# Highly efficient desymmetrisation of a chromiumtricarbonyl dibromonaphthalene complex by asymmetric Suzuki-Miyaura coupling

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#### 1. General remarks

All reactions and manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere of argon or nitrogen. Solvents were purified on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> drying columns using a Solvtek system (unless otherwise noted) and further degassed by three successive "freeze-pump-thaw" cycles. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on a AMX-500 Bruker Avance spectrometer in the solvent indicated. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) relative to the TMS scale (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>:  $\delta_C \equiv 128.0$  ppm; residual C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>H:  $\delta_H \equiv 7.15$  ppm; CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_C \equiv 77.05$  ppm; residual CHCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta_H \equiv 7.26$  ppm; CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta_C \equiv 53.9$  ppm; residual CHDCl<sub>2</sub>:  $\delta_H \equiv 5.32$  ppm). Coupling constants *J* are quoted in Hz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer Spectrum One spectrophotometer using a diamond ATR Golden Gate sampler. Electron impact (EI) HRMS mass spectra were obtained using a *Finningan MAT 95* operating at 70eV. Electrospray ionization (ESI) HRMS analyses were measured on a VG analytical 7070E instrument. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin Elmer 241 polarimeter using a quartz cell (*l* = 10 cm) with a Na high-pressure lamp ( $\lambda = 589$  nm). Analytical HPLC was performed using an Alligent 1100 series with a JASCO PU–980 pump and Aligent 1100 Series detection system.

Commercially available chemicals were used as received unless otherwise stated: toluene purum (VWR), PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Acros), p-MePhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Acros), p-MeOPhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Acros),  $p-CF_3PhB(OH)_2$ (Aldrich), (*cis*-propenyl)B(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), (transcyclohexylvinyl)B(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), n-BuB(OH)<sub>2</sub> (Acros), KF (Aldrich, dried under vacuum), (t-Bu)<sub>3</sub>P (Acros, stored in glove-box), NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (Acros), LiBH<sub>4</sub> (Acros, stored in glove-box), DABCO (Fluka, sublimed under vacuum and stored in glove-box).  $Pd(dba)_2^{1}$  and  $[(t-Bu)_3PH][BF_4]^2$  were prepared according to reported procedures.  $[Cr(CO)_3(5,8-dibromonaphthalene)]$  (1), <sup>3</sup>  $[Cr(5-bromonaphthalene)(CO)_3]$  ((S)-3), <sup>4</sup>  $[Cr((5-phenyl)naphthalene)(CO)_3]$  ((S)-8a) <sup>5</sup> and phosphoramidite ligand L\*<sup>6</sup> were synthesised using our protocols. LiBH<sub>4</sub> solution in DME was prepared according to a literature procedure<sup>7</sup> and titrated before use by injecting an aliquot into a hydrolyzing mixture of glycerine and water and measuring the hydrogen gas evolved.

# 2. Representative procedure for the asymmetric Suzuki-Miyaura coupling

A Schlenk containing  $Pd(dba)_2$  (3.0 mg, 0.005 mmol, 5 mol%) and phosphoramidite ligand L\* (4.4 mg, 0.006 mmol, 6 mol%) was purged by three successive vacuum/Ar sequences and refilled with Ar. Degassed toluene (3 mL) was added and the solution was stirred for 45 min at room temperature. Then, the solution was cooled to 10 °C and stirred for an additional 20 min before adding complex 1 (42.8 mg, 0.101 mmol, 1 eq.), boronic acid 6 (0.502 mmol, 5 eq.) and KF (21.7 mg, 0.369 mmol, 3.5 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 10 °C for the amount of time indicated. The solution was filtered through silica gel under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, washed with toluene until no color remained and concentrated under vacuum The conversion was assessed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy and the enantioselectivity by HPLC.

Pure samples of compounds **4a-g** and **5a-g** were obtained after flash chromatography on silica gel (cyclohexane/toluene 3:1) or alternatively by preparative HPLC (Chiralcel OD, hexane:*i*PrOH 99:1; 3 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm).

#### Coupling with PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6a:

**4a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.25-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.4, 140.5, 138.1, 130.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 122.9, 106.6, 103.4, 91.9, 91.7, 89.4, 87.8. IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1946, 1850, 1358, 1159, 849, 621. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 417.9297, found: 417.9294. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 10.8 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 11.6 min.

**5a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32-7.19 (m, 10H), 6.88 (s, 2H), 5.76 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.55 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.8 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  232.2, 140.6, 138.8, 130.6, 130.2, 130.0, 128.5, 105.3, 92.2, 89.2. IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1963, 1889, 1267, 751, 728. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 416.0505, found: 416.0497. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 9.5 min.

#### Coupling with *p*-MePhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6b:

**4b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.04 (br d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H + 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (dd, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (ddd, J = 6.8, 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (ddd, J = 6.8, 6.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.5, 140.7, 138.2, 135.2, 131.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.6, 122.7, 106.7, 104.0, 92.1, 92.1, 89.8, 88.3, 21.1. IR ( $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3108, 3023, 2921, 1944, 1885, 1844, 1468, 1360, 816, 662, 623, 511. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 431.9453, found: 431.9450. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL. min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda$ = 355 nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 8.5 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 9.4 min.

**5b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.96 (s, 2H), 5.88 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  232.4, 140.6, 137.9, 136.0, 130.0, 128.4, 128.3, 105.6, 92.2, 89.4, 21.1. IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1962, 1887, 1265, 751, 705. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 444.0818, found: 444.0812. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 7.0 min.

#### Coupling with *p*-MeOPhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6c:

**4c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.21-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.5, 160.2, 140.5, 131.0, 130.9, 128.6, 122.5, 114.5, 106.8, 104.0, 92.2, 92.1, 89.8, 88.3, 54.9. IR ( $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ): 1953, 1856, 1607, 1508, 1246, 1028, 828, 622. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>BrCrO<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 447.9402, found: 447.9393. HPLC (Pirkle Covalent; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 8.9 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 9.9 min.

**5c:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.40-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 5.91 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.95 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  232.5, 160.1, 140.3, 131.2, 131.0, 128.4, 114.5, 105.8, 92.3, 89.5, 54.9. IR ( $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1962, 1882, 1273, 1251, 759, 720. HRMS: *m/z* (EI) calcd. for

 $C_{27}H_{20}CrO_5 [M]^+$ : 476.0716, found: 476.0712. HPLC (Pirkle Covalent; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 13.1 min.

#### Coupling with *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>PhB(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6d:

**4d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7-17 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (2td, J = 5.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.1, 141.6, 138.6, 130.6, 130.5 (q, <sup>2</sup> $J_{C-F}$  = 32.4 Hz), 130.1, 128.7, 123.8, 125.9, 125.7 (q, <sup>1</sup> $J_{C-F}$  = 271.7 Hz), 106.0, 103.4, 92.3, 92.0, 89.7, 87.2. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>10</sub>F<sub>3</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 485.9170, found: 485.9165. HPLC (Chiralpak AD; hexane:*i*PrOH 99:1; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda$  = 355 nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 12.3 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 14.1 min.

**5d:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.32-7.17 (m, 4H), 6.69 (s, 2H), 5.41 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.59 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.7, 142.0, 139.7, 130.6 (q, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>C-*F*</sub> = 32.4 Hz), 130.3, 128.1, 125.9 (br), 124.8 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>C-*F*</sub> = 271.7 Hz), 104.5, 92.3, 88.3. IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1966, 1893, 1324, 1220, 752, 710. HRMS: *m*/*z* (EI) calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>14</sub>F<sub>6</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 552.0252, found: 552.0245. HPLC (Chiralpak AD; hexane:*i*PrOH 99:1; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda$  = 355 nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 10.3 min.

#### Coupling with (*cis*-propenyl)B(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6e:

**4e:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.01 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dq, J = 11.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (2t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (dd, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.4, 135.3, 131.2, 130.9, 128.0, 125.2, 121.8, 106.0, 104.4, 92.1, 91.8, 89.6, 87.1, 14.5. IR ( $v_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1945, 1850, 1345, 1238, 854, 660, 621, 508. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 381.9297, found: 381.9294. HPLC (Chiralpak AS-H; gradient hexane:*i*PrOH from 99:1 to 90:10; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda$  = 355 nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 14.4 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 15.8 min.

**5e:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  6.86 (s, 2H), 6.44 (dd, J = 11.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.82 (dq, J = 11.4, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (dd, J = 5.2, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.59

(dd, J = 7.0, 1.4 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  232.3, 134.4, 130.5, 127.7, 125.9, 105.2, 91.9, 88.1, 14.6. IR ( $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1963, 1889, 502, 465. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 344.0505, found: 344.0500. HPLC (Chiralpak AS-H; gradient hexane:*i*PrOH from 99:1 to 90:10; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 10.8 min.

#### Coupling with (trans-cyclohexylvinyl)B(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6f:

**4f:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.07 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (2td, J = 6.3, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 2.08-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 4H), 1.27-1.22 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.08 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 231.5, 143.4, 137.5, 131.5, 125.2, 122.5, 121.4, 104.7, 104.4, 92.1, 91.8, 89.7, 86.4, 41.8, 32.9, 32.9, 26.3, 26.2, 26.2. IR ( $v_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ): 2921, 2850, 1940, 1869, 1448, 960, 660, 624, 511. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 449.9923, found: 449.9919. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>; λ = 355 nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 7.4 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 8.7 min.

**5f:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 6.05 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.83 (dd, J = 4.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, J = 4.9, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.06-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.85-1.60 (m, 10H), 1.30-1.13 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 232.5, 142.4, 136.4, 125.5, 123.3, 104.1, 91.8, 87.5, 41.8, 33.1, 33.0, 26.4, 26.3, 26.3. IR ( $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ ): 2920, 2849, 1952, 1868, 1446, 961, 621. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>32</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 480.1757, found: 480.1754. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; hexane:*i*PrOH 95:5; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 5.7 min.

#### Coupling with *n*-BuB(OH)<sub>2</sub> 6g:

**4g:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.04 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.33 (dd, J = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (2td, J = 6.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.39-1.28 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.15 (m, 2H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  231.6, 139.8, 131.2, 127.0, 120.9, 106.0, 104.5, 92.0, 91.9, 90.1, 86.1, 32.1, 31.1, 22.8, 14.0. IR ( $\nu_{max}$ /cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2954, 2932, 2870, 1950, 1857, 1359, 1226, 835, 620, 501. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrCrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 397.9610, found:

397.9610. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; gradient hexane:*i*PrOH from 99:1 to 90:10; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R1</sub> = 13.6 min, t<sub>R2</sub> = 15.5 min.

**5g:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  6.75 (s, 2H), 5.64 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 2H), 2.70-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.59-2.51 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.22 (m, 4H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  232.8, 137.7, 127.1, 105.6, 91.9, 87.7, 32.3, 31.5, 22.9, 14.1. IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2927, 2959, 2859, 1949, 1866, 1414, 1377, 844, 624, 511. HRMS: m/z (EI) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>CrO<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>: 376.1131, found: 376.1123. HPLC (Chiralcel OD-H; gradient hexane:*i*PrOH from 99:1 to 90:10; 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>;  $\lambda = 355$  nm): t<sub>R</sub> = 9.0 min.

#### 3. Monitoring experiment

The asymmetric Suzuki-Miyaura coupling of complex 1 with  $PhB(OH)_2$  (5a) was monitored by means of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and chiral HPLC.

Table S1 Monitoring experiment at +10 °C

	Br Cr(CO)-	PhB(Ol Pd(db (S, <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> KF Br	H) <sub>2</sub> <b>6a</b> (5 eq.) a) <sub>2</sub> (5 mol%) )-L* (6 mol%) (3.5 eq.) ne, 10 ℃, <i>t</i>	Br, Ph	Ph - cr(CO)	Ph
	1			(S) <b>-4a</b>	5a	
Entry	t/h	$\frac{1}{(\%)^a}$	4a (%) <sup><i>a</i></sup>	5a $(\%)^a$	$ee 4a$ $(\%)^b$	<b>4a/5a</b> <sup>a</sup>
1	0.5	74	23	3	87	88/12
2	1	50	42	8	87	83/17
3	2	34	53	12	89	81/19
4	4	10	62	28	91	69/31
5	8	2	54	44	95	55/45
6	24	2	35	63	99	36/64

<sup>*a*</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. <sup>*b*</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC.



#### 4. Competition experiment

A competition experiment between  $[Cr(CO)_3(5,8-dibromonaphthalene)]$  (1) and free 1,4dibromonaphthalene was carried out to assess the activation effect of the tricarbonylchromium fragment (Scheme S1). Under standard conditions, the major compound formed was **4a**. The rest of the mixture was composed of unreacted starting materials, bisphenylated complex **5a** and 1-bromo-4-phenylnaphthalene. This result showcases the strong influence of the tricarbonylchromium moiety. Whilst the latter is not directly bound to the dibrominated ring, the reactivity is greatly enhanced compared to the free ligand system.



Scheme S1

## 5. $[Pd(\eta^{3}-allyl)(1,2-\eta-Ph-L^{*}-\kappa P)][SbF_{6}](7)^{8}$

A CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (5 mL) of ligand (R,S,S)-L\* (138.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) was added dropwise to CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (5 mL) of [Pd(allyl)Cl]<sub>2</sub> (36.1 mg, 0.1 mmol) over 10 min at room temperature upon stirring. The resulting solution was added to AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (68 mg, 0.2 mmol), and the resulting slurry was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. AgCl was filtered off, and the filter was rinsed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The resulting clear solution was evaporated, and the white solid was washed with a small amount of diethyl ether (2x10 mL) and pentane (2x10 mL). Evaporation of the solvent gave the product as a pale beige microcrystalline powder (192 mg, 89% yield). Crystals suitable for an X-ray analysis were grown by layering cyclohexane over a dichloromethane solution.

mp 208-210°C (decomp.).  $[\alpha]_D = +249$  (c = 0.34 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 20 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 500 MHz, -85 °C):  $\delta$  8.30 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.82 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.73-7.70 (m, 4H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.63 – 7.45 (m, 22H), 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 18H), 7.15 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H)1H), 5.50 - 5.47 (m, 2H), 5.37 - 5.29 (m, 1H), 5.12 - 5.04 (m, 1H), 4.67 - 4.61 (m, 2H), 3.85 (dd, J = 14.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, J = 14.3 Hz, 1H),3.41 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.31 - 3.25 (m, 2H), 3.17 (dq, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (br s, 1H), 2.81 (br s1H), 2.65 (t, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.30 - 1.25 (m, 6H), 1.13 (s, 2H), 0.81 (br s, 3H), 0.73 (br s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 125 MHz, -85 °C):  $\delta$  144.52 (d, J = 15.6 Hz), 143.63 (d, J = 5.0 Hz), 143.54 (d, J = 5.2 Hz), 138.87 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 138.75 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 135.73 (d, J = 2.0Hz), 135.69, 135.29, 134.48, 132.74 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 132.46, 132.32 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 132.12, 132.05 (d, J = 2.0 Hz), 131.95 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 131.31 (d, J = 9.3 Hz), 131.11 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 130.90, 129.99 (d, J = 20.8 Hz), 129.52, 128.68, 128.54, 128.34 (d, J = 9.7Hz), 128.15 (d, J = 4.9 Hz), 127.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz), 127.54, 127.34 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 126.64, 126.57, 126.52, 126.46, 126.08 (d, J = 19.4 Hz), 124.45 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 124.31 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 122.84 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 122.72 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 121.94 (d, J = 9.8 Hz),121.49 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 111.42, 102.33, 99.14 (d, J = 41.2 Hz), 97.34 (d, J = 42.1 Hz), 55.31, 51.19 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 50.99 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 46.75, 22.45, 21.28 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 20.99 (d, J = 4.3 Hz), 18.90 (d, J = 12.4 Hz), 8.52. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 202 MHz, 25 °C):  $\delta$  145.0 (s, 49%), 143.2 (s, 51%). IR (v<sub>max</sub>/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3057, 2975, 1594, 1498, 1406, 1193, 1152, 1134, 1118, 1094, 1068, 1052, 1031, 960, 884, 858, 827, 766, 701, 653. HR-MS (ESI) for  $C_{51}H_{43}NO_2PPd$  [M-SbF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: calcd 838.2066, found 838.2051. Elemental analysis (%) calcd for C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>43</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>PPdSb (1075.04): C 56.98, H 4.03, N 1.30; found: C 56.24, H 3.91, N 1.23.



# 6. Spectroscopic and HPLC data





#	[min]	туре	[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%	
1	9.521	vv	0.3410	2210.98047	100.38602	33.3870	
2	10.848	VV	0.3518	151.45158	6.69742	2.2870	
3	11.686	VV	0.3903	3961.29565	157.05586	59.8177	
4	13.510	VV	0.4799	298.55249	9.46755	4.5083	













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.088 MM	0.2368	303.18427	21.34003	2.7453	I
.868 MM	0.2477	6467.32520	435.12698	58.5619	
.864 MM	0.5364	580.76648	18.04633	5.2589	
.096 MM	0.3707	3692.29248	166.00282	33.4339	
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Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=355,4 Ref=off

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.872	MM	0.3013	1667.68970	92.25213	33.3832
2	14.414	MM	0.3409	3105.21851	151.82996	62.1591
3	15.848	MM	0.3512	142.64473	6.76866	2.8554
4	19.366	MM	0.4265	80.04770	3.12813	1.6024







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Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=355,16 Ref=off

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1	5.743	ММ	0.3076	1235.51282	66.93975	28.3612
2	7.440	MM	0.2970	2629.98584	147.58998	60.3713
3	8.785	MM	0.4576	53.76768	1.95822	1.2342
4	14.119	MM	0.5000	437.08249	14.56855	10.0332







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