### NHC–Cu(I) Catalyzed Asymmetric Conjugate Silyl transfer to Unsaturated Lactones: Application in Kinetic Resolution

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#### **General Experimental**

All experiments were performed under an atmosphere of nitrogen, using anhydrous solvents, unless stated otherwise. THF was distilled from sodium / benzophenone. Dichloromethane was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were recorded using 300, 400 and 500 MHz spectrometers, with chemical shift values being reported in ppm relative to residual chloroform ( $\delta_{H}$  = 7.27 or  $\delta_{C}$  = 77.2) as internal standards. All coupling constants (*J*) are reported in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were obtained using positive and negative electrospray (ES±) or gas chromatography (GC) methodology. Infra-red spectra were recorded as evaporated films or neat using a FT/IR spectrometer. Column chromatography was carried out using 35 – 70 m, 60A silica gel. Routine TLC analysis was carried out on aluminium sheets coated with silica gel 60 F254, 0.2 mm thickness. Plates were viewed using a 254 mm ultraviolet lamp and dipped in aqueous potassium permanganate or *p*-anisaldehyde.

Chiral HPLC was carried out with Chiralcel OD-H, Chiralpak AD-H or Chiralpak IA columns, as indicated.

Selectivity values were calculated using<sup>1</sup>:

$$s = \frac{\ln[1 - C(1 + ee)]}{\ln[1 - C(1 - ee)]}$$

Reagents were either purchased directly from commercial suppliers or prepared according to literature procedures.

PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiB(pin) was prepared using a literature procedure.<sup>2</sup> 2-Chloro-3-iodoprop-1-ene was prepared using a literature method.<sup>3</sup> (Furan-2-yloxy)trimethylsilane was distilled before use.

#### Substrates:

Furan-2(5H)-one and 5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one were purchased from commercial suppliers, and used as received. 6,7-Dihydrooxepin-2(5H)-one, <sup>4</sup> (Z)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2H-oxocin-2-one, <sup>5</sup> benzo[b]oxepin-2(5H)-one, <sup>6</sup> 5-methylfuran-2(5H)-one, <sup>7</sup> 5-ethylfuran-2(5H)-one, <sup>8</sup> 5-butylfuran-2(5H)-one, <sup>9</sup> 5-pentylfuran-2(5H)-one, <sup>8</sup> 5-allylfuran-2(5H)-one, <sup>10</sup> 5-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one<sup>8</sup> and 5-benzylfuran-2(5H)-one<sup>8</sup> were prepared using literature procedures.

#### 5-(2-Chloroallyl)furan-2(5H)-one



To a stirred solution of silver triflate (2.14 g, 8.32 mmol, 1.3 equiv) in  $CH_2CI_2$  (15 mL), was added (furan-2-yloxy)trimethylsilane (1.08 mL, 6.40 mmol, 1 equiv) and 2-chloro-3-iodoprop-1-ene (1.67 g, 8.32 mmol, 1.3 equiv) at -78 °C and left to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The crude mixture was then vacuum filtered through celite. Concentration *in vacuo* and separation by column chromatography (silica gel, 15 % EtOAc in hexanes) gave the title compound as a dark brown oil (512 mg, 3.24 mmol, 51 %).

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 158 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl: 159.0208. Found: 159.0208;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2959, 2932, 1739, 1717, 1427, 1246, 1148, 1119, 1065; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 2.71 (1 H, dd, *J* = 14.8, 6.3 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 2.81 (1 H, dd, *J* = 14.2, 6.9 Hz, *CH*<sub>2</sub>), 5.29 - 5.36 (2 H, m, CCl=*CH*<sub>2</sub>), 5.37 (1 H, m, CHO), 6.18 (1 H, dd, *J* = 5.7, 1.9 Hz, CH=*CH*C=O), 7.55 (1 H, dd, *J*=5.7, 1.6 Hz, *CH*=CHC=O); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  43.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 80.1 (CHO), 116.8 (CCl=*C*H<sub>2</sub>), 122.2 (CH=*C*HC=O), 135.6 (*C*Cl=CH<sub>2</sub>), 155.0 (*C*H=CHC=O), 172.4 (C=O).

#### Ligands:

**L1-8** were prepared using literature routes.<sup>11,12</sup>

Representative procedure for the synthesis of imidazolinium salts:

**Representative Suzuki procedure:** 

#### 2-(2-Bromophenyl)anthracene



Bromo-2-iodobenzene (1.27 g, 4.50 mmol, 1 equiv), anthracen-2-ylboronic acid (1.0 g, 4.50 mmol, 1 equiv),  $K_2CO_3$  (1.24 g, 9.01 mmol, 2 equiv) and  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$  (156 mg, 0.135 mmol, 3 mol %) were placed in a microwave vial and capped. Toluene (5 mL) and  $H_2O$  (5 mL) were added and the reaction mixture was irradiated in a microwave reactor at 150 °C for 3 hours. The solution was allowed to

cool, the organic layer was then dried ( $Na_2CO_3$ ) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes) to yield 2-(2-bromophenyl)anthracene as a cream solid (1.29 g, 3.87 mmol, 86 %).

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 333 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br: 332.0195. Found: 332.0183;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3052, 3018, 2963, 2926, 1673, 1624, 1591, 1560, 1528, 1469, 1452, 1437, 1422, 1360, 1327, 1312, 1285, 1274, 1248, 1216, 1157, 1117, 1023, 1011; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 7.24 - 7.31 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.43 (1 H, td, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.47 - 7.49 (1 H, m, Ar*H*) 7.50 (1 H, d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.57 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.74 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 0.9 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.97 - 8.10 (4 H, m, Ar*H*), 8.46 (2 H, s, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  125.5 (Ar CH), 126.1 (Ar CH), 126.6 (Ar CH), 127.4 (Ar CH), 127.5 (Ar CH), 127.6 (Ar CH), 128.2 (Ar CH), 128.2 (Ar CH); mp 138.6 °C (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

#### **Representative Buchwald-Hartwig procedure:**

#### (1R,2S)-N1,N2-bis(2-(Anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine



2-(2-Bromophenyl)anthracene (1.29 g, 3.87 mmol, 2.2 equiv), (1*S*,2*S*)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2diamine (374 mg, 1.76 mmol, 1 equiv), NaOBu-*t* (372 mg, 3.87 mmol, 2.2 equiv), *rac*-BINAP (219 mg, 0.352 mmol 20 % mol) and Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> (101 mg, 0.176 mmol, 10 % mol) were added to a microwave vial and the vial was capped. The vial was then evacuated and backfilled with argon three times.  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ -Trifluorotoluene (10 mL) was then added and the reaction mixture irradiated in a microwave reactor at 110 °C for 6 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool, filtered through a plug of celite and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude mixture was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 5 % EtOAc in Hexanes) to afford (1*S*,2*S*)-*N*1,*N*2-*bis*(2-(anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine as a thick yellow oil (757 mg, 1.056 mmol, 60 %). MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 717 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 717.3265. Found: 717.3271;  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -117.3$  (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3408, 3050, 3021, 2955, 2924, 2854, 1626, 1600, 1578, 1502, 1452, 1306, 1275, 1215, 1160, 1132, 1068, 1025; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 4.6 (2 H, s, *CHCH*), 6.2 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, Ar*H*), 6.7 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, Ar*H*), 6.8 - 6.9 (4 H, m, Ar*H*), 6.9 - 7.0 (6 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.0 - 7.1 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.1 (2 H, dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.5 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.3 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, Ar*H*), 7.5 - 7.6 (4 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.8 (2 H, s, Ar*H*), 8.0 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, Ar*H*), 8.0 - 8.1 (4 H, m, Ar*H*), 8.4 (2 H, s, Ar*H*), 8.5 (2 H, s, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  63.9 (CH), 125.6 (Ar C), 125.7 (Ar C), 126.2 (Ar C), 126.4 (Ar C), 126.7 (Ar C), 127.3 (Ar C), 127.5 (Ar C), 128.2 (Ar C), 128.3 (Ar C), 128.5 (Ar C), 128.5 (Ar C), 128.5 (Ar C), 129.9 (Ar C), 130.7 (Ar C), 131.8 (Ar C), 131.9 (Ar C), 132.0 (Ar C).

#### **Representative cyclization procedure:**

# (4*S*,5*S*)-1,3-*bis*(2-(Anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-3-ium tetrafluoroborate



(15,25)-*N*1,*N*2-*bis*(2-(Anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine (757 mg, 1.06 mmol, 1 equiv), NH<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> (166 mg, 1.58 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and triethyl orthoformate (2.34 mL) were heated to 130 °C for 4 hours with stirring. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by column chromatography (silica gel, 80 % EtOAc in hexanes) to afford (4*S*,5*S*)-1,3-*bis*(2-(anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-3-ium tetrafluoroborate (**L10**) as a yellow solid, which was then triturated with  $CH_2Cl_2/Hexane$  to give a cream-white solid (766 mg, 0.940 mmol, 89 %).

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 728 (M-BF<sub>4</sub>+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>55</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 727.3108. Found: 727.3109;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 50.5$  (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3058, 2961, 2924, 2853, 1731, 1672, 1597, 1573, 1530, 1495, 1456, 1304, 1265, 1217, 1185, 1158, 1057; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 4.63 (2 H, s, CHCH), 6.44 (4 H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 6.66 (4 H, t, J = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 6.91 (2 H, t, J = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.25 - 7.35 (6 H, m, ArH), 7.40 - 7.47 (4 H, m, ArH), 7.54 - 7.59 (4 H, m, ArH), 8.05 - 8.10 (4 H, m, ArH), 8.11 - 8.18 (4 H, m, ArH), 8.48 (2 H, s, ArH), 8.68 (2 H, br. s, ArH), 9.39 (1 H, s, N=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  75.1 (CH), 126.1 (Ar CH), 126.3 (Ar C), 126.4 (Ar CH), 127.1 (Ar CH), 127.7 (Ar CH), 128.2 (Ar CH), 128.3 (Ar CH), 128.5 (Ar CH), 128.8 (Ar CH), 129.3 (Ar CH), 129.5 (Ar CH), 129.6 (Ar CH), 130.0 (Ar CH), 130.6 (Ar C),

131.2 (Ar CH), 131.2 (Ar C), 131.7 (Ar C), 132.2 (Ar C), 132.4 (Ar C), 133.6 (Ar C), 134.5 (Ar C), 137.8 (Ar C), 157.4 (N=C); mp 190.4 °C (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

#### 2-(2-Bromo-4-isopropylphenyl)naphthalene



Prepared according to the representative Suzuki procedure.

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 324 (M); HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Br: 324.0508. Found: 324.0504;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2958, 2924, 2866, 1909, 1602, 1490, 1459, 1397, 1362, 1345, 1325, 1268, 1208, 1191, 1129, 1055, 1020, 1012; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.41 (6 H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 3.03 (1 H, spt, *J* = 6.9 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 7.34 (1 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz, ArH), 7.45 (1 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.60 (2 H, dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.4 Hz, ArH), 7.69 (2 H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.5 Hz, ArH) 7.93 - 8.02 (4 H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 33.6 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)), 122.6 (Ar C), 125.6 (Ar CH), 126.1 (Ar CH), 126.1 (Ar CH), 127.2 (Ar CH), 127.6 (Ar CH), 127.7 (Ar CH), 128.1 (Ar CH), 128.2 (Ar CH), 131.1 (Ar CH), 131.4 (Ar CH), 132.5 (Ar C), 133.0 (Ar C), 138.6 (Ar C), 139.8 (Ar C), 149.9 (Ar C); mp 78.8 °C (hexane).

#### (1R,2S)-N1,N2-bis(5-Isopropyl-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-1,2-diphenylethane-1,2-diamine



Prepared according to the representative Buchwald-Hartwig procedure.

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 701 (M+H<sup>+</sup>); HRMS calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 791.3891. Found: 701.3885;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$  = -190.1 (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3056, 3028, 2957, 2929, 2865, 2241, 2165, 1733, 1717, 1699, 1684, 1653, 1636, 1609, 1566, 1541, 1520, 1507, 1499, 1456, 1424, 1362, 1344, 1298, 1271, 1197, 1271, 1197, 1142, 1129; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.96 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.01 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (2 H, spt, *J* = 6.8 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.54 (2 H, s, CHCH), 6.10 (2 H, br. s., NH), 6.58 (2 H, d, *J*=7.7 Hz, ArH), 6.86 - 7.11 (4 H, m, ArH), 7.32 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, ArH), 7.50 - 7.59 (4

H, m, Ar*H*), 7.63 (2 H, s, Ar*H*), 7.73 - 7.83 (4 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.86 - 7.95 (2 H, m, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 23.4 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 23.9 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 33.8 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 63.7 (CH), 110.5 (Ar C), 115.4 (Ar C), 126.0 (Ar CH), 126.2 (Ar CH), 126.6 (Ar CH), 127.3 (Ar CH), 127.7 (Ar CH), 127.8 (Ar CH), 128.0 (Ar CH), 128.4 (Ar CH), 128.4 (Ar CH), 129.7 (Ar CH), 132.4 (Ar C), 133.8 (Ar C), 136.6 (Ar C), 139.6 (Ar C), 143.6 (Ar C), 149.1 (Ar C).

(4*S*,5*S*)-1,3-*bis*(2-(Anthracen-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-3-ium tetrafluoroborate (L9)



Prepared according to the representative cyclization procedure.

MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 711 (M-BF<sub>4</sub>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 711.3734. Found: 711.3739;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -117.3$  (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); v<sub>max</sub> (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3036, 2961, 2928, 2871, 1623, 1605, 1660, 1497, 1457, 1415, 1375, 1338, 1280, 1215, 1054; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 1.11 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.15 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.83 (2 H, spt, *J* = 6.6 Hz, ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 4.57 (2 H, s, CHCH), 6.32 (4 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 6.76 (4 H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 6.86 (2 H, br. s, ArH), 7.07 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, ArH), 7.21 (4 H, apparent q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, ArH), 7.48 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, ArH), 7.64 - 7.71 (4 H, m, ArH), 7.96 - 8.04 (6 H, m, ArH), 8.12 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 9.24 (1 H, br. s, N=CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  23.0 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 23.8 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (ArCH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 75.2 (CH), 127.0 (Ar CH), 127.0 (Ar CH), 127.2 (Ar CH), 127.8 (Ar CH), 127.9 (Ar CH), 128.1 (Ar CH), 128.5 (Ar CH), 128.6 (Ar CH), 128.8 (Ar CH), 129.0 (Ar CH), 129.7 (Ar C), 131.0 (Ar CH), 131.3 (Ar C), 132.8 (Ar C), 133.5 (Ar C), 133.8 (Ar C), 135.3 (Ar C), 150.2 (Ar C), 150.9 (N=C); mp 228.6 °C (hexane/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).

**Table 3:** The products in entries 1 and 2 have been previously reported.<sup>12</sup>

#### Representative experimental procedure 1 for Cu-catalyzed 1,4-conjugate silyl additions:

(*R*)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 3, entry 1)<sup>13</sup>

PhMe<sub>2</sub>Si

In an oven-dried vial equipped with a stirrer bar, (4S,5S)-1,3-bis(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-3-ium tetrafluoroborate salt **L8** (7.9 mg, 0.011 mmol, 3.3 mol %), NaOBu-*t* (2.1 mg, 0.022 mmol, 6.6 mol %) and CuCl (1 mg, 0.010 mmol, 3 mol %) were placed and 1.5 mL of THF was added. The solution was allowed to stir for 3 hours at 50 °C under nitrogen and then filtered through a short plug of oven-dried Celite under nitrogen. PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiB(pin) (0.1 mL, 0.367 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added to the filtrate and the reaction stirred for 15 min. The solution was then cooled to -78 °C, and a solution of furan-2(5H)-one (28 mg, 0.334 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 3.5 hours at -78 °C, after which the reaction was quenched by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) and allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The aqueous layer was then washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 2 mL) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration *in vacuo* and separation by column chromatography (silica gel, 20 % EtOAc in hexanes) yielded (*R*)-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one as a pale yellow oil (62.5 mg, 0.283 mmol, 85 %).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{28} = -6.93$  (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 93:7 er. Lit:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -5.64$  (c 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of >99.5:0.5 er.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.37 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.38 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.07 (1 H, ddt, *J* = 12.8, 11.3, 8.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.30 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 12.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.52 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.4, 8.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.12 (1 H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 8.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.43 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 7.38 - 7.50 (5 H, m, ArH).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 90 : 10 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min

Racemate

Enantiomerically enriched



Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
14.720	11318940	49.950	14.527	2463352	6.976
17.387	11341653	50.050	16.840	30381344	93.024

#### (S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one (Table 3, entry 2)<sup>12</sup>



PhMe<sub>2</sub>Si<sup>ww</sup>

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{28} = -23$  (c = 1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 92:8 er. Lit:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -36.3$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 99:1 er.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.21 (6 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22 - 1.34 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.47 - 1.59 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.68 - 1.77 (1 H, m, SiCH), 2.16 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.3, 12.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.44 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 17.3, 6.1, 1.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.13 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 11.1, 9.6, 4.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.22 (1 H, dt, *J* = 11.6, 4.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 7.23 - 7.29 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.32 - 7.40 (2 H, m, ArH).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 90 : 10 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min

Racemate

#### Enantiomerically enriched



Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]	Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]
12.900	241907	49.950	12.927	4022857	83.998
14.273	244610	50.050	14.400	349814	16.002

#### (S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)oxepan-2-one (Table 3, entry 3)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 271 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SiNa: 271.1125 Found: 271.1120;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 3.1$  for a sample of 96.5:3.5 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3069, 3047, 2954, 2927, 2852, 1725, 1475, 1427, 1390, 1361, 1297, 1272, 1251, 1203, 1165, 1111, 1072, 1051; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.34 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.35 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.14 (1 H, tdd, *J* = 13.1, 2.5, 1.0 Hz, SiCH), 1.31 - 1.44 (1 H, m, SiCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67 - 1.80 (1 H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.91 - 2.04 (2 H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> and SiCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.40 (1 H, dd, *J* = 13.9, 12.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.67 (1 H, apparent dt, *J* = 13.9, 1.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.10 (1 H, dd, *J* = 12.6, 10.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.27 (1 H, ddt, *J*=12.6, 5.0, 1.3, 1.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 7.35 - 7.42 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.47 - 7.51 (2 H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -5.3 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -5.0 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 22.1 (SiCH), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 69.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 128.0 (Ar CH), 129.5 (Ar CH), 133.9 (Ar CH), 136.1 (Ar C), 176.6 (O=C).

Chiralpak AD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 97 : 3 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min



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(S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-4,5-dihydrobenzo[b]oxepin-2(3H)-one (Table 3, entry 5)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 319 (M+Na). HRMS calcd for  $C_{18}H_{20}O_2SiNa$ : 319.1125 Found: 319.1121;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 4.4$  (c = 1.49 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 82:18 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3069, 3047, 3024, 2954, 2925, 2856, 1754, 1608, 1583, 1485, 1457, 1427, 1334, 1312, 1250, 1220, 1185, 1166, 1151, 1112, 1090, 1035; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.3 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.3 - 0.4 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.9 (1 H, quin, *J* = 7.9 Hz, SiCH), 2.4 - 2.5 (1 H, m, SiCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.4 (1 H, t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, SiCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.8 (1 H, dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 3.0 (1 H, dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 7.0 - 7.2 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.2 - 7.3 (1 H, m, ArH), 7.3 - 7.4 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.5 - 7.6 (2 H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -4.8 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.7 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 26.4 (SiCH), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 32.0 (SiCHCH<sub>2</sub>), 119.2 (Ar CH), 125.7 (Ar CH), 127.9 (Ar CH), 128.0 (Ar CH), 128.2 (Ar CH), 129.5 (Ar CH), 129.9 (Ar CH), 133.8 (Ar CH), 136.5 (Ar C), 151.8 (Ar C), 172.0 (O=C).

#### Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C, $\lambda$ = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min



#### (3R,4R)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-3-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 3 entry 6)



Data for major diastereoisomer: MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 257 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SiNa: 257.0968. Found: 257.0968;  $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ = -31.2 for a sample of 77:23 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3070, 3051, 2957, 2933, 2898, 1767, 1455, 1428, 1379, 1296, 1252, 1193, 1169, 1115, 1077, 1051, 1012; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.40 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.40 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (1 H, td, *J* = 12.4, 8.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.35 (1 H, dq, *J* = 12.9, 7.1 Hz, CHC=O), 3.99 (1 H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 9.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.31 (1 H, t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 7.42 (2 H, m, ArH), 7.47 - 7.51 (1 H, m, ArH), 7.59 - 7.64 (2 H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -4.7 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.6 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.0 (SiCH), 36.8 (CHC=O), 68.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 128.2 (Ar CH), 129.9 (Ar CH), 133.6 (Ar CH), 135.1 (Ar C), 180.8 (O=C). Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 99.5 : 0.5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min

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Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
20.553	9157579	50.322	20.953	719590	77.114
21.460	9040316	49.678	21.913	214942	23.886

Table 4: The products in entries 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been previously reported.

# Representative experimental procedure 2 for Cu-catalyzed 1,4-conjugate silyl addition with a kinetic resolution:

(4R,5S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 1)<sup>14</sup>



In an oven-dried vial equipped with a stirrer bar, (45,55)-1,3-bis(2-(naphthalen-2-yl)phenyl)-4,5diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-3-ium tetrafluoroborate salt **L8** (7.9 mg, 0.011 mmol, 3.3 mol %), NaOBu-*t* (2.1 mg, 0.022 mmol, 6.6 mol %) and CuCl (1 mg, 0.010 mmol, 3 mol %) were placed and 1.5 mL of THF was added. The solution was allowed to stir for 3 hours at 50 °C under nitrogen, it was then filtered through a short plug of oven-dried Celite under nitrogen. PhMe<sub>2</sub>SiB(pin) (0.055 mL, 0.200 mmol, 0.6 equiv) was added to the filtrate and the mixture stirred for 15 min. The solution was then cooled to -78 °C, and a solution of 5-methylfuran-2(5H)-one (32.7 mg, 0.334 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (0.5 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir for 7 hours at -78 °C, after which time the reaction was quenched by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) and allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The aqueous layer was then washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 2 mL) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration *in vacuo* and separation by column chromatography (silica gel, 20 % EtOAc in hexanes) yielded (4*R*,5*S*)-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one as a pale yellow oil (36.0 mg, 0.153 mmol, 46 %).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{28}$  = -18.5 (c = 3.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 86:14 er. Lit:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  = -22 (c = 0.44 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 89:11 er.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.39 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.40 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 12.9, 10.4, 8.8 Hz, SiCH), 2.40 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 12.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.56 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 8.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.46 (1 H, dq, *J* = 10.4, 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 7.36 - 7.45 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.46 - 7.52 (2 H, m, ArH).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 90 : 10 v /v. Flow: 1 mL / min

#### Racemate



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	Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
	time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
-	10.727	4352819	49.098	10.673	2664652	13.977
-	14.787	4512771	50.902	14.720	16399562	86.023

### (4*R*,5*S*)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-ethyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 2)<sup>15</sup>



 $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  = -25.0 (c = 1.67 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 90:10 er. Lit:  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = 31.8 (c = 0.66 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of the opposite enantiomer in 99:1 er.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.38 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.39 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.97 (3 H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.56 - 1.64 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.69 (1 H, dt, J = 12.1, 9.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.39 (1 H, dd, J = 17.8, 12.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.57 (1 H, dd, J = 17.7, 9.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.31 (1 H, ddd, J = 9.8, 7.9, 3.2 Hz, CHO), 7.37 - 7.44 (3 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.46 - 7.50 (2 H, m, Ar*H*).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min *Racemate* 





13.0 13.5 14.0 14.5 15.0 15.5 16.0 16.5 17.0 17.5 18.0 18.

Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
12.513	1006430	50.305	12.973	780559	9.905
17.087	994211	49.695	17.867	7099897	90.095

(4R,5S)-5-Butyl-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 3)<sup>14</sup>



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{30}$  = -4.54 (c = 1.35 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 91:9 er.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.39 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.42 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20 - 1.36 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.41 - 1.52 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67 (1 H, dt, *J* = 12.3, 9.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.38 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 12.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.56 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 9.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.31 - 4.38 (1 H, m, CHO), 7.38 -7.44 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.46 - 7.50 (1 H, m, ArH), 7.59 - 7.63 (1 H, m, ArH).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min *Racemate* 



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Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
11.856	9474256	49.478	11.547	1196107	9.344
16.427	9676054	50.515	16.233	11604609	90.656

(4R,5S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-pentyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 4)<sup>14</sup>

PhMe<sub>2</sub>Si<sup>111</sup>

 $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  = -22.5 (c = 0.38 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 86:14 er. Lit:  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = 45.1 (c = 0.82 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of the opposite enantiomer in 99:1 er.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.38 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.39 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.87 (3 H, t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.11 - 1.36 (6 H, m, 3 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.39 - 1.57 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.67 (1 H, dt, *J*=12.1, 9.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.38 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.5, 12.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.56 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.5, 9.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.28 - 4.41 (1 H, m, CHO), 7.34 - 7.45 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.45 - 7.52 (2 H, m, ArH).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent hexane : *iso*-propanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min

Racemate

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Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]	Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]
11.540	9884405	49.817	10.540	176513	14.369
14.109	9957071	50.183	14.040	1044390	85.631

(4R,5S)-5-Allyl-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 5)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 283 (M+Na). HRMS calcd for  $C_{15}H_{20}O_2SiNa$ : 283.1125. Found: 283.1122;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -15.3$  (c = 1.58 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 84:16 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3072, 3050, 3011, 2956, 1773, 1428, 1367, 1351, 1253, 1206, 1171, 1149, 1114, 1080, 1044, 1024; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.39 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.40 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.75 (1 H, dt, *J* = 12.0, 9.8 Hz, SiC*H*), 2.15 (1 H, dt, *J* = 14.8, 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.33 - 2.39 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.39 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.57 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 9.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.43 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 10.1, 6.6, 3.5 Hz, CHO), 5.00 (1 H, dq, *J* = 17.0, 1.6 Hz, C=CH<sub>2</sub> trans), 5.10 (1 H, dt, *J* = 10.4, 0.9 Hz, CH=CH<sub>2</sub> cis), 5.76 (1 H, ddt, *J* = 17.3, 10.1, 6.9 Hz, CH=CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.38 - 7.44 (3 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.47 - 7.51 (2 H, m, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.0 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.4 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (SiCH), 31.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 39.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 82.6 (CHO), 118.7 (HC=CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.2 (Ar CH), 129.9 (Ar CH), 132.5 (HC=CH<sub>2</sub>), 133.7 (Ar CH), 135.2 (Ar C), 177.1 (O=C).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min *Racemic* 



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Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]	Retention time (min)	Area [mAU*s]	Area [%]
13.587	7312011	50.473	13.820	741064	15.715
17.087	7174991	49.527	16.807	3974583	84.285

(4R,5S)-5-(2-Chloroallyl)-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 6)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) *m/z*: 317 (M+Na) HRMS calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H19O<sub>2</sub>SiNa: 317.0736. Found: 317.0724;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -19.3$  (c = 1.17 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 89:11 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2956, 1772, 1639, 1427, 1352, 1253, 1206, 1176, 1115, 1022; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.41 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.43 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (1 H, dt, *J* = 12.0, 9.6 Hz, SiC*H*), 2.35 - 2.48 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>) 2.41 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 11.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.54 (1 H, dd, *J* = 14.9, 8.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.60 (1 H, dd, *J* = 17.7, 9.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 4.67 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 9.9, 8.6, 2.8 Hz, CHO), 5.24 (2 H, apparent dd, *J* = 15.4, 1.3 Hz, C=CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.38 - 7.45 (3 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.48 - 7.53 (2 H, m, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.0 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.4 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 28.4 (SiCH), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 45.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 79.8 (CHO), 115.6 (CCl=CH<sub>2</sub>), 128.3 (Ar CH), 130.1 (Ar CH), 133.8 (Ar CH), 134.8 (Ar C), 137.1 (CCl=CH<sub>2</sub>), 176.5 (O=C).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : *iso*-propanol 90 : 10 v/v

Flow: 1 mL / min

#### Racemate



#### Enantiomerically enriched



Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
12.707	9237386	49.919	12.873	82347	11.267
19.540	9267400	50.081	20.053	648546	88.733

### (4R,5S)-5-Benzyl-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4, entry 7)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 333 (M+Na). HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SiNa: 333.1281. Found: 333.1285;  $[\alpha]_D^{28}$  = -20.1 (c = 1.33 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 86:14 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3068, 3029, 2955, 2919, 2866, 1770, 1604, 1495, 1455, 1427, 1352, 1252, 1204, 1148, 1114, 1073, 1047, 1018; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ ppm 0.39 (6 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.73 (1 H, dt, J = 11.3, 9.6 Hz, SiCH), 2.36 (1 H, dd, J = 17.9, 11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.51 (1 H, dd, J = 17.9, 10.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.71 (1 H, dd, J = 14.3, 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 2.85 (1 H, dd, J = 14.3, 3.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.59 (1 H, ddd, J = 9.5, 7.1, 3.4 Hz, CHO), 7.04 - 7.11 (2 H, m, ArH), 7.21 - 7.31 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.38 - 7.46 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.47 - 7.55 (2 H, m, ArH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.1 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.3 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (SiCH), 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 41.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 83.5 (CHO), 126.8 (Ar CH), 127.9 (Ar CH), 128.3 (Ar CH), 128.4 (Ar CH), 129.6 (Ar CH), 130.0 (Ar CH), 133.0 (Ar CH), 133.8 (Ar CH), 135.3 (Ar C), 136.5 (Ar C), 176.9 (O=C).

Chiralcel OD-H column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent: hexane : ethanol 95 : 5 v / v. Flow: 1 mL / min



Enantiomerically enriched



Retention	Area	Area [%]	Retention	Area	Area [%]
time (min)	[mAU*s]		time (min)	[mAU*s]	
12.900	6804310	50.010	13.048	8614486	86.175
14.280	6801497	49.990	14.243	1402358	13.825

(4R,5S)-4-(Dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (Table 4 entry 8)



MS (ES<sup>+</sup>) m/z: 319 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>). HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SiNa: 319.1125. Found: 319.1120;  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -20.9$  (c = 1.55 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 88.5:11.5 er;  $v_{max}$  (thin film/cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3068, 3017, 2955, 2923, 2854, 1773, 1648, 1619, 1497, 1457, 1427, 1373, 1251, 1219, 1205, 1164, 1113, 1048, 1023; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.23 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.26 (3 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.09 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 12.3, 10.1, 8.8 Hz, SiCH),

2.51 (1 H, dd, J = 17.3, 12.3 Hz,  $CH_2C=O$ ), 2.69 (1 H, dd, J = 17.3, 8.8 Hz,  $CH_2C=O$ ), 5.21 (1 H, d, J = 10.4 Hz, CHO), 7.27 (2 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.32 - 7.44 (6 H, m, Ar*H*), 7.58 - 7.63 (2 H, m, Ar*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm -4.7 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), -4.3 (SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 32.4 ( $CH_2C=O$ ), 32.7 (SiCH), 85.0 (CHO), 126.8 (Ar CH), 127.9 (Ar C), 128.2 (Ar CH), 128.6 (Ar CH), 129.0 (Ar CH), 133.0 (Ar CH), 133.8 (Ar CH), 135.0 (Ar C), 176.9 (O=C).

Chiralpak IA column, 28 °C,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. Eluent hexane: ethanol 97 : 3 v / v. Flow: 0.85 mL / min



Enantiomerically enriched



(3S,4R,5S)-3-Butyl-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one<sup>16</sup>

To a stirred solution of diisopropylamine (0.036 mL, 0.256 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in dry THF (0.12 mL) at – 78 °C, was added n-BuLi (0.18 mL, 1.44 M, 1.5 equiv) dropwise, and the mixture stirred for 1 h. To

the resulting LDA solution, (4*R*,5*S*)-4-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (40 mg, 0.171 mmol, 1 equiv) in dry THF (0.12 mL) was added dropwise and stirred for 1.5 hours at –78 °C. A solution of n-Bul (0.058 mL, 0.512 mmol, 3 equiv) in DMPU (0.03 mL) was then added dropwise at – 78 °C. The reaction was then allowed to warm to room temperature overnight and quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (1 mL) at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 2 mL) and dried over NaSO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration *in vacuo* and separation by column chromatography (silica gel, 10 % EtOAc in hexanes) yielded the title compound as a pale yellow oil (36.2 mg, 0.125 mmol, 73 %).

The spectroscopic data was in agreement with the literature other than:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -11.53$  (c = 2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 89:11 er, Lit:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -9.48$  (c = 3.13 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 85:15 er.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  ppm 0.4 (6 H, s, SiCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.8 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.1 - 1.2 (3 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.3 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.3 - 1.4 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.4 (1 H, dd, *J* = 12.1, 10.2 Hz, SiCH), 1.5 - 1.7 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.5 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 12.0, 6.4, 4.1 Hz, CHC=O), 4.4 (1 H, dq, *J* = 10.0, 6.0 Hz, CHO), 7.3 - 7.4 (3 H, m, ArH), 7.5 - 7.6 (2 H, m, ArH).

#### (3R,4R,5S)-3-Butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one<sup>17</sup>



The spectroscopic data was in agreement with the literature other than:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12.8$  (c = 2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 89:11 er, Lit:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -16.0$  (c = 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of >98.5:1.5 er.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.92 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21 - 1.69 (5 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.46 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, CHOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.79 - 1.95 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.29 (1 H, br. S, OH), 2.57 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 8.7, 7.3, 5.7 Hz, CHC=O), 3.85 (1 H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 7.2 Hz, CHOH), 4.16 - 4.27 (1 H, m, CHO).

#### (2S,3R,4R)-4-Butyl-2-methyl-5-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-yl 3-methylbutanoate<sup>16</sup>



The spectroscopic data was in agreement with the literature other than:  $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 5.65$  (c = 1.25 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of 89:11 er, Lit:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = 11.8$  (c = 1.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for a sample of >98.5:1.5 er.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ ppm 0.92 (3 H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.99 (6 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 1.28 - 1.46 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.48 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.61 - 1.70 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 - 1.92 (1 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 - 2.18 (1 H, m, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (2 H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>C=O), 2.69 (1 H, dt, *J* = 8.3, 5.8 Hz, CHC=O), 4.37 (1 H, qd, *J* = 6.6, 4.5 Hz, CHOCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.95 (1 H, dd, *J* = 5.8, 4.8 Hz CHOC=O).

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra

















101 MHz CDCl<sub>3</sub>

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