5, 134.2, 134.2, 132.7 (q, *J* = 34.5), 133.0, 129.0, 127.8, 127.6, 122.6 (q, *J* = 272.8), 126.4, 123.8, 45.7; **IR**: 3159, 3085, 2960, 2924, 2853, 1625, 1593, 1492, 1427, 1318, 1296, 1159, 1096, 926, 698, 681, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. For C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M]<sup>+</sup>: 443.0182, found: 443.0190.



(*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>53</sup> The procedure for (*E*)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-*N*-(3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide was followed except that 4bromoanisole was used instead of 4-iodobenzotrifluoride. Chromatography (10-25% EtOAc/Hex) yielded an off-white solid (925 mg, 47%). **SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 4.84$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ 8.45 (s, 2H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.21 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 6.84 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 6.42 (d, 1H, J =16.0), 5.94 (dt, 1H, J = 6.4, 16.0), 3.84 (dd, 2H, J = 5.6, 6.4). 3.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.5, 145.4, 133.2, 133.1 (q, J = 33.7), 129.8, 128.5, 128.3, 126.9, 123.8 (q, J = 272.8), 122.7, 114.8, 55.7, 46.3; **IR**: 3356, 3262, 2958, 2922, 2851, 1626, 1607, 1364, 1323, 1277, 1163, 1132, 1030, 907, 845, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 440.0753, found: 440.0753.



(E)-ethyl 4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylsulfonamido)but-2-enoate.<sup>54</sup> N-allyl-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (4.1 g, 12 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (40 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. Ozone was bubbled through the solution until it turned blue. The excess ozone was bubbled out with nitrogen, and dimethyl sulfide (1.3 mL, 18 mmol) was added. The solution was kept at -78 °C for 5 h then slowly allowed to warm to room temperature. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (80 mL), washed with 2% HCl (30 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The organic layer was filtered and concentrated. NaH (314 mg, 13.1 mmol) was suspended in THF (45 mL) and triethylphosphonoacetate (2.67 g, 11.9 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added. The solution was stirred for 1.5 h. The crude ozonolysis product (4.1 g, 12 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with  $H_2O$  (5 mL) and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (60 mL), washed with 2% HCl (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (20% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a white solid. A minor impurity was removed by recrystallization (EtOH/Hex) to give a white solid (590 mg, 12%). SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 17.99 \text{ min;}^{1}\text{H}$ 

<sup>54</sup>Liu, S.; Hanzlik, R. P. J. Med. Chem. 1992, 35, 1067-1075.

**NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 6.73 (dt, 1H, *J* = 15.6, 5.2), 5.93 (dt, 1H, *J* = 16.0, 1.2), 5.11 (t, 1H, *J* = 5.8), 4.17 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0), 3.87-3.91 (m, 2H,), 1.27 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.8); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  165.5, 143.2, 141.3, 133.3 (q, *J* = 34.5), 127.5, 126.6, 123.8, 122.5 (q, *J* = 274.4), 61.1, 44.1, 14.3; **IR**: 3278, 3089, 2988, 1703, 1360, 1279, 1162, 1139, 1113, 906, 699, 682, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 406.0548, found: 406.0554.

Synthesis of N-((2E,5E)-hepta-2,5-dienyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide:





*N*-((2*E*,5*E*)-hepta-2,5-dienyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide.<sup>52</sup> The procedure for (*E*)-*N*-(3-cyclohexylallyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was followed. Chromatography (2-7% EtOAc/Hex) afforded light yellow oil that solidified upon standing to yield a white solid (654 mg, 34%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz) δ 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.59 (dt, 1H, J = 1.2, 5.1), 5.55-5.63 (m, 3H), 4.56 (t, 1H, J = 6.0), 3.67 (dd, 2H, J = 1.2, 6.3), 2.59-2,62 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.64 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 143.7, 134.5, 133.1 (q, J = 35.4), 127.9, 127.6, 126.9,

126.3, 124.2, 122.6 (q, J = 273.5), 45.6, 35.1, 18.0; **IR**: 3289, 3088, 2924, 1625, 1426, 1277, 1134, 1109, 969, 904, 843, 698, 680, 631, 589 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 388.0806, found: 388.0792.

Authentic Linear Hydroformylation Product Synthesis and Characterization





**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-one.**<sup>55</sup> Pyrrolidinone (401 mg, 4.69 mmol) was brought up in THF (15 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. *n*BuLi (3.45 mL, 5.17 mmol) was added via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 40 minutes. A cold solution of 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl chloride (1.48 g, 4.75 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added via cannula. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C. After ~1 h, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and concentrated. The concentrate was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (15 mL), washed with  $H_2O$  (3x10 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (20-100% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a white solid (958 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.52 (s, 2H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 3.97 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.1), 2.51 (t, 2H, *J* = 8.1), 2.17 (tt, 2H, *J* = 7.7, 7.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

<sup>55</sup>Harling, J. D.; Steel, P. G.; Woods, T. M.; Yufit, D. S. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2007, 5, 3472-3476.

100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.6, 140.8, 133.0 (q, J = 34.5), 128.8, 127.7, 122.5 (q, J = 272.8), 47.6, 32.1, 18.6; **IR**: 3095, 2994, 2915, 1750, 1626, 1362, 1279, 1165, 1133, 1109, 965, 906, 696, 682, 634, 593, 540, 415 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) cald. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 362.0256, found: 362.0287.



# 1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol.<sup>56</sup> 1-(3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-one (250 mg, 0.69 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL) and cooled to -78 °C under Ar. With stirring, the reaction mixture was treated with DIBAL (140 µL, 0.76 mmol) dropwise, stirred for 1 h at -78°C, and 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was cooled to -78 °C, quenched with MeOH (520 µL) and allowed to warm to room temperature slowly overnight. The reaction was poured on to a 1M aqueous solution of Rochelle's salt (15 mL). This mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3x40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Chromatography (25% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a white solid (160 mg, 64%). **SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 6.48$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 5.56-5.57 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 3.03 (s, 1H), 2.12-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.99 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  143.1, 133.9 (q, *J* = 34.5), 128.3, 127.1, 123.3 (q, *J* = 272.8), 84.4, 47.6, 34.4, 23.2; **IR**: 3502, 3090,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>Unthank, M. G.; Hussain, N.; Aggarwal, V. K. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 7066-7069.

2986, 1361, 1280, 1158, 1136, 1114, 907, 731, 700, 682, 652, 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 386.0262, found: 386.0267.

#### Exchange Reactions with Sulfonamides (Table 1.1)

**General Exchange Reaction Procedure:** In a dry glovebox, the sulfonamide, **1.15**, (0.10 mmol) was mixed with I (0.01 mmol) in benzene (1.0 mL) and heated to 45 °C. The reaction progress was followed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. <sup>31</sup>P NMR of I: -22.1 ppm.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 1**</u>: *N*-allyl-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (23 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (2.9 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene (1.0 mL) and heated to 45 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR: -18.7 ppm.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 2:**</u> *N*-allyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (21 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (2.9 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene (1.0 mL) and heated to 45 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR: -18.8 ppm.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 3:**</u> *N*-allyl-4-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (24 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (2.9 mg,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene (1.0 mL) and heated to 45 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR: -17.9 ppm.

<u>**Table 1.1, Entry 4:**</u> *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (33 mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (2.9 mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene (1.0 mL) and heated to 45 °C. <sup>31</sup>P NMR: -17.8 ppm.

## Exchange Reaction Between Substrates (Scheme 1.14)

In a dry glovebox, *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (17 mg,  $5.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) and **I** (2.9 mg,  $1 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene *d*-6 (0.6 mL) and heated to 55 °C. Reaction was followed by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. After 48 h, the reaction was complete. The reaction was concentrated and redissolved in benzene *d*-6 (1.0 mL) with (*E*)-*N*-(but-2-en-1-yl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.17** (18 mg,  $5.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol). The reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR. After 1 h at room temperature, the ratio between **1.16** and **1.18** was 53:47. At equilibrium (after 22 h), the ratio was 43:57, respectively.

## Exchange Reaction with Product (Table 1.2)

In a dry glovebox, *N*-(2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.19**, (18 mg, 5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and **I** (2.9 mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene *d*-6 (0.6 mL). The reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR at room temperature for 24 h.

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Crystal Structure of I-decomp (CCDC # 837337) (Figure 1.5)
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 Table 1.12 Crystal data and structure refinement for I-decomp.

Identification code	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NOP
Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>14</sub> NOP
Formula weight	243.23
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic

Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a= 9.7934(11) Å b = 10.0938(11) Å c = 12.8098(14) Å	$a = 90^{\circ}.$ $b = 108.5370(10)^{\circ}.$ $g = 90^{\circ}.$
Volume	1200.6(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.346 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.211 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	512	
Crystal size	0.17 x 0.16 x 0.10 mr	n <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.19 to 28.30°.	
Index ranges	-13<=h<=l3, -13<=k<	<=13, -16<=1<=17
Reflections collected	14018	

Independent reflections	2941 [R(int) = 0.0188]
Completeness to theta = $28.30^{\circ}$	98.6%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9793 and 0.9651
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data/ restraints/ parameters	2941/14/196
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.065
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0362, wR2 = 0.0954
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0372, wR2 = 0.0964
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.556 and -0.222 e. Å $^{-3}$

 Table 1.13 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for I-decomp.

P(1)-O(1)	1.4894(9)
P(1)-C(7)	1.7778(11)
P(1)-C(1)	1.7935(12)
P(1)-C(14)	1.8246(12)
N(1)-C(8)	1.3897(15)
N(l)-C(l3)	1.4546(15)
N(1)-C(14)	1.4621(15)
C(1)-C(6)	1.3939(16)
C(l)-C(2)	1.3946(16)
C(2)-C(3)	1.3901(17)
C(2)-H(2)	0.966(13)

C(3)-C(4)	1.3889(19)
C(3)-H(3)	0.960(13)
C(4)-C(5)	1.3834(19)
C(4)-H(4)	0.931(14)
C(5)-C(6)	1.3915(17)
C(5)-H(5)	0.944(13)
C(6)-H(6)	0.937(13)
C(7)-C(12)	1.3910(15)
C(7)-C(8)	1.4069(15)
C(8)-C(9)	1.4036(16)
C(9)-C(10)	1.3873(18)
C(9)-H(9)	0.932(13)

C(10)-C(11)	1.3881(18)
C(10)-H(10)	0.957(13)
C(11)-C(l2)	1.3895(17)
C(11)-H(11)	0.924(13)
C(12)-H(12)	0.957(13)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.985(14)
C(13)-H(13B)	0.955(14)
C(13)-H(l3C)	0.980(14)
C(14)-H(14A)	0.955(13)
C(14)-H(14B)	0.976(12)
O(1)-P(1)-C(7)	115.94(5)
O(1)-P(1)-C(1)	112.20(5)

C(7)-P(1)-C(l)	109.96(5)
O(1)-P(1)-C(14)	115.89(5)
C(7)-P(1)-C(14)	90.48(5)
C(1)-P(1)-C(14)	110.52(5)
C(8)-N(1)-C(13)	120.06(10)
C(8)-N(1)-C(14)	111.64(9)
C(13)-N(1)-C(14)	115.92(9)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	119.78(11)
C(6)-C(1)-P(1)	118.59(9)
C(2)-C(1)-P(1)	121.59(9)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.12(11)
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	120.1(10)

C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	119.8(10)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	119.71(12)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8(10)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	120.4(10)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	120.49(12)
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	121.2(11)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	118.3(11)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	120.03(11)
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.6(10)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	120.4(10)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	119.88(11)
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	121.7(10)

C(l)-C(6)-H(6)	118.4(10)
C(12)-C(7)-C(8)	121.12(10)
C(12)-C(7)-P(1)	130.09(9)
C(8)-C(7)-P(1)	108.38(8)
N(1)-C(8)-C(9)	125.51(11)
N(l)-C(8)-C(7)	114.92(10)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	119.52(11)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	118.14(11)
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	120.5(10)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	121.3(10)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	122.51(11)
C(9)-C(10)-H(10)	119.4(10)

С(11)-С(10)-Н(10)	118.0(10)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	119.46(11)
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	118.5(10)
C(12)-C(11)-H(11)	122.0(10)
C(11)-C(12)-C(7)	119.21(11)
C(11)-C(12)-H(12)	122.4(9)
C(7)-C(12)-H(12)	118.4(9)
N(1)-C(13)-H(13A)	111.6(11)
N(1)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.4(11)
H(l3A)-C(13)-H(l3B)	108.0(15)
N(l)-C(l3)-H(13C)	110.6(11)
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13C)	108.4(15)

H(13B)-C(13)-H(13C)	108.7(15)
N(l)-C(14)-P(l)	103.58(7)
N(l)-C(l4)-H(l4A)	111.5(10)
P(1)-C(14)-H(14A)	111.4(10)
N(1)-C(14)-H(14B)	111.1 (9)
P(1)-C(14)-H(14B)	108.1(9)
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B)	110.9(13)

## Exchange Reactions with Product/Substrate (Table 1.3)

In a dry glovebox, N-(2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.19**, (18 mg, 5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and **I** (2.9 mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene *d*-6 (0.6 mL) and heat to 45 °C for 2 h. *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (17 mg, 5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) was added with benzene (0.4 mL). The reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR at room temperature for 5 h.

### Exchange with Substrate/Product (Table 1.4)

In a dry glovebox, *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (17 mg, 5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and **I** (2.9 mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in benzene *d*-6 (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 24 h. The reaction was complete. The reaction was concentrated and *N*-(2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.19**, (18 mg,  $5.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) was added with benzene (1.0 mL). The reaction was monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR at room temperature for 4 days.

## Optimization of Branch Selective Hydroformylation

General Optimization Procedure. The Endeavor was charged with 500  $\mu$ L of benzene per reaction well to fill the void volume between reactor wall and reaction tube, and oven-dried glass reaction vials were placed in the Endeavor. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4x100 psi). The necessary injection(s) were made (see below). The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1x100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to 45 °C and held for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with H<sub>2</sub>/CO, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at a constant temperature of 45 °C and pressure of H<sub>2</sub>/CO for 16 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction vials were removed from the Endeavor, a solution of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (100  $\mu$ L, 0.2 M) was added, and the sample was concentrated. <sup>1</sup>H NMRs were taken to determine conversion and selectivities. The reaction was chromatographed to determine isolated yield. SFC analysis of the products was used to determine regioselectivities.

## Ligand Loading Screen (Table 1.5)

**Table 1.5, Entry 1:** The General Optimization Procedure was followed. A solution of *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol), triphenylphosphine (4.0 mol %, 2.1 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

**Table 1.5, Entry 2:** The General Optimization Procedure was followed. A solution of *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol), ligand **I** (10 mol %, 5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

<u>**Table 1.5, Entry 3:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure was followed. *N*-allyl-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand **1** (20 mol %, 11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (600 µL) was heated to 55 °C for 6 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) and benzene (1.50 mL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

**Table 1.5, Entry 4:** The General Optimization Procedure was followed. *N*-allyl-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand **1** (40 mol %, 23 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (600 µL) was heated to 55 °C for 6 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) and benzene (1.50 mL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

## Ligand Loading Screen with Pre-exchange (Table 1.6)

### General Pre-exchange Procedure. N-allyl-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, **1.15**, (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol) and **I** (10 mol %, 5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were dissolved in benzene *d*-6 in a dry box and heated to
55 °C for 6 h. After the solution was concentrated, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was added to the residue in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at 45 °C and a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

<u>**Table 1.6, Entry 1:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using 5 mol % I. (2.9 mg,  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol).

**Table 1.6, Entry 2:** The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed.

#### Temperature Screen (Table 1.7)

<u>**Table 1.7, Entry 1:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed. The Endeavor was kept at 35 °C during the reaction.

<u>**Table 1.7, Entry 2:</u>** The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed. The Endeavor was kept at 45 °C during the reaction.</u> <u>**Table 1.7, Entry 3:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using 20 mol % I (23 mg,  $8.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) The Endeavor was kept at 45 °C during the reaction.

<u>**Table 1.7, Entry 4:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using 20 mol % I (23 mg, 8.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol). The Endeavor was kept at 55 °C during the reaction.

### Acid Loading Screen (Table 1.8)

<u>**Table 1.8, Entry 1:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed.

<u>**Table 1.8, Entry 2:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed adding 0.2% p-TsOH (650 µL, 6.21 x  $10^{-4}$  M) to the pre-exchange.

### Rhodium Loading Screen (Table 1.9)

<u>**Table 1.9, Entry 1:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (0.5 mol %, 0.26 mg, 1.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol). <u>**Table 1.9, Entry 2:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (1.0 mol %, 0.52 mg, 2.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol).

<u>**Table 1.9, Entry 3:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol).

**Table 1.9, Entry 4:** The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (3 mol %, 1.5 mg, 6.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol).

<u>**Table 1.9, Entry 5:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed using dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (4 mol %, 2.1 mg, 8.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol).

## Pressure Screen (Table 1.10)

<u>**Table 1.10, Entry 1:**</u> The General Optimization Procedure was followed. A solution of *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (67 mg,  $2.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol), triphenylphosphine (4.0 mol %, 2.1 mg,  $8.0 \ge 10^{-3}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0  $\le 10^{-3}$  mmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via

syringe. An additional 500  $\mu$ L of benzene was\_added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

**<u>Table 1.10, Entry 2:</u>** The General Optimization Procedure was followed. A solution of *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol), **I** (10 mol %, 5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

**<u>Table 1.10, Entry 3:</u>** The General Optimization Procedure and the General Preexchange Procedure were followed. *N*-allyl-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (67 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand **1** (10 mol %, 5.7 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (600 µL) was heated to 55 °C for 6 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The residue, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol) and benzene (1.50 mL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was kept at a constant H<sub>2</sub>/CO pressure of 200 psi.

**Table 1.10, Entry 4:** The procedure for Table 10, Entry 3 was followed except the Endeavor was kept at a constant  $H_2/CO$  pressure of 100 psi.

**Table 1.10, Entry 5:** The procedure for Table 10, Entry 3 was followed except the Endeavor was kept at a constant  $H_2/CO$  pressure of 300 psi.

**<u>Table 1.10, Entry 6</u>**: The procedure for Table 10, Entry 3 was followed except the Endeavor was kept at a constant  $H_2/CO$  pressure of 400 psi.

#### Hydroformylation Substrate Scope (Table 1.11)

**General Hydroformylation Procedure.** The Endeavor was charged with 500  $\mu$ L of benzene per reaction well to fill the void volume between reactor wall and reaction tube, and oven dried glass reaction vials were placed in the Endeavor. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4x100 psi). The necessary injection(s) were made (see below). The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1x100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at reaction temperature for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 400 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO, stirring was reinitiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at constant reaction temperature of 45 °C and pressure of 400 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO for 16 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction vials were removed from the Endeavor and a solution of trimethoxybenzene (100  $\mu$ L, 0.2 M) was added and the sample was concentrated. <sup>1</sup>H NMRs were taken to determine conversion and selectivities. The reaction was chromatographed to determine isolated yield. SFC analysis of the products was used to determine regioselectivities. **Procedure A.** A solution of *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (67 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol), triphenylphosphine (4.0 mol %, 2.1 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.1 mg, 4 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and benzene (1.50 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 45 °C.

**Procedure B.** This procedure is identical to Procedure A except the Endeavor was heated to 40 °C.

**Procedure C.** *N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (67 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (10 mol %, 5.7 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (600 µL) was heated to 45 °C for 6 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.0 mg,  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol), and benzene (1.50 mL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 45 °C.

**Procedure D.** This procedure is identical to Procedure C except the Endeavor was heated to 40 °C.

**Procedure E.** A solution of (*E*)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-*N*-(3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (95 mg,  $2.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mmol),

triphenylphosphine (4.0 mol %, 2.1 mg, 8.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol) and

dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.0 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (100 µL) and benzene (1.4 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 45 °C.

Procedure F. A solution of (E)-N-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (88 mg,  $2.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol), triphenylphosphine (6.0 mol %, 3.1 mg,  $1.2 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (3.0 mol %, 1.3 mg,  $6.0 \ge 10^{-3}$  mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (200 µL) and benzene (1.3 mL) was prepared in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 55 °C.

Procedure G. A solution of N-((2E,5E)-hepta-2,5-dienyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (77 mg,  $2.0 \ge 10^{-1}$  mmol) and ligand I (10 mol %, 5.7 mg,  $2.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (600 µL) was heated to 45 °C for 2 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid, dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.0 mg, 4.0  $\ge 10^{-3}$  mmol), and benzene (1.50 mL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 45 °C for 5 h.

**Procedure H.** A solution of (*E*)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-*N*-(3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide (38 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and ligand I (10 mol %, 5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (500 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (100 µL) was heated to 55 °C for 16 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (2.0 mol %, 1.0 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) were dissolved in benzene (1.40 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (100 µL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 45 °C.

**Procedure I.** A solution of (*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (35 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and ligand I (10 mol %, 5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in benzene *d*-6 (400 µL) and tetrahydrofuran (200 µL) was heated to 55 °C for 16 h. The solution was concentrated in a dry box. The resulting white solid was combined with (*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide (53 mg, 1.2 x  $10^{-1}$  mmol) and dicarbonylacetylacetonato rhodium (I) (3.0 mol %, 1.3 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) were dissolved in benzene (1.30 mL) and tetrahydrofuran (200 µL) were mixed in a dry box and injected into the Endeavor via syringe. An additional 500 µL of benzene was added to wash the injection port. The Endeavor was heated to 55 °C.

### Hydroformylation Results and Product Characterization

## Table 1.11, Entry 1:

*N*-allyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and approximate selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (58.2 mg, 80%) and analyzed by SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (97:3).



*N*-(2-methyl-3-oxopropyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.19. SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 9.54$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.63 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 5.22 (t, 1H, J = 6.1), 3.10-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.73-2.78 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, 3H, J = 7.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 203.5, 143.1, 133.2 (q, J = 34.3), 127.4, 126.4, 122.6 (q, J = 271.9), 46.7, 43.4, 11.5; IR: 3279, 2930, 1721, 1361, 1280, 1163, 1139, 1115, 906, 845, 699, 682, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. For C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 364.0442, found: 364.0454.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol.** See above for characterization data.

#### Table 1.11, Entry 2:

(*E*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (63.8 mg, 85%) and analyzed by **SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (99:1)



*N*-(2-formylbutyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.22. SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 15.65$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.66 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 5.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.6), 3.16-3.24 (m, 2H), 2.55-2.61 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.05 (t, 3H, J = 7.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  178.2, 143.2, 133.2 (q, J = 34.5), 127.4, 126.4, 122.6 (q, J = 272.8), 46.5, 43.4, 22.8, 11.4; IR: 3298, 2971, 2931, 1721, 1625, 1460, 1427, 1360, 1279, 1167, 1137, 1114, 906, 844, 699, 682, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 378.0599, found: 378.0582.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-methylpyrrolidin-2-ol.** SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 9.74$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, 1:1 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 3H), 8.08 (app d, 2H, J = 3.8), 5.35 (t, 1H, J =4.2), 5.13 (t, 1H, J = 3.5), 3.44-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.29-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.00 (d, 1H, J = 3.1), 2.68 (d, 1H, 4.0), 2.23-2.25 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.07 (m, 3H), 1.81-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.85 (d, 3H, J = 7.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  142.4, 142.3, 133.1 (q, J = 34.5), 127.6, 126.3, 122.6 (q, J = 275.1), 90.5, 85.3, 46.9, 46.2, 41.1, 39.5, 30.3, 30.1, 16.1, 13.0; **IR:** 3483, 3092, 2969, 2911, 1626, 1363, 1345, 1286, 1183, 1150, 1130, 1107, 904, 696, 682, 650, 599 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 400.0418 found: 400.0416.

### Table 1.11, Entry 3:

(*E*)-*N*-(3-cyclohexylallyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (74.8 mg, 84%) and analyzed by SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (99:1).



*N*-(3-cyclohexyl-2-formylpropyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.23. SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5 % MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 10.89$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.60 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 5.22 (t, 1H, J = 6.3), 3.08-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.71-2.72 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.74 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.14-1.34 (m, 5H), 0.87-0.96 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  204.0, 143.2, 133.2 (q, J = 34.5), 127.4, 126.4, 122.6 (q, J = 273.6), 49.3, 42.0, 35.1, 33.8, 32.9, 26.5, 26.2; IR: 3299, 2926,1723, 1360, 1279, 1163, 1140, 1114, 906, 845, 700, 682, 592 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.1225, found: 446.1224.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-cyclohexylpyrrolidin-2-ol. SFC** (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 5.10$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 1:1 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.47-5.49 (m, 1H), 5.33-5.35 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.37 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 8.0), 3.11-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.03-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.69 (m, 6H), 1.54-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.41-1.47 (m, 3H), 1.09-1.11 (m, 4H), 0.83-0.94 (m, 6H); **IR**: 3511, 2925, 2855, 1724, 1451, 1360, 1280, 1169, 1143, 1061, 1034, 682, 594 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **LRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 446.1225; found: 446.1293.

#### Table 1.11, Entry, 4:

(Z)-N-(4-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)but-2-enyl)-3,5-

bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure D. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (84.2 mg, 83%) and analyzed by SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (97:3).



N-(4-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-formylbutyl)-3,5-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.24. SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 9.00$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.65 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 3.73 (t, 2H, J = 5.6), 3.21-3.28 (m, 2H), 2.75-2.78 (m, 1H), 1.96-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.88 (m, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.03 (d, 6H, J = 2.8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  202.9, 142.9, 132.9 (q, J = 34.5), 127.1, 126.0, 122.3 (q, J = 273.6), 59.9, 49.3, 41.4, 29.5, 25.6, 18.0, -5.7; **IR:** 3286, 3089, 2955, 2932, 2860, 1712, 1359, 1278, 1137, 1108, 905, 835, 809, 777, 699, 681, 589, 413 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>28</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 507.1413, found: 508.1429.



#### 1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-((tert-

**butyldimethylsilyloxy)methyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol**. **SFC** (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 6.06$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 1.1:1 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 2H), 8.34 (s, 2H), 8.06 (app. d, 2H, J = 8.6), 5.65 (t, 1H, J = 4.8), 5.40 (t, 1H, J = 3.3), 3.97 (d, 1H, J = 4.6), 3.89-3.94 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.34-3.48 (m, 6H), 3.10 (d, 1H, J = 3.4), 2.24-2.36 (m, 2H), 1.95-2.17 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.80 (m, 1H), 0.83 (app. d, 18H, J = 11.3), 0.06 (d, 3H, J = 3.6), -0.03 (d, 3H, J = 4.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  142.6, 142.4, 133.1 (q, J = 34.5), 132.7 (q, J = 34.5), 128.3, 127.6, 126.4, 126.1, 122.7 (q, J = 272.8), 122.6 (q, J = 273.6), 86.3, 85.1, 61.8, 61.6, 49.6, 46.7, 46.3, 45.4, 25.9, 25.8, 25.3, 25.0, 18.4, 18.8, -5.4; **IR:** 3514, 2956, 2932, 2859, 1360, 1280, 1169, 1142, 1110, 840, 779, 682, 641, 598 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>NaSSi [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 530.1234, found: 530.1232.

#### Table 1.11, Entry 5:

*N*-cinnamyl-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (76.0 mg, 86%) and analyzed by SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (99:1).





*N*-(2-benzyl-3-oxopropyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.25. SFC

(Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50°C)  $t_r$ = 5.30 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.1), 5.20 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.6), 3.02-3.16 (m, 3H), 2.97-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.0, 8.7); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  203.2, 142.8, 136.7, 133.2 (q, *J* = 273.6), 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 126.5, 122.5 (q, *J* = 34.5), 53.3, 46.3, 41.5, 32.9; **IR**: 3292, 3089, 2889, 1720, 1360, 1280, 1162, 1140, 1114, 906, 844, 699, 682, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 440.0755, found: 440.0742.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-phenylpyrrolidin-2-ol.** SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50°C)  $t_r$ = 2.41 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  8.27 (s, 2H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.03-7.06 (m, 2H), 5.51 (t, 1H, *J* = 3.6), 3.54-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.21 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2), 2.26-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.18 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  142.1, 138.8, 133.1 (q, *J* = 33.5), 129.0, 128.7, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 126.4, 122.5 (q, *J* = 272.8), 90.5, 84.7, 51.8, 50.3, 47.0, 29.7, 27.0; **IR**: 3488, 3089, 2960, 1625, 1359, 1279, 1162, 1136, 1112, 1017, 699, 682, 644, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 462.0575, found: 462.0571.

#### <u>Table 1.11, Entry 6:</u>

(E)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)-N-(3-(4-

(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)allyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure H. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid





N-(2-formyl-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)propyl)-3,5-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.26. SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) *t*<sub>r</sub> = 11.01 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz) δ 9.41 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.62 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.0), 7.48 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.4), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.26-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.21 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 14.0), 3.03-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.93 (dd, 1H, 7.6, 14.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 100 MHz) δ 203.1, 144.9, 133.8 (q, *J* = 33.7), 131.3, 129.7 (q, *J* =

32.1), 129.1, 127.9, 126.8, 126.7, 126.0 (q, *J* = 270.5), 124.4 (q, *J* = 272.0), 54.3, 42.8, 33.2; **IR:** 3291, 3090, 2927, 2855, 1724, 1620, 1420, 1360, 1327, 1280, 1162, 1068, 1019, 906, 845, 805, 699, 682, 630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 508.0629, found: 508.0628.



1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol. SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 2.2$  and 4.2 min (diastereomers); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz, 46:54 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.55 (s, 1.0H), 8.49 (s, 2.0H), 8.37 (s, 0.6H), 8.34 (s, 1.0H), 7.64 (d, 3.6H, J = 8.1), 7.57 (d, 1.4H, J = 8.1), 7.51 (d, 2.5H, J = 8.1), 5.79-5.84 (m, 1.5H), 5.61 (dd, 1.3H, J = 3.1, 5.9), 5.42 (d, 0.4H, J = 6.2), 3.72-3.80 (m, 1.4H), 3.50-3.63 (m, 2.7H), 3.43-3.49 (m, 1.3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  145.1, 143.5, 143.4, 142.5, 132.2 (q, J = 34.5), 129.9, 128.7 (q, J = 20.1), 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 126.3, 125.5, 124.8, 123.1 (q, J = 269.0), 89.9, 84.8, 54.2, 52.9, 49.8, 46.7, 46.1, 27.1; **IR**: 3505, 3089, 2927, 1621, 1360, 1327, 1279, 1163, 1126, 1069, 1046, 907, 844, 700, 682,649, 631 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>9</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 508.0629, found: 508.0647.

### **Table 1.11, Entry 7:**

(*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)allyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using General Procedure H. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (64.9 mg, 69%) and analyzed by SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (99:1).



*N*-(2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-3-oxopropyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.27. SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 9.80$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.72 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 2H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.09 (s, 1H), 3.24-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.81-2.86 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  203.2, 144.9, 138.7, 133.7 (q, *J* = 34.5), 133.2, 133.1, 129.2, 130.0, 127.7, 124.3 (q, *J* = 272.8), 54.4, 42.6, 32.8; **IR**: 3293, 3089, 2929, 1723, 1626, 1493, 1411, 1360, 1318, 1279, 1138, 1112, 906, 844, 722, 699, 630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 474.0365, found: 474.0381.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  = 2.6 and 4.4 min (diastereomers); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 10:1 diastereomer ratio) δ 8.41 (s, 0.2H), 8.28 (s, 1.65H), 8.07 (s, 1.0H), 7.32 (d, 0.25H, *J* = 8.4), 7.19 (d, 2.0H, *J* = 8.6), 7.01 (d, 1.9H, *J* = 8.6), 5.64 (dd, 0.1H, *J* = 3.3, 4.5), 5.47 (dd, 1.0H, *J* = 2.7, 3.3), 3.57 (dd, 2.0H, *J* = 2.4, 6.9), 3.46 (d, 1.1H, *J* = 3.3), 3.33 (dt, 1.2H, *J* = 3.6, 6.9), 2.57 (app. d, 0.1H, *J* = 3.0), 2.41-2.52 (m, 1.0H), 2.21-2.30 (m, 0.2H), 2.03-2.14 (m, 1.0H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 142.4, 142.2, 137.3, 134.5, 133.8, 133.5, 133.1 (q, *J* = 33.7), 132.9 (q, *J* =

34.5), 130.2, 129.1, 129.0. 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 126.5, 122.7 (q, J = 273.5), 122.6 (q, J = 272.8), 90.3, 84.5, 51.3, 49.8, 46.9, 46.4, 29.6, 27.5; **IR**: 3493, 3089, 2960, 1625, 1495, 1360, 1279, 1163, 1138, 1015, 907, 844, 721, 699, 660, 626, 595 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 496.019, found: 496.019.

#### Table 1.11, Entry 8:

(*E*)-*N*-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)allyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using the corresponding General Procedure I. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (81.4 mg, 87%) and analyzed by SFC (Silica, 5.0 mL/min 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (97:3)





N-(2-formyl-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propyl)-3,5-

**bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.28. SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 8.8$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.69 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, 2H, J = 8.4), 6.85 (d, 2H, J = 8.4), 5.43 (t, 1H, J = 6.4), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.08-3.14 (m, 2H), 3.03 (dd, 1H, J = 6.4, 14.4), 2.90-2.97 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, 1H, J = 8.4, 14.4); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (Acetone *d*-6, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  203.5, 158.9, 142.9, 133.2 (q, J = 34.5), 129.9, 128.6, 127.5, 126.5, 122.6 (q, J = 273.6), 114.6, 55.4, 53.5, 41.5, 32.05; **IR:** 3295, 3086, 2936, 2840, 1721, 1613, 1585, 1513, 1422, 1359, 1277, 1248, 1133, 1034, 905, 843, 808, 699, 681, 630, 589 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 470.0861, found: 470.0844.



**1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolidin-2-ol SFC** (Silica, 5.0 mL/min, 1.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 4.3$  and 5.2 min (diastereomers); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (Acetone *d*-6, 400 MHz, 1:1 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.55 (s, 0.5H), 8.46 (s, 2.0H), 8.33-8.44 (m, 2.3H), 7.23 (d, 0.7H, J = 8.2), 7.15 (d, 2.2H, J = 8.4), 6.80-6.87 (m, 3.3H), 5.62-5.67 (m, 1.2H), 5.50 (dd, 1.2H, J = 3.1, 6.0), 5.17 (d, 0.3H, J =6.4), 3.77 (s, 4.5H), 3.66-3.75 (m, 2.0H), 3.46-3.58 (m, 2.3H), 3.27 (dt, 1.9H, J = 2.8, 6.6), 2.35-2.49 (m, 2.1H), 2.07-2.15 (m, 2.1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (Acetone *d*-6, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  160.2, 144.9, 133.2 (q, J = 33.7), 133.2 (q, J = 33.7), 131.4, 130.8, 129.8, 129.5, 129.5 (q, J =272.0), 129.1, 127.6, 115.5, 114.9, 91.9, 86.5, 56.1, 53.7, 50.8, 48.1, 47.4, 28.8; **IR:** 3495, 3088, 2959, 2841, 1724, 1613, 1515, 1459, 1359, 1279, 1251, 1163, 1136, 1035, 906, 843, 699, 682, 640, 594 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 492.0680, found: 492.0690.

### **Table 1.11, Entry 9:**

(*E*)-ethyl 4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylsulfonamido)but-2-enoate was hydroformylated using General Procedure C. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (68.5 mg, 79%) and analyzed by SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) to determine the selectivity (96:4 with 9% hydrogenated starting material).



Ethyl 4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylsulfonamido)-3-formylbutanoate, 1.29. SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r$  =14.72 min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H) 8.30 (s, 2H), 8.09 (s, 1H), 5.39 (t, 1H, J = 6.3), 4.19 (q, 2H, J = 7.1), 3.31-3.34 (m, 2H), 3.00-3.06 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.81 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.31 (t, 3H, J = 7.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  201.2, 171.3, 142.9, 133.2 (q, J = 34.5), 127.4, 126.5, 122.5 (q, J = 273.6), 61.8, 48.0, 41.7, 31.3, 14.3; **IR**: 3291, 3092, 2987, 1728, 1360, 1280, 1163, 1139, 1114, 906, 844, 699, 682, 591, 414 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 436.0653, found: 436.0639.



Ethyl 1-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonyl)-2-hydroxypyrrolidine-3carboxylate. SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 6.01$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz, 2:1 diastereomer ratio)  $\delta$  8.42 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 2H), 8.08 (app d, 1.5H, J = 4.8), 5.81 (t, 0.5H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.21 (q, 1H, J = 7.1), 3.98 (q, 2H, J = 7.2), 3.56-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.27 (m, 2H), 3.04 (app d, 2H, J = 7.5), 2.14-2.51 (m, 3H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 3H), 1.14 (t, 3H, J = 7.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  170.8, 170.6, 142.4, 141.5, 132.8 (q, J = 34.5), 128.2, 127.7, 126.5, 120.9 (q, J = 271.3), 86.1, 83.0, 61.8, 61.5, 51.3, 49.0, 46.8, 46.0, 26.7, 25.2, 14.3, 14.1; **IR**: 3487, 3089, 2984, 1733, 1625, 1360, 1280, 1165, 1138, 1056, 1033, 906, 845, 682, 640, 596 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 458.0473, found: 458.0481.



Ethyl 4-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylsulfonamido)butanoate. SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 0.5% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_r = 7.90$  min; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.31 (s, 2H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, 2H, J = 7.1), 3.11 (q, 2H, J = 6.4, 6.2), 2.39 (t, 2H, J = 6.8), 1.85 (ttt, 2H, J = 13.4, 6.8, 6.6), 1.25 (t, 3H, J = 7.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.4, 143.2, 133.1 (q, J = 34.5), 127.4, 126.3, 122.6 (q, J = 272.8), 61.1, 43.1, 31.5, 24.7, 14.3; **IR:** 3295, 2938, 1733, 1712, 1360, 1279, 1161, 1137, 1114, 905, 682, 591 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>SNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 430.0524, found: 430.0525.

# Table 1.11, Entry 10:

*N*-((2E,5E)-hepta-2,5-dienyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide was hydroformylated using the corresponding General Procedure G. Analysis of the crude reaction mixture by <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed conversion and selectivity. A mixture of normal and iso products was isolated as a white solid (63.4 mg, 76%) with selectivity determined by NMR to be >95:5.



*E*)-*N*-(2-formylhept-5-enyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide, 1.30. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$  9.62 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 2H), 8.08 (s, 1H), 5.20-5.60 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.22 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.07-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.9 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, 3H, J = 5.99), 1.53-1.60 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  203.9, 143.2, 133.2 (q, J =34.5), 129.0, 128.2, 127.6, 126.4, 122.6. (q, J = 272.8), 51.0, 41.4, 29.8, 26.1, 18.0; **IR**: 3295, 3087, 3936, 2859, 1721, 1625, 1453, 1359, 1278, 1138, 969, 906, 844, 699, 682, 630 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 418.0912, found: 418.0898.


















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Chapter Two: Enantioselective Hydroformylation

2.1 Challenges in Enantioselective Hydroformylation

The efficient synthesis of valuable aldehydes through hydroformylation has led many to develop asymmetric methods.<sup>1</sup> A useful method has to first overcome the fundamental challenges of controlling regioselectivity and increasing reactivity of substituted olefins under mild conditions before addressing enantiocontrol in hydroformylation. Numerous groups have used symmetrical (Scheme 2.1)<sup>2h,i</sup> or electronically activated substrates (Scheme 2.2)<sup>2</sup> in order to circumvent the issue of

Scheme 2.1 Reek's Asymmetric Hydroformylation of Dihydrofurans.



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<sup>2</sup>(a) Sakai, N.; Mano, S.; Nozaki, K.; Takaya, H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1993, 115, 7033-7034. (b) Whiteker, G. T.; Babin, J. E. WO9393839, 1993. For recent examples, see: (c) Breeden, S.; Cole-Hamilton, D. J.; Foster, D. F.; Schwarz, G. J.; Wills, M. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2000, 39, 4106–4108. (d) Clark, T. P.; Landis, C. R.; Freed, S. L.; Klosin, J.; Abboud, K. A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 5040–5042. (e) Yan, Y. J.; Zhang, X. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 7198–7202. (f) Watkins, A. L.; Hashiguchi, B. G.; Landis, C. R. Org. Lett. 2008, 10, 4553–4556. (g) Zhao, B. G.; Peng, X. G.; Wang, Z.; Xia, C. G.; Ding, K. L. Chem. Eur. J. 2008, 14, 7847–7857. (h) Mazuela, J.; Coll, M.; Pamies, O.; Dieguez, M. J. Org. Chem. 2009, 74, 5440–5445. (i) Chikkali, S. H.; Bellini, R.; Berthon-Gelloz, G.; van der Vlugt, J. I.; deBruin, B.; Reek, J. N. H. Chem. Commun. 2010, 46, 1244–1246. (j) Zhang, X.; Cao, B.; Yan, Y.; Yu, S.; Ji, B.; Zhang, X. Chem. Eur. J. 2010, 16, 871–877. (k) McDonald, R. I.; Wong, G. W.; Neupane, R. P.; Stahl, S. S.; Landis, C. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 14027–14029.

regioselectivity and are able to achieve high conversions and good enantioselectivities.<sup>2</sup> In the hydroformylation of activated substrates, Zhang has shown the utility of using mixed phosphine/ phosphoramidite ligands, which make highly active and selective complexes.<sup>2e,j</sup> For comparision, (*R*,*S*)-BINAPHOS, a similar mixed phosphine/phosphite

Scheme 2.2 Asymmetric Hydroformylation of Activated Substrates.



ligand, is often used as a benchmark for reactivity and selectivity in these reactions.<sup>1c,2d,j</sup> Landis and others have developed diazaphospholane ligands which are also react efficiently and selectively (Scheme 2,2).<sup>2d,f,g</sup>

Recently, Clarke and co-workers published a method using another mixed phosphine/phosphite bidentate ligand to achieve iso-selective hydroformylation of alkyl substituted terminal alkenes, such as **2.1**, with good yields and enantioselectivities (Scheme 2.3).<sup>3</sup> The regioselectivity is also quite impressive considering the nature of the substrate. There is no explanation for the observed regioselectivity at this time.

Scheme 2.3 Regioselective Hydroformylation of Unactivated Terminal Alkenes.



A bidentate phosphoramidite ligand able to supramolecularly control coordination to rhodium was recently developed by Reek. This approach allows for an alternate way to control the activity and selectivity of a hydroformylation catalyst.<sup>4</sup> Hydroformylation of unactivated, substituted olefins has given promising regioselective and enantioselective results (Scheme 2.4). High regio- and enantioselectivites are also obtained when used in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Noonan, G. M.; Fuentes, J. A.; Cobley, C. J.; Clarke, M. L. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2012, *51*, 2477-2480.
<sup>4</sup>(a) Bellini, R.; Chikkali, S. H.; Berthon-Gelloz, G.; Reek, J. N. H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2011, *50*, 7342-7345. (b) Gadzikwa, T.; Bellini, R.; Dekker, H. L.; Reek, J. N. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2012, *134*, 2860-2863. (c) Bellini, R.; Reek, J. N. H. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2012, *18*, 13510-13519.

## the hydroformylation of styrene derivatives.



Scheme 2.4 Supramolecular Ligands in Asymmetric Hydroformylation.

Our group and the Breit group have demonstrated that using a catalytic directing group is an effective solution to both hydroformylation challenges (Chapter 1).<sup>5</sup> In order to expand our method to asymmetric catalysis, we developed an enantioenriched catalytic directing group.

## 2.2 Developing an Enantioenriched Catalytic Directing Group

First attempts to develop an enantioenriched catalytic directing group were focused on resolving chiral, racemic catalytic directing group **I**. Taking advantage of its ability to bind alcohols, enantiopure alcohol **2.3** was exchanged with **I** with the aim that the resulting diastereomers, **2.4** and **2.5**, would be separable. Surprisingly, a 69:31 mixture of diastereomers resulted from the exchange of **I** with **2.3** (Scheme 2.5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>(a) Lightburn, T. E.; Dombrowski, M. T.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2008**, 130, 9210-9211. (b) Grünanger, C. U.; Breit, B. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2008**, 47, 7346-7349. (c) Smejkal, T.; Breit, B. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. **2008**, 47, 311-315. (d) Worthy, A. D.; Gagnon, M. M.; Dombrowski, M. T.; Tan, K. L. Org Lett. **2009**, 11, 2764-2767.

Calculations predict structure **2.4** to be 0.64 kcal/mol more stable than **2.5**. That energy difference would translate into a 75:25 ratio of diastereomers, similar to the experimental results that are shown in Scheme 2.5. This indicates that the phosphorus center is inverting under the exchange conditions. Considering that the barrier to phosphorus inversion (MeP(o-tolyl)Ph) is ~30 kcal/mol, this was an unexpected result.<sup>6</sup>

Scheme 2.5 Exchange of I with Enantiopure Alcohol 2.3.



There are two possible mechanisms in which phosphorus inversion might occur under these mild reaction conditions. First, the cationic intermediate that is believed to exist during an exchange reaction is aromatic, which likely lowers the barrier to inversion through stabilization of the planar sp<sup>2</sup> hybridized phosphorus.<sup>7</sup> If the basic phosphorus is protonated, it is possible that the ring can open generating a 2° phosphine which has a lower inversion barrier, especially in the presence of catalytic acid (Figure 2.1).<sup>8,9</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Baechler, R. D.; Mislow, K. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1970, 92, 3090-3093.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>(a) Egan, W.; Tang, R.; Zon, G.; Mislow, K. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1970**, 92, 1442-1444. (b) Andose, J. D.; Rauk, A.; Mislow, K. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1974**, 96, 6904-6907. (c) Nyulászi, L. Tetrahedron **2000**, 56, 79-84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>(a) Anderson, J. C.; Cubbon, R. J.; Harling, J. D. *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **2001**, *12*, 923-935. (b) Neidlein, R.; Greulich, P.; Kramer, W. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1993**, *76*, 2407-2417. (c) Christoffers, J. *Helv. Chim Acta* **1998**, *81*, 845-852.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>(a) Bader, A.; Nullmeyers, T.; Pabel, M.; Salem, G.; Willis, A. C.; Wild, S. B. *Inorg. Chem.* **1995**, *34*, 384-389. (b) Gagnaire, D.; St. Jacques, M. *J. Phys. Chem.* **1969**, *73*, 1678-1684.



Figure 2.1 Possible Mechanisms for Phosphorus Inversion.

We decided to use this interesting characteristic of **I** in the development of an enantioenriched catalytic directing group. If one diastereomer was at least 4 kcal/mol more stable than the others, it should be possible to equilibrate multiple diastereomers to a single stereoisomer. A set of tetrahydroquinoline ligands, which are based on catalytic directing group **I**, were modeled, computationally. The idea was that a set stereocenter next to the nitrogen might be able to gear the other two in the molecule. With a methyl group on the tetrahydroquinoline ring, the energy difference was 1.2 kcal/mol. This would lead to a ~90:10 mixture of the two lowest energy diastereomers in solution. When the group is changed to isopropyl, the energy difference between the two lowest energy diastereomers is 4.8 kcal/mol (Figure 2.2). If the calculations were correct, only one thermodynamically favored diastereomer should be present in solution. It is believed that the isopropyl group is able to gear the methoxy group down to avoid a *syn*-pentane-like interaction. The methoxy group, in turn, gears the phenyl up. Previously, it was seen with **I** that the C-O bond and phenyl group strongly prefer to be *anti*.<sup>5a,d</sup>





Compound **II** was synthesized starting from 2-isopropylquinoline. An asymmetric hydrogenation of the quinoline was performed followed by crystallization of the (+)-3-bromocamphor-8-sulfonic acid salt to enrich **2.6** to 98% ee. An *ortho*-lithiation and trap with PPh<sub>2</sub>Cl yielded **2.7**. Lithium reduction of the phosphorus to remove a phenyl group followed by a kinetic closure with dichloromethyl methyl ether gave **II-OMe** as a mixture of four diastereomers (visible by <sup>31</sup>P NMR). As predicted by calculations, equilibration of the four diastereomers to one, **II-OiPr**, occurred under mild exchange conditions (Scheme 2.6 and Figure 2.3 and 2.4).

## Scheme 2.6 Synthesis of II.



Figure 2.3 Four Diastereomers of II-OMe by <sup>31</sup>P NMR.







After complexation of **II** with *trans*-[Rh(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl]<sub>2</sub>, a crystal structure of the complex was obtained which showed the isopropyl group next to the nitrogen gears the C-O bond down which in turn gears the P-Ph bond up (Figure 2.5), consistent with calculations.



Figure 2.5 Crystal Structure of [(II-OiPr)<sub>2</sub>Rh(CO)Cl].

2.3 Enantioselective Hydroformylation of *p*-Methoxyphenyl-protected Allylic Amines<sup>10</sup>

With **II** in hand, focus shifted to developing an enantioselective hydroformylation method. Previously, it was demonstrated that electron-withdrawing sulfonamides undergo efficient exchange and hydroformylation using **I** (Chapter 1).<sup>5d</sup> However, the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzenesulfonamide protecting group used was exotic and hard to remove. In order to make this method more useful, anilines were explored as potential substrates. In particular, PMP-protected amines were interesting because they are commonly used and can be deprotected to the free amine without difficulty.<sup>11</sup>

First the exchange of **2.8** with **I** was tested. Equilibrium was reached in 2 h and the  $K_{eq}$  was determined to be  $3.8 \pm 0.5$  (Scheme 2.7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Worthy, A. D.; Joe, C. L.; Lightburn, T. E.; Tan, K. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 14757-14759. <sup>11</sup>Carswell, E. L.; Snapper, M. L.; Hoveyda, A. H. *Angew Chem., Int. Ed.* **2006**, *45*, 7230-7233.




PMP= p-methoxyphenyl

As pre-exchanging amine substrates greatly increased regioselectivity in previous studies (Chapter 1),<sup>5d</sup> **2.8** was pre-exchanged with **I** to form **2.9** prior to hydroformylation. Because it was determined to be unstable and hard to isolate, the aldehyde was reduced to the corresponding alcohol **2.10**, immediately after hydroformylation. The normal product, **2.11**, was never seen in any reaction and attempts to synthesize it independently failed. Thus, it is believed to be unstable under the reaction conditions.

A pressure screen using **I** was first attempted in order to maximize the amount of iso product formed. Running the reaction at a pressure above 50 psi  $H_2$ /CO resulted in at least 40% conversion in each case, but **2.10** was not detected in the crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR. It is possible that at higher pressures of  $H_2$ /CO the reaction was favoring formation of the normal product, **2.11**. At 50 psi, almost 50% conversion was achieved with 37% isolated **2.10** (Table 2.1).

#### Table 2.1 Pressure Screen with I.



<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

Performing a catalyst loading screen showed that increasing the amount of **I** in the reaction increased the conversion as well as the amount of **2.10** formed. With less amounts of **I**, the unselective background reaction is much more competitive (Table 2.2).



Table 2.2 Catalyst Loading Screen with I.

<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield.

At this point, an acid screen was run to ensure that exchange was fast enough during the reaction to achieve iso-selective hydroformylation. The highest amount of **2.10** formed was achieved with 0.05% p-toluenesulfonic acid (p-TsOH). The difference between conversion and amount of **2.10** formed is low which means that minimal amounts of normal product are being formed (Table 2.3).





<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

Eager to test **II**, a temperature screen was performed to optimize the balance between conversion and enantioselectivity. Fortunately, using 10% of **II** resulted in increased conversion and yields of the  $\beta$ -amino alcohol compared to **I**. Larger ligands are known to be more active in hydroformylation due to a higher concentration of the monophosphine complex. Performing the reaction at 55 °C resulted in almost complete conversion, albeit, with moderate enantioselectivites. Decreasing the temperature lowered the conversion of **2.8**, but increased the enantioselectivity of the reaction. The conversion and yield of **2.10** did not change between 45 °C and 35 °C, but 35 °C did give slightly better enantiomeric





<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.<sup>b</sup>Separated using supercritical fluid chromatography.

excess for **2.10**. Decreasing to 30 °C did not affect the enantioselectivity but continued to lower the conversion (Table 2.4).

Scheme 2.8 Increasing the Reaction Time.



When expanding the substrate scope, the substrates were shown to react under remarkably mild conditions for the hydroformylation of disubstituted olefins. In most cases, however, complete conversion is not achieved which has been attributed to **II** decomposing before the reaction is complete. This is supported by the observation that running the reaction for longer times does not increase the conversion (Scheme 2.8), whereas increasing the amount of **II** improves conversion (Scheme 2.9).

Scheme 2.9 Increasing the Amount of II.



Interestingly trans olefins, (Table 2.5, Entries 2 and 4), provide lower enantioselectivities than the corresponding cis olefins (Table 2.5, Entries 1 and 3). Elucidating the reason for this difference has not yet been accomplished. However, using the crystal structure of the ligand and simple modeling, a proposed stereochemical model was developed (Figure 2.6). First to minimize steric interactions with the ligand, the PMP protecting group was oriented out into space. Then by comparing the interaction of the rhodium with each face of the olefin with both the cis and trans substrates, it was obvious that the major enantiomer can come from the two intermediates with less steric interactions. It is interesting to note that in the case of the trans olefin, the model leading

OMe

OMe



Figure 2.6 Proposed Stereochemical Model.

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Incorrect Stereochemistry

to the minor enantiomer appears more favorable than the corresponding model for the cis olefin. It is possible that in the case of the trans olefin the energy difference between the two faces of the olefin bond to rhodium are closer in energy than the two intermediates possible for the cis olefin. This hypothesis is consistent with the decreased enantioselectivity observed with the trans olefin.

When examining the substrate scope, the phthalimide substrate was the only substrate that showed a significant discrepancy between conversion and amount of iso product (Table 2.5, Entry 8). Amides are known to be able to direct hydroformylation so the phthalimide may be directing formation of the normal isomer which is subsequently

decomposing and causing the mass balance to be skewed.<sup>12</sup> The terminal substrate also likely forms more normal product than the other substrates due to its reactive nature. A trisubstituted olefin was attempted but even at 95 °C, only starting material, **2.13**, and hydrogenated starting material (~20%) were observed (Scheme 2.10).

Scheme 2.10 Hydroformylation of 4-methoxy-N-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)aniline.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>For examples of amide directed hydroformylation see: (a) Ojima, I.; Zhang, Z. J. Org. Chem. **1988**, 53, 4422-4425. (b) Ojima, I.; Zhang, Z. J. Organomet. Chem. **1991**, 417, 253-276. (c) Ojima, I.; Korda, A.; Shay, W. R. J. Org. Chem. **1991**, 56, 2024-2030. (d) Dickson, R. S.; Bowen, J.; Campi, E. M.; Jackson, W. R.; Jonasson, C. A. M.; McGrath, F. J.; Paslow, D. J.; Polas, A.; Renton, P.; Gladiali, S. J. Mol. Cat. A **1999**, 150, 122-146.

 Table 2.5 Substrate Scope.

MeO	1) 15% <u>0.05% <i>p</i>-Ts</u> 2) 2 mol % F Benzene, 50 3) NaBH <sub>4</sub> , M	$\begin{array}{c} & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & $	MeO	, OH R
Substrate	Starting Olefin (%) <sup>a</sup>	Product (%) <sup>a</sup>	Isolated Yield (%)	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
PMP	26	70	69	92
PMP H 2.12	8	N/A <sup>c</sup>	74	80
Cy PMP、N H 2.15	12	N/A <sup>c</sup>	75	86
PMP_N_Cy H <b>2.16</b>	20	64	62	76
PMP N H 2.17	45	53	45	79
PMP N H 2.18	11	N/A <sup>c</sup>	70	92
PMP H 2.19	19	71	66	90
PMP N H 2.20	7	70	55	93
PMP NH 2.21	10	N/A <sup>c</sup>	68	90
PMP_N H2.22	8	77	64	73

<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>Determined by supercritical fluid chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Amount could not be determined accurately due to peak overlap in <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

# 2.4 Conclusions

Building off of our previously successful catalytic directing group, **I**, enantioenriched catalytic directing group, **II**, was designed and synthesized. It retains the essential features to direct hydroformylation to obtain good regioselectivity while also providing a chiral environment to induce stereoselectivity. Under mild conditions, a variety of disubstituted olefins react to give good yields and excellent enantioselectivites. Thus, the first enantioselective reaction performed with a catalytic directing group was developed.

2.5 Experimental

# General Considerations

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Lithium reagents were titrated against 2-pentanol using 1, 10-phenanthroline as the indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed using EMD Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and ACS grade solvents as received from Fisher Scientific. All experiments were performed in oven or flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon using standard syringe and cannula techniques, except where otherwise noted. All reactions were run with dry, degassed solvents dispensed from a Glass Contour Solvent Purification System (SG Water, USA LLC). <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR were performed on either a Varian Gemini 400 MHz or a Varian Unity Inova 500 MHz spectrometers. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and stored over 3Å molecular sieves. C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was degassed by three successive freeze-pump-thaw cycles and stored over 3Å molecular sieves in a dry box

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under a nitrogen atmosphere. All NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C and external standard (neat H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) for <sup>31</sup>P NMR. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. All IR spectra were gathered on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR equipped with a single crystal diamond ATR module and values are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Analytical chiral supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) was performed on a Berger Instruments Supercritical Chromatograph equipped with an Alcott auto sampler and a Knauer UV detector with methanol as the modifier. HRMS and X-ray crystal structure data were generated in Boston College facilities. Analytical chiral high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Shimadzu-LC-2010A HT. Hydroformylation was performed in an Argonaut Technologies Endeavor<sup>®</sup> Catalyst Screening System using 1:1 H<sub>2</sub>/CO supplied by Airgas, Inc.

# Ligand Synthesis and Characterization

2-isopropyl quinoline<sup>13</sup> was prepared according to a literature procedure and matches reported spectra.



(*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 2.6.  $[Ir(COD)Cl]_2$  (68.0 mg, 0.102 mmol) and (*R*)-(+)-5,5'-dichloro-6,6'-dimethoxy-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-biphenyl (132 mg, 0.204 mmol) were dissolved in 5 mL THF in a glovebox and stirred for 20 minutes. The solution was brought out of the box and was added to a solution of 2-isopropyl <sup>13</sup>Lachance, N.; Roy, P.; Leblanc, Y. US Patent 20050277644, 2005.

quinoline (8.71 g, 50.9 mmol) and iodine (258 mg, 1.02 mmol) in 50 mL THF. The solution was added to a Parr bomb and cooled to 4 °C (cold room). The system was purged 3 times with hydrogen (charged to 400 psi and then depressurized). The vessel was pressurized to 400 psi hydrogen, and the reaction was stirred for 36 h. The reaction was concentrated and purified on silica (3-5% EtOAc in Hexanes) to yield a yellow oil (8.51 g, 95%). The compound was 94% ee by SFC analysis (OD-H, 1% methanol as modifier, 1.5 mL/min, 150 psi.  $t_{\rm rminor} = 12.8$  min and  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 13.6$  min).

# Crystalization to higher ee:

HCl (5.0 mL, conc.) and water (72 mL) were heated to 50 °C and (*S*)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline (7.18 g, 41.0 mmol) was added followed by (+)-3-bromocamphor-8sulfonic acid ammonium salt (13.4 g, 40.9 mmol). The temperature was raised to 90 °C. Water (500 mL), ethanol (35 mL), and HCl (25 mL, conc.) were added. The suspension was hot filtered, and the filtrate was allowed to cool overnight. The crystals were collected, and the parent compound was recovered by suspending the crystals in ethyl acetate and washing with 1 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3×50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated to yield the title compound (3.51 g, 49%) in 98% ee as determined by SFC. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.06-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.68 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 7.0, 1.0), 6.54 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 1.0), 3.82 (br s, 1H), 3.14-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.09 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 1.06 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  145.1, 129.2, 126.8, 121.5, 116.8, 114.0, 57.3, 32.6, 26.7, 24.6, 18.7, 18.3; **IR**: 3415, 2956, 2870, 2842, 1606, 1483, 1308, 1273, 1253, 741, 713 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{18}N [M+H]^+$ : 176.1439, found: 176.1448;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +65.3$  (c = 0.915, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(S)-8-(diphenylphosphino)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, 2.7. To a 250 mL, three-neck round-bottom flask was added THF (60 mL) and (S)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4tetrahydroquinoline (5.80 g, 33.1 mmol). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and *n*BuLi (18.8 mL, 1.76 M, 33.1 mmol) was added slowly maintaining the internal temperature at or below -70 °C. Upon completion of the *n*BuLi addition, the reaction was warmed in an ice water bath to 0 °C, and CO<sub>2</sub> was bubbled through the solution. The red solution color faded quickly. CO<sub>2</sub> bubbling was continued for 45 min, and the solvent was removed under high vacuum to yield a foamy yellow semi-solid. The residue was redissolved in THF (60 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. tBuLi (27.2 mL, 1.40 M, 38.1 mmol) was added, maintaining the internal temperature at or below -70 °C. The solution was warmed to -20 °C for 30 min before being recooled to -78 °C. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (6.73 mL, 36.4 mmol) was added as a solution in THF (10 mL) maintaining the internal temperature at or below -70 °C. The solution was stirred overnight, allowing the reaction to warm with the cold bath. HCl was added (52 mL, 6.3 M) and stirred for 45 min. The solution was basified to pH >10 with 10 M NaOH and extracted with EtOAc. The organics were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The unreacted starting material was

removed by Kugelrohr distillation (120 °C at 0.05 mmHg). The undistilled material was suspended in minimal amount of ethanol, and the product precipitated as a white solid (5.88 g, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.38-7.27 (m, 10H), 6.97 (d, 1H, J = 7.0), 6.61 (app t, 1H, J = 7.0), 6.50 (app t, 1H, J = 7.0), 4.66 (d, 1H, J = 7.0), 3.04-3.02 (m, 1H), 2.83-2.74 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.58 (m, 2H), 0.81 (d, 3H, J = 6.5), 0.78 (d, 3H, J = 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 147.7, 147.5, 135.8 (d, J = 7.4), 135.6 (d, J = 7.4), 133.8 (d, J = 7.4), 133.7 (d, J = 7.4), 132.14, 132.11, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 120.99, 120.96, 117.4, 117.3, 116.1, 116.0, 57.6, 57.5, 32.5, 27.0, 24.2, 18.2; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 202 MHz) δ -20.7; **IR**: 3050, 2955, 2870, 2840, 1586, 1489, 1455, 1433, 1277, 1091, 738, 694, 502 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NP [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 360.1881, found: 360.1870; **[α]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> =** +80.9 (c = 0.415, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(*S*)-2-isopropyl-8-(phenylphosphino)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline. A dry 100 mL round-bottom flask was charged with (*S*)-8-(diphenylphosphino)-2-isopropyl-1,2,3,4- tetrahydroquinoline (2.50 g, 6.96 mmol) and THF (25 mL). The solution was sparged with argon for 30 min, and lithium wire (145 mg, 20.9 mmol) was added. The solution was sparged with argon for an additional 30 min during which time the solution turned orange. (Note: you must use argon for this reaction as lithium metal will react with nitrogen). The solution was stirred overnight under argon. Degassed water (2.5 mL) was added and stirred for 15 min, resulting in a colorless solution. The solvent was removed

under high vacuum, and the residue was quickly extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Distillation (125 °C at 0.05 mmHg) resulted in an air sensitive clear oil (1.31 g, 66%) as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers. The compound was stored under argon. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.06-7.05 (m, 1H), 6.64-6.58 (m, 1H), 5.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 219), 4.31 (br s, 1H), 3.09-3.05 (m, 0.5H), 2.96-2.92 (m, 0.5H), 2.84-2.74 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.54 (m, 2H), 0.84 (d, 1.5H, *J* = 7.0), 0.82 (d, 1.5H, *J* = 7.0), 0.78 (d, 1.5H, *J* = 7.0), 0.74 (d, 1.5H, *J* = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  147.74, 147.71, 147.2, 147.1, 136.2, 136.1, 136.0, 135.9, 132.3, 132.2, 132.1, 132.0, 131.4, 131.3, 128.70, 128.67, 128.66, 128.64, 128.01, 127.98, 116.2, 116.1, 115.7, 115.6, 57.7, 32.6, 32.5, 32.4, 27.2, 27.1, 24.6, 24.0, 18.4, 18.14, 18.12, 18.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 202 MHz)  $\delta$  –61.4, –62.1; **IR**: 3421, 2957, 2930, 2871, 2842, 1588, 1490, 1457, 1434, 1285, 759, 737, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NP [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1568, found: 284.1561; **[\alpha]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +53.4 (***c* **= 0.730, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,** *l* **= 50mm)** 

# Synthesis of II-(OiPr)



Ph Ő/Pr

# (4S)-2-isopropoxy-4-isopropyl-1-phenyl-2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-

# [1,3]azaphospholo[4,5,1-*ij*]quinoline, II-(OiPr). (S)-2-isopropyl-8-(phenylphosphino)-

1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (1.30 g, 4.59 mmol) was dissolved in THF (25 mL). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and PhLi (4.89 mL, 1.97 M, 9.64 mmol) was added dropwise. After stirring for 30 min, the flask was transferred to an ice water bath and stirred for an additional 30 min. The dianion solution was added via syringe pump over 1 h to a solution of dichloromethyl methyl ether (448  $\mu$ L, 5.05 mmol) in THF (150 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 90 min, and the solvent was removed under high vacuum. The resulting residue was brought into a glovebox and extracted with pentane  $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ . The pentane extract was filtered through glass fiber filter paper to remove LiCl. The crude mixture was distilled (150 °C at 0.05 mmHg) to yield a yellow oil (492 mg. 33%) that was a mixture of four diastereomers  $\begin{bmatrix} {}^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6, 202 MHz) \delta - 6.0. \end{bmatrix}$ -23.2, -25.2, -30.3]. To the distillate was added *i*PrOH (3 mL) in benzene (3 mL) over 4Å mol. sieves in a glove box. The solution was allowed to sit for 20 h before being filtered. The sieves were washed with benzene. The filtrate was concentrated and resubjected to *i*PrOH (3 mL) in benzene (3 mL) over 4Å mol. sieves. The filtration/resubjection cycle was repeated. The resulting residue was dissolved in pentane (0.3 mL) and crystallized at -37 °C. More material was recrystallized from the mother liquor, and the white solids were combined (181 mg, 34%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.42-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.00 (m, 3H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.73-6.70 (m, 1H), 5.14 (d, 1H, J = 13.0), 4.01-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.37 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.42 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.17 (d, 3H, J = 6.0), 1.08 (d, 3H, J = 6.0), 0.64

(d, 3H, J = 7.0), 0.50 (d, 3H, J = 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  151.3, 136.9, 136.8, 132.1, 132.0, 130.7, 130.6, 130.0, 128.5, 120.0, 119.4, 117.9, 98.3, 67.3, 57.5, 28.8, 24.2, 23.3, 21.6, 21.4, 19.3, 16.0; <sup>31</sup>P NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 202 MHz)  $\delta$  –22.0; IR 3052, 2962, 2929, 2870, 1582, 1455, 1383, 1310, 1288, 1183, 1082, 999, 740, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NOP [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1987, found: 354.2000. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +139.4 (c = 0.340, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, l = 50 mm).

Note: Table 2.5 substrates were exchanged with the mixture of four **II-OMe** diastereomers prior to hydroformylation, which effected conversion to one thermodynamically favored diastereomer of substrate-bound ligand.

Ligand, II-OiPr, Bound to Rhodium Complex

*trans*-[Rh(1)(CO)<sub>2</sub>(Cl)]<sub>2</sub>. Chlorodicarbonylrhodium (I) dimer (2.7 mg, 6.9 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) and II-OiPr (9.9 mg, 2.8 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were weighed out in a glove box, dissolved in benzene- $d_6$ , and allowed to stand for 12 h in a sealed, screw-top NMR tube. The orange solution was concentrated and dissolved in a minimal amount of benzene/pentane (1:1). The solution was placed in a vial with small holes in the cap and was allowed to slowly evaporate in a glovebox, yielding yellow needles suitable for x-ray diffraction analysis. A single crystal was taken and stored under nitrogen until ready for x-ray diffraction analysis.

**X-ray Crystallographic Procedures.** Single crystals obtained as described above were used for structural determination. The X-ray intensity data were measured at 100(2) K (Oxford Cryostream 700) on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD-based X-ray diffractometer system equipped with a Mo-target X-ray tube ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) operated at 2000 W power.

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The crystals were mounted on a goniometer head with silicone oil. The detector was placed at a distance of 6.00 cm from the crystal. For each experiment a total of 2400 frames were collected with a scan width of  $0.3^{\circ}$  in  $\omega$  and an exposure time of 20 s/frame. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame integration algorithm to a maximum  $2\theta$  angle of 56.54° (0.75 Å resolution). The final cell constants are based upon the refinement of the *XYZ*-centroids of several thousand reflections above 20  $\sigma(I)$ . Analysis of the data showed negligible decay during data collection. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the empirical method (SADABS).

The structures were solved and refined by full-matrix least squares procedures on  $F^2$  using the Bruker SHELXTL (version 6.12) software package. The coordinates of heavy atoms were found in direct method *E* maps. The remaining atoms were located after an alternative series of least-squares cycles and difference Fourier maps. Hydrogen atoms were included in idealized positions for structure factor calculations. Anisotropic displacement parameters were assigned to all non-hydrogen atoms. Relevant crystallographic data are summarized in Table 2.6. Selected bond lengths are given in Table 2.7.

#### **Crystallographic Tables for CCDC #833149**

 Table 2.6.
 Crystal data and structure refinement.

Empirical formula	$C_{45} H_{56} Cl N_2 O_3 P_2 Rh$
Formula weight	873.22

Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P 21 21 21	
Unit cell dimensions (Å)	a = 9.199(2)	α=90°
	b = 14.760(3)	β=90°
	c = 31.273(7)	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$
Volume	4246.3(16) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	$1.366 \text{ g/cm}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	0.582 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1824	
Crystal size	0.12 x 0.02 x 0.02 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.39 to 28.40.	
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -19<=k<=19, -41<=l<=41	
Reflections collected	51112	
Independent reflections	10497 [R(int) = 0.0955]	
Completeness to theta = $28.40^{\circ}$	99.3%	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9885 and 0.9335	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	10497 / 462 / 481	

Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.054
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0511, wR2 = 0.0858
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0706, wR2 = 0.0916
Absolute structure parameter	-0.06(2)
Extinction coefficient	na
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.602 and -0.870 e <sup>-</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table 2.7**. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°].

Rh(1)-C(45)	1.811(4)	
Rh(1)-P(1)	2.3004(11)	
Rh(1)-P(2)	2.3191(11)	
Rh(1)-Cl(1)	2.3445(10)	
O(3)-C(45)	1.158(4)	
C(45)-Rh(1)-P(1)	87.38(12)	
C(45)-Rh(1)-P(2)	93.07(12)	
P(1)-Rh(1)-P(2)	178.17(4)	
C(45)-Rh(1)-Cl(1)	177.31(12)	
P(1)-Rh(1)-Cl(1)	90.92(4)	
P(2)-Rh(1)-Cl(1)	88.69(3)	



**Figure 2.6** Perspective drawing of *trans*-[Rh(**II-O***i***Pr**)<sub>2</sub>(CO)(Cl)] (CCDC # 833149). Atoms are represented by thermal ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

# Substrate Synthesis and Characterization

The following compounds were made according to literature procedures and matched reported spectra: (*Z*)-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol<sup>14</sup>, (*Z*)-(3-chloroprop-1-enyl)benzene<sup>15</sup>, 1,4-but-2-enediol cyclic sulfite<sup>16,17</sup>, and (*Z*)-3-cyclohexylprop-2-en-1-ol<sup>18</sup>, (*Z*)-ethyl 7-hydroxyhept-5-enoate.<sup>19</sup>



*N*-(but-2-ynyl)-4-methoxyaniline.<sup>20</sup> To *p*-anisidine (2.80 g, 22.7 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (13 mL) was added 1-bromo-2-butyne (658 μL, 7.58 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL) was added, and the mixture was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) afforded a light yellow oil (855 mg, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 6.80-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.66 (dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 3.83 (q, 2H, *J* = 2.2), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.60 (bs, 1H), 1.80-1.81 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz) δ 152.6, 141.4, 114.8, 114.6, 78.8, 76.4, 55.6, 34.8, 3.4; **IR**: 3384, 2917, 2932, 1513, 1463, 1235, 1036, 821 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for

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C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 176.1075, found: 176.1069.



(*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline (10% *E* isomer), 2.8.<sup>21</sup> A round-bottom flask was charged with Lindlar's catalyst (121 mg) and purged with argon. *N*-(but-2-ynyl)-4-methoxyaniline (855 mg, 4.88 mmol) in EtOH (9 mL) was added followed by quinoline (46.0  $\mu$ L, 0.390 mmol). The flask was evacuated and refilled with H<sub>2</sub> four times, fitted with a H<sub>2</sub> balloon, and stirred at room temperature under H<sub>2</sub> for 3.5 h. The reaction was filtered through a plug of silica and concentrated. Column chromatography (20% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a light yellow oil (754 mg, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.79 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 6.61 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 8.8, 2.4), 5.53-5.69 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.73-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.37 (bs, 1H), 1.71 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.2, 142.6, 127.9, 126.9, 114.8, 114.3, 55.8, 41.8, 13.1; IR: 3290, 2934, 2015, 1608, 1512, 1413, 1249, 1032, 837 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:178.1232, found: 178.1234.



(*E*)-*N*-(**but-2-enyl**)-4-methoxyaniline, 2.12.<sup>20</sup> To *p*-anisidine (6.13 g, 49.8 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (29 mL) was added crotyl chloride (1.61 mL, 16.6 mmol). The mixture was <sup>21</sup>Walters, M. A.; Hoem, A. B.; *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 2645-2647.

stirred overnight at 23 °C. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL) was added, and mixture was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography yielded a light yellow oil (1.02 g, 35%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.79-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.60-6.63 (m, 2H), 5.70-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.65 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.66 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.9), 3.44 (bs, 1H), 1.73 (dd, 3H, *J* = 6.4, 1.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.1, 142.5, 128.4, 127.7, 114.8, 114.3, 55.8, 47.0, 17.8; IR: 3386, 2935, 2832, 1512, 1464, 1235, 1038, 966, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 178.1232, found: 178.1230.



**3-cyclohexylprop-2-yn-1-ol.**<sup>18</sup> To a solution of cyclohexylacetylene (2.40 mL, 18.5 mmol) in THF (23 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi as a solution in hexanes (12.5 mL, 1.48 M) dropwise over 10 min. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 40 min, and paraformaldehyde (778 mg, 25.9 mmol) was added. The mixture was allowed to warm to 23 °C and stirred for 16 h. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (2 mL) was added, followed by Et<sub>2</sub>O (70 mL). The mixture was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered through a plug of Celite, and concentrated. The resulting oil was distilled under vacuum (70 °C at 1.25 mmHg) to yield a colorless oil (2.00 g, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.25-4.27 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.34 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  90.6, 78.1, 51.4, 32.6, 29.1, 25.8,

24.9; **IR**: 3327 (br), 2929, 2854, 1448, 1148, 1017, 986 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:139.1123, found: 139.1125.



(*Z*)-(3-chloroprop-1-enyl)cyclohexane (10% (*E*)-isomer).<sup>15</sup> (*Z*)-3-cyclohexylprop-2-en-1-ol (642 mg, 4.58 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (3 mL). Collidine (1.11 g, 9.16 mmol), lithium chloride (388 mg, 9.16 mmol), and methanesulfonyl chloride (461  $\mu$ L, 5.95 mmol) were added. After stirring for 12 h, the reaction was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and brine (50 mL each). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hex) gave a colorless oil (591 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.44-5.56 (m, 2H), 4.11 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.0, 2.2), 2.28-2.38 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.76 (m, 5H), 1.05-1.36 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz)  $\delta$  141.3, 123.2, 39.9, 36.3, 33.0, 25.8, 25.7; **IR**: 2953, 2925, 2853, 2034, 1970, 1511, 1459, 1260, 1032, 798, 410 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



(Z)-N-(3-cyclohexylallyl)-4-methoxyaniline (5% (*E*)-isomer), 2.15.<sup>22</sup> K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (289 mg,
7.56 mmol) and *p*-anisidine (1.16 g, 9.45 mmol) were diluted with DMF (8 mL), and (*Z*)-

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(3-chloroprop-1-enyl)cyclohexane (502 mg, 3.15 mmol) was added. The reaction was heated to 80 °C and stirred overnight. The reaction was cooled and filtered. Water (20 mL) was added, and the mixture was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a yellow oil (508 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.79 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 6.61 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 5.38-5.47 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.1), 3.64 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.9), 3.36 (bs, 1H), 2.29-2.37 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.74 (m, 5H), 1.05-1.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  152.2, 142.6, 138.9, 125.0, 114.9, 114.3, 55.8, 42.3, 36.7, 33.3, 26.0, 25.8; **IR**: 2925, 2850, 1512, 1448, 1245, 1179, 1037, 821 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 246.1858, found: 246.1860.



(*E*)-*N*-(3-cyclohexylallyl)-4-methoxyaniline, 2.16.<sup>23</sup> AuBr<sub>3</sub> (91.7 mg, 0.210 mmol) was suspended in THF (2 mL), and *p*-anisidine (505 mg, 4.10 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred under argon at room temperature for 5 min. Cyclohexylallene (298  $\mu$ L, 2.05 mmol) was added. After 4 h, the mixture was filtered through a silica plug and concentrated. Column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a slightly yellow oil (189 mg, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.79 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 6.60 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 5.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 15.5, 6.5), 5.54 (dtd, 1H *J* = 15.5, 5.9, 1.0), 3.75 <sup>23</sup>Nishina, N.; Yamamoto, Y. *Tetrahedron* 2009, *65*, 1799-1808.

(s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, 2H, J = 5.9, 1.0), 3.42 (bs, 1H), 1.92-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.75 (m, 5H), 1.03-1.32 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.1, 142.5, 139.1, 124.5, 114.8, 114.3, 55.8, 47.2, 40.4, 32.9, 26.1, 26.0; **IR**: 2923, 2845, 1512, 1447, 1234, 1039, 971, 818 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 246.1858, found: 246.1860.



**3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol.**<sup>18</sup> The same procedure as 3-cyclohexylprop-2-yn-1-ol was followed. The resulting oil was distilled under vacuum (93 °C at 1.25 mmHg) to yield a colorless oil (3.64 g, 99%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.35 (m, 3H), 4.51 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.3), 1.69 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 131.7, 128.5, 128.3, 122.5, 87.1, 85.7, 51.7; **IR**: 3341, 3061, 2866, 1490, 1442, 1032, 953, 756, 691, 524 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. For C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 133.0653, found: 133.0652.



(*Z*)-4-methoxy-*N*-(3-phenylallyl)aniline, 2.17.<sup>20</sup> To *p*-anisidine (1.58 g, 12.8 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) was added (*Z*)-(3-chloroprop-1-enyl)benzene (501 mg, 3.28 mmol). The mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$  (15 mL)

was added, and the mixture was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a yellow oil (369 mg, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.25-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.21 (m, 3H), 6.68 (app d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 6.49-6.56 (m, 1H), 6.47 (dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 5.71 (dt, 1H, *J* = 11.7, 6.5), 3.90 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.5, 1.8), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.46 (bs, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.3, 142.1, 136.7, 131.3, 130.0, 128.8, 128.3, 127.1, 114.9, 114.4, 55.8, 43.2; **IR**: 3388, 3022, 2931, 2832, 1512, 1446, 1237, 1074, 820, 700, 517 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.1388, found: 240.1390.



(*Z*)-4-(benzyloxy)but-2-en-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> In a dry box, a flame-dried 250 mL round-bottom flask was charged with sodium hydride (467 mg, 19.5 mmol). The flask was capped with a rubber septum and brought out of the dry box. Dry THF (65 mL) was added via syringe, and the vessel was brought to 0 °C. The commercially available (*Z*)-but-2-ene-1,4-diol (1.64 mL, 20.0 mmol) was added dropwise to the stirring suspension, resulting in vigorous bubbling. Once addition was complete, the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over the course of 30 min. Benzyl bromide (16.2 mmol, 1.92 mL) was added to the flask via syringe, and the reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was concentrated, and the crude residue was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL). The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3×75 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and <sup>24</sup>Schmidt, B.; Pohler, M.; Costisella, B. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 7951-7958. concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (30% EtOAc/Hex) to yield a pale yellow oil (1.82 g, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.29–7.36 (m 5H), 5.79-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.73-5.77 (m, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 4.16-4.18 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.10 (m, 2H), 1.92 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  138.1, 132.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 72.7, 65.9, 59.0; IR: 3409, 1736, 1241, 1070, 1042, 736, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 179.1072, found: 179.1079.



(*Z*)-(((4-chlorobut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)methyl)benzene.<sup>15</sup> To a 25 mL, flame-dried, roundbottom flask was added LiCl (374 mg, 8.82 mmol), 2,4,6-collidine (1.16 mL, 8.81 mmol), and methanesulfonyl chloride (412  $\mu$ L, 5.35 mmol). (*Z*)-4-(benzyloxy)but-2-en-1ol (786 mg, 4.11 mmol) was added to the flask dropwise as a solution in DMF (3.0 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and the organics were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3×40 mL), saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3×40 mL), and brine (40 mL). The combined organics were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hex) to yield a pale orange oil (716 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ 7.30–7.37 (m, 5H), 5.82-5.83 (m, 2H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 4.15-4.16 (m, 2H), 4.11-4.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  138.1, 131.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 72.6, 65.3, 39.4; **IR**: 2857, 1736, 1453, 1240, 1072, 736, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>CINO [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 214.0994, found: 214.0999.



(*Z*)-*N*-(4-(benzyloxy)but-2-en-1-yl)-4-methoxyaniline, 2.18. To a 25 mL, flame-dried, round-bottom flask was added *p*-anisidine (2.54 g, 20.7 mmol). The vessel was charged with (*Z*)-(((4-chlorobut-2-en-1-yl)oxy)methyl)benzene (1.04 g, 5.30 mmol) as a solution in DMF (6 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL), washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3×50 mL) and saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3×50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (15% EtOAc/Hex) to yield a dark orange oil (553 mg, 37%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.29-7.38 (m, 5H), 6.80 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 6.59 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 5.78-5.80 (m, 2H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 4.16 (d, 2H, *J* = 5.1), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, 2H, *J* = 4.9); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  152.6, 142.4, 138.3, 131.1, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 115.1, 114.6, 72.7, 65.9, 56.0, 42.5; **IR**: 1509, 1232, 1070, 1030, 817, 735, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 284.1651, found: 284.1649.



(*Z*)-4-(4-methoxyphenylamino)but-2-en-1-ol.<sup>25</sup> 1,4-but-2-enediol cyclic sulfite (1.50 g, 11.2 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (6 mL). K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.72 g, 26.9 mmol) and *p*-anisidine (2.76 g, 22.4 mmol) were added. The reaction was heated to 100 °C for 48 h. The <sup>25</sup>Friedrich, M.; Savchenko, A. I.; Wachtler, A.; de Meijere, A. *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* **2003**, *11*, 2138-2143.

reaction was cooled to room temperature, and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added. The mixture was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (15% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a light yellow oil (1.02 g, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.79 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 6.61 (app dd, 2H, *J* = 9.0, 2.4), 5.68-5.82 (m, 2H), 4.26 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.3, 1.2), 3.74-3.75 (m, 5H), 2.78 (bs, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 101 MHz)  $\delta$  152.6, 141.9, 131.5, 129.5, 114.8, 58.7, 55.7, 42.3; IR: 3361, 2939, 2833, 1512, 1235, 1034, 821 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 194.1181, found: 194.1181.



(*Z*)-*N*-(4-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, 2.19.<sup>26</sup> To imidazole (222 mg, 3.30 mmol) and DMF (0.6 mL) in a round-bottom flask was added (*Z*)-4-(4-methoxyphenylamino)but-2-en-1-ol (421 mg, 2.17 mmol) dissolved in DMF (0.6 mL). After stirring for 10 minutes, *tert*-butyldiphenylchlorosilane (610  $\mu$ L, 2.39 mmol) was added in one portion. After stirring at room temperature for 45 min, H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) was added. The mixture was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) and brine (25 mL). The resulting organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (7.5% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a yellow oil (587 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H <sup>26</sup>Havas, F.; Leygue, N.; Danel, M.; Mestre, B.; Galaup, C.; Picard, C. *Tetrahedron* **2009**, *76*, 7673-7686. **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.59-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.67 (app dd, 2H, J = 9.0, 2.4), 6.41 (app dd, 2H, J = 9.0, 2.4), 5.65-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.51 (m, 1H), 4.23 (dt, 2H, J = 6.3, 0.8), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.45 (dt, 2H, J = 6.7, 0.8), 3.19 (bs, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.3, 142.2, 135.6, 133.6, 131.4, 129.7, 128.4, 127.7, 114.8, 114.3, 60.2, 55.8, 42.1, 26.8, 19.2; **IR**: 2931, 2857, 1513, 1428, 1236, 1074, 1040, 820, 703, 505 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 432.2359 found: 432.2345.



(*Z*)-2-(4-chlorobut-2-en-1-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione.<sup>27</sup> To a flame-dried round-bottom flask was added potassium phthalamide (2.65 g, 14.3 mmol), followed by DMF (50 mL) under nitrogen. The stirring suspension was charged with (*Z*)-1,4-dichlorobut-2-ene (3.06 mL, 29 mmol). The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and extracted with H<sub>2</sub>O (6×75 mL). The combined organics were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% EtOAc/Hex) to afford the product as a colorless solid (929 mg, 28%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.86 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.4, 2.9), 7.73 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.4, 3.2), 5.83-5.89 (m, 1H), 5.69-5.75 (m, 1H), 4.38 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.3, 1.2), 4.32 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.8) <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.0, 134.3, 132.3, 130.1, 127.4, 123.6, 38.8, 34.3; IR: 1699, 1429, 1242, <sup>27</sup>Newman, A.; Grundt, P.; Luedtke, R. R. US Patent 2006106030, 2006.

1120, 1065, 764, 711, 530 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 236.0478, found: 236.0485.



(Z)-2-(4-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)but-2-en-1-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione, 2.20.<sup>20</sup> p-Anisidine (3.12 g, 25.4 mmol) was added to a flame-dried, 25 mL, round-bottom flask. The flask was charged with (Z)-2-(4-chlorobut-2-en-1-vl)isoindoline-1.3-dione (854 mg. 3.62 mmol) as a solution in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9.1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The reaction was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and washed successively with H<sub>2</sub>O (3×50 mL) and saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3×50 mL). The combined organics were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated by rotary evaporation. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (30%) EtOAc/Hex) to yield the title compound as a yellow solid (761 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(CDCl_3, 500 \text{ MHz}) \delta 7.85 \text{ (dd, 2H, } J = 6.9, 3.9), 7.72 \text{ (dd, 2H, } J = 6.9, 3.7), 6.80 \text{ (d, 2H, } J$ = 11.2), 6.68 (d, 2H, J = 11.5), 5.79-5.81 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.61 (m, 1H), 4.39 (d, 2H, J = 11.5) 9.1, 1.5), 3.95 (d, 2H, J = 8.3), 3.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  168.2, 152.6, 142.5, 134.2, 132.4, 131.9, 125.8, 123.5, 115.1, 114.8, 56.0, 42.0, 35.1; IR: 1705, 1511, 1390, 1322, 1234, 821, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{19}N_2O_3$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 323.1396, found: 323.1394.



(*Z*)-ethyl-7-chlorohept-5-enoate.<sup>15</sup> To a 25 mL, flame-dried, round-bottom flask was added LiCl (499 mg, 11.0), 2,4,6-collidine (1.45 mL, 11.0 mmol), and methanesulfonyl chloride (552 µL, 7.18 mmol). (*Z*)-4-(benzyloxy)but-2-en-1-ol (951 mg, 5.52 mmol) was added to the flask dropwise as a solution in DMF (3.0 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir overnight. The mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL), and the organics were washed with water (3×40 mL), saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3×40 mL), and brine (40 mL). The combined organics were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (3:1 Hex: EtOAc) to afford a pale orange oil (816 mg, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.52-5.63 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.4), 4.07 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 2.25 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4), 2.08-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.21 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  173.6, 135.3, 126.5, 60.5, 39.4, 33.7, 26.6, 24.6, 14.4; **IR**: 2980, 1732, 1375, 1249, 1180, 758, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 191.0839, found: 191.0835.



(*Z*)-ethyl 7-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)hept-5-enoate, 2.21.<sup>20</sup> A flame-dried, 25 mL, round-bottom flask was charged with *p*-anisidine (3.68 g, 29.9 mmol). (*Z*)-ethyl 7-chlorohept-5-enoate (816 mg, 4.28 mmol) was added to the reaction flask as a solution in

CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9.0 mL). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The reaction was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3×50 mL) and saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3×50 mL). The combined organics were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (20% EtOAc/Hex) to afford an orange oil (684 mg, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.77-6.79 (m, 2H), 6.58-6.60 (m, 2H), 5.49-5.61 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.1), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.70 (dd, 2H, *J* = 6.4), 2.32 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.3), 2.17 (app q, 2H, *J* = 7.3), 1.72-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  173.7, 152.4, 142.7, 131.8, 128.4, 115.1, 114.6, 60.5, 56.0, 42.4, 33.9, 27.1, 24.9, 14.5; **IR**: 2936, 1727, 1511, 1234, 1035, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.1756, found: 278.1749.



*N*-allyl-4-methoxyaniline, 2.22.<sup>22</sup> Allyl chloride (5.29 mL, 65.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a flame-dried 500 mL round-bottom flask containing a solution of 4methoxyaniline (8.00 g, 65.0 mmol) and potassium carbonate (21.5 g, 156 mmol) in DMF (148 mL). The solution was heated to 80 °C and was stirred at this temperature overnight. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, filtered, and diluted with EtOAc (300 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (4×100 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hex) to afford an orange oil (7.76 g, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.82 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 6.62 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 5.94-6.04 (m, 1H), 5.31 (dd, 1H, J = 17.2, 1.6), 5.19 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4, 1.6), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.75 (app. dt, 2H, J = 5.6, 1.6), 3.57 (br. s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.3, 142.5, 136.0, 116.2, 115.0, 114.4, 55.9, 47.6; **IR**: 3396, 1509, 1230, 1178, 1035, 916, 816 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 164.1075, found: 164.1077.





PMP= p-methoxyphenyl

In a glove box, a solution of *i*PrOH (91 µL, 1.2 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (1.67 M) was made. The solution was dispensed into three NMR tubes (see table below for amounts). A second solution of (*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.8**, (71 mg, 0.40 mmol), **I** (19 mg, 6.9 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol), and *p*-TsOH (350 µL,  $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  M in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>; note C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> was removed prior to mixing with substrate and **I**) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (1.4 mL) was made. The solution was dispensed into three NMR tubes (see table below for amounts). An additional amount of C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to each tube to make the total volume 0.7 mL. <sup>31</sup>P NMR were taken immediately, and the NMR tubes were heated to 45 °C. Spectra were acquired at 45 min intervals until equilibrium was reached. All three samples reached equilibrium within 2 h (average K<sub>eq</sub> = 3.8 with standard deviation = 0.5).
Experiment	Isopropanol Solution	mmol isopropanol	Substrate Solution	mmol substrate	Ratio I:2.8	K <sub>eq</sub>
А	60 µL	0.10	400 µL	0.11	26:74	3.4
В	150 μL	0.25	400 µL	0.11	45:55	3.3
С	300 µL	0.50	400 µL	0.11	53:47	4.5

#### Table 2.8

#### **Optimization Data**

General Hydroformylation Optimization Procedure. The Endeavor was charged with 500 µL of benzene per reaction well to fill the void volume between reactor wall and reaction tube, and oven-dried glass reaction vials were placed into the wells. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen  $(4 \times 100 \text{ psi})$ . The necessary injection(s) were made (see below). The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen ( $1 \times 100$  psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at the reaction temperature for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with the appropriate pressure of H<sub>2</sub>/CO, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at constant reaction temperature and pressure of H<sub>2</sub>/CO for 15 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction vials were removed from the Endeavor, a solution of trimethoxybenzene in EtOAc  $(1.00 \times 10^2 \,\mu\text{L})$ 0.2003 M) was added, and the sample was concentrated. The resulting residue was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL) and added to NaBH<sub>4</sub> (22.7 mg, 0.600 mmol) in a flame-dried flask. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL), dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. <sup>1</sup>H NMRs were taken to determine conversion. The reaction

was chromatographed (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to determine isolated yield. SFC or HPLC analysis of the products was used to determine enantioselectivities.

#### Pressure Screen with I (Table 2.1)

(*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.8**, (35 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **I** (7.7 mg, 3.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution. During this pre-exchange, **I** converts to **2.9**. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port. The reactions were run at 45 °C at the following pressures: 25, 50, 75 and 100 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO.

## Catalyst Loading Screen with I (Table 2.2)

(*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.8**, (35 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **I** were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution. During this pre-exchange, **I** converts to **2.9**. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port. The reactions were run at 45 °C and 50 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO with the following ligand loadings: 5% (2.6 mg, 1.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol), 10% (5.1 mg, 2.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol), 15% (7.7 mg, 3.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol).

## Acid Loading Screen (Table 2.3)

(*E*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.12**, (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), **I** (5.1 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), and the appropriate amount of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in benzene (7.7 x  $10^{-4}$  M

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solution) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution. During this pre-exchange, **I** converts to **2.9**. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port. The reactions were run at 45 °C and 50 psi with the following acid loadings: 0.02% (52 µL, 4.0 x  $10^{-5}$  mmol), 0.05% (130 µL, 1.0 x  $10^{-4}$  mmol), 0.1% (260 µL, 2.0 x  $10^{-4}$  mmol), and 0.2% (520 µL, 4.0 x  $10^{-4}$  mmol).

## Temperature Screen with II (Table 2.4)

(*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.8**, (35.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), **II-OMe** (6.5 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in benzene (130 µL, 1.0 x  $10^{-4}$  mmol, 7.7 x  $10^{-4}$  M solution) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution and redissolved in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. The solution was heated to 45 °C for 4 h before being concentrated again in a glove box. During this pre-exchange, the four diastereomers of **II-OMe** converge to one substrate-bound ligand peak. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port. The reactions were run with 50 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO at the following temperatures: 30, 35, 45, and 55 °C.

## Increasing the Reaction Time (Scheme 2.8)

The procedure for Table 2.4 was followed running substrate **2.8** (0.4 mmol) at 35 °C for 24 hours.

## Increasing the Amount of II (Scheme 2.9)

The procedure for Table 2.4 was followed running substrate **2.8** (0.4 mmol) at 35 °C with 15 mol % I (21 mg, 0.06 mmol).

Reaction of 4-methoxy-*N*-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)aniline (Scheme 2.10) 4-methoxy-*N*-(3-methylbut-2-en-1-yl)aniline (38 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **I** (5.7 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution. During this pre-exchange, **I** converts to **2.9**. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port.

## Substrate Scope (Table 2.5)

General Hydroformylation Procedure. The Endeavor was charged with 500  $\mu$ L of benzene per reaction well to fill the void volume between reactor wall and reaction tube, and oven-dried glass reaction vials were placed into the wells. The Endeavor was sealed and purged with nitrogen (4×100 psi). The necessary injection(s) were made (see below). The Endeavor was purged with nitrogen (1×100 psi), stirring was started at 250 rpm, and the Endeavor was heated to and held at 35 °C for 10 minutes. Stirring was stopped, the Endeavor was charged with 50 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO, stirring was re-initiated at 700 rpm, and the Endeavor was maintained at constant reaction temperature of 35 °C and pressure of 50 psi H<sub>2</sub>/CO for 15 h. The Endeavor was vented to ambient pressure and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction vials were removed from the Endeavor, a solution of trimethoxybenzene in EtOAc  $(1.00 \times 10^2 \mu L, 0.2003 \text{ M})$  was added, and the sample was concentrated. The resulting residue was dissolved in MeOH (2 mL) and added to NaBH<sub>4</sub> (22.7 mg, 0.600 mmol) in a flame-dried flask. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 mL), dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. <sup>1</sup>H NMRs were taken to determine conversion. The reaction was chromatographed (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to determine isolated yield. SFC or HPLC analysis of the products was used to determine enantioselectivities.

**Procedure A:** (*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, **2.8**, (35 mg, 0.20 mmol), **II-OMe** (9.8 mg,  $3.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in benzene (130 µL,  $1.0 \ge 10^{-4}$  mmol,  $7.70 \ge 10^{-4}$  M solution) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.6 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 12 h in a sealed NMR tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution and redissolved in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>. The solution was heated to 45 °C for 4 h before being concentrated again in a glove box. During this pre-exchange, the four diastereomers of **II-OMe** converge to one substrate-bound ligand peak. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (1.5 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mg,  $4.0 \ge 10^{-3}$  mmol), and injected into the Endeavor followed by 0.5 mL benzene to wash the injection port.

**Procedure B:** The same procedure as Procedure A using 1.75 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (0.90 mg,  $3.5 \ge 10^{-3}$  mmol) and 0.03% *p*-TsOH (83 µL,  $6.0 \ge 10^{-5}$  mmol).

**Procedure C:** The procedure is the same as Procedure A using  $1.5 \text{ mol }\% \text{ Rh}(\text{acac})(\text{CO})_2$ (0.77 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mmol}$ ).

**Procedure D.** Same as procedure A except 1.75 mol %  $Rh(acac)(CO)_2$  (0.90 mg, 3.5 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol) was used.

Scale-up Procedure. (*Z*)-*N*-(but-2-enyl)-4-methoxyaniline, 2.8, (502 mg, 2.83 mmol), **II-OMe** (138 mg, 0.425 mmol), and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid in benzene (1.84 mL, 1.42 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 7.7 x  $10^{-4}$  M solution) were mixed in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (9.4 mL) and heated to 45 °C for 3 h in a sealed tube. The solution was concentrated in a dry glove box to remove MeOH in the solution. During this pre-exchange, the four diastereomers of **II-OMe** converge to one substrate-bound ligand peak. The resulting residue was dissolved in benzene (21.3 mL), mixed with 2 mol % Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (14.6 mg, 5.60 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), and 3 mL of the solution was injected into seven Endeavor wells followed by 1.0 mL benzene to wash each injection port.

## Hydroformylation Regioselectivities

Under the reaction conditions, the undesired normal products probably cyclize to a *p*-methoxyphenyl protected aminal which could not be detected in crude NMRs or isolated. Trying to make and isolate this product through other methods also failed. The amount of undesired regioisomer was estimated by two calculations: the difference between conversion and yield of iso product by <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Table 2.9, Column 6) and the difference between conversion and isolated yield (Table 2.9, Column 7). The selectivities are generally greater than 4:1. These numbers probably underestimate the actual regioselectitives because it does not account for side reactions or decomposition of the aldehyde during hydroformylation. Notably, previous work in our group in the hydroformylation of allylic alcohols and sulfonamides afford regioselectivites of >95:5.<sup>5a,d</sup> As mentioned previously, the lower regioselectivity for the phthalimide protected substrate may result from directed hydroformylation from the phthalimide functional group. Similarly the terminal substrate may have a lower regioselectivity due to background reaction that prefers the normal isomer.

Substrate	Starting Olefin (%) <sup>a</sup>	Product (%) <sup>a</sup>	Isolated Yield (%)	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>
PMP N H 2.8	26	70	69	92
PMP Me H 2.12	8	N/A <sup>c</sup>	74	80
Cy ۲۹۳۹ کی جناع ۲ <b>۲</b> ۲ <b>۵</b> ۲ <b>۵</b>	12	N/A <sup>c</sup>	75	86
PMP Cy H <b>2.16</b>	20	64	62	76
Ph PMP H17	45	53	45	79
PMP N H 2.18	11	N/A <sup>c</sup>	70	92
PMP N H 2.19	19	71	66	90
PMP N H 2.20	7	70	55	93
PMP N 2.21	10	N/A <sup>c</sup>	68	90
PMP, H2.22	8	77	64	73

Table 2.9

<sup>a</sup>Based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR with 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene used as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>Determined by supercritical fluid chromatography. <sup>c</sup>Amount could not be determined accurately due to peak overlap in <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

## Hydroformylation Results and Product Characterization

Table 2.5, Entry 1:



(*S*)-2-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)butan-1-ol, 2.10. Procedure A was followed. Chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow oil (27 mg, 69%). SFC (OD-H, 4.0 mL/min, 3.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 35 °C)  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  =17.80 min and  $t_{\rm rminor}$  =19.16 min, 92% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.78-6.82 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.70 (m, 2H), 3.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8, 3.9), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.30 (bs, 1H), 3.20-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.1, 8.4), 1.77-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.39 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 0.96-1.00 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.6, 142.4, 115.1, 114.8, 66.1, 55.8, 48.9, 41.8, 22.3, 11.6; IR: 3379, 2961, 2925, 1513, 1464, 1236, 1038, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 210.1494, found: 210.1498. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +8.7 (*c* = 0.240, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).





Total			100.00	252.4	131.0	100.000

## Table 2.5, Entry 2:



(S)-2-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)butan-1-ol. Procedure A was followed.

Chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow oil (28 mg, 74%). **SFC** (OD-H, 4.0 mL/min, 3.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 35 °C) 80% ee.



Table 2.5, Entry 3:



(*S*)-3-cyclohexyl-2-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)propan-1-ol. Procedure A was followed. Chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow oil (42 mg, 75%). **SFC** (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 6.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_{\rm rminor} = 11.27$  min and  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 12.10$  min, 86% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.80 (dd, 2H, J = 6.6, 2.5), 6.64-6.67 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.61 (dd, 1H, J = 10.8, 7.3), 3.19 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0, 3.9), 3.06 (dd, 1H, J = 12.0, 8.6), 1.93-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.75 (m, 5H), 1.28-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.28 (m, 5H), 0.84-0.93 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 152.7, 142.5, 115.2, 114.9, 67.1, 55.8, 49.9, 37.3, 37.1, 35.1, 33.7, 33.6, 26.6, 26.3, 26.3; IR: 3376, 2921, 2849, 1512, 1448, 1235, 1037, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.2120, found: 278.2117. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +4.3 (c = 0.140, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l =50 mm).





Table 2.5, Entry 4:



(*S*)-3-cyclohexyl-2-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)propan-1-ol. Procedure A was followed. Chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow oil (34 mg, 62%). SFC (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 6.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) 76 % ee.



Table 2.5, Entry 5:



(S)-2-benzyl-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)propan-1-ol. Procedure A was followed.
Column chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow solid (24 mg, 45%).
SFC (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 5.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C) t<sub>rmajor</sub>= 20.83 min, t<sub>rminor</sub>= 24.87 min, 79% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.10-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.69 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 6.49 (d, 2H, J = 8.8), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J = 3.9, 10.8), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J = 6.5, 10.8), 3.05-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.70-3.05 (br s, 2H), 2.50-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.15 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 152.8, 141.8, 139.7, 129.0, 128.5, 126.2, 115.3, 114.8, 65.6, 55.8, 48.6, 41.9, 36.1; IR: 3373, 2926, 1510, 1454, 1235, 1033, 820, 743,

# 701, 521 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for $C_{17}H_{22}NO_2 [M+H]^+$ : 272.1651, found: 272.1641. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +50.0 \ (c = 0.108, CHCl_3, l = 50 \text{ mm}).$



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	
1	19.985	75558073	1658200	89.461	
2	24.374	8901186	179526	10.539	
Total		84459259	1837727	100.000	

## Table 2.5, Entry 6:



(*S*)-4-(benzyloxy)-2-(((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)methyl)butan-1-ol. Procedure B was followed and yielded a light yellow oil (44 mg, 70%). SFC (AS-H, 2.0 mL/min, 3.0% MeOH, 240 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_{\rm rminor}$  =6.53 min and  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  =6.96 min, 92% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.30-7.37 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 6.59 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 4.59 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.68-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.55-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.13 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.5), 1.99-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.75 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  152.6, 142.5, 138.1, 128.7, 128.0, 128.0, 115.1, 114.9, 73.5, 68.7, 65.7, 56.0, 48.5, 38.8, 30.3; IR: 3362, 1511, 1032, 820, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 316.1919, found: 316.1913. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{20}$  = +18.0 (*c* = 0.205, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).





## Table 2.5, Entry 7:



(*S*)-4-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)butan-1-ol. Procedure C was followed. Chromatography (1% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a pale yellow oil (62 mg, 67%). HPLC (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 5.0% *i*PrOH: 95% Hexanes, 240 nm)  $t_{\rm rminor} = 15.3$  min and  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 21.5$ , 90% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.67 (dd, 4H, J = 8.1, 1.5), 7.37-7.46 (m, 6H), 6.77-6.78 (m, 2H), 6.61 (dd, 2H, J = 6.9, 2.2), 3.76-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.67-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.13 (d, 2H, J = 6.4), 2.03-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.64 (q, 2H, J = 6.1), 1.07 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.4, 142.4, 135.5, 133.4, 129.8, 127.7, 114.9, 114.7, 65.8, 62.2, 55.8, 48.4, 38.0, 32.7, 26.8, 19.1; IR: 3352, 2932, 1513, 1236, 1110, 822, 703, 613, 509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 464.2621, found: 464.2622. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +12.3 (c = 0.140, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %
1	15.303	1059217	27520	50.562
2	21.506	1035662	17623	49.438
Total		2094879	45143	100.000



## Table 2.5, Entry 8:

Total



(*S*)-2-(4-hydroxy-3-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)butyl)isoindoline-1,3-dione. Procedure C was followed except only 1 equivalent of NaBH<sub>4</sub> was used in reduction to prevent reduction of the phthalimide protecting group. Column chromatography resulted in a pale yellow solid (39 mg, 55%). HPLC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 10.0% *i*PrOH: 90% Hexanes, 240 nm)  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  = 89.6 and  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 142.3 min, 93% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.82 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.4, 3.1), 7.70 (dd, 2H, *J* = 5.5, 3.1), 6.73 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 6.61 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 3.76-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.1), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.1), 1.86-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.78 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) 168.7, 152.7, 142.4, 134.2, 132.2, 123.4, 115.1, 115.0, 65.5, 55.9, 48.4, 37.9, 36.2, 28.7; IR : 3378, 2927, 1703, 1512, 1398, 1234, 1037, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 355.1658, found: 355.1646. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +24.0 (*c* = 0.105, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).





Table 2.5, Entry 9:



(*S*)-ethyl 7-hydroxy-6-((4-methoxyphenylamino)methyl)heptanoate. Procedure A was followed. Column chromatography gave a pale yellow oil (42 mg, 68%). SFC (AS-H, 1.0 mL/min, 3.0% MeOH, 240 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_{\rm rminor}$  =8.25 min and  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  =8.95 min, 90% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.78-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.65-6.67 (m, 2H), 4.12 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.2), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.62-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.10-3.18 (m, 2H), 2.31 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.4), 1.82-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.42 (m, 4H), 1.25 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  173.8, 153.0, 142.2, 115.5, 115.0, 66.4, 60.5, 56.0, 49.5, 40.1, 34.3, 29.3, 26.8, 25.3, 14.4; **IR**: 3362, 2933, 1731, 1513, 1251, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 310.2018, found: 310.2021. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +18.0 (*c* = 0.110, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



## Table 2.5, Entry 10:



(*S*)-3-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-methylpropan-1-ol. Procedure C was followed. Column chromatography gave a pale yellow oil (25 mg, 64%). SFC (OD-H, 4.0 mL/min, 3.0% MeOH, 220 nm, 150 bar, 50 °C)  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  =17.55 min and  $t_{\rm rminor}$  =19.94 min, 73% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.78 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.0), 6.63 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8), 3.75 (d, 3H), 3.67 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8, 4.7), 3.59 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.6, 7.2), 3.08-3.10 (m, 2H), 1.94-2.07 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  152.7, 142.6, 115.1, 115.1, 68.2, 56.0, 50.7, 35.5, 15.2; IR: 3365, 2929, 1512, 1234, 1034, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 196.1338, found: 196.1340. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +2.2 (*c* = 0.110, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



### Proof of Stereochemistry



(*S*)-β-Cyclohexylmethyl-γ-Boc-amino alcohol.<sup>11,27</sup> To (*S*)-3-cyclohexyl-2-((4methoxyphenylamino)methyl)propan-1-ol (136 mg, 0.490 mmol, 86% ee) in 1:1 MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (7 mL) at 0 °C was added iodobenzene diacetate (632 mg, 1.96 mmol) in MeOH (7 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, 1 M HCl (7 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×20 mL), and the combined organics were washed with 1M HCl (20 mL). The combined aqueous layers were neutralized by adding solid Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> until pH 10 was reached. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (0.450 mL, 1.96 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred vigorously overnight. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (20-40% EtOAc/Hex) yielded a yellow oil (8.8 mg, 7%). [α]<sub>p</sub><sup>20</sup> = +10.5 (*c* = 0.440, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm). Known compound: (*S*) [α]<sub>p</sub><sup>rt</sup> = +23.0 (*c* = 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).<sup>27</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Chi, Y.; English, E. P.; Pomerantz, W. C.; Horne, W. S.; Joyce, L. A.; Alexander, L. R.; Fleming, W. S.; Hopkins, E. A.; Gellman, S. H. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 6050-6055.



(*S*)-3-(*N*-Acetylamino)-2-benzyl-1-propanol.<sup>11,28</sup> To (*S*)-2-benzyl-3-(4methoxyphenylamino)propan-1-ol (58.6 mg, 0.220 mmol, 79% ee) in 1:1 MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.2 mL) at 0 °C was added iodobenzene diacetate (268 mg, 0.860 mmol) in MeOH (3.2 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, 1 M HCl (3.2 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×10 mL), and the combined organics were washed with 1 M HCl (10 mL). The combined aqueous layers were neutralized by adding solid Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> until pH 10 was reached. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and acetic anhydride (21.0 µL, 0.220 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred vigorously overnight. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography (5% MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a yellow oil (2.7 mg, 6%).  $[\alpha]_{0}^{20} = +17.2$  (*c* = 0.135, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm). Known compound: (*R*)  $[\alpha]_{0}^{20} = -24.2$  (*c* = 1.59, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>28</sup>

<sup>28</sup>Banfi, L.; Guanti, G.; Riva, R. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry **1999**, 10, 3571-3592.



















150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 ppm


















































## Chapter 3. Selective Functionalization of Diols

3.1 Methods for Accelerating Reaction Rates in Organocatalysis

Reversible covalent bonding is a common mode of activation used in organocatalysis. Many methods have focused on making a more active intermediate in order to accelerate the reaction, for example, enamine (Scheme 3.1),<sup>1a,c,e,f</sup> iminium

Scheme 3.1 Enamine Activation Using Proline.<sup>1a</sup>



(Scheme 3.2),<sup>1b,d,e,f</sup> and N-heterocyclic carbene catalysis.<sup>1g</sup> Another approach for accelerating reactions is pre-organization of the substrate via reversible covalent bonding. **Scheme 3.2** Iminium Activation.<sup>1b</sup>



<sup>1</sup>(a) List, B.; Lerner, R. A.; Barbas III, C. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 2395-2396. (b) Ahrendt, K. A.; Borths, C. J.; MacMillan, D. W. C. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, *122*, 4243-4244. (c) Mukherjee, S.; Yang, J. W.; Hoffmann, S.; List, B. *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, *107*, 5471–5569. (d) Erkkila, A.; Majander, I.; Pihko, P. M. *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, *107*, 5416–5470. (e) Melchiorre, P.; Marigo, M.; Carlone, A.; Bartoli, G. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 6138–6171. (f) Pihko, P. M.; Majander, I.; Erkkila, A. *Asymmetric Organocatalysis*; Springer-Verlag: Berlin, 2010, pp 29-75. (g) Moore, J. L.; Rovis, T. *Asymmetric Organocatalysis*; Springer-Verlag: Berlin, 2010, 291, pp 77-144. These reactions achieve rate enhancement through induced intramolecularity.<sup>2</sup> The favorable binding of the substrate to a catalyst comes at a significant entropic cost. However, the subsequent step is accelerated, because it does not have to pay this penalty. For example, Sammakia and co-workers have shown that aldehydes and ketones can be used as intramolecular activation catalysts in the alcoholysis of  $\alpha$ -hydroxy esters.<sup>3</sup> The transesterification of  $\alpha$  -hydroxy esters occurs up to 1700 times faster than the corresponding methyl ether substrate. The intermediate observed during the reaction demonstrates the importance of the  $\alpha$ -hydroxyl group in the reaction (Scheme 3.3). Scheme 3.3  $\alpha$ -Hydroxy Ester Alcoholysis.



Similarly, boric acid has been shown to be particularly good at catalyzing the site selective esterification of  $\alpha$ -hydroxycarboxylic acids.<sup>4</sup> The boric acid initially exchanges with the alcohol allowing the intramolecular cyclization to form the activated ester before

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Tan, K. L. ACS Catal. 2011, 1, 877-886.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>(a) Sammakia, T.; Hurley, T. B. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 8967–8968. (b) Sammakia, T.; Hurley, T. B. *J. Org. Chem.* **1999**, *64*, 4652–4664. (c) Sammakia, T.; Hurley, T. B. *J. Org. Chem.* **2000**, *65*, 974–978. <sup>4</sup>(a) Ishihara, K.; Ohara, S.; Yamamoto, H. *J. Org. Chem.* **1996**, *61*, 4196–4197. (b) Ishihara, K. *Tetrahedron* **2009**, *65*, 1085–1109.

alcoholysis. The order of the steps in the mechanism is what allows for the selective esterification (Scheme 3.4).

Scheme 3.4 Site Selective Boric Acid-Catalyzed Esterification.



## 3.2 Development of Organocatalyst 3.1

Previously, our group has developed catalytic directing groups I and II for the regio-, diastero-, and enantioselective hydroformylation of olefins (Chapter 1 and 2).<sup>5</sup> These catalytic directing groups use reversible covalent bonding and induced intramolecularity to achieve selectivity and rate acceleration. In order to expand our methodology into electrophile transfer, organocatalyst **3.1** was designed taking into account the features that had made I and II successful. Therefore, the substrate binding site was retained. A hydrogen-bonding organocatalyst developed by the Hoveyda and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>(a) For a review of catalytic directing groups: Rousseau, G.; Breit, B. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 2450-2494 and the references within. (b) Worthy, A. D.; Joe, C. L.; Lightburn, T. L.; Tan, K. L. J. Am. *Chem. Soc.* **2010**, *132*, 14757-14759. (c) Lightburn, T. E.; De Paolis, O. A.; Cheng, K. H.; Tan, K. L. *Org. Lett.* **2011**, *13*, 2686-2689.

Snapper groups, which uses *N*-methylimidazole as a catalyst for silylation, was also used as inspiration.<sup>6</sup> Thus, instead of a catalyst binding site, *N*-methylimidazole was built into the molecule. The backbone of the molecule originates from amino alcohols so the source of chirality is cheap, diverse, and readily derivatized (Figure 3.1).





## 3.3 Application of Organocatalyst **3.1** to Selective Functionalization

In order to show the power of this catalytic directing group, it was important to choose a problem that has been difficult to solve using traditional strategies. While the use of organocatalysts has been successfully applied to many problems in organic synthesis, the functionalization of a less reactive group in the presence of a more reactive one is still a challenge.<sup>7,8</sup> Due to their ability to bind a substrate with the desired

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Zhao, Y.; Rodrigo, J.; Hoveyda, A. H.; Snapper, M. L. *Nature* **2006**, *443*, 67-70. <sup>7</sup>*Comprehensive Asymmetric Catalysis*; Jacobsen, E. N., Pfaltz, A., Yamamoto, H., Eds.: Springer-Verlag: Berlin Heidelberg, 1999; Vols. I-III. <sup>8</sup>(a) Jordan, P. A.; Miller, S. J. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2012**, *51*, 2907-2911. (b) Yoshida, K.; Furuta, T.; Kawabata, T. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2011**, *50*, 4888-4892. (c) Kawabata, T.; Furuta, T. *Chem. Lett.* **2009**, *38*, 640-647. (d) Ohshima, T.; Iwasaki, T.; Maegawa, Y.; Yoshiyama, A.; Mashima, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 2944-2945. (e) Lewis, C. A.; Miller, S. J. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2006**, *45*, 5616-5619. (f) Griswold, K. S.; Miller, S. J. *Tetrahedron* **2003**, *59*, 8869-8875. (g) Kurahashi, T.; Mizutani, T.; Yoshida, J. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 8669-8677. (h) Hu, G.; Vasella, A. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **2002**, *85*, 4369-4391.

functional group near the catalytically active residue, enzymes are capable of performing site selective catalysis.<sup>9</sup> Taking inspiration from enzymes, Miller discovered a peptide based catalyst through a library screen that is capable of functionalizing a secondary alcohol in the prescence of a primary alcohol in a glucose derived substrate (Table 3.1).<sup>8f</sup> The selectivity is believed to be a result of the catalyst hydrogen bonding to the more accessible primary hydroxyl allowing the 4-O to be acylated. Using similar peptide based catalysts, Miller and co-workers have shown that selective derivitizations of natural products is possible.<sup>10</sup>

**Table 3.1** Miller's Selective Functionalization of a Glucose Derivative.

Catalyst	HO HO 2 OAc On-Oct	HO ACO 3 OH On-Oct	AcO 4 O HO OH On-Oct	HO OH On-Oct
NMI <sup>a,b</sup>	0	20	16	64
A <sup>a</sup>	9	11	58	22

<sup>a</sup>2 mol % catalyst, Ac<sub>2</sub>O (1 equiv), NaOAc, PhCH<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0°C, 15 h. <sup>b</sup>Only 14% conversion.



<sup>9</sup>(a) hi odea Melan o n i *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, 47 - *Nature* **2007**, 446, 1008-1016. (c) Koeller, K. M.; Wong, C.-H. *Chem. Rev.* **2000**, 100, 4465-4493.

<sup>10</sup>(a) Lewis, C. A.; Miller, S. J. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2006, 45, 5616-5619. (b) Lewis, C. A.; Merkel, J.;
Miller, S. J. Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. 2008, 18, 6007-6011. (c) Lewis, C. A.; Longcore, K. E.; Miller, S. J.;
Wender, P. A. J. Nat. Prod. 2009, 72, 1864-1869. (d) Pathak, T. P.; Miller, S. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 6120-6123. (e) Fowler, B. S.; Laemmerhold, K. M.; Miller, S. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2012, 134, 9755-9761.

Similarly, Kawabata and co-workers have demonstrated that very selective 4-Oacylation was possible using their catalyst **B** (Scheme 3.5).<sup>8c</sup> The selectivity is believed to occur through hydrogen bonding to the substrate which orients the 4-hydroxyl near the activated acylating reagent (Figure 3.2).

4	0 6	10 mol % catalyst ( <i>i</i> PrCO) <sub>2</sub> O (1.1 equiv)		OOCi-Pr		+	OOC <i>i</i> -Pr <i>i</i> -PrCOO diacylate
н67/2	$\int OC_8 H_{17}$	collidine (1.5 equiv) CHCl <sub>3</sub> , 0 °C, 12 h	2			7	
Catalyst		Monoacylate (%)	noacylate (%) Regioselectivity <sup>a</sup>			Diacylate (%)	
			6-O	4-0	3-0	2-0	
	DMAP	61	33	24	43	0	21
	В	97	0	98	2	0	2

Scheme 3.5 Kawabata Selective Funcationalization of a Glucose Derivative.

<sup>a</sup>Regioselectivity of monoacylates.

Figure 3.2 Proposed Selectivity Model Using Catalyst B.



Both of these catalysts are modeled after enzymes in which multiple noncovalent interactions are used to bind a substrate selectively. These catalysts, while smaller than

enzymes, are large compared to most small molecule organic catalysts because of the need for multiple noncovalent interactions.

Taylor has shown selective acylation of sugar derivatives using a commercially available borinate ester which covalently binds cis diols to activate them for functionalization with high selectivitites (Scheme 3.6).<sup>11</sup> Our group believed that we could also be successful in a site selective reaction using a small organocatalyst, **3.1**, which benefits from a reversible covalent bond.

Scheme 3.6 aylor's Borinate ster atalyzed Acylation



To prove the viability of using **3.1** to functionalize a less reactive group in the presence of a more reactive one, a simple system was tested. The functionalization of a secondary alcohol in the presence of a primary alcohol was interesting since a primary alcohol is about two orders of magnitude more reactive.<sup>12</sup> For example, the silylation of a 1,2-diol with chlorotriethylsilane (TESCI), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA), and catalytic *N*-methylimidazole (NMI) is very selective for the less hindered primary alcohol (Scheme 3.7). In order to reverse this selectivity, an energy difference of >3 kcal/mol

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Lee, D.; Taylor, M. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 3724-3727. Gouliaras, C.; Lee, D.; Chan, L.; Taylor, M. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 13926-13929. Lee, D.; Williamson, C. L.; Chan, L.; Taylor, M. S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, *134*, 8260-8267.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Reginato, G.; Ricci, A.; Roelens, S.; Scapecchi, S. J. Org. Chem. 1990, 55, 5132-5139.

between the two pathways would need to be overcome. Because of this differential reactivity, obtaining the secondary protected product usually requires bis-protection followed by selective deprotection of the primary protected alcohol.<sup>13</sup>

Scheme 3.7 Silylation of a 1,2-Diol.



As primary alcohols are more accessible, **3.1** should preferentially bind to the primary alcohol leaving the secondary alcohol free. The catalytic *N*-methylimidazole subunit attached to **3.1** can then facilitate functionalization of the secondary alcohol through activation of an electrophilic reagent and intramolecular delivery.<sup>14</sup> This direct functionalization of a secondary alcohol would eliminate the need for bis-protection and selective deprotection, as well as the byproducts generated from these steps.

Using this strategy, the selectivity of the reaction arises from a combination of the binding selectivity as well as the rate of functionalization (Figure 3.3). Under the reaction conditions, **3.3** and **3.4** should be in equilibrium. As mentioned previously, the primary alcohol bound, **3.3**, should be more favorable. However,  $k_2$  will most likely be greater than  $k_1$  since the primary alcohol is more reactive towards functionalization. To favor the pathway through **3.5**, **3.1** could be designed to decrease the rate of functionalization of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Kobayashi, S.; Alizadeh, B. H.; Sasaki, S. -Y.; Oguri, H.; Hirama, M. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, *6*, 751-754. <sup>14</sup>It is also possible that the *N*-methylimidazole subunit acts as a general base.

the primary alcohol to form **3.6**,  $k_2$ , while increasing the rate of functionalization to form **3.5**,  $k_1$  (mismatched vs matched case, respectively). This matched/ mismatched case could originate from stereoselectivity caused by the rigidness of the covalent bond between **3.1** and **3.2**. After the functionalization step, exchange with methanol would give **3.1** or another molecule of substrate, **3.2**, could exchange on to enter back into the equilibrium between **3.3** and **3.4**.





To begin a simple and inexpensive synthesis of catalytic directing group **3.11** was completed starting from L-valinol (Scheme 3.8). First *N*-methylimidazole is lithiated with *n*BuLi and trapped with *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide to yield **3.9**. Reductive amination of **3.9** with valinol gives amino alcohol **3.10**. **3.10** was closed with *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethylacetal in methanol to give catalytic directing group **3.11** in a diastereomeric ratio of 70:30.

Scheme 3.8 Synthesis of 3.11.



After being synthesized, **3.11** was exchanged with *i*PrOH in the presence of *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride as the acid source. A  $K_{eq}$  of 0.13 was found which indicates that MeOH has an 8 fold higher binding affinity than *i*PrOH (Scheme 3.9). The reaction reached equilibrium after only 10 minutes at room temperature. (Without acid, it takes 72 h to reach equilibrium.) It was encouraging that the exchange was rapid at room temperature because exchange has to be fast in order to compete with the unselective intermolecular reaction. Also promising and as predicted, there was a large preference to bind the least sterically hindered alcohol. Both of these features of **3.11** are important in order to obtain selectivity. Scheme 3.9 Exchange Study with 3.11.



3.4 Initial Studies of Selective Functionalization of 1,2-Diols<sup>15</sup>

Initially 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol was used as the test substrate and *tert*butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCI) was used as the electrophile. When NMI was used as the catalyst, there was a strong preference for the primary alcohol to be functionalized resulting in **3.14** (Scheme 3.10, Eq. 1). The secondary product, **3.15**, was not detected by GC. When **3.11** was used as the catalyst, the selectivity for **3.15** increased to 4% (Scheme 3.10, Eq. 2). The low levels of selectivity are most likely due to the large size of the TBS group contributing to a high energetic barrier to secondary alcohol functionalization.

Scheme 3.10 Silylation of 3.13 with TBSCl.



<sup>15</sup>This work was done with Omar De Paolis.

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In order to lower this barrier, chlorotriethylsilane (TESCl) was tried under the reaction conditions with NMI. The inherent selectivity was 99:1 for **3.16** (Scheme 3.11, Eq. 1). Although this still represents a strong preference for primary alcohol functionalization, a small amount of the secondary product, **3.17**, was observed. Reaction with **3.11** gave a ratio of 88:12 favoring the primary product, **3.16** (Scheme 3.11, Eq. 2). This change in selectivity represented a 10-fold increase compared to the reaction with NMI. It is important to mention that although bis-silylation is possible, in these initial screens with TESCl, it was always observed to be <5% of the reaction mixture.

Scheme 3.11 Silylation of 3.13 with TESCI.



At this point, there was concern that because 3.11 is a chiral catalyst a matched/mismatched case might be occurring in which the two enantiomers of 3.13 were reacting differently. In order to test this hypothesis, the individual enantiomers of 3.13 were synthesized sing aco sen's hydrolytic kinetic resol t ion of epo ides <sup>16</sup> Each of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Schaus, S. E.; Brandes, B. D.; Larrow, J. F.; Tokunaga, M.; Hansen, K. B.; Gould, A. E.; Furrow, M. E.; Jacobsen E. N. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, *124*, 1307-1315.
the enantiomers was tested separately in the reaction. Interestingly, while (S)-3.13 gave a 90:10 ratio, strongly favoring formation of the primary functionalized product, 3.16 (Scheme 3.12, Eq. 1), (*R*)-3.13 gave a ratio of 59:41 (Scheme 3.12, Eq. 2).

Scheme 3.12 Selectivity of Each Enantiomer of 3.13.



Table 3.2 Variation of Amino Alcohol Backbone.



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83:17

89:11

60:40 <sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

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To increase the selectivity for the secondary product, **3.17**, other catalysts were synthesized to see if any would give improved selectivities. When the catalysts were screened against (R)-**3.13**, there was a clear trend that increasing the size of the R group increased the selectivity for **3.17** (Table 3.2).

## 3.5 Stereoselective Functionalization of Diols<sup>17</sup>

Because we predicted that binding selectivity and stereoselectivity would be necessary to obtain site selectivity, we decided to test how effective the catalyst was in an enantioselective reaction. Therefore, an enantioselective desymmetrization reaction was performed. Previously, meso-1,2-diols have been desymmetrized using organocatalysts to catalyze acylation,<sup>18</sup> phosphorylation,<sup>19</sup> sulfonylation,<sup>20</sup> and silylation.<sup>21</sup> Peptide based catalysts that achieve selectivity through non-covalent interactions which pre-organize the substrate and catalyst prior to electrophile transfer have been used for all of these electrophilic transfer reactions. Acylation has also been catalyzed by amine, alcohol, and phosphine organocatalysts.<sup>18a,c</sup> Silyl transfer has been accomplished using a diamine mediator and peptide based catalysts (Scheme 3.13).<sup>21</sup> Ishikawa and co-workers showed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Sun, X.; Worthy, A. D.; Tan, K. L. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. 2011, 50, 8167-8171.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>(a) Oriyama, T.; Imai, K.; Sano, T.; Hosoya, T. *Tet. Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 3529–3532. For reviews on acyl transfer using organocatalysts see the following: (b) Jarvo, E. R.; Miller, S. J. *Tetrahedron* **2002**, *58*, 2481–2495. (c) Spivey, A. C.; Arseniyadis, S. *Top. Curr. Chem.* **2010**, *291*, 233–280. (d) Marinetti, A.; Voituriez, A. *Synlett* **2010**, 174–194.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Fiori, K. W.; Puchlopek, A. L. A.; Miller, S. J. Nat. Chem. 2009, 1, 630-634.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>(a) Isobe, T.; Fukuda, K.; Araki, Y.; Ishikawa, T. *Chem. Commun.* 2001, 243–244. (b) Zhao, Y.; Mitra, A. W.; Hoveyda, A. H.; Snapper, M. L. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2007, *46*, 8471–8474. (c) Zhao, Y.; Rodrigo, J.; Hoveyda, A. H.; Snapper, M. L. *Nature* 2006, *443*, 67–70. (d) You, Z.; Hoveyda, A. H.; Snapper, M. L. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2009, *48*, 547–550. (e) Rodrigo, J. M.; Zhao, Y.; Hoveyda, A. H.; Snapper, M. L. *Org. Lett.* 2011, *13*, 3778-3781. For a review on asymmetric Si-O coupling of alcohols: (f) Weickgenannt, A.; Mewald, M.; Oestreich, M. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2010, *8*, 1497–1504.

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the kinetic resolution of indanol and tetralol with moderate enantioselectivities, but the chiral base used could not be used catalytically (Scheme 3.13, Eq 1).<sup>21a</sup> Hoveyda and Snapper developed a peptide-based catalyst which is able to desymmetrize diols and triols (Scheme 3.12, Eq 2).<sup>21c,d</sup> The chemistry was expanded to kinetic resolutions and regiodivergent reactions on a racemic mixture (Scheme 3.12, Eq 3 and 4).<sup>21b,e</sup> Notably, this is also a site selective reaction; however, the secondary alcohols have to have similar reactivity to achieve high selectivity (Eq 4).

Scheme 3.13 Asymmetric Silyl Transfer Reactions.



It was believed that our catalytic directing group, which pre-organizes the substrate and catalyst using a more rigid covalent bond, could lead to increased reactivity and selectivity.

Figure 3.4 Catalytic Cycle of Desymmetrization of Meso-1,2-Diols.

It was imagined that catalytic directing group **3.11** could bind **3.18**, reversibly, and silylation of **3.18** could occur through intramolecular transfer or deprotonation. The release of **3.19** by exchange with methanol regenerates **3.11** (Figure 3.4). Notably, selectivity could come from substrate binding, silyl transfer, or a combination of both.

The reaction was run with TBSCl and 20% catalyst. *N*, *N*-Diisopropylethylamine was chosen to quench the hydrogen chloride generated during the reaction because it is a hindered base that should be slow to promote silvlation. DIPEA·HCl, which is generated



during the reaction, was added as an acid to catalyze the initial exchange between substrate and catalyst.

To start, a series of catalysts similar to **3.11** were tested in the reaction. First the R group on the catalyst backbone was varied (Table 3.3). Larger R groups gave increased selectivity. However, the catalysts exist as a mixture of diastereomers, complicating the analysis of selectivity. We were concerned that the two diastereomers might show the opposite sense of absolute stereochemistry. Thus, we wanted to explore catalysts that would exist as a single diastereomer.





<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

In order to try to force the catalyst to favor one diastereomer, another stereocenter was installed on the methylene linker between the ring and the *N*-methylimidazole subunit. Both the (S,S) and (S,R)-catalysts were synthesized. The syntheses of these

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catalysts were similar to the synthesis of **3.11**. To make the (*S*,*S*) series, after **3.9** was condensed with an amino alcohol, the desired nucleophile was added into the imine to obtain **3.20**; cyclization of the amino alcohol gave **3.21** (Scheme 3.14). To obtain the (*S*,*R*)-catalysts, valinol was condensed with the desired aldehyde and lithiated NMI was added to the resulting imine to obtain **3.22** (Scheme 3.15). Closure of **3.22** gave **III**. The syntheses focused on using valinol as the amino acid core since it gave good results in Table 3.3. Catalyst optimization around *tert*-leucine was not pursued because it is much more expensive.

Scheme 3.14 Synthesis of 3.21.



Both of the (S,S)-catalysts that were synthesized existed as one diastereomer in solution. The yields and enantioselectivities obtained from the reactions with the (S,S)-catalysts were lower than when **3.11** was used as the catalyst (Table 3.3 and Table 3.4). These results suggest that the addition of this stereocenter improperly gears the imidazole ring making the silylation more difficult.

Scheme 3.15 Synthesis of III.



All of the (S,R)-catalysts gave improved yields compared to the (S,S)-catalysts. When R= Ph, the diastereomeric ratio was poor along with the enantioselectivity. However, when R was Me, moderate enantioselectivities were achieved. When R was *i*Pr, the catalyst, **III**, is one diastereomer and gives **3.19** in good yield and excellent

**Table 3.4** (*S*,*S*) and (*S*,*R*) Catalysts.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>b</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

enantioselectivity (Table 3.4). Attempts to synthesize R = tBu were unsuccessful due to difficulty closing the ring in the last step. It is believed that the steric clash between the two substituents makes the ring closure very unfavorable.

## 3.6 Desymmetrization of Meso-1,2-Diols

With an effective catalyst developed, the optimal reaction time was explored. The reaction time of 24 h (4 °C) that had been used for catalyst testing was determined to be unnecessary when **III** was used. At room temperature, the reaction reaches completion after 4 h and retains high enantioselectivity (Table 3.5).





A catalyst loading screen showed that while 5% catalyst resulted in a sluggish reaction and lowered enantioselectivities, 10% gave similar results to using 20% catalyst (Table 3.6).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

*N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine was originally chosen as a base because it is hindered and thus, would be slow to promote the silylation by itself. If it were to promote the silylation, it would lead to racemic product which would degrade the enantioselectivity of the reaction. Another hindered base, 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (PMPP), was also tested in the reaction. Using PMPP, gave a comparable yield with slightly higher enantioselectivies indicating that DIPEA had been promoting some background reaction (Scheme 3.16).

Scheme 3.16 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperdine as the Base.



A time course was performed with PMPP·HCl to ensure that this acid would allow the reaction to proceed at a similar rate to the reaction with DIPEA·HCl. At 2 h, the

conversion is not complete, but at 4 h, yields similar to previous reactions are obtained (Table 3.7).

Table 3.7 Time Screen with PMPP and PMPP HCl.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

In an effort to decrease the amount of TBSCl necessary for an efficient reaction while still maintaining high enantioselectivity, a concentration screen was run. One concern was that III might catalyze the intermolecular reaction in which 3.18 is not bound before functionalization. Decreasing the catalyst concentration could decrease the rate of the intermolecular reaction compared to the intramolecular reaction. With 2 equivalents of TBSCl, a concentration of 0.4 M gave the best enantioselectivities and good yields. Lower concentration resulted in a sluggish reaction; higher concentration started to degrade the enantioselectivity of the reaction (Table 3.8).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

With the optimized conditions in place, the reaction was run with control catalyst **3.23** in order to support the hypothesis that covalent bonding is the mode of catalysis that is operating under these conditions. Not only was the enantioselectivity poor, but the conversion was also very low (Scheme 3.17). This implies that **III** is not a good silylation catalyst without the ability to covalently bind the substrate. As further support, running the reaction with **III** in *t*BuOH gave comparable results to the reaction run in THF which is inconsistent with a hydrogen-bonding mechanism (Scheme 3.18).





Scheme 3.18 Reaction Run in *t*BuOH.



The substrate scope was expanded to other cyclic and acyclic meso-1,2-diols. Heteroatoms (**3.24**) and unsaturation (**3.25**) in cyclic substrates were well tolerated (Table 3.9). Medium rings **3.28** and **3.29**, while less reactive, also gave good results. The slower reaction rate for medium rings is believed to be due to ring distortion, which twists the *cis*-diols into more of a *trans* configuration. (Note: *trans*-diols do not react under these conditions.) Due to increased freedom of rotation compared to the cyclic substrates, acyclic substrates, such as **3.30**, are also slower to react. The reaction of (1*R*,2*S*,*Z*)-cyclooct-5-ene-1,2-diol gives **3.32** with low enantioselectivity which is believed to be due to the transannular effect causing the ring to twist the alcohols away from each other (Scheme 3.19).

Scheme 3.19 Reaction of (1*R*,2*S*,*Z*)-cyclooct-5-ene-1,2-diol.



Table 3.9 Substrate Scope.



<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup>Enantiomers separated using a chiral GC column.<sup>c</sup>TBSCI (2 equiv), PMPP (1.2 equiv), 0.4 M, 4 h. <sup>d</sup>TBSCI (4 equiv), PMPP (1.2 equiv), 0.2 M, 24 h. <sup>e</sup>TBSCI (2 equiv), PMPP (1.2 equiv), 0.2 M, 12 h. <sup>f</sup>TBSCI (4 equiv), PMPP (2 equiv), 0.2 M, 24 h, 4 °C. <sup>g</sup>TBSCI (4 equiv), PMPP (2 equiv), 0.2 M, 24 h. <sup>h</sup>TBSCI (4 equiv), PMPP (2 equiv), 0.2 M, 36 h, 4 °C. TBSCI = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride, PMPP = pentamethylpiperidine, THF = tetrahydrofuran

It is also important to note that (1R,3S)-cyclopentane-1,3-diol, even with 4.0 equivalents of TBSCl, reacts slowly and affords low enantioselectivities (Scheme 3.20). An acyclic 1,3-diol, (2R,4S)-pentane-2,4-diol, has even worse reactivity than the cyclic diol and gives < % yield his i s most likely d e to the catalyst's ina il ity to transfer the electrophile if the alcohol is not in close proximity to the NMI subunit. While this limits the scope of substrates for this catalyst, it was encouraging because the catalyst was designed to be a site selective catalyst. A catalyst that is stereoselective and sensitive to proximity effects is less likely to be promiscuous.

Scheme 3.20 Reaction of cis-1,3-Diol.



Table 3.10 Silyl Reagent Screen.



<sup>a</sup>Yields and *ees* are an average of two runs and were determined by GC analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>TESCI (1.2 equiv), 0.2 M, 1 h.<sup>c</sup>TBDPSCI (4 equiv), 0.2 M, 48 h. <sup>d</sup>1.0 M, 24 h.<sup>e</sup>DMPSCI (1.2 equiv), 0.2 M, 1 h. TESCI = triethylsilyl chloride, TBDPSCI = *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride, DMPSCI = dimethylphenylsilyl chloride.

Other silyl reagents were tested under the reaction conditions with **3.18** to determine if they would also work. Impressively, the smaller and more reactive chlorotriethylsilane (TESCI) gave slightly better yields while still maintaining high

enantioselectivities. The bigger *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (TBDPSCl) was less reactive, but also maintained good enantioselectivity. The very reactive dimethylphenylsilyl chloride (DMPSCl) gave only moderate enantioselectivities which may be due to background silylation (Table 3.10).

Table 3.11 Enhancing the Reactivity of Challenging Substrates.



<sup>a</sup>Yields and *ees* were determined by GC analysis using trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard.

As TESCI had been shown to be more reactive while still achieving high enantioselectivities, it was used to enhance the reactivity of some challenging substrates. (2R,3S)-butane-2,3-diol, which previously needed 36 h for complete conversion, showed complete conversion to **3.38** after 4 h. (3R,4S)-hexa-1,5-diene-3,4-diol and (1R,2S)-1,2diphenylethane-1,2-diol are deactivated towards silylation and did not react with TBSCI. When TESCI was used, both were converted to product (**3.39** and **3.40**, respectively) in under 8 h with good enantioselectivities (Table 3.11). The exchange characteristics of **III** were also studied. Consistent with exchange studies performed with **I** and **3.11**, a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.12 was found when **III** was exchanged with *i*PrOH (Scheme 3.21).

Scheme 3.21 Exchange of III with *i*PrOH.



When **III** was exchanged with **3.18**, the  $K_{eq}$  was determined to be 0.20 after 2 h. As there are two alcohols in **3.18**, this number was expected. The more interesting piece of data resulting from this exchange was that the two diastereomers, **3.42** and **3.43**, which originate from each alcohol binding to **III**, exist in a 60:40 ratio (Scheme 3.22). Since one diastereomer is not strongly favored over the other, this most likely means that **3.18** binding to **III** is not the selectivity determining step of the reaction. Therefore, selectivity must be arising from the functionalization step. One explanation for the selectivity is if the (*R*)-diol binds **III**, the other alcohol is placed near the NMI subunit so it can be functionalized. In contrast, when the (*S*)-diol binds **III**, the other alcohol may be positioned away from the NMI subunit so it is unable to be functionalized. This is only true, however, if the reaction occurs under exchange conditions at equilibrium. It is possible that one diastereomer is kinetically favored to bind **III**. If silylation is fast and the reaction occurs under kinetic control, it is possible that binding could be the source of selectivity. Based on our observations that the exchange is rapid (Scheme 3.9), while

silulation is much slower, we believe that it is not likely that binding is the source of selectivity.

Scheme 3.22 Exchange of III with 3.18.



In order to determine if product exchange onto III was competitive, the exchange of **3.19** with III was performed. Equilibrium was reached in 2 h with a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.02. The  $K_{eq}$  of **3.19** was 10 fold less than with **3.18** (Scheme 3.22 and 3.23). This indicates that product inhibition is not a significant problem during the reaction.

Scheme 3.23 Exchange of III with 3.19.



Attempts to crystalize **III** were unsuccessful. However, by taking advantage of its ability to bind alcohols, a crystalline alcohol, **3.45**, was exchanged onto **III** (Scheme 3.24). **3.46** was crystallized, and an X-ray crystal structure was obtained which showed

that the C-O bond was oriented up along with both *i*Pr groups. The NMI subunit was oriented underneath the ring of the catalyst (Figure 3.5).

Scheme 3.24 Exchange of III with 3.45.



Figure 3.5 Crystal Structure of 3.46 (CCDC # 832192).



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The crystal structure allowed us to design models that would rationalize the enantioselectivity of the reaction. In the solid state, the NMI subunit is positioned underneath the ring. Models of the substrate bound catalyst oriented similar to the crystal structure show the hydrogen of the free alcohol could be positioned over the nitrogen in the ring. It is believed that the basic nitrogen in the ring could assist by deprotonating the alcohol before the NMI subunit swings up to transfer the functional group. When the (R)-alcohol is bound to the catalyst, the other alcohol is lined up well for this transformation. However, when the (S)-alcohol is bound in a conformation in which the other alcohol could be functionalized, there are two eclipsing hydrogens that could make this conformation unfavorable (Figure 3.6).

Figure 3.6 Selectivity Models.



## 3.7 Developing a Site Selective Functionalization Reaction

Having shown that **III** was able to catalyze a stereoselective reaction, we returned to developing a site selective reaction. Optimization was approached with the information gained from developing the desymmetrization reaction while remaining cognizant that a very different problem was being addressed. Because we had seen optimal results with **III** in the desymmetrization reaction, we decided to test it in the site selective reaction (Scheme 3.25).

Scheme 3.12 Reaction of 3.11 with Individual Enantiomers.



Scheme 3.25 Reaction of III with Individual Enantiomers.



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Both enantiomers of **3.47** were tested with **III**. When comparing these selectivities with the ones previously seen with catalyst **3.11**, it is interesting to note that the selectivities switch. The catalysts seemed to be matched to different enantiomers of substrate. With **III** and (*S*)-hexane-1,2-diol, the reaction favored the secondary product, **3.49**, in about 59:41 ratio. The (*R*)-hexane-1,2-diol strongly favors the primary product, **3.48** (Scheme 2.25).

The results with **III** are consistent with what was seen in the desymmetrization of meso diols. In that reaction, it was hypothesized that when the (R)-alcohol was bound to **III**, the free alcohol was oriented over the amine in the ring allowing it to be deprotonated and subsequently functionalized. However, when the (S)-alcohol was bound to **III**, in the only conformation that the free alcohol could possibly be functionalized, two hydrogens are eclipsing each other (Figure 3.6 and 3.7). It is believed this unfavorable interaction causes this conformation to be disfavored so the free alcohol is not functionalized when the (S)-alcohol is bound. When the secondary alcohols are bound in the site selective reaction, the desymmetrization models predict that the (R)-diol would be able to silvlate the primary alcohol easily while the (S)-diol would be less favorable. Simple models of the primary alcohols bound show that the secondary alcohol in the (S)diol could be deprotonated similarly. When the (R)-diol is in the confirmation in which the nitrogen could deprotonate the alcohol, there are two hydrogens pointing at each other over the ring (Figure 3.7). This unfavorable interaction makes secondary functionalization of the (R)-diol disfavored.





At this point, a solvent screen was run on the racemic substrate to determine if solvent had an effect on the selectivity. By isolating both products and determining their enantioselectivities, the approximate selectivity ratio for each enantiomer can be calculated. Most solvents gave results comparable to THF except for MeOtBu and *t*BuOH. MeOtBu gave very low selectivities for both the enantiomers. Running the reaction in *t*BuOH, however, greatly increased the enantioselectivity of **3.48**. This increase in enantioselectivity corresponds to the (*S*)-enantiomer forming mostly **3.49** (Table 3.12). In this case, the R and S ratios were calculated based on isolated yields so a

loss of small amounts of material during isolation greatly affected these ratios. Future results were calculated based on GC yields and are more correct.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>b</sup>Determined by GC analysis.<sup>c</sup>Run at rt.



Table 3.13 Individual Enantiomer Selectivity in *t*BuOH.

<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.<sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>Run with *N*-methylimidazole as catalyst.

Each enantiomer was run in *t*BuOH to directly measure the selectivity of each. (*R*)-**3.47** gave similar selectivity to what was previously seen with THF, very high selectivity for **3.48**. (*S*)-**3.47** gave an 83:17 ratio favoring **3.49**. The reaction catalyzed by NMI was also run in *t*BuOH to ensure that the solvent was not changing the inherent selectivity of the reaction, and it was not (Table 3.13).



 Table 3.14 Temperature Screen with t-Amyl Alcohol.

<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

In order to test solvents similar to *t*BuOH, *t*-amyl alcohol was tested in the reaction. Less sterically hindered alcoholic solvents, such as *i*PrOH, and MeOH, cannot be used in the reaction as they bind the catalyst and would inhibit exchange. *t*-Amyl alcohol gave slightly better results than *t*-BuOH. The benefit of using *t*-amyl alcohol was that lower temperatures could be explored, whereas, *t*-BuOH would freeze. At 4 °C, the reaction gave almost 90:10 selectivity for **3.49**. Decreasing the temperature to -6 °C did not increase the selectivity further (Table 3.14).

In order to see if fine tuning the group on the methylene linker between NMI and the ring could increase the selectivity further, a few derivatives were synthesized. Previously smaller groups at this position, such as methyl, gave lower selectivities and often existed as multiple diastereomers in solution. Larger groups, such as *t*-butyl, were unable to be synthesized. A series of catalysts with cyclic alkyl substituents at this position were synthesized. These groups were explored as they are branched like an *i*Pr group, but are tied back making them slightly smaller. The catalyst in which R= cyclopropyl exists as an 80:20 mixture of diastereomers and gives about a 1:1 ratio of **3.48** to **3.49**. When R= cyclopentyl, however, the catalyst gives the same results as **III** (Table 3.15). Unfortunately, the cyclobutyl version of this catalyst could not be made, and the cyclohexyl version did not exchange efficiently.

Table 3.15 Screen of Catalysts with Cyclic R groups.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

When you compare **IV** and **III** using other substrates, such as (*S*)-1-cyclohexane-1,2-diol, **3.50**, the difference is more obvious. Catalyst **IV** gives almost 90:10 selectivity for **3.52** and much higher yields (Table 3.16, Entry 2 compared with Entry 1). The reaction with NMI and (R)-**3.50** are shown for comparison and are still highly selective for **3.51** (Table 3.16, Entry 1 and 4, respectively).

Table 3.16 Catalyst Screen with (S)-Cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol.



<sup>a</sup>Based on GC using trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard. <sup>b</sup>Using NMI as catalyst. <sup>c</sup>Isolated yield of **3.47**. <sup>d</sup>(R)-Cy was used as the substrate.

The control catalyst, **3.53**, which lacks a substrate binding site gives primarily

3.51 with low conversions for both enantiomers of substrate (Scheme 3.26, Eq 1 and 2).



Scheme 3.26 Control Catalyst with (S) and (R)-1-Cyclohexane-1,2-diol.

With optimized conditions in hand, the substrate scope was expanded. The racemic substrates were run to obtain both valuable enantioenriched products, the primary and the secondary functionalized. This type of reaction is refered to as a regiodivergent reaction on a racemic mixture.<sup>21e,22</sup> If desired, an enantiopure diol can also be run in this reaction to obtain high yields and good selectivities for the secondary functionalized product. When optimizing each substrate, both **III** and **IV** were tested, as they gave similar results with (*S*)-hexane-1,2-diol, **3.47**, but different with (*S*)-1-cyclohexane-1,2-diol, **3.50**. It is important to note that exact reaction times are necessary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>(a) Miller, L. C.; Sarpong, R. Chem. Soc. Rev. 2011, 40, 4550-4562.

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to prevent conversion of the secondary protected product into bis-protected product over time. Most of the substrates gave good yields and excellent enantioselectivities for the secondary product. The primary product is also obtained with good yields, albeit with slightly lower enantioselectivities. This is because although the (*R*)-enantiomer is extremely selective to form the primary functionalized product, the (*S*)-enantiomer forms the secondary functionalized product in about a 90:10 ratio for most substrates (Table 3.18). Both bulkyl and small alkyl groups are tolerated as well as protected alcohols. The OPh substrate, **3.58**, suffers from bis-silylation being competitive with mono-silylation so the yields are somewhat diminished. The vinyl substrate, **3.59**, is the least selective which has been attributed to its small size and the fact that it deactivates the functionalization of the secondary alcohol (Table 3.17). Similarly, it is believed that the 1-phenyl-1,2-diol substrate was less selective due to deactivation of the secondary alcohol (Scheme 3.27). Notably, a benzyl group in **3.56** still allows for selective secondary alcohol functionalization (Table 3.17).

Scheme 3.27 Reaction Run with 1-Phenyl-1,2-ethanediol.



 Table 3.17 Substrate Scope.

R	ОН ОН 1	10-15% ca 20% DIPE/ .2-1.3 equiv .2-1.3 equiv <i>t</i> -Amyl alc	talyst A·HCI / TESCI / DIPEA cohol	OH R	OTES <sup>+</sup>	R OTES OH
		45-90 min,	0 °C	1		Z
	Substra	ate	<b>1</b> <sup>a,b</sup>		<b>2</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	
	су└	_OH	52%, 81%	ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 97%	ee <sup>c</sup>
	3.50	)				
	OH Bu 3.47	_OH	54%, 79%	ee <sup>d</sup>	40%, 98%	ee <sup>d</sup>
	OH s-Bu <b>3.54</b>	ОН	53%, 82%	ee <sup>c</sup>	40%, 98%	ee <sup>c</sup>
	OH Me 3.55	_OH	48%, 70%	ee <sup>e</sup>	36%, 92%	ee <sup>e</sup>
	OH Ph <b>3.56</b>	ОН	46%, 80%	ee <sup>f</sup>	40%, 96%	ee <sup>f</sup>
	Oł BnO <b>3.57</b>	H OH	56%, 74%	ee <sup>d</sup>	40%, 99%	ee <sup>d</sup>
	Oł PhO 3.58	н Он	44%, 78%	ee <sup>g</sup>	32%, 96%	ee <sup>g</sup>
	OH	ОН	53%, 57%	ee <sup>e</sup>	37%, 91%	ee <sup>e</sup>
	0H Cl	ОН	52%, 90%	ee <sup>c</sup>	45%, 97%	ee <sup>c</sup>
	OH Br 3.61	) OH	50%, 91%	ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 98%	ee <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup>ee determined by GC or HPLC analysis. <sup>c</sup>Run with 15% **IV**, 1.3 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>d</sup>Run with 10% **III**, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>e</sup>Run with 15% **IV**, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>f</sup>Run with 10% **IV**, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>g</sup>Run with 15% **III**, 1.4 equiv TESCI and DIPEA.

When attempting to silvlate the bulky 3,3-dimethylbutane-1,2-diol, no secondary silvlation product was obtained (Scheme 3.28). The halogenated substrates, **3.60** and **3.61**, were the most selective with the (*S*)-enantiomer forming the secondary product in an impressive 95:5 ratio (Table 3.18). The selectivities for each enantiomer of substrate could be calculated based on the yields and enantioselectivities of each product (Table 3.18).

Scheme 3.28 Reaction of 3,3-dimethylbutane-1,2-diol.



 Table 3.18 Calculated Selectivities for Each Enantiomer of Substrate.

Substrate	$(R)-1^{a}$	$(R)-2^{\mathrm{a}}$	( <i>S</i> )-1 <sup>a</sup>	$(S)-2^{\mathrm{a}}$
3.13	95	5	41	59
3.50	99	1	12	88
3.47	99	1	13	87
3.54	99	1	11	89
3.55	96	4	17	83
3.56	98	2	10	90
3.57	>99	<1	14	86
3.58	98	2	14	86
3.59	97	3	27	73
3.60	99	1	6	94
3.61	99	1	5	95

<sup>a</sup>Approximate (*R*)-enantiomer and (*S*)-enantiomer selectivities calculated based on isolated yields and ees from Table 3.17.

If the reaction is run to low conversion, a kinetic resolution of 1-cyclohexane-1,2diol is possible to isolate the primary functionalized product, **3.51**, in good yields and higher enantioselectivity (Scheme 3.29). As the rate of functionalization of the (R)-diol with **IV** is much faster than the (S)-diol, the (R)-diol is most likely matched with the catalyst to silylate the primary alcohol.

Scheme 3.29 Kinetic Resolution of 1-Cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol.



Some exchange reactions were run with **III** to learn more about how binding selectivity may be affecting the reaction. The exchange of **III** with simple alcohols was performed first. The exchange of **III** with HO*i*Pr gave a ratio of 57:43 of **III** to **3.41** at equilibrium which corresponds to a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.12 (Scheme 3.30). This  $K_{eq}$  is consistent with previous exchange reactions and is expected due to the size difference between a secondary alcohol and MeOH.

Scheme 3.30 Exchange of III with HOiPr.



The exchange of **III** with HO*n*Bu gave a ratio of 67:33 (**III** to **3.62**) at equilibrium which gives a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.98. As HO*n*Bu is a primary alcohol, the equilibrium was expected to be slightly less than one (Scheme 3.31).

Scheme 3.31 Exchange of III with HOnBu.



Next the exchange of each product with **III** was studied. As expected for both enantiomers, the free primary alcohols have higher binding affinities than the secondary alcohols. However comparing the individual enantiomers of **3.48** to each other shows some interesting results. The  $K_{eq}$  of (*S*)-**3.48** is 1.9 times the  $K_{eq}$  of (*R*)-**3.48** (Scheme 3.32, Entry 1 and 2). Because (*R*)-**3.48** is the favored primary product that results from the reaction of **3.47** with **III**, it is interesting that it has a lower binding affinity. The  $K_{eq}$ 

of (*R*)-**3.49** is 1.2 fold the  $K_{eq}$  of (*S*)-**3.49** (Scheme 3.32, Entry 3 and 4). Again the favored product of the reaction has a lower binding affinity than its enantiomer, but the difference is less drastic. Secondary alcohol exchange, which is already less favorable than primary alcohol exchange, appears to be more sensitive to the stereocenter in the molecule.

Scheme 3.32 Product Exchange with III.



When comparing the primary vs. secondary binding for each enantiomer, another interesting set of data appears. At equilibrium, the  $K_{eq}$  of (*S*)-**3.49** is 9.6 times the  $K_{eq}$  of

(*S*)-**3.48** (Scheme 3.32, Entry 2 and 4). As methanol has a binding affinity 8 times that of a secondary alcohol, this difference seemed reasonable (Scheme 3.30). In contrast, (*R*)-**3.49** is 21.7 times more favorable to bind than (*R*)-**3.48** (Scheme 3.32, Entry 1 and 3). (*R*)-**3.48** must have a very unfavorable interaction with **III** that causes binding to be much more difficult. Because of the large difference in binding affinity for one enantiomer over the other, we believe it is possible that this catalyst could be developed into a chiral separation technology in the future.

Because the enantiomers of product are sterically and electronically different than the substrates, an exchange reaction with each enantiomer of the hexane-1,2-diol substate, **3.47**, was also performed. (R)- and (S)-**3.47** led to a similar ratio of **3.64** to **3.65** (Scheme 3.33).

Scheme 3.33 Exchange of III with 3.47.



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Since the two individual enantiomers had been exchanged with **III**, it was possible to identify all of the products of the exchange of racemic **3.47** with **III**. When exchanging racemic **3.47** with **III**, within 10 min, 55% of **III** was converted to the primary alcohol bound to the catalyst. After 24 h, equilibrium was reached with 67% conversion of **III**. The ratio of primary to secondary alcohol bound products was 79:21. This was consistent with the ratio of primary to secondary alcohol bound products seen with the exchange of the individual enantiomers (Scheme 3.33). The ratio of **3.68** to **3.66** was 56:44 (Scheme 3.34). This means that at equilibrium (*S*)-**3.47** is more favorable to bind the secondary alcohol than (*R*)-**3.47**. This is consistent with the exchange data seen with the product exchange but is a less dramatic difference (Scheme 3.32).

Scheme 3.34 Exchange of  $(\pm)$ -3.47 with III.



Consistent with the desymmetrization, the exchange data indicates that the binding of each enantiomer to **III** does not determine the difference in their selectivity.
Both enantiomers show that the primary alcohol preferentially binds to **III**. This binding of the primary alcohol preferentially over the secondary alcohol certainly does contribute to the selective functionalization of the secondary alcohol.

The exchange information also corresponds with the optimal reaction conditions that were discovered for each enantiomer. In the beginning of the reaction, before the exchange is at equilibrium, only the primary alcohol has exchanged onto **III**. This is important for the (*S*)-diol to selectively form the secondary functionalized product. Thus, a pre-stir before adding the TESCI does not help the selectivity for the (*S*)-enantiomer. However, when running the reaction under the kinetic resolution conditions, the reaction was pre-stirred for 45 minutes in order to get optimal selectivities for the (*R*)-enantiomer. During this pre-stir, the secondary alcohol exchanges onto the **III** so it can direct the functionalization of the primary alcohol.

## 3.8 The Different Selectivities of **3.11** and **III**.<sup>12</sup>

During the optimization of the reaction of **3.13**, the difference in selectivity of **3.11** and **III** was discovered (Scheme 3.12 and 3.35). This difference will be discussed here in the context of the reaction with **3.13**.



Scheme 3.12 Reaction of 3.11 with Individual Enantiomers.





The experimental results which show that the two catalysts are matched to give secondary functionalization with different enantiomers led us to believe that they may be functionalizing the diols through different mechanisms. Remembering that **III** exists as one diastereomer in which the C-O bond is oriented up and that **3.11** exists as two diastereomers, we hypothesized that the diastereomer where the C-O bond is oriented

down may be responsible for the secondary functionalization of the (R)-diol in the reaction with **3.11**. Some of the optimization that was done with the 1-phenyl-1,2-diol is important for this discussion. For example, the reaction of **3.13** with **3.11** does not seem to be affected by the catalyst loading (Table 3.19). This is not true of the reactions done with **III**. Increasing the amount of **III**, increased the selectivity.

Intriguingly, this indicates that **3.11** may be matched with the (*R*)-diol and can accelerate the secondary functionalization reaction, whereas, **III** may be acting by decelerating the primary functionalization reaction compared to the secondary functionalization with the (*S*)-diol. This could be due to the steric size difference in the two catalysts and the difference in the freedom of rotation of the *N*-methylimidazole. If **III** is more rigid as well as being sterically hindered, the rate of silylation may be slower for both alcohols.

OH PhO⊢ ( <i>R</i> )- <b>3.13</b>	X% 3 THF(0.0 1.0 equiv 1.2 equiv 20% DIP	3.11 7 M), rt OH 7 TESCI Ph DIPEA PEA·HCI (R)-	F 3.16	отеs он ( <i>R</i> )- <b>3.17</b>
	Entry	3.11 (%)	3.16:3.17 <sup>a</sup>	
	1	10	58:42	
	2	20	58:42	
	3	50	58:42	
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<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

As shown previously, to increase the selectivity for the secondary product, **3.17**, other catalysts were synthesized to see if any would give improved selectivities. When the catalysts were run with (R)-**3.13**, there was a clear trend that increasing the size of the R group corresponded to an increase in the diastereomer ratio of the catalyst and an increase in the selectivity for **3.17** (Table 3.2).

 Table 3.2 Variation of Amino Alcohol Backbone.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

When trying to optimize the catalyst to force it to be one diastereomer, the (S,S) and (S,R) catalysts were tested in the reaction. Unfortunately, the (S,S)-catalysts gave much worse selectivity in the site selective silulation compared with the simple amino alcohol based catalysts even when one diastereomer was present (Table 3.20 and Table

3.2). Most of the (S,R)-catalysts did not give good selectivities for **3.17**. However, catalyst **III** was more selective for secondary functionalization than any of the catalysts that were previously tested, but only when the (S)-enantiomer of substrate was used (Table 3.20). It was previously rationalized using models why the (R)-enantiomer is matched with **III** to form primary functionalized product and does not favor secondary functionalization (Figure 3.7). We believe that during this catalyst optimization we

**Table 3.20** (*S*,*S*)- and (*S*,*R*)-Catalysts.



<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

switched the mechanism from acceleration of the secondary functionalization pathway to deceleration of the primary functionalization pathway.

Going forward with catalyst **III**, (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol was used to optimize the reaction conditions. Simply decreasing the temperature to 4 °C increased the selectivity to 60:40 (Scheme 3.36).

Scheme 3.36 Decreasing the Reaction Temperature.



Next, the base was changed to 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine which in the desymmetrization reaction seemed to catalyze less background reaction than *N*, *N*-diisopropylethylamine. Indeed, as before, the reaction with PMPP gave better selectivity than when DIPEA was used. However, when the reaction temperature was lowered using PMPP as the base, there was no increase in selectivity. This implies that background reaction is sufficiently suppressed using PMPP as the base so decreasing the temperature is not necessary. If DIPEA is used, decreasing the temperature to 4 °C gives approximately the same results as using PMPP. Either reaction condition allows the intramolecular reaction to outcompete the intermolecular reaction. Using crystallized

catalyst, instead of distilled catalyst, also increased the selectivity of the reaction significantly. Clearly, the selectivity is very sensitive to the purity of the **III** (Table 3.21).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

A reagent screen was performed at this point to see if it affected the selectivity. Using TESBr gave similar results to using TESC1. TESNO<sub>2</sub> gave much lower selectivities, and the very reactive TESOTf was unselective and gave high amounts of bis silylation. A variety of temperatures were screened with TESOTf, but they all resulted in similar undesirable results (Table 3.22).





<sup>a</sup>Determined by GC analysis.

At this point, as shown previously, hexane-1,2-diol was used for further optimization because it was realized that the 1-phenyl-1,2-diol was a less selective substrate in the reaction with III. With III, 1-phenyl-1,2-diol never acheieved selectivity over 60:40 for secondary functionalization (Table 3.18). In the future, our group will focus on making a catalyst that would exist as one diastereomer in which the C-O bond is oriented down. We believed this may allow for secondary functionalization of the (R)diol with high selectivity.

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### 3.9 Conclusions

A new set of organocatalysts were developed that benefit from reversible covalent bonding and induced intramolecularity. The desymmetrization of meso-1,2-diols was accomplished using organocatalyst **III**, which was synthesized easily and cheaply. Experimental results indicate that the selectivity and increased reactivity are a result of the ability of **III** to pre-organize the substrate through a reversible, covalent bond. A variety of cyclic and acylic substrates were shown to react efficiently with good enantioselectivities under mild conditions. Other silvlating reagents were also shown to be effective under the reaction conditions. he catalyst's a il ity to f nc tionalize cis-1,2diols selectively indicated it might be successfully applied to site selective catalysis. Thus, the selective functionalization of a secondary alcohol in the presence of a primary alcohol was developed using a combination of binding selectivity and stereoselectivity. The (S)-enantiomer forms the secondary functionalized product while the (R)-enantiomer forms the primary functionalized product with high selectivity. As the enantiomers preferentially form different functionalized products, a regiodivergent reaction on a racemic mixture resulted giving two valuable enantioenriched products.

3.10 Experimental

### **General Considerations**

Unless otherwise noted, all reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Lithium reagents were titrated against 2-pentanol using 1,10-phenanthroline as the indicator. Flash column chromatography was performed

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using EMD Silica Gel 60 (230-400 mesh) and ACS grade solvents as received from Fisher Scientific. All experiments were performed in oven or flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon using standard syringe and cannula techniques, except where otherwise noted. All reactions were run with dry, degassed solvents dispensed from a Glass Contour Solvent Purification System (SG Water, USA LLC). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were performed on either a Varian Gemini 400 MHz, Varian Gemini 500 MHz or a Varian Unity Inova 500 MHz spectrometer. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Labs and stored over  $3\text{\AA}$  molecular sieves.  $C_6D_6$  was degassed by three successive freeze-pump-thaw cycles and stored over 3Å molecular sieves in a dry box under a nitrogen atmosphere. All NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Coupling constants are reported in Hz. All IR spectra were gathered on a Bruker Alpha FT-IR equipped with a single crystal diamond ATR module and values are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. All GC analyses were performed on an Agilent Technologies 7890A GC System. HRMS and X-ray crystal structure data were generated in Boston College facilities. Analytical chiral highperformance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Shimadzu-LC-2010A HT.

### Initial Studies of Selective Functionalization of 1,2-Diols

#### Catalyst Synthesis

*N*-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde, **3.9**,  $^{23}$  was made following literature procedures and matched reported spectra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>Plater, M. J.; Barnes, P.; McDonald, L. K.; Wallace, S.; Archer, N.; Gelbrich, T.; Horton, P. N.; Hursthouse, M. B. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2009**, *7*, 1633-1641.



(S)-2-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylamino)propan-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of Nmethyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (650 mg, 8.7 mmol) in methanol (17 mL) was added (S)-alaninol (960 mg, 8.7 mmol) and 4Å molecular sieves (1.7 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (340 mg, 8.7 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (0.44 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with  $Na_2CO_3$  (1.4 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography ( $CH_2Cl_2$ :MeOH = 10:1) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (1.0 g, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  6 7 d J =1.2), 6.78 (d, 1H, J = 1.2), 3.91 (d, 1H, J = 14.4), 3.76 (d, 1H, J = 14.4), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 3.9), 3.26-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dt, 1H, J = 10.3, 3.9), 1.04 (d, 3H, J)= 6.4); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $C_6D_6$  26 M z  $\delta$  147.0, 126.9, 121.2, 65.5, 54.9, 42.9, 32.7, 17.3; **IR**: 3201, 2872, 1636, 1499, 1452, 1283, 1048, 736, 662 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 170.1293, found: 170.1292.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +33.0$  (c = 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).

<sup>24</sup>Suzuki, Y.; Takahashi, H. Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1983, 31, 2895-2898.



(4S)-2-methoxy-4-methyl-3-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)oxazolidine (66:34 **dr).** To a solution of (S)-2-(((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)propan-1-ol (1.0 g, 6.0 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (24 mL) under argon was added N.Ndimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.80 mL, 6.0 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (24 mL), and reaction was stirred at room temperature for another 2 hours. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that all the substrate was consumed and product had formed. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane. The pentane was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (170 °C at 0.05 mmHg) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (330 mg, 26%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 M z  $\delta$  7 s 0 3 7 3 d 0 66 J = 0.1). 6.37 (s, 0.34H), 6.36 (s, 0.34H), 5.24 (s, 0.66H), 5.17 (s, 0.34H), 3.98 (t, 0.34H, J = 7.3), 3.78 (t, 0.66H, J = 6.8), 3.68-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.43 (m, 0.66H), 3.32-3.34 (m, 0.34H), 3.28 (s, 0.66H), 3.23 (s, 0.66H), 3.14 (s, 0.34H), 3.07 (s, 0.34H), 2.94-2.96 (m, 1H), 0.74 (d, 1H, J = 6.1), 0.71 (d, 2H, J = 5.9); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  7 2 121.7, 114.7, 111.7, 109.0, 73.1, 72.6, 57.9, 54.9, 53.1, 51.4, 47.1, 43.4, 38.3, 32.7, 17.5, 16.8; **IR**: 2928, 1501, 1458, 1284, 1162, 1113, 1066, 1017, 975, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** 

(DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{14}N_3O$  [M-OMe]: 180.1137, found: 180.1142.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} =$ +11.6 (c = 1.09,  $C_6H_6$ , l = 50 mm).



(S)-4-Methyl-2-(((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)pentan-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of N-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (1.65 g, 15.0 mmol) in benzene (30 mL) was added (S)-leucinol (1.20 g, 10.0 mmol) and 3Å molecular sieves (1.40 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting residue was redissolved in MeOH (30 mL), and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (570 mg, 15.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (0.510 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with  $Na_2CO_3$  (1.70 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 10:1) afforded the pure product as a yellow oil (1.58 g, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  6 0 d 1 J = 1.0), 6.73 (d, IH, J = 1.0), 3.84 (d, IH, J = 14.5), 3.76 (d, lH, J = 14.5), 3.56 (s, 3H), 3.26-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.69 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.19 (m, 1H), 0.82 (d, 3H, J = 6.5), 0.79 (d, 3H, J = 6.5; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  6 26 6 2 2 63 7 2 6 32.6 24.8, 22.8, 22.7; **IR**: 3281, 2952, 2867, 1500, 1466, 1051, 735 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for

### $C_{11}H_{22}N_{3}O[M+H]^{+}$ : 212.1762, found: 212.1761.



# (4S)-4-Isobutyl-2-methoxy-3-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)oxazolidine (75:25 **dr).** To a solution of (S)-4-methyl-2-(((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)methyl)amino)pentan-1-ol (0.70 g, 3.3 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (13 mL) under argon was added N,N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.40 mL, 3.3 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (13 mL), and the reaction was again stirred at room temperature for 2 hours until <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed all the substrate was consumed. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane. The pentane was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (180 °C at 0.05 mmHg) afforded the pure product as a pale green oil (190 mg, 23%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** ( $C_6D_6$ 00 M z $\delta$ 7 2 d 0 2 J = 1.0), 7.09 (d, 0.75H, J = 1.0), 6.34 (d, 0.25H, J = 1.0, 6.32 (d, 0.75H, J = 1.0), 5.29 (s, 0.75H), 5.17 (s, 0.25H, J = 1.0), 3.87-3.92 (m, 0.75H), 3.84-3.86 (m, 0.25H), 3.76-3.81 (m, 0.5H), 3.75 (d, 0.75H, J = 13.5),3.68 (d, 0.75H, J = 13.5), 3.49-3.55 (m, 0.75H), 3.40-3.44 (m, 0.25H), 3.19 (s, 0.75H),

3.11 (s, 2.25H), 3.01-3.09 (m, IH), 3.04 (s, 2.25H), 2.97 (s, 0.75H), 1.15-1.28 (m, 2.25H),

1.05-1.11 (m, 0.75H), 0.75 (d, 0.75H, J = 6.5), 0.72 (d, 0.25H, J = 6.5), 0.70 (d, 0.75H, J = 6.5), 0.67 (d, 0.25H, J = 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  6 26 7 20 7 114.0, 112.6, 110.6, 71.1, 70.9, 70.5, 70.1, 57.5, 56.1, 52.3, 50.8, 47.2, 42.6, 42.1, 41.5, 37.5, 31.9, 25.5, 23.6, 23.5, 22.1, 21.7; **IR**: 2953, 1500, 1284, 1160, 1076, 1036, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 222.1606, found: 222.1611.



(*S*)-3-methyl-2-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylamino)butan-1-ol, 3.10.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of *N*-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (2.1 g, 2.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) in (40 mL) was added (*S*)-valinol (2.2 g, 2.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) and 4Å molecular sieves (4.0 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (760 mg, 2.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (1.0 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (3.3 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 10:1) afforded the pure product as a colorless oil (2.3 g, 58%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 3.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.7), 3.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.9), 3.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 3.7), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.39 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 7.3), 2.40-2.44 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.78 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8), 0.87 (d, 3H, *J* =

6.8); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  147.4, 126.9, 121.3, 65.1, 61.6, 44.0, 32.6, 30.0, 19.5, 19.0; **IR**: 3199, 2955, 2871, 1500, 1465, 1283, 1043, 734, 705, 661 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 198.1606, found:198.1606. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +19.0 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(4S)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)oxazolidine, 3.11 (70:30 dr). To a solution of (S)-3-methyl-2-(((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-

yl)methyl)amino)butan-1-ol (860 mg, 4.4 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (18 mL) under argon was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (580 µL, 4.4 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (18 mL), and the reaction was further stirred at room temperature for 2 more hours until <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed complete conversion. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane. The pentane was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (130 °C at 0.05 mmHg) afforded pure product as colorless oil (490 mg, 47%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 d 0 3 J = 1.2), 7.12 (d, 0.7H, J = 1.0), 6.36 (d, 0.3H, J = 1.0), 6.35 (d, 0.7H, J = 1.2), 5.34 (s, 0.3H), 5.21 (s, 0.7H), 4.02 (d, 0.3H, J = 13.9), 3.90 (t, 0.6H, J = 8.1), 3.84 (d, 0.3H, J = 13.9), 3.79 (t, 0.7H), 3.74 (d, 0.7H, J = 13.4), 3.67-3.70 (m, 0.7H), 3.65 (d, 0.7H, J = 13.7), 3.17 (s, 0.9H), 3.09 (s, 2.1H), 3.07 (s, 2.1H), 2.98 (s, 09H), 2.82-2.86 (m, 1H), 1.67 (dt, 0.7H, J = 20.5, 6.8), 1.58 (ddd, 0.3H, J = 13.9, 6.8, 3.7), 0.72 (d, 0.3H, J = 6.8), 0.69 (d, 0.7H, J = 6.8), 0.65 (d, 0.7H, J = 6.8), 0.58 (d, 0.3H, J = 7.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  2 7 2 2 2 6 2 3 111.9, 68.3, 67.1, 65.6, 64.7, 53.0, 51.8, 49.3, 43.9, 32.5, 32.4, 30.7, 28.7, 20.1, 19.9, 17.5, 15.4; IR: 2956, 1500, 1466, 1284, 1158, 1123, 1080, 1062, 986, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 208.1450, found: 208.1459. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -7.09 (c = 0.71, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(*S*)-3,3-dimethyl-2-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methylamino)butan-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of *N*-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (750 mg, 6.8 mmol) in methanol (14 mL) was added (*S*)-*tert*-leucinol (0.80 g, 6.8 mmol) and 4Å molecular sieves (1.4 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (260 mg, 6.8 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (0.34 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.1 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography

(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 10:1) afforded the pure product as a colorless oil (720 mg, 50%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 4.20 (br s, 2H), 4.15 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.9), 3.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6), 3.82 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 3.7), 3.45 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 8.1), 2.45 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.1, 3.7), 0.94 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  147.7, 126.0, 121.6, 68.7, 62.1, 46.0, 35.1, 32.9, 27.2; **IR**: 3333, 2950, 2868, 1501, 1476, 1283, 1110, 1045, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 212.1763, found: 212.1764. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +5.0 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



# (*4S*)-4-*tert*-butyl-2-methoxy-3-((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)oxazolidine (*85*:15 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-3,3-dimethyl-2-(((1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)methyl)amino)butan-1-ol (0.70 g, 3.3 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (13 mL) under argon was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.40 mL, 3.3 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (13 mL), and the reaction was again stirred at room temperature for 2 hours until <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed all the substrate was consumed and product had formed. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane. The pentane was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (180 °C at 0.05

mmHg) afforded the pure product as a colorless oil (190 mg, 23%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500  $Mz \delta 72 s$ 63 s s 0 2 s 0 3 d J = 13.4), 3.85-3.89 (m, 1H), 3.78-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.65 (d, 1H, J = 13.4 ), 3.15 (s, 0.5H), 3.13 (s, 0.5H), 32.5H), 3.01 (s, 2.5H), 3.00 (s, 0.5H), 2.65-2.68 (m, 1H), 0.85 (s, 1.4H), 0.83 (s, 7.6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  2 27 3 2 7 20 0 72 3 6 663 65.1, 53.2, 52.5, 51.8, 38.1, 34.6, 33.5, 33.3, 26.7, 26.4; **IR**: 2955, 2905, 1499, 1477, 1285, 1147, 1132, 1082, 1066, 993, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{12}H_{20}N_{3}O$  [M-OMe]: 222.1606, found: 222.1612.  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -7.09$  (c = 0.71, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, l =50 mm).



(*S*)-3-Methyl-2-(((*S*)-1-(1-methyl-IH-imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)amino)butan-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of *N*-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (3.42 g, 31.0 mmol) in benzene (90 mL) was added (*S*)-valinol (3.20 g, 10.0 mmol) and 3Å molecular sieves (1.40 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting residue was redissolved in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (180 mL). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and MeLi (31.0 mL, 3.0 M in dimethoxyethane, 93.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir for 24 hours before quenching with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer

was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 10:1) afforded pure product as a yellow oil (2.50 g, 38%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$ 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 6.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.5), 4.04 (q, 1H, *J* = 6.5), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.52-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.5, 11.0), 2.22-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5), 0.85 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0), 0.78 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$ 150.8, 126.8, 120.9, 62.2, 60.7, 47.9, 32.7, 29.3, 21.4, 19.4, 18.8; **IR**: 3311, 2956, 1467, 1280, 1049, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 212.1762, found: 212.1769.



(4*S*)-4-Isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((*S*)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)oxazolidine (99:1 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-3-methyl-2-(((*S*)-1-(1-methyl-lH-imidazol-2yl)ethyl)amino)butan-1-ol (4.3 g, 18 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (36 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (12 mL, 9.0 x  $10^1$  mmol). The reaction was stirred at 50 °C overnight, concentrated, and redissolved in methanol. After stirring for 2 hours, <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed complete conversion to product. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (130 °C at 0.05 mmHg) afforded the product as a colorless oil (3.7 g, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 M z  $\delta$  7 0 d H, *J*=1.5), 6.35 (d, 1H, *J*=1.5), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.64-3.75 (m, 3H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.83 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.55 (d, 3H, J = 7.0), 0.77 (d, 3H, J = 7.0), 0.75 (d, 3H, J = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  0 26 20 66 6 2 32 0 30 7 6 3 IR: 2954, 1281, 1155, 1056, 971, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 222.1606, found: 222.1615.



# (*S*)-3-methyl-2-((*S*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propylamino)butan-1-ol, 3.20.<sup>24</sup> *N*-methyl-2-imidazolecarboxaldehyde (1.62 g, 14.7 mmol) and (*S*)-valinol (1.52 g, 14.7 mmol) were refluxed in toluene for 3 hours. The solution was concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude imine was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (86 mL) and cooled to –78 °C. Isopropyl magnesium chloride (22.8 mL, 45.6 mmol, 2.0 M in THF) was added dropwise. After stirring for 16 hours and allowing the solution to warm to room temperature, the reaction was quenched by slowly adding H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The layers were separated, and the organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic layers were concentrated. Column chromatography (1% NEt<sub>3</sub> and 10% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) yielded a slightly yellow oil (86:14 diastereomer ratio). Rapid stirring of the oil with hexanes (3 mL) resulted in the precipitation of a slightly yellow solid that was one diastereomer (1.50 g, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z $\delta \delta$ d J= 1.0), 6.76 (d,

1H, J = 1.2), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.57 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 3.9), 3.43 (d, 1H, J = 7.6), 3.34-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.21 (bs, 1H), 2.07 (dd, 1H, J = 11.0, 4.2), 1.99 (dt, 1H, J = 21.0, 6.8), 1.55-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.86 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.79-0.87 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  0.7 27 20.3 63.2 60.3 3 6.32 2.7 19.0; IR: 3219, 2958, 2198, 1467, 1281, 1047, 724, 439 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.2076, found: 240.2079. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -27.9 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(4S)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((S)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-

yl)propyl)oxazolidine, 3.21 (99:1 dr). (*S*)-3-methyl-2-((*S*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1Himidazol-2-yl)propylamino)butan-1-ol (1.01g, 4.18 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (17 mL) and sparged with nitrogen for 5 minutes. *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (2.79 mL, 20.9 mmol) was added in one portion, and the solution was stirred 13 hours at 50 °C. The solution was concentrated under high vacuum. The yellow residue was dissolved in methanol (17 mL) and another portion (2.79 mL, 20.9 mmol) of *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal was added. After 3 hours, the solution was concentrated and stored in a dry glovebox. The yellow residue was distilled (150 °C at 0.25 torr) to yield a slightly yellow oil (994 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 20 (s, 1H), 6.37 (s, 0.05H), 6.30 (s, 0.95H), 5.41 (s, 0.05H), 5.35 (s, 0.95H), 3.97 (ddd, 1H, J = 13.2, 5.6, 1.2), 3.80 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 2.2), 3.65 (d, 0.08H, J = 10.8), 3.51 (t, 1H, J = 7.8), 3.43 (d, 0.92H, J = 10.3), 3.33 (s, 2.83H), 3.10 (s, 0.17H), 3.08 (s, 0.17H), 2.88 (s, 2.83H), 2.58-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.16-2.22 (m, 1H), 1.32 (d, 2.7H, J = 6.6), 1.25 (d, 0.3H, J = 6.6), 1.09 (d, 0.3H, J = 6.8), 1.03 (d, 2.7H, J = 6.6), 0.95 (d, 2.7H, J = 6.9), 0.90-0.92 (m, 0.3H), 0.82 (d, 2.7H, J = 6.6), 0.74 (d, 0.3H, J = 6.4); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  147.5, 128.9, 120.4, 114.9, 66.7, 62.5, 61.6, 51.4, 32.7, 32.3, 31.8, 21.8, 21.0, 20.7, 17.6; IR: 2955, 2871, 1473, 1383, 1366, 1282, 1168, 1136, 1054, 959, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 250.1919, found: 250.1920. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{20} = -12.5$  (c = 1.20, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



(*S*)-3-Methyl-2-(((*R*)-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)amino)butan-1ol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of benzaldehyde (2.0 mL, 2.0 x  $10^1$  mmol) in benzene (30 mL) was added (*S*)-valinol (2.0 g, 2.0 x  $10^1$  mmol) and 3Å molecular sieves (1.4 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that the imine had formed. The resulting residue was redissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL). In another oven-dried glass reaction flask, to a solution of *N*-methylimidazole (5.6 mL, 7.0 x  $10^1$  mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *n*-butyllithium (7.0 mL, 10 M in hexanes, 7.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes, and then slowly cannula transferred into the solution of pre-formed imine at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 hours and then at room temperature overnight. Aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (3:1, Hex/EtOAc to 100% EtOAc) afforded pure product as a yellow oil (3.8 g, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 M z  $\delta$  7 -7.28 (m, 5H), 6.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 6.77 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 4.91 (s, 1H), 3.63 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.5, 11.0), 3.40 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.0, 11.0), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.49-2.53 (m, 1H), 1.67-1.71 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5), 0.90 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  3 0 2 27 27 6 26 121.6, 63.7, 62.9, 59.4, 32.6, 31.7, 19.3; IR: 3339, 2955, 2870, 1492, 1281, 1048, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS caled. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 274.1919, found: 274.1925.



## (4*S*)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((*R*)-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)(phenyl)methyl)oxazolidine (56:44 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-3-methyl-2-(((*R*)-(1methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)(phenyl)methyl)amino)butan-1-ol (1.0 g, 4.0 mmol) in

anhydrous methanol (16 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added N,N-

dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.53 mL, 4.0 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 50 °C overnight, concentrated, and redissolved in MeOH (16 mL). After stirring for 2 hours, <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed complete conversion to product. The solvent was removed under vacuum and extraction with degassed pentanes afforded the product as an orange oil (820 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z δ 7 66-7.96 (m, 1.12H), 7.44-7.47 (m, (0.88H), (6.92-7.12 (m, 3H)), (6.29 (d, 0.44H), J = 1.5), (6.22 (s, 0.56H)), (6.19 (d, 0.56H), J = 1.5) 1.5), 5.88 (s, 0.44H), 5.17 (s, 0.44H), 5.01 (s, 0.56H), 4.00 (t, 0.56H, J = 8.0), 3.90 (t, 0.44H, J = 8.0, 3.10-3.15 (m, 0.44H), 3.05-3.08 (m, 0.56H), 3.01 (s, 1.32H), 2.86 (s, 1.68H), 2.82 (s, 1.68H), 2.74 (s, 1.32H), 1.70-1.77 (m, 1H), 0.91 (d, 1.68H, J = 7.0), 0.81 (d, 1.32H, J = 6.5), 0.75 (d, 1.32H, J = 6.5), 0.37 (d, 1.68H, J = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ 7 6 0 3 2 2 2 2 3 20 6 2 M z 6 119.5, 112.4, 111.7, 66.7, 65.3, 64.3, 63.9, 59.6, 59.3, 52.3, 51.1, 31.6, 31.5, 30.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 19.5, 19.2, 19.1, 17.2, 14.3, 14.2; **IR**: 2953, 1490, 1279, 1157, 1055, 962, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>: HRMS ca1cd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 284.1762, found: 284.1748.



(S)-3-Methyl-2-(((R)-1-(l-methyl-lH-imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)amino)butan-1-ol.<sup>24</sup> To a stirring solution of (S)-valinol (2.0 g,  $2.0 \times 10^1$  mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) under

nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of acetaldehyde (1.1 mL, 2.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL). MgSO<sub>4</sub> (4.0 g) was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that the imine had formed. In another oven-dried flask, to a solution of *N*-methylimidazole (5.6 mL, 7.0 x  $10^1$  mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *n*-butyllithium (7.0 mL, 10 M in hexanes, 7.0 x  $10^1$  mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes, and then slowly cannula transferred into the solution of pre-formed imine at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 hours and then at room temperature overnight. Aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3x50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (3:1 Hex/EtOAc to 100% EtOAc) afforded pure product as a yellow oil (970 mg, 23%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  6 (d, 1H, J = 1.2), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 1.2), 3.90 (q, 1H, J = 7.0), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.47 (dd, 1H, J= 3.5, 11.0, 3.30 (dd, 1H, J = 8.5, 11.0), 2.25-2.29 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.61 (m, 1H), 1.31 (d, 3H, J = 7.0), 0.873 (d, 3H, J = 6.5), 0.871 (d, 3H, J = 6.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) 2 2 63 3 62 7 26 32 3 2 6 2 IR: 3234, 2957, 1492, δ 1281, 1121, 1052, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{22}N_3O [M+H]^+$ : 212.1762, found: 212.1764.



(4S)-4-Isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((R)-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)ethyl)oxazolidine (90:10 dr). To a solution of (S)-3-methyl-2-(((R)-1-(1-methyl-lH-imidazol-2yl)ethyl)amino)butan-1-ol (902 mg, 4.30 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (17 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added N.N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.570 mL, 4.30 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (17 mL), and another 0.5 equivalents of N.N-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal was added to the mixture. The reaction was again stirred at room temperature for 2 hours until <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed all the substrate was consumed. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentanes to afford the pure product as a yellow oil (380 mg, 35%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 0 d 0.1H, J = 1.5), 7.02 (d, 0.9H, J =1.0), 6.33 (d, 0.1H, J = 1.5), 6.31 (d, 0.9H, J = 1.0), 5.53 (s, 0.1H), 5.33 (s, 0.9H), 3.97 (q, 0.1H, J = 6.5), 3.88 (q, 0.9H, J = 6.5), 3.64-3.72 (m, 1.8H), 3.56-3.62 (m, 0.2H), 3.13(s, 2.7H), 3.08-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.09 (s, 2.7H), 2.95 (s, 0.3H), 2.84 (s, 0.3H), 1.83 (d, 0.3H, J = 6.5, 1.51 (d, 2.7H, J = 6.5), 1.36-1.43 (m, 1H), 0.59 (d, 2.7H, J = 7.0), 0.56 (d, 0.3H, J = 7.0, 0.41 (d, 2.7H, J = 7.0), 0.38 (d, 0.3H, J = 7.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125) M z δ 7 7 26 20 4, 114.3, 112.0, 107.7. 67.6, 67.0, 61.2, 60.1, 52.2, 51.7, 50.4,

48.7, 46.0, 38.2, 31.4, 30.8, 30.4, 28.7, 19.0, 18.7, 17.1, 15.6, 13.5, 11.3; **IR**: 2954, 1496, 1281, 1153, 1068, 970, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 222.1606, found: 222.1615.



(*S*)-3-methyl-2-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propylamino)butan-1-ol, 3.22.<sup>24</sup> To a stirring solution of (*S*)-valinol (6.8 g, 66 mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (66 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of isobutyraldehyde (4.8 g, 66 mmol) in anhydrous Et<sub>2</sub>O (66 mL). MgSO<sub>4</sub> (13 g) was added, and solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed that the imine had formed. In another oven-dried flask, to a solution of *N*-methylimidazole (19 g, 230 mmol) in anhydrous THF (160 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *n*-butyllithium (23 mL, 10 M in hexanes, 230 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes, and then slowly cannula transferred into the solution of pre-formed imine at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 hours and then at room temperature overnight. Aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3×100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (2:1 Hex/EtOAc to 100% EtOAc) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (12 g, 76%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  6.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 3.56-3.57 (m, 4H), 3.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 3.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.9), 2.13-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.68 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8), 0.93 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8), 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 2.9), 0.87 (d, 3H, *J* = 2.9); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  151.7, 127.0, 121.3, 64.2, 62.9, 60.4, 34.0, 32.9, 31.7, 20.2, 19.5, 19.4, 17.7; **IR**: 2956, 2871, 1488, 1468, 1280, 1045, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 240.2076, found: 240.2087. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +40.0 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



### (4S)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((R)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-

yl)propyl)oxazolidine, III (99:1 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-3-methyl-2-(((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)amino)butan-1-ol (4.3 g, 18 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (36 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (12 mL, 9.0 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol). The reaction was stirred at 50 °C overnight, concentrated, and redissolved in methanol. After stirring for 2 hours, <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis showed complete conversion to product. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and Kugelrohr distillation (130 °C at 0.05 mmHg) afforded the product as a colorless oil (3.7 g, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.80 (s, 1H), 6.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 3.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.0, 8.1), 3.52 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.8, 7.1), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.22 (d, 1H, *J*  = 10.8), 2.78 (s, 3H), 2.55-2.64 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, 3H, J = 6.4), 0.85 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.66 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.63 (d, 3H, J = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ 148.8, 128.7, 120.1, 112.4, 66.1, 65.8, 60.5, 52.7, 33.7, 32.2, 29.5, 21.6, 21.0, 20.2, 16.9; IR: 2956, 1470, 1281, 1052, 964 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 250.1919, found: 250.1926. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{20}$  = -57.0 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



### (4S)-2-isopropoxy-4-isopropyl-3-((S)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-

vl)propvl)oxazolidine, 3.41. In a dry glove-box, (4S)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((R)-2methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)oxazolidine (138 mg, 0.490 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (2.5 mL) in a scintillation vial and *i*PrO 7 mmol and 2μ 10 molecular sieves (4 Å) were added. After sitting overnight, the sieves were filtered out of the solution and washed with benzene (3x1 mL). The solution was concentrated to obtain a colorless oil (121 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$  00 M z  $\delta$  7 20 d J = 1.0). 6.98 (s, 1H), 6.27 (d, 1H, J = 1.2), 4.35 (app heptet, 1H, J = 6.1), 3.80-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.28 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 ), 2.85 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.62 (m, 1H)1H), 1.71-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.48 (d, 3H, J = 6.6), 1.30 (d, 3H, J = 6.1), 1.24 (d, 3H, J = 6.1), 0.94 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.75 (d, 3H, J = 6.8), 0.72 (d, 3H, J = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 126) 20 0 0 7 6 66 6 60 33 7 32 2 2 6 2 6 23 2 Mz δ 0 2

21.6, 21.1, 20.3, 17.0; **IR**: 2958, 2870, 1471, 1380, 1366, 1281, 1139, 1104, 1034, 980, 950, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{24}N_3O$  [M-O*i*Pr]: 250.1919, found: 250.1911. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -42.0 (*c* = 0.93, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



(*S*)-4-isopropyl-3-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)oxazolidine, 3.23.<sup>25</sup> To a stirring solution of (*S*)-3-methyl-2-(((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)amino)butan-1-ol (720 mg, 3.0 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (91 mg, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (30 mL), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (5.7 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) was added. After refluxing overnight, reaction was cooled to room temperature, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added. The resulting solution was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (100% EtOAc) afforded the product as a colorless oil (520 mg, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 5.01 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.6), 4.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.4), 3.61 (s, 3H), 3.40-3.42 (m, 3H), 2.57 (dd, 1H, *J* = 12.7, 6.6), 2.17-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.12 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.93 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8), 0.86 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.66 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  147.9, 127.9, 120.3, 81.8, 67.6, 67.2, 62.8, 33.1, 33.0, 31.0, 21.1, 20.2, 20.0, 18.1; **IR**: 2955, 2868, 1468, 1279, 1140, 1084, 945, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for <sup>25</sup>Agami, C.; Couty, F.; Rabasso, N. *Tet. Lett.* 2002, *43*, 4633-4636.  $C_{14}H_{26}N_3O: [M+H]^+: 252.2076$ , found: 252.2075.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +32.0$  (c = 1.0,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , l = 50 mm).



*N*-((*S*)-1-hydroxy-3-methylbutan-2-yl)-*N*-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)formamide, decomp-III. Hydrolysis of (*S*)-3-methyl-2-(((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)amino)butan-1-ol, catalyst **III**, (25 mg,  $8.9 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) by flash column chromatography (40:1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH) afforded the product as a white solid (21 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  8.45 (s, 1H), 6.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 5.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.2), 3.97 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 11.7, 4.4, 2.9), 3.76 (dq, 1H, *J* = 11.7, 2.7), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.49 (dt, 1H, *J* = 10.3, 2.7), 2.33-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.17 (t, 1H, *J* = 4.9), 1.90-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.83 (d, 6H, *J* = 6.4), 0.08 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  164.3, 144.9, 127.4, 120.9, 61.6, 60.3, 52.6, 32.9, 29.3, 28.7, 20.3, 20.2, 20.0, 17.7; **IR**: 2963, 1648, 1490, 1248, 1080, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 268.2025, found: 268.2034. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{0}^{20}$  = +48.0 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).

### Crystal Structure

In order to get confirmation of the relative stereochemistry, **III** was hydrolyzed to the more crystalline compound **decomp-III**. It was crystallized out of pentanes at 25°C in a glove box.



## Equilibrium Experiment of 3.11 with *i*PrOH (Scheme 3.9)

In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **3.11** (10.0 mg, 4.17 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.91 mg, 4.17 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e *i*PrOH (0.209 mmol, 00  $\mu$  0 7 M solution in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 5 equiv) was added to the NMR tube. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 15 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 48:52, **3.11** to **3.12** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.126. The equilibrium experiment was repeated with 10 eq *i*PrOH (0.417 mmol) which gave a ratio of 34:66, **3.11** to **3.12**, and a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.137. The average K<sub>eq</sub> was 0.131.

### Procedure for the Initial Studies of the Selective Functionalization of 1,2-Diols

GC Method. An Agilent Technologies 7890A GC System equipped with a 7683B Series Injector was used to introduce samples into a J&W Scientific column (HP-5, 30 m, 0.320 mm ID 0 2  $\mu$ m film he G wa s r n at 00 ° for 0 mi n tes a nd then the temperature was ramped 8 °C/min. to a final temperature of 180 °C. Compounds were detected by FID and data was analyzed with Agilent Technologies GC Chemstation software. Retention times are reported in minutes.

### Scheme 3.10, Eq. 1

In an oven-dried reaction vial, 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL). *N*-methylimidazole  $3.2 \mu$  4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) was added, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine  $2 \mu$  0.2 mm ol was added followed y addition of a sol ti on of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (33 mg, 0.20 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine  $30 \mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the selectivity of the reaction.

### Scheme 3.10, Eq. 2

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of 1-phenyl,-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **3.11** (9.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol was added followed y addition of a sol ti on of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (33 mg, 0.20 mmol) in anhydrous THF (0.5 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the selectivity of the reaction.



**2-((***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1-phenylethanol, 3.14.** A 100 mL flask was charged with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (545 mg, 3.62 mmol) in THF (18 mL). *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine (0.630 mL, 3.62 mmol), *N*-methylimidazole (5.80 x  $10^{-2}$  mL, 0.720 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (501 mg, 3.62 mmol) in THF was slowly added as a mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 48 hours before quenching with MeOH. The resulting mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel with 5% EtOAc/Hex to yield 631 mg (69%) of the title compound as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 2 -7.39 (m, 5H), 4.74-4.77 (m, 1H), 3.78

(dd, IH, J = 4.0, 10.0), 3.56 (dd, 1H, J = 8.5, 10.0), 3.00 (d, 1H, J = 2.0), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  0.3 28.3, 127.7, 126.2, 74.4, 68.9, 25.9, 18.3, -5.3, -5.4; IR: 3443, 3063, 2953, 2856, 1253, 1103, 833, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M-H]<sup>+</sup>: 253.1623, found: 253.1617. GC Method: 76.2 min.



2,2,3,3,8,8,9,9-Octamethyl-5-phenyl-4,7-dioxa-3,8-disiladecane. A 100 mL flask was charged with tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (2.40 g, 15.9 mmol) in THF (18 mL). Nmethylimidazole (1.30 mL, 15.9 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, 3.13, (1.01 g, 7.24 mmol) in THF was slowly added as a mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 48 hours before quenching with MeOH. The resulting mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel with 2% EtOAc/Hex to yield 1.30 g (49%) of the title compound as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 26-7.38 (m, 5H), 4.73 (dd, 1H, J = 5.5, 7.5), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 10.5), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 10.0), 0.92 (s, 10.0), 0.92 (s,9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.001 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H), -0.02 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(CDCl_3 \quad 00 \text{ M z})$ δ 2 27 27 2 26 76 70 1, 26.0, 25.9, 18.4, 18.3, -4.6, -4.8, -5.4, -5.5; **IR**: 2954, 2928, 2856, 1471, 1253, 1095, 830, 774 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{42}NO_2Si_2[M+NH_4]^+$ : 384.2763, found: 384.2754. GC Method: 91.7 min.


**2-((***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-phenylethanol, 3.15.** A 100 mL flask was charged with 2,2,3,3,8,8,9,9-octamethyl-5-phenyl-4,7-dioxa-3,8-disiladecane (1.30 g, 3.55 mmol) in ethanol (7 mL), followed by addition of pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (0.892 g, 3.55 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir for 13 hours before quenching with triethylamine. The crude mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel eluting with 5% EtOAc/Hex to yield 647 mg (72%) of the title compound as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7 26-7.35 (m, 5H), 4.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.5, 7.5), 3.57-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.07 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 8.5), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), -0.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  2 3 27 7 26 3 7 6 25.8, 25.6, 18.2, -4.5, -5.0; IR: 3433, 2953, 2856, 1252, 1098, 912, 776, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 253.1623, found: 253.1620. GC Method: 61.3 min.

### Scheme 3.11, Eq. 1

In an oven-dried reaction vial, 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL). *N*-methylimidazole  $32 \mu 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) was added, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine  $2 \mu = 0.2$  mm ol was added followed y triethylchlorosilane  $36 \mu = 0.20$  mmol A fter stirring at room temperat re for 2 h o rs the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine  $30 \mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette

packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the selectivity of the reaction.

### Scheme 3.11, Eq. 2

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of 1-phenyl,-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol) and **3.11** (9.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol was added followed y triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol After stirring at room temperature for 2 h o rs the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the selectivity of the reaction.



**1-phenyl-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethanol, 3.16.** A 100 mL flask was charged with triethylchlorosilane (1.09 g, 7.24 mmol) in THF (18 mL). *N*-methylimidazole 7  $\mu$  7.24 mmol) and l-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (1.0 g, 7.24 mmol) in THF (18 mL) was slowly added as a mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 48 hours before quenching with MeOH. The resulting mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel with 2% EtOAc/Hex to yield 898 mg (49%) of the title compound as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 29-7.42 (m, 5H), 4.77-4.79 (m,

1H), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J = 3.5, 10.0), 3.59 (dd, 1H, J = 9.0, 10.5), 3.17 (d, 1H, J = 2.0), 1.01 (t, 9H, J = 8.0), 0.66 (q, 6H, J = 8.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  0 2 3 127.7, 126.2, 74.5, 68.7, 6.7, 4.4; **IR:** 3456, 2954, 2876, 1454, 1104, 1005, 743, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 253.1623, found: 253.1624. **GC Method:** 88.2 min.



**3,3,8,8-Tetraethyl-5-phenyl-4, 7-dioxa-3,8-disiladecane.** A 100 mL flask was charged with triethylchlorosilane (2.40 g, 15.9 mmol) in THF (9 mL). *N*-methylimidazole (1.30 g, 15.9 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, **3.13**, (1.01 g, 7.24 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was slowly added as a mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 96 hours before quenching with MeOH. The resulting mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel with 2% EtOAc/Hex to yield 824 mg (31%) of the title compound as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 26-7.39 (m, 5H), 4.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 7.0), 3.72 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 10.0), 3.60 (dd, 1H, 5.0, 10.0), 0.92-0.97 (m, 18H), 0.55-0.65 (m, 12H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  2 27 27 2 26 7 69.6, 6.8, 6.7, 4.9, 4.4; **IR**: 2953, 2876, 1124, 1095, 1004, 723, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 367.2488, found: 367.2495. **GC Method**: 98.4 min.



**2-Phenyl-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethanol, 3.17.** A 50 mL flask was charged with 3,3,8,8tetraethyl-5-phenyl-4,7-dioxa-3,8-disiladecane (831 mg, 2.26 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL), followed by addition of pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (572 mg, 2.26 mmol). The reaction was allowed to stir for 14 hours before quenching with triethylamine. The crude mixture was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified on silica gel eluting with 2% EtOAc/Hex to yield 281 mg (49%) of the title compound as a clear oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7.26-7.33 (m, 5H), 4.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.5, 7.5), 3.57-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 8.5), 0.89 (t, 9H, *J* = 8.5), 0.59 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 00 M z  $\delta$  128.2, 127.7, 126.2, 75.6, 68.9, 6.7, 4.8; **IR**: 3406, 2953, 2875, 1454, 1098, 1004, 725, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 253.1623, found: 253.1634. **GC Method**: 85.1 min.

# Reaction of **3.11** with Individual Enantiomers (Scheme 3.12, Eq 1) To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*S*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x $10^{-2}$ mmol, 20 mol %), and **3.11** (9.6 mg, 4.0 x $10^{-2}$ mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2 $\mu$ 0 2 mm ol 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36 $\mu$ 0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30 $\mu$ and methanol $\mu$ he mi t re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

### Reaction of **3.11** with Individual Enantiomers (Scheme 3.12, Eq 2)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*R*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*R*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and **3.11** (9.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred at room temperat re for 0 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

### Catalyst Optimization Procedure with 3.13 (Table 3.2)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*R*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*R*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and catalyst (20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mit re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

Table 3.2

- $R = tBu (1.0 \ge 10^{-1} \text{ mg}, 4.0 \ge 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$
- R = iPr, **3.11**, (9.6 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)
- $R = iBu (1.0 \times 10^{-1} mg, 4.0 \times 10^{-2} mmol, 20 mol \%)$
- R= Me (9.1 mg,  $4.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %)
- $R = H (8.5 \text{ mg}, 4.0 \text{ x} 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$
- R= Ph (12 mg,  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %)

# Stereoselective Functionalization of Diols

### General Catalyst Optimization Procedure with 3.18

To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (2.0 x  $10^{1}$  mg, 0.20 mmol), catalyst (4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and *N*,*N* diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (42 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of a solution of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (120 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL). After stirring at 4 °C for 24 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (100 µL) and methanol (30 µL). The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by flush with EtOAc (15 mL). To the combined filtrate, 1,3,5-trimetho y e nzene 0 µ of 0.40M in EtOAc, 0.020 mmol) was added as internal standard. Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 78 °C for 100 min,

20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.) of crude product afforded yields and enantioselectivities of **3.19**.



			Major Prod c t	Minor Prod c t	Diol S st rate	Internal
			na ntiomer	na ntiomer	DIOLS SI Tale	Standard
G	Ret	ime	7 mi n	0 mi n	03 mi n	0 mi n
Response Factor <sup>a</sup>		se a	0 62	0 62	7	00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Response factors were calculated against internal standard on GLC. <sup>b</sup>1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene was used as an internal standard.

Initial Catalyst Optimization (Table 3.3)

R= Me (9.1 mg,  $4.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %)

 $R = iBu (1.0 \ge 10^{-1} \text{ mg}, 4.0 \ge 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$ 

R=*i*Pr, **3.11**, (9.6 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

 $R = tBu (1.0 \ge 10^{-1} \text{ mg}, 4.0 \ge 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$ 

(S, S) and (S, R)-Catalysts (Table 3.4)

$$R = (S)$$
-Me (1.0 x 10<sup>-1</sup> mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

$$R = (S) - iPr (11 \text{ mg}, 4.0 \text{ x} 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$$

$$R = (R)$$
-Me (1.0 x 10<sup>-1</sup> mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

R=(R)-Ph (13 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

R = (R)-*i*Pr, III, (11 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

### General Optimization Procedure:

To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (2.0 x  $10^{1}$  mg, 0.20 mmol), **III** (11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and N,Ndiisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (42 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of a solution of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (120 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 4 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (100 µL) and methanol (30 µL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by flush with EtOAc (15 mL). To the combined filtrate, 1,3,5-trimetho y e nzene  $0 \mu$  of 0 0M i n tOA c 0 020 mmol was added as internal standard. Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 78 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.) of crude product, **3.19**, afforded yields and enantioselectivities.

### Time Course with III (Table 3.5)

The General Optimization Procedure was followed except the reaction time was 8 hours for entry 2.

### Catalyst Loading Screen (Table 3.6)

The General Optimization Procedure was followed using 5 mol % (2.8 mg,  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol), 10 mol % (5.6 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), and 20 mol % (11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) of III.

### 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperdine as the Base (Scheme 3.16)

The General Optimization Procedure was followed using 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (44  $\mu$ L, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) instead of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine as the base.

### Time Screen with PMPP and PMPP HCl (Table 3.7)

To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (2.0 x  $10^{1}$  mg, 0.20 mmol), **III** (11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (1.2 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (44 µL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of a solution of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (121 mg, 0.80 mmol, 4.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.25 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 2 or 4 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (100 µL) and methanol (30 µL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by flush with EtOAc (15 mL). To the combined filtrate, 1,3,5-trimetho y e nzene  $0 \mu$  of 0 0M i n tOA c 0 020 mmol was added as internal standard. Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 78 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.) of crude product afforded yields and enantioselectivities.

### Concentration Screen (Table 3.8)

The procedure for Table 3.7 was followed using 2.0 equiv TBSCl (120 mg, 0.80 mmol), running the reaction for 4 hours, and varying the concentration of the reaction.

Concentrations: 0.2 M (1 mL), 0.4 M  $00 \mu$  0 M 200  $\mu$ 

# Reaction with a Control Catalyst (Scheme 3.17)

The procedure for Table 3.8 was followed using **3.23**  $(1.0 \times 10^{-1} \text{ mg}, 4.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol }\%)$  as the catalyst in THF (0.4 M).

# Reaction Run in tBuOH (Scheme 3.18)

The procedure for Table 3.8 was followed using *t*BuOH (0.4 M) as the solvent.

# Reaction of (1R,2S,Z)-cyclooct-5-ene (Scheme 3.19)

The procedure for Table 3.7 was followed using (1R,2S,Z)-cyclooct-5-ene, **3.31**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), and the reaction was run for 24 h at 4 °C.

# Substrate Synthesis

The following compounds were made according to literature procedures and matched reported spectra: (*IR*,*2S*)-cyclohex-4-ene-1,2-diol<sup>26</sup>, (*IR*,*2S*)-cycloheptane-1,2-diol<sup>26</sup>, (*IR*,*3S*)-cyclopentane-1,3-diol<sup>27</sup>.

# General Procedure for Substrate Scope (Table 3.9)

To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18**, (41 mg, 0.40 mmol), catalyst **III** (22 mg, 8.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (2.3 mg, 1.2 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (0.50 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (87 µL, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of a solution of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane (120 mg, 0.80 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in anhydrous THF (0.50 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 4 hours, the reaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>Alvarez, E.; Diaz, M. T.; Perez, R.; Ravelo, J. L.; Regueiro, A.; Vera, J. A.; Zurita, D.; Martin, J. D. *J. Org. Chem.* **1994**, *59*, 2848-2876. <sup>27</sup>Chen, Z.; Halterman, R. L. *Organometallics* **1994**, *13*, 3932-3942.

was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (200  $\mu$ L) and methanol (60  $\mu$ L). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes and was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 20/1) afforded pure product, **3.19**, as a colorless oil (81 mg, 92%, 94% ee). Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness), 78 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.).

### Table 3.9 Substrate Scope

		<sup>iPr</sup> ، iPr،	N_O	3%	٦			
	но	ОН Ме	OMe N ∕ Ⅲ	Me → ⊕ Me ⊝ ↓	, Me Н <sup>Me</sup> НС	OTBS		
	, T	TBSCI, pe	entamethy	Ipiperidine,	THF	$\succ$		
	0.2 m	imol						
entry	substrate	product yi	eld (%) <sup>a</sup>	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>	yield (%) <sup>a</sup>	ee (%) <sup>b</sup>	ave. yield (2 runs)	ave. ee (2 runs)
1 <sup>c</sup>	HO	HO OTBS 3.19	92 <sup>d</sup>	94 <sup>d</sup>	84	97	88	96
2 <sup>e</sup>	HO	HO O O TBS 3.24	73	92	85	85	79	89
3a	HO	HO 3.25	85	90	88 <sup>d</sup>	90 <sup>d</sup>	87	90
4 <sup>f</sup>	HO	HO 3.26	90	94	85	95	88	95
5 <sup>9</sup>	HO	HO 3.27	87 <sup>d</sup>	92 <sup>d</sup>	85	91	86	92
6 <sup>h</sup>	HOOH	HO OTBS 3.28	83	90	80	90	82	90
7 <sup>i</sup>	HOOH	HO OTBS 3.29	94	86	91	85	93	86
8 <sup>j</sup>	HO OH Me Me	HO OTBS 3.30 Me Me	78	91	77	88	78	90

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup>Ees determined using a chiral GC column. <sup>c</sup>Using 2 equiv TBSCI and 1.2 equiv PMPP at 0.4 M for 4 h. <sup>d</sup>Run on 0.4 mmol substrate. <sup>e</sup>Using 4 equiv TBSCI and 1.2 equiv PMPP at 0.2 M for 24 h. <sup>f</sup>Using 2 equiv TBSCI and 1.2 equiv PMPP at 0.2 M for 8 h.<sup>g</sup>Using 2 equiv TBSCI and 1.2 equiv PMPP at 0.2 M for 12 h. <sup>h</sup>Using 4 equiv TBSCI and 2 equiv PMPP for 24 h at 4 °C. <sup>i</sup>Using 4 equiv TBSCI and 2 equiv PMPP for 24 h at tr. <sup>j</sup>Using 4 equiv TBSCI and 2 equiv PMPP for 36 h at 4 °C.

### **Desymmetrization Product Characterization**

Table 3.9, Entry 1.



(*IR,2S*)-2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclopentanol, 3.19. The general procedure was followed to yield a colorless oil (81 mg, 92%). GC (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m x 0.15 mm 0.2 µm film thickness 7 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 91.6$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 94.4$  min), 94% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$ 4.02-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.93 (m, 1H), 2.61 (d, 1H, J = 3.9), 1.59-1.88 (m, 5H), 1.42-1.51 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 73.7, 31.6, 31.1, 26.0, 20.2, 18.3, -4.4, -4.8;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20} = +18.7$  (c = 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



### Table 3.9, Entry 2.



(*3R*,4*S*)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol, 3.24. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane at 0.2 M and running 24 hours to yield a colorless oil (32 mg, 73%). **GC** (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 75 °C for 260 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 223.3$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 229.7$  min), 92% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 4.26 (dd, 1H, J = 11.5, 5.9), 4.08-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.87-3.92 (m, 2H), 3.71 (dd, 1H, J = 9.5, 3.7), 3.57 (dd, 1H, J = 9.0, 5.6), 2.81 (d, 1H, J = 4.6), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 73.6, 72.5, 72.4, 71.2, 26.0, 18.3, -4.5, -4.8; **IR**: 2953, 2930, 2858, 1254, 1131, 1069, 836, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 219.1417, found: 219.1421. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +21.0 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).





Table 3.9, Entry 3



(*1R,6S*)-6-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohex-3-enol, 3.25. The general procedure was followed running at 0.2 M in THF for 12 hours to yield a colorless oil (79 mg, 88%). GC S pe lco Beta De 20 30 m 0 mm 0.2  $\mu$ m film thickness °C for 70 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 73.9$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 74.1$  min), 90% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  -5.55 (m, 2H), 3.86-3.92 (m, 2H), 2.28-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.22 (m, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00  $\delta$  124.0, 123.7, 70.0, 69.3, 31.5, 30.7, 26.0, 18.3, -4.3, -4.6;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24.2$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.9, Entry 4



(2*R*,3*S*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ol, 3.26. The general procedure was followed with (2*R*,3*S*)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene-2,3-diol (99 mg, 0.60 mmol) at 0.2 M in THF for 8 hours to yield a colorless oil (140 mg, 85%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiracel AS-H, hexanes/*i*PrOH = 99/1, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$ = 4.9 min and  $t_{\rm rminor}$ = 5.4 min) 95% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 0 -7.26 (m, 4H), 4.08-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.05-4.06 (m, 1H), 3.02 (t, 2H, *J* = 4.2), 2.99 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.3), 2.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 16.1, 5.4), 2.24 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.4), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  33 33 2 2 2 0 26 3 26 70 6 .8, 34.9, 34.5, 26.0, 18.3, -4.2, -4.5; **IR**: 2928, 1253, 1083, 980, 918, 831, 775, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{16}H_{27}O_2Si$ :  $[M+H]^+$ : 279.1780, found: 279.1781.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +27.0$ (c = 1.0, MeOH, l = 50 mm).



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	Peak# Ret. Time		Area Height		Area %	Height %				
	1	4.964	2990306	364009	97.401	97.372				
	2	5.441	79785	9824	2.599	2.628				
	Total		3070091	373833	100.000	100.000				

Table 3.9, Entry 5.



(*1R,2S*)-2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanol, 3.27. The general procedure was followed at 0.2 M in THF for 12 hours to yield a colorless oil (8.0 x  $10^1$  mg, 87%). GC

S pe lco Beta De 20 30 m 0 mm 0.2  $\mu$ m film thickness 0 °C for 190 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 167.4$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 172.7$  min), 92% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  3 73-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.65 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.31 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  72 2 70 30.7, 30.3, 26.0, 22.2, 21.3, 18.3, -4.3, -4.7;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +12.1$  (c = 1.1, MeOH, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.9, Entry 6



(1R,2S)-2-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanol, 3.28. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of tert-butylchlorodimethylsilane and 2 equivalents of

1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine at 4 °C for 24 hours to yield a colorless oil (39 mg, 80%). GC S pe lco Beta De 20 30 m 0 mm 0.2 µm film thickness °C for 70 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 63.4$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 63.7$  min), 90% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  3 0 -3.82 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.75 (m, 1H), 2.55 (d, 1H, J = 4.4), 1.69-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.44-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.36 (m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.083 (s, 3H), 0.081 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  7 73 7 3 2 3 2 26.0, 22.6, 21.4, 18.3, -4.3, -4.8;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20} = +6.5$  (c = 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.9, Entry 7



(*1R,2S*)-2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclooctanol, 3.29. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane and 2 equivalents of 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine for 24 hours to yield a colorless oil (49 mg, 94%). GC S pe lco Beta De 20 30 m 0 mm 02 µm film thickness 0 °C for 30 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 23.2$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 23.9$  min), 86% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  3 2 dt J = 9.0, 3.2), 3.71-3.73 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.97-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.80 (m, 11H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 7 73 7 30 2 2 27 0 26 0 2 7 2 22.8, 18.3, -4.3, -4.7;  $[\alpha]_{\rm p}^{20} = +2.88$  (c = 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.9, Entry 8



(2*R*,3*S*)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butan-2-ol, 3.30. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane and 2 equivalents of 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine at 4 °C for 36 hours to yield a colorless oil (32 mg, 78%). GC (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m 0 mm 0.2 µm film thickness 0 °C for 35 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 28.1$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 29.1$  min), 91% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  3 6 -3.78 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.13 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, 3H, J = 5.7), 1.07 (d, 3H, J = 5.7), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  72 7 3 26 0 2 7 7 2 -4.2, -4.7;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +14.7$  (c = 0.19, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).





(1*S*,2*S*)-2-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)cyclohexanol. The general procedure was followed with (±)-trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol (23 mg, 0.20 mmol) and running for 8 hours .The crude reaction was injected into the GC (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 100 °C for 85 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15psi,  $t_{r1}$  = 72.2 min,  $t_{r2}$  = 78.1 min) to show <5% yield.

### Reaction of a cis-1,3-Diol (Scheme 3.18)



(*IR,3S*)-3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclopentanol, 3.34. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane and 3.33 and running for 4 hours. The crude reaction mixture was injected on the GC (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30  $m \times 0.15 mm \times 0.25 \mu m$  film thickness), 95 °C for 60 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 16 psi,  $t_{rmajor} = 49.8 min$ ,  $t_{rminor} = 50.9 min$ ) to obtain a 26% yield and 15% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  4.37-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.24-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.02 (d, 1H, J =10.3), 1.81-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.68 (m, 1H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  75.1, 74.2, 44.6, 34.4, 34.3, 26.0, 18.1, -4.7, -4.8.





(2*R*,4*S*)-4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pentan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 4 equivalents of *tert*-butylchlorodimethylsilane and running for 8 hours. The crude reaction was injected into the GC (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 90 °C for 50 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{r1}$  = 36.5 min,  $t_{r2}$  = 38.0 min) to show <5% yield.

# Silyl Reagent Screen (Table 3.10)

Table 3.10, Entry 1.



(*IR,2S*)-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)cyclopentanol, 3.35. To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, 3.18 (61 mg, 0.60 mmol), catalyst III (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (3.4 mg, 1.8 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3.0 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room

temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (130 μL, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of triethylchlorosilane (120 μL, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour, the reaction was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 20/1) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (130 mg, 96%). **Chiral GLC Analysis** (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 80 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{rmajor} = 160.5$  min,  $t_{rminor} = 164.2$  min) 90% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 4.01 (dt, 1H, J = 8.3, 4.9), 3.89 (dt, 1H, J = 8.3, 3.7), 2.65 (d, 1H, J = 3.4), 1.55-1.85 (m, 5H), 1.39-1.48 (m, 1H), 0.95 (t, 9H, J = 8.0), 0.60 (q, 6H, J = 8.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 75.1, 73.7, 31.7, 31.2, 20.2, 6.9, 5.0; **IR**: 2955, 2876, 1123, 1096, 1005, 742, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.1624, found: 217.1629. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +18.0 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).

A duplicate reaction of cis-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (21 mg, 0.20 mmol) with the same procedure afforded the pure product as colorless oil (39 mg, 92%, 90% ee).



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1	160.496	MF	1.3444	456.92770	5.66467	95.00762
2	164.203	FM	1.5778	24.01024	2.53621e-1	4.99238

Table 3.10, Entry 2



(1R,2S)-2-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)cyclopentanol, 3.36. To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (61 mg, 0.60 mmol), catalyst III (34 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (3.4 mg, 1.8 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (1.5 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine (130 µL, 0.72 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by addition of tertbutyl(chloro)diphenylsilane (620 µL, 2.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 48 hours, the reaction was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 80/1) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (150 mg, 71%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiracel OD-H, Hexanes/*i*PrOH = 99/1, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm, t<sub>rminor</sub> = 4.9 min and  $t_{\text{rmaior}} = 5.7$  min), 88% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  7.65-7.69 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.40 (m, 4H), 4.03-4.07 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.90 (m, 1H), 2.73 (d, 1H, J = 2.9, 1.54-1.83 (m, 5H), 1.29-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125) MHz) & 136.0, 135.8, 133.9, 133.6, 130.1, 130.0, 128.0, 127.9, 76.7, 73.6, 31.1, 31.0, 27.2, 20.0, 19.4; **IR**: 2931, 1105, 821, 740, 700, 611, 504 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF)



calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{27}OSi: [M-OH]^+$ : 323.1831, found: 323.1822.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +12.0$  (c = 1.0,

# $CH_2Cl_2, l = 50 \text{ mm}$ ).

A duplicate reaction of cis-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (21 mg, 0.20 mmol) with the same procedure afforded the pure product as colorless oil (53 mg, 78%, 92% ee).

# Table 3.10, Entry 3



(*1R,2S*)-2-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)oxy)cyclopentanol, 3.37. To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, 3.18 (21 mg, 0.20 mmol), catalyst

III (11 mg,  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (1.2 mg,  $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6pentamethylpiperidine (44 μL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by dropwise addition of a solution of chloro(dimethyl)phenylsilane (0.40 mL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) over 2 hours by syringe pump. The reaction was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 20/1) afforded the pure product as a colorless oil (34 mg, 72%). **Chiral HPLC Analysis** (Chiracel OD-H, Hexanes/*i*PrOH = 99.8/0.2, 0.50 mL/min, 220 nm, *t*<sub>rminor</sub> = 25.3 min and *t*<sub>rmajor</sub> = 27.0 min), 80% ee; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 7.55-7.57 (m, 2H,), 7.35-7.40 (m, 3H), 3.98-4.02 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.88 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.7, 0.5), 1.44-1.82 (m, 5H), 1.35-1.44 (m, 1H), 0.40 (s, 3H), 0.39 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 137.8, 133.6, 130.0, 128.2, 75.7, 73.7, 31.3, 31.0, 20.1, -1.0, -1.1; **IR**: 2961, 1253, 1117, 1093, 891, 830, 787, 741, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **[α]p<sup>20</sup> =** +14.0 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).





A duplicate reaction of cis-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18** (21 mg, 0.20 mmol) with the same procedure afforded pure product as colorless oil (33 mg, 70%, 79% ee).

### Silylation with TESCI (Table 3.11)

**General procedure.** To an oven-dried glass reaction vial, a solution of substrate (0.20 mmol), catalyst **III** (11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and 1,2,2,6,6pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (1.2 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in anhydrous THF (4.0 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine  $\mu$  0.2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by addition of triethylchlorosilane (0.40 mL, 0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 4 hours, the reaction was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (Hex/EtOAc = 20/1) afforded the pure product.



(2*R*,3*S*)-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)butan-2-ol, 3.38. *meso*-2,3-Butanediol (18 mg, 0.20 mmol) was silylated using the general procedure. Pure product was isolated as a colorless oil (34 mg, 83%). Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 85 °C for 50 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  = 41.4 min,  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 42.5 min) 92% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  3.68-3.87 (m, 2H), 2.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.9), 1.08 (d, 6H, *J* = 6.1), 0.96 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 0.60 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  71.8, 71.3, 17.6, 17.1, 7.0, 5.1; IR: 2956, 2877, 1239, 1106, 1003, 908, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 205.1624, found: 205.1626. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{20}$  = +12.2 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



A duplicate reaction of meso-2,3-butanediol (54 mg, 0.60 mmol) with the same procedure

afforded the pure product, **3.38**, as a colorless oil (110 mg, 85%, 92% ee).



(3*R*,4*S*)-4-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hexa-1,5-dien-3-ol, 3.39. *meso*-1,5-Hexadiene-3,4-diol (23 mg, 0.20 mmol) was silylated using the general procedure. Pure product was isolated as a colorless oil (38 mg, 83%). Chiral GLC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.15 mm × 0.2 μ m film thickness 0° for 00 mi n 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 85.4$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 87.4$  min) 91% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z δ 5.77-5.84 (m, 2H), 5.28 (dt, 1H, J = 17.4, 1.5), 5.23 (dt, 1H, J = 17.4, 1.5), 5.19-5.20 (m, 1H), 5.16-5.18 (m, 1H), 4.10-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.04-4.08 (m, 1H), 2.32 (d, 1H, J = 4.4), 0.94 (t, 9H, J = 8.1), 0.60 (q, 6H, J = 8.1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z δ 36 36 6 7 3 116.8, 77.1, 76.2, 7.0, 5.1; IR: 2955, 2877, 1459, 1416, 1238, 1003, 922, 829, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>23</sub>OSi: [M-OH]<sup>+</sup>: 211.1518, found: 211.1527. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +4.1 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[pA*s]	[pA]	8
1	85.363	MF	0.7031	1135.45007	26.91563	95.52745
2	87.347	FM	0,8669	53,16124	1.02205	4.47255

A duplicate reaction of *meso*-1,5-Hexadiene-3,4-diol (69 mg, 0.60 mmol) was silylated using the general procedure. Pure product, **3.39**, was isolated as a colorless oil (110 mg, 80%, 92% ee).



(1*R*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenyl-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethanol, 3.40. *meso*-1,2-Diphenylethane-1,2diol (43 mg, 0.20 mmol) was silylated for 8 hours using the general procedure. Pure product was isolated as a colorless oil (53 mg, 81%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiracel OJ-H, Hexanes/*i*PrOH = 99/1, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm,  $t_{rmajor}$  = 7.3 min and  $t_{rminor}$  = 8.6 min) 92% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 6 -7.27 (m, 10H), 4.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.9, 2.9), 4.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.9), 2.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2), 0.77 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 0.39 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  0 0 7 27 27 6 27 0 27 7 27 6 27 79.3, 78.9, 6.8, 4.8; IR: 2953, 2876, 1097, 1005, 837, 740, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 329.1937, found: 329.1926. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +6.6 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Detector A Ch2 220nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	7.221	11612838	541504	96.042	97.949
2	8.484	478613	11342	3.958	2.051
Total		12091450	552846	100.000	100.000

A duplicate reaction of *meso*-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diol (130 mg, 0.60 mmol) was silylated using the general procedure. Pure product, **3.40**, was isolated as a colorless oil (160 mg, 83%, 87% ee).

# Absolute Stereochemical Proof

The absolute stereochemistry of the products was determined by comparing the optical rotations to known values. The optical rotations of the silylated products in this paper were determined to be opposite in sign to the optical rotations of the products reported by the Hoveyda and Snapper groups<sup>18</sup>. The absolute stereochemistry of (*1R,2S*)-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)cyclopentanol, (*1R,2S*)-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)cyclopentanol, and (*1R,2S*)-2-((dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)oxy)cyclopentanol was assigned by analogy.



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **III** (21 mg, 7.5 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and 1,2,2,6,6pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (0.40 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) in anhydrous THF-d<sub>8</sub> 2 0  $\mu$  was made 00  $\mu$  of the sol ti on was added to a NMR t e 2  $\mu$  of an internal standard solution of 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (5.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 0.20 M in THF) was added to the NMR tube. *i*PrO 0 2 mm ol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in F -d<sub>8</sub>) and MeOH (5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in F -d<sub>8</sub>) was added to the NMR tube. THF-d<sub>8</sub> 22  $\mu$  was added to the NMR t e to reach a total volume of 0.5 mL. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 12 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 70:30, **III** to **3.41** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.119.

# 3.41 Equilbrium Experiment with MeOH



An equilibrium experiment in the reverse direction of the above reaction was performed. In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **3.41** (23 mg,  $7.3 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and 1,2,2,6,6-

### Catalyst Equilibrium Experiment with iPrOH (Scheme 3.21)

pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (0.80 mg,  $4.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol) in anhydrous THF-d<sub>8</sub>  $20 \mu$  was made  $0\mu$  of the catalyst sol t ion and  $0\mu$  of the acid sol t ion was added to each of two NMR t es μ of an internal standard sol tion of 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene (3.0 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mmol, 0.20 M in THF) and *i*PrOH (6.3 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 63 M sol ti on in F  $-d_8$ ) was added to each NMR tube as well. MeOH (0.08 mmol, 80 μ M sol ti on in F  $-d_8$ ) was added to NMR tube 1, and MeOH (0.12 mmol, 120  $\mu$ μ 1M solution in THF-d<sub>8</sub>) was added to NMR tube 2, followed by THF-d<sub>8</sub> 27  $\mu$  and 23 respectively to t e and 2 to reach a total vol m e of 0 6 m h e reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 12 hours, equilibrium was reached. For tube 1, a ratio of 16:84, **3.36** to **III** and gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.121. For tube 2, a ratio of 10:90, **3.36** to **III** gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.117. The average  $K_{eq}$  for the two runs is  $0.119 \pm 0.002$ .

### Catalyst Equilibrium Experiment with 3.18 (Scheme 3.22)



In a glovebox, catalyst **III** (5.6 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (0.60 mg, 3.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol), and *cis*-1,2-cyclopentanediol, **3.18**, (1.0 x  $10^{1}$  mg, 0.10 mmol) were dissolved in THF-d<sub>8</sub> (0.45 mL) and added to a NMR tube. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene, as an internal standard, (0.050 mL, 1.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 0.20 M solution in THF) was added to the NMR tube. The exchange reaction was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. The reaction reached equilibrium in 3 hours with 40% starting catalyst **III** 

remaining and a 60:40 ratio of diastereomers (**3.42** and **3.43**). The K<sub>eq</sub> was determined to be 0.193. This reaction was repeated to give a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.205. The average K<sub>eq</sub> is 0.199  $\pm$  0.006. The spectrum of the experiment and an NMR of III in THF-d<sub>8</sub> are attached in the spectra section.

## Exchange of III with 3.19 (Scheme 3.23)



Catalyst III (1.9 mg, 6.8 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 20 mol %), **3.19** (7.4 mg, 3.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol), and 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (2.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg, 1.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %) were mixed in THF- $d_8$  and monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 2 h, equilibrium was reached with a ratio of 76:24, III to **3.44**, and a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.02 ± 0.001.

# Exchange of III with 3.45 (Scheme 3.24)



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(2*R*,4*S*)-2-((4-bromobenzyl)oxy)-4-isopropyl-3-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1Himidazol-2-yl)propyl)oxazolidine, 3.46. To an oven-dried reaction vial was added a solution of (4*S*)-4-isopropyl-2-methoxy-3-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2yl)propyl)oxazolidine, III, (56 mg, 0.20 mmol), 4-bromobenzoyl alcohol, 3.45, (41 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), and 1,2,2,6,6-pentamethylpiperidine hydrochloride (1.2 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %) in 1.0 mL anhydrous THF. After stirring at room temperature for 8 hours, solvent was removed under high vacuum, and the residue was redissolved in 1.0 mL anhydrous THF. Removal and addition of solvent was repeated every 8 hours, until <sup>1</sup>H NMR showed complete conversion. Recrystallization of crude product with Et<sub>2</sub>O at 4°C afforded pure product 3.46.



### Crystal Structure of **3.46**, CCDC# 832192 (Figure 3.5)
# Developing a Site Selective Functionalization Reaction

The following compounds were made according to literature procedure: 1-benzyloxy-2,3propanediol, **3.57**<sup>28</sup>, **III**<sup>17</sup>, and (*S*)-1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, (*S*)-**3.50**<sup>16</sup>.

### Catalyst Synthesis



**2-(((1-Methyl-IH-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)ethanol.**<sup>24</sup> To a solution of *N*methylimidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (2.0 g, 18 mmol) in methanol (40 mL) was added ethanolamine (1.1 mL, 18 mmol) and 3Å molecular sieves (1.4 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.0 g, 27 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (0.88 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.9 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 9:1) afforded the pure product as a yellow oil (1.9 g, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta 6$  d J =1.0), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 1.0), 5.79 (s, 2H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.62 (t, 2H, J = 5.0), 3.58 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, 2H, J = 5.0); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  7 26 2 6 0 43.8, 32.9; **IR**: 3280, 2947, 1496, 1282, 1049, 748, 655 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 156.1136, found: 156.1141.

<sup>28</sup>Tsujigami, T.; Sugai, T.; Ohta, H. Tet. Asymm. 2001, 12, 2543-2549.



# **2-Methoxy-3-((1-methyl-1***H***-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)oxazolidine.** To a solution of 2-(((1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)ethanol (0.50 g, 3.2 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (11 mL) under argon was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (0.51 mL, 3.8 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (11 mL), and the reaction was again stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane to afford the pure product as a colorless oil (320 mg, 51%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00 M z $\delta$ 7 0 d H, *J* = 1.0), 6.38 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 5.09 (s, 1H), 3.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.0), 3.65 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.0), 3.63-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.09 (s, 3H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.73-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.60 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z $\delta$ 6 20 111.6, 107.1, 64.8, 51.1, 49.1, 46.1, 37.6; **IR**: 2948, 2894, 1500, 1284, 1046, 953, 736 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M-OMe]: 166.0980, found: 166.0980.



(S)-2-(((1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-phenylethanol.<sup>24</sup> To a solution of *N*-methyl-imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde (1.37 g, 10.0 mmol) in benzene (30 mL) was

added (*S*)-glycinol (1.10 g, 10.0 mmol) and 3Å molecular sieves (1.40 g). After refluxing for 24 hours, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The resulting residue was redissolved in MeOH (30 mL) and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (378 mg, 10.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, followed by quenching with dropwise addition of concentrated HCl (0.51 mL). The resulting mixture was further neutralized with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.67 g). The precipitated salts were filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH = 10:1) afforded the pure product as a yellow oil (1.88 g, 81%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 2 -7.37 (m, 5H), 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 6.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 3.82-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.69 (m, 3H), 3.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.5, 11.0), 3.45 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 2 M z  $\delta$  6 0 2 27 6 27 26 2 0 66 6 3 55.9, 43.3, 32.6; **IR**: 3299, 2914, 2842, 1493, 1283, 1050, 758, 702 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 232.1449, found: 232.1454.



(4*S*)-2-Methoxy-3-((1-methyl-l*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)-4-phenyloxazolidine (60:40 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-2-(((1-methyl-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)-2-phenylethanol (1.88 g, 8.10 mmol) in anhydrous methanol (30 mL) under argon was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (1.09 mL, 8.10 mmol). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue

was redissolved in anhydrous methanol (13 mL), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The solvent was removed under vacuum. The flask was brought into a dry glove box under nitrogen atmosphere, and the residue was extracted with degassed pentane to afford the pure product as a pale yellow oil (1.95 g, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00 M z  $\delta$  7 2 -7.26 (m, 1.2H), 7.15-7.18 (m, 0.8H), 6.99-7.09 (m, 3H), 6.98 (d, 0.4H, *J* = 1.0), 6.96 (d, 0.6H, *J* = 1.0), 6.22 (d, 0.4H, *J* = 1.0), 6.20 (d, 0.6H, *J* = 1.0), 5.60 (s, 0.6H), 5.39 (s, 0.4H), 4.18 (t, 0.6H, *J* = 8.0), 4.09 (t, 0.4H, *J* = 8.0), 3.95-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.87 (dd, 0.6H, *J* = 7.0, 8.0), 3.72 (dd, 0.4H, *J* = 8.0, 9.5), 3.67-3.70 (m, 0.8H), 3.70 (d, 0.6H, *J*= 14.0), 3.65 (d, 0.6H, *J*= 14.0), 3.20 (s, 0.4H), 3.15 (s, 0.6H), 2.77 (s, 0.6H), 2.72 (s, 0.4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub> 26 M z  $\delta$  2 3 0 6 138.9, 128.2, 127.1, 120.5, 120.4, 113.1, 110.5, 109.1, 106.5, 73.2, 72.3, 66.0, 63.3, 52.7, 50.9, 44.9, 44.0, 41.8, 37.5, 32.0, 31.6; **IR**: 2943, 1498, 1453, 1283, 1155, 1042, 731, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M-OMe]: 242.1293, Found: 242.1308.



(*S*)-2-(((*R*)-cyclopentyl(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)-3-methylbutan-1ol (94:6 dr).<sup>24,29</sup> Cyclopentene (7.5 g, 110 mmol) and tris(2,4-di*tert*-butylphenyl)phosphite (890 mg, 1.4 mmol) were distributed evenly into five Endeavor<sup>®</sup> reaction vials that were purged with nitrogen. Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (99 mg, 1.8 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) was dissolved in benzene (22 mL) and also distributed evenly into the five reaction vials. <sup>29</sup>Trzeciak, A. M.; Ziolkowski, J. J. *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1994**, *479*, 213-216.

The vials were purged 3 times with 1:1  $H_2/CO$ , pressurized to 150 psi, and heated to 80 °C. The reactions were stirred for 6 hours maintaining constant temperature and pressure. Four of the vials containing the crude cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde were combined and used in the next step without purification. To a stirring solution of (S)-valinol (9.1 g, 88 mmol) in anhydrous THF (180 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of crude cyclopentanecarboxaldehyde (88 mmol) in benzene (18 mL). MgSO<sub>4</sub> (18 g) was added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours to form the imine which closes to the oxazolidine in situ. In another oven-dried flask, to a solution of Nmethylimidazole (25 g, 310 mmol) in anhydrous THF (180 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added n-butyllithium (31 mL, 10 M in hexanes, 310 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes, and then was slowly cannula transferred into the solution of formed oxazolidine at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight and gradually warmed to room temperature. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution was added slowly to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3×200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Column chromatography ( $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH =$ 30:1) afforded the product as colorless oil (12 g, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$ 0.77 (d, 0.18H, J = 6.8), 0.82 (d, 0.18H, J = 6.8), 0.87 (d, 2.82H, J = 6.8), 0.91 (d, 2.82H,J = 6.8, 1.20-1.32 (m, 0.54H), 1.33-1.74 (m, 8.46H), 2.13-2.22 (m, 1.88H), 2.24-2.27 (m, 0.12H), 3.26 (d, 0.06H, J = 7.1), 3.28 (d, 0.94H, J = 5.9), 3.30 (d, 0.94H, J = 2.9), 3.32 (d, 0.06H, J = 4.4), 3.61 (s, 2.82H), 3.62 (s, 0.18H), 3.72 (d, 1H, J = 7.6), 6.72 (d, 0.06H, J = 1.2, 6.76 (d, 0.94H, J = 1.2), 6.93 (d, 0.94H, J = 1.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125)

MHz)  $\delta$  38.1, 38.3, 38.4, 38.6, 44.4, 44.5, 44.6, 48.6, 48.7, 48.9, 49.8, 50.1, 52.1, 65.0, 77.7, 78.0, 79.3, 81.6, 82.0, 82.7, 139.7, 140.2, 146.1, 146.2, 169.8, 170.6; **IR**: 3201, 2952, 2868, 1486, 1467, 1280, 1107, 1047, 835, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 266.2227, found: 266.2247. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +46.7 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).

Note: The mixture of diastereomers can be taken forward because only one precipitates during purification in the next step.



(2*R*,4*S*)-3-((*R*)-cyclopentyl(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)-4-isopropyl-2methoxyoxazolidine, IV (99:1 dr). To a solution of (*S*)-2-(((*R*)-cyclopentyl(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)methyl)amino)-3-methylbutan-1-ol (7.4 g, 28 mmol) in anhydrous MeOH (56 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (19 mL, 140 mmol). The reaction was stirred at 50 °C overnight. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the residue was redissolved in anhydrous MeOH (56 mL) in order to convert the small amount of dimethylamine bound catalyst to methanol bound catalyst. The reaction was stirred at 50 °C for 2 hours, and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was moved into a dry box and was dissolved in anhydrous pentane (250 mL). The solution was cooled to -40 °C overnight, and a dark yellow oil formed on the bottom of the flask. The top clear organic layer was decanted off and was concentrated to approximately 100 mL. The solution was cooled to -40 °C overnight during which the product precipitated as a white solid. The solid was filtered and washed with a small portion of cold pentane to afford pure product (3.9 g, 46%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.69 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.1), 0.73-0.80 (m, 1H), 0.87 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9), 1.46-1.78 (m, 7H), 2.33-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 8.8, 6.9, 5.1), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.97-3.06 (m, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.0), 3.59 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.8), 3.75 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.3), 6.27 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2), 6.72 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ 16.8, 20.1, 25.6, 26.0, 29.5, 31.8, 32.2, 32.3, 45.1, 52.3, 58.8, 65.4, 66.0, 112.6, 120.2, 128.5, 149.1; **IR**: 2952, 2870, 1650, 1482, 1192, 1174, 1122, 1074, 1052, 962 cm<sup>-1</sup>. **Elemental Anaylsis**: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires: C = 66.42%, H = 9.51%, N = 13.67%, found: C = 66.51%, H = 9.28%, N = 13.82%. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> = -37.3 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



(*S*)-4-isopropyl-3-((*R*)-2-methyl-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)propyl)oxazolidine, 3.53.<sup>25</sup> To a stirring solution of (*S*)-2-(((*R*)-cyclopentyl(1-methyl-1H-imidazol -2-yl)methyl)amino)-3-methylbutan-1-ol (0.50 g, 1.9 mmol) and paraformaldehyde (57 mg, 1.9 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (19 mL), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (3.6 mg,  $1.9 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) was added. After refluxing overnight, reaction was cooled to room temperature, and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) was added. The resulting solution was concentrated. Flash column chromatography (100% EtOAc) afforded the product as colorless oil (280 mg, 54%). <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8), 0.92 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 1.51-1.73 (m, 8H), 2.02-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.73 (m, 1H), 3.47 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.3), 3.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.5), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.6), 5.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.4), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.0), 7.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.2); <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  18.1, 19.8, 25.1, 25.4, 30.9, 31.0, 31.7, 33.1, 44.4, 61.5, 66.5, 67.6, 82.3, 120.3, 127.6, 148.4; **IR**: 2953, 2867, 1650, 1479, 1279, 1171, 1133, 1082, 943, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24.4$  (*c* = 0.98, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).

# Substrate Synthesis



**4-methylpentane-1,2-diol, 3.54.**<sup>30</sup> Sodium metaperiodate (6.11 g, 28.5 mmol), 4-methyl-1-pentene (6.00 mL, 4.80 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol), and lithium bromide (1.65 g, 1.90 x 10<sup>1</sup> mmol) were dissolved in acetic acid (79 mL) and heated to 95 °C for 14 hours during which time the solution turned dark red. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude oil was dissolved in MeOH (120 mL) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (13.1 g, 95 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 hours. The methanol was removed under reduced pressure, and the mixture was dissolved in water and extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. Column chromatography <sup>30</sup>Emmanuvel, L.; Shaikh, T. M.; Sudalai, A. *Org. Lett.* **2005**, *7*, 5071-5074. was performed (20-50% EtOAc/Hex) resulting in a yellow oil which was distilled (150 °C at 1 mmHg) to yield a colorless oil (2.39 g, 43%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.86 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 1.13 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 18.3, 8.6, 4.4), 1.33 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 19.6, 8.8, 5.6), 1.67-1.75 (m, 1H), 2.30-2.37 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 7.8), 3.57 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 2.5), 3.70-3.75 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  22.3, 23.5, 24.7, 42.3, 68.4, 70.6; **IR**: 3341, 2954, 2870, 1468, 1067, 1027, 579 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 136.1338, found: 136.1341.



**1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, 3.50.**<sup>30</sup> The same procedure used for 4-methylpentane-1,2diol was used to yield a colorless oil which solidified upon standing (1.30 g, 49%). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 1.00-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.29 (m, 3H), 1.38-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.89 (m, 2H), 2.00-2.01 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.51-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.73 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) δ 26.2, 26.3, 26.6, 28.8, 29.1, 40.9, 65.0, 76.7; **IR**: 3339, 2922, 2852, 1449, 1050, 1015, 892, 605 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 162.1494, found: 162.1490.



**3-phenylpropane-1,2-diol, 3.56.**<sup>30</sup> The same procedure used for 4-methylpentane-1,2diol was used to yield a colorless oil (2.98 g, 37%).<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 2.27 (bs, 2H), 2.74-2.83 (m, 2H), 3.51-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 2.4), 3.94-3.98 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 3H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz) δ 39.9, 66.7, 73.2, 126.7, 128.7, 129.5, 138.0; **IR**: 3362, 2925, 1496, 1454, 1089, 1068, 1030, 744, 700, 555 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>1</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: [M+NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 170.1181, found: 170.1189.

# Reaction of III with Individual Enantiomers (Scheme 3.25)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of hexane-1,2-diol, **3.47**, (24 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and **III** (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 4 °C. 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidine 3  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at 4 °C for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mit tre was stirred for 0 min and filtered thro g h a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

Scheme 3.25, Eq 1

(S)-hexane-1,2-diol, (S)-**3.47**, was used as the substrate in the reaction.

Scheme 3.25, Eq 2

(R)-hexane-1,2-diol, (R)-**3.47**, was used as the substrate in the reaction.

### Solvent Screen (Table 3.12)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of hexane-1,2-diol, **3.47**, (24 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg,  $6.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and **III** (12 mg,  $4.0 \times 10^{-2}$ 

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mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous solvent (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 4 °C. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at 4 °C for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 0 mi n and filtered thro gh a Paste r pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction. The following solvents were tested in the reaction: THF, EtOAc, MeOtBu, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, ClCH<sub>2</sub>Cl, *t*BuOH (run at room temperature).

### Individual Enantiomer Selectivities in *t*BuOH (Table 3.13)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of hexane-1,2-diol, **3.47**, (24 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and **III** (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *t*BuOH (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 25 °C. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0.2 mm ol 2 eq iv) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0.20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at 25 °C for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 0 mi n and filtered thro gh a Paste r pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

### Table 3.13, Entry 1

(R)-hexane-1,2-diol, (R)-**3.47**, was used as the substrate in the reaction.

# Table 3.13, Entry 2

(S)-hexane-1,2-diol, (S)-**3.47**, was used as the substrate in the reaction.

# Table 3.13, Entry 3

(*S*)-hexane-1,2-diol, (*S*)-**3.47**, was used as the substrate and *N*-methylimidazole  $3 2 \mu$  4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %) was used in the catalyst in the reaction.

# t-Amyl Alcohol Temperature Screen (Table 3.14)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-hexane-1,2-diol, **3.47**, (24 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and **III** (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *t*-amyl alcohol (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane (4.0 x  $10^{1} \mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ). After stirring at a constant temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 0 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction. The reaction was run at the following temperatures: -6 °C, 4 °C, and 25 °C.

### Screen of Catalysts with Cyclic R Groups (Table 3.15)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-hexane-1,2-diol, (*S*)-**3.47**, (24 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and catalyst (20 mol %) in anhydrous *t*-amyl alcohol (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 4 °C. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0.2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane (4.0 x  $10^{1} \mu$  0.2 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring at 4

°C for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 0 mi n and filtered thro g h a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

R = iPr, III, (12 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

 $R = Cyclopropyl (12 mg, 4.0 x 10^{-2} mmol, 20 mol \%)$ 

R=Cyclopentyl, IV,  $(13 \text{ mg}, 4.0 \text{ x} 10^{-2} \text{ mmol}, 20 \text{ mol} \%)$ 

# Catalyst Screen with (S)-1-Cyclohexyl-1,2-ethanediol (Table 3.16)

In a dry box, a solution of (*S*)-1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, (*S*)-**3.50**, (29 mg, 0.20 mmol), catalyst, and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *tert*-amyl alcohol (3.0 mL) was prepared in an oven-dried glass reaction vial. The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (45 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added, followed by addition of chlorotriethylsilane (44 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 30 minutes. MeOH (100 µL) was added to quench the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene (100 µL, 2M solution in EtOAc, 0.020 mmol) was added as an internal standard. Chiral GC Analysis ((Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 115 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi) of crude product afforded quantitative results of the reaction.

### Table 3.16, Entry 1

*N*-methylimidazole 2  $\mu$  3 0 0<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 15 mol %) was used in the catalyst in the reaction.

# Table 3.16, Entry 2

Catalyst III (8.9 mg, 3.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 15 mol %) was used in the reaction.

Table 3.16, Entry 3

Catalyst IV (8.3 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol, 15 mol %) was used in the reaction.

# Table 3.16, Entry 4

(*R*)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diol, (*R*)-**3.50**, and catalyst **IV** (8.3 mg,  $3.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol, 15 mol %) were used in the reaction.

# Control Catalyst with (S)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diol (Scheme 3.26, Eq 1)

In a dry box, a solution of (*S*)-1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, (*S*)-**3.50**, (29 mg, 0.20 mmol), catalyst **3.53** (8.8 mg, 3.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 15 mol %), and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *tert*-amyl alcohol (3.0 mL) was prepared in an oven-dried glass reaction vial. The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (45 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added, followed by addition of chlorotriethylsilane (44 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 30 minutes. MeOH (100 µL) was added to quench the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (100 µL, 2M solution in EtOAc, 0.020 mmol) was added as an internal standard. Chiral GC Analysis ((Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 115 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi) of crude product afforded quantitative results of the reaction.

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# Control Catalyst with (R)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diol (Scheme 3.26, Eq 2)

In a dry box, a solution of (*R*)-1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, (*R*)-**3.50**, (29 mg, 0.20 mmol), catalyst **3.53** (8.8 mg,  $3.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol, 15 mol %), and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg,  $4.0 \ge 10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *tert*-amyl alcohol (3.0 mL) was prepared in an oven-dried glass reaction vial. The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (45 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added, followed by addition of chlorotriethylsilane (44 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 30 minutes. MeOH (100 µL) was added to quench the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. 1,3,5-Trimethoxybenzene (100 µL, 2M solution in EtOAc, 0.020 mmol) was added as an internal standard. Chiral GC Analysis ((Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 115 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi) of crude product afforded quantitative results of the reaction.

### Reaction of 1-Phenyl-1,2-ethanediol (Scheme 3.27)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of 1-phenyl-1,2-ethane diol, **3.13** (140 mg, 1.0 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (33 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol %), and catalyst **IV** (46 mg, 0.15 mmol, 15 mol %) in anhydrous *t*-amyl alcohol (14 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes at 4 °C. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine (160  $\mu$  2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 0  $\mu$  2 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After stirring at 4 °C for 25 mins, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 200  $\mu$  and methanol 0  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 10 min and concentrated. Column Chromatography (0 to 20% EtOAc/Hex, using an

ISCO automated purification system) yielded **3.16** (140 mg, 56%) and **3.17** (69 mg, 27%) as colorless oils. **Chiral HPLC Analysis** for **3.16** : (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 0.5% *i*PrOH: 95.5% Hexanes, 220 nm,  $t_{\text{rmajor}} = 8.53$  min and  $t_{\text{rminor}} = 9.94$  min) 45% ee.





Chiral HPLC Analysis for 3.17: (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 0.5% iPrOH: 95.5% Hexanes, 220

nm,  $t_{\text{rmajor}} = 5.97 \text{ min and } t_{\text{rminor}} = 6.78 \text{ min}$ ) 83% ee.



Detector A Ch2 220	Jnm
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	5.966	4635267	379960	91.256	92.315
2	6.775	444137	31631	8.744	7.685
Total		5079404	411591	100.000	100.000

A duplicate reaction gave **3.16** (150 mg, 59%, 45% ee) and **3.17** (57 mg, 23%, 79% ee). The average of the two runs gave **3.16** (57%, 45% ee) and **3.17** (25%, 81% ee). For characterization of both compounds, see above.

### General Procedure for Substrate Scope (Table 3.17)

In a dry box, a solution of 1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, **3.50**, (140 mg, 1.0 mmol), catalyst **IV** (46 mg, 0.15 mmol, 15 mol %), and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (33 mg, 0.20 mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous *tert*-amyl alcohol (14 mL) was prepared in an oven-dried glass reaction vial. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (230  $\mu$ L, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was added, followed by addition of chlorotriethylsilane (220  $\mu$ L, 1.3 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 45 minutes. MeOH (500  $\mu$ L) was added to quench the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Column chromatography (0-20% EtOAc in Hexanes, using an ISCO automated purification system) afforded **1** (150 mg, 56%) and **2** (110 mg, 41%) as colorless oils.

### Table 3.17 Substrate Scope.

R H	OH 10-15% c 20% DIPt 1.2-1.3 eq 1.2-1.3 eq <i>t</i> -amyl al 45-90 mir	iatalyst <u>EA·HCl</u> OH TESCI R DIPEA lcohol n, 0 °C	OTES + R 1 2	S ,OH
	Rur	<u>1</u>	Ru	<u>12</u>
substrate	<b>1</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>a,b</sup>	1 <sup>a,b</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>a,b</sup>
ОН Су ОН <b>3.50</b>	47%, 81% ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 97% ee <sup>c</sup>	56%, 81% ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 96% ee <sup>c</sup>
ОН Ви ОН <b>3.47</b>	55%, 78% ee <sup>d</sup>	41%, 97% ee <sup>d</sup>	53%, 79% ee <sup>d</sup>	38%, 98% ee <sup>d</sup>
ОН s-Bu ОН <b>3.54</b>	54%, 82% ee <sup>c</sup>	40%, 98% ee <sup>c</sup>	53%, 82% ee <sup>c</sup>	40%, 98% ee <sup>c</sup>
OH Me OH 3.55	46%, 71% ee <sup>e</sup>	35%, 91% ee <sup>e</sup>	51%, 70% ee <sup>e</sup>	36%, 93% ee <sup>e</sup>
OH PhOH <b>3.56</b>	48%, 75% ee <sup>f</sup>	42%, 94% ee <sup>f</sup>	50%, 80% ee <sup>f</sup>	44%, 96% ee <sup>f</sup>
OH BnOOH <b>3.57</b>	52%, 75% ee <sup>d</sup>	41%, 99% ee <sup>d</sup>	59%, 73% ee <sup>d</sup>	40%, 99% ee <sup>d</sup>
OH PhOOH <b>3.58</b>	42%, 77% ee <sup>g</sup>	31%, 96% ee <sup>g</sup>	47%, 77% ee <sup>g</sup>	34%, 95% ee <sup>g</sup>
OH OH 3.59	57%, 57% ee <sup>e</sup>	35%, 93% ee <sup>e</sup>	49%, 56% ee <sup>e</sup>	38%, 90% ee <sup>e</sup>
ОН СІОН <b>3.60</b>	52%, 90% ee <sup>h</sup>	44%, 97% ee <sup>h</sup>	52%, 90%ee <sup>h</sup>	46%, 98% ee <sup>h</sup>
OH BrOH <b>3.61</b>	49%, 91% ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 97% ee <sup>c</sup>	50%, 91% ee <sup>c</sup>	41%, 98% ee <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Isolated yields. <sup>b</sup>Ee determined by GC or HPLC analysis. <sup>c</sup>Run with 15% IV, 1.3 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>d</sup>Run with 10% III, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>e</sup>Run with 15% IV, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>f</sup>Run with 10% IV, 1.2 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>g</sup>Run with 15% III, 1.4 equiv TESCI and DIPEA. <sup>h</sup>Run with 15% IV, 1.3 equiv TESCI and DIPEA.

Substrate	(R)-2a-i <sup>a</sup>	(R)-3a-i <sup>a</sup>	$(S)-2a-i^{a}$	(S)-3a-i <sup>a</sup>
3 13	95	5	<u>(2) 2u j</u> <u>41</u>	<u>(0) 50 j</u> 59
5.15	75	5	71	57
3.50	99	1	12	88
3.47	99	1	13	87
3.54	99	1	11	89
3.55	96	4	17	83
3.56	98	2	10	90
3.57	>99	<1	14	86
3.58	98	2	14	86
3.59	97	3	27	73
3.60	99	1	6	94
3.61	99	1	5	95

Calculated Selectivities for Each Enantiomer of Substrate (Table 3.18)

<sup>a</sup>Approximate (*R*)-enantiomer and (*S*)-enantiomer selectivities calculated based on isolated yields and ees from Table 3.25.

# Product Characterization

### Table 3.17, Entry 1



(*S*)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(triethylsilyloxy)ethanol. The general procedure was followed using 3.50 to yield a colorless oil (110 mg, 41%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 145 °C for 100 min, 10 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 10 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  = 44.4 min,  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 45.0 min) 97% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.1), 0.98 (t, 9H, *J* = 8.1), 1.10-1.25 (m, 4H), 1.46-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.84 (m, 7H), 3.49 (dt, 1H, *J* = 6.1, 3.7), 3.53-3.59 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.3, 7.1, 26.5, 26.6, 26.8, 29.0, 29.3, 41.4, 64.2, 77.4; IR: 3421, 2924, 2876, 1450, 1238, 1118, 1006, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{31}O_2Si_1$ : [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 259.2093, found: 259.2099. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +8.7 (*c* = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 1



(*R*)-1-cyclohexyl-2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethanol. The general procedure was followed using 3.50 to yield the product as a colorless oil (120 mg, 47%). Chiral GC Analysis

(Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 115 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{rmajor} = 172.2$  min,  $t_{rminor} = 169.2$  min) 81% ee. <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.59 (q, 6H, J = 7.8), 0.94 (t, 9H, J = 7.8), 0.98-1.06 (m, 2H), 1.10-1.25 (m, 3H), 1.33-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.57-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.75 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.91 (m, 1H), 2.48 (d, 1H, J = 2.9), 3.34-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.44 (dd, 1H, J = 9.8, 8.3), 3.67 (dd, 1H, J = 9.8, 3.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 26.3, 26.4, 26.7, 29.0, 29.1, 40.7, 65.2, 76.0; **IR**: 2921, 2875, 2852, 1450, 1112, 1079, 1004, 817, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 281.1907, found: 281.1915. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>b</sub><sup>20</sup> = -6.4 (c = 1.3, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[pA*s]	[pA]	Å
1	169.225	MF	1.3614	66.55033	8.14710e-1	9.28297
2	171.896	FM	1.4520	650.35730	7.46509	90.71703
1 2	169.225 171.896	MF FM	1.3614 1.4520	66.55033 650.35730	8.14710e-1 7.46509	9.28297 90.71703

Table 3.17, Entry 2



(*S*)-2-(triethylsilyloxy)hexan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.47 and 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, 10 mol % III, and a reaction time of 1.5 hours to yield a colorless oil (88 mg, 38%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 95 °C for 120 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{rmajor} = 106.1$  min,  $t_{rminor} = 109.4$  min) 98% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.88-0.91 (m, 3H), 0.98 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 1.23-1.34 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.91 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.4), 3.42-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.54-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.76 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.3, 7.0, 23.0, 23.3, 24.7, 43.5, 66.8, 71.4; IR: 3408, 2955, 2876, 1459, 1239, 1097, 1007, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1937, found: 233.1934. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>20</sup> = +11.4 (*c* = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 2



(*R*)-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hexan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.47 and 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, 10 mol % III, and a reaction time of 1.5 hours to yield a colorless oil (130 mg, 55%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness), 95 °C for 120 min,

20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{rmajor} = 103.2 \text{ min}, t_{rminor} = 102.1 \text{ min})$ 78% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.60 (q, 6H, J = 7.8), 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 7.1), 0.94 (t, 9H, J = 7.8), 1.22-1.45 (m, 6H), 2.44 (d, 1H, J = 3.2), 3.36 (dt, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.8), 3.59-3.64 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 14.2, 23.0, 28.0, 32.7, 67.2, 72.1; IR: 2955, 2934, 2913, 2876, 1459, 1095, 1004, 803, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 255.1751, found: 255.1745. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -3.6 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l =50 mm).



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
. #	[min]		[min]	[pA*s]	[pA]	ક
1	102.145	MF	0.6779	59.37944	1.45996	10.93386
2	103.241	FM	0.8584	483.69888	9.39185	89.06614

Table 3.17, Entry 3



(*S*)-4-methyl-2-(triethylsilyloxy)pentan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.54 to yield a colorless oil (94 mg, 40%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 95 °C for 120 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 80.4$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 86.1$  min) 98% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.63 (q, 6H, J = 8.1), 0.90 (d, 3H, J = 6.6), 0.91 (d, 3H, J = 6.6) 0.98 (t, 9H, J = 8.1), 1.38 (t, 2H, J = 6.8), 1.59-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.92 (t, 1H, J = 6.4), 3.39-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.57 (ddd, 1H, J = 11.0, 6.1, 3.7), 3.82 (ddt, 1H, J = 9.8, 5.4, 1.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.2, 7.0, 14.2, 23.0, 27.7, 40.0, 66.5, 73.1; IR: 3418, 2955, 2876, 1466, 1087, 1046, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1937, found: 233.1943. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +10.3 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 3



(*R*)-4-methyl-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)pentan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.54 to yield the product as a colorless oil (125 mg, 54%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness), 95 °C for 90 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\text{rmajor}} = 75.9 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{rminor}} = 75.1 \text{ min}$ ) 82% ee.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.60 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.90 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.92 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.6), 0.95 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 1.11 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 13.5, 8.5, 4.2), 1.36 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 14.2, 8.8, 5.9), 1.74-1.82 (m, 1H), 2.40 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2), 3.33 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.8, 7.8), 3.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.8, 3.2), 3.71 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 16.4, 7.8, 3.2); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 22.4, 23.6, 24.8, 42.0, 67.6, 70.3; **IR**: 2954, 2912, 2876, 1096, 1049, 1004, 789, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 255.1751, found: 255.1763.

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +0.94$  (c = 1.2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
<sup>`</sup> #	[min]		[min]	[pA*s]	[pA]	ર્સ
1	75.177	MF	0.4641	72.05933	2.58757	9.23872
2	75.879	FM	0.7002	707.91193	16.85016	90.76128

Table 3.17, Entry 4



(*S*)-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.55 and 1.2 equiv chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine with a reaction time of 25 minutes. Column chromatography (3-20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in Hexanes) yielded a colorless oil (69 mg, 36%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 80 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{rmajor}$  = 45.2 min,  $t_{rminor}$  = 46.8 min) 93% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.97 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 1.14 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.4), 1.96 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 5.1), 3.37 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 11.7, 6.6, 1.5), 3.48-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.95 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.1, 7.0, 20.1, 68.4, 69.1; IR: 3408, 2955, 2877, 1459, 1238, 1005, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1937, found: 233.1934. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +18.6 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *I* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 4



(*R*)-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.50 and 1.2 equiv chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine with a reaction time of 25 minutes. Column chromatography (3-20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in Hexanes) yielded a colorless oil (97 mg, 51%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m  $\times$  0.25 mm  $\times$  0.25 µm

film thickness), 80 °C for 45 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$ = 36.8 min,  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 35.6 min) 70% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.60 (q, 6H, J = 7.8), 0.94 (t, 9H, J = 7.8), 1.10 (d, 3H, J = 6.4), 2.48 (d, 1H, J = 3.0), 3.32 (dd, 1H, J = 9.8, 7.8), 3.57 (dd, 1H, J = 9.8, 3.4), 3.77-3.84 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$ 4.6, 6.9, 18.4, 68.2, 68.4; IR: 2955, 2911, 2877, 1459, 1239, 1087, 1006, 801, 724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 213.1281, found: 213,1271. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -8.2 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[pA*s]	[pA]	ર્સ
1	35.627	MM	0.3035	89.41690	4.90958	15.15284
2	36.788	MM	0.3412	500.68295	24.45822	84.84716

Table 3.17, Entry 5



(*S*)-3-phenyl-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.56 with 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine and 10 mol % III to yield a colorless oil (120 mg, 44%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 10% *i*PrOH: 90% Hexanes, 220 nm,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 4.1$  and  $t_{\rm rminor} = 7.8$  min) 96% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.53 (dq, 6H, *J* = 16.1, 3.4), 0.90-0.93 (m, 9H), 1.91 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 5.6), 2.80 (ddd, 2H, *J* = 19.6, 13.5, 6.1), 3.40-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 13.7, 7.3, 4.6, 0.98), 7.16-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.1, 7.0, 40.8, 65.8, 79.2, 126.5, 128.6, 129.8, 138.4; IR: 2953, 2912, 2876, 1455, 1238, 1103, 1004, 724, 698, 505 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 267.1780, found: 267.1777. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{0}^{20}$  = -12.6 (*c* = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 5



(*R*)-1-phenyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.56, 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, and 10 mol % III to yield the product as a colorless oil (130 mg, 50%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 2% *i*PrOH: 98% Hexanes, 220 nm,  $t_{rmajor} = 5.50$  min and  $t_{rminor} = 6.12$ min) 80% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.59 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.94 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 2.42 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.9), 2.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.7, 6.4), 2.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.7, 7.1), 3.46 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.8, 6.8), 3.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 3.7), 3.85-3.90 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 39.8, 66.2, 73.0, 126.5, 128.6, 129.5, 138.5; **IR**: 2953, 2911, 2876, 1239, 1111, 1031, 792, 727, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 289.1594, found: 289.1600. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +2.6 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



I	Detector	A	Ch2	220	nm

Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	5.500	3936878	454367	90.185	90.102
2	6.120	428456	49916	9.815	9.898
Total		4365334	504283	100.000	100.000

Table 3.17, Entry 6



(*R*)-3-(benzyloxy)-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.57, 1.2 equiv chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, 10 mol % III, and a reaction time of 1.5 hours to yield a colorless oil (120 mg, 40%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 0.5% *i*PrOH: 99.5% Hexanes, 240 nm,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 23.2$  and  $t_{\rm rminor} = 30.5$  min) 99% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.57-0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 8.0), 0.91-0.95 (m, 9H), 2.04-2.08 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.51 (m, 2H), 3.57-3.68 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.93 (m, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  4.8, 6.7, 64.9, 71.0, 71.9, 73.5, 127.6, 127.7, 128.4, 138.0; IR: 3439, 2954, 2876, 1455, 1239, 1098, 1005, 739, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 297.1886, found: 297.1881. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +21.4 (*c* = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Detector A C	h2 220nm				
Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Area %	Height %
1	23.237	4280721	116130	99.838	99.838
2	30.476	6947	188	0.162	0.162
Total		4287669	116318	100.000	100.000

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Table 3.17, Entry 6



(*R*)-1-(benzyloxy)-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.57, 1.2 equiv chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, 10 mol % III, and a reaction time of 1.5 hours to yield product as a colorless oil (170 mg, 59%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 5% *i*PrOH: 95% Hexanes, 220 nm,  $t_{rmajor} = 7.87$  min and  $t_{rminor} = 6.95$  min) 73% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.59 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.94 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 2.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 4.9), 3.49 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.5, 5.9), 3.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.5, 4.9), 3.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 5.9), 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 4.9), 3.82-3.87 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 64.0, 71.0, 71.3, 73.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.6, 138.4; IR: 2953, 2910, 2875. 1089, 1004, 804, 728, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 319.1700, found: 319.1697. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> = 0.53 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).




Table 3.17, Entry 7



(*R*)-3-phenoxy-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.58, 1.4 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine, and 15 mol % III to yield a colorless oil (87 mg, 31%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.68 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.99 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 2.00 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.6, 5.4), 3.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.3, 7.3), 3.75 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 5.4, 4.2), 3.94 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.3, 6.1), 3.99 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.3, 5.9), 4.11-4.15 (m, 1H), 6.90 (dt, 2H, *J* = 8.8, 0.98), 6.96 (tt, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 0.98), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 120 MHz)  $\delta$  5.1, 7.0, 64.6, 69.2, 71.3, 114.6, 121.1, 129.7, 158.5; IR: 3415, 2954, 2876, 1600, 1497, 1244, 1130, 1048, 749, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 283.1730, found: 283.1730. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +15.4 (*c* = 0.99, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm). Derivitization for ee<sup>31</sup>: The product (15 mg, 9.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) was dissolved in 300 µL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN and treated with 100 µL of hydrogen fluoride in pyridine. After 12 hours, column chromatography (1-10% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave the known diol, (*R*)-3-phenoxypropane-1,2-diol. Characterization of the diol matched known literature values. Absolute configuration was confirmed by comparison with a previous literature report.<sup>32</sup> Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 15% *i*PrOH: 85% Hexanes, 240 nm)  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 10.5$  and  $t_{\rm rminor} = 20.0$  min) 96% ee (as diol).



<sup>31</sup>Boschelli, D.; Takemasa, T.; Nishitani, Y.; Masamune, S. *Tet. Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 5239-5242. <sup>32</sup>Turgut, Y.; Aral, T.; Karakaplan, M.; Deniz, P.; Hosgoren, H. *Syn Comm.* **2010**, *40*, 3365-3377.

Table 3.17, Entry 7



(*R*)-1-phenoxy-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.58, 1.4 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine and 15 mol % III to yield product as a colorless oil (131 mg, 47%). Chiral HPLC Analysis (OD-H, 1.0 mL/min, 10% *i*PrOH: 90% Hexanes, 220 nm,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 10.5$  min and  $t_{\rm rminor} = 5.09$  min) 78% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.61 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.94 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 2.55 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.1), 3.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.3, 5.1), 3.78 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.3, 4.6), 3.99-4.05 (m, 3H), 6.89-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.92-6.96 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.28 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 63.7, 68.7, 70.5, 114.8, 121.2 129.7, 158.9; IR: 2953, 2876, 1599, 1495, 1458, 1242, 1079, 1043, 1005, 802, 745, 727, 689 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 305.1543, found: 305.1552. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -0.19 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).





Table 3.17, Entry 8



(*S*)-2-(triethylsilyloxy)but-3-en-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.59 with 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine and a reaction time of 25 minutes to yield a colorless oil (71 mg, 35%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 90 °C for 100 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi.,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 41.4$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 43.1$  min) 93% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.63 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.97 (t, 9H, *J* = 7.8), 1.96-1.99 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.55 (m, 2H), 4.20-4.24 (m, 1H), 5.17 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 10.5, 2.9, 1.2), 5.28 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 17.4, 2.9, 1.7), 5.81 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 23.5, 10.5, 6.4, 1.7); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  5.1, 6.9, 67.0, 74.6, 116.5, 138.2; IR: 3415, 2955, 2877, 1459, 1098, 1007, 925, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (DART-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>1</sub>: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 203.1467, found: 203.1475. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +7.4 (*c* = 0.82, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 8



(*R*)-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)but-3-en-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.59, 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine and a reaction time of 25 minutes to yield product as a colorless oil (120 mg, 57%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness), 90 °C for 50 min, 20 °C/min

to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{rmajor} = 44.7$  min,  $t_{rminor} = 43.0$  min) 57% ee. <sup>1</sup>H **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.60 (q, 6H, J = 7.8), 0.95 (t, 9H, J = 7.8), 2.57 (d, 1H, 3.4), 3.42 (dd, 1H, J = 10.0, 7.8), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J = 10.0, 3.7), 4.13-4.18 (m, 1H), 5.17 (dt, 1H, J = 10.5, 1.5), 5.33 (dt, 1H, J = 17.4, 1.5), 5.80 (ddd, 1H, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.6); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 66.9, 73.3, 116.7, 136.8; **IR**: 2955, 2912, 2877, 1238, 1102, 1004, 923, 795, 725 cm<sup>-1</sup>; **HRMS** (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>NaSi: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1281, found: 225.1285. [ $\alpha$ ] $_{D}^{20}$  = +0.84 (c = 1.2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



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Table 3.17, Entry 9

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(*R*)-3-chloro-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.60 with a reaction time of 50 minutes to yield product as a colorless oil (99 mg, 44%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 110 °C for 105 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  = 56.4 min,  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 57.9 min) 97% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.65 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.95-1.00 (m, 9H), 1.85 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.4), 3.46 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.8, 5.1), 3.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 11.0, 7.1), 3.68-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.89-3.93 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  5.0, 6.9, 44.7, 64.0, 72.8; IR: 3397, 2956, 2878, 1459, 1240, 1120, 1046, 1006, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1078, found: 225.1071. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>0</sub><sup>20</sup> = +8.3 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 9

(*S*)-1-chloro-3-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.60 with a reaction time of 50 minutes to yield product as a colorless oil (120 mg, 52%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 110 °C for 50 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} =$ 

45.1 min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 44.3$  min) 90% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.61 (q, 6H, J = 8.1), 0.93-0.96 (m, 9H), 2.54 (d, 1H, J = 6.4), 3.54-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.66-3.72 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.86 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.5, 6.9, 45.6, 63.3, 71.6; IR: 3425, 2955, 2877, 1459, 1240, 1111, 1006, 804, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClO<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 225.1070, found: 225.1078. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>p</sub><sup>20</sup> = -1.5 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).



Table 3.17, Entry 10



(*R*)-3-bromo-2-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.61 to yield product as a colorless oil (110 mg, 41%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Beta Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 110 °C for 105 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor} = 94.7$  min,  $t_{\rm rminor} = 97.2$  min) 98% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.65 (q, 6H, J = 8.1), 0.96-0.99 (m, 9H), 1.85 (t, 1H, J= 6.4), 3.30-3.33 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.71 (dd, 2H, J = 6.1, 4.2), 3.92-3.96 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  4.8, 6.7, 33.0, 64.3, 72.2; IR: 3382, 2955, 2971, 2877, 1459, 1240, 1118, 1006, 969, 742, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.0572, found: 269.0573. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +6.1 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50mm).





Table 3.17, Entry 10



(*S*)-1-bromo-3-(triethylsilyloxy)propan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 3.61 to yield product as a colorless oil (140 mg, 50%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 110 °C for 80 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\rm rmajor}$  = 74.8 min,  $t_{\rm rminor}$  = 73.6 min) 90% ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.61 (q, 6H, *J* = 7.8), 0.93-0.96 (m, 9H), 2.56 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.4), 3.41-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.68 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 4.9), 3.72 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.0, 4.9), 3.80-3.85 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  4.5, 6.9, 34.7, 64.0, 71.3; IR: 2955, 2876, 1459, 1240, 1108, 1006, 799, 727, 671 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>22</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 269.0572, found: 269.0576. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -0.99 (c = 1.2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Reaction of 3,3-dimethylbutane-1,2-diol (Scheme 3.28)



(*R*)-3,3-dimethyl-1-(triethylsilyloxy)butan-2-ol. The general procedure was followed using 1.2 equiv of chlorotriethylsilane and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine and a reaction time of 45 minutes to yield only this product as a colorless oil (140 mg, 60%). Chiral GC Analysis (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25  $\mu$ m film thickness), 95 °C

for 50 min, 20 °C/min to 200 °C, 200 °C for 20 min, 15 psi,  $t_{\text{rmajor}} = 44.7 \text{ min}, t_{\text{rminor}} = 43.6 \text{ min}) 52\%$  ee. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.60 (q, 6H, J = 8.1), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.93-0.96 (m, 9H), 2.65 (d, 1H, J = 2,2), 3.29-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dd, 1H, J = 9.8, 3.2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)  $\delta$  4.6, 6.9, 26.2, 33.4, 63.5, 78.9; IR: 2954, 2877, 1460, 1239, 1108, 1067, 1003, 817, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI+) calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 233.1937, found: 233.1940. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -10.0 (c = 1.1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, l = 50 mm).





### Kinetic Resolution of 1-Cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol (Scheme 3.29)

In a dry box, a solution of 1-cyclohexylethane-1,2-diol, **3.50**, (140 mg, 1.0 mmol), catalyst **IV** (31 mg, 0.10 mmol, 10 mol %), and *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (11 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 6 mol %) in anhydrous *tert*-butanol (15 mL) was prepared in an oven-dried glass reaction vial. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes. *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (120 µL, 0.70 mmol, 0.70 equiv) was added, followed by addition of chlorotriethylsilane (100 µL, 0.60 mmol, 0.60 equiv) in 4 portions every 15 minutes (dropwise addition was performed for each portion added). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour (starting from the first addition of chlorotriethylsilane). Methanol (150 µL) was added to quench the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, Flash column chromatography (hexanes:EtOAc = 60:1) afforded pure product as a colorless oil (120 mg, 48%). **Chiral GC Analysis** (Supelco Gamma Dex 120 (30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm film thickness), 115 °C for 180 min, 20 °C/min to 180 °C, 180 °C for 20 min, 15 psi, t<sub>rmajor</sub> = 172.2 min, t<sub>rminor</sub> = 169.5 min) 90% ee. **[α]p<sup>20</sup>** = -7.4 (c = 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, *l* = 50 mm).



Note: Making the racemic secondary products by literature methods requires multi-step reactions which are very low yielding in many cases. Therefore, the racemic secondary products were prepared by reacting the two enantiomers of catalyst **III** in the regiodivergent resolution and then mixing the reactions together to isolate the products.





In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst III (35 mg, 0.13 mmol) and N,Ndiisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (2.1 mg,  $1.3 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (500 was made 200  $\mu$  of the sol t ion was added to a NMR t e *i*PrOH (0.25 mmol, 130 μ 2 M sol ti on in  ${}_{6}D_{6}$ ) and MeOH (5.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in  ${}_{6}D_{6}$ ) u was added to the NMR tube.  $C_6D_6 = 0 \mu$  was added to the NMR t e to reach a total volume of 0.5 mL. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 68:32, **III** to **3.41**, gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0 Anothe r 200  $\mu$  of the catalyst and acid solution was added to another NMR tube. *i*PrOH (5.0 x 10<sup>-1</sup> mmol, 250  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) and MeOH (5.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) was added to the NMR tube.  $C_6D_6 2 \mu$  was added to the NMR t e to reach a total volume of 0.5 mL. The reaction was monitored by 1H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 57:43, III to 3.36, gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.12. The average Keq for the two runs is  $0.12 \pm 0.01$ .



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst III (35 mg, 0.13 mmol) and N,Ndiisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (2.1 mg,  $1.3 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (500 was made 200  $\mu$  of the sol t ion was added to a NMR t e *n*BuOH (0.15 mmol, 75 μ 2 M sol ti on in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) and MeOH (5.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in  $_{6}D_{6}$ ) μ was added to the NMR tube.  $C_6D_6$  200  $\mu$  was added to the NMR t e to reach a total volume of 0.5 mL. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 67:33, **III** to **3.62**, gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0 Anothe  $r 200 \mu$  of the catalyst and acid solution was added to another NMR tube. nBuOH (5.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 25 2 M sol ti on in  ${}_{6}D_{6}$ ) and MeOH (5.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol 2  $\mu$  2 M sol ti on in  ${}_{6}D_{6}$ ) μ was added to the NMR tube.  $C_6D_6 \ 2 \ 0 \ \mu$  was added to the NMR t e to reach a total volume of 0.5 mL. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 43:57, III to 3.62, gave a  $K_{eq}$  of 0.86. The average  $K_{eq}$  for the two runs is  $0.92 \pm 0.06$ .



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **III** (7.0 mg, 2.5 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (4.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg, 2.5 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e *R*)-**3.48** (44 mg, 0.19 mmol, 7.6 equiv in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 2  $\mu$  2  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 1 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv was added to the NMR t e 2  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 23 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 8:92, **3.63** to **III** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.012.

# **III** Exchange with (S)-**3.48** (Scheme 3.32, Entry 2)



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **III** (7.0 mg, 2.5 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (4.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg, 2.5 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e *S*)-**3.48** (43 mg, 0.19 mmol, 7.4 equiv in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 2  $\mu$  2  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 1 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv was added to the NMR t e 2  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 23 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 13:87, **3.63** to **III** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.023.



III Exchange with (*R*)-3.49 (Scheme 3.32, Entry 3)

In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst III (14 mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (8.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e *R*)-**3.49** (58 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 equiv in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 0  $\mu$  0  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 1 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv was added to the NMR t e 00  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 23 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 45:55, **3.63** to **III** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.26.

III Exchange with (S)-3.49 (Scheme 3.32, Entry 4)



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst III (14 mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (8.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e *S*)-**3.49** (58 mg, 0.25 mmol, 5 equiv in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 0  $\mu$  0  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 1 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv was added to the NMR t e 00  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 23 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 42:58, **3.63** to III gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.22.



In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst III (8.4 mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride ( $5.0 \times 10^{-1}$  mg,  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e (*R*)-**3.47** (18 mg, 0.15 mmol, 3 equiv in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 2  $\mu$  0  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 2 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv) was added to the NMR t e 2  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached and 57% of **III** had converted to products. A ratio of 18:82 of **3.64** to **3.65** resulted. The reaction was repeated using (*S*)-**3.42**. At equilibrium, a ratio of 20:80 of **3.64** and **3.65** was reached with 56% conversion of **III**.



Exchange of  $(\pm)$ -3.47 with III (Scheme 3.34)

In a glovebox, a solution of catalyst **III** (14 mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-2}$  mmol) and *N*,*N*diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (8.0 x  $10^{-1}$  mg,  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol, 10 mol %) in anhydrous C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 00  $\mu$  was made and dispensed into an NMR t e **3.47** (18 mg, 0.15 mmol, 3 equiv) in 2 0  $\mu$  <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added to the NMR t e MeO 2  $\mu$  0 0<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 2 M in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 1 equiv) was added to the NMR t e 2  $\mu$  of <sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> was added. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After 24 hours, equilibrium was reached. A ratio of 56:44, products to **III** gave a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.70. The ratio of secondary to primary alcohols bound was 21:79. The ratio of **3.68** to **3.66** was 56:44. The reaction was repeated using 5 equiv of **3.47** (3.0 x  $10^1$  mg, 0.25 mmol). At equilibrium, a ratio of 67:33 of products to **III** corresponds to a K<sub>eq</sub> of 0.78. The ratio of secondary to primary bound alcohols was 18:82. The average K<sub>eq</sub> was calculated to be 0.74 ± 0.06.

### The Difference in Selectivity of **3.11** and **III**

# GC Method for Selective Functionalization of 3.13

GC Method. An Agilent Technologies 7890A GC System equipped with a 7683B Series Injector was used to introduce samples into a J&W Scientific column (HP-5, 30 m, 0.320 mm ID 0 2  $\mu$ m film he G wa s r n at 00 ° for 0 mi n tes a nd then the temperature was ramped 8 °C/min. to a final temperature of 180 °C. Compounds were detected by FID and data was analyzed with Agilent Technologies GC Chemstation software. Retention times are reported in minutes.

# Reaction of III with Individual Enantiomers (Scheme 3.35, Eq 1)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*S*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (3.3 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 10 mol %), and **III** (11 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mit tre was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered

through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

### Reaction of III with Individual Enantiomers (Scheme 3.35, Eq 2)

The procedure for Scheme 3.33, Eq 1 was followed using (*R*)-3.13 (28 mg, 0.20 mmol).

## Catalyst Loading Screen (Table 3.19)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*R*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*R*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (6.6 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %), and **3.11** in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

## Table 3.19, Entry 1

10 mol % **3.11** (5.1 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2} \text{ mmol}$ ) was used in the reaction.

Table 3.19, Entry 2

20 mol % **3.11** (10.2 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol) was used in the reaction.

## Table 3.19, Entry 3

50 mol % **3.11** (25.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) was used in the reaction.

# (S,S) and (S,R)-Catalysts Table (3.20)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*R*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*R*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (3.3 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 10 mol %), and catalyst (20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine 2  $\mu$  0 2 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 equiv). After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mit re was stirred at room temperature for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction. Each reaction was repeated with (*S*)-**3.13**.

Table 3.20

R = (S)-Me (1.0 x 10<sup>-1</sup> mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

 $R = (S)-iPr (11 mg, 4.0 x 10^{-2} mmol, 20 mol \%)$ 

R = (R)-Me (1.0 x 10<sup>-1</sup> mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

R = (R) - iPr, III, (11 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

R = (R)-Ph (13 mg, 4.0 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mmol, 20 mol %)

## Decreasing the Reaction Temperature (Scheme 3.36)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*S*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine hydrochloride (3.3 mg, 2.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 10 mol %), and **III** (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 4 °C for 10 minutes. *N*,*N*-Diisopropylethylamine (42

 $\mu$  0.2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0.20 mmol, 1.0 equiv). After stirring at 4 °C for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mit re was stirred at 4 °C for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

### 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidine as the Base (Table 3.21)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*S*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and III (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidine 3  $\mu$  0 2 mm ol 2 eq iv ) was added, followed by triethylchlorosilane 36  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ). After stirring at a constant temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  he mi t re was stirred for 0 mi n and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

Table 3.21, Entry 1

The reaction was run at 4 °C.

Table 3.21, Entry 2

The reaction was run at 25 °C.

Table 3.21, Entry 3

The reaction was run at 25 °C using crystallized III.

## Electrophile Screen (Table 3.22)

To an oven-dried reaction vial, a solution of (*S*)-1-phenyl-1,2-ethanediol, (*S*)-**3.13**, (28 mg, 0.20 mmol), *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (1.0 mg, 6.0 x  $10^{-3}$  mmol, 3 mol %), and III (12 mg, 4.0 x  $10^{-2}$  mmol, 20 mol %) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for at room temperature for 10 minutes. 1,2,2,6,6-Pentamethylpiperidine 3  $\mu$  0.24 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added, followed by the electrophile. After stirring at room temperature for 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by addition of *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine 30  $\mu$  and methanol  $\mu$  The mixture was stirred for 10 min and filtered through a Pasteur pipette packed with silica gel, followed by a flush with EtOAc (10 mL). GC analysis afforded the yield and selectivity of the reaction.

Table 3.22, Entry 1

SB r 3  $\mu$  0 20 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was used as the electrophile.

Table 3.22, Entry 2

TESNO<sub>2</sub> was used as the electrophile and the reaction was run in dimethylformamide (3 mL). TESNO<sub>2</sub> was made in situ from TES 1 3  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 eq iv ) and NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (48 mg, 0.60 mmol, 3.0 equiv)

Table 3.22, Entry 3

TESO f  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 e q iv ) was used as the electrophile.

Table 3.22, Entry 4

TESO f  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 e q iv ) was used as the electrophile at 4 °C.

Table 3.22, Entry 5

TESO f  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 e q iv ) was used as the electrophile at -60 to 10 °C. Table 3.22, Entry 6

TESO f  $\mu$  0 20 mmol 0 e q iv ) was used as the electrophile at 60 °C.















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