Supporting Information

Pd(II)-SDP-Catalyzed enantioselective 5-*exo-dig* cyclization of γ-alkynoic acids: application to the synthesis of functionalized dihydofuran-2(3*H*)-ones containing a chiral quaternary carbon center

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Preparation of γ-alkynoic acids 8 Preparation of compound 8a¹



Dimethyl 2,2-di(prop-2-ynyl)malonate (S1)

To a stirred suspension of NaH (66 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at -10 °C under nitrogen atmosphere was added diethyl malonate (30 mmol) dropwise and the mixture was stirred for additional 30 min. Propargyl bromide (66 mmol) was then added again in dropwise and the reaction temperature was slowly raised and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution, extracted with ether, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to furnish compound **S1**.

Yield: 82%; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.03-2.04 (m, 2H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 4H), 3.77 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 22.8, 53.3, 56.6, 71.9, 78.4, 169.2.

¹ S. Li, W. Jia and N. Jiao, *Adv. Synth. Catal.*, 2009, **351**, 569-575.

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Dimethyl 2,2-bis(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)malonate (S2)

To a stirred solution of S1 (3 mmol), iodobenzene (6.6 mmol) in Et₃N (20 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), PPh₃ (10 mol%) and CuI (5 mol%) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C. After completion of the reaction (2 h), the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . To this mixture water was added and the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH_2Cl_2 .

The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude product was purified through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to afford compound **S2**.

Yield: 86%; pale yellow solid; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.27 (s, 4H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 4H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 23.9, 53.2, 57.4, 83.9, 84.0, 123.1, 128.2, 128.3, 131.8, 169.5.



5-Phenyl-2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8a)

Compound **S2** (2 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 mixture of THF/MeOH (10 mL). To this solution, KOH (8 mmol) in THF/H₂O (4 mL, 3:1 ratio) was added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and acidified with 2N HCl. The mixture was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated and DMSO (5 mL) was added to the crude mixture and heated at 170 °C with stirring for 6 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was evaporated. Purification of the crude mixture through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent afforded compound **8a**.

Yield: 83%; pale yellow solid; mp: 109-111 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3030, 2923, 2617, 2361, 1704, 1600, 1489, 1425, 1342, 1287, 1225, 1078 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.93-3.00$ (m, 5H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 4H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 21.0$, 43.8, 83.0, 85.9, 123.4, 128.1, 128.4, 131.80, 131.81, 178.9; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₁₆NaO₂, m/z 311.1048 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 311.1037.





Preparation of compounds 8b² and 8c²



But-2-ynyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (S3)

Tosyl chloride (24 mmol) followed by powdered KOH (240 mmol) were added in portions to a stirred solution of but-2-yn-1-ol (20 mmol) in ether (40 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature gradually and stirred overnight. Water was added, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried

² E. Tomás-Mendivil, P. Y. Toullec, J. Díez, S. Conejero, V. Michelet and V. Cadierno, *Org. Lett.*, 2012, **14**, 2520-2523

over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The crude product was used as such for the next step without further purification.

Yield: 94% (crude).



Dimethyl 2,2-di(but-2-ynyl)malonate (S4)

To a suspension of NaH (33 mmol) in DMF/toluene mixture (75 mL, 2:1) was added diethyl malonate (11 mmol) at 0 °C. After 1 h stirring, a solution of **S3** (27.5 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction temperature was increased slowly to room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. After quenching the reaction with saturated NH₄Cl solution additional 50 mL of toluene was added and the layers were separated. Aqueous layer was extracted with toluene and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Crude mixture was purified through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to furnish compound **S4**.

Yield: 86%; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.74$ (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 6H), 2.88-2.90 (m, 4H), 3.73 (s, 6H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.6$, 23.1, 53.0, 57.2, 73.2, 79.1, 169.8.

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2-(But-2-ynyl)hex-4-ynoic acid (8b)

The procedure used for the preparation of acid **8a** from diester **S2** was employed to obtain compound **8b** from **S4**.

Yield: 83%; pale yellow solid; mp: 70-72 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad) 3033, 2916, 2617, 2360, 1703, 1435, 1287, 1224, 1076, 1025, cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.76-1.78$ (m, 6H), 2.54-2.58 (m, 4H), 2.66-2.71 (m, 1H); ¹³C-NMR (100

MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.6$, 20.2, 44.1, 75.2, 78.0, 179.8; HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{10}H_{12}NaO_2$, m/z 187.0735 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 187.0726.



2-(But-2-ynyl)-2-(methoxycarbonyl)hex-4-ynoic acid (8c)

A mixture of diester S4 (2 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) and KOH (2.4 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4 days. The mixture was added ether and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution. The basic aqueous solution was neutralized

with 2N HCl and extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude material was purified through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to afford compound **8c**. Yield: 74%; colorless solid; mp: 119-121 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad band), 2924, 2678, 2360, 1718, 1434, 1304, 1211, 1061 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.76$ (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 6H), 2.89-2.91 (m, 4H), 3.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.6$, 23.1, 53.2, 57.2, 72.9, 79.5, 169.6, 175.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₄NaO₄, m/z 245.0790 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 245.0782.





Preparation of compounds 8d,² 8e, 8f, 8g, 8h, 8i, 8j, 8k



Methyl 2-phenyl-2-(prop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoate (S5)

To a stirred suspension of NaH (30 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere was added methyl 2-phenylacetate (10 mmol) dropwise and the mixture was stirred for additional 1 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was again cooled to 0 °C and propargyl bromide (30 mmol) was added dropwise. After the addition was complete the mixture was heated at 50 °C for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution, extracted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The crude product was purified through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent to furnish compound **S5**.

Yield: 78%; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.99$ (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, J = 16.9, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 16.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.34-7.38 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 25.6$, 52.9, 53.2, 71.5, 80.0, 126.1, 127.8, 128.7, 139.4, 173.6.



2-Phenyl-2-(prop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8d)

To a solution of **S5** (2 mmol) in 1:1 mixture of THF/MeOH (10 mL) was added KOH (8 mmol) in THF/H₂O (4 mL, 3:1 ratio) and the mixture was refluxed for 6 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and acidified with 2N HCl. The mixture was then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with water, brine, dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. Purification of the crude mixture through silica column chromatography using hexane/ethyl acetate mixture as eluent afforded compound **8d**.

Yield: 89%; pale yellow solid; mp: 116-118 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3281, 3078, 2361, 1711, 1596, 1496, 1397, 1282, 1225 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.00 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 16.5, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 25.2, 53.0, 71.7, 79.8, 126.3, 128.1, 128.8, 138.5, 179.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₄H₁₂NaO₂, m/z 235.0735 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 235.0728.





Methyl 2-phenyl-(5-aryl-2-(3-arylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoate (S6)

To a stirred solution of **S5** (3 mmol), aryl iodide (6.6 mmol) in Et_3N (20 mL) was added Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%), PPh₃ (10 mol%) and CuI (5 mol%) and the mixture was stirred at 60 °C. After completion of the reaction (2-6 h), the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. To this mixture water was added and the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and the solution was filtered through a short pad of silica gel to afford the crude products **S6**.

8e-8k

The conditions used for the hydrolysis of compound **S5** was employed for the preparation of compounds **8e-8k** from previously obtained esters **S6**.

2,5-Diphenyl-2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8e): Yield: 75% (two steps); pale yellow solid; mp: 142-144 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3025, 2361, 1698, 1594, 1492, 1437, 1287, 1232, 1065 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.34$ (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 3.44 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 13H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 54.1$, 83.7, 85.7, 123.4, 126.5, 127.8, 128.0, 128.3, 128.6, 131.7, 139.5, 179.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₆H₂₀NaO₂, m/z 387.1361 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 387.1352.



2-Phenyl-5-*m***-tolyl-2-(3-***m***-tolylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8f):** Yield: 42% (two steps); colorless solid; mp: 135-137 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3022, 2915, 2600, 2362, 1703, 1596, 1490, 1403, 1286, 1231 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.28$ (s, 6H), 2.34 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 8H), 7.30-7.39 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 21.3, 26.7, 54.1, 83.9, 85.2, 123.2, 126.5, 127.9, 128.2, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 132.4,$

137.9, 139.3, 179.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd for $C_{28}H_{24}NaO_2$, m/z 415.1674 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 415.1663.



2-Phenyl-5*p***-tolyl-2**-(**3***p***-tolylprop-2**-**ynyl)pent-4**-**ynoic acid (8g):** Yield: 35% (two steps); colorless solid; mp: 119-121 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3033, 2918, 1698, 1503, 1438, 1285, 1225 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.31$ (s, 6H), 3.33 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 4H),

7.20 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 21.6$, 26.7, 54.1, 83.8, 84.8, 120.4, 126.5, 127.9, 128.7, 129.0, 131.6, 138.0, 139.4, 178.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄NaO₂, m/z 415.1674 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 415.1665.



5-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-2-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-2-phenylpent-4-

ynoic acid (8h): Yield: 46% (two steps); colorless solid; mp: 137-139 °C; IR (KBr): ν = 3500-2500 (broad), 2964, 2372, 2317, 1698, 1504, 1407, 1281, 1232 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 12H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.29-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.42-7.45 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 24.0, 26.7, 34.5, 54.2, 83.9, 84.8, 120.8, 126.4, 126.5, 127.9, 128.7, 131.8, 139.4, 148.9, 178.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₃₂H₃₂NaO₂, m/z 471.2300 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 471.2289.





5-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-2-phenylpent-4-ynoic acid (8i): Yield: 28% (two steps); pale yellow solid; mp: 103-104 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 2958, 2839, 2361, 1701, 1605, 1507, 1442, 1290, 1249, 1177, 1033 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.32 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 7.30-7.44 (m, 5H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 26.7, 54.2, 55.4, 83.6, 84.0, 113.9, 115.6, 126.5, 127.9, 128.7, 133.1, 139.5, 159.4, 178.3; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄NaO₄, m/z 447.1572 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 447.1561.



5-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-2-phenylpent-4-ynoic acid (**8j**): Yield: 41% (two steps); colorless solid; mp: 171-173 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3056, 2905, 2595, 2368, 1702, 1593, 1486, 1401, 1291, 1231, 1066, 1006 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.31$ (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.42 (m, 9H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 26.7$, 54.0, 82.9, 86.7, 122.2, 122.3, 126.4, 128.1, 128.8, 131.6, 133.2,





2-Phenyl-5-*o*-tolyl-2-(3-*o*-tolylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8k): Yield: 57% (two steps); pale yellow solid; mp: 148-150 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 3025, 2917, 2678, 2605, 2361, 1704, 1600, 1489, 1414, 1288, 1224, 1113, 1038 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 2.24$ (s, 6H), 3.42 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (d, J =

16.5 Hz, 2H), 7.05-7.10 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.34 (m, 3H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.49 (m, 2H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 20.7$, 26.7, 53.9, 82.6, 89.4, 123.2, 125.5, 126.6, 128.0, 128.8, 129.4, 132.1, 139.2, 140.4, 179.6; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₈H₂₄NaO₂, m/z 415.1674 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 415.1661.



Preparation of compound 81



Methyl 2-(but-2-ynyl)-2-phenylhex-4-ynoate (S7)

The procedure used for the preparation of compound **S4** was employed for the synthesis of compound **S7** from methyl 2-phenylacetate and tosylate **S3**. The crude product was used for the next step without further purification.

2-(But-2-ynyl)-2-phenylhex-4-ynoic acid (8l)

The conditions used for the hydrolysis of compound **S5** was employed for the preparation of carboxylic acid **81** from the crude ester **S7**.

Yield: 61% (two steps); colorless solid; mp: 151-153 °C; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad), 2916, 2361, 1699, 1495, 1410, 1284, 1237 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.72$ (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 6H), 2.96-3.02 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.13 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.36 (m, 4H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.7$, 25.6, 53.7, 74.7, 78.8, 126.5, 127.7, 128.5, 139.5, 180.1; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₆H₁₆NaO₂, m/z 263.1048 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 263.1040



Preparation of compound 8m²



2-(Methoxycarbonyl)-5-phenyl-2-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)pent-4-ynoic acid (8m)

The procedure used for the partial hydrolysis of diester S4 to carboxylic acid 8c was employed to access compound 8m from S2.

Yield: 65%; yellow oil; IR (KBr): v = 3500-2500 (broad band), 3058, 2956, 2361, 1735, 1489, 1435, 1212, 1116 cm⁻¹; ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.27$ (s, 4H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.39 (m, 4H); ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 23.9$, 53.4, 57.4, 83.6, 84.2, 123.0, 128.26, 128.33, 131.80, 131.84, 169.3, 174.7; HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₁₈NaO₄, m/z 369.1103 ([M+Na]⁺); found, m/z 369.1095.



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General optimization of reaction conditions



| | Ph Ph | Pd(OAc) ₂ (10 mol Ligand (12 mol% Solvent (0.1 M) 25 °C, Time (h) | %) O Ph | | |
|--------|--|--|--|----------------------------|------------|
| | 8a | | Pri 9a | | |
| | HS i-Pr i-Pr O-N N-O (<i>M,S,S</i>)-i-Pr-SPI | H $\stackrel{i \cdot Pr}{\underset{i \cdot Pr}{\overset{i \cdot Pr}{\underset{N}{\overset{(-)-Spart}{\overset{(-)}}}}{\overset{(-)}}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}}{\overset{(-)}{\overset{(-)}{\overset$ | $ \begin{array}{c} $ | o f-Bu OX | |
| Entry | Ligand | Solvent | Reaction time | Yield of | Ee of |
| - | - | | (h) | 9a (%) ^a | 9a (%) |
| 1 | (<i>M</i> , <i>S</i> , <i>S</i>)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX | Dioxane | 4 | 88 | rac |
| 2 | (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX | DCM | 4 | 93 | 5 |
| 3 | (M,S,S)-i-Pr-SPRIX | Toluene | 4 | 91 | 5 |
| 4 | (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX | MeCN | 4 | 93 | rac |
| 5 | | MeOH | 4 | 84 | 5 |
| - | (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX | MCOIL | • | 01 | - |
| 6 | (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX | AcOH | 4 | 81 | rac |
| 6 7 | (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX (M,S,S)- <i>i</i> -Pr-SPRIX (-)-Spartein | AcOH DCM | 4 3 | 81 92 | rac rac |

^aIsolated yield



Stability of *i*-Pr-SPRIX-Pd(OAc)₂ complex in the presence of alkynoic acid 8a

Table S2. Screening of bidentate phosphine ligands



| Entry | Pd source | Ligand | Solvent | Temp | Reaction | Yield | ee of |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| | | (Additive) | | (^{o}C) | time (h) | of 9a | 9a |
| _ | | | | | | $(\%)^{a}$ | (%) |
| 1 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 86 | 19 |
| 2 | - | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 48 | 0 | - |
| 3 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 10 | 24 | 41 ^b | 12 |
| 4 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 0 | 24 | 23 ^b | 13 |
| 5 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | -20 | 96 | 21 ^b | 9 |
| 6 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | -40 | 96 | 18 ^b | 14 |
| 7 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 45 °C | 18 | 89 | 8 |
| 8 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (R)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 87 | -8 |
| 9 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | Toluene | 25 | 96 | 16 ^b | 8 |
| 10 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CHCl ₃ | 25 | 24 | 89 | 9 |
| 11 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | MeCN | 25 | 2 | 86 | 4 |
| 12 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | MeOH | 25 | 2 | 88 | 10 |

| 13 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | Dioxane | 25 | 96 | 37 ^b | 14 |
|-----------------|--|--|---------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|----|
| 14 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | Et ₂ O | 25 | 96 | 79 | 10 |
| 15 | $Pd(TFA)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 72 | 71 ^b | 0 |
| 16 | PdCl ₂ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 72 | 9 ^b | -6 |
| 17 | PdCl ₂ -(S)- BINAP ^c | - | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 25 | 72 | 8 ^b | -4 |
| 18 ^d | [(η3- C ₃ H ₅)PdCl] ₂ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 72 | 16 ^b | 0 |
| 19 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (R)-SEGPHOS | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 36 | 83 | 8 |
| 20 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (<i>R</i>)-DIFLUOR PHOS | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 18 ^b | 13 |
| 21 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (R)-SYNPHOS | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 12 | 83 | 0 |
| 22 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-MOP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 8 | 86 | 0 |
| 23 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP (K_2CO_3 , 1 eq) | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 23 ^b | 9 |
| 24 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP (KOH, 1 eq) | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 26 ^b | 8 |
| 25 | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP (Et ₃ N, 1 eq) | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 29 ^b | 12 |
| 26 ^e | Pd(OAc) ₂ | (S)-BINAP (AcOH) | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 10 | 92 | 11 |
| $27^{\rm f}$ | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 12 | 88 | 17 |
| 28 ^g | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 1 | 12 | 12 |
| 29 ^h | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 15 | 90 | 15 |
| 30 ⁱ | $Pd(OAc)_2$ | (S)-BINAP | CH_2Cl_2 | 25 | 24 | 85 | 11 |

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All reactions were carried out in 0.1M solution (in entries 1 to 18, 10 mol% of ligand was used and in entries 19 to 30, 12 mol% of ligand was used) ^a Isolated yield; ^b Remaining unreacted starting material was recovered; ^c10 mol% of isolated complex was used; ^d 5 Mol% of Pd reagent was used; ^c Reaction was carried out in 9:1 DCM:AcOH solution; ^f Reaction was carried out in 0.5 M solution; ^g Reaction was quenched after 1 h; ^h 30 Mol% of catalyst was used; ⁱ40 Mol% of ligand was used



¹H, ¹³C-NMR spectra and HPLC data of compounds 9



(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9a)



(Z)-3-(But-2-ynyl)-5-ethylidenedihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9b)



(Z)-Methyl 3-(but-2-ynyl)-5-ethylidene-2-oxotetrahydrofuran-3-carboxylate (9c)



5-Methylene-3-phenyl-3-(prop-2-ynyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9d)



(Z)-5-Benzylidene-3-phenyl-3-(3-phenylprop-2-ynyl)dihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9e)



| Channel & Peak Information Table | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Ch | romatogram | Nam | e | S- | 465 Rac-2- | CH1 | | | | | | |
| Sample Name | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cha | annel Name | | | UV | -2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 12.208 | 6422085 | 166621 | 49.882 | 59.885 | N/A | 2382 | 4.975 | 1.306 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 18.417 | 6452530 | 111615 | 50.118 | 40.115 | N/A | 2405 | N/A | 1.241 | |
| Ch | romatogram | Nam | e | S- | 465 CHCI3 I | R SDP rt- | -CH1 | | | | | |
| Sar | mple Name | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cha | annel Name | | | UV | -2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 11.408 | 6750922 | 199546 | 20.230 | 27.881 | N/A | 2651 | 5.613 | 1.256 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 17.658 | 26620015 | 516166 | 79.770 | 72.119 | N/A | 2752 | N/A | 1.363 | |



2(3*H*)-one (9f)





(E)-5-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-3-phenyl-3-(3-p-tolylprop-2-ynyl)dihydrofuran-

2(3*H*)-one (9g)





(*E*)-5-(4-Isopropylbenzylidene)-3-(3-(4-isopropylphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3-





(E)-5-(4-Methoxybenzylidene)-3-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3-

phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9i)



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(E)-5-(4-Bromobenzylidene)-3-(3-(4-bromophenyl)prop-2-ynyl)-3-

phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9j)



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2(3*H*)-one (9k)





(Z)-3-(But-2-ynyl)-5-ethylidene-3-phenyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (9l)



| Channel & Peak Information Table | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Chromatogram Name | | | | | 507 rac-CH | 1 | | | | | | |
| Sample Name | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ch | annel Name | | | U٧ | /-2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | СН | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 9.917 | 1428453 | 117484 | 49.290 | 60.680 | N/A | 15384 | 9.472 | 1.175 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 13.833 | 1469589 | 76128 | 50.710 | 39.320 | N/A | 11800 | N/A | 1.451 | |
| Ch | romatogram | Nam | е | S- | 507 R-SDP | CHCI3 rt | -CH1 | | | | | |
| Sai | mple Name | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ch | annel Name | | | UV | /-2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 9.908 | 893899 | 68089 | 65.841 | 72.844 | N/A | 15061 | 9.856 | 0.941 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 13.867 | 463766 | 25383 | 34.159 | 27.156 | N/A | 13218 | N/A | 1.224 | |



carboxylate (9m)





| Ch | Channel & Peak Information Table | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|------|------------|-----------------|---------|
| Chromatogram Name | | | S- | 538 rac-CH | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Sar | nple Name | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ch | annel Name | | | UV | /-2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 11.042 | 44897648 | 781318 | 50.712 | 56.645 | N/A | 1022 | 4.862 | 3.232 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 18.650 | 43636146 | 597999 | 49.288 | 43.355 | N/A | 1804 | N/A | 2.656 | |
| Ch | romatogram | Nam | е | S- | 538 R-SDP | CHCI3 rt | -CH1 | | | | | |
| Sar | nple Name | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ch | annel Name | | | U١ | /-2075 | | | | | | | |
| # | Peak Name | СН | tR [min] | Area [µV·sec] | Height [µV] | Area% | Height% | Quantity | NTP | Resolution | Symmetry Factor | Warning |
| 1 | Unknown | 1 | 11.917 | 7348401 | 134999 | 42.537 | 51.953 | N/A | 1229 | 4.480 | 2.004 | |
| 2 | Unknown | 1 | 19.225 | 9926962 | 124847 | 57.463 | 48.047 | N/A | 1618 | N/A | 2.140 | |