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Nickel-Catalyzed, Ligand-Free, Diastereoselective Synthesis of 3-Methyleneindan-1-ols

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General Considerations

All air-sensitive reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere using oven-dried apparatus. All commercially available reagents were used as received unless otherwise stated. Petroleum ether refers to Sigma-Aldrich product 24587 (petroleum ether boiling point 40-60 °C). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck DF-Alufoilien 60F254 0.2 mm precoated plates. Compounds were visualized by exposure to UV light or by dipping the plates into solutions of potassium permanganate or vanillin followed by gentle heating. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (Fisher Scientific 60 Å particle size 35-70 micron or Fluorochem 60 Å particle size 40-63 micron). Melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The solvent of recrystallization is reported in parentheses. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on Bruker platinum alpha FTIR spectrometer on the neat compound using the attenuated total reflection technique. NMR spectra were acquired on Bruker Ascend 400 or Ascend 500 spectrometers. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were referenced to external tetramethylsilane via the residual protonated solvent (1H) or the solvent itself (13C). All spectra were obtained at 298 K unless otherwise stated. All chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). For CDCl₃, the shifts are referenced to 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR spectroscopy and 77.16 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. For (CD₃)₂SO, the shifts are referenced to 2.50 ppm for ¹H NMR spectroscopy and 39.52 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. For CD₃CN, the shifts are referenced to 1.94 ppm for ¹H NMR spectroscopy and 118.26 ppm for ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Coupling constants (J) are quoted to the nearest 0.1 Hz. Assignments were made using the DEPT sequence with secondary pulses at 90° and 135°. ¹⁹F NMR spectra and ³¹P NMR spectra were referenced through the solvent lock (²H) signal according to IUPAC-recommended secondary referencing method according to Bruker protocols. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded using electrospray ionization (ESI) or gas chromatography mass spectrometry (GC/MS) techniques. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 120 K on an Agilent SuperNova diffractometer using CuKα radiation.

Preparation of Allenes



Allenes 2a,¹ 2b,² 2c,¹ 2d,³ 2f,² 2g,⁴ 2i,^{5,6} 2m,⁷ 2n⁸ and allene 2p⁹ were prepared according to a modified literature procedure (General Procedure A). Allenes 2j,¹⁰ 2k,¹¹ and 2l^{7,12} were prepared according to literature procedures.

General Procedure A: Synthesis of Allenoates



To a solution of PPh₃ (1.0 equiv) in toluene (0.5 M) at room temperature was added the relevant bromoacetate (1.0 equiv). The resulting suspension was stirred overnight and filtered to leave the phosphonium salt. The salt was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with saturated aqueous Na₂CO₃ solution (×3) and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to leave the ylide. To a solution of the ylide in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 M) at 0 °C was added Et₃N (1.0 equiv) and a solution of acetyl chloride (1.1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and the solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and further Et₃N (1.0 equiv) and acetyl chloride (1.1 equiv) were added. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended in 10% EtOAc/petroleum ether (250 mL) and silica gel was added. The mixture was concentrated onto silica then purified by column chromatography to give the allene.

tert-Butyl buta-2,3-dienoate (2e). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure A from PPh₃ (26.2 g, 100 mmol), *tert*-butyl 2-bromoacetate (19.5 g, 100 mmol), acetyl chloride (2 × 7.82 mL, 220 mmol), and Et₃N (2 × 13.94 mL, 200 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). Purification by column chromatography (5% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **2e** as a pale yellow oil (2.60 g, 19%). $R_f = 0.45$ (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 2979, 1703 (C=O), 1368, 1276, 1140, 961, 845 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.54 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, **cH**), 5.16 (2H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, **CH**₂), 1.48 (9H, s, 3 × **CH**₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 215.5 (C), 165.2 (C), 89.7 (CH), 81.2 (C), 79.1 (CH₂), 28.2 (3 × CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₈H₁₂O₂Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 163.0730, found: 163.0728.

S-Phenyl buta-2,3-dienethioate (2h)



To a solution of pyridine (2.80 mL, 34.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at 0 °C was added thiophenol (3.49 mL, 34.0 mmol) followed by the dropwise addition of bromoacetyl bromide (3.00 mL, 34.0 mmol). The resulting suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then room temperature for 10 min. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL), washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to leave S-phenyl 2-bromoethanethioate (7.82 g, 99%). To a solution of S-phenyl 2-bromoethanethioate (7.82 g, 33.8 mmol) in toluene (34 mL) was added PPh₃ (9.76 g, 37.2 mmol) and the resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction was filtered and the collected solid was washed with toluene. The resulting phosphonium salt was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) and washed with 2 M aqueous NaOH solution $(3 \times 150 \text{ mL})$, brine (150 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting phosphonium ylide was in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (4.94 mL, 28.3 mmol) was added followed by acetyl chloride (2.22 mL, 31.2 mmol), and the resulting solution was warmed to room temperature over 2 h. The solution was then cooled to 0 °C and further ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (4.94 mL, 28.3 mmol) and acetyl chloride (2.22 mL, 31.2 mmol) were added. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h, then concentrated in vacuo. n-Pentane/Et₂O (1:1, 600 mL) was added and the suspension was stirred vigorously for 40 min, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (0-5% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **2h** as a yellow oil (1.49 g, 30%). $R_f = 0.41$ (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3061, 1967, 1670 (C=O), 1439, 1132, 1023, 850, 745, 687, 594 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.38 (5H, m, Ar**H**), 5.97 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz, =C**H**), 5.43 (2H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, =CH₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.9 (C), 187.6 (C), 135.0 (2 × CH), 129.6 (CH), 129.3 (2 \times CH), 127.6 (C), 95.6 (CH), 82.1 (CH₂); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₀H₈NaOS]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 199.0188, found: 199.0211.

3-Vinylidenedihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (2o)



To a solution of PPh₃ (15.9 g, 60.6 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added α -bromo- γ -butyrolactone (10.0 g, 60.6 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 24 h, cooled to room temperature, and filtered to leave the phosphonium salt (22.8 g, 88%). A portion of the phosphonium salt (5.00 g,

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11.7 mmol) was suspended in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and washed with 1 M aqueous KOH solution (3 × 50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The solution was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting phosphonium ylide was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. ⁱPr₂NEt (2.00 mL, 11.7 mmol) was added followed by acetyl chloride (0.92 mL, 12.9 mmol) and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to 0 °C and further ⁱPr₂NEt (2.00 mL, 11.7 mmol) and acetyl chloride (0.92 mL, 12.9 mmol) were added. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. H₂O was added (10 mL) and the suspension was stirred for 15 min and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (5-15% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **20** as a pale yellow oil (589 mg, 46%). *R*_f = 0.36 (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 2989, 2935, 1730 (C=O), 1653, 1378, 1280, 1193, 1157, 1091, 1066, 751, 699, 446 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (2H, t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, =**CH**₂), 4.39 (2H, t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, OC**H**₂), 3.07 (2H, tt, *J* = 7.5, 5.1 Hz, C**H**₂CH₂O); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.4 (C), 170.4 (C), 93.4 (C), 82.5 (CH₂), 66.2 (CH₂), 26.4 (CH₂); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₆H₇O]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 111.0441, found: 111.0443.

4-Methyl-*N*,*N*-diphenylpenta-2,3-dienamide (2p)



To a solution of 2-chloro-*N*,*N*-diphenylacetamide¹³ (20.9 g, 84.9 mmol) in toluene (85 mL) was added PPh₃ (22.3 g, 84.9 mmol). The resulting suspension was stirred at reflux for 24 h, cooled to room temperature, and filtered under vacuum to give the phosphonium salt as a white solid (39.53 g, 92%). The phosphonium salt (5.00 g, 9.84 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution (3×80 mL), brine (80 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the phosphonium ylide. This ylide was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), the solution was cooled to 0 °C, and ⁱPr₂NEt (1.71 mL, 9.84 mmol) was added followed by isobutyryl chloride (1.04 mL, 10.83 mmol). The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The solution was then cooled to 0 °C and further ⁱPr₂NEt (1.71 mL, 9.84 mmol) and isobutyryl chloride (1.04 mL, 10.83 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h then concentrated *in vacuo*. 20% EtOAc/petroleum (200 mL) was added to the residue followed by silica gel and the resulting suspension was stirred vigorously for 40 min, filtered under vacuum, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column

chromatography (10-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **2p** as an off-white solid (1.18 g, 54% from the phosphonium salt). $R_f = 0.45$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p 110-112 °C (Et₂O/CHCl₃); IR 2978, 1755, 1654, 1592, 1399, 1290, 1221, 1176, 1072, 813, 752, 690 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ 7.45-7.34 (4H, m, Ar**H**), 7.34-7.20 (6H, m, Ar**H**), 5.45 (1H, sept, J = 2.9 Hz, =C**H**), 1.61 (3H, s, C**H**₃), 1.60 (3H, s, C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO, 343 K) δ 207.8 (C), 163.9 (C), 142.8 (C), 128.8 (4 × CH), 127.3 (4 × CH), 126.3 (2 × CH), 98.9 (C), 87.6 (CH), 18.6 (2 × CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₇NO]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 264.1383, found: 264.1383.

Nickel-Catalyzed Synthesis of 3-Methyleneindan-1-ols

General Procedure B



A flask was charged with the relevant allene (0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv), Ni(OAc)₂·4H₂O (7.5 mg, 0.03 mmol) and the relevant boronic acid (0.60 mmol, 2.0 equiv). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and purged with argon. Degassed MeCN (1.8 mL) and degassed 1,4-dioxane (1.2 mL) were added and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, diluted with Et₂O (*ca.* 3 mL), filtered through a plug of silica gel using Et₂O as the eluent, and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography gave the 3-methyleneindan-1-ol.



$(\pm) - Benzyl \quad (1S, 2S) - 1 - hydroxy - 1 - methyl - 3 - methylene - 2, 3 - dihydro - 1H - indene - 2, 3 - dihydro - 2, 3 - dihydro$

2-carboxylate (3aa). The title compound was prepared following General

Procedure B from allene **2a** (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3aa** as a pale yellow oil (74.2 mg, 84%). $R_f = 0.27$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3485 (br, OH), 1717 (C=O), 1643, 1315, 1153, 1009, 845, 757, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.44 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.40-7.30 (7H, m, Ar**H**), 5.66 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.27 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 5.22-5.17 (2H, m, C**H**₂Ph), 3.86 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz, C**H**C=O), 3.54 (1H, s, O**H**), 1.60 (3H, s, C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.0 (C), 149.6 (C), 144.4 (C), 137.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 123.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 107.7 (CH₂), 79.9 (C), 67.0 (CH₂), 61.3 (CH), 28.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₉H₁₈NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 317.1148, found: 317.1140.



(±)-Methyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (3ab). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2b (29.4 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid

(1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ab** as a yellow oil (26.2 mg, 40%). $R_f = 0.18$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3426 (br, OH), 1724 (C=O), 1435, 1367, 1337, 1297, 1257, 1195, 1137, 951, 903, 761, 610, 563 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.44 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.39-7.27 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.67 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_aCH_b), 5.27 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_aCH_b), 3.82 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz, CHC=O), 3.75 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.54 (1H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, OH), 1.60 (3H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, CCH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.6 (C), 149.6 (C), 144.5 (C), 137.9 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 107.5 (CH₂), 79.7 (C), 61.2 (CH), 52.4 (CH₃), 28.9 (CH₃); GCMS (EI) 218.0 ([M]⁺).



(±)-Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2carboxylate (3ac). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure

B from allene **2c** (33.6 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ac** as a yellow oil (60.0 mg, 86%). $R_f = 0.23$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3441 (br, OH), 2978, 1718 (C=O), 1643, 1369, 1317, 1179, 1087, 1032, 927, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.51-7.42 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.37-7.29 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.66 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aCH_b), 5.28 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_aC**H**_b), 4.21 (2H, q, J = 7.1 Hz, OC**H**₂), 3.81-3.76 (1H, m, C**H**C=O), 3.68 (1H, s, O**H**), 1.59 (3H, s, CC**H**₃), 1.30 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.3 (C), 149.8 (C), 144.7 (C), 137.9 (C), 129.8 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 107.4 (CH₂), 79.7 (C), 61.3 (CH₂), 61.1 (CH), 28.9 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₄H₁₆NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 255.0992, found: 255.0993.

These data are consistent with those reported previously,¹⁴ although the relative configuration of the product in that previous paper¹⁴ was not determined.



(±)-Isopropyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*indene-2-carboxylate (3ad). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2d (37.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid

(1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (30% petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂) gave **3ad** as an off-white solid (65.0 mg, 88%). $R_f = 0.33$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 58-60 °C (Et₂O/*n*-pentane); IR 3428 (br, OH), 1717 (C=O), 1369, 1339, 1325, 1254, 1207, 1104, 884, 772 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.43 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.37-7.28 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.28 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 5.08 (1H, sept, J = 6.3 Hz,

CH(CH₃)₂), 3.81 (1H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, OH), 3.74 (1H, t, J = 1.9 Hz, CHC=O), 1.58 (3H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, CCH₃), 1.29 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.25 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.9 (C), 149.9 (C), 144.8 (C), 137.8 (C), 129.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 107.2 (CH₂), 79.6 (C), 68.8 (CH), 61.0 (CH), 28.9 (CH₃), 22.0 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₅H₁₈NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 269.1148, found: 269.1148.

OH O'Bu

(±)-*tert*-Butyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-

indene-2-carboxylate (3ae). The title compound was prepared following General

Procedure B from allene **2e** (42.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by preparative TLC (30% petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂) gave **3ae** as a white solid (53.1 mg, 68%). $R_f = 0.33$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 75-77 °C (Et₂O/*n*-pentane); IR 3432 (br, OH), 1718 (C=O), 1392, 1155, 1094, 1038, 937, 757, 563 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.43 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.36-7.28 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.65 (1H, d, J =1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.27 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 3.92 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, O**H**), 3.68 (1H, t, J =1.8 Hz, C**H**C=O), 1.56 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, ArCC**H**₃), 1.47 (9H, s, C(C**H**₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8 (C), 150.1 (C), 145.1 (C), 137.9 (C), 129.7 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 106.9 (CH₂), 82.1 (C), 79.5 (C), 61.7 (CH), 29.0 (CH₃), 28.2 (3 × CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for C₁₆H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 283.1305, found: 283.1301.

OH OPh

(±)-Phenyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (3af). The title compound was prepared following General

Procedure B from allene **2f** (48.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3af** as a yellow oil (69.8 mg, 83%). $R_f = 0.27$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3501 (br, OH), 3070, 3042, 2971, 2928, 1740 (C=O), 1592, 1491, 1191, 1161, 1122, 1047, 950, 784, 728 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (1H, dd, J = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.50-7.47 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.40-7.33 (4H, m, Ar**H**), 7.26-7.21 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.16-7.10 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.79 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.45 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 4.07 (1H, s, CHC=O), 3.52-3.25 (1H, m, OH), 1.71 (3H, s, C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (C), 150.7 (C), 149.3 (C), 144.2 (C), 137.9 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.6 (2 × CH), 129.2 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 121.6 (2 × CH), 121.0 (CH), 108.2 (CH₂), 80.2 (C), 61.3 (CH), 29.0 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 303.0992, found: 303.0990.

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(±)-(1S,2S)-1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-N,N-diphenyl-2,3-dihydro-1Hindene-2-carboxamide (3ag). The title compound was prepared following

General Procedure B from allene 2g (70.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2acetylphenylboronic acid (1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ag** as a pale yellow solid (96.0 mg, 90%). $R_f = 0.15$ (20%) EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 120-122 °C (Et₂O/n-pentane); IR 3493 (br, OH), 1650 (C=O), 1633, 1585, 1488, 1370, 1291, 1119, 703, 694, 569, 506 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.37 (7H, m, ArH), 7.35-7.27 (4H, m, ArH), 7.24 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz, ArH), 7.19 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, Ar**H**), 5.60 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.11 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 4.28-4.24 (1H, m, CHC=O), 4.06 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, OH), 1.46 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3 (C), 150.8 (C), 147.5 (C), 142.9 (C), 142.3 (C), 138.4 (C), 130.2 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.11 (2 × CH), 129.05 (CH), 128.7 (2 × CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.69 (CH), 126.65 (2 × CH), 123.1 (CH), 120.8 $(2 \times CH)$, 105.7 (CH₂), 80.2 (C), 59.0 (CH), 28.5 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[C_{24}H_{21}NNaO_2]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 378.1464, found: 378.1460.



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(±)-S-Phenyl (1S,2S)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1H-

indene-2-carbothioate (3ah). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2h (52.9 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid

(1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (5-20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ah** as an orange oil (77.4 mg, 87%). $R_f = 0.33$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3423 (br, OH), 1682 (C=O), 1477, 1440, 1250, 1013, 908, 839, 728, 688 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.46 (1H, m, ArH), 7.46-7.37 (6H, m, ArH), 7.32 (2H, m, ArH), 5.75 (1H, d, J =1.6 Hz, $=CH_{a}H_{b}$), 5.45 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, $=CH_{a}H_{b}$), 4.11 (1H, t, J = 1.6 Hz, CHC=O), 3.23 (1H, br s, OH), 1.62 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.4 (C), 150.0 (C), 144.6 (C), 137.5 (C), 134.6 (2 × CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.3 (2 × CH), 129.0 (CH), 127.4 (C), 123.0 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 108.3 (CH₂), 80.9 (C), 69.6 (CH), 29.5 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[C_{18}H_{16}NaO_2S]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 319.0763, found: 319.0768.

(±)-[(1*S*,2*S*)-1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-



yl](phenyl)methanone (3ai). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2i (43.2 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid

(1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ai** as a yellow solid (44.4 mg, 56%). $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 102-103 °C (Et₂O/n-pentane); IR 3491 (br, OH), 1782 (C=O), 1660, 1461, 1373, 1258, 888, 759, 708, 678, 608, 583, 563, 519 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.08-8.02 (2H, m, ArH),

OH

EtÓ

7.66-7.60 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.57-7.49 (3H, m, Ar**H**), 7.44 (1H, app dt, J = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.38 (1H, td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.31 (1H, td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, Ar**H**), 5.60 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 4.98 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 4.88 (1H, t, J = 1.6 Hz, C**H**C=O), 4.17 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, O**H**), 1.63 (3H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 200.1 (C), 150.9 (C), 145.4 (C), 137.7 (C), 137.0 (C), 133.8 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 129.3 (2 × CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 108.0 (CH₂), 80.7 (C), 61.8 (CH), 29.4 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 265.1223, found: 265.1213.

Slow evaporation of a solution of **3ai** in Et₂O/*n*-pentane gave crystals that were suitable for X-ray crystallography:





(1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (80% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave 3aj as a yellow oil (57 mg, 64%). $R_f = 0.11$ (80% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3336 (br, OH), 2976, 2927, 1229, 1162, 1021, 952, 757, 537 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.45 (1H, m, ArH), 7.46-7.41 (1H, m, ArH), 7.35-7.26 (2H, m, ArH), 5.70 (1H, dd, J = 5.7, 2.2 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 5.36 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 2.1 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 4.25-4.11 (2H, m, OCH₂), 4.13-3.94 (2H, m, OCH₂), 3.93 (1H, s, OH), 3.41 (1H, dt, J = 24.7, 2.1 Hz, CHP), 1.65 (3H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, CCH₃), 1.34 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 1.19 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.4 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, C), 142.5 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, C), 138.3 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, C), 129.6 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 107.8 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, CH₂), 79.9 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, C), 62.8 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₂), 62.3 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂), 54.7 (d, J = 138.0 Hz, CH), 30.7 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, CH₃), 16.5 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, CH₃), 16.4 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, CH₃); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 25.5 (dt, J = 23.9, 7.8 Hz); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₅H₂₄PNaO₄]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 319.1070, found: 319.1067.

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(±)-[(1R,2S)-1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-inden-2-

yl]diphenylphosphine oxide (3ak). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2k (72.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2acetylphenylboronic acid (1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (80% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ak** as a pale yellow solid (76 mg, 70%). $R_f = 0.19$ (80%) EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 143-145 °C (CHCl₃/Et₂O); IR 3428 (br, OH), 2919, 1475, 1262, 1162, 1119, 782, 691, 500, 465 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.90 (2H, ddt, J = 11.5, 6.5, 1162,1.7 Hz, ArH), 7.72-7.64 (2H, m, ArH), 7.58-7.50 (3H, m, ArH), 7.48-7.43 (1H, m, ArH), 7.42-7.38 (4H, m, ArH), 7.32-7.24 (2H, m, ArH), 5.38 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 1.7 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 4.64 (1H, br s, OH), 4.15 (1H, dd, J = 4.7, 1.7 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 3.97 (1H, dt, J = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.62 (3H, d, J = 10.3, 1.8 Hz, CHP), 1.7 Hz, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.3 (C), 142.6 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, C), 138.3 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, C), 134.1 (d, J = 99.0 Hz, C), 132.0 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, $2 \times$ CH), 131.8 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, $2 \times$ CH), 131.2 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 × CH), 131.0 (d, J = 101.1 Hz, C), 129.7 (CH), 128.9-128.6 (m, 3 × CH), 128.2 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 2 × CH), 123.1 (CH), 120.2 (CH), 108.5 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, CH₂), 81.9 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, C), 56.6 (d, J = 67.1 Hz, CH), 31.7 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, CH₃); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.2; HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for $[C_{23}H_{21}PNaO_2]^+$ $[M+Na]^+$: 383.1171, found: 383.1169.

(±)-(1R,2S)-1-Methyl-3-methylene-2-(phenylsulfonyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-

ol (3al). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2l (54.1 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60

mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-30% EtOAc/n-pentane) gave a mixture of 3al and a small quantity of an unidentified, inseparable impurity (38.1 mg). By using 1,3,5trimethoxybenzene as the internal standard, the yield of **3al** was determined by ¹H NMR analysis to be 36%. $R_f = 0.10$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3469 (br, OH), 1447, 1305, 1153, 1133, 1083, 757, 729, 687, 521 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 7.90-7.85 (2H, m, ArH), 7.67-7.61 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.56-7.47 (3H, m, Ar**H**), 7.37-7.26 (3H, m, Ar**H**), 5.83 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, $=CH_aH_b$), 5.21 $(1H, d, J = 1.6 \text{ Hz}, =CH_aH_b), 4.57 (1H, t, J = 1.6 \text{ Hz}, CHSO_2Ph), 3.83 (1H, s, OH), 1.42 (3H, s, s)$ CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN) δ 149.8 (C), 140.9 (C), 140.6 (C), 138.2 (C), 134.4 (CH), 130.5 (CH), 130.1 (2 × CH), 129.8 (CH), 129.5 (2 × CH), 123.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 113.3 (CH₂), 80.7 (C), 78.0 (CH), 31.5 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₇H₂₆SNaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 323.0712, found: 323.0713.

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(±)-Ethyl (1*R*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-1,2-dimethyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*indene-2-carboxylate (3am). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2m (37.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (1a) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave 3am as a colorless oil (37.9 mg, 51%). $R_f = 0.33$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3423 (br, OH), 2981, 1702 (C=O), 1442, 1377, 1243, 1129, 1077, 882, 762 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.48-7.40 (2H, m, ArH), 7.33 (1H, app td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, ArH), 7.32-7.23 (1H, m, ArH), 5.63 (1H, s, =CH_aH_b), 5.20 (1H, s, =CH_aH_b), 4.16-4.02 (2H, m, OCH₂), 3.98 (1H, d, J = 0.9 Hz, OH), 1.54 (3H, s, CCH₃), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 0.8 Hz, CCH₃), 1.18 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.8 (C), 150.01 (C), 149.96 (C), 137.3 (C), 129.6

(CH), 128.4 (CH), 122.6 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 106.4 (CH₂), 82.6 (C), 62.4 (C), 61.3 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃), 14.0 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₅H₁₈NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 269.1148, found: 269.1151.

N (\pm) -Ethyl (1R,2S)-2-(cyanomethyl)-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-CEt dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (3an). The title compound was prepared

following General Procedure B from **2n** (45.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (5-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3an** as a white solid (49.7 mg, 61%). $R_f = 0.14$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 121-123 °C (Et₂O/*n*-pentane); IR 3430 (br, OH), 2252 (C=N), 1724 (C=O), 1370, 1288, 1021, 898, 791, 772 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.45 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.47-7.41 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.41-7.30 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.81 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.31 (1H, d, J = 1.2 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 4.30-4.15 (2H, m, OCH₂), 3.31 (1H, br s, O**H**), 2.97 (1H, d, J =16.7 Hz, C**H**_aH_bCN), 2.93 (1H, d, J = 16.7 Hz, CH_a**H**_bCN), 1.57 (3H, s, CCH₃), 1.24 (3H, t, J =7.1 Hz, CH₂C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (C), 148.0 (C), 146.2 (C), 136.6 (C), 130.3 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 117.5 (C), 108.8 (CH₂), 82.7 (C), 63.3 (C), 62.4 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₂), 14.0 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₆H₁₇NNaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 294.1101, found: 294.1102.

Slow evaporation of a solution of 3an from Et_2O gave crystals that were suitable for X-ray crystallography:





(±)-(1'*R*,3*S*)-1'-Hydroxy-1'-methyl-3'-methylene-1',3',4,5-tetrahydro-2*H*spiro[furan-3,2'-inden]-2-one (3ao). The title compound was prepared following

General Procedure B from allene **2o** (33.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ao** as a white solid (49.0 mg, 71%). $R_f = 0.10$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 110-111 °C (CHCl₃/Et₂O); IR 3410 (br, OH), 2969, 1738 (C=O), 1643, 1489, 1464, 1253, 1221, 1201, 1144, 1016, 931, 619, 503, 420 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.45 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.39 (1H, app t, J = 7.4 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.35-7.30 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 5.61 (1H, s, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.21 (1H, s, =CH_a**H**_b), 4.54-4.49 (2H, m, C**H**₂O), 3.26 (1H, s, O**H**), 2.81 (1H, app dt, J = 13.3, 9.5 Hz, C**H**_aH_bCH₂O), 2.53 (1H, ddd, J = 13.3, 5.7, 3.8 Hz, CH_a**H**_bCH₂O), 1.37 (3H, s, C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.2 (C), 149.1 (C), 148.1 (C), 136.9 (C), 130.3 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 104.9 (CH₂), 81.4 (C), 66.5 (CH₂), 63.4 (C), 28.9 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₄H₁₄NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 352.0835, found: 352.0832.

Slow evaporation of a solution of **3ao** in Et_2O/n -pentane gave crystals that were suitable for X-ray crystallography:





(±) Ethyl (1*S*,2*S*,*E*)-3-ethylidene-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate [(*E*)-3ap] and ethyl (1*S*,2*S*,*Z*)-3-ethylidene-1-hydroxy-1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate [(*Z*)-3ap]



General Procedure B was followed using from allene 2p (37.8 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-5% EtOAc/*n*-pentane) gave (*Z*)-**3ap** as a colorless oil (15.7 mg, 21%), followed by (*E*)-**3ap** as a colorless oil (28.3 mg, 38%).

Data for (*Z*)-**3ap**: $R_f = 0.15$ (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3057 (br, OH), 2975, 1713 (C=O), 1367, 1321, 1177, 1085, 760 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.59-7.54 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.49-7.45 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.33-7.29 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.88 (1H, qd, J = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, =C**H**), 4.17 (2H, qd, J = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, OC**H**₂CH₃), 3.77 (1H, d, J = 1.0 Hz, O**H**), 3.68 (1H, t, J = 1.4 Hz, C**H**C=O), 2.04 (3H, dd, J = 7.3, 1.3 Hz, =CC**H**₃), 1.54 (3H, s, C**H**₃COH), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, OCH₂C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0 (C), 151.3 (C), 137.6 (C), 136.5 (C), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 79.1 (C), 63.0 (CH), 61.1 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₃), 14.9 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₅H₁₈NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 269.1148, found: 269.1145.

Data for (*E*)-**3ap**: $R_f = 0.14$ (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3493 (br, OH), 2926, 1715 (C=O), 1445, 1311, 1153, 1034, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.33 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.28-7.22 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 6.18 (1H, qd, J = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, =C**H**), 4.24-4.12 (2H, m, OC**H**₂CH₃), 3.93-3.86 (1H, m, C**H**C=O), 3.32 (1H, br s, O**H**), 1.87 (3H, dd, J = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, =CC**H**₃), 1.55 (3H, s, C**H**₃COH), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.1 Hz, OCH₂C**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2 (C), 148.9 (C), 138.8 (C), 137.4 (C), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 119.1 (CH), 80.4 (C), 61.1 (CH₂), 59.6 (CH), 29.6 (CH₂), 15.2 (CH₃), 14.3 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₅H₁₈NaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 269.1148, found: 269.1150.

(±)-(1S,2S)-1-Hydroxy-1-methyl-N,N-diphenyl-3-(propan-2-ylidene)-2,3-



dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxamide (3aq). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2q (79.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-

acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3aq** as a white solid (35.8 mg, 31%). $R_f = 0.18$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 120-122 °C (Et₂O/*n*-pentane); IR 3433 (br, OH), 2921, 1676, 1658, 1490, 1348, 1295, 1236, 1091, 947, 753, 703, 691, 603 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.62-7.52 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.52-7.45 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.44-7.35 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.35-7.23 (4H, m, Ar**H**), 7.23-7.13 (4H, m, Ar**H**), 4.04 (1H, s, C**H**C=O), 3.01 (1H, s, O**H**), 2.11 (3H, s, =C(C**H**₃)₂), 1.88 (3H, s, =C(C**H**₃)₂), 1.43 (3H, s, HOCC**H**₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3 (C), 151.3 (C), 143.0 (C), 142.8 (C), 140.2 (C), 133.8 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.2 (2 × CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 124.4 (2 × CH), 122.6 (2 × CH), 80.5 (C), 61.2 (CH), 28.8 (CH₃), 24.6 (CH₃), 22.0 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₆H₂₅NNaO₂]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 406.1777, found: 406.1782.



(±)-Benzyl(1S,2S)-1-hydroxy-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylate (3ba). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure

^N B from **2a** (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-formylphenylboronic acid (**1b**) (90.0 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ba** as a yellow oil (71.9 mg, 86%). $R_f = 0.33$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3448 (br, OH), 3032, 2956, 1716, 1643, 1319, 1242, 1153, 739, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56-7.47 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.42-7.30 (7H, m, Ar**H**), 5.67 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.44 (1H, dd, J = 9.9, 7.1 Hz, C**H**OH), 5.30 (1H, d, J = 1.9 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 5.20 (2H, s, OC**H**₂Ph), 4.14 (1H, dt, J = 7.1, 1.9 Hz, C**H**C=O), 3.31 (1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz, O**H**); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5 (C), 145.7 (C), 144.6 (C), 138.9 (C), 135.6 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.3 (2 × CH), 125.1 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 107.5 (CH₂), 74.4 (CH), 67.1 (CH₂), 54.6 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₆O₃Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 303.0992, found: 303.0992.



(±)-Isopropyl (1*S*,2*S*)-1-hydroxy-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2carboxylate (3bd). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2d (37.9 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-formylphenylboronic acid (1b)

(90.0 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3bd** as a yellow oil (62.1 mg, 89%). $R_f = 0.30$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3449 (br, OH), 2980, 1706 (C=O), 1464, 1373, 1254, 1174, 1062, 910, 760, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53-7.48 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 7.36-7.30 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.66 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.38 (1H, dd, J = 10.0, 7.0 Hz, CHOH), 5.30 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 5.08 (1H, sept, J = 6.2 Hz, C**H**(CH₃)₂), 4.01 (1H, dt, J = 7.0, 2.0 Hz, C**H**C=O), 3.64 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, O**H**), 1.29 (3H, d, J = 6.3 Hz, CH(C**H**₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4 (C),

146.0 (C), 145.0 (C), 138.8 (C), 129.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 125.0 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 106.9 (CH₂), 74.2 (CH), 68.8 (CH), 54.3 (CH), 21.9 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for C₁₄H₁₆NO₃ [M+Na]⁺: 255.0992, found: 255.0998.

(±)-(1*S*,2*S*)-1-Hydroxy-3-methylene-*N*,*N*-diphenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2carboxamide (3bg). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B using allene 2g (71.0 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-formylphenylboronic acid (1b) (90.0 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (0-30% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave 3bg as a white solid (77.2 mg, 75%). $R_f = 0.15$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); m.p. 167-170 °C (CHCl₃/Et₂O); IR 3470 (br, OH), 2981, 1707 (C=O), 1465, 1374, 1175, 1102, 910, 729 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.52-7.46 (6H, m, Ar**H**), 7.47-7.37 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.37-7.29 (5H, m, Ar**H**), 7.20 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, Ar**H**), 5.65 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 5.25 (1H, t, J =7.9 Hz, CHOH), 5.14 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 4.36-4.31 (1H, m, CHC=O), 3.68-3.62 (1H, m, OH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.2 (C), 147.6 (C), 146.6 (C), 142.9 (C), 142.4 (C), 139.4 (C), 130.2 (2 × CH), 129.5 (CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 128.9 (2 × CH), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 125.1 (CH), 120.8 (CH), 106.0 (CH₂), 74.9 (CH), 52.6 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₃H₂₀NO₂]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 342.1489, found: 342.1488.



(±)-Benzyl (1*S*,2*S*)-5-chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*indene-2-carboxylate (3ca). The title compound was prepared following

General Procedure B from allene **2a** (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 4-chloro-2formylphenylboronic acid (**1c**) (110.6 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ca** as a yellow oil (28 mg, 30%). $R_f = 0.38$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3334 (br, OH), 1712 (C=O), 1386, 1312, 1238, 1130, 913, 732, 697 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.49-7.47 (1H, m, Ar**H**), 7.41 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.39-7.32 (5H, m, Ar**H**), 7.29 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, Ar**H**), 5.63 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.38 (1H, dd, J = 10.3, 7.1 Hz, C**H**OH), 5.30 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, =CH_a**H**_b), 5.18 (2H, s, C**H**₂Ph), 4.13 (1H, dt, J = 7.1, 2.0 Hz, C**H**C=O), 3.43 (1H, d, J = 10.3 Hz, O**H**); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.3 (C), 147.5 (C), 143.5 (C), 137.3 (C), 135.41 (C), 135.44 (C), 129.6 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.36 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 108.1 (CH₂), 73.9 (CH), 67.2 (CH₂), 54.7 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₅ClNaO₃]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 337.0602, found: 337.0600. (±)-Benzyl (15,25)-4-fluoro-3-hydroxy-1-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2carboxylate (3da). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2a (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and (3-fluoro-2-formylphenyl)boronic acid (1d) (100.8 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave 3da as a yellow oil (52 mg, 58%). $R_f = 0.28$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3426 (br, OH), 2920, 1713 (C=O), 1498, 1256, 1163, 997, 746, 699, 594 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.42-7.30 (7H, m, ArH), 7.08-6.96 (1H, m, ArH), 5.76 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 5.67 (1H, app t, J =7.4 Hz, CHOH), 5.38 (1H, d, J = 2.4 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 5.27-5.22 (2H, m, CH₂Ph), 4.10 (1H, dt, J =6.9, 2.4 Hz, CHC=O), 3.23 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, OH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) 170.9 (C), 160.2 (d, J = 251.5 Hz, CF), 143.8 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, C), 142.7 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, C), 135.6 (C), 131.4 (d, J = 7.3Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, J = 16.4 Hz, C), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.6 (CH), 128.5 (2 × CH), 116.9 (d, J = 3.6Hz, CH), 116.0 (d, J = 20.0 Hz, CH), 109.3 (CH₂), 71.6 (CH), 67.2 (CH₂), 54.2 (CH); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -119.41; HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₈H₁₅O₃FNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 321.0897, found: 321.0893.

(±)-Benzyl (1*S*,2*S*)-5-hydroxy-7-methylene-6,7-dihydro-5*H*-indeno[5,6-

d][1,3]dioxole-6-carboxylate (3ea). The title compound was prepared following General Procedure B from allene 2a (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and (6-

formylbenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)boronic acid (**1e**) (116.4 mg, 0.60 mmol). Purification by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3ea** as a yellow oil (46 mg, 48%). $R_f = 0.20$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); IR 3492 (br, OH), 3339, 2922, 1721 (C=O), 1499, 1382, 1161, 1067, 863, 729 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44-7.32 (5H, m, Ar**H**), 6.96-6.83 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 6.00 (2H, s, OC**H**₂O), 5.42 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, =C**H**_aH_b), 5.35-5.26 (1H, m, C**H**OH), 5.20 (2H, s, C**H**₂Ph), 5.14 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, =CH_aH_b), 4.18-4.02 (1H, m, C**H**C=O), 3.27 (1H, d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, O**H**); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6 (C), 149.7 (C), 149.4 (C), 144.2 (C), 140.4 (C), 135.6 (C), 133.3 (C), 128.8 (2 × CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.4 (2 × CH), 110.1 (C), 105.0 (CH₂), 104.9 (CH), 101.8 (CH₂), 100.7 (CH), 73.9 (CH), 67.1 (CH₂), 54.9 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₁₉H₁₆O₅Na]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 347.0890, found: 347.0889.

Preparation of 3aa on a 3.00 mmol Scale

(±)-(1*S*,2*S*)-Benzyl 1-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene-2-carboxylate (*ent*-3aa)



A flask was charged with allene **2a** (523 mg, 3.00 mmol), 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (984 mg, 6.00 mmol), and Ni(OAc)₂·4H₂O (3.8 mg, 0.015 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and purged with argon. Degassed MeCN (18 mL) and degassed 1,4-dioxane (12 mL) were added and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, diluted with Et₂O (*ca.* 30 mL), filtered through a plug of silica gel using Et₂O as the eluent, and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave **3aa** as a pale yellow oil (810 mg, 92%). For the characterization data of **3aa**, see page 6.

Investigations into Developing an Enantioselective Reaction

First, a range of chiral ligands were evaluated in the reaction between **1a** and **2a** under our standard reaction conditions (Table S1). Unfortunately, all gave low yields (< ca. 30% by ¹H NMR analysis) and enantioselectivities (0–16% ee).

Table S1



However, (R)-Ph-Phox (L3) gave 3aa in 60% NMR yield and 26% ee:



Furthermore, replacing the mixed solvent system with 1,4-dioxane led to improved results (Table S2). Evaluation of derivatives of L3 (ligands L4 and L2) led to the finding that L2 gives 3aa in 68% ee.

Table S2



(All yields determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard)

Finally, the nickel salt was varied and nickel trifluoroacetate was found to give the best results (Table S3).





(All yields determined by ¹H NMR analysis using 1,3,5-trimethoxybenzene as an internal standard)

Preparation of Ligand L2

(4*R*,5*R*)-2-(2-Bromophenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (S1)



To a solution of (1S,2R)-2-amino-1,2-diphenylethanol (1.66 g, 7.78 mmol) and Et₃N (4.34 mL, 31.1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) at 0 °C was added 2-bromobenzoyl chloride (1.12 mL, 8.56 mmol) dropwise, and the resulting solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight. The suspension was then cooled to 0 °C and MsCl (0.88 mL, 11.7 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred overnight, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (50 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave the title compound as a pale yellow oil (1.36 g, 47%). $R_f = 0.27$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{22} + 16.0$ (c 1.00, CHCl₃); IR 1647, 1493, 1321, 1259, 1025, 957, 913, 759, 733, 693, 542 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (1H, dt, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, ArH), 7.72 (1H, dd, J = 7.9, 1.3 Hz, ArH), 7.45-7.32 (12H, m, ArH), 5.43 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, CHPh), 5.31 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, CHPh); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) § 163.7 (C), 141.8 (C), 140.2 (C), 134.2 (CH), 132.1 (CH), 131.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 129.1 (2 × CH), 129.0 (2 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.9 (2 × CH), 126.1 (2 × CH), 122.2 (C), 89.6 (CH), 79.3 (CH); HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₂₁H₁₇NOBr]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 378.0488, found: 378.0484.

{2-[(4*R*,5*R*)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl]phenyl}bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl] phosphine oxide (S2)



A schlenk flask was evacuated and back filled with argon (3 cycles). Under a flow of argon, CuI (389 mg, 2.04 mmol) and bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphine oxide¹⁵ (900 mg, 2.65 mmol) were added followed by toluene (7 mL) and *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine (0.66 mL, 6.13 mmol). A solution of aryl bromide **S1** (773 mg, 2.04 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added followed by Cs_2CO_3 (2.46 g, 7.56 mmol). The schlenk flask was then sealed with a rubber septum and PTFE

tape, and the resulting suspension was stirred at 110 °C for 72 h, filtered over celite, concentrated in vacuo and absorbed onto silica gel. Purification by column chromatography (20-60% EtOAc/petroleum ether) gave the title compound as a pale yellow solid (456 mg, 35%). $R_f = 0.18$ (50% EtOAc/petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ -4.0 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); m.p. 78-80 °C (CHCl₃); IR 1658, 1398, 1319, 1166, 1124, 1105, 1060, 1016, 833, 710, 697, 565, 548 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (1H, ddd, J = 7.8, 4.1, 1.3 Hz, ArH), 7.86-7.70 (7H, m, ArH), 7.67-7.60 (5H, m, ArH), 7.31-7.27 (5H, m, ArH), 7.08 (2H, dd, J = 7.4, 2.2 Hz, ArH), 6.99-6.96 (2H, m, ArH), 5.13 (1H, d, J =10.0 Hz, CHPh), 4.82 (1H, d, J = 10.0 Hz, CHPh); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.5 (d, $J_{C-P} =$ 2.7 Hz, C), 140.5 (2 × C), 138.6 (d, $J_{C-P} = 108.6$ Hz, C), 138.5 (2 × C), 137.2 (d, $J_{C-P} = 107.2$ Hz, C), 135.3 (d, $J_{C-P} = 10.2$ Hz, CH), 133.8-133.1 (m, C), 132.9 (d, $J_{C-P} = 2.7$ Hz, CH), 132.6 (d, $J_{C-P} = 2.7$ Hz, 132.6 (d, J_{C-P} = 2.7 Hz, 132.7 10.1 Hz, 2 × CH), 131.7 (d, $J_{C-P} = 10.7$ Hz, 2 × CH), 131.6 (d, $J_{C-P} = 8.9$ H, CH), 131.2 (d, $J_{C-P} =$ 12.3 Hz, CH), 131.0 (d, J_{C-P} = 100.9 Hz, C), 128.8 (4 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.0 (2 × CH), 126.2 (2 × CH), 125.3 (dq, *J* = 12.2, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 4 × CH), 127.0-119.6 (m, 2 × C), 89.6 (CH), 78.2 (CH); ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.3 (d, J = 12.5 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ – 63.08, -63.14; HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₅H₂₄O₂F₆NPNa]⁺ [M+Na]⁺: 658.1341, found: 658.1317.

(4*R*,5*R*)-2-(2-{bis[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]phosphanyl}phenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5dihydrooxazole (L2)



In a schlenk flask, a solution of phosphine oxide **S2** (450 mg, 0.71 mmol) and Ph₂SiH₂ (0.92 mL, 4.96 mmol) under argon was stirred at 140 °C for 24 h and cooled to room temperature. The mixture was absorbed onto silica gel and purified by column chromatography (0-10% EtOAc/petroleum ether) to give the title compound as a white solid (411 mg, 93%). $R_f = 0.45$ (20% EtOAc/petroleum ether); $[\alpha]_D^{22} -8.0$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); m.p 168-170 °C (*n*-hexane); IR 3069, 2130, 1428, 1323, 1167, 1115, 1059, 1016, 997, 816, 732, 696, 494 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (1H, ddd, J = 7.8, 3.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar**H**), 7.59 (2H, d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2 × Ar**H**), 7.57-7.46 (3H, m, Ar**H**), 7.45-7.32 (9H, m, Ar**H**), 7.25-7.15 (4H, m, Ar**H**), 6.92 (1H, ddd, J = 7.8, 3.9, 1.2 Hz, Ar**H**), 6.84-6.80 (2H, m, Ar**H**), 5.18 (2H, s, 2 × C**H**Ph); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.8 (d, $J_{C-P} = 3.7$ Hz, C), 143.2 (d, $J_{C-P} = 4.5$ Hz, C), 143.1 (C), 141.4 (C), 139.8 (C), 137.8 (d, $J_{C-P} = 25.9$ Hz, C), 134.8 (d, $J_{C-P} = 21.6$ Hz, 2 × CH), 134.3 (CH), 133.9 (d, $J_{C-P} = 20.1$ Hz, 2 × CH), 131.4 (CH),

131.32-130.84 (m, 2 × C), 130.7 (d, J_{C-P} = 3.4 Hz, CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.0 (2 × CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.6 (2 × CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.5 (2 × CH), 126.3 (2 × CH), 125.5 (app ddd, J = 10.6, 7.1, 3.7 Hz, 4 × CH), 127.6-120.8 (m, 2 × C), 89.0 (CH), 79.1 (CH); ³¹P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -7.29; ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -62.6, -62.8; HRMS (ESI) Exact mass calculated for [C₃₅H₂₅OF₆NP]⁺ [M+H]⁺: 620.1572, found: 620.1579.

Enantioselective Reaction



A flask was charged with Ni(O₂CCF₃)₂·4H₂O (10.7 mg, 0.03 mmol) and **L2** (20.4 mg, 0.032 mmol). The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and purged with argon. Degassed 1,4-dioxane (0.60 mL) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 30 min before being cooled to room temperature. A solution of allene **2a** (52.3 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 2-acetylphenylboronic acid (**1a**) (98.4 mg, 0.60 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2.4 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction was diluted with Et₂O (*ca*. 3 mL), filtered through a plug of silica gel using as Et₂O as the eluent, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (10% EtOAc/*n*-pentane) gave the title compound as a pale yellow oil (67.5 mg, 76%). For the characterization data of **3aa**, see page 6 $[\alpha]_{D}^{21}$ –20.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with Chiralpak AD-H column (90:10 *iso*-hexane:EtOH, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm, 25 °C); t_r (major) = 14.2 min, t_r (minor) = 18.9 min, 74% ee.





NMR Spectra

























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3al (contains a minor, unidentified impurity)















Supplementary Information



























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