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Highly diastereo-/enantioselective Cu-catalyzed propargylic alkylations of

propargyl acetates with cyclic enamines

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General Information

All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were purified by standard procedure before use. Commercial reagents were used without further purification. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (40-63µm, 60Å). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on glass plates coated with silica gel 60 with F254 indicator. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for protons are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to residual protium in the NMR solvent (CHCl₃ = δ 7.28). Carbon nuclear magnetic resonance (¹³C NMR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker 100 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts for carbon are reported in parts per million downfield from tetramethylsilane and are referenced to the carbon resonances of the solvent (CDCl₃ = δ 77.07). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = broad, s = singlet, d = broad, s = singlet, s = siquartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants in Hertz (Hz), integration. Enantiomeric ratios were determined by chiral HPLC with hexane and 2-PrOH as eluents. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO P-1020 polarimeter. Ligands (S)- L_1 , $(R_c, S_p)-L_2^2$ and (R)- or (S)- L_3^2 were prepared according to literatures. Propargylic esters³ and cyclic enamines⁴ were synthesized according to reported procedures. Racemic products were prepared from propargylic acetates with enamines according to the general procedure by the catalysis of a combination of $Cu(OAc)_2$ H₂O and racemic (±)-L₃.

General procedure for copper-catalyzed asymmetric propargylic alkylation of propargylic acetates with cyclic enamines.

Cu(OAc)₂·H₂O (0.015 mmol) and (*R*)-L₃ (0.0165 mmol) were stirred at room temperature in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol under nitrogen atmosphere for 1 h. After being cooled to 0 °C, a solution of propargylic acetate **1** (0.3 mmol), cyclic enamine **2** (0.36 mmol) and ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (0.36 mmol) in 1 mL of anhydrous methanol was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The reaction was quenched by 1 mL of a buffer of NaOAc/AcOH, and extracted with EtOAc (5 mL x 2). The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under vaccum. The residue was then purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/AcOEt, 40/1) to afford the alkylation product **3**.

(R)-2-[(S)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (syn-3a):² colorless oil, 82% yield, 94% ee. HPLC



conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 16.8 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 23.9 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 42 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.47 (s, 1H), 2.45-3.55 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.97-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.90 (m, 4H).



(*S*)-2-[(*S*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (*anti*-3a): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.35-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.98-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.28 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.2, 138.5, 128.7, 128.3, 127.1, 85.7, 70.4, 57.0, 42.2, 36.4, 31.2, 27.9, 24.7. HRMS calc. for C₁₅H₁₆O [M]⁺: 212.1201, found: 212.1198.

(R)-2-[(S)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (syn-3b): colorless oil, 80% yield, 95% ee.



HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 8.6 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 10.8 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 35 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25-7.31 (m, 4H), 4.38-4.40 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.77 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.5, 138.4, 132.7, 129.4, 128.5, 82.8, 72.9, 56.3, 42.0, 35.8, 29.0, 27.2, 24.8. HRMS

calc. for $C_{15}H_{15}OC1 \text{ [M]}^+: 246.0811$, found: 246.0816.







HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 11.8 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 18.8 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 36 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 4.41-4.43 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.53 (m, 2H), 2.23-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.03-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.82 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.3, 142.0, 134.2, 129.6, 128.1, 127.1, 126.2, 82.5, 73.2, 56.2, 42.0,







(R)-2-[(S)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (syn-3d): colorless oil, 88% yield, 95% ee.



HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 7.6 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 8.5 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 36 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H), 4.94-4.95 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.03-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.89 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.71 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.55 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 209.0, 136.9, 132.6, 130.4, 129.6, 128.3, 126.7, 82.5, 72.8, 52.9, 41.8, 33.6, 27.7, 26.8, 24.6. HRMS calc. for C₁₅H₁₅OCl [M]⁺: 246.0811, found: 246.0813.



(R)-2-[(S)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (syn-3e): colorless oil, 88% yield, 92% ee.



HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 10.7 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 13.6 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 37 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32-7.34 (m, 2H), 6.97-7.01 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.42 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.89-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.82 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.7, 161.7 (d, *J* = 243 Hz), 135.5 (d, *J* = 3 Hz), 129.4 (d, *J* = 8 Hz),

115.2 (d, J = 21 Hz), 83.1, 72.8, 56.5, 42.0, 35.6, 29.0, 27.3, 24.8; HRMS calc. for C₁₅H₁₅OF [M]⁺: 230.1107, found: 230.1114.





42.0, 35.8, 29.0, 27.2, 24.8. HRMS calc. for $C_{15}H_{15}OBr[M]^+$: 292.0306, found: 292.0304.







95% ee. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 6.6 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 7.4 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 55 (*c* 0.1, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 4.48-4.49 (m, 1H), 2.53-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.07-2.09 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.83 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.2,

144.1, 129.2 (q, J = 32 Hz), 128.4, 125.3 (q, J = 4 Hz), 124.1 (q, J = 270 Hz), 82.4, 73.2, 56.2, 42.0, 36.3, 29.2, 27.2, 24.8. HRMS calc. for C₁₆H₁₅OF₃ [M]⁺: 280.1075, found: 280.1073.





(R)-2-[(S)-1-(4-methylphenyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (syn-3h): colorless oil, 92% yield, 91% ee.



HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 12.4 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 17.9 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 42 (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.25 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.42-4.43 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.22-2.29 (m, 2H), 2.03-2.10 (m, 2H), 1.49-1.91 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.9, 136.8, 136.4, 129.1, 127.8, 83.5, 72.4, 56.5, 42.0,

35.8, 28.8, 27.2, 24.7, 21.0. HRMS calc. for C₁₆H₁₈O [M]⁺: 226.1358, found: 226.1365.



(*R*)-2-[(*S*)-1-naphthylprop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (*syn*-3i): colorless oil, 88% yield, 92% ee. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 19.7 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 37.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 36 (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.80-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.44-7.46 (m, 3H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 2.64-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 1H), 2.24-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.03-2.11 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.57 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.7,

137.2, 133.3, 132.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 126.8, 126.2, 126.0, 125.8, 83.2, 73.0, 56.3, 42.0, 36.4, 28.8, 27.2, 24.8. HRMS calc. for $C_{19}H_{18}O[M]^+$: 262.1358, found: 262.1368.



(*R*)-2-[(*S*)-1-furylprop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (*syn*-3j): colorless oil, 90% yield, 80% ee. HPLC conditions: chiralpak OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: $t_1 = 9.7$ min; minor enantiomer: $t_2 = 8.5$ min. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 15$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.28-6.30 (m, 2H), 4.50-4.51 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.33 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 1H), 2.05-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.84 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.2, 152.4, 141.7, 110.3, 107.2, 80.8, 71.8, 52.7, 41.9, 30.6, 29.0, 27.1,

24.7. HRMS calc. for $C_{13}H_{14}O_2$ [M]⁺: 202.0994, found: 202.0998.



(*R*)-2-[(*S*)-1-(3-pyridinyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclohexanone (*syn*-3k): colorless oil, 86% yield, 95% ee. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 29.5 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 20.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 35 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.61 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.74-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 4.40-4.41 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.80 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.2, 149.1, 147.8, 136.1, 135.9, 123.3, 82.0, 73.3, 56.1,







(R)-2-[(S)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl]cyclopentanone (syn-3l): colorless oil, 84% yield, -84% ee [(S)-L₃ was



used as the ligand]. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 26.4 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 21.3 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 180 (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.37-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 2.34-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 1H), 2.03-2.22 (m, 3H), 1.86-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 217.8, 139.3, 128.6, 127.4, 127.0,





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58.2, 42.4, 33.7. HRMS calc. for $C_{14}H_{14}O_2$ [M]⁺: 214.0994, found: 214.1002.



(R)-2-[(S)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl]-4,4-dimethylcyclohexanone (syn-3n): colorless oil, 88% yield, 93%



ee. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 9.0 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 19.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 53 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 2.65-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 1H), 1.60-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 210.2, 139.6, 128.4, 127.8, 126.8, 83.1, 72.7, 52.1, 40.7, 39.1, 38.0, 36.0, 31.5, 30.4, 24.3. HRMS calc. for C₁₇H₂₀O [M]⁺: 240.1514, found: 240.1507.



Spiro[(R)-2-[(S)-1-phenyl)prop-2-ynyl]cyclopentanone-4,2'-[1,3]-dioxolane] (syn-3o): White solid, 80%



yield, 97% ee. HPLC conditions: chiralcel OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 12.2 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 7.6 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 40 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.30-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.24-7.26 (m, 1H), 4.53 (s, 1H), 3.86-3.94 (m, 4H), 2.86-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 1H), 2.16-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.94 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 208.0, 139.0, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 107.5, 82.6, 73.0, 64.6, 64.4, 52.5, 38.0, 35.9, 35.4, 33.9.

HRMS calc. for $C_{17}H_{18}O_3$ [M]⁺: 270.1256, found: 270.1260.



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(R)-2-[(S)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl]-4-methoxylcyclohexanone (syn-3p): colorless oil, 82% yield, 95% ee.



HPLC conditions: chiralpak OJ-H, 40 °C, 215 nm, *n*-hexane/2-propanol = 95/5, flow rate = 0.8 mL/min, major enantiomer: t_1 = 25.8 min; minor enantiomer: t_2 = 20.5 min. [α]_D²⁰ = 49 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 2.89-2.93 (m, 1H), 2.58-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.33 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.93 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 209.4, 139.3, 128.4, 127.8, 126.9, 83.0, 73.4, 72.8,

55.7, 50.6, 36.5, 35.7, 31.3, 29.9. HRMS calc. for $C_{16}H_{18}O_2$ [M]⁺: 242.1307, found: 242.1300.



(2*S*,3*R*)-4-Methyl-5-phenylhept-6-yn-3-one (*syn*-3q). Obtained with (*S*)-L₁, 60% yield. Colorless oil was obtained after purification with column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/Et₂O, 150:1 to 110:1). 99% ee was determined by chiral HPLC (Chiralcel OJ-H, *n*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 98/2, 0.5 mL/min, 215 nm, 40 °C): t_R (minor) = 16.6 min, t_R (major) = 25.3 min. []_D²⁸ = 94.2 (*c* 0.88, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.33–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24–7.20 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.90–2.83 (m, 1H), 2.40–2.32 (m, 1H), 2.30 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.06–1.95 (m,

1H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 212.9, 139.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.4, 83.9, 72.7, 52.7, 40.5, 36.1, 14.9, 7.5. HRMS calc. for C₁₄H₁₆O [M+H]⁺: 201.1279, found: 201.1273.



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Single crystal of (*S*,*R*)-3r



Procedures of preparation of (*S*,*R*)-**3r** are the same as other asymmetric substitution reactions except with (*S*)-**L**₃ instead of (*R*)-**L**₃. Single crystal of (*S*,*R*)-**3r** are grew in Methanol by slow evaporating of the solvent. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.43 (d, 2H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.94 (m, 4H), 2.82-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.57-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.43-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.30 (s, 1H), 2.12-2.18 (m, 1H), 1.96-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.89 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.9, 138.1, 131.5, 129.6, 120.9, 107.4, 82.0, 73.5, 64.7, 64.5, 52.4, 38.0, 35.5, 33.9.

Crystal data

Identification code	120927a_0m
Empirical formula	C17 H17 Br O3
Formula weight	349.22
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 A
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P21/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.776(3) A alpha = 90 deg
	b = 32.024(16) A beta = 115.031(13) deg
	c = 9.608(4) A gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	1610.3(13) A^3
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.440 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	2.559 mm^-1
F(000)	712
Crystal size	0.15 x 0.13 x 0.12 mm
Theta range for data collectio	n 2.42 to 27.80 deg.
Limiting indices	-7<=h<=7, -41<=k<=41, -12<=l<=11
Reflections collected / unique	e 13713 / 3749 [R(int) = 0.0563]
Completeness to theta $= 27.8$	0 98.0 %

None
0.7487 and 0.7001
Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
3749 / 0 / 190
1.066
R1 = 0.0938, $wR2 = 0.2529$
R1 = 0.1427, wR2 = 0.2839
1.971 and -0.539 e.A



























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