CHAPTER FOUR

The Development of an Asymmetric Tsuji Allylation Reaction[†]

4.1 Introduction

The catalytic asymmetric synthesis of all-carbon quaternary stereocenters stands as a significant challenge in synthetic chemistry.¹ Despite the demanding sterics, a of useful catalytic transformations, including Diels-Alder,² Heck,³ number cyclopropanation,⁴ alkylation,⁵ acylation,⁶ and desymmetrization⁷ reactions, have been demonstrated to form quaternary stereocenters with good levels of enantioinduction. Although palladium-catalyzed enantioselective allylation chemistry has long been an important asymmetric catalytic tool,⁸ only recently has palladium (II) π -allyl chemistry been used for the formation of quaternary stereocenters. The vast majority of palladium (II) allylic alkylations studied by Trost, Helmchen, Pfaltz, and others form tertiary stereocenters by the attack of malonate anions on prochiral 1,3-disubstituted allyl fragments. Helmchen has shown that such reactions with palladium phosphinooxazoline (PHOX) complexes typically occur via an outer sphere malonate attack at the allyl termini.⁹ The tendency of palladium to give the less branched products in allylic alkylations with differentially substituted allyl termini makes the formation of quaternary stereocenters on the allyl fragment problematic.¹⁰

An alternative, less common strategy in allylic alkylation is the use of prochiral nucleophiles. A quaternary stereocenter may formed on the prochiral nucleophile when it possesses three distinct carbon substituents. A priori, such reactions requiring the remote

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chiral ligand to discriminate between the prochiral faces of the incoming nucleophile seem improbable. However, Hayashi¹¹ and Ito¹² have demonstrated the asymmetric allylation of prochiral enolates derived from 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds. Trost and coworkers demonstrated that diamine-derived ligands **264** and **265**, which were designed to project bulk forward of the allyl fragment due to their large bite angle, are able to favor one face of the in situ generated ketone enolate (Scheme 4.1).¹³ These reactions represent a significant advance in asymmetric allylation technology by forming quaternary stereocenters with excellent yield and good ee. However, the substrate scope of these reactions was limited by the restriction that the ketone contain either a single acidic site (e.g., ketone **266** and tetralone **268**) or two α sites that have a large difference in acidity (e.g., β -ketoester **270** and phenyl ketone **272**).^{1a} These limitations prevented direct access to simple α -quaternary ketones, such as 2-methyl-2-allylcyclohexanone **275**. Indeed, this





We were confronted by these limitations during studies toward the synthesis of several natural products. A survey of the literature revealed that the non-enantioselective allylation reactions developed by Tsuji in the early 1980s had the proper reactivity and selectivity to form quaternary stereocenters in the presence of similarly acidic and less substituted ketone α sites (Scheme 4.2). Allyl enol carbonate **274** and allyl β -ketoester **276** contain both the latent enolate and allyl fragment.¹⁴ Alternatively, enol acetate **278** and silyl enol ether **280** may serve as enolate precursors in intermolecular reactions with allyl carbonates.¹⁵ These allylations have the advantage that reaction occurs under nearly neutral conditions and at mild temperatures. Despite these advantages, these allylation reactions have been utilized rarely during the interceding twenty years.¹⁶

Scheme 4.2 Tsuji's Allylation Methods



Our analysis of Tsuji's allylation reaction showed it to be an ideal candidate for asymmetric catalysis. These high yielding allylation reactions are a clear case of ligand-accelerated catalysis, occurring only in the presence of phosphine ligands.¹⁷ Of additional interest was the regiochemical fidelity observed in the allylation reactions (Scheme 4.3). Tsuji demonstrated that both the tetrasubstituted allyl enol carbonate isomer **274** and the trisubstituted allyl enol carbonate isomer **274** and the trisubstituted allyl enol carbonate isomer **281** undergo reaction to give allylated ketones **275** and **283** in ratios essentially unchanged from that of the substrates.^{14a} These reactions are believed to proceed via oxidative addition to the allyl fragment and loss of CO₂ to give Pd(II)(allyl) complex **284** and enolate **285**. However, the details involving the recombination of the ion pair to give cyclohexanone **275** and Pd(0) were unclear at the time of Tsuji's original reports. Coupled with the ability to



Scheme 4.3 Regiochemical Fidelity in Tsuji's Palladium-Catalyzed Allylation

4.2 Results and Discussion

4.2.1 Initial Screening of Chiral Ligands

Our initial goal was to show that a chiral ligand could transmit useful levels of asymmetric induction in the reaction while maintaining the important property of enolate regiochemical fidelity found in the non-enantioselective system. We chose allyl enol carbonate **274** as a simple test substrate to evaluate the effect of various ligands (Table

4.1). Although allyl enol carbonates are less common than the other enolate precursors explored by Tsuji, they allowed us to add a single reagent to our catalyst system without extraneous initiators or counter ions that might affect enantioselectivity. In accord with Tsuji's reports, we performed our initial trials in 1,4-dioxane solvent. Due to the prevalence of bisphosphine ligands in asymmetric catalysis, we began with several privileged bisphosphine ligands, but found that only Trost's ligand 264 gave significant ee. However, commercially available (R)-QUINAP (**290**), a chelating N/P-type ligand, gave more uniform ee. It is noteworthy that despite our change from monodentate ligands (i.e., PPh₃) to N/P chelates, high levels of conversion are still observed. Encouraged, we quickly found that the phosphinooxazoline (PHOX) class of N/P-type ligands also provides excellent reactivity and promising levels of enantioselectivity. The ready availability of numerous amino acid-derived PHOX ligands¹⁸ allowed us to rapidly identify that bulkier aliphatic R groups provided higher levels of enantioinduction, with (S)-t-Bu-PHOX providing α -quaternary ketone 275 in 86% ee when 1,4-dioxane was used as solvent. Additionally, we found that the use of THF typically gave slightly higher ee in reactions with (R)-i-Pr-PHOX and (S)-t-Bu-PHOX.¹⁹ Having attained satisfying levels of enantioselectivity and selectivity in forming ketone 275, we began a more thorough investigation of reaction conditions.

Table 4.1 Initial Ligand Screen



		1	,4-dioxane		THF		
entry	ligand	time (h)	% yield ^a	% ee ^b	time (h)	% yield ^a	% ee ^b
1	(R)-BINAP (286)	5	92	5¢	5	76	2¢
2	(R,R)-Me-DUPHOS (287)	5	61	0	5	66	0
3	(R,R)-DIOP (288)	2	91	2 ^c	2	59	2 ^c
4	(R)-MOP (289)	3	93	18	3	47	13
5	(R,R)-Trost ligand (264)	2	97	46 ^c	5	92	64 ^c
6	(R)-QUINAP (290)	2	98	61	2	97	61
7	(R)-Ph-PHOX (291)	2	95	62 ^c	2	95	65 ^c
8	(S)-Bn-PHOX (292)	3	96	65	5	94	63
9	(R)-i-Pr-PHOX (293)	3	96	82 ^c	2	95	83 ^c
10	(S)-t-Bu-PHOX (294)	2	95	86	2	96	88



^{*a*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*b*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC. ^{*c*} (*R*)-275 produced as the major product.

4.2.2 Optimization of Reaction Parameters

Tsuji's straightforward experimental procedure for allylation provided several opportunities to optimize the asymmetric reaction. One important experimental parameter is complexation time for the (S)-*t*-Bu-PHOX and Pd₂(dba)₃. Our optimal 30 minutes complexation time represents a balance between short complexation times (e.g., 5 minutes) in which lower yields but complete conversion were observed, and longer complexation times (e.g., 1-3 hours) in which poor conversion was observed. Long complexation times seem to be complicated by adventitious amounts of O₂ that readily oxidize the ligated PHOX molecule at phosphorus and prevent significant consumption of the starting material. We have independently synthesized (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX oxide (**295**) and shown that it does not catalyze the allylation of tetralone-derived allyl enol carbonate **296** (Scheme 4.4).²⁰

Scheme 4.4 Catalytic Inactivity of (S)-t-Bu-PHOX Oxide



In adapting Tsuji's non-enantioselective conditions, we also investigated the effect of concentration on the reaction (Table 4.2). At higher concentrations, significantly lower yields were observed, as well as slightly decreased ee. No further increase in enantioselectivity was observed below 0.03 M.

		(<i>S</i>)- <i>t</i> -Bu-PHOX Pd ₂ (dba) ₃	(12.5 mol%) (5 mol%)			/
C	\mathcal{T}	1,4-dioxar 0.1 mmo	ne, 25 °C Il scale			
	274				275	
	entry ^a	concentration (M)	time (h)	% yield ^b	% ee ^c	
	1	0.500	3	81	82	
	2	0.250	2	90	84	
	3	0.125	2	94	84	
	4 ^{<i>d</i>}	0.063	2	99	85	
	5	0.031	2	95	86	

 Table 4.2 Effect of Concentration on Asymmetric Allylation

^{*a*} Data reported is the average of three trials. ^{*b*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*c*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC. ^{*d*} Data reported is the average of two trials.

Encouraged by our initial discovery that THF gave better levels of enantioinduction than 1,4-dioxane, we undertook a more thorough study of solvent effects on the reaction (Table 4.3). Many of the ethereal solvents investigated gave good results. Ethyl ether, *t*-butyl methyl ether (TBME), and diisopropyl ether all gave good yields and slightly higher ee than THF with allyl enol carbonate **274** (Entries 3 to 5). However, the methyl tetralone-derived allyl enol carbonate **296** gives substantially lower enantioselectivity in ethyl ether and TBME. The catalyst system's poor solubility in these solvents occasionally led to incomplete conversion, a disadvantage that outweighed the slight increase in ee. Interestingly, several non-ethereal solvents also perform well in the reaction. Benzene and toluene gave similar yields and enantioselectivity as THF (Entries 8 and 9). Carbonyl containing solvents are tolerated in the reaction (Entries 10 and 13). Ethyl acetate gives good yields and enantioselectivity in the asymmetric allylation, while acetone gives inferior yield and enantioinduction. Interestingly, triethyl amine produces a level of enantioselectivity equal to the best ethereal solvents, albeit with lower yields. Halogenated solvents fair poorly in the reaction, producing small amounts of product (Entries 14 and 15). Overall, we were surprised that a variety of solvents with vastly different lone pair donating abilities and polarities perform equally well.

		(<i>S</i>)- <i>t</i> -Bu-PHOX (1 Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ (5 solvent (0.031 M 0.1 mmol s	2.5 mol%) mol%) M), 25 °C cale	► Cyclohexanone 275 tetralone 297		
			275ª		29	7 ^{a,b}
entry	solvent	time (h)	% yield ^c	% ee ^d	time (h)	% ee ^e
1	1,4-dioxane	2	95	86	1	87
2	tetrahydrofuran	2	96	88	1	88
3	ethyl ether	2	98	89	1	80
4	t-butyl methyl ether	2	98	89	1	78
5	diisopropyl ether	2	95	89		
6	anisole	3	82	81		
7	dimethoxy ethane	2	72	56		
8	benzene	2	99	88	1	89
9	toluene	2	99	88	1	87
10	ethyl acetate	2	97	86		
11	triethyl amine	2	72	89		
12	fluorobenzene	3	58	51		
13	acetone	3	26	60		
14	methylene chloride	3	42	13		
15	chloroform	6	0	NA		

Table 4.3 Effect of Solvent on Asymmetric Allylation

^{*a*} Data reported is the average of three trials. ^{*b*} All reactions went to complete conversion. ^{*c*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*d*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC. ^{*e*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral HPLC.

4.2.3 Fine Tuning of Phosphinooxazoline Ligands

A substantial effort was undertaken to improve the enantioselectivity of the reaction by modifying the PHOX ligand structure (Table 4.4).²¹ Hoping to continue the trend of increasing enantioselectivity initially noted in moving from *i*-Pr to *t*-Bu-PHOX, we undertook the synthesis of numerous PHOX ligands with varied sterics and evaluated them in the reaction of allyl enol carbonates 274 and 296. (Entries 1 to 9). In general, ligands bearing saturated substituents seem to perform better than those with aryl groups with respect to enantioselectivity. Moving the steric bulk away from the oxazoline framework by inserting a methylene group (i.e., ligand 299) substantially lowers enantioselectivity. Of particular note are the L-serine-derived ligands 303 and 304,²² which allow access to the enantiomeric R product series with nearly the same level of enantioselectivity as t-Bu-PHOX, but without the need for prohibitively expensive (R)-t-Bu-glycine. The known 1-amino indanol-derived ligand **305** and bornyl-derived ligand **306**, both with uniquely shaped substituents, give slightly less enantioselectivity than t-Bu-PHOX.²³ It is noteworthy that regardless of the shape or type of the substituent on the PHOX ligand, they produced ketones with quaternary stereocenters with a consistent sense of configuration (e.g., (S)-PHOX ligands provide (S)-275). With t-Bu-PHOX established as the optimal steric frame work, we next considered the electronics of the ligand.



Table 4.4 Effect of Phosphinooxazoline Sterics on Asymmetric Allylation

^{*a*} All reactions went to complete conversion. ^{*b*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral HPLC or GC. ^{*c*} Reaction run at 0.2 M in 1,4-dioxane; result would likely be 3-5% ee higher under dilute concentrations in THF.

A number of *t*-Bu-PHOX derivatives were synthesized to probe the importance of phosphine electronics (Table 4.5). We investigated ligands ranging from electron rich to electron poor phosphines with allyl enol carbonates 296 and 274 (Entries 1 to 7 and 8 to

14, respectively). The electronic perturbation has no significant effect on reaction yield. However, electron releasing *para* substituents on the phenyl rings tend to lower the ee of the product relative to that observed with (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (Entries 1 and 8). When allyl enol carbonate **296** was used as the substrate, a slight increase in enantioselectivity is observed with electron withdrawing substitution at the *p*-phenyl positions (Entries 3 to 5). However, enantioselectivity decreases significantly with extremely electron poor PHOX ligands (Entries 6 and 7). This trend is not apparent in the enantioselectivities of cyclohexyl-derived allyl enol carbonate **274** (Entries 9 to 14).

 Table 4.5 Effect of Phosphine Electronics on Asymmetric Allylation



^{*a*} All reactions went to complete conversion. ^{*b*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral HPLC. ^{*c*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*d*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC. ^{*e*} Data reported is the average of two trials.

As a final investigation into the PHOX ligand structure, we prepared a number of non-N/P mixed chelates based on the phenyl oxazoline skeleton of the PHOX ligands (Table 4.6). As mentioned above, the phosphine oxide of *t*-Bu-PHOX is inactive as a catalyst (Entry 2). Sulfur analogue **316** also fails to catalyze the reaction (Entry 3).²⁴ Moving down the periodic table from phosphorus, arsenic oxazoline analogue **317** has excellent activity as a catalyst, but gave tetralone **297** in only moderate ee (Entry 4). The nitrogen analogue **318** shows little activity as a catalyst, and the small amount of product produced is nearly racemic (Entry 5). As a final derivative that maintains the sixmembered chelation, but changes the hybridization of the backbone atoms involved, known ligand **319** was found to give only moderate ee (Entry 6).²⁵



Table 4.6 Effect of Varied Heteroatom Chelates on Asymmetric Allylation

^{*a*} Conversion based on TLC analysis. ^{*b*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral HPLC. ^{*c*} Trial performed with allyl enol carbonate **274**. Conversion measured by GC relative to internal standard (tridecane). Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC.

Although some electron deficient derivatives of t-Bu-PHOX did provide slightly better enantioselectivities than those observed with t-Bu-PHOX on certain substrates, ultimately this slight improvement did not balance the added difficulty in synthesizing substituted PHOX ligands. Our studies clearly show that N/P chelates are particularly effective at inducing high levels of asymmetry in allylation. As a result, we retained the use of (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX in our optimized conditions for exploring scope of the reaction.

4.2.4 Asymmetric Allylation of Allyl Enol Carbonates

A variety of allyl enol carbonates was demonstrated successfully in our asymmetric Tsuji allylation (Table 4.7).²⁶ Alkyl substitution at the 2-position of the allyl enol carbonates is well tolerated (Entries 4 to 7). t-Butyl substituted carbonate 322 is of note, as it forms a quaternary stereocenter vicinal to a quaternary carbon atom in the allylation. The allyl fragment may also be substituted at the internal position (Entry 8). Substitution at the 4 and 6 positions of the cyclohexyl ring do not greatly affect the rate or enantioselectivity of the process (Entries 9 and 10). Interestingly, unsaturation of the substrate still affords the desired α -quaternary ketone in excellent yield and good enantioselectivity (Entries 11 to 13). The isolation of enone 334 in excellent yield without the observation of any Michael products highlights the mild and nearly neutral reaction conditions. Performing the allylation reaction at 10-12 °C typically increases the enantioselectivity by 1-2%, but significantly lengthens the reaction time (Entries 3, 12, and 13). Reactions at 0 °C or lower appear to have difficulty undergoing oxidative addition and are only reliably performed with highly activated substrates.²⁷ In addition to six-membered ring substrates, seven- and eight-membered ring substrates also provide good yields.

entry	substrate ^a		product		time (h)	% yield ^b	% ee ^c
1	OCO ₂ allyl		0		2	85	87
2 ^{<i>d</i>}	\wedge	274		275	5	85	88 (96) ^e
3 ^{<i>f</i>}	\bigvee		\bigvee		9	90	89
4	OCO₀allvl	<i>320</i> . R = CH₂CH₂	0	<i>321</i> . R = CH₂CH₂	2	96	92
5 ^g		<i>322</i> . R = <i>t</i> -Bu	↓¶	<i>323</i> . R = <i>t</i> -Bu	10	55 ^h	82
6	$\int $	<i>324</i> , R = CH ₂ Ph		<i>325</i> , R = CH ₂ Ph	2	96	85
7	\smile	326, R = (CH ₂) ₃ OBn	\smile	$327, R = (CH_2)_3OB$	n 2	87	88
	OCO ₂ 2'-Me-a	allyl	°.				
8 ^g	\bigcirc	328		329	8	89	91
9	OCO ₂ allyl	330		331	1	94	92
10		332		152	1	87	86
11	OCO ₂ allyl	333		334	1	91	89
	OCO ₂ all <u>y</u> 	yl	o II I				
12 ⁱ		<i>296</i> , R = H		🐓 297, R = H	2	87	91
13 ⁱ R ²		<i>335</i> , R = OCH ₃ R ⁻		<i>336</i> , R = OCH ₃	8	94	91
	OCO ₂ allyl		0 				
14	\bigwedge	<i>337</i> , n = 1		<i>338</i> , n = 1	6	81	87
15	$\langle \cdot \cdot \rangle_n$	<i>339</i> , n = 2	$\langle \downarrow \prime \rangle_n$	<i>340</i> , n = 2	2	90	79

Table 4.7 Substrate Scope for Asymmetric Allylation of Allyl Enol Carbonates

^a Reactions were performed using 1.0 mmol of substrate in THF (0.033 M in substrate) at 25 °C with $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (6.25 mol%), unless stated otherwise. ^b Isolated yields. ^c Measured by chiral GC or HPLC. ^d Performed on 5.1 mmol scale. ^e In parentheses is the % ee after one recrystallization of the corresponding semicarbazone. ^f Reaction performed at 12 °C (GC yield). ^g Performed with 5 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and 12.5 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX. ^h Isolated yield after conversion to the corresponding diketone via Wacker oxidation. ⁱ Performed at 10 °C.

At the time of our investigations, 2-methyl-2-allyl cyclohexanone was not known in enantioenriched form. Consequently, we wished to determine the absolute stereochemistry for several of our substrates (Scheme 4.5). To definitively assign the

absolute stereochemistry of the newly formed quaternary stereocenter, we derivatized ketone 275 as its semicarbazone 341. Semicarbazone 341 is highly crystalline and recrystallization from EtOH/H₂O produced material of near enantiopurity (98% ee after two recrystallizations).²⁸ Treatment of the semicarbazone with amine **342** of known absolute stereochemistry in refluxing toluene gave the substituted semicarbazone 343. Amino-substituted semicarbazone 343 also proved to be crystalline and amenable to Xray structure determination when recrystallized from acetone. As the absolute stereochemistry of the isopinocampheylamine portion of semicarbazone 343 was known, the quaternary stereocenter set during the allylation could be assigned S configuration. This sequence was performed on ethyl quaternary ketone 321, which confirmed that it too is of S configuration.²⁹ Additionally, quaternary ketone (S)-275 could be transformed in a straightforward manner to trimethyl ketone 331 and enone 334 (Reactions B and C). These transformations confirmed that the allylation reaction forms ketone 331 and enone 334 with the same sense of absolute configuration. Finally, tetralone 297 was confirmed to be produced in our allylation with S stereochemistry by comparison with literature data.13b



Scheme 4.5 Determination of Absolute Stereochemistry

Our use of allyl enol carbonates enabled direct access to α -quaternary ketones with multiple acidic sites. However, allyl enol carbonates are rarely encountered in the literature, and the synthesis of isomerically pure enol carbonates often requires the synthesis of silyl enol ethers.³⁰ Since Tsuji had used silyl enol ethers in his racemic

allylation, we hoped to adapt our conditions such that silyl enol ethers could be employed as well.

4.2.5 Asymmetric Allylation of Silyl Enol Ethers

The use of silyl enol ethers offered several advantages over allyl enol carbonates. Silyl enol ethers are commonly encountered enolate equivalents in organic chemistry. Unlike allyl enol carbonates, employing silyl enol ethers renders the reaction intermolecular, with the enolate precursor and allyl fragment introduced separately. We discovered in our initial studies that silyl enol ethers are not sufficiently nucleophilic to react with the Pd(II) allyl fragment under our reaction conditions at 25 °C. However, we found that the reaction could be initiated in the presence of Bu₄NPh₃SiF₂ (TBAT), a dry fluoride source.

The use of TBAT as an initiator complicates the proposed catalytic cycle (Scheme 4.6). In the case of allyl enol carbonates, the oxidative addition to allyl carbonate **274** leads immediately to the enolate and Pd(II) allyl ion pair, which can collapse directly to the product (Scheme 4.3). For the intermolecular reaction, we primarily use diallyl carbonates as an allyl precursor, but mixed carbonates are also effective. Oxidative addition of diallyl carbonate occurs readily at 25 °C to give Pd(II) allyl species **284** and alkoxide **346**. The addition of TBAT immediately generates the enolate. We hoped the enolate would react with the palladium complex **284** by the same enantioselective mechanism observed with the allyl enol carbonates. A substoichiometric amount of TBAT is sufficient, as the alkoxide generated in the reaction is also capable of generating the enolate in situ.³¹ In principle, it should be possible for the small amount of allyl

alkoxide generated from oxidative addition to initiate the reaction. In practice, we found that 35 mol% TBAT was usually sufficient to ensure complete conversion of the silyl enol ether. Having developed an effective means of silyl enol ether activation, we attempted asymmetric allylation with a range of tetrasubstituted silyl enol ethers.



Scheme 4.6 General Mechanism for Silyl Enol Ether Allylation

Gratifyingly, allylation of the silyl enol ether substrates occurs with levels of enantioinduction similar to those observed for the allyl enol carbonate substrates and over a similar diversity of substrates (Table 4.8). Specifically, quaternary ketones **275** and **321** are produced with the same ee observed in the allyl enol carbonate reactions (Entries 1 and 2). α -Oxygenated silyl enol ether **349** undergoes allylation to give ketone **350** with a tertiary ether stereocenter, albeit with moderate enantioselectivity (Entry 3). In addition

to diallyl carbonate, dimethallyl carbonate serves as a suitable allyl fragment precursor (Entries 4 and 5). Impressively, allyl methallyl ketone **352**, bearing only a remote methyl group to engender chirality, is formed in 91% ee. As with the reactions of allyl enol carbonates, substitution about the ring and larger ring size are tolerated (Entries 6 to 8).

entry	substrate ^a		product		time (h)	% yield ^b	% ee ^c
1	отмs I в	<i>347</i> , R = CH ₃	o ∐ ₽	<i>275</i> , R = CH ₃	2	95	87
2	\bigwedge	<i>348</i> , R = CH ₂ CH ₃		<i>321</i> , R = CH_2CH_3	3	96	92
3	\smile	<i>349</i> , R = OBn	\bigtriangledown	<i>350</i> , R = OBn	3	83	59
4 ^{<i>d</i>}		<i>347</i> , R = CH ₃		<i>329</i> , R = CH ₃	4	79	91
5 ^d	\bigcup	351, R = allyl	↓ ſ	352, R = allyl	5	82	91
6	OTMS	353		152	2	99	81
7 8	OTMS	<i>354</i> , n = 1 <i>355</i> , n = 2		<i>338</i> , n = 1 <i>340</i> , n = 2	2 3	94 96	86 79

Table 4.8 Substrate Scope for Asymmetric Allylation of Silyl Enol Ethers

^{*a*} Reactions were performed using 1.0 mmol of substrate in THF (0.033 M in substrate) at 25 °C with $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (6.25 mol%), diallyl carbonate (1.05 equiv), TBAT (35 mol%) unless stated otherwise. ^{*b*} Isolated yields. ^{*c*} Measured by chiral GC or HPLC. ^{*d*} Reaction performed with dimethallyl carbonate (1.05 equiv).

In addition to the flexibility afforded by the intermolecular reaction of silyl enol ethers and diallyl carbonates, the use of silyl enol ethers as a means to generate enolates independent of the allyl fragment allows the catalytic cycle to commence at the stage of a Pd(II) allyl salt **356** (Scheme 4.7). The Pd(II)(allyl)PHOX•PF₆ salt **356** readily precipitates upon mixing (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX, [Pd(allyl)Cl]₂, and NH₄PF₆ in ethanol.³² The salt serves as an active catalyst in the asymmetric Tsuji allylation reaction, giving good yields and nearly identical enantioselectivity to the in situ generated catalyst. The $Pd(II)PF_6$ salt **356** has several practical advantages. It is a stable non-hygroscopic solid, which may be stored indefinitely. Moreover, using the preformed Pd(allyl)PHOX catalyst prevents the introduction of dba, which often complicates the purification of the α -quaternary ketone products.

Scheme 4.7 Allylation with Pd(II)•PF₆ Salt 356



Our work with silyl enol ethers demonstrated that our enantioselective process is robust enough to overcome the intermolecular introduction of the enolate and allyl fragments and to tolerate the presence of other ions in solution. Silyl enol ethers are a more familiar substrate class and greatly increase the practicality of the reaction. However, we rely on thermodynamically driven silyl enol ether syntheses, which typically produce a 10:1 ratio of isomers that require tedious purification to obtain isomerically pure substrates.³³ A direct method for the synthesis of isomerically pure substrates would further increase the practicality of the catalyst system.

4.2.6 Asymmetric Allylation with Racemic Allyl β-Ketoesters

β-Ketoesters represent a classical solution to the problem of regioselective ketone alkylation. However, as stereogenic racemic substrates for a catalytic asymmetric reaction, the allyl β-ketoesters required could in principle undergo kinetic resolution or experience diastereomeric transition states. In the event, no significant kinetic resolution of the allyl β-ketoesters was observed.³⁴ The similar levels of enantioselectivity observed between the allyl β-ketoester substrates and the other classes of substrate suggest that the enantiodetermining transition state of the reaction remains unchanged. The only modification to our standard conditions required for the use of β-ketoester substrates is slight warming (Table 4.9). While the extent to which decarboxylation slowed at ambient temperature varied from substrate to substrate, β-ketoesters are uniformly more sluggish in decarboxylation than allyl enol carbonates.³⁵ However, this difficulty could typically be overcome by performing the reaction 5 °C warmer, which had a negligible effect on enantioselectivity.

	<u></u>		Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ (2. <i>S</i>)- <i>t</i> -BuPHOX (6	5 mol%) 6.25 mol%)	Ļ	_//
(±) -〔		or 🗸 –	THF, Tempe	erature		\sim
	358				275	
	entry	temp (°C)	time (h)	% yield ^a	% ee ^b	
	1	18	48	0	ND	
	2	25	7.5	85	88	
	3	30	2.25	82	87	
	4	35	1.25	85	86	
	5	40	0.67	86	85	
	6	60	0.15	82	83	

Table 4.9 Temperature Effects on Decarboxylative Allylation of Allyl β-Ketoesters

 a Isolated yield from reaction of 1.0 mmol substrate at 0.033 M. b Determined by chiral GC.

The use of quaternary β -ketoesters renders this deracemization reaction unusual (Scheme 4.8). Typical deracemizations involve a pre-equilibrium epimerization of the starting material, A, followed by enantioselective conversion to product B (Pathway I).³⁶ However, quaternary stereocenters are not typically epimerizable, and we believe that both enantiomers of the starting material, A, are converted to a prochiral intermediate, C,³⁷ which preferentially forms one enantiomer of the product B under the influence of the chiral catalyst (Pathway II). We have termed such transformations stereoablative enantioconvergent catalysis.³⁸ As a result of this interesting mechanism and the facile synthesis of quaternary β -ketoesters, we have been able to expand our substrate scope greatly.

Scheme 4.8 Stereoablative Enantioconvergent Catalysis

$$\begin{array}{c|c} I & I \\ stereomutative & (-)-A & \stackrel{k_2}{\longrightarrow} & (-)-B \\ enantioconvergent \\ catalysis \\ k_1 \approx k_1 >> k_2 > k_3 & (+)-A & \stackrel{k_3}{\longrightarrow} & (+)-B \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} II \\ stereoablative \\ enantioconvergent \\ catalysis \\ k_1 \approx k_2 \text{ and } k_3 > k_4 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c|c} (-)-A & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_3}{\longleftarrow} & (-)-B \\ (-)-A & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_3}{\longleftarrow} & (-)-B \\ (-)-A & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & (-)-B \\ (-)-A & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & (-)-B \\ (-) & \stackrel{k_1}{\longleftarrow} & \stackrel{k_1}$$

During the course of our studies, several practical methods for the synthesis of quaternary β-ketoesters have been frequently used (Scheme 4.9). The Dieckmann cyclization of pimelic acid diallyl ester (**360**) gives an intermediate cyclized sodium salt **361**, which can be alkylated to give quaternary β-ketoesters, such as benzylated compound **362**.³⁹ Alternatively, sodium salt **361** can be protonated to give the 2-carboxyallylcyclohexanone, and alkylated in a separate step. Cyclic ketones, such as 1,4-cyclohexandione *mono*-ethylene ketal (**363**), may be treated with base and diallyl carbonate to effect acylation. Mild alkylation conditions (MeI and K₂CO₃ in acetone) allow the C-methylated β-ketoester to be isolated in 74% yield over two steps with only one chromatographic purification. Both of these methods are inexpensive and can be readily carried out on large scale. In cases where O-acylation or multiple sites of C-acylation are problematic, such as enone **365**, treatment with LDA under kinetic conditions and then allyl Mander's reagent **366** frequently gives selective acylation.⁴⁰







86% vield

A number of α -substituted 2-carboxyallylcyclohexanones are readily prepared by the above methods and were successfully subjected to enantioconvergent decarboxylative allylation (Table 4.10). Acrylonitrile and ethyl acrylate-derived substrates **370** and **372** undergo smooth reaction, to give the α -quaternary ketone products in excellent yield (Entries 4 and 5). Interestingly, these products are equivalent to the products of an asymmetric conjugate addition with the enolate of 2-allyl cyclohexanone. Silylated formaldehyde adduct **378** demonstrates the allylation of a substrate with a heteroatom positioned for β -elimination from the intermediate enolate (Entry 9).⁴¹ Another noteworthy substrate is α -fluorinated β -ketoester **380**. Decarboxylative allylation of **380** afforded tertiary fluoride **381** in 80% yield and 91% ee.⁴² Such α -fluorinated carbonyl compounds with well defined absolute stereochemistry may find use as NMR probes in biological systems or as non-epimerizable isosteres for stereocenters α to carbonyls.⁴³

Table 4.10 Enantioconvergent Decarboxylative Allylation of a-Substituted 2-Carboxyallylcyclohexanones

$(\pm)-\underbrace{(\pm)^{O}}_{O} (\pm) - \underbrace{(5)^{O} + BuPHOX (6.25 mol\%)}_{THF \text{ or } Et_2O, 25-30 °C} + CO_2$								
entry	R	substrate	product	solvent	temp (°C)	time (h)	% yield ^a	% ee ^b
1	CH ₃	358	275	THF	25	7.5	85	88
2	CH ₃	358	275	Et ₂ O	25	4.75	89	88
3	prenyl	368	369	Et ₂ O	30	6	97	91
4	CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	370	371	Et ₂ O	25	6.5	97	88
5°	CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	372	373	Et ₂ O	25	6	96	90
6	CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	362	325	THF	25	0.5	99	85
7	CH ₂ (4-CH ₃ OC ₆ H ₄)	374	375	THF	25	10	80	86
8	CH ₂ (4-CF ₃ C ₆ H ₄)	376	377	THF	25	0.5	99	82
9 ^c	CH₂OTBDPS	378	379	THF	25	5	86	81
10	F	380	381	Et ₂ O	30	3.5	80	91

^a Isolated yield from reaction of 1.0 mmol substrate at 0.033 M in solvent, unless otherwise noted. ^b Determined by chiral GC or HPLC. ^c 4 mol% Pd₂(dba)₃, 10 mol% (S)*t*-Bu-PHOX, 0.021 M.

In addition to modifications at the α -position of the substrate, the decarboxylative asymmetric allylation tolerates a wide variety of modification to the carbocycle and allyl fragment of the substrate (Table 4.11). In particular, the reaction is exceptionally tolerant to the steric demands of substitution at the 3, 4, 5, and 6 positions of the cyclohexane ring. Each position can be fully substituted without significantly affecting yield or enantioselection (Entries 1 to 4). Unsaturated substrates (Entries 5 to 7) as well as seven-membered ring containing substrates (Entries 8 to 10) perform well in the reaction. Of note are vinylogous ester 388 and vinylogous thioester 390. Interestingly, thioester **390** provides significantly higher enantioselectivity in the allylation than ester **388** (89 vs. 85% ee).⁴⁴ As with the previous substrate classes, substitution at the central position of the allyl fragment has a slightly beneficial effect on the enantioselectivity of the reaction (Entries 11 and 12). The incorporation of a chlorine atom on the allyl fragment provides another functional group handle for further manipulation and higher oxidation state. Piperidinone **395** demonstrates the use of a nitrogen heterocycle in the allylation (Entry 13). In an effort to construct more than one quaternary stereocenter in a single transformation, we prepared allyl enol carbonate **397**. This substrate contains a latent allyl β -ketoester moiety, which would be revealed by the reaction of the allyl enol carbonate portion of the molecule. To our delight, tandem allylation occurred to afford C_2 symmetric ketone **398** as the predominant product in 92% ee.

entry	substrate		product	1	emp (°C)	time (h)	% yield ^a	% ee ^b
1	CO ₂ allyl	364		152	25	1.5	94	85
2 ^c		364		152	25	24	94	86
3	CO ₂ allyl	382		331	30	9	89	90
4	CO ₂ allyl	383		256	25	5	90	85
5 ^{d,e}	CO ₂ allyl	384		334	30	4	77	90
6 ^d	O CO ₂ tBu CO ₂ allyl	367	O CO ₂ fBu	385	30	9	73	86
7 ^d (CO ₂ allyl	386		297	25	10	97	92
8	CO ₂ allyl	387		338	25	9.5	83	87
9 d,e	O II I.CO₀allvi	<i>388</i> . R = O	o i-Bu ∐l.s.∠	<i>. 389</i> . R = O <i>i-</i> Bı	J 30	6	92	85
10 ^{<i>d,f</i>}	39	0, R = SPh		<i>391</i> , R = SPh	30	5	86	89
	0 0	-	0					
11 ^d	\square	<i>392</i> , R = C		<i>329</i> , R = CH ₃	35	6.5	87	92
12 ^{d,g}	R R	<i>393</i> , R = C		<i>394</i> , R = Cl	35	2.5	87	91
13	O CO₂allyl N Bn	395	O N Bn	396	25	2.5	91	92
14 ^{<i>h</i>}	OCO ₂ allyl CO ₂ allyl	397		398	40	6	76 ⁱ	92

Table 4.11 Enantioconvergent Decarboxylative Allylation of β -Ketoesters with Substituted Carbocycles and Allyl Fragments

^{*a*} Isolated yield from reaction of 1.0 mmol substrate, 2.5 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and 6.25 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX at 0.033 M in THF, unless otherwise noted. ^{*b*} Determined by chiral GC or HPLC. ^{*c*} 25 mmol substrate, 1.5 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$, and 3.75 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX. ^{*d*} Performed in Et₂O. ^{*e*} Reaction performed on 0.16 mmol scale, 5 mol% $Pd(dmdba)_2$, and 6.25 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX at 0.100 M. ^{*f*} Reaction performed on 0.29 mmol scale, 5 mol% $Pd(dmdba)_2$, and 6.25 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX at 0.100 M. ^{*s*} 4 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$, and 10 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX at 0.021 M. ^{*h*} 4 mol% $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and 10 mol% (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX. ^{*i*} 4:1 mixture of C_2 :meso diastereomers.

4.3 Synthetic Applications

The α -quaternary allyl cycloalkanones produced in the asymmetric Tsuji allylation are highly useful chiral building blocks. Each substrate contains at least two functional groups, a ketone and an olefin, for further manipulation. Moreover, the preceding section has demonstrated these allylation reactions to be highly functional group tolerant. The application of this suite of allylation reactions to the catalytic asymmetric synthesis of natural products is an ongoing topic of research in our laboratories.^{28b}

To demonstrate further the utility of these products, we transformed ketone (–)-(*S*)-**275** into several familiar cyclic frameworks (Scheme 4.10). Wacker oxidation of (–)-(*S*)-**275** followed by aldol condensation gave enone **399** in good yield (Reaction A). An alternative [6-5] skeleton was formed in a three-step sequence by olefin cross metathesis with methyl vinyl ketone, olefin hydrogenation, and aldol condensation under basic conditions to afford exocyclic enone **400** (Reaction B). Carbocyclic [6-6] ring systems are accessible as well. Multi-step elaboration of the allyl group afforded an intermediate diketone, which underwent aldol condensation to enone **401** in 43% overall yield (Reaction C). Enone **401**, which has been classically produced by Robinson annulation, has been extensively used in synthesis.⁴⁵ As a final transformation of (–)-(*S*)-**275**, we executed a Baeyer-Villiger oxidation with peracetic acid to give caprolactone **402**. This transformation demonstrates the conversion of our enantioenriched quaternary stereocenter into a latent tertiary alcohol with defined absolute stereochemistry (Reaction D). Scheme 4.10 Useful Derivatives of (-)-(S)-275



Spiro quaternary stereocenters represent a particularly challenging subclass of quaternary stereocenters. In addition to the fused cyclic skeletons above, allyl methallyl ketone **32** was used as an entry into the synthesis of ring systems containing spiro quaternary stereocenters (Scheme 4.11). Ketone **352** can be treated with Grubbs' second generation catalyst in methylene chloride to give a good yield of the spiro[4.5]ketone **403**. Spiro[5.5]enone **405** is produced in a modest yield by treatment of ketone **352** with standard ketal protection conditions, followed by ozonolysis, and base.



Scheme 4.11 Synthesis of Derivatives with Spiro Quaternary Stereocenters

4.4 Reaction Scope and Limitations

4.4.1 Introductory Remarks

We have demonstrated that our allylation catalyst is capable of producing a great variety of highly enantioenriched quaternary stereocenters α to ketones, which were previously difficult to access, from several classes of pro-nucleophiles. However, in our studies we have encountered several substrate classes that provided substantially lower than expected levels of enantioselectivity. Interestingly, these substrates still give generally excellent chemical yield. We consider these substrates as an impetus for the development of more effective catalysts and as useful probes of the reaction's mechanism.

4.4.2 Substrates Containing Five-Membered Rings

While enolate precursors contained in six-membered rings comprise the bulk of our substrates, we have demonstrated that seven- and eight-membered rings are tolerated with only slight loss in enantioselectivity. Allyl β -ketoesters constructed on five-

membered rings also give useful levels of enantioselectivity (Table 4.12). These substrates generally give good yields of α -quaternary ketones with enantiomeric excesses about 10% lower than the cyclohexanone analogue. Ethyl substituted ketone **407** is formed in 86% ee, only 6% lower than the corresponding cyclohexanone (Entry 1). Benzyl appended cyclopentenone substrates give consistent yields, but electron deficient aromatic rings decrease enantioselectivity more significantly than in the reactions of sixmembered β -ketoesters (Entries 4 to 6). Indanones are produced good yield and useful ee (Entries 7 and 8).

Table 4.12 Enantioconvergent Decarboxylative Allylation of β -Ketoesters Containing Five-Membered Rings.

	(±)-		Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ (2.5 mol% 6)- <i>t</i> -BuPHOX (6.25 mo THF (0.033M), 25 °C		~⁄⁄	+ CO ₂	
entry	substrate ^a		product		time (h)	% yield ^b	% ee ^c
1	0_	406, R = CH ₂ CH ₃	0	407, R = CH ₂ CH ₃	3	82	86
2	CO₂allyl	408, R = CH(CH ₃)	2	409, R = CH(CH ₃) ₂	3	77	84
3	/	<i>410</i> , R = CH ₂ NPh	th \	411, R = CH ₂ NPhth	2	67	48
4		<i>412</i> , R = OMe		<i>413</i> , R = OMe	2	84	73
5		414, R = Me		<i>415</i> , R = Me	2	84	73
6 [<i>416</i> , R = CF ₃		417, R = CF ₃	2	83	60
7 ^d	O R CO₂ally	418, R = Me	O R	<i>, 419</i> , R = Me	1	82	80
8		<i>420</i> , R = Bn		<i>421</i> , R = Bn	1	93	71

^a Reactions were performed using 1.0 mmol of substrate in THF (0.033 M in substrate) with Pd₂(dba)₃ (2.5 mol%), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (6.25 mol%) unless stated otherwise.
^b Isolated yields. ^c Measured by chiral GC or HPLC. ^d Performed on 0.1 mmol scale with Pd₂(dba)₃ (5 mol%), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (12.5 mol%).

4.4.3 The Synthesis of Tertiary Stereocenters from Acyclic Enolate Precursors

While we have principally employed our asymmetric allylation for the synthesis of quaternary stereocenters, the mild and nearly neutral conditions of the reaction are well suited for the synthesis of tertiary stereocenters α to carbonyls (Table 4.13).⁴⁶ Such stereocenters are prone to epimerization and over-alkylation under the strongly basic conditions traditionally used for enolate generation.⁴⁷ We found that allyl enol carbonate **422** underwent allylation to phenyl ketone **423** in 67% ee (Entry 1). In analogy to the results of Hou and coworkers, we found that the addition of silver (I) bromide gave a significant increase in the ee of the product (Entry 2).⁴⁸ Both TMS⁴⁹ and TBS⁵⁰ silyl enol ethers were competent enolate precursors when TBAT was used as an initiator (Entries 3 and 4). Unlike the tetrasubstituted silyl enol ethers, cesium fluoride proved to be the optimal fluoride source for the less substituted silvl enol ethers, engendering noticeably higher ee (Entry 5). Unfortunately, the use of silver(I) bromide in the presence of cesium fluoride greatly reduced reactivity and only slightly increased enantioselectivity (Entry 6). Similarly, the use of ethyl ether as a solvent increased enantioselectivity at the cost of lowered yield (Entry 7). Although our allylation methods have provided tertiary stereocenters in only moderate ee, we have recently disclosed a decarboxylative protonation of quaternary allyl β -ketoesters based on a similar catalyst system, which provides access to tertiary stereocenters α to ketones in excellent ee.⁵¹

		Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ (2.5 n <i>t-</i> BuPHOX (6.2 Solvent, 22 °	nol%) 5 mol%) c 42	23	
entry	substrate ^a	solvent	additive	% yield ^b	% ee ^c
1	422, R = CO ₂ allyl	THF		79	67
2	422, R = CO ₂ allyl	THF	AgBr (40 mol%)	75	79
3 ^d	<i>424</i> , R = TMS	THF	TBAT (35 mol%)	60	62
4 ^d	<i>425</i> , R = TBS	THF	TBAT (35 mol%)	82	73
5 ^d	424, R = TMS	THF	CsF (48 mol%)	79	77
6 ^{<i>d</i>}	424, R = TMS	THF	CsF (48 mol%), AgBr (40 mol%)	20	79
7 ^d	<i>424</i> , R = TMS	Ether	CsF (48 mol%)	38	82

 Table 4.13
 Asymmetric Allylation of Allyl Enol Carbonates and Silyl Enol Ethers Not

 Contained in Ring

^{*a*} Reactions were performed using 0.092 mmol of substrate (0.092 M in substrate). ^{*b*} Isolated yields. ^{*c*} Measured by chiral HPLC. ^{*d*} Reaction performed with diallyl carbonate (1.05 equiv).

4.4.4 Substrates Proceeding via Weakly Basic Enolates

The allylation of substrates derived from ketones of unusually low pK_a (i.e., stabilized enolates) as a group give by far the lowest levels of enantioselectivity we have observed with the PHOX catalyst system (Table 4.14). Despite this, these substrates give consistently excellent chemical yields of the allylated products. It is noteworthy that the phenyl ketone (Entries 1 and 2) and β -ketoester (Entries 3 and 4) derived enolates that gave excellent enantioselectivities in Trost's earlier asymmetric allylation reactions¹³ fail to give useful levels of enantioselectivity under our conditions. Oxazole **431**, designed with the hope of executing an enantioselective synthesis of α, α -disubstituted amino acids, also underwent allylation with little enantioselectivity, presumably due to the stability of the intermediate aromatic enolate (Entry 5). The orthogonality of the
entry	substrate ^a		product ^b	time (h)	% yield ^c	% ee ^d
1	OCO ₂ allyl	425	O Ph 273	2	99	11
2	OCO ₂ allyl	426	427	2	93	0
3	OCO ₂ aliyi CO ₂ Et	428	O CO ₂ Et 271	2	89	24
4	OCO2aliyi	429	o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	2	87	2
5		431		2	89	2

Table 4.14 Asymmetric Allylation via Stabilized Allyl Enol Carbonates

4.4.6 Application of the Palladium PHOX Catalyst System to Propargylation

In addition to allylation, we also explored propargylation of enol carbonates with the palladium/PHOX catalyst system (Table 4.15).⁵² Our preliminary studies found that propargylation of ketone enolates required significantly higher temperatures than are required for allylation.⁵³ Additionally, the optimal structure of the PHOX ligand is significantly different for propargylation than for allylation. Moving the bulk of the *t*-Bu

^{*a*} Reactions were performed using 1.0 mmol of substrate in THF (0.033 M in substrate) at 25 °C with $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (2.5 mol%), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (6.25 mol%). ^{*b*} Absolute stereochemistry of products assigned by analogy. ^{*c*} Isolated yields. ^{*d*} Measured by chiral GC or HPLC.

group away from the oxazoline by insertion of a methylene group gave higher ee (Entry 2 vs. 1). Unlike allylation, PHOX ligands derived from amino acids containing aromatic side chains gave higher enantioselectivity than aliphatic side chains, with anthracenyl derivative **437** giving the highest level of enantioselectivity. While still preliminary, these studies suggest that the palladium/PHOX catalyst system may find use outside allylation reactions.⁵¹

 Table 4.15
 Asymmetric Propargylation



^{*a*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*b*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC.

4.5 Mechanistic Insights

While it is premature at this time to make definitive statements about the fine mechanistic details of our palladium/PHOX-based allylation, an intriguing picture of the reaction's general mechanism has emerged from our experimental studies.⁵⁴ A number of

experimental observations suggest that our allylation of prochiral nucleophiles differs substantially in mechanism from palladium/PHOX-catalyzed malonate alkylation of prochiral allyl fragments, which has been studied in detail by Helmchen.⁹

Helmchen's model for the asymmetric allylic alkylation of prochiral allyl electrophiles with palladium/PHOX catalysts involves attack at the allyl terminus by an outer sphere malonate anion (Scheme 4.12). The allyl group isomers **438** and **439** are in rapid equilibrium such that the nucleophile's preferred attack (**439**), from the open quadrant at the allyl terminus trans to phosphorus, is the nearly exclusive reaction pathway. The resulting palladium(0) olefin complex **440** has been observed at low temperature.⁹ It is difficult to rationalize the high levels of stereoinduction observed in our allylation by this mechanism. In our case, the chiral palladium complex would be required to differentiate the prochiral faces of the unassociated enolate, when steric and electronic interactions should be minimal. Alternatively, an inner-sphere mechanism would allow for close contact of the enolate to the chiral environment and facilitate the discrimination between the prochiral enolates faces.⁵⁵

Scheme 4.12 Helmchen's Mechanism for Asymmetric Allylation of Prochiral Allyl Electrophiles



Allylation of a palladium bound enolate is consistent with many experimental trends we have observed, which do not correlate well to an outer-sphere enolate attack mechanism. The high enantioselectivity under our conditions appears to correspond with conditions that would keep ion pairs tightly associated. The range of effective solvents for our reaction demonstrates this trend. Ethereal solvents (e.g., THF), aromatic solvents (e.g., benzene), ethyl acetate, and triethylamine share few properties other than having low dielectric constants in the range of 2 to 8 (Table 4.3). In such low dielectric media, dissociative solvation of ion pairs is difficult. In conjunction with the lack of other counter ions in the reaction, the dielectric would tend to enforce an inner-sphere mechanism. While it is conceivable that multiple ion pairs could be involved in the transition state (e.g., an enolate bound to one Pd(allyl)PHOX fragment attacks the allyl fragment associated with another enolate), simple kinetics experiments⁵⁶ and the lack of a nonlinear effect suggest that a single Pd•PHOX is operative in the reaction mechanism (Figure 4.1). Furthermore, less basic enolates, whose charge is delocalized and should therefore tend to ion pair only weakly, give extremely low levels of enantioselectivity (Table 4.14).⁵⁷ This suggests that in such cases allylation proceeds via the more conventional outer-sphere attack.

Figure 4.1 Plot of *i*-Pr-PHOX ee vs. Product ee



The reactivity of sterically demanding substrates is also inconsistent with an intermolecular nucleophilic enolate attack. In a nucleophilic bimolecular reaction, such as the Helmchen allylation mechanism, steric bulk near the site of bond formation typically impedes the rate of the reaction. However, there is very little difference in the reaction time, yield, or enantioselectivity when comparing the formation of ketone **275** with more sterically demanding ketones (Figure 4.2). This observation is more consistent with an intramolecular reaction mechanism.





Another observation at odds with an external attack mechanism is the allylation's unusual tolerance of water (Table 4.16). Multiple equivalents of water introduced into the reaction have only a moderate effect on the yield of the reaction. This contrasts typical enolates, which are quickly quenched by water even at low temperatures, and suggests that the intermediate enolate formed in the reaction is tightly associated with its counterion for most of its lifetime.

Table 4.16 Effect of Water on Asymmetric Allylation



^{*a*} Data reported is the average of three trials. ^{*b*} H_2O added after Pd/PHOX complexation, but before substrate. ^{*c*} GC yield relative to internal standard (tridecane). ^{*d*} Enantiomeric excess measured by chiral GC.

In an effort to trace the fate of the allyl and enolate fragments in the course of the reaction, we performed a crossover experiment with deuterated allyl enol carbonates **441** and **442** in THF, 1,4-dioxane, and benzene (Scheme 4.13).⁵⁸ Analysis of the products by high resolution mass spectrometry showed all four possible product masses in nearly equal amounts.⁵⁹ In conjunction with the water addition experiments, this observation suggests that a palladium enol carbonate species (**443**) may be a long-lived intermediate. Such an intermediate would not be readily protonated by water, and as a delocalized anion may facilitate crossover by dissociation from the metal center. In the case of β -ketocarboxylate intermediate may play an analogous role.



Scheme 4.13 Crossover Experiments with Deuterated Allyl Enol Carbonates

Finally, the solid-state structure of Pd(II)(allyl)PHOX•PF₆ salt **356** lends credence to the possibility of a palladium bound enolate. As shown in Figure 4.3, the complex cocrystallizes with a molecule of ethanol in its unoccupied quadrant.⁶⁰ We envision this as the likely site of enolate coordination. Experiments and computational studies⁵⁴ to better characterize the reaction mechanism are under way with the hope of improving the enantioselectivity and scope of the asymmetric allylation.





4.6 Concluding Remarks

Although palladium-catalyzed allylic alkylation is one of the most widely used asymmetric C-C bond forming reactions, at the outset of this work a significant limitation existed: the in situ generated enolate nucleophiles utilized were required to have a single acidic α -hydrogen or a large difference in acidity between sites to prevent multiple reactions. As a strategy to overcome this deficiency, we chose to adapt Tsuji's nonenantioselective allylation reactions. Critical to our success was the use of enolate precursors, which could be converted to enolates under mild conditions, and the use of a chiral catalyst that exhibited the enolate isomeric fidelity found in Tsuji's racemic system. We quickly discovered that N/P type ligands, and in particular *t*-Bu-PHOX, were capable of imparting enantioselectivity in the allylation of allyl enol carbonates, silyl enol ethers, and β -ketoesters. The reactivity and enantioselectivity of the allylation have proven to be quite general with respect to substrate steric bulk, ring size, unsaturation, and diverse functional groups. The in situ enolate generation with TBAT enabled the use of silyl enol ethers, perhaps the most commonly used isolable enolate surrogate in organic chemistry, for intermolecular asymmetric allylation with varied allyl carbonates. The use of racemic allyl β -ketoesters was enabled by the enantioconvergent mechanism of the reaction, whereby both enantiomers of the starting material are converted to a common achiral intermediate and then proceed to an enantioenriched product. The utility of the reaction was greatly increased by the facile synthesis of a wide variety of α alkylated allyl β -ketoesters. Additionally, we have demonstrated the relevance of the α quaternary ketones produced in the reaction by their conversion to a number of carbocyclic chiral building blocks, including several spiro quaternary motifs.

A body of evidence has developed suggesting that our asymmetric Tsuji allylation proceeds by a mechanism distinct from that typically invoked in the asymmetric alkylation of prochiral allyl fragments with PHOX ligands. Indeed the coordination of the enolate to the palladium atom is likely essential to our use of prochiral enolates. Substrate classes with less than exemplary levels of enantioselectivity provide both insights about reaction mechanism and challenges for future catalyst development.

In summary, this work provides the first direct access to enantioenriched α quaternary ketones with multiple similarly acidic α -hydrogens. This advance significantly increases the scope of one of more widely used catalytic asymmetric C-C bond forming reactions. Further development of the catalyst system to new applications is currently being pursued.⁵¹ Our work highlights the broad applicability of this new allylation methodology. Indeed, studies directed toward the application of the asymmetric Tsuji allylation as a key enantiodetermining step in natural products synthesis will be reported in due course.^{28b}

4.7 Experimental Procedures

4.7.1 Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere using dry, deoxygenated solvents. Solvents were dried by passage through an activated alumina column under argon. Tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company and azeotropically dried five times from acetonitrile prior to use. Bis(3,5,3',5'dimethoxydibenzylideneacetone)-palladium(0) (Pd(dmdba)₂), alkyl halides, diallyl carbonate, Select-fluor, and pimelic acid were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company and used as received. 3-Methylcyclohex-2-en-1-one and cyclohex-2-en-1-one were purchased from Acros and used as received. Dimethyallyl carbonate was purchased from Alfa Aesar and used as received. Trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCl) and triethyl amine (TEA) were distilled from sodium hydride immediately prior to use. Sodium iodide was dried by heating at 90 °C (2 torr) for 12 h. (R,R)-Trost Ligand, (R)-BINAP, (R,R)-Me-DUPHOS, (R,R)-DIOP, (R)-MOP, (R)-QUINAP, (R)-*i*-Pr-PHOX, and Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)-dipalladium(0) (Pd₂(dba)₃) were purchased from Strem and stored in a glovebox until immediately before use. (R)-Ph-PHOX and (S)-Bn-PHOX were prepared by the method of Helmchen.^{18c} Allyl cyanoformate was prepared by known methods.^{39b} Methallyl chloroformate was prepared by the method of Kirby.² Reaction temperatures were controlled by an IKAmag temperature modulator.

Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm) and visualized by UV fluorescence quenching, anisaldehyde, or CAM staining. ICN Silica gel (particle size 0.032-0.063 mm) was used for flash chromatography. Analytical chiral HPLC was performed with an Agilent 1100 Series HPLC utilizing chiralcel AD, OD-H, or OJ columns (4.6 mm x 25 cm) obtained from Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd., with visualization at 254 nm. Analytical chiral GC was performed with an Agilent 6850 GC utilizing a G-TA (30 m x 0.25cm) column (1.0 mL/min carrier gas flow). Analytical achiral GC was performed with an Agilent 6850 GC utilizing a DB-WAX (30m x 0.25 mm) column (1.0 mL/min carrier gas flow). Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P-1010 polarimeter at 589 nm. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 (at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively) or a Varian Inova 500 (at 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively) and are reported relative to Me₄Si (δ 0.0). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ ppm) (multiplicity, coupling constant (Hz), integration). Multiplicities are reported as follows: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, sept. = septet, m = multiplet, comp. m = complex multiplet, app. = apparent, bs = broad singlet. Data for 13 C NMR spectra are reported in terms of chemical shift relative to Me₄Si (δ 0.0). 19 F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer at 282 MHz, and are reported relative to the external standard F_3CCO_2H (δ -76.53 ppm) or CFCl₃ (δ 0.0 ppm). ³¹P NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Mercury 300 spectrometer at 121 MHz, and are reported relative to the external standard H_3PO_4 (δ 0.0 ppm). IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra were obtained from the Caltech Mass

Spectral Facility. Crystallographic data have been deposited at the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, and copies can be obtained on request, free of charge, by quoting the publication citation and the deposition number.

4.7.2.1 Synthesis of PHOX ligands



General Procedure 1: Synthesis of PHOX Ligands

Amide SI1. To a solution of (*S*)-*t*-leucinol⁶¹ (3.57 g, 30.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (100 mL) was added a solution of Na₂CO₃ (9.70 g, 91.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) in water (75.0 mL). To the vigorously stirred biphasic mixture was added 2-bromobenzoyl chloride (4.58 mL, 35.1 mmol, 1.15 equiv) in a dropwise manner. After 12 h ambient temperature, the layers were separated, and aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2 x 50 mL). The combined organics were treated with KOH (15 mL of a 1 M methanolic solution) for 15 min, neutralized with 3 M HCl, and water (50 mL) was added. The layers were separated, and the residue chromatographed (25 \rightarrow 35% Acetone in Hexanes on SiO₂) to give amide SI1 (8.19 g, 89.5 % yield): m.p. 50.0-51.0 °C from acetone / hexanes; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (app. dt, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (app. dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (bd, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.93 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (bs, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)

δ 168.7, 137.9, 133.3, 131.2, 129.7, 127.6, 119.0, 62.9, 60.2, 33.8, 27.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3245, 3070, 2963, 1640, 1557 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₃H₁₉NO₂Br [M+H]⁺: 300.0599, found 300.0590; [α]_D²⁹ +20.19° (c = 2.38, methanol, 100% ee).

Phenyloxazoline SI2.^{18c} A solution of amide **SI1** (8.10 g, 27.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv), tosyl chloride (6.69 g, 35.1 mmol, 1.3 equiv), triethylamine (18.7 mL, 135.0 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in DCM (200 mL) in a rb flask equipped with a reflux condenser was heated at 55 °C for 22 h. At which time, water (28 mL) was added and heating continued at 75 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled, the layers separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2 x 25 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated, and the residue chromatographed (5% EtOAc in Hexanes on SiO₂) to give phenyloxazoline **SI2** (6.19 g, 81.2% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (app. dt, J = 8.7, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (app. dt, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (app. t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8, 133.6, 131.4, 131.2, 130.2, 127.0, 121.8, 76.6, 69.0, 34.0, 25.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2956, 1661, 1478, 1354, 1099, 1022, 963 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₃H₁₇NOBr [M+H]*: 282.0493, found 282.0488; [α]_D²⁹ -48.32° (c = 3.77, hexane, 100% ee).

(*S*)-*t*-**Bu-PHOX (294).**²¹ A mixture of copper(I) iodide (338.3 mg, 1.77 mmol, 0.125 equiv), diphenylphosphine (4.64 mL, 26.7 mmol, 1.88 equiv), N,N'-dimethylethylenediamine (1.32 mL, 12.4 mmol, 0.875 equiv) in toluene (60 mL) was stirred for 20 min at ambient temperature. At which point, phenyloxazoline SI2 (4.00 g, 14.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv), cesium carbonate (17.4 g, 53.3 mmol, 3.75 equiv), and toluene

(60 mL) were added, the flask sealed and heated to 110 °C with stirring. The reaction mixture became deep red after ~15 min of heating. After 6 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to ambient temperature, filtered, and washed with DCM (2 x 50 mL). Evaporation of the solvent and chromatography ($3\rightarrow7\%$ EtO₂ in Hexanes on SiO₂) afforded the known^{18c} (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (4.48 g, 81.4% yield).



(*S*)-*t*-**Bu**-**PHOX oxide (295).** To a solution of (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (150 mg, 0.387 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2.5 mL) was added a 5% aqueous H₂O₂ solution (1.94 mL). After 15 min the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), washed with 10% aqueous Na₂CO₃ (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% MeOH in DCM) to give (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX oxide **295** (149.3 mg, 96% yield) as a white foam: R_f 0.47 (10% MeOH in DCM); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.33 (comp. m, 7H), 7.52-7.31 (comp. m, 7H), 3.84 (dd, J = 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 9.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 9.9, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.1, 135.0 (d, J = 10.1 Hz), 133.7 (d, J = 107.1 Hz), 133.3 (d, J = 107.1 Hz), 132.6, 132.4-131.0 (7 lines), 130.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 130.3 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 138.2 (app. dd, J = 12.3, 1.4 Hz), 75.9, 68.8, 33.6, 25.8; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3057, 2957, 2903, 2868, 2217, 1664, 1589, 1565, 1477, 1438, 1356, 1337, 1307, 1248, 1201, 1119, 1108, 120.

1067, 1028, 963, 930, 905 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₂₅H₂₇O₂NP [M]⁺: 404.1779, found 404.1799; [α]_D^{27.6} –69.3 (*c* 1.96, CH₂Cl₂).



(*S*)-1-Ad-PHOX (298). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 71% yield as a white solid; mp 163-164 °C; $R_f = 0.59$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 12H), 6.85 (m, 1H), 4.11 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.46 (m, 6H), 1.44-1.34 (m, 3H), 1.24-1.14 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 138.8-138.3 (6 lines), 134.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 134.1, 133.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 130.3, 129.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.5-128.0 (7 lines), 76.8, 66.8, 38.2, 37.0, 35.3, 28.1; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.67; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3053, 2902, 2848, 1651, 1586, 1477, 1434, 1346, 1248, 1089, 1044, 1026, 963, 744, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) *m/z* calc'd for C₃₁H₃₃NOP [M+H]⁺: 466.2300, found 466.2309; [α]²⁷_D = -31.8 (*c* 0.48, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4-neopentyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (299). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 73% yield as a white solid; mp 83-86 °C; $R_f = 0.52$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (ddd, J = 7.8, 3.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.23 (m, 12H), 6.84 (ddd, J = 7.8, 4.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 9.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.58 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (dd, J = 14.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 0.84 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 138.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 137.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz), 137.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz), 134.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 2$ Hz), 131.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 18$ Hz), 130.3, 129.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.6-128.3 (6 lines), 127.9, 73.9, 64.0, 49.7, 30.0, 29.8; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.95; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3054, 2955, 1652, 1586, 1476, 1434, 1355, 1248, 1089, 1035, 968, 742, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₆H₂₉NOP [M+H]⁺: 402.1987, found 402.2002; [α]²⁶_D = -6.9 (c 1.03, CHCl₃).



(S)-2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4-(naphthalen-1-ylmethyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (300). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 54% yield as a white amorphous solid; $R_f = 0.29$ (Hexanes/Et₂O, 3/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.91 (m, 1H), 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 13H), 7.16 (m, 1H), 6.87 (m, 1H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 3.97 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 14.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 14.4, 10.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 138.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 137.84 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz)

10 Hz), 137.79 (d, $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz), 134.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 134.0, 133.82 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.80, 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 131.9, 131.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 17$ Hz), 130.6, 130.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.8-128.4 (6 lines), 127.9, 127.2, 126.6, 126.0, 125.6, 125.4, 123.8, 71.7, 66.7, 38.2; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.59; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3052, 2962, 1651, 1585, 1511, 1476, 1434, 1354, 1216, 1089, 1037, 963, 745, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₃₂H₂₇NOP [M+H]⁺: 472.1830, found 472.1835; [α]²⁴_D = +29.7 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-1-Cy-PHOX (301). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 68% yield as a white solid; mp 122-124 °C; $R_f = 0.57$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 4/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.87 (ddd, J = 7.7, 4.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (m, 13H), 6.82 (ddd, J = 7.7, 4.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 14.6, 9.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.28 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (m, 4H), 0.80 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 138.0-139.0 (6 lines), 134.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.8, 133.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 131.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 130.4, 129.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.6-128.0 (7 lines), 71.2, 70.1, 42.7, 29.4, 29.0, 26.4, 26.1, 26.0; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.21; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3053, 2923, 2852, 1651, 1478, 1434, 1356, 1089, 1044, 964, 908 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₇H₂₈NOP [M⁺]: 413.1909, found 413.1923; [α]²⁵_D = +47.9 (*c* 0.175, CHCl₃).



(*R*)-4-Benzhydryl-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (302). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 89% yield as a white amorphous solid; $R_f = 0.45$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.13 (m, 22H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 4.92 (q, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 9.3, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.2, 142.2, 142.1, 138.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 138.0-137.7 (3 lines), 134.1 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 2$ Hz), 131.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 130.5, 130.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.7-128.2 (9 lines), 128.0, 126.5, 126.2, 71.1, 70.1, 56.1; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.22; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3056, 3026, 2895, 1649, 1598, 1584, 1494, 1477, 1451, 1434, 1356, 1091, 1029, 909, 741 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) m/z calc'd for C₃₄H₂₉NOP [M+H]⁺: 498.1987, found 498.1963; [α]²⁴_D = +10.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)propan-2-yl)-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (**303**). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 75% yield as a colorless viscous oil; $R_f = 0.45$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.95 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.19 (m, 17H), 6.88 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.23 (m, 4H), 4.15 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 139.5, 139.1-138.3 (5 lines), 134.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 134.2, 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 131.6 (d, $J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 130.5, 129.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.6-128.1 (6 lines), 127.14, 127.12, 76.9, 74.9, 68.5, 63.9, 23.9, 19.5; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.51; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3067, 2973, 2905, 1649, 1586, 1478, 1434, 1352, 1248, 1155, 1091, 1065, 1027, 964, 743, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) *m/z* calc'd for C₃₁H₃₁NO₂P [M+H]₄: 480.2092, found 480.2078; [α]²⁶_D = -2.0 (*c* 1.03, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(2-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)propan-2-yl)-2-(2-

(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (304). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 84% yield as a white solid; mp 104-106 °C; $R_f = 0.62$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.92 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 12H), 6.88 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 7.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.6, 139.0-138.3 (6 lines), 134.3 (d, $J_{CP} =$ 21 Hz), 134.2, 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 131.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 130.4, 129.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.5-128.0 (5 lines), 76.8, 74.9, 68.7, 28.7, 25.7, 23.9, 17.9, -2.2, -2.3; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.99; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3054, 2955, 2929, 2856, 1652, 1586, 1472, 1434, 1353, 1251, 1162, 1091, 1058, 835, 774, 743, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₃₀H₃₉NO₂PSi [M+H]⁺: 504.2488, found 504.2469; [α]²⁶_D = +19.8 (*c* 1.16, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyl-2-(2-(di-*p*-tolylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (307). Prepared by general procedure 1 using (*p*-Tol)₂PH in 73% yield as a colorless viscous oil; $R_f = 0.39$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 9/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.26 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.05 (m, 8H), 6.89 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 139.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 138.4, 138.1, 135.0-134.7 (4 lines), 134.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.9, 133.6 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 131.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 130.2, 129.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 129.2 (d, $J_{CP} = 7$ Hz), 129.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 7$ Hz), 127.8, 76.5, 68.3, 33.6, 25.7, 21.3, 21.2; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -6.98; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 2953, 1653, 1496, 1476, 1394, 1353, 1306, 1248, 1185, 1134, 1089, 1024, 967, 805, 743 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C_{27} H₃₀NOP [M⁺]: 415.2065, found 415.2065; [α]²⁵_D = -58.8 (*c* 2.23, CHCl₃).



(S)-2-(2-(bis(4-fluorophenyl)phosphino)phenyl)-4-tert-butyl-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (308). Prepared by Helmchen's Grignard method^{18c} in 14% yield as a colorless oil; $R_f = 0.50$ (5% Et₂O in hexanes developed twice); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$ δ 7.95 (ddd, J = 7.0, 3.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 8.0, 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.14 (comp. m, 4H), 7.01 (app. dt, J = 13.0, 8.5 Hz,4H), 6.83 (ddd, J = 7.5, 4.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.03 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 0.74 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.3 (d, J_{C-F} = 247.5 Hz), 163.1 (d, J_{C-F} = 246.5 Hz), 162.3, 138.6 (d, J_{C-P} = 25.3 Hz), 136.1 (dd, $J_{C-P} = 22.5$ Hz, $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), 135.3 (dd, $J_{C-P} = 21.9$ Hz, $J_{C-F} = 8.1$ Hz), 134.1 (dd, $J_{C-P} = 12.5$, $J_{C-F} = 4.1$ Hz), 134.0 (dd, $J_{C-P} = 10.4$ Hz, $J_{C-F} = 4.0$ Hz), 133.9, 131.7 (d, $J_{C-P} = 20.0$ Hz), 130.5, 130.0 (d, $J_{C-P} = 2.9$ Hz), 128.3, 115.6 (dd, $J_{C-F} = 18.6$ Hz, $J_{C-P} = 7.6$ Hz), 115.5 (dd, $J_{C-F} = 18.6$ Hz, $J_{C-P} = 7.6$ Hz) 76.8, 68.3, 33.6, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –8.2 (app. t, J = 3.8 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –113.6, – 114.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 2904, 2868, 1653, 1587, 1494, 1392, 1354, 1336, 1225, 1159, 1091, 1039, 1025, 966, 827, 744 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for $C_{25}H_{25}ONPF_2 [M + H]^+: 424.1642$, found 424.1622; $[\alpha]_D^{26.4} - 17.7 (c \ 0.53, CH_2Cl_2)$.



(S)-2-(2-(Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphino)phenyl)-4-tert-butyl-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (309). Prepared by general procedure 1 using (*p*-CF₃Ph)₂PH in 75% yield as a white amorphous powder; $R_f = 0.44$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 9/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 5H), 6.82 (ddd, J = 7.5, 3.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 0.69 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 143.4-143.2 (m), 136.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 24$ Hz), 134.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 134.2, 133.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 132.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 130.74, 130.65 (q, $J_{CF} = 32$ Hz), 130.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 32$ Hz), 129.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.9, 125.3-124.9 (m), 124.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 271$ Hz,), 77.0, 68.4, 33.6, 25.6; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -7.29; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.23, -63.28; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 1653, 1606, 1480, 1396, 1324, 1166, 1128, 1106, 1061, 1017, 831, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₇H₂₄NOPF₆ [M⁺]: 523.1500, found 523.1494; [α]²⁵_D = -21.1 (*c* 2.26, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyl-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-5-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (**310**). Prepared by a modification of Andreas' method⁶² in 8% yield as a red oil; $R_f = 0.57$ (25% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40-7.29 (comp. m, 6H), 7.29-7.18 (comp. m, 4H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 0.72 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7 (d, J = 3.8 Hz), 148.6 (d, J = 33.0 Hz), 147.4, 137.2 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 136.9 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 1.4 Hz), 134.3 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 133.6 (d, J = 20.5 Hz), 132.7 (d, J = 18.6 Hz), 129.2-128.6 (6 lines), 124.4 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 124.1, 77.2, 68.6, 33.6, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3071, 2956, 2904, 2868, 1656, 1522, 1478, 1434, 1346, 1118, 1086, 1026, 970, 913, 742, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₂₅H₂₆O₃N₂P [M + H]⁺: 433.1681, found 433.1702; [α]D^{26.4} -16.2 (c 0.87, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-2-(2-(Bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphino)phenyl)-4-*tert*-butyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (311). Prepared by Helmchen's Grignard method^{18c} in 6% yield as a colorless oil; $R_f = 0.29$ (5% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (ddd, J= 7.5, 4.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (app. d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (app. dd, J = 21.0, 6.0 Hz, 4H), 7.53 (ddd, J = 7.0, 7.0, 1.0, 1H), 7.42 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddd, J =7.5, 3.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 9.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (dd, J = 10.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 0.68 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4 (d, J = 3.4Hz), 141.9 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 141.8 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 134.8 (d, J = 23.9 Hz), 134.0, 133.7 (d, J = 19.1 Hz), 133.2 (d, J = 21.5 Hz), 131.8 (app. dq, J = 31.5, 4.8 Hz), 131.3, 130.0 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 129.8, 123.1 (q, J = 271.8 Hz), 122.7 (app. d of septets, J = 25.3, 3.3 Hz), 77.1, 68.7, 33.4, 25.5;³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -6.8; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.9 (2 peaks); HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₂₉H₂₃ONPF₁₂ [M + H]*: 660.1325, found 660.1328; [α]p^{26.2} -5.0 (*c* 0.35, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-tert-Butyl-2-(2-(diperfluorophenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (312). Prepared by Helmchen's Grignard method^{18c} in 13% yield as a

colorless oil; $R_f = 0.39$ (2.5% Et₂O in hexanes developed twice); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.00 (ddd, J = 7.4, 4.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (app. tt, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (app. tt, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dd, J = 8.8, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dd, J = 10.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 0.75 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.3 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 132.5, 130.9, 129.7 (2 peaks), 129.6, 77.3, 69.1, 33.6, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -54.7 (app. quintet, J = 38.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -130.6 (app. t, J = 27.5 Hz), -131.1 (app. t, J = 27.5 Hz), -151.9 (app. t, J = 18.6 Hz), -152.4 (app. t, J = 21.2 Hz), -161.8 (app. t, J = 18.0 Hz), -162.0 (app. t, J = 15.0 Hz); IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2962, 2908, 2872, 1654, 1516, 1476, 1382, 1360, 1287, 1139, 1087, 1052, 978, 908, 834, 740 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₅H₁₇ONPF₁₀ [M + H]⁺: 568.0888, found 568.0868; [α]D^{26.2} -6.3 (*c* 0.56, CH₂Cl₂).



(S)-4-tert-Butyl-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-5-methoxyphenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (**313**). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 72% yield as a white amorphous powder; $R_f = 0.61$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 3/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.18 (m, 10H), 6.84 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.4, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (ddd, J = 8.7, 3.3, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 159.4, 139.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 13$ Hz), 138.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz), 135.8, 134.1 (d, $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz)

20 Hz), 133.41 (d, $J_{CP} = 33$ Hz), 133.36 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 129.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 22$ Hz), 128.3-128.0 (6 lines), 116.5, 114.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 4$ Hz), 76.7, 68.3, 55.3, 33.6, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -10.12; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3069, 2956, 2903, 1654, 1594, 1561, 1479, 1434, 1354, 1336, 1297, 1224, 1181, 1093, 1050, 1022, 973, 744, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₆H₂₈NO₂P [M⁺]: 417.1858, found 417.1844; [α]²⁵_D = -48.8 (*c* 2.11, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-tert-Butyl-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (314). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 77% yield as a white powder; mp 98-100 °C; $R_f = 0.45$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 9/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.18 (m, 10H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 0.72 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 144.2 (d, $J_{CP} = 30$ Hz), 137.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz), 137.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 9$ Hz), 134.6, 134.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.6 (d, $J_{CP} =$ 20 Hz), 132.2 (d, $J_{CP} = 19$ Hz), 130.1 (q, $J_{CF} = 33$ Hz), 128.9-128.4 (6 lines), 126.6-126.3 (m), 123.7 (q, $J_{CF} = 271$ Hz), 77.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 1$ Hz), 68.4, 33.6, 25.7; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -6.55 ($J_{PF} = 2$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.36; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3071, 2957, 1655, 1478, 1434, 1407, 1357, 1343, 1326, 1302, 1262, 1244, 1174, 1131, 1080, 969, 744, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for $C_{26}H_{25}NOPF_3$ [M⁺]: 455.1626, found 455.1646; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -36.3$ (*c* 2.39, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-2-(2-(Bis(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phosphino)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-4*tert*-butyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (315). Prepared by general procedure 1 using (*p*-CF₃Ph)₂PH in 74% yield as a white amorphous powder; $R_f = 0.63$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 9/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.54 (m, 5H), 7.39-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.95 (dd, J = 7.8, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (dd, J = 10.2, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 0.69 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.7 (d, $J_{CP} = 4$ Hz), 142.6-141.7 (6 lines), 134.7-133.6 (5 lines), 132.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 20$ Hz), 131.1 (q, $J_{CF} =$ 32 Hz), 130.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 32$ Hz), 127.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 3$ Hz), 126.7-126.4 (6 lines), 125.6-125.1 (8 lines), 123.9 (q, $J_{CF} = 271$ Hz), 123.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 271$ Hz), 77.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 1$ Hz), 68.6, 33.5, 25.6; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -6.57; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.33, -63.39, -63.53; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 2960, 1657, 1606, 1479, 1397, 1324, 1169, 1129, 1107, 1082, 1061, 1017, 832, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₈H₂₄F₉NOP [M+H]^{*}: 592.1452, found 592.1480; [α]²⁴_D = -16.0 (*c* 2.56, CHCl₃).



(*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyl-2-(2-(diphenylarsino)phenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole (317). Prepared by Helmchen's S_NAr method^{18c} in 40% yield using lithium diphenylarsine generated by lithium reduction of triphenylarsine as a colorless oil; $R_f = 0.42$ (5% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.23 (comp. m, 10H), 7.01 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 9.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dd, J = 8.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (dd, J = 10.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 0.75 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.7, 141.9 (2 peaks), 141.5, 134.6, 134.0, 133.7, 131.8, 130.6, 129.5, 128.4 (2 peaks), 128.0, 127.9, 76.7, 68.3, 33.6, 25.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3066, 3052, 2955, 2903, 2867, 1652, 1480, 1433, 1354, 1336, 1306, 1253, 1132, 1088, 1024, 967, 903, 736, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₅H₂₇ONAs [M + H]⁺: 432.1309, found 432.1290; [α]D^{25.6} -33.8 (*c* 1.47, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-tert-Butyl-2-(2-(diphenylamino)-5-nitrophenyl)-4,5-dihydrooxazole

(318). Prepared by a modification of Zhu's method⁶³ in 18% yield as a red oil; $R_f = 0.45$ (10% Et₂O in hexanes developed thrice); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.58 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (app. t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.09 (app. t, J = 7.5, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (app. d, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (dd, J = 8.5, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 10.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 162.3, 151.8, 146.6, 141.8, 129.4, 128.6, 126.6, 126.5, 124.6, 124.3, 123.3, 75.0, 68.7, 33.6, 25.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 2904, 2868, 1647, 1588, 1574, 1518, 1490, 1333, 1299, 1278, 1116, 968, 912, 860, 751, 695 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for C₂₅H₂₆O₃N₃ [M + H]⁺: 416.1974, found 416.1969; [α]D^{25.6} +203.9 (c 0.55, CHCl₃).



(S)-2-(2-(Diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4-(naphthalen-2-ylmethyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (**435**). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 71% yield as a white amorphous solid; $R_f = 0.24$ (Hexanes/Et₂O, 3/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.82-7.72 (m, 3H), 7.53 (br s, 1H), 7.49-7.27 (m, 14H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dd, J = 9.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 14.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, J = 14.1, 9.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 138.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 137.0-137.7 (3 lines), 135.6, 134.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 2$ Hz), 133.4, 132.1, 131.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 18$ Hz), 130.5, 129.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.7-127.4 (12 lines), 125.9, 125.4, 71.4, 67.7, 41.2; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -4.05; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 3052, 1651, 1508, 1476, 1434,

1354, 1217, 1090, 1027, 964, 817, 743, 697 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) m/z calc'd for $C_{32}H_{27}NOP [M+H]^+$: 472.1830, found 472.1845; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +42.7 (c \ 0.50, CHCl_3).$



(R)-4-(3,5-Di-tert-butylbenzyl)-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (436). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 55% yield as a colorless viscous oil; $R_f = 0.52$ (Hexanes/EtOAc, 5/1); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (m, 1H), 7.40-7.28 (m, 13H), 6.92 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 4.00 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (dd, J = 13.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (dd, J = 13.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 163.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 150.8, 138.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 137.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 12$ Hz), 137.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz), 137.2, 134.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 134.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.4 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 131.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 17$ Hz), 130.5, 130.0 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 128.8-128.4 (6 lines), 127.9, 123.3, 120.3, 71.6, 68.1, 41.6, 34.7, 31.5; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.60; FTIR (Neat Film NaCl) 2963, 1649, 1598, 1477, 1434, 1361, 1248, 1090, 1027, 965, 742, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB, Pos.) m/z calc'd for C₃₆H₄₁NOP [M+H]⁺: 534.2926, found 534.2905; [α]²⁵_D = -49.3 (c 0.36, CHCl₃).



(S)-4-(Anthracen-9-ylmethyl)-2-(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl)-4,5-

dihydrooxazole (**437**). Prepared by general procedure 1 in 42% yield as a yellow powder; Mp 165-169 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.16 (m, 2H), 7.99 (m, 2H), 7.94 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.29 (m, 16H), 6.88 (m, 1H), 4.63 (m, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 9.0, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 14.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dd, J = 14.7, 10.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) d 164.3 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz, C=N), 138.9 (d, $J_{CP} = 25$ Hz), 138.1 (d, $J_{CP} = 10$ Hz), 137.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 13$ Hz), 134.6 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.8 (d, $J_{CP} = 21$ Hz), 133.5 (d, $J_{CP} = 3$ Hz), 131.5, 130.7, 130.2, 130.0, 129.2, 128.9-128.5 (6 lines), 128.0, 126.5, 125.8, 124.9, 124.5, 71.2 (CHCH₂O), 67.8 (CH₂CHN), 32.1 (ArCH₂); ³¹P NMR (120 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.57; IR (Neat Film NaCl) cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₃₆H₂₉NOP [M⁺]: 521.1909, found 521.1905; [α]²⁶_D = -5.1 (c 0.20, CHCl₃); TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.38$ (Hexanes/AcOEt, 5/1).

4.7.2.2 Synthesis of Allyl Enol Carbonates

General Procedures for the Synthesis of Allyl Enol Carbonates.

General Procedure 2:



Table 4.7 Entry 1. 274:^{14a} To a solution of potassium *t*-butoxide (5.88 g, 52.5 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in DMF (100 mL) was added 2-methylcyclohexanone (6.13 mL, 50 mmol, 1.0 equiv). After 12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath and allyl chloroformate (6.4 mL, 60 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added in a dropwise fashion. After an additional 30 min in the ice bath and 15 min at 25 °C, the reaction mixture was quenched into water (250 mL), extracted with DCM/hexanes 2/1 (4 x 125 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. Chromatography (2.5 to 4 % Et₂O in Hexanes on SiO₂) afforded the allyl enol carbonate **274** (4.49 g, 46% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.94 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 10.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dq, *J* = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.55 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 142.2, 131.5, 120.8, 118.8, 68.5, 30.0, 26.6, 23.1, 22.3, 15.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3936, 1755, 1275, 1239, 1037 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₆O₄[M]⁺: 196.1100, found 196.1092.

General Procedure 3:



Table 4.7 Entry 12 (296).⁶⁴ To a cooled (0 °C) solution of LiHMDS (17.16 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in THF (37 mL) was added 2-methyl-1-tetralone (2.37 mL, 15.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a dropwise manner over 15 min. After an additional 1.5 h at 0 °C, the enolate solution was added dropwise over 15 min to a -78 °C solution of allyl chloroformate (2.0 mL, 18.7 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in THF (80 mL). The reaction mixture

was allowed to warm to 25 °C in a Dewar vessel over 8 h. At which time, the reaction was quenched into DCM (100 mL) and half-saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (2 x 50 mL). The organic fractions were washed with brine (100 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, and chromatography (2 to 5% Et₂O in Hexanes on SiO₂) afforded the allyl enol carbonate **296** (3.34 g, 88% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.01 (ddt, *J* = 17.7, 10.4, 5.6 Hz 1H), 5.41 (dq, *J* = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dt, *J* = 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 140.6, 135.2, 131.3, 130.8, 127.3, 127.0, 126.4, 124.4, 119.9, 119.1, 68.9, 28.8, 27.4, 16.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2935, 2833, 1760, 1239 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃[M]⁺: 244.1100, found 244.1098.

General Procedure 4:



Table 4.7 Entry 4. (320):⁶⁵ To a solution of (2-ethylcyclohex-1enyloxy)trimethylsilane (348) (1.50 g, 7.56 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (14 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added a solution of potassium *t*-butoxide (0.933 g, 8.32 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in THF (8 mL) in a dropwise fashion over 2 min. The reaction mixture was maintained at -60 °C for 2.5 h, at which time allyl chloroformate (847 μ L, 7.93 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in THF (3 mL) was added. After 1 h at -50 °C, the reaction mixture was poured into a mixture of DCM (20 mL) and half-saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (20 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 10 mL). The organic fractions were washed with water (50 mL), brine (50 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure followed by chromatography on (2% Et₂O in Hexanes on SiO₂) and heating (rt to 105 °C) at 2 torr in a kugelrohr distillation apparatus afforded the allyl enol carbonate **320** (0.944 g, 59% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 10.5, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dq, *J* = 17.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dq, *J* = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (dt, *J* = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.99 (q, *J* = 7.8, 2H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 0.4 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 141.7, 131.5, 126.3, 118.8, 68.5, 27.2, 26.6, 23.0, 22.9, 22.3, 11.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 1754, 1239 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1255.



Table 4.7 Entry 5. (322): Prepared by general procedure 4 in 18% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (ddt, J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (app. dt, J = 5.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.10 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 142.1, 131.6, 130.7, 118.9, 68.4, 34.8, 29.4, 28.1, 26.4, 23.1, 22.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2926, 1754, 1241 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₄H₂₂O₃ [M]⁺: 238.1569, found 238.1566.


Table 4.7 Entry 6. (324): Prepared by general procedure 2 in 52% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30-7.16 (m, 5H), 5.95 (ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dq, *J* = 17.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dq, *J* = 10.2,1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (app. dt, *J* = 5.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 2H), 2.27 (app. t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 143.1, 139.3, 131.4, 128.8, 128.3, 126.0, 123.9, 119.0, 68.6, 36.0, 27.5, 26.7, 23.0, 22.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2937, 1754, 1702, 1648, 1600, 1239 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 272.1413, found 272.1416.



Table 4.7 Entry 7. (326): Prepared by general procedure 2 in 48% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.92 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dq, J = 10.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (app. dt, J = 5.7, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (m, 6H), 1.64 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 142.6, 138.7, 131.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 124.3, 118.8, 72.7, 70.0, 68.5, 27.7, 27.3, 26.6, 26.5, 23.0, 22.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2924, 1754, 1240 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₂₀H₂₇O₄ [M+H]⁺: 331.1909, found 331.1907.



Table 4.7 Entry 8. (328): Prepared by general procedure 4 in 16% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.034 (bs, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.77-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 142.2, 139.4, 120.9, 113.4, 71.1, 30.1, 26.6, 23.1, 22.3, 19.3, 15.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2926, 1755, 1236 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1259.



Table 4.7 Entry 9. (330): Prepared by general procedure 3 in 59% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.96 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 147.9, 131.6, 120.7, 118.8, 68.5, 39.2, 34.9, 31.1, 26.7, 19.1, 16.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2935, 1759, 1238 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 224.1413, found 224.1418.



Table 4.7 Entry 10. (332): Prepared by general procedure 4 in 31% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dq, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (app. dt, J = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (m, 4H), 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.30 (bs, 2H), 1.87 (app. t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 141.3, 131.4, 119.0, 118.5, 107.3, 68.6, 64.5, 39.9, 31.3, 25.3, 15.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2919, 1756, 1250 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₃H₁₉O₅ [M+H]⁺: 255.1232, found 255.1227.



Table 4.7 Entry 11. (333): Prepared by general procedure 3 in 45% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.90 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (m, 2H), 5.39 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (app. dt, J = 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (bs, 4H), 1.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 140.4, 131.3, 126.1, 122.7, 120.0, 119.1, 68.8, 28.2, 22.4, 15.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2933, 1760, 1260 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 194.0943, found 194.0938.



Table 4.7 Entry 13. (335): Prepared by general procedure 3 in 88% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.70 (m, 2H), 5.98 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.4, 5.7 Hz 1H), 5.42 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dq, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dt, J = 5.7, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.7, 153.1, 140.4, 137.2, 131.3, 123.9, 121.4, 121.1, 119.1, 113.7, 110.9, 68.9, 55.2, 28.8, 27.8, 16.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2933, 1758, 1237 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₆H₁₈O₄ [M]⁺: 274.1205, found 274.1213.



Table 4.7 Entry 14. (337): Prepared by general procedure 4 in 36% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz 1H), 5.37 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dq, J = 10.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (app. dt, J = 6.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (m, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.54 (m, 6H), 1.63 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 146.2, 131.5, 125.5, 118.8, 68.5, 32.8, 32.5, 31.0, 25.7, 25.3, 18.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2925, 1753, 1255, 1226 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1253.



Table 4.7 Entry 15. (339): Prepared by general procedure 4 in 28% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (m, 1H), 5.39 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (app. t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.15 (app. t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.64-1.48 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.4, 143.7, 131.5, 123.0, 118.8, 68.5, 31.4, 29.7, 28.7, 28.4, 26.6, 25.6, 15.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2927, 1754, 1227 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 224.1413, found 224.1419.



Table 4.13 Entry 1. (422): Prepared by general procedure 3 in 69% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.46-7.43$ (m, 2H), 7.37-7.26 (m, 3H), 6.04-5.85 (m, 2H), 5.44-5.28 (m, 2H), 4.71 (td, $J_1 = 5.7$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 152.6$, 150.7, 147.2, 134.6, 131.1, 128.4, 128.1, 119.0, 68.9, 11.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3061, 2920, 1760, 1673, 1496, 1446, 1366, 1227, 1186, 966, 765, 693 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₃H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 218.0943, found 218.0938.



Table 4.14 Entry 1. (425): Prepared by general procedure 2 in 43% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.18 (comp. m, 5H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 10.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (ddt, *J* = 10.5, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (ddd, *J* = 5.7, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.46-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.72 (comp. m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 143.4, 138.8, 131.3, 128.1, 127.6, 126.8, 125.9, 118.4, 68.4, 30.1, 27.1, 22.8, 22.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3081, 3057, 3024, 2938, 2862, 1753, 1687, 1601, 1492, 1444, 1367, 1238, 1178, 1091, 1036, 941, 784, 760, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₆H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 258.1256, found 258.1256.



Table 4.14 Entry 2. (**426**): Prepared by general procedure 2 in 59% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29-7.11 (comp. m, 4H), 6.00 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 1.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (ddt, *J* = 10.2, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (ddd, *J* = 6.0, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.97 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (tq, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.00 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 145.9, 135.0, 134.1, 131.2, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 123.4, 119.7, 119.2, 68.9, 28.7, 26.0, 10.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3021, 2993, 2944, 2891, 2836, 1757, 1674, 1488, 1451, 1365, 1304, 1279, 1246, 1217, 1181, 1157, 1031, 1018, 986, 943, 782, 760 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃ [M]⁺: 244.1100, found 244.1095.



Table 4.14 Entry 3. (428): Prepared by general procedure 2 in 78% yield as a light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.96 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (ddt, J = 17.1, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (ddt, J = 10.5, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (ddd, J = 5.7, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.44-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.58 (comp. m, 4H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.6, 154.8, 152.2, 131.2, 119.2, 118.3, 69.0, 60.5, 28.6, 25.1, 21.9, 21.5, 14.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3087, 1983, 2942, 2866, 1760, 1715, 1666, 1449, 1368, 1233, 1189, 1081, 1056, 1035, 994, 946, 767 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₃H₁₈O₅ [M]⁺: 254.1154, found 254.1153.



Table 4.14 Entry 4. (429): Prepared by a modification of general procedure 2 using TEA as the base and THF as solvent in 79% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (ddt, J = 17.1, 2.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (ddt, J = 10.2, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (q, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (ddd, J = 6.0, 1.2, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 1.81 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6, 163.4, 150.2, 130.0, 120.8, 109.4, 70.3, 67.5, 6.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3089, 2958, 2931, 1774, 1702, 1446, 1392, 1360, 1330, 1240, 1132, 1079, 1025, 945, 889, 775, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₉H₁₁O₅ [M + H]⁺: 199.0606, found 199.0600.



Table 4.14 Entry 5. (431): Prepared by a modification of Leplawy's procedure⁶⁶ in 96% yield as a colorless oil that solidifies on standing; Mp 37.5-39 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.97-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.38 (comp. m, 3H), 5.99 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (ddt, *J* = 17.4, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (ddt, *J* = 10.5, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (ddd, *J* = 6.0, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.3, 155.0, 151.6, 146.2, 130.5 (2C), 128.9, 127.3, 126.1, 120.6, 70.7, 10.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3066, 2930, 1786, 1669, 1554, 1490, 1450, 1367, 1213, 1082, 1069, 1026, 992, 939, 774, 711, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₃O₄N [M]⁺: 259.0845, found 259.0855.



Propargyl enol carbonate 433: A 50 mL flask equipped with a septum was flame-dried under vacuum and cooled under dry nitrogen. To this was added methyllithium in ether (1.6 M, 7.5 mL, 12.0 mmol, 1.10 equiv) followed by dry ether (10 mL). To this solution was added ether (5 mL) solution of trimethyl(2-methylcyclohex-1-enyloxy)silane (**347**) (2.003 g, 10.9 mmol, 1.00 equiv) at 0 °C and the resulting colorless solution was stirred for 1.5 h at ambient temperature to afford an ether solution of lithium enolate.

To a solution of propargyl chloroformate (1.18 mL, 12.0 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in ether (10 mL) was added the above lithium enolate solution at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was

stirred and warmed to 10 °C over 1 h. The resulting mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NH₄Cl and extracted with ether twice. The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil. The crude residue was purified residue by SiO₂ chromatographed (2 to 10% Et₂O in hexanes) to give propargyl enol carbonate **443** (733 mg, 35% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.00 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.57 (m, 3H) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.7, 142.3, 121.1, 76.9, 75.7, 55.4, 30.0, 26.5, 23.1, 22.3, 15.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3295, 2937, 2862, 2130, 1756, 1709, 1439, 1376, 1275, 1250, 1220, 1045 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 194.0943, found 194.0939.



Dideuterio allyl enol carbonate 441. Prepared by general procedure 1 with dideuterioallyl chroroformate, which was synthesized from 1-dideuterioallyl alcohol⁶⁷ and 20% phosgene in toluene. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1 to 2.5% Et₂O in hexanes) gave dideuterio allyl enol carbonate **441** (6% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_f = 0.82$ (25% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95 (dd, J = 17.0, 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.21-2.09 (comp. m, 2H), 2.08-1.98 (comp. m, 2H), 1.77-1.66 (comp. m, 2H), 1.65-1.53 (comp. m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 142.2, 131.4, 120.9, 119.0, 30.3, 26.6, 23.1, 22.3, 21.7,



Trideuterio allyl enol carbonate 442. Prepared by general procedure 1 with 2trideuteriomethylcyclohexanone.^{68.} Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2 to 2.5% Et₂O in hexanes) gave trideuterio allyl enol carbonate **442** (22% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_f = 0.82$ (25% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.96 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.21-2.09 (comp. m, 2H), 2.08-1.98 (comp. m, 2H), 1.77-1.66 (comp. m, 2H), 1.66-1.53 (comp. m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.1, 142.2, 131.5, 120.8, 118.8, 68.5, 30.0, 26.6, 23.1, 22.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 1755, 1705, 1367, 1276, 1247, 1216, 1034, 786 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₃D₃O₃ [M]⁺: 199.1288, found 199.1280.

4.7.2.3 Synthesis of Silyl Enol Ethers

General Procedures for the Synthesis of Silyl Enol Ethers.

General Procedure 5:



Table 4.8 Entry 2 (348).69To a solution of sodium iodide (15.0 g, 100 mmol,1.25 equiv) in ACN (125 mL) were added 2-ethylcyclohexanone (10.1 g, 80 mmol, 1.0

equiv), TEA (14.0 mL, 100 mmol, 1.25 equiv), and finally TMSCl (11.6 mL, 91.2 mmol, 1.14 equiv) in a dropwise fashion. After 1 h, pentane (75 mL) was added, the biphasic mixture was stirred for 2 min, and the pentane decanted. After additional pentane extractions (5 x 75 mL), the combined pentane fractions were washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine (1 x 50 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation under reduced pressure gave the crude silvl enol ether (12.0 g) as an 80:20 mixture (NMR) of isomers favoring the tetrasubstituted silvl enol ether. An oxygen balloon was affixed to a flask containing a solution of the crude silvl enol ether (6.0 g) and palladium (II) acetate (338.9 mg, 1.51 mmol) in DMSO (250 mL). The reaction mixture darkened and became heterogeneous. After 48 h, ¹H NMR analysis of an aliquot indicated less than 2% of the undesired isomer, and the reaction mixture was poured into a separatory funnel containing pentane (300 mL), water (300 mL), and ice (200 g). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with pentane (3 x 200 mL). The pentane fractions were washed with water (2 x 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), and dried (Na₂SO₄). Evaporation and chromatography (2% Et₂O in Hexanes on SiO₂) afforded the pure silvl enol ether **348** (3.21 g, 41% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.08-1.90 (m, 6H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 2H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) § 142.2, 117.4, 30.4, 27.0, 23.7, 23.1, 22.9, 12.2, 0.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2961, 2933, 1680, 1252, 922, 843 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₁H₂₂OSi [M]⁺: 198.1440, found 198.1436.



Table 4.8 Entry 1 (347). Prepared by general procedure 5, the initial 10:1 mixture favoring the tetrasubstituted isomer was purified by fractional distillation with a spinning band column⁶⁸ to give silyl enol ether 347 (84% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.00 (m, 2H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 5H), 0.16 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.9, 111.8, 30.3, 30.1, 23.8, 23.0, 16.3, 0.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2930, 1688, 1252, 1185, 843 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₂₀OSi [M]⁺: 184.1284, found 184.1275.



Table 4.8 Entry 3 (349). Prepared by general procedure 5 in 11% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.40 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (s, 2H), 2.12-1.98 (comp. m, 4H), 1.39 (app. quintet, J = 3.3 Hz, 4H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 139.9, 136.9, 135.5, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 71.3, 30.8, 27.1, 23.9, 23.7, 1.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3065, 3032, 2934, 2860, 2841, 1694, 1497, 1454, 1343, 1250, 1245, 1195, 1122, 1017, 930, 860, 844, 750, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for $C_{16}H_{24}O_2Si$ [M]⁺: 276.1546, found 276.1545.



Table 4.8 Entry 5 (351). Prepared by general procedure 5 in 59% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.72 (ddt, J = 16.8, 9.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (ddt, J = 16.5, 2.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (ddt, J = 9.6, 2.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (app. d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.14-1.88 (comp. m, 4H), 1.75-1.42 (comp. m, 4H), 0.17 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.7, 136.9, 114.6, 113.5, 34.8, 30.4, 27.5, 23.7, 23.0, 0.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3077, 2931, 2838, 1682, 1638, 1448, 1433, 1355, 1252, 1204, 1168, 948, 905, 888, 844, 753 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₂₂OSi [M]⁺: 210.1440, found 210.1449.



Table 4.8 Entry 6 (353). Prepared by general procedure 5 in 51% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.96 (m, 4H), 2.21 (m, 4H), 1.79 (app. t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.2, 108.9, 108.0, 64.4, 39.9, 31.7, 28.7, 16.2, 0.69; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2956, 1691, 1252 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₂H₂₂O₃Si [M]⁺: 242.1338, found 242.1334.



Table 4.8 Entry 7 (354). Prepared by general procedure 5 in 39% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.23 (app. t, J = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (app. t, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.45 (m, 4H), 0.16 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 147.9, 116.9, 35.1, 32.7, 31.6, 26.5, 25.5, 18.7, 0.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2921, 1678, 1251, 1171, 892, 842 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₂₂OSi [M]+: 198.1440, found 198.1439.



Table 4.8 Entry 8 (355). Prepared by general procedure 5 (pyridine substituted for TEA) in 29% yield as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.44 (m, 8H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 145.1, 113.5, 31.7, 28.9, 28.8, 26.7, 26.3, 15.8, 0.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2924, 1678, 1251 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₂₄OSi [M]+: 212.1597, found 212.1590.

4.7.2.4 Synthesis of Allyl β -Ketoesters

General Procedures for the Synthesis of Allyl b-Ketoesters.

General Procedure 6: Dieckmann Cyclization Method



Table 4.10 Entry 6 (362). To a suspension of NaH (166.4 mg, 4.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (2 mL) was added allyl alcohol (79.2 µL, 1.17 mmol, 0.28 equiv). Once gas evolution ceased, pimelic acid diallyl ester (1.00 g, 4.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added slowly and the resulting mixture heated to 95 °C for 1 h. Additional toluene (~2 mL) was added during this time to maintain a fluid reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and the solvent removed by rotary evaporation *in vacuo*. The resulting solid salt was placed under dry N₂ and dissolved in THF (9 mL) at rt. Benzyl bromide (643.2 μ L, 5.4 mmol, 1.3 equiv) was then added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed to 50 °C for 2.5 h, cooled to rt, quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution (5 mL) followed by H_2O (5 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (1 x 10 mL), then dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (5 x 18 cm SiO₂, 10%) Et₂O in pentane) to afford the quaternary compound **362** as a colorless oil (781.4 mg, 70% yield). $R_f = 0.30 (10\% \text{ Et}_2\text{O in pentane}); ^1\text{H NMR} (300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.33-7.23$ (comp. m, 3H), 7.20-7.13 (comp. m, 2H), 5.86 (dddd, J = 17.2, 10.3, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (m, 2H), 4.57 (m, 2H), 3.38 (d, 1H, J = 13.8 Hz), 2.94 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.602.39 (comp. m, 3H), 2.14-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.60 (comp. m, 3H), 1.59-1.45 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.8, 170.5, 136.3, 131.2, 130.2, 127.9, 126.5, 119.0, 65.6, 62.1, 41.1, 40.3, 35.7, 27.4, 22.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3029, 2942, 1713, 1452, 1179, 1085 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 272.1412, found 272.1425.

General Procedure 7: Mander's Reagent Method



Table 4.11 Entry 6 (367). To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of LDA (18.70 mmol, 1.05 equiv) in THF (90 mL) was added 3-methylcyclohex-2-enone (2.02 mL, 17.81 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a dropwise fashion. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min and then allyl cyanoformate (2.00 g, 18.17 mmol, 1.02 equiv) was added dropwise. The dry ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 8 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL) followed by H₂O (15 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (1 x 30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (5 x 24 cm SiO₂, 50% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the intermediate β-keto ester as a yellow oil (2.4152 g, 70% yield).

A portion of this β -keto ester (500.0 mg, 2.57 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added to a suspension of anhydrous K₂CO₃ (711.8 mg, 5.15 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in acetone (2.5 mL). To the reaction mixture was added *t*-butyl bromoacetate (760.5 μ L, 5.15 mmol, 2.0

equiv). The reaction mixture was then warmed to 50 °C and stirred for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled, filtered, and the solids washed with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (3 x 20 cm SiO₂, 10→30% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the desired quaternary β-ketoester **367** as a colorless oil (684.7 mg, 86% yield; 60% overall yield for 2 steps). $R_f = 0.28$ (30% Et₂O in pentane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.87 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.5, 5.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 2.83 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.58-2.36 (comp. m, 2H), 2.31-2.16 (comp. m, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 169.8, 161.9, 131.7, 125.6, 118.2, 81.1, 65.8, 54.2, 39.8, 30.5, 28.7, 28.0, 24.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2979, 1733, 1677, 1368, 1153 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₇H₂₄O₅ [M]⁺: 308.1624, found 308.1609.

General Procedure 8: Diallyl Carbonate Method



Part 1, Acylation:

To a cooled (0 °C) suspension of NaH (9.22 g, 240.1 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in THF (125 mL) was added a solution of 1,4-cyclohexanedione *mono*-ethylene ketal (15.0 g, 96 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (30 mL) dropwise over 15 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and diallyl carbonate (20.65 mL, 144.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for 16 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and 1 N HCl until a pH of 4 was reached. The phases were separated and the

aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (7 x 150 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered, concentrated, redissolved in DCM, dried ($MgSO_4$), filtered, and concentrated.

Part 2, Alkylation:

The resulting oil was added to a suspension of anhydrous K₂CO₃ (26.5 g, 192.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in acetone (128 mL). To the reaction mixture was added iodomethane (12.0 mL, 192.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and the reaction mixture was then heated to 50 °C for 14 h. The mixture was then cooled to rt, filtered, and the solids washed with acetone. The filtrate was concentrated and the resulting oil purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5→40% Et₂O in hexanes) to afford the desired quaternary quaternary β-ketoester **364** as a colorless oil (18.0 g, 74% yield). $R_f = 0.28$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.90 (dddd, J = 17.4, 10.5, 5.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 2H), 4.60 (m, 2H), 3.97 (comp. m, 4H), 3.02 (dt, J = 14.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dt, J = 14.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dt, J = 14.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (comp. m, 2H), 1.72 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 172.9, 131.6, 118.5, 106.5, 65.9, 64.8, 64.3, 54.6, 43.6, 37.4, 35.2, 21.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2939, 2891, 1733, 1717, 1304, 1141 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₃H₁₈O₅ [M]*: 254.1154, found 254.1153.



SI3: Prepared by method 1. The reaction was quenched with 10% HCl. The product was isolated by bulb-to-bulb distillation once at 150-155 °C (bath temp, 2 torr),

then at 136 °C (bath temp, 2 torr). 75% yield. $R_f = 0.53$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, mixture of enol tautomers) δ 12.14 (s, 0.7H), 5.99 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.8, 17.1 Hz, 0.7H), 5.96 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.2, 17.1 Hz, 0.3H), 5.38 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 17.1 Hz, 0.3H), 5.37 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 17.1 Hz, 0.7H), 5.24 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72-4.55 (m, 2H), 3.41 (ddd, J = 1.5, 6.6, 9.6 Hz, 0.3H), 2.52 (dddd, J = 1.5, 5.4, 5.4, 14.1 Hz, 0.3H), 2.37 (m, 0.3H), 2.26 (m, 2.7H), 2.22-2.10 (m, 0.6H), 2.04-1.78 (m, 0.9H), 1.75-1.55 (m, 3.3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.9, 172.4, 172.2, 169.6, 132.3, 131.8, 118.4, 117.7, 97.5, 65.6, 64.6, 57.2, 41.5, 29.9, 29.1, 27.0, 23.3, 22.3, 22.3, 21.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3086, 2941, 1746, 1716, 1659, 1617, 1299, 1259, 1217, 1176, 831 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 182.0943, found 182.0941.



Table 4.10, Entry 1 (358). Prepared by general procedure 6. 62% yield. $R_f = 0.38$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 (dddd, J = 17.1, 10.2, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (m, 2H), 4.59 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.34 (comp. m, 3H), 2.08-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.54 (comp. m, 3H), 1.52-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.9, 172.6, 131.4, 118.7, 65.6, 57.1, 40.5, 38.1, 27.4, 22.5, 21.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3086, 2939, 2867, 1715, 1452, 1259, 1211, 1159, 1084, 976 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃ [M]⁺: 196.1099, found 196.1096.



Table 4.10, Entry 3 (368). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from **SI3** and prenyl bromide. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2→12% Et₂O in pentane). 20% yield. R_f = 0.24 (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (dddd, J = 17.1, 10.4, 5.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.65-2.27 (comp. m, 5H), 2.07-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.54-1.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.7, 171.4, 134.8, 131.6, 118.8, 118.5, 65.7, 61.3, 41.2, 35.5, 33.2, 27.5, 26.0, 22.5, 17.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2938, 2863, 1714, 1451, 1438, 1210, 1178, 989 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃ [M]⁺: 250.1569, found 250.1574.



Table 4.10, Entry 4 (370). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from **SI3** and acrylonitrile. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 55% yield. $R_f = 0.27$ (CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.91 (dddd, J = 17.6, 10.2, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.25 (m, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64-2.38 (comp. m, 4H), 2.37-2.13 (comp. m, 2H), 2.13-1.86 (comp. m, 2H), 1.85-1.40 (comp. m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 170.6, 130.9, 120.0, 119.3, 66.4, 59.7, 40.9, 36.7, 30.8, 27.4, 22.4, 13.0; IR (Neat



Table 4.10, Entry 5 (372). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from **SI3** and ethyl acrylate. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 81% yield. $R_f = 0.37$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.89 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.3, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 17.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dd, J = 10.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (app. t, J = 14.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51-2.31 (comp. m, 4H), 2.31-2.11 (comp. m, 2H), 2.08-1.85 (comp. m, 2H), 1.84-1.57 (comp. m, 3H), 1.55-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.4, 173.0, 171.4, 131.3, 119.3, 65.9, 60.4, 60.1, 41.0, 36.2, 29.6, 29.5, 27.5, 22.5, 14.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2943, 2868, 1734, 1715, 1456, 1181 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₂₂O₅ [M]⁺: 282.1467, found 282.1474.



Table 4.10, Entry 7 (374). To a cooled (0 °C) solution of **SI3** (4.00 g, 22.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (40 ml) was added 35% aqueous formaldehyde (11.3 mL) and

KHCO₃ (5.93 g, 65.9 mmol, 3.0 equiv). After 30 min at 0 °C the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After an additional 90 min, the reaction was quenched with water (100 mL) and DCM (100mL). After the layers were separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (4 x 50 mL), the combined organics dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated. The oil obtained was treated with THF (40 mL) and 3M HCl (4 drops) for 60 min, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10->45% EtOAc in hexanes) to give **SI4** (3.75g, 81% yield).

To a cooled (0 °C) suspension of 60% NaH (251 mg, 6.28 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was added SI4 (1.20g, 5.71 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in a dropwise manner over 2 min. Once gas evolution had ceased (10 min), Bu₄NI (527 mg, 1.43 mmol. 0.25 equiv) and PMB-Cl (930 µL, 6.85 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added, and the reaction mixture slowly allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (50 mL) and 2/1 DCM/hexanes (50 mL), the aqueous layer extracted with 2/1 DCM/hexanes (3 x 50 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10 \rightarrow 20% Et₂O in hexanes) to give the desired compound 374 (485 mg, 28% yield). $R_f = 0.30$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.89-5.76 (m, 1H) 5.31-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.59-4.47 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.25 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.35 (m, 3H), 2.04-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.54 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.2, 170.8, 158.4, 131.4, 131.3, 128.4, 119.1, 113.4, 65.8, 62.3, 55.1, 41.3, 39.5, 35.8, 27.5, 22.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2943, 1713, 1612, 1513, 1247, 1179 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₈H₂₂O₄ [M]⁺: 302.1518, found 302.1514.



Table 4.10, Entry 8 (376). Prepared by general procedure 6 with 4-(trifluoroumethyl)benzyl bromide. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2→12% Et₂O in pentane). 56% yield. Mp 40-41 °C; R_f = 0.63 (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (dddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (m, 2H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.15 (comp. m, 3H), 1.57-1.38 (comp. m, 2H), 1.32-1.11 (comp. m, 2H), 1.09-0.94 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.7, 170.4, 140.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 1.2 Hz), 131.0, 130.7, 129.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32.3 Hz), 124.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.9 Hz), 124.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 271.7 Hz), 119.4, 65.9, 62.2, 41.2, 40.2, 36.2, 27.5, 22.5; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2945, 1715, 1326, 1164, 1123, 1068 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₉F₃O₃ [M]⁺: 340.1286, found 340.1277.



Table 4.10, Entry 9 (378). To a solution of **SI4** (1.20 g, 5.71 mmol. 1.0 equiv), imidazole (583 mg, 8.57 mmol, 1.5 equiv), and DMAP (1.04 g, 8.57 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in DMF (20 mL) was added TBDPS-Cl (1.75 mL, 6.85 mmol, 1.2 equiv). After 24 h at ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water (75 mL) and 2/1

DCM/hexanes (150 mL), extracted with 2/1 DCM/hexanes (4 x 30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and evaporated. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2.5→12% EtOAc in hexanes) gave the desired compound (1.85 g, 72% yield). Mp 59-60 °C; $R_f = 0.24$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72-7.68 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.37 (m, 6H), 6.00-5.86 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.28-5.23 (m, 1H), 4.74-4.59 (m, 2H), 4.24 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dq, J = 13.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.10-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.54 (m, 4H) 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.4, 169.8, 135.6, 135.5, 133.1, 132.9, 131.5, 129.6, 127.6(2C), 118.8, 66.4, 65.8, 62.9, 41.2, 33.6, 27.3, 26.6, 22.1, 19.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3072, 2933, 2858, 1715, 1428, 1200, 1112, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₂₇H₃₃O₄Si [M-H]⁺: 449.2148, found 449.2165.



Table 4.10, Entry 10 (380). To a solution of **SI3** (946.4 mg, 5.19 mmol, 1 equiv) in 50 mL CH₃CN, was added TiCl₄ (50 mL, 0.456 mmol, 0.09 equiv). Select-fluor (2.2224 g, 6.27 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added after 10 min and the mixture stirred at rt for 2 h and 40 min, over which time the orange color disappeared. The mixture was partitioned between H₂O (200 mL) and Et₂O (50 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and washed with Et₂O (30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), concentrated to about 30 mL, passed through a pad of silica that was washed with Et₂O (5 x 10 mL), and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was the bulb-to-bulb distilled at 180-190 °C (bath temp, 2 torr) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (947.6 mg, 91% yield). $R_f = 0.19$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (bd, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.80-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.66-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.80 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5 (d, $J_{C-F} = 19.8$ Hz), 166.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 24.8$ Hz), 130.8, 119.2, 96.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 196.9$ Hz), 66.5, 39.4, 35.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.8$ Hz), 26.4, 20.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.0$ Hz); IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3087, 2952, 1759, 1735, 1650, 1452, 1281, 1223, 1150, 1097, 990 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₃O₃F [M]⁺: 200.0849, found 200.0858.



Table 4.11, Entry 3 (382). To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of LDA (13.5 mmol, 1.12 equiv) in THF (30 mL) was added 2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexanone (1.6938 g, 12.08 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dropwise. The resulting solution was warmed to 0 °C for 1 hour, cooled to -78 °C and HMPA (2.2 mL, 12.6 mmol, 1.04 equiv) was added. After 5 min, allyl cyanoformate (1.5014g, 13.5 mmol, 1.12 equiv) was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to rt and allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was then quenched with 50% saturated NH₄Cl (40 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and washed with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 3% Et₂O in hexanes) to afford the β-keto ester as a colorless oil (585.6 mg, 22%), along with the known enol carbonate (R_f = 0.53, 10:1 Hexane:EtOAc) as a colorless oil (1.3117 g, 48%). R_f = 0.50 (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (dddd, *J* = 5.7, 5.7, 10.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dddd, *J* = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 1.7.1

Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dddd, J = 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 5.7, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 5.7, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dddd, J = 2.4, 3.9, 3.9, 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddddd, J = 3, 4.2, 12, 14.1, 15.6 Hz, 1H), 1.77-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.42 (ddd, J = 4.2, 12.3, 13.8, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.4, 172.4, 131.5, 118.8, 65.7, 55.1, 46.1, 40.6, 36.8, 26.8, 25.5, 23.6, 18.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3089, 2938, 1736, 1707, 1649, 1456, 1377, 1243, 1209, 1174, 1150, 972 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 224.1413, found 224.1413.



Table 4.11, Entry 4 (383). Prepared by a modification of general procedure 8. Part 1: Reaction of 3,3,5,5-tetramethylcyclohexanone in benzene (1 M) at 80 °C for 40 h using NaH (2 equiv) and diallylcarbonate (3 equiv) gave an ~1:1 mixture of mono and bisacylated material after flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1→8% Et₂O in hexanes). Part 2: Reaction in acetone (0.42 M) at 75 °C in a sealed flask for 24 h using Cs₂CO₃ (3 equiv) and MeI (4 equiv). Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1→4% Et₂O in hexanes) gave the desired compound. 25% overall yield. $R_f = 0.60$ (25% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87 (dddd, J = 17.4, 10.5, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23-2.12 (comp. m, 2H), 1.33 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 171.5, 131.5, 118.8, 65.5, 62.6, 51.7, 49.4, 40.9, 34.8, 34.5, 29.6, 27.7, 26.9, 14.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3087, 2959, 1715, 1456, 1371, 1216, 1101, 979 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₅H₂₄O₃ [M]⁺: 252.1725, found 252.1719.



Table 4.11, Entry 5 (384). Prepared by general procedure 8 from cyclohex-2-en-1-one. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂). 23% yield. $R_f = 0.38$ (30% Et₂O in pentane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.06 (dt, J = 10.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 2.57-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.41-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.97-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.8, 172.3, 149.4, 131.6, 128.9, 118.3, 65.7, 53.4, 33.3, 23.6, 20.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 1733, 1678, 1249, 1192, 1110 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 194.0943, found 194.0941.



Table 4.11, Entry 7 (386). Prepared by general procedure 8 from 1-tetralone. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 60% yield. $R_f = 0.61$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (app. t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (app. t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (dddd, J = 17.1, 10.7, 5.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19-5.09 (m, 2H), 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.12-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 172.5, 143.1, 133.4, 131.7, 131.5, 128.7, 128.0, 126.8, 118.0, 65.6, 53.9, 33.9, 26.0, 20.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3071, 2982, 2938, 1736, 1690, 1602, 1456, 1377, 1308, 1228, 1189, 1112, 979, 743 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₁₆O₃ [M]⁺: 244.1099, found 244.1094.



Table 4.11, Entry 8 (387). Prepared by general procedure 8 from cycloheptanone. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 25→100% CH₂Cl₂ in pentane). 30% yield. $R_f = 0.60$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 2H), 4.61 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.25-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.70 (comp. m, 3H), 1.69-1.49 (comp. m, 4H), 1.36 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 131.6, 118.5, 65.6, 58.8, 42.0, 35.4, 30.1, 25.8, 24.7, 21.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 1740, 1710, 1229, 1151, 1105 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1249.



SI6: To a flask containing a Dean-Stark trap, reflux condensor, and a solution of 1,3-cycloheptanedione (**SI5**) (5.2793 g, 41.85 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (42 mL, 1.0 M) was added *i*-butanol (30.9 mL, 335 mmol, 8.0 equiv) and PPTS (157.8 mg, 0.63 mmol, 0.015 equiv). The solution was immersed in an oil bath at 130 °C and monitored

by TLC. When the starting material was consumed, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure to a thick oil. The resulting oil was purified by short path distillation (1.0 torr, bp = 100-111 °C) to yield a light yellow oil (5.0073 g, 27.47 mmol). The residue remaining in the distillation pot was purified by flash chromatography (2.5 x 7 cm SiO₂, 2:1 Hex-EtOAc) to yield a maroon oil (0.9680 g, 5.31 mmol). The combined yield of vinylogous ester **SI6** was 5.9753 g (32.78 mmol, 78% yield); $R_f = 0.22$ (2:1 Hexanes-EtOAc); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (s, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.56 (comp. m, 4H), 2.00 (septuplet, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.77 (comp. m, 4H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.5, 176.6, 106.0, 75.0, 41.9, 33.1, 27.9, 23.7, 21.5, 19.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 2872, 1646, 1607, 1469, 1237, 1190, 1174 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O₂ [M]⁺⁺: 182.1307; found 182.1310.



Table 4.11, Entry 9 (388). Prepared by general procedure 7 from **SI6** in 82% yield (1.220 g, 4.35 mmol) over two steps as a light yellow oil; purified by flash chromatography (2.5 x 22 cm SiO₂, 5:1 to 3:1 Hex-Et₂O); $R_f = 0.43$ (4:1 Hexanes-EtOAc); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (dddd, J = 17.1, 10.7, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (s, 1H), 5.29 (ddd, J = 17.1, 2.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (app d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dddd, J = 19.0, 13.2, 5.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 9.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (ddd, J = 17.8, 9.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.38 (comp. m, 2H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 1H),

1.84-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.70 (ddd, J = 14.4, 7.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.1, 174.0, 173.5, 132.0, 118.4, 105.2, 74.8, 65.8, 59.1, 34.3, 33.9, 27.9, 24.2, 21.4, 19.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2959, 2936, 2875, 1734, 1650, 1613, 1456, 1384, 1233, 1170, 1115, 994 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₆H₂₄O₄ [M]⁺: 280.1675; found 280.1686.



Table 4.11, Entry 10 (390). Prepared by general procedure 7 from the corresponding vinylogous thioester⁴⁴ in 33% yield (0.3426 g, 1.08 mmol) over two steps as a light yellow oil; purified by flash chromatography (2.5 x 15 cm SiO₂, 6:1 to 3:1 Hex-Et₂O); $R_f = 0.25$ (3:1 Hex:Et₂O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.38 (comp. m, 5H), 5.86 (dddd, J = 10.5, 5.6, 5.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dddd, J = 17.1, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dddd, J = 10.5, 1.2, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dddd, J = 19.5, 5.9, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (dddd, J = 17.6, 10.3, 3.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.43 (comp. m, 2H), 2.08-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.68 (ddd, J = 14.2, 6.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H)); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.6, 173.6, 159.5, 135.6, 131.8, 130.1, 129.9, 123.8, 118.7, 66.0, 58.8, 34.2, 33.7, 23.9, 23.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3060, 2982, 2935, 1735, 1650, 1593, 1440, 1230, 1178, 1113, 980, 750, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₂₀O₃S [M]⁺⁺: 316.1133; found 316.1119.



Table 4.11, Entry 11 (392). Prepared by general procedure 8 from cyclohexanone with dimethyallyl carbonate in part 1. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 46% yield. $R_f = 0.24$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.94 (m, 2H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 2.58-2.42 (comp. m, 3H), 2.08-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.57 (comp. m, 6H), 1.55-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.1, 172.8, 139.4, 113.5, 68.4, 57.2, 40.6, 38.2, 27.5, 22.6, 21.3, 19.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2940, 2867, 1715, 1452, 1260, 1211, 1160, 1086, 907 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1256.



Table 4.11, Entry 12 (393). Prepared by method 3 from cyclohexanone with 1.25 equiv of 2-chloroallyl carbonate (*vide infra*) in part 1. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 62% yield. $R_f = 0.20$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.45 (m, 2H), 4.71 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.41 (comp. m, 3H), 2.10-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.62 (comp. m, 3H), 1.57-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.8, 172.3, 135.4, 115.8, 66.5, 57.2, 40.6, 38.2, 27.4, 22.5, 21.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2942, 2868, 1716, 1640, 1453, 1248, 1221, 1153, 1084, 903 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₅O₃Cl [M]⁺: 230.0710, found 230.0711.



Table 4.11, Entry 13 (395). Prepared by general procedure 8 from 1benzylpiperidin-4-one (part 1) and iodoethane (part 2). Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2.5→20% EtOAc in hexanes). 55% yield. $R_f = 0.50$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.33-7.25 (m, 5H), 5.90 (dddd, J = 17.4, 10.7, 5.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dq, J = 17.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dq, J = 10.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (ddt, J = 13.0, 6.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (ddt, J = 13.0, 6.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, J =13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 11.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.04-2.80 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.25 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.53 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) & 207.9, 171.3, 137.9, 131.7, 128.8, 128.2, 127.3, 118.7, 65.6, 61.8, 61.5, 61.0, 53.5, 40.6, 25.2, 9.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2966, 2939, 1719, 1224, 1139, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₈H₂₃O₃[M]⁺: 301.1678, found 301.1691.



Allyl 2,6-dimethyl-2-cyclohexanonecarboxylate (SI7): To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of LDA (8.0 mmol, 1.09 equiv) in THF (24 mL) was added 2,6dimethylcyclohexanone (1 mL, 7.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv) dropwise. The resulting solution was warmed to 0 °C for 1 hour, cooled to -78 °C and HMPA (1.3 mL, 7.47 mmol, 1.02 equiv) was added. After 15 min, allyl cyanoformate (845.3 mg, 7.61 mmol, 1.04 equiv)

was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to ambient temperature for 30 min and then quenched with 50% saturated NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was separated and washed with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4) , filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified by flash chromatography (3 x 20 cm, SiO₂, 4% Et₂O in hexanes, then 8% Et₂O in hexanes) to afford β -ketoester **SI7** as a colorless oil (629.1 mg, 41%), along with the corresponding enol carbonate as a colorless oil (187.1 mg, 12%); $R_f = 0.43$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.86 (dddd, J = 6.0, 6.0, 10.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dddd, J =1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H, 5.22 (ddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (ddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 10.5 Hz) 1.2, 1.2, 5.4, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 5.7, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.61-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.01 (dddd, J = 3.2, 3.2, 6.3, 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.85-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.1, 172.9, 131.5, 118.7, 65.6, 57.1, 44.3, 38.9, 36.7, 22.8, 21.5, 14.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3087, 2936, 1743, 1715, 1649, 1452, 1377, 1253, 1214, 1161, 976 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1249.

Table 4.11, Entry 13 (397). To a suspension of KH (155.9 mg, 3.89 mmol, 1.2 equiv, from a ~30% dispersion in mineral oil, oil removed by washing with hexane) in 10 mL THF was added **SI7** (680.9 mg, 3.24 mmol, 1 equiv) dropwise. The mixture was stirred at rt for 2.5 h, at which time it was cooled to -78 °C. Allyl chloroformate (420 μ L, 3.95 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added and the mixture stirred 30 min at -78 °C, then 30 min at rt. The reaction was quenched with 50% saturated NH₄Cl (10 mL). Et₂O (5 mL) was added and the organic layer separated. The aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and evaporated *in vacuo*. Silica

gel chromatography (2 x 16 cm, 20:1 hexane:EtOAc) afforded the title compound **397** as a colorless oil (883 mg, 93% yield). $R_f = 0.29$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.94 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7,10.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2,1.2, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5,1.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.66-4.58 (m. 3H), 4.55 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 5.4, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.10 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6, 152.9, 142.0, 132.2, 131.5, 124.7, 118.9, 117.7, 68.7, 65.5, 46.7, 35.8, 30.6, 22.4, 19.2, 17.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3087, 2942, 1760, 1732, 1649, 1452, 1366, 1235, 1168, 992 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₂O₅ [M]⁺: 294.1467, found 294.1464.



Table 4.12, Entry 1 (406). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using ethyl iodide as the electrophile. Flash chromatography (3 x 25 cm SiO₂, 10% Et₂O/hexane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (1.5335 g, 85% yield). $R_F = 0.27$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dddd, J = 1.6, 1.6, 1.6, 1.6, 1.7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dddd, J = 1.4, 1.4, 1.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dddd, J = 1.4, 1.4, 1.4, 5.7Hz, 2H), 2.57-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.64 (dddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 7.5, 21 Hz, 1H), 0.89 (dd, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.6, 170.6, 131.5, 118.1, 65.5, 60.7, 37.9, 32.0, 26.6, 19.4, 9.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3085, 2971, 1752, 1726, 1225, 1142 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₁H₁₆O₃ [M]⁺: 196.1100, found 196.1099.



Table 4.12, Entry 2 (408). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using 2-iodopropane as the electrophile. Flash chromatography (3 x 25 cm SiO₂, 10% → 30% Et₂O/hexane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (1.5521 g, 82% yield). R_F = 0.32 (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88 (dddd, *J* = 5.7, 5.7, 10.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dddd, *J* = 1.6, 1.6, 1.6, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dddd, *J* = 1.4, 1.4, 1.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dddd, *J* = 1.4, 1.4, 1.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (qq, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.06 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.83 (m, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.4, 169.8, 131.5, 118.3, 65.6, 65.3, 38.9, 31.9, 27.2, 19.5, 18.3, 17.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3085, 2967, 1752, 1723, 1228, 1130 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1255.



Table 4.12, Entry 3 (410). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using (*N*-chloromethyl)phthalimide as the electrophile. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 20 \rightarrow 30% EtOAc in hexanes). 54% yield. Mp 56-57 °C. $R_f = 0.27$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.73 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (dddd, J = 17.0, 10.6, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (app. ddd, J = 17.0, 2.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (app. ddd, J = 10.6, 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (app. ddt, J = 5.9, 4.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.25 (comp. m, 2H), 2.11-1.84 (comp. m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.0, 169.0, 168.3, 134.3, 131.9, 131.6, 123.7, 118.8, 66.8, 60.5, 41.0, 37.7, 32.1, 19.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2953, 1774, 1752, 1718, 1467, 1457, 1428, 1395, 1359, 1256, 1231, 1170, 991, 722 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₈H₁₇O₅N [M]⁺: 327.1107, found 327.1106.



Table 4.12, Entry 4 (412). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using 4-methoxybenzyl chloride as the electrophile. Flash chromatography (3 x 25 cm SiO₂, 10:1 hexane/EtOAc) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (2.5584 g, 95% yield). $R_F = 0.17$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (dddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 10.8, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dddd, J = 1.5, 1.5, 1.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dddd, J = 1.2, 1.2, 1.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (dddd, J = 1.4, 1.4, 1.4, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d, J =13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.81 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.53 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.7, 170.5, 158.3, 131.5, 131.0, 128.2, 118.3, 113.6, 65.8, 61.4, 55.0, 38.3, 38.0, 31.5, 19.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2958, 1751, 1726, 1611, 1513, 1249 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀O₄ [M]⁺: 288.1362, found 288.1369.


Table 4.12, Entry 5 (414). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using *p*-methyl benzyl bromide as the electrophile. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 89% yield. $R_f = 0.20$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.5, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (app. ddd, J = 17.3, 3.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (app. ddd, J = 10.5, 2.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (app. ddd, J = 6.9, 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (app. ddd, J = 6.9, 2.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.12-1.81 (comp. m, 3H), 1.68-1.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.1, 170.9, 136.6, 133.5, 131.7, 130.2, 129.2, 118.7, 66.1, 61.6, 38.7, 38.6, 31.8, 21.2, 19.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2963, 2925, 1752, 1724, 1652, 1515, 1456, 1404, 1264, 1220, 1184, 1158, 1141, 1116, 992, 924, 813 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀O₃ [M]⁺: 272.1412, found 272.1412.



Table 4.12, Entry 6 (416). Prepared by general procedure 8 part B from allyl 2cyclopentanonecarboxylate and using 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl bromide as the electrophile. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (dddd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0, 10.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dddd, *J* = 1.7, 1.7, 1.7, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dddd, J = 1.1, 1.1, 1.1, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (bd, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.13-1.86 (m, 3H), 1.73-1.62 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 170.3, 140.7, 131.3, 130.6, 142.0, 133.1, 130.6, 129.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 32.2$ Hz), 125.3 (q, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.1 (q, $J_{C-F} = 271.5$ Hz), 118.8, 66.2, 61.3, 38.6, 38.1, 31,8, 19.4; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.54; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3080, 2966, 1754, 1728, 1619, 1326, 1164, 1116, 1068 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₁₇O₃F₃ [M]⁺: 326.1130, found 326.1129.



Table 4.12, Entry 7 (418). Prepared by general procedure 8 from 1-indanone and using methyl iodide as the electrophile. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 30% yield. $R_f = 0.55$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (dddd, J = 17.2, 10.6, 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dddd, J = 17.2, 2.7, 1.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dddd, J = 10.5, 2.4, 1.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (ddd, J = 5.6, 2.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (ddd, J = 5.6, 2.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (ddd, J = 5.6, 2.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.5, 171.8, 152.7, 135.5, 134.9, 131.7, 128.0, 126.6, 125.2, 118.3, 66.0, 56.2, 40.2, 21.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3080, 2982, 2935, 1745, 1715, 1608, 1495, 1282, 1184, 967, 747 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₄H₁₄O₃ [M]⁺: 230.0943, found 230.0936.



Table 4.12, Entry 8 (420). Prepared by general procedure 8 from 1-indanone and using benzyl bromide as the electrophile. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 20% Et₂O in pentane). 78% yield. Mp 49-50 °C. $R_f = 0.18$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dd, J = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.06 (comp. m, 5H), 5.84 (dddd, J = 17.3, 10.4, 5.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (app. ddd, J = 17.3, 2.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dddd, J = 10.4, 2.4, 1.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.65-4.57 (m, 2H), 3.63 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.2, 170.6, 153.3, 136.4, 135.5, 135.3, 131.6, 130.2, 128.4, 127.8, 127.0, 126.4, 124.8, 118.5, 66.3, 61.9, 39.8, 35.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3031, 2929, 1744, 1711, 1606, 1589, 1496, 1464, 1454, 1432, 1277, 1244, 1210, 1178, 1051, 1028, 930, 752, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₀H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 306.1256, found 306.1259.

General Procedures for Asymmetric Tsuji Allylation.

General Procedure 9: 0.1 mmol Optimization Reactions of Allyl Enol Carbonates



A 1 dram vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar was flame dried under vacuum. After cooling under dry argon, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (4.6 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and ligand (0.0125 mmol, 0.125 equiv) were added. After the flask was flushed with argon, THF (3.0 mL) was added, and the contents were stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, at which time tridecane (12.25 μ L) and allyl enol carbonate **274** (19.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added by syringe. When the reaction was complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was diluted with hexanes (5 mL), filtered through a small plug of silica gel and analyzed by GC. GC yield determined on DB-WAX column (70 °C initial temp, 5 °C/min ramp to 180 °C), tridecane ret. time = 7.000 min, ketone **275** Ret. Time = 12.309 min.

General Procedure 10: 1.0 mmol Preparative Reactions of Allyl Enol Carbonates



A 50 mL rb flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was flame dried under vacuum. After cooling under dry argon, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (22.9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.025 equiv) and (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (24.2 mg, 0.0625 mmol, 0.0625 equiv) were added. After the flask

was flushed with argon, THF (30 mL) was added and the contents were stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, at which time allyl enol carbonate **274** (196.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added by syringe in one portion. When the reaction was complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue chromatographed (2 to 3 % Et₂O in pentane on SiO₂) to afford (*S*)-2-allyl-2-methylcyclohexanone (**275**) (129.6 mg, 85.1% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.75-5.61 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 5.01 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.31 (m, 3H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (m, 5H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.4, 133.7, 117.9, 48.4, 41.9, 38.8, 38.5, 27.4, 22.6, 21.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2934, 2865, 1707, 1451, 912 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆O [M]⁺: 152.1201, found 152.1204; [α]D²⁸ -22.90° (*c* 2.09, hexane, 98% ee).

General Procedure 11: 1.0 mmol Preparative Reactions of Silyl Enol Ethers



A 50 mL rb flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was flame dried under vacuum. After cooling under dry argon, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (22.9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.025 equiv), (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (24.2 mg, 0.0625 mmol, 0.0625 equiv), and TBAT (189 mg, 0.35 mmol, 0.35 equiv) were added. After the flask was flushed with argon, THF (30 mL) was added, and the contents were stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, at which time diallyl carbonate (150.6 µL, 1.05 mmol, 1.05 equiv) and then (2-methylcyclohex-1-enyloxy)trimethylsilane **347** (184.35 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added by syringe in

one portion. When the reaction was complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue chromatographed (2 to 3 % Et_2O in pentane on SiO₂) to afford ketone **275** (144.3 mg, 94.8% yield).

General Procedure 12: 1.0 mmol Preparative Reactions of Allyl β-Ketoesters



A 100 mL rb flask was equipped with a magnetic stir bar and flame dried under vacuum. After cooling under dry nitrogen, $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (22.9 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.025 equiv) and (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (24.2 mg, 0.0625 mmol, 0.0625 equiv) were added. The flask containing the solids was evacuated for 15 min and then refilled with dry nitrogen. Dry THF (30 mL) was then added and the resulting solution stirred at 25 °C for 30 min. At this point, allyl 1-methyl-2-oxocyclohexanecarboxylate (**358**) was added via syringe in one portion. When the reaction was complete by TLC, the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, 1.5 to 2.5% Et₂O in pentane) to afford ketone **275** (129.6 mg, 85% yield, 88% ee).

4.7.2.5 Ketones Prepared by Asymmetric Tsuji Allylation



Ketone 297. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.04 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (app. t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (app. d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H),

5.85-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 2.97 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddt, J = 14.0, 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, J = 13.4, 7.2, 6.0 Hz 1H), 1.89 (ddd, J = 14.0, 6.9, 5.7 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.0, 143.2, 133.9, 133.0, 131.5, 128.6, 127.9, 126.5, 118.1, 44.5, 41.0, 33.2, 25.3, 21.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3073, 2930, 1682, 1455, 1220, 916, 742 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₄H₁₆O [M]⁺: 200.1201, found 200.1194; [α]D²⁷ -18.59° (*c* 2.08, hexane, 88% ee).



Ketone 321. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.66 (m, 1H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.18 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.60 (m, 7H), 1.46 (ddd, J = 21.6, 15.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.0, 134.2, 117.6, 51.6, 39.2, 38.5, 36.0, 27.2, 27.1, 20.7, 7.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2937, 1703 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O [M]⁺: 166.1358, found 166.1362; [α]_D²⁸ +28.58° (*c* 1.51, hexane, 92% ee).



Diketone SI8. Prepared by Wacker odixation of ketone **322**. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.29 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (app. dt, *J* = 16.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.00 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.92-1.60 (m, 4H), 0.94 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 207.6, 53.0, 51.3, 43.2, 36.6, 31.6, 30.5, 27.7, 24.0, 23.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2955, 1716, 1692, 1372, 1171 cm⁻

¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₃H₂₂O₂ [M]⁺: 210.1620, found 210.1615; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +132.01° (*c* 1.38, hexane, 81% ee).



Ketone 325. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.12 (m, 2H), 5.74 (ddt, J = 17.2, 10.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.03 (m, 2H), 2.91 (s, 2H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 2.28 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.86-1.65 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 137.5, 133.7, 130.6, 127.9, 126.3, 118.2, 52.5, 40.8, 39.6, 39.2, 35.5, 26.8, 20.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2937, 1704, 1638, 1602 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀O [M]⁺: 228.1514, found 228.1514; [α]_D²⁸ -12.34° (*c* 2.07, hexane, 85% ee).



Ketone 327. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.26 (m, 5H), 5.68 (m, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 5.01 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.44 (app. t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.24 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.8, 138.5, 133.9, 128.3, 127.5, 127.5, 117.8, 72.8, 70.5, 51.2, 39.2, 39.0, 36.4, 31.2, 27.1, 23.8, 20.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2926, 1703, 1102 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₉H₂₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 287.2011, found 287.2001; [α]_D²⁷ +24.19° (*c* 2.73, hexane, 88% ee).



Ketone 329. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 2.52 (m, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (app. dt, J = 14.7, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.94-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.8, 142.2, 114.7, 48.7, 45.4, 40.0, 38.9, 27.6, 24.3, 23.3, 21.1; IR (neat) 2927, 1707 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O [M]⁺: 166.1358, found 166.1358; [α]_D²⁷ -26.42° (*c* 1.85, hexane, 90% ee).



Ketone 331. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.63 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 2.33 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 219.8, 134.6, 117.9, 47.6, 44.4, 43.9, 39.7, 36.8, 27.8, 27.2, 25.5, 17.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2933, 1697, 1463 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₂H₂₀O [M]⁺: 180.1514, found 180.1521; [α]_D²⁷ -35.69° (*c* 2.15, hexane, 92% ee).



Ketone 152. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.67 (ddt, J = 17.1, 10.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (bs, 1H), 5.02 (app. d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (app. d, J = 1.5 Hz, 4H), 2.57 (app. t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (app. t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.9, 133.7, 118.4, 107.6, 64.4, 64.3, 47.5, 44.3, 42.7, 35.7, 34.5, 23.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2964, 1710, 1116 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₈O₃ [M]⁺: 210.1256, found 210.1255; [α]_D²⁹ -7.99° (*c* 2.41, hexane, 86% ee).



Ketone 334. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.87 (app. dt, J = 10.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (app. dt, J = 10.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.07 (m, 1H), 5.02 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (m, 3H), 2.16 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5, Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dt, J = 13.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dt, J = 13.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 203.7, 148.8, 134.0, 128.4, 118.0, 44.4, 40.9, 32.9, 23.1, 21.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2927, 1673 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₄O [M]⁺: 150.1045, found 150.1039; [α]D²⁶ +14.62° (c 1.56, hexane, 89% ee).



Ketone 336. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 5.04 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.93 (app. t, J = 6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.25 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.9, 163.3, 145.7, 134.1, 130.4, 125.1, 118.0, 113.2, 112.2, 55.4, 44.3, 41.3, 33.4, 25.7, 22.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2931, 1672, 1601, 1256 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₅H₁₈O₂ [M]⁺: 230.1307, found 230.1313; [α]D²⁶-13.71° (*c* 1.5, hexane, 89% ee).



Ketone 338. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.70 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.2, 7.5, 1H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 2.59 (app. td, J = 11.1, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (app. t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.30 (m, 8H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 217.4, 133.8, 117.9, 50.8, 43.6, 40.6, 36.6, 30.6, 26.4, 24.4, 22.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2930, 1702, 1458 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O [M]⁺: 166.1358, found 166.1360; [α]D²⁸ -34.70° (*c* 1.52, hexane, 87% ee).



Ketone 340. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.67 (m, 1H), 5.04 (app. d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (app. d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.70 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.32 (m, 5H), 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.3, 133.9, 117.8, 50.1, 42.0, 36.8, 33.5, 30.4, 25.9, 24.8, 24.3, 19.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2929, 1699 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₂₀O [M]⁺: 180.1514, found 180.1508; [α]_D²⁶ -21.22° (*c* 1.56, hexane, 79% ee).



Ketone 350. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.25 (comp. m, 5H), 5.83 (dddd, J = 16.5, 10.8, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (app. ddd, J = 16.5, 3.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (app. d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.24 (comp. m, 3H), 2.13-1.95 (comp. m, 2H), 1.76-1.44 (comp. m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.5, 138.2, 132.8, 128.4, 127.5, 127.3, 118.3, 82.1, 65.3, 39.5, 37.8, 36.0, 27.9, 20.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3068, 3032, 2942, 2864, 1715, 1640, 1498, 1454, 1433, 1384, 1311, 1254, 1157, 1121, 1085, 1060, 1028, 997, 970, 915, 735, 696 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀O₂ [M]⁺: 244.1463, found 244.1455; [α]_D^{28.3} +47.3 (*c* 2.38, hexanes, 59% ee).



Ketone 352. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.69 (dddd, J = 16.5, 10.8, 7.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dddd, J = 16.5, 2.1, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dddd, J = 10.2, 2.1, 1.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (app. ddd, J = 2.7, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (app. ddd, J = 3.0, 0.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.28 (comp. m, 6H), 1.91-1.66 (comp. m, 6H), 1.64 (app. ddd, J = 0.9, 0.9, 0.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.5, 142.1, 134.1, 118.0, 115.0, 51.5, 43.0, 39.9, 39.5, 36.5, 27.1, 24.3, 20.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3075, 2938, 2865, 1704, 1640, 1453, 1376, 1312, 1206, 1124, 1062, 997, 913, 894 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₃H₂₀O [M]⁺: 192.1514, found 192.1514; [α]D^{29.3} +3.9 (*c* 3.52, hexanes, 91% ee).



Ketone 369. Reaction performed in Et₂O at 30 °C. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1.5→2.5% Et₂O in pentane). 97% yield. $R_f = 0.38$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.67 (dddd, J = 16.5, 10.6, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07-4.93 (comp. m, 3H), 2.44-2.24 (comp. m, 5H), 2.16 (dd, J = 14.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89-1.64 (comp. m, 9H), 1.60 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.7, 134.2, 134.1, 119.0, 117.7, 52.1, 39.4, 39.3, 35.9, 33.3, 27.1, 26.0, 20.9, 18.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3075, 2934, 2863, 1706, 1446, 1124, 914 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₄H₂₃O [M+H]⁺: 207.1749, found 207.1744; [α]_D^{26.0} +1.95° (*c* 1.29, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).



Ketone 371. Reaction performed in Et₂O. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 25% Et₂O in pentane). 97% yield. $R_f = 0.32$ (CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.60 (dddd, J = 16.7, 10.4, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.07 (m, 2H), 2.53-2.16 (comp. m, 6H), 2.03-1.62 (comp. m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.2, 131.9, 120.0, 119.3, 50.8, 39.0, 38.9, 35.4, 30.6, 26.9, 20.5, 12.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3081, 2939, 2863, 2246, 1702, 1453, 1126, 921 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₂H₁₇NO [M]⁺: 191.1310, found 191.1307; [α]_D^{25.6} -27.00° (*c* 1.56, CH₂Cl₂, 88% ee).



Ketone 373. Reaction performed in Et₂O. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5 \rightarrow 14% Et₂O in pentane). 96% yield. $R_f = 0.44$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) \diamond 5.66 (dddd, J = 16.2, 10.9, 7.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.11-5.07 (m, 1H), 5.07-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.11 (app. q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.48-2.18 (comp. m, 5H), 2.16-1.94 (comp. m, 2H), 1.90-1.65 (comp. m, 7H), 1.24 (app. t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) \diamond 214.2, 173.5, 133.3, 118.3, 60.4, 50.8, 39.1, 39.0, 36.2, 29.7, 28.8, 27.0, 20.7, 14.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3076, 2937, 2866, 1735, 1704, 1454, 1377, 1309, 1181, 917 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₄H₂₂O₃ [M]⁺: 238.1569, found 238.1574; [α]D^{25.8} +9.60° (c 1.13, CH₂Cl₂, 90% ee).



Ketone 375. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 3% Et₂O in pentane). 80% yield. $R_f = 0.54$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (dddd, J = 17.1, 9.8, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12-4.98 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.53-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.70 (comp. m, 4H), 1.70-1.61 (comp. m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.3, 158.1, 133.9, 131.5, 129.5, 118.1, 113.4, 55.2, 52.6, 40.1, 39.6, 39.3, 35.4, 26.8, 20.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3076, 2935, 2863, 2361, 1702, 1611, 1513, 1456, 1249, 1179, 1036, 834 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₇H₂₂O₂ [M]⁺: 258.1620, found 258.1627; [α]_D^{25.9} +3.60° (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂, 86% ee).



Ketone 377. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 8 \rightarrow 14% Et₂O in pentane). 99% yield. $R_f = 0.85 (30\% \text{ Et}_2\text{O} \text{ in pentane}); {}^1\text{H} \text{ NMR} (300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.50 (d, J = 7.7 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}),$ 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.71 (dddd, J = 17.0, 10.1, 7.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.04 (m, 2H), 3.01 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.50-2.31 (comp. m, 3H), 2.29-2.17

(m, 1H), 1.97-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.69 (comp. m, 3H), 1.70-1.59 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 142.0 (q, $J_{CF} = 1.2$ Hz), 133.0, 130.9, 128.4 (q, $J_{CF} = 32.3$ Hz), 124.7 (q, $J_{CF} = 3.9$ Hz), 124.2 (q, $J_{CF} = 271.7$ Hz), 118.5, 52.5, 40.4, 39.3, 39.3, 35.5, 26.6, 20.6; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3076, 2940, 2867, 1705, 1618, 1418, 1326, 1164, 1123, 1068, 852 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₁₉ F₃O [M]⁺: 296.1388, found 296.1402; [α]_D^{26.6} –16.31° (*c* 1.17, CH₂Cl₂, 82% ee).



Ketone 379. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1→2.5% EtOAc in hexanes). 92% yield. $R_f = 0.32$ (5% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.68-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.36 (m, 6H), 5.69-5.55 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.99 (m, 2H), 3.84 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.40-2.20 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.60 (m, 6H), 1.06 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.4, 135.7, 133.8, 133.3(2C), 129.7, 129.6, 127.6(2C), 117.9, 66.4, 53.8, 39.7, 37.3, 34.0, 26.9(2C), 21.0, 19.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3072, 2933, 2858, 1708, 1428, 1113, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) m/z calc'd for C₂₆H₃₅O₂Si [M+H]⁺: 407.2406, found 407.2398; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –3.96° (*c* 5.00, CHCl₃, 81% ee).



Ketone 381. Reaction performed in Et₂O at 30 °C. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2% Et₂O/pentane). 80% yield. $R_f = 0.36$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.20-5.10 (m, 2H), 2.76-2.31 (m, 4H), 2.16-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.75-1.60 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.2 (d, $J_{C-F} = 20.0$ Hz), 130.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.8$ Hz), 119.2, 97.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 184.3$ Hz), 39.4, 38.7 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.7$ Hz), 37.3 (d, $J_{C-F} = 22.2$ Hz), 27.2, 21.4 (d, $J_{C-F} = 6.6$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -158.15; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3080, 2946, 1729, 1642, 1453, 1433, 1126, 923 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₉H₁₃OF [M]⁺: 156.0950, found 156.0946; [α]_D^{24.4} -74.65° (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).



Ketone 256. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1→4% Et₂O in hexanes). 90% yield. $R_f = 0.48$ (10% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.63-5.46 (m, 1H), 5.10-4.94 (m, 2H), 2.61 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.5, 134.2, 117.9, 53.8, 51.0, 49.5, 40.5, 39.1, 35.7, 33.7, 29.8, 26.9, 26.3, 15.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3077, 2957, 1708, 1639, 1460, 1392, 1370, 913 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for $C_{14}H_{24}O$ [M]⁺: 208.1827, found 208.1837; $[\alpha]_D^{22.5}$ -4.14° (*c* 2.705, hexane, 85% ee).



Ketone 385. Reaction performed in Et₂O at 30 °C . Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 3% Et₂O in pentane). 73% yield. $R_f = 0.45$ (30% Et₂O in pentane). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.84 (s, 1H), 5.70 (dddd, J = 16.8, 10.2, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.11 (m, 2H), 2.71 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.13 (comp. m, 6H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.0, 170.8, 160.3, 133.3, 125.4, 118.7, 80.5, 45.4, 40.5, 39.0, 29.8, 28.1, 27.8, 24.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2978, 1728, 1670, 1367, 1213, 1152 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₆H₂₅O₃ [M+H]⁺: 265.1804, found 265.1803; [α]_D^{25.4} -39.22° (*c* 1.05, CH₂Cl₂, 86% ee).



Ketone 389. Reaction run on 0.16 mmol at 30 °C in Et₂O (0.1 M) for 6 h using (*S*)-*t*-BuPHOX and Pd(dmdba)₂. The product was purified by flash chromatography (2 x 15 cm SiO₂, 12:1 \rightarrow 9:1 Hex-Et₂O) and isolated in 91.7% yield (0.147 mmol) as a light yellow oil; R_f = 0.31 (3:1 Hexanes-Et₂O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.72 (dddd, *J* = 16.6, 10.5, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 5.05-5.00 (m, 2H), 3.50 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.42 (m, 2H), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.1 Hz, 1H),

2.20 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (app septuplet, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.86-1.70 (comp. m, 3H), 1.62-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.95 (app d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.7, 171.3, 134.6, 117.9, 105.0, 74.5, 51.5, 45.4, 36.1, 35.2, 28.0, 25.2, 19.9, 19.3, 19.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2960, 2933, 2873, 1614, 1470, 1387, 1192, 1171, 998, 912 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₂₄O₂ [M]⁺⁺: 36.1776; found 36.1767; [α]D^{25.5} – 50.84 ° (c 0.73, CH₂Cl₂, 85.0% ee).



Ketone 391. Reaction run on 0.287 mmol at 30 °C in Et₂O (0.1 M) for 5 h using (*S*)-*t*-BuPHOX and Pd(dmdba)₂. The product was purified by flash chromatography (1.5 x 18 cm SiO₂, 15:1 → 9:1 Hex-Et₂O, PhMe load) and isolated in 86% yield (0.246 mmol) as a light yellow oil; $R_f = 0.46$ (3:1 Hex:Et₂O); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.46 (comp. m, 2H), 7.42-7.38 (comp. m, 3H), 5.66 (dddd, J = 16.8, 10.1, 7.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 5.04-4.98 (comp. m, 2H), 2.59-2.48 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dd, J = 13.7 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.93-1.77 (comp. m, 2H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.0, 155.7, 135.5, 134.2, 130.4, 129.8, 129.8, 124.0, 118.1, 51.3, 44.6, 36.3, 35.2, 24.3, 22.5; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3074, 2931, 2865, 1650, 1597, 1474, 1440, 1197, 916, 749, 691 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₂₀SO [M]⁺: 272.1235; found 272.1243; [α]D^{24.8} –86.35 ° (*c* 0.905, CH₂Cl₂, 89.1% ee).



Ketone 394. Reaction performed in Et₂O at 35 °C with 4 mol% Pd₂(dba)₃ (45.8 mg, 0.040 mmol), and 10 mol% (*S*)-*t*-BuPHOX (48.4 mg, 0.10 mmol). Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 1→2.5% Et₂O in pentane). 87% yield. $R_f = 0.63$ (30% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.27 (app. d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.09 (m, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.94-1.61 (comp. m, 6H), 1.17 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.4, 138.7, 116.3, 48.4, 46.5, 39.2, 38.8, 27.4, 22.7, 21.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 2868, 1708, 1630, 1456, 1126, 887 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆ClO [M+H]⁺: 187.0890, found 187.0884; [α]_D^{26.6} - 5.40° (*c* 3.21, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).



Ketone 396. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5 \rightarrow 7% Et₂O in pentane). 91% yield. $R_f = 0.29 (10\% \text{ Et}_2\text{O} \text{ in pentane}); ^1\text{H} \text{ NMR} (300 \text{ MHz, CDCl}_3) \delta 7.39-7.23 (comp. m, 5H), 5.62 (dddd, <math>J = 12.3, 9.6, 7.2, 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.03 (m, 1\text{H}), 4.99 (m, 1\text{H}), 3.56 (s, 2\text{H}), 2.83-2.69 (m, 1\text{H}), 2.65-2.33 (comp. m, 6\text{H}), 2.33-2.20 (m, 1\text{H}) 1.95 (dq, <math>J = 15.3, 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.51 (dq, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 0.75 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6, 138.6, 133.8, 128.7, 128.3, 127.2, 117.8, 62.2, 61.8, 53.4, 52.2, 39.3, 37.3, 26.7, 7.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3065, 3028, 2965, 2801, 1709, 1454, 1352, 312.5, 312 1200, 915, 699 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₇H₂₃NO [M]⁺: 257.1780, found 257.1772; [α]_D^{26.6} +31.21° (*c* 1.51, CH₂Cl₂, 92% ee).



(2*S*,6*S*)-2,6-Diallyl-2,6-dimethylcyclohexanone (398). A 50 mL rb flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was flame dried under vacuum. After cooling under nitrogen, Pd₂(dba)₃ (31.4 mg, 0.0343 mmol, 0.034 equiv) and (S)-t-Bu-PHOX (31.3 mg, 0.0808 mmol, 0.080 equiv) were added. After the flask was evacuated and filled with nitrogen three times, THF (32 mL) was added and the contents were stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, at which time allyl 2-(allyloxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-dimethylcycohex-2enecarboxylate (298 mg, 1.012 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was added by syringe in one portion. The reaction was stirred at 40 °C for 6 hours at which time TLC indicated complete reaction. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool and then concentrated to ~ 1 mL under reduced pressure and the residue chromatographed (100 mL pentane, then 1 to 2% Et₂O in pentane on 2 x 14 cm SiO₂) to afford the title compound **398** and a colorless, volatile oil (157.9 mg, 76% yield). GC analysis indicated the isolated compound was an 80:20 mixture ($R_f = 0.51$, 10:1 Hexane:EtOAc) of C_2 -symmetric: meso diastereomers. The C_2 symmetric isomer was isolated in pure form after ring closing metathesis of the meso isomer. C₂-symmetric ketone **398**: $R_f = 0.17$ (2% Et₂O in hexane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.65 (m, 2H), 5.10-4.95 (m, 4H), 2.33 (dd, J = 6.9, 13.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (dd, J =7.8, 13.8 Hz, 2H), 1.87-1.68 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.06 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75) MHz, CDCl₃) & 218.6, 134.4, 118.0, 47.6, 43.9, 36.4, 25.0, 17.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl)

3076, 2930, 1694, 1639, 1461, 1374, 992, 914 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) m/z calc'd for C₁₄H₂₂O [M]⁺: 206.1671, found 206.1675; [α]_D^{23.6} -54.04° (*c* 0.95, hexane, 92% ee).



Ketone 407. Flash chromatography (2 x 12 cm SiO₂, $3\% \rightarrow 4\%$ Et₂O/pentane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (125.9 mg, 82% yield). R_f = 0.44 (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.68 (dddd, J = 7.2, 7.2, 9.3, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 5.09-5.00 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.14 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 4H), 1.46 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 0.83 (dd, J = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.4, 169.8, 131.5, 118.3, 65.6, 38.9, 31.9, 27.2, 19.5, 18.3, 17.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3077, 2965, 1735, 1640, 1460, 1406, 1162, 915 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆O [M]⁺: 152.1201, found 152.1195; [α]D^{25.2} -18.55 (*c* 1.050, CH₂Cl₂, 86% ee).



Ketone 409. Flash chromatography (2 x 13 cm SiO₂, 3% Et₂O/pentane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (130.4 mg, 77% yield). $R_f = 0.44$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.70 (dddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 9.3, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.00 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.07 (m, 4H), 2.01-1.69 (m, 5H), 0.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.6, 134.2, 117.8, 55.1, 39.7, 39.6, 31.8, 29.0, 18.9, 18.2, 17.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3077, 2963, 1734, 1640, 1471, 1406, 1388, 1370, 1190, 914 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₁H₁₈O [M]⁺: 166.1358, found 166.1359; [α]D^{24.9} +43.05 (*c* 1.085, CH₂Cl₂, 84% ee).



Ketone 411. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10 → 15% EtOAc in hexanes). 67% yield, 48% ee. $R_f = 0.34$ (30% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (dddd, J = 16.8, 9.8, 7.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.18-5.06 (m, 2H), 3.80 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.56-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.10 (comp. m, 3H), 2.10-1.86 (comp. m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 220.1, 168.8, 134.2, 133.3, 132.0, 123.6, 119.4, 53.0, 41.8, 38.7, 38.3, 31.9, 18.9; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2966, 1773, 1734, 1713, 1429, 1395, 1354, 715, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₇H₁₇O₃N [M]⁺: 283.1208, found 283.1209; [α]D^{26.5} 14.1 (*c* 1.49, CH₂Cl₂, 48% ee).



Ketone 413. Flash chromatography (2 x 14 cm SiO₂, 3% Et₂O/pentane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (207.6 mg, 84% yield). $R_F = 0.32$ (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.7Hz, 2H), 5.71 (dddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 10.2, 14.7 Hz, 1H), 5.14-5.01 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.86 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, J = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J = 7.2, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.20-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dd, J = 6.6, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.86 (app dd, J = 7.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.0, 158.2, 133.7, 131.1, 129.6, 118.5, 113.5, 55.1, 53.2, 40.8, 40.8, 38.9, 30.9, 18.6; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3075, 2958, 1733, 1611, 1512, 1248, 1178, 1036 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀O₂ [M]⁺: 244.1463, found 156244.1465; [α]_D^{25.1} +7.34 (*c* 1.065, CH₂Cl₂, 73% ee).



Ketone 415. Flash chromatography (SiO₂, 5% Et₂O in pentane). 84% yield, 73% ee. $R_f = 0.39$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.72 (dddd, J = 17.0, 10.4, 8.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (app. ddd, J = 10.1, 2.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (app. ddd, J = 16.7, 2.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.29-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.07 (comp. m, 2H), 2.05-1.82 (comp. m, 3H), 1.82-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.41 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 223.2, 136.1, 134.7, 133.9, 130.3, 129.0, 118.8, 53.4, 41.4, 41.0, 39.1, 31.1, 21.2, 18.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3080, 2961, 2915, 1737, 1515, 1441, 1157, 921, 810, 666 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₆H₂₀O [M]⁺: 228.1514, found 228.1505; [α]_D^{26.2} +9.1 (*c* 2.68, CH₂Cl₂, 73% ee).



Ketone 417. Flash chromatography (2 x 14 cm SiO₂, 2% → 3% Et₂O/pentane) afforded the title compound as a colorless oil (239.3 mg, 83% yield). R_F = 0.39 (10:1 Hexane:EtOAc); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.73 (dddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 10.2, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.05 (m, 2H), 2.97 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (dd, J = 7.2, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.16 (dd, J = 7.2, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.70 (m, 3H), 1.59-1.43 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 222.1, 142.0, 133.1, 130.6, 128.7 (q, J_{CF} = 32.2 Hz), 125.1 (q, J_{CF} = 3.8 Hz), 124.2 (q, J_{CF} = 269.2 Hz), 119.0, 53.1, 41.0, 40.7, 38.6, 31.0, 18.5; ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -63.29; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3078, 2964, 1736, 1618, 1326, 1163, 1123, 1068 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₆H₁₇OF₃ [M]⁺: 282.1232, found 282.1237; [α]_D^{24.8} +5.65 (*c* 1.085, CH₂Cl₂, 60% ee).



Ketone 419. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10% Et₂O in pentane). 82% yield, 80% ee. $R_f = 0.37$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); $[\alpha]_D^{26.4}$ -38.5 (*c* 0.47, CH₂Cl₂, 80% ee). Spectral data matched that reported in the literature.²⁶



Ketone 421. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2 \rightarrow 4% Et₂O in pentane). 93% yield, 71% ee. $R_f = 0.37$ (10% Et₂O in pentane); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.84 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, J = 7.7, 7.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (comp. m, 2H), 7.36-7.20 (comp. m, 5H), 5.74 (dddd, J = 16.7, 10.1, 8.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (app. d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (app. d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 13.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dd, J = 13.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.3, 153.0, 137.3, 136.8, 134.8, 133.4, 130.2, 128.0, 127.2, 126.4, 126.3, 123.8, 118.7, 53.7, 42.7, 42.5, 35.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3076, 3029, 2917, 1708, 1608, 1496, 1465, 1436, 1296, 1210, 1030, 995, 922, 756, 703 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₉H₁₈O [M]⁺: 262.1358, found 262.1365; [α]D^{26.1} +28.4 (c 1.42, CH₂Cl₂, 71% ee).



Ketone 423. Purified by preparative TLC. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.94$ (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.00 (m, 2H), 3.52 (sextet, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 203.6$, 136.4, 135.9, 133.0, 128.5, 116.7, 40.5, 37.7, 17.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3078, 2976, 2933, 1682, 1642, 1448, 1209, 976, 917,

704 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₂H₁₄O [M]⁺: 174.1045, found 174.1048; [α]_D^{27.0} -38.1 (*c* 1.73, hexanes, 70% ee).



Ketone 430. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2 →12% EtOAc in hexanes). 87% yield, 2% ee. $R_f = 0.20$ (10% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.62 (dddd, J = 17.7, 9.6, 7.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (app. ddd, J = 9.6, 1.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (app. ddd, J = 17.1, 1.5, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53-2.37 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.9, 176.6, 130.1, 121.1, 72.5, 45.6, 40.2, 19.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3543, 3083, 2983, 2939, 2877, 1803, 1758, 1642, 1454, 1436, 1378, 1341, 1231, 1122, 1065, 1043, 998, 912, 664 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₈H₁₀O₃ [M]⁺: 154.0630, found 154.0626.



Ketone 432. Purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 4 \rightarrow 7% Et₂O in hexanes). 89% yield, 2% ee. $R_f = 0.39$ (25% Et₂O in hexanes); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.99 (ddd, J = 7.2, 1.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (tt, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 7.8, 6.9, 1.5Hz, 2H), 5.67 (dddd, J = 17.1, 9.9, 7.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dddd, J = 17.1, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dddd, J = 10.2, 1.5, 0.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dddd, J = 13.8, 6.9, 0.9, 0.9Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dddd, J = 13.8, 7.5, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.2, 159.8, 132.7, 130.8, 128.7, 127.9, 125.9, 120.4, 69.7, 42.3, 23.2; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3078, 2982, 2934, 1819, 1655, 1581, 1493, 1451, 1321, 1293, 1177, 1094, 1071, 1005, 930, 889, 780, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m*/*z* calc'd for C₁₃H₁₃O₂N [M]⁺: 215.0946, found 215.0938.



Propargyl ketone 434. A flame dried, 50 mL two-neck round-bottom flask containing a stirbar was equipped with a three-way stopcock, evacuated, and cooled under dry nitrogen. To this was added Pd₂(dba)₃ (11.4 mg, 0.0125 mmol, 0.05 equiv.) and (*S*)-*t*-Bu-PHOX (12.5 mg, 0.0313 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with dry nitrogen twice. THF (15 mL) was then added and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at 25°C. To the resulting yellow solution was added propargyl enol carbonate **433** (97.1 mg, 0.50 mmol) and then this mixture was stirred at 70 °C. After the reaction was completed, the resulting mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give propargyl ketone (*S*)-**434** (64.3 mg, 86% yield) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.55-2.29 (m, 4H), 1.99 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.9, 81.1, 70.7, 47.8, 38.5, 37.8, 27.6, 27.3, 22.3, 21.1; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3292, 2936, 2865, 2117, 1709, 1451, 1425, 1377, 1314, 1128, 1075 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₄O [M]⁺: 150.1045, found 150.1044; [α]²⁵_D = +0.74 (*c* 1.50, CHCl₃, 31% ee).

entry	product	compound assayed	assay conditions	retention time of major isomer (min)	retention time of minor isomer (min)	% ee
1	275	275	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	11.13	12.74	88
2	297	297	HPLC Chiracel OD-H 0.1% IPA in heptan isocratic, 0.7 mL/m	e 19.97 in	21.48	92
3	321	, , , ,	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	14.52	13.35	92
4			GC, G-TA 110 °C isotherm	63.65	62.01	82
5	325	325	HPLC Chiracel OJ 2% EtOH in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	9 19.81 Iin	13.82	85
6	327	0En 0 0Bn 327	HPLC Chiralpak AD 0.75% IPA in hexar isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	ne 11.95 lin	13.80	88
7			GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	15.76	17.65	92
8	331	331	GC, G-TA 80 °C isotherm	25.48	27.90	92
9		° 152	GC, G-TA 120 °C isotherm	26.90	28.64	86
10	334	334	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	15.31	18.04	90

Table 4.17 Methods Utilized for the Determination of Enantiomeric Excess

entry	product	compound assayed	assay conditions	retention time of major isomer (min)	retention time of minor isomer (min)	% ee
11 MeO´	336		HPLC Chiracel OJ 1% EtOH in hexa isocratic 1.0 mL/min	ane 11.38	10.16	91
12	338	338	GC, G-TA 110 °C isotherm	9.88	10.68	87
13			GC, G-TA 110 ℃ isotherm	63.25	61.94	79
14	OBn 	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	HPLC Chiracel OB-H 0.2% EtOH in hexar isocratic, 1.0 mL/mi	ne 13.56 In	16.96	59
15		352	GC, G-TA 95 °C isotherm	49.77	47.98	91
16	365	9 369	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	55.511	52.56	91
17	0 	CN 0 371	GC, G-TA 150 °C isotherm	18.75	21.06	88
18	CO ₂ E	t CO ₂ Et	GC, G-TA 120 ⁰C isotherm	90.98	94.22	90
19	375		HPLC Chiracel AD 1 % EtOH in hexand isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	_e 12.87 in	15.36	86
20	377	CF ₃ ,,,,,,,, .	CF ₃ GC, G-TA 120 °C isotherm for 120 mins, the ramp 3 °C/min	n 127.74	126.43	82

entry	product	compound assayed	assay r conditions	etention time of major isomer (min)	retention time of minor isomer (min)	% ee
21		PS 0 OTBDPS 9 379	HPLC Chiracel OD-H 100% hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/min	16.75	23.91	81
22	0 F 38	0 F 1 381	GC, G-TA 110 °C isotherm	6.27	8.02	91
23			GC, G-TA 120 °C isotherm	49.12	50.57	85
24		Bu O CO ₂ t-Bu 5 385	GC, G-TA 130 °C isotherm	59.36	61.19	86
25 <i>i</i> -BuO	0 		HPLC Chiracel OD-H 1% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/min	6.30	7.26	85
26 PhS	0 391 F		HPLC O Chiralpak AD 3% EtOH in hexan Me isocratic 1.0 mL/min	e 18.66	22.33	89
27		4 O Cl 201 201 201 201 201 201 201 201 201 201	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	44.91	50.06	91
28	Nn 39	6 Bn 396	HPLC Chiracel OJ 1 % EtOH in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/min	7.95	8.82	92
29	39	8 398	GC, G-TA 75 °C isotherm	118.51	127.37	92
30	40		GC, G-TA 110 °C isotherm	45.22	38.91	86
31	40	9 409	GC, G-TA 80 °C isotherm	43.95	49.93	84

entry	product	compound assayed	assay conditions	retention time of major isomer (min)	retention time of minor isomer (min)	% ee
32	O NPhth 41	NPhth 411	HPLC Chiracel OD-H 4% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	24.13 in	18.26	48
33	0 41:	OMe 0 3 413	DMe HPLC Chiralpak AD 1% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	10.07 in	11.84	73
34	41	5 417	HPLC Chiracel OJ 0.3% EtOH in hexar isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	ne 14.88 in	12.80	73
35		CF ₃ 0 6 416	CF ₃ HPLC Chiralpak AD 1% EtOH in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	6.42 in	7.47	60
36			HPLC Chiracel OD-H 0.1% IPA in hexane isocratic, 0.7 mL/m	, 21.78 in	23.74	80
37	42		HPLC Chiracel OJ 1% EtOH in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	, 28.93 in	22.38	71
38			HPLC ← Chiracel OD-H 0.1% IPA in heptan isocratic, 0.7 mL/m	e 21.63 in	25.04	70
39	O Ph 273	3 O Ph 273	HPLC Chiracel OJ 0.1% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	, 7.76 in	8.59	11
40			HPLC Chiracel OJ 3% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/m	9.03 in	7.38	0
41		0 0 0 271	GC, G-TA 120 ℃ isotherm	15.55	16.66	24

entry	product	compound assayed	assay conditions	retention time of major isomer (min)	retention time of minor isomer (min)	% ee
42	0 0 0 430	0 0 0 430	GC, G-TA 100 °C isotherm	19.67	21.64	2
43	N 0 Ph 432	N 0 Ph 432	HPLC Chiracel OD-H 2% IPA in hexane isocratic, 1.0 mL/mi	6.61 n	5.40	2
44	0 434		GC, B-DM 90 ⁰C isotherm	21.8	23.0	31



Semicarbazone 341. To a solution of ketone 275 (661.4 mg, 4.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv) of 88% ee in pyridine (1.22 mL), water (3.0 mL), and MeOH (8.0 mL) was added semicarbazide•HCl (848.1 mg, 7.60 mmol, 1.75 equiv). The reaction mixture was heated at 105 °C for 15 min, cooled, diluted with water (10 mL), filtered, and dried to give the semicarbazone (763 mg, 84% yield). The semicarbazone (3.10 g, 14.8 mmol, 87% ee) was suspended in EtOH/water (35/65 v/v 355 mL) and warmed to 90 °C. When all the material had dissolved, heating was discontinued, and the flask allowed to cool in the heating bath. After 8 h, crystals were filtered and dried giving the enantioenriched semicarbazone (1.894 g, 61% yield, 95% ee). Recrystalization of this material in EtOH/water (30/70 v/v 175 mL) by the same procedure gave semicarbazone (1.692 g, 89% yield, 98% ee) as white crystals; m.p. 188-189 °C (EtOH/water); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 (bs, 1H), 5.73 (m, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 5.00 (app. d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.11 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.44 (m, 6H), 1.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.1, 156.8, 134.6, 117.2, 42.9, 41.5, 38.6, 25.9, 24.5, 22.5, 21.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3465, 3195, 1693, 1567, 1478 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₁H₂₀N₃O [M+H]⁺: 210.1606, found 210.1599; $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ -50.35° (*c* = 2.60, methanol).



(isopinocampheylamine)-Semicarbazone (343): To a solution of the semicarbazone (100 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in xylenes (1.0 mL) was added (1S,2S,3S,5R)-(+)-isopinocampheylamine (76.2 µL, 0.45 mmol, 1.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 2 h, cooled, and concentrated. Chromatography $(10 \rightarrow 50 \%$ EtOAc in Hexanes on SiO₂) afforded the (isopinocampheylamine)semicarbazone 343 (130.5 mg, 87.8 % yield): m.p. 131-133° from acetone; ¹H NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.47 \text{ (bs, 1H)}, 6.08 \text{ (bd, } J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.77 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 5.06 \text{ (s, 1H)},$ 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 2.63 (app. tdd, J = 9.9, 3.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.13 (m, 4H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.41 (m, 8H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 155.5, 134.9, 117.0, 48.0, 47.8, 46.8, 43.0, 41.6, 41.5, 38.5, 38.3, 37.8, 35.3, 28.0, 25.9, 24.5, 23.4, 22.4, 21.0, 20.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3400, 3189, 3074, 2929, 1672, 1526 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₂₁H₃₆N₃O [M+H]⁺: 346.2858, found 346.2874; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -18.92° (c = 0.53, hexane). The semicarbazone was recrystallized from EtOH/H₂O to provide suitable crystals for X-ray analysis.



(isopinocampheylamine)-Semicarbazone (344). Prepared in an analogous manner to 343: m.p. 145-146° from acetone; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 (d, *J* = 21.3 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.86-5.72 (m, 1H), 5.08-5.04 (m, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.23-4.12 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.34 (m, 2H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.98-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.40 (m, 11H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 0.77 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.8, 154.4, 135.3, 116.7, 48.0, 47.9, 46.8, 44.2, 41.7, 39.9, 38.3, 37.9, 35.6, 35.3, 28.1, 28.0, 25.6, 23.4, 22.6, 20.8, 20.7, 7.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3402, 3194, 3074, 2930, 1672, 1526 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m*/*z* calc'd for C₂₂H₃₇N₃O [M]⁺: 359.2937, found 359.2940; [α]D²⁹ -4.43° (*c* = 0.38, hexane). The semicarbazone was recrystallized from acetone to provide suitable crystals for X-ray analysis.



Enone 399.⁷⁰ To a solution of ketone 275 (304.4 mg, 2.0 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in dimethylacetamide (2.8 mL) and water (0.4 mL) was added palladium (II) chloride (53.1 mg, 1.2 mmol, 0.15 equiv), copper (II) acetate hydrate (217.9 mg, 1.20 mmol, 0.60
equiv), and an oxygen balloon. After 24 h of vigorous stirring at 25 °C the reaction mixture was chromatographed (5 \rightarrow 25 % EtOAc in Hexanes on SiO₂). To a solution of the resulting diketone in EtOH (30 mL) was added KOH (3.4 mL of a 50 mg/mL ethanolic solution), and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 6 h. The temperature was increased to 80 °C and additional KOH (200 mg) was added. After 4 h the reaction was cooled and concentrated. The resulting residue was partitioned between EtOAc (30 mL) and water (20 mL) and acidified to pH = 2 with HCl (3 M). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (3 x 20 mL). The combined organics were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Chromatography (10 \rightarrow 30% Et₂O in pentane on SiO₂) afforded enone **399** (219.1 mg, 72.9% overall yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.74 (s, 1H), 2.62 (bd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (td, J = 13.5, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, J = 18.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (d, J = 18.6Hz, 1H), 2.26-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.22 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75) MHz, CDCl₃) § 208.2, 188.6, 126.0, 52.1, 43.1, 40.6, 27.9, 27.8, 24.0, 21.8; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2934, 1713, 1622, 1221 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₄O [M]⁺: 150.1045, found 150.1041; $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ -44.86° (*c* = 3.55, hexane, 98 % ee).



Enone 400.⁷¹ To a solution of ketone **275** (152.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and methyl vinyl ketone (208.1 μ L, 2.5 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in DCM (5 mL) was added Grubbs' 2nd generation catalyst (42.4 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.05 equiv). The reaction mixture was

heated at 40 °C for 18 h, cooled to 25 °C, and concentrated. Chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes on SiO₂) gave the enone (152.1 mg 78.3% yield), which was dissolved in EtOAc (12 mL) and treated with 10% Pd/C (30 mg) under an atmosphere of hydrogen gas for 12 h. The system was purged with argon, filtered through a small pad of silica gel, and concentrated. To a solution of the crude diketone in EtOH (12 mL) was added KOH (2.0 mL of a 50 mg/mL ethanolic solution). The reaction mixture was heated to 65 °C for 8 h, cooled to 25 °C, concentrated, and the residue partitioned between EtOAc (10 mL) and 1 M HCl (10 mL) The layers were separated, the aqueous layer extracted with Et_2O (3 x 25 mL), and the combined organics were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (25 mL) then brine (25 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. Chromatography (10 \rightarrow 15 % Et₂O in hexanes on SiO₂) gave enone **400** (112.4 mg, 81% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.32 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.01 (app. t, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.43-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) § 199.2, 162.2, 131.9, 48.6, 41.5, 39.0, 30.9, 30.5, 27.1, 25.2, 22.9, 22.0; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2931, 1678, 1654, 1614, 1357 cm⁻¹; HRMS m/z calc'd for C₁₀H₁₈O [M]⁺: 178.1358, found 178.1355; $[\alpha]_D^{27} + 82.91^\circ$ (c = 3.26, hexane, 98% ee).



Enone 401. A solution of ketone 275 (1.23 g, 8.11 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ethylene glycol (1.8 mL), pyridinium tosylate (0.6 g), and benzene (45 mL) was refluxed for 22 h in a Dean-Stark apparatus. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into saturated NaHCO₃ (50 mL), the aqueous layer extracted with hexanes/Et₂O (1/1) (2 x 20 mL), and washed with brine $(2 \times 15 \text{ mL})$. The combined organics were dried $(MgSO_4)$, concentrated, and chromatographed to give the ketal (1.59 g). The ketal in THF (15 mL) was added dropwise to a cooled (-25 °C) solution of BH₃•THF (20.3 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in THF (100 mL), and after 4 h was allowed to warm to 25 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -10 °C, water (25 mL) was slowly added, followed by $NaBO_3 \cdot 4H_2O$ (4.99 g, 32.4 mmol, 4.0 equiv), and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C. After 48 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between water (100 mL) and EtOAc (100 mL), the layers separated, the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (5 x 75 mL), and the organic fractions were dried (Na_2SO_4) . Evaporation of the solvents under reduced pressure, and chromatography (20 \rightarrow 40% EtOAc in hexanes on SiO₂) gave the primary alcohol (1.50 g, 87% yield).

To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of DMSO (479.0 μ L, 6.72 mmol, 1.6 equiv) in DCM (45 mL) was added oxalyl chloride (475.2 μ L, 5.45mmol, 1.3 equiv). After 45 min, the primary alcohol (900 mg, 4.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (5 mL) was added in a dropwise manner. After an additional 30 min, TEA (2.32 mL, 16.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was

added, the reaction mixture warmed to 25 °C, and quenched with half-saturated aq. NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL), the combined organics dried (MgSO₄), and solvents evaporated. This crude aldehyde in THF (45 mL) was cooled to -10 °C, treated with methyl magnesium bromide 3 M in Et₂O (8.40 mmol, 2.0 equiv), quenched with water (20 mL) and saturated aq. NH₄Cl (20 mL), extracted DCM (4 x 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and solvents evaporated. The resulting crude secondary alcohol was resubmitted to the Swern oxidation conditions described above to give a crude methyl ketone. A solution of the methyl ketone in acetone (45 mL) and water (0.7 mL) was treated with TsOH•H₂O (60 mg), and heated at 50 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated and chromatographed (7.5→20% EtOAc in hexanes on SiO₂) to give the diketone (515.8 mg, 68% yield for 4 steps).

To a solution of KOH (300mg 5.36 mmol, 1.91 equiv) in EtOH (40 mL) was added the diketone (510.0 mg, 2.80 mmol, 1.0 eq) dissolved in EtOH (15 mL), and the reaction mixture heated at 60 °C for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with acetic acid (306 µL, 5.36 mmol, 1.91 equiv), concentrated and chromatographed (5→20% Et₂O in hexanes on SiO₂) to give enone **401** (334.2 mg, 73% yield, 42% overall yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.71 (s, 1H), 2.56-2.22 (m, 4H), 1.92-1.64 (m, 6H), 1.44-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 170.5, 124.1, 41.5, 38.0, 35.9, 34.0, 32.7, 27.1, 22.0, 21.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2930, 1678 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₆O [M]⁺: 164.1201, found 164.1196; [α]D²⁸ +216.15° (*c* = 1.05, ethanol, 98% ee).



Lactone 402.⁷² To a cooled (0 °C) solution of ketone 275 (152.2 mg, 1.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (20 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (593.6 mg, 5.6 mmol, 5.6 equiv) and peracetic acid (800 µL of 32% solution in dilute acetic acid). The reaction mixture was maintained at 0 °C for 9 h, then allowed to warm to 25 °C for an additional 12 h, diluted with saturated NaHCO₃, and the organic layer dried (Na₂SO₄). Chromatography (5→20% EtOAc in hexanes on SiO₂) afforded lactone 402 (125.6 mg, 75% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.15 (m, 1H), 5.11 (app. d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86-1.62 (m, 6H), 1.43 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 132.8, 119.0, 82.7, 46.7, 38.4, 37.3, 24.8, 23.8, 23.3; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2936, 1717, 1172 cm⁻¹; HRMS *m/z* calc'd for C₁₀H₁₆O₂ [M]⁺: 168.1150, found 168.1154; [α]D²⁷ +20.58° (*c* = 3.46, hexane, 98% ee).



Spiro[4.5]ketone 403. To a sparged (Ar, 5 min) solution of ketone 352 (526 mg, 2.73 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in DCM (56 mL) was added the second generation Grubbs catalyst (69.6 mg, 0.082 mmol, 0.03 equiv) and the reaction was heated at 40 °C for 10 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography $(1\rightarrow 2\%$ Et₂O in hexanes on SiO₂) to give

spiro[4.5]ketone **403** (381 mg, 85% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.14 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.71 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.35 (m, 2H), 2.17 (dddd, J = 16.2, 5.4, 4.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (ddd, J = 16.5, 3.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.68 (comp. m, 6H), 1.67-1.64 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.3, 137.5, 121.1, 56.3, 45.7, 41.9, 40.3, 39.4, 27.2, 22.2, 16.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3042, 2930, 2860, 1710, 1666, 1438, 1338, 1312, 1207, 1129, 1056, 1019, 899, 853, 838, 807 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) *m/z* calc'd for C₁₁H₁₆O [M]⁺: 164.1201, found 164.1201; [α]D^{27.1} –21.7 (*c* 2.65, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).



Ketal 404. A solution of ketone 352 (1.27 g, 6.60 mmol, 1.0 equiv), ethylene glycol (1.8 mL), pyridinium tosylate (0.600 g), and benzene (80 mL) was refluxed for 15 h in a Dean-Stark apparatus. The reaction mixture was cooled, poured into saturated NaHCO₃ (20 mL), and diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and DCM (30 mL). The aqueous layer extracted with DCM (3 x 30 mL). The combined organics were dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (1 \rightarrow 2% Et₂O in hexanes on SiO₂) to give ketal 404 (889 mg, 57% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.02 (dddd, *J* = 16.2, 11.1, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (app. ddd, *J* = 15.9, 1.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (app. ddd, *J* = 11.1, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (app. ddd, *J* = 4.2, 2.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.71 (m, 1H), 3.98-3.84 (comp. m, 4H), 2.43-2.17 (comp. m, 4H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.67-1.40 (comp. m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 143.7, 136.9, 114.9, 114.8, 112.9, 64.4, 64.1, 45.0, 39.4, 38.1, 33.1, 30.5, 25.6, 23.4, 20.7; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 3073, 2936, 2882, 1638, 1452,

11374, 1275, 1215, 1173, 1089, 1060, 1026, 957, 892 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₁₅H₂₄O₂ [M]⁺: 236.1776, found 236.1779; [α]_D^{26.7} +5.0 (*c* 2.71, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).

Spiro[5.5]ketone 405. Through a cooled (-78 °C) solution of ketal 404 (441 mg, 1.86 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was bubbled a stream of ozone until the reaction mixture turned blue. The reaction mixture was guenched with dimethyl sulfide (0.50 mL), allowed to warm to ambient temperature, and concentrated to an oil. This residue was dissolved in EtOH (35 mL), treated with an ethanolic KOH solution (3.0 mL) of 50 mg/mL), and heated to 75 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, neutralized with acetic acid, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (5 \rightarrow 25% EtOAc in hexanes on SiO₂) to give spiro[5.5]ketone **305** (65.7 mg, 16% yield): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.84 (ddd, J = 10.2, 5.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (app. dd, J = 9.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.87 (comp. m, 4H), 2.66 (ddd, J = 19.2, 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (ddd, 19.2, 6.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H) 1.68-1.50 (comp. m, 6H), 1.48-1.34 (comp. m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 148.1, 128.5, 111.1, 65.0 (2C), 44.7, 43.3, 31.5, 31.1, 30.1, 23.1, 20.4; IR (Neat Film NaCl) 2935, 2865, 1677, 1448, 1389, 1346, 1253, 1179, 1142, 1101, 1063, 1022, 961, 909, 885, 736 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB+) m/z calc'd for $C_{13}H_{17}O_3$ [(M + H) - H₂]⁺: 221.1178, found 221.1185; $[\alpha]_D^{28.1}$ +27.9 (c 1.13, CH₂Cl₂, 91% ee).



Pd(II)(allyl)PHOX•PF₆ salt 356. Prepared using Zehnder's method³² with (S)-t-Bu-PHOX, as a mixture of endo and exo isomers (ca. 60:40 ratio) quantitative yield as a light yellow powder; Mp (EtOH) 152-154 °C (decomp.); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (app. ddd, J = 7.7, 4.1, 1.1 Hz, 0.6H), 8.24 (app. ddd, J = 7.7, 4.4, 1.1 Hz, 0.4H), 7.74-7.42 (comp. m, 8H), 7.39-7.11 (comp. m, 4H), 7.04-6.87 (comp m, 1H), 5.96-5.82 (m, 0.4H), 5.82-5.67 (m, 0.6H), 4.96-4.86 (comp. m, 1H), 4.68 (app. q, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (app. dt, J = 11.3, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (app. dt, J = 10.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (app. dd, J = 14.3, 9.4 Hz, 0.6H), 3.63-3.48 (comp. m, 1H), 3.32 (app. d, J = 6.6 Hz, 0.4H), 3.16 (app. d, J = 12.7 Hz, 0.4H), 2.77 (app. d, J = 12.1 Hz, 0.6H), 0.64 (s, 3.5H), 0.56 (s, 5.5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.9-164.8 (3 peaks), 134.9, 134.8, 134.0-133.3 (7 peaks), 132.9-132.6 (4 peaks), 132.2-132.1 (3 peaks), 131.8 (app. d, J = 2.3 Hz), 130.2-128.8 (13 peaks), 128.5-127.8 (5 peaks), 127.3, 122.4 (app. d, J = 6.0 Hz), 122.4, 83.3-79.4 (6 peaks), 69.8, 69.7, 58.6, 54.1, 54.0, 34.3, 25.2; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 22.7 (d, J = 118.1 Hz), -143.8 (septet, 711.0 Hz); IR (Neat Film from CDCl₃, NaCl) 3062, 2964, 2872, 2271, 1971, 1899, 1826, 1621, 1584, 1568, 1482, 1437, 1372, 1315, 1249, 1211, 1145, 1121, 1100, 1060, 1028, 958, 913, 836, 778, 732, 697, 678 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI+) m/z calc'd for C₂₈H₃₁ONPPd [M]⁺: 534.1178, found 534.1182; [α]_D^{27.1} +256.6 (c 3.72, CH₂Cl₂).

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