Mechanistic and asymmetric investigations of the Aucatalysed cross-coupling between cryldiazonium salts and arylboronic acids using (P,N) gold complexes

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A) General methods

All commercial materials were used without further purification, unless indicated. ¹H NMR, ¹⁸F NMR, ³¹P NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a BRUKER AVANCE I 300 MHz spectrometer (¹H: 300MHz, ¹³C: 75.3MHz, ¹⁸F: 282MHz, ³¹P: 121.5MHz). The chemical shifts for the NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to the solvent residual peak.¹ Coupling constants J are reported in hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations are used for the multiplicities : s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; qt, quintet; st, sextet; m, multiplet; br, broad; dd, doublet of doublet. Yields refer to isolated material determined to be pure by NMR spectroscopy and thin-layer chromatography (TLC), unless specified in the text. Analytical TLC was performed on Fluka Silica Gel 60 F254. High resolution mass spectra were performed by the CESAMO (Talence, France) and were recorded on a Qq-TOF tadem mass spectrometer (API Q-STAR Pulsari, Applied Biosystems). Positive ion mode ESI-MS was used for the analyses. Blue light irradiations were performed with a Flexled INSPIRE LED lamp (1.5m, 45LED, 25 LUMEN, 3.45W, $\lambda = 465$ nm) coiled inside a glass tube.² All the reactions were performed in sealed tubes. When the irradiation was turned on, the internal temperature of the photochemical system slightly increased and stabilised at 30°C. Analytical chiral HPLC were performed on a JASCO LC-NetII/ADC with a JASCO MD-2010-Plus diode array detector using DAICEL CHIRAL PAK columns (5µm, 4.6*250mm), and analysed using the JASCO ChromNAV 1.12.01 software (chromatogram wavelength: 223 nm).

¹ Fulmer, G. R.; Miller, A. J. M.; Sherden, N. H.; Gottlieb, H. E.; Nudelman, A.; Stoltz, B. M.; Bercaw, J. E.; Goldberg, K. I. *Organometallics* **2010**, 29, 2176

² Cornilleau, T.; Hermange, P.; Fouquet, E. Chem. Commun. 2016, 52, 10040.

B) Stoichiometric mechanistic investigations with L1AuCl

Chloro[2-(2-(diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl)pyridine] gold(I) L1AuCl



L1AuCl

Under inert atmosphere, 2-(2-(diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl)pyridine L1 (74.6 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (64.9 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were dissolved in dichloromethane (2.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 2 hours, the solvent was removed and the residue was triturated in pentane to give the product (120 mg, 0.21 mmol, 95%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.31-8.27 (m, 1H), 7.78-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.59 (m, 1H), 7.58-7.36 (m, 12H), 7.28-7.23 (m,1H), 7.12-7.05 (ddd, J = 12.3 Hz, J = 7.8

Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 30.3. The spectral data was in accordance with the literature.³

4-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl 3a (Catalytic experiment)



In a vial were added phenylboronic acid (30.5 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 4methoxybenzene diazonium tetrafluoroborate (83 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1.5 eq.), L1AuCl (14.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 0.1 eq.), Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (4.3 mg, 5 μ mol, 0.02 eq.) and CsF (76 mg, 0.5 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (2 mL) was added. The reaction was

placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 16h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10:cyclohexane/diethyl ether, R_f : 0.6) to give product **3a** (18 mg, 0.096 mmol, 39%) as a white solid.

Phenyl [2-(2-(diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl)pyridine] gold(I) B1



In a vial were added L1AuCl (29 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.), phenylboronic acid (6.1 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (15.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C overnight. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the product **B1** (29 mg, 0.047 mmol, 94%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.34 (d, *J*

= 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.64-7.60 (m, 5H), 7.58-7.54 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.11-7.07 (m, 1H), 7.00-6.96 (m, 1H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 42.5. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 172.9, 157.7, 148.5, 145.7, 145.4, 139.6, 136.8, 135.6 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 134.4 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 133.8, 133.3, 130.9, 130.7, 130.5, 130.3 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 130.2, 128.8 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz), 128.5 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 127.3 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 125.5, 123.5, 122.7.

4-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl 3a (from B1)



In a vial were added complex **B1** (29 mg, 0.047 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 4methoxybenzene diazonium tetrafluoroborate (10.4 mg, 0.047 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (0.8 mg, 0.9 µmol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged

³ Huang, L.; Rominger, F.; Rudolph, M; Hashmi, A. S. K. Chem. Commun., 2016, 52, 6435.

three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The end of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10:cyclohexane/diethyl ether, R_f : 0.6) to give the product **3a** (2.6 mg, 0.014 mmol, 30%) as a white solid.

[(4-methoxyphenyl)-((2-(2-(diphenylphosphanyl)phenyl)pyridine)]Chloro gold(III) tetrafluoroborate E1



In a vial were added complex L1AuCl (29 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 4methoxybenzene diazonium tetrafluoroborate (11.1 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.9 mg, 1 µmol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turnedoff photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 2h. The end of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with diethyl ether to give the product E1 (36 mg, 0.047 mmol, 94%) as an orange solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ (ppm): 9.30 (dd, *J* = 5.8 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.35-8.32 (m, 1H), 8.26-8.23 (m,1H), 8.10-8.07 (m, 1H), 7.92-7.87 (m, 2H), 7.70-

7.47 (m, 11H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.6 Hz, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ (ppm): 30.0. The spectral data was in accordance with the literature.³

4-Methoxy-1,1'-biphenyl 3d (from E1)



In a vial were added complex **E1** (36 mg, 0.047 mmol, 1.0 eq.), phenylboronic acid (6.1 mg, 0.047 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (15.2 mg, 0.094 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by

preparative TLC (90/10:cyclohexane/diethyl ether, R_f : 0.6) to give the product **3a** (3.2 mg, 0.017 mmol, 35%) as a white solid.

C) Asymmetric induction

a) Syntheses of diazonium salts 1b-e

Naphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate 1b



To a solution of boron trifluoride ethyl etherate (0.84 mL, 6.6 mmol, 3.3 eq.) at -50° C were added successively a solution of naphtylamine (286 mg, 2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (2 mL), and a solution of tert-butyl nitrite (0.72 mL, 6 mmol, 3.0 eq.) in THF (4 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -50° C. Methanol (2 mL) was added dropwise, the mixture was warmed at rt and the resulting solids were filtered, washed

with ice-cold methanol (5 mL) to give product **1b** (260 mg, 1.07 mmol, 54%) as a purple solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 8.97 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.86 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.29-8.25 (m, 1H), 8.10 (ddd, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 7.1 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99-7.94 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): -151.4, -151.5. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 145.3, 138.5, 134.2, 134.1, 131.9, 131.3, 129.3, 127.5, 123.2, 122.4.

2-Methoxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1c



To a solution of 2-methoxyaniline (0.23 mL, 2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in ethanol (0.6 mL) at rt was added an aqueous solution of HBF₄ (48% w/w, 0.52 mL, 4 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C and tert-butyl nitrite (0.48 mL, 4 mmol, 2.0 eq.) was added dropwise. After addition, the mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and for 1 h then at rt. Diethyl ether (4 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the resulting solids were filtered, washed with diethyl ether

and dried under high vacuum to give product **1c** (374.2 mg, 1.67 mmol, 84%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 8.51 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (ddd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J = 8.7 Hz, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): -148.2, -148.3. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 162.1, 143.8, 132.4, 122.9, 114.9, 102.3, 58.7.

2-Bromobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1d



1d

To a suspension of 2-bromoaniline (172 mg, 1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in water (1mL) at rt was added an aqueous solution of HBF₄ (48% w/w, 0.26 mL, 2 mmol, 2.0 eq.) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of NaNO₂ (69 mg, 1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in water (0.15 mL) was added dropwise. After addition the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min. The solids were filtered, washed with ice-cold water (5 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) to give product **1d** (122.8 mg, 0.45

mmol, 45%) as brown solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 8.61-8.58 (m, 1H), 8.18-8.11 (m, 2H), 7.94-7.89 (m, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): -151.5, -151.6. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 144.0, 137.0, 136.2, 131.8, 126.0.

2-Methylnaphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate 1e



To a solution of boron trifluoride ethyl etherate (0.42 mL, 3.3 mmol, 3.3 eq.) at -50°C were added successively a solution of 2-methyl-1-naphtylamine (0.09 mL, 1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) in THF (1 mL) and a solution of tert-butyl nitrite (0.36 mL, 3 mmol, 3.0 eq.) in THF (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -50°C. Methanol (1 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was warmed at rt. The resulting solids were filtered, washed with ice-cold methanol (5 mL) to give product **1e** (101.5 mg, 0.40

mmol, 40%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 8.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (ddd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (ddd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, *J* = 7.1 Hz, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CD₃CN δ (ppm): -151.5, -151.6. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 152.9, 144.4, 134.0, 132.5, 131.9, 130.6, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 121.9, 20.5.

b) Racemic experiments with Ph₃AuCl

2-Methoxynaphtyl(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) B5



In a vial were added PPh₃AuCl (74.3 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-methoxy-1naphtaleneboronic acid **2b** (30 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (45.6 mg, 0.3 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1.5 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the

crude product **B5** (77.3 mg, 0.125 mmol, 91%) as a white solid. Traces of triphenylphosphine oxide were detected by ³¹P NMR, but compound **B5** was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.66 (m, 6H), 7.52-7.46 (m, 10H), 7.38-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 44.6.

2-Methoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene 3b (from B5)



In a vial were added complex **B5** (20.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 eq.), naphthalene-1diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1b** (7.8 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$ (1.1 mg, 1.3 µmol, 0.04 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by NMR ³¹P. The solvent was

evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f : 0.7) to give product **3b** (5.1 mg, 0.018 mmol, 57%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz,) δ (ppm): 8.0-7.92 (m, 3H), 7.88-7.86 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H). The spectral data was in accordance with the literature.⁴ Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column (5µm, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min): <2% e.e. (retention times: 4.5 min and 4.8 min).

⁴ Alvarez-Casao, Y.; Estepa, B.; Monge, D.; Ros, A.; Iglesias-Sigüenza, J.; Alvarez, E.; Fernadez, R.; Lassaletta J. M. *Tetrahedron*. **2016**, *72*, 5184.



2-Methoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene 3c (from B5)



In a vial were added complex **B5** (20.0 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2methoxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate **1c** (7.1 mg, 0.032 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (1.1 mg, 1.3 µmol, 0.04 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative layer TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f: 0.4)

to give product **3c** (5.5 mg, 0.021 mmol, 65%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.88 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 1H), 7.42-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.11-7.06 (m, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H). The spectral data was in accordance with the literature.⁵ Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column, isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL /min): <1% e.e. (retention times: 5.2 min and 5.9 min).

⁵ Jumde, V. R.; Iuliano, A. *Tetrahedron : Asymmetry*, **2011**, 22, 2151.



2-Bromophenyl(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) B6



In a vial were added AuPPh₃Cl (49.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2bromophenylboronic acid **2e** (20.1 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (30.4 mg, 0.2 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the crude

product **B6** (56 mg, 0.085 mmol, 85%) as a white solid. Traces of triphenylphosphine oxide were detected by ³¹P NMR, but compound **B6** was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.67-7.60 (m, 6H), 7.51-7.46 (m, 10H), 7.39 (ddd, J = 7.4 Hz, J = 5.6 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (tt, J = 7.2 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.92 (m, 1H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 41.2.

1-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methylnaphthalene 3d (from B6)



In a vial were added complex **B6** (21.3 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2methylnaphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1e** (8.7 mg, 0.034 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (1.2 mg, 1.4 μ mol, 0.04 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The end of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (cyclohexane, R_f: 0.4) to give product **3d** (3.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, 30%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 2H), 2.20 (s, 3H). The spectral data was in accordance with the literature.⁶ Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK IB column, hexane, flow rate 1.0mL/min) : <2 % e.e. (retention times: 8.6 min and 9.0 min).



c) Experiments with L2AuCl

<u>Chloro[(R)-(-)-N,N-dimethyl-1-[(S)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine] gold(I)</u> <u>L2AuCl</u>



L2AuCl

Under inert atmosphere, (*R*)-(–)-*N*,*N*-Dimethyl-1-[(*S*)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine **L2** (56.3 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (38.0 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 2 hours. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was triturated in pentane to give product **L2**AuCl (77.3 mg, 0.115 mmol, 88%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.82-7.77 (m, 2H), 7.54-7.44 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 3H), 4.84-4.79 (m, 1H), 4.53-4.51 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.31 (m,

1H), 4.19 (s, 4H), 3.83-3.81 (m, 1H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 26.8. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 134.8 (d, J = 13.9Hz), 132.7 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 132.6, 131.7, 131.4 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 131.3, 130.6 (d, J = 1.9 Hz), 130.5, 128.6 (d, J = 11.3 Hz), 128.2 (d, J = 12.3 Hz), 74.1 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 71.8 (d, J = 6.8 Hz), 71.0, 70.1, 69.1 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 58.1, 38.8, 7.6. HRMS (ESI/TOF⁺) C₂₆H₂₈AuClFeNP [M+H]⁺ calculated 674.0735 found 674.0747.

⁶ Hsiao, C.-C.; Lin, Y.-K.; Liu, C.-J.; Wu, T.-C.; Wu, Y.-T. Adv. Synth. Catal. 2010, 352, 3267.

<u>2-Methoxynaphtyl-[(R)-(-)-N,N-Dimethyl-1-[(S)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine]</u> gold(I) B2



In a vial were added complex L2AuCl (1.0 eq.), 2-methoxy-1naphtaleneboronic acid **2b** (1.5 eq. or 1 eq.) and CsF (2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, residue was triturated with pentane to give the crude product **B2** as a yellow solid, which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.63 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.04-7.94

(m, 2H), 7.81-7.76 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.39-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 1H), 5.24-5.18 (m, 1H), 4.50-4.48 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.32 (s, 4H), 4.00 (s, 3H), 3.85-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.62 (br s, 1H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 37.9.

| Experience | Conditions | Mass of of B2 (Crude yield) |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Exp 1, step 1 | L2AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 2b (7.6 mg, 37.5 μmol), CsF (7.6 mg, 50 μmol) | 18.0 mg (90%) |
| Exp 2, step 1 | L2AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 2b (7.6 mg, 37.5 μmol), CsF (7.6 mg, 50 μmol) | 16.0 mg (80%) |
| Exp 3, step 1 | L2AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 2b (7.6 mg, 37.5 μmol), CsF (7.6 mg, 50 μmol) | 13.9 mg (70%) |
| Exp 4, step 1 | L2AuCl (14.1 mg, 21 μmol), 2b (4.3 mg, 21 μmol), CsF (6.4 mg, 42 μmol) | 16.0 mg (95%) |

2-Methoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene 3b (from B2)



In a vial were added complex **B2** (1.0 eq.), naphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1b** (1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, Rf : 0.7) to give product

3b as a colorless oil. The yield was calculated over the two steps of Pathway I. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column (5 μ m, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min, retention times: 4.4 to 4.9 min and 4.7 to 5.3 min). Plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3b** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case.

| Experience | Conditions | Mass of 3b (yield over the two steps) | e.e. of 3b |
|---------------|---|--|------------|
| Exp 1, step 2 | B2 (18.0 mg, 23 μ mol), 1b (5.5 mg, 23 μ mol), By (hpy) (BE), (0.5 mg, 0.5 μ mol) | 2.2 mg (31%) | + 8% |
| | B2 (16.0 mg, 20 μ mol), 1b (5.0 mg, 20 | | |
| Exp 2, step 2 | μ mol), Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.3 mg, 0.4 μ mol) | 2.9 mg (41%) | + 4% |
| Exp 3, step 2 | B2 (14.0 mg, 18 μ mol), 1b (4.4 mg, 18 | 2.0 mg (28%) | + 3% |
| | μ mol), Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.3 mg, 0.4 μ mol) | | |
| Exp 4, step 2 | B2 (16 mg, 20 μ mol), 10 (5.0 mg, 20 μ mol), Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.4 mg, 0.5 μ mol) | 2.0 mg (33%) | + 4% |

• Experience 1



| # | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% |
|---|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 9 | 4,360 | 7080749 | 1226739 | 54,121 |
| 2 | 9 | 4,653 | 6002334 | 895129 | 45,879 |

• Experience 2



| Experience 3 |
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Peak Information

| # | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% |
|---|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 9 | 4,880 | 9316406 | 1535243 | 51,586 |
| 2 | 9 | 5,267 | 8743448 | 1235684 | 48,414 |

Experience 4



Pathway II

[(naphthyl)-((R)-(-)-N,N-Dimethyl-1-[(S)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine)]chloro gold(III) tetrafluoroborate E2



In a vial were added L2AuCl (1.0 eq.), naphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1b** (1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃N (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 2h. The completion of the reaction was confirmed by ³¹P NMR. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with diethyl ether to give the crude product **E2** as a dark red solid, which was engaged in the following step without further purification despite detection by ³¹P NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm):

8.52 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.04-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 2H), 7.75-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.28 (br s, 1H), 5.00 (br s, 1H), 4.89 (br s, 1H), 4.46 (br s, 1H), 4.32 (br s, 1H), 4.23 (br s, 4H), 3.47-3.40 (m, 3H), 2.39 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 2.30 d, J = 3.7 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CD₃CN) δ (ppm): 20.6.

| Experience | Conditions | Mass of of E2 (Crude yield) |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Exp 1 stop 1 | L2 AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 1b (6.1 mg, 25 μmol), | 21.0 mg(05%) |
| Exp 1, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.5 mg, 0.5 μmol) | 21.0 mg (95%) |
| Exp 2 stop 1 | L2 AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 1b (6.1 mg, 25 μmol), | 22.0 mg(0.8%) |
| Exp 2, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.5 mg, 0.5 µmol) | 22.0 mg (98%) |
| Exp 3 stop 1 | L2 AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 1b (6.1 mg, 25 μmol), | 21.0 mg(05%) |
| Exp 5, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.5 mg, 0.5 µmol) | 21.0 mg (95%) |
| Exp 4 step 1 | L2 AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 1b (6.1 mg, 25 μmol), | 20.0 mg(90%) |
| Exp 4, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.5 mg, 0.5 µmol) | 20.0 mg (90%) |
| Exp 5 stop 1 | L2 AuCl (16.8 mg, 25 μmol), 1b (6.1 mg, 25 μmol), | 20.0 mg(0.1%) |
| Exp 5, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.5 mg, 0.5 µmol) | 20.9 mg (94%) |
| Exp.6. step 1 | L2 AuCl (15.0 mg, 22 μmol), 1b (6.0 mg, 22 μmol), | 17.0 mg (87%) |
| Exp 0, step 1 | Ru(bpy) ₃ (PF ₆) ₂ (0.54mg, 0.4 µmol), 4h | 17.0 mg(67%) |

2-Methoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene 3b (from E2)



In a vial were added the complex **E2** (1.0 eq.), 2-methoxy-1-naphtaleneboronic acid **2b** (1.0 eq.) and CsF (2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f : 0.7) to give the product as a colorless oil. The yield was calculated over the two steps of Pathway II. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK

ID column (5 μ m, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min, retention times: 4.3 to 4.5 min and 4.6 to 4.9 min). Plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3b** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case.

| Experience | Experience Conditions Mass of 3b (yield over the two | | e.e. of 3b | |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Exp 1, step 2 | E2 (21.0 mg), 2b (5.1 mg, 25 μmol), CsF | 1.9 mg (27%) | - 8% | |
| | $(7.6 \text{ mg}, 50 \mu\text{mol})$ | | | |
| Exp 2 step 2 | E2 (22.0 mg), 2b (5.1 mg, 25 μmol), CsF | 0 mg(0%) | | |
| Lxp 2, step 2 | (7.6 mg, 50 µmol) | 0 mg (070) | - | |
| Exp 2 stop 2 | E2 (21.0 mg), 2b (5.1 mg, 25 µmol), CsF | 2.0 ma (28%) | 90% | |
| Exp 5, step 2 | (7.6 mg, 50 µmol) | 2.0 mg (28%) | - 070 | |
| Exp 4 step 2 | E2 (20.0 mg), 2b (4.8 mg, 24 µmol), CsF | 0 mg (0%) | | |
| Exp 4, step 2 | (7.3 mg, 48 µmol) | $0 \lim_{n \to \infty} (0 \ n)$ | - | |
| Exp 5 step 2 | E2 (20.9 mg), 2b (4.8 mg, 24 µmol), CsF | 0 mg (0%) | | |
| Exp 5, step 2 | (7.3 mg, 48 µmol) | $0 \lim_{n \to \infty} (0 \ n)$ | - | |
| Exp 6 step 2 | E2 (17.0mg), 2b (4.2 mg, 22 µmol), CsF | 0 mg (0%) | | |
| Exp 0, step 2 | (6.8 mg, 48 µmol) | $0 \operatorname{mg}(0\%)$ | - | |

Experience 1



| Pea | k In | formation | | | |
|-----|------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| # | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV-sec] | Height [µV] | Area% |
| 1 | 9 | 4,493 | 1800119 | 298713 | 46,015 |
| 2 | 9 | 4,853 | 2111929 | 313321 | 53,985 |

• Experience 3



d) Experiments with L3AuCl

<u>Chloro[(4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) L3AuCl</u>



Under inert atmosphere, (4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole **L3** (80.2 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (59.0 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were dissolved in dichloromethane (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 2 hours. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was triturated in pentane to give product **L3**AuCl (118.6 mg, 0.19 mmol, 95%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.05-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.59-7.35 (m, 12H), 6.89-6.82 (m, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.74-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.78 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H). ³¹P NMR (121.5

MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 33.5. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 134.8 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 134.4 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 134.2 (d, J = 6.9 Hz), 131.3 (m), 130.8 (m), 130.6 (m), 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 28.8, 28.6, 21.7, 21.5, 20.8. HRMS (ESI/TOF⁺) C₂₆H₂₈AuClNOP [M+Na]⁺ calculated 656.1154 found 656.1158. Slow vapor diffusion of Et₂O in a solution of L3AuCl in CH₂Cl₂ allowed to produce suitable monocrystals for X-ray diffraction analysis. Crystallographic data were acquired at CESAMO (UMR 5255) on a Bruker APEX 2 DUO. A single crystal was mounted and immersed in a stream of nitrogen gas [T = 150(2) K]. Data were collected, using a microfocus sealed tube of Mo K_a radiation (k = 0.71073 Å) on a KappaCCD diffractometer. Data collection and cell refinement were performed using APEX2 2013.10-0 (Bruker AXS Inc.), and SAINT v8.34A (Bruker AXS Inc.). Data reduction was performed using salINT v8.34A (Bruker AXS Inc.). Correction for absorption was performed using multi-scan integration as included in SADABS V2012/1 (Bruker AXS). Structure solutions were found by charge flipping methods (SUPERFLIP (Palatinus & Chapuis, 2007) EDMA (Palatinus et al., 2012)) and refined with (SHELXL).⁷ Full crystallographic data for this structure has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data (CCDC 1843202).



Mercury drawing of the crystalline structure of L3AuCl obtained by X-Ray diffraction analysis (50% thermal ellipsoids)

⁷ Sheldrick, G. M. Acta Crystallographica Section A. 2008, 64, 112.

2-Methoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene 3b



Pathway I (from L3AuCl via B3)

In a vial were added complex L3AuCl (31.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-methoxy-1-naphtaleneboronic acid **2b** (15.5 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and CsF (15.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the intermediate crude product 2-methoxynaphtyl-[(4*S*)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) **B3** (30.0 mg, 0.039 mmol, 78%) as a white solid, which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz and *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.69 (m, 6H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 10.1 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 0.74 (d, , *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.68 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 47.4.

Then, in a vial were added the complex **B3** (20.0 mg, 0.026 mmol, 1.0 eq), naphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1b** (6.4 mg, 0.026 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.6 mg, 0.5 μ mol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f: 0.7) to give product **3b** (4.0 mg, 0.014 mmol, 42% over the two steps) as a colorless oil. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column (5µm, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min): +12% ee (retention times: 4.4 min and 4.7 min, plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3i** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case).



2-Methoxy-1-(2-methoxyphenyl)naphthalene 3c



Pathway I (from L3AuCl via B3)

In a vial were added complex L3AuCl (31.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-methoxy-1-naphtaleneboronic acid **2b** (15.5 mg, 0.075 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and CsF (15.2 mg, 0.1 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the intermediate crude product 2-methoxynaphtyl-[(4*S*)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) **B3** (30.0 mg, 0.039 mmol, 78%) as a white solid, which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (dd, *J* = 6.4 Hz and *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.69 (m, 6H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.36 (m, 5H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dd, *J* = 10.1 Hz, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 0.74 (d, , *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.68 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 47.4.

Then, in a vial were added the complex **B3** (10.0 mg, 0.013 mmol, 1.0 eq), 2methoxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate **1c** (3.2 mg, 0.013 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.3 mg, 0.3 μ mol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f: 0.5) to give product **3c** (1.0 mg, 3.8 μ mol, 23% over the two steps) as a colorless oil. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column (5 μ m, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min): -3% ee (retention times: 5.2 min and 5.9 min, plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3c** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case).



1-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methylnaphthalene 3d (from 1d and 2d)

Pathway I (from L3AuCl via B3')

In a vial were added complex L3AuCl (15.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-methyl-1-naphtaleneboronic acid 2d (6.0 mg, 0.025 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (7.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 72h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give a mixture of product 2-methylnaphthyl-[(4*S*)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) B3' and starting L3AuCl (13.9 mg, 2:3 ratio determined by ³¹P NMR) as a white solid. This crude mixture which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 47.9.

Then, in a vial were added the mixture containing complex **B3'** (13.9 mg), 2-bromobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate **1d** (4.9 mg, 0.018 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.3 mg, 0.4 μ mol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (cyclohexane, R_f: 0.5) to give product **3d** in mixture with multiple side-products, as determined by the chiral HPLC analysis (0.8 mg, <10%). A second purification by preparative TLC did not improved the purity of the sample, which precluded any e.e. determination.

1-(2-Bromophenyl)-2-methylnaphthalene 3d (from 1e and 2e)



Pathway I (from L3AuCl via B3")

In a vial were added complex L3AuCl (43.8 mg, 0.067 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2-bromophenylboronic acid 2e (13.5 mg, 0.067 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and CsF (20.4 mg, 0.13 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (2 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 2h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give a mixture of product 2-bromophenyl-[(4*S*)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) B3'' and starting L3AuCl (22.9 mg, 7:3 ratio determined by ³¹P NMR) as a white solid. This crude mixture which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 43.7.

Then, in a vial were added the mixture containing complex **B3**" (22.9 mg), 2-methyl-1-naphtalene diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1e** (7.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.5 mg, 0.6 μ mol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (cyclohexane, R_f: 0.5) to give product **3d** (1.0 mg, 3.3 μ mol, 5% over the two steps) as a white solid. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK IB column (5 μ m, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min): +3% ee (retention times: 8.9 min and



9.4 min, plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3d** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case).



| # | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV-sec] | Height [µV] | Area% |
|---|----|----------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 9 | 8,867 | 2092518 | 165689 | 51,492 |
| 2 | 9 | 9,373 | 1971278 | 135170 | 48,508 |

e) Experiments with L4AuCl

Chloro[(S)[(Sp)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]-4-isopropyloxazoline] gold(I) L4AuCl



Under inert atmosphere, (S)[(Sp)-2-(Diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]-4isopropyloxazoline (48.1)L4 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (29.5 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq.) were dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred in the dark for 2 hours. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was triturated in pentane to give product L4AuCl (49.8 mg, 0.089 mmol, 70%) as a yellow solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.77-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.53-7.36 (m, 8H), 5.07(br s, 1H), 4.49 (br s, 1H), 4.42 (s, 5H), 4.29-4.24 (m, 1H),

3.87-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.65 (m, 2H), 1.93 (dq, J = 13.3 Hz, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 30.5. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.0, 134.9 (d, J = 14.5 Hz), 132.9 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 131.9, 131.8 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 131.1 (d, J = 2.1 Hz), 131.0, 130.2, 128.8 (d, J = 14.2 Hz), 128.7 (d, J = 15.0 Hz), 76.2 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 75.4 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 74.3 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 73.5, 72.2, 71.5 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 71.2, 70.3, 70.2, 32.3, 20.0, 18.2. HRMS (ESI/TOF⁺) C₂₈H₂₈AuClFeNOP [M+H]⁺ calculated 714.0684 found 714.0710.

2-Methoxy-1,1'-binaphthalene 3b (from L4AuCl via B4)



In a vial were added complex L4AuCl (17.8 mg, 0.025 mmol, 1.0 eq.), 2methoxy-1-naphtaleneboronic acid 2b (7.6 mg, 0.0375 mmol, 1.5 eq.) and CsF (7.6 mg, 0.05 mmol, 2.0 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at 50°C for 16h. The mixture was filtered throught a celite pad and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. Then, the residue was triturated with pentane to give the intermediate crude product 2-methoxynaphtyl-[(*S*)[(*S*p)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]-4-

isopropyloxazoline]gold(I) **B4** (17.6 mg, 0.021 mmol, 84%) as a yellow solid, which was engaged in the following step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.94-7.88 (m, 2H), 7.80-7.73 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.49-7.46 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.14 (m, 1H), 5.15 (br s, 1H), 4.58 (s, 5H), 4.52-4.50 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.24 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.81-3.73 (m, 2H), 3.64-3.59 (m, 1H), 1.64 (dq, *J* = 13.1 Hz and *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 0.71 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.55 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 43.0.

Then, in a vial were added the complex **B4** (17.6 mg, 0.021 mmol, 1.0 eq), naphthalene-1-diazonium tetrafluoroborate **1b** (5.1 mg, 0.021 mmol, 1.0 eq.) and Ru(bpy)₃(PF₆)₂ (0.4 mg, 0.4 µmol, 0.02 eq.). The vial was purged three times with nitrogen and CH₃CN (1 mL) was added. The reaction was placed inside the turned-off photochemical reactor and stirred under blue light irradiation for 3h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (90/10 : cyclohexane/ethyl acetate, R_f : 0.7) to give product **3b** (3.1 mg, 0.011 mmol, 44% over the two steps) as a colorless oil. Enantiomeric excess was determined by Chiral HPLC analysis (CHIRAL PAK ID column (5µm, 4.6*250mm), isopropanol/hexane 2/98, flow rate 1.0mL/min): +26% ee (retention times: 5.0 min and 5.3 min, plus sign was arbitrary attributed if the major enantiomer of **3b** corresponded to the HLPC pic with the lower retention time, and minus sign in the opposite case).



f) ¹H, ¹³C NMR, ³¹P NMR and ¹⁹F NMR Spectra

Stoichiometric mechanistic investigations with L1AuCl

240 230 220

210 200 190

180 170

160 150 140 130 120

110 100

90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0







Asymmetric induction

Syntheses of diazonium salts *1b-e*









2-Methoxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1c





2-Bromobenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate 1d











Racemic experiments with Ph₃AuCl

2-Methoxynaphtyl(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) B5





2-Bromophenyl(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) B6





Experiments with L2AuCl

<u>Chloro[(*R*)-(-)-*N*,*N*-dimethyl-1-[(*S*)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine] gold(I) <u>L2AuCl</u></u>





<u>2-Methoxynaphtyl-[(R)-(-)-N,N-Dimethyl-1-[(S)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine]</u> gold(I) B2



[(Naphthyl)-((*R*)-(-)-*N*,*N*-Dimethyl-1-[(*S*)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]ethylamine)]chloro gold(III) tetrafluoroborate E2





<u>Chloro[(4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-</u>oxazole]gold(I) L3AuCl



<u>2-Methoxynaphtyl-[(4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1-methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) B3</u>





2-Methylnaphthyl-[(4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) B3'





2-Bromophenyl-[(4S)-2-[2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl]-4,5-dihydro-5,5-dimethyl-4-(1methylethyl)-oxazole]gold(I) B3''





Experiments with L4AuCl

<u>Chloro[(S)[(Sp)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]-4-isopropyloxazoline] gold(I) L4AuCl</u>







2-Methoxynaphtyl-[(S)[(Sp)-2-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocenyl]-4-isopropyloxazoline]gold(I) B4