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ABSTRACT

ASYMMETRIC CU-CATALYZED REDUCTIVE COUPLING OF ALLENEAMIDES WITH CARBONYL ELECTROPHILES & MECHANISTIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE SUZUKI-MIYAURA CROSS-COUPLING REACTION OF ELECTRON-DEFICIENT SYSTEMS

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Most natural products and other biologically active small molecules contain multiple stereogenic heteroatoms throughout their carbon scaffold. As a result, methods to install these multi-heteroatom functionalities efficiently are highly desirable. Reductive coupling reactions have been studied extensively, and reductive allylation has been a key method for generating chiral secondary and tertiary allylic alcohols. This work focuses on utilizing naturally abundant and inexpensive Cu for the asymmetric reductive coupling of alleneamides with carbonyl electrophiles to access highly functionalized multi-heteroatom scaffolds that are difficult to produce via traditional methods. Described herein are methods for these asymmetric reductive coupling reactions. Chapter 1 describes the development of CuH-catalyzed methods for the regio- and diastereoselective reductive coupling of *N*-based allenes and carbonyl electrophiles. The method reported was the first disclosed to access the novel linear product in the reaction with ketones, as well as directly access both the traditional branched product and the novel linear product from the same system by simply tuning the ligand. Initial projects utilized stereocontrol by a chiral auxiliary, whereas subsequent projects focused on the development of chiral-ligand controlled methods utilizing an achiral alleneamide. Chapter 2 describes the branched- and enantioselective borylative Cu-catalyzed reductive coupling of an achiral alleneamide with aldehyde electrophiles utilizing $B_2(pin)_2$ as the reductant. The intermediate of these reactions contains a boronate handle that allows for further derivatization and access to a wide array of dissonant 1,2-aminoalcohol motif-containing products based solely on the workup. This work is high-yielding with high diastereo- and enantiocontrol.

The Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction is a highly utilized method for generating biaryl molecules in both industrial and academic settings. Traditional boronic acid homocoupling side product generation in these systems is due to O_2 intrusion during the reaction. However, during attempts to couple two electron-deficient fragments under anaerobic conditions, the boronic acid homo-coupling and aryl halide dehalogenation side products were both observed in similarly high yields. Chapter 3 describes the discovery and development of a novel anaerobic mechanism for the generation of aryl boronic acid homo-coupling product in the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of electron-deficient systems. The discovery, mechanistic investigation, and scope of the optimized reaction are discussed.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

1,2-DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
API	Active pharmaceutical ingredient
σ*	sigma anti-bonding orbital
Ac ₂ O	acetic anhydride
ACN	Acetonitrile
AcOH	acetic acid
$B(Et)_3$	Triethylborane
$B_2(pin)_2$	bis(pinacolato)diboron
BINAP	2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthalene
BINOL	1,1'-binaphthalene-2,2'-diol
brsm	based on recovered starting material
CMD	Concerted metalation deprotonation
COF	Covalent organic framework
DIBAL	diisobutylaluminum hydride
DMF	N,N-dimethylformamide
dppf	bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene
dr	diastereomeric ratio
ee	enantiomeric excess
equiv	equivalents
er	enantiomeric ratio
EtOAc	ethyl acetate
EtOH	ethanol
H8-BINOL	Hydrogenated binol
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
iPr	Isopropyl-
MeOH	methanol
MeTHF	2-Methyl tetrahydrofuran
MOF	Metal organic framework
MS	molecular sieves
n.d.	not determined
n/a	not applicable
NaO'Bu	Sodium <i>tert</i> -butoxide
<i>n</i> -BuLi	<i>n</i> -butyllithium
NHC	N-Heterocyclic carbene
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

PCy ₃	tricyclohexylphosphine
$Pd_2(dba)_3$	tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium
pin	pinacol
pyr	pyridine
RBF	round-bottom flask
rt	room temperature
ТВНР	tert-butyl hydrogen peroxide
TBS	tert-butyldimethylsilyl
TBSOTf	tert-butyl dimethylsilyl triflate
TCDI	thiocarbonyl diimidazole
TEA	triethylamine
TEP	Tolman Electronic Parameter
THF	tetrahydrofuran
THP	tetrahydropyran
TLC	thin-layer chromatography
TMANO	trimethylamine N-oxide
UHP	urea hydrogen peroxide

CHAPTER 1

Development of Asymmetric CuH-Catalyzed Reductive Couplings of Alleneamides with Carbonyl Electrophiles

I. Introduction

Many biologically active organic molecules and pharmaceuticals contain several stereogenic carbons and multiple heteroatoms throughout their carbon framework.^{1–10} These stereogenic chiral centers affect the molecule's overall three-dimensional shape, and as a result, stereoisomers of the same molecule can have drastically different biological activity.¹¹ Therefore, selective syntheses of these complex molecules and the ability to control the regio-, stereo-, or enantioselectivity of C-C bond formation is essential in modern organic synthesis and has been a challenging endeavor for organic chemists over the years.

When considering chiral architectures containing multiple stereogenic carbon atoms bearing heteroatom substitution (*e.g.*, *N*, *O*), the polarization effects these electron-withdrawing groups can exert over the entire molecule can create synthetic challenges to the desired scaffold when applying traditional methods. Particularly challenging heteroatom substitution patterns must then be formed via non-traditional means, and reductive coupling reactions (*i.e.*, cross-electrophile coupling) have been extensively studied as an efficient synthetic method for these non-traditional C-C bond formations.^{9,12–17} While this has been an intense area of study, methods to impart multiple stereocenters while installing multiple heteroatoms in single steps still need development.

This research builds upon the CuH-catalyzed portfolio to-date, by switching the traditional reactivity of the fragments, in an effort to access new reactivity in the system as well as develop methods to install multiple heteroatoms to generate increasingly complex products containing dissonant functionalities.^{18,19} Utilizing inexpensive and widely available starting materials, the development of Cucatalyzed methods for the regio- and diastereoselective reductive coupling of *N*-based allenes (alleneamides) and carbonyl electrophiles are herein described (**Scheme 1.1-Top**). These methods were the

first disclosed to access the novel linear product **1.3** in the reaction with ketones **1.2**, as well as directly access both the traditional branched product **1.4** and the novel linear product **1.3** from the same system by simply tuning the ligand. The initial projects utilized stereocontrol by a chiral auxiliary (**1.1**) whereas subsequent projects focused on the development of chiral-ligand controlled methods utilizing an achiral alleneamide (**1.6**, **Scheme 1.1-Bottom**).



II. Background

A. Chiral Molecules and the Importance of Selective Syntheses

Chirality within organic molecules is significant, as it greatly affects the biological activity and other pharmacokinetic properties of bioactive organic molecules and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs).¹¹ This is due to stereogenic carbons containing four distinct substituents, and the effect of their orientation on the overall three-dimensional shape of the isomer.¹¹ There are countless examples of enantiomers of the same molecule exhibiting drastically different biological activity, including the infamous case of Thalidomide. The Thalidomide racemate, brought to market in the 1950s, was available over-the-counter for the treatment of multiple conditions, including morning sickness in pregnant mothers.²⁰ It was later discovered that the (R)-enantiomer of Thalidomide was the active form of the hypnotic drug; the (S)-enantiomer was not an active hypnotic, but instead was teratogenic, causing over 10,000 infants to be born

with limb malformations and other birth defects.²¹ As isomers of organic molecules can exhibit drastically different pharmacokinetic properties,²² guidelines and regulations for drug development have changed to favor single isomer drug compositions and emphasize the development of selective syntheses.²³ For these reasons, it is imperative to have a wide set of methods for generating single isomers selectively, through regio-, diastereo- or enantioselective means.¹¹

B. Highly-Functionalized Natural Products and Biologically Active Molecules

Nature is quite skilled and efficient at producing highly functionalized and complex molecules. Most natural products and biologically active small molecules contain multiple heteroatoms spread throughout their carbon framework;^{3–7,17,24–26} examples are given in **Figure 1.1**. These highly functionalized complex scaffolds require a heavy amount of planning into their synthesis, as each route must be carefully crafted to ensure viability and selectivity for each step. Therefore, developing methods to selectively install multiple heteroatoms in minimal steps is invaluable.^{4–6,8–10}



C. Retrosynthetic Analysis and Consonant/Dissonant Theory

Before attempting to synthesize complex organic molecules, the planning stage must be approached carefully to determine efficient routes and viable selective methods to the desired molecule. Current standard practice for determining synthetic routes for organic molecules is the use of retrosynthetic analysis. The concept of retrosynthetic analysis was developed by E. J. Corey in the 1960s, winning him the Nobel Prize in 1990.²⁷ Using the steps that he proposes,²⁸ key disconnections (known as "strategic bonds") are identified by working backwards from the desired target molecule, and the molecule is broken down into

simple intermediates, referred to as "synthons". This process allows for the direct and efficient identification of possible routes that may then be explored in the forward synthetic direction.

When designing these synthetic routes, the electronics of the desired bond disconnection also needs to be considered. For instance, a strategic bond lying on a path between two functional groups creating a matched chain polarization should be easier to form via traditional methods compared to a strategic bond where the chain polarization is mismatched by the two functional groups causing traditional methods to be ineffective. In the 1970's, Evans conceptualized this idea and designated the terms Consonant and Dissonant Charge Affinity, and the phrase Consonant/Dissonant Theory, also known as Polar Bond Theory (**Figure 1.2**).^{18,19} Recently, this theory has been elegantly laid out in a review by Reisman,²⁹ and application of the concept was described by Seebach.³⁰



According to the Evans construct, each functional group in a molecule polarizes the carbon framework in a certain way, impacting the overall electronic distribution across the carbon chain of the molecule. When multiple functional groups are present, each group leads to a specific carbon chain polarization that may either reinforce (consonant) or conflict (dissonant) each other. When considering *N*- or *O*-heteroatom substituents that are electron-withdrawing by nature, the scenario in **Figure 1.2** is produced. For a 1,n-substitution pattern between two electron-withdrawing functional groups, if n is an odd integer, a consonant charge affinity results (**Figure 1.2A**), and strategic bonds lying along this path

may be more easily synthesized via traditional two-electron methods and generally are well-known. However, if n is an even integer, a dissonant charge affinity results (**Figure 1.2B**) creating a scenario that is more difficult to construct via traditional methods relying on two-electron mechanistic pathways. In these cases where dissonant relationships exist, non-traditional methods, such as umpolung (polarity-reversal)³⁰ or radical^{31–35} chemistry are more suited from a strategic design perspective.

D. Umpolung

While ubiquitous, the 1,2- and 1,4-substitution of heteroatoms are inherently difficult to access via traditional two-electron processes, as they have a dissonant relationship caused by the conflicting electronic pattern throughout the molecule.^{19,30} As a result, one process to better access these functionalities is the method of polarity umpolung³⁰, or polarity reversal, to access previously hard-to-reach dissonant functional group pairs. The term umpolung, meaning "pole reversal" in German, was first coined by Seebach³⁶ in 1974 for the chemical modification of a functional group with the aim of reversing the traditional polarity of that functional group within a molecule to access hidden reactivity, **Figure 1.2B**. Umpolung-based approaches have become the go-to method for generating these dissonant scaffolds.^{37–41}

E. Reductive coupling

The classic method for generating C-C bonds includes the redox-neutral coupling of a nucleophilic (electron-rich) species and an electrophilic (electron-deficient) species.⁴² Other methods have been developed to utilize different coupling partners. One of these methods includes reductive coupling, or "cross-electrophile" coupling, in which two electrophilic fragments are coupled; both getting reduced in the process.^{12,14,43-46} As both fragments get reduced, a stoichiometric reductant must be used to turn over the catalyst.¹² Common reducing agents include BEt₃, R₃SiH, H₂, or B₂(pin)₂. Reductive coupling reactions have been seen more recently as an elegant way to bring together new coupling partners,¹² and reductive allylation has been a favorite of these reactions, as an olefin and heteroatom are generated – both of which can be further functionalized.

F. Allylation

i. Pioneering work in allylation – H.C. Brown, 1980's

A powerful coupling method for the installation of a stereogenic carbon-heteroatom bond is through the catalytic reductive allylative coupling of carbonyl electrophiles and conjugated unsaturated hydrocarbons (**Scheme 1.2**).^{15,47–49} Early work in stereoselective allylation, such as the work of H.C. Brown in the 1980s,^{50–52} employed the generation of a stoichiometric chiral allylmetal nucleophile **1.15** in a separate step to be used in the allylation reaction with an aldehyde or ketone to generate the chiral alcohol (**Scheme 1.3A**).



This combined process required 3 steps and over 3 days in order to form the allylborane starting material. While this pioneering method allowed for the generation of allylic alcohols, this process has some drawbacks including the requirement of stoichiometric amounts of metal-allyl species, which is expensive and time-consuming, as the metal-allyl species had to be generated separately prior to use.

ii. Development of catalytic methods for allylation

The use of stoichiometric allyl-species for allylations lasted nearly 40 years,^{53,54} prior to the development of methods for the *in situ* generation of the catalytic allyl-species. Since then, catalytic methods have emerged to generate the reactive allylmetal species *in situ* from an unreactive allyl source and a metal catalyst. Commonly used reactive allylmetal species include Boron-^{55–59}, Silicon-^{60,61}, and Tin^{62–65}-based, and many methods have utilized umpolung approaches to employ the allyl electrophile as a nucleophile^{37–41}.



However, reductive coupling strategies^{15,47–49} that generate the reactive allylmetal from unsaturated hydrocarbons via hydrometalation, in particular, are extremely powerful, atom-economical approaches for the synthesis of chiral homoallylic alcohols.^{66–73}

iii. Krische's formation of metal-allyl species in situ

Pioneering work by Krische (**Scheme 1.3B**) enabled a method to circumvent the use of pre-formed allyl-metal reagents through the use of catalytic $Ir^{74,75}$ or Ru^{76} for the addition of dimethylallene to an aldehyde electrophile to generate secondary allylic alcohols **1.17**. This reductive coupling strategy included the use of H₂ as the stoichiometric reductant. Hydrometalation of the allene forms the metal allyl complex *in situ*. Mitigating the use of stoichiometric quantities of pre-formed organometallic reagents led to improvements in atom economy and functional group tolerance; however, both Ir and Ru are still costly precious metals at \$154 and \$15 per gram, respectively.⁷⁷ As a result, catalytic versions using cheaper, more readily available metals still needed to be developed.

iv. Buchwald's orthogonal method using CuH

Copper hydride (CuH) has been studied extensively over the years⁷⁸ but has only recently been explored as a catalyst for reductive coupling reactions.⁷⁹ In this regard, CuH-catalyzed reductive coupling of unsaturated hydrocarbons and carbonyl electrophiles has emerged as a method to generate chiral alcohols. In 2018, Buchwald developed an elegant method for generating chiral tertiary allylic alcohols **1.19** via the reductive coupling between allenes^{80–82} **1.10** or 1,3-dienes⁸³ **1.9** and ketone or imine

electrophiles (**Scheme 1.3C**). As ketones are less reactive than aldehydes, this reaction worked with and thus utilized catalytic copper, an inexpensive and widely available alternative to precious metals (Cu costs <\$0.01 per gram).⁷⁷

This work used a copper catalyst with chiral bis(phosphine) ligands to couple an achiral allene to ketone electrophiles to generate the *anti*-diastereomer of the branched tertiary allylic alcohol product **1.19**. Utilization of silane (*e.g.* (MeO)₂MeSiH) as the reductant, forms CuH *in situ* after reacting with catalytic copper, as demonstrated in **Scheme 1.4B**. Hydrocupration across the external olefin of the allene then begins the reductive coupling cycle. Buchwald has shown that the addition to the ketone is the rate-limiting step,⁸³ meaning that the three possible intermediates of **1.22** may be present in rapid equilibrium.⁸⁴ After coupling of intermediate **1.22** with the carbonyl electrophile **1.2**, likely through chair-like transition states **1.23a,b,c**, and turnover by silane, the O-Si products **1.24** are obtained. This method selectively generated the *anti*-branched product *anti-b*-**1.24** as the major product in high diastereo- and enantioselectivity.



III. Research Plan and Rationale

A. Research plan

While not confirmed by Buchwald, we initially hypothesized that the intermediates in **Scheme 1.4B** may be in rapid equilibrium and that the observed major product obtained by Buchwald (*anti-b-1.24*) was a result of Curtin-Hammett kinetics whereby **1.23c** represents the lowest energy transition structure. Furthermore, of significance is the fact that linear products had never been produced from such reductive coupling methods using ketone electrophiles. Therefore, our group initially became interested in developing a method to generate the novel linear product utilizing a similar approach to Buchwald, which had not been reported with ketones. According to the above Curtin-Hammett selectivity proposal, selective generation of the linear product *E-l-1.24* would require a way to favor transition structure **1.23b** to achieve this goal. While Buchwald had previously shown that generation of both the linear and branched products are possible when utilizing imine electrophiles⁸⁰ by switching the *N*-substituent on the imine, this is not possible with ketone electrophiles. As a result, developing a new strategy for accessing the novel linear product using ketone electrophiles is necessary.

B. C- vs N-based allene

In order to enable a linear selective process, we needed to determine how to favor reaction through the branched copper(allyl)-intermediate species b-1.22 that is likely uphill in energy due to increased steric interactions compared with linear copper(allyl)-intermediates l-Z-1.22 and l-E-1.22. To solve this problem, we proposed that the equilibrium between these nucleophilic species could be influenced by the use of a chelating group tethered to the allene by a heteroatom to allow for subsequent cleavage of the chelating group (Scheme 1.5). The tethered ligand should help stabilize the branched (allyl)Cu intermediate b-1.25 through coordination to copper. Then, reaction with the ketone *via* a six-membered chair-like transition state would generate the linear product 1.26, containing an enamine group, representing a masked aldehyde functionality to provide useful dissonant chiral 1,4-hydroxyaldehyde equivalents. If the chelating group utilized is chiral, it could help enable stereocontrol over the newly formed stereocenter of 1.26. Cleavage

of that chiral tethered chelating group could then generate the 1,4-lactone 1.27 – an important motif that is present in over 15,000 natural products.⁸⁵



Alternatively, we reasoned that the branched product **1.28** may also be accessible under conditions that may inhibit coordination of the directing group (*e.g.* high coordination number at Cu) which would enable synthesis of the highly useful dissonant 1,2-aminoalchol motif **1.29** that is present in over 300,000 compounds including over 2,000 natural products and over 80 FDA-approved drugs.⁸⁶ The development of synthetic methods to access these ubiquitous functionalities has been a rising topic in the field of organic chemistry.^{87–99}

IV. Development of a Linear-Selective Auxiliary-Controlled Reductive Coupling

A. Reaction Discovery

Our initial goal was to bias the selectivity of the reductive coupling reaction of allenes to carbonyl electrophiles to generate the novel linear product by forming a system that favors reactions through the branched substituted copper(σ -allyl) nucleophile. With this aim, we developed a *N*-based allene containing a chelating group that could coordinate to copper. We began with the Evans' chiral auxiliary¹⁰⁰-derived alleneamine **1.1** because: (1) it is inexpensive and readily commercially available; (2) it had been synthesized previously and was known in the literature;¹⁰¹ and (3) we hoped that the carbonyl of the

oxazolidinone would be a sufficient enough coordinating group^{102,103} to Cu to stabilize the transition state needed to generate the linear product **1.3a**. To keep copper at a low-enough coordination state to allow chelation by the oxazolidinone, the reaction conditions needed to facilitate this and thus reflect these goals. Conditions that would be conducive to keeping copper at a low coordination state include the use of non-coordinating solvents, as well as monodentate ligands.

An investigation into the solvent effect was initially performed to determine the most appropriate solvent choice for further reaction optimization (**Table 1.1**). The results were obtained in collaboration with Raphael Klake and Dr. Joshua Sieber. Non-coordinating aprotic solvents were surveyed as an effort to keep the coordination state of copper low (entries 1, 2, 5, and 6).¹⁰⁴ However, regioselectivity had marginal impact based on solvent choice. While a more polar solvents such as dichloromethane effectively gave no selectivity over linear and branched products and poor yield (entry 3), use of polar coordinating solvent THF (entry 4) gave comparable linear:branched selectivity to that of non-coordinating solvents such as toluene (entry 5,6), MTBE (entry 1), or dioxane (entry 2).

Table 1.1. Solvent survey for the development of a linear-selective method.^a

O N N	+ ∐	5 mol % Cu(OAc)₂ 6 mol % P(<i>t</i> -Bu)₃•HBF₄ 5.5 mol % KO <i>t</i> -Bu	Me OH Ph	O ────────────────────────────────────
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Me Ph 1.2a	Me(MeO) ₂ SiH solvent, rt	O Ph	Ph Me OH
			1.3a linear (l)	1.4a branched (b)
Entry	Solvent	l:b ^b	% yield 1.3a ^c	dr 1.3 a^b
1	MTBE	78:22	52	92:8
2	Dioxane	76:24	62	93:7
3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	58:42	33	91:9
4	THF	75:25	33	93:7
5	toluene	76:24	61	93:7
6^d	toluene	74:26	60	93:7

^{*a*}Reactions performed as described in the general catalyst screening procedure. ^{*b*}Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopic analysis on the unpurified reaction mixture. ^{*c*}Determined by quantitative ¹HNMR analysis on the unpurified reaction mixture. ^{*d*}10 mol % of P(*t*-Bu)₃•HBF₄ and 10 mol % of KOⁱBu was used. While solvent choice had minimal impact on regio- and diastereoselectivity, reaction yield was significantly impacted. As the solvent became increasingly non-polar (entries 4, 1, 2, 5, respectively), an increase in yield was observed. The best overall results were observed with toluene (entry 5), which was therefore chosen as the model solvent choice. Increasing the ligand loading to 10 mol% (entry 6) led to no improvements, so 6 mol% ligand was kept as the optimal ligand loading.

We then began an investigation into the ligand used in an effort to favor the linear product, as per our proposal, (Table 1.2). The results given in Table 1.2 were performed by Dr. Joshua Sieber and two undergraduates in the laboratory (Skyler Gentry and Sharon Elele). Monodentate trialkyl phosphines showed modest favorability toward the linear product 1.3a (entries 1, 3, 4). Dcpe, a common bidentate ligand for CuH-reductive coupling reactions,^{80–83} favored the generation of the undesired branched product (entry 2) consistent with inhibition of oxazolidinone coordination by increasing the coordination number at Cu through use of a chelating ligand. After completing this comprehensive survey varying the steric and electronic properties of various ligands, a general trend was observed based on the electron-donating ability of the ligand used. The Tolman Electronic parameter^{105,106} can be used as a common value for comparison of the electron-donating ability of ligands. The Tolman Electronic parameter value represents the v_{CO} stretching frequency of a LNi(CO)₃ complex obtained by Infrared Spectroscopy (IR). It is a measurement of the strength of CO triple bond as impacted by the strength of backbonding to Ni that varies based on the electron-donating ability of the ligand L. Larger TEP values represent stronger CO bonds implying reduced backbonding to Ni which is less electron-rich due to reduced electron-donation by the ligand L. Linear selectivity was observed to increase using ligands with less electron-donating ability. This observation is consistent with oxazolidinone-Cu coordination being important for linear selectivity since as the ligand used becomes less electron-donating, copper would be expected to become more Lewis acidic, which would promote coordination of the carbonyl of the oxazolidinone to copper and overall result in increased linear selectivity.

		0 5 mol 6 m	l % Cu(OAc) ₂ nol % ligand	MeOH		
	1.2a 1	Ph (MeO) ₂ l tolu .1 th	MeSiH (2 equiv) O≳ ene, rt, 24 h nen NH₄F	Ph 1.3a	M	е ОН 1.4а
Entry	Ligand	TEP ^b	Cone angle ^c	$l:b^{\mathrm{d}}$	dr <i>linear</i> d	% yield <i>linear</i> ^d
1	PCy ₃	2056	170	80:20	84:16	68
2	dcpe		142	23:77	84:16	14
3	$P(t-Bu)_3$	2056	182	76:24	93:7	61
4	P(adam) ₃	2052		71:29	93:7	71
5	Sphos			9:91	68:32	7
6	Xphos			12:88	N.D.	5
7	t-BuXPhos			26:74	N.D.	5
8	P(o-tol) ₃	2067	194	70:30	81:19	14
9	P(NMe ₂) ₃	2062	157	83:17	87:13	79
10	P(OEt) ₃	2076	109	92:8	83:17	90
11	(PhO) ₂ PNMe ₂			97:3	90:10	97
12	L1			97:3	92:8	89
13	P(OPh) ₃	2085	128	99:1	89:11	76
14	P(C ₆ F ₅) ₃	2091	184	99:1	85:15	12

Table 1.2. *Ligand survey for the development of the linear-selective method*^{*a*}

^a**1.2a** (0.25 mmol) and **1.1** (0.30 mmol) in 0.5 mL of toluene. See the Experimental Information for details. ^bTolman electronic parameter of LNi(CO)₃ complex.^{105,106 c} Ligand cone angle obtained from literature.^{105 d}Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture.



There was a rough correlation between ligand cone angle and diastereocontrol with larger ligands affording higher diastereoselectivity (compare entries 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, and 13). This aspect will be further analyzed in *Section VI: stereo- and regiochemical model*. The highest linear selectivity and yield were obtained by phosphoramidite (PhO)₂PNMe₂ (entry 11). This phosphoramidite ligand was then selected as the optimal ligand to probe the substrate scope in the reaction.

B. Substrate Scope

After the reaction conditions were optimized, the scope of the reaction was examined by varying the ketone electrophile (**Scheme 1.6**). These results were obtained in collaboration with another graduate student in the lab, Raphael Klake. The reaction is highly linear selective and worked well for a wide variety of ketones including electron-rich (**1.3b,c,k,m**) and electron-poor arenes (**1.3e,o**). Analysis of the substrate scope determined that a variety of functional groups including nitriles (**1.3l**), amines (**1.3**), and free hydroxyl groups (**1.3**) were well tolerated. This is essential for the wide applicability of this reaction, as well as the ability to subsequently further functionalize the product. Lower yield was observed for the sterically hindered *ortho*-substituted aromatic ketones (**1.3c,i,j**), which required heating for full conversion. Sterically hindered heteroarenes (**1.3n,p,q**) examined offered slightly lower yield, with modest selectivity. This could be due to a combination of the steric difference between 6- and 5-membered aromatic rings as well as the electronic difference between arene and heteroarene systems.

When the size difference between the small and large R groups on the ketone reactant is made less significant, where the two R groups are closer in size, such as the examples of propiophenone **1.3d** and 2-phenylacetophenone **1.3f**, the regio- and diastereoselectivity are both reduced. The stereo- and regiochemical model for this reaction will be further analyzed in *Section VI: Stereo- and regiochemical model*. This method that we developed allowed us to form the novel linear product from these reductive coupling reactions with carbonyl electrophiles that had previously not been accessible.



^aPercent yield represents isolated yield of linear product as a mixture of two diastereomers on 0.5 mmol scale of **1.2** using 1.2 equiv of **1.1**. Diastereomeric ratios (dr) and linear:branched ratios (l:b) were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture. ^bReaction performed at 60 °C. ^cReaction performed at 40 °C. ^d4.0 equiv of Me(MeO)2SiH used.

V. Development of Branched-Selective Auxiliary-Controlled method A. Reaction Discovery

Based on our original proposal and previously developed linear-selective reductive coupling mechanism, we set out to develop a branched-selective coupling method to generate pharmaceutically-relevant chiral 1,2-aminoalcohol scaffolds. Our linear-selective work demonstrated that monodentate ligands that were less electron-donating favored linear product formation **1.3** presumably due to coordination of the oxazolidinone carbonyl to copper.¹⁰⁷ Based on this work, more electron-donating ligands^{105,106} that may inhibit oxazolidinone binding to Cu, or chelating ligands that may saturate copper's

coordination number were hypothesized to lead to branched product **1.4** selectively using the same Evans' auxiliary-derived allene **1.1**.

B. Reaction Development

We predicted that by using a ligand that could destabilize the coordinating ability of the oxazolidinone, a branched-selective process may be enabled through favoring reaction through the less sterically hindered transition structures **1.23a** or **1.23c** ($\mathbf{R'} = \mathbf{X_c}$, **Scheme 1.4**) from reaction with the linear substituted Cu(σ -allyl) nucleophile **1.22a** or **1.22c**. A survey of bidentate and electron-donating ligands was examined in collaboration with Dr. Joshua Sieber and Raphael Klake for this system (**Table 1.3**). Phosphines and phorsporamidite ligands, such as P(OPh)₃ (entry 1) and (PhO)₂PNMe₂ (entry 2) respectively, selectively generated the linear product, as seen in our previous work. Dcpe (entry 5), a common ligand used in reductive coupling reactions,^{80–82} favored the generation of branched product, but with low yield, regio-, and diastereoselectivity.

The use of more coordinating solvents did not aid in the reaction, as seen in entries 6 and 7. In our proposal, use of a coordinating solvent could have helped in our goal of favoring the branched product, as solvent coordination could saturate copper, preventing further coordination from the oxazolidinone carbonyl, and thus inhibit linear product formation. While this could occur, the effect of using coordinating solvent was not great enough to see any visible difference in selectivity.

Ligand bite angles represent the measured ligand-metal-ligand bond angle in which bidentate ligands attach to the metal; these values can be used as a measure of sterics effects around the metal center and have the potential to greatly affect the reaction.¹⁰⁸ The bite angle in this case did not have an effect on the reaction. This aspect was probed by surveying ligands with increasingly larger bite angles (seen in entries 5, 8, 9, and 10); however, the larger bite angle did not change the yield, dr, or regioselectivity in any comprehensive manner.

o U	+ 0 N	5 mol % Cu(OAc) ₂ 6 mol % ligand	Me OH		Ph
1.2a 1.1		(MeO) ₂ MeSiH (2 equiv) toluene, rt, 24 h then NH ₄ F	0 1.3a linear (I)		Me [°] OH 1.4a branched (b)
Entry	Ligand	TEP ^b	Yield b 1.4a ^c	Dr 1.4a ^c	b:l ^c
1	P(OPh) ₃	2085	<2		1:99
2	(PhO) ₂ PNMe ₂		2		3:97
3	P(NMe ₂) ₃	2062	16	88:12	17:83
4	PCy ₃	2056	17	93:7	20:80
5	dcpe		47	53:47	77:23
6	dcpe w/ DME		28	59:41	65:35
7	dcpe w/ THF		24	60:40	53:47
8	dcpm ^d		25	92:8	39:61
9	dcyppe ^e		32	54:46	66:34
10	depe ^f		27	57:43	50:50
11	IPr	2052	70	87:13	87:13
12	SIPr	2052	15	82:18	99:1
13	IMes	2051	76	93:7	83:17
14	SIMes	2052	78	92:8	89:11

Table 1.3. Branched-selective reductive coupling ligand survey^a

^aA1 (0.25 mmol) and 1 (0.30 mmol) in 0.5 mL of toluene. ^b Tolman electronic parameters obtained from literature.^{105,106 c} Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as a standard. ^d Dicyclohexylphosphinomethane. ^e Dicyclopentylphosphinoethane. ^f Diethylphosphinoethane.



Finally, the use of electron-rich *N*-heterocyclic carbene ligands (NHC's) allowed for the selective production of the branched product (**Table 1.3**, entries 13 and 14). NHC's, such as IMes and SIMes, are sterically bulky and highly electron-donating ligands¹⁰⁶ that allow for inhibition of oxazolidinone

coordination to the Cu-catalyst, leading to branched product **1.4a** selectivity. IMes and SIMes, for the purposes of this method, gave similarly high yields, with high stereoselectivity and diastereoselectivity.

C. Scope of Reaction – Substrate scope

Once the branched-selective method was developed and optimized, we set out to probe the scope of the reaction (**Scheme 1.7**). The reactions were performed in collaboration with fellow graduate students Raphael Klake and Kevin Burns.



^a Isolated yields are of the branched product as a mixture of detectable diastereomers as an average of two experiments performed on a 0.5 mmol scale of **1.2** using 1.2 equiv of **1.1**. Diastereomeric ratios (dr's) and branched:linear ratios (b:l) were determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture. ^b IMes·HCl was used. ^c Reaction performed at 40 °C. ^d Double the catalyst loading used. ^e Isolated yield and dr of the linear isomer. ^f Reaction performed at 60 °C.

The reaction tolerated electron-rich and electron-poor aryl ketones, and was tolerant of arylhalides **1.4n**, heterocycles **1.4e,f,g,h**, and amines **1.4m**. The reaction using NHC's is highly branched selective, but very sensitive to sterics. Aryl ketones containing a *meta*-substituent generated lower yield with lower regioselectivity, **1.4d**, **1.4j**. Also, *ortho*-substituted aryl ketones **1.4l** were not well tolerated and gave near

equal yields of branched and linear product, even with heating at 40°C and double the catalyst loading. Finally, sp³-containing aliphatic ketones, such as cyclohexyl methyl ketone **1.3r**, and cyclic ketones, such as cyclohexanone **1.3v**, generated greater yields of the linear product.

VI. Stereo- and Regiochemical model

A. Effect of Oxazolidinone Structure on Regioselectivity

With the data from these two consecutive projects in hand, we set out to understand what factors govern the regio- and stereoselectivity of these reductive coupling reactions in more detail. For the purpose of this system, regioselectivity is defined as the ratio of the linear and branched products generated, as determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified crude reaction mixture. Diastereoselectivity is then defined as the ratio of the diastereomers of the respective linear or branched product produced in these reactions, as determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified crude reaction mixture. Because the chiral alleneamide contains a stereocenter, the diastereomers produced from these reactions are effectively enantiomers after the chiral auxiliary is cleaved, as only one stereocenter would remain.



The effect of the oxazolidinone structure on regioselectivity was investigated by examining the yield and selectivity of the reaction of large and small oxazolidinone-based alleneamides with phosphine ligands of varying electron-donating ability. Chiral allenamide **1.1** allowed for selective generation of the linear product **1.3a** for both the optimized linear-selective phosphoramidite ligand and electron-rich PCy₃.

However, when the smaller achiral oxazolidinone-based alleneamide (1.32, Scheme 1.8) was tested, the optimized linear-selective ligand generated the linear product 1.33a with less regioselectivity than the chiral alleneamide 1.1. Also, when this achiral alleneamide 1.32 was used with electron-rich ligands, such as both PCy_3 and SIMes, the reaction generated the branched product 1.34a selectively. This is proposed to be due to the minimization of the A_{1,3}-interaction that will be discussed in the next section.

B. Regio- and Stereochemical Model

Equipped with the linear- and branched-selective reaction methods developed, we were able to analyze the data to propose a stereo- and regiochemical model (Scheme 1.9). This work showed that less electron-donating phosphine ligands generate the linear product selectively, through γ -addition of the branched Cu(allyl) complex *b*-1.25 to ketone 1.2a via a six-membered chair-like transition state TS-2 with the oxazolidinone group in an axial position and coordinated to copper for selective reaction to the Si-face of 1.2a.



Initial hydrocupration is mechanistically proposed to occur trans to the large oxazolidinone group,¹⁰⁹ leading to the Z-geometry of the σ -(allyl)Cu complex *l*-*Z*-**1.25**. Because the turnover limiting step in copper-catalyzed reductive coupling reactions between allenes and ketones is believed to be the addition of the Cu-allyl species to the ketone electrophile,^{80–82} the Z- σ -(allyl)Cu complex *l*-*Z*-**1.25** can equilibrate prior to coupling with the ketone. The regioselectivity is proposed to be a competition in the equilibrium between the strength of the oxazolidinone coordination to copper and the magnitude of the A_{1,3}-strain present. Thus, linear selectivity is due to the favoring of branched σ -(allyl)Cu complex *b*-**1.25** over the linear σ -Cu(allyl) complex *l*-*Z*-**1.25**, because of the allylic A_{1,3}-strain present and the directing effect of the oxazolidinone.

As the phosphine ligand's electron-donating ability decreases, the linear selectivity increases, leading to an increased favoring of the α - σ -Cu(allyl) complex *b*-**1.25** due to the increased electrophilic nature of the copper in these states. Also, it should be noted that the size of the oxazolidinone affects the magnitude of the A_{1,3}-interactions. Larger oxazolidinone-derived alleneamides, such as **1.1**, generate more A_{1,3}-strain, which leads to a preference for linear product formation, as demonstrated in **Scheme 1.8**, when comparing the effect of the oxazolidinone in the reaction. Because the use of both electron-rich and electron-deficient phosphine ligands with alleneamide **1.1** provides linear selectivity, the primary interaction leading to linear selection is the A_{1,3}-strain present in intermediate **1.37**.



Ligand electronics still play an essential role, as weakening the electron-donating ability of the ligand used leads to an increase in linear selectivity, most likely due to the enhanced ability of the oxazolidinone carbonyl to coordinate to copper as copper becomes more electrophilic. As NHC ligands are
employed, **Scheme 1.10**, the initial hydrocupration occurs in the same manner as with the phosphine ligands, but the coordination of the oxazolidinone carbonyl of *b*-**1.38** to copper is prevented both by the strong electron-donating ability of the ligand and by the steric shielding by the bulky mesitylene group of the carbene ligand.¹⁰⁶ This steric shielding effect using NHC ligands is evidenced by the use of SIPr, an electronically similar yet more sterically demanding ligand compared to SIMes, leading to higher branched selectivity but with poorer diastereoselectivity (**Table 1.3**, entry 12). The larger, more sterically hindering SIPr allows for even further steric shielding of the copper atom.

The inhibition of the oxazolidinone carbonyl coordination to copper results in the preference of the generation of linear σ -(allyl)Cu complex *l*-*Z*-**1.38**, which then couples to the ketone in a dipoleminimizing^{110–112} Zimmerman-Traxler 6-membered chair-like^{83,113} transition state, generating the branched product **1.4a**. In this case, the effects of employing the NHC ligand are stronger than those of the A_{1,3}-strain present in the linear(allyl)Cu complex *l*-*Z*-**1.25**, resulting in the selective formation of the branched product. However, when more sterically demanding ketones, such as cyclic, *ortho*-substituted, and dialkyl ketones are analyzed, **Scheme 1.7**, lower branched selectivity is observed. This decrease in regioselectivity is most likely due to an increase in steric interactions in the transition state **1.39a**, by the presence of *ortho*-substitution and non-planar groups on the ketone, causing a higher energy transition state to generate the branched product that would be harder to overcome, leading to a shift in the equilibrium to favor the linear product.

This proposed stereo- and regiochemical model accounts for the correct major products and diastereomers formed in each reaction, serving as stereochemical proof of oxazolidinone coordination to copper in the transition state. Further computational analysis of the mechanism by our collaborators has shown that the reaction outcome is a product of Curtin-Hammett control,¹¹⁴ as the stereochemical outcome is a direct result of the transition states in **Scheme 1.9** having the lowest energy pathways.⁸⁴

Overall, a delicate balance in the equilibrium determines the regio- and stereo-selectivity in these copper-catalyzed reductive coupling reactions between alleneamides and ketones. This balance is dominated by $A_{1,3}$ -interactions – which can be influenced by the size of the oxazolidinone group, as well

as the strength of the oxazolidinone carbonyl coordination to copper – which is influenced by the ligand electron-donating ability as well as the possibility of steric shielding by large, bulky ligands.

VII. Development Towards a Linear-Selective Enantioselective MethodA. Chiral alleneamide vs chiral ligand control

The two works described thus far have utilized a chiral auxiliary-derived alleneamide as the allyl coupling partner. This pre-installed chirality serves to impart stereocontrol throughout the course of the reaction. This method is useful when necessary but is not an ideal choice due to the low efficiency in atom economy, as it requires more chiral material to be carried through the reaction. Instead, stereocontrol by a chiral Cu-catalyst is ideal and allows the catalytic use of chiral materials over the stoichiometric methods reported previously. For this reason, our next endeavor was to develop an enantioselective reductive coupling method to generate the linear product by way of chiral-catalyst control.

B. Linear-selective enantioselective reaction development

The goal of this work was to develop a chiral catalyst that enabled the linear-selective asymmetric reductive coupling with ketone electrophiles. Buchwald's group has published an enantioselective catalyst-controlled branched-selective reaction of this nature using *C*-based allenes,⁸² but our focus was to use alleneamides to generate the novel linear product enantioselectively while installing multiple heteroatoms.

From the regio- and stereochemical model presented in **Section VI**, linear product generation is favored with the use of large oxazolidinones due to an increase in $A_{1,3}$ -strain that helps shift the equilibrium. reductive coupling product. With this knowledge in hand, we set out to generate a catalyst-controlled enantioselective linear-selective reductive coupling method and began by utilizing the bulky fused-phenyl alleneamide **1.6** (Table 1.4) to help skew the reaction towards the linear product **1.7a**.

	Me + (M	Cu(OAc) ₂ Ligand eO) ₂ MeSiH (2 equiv) solvent, rt, 24 h	O N	OH	
	1.2a 1.6	then NH ₄ F			
	1.0	X' 11 (L (D)	1.7a	FD	
Entry	Ligand	Yield (L/B)	L:B	EK	<u> </u>
1	DCPE	49.3% B	n.d	50:50	0
2	(S)-iPr-PHOX	8% B	<1:99	-	-
3	L1	2% B	<1:99	-	-
4	L2	9% B	18:82	-	-
5	L3	1.5% B	>1:99	-	-
6	L4	1.5	54:46	-	-
7	L5	2	37:63	-	-
8	(R,R)-PhBPE	23.8% B	29:71	-	-
9	L6	16	54.5 : 45.5	-	-
10	L7	28	69:31	46:54	8
11	L8	59	87.5 : 12.5	48.5 : 51.5	3
12	L9	49	88:12	47:53	6
13	L10	5	29.5 : 70.5	-	-
14	Sugar 1	69	>99:1	49.7:50.3	0.6
15	Sugar 2	28	95:5	57:43	14
16	H(BINOL)-P(NMe2) (MonoPhos)	73	92:8	50:50	0
17	(Me)BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	71	>99:1	47:53	6
18	(Br)BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	74	98.7:1.3	46.5:53.5	7
19	(Ph)BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	84	>99:1	50:50	0
20	(p-tBuPh)BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	86	98:2	53:47	6
21	(Ph ₃ Si)BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	20	n.d.	45:55	10
22	(Anthro)-BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	62	>99:1	65:35	30
23	(Anthro)BINOL-P(NEt ₂)	78	97.2:2.8	49:51	2
24	H8-BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	71	97.5:2.5	54:46	8
25	(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-H8-BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	65	95:5	56:44	12
26	(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-H8-BINOL-P(N	(Me ₂) 91	97.5:2.5	65:35	30
27	(mesityl)-H8-BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	45	92:8	60:40	20

Table 1.4. Ligand survey for the development of enantioselective linear-selective method.



We commenced the investigation into the reductive coupling between the fused phenyl alleneamide **1.6** and acetophenone **1.2a** by examining various chiral ligands to determine the optimal ligand for this system (**Table 1.4**). Use of bidentate ligands (entries 1-5, 8) in this system yielded high branched selectivity, which aligns with our previous stereo- and regiochemical model presented in **Section VI**. Initially, BINOLderived ligands were screened for this reaction due to their classification as privileged ligands – chiral ligands containing a C_2 -axis – which allow for chiral control of multiple reaction types,¹¹⁵ and their electronic similarities to (PhO)₂PNMe₂, the optimal ligand in the linear-selective process employing chiral allenamides. The BINOL-derived ligands examined were prepared by previous group member Kevin Burns, according to literature procedures.¹¹⁶⁻¹²²

As seen in **Table 1.4**, the standard ligand classes examined gave decent yield, however, none demonstrated high enantioselectivity. The best enantioselectivity initially observed was with the use of 3,3'-Anthracenyl-BINOL-P-NMe₂ (entry 21) with an er of 65:35. A trend in the effect of the ligand sterics on enantioselectivity was noticed, as increasingly larger groups in the 3,3'-position of the BINOL-backbone (entries 16, 17, 19, 20, 22); however, these changes induced little impact on enantioselectivity.

From here, we became familiar with recent work in allylation from the Meek group,¹²³ in which the investigators were getting much better results in their allylation system with the hydrogenated H8-BINOL derivatives. The saturated external rings of the H8-BINOL system leads to a change in the rotation axis, changing the interaction of the ligand at the metal center, which affects the rest of the reaction system.¹²⁴ The H8-BINOL ligand system poses the additional benefit of being easier to synthesize than the traditional BINOL ligands. With this knowledge, we set out to try it for ourselves. A series of H8-BINOL ligands were prepared in collaboration with an undergraduate researcher in our lab (Christian Knott), in accordance to the literature,^{123,125–128} and examined in this system. Our current results reflect that (3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-H8-BINOL-P-NMe₂ (entry 26) is the best performing ligand thus far, with the same enantioselectivity as Anthracene-BINOL-PNMe₂, but with a stark increase in yield and regioselectivity. To this point, an optimal ligand to favor high linear selectivity enantioselectively has yet to be identified; The search remains and is an ongoing effort in the Sieber Lab.

VIII. Development towards an Enantioselective Reductive Coupling Method with CF3-ketones

A. Fluorine in APIs

Fluorinated organic compounds are prevalent in the pharmaceutical industry for the development of new medicines due to the C-F bond's innate ability to increase lipophilicity and metabolic stability.^{129,130} The C-F bond cannot be metabolized *in vivo*, and therefore the C-F substituted drug would be more potent and longer-lasting in the body than the drug itself.^{131,132} The electronegativity of fluorine creates a strong dipole and low-lying C-F σ^* orbital,¹³⁰ available for hyperconjugative donation, while the small radius of fluorine poses similar steric effects as hydrogen. The formed dipoles can allow for conformational control via alignment and minimization of dipoles. The electronegativity of the C-F bond influences the pKa of the molecule and increases the lipophilicity, making the F-substituted drug more easily able to enter cells and thus be more bioavailable.¹³³ Due to the factors mentioned above, it is crucial to utilize fluorinated species in chemical reactions to generate fluorinated drug molecules. With this premise, we wanted to apply trifluoroacetophenone (1.5a) to the reductive coupling reactions employing allenamides. The use of trifluoroacetophenone and other CF₃-ketones 1.5 would allow for the generation of CF₃-aminoalcohols, a relevant medicinal chemistry scaffold. The ability to synthesize these fluorinated compounds would open doors to new fluorinated drug scaffolds with simplified synthetic routes.

B. Reaction optimization and ligand survey using CF₃-ketones

A ligand survey for the same achiral fused-phenyl alleneamide **1.6** was performed and showed a higher yield of linear than branched products, but with high levels of CF₃-ketone reduction **1.40a** (**Table 1.5**). The best enantioselectivity achieved thus far utilized a BINOL-derived ligand.

The most significant issue consistently seen thus far is the high generation of CF_3 -ketone reduction **1.40** which arises from the increased reactivity of the trifluoromethyl ketone (**1.5a**). This should be avoidable by the slow addition of ketone **1.5a** overtime via syringe-pump addition, slowing the competing ketone reduction process by making the ketone to catalyst ratio incredibly small within the reaction. Syringe-pump addition has been used in our lab in similar reactions using aldehydes¹³⁴ and greatly decreases the generation of the reduction product.

The TADDOL core (**Table 1.5**, entries 24-37) has shown a significant impact on the reactivity, as the rate of CF₃-ketone reduction is suppressed. The H8-BINOL ligand systems will also be examined for this reaction. Once an optimal ligand for this system has been identified, the reaction conditions must still be optimized, and future CF₃-ketones analyzed can either be commercially purchased or prepared via various literature procedures.¹³⁵ This reaction seems to be naturally linear-selective; however, the development of either branched- or linear-selective methods would be novel.

Table 1.5. Ligand survey for the development of an enantioselective linear-selective method for coupling with CF₃-ketones.

~	5 mol % Cu(OAc) ₂ 6 mol % ligand	F ₃ C OH	он		
	CF ₃ + O Me(MeO) ₂ SiH solvent, rt		+ CF ₃	+	Ph
	1.5a 1.6	Linear	Reduction	F ₃ Branc	ched
		1.7a	1.40a	1.4	1a
Entry	Ligand	% Yield L 1.7a	L : Red : B	ER 1.7a	EE 1.7 a
1	(PhO) ₂ P(NMe ₂)	45	48:52:0	50:50	0
2	Walphos-008 (W8)	0	0:100:0	-	-
3	(R)-SEGPhos	<1	1:99:0	-	-
4	(R)-BINAP	2	3:97:0	-	-
5	(<i>R</i>)-BINOL-(2'-Me-thq)	5	9:85:6	74:26	48
6	JosiPhos-006	6	9:91:0	-	-
7	(R,R)-PhBPE	19	31:69:0	-	-
8	Only silane and CF3 ketone	0	0:100:0	-	-
9	(R) – Monophos (L11)	11	35:40:25	57:43	14
10	(R)-(Me)BINOL-P(NMe ₂) (L12)	47	74 : 26 : 0	48:52	4
11	(R)-Ph-BINOL-P(NMe ₂) (L13)	26	40:60:0	45 : 55	10
12	(R)-BINOL-P(^{<i>t</i>} Bu) (L14)	34	50:50:0	46 : 54	8
13	(R)-BINOL-(2'-Me-thq) ^b	28	30:63:7	43:57	14
14	[(S)-BINOL]P-Ethyl-P[(S)-BINOL] (L15)	33	55:45:0	51:49	2
15	(S)-Antphos	17	17:83:0	60:40	20
16	L16	4.5	14:61:25	39:61	22
17	(R)-H8-BINOL-P(NMe ₂)	40	58.5:41.5:0	46:54	8
18	(R)-VAPOL-P(NMe ₂)	32	41:53:6	61 : 39	22
19	(R)-VANOL-P(NMe ₂)	32	36:53:11	54:46	8
20	(R)-BIDIME	16	20:80:0	52:48	4
21	(R,R)- <i>i</i> Pr-BIDIME	16	29:68:4	48:52	4
22	(R)-SIPHOS	25	32:68:0	44 : 56	12
23	(S)-PipPhos	39	66:34:0	45 : 55	10
24	(S)-TADDOL-P-(NMe ₂)	36	50:50:0	38:62	24
25	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(NMe ₂) (L7)	89	92:8:0	30:70	40
26	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(NiPr2) (L8)	51	58:42:0	39:61	22
27	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(Ph) (L17)	95	95:5:0	34:66	32
28	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(2'-Me-thq) (L18)	65	68:28:4	45 : 55	10
29	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P-Piperidine (L6)	85	91:9:0	28:72	44
30	(S)-tBu TADDOL-P((S)-2-methyl-piperidine) (L10)	80	85:15:0	30.5 : 69.5	39
31	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P((R)-2-methyl-piperidine) (L9)	60	77:23:0	37:63	26
32	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(NMe ₂), ran at 1M (L7)	63%, 8% Red	88:12:0	29:71	42
33	(S)-tBu-TADDOL-P(NMe ₂), ran at 0.1M (L7)	13.5, 40% SM	79:12:9	31:69	38
34	(S)-Xylyl-TADDOL-P(NMe ₂) (L19)	62	67:33:0	34:66	32
35	(S)-Xylyl-TADDOL-P(Ph) (L20)	78	80:20:0	46:54	8
36	(S)-Xylyl-TADDOL-Piperidine (L21)	73	75:25:0	40:60	20
37	1-Naphthyl-TADDOL-P(NMe ₂)	24	32:66:2	43:57	14

^{*a*}Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as the analytical standard. ^{*b*} Half of ketone added initially, half added after 8 hours.



(S)-Naphthyl-TADDOL-P-(NMe₂)

IX. Conclusions

Through the work described, we developed regiodivergent and diastereoselective reductive coupling methods to generate dissonant functional group pairs. These methods are the first disclosed to generate the novel linear product **1.3**, as well as directly access both the traditional branched product and the novel linear product from the same system by simply tuning the ligand. The use of a chiral auxiliary-derived alleneamide **1.1** allows the stereocontrol over the newly formed stereocenter, generating the desired products each with high diastereoselectivity. Simple removal of the auxiliary gives access to the dissonant branched aminoalcohol and linear hydroxyaldehyde equivalent products. This method involves the use of inexpensive and readily available starting materials, as well as the ability to generate increasingly complex products containing dissonant functionalities.

In addition to the generation of the chiral auxiliary-controlled system for generating the branched and linear products diastereoselectively, the ongoing development of an enantioselective linear-selective method to couple fused-phenyl alleneamides **1.6** with ketones **1.2** and trifluoromethyl ketones **1.5** was here described. This work is still in progress and will require the development and analysis of new ligand systems to yield higher enantioselectivity for the reaction with ketones. In the coupling of trifluoromethyl ketones, the use of syringe-pump addition of the CF_3 -ketone will most likely be the solution to increase the yields to an acceptable degree to allow for further optimization of the reaction, while preventing the generation of the CF_3 -ketone reduction product **1.40**.

X. Experimental Methods

A. General

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as an internal standard (CDCl3: 7.26 ppm, C6D6: 7.15 ppm; MeOD: 4.78 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, h = hextet, hept = heptet, br = broad, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz (151 MHz) instrument with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm, C₆D₆: 128.4 ppm; MeOD: 49.2 ppm). Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow (flash chromatography) on silica gel purchased from Silicycle. Thin layer

chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass-backed 250 μm silica gel F254 plates purchased from Silicycle. Visualization was achieved using UV light, a 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH, or potassium permanganate in water followed by heating. HRMS was collected using a Jeol AccuTOFDARTTM mass spectrometer using DART source ionization. Specific rotations were measured on a JASCO P2000 digitial polarimeter. All reactions were conducted in oven or flame dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon with magnetic stirring unless otherwise noted. Solvents were obtained from VWR as HPLC grade and transferred to septa sealed bottles, degased by Ar sparge, and analyzed by Karl-Fischer titration to ensure water content was < 600 ppm. Me(MeO)₂SiH was purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. Allenamides were prepared in one step as described in the literature.¹³⁶ (PhO)₂PNMe₂ was prepared from hexamethylphosphorous triamide (HMPT) and phenol according to the literature procedure,¹³⁷ and the density was determined experimentally (1.10 g/cm³). Ketones were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI America, Alfa Aesar, or Oakwood Chemicals and used as received. All other materials were purchased from VWR, Sigma Aldrich, Combi-Blocks, Alfa-Aesar, or Strem Chemical Company and used as received.

B. Experimental Procedures

i. Linear procedures

General catalyst screen procedure for the reaction between acetophenone and allenamide 1.1 (Table 1.1 and 1.2):



To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 2.3 mg (0.013 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂, and 0.015 mmol of ligand. Toluene (0.5 mL) was then charged, and the mixture was stirred for 5 min. Allenamide **1.1** (60.4 mg, 0.300 mmol) followed by acetophenone (29.0 μ L, 30.0 mg, 0.250 mmol) was then charged, and the vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath, and dimethoxymethylsilane (61 μ L, 2 equiv) was charged by syringe (*caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal). The mixture was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 95 mg of NH₄F and 1.5 mL of MeOH followed by extraction with DCM (2x4mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated <i>in vacuo*. To the crude residue was charged dimethylfumarate (10 – 15 mg), and the mixture was diluted in ~0.5 mL of CDCl₃. Further dilution of an aliquot and analysis by NMR was used to determine the yield, dr, and b/l ratio.

Modified procedure for the use of ligand salts ($P(t-Bu)_3$): To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 0.015 mmol $P(t-Bu)_3 \bullet HBF_4$ and 1.5 mg (0.013 mmol) of KO^tBu. Toluene (0.5 mL) was then charged, and the mixture stirred for 5 min. To the vial was then charged 2.3 mg (0.013 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂, and the mixture was stirred an additional 5 min. The remaining reagents were then charged and the reaction performed as described above.

General procedure for the linear selective Cu(phosphoramidite) catalyzed reductive coupling (Scheme 1.6).

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 4.5 mg (0.025 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂ and 1.0 mL of toluene. (PhO)₂PNMe₂ was then charged by gas-tight syringe (7.75 µL, 0.033 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. Allene **1.1** (0.121 g, 0.600 mmol) was then added, followed by the ketone (0.500 mmol), and the vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath, and dimethoxymethylsilane (0.12 mL, 1.0 mmol) was charged by syringe (*caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal).* The mixture was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 190 mg of NH₄F and 2.5 mL of MeOH followed by agitation at rt for 30 min – 1 h. To the mixture was then charged 10 mL of 5% NaHCO₃ followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x5mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. An aliquot of the crude mixture was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

ii. Analytical data for the reductive coupling products

Other compounds that are not characterized here were made and characterized by other group members.^{107,138}



(*S*)-3-((*S*,*Z*)-4-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-1-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.3b): According to the linear-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 20 – 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 148.7 mg (84%) of **1.3b** as a thick glass as a 90/10 mixture of diasteromers. Stereochemistry was determined by analogy to that of **1.3a**. R_f =0.24 (50% EtOAc/hexanes). [α]_D²⁵ = + 19.19 (*c* 0.285, CHCl₃); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.30 – 7.42 (m, 5H), 7.31

(dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.84 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 5.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (td, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 6.6 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz), 1.51 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.2, 156.7, 139.8, 137.8, 129.4, 129.1, 126.5, 126.0, 123.3, 121.3, 113.4, 73.0, 70.2, 61.6, 55.3, 41.9, 31.0 HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 354.1705; Found [M + H]⁺: 354.1716.



(*S*)-3-((*S*,*Z*)-4-(3-bromophenyl)-4-hydroxypent-1-en-1-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (*1.3g*): According to the linear-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 20 - 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 169.8 mg (84.5%) of *l*-**1.3g** as a thick glass as an 88/12 mixture of diasteromers. Stereochemistry was determined by analogy to that of *l*-**1.3a**. R_f = 0.35 (50% EtOAc/hexanes). [α]_D²⁵ = + 5.51 (*c* 0.265, CHCl₃); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.59 – 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.32 – 7.43 (m, 5H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H),

7.18 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (td, J = 9.2 Hz, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.72 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.8, 150.3, 137.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 126.5, 123.7, 123.6, 122.5, 121.4 72.8, 70.2, 61.8, 41.7, 31.1. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₁BrNO₃ [M + H]⁺: 402.0705; Found [M]⁺: 402.0699.



(*S*)-3-((*S*,*Z*)-4-hydroxy-4-(o-tolyl)pent-1-en-1-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (*l*-1.3i): According to the linear-selective general procedure performed at 40 °C for 24 h, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 10 – 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 126.8 mg (75%) of *l*-1.3i as an off white solid as a 97/3 mixture of diasteromers. Stereochemistry was determined by analogy to that of *l*-1.3a. $R_f = 0.34$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = + 21.9$ (*c* 0.315, CHCl₃); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.44 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.35 – 7.42 (m, 3H),

7.24 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 5.72 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (td, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 6.9 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.7, 144.6, 137.8, 135.1, 132.6, 129.4, 129.1, 126.9, 126.5, 126.3, 125.7, 123.4, 121.4, 74.5, 70.2, 61.6, 39.8, 29.7, 22.5. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₄NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 338.1756; Found [M + H]⁺: 338.1767.



(*S*)-3-((*S*,*Z*)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-hydroxypent-1-en-1yl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (*l*-1.3k): According to the linearselective general procedure performed at 40 °C for 24 h, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 10 – 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 153.4 mg (83%) of *l*-1.3k as a thick glass as a 88/11 mixture of diasteromers. $R_f = 0.26$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes). $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.99$ (*c* 0.515, CHCl₃); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.35 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, J =

1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.69 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (td, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (s, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 15 Hz

9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, J = 7.8 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 1.49, (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.6, 156.5, 138.1, 134.2, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 127.1, 126.5, 122.4, 121.2, 120.8, 111.1, 74.0, 70.1, 61.4, 55.3, 39.4, 27.5. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₀NO₄ [M – OH]⁺: 350.1392; Found [M – OH]⁺: 350.1417.



(*S*)-3-((*S*,*Z*)-4-hydroxy-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)pent-1-en-1-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (*l*-1.3m): According to the linear-selective general procedure using 4.0 equiv of (MeO)₂MeSiH, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 10 – 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 141.1 mg (83%) of *l*-1.3m as a foam as a 90/10 mixture of diasteromers. $R_f = 0.18$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes). $[\alpha]_D^{25} =$ + 9.12 (*c* 0.49, CHCl₃); ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.35 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.24 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.9 Hz,

1H), 6.95 - 7.01 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (dd, J = 7.4 Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (td, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, J = 18 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 1H), 2.69 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 15 Hz, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 157.3, 156.4, 149.1, 137.6, 129.35, 129.30, 129.1, 126.6, 123.1, 121.7, 116.5, 113.8, 112.4, 73.9, 70.4, 61.6, 41.6, 30.1. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₀H₂₂NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 340.1549; Found [M – OH]⁺: 340.1529.

iii. Branched procedures

General catalyst screen procedure for the reaction between acetophenone and allenamide 1.1 (Table 1.3):



To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 2.3 mg (0.013 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂, and 0.015 mmol of ligand. Toluene (0.5 mL) was then charged, and the mixture was stirred for 5 min. Alleneamide **1.1** (60.4 mg, 0.300 mmol) followed by acetophenone (29.0 μ L, 30.0 mg, 0.250 mmol) was then charged, and the vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath, and dimethoxymethylsilane (61 μ L, 2 equiv) was charged by syringe (*caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal).*

mixture was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 95 mg of NH₄F and 1.5 mL of MeOH followed by agitation at rt for 30 min – 1 h. To the mixture was then charged 5 mL of 5% NaHCO₃ followed by extraction with DCM (2x4mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the crude residue was charged dimethylfumarate (10 – 15 mg), and the mixture was diluted in ~0.5 mL of CDCl₃. Further dilution of an aliquot and analysis by NMR was used to determine the yield, dr, and b/l ratio.

Modified procedure for the use of ligand salts (NHC ligands or $P(t-Bu)_3$): To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 0.015 mmol of NHC•HCl or $P(t-Bu)_3$ •HBF₄ and 1.5 mg (0.013 mmol) of KO^tBu. Toluene (0.5 mL) was then charged, and the mixture stirred for 5 min. To the vial was then charged 2.3 mg (0.013 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂, and the mixture was stirred an additional 5 min. The remaining reagents were then charged and the reaction performed as described above.

General procedure for the branched-selective Cu(NHC) catalyzed reductive coupling (Scheme 1.7).

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 4.5 mg (0.025 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂, 11.1 mg (0.0325 mmol) of SIMes•HCl, and 3.1 mg (0.028 mmol) of KO'Bu. Toluene (1.0 mL) was then added, and the mixture was allowed to stir for 15 min. Allene **1.1** (0.121 g, 0.600 mmol) was then added, followed by the ketone (0.500 mmol), and the vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. Dimethoxymethylsilane (0.12 mL, 1.0 mmol) was then charged by syringe (*caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal) at rt, and the mixture was then allowed to stir for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 190 mg of NH₄F and 2.5 mL of MeOH followed by agitation at rt for 30 min – 1 h. To the mixture was then charged 10 mL of 5% NaHCO₃ followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x5mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated <i>in vacuo*. An aliquot of the crude mixture was analyzed by ¹HNMR spectroscopy to determine the dr and the l/b ratio. The crude residue was then dry-loaded onto silica gel using CH₂Cl₂ and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product.

iv. Analytical data for the reductive coupling products



(S)-3-((3S,4S-4-hydroxy-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)pent-1-en-3-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.4b): According to the branched-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 129.1 mg (63%) of 1.4b in 87 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 95/5 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products

N-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one could not be removed by chromatography). Analytically and diastereomerically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 64% recovery of the major

diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of $142.0 - 146.2^{\circ}$ C The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of **1.4a**. R_f = 0.09 (20% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (br s, 1H), 6.20 (dt, *J* = 17 Hz, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, *J* = 10 Hz, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dd, *J* = 9.4 Hz, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.9, 158.2, 138.1, 135.4, 130.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.6, 126.3, 121.0, 113.2, 75.17, 70.77, 68.09, 61.67, 55.31, 29.27. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₂₁H₂₂NO₃ [M - OH]⁺: 336.1600; Found [M - OH]⁺: 336.1632.



(S)-3-((3S,4S-4-hydroxy-(4-furan-2-yl)pent-1-en-3-yl)-4-

phenyloxazolidin-2-one (**1.4g**): According to the branched-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 148.7 mg (78%) of **1.4g** in 82.5 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 98/2 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products *N*-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one

could not be removed by chromatography). Analytically and diastereomerically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 70% recovery of the major diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of 125.3 – 129.4°C. The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of **1.4a**. $R_f = 0.29$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.28-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.37 (dd, *J* = 17 Hz, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (dt, *J* = 17 Hz, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, *J* = 10 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 158.3, 140.9, 135.8, 129.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 121.6, 110.5, 105.7, 121.1, 73.1, 71.2, 66.73, 61.83, 26.11. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₈NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 314.1392; Found [M + H]⁺: 314.1392.



(S)-3-((3S,4S-4-hydroxy-4-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)pent-1-en-3-yl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.4h): According to the branched-selective general procedure employing IMes•HCl as ligand, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 165.2 mg (83%) of 1.4h in 86 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 96/4 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products *N*-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4-phenyloxazolidin-2-

one could not be removed by chromatography). Analytically and diastereomerically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 40% recovery of the major diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of $100.0 - 103.1^{\circ}$ C.The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of *syn-b*-**12a**. R_f = 0.18 (20% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (br s, 1H), 6.59 (dd, *J* = 2.3 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d,

J = 3 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dt, J = 17 Hz, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.2, 148.5, 137.8, 135.8, 130.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 124.9, 122.8, 121.3, 74.64, 71.14, 68.99, 61.74, 29.67, 15.34. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₀NO₂S [M – OH]⁺: 326.1215; Found [M – OH]⁺: 326.1237.



(S)-3-((3S,4S-4-hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)pent-1-en-3-yl)-4phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.4i): According to the branched-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 134.8 mg (58%) of 1.4i in 73 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 92/8 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products *N*-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4phenyloxazolidin-2-one could not be removed by chromatography).

Analytically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 20% recovery of the major diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of 115.3 – 116.6°C. The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of **1.4a**. $R_f = 0.28$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.39 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (br s, 1H), 6.20 (dt, J = 17 Hz, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 9.4 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1, 143.1, 136.1, 135.6, 131.0, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.7, 125.3, 121.2, 75.50, 70.93, 68.21, 61.82, 29.42, 21.24.



(S)-3-((3S,4S)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-hydroxypent-1en-3-yl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.4j): According to the branchedselective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 155.3 mg (70%) of 1.4j in 83 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 85/15 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products *N*-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4phenyloxazolidin-2-one could not be removed by chromatography).

Analytically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 70% recovery of the major diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of 159.2 - 166.1°C. The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of **1.4a**. $R_f = 0.12$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (dd, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (br s, 1H), 6.52 (br s, 1H), 6.20 (dt, J = 17 Hz, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 25 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 0.5 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 17 Hz, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1, 147.3, 146.3, 140.3,

135.4, 130.9, 129.7, 129.2, 128.8, 121.3, 118.5, 107.8, 106.5, 101.1, 75.52, 70.94, 68.22, 61.92, 29.59 ppm.



(S)-3-((3S,4S)-4-hydroxy-4-phenylhex-1-en-3-yl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.4k): According to the branched-selective general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 104 mg (61%) of 1.4k in 99 wt% purity by quantitative ¹H NMR spectroscopy using dimethylfumarate as analytical standard as a white solid as a 97/3 mixture of diasteromers (allene rearrangement products *N*-allyl and *N*-propenyl 4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one could not be removed by chromatography).

Analytically pure material could be obtained by slurrying the material in 10 vol. of hot 10% EtOAc in hexanes followed by cooling to rt in 17% recovery of the major diastereomer. The recrystallized product had a melting point of 123.0 – 125.1°C. The stereochemistry was assigned by analogy to that of **1.4a**. $R_f = 0.24$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.40 (tt, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.07 (br s, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (br s, 1H), 6.17 (dt, J = 17 Hz, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (dd, J = 10 Hz, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 17 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 9.2 Hz, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (sextet, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 0.54 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 159.9, 143.3, 135.4, 131.0, 129.4, 129.0, 128.8, 127.9, 126.4, 125.9, 121.0, 77.90, 70.64, 68.08, 61.50, 33.63, 7.49.



(*S*,*Z*)-3-((3-(1-hydroxycyclohexyl)prop-1-en-1-yl)-4-phenyloxazolidin-2-one (1.3v): According to the branched-selective general procedure employing IMes•HCl as ligand, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 20 – 60% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 120.3 mg (80%) of 1.3v as a thick wax. $R_f = 0.17$ (40% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.33-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dt, *J* = 16 Hz, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 6.1 Hz,

1H), 2.23 (br s, 1H), 2.20 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 1.48 – 1.65 (m, 5H), 1.37 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.30 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.18 – 1.27 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 156.8, 138.3, 129.5, 129.2, 126.6, 123.3, 119.6, 70.82, 70.29, 61.50, 38.23, 37.66, 25.93, 22.36, 22.34. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 302.1756; Found [M + H]⁺: 302.1768.

v. Linear selective Fused Phenyl allene Procedures

General procedure for the enantioselective linear selective Cu-catalyzed reductive coupling.

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 2.2 mg (0.0125 mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂ and 0.5 mL of toluene. Ligand was then added (0.016 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. Allene **1.6** (52.0 mg, 0.300 mmol) was then added, followed by acetophenone **1.2a** (29.2 µL, 0.250 mmol), and the vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath, and

dimethoxymethylsilane (0.061 mL, 0.500 mmol) was charged by syringe (*caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal*). The mixture was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 95 mg of NH₄F and 2.5 mL of MeOH followed by agitation at rt for 30 min – 1 h. To the mixture was then charged 10 mL of 5% NaHCO₃ followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x5mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. An aliquot of the crude mixture was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the isolated product.

General procedure for the development of the enantioselective linear selective Cu-catalyzed reductive coupling with CF₃-ketones.

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar in an Ar-filled glove-box was charged 2.2 mg (0.0125mmol) of Cu(OAc)₂ and 0.5 mL of toluene. Ligand was then added (0.016 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 10 min. Allene 1.6 (52.0 mg, 0.300 mmol) was then added, followed by trifluoromethyl phenyl ketone 1.5 (35.1 µL, 0.250 mmol), and the vial was sealed with a crimpcap septum and removed from the glove-box. The reaction was then cooled in an ice bath, and dimethoxymethylsilane (0.061 mL, 0.500 mmol) was charged by syringe (caution: dimethoxymethylsilane should be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood because it is known to cause blindness. Syringes were quenched with 2M NaOH, gas evolution!, prior to disposal). The mixture was then allowed to warm to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 95 mg of NH_4F and 2.5 mL of MeOH followed by agitation at rt for 30 min -1 h. To the mixture was then charged 10 mL of 5% NaHCO₃ followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x5mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. An aliquot of the crude mixture was analyzed by ¹HNMR spectroscopy to determine the the l/b ratio. The crude residue was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford the isolated product. The enantioselectivity of the ligand was determined by chiral HPLC on the isolated product.

vi. Analytical data for the fused phenyl allene products



3-(*prop-2-yn-1-yl*)*benzo*[*d*]*oxazol-2*(*3H*)*-one* (*Alkyne*)*:* Prepared according to the literature.¹³⁹ To a flame-dried rbf, was added 2-benzoxazolidinone (37.0mmol, 5.0g), propargyl bromide (1.3eq, 5.36mL), and K₂CO₃ (1.5eq, 7.67g) under inert atmosphere. The reagents were then dissolved in 90mL acetone, and refluxed overnight. The product was then extracted with EtOAc and the resulting organic layers were washed with water. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated to afford 5.60g of the crude alkyne in 88% yield. The crude alkyne was used directly in the next step to

form the allene.



3-(propa-1,2-dien-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one (1.6): In a flame-dried rbf, the alkyne (18.9mmol, 3.27g) and 40mL anhydrous THF were added with stirring. To the rbf was then charged KO'Bu (0.3 eq, 636.1mg), and the reaction was allowed to stir at 65°C overnight. At the end of the recation period, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with MTBE, and filtered through celite, and concentrated to afford a crude solid. The allene was isolated via column chromatography (0-10% EtOAc/Hexanes) to afford 2.01g as a white solid in a 61.4% yield. ¹HNMR (600MHz,

CDCl₃): 7.48-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H) ppm.



(S,Z)-3-(4-hydroxy-4-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one (1.7): Isolated via column chromatography (0-20% EtOAc/Hexanes) to afford the product as a clear oil. ¹HNMR (600MHz, CDCl₃): 7.46 (d, J = 7.6Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.5Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (q, J = 7.8Hz, 1H), 3.1 (br s, 1H), 2.71 (ddd, J = 7.79, J = 2.4, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H) ppm.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220nm) tR = 22.8 (major), 25.4 (minor):

Racemate:



Ret. Time	Area%	Height	Conc.
22.827	50.414	210440	0.000
25.440	49.586	178385	0.000
	100.000	388825	0.000

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(S,Z)-3-(5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-4-phenylpent-1-en-1-yl)benzo[d]oxazol-2(3H)-one (1.8): Isolated via column chromatography (0-40% EtOAc/Hexanes). White solid, $R_f=0.38$ (25% EtOAc/Hexanes). ¹HNMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.67 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H, 7.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, J = 4.2Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.95 (m, 1H), 6.18 (ddd, J = 8.9 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.50-5.45 (m, 2H), 3.17 (dd, J = 14.5 Hz, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (ddd, J = 15.1 Hz, J = 5.2 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃): -80.17 ppm.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) tR = 6.11 (major), 9.34 (minor):

Racemate:



Ret. Time	Area%	Height	Conc.
6.115	50.562	582456	0.000
9.341	49.438	379554	0.000
	100.000	962011	0.000

Asymmetric Reaction, using L9 ((S)-tBu-TADDOL-P((R)-2-Me-Piperidine):



100.000

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0.000

CHAPTER 2

Borylative Aminoalcohol Synthesis by Enantioselective Cu-Catalyzed Reductive Coupling of Alleneamides and and Aldehydes

I. Introduction

Important biologically active organic compounds, including natural products and pharmaceuticals, often contain multiple oxygen and nitrogen heteroatoms within their carbon framework.¹⁻¹⁰ Furthermore, the chiral 1,2-aminoalcohol motif is a ubiquitous and significant scaffold often present in these bioactive natural products and APIs.³⁻⁷ As a result, asymmetric installation of these functional group pairs while installing additional functionality for subsequent diversification has been an important endeavor in organic synthesis.^{8–10} However, their mismatched electronics and classification as dissonant functional group pairs make accessing these scaffolds via traditional methods difficult (See Chapter 1, Background, Consonant/Dissonant Theory).²⁹ For this reason, alternative methods utilizing umpolung³⁰ α,γaminoanions^{140–144} and radicals^{31–35} (See Chapter 1, Background, Umpolung) to generate these scaffolds have been a hot area of study for organic chemists. Of these methods, reductive coupling reactions (See Chapter 1, Background, Reductive Coupling) have been extensively developed as efficient synthetic methods for the formation of these respective umpolung carbon-carbon bonds.¹² Towards this end, we developed a strategy based on the Cu-catalyzed enantioselective borylative aminoallylation of aldehydes using an N-substituted allene (alleneamide) 2.1 to access boryl-substituted 1,2-aminoalcohol intermediates 2.3 for diversification to chiral heteroatom-rich organic compounds. The reported reaction, Scheme 2.1, provides access to a variety of highly functionalized chiral 1,2-aminoalcohol products from the same readily available starting materials with high enantioselectivity (>95:5 er).



II. Background

A. Review of Reductive Coupling and Reductant Source

As covered in *Chapter 1, Background*, reductive coupling reactions have been extensively studied as methods to form C-C bonds between two electrophilic fragments and thereby require a stoichiometric reductant to turn over the catalyst.¹² In our previous work, including all projects in Chapter 1, silane was used as the reductant to affect coupling processes catalyzed by Cu(hydride) (**Scheme 2.2A**).



Alternatively, we proposed that analogous reactions may be performed employing a boronate reductant as well through catalysis by a Cu-B(pin) catalyst generated from $B_2(pin)_2$ by oxygen-boron exchange¹⁴⁵ (Scheme 2.2B). Mechanistically, borylcupration¹⁴⁵ of the least hindered olefin of the allene leads to the analogous boryl Cu(allyl) complex 2.13 that may generate the branched vinyl boronate intermediate 2.3 after reaction with a carbonyl electrophile. The value in this approach stems from the

variety of synthetic transformations available to the C-B bond for advanced diversification of intermediate 2.3 to a variety of different chiral scaffolds (e.g., 2.4, 2.6, 2.7) from the same building blocks. Furthermore, the use of aldehydes is not typically supported by Cu-catalysis utilizing a hydride reductant source, due to CuH's preference for reducing the highly reactive aldehyde.^{146,147} This aldehyde reduction can be avoided via the use of B₂pin₂ as the reductant source, as CuBpin is much larger than CuH, making it slower to react.



Previously, Hoveyda has reported a method coupling carbon-substituted allenes with aldehydes, using a Cu(I) catalyst and B₂(pin)₂, Scheme 2.3.¹⁴⁸ This work generated the borylative branched product 2.15 selectively, which they then oxidized to the methyl ketone 2.16 via $NaBO_3-4H_2O$. We envisioned being able to apply a similar method using *N*-substituted allenes.

B. Rationale behind choice of alleneamide

With current methods allowing for generation of substituted allylic organometallic reagents in a catalytic fashion from unsaturated hydrocarbons,^{12,15,47–49,149} catalytic asymmetric access to the allylic 1,2aminoalcohol motif through reductive coupling methods have recently emerged, Scheme 2.4.^{84,86,107,138,150-} 154

Krische's group⁸⁶ has recently applied their pioneering hydrogen autotransfer technique for the coupling of phthalimido-allene **2.1** and primary aliphatic alcohols afford to the antiaminoalcohol precursor 2.4, with high enantioselectivities, using Ir-catalysis. While these methods are useful, the development of an analogous method using cheaper, more abundant Cu in place of costly Ir, as well as



methods utilizing commercially available aromatic and aliphatic aldehydes would be desirable for accessing these dissonant motifs.

Additionally, our group reported a Cu-catalyzed enantioselective¹⁵¹ method using ketone electrophiles with allenamide **2.18** to produce *syn*-aminoalcohol surrogate **2.19** and have also demonstrated this process under chiral auxiliary control.^{84,107,138,150} The chiral auxiliary used was cheap, but not atom economical – as stoichiometric chiral material had to be carried through the reaction. The enantioselective method suffered from difficult cleavage of the carbamate group and an undesired rearrangement product leading to reduced enantioselectivities for some ketones. We aimed to resolve this issue by employing the achiral phthalimide scaffold **2.1** that was not compatible with Cu(hydride) catalyzed reductive coupling reactions due to partial reduction of the phthalimide moiety and represents a readily cleavable *N*-protective group.

III. Development of Enantioselective Borylative Aminoallylation

A. Research Plan

During the course of our development of the Cu-catalyzed asymmetric reductive coupling reactions of ketones and allenamides utilizing silane reductants (Chapter 1),^{84,107,138,150,151} we reasoned that application of a diboron reagent as the reductant (*e.g.* B₂(pin)₂) in these reactions may offer significant benefits in the ability to access heteroatom-rich organic scaffolds.^{148,155} We reasoned that borylcupration of **2.1** should be a viable pathway to access the bifunctional nucleophilic α , γ -aminoanion **2.20**, ultimately leading to boryl-substituted aminoalcohol intermediate **2.3** in a straightforward manner, as laid out in **Scheme 2.5**.



Due to the wide array of transformations that can be imparted on the C-B bond^{156–159} to access a variety of functionalities, **2.3** represents a highly valuable intermediate for asymmetric synthesis of complex 1,2-aminoalcohol containing chiral scaffolds.

Inspired by the work of Hoveyda¹⁴⁸ and Krische⁸⁶, the achiral phthalimide-derived alleneamide **2.1** was sought as a solution for the enantioselective reductive coupling reactions, as it can be easily cleaved and does not pose the threat of rearrangement, unlike previous efforts.¹⁵¹ The choice of $B_2(pin)_2$ as the reductant allows for the use of aldehydes as the coupling partner, as well as the ability to access a multitude of different products via the vinyl-boronate intermediates generated.

Herein, we report the development of a borylative Cu-catalyzed reductive coupling method of phthalimido-allene **2.1** with aldehydes **2.2** that provides access to a wide set of uniquely diversified dissonant chiral 1,2-aminoalcohol motif-containing products in an enantioselective fashion.¹⁶⁰

B. Overall Reaction Development

Investigation into this proposed novel reductive coupling of phthalimido-allene **2.1** with *p*-anisaldehyde **2.2a** was initially optimized through a study of ligand and solvent effects, as well as investigation into various bases, additives, and diboronate reductants (*e.g.*, B₂pin₂, B₂eg₂, B₂pg₂, B₂neo₂). B₂(pin)₂, B₂(eg)₂, B₂(pg)₂, B₂(neo)₂; **Tables 2.1 – 2.5**). In order to compare the results of each of these optimization efforts, the vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3a** was protonated by treatment with AcOH to generate the quintessential branched 1,2-aminoalcohol product **2.4a**.

The ligand effect was first investigated (**Table 2.1**). A series of various commercially available chiral bis(phosphine) ligands were evaluated in the reaction. BINAP and Segphos-type ligands (entries 2, 3, and 4) generated the desired product **2.4a** with high diastereocontrol, however, with poor enantioselectivity. *N*-Heterocyclic carbene (NHC) ligands (entries 5, 6, and 7) were not successful in generating the product, with yields below 10%. Josiphos-type ligands (entries 12, 13, and 14) generated the desired product in varying yields and diastereoselectivities, albeit with moderate enantioselectivities. (*R*,*R*)-

PhBPE (entry 15) was identified as the optimal ligand for this transformation among those tested, in terms of diastereocontrol, as well as enantioselectivity.

	0 	PhthN ²	2.1 ×		NPhth PMP	AcOH	P
	PMP	5 mol 6 mol 9	% CuCl % ligand	(pin)E	G H	Ŭ Ū H	
	2.2a	B ₂ (pin) ₂	, NaO ^t Bu ^L	-	2.3a –	2.4a	
Entry	Liga	nd	Equiv NaO ⁴	Bu	% Yield of 2. 4	$4a^{[b]}$ Dr of 2.4 $a^{[b]}$	Er of 2.4a ^[c]
1	Dcp	be	1		22	70:30	50:50
2	(R)-BI	NAP	1		39	97:3	38:62
3	(R)-Seg	gPhos	1		53	99:1	23:77
4	(R)-DM-S	SegPhos	1		47	95:5	28:72
5	IMe	es	1		4		
6	SIM	les	0.25 eq, KO	tBu	5		
7	SIF	r	0.25 eq, KO	tBu	8		
8	DuanI	Phos	1		36	89:11	27:73
9	Quin	oxP	1		9	99:1	
10	Methyl I	DuPhos	1		18	63:37	n.d.
11	Ethyl D	uPhos	1		17	66:34	22:78
12	J-9	9	1		9	58:42	
13	J-7	7	1		33	67:33	19:81
14	J-(6	1		55	86:14	20:80
15	(R,R)-P	hBPE	1		53	99:1	93:7

Table 2.6. Cu-catalyzed borylative aminoallylation ligand optimization.^[a]

^[a]Aldehyde **2.2a** (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), allene **2.1** (0.105 mmol, 1.05 equiv), CuCl (5 mol %), ligand (6 mol %), NaO'Bu (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), B₂(pin)₂ (0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv), in 0.6 mL of THF. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard. ^[c] Enantioselectivity determined by chiral HPLC.



The temperature of reaction was next examined (**Table 2.2**) by running the standard reaction with the same conditions at room temperature (22), 40, and 60 °C. As the temperature of reaction increased, a notable decrease in the yield was observed, as well as a more mild decrease in enantioselectivity (compare entries 2 and 3 with entry 1). With this observation, the optimal reaction temperature was determined to be room temperature (22° C).

0 PMP 2.2a	PhthN 2.1 5 mol % CuCl 6 mol % (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-PhBPE B ₂ (pin) ₂ , NaO ^t Bu	→ (pin)B → NPhth PMP ČH 2.3a	AcOH	NPhth PMP ČH 2.4a
Entry	Temp. (°C)	% Yield of 2.4a ^[b]	Dr of 2.4a ^[b]	Er of 2.4a ^[c]
1	22	53	99:1	92.5:7.5
2	40	40	99:1	91:9
3	60	38	98:2	87:13

Table 2.7. Cu-catalyzed borylative aminoallylation reaction temperature optimization.
 [a]

^[a]Aldehyde **2.2a** (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), allene **2.1** (0.105 mmol, 1.05 equiv), CuCl (5 mol %), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE (6 mol %), NaO'Bu (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), B₂(pin)₂ (0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv), in 0.6 mL of THF. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard. ^[c] Enantioselectivity determined by chiral HPLC.

The effect of the base was then investigated (**Table 2.3**). The initial amount evaluated was 20 mol% of NaO'Bu, as gathered from literature.¹⁴⁸ Several catalytic amounts of NaO'Bu, as well as stoichiometric and excess amounts were evaluated. Excess equivalents of base were determined to lead to the decomposition of reaction components (entries 6 and 7). The optimal yield and enantioselectivity was obtained when using 1 equivalent of NaO'Bu.

The cation of the base was also investigated, to determine if there was a cation effect that could be exploited. The use of 1 equiv of KO'Bu or LiO'Bu led to lower yields overall (entries 8 and 9), however, LiO'Bu generated the product with equal – if not slightly better – enantioselectivity compared to NaO'Bu.

0 PMP 2.2a	PhthN 2.1 5 mol % Cu 6 mol % (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-F B ₂ (pin) ₂ , NaC	Cl phBPE p ^f Bu 2.3	Phth PMP OH Sa	→ NPhth → PMP – ÖH 2.4a
Entry	NaO'Bu equiv	% Yield of 2.4a ^[b]	Dr of 2.4a ^[b]	Er of 2.4a ^[c]
1	0.04	10	95:5	
2	0.2	37	95:5	89:11
3	0.5	47.5	99:1	83:17
4	0.75	47.1	99:1	95:5
5	1.0	53	99:1	92.5:7.5
6	2	Decomp.		
7	4	Decomp.		
8	1 equiv KO'Bu	22	99:1	83:17
9	1 equiv LiO'Bu	25	99:1	97:3

 Table 2.8. Cu-catalyzed borylative aminoallylation base optimization.

^[a]Aldehyde **2.2a** (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), allene **2.1** (0.105 mmol, 1.05 equiv), CuCl (5 mol %), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE (6 mol %), NaO'Bu, B₂(pin)₂ (0.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv), in 0.6 mL of THF. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard. ^[c] Enantioselectivity determined by chiral HPLC.

The next aspect of the reaction to be evaluated was the solvent (**Table 2.4**). The analysis of the reaction solvent demonstrated that the diastereoselectivity was not affected by solvent, as all generated the branched product **2.4a** with 99:1 diastereoselectivity. It can be assumed that the effect of the ligand on diastereoselectivity outweighs the effect of the solvent in this case. Polar solvents, including ACN (entry 1), DMF (entry 2), and DCM (entry 3), generated the desired product in poor yields and with poor enantiocontrol. THF (entry 5) gave the highest yield overall. The additional non-polar methyl of MeTHF (entry 6) did not lead to any beneficial effects. However, the enantioselectivity could be increased when switching from THF to MTBE (entry 5 *vs* 8). As a result, it was determined that by performing the reaction in a 1:1 mixture of MTBE:THF, both enantioselectivity and yield could be improved providing desired product **2.4a** in 75% yield with high stereoselectivity (entry 10).

Table 2.9.	Cu-catalyzed	borylative	aminoallylation	solvent o	ptimization. ^[a]
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PMI	PhthN 0 2.1 5 mol % 6 mol % (<i>R</i> , B ₂ (pin) ₂ ,	CuCl R)-PhBPE NaO ^t Bu	(pin)B OH 2.3a	AcOH	NPhth PMP ÖH 2.4a
Entry	Solvent	B ₂ pin ₂ equiv	% Yield of 2.4a ^[b]	Dr of 2.4a ^[b]	Er of 2.4a ^[c]
1	ACN	2	7	99:1	N.D.
2	DMF	2	37	99:1	50:50
3	CH ₂ Cl ₂	1.1	7	99:1	42:58
4	1,2-DME	2	51	99:1	89:11
5	THF	2	65	99:1	95:5
6	MeTHF	2	64	99:1	94:6
7	Dioxane	1.1	29	99:1	89:11
8	MTBE	2	54	99:1	97.5:2.5
9	Toluene	1.1	41	99:1	85:15
10	50/50 MTBE/THF	2	75	99:1	98:2
11	50/50 MTBE/MeTHF	1.1	66	99:1	97:3

^[a]Aldehyde **2.2a** (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), allene **2.1** (0.105 mmol, 1.05 equiv), CuCl (5 mol %), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE (6 mol %), NaO'Bu (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), B₂(pin)₂, in 0.6 mL of solvent. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard. ^[c] Enantioselectivity determined by chiral HPLC.

Finally, the boronate was investigated (**Table 2.5**). Initial investigation began with 1.1 equivalents of $B_2(pin)_2$, as obtained from literature methods.¹⁴⁸ Increasing the boronate to 2 equivalents (entry 2), led to an increase in the yield of **2.4a**, as well as the enantioselectivity. Additional amounts of $B_2(pin)_2$ (entries 3 and 4) led to a significant loss in yield. Other boronate esters were examined; each led to a drastic reduction in yield, as well as a reduction in diastereo- and enantioselectivity (entries 5-8).

0 PMP 2.2a	2.1 5 mol % CuCl 6 mol % (<i>R</i> , <i>R</i>)-PhBPE B ₂ (pin) ₂ , NaO ^f Bu	→ (pin)B OH 2.3a		NPhth PMP ČH 2.4a
Entry	Diboron (equiv)	% Yield of 2.4a ^[b]	Dr of 2.4a ^[b]	Er of 2.4a ^[c]
1	B ₂ (pin) ₂ (1.1)	53	99:1	92.5:7.5
2	$B_2(pin)_2(2)$	75	99:1	98:2
3	B ₂ (pin) ₂ (3)	52	99:1	95:5
4	B ₂ (pin) ₂ (4)	52	99:1	98:2
5	$B_2(pg)_2(2)$	28	95:5	88:12
6	B ₂ (neo) ₂ (2)	19	99:1	88.5:11.5
7	$B_2(eg)_2(2)$	24	88:12	
8	$B_2(cat)_2(2)$	20	97:3	

Table 2.10. Cu-catalyzed borylative aminoallylation boronate optimization.^[a]

^[a]Aldehyde **2.2a** (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), allene **2.1** (0.105 mmol, 1.05 equiv), CuCl (5 mol %), (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE (6 mol %), NaO'Bu (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), diboron in 0.6 mL of 50/50 THF/MTBE. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard. ^[c] Enantioselectivity determined by chiral HPLC.



Following an extensive optimization campaign, examining various solvents, boronates, bases, and stoichiometry of the reactants, the optimal conditions were identified, as laid out in **Scheme 2.6**.

C. Protonation Workup – Traditional branched 1,2-aminoalcohol generation

With the optimal conditions in hand, the generality of the borylative aminoallylation reaction with aldehydes was next investigated using a protonolysis workup of borylated intermediate **2.3** to afford product **2.4**, the product of formal reductive coupling with a hydride reductant (**Scheme 2.6**). This is significant because aldehydes are problematic substrates in Cu-catalyzed reductive coupling with hydride-reducing agents due to the preference for aldehyde reduction.^{146,147,161} Overall, this process also enables access to identical products as produced by Krische's⁸⁶ method (**Scheme 2.4.1**) without the use of expensive precious metals or high reaction temperatures.

Both electron-rich and electron-deficient aromatic aldehydes performed well (2.4a-f), and the reaction was accommodating to heteroaromatic aldehydes (2.4g, h). The yield was somewhat decreased when sterically hindered aromatic aldehydes (2.4d) or aliphatic aldehydes (2.4j-o) were utilized. Notably, excellent diastereo- and enantioselectivities could be obtained when employing aliphatic aldehydes bearing small R¹-groups (2.4j, k), and reduced diastereocontrol was only observed when R¹ was *i*-Pr (2.4l) or THP (2.4p). Overall, all of the reaction products were obtained with enantioselectivities of >90% ee except for the case of cinnamaldehyde (2.4i). While enantiocontrol was reduced in this case, the ability of an α , β -unsaturated aldehydes to participate in the reaction is notable considering the propensity of Cu to react in conjugate addition type pathways with this class of electrophile.



^[a] Aldehyde **2.2** (0.200 mmol), **2.1** (1.05 eq), CuCl (5 mol%), ligand (6 mol%), NaO'Bu (1 equiv), $B_2(pin)_2$ (2 equiv); see the experimental methods section for details. Diastereomeric ratios (dr) were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture.

Finally, selective formation of the *anti*-diastereomer in the reaction was confirmed by comparison of **2.4i**, **2.4k**, **2.4n** and **2.4p** to the literature.⁸⁶ This is in contrast to reductive boylative allylation reactions

utilizing carbon-substituted allenes that afford the *syn*-diastereomer as the major isomer, as is discussed further in *Section III-G: Stereochemical model*.¹⁴⁸

D. Oxidation workup – Methyl ketone synthesis

While the described borylative aminoallylation followed by the protonation workup (**Scheme 2.6**) allows access to valuable products of a formal hydrogenative reductive coupling, arguably the power of the current transformation lies in the ability to functionalize the C-B bond present in **2.3** to a wide variety of other motifs using well-established organoborane chemistry.^{156–159} At the end of the 24-hour reaction period, prior to workup, the vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3** is the major product present; this gave the ability to further functionalize/derivatize to a diverse array of products via a simple change in the workup. Towards that end, subsequent oxidation of the C-B bond of **2.3** was next demonstrated to allow for additional heteroatom incorporation into the final products (**2.6**, **Table 2.6**).

The oxidative workup method was optimized as described in **Table 2.6**. Various methods to oxidize the C-B bond were examined; TMANO (entry 1) did not successfully oxidize the intermediate, and instead yielded the protonolysis product. Sodium perborate (entries 2 and 3) led to an approximate 1:2 ratio of protonation and oxidation products. The frontrunner was quickly identified as a workup with H_2O_2 .

From here, methods varying the source of peroxide were explored. Organic peroxide sources, such as tert-butyl hydrogen peroxide (entry 4) and urea hydrogen peroxide (entry 5), did not successfully oxidize the intermediate to **2.6a**. Then, the use of increasing equivalents of hydrogen peroxide without pH 7 buffer was observed to generate the methyl ketone product **2.6a** in increasing degrees (compare entries 8, 9, 10, 11). The optimal workup method was then determined to be 20 equivalents of 30% H₂O₂ added to the crude reaction mixture directly after the 24-hour reaction period (entry 11). After 3 hours of stirring, the peroxide was quenched with the addition of 10% sodium thiosulfate solution.

With the optimal oxidation workup method in hand, the substrate scope of the reaction was explored (**Scheme 2.7**). Overall, the methyl ketone products could be obtained in equivalent yields and enantioselectivities compared to that obtained when employing a protonolysis workup. The standard

reaction with *p*-anisaldehyde **2.2a** was scaled up and ran at an 1.00 mmol scale to generate **2.6a** in 73% yield, with a 99:1 er.

Table 2.11. Oxidative workup optimization. [a]

	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ H \\ PMP \\ 2.2a \end{array} \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \text{PhthN} \\ 5 \text{ mol } \% \text{ CuCl} \\ 6 \text{ mol } \% (R,R) - Ph - BPE \\ B_{-}(\text{pin})_{-} \text{ NaO}^{T}B_{-} \end{array}} \begin{bmatrix} 2.3 \end{bmatrix}$	$[O] \qquad PhthN \\ Me \qquad P \\ O \qquad OH \\ 26a$	MP
Entry	Oxidation workup	% Yield 2.4a ^[b]	% Yield 2.6a ^[b]
1	Trimethylamine <i>N</i> -oxide (5 equiv), THF, 70 °C, 1 h	42	
2	Sodium perborate (5 equiv)	24	43
3	Sodium perborate (5 equiv) with pH7 buffer	23	50
4	5 M TBHP in heptane (3 equiv)	12	10
5	Urea hydrogen peroxide (3 equiv)	10	16
6	30% H ₂ O ₂ (5 equiv), pH7 buffer	7	63
7	Concentrate, then 30% H ₂ O ₂ (5 equiv), pH7 buffer	22	52
8	2 equiv 30% H ₂ O ₂ workup, without buffer, 3 h	34	29
9	5 equiv 30% H ₂ O ₂ , without buffer, 3 h	34.5	47
10	10 equiv 30% H_2O_2 , without buffer, 3 h	9	67
11	20 equiv 30% H2O2, without buffer, 3 h	1.5	69

^[a]Oxidation workup performed after GP-1 using 0.100 mmol of **2.2a**. ^[b]Determined by 1HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard.



^[a] Performed using 0.200 mmol of aldehyde **2.2** (1 equiv); see the experimental methods section for details. Diastereomeric ratios (dr) were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture. Enantiomeric ratios were determined via chiral HPLC.

E. Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-coupling – 1,1-disubstituted olefin synthesis

Due to the synthetic power of the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction for the preparation of C-C bonds,^{162–164} we also examined the use of the vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3** in subsequent Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions to generate further functionalized chiral 1,1-disubstituted olefins (**2.7**, **Table 2.7**).

Development of the optimized reaction conditions was particularly trying. The optimal ligand, base, and solvent were easily identified, **Table 2.7**, using the isolated vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3a** and 4-iodotoluene. The optimal base was identified as K₂CO₃ (entry 1) with higher yield of the Suzuki product generated, compared to KF (entry 2). A 4:1 ratio of organic solvent to water was examined for several solvent options. THF and IPA both gave low yields (entries 3 and 5). The Suzuki reaction was attempted using a 4:1 ratio of 50:50 MTBE/THF to water (2:2:1 MTBE/THF/H₂O) (entry 6), as the initial reaction is ran in 50:50 MTBE/THF, but the conversion to Suzuki product was unsatisfactory in this case. 1,4-Dioxane was identified as the choice solvent (entry 4). With the optimal solvent system for this reaction in hand, the optimal temperature and time of reaction was determined to be 50°C for 3 hours (entry 7), with a 90% yield of the Suzuki product **2.7a** generated from isolated vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3a**.

However, isolation of the vinyl boronate intermediate long term is not ideal due to the sensitivity of intermediate **2.3** to protonolysis during silica-gel chromatography, leading to heavy losses of the intermediate. Because of this, a one-pot telescoped process was next examined.

Regrettably, this optimized system failed during initial attempts (**Table 2.8**, entries 1, 2, and 3). Control experiments implied that leftover pinacol in the crude reaction mixture acted as a catalyst poison inhibiting the cross-coupling reaction. To circumvent this problem, the aminoallylation workup was modified to include a NaIO₄ treatment (**Table 2.8**, entries 4-7) to convert remaining pinacol to acetone, which is removed upon concentration.¹⁶⁵ Gratifyingly, this oxidative cleavage and removal of pinacol allowed for successful telescoping of the crude aminoallylation reaction into the cross-coupling reaction.

	P (pin)	hthN PMP <u>Suzuki-Miy</u> p-tol-I 2.3a	aura PMP ÖH 2.7aa Me		
Entry	Temp, run time	Conditions	Yield 2.7aa ^[b]	Yield 2.4a ^[b]	
1	60°C, 2 h	As listed below	74	18	
2	60°C, 2 h	KF (2 equiv) as base	60	33	
3	90°C, 2 h	IPA:Water 4:1	42		
4	90°C, 2 h	Dioxane:Water 4:1	81		
5	90°C, 2 h	THF:Water 4:1	39	38	
6	55°C, 3 h	MTBE/THF:Water 4:1	25	75	
7	50°C, 3 h	Dioxane:Water 4:1	90		

^[a] Reactions ran using the isolated (chromatography on SiO₂) vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3a** from the 0.1 mmol scale reaction of **2.2a** and phthalimido-allene **2.1**. Workup following the reaction of GP-1with **2.2a** at a 0.100 mmol scale. To the resultant residue was charged a stir-bar and the vial was taken into the glovebox. To the vial was charged Pd(OAc)₂ (0.003 mmol, 3 mol %), (AmPhos) (0.006 mmol, 6 mol %), K₂CO₃ (0.200 mmol, 2 equiv), aryl iodide (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of solvent. ^[b] Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard.

Once proper telescoping methods were identified, the cross-coupling reaction was further optimized, **Table 2.9**, via the examination of the palladium source and stoichiometry of the aryl halide. The preformed commercial catalyst (entry 3) was examined and compared to the catalyst/ligand that was allowed to stir and pre-complex (entry 6), and all reagents added at once (entry 5). The optimal method was determined to be GP-4 (see experimental methods), utilizing 5 mol% Pd(AmPhos)G3 and 5 mol% AmPhos.

Once optimized Suzuki reaction conditions were identified, three aldehydes that each performed well in the general reaction were chosen for cross-coupling with three chosen aryl halides, **Scheme 2.8**. The Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of crude vinyl boronate intermediates performed fairly well. Good overall yields could be obtained in the tandem process producing highly functionalized 1,1-disubstituted chiral products in excellent levels of stereocontrol that would be difficult to prepare by other means. An aryl bromide could also be successfully coupled in the developed protocol (**2.7aa**^b), with minimal modification.

Entry



1	Crude after citric acid workup (GP-1)	3	10
2	Crude – No workup	21	9
3	Crude – concentrated in vacuo	7	18
4	Crude after citric acid workup (GP-1) followed by treatment with 2 equiv NaIO ₄ (20 min), quench, extract, dry, and concentrated <i>in vacuo</i>	49	7
5	Crude after citric acid workup (GP-1) followed by treatment with 4 equiv NaIO ₄ (20 min), quench, extract, dry, and concentrated <i>in vacuo</i>	49	20
6	Crude after citric acid workup (GP-1) followed by treatment with 3 equiv NaIO ₄ (1 hour), quench, extract, dry, and concentrated <i>in vacuo</i>	47	8
7	Crude after citric acid workup (GP-1) followed by treatment with 5 equiv NaIO ₄ (20 min), quench, extract, dry, and concentrated <i>in vacuo</i>	46	8

^[a]Reactions ran using the vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3a** from the 0.1 mmol scale reaction of **2.2a** and phthalimido-allene **2.1**. Workup following the reaction of GP-1 with **2.2a** at a 0.100 mmol scale. To the resultant residue was charged a stir-bar and the vial was taken into the glovebox. To the vial was charged Pd(OAc)₂ (0.003 mmol, 3 mol %), (AmPhos) (0.006 mmol, 6 mol %), K₂CO₃ (0.200 mmol, 2 equiv), aryl halide (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of 4:1 Dioxane/Water. The reaction was then heated at 50°C in an oil bath for 3 h. ^[b] Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard.
Table 2.14. Further optimization of the telescoped Suzuki-Miyaura reaction and Development of GP-4. [a]



		WIC .		
Entry	Variance	Yield 13aa ^[b]	Yield 5a ^[b]	
1	None (GP-4) ^[a]	64		
2	1.3 eq 4-Iodo toluene	57	7	
3	5mol% Pd(Amphos)G3, 5mol% Amphos	58	4	
4	5 mol % Pd(OAc) ₂ , 2 eq 4-Iodo toluene	60	9	
5	2.5 mol% Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ and 5 mol% Amphos - **Added all suzuki reactants to reaction at once**		25	
6	2.5 mol% Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ and 5 mol% Amphos - **Added (pre-stirred ligand + Pd) to suzuki reactants**	62	15	
7	5 mol % Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ as Pd source	78	3	

^[a]Reactions ran using the vinyl boronate intermediate from the 0.1 mmol scale reaction of **2.2a** and phthalimido-allene **2.1**, 4iodo toluene as the aryl halide. Workup following the reaction of GP-1 with **2.2a** at a 0.100 mmol scale, followed by citric acid workup 3 equiv NaIO₄ for 20 min. To the resultant residue was charged a stir-bar and the vial was taken into the glovebox. To the vial was charged (amPhos)Pd-G3 (0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), (AmPhos) (0.005 mmol, 5 mol %), K₂CO₃ (0.200 mmol, 2 equiv), aryl halide (0.100 mmol, 1 equiv), and 0.5 mL of solvent, unless otherwise noted. ^[b]Determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate as standard.



^[a] Performed using 0.200 mmol of aldehyde **2.2** (1 equiv); see the experimental methods section for details. Diastereomeric ratios (dr) were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy on the unpurified reaction mixture. Enantiomeric ratios were determined via chiral HPLC. ^[b] Cross-coupling reaction was performed using 4-bromotoluene at 70 °C for 3 h.

F. Synthetic Applications – Aldol and Hydroboration

The powerful synthetic potential of the methodology developed stems from its ability to access chiral aminoalcohol equivalents bearing additional functionality for further synthetic manipulations to arrive at heteroatom-rich complex chiral architectures quickly from readily available starting materials. To highlight this potential, the subsequent transformations described in **Scheme 2.9** were performed.

The oxidation product **2.6a** was first protected with TBSOTf, and subjected to a boron-mediated aldol reaction¹⁶⁶ with benzaldehyde to afford **2.8** in 79% yield brsm, with moderate stereocontrol (72:28 dr) at the newly formed stereocenter. Notably, this allows quick access to a stereodefined 1,3,5-O-2-N-substituted carbon framework in only three synthetic steps from allenamide **2.1**.



The Suzuki cross-coupling product **2.7aa** was further elaborated through a diastereoselective hydroboration to afford a single diastereomer of the 1,4-*O*-2-*N*-substituted carbon synthon **2.9** bearing three contiguous stereocenters.

G. Stereochemical Model

Finally, one intriguing feature of this borylative aminoallylation using the phthalimide-derived allenamide **2.1** was the selective formation of the anti-diastereomer of product. Previous reports of Cucatalyzed borylative allylation reactions using *C*-based allenes with carbonyl electrophiles¹⁴⁸ preferentially gave the syn-diastereomer, even when using the same ligand ((*R*)-BINAP, **Table 2.1**, entry 2).

We propose that this is due to the carbonyl of the phthalimide-allene being able to coordinate to either the L₂Cu-catalyst or boron, directing the reaction through the (*E*)-**2.22** (Scheme 2.10).^{107,138,150} It is well-established that Cu-catalyzed reductive allylation reactions proceed through a six-membered Zimmerman-Traxler chair-like transition state.^{80-84,107,138,148,150,151,155} The product selectivity of these reactions are often controlled by Curtin-Hammett kinetics between rapidly equilibrating Cu(σ -allyl) complexes,^{83,84} meaning that the pathway with the lowest energy transition state is the preferred pathway to generate the major product.



For carbon-based allenes, it would be seen that the major syn-diastereomer of **2.4** is generated through (*Z*)-**2.22** via (*Z*)-**TS**.^{148,155} Borylcupration of allenes is proposed to occur at the more accessible, least sterically hindered terminal olefin of the allene, away from the R-group on the C-based allene to generate the C-based analog of (*Z*)-**2.22** selectively.^{148,155,167,168} This pathway is arguably more favorable due to the unfavorable sterics of the allene R-group and Bpin having a cis-relationship in (*E*)-**TS**.

In contrast, borylcupration may lead directly to (*E*)-**2.22** through an N-phthaloyl-directed intermediate **2.21** From here, σ - π - σ equilibration may not be possible, or the interaction of the N-phthaloyl group with the vacant p-orbital of the B(pin) group of (*E*)-**2.22** facilitates the reaction through (*E*)-**TS** to afford the anti-diastereomer of **2.4** as the major product.

IV. Conclusions

In conclusion, we have developed a highly enantio- and diastereoselective Cu-catalyzed borylative reductive coupling method for the synthesis of aminoalcohols from alleneamides and aldehydes. After a long and tedious optimization process, rapid synthesis of highly functionalized chiral heteroatom-rich organic compounds was achieved using readily available starting materials. The Cu-catalyst system utilized is inexpensive and widely commercially available, and the reaction proceeds under ambient conditions to provide good yields and excellent stereoselectivity. Notably, access to a wide array of different dissonant chiral 1,2-aminoalcohol motif-containing products and diverse functionalities was achieved via CuB(pin)-catalyzed reductive coupling from the same intermediate/starting materials. Simple changes in the post-

reaction workup from the vinyl boronate intermediate **2.3** allows for access to the dissonant 1,2aminoalcohol scaffold **2.4**, as well as the highly functionalized methyl ketone **2.6**, 1,1-disubstituted olefin suzuki products **2.7**, aldol **2.8**, and hydroboration products **2.9**. We anticipate the method here provided to serve as a platform for the use of cuproboration to access these dissonant aminoalcohol scaffolds and other densely functionalized molecules.

V. Experimental Procedures

A. General.

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as an internal standard (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, h = hextet, hept = heptet, br = broad, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz (151 MHz) instrument with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). Chiral HPLC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu Prominence i-series LC-2030C using chiral Daicel columns purchased from Chiral Technologies, Inc. Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow (flash chromatography) on silica gel purchased from Silicycle. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on EMD silica gel F254 2.5x7.5 cm plates. Visualization was achieved using UV light, a 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH, or potassium permanganate in water followed by heating. HRMS was collected using a Jeol AccuTOF-DART[™] mass spectrometer using DART source ionization. All reactions were conducted in oven or flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon with magnetic stirring unless otherwise noted. Solvents were obtained from VWR as HPLC grade and transferred to septa-sealed bottles, degased by Ar sparge, and analyzed by Karl-Fischer titration to ensure water content was < 600 ppm. Allenamide 2.1 was prepared as described in the literature.⁸⁶ Aldehydes were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI America, Alfa Aesar, or Oakwood Chemicals and used as received. All other materials were purchased from VWR, Sigma Aldrich, Combi-Blocks, Alfa-Aesar, or Strem Chemical Company and used as received.

B. Experimental Procedures

GP-1: Cu-catalyzed reductive borylative aminoallylation (Tables 2.1 -2.9):

In an Ar-filled glove-box, to a crimp cap vial with a magnetic stir-bar was charged copper(I) chloride (0.01mmol, 5 mol%), ligand (0.012 mmol, 6 mol%), NaO'Bu (0.200 mmol, 1 equiv), and solvent (1.3mL/0.200mmol aldehyde). The resulting mixture was allowed to stir for 1 h followed by addition of bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.400 mmol, 2 equiv). The obtained mixture was then allowed to stir for an additional 30 min prior to addition of allene **2.1** (0.210 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and aldehyde **2.2** (0.200 mmol, 1 equiv). The crimp cap vial was sealed and removed from the glovebox, and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 24 hours. The crude solution was then worked up as described below to access the different products described.

GP-2: General protonolysis workup (Tables 2.1-2.5):

The Cu-catalyzed reductive borylative aminoallylation reaction mixture from GP-1 was quenched with the addition of 4 mL of aqueous citric acid and allowed to stir for 15 min. The reaction mixture was then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 5mL). The combined organic layers were then dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. To the crude residue was then charged 0.5 mL of AcOH, and the resultant mixture allowed to stir for 30 min. To the mixture was then carefully added 7% aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (gas evolution) followed by extraction with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 5mL). The combined organic layers were then dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude residue by flash column chromatography on silica gel afforded the desired product **2.4**.

GP-3: General oxidative workup with H₂O₂ (Table 2.6):

The Cu-catalyzed reductive borylative aminoallylation reaction mixture from GP-1 was oxidized by the addition of 20 equiv of 30% H_2O_2 and allowed to stir for 30 min. The resultant solution was then quenched with 10% Aq. sodium thiosulfate solution over ice (EXOTHERMIC), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 4mL), dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to afford the desired product **2.6**.

GP-4: General Suzuki-Miyaura reactions (Tables 2.7-2.9):

The Cu-catalyzed reductive borylative aminoallylation reaction mixture from GP-1 was quenched by the addition of 4 mL of aqueous 0.5M citric acid and 3 equiv NaIO₄ (oxidative cleavage of the remaining pinacol – catalyst poison – to acetone) and allowed to stir for 20 min. Saturated brine (3 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 4 mL). The combined organic layers were then dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated into a 2-dram vial. The crude residue was then further dried *in vacuo* (~3 torr) for at least 1 h before performing the cross-coupling reaction.

To the resultant residue was charged a stir-bar and the vial was taken into the glovebox. To the vial was charged (amPhos)Pd-G3 (0.010 mmol, 5mol%), (AmPhos) (0.010 mmol, 5mol%), K_2CO_3 (0.400mmol, 2 eq), aryl halide (0.200 mmol, 1 eq), and 1.0 mL of 1,4-Dioxane/Water (4/1 ratio). The reaction vial was then sealed, removed from glovebox and heated at 50 °C for 3 h with stirring in an oil bath. A color change from a yellow/brown to a dark black/purple was observed. After heating for 3 h, the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature. Saturated brine (3mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the desired product **2.7**.

Synthetic applications (Scheme 2.9):



To a flame-dried round-bottom flask under inert atmosphere was charged **2.6a** (500mg, 1.47 mmol 1 equiv), CH_2Cl_2 (14 mL), and 2,6-lutidine (0.427 mL, 3.69 mmol, 2.5 equiv), under nitrogen. The reaction was cooled to -78 °C and TBSOTf (508µL, 2.21 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with the addition of 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic

layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The product was then isolated via column chromatography (0-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) to provide 613 mg (92%) of **2.6a-TBS** as a white foam. R_f = 0.30 (25% EtOAc/Hex). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.67 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), -0.27 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.6, 167.2, 159.2, 134.0, 132.6, 131.2, 128.3, 123.3, 113.3, 71.6, 64.1, 55.0, 29.0, 25.7, 17.9, -4.5, -5.0. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₅H₃₀NO₄Si [M-OH]⁺: 436.1939; Found [M-OH]⁺: 436.1922.



To a flame-dried round-bottom flask under inert atmosphere, was added 2.6a-TBS (38.5mg, 0.085 mmol, 1 equiv), Et₂O (0.3 mL), iPr₂Net (21.1 µL, 0.121mmol, 1.4 equiv), and a stir bar. The solution was cooled to -78 °C, and Bu₂BOTf (116 µL, 0.116 mmol, 1.4 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir and warm to room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -78° C and 1.4 eq of a 1M solution of benzaldehyde (12.3µL, 0.121 mmol) in Et₂O was slowly added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 3 h. The resulting solution was placed at $0 \circ C$ and 0.2 mL of a 1:2 v/v solution of 30% H₂O₂/MeOH. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 1 hour. The solution was then diluted with Et₂O (1mL) and water (1 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 3mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aqueous NaHCO₃ (3mL), followed by brine (3 mL), then dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The product was then isolated via column chromatography (0-40% EtOAc/Hexanes) to provide 29.1 mg (61%, 79% brsm) of 2.8 as a white foam as a 72:28 mixture of diastereomers by ¹HNMR. R_f= 0.26 (25% EtOAc/Hex).): ¹HNMR (C₆D₆, 600 MHz) δ : 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 6.10 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.17 (m, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 17 Hz, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 17 Hz, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 3H), -0.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 203.3, 167.3, 159.8, 143.7, 133.6, 131.5, 128.9, 128.47, 128.40, 127.5, 127.4, 125.9, 123.1, 113.7, 72.0, 70.4, 64.9, 54.3, 50.7, 26.0, 18.2, -4.3, -4.7. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₃₂H₃₇NO₆Si [M-OH]⁺: 542.2357; Found [M-OH]⁺: 542.2397.



To a flame-dried round bottom flask under inert atmosphere was added **2.7aa** (32.0 mg, 0.072 mmol, 1 equiv) and anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (0.8 mL) with stirring. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and BH₃-Me₂S in THF (2M) (21 μ L, 3 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature for 5 hours. After five hours, the reaction was cooled back to 0 °C and a mixture of NaOH (2M) (0.2 mL) and H₂O₂ (33%) (0.1 mL) was added dropwise with stirring. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stir for 2 hours. The reaction was then quenched by the addition of 2 mL of sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃. The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 4 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 10 mL of brine. The mixture was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated

under reduced pressure. The residue was isolated via column chromatography on silica (0-60% EtOAc/hexanes)) to provide 19.1 mg (57%) of **2.9** as a white foam. Only a single diastereomer was observed by ¹HNMR spectroscopic analysis. $R_f = 0.09$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes).): ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.57 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.46 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (dd, J = 10.1 Hz, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (qd, J = 11.9 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (ddd, J = 10.8 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.8, 159.2, 137.1, 136.4, 133.5, 133.2, 129.0, 127.8, 127.7, 123.0, 122.5, 113.7, 75.0, 65.6, 58.9, 55.1, 49.4, 20.9. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₄NO₄ [M-OH]⁺: 414.1711; Found [M-OH]⁺: 414.1704.

Relative stereochemistry of **2.9** was tentatively assigned according to the Houk¹⁶⁹ model:



Reductive coupling product characterization data and HPLC traces



2-((15,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3dione (2.4a): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 46.4 mg (72%) of 2.4a as a clear oil as a single diastereomer, as a 97:3 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and 2.4n. $R_f = 0.28$ (25%

EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.77 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.37 (ddd, J = 17.5 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.13 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.9, 159.2, 134.0, 132.3, 131.7, 131.4, 127.7, 123.3, 120.0, 113.7, 73.3, 60.1, 55.1. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃ [M-OH]⁺: 306.1125; Found [M-OH]⁺: 306.1135.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 12.8 (major), 15.6 (minor):







2-((1S,2R)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4b): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 46.8 mg (66%) of 2.4b as a clear oil as a 91:9 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 98:2 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and

2.4n. $R_f = 0.67$ (10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.79 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (ddd, J = 17.4 Hz, J = 10.3 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.27-5.22 (m, 2H), 4.91 (dd, J = 7.3 Hz, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 138.7, 134.2, 133.7, 131.4, 130.9, 128.5, 127.9, 123.5, 120.5, 73.37, 60.27. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₃ClNO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 310.0629; Found [M-OH]⁺: 310.0627.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak IC-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 35.3 (major), 39.0 (minor):







2-((1S,2R)-1-hydro δxy -1-phenylbut-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4c): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 36.8 mg (63%) of **2.4c** as a pale yellow oil as a 95:5 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 97:3 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative

configuration was assigned by analogy to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.30$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.78 (dd, J = 5.8 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.69 (dd, J = 5.8 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (ddd, J = 17 Hz, J = 10 Hz, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 17 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 140.2, 134.1, 131.4, 131.3, 128.3, 128.0, 126.5, 123.3, 120.0, 73.91, 60.31 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₄NO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 276.1019; Found [M-OH]⁺: 276.1025.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 31.0 (major), 40.9 (minor):







2-((15,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(o-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4d): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 27.3 mg (45%) of 2.4d as a pale yellow oil as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 95:5 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute

and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.28$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.84 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (ddd, J = 18 Hz, J = 10 Hz, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, J = 3.8 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 5.7 Hz, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (br s, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 138.2, 134.9, 134.3, 131.5, 130.4, 130.2, 127.7, 126.3, 125.9, 123.5, 119.4, 71.64, 58.78, 19.12 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 290.1176; Found [M-OH]⁺: 290.1181.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95:5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 13.4 (major), 19.3 (minor):





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2-((1S,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(m-bromophenyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4e): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 38.0 mg (51%) of 2.4e as a pale yellow oil as a 95:5 mixture of diastereomers and the main diastereomer in a 99:1 mixture of

enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.28$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.82 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (ddd, J = 17.1 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (br s, 1H), 5.21 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 142.6, 134.3, 131.4, 131.1, 130.4, 129.9, 125.1, 123.5, 122.4, 120.4, 73.5, 60.4. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₃BrNO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 354.0124; Found [M-OH]⁺: 354.0111.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 99/1, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 70.6 (major), 82.3 (minor):





2-((1S,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4f): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 44.2 mg (65%) of 2.4f as a thick glass as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 97.5:2.5 mixture of

enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.69$ (10% EtOAc/ CH₂Cl₂). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.80 (m, 5H), 7.67 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (dd, J = 6.0 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (ddd, J = 17.0 Hz, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 137.6, 134.1, 133.1, 133.0, 131.4, 131.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 126.0, 125.96, 125.93, 124.1, 123.4, 120.0, 74.1, 60.1. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆NO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 326.1187; Found [M-OH]⁺: 326.1190.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 15.6 (major), 20.5 (minor):





Ret. lime	Area%	Height	Conc.
15.555	97.554	1404825	0.000
20.573	2.446	26926	0.000
	100.000	1431751	0.000



9.50

9.75

10.00

2-((1S,2R)-1-(furan-2-yl-1-hydroxy-but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**2.4***g*): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 45.9 mg (65%) of **2.4g** as a white foam as a 92:8 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as a 98:2 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and 2.4n. $R_f = 0.24$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR $(\text{CDCl}_3, 600 \text{ MHz}) \delta$: 7.82 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 - 6.37 (m, 2H), 6.25 (dd, J = 3.0 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35(d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (br s, 1H) ppm.¹³C NMR (126) MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.0, 152.7, 142.4, 134.2, 131.5, 131.3, 123.4, 119.9, 110.2, 107.7, 68.05, 57.74. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NO₃ [M-OH]⁺: 266.0823; Found [M-OH]⁺: 266.0846.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 10.5 (major), 11.4 (minor):



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 10.25 10.50	10.75 11.00	11.25 11.50	11.75 12.00	12.25
Ret. Time	Area%	Height	Conc.	
10.657	98.049	361375	0.000	
11.524	1.951	4324	0.000	
	100.000	365700	0.000	

12.50 min



2-((1S,2R)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3dione (2.4h): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 48.0 mg (69%) of 2.4h as a yellow oil as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 99:1 mixture of

enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.24$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.83 – 7.85 (m, 4H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (ddd, J = 17.1 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d overlapped with bs, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 140.8, 136.8, 135.1, 134.4, 131.5, 130.3, 124.4, 124.3, 124.2, 123.6, 122.9, 121.7, 119.7, 70.82, 58.48 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₀H₁₄NO₂S [M-OH]⁺: 332.0751; Found [M-OH]⁺: 332.0771.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 29.2 (major), 32.3 (minor):







2-((3R,4S,E)-4-hydroxy-6-phenylhexa-1,5-dien-3-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4i): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 41.3 mg (62%) of 2.4i as a pale yellow oil as a 90:10 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 84:16 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.39$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). Spectral data matched that of the literature and

confirmed the relative stereochemical configuration.^[1] Absolute configuration was confirmed by comparison of the chiral HPLC data to that reported in the literature.^[1]

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 31.8 (major), 45.6 (minor); Lit.^[i] (OD-H Hexanes:IPA = 95:5, λ = 230 nm): tR = 47.5 (major), 68.2 (minor) min.



Asymmetric Reaction: Max Intensity : 722,00 25 156 500-250-0-30.0 32.5 45.0 47.5 27.5 35.0 37.5 40.0 42.5 50.0 25.0 52.5 mir Ret. Time Area% Height Conc. 31.629 84.135 718511 0.000 45.664 15.865 94942 0.000 100.000 813453 0.000

PhthN $n-C_5H_{11}$ ŌН 2.4j

2-((3R,4S)-4-hydroxynon-1-en-3-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4j): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (S,S)-PhB-PE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 27.2 mg (48%) of **2.4j** as a pale yellow oil as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as a >97:3 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and 2.4n. $R_f = 0.36$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR $(CDCl_3, 600 \text{ MHz}) \delta$: 7.86 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (ddd, J = 17.5 Hz, J = 10.5 Hz, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70(dd, J = 7.7 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, J = 4.1 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 3.60 (br s, 1H), 1.16-

1.60 (m, 7H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.6, 134.2, 131.6, 131.1, 123.5, 119.8, 72.1, 59.3, 34.1, 31.6, 25.3, 22.5, 13.9. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 288.1600; Found [M+H]⁺: 288.1618.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 26.4 (minor), 27.5 (major):





Asymmetric Reaction:



2-((15,2R)-1-cyclopropyl-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.4k): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 31.5mg (60%) of 2.4k as a pale yellow solid as a 97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.21$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). Spectral data matched that of the literature and confirmed the relative

stereochemical configuration.^[1] Absolute configuration was confirmed by comparison of the chiral HPLC data to that reported in the literature.^[1]

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 12.0 (major), 13.8 (minor); Lit.^[1] (OD-H Hexanes:IPA = 95:5, λ = 230 nm): tR = 15.1 (major), 18.3 (minor) min.





2-((3R,4S)-4-hydroxy-5-methylhex-1-en-3-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**2.4l**): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 27.9 mg (54%) of **2.4l** as a yellow oil as a 80:20 mixture of diastereomers and >99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy

to **2.4i**, **2.4k**, and **2.4n**. $R_f = 0.62$ (10% EtOAc/ CH₂Cl₂). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.84 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (ddd, J = 17.7 Hz, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dt, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt, J = 17.0 Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (dd, J = 7.5 Hz, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (br s, 1H), 1.74 (hex, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (J = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 134.2, 132.0, 131.7, 123.5, 119.6, 76.77, 30.40, 19.80, 16.75. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 260.1287; Found [M+H]⁺: 260.1281.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 11.9 (major), 12.4 (minor):



Racemate:



2-((1S,2R)-1-cvclohexyl-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (**2.4***m*): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 34.9 mg (57%) of **2.4m** as a yellow oil as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as a 98:2 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative

configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and 2.4n. $R_f = 0.30$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR $(CDCl_3, 600 \text{ MHz}) \delta$: 7.85 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (ddd, *J* = 17.8 Hz, *J* = 10.4 Hz, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (dd, J = 7.3 Hz, J = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 5.9 Hz, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (br s, 1H), 1.94 (d, J = 13.3)Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.63 (d, J = 10.3Hz, 1H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.3-1.0 (m, 5H), 0.90 - 0.74 (m, 1H) ppm. 13 C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.5, 134.2, 131.8, 131.7, 123.5, 119.4, 76.07, 56.34, 40.34, 29.92, 27.33, 26.31, 26.23, 25.97. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NO₃ [M + H]⁺: 300.1600; Found [M+H]⁺: 300.1601.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 30.1 (major), 35.7 (minor):







tert-butyl 4-((15,2*R*)-2-(1,3-*dioxoisoindolin-2-yl*)-1-*hydroxybut-3-en-1-yl*)*piperidine-1-carboxylate* (2.4*n*): According to the general protonation procedure (GP-1/GP-2) using (*R*,*R*)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 39.5 mg (49%) of 2.4*n* as a pale yellow oil as a 95:5 mixture of diastereomers and 98.5:1.5 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.11$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). Spectral data matched that of the

literature and confirmed the relative stereochemical configuration.^[1] Absolute configuration was confirmed by comparison of the chiral HPLC data to that reported in the literature.^[1]

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 16.2 (minor), 24.4 (major); Lit.^[1] (OD-H Hexanes:IPA = 93:7, λ = 230 nm): tR = 29.2 (minor), 44.1 (major) min.



Ret. Time	Area%	Height	Conc.
16.244	50.290	461516	50.290
24.481	49.710	331256	49.710
	100.000	792772	100.000





Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 98/2, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 19.0 (major), 20.1 (minor):







2-((15,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3dione (2.4p): According to the general protonation procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 54% of 2.4p as a clear glass as a 66:34 mixture of diastereomers and 96:4 mixture of enantiomers. Spectra of isolated compound matched known literature (Ref -Krische). HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₀NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 302.1392; Found [M+H]⁺:

302.1400.







Oxidation Products



Racemate:

2-((15,2S)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6a): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (S,S)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 48.1 mg (67%) of 2.6a as a thick glass as a 97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Upon scaling this reaction to 1.00 mmol, the

product **2.6a** was isolated as 252.4 mg (73.2%). $R_f = 0.10$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.78 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz,2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (br s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.9, 167.4, 159.3, 134.4, 131.2, 131.0, 127.7, 123.6, 113.6, 71.5, 63.9, 55.1, 27.9. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₈NO₅ [M + H]⁺: 340.1185; Found [M+H]⁺: 340.1179.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90:10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 21.0 (minor), 22.7 (major):







2-((15,2S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-hydroxy-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3dione (2.6b): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 40.8 mg (59%) of 2.6b as a white foam as a 91:9 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 96.5:3.5 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.19$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ

: 7.80 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (dd, J = 7.0 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.6, 168.7, 137.5, 134.6, 131.1, 128.5, 128.0, 123.8, 71.4, 63.8, 27.8. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₁₅ClNO₄ [M + H]⁺: 344.0690; Found [M+H]⁺: 344.0717.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 27.9 (major), 30.2 (minor):







2-((15,2S)-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1-phenylbutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6c): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 41.1mg (66%) of **2.6c** as a yellow oil as a 95:5 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 97:3 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f =$ 0.20 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.78 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J

= 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 6.7 Hz, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.6, 167.5, 134.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.29, 128.22, 126.4, 123.9, 123.6, 71.8, 64.0, 27.9. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₆NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 310.1079; Found [M+H]⁺: 310.1108.

For this reaction, a portion of the crude mixture was exposed to AcOH/protonation workup (GP-2) to convert to **2.4c** to analyze the enantioselectivity of the reaction.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 98:2, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm) tR = 30.94 (major), 40.68 (minor):



Asymmetric Reaction (2.4c):





2-((1S,2S)-1-hydroxy-3-oxo-1-(o-tolyl)butan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6d): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 24.0 mg (38%) of **2.6d** as a pale yellow oil as a 96:4 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f =$ 0.20 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.81 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J

= 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.8, 167.8, 137.0, 135.4, 134.5, 131.3, 130.7, 128.0, 126.9, 123.7, 69.9, 63.8, 28.2, 19.2. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₁₆NO₃ [M-OH]⁺: 306.1136; Found [M-OH]⁺: 306.1145.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 36.4 (major), 38.7 (minor):



Asymmetric Reaction:





2-((1S,2S)-1-(3-bromophenyl)-1-hydroxy-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6e): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (*R*,*R*)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 5%EtOAc in DCM) to provide 36.3 mg (47%) of **2.6e** as a yellow oil as a 95:5 mixture of diastereomers and the main diastereomer in a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f =$ 0.18 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.81 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, J =3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (dd, J = 5.4 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.0

Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, J = 6.8 Hz, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.2, 167.5, 14.3, 134.6, 131.3, 131.1, 129.9, 129.7, 125.0, 123.8, 122.4, 71.4, 64.0, 27.9. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₁₈H₁₅BrNO₄ [M + H]⁺: 388.0184; Found [M+H]⁺: 388.0213.

For this reaction, a portion of the crude mixture was exposed to AcOH/protonation workup (GP-2) to convert to **2.4e** to analyze the enantioselectivity of the reaction.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 99/1, flow rate = 0.5 ml/min, λ = 240nm) tR = 74.7 (major), 82.2 (minor):



Asymmetric Reaction (2.4e):



Ret. Time	Area%	Height	Conc.
70.762	99.224	119998	99.224
82.260	0.776	1263	0.776
	100.000	121261	100.000



2-((1S,2S)-1-hydroxy-1-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3dione (2.6f): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3), the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 52.1mg (70%) of 2.6f as a yellow solid as a 99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 98.5:1.5 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.20$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ

: 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.79-7.73 (m, 4H), 7.71 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 5.67 (dd, J = 6.3 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 204.2, 167.6, 136.4, 134.4, 133.1, 132.9, 131.2, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.13, 126.10, 125.9, 123.9, 123.7, 72.2, 64.3, 28.1. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₂H₁₆NO₃ [M - OH]⁺: 342.1136; Found [M-OH]⁺: 342.1138.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak IC-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 190 nm) tR = 28.6 (major), 38.9 (minor):



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2-((1S,2S)-1-cyclopropyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6g): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (*R*,*R*)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 43.3mg (72%) of **2.6g** as a white foam as a single diastereomer and the major diastereomer as a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.17$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.85 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz,

2H), 7.75 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 1.8 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dt, J = 3.2 Hz, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 3.2 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (dd, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.2, 167.7, 151.8, 142.5, 134.5, 131.3, 123.7, 110.5, 108.1, 67.0, 62.5, 27.7. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₂NO₄ [M-OH]⁺: 282.0772; Found [M-OH]⁺: 282.0762.

For this reaction, a portion of the crude mixture was exposed to AcOH/protonation workup (GP-2) to convert to **2.4g** to analyze the enantioselectivity.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 190 nm) tR = 10.65 (major), 11.53 (minor):



Asymmetric Reaction (2.4g):





2-((15,2S)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6h): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (*S*,*S*)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 50.7 mg (69%) of 2.6h as a white foam as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer in a 98:2 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.20$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600

MHz) δ : 7.77 - 7.81 (m, 4H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.33 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 203.2, 167.9, 140.7, 136.6, 134.5, 134.2, 131.3, 124.8, 124.5, 124.3, 123.7, 122.9, 121.9, 69.0, 63.7, 28.3 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₁₄NO₃S [M-OH]⁺: 348.0689; Found [M-OH]⁺: 348.0674.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 254 nm) tR = 43.63 (minor), 46.18 (major):







2-((15,25)-1-cyclopropyl-1-hydroxy-3-oxobutan-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.6k): According to the general oxidation procedure (GP-1/GP-3) using (R,R)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 37.4mg (67%) of **2.6k** as a clear oil as a single diastereomer and the major diastereomer as a 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.14$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.91 (dd, J = 5.7Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (dd, J = 5.7Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (ddd, J = 10.2 Hz, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.00-0.91 (m, 1H), 0.58-0.47 (m, 1H), 0.43-034 (m, 1H), 0.31-0.22 (m, 1H), 0.1-0.03 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.1, 167.9, 134.6, 131.5, 123.8, 74.1, 63.0, 27.5, 14.4, 2.37, 2.32. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₆NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 274.1079; Found [M+H]⁺: 274.1071.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 95/5, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) tR = 21.4 (major), 29.8 (minor):





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2-((15,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (13aa): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (*S*,*S*)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 53.1 mg (64%) of **13aa** as a pale red/pink foam as a 97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **5i**, **5k**, and **5n**. R_f = 0.10 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.63 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, *J* = 2.8

Hz, 2H), 7.58 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H), 5.75 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.59 (br s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.6, 159.3, 144.3, 137.6, 137.5, 133.7, 132.3, 131.2, 128.9, 127.9, 126.6, 123.0, 116.9, 113.6, 72.55, 58.24, 55.09, 21.03 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₂₂NO₃ [M-OH]⁺: 396.1605; Found [M-OH]⁺: 396.1580.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak IC-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 19.44 (major), 26.50 (minor):





Asymmetric Reaction:



2-((15,2R)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)but-3-en-2yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (13ab): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 65.3mg (76%) of **13ab** as a pale red/pink foam as a 97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **5i**, **5k**, and **5n**. $R_f = 0.17$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.63-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.58-7.60

(m, 2H), 7.39 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (s, 1H), 5.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.69 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.7, 162.3 (d, J = 245.8 Hz), 159.3, 143.7, 136.7 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 133.9, 132.3, 131.1, 128.5 (d, J = 7.6 Hz), 127.8, 123.1, 117.5, 115.0 (d, J = 22.0 Hz), 113.7, 72.6, 58.5, 55.1 ppm. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 565 MHz) δ : -114.74 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₅H₁₉FNO₃ [M-OH]⁺: 400.1354; Found [M-OH]⁺: 400.1376.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak OD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 15.21 (major), 16.61 (minor):





2-((1S,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-(5-(trifluoromethyl) pyridin-2yl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (13ac): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 20% EtOAc in CH₂Cl₂) to provide 78.6 mg (75%) of **13ac** as a off-white foam as a single diastereomer and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to **5i**, **5k**, and **5n**. R_f=0.12 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.81 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 6.7 Hz, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.59 (d, J =

8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 167.8, 159.2, 144.5, 134.1, 134.0, 132.7, 131.3, 127.9, 127.8, 123.9, 123.2, 121.4, 113.7, 113.6, 72.0, 58.3, 55.1. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 561 MHz) δ : -63.36 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₅H₁₈F₃N₂O₃ [M-OH]⁺: 451.1275; Found [M-OH]⁺: 451.1292.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) tR = 38.1 (major), 41.5 (minor):








2-((1S,2R)-1-cyclopropyl-1-hydroxy-3-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.7ka): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-Ph-BPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 30.5 mg (45%) of 2.7ka as a pale red/pink foam as a 97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as a >99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f =$ 0.23 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.76 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.66 – 7.69 (m, 2H), 7.37 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.61 (s, 2H), 5.44 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (br s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 0.88 – 0.91 (m,

1H), 0.45 - 0.50 (m, 1H), 0.34 - 0.38 (m, 1H), 0.22 - 0.27 (m, 1H), 0.17 - 0.20 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 143.6, 137.6, 137.5, 134.2, 134.0, 131.4, 128.9, 126.6, 123.3, 116.5, 75.02, 57.99, 21.04, 15.56, 2.62, 2.47. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₂H₂₀NO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 330.1500; Found [M-OH]⁺: 330.1499.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220nm) tR = 34.12 (major), 41.28 (minor):









2-((15,2R)-1-cyclopropyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2-yl)isoind-oline-1,3-dione (2.7kb): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 – 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 42.4 mg (60%) of 2.7kb as a pale red/pink foam as a 97/3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.27$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.79 (dd, J = 4.9 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, J = 4.9 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (dd, J = 9.1 Hz, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.39

(d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (br s, 1H), 0.91-0.83 (m, 1H), 0.51-0.47 (m, 1H), 0.39-0.32 (m, 1H), 0.30-0.22 (m, 1H), 0.22-0.15 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.4, 162.4 (d, J = 247.4 Hz), 143.0, 136.7 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 134.1, 131.3, 128.5 (d, J = 7.7 Hz), 123.3, 117.3, 115.1 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 75.0, 58.2, 15.7, 2.6, 2.5. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 561 MHz) δ : -114.52 ppm. H HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₇FNO₂ [M-OH]⁺: 334.1249; Found [M-OH]⁺: 334.1265.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 25.85 (major), 42.95 (minor):

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Asymmetric Reaction:





2-((1S,2R)-1-cyclopropyl-1-hydroxy-3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl)but-3-en-2yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.7kc): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 23.1 mg (45%) of **2.7kc** as a white foam as a >97:3 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.14$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.80 (dd, J = 1.6 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d,

J = 0.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.69 (dd, 8.6, 0.6, 1H), 4.08 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (td, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 3.5Hz, 1H), 1.01-0.92 (m, 1H), 0.50-0.42 (m, 1H), 0.41-0.35 (m, 1H), 0.32-0.25 (m, 1H), 0.20-0.14 (m, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 161.8, 145.3 (q, J = 4.0 Hz), 143.8, 134.17, 134.14 (q, J = 4.0Hz), 131.6, 124.0, 123.47 (q, J = 273.0 Hz), 123.40, 121.4, 73.4, 57.5, 15.3, 2.6, 1.6. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 561 MHz) δ : -62.35 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₁H₁₈F₃N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺: 403.1270; Found [M+H]⁺: 403.1250.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 220$ nm) tR = 21.9 (major), 38.3 (minor): **Racemate:**









2-((15,2R)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(p-tolyl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.7ha): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (*S*,*S*)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 20% EtOAc in CH₂Cl₂) to provide 68.6 mg (78%) of **2.7ha** as a white foam as a single diastereomer and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.77$ (10% EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.0Hz, 2H), 7.63 (dd, J = 5.3 Hz, J = 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H),

7.30 (s, 1H), 7.28 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.02 (dd, J = 6.5 Hz, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 144.0, 140.5, 137.5, 137.4, 136.8, 134.9, 134.1, 133.4, 131.3, 128.8, 126.5, 124.6, 124.2, 124.1, 123.4, 122.7, 121.9, 116.6, 69.6, 57.7, 21.0. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₂₀NO₂S [M-OH]⁺: 422.1220; Found [M-OH]⁺: 422.1257.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak AD-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220nm) tR = 9.35 (minor), 19.21 (major):











2-((1S,2R)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-hydroxybut-3-en-2yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.7hb): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 63.5 mg (72%) of 2.7hb as a pale red/pink foam as a single diastereomer and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. $R_f = 0.26$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.84 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.78-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.68 (dd, J =5.3 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (dd, J = 8.1 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.1

Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 1H), 3.90 (br s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.3, 162.2 (d, J = 249.9Hz), 143.2, 140.5, 136.58 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 136.54, 134.8, 134.24, 131.19, 128.4 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 124.5, 124.2, 124.1, 123.4, 122.8, 121.7, 117.2, 114.9, 114.7, 69.6, 58.0. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 565 MHz) δ : -114.64 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₂₆H₁₇FNO₂S [M-OH]⁺: 426.0970; Found [M-OH]⁺: 426.0987.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak IC-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, $\lambda = 190$ nm) tR = 10.19 (major), 11.81 (minor):

Racemate:



Asymmetric Reaction:





2-((1S,2R)-1-(benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-1-hydroxy-3-(5-(trifluoromethyl)pyr-idin-2-yl)but-3-en-2-yl)isoindoline-1,3-dione (2.7hc): According to the General Suzuki-Miyaura procedure (GP-1/GP-4) using (S,S)-PhBPE, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0 - 40% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 44.5mg (46%) of 2.7hc as a pale red/pink foam as a >99:1 mixture of diastereomers and the major diastereomer as an 99:1 mixture of enantiomers. Absolute and relative configuration was assigned by analogy to 2.4i, 2.4k, and 2.4n. $R_f = 0.24$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.66 (br s,

1H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dd, J = 5.5 Hz, J = 3.5 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 5.92 (s, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.2, 161.6, 145.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 144.1, 140.5, 137.1, 135.3, 134.1, 134.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 131.3, 124.3, 124.2, 124.1, 123.5, 123.4, 123.2 (q, J = 273.0 Hz), 122.6, 122.2, 121.4, 68.56, 57.51. ¹⁹FNMR (CDCl₃, 565 MHz) δ : -62.43 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₆H₁₈F₃N₂O₃S [M+H]⁺: 495.0990; Found [M+H]⁺: 495.1001.

Chiral HPLC Analysis (Chiralpak IC-3 x 250 mm, heptane/isopropanol = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 ml/min, λ = 220 nm) tR = 14.12 (major), 23.60 (minor): **Racemate:**





Asymmetric Reaction:

CHAPTER 3

Mechanistic Investigation into the Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Couplings of Electron-Deficient Systems

I. Introduction

The Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction is a widely utilized method for generating biaryl organic molecules.^{162,164,170,171} The palladium-catalyzed reaction couples an aryl halide with an aryl boronic acid, forming a sp²-sp² C-C bond between two aromatic rings. This method is extensively used in industrial applications^{172–174} for the synthesis of biaryl compounds of biological significance, due to the reaction's mild conditions, cheap and readily available starting materials, and the water tolerance of the reaction.¹⁷⁵ Reductive elimination, the final step of the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling catalytic cycle, is sensitive to the electronics and sterics of the two fragments being coupled, with electron-deficient systems being increasingly slow to react.¹⁷⁶ This poses an issue and roadblock to accessing these electron-deficient biaryl products.

During an effort to prepare a Schreiner's thiourea¹⁷⁷ analog within a covalent organic framework (COF) for investigations in heterogeneous catalysis applications, we sought the formation of the required electron-poor biaryl linker for COF formation using a Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction. Surprisingly, initial efforts using 4-Bromo-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline as the aryl halide yielded exclusively boronic acid homocoupling rather than the desired cross-coupling product. Further study of this process revealed that this homocoupling process occurred by a unique mechanism specific to the electron-deficient aryl halide coupling partner employed in the reaction. While traditional generation of boronic acid homocoupling observed in this example, as rigorous oxygen exclusion was performed. Through reaction optimization, mechanistic studies, and stoichiometric analyses, a novel mechanism for the generation of boronic acid homo-coupling product in the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction of electron-deficient systems was discovered and is herein described.

Study of the cross-coupling reactions using a 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-substituted aryl halide with aryl boronic acids (**Scheme 3.1**) was evaluated as a model system and found to suffer from substantial

amounts of boronic acid homo-coupling formation by-product with along dehalogenation. Study of the catalyst enabled improvement in the amounts of cross-coupling products formed and identified a new mechanism for homocoupling in these systems. Homocoupling formation in this process likely occurs through protonolysis/second а rare transmetalation event rather than the wellestablished mechanism requiring the involvement of O₂. The scope of this



boronic acid homocoupling reaction was investigated and shown to predominate with electron-deficient aryl boronic acids. Finally, good yield of cross-coupling could be obtained by switching the ligand.

II. Background

A. Heterogeneous vs. Homogeneous Catalysis

Catalysis can broadly be defined as the method of increasing the rate of reaction by the use of a catalyst.⁴² There are two main categories of catalysis in organic synthesis: homogeneous and heterogeneous. The two are named based on their differentiating factor: the phase of the catalyst. In homogeneous catalysis, the catalyst is in solution with the reactants (*i.e.*, same phase). On the other hand, heterogeneous catalysis utilizes a solid-phase insoluble catalyst that remains in a different phase from the reactants throughout the reaction and does not become consumed in the process.

In recent years, heterogeneous catalysis has become the preferred method of catalysis in the pharmaceutical industry if good yield and selectivity can be obtained.¹⁸³ Benefits of heterogeneous catalysis include the ability to recover the catalyst from the reaction using simple filtration, as well as the ability to

recycle the catalyst.¹⁸⁴ Transition metal catalysts are quite expensive, and this recyclability leads to a substantially lower cost of reaction and improves the reaction's overall sustainability and contribution to environmental protection.¹⁸³ As a result, the need to generate heterogeneous catalysts for industrial applications is apparent.

B. Covalent-Organic Frameworks (COFs)

In recent years, covalent-organic frameworks (COFs) have risen in popularity immensely. First reported by Yaghi in 2005,¹⁸⁵ COFs are highly porous, crystalline carbon-based scaffolds used for a variety of different applications, including gas storage and separation, small molecule adsorption, heterogeneous catalysis, and drug delivery.¹⁸⁶ Unlike metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), which are carbon-based scaffolds linked together by a metal cation, COFs lack that metal center and instead are held together by strong covalent bonds, leading to lower density and high thermal stability.¹⁸⁷ Some notable aspects of COFs include their ability to self-heal or self-correct.^{188,189} Their innate ability to come together to form large uniform patterns helps them withstand harsh reaction conditions, including acidic, basic, oxidative, and reductive conditions.¹⁸⁶ One commonly employed method to form a COF involves the polymerization condensation of aldehyde-containing fragments with amine-containing linkers through generation of an imine bond.¹⁹⁰

C. Fluorinated Pharmaceuticals



Fluorinated organic molecules, such as those in **Figure 3.1**, are used extensively in medicinal chemistry and the pharmaceutical industry due to the unique properties that arise with the incorporation of the C-F bond into the active pharmaceutical ingredients (API). For example, incorporation of a fluorine

into a molecule can increase both lipophilicity and metabolic stability.^{130,191–194} Lipophilicity is the molecule's ability to dissolve in fats, which plays a significant role in the absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity of the drug.¹⁹⁵ The incorporation of fluorine into a drug also changes the molecule's polarity, which then improves the bioavailability.¹⁹⁶

As mentioned, C-F functionalized drugs are more metabolically stable than their non-fluorinated counterparts. This is because the carbon-fluorine bond is not found in nature. Instead, fluorine is found in nature in the form of minerals such as CaF₂, known as Fluorite.¹⁹⁷ The human body, therefore, does not have efficient mechanisms of processing or metabolizing the C-F bond, increasing the drug's half-life in the body.^{130,191–194,196}

The importance of organofluorine compounds and their beneficial pharmacological effects on drug metabolism leads to the need to develop more practical methods of synthesizing these fluorine-containing molecules. The Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction lends itself as a practical and useful method for generating fluorinated biaryl compounds and accessing potentially useful therapeutics.

D. Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling

i. History

Awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2010, the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction is one of the most powerful and widely utilized methods for generating important biaryl compounds both in industrial and academic settings.^{162,164,170,171}

First reported^{198–200} in 1979 by Akira Suzuki and Norio Miyaura, the Suzuki-Miyaura crosscoupling reaction is defined as the palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction between organoboron compounds and organic halides or triflates (**Scheme 3.2**).¹⁶² This reaction must take place in the presence of a base and water.¹⁷⁵ Some advantages of this reaction include its mild reaction conditions as well as the wide commercial availability and stability of the required starting materials.



Research developments in this area over the last 50 years have led to an in-depth understanding of the mechanism that has allowed for the identification of widely applicable and efficient Pd-catalysts^{163,201–}²¹¹ that can operate with low catalyst loadings, even in the ppm range, making the reactions suitable for scale-up.^{172–174} Many reviews have been published over the years, describing the versatility of the reaction and the various developments to date.²¹²

ii. Mechanism

The mechanism of the Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-coupling reaction, provided in Scheme 3.3, is analogous to that of other transition-metal cross-coupling reactions. Beginning with Pd(0), (1) oxidative addition of an organic halide forms the Pd(II) complex 3.12. Next, (2) metathesis, or exchange of the anion attached to palladium for the anion of the base occurs, followed by (3) transmetalation between Pd(II)OH complex 3.13 and the organoborate 3.14. Finally, (4) reductive elimination of the two R groups of 3.15 generates the cross-coupling product 3.3 and regenerates Pd(0), restarting the catalytic cycle.



There are two transmetalation mechanisms that likely depend on the specific conditions of the respective reactions. Transmetalation with Pd(OH) species **3.13** uses the free boronic acid **3.2**, as confirmed by Hartwig.²¹³ The other transmetalation process as proposed by Miyaura²¹⁴ includes the use of base and water to generate a charged borate species (not shown), which can then transmetallate with Pd-X species **3.12** directly to form **3.15**. In this reaction, the base is essential for generating the borate **3.14** needed for transmetalation with Pd(II), and metathesis to generate the Pd(II)-OH intermediate **3.13**. Each step of the mechanism is affected by various aspects of the reaction and can significantly affect the yield, rate, and selectivity.

iii. Factors that govern Oxidative Addition

Oxidative addition is governed by the strength of the C-X bond of the aryl halide, typically reacting in the order of I>Br>OTf>>Cl, with iodo- compounds reacting the fastest.¹⁷⁶ The weaker the C-X bond, the easier it is for palladium to insert itself into the bond. Additionally, the electronics of the aryl halide **3.1** affects the rate of oxidative addition. Electron-withdrawing groups on the aryl halide increases the rate, while electron-donating groups make it more challenging, and thus reduce the rate.^{175,215} The ligand can also affect the rate of oxidative addition, with more electron-donating ligands facilitating this step.

iv. Factors that govern Transmetalation

Suzuki cross-coupling reactions require water and base to facilitate the transmetalation step in the mechanism. This is most likely due to the formation of the "borate" **3.14**, or the formation of a Pd(OH) species **3.13**, which may then facilitate transmetalation.^{214,216} Transmetalation is also facilitated by the use of an electron-rich aryl boronate species.¹⁷⁶

v. Factors that govern Reductive Elimination

Reductive elimination is traditionally the last step of the cross-coupling mechanism. It is governed by the electronics of the system, as well as the sterics and electronics of the ligand/Pd complex.¹⁷⁵ In this system, reductive elimination is facilitated when the two coupling partners have complementary electronics – one electron-rich and one electron-deficient; this is referred to as matched electronics.²¹⁷ However, when the two fragments are similar in electronics, the reactivities of the two fragments hinder the process, and this hindrance leads to the classification of this system as mismatched.

As the two fragments are brought together in complex **3.15**, the bite angle of the ligand used will affect reductive elimination, with larger bite angles forcing the fragments closer together, facilitating reductive elimination. Because the metal accepts electrons in this step, electron-withdrawing ligands that lower the electron density around the metal center, speed up reductive elimination. The main cross-coupling catalytic cycle is largely influenced by the organic ligand used with the Pd-catalyst, and reaction outcomes and product distributions can often be controlled by modifying the ligand employed.

While the cross-coupling products are desired, homo-coupling of the boronic acid is often an unwanted side product that leads to poor cross-coupling yields and the need to separate these impurities from the desired products. Other side products that can be generated include the dehalogenation of the aryl halide, and protodeboration of the boronic acid.^{218–220} To generate desired yields of the cross-coupling product, the pathways that lead to these undesired products need to be mitigated and thus avoided.

E. Typical homocoupling mechanism with O₂

Traditionally, the homocoupling product of Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions is believed to occur as a by-product from the presence of oxygen in the reaction (Scheme 3.4). Detailed mechanistic investigations known in the literature^{178–182} shows that the presence of O_2 leads to a Pd(peroxo) species 3.5 that can undergo two sequential transmetalation processes to generate complex 3.16. After double transmetalation, reductive elimination results in the homocoupling product 3.4 and generates Pd(0), restarting the catalytic cycle. Because homocoupling is known to occur from the presence of oxygen, strategic avoidance of oxygen is essential to avoid the generation of this by-product. As a result, special precaution and rigorous exclusion of O_2 should be performed to avoid this unwanted pathway and generation of this undesired product.



F. Electron-deficient coupling and why it is inherently difficult

As discussed previously with the mechanism, reductive elimination is governed by the electronics of the two fragments to be coupled. The rate of reductive elimination is greatly reduced when attempting to couple two fragments that are similar in electronics. Bonds are formed naturally between one fragment that is electron-rich and another that is – to some extent – electron-poor. However, when attempting to bring together two electron-deficient fragments, there is not enough electron density to readily form a bond, making the rate of reductive elimination very slow.¹⁷⁶

III. Experimental design and Reaction development

A. Initial Plan and Troubleshooting; Early Attempts

Initially, this project began with our desire to generate a derivative of Schreiner's thiourea organocatalyst (**3.17**, **Figure 3.2**) for use in asymmetric catalysis. Schreiner's thiourea catalyst was first published by Peter Schreiner in 2002¹⁷⁷ and has primarily been used in organic synthesis as a hydrogen-bond donor in the activation of carbonyls, imines, nitroolefins, and more.²²¹ The molecule works to catalyze reactions by activating the carbonyl via non-covalent interactions, demonstrated in **Figure 3.2**, for use in a variety of organocatalytic transformations.²²² Schreiner's catalyst **3.17**, along with various analogs containing the 3,5-



bis(trifluoromethyl)aniline group, works well in this purpose, due to the extreme electron-withdrawing ability of the CF₃-groups, which increases the catalyst's overall polarity, acidity, and π - π interactions.²²² The electron-withdrawing nature of the electron-deficient aryl CF₃-groups leads to a highly active nitrogen hydrogen-bond donor species, which is very efficient in the organocatalytic activation of carbonyls.

We sought to incorporate Schreiner's H-bond donor catalyst into a solid support for heterogeneous catalysis applications using COF technology. Our proposed plan was to utilize aniline **3.19** bearing an aromatic aldehyde substituent so that after formation of the thiourea, a covalent-organic framework could be produced using the polymerization condensation of the aldehyde motif with various amine linkers (**Scheme 3.5**). We envisioned that the scaffold required to generate the COF **3.20** could be formed via a thiocarbamate coupling/synthesis using thiocarbonyl diimidazole (TCDI) from biaryl **3.19**. Biaryl **3.19** could be formed via the widely applicable Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction, as previously discussed, between the aryl boronic acid **3.2** and aryl halide **3.18**.



Initial attempts at the cross-coupling reaction in **Scheme 3.5** were unsuccessful, and instead, the major products observed were the boronic acid homo-coupling product **3.4** and the protodehalogenation product **3.9**. The poor efficiency at affording the desired cross-coupling product under typical Suzuki-Miyaura reaction conditions was hypothesized to be due to the electron-deficient nature of both coupling partners caused by inhibition of the rate of reductive elimination by the strong electron-withdrawing nature of the two coupling aryl fragments (*vide supra*).¹⁷⁶ As a result, homocoupling may compete. While the typical mechanism for the generation of homo-coupling product is due to the presence of O_2 in the reaction,^{178–182} high quantities of homocoupling product generation was still observed, even with the rigorous exclusion of O_2 . Furthermore, it was somewhat surprising that the reaction cleanly afforded only the boronic acid coupling may be operable leading to the formation of **3.9**. To probe this idea and to find a system that would allow us to obtain the desired cross-coupling product needed to form the COF, an optimization study was performed on a model system using aryl bromide **3.6** to avoid any effects of the aniline-moiety (**Table 3.1**).

Initial studies began with a ligand survey to determine the highest performing ligand in the reaction. Surprisingly, the use of (dppf)PdCl₂, a commonly employed ligand for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions, led to substantial homocoupling product generation (**Table 3.1**, entry 1).

Monophosphine ligands in general performed poorly in this reaction (compare entries 2-7). Bisphosphine ligands were examined due to their bite angle which is known to help facilitate the reductive coupling step by forcing the two fragments closer together. The bite angle of the bis(phosphine) ligand, however, did not seem to have a presiding effect on the reaction selectivity (**Table 3.1**, entries 8-11). On the other hand, XantPhos (entry 12) yielded high cross-coupling product. This may have occurred due to the facilitation of the reductive coupling step via the particularly wide bite angle of XantPhos.²²³ Buchwald's Sphos ligand (entry 14) also yielded high cross-coupling product generation, most likely also due to the bite angle effect.

Table 3.1. Ligand survey for the Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling reaction of the electron-deficient system.				
	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OHC-}\\ \mathbf{F}_{3} & 3 \text{ n}\\ \mathbf{F}_{3} & \mathbf{F}_{3}\\ \mathbf{CF}_{3} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\$	CF_3 CHO CF_3 CHO CHO CHO CHO	3C CF ₃ 3.9
Entry	Ligand	% CC ^b	% HC ^c	% DesBr ^b
1	$dppf^d$	17	78	65
2	PPh ₃	56	15	10
3	P(o-tol)3	5	60	71
4	P(C ₆ F ₅) ₃	< 5	14	12
5	PCy ₃	< 5	61	64
6	$P(t-Bu)_3$	44	9	7
7	$P(n-Bu)_3$	< 5	67	60
8	dppm ^e	8	42	38
9	dppe ^e	< 5	9	5
10	dppp ^e	2	6	2
11	dppb ^e	6	6	2
12	Xantphos ^e	82	7	7
13	XPhos	20	68	62
14	SPhos	93	10	6

^{*a*}ArylBr **3.6** (0.325 mmol), ArB(OH)₂ **3.21** (0.650 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (0.650 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (3 mol %), ligand (6 mol %), 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL), H₂O (0.25 mL). ^{*b*}Yield determined by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopic analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture using α, α, α -trifluorotoluene as standard. ^{*c*}Yield determined by ¹HNMR spectroscopic analysis of the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethyl fumarate as standard. ^{*d*}3 mol % (dppf)PdCl₂ used as catalyst. ^{*e*}3 mol % of ligand used. Completion of the ligand survey in **Table 3.1** showed that Buchwald's SPhos ligand (entry 14) afforded high yields of the desired cross-coupling product **3.22**. We also noticed that regardless of the ligand used, near equal amounts of homo-coupling **3.23** and protodehalogenation product **3.9** were generated for each reaction, leading us to believe they may be connected mechanistically, rather than through the traditional route of homo-coupling arising from the presence of O_2 in the reaction.

In an effort to further discount the homocoupling product formation by the presence of oxygen in the system, additional experiments were performed. First, performing the reaction under an inert atmosphere in an argon-filled glovebox with degassed solvent still led to no improvements providing boronic acid homocoupling product **3.23** as the major product. Second, a control experiment utilizing (dppf)PdCl₂ as a catalyst in the absence of aryl halide **3.6** was conducted and only trace amounts of homocoupling product **3.23** was obtained. This second result implies that aryl halide **3.6** is indeed required for boronic acid homocoupling product **3.23** to be formed and taken together, the standard O₂-induced homocoupling mechanism is unlikely in this system.

B. Homocoupling

During the initial ligand optimization for this system, similar amounts of boronic acid homocoupling (**3.23**) and protodehalogenation product **3.9** were generated, regardless of which ligand was utilized. Based on these results, and the control experiments discussed above discounting O₂-involvement, we hypothesized that the boronic acid homocoupling and protodehalogenation were linked mechanistically. As a result, we proposed a mechanism resulting through a rare second transmetalation pathway,^{224,225} that was previously unknown in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling, that can compete when the cross-coupling reductive elimination rate is significantly slow (See section D). Since the observed boronic acid homocoupling process in this system appeared to proceed through a unique mechanism, we decided to analyze the substrate scope of this homocoupling reaction (**Scheme 3.6**) to determine its generality and gain further insights into the possible reaction mechanism. The reaction scope with respect to the effect of the

boronic acid fragment on the efficiency of boronic acid homocoupling *vs* cross-coupling was investigated by employing electronically and sterically different boronic acids with (dppf)PdCl₂ as the catalyst. Because (dppf)PdCl₂ yielded high boronic acid homo-coupling product in the standard reaction, the results obtained by varying the boronic acid reactant should directly reflect the effect of the electronics and sterics of the boronic acid on the reaction's homocoupling/cross-coupling generation ratio. In general, electron-deficient boronic acids favored the formation of the boronic acid homocoupling product over the cross-coupling product. Trends are highlighted below and are consistent with boronic acid homocoupling over crosscoupling selectivity for coupling partners with expected slow cross-coupling reductive elimination rates.

i. Electronic effect

Fluorine and other halogens, when employed as aryl substituents, behave as mild deactivating groups. As fluorine is electronegative and pulls electron density out of the ring, the substitution pattern affects the reactivity in the corresponding positions across the ring.^{42,226} When 4-fluorophenyl boronic acid **3.2h** was employed, equal amounts of homocoupling and cross-coupling were obtained, however, when the 3-fluorophenyl derivative **3.2i** was used, homocoupling increased. This result demonstrates a key electronic effect, as the *p*-fluoro substituent's electron-donating ability by resonance decreases the amount of homocoupling generated. The *m*-fluoro substituent lacks this resonance effect, and therefore is strictly electron-withdrawing in nature, generating major homocoupling product. Protection of the aldehyde functional group as a 1,3-dioxolane (**3.2m**) led to a reduction in the ratio of homocoupling to cross-coupling product. This is another example of the electronic effects of this reaction. The destruction of the conjugation in the system that occurs when replacing the aldehyde with the dioxolane results in the reduction of the electron-withdrawing ability and thus allows for the increase in the rate of reductive elimination to form the cross-coupling product.

When electron-donating substituents (**3.2j,k**), or a simple phenyl ring was utilized (**3.2n**), crosscoupling was the major product. This is due to the increased ease of bringing together and coupling two fragments with matched electronics. It is much easier to couple an electron-rich and an electron-deficient group than to couple two highly electron-deficient groups. Therefore, more electron-rich arenes led to an increase in the rate of reductive elimination, leading to higher cross-coupling generation.

ii. Steric effect

Boronic acids containing an *ortho*-substituent were either not tolerated, (**3.2c**, **Scheme 3.6**) or solely generated homocoupling product (**3.2l**). The cross-coupling product generated in this system is already sterically hindered – containing two *ortho*-substituents from the aryl halide fragment **3.6**. Therefore, attempting to incorporate a third *ortho*-group in the biaryl cross-coupling product produced with an *ortho*-substituted aryl boronic acid will be highly unfavorable, which is observed with the low tolerance/cross-coupling ability with this system and *ortho*-substituted boronic acids.



C. Stoichiometric studies to ensure and propose an anaerobic mechanism

To further determine a possible mechanism for boronic acid homocoupling and protodehalogenation product generation without the presence of O_2 , stoichiometric studies (Scheme 3.7) were performed.



One possibility for homo-coupling product generation is the direct protodepalladation of the bis(trifluoromethyl)aryl fragment from the oxidative addition Pd complex **3.25**. To examine this possible route, the reaction of aryl bromide **3.6** in the absence of a boronic acid coupling partner, with preformed catalyst (Cy₃P)₂Pd(0), as PCy₃ generated high levels of homocoupling, was investigated. After 90 minutes of heating at 90°C, a 97:3 ratio (by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopy) of oxidative addition complex **3.25** and protodehalogenation product **3.9** was observed. This result confirmed that the oxidative addition step occurs successfully, but without the boronic acid coupling partner, the protodehalogenation product is only generated in small quantities. In stark contrast, when this same reaction was repeated in the presence of aryl boronic acid **3.2a**, complete conversion of aryl bromide **3.6** to the protodehalogenation product was observed by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopy after just 5 minutes of heating, affording 75% yield of boronic acid homocoupling product by NMR, with only traces of cross-coupling product **3.22**. No other fluorine products were present by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopy. This builds off the previous reaction, showing that the

protodehalogenation product is not formed without the boronic acid coupling partner, but as soon as the boronic acid fragment is added, the reaction is incredibly fast and generates high boronic acid homocoupling product. Repeating this reaction using the aryl pinacol boronate ester **3.20** gave complete conversion of the aryl bromide **3.6** to protodehalogenation product **3.9** after only 5 minutes of heating, with minimal cross-coupling generated. The boronate ester, however, generated homocoupling to a lower extent (49% yield by NMR) than the boronic acid, with unreacted aryl boronate still present.

D. Mechanistic insight and proposed pathway

A possible mechanism to account for all these results is a second transmetalation pathway.^{224,225} This would require Pd-C protonolysis²²⁷ to occur to enable aryl boronic acid transmetalation (Scheme 3.4). Homocoupling product formation of the organometallic coupling partner through a second transmetalation is well established for Negishi²²⁴ and Kumada²²⁵ coupling reactions. In these examples, the second transmetalation occurs via a direct aryl-aryl exchange that prevails when the reductive elimination proves to be slow. However, this pathway is not possible in Suzuki-Miyaura reactions, since transmetalation between palladium and aryl boron is well-established to require a Pd-O-B interaction;^{213,214,216,228-236} therefore, palladium is not expected to undergo direct aryl-aryl exchange with boronic acids. Alternatively, protonolysis of the more sterically hindered 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl fragment of 3.27 generates 3.9 directly and provides 3.28 or 3.29, potentially competent intermediates^{213,214,216,228-236} for a second transmetalation with 3.2 to lead to homocoupling product 3.4 via 3.30. This is a surprising result, as Pd-C bonds are relatively inert to protonolysis.²²⁷ This pathway seems to be unique to this 2,6bis(trifluoromethyl) substitution. Furthermore, the boronate derivative is required since minimal formation of dehalogenation product **3.9** was observed in the absence of boronic acid but was quickly generated in the presence of boronate derivatives (Scheme 3.7). Protonolysis of the Pd complex 3.27 may occur directly by the boronic acid to afford **3.29**,²²⁸ or could simply be facilitated by the presence of the second aryl group of complex 3.27 that gets introduced after the first transmetalation. Because both boronic acid 3.2a and boronate ester **3.20** provided fast dehalogenation of **3.27** (Scheme 3.7), the second scenario seems more likely. Additionally, the rate of transmetalation of aryl pinacol boronates is lower than the corresponding boronic acid in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions.²²⁸ Because of this, use of boronate **3.20** in place of boronic acid **3.2a** should lead to a reduced rate of homocoupling formation in the stoichiometric reactions in **Scheme 3.7** if a second transmetalation is operating. The presence of unreacted boronate **3.20**, and reduced yield of **3.4a**, when employing the boronate over boronic acid is fully consistent with this argument.



Based on the proposed mechanism in **Scheme 3.8**, the ratio of cross-coupling to boronic acid homocoupling product would be dictated by the rate of reductive elimination of **3.27** versus the outlined homocoupling pathway. When the reductive elimination of **3.27** is slow, (for example, when the boronic acid employed is more electron-deficient), homo-coupling **3.4a** product should dominate.^{224,225} The results obtained from the reaction investigation of **3.6** with boronic acids of variable structure when using (dppf)PdCl₂ as catalyst (**Scheme 3.6**) further support this proposal.

Because of the high electron-withdrawing ability of the CF₃-groups, reductive elimination from complex **3.27** to generate the cross-coupling product would be increasingly slow when electron-deficient

boronic acids are employed (*e.g.* **3.2a-g,i**). This is due to the polarity mismatch in forming C-C bonds between two electropositive carbon atoms. In addition to the electronics discussed previously, a steric effect is present that inhibits cross-coupling due to the bis(*ortho*) arrangement of the 2,6-disubstitution pattern of the CF₃-groups. Because of this steric prevention of reductive elimination, the protonolysis followed by second transmetalation can compete, leading to the preferential boronic acid homocoupling **3.4**. In contrast, electron-rich boronic acids (*e.g.* **3.2h,j,k**) should increase the rate of reductive elimination from the respective analogs of the unsymmetric $L_nPd(Ar) Ar'$ complex of **3.27**, by minimizing the polarity mismatch and lead to increased amounts of cross-coupling products, as was observed (Scheme **3.6**). Finally, an electron-rich, but sterically-hindered boronic acid (*e.g.* **3.2l**), presumably would favor homocoupling due to sterics.



Overall, the formation of boronic acid homocoupling by-products in the Suzuki-Miyaura crosscoupling reaction of fluorinated arene **3.6** appears to be a result of the unique properties of this compound that is produced by the <u>high electron-withdrawing ability</u> and <u>the steric effect</u> of the 2,6-disubstitution pattern of the two CF_3 -mioeties leading to a surprisingly quick and easy protonolysis event enabling a second transmetalation to be possible. This problem is exacerbated when electron-deficient aryl boronic acid partners are employed in the reaction.

The unique ability of intermediates, including **3.27**, to undergo protonolysis of the 2,6bis(trifluoromethyl)aryl group warrants further investigation and is likely not facilitated by retro-CMD²²⁷ enabled by the presence of HCO_3^- , as control experiments utilizing other bases, such as NaOH or KF, failed to afford an improvement in cross-coupling selectivity, *see experimental information Table 3.S1*.

High selectivity for boronic acid homocoupling using other aryl bromide partners, other than **3.6**, has not been identified. For example, preliminary studies using perfluorinated bromobenzene and boronic acid **3.2a**, or 2-bromo-1,3-dimethoxybenzene with boronic acid **3.2l**, afforded the respective cross-coupling as the major product.

E. Cross coupling

Finally, conditions to successfully generate the cross-coupling product were determined. Use of Buchwald's SPhos ligand²³⁷ with the standard reaction was identified as optimal ligand for cross-coupling production. The substrate scope for the reaction of the electron-deficient aryl halide with electron-deficient aryl boronic acids was further evaluated, as they were found to be difficult to couple (**Scheme 3.10**).



The cross-coupling conditions worked well for most of the electron-deficient aryl boronic acids examined. However, *ortho*-substituted aryl boronic acids did not perform well, generating solely low homocoupling product yield. This was likely due to destabilizing steric effects related to forging a hindered biaryl axis (*vide supra*).^{238–247}

F. Future Work



Future directions in this project aims to optimize the reaction using the 4-Bromo-3,5bis(trifluoromethyl) aniline **3.18** as the aryl halide to form the biaryl **3.19**. Then the next steps would be to make the COF **3.20** from the biaryl **3.19** in **Scheme 3.11**. Efforts thus far have led to decent yields of **3.19a** and **3.19d**, however, the thiourea coupling attempts to date have not been fruitful.

G. Project SEED – Bre'shon Dunson

This project spanned most of my first two years of graduate school. During the summer of 2019, my first summer of research, I had the pleasure of mentoring Bre'shon Dunson, a local Richmond public high school student, in the lab through ACS Project SEED. Throughout the summer that he was with us, he learned how to set up Suzuki cross-coupling reactions, workup them up, and isolate products via column chromatography.

He was able to complete a good portion of the SPhos cross-coupling substrate table reactions and isolated them via column chromatography. At the end of his summer with us, as a part of Project SEED, Bre'shon prepared a research summary and presented his research progress via poster presentation to the other Project SEED participants and mentors. He was a pleasure to have in the lab and his energy was contagious.

IV. Conclusions

In conclusion, we discovered and a novel mechanism for electron-deficient boronic acid homocoupling that occurs under anaerobic conditions in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions. This homocoupling pathway is unique to the 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)substitution of the aryl halide **3.6**, that slows the rate of reductive elimination leading to cross-coupling when electron-deficient boronic acids are employed. This electronic effect is consistent with the fact that electron-rich boronic acids gave more crosscoupling product under the same conditions. Instead, the Pd cross-coupling complex **3.27** can undergo fast protonolysis that then enables a second transmetalation. To the best of our knowledge, this represents the first evidence of a second transmetalation process in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions, and we've observed this pathway to be unique to the highly electron-deficient 2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-substitution of the aryl halide. Finally, cross-coupling using electron-deficient boronic acids could be improved by employing SPhos as the ligand in the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction.

Because of the significance of the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reaction and fluorinated organic compounds, the discovery of this novel homocoupling pathway and optimization of the cross-coupling reaction described, is vital to the future of the development of Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions with fluorine-containing arene partners. These results can also lend useful alternative mechanisms for boronic acid homo-coupling product generation in Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions where the rate of traditional reductive elimination may be slow, such in the case of coupling fragments with multiple ortho-substitutions.²³⁸⁻²⁴⁸

V. Experimental Procedures

A. General.

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 600 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as an internal standard (CDCl3: 7.26 ppm, C6D6: 7.15 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, p = pentet, h = hextet, hept = heptet, br = broad, m = multiplet), and coupling constants (Hz). ¹³C NMR was recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz (151 MHz) instrument with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm, C₆D₆: 128.4 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR was recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz (565 MHz) instrument with complete proton decoupling and ³¹P NMR was recorded on a Bruker 600 MHz (243 MHz) instrument with complete proton decoupling with shifts reported relative to 85% H₃PO₄. Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow (flash chromatography) on silica gel purchased from Silicycle. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass-backed 250 µm silica gel F254 plates purchased from Silicycle / EMD silica gel F254 2.5x7.5 cm plates. Visualization was achieved using UV light, a 10% solution of phosphomolybdic acid in EtOH, or potassium permanganate in water, followed by heating. HRMS was collected using a Jeol AccuTOFDARTTM mass spectrometer using DART source ionization. All reactions were conducted in oven- or flame-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon with magnetic stirring unless otherwise noted. Solvents were obtained from VWR as HPLC grade and transferred to septa-sealed bottles, degassed by Ar sparge, and analyzed by Karl-Fischer titration to ensure water content was < 600 ppm. Aryl halides and Aryl boronic acids were purchased from Sigma Aldrich, TCI America, Alfa Aesar, or Oakwood Chemicals and used as received. All other materials were purchased from VWR, Sigma Aldrich, Combi-Blocks, Alfa-Aesar, or Strem Chemical Company and used as received.

B. Experimental Procedures

General procedure for the ligand survey (Table 3.1):



To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar was charged 95.7 mg (0.327 mmol) of 2-bromo-1,3bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene, 97.9 mg (0.653 mmol) of (4-formylphenyl)boronic acid, 69.2 mg (0.653 mmol) of sodium carbonate, 2.20 mg (0.010 mmol) of Pd(OAc)₂, and 0.020 mmol of ligand. The vial was then sealed with a crimp-cap septum, and made inert under nitrogen. To the vial was charged degassed 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL) and degassed water (0.25 mL). The vial was then immersed in an oil bath at 90°C for two hours. To vial was allowed to cool to room temperature, then was charged water followed by extraction with DCM (2x4mL). The combined organics were charged with 60.0 μ L (0.488 mmol) of \Box , \Box -trifluorotoluene as an added standard, and an aliquot was diluted in CDCl₃ for analysis by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy to determine the yield of **3.22** and **3.9**. The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the crude residue was charged dimethylfumarate (10 – 15 mg), and the mixture was diluted in ~0.5 mL of CDCl₃. Further dilution of an aliquot and analysis by NMR was used to determine the yield of **3.23**.



Additional Optimization data.^a

^{*a*}Reactions performed as described in the general ligand survey procedure. ^{*b*}Determined by quantitative ¹HNMR and ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopic analysis on the unpurified reaction mixture using dimethylfumarate and α, α, α -trifluorotoluene as standard, respectively.

General HC procedure employing (dppf)PdCl₂ as catalyst (Scheme 3.6):

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar was charged 95.7 mg (0.327 mmol) of 2-bromo-1,3bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene, 97.9 mg (0.653 mmol) of (4-formylphenyl)boronic acid, 69.2 mg (0.653 mmol) of sodium carbonate, and 6.64 mg (0.010 mmol) of (dppf)PdCl₂. The vial was then sealed with a crimp-cap septum, and made inert under nitrogen. To the vial was charged degassed 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL) and degassed water (0.25 mL). The vial was then immersed in an oil bath at 90°C for two hours. To vial was allowed to cool to room temperature, and water was then charged, followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x4mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The homocoupling and cross-coupling products, if present, were then isolated via silica gel column chromatography.

General CC procedure employing SPhos/Pd(OAc)₂ as catalyst (Scheme 3.10):

To a 20 mL crimp-cap vial with stir-bar was charged 95.7 mg (0.327 mmol) of 2-Br-1,3bis(trifluoromethyl)benzene, 97.9 mg (0.653 mmol) of (4-formylphenyl)boronic acid, 69.2 mg (0.653 mmol) of sodium carbonate, 2.2 mg (0.010 mmol) of Pd(OAc)₂, and 8.3 mg (0.020 mmol) of SPhos. The vial was then sealed with a crimp-cap septum, and made inert under nitrogen. To the vial was charged degassed 1,4-dioxane (0.7 mL) and degassed water (0.25 mL). The vial was then immersed in an oil bath at 90°C for two hours. To vial was allowed to cool to room temperature, then was charged water followed by extraction with DCM (2x4mL). The combined organic layers were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The homo-coupling, if present, and cross-coupling products were then isolated via silica gel column chromatography.

1. Analytical data for the reaction using (dppf)PdCl₂:



[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dicarbaldehyde (3.4a): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 53.2 mg (77.9%) of [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'dicarbaldehyde as a white solid. $R_f = 0.26$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 10.09 (s, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.80

(d, J = 8 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.7, 145.5, 135.9, 130.4, 128.0 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀O₂ [M + H]⁺: 211.0759; Found [M+H]⁺: 211.0788.



[1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarbaldehyde (3.4b): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 40.5 mg (59.3%) of [1,1'-biphenyl]-3,3'-dicarbaldehyde as a white solid. $R_f = 0.45$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 10.12 (s, 2H), 8.15 (s, 2H), 7.92 (td, J = 6 Hz, J = 1

Hz, 4H), 7.67 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 192.0, 140.6, 137.0, 132.9, 129.8, 129.4, 127.9. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₀O₂ [M + H]⁺: 211.0759; Found [M+H]⁺: 211.0762.



[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dimethylester (3.4d): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 47.5

mg (53.2%) of [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dimethylester as a white solid. $R_f = 0.37$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ: 8.12 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 166.8, 1443, 130.2, 129.7, 127.2, 52.2. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{14}O_4$ [M + H]⁺: 271.0970; Found [M+H]⁺: 271.0958.



4,4'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3.4e): According to the HC, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 74.5 mg of an inseparable mixture of the homo-

coupling product, **14e** (69.1 wt%, 52.7% yield) and the cross-coupling product, **13e** (24.4 wt%, 15.1% yield), as a white solid. $R_f = 0.86$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.73 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.70 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 143.2, 130.3 (q, J = 33 Hz), 127.6, 125.9 (q, J = 4 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 270 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -62.84 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m/z* calcd for C₁₄H₈F₆ [M + H]⁺: 290.0530; Found [M+H]⁺: 290.0559.



4,4'-dinitro-1,1'-biphenyl (**3.4f**): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 22.8 mg (27.8%) of 4,4'-dinitro-1,1'-

biphenyl as a white solid. $R_f = 0.43$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.36 (d, J = 9 Hz, 4H), 7.78 (d, J = 9 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 148.0, 145.0, 128.3, 124.4 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₂H₈N₂O₄ [M + H]⁺: 245.0562; Found [M+H]⁺: 245.0575.



[1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-dicarbonitrile (3.4g): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 49.4 mg (71.9%) of [1,1'-biphenyl]-4,4'-

dicarbonitrile as a white solid. $R_f = 0.40$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.78 (d, J

= 8 Hz, 4H), 7.69 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 143.4, 132.8, 127.8, 118.3, 112.3. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₈O₂ [M + H]⁺: 205.0766; Found [M+H]⁺: 205.0785.

4,4'-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**3.4h**): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 62.0 mg of a 50/50 inseparable mixture of **3.4h**, (31.52)

wt%, 30.6% yield) and the cross-coupling product, **3.22h**, (58.2 wt%, 34.9% yield), as a white solid. $R_f = 0.73$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.49 (dd, J = 8 Hz, J = 6 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (t, J = 8 Hz, 4H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.3, 136.4, 128.7, 115.8. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -116.01 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₂H₈F₂ [M + H]⁺: 190.0594; Found [M+H]⁺: 190.0622. Cross-coupling (**3.22h**): ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (dd, J = 8 Hz, J = 5 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 162.6, 139.4, 131.8 (d, J = 8 Hz), 131.5 (q, J = 29 Hz), 129.3 (q, J = 5 Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 123.1 (q, J = 275 Hz), 114.1. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.61, -113.73 ppm.



3,3'-difluoro-1,1'-biphenyl (**3.4i**): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 54.2 mg of an inseparable mixture of the homo-coupling product, **14i** (55.0 wt%, 46.7% yield) and the cross-coupling product, **13i** (35.0 wt%, 18.3% yield), as a white solid. $R_f = 0.83$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.41 (td,

J = 8 Hz, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dt, J = 10 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (td, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 163.1 (d, 245 Hz), 142.1 (dd, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz), 130.4 (d, J = 9 Hz), 122.7 (d, J = 2 Hz), 114.6 (d, J = 22 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 22 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -112.9 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₈F₂ [M + H]⁺: 190.0594; Found [M+H]⁺: 190.0613. Cross-coupling (**13i**) : ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.96 (d, J = 9 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.13 (td, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 9 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 161.5 (d, J = 245 Hz), 138.7, 135.8 (d, J = 8 Hz), 131.2 (q, J = 30 Hz), 129.3 (q, J = 6 Hz), 128.5 (d, J = 9 Hz), 128.3, 125.9 (d, J = 2 Hz), 123.1 (q, J = 275 Hz), 117.3 (d, J = 23 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 23 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.51, -114.1 ppm.



4'-methoxy-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (**3.22j**): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 49.9 mg (47.0%) of 4'-methoxy-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl as a white solid. $R_f = 0.60$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.93 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.15 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H)

ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.5, 140.4, 131.6 (q, J = 28 Hz), 131.0, 129.1 (q, J = 5 Hz), 127.7, 126.0, 123.4 (q, J = 275 Hz), 112.3, 55.12. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.62 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₆O [M + H]⁺: 321.0714; Found [M+H]⁺: 321.0732.

3,3'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (3.4k): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified



by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 62.9 mg of an inseparable mixture of the homo-coupling product, **3.4k** (57 wt%, 49.8% yield) and the cross-coupling product, **3.22k** (49 wt%, 28.9% yield), as a clear oil. $R_f = 0.53$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.95

(d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (t, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 159.9, 142.6, 129.7, 119.7, 112.9, 112.8, 55.32. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₁₀F₆O [M + H]⁺: 321.0714; Found [M+H]⁺: 321.0714. Cross-coupling (**3.22k**): ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.95 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.2, 140.1, 135.1, 131.2 (q, J = 30 Hz), 129.2 (q, J = 5 Hz), 127.9 (d, J = 8 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 275 Hz), 122.6, 115.9, 113.8, 55.26. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.54 ppm.

2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl (**3.4l**): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 49.9 mg (69.6%) of 2,2'-dimethoxy-1,1'-biphenyl as a white solid. $R_f = 0.53$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.33 (ddd, J = 8 Hz, J = 2 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (dd, J = 7 Hz, J = 2 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (td, J = 7 Hz, J = 1 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (dd, J = 8 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 156.9,

131.4, 128.5, 127.7, 120.2, 111.0, 55.63. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 215.1072; Found [M+H]⁺: 215.1077.



2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3.3n): According to the HC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-20% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 55.7 mg (57.1%) of 2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl as a white solid. $R_f = 0.69$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.95 (d, J = 7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ : 140.3, 133.9, 131.2 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 129.9, 129.1 (q, *J* = 5 Hz), 128.2, 127.8, 126.8, 123.3 (q, *J* = 273 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.50 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₈F₆ [M + H]⁺: 290.0530; Found [M+H]⁺: 290.0559.

Analytical data for the reaction using SPhos/Pd(OAc)₂:



2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde (3.22a): According to the CC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 84.6 mg (80.7%) of 2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde as a white solid. R_f = 0.59 (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 10.09 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8

Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.8, 140.3, 138.7, 136.1, 130.9 (q, *J* = 30 Hz), 130.8, 129.4 (q, *J* = 5 Hz), 128.5, 128.2, 123.1 (q, *J* = 275 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.46 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₅H₈F₆O [M + H]⁺: 319.0558; Found [M+H]⁺: 319.0578.

2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbaldehyde (3.22b): According to the CC general



procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 69.6 mg (67.3%) of 2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbaldehyde as a white solid. $R_f = 0.57$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 10.05 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.68 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 191.7, 138.6, 135.7, 135.3, 135.0,

131.3 (q, J = 29 Hz), 131.3, 129.6, 129.3 (q, J = 5 Hz), 128.5, 127.8, 123.1 (q, J = 274 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.36 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₈F₆O [M + H]⁺: 319.0558; Found [M+H]⁺: 319.0574.



2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl ester (**3.22d**): According to the CC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 65.8 mg (57.4%) of 2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-methyl ester as a white solid. $R_f = 0.61$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.07 (d, J = 8 Hz,

2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 166.7, 139.1, 138.7, 131.0 (q, J = 29 Hz), 130.2, 130.1, 129.3 (q, J = 5 Hz), 128.3, 128.2, 123.0 (q, J = 274 Hz), 52.17. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.37 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₁₀F₆O₂ [M + H]⁺: 3349.0663; Found [M+H]⁺: 349.0653.

2,4',6-tris(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3.22e): According to the CC general procedure, the product



was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-5% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 116.9 mg of an inseparable mixture of the homo-coupling product, **3.4e** (15 wt%, 18% yield) and the cross-coupling product, **3.22e** (82.3 wt%, 80.8% yield), as a white solid. $R_f = 0.86$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.98 (d, = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150

MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 138.7, 137.7, 131.1 (q, J = 27 Hz), 130.7 (q, J = 33 Hz), 130.4, 129.3 (q, J = 5 Hz), 128.5, 124.0 (q, J = 273 Hz), 124.0 (q, J = 4 Hz), 123.0 (q, J = 275 Hz), 122.2. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : - 57.43, -62.71 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₅H₇F₉ [M + H]⁺: 358.0404; Found [M+H]⁺: 358.0440.

4'-nitro-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (3.22f): According to the CC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-10% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 101.9 mg (90.5%) of 4'-nitro-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl as a white solid. $R_f = 0.46$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 8.27 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (t, J = 8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 148.0, 140.8, 137.6, 131.2, 130.9 (q, J = 30 Hz), 129.5 (q, J = 5 Hz), 129.0, 122.9 (q, J = 275 Hz), 122.2. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.36 ppm. HRMS (DART) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₇F₆NO₂ [M + H]⁺: 336.0459; Found [M+H]⁺: 336.0475.



2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile (**3.22g**): According to the CC general procedure, the product was purified by silica gel chromatography (eluent: 0-25% EtOAc in hexanes) to provide 87.5 mg (82.6%) of 2',6'-bis(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbonitrile as a white solid. $R_f = 0.57$ (25% EtOAc/hexanes). ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.99 (d, J = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (m, 3H), 7.39 (d, J = 8

Hz, 2H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 138.8, 137.9, 130.9 (q, *J* = 29.6 Hz), 130.8, 129.4 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 128.8, 122.9 (q, *J* = 273 Hz), 118.4, 112.6. ¹⁹F NMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -57.37 ppm. HRMS (DART) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₅H₇F₆N [M + H]⁺: 316.0561; Found [M+H]⁺: 316.0562.

Stoichiometric Studies (Scheme 3.7):



To a microwave vial with magnetic stir bar was charged 10.0 mg (0.0341 mmol) of arene **3.6** and 7.2 mg (0.068 mmol) of Na₂CO₃. The vial was then taken into a glove-box under an Ar atmosphere and 22.8 mg (0.0341 mmol) of $(Cy_3P)_2Pd$ **3.24** was charged. The vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. Degassed dioxane (0.25 mL) and water (0.07 mL) were charged and the vial was inserted into an oil bath preheated to 90 °C. Aliquots were taken and analyzed by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopy. After 90 min, the vial was removed and cooled to rt. To the white slurry was then charged 2 mL of MTBE and the solid was collected by filtration and washed with water (2x2mL), IPA (2x1mL), and MTBE (2x1mL). After further drying *in vacuo* 18.3 mg (56%) of complex **3.25** was obtained as a white solid contaminated with a small impurity. Note that a control experiment performed in the same manner but without the addition of Na₂CO₃ and water provided the same product implying the material is not the Pd-OH complex. ¹HNMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ : 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.0 – 2.23 (m, 66 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 146.4 (m), 139.2 (q, *J* = 28.0 Hz), 129.9, 124.8 (q, *J* = 272 Hz), 123.7, 35.78 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 30.36, 27.82 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz), 26.33 ppm. ¹⁹FNMR (565 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : - 54.5 ppm. ³¹PNMR (243 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 18.1 ppm.



To a microwave vial with magnetic stir bar was charged 10.0 mg (0.0341 mmol) of arene **3.6**, aryl boron derivative **3.2** (0.068 mmol), and 7.2 mg (0.068 mmol) of Na₂CO₃. The vial was then taken into a glove-box under an Ar atmosphere and 22.8 mg (0.0341 mmol) of $(Cy_3P)_2Pd$ **3.24** was charged. The vial was sealed with a crimp-cap septum and removed from the glove-box. Degassed dioxane (0.25 mL) and water (0.07 mL) were charged, and the vial was inserted into an oil bath preheated to 90 °C. After 5 min, the vial was removed and cooled quickly to rt in an ice bath. An aliquot was taken and dissolved in CDCl₃ and analyzed by ¹⁹FNMR spectroscopy. To the mixture was then charged 2 mL of water followed by extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (2x2mL). The combined organics were dried with Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The yield was then determined by quantitative ¹HNMR spectroscopy using dimethyl fumarate as the analytical standard.

Appendix A1. Select NMR Spectra from Chapter 1



i. Linear-selective with chiral auxiliary





Current Data Parameters NAME SLG1-046_Pure_Isolated

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ii. Branched-selective



















iii. Fused Phenyl NMR data:





Appendix A2. Select NMR Spectra from Chapter 2















































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Appendix A3. Select NMR data for Chapter 3






















































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