# Efficient access to *cis*-decalinol frameworks: Copper(I)-catalyzed borylative cyclization of allene cyclohexanediones

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### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

All solvents were dried before use following the standard procedures. Unless otherwise indicated, all starting materials purchased from commercial suppliers were used without further purification. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AV-400 MHz in the indicated solvents. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) referenced to an internal TMS standard for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  = 77.10 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Coupling constants (*J*) are quoted in Hz. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO P-1030 polarimeter. IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet iN 10 MX. ESI mass spectra were recorded on Agilent1200/G6100A, Microwave heating was performed on a Milestone MicroSYNTH.

### **2. SUBSTRATE PREPARATION**

2.1 General Procedures for the Preparation of 1a-1k  $(\mbox{ except 1e},\mbox{ 1j})$   $^{[1]}$ 



To a well-stirred solution of cyclohexane-1,3-diones 8 (10 mmol), Hantzsch ester 10 (10 mmol) and the catalyst proline (20 mol%) in DCM (50 mL) was added

<sup>[1] 2-</sup>methylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (**11a**, CAS: 1193-55-1) was purchased from Energy Chemical (China)

aldehyde 9 (20 mmol) under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 12–20 hours. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and extracted with DCM (50 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was used in the next step without any further purification.

To a well-stirred solution of the previous residue, 18-crown-6 (10 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) was added *t*-BuOK (10 mmol) in several portions under argon atmosphere at 0°C and allowed to stir for 30 minutes, then 5-iodine-1-pentyne (10 mmol) ) was added slowly in 10 min. The resulting solution was warmed to room temperature (80 °C for **11g–11k**) and allowed to stir for 20 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (150 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (50 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the crude compound **12**. The crude compound **12** was used in the next step without any further purification.

To a well-stirred solution of the previous crude compound **12**, paraformaldehyde (15 mmol) and CuBr (1 mmol) in dioxane (25 mL) was added *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH (20 mmol) under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 110°C for 2.0 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to rt, quenched with saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), then extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel (300–400 mesh) column chromatography to afford the desired product **1a-1k** (except **1e, 1j**).

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-2-methylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1a)



Pale yellow oil. 597.4 mg, 29% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.10–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.86–4.63 (m, 2H), 2.81–2.72 (m, 2H), 2.64–2.56 (m, 2H), 2.04–1.93 (m, 3H), 1.87–1.79 (m, 3H), 1.30–1.19 (m, 2H), 1.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.39, 209.97, 89.94, 75.03, 66.76, 38.75, 37.94, 29.24, 25.24, 19.21, 18.80; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2933, 2294, 1725, 1694, 1458, 1374, 1317, 1269, 1171, 1132, 1103, 1025, 846, 557, 417; HRMS (EI)

for [C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 206.1301, found: 206.1299.

#### 2-Ethyl-2-(hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione (1b)



Pale yellow oil. 462.2 mg, 21% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.01–4.96 (m, 1H), 4.63–4.59 (m, 2H), 2.60–2.55 (m, 4H), 1.96–1.87 (m, 4H), 1.80–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.23–1.14 (m, 2H), 0.75-0.70 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 211.19, 208.53, 89.29, 75.04, 69.22, 39.54, 35.31, 29.57, 28.52, 24.65, 16.99, 9.60; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2959, 2931, 2863, 1955, 1722, 1694, 1455, 1366, 1268,

1171, 1021, 847, 721, 556, 417; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 220.1458, found: 220.1463.

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-2-propylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1c)



Pale yellow oil. 220.1 mg, 9.4% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.07–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.67–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.65–2.61 (m, 4H), 1.96–1.89 (m, 4H), 1.77–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.23–1.12 (m, 2H), 1.11–1.06 (m, 2H), 0.87–0.85 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.95, 209.89, 89.98, 75.01, 70.02, 40.14, 39.54, 36.51, 29.52, 25.63, 19.38, 18.07, 14.86; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2960, 2932, 2873, 1955, 1723, 1693, 1458, 1317, 1258, 1211, 1031, 845, 727,

555, 418; HRMS (EI) for [C15H22O2]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 234.1614, found: 234.1620.

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-2-isobutylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1d)



Pale yellow oil. 134 mg, 5.4% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.06–5.02 (m, 1H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.73–2.60 (m, 4H), 1.98–1.88 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.22–1.17 (m, 2H), 0.81–0.78 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 213.35, 209.96, 89.93, 74.96, 69.26, 46.21, 40.30, 38.15, 29.50, 26.31, 25.58, 24.48, 18.18; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2925, 2854, 1955, 1819, 1786, 1723, 1693, 1641, 1597, 1467, 1369, 1256,

1107, 1032, 846, 555, 411; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 248.1771, found: 248.1776.

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-2-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione (1f)



Pale yellow oil. 459.1 mg, 14.8% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.62–5.52 (m, 1H), 5.08–4.98 (m, 3H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.55 (m, 4H), 1.95–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.16 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.85, 209.95, 143.00, 129.37, 129.34, 126.87, 89.95, 74.97, 70.05, 40.00, 37.04, 36.41, 36.35, 29.46, 27.94, 25.55, 18.09; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3285, 2957, 2872, 2112, 1955, 1725, 1691, 1459, 1332, 1250, 1203,

1147, 1096, 1052, 964, 932, 634, 590, 526, 435; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 310.1927, found: 310.1933.

#### 2-Ethyl-2-(hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1g)



Pale yellow oil. 119.1 mg, 4.8% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.09–5.05 (m, 1H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.67–2.56 (m, 4H), 1.97–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.83–1.72 (m, 4H), 1.26–1.19 (m, 2H), 1.19–0.96 (m, 6H), 0.78–0.75 (m, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ (ppm) 211.72, 209.96, 90.13, 74.93, 70.18, 52.15, 34.24, 31.46, 29.53, 28.87, 28.60, 25.21, 9.42; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3026, 2933, 2857, 1955, 1722, 1693, 1496, 1454, 1264, 1208, 1163, 1083, 1030, 847, 750, 700, 555, 457; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 248.1771, found: 248.1776.

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-propylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1h)



Pale yellow oil. 427.4 mg, 16.3% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.11–5.03 (m, 1H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.67–2.56 (m, 4H), 1.99–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.67 (m, 4H), 1.27–1.19 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.07 (m, 2H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.90-0.86 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 211.81, 209.98, 90.12, 74.91, 69.98, 52.16, 38.17, 34.83, 31.48, 29.51, 28.64, 25.25, 18.91, 14.77; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2927, 2373, 2320, 1955, 1890,

1772, 1695, 1636, 1457, 1437, 1418, 1373, 1338, 1251, 1020, 843, 457, 419; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] <sup>++</sup>: calcd. 262.1927, found: 262.1933.

#### 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-2-isobutyl-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1i)



Pale yellow oil. 250.8 mg, 12.7% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.09–5.05 (m, 1H), 4.65–4.60 (m, 2H), 2.86–2.82 (m, 2H), 2.45–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.77 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.25–1.16 (m, 2H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.88–0.85 (m, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.05, 210.02, 90.23, 74.75, 70.25, 52.38, 47.32, 33.06, 31.60, 29.85, 27.60, 25.94, 25.64, 24.76; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2957, 2313,

2210, 1965, 1844, 1792, 1655, 1556, 1497, 1472, 1436, 1387, 1338, 1252, 1020, 845, 557, 410; HRMS (EI) for [C18H28O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 276.2084, found: 276.2089.

# 2-(Hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-5,5-dimethyl-2-(3-phenylpropyl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione (1k)



Pale yellow oil. 882.7 mg, 26.1% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.27–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17–7.12 (m, 3H), 5.07–5.03 (m, 1H), 4.65–4.61 (m, 2H), 2.61–2.50 (m, 6H), 1.95–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.71 (m, 4H), 1.44–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.17 (m, 2H), 0.95–0.92 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 211.65, 209.95, 143.11, 129.40, 129.34, 126.87, 90.09, 74.96, 69.87, 52.08, 36.97, 35.08, 34.89, 31.45, 29.43, 28.76, 27.50, 25.15; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

3282, 2956, 2873, 2312, 1955, 1725, 1711, 1439, 1372, 1253, 1213, 1167, 1076, 1022, 924, 832, 656, 591, 520, 425; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 338.2240, found: 338.2246.

2.2 Preparation of 1e, 1j



To a well-stirred solution of cyclohexane-1,3-diones 1 (10 mmol), copper powder (50 mol%) in 5% KOH (200 mL) was added allyl bromide (12 mmol), under argon atmosphere at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 12 hours. Then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was used in the next step without any further purification. Then followed the general procedure for preparation of **1a-1k** to afford the desired product **1e**, **1j**.

#### 2-Allyl-2-(hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)cyclohexane-1,3-dione (1e)



Pale yellow oil. 290.4 mg, 12.4% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.62–5.52 (m, 1H), 5.08–4.98 (m, 3H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.69–2.55 (m, 4H), 1.95–1.90 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.16 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.36, 209.92, 134.27, 119.22, 89.92, 75.02, 69.78, 41.30, 40.29, 36.49, 29.44, 25.51, 17.89; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2929,1955, 1723, 1694, 1639, 1439, 1322, 1258, 1210, 1102, 1033, 999, 922, 846, 556;

HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 234.1458, found: 234.1459.

#### 2-Allyl-2-(hexa-4,5-dien-1-yl)-5,5-dimethylcyclohexane-1,3-dione (1j)



Pale yellow oil. 260.2 mg, 10% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.61–5.56 (m, 1H), 5.09–4.99 (m, 3H), 4.66–4.62 (m, 2H), 2.67–2.56 (m, 4H), 2.51–2.49 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.92 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.19 (m, 2H), 0.99–0.94 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 211.16, 209.99, 134.31, 119.34, 90.05, 74.95, 52.32, 39.27, 35.11, 31.61, 29.38, 28.89, 28.63, 25.04; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2955, 2870, 2395,1955, 1725, 1427, 1371, 1329, 1251,

1217, 1178, 1078, 1000, 921, 845, 588, 437; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 260.1771, found: 260.1776.

### **3. SCOPE OF THE SUBSTRATES IN TABLE 2**



#### **GENERAL PROCEDURE:**

A dried Schlenk flask was charged with CuCl (0.01mmol, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (0.012 mmol, 6 mol%), PPh<sub>3</sub> (0.024 mmol, 12 mol%), and freshly distilled dry toluene (1 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then bis(pinacolato)diboron **2** (1 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for another 0.5 h under argon atmosphere at room temperature. A solution of allenes **1** (0.2 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) and MeOH (16  $\mu$ L, 2.0 equiv) was then added to the Schlenk flask. The mixture was allowed to stir for 120 h at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Then sodium perborate tetrahydrate (1 mmol, 5.0 equiv), THF (0.5mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3 h at room temperature. Then quenched with saturated aqueous NaCl (2 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (4 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel (300-400 mesh) column chromatography to afford the desired product **3**.

### (4aR,5R,8aR)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-hydroxy-8a-methyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-on

e (3a)



Colorless oil, 43.1 mg, 96% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.28 (s, 1H), 2.64–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.14 (m, 5H), 1.94–1.86 (m, 2H), 1.78–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.64 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.48 (m, 4H), 1.24 (s, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.67, 213.65, 75.16, 54.45, 52.69, 36.57, 32.01, 31.47, 29.16, 25.58, 22.35, 22.07, 19.87; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3467, 2958, 2878, 1695,

1653, 1636, 1558, 1540, 1507, 1458, 1395, 1337, 1229, 1172, 1018, 969, 823, 603, 543; HRMS (ESI) for [C13H19O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>⊖</sup>: calcd. 223.1340, found: 223.1338.

# (4a*R*,5*R*,8a*R*)-rel-5-Acetyl-8a-ethyl-4a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (3b)



Colorless oil. 43.8 mg, 92% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.28 (s, 1H), 2.66–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.15 (m, 4H), 1.99–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.27 (m, 3H), 0.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.89, 212.85, 75.92, 58.24, 53.06, 37.65, 31.73, 31.57, 29.79, 26.78, 25.42, 25.22, 20.16, 7.43; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3473, 2926, 2853,

2360, 1692, 1463, 1335, 1299, 1228, 1188, 1089, 1068, 1002, 968, 906, 863, 822, 668, 578; HRMS (EI) for [C14H22O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 238.1563, found: 238.1568.

# (4a*R*,5*R*,8a*R*)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-hydroxy-8a-propyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (3c)



Colorless oil. 46.9 mg, 93% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.30 (s, 1H), 2.65–2.60 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 2.19–2.14 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.61 (m, 4H), 1.54–1.49 (m, 1H), 1.41–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.29–1.18 (m, 2H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.89, 212.94, 75.92, 58.09, 52.96, 37.70, 36.52, 31.74, 31.57, 25.95, 25.38, 21.98,

20.21, 16.35, 14.87; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3465, 2925, 2851, 2360, 1692, 1463, 1387, 1335, 1229, 1210, 1188,1171, 1142, 1018, 968, 823, 688, 543; HRMS (ESI) for [C15H24O<sub>3</sub>Na]<sup> $\oplus$ </sup>: calcd. 275.1618, found: 275.1620.

(4a*R*,5*R*,8a*S*)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-hydroxy-8a-isobutyloctahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-on e (3d)

Colorless oil. 51.6 mg, 97% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.30 (s, 1H), 2.67–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.18 (m, 6H), 1.93–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.50 (m, 6H), 1.46–1.37 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.85, 214.08, 76.14, 57.96, 52.78, 42.60, 37.84, 31.65, 31.55, 26.17, 25.78, 25.28, 23.57, 21.81, 20.37; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3469, 2955, 270, 1722, 1693, 1572, 1564, 1536, 1461, 1365, 1335,

1188, 1095, 1004, 973, 793, 601; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{16}H_{26}O_3]^{++}$ : calcd. 266.1876, found: 266.1878.

(4a*R*,5*R*,8a*S*)-rel-5-Acetyl-8a-allyl-4a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (3e)



Colorless oil. 51.3 mg, 94% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.53–5.44 (m, 1H), 5.05–4.99 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 2.67–2.61 (m, 2H), 2.51–2.42 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.24 (m, 2H), 2.20 (br, s, 3H), 2.13–2.09 (m, 1H), 1.96–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.71 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.61 (m, 3H), 1.59–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.38 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.71, 211.85, 132.74, 118.21, 75.66, 58.01, 52.78, 38.93, 37.83, 31.52, 26.43, 25.44,

21.88, 20.16; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3204, 3075, 2925, 2872, 2377, 1690, 1639, 1460, 1335, 1314, 1206, 1187, 1169, 1095, 916, 815, 766, 652, 602; HRMS (ESI) for [C15H22O<sub>3</sub>Na]<sup> $\oplus$ </sup>: calcd. 273.1461, found: 273.1463.

# (4a*R*,5*R*,8a*S*)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-hydroxy-8a-(3-phenylpropyl)octahydro-naphthalen -1(2*H*)-one (3f)



Colorless oil. 43.1 mg, 96% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.27–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18–7.10 (m, 3H), 4.30 (s, 1H), 2.67–2.58 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.26–2.13 (m, 7H), 1.91–1.68 (m, 4H), 1.66–1.58 (m, 4H), 1.56–1.46 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.30 (m, 1H), 1.11–1.05 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.81, 212.77, 141.94, 128.48, 128.38, 125.91, 76.78, 75.89, 57.95, 52.93, 37.51, 36.22, 33.35, 31.69, 31.53, 25.89, 25.34, 24.77,

21.93, 20.11; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3464, 3060, 2953, 2359, 1693, 1454, 1430, 1337, 1189, 1104, 1088, 906, 812, 749, 700, 603, 543, 492; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 328.2033, found: 328.2034.

# (4a*R*,5*R*,8a*R*)-rel-5-Acetyl-8a-ethyl-4a-hydroxy-3,3-dimethyloctahydro-naphthal en-1(2*H*)-one (3g)



Colorless oil. 47.4 mg, 89% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.65 (s, 1H), 2.73–2.70 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.42 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.18 (br, s, 3H), 2.06–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.91 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.63 (m, 6H), 1.32–1.25 (m, 2H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.67 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 215.77, 213.41, 109.90, 75.59, 56.63, 55.44, 50.72, 45.54, 34.77, 31.29, 30.05, 27.89, 25.66, 22.39, 7.34; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3566, 2924,

2853, 2349, 1991, 1749, 1698, 1615, 1464, 1387, 1337, 1296, 1179, 1018, 945, 777, 663, 592; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 266.1876, found: 266.1878.

(4a*R*,5*R*,8a*R*)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-hydroxy-3,3-dimethyl-8a-propyloctahydro-naphth alen-1(2*H*)-one (3h)



2369, 1868, 1699, 1578, 1506, 1489, 1471, 1419, 1397, 1337, 1292, 1180, 1074, 1021, 892, 813, 776, 592; HRMS (EI) for [C17H28O3]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 280.2033, found: 280.2031.





Colorless oil. 48.8 mg, 83% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 2.76–2.67 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.14 (m, 5H), 2.04–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.60 (m, 4H), 1.55–1.29 (m, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 216.84, 216.69, 77.02, 57.38, 52.16, 46.22, 44.79, 35.32, 32.55, 30.52, 30.08, 28.20, 26.53, 26.03, 24.93, 23.40 ; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3466, 2957, 2930,

2871, 2369, 2322, 1868, 1699, 1569, 1471, 1397, 1337, 1292, 1220, 1180, 997, 892, 776, 592; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 294.2189, found: 294.2191.

# (4a*R*,5*R*,8a*S*)-rel-5-Acetyl-8a-Allyl-4a-Hydroxy-3,3-Dimethyloctahydro-naphthal en-1(2*H*)-one (3j)



Colorless oil. 51.2 mg, 92% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.56–5.43 (m, 1H), 5.12–4.97 (m, 2H), 2.79–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.60–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.17 (m, 4H), 2.15–2.06 (m, 1H), 2.03–1.96 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 3H), 1.65–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.22 (m, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 216.78, 214.40, 134.16, 118.65, 76.64, 57.91, 57.48 52.19, 46.34, 41.48, 35.15, 32.52, 30.41, 28.47, 26.70,

23.41; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3467, 3076, 2923, 2850, 2349, 1694, 1633, 1462, 1397, 1335, 1298, 1179, 1023, 997, 917, 811, 776, 591, 562; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 278.1876, found: 278.1878.

(4a*R*,5*R*,8a*S*)-rel-5-Acetyl-4a-Hydroxy-3,3-Dimethyl-8a-(3-Phenylpropyl)octa-hy dronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (3k)



31.26, 30.28, 26.58, 25.77, 24.87, 22.52 ; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3467, 2922, 2850, 2360, 2341, 1712, 1690, 1644, 1552, 1462, 1424, 1370, 1249, 1156, 1083, 948, 748, 699, 668, 586; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 356.2346, found: 356.2343.

### 4. SCOPE OF THE SUBSTRATES IN TABLE 3



#### **GENERAL PROCEDURE:**

3k

A dried Schlenk flask was charged with CuCl (0.01 mmol, 5 mol%), *t*-BuONa (0.012 mmol, 6 mol%), ( $\pm$ )-BINAP (0.012 mmol, 6 mol%), and freshly distilled dry toluene (1 mL) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h. Then bis(neopentyl glycolato)diboron **4** (0.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for another 0.5 h under argon atmosphere at room temperature. A solution of allenes **1** (0.2 mmol) in freshly distilled toluene (1 mL) and MeOH (16  $\mu$ L, 2.0 equiv) was then added to the Schlenk flask. The mixture was allowed to stir for 48 h at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The resulting mixture was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) then extracted with ethyl acetate (4 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel (300–400 mesh) column chromatography to afford the desired product **5**.

# (3a*S*,6a*R*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-6a-methyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-naphtho[1,8 a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5a)



646, 582; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{13}H_{19}^{10}BO_3]$  + : calcd. 233.1464, found: 233.1467.

# (3a*S*,6a*R*,10a*R*)-rel-6a-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-naphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5b)



Colorless oil. 47.5 mg, 96% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.62 (br, s, 1H), 5.51 (br, s, 1H), 4.38 (br, s, 1H), 2.56–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.38–2.13 (m, 2H), 1.99–1.89 (m, 1H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.35 (m, 4H), 1.00–0.91 (m, 1H), 0.67 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 212.28, 121.37, 86.82, 56.91, 49.07, 38.13, 34.61, 28.81, 27.48, 24.43, 19.49, 18.73, 7.81; IR (KBr) *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

3361, 2935, 2877, 2360, 2341, 1693, 1461, 1317, 1291, 1228, 1144, 1018, 943, 824, 668, 544; HRMS (EI) for [C14H21<sup>10</sup>BO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 247.1620, found: 247.1623.

# (3a*S*,6a*R*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-3-methylene-6a-propyloctahydro-2H-naphtho[1,8 a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5c)



Colorless oil. 49.6 mg, 95% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.54 (br, s, 1H), 5.46 (br, s, 1H), 2.59–2.44 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.12 (m, 2H), 1.98–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.74–1.59 (m, 3H), 1.52–1.29 (m, 4H), 1.27–1.13 (m, 1H), 1.06–0.93 (m, 1H), 0.92–0.88 (m, 3H), 0.87–0.79 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 214.65, 121.02, 87.60, 58.06, 56.49, 50.28, 39.08, 38.25, 35.57, 29.82, 26.38, 20.43, 17.72, 15.06; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3334, 2926,

2870, 2375, 1701, 1455, 1402, 1286, 1186, 1144, 1074, 994, 829, 744, 672, 543; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>23</sub><sup>10</sup>BO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 261.1777, found: 261.1778.

# (3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-6a-isobutyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-naphtho[1, 8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5d)



(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3371, 2925, 2869, 2375, 1848, 1699, 1455, 1286, 1198, 1144, 1029, 928, 891, 774, 672, 599; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub><sup>10</sup>BO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 275.1933, found: 275.1935.

#### (3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-6a-Allyl-2-hydroxy-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-naphtho[1,8ad][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5e)



White solid. 50.2 mg, 97% yield, Mp 97–103 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.65–5.51 (m, 2H), 5.50–5.42 (m, 1H), 2.76–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.61–2.42 (m, 3H), 2.33–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.17–2.07 (m, 1H), 1.95–1.84 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.25 (m, 8H), 1.07–1.01 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 213.71, 134.80, 121.05, 117.94, 87.37, 58.14, 50.37, 40.49, 39.25, 35.69, 29.52, 26.96, 20.45, 19.66; IR (KBr)  $\nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3391, 2927, 2869, 2850, 2361, 2342, 1699,

1632, 1496, 1367, 1244, 1197, 1072, 998, 933, 882, 776, 673, 567; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{15}H_{21}^{10}BO_{3}]$ <sup>+</sup>: calcd. 259.1620, found: 259.1621.

# (3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-3-methylene-6a-(3-phenylpropyl)octahydro-2H-n aphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5f)



Colorless oil. 63.4 mg, 94% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.29–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.10 (m, 3H), 5.52 (br, s, 1H), 5.43 (br, s, 1H), 2.64–2.48 (m, 3H), 2.38–2.26 (m, 1H), 2.24–2.08 (m, 3H), 1.99–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.56–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.28 (m, 2H), 1.19–1.08 (m, 1H), 1.01–0.86 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 214.75, 143.36, 129.49, 129.31, 126.84, 121.02, 87.62, 57.90, 50.31, 38.93,

37.10, 35.55, 34.89, 29.53, 26.45, 26.28, 20.39, 19.76; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3392, 3060, 2930, 2870, 2360, 2341, 1701, 1602, 1495, 1343, 1291, 1198, 1029, 933, 881, 747, 668, 551, 454; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{21}H_{27}^{10}BO_3]^{++}$ : calcd. 337.2090, found: 337.2093.

#### (3a*R*,6a*R*,10a*R*)-rel-6a-Ethyl-2-hydroxy-9,9-dimethyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2Hnaphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5g)



1229, 1172, 1144, 1090, 945, 828, 669, 544; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{16}H_{25}^{10}BO_3]^{+}$ : calcd.275.1933, found: 275.1935.

#### (3a*S*,6a*R*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-9,9-dimethyl-3-methylene-6a-propyloctahydro-2 H-naphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5h)



Colorless oil. 54.4 mg, 94% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.54 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 5.43-5.34 (br, s, 1H), 2.64–2.54 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.12–2.02 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.65 (m, 4H), 1.64–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.31 (m, 4H), 1.15–1.08 (m, 4H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.88–0.81 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 211.89, 124.11, 73.03, 69.56, 52.15, 38.08, 36.05, 35.49, 31.50, 30.89, 28.77, 25.36, 21.62, 18.93, 14.78; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3334,

2930, 2871, 2855, 2376, 2349, 1701, 1457, 1401, 1287, 1189, 1039, 930, 892, 805, 745, 665, 564; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub><sup>10</sup>BO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>++</sup>: calcd. 289.2090, found: 289.2094.

#### (3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-6a-isobutyl-9,9-dimethyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2 H-naphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5i)



Colorless oil. 53.4 mg, 88% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.54 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46–5.35 (m, 1H), 2.76–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.65–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.08 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.74 (m, 3H), 1.70–1.51 (m, 6H), 1.47–1.40 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.95–0.84 (m, 3H), 0.83–0.78 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 210.73, 125.89, 71.57, 68.83, 68.09, 50.93, 45.45, 36.64, 32.62, 30.15, 28.48, 26.36, 24.53, 23.39, 20.17; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3357, 2927,

2870, 2852, 2350, 2307, 1990, 1784, 1700, 1456, 1401, 1240, 1187, 1230, 929, 892, 774, 734, 645, 598; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{18}H_{29}{}^{10}BO_3]$ <sup>+</sup>: calcd. 303.2246, found: 303.2251.

(3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-6a-Allyl-2-hydroxy-9,9-dimethyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-n aphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5j)



(KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3371, 2925, 2862, 2382, 2350, 2017, 1869, 1844, 1771, 1647, 1540, 1436, 1396, 1286, 1086, 912, 800, 674, 663, 587; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{17}H_{25}^{10}BO_3]^{+}$ : calcd. 287.1933, found: 287.1934.

# (3a*R*,6a*S*,10a*R*)-rel-2-Hydroxy-9,9-dimethyl-3-methylene-6a-(3-phenyl propyl)octahydro-2H-naphtho[1,8a-d][1,2]oxaborol-7(8*H*)-one (5k)



White solid. 66.5 mg, 91% yield, Mp 106–111 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.24–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 3H), 5.45–5.40 (m, 1H), 5.30–5.24 (m, 1H), 2.62–2.47 (m, 3H), 2.31–2.26 (m, 1H), 2.10–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.77 (m, 1H), 1.73–1.64 (m, 3H), 1.59–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.44–1.33 (m, 5H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  (ppm) 216.92, 143.36, 129.54, 129.27, 129.71, 118.18, 89.08, 56.55, 53.13, 51.26, 37.29, 34.68, 31.77,

30.75, 30.67, 29.52, 27.00, 25.81, 18.42; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3391, 3061, 3022, 2928, 2867, 2359, 2340, 1701, 1604, 1497, 1402, 1345, 1242, 1195, 1091, 935, 899, 882, 749, 667, 551, 435; HRMS (EI) for  $[C_{23}H_{31}^{10}BO_3]$ <sup>+</sup>: calcd. 365.2403, found: 365.2401.

# (3a*R*,6a*R*,9a*R*)-rel-2-hydroxy-6a-methyl-3-methyleneoctahydroindeno[4,3a-d][1, 2]oxaborol-7(2*H*)-one (5m)



Colorless oil. 41.6 mg, 95% yield; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 5.71 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.59–5.48 (m, 1H), 4.90 (br, s, 1H), 2.63–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.39–2.28 (m, 1H), 2.19–2.03 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.39 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.27 (m, 2H), 0.97 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 221.17, 120.69, 89.07, 53.52, 52.78, 48.82, 34.80, 31.59, 29.78, 25.88, 17.79, 14.21; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3361, 2932, 2857, 1847, 1664,

1637, 1593, 1477, 1382, 1009, 957, 867, 655, 573; HRMS (EI) for [C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub><sup>10</sup>BO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 219.1307, found: 219.1311.

### **5 Initial Evaluation of Various Chiral Ligands**

5.1 Evaluation of Various Chiral Ligands for Cu-catalyzed asymmetric cyclization of allene diketone 1a using B<sub>2</sub>(pin)<sub>2</sub> (2) as boron source.



Entry	ligand	yield(%) <sup>a</sup>	d.r. <sup>b</sup>	ee (%) <sup>c</sup>
1	L10	77	>20:1	<10
2	L11	75	>20:1	33
3	L12	64	>20:1	<10
4 <sup>d</sup>	L13	45	>20:1	<10
5	L14	95	>20:1	<10
6	L15	60	>20:1	<10
7	L16	80	>20:1	<10
8	L17	98	>20:1	<10
9	L18	79	>20:1	<10
10	L19	93	>20:1	32
11	L20	76	>20:1	<10
12	L21	97	>20:1	<10
13	L22	68	>20:1	27
14 <sup>d</sup>	L23	98	>20:1	<10
15	L24	80	>20:1	20
16	L25	85	>20:1	53

a: Yield of isolated and purified product **3a**.

b: Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR

c: Determined by HPLC analysis using a chiral stationary phase

d: 12% mmol Ligand was used



- L10, L18, L21, L22: purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received.
- L12, L14, L16, L17, L19, L20, L23, L24: purchased from Strem Chemicals Inc. and used as received.
- L11, L15, L25: purchased from TCI and used as received.
- **L13**: made by ourselves according to literatures<sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[2]</sup> M. A. Schafroth, D. Sarlah, S. Krautwald and E. M. Carreira, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2012, 134, 20276. (L13)



HPLC: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column in series with Chiracel OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 99.5/0.5; flow = 0.5 ml/min; Retention time: 23.5 min (major), 28.9 min (minor).

# 5.2 Chiral Ligands( (S)-DTBM-Segphos ) for Cu-catalyzed asymmetric cyclization of allene diketone 1a using B<sub>2</sub>(nep)<sub>2</sub> (4) as boron source.



The procedure was followed the general procedure for scope of the substrates in table 2



HPLC: Phenomenex Lux 5u Cellulose-2 (PC-2) Column in series with Chiracel OD-H Column (250 mm); detected at 214 nm; n-hexane / i-propanol = 99/1; flow = 0.7 ml/min; Retention time: 11.4 min (major), 16.9 min (minor).

# 6. TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE CYCLIZATION PRODUCTS 5b



(4aR,5R,8aR)-rel-8a-Ethyl-4a-hydroxy-5-(1-phenylvinyl)octahydronaphthalen-1( 2H)-one (6b) <sup>[3]</sup>. Into a 5 mL microwave reactor containing DME/H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL, 3:1 v/v) were added **5b** (24.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), 3-methoxyphenyl iodide (24.5 mg, 0.12 mmol), K2CO3 (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and [Pd(PPh3)4] (5.8 mg, 0.005 mmol). The mixture was de-gassed with Ar for 10 min. The reactor was then capped and placed in the microwave oven. The temperature was ramped to 150  $^{\circ}$ C over 15 min, and kept at 150 °C for 15 min. After the reaction mixture was cooled to 25 °C, EtOAc/H<sub>2</sub>O was added, and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The residue was purified by column chromatography resulting in **6b** as a colorless oil (28.3 mg, 95% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm) 7.35-7.17 (m, 5H), 5.28-5.23 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.52 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.12-2.03 (m, 1H), 2.01-1.87 (m, 3H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.35–1.23 (m, 3H), 1.02–0.89 (m, 1H), 0.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm) 213.33, 151.87, 144.75, 128.53, 127.40, 126.47, 115.87, 77.37, 58.88, 47.45, 37.41, 31.42, 28.02, 25.72, 22.57, 19.10, 14.19, 7.62; IR (KBr) v (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3524, 2954, 2927, 2877, 2855, 1701, 1621, 1492, 1463, 1144, 1017, 977, 906, 823, 762, 717, 702, 552, 428; HRMS (TOF-EI) for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd. 298.1933, found 298.1930.

(3aR,6aR,10aR)-rel-6a-Ethyl-3-methyleneoctahydro-2H-naphtho[8a,1-b]furan-2, 7(8H)-dione (7b)<sup>[3]</sup>. A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 5b (24.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), DMSO (2 mL). MeOH (1 mL) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (22.5 mg, 0.1 mmol), then the reaction mixture was evacuated and filled with CO three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25  $^{\circ}$ C for 3 h until the brown catalyst turned to a black precipitate. The

<sup>[3]</sup> Q. J. Zhou, K. Worm and R. E. Dolle, J. Org. Chem. 2004, 69, 5147-5149

mixture was poured into an Erlenmeyer flask containing 15 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, which was then extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The organic phases were combined and washed with H<sub>2</sub>O, brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 10/1) to give a white solid **7b** (23.8 mg, 96% yield). Mp 124–129 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 6.23 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.31 (m, 3H), 2.28 (dt, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.47 (m, 3H), 0.99–0.90 (m, 1H), 0.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>CNMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 210.30, 169.44, 140.50, 121.23, 87.76, 56.19, 43.79, 37.76, 33.39, 27.42, 27.26, 23.15, 18.90, 17.16, 7.68; IR (KBr) *v* (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3473, 2940, 2848, 1763, 1706, 1644, 1463, 1289, 1260, 1230, 1186, 1134, 1042, 1008, 942, 828; HRMS (TOF-EI) for [C15H20O<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> : calcd. 248.1412, found: 248.1406.

#### (4aR,5R,8aR)-rel-5-Acetyl-8a-ethyl-4a-hydroxyoctahydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one

(3b). A dried Schlenk flask was charged with 5b (24.8 mg, 0.1 mmol), Sodium perborate tetrahydrate (77 mg, 0.5 mmol), THF (0.5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3h at room temperature. Then quenched with saturated aqueous NaCl (2 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (4 mL × 3). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel (300–400 mesh) column chromatography to afford the desired product **3b** as colorless oil (21.7 mg, 91% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm) 4.28 (s, 1H), 2.66–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.34–2.23 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.15 (m, 4H), 1.99–1.87 (m, 2H), 1.82–1.70 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.62 (m, 3H), 1.53–1.48 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.27 (m, 3H), 0.66 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H).

### 7. Relative Configuration Confirmation

### 7.1 Relative Configuration Confirmation of 3K









The relative configuration of 3k

### Crystal data and structure refinement for 3k.

Identification code	3k	
Empirical formula	C23 H32 O3	
Formula weight	356.49	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 A	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P-1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.0136(16) A alpha = 70.38(3) deg.	
	b = 10.278(2) A beta = 86.42(3) deg.	
	c = 13.463(3) A gamma = 78.55(3) deg.	
Volume	1023.7(4) A^3	
Z, Calculated density	2, 1.157 Mg/m^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.586 mm^-1	
F(000)	388	
Crystal size	0.31 x 0.20 x 0.16 mm	
Theta range for data collection	4.65 to 65.93 deg.	
Limiting indices	-9<=h<=9, -12<=k<=12, -14<=l<=15	
Reflections collected / unique	5726 / 3136 [R(int) = 0.0163]	
Completeness to theta $= 65.93$	88.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7529 and 0.6742	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Data / restraints / parameters	3136 / 0 / 236	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.053	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0441, $wR2 = 0.1229$	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0459, wR2 = 0.1250	
Extinction coefficient	0.0152(14)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.178 and -0.174 e.A^-3	

### 7.2 Relative Configuration Confirmation of 5e







The relative configuration of  $\mathbf{5e}$ 

### Crystal data and structure refinement for 5e.

Identification code	5e	
Empirical formula	C15 H21 B O3	
Formula weight	260.13	
Temperature	296(2) K	
Wavelength	1.54178 A	
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P 21/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.555(2) A alpha = 90 deg.	
	b = 7.2517(15) A beta = 101.90(3) deg.	
	c = 18.652(4) A gamma = 90 deg.	
Volume	1397.0(5) A^3	
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.237 Mg/m^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.663 mm^-1	
F(000)	560	
Crystal size	0.32 x 0.21 x 0.15 mm	
Theta range for data collection	4.85 to 67.57 deg.	
Limiting indices	-12<=h<=12, -7<=k<=8, -20<=l<=22	
Reflections collected / unique	6044 / 2375 [R(int) = 0.0213]	
Completeness to theta $= 67.57$	94.2 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7529 and 0.6526	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Data / restraints / parameters	2375 / 0 / 173	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.052	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0398, $wR2 = 0.1055$	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0405, wR2 = 0.1061	
Extinction coefficient	0.0100(8)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.184 and -0.171 e.A^-3	

# 8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR COPIES







S30


























S43












































































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S92







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