Asymmetric Au(I)-Catalyzed Synthesis of Bicyclo[4.1.0]heptene Derivatives *via* a Cycloisomerization process of 1,6-enynes

Supporting Information

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General information

All manipulations were carried out under argon atmosphere. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR were recorded on a Bruker AV 300 instrument. All signals were expressed as ppm (δ) and internally referenced to residual protio solvent signals. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hz and refer to apparent peak multiplicities. Mass spectrometry analyses (direct introduction by chemical ionization with ammoniac or electrospray) were performed at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Paris. High resolution mass spectra were performed at the University Pierre and Marie Curie (Paris). The circular dichroism was performed are the University Pierre and Marie Curie on a Jasco J-815 CD spectrometer equipped with a Jasco CDF-426L Peltier thermostat (2 mm quartz cell). Enantiomeric excesses were determined by High pressure liquid chromatography analyses (HPLC) on Waters instruments (Waters 486 detector, 717 autosampler equipped with Daicel Chiralcel OD-H, OJ and Chiralpak AD and AS-H, $\lambda = 215$ nm). Optical rotation measurements were conducted on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter at 589 nm. Rotatory strengths (R) and static Optical Rotation (a) were computed using the Development Version of the Gaussian code¹ at DFT level using the hybrid PBE0 functional² and the 6-31+G(d) basis.

Enynes 1a, $^{3}1d$, 4 and $1k^{5}$ were prepared in analogy with published procedures. Other enynes were prepared from (3-prop-2-ynyloxy-propenyl)-benzo[1,3]dioxole⁷ via a Sonogashira cross-coupling.⁸ The chiral gold complex (*R*)-4-MeO-3,5-(*t*-Bu)₂-MeOBIPHEP-(AuCl)₂ was prepared according to literature procedure.⁹

Standard procedure for the Sonogashira cross-coupling

Under an inert atmosphere (Ar) CuI (10% eq.), $[Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2]$ (5% eq.) were added to a solution of the aryl iodide (1.3 eq.), enyne (1 eq.) in diisopropylamine (1 mol/L). The mixture was stirred at RT (0.5 to 2 hours) until completion of the reaction. After hydrolysis with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, the aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with AcOEt. The organic phase is washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and then evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by silica gel flash chromatography to give the desired product.

(E)-5-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 1b



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 80/20) $R_f = 0.54$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.42-7.24$ (m, 5H), 6.99 (dd, *J*=8.0Hz, *J*=1.6Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J*=1.4Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J*=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J*=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dt, *J*=15.9Hz, *J*=6.1Hz, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J*=6.2Hz, *J*=1.4Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 148.0$, 147.3, 136.6 (Cq), 133.2 (CH), 128.5 (2C), 127.7, 126.5 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 125.3 (CH), 115.8 (Cq), 111.8, 108.4 (CH), 101.3 (CH₂), 86.2 (C=C), 83.4 (C=C), 70.3 (CH₂), 57.9 (CH₂). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₃: 292.1099; found: 338.2136.

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(*E*)-1-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene 1c



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.59$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.43-7.40$ (m, 2H), 7.36-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t, J=0.6Hz, 2H), 6.97 (t, J=0.9Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dt, J=15.9Hz, J=6.2Hz, 1H), 4.43 (s, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J=6.2Hz, J=3.0Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 6H).¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 137.8 (2C), 136.6 (Cq), 133.2, 130.3, 129.5 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 127.7, 126.5 (2C). 125.4 (CH), 122.2 (Cq), 86.7 (C=C), 84.3 (C=C), 70.2 (CH₂), 57.9 (CH₂), 21.1 (2C) (CH₃). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O: 276.1514; found: 338.2136.

(E)-methyl 4-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)benzoate 1e



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.27$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.99$ (d. J=6.7Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, J=6.7Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 5H), 6.68 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dt, J=15.9Hz, J=6.2Hz, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J=6.2Hz, J=1.4Hz, 2H), 3.92 (s, 3H).¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 166.5 (C=O), 136.5 (Cq), 133.4, 131.7 (2C), 129.7 (2C) (CH), 129.4 (Cq), 128.5 (2C), 127.9 (CH), 127.3 (Cq), 126.5 (2C), 125.1 (CH), 88.2 (C=C), 85.6 (C=C), 70.5 (CH₂), 57.8 (CH₂), 52.2 (CH₃). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₂₀H₁₈O₃: 306.1256; found: 338.2136.

(E)-1-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)-4-nitrobenzene 1f



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 98/2) $R_f = 0.09$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 8.17$ (d, J=8.8Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J=8.9Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.68 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dt, J=15.9Hz, J=6.2Hz, 1H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J=7.5Hz, J=1.3Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 147.2, 136.4 (Cq), 133.6, 132.4 (2C) (CH), 129.4 (Cq), 128.6 (2C), 127.9, 126.5 (2C), 124.9, 123.5 (2C) (CH), 90.7 (C=C), 84.5 (C=C), 70.8 (CH₂), 57.7 (CH₂). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₈H₁₅O₃N: 293.1052; found: 338.2136.

(E)-1-bromo-3-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)benzene 1g



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.51$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.60$ (t, J=1.7Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J=7.8Hz, J=1.8Hz, J=0.9Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.73 (m, 6H), 7.18 (t, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dt, J=15.9Hz, J=6.2Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.30 (dd, J=6.2Hz, J=1.3Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 136.5 (Cq), 134.5, 133.4, 131.6, 130.3, 129.7, 128.5 (2C), 127.8, 126.5 (2C), 125.1 (CH), 124.6, 122.0 (Cq), 86.6 (C=C), 84.8 (C=C), 70.5 (CH₂), 57.7 (CH₂). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₈H₁₅OBr: 326.0306; found: 338.2136.

(E)-5-(3-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyloxy)prop-1-enyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 1h



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.23$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.98$ (dt, J=8.5Hz, J=1.6Hz, 2H), 7.50 (dt, J=8.5Hz, J=1.6Hz, 2H), 6.93 (d, J=1.8Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J=7.8, J=1.5Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J=8.0Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dt, J=15.8Hz, J=6.4Hz, 1H), 5.95 (t, J=1.1Hz, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.27 (dd, J=6.3Hz, J=1.4Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 148.0, 147.4 (Cq), 133.1, 131.8 (2C) (CH), 131.0 (Cq), 128.4, 128.2 (2C), 123.2 (CH), 122.6 (Cq), 121.3, 108.3, 105.8 (CH), 101.1 (CH₂), 86.3 (C=C), 85.1 (C=C), 70.3, 57.8 (CH₂). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₃: 292.1099; found: 338.2136.

(E)-5-(3-(3-(3-bromophenyl)prop-2-ynyloxy)prop-1-enyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 1i



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.23$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.59$ (t, J=1.7Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd, J=8.1Hz, J=2.1Hz, J=1.2Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dt, J=7.8Hz, 1.2Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J=8.1Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, J=1.8, 1H), 6.83 (dd, J=7.8Hz, J=1.5Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J=7.8Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J=15.9Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dt, J=15.8Hz, J=6.3Hz, 1H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.26 (dd, J=6.3Hz, J=1.4Hz, 2H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 148.0, 147.4$ (Cq), 134.4, 133.2, 131.6 (CH), 131.0 (Cq), 130.2, 129.7 (CH), 124.6 (Cq), 123.3 (CH), 122.1 (Cq), 108.3, 105.8 (CH), 101.1 (CH₂), 86.6 (C=C), 84.8 (C=C), 70.5, 57.7 (CH₂). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for $C_{19}H_{15}O_3Br$: 370.0205; found: 338.2136.

(*E*)-(3-(pent-2-ynyloxy)prop-1-enyl)benzene 1j



General Procedure for Au(I) -catalyzed cycloisomerization reactions of envnes.

A mixture of L-(AuCl)₂ (L=(R)-4-MeO-3,5-(t-Bu)₂MeOBIPHEP) (3 mol %) and AgOTf (6 mol %) in distilled toluene (0.5 M) was stirred under argon atmosphere at room temperature for 30 minutes. Envne (1 eq) was then added and the mixture stirred until completion of the reaction. The mixture was then filtered through a short pad of silica to eliminate the catalyst (EtOAc) and the solvents were concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 98/2 to 80/20 v/v) if necessary.

6-(4-methoxyphenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2a



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.55$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.06 - 6.97$ (m, 5H), 6.78-6.69 (m, 4H), 6.24 (d, J=5.9Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, J=5.9Hz, J=1.1Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J=10.5Hz, J=1.1Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J=10.5Hz, J=2.1Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.72 (d, J=5.9Hz, 1H), 2.38 (d, J=4.6Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 158.0 (Cq), 140.3 (CH), 137.8, 131.9 (Cq), 130.7 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 125.5, 113.6 (2C), 111.9 (CH), 61.4 (CH₂), 55.1 (CH₃), 37.2 (CH), 30.2 (Cq), 30.1 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₉H₁₈O₂: 278.1307; found: 338.2136.

Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel AS-H (hexane/isopropanol: 90/10, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 5.7 and 6.3 min. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$ -12.7 (CHCl₃, c 1.00) at 93% ee.

5-(7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-6-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 2b



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.51$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.09-7.04$ (m, 3H), 6.79 (dd, J=8.0Hz, J=1.5Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J=7.3Hz, 1H), 6.54(d, J=8.0Hz, 2H), 6.23 (d, J=5.2Hz, 1H), 5.86 (dd, J=5.2Hz, J=1.5Hz, 2H), 5.28 (d, J=5.6Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J=10.5Hz, *J*=1.2Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd, *J*=10.5Hz, *J*=1.8Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J*=6.0Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, *J*=5.3Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 146.3, 144.9 (Cq), 139.4 (CH), 136.5, 132.7 (Cq), 126.7 (2C), 126.5 (2C), 124.6, 121.9, 110.7, 109.2, 106.9 (CH), 99.7, 60.3 (CH₂), 36.3 (CH), 29.7 (Cq), 29.2 (CH).

HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₉H₁₆O₃: 292.1099; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determinated by HPLC using a Chiralcel AD (hexane/isopropanol: 95/5, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 7.0 and 7.7 min. $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$ –24.1 (CHCl₃, c 0.99) at 96% ee.

6-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2c



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.58$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.11-7.00$ (m, 3H), 6.81-6.75(m, 3H), 6.70-6.69 (m, 1H), 6.26 (d, J=5.7Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dd, J=5.9Hz, J=0.9Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J=10.7Hz, J=1.4Hz, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J=10.7Hz, J=2.1Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J=6.0Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J=6.3Hz, J=1.2Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 140.4$ (CH), 139.5, 137.8 (Cq), 137.5, 128.0, 127.7 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 125.5, 111.8 (CH) 61.4 (CH₂), 37.3 (CH), 30.7 (Cq), 30.0 (CH), 21.2 (2C), (CH₃). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₂₀H₂₀O: 276.1514; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/isopropanol: 99.5/0.5, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 8.2 and 9.0 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +6.6 (CHCl₃, c 0.51) at 94% *ee*.

6,7-diphenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2d



¹H, ¹³C and mass spectroscopy data for compound **2d** were identical to literature values (Blum, J.; Beer-Kraft. H.; Badrieh. Y. J. Org. Chem. 1995, 60, 5569). Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/isopropanol: 95/5, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 6.3 and 6.9 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +18.5 (CHCl₃, c 1.00) at 98% ee.



methyl 4-(7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-6-yl)benzoate 2e



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.34$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.83$ (dd, *J*=6.6Hz, *J*=1.9Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 3H), 6.75 (dd, *J*=6.6Hz, *J*=1.9Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d, *J*=6.0Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, *J*=6.0Hz, *J*=1.1Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, *J*=1.2Hz 1H), 4.09 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, ³*J*=2.1Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, *J*=6Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, *J*=5.3Hz, *J*=0.6Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 166.9$ (C=O), 145.1 (Cq), 141.1 (CH), 136.9 (Cq), 129.6 (2C), 129.5 (2C) (CH), 128.2 (Cq), 127.8 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 125.9, 110.4 (CH), 61.2 (CH₂), 51.9

(CH₃), 37.8 (CH), 30.7 (Cq), 29.4 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for $C_{20}H_{18}O_3$: 306.1256; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/isopropanol: 90/10, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 7.7 and 9.3 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –13.8 (CHCl₃, c 0.68) at 94% *ee*.

6-(4-nitrophenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2f



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 90/10) $R_f = 0.28$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 8.01$ (d, J = 11.4Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 3H), 6-80-6.77 (m, 2H), 6.32 (d, J = 6.0Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, J = 6.1Hz, J = 0.9Hz, 1H), 4.43 (dd, J = 10.7Hz, J = 1.2Hz, 1H), 4.10 (dd, J = 10.7Hz, J = 2.0Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 6.1Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 6.1Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 147.6$, 146.4 (Cq), 141.6 (CH), 136.3 (Cq), 130.3 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 126.3, 123.4 (2C), 109.4 (CH), 61.1 (CH₂), 38.1 (CH), 30.5 (Cq), 29.4 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₈H₁₅O₃N:

293.1052; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel AD (hexane/isopropanol: 95/5, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 10.6 and 12.0 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –8.2 (CHCl₃, c 1.09) at 96% *ee*.

6-(3-bromophenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2g



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.66$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.27-7.23$ (m, 2H), 7.03 -7.03 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J*=7.3Hz, 1H), 6.94(dt, *J*=7.8Hz, *J*=1.5Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dt, *J*=6.3Hz, *J*=2.1Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, *J*=6.0Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, *J*=6.0Hz, *J*=1.1Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, *J*=1.2Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, *J*=2.1Hz, 1H), 2.78 (d, *J*=6.0Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dt, *J*=6.0Hz, *J*=0.7Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 142.2$ (Cq), 140.9 (CH), 136.9 (Cq), 132.7, 129.7, 129.5, 128.4, 127.8 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 125.9 (CH), 122.1 (Cq), 110.6 (CH) 61.2 (CH₂), 37.4 (CH), 30.4 (Cq),

29.6 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₈H₁₅OBr: 326.0306; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/isopropanol: 90/10, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 5.9 and 6.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –24.8 (CHCl₃, c 1.00) at 95% *ee*.

5-(6-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-7-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 2h



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.33$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.19-7.7.08$ (m, 5H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, J=8.0, J=1.8Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 5.2Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 2H), 5.35 (dd, J=6.0Hz, J=1.0Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J=10.5Hz, 1AH), 4.05 (dd, J=10.5Hz, 1J, J=1.9Hz, 1H), 2.70 (d, J=5.9Hz, 1H), 2.37 (d, J=6.6Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 147.1$, 145.5 (Cq), 140.5 (CH), 139.7, 131.5 (Cq), 129.5 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 126.4, 120.9, 111.4, 108.1, 107.6 (CH), 100.6, 61.3 (CH₂), 37.1 (CH), 30.5 (Cq), 29.6 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃)

calculated for $C_{19}H_{16}O_3$: 292.1099; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel AS-H (hexane/isopropanol: 90/10 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 7.3 and 8.8 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +25.5 (CHCl₃, c=0.99) at 90% *ee*.

5-(6-(3-bromophenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-7-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 2i



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 95/5) $R_f = 0.28$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.26-7.7.23$ (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, *J*=7.6Hz, 1H), 6.96 (dt, *J*=7.5Hz, *J*=1.3Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, *J*=8.0, *J*=1.7Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, *J* = 5.2Hz, 2H), 5.83 (s, 2H), 5.28 (d, *J*=5.1Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, 1.1Hz, 1H), 4.03 (dd, *J*=10.6Hz, *J*=1.9Hz, 1H), 2.71 (d, *J*=6.0Hz, 1H), 2.35 (d, *J*=5.6Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 147.3$, 145.7, 142.2 (Cq), 140.9, 132.6 (CH), 130.6 (Cq), 129.6, 128.2, (CH), 122.2 (Cq), 121.0, 110.6, 108.1, 107.7 (CH), 100.8, 61.1 (CH₂), 37.4 (CH), 30.0 (Cq), 29.5 (CH). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₉H₁₅O₃Br: 370.0205; found: 338.2136.

Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel AD (hexane/isopropanol: 90/10, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 7.5 and 8.2 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22} - 11.0$ (CHCl₃, c 1.01) at 96% ee.

6-ethyl-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2j



TLC (cyclohexane/ethyl acetate: 98/2) $R_f = 0.63$. ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 7.30-7.24$ (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 3H), 6.28 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, J = 6.0Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J=10.4Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J=10.4Hz, 2.3Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J=5.9Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, J=5.9Hz, 1H), 1.32-1.23 (m, 1H), 1.00 (dq, J=7.1Hz, J=15.4Hz, 1H). ¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) : $\delta = 141.9$ (CH), 138.1 (Cq), 128.7 (2C), 127.9 (2C), 125.9, 109.5 (CH), 61.9 (CH₂), 35.9, 27.5 (CH), 24.8 (Cq), 24.4 (CH₂), 11.2 (CH₃). HRMS (CI-NH₃) calculated for C₁₄H₁₆O:

200.1201; found: 338.2136. Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/ispopropanol: 98/2, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 5.4 and 5.8 min. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{22}$ +56.3 (CHCl₃, c 0.53) at 91% ee.

6-phenyl-3-tosyl-3-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptane 2k



¹H, ¹³C and mass spectroscopy data for compound **2k** were identical to literature values (Fürstner, A.; Szillat, H.; Stelzer, F. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2000, 122, 6785). Product ratio was determined by HPLC using a Chiralcel OD-H (hexane/isopropanol: 99/1, 1.0 mL/min). The retention times for the two enantiomers were 23.5 and 28.4 min. $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ –68.0 (CHCl₃, c 0.59) at 98% *ee*.

(E)-5-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 1b





(E)-1-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)-3,5-dimethylbenzene 1c



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(E)-1-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)-4-nitrobenzene 1f



(E)-1-bromo-3-(3-(cinnamyloxy)prop-1-ynyl)benzene 1g -Ph ,Br Ó 2.1141

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6-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2c



Methyl 4-(7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-6-yl)benzoate 2e



6-(4-nitrophenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2f





6-(3-bromophenyl)-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2g





5-(6-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-7-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 2h



5-(6-(3-bromophenyl)-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-en-7-yl)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 2i



6-Ethyl-7-phenyl-3-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]hept-4-ene 2j

