Supporting information.

# Developing asymmetric iron and ruthenium-based cyclone complexes; complex factors influence the asymmetric induction in the transfer hydrogenation of ketones. 

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## 1) Synthesis of ligands and applications to reduction reactions:

General experimental details follow those previously reported. ${ }^{1}$


4-Phenyl-3-butyne-2-one $2^{1,2}$
n -BuLi ( 1.6 M in hexanes, $37.5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 60 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to phenyl acetylene ( 6.58 $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{3}, 6.12 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ in THF $\left(60 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the mixture left to stir for 30 min. EtOAc ( $5.86 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 5.29 \mathrm{~g}, 60 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF $\left(90 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added over 10 min followed by addition of $\mathrm{BF}_{3} . \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(9.03 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 10.15 \mathrm{~g}, 71.5 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$. The mixture was kept at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min before being allowed to warm to room temperature and after 30 min was quenched with saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. Following extraction with EtOAc ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) the organics were washed with brine $\left(50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and the was solvent removed in vacuo. Short path distillation ( $125{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, 5.7 mbar) afforded the ketone ${ }^{2}$ as a rich brown oil ( $4.86 \mathrm{~g}, 33.8 \mathrm{mmol}, 56 \%$ ); m/z (ESI) $167[\mathrm{M}+23]^{+}, 145[\mathrm{M}+1]^{+}$; (Found (ESI): $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}$ 145.0652, $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{O}$ requires 145.0648); $v_{\max } 2195,2124,1665,1487,1355,1274$ and $1153 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 7.59-7.55 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.48-7.43 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.41-7.35 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 2.45 $\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 184.40(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 132.88(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}) 130.60(\mathrm{CH}$, Ar), $128.49(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 119.73$ (ipso, Ar), $90.14(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}), 88.12(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}), 32.58\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.


1-(t-Butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyne. ${ }^{3}$
To trimethysilylacetylene $\left(10.0 \mathrm{~g}, 14.1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 0.102 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ in THF $\left(160 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added ${ }^{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{BuLi}\left(40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 2.5 \mathrm{M}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.98\right.$ eq.) at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over 5 min . After 15 min the $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ice bath was replaced with a $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ice bath for 8 min after which the $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ bath was again reinstated. To the reaction mixture was added $\operatorname{TBDMSCl}(15.07 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1$ mmol, 0.98 eq.) in THF ( $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) over 15 min . The ice bath was subsequently removed and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature over night ( 18.5 h ). In air the reaction was quenched using saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ solution $\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and extracted using $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(2 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ the combined fractions were further washed
with brine $\left(40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow oil ( $20.619 \mathrm{~g}, 0.097 \mathrm{mmol}, 95 \%$ yield); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 0.91(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.14\left(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.07\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 114.58$ (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), 112.13 (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ) $26.00\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 16.43$ (quat., $\left.C\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.06$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right)-4.68\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{si}}\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)-9.26\left(\mathrm{Si}_{\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right) \text {, }}\right.$ -19.27 ( $\left.\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$.


## 4-(t-Butyldimethylsilyl)-but-3-yn-2-one. ${ }^{4}$

To a suspension of $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}\left(4.059 \mathrm{~g}, 30.66 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.3\right.$ eq.) in $\operatorname{DCM}\left(50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added dropwise a solution of 1-(t-butyldimethylsily)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyne ( $5.00 \mathrm{~g}, 23.59$ mmol, 1 eq.) and acetylchloride ( $1.68 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 1.85 \mathrm{~g}, 23.6 \mathrm{mmol} 1$ eq.) in $\operatorname{DCM}\left(32 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right.$ ) over 10 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over $1 / 2$ hours before being cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and quenched using $\mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{aq})\left(1 \mathrm{~N}, 80 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right.$, $80 \mathrm{mmol})$ and extracted using DCM ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). The combined organic fractions were further washed with brine solution ( $30 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow oil ( $3.66 \mathrm{~g}, 20.110 \mathrm{mmol}, 85 \%$ crude yield). Purification by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) afforded a colourless oil (3.1645g, $17.387 \mathrm{mmol}, 74 \%$ yield); $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ (ESI) $183.1[\mathrm{M}+1]^{+}, 205.0[\mathrm{M}+23]^{+}$; (Found (ESI): $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}$ 183.1204. $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}$ requires 183.1200 ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ) $2.32\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right), 0.94\left(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.15\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 184.14(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 103.17(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}), 96.13(\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}) 32.57\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right) 25.89$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 16.47\left(\mathrm{C}_{\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right),-5.27\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right) ; \quad \text { si }\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)-5.37}\right.$ $\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$.


## Racemic alcohol 11b. ${ }^{5}$

To 4-[(t-butyl)dimethylsilyl]-but-3-yn-2-one ( $0.100 \mathrm{~g}, 0.55 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$ ) in methanol $\left(3 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added sodiumborohydride ( $42 \mathrm{mg}, 1.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 2$ eq.) portion wise at 0 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 min the reaction was quenched using saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}\left(5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and the methanol carefully evaporated and the remaining aqueous suspension extracted using $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(3 \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. The combined organic extractions were then dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and
the solvent removed in vacuo to afford a colourless oil $(0.070 \mathrm{~g}, 0.3804 \mathrm{mmol}, 69 \%$ crude yield); m/z 207.1 [M +23] ${ }^{+}$; (Found (ESI): $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}$ 207.1179. $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NaOSi}$ requires 207.1176 ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 4.53\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J 6.5, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{OH}) \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.78$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{bs}, \mathrm{OH}), 1.46\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J} 6.5, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{OH}) \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 0.94\left(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.11(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$,


3-(t-Butyldimethylsilyl)-1-phenyl-prop-2-yn-1-one.
To a suspension of $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}\left(8.11 \mathrm{~g}, 61.32 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.3\right.$ eq.) in $\operatorname{DCM}\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added dropwise a solution of 1-(t-butyldimethylsilyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyne ( 10.00 g , 47.17 mmol, 1 eq.) and benzoylchloride ( $5.48 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 6.63 \mathrm{~g}, 47.2 \mathrm{mmol} 1$ eq.) in DCM $\left(75 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ over 10 min at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 30 min . before being cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and quenched using $\mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{aq})$ $\left(1 \mathrm{~N}, 150 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 150 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ and extracted using DCM $\left(2 \times 40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. The combined organic fractions were further washed with brine solution $\left(60 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow oil ( $11.07 \mathrm{~g}, 45.36 \mathrm{mmol}$, 96 \% crude yield). Purification by column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) afforded a colourless oil ( $8.43 \mathrm{~g}, 34.55 \mathrm{~mol}, 73.4 \%$ yield); m/z (ESI) $245.1[\mathrm{M}+1]^{+}, 267.0$ [M+23] ${ }^{+}$; (Found (ESI): M +H 245.1367. $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{OSi}$ requires 245.1356); $\mathrm{v}_{\max }$ 2952, 2928, 2885, 2857, 2115, 1774 and $1643 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.15(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 8.2, Ar), 7.61 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.5, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.48(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.5, \mathrm{Ar}), 1.03\left(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.26$ (6H, s, $\left.\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 177.48$ (ipso, $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 136.53 (ipso, Ar ), $134.08(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 129.51(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 128.91(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 101.61$ (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}), 99.26$ (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), $26.01\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 16.64$ (quat., $\left.\mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right),-5.12\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right.$, $\left.\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{si}}\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)-5.14\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$.


## Racemic alcohol 11d.

To 3-(t-butyldimethylsilyl)-1-phenyl-prop-2-yn-1-one, ( $2.762 \mathrm{~g}, 11.32 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$ ) in methanol ( $80 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added sodium borohydride ( $0.8603 \mathrm{~g}, 22.64 \mathrm{mmol}, 2 \mathrm{eq}$.) in

10 portions at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 min the reaction was quenched using saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}$ ( $135 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), the methanol carefully evaporated and the remaining aqueous suspension extracted using $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(3 \times 67 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. The combined organic extracts were then dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and the solvent removed in vacuo to afford $\mathbf{1 1 d}$ as a colourless oil (1.41 $\mathrm{g}, 5.7317 \mathrm{mmol}, 51 \%$ crude yield); m/z 269.2 [M+23] ; (Found (ESI): M+Na 269.1333. $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{NaOSi}$ requires 269.1332); $v_{\max } 3362(\mathrm{OH})$, 2926, 2857, 1671, 1446 and $1003 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 7.568(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.1 \mathrm{Ar}), 7.36(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ar}), 5.47$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Ar}), 0.99\left(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.17\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 140.36 (ipso, Ar), 128.49 (CH, Ar), 128.26 (CH, Ar), $126.70(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 105.69$ (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), 89.81 (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), $64.90\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{OH})\right.$ ), $26.03\left(\mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 16.50$ (quat., $\left.\mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right),-4.71\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{Si}}\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)-7.64\left(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$.


## 1-(Triisopropylsilyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)-ethyne. ${ }^{6}$

To trimethysilylacetylene $(10.385 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1057 \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF $\left(160 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added nBuLi ( $64.9 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 1.6 \mathrm{M}, 0.1038 \mathrm{~mol}, 0.98$ eq.) at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over 10 min . After 15 min the $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ice bath was replaced with a $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ice bath for 10 min after which the $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ bath was again reinstated. To the reaction mixture was added $\operatorname{TIPSCl}\left(20.012 \mathrm{~g}, 22.2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right.$, $0.1038 \mathrm{~mol}, 0.98$ eq.) over 5 min . The ice bath was subsequently removed and the reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature over night. In air the reaction was quenched using saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}$ solution $\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and extracted using $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $\left(2 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$, the combined fractions were washed with brine solution $\left(40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow oil ( $26.23 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1033 \mathrm{~mol}, 98 \%$ yield); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 1.12-1.01\left(21 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)_{3}\right) 0.17(9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}$, $\left.\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$.


3-(Tri(isopropyl)silyl)-1-phenyl-prop-2-yn-1-one.
To a suspension of $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}\left(8.00 \mathrm{~g}, 60.423 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.3 \mathrm{eq}\right.$.) in $\mathrm{DCM}\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added dropwise a solution of 1-(triisopropylsily)-2-(trimethylsilyl)-ethyne (11.8057 $\mathrm{g}, 46.479 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$.) and benzoylchloride ( $5.40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 6.533 \mathrm{~g}, 46.4792 \mathrm{mmol} 1 \mathrm{eq}$.) in DCM $\left(70 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ over 10 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 30 min . before being cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and quenched using $\mathrm{HCl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}\left(1 \mathrm{~N}, 150 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}, 150 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ and extracted using DCM ( $2 \times 40 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). The combined organic fractions were further washed with brine solution $\left(60 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Removal of the solvent in vacuo afforded a yellow oil ( $12.45 \mathrm{~g}, 43.54$ mmol, 94 \% crude yield); m/z 287.2 [ $\left.\mathrm{M}^{+}+1\right]$; (Found (ESI): M+Na 309.1640 $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{NaOSi}$ requires 309.1645 ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.18$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J} 7.1, \mathrm{Ar}$ ) 7.61 (1H, t, J 7.4, Ar), 7.54-7.46 (3H, m, Ar), 1.24-1.15 ( $21 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 177.55 (quat., $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 136.76 (ipso, Ar ), 132.42 (CH, Ar), 129.42 (CH, Ar), $128.57(\mathrm{CH}, \mathrm{Ar}), 103.05$ (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), 98.02 (quat., $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ ), 18.59 $\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)_{3}\right), 11.15\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)_{3}\right)$.


Racemic alcohol 11e. JPH137
3-(Tri(isopropyl)silyl)-1-phenyl-prop-2-yn-1-one, ( $1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 3.4965 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$. ) in methanol ( $25 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added sodium borohydride ( $0.266 \mathrm{~g}, 6.9930 \mathrm{mmol}, 2 \mathrm{eq}$.) in small portions at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 min the reaction was quenched using saturated $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{(\mathrm{aq})}\left(50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$, the methanol carefully evaporated and the remaining aqueous suspension extracted using $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $3 \times 25 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). The combined organic extracts were then dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and the solvent removed in vacuo to afford 11e as a colourless oil in quantitative yield;


Complex 16. ${ }^{7}$
A pressure tube was charged with 1,1'-(oxydi-1-propyne-3,1-diyl)bis[1,1,1-trimethylsilane, $(0.100 \mathrm{~g}, 0.4302 \mathrm{mmol} 1 \mathrm{eq}$.$) , toluene \left(2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and $\mathrm{Ru}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{12}(0.2686 \mathrm{~g}$, $0.4202 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$.) and purged under a steady stream of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The tube was then sealed and heated to $105{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 3 d the reaction mixture was cooled, carefully depressurised and the solvent removed in vacuo. The resulting black semisolid was dissolved in DCM ( $2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and filtered through a cotton wool plug and loaded onto a short silica column (EtOAc/Hexane 0 to $20 \%$ ) to afford an orange solid ( 0.1110 g , $0.2461 \mathrm{mmol}, 59 \%$ ); m/z $453.0[\mathrm{M}+1]^{+}, 474.9[\mathrm{M}+23]^{+}$; (Found (ESI): 474.9945 $\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na} \mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{NaO}_{5} \mathrm{RuSi}_{2}$ requires 474.9945$)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 4.78\left(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$ 0.25 ( $18 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 193.89$ (quat., $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 185.72 (quat., $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 144.12 (quat.), 68.12 (quat.), 65.72 (quat.), $-0.43\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{Si}}\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$, -4.03.


Complex 17.
A pressure tube was charged with (oxydi-1-propyne-3,1-diyl)bis[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethyl-silane ( $0.5535 \mathrm{~g}, 1.7189 \mathrm{mmol} 3$ eq.), acetonitrile ( $3 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and $\mathrm{Ru}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{12}(0.3661 \mathrm{~g}, 0.5730 \mathrm{mmol}, 1 \mathrm{eq}$.$) and purged under a steady stream of \mathrm{N}_{2}$. The tube was then sealed and heated to $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 d the reaction mixture was cooled, carefully depressurised and the solvent removed in vacuo. The resulting black semisolid was dissolved in DCM ( $2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and filtered through a cotton wool plug and loaded onto a short silica column (EtOAc/Hexane 0 to $5 \%$ ) to afford an orange solid ( $0.5454 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0194 \mathrm{mmol}, 59 \%$ ); m/z $537.1[\mathrm{M}+1]^{+}$; (Found (ESI): M+H 537.1068 $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{RuSi}_{2}$ requires 537.1066); $v_{\text {max }}$ 2926, 2853, 2073, 2007 and1638 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $4.81(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.3, \mathrm{CHH}), 4.76(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.3, \mathrm{CHH}), 0.96(18 \mathrm{H}$, s, $\left.\operatorname{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 0.36\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right), 0.06\left(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$
193.78 (quat., $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 184.64 (quat., $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 115.11 (quat.), 68.50 (quat./ $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 65.67
(quat./ $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $27.27\left(\mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right), 18.51\left(\mathrm{SiC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right),-4.01\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right),-4.99\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)\right)$;
$\delta \mathrm{Si}\left(99 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ), -4.01.


## Complex 18. ${ }^{7}$

A pressure tube was charged with 1,1'-(oxydi-1-propyne-3,1-diyl)bis-benzene ( 0.4901 $\mathrm{g}, 1.9922 \mathrm{mmol} 3 \mathrm{eq}$.$) , acetonitrile ( 3.5 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and $\mathrm{Ru}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{12}(0.4244 \mathrm{~g}, 0.6641 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1 eq.) and purged under a steady stream of $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The tube was then sealed and heated to $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 d the reaction mixture was cooled, carefully depressurised and the solvent removed in vacuo. The resulting black semisolid was dissolved in DCM (2 $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ ) and filtered through a cotton wool plug and loaded onto a short silica column (EtOAC/Hexane 0 to $20 \%$ ) to afford a yellow solid ( $0.1263 \mathrm{~g}, 0.2752 \mathrm{mmol}, 14 \%$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 7.86(4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.44-7.28(6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Ar}), 5.30(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $11.0, \mathrm{CHH}), 5.15(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J} 11.0, \mathrm{CHH})$.

## Data for Ru-hydrides formed from tricarbonyl complexes.

| Experiment code in which Ru-H was formed. | Complex used. | $m / \mathbf{z}$ | $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ hydride shift ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPH115, JPH160, jph223 | TBS*-TMS phenyl 15b | $\begin{aligned} & m / z 543.0 \\ & {\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \mathrm{MHz},-10.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}), \\ & -10.48(0.25 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \end{aligned}$ |
| JPH154, jph164 | TBS*-TIPS phenyl 15a | m/z $627\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 400 MHz, }-10.31(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}), \\ & -10.36(0.06 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \end{aligned}$ |
| Jph145, jph161 | TBS*-Ph phenyl 15c |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}), \\ & -10.39(0.04 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Jph155, 224 | TIPS*-TMS phenyl 15d |  | $\begin{aligned} & 400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.01(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}), \\ & -10.16(0.02 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}),-10.40 \\ & (0.33 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \end{aligned}$ |
| Jph168 | TIPS*-TBS phenyl 15f |  | $\begin{aligned} & 400 \mathrm{MHz},-9.93(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}),- \\ & 10.36(0.6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \end{aligned}$ |
| Jph163, jph152 | TIPS*-Ph phenyl 15e | m/z $589\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $\begin{aligned} & 400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.14(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}), \\ & -10.25(0.04 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}-10.39 \\ & (0.63 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}),-19.06(0.03 \mathrm{H}, \\ & \text { s). } \end{aligned}$ |
| JPH146, jph159 | TBS-TBS sym 17 | m/z $509\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.44$ (1H, s). |
| Jph114, jph158 | TMS-TMS sym 16 | m/z $425\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.51$ (1H, s). |
| Jph153,jph169 | Ph-Ph sym 18 | m/z $433\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $300 \mathrm{MHz}-17.33$ (1H, s). |


| Jph225 major | Ph*-TMS methyl major 12a |  | $400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.34$ (1H, s). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JPH226-minor | Ph*-TMS- methyl minor 12b | m/z $443\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $\begin{aligned} & 400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.49(0.2 \mathrm{H}, \\ & \mathrm{s}),-19.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~s}) . \end{aligned}$ |
| Jph251 | Ph*-TIPS- methyl major 12c | $\begin{aligned} & \text { m/z } 568\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right. \\ & +\mathrm{K}] ; \end{aligned}$ | $400 \mathrm{MHz},-10.38$ (1H, s). |
| Jph229 | Ph*-Ph- methyl major 12e | m/z $447\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right] ;$ | $300 \mathrm{MHz},-17.80$ (1H, s). |
| Jph252 | Ph*-TBS*- methyl-methyl $13 \mathrm{a} / \mathrm{b}$ | $\begin{aligned} & m / z 540\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}\right. \\ & +\mathrm{K}] ; \end{aligned}$ | $300 \mathrm{MHz},-10.47$ (1H, s). |

The results for complexes $\mathbf{1 2}, \mathbf{1 3}, \mathbf{1 6 - 1 8}$ are given in the main paper. The results for complexes $\mathbf{1 5}$ are given in a table below.

Table 1; Asymmetric reduction of acetophenone using complexes 15a-15f.

| Complex | Conditions by expt no. | time | Conv/\% | Ee (R/S) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15a (3:1) | 154 iPrOH $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 154 FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 164a iPrOH $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ 164b FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 166 \\ & 140 \\ & 168 \\ & 168 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 14 \\ & 18 \\ & 14 \\ & 25(17 \% \text { alc }) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19.7(S) \\ & 21(S) \\ & 20(S) \\ & 21(S) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 15b (3:1) | 115 iPrOH $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 115 FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 160a $\mathrm{iPrOH} 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 160b FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 162 \\ & 238 \\ & 168 \\ & 168 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 26 \\ & 57 \\ & 41(35 \% \text { alc }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2(R) \\ & 2(R) \\ & 1.6(R) \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |
| 15c (4:1) | 145 iPrOH $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> $145 \mathrm{FA} /$ TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 161a iPrOH $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 161b FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 168 \\ & 165 \mathrm{~h} \\ & 168 \\ & 168 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 94 \\ & 72 \\ & 90 \\ & 71(67 \% \text { alc }) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 4(R) \\ & 6.2(R) \\ & 4.5(R) \\ & 5.2(R) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 15d (7:3) | $\begin{aligned} & 155 \mathrm{iPrOH} 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & \mathbf{1 5 5} \mathrm{FA} / \text { TEA } 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 92 \\ & 92 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 8.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 10(R) \\ & 12.0(R) \end{aligned}$ |
| 15e (3:2) | 152 iPrOH 60 <br> 152 FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 163a $\operatorname{iPrOH} 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 163b FA/TEA $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 166 \\ & 168 \\ & 168 \\ & 168 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 76 \\ & 44 \\ & 78 \\ & 61 \text { (55\% alc) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 6(R) \\ & 7(R) \\ & 5.9(R) \\ & 6.6(R) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 15 f (3:2) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1 6 8} \text { iPrOH } 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & \mathbf{1 6 8} \text { FA/TEA } 60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 168 \\ & 168 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & 15 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.9(R) \\ & 9.4(R) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

Formate ees for reactions with FA/TEA; 160 ( $6 \%$ formate, $0 \%$ ee), $\mathbf{1 6 1}$ ( $4 \%$ formate, $5 \%$ ee $R$ ) $\mathbf{1 6 3}$ ( $6 \%$ formate, $7.8 \%$ ee $R$ ), $\mathbf{1 6 4}$ ( $8 \%$ formate, $21.2 \%$ ee, $S$ ). The RuH complex was formed and characterised prior to use.

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JPH221 major C 12a


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JPH240C

## 4) Shift reagent study on 7d to establish enantiomeric purity:

Chiral shift data for complex 7d using Europium tris[3-
(heptafluoropropylhydroxymethylene)-(+)-camphorate].
Racemic 7d without Eu


Racemic 7d with Eu


Expansion of racemic 7d with Eu


Asymmetric 7d without Eu

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Expansion of asymmetric 7d with Eu


Expansion of asymmetric 7d without Eu


Separation is clearly visible and integration of the peaks indicates a minimal enantiomeric purity of $\mathbf{7 c}$ of $\mathbf{9 2 \%}$ ee.

