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# **Supporting Information**

# Cu-catalyzed asymmetric Friedel-Crafts propargylic alkylation of phenol derivatives

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#### 3,5-dimethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3aa).

## 4-((S)-1-(2-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3ba).





### 4-((*R*)-1-(3-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3ca).

4-((*R*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3da).





#### 4-((*R*)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3ea).

#### 4-((*R*)-1-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3fa).





#### 3,5-dimethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-p-tolylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ga).

3,5-dimethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl) phenol (3ha).



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#### 4-((*R*)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3,5-dimethoxyphenol (3ia).

3,5-dimethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-(naphthalen-3-yl)prop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ja).



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#### 3,5-dimethoxy-4-((R)-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ka).

#### 3,5-dimethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-phenylbut-3-yn-2-yl)phenol (3la).



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#### 3,5-diethoxy-4-((*R*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ab).

#### 3,5-bis(benzyloxy)-4-((R)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ac).



#### 3,5-diisopropoxy-4-((R)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ad).



#### 3-ethoxy-5-methoxy-4-((*R*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ae).





#### 3-(benzyloxy)-5-methoxy-4-((R)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3af).

3-isopropoxy-5-methoxy-4-((R)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ag).



#### 3-methoxy-4-((*R*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3ai).



#### (S)-2,3-dihydro-5-methoxy-2-methylene-1-phenyl-1H-indene (5).



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#### 3-methoxy-5-methyl-4-((*R*)-1-phenylprop-2-ynyl)phenol (3aj).

Synthesis of (*R*)-3-(2,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-3-phenylpropan-1-ol for the determination of absolute stereochemistry of propargylic alkylation products



MeI (1.1 equiv) was added to a solution of **3ai** (100 mg, 0.42 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.2 equiv) in 3 mL of acetone. After being stirred at room temperature for 12 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo and purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes/AcOEt, 50/1). The product was added to an autoclave with Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub> and 2 mL EtOH, then the hydrogenation was performed at room temperature under 5 bar of H<sub>2</sub> pressure for 2 h. After concentration of the reaction mixture under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (hexanes/AcOEt, 50/1) to afford **6** (67% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.27–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.42 (m, 2H), 6.3–6.23 (m,

1H), 5.16 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H).  $[\alpha]^{21}D = +0.6$  (c = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, Lit. -1.0).<sup>ref. 1</sup>

BH<sub>3</sub>·SMe<sub>2</sub> (1.0 equiv) was added to a solution of **6** (1.0 equiv) in THF at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C and for 1 h at room temperature. 15% NaOH*aq* (1.5 equiv) and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>*aq* (2.0 equiv) were successively added to it at 0 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaCl*aq* and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to afford **7**(59% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 4H), 7.16–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.45–6.43 (m, 2H), 4.52–4.48 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.62–3.52 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.27 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.17 (m, 1H). [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>19</sup><sub>D</sub> = +32.5 (*c* = 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, Lit. +48.0).<sup>ref. 1</sup>

The absolute configuration of **3ai** was determined by the comparison with the known compound **7** after the derivatization, to which an *R*-absolute configuration is assigned.

Ref. 1. Y. Luan and S. E. Schaus, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2012, 134, 19965.















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