Supporting Information for

Rhodium-Catalyzed Direct Coupling of Biaryl Pyridine Derivatives with Internal Alkynes

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General Methods. Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a dry argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified and dried according to standard methods prior to use. ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian or Agilent instrument (400 MHz and 376 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to tetramethylsilane signal or residual protio solvent signals and CFCl₃, respectively. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian instrument or Agilent instrument (100 MHz, respectively) and internally referenced to residual solvent signals. Data for ¹H NMR are recorded as follows: chemical shift (δ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, br = broad singlet, coupling constant (s) in Hz, integration). Data for ¹³C NMR and ¹⁹F NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift (δ , ppm).

Diarylacetylenes $2\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{c}^1$, $2\mathbf{e}\cdot\mathbf{f}^1$, and biaryl compounds $1\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{f}^2$ were prepared according to the known procedures.

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Table S1: Effect of silver salt and other conditions.^a

^{*a*} Unless otherwise noted, all reactions were carried out as the following: $[RhCp*Cl_2]_2$ (5 mol%), silver salt (25 mol%), **1a/2a**/ Cu(OAc)₂ = 1/2.2/2, 0.1 mol/L, and *t*-amyl alcohol (1 mL) in a sealed tube at 120 °C for 12 h. ^{*b*} Isolated yield. ^c Cu(OTf)₂ was used instead of Cu(OAc)₂. ^d reaction was run in reflux condition. ^e 100 °C was used.

General Procedure for Rh-Catalyzed Direct Coupling of 1-(Naphthalen-1-yl)isoquinoline (1a) with Diphenylacetylene (2a):



A flame-dried sealed tube was cooled to room temperature and filled with argon. To this flask were added 1-(naphthalen-1-yl)isoquinoline (**1a**) (0.2 mmol, 51.1 mg), diphenylacetylene (**2a**) (0.44 mmol, 78.4 mg), $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (0.006 mmol, 3.7 mg), silver hexafluoroantimonate(V) (0.03 mmol, 10.3 mg), Cu(OAc)₂ (0.2 mmol, 36.3 mg), and *t*-amylOH (2 mL). Then the sealed tube was heated at 120 °C. After12 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), water (10 mL) and ammonium hydroxide (15 M, 5 mL) were added. Then the organic layer was washed by ammonium hydroxide (15 M, 5 mL, two times) and brine, then separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Then the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (PE/acetone = 30/1) to afford the desired product **3a**. Compounds **3b-3l** were prepared following the general procedure.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 152-154 °C, 119.2 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 7H), 7.07-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.85-6.54 (m, 11H), 6.52-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.40 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6, 141.9, 141.4, 140.56, 140.49, 139.9, 139.3, 138.35, 138.28, 137.7, 135.3, 134.0, 132.0, 131.7, 131.66, 131.64, 131.2, 131.0, 130.9, 130.8, 130.54, 130.50, 129.8, 129.5, 129.4, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.47, 126.43, 126.33, 126.28, 126.1, 126.0, 125.87, 125.84, 125.12, 125.09, 124.8, 124.7, 124.3, 124.0, 120.0; IR (thin film): $v_{max}(cm^{-1}) = 3051$, 3022, 2922, 2851, 1621, 1600, 1583, 1557, 1492, 1440, 746, 697; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{47}H_{32}N [M + H]^+$: 610.2529; Found: 610.2521.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 162-163 °C, 61.8 mg, 93% yield (0.1 mmol scale). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.37-8.36 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.08 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.70 (m, 1H), 6.67-6.58 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.46-6.35 (m, 3H), 6.20 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1 , 142.0, 141.7 , 138.6 , 138.3 , 137.80, 137.79, 137.6, 137.2, 136.7, 135.7, 135.4, 134.1, 133.9, 133.7, 132.8, 132.0, 131.8, 131.7, 131.6, 131.1, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.1, 127.0, 126.7, 126.6, 126.24, 126.22, 126.15, 126.10, 125.6, 125.2, 124.6, 119.3, 21.3, 21.0, 20.9, 20.6; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3048, 2920, 1508, 1449, 1376, 1020, 818, 745; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₁H₄₀N [M + H]⁺: 666.3155; Found: 666.3149.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 149-151 °C, 143.6 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41-8.39 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.07-7.01 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.47-6.36 (m, 4H), 6.29-6.15 (m, 3H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.55 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.1, 157.8, 156.6, 156.3, 155.4, 142.0, 141.8, 138.5, 138.1, 137.5, 135.4, 130.4, 129.4, 128.63, 128.58, 128.0, 126.3, 126.2, 126.0, 125.7, 124.6, 119.7, 113.1, 113.0, 112.0, 111.9, 111.6, 111.5, 109.1, 55.0, 54.6, 54.5, 54.4; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3046, 2932, 2833, 1609, 1575, 1513, 1463, 1285, 1244, 1175, 1033, 827; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₁H₄₀NO₄ [M + H]⁺: 730.2952; Found: 730.2944.



Yellow solid, m.p. > 300 °C, 174.1 mg, 95% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.39 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.37-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.91 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87-6.81 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (td, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 6.40-6.33 (m, 2H), 6.17 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.5, 142.0, 139.5, 138.8, 138.7, 138.2, 137.8, 137.6, 137.1, 136.5, 135.3, 134.2, 133.0, 132.9, 132.6, 132.35, 132.27, 132.25, 132.1, 131.9, 131.3, 131.2, 131.10, 131.08, 130.2, 130.1, 129.8, 129.74, 129.66, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.1, 126.7, 126.5, 126.1, 125.5, 121.2, 120.1, 119.9, 119.7, 118.9; IR (thin film): ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3049, 1899, 1621, 1558, 1557, 1488, 1389, 1011, 822, 755, 746; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₇H₂₈Br₄N [M + H]⁺: 921.8950; Found: 921.8938.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 146-148 °C, 134.7 mg, 98% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.40 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.66-6.62 (m, 1H), 6.60-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.53-6.41 (m, 3H), 6.37 (td, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.28-6.25 (m, 1H), 6.14 (td, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (td, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.6 (d, J = 244.6 Hz), 161.5, 160.6 (d, J = 243.9 Hz), 160.3 (d, J = 242.2 Hz), 159.5 (d, J = 243.3 Hz), 142.0, 140.6, 138.1, 137.5, 137.4, 136.2 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 136.1 (d, J = 3.4 Hz), 135.43 (d, J = 4.1 Hz),

135.41, 135.1 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 134.1, 133.2 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 133.0 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 132.5 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 132.3-132.2 (m), 132.0, 131.8 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 131.59, 131.57 (d, J = 7.5 Hz), 131.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.5, 128.6, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 126.1, 125.3, 120.1,115.0 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 114.8 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 113.9 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 113.7 (d, J = 12.0 Hz), 113.5 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 113.3 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 112.7 (d, J =21.4 Hz), 111.2 (d, J = 21.3 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (386 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -115.1 (m), -116.4 (m), -116.8 (m), -117.7 (m); IR (thin film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3046, 2926,1604, 1557, 1509, 1224, 1157, 830, 745; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₇H₂₈F₄N [M + H]⁺: 682.2152; Found: 682.2141.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 149-151 °C, 159.5 mg, 90% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.43 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67-7.63 (m, 3H), 7.58-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 5H), 7.23-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.89 (m, 4H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.8, 143.3 (q, J = 1.1 Hz), 143.2 (q, J = 1.1 Hz), 142.8 (q, J = 1.0 Hz), 142.2 (q, J = 1.2 Hz), 141.9, 139.3. 138.1, 137.4, 136.3, 135.3, 134.5, 132.3, 131.9, 131.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 131.01, 130.98, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.4 (q, J = 32.4 Hz), 129.5, 129.1, 128.7, 128.3 (q, J = 32.1 Hz), 126.2, 125.9, 125.1-124.9 (m), 124.0 (q, J = 4.9 Hz), 123.9 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 3.6 Hz), 123.4 (q, J = 3.7 Hz), 122.4-122.3 (m), 121.3 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 121.1 (q, J = 3.8 Hz),

121.0 (q, J = 270.3 Hz), 120.9 (q, J = 270.7 Hz), 120.8 (q, J = 270.6 Hz), 120.7; ¹⁹F NMR (386 Hz, CDCl₃) δ -62.5, -62.9, -63.0, -63.2; IR (thin film): $v_{max}(cm^{-1}) = 3046$, 2926,1618, 1584, 1557, 1499, 1406,1325, 1167, 1123, 1066, 1019; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₁H₂₈F₁₂N [M + H]⁺: 882.2025; Found: 882.2014.



White solid, m.p. = 111-113 °C, 130.7 mg, 76% yield (0.32 mmol scale). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.10 (m, 6H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.56 (m, 15H), 6.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.0, 146.1, 141.2, 140.7, 140.58, 140.55, 140.0, 138.4, 137.9, 137.5, 136.6, 136.4, 135.1, 132.1, 132.0, 131.8, 131.4, 131.1, 130.99, 130.96, 130.7, 130.4, 129.9, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 126.3, 126.2, 125.95, 125.93, 125.8, 125.2, 124.9, 124.64, 124.60, 121.5, 19.9, 19.5; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3054, 3023, 2920, 1601, 1581, 1493, 1441, 1376, 1027, 725, 697; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₁H₃₂N [M + H]⁺: 538.2529; Found: 538.2508.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 150-151 °C, 112.3 mg, 95% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.27 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.16 (m, 6H), 7.13 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83-6.64 (m, 7H), 6.62-6.55 (m, 2H), 6.46-6.43 (m, 2H), 6.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.1, 156.1, 141.8, 141.6, 140.60, 140.55, 139.9, 139.2, 138.4, 137.2, 137.0, 135.3, 132.5, 132.0, 131.5, 131.12, 131.09, 131.06, 131.0, 130.52, 130.50, 130.1, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 127.4, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.9, 125.8, 125.1, 125.0, 124.6, 124.2, 123.8, 123.4, 119.6, 113.1, 56.7; IR (thin film): $v_{max}(cm^{-1}) = 3050, 3022, 2933, 2838, 1599, 1500, 1441, 1266, 747, 697;$ HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₃₂NO [M + H]⁺: 590.2478; Found: 590.2462.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 139-140 °C, 97.7 mg, 84% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 6.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.14 (m, 7H), 6.84-6.45 (m, 12H), 6.37-6.31 (m, 2H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 162.4, 141.8, 141.3, 140.7, 140.6, 140.0, 139.3, 138.4, 138.1, 137.8, 136.1, 135.47, 135.46, 132.1, 131.9, 131.5, 131.4, 131.10, 131.07, 131.05, 131.00, 130.7, 129.3, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.42, 127.36, 126.43, 126.38, 126.3, 126.2, 125.9, 125.8, 125.02, 124.98, 124.6, 124.2, 123.9, 119.6, 20.6; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3052, 3023, 1601, 1583, 1557, 1494, 1441, 748, 696; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₃₂N [M + H]⁺: 574.2529; Found: 574.2510.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 135-137 °C, 115.0 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33-8.32 (m, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.16 (m,

6H), 6.97 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86-6.71 (m, 10H), 6.69-6.58 (m, 5H), 6.53 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 146.2, 141.3, 140.7, 140.6, 140.5, 139.9, 138.4, 138.2, 137.6, 136.5, 135.3, 133.3, 131.9, 131.64, 131.61, 131.2, 131.1, 130.94, 130.90, 130.87, 130.64, 130.62, 129.7, 128.84, 128.77, 127.58, 127.56, 127.44, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.33, 125.30, 125.1, 124.8, 124.7, 122.0, 20.0; IR (thin film): v_{max} (cm⁻¹) = 3052, 3023, 2921, 1732, 1601, 1582, 1493, 1441, 751, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₃₂N [M + H]⁺: 574.2529; Found: 574.2523.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 104-106 °C, 119.0 mg, 99% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.38-8.36 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.16 (m, 8H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.72 (m, 9H), 6.71-6.51 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.2, 146.9, 141.7, 140.6, 140.5, 140.3, 139.8, 138.5, 138.3, 137.2, 136.2, 133.4, 133.1, 132.1, 131.6, 131.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.98, 130.93, 130.8, 130.69, 130.66, 130.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.35, 126.32, 126.06, 126.03, 126.02, 126.00, 125.2, 125.1, 125.04, 124.98, 124.8, 122.9; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3053, 3023, 2922, 1601, 1571, 1441, 1362, 735, 699; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₃H₂₉ClN [M + H]⁺: 594.1983; Found: 594.1960.



Yellow solid, m.p. = 159-161 °C, 104.6 mg, 89% yield. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.09 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.16 (m, 7H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90-6.87 (m, 2H), 6.86-6.71 (m, 8H), 6.71-6.63 (m, 3H), 6.59-6.48 (m, 4H), 3.49 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.2, 150.1, 141.0, 140.72, 140.68, 140.65, 140.4, 140.0, 138.3, 138.1, 137.5, 133.6, 132.2, 131.75, 131.69, 131.28, 131.24, 131.03, 131.00, 130.9, 130.6, 130.5, 129.5, 128.8, 127.7, 127.53, 127.49, 126.42, 126.39, 126.3, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 124.8, 124.7, 124.64, 124.61, 123.2, 115.7, 53.9; IR (thin film): v_{max}(cm⁻¹) = 3053, 3023, 2932, 1601, 1582, 1492, 1456, 1441, 1426, 1279, 753, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₄₄H₃₂NO[M + H]⁺: 590.2478; Found: 590.2466.

General Procedure for the Preparation of Chiral Isoquinoline N-oxides:



(±)-4a. *m*-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (152.8 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution of 3a (365.9 mg, 0.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the mixture was then quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL), the organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with ethyl acetate to afford (±)-4a as yellow solid (348.5 mg, 93% yield), m.p. = 244-245 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.50 (s, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31-7.10 (m, 10H), 6.90 - 6.89 (m, 2H), 6.83-6.57 (m, 10H), 6.43 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.0, 141.9, 140.4, 140.2, 139.6, 138.9, 138.5, 138.4, 136.8, 136.7, 131.4, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 131.0, 130.8, 130.70, 130.66,

130.5, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 125.96, 125.93, 125.7, 125.6, 125.1, 125.0, 124.9, 124.7, 124.4, 123.4; IR (thin film): $v_{max}(cm^{-1}) = 3053$, 3022, 1619, 1599, 1557, 1491, 1440, 1324, 753, 698; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{47}H_{32}NO [M + H]^+$: 626.2478; Found: 626.2454.

A solution of the racemic **4a** (60.0 mg in 20.0 mL of ^{*i*}PrOH) was separated at a time by semi-preparative HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL IC, 2 cm x 25 cm, 60% ^{*i*}PrOH in hexanes, 5 mL/min). Enantiomer (+)-**4a** was collected from 83 minute to 100.0 minute (27.5 mg, 46%, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +7.7$, c = 0.2, CHCl₃), enantiomerically pure by HPLC analysis. Enantiomer (-)-**4a** was collected from 105 minute to 120 minute (27.5 mg, 46%, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -7.8$, c = 0.22, CHCl₃), enantiomerically pure by HPLC analysis.



(±)-4h. *m*-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid (40.1 mg, 0.23 mmol) was added to a solution of 3h (138.2 mg, 0.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After the reaction was complete (monitored by TLC), the mixture was then quenched by saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 mL), the organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc, then 10% methanol in DCM) to afford (±)-4h as white solid (123.8 mg, 87% yield), m.p. = 179-180 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.91 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.41-7.18 (m, 9H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.58 (m, 11H), 6.38 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 145.2,

142.2, 140.6, 140.5, 139.9, 139.1, 138.4, 137.3, 136.7, 136.2, 131.7, 131.4, 131.2, 131.1, 131.00, 130.97, 130.8, 130.7, 130.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 126.2, 126.1, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.6, 125.1, 124.7, 124.3, 122.9, 114.2, 112.9, 56.7; IR (thin film): $v_{max}(cm^{-1}) = 3424$, 3054, 2924, 1600, 1502, 1272, 1114, 697; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{44}H_{32}NO_2$ [M + H]⁺: 606.2428; Found: 606.2429.

A solution of the racemic **4h** (60.0 mg in 20.0 mL of ^{*i*}PrOH) was separated at a time by semi-preparative HPLC (Daicel CHIRALCEL IC, 2 cm x 25 cm, 40% ^{*i*}PrOH in hexanes, 5 mL/min). Enantiomer (-)-**4h** was collected from 42.5 minute to 46.5 minute (29.5 mg, 49%, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -89.7$, c = 0.2, CHCl₃), enantiomerically pure by HPLC analysis. Enantiomer (+)-**4h** was collected from 89.5 minute to 92.5 minute (29.5 mg, 49%, $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +89.7$, c = 0. 25, CHCl₃), enantiomerically pure by HPLC analysis.

General Procedure for Desymmetrization of meso Epoxide by Axially Chiral Pyridine *N*-Oxides

The reaction was carried out by following the procedures reported by Takenaka³, Denmark⁴ and Fu⁵. The catalysts were recovered in >85% yield without racemization.

To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of catalyst (+)-4a (9.4 mg, 0.015 mmol), *cis*-stilbene oxide (30.0 mg, 0.153 mmol) and ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (35 μ L, 0.200 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added SiCl₄ (1.0 M solution in CH₂Cl₂; 200 μ L) over 10 min. After 48 hours at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched by drop-wise addition of ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (0.2 mL) and 2-dimethylaminoethanol (0.1 mL) and then stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. The mixture was transferred via a cannula into a cold (0 °C), rapidly stirring mixture of saturated aqueous KF/1M KH₂PO₄ solution (1/1, 20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for

5 min, and then extracted with DCM (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude material was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (5% petroleum ether in EtOAc) to afford (1*R*,2*R*)-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethanol (23.9 mg, 78%) with 43% ee. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25-7.16 (m, 8H), 7.10-7.09 (m, 2H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (s, 1H); All spectral data were identical to the literature values.³ Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak AS-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 0.5 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 220 nm, t (minor) = 12.41 min, t (major) = 14.92 min; [α]_D²⁰ = -11.2 (c = 0.33, EtOH).





When (-)-4h was used as catalyst, the general procedure was followed with (+)-4a (9.1 mg, 0.015 mmol) and the epoxide (30.0 mg, 0.153 mmol) to give (1R,2R)-2-chloro-1,2-diphenylethanol (15.7 mg, 45%) with -28% ee. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak AS-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 90/10, v = 0.5 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 220 nm, t (minor) = 14.78 min, t (major) = 12.25 min; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +6.2$ (c = 0.27, EtOH).



General Procedure for the Asymmetric Allylation of Benzaldehyde with Allyltrichlorosilane by Axially Chiral Pyridine *N*-Oxides

The reaction was carried out by following the procedures reported by Kočovský.⁶ The catalysts were recovered in >85% yield without racemization.



Allyltrichlorosilane (56 µL, 0.35 mmol) was added to a solution of catalyst (+)-**4a** (18.7 mg, 0.03 mmol), ^{*i*}Pr₂NEt (52 µL, 0.375 mmol), and benzaldehyde (31.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) in MeCN (2 mL) under argon at -40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 48 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (1 mL). The organic layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with DCM (2 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a petroleum ether/ethyl acetate mixture (15:1) to afford (*S*)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (12.7 mg, 29% yield, 62% ee). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 1H), 5.82-5.72 (m, 1H), 5.15-5.09 (m, 2H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.46(m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 1H); All spectral data were identical to the literature values.⁶ Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/1, v = 1.0 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 220 nm, t (minor) = 23.47 min, t (major) = 30.27 min; [α]p²⁰ = -26.9 (c = 0.21, CHCl₃).



When (-)-4h was used as catalyst, the general procedure was followed with (+)-4a (18.7 mg, 0.03 mmol) and the benzaldehyde (31.9 mg, 0.3 mmol) to give (*R*)-1-phenylbut-3-en-1-ol (27.3 mg, 62% yield, 28% ee). Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/1, v = 1.0 mL · min⁻¹, λ = 220 nm, t (minor) = 31.15 min, t (major) = 22.75 min; [α]_D²⁰ = +16.7 (c = 0.49, CHCl₃).



General Procedure for the Asymmetric Addition of Diethylzinc to Benzaldehyde Catalyzed by Axially Chiral Pyridine *N*-Oxides

The catalysts were recovered in >85% yield without racemization.



To a solution of (*R*)-(+)-4h (20.6 mg, 0.034 mmol) in dry toluene (2 mL) at -78 °C under N₂, Et₂Zn (1 M in hexane, 0.68 mL,0.68 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min. Benzaldehyde (0.034 mL, 0.34 mmol) was then added. The reaction mixture was then immediately cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 48 h under N₂. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL x 3). The extracts were washed with brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (15:1) as the eluent afforded 1-phenyl-1-propanol (**3z**) (7.5 mg, 16% yield, 20% ee) as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

7.34-7.23 (m, 5H), 4.54 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 1H), 1.90-1.63 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H).⁷ Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 99/1, v = 1.0 mL · min⁻¹, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t (major) = 26.20 min, t (minor) = 31.65 min; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = 3.1$ (c = 0.13, CHCl₃).



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Total				124887.1	6847688.6	100.0000

General Procedure for the Enantioselective Allenylation of Aldehydes with Propargyltrichlorosilane Catalyzed by Axially Chiral Pyridine *N*-Oxides

The catalysts were recovered in >85% yield without racemization.



Trichlorosilane (0.44 mL, 2.2 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of propargyl chloride (149.2 mg, 1.0 equiv.) and cuprous chloride (10 mg, 5 mol%) in diethyl ether (4 mL) at rt for 6 h under Ar. The solvent was evaporated by rotary evaporator in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL) and cooled to -40 °C. To this solution, a solution of benzaldehyde (26.5 mg) and (R)-(+)-4h (30.3 mg) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added via Syringe and the whole mixture was stirred for 48 h at the same temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether, and the organic extract was successively washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and evaporation in vacuo, purification by column chromatography on silica gel with a mixture of hexane/EtOAc (15:1) as the eluent afforded 1-Phenyl-2,3-butadien-1-ol (**3w**) (7.7 mg, 21 % yield, 49 % ee) as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.46-7.18 (m, 5 H), 5.43 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.25 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.89-4.98 (m, 2 H), 2.31 (s, 1 H).⁸ Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC with a Daicel Chiralpak OD-H, n-hexane/2-propanol = 98/2, v = 1.0 mL \cdot min⁻¹, λ = 220 nm, t (minor) = 18.32 min, t (major) = 28.78 min; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = 6.6 (c = 0.23, CHCl₃).



X-ray of **5a**

5a was prepared by adding acetyl chloride into the solution of **3a** in Et_2O . Yellow solid was then formed. The solid was collected by filtration, washed three times with Et_2O , and finally dried in vacuo. The crystalline was then obtained by adding one drop of methanol in the saturated solution of **5a** in DCM.



Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for cd213199. Identification code cd213199 Empirical formula C47 H32 Cl N Formula weight 646.19 Temperature 293(2) K Wavelength 0.71073 A Crystal system, space group Triclinic, P-1 Unit cell dimensions alpha = 96.760(2) deg.a = 8.7922(9) Ab = 9.5339(10) Abeta = 99.441(3) deg.c = 21.234(2) Agamma = 90.583(2) deg.Volume 1742.8(3) A^3 Z, Calculated density 2, 1.231 Mg/m^3 Absorption coefficient 0.144 mm^-1 F(000) 676 Crystal size 0.211 x 0.148 x 0.112 mm Theta range for data collection 1.96 to 26.00 deg. Limiting indices -10<=h<=10, -11<=k<=11, -13<=l<=26 Reflections collected / unique 10628 / 6824 [R(int) = 0.0275]Completeness to theta = 26.0099.8 %

Absorption correction	Empirical
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.
Refinement method	Full-matrix lea
Data / restraints / parameters	6824 / 1 / 446
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.037
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0511, w
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0842, w
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.213 and -0.1

Empirical 1.00000 and 0.37002 Full-matrix least-squares on F² 5824 / 1 / 446 .037 R1 = 0.0511, wR2 = 0.1238 R1 = 0.0842, wR2 = 0.1402 0.213 and -0.177 e.A⁻3

X-ray of (*aR*)-(+)-4h



Table 2. Crystal data and structure re-	finement for mo_dm13272_0m.
Identification code	mo_dm13272_0m
Empirical formula	C48 H39 N O4
Formula weight	693.80
Temperature	140(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 A
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, $P2(1)2(1)2(1)$
Unit cell dimensions	a = 11.0511(18) A alpha = 90 deg.
	b = 14.426(2) A beta = 90 deg.
	c = 22.603(4) A gamma = 90 deg.
Volume	3603.5(10) A^3
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.279 Mg/m^3
Absorption coefficient	0.081 mm^-1
F(000)	1464
Crystal size	0.23 x 0.13 x 0.08 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.67 to 27.48 deg.
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-14<=h<=14, -18<=k<=18, -26<=l<=29 29121 / 8265 [R(int) = 0.0943] 99.9 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.9936 and 0.9817 Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 8265 / 0 / 481 0.975 R1 = 0.0544, wR2 = 0.1027 R1 = 0.1024, wR2 = 0.1184 1.9(14) 0.219 and -0.228 e.A^-3

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