Supporting Information

### Mild and Selective Boronic Acid Catalyzed 1,3-Transposition of Allylic Alcohols and Meyer-Schuster Rearrangement of Propargylic Alcohols

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### 1. Experimental Details and Compound Characterization Data

#### 1.1 General information

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using flame-dried glassware. Toluene, THF, DMF, MeOH and dichloromethane were treated by Fisher Scientific-MBraun MB SPS\* solvent purification system prior to use. All commercially available aldehydes and acrylic acid were purified by Kugelrohr distillation prior to use. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Merck Silica Gel 60 F254 plates and was visualized with UV light and KMnO<sub>4</sub> stain. NMR spectra were recorded on Varian INOVA-400 or MERCURY-400 MHz instruments. The residual solvent protons  $(^{1}H)$  or the solvent carbons  $(^{13}C)$  were used as internal standards. <sup>1</sup>H NMR data are presented as follows: chemical shift in ppm ( $\delta$ ) downfield from tetramethylsilane (multiplicity, coupling constant, integration). The following abbreviations are used in reporting NMR data: s, singlet; br s, broad singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; qnt, quintet; dd, doublet of doublets; dt, doublet of triplets; dq, doublet of quartets; qq, quartet of quartets; m, multiplet. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded by the University of Alberta mass spectrometry services laboratory using either electron impact (EI) or electrospray ionization (ESI) techniques. Infrared spectra (IR) were obtained on a Nicolet Magna-IR with frequencies expressed in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (< 5 micron, Aldrich) were dried overnight in a vacuum oven (250 °C) prior to use. 4 Å molecular sieves (1/16 inch pellets) were dried overnight in a vacuum oven (250 °C) prior to use. All Grignard reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich.

#### **1.2 Preparation of arylboronic acid catalysts**

#### **1.2.1** Preparation of 2,3,4,5-Tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid (1h)



2,3,4,5-Tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** was made following a literature procedure (90% yield).<sup>1</sup>



#### 1.2.2 Preparation of 3,4,5,6,7,8-hexafluoronaphthalen-1-ylboronic acid (1i)

8-Bromo-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexafluoronaphthalene (S1, step 1–3)

8-Bromo-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexafluoronaphthalene S1 was made following a literature procedure (24% over three steps).<sup>2</sup>

#### 3,4,5,6,7,8-Hexafluoronaphthalen-1-ylboronic acid pinacol ester (S2, step 4)

To a suspension of 8-bromo-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexafluoronaphthalene (**S1**, 933 mg, 3.0 mmol), KOAc (880 mg, 3.0 mmol) and  $B_2pin_2$  (1.52 g, 6.0 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (20 mL) at room temperature was added PdCl<sub>2</sub>dppf (490 mg, 0.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 hours. Then the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:20) to give

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lewis, S. P.; Chai, J.; Collins, S.; Sciarone, T. J. J.; Henderson, L. D.; Fan, C.; Parvez, M.; Piers, W. E. Organometallics 2009, 28, 249-263.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Morrison, D. J.; Riegel, S. D.; Piers, W. E.; Parvez, M.; McDonald, R. Chem. Commun. 2006, 2875-2877.

the title boronic acid pinacol ester S2 (565 mg, 52% yield) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (dd, J = 9.5, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (s, 12 H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  147.5, 144.7, 144.6, 143.0, 141.4, 139.2, 138.2, 124.2, 119.6, 112.1, 85.1, 24.6; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –138.8 (m, 1F), –139.0 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 1F), –142.9 (m, 1F), –146.3 (dddd, J = 57.7, 17.5, 15.1, 5.7 Hz, 1F), –155.8 (t, J = 18.7 Hz, 1F), –157.5 (tdd, J = 19.0, 7.6, 4.2 Hz, 1F); <sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 31.1; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 2988, 2935, 1667, 1638, 1527, 1500; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub><sup>11</sup>BF<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 362.09128; found 362.09160.

#### 3,4,5,6,7,8-Hexafluoronaphthalen-1-ylboronic acid (1i, step 5)

To a solution of boronic acid pinacol ester **S2** (360 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL, 4:1) at room temperature was added NaIO<sub>4</sub> (642 mg, 3.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. Then 1 N HCl (0.7 mL) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 40$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O ( $2 \times 20$  mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was washed with hexanes to give the title boronic acid **1i** (168 mg, 60% yield) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.55 (br s, 2H), 7.77-7.70 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 147.2, 142.6, 142.3, 140.5, 138.4, 137.1, 130.8, 121.7, 118.6, 111.0; <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –139.2 (m, 1F), –139.8 (m, 1F), –147.8 (m, 2F), –156.6 (t, J = 17.2 Hz, 1F), –159.4 (t, J = 17.8 Hz, 1F); <sup>11</sup>**B NMR** (128 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 29.0; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3299, 1667, 1637, 1525; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>3</sub><sup>11</sup>BF<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: calcd. 280.01303; found 280.01308.

#### **1.2.3** Preparation of the other arylboronic acids (Table 1)

2-Nitrophenylboronic acid was made following a literature procedure.<sup>3</sup> 2-Iodophenylboronic acid was prepared based on a previous literature procedure reported by our group.<sup>4</sup> The other arylboronic acids were obtained from commercial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> a) Seaman, W.; Johnson, J. R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1931**, 53, 711-723; b) Groziak, M. P.; Canguly, A. D.; Robinsons, P. D. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1994**, 116, 7597-7605.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Al-Zoubi, R.; Marion, O.; Hall, D. G. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2008, 47, 2876-2879.

sources (purchased from either Combi-Blocks Inc. or Sigma-Aldrich).

#### **1.3 Preparation of allylic alcohols 2**

#### **1.3.1** General procedure for the preparation of allylic alcohols



To a solution of aldehyde or ketone (5.0 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added Grignard reagent solution (1.0 M in THF, 6.0 mL, 6.0 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and further stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. A saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title allylic alcohols in pure form.

#### 1.3.2 1-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (2a)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (81% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> a) Bouziane, A.; Helou, M.; Carboni, B.; Carreaux, F.; Demerseman, B.; Bruneau, C.; Renaud, J. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2008, *14*, 5630-5637; b) Kim, J. W.; Koike, T.; Kotani, M.; Yamaguchi, K.; Mizuno, N. *Chem. Eur. J.* 2008, *14*, 4104-4109.





**Step 1**: To a solution of *p*-hydroxybenzaldehyde (366 mg, 3.0 mmol) in DCM (12 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added 2,6-lutidine (963 mg, 9.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and triisopropylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.10 g, 3.6 mmol) was added dropwise. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 hours. Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) was added to dilute the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2 × 50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:50) to give 4-(triisopropylsilyloxy)benzaldehyde **S3** (802 mg, 96% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for **S3** matched that of a previous report.<sup>6</sup>

**Step 2**: To a solution of 4-(triisopropylsilyloxy)benzaldehyde **S3** (557 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added Grignard reagent solution (1.0 M in THF, 2.4 mL, 2.4 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and further stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title allylic alcohols **2b** (564 mg, 92% yield) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.90-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.07 (ddd, J = 17.4, 10.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (dt, J = 17.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (dd, J = 5.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (br s, 1H), 1.27 (dq, J = 7.3, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 18H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 156.0, 140.7, 135.3, 127.8,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ischay, M. A.; Lu, Z.; Yoon, T. P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 132, 8572-8574.

120.1, 114.9, 75.2, 18.2, 12.9; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3330, 3080, 2945, 2893, 2868, 1607, 1582, 1510, 1464, 1416; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: calcd. 306.20151; found 306.20195.

#### 1.3.4 1-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (2c)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (84% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>5a</sup>

#### 1.3.5 1-(Benzofuran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (2d)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (90% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.3.6 1,1-Diphenylprop-2-en-1-ol (2e)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (95% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Morrill, C.; Beutner, G. L.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 7813-7825.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Marion, N.; Gealageas, R.; Nolan, S. P. Org. Lett. 2007, 9, 2653-2656.

#### 1.3.7 3-Phenylpent-1-en-3-ol (2f)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (79% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.3.8 1-Cyclopropyl-1-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (2g)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (87% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>9</sup>

#### 1.3.9 2-Cyclohexylbut-3-en-2-ol (2h)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (64% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>10</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Olah, G. A.; Spear, R. J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1975**, 97, 1539-1546.
<sup>10</sup> Morrill, C.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2005**, 127, 2842-2843.

#### 1.3.10 Linalool (2i)



Linalool 2i was purchased from Fluka Analytical (Sigma-Aldrich).

#### 1.3.11 9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl 4-hydroxy-4-vinylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (2j)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (57% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (dt, J = 7.6, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, J = 7.4, 1.9, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (ddt, J = 7.5, 1.1, 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dt, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.95 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.36-3.27 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.53 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.4, 145.1, 144.4, 141.6, 127.9, 127.3, 125.2, 120.2, 112.8, 70.2, 67.4, 47.7, 40.2, 36.8; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3436, 3066, 3008, 2949, 1912, 1681, 1580, 1477, 1450; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 349.16779; found 349.16725.

1.3.12 tert-Butyl 4-hydroxy-4-vinylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (2k)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (22% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.91 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dd, J = 17.4,

0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 10.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.66 (m, 2H), 3.28-3.12 (m, 2H), 2.05 (br s, 1H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.4, 144.6, 111.9, 79.0, 69.5, 39.7, 36.2, 28.0; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3434, 3087, 3007, 2977, 2945, 2876, 1695, 1671; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 227.15215; found 227.15229.

#### 1.3.13 Benzyl 4-hydroxy-4-vinylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (2l)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (61% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.94 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (dd, J = 17.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.11 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00-3.81 (m, 2H), 3.32 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (s, 1H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.52 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.5, 145.1, 137.1, 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 112.7, 70.1, 67.3, 40.2, 36.8; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3438, 3088, 3065, 3033, 3007, 2948, 2876, 1699, 1679, 1587, 1497, 1474, 1435; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 261.13651; found 261.13649.

#### 1.3.14 1-Phenylbut-2-en-1-ol (2m)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (86% yield, E : Z = 4 : 1, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Stevens, B. D.; Bungard, C. J.; Nelson, S. G. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 6397-6402.

#### 1.3.15 Ethyl 2-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)acrylate (2n)



A mixture of ethyl acrylate (2.00 g, 20.0 mmol), benzaldehyde (1.06 g, 10.0 mmol) and DABCO (112 mg, 1.0 mmol) was stirred at room temperature for 72 hours. Then the reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:5) to give the title allylic alcohol 2n (1.75 g, 85% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for 2n matched that of a previous report.<sup>12</sup>

#### 1.3.16 2-Methyl-1,1-diphenylbut-2-en-1-ol (20)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (80% yield, E : Z = 1 : 2.2, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR).

Z isomer:

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.67 (qq, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (br s, 1H), 1.74 (quin, J = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (dq, J = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  146.5, 140.6, 128.3, 127.8, 127.4, 124.8, 82.3, 24.4, 15.7. *E* isomer:

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41-7.26 (m, 10H), 5.24 (qq, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (br s, 1H), 1.71 (quin, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (dq, *J* = 6.7, 1.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  145.7, 140.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.3, 124.5, 84.1, 14.3, 13.9. **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3476, 3059, 3025, 2969, 2946, 2919, 1599, 1491, 1447; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O: calcd. 238.13577; found 238.13564.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Ferreira, B. R. V.; Pirovani, R. V.; Souza-Filho, L. G.; Coelho, F. *Tetrahedron* **2009**, *65*, 7712-7717.

#### 1.3.17 1-Phenylcyclohex-2-enol (2p)



Compound **2p** was made following a literature procedure.<sup>13</sup>

The characterization data for **2p** matched that of a previous report.<sup>13</sup>

#### 1.4 Preparation of propargylic alcohols 4

#### **1.4.1** General procedure for the preparation of propargylic alcohols

Method A:



To a solution of alkyne (18.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi solution (2.5 M in hexanes, 2.8 mL, 6.8 mmol). The solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 1 hour and stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then the solution was cooled to -78 °C and aldehyde or ketone (4.8 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. The crude propargylic alcohol bearing trimethylsilyl substituent was dissolved in MeOH/THF (1:1, 20 mL). Then K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (6.63 g, 48.0 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. The reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Shlbuya, M.; Tomlzawa, M.; Iwabuchl, Y. Org. Lett. 2008, 10, 4715-4718.

residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title propargylic alcohols **4** in pure form.

#### Method B:



To a solution of alkyne (18.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi solution (2.5 M in hexanes, 2.8 mL, 6.8 mmol). The solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 1 hour and stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then the solution was cooled to -78 °C and aldehyde or ketone (4.8 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title propargylic alcohols **4** in pure form.

#### 1.4.2 1-Phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4a)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method A) for propargylic alcohols (92% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Ye, L.; He, W.; Zhang, L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2010**, 132, 8550-8551.

#### 1.4.3 1,1-Diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4b)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method A) for propargylic alcohols (98% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>15</sup>

#### 1.4.4 1,1-Diphenylnon-2-yn-1-ol (4c)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method B) for propargylic alcohols (97% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>16</sup>

#### 1.4.5 3-Ethoxy-1-phenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4d)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method B) for propargylic alcohols (100% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>17</sup>

#### 1.4.6 1-Ethoxy-4,4-dimethylpent-1-yn-3-ol (4e)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method B) for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Zhang, X.; Teo, W. T.; Chan, P. W. H. Org. Lett. 2009, 11, 4990-4993.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Kuwajima, I.; Nakamura, E.; Hashimoto, K. *Tetrahedron* **1983**, *39*, 975-982.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Raucher, S.; Bray, B. L. J. Org. Chem. **1987**, *52*, 2332-2333.

propargylic alcohols (97% yield).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>18</sup>

#### 1.4.7 4-(Ethoxyethynyl)-1-tosylpiperidin-4-ol (4f)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure (Method B) for propargylic alcohols (91% yield).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.5, 0.5 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (q, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.25 (ddd, J = 11.0, 6.6, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (dt, J = 11.2, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.25-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.85 (ddd, J = 12.9, 6.6, 3.9 Hz, 4H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.7, 133.6, 129.9, 127.9, 94.2, 74.9, 65.7, 43.5, 40.7, 39.4, 21.7, 14.4; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3495, 2959, 2931, 2861, 2415, 2260, 1924, 1720, 1597, 1494, 1466; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. 323.11914; found 323.11974.

#### 1.4.8 3-(Methylthio)-1,1-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4g)



To a solution of 1,1-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ol **4b** (415 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi solution (2.5 M in hexanes, 1.68 mL, 4.2 mmol). The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour. Then MeSSMe (375 mg, 4.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Engel, D. A.; Lopez, S. S.; Dudley, G. B. *Tetrahedron* **2008**, *64*, 6988-6996.

purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:9) to give the title propargylic alcohol 4g (356 mg, 72% yield) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.65-7.60 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 6H), 2.84 (br s, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.1, 128.5, 127.9, 126.3, 95.2, 79.9, 75.4, 19.3; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3542, 3447, 3059, 3085, 3026, 2927, 2168, 1953, 1890, 1813, 1767, 1597, 1490, 1449; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS: calcd. 254.07654; found 254.07647.



#### 1.4.9 3-(Methylthio)-1,1-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (4h)

(3-Bromo-1-phenylprop-2-ynyloxy)triisopropylsilane **S4** (85% yield over 3 steps from benzaldehyde) was made following a literature procedure.<sup>19</sup>

# *N*-Benzyl-*N*-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (S5, step 1)

To a solution of **S4** (130 mg, 0.5 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at room temperature was added 1,10-phenantroline (18 mg, 0.1 mmol),  $CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$  (12 mg, 0.05 mmol) and *N*-benzyl-4-methylbenzene-sulfonamide (130 mg, 0.5 mmol). The suspension was stirred at 60 °C for 32 hours. The mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL), filtered through Celite and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:9) to give the title ynamine **S5** (240 mg, 88% yield) in pure form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Lee, T.; Kang, H.-R.; Kim, S.; Kim, S. *Tetrahedron* **2006**, *62*, 4081-4085

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.20 (m, 12H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.09 (dq, J = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.9 Hz, 18H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 144.6, 142.6, 134.9, 134.8, 129.8, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 79.4, 73.3, 65.2, 55.6, 21.9, 18.3, 12.5; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3089, 3065, 3032, 2943, 2890, 2865, 2725, 2242, 1948, 1884, 1805, 1759, 1598, 1494, 1456; **HRMS** (ESI) for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SSi: calcd. 548.26490; found 548.26510.

## *N*-Benzyl-*N*-(3-hydroxy-3-phenylprop-1-ynyl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (4h, step 2)

To a solution of **S5** (170 mg, 0.3 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was slowly added TBAF (0.6 mL, 1.0 M in THF). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with  $Et_2O$  (10 mL) and washed with  $NH_4Cl$  solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:5) to give the title amino alcohol **4h** (117 mg, 97% yield) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.74 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.27 (m, 12H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 4.53 (q, J = 13.9 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.19 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.0, 140.8, 134.8, 134.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.9, 126.8, 80.6, 71.9, 65.0, 55.6, 21.9; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3497, 3064, 3032, 2928, 2869, 2244, 2191, 2055, 1678, 1635, 1597, 1579, 1494; **HRMS** (ESI) for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: calcd. 392.13150; found 392.13140.

#### **1.5 Full optimization of reaction conditions (Expanded Table 1)**

#### 1.5.1 Arylboronic acids screening





#### 1.5.2 Solvent screening



Solvent	MeOH	Acetone	THF	Et <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> CN
Yield	0%	13%	7%	5%	trace
Solvent	DMF	EtOAc	DCM	DCE	toluene
Yield	17%	12%	26%	25%	36%

#### 1.5.3 Catalyst loading optimization



Catalyst loading	100%	50%	20%	10%	5%
Yield	38%	35%	36%	14%	8%

#### 1.5.4 Additive screening



#### **1.6 Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols**

#### **1.6.1** General procedure (Table 2)



To a solution of allylic alcohol 2 (0.4 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at the indicated temperature was added phenyl boronic acid **1h** or **1i** (0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at the indicated temperature for the indicated period of time. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:8) to give the alcohols **3** in pure form.

#### 1.6.2 (*E*)-3-Phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 1)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols.

The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (72% yield, catalyst is 1i).

The reaction temperature was 50 °C and the reaction time was 48 hours (93% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>20</sup>

#### 1.6.3 (E)-3-(4-(Triisopropylsilyloxy)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entries 2)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols.

The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (68% yield, catalyst is **1h**).

The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (75% yield, catalyst is 1i).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Mahesh, M.; Murphy, J. A.; Wessel, H. P. J. Org. Chem. 2005, 70, 4118-4123.

#### 1.6.4 (E)-3-(4-Chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 3)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50  $^{\circ}$ C and the reaction time was 48 hours (67% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>5a</sup>

1.6.5 (E)-3-(Benzofuran-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 4)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (75% yield, catalyst is **1i**). The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.6.6 3,3-Diphenylprop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 5)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25 °C) and the reaction time was 24 hours (80% yield, catalyst is **1h**). Upon completion of the reaction (24 h), adding additional equal amount of starting material also led to 80% yield, which suggested that catalyst **1h** was still active.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44-7.16 (m, 10H), 6.27 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* 

= 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.95 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  144.1, 141.8, 139.1, 129.8, 128.23, 128.20, 128.1, 127.64, 127.60, 127.57, 60.7; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3326, 3080, 3056, 3026, 2926, 2867, 1494, 1444; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O: calcd. 210.10446; found 210.10441.

1.6.7 (E)-3-Phenylpent-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 6)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25 °C) and the reaction time was 24 hours (72% yield, E : Z = 8 : 1, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, catalyst is **1h**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.6.8 (Z)-3-Cyclopropyl-3-phenylprop-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 7)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (76% yield, catalyst is **1h**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.18-7.12 (m, 2H), 5.65 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.28 (br s, 1H), 0.74-0.67 (m, 2H), 0.53-0.46 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 145.8, 139.1, 128.5, 128.0, 127.1, 123.6, 60.2, 18.2, 5.7; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3323, 3081, 3056, 3011, 2927, 2873, 1648, 1493, 1442; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O: calcd. 174.10446; found 174.10422.

#### 1.6.9 (E)-3-Cyclohexylbut-2-en-1-ol (Table 2, entry 8)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 80 °C and the reaction time was 48 hours (77% yield, E : Z = 20 : 1, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, catalyst is **1i**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup>

1.6.10 Geraniol (Table 2, entry 9)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 80 °C and the reaction time was 48 hours (62% yield, E : Z = 6 : 1, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, catalyst is **1i**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>22</sup>

### **1.6.11** (9*H*-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl 4-(2-hydroxyethylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylat e (Table 2, entry 10)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50 °C and the reaction time was 12 hours (81% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Morrill, C.; Grubbs, R. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 2842-2843.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Grotjahn, D. B.; Larsen, C. R.; Gustafson, J. L.; Nair, R.; Sharma, A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **2007**, *129*, 9592-9593.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.79 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.58-3.40 (m, 4H), 2.36-2.12 (m, 4H), 1.56 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C **NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.1, 144.1, 144.0, 141.4, 127.7, 127.1, 125.0, 123.3, 120.0, 67.3, 58.3, 47.4, 45.5, 44.8; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3439, 3066, 2950, 2897, 2871, 1699; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 349.16779; found 349.16639

## 1.6.12 *tert*-Butyl 4-(2-hydroxyethylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (Table 2, entry 11)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50  $^{\circ}$ C and the reaction time was 12 hours (72% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.49 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.46-3.36 (m, 4H), 2.26 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (t, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (br s, 1H), 1.47 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.7, 139.2, 123.0, 79.6, 58.2, 45.1, 35.7, 28.4; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3422, 2974, 2932, 2868, 1696, 1672; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 227.15215; found 227.15187.

### 1.6.13 Benzyl 4-(2-hydroxyethylidene)piperidine-1-carboxylate (Table 2, entry12)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50 °C and the reaction time was 12 hours (74% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.52 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.18 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.56-3.48 (m, 4H), 2.35-2.18 (m, 4H), 1.57 (br s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 155.2, 138.7, 136.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 123.3, 67.2, 58.3, 45.5, 44.8; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3414, 3064, 2942, 2871, 1698; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: calcd. 261.13651; found 261.13641.

1.6.14 (E)-4-Phenylbut-3-en-2-ol (Table 2, entry 13)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 4 hours (73% yield, catalyst is **1h**). The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>23</sup>

#### 1.6.15 (E)-Ethyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-phenylacrylate (Table 2, entries 14)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 80 °C and the reaction time was 48 hours (20% yield, catalyst is **1h**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Lu, Z.; Ma, S. J. Org. Chem. 2006, 71, 2655-2660.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Ramachandran, P. V.; Burghardt, T. E.; Reddy, M. V. R. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2005**, *46*, 2121-2124.

#### 1.6.16 3-Methyl-4,4-diphenylbut-3-en-2-ol (Table 2, entry 15)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25 °C) and the reaction time was 48 hours (71% yield, catalyst is **1h**). <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34-7.14 (m, 10H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.54 (br s, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  142.5, 142.1, 139.0, 136.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.2, 128.0, 126.6, 126.5, 68.1, 21.6, 13.2; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3345, 3078, 3054, 3021, 2976, 2929, 2860, 1598, 1576, 1491, 1442; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O: calcd. 238.13577; found 238.13604.

#### 1.6.17 3-Phenylcyclohex-2-enol (Table 2, entry 16)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 14 hours (75% yield, catalyst is **1i**). The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>25</sup>

#### 1.7 Boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement

#### 1.7.1 General procedure (Table 3)



To a solution of propargylic alcohol 4 (0.4 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at the indicated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Uyanlk, M.; Fukatsu, R.; Ishihara, K. Org. Lett. 2009, 11, 3470-3473.

temperature was added aryl boronic acid **1h** or **1i** (0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at the indicated temperature for the indicated period of time. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:20) to give the title compounds **5** in pure form.

#### 1.7.2 Cinnamaldehyde (Table 3, entry 1)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50  $^{\circ}$ C and the reaction time was 6 hours (75% yield, catalyst is **1i**). The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>26</sup>

#### 1.7.3 3,3-Diphenylacrylaldehyde (Table 3, entry 2)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 0.25 hour (87% yield, catalyst is **1h**).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>27</sup>

#### 1.7.4 1,1-Diphenylnon-1-en-3-one (Table 3, entry 3)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Liu, J.; Zhu, J.; Jiang, H.; Wang, W.; Li, J. Chem. Commun. **2010**, *46*, 415-417.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Yamada, T.; Sakaguchi, S.; Ishii, Y. J. Org. Chem. 2005, 70, 5471-5474.

temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 0.25 hour (90% yield, catalyst is **1h**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42-7.28 (m, 8H), 7.23-7.18 (m, 2H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 2.24 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.54-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.13 (m, 6H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  202.6, 153.0, 141.1, 139.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.5, 128.4 (two carbon signals are overlapping here), 128.2, 126.7, 43.2, 31.5, 28.8, 24.3, 22.4, 14.0; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3080, 3058, 3026, 2955, 2929, 2857, 1691, 1660, 1591, 1575, 1446; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O: calcd. 292.18271; found 292.18224.

#### 1.7.5 Ethyl cinnamate (Table 3, entry 4)



To a solution of propargylic alcohol **4d** (70 mg, 0.4 mmol) and PhSH (9 mg, 0.08 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at room temperature was added aryl boronic acid **1h** (15 mg, 0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for the 2 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:20) to give the title compounds **5d** (59 mg, 84% yield, all *E*) in pure form.

Without PhSH (20 mol%) as additive, the same reaction gave the title product **5d** in 80% yield (E : Z = 4 : 3, determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR).

The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>28</sup>

#### 1.7.6 (E)-Ethyl 4,4-dimethylpent-2-enoate (Table 3, entry 5)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Cao, P.; Li, C.-Y.; Kang, Y.-B.; Xie, Z.; Sun, X.-L.; Tang, Y. J. Org. Chem. **2007**, 72, 6628-6630.

temperature was 50  $^{\circ}$ C and the reaction time was 6 hours (78% yield, catalyst is **1i**). The characterization data for this compound matched that of a previous report.<sup>18</sup>

#### 1.7.7 1,1-Diphenylnon-1-en-3-one (Table 3, entry 6)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was 50 °C and the reaction time was 1 hour (89% yield, catalyst is 1i). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.34-7.29 (m, 2H), 5.66-5.62 (m, 1H), 4.10 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.16-3.02 (m, 6H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41-2.34 (m, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.0, 155.3, 143.7, 133.1, 129.7, 127.6, 116.0, 59.9, 47.3, 46.8, 35.8, 28.6, 21.5, 14.2; IR (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3091, 2978, 2928, 2911, 2848, 1712, 1657, 1598; HRMS (ESI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: calcd. 323.11914; found 323.11982.

#### 1.7.8 S-Methyl 3,3-diphenylprop-2-enethioate (Table 3, entry 7)



The title compound was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 0.5 hour (88% yield, catalyst is **1i**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.44-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.28-7.24 (m, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 189.4, 153.4, 140.9, 138.9, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 123.8, 12.3; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3358, 3079, 3058, 3027, 2925, 2853, 1952, 1886, 1807, 1725, 1677, 1591, 1572, 1490, 1445; **HRMS** (EI) for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>OS: calcd. 254.07654; found 254.07634.

#### 1.7.9 *N*-Benzyl-N-tosylcinnamamide (Table 3, entry 8)



The title compound was prepared using the similar procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols **4d** with PhSH (20 mol%) as the additive. The reaction temperature was room temperature (25  $^{\circ}$ C) and the reaction time was 24 hours (80%, all *E*, catalyst is **1i**).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.67 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 12H), 7.29 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (s, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.4, 146.4, 145.1, 137.2, 137.0, 134.7, 130.8, 129.9, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.8, 118.4, 49.7, 21.8; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3062, 3030, 2923, 2851, 1678, 1617, 1598, 1577, 1496; **HRMS** (ESI) for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa: calcd. 414.11340; found 414.11350.

#### 1.8 Stereochemical study of the 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols

#### 1.8.1 Preparation of (*R*,*E*)-1-phenylnon-2-en-1-ol (8)



Compound 8 was made following a literature procedure.<sup>21</sup>

The characterization data for compound **8** matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup>

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ : -34.4 (c = 1.2, chloroform) for 96.5% ee.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD): 2:98 *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/minute,  $\lambda = 250$  nm,  $T_{major} = 11.8 \text{ min}, T_{minor} = 16.9 \text{ min}, ee = 96.5\%$ .

#### **1.8.2** Preparation of (*R*,*E*)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)non-2-en-1-ol (10)



Compound **10** was made following a literature procedure.<sup>7</sup>

The characterization data for compound **10** matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ : -42.5 (c = 1.0, chloroform) for 99% ee.

#### **1.8.3** Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of 8 (Scheme 2)



To a solution of allylic alcohol **8** (43 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at 0 °C was added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** (8 mg, 0.04 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 8 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:8) to give (*R*,*E*)-1-phenylnon-1-en-3-ol **9** (33.5 mg, 78% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound 9 matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup>

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ : -1.4 (c = 1.2, chloroform) for 23% ee.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD): 3:97 *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/minute,  $\lambda = 280$  nm,  $T_{major} = 17.1 \text{ min}, T_{minor} = 33.2 \text{ min}, ee = 23\%$ .

#### 1.8.4 Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of 10 (Scheme 2)



To a solution of allylic alcohol 10 (57 mg, 0.2 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at 0 °C was

added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** (8 mg, 0.04 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 8 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:8) to give (R,E)-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)non-1-en-3-ol **11** (42 mg, 74% yield) in pure form. The characterization data for compound **11** matched that of a previous report.<sup>7</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ : -7.1 (c = 1.7, chloroform) for 87% ee.

HPLC (Chiralcel OD): 1:99 *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, 1.0 mL/minute,  $\lambda = 230$  nm, T<sub>major</sub> = 18.8 min, T<sub>minor</sub> = 28.7 min, ee = 87%.

#### 1.9 Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of 8 and 12

#### 1.9.1 Preparation of (E)-1-phenylnon-2-en-1-ol (8)



**Step 1**: To a solution of 1-octyne (1.98 g, 18.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi solution (2.5 M in hexanes, 2.8 mL, 6.8 mmol). The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 15 minutes and benzaldehyde (509 mg, 4.8 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. A saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give 1-phenylnon-2-yn-1-ol **S6** (986 mg, 95% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound **S6** matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup> **Step 2**: To a solution of 1-phenylnon-2-yn-1-ol **S6** (433 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> solution (1.0 M in THF, 6.0 mL, 6.0 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 41 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. EtOAc (20 mL) and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 g) were added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title allylic alcohols **8** (382 mg, 87% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound 8 matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup>



**1.9.2** Preparation of (*E*)-3-phenyl-1-*p*-tolylprop-2-en-1-ol (12)

**Step 1**: To a solution of ethynylbenzene (1.84 g, 18.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at -78 °C was added *n*BuLi solution (2.5 M in hexanes, 2.8 mL, 6.8 mmol). The solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 1 hour and stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Then the solution was cooled to -78 °C and 4-methylbenzaldehyde (577 mg, 4.8 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 hour and stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. A saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (20 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL), brine (20 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give 3-phenyl-1-*p*-tolylprop-2-yn-1-ol **S7** (1.05 g, 99% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound **S7** matched that of a previous report.<sup>29</sup>

**Step 2**: To a solution of 3-phenyl-1-*p*-tolylprop-2-yn-1-ol **S7** (445 mg, 2.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> solution (1.0 M in THF, 6.0 mL, 6.0 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 41 hours. Then the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C. EtOAc (20 mL) and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 g) were added to the reaction mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:15) to give the title allylic alcohols **12** (440 mg, 98% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound **12** matched that of a previous report.<sup>30</sup>

#### **1.9.3** Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of 12 (Equation 1)



To a solution of allylic alcohol **12** (90 mg, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at room temperature was added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:20) to give (*E*)-1-phenyl-3-*p*-tolylprop-2-en-1-ol **13** (35 mg, 39% yield) and (*E*)-3-phenyl-1-*p*-tolylprop-2-en-1-ol **12** (46 mg, 51% recovery yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound **12** matched that of a previous report.<sup>31</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Downey, C. W.; Mahoney, B. D.; Lipari, V. R. J. Org. Chem. **2009**, 74, 2904-2906.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Von Matt, P.; Lloyd-Jones, G. C.; Minidis, A. B. E.; Pfaltz, A.; Macko, L.; Neuburger, M.; Zehnder, M.; Ruegger, H.; Pregosin, P. S. *Helv. Chim. Acta*. **1995**, *78*, 265-284.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Schmidt, F.; Rudolph, J.; Bolm, C. Synthesis 2006, 21, 3625-3630.



#### **1.9.4** Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of 8 (Scheme 4)

To a solution of allylic alcohol **8** (87 mg, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at room temperature was added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:10) to give (*E*)-1-phenylnon-1-en-3-ol **9** (68 mg, 78% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound 9 matched that of a previous report.<sup>21</sup>

To a solution of allylic alcohol **8** (87 mg, 0.4 mmol) in toluene (1 mL) at room temperature was added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid **1h** (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. Then the resulting reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (100% Hexanes) to give the diene **14** (69 mg, 86% yield) in pure form.

The characterization data for compound 14 matched that of a previous report.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Underiner, T. L.; Goering, H. L. J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 2563-2572.

#### 1.10 Boronic acid catalyzed one-pot multicatalytic reaction (Scheme



To a mixture of the allylic alcohol **2m** (296 mg, 2.0 mmol) and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (284 mg, 2.0 mmol) in DCM (5 mL) at room temperature was added 2,3,4,5-tetrafluorophenyl boronic acid (39 mg, 0.2 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. Then acrylic acid (144 mg, 2.0 mmol) and 2-nitrophenylboronic acid (33 mg, 0.2 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. Benzyl amine (214 mg, 2.0 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (2.0 g), 2-iodophenylboronic acid (50 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DCM (5 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture for 72 hours and filtered through Celite. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/Hexanes = 1:5) to give *N*-benzyl-2-phenylcyclohex-3-ene-carboxamide **15** (286 mg, 49% yield, *syn:anti* = 19:1, determined by 2D NMR) in pure form.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33-7.17 (m, 8H), 6.91-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.90-5.84 (m, 1H), 5.68 (dq, J = 10.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (br s, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 14.9, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.70 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.16 (m, 3H), 2.08-1.91 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 174.6, 144.3, 138.1, 130.0, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 126.6, 51.3, 45.0, 43.2, 26.2, 24.6; **IR** (Microscope, cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3294, 3085, 3066, 3029, 2926, 2914, 2883, 2869, 1645, 1558, 1493, 1453; **HRMS** (ESI) for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO: calcd. 292.16961; found 292.16940.


The above stereoisomer was determined by 2D-NMR spectroscopy (see section 3.7). From HSQC and HMBC spectra,  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  (see the above figure) could be identified as 3.77-3.70 (m, 1H) and 2.29-2.16 (m, 1H) respectively. Then, a strong correlation  $\delta$  $H_a \leftrightarrow H_b$  on the COSY spectrum showed the desired product was the indicated regioisomer and a strong correlation  $\delta$   $H_a \leftrightarrow H_b$  on the TROESY spectrum showed that the desired product was *syn*-stereoisomer.

#### 1.11 Transition metal catalyzed variants (Note 19)

#### 1.11.1 Re catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols



The Re catalyst (O<sub>3</sub>ReSiPh<sub>3</sub>) was prepared following Grubbs' procedure.<sup>7</sup>



The above Re catalyzed 1,3-transpositions of allylic alcohols (0.4 mmol scale) were performed using Grubbs' protocol.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.11.2 Au catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement



The above Au catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement (0.5 mmol scale) was performed using Dudley's protocol.<sup>33</sup>

#### 1.11.3 Re catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangements



The above Re catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangements (0.4 mmol scale) were performed using Grubbs' protocol which was originally developed for 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols.<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.11.4 Au catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols



The above Au catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohol (0.4 mmol scale) was performed using Dudley's protocol which was originally developed for Meyer-Schuster rearrangement.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Engel, D. A.; Dudley, G. B. Org. Lett. **2006**, *8*, 4027-4029

# 2. <sup>18</sup>O Labeling Experiments (Scheme 3)

### 2.1 Preparation of [<sup>18</sup>O]benzophenone



[<sup>18</sup>O]Benzophenone was made following a literature procedure.<sup>34</sup> Mass spectral analysis indicated 8.95% <sup>18</sup>O isotopic incorporation.

### 2.2 Preparation of [<sup>18</sup>O]1,1-diphenylprop-2-en-1-ol (S8)



Compound **S8** was prepared using the general procedure for allylic alcohols (83% yield). Mass spectral analysis indicated 8.81% <sup>18</sup>O isotopic incorporation.

#### 2.3 Boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of S8



Compound **S9** was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols (79% yield). Mass spectral analysis indicated 0.89% <sup>18</sup>O isotopic incorporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Risley, J. M.; Van Etten, R. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1980**, 102, 4609-4614.

### 2.4 Preparation of [<sup>18</sup>O]1,1-diphenylprop-2-yn-1-ol (S10)



Compound **S10** was prepared using the general procedure (Method A) for propargylic alcohols (82% yield). Mass spectral analysis indicated 8.53% <sup>18</sup>O isotopic incorporation.

#### 2.5 Boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of S10



Compound **S11** was prepared using the general procedure for the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement of propargylic alcohols (87% yield). Mass spectral analysis indicated 2.84% <sup>18</sup>O isotopic incorporation.

### 2.6 Analysis of <sup>18</sup>O labeling experimental data



As shown in the above figure, this reaction could proceed through two possible pathways. One is an  $S_N 1'$  pathway *via* an open transition state and the other is  $S_N 2'$ 

pathway *via* a cyclic chairlike transition state. <sup>18</sup>O labeling experiments were used to explore which of these possibilities is the most likely mechanism for the rearrangement. If the reaction proceeds through the  $S_N1'$  pathway, the three OH groups in the tetrahedral boronate complex would have an equal chance to attack the intermediate carbocation. Thus, it is statistically expected that <u>one third</u> of the labeled oxygen atom would transfer from the starting material to the final product. If the reaction proceeds through a concerted cyclic chairlike transition state, <u>very little or close to none of</u> the labeled oxygen atom would be expected to transfer from the starting material to the boronic acid catalyzed Meyer-Schuster rearrangement shows that 33.2% of the labeled oxygen atom was transferred from **S10** to **S11**, which is consistent with the  $S_N1'$  pathway. The experimental data of boronic acid catalyzed 1,3-transposition of allylic alcohols shows that 10.1% of the labeled oxygen atom was transferred from **S8** to **S9**, which suggests that this rearrangement likely proceeds through two parallel (competitive) pathways, an  $S_N1'$  pathway and an  $S_N2'$  pathway, which is substrate dependent.

# **3. NMR Spectra for New Compounds**

# 3.1 <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, <sup>11</sup>B- and <sup>19</sup>F-NMR of S2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C



date: Nov 25 2010 sweep width: 6010Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:25.0 spectrometer:1400 file:/mmt/d600/home14/hallmmr/mmrdata/Hongchao/HZH-III/HZH-3-40-HNMR-final

Pulse Sequence: s2pul





140 120 100 80 40 60 0 ppm 20 -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 HZH-3-40 Pulse Sequence: s2pul Sample directory: date: Nov 25 2010 spectrometer:1400

sweep width: 78873Hz acq.time: 3.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 12 dig.res.: 0.3 Hz/pt hz/mm:54.0
file:/mnt/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmrdata/Nongchao/HZH-III/HZH-3-40-FNNR-pure



# 3.2 <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C-, <sup>11</sup>B- and <sup>19</sup>F-NMR of 1i (Table 1) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

H2H-3-41

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

date: Dec 2 2010 sweep width: 6010Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 12 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:25.0 spectrometer:1400 file:/mnt/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmrdata/Hongchao/HZH-III/HZH-3-41-HNMR-pure



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HZH-3-41

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

date: Nov 30 2010 sweep width: 38480Hz acq.time: 2.05 relax.time: 0.15 # scans: 24 dig.res.: 0.3 Hz/pt hz/mm:160.3 file:/mmt/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmrdata/Hongchao/HZH-III/HZH-3-41-BNHR-pure



# 3.3 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 2b in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C



# 3.4 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 2j in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

 
 Michael, RHL7-174
 Pulse Sequence:
 Pulse Sequence:
 S2pul

 400.333 MHZ H1 10 in cdc13 (ref. to CDC13 0 7:26 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp \* 27.0 C, m100gz probe
 Pulse Sequence:
 S2pul

 date: Dac 16 2010 spectrometer:
 sweep width: 6406Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s \* scans: 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:28.7 file:/unt/d600 home14/hallnmr/mmrdata/OATA\_TROM\_IMRSERVICE/Michael/2010.12.2/2010.12.16.md\_MHL7-174\_18.05\_H1\_10





# 3.5 $^{1}$ H- and $^{13}$ C-NMR of 2k in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 $^{\circ}$ C



# 3.6 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 2l in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C





Michael, MLH7-176 100.650 MHZ C13[H1] 1D in cdcl3 (ref. to CDCl3 @ 77.06 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gz probe Pulse Sequence: s2pul date: Dec 14 2010 sweep width: 27174Hz acq.time: 2.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 512 dig.res.: 0.2 Hz/pt hz/mm:113.2 spectrometer:d501 file:/mmt/d60/home14/hullnar/rmcdata/DATA\_TROM\_NMRSERVICE/Michael/2010.12.214.md\_MLH7-776\_13.16\_C13\_1D



## 3.7 $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ of 20 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 $^{\rm o}\text{C}$

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{400.393 NHz H1 lb in odcl3 (ref. to CDCl3 # 7.26 ppm), temp 27.0 C <math>\rightarrow$  actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gx probe date: May 27 2010 areasy bitch 400fHz acq.times 3.0s relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax doll # 0.0 H actual temp + 27.0 C  $\rightarrow$  actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gx probe date: May 27 2010 areasy bitch 400fHz acq.times 1.0 H actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gx probe relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1s 4 s const 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.1 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.3 protocometer: doll relax.times 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mr18.1 protocometer: do



#### 3.8 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3a and 3b (Table 2, entries 1–2) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C





# 3.9 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ of 3c and 3d (Table 2, entries 3–4) in CDCl3 at 25 $^{\rm o}\text{C}$





## 3.10 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 3e (Table 2, entry 5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

399.794 MRx H1 1D in cdcl3 (ref. to CDCl3 @ 7.26 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, autoxdb probe date: May 20 2010 sweep width: 4799Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s @ scans: 16 dig.res.t 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:16.5 spectromster:d601 file:/mm/td60/jonei4/ballmar/nnrdata/Mongchan/EXM-T1/NZM-27-3-pure-HMOR



date: May 20 2010 sweep width: 26991H% acq.time: 2.5s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 80 dig.res.: 0.2 Hx/pt hx/mm:83.8 spectremater:d601 file:/mnt/d600/home34/hallnmx/nmrdats/Mongchao/HZH-II/HZH-2-73-CNMR



### 3.11 <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C- and TROESY-NMR of 3g (Table 2, entry 7) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C

date: Jun 1 2010 sweep width: 4799Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s \$ scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:20.0 spectrometer:d601 file:/mnt/d600/hcmel4/hallnmr/nmrdata/Hongchao/HZH-II/HZH-2-78-HNMR-pure



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#### TROESY







#### 3.12 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 3f and 3h (Table 2, entries 6 and 8) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C

# 3.13 $^1\text{H-NMR}$ of 3i and 3m (Table 2, entries 9 and 13) in CDCl3 at 25 $^{\rm o}\text{C}$



# 3.14 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 3j (Table 2, entry 10) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C







# 3.16 $^{1}$ H- and $^{13}$ C-NMR of 3l (Table 2, entry 12) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 $^{\circ}$ C







 42012128
 Pulse Sequence: s2pul

 239.571 MHZ H1 10 in cdc13 (ref. to CDC13 0 7.25 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, id300 probe
 Pulse Sequence: s2pul

 date: May 14 2010
 sweep width: 3601Hz
 acq.time: 5.0s
 relax.time: 0.1s
 # scans: 16
 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt
 hz/mm:15.0

 spectrometer:1bdS
 file:/mmt/abs0/home14/michael/MHL=TV/May/42012128
 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt
 hz/mm:15.0



### 3.18 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 30 (Table 2, entry 15) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

date: May 29 2010 sweep width: 4799Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:20.0 spectrometer:d601 file:/mnt/d600/hcmel4/hallmmz/nmrdata/Hongchao/HZH-II/HZH-2-86-HDMR-pure



# 3.19 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 4f in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C



# 3.20 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 4g in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C





# 3.21 $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ of S5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 $^{\rm o}\text{C}$



### 3.22 $^1\text{H-}$ and $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ of 4h in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 $^{\rm o}\text{C}$

Nichael, MLH8-44 400.353 MH2 H1 1D in cdc13 (ref. to CDC13 @ 7.26 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gz probe date: Jan 22 2011 sweep width: 6406Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:26.7 spectrometer:d601 file:/mat/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmr/data/DATA\_FROM\_NMRSERVICE/Michael/2011.01/22011.01.22.m4\_MLH8-44\_15.56\_H1\_1D



Michael, MLH8-44 Pulse Sequence: s2pul 100.650 MHz C13[H1] 10 in cdc13 (ref. to CDC13 0 77.06 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gz probe Pulse Sequence: s2pul date: Jan 22 2011 sweep width: 27174Hz acq.time: 2.0s relax.time: 0.1s / scans: 1000 dig.res.: 0.2 Hz/pt hz/mm:113.2 spectrometer:d501 file:/mmt/d600/home14/hallmmr/mmrdata/DATA\_FROM\_NMRSERVICE/Michael/2011.01.22.me\_MLH8-44\_15.58\_C13\_10







Michael, 5108-1 400.393 MMz Hi ID in odol3 (ref. to CDCl3 @ 7.26 ppm), temp 27.0 C date: Jun 30 2010 sweep width: 6406Mz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: <u>References: 22pul</u> file:/mnt/d600/home54/hallnmr/nmrdats/DATA\_FR Detemp Sequence: 22pul = 27.0 16 al temp dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt 1/2010.06/2010.06.30. hz/mm:26.7 m4\_5108-1\_09.17\_H1\_1D.fid





## 3.24 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 5c (Table 3, entry 3) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

late: Jul 2 2010 sweep width: 4799Hz acg.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:20.0
pectrometer:d601 file:/mnt/d600/homel4/hallnmr/nmrdatz/Hongchao/HZH-II/HZH-2-116-HNGR



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#### 3.25 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of 5d and 5e (Table 3, entries 4 and 5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

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4

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1.03

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2

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10.14 5.27 -0

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## 3.26 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 5f (Table 3, entry 6) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

# 3.27 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 5g (Table 3, entry 7) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

 Michael, NLH7-206
 Pulse Sequence: s2pul

 400.353 MHz H1 10 in cdcl3 (ref. to CDCl3 0 7.26 ppm), temp 27.0 C -> actual temp = 27.0 C, m400gz probe
 Pulse Sequence: s2pul

 date: Dec 24 2010 sweep width: 6406Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s / scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:26.7
 Spectrometer:d601

 fspectrometer:d601
 f1le:/mmt/d600/homei3/hallmmr/mmTdata/DATA\_FK0M\_MMRSERVICE/MIchael/2010.12/2010.12.24.md\_MLH7-206\_09.17\_H1\_1D



## 3.28 <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of 5h (Table 3, entry 8) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

MLH8-52

date: Jan 19 2011 sweep width: 6406Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s / scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:26.7 spectrometer:1300 file:/mnt/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmrdata/DATA\_FROM\_NHRSERVICE/Hichael/2011.01/2011.01.19.m4\_amide-1F\_20.39\_H1\_1D





MLH-8-52

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

date: Jan 23 2011 sweep width: 27174Hz acq.time: 2.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 2000 dig.res.: 0.2 Hz/pt hz/mm:113.2 spectrometer:i300 file:/mnt/d600/home14/hallnmr/nmrdata/DATA\_FROM\_NHRSERVICE/Michael/2011.01/2011.01.23.m4\_Amide-HFBA\_14.20\_C13\_1D


## 3.29 <sup>1</sup>H-, <sup>13</sup>C- and 2D-NMR of 15 (Scheme 5) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 <sup>o</sup>C

date: Aug 6 2010 sweep width: 4799Hz acq.time: 5.0s relax.time: 0.1s # scans: 16 dig.res.: 0.1 Hz/pt hz/mm:20.0 spectrometer:d601 file:/mnt/d600/home14/hallnnz/nnrdata/Hongchao/HZH-II/HZH-2-153-HNMR-pure



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# 4. Chromatograms for Enantiomeric Excess Measurements

#### 4.1 Racemic (top) and optically enriched (bottom) 8 (Scheme 2)



Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=250,100 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	11.838	BB	0.4170	6247.59814	222.88531	98.2907
2	16.947	BB	0.4350	108.64527	3.02533	1.7093
Totals :				6356.24342	225.91065	

### 4.2 Racemic (top) and optically enriched (bottom) 9 (Scheme 2)



Signal 1: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	17.107	BB	0.6047	3001.75000	74.08773	61.3093
2	33.168	BB	1.1242	1894.32764	25.05236	38.6907
Totals :				4896.07764	99.14009	



### 4.3 Racemic (top) and optically enriched (bottom) 11 (Scheme 2)

Signal 1: DAD1 D, Sig=230,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	19.056	MM	0.6834	1318.62646	32.15976	49.7609
2	29.238	MM	1.0646	1331.30017	20.84209	50.2391
Tota	ls :			2649.92664	53.00185	



Signal 1: DAD1 D, Sig=230,16 Ref=360,100

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
 1 2	18.851 28.741	 MM MM	0.6866	1658.63354 116.46772	40.26336 2.22130	93.4388 6.5612
Totals :				1775.10126	42.48465	